

# Monday vs Vaiz Agile Comparison

Compare agile workflows, sprint planning, scrum tools, and automation features in Monday and Vaiz.

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**TL;DR** Monday and Vaiz both support agile work, but they enter the agile conversation from opposite directions. Monday's agile features live in a "Dev" product overlay — sprints, backlogs, burndown — built on the same item engine that runs marketing or HR boards. Vaiz ships sprints, backlogs, story points, and burndown/burnup as native board features without a separate product purchase. For agile-curious teams that also run non-engineering work, Monday's flexibility is appealing; for teams running scrum or scrumban as the daily method, Vaiz fits the cadence with less configuration.

## Agile Workflow Basics

**Agile workflows ask the platform for three things: a backlog, a sprint container, and a way to move work between them. Both platforms cover the basics; the depth and ergonomics diverge from there.**

Monday's agile story sits inside Monday Dev, which adds sprint boards, sprint planning, retrospective templates, and roadmap views on top of the core item engine. The Dev product is a separate SKU billed per seat per month, layered over the standard Monday pricing. Vaiz ships sprints, story points, velocity tracking, and burndown directly on every paid tier — Pro at \$5 per user per month annual and Premium at \$9 — without a separate agile add-on.

- **Sprint container** — Monday Dev's Sprints object; Vaiz's native Sprint entity on every workspace
- **Backlog view** — Monday Dev's Backlog board; Vaiz's Backlog tab with drag-to-sprint
- **Story points / estimate** — Monday via a Number column; Vaiz via a built-in Estimate field with point or hour units
- **Acceptance criteria** — Monday in item description or sub-tasks; Vaiz as a checklist field on the task

For organizations already standardized on Monday for non-engineering work, adding Monday Dev keeps the platform consistent. For agile-first teams choosing fresh, Vaiz removes the "which product do we need?" question by including the agile surface in the base plan.

The backlog model deserves a closer look because it sets the tone for how a team plans. Monday Dev's backlog is a board with a Backlog group at the top, ranked manually; items move to a Sprint group when planned. Vaiz's backlog is a tab with rank order persisted as a numeric field, so re-sorting on filter does not change the order, and items move into a Sprint container without leaving the backlog view. The semantic difference is small but affects daily flow: on Monday the backlog and the active sprint are one board with two groups; on Vaiz they are two views over the same task pool, which makes "what's planned next sprint?" a one-click read.

Monday's agile lives inside Monday Dev as an add-on; Vaiz includes sprints, estimates, and backlog on every paid tier.

## Sprint and Scrum Features

**Sprint mechanics — planning, daily standup, review, retrospective — are where teams either love or hate their agile tool. Both platforms cover the ceremonies; the daily-driver ergonomics decide which one survives a quarter of real use.**

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Monday Dev's sprint planning view groups backlog items by epic, lets you drag into the next sprint, and shows team capacity as a rolling total. The Daily View shows in-progress items per person; the Sprint Review board surfaces completed items for stakeholder demo. Vaiz's sprint flow runs from a Backlog tab into a Sprint tab — drag-to-add respects estimates against capacity, the daily Standup panel shows yesterday/today/blocked per person, and the Sprint Review tab exports a markdown summary of completed work.

Sprint feature	Monday (Dev)	Vaiz
Sprint planning view	Sprint Planning board	Backlog + Sprint tabs
Capacity vs commitment	Capacity widget	Built into sprint header
Story-point estimate	Number column (manual setup)	Native Estimate field
Burndown chart	Burndown widget	Burndown + burnup native
Velocity tracking	Chart widget over time	Velocity panel on sprint
Daily standup view	Daily View per person	Standup panel with yesterday/today/blocked
Retrospective template	Retro board template	Retro panel inside sprint
Sprint goal field	Item description workaround	Native sprint-goal field

The Monday vs Vaiz agile comparison shows Monday Dev's strength in customization — every field is malleable, every view is a board — and Vaiz's strength in defaults. The native sprint-goal field, the standup panel, and the velocity tracking all work out of the box on Vaiz; on Monday Dev each one is configurable, which means each one needs configuration. For teams that have been through migrating from Monday to Vaiz, the agile-ceremony setup is usually the segment that gets done fastest because the equivalents map cleanly.

Mid-sprint scope change is the realistic stress test. Both platforms let you add or remove items mid-sprint; both record the change for retrospective analysis. Monday Dev flags scope additions with a colored badge on the burndown widget so the team can see when the line broke from the plan. Vaiz draws the scope-change moments directly on the burndown chart with a vertical marker, plus a per-sprint Scope Changes panel that lists what was added or removed and by whom. For sprint retros, both produce defensible data; Vaiz's presentation is slightly faster to read.

Cross-sprint planning — release planning, multi-sprint roadmaps — is where the platforms feel most different. Monday Dev's roadmap view is a Gantt-style projection over future sprints with

milestone markers and dependency lines. Vaiz's release planning runs through the Portfolio view, which aggregates sprints across workspaces and lets you slide an item between sprints with a drag. For a scrum master planning a quarter, Monday Dev's Gantt-style projection is the more visual artifact; for a director coordinating multiple teams' release trains, Vaiz's portfolio aggregation handles the cross-team reads without leaving the platform.

