

# **What are the Dangers of Current Agile Practices, and How Can We Fix Them?**

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Demystifying Agile, Lean and Kanban

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# Summary

- The most powerful idea in Agile is rapid delivery and feedback  
But we fail to exploit this opportunity to really be Agile

Agile has techie focus. Not stakeholder value focus. Not enough “people & change” focus!  
It’s easy, common sense – but not trivial! This guarantees failure.

# So, what are Agile methods missing?

- Stakeholder Focus
  - Real projects have dozens of stakeholders
    - Not just a customer in the next room
    - Not just a user with a use case or story
- Results Focus
  - It is not about writing code, it is about delivering value to stakeholders
  - It is not about programming, it is about making **systems** work, for real people
- Systems Focus
  - It is not about coding – (*again* 😊)
  - It is about reuse, data, hardware, training, motivation, sub-contracting, Outsourcing, help lines, user documentation, user interfaces, security, etc.
  - So, a systems engineering scope is necessary to deliver results.
  - Systems Engineering needs **quantified** performance and quality objectives
    - To synchronize all necessary disciplines, so that they deliver the results.

# Scrum and Evo

- "Tom Gilb invented Evo, arguably the first Agile process.
- He and his son Kai have been working with me in Norway to align what they are doing with Scrum.
- Kai has some excellent case studies where he has acted as Product Owner. He has done some of the most innovative things I have seen in the Scrum community"
  - Jeff Sutherland, co-inventor of Scrum, 5Feb 2010 in Scrum Alliance Email (recommending us to be invited to Scrum Gathering, Orlando in March 2010, which we did)
  - <http://bit.ly/a5Fd1T> #scrum #agile Sutherland credits Gilb in Roots of Scrum slide #accu2010





# Gilb credited as Root



**THE ROOTS OF SCRUM**  
**How the Japanese lean experience changed global software development**

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# First Attempt to Teach a Scrum Front End Using Evo ideas



- A 1-day front-end for 'Product Managers' before a 1-day Scrum Overview course for Product Managers
- Commissioned by and co-authored by Gabriella Benefield (Scrum Alliance) 2009
- Detailed training exercises available at
  - [http://www.gilb.com/tiki-download\\_file.php?fileId=353](http://www.gilb.com/tiki-download_file.php?fileId=353)
  - Value Planning slides for Scrum (Oct 09)
- The following dozen slides are Tom's attempt to describe the relationship of
  - Scrum and the Value Planning front end
  - based on Evo
  - These slides were not part of the training G. B. and I held in 2009)

(+ Scrum)

# **A better 'front end' to Scrum, and other agile variants**

**BASED ON IDEAS FROM THE 'EVO'  
METHOD**

Efficient Value Organisation/Options

Evolving Value in Organizations

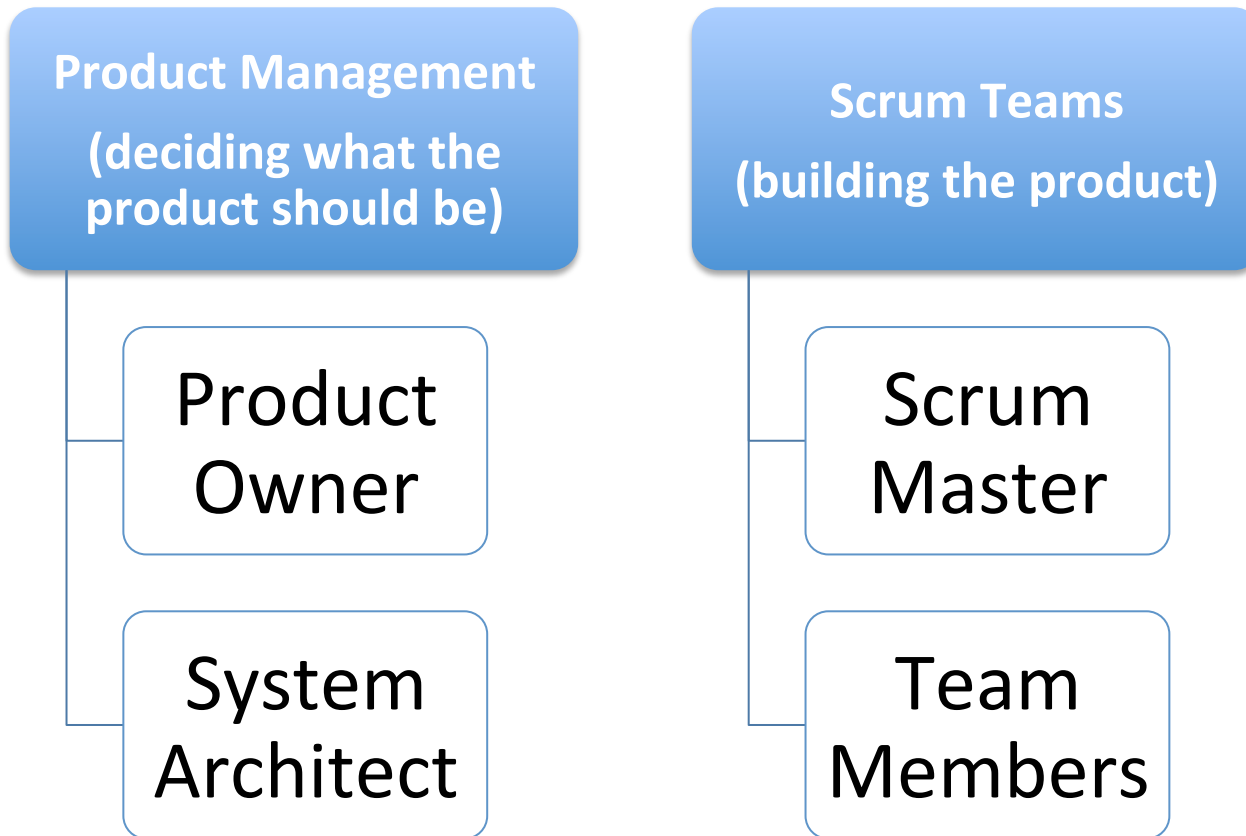
Evolving Value Optimization ,

Efficient Value Optimization

**= EVO**

# Value Planning

## The Organizational Components



# Value Planning

## The Inputs

**Product Management**  
(deciding what the product should be)

**Stakeholders and their Needs**  
(like: Potential New Users, Usability)

**Long Term Quality Needs**  
(like Portability, Security, Adaptability)

**Scrum Teams**  
(building the product)

**Requirements**  
(what to build, how well to build)

**High Level and Super-ordinate Designs and Architecture**  
(how to build, solutions given from others)

# Value Planning

## The Work Products - outputs

### Product Management (deciding what the product should be)

#### Product Owner:

Requirements, particularly top critical few improvement requirements

#### Strategies, Designs, Solutions

(How we propose to deliver the improvements)

#### System Architect:

Technical Architecture to support long term  
(like suppliers, interfaces, platforms, languages)

### Scrum Teams (building the product)

Scrum Master:  
ensure team empowerment

Team Members: (IT)  
Code, Tests,  
System  
Improvements,  
Reports on  
progress, Work  
Process  
Improvements

# The *Product Management Process*

## Deciding the exact product content

**Gather relevant inputs: Analyze The Market & Related Environment**

**Stakeholders**

**Stakeholder needs**



**Clarify Needs & Organize the Information:  
= Clear and Complete Requirements**

**Quantify Improvements and Constraints**

**Add info about risks, sources, priorities**



**Decide how to deliver the requirements – Product Design**

**Strategies, Design, Architecture**

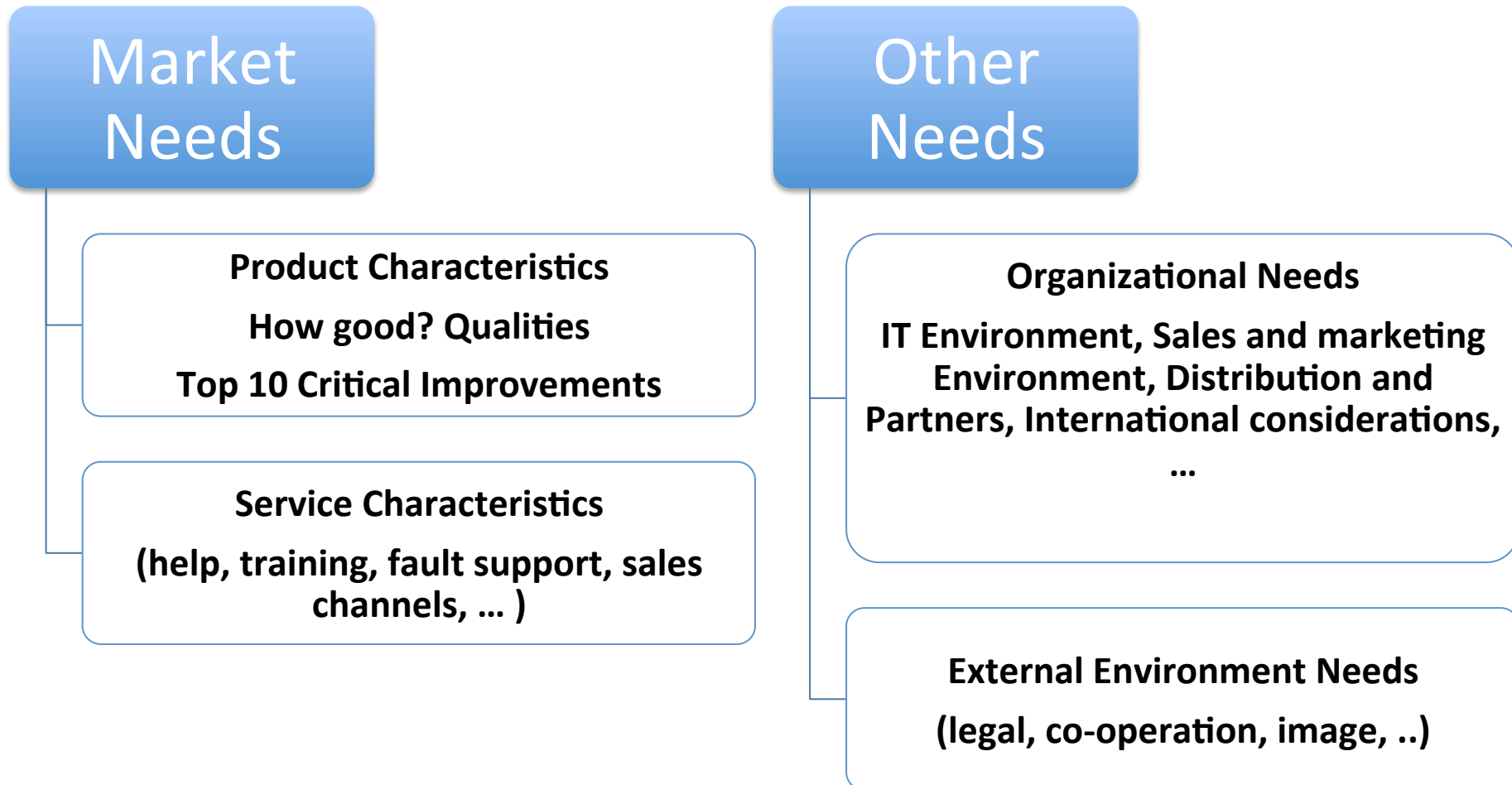
**Estimate expected Impacts on Product  
Improvements and costs**



**Iteration assumed!**

# Analysis: by PM

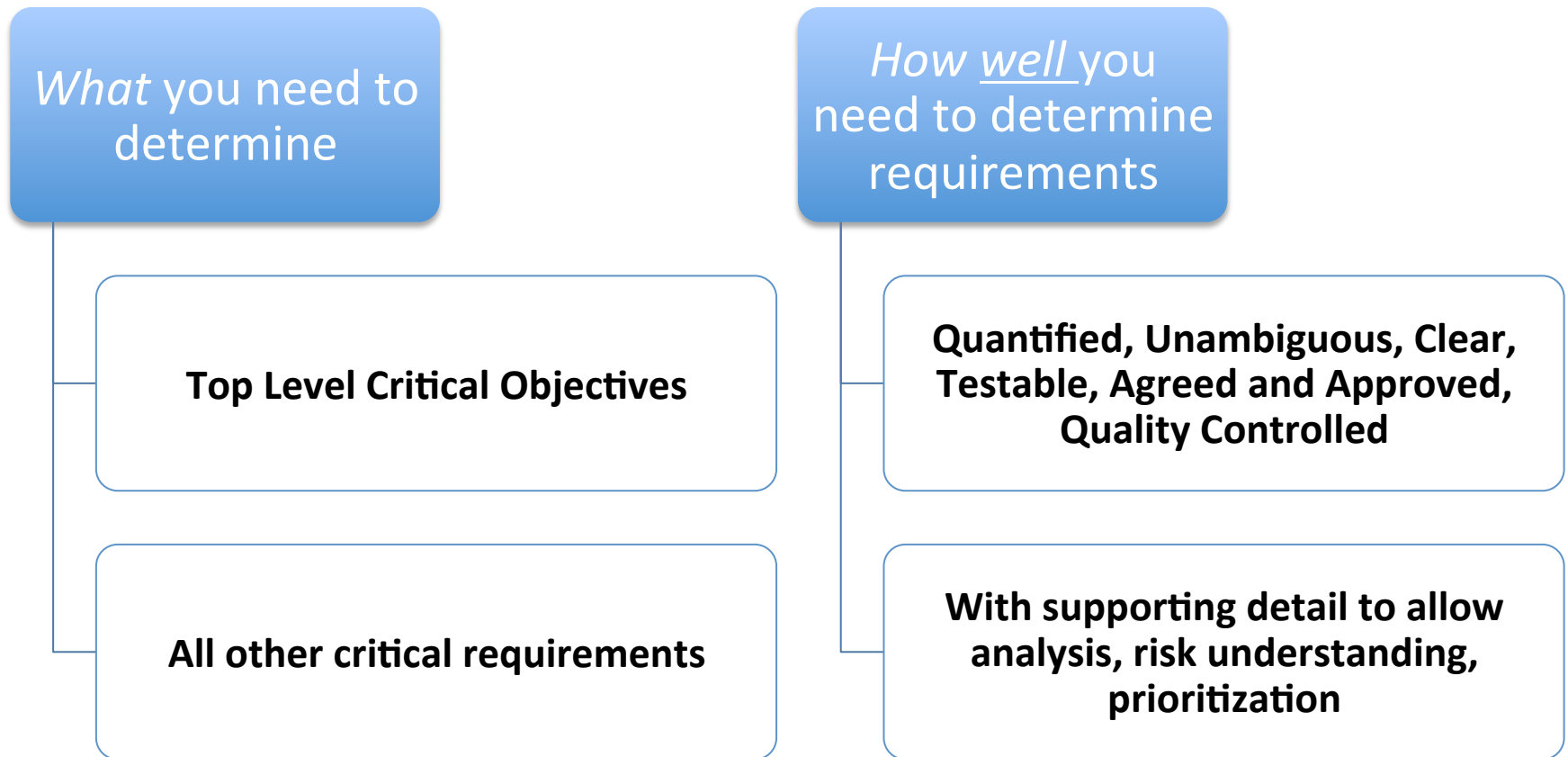
## *What You 'have to' know*





# Requirements:

## *Determining What You Want*



# Design: to meet Requirements:

What you have  
to design

**Choose specific designs of product  
and service**

(detailed enough to hand over to  
development team)

**Choose specific architectures to  
deal with long term needs**

(platforms, interfaces, processes,  
organizational structures,  
rewards)

How well you  
have to design it

So that **you reasonably understand all  
critical** attributes and costs  
(±20%?)

