



User Stories for Agile Requirements

AGENDA

- It's a Communication Problem
- What User Stories Are
 - User Role Modeling
 - A Tools Interlude
 - Writing User Stories
- INVEST in Good Stories
- Work on a Case Study
- What User Stories Are Not
 - Why User Stories
 - Why Not User Stories

The manner in which a project's requirements are documented or expressed has a tremendous impact on that project's success and cost. User stories are simple, clear, brief descriptions of functionality told from the perspective of a user. The idea is that these statements can make up the requirements of an agile or Scrum project. Expressing requirements as user stories is one of the most broadly applicable techniques introduced by the agile processes and can be an effective approach on all time-constrained projects.

This class provides the knowledge and tools needed to identify and write effective and accurate user stories. Participants will learn the six attributes all user stories must exhibit as well as five additional guidelines for taking user stories from good to better. The class will also explore the use of user role-modeling to write the tricky initial user stories for a project. During this hand-on seminar, participants put theory into action by identifying user roles and writing user stories for multiple case studies.

This course earns you 7.5 PDUs within the PMI. This course also earns you 8 SEUs (Category B) within the Scrum Alliance. PDUs and SEUs can be used toward PMP, PMI-ACP, CSP and other certifications.

You Will Learn

- ✓ Practical, project-proven practices
- ✓ The six attributes of a good user story and how to achieve them
- ✓ A useful project-proven template for writing user stories
- ✓ Practical techniques for gathering user stories
- ✓ How much work to do upfront and how much to do just in time
- ✓ Real world tips and tricks from the instructor's fifteen-plus years of writing product backlogs for agile projects in a wide variety of environments



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About the Instructor

Mike Cohn is the author of *User Stories Applied for Agile Software Development*, *Agile Estimating and Planning*, and *Succeeding with Agile: Software Development Using Scrum*. With more than 25 years of experience, Mike has been a technology executive in companies of various sizes, from startup to Fortune 40. A frequent magazine contributor and conference speaker, Mike is a founding member of both the Agile Alliance and the Scrum Alliance.



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