



Topic 04:

Agile Development

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AGILITY

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WE'RE GOING TO TRY SOMETHING CALLED AGILE PROGRAMMING.



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THAT WAS YOUR TRAINING.



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
- Rapid, incremental delivery of software

Plan-driven Approach v.s. Agility

[Sommerville]

- For some types of software, such as safety-critical control systems, where a complete analysis of the system is essential, a **plan-driven approach** is the right one.
- In a fast-moving business environment, the requirements are likely to change quickly and unpredictably due to external factors. If using a plan-driven approach, the software may then be out-of-date when it is delivered.

Plan-driven Approach

- Identifies separate stages in the software process with outputs associated with each stage.
- Iteration occurs within activities with formal documents used to communicate between stages of the process
 - ❖ Example: requirements will evolve until a requirements specification is produced, as an input to design and implementation

Agile Approach

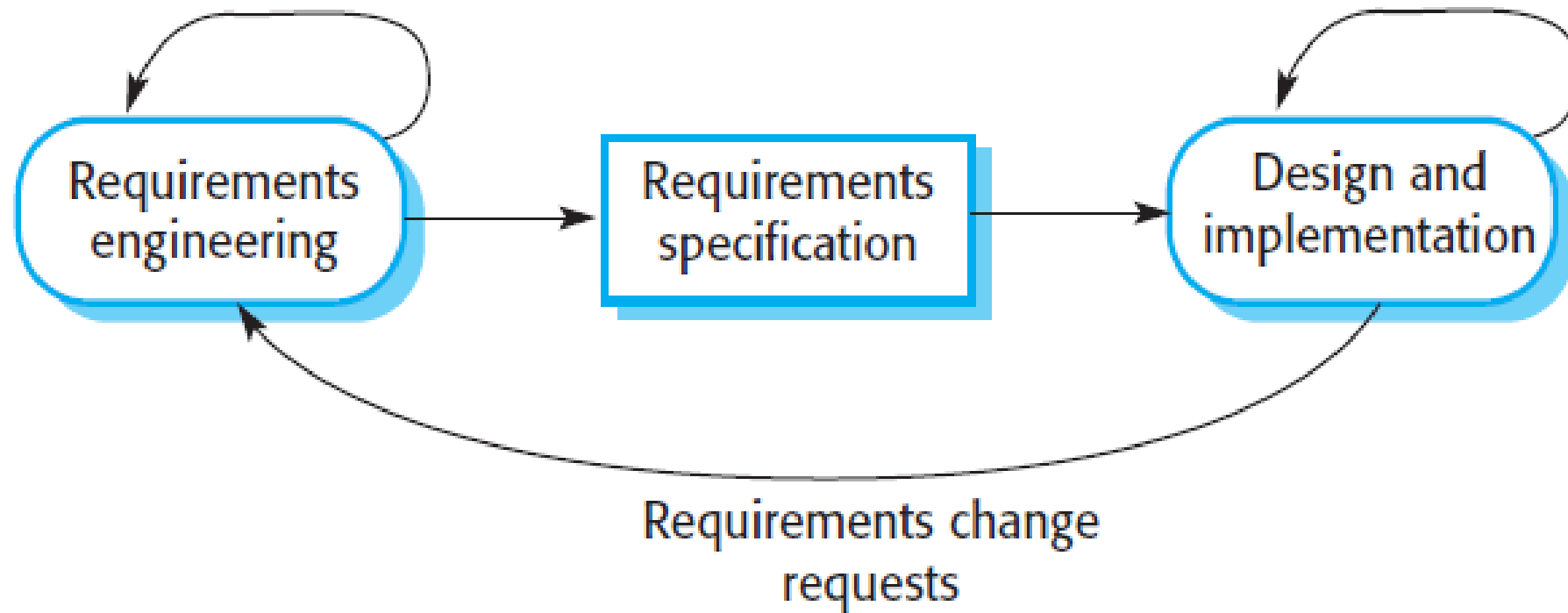
- Consider design and implementation to be the central activities in the software process
 - ❖ Incorporate other activities, such as requirements elicitation and testing, into design and implementation
- Iteration occurs across activities
 - ❖ requirements and design are developed together, rather than separately

