# CSCB07 - Software Design

## **Agile Software Development**

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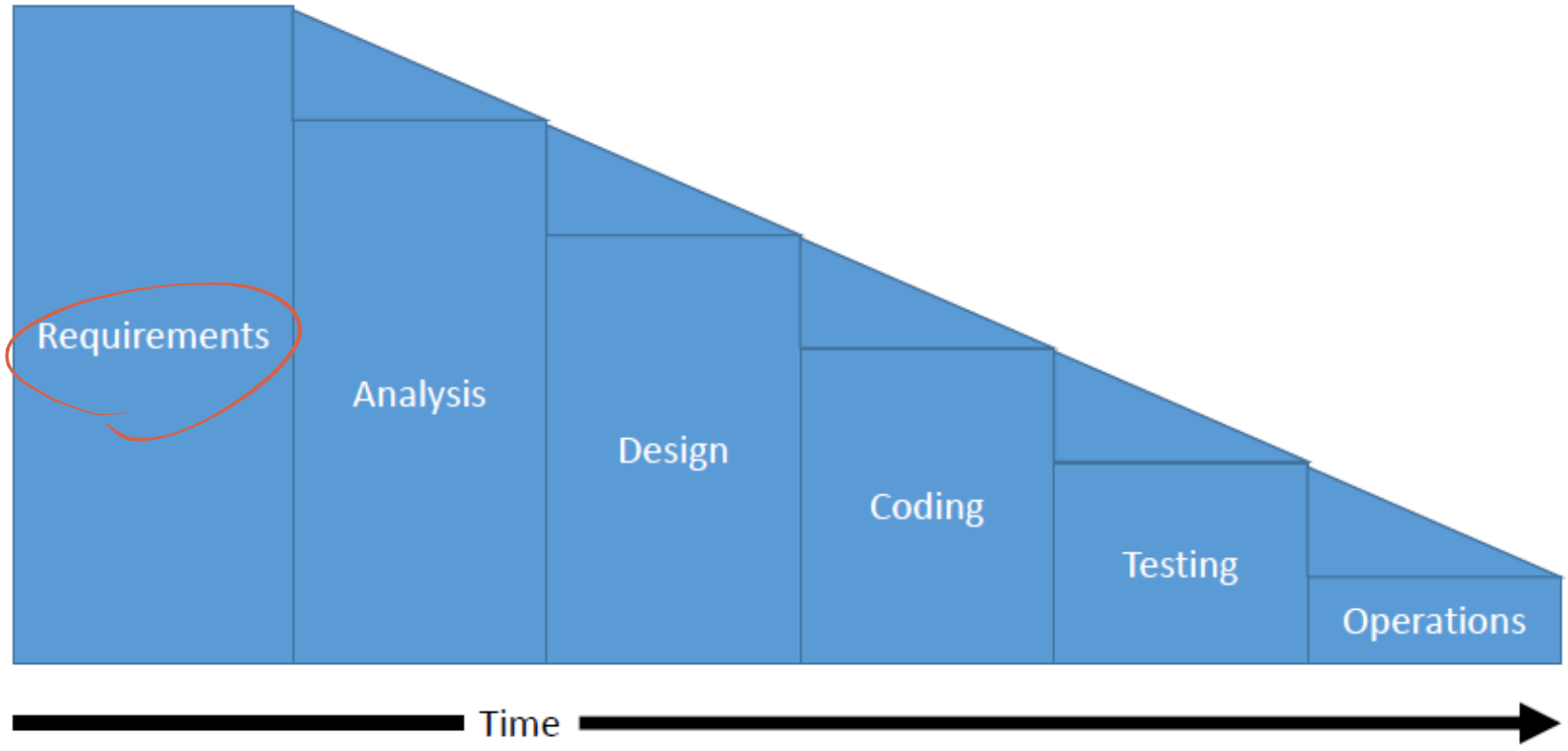
# Software Development Process

