

Software Engineering



Chapter 4 Agile Development

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The Manifesto for Agile Software Development

“We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:

- ***Individuals and interactions*** over processes and tools
- ***Working software*** over comprehensive documentation
- ***Customer collaboration*** over contract negotiation
- ***Responding to change*** over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on *the left*** more.”**

-Kent Beck et al (Agile Alliance) , 2001.

What is “Agility”? Changes!

- Effective (rapid and adaptive) response to change
- Effective communication among all stakeholders
- Drawing the customer onto the team
- Organizing a team so that it is in control of the work performed

Yielding ...

- Rapid, incremental delivery of software

12 Principles for Agile Process

1. Highest priority: satisfaction of the customer through early & continuous delivery of valuable SW.
2. Welcome changing requirements, even late in development.
3. Deliver working SW frequently, from a couple of weeks to a couple of months, with a preference to the shorter timescale.
4. Business people & developers must work together daily throughout the project.
5. Build project around motivated people.
6. The most efficient & effective methods of conveying information to and within a development team is face-to-face conversation.
7. Working SW is the primary measure of progress.
8. Agile process promote sustainable development.
9. Continuous attention to technical excellence and good design enhance.
10. Simplicity-the art of maximizing the amount of work not done-is essential.
11. The best architecture, requirements, and design emerge from self-organizing teams.
12. At regular intervals, the team reflects on how to become more effective, then tunes and adjusts its behavior accordingly.

Assumptions

- It is difficult to predict in advance which SW requirements will persist and which will change.
- For many types of SW, design & construction are interleaved.
- Analysis, design, construction, and testing are not as predictable (from a planning point of view) as we might like.

An Agile Process

- Is driven by customer descriptions of what is required (scenarios)
- Recognizes that plans are short-lived
- Develops software iteratively with a heavy emphasis on construction activities
- Delivers multiple 'software increments'
- Adapts as changes occur

Human Factors

- Competence
- Common focus
- Collaboration
- Decision-making ability
- Fuzzy problem-solving ability
- Mutual trust & respect
- Self-organization

Extreme Programming (XP)

- The most widely used agile process, originally proposed by Kent Beck
- XP Planning
 - Begins with the creation of “user stories”
 - Agile team assesses each story and assigns a cost
 - Stories are grouped to for a deliverable increment
 - A commitment is made on delivery date
 - After the first increment, “project velocity” is used to help define subsequent delivery dates for other increments
- User story: story that describes required features & functionalities to be built.
- Project velocity: the number of stories implemented during the first release.
- Cost: period for an increment to be completed in weeks.

Extreme Programming (XP)

■ XP Design

- Follows the **KIS (keep it simple) principle**
- Encourage the use of **CRC cards** (see Chapter 8)
- For difficult design problems, suggests the creation of “**spike solutions**”—a design prototype
- Encourages “**refactoring**”—an iterative refinement of the internal program design

