



What's Wrong With Requirements Methods?

*An analysis of the fundamental failings of conventional
thinking about software requirements, and some
suggestions for getting it right.*

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Talk Background Data

- ! Evening 25-30 minute London SPIN talk 6:15 to 6:45

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- ! http://www.testingexperience.com/testingexperience11_09_10.pdf (Test exp version)
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What is wrong with Requirements Practice?

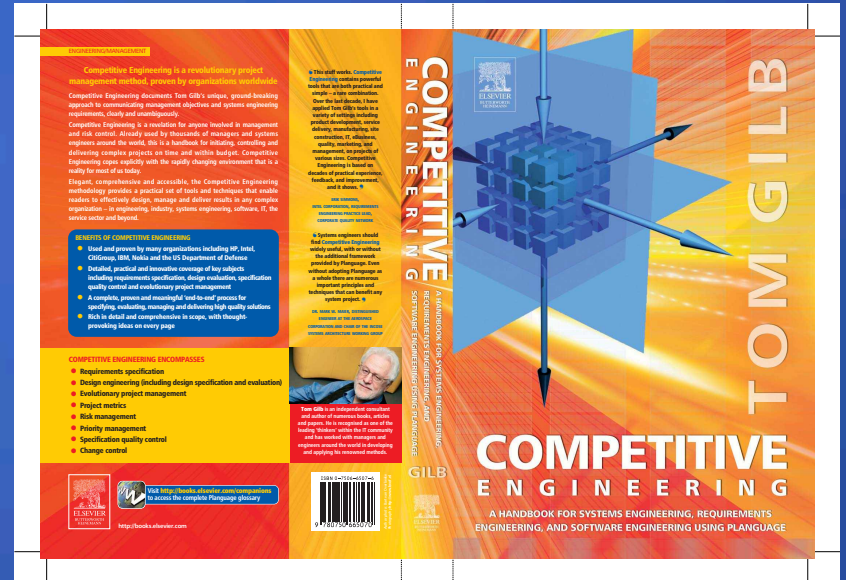
- *Lack of*

Critical
Value
Requirements

Talk Outline

Time permitting, then see slides at www.gilb.com

1. Requirement definition: 'Stakeholder Prioritized End State'
2. Ten Reasons Why Requirements Methods Fail
3. Top Level Critical Objectives: the missing link
4. Don't Mix Ends and Means
5. Requirements are not always 'Required': Intelligent Dynamic Prioritization
6. Stakeholders: not just users and customers!
7. Value Delivery: leading to Systems Thinking, not Software Silos
8. Quantification: not 'Software Poetry' – a basis for real Software Engineering – not mere 'Softcrafting'
9. Rich Specification: Requirement specifications need far more info than the requirement itself!
10. Ten Principles for Successful Requirements Methods.
11. Who or What will Change things?
12. Summary



“Requirement” is

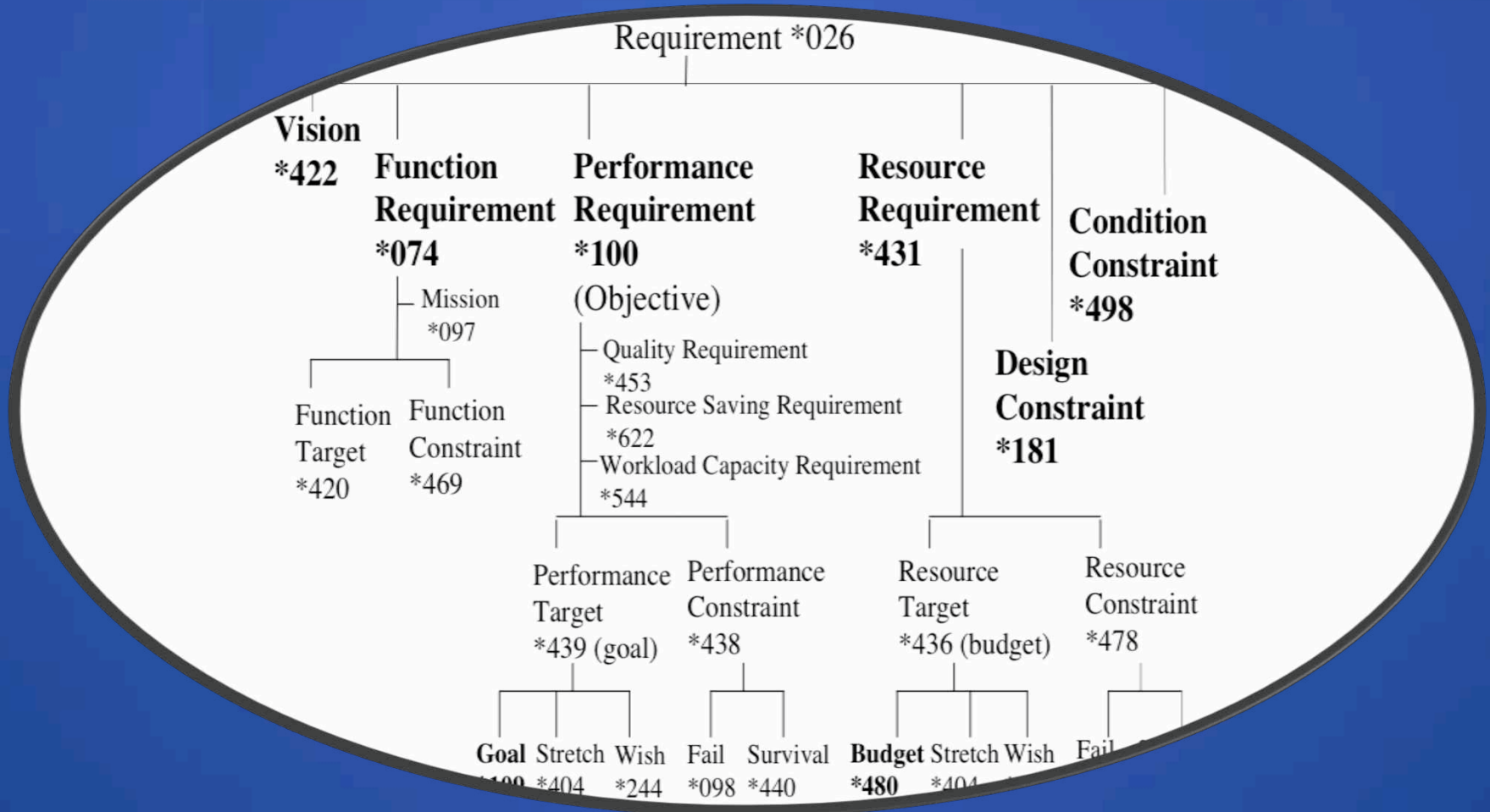
“Stakeholder Valued End State”

Source: Gilb, Planguage Concept
Glossary 2011 version

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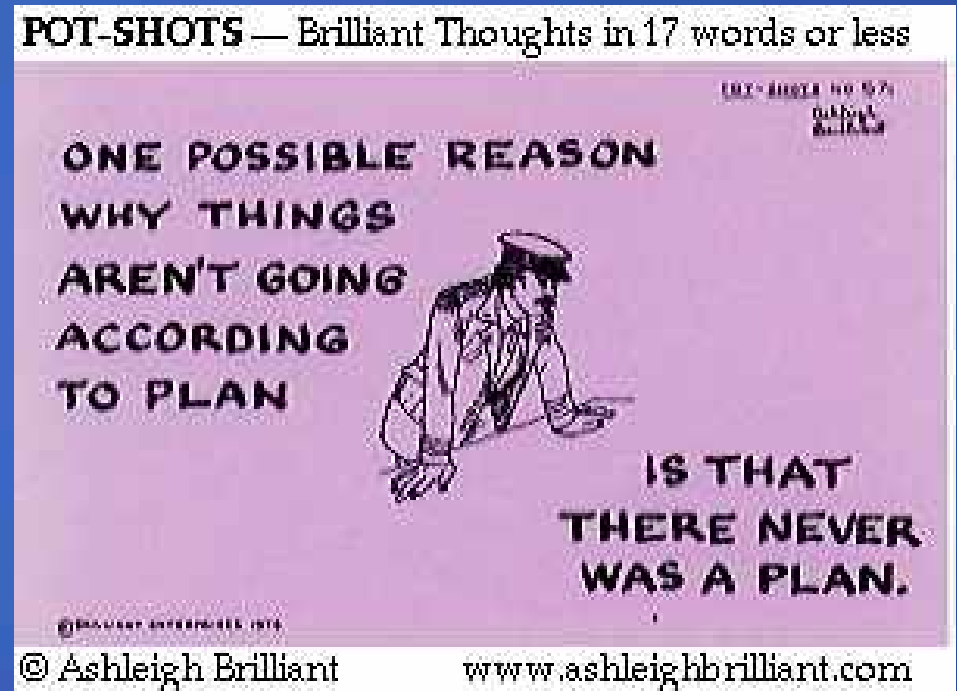


Requirement Types: <-CE, PL

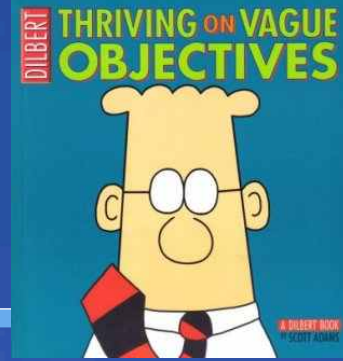


Ten Reasons Why Requirements Methods Fail

- ! 1. Focus, not stakeholders
- ! 2. Designs, not values
- ! 3. Poetry, not clear
- ! 4. Function, not quality
- ! 5. Testable, not constraints
- ! 6. Requirement, not background
- ! 7. Single Requirement, not the set
- ! 8. Assumptions, not rigorous definitions
- ! 9. Blind acceptance, no real QC
- ! 10. single level, not multiple levels



The Worst Problem

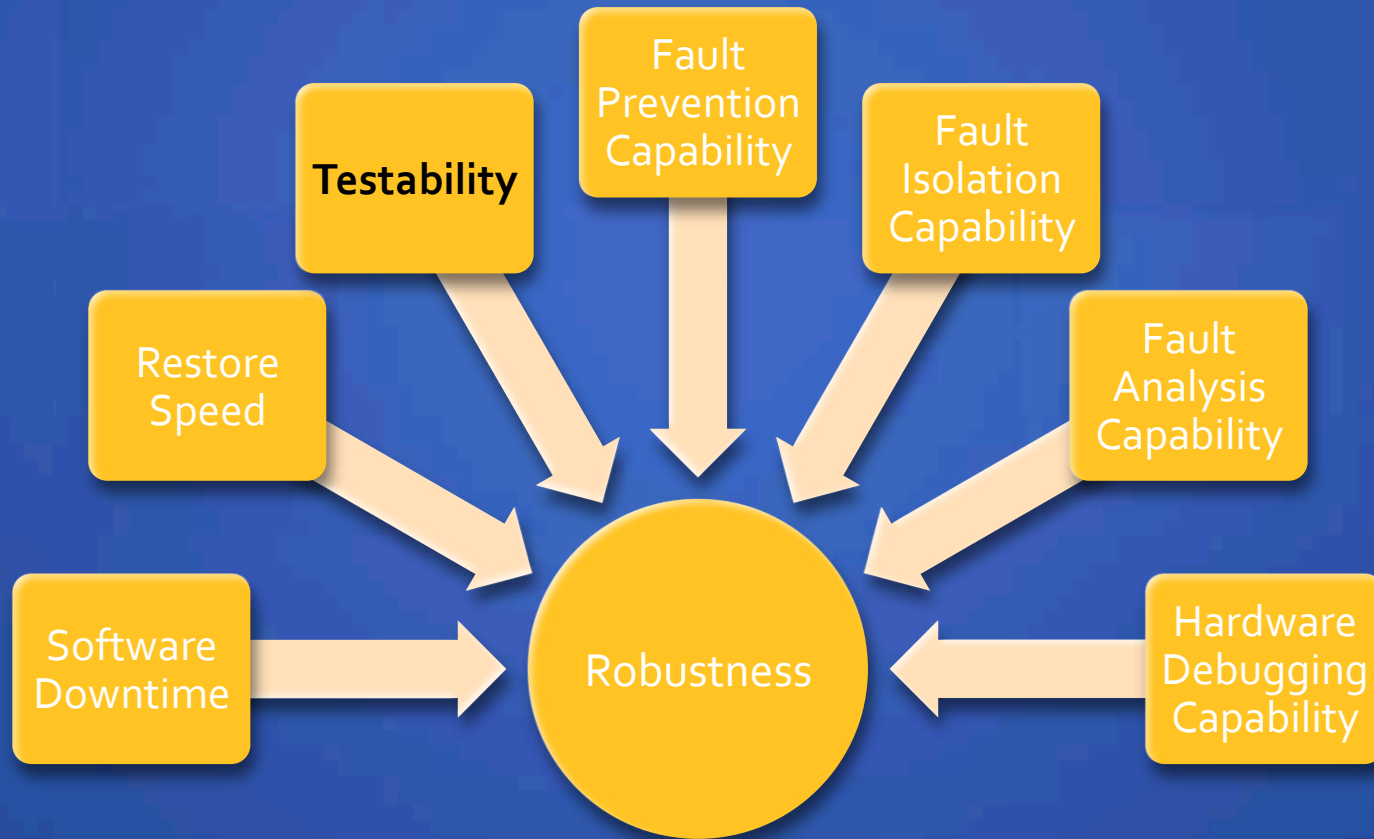


Real Case

Bad Quality
for the
Top Level
Critical
Requirements

- ! "Make the system much easier to understand and use"
- ! "Robustness"
 - ! (See next slide)
- ! "Richer set of tools for supporting next generation tools and applications"

