

# CA Agile Planning



## At a Glance

To meet today's business demands, development teams can't continue to rely on yesterday's tools and approaches. While Agile methodologies are key to contending with today's market demands, projects won't succeed without effective planning, visibility, and coordination. With CA Agile Planning you can harness the tailored capabilities your organization needs to maximize the advantages of Agile development. This product offers capabilities that are tailored to Agile development, and it delivers the integration and visibility distributed development teams need to collaborate effectively—so organizations can more quickly deliver innovative products to market.

### Key Benefits/Results

- Boost team collaboration and productivity of your Agile teams through online access to complete, current project details
- Increase delivery speed of your Agile projects through an intuitive and natural interface that takes the hard work out of planning sprints and managing backlogs
- Streamline adoption of Agile approaches, while retaining flexibility to uniformly manage multiple development methodologies

### Key Features

- Harness capabilities tailored to iterative Agile environments, including virtual walls, burn-down charts, and stories and epics
- Enable Kanban processes for continuous improvement via a virtual Kanban board
- Efficiently track team progress and manage multiple sprints
- Collaborate in real time with Salesforce Chatter
- Integrate directly with Application Lifecycle Management (ALM) tools such as HP Quality Center, Atlassian JIRA, Microsoft TFS, and IBM Rational

## Business Challenges

To meet their objectives, businesses need to deliver products and services that are higher quality, more innovative, and better aligned with evolving customer needs. However, as development teams look to support these business demands, they are hampered by their traditional software development models. At the outset, these models require customers to communicate all their requirements for a given release. Further, they lack flexibility in accommodating changes while development is in progress—which is especially problematic when a single release may take a year or more to complete.

Business requirements and technological realities simply change too fast for long product releases. Agile is emerging as a standard approach for technology development, and in other fields, as its short cycles and frequent deliveries meet the demands of today's customers. Agile development helps organizations prioritize and address customer requirements by delivering value incrementally, through frequent releases. With Agile development, organizations can solicit feedback on an ongoing basis and respond to that feedback with each new delivery.

## Solution Overview

CA Agile Planning enables your development teams to maximize the benefits of Agile methodologies. By delivering better visibility into the deliverables, costs, and resources of your Agile projects, this offering helps your organization deliver projects that are better aligned with customer requirements, and it helps deliver them faster. This offering provides these unique advantages:

- **Supports Agile environments.** CA Agile Planning provides the unique capabilities Agile teams need to operate at optimal efficiency, offering capabilities for backlog management, release planning, sprint planning, and sprint tracking.
- **Provides unified visibility.** With CA Agile Planning, you can clearly track and report progress, status, resources allocated, and cost of projects.
- **Fosters effective collaboration.** CA Agile Planning delivers a unified online system that all stakeholders can use—no matter where they're located—and it provides social collaboration tools that foster effective communication.
- **Delivers complete PPM capabilities.** CA Agile Planning offers seamless integration with CA Project & Portfolio Management (CA PPM), offering unified visibility and governance of all development projects and resources—no matter which methodology is employed.

## Critical Differentiators

### Foster collaboration across distributed teams

CA Agile Planning enables your distributed development teams to collaborate and work within an Agile framework with the same effectiveness as teams working in the same office. Developers across regions can easily work together using a single online system. Plus, all stakeholders can communicate and collaborate in real-time via Salesforce Chatter, the social networking tool built into CA Agile Planning.

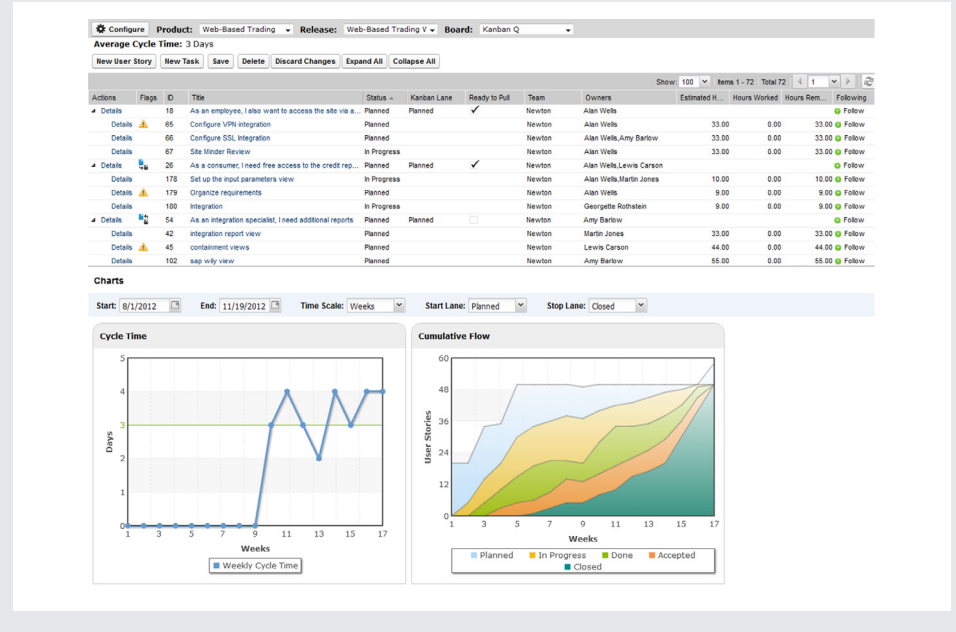
### Tailored tools for Agile teams

In CA Agile Planning, the practice of Agile methodologies is easy and automated. The CA Agile Planning functionality supports Agile variations such as Scrum, Kanban, and even Waterfall-Agile hybrids as organizations move from Waterfall to Agile. The interface is intuitive and natural, making working with backlogs and sprint planning simple. The CA Agile Planning user experience is designed uniquely for Agile teams, offering virtual walls, Kanban boards, burn-down charts, stories and epics, and an iterative project format.

### Manage Agile, Waterfall and Hybrid projects

With CA Agile Planning, your organization can move to Agile at its own pace while maintaining full governance over your project portfolio. CA Agile Planning offers an approachable framework that enables novice team members to grow into Agile approaches, while offering the robust features that experts require. As you

CA Agile Planning delivers a range of intuitive views, including Kanban, backlog, and charts.



move to Agile, you're likely to implement Agile on some projects while maintaining traditional Waterfall approaches on others. With the CA solution, all project types can be managed from the same portfolio view.

### Integrate with ALM systems and development tools

Developers, testers, business analysts, and project managers on software development teams often use applications specific to their area of expertise. However, the entire team needs access to a range of common artifacts, such as defects, user stories, and tasks. With CA Agile Planning, these artifacts can be synced real-time across applications to provide visibility and keep the entire team up to date.

## Related Products/Solutions

CA Agile Planning is fully integrated with CA PPM. Through this integration, CA PPM can capture time entries and status updates from CA Agile Planning, offering project and portfolio management visibility into Agile projects. These integrated products enable managers to gain unified visibility into Agile projects as well as traditional and hybrid projects.

## Supported Environments

CA Agile Planning offers certified integration with the following systems: HP Quality Center, HP ALM, Microsoft TFS, IBM Rational Team Concert, Atlassian JIRA, Borland StarTeam, Bugzilla, and ThoughtWorks Mingle.

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