

Introduction



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Activity Doesn't Equal Impact

The Problem

Teams track story points, velocity, and features delivered but struggle to demonstrate real business value to stakeholders.

What Stakeholders Want

Executive leadership cares about customer satisfaction, revenue impact, and competitive advantage - not just output metrics.

The Solution

Rally + Insights provides frameworks to move from effort reporting to measurable value realization.

Effort ≠ Value: Why tracking work is not enough?

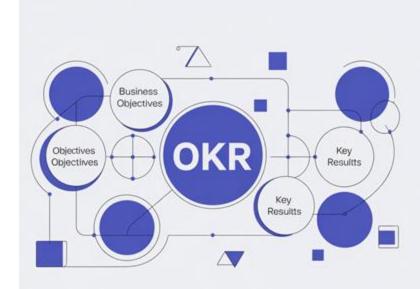
- Stakeholders care about outcomes, not just outputs
- Customer Satisfaction
- Benefit Realization
- Today's focus: moving from effort reporting to value realization with Rally + Insights

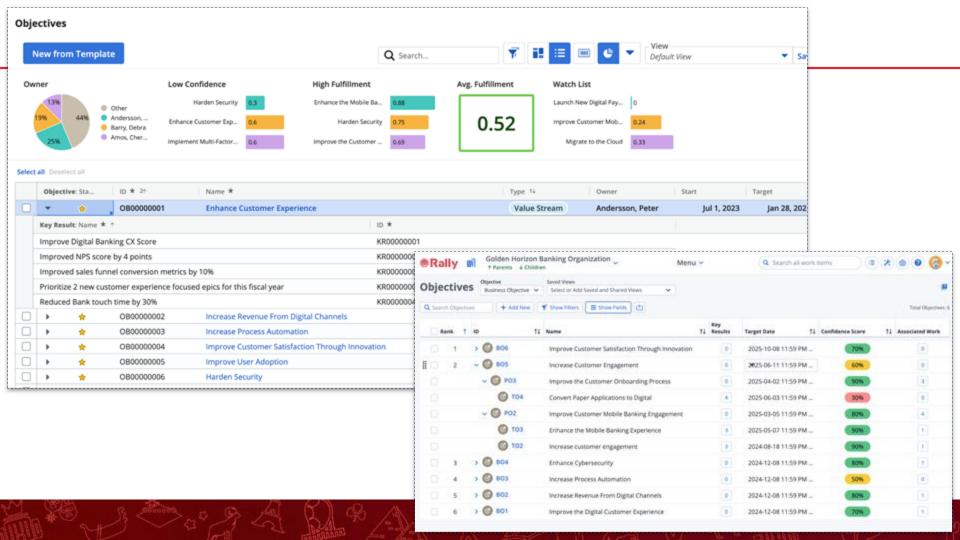
Moving Toward Value Realization

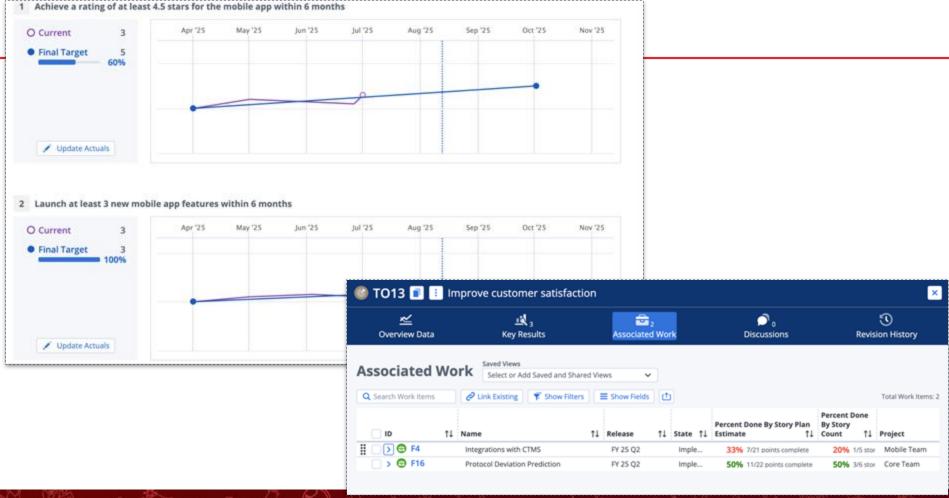
- 1. Drive Outcomes with OKRs
- 2. Prioritize Work for Maximum Value
- 3. Match Plans with Delivery Capacity
- 4. Measure Outcome Confidence and Value Realization
- 5. Making It Actionable

