

THE REFACTORING LEDGER

Run it on one finished sprint, with the team.
Use only what you can see in the sprint's pull requests and backlog. No analytics product needed.

SPRINT: _____

1. COPIES ADDED

Pull requests that wrote logic that already existed somewhere else, instead of reusing it.
Name each one and where the original lives.

Entries: _____

2. REFACTORS SKIPPED

Places someone said "we'll clean that up later," in a review comment, a ticket, or out loud in the room.

Entries: _____

3. FRICTION FELT

Changes that took longer than they should have because of code nobody wanted to touch.
Name the file or the module.

Entries: _____

4. BOOK EACH ENTRY ONE WAY

Inside new work: the next story that touches it folds it in, in minutes, not days.

Redesign item: too big for that. It goes on the backlog as its own item and is ordered like everything else.

Working agreement: the same kind keeps coming back, so the team agrees to refactor mercilessly wherever it works.

Let it ride: a deliberate loan. Write down why, and the sprint you will look again.

Booking for each entry: _____

5. NAME THE CAPACITY LINE THAT PAYS FOR IT

Roadmap, Minor Enhancements, Defects, or
Engineering and Maintenance.

Line for each entry: _____

DONE WHEN: every entry has a booking and a line,
and no entry is booked as "later."