

Rethinking time planning



Why spend time on it?





Limitations of current approaches

- Methods or their application or both are at fault
- Uncertainties related to the process (how) or the outcome (what)
- Responses to uncertainty
- Methods are not sufficiently robust





The estimating process

- Expected task time: 2 days
- Effect of multitasking: +1 day
- Interruptions: +1 day
- Other problems: +0,5 day
- The 2-day activity is now 4,5
- Rounded up to 5, just in case.....





Are people poor estimators?

- Parkinson's Law
- Student Syndrome





Problems with current approaches

- 1. Estimates
- 2. Safety margin
- 3. Latest start time
- 4. A delay is passed on
- 5. The PM is notified too late to impact
- 6. Student syndrome
- 7. Parkinson's Law
- 8. Multitasking





Consequences



