Your Stories are too BIG!

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AGILE LEARNING LABS
As a <type of stakeholder>

I want <the deliverable>

so that <some value is created>
As a <type of stakeholder> who <what> I want <the deliverable> so that <some value is created>
Four techniques to split stories

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• Conjunctions & Connector Words
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As a system administrator, I want the ability to add and delete users so that I can control who can access the system.
As a system administrator
I want the ability to add and delete users
so that I can control who can access the system.
As a salesperson
I want the ability to **add** users
so that I can get new accounts up and running easily.
As a salesperson
I want the ability to **add** users
so that I can get new accounts up and running easily.

As a security-minded person
I want the ability to **delete** users
so that people who abuse the system can be removed.
Four techniques to split stories

- Conjunctions & Connector Words
- Generic Words

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As a vehicle operator
I want a way to cross the river
So that I can continue my travels
What kinds of vehicles could there be?
What kinds of vehicles could there be?

bicycle  car  truck

train  Segway  skateboard
Bicycle

As a bicyclist
I want a small boat to take me across the river
So that I can continue my ride.
Car

As a the driver of a car
I want a ferry service
So that I can commute to work.
Train

As a railroad operator
I want a bridge across the river
So that I can expand my railroad.
Four techniques to split stories

• Conjunctions & Connector Words
• Generic Words
• Acceptance Criteria
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As lovers
We want a romantic dinner
So that we can enjoy quality time together and set the stage for an exciting evening!
Story:
As lovers
We want a romantic dinner
So that we can enjoy quality time together and set the stage for an exciting evening!

Acceptance Criteria:

- Candles & fresh flowers on the table
- Entrees include steak, fish and one vegetarian option
- Wine list with red wines, white wines & champagne
- A jazz ensemble plays soft instrumental music
- Waiters wear tuxedos
As a <type of stakeholder>

I want <the deliverable>

so that <some value is created>
As a <type of stakeholder> I want <the acceptance criteria> so that <some value is created>
Story:
As lovers
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- Entrees include steak, fish and one vegetarian option
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We want candles & fresh flowers on the table
As lovers

We want candles & fresh flowers on the table
As lovers
We want candles & fresh flowers on the table
So that the mood will be romantic
Four techniques to split stories

- Conjunctions & Connector Words
- Generic Words
- Acceptance Criteria
- Timeline Analysis
As someone ready to make my purchase on this website
I want an easy way to check out
So that I can quickly get on to other things
**Story:**

As someone ready to make my purchase on this website
I want an easy way to check out
So that I can quickly get on to other things

**Timeline:**

1. Click on the shopping cart icon
Story:
As someone ready to make my purchase on this website
I want an easy way to check out
So that I can quickly get on to other things

Timeline:
1. Click on the shopping cart icon
2. Confirm the items in my shopping cart
Story:
As someone ready to make my purchase on this website
I want an easy way to check out
So that I can quickly get on to other things

Timeline:
1. Click on the shopping cart icon
2. Confirm the items in my shopping cart
3. Enter shipping information
Story:
As someone ready to make my purchase on this website I want an easy way to check out So that I can quickly get on to other things

Timeline:
1. Click on the shopping cart icon
2. Confirm the items in my shopping cart
3. Enter shipping information
4. Enter payment information
Story:
As someone ready to make my purchase on this website
I want an easy way to check out
So that I can quickly get on to other things

Timeline:
1. Click on the shopping cart icon
2. Confirm the items in my shopping cart
3. Enter shipping information
4. Enter payment information
5. Complete the purchase
I want <timeline step>
As a <type of stakeholder> I want <timeline step> so that <some value is created>
Story:
As someone ready to make my purchase on this website
I want an easy way to check out
So that I can quickly get on to other things

Timeline:
1. Click on the shopping cart icon
2. Confirm the items in my shopping cart
3. Enter shipping information
4. Enter payment information
5. Complete the purchase
I want a shopping cart icon on every page
As someone with items in my cart I want a shopping cart icon on every page
As someone with items in my cart
I want a shopping cart icon on every page
So that I can begin the check out process from anywhere on the site
Four techniques to split stories

- Conjunctions & Connector Words
- Generic Words
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