

# TFS Agile 101

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# What Agility Means



Deliver Faster



Higher Quality



Lower Cost



Reduce Complexity



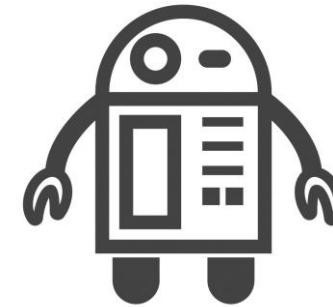
Faster Decisions



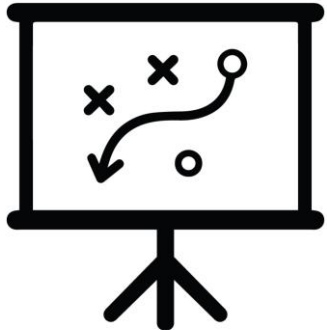
Stay Ahead



**PEOPLE OVER  
PROCESSES AND  
TOOLS**



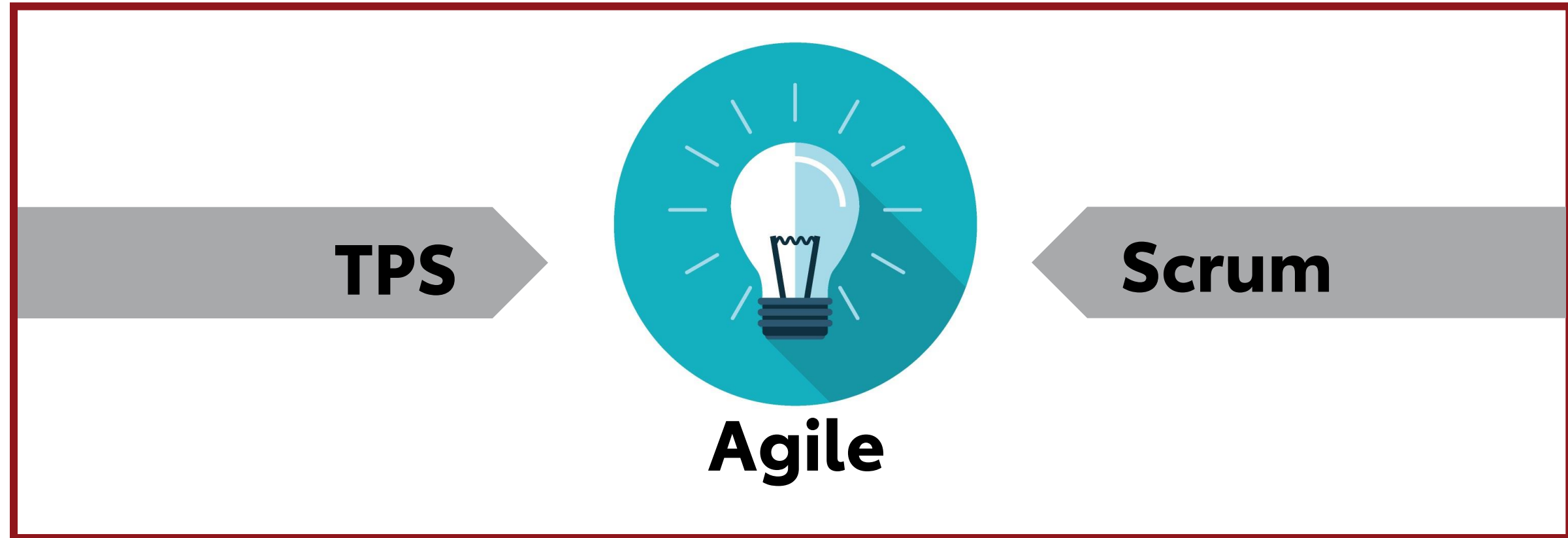
**WORKING  
PROTOTYPES OVER  
EXCESSIVE  
DOCUMENTATION**



**RESPOND TO CHANGE  
RATHER THAN  
FOLLOW A PLAN**



**CUSTOMER  
COLLABORATION  
OVER RIGID  
CONTRACTS**



**Empowerment | Embrace Change | Transparency**

## Agile and Scrum Practices

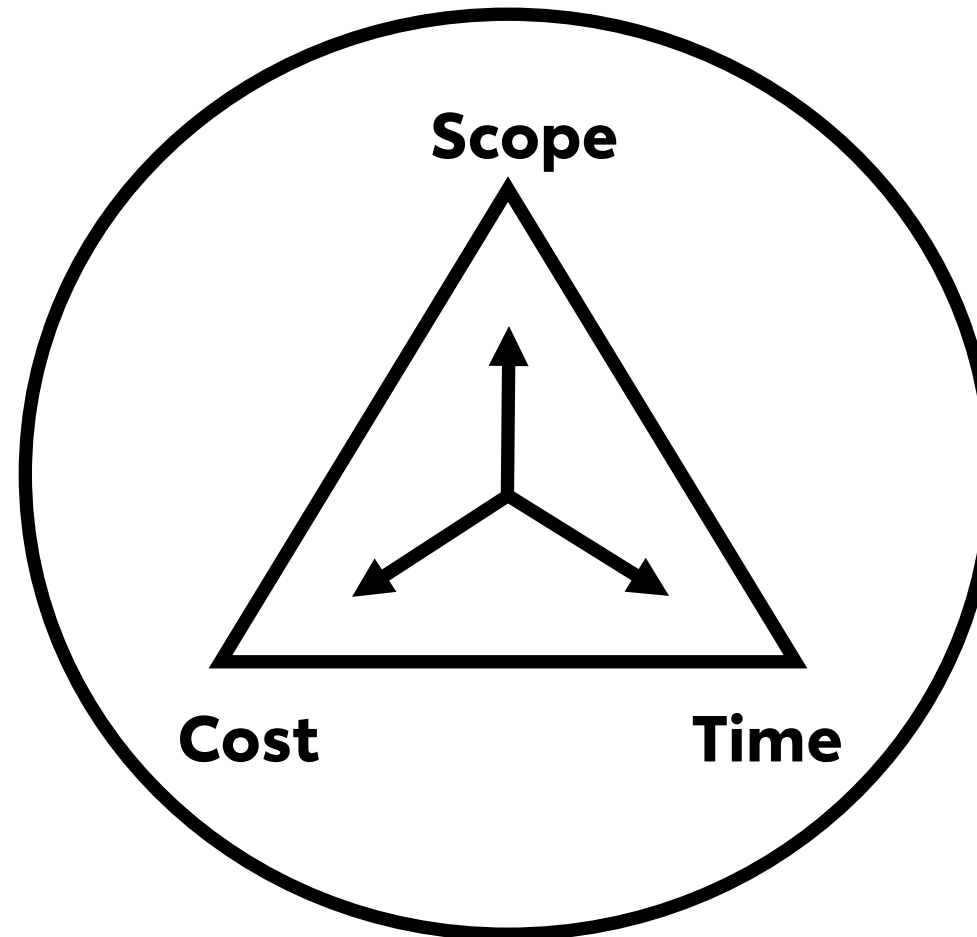
1. Customer Value
2. Being focused on the sprint and it's goal
3. Courage to Challenge & Change
4. Make Work Visible
5. Inspect & Adapt using Empirical Data
6. Committing yourself to the team and the Goal
7. Responding to Change over Following a Plan
8. Openness & Transparency
9. Individuals & interactions over Processes & Tools
10. Get Feedback from Real Customers

## Toyota fundamentals:

1. Customer First (*Okyakusama daiichi*)
2. Leveling (*Heijunka*)
3. One Piece Flow
4. Visualization (*Mieruka*)
5. Automation with human judgement (*Jidoka*)
6. Teamwork and people development (*Hitozukuri*)
7. Just in time (*JIT*)
8. Continuous improvement of process and product
9. (*Kaizen / PDCA*)

## Project Mindset

- Success Defined Upfront
- Management Centric
- Rigid/Discourages change
- Lacks Transparency
- Delays Customer Feedback
- Task vs Value Focused
- Increased Risk



