

Software Engineering Project

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eXtreme Programming

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- XP is what it says, an **extreme way** of **developing** software
- if a practice is **good**, then do it **all the time**
- if a practice **causes problems** with project agility, then **don't do it**

eXtreme Programming

- Team, 3-10 programmers + 1 customer
- Iteration, tested and directly useful code
- Requirements, user story, written on index cards
- Estimate development time per story, priority on value
- Developer starts with discussion with expert user

eXtreme Programming

- Programmers work in **pairs**
- Unit **tests** passes at each check-in
- **Stand-up** meeting daily: Done? Planned? Hinders?
- Iteration review: Well? Improve?
 - Wall list

XP practices

- Whole Team (Customer Team Member, on-site customer)
- Small releases (Short cycles)
- Continuous Integration
- Test-Driven development (Testing)
- Customer tests (Acceptance Tests, Testing)
- Pair Programming

XP practices

- Collective Code Ownership
- Coding standards
- Sustainable Pace (40-hour week)
- The Planning Game
- Simple Design
- Design Improvement (Refactoring)
- Metaphor

Whole Team

- Everybody involved in the project works together as **ONE team**.
- Everybody on the team works in the **same room** (open workspace)
- One member of this team is the **customer**, or the customer **representative**.

Small Releases

- The software is frequently released and deployed to the customer
- The time for each release is planned ahead and are never allowed to slip. The functionality delivered with the release can however be changed right up to the end
- A typical XP project has a new release every 3 months
- Each release is then divided into 1-2 week iterations

Continuous Integration

- Daily build
 - A **working** new version of the complete software is released internally every night
- Continuous build
 - A new version of the complete software is **built** as soon as some **functionality** is **added, removed, or modified**

Test-Driven Development

- No single line of code is ever written, without first **writing** a **test** that tests it
- All tests are written in a **test framework** such as JUnit so they become fully **automated**

Customer Tests

- The **customer** (or the one representing the customer) writes tests that **verifies** that the program **fulfills** his/her **needs**

Pair Programming

- All program code is written by **two** programmers **working together**; a programming **pair**
- Working in this manner can have a number of **positive effects**:
 - better code quality
 - fun way of working
 - skills spreading
 - ...

Collective Code Ownership

- All programmers are **responsible for all code**
- You can **change any code** you like, and the minute you check in your code **somebody else can change it**
- You should not take **pride** in and **responsibility** for the **quality** of the code you written yourself but rather for the **complete program**

Coding standards

- In order to have a code base that is **readable** and **understandable** by everybody the team should use the same **coding style**

Sustainable Pace

- **Work pace** should be **constant** throughout the project and at such a level that people do **not drain** their energy reserves
- Overtime is not allowed two weeks in a row

Simple design

- Never have a more complex design than is needed for the current state of the implementation
- Make design decisions when you have to, not up front

Design Improvement

- Always try to find ways of **improving** the design
- Since **design** is not made up front it needs **constant attention** in order to not end up with a program looking like a snake pit
- Strive for **minimal, simple, comprehensive** code

Metaphor

- Try to find one or a few **metaphors** for your program
- The metaphors should **aid** in **communicating** design **decisions** and intends
- The most well known software metaphor is the **desktop metaphor**

User Stories

- One or more **sentences** in the **everyday** or **business language**
- **Captures** what a **user** does or **needs** to do as part of his or her job function
- **Quick** way of handling **requirements** without formalized requirement documents
- **Respond** faster to **rapidly changing** real-world **requirements**

