

Scrum Guide Revision History

This document details the history of changes to the Scrum Guide.

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October 2011 Release

This version is an update from the previous version, July 2011.

The October 2011 release is a minor release with mostly cosmetic changes. Changes in this version of the Scrum Guide were made to increase consistency in naming, grammar, and terminology. There were no substantive changes to Scrum itself.

July 2011 Release

This version is an update from the previous version, February 2010.

The July 2011 release of the Scrum Guide is a significant update with many changes. The changes fall into two broad categories: readability and substantive.

Readability Changes

The language, grammar, and editorial tone of the Scrum Guide were refined in this release. Attention was paid to using active voice, consistent names and terminology, and sentence structures that would help non-English translation activities.

Substantive Changes

These things were removed from the Scrum Guide in this version:

1. Release Planning
2. Release Burndown
3. Product and Sprint Backlog Burndown
4. Pigs and Chickens. Although still a valid metaphor, the lore of Scrum is no longer in the Scrum Guide.

These things were deliberately refined in this version:

1. Commit to scope with a Sprint is gone. Instead, Development Teams now create a forecast.
2. The use of the term “Team” is changed to “Development Team” for disambiguation with the term “Scrum Team”.
3. Product Backlogs are now said to be Ordered instead of Prioritized.
4. Sprint Backlog is defined clearly and unambiguously.
5. Team Size is refined.