**So that the overall long term  
implications of the product are  
understood**

(recruitment, partnering,  
international deals)

# Building: The development team

**What** do you  
have to do?

**Build Product**  
(Software, Dataware, Docuware)

**Validate Product**  
(Does it work well enough?)

How **well** do you  
have to do it

**To meet all targets, and constraints – for  
quality and performance.**  
**For new increments, and total system**

**To reflect on both product attributes  
and process problems.**  
**To improve their own work  
environment.**  
**To improve the design, estimates  
and requirements.**

# Implementation: Integration: Delivery to Market

What the team  
has to do

**Integrate next increment  
into existing product and  
field/Beta trial it**

**Deliver to market as  
finished product change**

How well it has  
to be done

**So that it normally is clean (no  
bugs!) and impressive. So that we  
learn, and can tune it, before final  
market delivery**

**Rock solid. No problems.  
Clear improvement to all  
customers**

# Value-Driven Scrum

(one of your options for smart Product Ownership)

- **Defined As:**
  - The real world interface to the Scrum Product Owner
  - The Businesses ‘Organizational Value’ Management
  - The Business Function Management
  - The Technical Architecture Management
- **All in a pipeline to the Scrum Product Owner (PO)**
  - Fully designed, from the *organizational* point of view
  - Allowing additional design at the level of *programming*, chunking, and data
    - By the Scrum Team
  - Prioritized from the *Organizational* Point of View

# The 'Scrum Product Owner'

- Needs to get enough information about the product
  - To allow the Scrum team to build, test, make technical detailed decisions
- Here is one set of tools to allow the Product Owner
  - Perhaps, in larger environments, a PO 'team'
  - To collect information, to plan, so that
    - **We really deliver the best value for money, as soon as possible**

# What is new?

## What is Value-Planning (VP) ?

- **Dominant focus on Value Delivery Management** –
  - Not from a programming point of view
  - But from a business and management non technical point of view
  - Which critical value improvements do we need first, and next
- **Stakeholder Values-and-Priorities Integration\***
  - Of management, marketing, IT, Systems Engineering,
  - Including Sales, Customer Service and ALL Critical Stakeholders
- **Systems View** – Systems Architecture – Systems Engineering
- \* integration: defined as: Alignment and reasonable balance of competing interests, through intelligent dynamic prioritization.

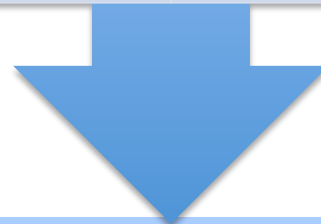
# Value Driven Scrum

System  
Owner

**Stakeholders  
Values**

**Business Values**

**System Functions**



Product  
Owner

**Build  
Test  
Maintain**

**Detailed Technical Design**



# Value Decision Tables

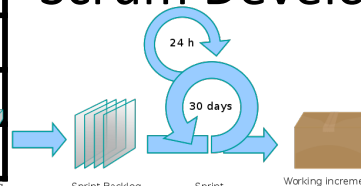
| Business Goals   | Stakeholder Value 1 | Stakeholder Value 2 |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Business Value 1 | -10%                | 40%                 |
| Business Value 2 | 50%                 | 10%                 |
| Resources        | 20%                 | 10%                 |

| Stakeholder Val.    | Product Value 1 | Product Value 2 |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Stakeholder Value 1 | -10%            | 50 %            |
| Stakeholder Value 2 | 10 %            | 10%             |
| Resources           | 2 %             | 5 %             |

| Product Values  | Solution 1 | Solution 2 |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Product Value 1 | -10%       | 40%        |
| Product Value 2 | 50%        | 80 %       |
| Resources       | 1 %        | 2 %        |

| Prioritized List |
|------------------|
| 1. Solution 2    |
| 2. Solution 9    |
| 3. Solution 7    |

Scrum Develops



We measure improvements  
Learn and Repeat

# Value Decision Tables

| Business Goals | Training Costs | User Productivity |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Profit         | -10%           | 40%               |
| Market Share   | 50%            | 10%               |
| Resources      | 20%            | 10%               |

| Stakeholder Val.  | Intuitiveness | Performance |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|
| Training Costs    | -10%          | 50 %        |
| User Productivity | 10 %          | 10%         |
| Resources         | 2 %           | 5 %         |

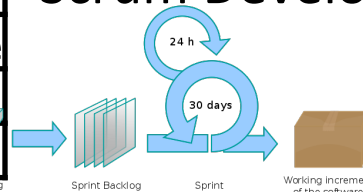
| Product Values | GUI Style Rex | Code Optimize |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|
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- **Value Management (Evo)**

Focus towards challenges

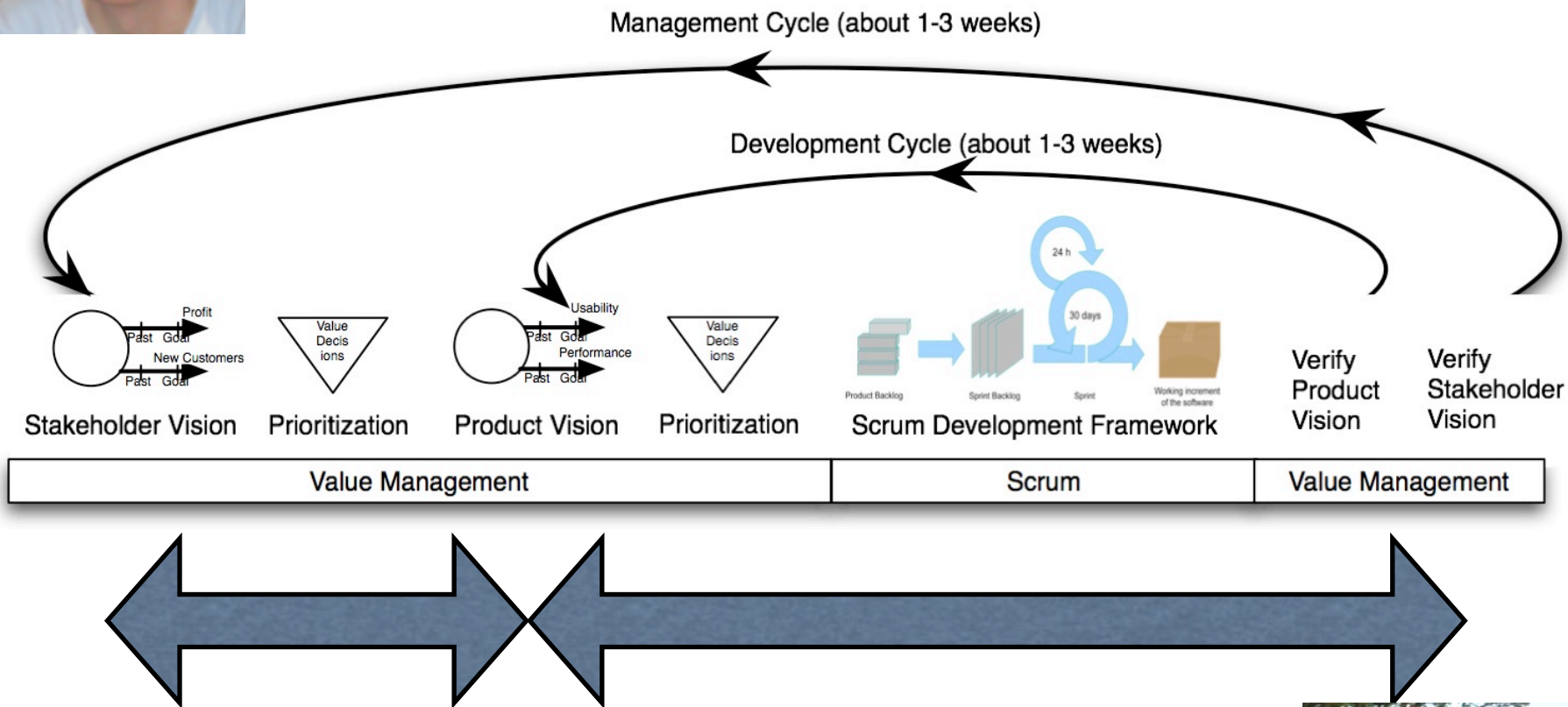
Stakeholder requirements quantified

Both Goal and Tolerable levels specified.

Table shows relationship requirements and design

Testing during and after deliver cycles

A more-advanced and more-comprehensive way to apply Scrum



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# Gilb's Ten Key Agile Principles

to avoid bureaucracy and give creative freedom

1. **Control projects by quantified critical-few results. 1 Page total !**  
(not stories, functions, features, use cases, objects, ..)
2. **Make sure those results are business results, not technical**  
Align your project with your financial sponsor's interests!
3. **Give developers freedom, to find out *how* to deliver those results**
4. **Estimate the impacts of your designs, on *your* quantified goals**
5. **Select designs with the best impacts in relation to their costs, do them first.**
6. **Decompose the workflow, into weekly (or 2% of budget) time boxes**
7. **Change designs, based on quantified experience of implementation**
8. **Change requirements, based in quantified experience, new inputs**
9. **Involve the stakeholders, every week, in setting quantified goals**
10. **Involve the stakeholders, every week, in *actually using* increments**



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Agile Principles in AgileRecord.com, no. 3, 2010

# Gilb's Agile Principles


to avoid bureaucracy and give creative freedom (1 sentence summary)



Main Idea:

**Get early, and frequent, real, stakeholder net-value - delivered**

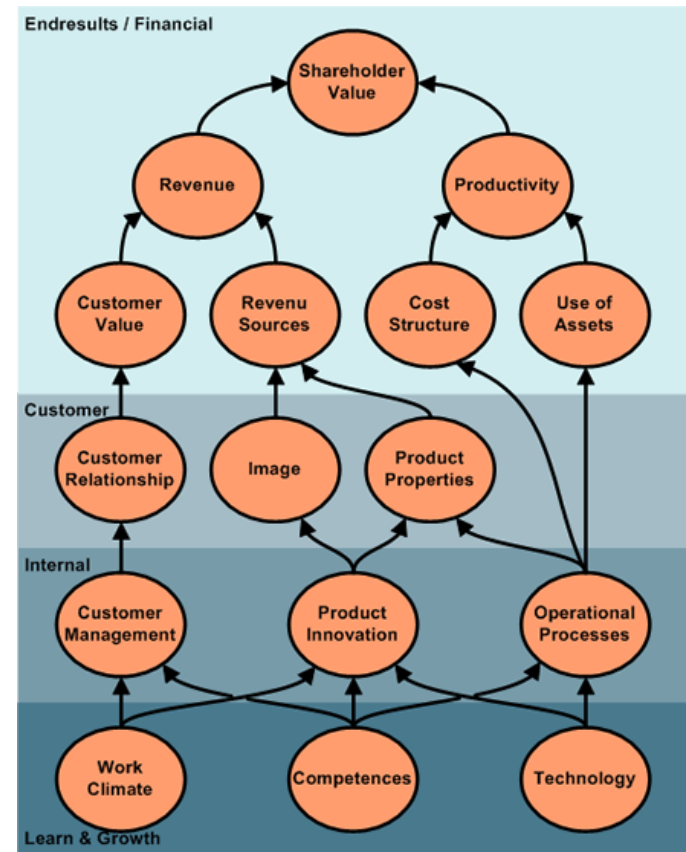
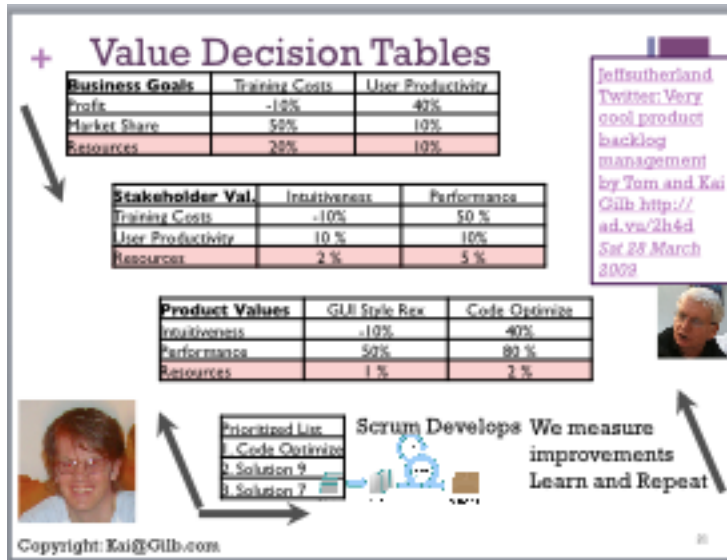
|                                     | VALUE TO CREATE | VALUE TO PRESERVE | VALUE TO SACRIFICE |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| EMPLOYEES                           |                 |                   |                    |
| CUSTOMERS                           |                 |                   |                    |
| SUPPLIERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS |                 |                   |                    |
| INVESTORS                           |                 |                   |                    |
| TRADES UNIONS                       |                 |                   |                    |
| GOVERNMENT                          |                 |                   |                    |
| MEDIA                               |                 |                   |                    |
| COMMUNITY                           |                 |                   |                    |
| OTHER STAKEHOLDER GROUPS            |                 |                   |                    |



