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Introduction

Agile is a set of values and principles. Agile Manifesto

What is Agile Software Development?

- Put the software being developed first
- $\bullet\,$ Acknowledge that user requirements change
- It is agile because it can respond quickly to the users changing needs
- Advocates frequent and regular, software released
 - Users can respond quickly to these releases, changing requirements Thats not what we meant!

Principles of Agile Methods

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Teams Must Be Empowered

- The project team must have sole responsibility to deliver the product
- Any interference with the project team is disruptive and reduces their motivation to deliver
- The team must together
 - Establish and clarify the requirements
 - Prioritise them together
 - Agree to the tasks required to deliver them
 - Estimate the effort involved
- It ensures the buy-in and commitment from the entire project team from the outset
- When challenges arise, the team feels a real sense of ownership

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

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

If you can dodge a wrench you can dodge a requirement

Pareto's Law - 80/20 Rule

- \bullet Typically 80% of your results may actually come from only 20% of your efforts!
 - Try to apply the 80/20 rule, and focus on the important 20% of effort that gets the majority of the results
- The difficult question is can you see initially which 20% is the important 20%?
 - The 20% that will deliver 80% of the results
 - In very many cases, the answer is NO

Fixed Timescale

Time Waits for No-one

- In Agile Development, requirements evolve, but timescales are fixed
- Contrast to traditional development
 - Capture all known requirements
 - Changes are subject to change control
 - Users are told it's much more expensive to change or add requirements during or after the software is built
 - * It becomes imperative to include everything they can think of, everything they ever dreamed of
- Normally
 - Users may actually use only 20% or less of the product
 - Many projects start with a bloated scope
 - * No-one is sure at the outset which 20% they will use
 - It is impossible to think of everything, things change, and things are understood differently
- Agile development assumes that requirements emerge and evolve
 - However much analysis and design you do, you cannot really know what you want until you see and use the software
 - In the time spent analysing and reviewing requirements and designing a solution, external conditions could change

Fixed Budget

- What does business expect from development teams?
 - Deliver and agreed business requirements
 - On time and within budget
 - To an acceptable quality
 - $\ast\,$ In a gile development, it is the scope that is variable, not the cost and time scale
- For this to work, it's imperative to start development with the core, highest priority features
 - Delivered in the earliest iterations
- As a result
 - Business has a fixed budget
 - Based on affordable resources and
 - Can make plans based on a certain launch date

Bare Requirements

Agile Requirements are Barely Sufficient

• Capture requirements at a high level and on a piecemeal basis

- Just in time for reach feature to be developed
- Barely sufficient
 - * The minimum to enable development and testing
 - · Minimise the time spent on anything not part of product
- Understand enough to determine the scope and for high level budgetary estimates
- Captured in collaborative workshops so that all team members understand the requirements
 - Allows everyone to contribute, challenge and understand what's needed and why

User Stories

- Most agile teams represent each requirement as a user story
 - Similar to Use Cases but lightweight and simpler
 - A simple statement about what a user wants to do with a feature
- Should focus on the who, what and why of a feature, **not how**
 - on a job site, two high-level User Stories might be:
 - * As a job seeker, I want to search for a job, so I can advance my career
 - * As a recruiter, I want to post a job vacancy, so I can find a new team member
- The general form can be
 - As a [user role], I want to [goal], so I can [reason]
- At the start of a project, capture an initial list of User Stories up-front
 - Useful for estimating and planning
- Defer capturing the details until the story is prioritised and due to be developed
- Users often tell stories
 - About the failings of their current system
 - How they see things working better in future
 - Capture these stories as User Stories, as they are told
- In traditional development projects, these stories are captured in a lengthy analysis process and available in a lengthy document
 - Not user friendly

Recording User Stories

- Written on postcard size cards in 3 parts
 - Heading
 - * Name/description of the user story, reference numbers, estimated size, etc
 - Conversation (on the front of the card)
 - * Information about the user story + what system is meant to do
 - · A sketch or diagram of the feature
 - · Notes about how it should function

