Agile Planning with HP Project Portfolio Management and Agile Manager
Questions and Answers
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Q; Does Agile Manager support more "simple views" (less buttons, functions, distractions) e.g. for developers who usually just update their tasks etc.?
A: The Taskboard is a simple intuitive view for developers to see and update only their tasks.

Q: How does the defect management in agile manager relate to defect management in quality center ALM?
A: Defect management in Agile Manager is very closely connected and similar to defects management in ALM, with a simplified workflow, but also extra capabilities (i.e. buckets) appropriate for Agile. For instance, defects can be organized in different buckets depending on the timeline for fixing: those related to new user stories need to be fixed before the end of sprint to validate the user stories and mark them done, but the defects found in legacy code could be addressed with a different priority. Also, a defect found in the sprint and opened against a user story will be automatically assigned to the sprint backlog.

Q: Can we automate importing time from AGM into PPM? Or it is only available as a manual process?
A: At this time, you have to manually launch in PPM, just have to click "import my time." The developer still imports time in PPM – and then it's automated after they launch/execute.

Q: Is the time estimated on Story Tasks measured as "undisturbed" time?
A: Yes. The admin can configure the daily capacity of a user in "undisturbed time" or Ideal engineering hours. The OOB default is 6 hours/day. It is up to the organization if they want their time to be undisturbed or not.

Q: What about different languages in the different tools like PPM, ALM and AGM. Does this break the integration like PPM - ALM integration?
A: Currently Agile Manager only supports French and Japanese aside from English. No problems related to integration with PPM have been reported.

Q: Is ALI available for Free even if we go AGM SaaS?
A: Yes - ALI is always free with AgM and comes embedded in AgM

Q: Is defect associated to Story or Sprint?
A: A defect is merely a backlog item, and can be linked to stories or can be independent. Eventually it can be assigned to a sprint, or could be low priority and not assigned to anything. A defect is a backlog item, just like a user story. At some point it will be assigned to sprint, when team decides it needs to be worked on.

Q: Can the story acceptance criteria be captured as part story definition?
A: Yes.

Q: Is the integration with IDEs included, or is that an add-on cost?
A: The integration is free as part of the ALI piece of AgM.

Q: Can we setup WIP for column on the Task screen?
A: WIP and time limits are tracked on the Story Board. The Task Board doesn't enforce WIP/time limit.

Q: Can we customize the swinglanes?
A: Yes in the Story Board

Q: Where can we define Epic?

A: In the Product Backlog. Epics are the same as "Themes" in Agile Manager.

Q: What's the purpose of theme & feature in AGM.? Can we add/modify fields like in status 'In Testing' to 'Hold'.?
A: Story, feature and theme are merely terms we use to help simplify some discussions Scrum teams have. As a rule of thumb, a story can be finished in a sprint. A feature is a big story, and it will take more sprints to complete (usually a release or PI), and is broken down into user stories. Themes are used to group together related user stories and features (i.e. reporting theme). A theme can span across applications and releases. Statuses are not currently customizable, but user defined fields can be utilized to further qualify artifacts.

Hierarchy of the Release:
                Theme (Epic)
                        Feature
                                Story

Q: How does Agile Manager fit into the development environment (e.g. building code etc)?
A: Agile Manager integrates OOB with a large variety of development tools (versioning, build, and IDEs). Each code commit is associated with a user story or defect, hence linking the code with agile artifacts. A lot of analytics and reports are built on this traceability.

Q: Can you have references to companies utilizing HP Agile Manager?
A: Yes, upon request. The biggest car manufactures in the US and EMEA, federal organization, biggest transportation company, banks, etc. Many current ALM/QC customers have adopted Agile Manager, as well as small teams. Agile Manager is used by over 10,000 developers in HP.

Q: Does the time sheet actuals from Agile Manager rollup to the project in PPM?
A:Yes.

Q:Do these Agile Projects provide enough executive visibility in HP PPM?
A:Yes, for PMO type personas.

Q: Are Traditional and Agile practices compatible in HP PPM?
A:Yes.