**Deliver Value !**

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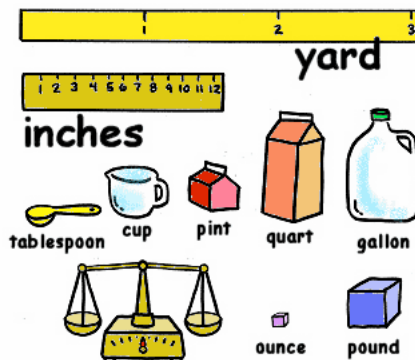
# NOT LIKE THIS! Project Objectives

## ‘Unquantified few’

Real Example of  
**Lack** of Scales

- **Defined Scales of Measure:**

- Demands **comparative thinking**.
- Leads to requirements that are unambiguously **clear**
- Helps Team be **Aligned** with the Business



1. Central to The Corporations business strategy is to be the world's **premier** integrated\_<domain> service **provider**.
2. Will provide a much more efficient **user** experience
3. Dramatically scale back the **time** frequently needed after the last data is acquired to time align, depth correct, splice, merge, recompute and/or do whatever else is needed to **generate** the desired **products**
4. Make the system much **easier** to **understand** and **use** than has been the case for previous system.
5. A primary goal is to provide a much more **productive** system **development** environment than was previously the case.
6. Will provide a richer set of functionality for **supporting** next-generation logging **tools** and applications.
7. **Robustness** is an essential system requirement (see rewrite in example below)
8. Major improvements in **data quality** over current practices

This lack of clarity cost them \$100,000, 000



More like this! (Real case).

| Business objective         | Measure  | Goal (200X) | Stretch goal ('0X) | Volume | Value | Profit | Cash |
|----------------------------|--|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|------|
| Time to market             | Normal project time from GT to GT5                       | <9 mo.      | <6 mo.             | X      |       | X      | X    |
| Mid-range                  | Min BoM for The Corp phone                               | <\$90       | <\$30              | X      |       | X      | X    |
| Platformisation Technology | # of Technology 66 Lic. shipping > 3M/yr                 | 4           | 6                  | X      |       | X      | X    |
| Interface                  | Interface units  | >11M        | >13M               | X      |       | X      | X    |
| Operator preference        | Top-3 operators issue RFQ spec The Corp                  | 1           | 2                  | X      |       | X      | X    |
| Productivity               |  |             |                    | X      |       | X      | X    |
| Get Torden                 | Lyn goes for Technology 66 in Sep-04                     | Yes         |                    | X      |       | X      | X    |
| Fragmentation              | Share of components modified                             | <10%        | <5%                |        | X     | X      | X    |
| Commoditisation            | Switching cost for a UI to another System                | >1yr        | >2yrs              |        | X     | X      | X    |
| Duplication                | The Corp share of 'in scope' code in best-selling device | >90%        | >95%               |        | X     | X      | X    |
| Competitiveness            | Major feature comparison with MX                         | Same        | Better             | X      |       | X      | X    |
| User experience            | Key use cases superior vs. competition                   | 5           | 10                 | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Downstream cost saving     | Project ROI for Licensees                                | >33%        | >66%               | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Platformisation IFace      | Number of shipping Lic.                                  | 33          | 55                 | X      |       | X      | X    |
| Japan                      | Share of of XXXX sales                                   | >50%        | >60%               | X      |       | X      | X    |

Numbers are intentionally changed from real ones

Business Objectives Quantified

## 2. Make sure those results are business results, not technical

Align your project with your financial sponsor's interests!

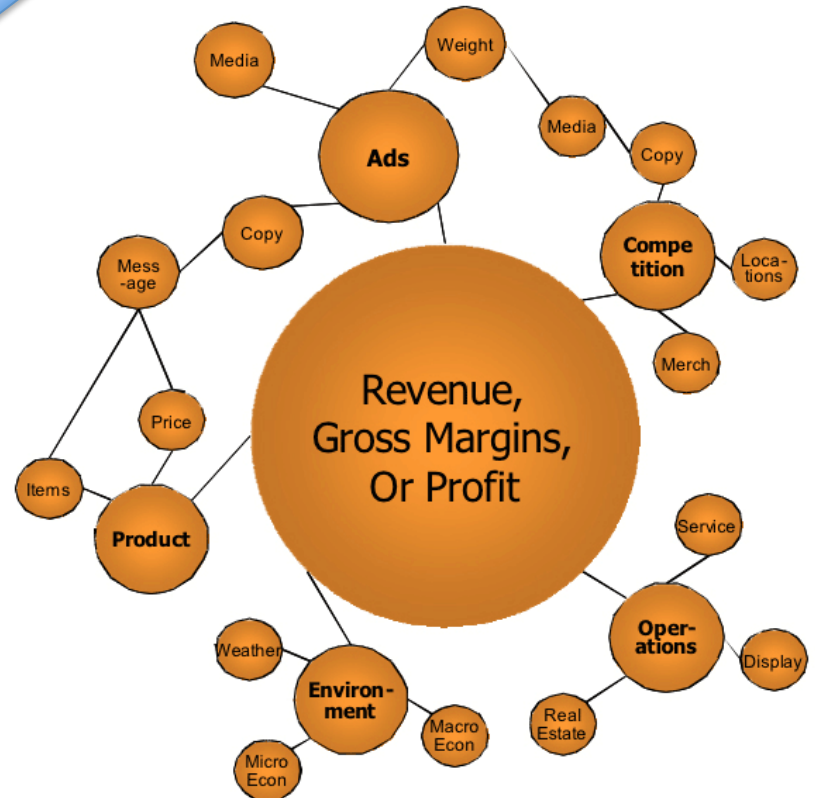
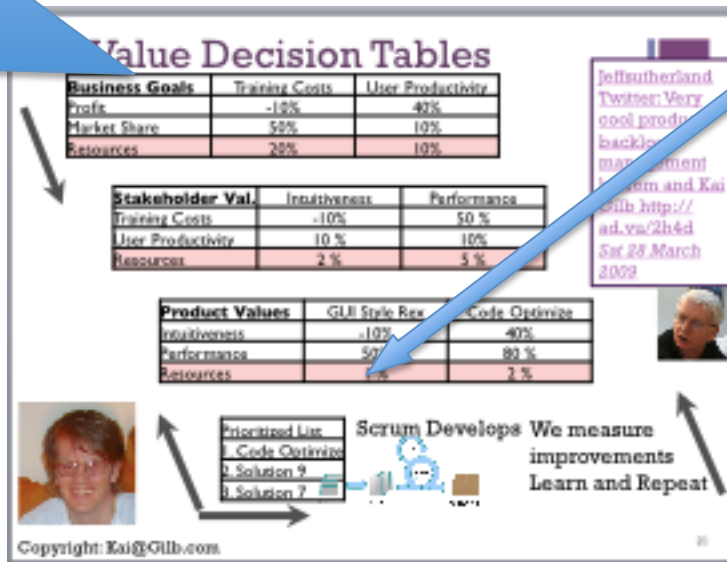
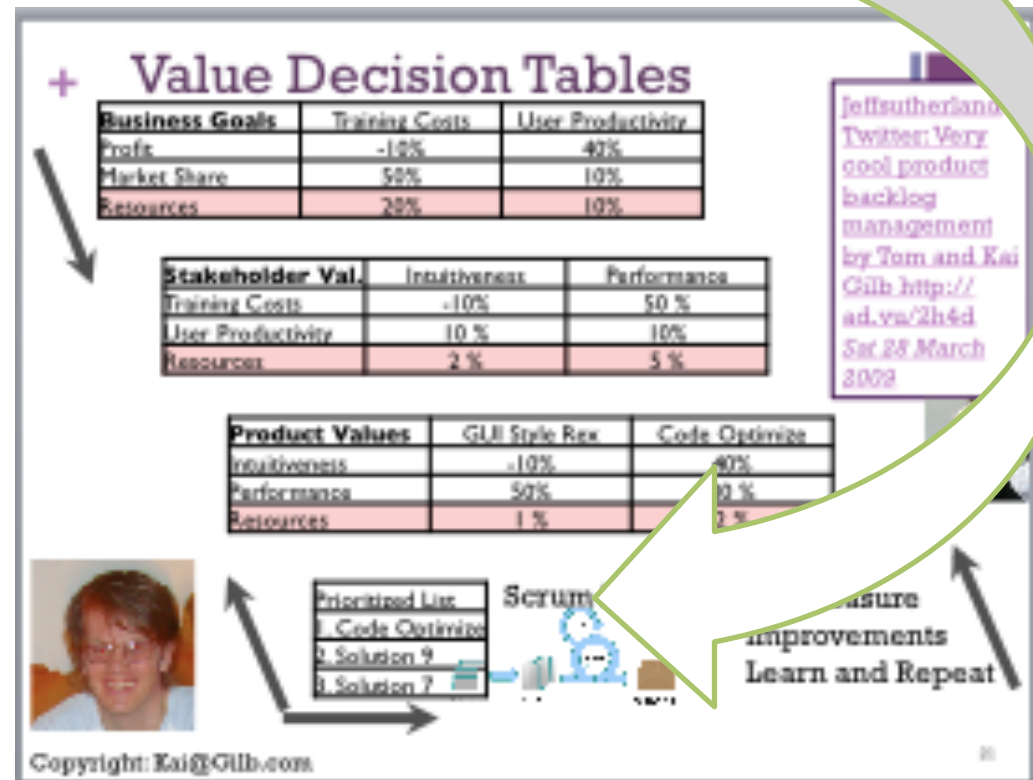
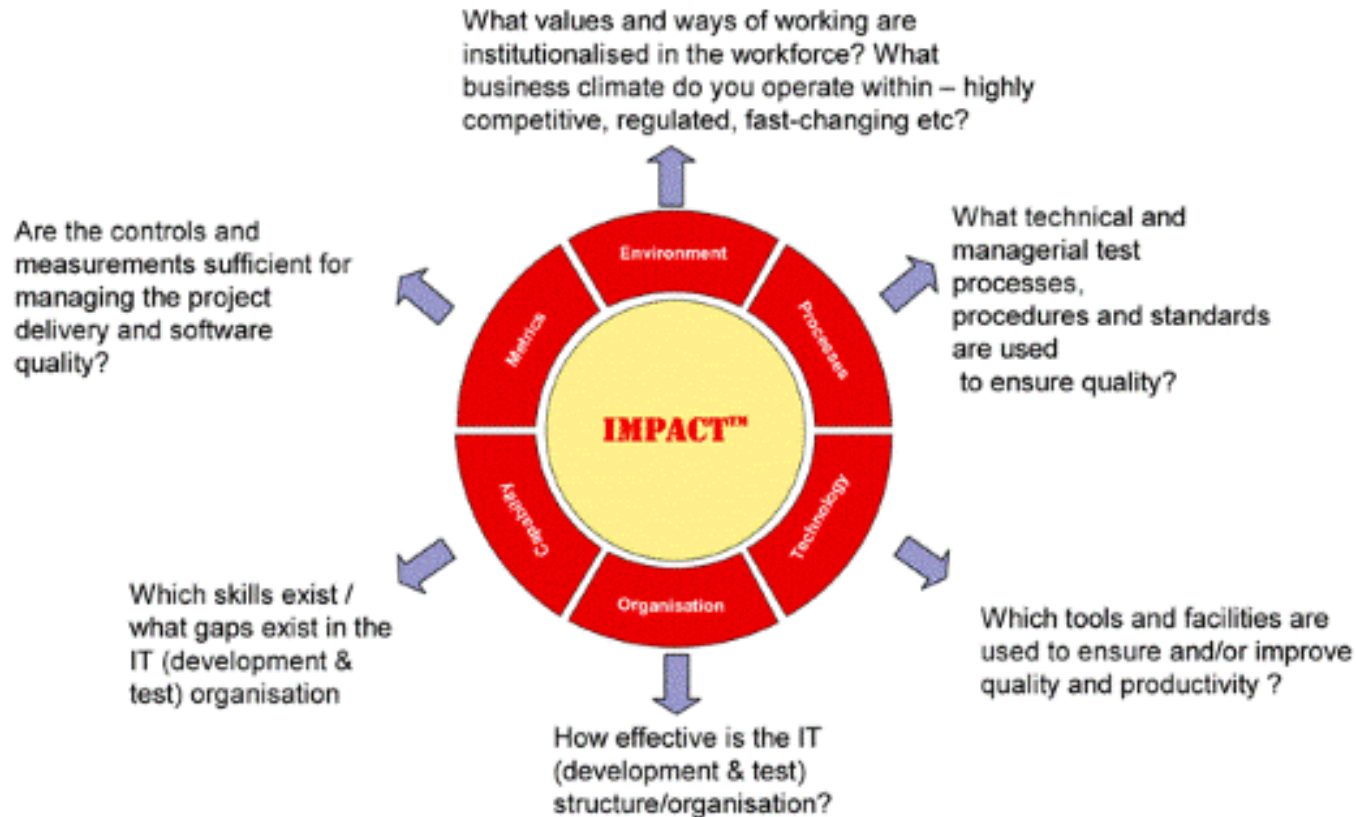


Figure 1. The "Mother of All Models". © 2006 MarketingNPV LLC. All Rights Reserved.

