



#### Introduction in Agile Methodologies

#### Course content

- Agile Methodologies Overview
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- Agile Estimation
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- Limiting Work in Progress









Source: Peter Leeson - The Battle for Success (ITCamp 2014)

Agile Manifesto (2001)



#### Agile Manifesto

We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:

- Individuals and interactions
  over processes and tools
- Working software

over comprehensive documentation

- Customer collaboration
  over contract negotiation
- Responding to change
  over following a plan

Our highest priority is to satisfy the customer through early and continuous delivery of valuable outcome.

CUT THE SCOPE IN MILESTONES AND DELIVER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

BE AWARE THAT OUTPUT IS NOT NECESSARILY OUTCOME.



Welcome changing requirements, even late in development. Agile processes harness change for the customer's competitive advantage

CUSTOMERS DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY WANT. THAT'S OK.

PRODUCT BACKLOG IS ALWAYS CHANGING. THAT'S ALSO OK.

## POSSIBLE

Deliver working versions frequently, from a couple of weeks to a couple of months, with a preference to the shorter timescale.

ALWAYS PAY ATTENTION TO QUALITY.

DELIVER A FUNCTIONAL VERSION AS OFTEN AS POSSIBLE.





Business people and developers must work together daily throughout the project.

KEEP STAKEHOLDERS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE.

WORKING TOGETHER MEANS BEING TRANSPARENT, INSPECTING AND ADAPTING CONTINUOUSLY.



Build projects around motivated individuals. Give them the environment and support they need and trust them to get the job done.

AGILE IS NOT MOTIVATING PEOPLE. LEADERS AND PROJECTS DO. ENVIRONMENT MEANS CONTEXT, CONSTRAINTS AND OBJECTIVES. TRUST IS ESSENTIAL TO AGILE PRACTICE.



The most efficient and effective method of conveying information to and within a development team is face-to-face conversation.

EFFICIENT MEANS BEING CONCERNED ABOUT CONSUMED RESOURCES.

EFFECTIVE MEANS BEING CONCERNED ABOUT GOAL ACHIVEMENT.

INDIRECT COMMUNICATION SHOULD BE USED WITH PARSIMONY.





Working deliverables are the primary measure of progress.

PAY ATTENTION TO ACCEPTANCE CRITERIA.

MAKE SURE TO DEFINE EXACTLY WHAT ARE THE DELIVERABLES.

MEASURING PROGRESS IS CRUCIAL TO AGILE PROJECTS.



Agile processes promote sustainable development. The sponsors, developers and users should be able to maintain a constant pace indefinitely.

SUSTAINABILITY REFERS TO BUDGET, SCOPE AND EFFORT.

AGILE PROJECTS ARE MARATHONS, NOT 100m HURDLES.



Continuous attention to technical excellence and good design enhances agility.

CONTINUOUS ATTENTION IMPLIES FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.

TECHNICAL EXCELLENCE IS CHOOSING THE RIGHTEST SOLUTION DEPENDING ON PROJECT'S OBJECTIVES.



#### Simplicity

the art of maximizing the amount of work not done – is essential.

NO UNNECESSARY COMPLEXITY.



The best architectures, requirements, and designs emerge from self-organizing teams.

> SELF-ORGANIZING MEANS COLLECTIVELY ASSUMING AND PRACTICING MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES.



At regular intervals, the team reflects on how to become more effective, then tunes and adjusts its behavior accordingly.

NEVER GIVE UP ON RETROSPECTIVES.

REFLECTING INVOLVES A GENUINE AND HONEST CONCERN.

ADJUSTING MEANS A MEASURABLE IMPROVEMENT.



#### **Agile manifesto**

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The most efficient and effective method of conveying information to and within a team is face-to-face conversation.

> Business people and team members must work together daily throughout the project.

Our highest priority is to satisfy the customer through early and continuous delivery of valuable deliverables.







#### Agile vs Waterfall Methodologies



### Overall picture









#### Incomplete specifications





Significant estimation errors

#### Controlling Change



#### Reacting to Change







#### Incremental













#### Iterative



Jeff Patton: http://www.agileproductdesign.com/blog/dont\_know\_what\_i\_want.html

"Tahitians at rest" Paul Gauguin

# Agile approach

# **Traditional approach**



#### Iterative & Incremental









#### Hierarchical Organization


### **Cooperative Organization**







The Backwards Brain Bicycle







Software is cheapest in lots of SMALL cartons

Milk is cheapest in BIG cartons



#### Definition











### Hybrid Approaches Scrum Methodology. Roles



Source: PMI 2018 Pulse of The Profession
WWW.VITALITYCHICAGO.COM

### Levels of Software Method Understanding and Use

Level	Characteristics
3	Able to revise a method (break its rules) to fit an unprecedented new situation
2	Able to tailor a method to fit a precedented new situation
1A	With training, able to perform discretionary method steps (e.g., sizing stories to fit increments, composing patterns, compound refactoring, complex COTS integration). With experience can become Level 2.
1B	With training, able to perform procedural method steps (e.g. coding a simple method, simple refactoring, following coding standards and CM procedures, running tests). With experience can master some Level 1A skills.
-1	May have technical skills, but unable or unwilling to collaborate or follow shared methods.

Factor	Agility Considerations	Discipline Considerations
Size	Well-matched to small products and teams. Reliance on tacit knowledge limits scalability.	Methods evolved to handle large products and teams. Hard to tailor down to small projects.
Criticality	Untested on safety-critical products. Potential difficultiies with simple design and lack of documentation.	Methods evolved to handle highly critical products. Hard to tailor down to low-criticality products.
Dynamism	Simple design and continuous refactoring are excellent for highly dynamic environments, but a source of potentially expensive rework for highly stable environments.	Detailed plans and Big Design Up Front excellent for highly stable environment, but a source of expensive rework for highly dynamic environments.
Personnel	Requires continuous presence of a critical mass of scarce Cockburn Level 2 or 3 experts. Risky to use non-agile Level 1B people.	Needs a critical mass of scarce Cockburn Level 2 and 3 experts during project definition, but can work with fewer later in the project—unless the environment is highly dynamic. Can usually accommodate some Level 1B people.
Culture	Thrives in a culture where people feel comfortable and empowered by having many degrees of freedom.	Thrives in a culture where people feel comfortable and empowered by having their roles defined by clear policies and procedures.

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from "Balancing Agility and Discipline", Barry Boehm & Richard Turner



*"We can never direct a living system, only disturb it and wait to see the response...* 



Christopher Avery

We can't know all the forces shaping an organization we wish to change, so all we can do is provoke the system in some way be experimenting with a force we think might have some impact, then watch to see what happens."