- Confirmation (on the back of the card)
 - * Test cases to help identify scenarios that users, developer and/pr analysts may not have thought of
- Writing User Stories on a card ensures requirements are broken into small manageable pieces of functionality

Agile Requirements are Barely Sufficient

- Cards can be supported by documentation, but keep it to the bare minimum to allow a feature to be developed, and always in very small units.
- Requirements should be broken into tasks of no more than 16 hours or preferably 8 hours, so progress can be measured daily
- All items are deliverables not activities or tasks
 - You can see a deliverable to judge it in quality and completeness
 - A task you cannot

Incremental Design

- As opposed to Fred Brooks *No Silver Bullet* Agile does not follow a top-down design method
 - Top-down design says: time in design is worth it to save cost of re-working the design many times
- Agile design is always the same size as the system
 - "You can't possibly anticipate the problems and alternatives that will arise once you start coding"
- If a new feature comes along that requires major changes then that is the trade-off for the flexibility it allows
 - Perhaps this feature wa not even known at the beginning anyway!
 - Or it might have gone away if we knew of it at the start!

Agile Development Cycle

- The cycle is Analyse, Develop, Test; Analyse Develop, Test
 - Doing each step for each feature, one feature at a time ADT
- Advantages of this approach include;
 - Reduced risk
 - Increased value: delivering some benefits early
 - More flexibility/agility
 - Better cost management
- Each feature must be fully developed, to the extent it can be shipped
- Develop features in priority order

How Frequent is Frequent enough?

- Competitors won't wait
- Speed-to-market a significant competitive edge
- The value of first-mover advantage is enormous
 - Research shows 80% of first to market end up market leaders
- There is no right or wrong answer
 - Decide what's appropriate; stick to a regular release cycle
 - * Allows you to plan
 - * Allows your infrastructure and ops team to plan
 - * Allows your business colleagues to plan
 - * Allows launch events, marketing campaigns, etc to be planned
- BUT Frequent releases of buggy software can really irritate customers

Done Means Done

- Features developed in an iteration, should be 100% complete by the end of the iteration
 - Ideally, each iteration results in a release
- In Agile development, *Done!* means shippable
 - In practice a feature may rely on other features being completed before the product could really be shipped
 - * But the feature on its own merits should be shippable
- \bullet Completing each feature before moving onto the next ensures the system is not in a state where multiple features are 90% complete or untested, as in traditional developments

Working Product at All Times

- Meaning 1
 - A software product should always be in a working state
 - * Not always functionally complete, just that it works and has high quality
- Meaning 2
 - The emphasis is on producing a working product and shipping it
 - Not on producing documentation that might lead to a product
- The best way to get user feedback is to give a product even if it is only work in progress
- Prototypes are better than a document
- Effort spent getting the product back to a working state is a missed opportunity to be doing valuable work

Prototypes

- Prototype solutions to risky problems helps to increase the chance of having a working product
- Prototypes: an inexpensive way to try out ideas so that as many issues as possible are understood before the real implementation
- Two main classes of prototypes
 - The true prototype
 - * Test implementation to understand a problem before it is implemented for real
 - "Tracer bullets"
 - \ast Prototype that is intended to gradually turn into the final solution

Continuous Integration

- An important discipline is to continuously integrate changes
 - Frequent integration helps to ensure the modules will fit together
 - Also that the product continues to work with all the changes
- Developer have the bad habit of checking out a number of files and not checking them in again until their work is done
 - Developers should integrate their work daily
 - This gradual introduction of changes ensures that integration problems or regressions are caught early

Nightly Builds

- Software should be completely rebuilt from scratch daily
 - The result of the build will be an installable product image
- The build should include as many automated tests as possible to catch integration problems early
 - If the build or tests fail, fix the problems first thing
 - Don't let anyone integrate any additional work until after the build succeeds again
 - There is a risk of multiple bad changes accumulating that will jeopardize the quality of the product