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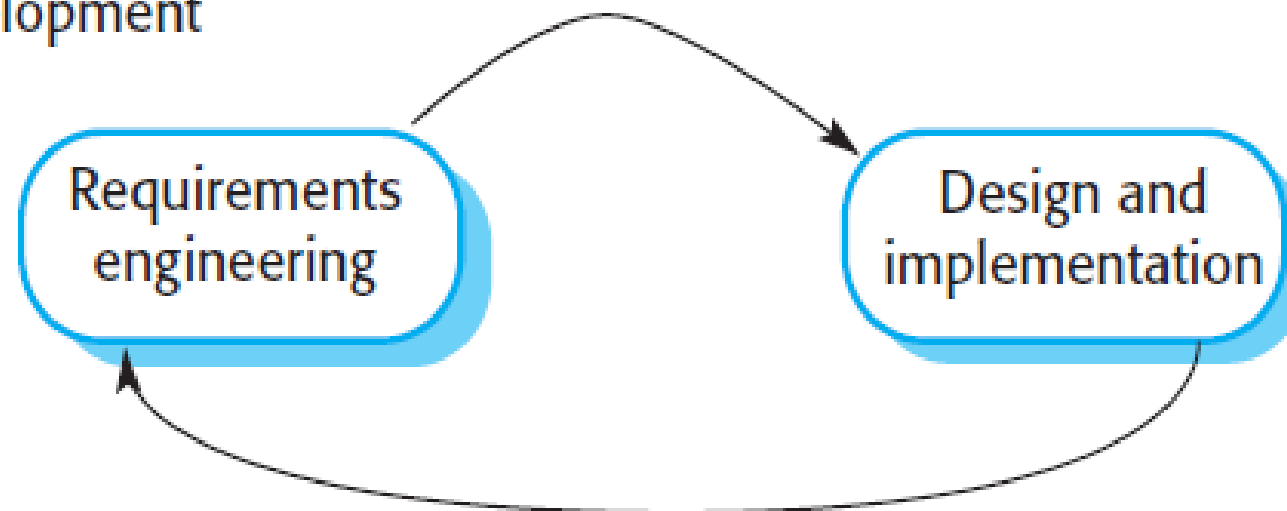
Iteration

Plan-driven Approach v.s. Agility

Plan-based development



Agile development



[Sommerville]

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 change occurs

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.”

