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WE'RE GOING TO
TRY SOMETHING
CALLED AGILE
PROGRAMMING.

Agenda



- Introduction
- Overview of Agile
- Being an Agile Programmer
- User Stories
- Backlog
- Story Splitting
- Visualize your work
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Agile Manifesto

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Values

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Principles

“Working software is the primary measure of progress.”

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Scrum?

Values

Kanban?

"Individuals and interactions over process and tools"

"Working software over comprehensive documentation"

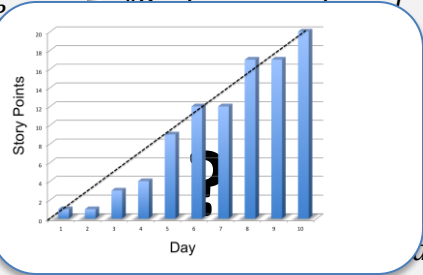
"Customer collaboration over contract negotiation"
"Responding to change over following a plan"

XP?

Principles

"Build projects around motivated individuals, give them the environment and support they need, and trust them to get the job done,

and frequently, from a couple of weeks to a couple of months with a preference to the shorter timescale."



and out the

"At regular intervals, the team reflects on how to become more effective, then tunes and adjusts its behavior accordingly."

"Agile processes promote sustainable development. The sponsors, developers, and users should be able to maintain a constant pace indefinitely."

"Working software is the primary measure of progress."

"An effective method of conveying information to and within a development team is face-to-face conversation."

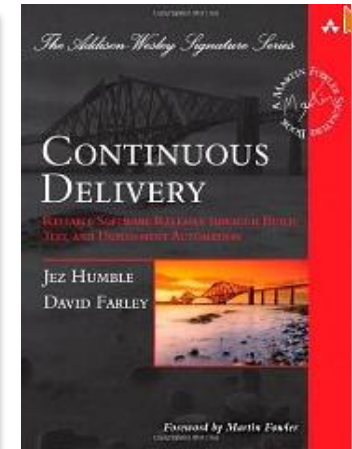
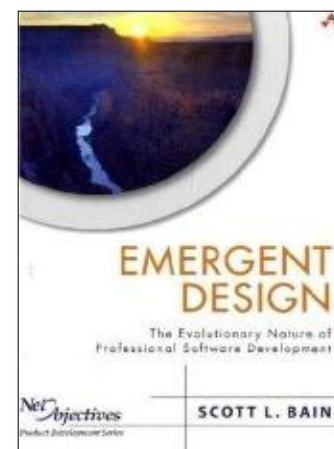
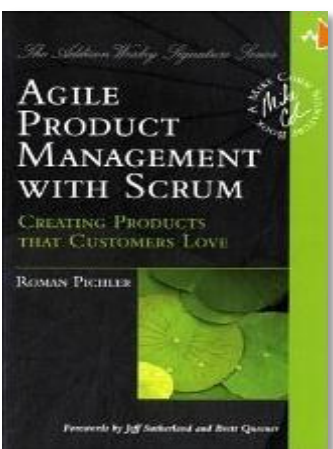
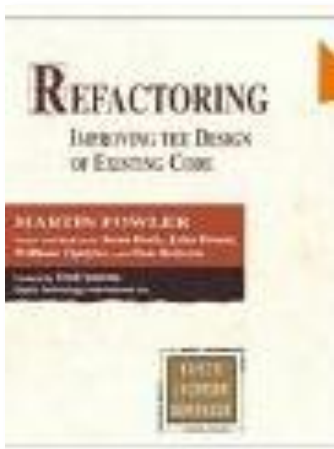
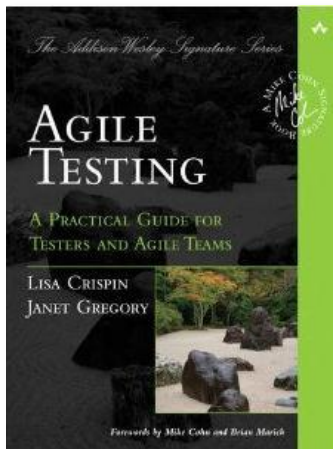
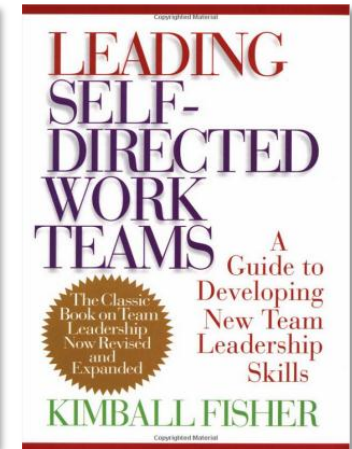
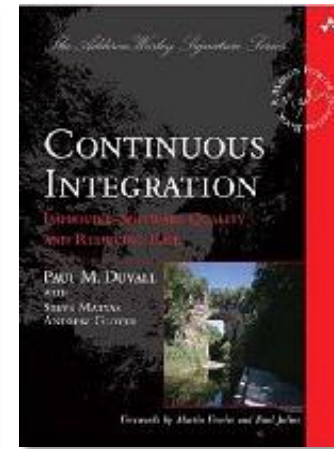
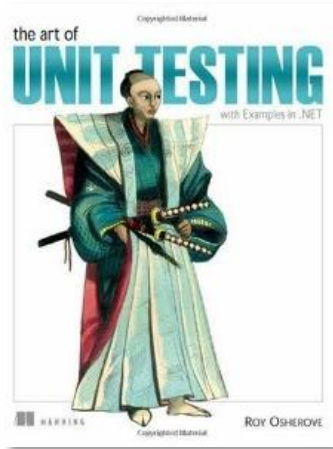
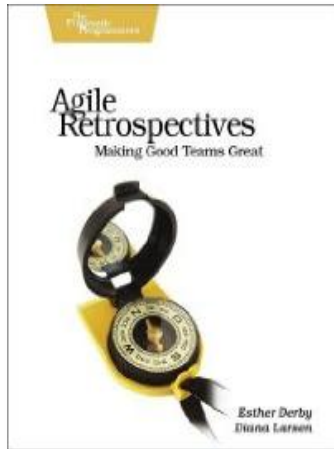
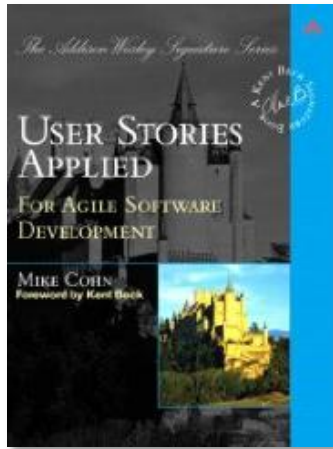
"Welcome changing requirements, even late in development. Agile processes harness change for the customer's competitive advantage."

