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# What Are the Responsibilities of a Scrum Master?

The main responsibilities of a Scrum Master are:

- Process improvements
  - Ensures that the Team is fully functional and productive
  - Improve the lives of the Team by facilitating creativity and empowerment
  - Improve the productivity of the Team in any way possible
  - Improve the engineering practices and tools so that each increment of functionality is potentially shippable
- Diplomacy
  - Enables close cooperation across all roles and functions and removes barriers
  - Remove the barriers between the Team and the Product Owner, so the Product Owner directly drives value production.
- Coaching
  - Comprehensively understands the broader Lean-Agile frameworks
  - Continuously learning new tools and techniques aimed at helping the Team excel
- Managing change
  - Control changes as they come in and guide various parties in working the change through the system to best effect
  - Shields the team from external interferences
- Manages impediments and obstacles
- Maintains working agreements such as
  - Definition of Done
  - Definition of Ready
  - Team Working Agreements
- Encourage effective communication
  - Conflict facilitation
  - Teaching others to be more effective at communication
  - Ensures that part-time team members are kept informed
  - Facilitating Iteration activities
- Ensures that the process is followed
  - Logistics and facilitation associated with Daily Stand-up, Iteration Review, Iteration Planning, Backlog Refinement, and Iteration Retrospective as well as other meetings and events
- Updating artifacts
  - Ensures information about the Team's progress up-to-date and visible to all parties
- Change agent for the organization
  - Helps the organization move to the new way of thinking and operating

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