Class
Responsibility
Collaboration

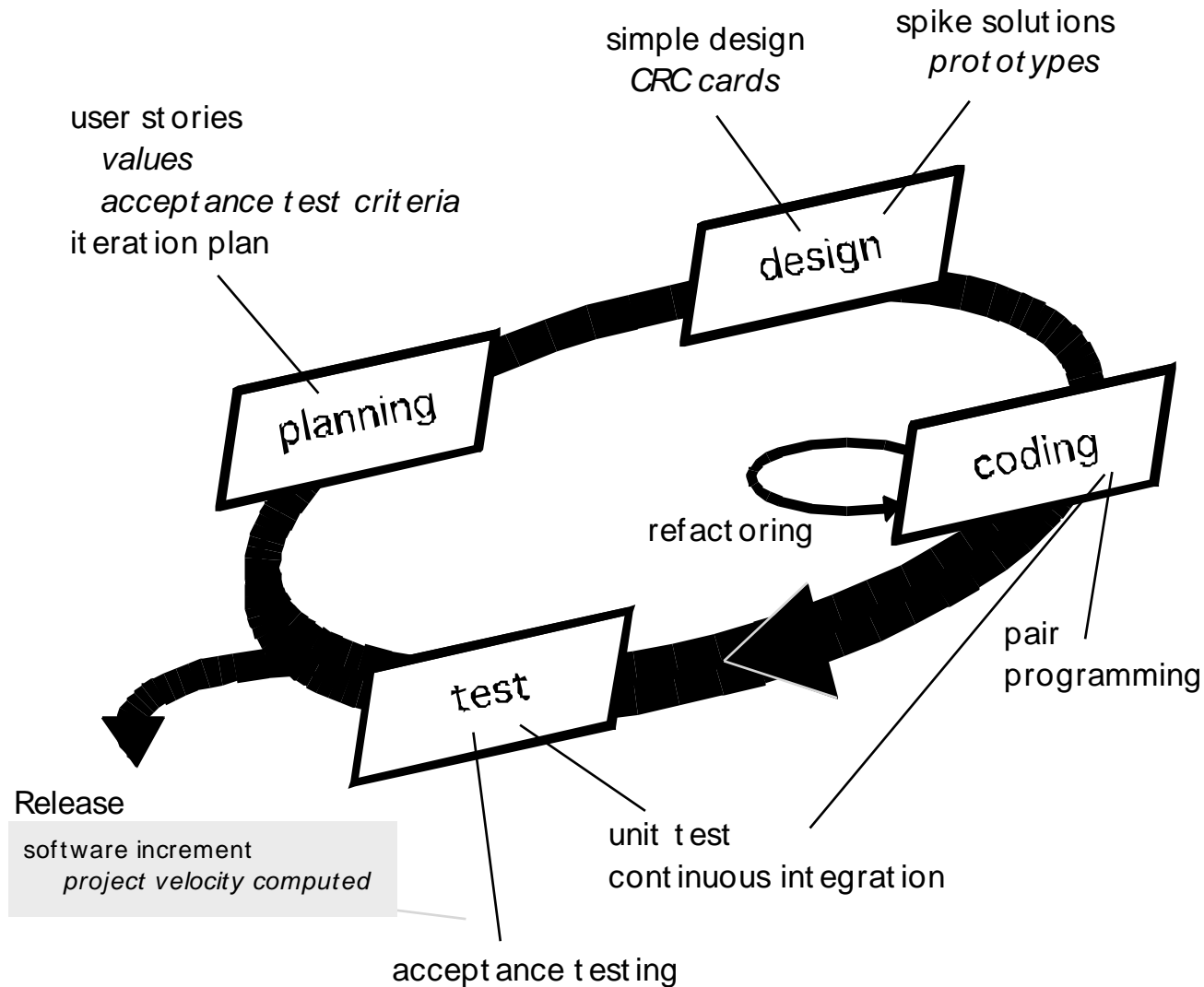
■ XP Coding

- Recommends the **construction of a unit test** for a story *before* coding commences
- Encourages “**pair programming**”
- Continuous integration

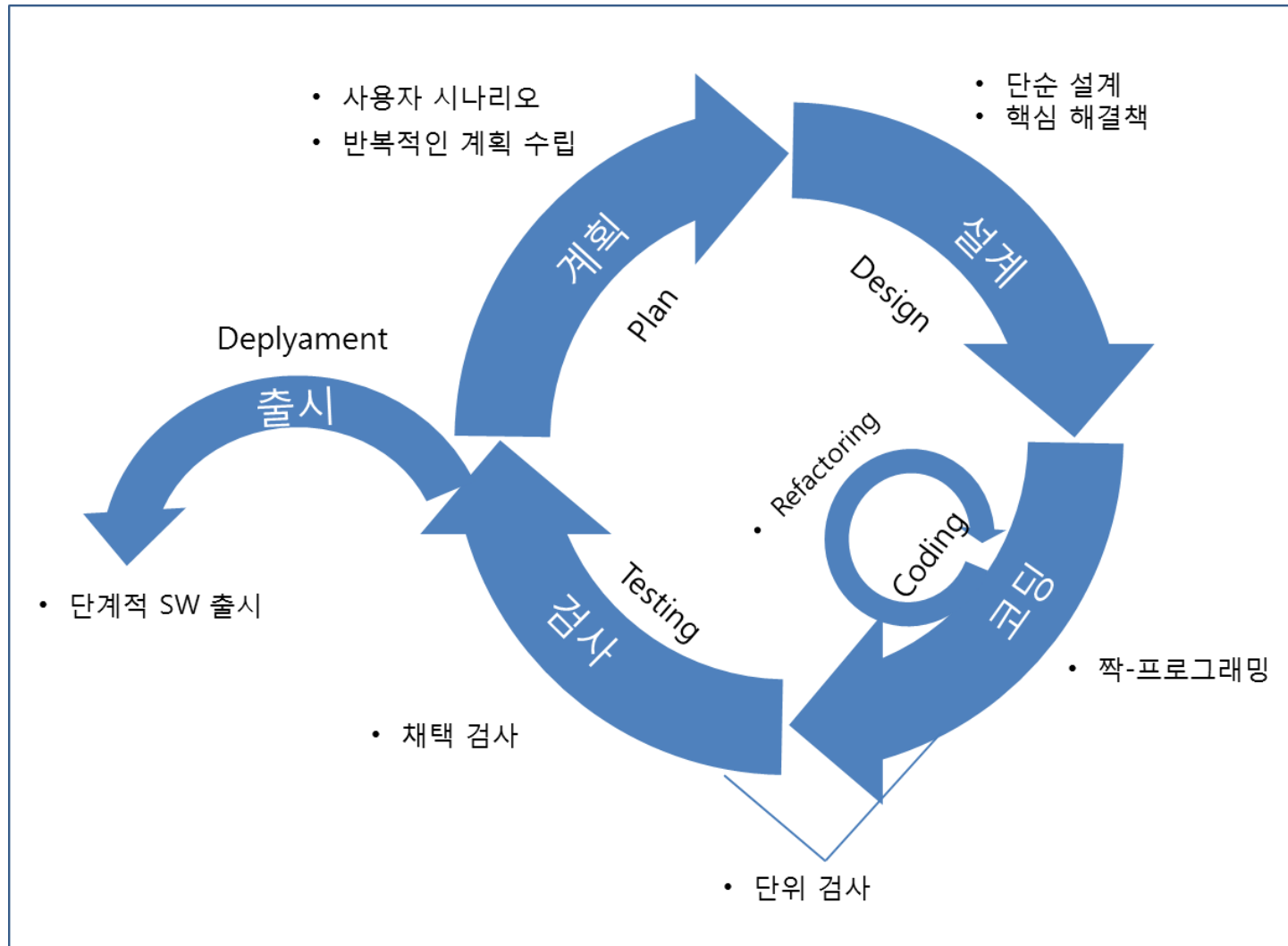
■ XP Testing

- **All unit tests are executed daily**
- “**Acceptance tests**” are defined by the customer and executed to assess customer visible functionality

