

# Documenting 'Just Enough:' Definition of Ready for Agile BAs

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# Agenda

- **Introduction to Scrum**
- **The BA's role in Scrum**
- **What is Definition of Ready?**
- **Benefits/Risks**
- **Questions**

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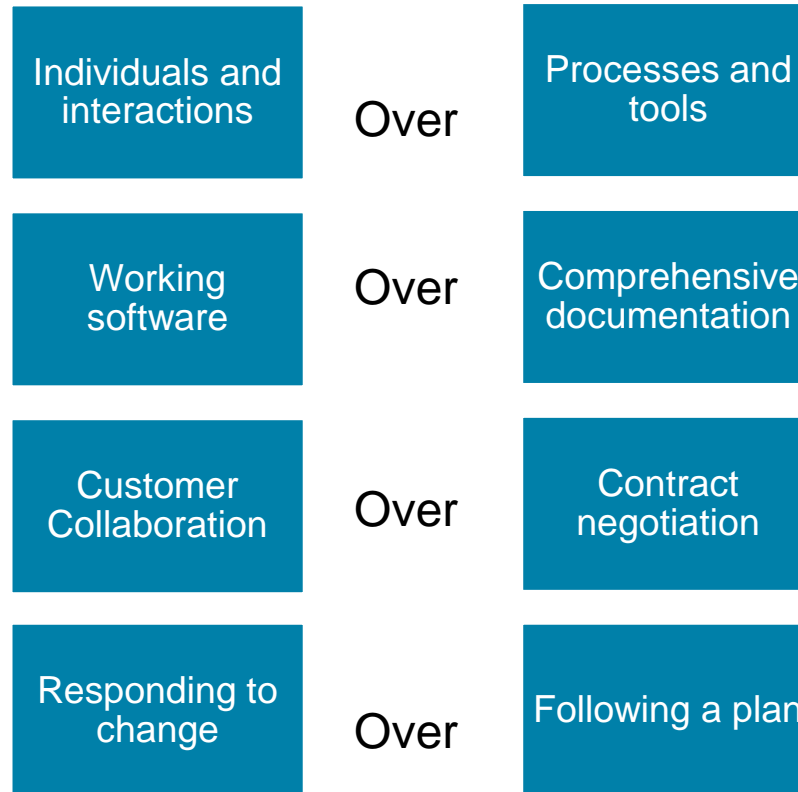
# Surescripts, LLC

- The nation's most comprehensive clinical network
- Over 6 billion transactions routed last year
- Over 50% of prescriptions routed electronically in 2013
  
- Other products
  - Medication history
  - Immunization records
  - Medication adherence

