Chapter 5

Agile Development

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The Manifesto for Agile Software Development

"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

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more."

Kent Beck et al

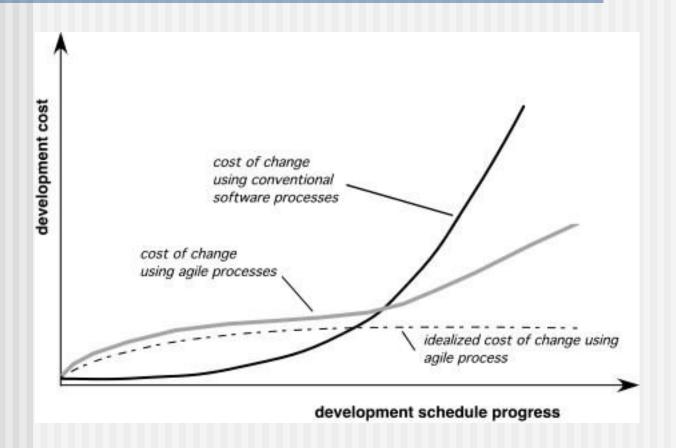
What is "Agility"?

- Effective (rapid and adaptive) response to change
- Effective communication among all stakeholders
- Drawing the customer onto the team
- Organizing a team so that it is in control of the work performed

Yielding ...

Rapid, incremental delivery of software

Agility and the Cost of Change



An Agile Process

- Is driven by customer descriptions of what is required (scenarios)
- Recognizes that plans are short-lived
- Develops software iteratively with a heavy emphasis on construction activities
- Delivers multiple 'software increments'
- Adapts as changes occur

Agility Principles - I

- 1. Our highest priority is to satisfy the customer through early and continuous delivery of valuable software.
- 2. Welcome changing requirements, even late in development. Agile processes harness change for the customer's competitive advantage.
- 3. Deliver working software frequently, from a couple of weeks to a couple of months, with a preference to the shorter timescale.
- 4. Business people and developers must work together daily throughout the project.
- 5. Build projects around motivated individuals. Give them the environment and support they need, and trust them to get the job done.
- 6. The most efficient and effective method of conveying information to and within a development team is face—to—face conversation.

Agility Principles - II

- 7. Working software is the primary measure of progress.
- 8. Agile processes promote sustainable development. The sponsors, developers, and users should be able to maintain a constant pace indefinitely.
- 9. Continuous attention to technical excellence and good design enhances agility.
- 10. Simplicity the art of maximizing the amount of work not done is essential.
- 11. The best architectures, requirements, and designs emerge from self–organizing teams.
- 12. At regular intervals, the team reflects on how to become more effective, then tunes and adjusts its behavior accordingly.

Human Factors

- the process molds to the needs of the people and team, not the other way around
- key traits must exist among the people on an agile team and the team itself:
 - Competence.
 - Common focus.
 - Collaboration.
 - Decision-making ability.
 - Fuzzy problem-solving ability.
 - Mutual trust and respect.
 - Self-organization.

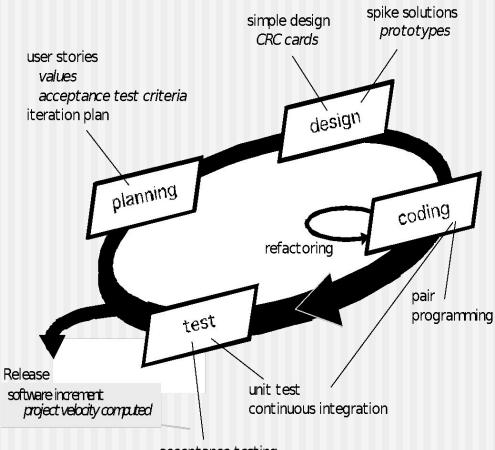
Extreme Programming (XP)

- The most widely used agile process, originally proposed by Kent Beck
- XP Planning
 - Begins with the creation of "user stories"
 - Agile team assesses each story and assigns a cost
 - Stories are grouped to form a deliverable increment
 - A commitment is made on delivery date
 - After the first increment "project velocity" is used to help define subsequent delivery dates for other increments

Extreme Programming (XP)

- XP Design
 - Follows the KIS principle
 - Encourage the use of CRC cards (see Chapter 8)
 - For difficult design problems, suggests the creation of "spike solutions"—a design prototype
 - Encourages "refactoring"—an iterative refinement of the internal program design
- XP Coding
 - Recommends the construction of a unit test for a store before coding commences
 - Encourages "pair programming"
- XP Testing
 - All unit tests are executed daily
 - "Acceptance tests" are defined by the customer and executed to assess customer visible functionality

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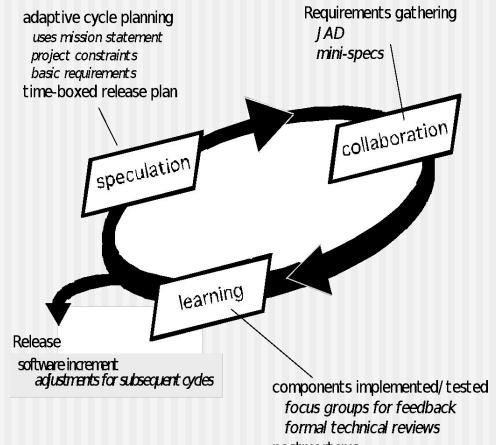


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Adaptive Software Development

- Originally proposed by Jim Highsmith
- ASD distinguishing features
 - Mission-driven planning
 - Component-based focus
 - Uses "time-boxing" (See Chapter 24)
 - Explicit consideration of risks
 - Emphasizes collaboration for requirements gathering
 - Emphasizes "learning" throughout the process

Adaptive Software Development



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Scrum

- Originally proposed by Schwaber and Beedle
- Scrum—distinguishing features
 - Development work is partitioned into "packets"
 - Testing and documentation are on-going as the product is constructed
 - Work occurs in "sprints" and is derived from a "backlog" of existing requirements
 - Meetings are very short and sometimes conducted without chairs
 - "demos" are delivered to the customer with the time-box allocated

Crystal

- Proposed by Cockburn and Highsmith
- Crystal—distinguishing features
 - Actually a family of process models that allow "maneuverability" based on problem characteristics
 - Face-to-face communication is emphasized
 - Suggests the use of "reflection workshops" to review the work habits of the team

Feature Driven Development

- Originally proposed by Peter Coad et al
- FDD—distinguishing features
 - Emphasis is on defining "features"
 - a feature "is a client-valued function that can be implemented in two weeks or less."
 - Uses a feature template
 - <action> the <result> <by | for | of | to> a(n) <object>
 - A features list is created and "plan by feature" is conducted
 - Design and construction merge in FDD

Agile Modeling

- Originally proposed by Scott Ambler
- Suggests a set of agile modeling principles
 - Model with a purpose
 - Use multiple models
 - Travel light
 - Content is more important than representation
 - Know the models and the tools you use to create them
 - Adapt locally