*Monday Dev gives you sprint customization; Vaiz gives you sprint defaults that match how scrum is taught.*

## Agile Collaboration Systems

**Agile collaboration means more than chat — it means how the team handles handoffs at sprint boundaries, how blockers surface, and how the work-in-progress stays visible across roles.**

Monday Dev's collaboration surface includes per-item updates, mentions, Slack/Teams integration for sprint notifications, and a Stakeholder View that hides internal complexity from non-engineers. Vaiz's collaboration runs on the same task graph as the rest of the platform: in-task chat threads, mentions across workspaces, GitHub PR linking that posts back on the task, and a public Stakeholder Link that exposes a sprint summary without seat consumption.

- **In-task discussion** — both platforms ship per-item threaded comments with @mentions
- **Slack/Teams notifications on sprint events** — both ship the integration; Monday meters each notification against the per-tier action pool
- **PR / commit linking** — Monday Dev links GitHub/GitLab PRs to items; Vaiz mirrors the same with PR status reflected on the card
- **Stakeholder-only view** — Monday Dev's Stakeholder View; Vaiz's public Stakeholder Link (no seat charge for read-only viewers)
- **Sprint demo recording** — Monday via embedded video links; Vaiz via Loom integration

For cross-team handoffs between engineering and product or design, Monday Dev's flexibility lets you keep one workspace per team and link across boards. Vaiz uses the same pattern with workspace-scoped links plus the public Stakeholder URL that lets a product manager or executive read the sprint without a paid seat. Anyone evaluating team collaboration tools alongside the agile question should price the stakeholder-viewer behavior — Monday charges per viewer beyond a small free pool, Vaiz exposes a signed read-only URL at no per-seat cost.

Asynchronous standup is the pattern most often missed in agile-tool comparisons. Distributed teams that span four or five time zones cannot hold a synchronous daily — the meeting cost in lost focus time outweighs the coordination benefit. Both platforms support an async standup: Monday Dev's Daily View collects yesterday/today/blocked entries per person and surfaces them in a single feed; Vaiz's Standup panel posts each entry as a thread on the sprint with @mentions to the right reviewers. For teams running async standup as the default, the Vaiz pattern keeps the discussion in the same task graph; the Monday pattern produces a cleaner standalone artifact for a separate daily digest.

*Monday Dev needs paid seats for stakeholders or guest seats from the pool; Vaiz exposes a*

*signed public URL for sprint read-only access.*

## Productivity Reporting Tools

**Sprint reporting is where agile teams answer the predictable questions: are we improving, where are we slipping, what is the team's actual velocity. Both platforms answer these; the maturity of the reports differs.**

Monday Dev's reporting stack includes the Burndown widget, the Velocity Chart widget, a Cumulative Flow Diagram (CFD) on Pro+, and a customizable Sprint Report board. Each report is a widget on a dashboard, so the team-lead view is assembled from components. Vaiz's sprint analytics surface inline on the sprint itself: burndown, burnup, CFD, velocity trend, and a confidence band on the velocity prediction. The same charts are also available as dashboard widgets for cross-sprint rollups.

- **Throughput and cycle time** — both platforms; Vaiz includes them on the sprint page by default
- **Velocity prediction with confidence band** — Vaiz exposes this in the sprint header; Monday requires a custom Chart widget
- **Capacity vs commitment** — Monday's Capacity widget; Vaiz's sprint header subtotal
- **Sprint-over-sprint comparison** — Monday via Chart widget; Vaiz via History tab on the workspace
- **Predictive completion date** — Vaiz's Premium AI assistant generates this from velocity; Monday's Pro tier surfaces a similar prediction via AI credits

For a scrum master who runs weekly velocity reviews, both platforms have everything you need. The daily ergonomics differ — on Vaiz the sprint page itself is the report, on Monday Dev the report is a dashboard you assemble. Anyone running productivity tracking across multiple teams will want to look at portfolio rollup on both platforms; the verdict on Monday vs Vaiz typically favors Vaiz for teams running formal scrum and Monday for teams running mixed agile across departments.

Definition of Done and acceptance criteria handling is one more checkpoint worth comparing. Monday Dev tracks acceptance criteria as sub-items on the parent task, which gives each criterion its own row with status, owner, and due date if needed. Vaiz tracks acceptance criteria as a checklist field on the task plus optional sub-tasks for criteria that need their own owner. For lightweight criteria the checklist is faster to manage; for criteria that require their own assignment and review cycle, both platforms produce the same artifact through their sub-task pattern. The sprint review export on Vaiz includes the checklist status by default; on Monday Dev the equivalent appears on the Sprint Review board as sub-item rows.

