# **Software Technology 04**



Agile Methodologies



- Agile is not new (Scrum 1995, XP 1996)
- Agile Manifesto (2001)
  - Individuals and Interactions over processes and tools
  - Working Software over comprehensive documentation
  - Customer Collaboration over contract negotiation
  - Responding to Change over following a plan



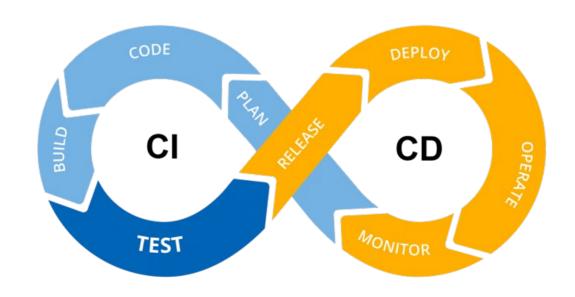


#### We go for

- Flexible process
- Adaptive planning
- Fast response, short feedback loop

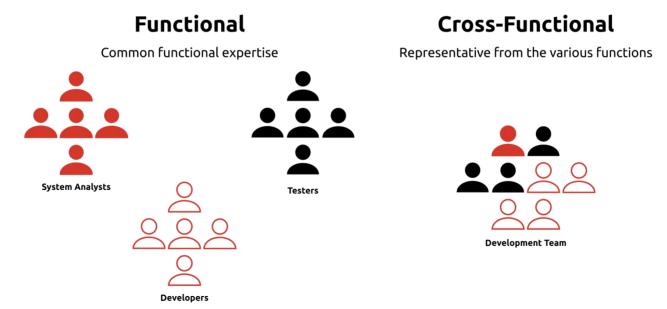


- Evolutionary development
- Early delivery and continuous improvement





- LWPs (Lightweight Processes)
- Self-organizing cross-functional teams



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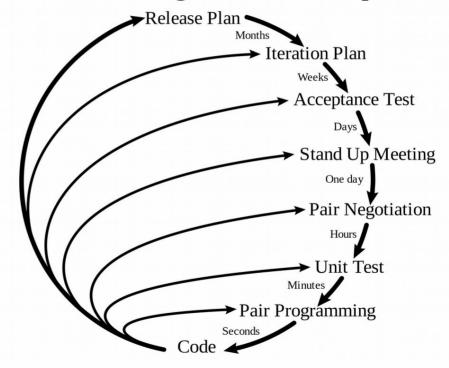
# **XP - eXtreme Programming**



#### Goals:

- Be responsive to changing requirements
- Improve productivity
- Improve quality
- Introduce finegrained monitoring (frequent checkpoints)

#### Planning/Feedback Loops



# **XP Coding**



- Extensive Code Reviews or
  - May spot problems (of various levels
  - Information sharing!!!

#### Pair Programming

- Knowledge sharing!!!
- Higher quality, lower error rate
- Expensive (probably)
- Pairs: expert-expert, expert-novice
- Can be non-functioning (disengaged pair, no communication)



## **XP Testing = TDD**



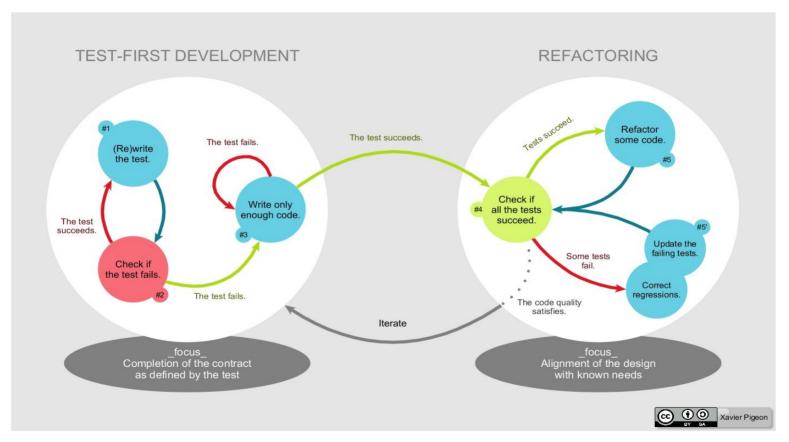
#### Test Driven Development

- Test-first approach
- Test is Documentation (no comments)
- Refactor at end (clean up mess)
- You aren't gonna need it (KISS)
- Testing levels
- Dummy, Stub, Spy, Mock, Simulator
- Bad tests
- ATDD (Acceptance Test Driven Development)
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### **TDD**





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### **BDD**



#### Behavior Driven Development

- BDD = ATDD + DSL
- Tooling: uses a natural language-like-DSL and auto-generates test stubs
- Test: Acceptance Criterias in different Scenarios
- Good practice: Name tests on expected results, normal behavior (not errors or submodule names)
- Tools: Cucumber, JBehave...