#### SCRUM





#### SCRUM

.... hits an ideal balance between





# concrete abstract principles

#### SCRUM

learn fast? is a **lightweight** framework designed to help

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**small**, close-knit teams of people

develop **complex** products.

remember Cynefin framework

### Scrum Pillars

#### The pillars of Scrum

- Transparency
- Inspection
- Adaptation

#### They refer to

- Process
- Results







Product Owner

Business objectives Project objectives

Features

VS.

User Stories

- holds the vision for the product
- represents the interests of the business
- represents the customers
- owns the product backlog
- orders (prioritizes) the items in the product backlog
- creates acceptance criteria for the backlog items
- is available to answer the team members' questions

One person?



Scrum Master

- the team's good shepherd
- coach
- guardian
- facilitator
- scrum expert
- impediment bulldozer

is not a manager!

### Scrum Master + PM



### Scrum Master = Servant Leader



### Scrum Master Encourages



### Scrum Master Discourages



Team Member

- responsible for completing user stories to incrementally increase the value of the product
- self-organizes to get all of the necessary work done
- creates and owns the estimates
- owns the " how to do the work" decisions
- avoids siloed "not my job" thinking

### The team responsibilities













### Scrum Methodology: Artifacts

## Scrum Artifacts



# Scrum Artifacts



 the cumulative list of desired deliverables for the product

- includes:
  - features
  - bug fixes
  - documentation changes
  - etc (anything meaningful & valuable to produce)


 for each deliverable from backlog we should know:

- Who is it for?
- What needs to be built?
- Why we should do it?
- How much work requires to implement?
- Acceptance criteria
- Priority







- Sum of all the Product Backlog items completed during a sprint and all previous sprints
- At the end of a sprint, the new Increment must be Done

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### Task Board





Definition of Ready

- The Definition of Ready (DoR) sets out the criteria for the stories needed to make the Sprint succeed
- The DoR is drawn up by the Development Team, cooperating with the Product Owner
- The Development Team determines whether Product Backlog items meet the DoR
- The PO respects the DoR. That means that a Product Backlog item is only included in a Sprint if it meets the DoR.



Definition of Ready

Example:

- Story Statement
- Specification by Example
- Flow chart, if needed
- Use Case, if Acceptance Criteria missing
- Wireframe, if needed, delivered
- UX [mock-up] if needed, delivered

- Definition of Done
  - "when the code has been written" (programmer)
  - "all of the tests have passed" (tester)
  - "it's been loaded onto the production servers" (operations)
  - "we can now sell it to customers" (business person)
  - Each team creates its own "definition of done"

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## Definition of Done

- Is a crucial tool for making sure that the developed product is satisfying stakeholders expectations
- The team is only finished with a Sprint Backlog item once it meets the DoD
- The DoD is drawn up by the Development Team
- A Definition of Done should exist for:
  - User stories
  - Releases
  - Final project deliverables







## Sequential vs Overlapping Development



Rather than doing all of one thing at a time

...Scrum teams do a little of everything all the time



Source: "The New New Product Development Game" Takeuki, Nonaka, HBR, Jan 1986



WATERFALL IS BACK

## Next: Scrum Ceremonies

Daily Schedule for a One-Week Sprint

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
SPRINIT PLANNING 2 HRS.	STAND-UP 15 min.	STAND-UP 15 min.	STANO-UP 15 min.	STAND-UP 15 min.
		STORY TIME 1 HR.		SPRIN'T REVIEW 1/2 HR. RETROSPECTIVE 90 minutes





### Scrum Methodology: Ceremonies

# Scrum Ceremonies



# Scrum Ceremonies

1. Iteration/Sprint Planning 2. Daily Scrum 3. Iteration/Sprint Review 4. Retrospective 5. Backlog Refinement (optional)

## 1. Iteration/Sprint Planning

- Rules
  - Duration: timeboxed to maximum 2h/sprint week
  - Participants: *Product Owner* and *Development Team* (external stakeholders that may contribute are optional)
  - Facilitator: Scrum Master
- Goal
  - Project predictability
- Objectives
  - To create a Sprint Backlog
  - To get Team commitment for the Sprint

## 1. Iteration/Sprint Planning

### Structure

- Part 1: PO presents the Stories that are prioritized and ready for the Sprint (half of time)
- Part 2: The Team is sizing Stories and slicing them in Tasks, then commits to PO (half of time)
- Common traps
  - Long and boring meetings with too detailed technical discussions
  - Superficial approach, team members do not really understand the requirements
  - Wrong and/or manipulated estimations



## 2. Daily Scrum

### - Rules

- Duration: timeboxed to maximum 15 minutes
- Participants: Development Team (PO is welcome, but optional and must be silent)
- Facilitator: Scrum Master or a Team member
- Goal
  - Self-organizing
- Objectives
  - To have a common Team understanding of the Sprint progress
  - To collect impediments and decide who will tackle each of them

## 2. Daily Scrum

### Structure

 Each Team member explains what he/she achieved since last Daily Scrum, what he/she will work until next Daily Scrum and what impediments prevent him/her to work (if any)

### Common traps

- Long and boring meetings with too detailed technical discussions
- Superficial approach, team members do not really understand the Sprint progress
- False impediments

## 3. Iteration/Sprint Review

### Rules

- Duration: timeboxed to maximum 1h/sprint week
- Participants: PO and Development Team (stakeholders are welcome, but optional)
- Facilitator: Scrum Master
- Goal
  - Delivering incrementally
- Objectives
  - To review and accept the Stories finalized by the Team
  - To discuss potential changes of the Product Backlog resulting from the Sprint Review (priorities)

## 3. Iteration/Sprint Review

### Structure

- Team is organizing a demonstration of finalized Stories
- PO is reviewing and accepting depending on DoD and Acceptance Criteria
- PO and team discuss the results of the Sprint and the consequences on subsequent Sprints
- Common traps
  - Acceptance Criteria not checked during review (incomplete testing)
  - DoD ignored

### **3. Iteration/Sprint Review** Fast feedback

### Remote driving Mars Rover

- 10 minutes to send radio signals between Earth and Mars





### 3. Iteration/Sprint Review

## Feedback

- Bugs
- Small cosmetic things
- New ideas

## 4. Retrospective

### Rules

- Duration: timeboxed to maximum 45mins/sprint week
- Participants: Development Team (PO only if invited by the Team)
- Facilitator: Scrum Master
- Goal
  - Continuous improvement
- Objectives
  - To review the efficiency and effectiveness of the teamwork and methods used
  - To determine and decide upon action items that will lead to improving Team's performance

## 4. Retrospective

### Structure

- Collecting Team member's opinions about what they should keep doing, stop doing or doing differently
- Discussing and collectively deciding the improvements applied in the next Sprint

### Common traps

- False harmony, avoiding to discuss about "the elephant in the room"
- Finger-pointing, personal conflicts
- Failing to identify effective action items



# 4. Retrospective Set the stage

Goal: getting team members in the right mood for retrospective

#### Check-in

Two words summary for what they hope to get from retrospective or how they are feeling about retrospective

#### Focus on/Focus off

Discuss on terms like "Dialogue rather than Debate" or "Conversation rather than Argument". Discuss what to do to move people on the right/focus on?