### 3. Give developers freedom, to find out *how* to deliver those results



# 4. Estimate the impacts of your designs, on *your* quantified goals



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Strategy Impact Estimation:  
for a \$100,000,000 Organizational Improvement Investment

# Technical Strategies



## Objectives



Business Objective

Time to market

Mid-range

Platformisation Technology

Interface

Operator preference

Get Torden

Commoditisation

Duplication

Competitiveness

User experience

Downstream cost saving

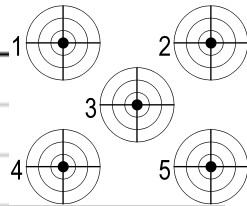
Platformisation I/Face

Japan

Contribution to overall result

Cost (£M)

ROI Index (100=average)



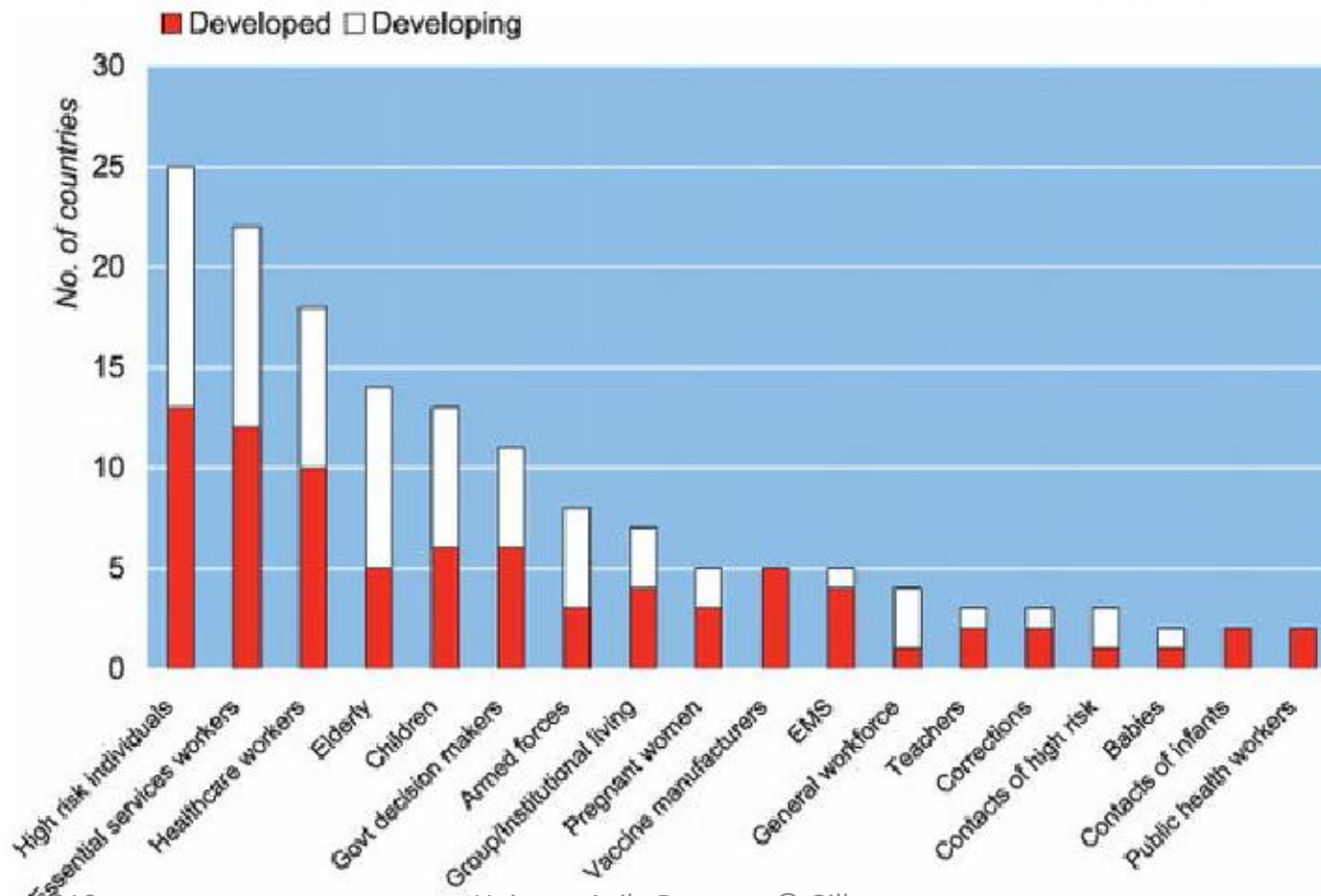
Viking Deliverables

| hardware adaptation | Telephony | Reference designs | I/Face | Modularity | Defend vs Technology 66 | Tools  | User Experience | GUI & Graphics | Security | Defend vs OCD | Enterprise |
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| 5%                  | 15%       | 15%               | 0%     | 5%         | 0%                      | 5%     | 0%              | 0%             | 10%      | 0%            | 10%        |
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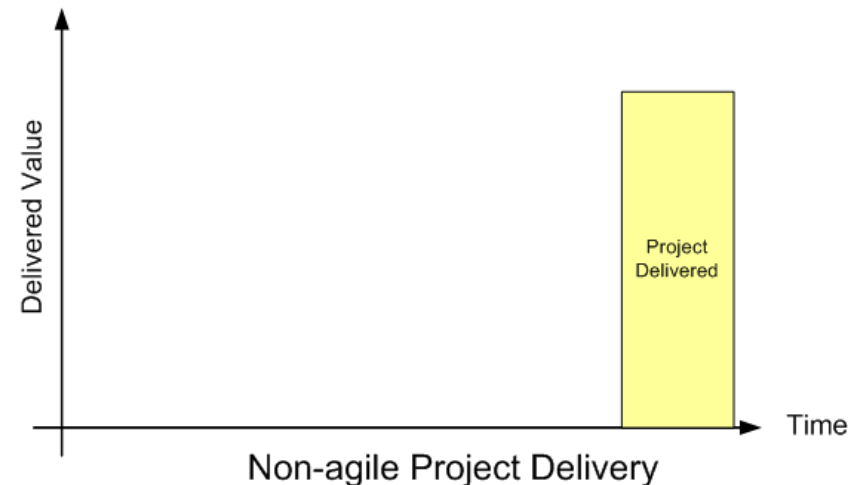
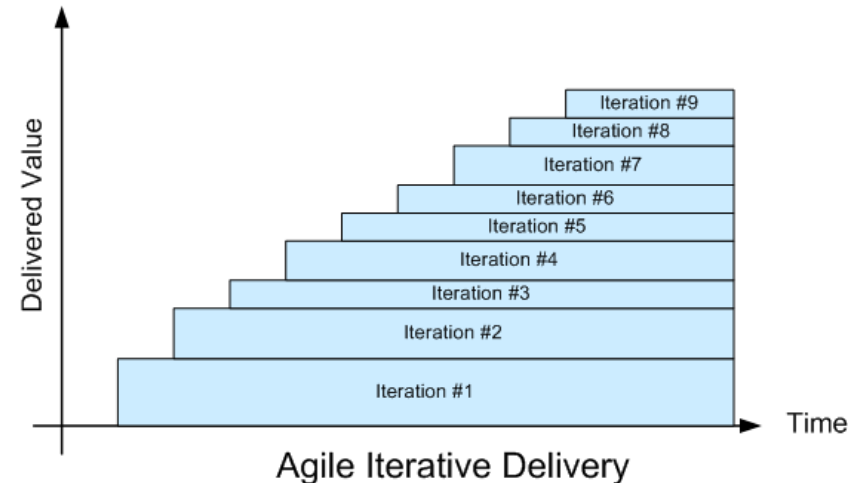


## 5. Select designs with the best impacts in relation to their costs, do them first.

Figure 1: Vaccine Priority Groups by Development Status - Listed in at Least Two National Plans



## 6. Decompose the workflow, into weekly (or 2% of budget) time boxes



**Decomposition of Projects:  
How to Design Small  
Incremental Steps INCOSE  
2008**

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## 7. Change designs, based on quantified experience of implementation

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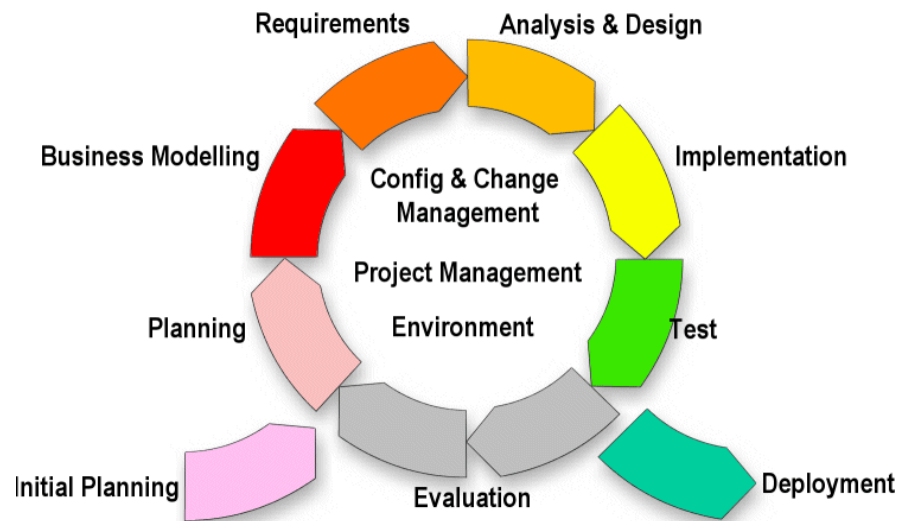


Design is the servant of the  
requirement. If it does not  
work ‘fire’ it.



## 8. Change requirements, based on quantified experience, new inputs: intelligent tradeoff.

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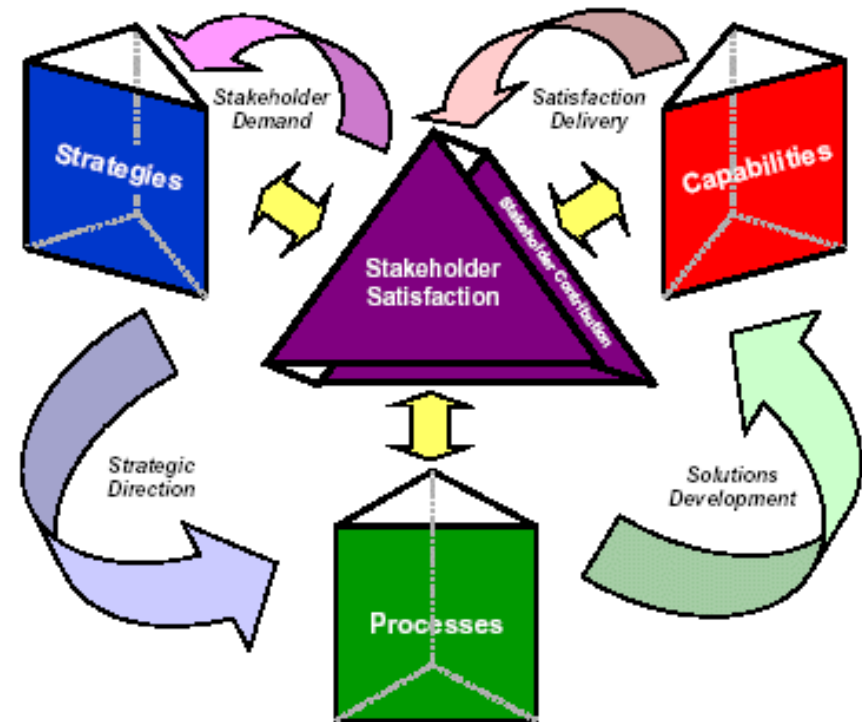


**Reduce the level or delivery time, of lower-priority requirements, in order to deliver high priority requirements on time, within budget, or at Goal levels.**

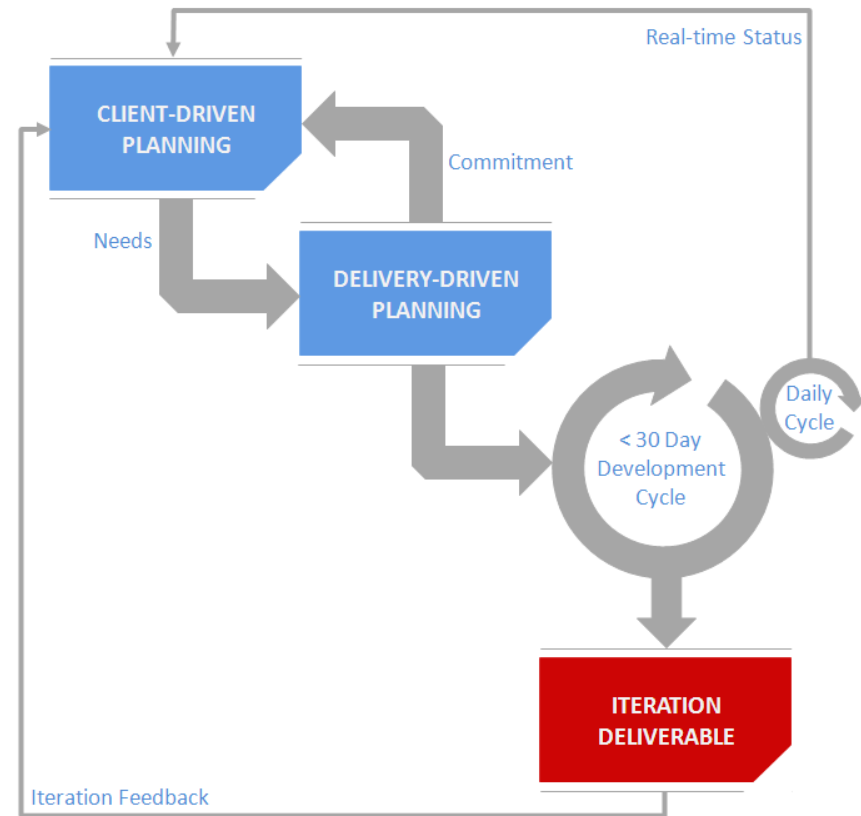
# 9. Involve the stakeholders, every week, in setting quantified goals

It is much easier to determine requirements with a little hindsight!