## Product Mindset

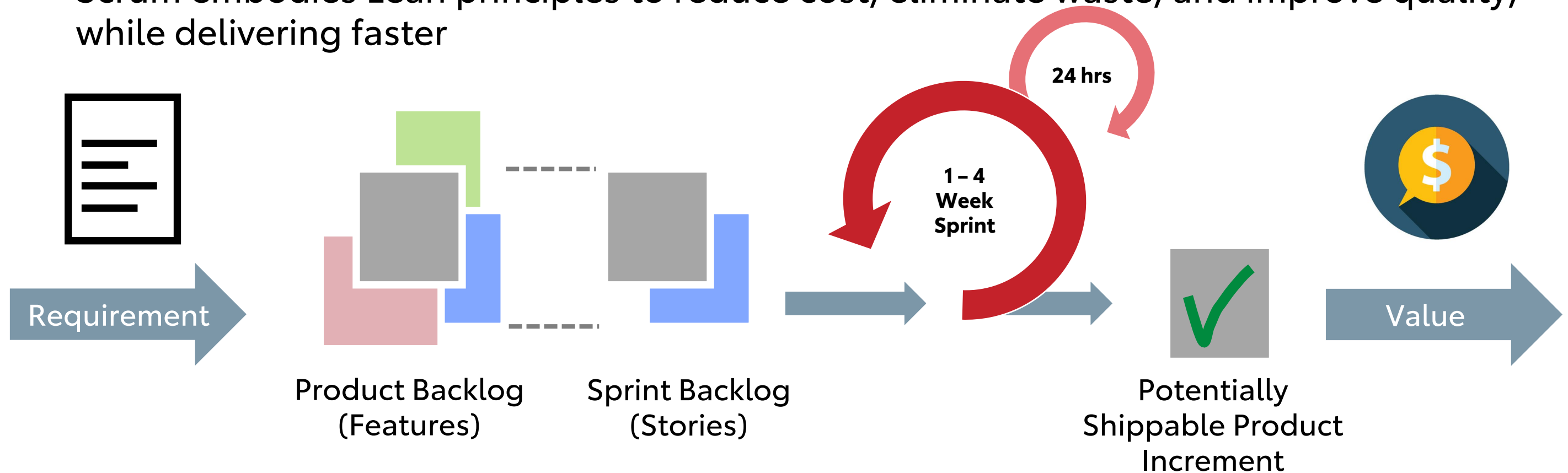
- Success Defined Continuously
- Customer Centric
- Encourages Change
- Embraces Transparency
- Incorporates Customer Feedback
- Reduces Waste
- Increased Creativity

# Scrum Framework



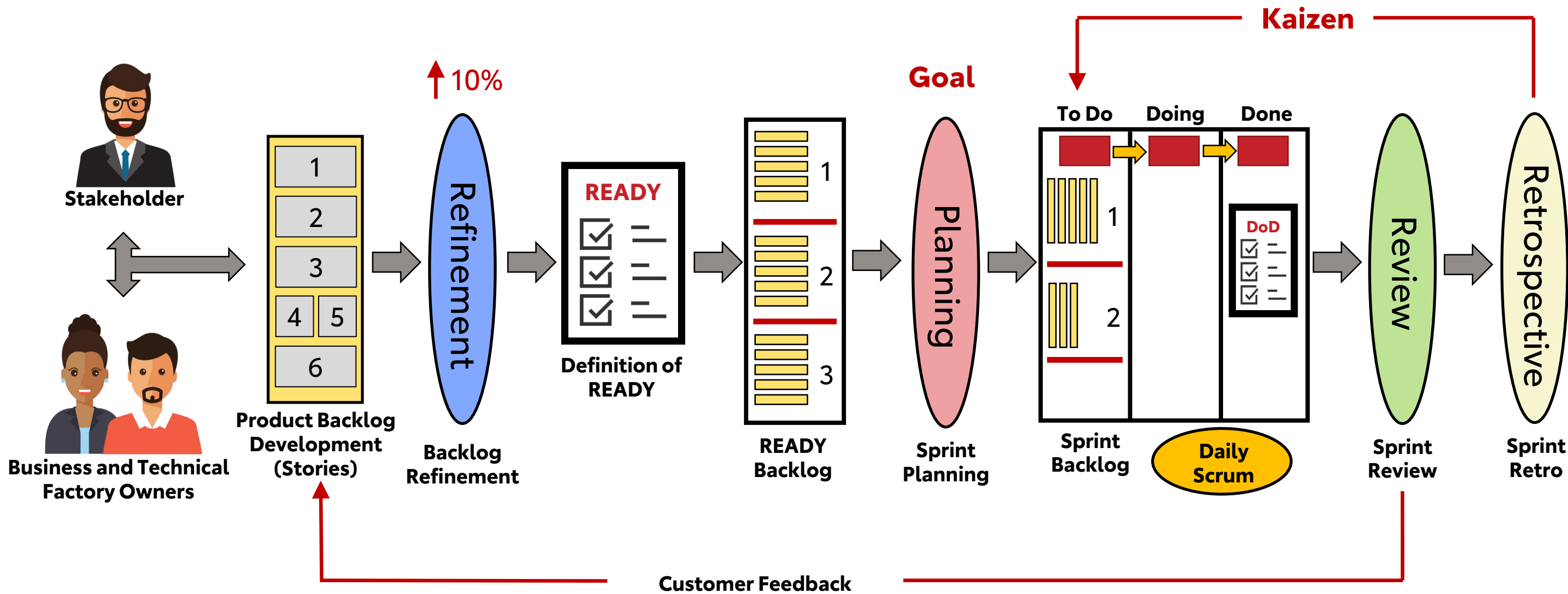
# Scrum – An Agile Framework

- Scrum is a lightweight framework, and not a prescriptive methodology
- Teaches basic discipline to enable small teams to deliver rapid increments of value in short time boxes
- Scrum embodies Lean principles to reduce cost, eliminate waste, and improve quality, while delivering faster





