Technical Software Product Management

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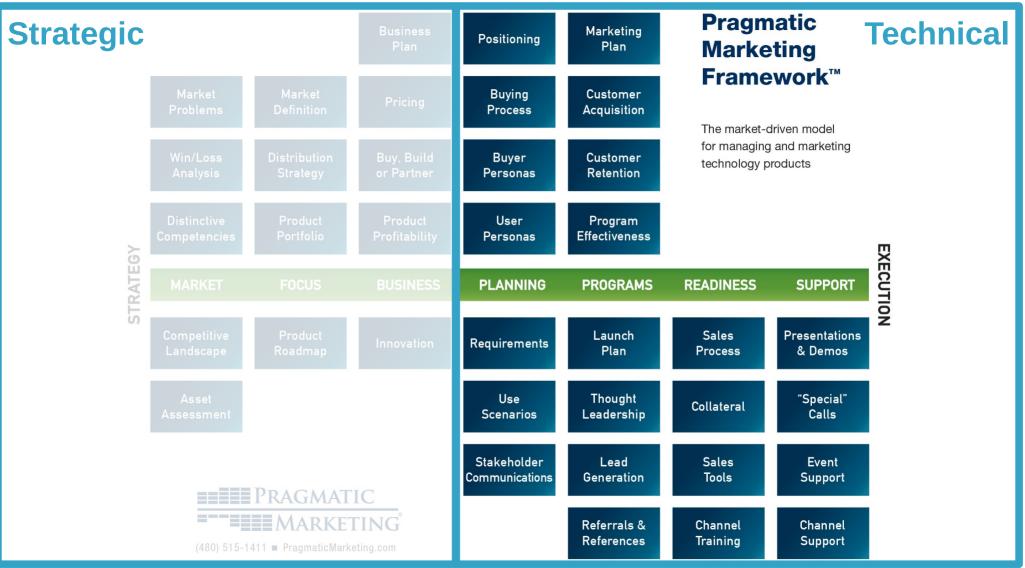
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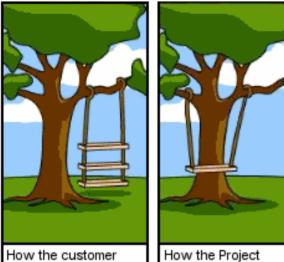


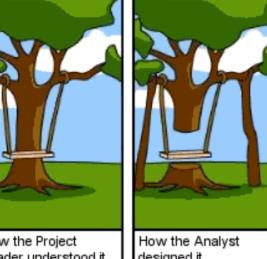
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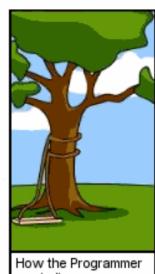
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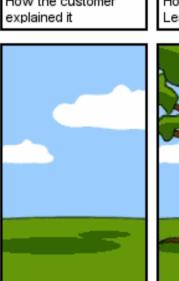
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How it was supported



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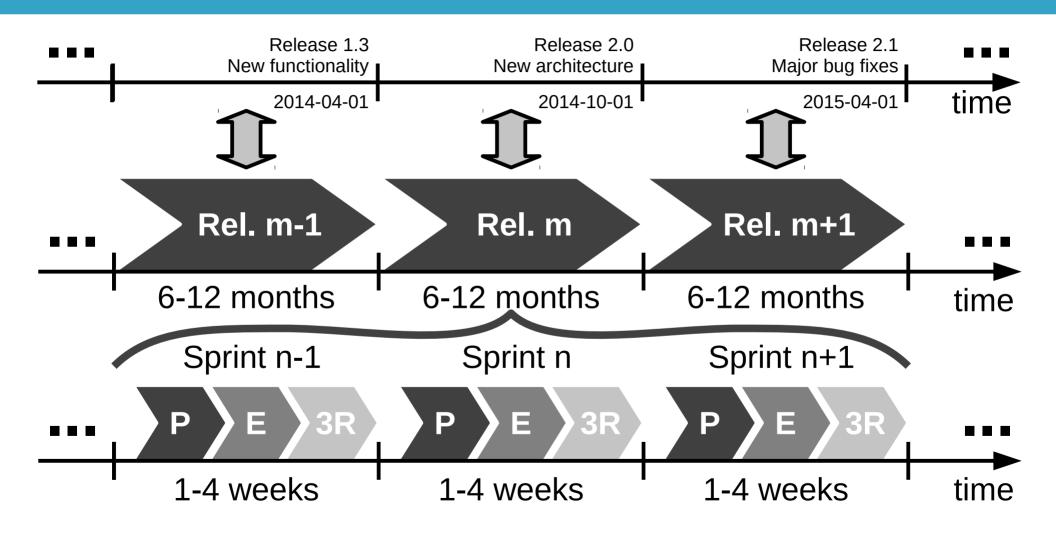
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What the customer really needed

