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Get Agile.*

# Agile Methodology

## What is Agile?

- A project management approach devised in 2001 by 17 developers looking for an alternative way to build software
- The initial meeting created the now influential “Manifesto for Agile Software Development” (<http://agilemanifesto.org/>)
- Consists of 4 key Values and 12 operating Principles

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## The Four Agile Values

**Individuals and interactions** over processes and tools

**Working software** over comprehensive documentation

**Customer collaboration** over contract negotiation

**Responding to change** over following a plan

While the items on the right have value, we value the items on the left more

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## 12 Principles behind the Agile Manifesto

Discuss each of the following principles.

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1.

Our highest priority is to satisfy the customer through early and continuous delivery of valuable software.

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2.

Welcome changing requirements, even late in development. Agile processes harness change for the customer's competitive advantage.

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3.

Deliver working software frequently, from a couple of weeks to a couple of months, with a preference to the shorter timescale.

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4.

Business people and developers must work  
together daily throughout the project.

Build projects around motivated individuals.

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5.

Give them the environment and support they need,  
and trust them to get the job done.

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6.

The most efficient and effective method of conveying information to and within a development team is face-to-face conversation.

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7.

Working software is the primary measure of progress.  
Agile processes promote sustainable development.

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8.

The sponsors, developers, and users should be able  
to maintain a constant pace indefinitely.

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9.

Continuous attention to technical excellence  
and good design enhances agility.

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10.

Simplicity—the art of maximizing the amount  
of work not done—is essential.

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11.

The best architectures, requirements, and designs  
emerge from self-organizing teams.

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12.

At regular intervals, the team reflects on how to become more effective, then tunes and adjusts its behavior accordingly.