# Modern Agile

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## Format

Intro

Frame the question

Some illustrations

**Exploration** 

## Intro

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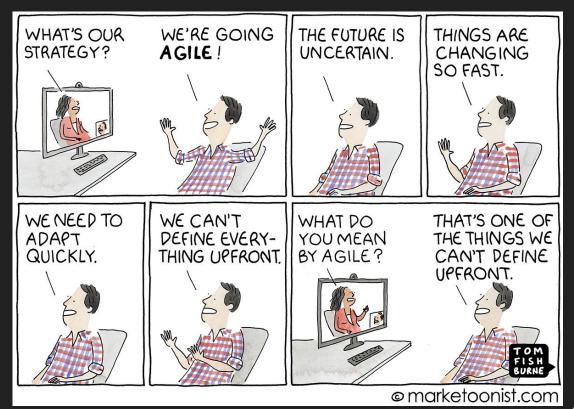
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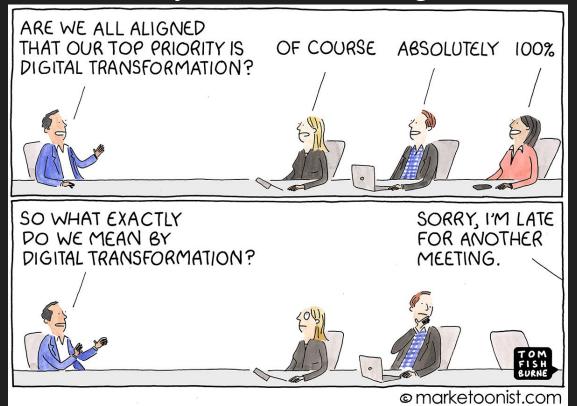
Currently writing about Serverless and next generation technology.

# What's next for Agile?



# Don't assume... Do your own reading.

The COVID accelerator.



# A journey of discovery

Remote First

Modern Agile

Accelerate

North Star

Working Backwards

Serverless First

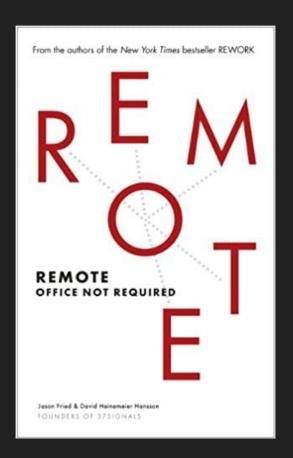
Sociotechnical

# 1/ Remote First

# Remote First - follow @chris herd

Lesson: The office environment *has* changed.



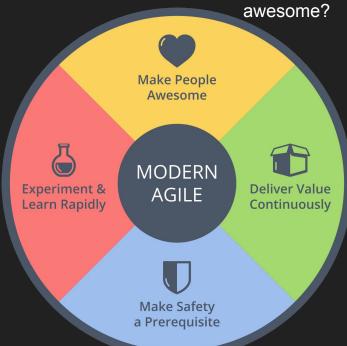


# 2/ Modern Agile

# The Modern Agile framework

1/ How we can make people in our ecosystem awesome?

3/ You can't make people awesome or make safety a prerequisite if you aren't learning. We learn rapidly by experimenting frequently. We make our experiments "safe to fail" so we are not afraid to conduct more experiments.



4/ "How could valuable work be delivered faster?" Delivering value continuously requires us to divide larger amounts of value into smaller pieces that may be delivered safely now rather than later.

2/ Safety is a key to unlocking high performance. We endeavor to make our collaborations, products and services resilient and safe.

# 3/ Accelerate

# 4 key metrics...

### **Speed**

### **Deployment Frequency**

How often an organization successfully releases to production

### **Lead Time for Changes**

The amount of time it takes a commit to get into production

### **Stability**

### **Change Failure Rate**

The percentage of deployments causing a failure in production

#### **Time to Restore Service**

How long it takes an organization to recover from a failure in production

Aspect of Software Delivery Performance*	Elite	High	Medium	Low
Deployment frequency For the primary application or service you work on, how often does your organization deploy code to production or release it to end users?	On-demand (multiple deploys per day)	Between once per day and once per week	Between once per week and once per month	Between once per month and once every six months
Lead time for changes For the primary application or service you work on, what is your lead time for changes (i.e., how long does it take to go from code committed to code successfully running in production)?	Less than one day	Between one day and one week	Between one week and one month	Between one month and six months
Time to restore service  For the primary application or service you work on, how long does it generally take to restore service when a service incident or a defect that impacts users occurs (e.g., unplanned outage or service impairment)?	Less than one hour	Less than one day <sup>a</sup>	Less than one day <sup>a</sup>	Between one week and one month
Change failure rate For the primary application or service you work on, what percentage of changes to production or released to users result in degraded service (e.g., lead to service impairment or service outage) and subsequently require remediation (e.g., require a hotfix, rollback, fix forward, patch)?	0-15% <sup>b,c</sup>	0-15% <sup>b,d</sup>	0-15% <sup>c,d</sup>	46-60%