The eternal cycle of stakeholder priorities



# 10. Involve the stakeholders, every week, in actually using increments



# My 10 Agile Values?

- **Simplicity**
  - **1. Focus on real stakeholder values**
- **Communication**
  - **2. Communicate stakeholder values quantitatively**
  - **3. Estimate expected results and costs for weekly step**
- **Feedback**
  - **4. Generate results, weekly, for stakeholders, in their environment**
  - **5. Measure all critical aspects of the improved results cycle.**
  - **6. Analyze deviation from your initial estimates**
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# Create value for stakeholders



We believe that all of our shareholders and other **stakeholders** are best served by ... We will not jeopardize the important **values** we are creating at **NCR** and ...

- **Stakeholders** are all constituencies with a stake in the fortunes of the company.  
**NCR's** primary mission is to **create value** for our **stakeholders..**
  - [www.valuebasedmanagement.net/articles\\_mctaggart\\_governing\\_full.pdf](http://www.valuebasedmanagement.net/articles_mctaggart_governing_full.pdf) - [Similar](#)
- 1987 A company wide program helped make **NCR** people aware of the company's mission to "**create value for stakeholders**". New products included: ...
  - [www.ncr.org.uk/page45.html](http://www.ncr.org.uk/page45.html)
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# My 10 Agile *Values*? (Detail)

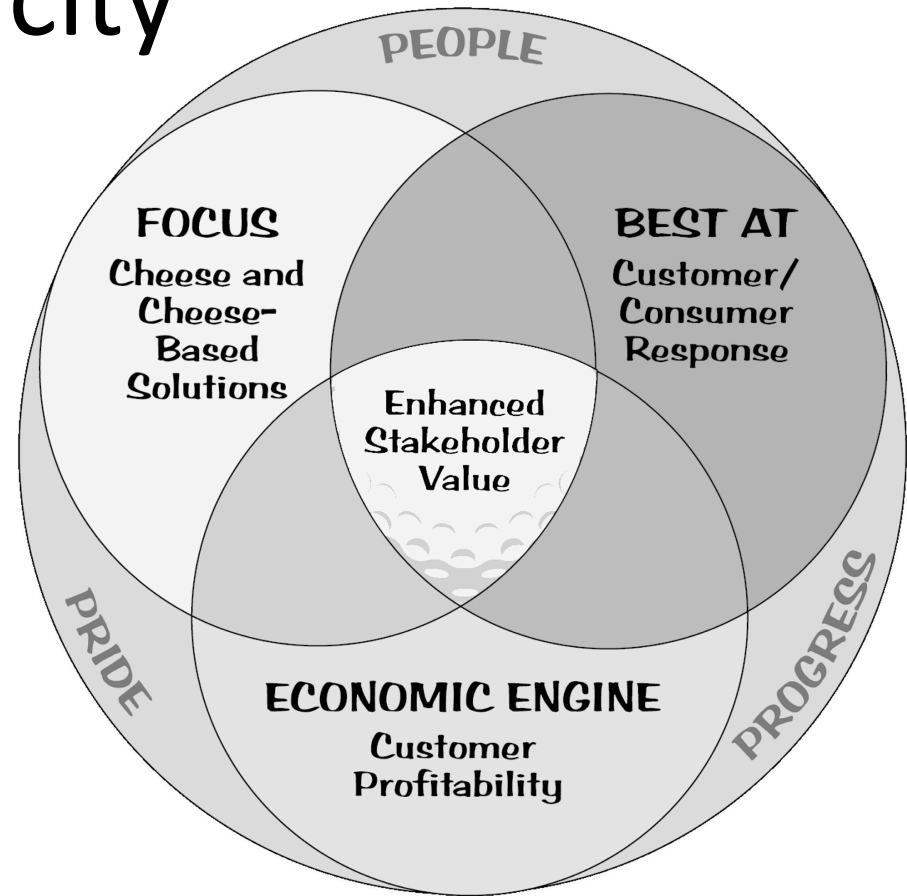
- **Simplicity**
- **Communication**
- **Feedback**
- **Courage**



# Simplicity

## —1. Focus on real stakeholder values

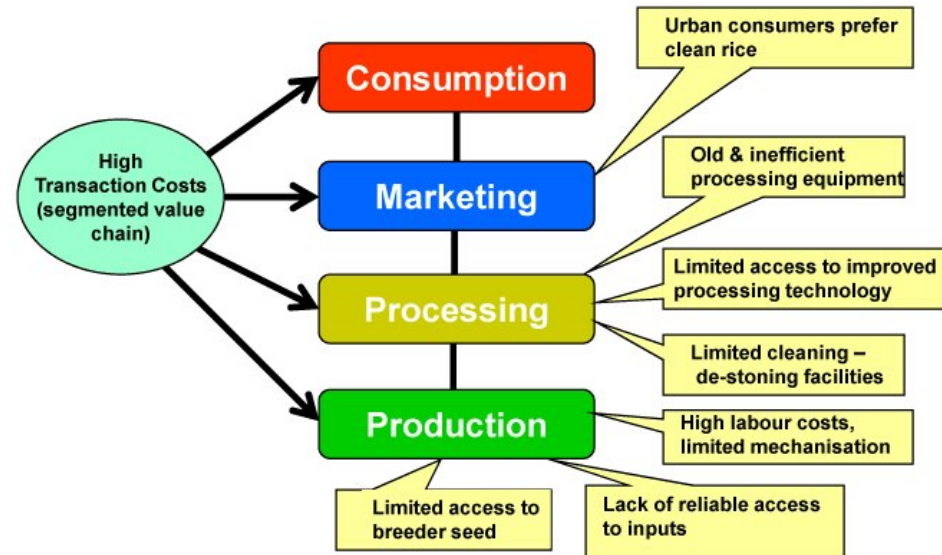
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# Communication

## –2. Communicate stakeholder values quantitatively.

Kura - Kano Rice Value Chain

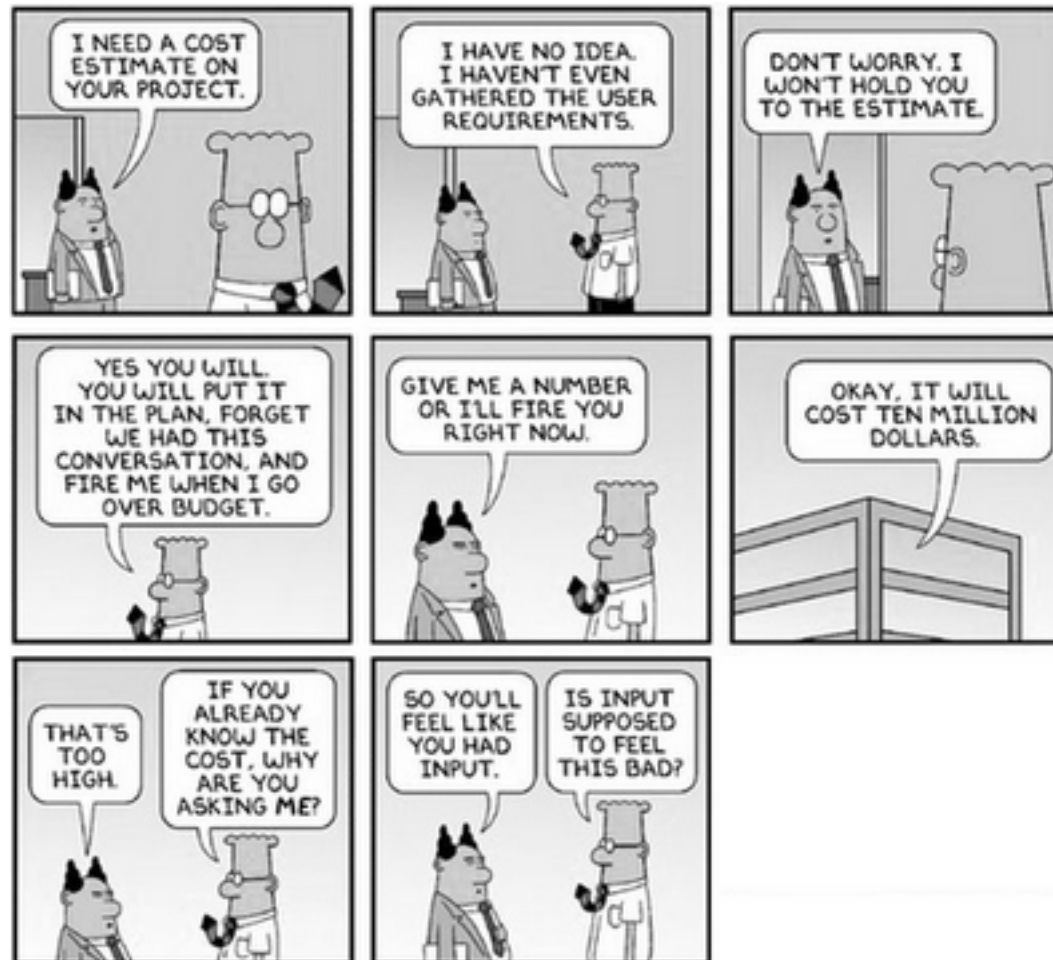




# Estimate Often

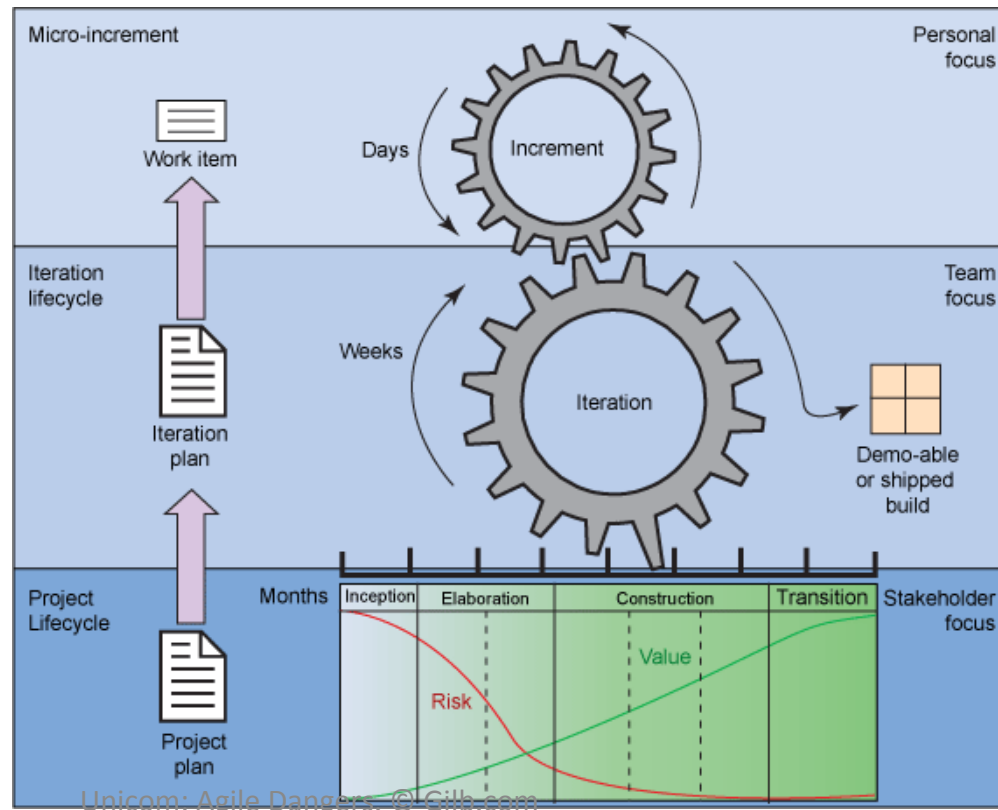
- 3. Estimate expected results and costs for weekly steps