# How Scrum Works





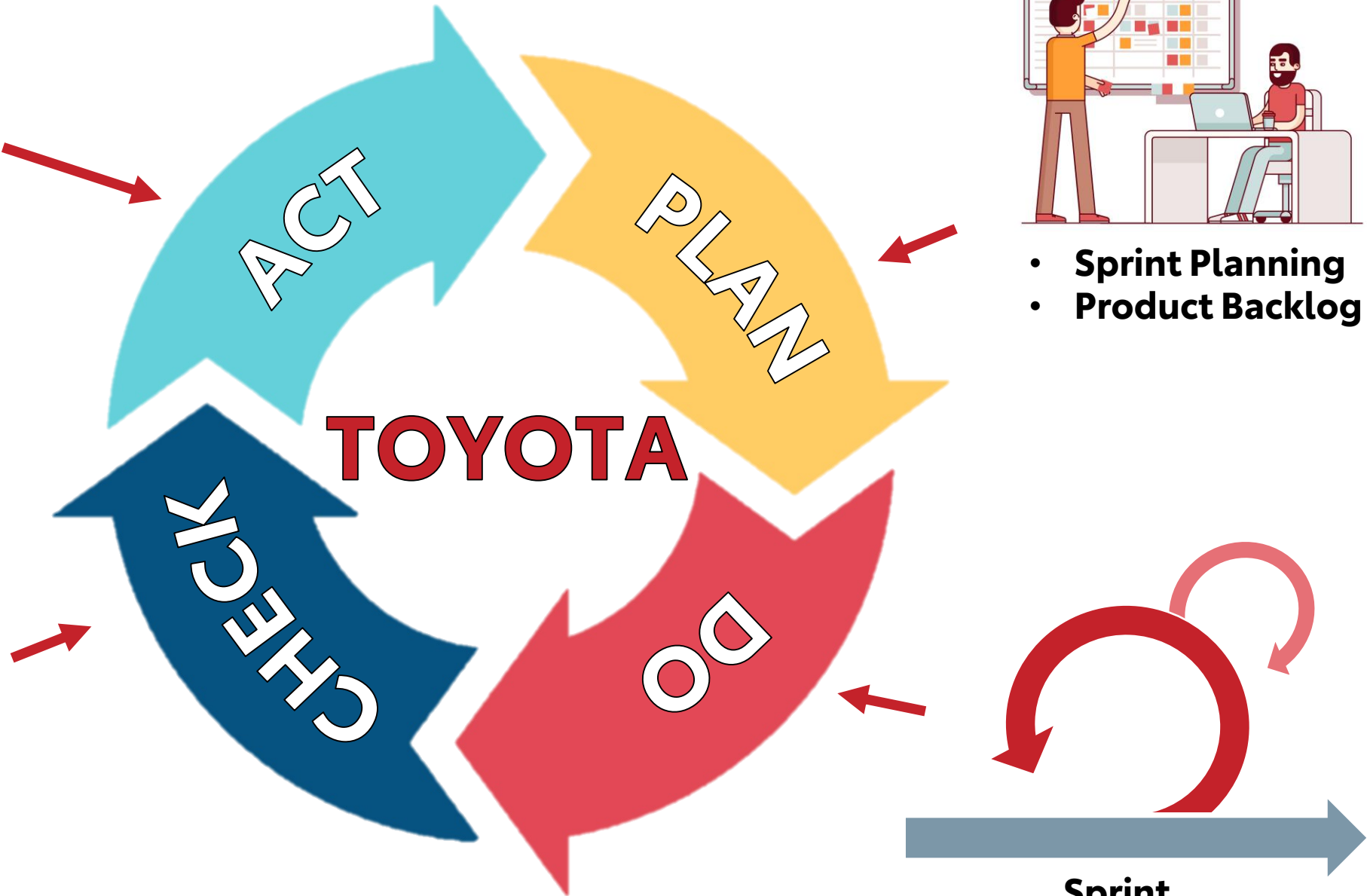
**Sprint Retrospective**



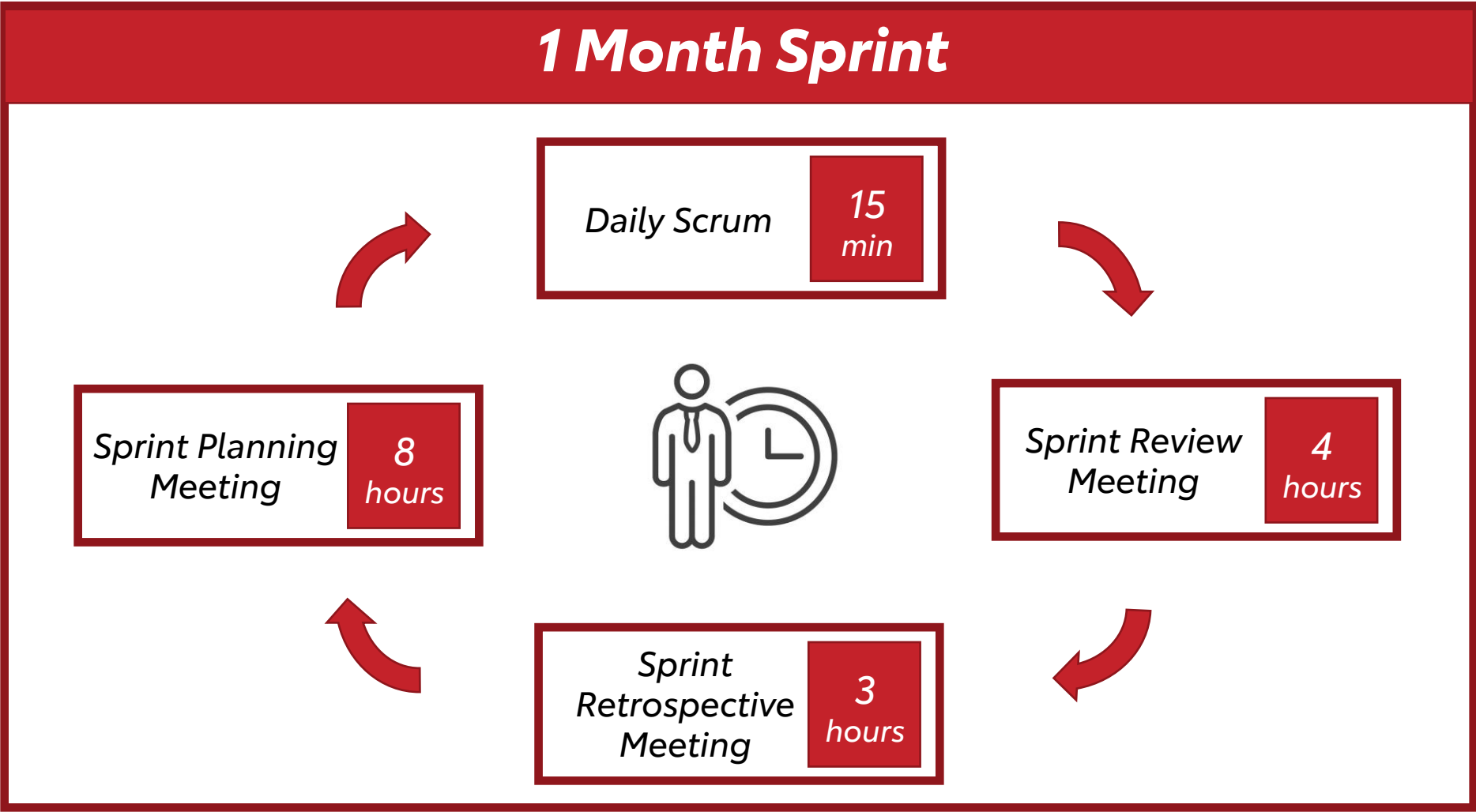
- **Sprint Planning**
- **Product Backlog Refinement**



- **Sprint Review**
- **Daily Scrum**



Time boxing is allotting a fixed, maximum unit of time for an activity. That unit is called a Time Box.



## Shorter Sprints?

Proportionate for Planning, Review, and Retro

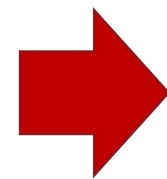


Planning 2 hrs/wk/sp  
Review 1 hr/wk/sp  
Retro 45 min/wk/sp

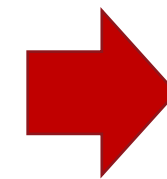




Business



Interface



Development Team

# Factory Team





**Business &  
Technical Factory  
Owner**



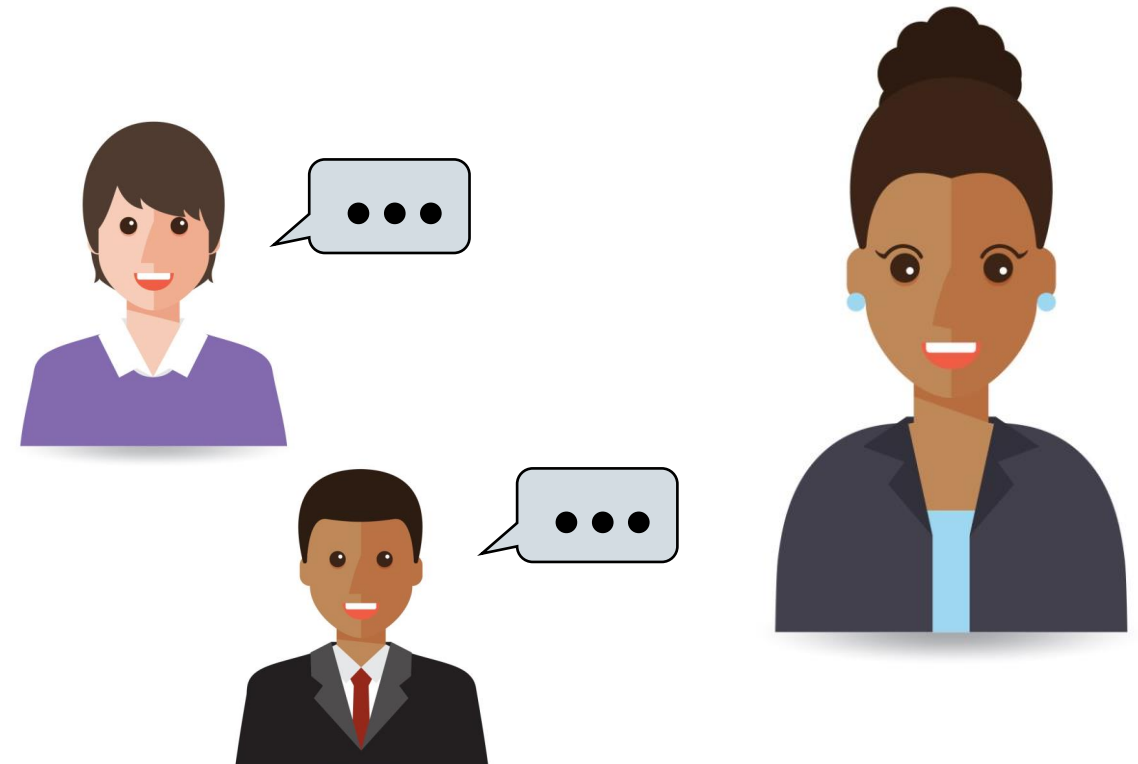
**Scrum Master**



**Squad**

# The Factory Owner Owns the WHAT

- Has a compelling product vision that is executable
- Builds a roadmap for rolling out the vision that aligns everyone
- Builds a Product Backlog of 'enabling items' that are 'just enough & just in time' that enables a team to build the Product
- Spends half their time with customers & stakeholders, and the other half closely with the team
- Is accountable for the value delivered to the customer