- A systematic methodology for building and maintaining software
- It involves various stages such as requirements elicitation, design, implementation, and testing.
- Two contrasting approaches:
  - Waterfall
  - Agile

# Waterfall model

- A traditional approach for software development
- Sequential (non-iterative) model



# Agile

- Issues with Waterfall
  - Inappropriate when requirements change frequently
  - Time gets squeezed the further into the process you get


- Agile Methodologies
  - Extreme Programming (XP)
  - Scrum
  - Test-driven Development (TDD)
  - Feature-driven Development (FDD)
  - Etc.

# Agile Manifesto

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

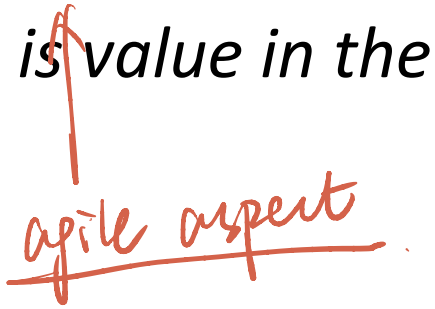
***Individuals and interactions*** *over processes and tools*

***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."*




Beck, K., et al. (2001) Manifesto for agile software development.

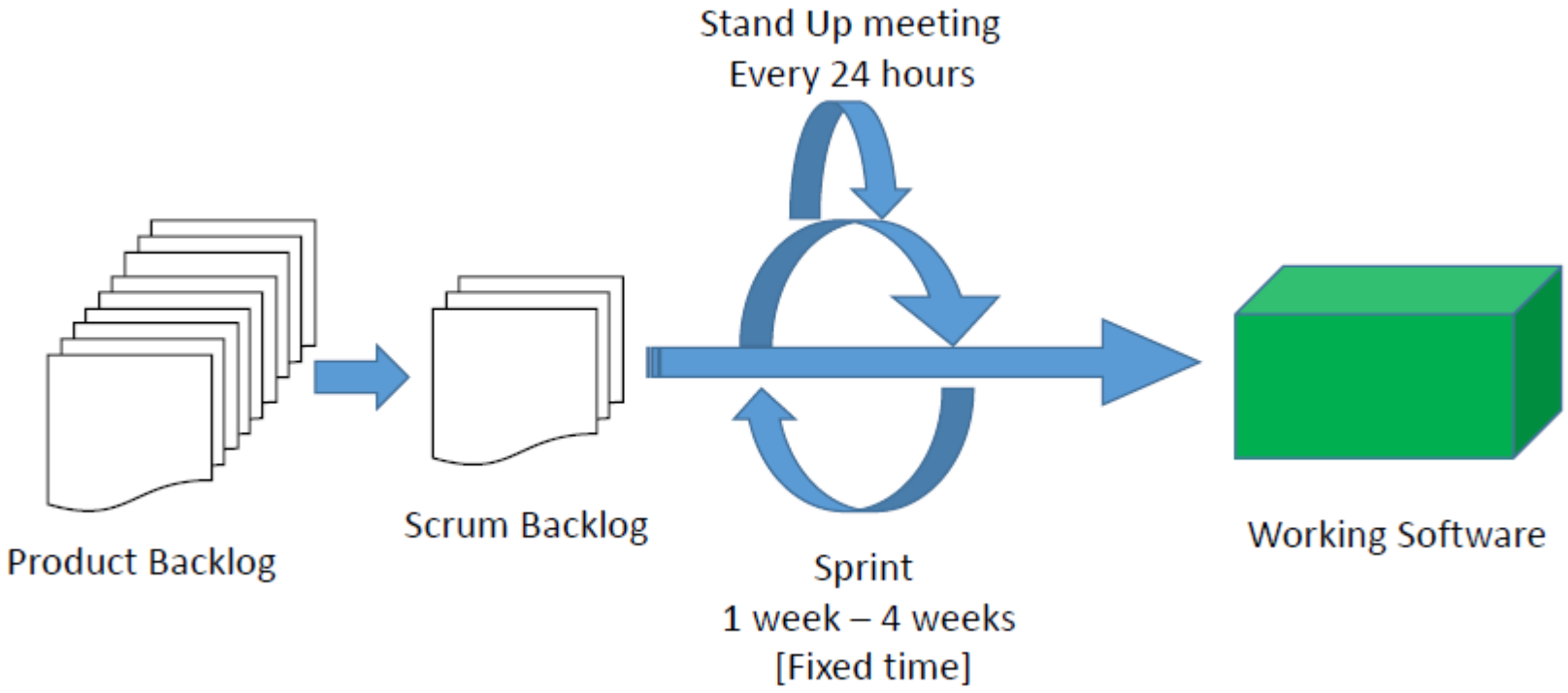
# Agile vs. Waterfall

| | Agile | Waterfall |
|---|---|---|
| Iterative? | Yes | No |
| Late Changes? | Yes | No / $$$ |
| Fixed timeline? | No* | Yes |
| Fixed Cost? | No* | Yes* |
| Volume of meetings | Consistent | Heavy up front, reduced middle, heavy end |
| Release frequency | Every Sprint | Once per project |
| Business Involvement | Heavy throughout | Heavy early, and at very end |
| Cost to fix mistakes | Low | High |

→ small project

# Scrum

- Scrum is currently one of the most widely used methodologies of software development



# Scrum - Roles

- Product Owner
  - Responsible for delivering requirements and accepting demos
  - Involved in planning session
- Scrum Master
  - Responsible for removing impediments