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# Feedback

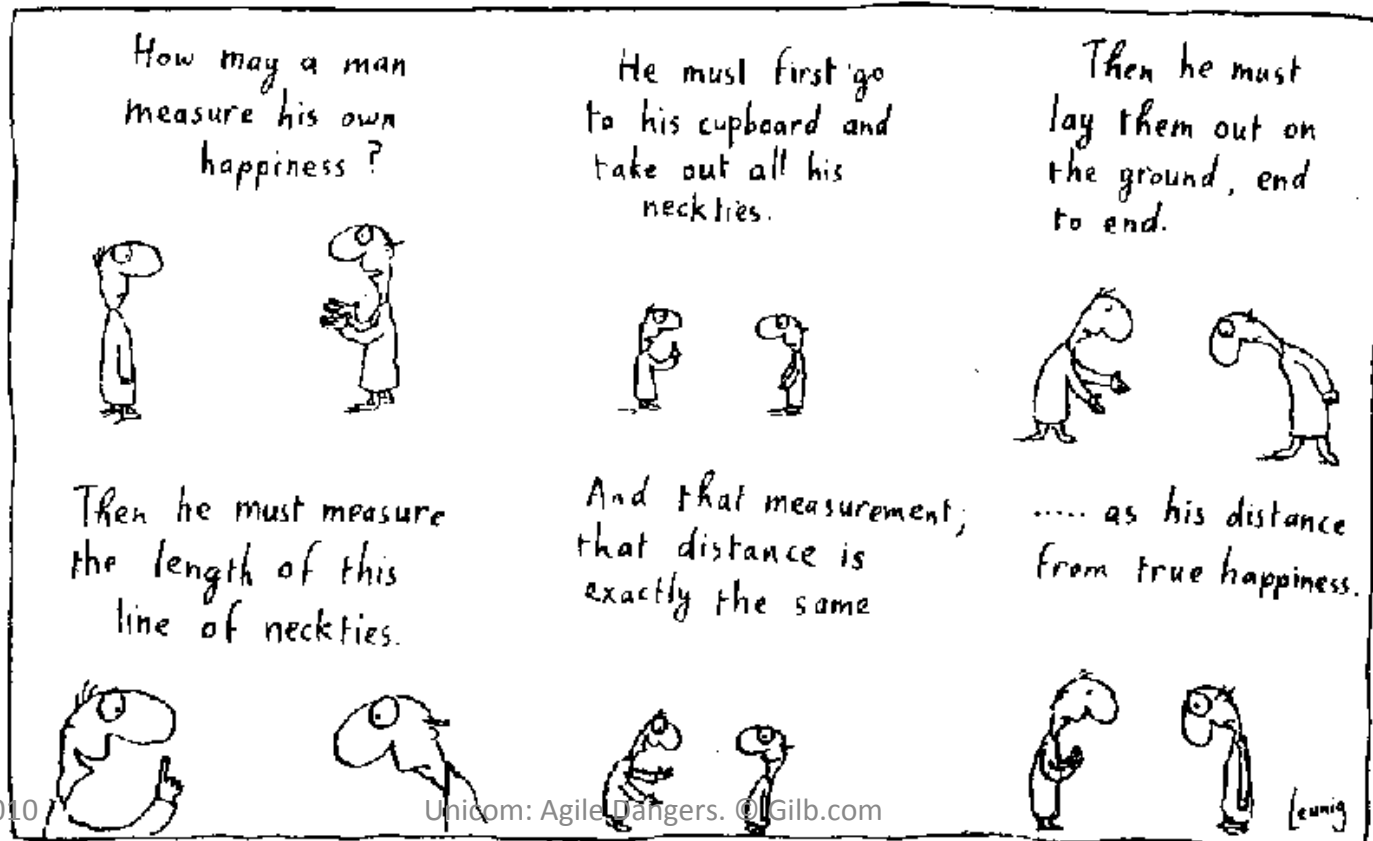
- 4. Generate results, weekly, for stakeholders, in *their* environment
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# Measure Critical Stuff

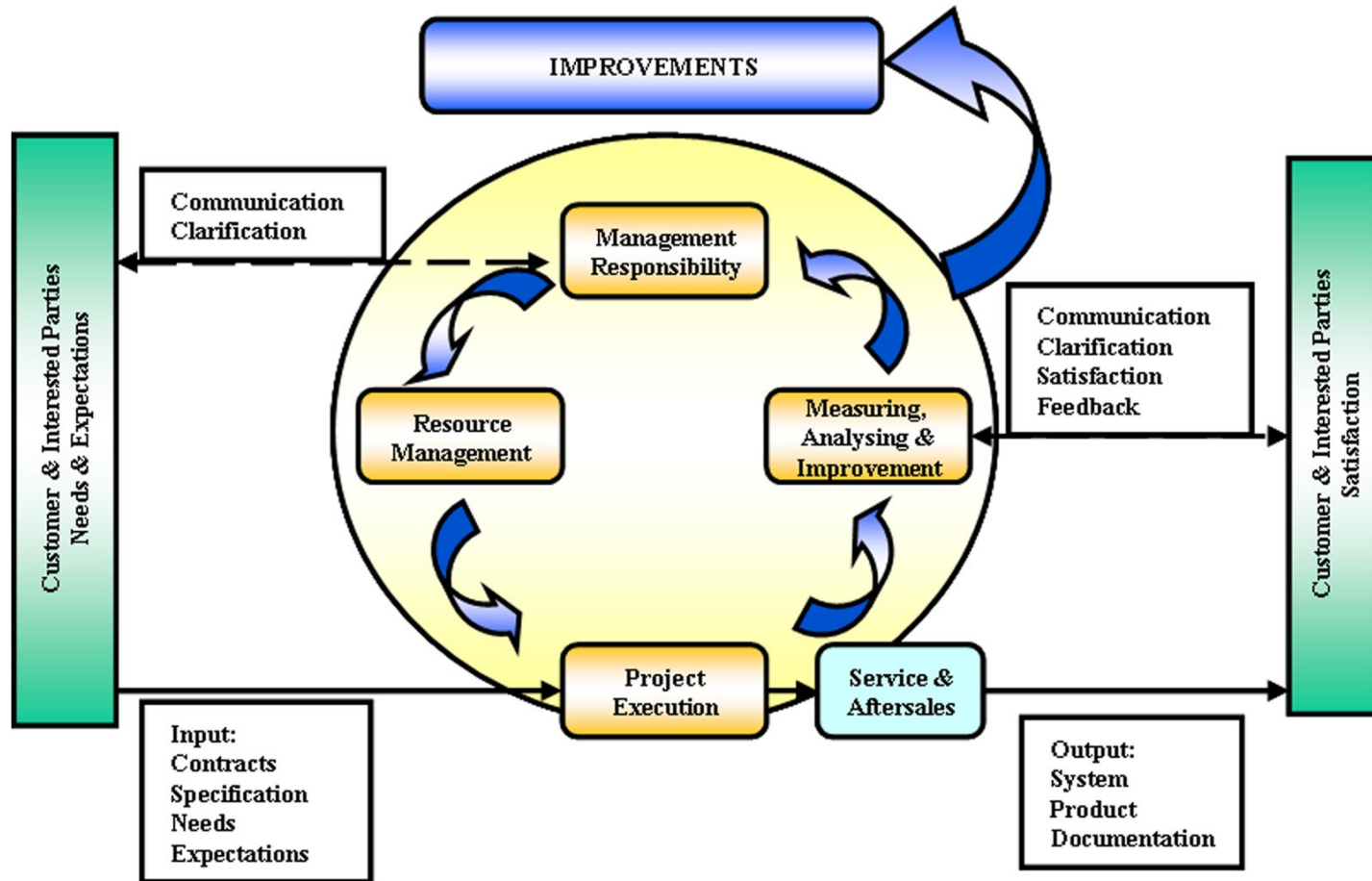
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## Deliver Value Now

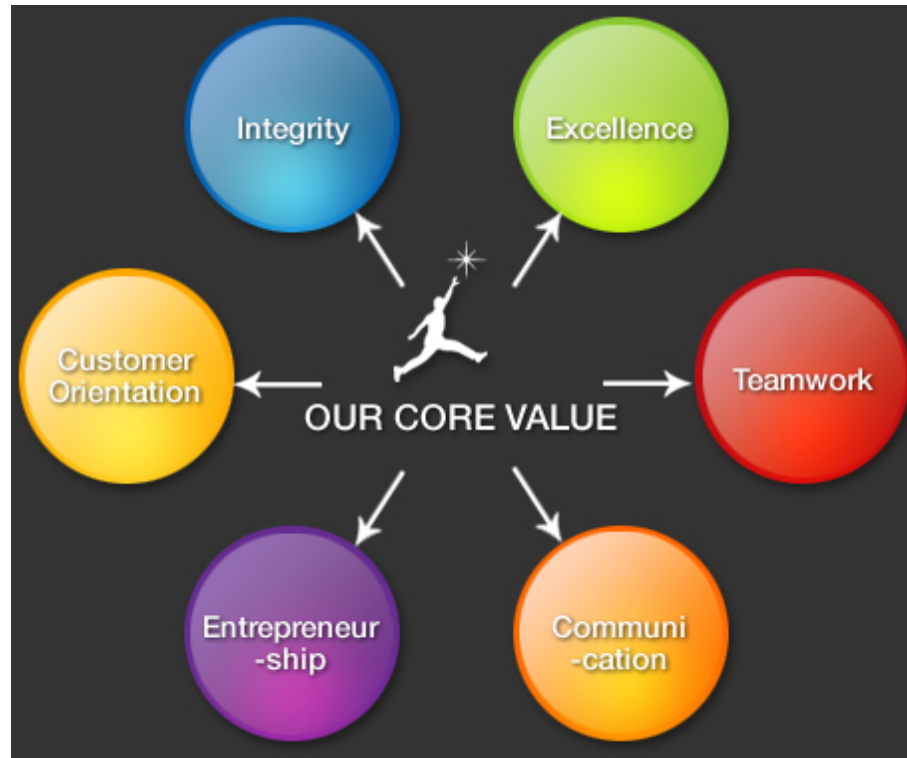
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# So, what are Agile methods missing?

- **Stakeholder Focus**
  - **Real projects have dozens of stakeholders**
    - **Not just a customer in the next room**
    - **Not just a user with a use case or story**
- **Results Focus**
  - **It is not about writing code, it is about delivering value to stakeholders**
  - **It is not about programming, it is about making systems work, for real people**
- **Systems Focus**
  - **It is not about coding – (*again* 😊)**
  - **It is about reuse, data, hardware, training, motivation, sub-contracting, Outsourcing, help lines, user documentation, user interfaces, security, etc.**
  - **So, a systems engineering scope is necessary to deliver results.**
  - **Systems Engineering needs quantified performance and quality objectives**
    - **To synchronize all necessary disciplines, so that they deliver the results.**

- Ecstatic Stakeholder!



# End of 1 Hour Lecture

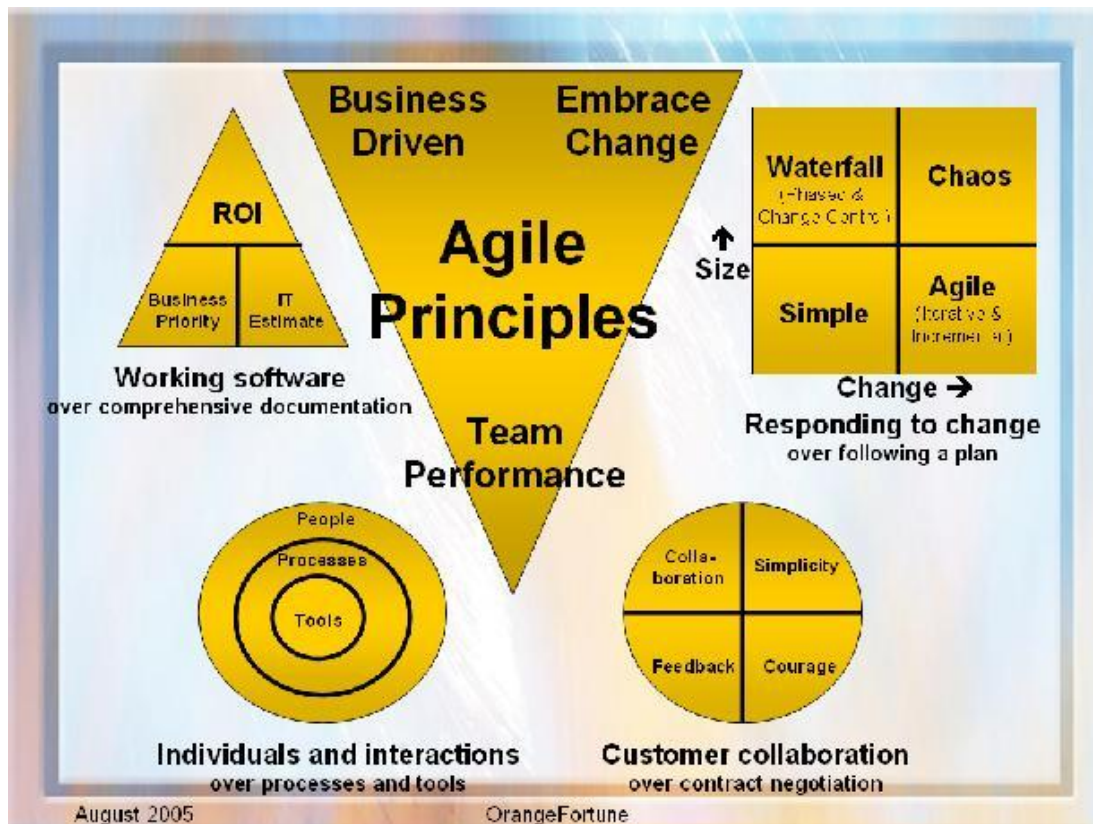
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# Does real Software Practice Advancement need yet another 'Manifesto'?