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4	15	Photo Showing and Rating	Show or Hide Photo Caption	As a visitor, I am presented with a photo caption, which I can expand to full photo data		
5	16	System Create Default Administration Admin		As a sysadmin, I can create a default application administrator from the command line	After running the command, a default "admin" account with default password "dingdong" exists and can be used	5
6	17	System Administration	Startup and Shutdown Scripts	As a sysadmin, I can startup and shutdown the service from the command line	Three consecutive startup and shutdown command line invocations leave the system in a consistent state	3
7	18	System Administration	Reboot and Shutdown UI	As a administrator, I can reboot or shutdown the service using a graphical UI	The command is only available to the administrator role and shuts down the system to a clean restartable state	5
8	19	System Administration	Cold Backup and Restore	As a sysadmin, I can backup all data to files and reload it fresh while the system is down, using the command line	Running restore after backup recreates the same identical system	8
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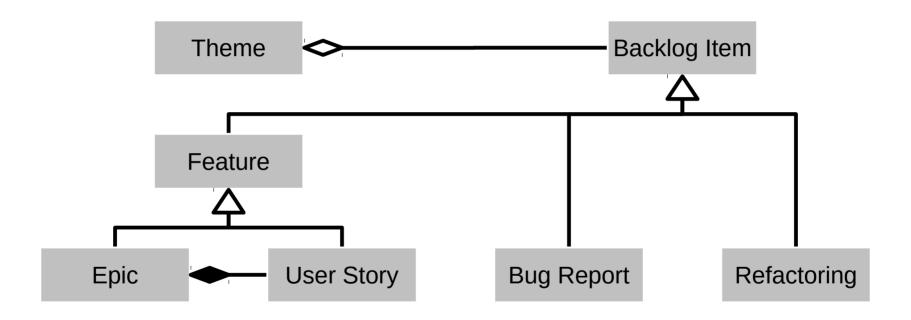
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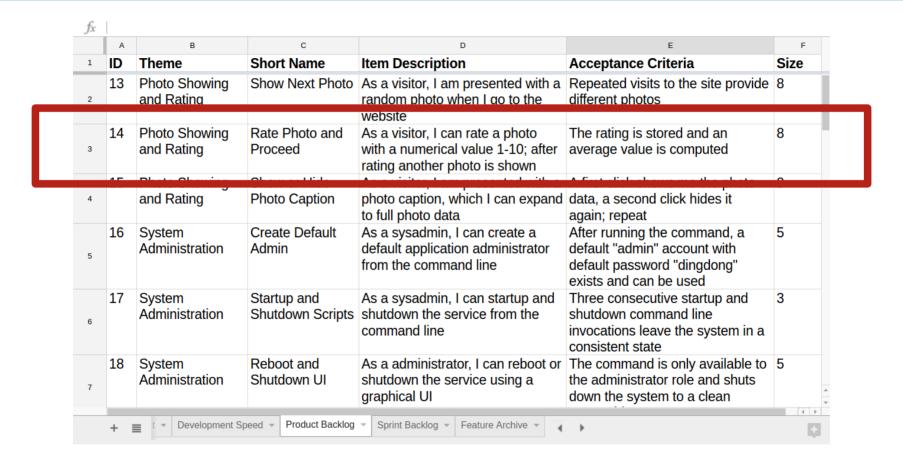