Step 1: Drive Outcomes with OKRs

- Define business success before starting work
- Connect objectives directly to delivery
- Create alignment from executives to teams
- Make outcomes visible and measurable







Step 2: Prioritize Work for Maximum Value

Framework-Driven Prioritization

Use objective prioritization methods like WSJF (Weighted Shortest Job First) or Value vs. Effort matrices to build backlogs that maximize business value rather than personal preferences or loudest voices.

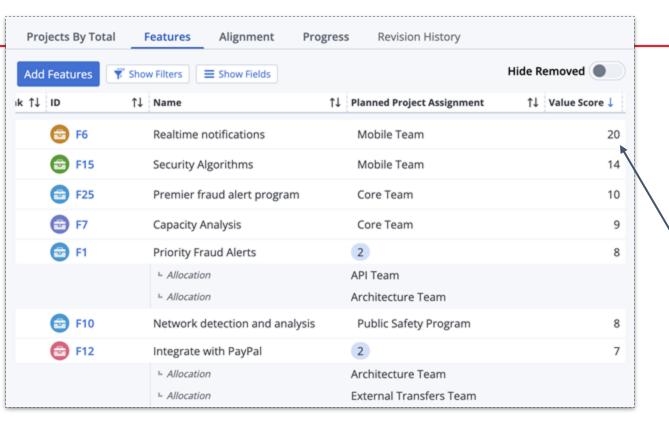
Strategic Alignment Transparency

Create clear visibility into why specific work items are prioritized by showing direct connections to strategic objectives. This transparency builds stakeholder confidence and reduces priority debates.

Continuous Re-prioritization

Business needs shift rapidly in today's market. Implement regular prioritization reviews that allow teams to adapt quickly while maintaining focus on highest-value initiatives.

Effective prioritization requires discipline and consistent application of objective criteria. Teams that master value based prioritization deliver 40% more business impact than those using ad-hoc methods.



Time Criticality		
13		
User/Business Val	ue	
1		
RR/OE Value		
8		
Job Size		
20		

Step 3: Match Plans with Delivery Capacity

Align Value with Capacity

Match your highest-value priorities with actual team capacity.

Overcommitting leads to delayed deliveries and eroded stakeholder trust.

Scenario Planning

Run "what-if" scenarios to understand the impact of capacity changes, scope adjustments, or timeline modifications on value delivery.

Stakeholder Alignment

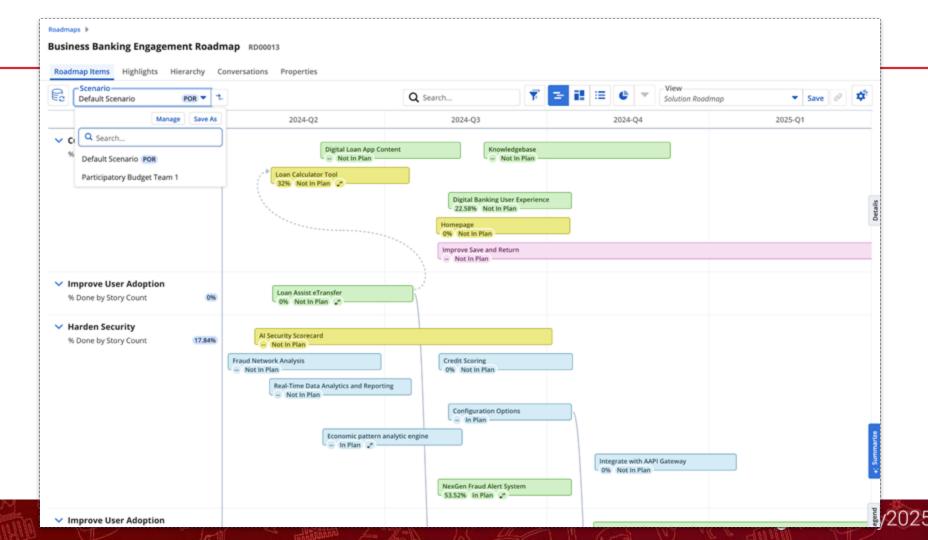
Set realistic delivery expectations based on data-driven capacity analysis rather than wishful thinking or external pressure.

