

Agenda: (50 slides in 50 minutes)

1. Project Management
2. Methodologies
3. Project Management Tools

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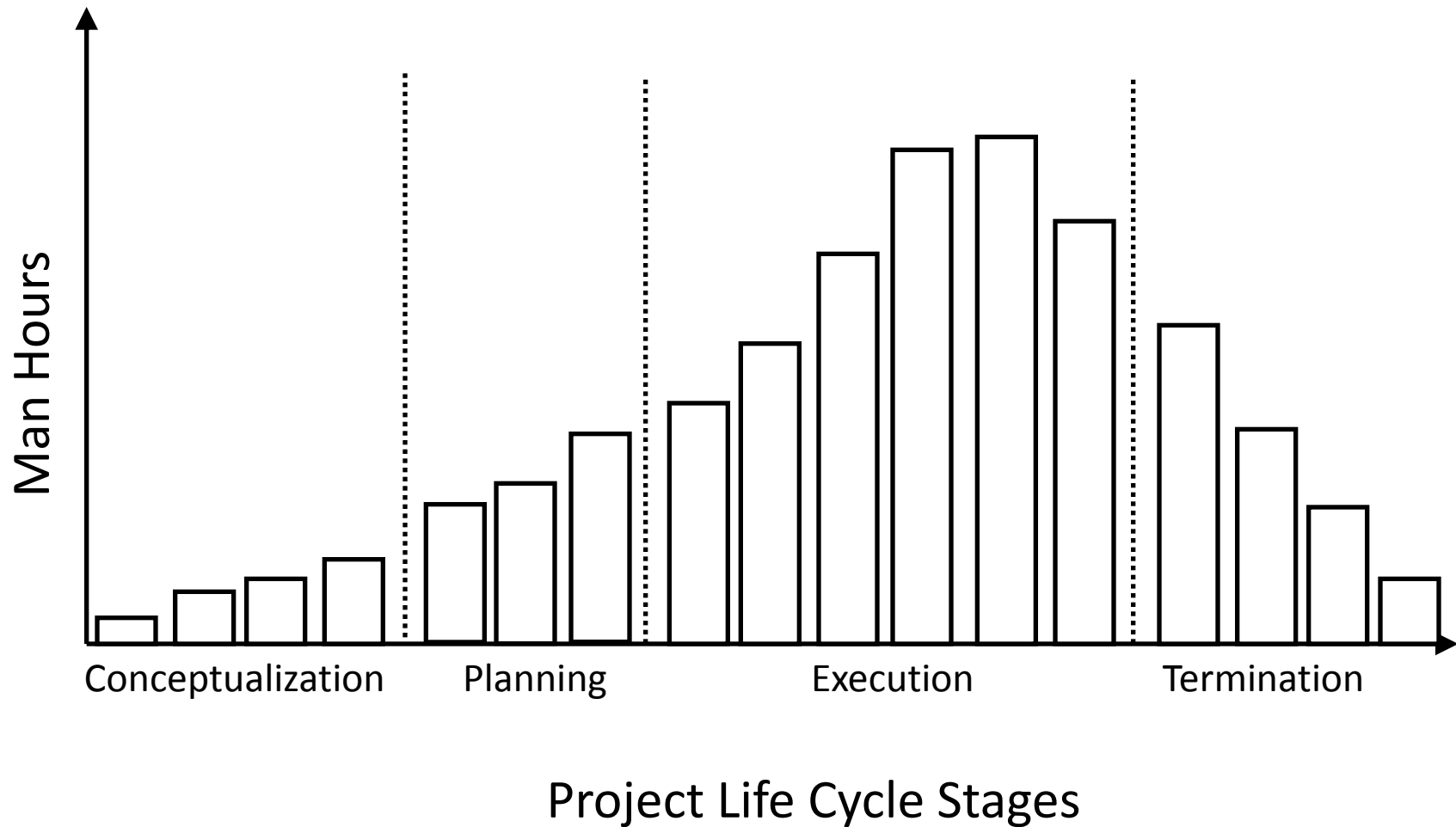
- **How do we as organizations advance and grow?**
  - Through PROJECTS
- **IT Project Failure Rates?**
  - 50%, 65%, 70% ?
  - [Statistics](#)
- **The role of Project Manager**
  - A relatively recent addition to the workforce
    - Outside civil engineering and construction
    - [Jobs](#)
  - A structured, scientific discipline
    - [PMI](#) Certification is a big PLUS
    - Requires solid people skills

