

Agile can be implemented in many ways ---- The primary focus of xp framework is – programming (code can be used again & again) , scrum is deliver projects, kanban is manage process.

Describe the stages of the “Red, Green, Refactor” cycle with a suitable example

Meaning of Red–Green–Refactor Cycle

The **Red–Green–Refactor** cycle is the core workflow of **Test-Driven Development (TDD)**. In this approach, tests are written **before** the actual code.

Red Phase

- Write a **test for a new feature**
- Run the test
- The test **fails** because the feature is not implemented yet

Red indicates that the required functionality is missing.

Green Phase

- Write the **minimum code** required to pass the test
- Focus only on correctness, not design
- All tests should pass

Green indicates that the feature works as expected.

Refactor Phase

- Improve code structure
- Remove duplication
- Enhance readability and design
- Ensure tests still pass

Refactoring improves **quality without changing behavior**.

Example: Calculator Addition

Requirement: Add two numbers

Red phase

- Write a test expecting `add(2, 3) = 5`
- Test fails because method is not implemented

Green phase

- Implement simple `add()` method
- Test passes

Refactor phase

- Improve method naming or structure
- Remove unnecessary code

simple java code for calculation of discount for refactoring

before refactoring

```
public double calculateDiscount(double amount) {  
    double discount = 0;  
  
    if (amount > 1000) {  
        discount = amount * 0.1;  
    } else if (amount > 500) {  
        discount = amount * 0.05;  
    }  
  
    return discount;  
}
```

After refactoring

```
public double calculateDiscount(double amount) {  
    return amount * getDiscountRate(amount);  
}  
  
private double getDiscountRate(double amount) {  
    if (amount > 1000) {  
        return 0.10;  
    }  
    if (amount > 500) {  
        return 0.05;  
    }  
}
```

```
    return 0.0;
}
```

Explain the impact of the Green phase in TDD

Role of Green Phase in TDD

The **Green phase** ensures that the written test passes by implementing the **simplest possible solution**.

Impact of Green Phase

1. Ensures Functional Correctness

- Confirms that the requirement is met
- Code behaves as expected

2. Prevents Over-Engineering

- Developers write only what is needed
- Avoids unnecessary features

3. Builds Confidence

- Passing tests give immediate feedback
- Developers know the code works

4. Enables Safe Refactoring

- Green tests act as a safety net
- Changes can be made without fear

5. Supports Incremental Development

- Small working steps
- Faster progress tracking

Example

- Login validation test fails (Red)
- Simple validation logic implemented (Green)
- Now system accepts valid input correctly

Explain the Agile approach and demonstrate Agile techniques with a real-world scenario

What Agile Is NOT

- Agile is **not** long-term requirements gathering
- Agile avoids months of documentation upfront

What Agile IS

Agile is an iterative, incremental approach that focuses on early delivery, continuous feedback, and adapting to change.

Agile values:

- Working software
 - Customer collaboration
 - Frequent feedback
 - Responding to change
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Real-World Scenario: Online Food Delivery App

Traditional Approach

- Gather all requirements for months
- Build entire system
- Release after long delay
- High risk of failure

Agile Approach

Agile Techniques Used:

1. User Stories

- “As a user, I want to order food”
- “As a user, I want to track delivery”

2. Iterations

- Iteration 1: Login & restaurant list
- Iteration 2: Order placement
- Iteration 3: Payment & tracking

3. Frequent Releases

- Basic app released early

- Users start using it

4. Customer Feedback

- Users request faster checkout
- Team adapts in next iteration

5. Continuous Testing

- Automated tests ensure quality
- Bugs fixed early

What Is a User Story?

A **user story** is a short, simple description of a feature written from the **user's point of view**.

It describes **what the user wants** and **why**, not how to build it.

Definition

A user story is a lightweight requirement that captures a user need in simple language to support iterative development and customer collaboration.

2. Standard Format of a User Story

Most user stories follow this template:

As a <type of user>
I want <some goal>
So that <some benefit>

Example

As a **student**,
I want to **submit assignments online**,
so that **I don't miss deadlines**.

3. Why Agile Uses User Stories (Instead of Big Requirements)

Traditional approach:

- Long requirement documents
- Months of analysis
- Hard to change

Agile approach:

- Short user stories
- Continuous discussion
- Easy to change

User stories encourage conversation, not paperwork.

4. User Stories vs Requirements

Aspect	User Stories	Traditional Requirements
Length	Short	Long documents
Focus	User value	System details
Flexibility	High	Low
Documentation	Lightweight	Heavy
Change handling	Easy	Difficult

5. Who Writes User Stories?

- **Product Owner / Customer** usually writes them
- Developers and testers **refine** them together
- Stories are discussed continuously

Stories are **collaborative**, not imposed.

