How to Use Burndown Charts

Keeping Your Project on Track

Melissa is sitting in her new Manhattan office, with spectacular views over the Hudson River, but she can't enjoy it on this evening as she stares anxiously at her computer screen.

She runs a fast-growing tech startup, and is aware that renting offices in the heart of New York is a stretch for her budget. But the company is doing well. In fact, it has just landed a major new software contract. It's a deal that could establish her company in the market.
Melissa is worried that the time frame for delivery is incredibly ambitious, and she's not sure if her team can meet the deadline.

Part of the answer to Melissa's headache could be to use a Burndown Chart. It is a clear and simple graph that maps the work that's left to do on a project against the time that you have to do it in.

In this session, we'll explain how to create and use Burndown Charts and the pros and cons of using them.