

# Splitting User Stories

## Start

with the classic user story form:

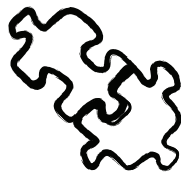
As a <user>  
I want <something>  
so that <value>

1.

## Conjunctions

Look for connector words

and, or, if, when,  
but, then, as-well-as,  
& comma's.



2.

## Generic Words

Look for generic words that could be replaced with more specific terms

(nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs can all be generic.)



3.

## Acceptance Criteria

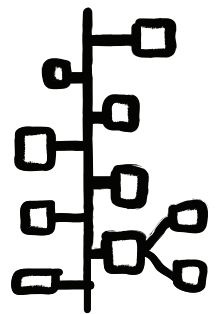
Acceptance criteria are pass/fail conditions proving a story is done. Acceptance criteria for the larger story can become a new, smaller user stories with their own acceptance criteria.



4.

## Timeline Analysis

Pretend the user story is done. What happens when the functionality is used? This sequence of events can lead to a series of smaller stories.



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