

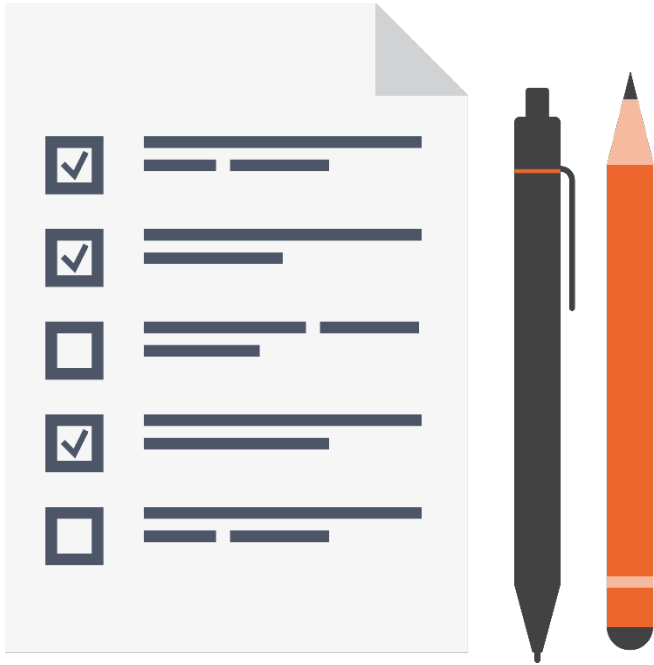
# Common Agile Misconceptions and Mistakes



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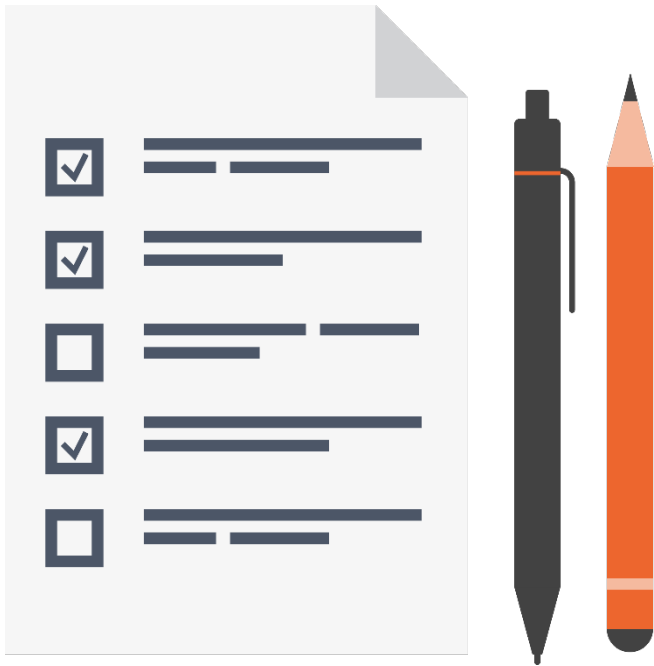
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# Common Agile Misconceptions

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“

Agile is ad-hoc, with no process control

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Agile is faster and/or cheaper

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Agile teams do not plan their work or  
write documentation





An Agile project never ends







Agile only works for small organisations



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Without upfront planning, Agile is  
wasteful

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Agile is not the solution to all your  
problems



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Agile means 'No Commitment'

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Agile development is not predictable



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Agile is a silver bullet

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There's only one way to do agile

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Agile doesn't need up-front design

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Being agile is pain-free

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We're doing scrum, so we don't need  
to pair program, refactor or do TDD

