

# How to Quantify, and Focus on, Critical Value Objectives

Not on ‘supporting ideas’  
like  
functions, use cases, coding and user stories.

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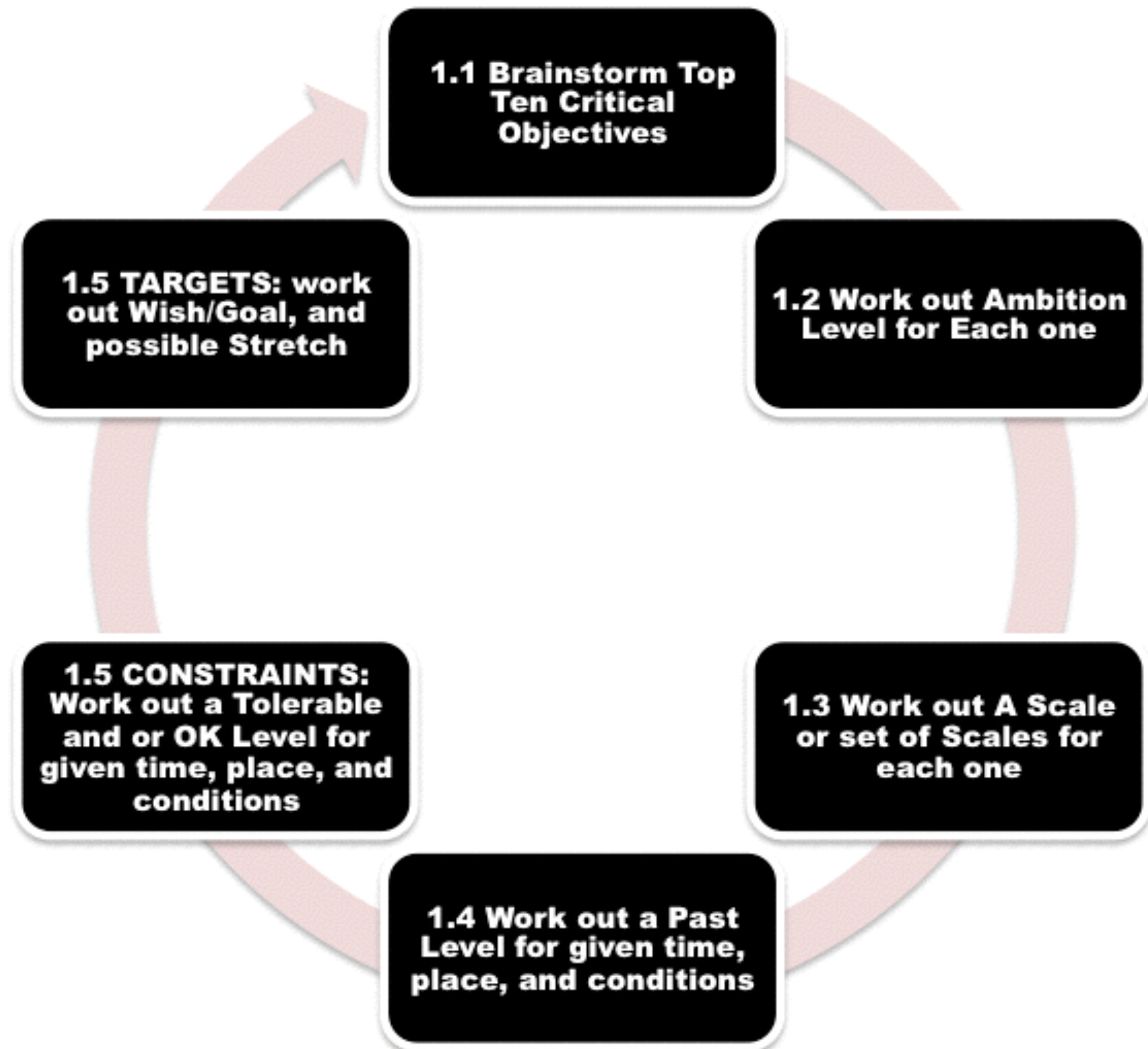
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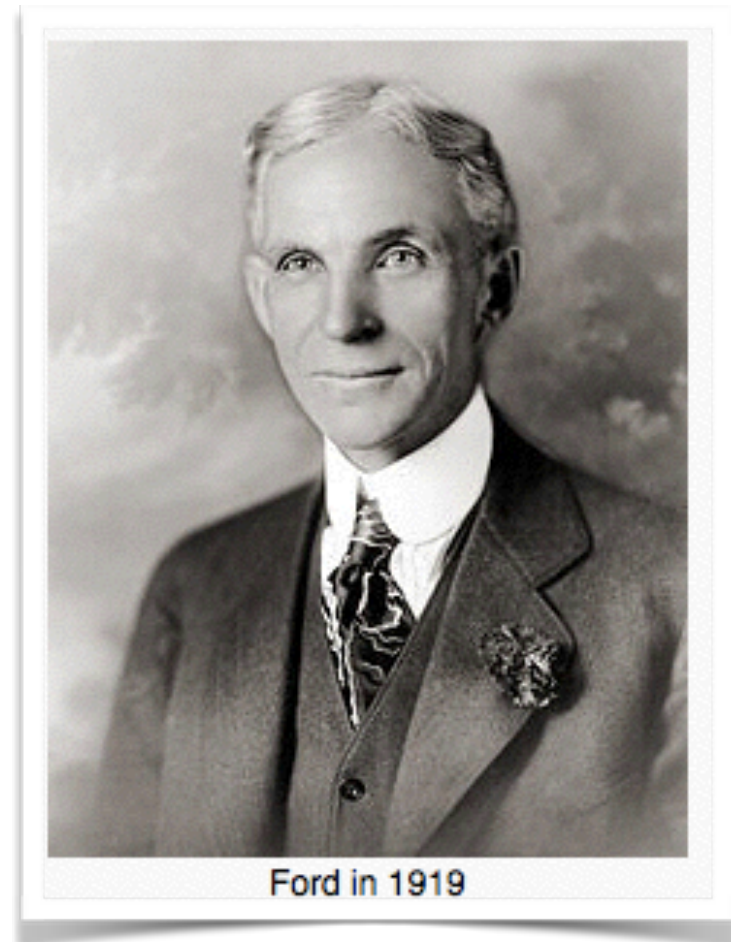
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**The practical art of analyzing the  
‘real’ Objectives.**

**Right level, right relationships to  
other objectives.**





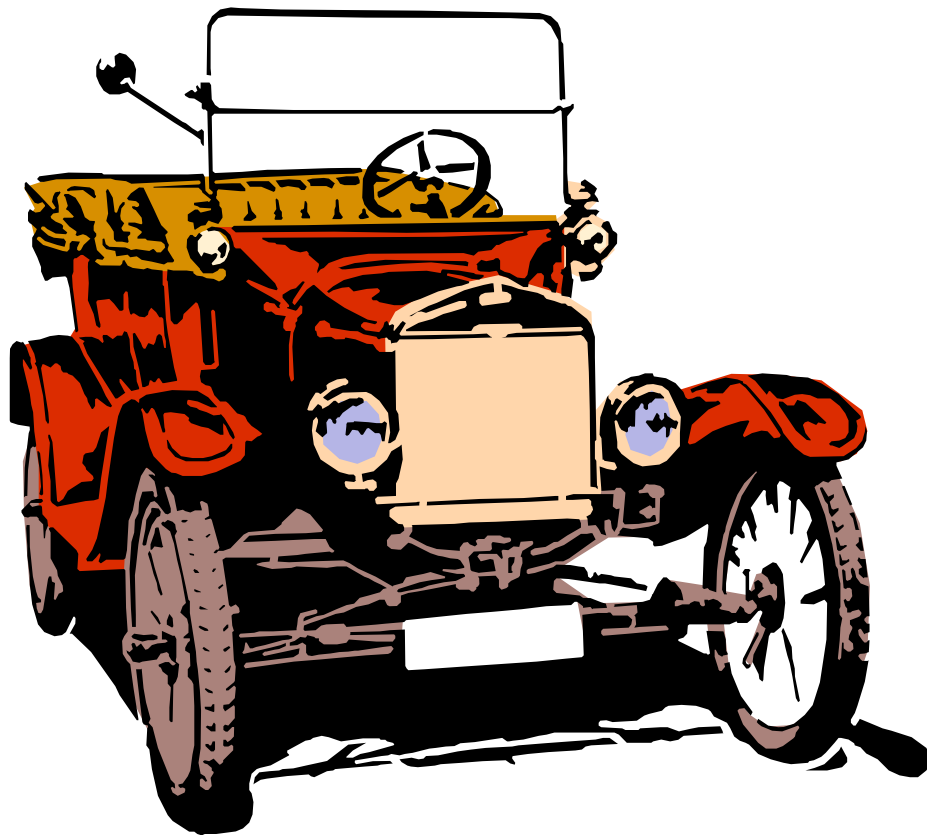


Ford in 1919

# The Obligatory Henry Ford Quote for all Lviv IT Arena Speakers

‘lighter telephone kiosks’

as  
paraphrased by  
my hero  
Steve Jobs





**This is what customers pay us for -  
to sweat all these details  
so it's easy and pleasant for them  
to use our computers.**

