Auditing Platform on Scrum

Scaling in a distributed environment



Domain: Financial; Need: Unified Platform

Inception to Execution

- As per the contract, execution was agreed to be based on a Multi Year Release model
- Teams were set up at California, USA
- Scrum was the agreed framework for delivery



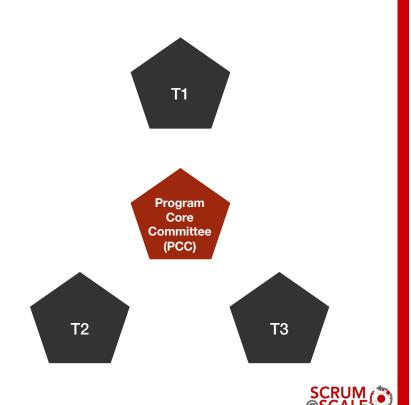


Start small, then grow

Reference Model Setup

Initial Team structure was done like:

- Program Core Committee (PCC) formed with Organization and Delivery Leaders
- 3 Core Teams formed (each teams were cross-functional, with mix of UI/UX, Dev, Test, Architects)
- On boarding process was well defined
- Any new team had to go through 2 rounds of training:
 - Domain Training
 - Technology Overview

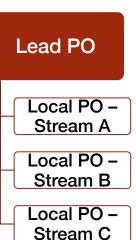


"Scale Ready" Reference Model

- Program Core Committee (PCC) played the pivotal role
- Independent Dev Teams were formed along with a virtual Design Review Team
- Scrum of Scrum (SoS) was put in place to ensure cross-team communication and alignment
- An independent team was put in place to handle Integration aspects (Build Packaging Infrastructure) – playing the role of central integration hub
- Jenkins and Cruise Control were put in place for Continuous Integration
- Post integration builds were delivered along with release notes, once a Build Verification Test was successful

Time to Scale

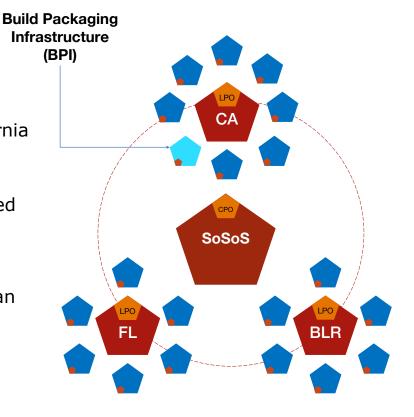
- Very soon it was evident that this project needed to scale up
- We needed more developers, more teams
- Scaling was planned by adding a new team at Florida and another at India
- Key members of both Florida and India were invited to work out of California for initial 1 month
- Product Owner team was reorganized to have a Lead Product Owner and a team of stream based Product Owners i.e. each responsible for a specific stream of work





Scaling at Nodes

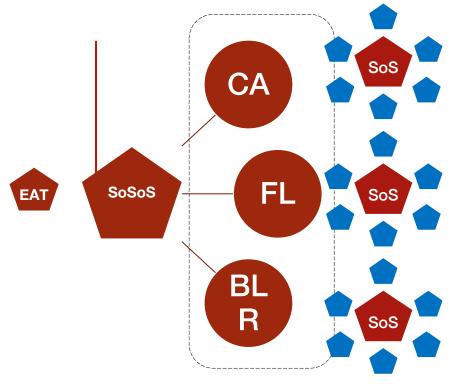
- So far the teams were centralized at California (CA) and a node each was set up at Florida (FL) and Bangalore (BLR), India
- Now, at these nodes teams were expanded (with the core members being the driving agents), leading to 8 teams at California, 6 each at Florida and Bangalore
- PCC was more symbolic representation of an extremely lean Executive Action Team
 (EAT)
- **SoSoS** was carried out every week, with optional participation from EAT members



SoSoS across teams and locations



Governance Structure



• EAT (PCC) formed with:

- Chief PO
- Engineering Director
- CTO
- Delivery Director

• Responsible for:

- Conflict resolution in PO or Dev Teams
- Design review and approval for Technology Road mapping



Challenges of Distribution; Drive Collaboration

Delivery Accelerator

- Communication and Collaboration Tools (to manage distribution)
 - E.g. Build Dashboard; VoIP phones; VC facilities
- Collaborate as frequently as required (no mandate though)







Journey of 1 year

	Beginning	End of 6 Months	End of 12 Months
Teams	3	8	20
Locations	1	3	3
Team Size	20	≈ 75	≈ 230
Release	0	1	2
Release Target	NA	Closed Beta	Release Candidate
User Base	0	≈ 500	≈ 3000+
Major Features	PoC	Engagement ManagementConflict ViewDocument UploadOffline work	Beta candidate and: - Conflict Management - Document sort and progress monitor - Offline to online sync and conflict management - Performance improvement - Zero critical defects
Engineering Milestones	Framework	 Design Team formed (headed by EAT member) with participation from multiple team members CI setup completed Static code analysis setup completed 	Test Automation implemented Security Audit completed

Please Note: The agreement was to release annually; yet – there were intermittent releases made to ensure alignment with the vision and also to assist user familiarity through actual usage



Thank You

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