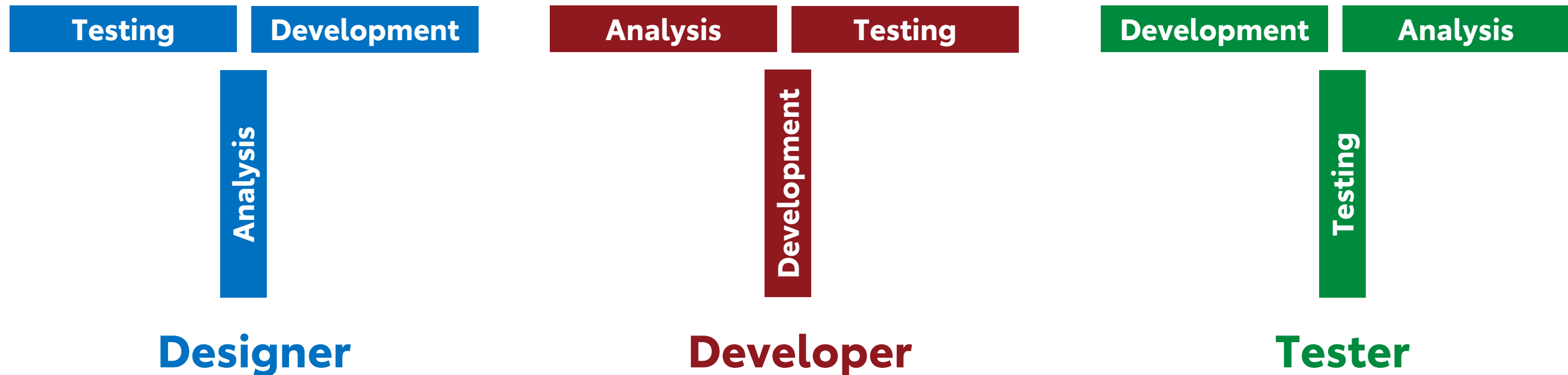


- Coaches the Team and Factory Owner in Scrum techniques
- Understands and implements the values of the Agile Manifesto
- Facilitates Scrum Events defined in the Scrum framework
- Ensures work is made visible & encourages openness & transparency
- Identifies and ensures impediments are resolved
- Promotes Kaizen thinking and waste reduction





- **Multi-skilled** – most members can do more than one thing (T-shaped skillsets, wide in many areas deep in one)
- **Self-organizing** – they decide **how** they will work
- **Self-managing** – they decide **how much** work they can do in a Sprint
- **Collaborative** – they work together to achieve a **Sprint Goal**
- A team size of between **3 – 9 people**



- **Eliminate Organizational Debt**
  - Remove Bureaucracy and Red Tape
  - Remove all Non Value Added Activities
  - Stop telling people what to do. Empower them instead
- **Remove Impediments**
  - Commit to meet daily and deal with any impediment to team delivery
  - Work with other managers to optimize the flow of value
- Hold **Factory Owners** accountable for value delivered
- Hold **Scrum Masters** accountable for process improvement and team happiness
- Hold **Development Teams** accountable for improving quality and removing technical debt



# Product Backlog



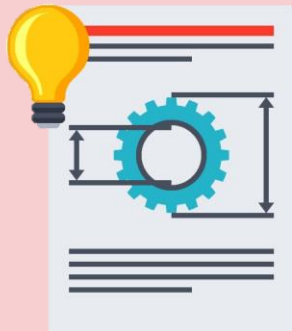
- The Product Backlog consists of **work to be done** ordered by customer value
- There is only one Product Backlog which is shared across teams working on the same product
- Anyone can put anything in the backlog
- In Scrum the Factory Owner is the final authority on ordering the backlog
- The Backlog consists of Product Backlog Items (PBIs)
- The majority of Scrum teams use user Stories as PBIs



# The Backlog is DEEP

D

Detailed  
Appropriately



E

Estimated



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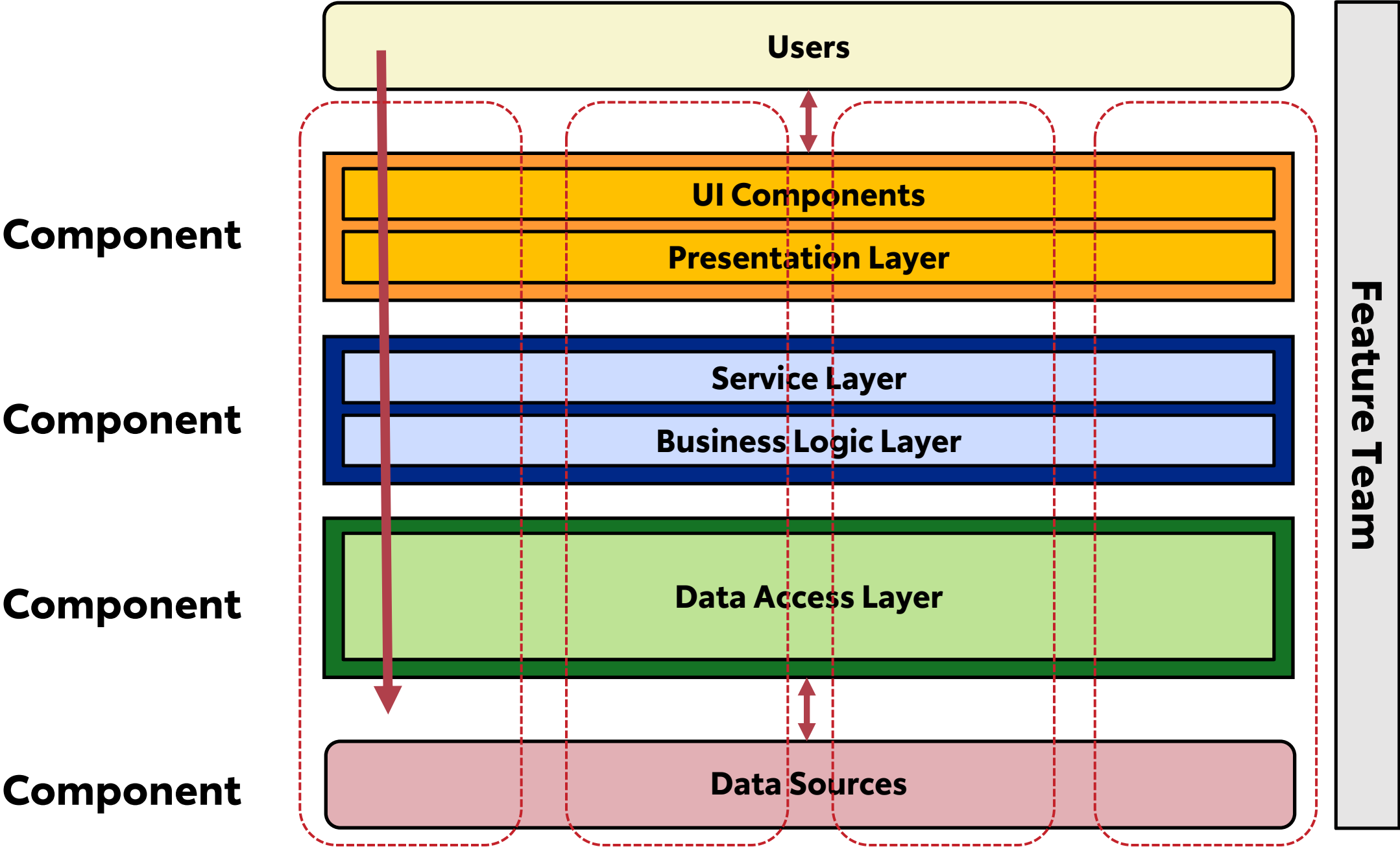
Emergent



