

# **Agile Portfolio Management**

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# My Background











#### Objective

#### **Agenda**

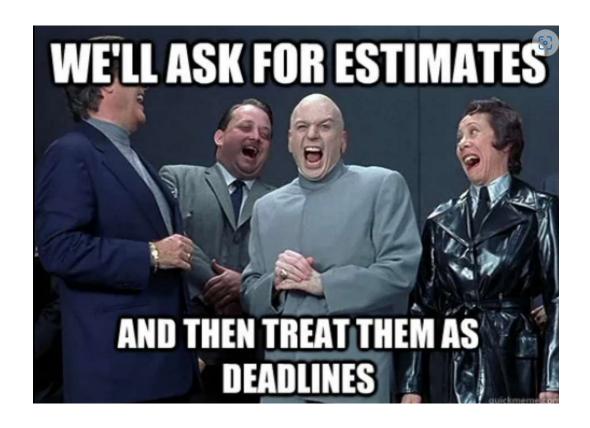
- Define the problem
- Talk through how we approach portfolio management
- Show some examples
- Have a discussion

#### Goals

- Help me work through this
- Provide ideas for your programs/teams
- Learn how other organizations have solved this









Organizational Leaders



Middle Management



**Product Teams** 





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#### **SCRUM** FRAMEWORK

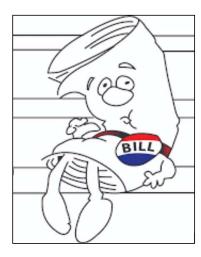








- Not just an Agile / Team problem how does value flow through the system?
- Organizational context and relationships
- Focus on Alignment, Communication, & Process
- MVP Minimum Viable Process



High Agility Low Constraints



Low Agility High Constraints

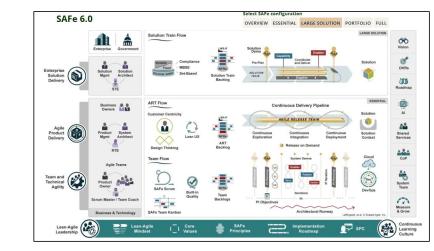


- Map the current process from Idea to Done
- Backlog organization and parenting
- Team agile practices predictability
- Product Management Process
- Portfolio Organization
- Visibility and Reporting



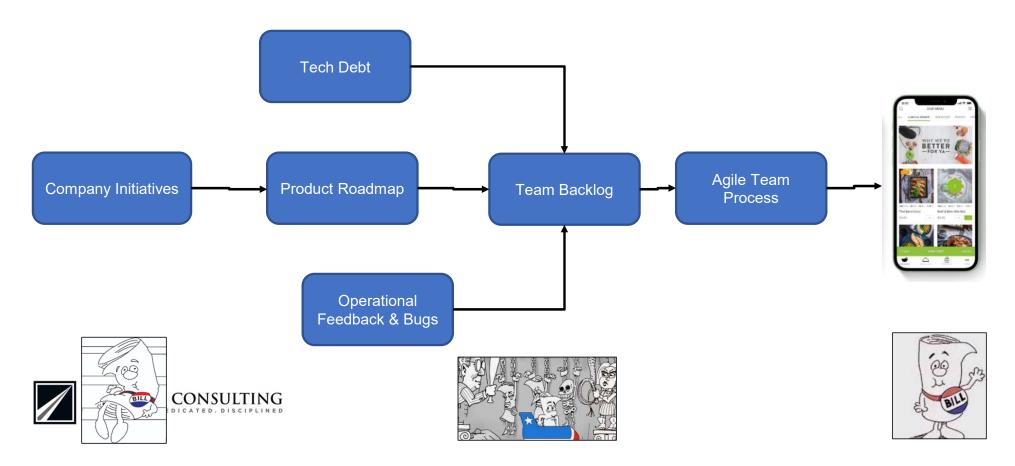
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Strategically Aligned Feature Execution – or SAFE