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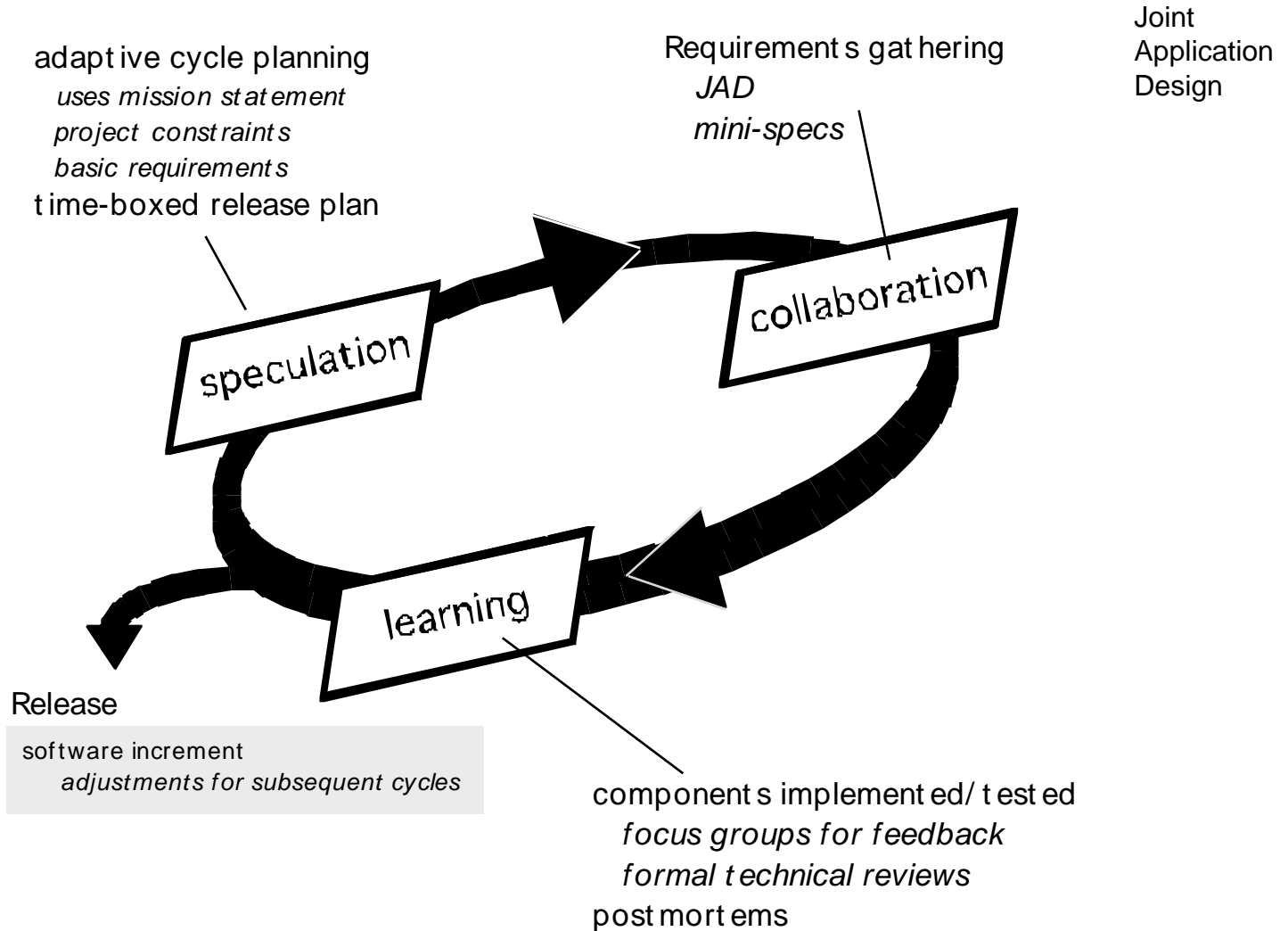
Extreme Programming (XP) Model