P

Prioritized





## Online Customer Payment

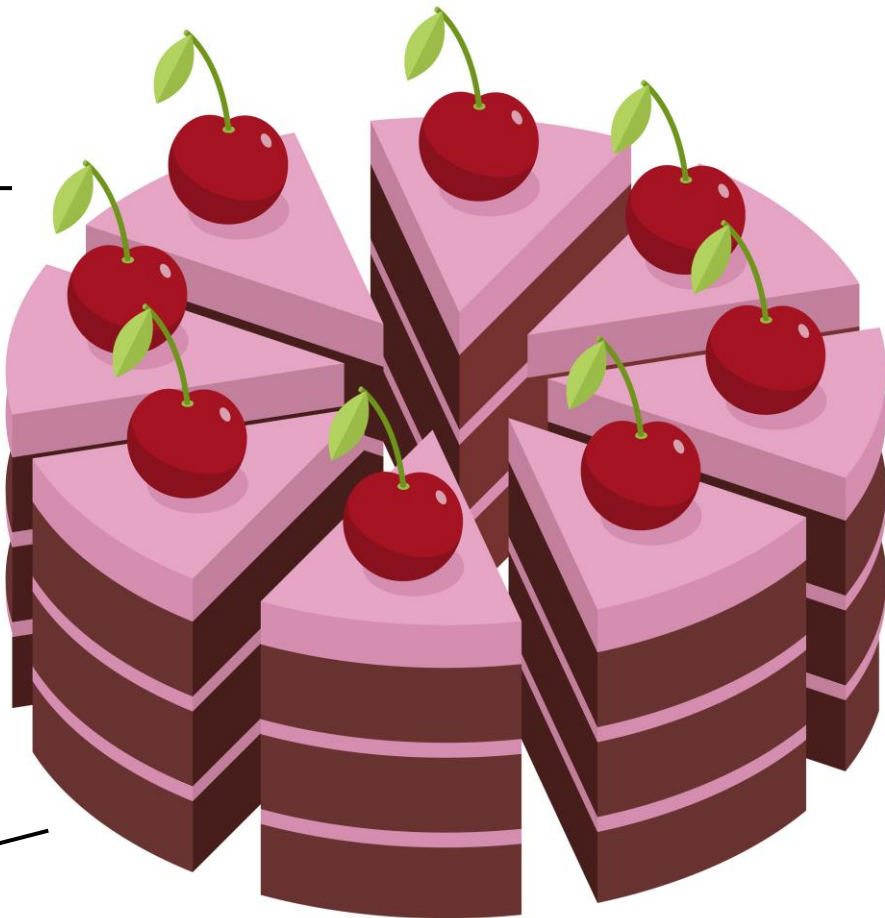
Vertical Slices and Horizontal Layers

**Vertical Slices**  
*Each Slice of Cake*

Customer can make payments online

Customer can schedule recurring payments online

Customer can check balance online



**Horizontal Layers**  
*Each User Layer of Cake*

User Interface Layer

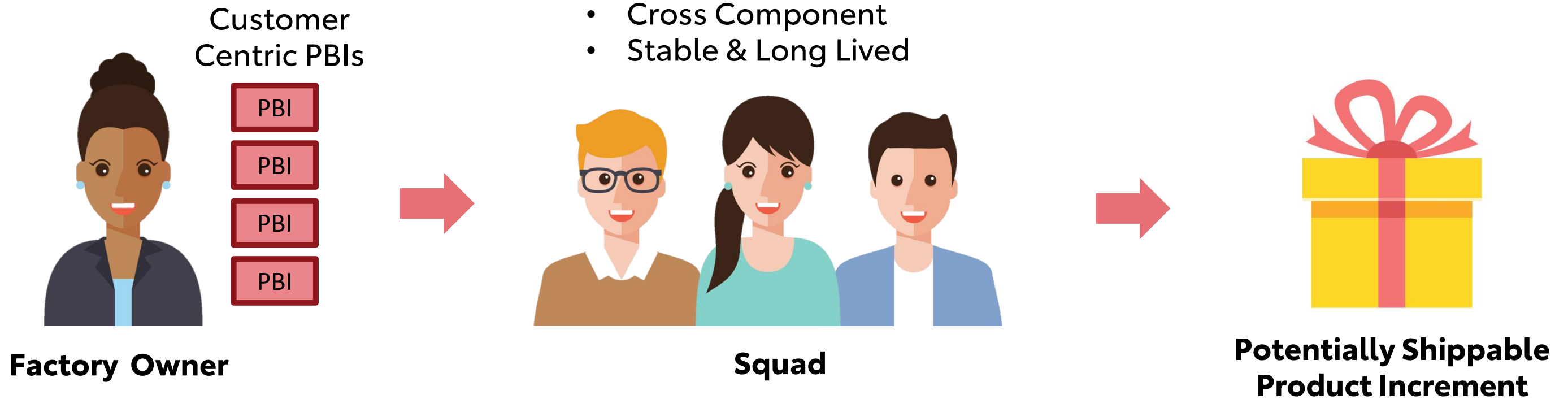
Security Layer

Database Layer

1 Cake Slice = 1 User Story

## Feature Squad

- Cross Functional (T-Shaped Skillsets)
- Cross Component
- Stable & Long Lived



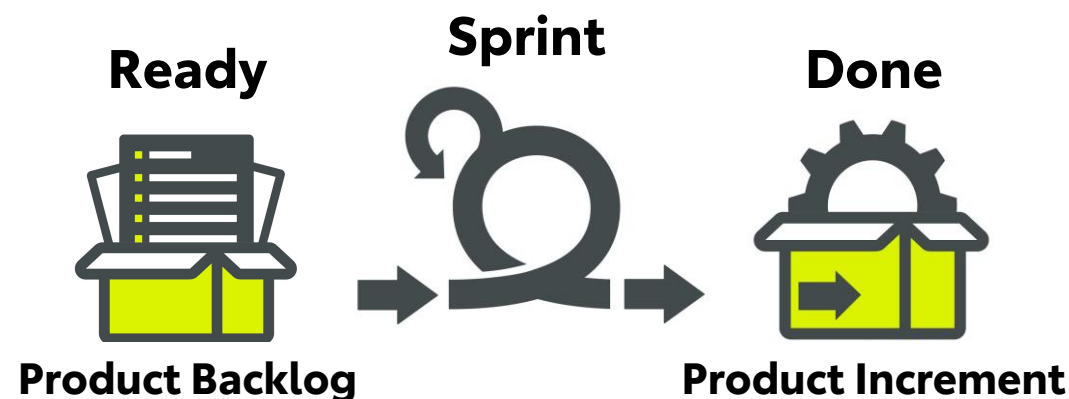
The team has the necessary knowledge and skills to complete an end-to-end customer centric feature. If not, the team is expected to learn or acquire the needed knowledge and skills



# Definition of Ready Backlog

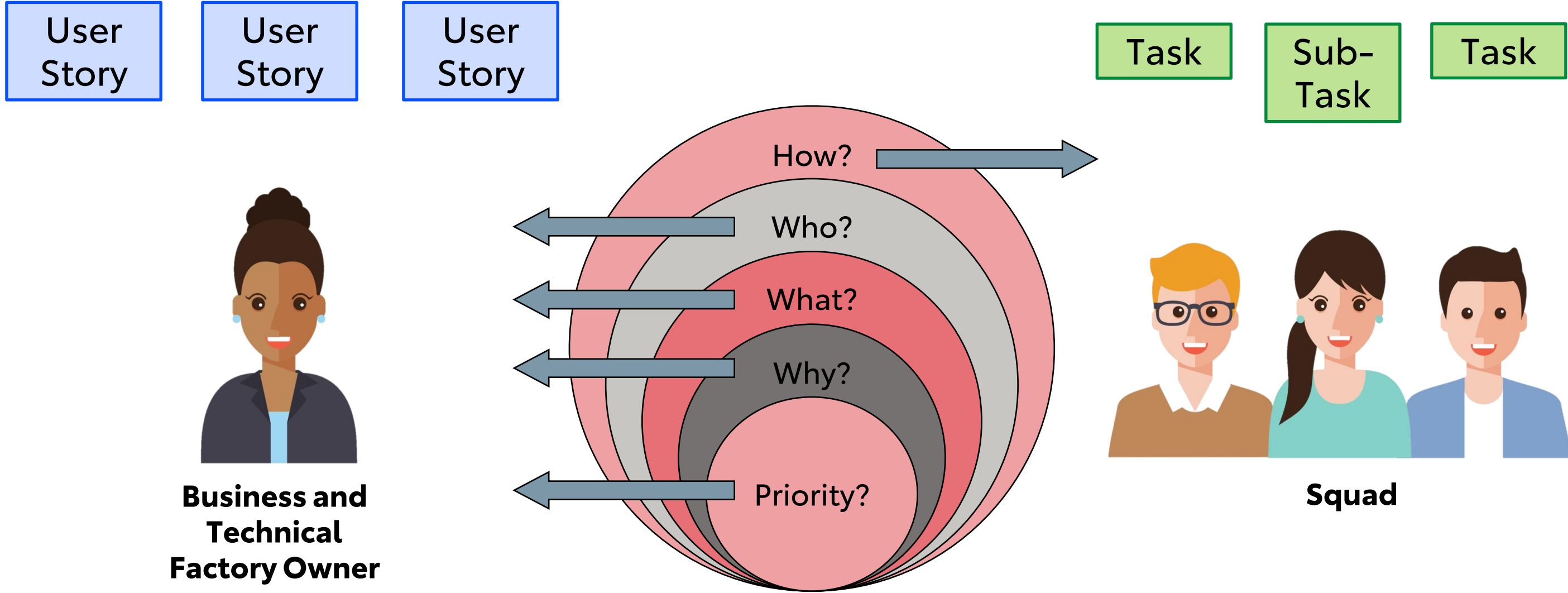
**I** NDEPENDENT and Immediately Actionable  
**N** EGOTIABLE  
**V** ALUABLE  
**E** STIMABLE  
**S** MALL  
**T** ESTABLE