A Complex Requirement “Robustness”



Testability (part of “Robustness”)

Scale: the
duration of

a defined
[Volume] of
testing,

of a defined
[Type],

by a defined
[Skill Level] of
system
operator,

under defined
[Operating
Conditions]



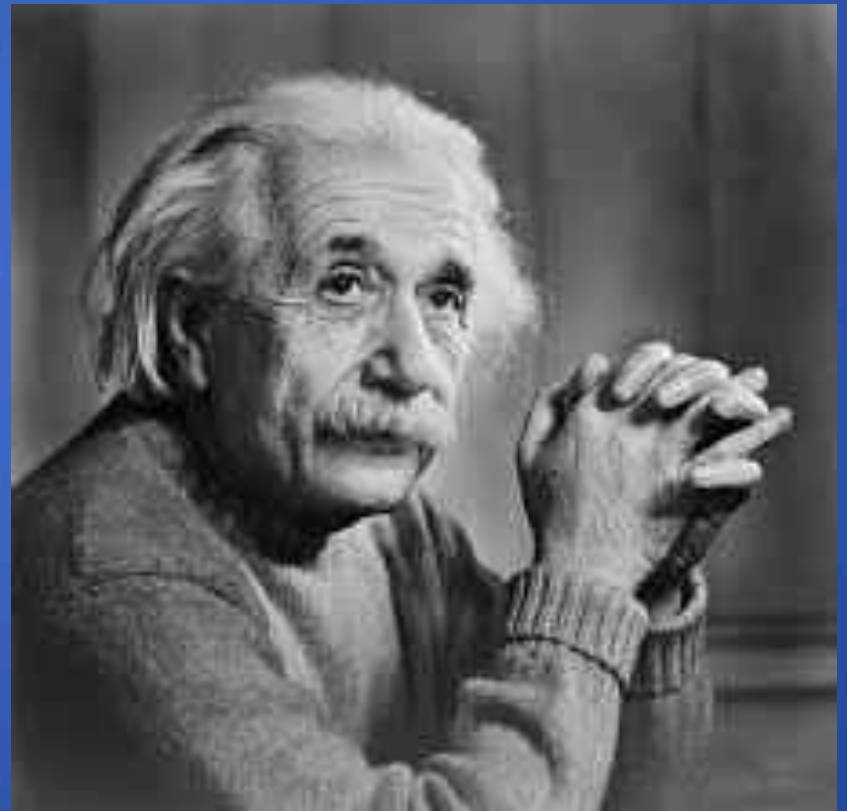
Previous Case: Observation

- ! Management lost over \$100 million on this project, and 8 years time,
- ! Because they failed to clarify (quantify!) critical requirements
- ! 1 days work



4. Don't Mix Ends and Means

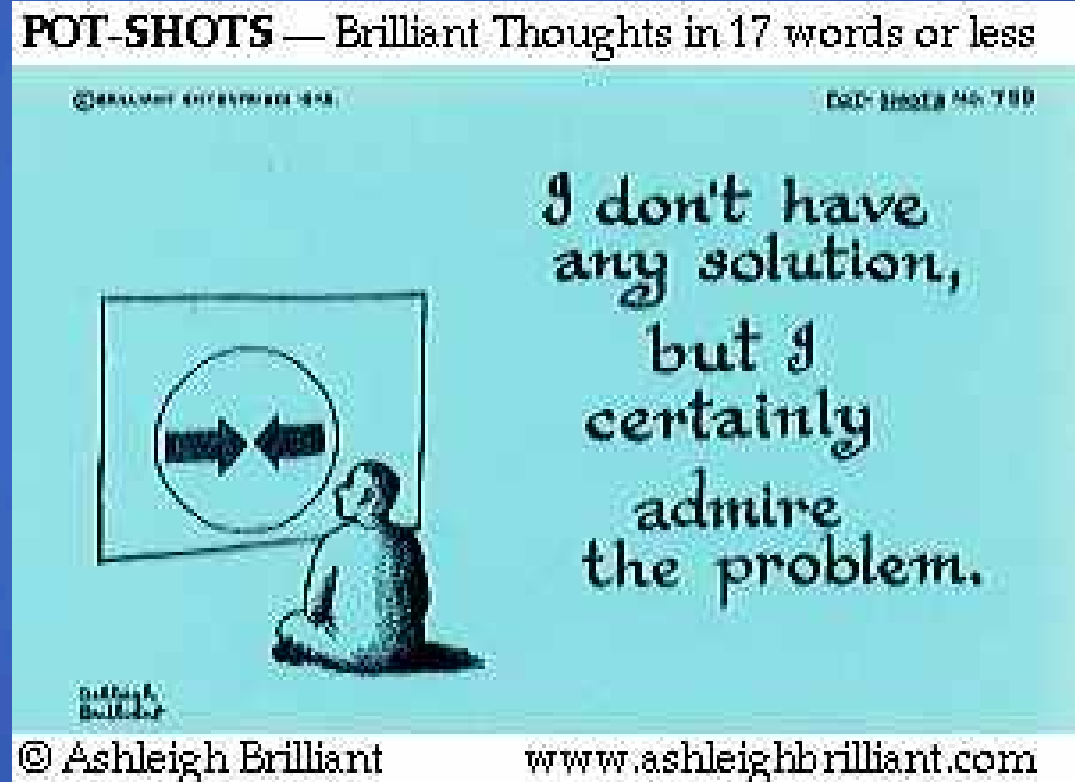
- *!"Perfection of means*
- *and confusion of ends*
- *seem to characterize our age."*



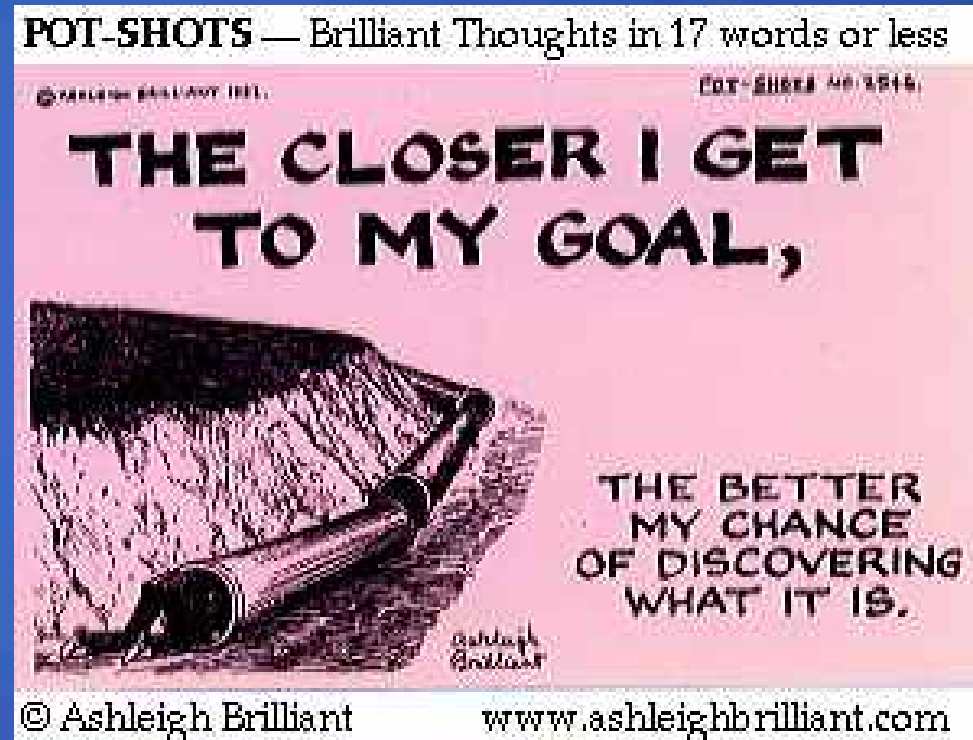
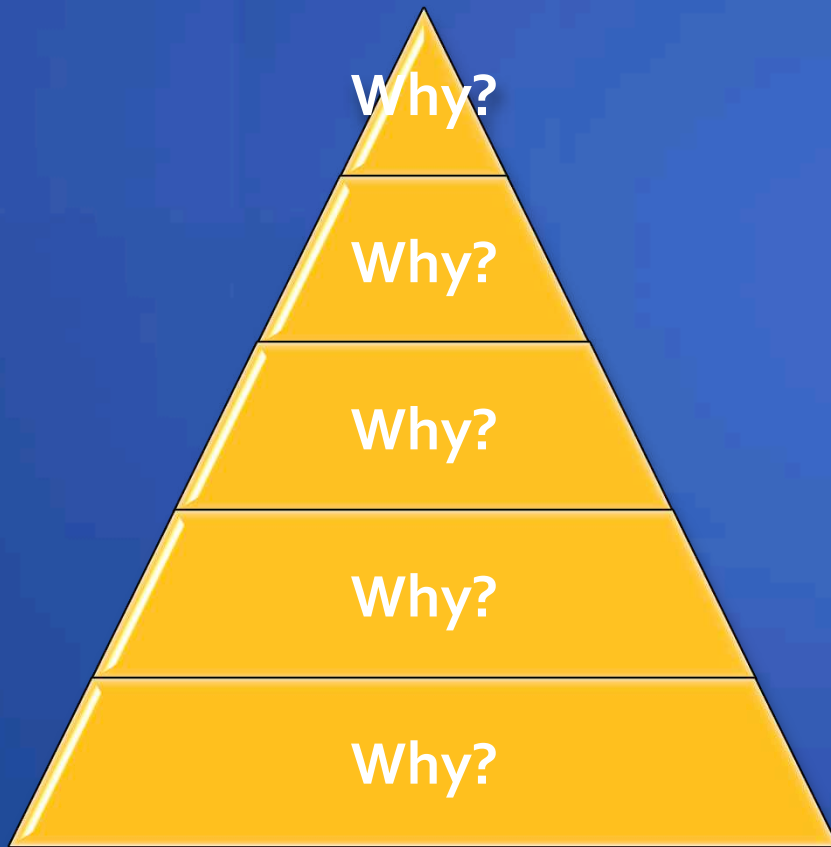
Albert Einstein. 1879-1955

Why do people specify a *Means* as if they were their real *Ends*?

- **Means = concrete**
- **Ends = abstract**
- **Lack of training/education**
- **Hopper: Puritan Gift**

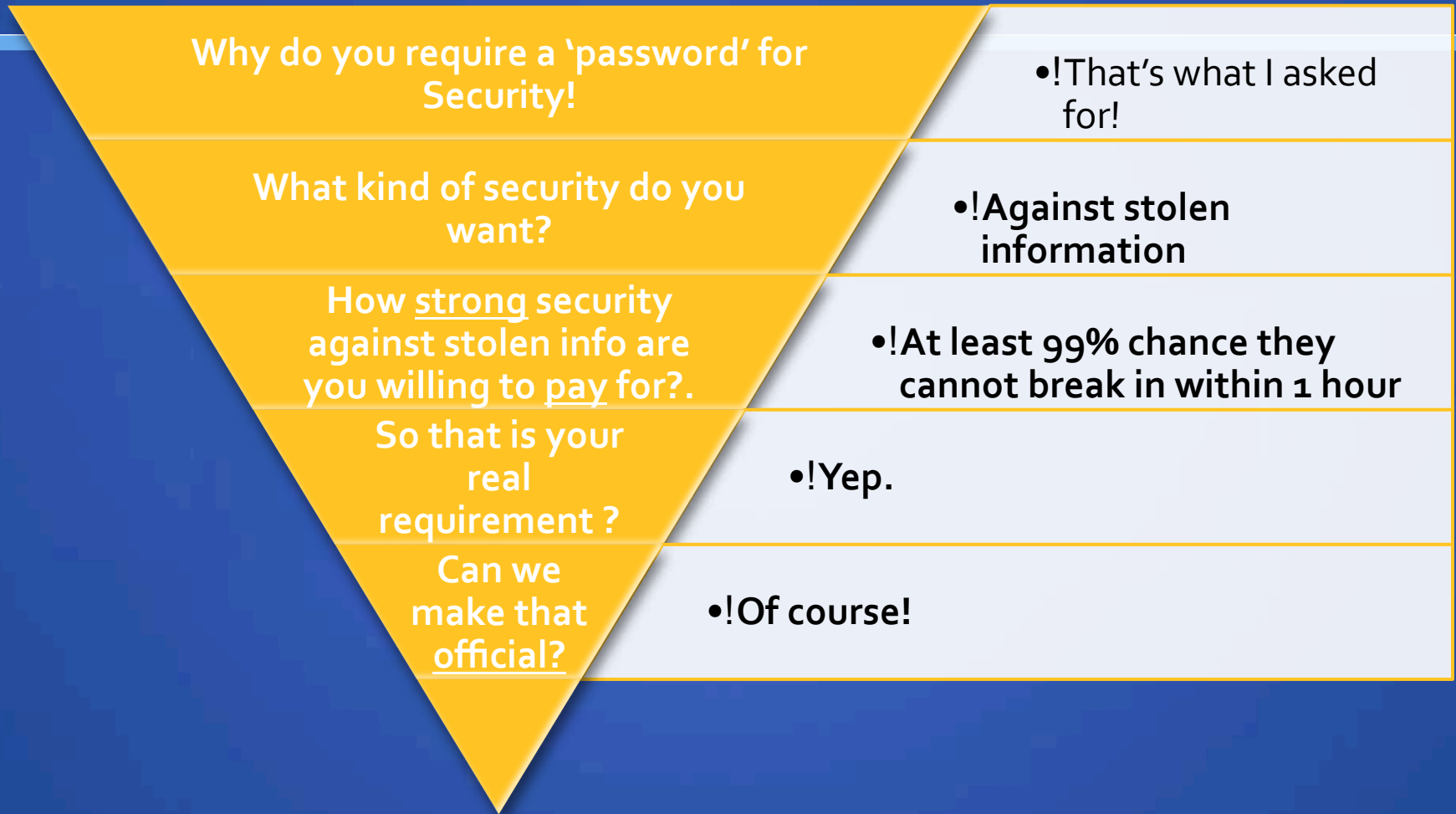


Finding the right level



Why?