- **What is a project?**
  - A series of **tasks**
  - Has a **distinct beginning** and a **distinct end**
  - Goal oriented
  - Bound by **time**, **cost** and **quality**
  - Requires resources (human and material)
  - Solves problems; satisfies needs
  - Stems from a larger strategy/vision
  - Has a **customer** and/or **sponsor** (\$\$)
  - Distinct from a process

- **The project life cycle?**
  - Typical Phases:
    - Inception/Conceptualization
    - Planning
    - Execution
    - Termination

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- **How do we define success**
  - On time
  - On budget
  - Meets objectives
- **Triple Constraint Model**
  - Time, Cost, Scope
- **Quadruple Constraint Model**
  - Add Customer Satisfaction

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- Projects must be delivered within cost
- Projects must be delivered on time
- Projects must meet the agreed scope – no more, no less
- Projects must also meet customer quality requirements



Figure 1. The Triple Constraint



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- **Scope**

- Easily understood as a sum of REQUIREMENTS

“If it can’t do....., I don’t want it.”

“It must be able to .....”

“I want a system that will .....”

What’s IN; What’s OUT

- **What is SCOPE?**
  - Everything about a project
  - The work that must be done
  - The results that will be delivered
  - The solution provided
- **Scope must be managed**
  - Scope → Requirements
  - Projects fail mostly due to unmanaged scope
    - Undefined requirements
    - Poorly defined requirements
    - Shifting requirements

- **Work Breakdown Structure (“WBS”)**
  - A deliverable-oriented grouping of project elements which organizes and defines the total scope of the project
  - “Drill-Down” to tasks
  - Each descending level represents an increasingly detailed definition of a project component
  - A component may be a product or service

## **WBS -- Make pies for Thanksgiving Dinner**

### **Deliverable 1**

WP1

WP2

### **Define Pie Menu**

Interview Mom

Document Menu

1.1

1.2

### **Deliverable 2**

WP1

WP2

WP3

### **Groceries**

Shopping List

Check Inventory

Purchase

2.1

2.2

2.3

### **Deliverable 3**

WP1

WP2

WP3

WP4

### **Crusts**

Measure ingredients

Make Dough

Roll Dough

Install in pie pan

3.1

3.2

3.3

3.4

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## **Deliverable 4**

WP1

## **Filling**

Mix Pumpkin Filling

4.1

WP2

Mix Pecan Filling

4.2

## **Deliverable 5**

WP1

## **Bake**

Place pies in oven

5.1

WP2

Set Timer

5.2

WP3

Bake

5.3

WP4

Remove from oven

5.4

## **Deliverable 6**

WP1

## **Finish**

Set out pies to cool

6.1

- **Successful Project Management**
  - Create a thorough WBS
  - Manage scope/requirements changes
  - Have a plan