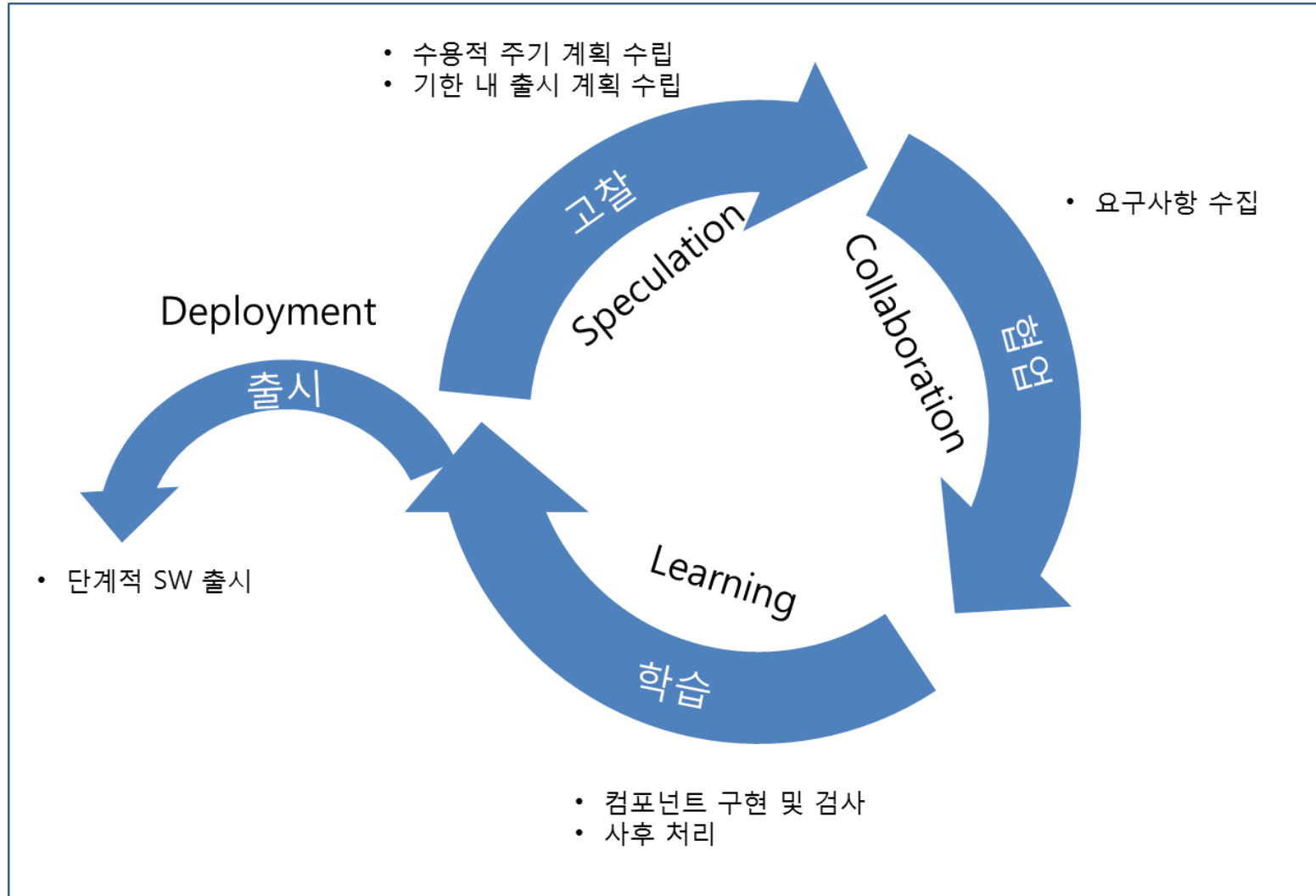
Adaptive Software Development (ASD)

- Originally proposed by Jim Highsmith
 - A technique for building complex SW & systems
 - Philosophy: human collaboration & team self-organization
- ASD — distinguishing features
 - Mission-driven planning
 - Component-based focus
 - Uses “time-boxing” (See Chapter 24)
 - Explicit consideration of risks
 - Emphasizes collaboration for requirements gathering
 - Emphasizes “learning” throughout the process

