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And suddenly...

- ⚡ Sprint plan is shaky
- ⚡ Team gets distracted
- ⚡ Sprint Goal is at risk

💡 Here's the truth:

Scrum doesn't say “NO” to change...

It says “Handle it smartly.”





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### MANAGING MID SPRINT CHANGES IN SCRUM

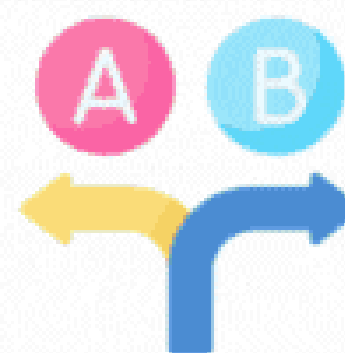


🧩 Scenario:

The Product Owner sees value in it, but the development team fears it may compromise the Sprint Goal. What's the right way to respond?

#### Key Questions to Ask:

- ◆ Will this change jeopardize the Sprint Goal?
- ◆ Is it truly urgent, or can it wait?
- ◆ How do we stay focused without losing agility?



### Recommended Scrum Approach:



#### Evaluate the Request

- ✓ Understand the “why” behind the ask.
- ✓ Determine urgency and business value.
- ✓ Validate alignment with current Sprint objectives.



#### Collaborate with the Product Owner

- ✓ PO must assess whether the story is essential.
- ✓ If aligned with the Sprint Goal, evaluate integration options.



#### Safeguard the Sprint Goal

- ✓ Avoid compromising team commitments.
- ✓ If the change puts the goal at risk, consider deferring it.



#### Explore Alternatives

- ✓ Consider scope trade-offs—can a lower-priority item be removed to make space?
- ✓ Reprioritize thoughtfully without disrupting team momentum.

#### Sprint Cancellation

- If the change is highly critical and impacts the core objectives, the **Product Owner** might decide to cancel and replan the Sprint.
- **Backlog Addition:** If it can wait, add it to the **Product Backlog** for future Sprint Planning.



#### Key Takeaways:

- Scrum encourages adaptability—but not at the cost of chaos.
- **The Sprint Goal is sacred**—protect it to maintain team focus.
- Collaboration between PO, Scrum Master, and Dev Team is crucial when change arises.



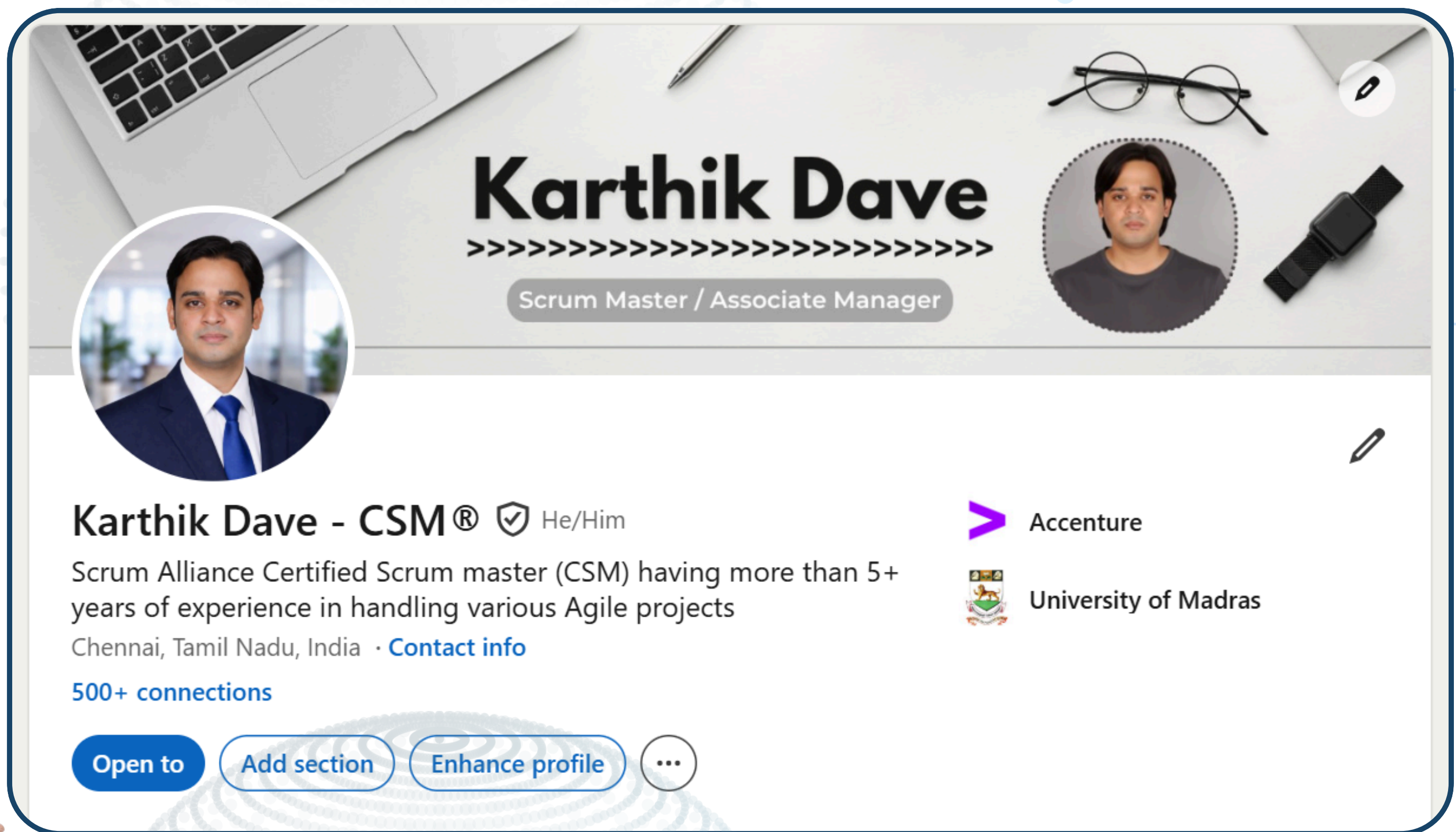


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