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The Agile Development method is part of the Agile movement which diverges from traditional methods of project management. Agile Software Development is based on the values and principles from the Agile Manifesto. The development process focuses on the evolution of solutions through the collaboration of self-organizing, cross functional teams using the appropriate practices for whatever their context may be (Agile 101). This development method contains an Agile Manifesto which holds twelve principles (Agile 101). In comparison to the Agile method, the text outlines a simple seven step process This process is less complicated or in depth. The textbook's software development process is more of a simple guideline for the process rather than an actual development method which people use step by step in the development of software. The Agile development method on the other hand strongly focuses on pleasing the client more so than creating well working software. This development method sounds like something that would only be used in a perfect world where things such as deadlines do not exist. The method seems slow and only pleasant to the ear rather than something that is truly utilized in developing software. As a developer, Agile development process sounds enjoyable, but it honestly does not sound effective, so sticking to the textbook's software development process is best simply because it is a more realistic method of software development. A process which takes all the time in the world is ineffective, but so is one which is a set-in stone plan. The optimal development process is one which efficiently utilizes time, but is also flexible for the clients and the developers.

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