**We're supposed to be really good at this.  
That doesn't mean we don't listen to customers, but  
it's hard for them to tell you what they want  
when they've never seen anything remotely like it.”**

**Steve Jobs (1955-2011) .**

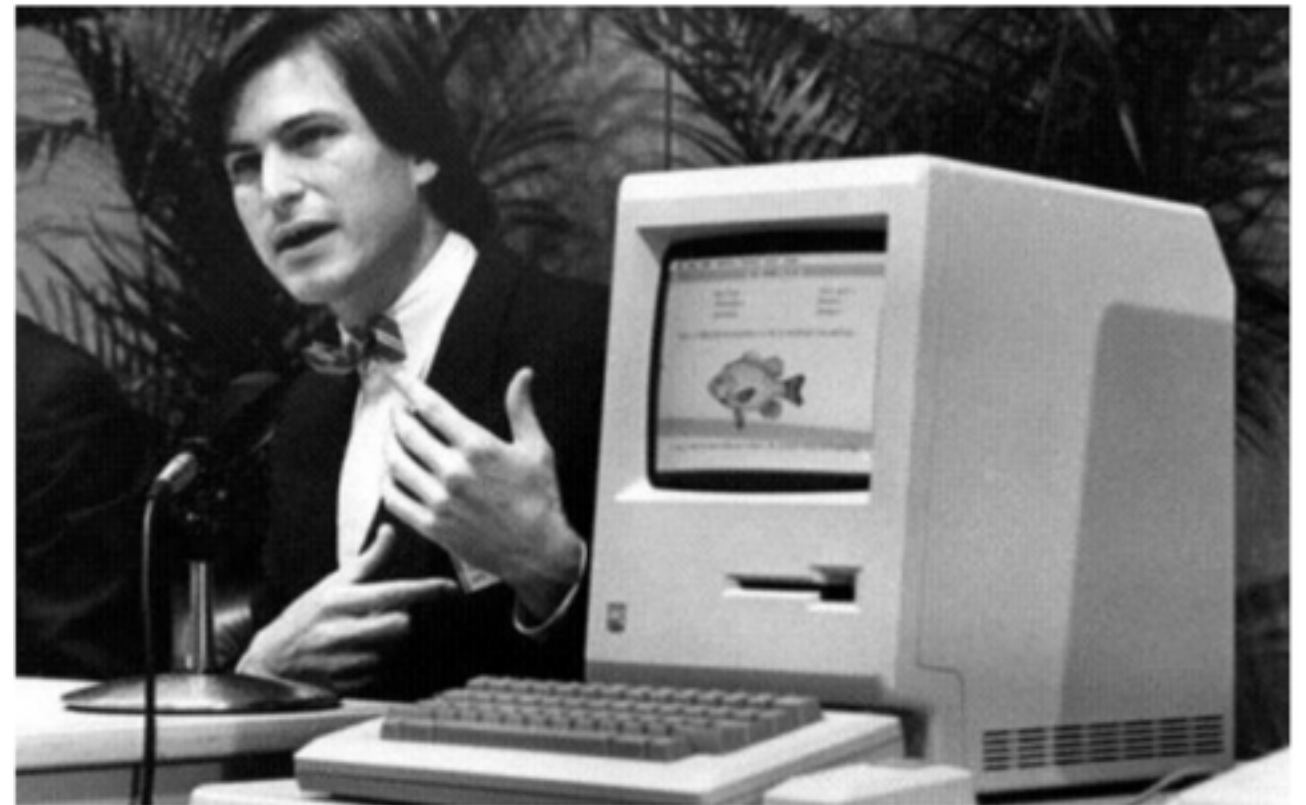
# Steve set value objectives

He did not decide on detailed technology.

He set the following objective when the original Mac was being designed.

**“A manager must feel in control of the Mac within 30 minutes of beginning to play with it:**

**(if not he will buy an IBM PC instead)**



YouTube

<http://www.businessinsider.com/steve-jobs-mac-video-1984-2014-1>

<http://time.com/1847/steve-jobs-mac/>

In my Planning Language it might have looked like this

**Mac Usability:**

**Type:** critical product quality requirement.

**Ambition:** a short demo would enable a manager to feel he could get the Mac to do his bidding.

**Stakeholders:** Mac Team, Individual Mac Owners, Apple Stockholders.

**Owner of Requirement:** Steve Jobs

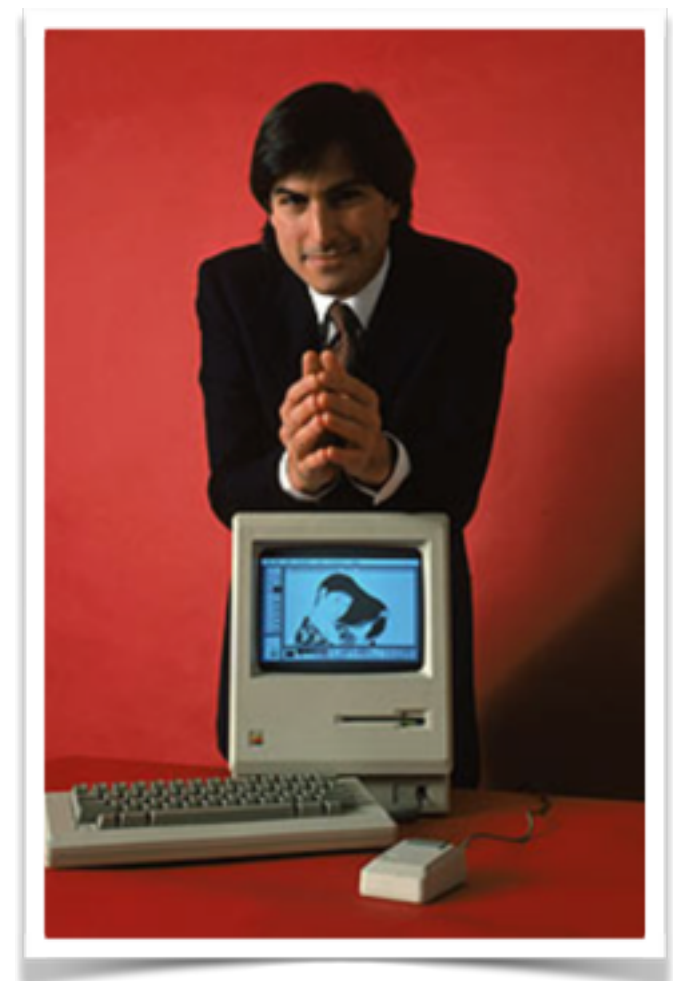
**Solution Designer:** Andy Hertzfeld.