Performance

- Don't neglect performance!
 - Performance is a topic that generates passionate discussions in software development
 - Some people feel that code clarity is more important and that you should get the code clarity right first and then optimize the 1% to 3% of code that needs it
 - Others feel that you should code for performance first, because if you don't, your code will always be slow

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Princip Description

System Metaphor in Extreme Programming

- System metaphor is a mental model that everyone shares about the system and it shapes the architecture of the system
 - Frequently misunderstood and neglected part of XP
 - Difficult to find such a metaphor
- Metaphor is something you start using when your mother asks what you are working on and you try to explain her the details
- Use your common sense or find the person on your team who is good at explaining technical things to customers in a way that is easy to understand

XP Planning Game

Stages

- Release Planning: Requirements for long-term release (months)
 - Customers and Developers
- Iteration Planning: Next increment (1-4 weeks work for the team)
 - Only developers

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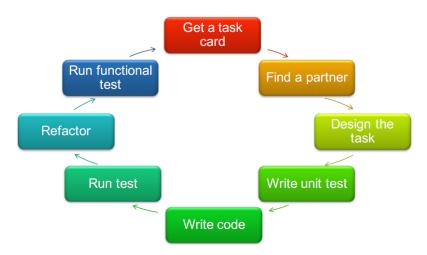
- Customer or user is part of XP team and is responsible for making decisions on requirements
 - User requirements are expressed as scenarios or user stories
- Team read and discuss the stories, and rank them in order of

- Value to customer
- Risk
- Amount of time they think it will take to implement the story; measured as velocity
- Choose scope: customer selects stories with the features to be implemented in the next release based on these estimates

Iteration Planning

- Stories to be implemented in an iteration are chosen
- Development team break them down into implementation tasks
 - Written on task cards
 - These tasks are the basis of schedule estimates
- Programmers then accept tasks and the load is balanced between the team members

Iteration Steering



Pair programming in XP

- Programmers work in pairs, sit together to write every line of code
 - 2 programmers + 1 Computer = atomic unit of XP code development
 - One person at the keyboard, other supporting
 - Pairs are created dynamically
 - Ego-less development

- Informal review process: each line of code is looked at by at least two people
- Productivity is similar to that of two people working independently
- Common ownership of code
 - Individuals are not help responsible for problems with the code
- Collective responsibility for the system
 - Team has collective responsibility for resolving problems
- Spreads knowledge across the team
 - Reduces risk if someone leaves
- Motivates refactoring as the whole team will benefit from it

Testing

Testing in Agile Development

- Testing in Agile Development
 - Testing the software continuously throughout development
- Agile development does not have a separate test phase
- Developers write automated repeatable unit tests
 - Testing done as part of the build
 - Ensures all features are working each time as build is produced
 - * Builds should be regular, at least daily
 - Integration is done as you go too
- These actions keep the software in a releasible condition throughout the development
 - Can be shipped whenever appropriate

Testing in XP

- The XP agile methodology recommends test driven development
 - Writing tests before writing code
- Testing can still be done by professional testers
 - In agile development testing is more quality assurance than purely testing
- Testing is central to XP and XP has developed an approach where the program is tested after every change has been made
- XP testing features:

- Test-first development
- Incremental test development from scenarios
- User involvement in test development and validation
- Automated test harnesses are used to run all component test each time that a new release is built

Test-first development

- Writing tests before code clarifies the requirements to be implemented
- Tests are programs rather than data
 - Executed automatically
 - Usually with a testing framework such as **junit**
- All previous and new tests are run automatically when new functionality is added, thus checking that the new functionality has not introduced errors