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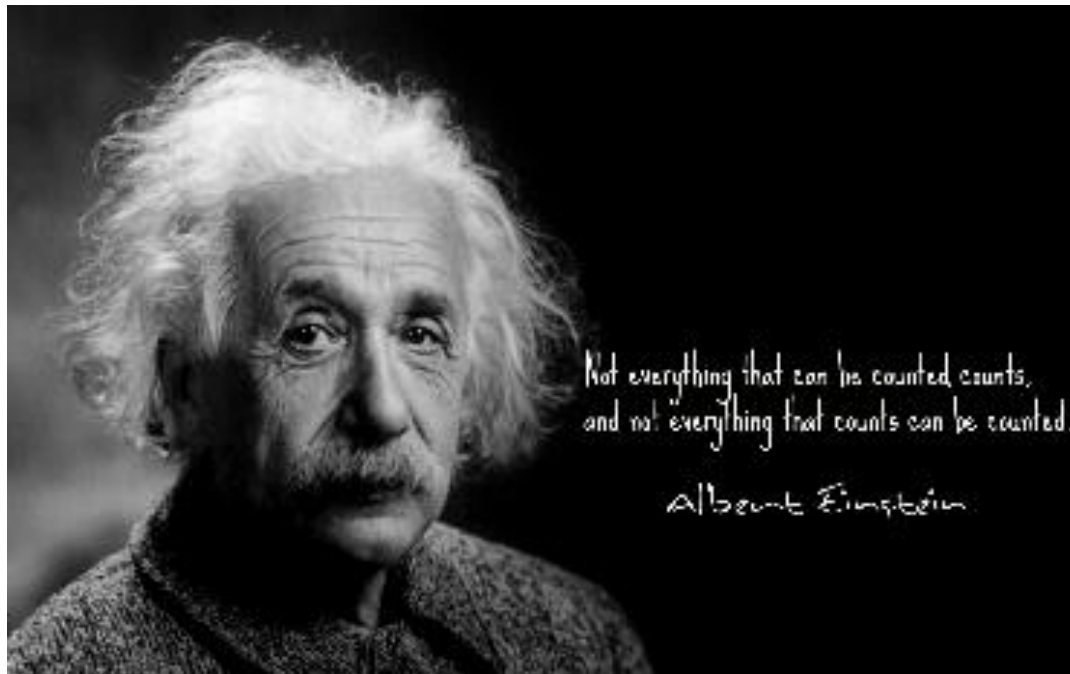
- **Successful Project Management**
  - Measure progress
  - Communicate progress

Remember:

“You cannot manage what you do not measure”

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## **Project Management “Methodologies”**

- “...ology” means “the study of ...”  
biology, mythology, zoology, anthropology, pathology
- In this case, there are many methods of managing projects.
- If we study each method, we can describe this study as  
“project management methodology”
- However, the term has morphed into referring to ***the method*** itself, not so much the study of the method

## **There are many PM Methodologies**

SDLC (system development life cycle)

Waterfall

PMBOK (Project Management Body of Knowledge)

Agile

Iterative

## **We will look at TWO**

SDLC (system development life cycle)

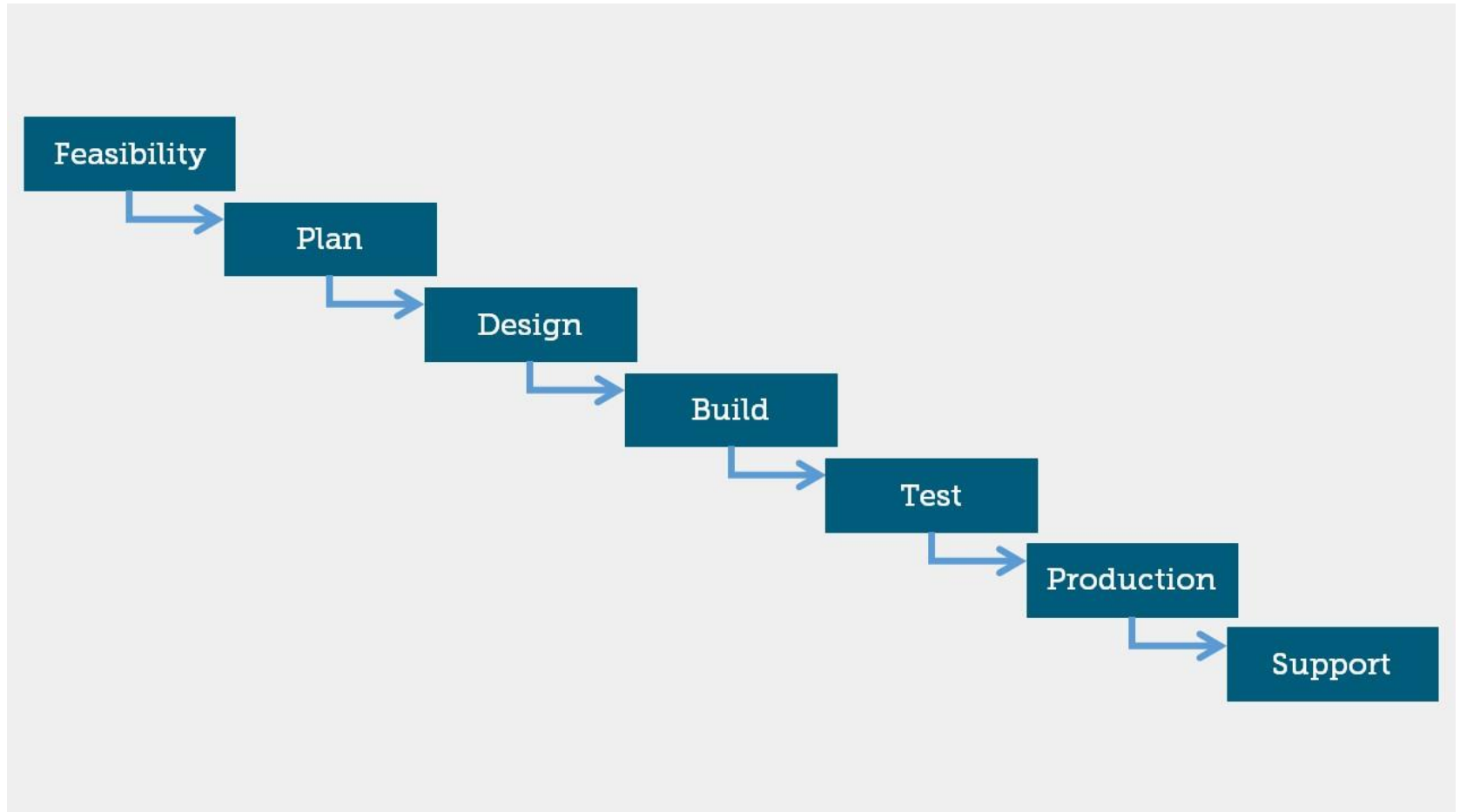
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## Why “waterfall”?



