Technical <u>Debt</u>

- **Definition**: The result of prioritizing speedy delivery over perfect code, leading to the need to refactor later.

- **Origin of the Term**: Coined by Ward Cunningham to explain the need for refactoring resources to non-technical stakeholders.

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- Its the software equivalent of borrowing money to expedite software delivery, with interest paid later through refactoring.

- Technical Debt can feel inevitable when pressure forms due to impending product releases and sprint releases.

- **Consequences of Technical Debt**: Decreases agility as the project matures, leading to higher maintenance costs and potential project delays.

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