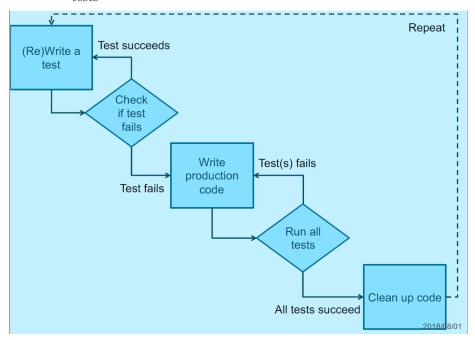
Customer Involvement

- Role of the customer in testing is to help develop acceptance tests for the stories implemented in the next release of the system
- All new code is therefore validated to ensure that it is what the customer needs
- Customers have limited time available
 - Cannot work full-time with the development team
 - May feel that providing requirements was enough of a contribution
 - May be reluctant to get involved in the testing process

XP Testing Difficulties

- Programmers prefer programming to testing
 - Sometimes they take shortcuts when writing tests
 - * For example, they may write incomplete tests that do not check for all possible exceptions that may occur
- Some tests can be very difficult to write incrementally
 - In a complex user interface, it is often difficult to write unit tests for the code that implements the 'display logic' and workflow between screens

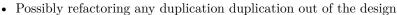
- It is difficult to judge the completeness of a set of tests
 - You may have a lot of system tests but your test set may not provide complete coverage
- What are XP/Agile Programmers testing for?
 - They don't have a detailed spec to test against, so how can they possibly test it?
- Agile testing therefore calls for more judgement from a tester
 - Not just a case of following a test script
 - "testathon" collaborative programmer brainstorm to write software tests

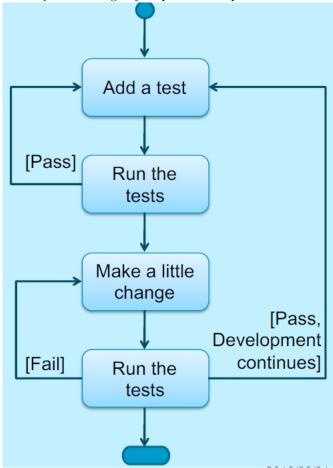


Test First Development

- 1. Quickly add test for new feature
 - Just enough code to fail
- 2. Run your tests
 - The complete test suite or
 - (for speed) a subset, to ensure that new test does in fact fail
- 3. Update the functional code to make it pass the new tests
- 4. Run the tests again
 - If they fail update the functional code and retest

5. Once the tests pass start over

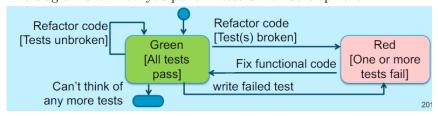




Test Driven Development

- TDD can be described as
 - TDD = TFD + Refactoring
- TDD turns traditional development around
 - Instead of writing functional code first and then your testing code an afterthought
 - $-\,$ You first write your test code before your functional code
- Also you do so in very small steps
 - One test and a small bit of code at a time

- With TDD a developer refuses to write a new function unless there is a test that fails because that function isn't present
 - Refuse to add even a single line of code until a test exists for it
- Once the test is in place do the work required to ensure that the test suite now passes
- Once your code works, refactor it to ensure that it remains of high quality
- The diagram show how you perform test driven development:



The Rules

- 1. Write new code **only** when an automated test fails
- 2. Eliminate any duplication
- Generates complex individual and group behaviour. Some technical implications are:
 - You design organically, with the running code providing feedback between decisions
 - You write your own tests because you can't wait 20 times per day for someone else to write a test
 - Your development environment must provide rapid responses to small changes
 - Your designs must consist of highly cohesive, loosely coupled components
 - * This makes evolution and maintenance of the system easier

Unit Tests

- Implication: developers need to learn how to write effective unit tests
- Experience is that good unit tests
 - Run fast
 - * Have short setups, run times and break downs
 - Run in isolation
 - * You should be able to reorder them
 - Use data to make them easy to read and understand
 - Use real data when they need to

