
Daily Scrum

Consider the following scenarios, and discuss the problems you perceive. Also consider how the Daily Scrums could be made work better.

Scenario 1

SM: “Great to see you all here, let’s start the Daily Scrum. Simon, I want you to go first. Did you finish the tasks I asked you to do yesterday?”

Scenario 2

The team gets started with the Daily Scrum usually within 5 minutes of agreed starting time. Sometimes some people arrive later, or miss the meeting altogether. A lot of the discussion focuses on the details of individual tasks, and usually the meeting extends to more than 30 minutes. Often some individuals trickly out of the meeting before it is closed.

Scenario 3

SM: “Ok, it’s 9 now, let’s get started.” He places a red pen standing on a small table next to the Team’s Scrum board.

Alfred goes and picks up the pen. “I worked on this yesterday, and in doing it, I updated the public interface. These modifications are not yet reflected in our documentation, so please keep that in mind. Today I thought to work on the database update here. Paul, can you pair with me on that?”

Paul: “Sure, let’s talk about that after the Daily Scrum.”

Alfred: “Thanks. If I have extra time, I’ll pick something from the same story. As to problems, I’ve been experiencing weird compilation problems with my personal build setup. Lucy, would you have time at some point to help me figure out with that?”

Lucy: “We have to do that this morning then before I leave for dentist after lunch.”

Alfred: “Ok, let’s do that. Other than that, I’m good.” He passes the pen to Paul. Each person goes in turn, until the meeting nears an end.

SM: “Sounds like we’re about done. Here’s my summary of the impediments or other issues you brought up during the meeting. Last question: do you feel you’re on schedule to meet your Sprint Goal?”

Everyone nods, and the meeting ends with a few minutes to spare.