Example



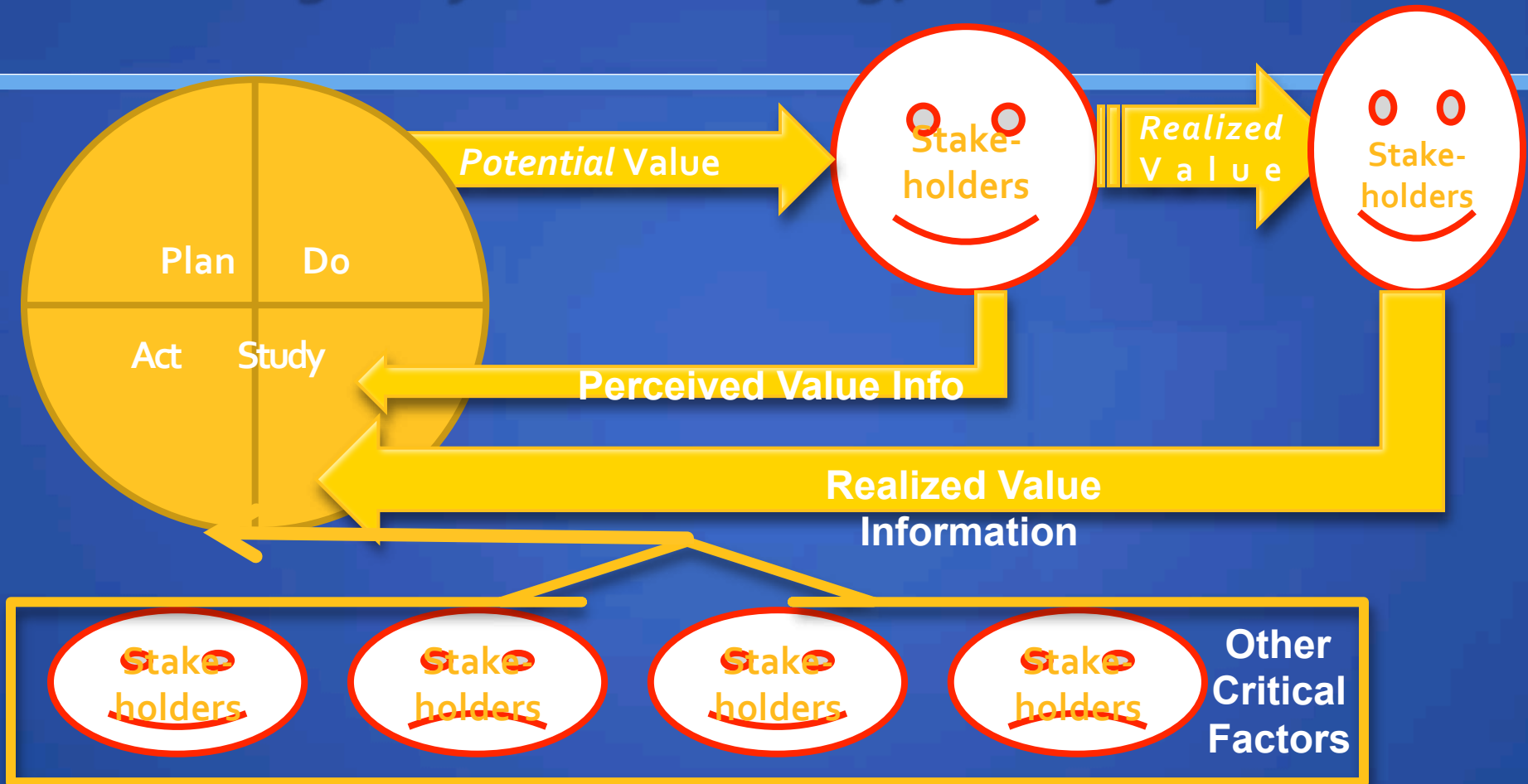
Our Client, Real Results

Real Immediate Stakeholder value



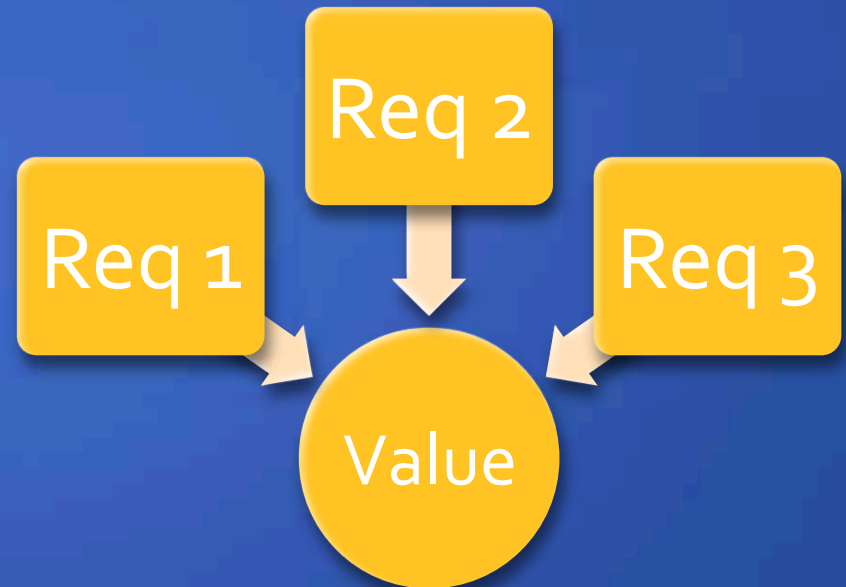
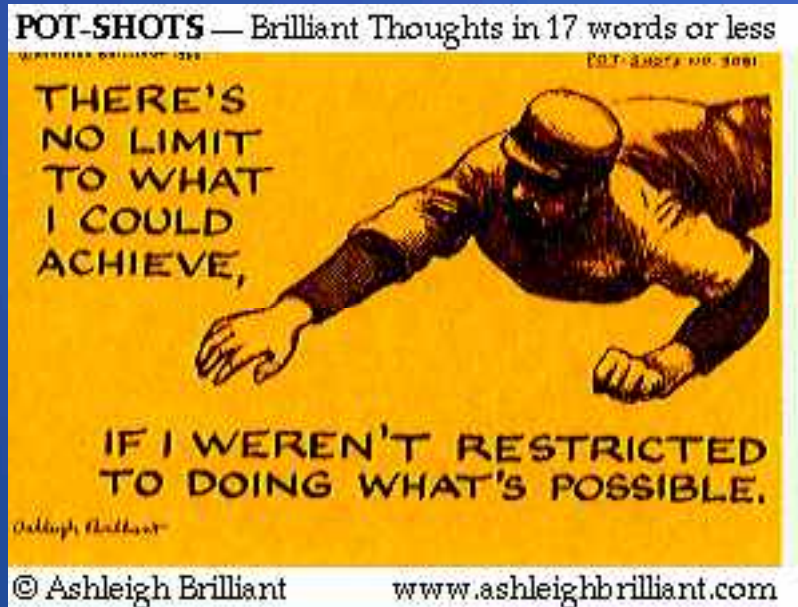
Description of requirement/work task	Past	Status
Usability.Productivity: Time for the system to generate a survey	7200 sec	15 sec
Usability.Productivity: Time to set up a typical specified Market Research-report (MR)	65 min	20 min
Usability.Productivity: Time to grant a set of End-users access to a Report set and distribute report login info.	80 min	5 min
Usability.Intuitiveness: The time in minutes it takes a medium experienced programmer to define a complete and correct data transfer definition with Conformat Web Services without any user documentation or any other aid	15 min	5 min
Performance.Runtime.Concurrency: Maximum number of simultaneous respondents executing a survey with a click rate of 20 sec and an response time<500 ms, given a defined [Survey-Complexity] and a defined [Server Configuration, Typical]	250 users	6000

Value Delivery: leading to *Systems Thinking*, not *Software Silos*



Value Requirements

- ! If requirements are NOT closely tied to value then:
 - ! We risk failure to deliver the value expected, even if 'requirements' are satisfied.



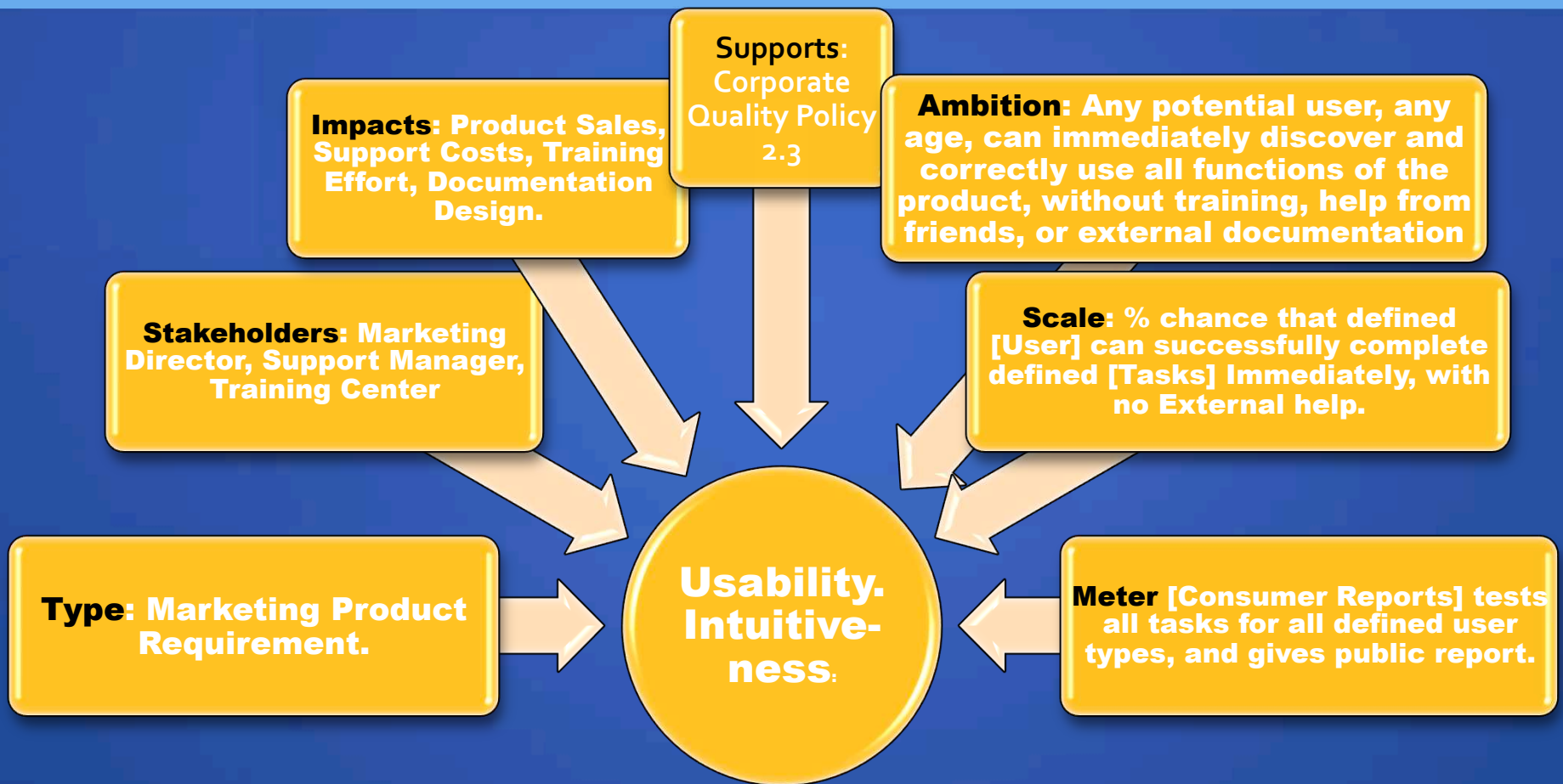
How can we articulate and document notions of value in a requirement specification?

Initial Definitions: to base levels requirement levels on
(this is how the spec looks in 'Planguage')



- ! Usability.Intuitiveness:
- ! Type: Marketing Product Requirement.
- ! Stakeholders: Marketing Director, Support Manager, Training Center
- ! Impacts: Product Sales, Support Costs, Training Effort, Documentation Design.
- ! Supports: Corporate Quality Policy 2.3
- ! Ambition: Any potential user, any age, can immediately discover and correctly use all functions of the product, without training, help from friends, or external documentation
- ! Scale: % chance that defined [User] can successfully complete defined [Tasks] Immediately, with no External help.
- ! Meter [Consumer Reports] tests all tasks for all defined user types, and gives public report.