# Agile Manifesto

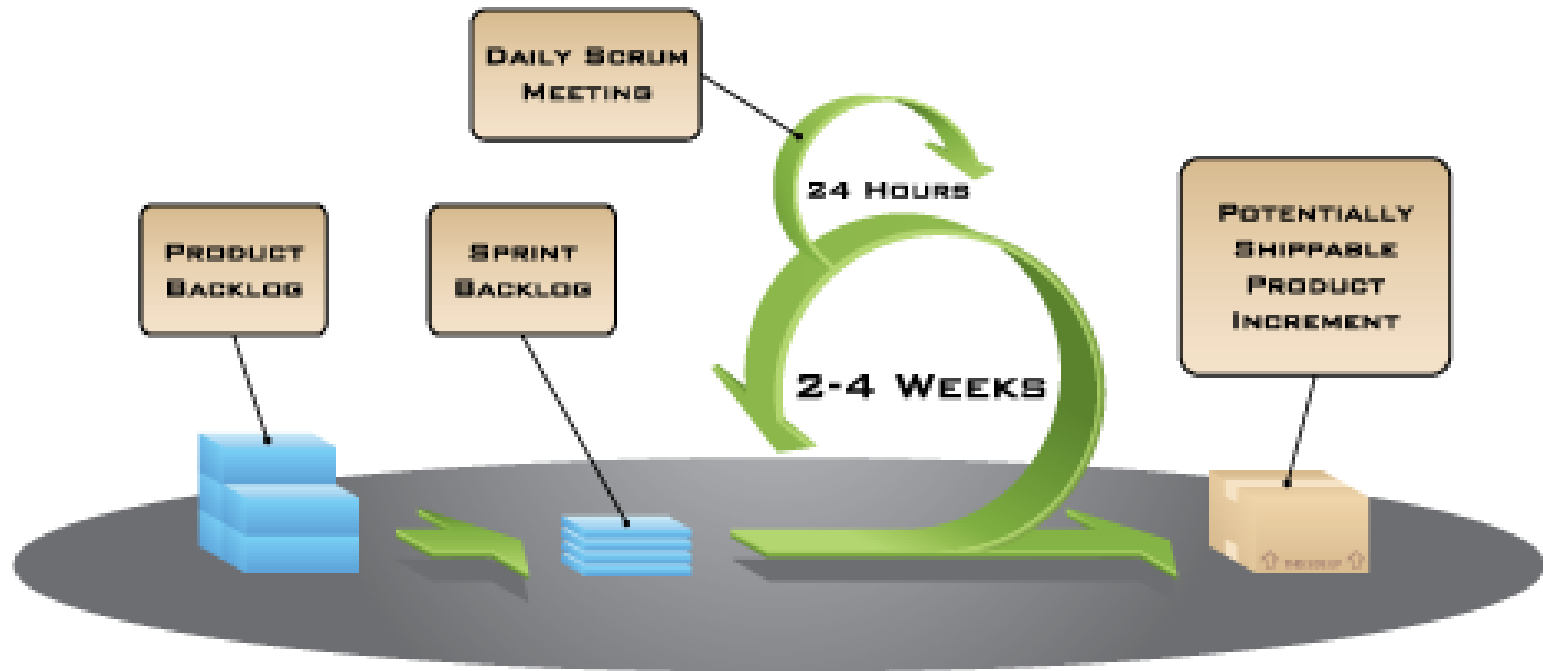
We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:

<http://agilemanifesto.org/>



That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

# Scrum Overview



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# Where is the B.A. in Agile/Scrum?

- Working software over comprehensive documentation
- Cross functional team
- Incremental development and requirements

## Definition of Ready

- A set of characteristics and qualities an item in the backlog must have before a team should commit to working on it.

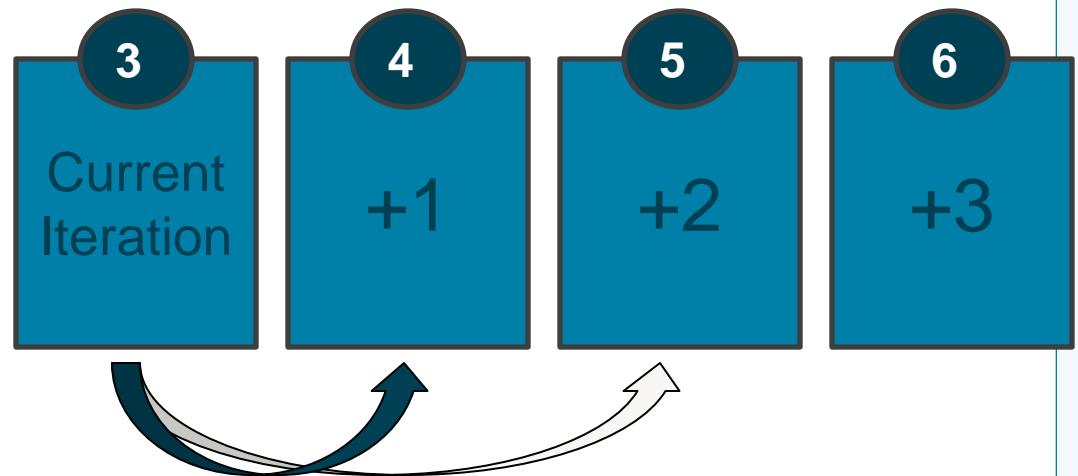


## Benefits of DoR



# How to Use It

Sprint				
			1	2
			6	7
3	4	5		
8	9	10		



## When it is Useful?

- New teams
- Teams struggling to find an even-paced velocity
- Teams with lots of external and/or intra-backlog dependencies
- Teams where team members have variable levels of dedication/allocation
- Help give BA's guidance regarding what their requirements need to meet for a sprint