# 4/ North Star

	COMPANY	CORE VALUE	NORTH STAR METRIC	
	airbnb	Connecting people who need a place with people who can host	# of nights booked	
Lead Metrics	amazon	Online shopping made easy	Sales	
# blogs	Medium	Where people share ideas and stories	Total Time Reading	
# products	Hub\$ <mark>p</mark> òt	Email tracking tool	# of Weekly Active User	
# stories  Quora		Facilitate the sharing of knowledge in the world	# of questions answered	
@davidand393	facebook	Give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together	Daily Active Users	

Lag Metrics

Time reading

Sales

Active users

The Serverless Edge 15

### North Star Framework

Worksheet

#### **Input Metrics**

Breadth - How many users are engaging?

- -4 of premium trial users
- -# of premium subscriptions
- . # of users listening on more than one device

- Aug # of hours / session
- -Aug # songs shared per user per month
  -# of recommended songs/session

Frequency - How often does each user engage?

- # Sessions | week
- Median usage interval
- -2-day weekly stickiness of radio

Other - Add in your own leading metrics

#### **North Star Metric**

Team Name

What's your Product's North Star?

Time spent

listening to

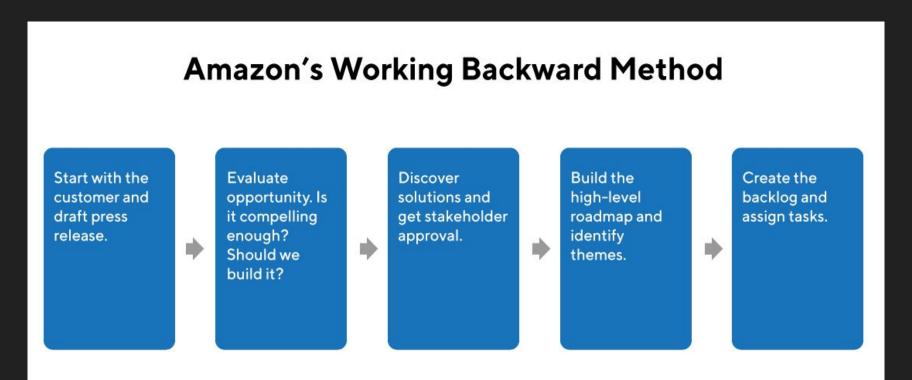
MUSIC by Subscribers Mid/Long-term Impacts

What will the impacts to the business be?

monthly **Bubscriptions** from premium users

# 5/ Working Backwards

# Working Backwards from the Customer Experience



## The Kindle

### Press release



### Introducing Amazon Kindle

November 19, 2007 at 9:25 AM EST

Revolutionary Portable Reader Lets Customers Wirelessly Download Books in Less Than a Minute and Automatically Receive Newspapers, Magazines and Blogs

No PC Required, No Hunting for Wi-Fi Hot Spots

SEATTLE--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 19, 2007--Amazon.com (NASDAQ:AMZN) today introduced Amazon Kindle, a revolutionary portable reader that wirelessly downloads books, blogs, magazines and newspapers to a crisp, high-resolution electronic paper display that looks and reads like real paper, even in bright sunlight. More than 90,000 books are now available in the Kindle Store, including 101 of 112 current New York Times Best Sellers and New Releases, which are \$9.99. unless marked otherwise. Kindle is available starting today for \$399 at http://amazon.com/kindle.

"We've been working on Kindle for more than three years. Our top design objective was for Kindle to disappear in your hands -- to get out of the way -- so you can enjoy your reading," said Jeff Bezos, Amazon.com Founder and CEO. "We also wanted to go beyond the physical book. Kindle is wireless, so whether you're lying in bed or riding a train, you can think of a book, and have it in less than 60 seconds. No computer is needed -- you do your shopping directly from the device. We're excited to make Kindle available todav."

https://press.aboutamazon.com/news-releases/news-release-details/introducing-amazon-kindle

# 6/ Serverless First

## Serverless First

Cloud Native Lambda Functions. Serverless Data (S3) Developer Experience (CodeDeploy)

- Pay-per-use.
- Scales automatically.
- Events.

Keep it simple and don't over complicate.

- JAMStack over Kubernetes.
- Lambda over containers.
- API over installations.



https://thenewstack.io/what-is-serverless-first-in-2021/

# Serverless events - best way to learn

https://www.cdkday.com/ - 30th April - Free registration!

Free code samples - <a href="https://cdkpatterns.com/">https://cdkpatterns.com/</a>



https://virtual.serverlessdays.io/ - lots of videos to watch for free.