How can we articulate and document notions of value
in a single requirement specification?
Graphic of previous slide: here are some “Value relationships”





More Requirement Info?

What values are we competing against?

In 'Planguage'

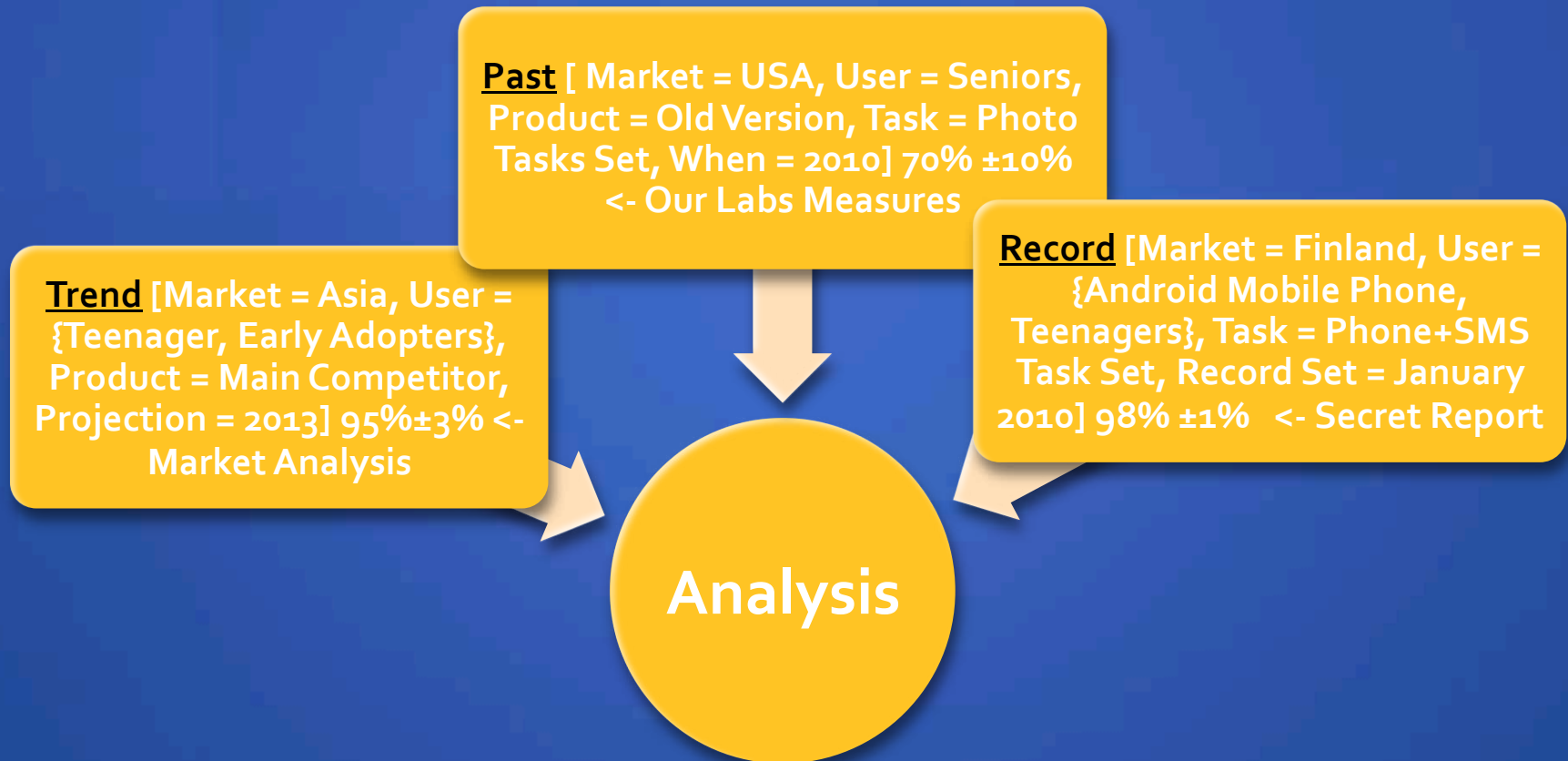
●! Analysis

- ! Trend [Market = Asia, User = {Teenager, Early Adopters}, Product = Main Competitor, Projection = 2013] 95%±3% <- Market Analysis
- ! Past [Market = USA, User = Seniors, Product = Old Version, Task = Photo Tasks Set, When = 2010] 70% ±10% <- Our Labs Measures
- ! Record [Market = Finland, User = {Android Mobile Phone, Teenagers}, Task = Phone+SMS Task Set, Record Set = January 2010] 98% ±1% <- Secret Report



Graphic of previous slide

“What values are we competing against?” (analysis)

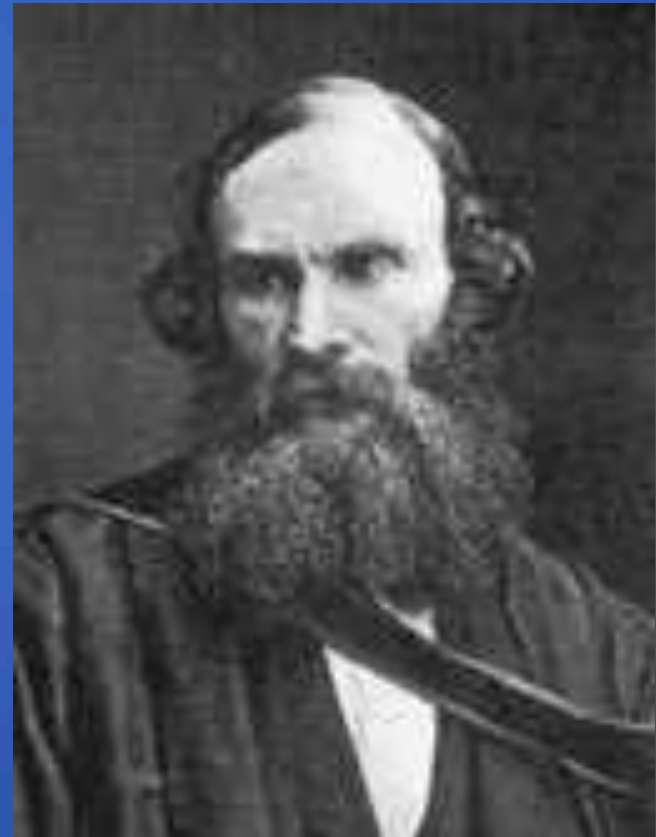


Requirement-Level Priority Specs & who, where, when for 'Value'



Quantification: not 'Software Poetry' – a basis for real Software Engineering – not mere 'Softcrafting'

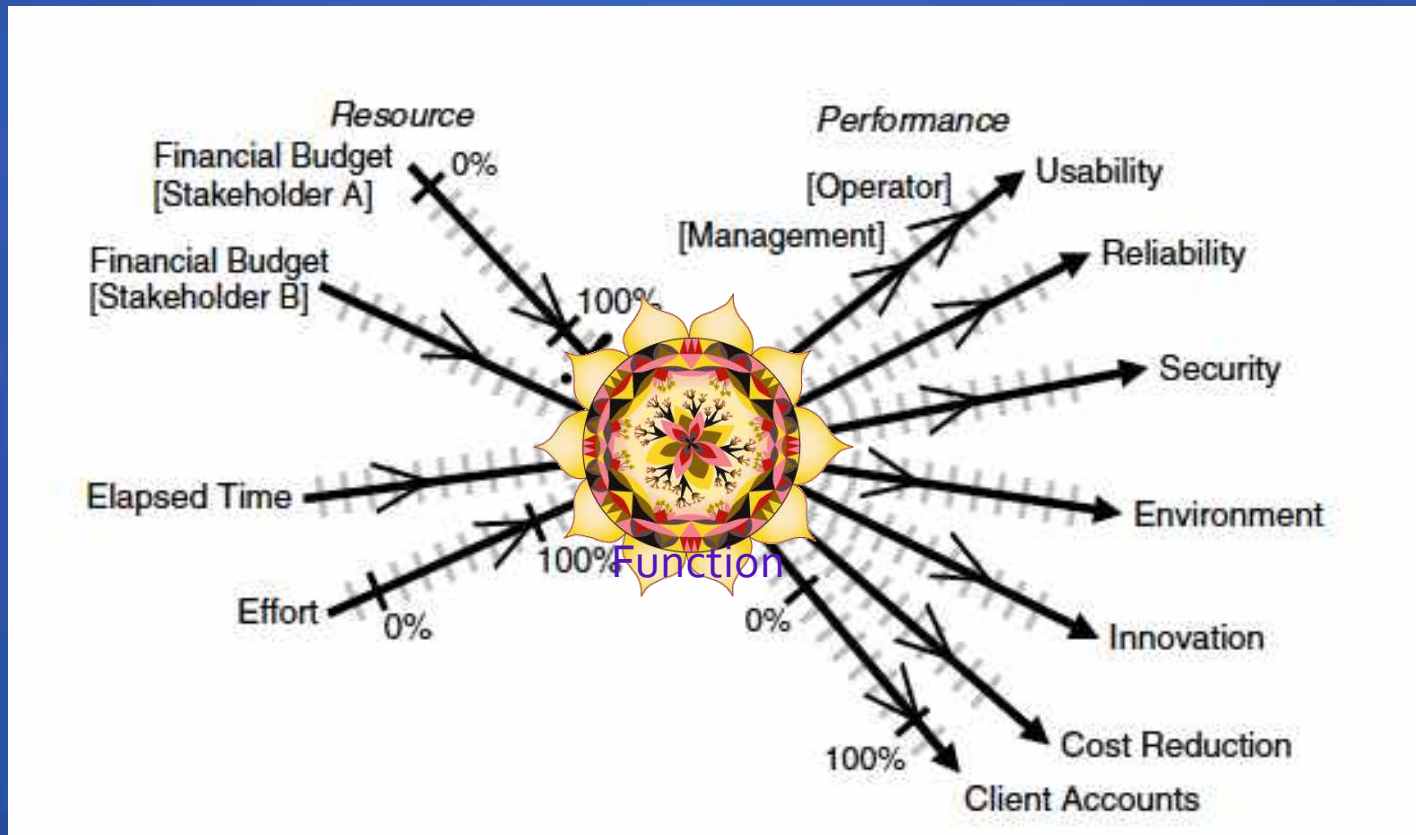
- ! In physical science the first essential step in the direction of learning any subject is to find principles of numerical reckoning and practicable methods for measuring some quality connected with it.
- ! I often say that when you can measure what you are speaking about, and express it in numbers, you know something about it;
- ! but when you cannot measure it, when you cannot express it in numbers, your knowledge is of a meagre and unsatisfactory kind;
- ! it may be the beginning of knowledge, but you have scarcely in your thoughts advanced to the state of *Science*, whatever the matter may be."
- ! [PLA, vol. 1, "Electrical Units of Measurement", 1883-05-03]
- ! Lord Kelvin, Sir William Thompson



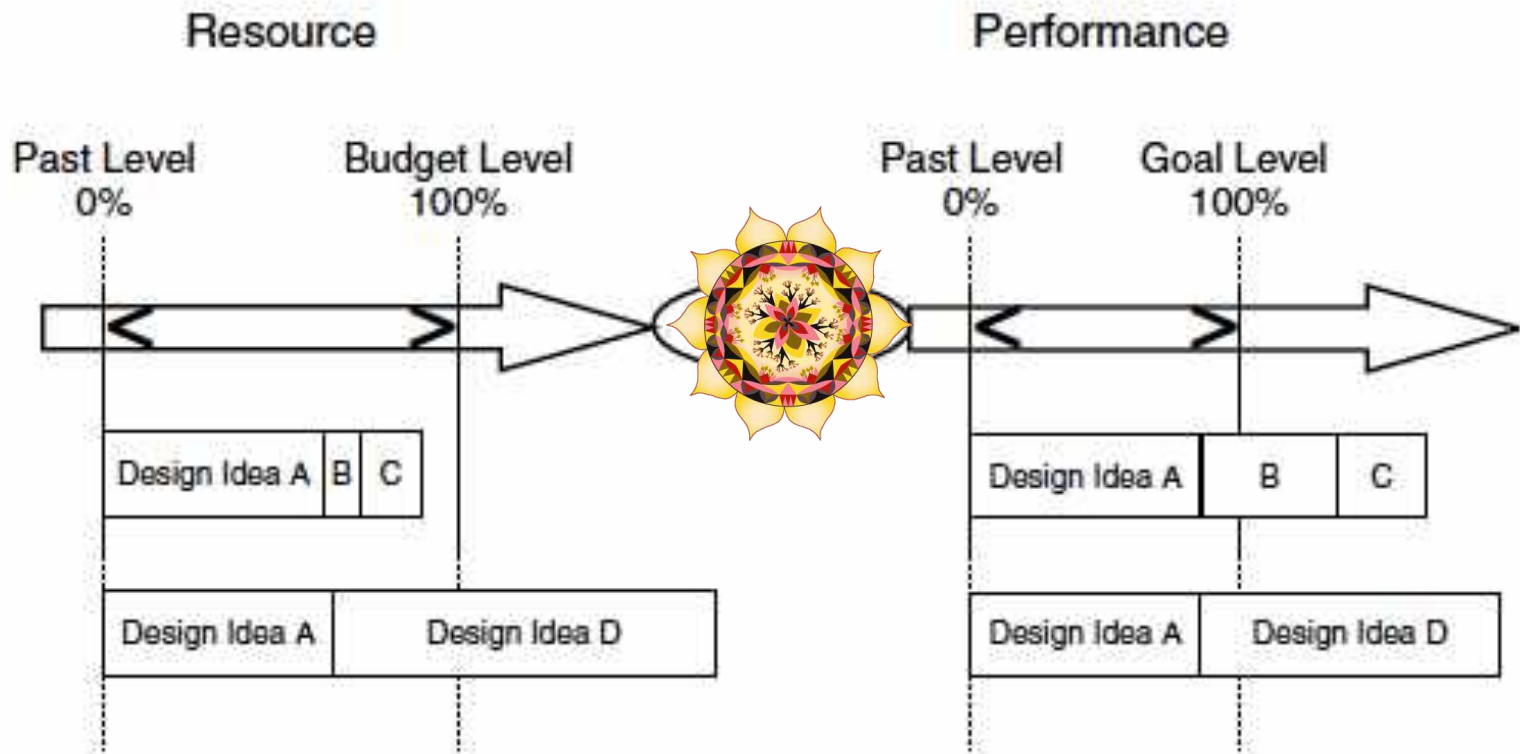
**"If you can not measure it, you
can not improve it."**



Many Qualities and costs



Quantitative Design



Quality Quantification in 'Planguage'



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Goal [Market = USA, User = Seniors, Product = New Version, Task = Photo Tasks Set, When = 2012] **80% ±10%** <- Draft Marketing Plan

Rich Specification: Requirement specifications need far more info, than the 'requirement' *itself*!