**Scale:** time for a manager to feel in control,  
from first touch, until request to buy it.

**Fail:** over 30 minutes, and no sale.

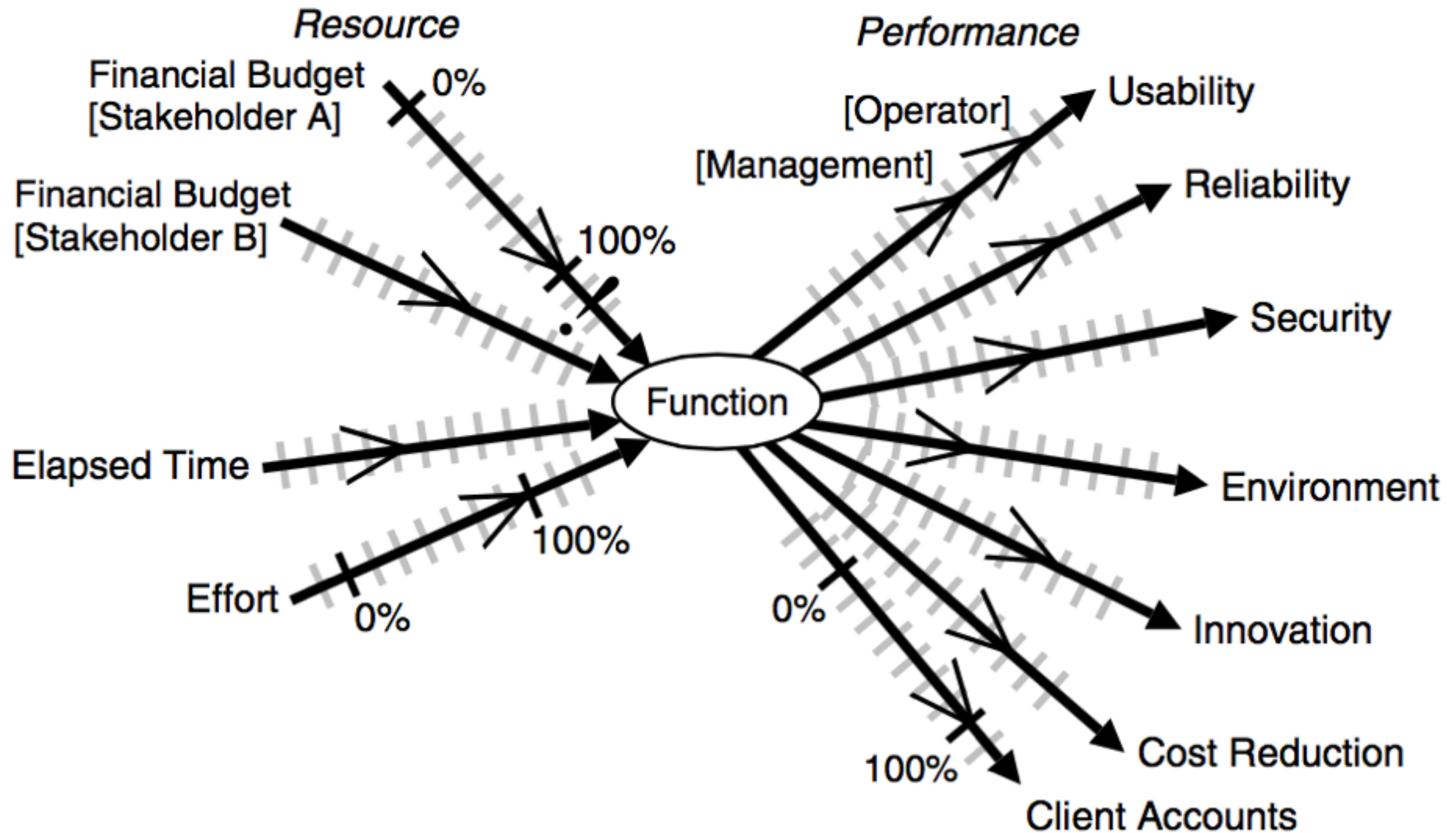
**Tolerable:** 30 minutes.

**Goal:** 10 minutes





# The Real World of Multiple Values and Costs which must be quantified if you want to manage them at all





## **Part 2**

**The practical art of  
turning critical values  
into quantified (clear)  
and measurable (trackable)  
specifications.**

# Love Quantification

# Is Love unmeasurable?

- “Love should never be too much or too less, yet it cannot be measured.”
- — Rizi Dame C. Briz
- <http://www.goodreads.com/quotes/tag/measurement>





Exercise: Aspects of Love, or  
Love is a many splendored thing!

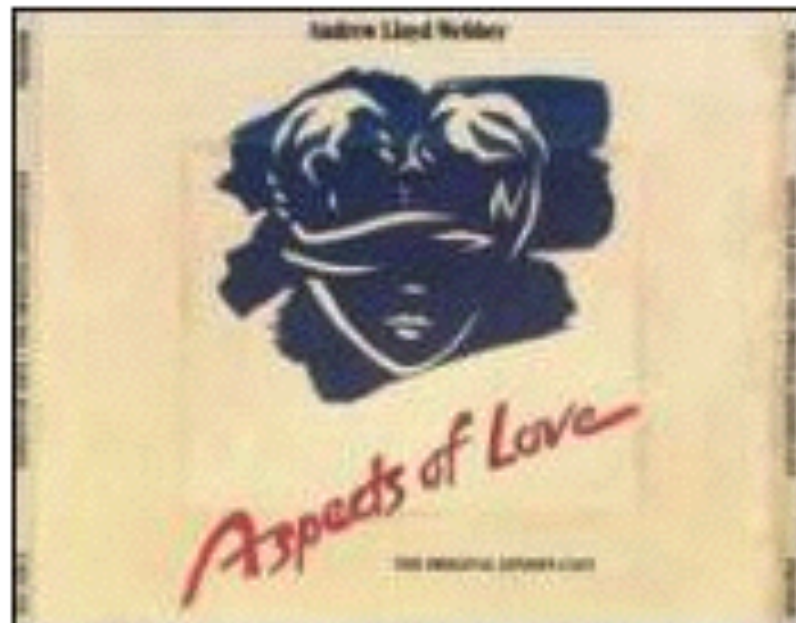
- **Make inventory of love's many aspects**
- **Quantify one requirements for love**
- **Duration: 6 minutes**

See note for Sutra

Love Attributes:  
Brainstormed By Dutch Engineers

- Kissed-ness
- Care
- Sharing
- Respect
- Comfort
- Friendship
- Sex
- Understanding
- Trust

- Support
- Attention
- Passion
- Satisfaction
- ...
- ...
- ...



## Decomposing 'Trust'

### **Other aspects of Trust:**

- 1. 'Truthfulness'**
- 2. Broken Agreements**
- 3. Late Appointments**
- 4. Late delivery**
- 5. Gossiping to Others**



# Trust. Truthfulness

- **Love.Trust.Truthfulness**

**Ambition: No lies.**

**Scale:**

**Average Black lies/month from [defined sources].**

**Meter:**

**independent confidential log from sample of the defined sources.**

**Past Lie Level:**

**Past [My Old Mate, 2004] 42 <-Bart**

**Goal**

**[My Current Mate, Year = 2005] Past Lie Level/2**

**Black: Defined: Non White Lies**

- **Truthfulness**

**Scale: Average Black  
lies/month**

**Past 42**

**Goal < 21**

# Should Christians Quantify Love?





# Book of First Corinthians, Chapter 13



**A person who loves acts the following way toward the person being loved:**

**Suffereth long**

**Is kind**

**Envieth not**

**Vaunteth not itself**

**Is not puffed up**

**Doth not behave itself unseemly**

**Seeketh not her own**

**Is not easily provoked**

**Thinketh no evil  
Rejoiceth not in iniquity**

**Rejoiceth in the truth**

**Beareth all things**

**Believeth all things**

**Hopeth all things**

**Endureth all things**

**Never faileth**

# A Paper on 'Love Quantified'

[http://www.gilb.com/tiki-download\\_file.php?fileId=335](http://www.gilb.com/tiki-download_file.php?fileId=335)

## Love Quantified

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# Mathematical Models of Love & Happiness



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Presented to the  
**Chaos and Complex Systems Seminar**  
in Madison, Wisconsin  
on February 6, 2001



