

# "HOW TO" ON USER STORIES

## ABSTRACT

*A user story provides a brief description of what the user wants the ability to do, and the value clearly articulated. We will look at how to write user stories in initial short statements, organize user stories in themes and epics, prioritize user stories in a product backlog, split user stories for sprint planning, and elaborate user stories during sprint conversations with acceptance criteria. User stories create an environment of stakeholder ownership, while still providing the necessary information to build an iterative solution.*

## COURSE MODULES

- Module 1: User Story Context
- Module 2: Eliciting User Stories
- Module 3: Organizing User Stories
- Module 4: Elaborating User Stories
- Appendix: Resources

### 1. USER STORY CONTEXT

- Agile-at-a-Glance
- User Stories Defined
- Product Backlog Scope Definition
- User Story Discovery

### 2. ELICITING USER STORIES

- Trawling for User Stories
- Interview for User Stories
- Observation for User Stories
- Story Writing Workshop

### 3. ORGANIZING USER STORIES

- How Detailed
- User Stories in Context
- Ways to Organize
- Ways to Prioritize

### 4. ELABORATING USER STORIES

- Conversations for Elaboration
- Ways to Split
- Acceptance Criteria
- Uncover Additional Requirements
- Specify by Example

*Note: The course totals 3 hours. Each module is approximately 40 minutes allowing for at least a 20-minute Q&A at the end.*