Choosing a topic

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Choosing the right topic is important. If your team is having trouble deciding on a topic area, give these helpful strategies a try:

Getting a consensus:

- Just take your time.

- Leave making the decision for a day or two.

- Your team needs to choose a topic that all group members are okay with.

- You must all agree.

- If one member of the team is unhappy then you don't have a decision.

- So think about and discuss it until you can all agree.

Defend it

- Each team member defends their preference as strongly as possible.

- You should be open to the point-of-view of other team members.

- You should make positive statements only.

- You can say why you think your preference would be a good choice for your team's project but you cannot comment on or evaluate other team member's preferences.

If you can't come to a consensus after trying for a while, try this:

Four Votes:

- **List** your team's possible topics.

- Each team member has **four votes** to use any way they choose on the possible topics they prefer.

- Each team member must vote for **more than one** possible topic e.g. you could vote for one topic three times and another topic only once, or give one vote to each of four possible topics.

- **Tally the votes** to determine the decision.