#### **ESVP**

Explorers: discover new ideas Shoppers: look over new useful ideas Vacationers: happy to be away from work Prisoners: forced to come to retrospective

#### Working agreements

Brainstorming over working agreements they would like to put in place for the retrospective

### 4. Retrospective Gather data

**Goal**: remembering what happened during last iteration

#### Follow-up

Discuss the success or failure of improvement actions decided during previous retrospective

#### Triple nickel

Spend 5 minutes gathering at least 5 ideas related to a specific issue. Team is divided in groups of 5 if team is bigger than 7. Pass written issues to the right and give another 5 minutes to reflect and expand the ideas

#### Timeline

Team members recall good, problematic, significant events happened on a timeline (happy/sad faces bottom side)

#### Others

Mad-Sad-Glad, Satisfaction histogram, Team radar etc

# 4. Retrospective Gather data



### 4. Retrospective Generate insights

#### **Goal**: identifying potential improvements of collaboration and teamwork

Brainstorming	5 Whys	Fishbone	
Quiet writing: silent writing of ideas Round-robin: pass token around the group Free-for-all: ad-hoc information generation	Ask why five times to discover cause-and-effect relation	Visual tool to display root cause analysis of problems: procedures, policies, system, skills etc	

# 4. Retrospective Decide what to do

#### Goal: deciding on actionable improvements for the next iteration

#### Short subjects

Start doing Stop doing Continue doing

#### SMART goals

Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely

### **Dot voting**

Prioritize potential improvements and focus on most relevant 2-3 actions

### 4. Retrospective Close retrospective

**Goal**: ending retrospective and conclude upon its success

#### **Plus/Delta**

Plus: what is going well in retrospectives? Delta: what should we change?

#### Helped, Hindered, Hypothesis

Helped: what is going well Hindered: what was a hindrance Hypothesis: ideas of improvement

#### **Return on time invested**

Feedback focused on how people believe their time was spent
## 4. Retrospective



What we are going to change What we expect to happen Who is responsible to implement it

## 5. Backlog Refinement (Grooming)

Rules

- Duration: timeboxed to a duration negotiated by PO and Team
- Participants: PO and Development Team
- Facilitator: Scrum Master
- Goal
  - Improving the planning process
- Objectives
  - To communicate significant changes in the Product Backlog
  - To slice backlog items that are too big, then optionally to roughly estimate the resulted Stories
  - To collect questions about the Stories that are prioritized for next Sprint

## 5. Backlog Refinement (Grooming)

#### Structure

- Flexible agenda, proposed by Product Owner

#### Common traps

- Getting into too detailed discussions about backlog items
- Slicing backlog items using technical criteria (Technical Stories instead of User Stories)





- A user story is one or more sentences in the everyday/business language that captures what a user does or needs to do +
  - a description
  - acceptance criteria

to search fion by Publication As a Game Player, I want my Rocket to move back and forth when I press left and so that I can avoid asteroids

- Format:
  - As a type of user, I {want / can / need / am required to} <some goal> so that <some reason>

As a user I want to spell check a document so tha my document does not contain spelling errors	t A user can spell document	check a
		Spell check document

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#### **INVEST mnemonic**

- Independent allow to reprioritize in any order
- Negotiable discuss and make tradeoffs
- Valuable clear business benefits
- Estimable team is able to estimate the effort
- Small easier to estimate and test
- Testable how do you know when it is done?

As a cu	stomer I can pay
for the	items in my cart
with vi	sa
	As a customer I can pay for the ítems with an American Express card

As a customer I can pay
for the items in my cart
with a MasterCard
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#### Option 1. Combine the stories

- must support Vísa, MasterCard and

American Express

As a cu with a · card	stomer I can pay first type of credit	Oj di
	As a customer I can with two additiona types of credit caro	n pay l ls

## Option 2. Split across a different dimension

As a customer I can pay
for the items in my cart
with Visa
3 if done 1st
I otherwise

As a customer I can pay
for the items with an
American Express card
3 if done 1st
1 otherwise

#### Option 3. Write two estimates





#### Negotiable



#### Valuable



As a system administrator, I want all configuration information for all users stored in a central location

#### Estimable / Estimatable

- The story is too big
- Too much is unknown about the story
- Developers lack domain knowledge
- Developers lack technical knowledge

#### Small / Sized appropriately



#### **Epics**

As a user, I want to run	
reports.	

a story that is bigger than one team can do in one iteration

#### Testable



#### **INVEST mnemonic**

	N	V	E	S	
As a user, 					
As a user, 					
As a user, 					
As a user,					

#### When to write user stories?

- Randomly, whenever a new idea occurs
- During sprint review meetings
- During product backlog refinement / grooming meetings,
- During story-writing workshops

#### When to write user stories?

#### • Minimum Viable Product (MVP)

- the version of a product which allows a team to collect the maximum amount of information with the least effort
- Minimum Marketable Feature (MMF)
  - A chunk of functionality that delivers a subset of the requirements, and that is capable of returning value to the customer when released as an independent entity

#### Splitting user stories



#### SPIDR approach to splitting user stories



#### Splitting stories with spikes

As a member, everything I click on is tracket by the Super Marketing	
Automation System	
	Research on Super
	Marketing Automation
	System
	10 hours

#### Splitting stories along paths

Asaus	er I want to be
informe	ed about my
request	sothatIcan
manage	e my schedule



#### Hamburger technique

#### User story 1 - First "bite"

Phone call, assign technician using Excel, order materials, email confirmation

#### User story 2 - Second "bite"

Phone call, assign on calendar, assign materials ased on a buffer stock, email confirmation

#### User story 3 - third "bite" etc

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		As a web user, I can do whatever-ít-ís

#### Splitting stories by data

As a passenger I want to look for the most suitable flights so that I can reach the destinations I choose in optimal conditions



#### Splitting stories by business rules





**User story 1 – Cancel a request with no restrictions** Simply cancels the request

#### User story 2 - Cancel a request with an assigned technician

Cancel request and change technician allocation

#### User story 3 – Cancel a request after materials are ordered

Cancel the request and manage the financial implications

#### Closed stories

A closed user story is one that finishes with the user having achieved a meaningful goal.