"The best architectures, requirements, and designs emerge from self-organizing teams"

"Continuous attention to technical excellence and good design enhances agility."

"Our highest priority is to satisfy the customer through early and continuous delivery of valuable software."

Many Practices are Subject of a Whole Book!



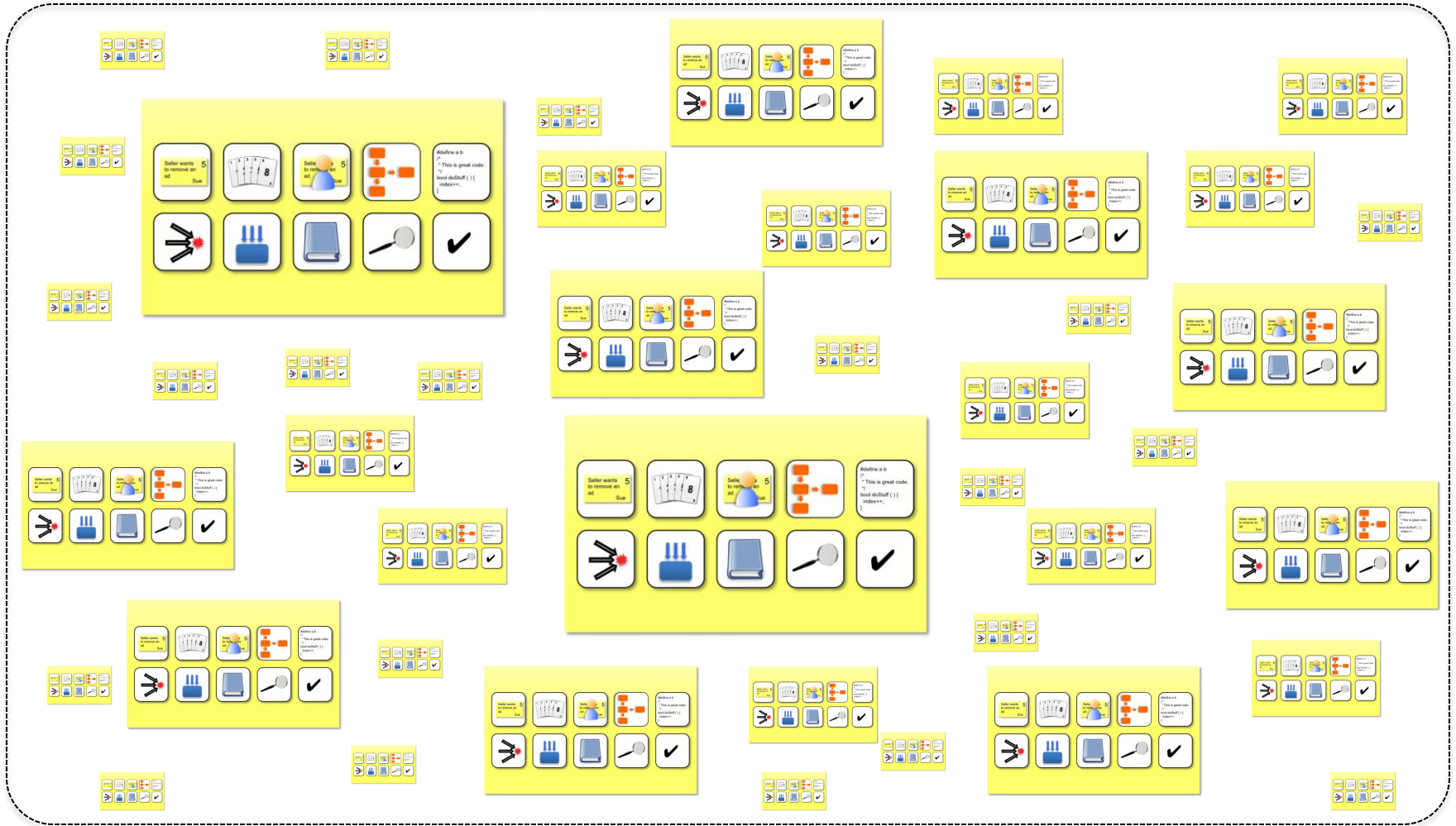
What's in a Feature?

