

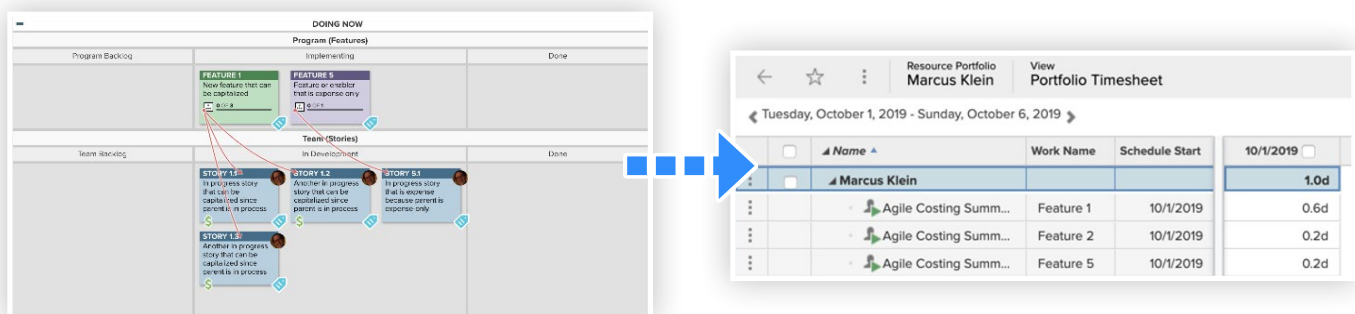
## SOLUTION BRIEF

# Agile Costing and Capitalization

Agile costing and software capitalization are a mystery for many organizations. To truly understand the impact Agile work has on the bottom line, Agile, Portfolio, and Finance leaders must discuss and agree on the best way to collect, collate, and report the cost of Agile delivery. But how does an organization get the most actionable and accurate data when the process for tracking actuals is often highly-manual timesheet entries and the collation thereof?

Automating the capture of Agile costs removes the tax of manual time tracking and provides Finance with an auditable way to calculate and capitalize Agile software development costs. By utilizing a system that automatically tracks effort spent on a story, feature, and corresponding epic, organizations get a realistic idea of the value delivery of their Agile teams.

Planview's Lean and Agile Delivery solution uses the powerful combination of Planview Enterprise One™ and the capabilities of enterprise Kanban within Planview LeanKit™ to roll up and translate team assignments, work time, and work in progress to a consolidated, fully auditable record of actual Agile costs. Pre-determine work that is capitalizable or are operational expenses upfront and let the natural Kanban activities and movements accurately compile the work that is occurring across the teams into a report for Finance.



*Cards assigned to the team member, in a "working" or active lane, populate timesheets in Planview Enterprise One and split time proportionally. Children cards of capitalizable or expensable epics and features automatically roll into correct CAPEX and OPEX categories.*

Another unique benefit Planview's Agile costing and capitalization capabilities are the multiple levels of governance and monitoring available. Based on a team's natural work behaviors, which are integrated and tracked through Planview LeanKit into Planview Enterprise One, you can choose the governance level that is right for your organization:

- For high governance environments, the timesheet is auto-populated, but the organization may ask every team member and manager to review, sign, and submit.
- For mid-governance environments, the timesheet is still populated based on the natural activity of the teams; however, the timesheet can be auto-populated and auto-signed. A team lead has the option to review and approve on a weekly or monthly basis to ensure time-tracking is directionally correct.
- For low (to no) governance environments, the timesheets can be auto-populated, signed, and approved with costs automatically rolled up without a manual review required.

All governance options are available and all create the auditable information needed by Finance.

# Why Agile Costing and Software Capitalization is Important

## For Finance Leaders:

Get accurate and fully auditable Agile development costing and actuals with the right level of detail and governance needed to make critical business decisions, such as allocating funding and headcount to Agile initiatives. Understand CAPEX and OPEX assignments with ease using consolidated reports from a single system.

## For Agile and Transformation Leaders:

Understand what your teams are working on and the true cost of your Agile development initiatives. Eliminate manual timesheet reporting to return productivity time back to the business and work on what matters most. Easily facilitate conversations about funding and headcount with Finance to ensure your Agile initiatives stay on track, with the right dollars and people to deliver the business outcomes desired.

## For Portfolio Leaders:

Better manage your portfolio budgets and track actuals against them, including CAPEX and OPEX. As a portfolio leader, the more effectively you do this, the more confidence Finance and leadership will have in funding future portfolios. This means that reliable Agile team data is paramount to having accurate actuals. Automate this information with Planview Enterprise One and LeanKit. Let the Agile team's natural work behavior accurately populate timesheets and proper CAPEX and OPEX details into a fully auditable record.

## Why Planview?

Planview's Lean and Agile Delivery solution captures software development costs in real time, automatically tracking work in progress at the story, feature, and epic level to reflect time spent on product and/or software creation. Obtaining this information systematically allows your organization to more easily capture Agile software development capitalization costs and reporting and removes the need for manual reporting and reconciliation of time sheets, returning precious development time back to the business.

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To dig deeper into Agile software capitalization, read our eBook,  
**[The Challenges of Agile Software Development Costing and Capitalization:  
Overcoming a Critical Barrier to Scaling Agile Success.](#)**

If you'd like to see how Planview® supports Agile software capitalization,  
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