As a recruiter 1 can
manage the job ads I've
placed

Review resumes	Modífy job description
Change expiration date	Delete an application

Three steps when you can't split a story

# Try harder Let it take more than one iteration Feel guilty



Source: Mike Cohn, Splitting user stories





#### Estimations in Agile

#### What is estimation?



**Cambridge Dictionary**: a guess or calculation about the cost, size, value, etc. of something



- How long a user story will take (effort) in relative.
- Influenced by complexity, uncertainty, risk, volume of work etc

#### **Relative sizing and story points**



- Estimation technique that ranks stories by their size relative to each other and estimates based on those rankings.
- Story points are typically expressed using the Fibonacci sequence of numbers
  - Using this technique the estimation would be quick because one story it not evaluated from the scratch, it is evaluated by its position relative to other stories
  - It is useful when planning for the next iteration to decide which stories can be completed in that iteration
- Guidelines:
  - The team should own the definition of story points
  - Story points definition should be all-inclusive
  - Point sizes should be relative
  - When disaggregating, totals don't need to match
  - Estimate should include complexity, effort and risk

#### Poker planning



- Planning poker is a consensus-based estimation technique, mostly used to estimate effort or relative size of user stories.
  After each player has selected a card, all cards are exposed at once and consensus is reached in steps.
- Advantages:
  - Minimizing the "bandwagon effect" (grouping around most popular opinion)
  - Preventing HIPPO decision making (Highest-Paid Person Opinion)
  - Minimizing the "groupthink" effect (excessive concern for group harmony)
#### Wisdom of Crowds

- Diversity of opinion
- Independence
- Decentralization
- Aggregation
- Trust



#### Wisdom of Crowds



Planning Poker

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### Velocity

 The sum of the effort estimates associated with user stories that were completed during that iteration

#### Velocity



### Velocity



No of historical iterations	Iterations to throw out from each end
0-7	0
8-10	1
11-12	2
13-15	3
16-17	4
18-20	5
21-22	6
23-25	7
26+	8

#### Extrapolate the velocity range



#### **Accuracy vs Precision**



"It is better to be roughly right than precisely wrong" J.M. Keynes

#### White Elephant Sizing





#### **White Elephant Sizing**



#### Affinity estimation



#### Affinity estimation



#### Affinity estimation



#### **Velocity prediction**







#### **AGILE SOFTWARE DEVELOPI** MENT





# eXtreme Programming 1

### XP is...

.... a lightweight software development methodology for small to medium sized teams developing software in the face of t vague or rapidly changing requirements"

Kent Beck





### Robert C. Martin **Steve Mellor** Ken Schwaber Jeff Sutherland



**Model Driven** Architecture

# XP is...

# .... a lightweight software development methodology



# Extreme?



# Mentality of sufficiency

How would you program if you had all the time in the word?

- Write tests
- **Restructure** often

### Talk with teammates and customer often

# **XP** Paradigm

# Stay aware. Adapt. Change.



# PRACTICES

Practices = things you do

Values = roots of thing we like

guidelines for life

# XP = Outstanding software





constantly communicate with the customers and fellow programmers



# keep design simple and clean



# get feedback by testing the software starting on day one



deliver the system to the customers as early as possible and implement changes as suggested



show respect for the unique contributions of each and every team member

Rapid feedback Assume simplicity Incremental change Embracing change Quality work

get the feedback, understand it, and put the learning back into the system as quickly as possible

• Works as a catalyst for change Indicates progress Gives confidence to the developers that they are on the right track



Acceptance Test Days V Stand Up Meeting One day Pair Negotiation Hours Unit Test

Rapid feedback Assume simplicity Incremental change Embracing change Quality work

"Do the simplest thing that could possibly work" KISS ("Keep It Simple, Stupid" YAGNI ("You Aren't Going to Need It")

to treat every problem as if it can be solved with simplicity

Rapid feedback Assume simplicity Incremental change Embracing change Quality work

any problem is solved with a series of the smallest change that makes a difference

The design changes a little at a time.The plan changes a little at a time.The team changes a little at a time.

Rapid feedback Assume simplicity Incremental change Embracing change Quality work

the best strategy is the one that preserves the most options while actually solving your most pressing problem

Rapid feedback Assume simplicity Incremental change Embracing change Quality work

*The team: Works well Enjoys the work Feels good in producing a product of value* 

The team members try to produce the quality that they are proud of

# 12 Original **XP** Practices



### System Metaphor

40-hours Week

**Small Releases** 

On Site Customer

# 12 Original **XP** Practices



Some practices, if applied in isolation, could bring chaos
## **12 Original XP Practices** Evolution of some practices in time



#### Fine Scale Feedback

Pair Programming

Whole Team

Test Driven Development

**Planning Game** 

**Programmer welfare** 

Sustainable Pace

#### **Continuous Process**

Small Releases

**Design Improvement** 

**Continuous Integration** 

#### Shared Understanding

#### System Metaphor

#### **Collective Ownership**

#### **Coding Standards**

#### Simple Design



Simple Design

**Design Improvement** 

Test Driven Development

**Coding Standards** 

Team

#### **Sustainable Pace**

**Collective Ownership** 

**Coding Standards** 

Pair Programming

**Continuous Integration** 

System Metaphor

#### Processes

#### Whole Team

#### Test Driven Development

#### **Small Releases**

#### **Planning Game**

## Pair Programming

## Technique that requires 2 people, 1 computer

### **DRIVER:**

Controls the keyboard
 Writes the code and tests
 Tactics (how?)

Guides the driver
 Strategy (what?)

Important: they switch roles!!!

Deople, 1 computer
NAVIGATOR:
Has the role of reviewer

### When to use it?

- When mentoring new hires
- For extremely high-risk tasks
- At the start of a new project
- When adopting a new technology

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## Benefits

- Better code, design
- Fewer bugs
- Higher morale
- Shared perspectives and knowledge
- Better time management
- Higher productivity

**!!!** All without sacrificing productivity

## How to do it better?

- Have a well-defined task
- Define a goal at a time
- Rely, support and synchronize with your partner
- Pair with everyone in the team
- Be physically comfortable
- Give everyone a chance to be an expert

Important: communicate!!!

### Proxemix

= the study of human use of space

Intimate distance (*for embracing, touching or whispering*) 15 cm - 46 cm Personal distance (for interactions among good friends or family) 46 to 122 cm Social distance (*for interactions among acquaintances*) 1.2 - 3.7 m Public distance (*used for public speaking*) 3.7 to 7.6 m







### **AGILE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**





## eXtreme Programming

## **Extreme Programming**

Effective **Practices** 

Pushed to the extreme

#### **Code reviews**

### Testing

### Design

### Simplicity

### **Short iterations**

### Extreme Programming Practices

### Pair programming

## Unit testing & Continuous regression

#### **Persistent refactoring**

## Simple design & code code only that is required

The planning game

#### Programming

Simple Design

**Design Improvement** 

Test Driven Development

**Coding Standards** 

Team

#### **Sustainable Pace**

**Collective Ownership** 

**Coding Standards** 

Pair Programming

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#### Processes

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#### **Planning Game**



#### Planning Game

Business and development need to make the decisions in tandem Business people need to decide about

- **Scope**: How much of a problem must be solved for the system to be valuable in production?
- before the business is better off with the software than without it? of the software (or some of the software) would make a big
- **Priority**: If you are given an option, which one do you want? Composition of releases: How much or how little needs to be done – **Dates of releases**: What are important dates at which the presence
- difference?

