

The Invest Criteria For Good Storied

6 Criteria for Good Stories: Writing a good story can be easier said than done. To assist, we offer the INVEST acronym, originated by Bill Wake¹.



INDEPENDENT

- ☐ Stories should be internally independent during their execution. The success of one story should not depend on the success of Another being worked on at the same time.

NEGOTIABLE

- ☐ Stories are the negotiation units in scrum. Stories are agreed To in planning and are delivered. The team negotiates actual Content of stories during development.

VALUABLE

- ☐ Stories are, by definition, Units of value that are requested by Stakeholders or team members. The value can be external or Internal-for stakeholders or the team.

ESTIMABLE

- ☐ The team needs to be able to agree to the story which implies Story's effort could be estimated, however. Some Stories are ambiguous and must be time-boxed

SMALL

- ☐ Stories should be small enough that there is little confusion About what they mean and can be completed relatively quickly.

We recommend a single focus per story.

TESTABLE

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Stories should be testable. Each story needs to be verifiable. So that the team can determine when is done. Doneness takes
Different forms for different stories

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