

1) What are potential sprint buckets?



Product Owner

2) Potential sprint buckets are a way of organizing the team backlog where we group batches of work into sprints that are sized based on team velocity.

For example, we have a long list of work we need to complete for our next client deliverable. The challenge is we know we can not precisely estimate a delivery date.

But what if **broke the work down into high level sized user stories that we grouped into *sprints* of equally sized velocity.**

We could then at least with some % of confidence say:

Based on our current team velocity of 30 we think that we can deliver this feature set of work in 10 sprints +/- 2

3) Why is this important?

We know that estimating things that far into the future is just guessing.



Team Lead

4) It is important, because we need to be able to give our clients some rough ideas on when we will be able to deliver. So they can plan for it internally.

For example, I could take our internal 10 sprint estimate and translate for our client to:

Based our roadmap of work we have confidence that we will be able to deliver that feature in Q3,



Account Manager

5) So if we continually refine our backlog through our **Backlog Grooming** sessions.

We will be able to report to our stakeholders how progress toward our number or sprints estimate is going.

This will give our Account Manager time to negotiate scope or adjust timelines, **but we do clearly recognize that the larger the work and further out in time the less certainty we have in our estimate.**