

## The Increment

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### **The Increment**

*An Increment is a concrete stepping stone toward the **Product Goal**. Each Increment is additive to all prior Increments and thoroughly verified, ensuring that all Increments work together. In order to provide value, the Increment must be usable.*

*Multiple Increments may be created within a **Sprint**. The sum of the Increments is presented at the **Sprint Review** thus supporting empiricism. However, an Increment may be delivered to stakeholders prior to the end of the Sprint. The Sprint Review should never be considered a gate to releasing value.*

*Work cannot be considered part of an Increment unless it meets the Definition of Done.*

**The definition above is a direct quote from the 2020 Scrum Guide.**

Read it. Then read it one more time.

Really :-)

There is a TON to unpack in that new definition.

The big reminder for me is that \*multiple\* increments (stories?!) can be delivered during the Sprint [you don't need to wait until the end of the Sprint to release it].

Oh, and one more... if the increment (story?!!) does not meet the Definition of Done, it's not part of the increment.