



# How to build shared understanding with example mapping

## Why talk about examples?

- Build shared understanding of the story
- Identify and answer questions to minimize interrupts during delivery
- Give team a jump-start on test planning and testing
- Involve different perspectives for a better result
- Identify and discuss assumptions
- Provide clear picture of business intent

## Who should be included?

(At least three perspectives)

Business

Development

Testing

Have I described the problem I want solved?

Do I have enough information to solve this  
problem?

What happens when...

## When should we have these conversations?

- Discuss your stories as you get them ready for delivery.
- Preferably as late as possible before your team is ready to start delivery work
- Want to be able to use as much information learned up to that point as possible.

## How do we structure these conversations?

- Use example mapping to identify the relevant rules (acceptance criteria) for the story, examples to explain the rules, and questions where you're not sure.
- Use colored index cards or sticky notes for the conversation
- Friends naming convention for rules (The one where...) (No Gherkin necessary)
- Preface all questions with "what if..."

## What do we use to remember what we said?

- Models
- Acceptance criteria
- Examples (may flesh them out in Gherkin for later reference)

## For More Information

Session Materials Online: <https://www.kbp.media/portfolio/example-mapping/>

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