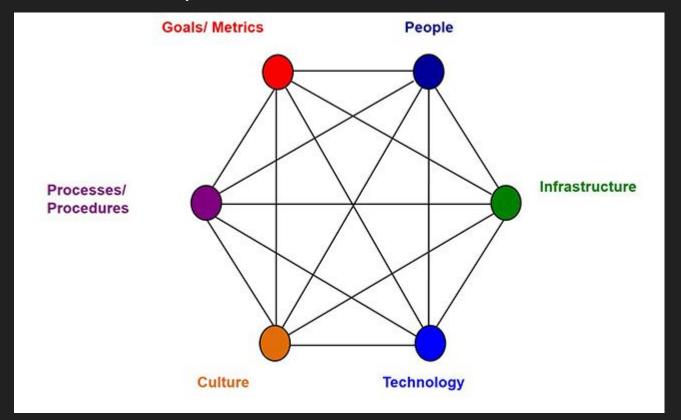
Serverless Days Belfast coming (hopefully) next year.



# 7/ sociotechnical

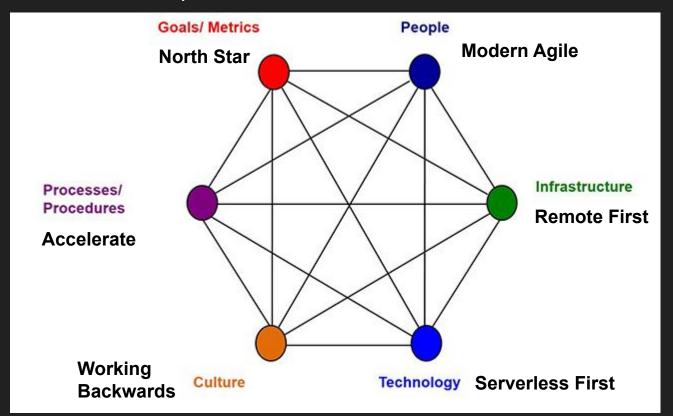
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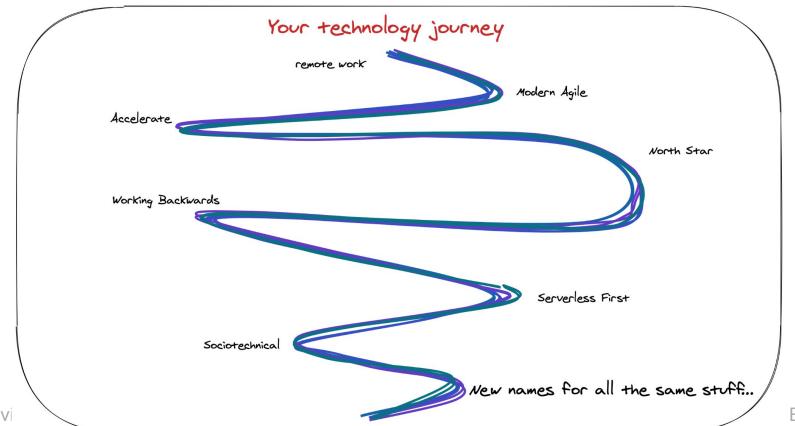


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# A path for the future...



## External reference - infoQ

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**Team Topologies** 

AI/ML Culture Insights

Descaling

Humanistic workplaces

#NoProjects/Project-to-Product

Systemic & Leadership Coaching

AI/ML Tooling

Good Remote Work

**Effective Remote Education** 

Genuine Diversity and Inclusiveness

Government Agility

Tech for Good

Real Psychological Safety

DevEx/Employee Experience

**Business Agility** 

Team Self-selection

Professionalism & Ethics

Mob/Ensemble Programming

Facilitation & Collaboration Skills for technologists

Truly Global Teams

Remote Tooling

**Pragmatic Agility** 

Craftsmanship

BDD/DDD

Coaching/Mentoring

DevSecOps

**Bad Remote Work** 

Remote Only Teams

InfoQ

Generic Agile/Scrum

Scaling Frameworks

ALM Tools

Cross Functional Teams

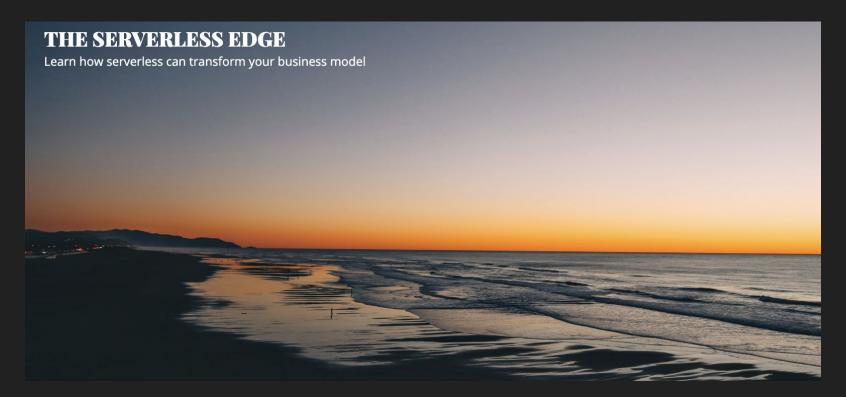
**Digital Transformation** 

Early Adopters Early Majority Late Majority Innovators

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# Thank you

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## Links

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https://twitter.com/davidand393

Remote First - https://twitter.com/chris herd

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