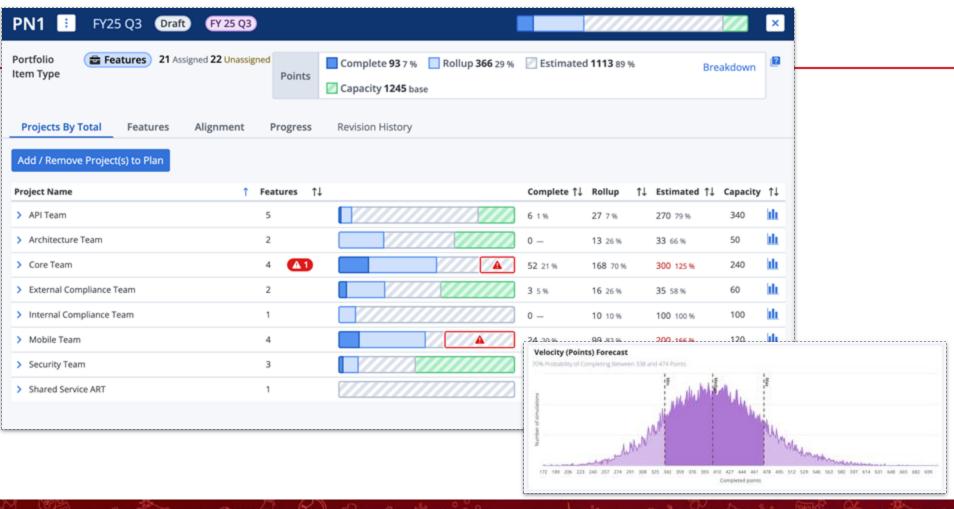
Capacity Planning Best Practices

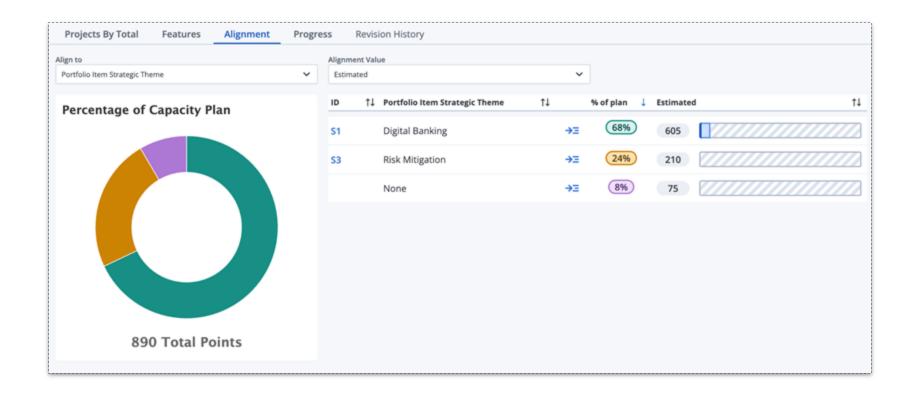
- Use historical velocity data for realistic estimates
- Account for planned time off and holidays
- Include buffer time for unplanned work and support
- Consider skill-based capacity constraints, not just headcount

Common Planning Pitfalls

- Assuming 100% team utilization is achievable
- Ignoring dependencies between teams or initiatives
- Planning without considering technical debt impact
- Failing to account for ramp-up time for new resources







Step 4: Measure Outcome Confidence & Value Realization

Outcomes > Outnuts

Completing Work ≠ Achieving Outcomes

Shipping features is just the beginning. Real value comes from user adoption, behavior change, and measurable business impact that follows delivery.