# 3 Practical Quantification Methods, for ANY quality or value

1. Use domain know-how, and work it out in a few minutes

2. Decompose, like 'love', one or two levels  
(Cartesian Analysis)  
'until quantification becomes obvious'

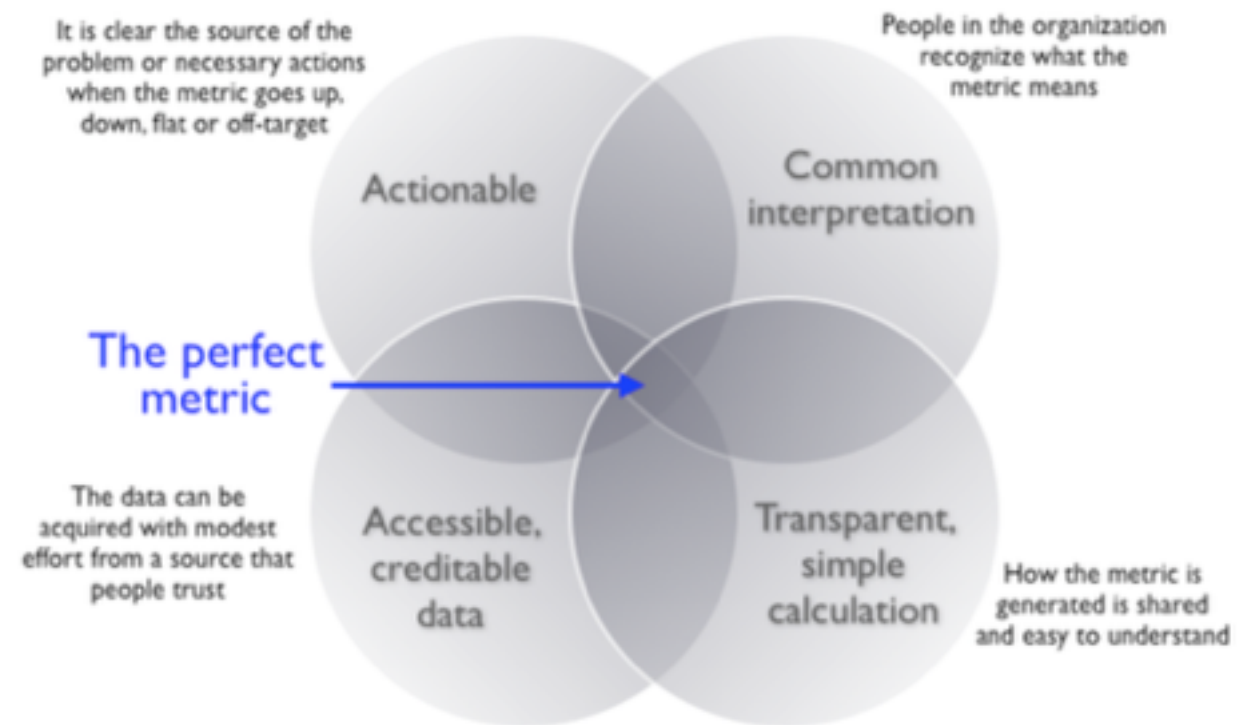
3. Google it:

Project timeliness metrics: 395,000 hits

Usability Metrics 583,000 hits

Social awareness metrics 2.6 mill. hit

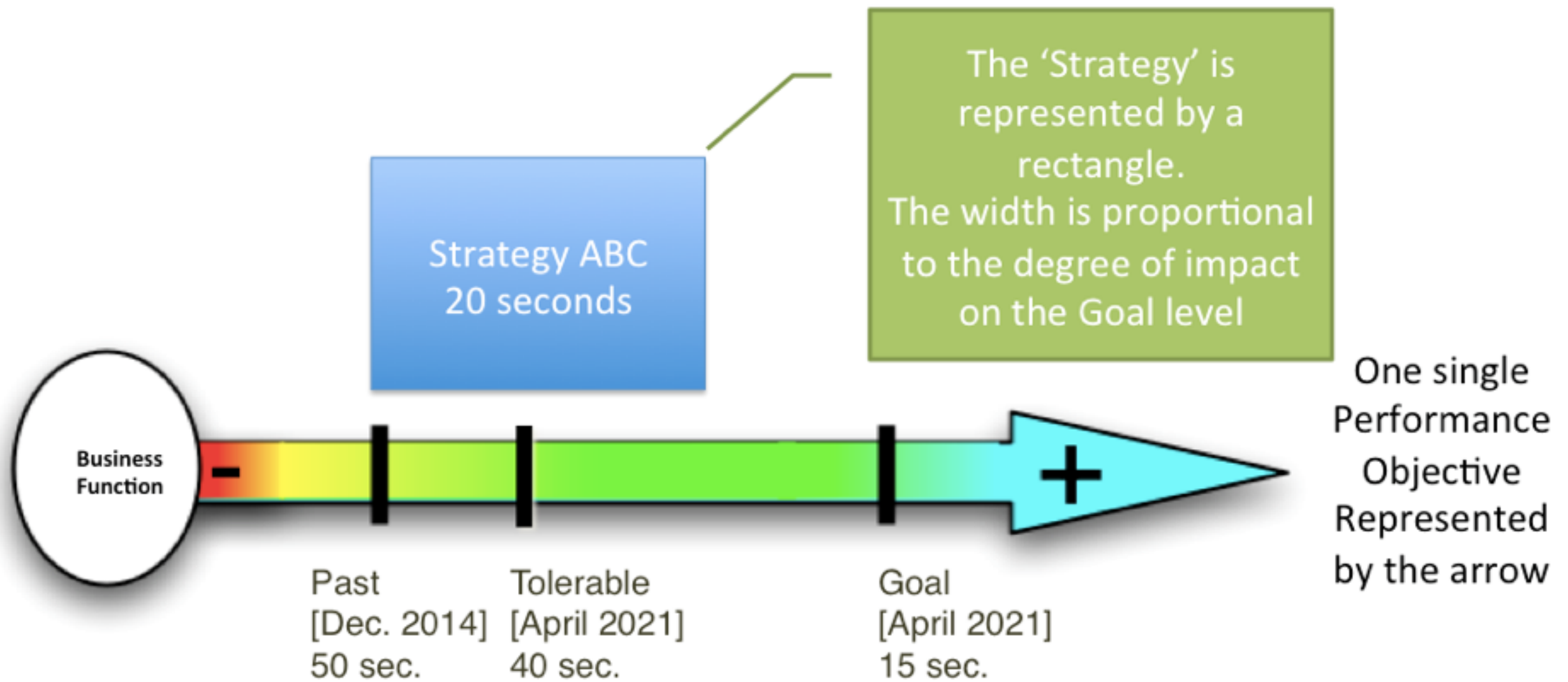
Software security metrics 12,3 mill. hits