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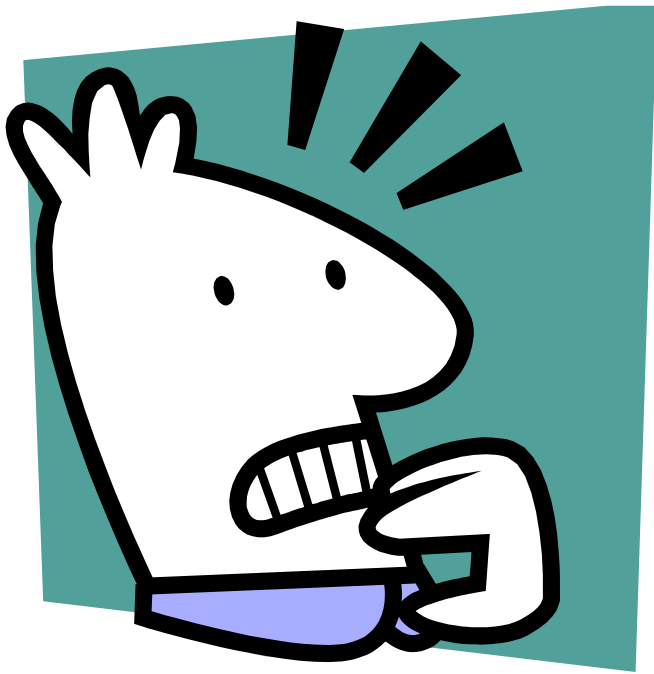
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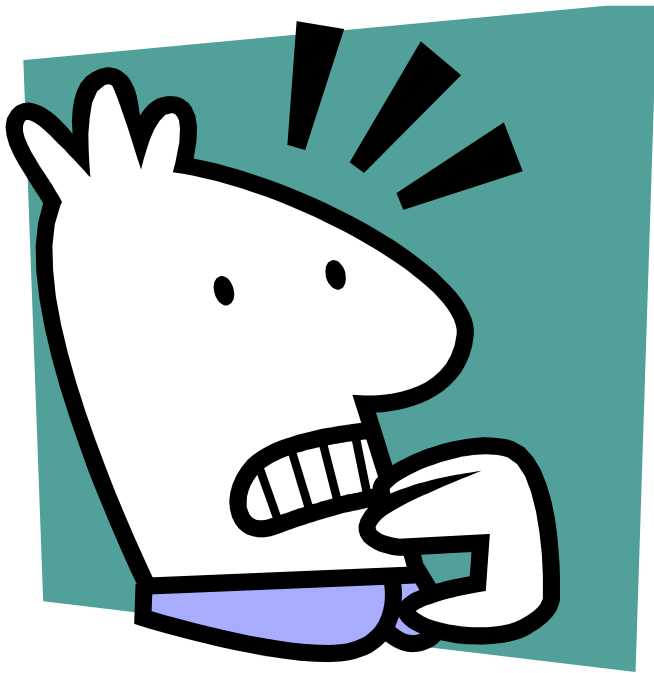
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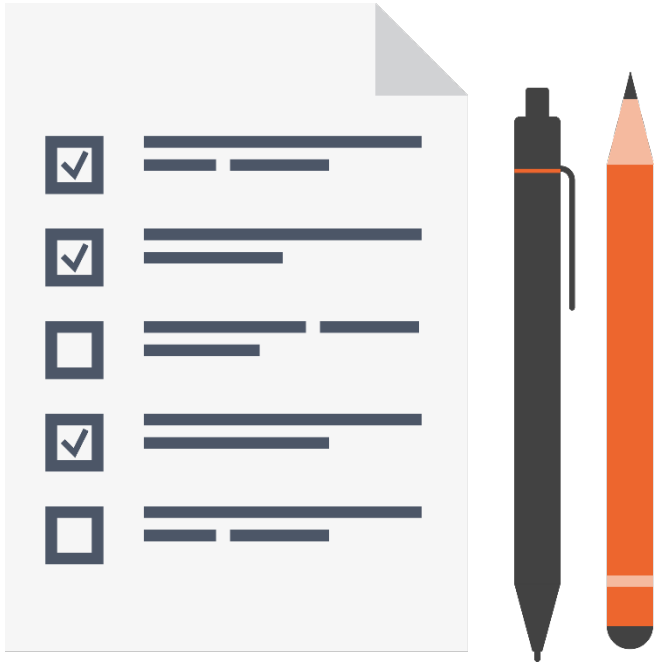
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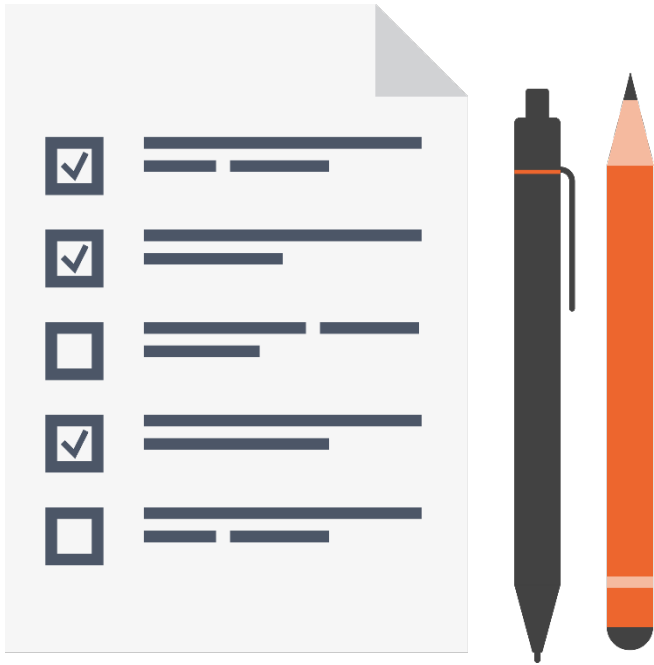
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