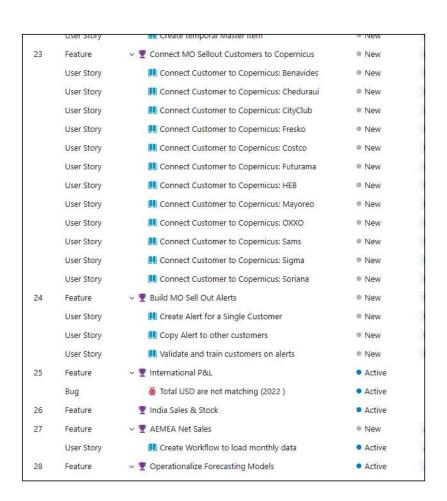


- Map the Current Process
  - How does value currently flow through the system?

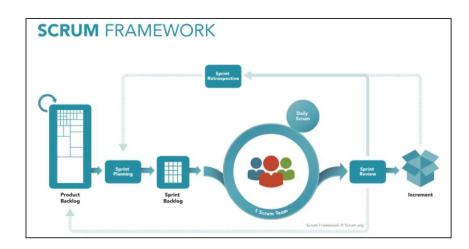


- Backlog Organization and Parenting ADO
  - Start by putting everything into Features
    - User Stories and Bugs
  - Batch sizing smaller is better
  - Slice by value
  - Tech debt & small enhancements: Use Buckets
  - YAGNI!
- Get to an 80% Solution!



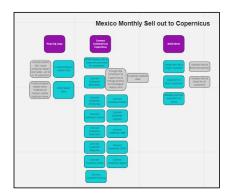


- Team Agile Practices predictability
  - Sprints: Develop on Cadence, Release on Demand
  - Story points and velocity
  - User Stories and Cycle Time
- Need to be predictable at the Story Level





- Product Management Process Ready to Work
  - Product Canvas define the problem
  - Story Mapping get to MVP
  - T-Shirt Size: Sprints not story points
  - Alignment & Communication
- Apple to Apples for prioritization





Problem Statement  • What problem are we trying to solve?	Supporting Data  Is this actually a problem worth solving  Data behind how often the scenario happens  Business Cost or Revenue Opportunity	Success Statement  If we solved this problem, what would we expect to see  How would we know we are successful  What are the success metrics use to verity	Data Sources  List all the data sources that will be used in the proposed solution(what APIs or third party systems?)  List all the data sources that will be updated	External Teams  Which teams are required for the solution?  Which teams will this solution affect?
Targeted Persona  • Which agents and in what scenarios are experiencing the problem	Assumptions  • What key assumptions to we have for this solution	Unknowns / Risks  • What unknowns need to be researched  • What risks do we have to the new Feature	In Scope  • What functionality and scenarios are in-scope for the MVP solution	Out of Scope  • What functionality and scenarios are out of scope for the MVP solution

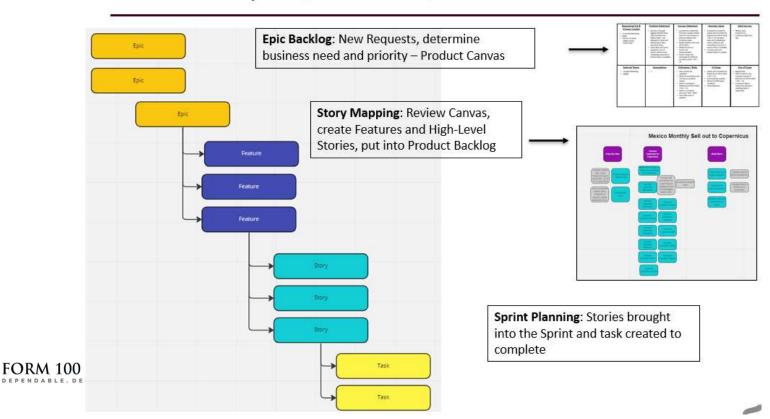
- Portfolio Organization ADO
  - Epics = Roadmap Items
  - Parent Features to Epics
  - Stories = Team Execution
- Tie team execution to Product Roadmap
  - Use the process for visibility and predictability