## **BDD** example **DSL**



```
Given a 5 by 5 game
When I toggle the cell at (2, 3)
Then the grid should look like
. .X..
When I toggle the cell at (2, 4)
Then the grid should look like
. X. .
.X..
When I toggle the cell at (2, 3)
Then the grid should look like
```



```
public class GridSteps { // Look, Ma', I'm a POJO!
   private Game game;
   private StringRenderer renderer:
   @Given("a $width by $height game")
   @Aliases(values={"a new game: $width by $height"})
   public void theGameIsRunning(int width, int height) +
       game = new Game(width, height);
       renderer = new StringRenderer();
       game.setObserver(renderer);
   @When("I toggle the cell at ($column, $row)")
   public void iToggleTheCellAt(int column, int row) {
       game.toggleCellAt(column, row);
   @Then("the grid should look like $grid")
   @Aliases(values={"the grid should be $grid"})
   public void theGridShouldLookLike(String grid)
       assertThat(renderer.asString(), equalTo(grid));
```

# **XP Planning Game**



- Release Planning (~month) (w/ Customer) Whole Team approach
  - Exploration phase (User Stories from Customer, estimate, split)
  - Commitment phase (Scope of next release, sort by value, risk)
  - Steering phase (plan adjustments)
- Iteration Planning (~week) (w/o Customer)
  - Exploration phase (requirements → Tasks, combine, split)
  - Commitment phase (assignment to developer)
  - Steering phase (testing, coding)

#### **Other XP Practices**

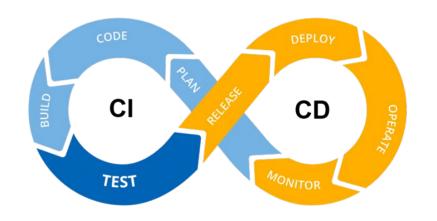


- Shared Responsibility
  - Information and Knowledge Sharing at all cost
  - Collective Code Ownership
  - Coding Standards (and enforcing tools: pep8, clangformat...)

### **Other XP Practices**



- Continuously
  - Continuous Integration
    - Frequent code merges
    - Automated, always running tests
    - Constant refactoring
  - Design Improvements
  - Small Releases (Release simple, release often)



#### **Other XP Practices**



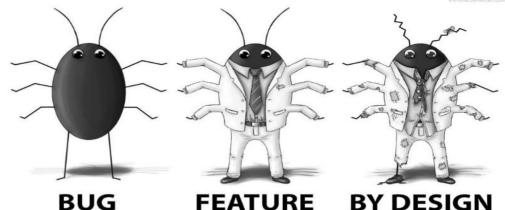
- Sustainability
  - Unexpected problems minimized
  - No overtime
  - Fresh mindset (escape through refactoring)



### **FDD**

#### Feature Driven Development

- Agile + MDD (Domain Object Modeling)
- Phases:
  - Develop overall model (walkthrough of scope)
  - Build feature list (Split longer than 2 weeks)
  - Plan by feature (Development Plan  $\rightarrow$  classes, assign: one class  $\rightarrow$  one developer /individual class ownership/)
  - Design by feature (chief and class owners make sequence diagrams, then class / method skeleton)
  - Build by feature (coding, testing, code review, promoting to build)
- **Feature Team**s are temporal
- Configuration Management (**Feature Switch**es)



