

Agile development encompasses various approaches aimed at delivering projects iteratively and incrementally while emphasizing adaptability, customer collaboration and responsiveness to change. Below a comparatively analysis of major Agile methodologies:

1. Scrum :

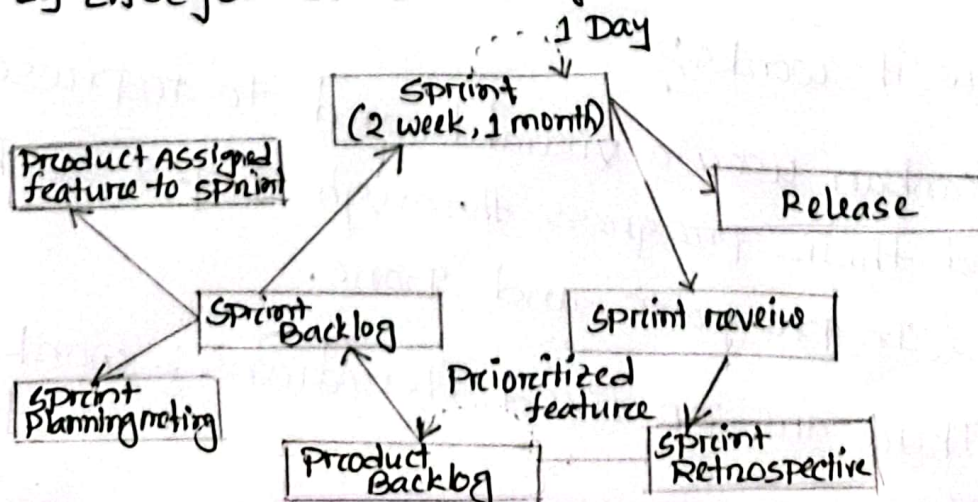
How it works ?

⇒ Scrum divides work into fixed-length iterations called sprints, typically lasting 2-4 weeks.

⇒ Team operate in specific roles (Scrum Master, Product Owner and Developers) and ceremonies such as daily Standups, Sprint Planning, reviews, and retrospectives.

⇒ Deliverables are prioritized in a Product Backlog, with a focus on incremental value.

↳ Lifecycle of Scrum :



Applicability

- Best for projects requiring deliverables and stakeholder feedback.
- Suitable for complex and dynamic projects where requirements evolve over time.

Effectiveness in terms of costs

- Cost Efficiency: Highly effective in managing resources due to predictable sprint timelines and early identification of potential issues.
- Example: A software company building a dynamic e-commerce platform can benefit from Scrum as it follows iterative feature releases and constant stakeholder input.

2. Kanban

How it works?

- Kanban uses a visual board to represent tasks and their progress through stages such as To Do, In progress, and Done.
- There are no fixed iterations; work progresses

Continuously based on task prioritization.

→ Focus on managing work-in-progress (WIP) to ensure smooth flow of and prevent bottlenecks.

Applicability

→ Ideal for maintenance projects, operational support, or term team with up unpredictable workloads.

→ works well for projects needing continuous delivery rather than fixed iterations.

Effectiveness in terms of costs

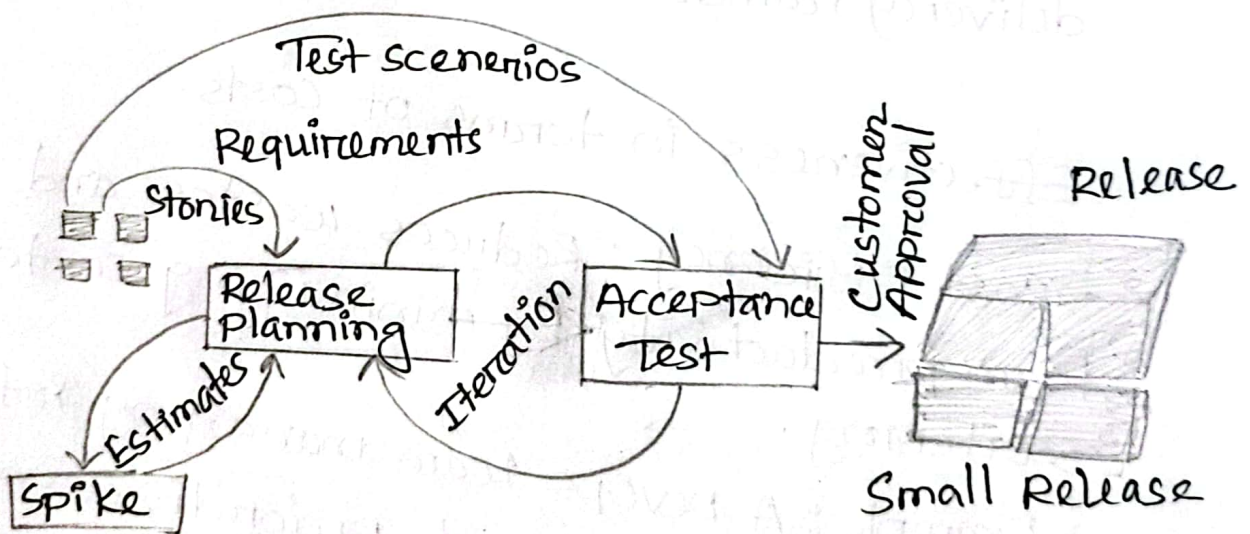
→ Cost Efficiency : Reduces wastes and ensures team productivity by minimizing context switching.

→ Example : A DevOps team managing infrastructures issues can be kanban to prioritize and resolve task based on urgency.

3. Extreme programming (xp)

How it works?

- xp. emphasizes technical excellence through practices like pair programming, test-driven development (TDD) and continuous integration (CI).
- Iterations are short (1-2 weeks) and customer feedback is critical at every stage.