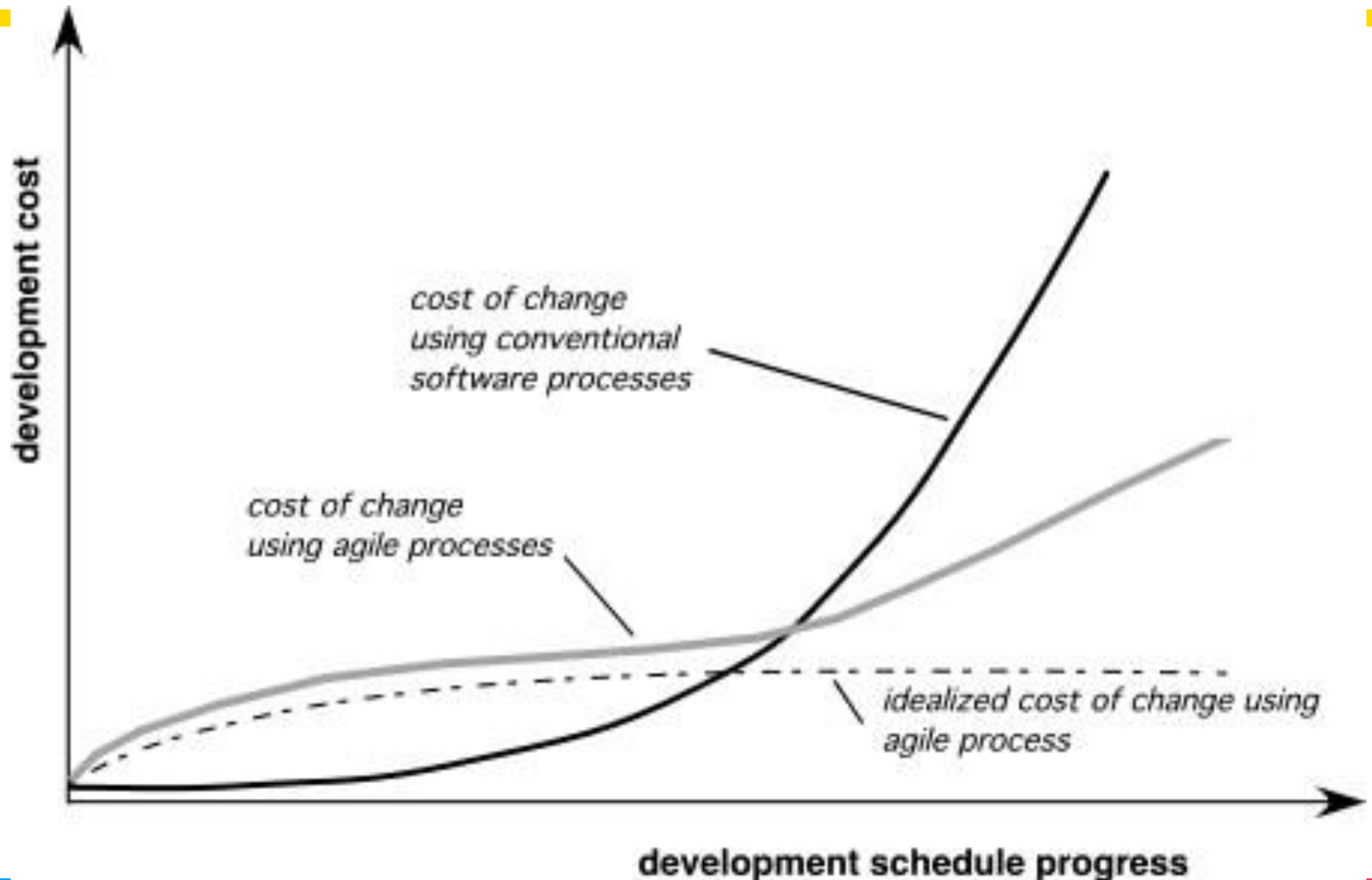
Kent Beck et al

Principles of Agile Methods

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- Customer involvement
 - ❖ Customers should be closely involved throughout the development process.
- Incremental delivery
- People, not process
 - ❖ The skills of the development team should be recognized and exploited
- Embrace change
- Maintain simplicity

Agility and the Cost of Change



Agility Principles

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.

Agility Principles

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.
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.

Agility Principles

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 trait 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

Types of System for Agile Development

[Sommerville]

- small or medium-sized product for sale
- custom system development within an organization
 - ❖ 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

AGILE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS MODELS

Extreme Programming (XP)

