

Product Owner (Role)

Role Description

The Scrum product owner (PO) is typically a project's key stakeholder. Part of the product owner responsibilities is to have a vision of what he or she wishes to build and convey that vision to the scrum team. This is key to successfully starting any agile software development project. The agile product owner does this in part through the product backlog, which is a prioritized features list for the product.

The PO role requires an individual with certain skills and traits, including availability, business savvy and communication skills. First, the Scrum PO needs to be available to his or her team. The best POs show commitment by doing whatever is necessary to build the best product possible – and that means being actively engaged with their teams.

Business savvy is important for the agile PO because he/she is the decision maker regarding what features the product will have. The PO should understand the market, the customer and the business in order to make sound decisions.

The PO role requires working closely with key stakeholders throughout the organization and beyond, so he or she must be able to communicate different messages to different people about the project at any given time.

Responsibilities

- Fostering healthy, high functioning Scrum Teams through Scrum/Agile practices and leadership
- Be the primary point of contact to the stakeholders and users of the Product
- Maintaining & sharing the Product Vision, 6 Month Roadmap & Agile Release Plan often and as needed
- Define the scope of each project by writing clear user stories and acceptance criteria at the story level
- Maintaining & Prioritize the Product Backlog through regularly scheduled refinement Meetings and as needed refinement, but utilizing no more than 10% of the development team's time
- Trusting your Development Team to deliver MVP and solve the stories
- Being AVAILABLE to the Development Team to clarify stories and approve completed work to go to production
- Ensuring VALUE to the client, product and PCG is delivered while understanding, monitoring and communicating the budget to all stakeholders
- Overseeing timely invoicing. Answer client questions about invoice details
- Contributing to PCG's Agile - Inspect & Adapt efforts

Requirements:

- Bachelor's degree in Business, Engineering, Computer Science or IT related field, OR four years of IT or Project Management experience, or a combination of relevant experience and education.
- 3+ years of experience in software management and managing a backlog of requirements.
- Mature judgment and ability to assess alternatives relative to business/client needs, costs, and function
- Ability to interact with all levels of an organization in a professional, diplomatic, and tactful manner
- Proven ability to influence cross-functional teams without formal authority. The ability to influence and work collaboratively with development teams is especially important.
- Travel up to 10%
- On Site – No Remote

Preferred:

- Certified Product Owner or similar certification
- Certified Scrum Master or similar certification
- Financial, Supply Chain, Pharmaceutical experience

Compensation & Benefits

- Annual Salary
- Full Health & Dental, Vision, Life Benefits