

ADVANTAGES OF A PHYSICAL SCRUM BOARD



WHAT IS SCRUM?

- A project management method allowing flexibility and changes in planning along the way
- It promotes 'agility'- ability to think and move forward easily
- Tackling tasks in smaller bits rather than huge chunks
- Short sprints allow changes in planning and the ability to respond to ongoing technological advances
- Encouraging ownership and expertism

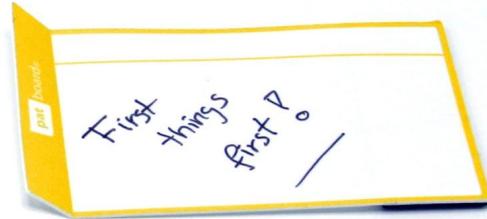


SCRUM TEAM AND SCRUM MASTER

- A scrum team normally consists of 3-7 team members
- Each member is expert in his/her own field
- Members form a cross-functional team, covering various expert domains needed to complete the work
- Each team has a scrum master. The scrum master's main tasks are to overlook activities, keep the team on task and ward them off any irrelevant requests.

WHAT'S A SPRINT?

- A timebox of a month or less in which specific work needs to be completed
- All work needs to be well tested during the sprint
- A potentially shippable product must be delivered by the end of each sprint



DAILY MEETINGS

- Daily standup meeting of 15 minutes
- During the standup each team member shares:
 - what he/she has been busy with since the last daily meeting,
 - what is he/she going to work on until the next daily standup,
 - impediments preventing him/her from accomplishing his/her tasks.
- Daily scrum meetings are needed to give the team members a platform to voice their opinions, steer team efforts and increase productivity.



ADVANTAGES OF PHYSICAL SCRUM BOARD

- A physical place where the team members meet
- Physical board motivates the team to gather, discuss and collaborate
- Face-to-face contact improves communication and engagement among team members
- Better communication leads to more efficiency, ownership, better products and less unwanted delays



backlog

sprint

to do



PATBOARD TOOLS FOR PHYSICAL BOARD

1. COLUMNcards

Use COLUMNcards to define columns on your board. COLUMNcards are placed on the board in the following order: Backlog, sprint, to do, doing, verify and done.

2. TASKcards

Write specific task on a TASKcards. You can easily rewrite and replace them.

3. STORYcards

STORYcards are used to describe a specific set of tasks that fall under the same category. They are bigger than TASKcards, leaving you more space to describe the main goal of a series of tasks.

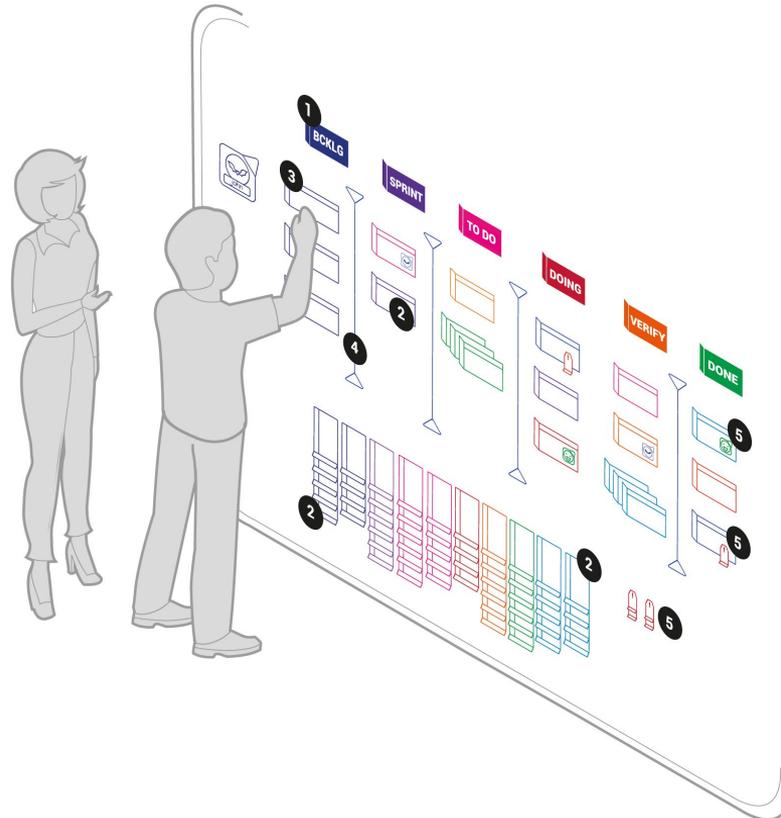
4. PATlanes

PATlane is a flexible dividing strip that divides columns and rows.

5. Tasks markup

Mark tasks with team icons to assign them to team members, use emoticons to give characteristics to a task and mark obstacles with IMPEDIMENTcards.

PATboard tools provide a better overview and organisation of tasks.



FEATURES AND BENEFITS

Some of the features and benefits:



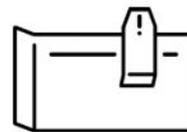
Wash me

The ink washes off under a running tap or with a wet cloth. Easy!



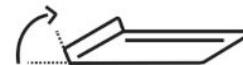
Writes like paper

The ink dries in a few seconds, just like on paper



Impediments

Easily mark your impediments on a specific task on the board



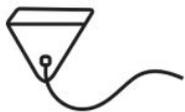
Bend me

Our cards have a foldable edge. Makes it easy to grab



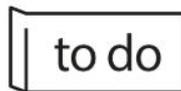
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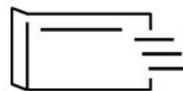
Organize

Organize your board in rows and columns with our lanes



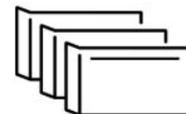
Columns

Organize your board with our column cards. Colorful!



Slide me

You can slide the cards in our out a stack, because it's partially magnetic



Stack me

Stacking the cards saves space on your board



HOW BIG SHOULD MY SCRUM BOARD BE?

The size of the board depends on:

- size of your team
- number of tasks
- how many columns you use (30-40 cm for each column)

Small teams

- 3-4 team members
- Using basic tool set
- Incl. 3 column cards TO-DO, DOING, DONE
- 3 columns => 90-120 cm width

Medium - Large teams

- 5-8 team members
- Using full tool set
- Incl. 7 column cards BACKLOG, SPRINT, TO-DO, DOING, VERIFY, DONE and Blank
- 7 columns => 210-280 cm width

CUSTOM WORK

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All PATboard products are designed and produced in-house, giving us the ability to manufacture custom designs that suit your needs.



TIPS & TRICKS TO STAY AGILE

- Prioritize tasks
- Split big project chunks into smaller bits
- Keep communicating with your team members
- Be open about obstacles and improvements
- Don't skip daily standups
- Have fun! :)



ABOUT PATBOARD

PATboard was established by Sebastiaan and Oliver in 2014 with the mission to support agile, scrum and kanban teams with tools that enforce teamwork and collaboration as a key to more efficiency, better products and, last but not least, more fun at work.

The PATboard team, full of agile enthusiasts, has its headquarters in Enschede, the Netherlands.



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