Adaptive Software Development



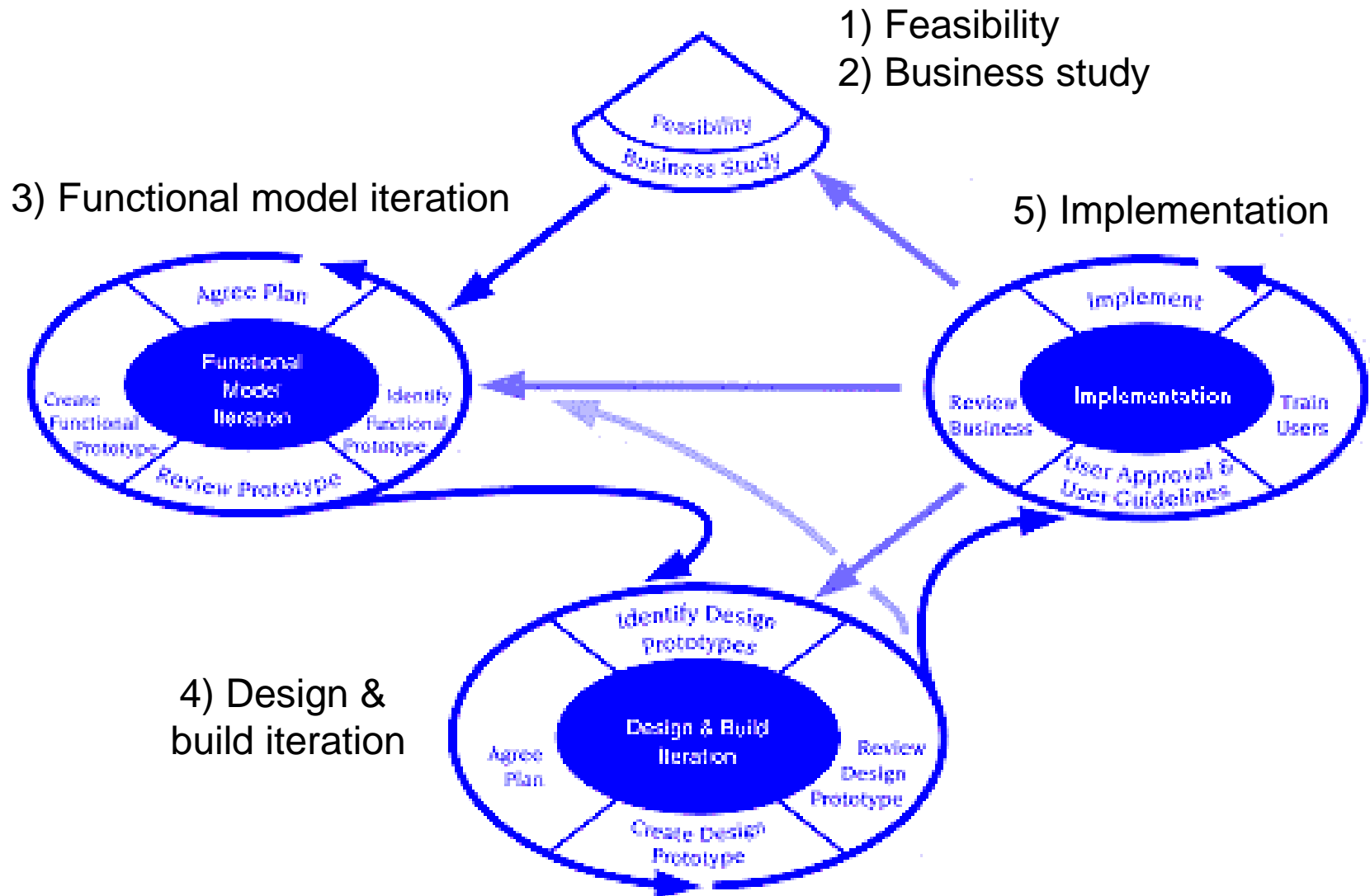
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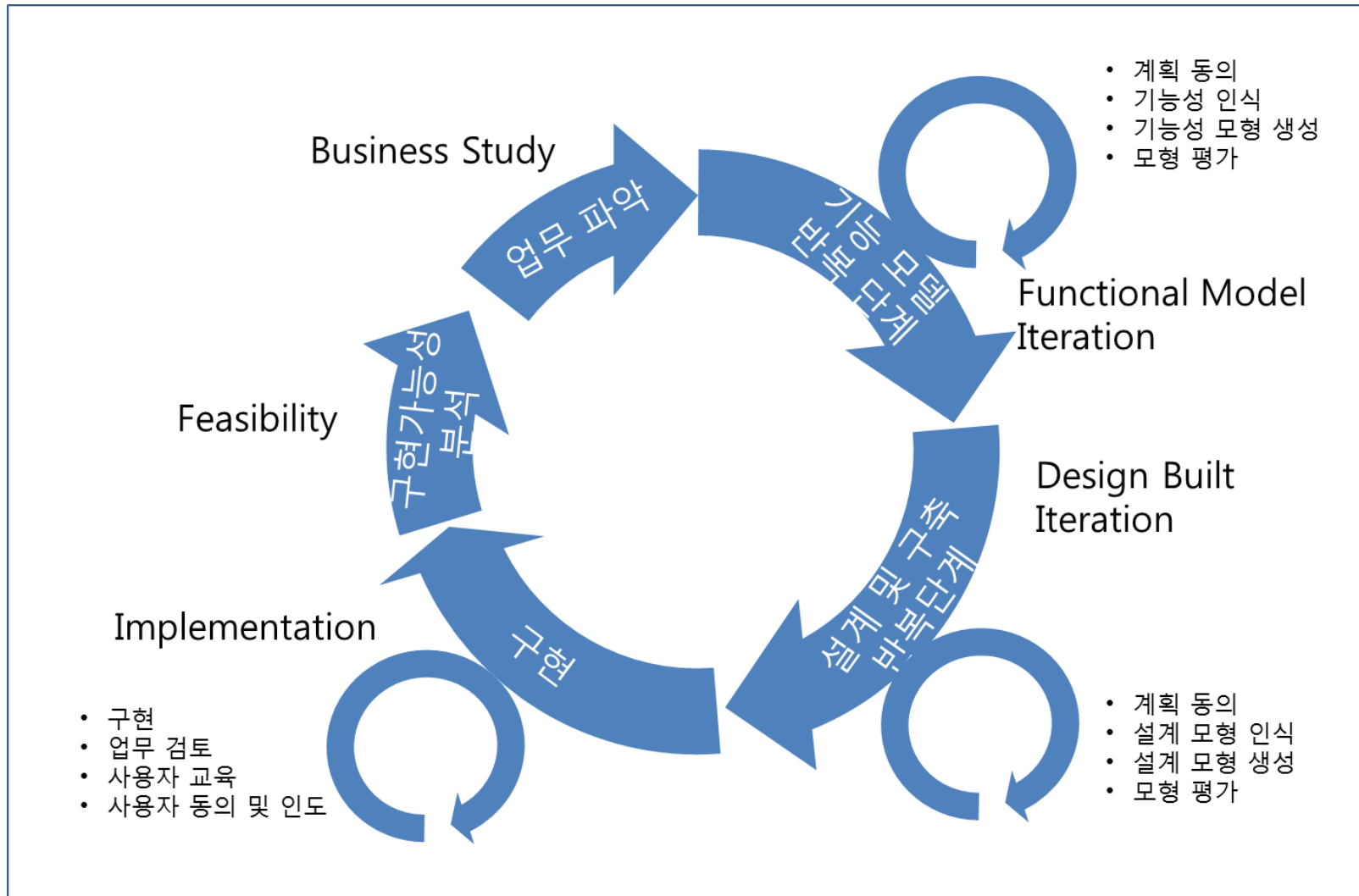
Dynamic Systems Development Method(DSSM)

- Promoted by the DSDM Consortium (www.dsdm.org)
- DSDM—distinguishing features
 - Similar in most respects to XP and/or ASD
 - Tight time constraints
 - Nine guiding principles
 - Active user involvement is imperative.
 - DSDM teams must be empowered to make decisions.
 - The focus is on frequent delivery of products.
 - Fitness for business purpose is the essential criterion for acceptance of deliverables.
 - Iterative and incremental development is necessary to converge on an accurate business solution.
 - All changes during development are reversible.
 - Requirements are baselined at a high level
 - Testing is integrated throughout the life-cycle.