1. The Story Meets INVEST
2. All enabling items are present; Specs, Wireframes, etc.
3. The team has, or will acquire, the skills to complete the work
4. Acceptance criteria are clear and testable
5. Performance criteria, if any, are defined and testable
6. Scrum team understands how to demonstrate the story at the sprint review

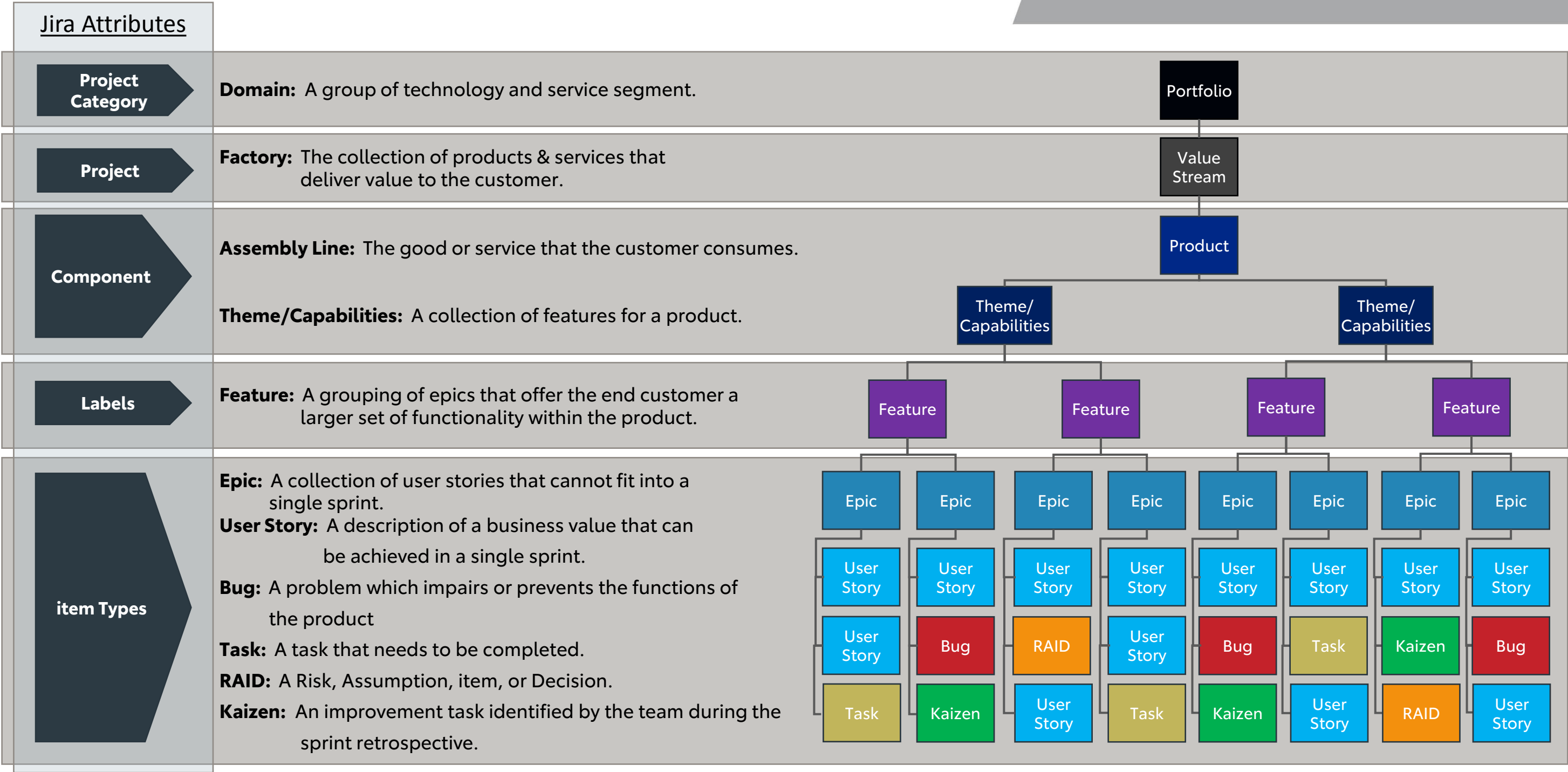




# Factory Owner Should Write User stories, Not Tasks



# ABC Digital Factory Story Mapping



**Epic:** As a customer I want a mobile app to manage my account



As a customer I  
want to be able  
to make  
payments  
online so I can  
save time

**User Story 1**



As a customer I  
want to be able  
to schedule  
recurring  
payments  
online so I can  
save time

**User Story 2**



As a customer I  
want to be able  
to go online  
and check my  
balance

**User Story 3**

## User Story

**As a**  
*<type of user>*  
**I want to**  
*<have some feature or capability>*  
**So that**  
*<the following value is delivered>*



## User Story

**As a**  
*Auto Loan Customer*  
**I want to**  
*Be able to check my balance online*  
**So that**  
*I can save time*

## Acceptance Criteria

**I will know this is done when...**  
1. *Condition is met*  
2. *Condition is met*  
3. *Condition is met*



## Acceptance Criteria

**I will know this is done when...**  
1. *The customer can log into account online*  
2. *The customer can see his/her balance*  
3. *The balance updates when payment is received*

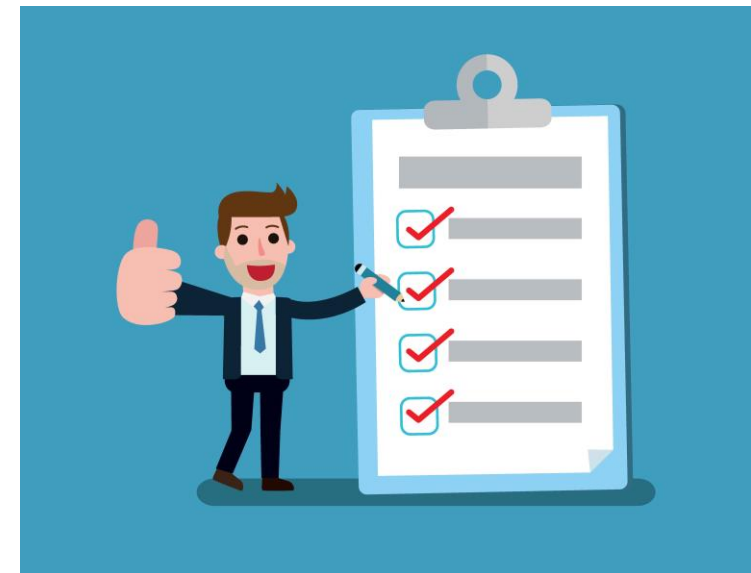
- Known as the 'Estimate – Talk – Estimate' method
- Pick smallest story and give it 5 story points
- Keeping your thoughts to yourself, estimate relative size of other stories by comparing the size of the work including effort, complexity, risk, as well as skills available
- Discuss outliers and vote again until all numbers are within 3 values, then average
- The Maximum Likelihood equation for most distributions is the average
- **Do not try to converge**
- **The best estimate will almost never be a Fibonacci number!**

As an X I want Y so that Z <b>1</b>	As an X I want Y so that Z <b>2</b>	As an X I want Y so that Z <b>3</b>	As an X I want Y so that Z <b>5</b>	As an X I want Y so that Z <b>8</b>	As an X I want Y so that Z <b>13</b>	As an X I want Y so that Z <b>21</b>	As an X I want Y so that Z <b>34</b>
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- The purpose of each Sprint is to deliver Increments of potentially releasable functionality that adhere to the Scrum Team's current definition of "Done."
- Development Teams deliver an Increment of product functionality every Sprint. This Increment is useable, so a Factory Owner may choose to immediately release it.

***DONE MEANS DONE EVERY SPRINT! THAT  
MEANS SHIPPABLE!***



# Definition of Done vs Acceptance Criteria



- DoD is a set of fixed criteria we apply to all user stories in a product. Think of it as a quality mark when shipping the completed stories.
- You should simply be able to rubber stamp each story as having met a master set of standards

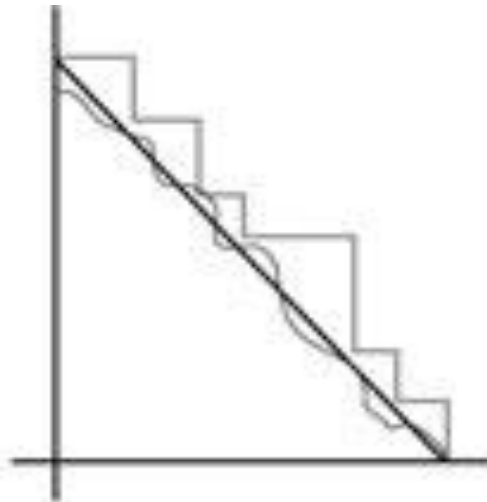


- Acceptance Criteria also known as 'conditions of satisfaction' are applied to an individual user story, and are used to confirm that the desired purpose of the story is met.
- A clear description or list of outcomes that prove the story will be acceptable to the PO that this story is completed to their satisfaction.
- These are typically written by the PO, but the team can help, and often do if it is a Kaizen or Technical Debt story.