- Team members
  - No one has a fixed role other than the scrum master and product owner
  - Everyone takes on tasks, and completes them based on what they are most comfortable with

# Scrum - Sprint

- The sprint is a fixed time to deliver a working set of features, that are reviewed in a demonstration to the product owner
- Tasks in Scrum are broken into “User Stories”
- In a sprint, a team agrees at the beginning to take on a certain number of user stories
- Sprints are usually between 1 and 4 weeks in length
- At the end of each sprint, teams hold a “retrospective” which is a meeting where the past sprint is discussed, and chances for improvement for the next sprint are raised

# Scrum – User Stories

- User stories are similar to requirements. They are written in the following format:

  *As a {ACTOR/OBJECT} I want to {ACTION} so that {RESULT}*

# Scrum – Planning Session

- Planning sessions happen at the start of each sprint.
- They usually take a few hours. During this time, the team decides how much work it will take on and discusses any major technical challenges they expect to face.
- Usually, Product Owners are available for at least a portion of this meeting, to help with prioritization. They are only there to assist in this regard, and not to dictate what the team will complete.

# Scrum – The Standup Meeting

- Happens EVERY SINGLE day that you are working
- The goal is to make sure people are doing alright
- Shouldn’t be longer than 15 minutes
- Answer three questions:
  1. What did I finish since the last standup?
  2. What am I going to finish by the next standup?
  3. What is stopping me / what impediments am I facing?