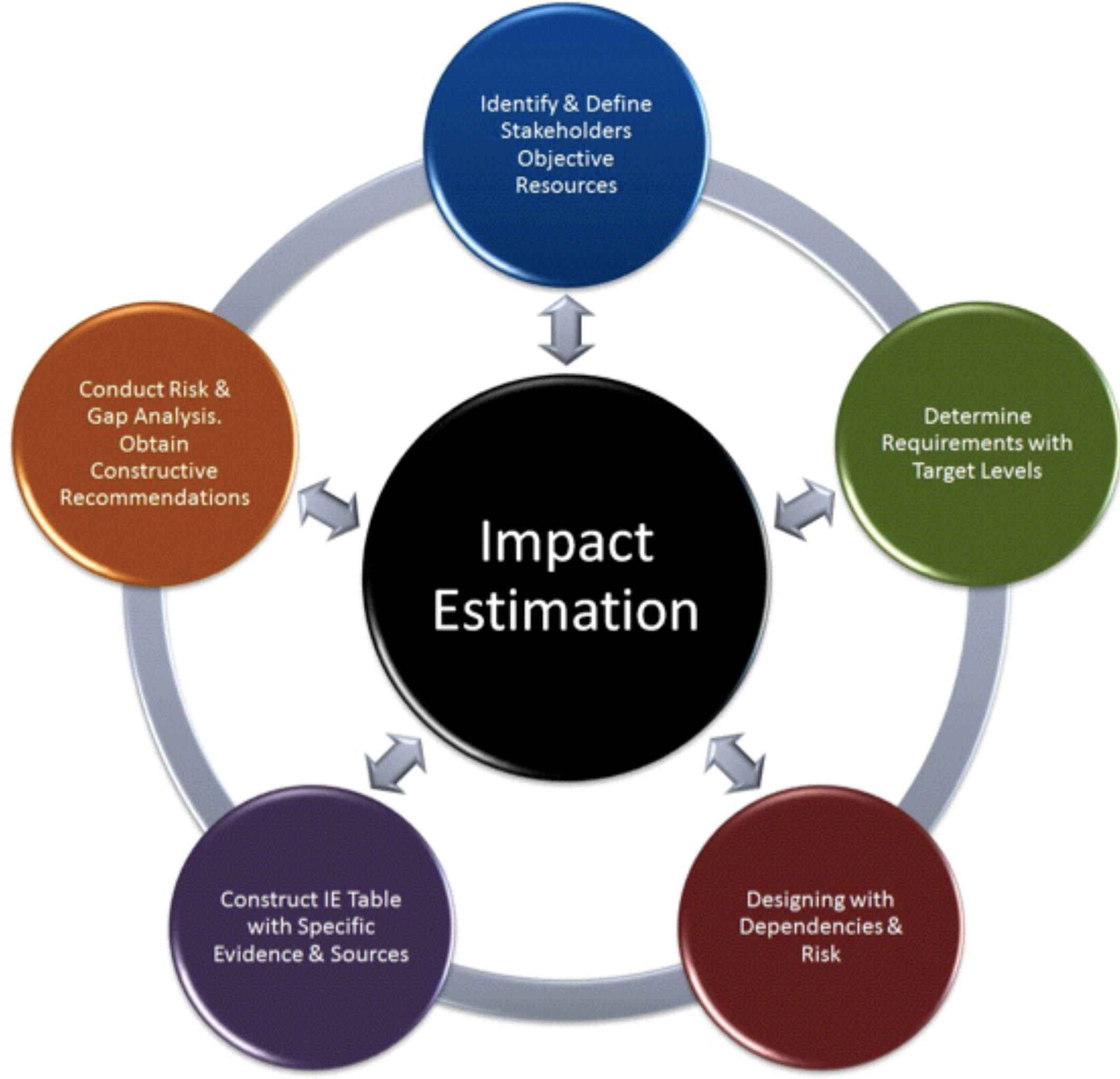


## **Part 3**

**The use of a planning language  
to relate  
the expected impacts  
of  
any strategies  
on  
any quantified  
value objectives.**

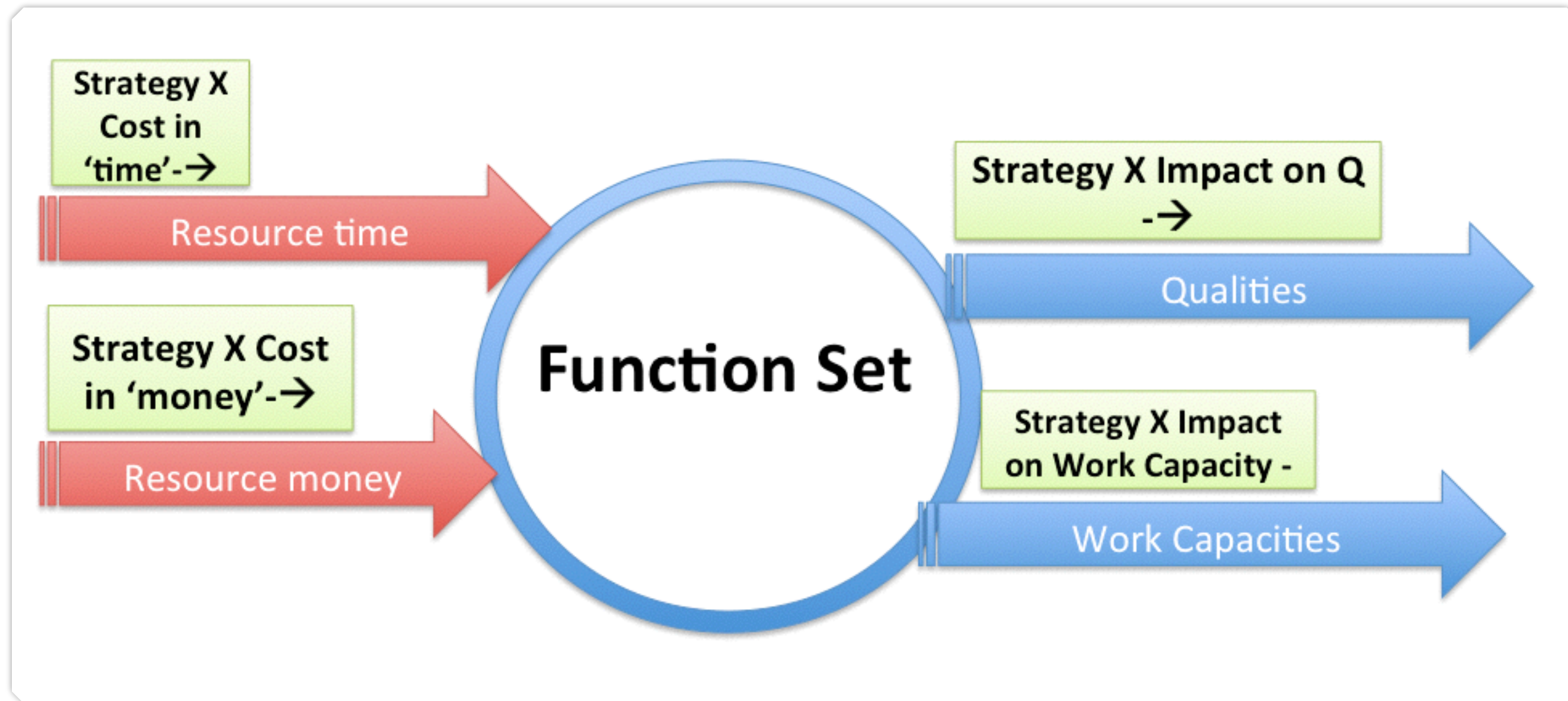




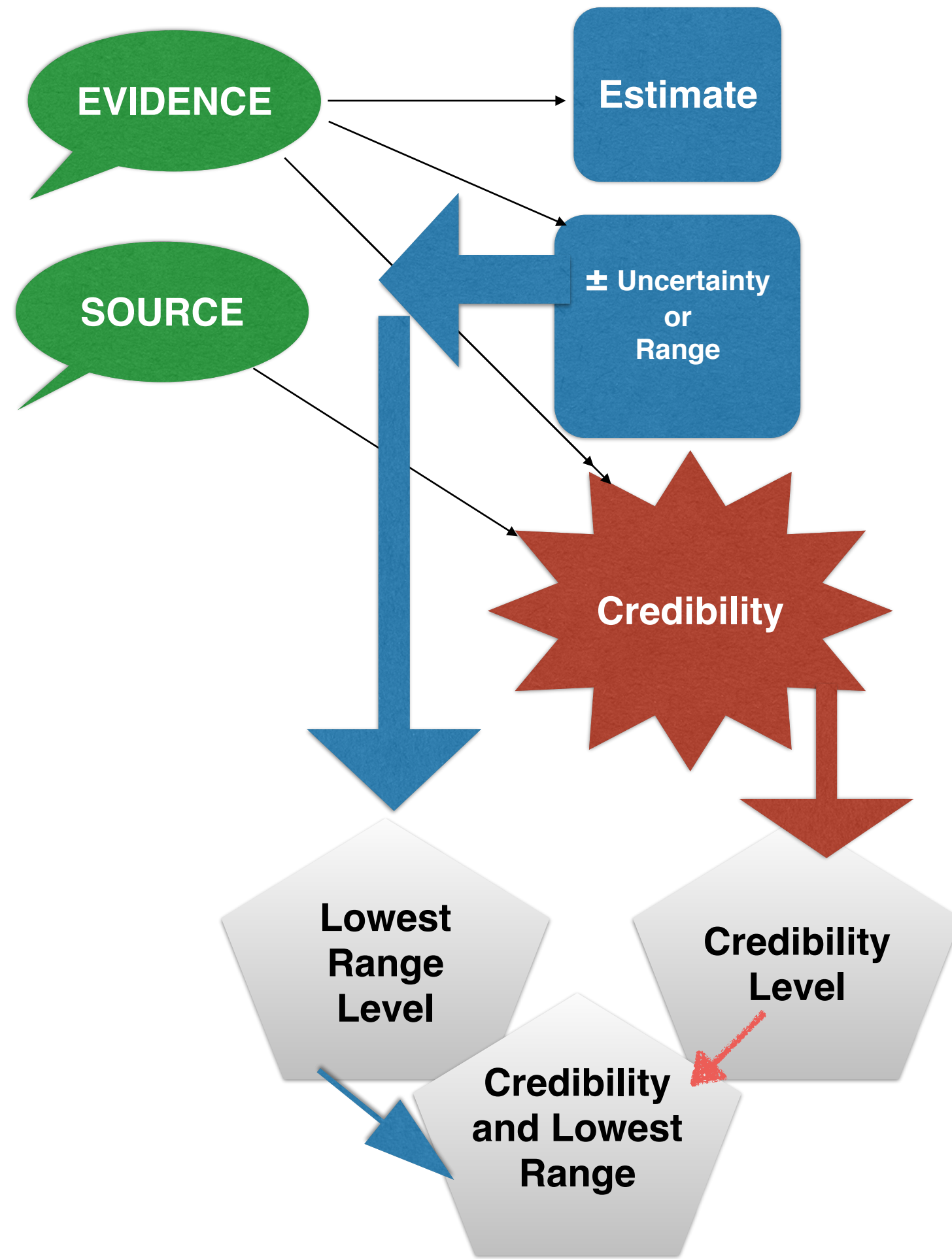




# Graphical Impact, of strategies (designs) on Performance Values and associated costs



# Beng skeptical about estimates and numbers: systematically



**Part 4**  
**The Value Decision Table**  
**as a tool**  
**for modelling**  
**your entire planning and PM effort.**

**For presentations,**  
**‘for What if?’ Questions,**  
**and for actual Project Management**  
**(real value delivery increments).**



# Impact Estimation principle

How much % of what we want to achieve do we achieve by this solution

At what cost ?