The most widely used agile process,
originally proposed by Kent Beck

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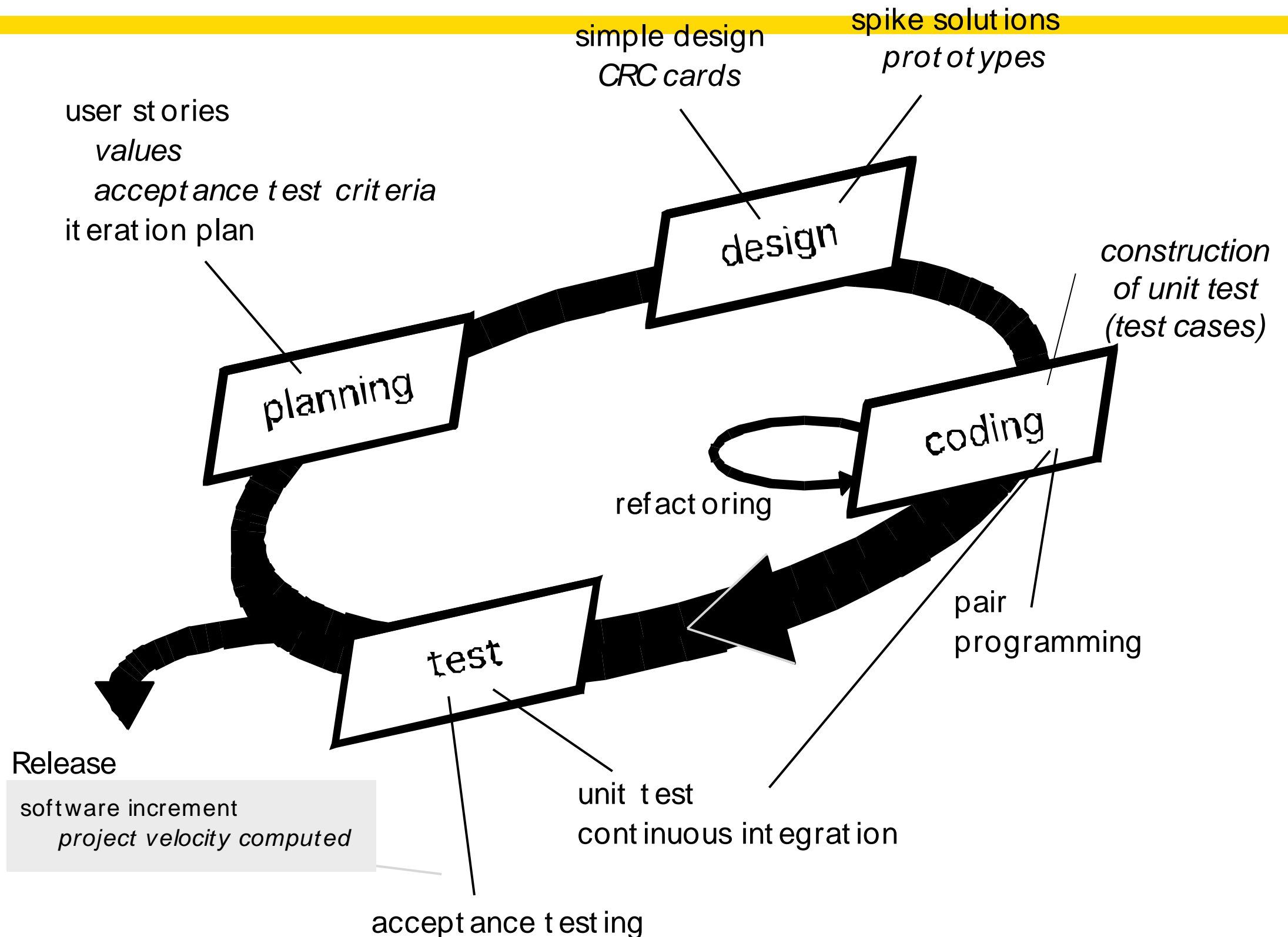


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- XP Planning

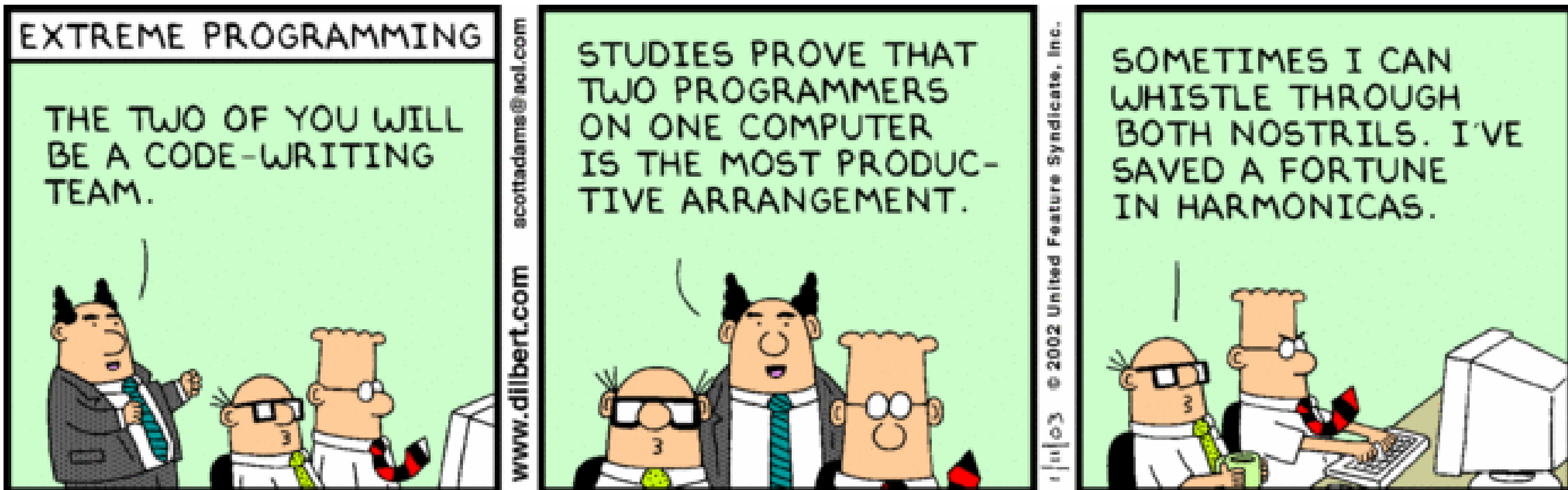
- ❖ Begins with the creation of “*user stories*”
- ❖ Customer assigns a **value** (i.e. priority) for each story
- ❖ Agile team assesses each story and assigns a **cost** (measured in development weeks)
- ❖ Stories are grouped for a **deliverable increment**
- ❖ A **commitment** is made on delivery date
- ❖ After the first increment, “**project velocity**” is used to help define subsequent delivery dates for other increments