808	7888	Epic	→ W Operationalize Forecast Models	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8087	Feature	<ul> <li>P Operationalize Forecasting Models</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8153	User Story	Set up a database with table structure	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8155	User Story	■ Modify R Script	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8156	User Story	Define Output tables	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8157	User Story	Create notifications and alerts (maybe)	New
2	7217	Epic	∨ W Brazil Sourcing PPV Dashboard	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8127	Feature	→   ¶ development planning	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8236	User Story	Spike: Technical design of the solution	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8237	User Story	Spike: Backlog creation	New
3	7963	Epic	∨ W AEMEA Market Share process Automation	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8216	Feature	√   ▼ MS Automation	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
8	8218	User Story	Create trigger- Market Share	<ul><li>Active</li></ul>
	8219	User Story	Test trigger- Market Share	New
	8220	User Story	Create alerts- Market Share	<ul><li>New</li></ul>
	8221	User Story	Test alerts- Market Share	New
	8217	Feature	v 🕎 Supply Chain Automation	New
	8231	User Story	Create trigger - Supply Chain	New
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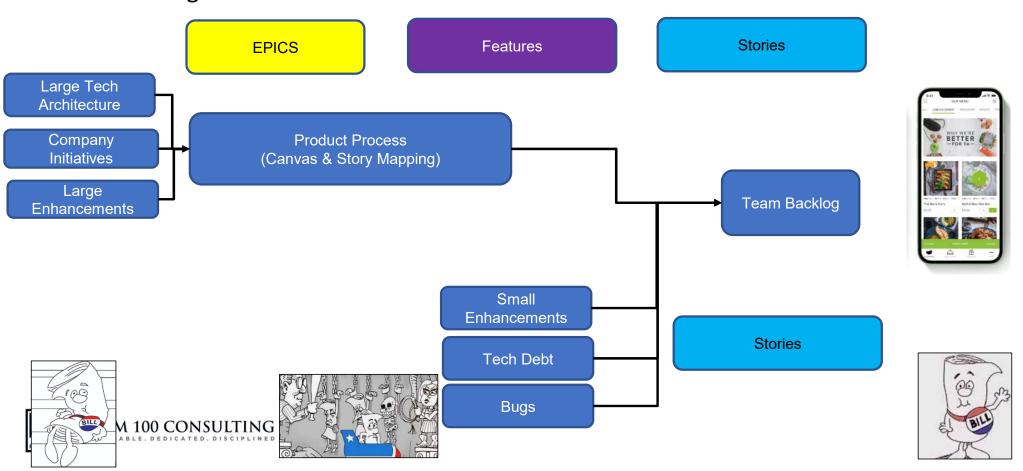