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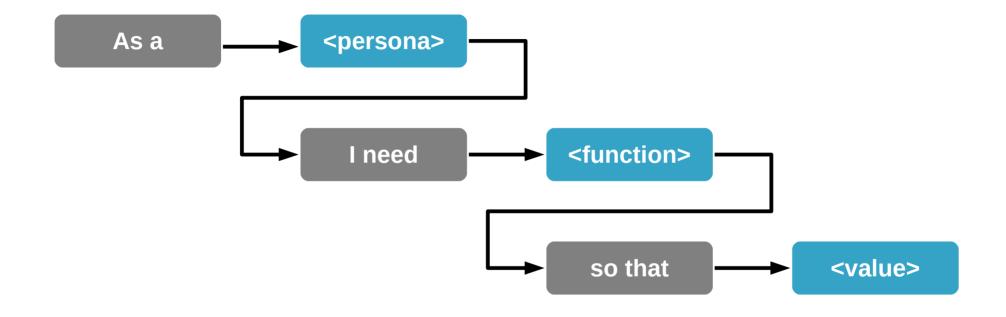
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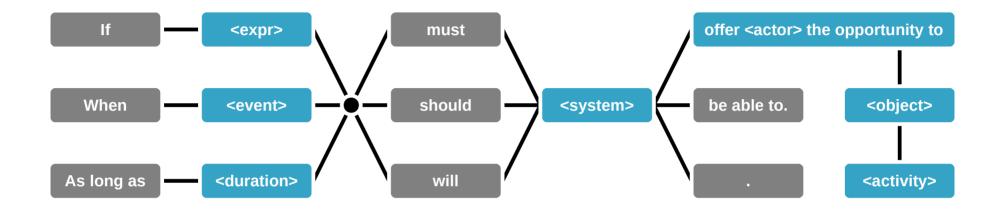
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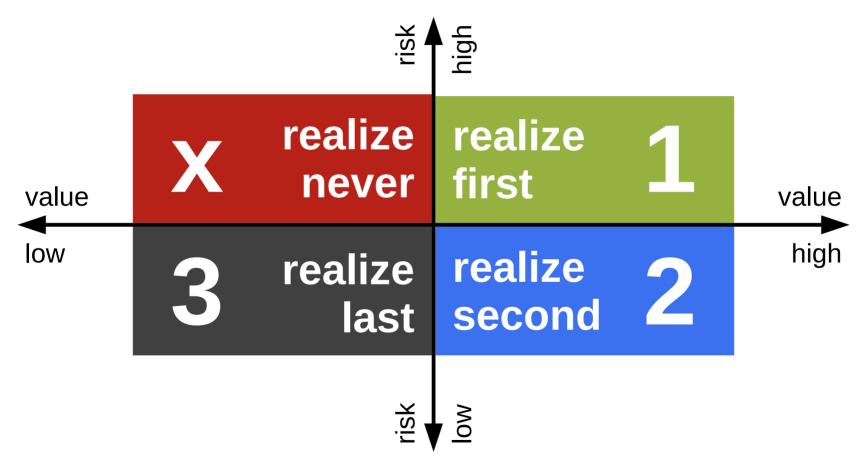
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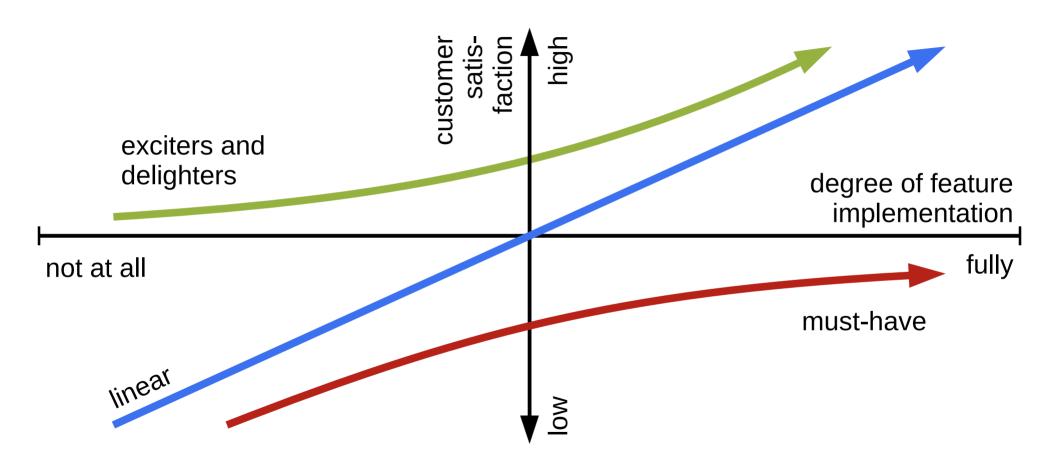
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Thank you! Questions?

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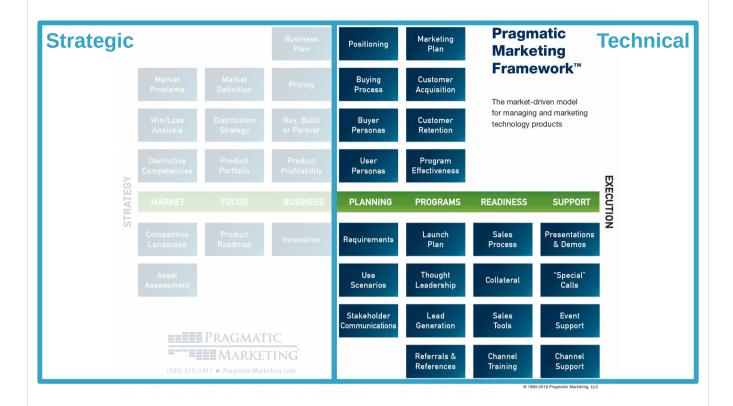
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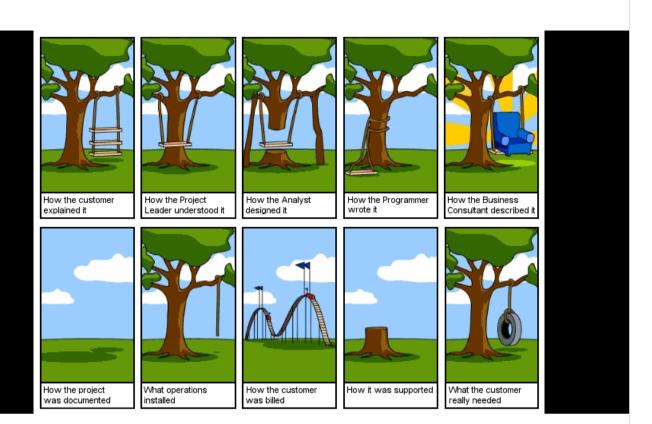