Extreme Programming (XP)

- XP Design
 - ❖ Follows the *KISS principle*
 - ❖ Encourage the use of *Class Responsibility Collaboration (CRC) cards*
 - ❖ For difficult design problems, suggests the creation of “*spike solution*” - a design prototype
 - ❖ Encouraging “*refactoring*” - an iterative refinement of the internal program design

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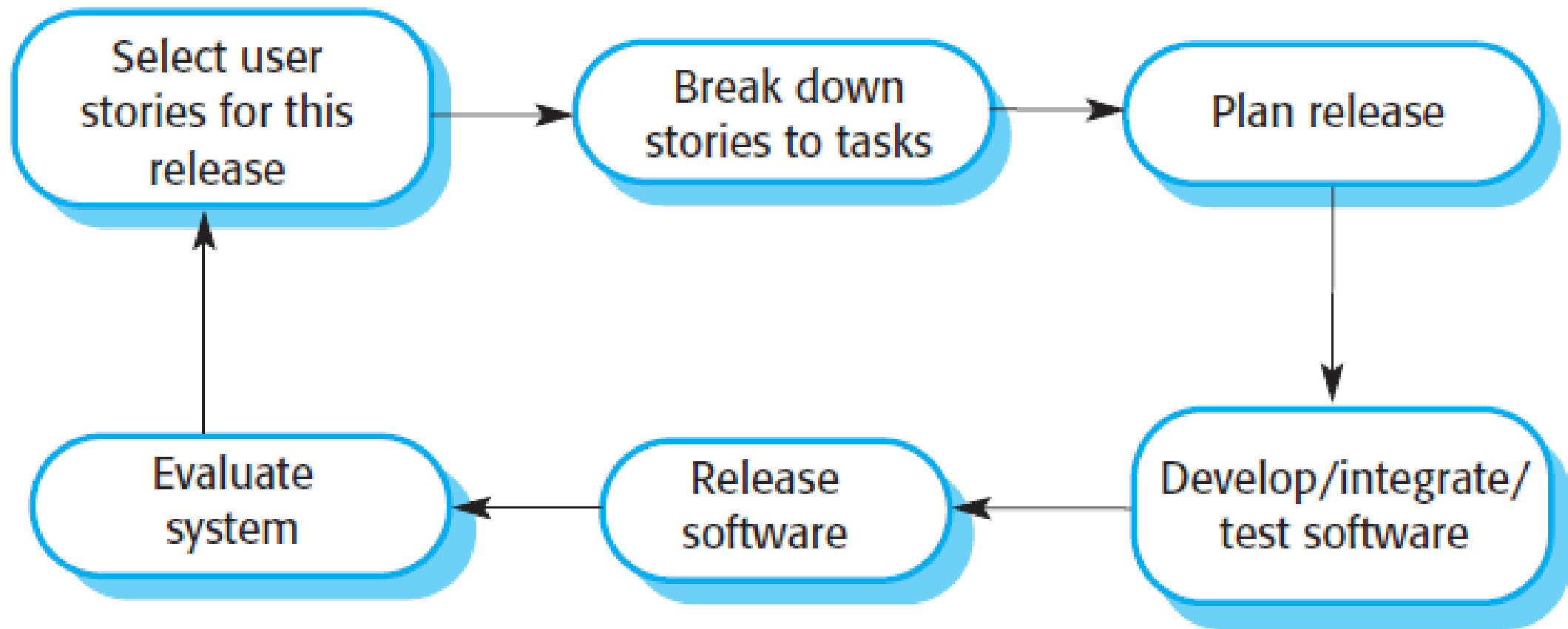