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## **Benefits of Waterfall**

This is precisely why so many IT projects fail, and why software development project managers have embraced AGILE

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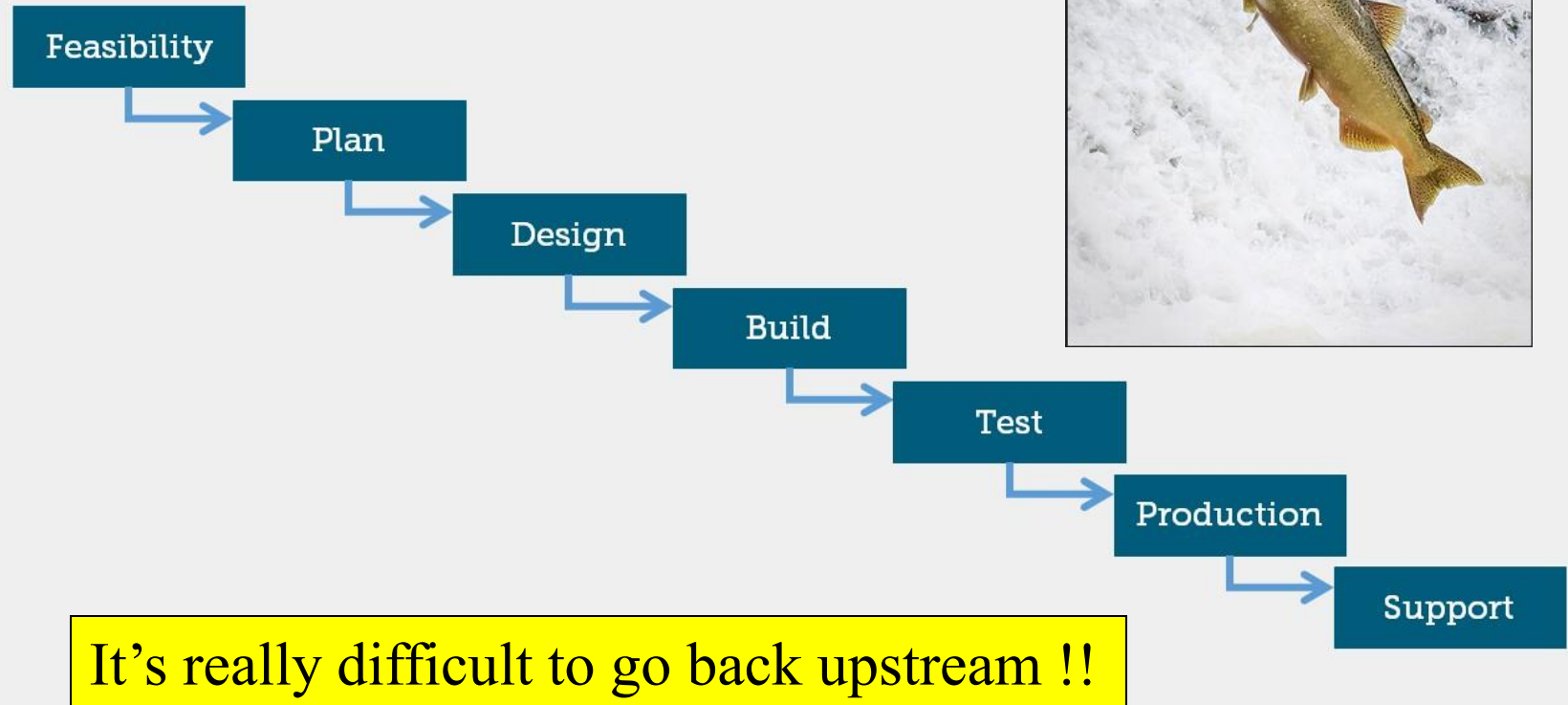
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- The “Waterfall” model