#### Planning Game

### Technical people need to decide about

- Estimates: How long will a feature take to implement?
- Consequences: There are strategic business decisions that should be made only when informed about the technical consequences.
   Development needs to explain the consequences.
- Process: How will the work and the team be organized? The team needs to fit the culture in which it will operate. The software must be written well rather than preserve the irrationality of an enclosing culture.
- Detailed scheduling/Risk priority: Within a release, which stories should be done first?

## The only way to ensure that you are developing the software the customer expects!

## Every release could be used as a checkpoint to measure the estimation accuracy.

# Fail Fast Fail Often

## Product Roadmap =

visual overview of a product's releases

- Product roadmap = sequence of releases
- Release = sequence of iterations
- Iteration = set of user stories / features

- Story Map (developed by Jeff Patton)
- Helps select and group features for a release
  - Backbone essential functionality
  - Walking skeleton smallest system that could possible work
  - Optional features

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## A good metaphor is a powerful aid in unifying the technical and business teams

The team evolves its own form of "*tribal language*", used to describe user stories and development

"... I still haven't got the hang of this metaphor thing. I saw it work, and work well, on the C3 project, but it doesn't mean I have any idea how to do it, let alone how to explain how to do it"

### Martin Fowler

'Metaphor' seems to be one of the least understood precepts of XP although its supposed to be (one of) the most important.

Metaphor is something you start using when your mother asks what you are working on and you try to explain her the details.

How you find it is very project-specific. Use your common sense or find the guy on your team who is good at explaining technical things to customers in a way that is easy to understand.

#### Simple Design

## **XP** definition for *simplicity*.

- Runs all the tests
- Contains no duplicate code
- States the programmer's intent for all the code clearly
- Contains the fewest possible classes and methods



Simple Design

## No big design upfront!

1. Only do what you need to do now! 2. Don't add anything because you think you *might* need it!

#### Refactoring

## Refactoring is the technique of improving code without changing



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et le Erich Gamma

functionality Why?

## Because your code should be the simplest thing that could possibly work

#### Refactoring

	9) Feature envy
1)Lack of tests	10) Method too
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3)Name not expressing intent	12) Test – not ur
4)Unnecessary if	13) Test – setup
5)Unnecessary else	14) Test – unclea
6) Duplication of constant	15) Test - more
7) Method does more than one thing	16) Test – no as
8) Primitive obsession	17) Test – too m

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- Source: Brutal Refactoring Game, Adi Bolboaca



Testing First Programming

## Unit testing Acceptance testing Test Driven Development

#### Test Driven Development



- Add a test, get it to fail, and write code to pass the test
- Remove duplication

#### Testing

#### **Testing First** Programming

- if you can't do these, Think about what you want to do.Think about how to test it. you probably shouldn't start writing any code • Write a small test. Think about the desired API.
- Write just enough code to fail the test.
- Run and watch the test fail. Now you know that your test is going to be executed.
- Write just enough code to pass the test (and pass all your previous tests).
- Run and watch all of the tests pass. If it doesn't pass, you did something wrong, fix it now since it's got to be something you just wrote.
- Refactor the code
- Run the tests again
- Repeat the steps above until you can't find any more tests that drive writing new code.

#### Test Driven Development

#### Testing

#### Testing First Programming



#### Test Driven Development

**Collective Ownership** 

Any person can change the application code at anytime

The catch: If you own all the code, you are responsible for all the code as well

The longer the time period between integrations, the more conflicts you'll see, and the effort to integrate will increase. The process: developers work on tasks until complete, integrate them, run tests, fix problems

**Sustainable Pace** 

40-Hour Work Week

# You cannot maintain quality with overtime-heavy teams!

Each country or culture has differing acceptance of reasonable working hours
# 40-Hour Work Week

# Sustainable Pace

### Productivity

(new work minus lost time for rework)



### **Hours Per Week**

### **On-Site Customer**

Whole team

# Benefits

# Simple Problem Solving

Avoid Misunderstanding

Immediate answers

Team Spirit

# Sit together

# The customer must be on the project full-time for the duration and be located on-site with the team

The *customer* could include users, business experts, and any other customer-side resource

# **Coding Standards**

# Mandatory — Those standards to be adhered to by all team members.

**Guidelines** — Those considered best or good practice and often describe the general approach toward development.

**Recommendations** — These rules are considered good practice and should be used at all times unless there are exceptional circumstances where valid justification can be given. **Coding Standards** 

# There are two types of people:



# If (Condition) {

# Statements

**Coding Standards** 

# Types of coding standards:

- Formatting
- Code structure
- Naming conventions
- Error handling
- Comments



Source: Extreme Programming, tutorialspoint



Total exceeds 100% due to rounding.



10% ScrumBan

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# Why XP is not popular?

- It is software engineering centric
- It requires high investment
  - Rockstar developers
  - Trainings
  - Infrastructure (automation solutions)
  - Culture
- It is irrational (to business people)
  - Unit tests, Test First Development, Story Points, Pair Programming
- It is too difficult
  - Test First Development, Refactoring, Simple & Emergent Design



# **AGILE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**

# Lean Software Development



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BANISH WASTE AND CREATE WEALTH IN YOUR CORPORATION

# James P. Womack and Daniel T. Jones

Authors of The Machine That Changed the World

# Lean Software Development An Agile Toolkit



Forewords by Jim Highsmith and Ken Schwaber

### The Agile Software Development Series

Cockburn • Highsmith Series Editors

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- Adapting agile practices to your development organization
- Uncovering and eradicating waste throughout the software development lifecycle
- Practical techniques for every development manager, project manager, and technical leader

Mary Poppendieck Tom Poppendieck

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How Constant Innovation Creates Radically Successful Businesses

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'Mandatory reading for entrepreneurs' Dan Health





- Adaptive to change

- Shorter planning and commitment cycles

- Focus on collaboration and interaction

# Lean

- System view of value stream
- Identify ways to eliminate waste
- Limit work queues

# **Agile & Lean Commonalities**

- Improve quality
- Amplify learning
- Continuously improve
- Empower people

"Think big, act small, fail fast; learn rapidly"

# A Lean History

- Lean is a *manufacturing* & *production* practice that considers the expenditure of resources for any goal other than the creation of value for the end **customer** to be wasteful, and thus a target for elimination
- "value" is defined as any action or process that a customer would be willing to pay for

# A Lean History

- Lean is centered around preserving value with less work
- Lean manufacturing is based on
  - optimizing flow,
  - increasing efficiency,
  - decreasing waste,
  - using empirical methods to decide what matters,
- Toyota was a leader in implementing lean practices in the 80s

rather than uncritically accepting pre-existing ideas

Taiichi Ohno **Toyota Production System** 

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# Any customer can have a car painted any colour that he wants so long as it is black.

