

Story Points vs Reality

LESSONS FROM A LEAKY TAP



The Agile Dilemma



Meet Hemanth, a developer at a tech company relying on "story points" to estimate work.

Measuring Effort



Fixing a bug: 5 points. Adding a button: 13 points. Migrating data: 21 points. Story points measure effort, not time, leaving their manager Adhi struggling to align with stakeholder expectations.

The Manager's Struggle



Adhi: Hemanth, can't you just tell me how long it'll take?

Hemanth: Story points don't translate to days.

Deadlines slipped, clients grew restless, and Adhi needed extra chai to handle the pressure.

The Leaky Tap



HEMANTH'S TAP LEAKED—TAP
TAP TAP! HE CALLED KISHORE,
THE PLUMBER.

Story Points at Home



Hemanth: How long will this take?

Kishore: Hmm... About 8 story points.

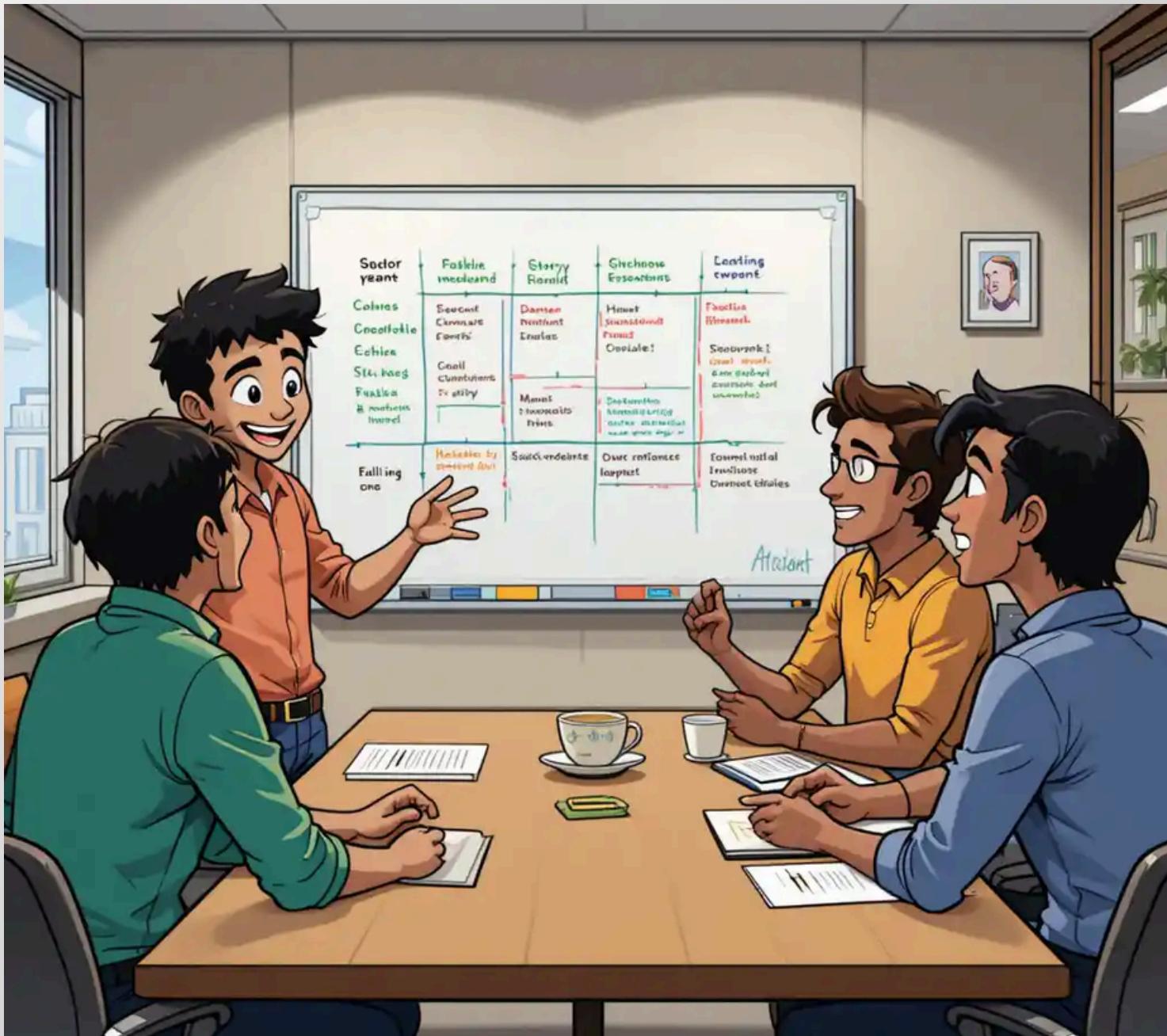
Hemanth: What does that mean for my tap?!

The Revelation



Kishore: Story points measure effort, not time. Could be an hour or half a day. Hemanth realized this is how Adhi felt at work.

A Lesson Learned



Hemanth proposed mapping story points to timelines:
5 points = 1 day. This keeps flexibility and offers clarity.
Adhi smiled: You've cracked it.

The Takeaway



Story points are great for planning, but mapping them to time aligns expectations. Clear communication, whether in software or plumbing is key.

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How do you handle story points in your teams? Let's discuss! 🚀

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