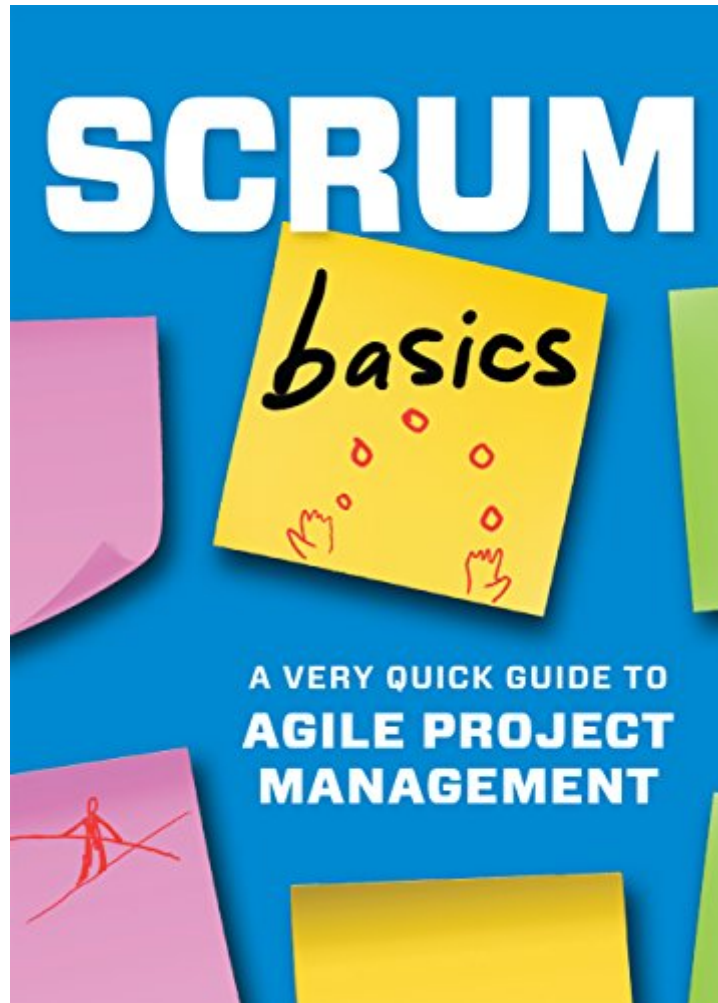


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# Scrum Basics: A Very Quick Guide To Agile Project Management



## Synopsis

The Elements of Agile and Scrum in a Nutshell Whether you're new to agile software development or considering Scrum for general project management, Scrum Basics compiles all of the essentials into one handy little guide. Learn how agile teams use Scrum, with:

- A simple summary of agile project management basics like the Agile Manifesto and 12 Agile Principles
- A concise overview of Scrum roles, artifacts, and activities
- A well-organized breakdown of Scrum practices with helpful illustrations and advice
- A troubleshooting FAQ and 5 case studies to help you visualize Scrum in action

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Ok, this is boring BUT if you can get through it you will learn a great time saving little method! The scrum basic model is actually pretty simple :-create a prioritized wish list called a "product backlog"- During sprint planning, the team pulls a small chunk from the top of that wish list, a sprint backlog, and decides how to implement those pieces.-The team has a certain amount of time a sprint

(usually two to four weeks) to complete its work, but it meets each day to assess its progress (daily Scrum). -Along the way, the ScrumMaster keeps the team focused on its goal.- At the end of the sprint, the work should be potentially shippable: ready to hand to a customer, put on a store shelf, or show to a stakeholder. -The sprint ends with a sprint review and retrospective. -As the next sprint begins, the team chooses another chunk of the product backlog and begins working again."(FROM: <https://www.scrumalliance.org/why-scrum#sthash.mgoiaWEE.dpuf>) So as you can see, it is a great method to make a plan for business projects! This book, Scrum basics, really delves into the details on HOW to activate planning successfully. It is actually a pretty short and small book so great for transport if you need to jump back into it to stay on task. Luckily, I was so excited to be able to receive and review this item from the seller in exchange for my honest opinion!

I may have heard the word Scrum in passing, but until I read this book I didn't have the faintest idea what Scrum was, and now I have at least a basic idea. My understanding from reading this book is Scrum is a specific management style that works especially well in the software development field. I was kind of interested to read this as I work in management and I wanted to see if there was anything I could take away from this book that I could apply in my working environment and help improve my management style. I definitely feel like there are some things I took away from this book. I work in a very team oriented environment and Scrum is a very team based management system and I think I can definitely take some of the broader aspects and apply them in my working environment to help improve my team. Reading the case studies and seeing the actual application of Scrum with real companies was really interesting to read. I'm not in product development but I think there are some very core pieces of Scrum that can be applied to any management team, with the emphasis being on a team based, collaborative effort. Overall, it was an interesting read and I have learned about something new and interesting! I received this product for free in exchange for my honest, unbiased review.

So I hold a bachelors and masters in Speech Language Pathology and really have limited background in computer programming. Even with my good command of the English Language, I found this book difficult to follow and found myself rereading sections of it. I had to get through a third of the book, just to have an idea of what it was about. I learned about the history of computer programming and the need for there to be a better system for programmers and managers to communicate and produce better outcomes. Previously, every step of programming had to be documented and this took time, and money, and often at the end there always needed to be

changes, which then left all that paper trail to be quite useless. Scrum came about to solve the program and to allow programmers to be more efficient and dynamic when working on code and that failure may be part of the cost. However, being able to be agile and work through a problem is key. While I did learn a bit about scrum, I kept questioning the point of this book. The cover states that it will also give insight into agile project management, and I found that half of the book only discussed the history of scrum in comparison to other types of programming. The other half of the book attempted to relate scrum to management in the workforce and I found it very dry and difficult to visualize or follow. Maybe someone with more programming background would find this book more helpful. I will pass this book on to a project manager friend and see if his take on it differs to mine. I received this book for review purposes in exchange for my honest and unbiased feedback.

If you're looking for a history lesson on scrum then this book is for you. If you enjoy history this book might be a good read but I found it extremely boring. If you're like me and looking to learn what scrum is and have no prior knowledge of what it is I would definitely look elsewhere. Even though the title is Scrum Basics, the language in this book isn't basic at all and I honestly had a hard time reading it without falling asleep. The book focuses a lot on agile project management and how it works and the history behind it. If you're a business owner with prior knowledge of scrum and agile project management then this is a great and short book that gives good information about management. But if you're clueless like me then I would recommend a business for dummies book or something a little easier to understand! I received this at a discount in exchange for my honest and unbiased review.

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