(Henry Ford)

# izquotes.com



The Toyota style is not to create results by working hard. It is a system that says there is no limit to people's creativity. People don't go to Toyota to 'work' they go there to 'think'.

Taiichi ()hno —

AZQUOTES

# **Toyota Production System :**

How could Toyota make cars in small quantities but keep them as inexpensive as massproduced cars?

# "Just-in-time" manufacturing

"Don't decide what to manufacture until you have a customer order; then make it as fast as possible"

Case Study: Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information System (SACWIS)

- Florida: started in 1990, estimated 8 years and \$32 million
  - In 2002 Florida spent \$170 million and estimated to be completed in 2005 with \$230 million
- Minnesota: started in 1999
  - completed in 2000 at cost of \$1.1 million

 Why? Standardized infrastructure, minimized requirements, team of 8 capable people

# Lean Principles for Software Development



Maximize the value (partially work

Allow technical people to make local decisions in order to be productive and successful (opposed to micromanaging)

> Quickly delivering value to maximize project's ROI

Align the whole system not just one piece, seek for better intergroup

# Lean Principles are... just Principles

- Eliminate waste does not mean throw away all documentation.
- Empower the team does not mean abandon leadership.
- Deliver as fast as possible does not mean rush and do sloppy work.
- See the whole does not mean ignore the details.
- Build integrity in does not mean big, upfront design.
- Decide as late as possible does not mean procrastinate.
- Amplify learning does not mean keep on changing your mind.

# 1. Eliminate waste

If a development cycle has collected requirements in a book gathering dust, that is waste

If developers code more features than are immediately needed, that is waste

Whatever gets in the way of rapidly satisfying a customer need is waste.

Handing off development from one group to another is waste

# The Seven Wastes of Manufacturing Software Development

Inventory

- Partially Done Work
- Extra Processes
  - Extra Features
  - Task Switching

- Extra Processing
- Overproduction
- Transportation
- Waiting
- Motion
- Defects

Shigeo Shingo, Toyota

# Eliminate waste WASTE

# everything your organization does to develop software that is not analysis or

coding.

It is usually easier to see waste in a crisis

# Eliminate waste

"There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all"



# Peter Drucker

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# Eliminate waste

- 1. Implementing lean development is learning to see waste.
- 2. Uncover the biggest sources of waste and eliminate them.
- 3. Uncover the biggest remaining sources of waste and eliminate them.
- 4. Do it again.

After a while, even things that seem essential can be gradually eliminated

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# Value Stream for Cola Cans



James P. Womack, Daniel T. Jones (1997)

# Value Stream for Cola Cans



- 319 days to move from the mine to consumption - 3 hours is the time while value is actually being added (0.04% of total time)

Aluminum cans have to be a very stable industry to be able to tolerate such a long value stream

James P. Womack, Daniel T. Jones (1997)

# ...not working for personal computers

"8 days of inventory – competitors 40 days. If Intel comes out with a new chip, I am going to get that to the market 32 days sooner."



# Michael Dell





# Eliminate waste



value-added

non-value added
# Eliminate waste

#### How to eliminate waste:

- Make a list of the 10 or 15 most important activities in your organization
- Rate 1-5 (1 customer do not care about , 5 customers value it highly)
- Develop a plan to cut those with 1 or 2 points

# Eliminate waste

### How to eliminate waste:

Develop a value stream map Take the biggest cause of delay and plan to cut it in half



# Eliminate waste

### How to eliminate waste:

Seven meetings talk about the wastes in software development: Do you agree that this is waste? Why? • • How much time it consumes in avg / week • What can we do to reduce that time

# 3. Deliver as fast as possible

- Customers like rapid delivery
- Rapid delivery means less time for customers to change their minds
- In-process, or partially done work can have undiscovered defects
- Deliver as fast as possible complements decide as late as possible: the faster you can deliver, the longer you can delay decisions.













# 6. Decide as late as possible

In an evolving market, keeping design options open is more valuable than committing early.

### How to avoid change penalties?

• Traditional: make the right design decision in the first place and avoid the need to change later

• Lean: Don't make irreversible decisions in the first place; delay design decisions as long as possible, and when they are made, make them with the best available information to make them correctly



# 6. Decide as late as possible

• The last responsible moment: • delay commitment until the last responsible moment, that is, the moment at which failing to make a decision eliminates an important alternative.



#### **AGILE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**

#### Other Agile Methodologies & Practices



### Most common Agile Methodologies

- Scrum
- XP
- Kanban
  - => Lean





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### Most common Agile Methodologies

- Feature-Driven Development
- Agile Unified Process
- Crystal
- DSDM
- Disciplined Agile
- Scaled Agile Framework



#### History of Agile



XP (Kent Beck, Ward Cunningham and Rom Jeffries)



- Iterative/incremental software process
- Developed in 1997 by Jeff De Luca
- Domain Model is the core of FDD (no specific values / principles defined)



### l software process by Jeff De Luca e core of FDD principles defined)

Requirements are gathered using a top-down approach

- - Feature Sets (*business activities*)
    - Features (*tasks*)

Typically 2 week iterations



# • Subject Areas (general business practices)



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### Everything is

planned,

designed,

built,

managed



#### at the feature level.

 Formula for defining features: < action > < result > [of | to | for | from] < object >

"Calculate monthly payment for car loan."

#### Roles:

- **Project Manager** administrative, financial, reporting responsibilities
- **Chief Architect** –controls the design of the Domain Model manages the technical architecture, design sessions, and code reviews.
- **Development Manager** manages daily development activities, coordinates the development team
- **Chief Programmer** –senior developer who is responsible for a specific Feature Set and manages their design and development activities.
- **Class Owner** –developer who reports to the CP and designs, codes, tests, and documents features
- Domain Expert defines requirements as features that the solution must provide. Business analysts are the most common Des
- **Tester** is responsible for validating that features perform as defined.
- **Deployer** manages the data definitions and conversions and supports the deployment of code to the various platforms.
- Technical Writer creates and maintains the documentation for users.





**Parking Lot Chart** A visual, low maintenance way to report the progress of feature sets

The exact state of each feature is documented in a table with six specific milestones

- Domain Walkthrough
- Design •
- Design Inspection
- Code
- Code Inspection
- Promote to Build





"Three Amigos" ": Grady Booch, James Rumbaugh, Ivar Jacobson *Early 90's:* Unified Modeling Language (UML) Founders of Rational Software Corporation (today division of IBM)



= simplified version of *Rational Unified Process* (EssUP – *Essential Unified Process* – first attempt to simplify RUP by I. Jacobson)

- "high ceremony" framework
- based on integration of different agile concepts and techniques

#### 6 philosophies

- **Competence** The team knows what it's doing. They won't read detailed process documentation, instead will apply high-level guidance and standards.
- **Simplicity** Describe things concisely on a few pages, not reams of pages.
- Agility Conforms to the values and principles of the Agile Alliance.
- Activity Focus on only the high-value activities that count. Ignore the noise.
- **Tools** Simple tools are often the best. Recommends using the tools best suited for the job.
- **Tailor** AUP works best when tailored to the needs defined by the context.

