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Virtual Community: Effective Backlog Refinement for Remote Teams

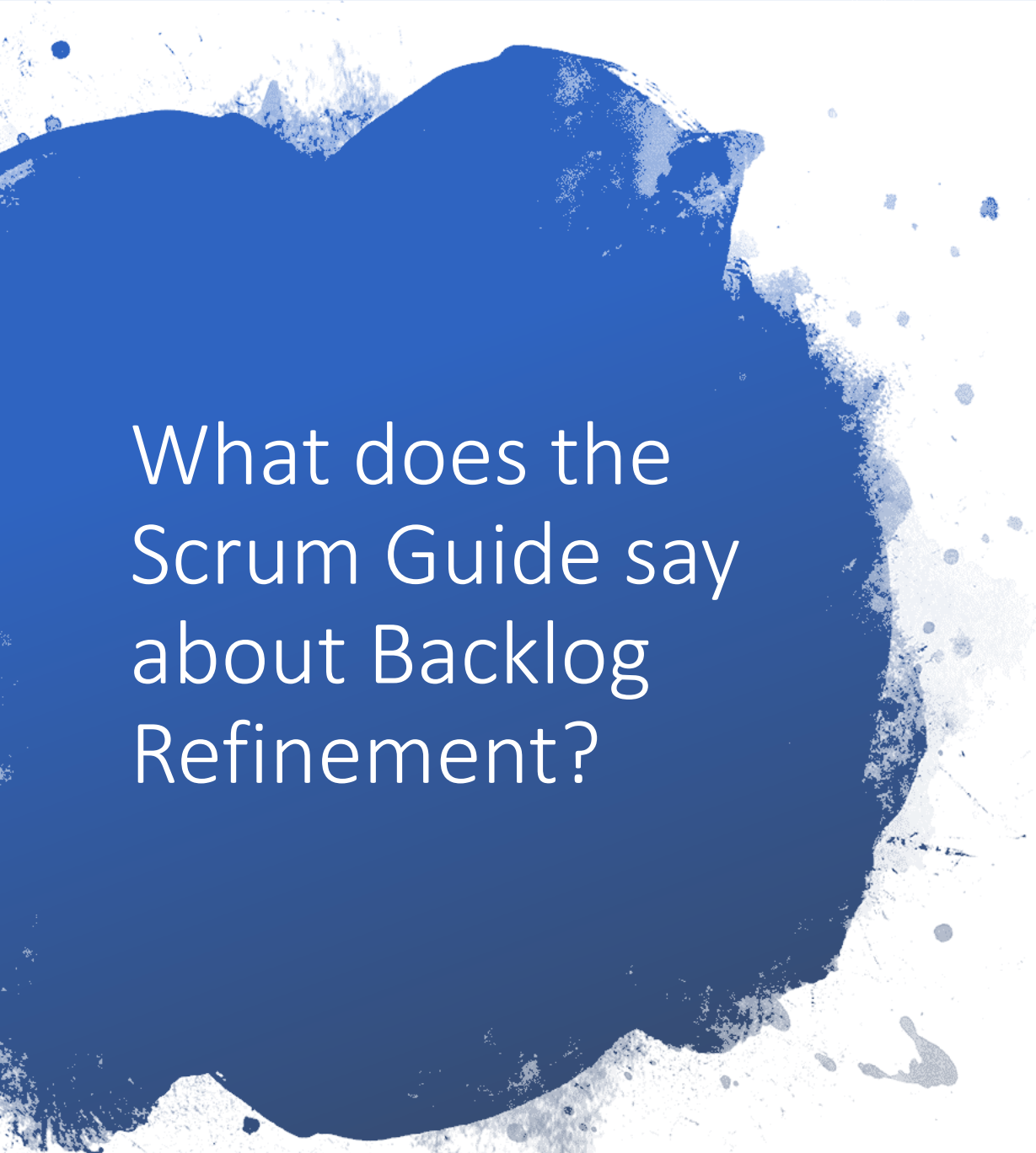
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Effective Backlog Refinement



What does the Scrum Guide say about Backlog Refinement?

- Product Backlog refinement is the act of adding detail, estimates, and order to items in the Product Backlog. This is an ongoing process in which the Product Owner and the Development Team collaborate on the details of Product Backlog items.

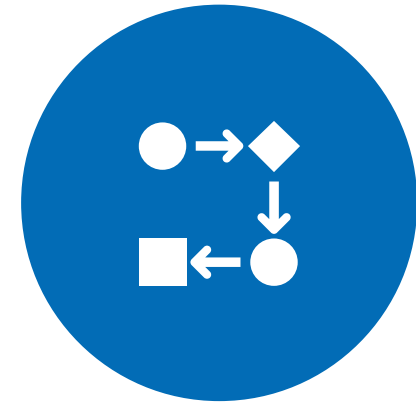
What do we do in Backlog Refinement?



ESTIMATE BACKLOG



BREAK FEATURES INTO
SMALLER WORK UNITS



HELP THE TEAM UNDERSTAND
WORK IN THE PIPELINE.

Backlog Refinement is not a Scrum Event!

- Product Backlog Refinement helps the PO sharpen the Idea to be worked on into a something of value to be worked on.
- Should not take more than 10% of the teams time

How is your team doing backlog refinement?

- Enter two ways your teams are doing backlog refinement
- Include any remote changes you have seen.

Backlog refinement techniques



Planning Poker for estimation



Weekly refinement sessions with entire team



Product Owner and SME schedules sessions



Sprint Review?



On Demand refinement (PO asks team to estimate on the spur of the moment).

Drawbacks for the PO Currently



Remotely, the PO must get feedback from stakeholders differently

Stakeholders will not respond as immediately as when F2F

Much harder to judge actual Stakeholder feedback in Reviews.



Refinement with the team must be more intentional

Schedule meetings

Make time after Daily Scrums for refining questions.

Backlog Refinement Remotely

Name two things you find difficult refining remotely with your team.



Remote Backlog Refinement Practice

- We are going to practice a Backlog refinement session.
- The next couple of slides will contain PBIs. The PO (me) will present the PBI, explain it. Team members can ask questions of the PO, we will use the planning poker <https://planningpokeronline.com/o4xAvtKwtOsXn5DBpss8>
- Each member will select a number, then I will show the results. We can discuss outliers.
- For understanding, the following PBIs are

Completed PBIs

ID	Work Item...	Title	Assigned To	State	Tags	Effort
104	Product B...	☰ As developer, I want to use Azure Machine Learning to provide a r... ⋮		● Done		2
108	Product B...	☰ Provide customers the ability to track status of the package	ckelly109@outloo...	● Done		2
109	Product B...	☰ As marketer, I want to run an A B test on alternative Web Sites using A...		● Done		3
1712	Product B...	☰ Navigation bar		● Done		5
1713	Product B...	☰ Search bar		● Done		3

PBI 1

- As a customer, I would like to save my addresses so that I can easily select the address for delivery

PBI 2

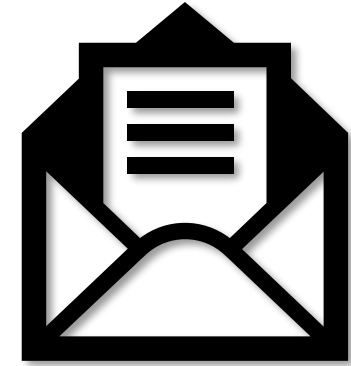
- As a customer, I would like to have the ability to send my items as gift

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