\_"AGILE HAS DOOMED ITSELF - TO BECOME YET ANOTHER FAD ".

What is Seriously Wrong with Agile practices and interpretations - why AGILE, AS CURRENTLY PRACTICED, is PROJECT-failure-prone as a culture

"What is Tom's advice, his own more value-oriented 'agile' principles and values (see below) and metrics-oriented agile practices in Evo?



## **Gilb's 'Value Driven Planning' Principles:**

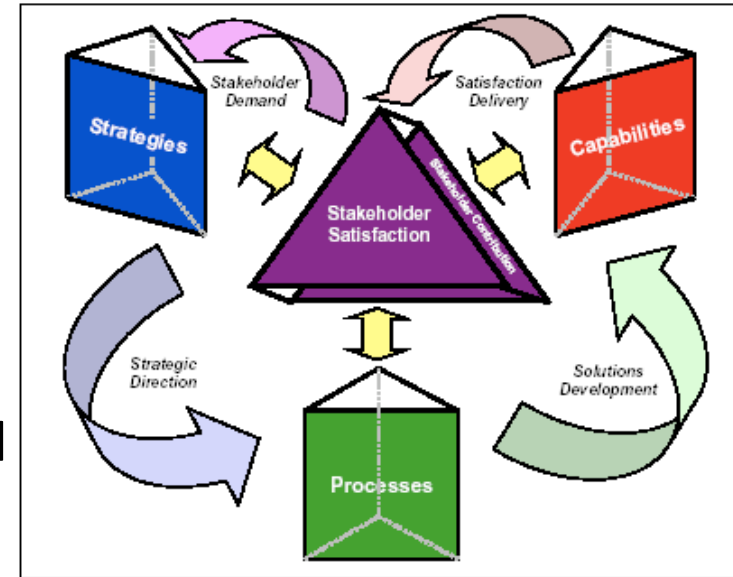
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- 2. Values can and must be quantified**
- 3. Values are supported by Value Architecture**
- 4. Value levels are determined by timing, architecture effect, and resources**
- 5. Value levels can differ for different scopes (where, who)**
- 6. Value can be delivered early**
- 7. Value can be locked in incrementally**
- 8. New Values can be discovered (external news, experience)**
- 9. Values can be evaluated as a function of architecture (Impact Estimation)**
- 10. Value delivery will attract resources.**

# Value Driven Planning Principles in Detail:

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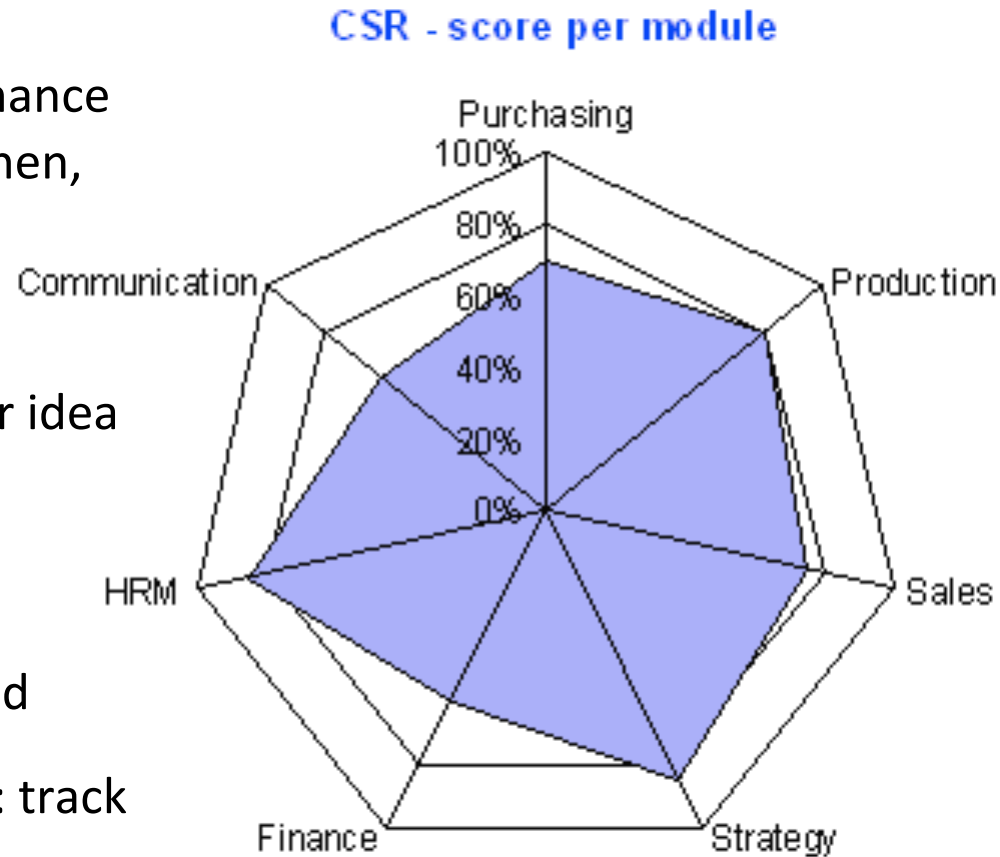
Critical: “having a decisive or crucial importance in the success or failure of something” <-Dictionary

- The primary and prioritized values we need to deliver are determined by
  - analysis of the needs and values of stakeholders
    - stakeholders who can determine whether we *succeed* or *fail*.
- We cannot afford to satisfy *other (less critical)* levels, at other times and places, yet.
  - Because that might undermine our ability to satisfy the more critical stakeholders –
  - and consequently threaten our overall project success.



## 2. 'Values' can and must be *quantified*

- Values can, if you want, be expressed numerically.
  - With a defined scale of measure
  - with a deliverable level of performance
  - and with qualifier info [Where, When, If]
- Quantification is useful:
  - to clarify your own thoughts
  - to get real agreement to one clear idea
  - to allow for varied targets and constraints
  - to allow direct comparison with benchmarks
  - to put in Request for bids, bids and contracts
  - to manage project evolutionarily : track progress
  - as a basis for measurement and testing
  - to enable research on methods





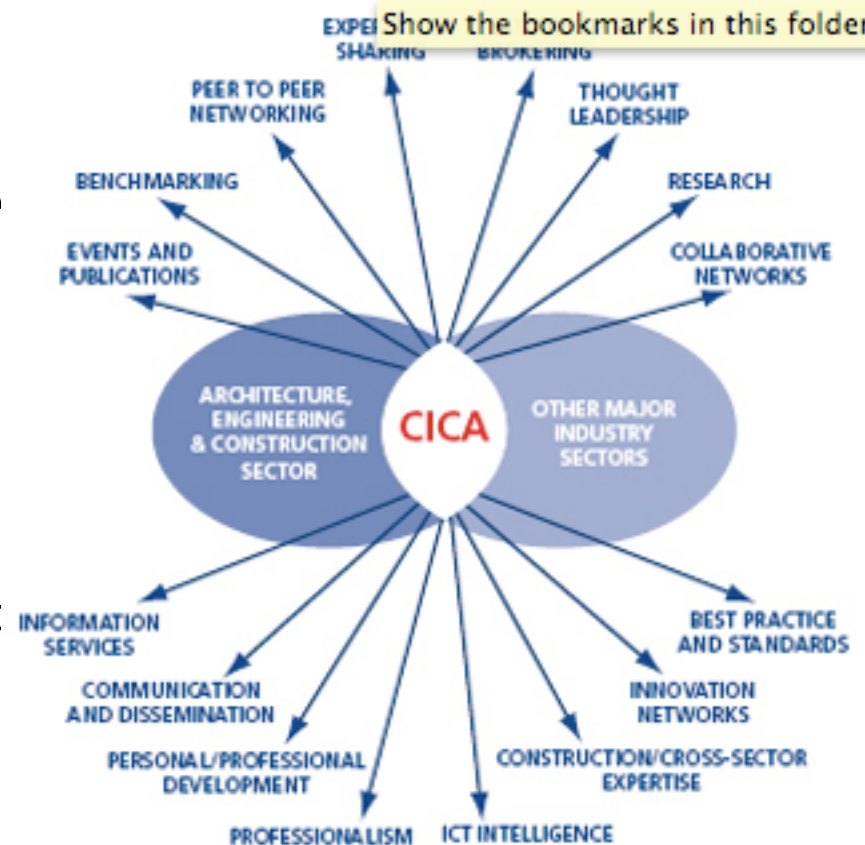
•Figure 1: Real (NON-CONFIDENTIAL version) example of an initial draft of setting the objectives that engineering processes must meet.

| Business objective                               | Measure  | Goal (200X) | Stretch goal ('0X) | Volume | Value | Profit | Cash |
|--|--|-------------|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|------|
| Time to market                                   | Normal project time from GT to GT5                       | <9 mo.      | <6 mo.             | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Mid-range  | Min BoM for The Corp phone                               | <\$90       | <\$30              | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Platformisation Technology                       | # of Technology 66 Lic. shipping > 3M/yr                 | 4           | 6                  | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Interface  | Interface units  | >11M        | >13M               | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Operator preference                              | Top-3 operators issue RFQ spec The Corp                  | 1           | 2                  | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Productivity                                     |  |             |                    | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Get Torden                                       | Lyn goes for Technology 66 in Sep-04                     | Yes         |                    | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Fragmentation                                    | Share of components modified                             | <10%        | <5%                | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Commoditisation                                  | Switching cost for a UI to another System                | >1yr        | >2yrs              | X      | X     | X      | X    |
|  | The Corp share of 'in scope' code in best-selling device | >90%        | >95%               | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Duplication                                      |  |             |                    | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Competitiveness                                  | Major feature comparison with MX                         | Same        | Better             | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| User experience                                  | Key use cases superior vs. competition                   | 5           | 10                 | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Downstream cost saving                           | Project ROI for Licensees                                | >33%        | >66%               | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Platformisation IFace                            | Number of shipping Lic.                                  | 33          | 55                 | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Japan  | Share of of XXXX sales                                   | >50%        | >60%               | X      | X     | X      | X    |
| Numbers are intentionally changed from real ones |  |             |                    |        |       |        |      |

Business Values Quantified

### 3. Values are supported by Value Architecture

- Value Architecture: defined as:
  - anything you *implement* with a view to satisfying stakeholder values.
- Value Architecture:
  - includes product/system objectives
    - Which are a 'design' for satisfying stakeholder values
  - Has a multitude of performance and cost impacts
  - can impact a given system differently, depending on what is in the system, or what gets put in later
  - Needs to try to maximize value delivered for resources used.



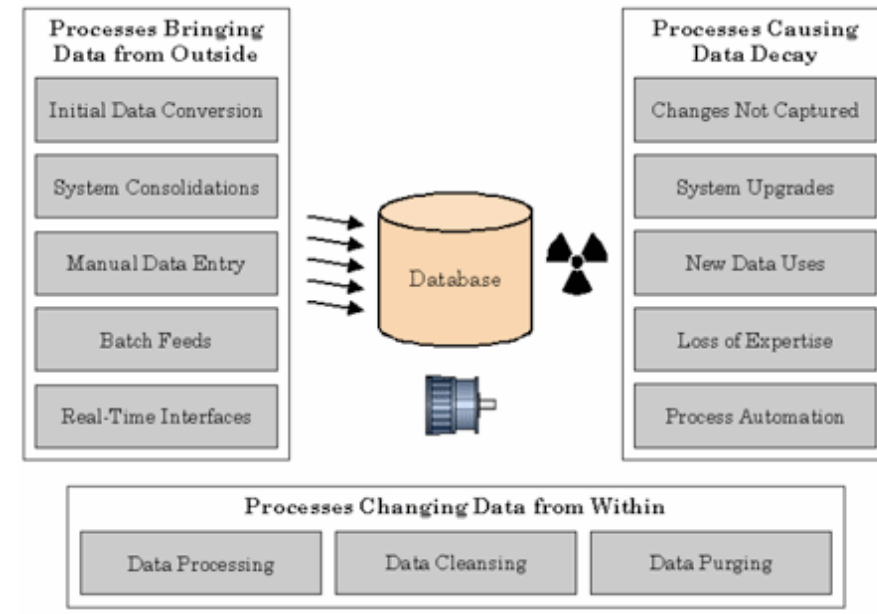
#### 4. Value levels are determined by *timing, architecture effect, and resources*

Value levels: defined as:

the degree of satisfaction of value needs.

Value level:

- depends on *when* you observe the level
  - The environment, the people, other system performance characteristics (security, speed, usability)
- depends on the *current incremental power of particular value architecture* components
- depends on *resources available* both in development and operation

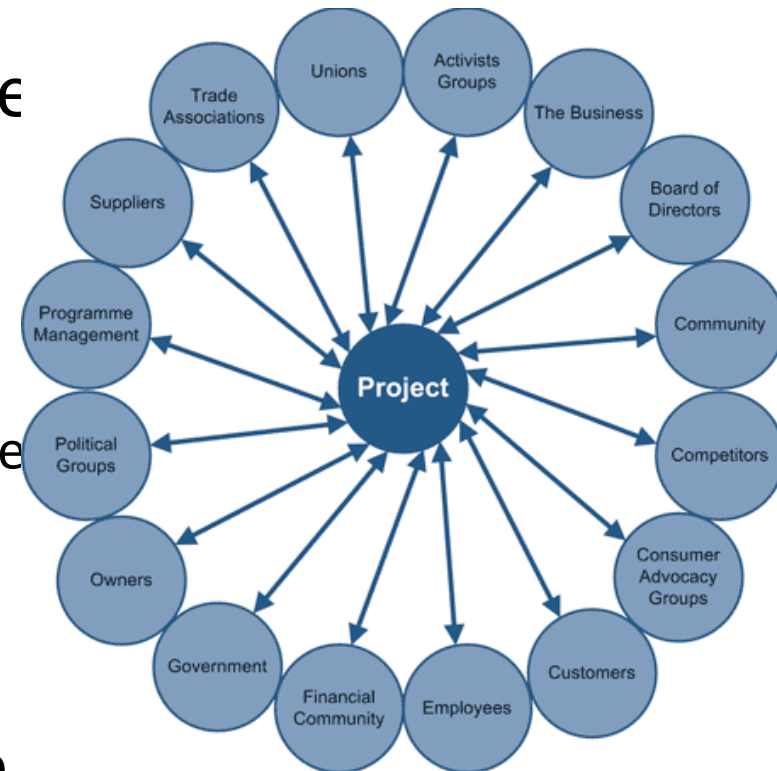


## 5. Required Value *levels* can differ for different scopes (where, who)

The level of value needed, and the level of value delivered - for a single attribute dimension (like Ease of Use) can vary for:

- different stakeholders
- at different times
  - (peak, holiday, slack, emergency, e implementation)
- for different ‘locations’
  - countries, companies, industries

There is nothing simple like ‘one level for all’



- 6. Value can be delivered early

You do not have to wait until 'the project is done' to deliver useful stakeholder value satisfaction.