Connect Delivery to Business Results

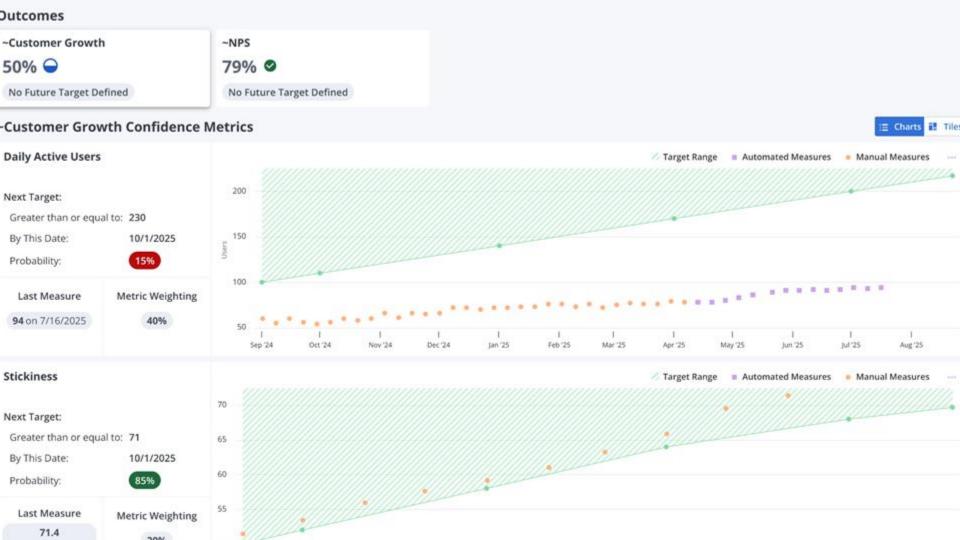
Establish clear causal relationships between delivered features and measurable business outcomes through careful attribution and analysis.

Leading Indicators Predict Value

Track early signals like user adoption rates, NPS scores, and performance metrics that predict long-term business value before it's fully realized.

Report Impact, Not Just Activity

Shift executive reporting from velocity and burndown charts to customer value metrics and business outcome achievement.



Making It Actionable



Start with Outcomes, Not Activity

Begin every planning cycle by defining clear, measurable business outcomes. Let these outcomes drive all downstream prioritization and planning decisions.



Prioritize with Objective Methods

Implement value-based prioritization frameworks that remove subjectivity and political influence from backlog decisions. Make prioritization criteria transparent and consistent.



Plan Capacity Realistically

Base delivery commitments on historical data and realistic capacity assessment. Include buffers for unplanned work and avoid overcommitting team capacity.



Measure and Communicate Value

Track leading indicators of value realization and communicate business impact alongside delivery progress. Make value achievement as visible as velocity metrics.

Lessons to Gain Value

Organization Directive

Value realization requires clear organizational commitment and leadership support. Without top-down mandate for outcome-focused measurement, teams default to activity tracking. Executive sponsorship and consistent messaging are essential for transformation success.

Data Quality

Poor data quality undermines value measurement credibility. Invest in data infrastructure and governance to ensure metrics are accurate, timely, and trustworthy. Clean data enables confident decision-making and stakeholder buy-in.

Measurable Data

What gets measured gets managed. Establish concrete metrics for business outcomes before starting delivery work. Define success criteria that stakeholders understand and care about. Metrics must be actionable and tied to business strategy.

Value Realization

The ultimate goal is demonstrable business impact that justifies investment in product development. Connect delivery activities to customer outcomes and financial results. Make value realization visible and celebrate outcome achievement.

Questions?



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