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PM QUOTE

"You want to be extra rigorous about making the best possible thing you can."
- Elon Musk

CEO Message

Have you been using agile/scrum for some time now, and would like to scale it for implementation at an enterprise level? Or, have you heard about a few agile scaling frameworks, but don't know which one is best for you? Or do you just want to learn about scaling agile? If you answered "yes" to any of these three questions, then this month's article is for you.



NK Shrivastava, CEO

Our blog post is about release burnup charts, which is another key aspect of agile projects. Many teams don't use burnup charts, and unfortunately miss out on the benefits that the chart provides. This blog post will give guidance on what a burnup chart is and how to implement it within your own team.

Enjoy reading all other sections in this issue, and don't forget to visit our [training page](#) to learn more about our upcoming PMP® Exam Prep Course, as well as our other courses offered in Atlanta GA, Springfield MO, and online. Join us during our next FREE [webinar](#), "A Tiered Approach to Implement the *PMBOK® Guide*" on June 3rd at 12:00pm CT.

Scaling Agile

Agile is a solution for delivering working increments on a timely basis. Used properly, it can be a powerful methodology to help satisfy customers, increasing their engagement in the project, and also enhancing a project team's delivery capability. To get these benefits, the teams need to be the right size.

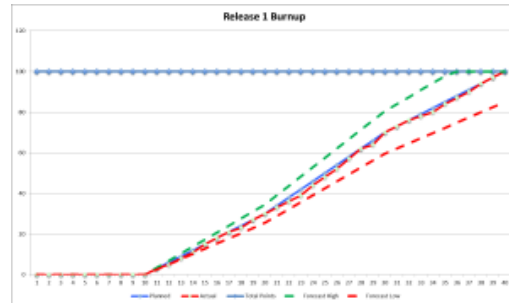
Typically, teams should not consist of more than 5-9 people, which presents problems when an



organization needs to scale agile. In this article, general principles of scaling agile, as well as four different frameworks (Scaled Agile Framework, Disciplined Agile Delivery, Scrum at Scale, and Large-Scale Scrum) are examined, and guidelines are presented for how to choose a scaled solution. | [Read More](#)

Essential Agile Processes Part 7: Release Burnup Chart

As opposed to the sprint burndown, which shows the team's progress toward their sprint goal by identifying the work that has "burnt down," the release burnup shows the team's progress toward their release goal by identifying the work they have "burnt up." Burnup charts can show the effect of scope changes with greater clarity than burndown charts can; they can also be stacked to show changes from one sprint to the next. With these added



features comes one precaution: burnup charts are often harder to read than burndown charts. In this post, we will discuss ways of creating burnup charts, how they would be used, and best practices and pitfalls. | [Read More](#)

Recent News

RefineM Sponsors Spin66 Innovation Summit: In support of local entrepreneurship and innovation, RefineM proudly sponsored this year's Spin66 Innovation Summit in Springfield, Missouri. Individuals gathered at the eFactory in downtown Springfield on May 7-8 to share ideas on diverse industries, including IT, technology, healthcare, art and design, and business through entrepreneurship seminars, industry-specific breakout sessions, and a pitch pit for startups to share their ideas and compete. | [Read More](#)

Community Engagement



NK Shrivastava, CEO of RefineM, was present at the [PMI Tulsa](#) Professional Development Conference on May 4th-5th, 2015. On May 4th NK gave a break-out session on Balance Scorecard, and on May 5th delivered a workshop on Do More With Less.

Project Management Humor

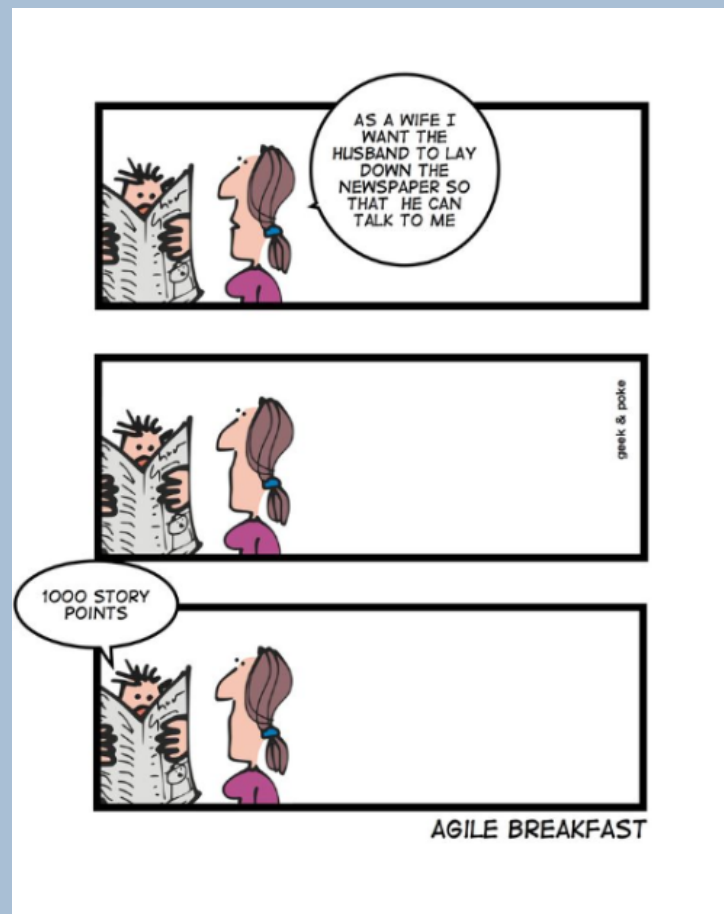


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Featured Product - Essential Gear for Project Managers



[Essential Gear for Project Managers Level 1](#) is a toolkit for Project Managers and start-up PMOs. It includes only the eight indispensable PM processes needed to successfully execute your project. The kit includes intuitive templates stripped down to the bare essentials as well as a handbook that describes best practices and pitfalls.

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