

Interview Guidelines for “What Do Practitioners Vary in Using Scrum?”

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RQ1: Team

- T1 How many people are on the team?
- T2 Are tasks solved by persons outside the team? If yes, which?
- T3 How are conflicts solved? Are all team members equitable?
- T4 Is the team working in the same room? How to deal with international teams?
- T5 Does the team decide on the requirements for the sprint?
- T6 Who is estimating the requirements and how?
- T7 Is there a *product owner*? What are the main tasks?
- T8 Has the product owner the authority to enforce the decisions?
- T9 Is there a *Scrum Master*? For how many teams? Is he/she team lead?

RQ2: Sprint

- S1 What is the sprint length?
- S2 Is the sprint length always the same? If not, why?
- S3 How are the work results accepted? "All-or-Nothing"-Principle?
- S4 Is there a buffer in the sprint to cover unforeseeable aspects?
- S5 How to prepare for the next sprint?

RQ3: Meetings

- M1-3 Are the *planning meeting*, *review* and *retrospective* used? How much time do they need?
- M4 Are the three common *daily scrum* questions answered?
- M5 Are there "Chicken and Pigs"? Is there discussion in the *daily scrum*?

RQ4: Requirements

- Re1 Is there a release plan? If yes, in which form? How are they connected to backlog and/or stories?
- Re2 Is the *sprint backlog* updated every day?
- Re3 Is there a distinction between *product backlog* and *sprint backlog*?
- Re4 How are user stories used? Which kind of user stories are used?
- Re5 What is done if a user story is not completed in a sprint?
- Re6 What are the possible states of a user story?

RQ5: Quality Assurance

- Q1 Which QA practices are used?