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# Why Do We Have a Definition of Ready?

> “The secret of success is to be ready when your opportunity comes” - Benjamin Disraeli

Simply getting your stories ready will have an immediate and dramatic impact on the Team’s productivity; the data indicates at least a 2X improvement in Team performance. The reason for this improvement is:

- Teams avoid beginning work on stories that do not have clearly defined completion criteria. Without a clear completion criteria Teams will waste time on costly back-and-forth discussions as work progresses or, worse, will result in significant rework when work does not meet actual need.
- By having a DoR Teams are able to push back on starting work on ill-defined Stories.

# Want to Know More?

- Agile Alliance - Definition of Ready

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