A Comprehensive Online Glossary for Agile and Scrum Terms
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Kenneth S. Rubin, Managing Principal of Innolution, LLC, agile trainer, coach, and bestselling author, announces an online glossary for agile and Scrum terms. This comprehensive online resource provides definitions of over 230 agile and Scrum terms, all alphabetized and cross referenced in one convenient location at http://www.innolution.com/resources/glossary.

This glossary is intended to be the single-source reference for those seeking to understand the essential concepts and terms associated with agile and Scrum development. Entries in the glossary may be a single word, such as "Scrum," a phrase, such as "acceptance criteria," or an acronym, such as "TDD" (test-driven development). The glossary also includes extensive cross referencing among the terms, which both reinforces the definition of individual terms while expressing the interrelationships that exist among terms.

According to Rubin, establishing a common vocabulary with a glossary is one of the first things any team should do.

“I frequently see two people talking with each other, using the identical word but meaning two completely different things,” explains Rubin. “By taking the time to create a glossary of terms, team members can begin their discussions from a place of common understanding, whether they are writing user stories or discussing strategies for implementing solutions.”

In a recent blog post, “The Case for a Product or Project Glossary,” Rubin wrote about the need for a common glossary: “The terminology in the Agile world can be at times confusing and contradictory, so in my book Essential Scrum, I made a conscious effort to be self consistent. When I used a word that I considered to be important or critical to the description of a topic, I would define it in the glossary and then use the term consistently throughout the book.”

The same, Rubin says, should be true of every project.

“The Case for a Product or Project Glossary” explains why term glossaries are essential development assets, what makes them difficult to create, and how following a few guidelines can make the process easier. You can find the blog and the compressive online agile and Scrum glossary at the Innolution.com website.

About Innolution, LLC and Kenneth S. Rubin
Kenneth S. Rubin is Managing Principal at Innolution, LLC, an agile training and coaching company that helps organizations develop products in an effective and economically sensible way. A Certified Scrum Trainer, Rubin has trained over 19,000 people on agile (Scrum and Kanban), Smalltalk development, managing object-oriented projects, and transition management. He has coached over 200 companies, ranging from start-ups to Fortune 10. Rubin was the first managing director of the

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