

QA Leadership Within a Scrum Team

QA is the glue that binds product owners and developers within a scrum team. Agile QA is more than just creating a test plan and testing. We leverage our product and testing knowledge to facilitate issues and champion processes that build effective scrum teams. Here are the core tenants:

Before Release/Sprint

- QA works with scrum master, DEV lead and product owner in release planning to ensure all stories sized appropriately and that release includes a stabilization period.
- QA reviews user stories in backlog with business owner to develop acceptance criteria and use cases before sprint planning.
- QA facilitates team grooming sessions for upcoming sprint ensuring acceptance criteria, UX design/content, and data are incorporated before sprint planning.

During Release/Sprint

- QA works closely with developer in understanding features, jointly creating test plans and alerting/fixing defects as they are found.
- QA ensures automation is developed and integrated into base regression suite for release of new features.
- QA ensures regression automation is run and triaged after each code/data build.

End of Release/Sprint

- QA ensures application has been tested for load and stress and meets client SLA requirements.
- QA ensures application has been tested for security breaches with any critical or major issues fixed or mitigated.
- QA ensures pre-production defects are triaged, mitigated and communicated to the appropriate people.