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Agile software Development is a software development methodology that values flexibility, collaboration and customer satisfaction.

Comparative Analysis of Agile Approaches :

Agile methodologies emphasize iterative development, team collaboration and continuous improvement of deliver high quality software.

Scrum :

Framework : Scrum organizes work into fixed-length iterations called sprints. (usually 2-4 weeks)

Key Roles :

Scrum Master : Ensures the team adheres to scrum principles.

Product Owner : Manages the product backlog and prioritizes task.

Development team : Cross functional group responsible for delivering increments.

Application:

1. Ideal for teams working on projects with evolving requirements.
2. Suited for small to medium-sized projects where collaboration and quick adjustments are crucial.

Effectiveness:

- cost: High efficiency reduces waste.
- time: Frequent deliverables ensure rapid value delivery.
- Risks: Early detection of issues minimize long term risks.

Kanban:

Framework: Focus on visualizing workflow using a kanban board with columns representing different work stages.

Key Principles:

- Limit work in progress (WIP)
- Manage flow by identifying bottlenecks
- continuously improve processes.

Flexibility:

- No fixed iterations
- Task move across the board as completed.

Effectiveness:

- Low implementation cost
- Optimized task flow improves productivity
- Transparent workflow aids in early problem identification

Extreme Programming (XP)

Framework: Focuses on engineering practices to improve software quality and responsiveness

Core Practices:

Test driven development (TDD)

Pair Programming

Continuous integration and frequent releases

Application:

→ Effective for high risk projects requiring frequent changes

→ Ideal for small teams with close customer collaboration.

Effectiveness:

- Automation of testing reduces long term cost
- Frequent releases ensure faster value delivery.

Subject / Theme :

Lean Development :

Framework : Derives from lean manufacturing ; focusing on eliminating waste , amplifying learning and delivering value ;

Principles :

Optimize whole process

Build quality

Deliver fast and defer commitment until necessary

Application :

1. Suitable for organizations seeking efficiency in resource utilization

2. works well for teams