#### Scrum

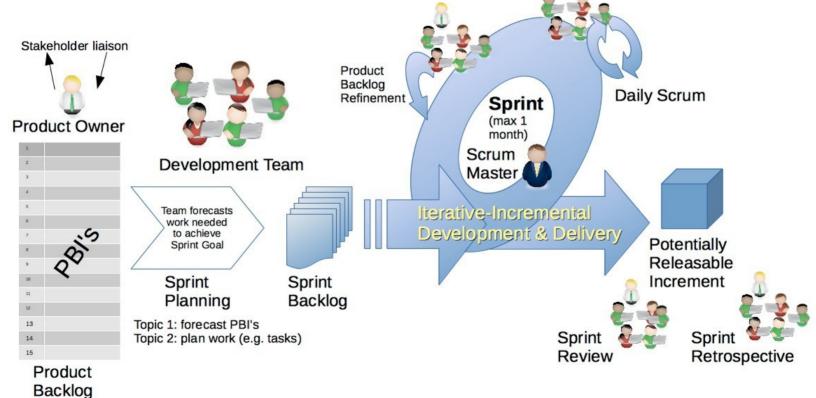
- Comes from Japanese manufacturing case studies in automotive and printing industries
- Cross-functional team
- Empirical / Holistic / Rugby approach → Scrum
- Goal is to increase flexibility & speed
- Decision making brought down in company structure
- Empirical process → should be
  - Transparent
  - Monitored (Inspected)
  - Adaptive
- Values are for team work





#### **Scrum Process**

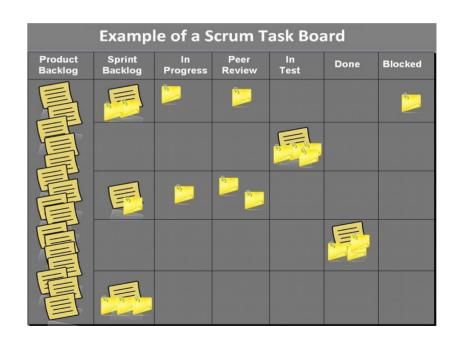




#### **Scrum Details**



- Product Owner fills Product Backlog
- Sprint
  - Timebox 1 or 2 weeks or month
  - Emphasize on working product at the end
- Sprint Planning
  - Timebox 2-4 hours
  - PBIs are prioritized, selected
  - PBIs are decomposed
  - Commitment is made on filled Sprint Backlog



#### **Scrum Details**



#### Stand-ups

- Timebox 5-10 minutes
- Everyday: same time, same place
- No discussion
- Questions:
  - What did I do yesterday?
  - What will I do today?
  - Are there any problems, blocking issues? → job for Scrum Master

#### **Scrum Details**



- Sprint Review
  - Timebox 1 hour
  - What was completed?
  - Demo (Incomplete work doesn't count)
- Sprint Retrospective
  - Timebox 1 hour
  - Questions:
    - What went well?
    - What went wrong?
  - Agreement on team process improvements

#### **Scrum Criticism**



- Co-location
- Team responsibility: anyone can do anything, but cross-functional teams have specialized members
- Triple Constraint (Project Management Triangle)
  - all of them cannot be fixed



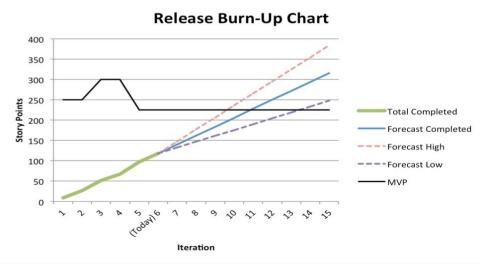
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- Measure Velocity (Agility)?
  - Statistics (commit number, fixed tickets... highly debatable)

Surveys (better for moral detection)





### Kanban

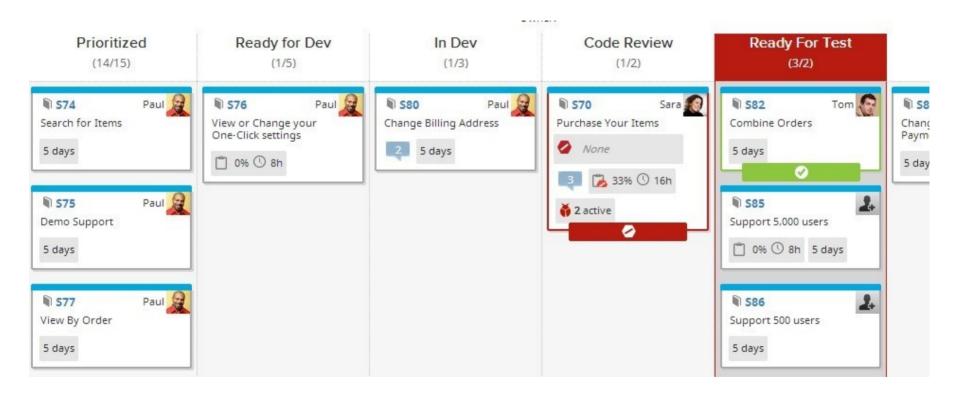
Kanban (billboard)