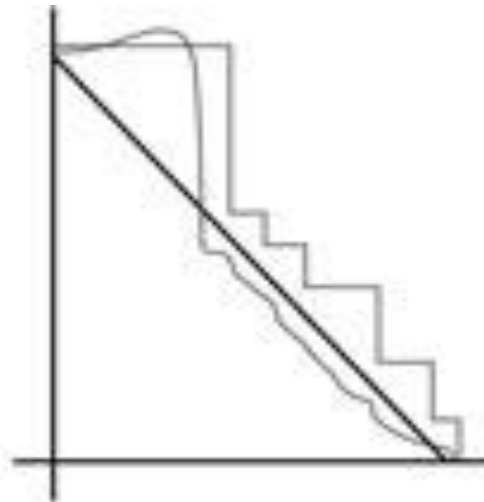
- Feature Complete
- Code Complete
- **No Known Defects**
- Passes all Acceptance Tests
- No New Manual Tests
- All New Tests Automated!
- Approved by the PO
- Production Ready – *i.e. Potentially Shippable*



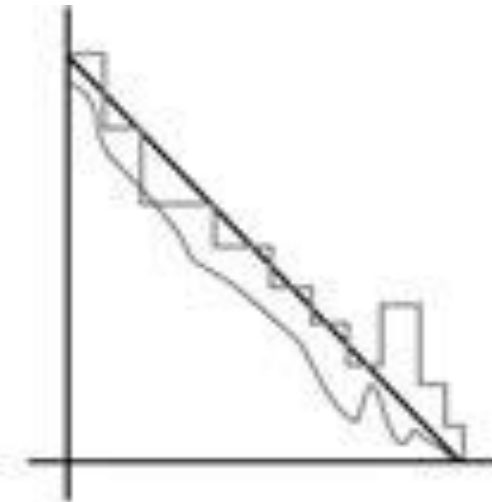
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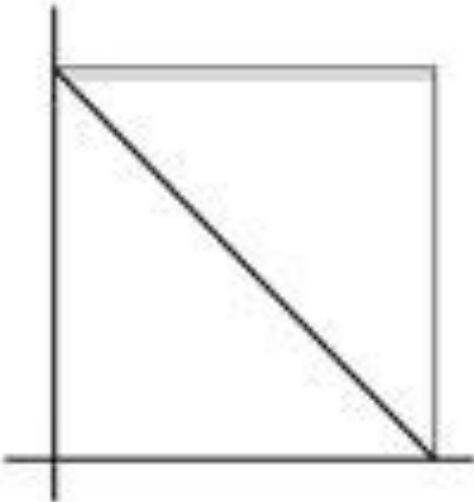
1. Expected



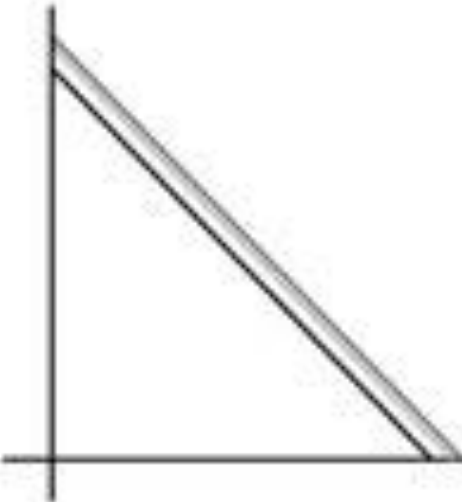
2. More complicated



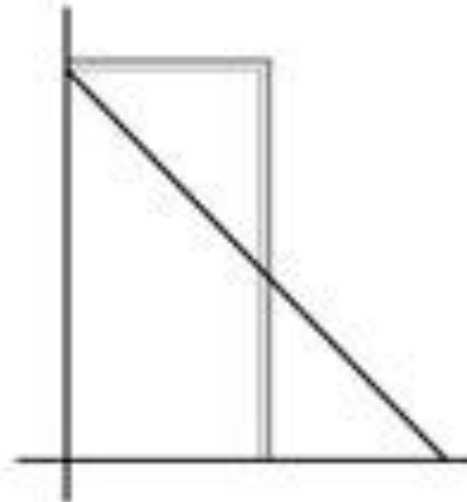
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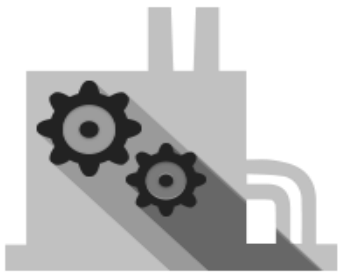
4. Not participating