Possible solutions to achieve it

Could we get all, within the budgets of time and cost ?

		Design Idea #1	Design Idea #2	Design Idea #3	Total Impact
What to achieve	Objectives	Impact on Objective	Impact on Objective	Impact on Objective	Sum of Impacts on Objectives
Cost to achieve it	Resources Time Money	Impact on Resources	Impact on Resources	Impact on Resources	Sum of Impact on Resources
Return on Investment	Benefits to Cost Ratio	$\frac{\text{Benefits}}{\text{Cost}}$	$\frac{\text{Benefits}}{\text{Cost}}$	$\frac{\text{Benefits}}{\text{Cost}}$	



# Energized Work: Trevor Lea-Cox 2015

Extract from a typical project level Impact Estimation Table:

Objectives / Requirements						Proposed SER Product and Services (Development Options)				
XXXXX wants to...		Through the following metrics...	Moving from...	To...	Target	My Energy Analyser	My Energy Dashboard	Neighbour-hood Comparisons	Independent Ratification	Alerts
Business Objective	Sub-ordinate Objective	Metric	Now	Good enough for next release	Ideal		i.e. "Backlog"			
Optimise the value contribution from the SER Product to XX	Provide an understandable energy bill	% of customers who can explain how the Total Energy Charge is calculated within 2 minutes	60%	95%	97%	20	30	10		7
	Be able to demonstrate the accuracy of each energy bill	% Customers who agree their Energy Bill is accurate.	40%	95%	99%	40	10	20	20	7
Total Contribution						60	40	30	20	14
Total Cost £000s						30	40	25	67.8	20
Contribution/ Cost Ratio						2.00	1.00	1.20	0.29	0.70

Objectives are quantified and progress is reported against these metrics

Estimated contribution of each Product and Service Idea (Development Option) to each *relevant* Objective

Highest contribution / cost ratios indicate the most effective proposed actions

# HEALTHCARE SYSTEM IMPACT ESTIMATION

Design

Objectives

	Automate Rules	Web Self Service	Decision Support	Total Impacts
Increase Transmission of Requests <i>(30 minutes → 10 minutes)</i>	10 minutes 100%	3 minutes 100%		200%
Decrease Number of Errors Occurring <i>(353 per week → 30 per week)</i>	100 errors 80%	< 50 90%		170%
Decrease Time for Processing of Requests <i>(70 minutes → 10 minutes)</i>	25 minutes 70%		< 10 minutes 90%	160%
Decrease Time to Learn process <i>(1 day → 1 hour)</i>	-	1 hour 100%	10 minutes 103%	203%
TOTAL DESIGN REQUIREMENT IMPACT	250%	290%	193%	
Budget (£40,000)	50% +30%	25% +10%	25% +10%	100% +50%
Time (6 months)	50% +20%	20% +10%	30% +15%	100% +40%
TOTAL BUDGET IMPACT	100% +50%	45% +20%	55% +20%	
BENEFIT TO COST RATIO	250/100 = 2.5	290/45 = 6.44	193/55 = 3.51	

Costs

Value for Money

estimated impact of a design on a critical objective

# Objectives

Strategies	Identify Binding Compliance Requirements Strategy	System Control Strategy	System Implementation Strategy	Find Services That Meet Our Goals Strategy	Use The Lowest Cost Provider Strategy
Goals		Strategies			
Security Administration Compliance 25% → 90%	100%	100%	100%	50%	0%
Security Administration Performance 24 hrs → 4 hrs	75%	100%	100%	100%	0%
Security Administration Availability 10 hrs → 24 hrs	0%	Impacts			0%
Security Administration Cost 100% → 60%	50%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total Percentage Impact	225%	300%	300%	350%	100%
Evidence	ISAG Gap Analysis Oct-03	John Collins	John Collins	John Collins	John Collins
Cost to Implement Strategy	15 man days (US\$ 5,550)	15 man days (US\$ 5,550)	15 man days (US\$ 5,550)	15 man days (US\$ 5,550)	1 man day (US\$ 1,110)
Credibility	0.9	0.6	0.6	0.75	0.9
Cost Adjusted Percentage Impact	202.5%	180%	180%	262.5%	90%



# This Table was done in 1 day and got my customer £50 million to fund 1,000-person organizational improvement

		..... <b>Deliverables</b>						
		Telephony	Modularity	Tools	User Experience	GUI & Graphics	Security	Enterprise
<b>Business Objective</b>								
Time to Market		10%	10%	15%	0%	0%	0%	5%
Product Range		0%	30%	5%	10%	5%	5%	0%
Platform Technology		10%	0%	0%	5%	0%	10%	5%
Units		15%	5%	5%	0%	0%	10%	10%
Operator Preference		10%	5%	5%	10%	10%	20%	10%
Commoditization		10%	-20%	15%	0%	0%	5%	5%
Duplication		10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	5%
Competitiveness		15%	10%	10%	10%	20%	10%	10%
User Experience		0%	20%	0%	30%	10%	0%	0%
Downstream Cost Saving		5%	10%	0%	10%	0%	0%	5%
Other Country		5%	10%	0%	10%	5%	0%	0%
Total Contribution		90%	80%	55%	85%	50%	65%	55%
Cost (£M)		0.49	1.92	0.81	1.21	2.68	0.79	0.60
Contribution to Cost Ratio		<b>184</b>	42	68	70	19	82	92



# Class Exercise Medical, Ward 2015

## Richard Smith's Tool ([needsandmeans.com](http://needsandmeans.com))

Safari File Edit View History Bookmarks Window Help					
app.needsandmeans.com					
Tom Gilb & K...ents-Material appleinsider.com Google Docs TOM'S NET Services Resources * NORSKE STEDER Travel 4 TOM Social Sites NEWS ALLE ANDRE					
Requirements	Use Community Su...	Defect Preventio...	The BEST Design	Design	Sum
<b>Reduce Bed Days</b> Decrease from 4 to 3 days By end of November 2015 Average number of days per [Patient Type] per month [Patient Type = Adult, child]	<b>0.3 days</b> 30 %	<b>0.5 days</b> 50 %	<b>0 days</b> 0 %	<b>0 days</b> 0 %	<b>80 %</b>
<b>Clinical Quality</b> Decrease from 0.1 to 0.05 Infections By end of June 2015 Average number of [Infections] per [Patient Type] per month [Infections = Bloodstream, Patient Type = HIV]	<b>0.025 Infections</b> 50 %	<b>.003 Infections</b> 6 %	<b>0 Infections</b> 0 %	<b>0 Infections</b> 0 %	<b>56 %</b>
<b>Sum Of Performance:</b>	80 %	56 %	0 %	0 %	
<b>Skilled Effort in work Days</b> Increase from 0 to 100 work days o... By end of all No qualifiers	<b>10 work d...</b> 10 %	<b>50 work d...</b> 50 %	<b>0 work d...</b> 0 %	<b>0 work d...</b> 0 %	<b>60 %</b>
<b>Sum Of Resources:</b>	10 %	50 %	0 %	0 %	
<b>Performance To Resource Ratio:</b>	8.00	1.12	0.00	0.00	

