

Introduction To Agile Development

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Process?

Many answers

Waterfall, Six Sigma, ISO9000, XP, Scrum, Lean, Crystal etc.

Why?

Where, who, what, when to do that specific task instead of another.

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.”

Trends

Scrum: business focus, self-organizing team

XP: developer focus, story-based

Lean: executive focus, eliminate waste

Overlapping Roles

Product Owner: new features, prioritizes

Developer: feature => working code

QA: check acceptances criteria

Iteration

Time boxed subset execution

Shippable increment showcased at the end

All iterations => full product

Planning Game

Beginning of the iteration

Feature selection for next product increment

Features discussion

Refine estimates

Ready to Play!

Done Done Done

A different perspective:

Developer done => QA showcase

QA done => Product Owner showcase

Product Owner done => feature signature

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Product Backlog					
2						
3	Requirement	Num	Category	Status	Pri	Estimate
4	log credit payments to AR	17	feature	underway	5	2
5	process sale-simple cash scenario	232	use case	underway	5	60
6	slow credit payment approval	12	issue	not started	4	10
7	sales commission calculation	43	defect	complete	4	2
8	lay-away plan payments	321	enhance	not started	3	20
9	PDA sale capture	53	technology	not started	1	100
10	process sale-credit pmt scenario	235	use case	underway	5	30
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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	Sprint Backlog								
2	Task Description	Originator	Responsible	Status	Hours of work remaining				
3					6	7	8	9	10
4					362	322	317	317	306
5									
5	Meet to discuss the goals and	JM	JM/SR	Completed	20	10	0	0	0
6	Move Calculations out of	TL	AW	Not Started	8	8	8	8	8
7	Get GEK Data		TN	Completed	12	0	0	0	0
8	Analyse GEK Data - Title		GP	In Progress	24	20	30	25	20
9	Analyse GEK Data - Parcel		TK	Completed	12	12	12	12	12
10	Define & build Database		BR/DS	In Progress	80	80	75	60	52
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Standup

At the beginning of a session:

What we've done the last session

What we are going to do this session

Any impediment on my way?

Are we on track?

Tracking

At the end of the session:

Which feature we worked on?

Is it done?

How long do you think it will take?

Are we on track?

For the next 10 weeks

Release something every iteration

Showcase features when developer-done

Always keep an open communication channel

The next iteration will go better!

5 mins BREAK!

Practice Time #1

Analyze a nice already existent app

Understand the features

Create a backlog (product and sprint)

Simulate an iteration

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An Afghan village seen from above, amidst fields of opium poppy and wheat in Farah Province, Afghanistan on March 17, 2009. U.S. Marines, who expanded into the area last November, are soon to be joined by thousands more American troops as part of an additional 17,000 U.S. forces being sent to the war. (John Moore/Getty Images)

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Earth Hour 2009

Started in Sydney, Australia in 2007, Earth Hour quickly grew into a global observance. More than 1,000 cities in over 80 countries observed Earth Hour 2009 on Saturday March 28th, as homes, office towers and landmarks turned off their lights for an hour starting at 8:30 pm local time to raise awareness about climate change and the threat from rising greenhouse gas emissions. Collected here are a series of before-and-after photographs - which (starting with the

A combination of handout pictures shows a view of the Taipei 101 building before and after (L-R) Earth Hour in Taipei March 28, 2009. More than 80 countries have signed up for Earth Hour on Saturday in which homes, office towers and landmarks will turn off their lights from 8:30 pm local time to raise awareness about climate change and the threat from rising greenhouse gas emissions. (REUTERS/Taipei 101/Hendrix)

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Red River flooding

The Red River is approaching record flood levels, likely to break century-old records this weekend. Flooding north toward Manitoba along the Minnesota-North Dakota border, the river is jammed up by ice and is being fed by rain, snow and meltwater. The National Weather Service has issued projections of a crest of 43 feet near Fargo, North Dakota, 20 feet above flood stage. Volunteers and national guardmen are out in force, building levees, moving and evacuating those that need to get to higher ground. Cold temperatures are hampering efforts, freezing damp sandbags and making the job that much more arduous for volunteers. 800 more National Guard troops and 100 Red Cross personnel are arriving to the area this weekend. (39 photos total)



43 U.S. Marines patrol through a sand storm on March 22, 2009 in remote Qalanderabad in southwest Afghanistan. (John Moore/Getty Images) #

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1. God bless our troops

Posted by Jose April 1, 09 12:36 PM

2. #31 is excellent!

Posted by Verlage_Photo April 1, 09 12:40 PM

3. get the troops out of the now!!!
let them fight there own war

Posted by john April 1, 09 12:45 PM

4. #33 is excellent.

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Practice Time #2

Write only 5 features of your assignment

Fill the product backlog

What feature brings the highest value?

Assume you have an 8 hours iteration

What goes on the Sprint Backlog?