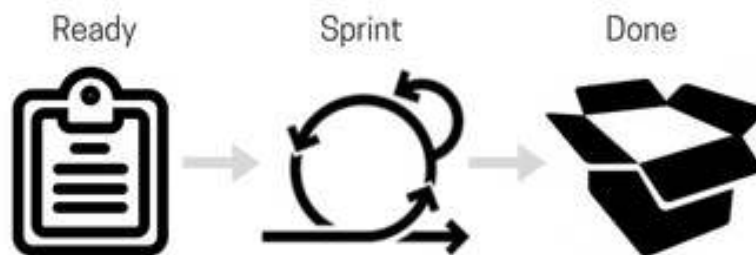**OAKWOOD**

Bringing User Stories to Life

Having a strong definition of ready will substantially improve the Scrum team's chances of successfully meeting the goals of their sprints.

From Ready to Done

A user story is "ready" when the team agrees they can get it "done." User stories must meet a set of criteria before they are considered ready for inclusion in the work of the next sprint.

The following is a checklist of criteria that may satisfy your team's definition of ready:

- ✓ Business value and return on investment has been clearly articulated and is understood by the Scrum team.
- ✓ Details and requirements are well understood by the development team so they can make informed decisions during the sprint.
- ✓ All dependencies have been identified and the team is certain that unknown dependencies will not interfere with completing the sprint.
- ✓ The team is staffed appropriately and is equipped with the needed tools to meet the goals of the upcoming sprint.
- ✓ The features to be developed in the next sprint are small enough they can be completed on time but are valuable enough to prioritize.
- ✓ The criteria by which the sprint will be measured are clearly defined, documented, and testable.