# Part 5

**Value Project Management:**

**The Evolutionary delivery  
of  
measurable value  
early  
and  
frequently.**

# The 'Evo' Startup Week



Monday: **Quantify Critical Few Objectives**

Tuesday: **identify most powerful strategies to meet objectives.**

Wednesday: **estimate how good the strategies are for the objectives**

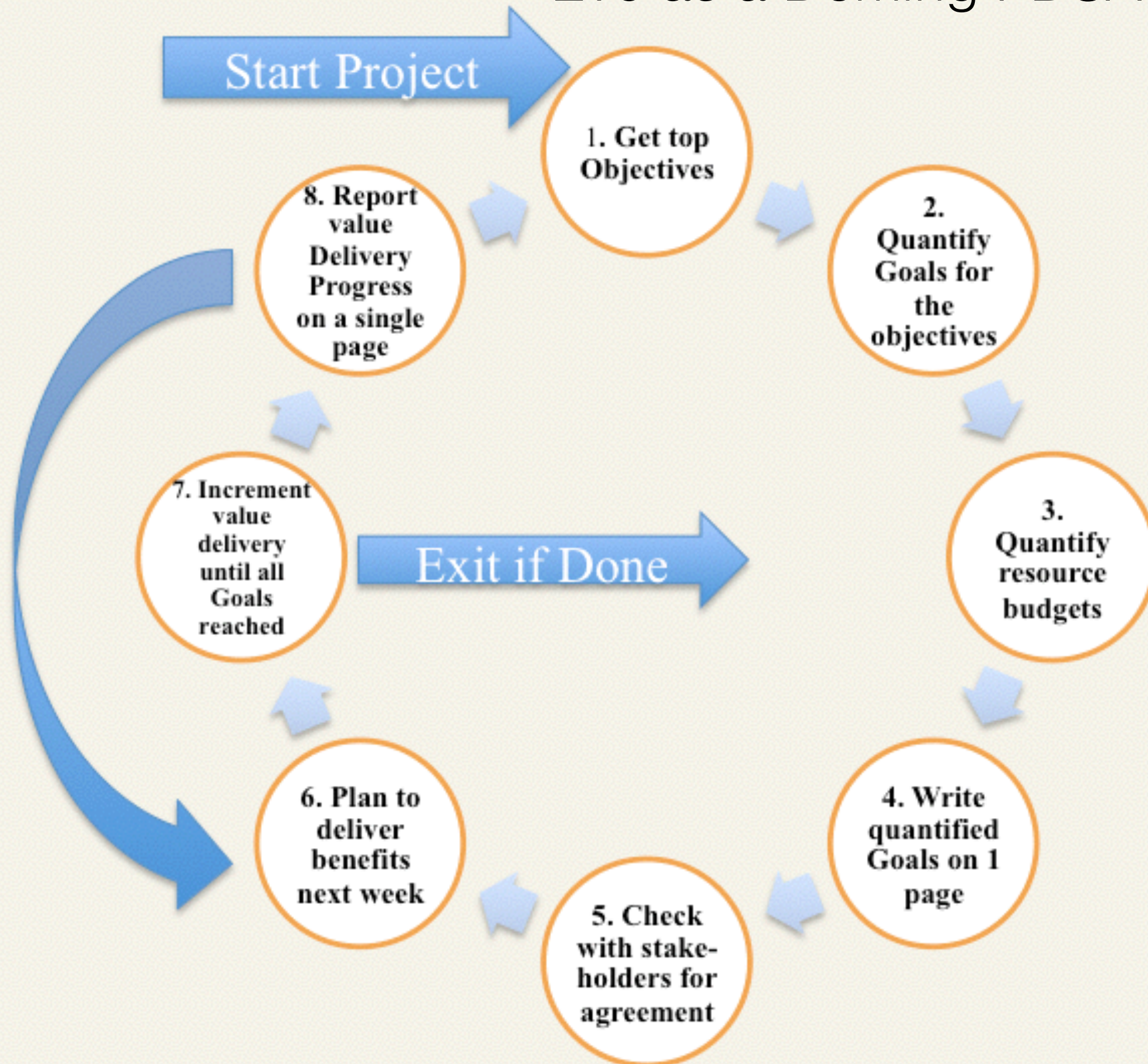
Thursday: **decompose most efficient strategy to a deliverable value next week**

Friday: **get manager Ok to see if you can really delivery value next week or not**

<http://www.gilb.com/dl568> for Startup Week Details



# Evo as a Deming PDCA Cycle





# The 'Evo' Process

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**Evo 1: Gather from all the key stakeholders the top few (5 to 20) most-critical goals that the project needs to deliver. Give each goal a reference name (a tag).**

**Evo 2: For each goal, define a scale of measure and a 'final' goal level. For example:**

**Reliable: Scale: Mean Time Before Failure. Goal: >1 month.**

**Evo 3: Define approximately 4 budgets for your most limited resources (for example, time, people, money, and equipment).**

**Evo 4: Write up these plans for the goals and budgets (try to ensure this is kept to only one page).**

**Evo 5: Negotiate with the key stakeholders to formally agree the goals and budgets.**

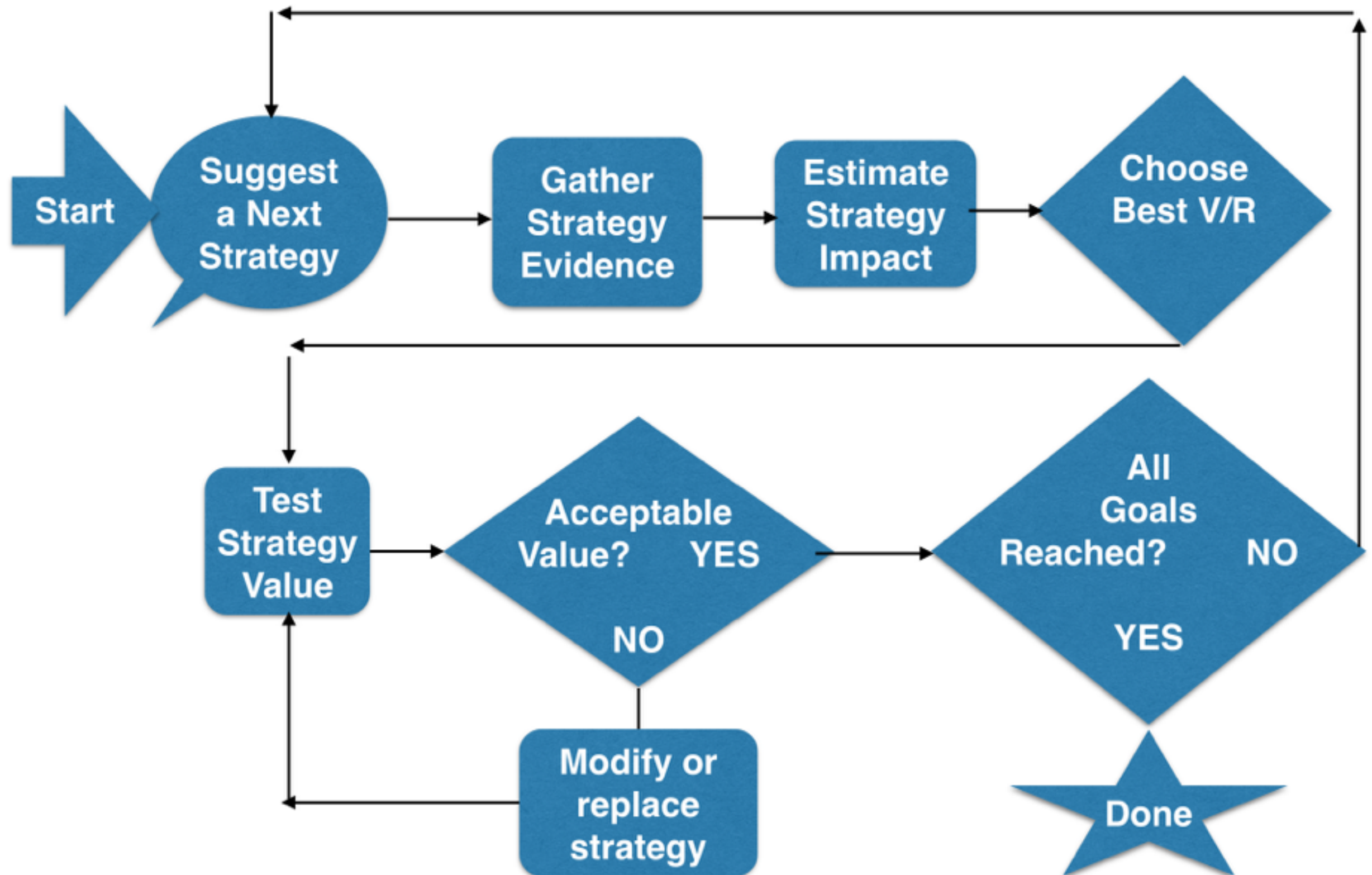
**Evo 6: Plan to deliver some benefit (that is, progress towards the goals) in weekly (or shorter) increments (Evo steps).**