**Rich
Specification**



Background



Commentary

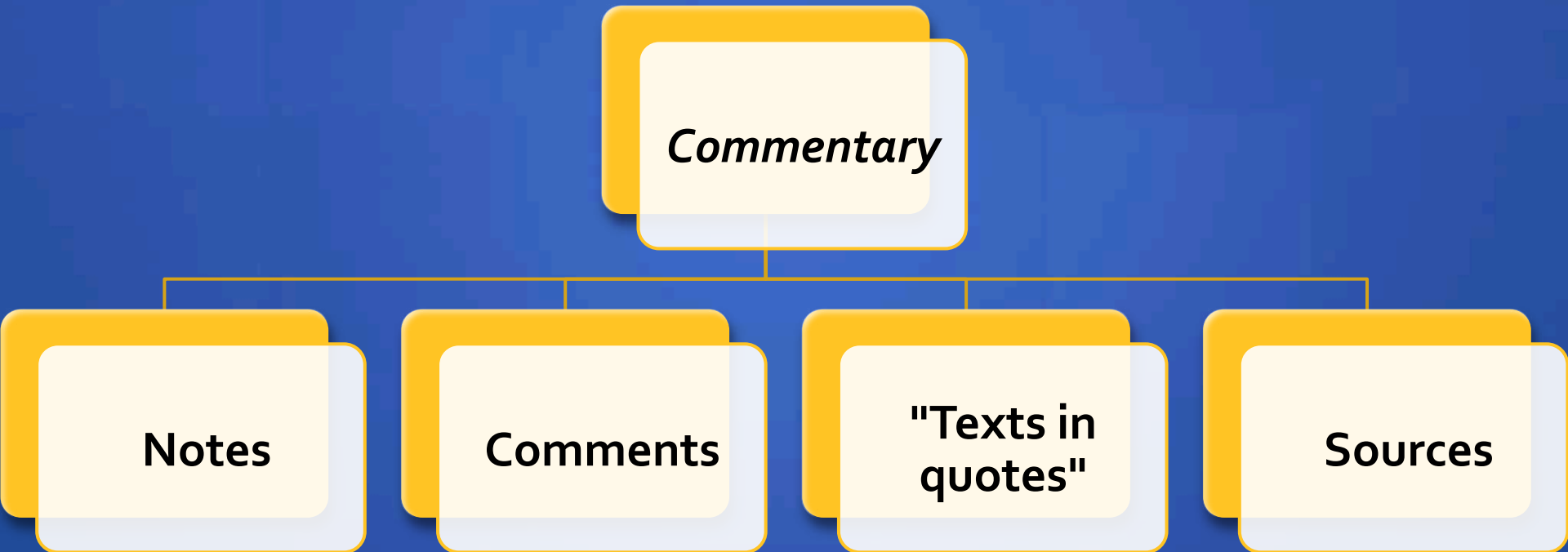


Core

Core Specs



Commentary Specs



“Background” Specs (often, “Relationships”)



Why do the background specification elements need to be included?

Here are some functions of the background information:

1. Value

2.
Prioritization

3. Risks

4. Detail
Level

5. Updating

6. Level
Synchro

7. Quality
Control

8. Clarity

9. etc.

Background for Core Specs

Reliability:

Type: Performance.Quality.

Owner: Quality Director

Author: John Engineer

Stakeholders: {Users, Shops, Repair Centers}.

Scale: Mean Time Between Failure.

Goal [Users]: 20,000 hours. <- Customer Survey, 2004

Rationale: anything less would be uncompetitive.

Assumption: our main competitor does not improve more than 10%.

Issues: new competitors might appear.

Risks: the technology for reaching this level might have excessive costs.

Design Suggestion: triple redundant software and database system.

Goal [Shops]: 30,000 hours. <- Dixons' Chain [Quality Director].

Rationale: customer contract specification.

Assumption: this is technically possible today.

Issues: the necessary technology might cause undesired schedule delays.

Risks: the customer might merge with a competitor chain and leave us to foot the costs that they might no longer require.

Design Suggestion: Simplification and reusing known components.

Example: a requirement specification can be embellished with many background specifications that will help us to understand risks associated with one or more other requirement specification elements.

10. Ten Principles for Successful Requirements Methods.

Here is a summary of my advice for more successful requirement methods in the form of some principles, or 'admonishments':

- ! 1. Quality requirements must be quantified.
- ! 2. Requirement specifications must be rich with relevant background
- ! 3. Requirements must be finally developed based on incremental feedback from stakeholders, as to their real value
- ! 4. Requirements need to be accompanied by many types of signals about their priority, and value
- ! 5. Requirements must represent the stakeholders' real and core values, not a perceived means of delivering those values

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- ! 6. The top-level most-critical-few project requirements, are the major focus; all others are supporting details
- ! 7. Requirements are not 'required': they are merely *valued*
- ! 8. The top ten critical requirements for any project can be quantified and put on a single page.
- ! 9. A good first draft of the top ten critical requirements for any project can be made in a day's work.
- ! 10. Requirements will forever change, because our world is changing, so don't ask to get final stable requirements from anyone ever.

The Teachable Details



- ! Classic Ideas
 - ! Principles
 - ! Measures
 - ! Processes
 - ! Concept Glossary
- ! Cases
- ! Systems Engineering Level
- ! 60% of book is about Requirements
- ! Free digital copy?
 - ! Email Tom@Gilb.com
 - ! Request "BOOK"
 - ! And/or request "SLIDES"
 - ! And/or request "PAPER"

End of SPIN lecture

- ! The following slides are included to give more realistic detail from recent work we have done in London (2010)
- ! We have no illusions of presenting them in the SPIN 30 minute time frame , unless a speaker falls away!

Setting and Tracking Project Objectives The Tom Gilb Approach.



Tuesday 7 Dec 20xx
At BCS London
Reused for ACCU 15 April 2011
Included for SPIN 27 June 2011 London
as extra examples



The entire talk, for those who like simple slides

- 1.! Quantify all improvement requirements
- 2.! Estimate quantified impact of all 'means'
- 3.! Do the project in small 2% increments
 - 1.! Highest value for stakeholder first
 - 2.! Measure real value delivered (Goals reached)
 - 3.! Learn from deviations and successes
 - 4.! Modify all requirements and designs as experience and environment dictates

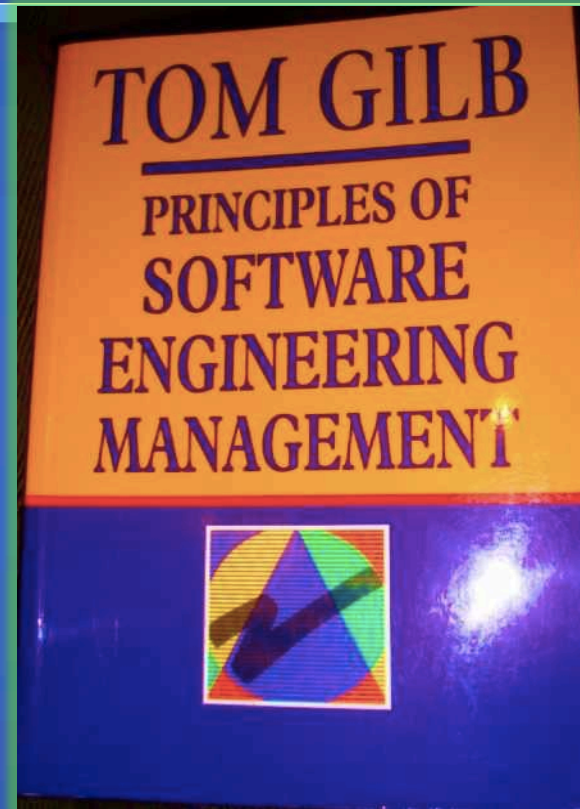
The details

- ! If you like simplified slides and unfounded generalisations
 - ! Leave now, or fall asleep, or check messages and news on your phone.
- ! I personally prefer concrete details, and real examples★
 - ! So if you choose to stay on, there is going to be a lot of detail
 - ! In fact – you will not be able to study and get explained all detail
 - ! But the slides are now at gilb.com/downloads
 - ! So, if they seem interesting you can study them at your leisure
 - ! In addition, if you need detailed explanation you will find it in the book Competitive Engineering. If you ask me at tom@gilb.com I'll be happy to send you a free digital copy.
 - ! If you are too shy to ask, then copies can be acquired the usual way, and there is plenty of detail free at gilb.com
- ! Last chance to escape is NOW
- ! ★ I want to show examples as realistic as possible, but in order to maintain client confidentiality I have:
 - ! not revealed client names, person names, project names, site location, application names.
 - ! I have also randomly changed numbers. It is the principles of realistic use I want to share.

The theory and practice of our 'Evo' method for project management



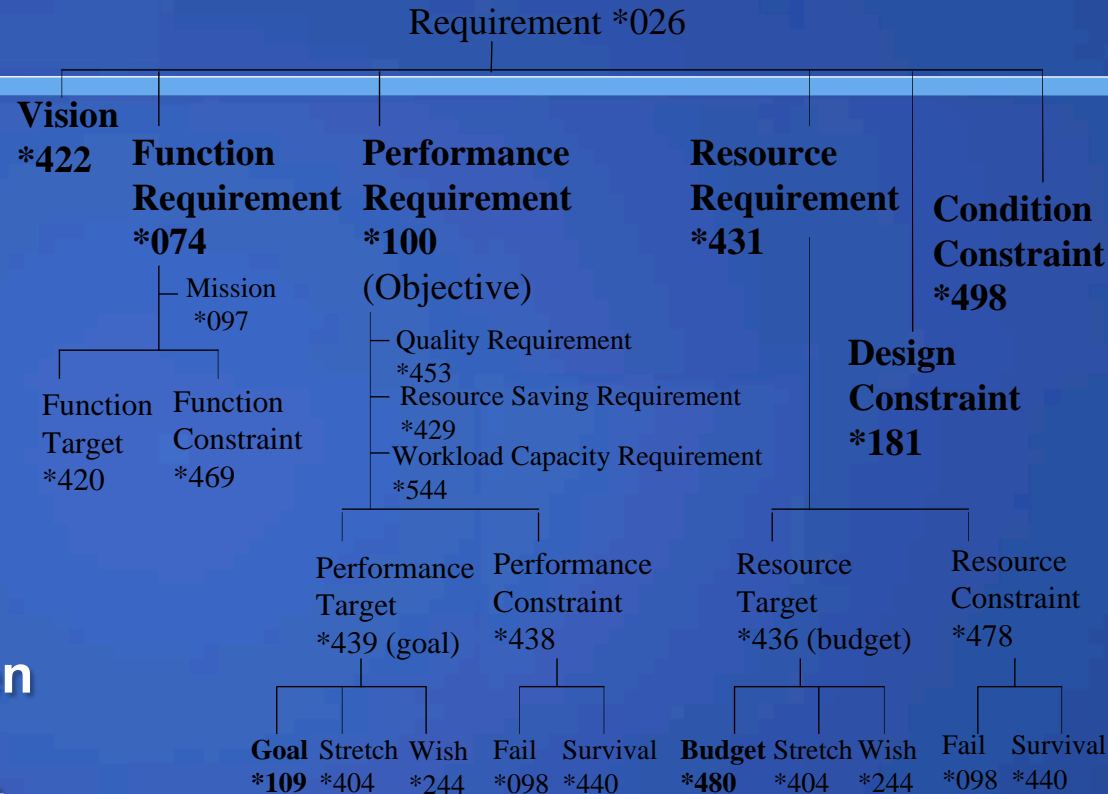
2005



1983

Planguage (Planning Language).