#### Phases

- **Inception** cultivates a shared understanding of the project scope and defines architectural choices.
- **Elaboration** develops the understanding of the system into requirements and validates architectural choices.
- **Construction** occurs until system development is completed.
- **Transition** all testing and system deployment to production.

#### Disciplines

- **Model** Use a model to represent the organization's business approach, the problem domain, and any viable solution to solve the problem.
- **Implement** Code the model( s) into executable code and perform unit testing.
- **Test** Apply additional tests to find defects, validate the system design works, verify the requirements are satisfied, and ensure code quality.
- **Deploy** Plan and deliver the system for end users.
- **Configuration Management** Control all project artifacts, including version tracking and change management.
- **Project Management** Provide project management, including scope, resource, risk and progress management, and coordination of external interfaces, to achieve an on time, on budget completion.
- **Environment** Provide process guidance standards and ensure needed tools are available for the team







### • Alistair Cockburn, 2004

- Family of frameworks
  - based on size & criticality
  - not upward/downward compatible



### Crystal

#### Key Principles

- **Frequent Delivery:** Project owners/customers can expect deliverables from the team(s) every couple of months.
- **Continual Feedback**: The entire project team & stakeholders meets on a regular basis to discuss project activities.
- **Constant Communication**: Teams co-located in the same room/facility. All projects expect to have frequent access to the person(s) defining the requirements.
  - Safety: 1. The safe zone that team members must have to be effective and to communicate truth during the project.
    - 2. Evaluate how software projects affect the safety of their end-users.
- **Focus**: There should be enough time to complete priority items each without interruption.
- **Access to Users:** Project team will have access to one or more users of the system being built.
- Automated Tests and Integration: Controls must be put in place to support versioning, automated testing, and frequent integration of system components.



- Size: number of people involved in the project.
  - and management
- Criticality: the potential for the system to cause damage

Bigger size – more formality to the structure, artifacts

More critical: increase the rigidity of the project needs





#### **Crystal Clear**

#### • Has the fewest defined roles:

- Sponsor
- Senior Designer •
- Programmer
- Roles of *project manager*, *business analyst*, *tester*, etc. are shared among all team members.
- The expected release is every 60 or 90 days
- Minimal documentation (*project milestones*)
# **Crystal Orange**

- Roles:
  - Sponsor •
  - Project Manager
  - **Business Analyst**
  - Architect
  - Senior Designer
  - Programmer
  - Tester
- The expected release is every 90 or 120 days

# Crystal Orange (cont)

# • Specific Deliverables:

- **Requirements Document**
- Release Sequence (Schedule) •
- **Project Schedule**
- Status Reports •
- UI Design Document (*if needed*) •
- **Object Model**
- User Manual
- Test Cases

- UK, 1990,
- DSDM Consortium (manages DSDM framework) versions)
- Mot popular Agile methodology practice in UK
- Developed as an extension for RAD (Rapid **Application Development**)
- One of the *heavier* Agile approaches



# • Principles

- Focus on the business need
- Deliver on time
- Collaborate
- Never compromise quality
- Build incrementally from firm foundations
- Develop iteratively
- Communicate continuously and clearly
- Demonstrate control



- Phases:
  - **Pre Project**: Things that need to occur before the project begins.
  - **Project Lifecycle**: The actual project occurs. This phase is broken into five stages:
    - Feasibility Study
    - Business Study
    - Functional Model Iteration
    - Design and Build Iteration
    - Implementation
  - **Post Project**: Things that need to occur after the project has been completed.



Scaled Agile Framework SAFe



Lean-Agile Leadership



selfish, independent profit centers and thus

The secret is cooperation between components

—W. Edwards Deming



- ART = a team of (cross-functional) teams
- Common cadence
- Agreement inside ART on the meaning of story points

*"Your Customer is whoever consumes your work."* 



- **Program Increment** planning: each 5 iterations ٠
- Prioritization is done based on *Cost of Delay* & *Weighted Shortest Job First* •



**Risk reduction and/or** opportunity enablement



re	Duration	CoD
	1	10
	3	3
	10	1



Modern Agile



Modern Agile is a community for people interested in uncovering better ways of getting awesome results. It leverages wisdom from many industries, is principle driven and framework free. Joshua Kerievsky, CEO, Industrial Logic

#### 2015 – Joshua Kerievsky



Experiment & Learn Rapidly

#### Make People Awesome

#### MODERN AGILE

Deliver Value Continuously

Make Safety a Prerequisite The Heart of Agile

# The "Oath of Non-Allegiance"

"I promise not to exclude from consideration any idea based on its source, but to consider ideas across schools and heritages in order to find the ones that best suit the current situation."





# just master the basics!

Kokoro



## The Heart of Agile

#### 2015 – Alistair Cockburn

heartofagile.com/

Improve

#### Collaborate

#### Deliver

#### Reflect

# Other (*extreme*) Agile practices



#### Woody Zuill



#### Vasco Duarte









# After just 3 sprints



#NoEstimates Whitepaper by Vasco Duarte

# After just 5 sprints

#### Story Points predictive power

The true output: 349,5 SPs completed

The predicted output: 396 SPs completed

The true output: 228 Stories





#NoEstimates Whitepaper by Vasco Duarte

## #NoBacklog



#### Iteration

#### Release

#### Future Releases

"Most backlogs are waste. Estimating backlog items is therefore super-waste. Revisiting backlog estimates are in

# mentally-deranged territory"

## Paul Klipp



#### **AGILE SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT**



#### Kanban part 1

# Kanban

# "signal card"









	Retwork to create success
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Part description	BOLT
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Customer	W001 Raw mat. warehouse
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Bin	СТ09
Quantity	300 PCS
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# • Kanban systems $\subset$ Pull systems

- Systematic way to achieve a sustainable pace of work An approach to introducing process changes that would •
- meet with minimal resistance
- Kanban requires that process policies are defined explicitly
- First virtual Kanban system for software engineering: 2004, Microsoft



- Focus on Quality
- Reduce WIP
- Deliver Often
- Prioritize
- Attack sources of variability to improve predictability Kanban delivers all of them!

Recipe for success




1. Longer lead times seem to be associated with significantly poorer quality! 2. Great amounts of WIP -> Longer lead times

# Conclusion

 Reducing work-in-progress, or shortening the length of an iteration, will have a significant impact on initial quality.



# Frequent releases build trust

- The throughput of a process is constrained by a bottleneck.
- It's unlikely we know where that bottleneck is. (all claim to be completely overloaded)
- When limiting the work-in-progress within => only the bottleneck resources will remain fully loaded.
- The other workers in the value stream will find they have slack capacity.



