

# THE THREE TIER BACKLOG

## Slices

Chunks of functionality that provide value to developers, might provide value to users, aims to be full stack end-to-end, can be implemented within a couple of weeks.

*Aka: Jira User Stories, SAFe User Stories, Product Backlog Items, Sprintables*

## Features

User initiated, provides a valuable result, might be releasable independently, everyone can understand the benefit, often limited in size so that they can be implemented within a couple of months (6-12 weeks for example).

*Aka: Real User Stories, SAFe Features, Functions, Jira Epics*

## Technical Enablers

Equal to features in size, enables one or many user facing features.

## Packages

Units of investment, collections of features, worth releasing independently of each other, has a business case, should be small: typically done within three to six months. Requires a Go/No-go decision. If Go, you should focus on them, and be sure that they are delivered.

*Aka: SAFe Business Epics, Jira Epics, Jira Projects, Change Requests, Projects, Investments, Changes*

## Traceability

All these artifacts of the staged backlog should be linked to each other. You should be able to follow a trace from the slice you are working with right now, down to the investment and the business impacts that are wanted.

