Rhythm 4.1 What’s New?

Micro Focus is proud to announce Rhythm 4.1. Rhythm is our new Agile/Scrum delivery management platform where Agile teams plan, organize and track their work. Agile teams and business stakeholders have the ability to easily organize their backlog, plan releases and sprints, run daily stand-ups, and track delivery progress. Rhythm is the replacement for StarTeam® Agile and contains many new and re-designed features to help teams improve on their agile execution and visibility.

Software development organizations embrace Agile processes to help them improve software delivery through greater levels of collaboration and flexibility. However, becoming more agile is not without its challenges. Integrating Agile practices and teams with existing, traditional processes can be frustrating, for both developers and managers. Visibility is often fragmented, throughout the lifecycle and across the enterprise. The increasing use of distributed development makes the challenge greater, reducing confidence in software delivery and release readiness. With Micro Focus® Rhythm, teams have a complete solution to plan and track Agile projects while easily integrating with popular issue tracking, version control, and requirements management tools.

New Backlog Management features
- Users now have the ability to import/export Stories into or from a CSV file.
- Backlog list views now support customizable columns.
- Users are able to perform inline editing in the Backlog and Team Room (embedded table editing) without having to open Stories or Tasks.

Story and Task editing enhancements
- Users have the ability to add attachments to stories.
- Copy Task from other Stories (Task Templates)
  - Improve reuse and eliminate the need to create the same common tasks. Create tasks once and easily copy to other stories.

Team Room Teamboard improvements
- The Team Room provides a team-centric view for recording/reviewing Sprint activities.
- Team Room users and other stakeholders have visibility into the projects status and other health metrics such as Operating Capacity, Number of Blocked Stories, Stories not Estimated and Stories without Tasks.
- Users have the ability to create simple or complex multi-field, multi-level filters
  - Working with filters simplifies the process of locating Stories that match a certain criteria during a Sprint Review or Standup.
- Stories can now be ranked in the Team Room.

Discover more about how Rhythm helps Agile teams achieve control and visibility across their software delivery lifecycle—capabilities that can’t be attained with other Agile tools: www.microfocus.com/products/rhythm/trial-download.html
New Planning and Metric capabilities

- The Sprint and Release Planning view (Timeboxes), gives users a single view to create and manage Sprints and Releases.
- Easily see all the latest changes from the Activity View, which displays a list of Stories that have recently been modified.

- New Release Progress and Release Health metrics provide an overall look at the health/progress of the release. This includes Operating Velocity and Operating Capacity as well as Velocity Suggestion and Payload Suggestion.

Figure 1. Daily standup status