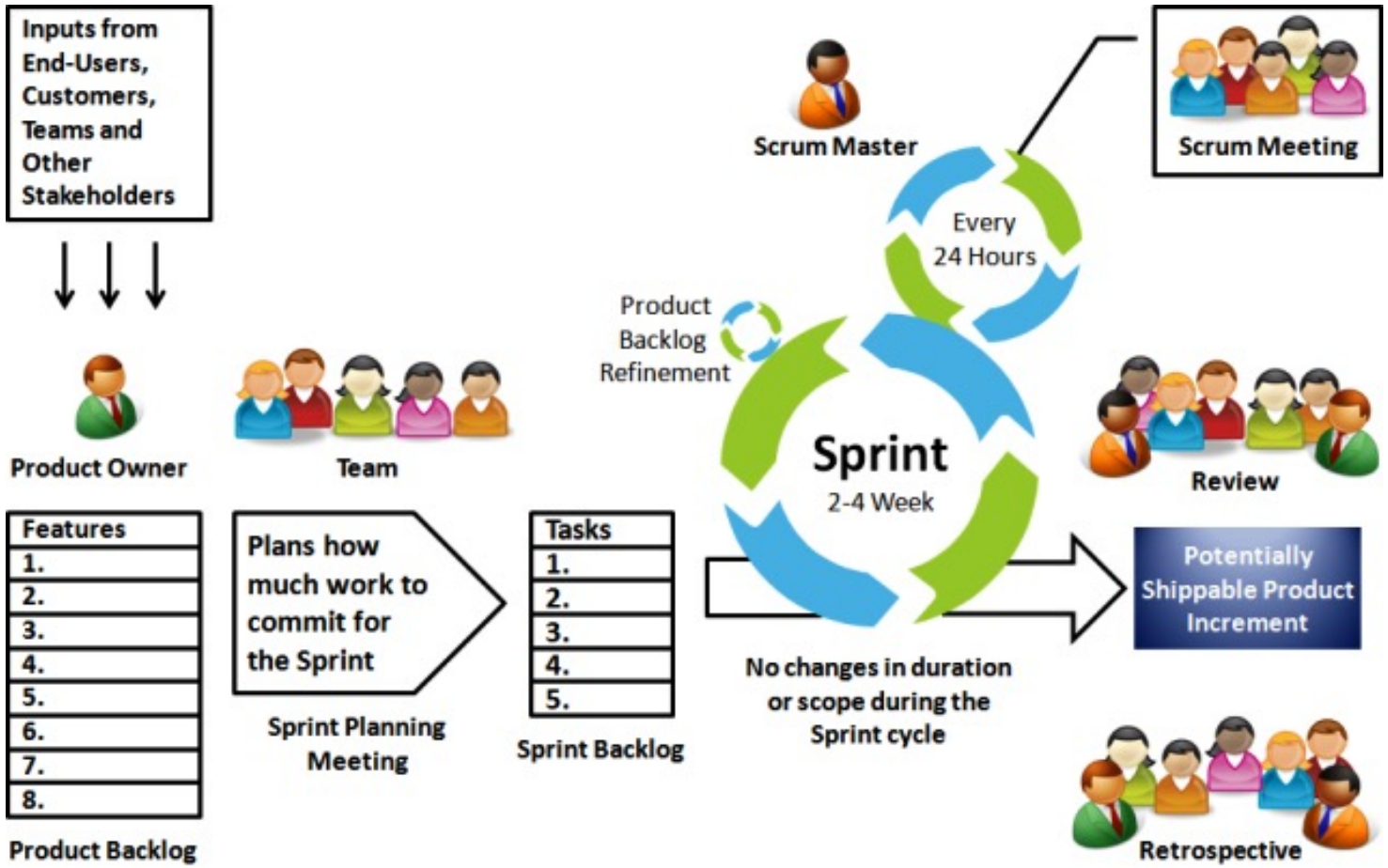
# Scrum – Working Agreement

- A series of statements that everyone on the team agrees to about how the team will work
- Things in working agreements may include:
  - The standup will occur at 1:00 pm every day, and last 15 minutes
  - We will not speak during the standup, unless it is our turn to speak
  - Our meetings will take place in the lobby of the IC building
  - All code must be peer-reviewed
  - We will submit all code 24 hours prior to the due date

# Scrum – Definition of Done

- A formal agreement of when work is considered complete.
- For example, a story can be marked as done when:
  - It has been fully unit tested
  - It successfully integrated with the rest of the code
  - It has been peer reviewed
  - It is fully commented
  - Etc.
- It is important that team comes to an agreement on this definition before they start work.

# Scrum – overall mechanism

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