*Monday Dev makes you assemble the reports; Vaiz puts them inline on the sprint page with predictive velocity built in.*

## Verdict by Agile Maturity Level

**Agile maturity is not a marketing axis — it is a real measurement of how much process discipline a team carries. The right platform follows from where the team**

## actually is, not where leadership wishes it were.

For a team at Level 1 — running ad-hoc sprints, learning what story points mean, experimenting with standups — the platform should not get in the way. Monday's flexibility is helpful here because the team can use a board today and add sprint structure later without re-platforming. Vaiz also works at this level, but the native sprint defaults can feel prescriptive for a team that has not yet decided whether to commit to scrum.

- **Level 1 (experimenting)** — Monday Standard (\$12/seat annual) or Vaiz Free (10-user cap) — both fit; pick by team familiarity
- **Level 2 (running scrum / scrumban consistently)** — Vaiz Pro (\$5/user annual) — the native sprint, velocity, and CFD ergonomics match the discipline
- **Level 3 (multi-team agile with portfolio rollup)** — Monday Dev (Pro+, separate SKU) or Vaiz Premium (\$9/user annual) — both fit at scale, with Vaiz's per-seat math friendlier for teams over 50
- **Level 4 (SAFe / LeSS at enterprise scale)** — Monday Enterprise with Dev SKU, or Vaiz Enterprise (custom quote) — pick by integration depth with the rest of the tool stack

For most agile-curious teams the budget reality decides it before the feature comparison does: Monday Pro plus Monday Dev for a 20-person team runs above \$40 per seat per month equivalent; Vaiz Pro covers the same ground at \$5 per user per month annual, with Premium at \$9 adding AI-assisted suggestions. The math gap widens at scale. For deeper analysis see workflow management and the best Monday alternative roundup.

One scenario that often gets missed in the platform pick is the engineering team that runs agile inside a larger non-agile organization. Marketing runs waterfall, sales runs pipeline, finance runs monthly close — and engineering runs sprints. If the company has standardized on Monday for the non-agile teams, adding Monday Dev keeps everyone on the same vendor and lets cross-team dependencies link cleanly. If the company has not standardized, Vaiz can host both agile and non-agile teams in the same workspace structure — engineering uses sprints, marketing uses kanban with WIP limits, finance uses a checklist board — without buying a separate product for each method. The single-platform consolidation is the operational argument that often outweighs feature-level comparison.

Migration path matters too. A team moving from Jira to Vaiz typically takes two to four weeks for a 10-person engineering org, with the sprint history and backlog rank being the most time-consuming pieces to bring over. A team moving from Monday to Monday Dev is faster because the data model is shared — items become Dev items without re-import. A team moving from Monday Dev to Vaiz takes about the same time as Jira-to-Vaiz, with the AI-suggestion feature on Vaiz Premium accelerating the recipe-rebuild step. Anyone planning the move should budget time for re-training the team on the new ceremony ergonomics; the platform itself is rarely the bottleneck.

*Pick Monday + Monday Dev when agile is one of many uses; pick Vaiz when agile is the daily method and you want it included in the base plan.*

## FAQ

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### **Does Monday include sprints and burndown out of the box?**

Not on the standard Monday plans. Sprint planning, sprint boards, burndown, velocity charts, and the agile-specific templates live inside Monday Dev, a separate product SKU layered on top of the standard plan and billed per seat. Vaiz includes sprints, estimates, burndown, and velocity tracking on Pro (\$5 per user per month annual) without a separate purchase.

### **Which platform handles story points more naturally?**

Vaiz handles story points more naturally because it ships an Estimate field as a native task property with point, hour, or T-shirt-size units. Monday Dev supports story points by adding a Number column and configuring widgets to sum it. The user-facing math is identical; the configuration overhead on Monday is the difference.

### **Can non-engineers view sprint progress without paying for a seat?**

Vaiz exposes a public Stakeholder URL per sprint that shares progress, burndown, and the sprint goal at no per-seat cost. Monday Dev offers a Stakeholder View but typically requires viewer or guest seats from the per-tier pool. For organizations with many read-only stakeholders, the Vaiz URL pattern scales without seat-count growth.

### **How does each platform support multi-team scrum with portfolio rollup?**

Monday Dev supports portfolio rollup through cross-board dashboards and the Workspaces feature on Enterprise. Vaiz Premium supports the same through workspace-scoped portfolios and KPI widgets that aggregate sprint velocity across workspaces. Both scale to 50+ person engineering organizations; the per-seat math typically tilts toward Vaiz at this size.

### **Is Kanban or Scrum a better fit on each platform?**

Monday is more neutral — its board view supports both methods, and the team chooses the workflow. Vaiz makes scrum slightly easier through native sprint and velocity surfaces, but its kanban view also exposes WIP limits and swimlanes as first-class features. The methodology choice should drive the platform decision, not the other way around.

### **How does AI fit into the agile workflow on Vaiz Premium?**

Vaiz Premium folds the AI assistant into sprint planning: it suggests sprint composition from velocity history, drafts sprint goals from the included items, and predicts completion dates with a confidence band. Monday Dev offers similar predictions through tier-capped AI credits (1,000 to 3,000 a month depending on plan); Vaiz Premium does not publish a credit ceiling.

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