- ! A Planning Language - an engineering language
- ! A systems engineering language (software, management)
- ! Concept Glossary
- ! Graphical Language
- ! Control of Multiple dimensions: Performance, Costs, Constraints
- ! Extendible, Tailorable, Open
- ! Rich views, traceability, configuration management
- ! Risk Management
- ! Priority Management



The Evo method (also known as Value Delivery Method VDM) is a radical simplification (Lean!) from a project management view.

- ! **VALUE CLARITY:** Quantify the most-critical project objectives on day 1
- ! **SOLUTION RESPONSIBILITY:** Quantify impact of all suggested strategies, architectures, on all critical objectives, deadline, and budget.
- ! **VALUE REPORTING:** Measure project progress early, continuously, in terms of top ten objectives
- ! **JUST-IN-TIME PLANNING:** Dynamic intelligent do-next prioritisation: Value/cost based



Lack of clear top level project objectives has seen real projects fail for \$100+ million: personal experience, real case

Bad Objectives, for 8 years

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 partial rewrite in example at right)*
8. *Major improvements in data quality over current practice*

Quantified Objectives (in Planguage),

Robustness.Testability:

Type: Software Quality Requirement.

Version: 20 Oct 2006-10-20

Status: Demo draft,

Stakeholder: {Operator, Tester}.

Ambition: Rapid-duration automatic testing of <critical complex tests>, with extreme operator setup and initiation.

Scale: the duration of a defined [Volume] of testing, or a defined [Type], by a defined [Skill Level] of system operator, under defined [Operating Conditions].

Goal [All Customer Use, Volume = 1,000,000 data items, Type = WireXXXX Vs DXX, Skill = First Time Novice, Operating Conditions = Field, {Sea Or Desert}. <10 mins.

VALUE CLARITY:

Quantify the most-critical project objectives on day 1

P&L-Consistency&T P&L: Scale: total adjustments btw Flash/Predict and Actual (T+1) signed off P&L. per day. Past 6o Goal: 15

Speed-To-Deliver: Scale: average Calendar days needed from New Idea Approved until Idea Operational, for given Tasks, on given Markets.

Past [2009, Market = EURex, Task =Bond Execution] 2-3 months ?

Goal [Deadline =End 20xx, Market = EURex, Task =Bond Execution] 5 days

Operational-Control: Scale: % of trades per day, where the calculated economic difference between OUR CO and Marketplace/ Clients, is less than "1 Yen"(or equivalent).

Past [April 20xx] 10% change this to 90% NH Goal [Dec. 20xy] 100%

Operational-Control.Consistent: Scale: % of defined [Trades] failing full STP across the transaction cycle. Past [April 20xx, Trades=Voice Trades] 95%

Past [April 20xx, Trades=eTrades] 93%

Goal [April 20xz, Trades=Voice Trades] <95 ± 2%>

Goal [April 20xz, Trades=eTrades] 98.5 ± 0.5 %

Operational-Control.Timely.End&OvernightP&L Scale: number of times, per quarter, the P&L information is not delivered timely to the defined [Batch-Run].

Past [April 20xx, Batch-Run=Overnight] 1 Goal [Dec. 20xy, Batch-Run=Overnight] <0.5> Past [April 20xx, Batch-Run= T+1] 1 Goal [Dec. 20xy, Batch-Run=End-Of-Day, Delay<1hour] 1

Operational-Control.Timely.IntradayP&L Scale: number of times per day the intraday P&L process is delayed more than 0.5 sec.

Operational-Control.Timely.Trade-Bookings Scale: number of trades per day that are not booked on trade date. Past [April 20xx] 20 ?

Front-Office-Trade-Management-Efficiency Scale: Time from Ticket Launch to trade updating real-time risk view

Past [20xx, Function = Risk Mgt, Region = Global] ~ 80s +/- 45s ??

Goal [End 20xz, Function = Risk Mgt, Region = Global] ~ 50% better?

Managing Risk – Accurate – Consolidated – Real Time

Risk.Cross-Product Scale: % of financial products that risk metrics can be displayed in a single position blotter in a way appropriate for the trader (i.e. – around a benchmark vs. across the curve)

Past [April 20xx] 0% 95%. Goal [Dec. 20xy] 100%

Example of Estimating the Value of a Technical IT System Improvement (20xx)

TIME.HEDGE - Time for hedge execution of average-sized trade

Ambition:	Reduce the average time taken from verbal agreement ("done") to hedge execution of an <average-sized> trade
Scale:	Seconds
Past:	[2Q10; Region=NA] 30 seconds
Goal:	[2Q12; Region=ALL] 3 seconds
Business Value:	[Type=Revenue; Reason=Improved Hedging P&L; Goal Scale=3 seconds; Region=Global] Revenue= +\$1mm to +\$2mm

SPEED.CODE – Mean elapsed time for code changes

Ambition:	Reduce the mean elapsed time for code changes from business request to end-user go live
Scale:	Mean time in calendar days over <three> months
Past:	[2009; Market=Eurex; Task=Bond execution] <60 - 90> days
Goal:	[2Q12; Market=Eurex; Task=Bond execution] 5 days
Business Value:	[Type=Revenue; Reason=Earlier P&L from faster time to Market; Goal Scale=5 days; Region=Global] Revenue= +\$2mm to +\$5mm

This is an example made to reason about specification standards and is not supposed to be a real spec. Just realistic.

Quantified Objective in Planguage Tool: notice Stakeholders

Timeliness				
Version:	1.12.			
Type:	Top Level Business Goal			
Quality:				
Owner:	Sam, Andy			
Stakeholders:	Primary: Front Office, Middle Office; Secondary: Senior Management, Product Control, Financial Control, Internal Audit			
Ambition:	Consistently meet timeliness SLAs for the daily business process. E. g. Availability of SOD risk			
Scale: average number of days per year that defined [SLA] is exceeded, due to the [System], for defined [Scope]				
	Day & Time	Conditions (Place, Defined, Stakeholder, etc.)	number	
Past	[at			±
Status	[at	Sum	0	±
Tolerable	[by 2014 - j,	Sum	3	±
Goal	[by 2014 - j, ...	Sum	100	±
Past	[	SLA=SOD risk by 7.30am, Scope=Exxxx Exxxxx, System=OXXXX	6	±
Status	[	SLA=SOD risk by 7.30am, Scope=Exxxx Exxxxx, System=OXXXX	6	±
Tolerable	[2014 - j, ...	SLA=SOD risk by 7.30am, Scope=Exxxx Exxxxx, System=TBD	2	±
Goal	[2014 - j, ...	SLA=SOD risk by 7.30am, Scope=Exxxx Exxxxx, System=TBD	0	±
Past	[	SLA=Initial EOD P/L within 5 mins of being avail. in Kxxxx, Scope=Exxxx Flow Options, System=Txxxx	252	
Status	[	SLA=Initial EOD P/L within 5 mins of being avail. in Kxxxx, Scope=Exxxx Flow Options, System=Txxxx	252	
Tolerable	[2014 - j, ...	SLA=Initial EOD P/L within 5 mins of being avail. in Kxxxx, Scope=Exxxx Flow Options, System=TBD	15	
Goal	[2014 - j, ...	SLA=Initial EOD P/L within 5 mins of being avail. in Kxxxx, Scope=Exxxx Flow Options, System=TBD	0	
Past	[	SLA=SOD risk by 7am, Scope=Exxxx Flow Options, System=Txxxx	1	
Status	[	SLA=SOD risk by 7am, Scope=Exxxx Flow Options, System=Txxxx	1	
Tolerable	[2014 - j, ...	SLA=SOD risk by 7am, Scope=Exxxx Flow Options, System=TBD	1	
Goal	[2014 - j, ...	SLA=SOD risk by 7am, Scope=Exxxx Flow Options, System=TBD	0	

SOLUTION RESPONSIBILITY:

Quantify impact of all suggested strategies, architectures,
on all critical objectives, deadline, and budget.

NOT ☹️

- ! Just *name* an idea/design
- ! Assert the design is good
- ! Fail to explain how you know
- ! Fail to take responsibility
- ! Fail to measure results
- ! Fail to consider all requirements
- ! Fail to even estimate costs
- ! *“Tool Simulators, Reverse Cracking Tool, Generation of simulated telemetry frames entirely in software, Application specific sophistication, for <our domain>— recorded mode simulation by playing back the dump file, Application test harness console” <-6.2.1 HFA*

YES! 😊

- ! Describe detail for estimation
- ! Estimate the impact on Goals
- ! Estimate the \pm uncertainty
- ! Specify the estimate evidence
- ! Estimate all objectives
- ! Estimate all resources

Don't we need more detail to estimate costs and other attributes of a design?

Simple design description

- ! Design Spec:

●! Risk and P/L aggregation service

Ask the following questions about such brief design descriptions

- ! What will it cost to develop?
- ! What will it cost to operate?
- ! Will we deliver any or all of the quality and performance Goal levels on time?
- ! What are the critical assumptions, that might fail or be untrue?
- ! What are the known risks?
- ! Do we actually understand anything of consequence from such a short design specification?

Defining a Design/Solution/Architecture/Strategy (Planguage, CE Design Template)

1. enough detail to estimate, 2. some impact assertion, 3. Assumptions, Risks, Issues

Orbit Application Base: (formal Cross reference Tag)

Type: Primary Architecture Option

===== Basic Information =====

Version: Nov. 30 20xx 16:49, updated 2.Dec by telephone and in meeting. 14:34

Status: Draft

Owner: Brent Barclays

Expert: Raj Shell, London

Authority: for differentiating business environment characteristics, Raj Shell, Brent Barclays(for overview)

Source: <Source references for the information in this specification. Could include people>. Various, can be done later BB

Gist: risk and P/L aggregation service, which also provides work flow/adjustment and outbound and inbound feed support. Currently used by Rates ExtraBusiness, Front Office and Middle Office, USA & UK.

Description: <Describe the design idea in sufficient detail to support the estimated impacts and costs given below>.

D1: ETL Layer. Rules based highly configurable implementation of the ETL Pattern, which allows the data to be onboarded more quickly. Load and persist new data very quickly. With minimal development required. -> Business-Capability-Time-To-Market, Business Scalability

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Design Spec Enlarged 1 of 2

Spec Headers

Detailed Description and -> Impacted Objectives

Orbit Application Base: (formal
Cross reference Tag)

Type: Primary Architecture Option

==== Basic Information =====

Version: Nov. 30 20xx 16:49,
updated 2.Dec by telephone and in
meeting. 14:34

Status: Draft (PUBLIC EXAMPLE
EDIT)

Owner: Brent Barclays

Expert: Raj Shell, London

Authority: for differentiating
business environment
characteristics, Raj Shell, Brent
Barclays(for overview)

Source: <Source references for the
information in this specification.
Could include people>. Various, can
be done later BB

Gist: risk and P/L aggregation
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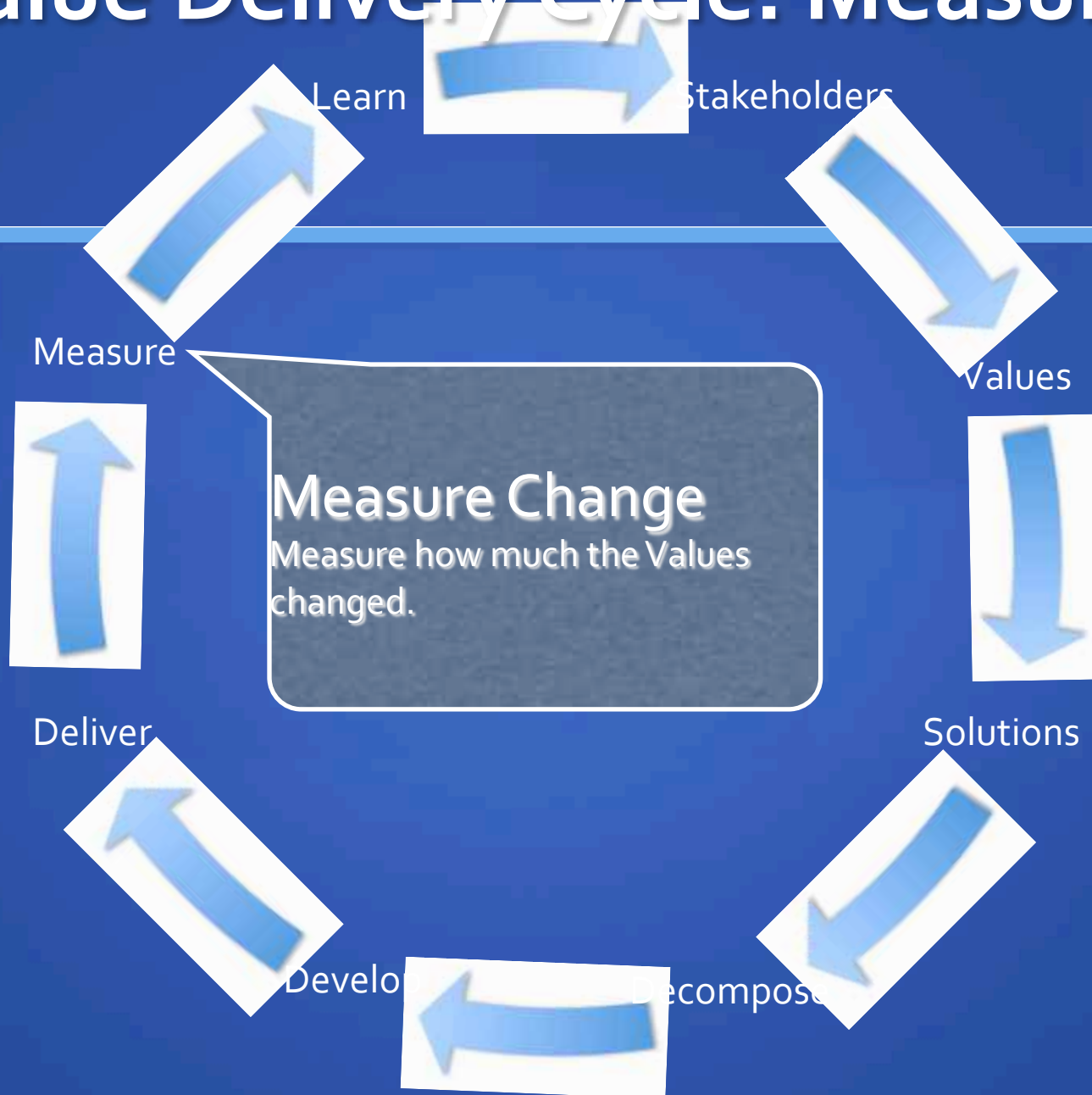
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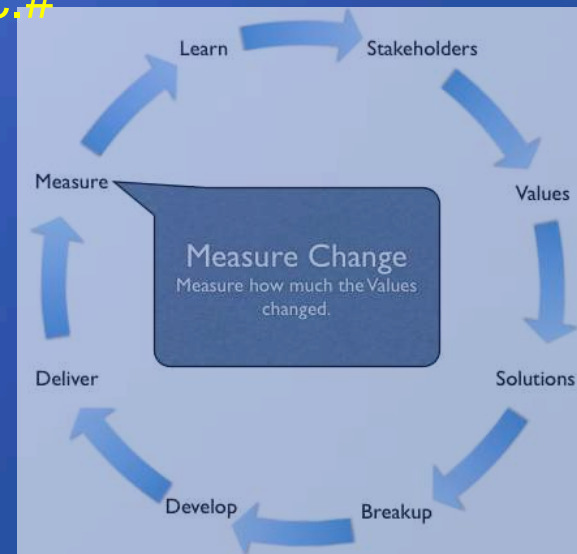
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I5: the degree to which this option will be seen to be

