Process Capability Exercise

	Now	First Goal	Second Goal
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We have an objective analytical process			
We use some objective numbers, but mostly subjective			
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No process at all			



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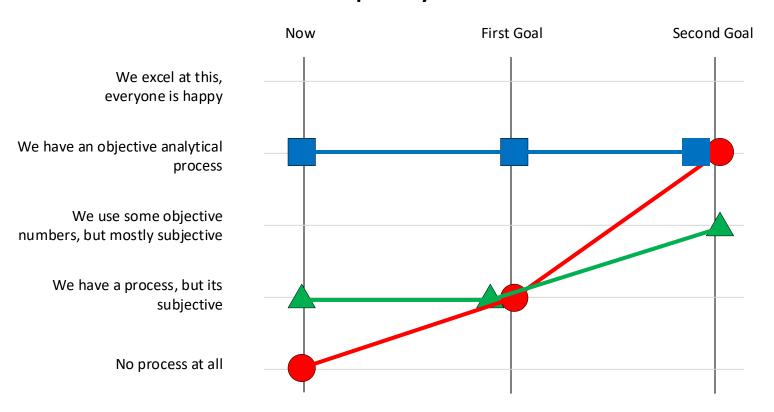
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