- * Copied of production data
- Represent one step towards your overall goal
- Most programmers don't read the written documentation for a system
 - Instead they prefer to work with the code
- When trying to understand a class or operation most programmers will look for sample code that invokes it
- Unit tests provide a working specification of the functional code
- Unit tests become a significant portion of the technical documentation

Conclusion

• Test-driven development is a development technique where ou must first write a test that fails before you write new functional code

Refactoring

XP and Change

- Conventional wisdom in software engineering is to design for change. It is worth spending time and effort anticipating changes as this reduces costs later in the life cycle.
- XP, however, maintains that this is not worthwhile as changes cannot be reliably anticipated
- Rather, it proposes constant code improvement (refactoring) to make changes easier when they have to be implemented

What is refactoring

- Refactoring is defined as
 - a change made to the internal structure of software to make it easier to understand and cheaper to modify without changing its observable behaviour
- Adding functionality does not change existing code, it only adds new capabilities
 - measure progress by adding tests and getting the tests to work
- Refactoring does not add functionality, you only restructure the code

- don't even add any tests only restructure code
- These software improvements are made before there is an immediate need for them

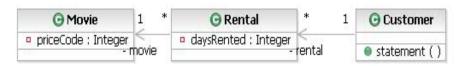
Refactoring when Developing Software

- Try to add a new function
 - (oops) realize this would be much easier if the code were structured differently
- Refactor for a while
 - The code is better structured
- Add the new function
 - get the new function working
 - * it is coded in a way thats awkward to understand
 - * so refactor

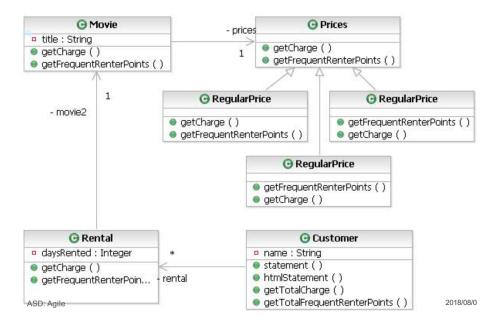
Examples of Refactoring

- Re-organization of a class hierarchy to remove duplicate code
- Tidying up an renaming attributes and methods to make them easier to understand
- The replacement of inline code with calls to methods that have been included in a program libraries

Initial Classes - Video Rental



Refactored Classses Video Rental



Why Refactor

Improves the Design of Software

- Deal with Software rot, decay and loss of structure
- Refactoring is like tidying up the code
 - Regular refactoring helps code retain its shape
 - You refactor code that works but is not ideally structured
- An important aspect of improving design is to eliminate duplicate code
 - Ensure the code says everything once and only once
 - More code <=> harder to modify correctly <=> mode code to understand
 - Change this bit of code here, but the system doesn't do what is expected because you didn't change that bit over there that does much the same thing in a slightly different context
- Changes are easier to make because the code is well-structured and clear

Makes Software Easier to Understand

- Improve the understandability and readability of the software
 - Reduces the need for documentation

- Good programmers write code understandable by human beings
- After code is written it has to be maintained
 - Someone will try to read the code and make changes
 - It matters if it takes a programmer a week to make a change that would have taken an hour if she had understood your code
- When you are trying to get the program to work, you are not thinking about that future developer
 - It takes a change in rhythm to make changes that make code easier to understand
 - Refactoring leads to higher levels of understanding that would otherwise be missed during development

Helps find bugs

- By clarifying the structure of the program you clarify certain assumptions you've made
 - To the point at which even you can't avoid spotting bugs
- Kent Beck often says about himself:
 - I'm not a great programmer; I'm just a good programmer with great habits
- Refactoring helps me to be much more effective at writing robust code

Helps you program faster

- Good design is essential for rapid software development
- Changes take longer as you try to understand the system and find the duplicate code
- New feature need more coding as you patch over a patch that patches a
 patch on the original code base
- Refactoring helps you develop software more rapidly, because it stops the design of the system from decaying
- It can even improve a design