Extreme Programming (XP)

- 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

XP Release Cycle

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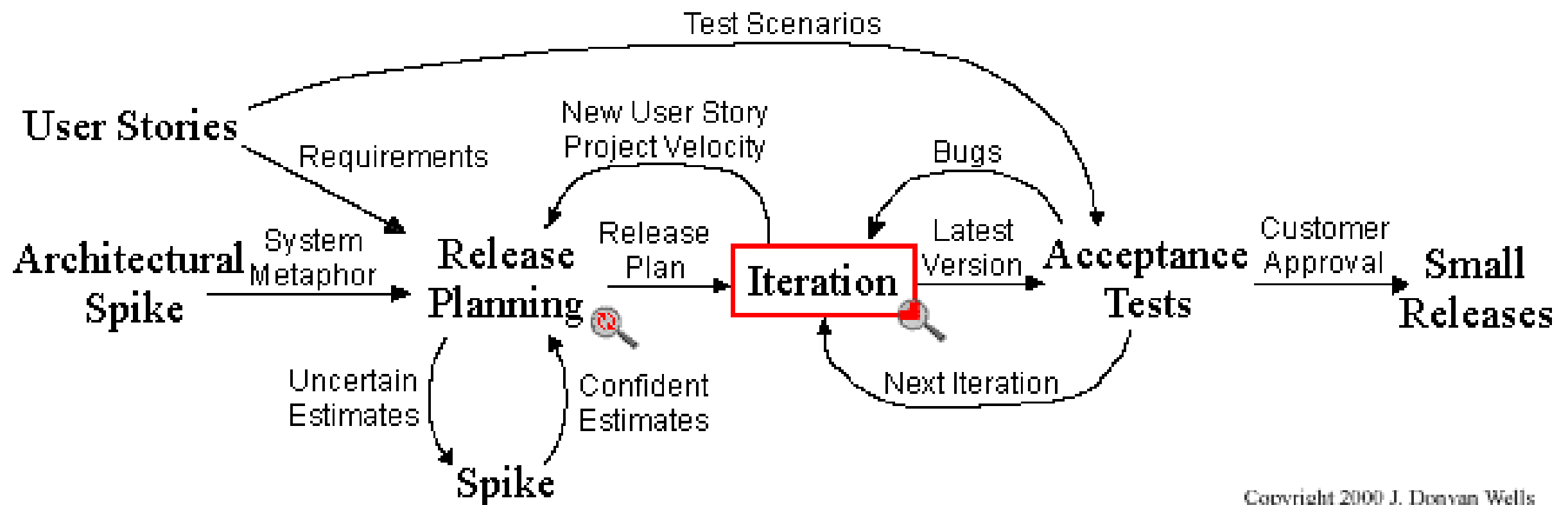


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Extreme Programming Project



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SCRUM

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Scrum in a game of rugby



SCRUM

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

Phases in Scrum

- Outline Planning
 - ❖ establish the general objectives for the project and design the software architecture
- Series of Sprint Cycles
 - ❖ each cycle develops an increment of the system
- Project Closure
 - ❖ wraps up the project, completes required documentation such as system help frames and user manuals and assesses the lessons learned from the project