You can intentionally target the highest priority stakeholders, and their highest priority value area, and levels.

You can deliver them early and continuously

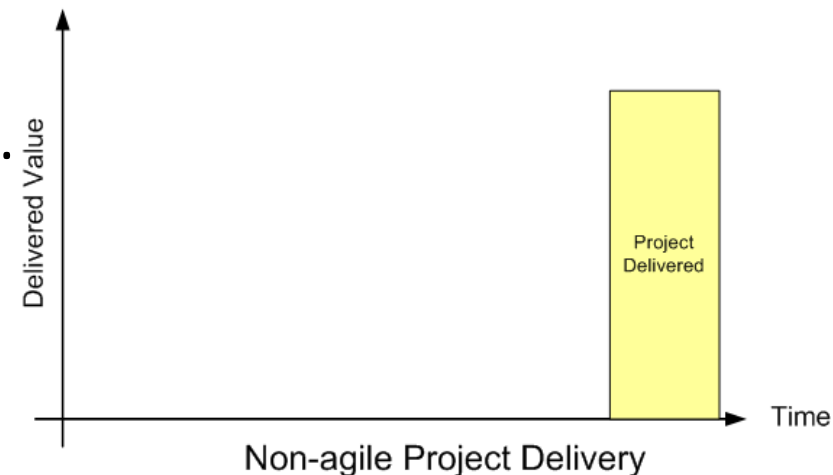
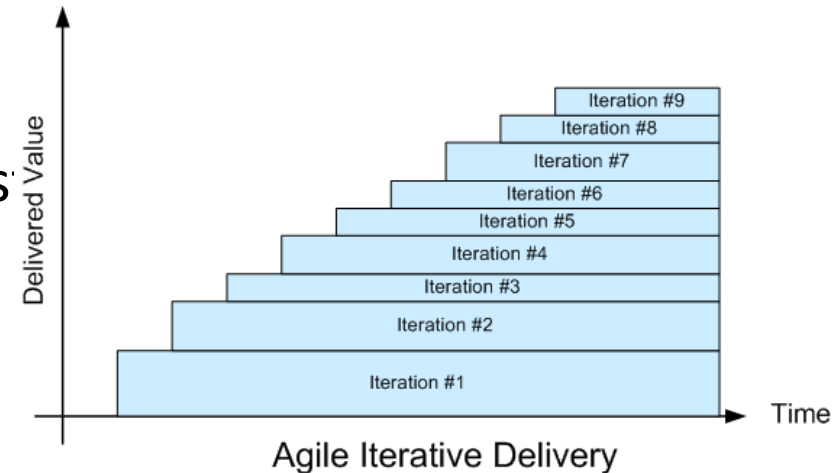
You can learn what is possible

And what stakeholders really value.

Discover new value ideas

Discover new stakeholders

Discover new levels of satisfaction

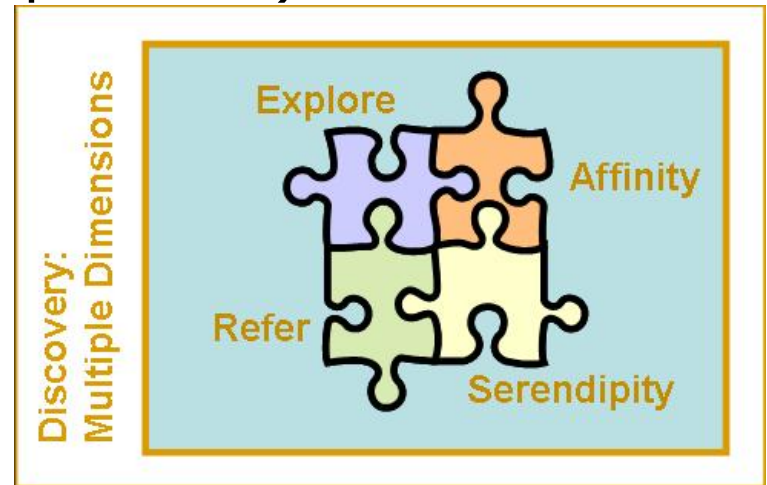


- 7. Value can be locked in incrementally
  - You can increment the value satisfaction
    - *towards* longer term Goal levels
  - You can spread the value deliveries
    - that are *proven* in *some* places,
    - more widely in the next increments
  - This probably assumes that you have really handed over real results to real people.
    - Not just developed systems without delivery



## 8. New Values can be discovered (external news, experience)

- *Expect*, and try to discover,
  - entirely new stakeholder values.
- These will of course emerge *after you start delivering* some satisfaction, because:
  - Stakeholders believe you can help
  - Things *change*





## 9. Values can be *evaluated* as a function of *architecture* (using 'Impact Estimation')

- It is possible to get an **overview** of

- the totality of impacts
- that your **architecture**
- (all designs and strategies)
- might** have
- on all your defined stakeholder ne

| Business Objective             | Weight | Viking Deliverables |           |                   |        |            |                         |        |              |                |          |               |            |
|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------|------------|-------------------------|--------|--------------|----------------|----------|---------------|------------|
|                                |        | hardware adaptation | Telephony | Reference designs | IFace  | Modularity | Defend vs Technology 66 | Tools  | User Experce | GUI & Graphics | Security | Defend vs OOD | Enterprise |
| Time to market                 | 20%    | 20%                 | 10%       | 30%               | 5%     | 10%        | 5%                      | 15%    | 0%           | 0%             | 0%       | 5%            | 5%         |
| Mid-range                      | 10%    | 15%                 | 0%        | 15%               | 0%     | 30%        | 15%                     | 5%     | 10%          | 5%             | 5%       | 0%            | 0%         |
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| Duplication                    | 10%    | 15%                 | 10%       | 10%               | 0%     | 0%         | 40%                     | 0%     | 0%           | 0%             | 5%       | 20%           | 5%         |
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| Japan                          | 5%     | 10%                 | 5%        | 20%               | 0%     | 10%        | 0%                      | 0%     | 10%          | 5%             | 0%       | 0%            | 0%         |
| Contribution to overall result |        | 15%                 | 9%        | 17%               | 4%     | 7%         | 15%                     | 6%     | 6%           | 1%             | 6%       | 6%            | 5%         |
| Cost (€M)                      |        | £ 2.85              | £ 0.49    | £ 3.21            | £ 2.54 | £ 1.92     | £ 2.31                  | £ 0.81 | £ 1.21       | £ 2.68         | £ 0.79   | £ 0.62        | £ 0.60     |
| ROI Index (100=average)        |        | 106                 | 358       | 109               | 33     | 78         | 137                     | 148    | 107          | 10             | 152      | 202           | 174        |

- Use an Impact Estimation table

- and you will be able to spot *opportunities* for

- high value and
- low cost early deliveries
  - by analyzing the numbers on the table

See next slide  
For enlargement



Strategy Impact Estimation:  
for a \$100,000,000 Organizational Improvement Investment

# Technical Strategies

## Objectives



Defined  
In earlier slide

Business Objective

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| Time to market             |
| Mid-range                  |
| Platformisation Technology |
| Interface                  |
| Operator preference        |
| Get Torden                 |
| Commoditisation            |
| Duplication                |
| Competitiveness            |
| User experience            |
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Viking Dilemmas

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## Benefits



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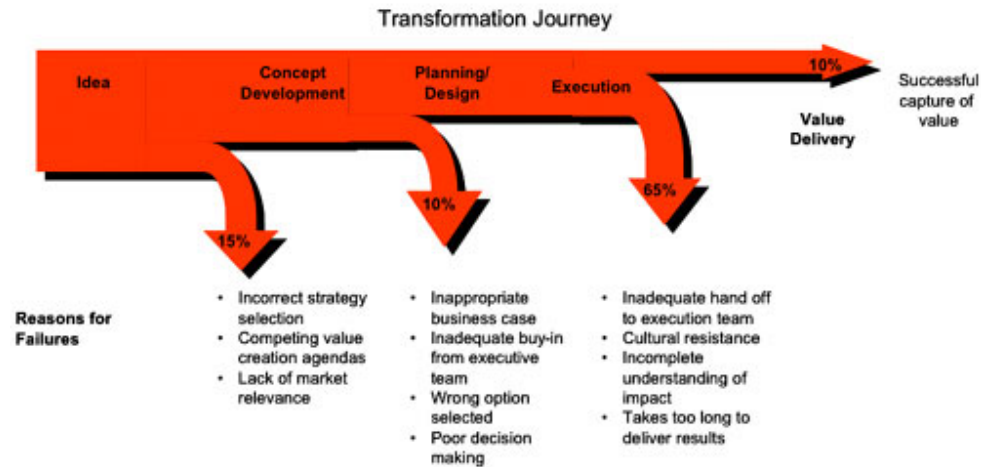
## 10. Value delivery will attract resources.

- If you are really good at delivering value
  - You can expect to attract
    - even more funding
  - Managers like
    - to be credited with success
  - Money seeks
    - best interest rates



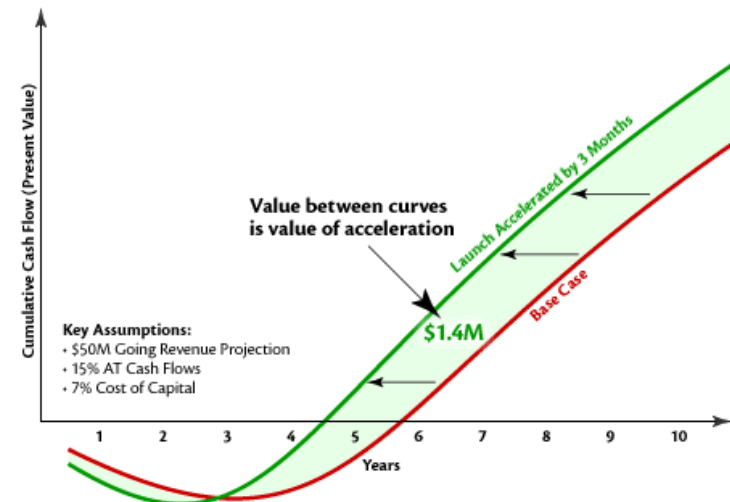
# Gilb's Value Manifesto: A Management Policy?

1. **Really useful value, for real stakeholders will be defined measurably.**  
**No nice-sounding emotive words please.**
2. **Value will be seen in light of total long term costs**  
**as a decent return on investment.**
3. **Powerful management devices, like motivation and follow-up, will make sure that the value for money is really delivered – or that the failure is punished, and the success is rewarded.**
4. **The value will be delivered evolutionarily – not all at the end.**
5. **That is, we will create a stream of prioritized value delivery to stakeholders, at the *beginning* of our value delivery projects; and continue as long as the real return on investment is suitably large.**
6. **The CEO is primarily responsible for making all this happen effectively.**
  1. **The CFO will be charged with tracking all value to cost progress.**
  2. **The CTO and CIO will be charged with formulating all their efforts in terms of measurable value for resources.**



Source: Survey 100 Global Companies 2001-2002

## Cumulative Present Value of Accelerating Cash Flows



Source "Value Delivery in Systems Engineering" available at [www.gilb.com](http://www.gilb.com)  
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# The Value Delivery Problem

- **Sponsors who order and pay for systems engineering projects,**
  - **must justify their money spent**
  - **based on the expected consequential effects (hereafter called ‘value’) of the systems.**
- **The value of the technical system is often expressed**
  - **in presentation slides and requirements documents**
  - **as a set of nice-sounding words,**
  - **under various titles such as “System Objectives”, and “Business Problem Definition”**

# Some Assertions

**Assertion 1. When top management allows large projects to proceed, with such badly formulated primary objectives, then**

- they are responsible as managers for the outcome (failure).
- They cannot plead ignorance.

**Assertion 2. The failure of technical staff (project management) to react to the lack of primary objective formulation by top management is also a total failure to do reasonable systems engineering.**

- Management might have a poor requirements culture, but we should routinely save them from themselves.

**Assertion 3. Both top managers and project personnel can be trained and motivated to clarify and quantify critical objectives routinely.**

- But until the poor external culture of education and practice changes, it may take strong CEO action to make this happen in your corporation.
- My experience is that no one else will fight for this.

**Assertion 4. All top level system performance improvements, are by definition, variables.**

- So, we can expect to define them quantitatively.
- We can also expect to be able to measure or test the current level of performance.
- Words like ‘enhanced’, ‘reduced’, ‘improved’ are not serious systems engineering requirements terms.