Refactoring Categories

- 1. Composing methods
 - The refactorings serve restructurings at the method level

- 2. Moving features between objects
 - These refactorings support the moving of methods and fields between classes
- 3. Organizing data
 - These refactorings restructure the data organisation
- 4. Simplifying conditional expressions
 - These refactorings simplify conditional expressions
- 5. Making method calls simpler
 - These refactorings simplify method calls
- 6. Dealing with generalization
 - These refactorings help to organise inheritance hierarchies

Refactoring to Patterns

- Refactoring to Patterns is the marriage of refactoring with patterns
 - Patterns == classic solution to recurring design problems
- Use patterns to improve an existing design
 - Better than using patterns early in a new design
- This is compatible with XP's desire to avoid too much upfront design

Conclusion

• The traditional view is that refactoring is a waste of resources

Collaboration with Users

- Agile development relies on close cooperation and collaboration between all team members and stakeholders
 - Keep requirements and documentation lightweight
 - Acknowledge that change is a normal and acceptable reality in software development
 - Required to clarify requirements just-in-time
 - Keep all team members on the same page throughout the development
- You can't do away with a big spec up-front and not have close collaboration

Agile method applicability

- Product development where a software company is developing (mediumsized) product for sale
- Custom system development within an organisation, where there is a clear commitment from the customer to become involved in the development process and where there are not a lot of external rules and regulations that affect the software

Problems with agile methods

- It can be different to keep the interest oc customers who are involved in the process
- Team members may be unsuited to the intense involvement that characterizes agile methods
- Prioritising changes can be difficult where there are multiple stakeholders
- Maintaining simplicity requires extra work
- Contracts may be a problem as with other approaches to iterative development
- Because of their focus on small, tightly-integrated teams, there are problems in scaling agile methods to large systems

Agile methods and software maintenance

- Most organisations spend more on maintaining existing software than they do on new software development
 - So agile methods have to support maintenance as well as original development
- Two key issues
 - Are systems that are developed using an agile approach maintainable, given the emphasis in the development process of minimizing formal documentation?
 - Can agile methods be used effectively for evolving a system in response to customer change requests?
- Problems may arise if original development team cannot be maintained

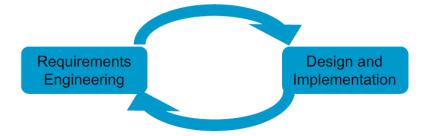
Plan-driven specification and development

- A plan-driven approach to software engineering is based around separate development stages with the outputs to be produced at each of these stages planned in advance
- Not necessarily waterfall model, plan-driven, incremental development is possible
- Iteration occurs within activities



Agile specification and development

- Specification, design, implementation and testing are inter-leaved
- Outputs from the development process are decided through a process of negotiation during the software development process



Architecture Change and Refactoring

- Changes that require architecture refactoring is very expensive
- It is hard to do
- It has consequences for the code and implies code refactoring

Summary - Points to consider

Principles of Agile Methods

- 1. Active user involvement is imperative
- 2. The team must be empowered to make decisions
- 3. Requirements evolve but the timescale is fixed
- 4. Capture requirements at a high level, lightweight and visual
- 5. Develop small, incremental releases and iterate
- 6. Focus on frequent delivery of product
- 7. Complete each feature before moving on to the next
- 8. Apply 80/20 rule
- 9. Testing is integrated throughout the project lifecycle test early and often
- 10. A collaborative & cooperative approach between all stakeholders is essential

Active User Involvement

- Requirements are clearly communicated and understood at the outset
- Requirements are prioritized appropriately, based on the needs of the user and market
- Requirements can be clarified daily with the project team, not from lengthy documents that are not read or are misunderstood
- Emerging requirements can be factored into the development schedule with the impact and trade-off decisions understood
- The right product is delivered
- As iterations are delivered, check they meet user expectations
- The product is more intuitive and easy to use
- The user is seen to be interested in the development
- The user/business sees the commitment of the team
- Developers are accountable, share progress openly every day
- There is complete transparency as there is nothing to hide
- The user shares responsibility for issues arising; it is not a customersupplier relationship but a joint team effort

- Timely decisions can be made about features, priorities, issues, and when the product is ready
- Responsibility is shared; the team is responsible together for the delivery of the product
- When the going gets tough, the whole team business and technical work together!