- Lean manufacturing or Just-in-time manufacturing from Toyota
- A visual inventory control system for supply chain management
- Idea: software development management = supply chain management (flow management)

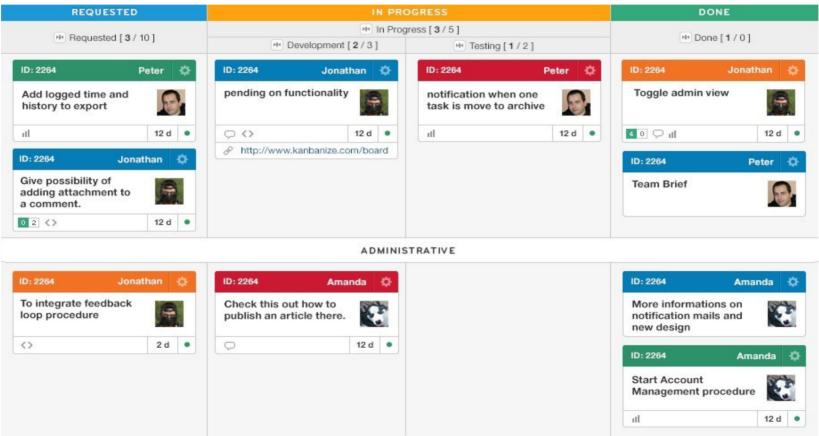
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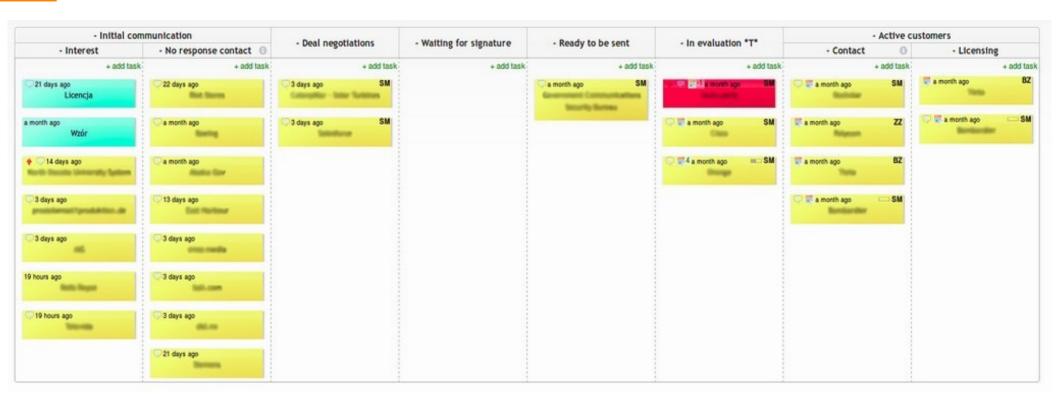




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### Kanban board





## **Lean / Kanban Practices**

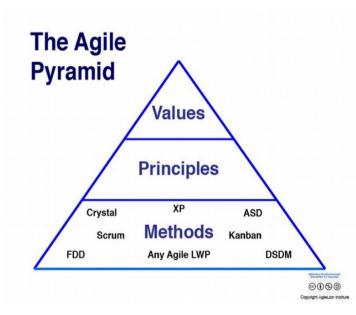


- Eliminate Waste
  - Useless work Muda
  - Overburden Muri
  - Unevenness Mura
- Previous include
  - Task switching overhead
  - Unfinished work
  - Waiting
- Team members pull work (not pushed onto them)
- Quality is fixed (not Scope or Schedule)
- WIP Limit = Work In Progress Limit

## **Agile Thoughts**



- Communication is important (co-located or not)
- Trust towards individuals, motivate
- Working software instead of documents
- Involve customer
- Be flexible
- Short feedback, frequent releases
- Self-organizing teams are best
- Simplicity the art of maximizing the amount of work NOT done
- Evolve everything
- Sustainable development



## **Agile Criticism**



- Lack of Plan vs Too Much Preparation
- Fixed time, scope, cost, quality = mission impossible
- Bad management
  - Manager(s) does not understand process (scrum master is a developer)
  - No support from other departments
  - No product owner (just a "clever" developer)
  - Assign tasks early or from outside
- No sufficient automation
- No escape from technical debt
- Too much in iteration vs Lost focus (other work)