## Risks of DoR

- Analysis Paralysis
- Bottlenecks
- Multiple DoRs

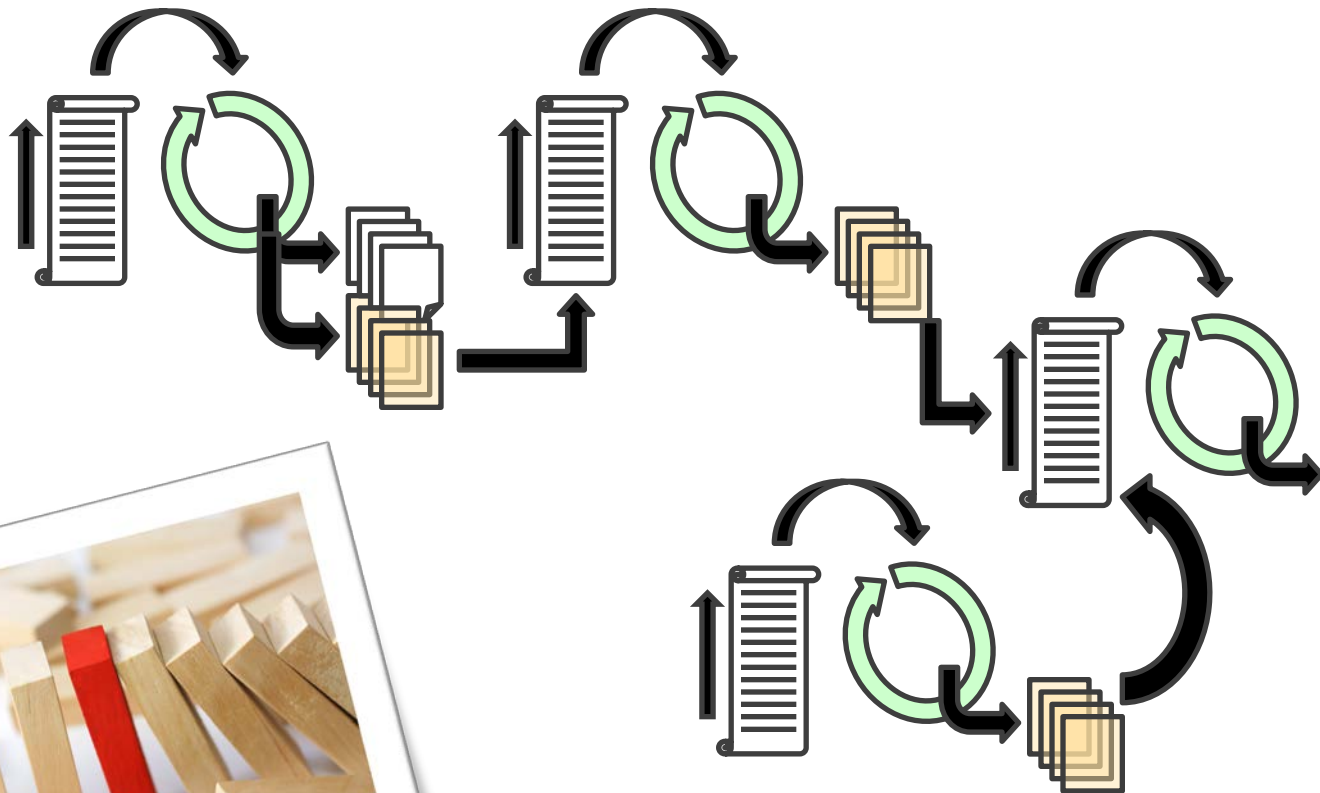


## Is this story “Ready?”

1. Shared Understanding
2. Sized Appropriately
3. Dependencies Fulfilled
4. Know the Tasks
5. Value
6. Backlog depth



# Scaling & Dependent Teams



# Done vs. Ready



## Parting Thoughts

- Don't do it if you don't need it, simplicity is essential
  - Avoid Analysis Paralysis
  - Align with dependent teams
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- **Don't let anything that's not READY into your Sprint, and let nothing escape that's not DONE.**  
**–Serge Beaumont**



Thank you!