Fixed Timescale

- No-one knows what the right solution is at the outset
 - Its practically impossible to build the right solution initially
- Traditional project fight change, with change control processes
 - Minimise and resist change wherever possible
- Agile development embraces and expects change
 - The only thing that is certain in life is change
 - Requirements are allowed to evolve, but the timescale is fixed
 - * To include a neq requirement, or to change a requirement, the user must remove a comparable amount of work
 - Assumes there are enough non-mandatory features included in the original time frames

Agile Requirements are Barely Sufficient

- Contrast this to the traditional situation
 - User still has new and changed requirements
 - * Expects the new and existing features to be delivered in the original time frames
- Teams that don't control changes can end up with scope creep
 - One of the most common reasons for projects to fail
- Agile teams accept change and even expect it

Agile Development Cycle

Frequent Delivery

• Agile development is about frequent delivery of products

- Gone are 12 month projects
- a 3-6 month project is strategic
- Consider web
 - Products are released early with basic features
 - In the web 2.0 its perpetual beta
 - * derive some benefits early
 - * get feedback
 - * look at metrics -> find what works/doesn't
 - * before building "everything"

Regular Release Cycle

- Allows you to learn more effectively
- Estimates might be good or bad but they should be consistent
 - Estimate features at a granularity of less than 1 day and track your performance
 - You'll begin to understand your delivery rate
 - You'll be surprised at how predictable you cab be
- Managing expectations is about predictability
 - If people know what to expect, they're generally happy
 - If they don't they're not happy
- Focus on frequent delivery of product
- Even more importantly, focus on consistent delivery

eXtreme Programming (XP)

- 1. Whole Team: remove barrier between customer and the rest of the dev team
- 2. Metaphor: Common analogy for the system
- 3. Planning Game: planing specifies the next step
 - As the project progresses get a better and better picture of what will be accomplished
 - Client expresses goals through user stories overall behaviour of the software
 - Development takes store is and estimates costs
 - Client prioritises stories
- 4. Simple design as simple as the current level of functionality allows. No extraneous complexity allowed
 - When the code becomes too unwieldy its time for refactoring

- Design only extend to the next iterations new features
- Small Releases: XP development teams release tested, working code, very frequently
 - Each iteration 2 weeks the client gets new code
 - Client evaluates it and dictates the next delivery
- 6. Consumer Test The customer develops acceptance tests to see if software meets user stories
 - Tests are automated and used frequently by the developers
- 7. Pair Programming
- 8. Test Driven Development
- 9. Design Improvement refactoring code whenever deficiencies are noticed = improving the design of the existing code
- 10. Collective code ownership: immaterial who wrote the code; anyone can modify it at any time
 - Whoever notices a problem, fixes it
- 11. Continuous Integration: At all times the system compiles, runs and passes all tests
- 12. Sustainable Pace: Same amount of work and effort in every iteration
 - Overtime leads to burnout, mistakes and more burnouts
- 13. Code standard adopt some coding standard that is consistently adhered to

TDD

- Programming technique ensuring that code is thoroughly unit tested if a test fails then progress has been made: you know what to fix
 - Clear measure of success when the test no longer fails
- TDD increases confidence that the system meets the requirements
- Side effect of TDD is you achieve 100% coverage test
 - Every single line of code is tested
 - Not guaranteed with traditional testing
- Does not replace traditional testing: just effective unit testing
- Side effective of TDD: the resulting tests are working examples for invoking the code -> provides a working spec for the code