How to deliver an intergalactic highway (apologies to Douglas Adams) in four easy steps. We present a way to refurbish backlogs. This way enables teams to make conscious decisions about what kind of work to focus on when. Help your teams to escape from the so disastrous and exhausting trap sprinting the backlog with an horizon of the next sprint only. New inspiring ideas, the feasibility and value of which are disputed, can thus mature smoothly to innovations on the road. No panic needed.

"It is said that despite its many glaring (and occasionally fatal) inaccuracies, the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy itself has outsold the Encyclopedia Galactica because it is slightly cheaper, and because it has the words "DON'T PANIC" in large, friendly letters on the cover."

(Douglas Adams)
Perhaps use a video clip or audio from the film??

Pete Jones; 30.03.2013
6 X 9 = 42?

DON'T PANIC - REFURBISH YOUR BACKLOGS

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"difficulties" is a bit generic... I don't understand what it is supposed to say...

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backlogs help

1. Size 5
2. Size 8 (current iteration)
3. Size 1
4. Size 3
5. Size 13
6. Size 13
7. Size 21
8. Size 8
9. Size 13 (out of scope)

Hot spots sprint planning

In some teams, a lot of discussion arise in sprint planning meetings: The team finds it difficult to estimate backlog items with story points.
Investigate
That looks like a great idea.

Grok
We (intuitively) understand how we can profit from it

Negotiate
That's how we are going to do it

Develop
Now we're ready to launch it

Sprint planning level
three aspects to maturity

- Decision
  - The uncertainty whether the organisation is willing to build and sell a solution

Commercial
- The uncertainty about how much revenue (if at all) can be generated

Technology
- The uncertainty about if and how it can be solved

Divergent maturity

Decision

Situation A
- Commercial
- Technology

Situation B
release planning

Huge value add with seemingly little work, this add

That’s a problem! Is there another solution?

We miss an important business decision!

Prepare their plan for a solution without F5!

This only makes sense after F8

Phase 1  Phase 2  Phase 3

to explore

to build
a refurbished back-log

Does this make sense?

1. Size M  
2. Size S
3. Size 1  
4. Size S
5. Size 13  
6. Size L  
7. Size XL  
8. Size 8  
9. Size L  

Grok the value (what to gain)

Best solution (saves money!)

Job well done
Product Owner

Grok the value (what to gain)

Best solution (save money!)

Ready to develop

Job well done
Grok the value (what to gain)

Best solution (save money!)

Job well done

Are your product owners ready to drive from stars to trees?

Are your developers ready to negotiate from clouds to road?
Stars to road

A simple concept of the maturity of an idea that fits agile approaches

Brings sanity into a project's backlogs

How well do you cover the space between clouds and trees?

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