Portfolio Organization – Process

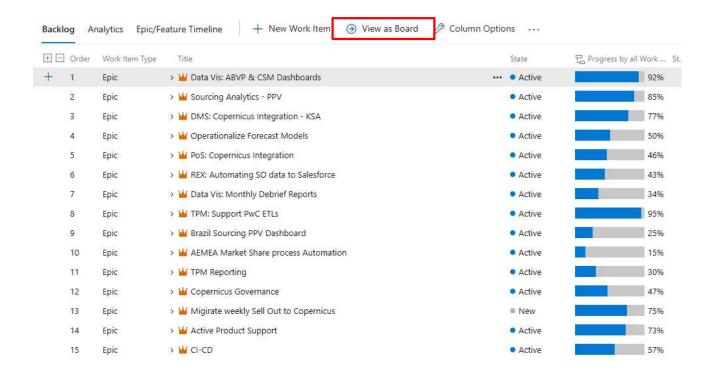
# Portfolio: Epics / Feature / Stories



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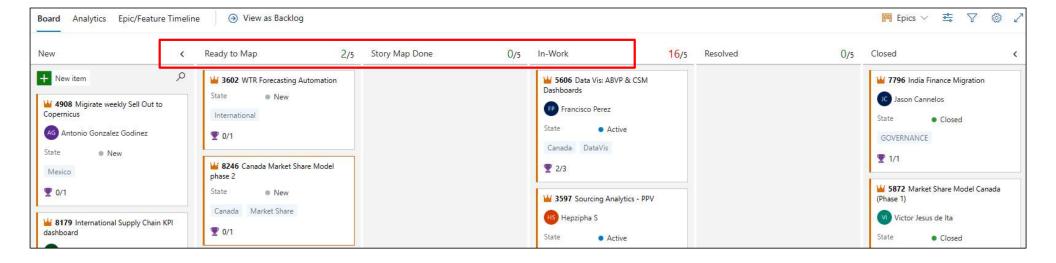


- Visibility and Reporting
  - Epic Backlog = Roadmap
  - Progress Bar



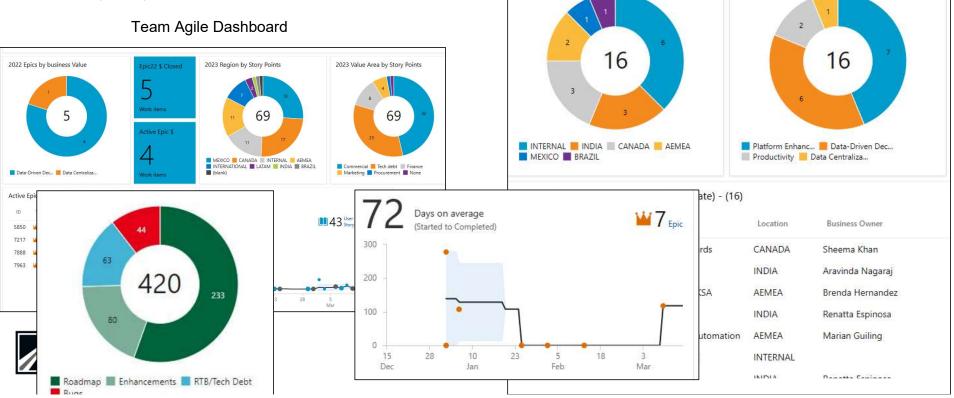


- Visibility and Reporting
  - Epic Kanban





- Visibility and Reporting
  - Dashboards & Widgets
  - Team Allocation
  - Epic Cycle Time



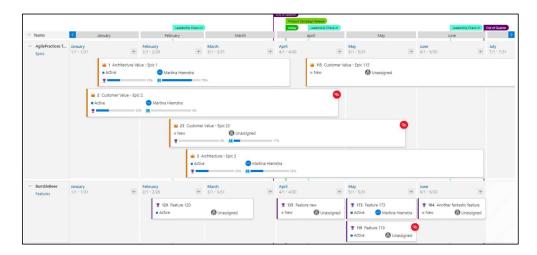
2023 Active Epic Region

Leadership Dashboard

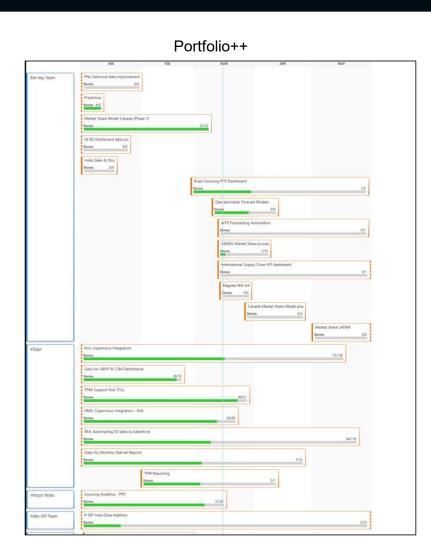
2023 Active Epic Value Area

- Visibility and Reporting
  - Roadmaps

#### Azure Delivery Plans







### **Final Thoughts**

- We are weather forecasters provide probabilities
  - Show your work!
- Every organization, product, and team are different
- Can't start at the finish line need the foundation first
- Stay organized and disciplined in Agile practices
  - Backlog organization is key
- Lower the water level





# Final Thoughts

• Questions, comments...what worked for you?