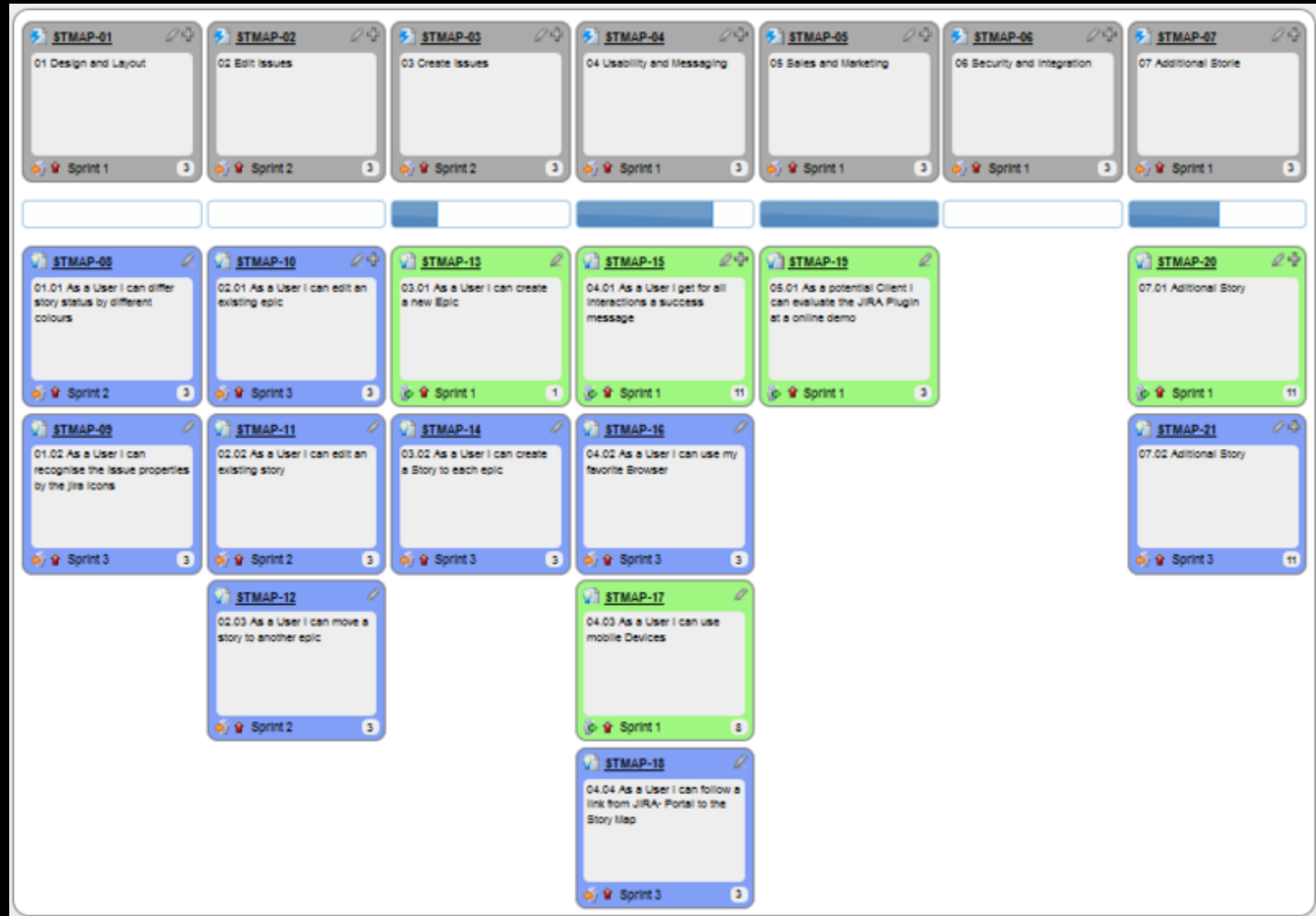
User Stories

- "As a <role>, I want <goal/desire> (so that <benefit>")
- "As <who> <when> <where>, I <what> because <why>."
- "As a *user*, I want to *search for my customers* by their first and last names."
- "As a *user closing the application*, I want to be *prompted to save* if I have made any change in my data since the last save."

Benefits

- Represent **small chunks** of business **value** that can be implemented in a period of days to weeks
- Needing very **little maintenance**
- Allowing projects to be broken into **small increments**
- Being suited to projects where the requirements are volatile or poorly understood. **Iterations** of **discovery** drive the refinement process
- Making it easier to **estimate** development **effort**
- Require **close customer contact** throughout the project so that the most valued parts of the software get implemented

Story Maps



User stories: an example

From *User Stories Applied: For Agile Software Development*

The Project

- South Coast Nautical Supplies sells sailing supplies through a print catalog.
- GPS, clocks, navigation, weather, life rafts, maps, books
- Wants to move the business online
 - but slow start, focused on small ticket items, such as books

Roles

- **Instructor:** Expected to **use** the website **frequently**, often once a week. Through the company's **telephone** sales group, an Instructor frequently **places similar orders** (for example, 20 copies of the same book). **Proficient** with the website but **usually** somewhat **nervous** around **computers**. Interested in getting the **best prices**. Not interested in reviews or other "frills."
- **Experienced Sailor:** **Proficient** with computers. Expected to order **once or twice per quarter**, perhaps more **often** during the **summer**. Knowledgeable about sailing but usually only for local regions. Very **interested** in what **other sailors** say are the best **products** and the best **places** to sail.

Stories for Experienced Sailors

- A user can search for books by author, title, or ISBN
- A user can view detailed information on a book. For example, number of pages, publication date, and a brief description
- A user can put books into a “shopping cart” and buy them when she is done shopping
- A user can remove books from her cart before completing an order

Stories for Experienced Sailors

- To **buy** a book the user enters her **billing address**, the **shipping address** and **credit card** information
- A user can **rate** and **review** books
- A user can establish an **account** that **remembers shipping** and **billing** information
- A user can **edit** her **account** information (credit card, shipping address, billing address and so on)
- A user can put books into a "**wish list**" that is **visible** to **other** site visitors

Stories for Instructors

- A user can view a **history** of all of his past orders.
- A user can easily **re-purchase** items when viewing past orders.
- The site always tells a shopper what the **last 3 (?) items** she **viewed** are and provides links back to them
 - this works even **between sessions**

Assessment

- “A user can search for books by author, title **or** ISBN number”
 - what does that mean? **Either** or, or any possible **combination**?
- Fix!
 - “A user can do a basic simple search that searches for a word or phrase in **both** the author and title fields”
 - “A user can search for books by entering values in **any combination** of author, title and ISBN”

Product vision

Why should you have a product vision?

- It describes the application in general terms
 - including descriptions of the target market, the system users, and the application features
- It assures that everyone is working toward a single objective
- It identifies common goals – a shared gestalt.

What should it contain?

- It captures **needs, features**, and other common **requirements**
- It defines problem and the solution on a **high abstraction** level
- It serves as **basis** for **discussion**
 - marketing
 - the development
 - management

What should it contain (cont'd)?

- It captures the **essence** of the product
 - short, abstract, readable, and manageable form.
- It is a **concise** description of **everything** you consider **important**
 - **plain** language
 - level of detail that stakeholders **understand**

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Form

- For <target customer>
- Who <statement of the need or opportunity>
- The <product name> is a <product category>
- That <key benefit, compelling reason to buy>
- Unlike <primary competitive alternative>
- Our product <statement of primary differentiation>

Qualities

- Clear and stable
- Broad and engaging
- Short and sweet

Week 3

- **Monday:** Source code management (with Git)
- **Wednesday:** Supervision
- **Friday:** Android development
- **Sunday:** First release (repo + some code)