Documentation in the Essence Standard Group 3

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Way of Working

We believe that the stage that best describes what state we are in is Working well. In Use does not describe the state we are in, because everyone in the team uses and has access to the practices and tools that is required to perform our work, and everyone is involved in the adaption of the way-of-working. We aren't in the state In Place either, because the practices and tools have become ingrained in our way of working, so the team naturally applies the practices without thinking about them. We are also continually adapting the way of work to suit our context. The obstacles that we have to reach the next state is finishing the assignment, because the next is Retired and means that the team's way of working isn't being used anymore.

Interpretations of Requirements

One requirement for reaching the p+ grade was to have 90% of commits linked to an issue that describes the feature. Instead of linking directly to an issue in each commit message, we have linked issues to branches and pull requests. For each commit within a branch, they are assumed to be linked to the issue that we are linking to in the PR.