Applicability

- Best for projects with rapidly changing requirements and a high need for quality assurance.
- Suitable for small to medium-sized teams focusing on software development.

Effectiveness in terms of Costs

- Cost Efficiency : Ensure high quality code, reducing long-term maintenance cost but may require more upfront investment in skilled developers and tools.
- Example : A Startup developing a real-time messaging app can leverage xp to maintain code quality under tight deadlines.

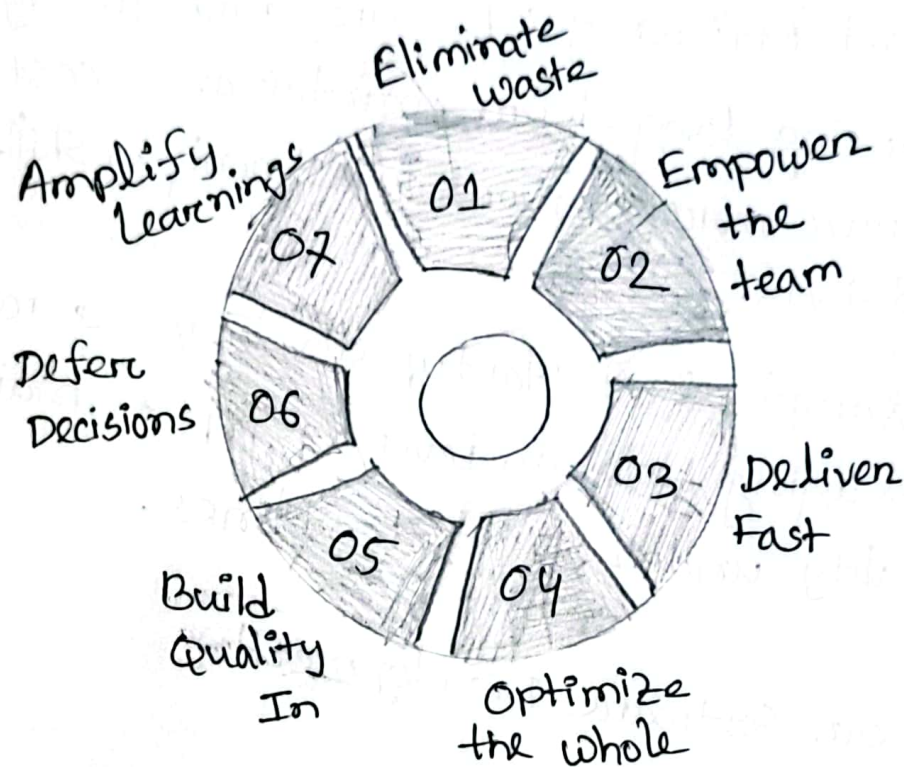
4. Lean Software Development :

How it works ?

- Lean focuses on eliminating waste, delivering fast and fast and ensuring optimal value for customers.
- Practices include limiting WIP, delivering just-in-time features and empowering teams to make decisions.

Applicability

- suited for projects where efficiency and reduces resources optimization are critical.
- Applicable in both software and non-software projects.



Agile Lean software development

Effectiveness in terms of Cost

→ Cost Efficiency: Reduces resource waste, making it deal with for budget-constrained Projects.

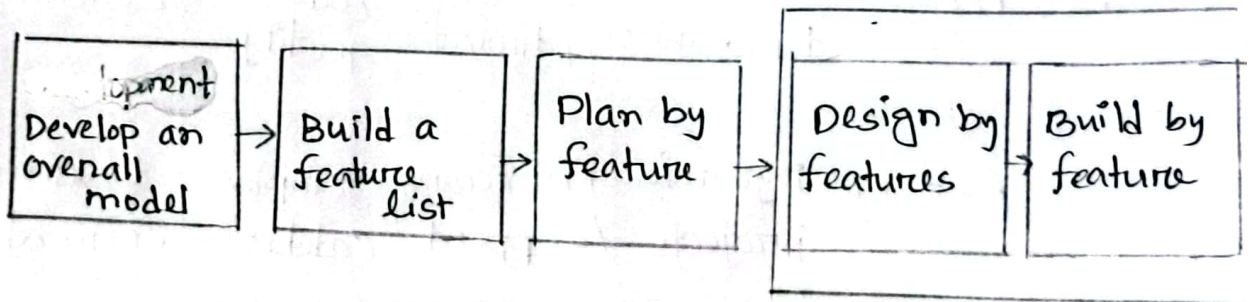
→ Example: A manufacturing firm adopting lean principles can streamline their software for inventory management.

5. Feature Driven Development (FDD)

How it works ?

→ FDD structures around features (small, client-valued deliverables) and follows a five-step process :

1. Develop an overall model
2. Build a feature list
3. Plan by feature
4. Design by feature
5. Build by feature.



5 Steps of FDD

Applicability

- suitable for large-scale, complex projects with clearly defined requirements.
- works well when there's need for consistence documents.

Effectiveness & in terms of costs

→ Cost Efficiency : Effectiveness in large teams with teams with high coordination needs; initial setup may be resource-intensive.

→ Example : A banking Application where precise feature delivery is paramount can use FDD for structured progress.

Comparative Analysis Diagram :

Aspects	Scrum	Kanban	XP	Lean	FDD
Iteration	fixed (2-4 weeks)	Continuous	Short (1-2 weeks)	Continuous	Feature-based
Focus	Incremental deliverables	Workflow optimization	Code quality	Efficiency	Feature development
Best for	Dynamic Projects	Maintenance / support	Complex Codebases	Efficiency critical	Large well-defined
Cost Efficiency	High	Moderate	High (long-term)	High	Moderate