**Evo 7: Implement the project in Evo steps. Report to project sponsors after each Evo step (weekly, or shorter) with your best available estimates or measures, for each performance goal and each resource budget.**

**Evo 8: On a single page, summarize the progress to date, towards achieving the goals and the costs incurred.**

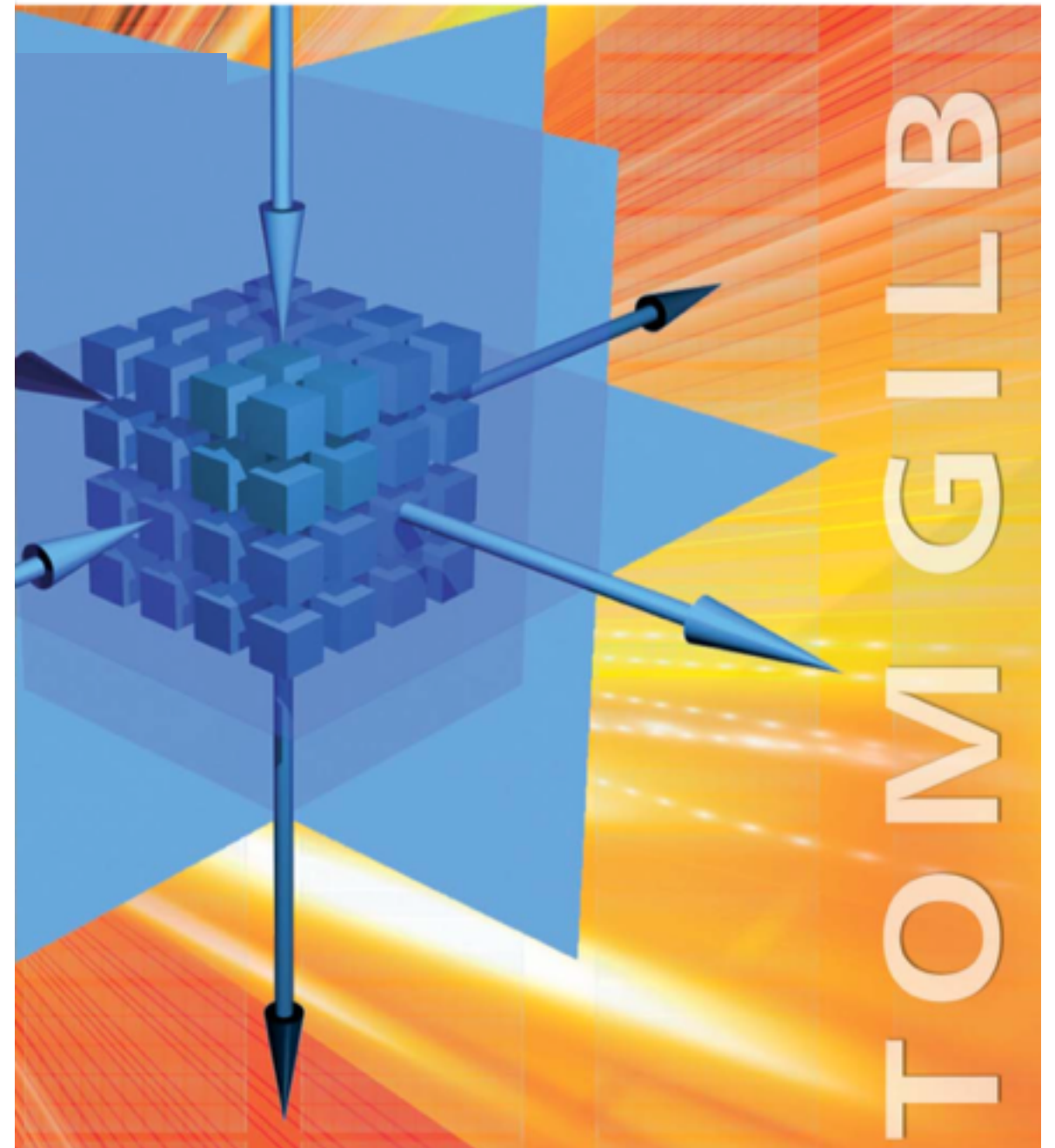
# The 'Evo' Project Management Process

## Learning Fast Quantitatively



# Free Book

[tinyurl.com/ValuePlanning](http://tinyurl.com/ValuePlanning)





# The One-Page 'Value Planning' Book.

**Why?** I believe your time is valuable. I believe that if someone is an expert or master of a subject, they can write it down in one page or less. So, to potentially save you the time, of reading the rest of the book, I'll try to do a 1-page version right here and now. If you need more detail later, you know where to find it.

## Sound Bite

### Deliver Real Value Now

#### The One Sentence Summary.

Value Planning (VP) means you will elicit and clarify critical stakeholder values quantitatively, and prioritize delivering those values, as soon as possible.

#### The One Paragraph Summary.

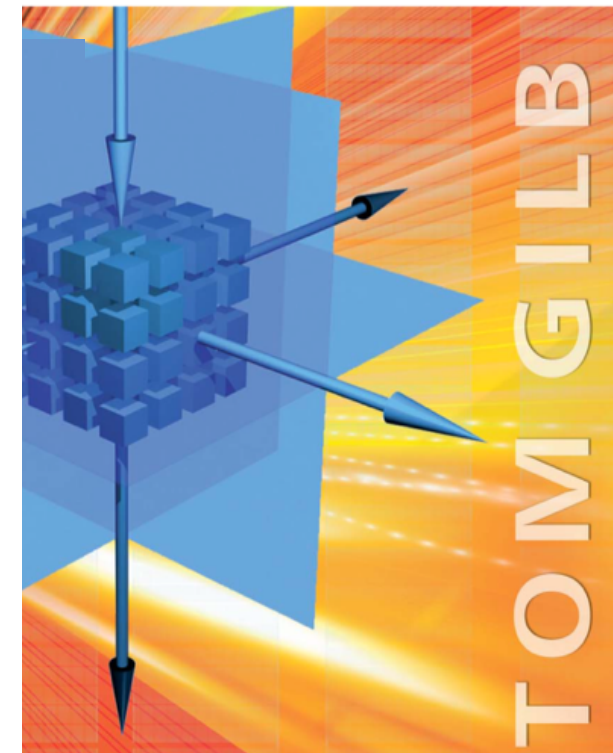
1. **STAKEHOLDERS:** Identify your most critical stakeholders.
2. **OBJECTIVES:** Identify the smart levels of their most critical value improvements.
3. **STRATEGIES:** Identify potential strategies for delivering planned value levels to stakeholders, at lowest cost and risk.
4. **SMALL STEPS:** Decompose strategies into suitably smaller deliverable increments.
5. **DELIVER VALUE:** Attempt to deliver measurable value to some stakeholders.
6. **LEARN:** Measure results and costs; then decide if you are on track, or need to change something. *Continue the process until all goals reached.*

#### The Rest-of-the-Page Summary.

1. We will make use of our Planning Language, called 'Planguage' ('PL').
2. The central capability of Planguage is that it can be used for *any system* of 'product' or 'service', at any level of abstraction or detail.
3. Planguage is capable of expressing *all results, improvements, values and qualities quantitatively*.
4. Planguage can help you plan, estimate and track delivery of *all costs* and resources.
5. Planguage will help you keep numeric accounts of *multiple critical values*, and corresponding *multiple critical resources*, so you can manage value for money; i.e. the *efficiency* of planning, decision-making and contracted result deliveries.
6. Planguage is extremely *risk* conscious at the level of every aspect of planning that might involve risk to your successful value delivery.
7. Planguage not only helps with planning values and costs, but is consequently used to manage practical *implementation*, learning and *feedback* from plan application.
8. Planguage will help you *align* and connect plans at many *related levels* of consideration, from top management to the most detailed level of planning you need.
9. Planguage enables you to *measure the quality of planning*, and to set a release threshold for plans.
10. Planguage has tools to *automate* plan specification, and to integrate your updated decisions and knowledge.

## Technical Detail and Real Examples:

My TEDx Talk <http://tinyurl.com/GilbTedx>, "All Qualities Can Be Quantified". 18 minutes.



**Deliver**

**Real**

**Value**

**Now**

End