Value Delivery Cycle: Measure



The impact of a solution, on a single improvement objective



Impact Estimation

Tables

Improvement

Value Requirements				Operating Model Consistency	
Status when	Tolerable when	Goal when		units	% of Goal
P&L-Consistency&T P&L				-20	44%
60	0	15		-10	22%
0	0	0		0.1	4%
Speed-To-Deliver				-20	29%
75	30	5		-7	10%
0	0	0		0.1	3%
Operational-Control.Accurate				5	50%
90	99	100		5	50%
0	0	0		0.1	5%
Operational-Control.Consistent				1	50%
97	0	99		0.2	10%
0	0	0		0.2	10%
Operational-Control.Timely.End&Overnight				-1	200%
1	1	0.5		-0.5	100%
0	0	0		0.2	40%
Operational-Control.Timely.IntradayP&L					
1	2	3			
0	0	0			
Operational-Control.Timely.Trade-Booking				-15	75%

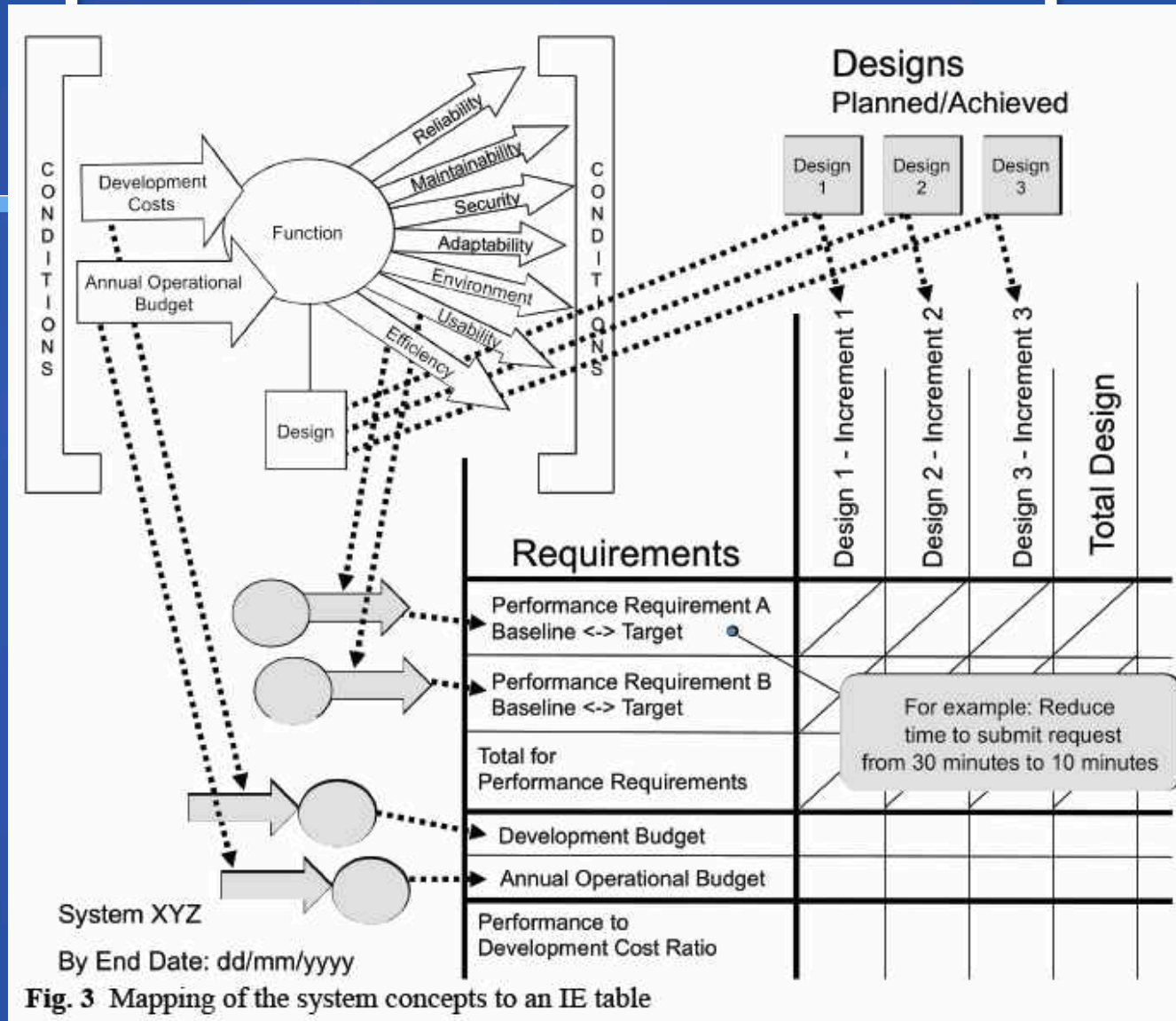
Estimate Units & %

± Uncertainty Worst Case range

Credibility Adjustment 0.0 to 1.0

Based on tool built by Kai Gilb

Impact Estimation Concepts



SOURCE !

Using Metrics within System Requirements to!
Express Quality and Derive Stakeholder Value!

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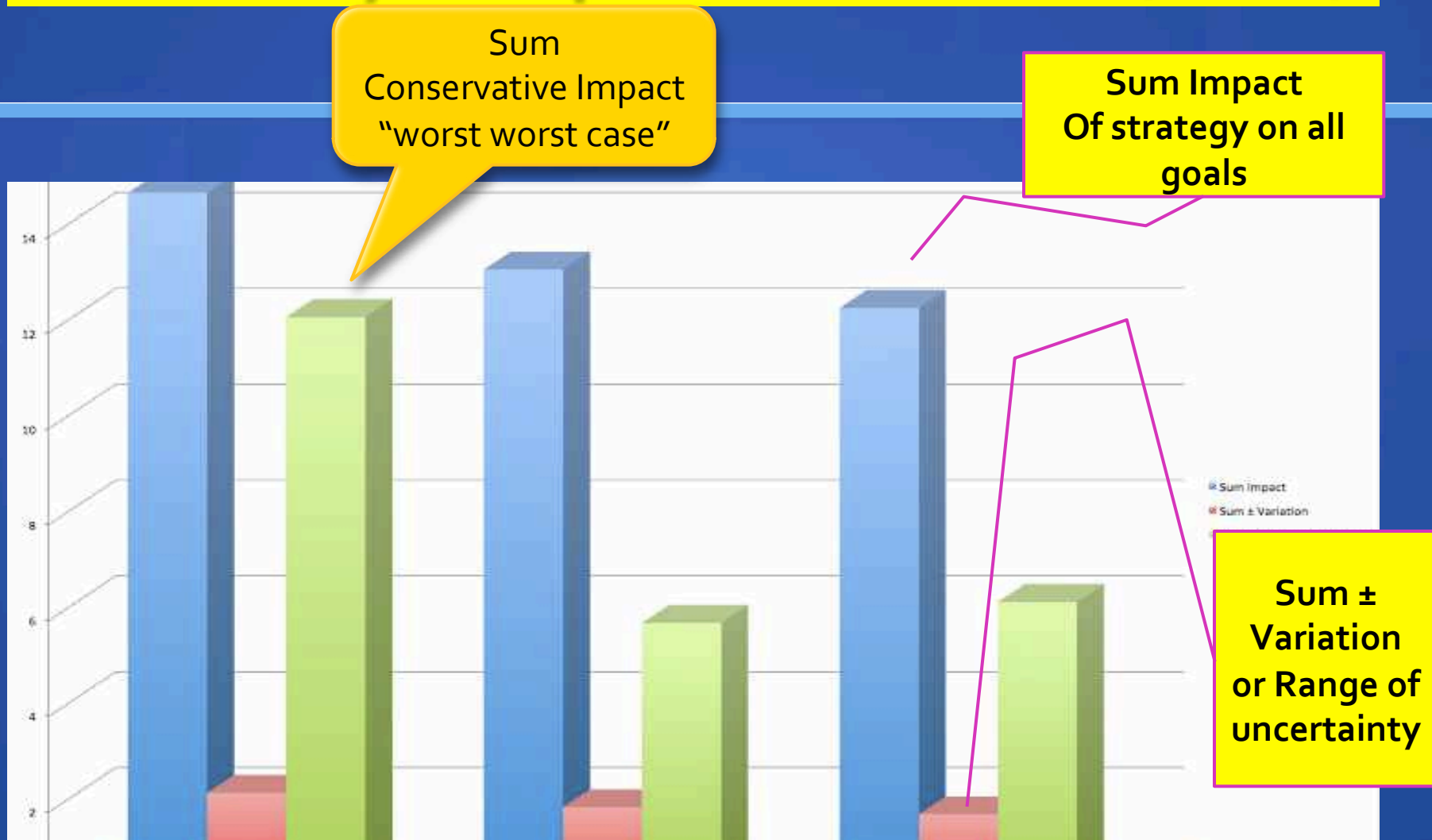
Impact Estimation

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Version 25/06/2011

Summary of Options wrt Risk (2010)



Based on work done by Kai Gilb

StakeholderValue							Key: s = seconds m = minutes d = days w = week	Designs by expected Increment with design dependencies			
Regulator	IT Dept.	Customer	Rule Admin.	Business Unit	Back Office	Total Value / Benefit		1 Automate Rules + Manual Testing	2 Back Office Loan Decisioning	3 Web Self-Service	4 Automate Rules + Automate Testing
Bank System											
By End Date: dd/mm/yyyy											
Requirements											
		4				4	Time for customer to submit request 30 min <-> 10 min	-	-	10 m 100%	-
					3	3	Time for Back Office to enter request 30 min <-> 10 min	-	-	0 m 150%	-
		9		9		18	Time to respond to customer request 5 days <-> 20 seconds	-	1 d 80%	20 s 100%	-
					1	1	No of Back Office complaints 10 per week <-> 0	5 50%	<1 90%	0 100%	(2) (80%)
		1			5	6	No of customer complaints 25 per week <-> 5	-	15 50%	5 100%	-
1			5	4	8	18	Time to update business rules 1 month <-> 1 day	2 w 50%	-	-	1 d 100%
1			3	4	6	14	Time to distribute business rules 2 weeks <-> 1 day	1 d 100%	-	20 s 103%	-
2		14	8	17	23	64	Cumulative Total for Performance Requirements	200%	170%	280%	50%
							Design Cost (M)	0.2	0.3	1.0	0.5
							Development Budget 2.5M <-> 300K	2.3	2.0	1.0	0.5
							Cumulative Perf. to Devt. Cost Ratio	1000	567	280	100
							Cumulative Stakeholder Value to Development Cost Ratio	23.5/0.2 =117.5	17.8/0.3 =59.3	13.7/1.0 =13.7	9/0.5 =18