## **The Agile “Manifesto”**

On February 11-13, 2001, at The Lodge at Snowbird ski resort in the Wasatch mountains of Utah, seventeen people met to talk, ski, relax, and try to find common ground.

What emerged was the Agile ‘Software Development’ Manifesto.

<http://agilemanifesto.org/>

## **The Agile “Manifesto”**

- Focused on Software Development Projects

### **The Agile Manifesto:**

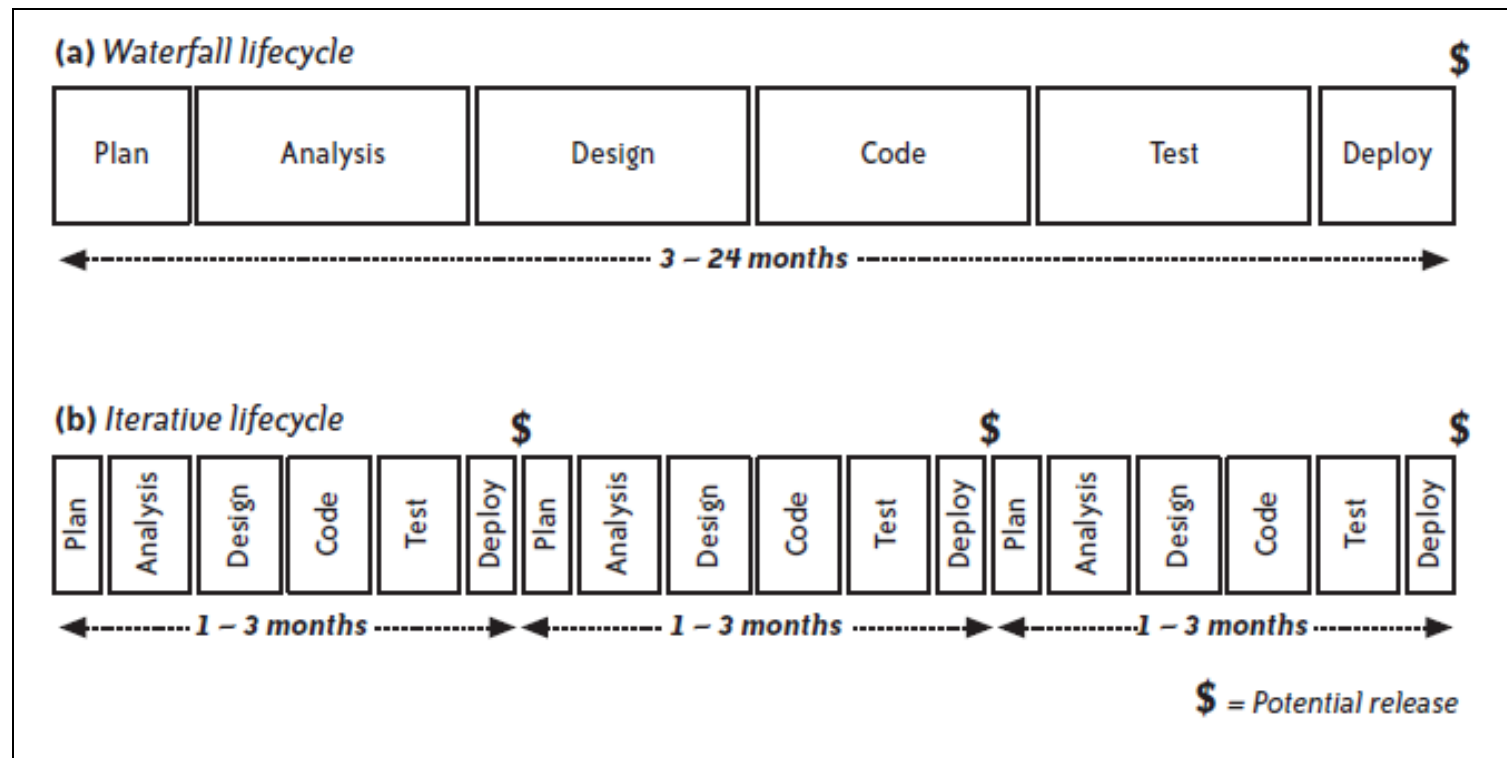
"We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:

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.”

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**Plan the entire project up front  
VS  
Incremental, iterative development cycles**





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## **Traditional**

Design up front

Fixed scope

Deliverables

Freeze design as early as possible

Low uncertainty

Avoid change

Low customer interaction

Conventional project teams

## **Agile**

Continuous design

Flexible scope

Features/requirements

Freeze design as late as possible

High uncertainty

Embrace change

High customer interaction

Self-organized project teams

## **Prototyping**

### **Build it, assess it, modify it, repeat**

1. Continuous integration, verification, and validation of the product.
2. Frequent demonstration of progress to increase the likelihood that the end product will satisfy customer needs.
3. Early detection of defects and problems.

## **Agile Model**

1. Focus on customer value
2. Iterative and incremental delivery
3. Experimentation and adaptation
4. Self-Organization
5. Continuous Improvement

## The “Scrum” Method

- The product is composed of “**Features**” as described by one or more “**User Stories**”  
<https://www.mountangoatsoftware.com/agile/user-stories>
- A feature delivers **functionality** to the customer according to the function described in a user story
- Features and user stories are **prioritized** by their perceived highest value
- Team tackles the highest priorities first
- Priorities of “feature backlog” are re-evaluated after each iteration
- Each “**sprint**” produces fully functional features
- Each feature involves analysis, design, build and test

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## **Roles**

- Product Owner
  - Acts on behalf of the customer
  - Keeper of the feature **backlog**
  - Keeps the team focused on **priority objectives**
  - Final authority on requirements
  - Decides when a feature is complete

## **Roles**

- Team
  - Builds the feature
  - 5–9 people
  - Self-organizing
  - No roles or titles
  - Input to sprint planning

## **Roles**

- Scrum Master
  - Facilitator
  - Resolves issues
  - Keeps team on process
  - More “coach” than “manager”



## **Meetings**

- Built around Sprints
  - A sprint runs a maximum of 4 weeks
  - A sprint team has 5-9 people
- **Daily Scrum**
  - Same time & place, 15 minutes max
  - All Stand
  - Tasks & Blocks on white board
  - Questions
    - What have you done since the last scrum?
    - What will you do before the next scrum?
    - What is blocking you?

