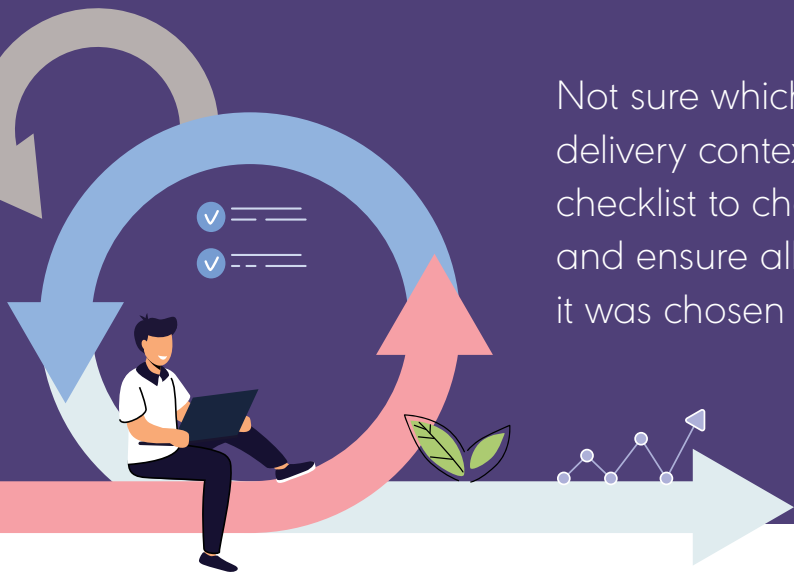


Framework selection tools



Not sure which agile framework best suits your delivery context? Use our selection template or checklist to choose the most appropriate framework and ensure all team members are aligned on why it was chosen and the value it can add.

TEMPLATE/ CHECKLIST INSTRUCTIONS

Which framework is right for your team?

Your selected agile framework should provide a 'frame' within which you do work. But if the framework doesn't align with the team's context, it can become more of a hindrance than a help and leave teams struggling to deliver.

Scrum, Kanban and Scrumban each has its own set of advantages and benefits, and some will fit your team's specific requirements and expectations better than others.

Who are these tools for?

The framework selection tools are intended to be used by Scrum masters, project managers or team leaders to help them facilitate a meaningful conversation with their team on which agile framework to choose.

The selection process should be collaborative as you want to arrive at a shared understanding of why the framework was selected and how it serves the team.

How should they be used?

In our experience, the best approach is to bring the whole team together in a workshop forum (including your product owner if you have one).

Choose either the template or checklist, depending on your preference. By working through the steps, teams can self-assess their situation to outline their needs, and then match these requirements with the framework that meets them best. This provides an efficient way to choose your framework and, at the same time, align team members.

Setting up for success

To ensure a productive workshop, focus on the following:

Preparation - Gather relevant details of the work your team has recently completed and the work that they have coming up. This will inform the conversation and make it easier to complete the selection tool and arrive at a shared understanding.

Context setting - Share the intent and purpose of the workshop so participants understand why it is valuable, the outcome you want to achieve together and how you will go about it.

Facilitation - Facilitate for psychological safety and equal voice as you work through each section of the tool. This means all contributions are welcome and everyone has an equal chance to express their opinions.

TEMPLATE

SOURCES OF WORK		
<p>Where does our work come from? Is it all planned work from our backlog? Or does work arrive without warning and we need to respond quickly?</p> <p>100% unplanned Our work comes from email, incidents, interruptions, support requests etc.</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>50/50 planned/unplanned Some of our work is planned, some is not</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>100% planned All our work comes from the backlog</p> <p>Notes:</p>
WORK VISUALISATION		
<p>Is our future work visible? Or do we need to wait for a 'ticket' to be raised before we know what we'll be doing next?</p> <p>100% responsive We can't see what work is coming up</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>50/50 limited visibility We have outcomes and goals but no road map or release plan</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>100% roadmap/release plan We have visibility into the future</p> <p>Notes:</p>
PRIORITISATION		
<p>How will we know what to do first? Do we prioritise by value or by urgency?</p> <p>100% urgency we choose work based on urgency</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>50/50 urgency/value some of our work is for customer outcomes, some urgent work emerges</p> <p>Notes:</p>	<p>100% value We prioritise for customer outcomes</p> <p>Notes:</p>
WHICH FRAMEWORK?		
<p>Based on your answers, select Scrum, Kanban, or Scrumban.</p> <p>Kanban zone Most work is unplanned, responsive and prioritised by urgency</p>	<p>Scrumban zone Work represents a mix of sources, visualisation and prioritisation</p>	<p>Scrum zone Most work is planned, visible and prioritised by outcome</p>

You don't need everyone to be enthusiastic about the selection, but you do need to ensure that it's something they can live with.

If the result is unexpected or your team is not familiar with the selected framework, you may need to organise coaching and/or training. PM-Partners offers a choice of relevant best practice courses including [Agile Fundamentals](#), [Scrum Product Owner Certified \(SPOC®\)](#), [Scrum Master Certified \(SMC®\)](#) and [Kanban in Practice](#).

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CHECKLIST

1

Sources of work

Where does our work come from? Is it all planned work from our backlog? Or does work arrive without warning and we need to respond quickly?

- a) **100% planned** - all our work comes from the backlog
- b) **100% unplanned** - our work comes from email, incidents, interruptions, support requests etc.
- c) **50/50 planned/unplanned** - some of our work is planned, some is not

Notes:

2

Work visualisation

Is our future work visible? Or do we need to wait for a 'ticket' to be raised before we know what we'll be doing next?

- a) **100% roadmap/release plan** - we have visibility into the future
- b) **100% responsive** - we can't see what work is coming up
- c) **50/50 limited visibility** - we have outcomes and goals but no road map or release plan

Notes:

3

Prioritisation

How will we know what to do first? Do we prioritise by value or by urgency?

- a) **100% value** - we prioritise for customer outcomes
- b) **100% urgency** - we choose work based on urgency
- c) **50/50 urgency/value** - some of our work is for customer outcomes, some urgent work emerges

Notes:

4

Agree and move on

Based on your answers, select Scrum, Kanban, or Scrumban.

- Mostly a)** - You're in the **Scrum zone** - most work is planned, visible and prioritised by outcome
- Mostly b)** - You're in the **Kanban zone** - most work is unplanned, responsive and prioritised by urgency
- Mostly c)** - You're in the **Scrumban zone** - work represents a mix of sources, visualisation and prioritisation

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