Dynamic Systems Development Method



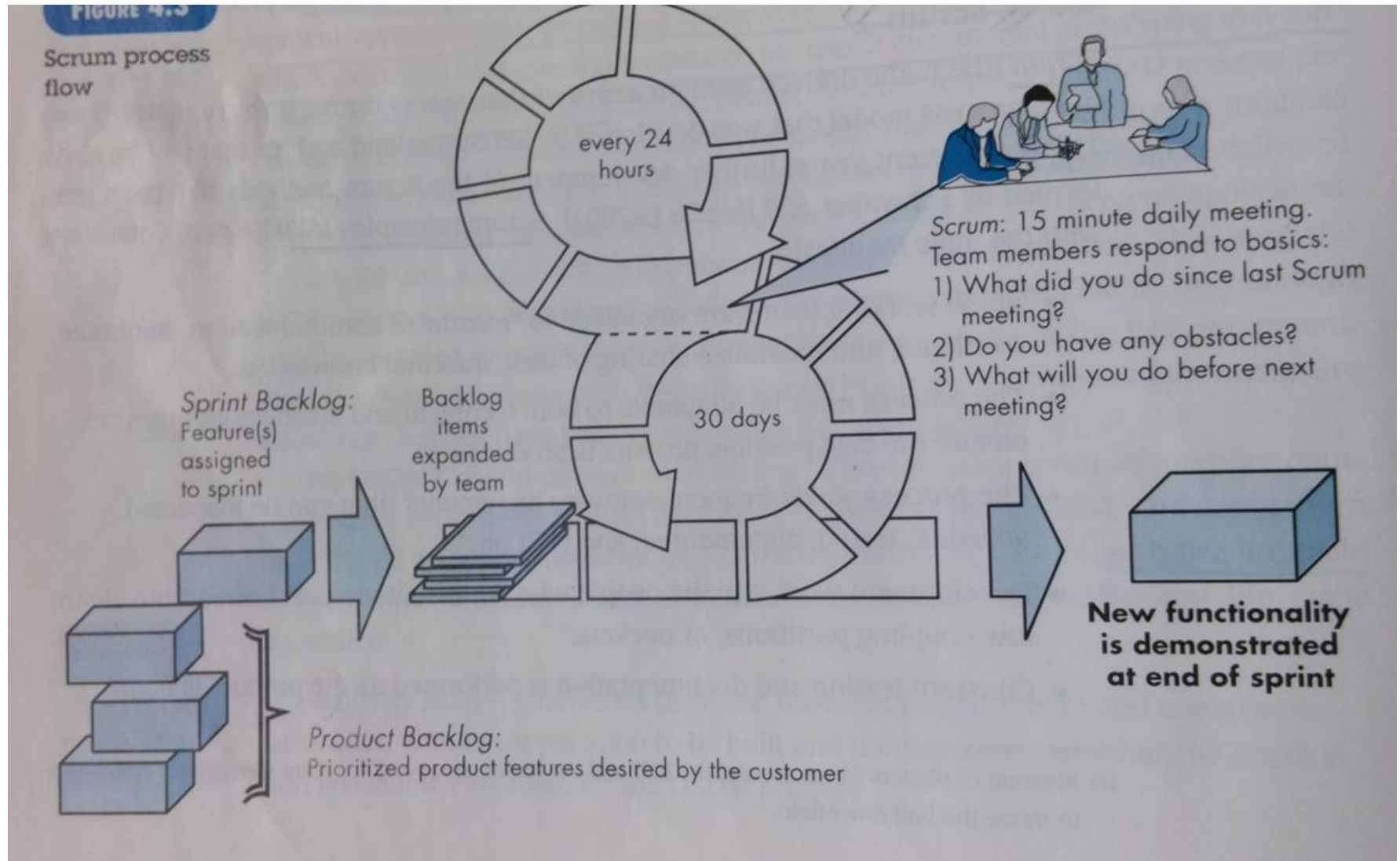
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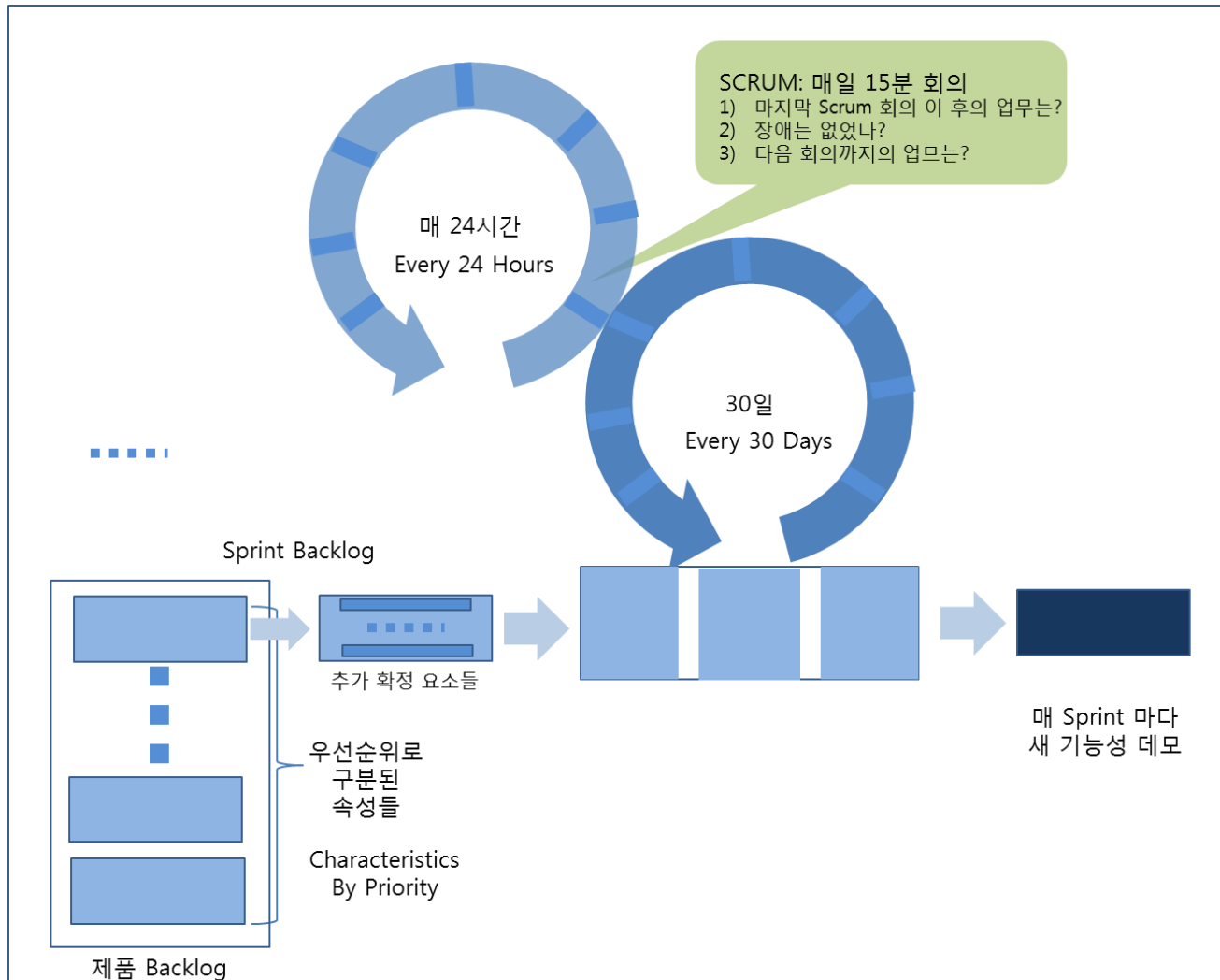
Scrum