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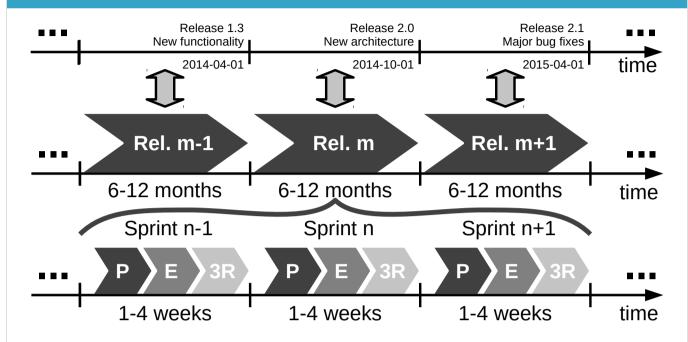


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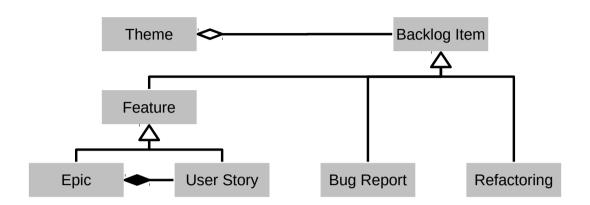
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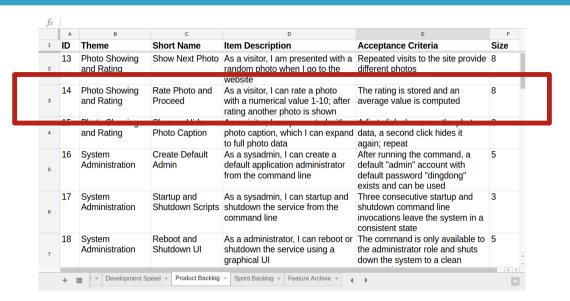
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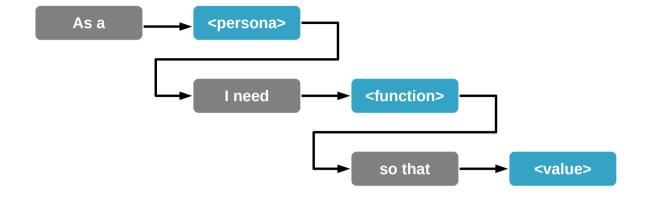


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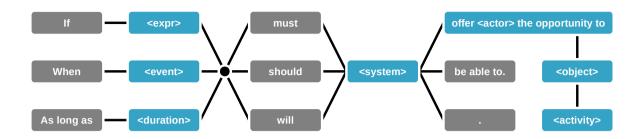
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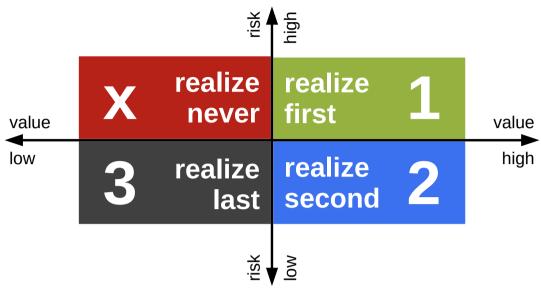
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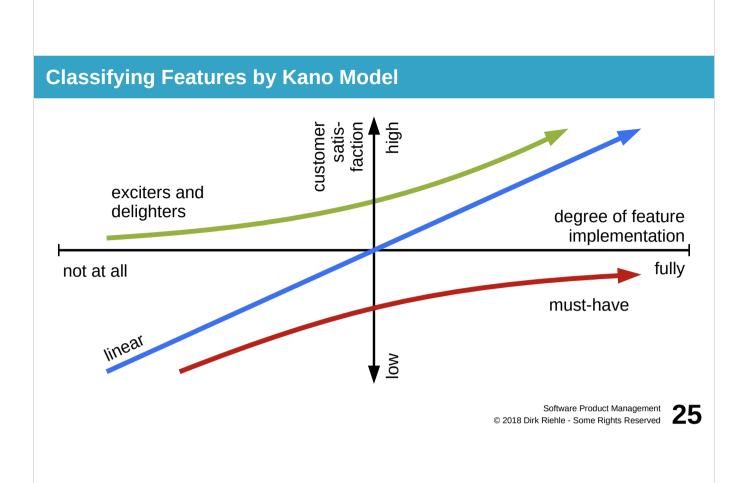
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