6. Acceptance Criteria

Each user story has **acceptance criteria** that define when it is complete.

Example

User story:

As a user, I want to log in securely.

Acceptance criteria:

- Valid username & password → login success
- Invalid credentials → error message
- Password masked on screen

Acceptance criteria turn stories into **testable work**.

7. User Stories in Real-World Agile Project (Example)

Scenario: Online Shopping App

Some user stories:

- As a user, I want to search products
- As a user, I want to add items to cart
- As a user, I want to make payment

Development:

- Iteration 1: Search + product view
- Iteration 2: Cart + checkout
- Iteration 3: Payment + tracking

Each iteration delivers **working features**.

8. User Stories and Testing

- Stories drive **Test-Driven Development (TDD)**
- Acceptance tests are written from stories
- “Done” means story + tests are complete

XP belief:

If you can't test it, it's not a good story.

9. Advantages of User Stories

- Simple and easy to understand
 - Focus on user value
 - Encourage communication
 - Support frequent change
 - Fit well with iterative development
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Version Control Terminology

Repository

Meaning

The **repository** is the **central storage** where all project files and their **complete history** are stored.

- Lives on a version control server (GitHub, GitLab, SVN)
- Each project has **one repository**
- Acts as the **single source of truth**

Example

- A GitHub repo for a **college mini-project**
- Contains:
 - Code
 - Tests
 - Commit history

Real-life analogy

Library – stores all books and editions.

Sandbox (Working Copy)

Meaning

A **sandbox** is a **local copy** of the repository on a developer's machine where they work safely.

- Also called *working copy*
- Each developer has **their own sandbox**
- Never shared with others

Example

- You clone a Git repo to your laptop
- You write and test code locally

Real-life analogy

Photocopy of a book you can write on without affecting the original.

Check Out

Meaning

Check out means creating a sandbox by copying files from the repository.

- First step before development
- Some systems also lock files (older systems)

Example

```
git clone https://github.com/project/repo.git
```

Real-life analogy

Borrowing a book from the library to read at home.

Update

Meaning

Update brings the **latest changes** from the repository into your sandbox.

- Keeps your local copy up-to-date
- You can also update to an **older version**

Example

```
git pull
```

Real-life analogy

Updating an app to the latest version.

Lock

Meaning

A **lock** prevents others from editing a file while you are working on it.

- Mostly used in **older version control systems**

- Rare in Git (Git prefers merging)

Example

- Locking a design document so only one person edits it

Real-life analogy

Locking a shared notice board while writing.

Check In / Commit

Meaning

Check in (commit) saves your changes from the sandbox into the repository.

- Creates a permanent history record
- Should be small and meaningful

Example

```
git commit -m "Add login validation"
```

Real-life analogy

Saving your assignment to Google Drive.

Revert

Meaning

Revert discards your local changes and restores files to the last saved state.

- Used when local code is broken
- Faster than debugging sometimes

Example

```
git checkout .
```

Real-life analogy

Clicking **Undo** to discard recent edits.

Tip / Head

Meaning

Tip (or Head) refers to the **latest committed version** in the repository.

- Updating gives you the tip
- Changes with branches

Example

- Latest commit on `main` branch

Real-life analogy

Latest edition of a textbook.

Tag / Label

Meaning

A **tag** marks a **specific point in history** for easy reference.

- Used for releases
- Does not change over time

Example

```
git tag v1.0
```

Real-life analogy

Bookmarking a chapter for future reference.

Roll Back

Meaning

Roll back removes a bad commit and returns the repository to an earlier state.

- Used when a change causes serious problems
- Differs by version control system

Example

- Removing a faulty commit that broke production

Real-life analogy

Rolling back software to a previous stable version.

Branch

Meaning

A **branch** is a separate line of development with its own history.

- Used for:
 - Experiments
 - Features
 - Bug fixes

Example

```
git branch feature-login
```

Real-life analogy

A side road branching off a main highway.

Merge

Meaning

Merge combines changes from different branches or developers into one.

- Conflicts may occur
- Conflicts must be resolved manually

Example

```
git merge feature-login
```

Real-life analogy

Combining two edited versions of the same document.

Summary Table

Term	Meaning
Repository	Central storage

Term	Meaning
Sandbox	Local working copy
Check out	Create sandbox
Update	Get latest changes
Commit	Save changes
Revert	Discard local changes
Tip/Head	Latest version
Tag	Mark a version
Roll back	Remove bad change
Branch	Parallel development
Merge	Combine changes