- Originally proposed by Schwaber and Beedle
- Scrum—distinguishing features
 - Development work is partitioned into “**packets**”
 - **Testing and documentation are on-going** as the product is constructed
 - Work occurs in “**sprints**” and is derived from a “**backlog**” of existing requirements
 - **Meetings are very short** and sometimes conducted without chairs
 - “**demos**” are delivered to the customer with the time-box allocated

Scrum



SCRUM Model



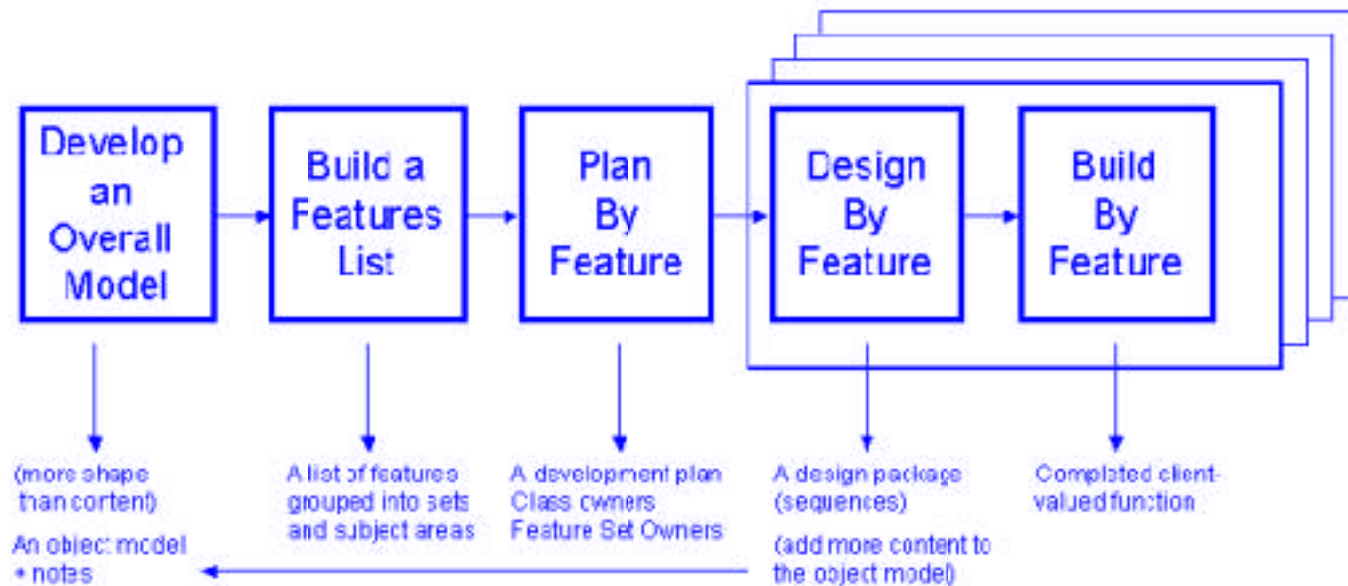
Crystal

- Proposed by Cockburn and Highsmith
- Crystal—distinguishing features
 - Actually a **family of process models** that allow “**maneuverability**” based on problem characteristics
 - A resource-limited, collaborative game of invention and communication, with a primary goal of delivering useful, working SW and a secondary goal of setting up for the next game.
 - **Face-to-face communication** is emphasized
 - Suggests the use of “**reflection workshops**” to review the work habits of the team

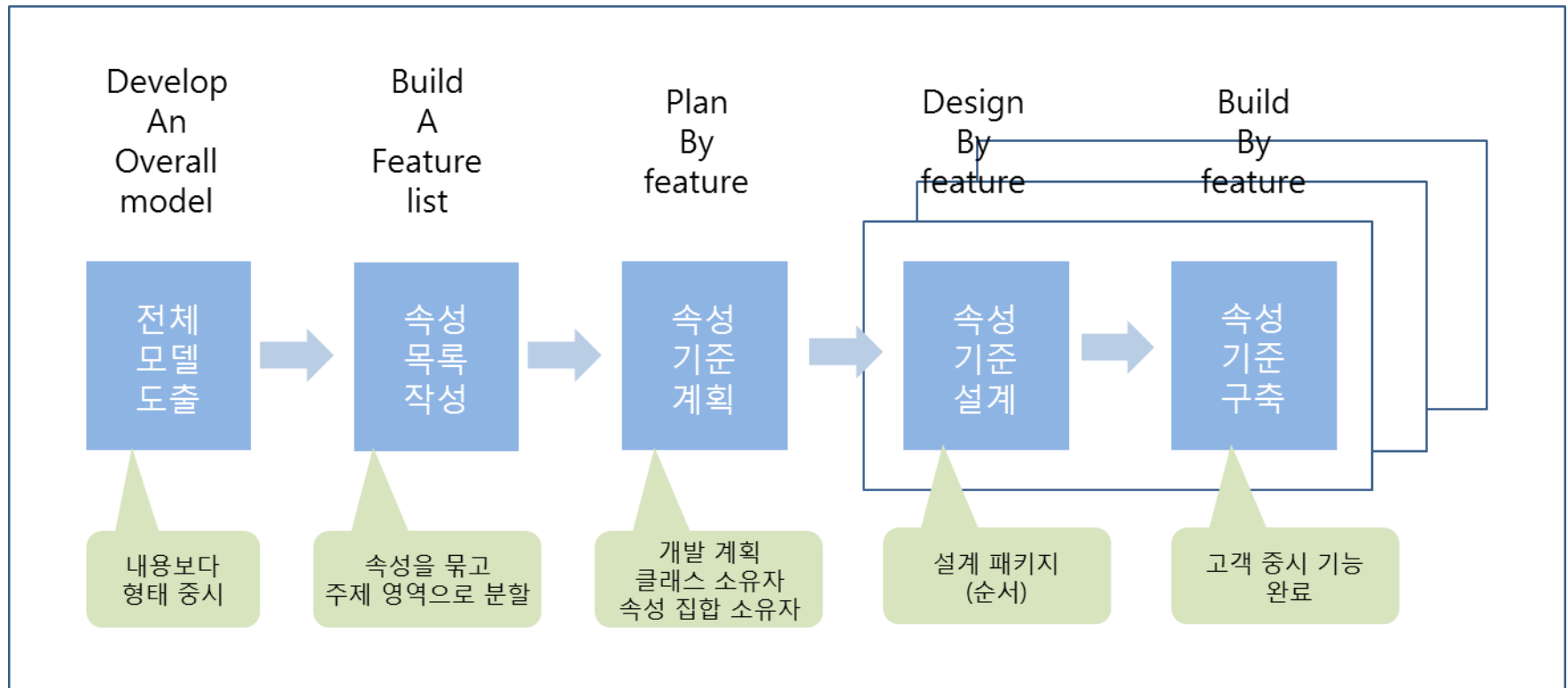
Feature Driven Development

- Originally proposed by Peter Coad et al
- FDD—distinguishing features
 - Emphasis is on defining “features”
 - a *feature* “is a client-valued function that can be implemented in two weeks or less.”
 - Uses a feature template
 - <action> the <result> <by | for | of | to> a(n) <object>
 - A features list is created and “plan by feature” is conducted
 - Design and construction merge in FDD

Feature Driven Development



Feature Driven Development (FAA) Model



Agile Modeling

- Originally proposed by Scott Ambler
- Suggests a set of agile modeling principles
 - Model with a purpose
 - Use multiple models
 - Travel light
 - Content is more important than representation
 - Know the models and the tools you use to create them
 - Adapt locally