## **Scrum Master**

- Does NOT assign daily tasks to team
- The team decides amongst themselves
- Master of the process, not of the team
- At the end of a sprint, team reviews the product/feature
- At the end of a sprint, team reviews the process in a **“retrospective”**

## **Product Backlog**

- Prioritized list of features/requirements
- A prioritized list of work to be accomplished
- Owned by the product owner

## **Sprint backlog**

- List of individual sprints
- Tied to product backlog
- Owned by the team

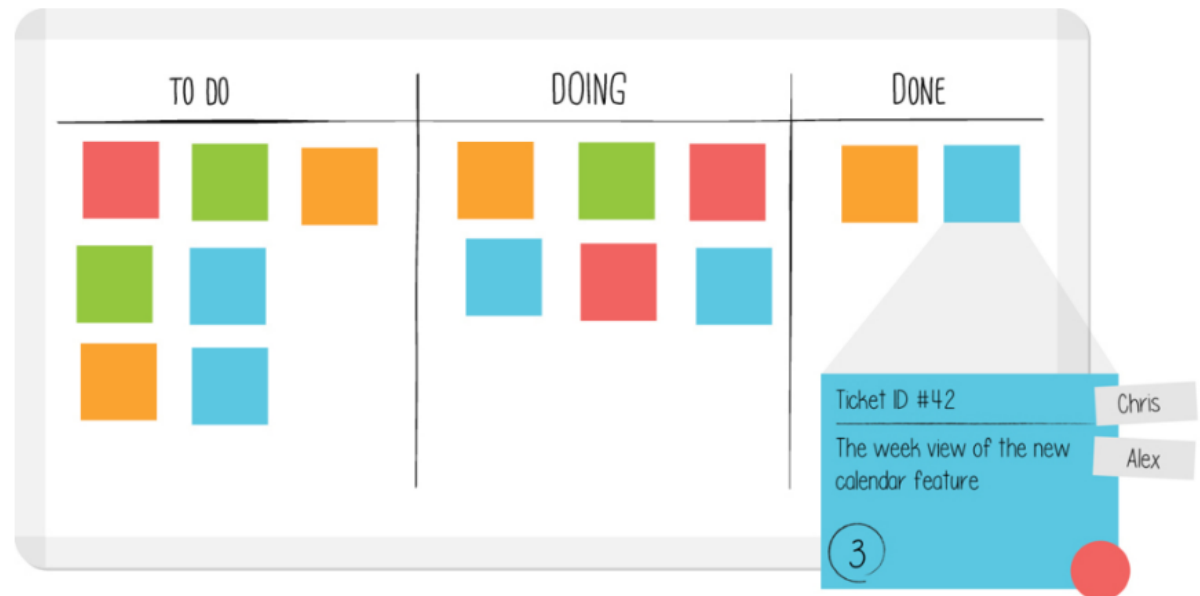
## **Resistance to Agile**

- Agile PM does not satisfy top management's desire for controlling budget, scope and schedule
- Many of the agile principles -- including self-organizing and intense collaboration – may run counter to corporate culture
- Requires a knowledgeable Scrum Master to keep teams focused on proper methods

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## Kanban

- A method for managing work
- Visual, on a board
- Tracking work
  - Planned
  - In-Progress
  - Complete



*A physical Kanban board with a basic, three-step workflow*

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**“The Kanban technique emerged in the late 1940s as Toyota's re-imagined approach to manufacturing and engineering.**

**Line-workers displayed colored kanbans — actual cards — to notify their downstream counterparts that demand existed for parts and assembly work. (Kanban is the Japanese word for "visual signal" or "card.")**

**The system's highly visual nature allowed teams to communicate more easily on what work needed to be done and when.**

**It also standardized cues and refined processes, which helped to reduce waste and maximize value.”**

<https://leankit.com/learn/kanban/kanban-board/>

## Scrum & Kanban

- Both embrace principles of agile development
- Both encourage
  - early and frequent delivery
  - self-organized teams
  - continuous improvement
  - high quality
  - prioritizing of requirements based on business value

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## Why a PM Tool?

- Document “deliverables” (a.k.a. features, requirements)
- Capture the WBS as features/tasks
- Plan the work
- Schedule the work
- Assign work to teams or individuals
- Plan sprints/work packets
- Track and report progress toward completion