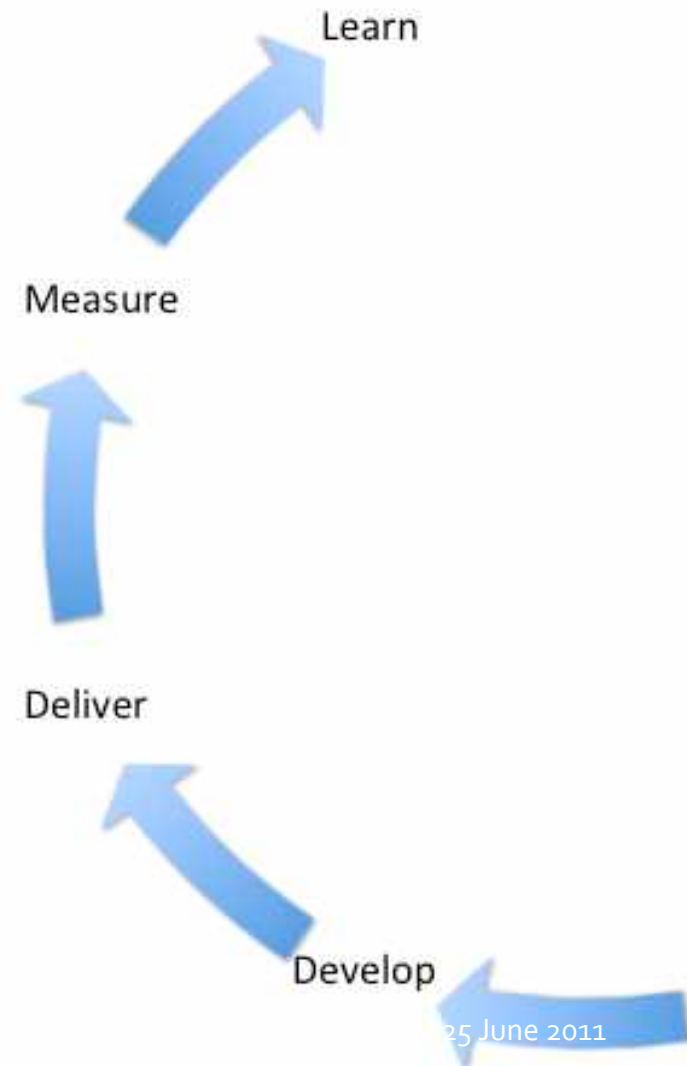
Figure 4: An IE table for the bank system. The shaded area represents the extensions to IE

VALUE REPORTING:

Measure project progress early, continuously,
in terms of top ten objectives

●! Basic idea

- ! Estimate expected value next cycle
 - ! Based on a specific design for that increment
 - ! Design Hypothesis
- ! Measure the actual effect, roughly, pilot,
 - ! Confirm or deny the effect hypothesis
- ! If reasonable result compared to need and expectation, then take another cumulative cycle
- ! Measure the cumulated value later, and better, before scaling up and major release
- ! If bad result: learn change, try again



Real client example (Confirmit): weekly design impact estimates, and same-week measurement,
 Weekly Feedback to the development team
 about cumulative progress toward critical numeric performance and quality targets

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	BX	BY	BZ	CA
1											
2		Current Status	Improvements		Goals			Step9			
3								Recoding			
4								Estimated impact	Actual impact		
5		Units	Units	%	Past	Tolerable	Goal		%		%
6					Usability.Replacability (feature count)						
7		1,00	1,0	50,0	2	1	0				
8					Usability.Speed.NewFeaturesImpact (%)						
9		5,00	5,0	100,0	0	15	5				
10		10,00	10,0	200,0	0	15	5				
11		0,00	0,0	0,0	0	30	10				
12					Usability.Intuitiveness (%)						
13		0,00	0,0	0,0	0	60	80				
14					Usability.Productivity (minutes)						
15		20,00	45,0	112,5	65	35	25	20,00	50,00	38,00	95,00
20					Development resources						
21			101,0	91,8	0		110	4,00	3,64	4,00	3,64

Estimate

Weekly

Priority
 Next week
 Warning
 metrics based

Cumulative
 weekly
 progress
 metric

Target

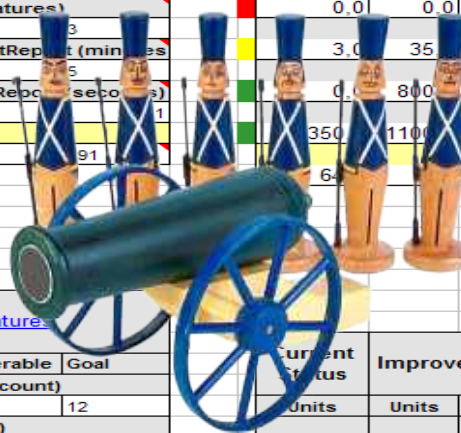
Evo Plan Confirmit 8.5

4 product areas were attacked in all: 25 Qualities concurrently, one quarter of a year. Total development staff = 13

Sum impact after 9 delivery cycles


Impact Estimation Table: Reportal codename "Hyggen"

Reportal - E-SAT features						Survey Engine .NET					
Current Status	Improvements		Past	Tolerable	Goal	Current Status	Improvements		Past	Tolerable	Goal
Units	Units	%				Units	Units	%			
75,0	25,0	62,5	Usability.Intuitivness (%)	75	90	83,0	48,0	80,0	Backwards.Compatibility (%)	85	95
14,0	14,0	100,0	Usability.Consistency.Visual (Elements)	0	11	0,0	67,0	100,0	67	0	0
15,0	15,0	107,1	Usability.Consistency.Interaction (Components)	0	11	4,0	59,0	100,0	Generate.WI.Time (small/medium/large seconds)	8	4
5,0	75,0	96,2	Usability.Productivity (minutes)	5	2	10,0	397,0	100,0	407	100	10
5,0	45,0	95,7	Usability.Flexibility.OfflineReport.ExportFormats	5	1	94,0	2290,0	103,9	2384	500	180
3,0	2,0	66,7	Usability.Robustness (errors)	3	4	10,0	10,0	13,3	Testability (%)	100	100
1,0	22,0	95,7	Usability.Replacability (nr of features)	1	0	774,0	507,0	51,7	Usability.Speed (seconds/user rating 1-10)	600	300
4,0	5,0	100,0	Usability.ResponseTime.ExportReport (minutes)	5	3	5,0	3,0	60,0	2	5	7
1,0	12,0	150,0	Usability.ResponseTime.ViewReport (seconds)	13	5	0,0	0,0	0,0	Runtime.ResourceUsage.Memory	?	?
1,0	14,0	100,0	Development resources	15	1	350,0	1100,0	146,7	Runtime.ResourceUsage.CPU	3	2
203,0						64,0			Runtime.ResourceUsage.MemoryLeak	0	0
									Runtime.Concurrency (number of users)	500	1000
									Development resources	0	84
Reportal - MR Features						XML Web Services					
Current Status	Improvements		Past	Tolerable	Goal	Current Status	Improvements		Past	Tolerable	Goal
Units	Units	%				Units	Units	%			
1,0	1,0	50,0	Usability.Replacability (feature count)	14	13	7,0	9,0	81,8	TransferDefinition.Usability.Efficiency	10	5
20,0	45,0	112,5	Usability.Productivity (minutes)	65	35	17,0	8,0	53,3	25	15	10
4,4	4,4	36,7	Usability.ClientAcceptance (features count)	0	4	943,0	-186,0	#####	TransferDefinition.Usability.Response	60	30
101,0			Development resources	0	86	5,0	10,0	95,2	TransferDefinition.Usability.Intuitiveness	7,5	4,5
						2,0			Development resources	0	48



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Confirmit Evo-week cycle: Measure Progress Weekly

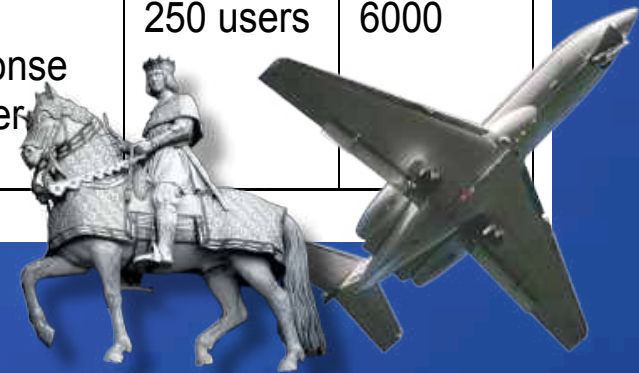
	Development Team	Users (PMT, Pros, Doc writer, other)	CTO (Sys Arch, Process Mgr)	QA (Configuration Manager & Test Manager)
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ PM: Send Version N detail plan to CTO + prior to Project Mgmt meeting ✓ PM: Attend Project Mgmt meeting: 12.00-15.00 ✓ Developers: Focus on genereal maintenance work, documentation. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Approve/reject design & Step N ✓ Attend Project Mgmt meeting: 12-1 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Run final build and create setup for Version N-1. ✓ Install setup on test servers (external and internal) ✓ Perform initial crash test and then release Version N-1
Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Develop test code & code for Version N 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Use Version N-1 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Follow up CI ✓ Review test plans, tests
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Develop Test Code & Code for Version N ✓ Meet with users to Discuss Action Taken Regarding Feedback From Version N- 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Meet with developere rs to give Feedbac k and Discuss Action Taken from previous actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ System Architect to review code and test cod e 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Follow up CI ✓ Review test plans, tests
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Develop test code & code for Version N 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review test plans, tests ✓ Follow up CI
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Complete Test Code & Code for Version N ✓ Complete GUI tests for Version N- 2 			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Review test plans, tests ✓ Follow up CI



Evo's impact on Conconfirm product qualities

- ! Only 5 highlights of the 25 impacts are listed here

Description of requirement/work task	Past	Status
Usability.Productivity: Time for the system to generate a survey	7200 sec	15 sec
Usability.Productivity: Time to set up a typical specified Market Research-report (MR)	65 min	20 min
Usability.Productivity: Time to grant a set of End-users access to a Report set and distribute report login info.	80 min	5 min
Usability.Intuitiveness: The time in minutes it takes a medium experienced programmer to define a complete and correct data transfer definition with Conconfirm Web Services without any user documentation or any other aid	15 min	5 min
Performance.Runtime.Concurrency: Maximum number of simultaneous respondents executing a survey with a click rate of 20 sec and an response time<500 ms, given a defined [Survey-Complexity] and a defined [Server Configuration, Typical]	250 users	6000



JUST-IN-TIME PLANNING:

Dynamic intelligent do-next prioritisation: Value/cost based

- ! Can you buy into this planning policy?
 - ! Do, in the next value delivery cycle, that which is estimated to give most value, to all objectives, with regard to risk

Notice the automatically computed priority colours, after each delivery and measurement cycle

Sum impact after NINE delivery cycles

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	Units	Units	%	Past	Tolerable	Goal
	75,0	25,0	62,5	Usability.Intuitivness (%)		
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				15	3	1
	203,0			Development resources		
				0		191

Current Status		Improvements		Survey Engine .NET		
Units	Units	%	Past	Tolerable	Goal	
83,0	48,0	80,0	Backwards.Compatibility (%)			
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2,0			Development resources			
			0		48	



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Example: Impact Estimations

B was, as you see, done with *great* uncertainty

Requirements					Opt A	Opt B
TIME.TRADE					100%	± 60%
From	10	to	4	by Dec-11		75%
TIME.HEDGE					100%	± 60%
From	30	to	3	by Dec-11		65%
SPEED.CODE					100%	± 10%
From	60	to	5	by Dec-11		85%
PNL.ADJUST					90%	± 100%
From	60	to	15	by Dec-11	± 10%	50%
CAP.TXNS					100%	± 100%
From	62000	to	500000	by Dec-11		25%
CAP.PEAK					100%	± 100%
From	6000	to	100000	by Dec-11		0%
CAP.BURST					75%	± 100%
From	20	to	200	by Dec-11	± 10%	100%
CAP.POSNS					100%	± 40%
From	4000	to	40000	by Dec-11		100%
CAP.TRADERS					90%	± 30%
From	180	to	270	by Dec-11	± 10%	50%
AVAIL.P1					90%	± 75%
From	100	to	20	by Dec-11	± 10%	50%
RISK.MANAGE					100%	± 50%
From	0	to	100	by Dec-11		0%
RISK.TIME					100%	± 100%
From	99	to	100	by Dec-11		50%
RISK.REFRESH					98%	± 50%
From	500	to	200	by Dec-11	± 1%	

The Bottom Line

From	to	by	1243%	725%
Sum of performance			$\pm 41\%$	$\pm 875\%$
Credibility			0.3	0.05
Resources				
Development cost				
Budget	\$			
Hardware cost				
Budget				
Budget		by		
Budget		by		
Budget		by		
Budget		by		
Budget		by		
Total budget	\$			
Sum of resource cost			$\pm 5\%$	$\pm 50\%$
Percentage of total budget			High 44%	High 88%
			Mean 42%	Mean 58%
			Low 40%	Low 29%
Performance/cost ratio			High 32.190	High 54.809
			Mean 29.604	Mean 12.418
			Low 27.264	Low - 1.713
Credibility-adjusted performance/cost ratio			High 9.657	High 2.740
			Mean 8.881	Mean 0.621
			Low 8.179	Low - 0.086

(teaching example, not real)

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It is fascinating how focused and creative the dialogue becomes between domain experts when they are guided by quantified goal sets, the need to estimate , give evidence, state uncertainty and assign credibility.
All culminating in decision documentation which is auditable reviewable.
Improvable and transparent! <- TG 12-20xx



Make friends by delivering results.

- ! Get out of the Nerd Mode of delivering functions/stories to a user
- ! Get into the mode of delivering real measurable results, the highest value, to stakeholders

Shock your boss!

- ! Insist on being stakeholder-value oriented, rather than IT oriented

The end

- ! What is wrong with requirements