

Estimation

It's called an ESTIMATE for a reason!

Agenda

Why Estimate?

Some techniques

Lets get interactive!

What did we learn?

Why Estimate?

Estimation allows for the following...

Get people on a common ground

Show the business how inline we are with their needs

Highlight assumptions

Is something viable or not

Allow the business to give better estimates themselves

Some techniques

It's all about technique

Useful techniques for estimating

T-Shirt Sizing

Points

Historical / Previous experience

Peers

T-Shirt Sizing

Great for high level

XS > XL or XXL

hours > Years

Process of elimination

Points

Most commonly used

What constitutes a point?

Complexity / Effort / Time

Historical / Previous Experience

Oh, I worked on something similar....

XXX Government IT Project over runs by XXX Years

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Let's Get Interactive!

Split into groups of 2 or 3

How long does it take to build a house?

What's a house?

Who is involved?

Dependencies?

Acts of God?

What did we learn?

Remember, its still an estimate!

Did you ask enough questions?

Should you ask too many questions?

What assumptions did you make and why?

You know what they say about men with assumptions...

Did you give an estimate that you were committed to and then rolled back?