## Are you Agile? Your tool must

- support people over process
- facilitate collaboration



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## Creating a Project Plan

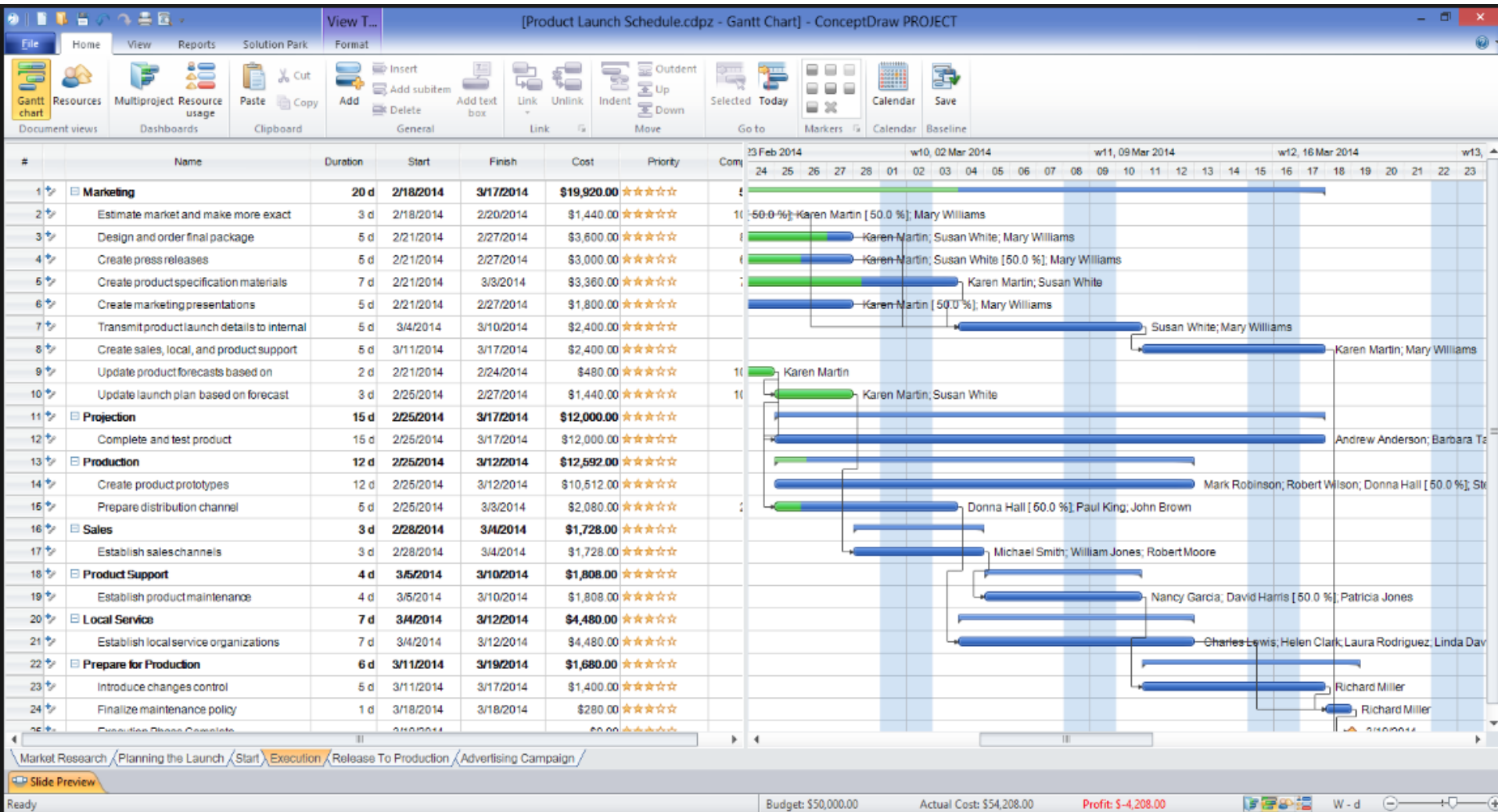
- GANTT chart
  - WBS
  - Predecessors/Successors
  - Resource Assignments
  - Duration
  - Calendar

## Creating a GANTT chart



Henry Gantt

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Some PM tools to look at:

- [Asana](#)
- [Freedcamp](#)
- [Trello](#)
- [Wrike](#)

(there are many more, but most cost \$\$ after a 30-day free trial)

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Going Deeper:

Kanban overview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jf0tlbt9lx0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N3BoLRVXoI0>

Scrum overview:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9TycLR0TqFA>