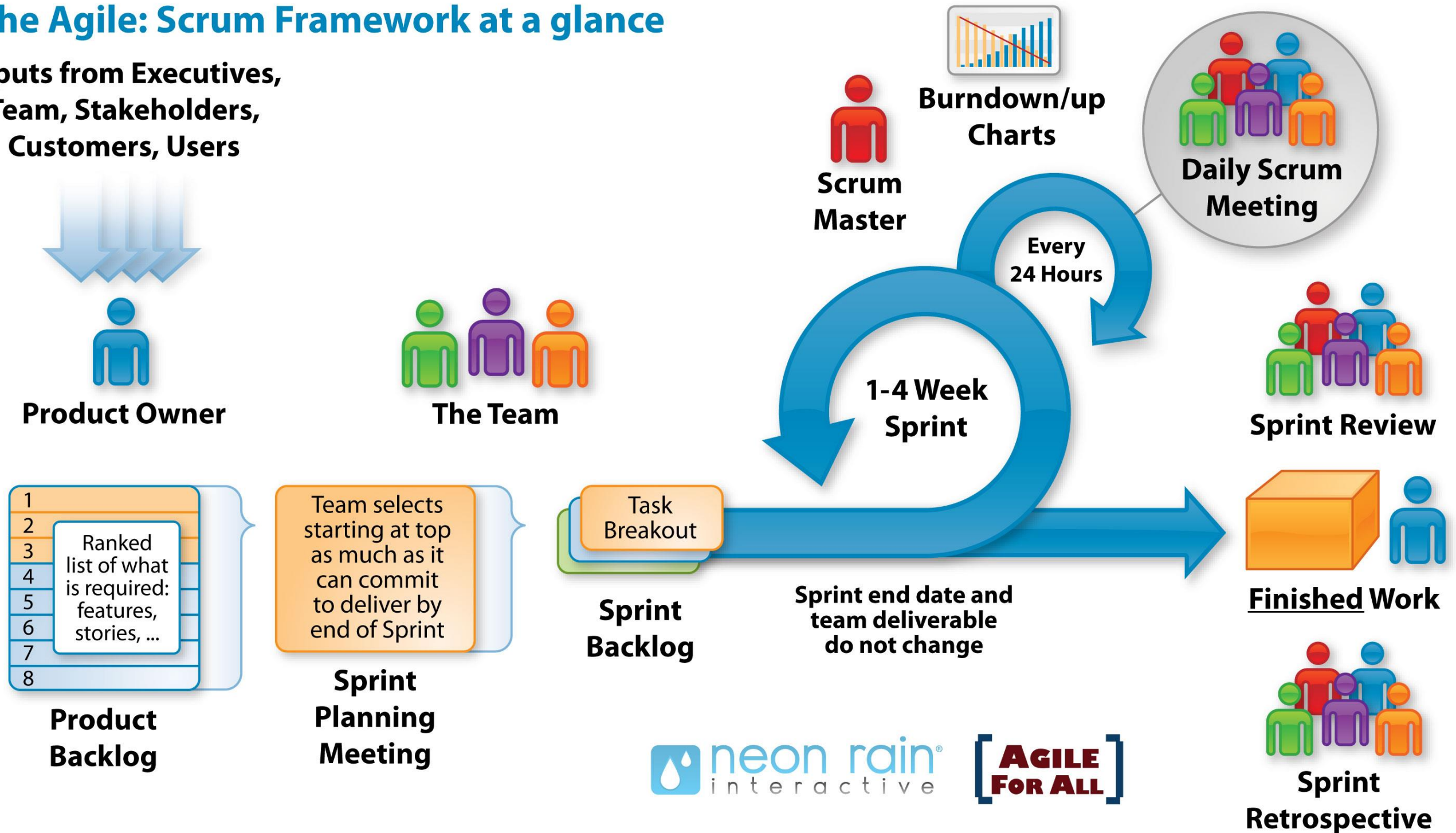
Sprint Cycle

- Sprints are fixed length, normally 2–4 weeks
- The starting point for planning is the product backlog
 - ❖ Assessment phase: backlog is reviewed, priorities and risks are assigned
- Selection
 - ❖ Each project team select features and functionality to be developed during the sprint
- Short daily meetings
- At the end of the sprint, the work done is reviewed and presented to stakeholders. The next sprint cycle then begins.

