

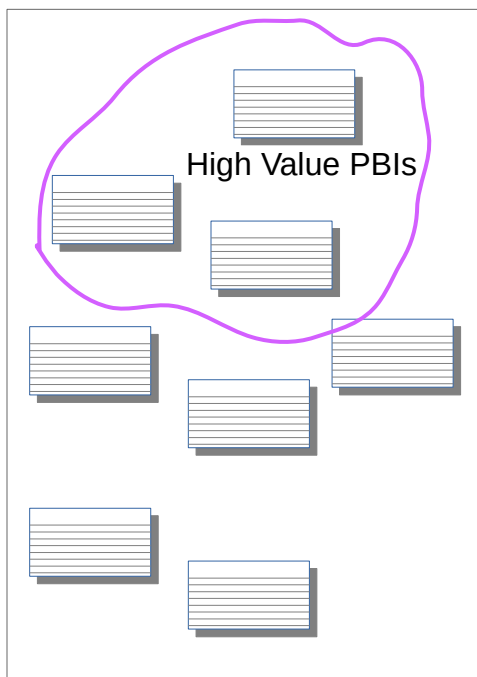
Simple Story Sizing

Purpose: Get a quick view of which PBI's (stories) need splitting to be "ready".

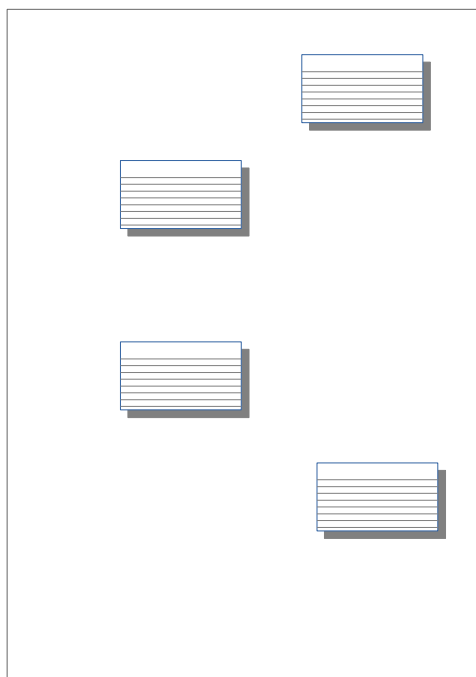
Setup: Create a space for the three categories as illustrated below. Make sure Product Backlog Items (PBIs) are written on cards or stickies.

1. Start by choosing a few PBIs at random and discussing how they fit into the buckets - "Small" PBIs fit easily into a single Sprint, "Too Large" PBIs definitely don't fit into a single Sprint, and "Uncertain" are all the rest.
2. Everyone takes a small stack of PBIs and works independently to place them in the buckets.
3. Sanity check with a bias towards being conservative and risk-averse. Any PBIs in the "Small" category should have strong unanimous agreement from all members of the team.
4. The Product Owner chooses stories from the "uncertain" or "too large" buckets. Choices should focus on high-value PBIs leaving low value ones for later refinement. The team members should help the Product Owner to split the items chosen.

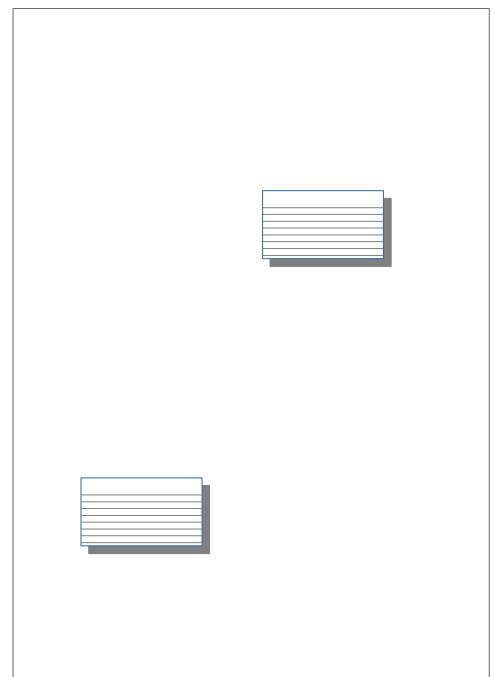
Small



Uncertain



Too Large



If even a single team member disagrees with a PBI being in the "Small" category, it should be moved to "Uncertain" or "Too Large".

"Uncertain" can be either "we can't estimate this" or "it's about the size of Sprint, but too close to call for either "Small" or "Too Large".

"Too Large" PBIs will eventually need to be split into smaller ones. "Uncertain" PBIs may need research or other elaboration.

BERTEIG

Copyright © 2017 – Berteig Consulting Inc.

Transforming People, Process and Culture
Through the Power of Real Agility™

<http://www.berTEIG.com> sales@berTEIG.com +1-800-215-2314