5. Lying



6. Failing fast



Manufacturing  
Software

# ABC Digital Factory Model

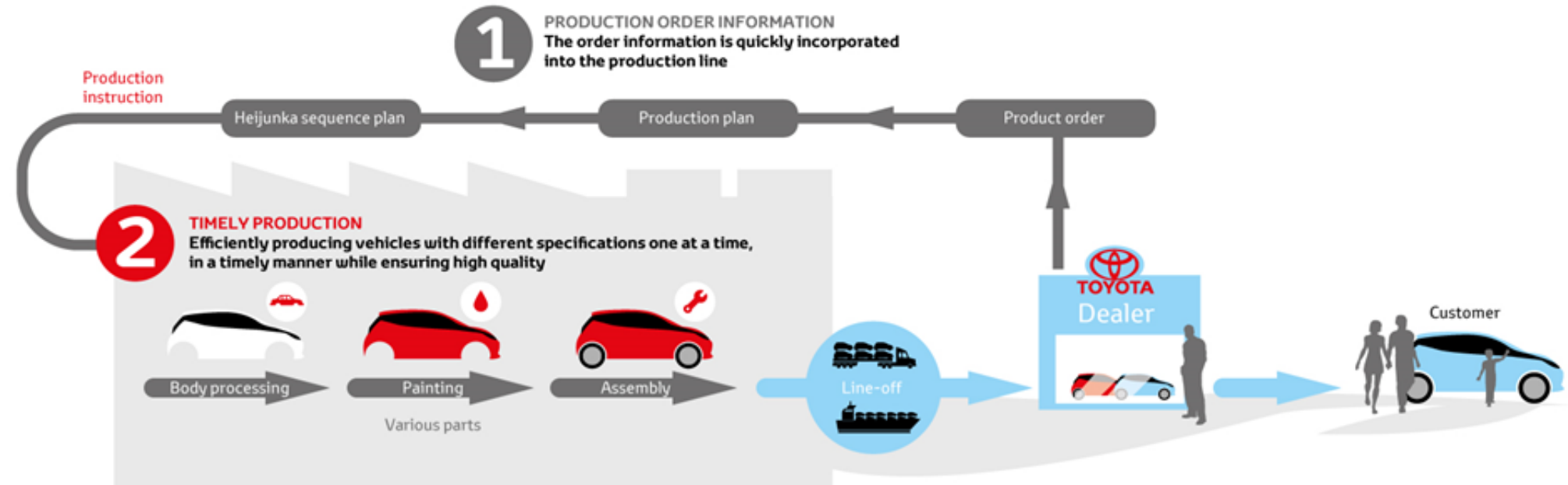


# Engineering Agility

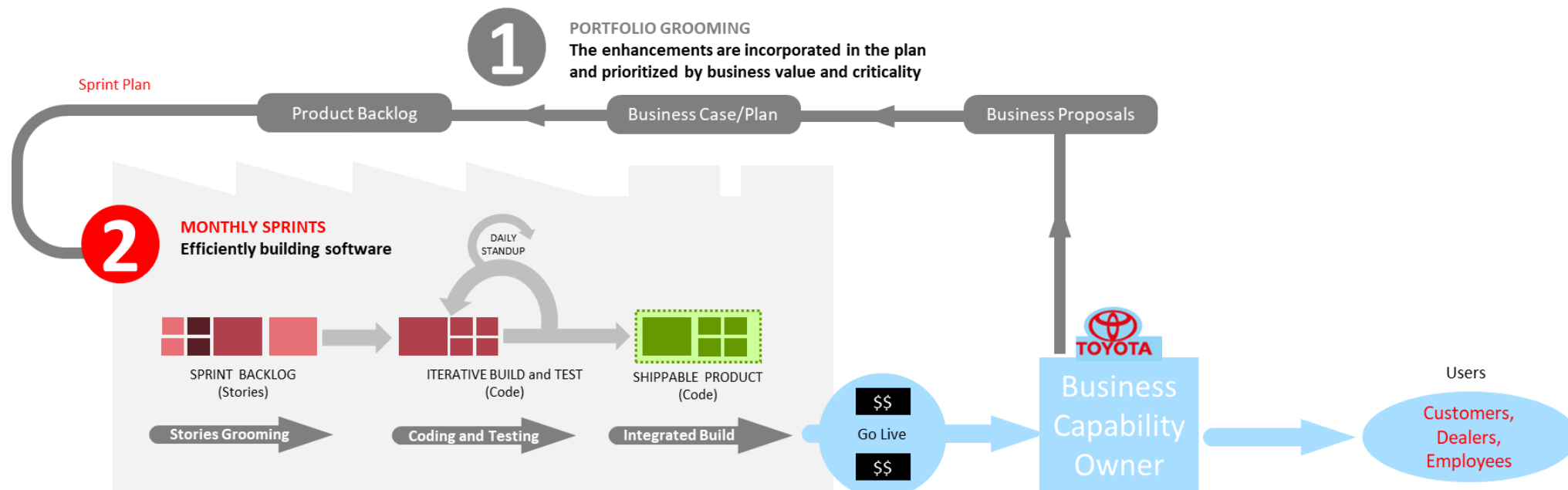
Manufacturing software like we manufacture cars...



## Car Production Process 'Auto Factory'



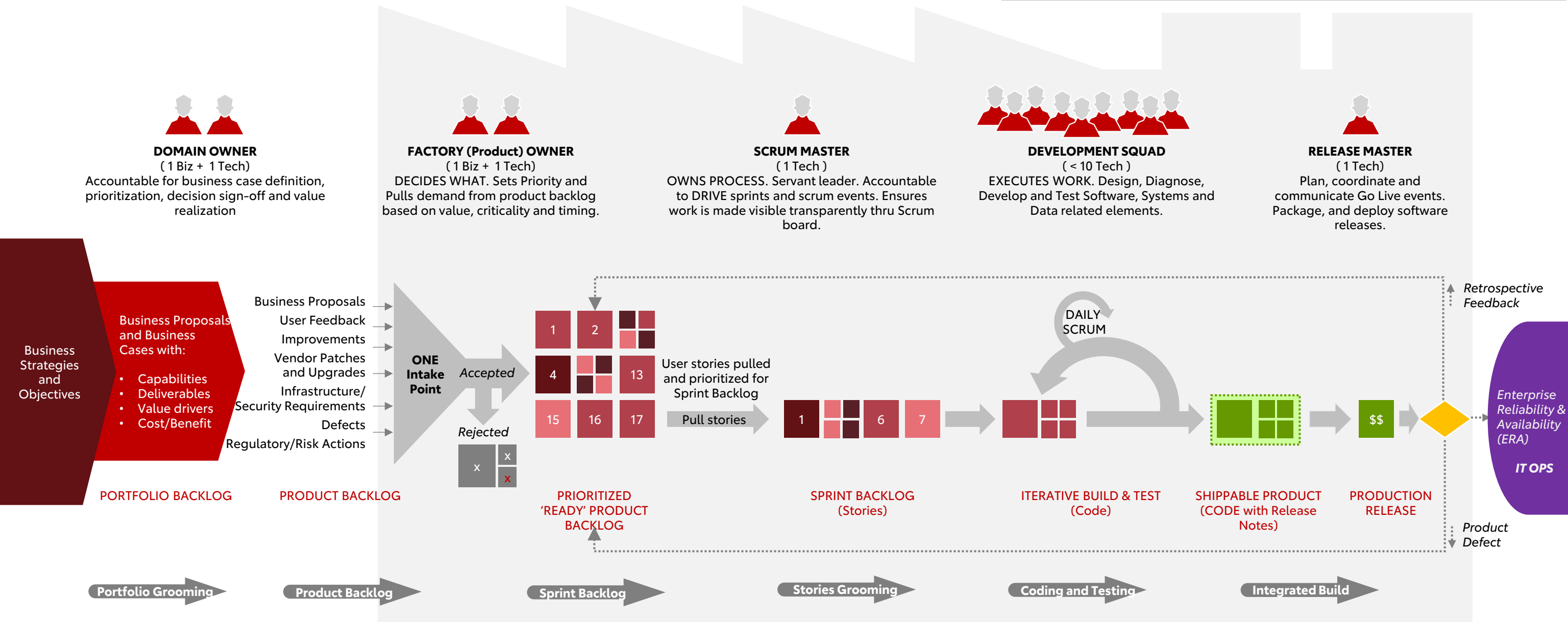
## Software Production Process 'ABC Digital Factory'





# Engineering Agility

## Agile Business Capability (ABC) Digital Factory

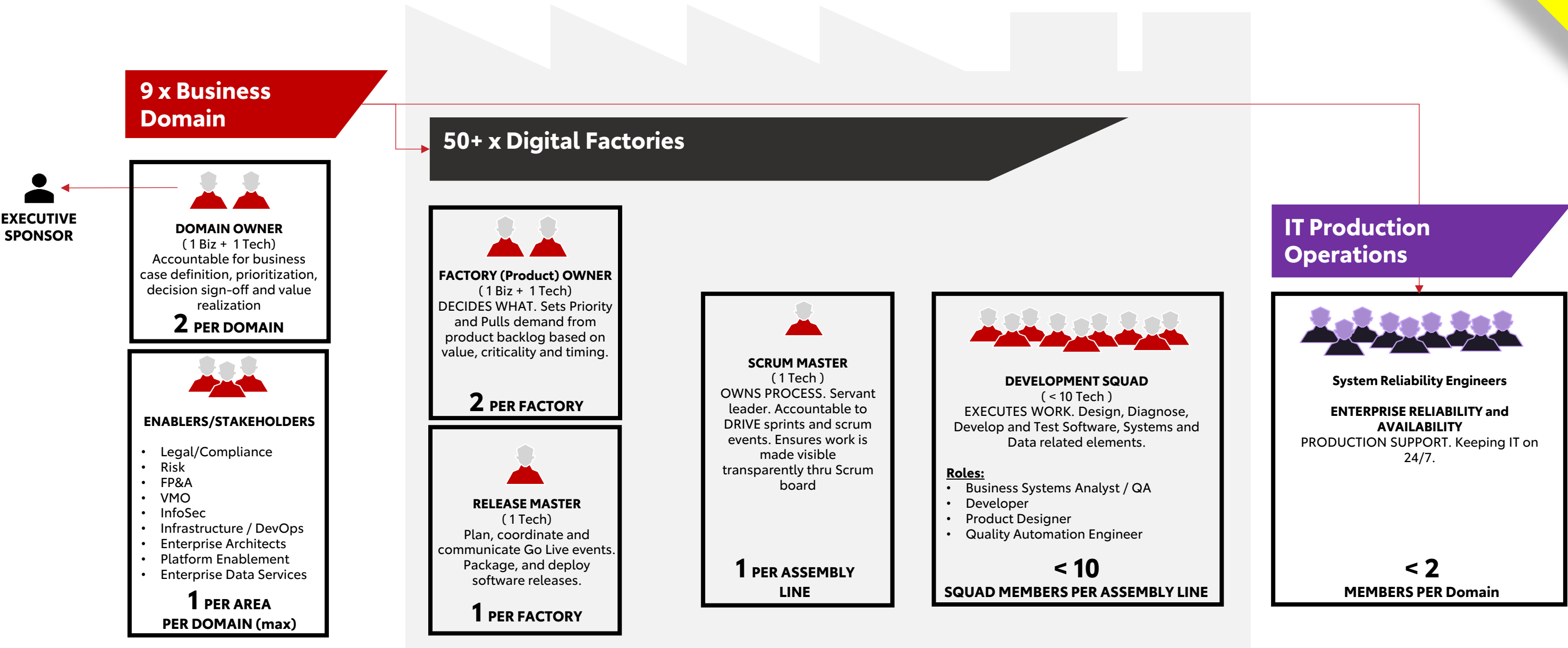


**Agile, Lean, Continuous, Software Manufacturing with Monthly software shipments/releases...**

# ABC Digital Factory Team

Fixed Capacity, Fixed Schedule, Continuous Scope Prioritization and Pull...

Illustrative





# Q & A