2004 - developed upgrades & fixed production bugs for about 80 cross-functional IT applications used by Microsoft





An average request took 11 days of engineering!!!

 $\Rightarrow$  More than 90 percent of the lead time was queuing, or other forms of waste.

 $\Rightarrow$  The estimation effort was consuming 33-40% of capacity







### **User Acceptance Test**



The backlog was eliminated entirely on November 22, 2005!

**Conclusions after implementing first** Kanban System

Kanban:

- enables incremental changes
- enables change with reduced political risk
- enables change with minimal resistance
- will reveal opportunities for improvement that do not involve complex changes to engineering methods

Changes can take time to take full effect!

	5 Deploy	3 Test	5 Development	3 Analysis	6 Pending
			Doing Done	Doing Done	
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### Control/Influence

### Requirements prioritization

### Portfolio management



# Analysis Design Coding Testing





# Kanban

is an approach that drives change

by optimizing

your existing process.



### **AGILE SOFTWARE DEVELOP** IENT



## Performance Management in Agile Teams

## Project performance

### **Favorable conditions**

Interesting project Involved customer Mature team



### **CHALLENGES**

Because of ....condition (cause) It will/might happen that ...trigger Leading to ...effect

### **Unfavorable conditions**

Unappealing project Disengaged customer Junior team New technology High-risk domain



## **Types of challenges**



Strategy: mitigation, contingency, transfer



Probability of condition < 100%

Probability of trigger < 100%

Strategy: constant checking

Issues

- Probability of condition = 100%
- Probability of trigger = 100%
- Strategy: solve

### **Constraints**

- Probability of condition = 100%
- Probability of trigger < 100%
- Strategy: adapt

### Approach



### **SYMPTOMS**

How it manifests, what are the main perceivable effects

### CAUSES

What are the most probable root causes for the symptoms

How we may diagnose the nature and severity of the challenge

DIAGNOSTIC

**SOLUTIONS** 

What can be done to address the challenge or remove the cause

Demotivated team members Low Poor story writing skills Poor team collaboration velocity High percentage of juniors **Symptoms** Poor estimation technique/skills Fluctuant Lack of skills complementarity Poor story splitting velocity Poor Definition of Ready Excessive changes Poor Product Ownership Lack of a shared vision Real stakeholders not involved

Inattention to good design

Poor quality Superficial testing Lack of testing scenarios High percentage of juniors Poor Definition of Done

Over commitment



Inattention to good design

Superficial testing Lack of testing scenarios High percentage of juniors Poor Definition of Done

## Low velocity (compared to project complexity)

	Demotivated	Poor story	Poor team	High percentage
	team members	writing skills	collaboration	of juniors
CLASSIFYING	Sometimes an issue or risk, sometimes a constraint	Always an issue	Always an issue	Usually a constraint, sometimes an issue
DIAGNOSING	Face-to-face talking	Check INVEST rules	Apply Gemba (mingle)	Examine team CVs
	Direct observation	Check acceptance criteria	Attend daily standups	Direct observation
SOLVING	Seek for deeper cause	Story writing meetings	Apply value stream mapping	Get external mentoring support
	Align project & team goals	Use business analysis skills	Maintain a stable team core	Replace some team members
ADAPTING	Manage stakeholders expectations	Don't adapt, solve it!	Don't adapt, solve it!	Manage stakeholders expectations



Superficial testing Lack of testing scenarios High percentage of juniors Poor Definition of Done

## Fluctuant velocity

	Poor estimation technique / skills	Lack of skill complementarity	Poor story splitting	Unclear Definition of Ready
CLASSIFYING	Always an issue	Sometimes an issue or risk, sometimes a constraint	Always an issue	Always an issue
DIAGNOSING	Analyze effort / SP Test previous estimations	Analyze effort / team member Look for bottlenecks	Monitor unfinished stories	Monitor sprint plannings Ask team which is the DoR
SOLVING	Review current SP system Move to a different technique	Pair working Knowledge sharing strategy	Apply splitting techniques Adopt a SP threshold	Run a clarification session Review periodically DoR
ADAPTING	Don't adapt, solve it!	Match stories to skills	Don't adapt, solve it!	Don't adapt, solve it!



Superficial testing Lack of testing scenarios High percentage of juniors Poor Definition of Done

## Poor quality of deliverables

	Superficial testing	Lack of testing scenarios	High percentage of juniors	Poor Definition of Done
CLASSIFYING	Always an issue	Always an issue	Usually a constraint, sometimes an issue	Always an issue
DIAGNOSING	Analyze QA effort / SP Monitor escaped defects	Inspect testing practice Examine acceptance criteria ( <i>Given When Then</i> )	Monitor bugs by seniority	Monitor sprint reviews Ask team which is the DoD
SOLVING	Increase test automation Introduce QA metrics	Adopt AC format Include test scenarios in DoD	Implement code review Implement unit testing	Run a clarification session Review periodically DoD
ADAPTING	Don't adapt, solve it!	Don't adapt, solve it!	Create a bug fixing squad Accept workarounds	Don't adapt, solve it!



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Over commitment

## **Over commitement** (constant or frequent)

	Team is pushed by someone/something	Defective sprint planning	Sprint backlog not protected	Internal & external dependencies
CLASSIFYING	Always an issue	Always an issue	Always an issue	Usually an issue, sometimes a constraint
DIAGNOSING	Monitor communication Discuss with informal leaders	Inspect planning practice Examine task allocation	Monitor changes of sprint backlog Daily Scrum/Standup	Monitor for waitings & approvals (process waste)
SOLVING	Coach the pushing person Coach team to commit	Split stories in subtasks Introduce WIP limits in sprint	Coach PO/stakeholders Coach team to discipline	Include dependency in DoR Remove dependency from DoD
ADAPTING	Don't adapt, solve it!	Don't adapt, solve it!	Don't adapt, solve it!	Improve availability of external resources



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### Excessive changes (affecting budget and time)

	Poor product ownership	Lack of a shared vision	Real stakeholders not involved	Inattention to good design
CLASSIFYING	Always an issue	Always an issue	Usually an issue, sometimes a constraint	Always an issue
DIAGNOSING	Inspect project backlog Discuss with stakeholders	Inquire team members Examine PO-team alignment	Monitor decision making process	Create a refactoring backlog Monitor refactoring needs
SOLVING	Coach the PO Get support for PO	Reiterate project goals Create project visual maps	Get real decision makers on board	Get support from architects Create solution architecture
ADAPTING	Don't adapt, solve it!	Don't adapt, solve it!	Implement pseudo dual track (prototype-develop)	Don't adapt, solve it!

## Project governance

### **VISUALIZE THE** WORK



### **LIMIT WORK IN PROGRESS**

### **IMPROVE BY METRICS**

### **ENABLE FEEDBACK**

## **Coordination performance**