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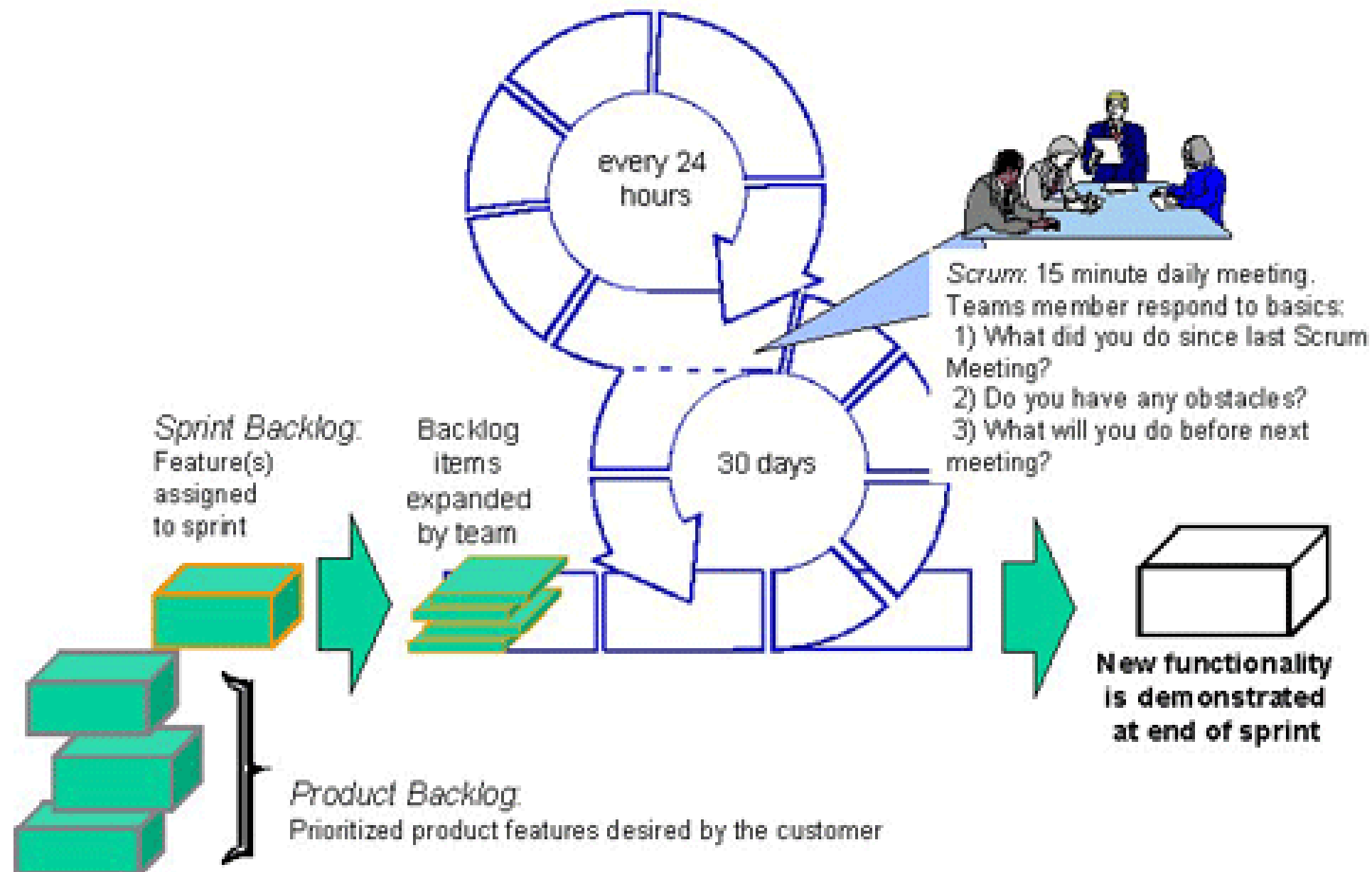
The Agile: Scrum Framework at a glance

Inputs from Executives,
Team, Stakeholders,
Customers, Users



SCRUM

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Other Agile Process Models

- Adaptive Software Development
- Dynamic System Development Method
- Crystal
- Feature Driven Development
- Agile Modeling
- Agile Unified Process

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