Show loan status.

Each Feature is Comprised of Many Aspects

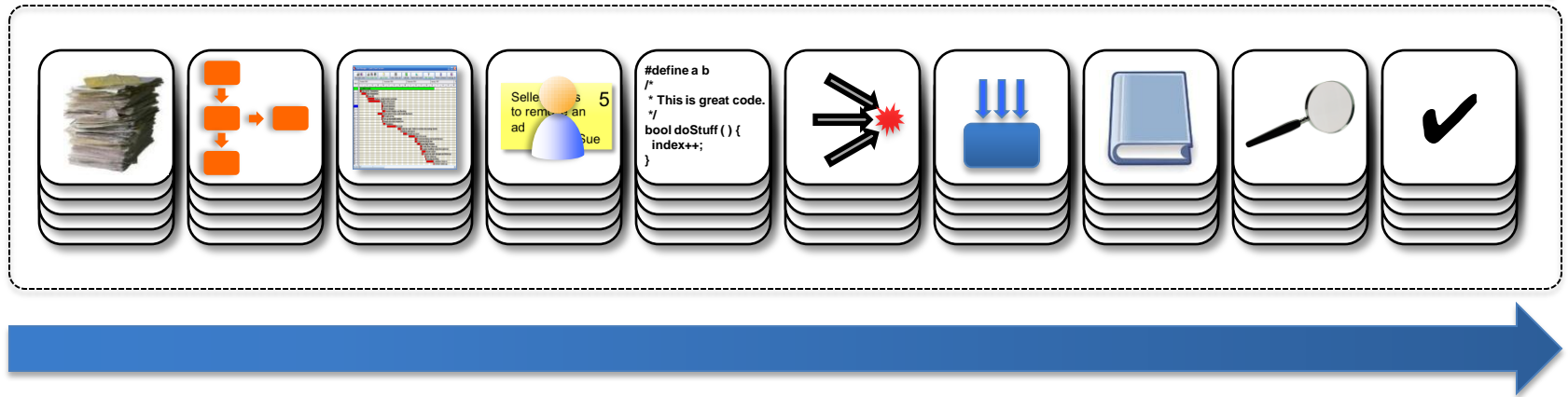


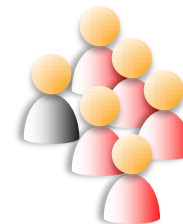
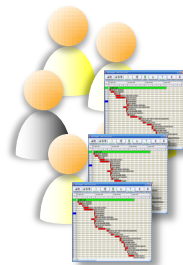
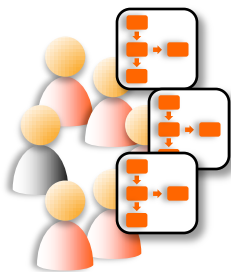
Every Project Contains Features of Many Sizes

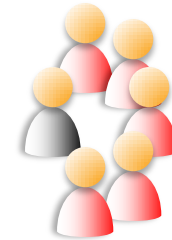
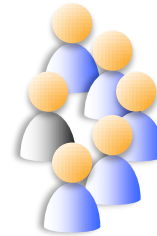
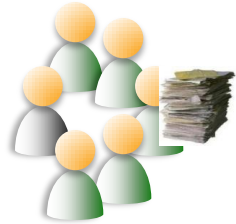
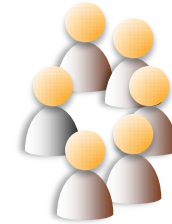
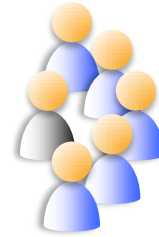


Traditional Development, More or Less

- Risk reduced
- Actual cost known
- Feedback available
- Problems known
- Able to change course
- Able to receive value



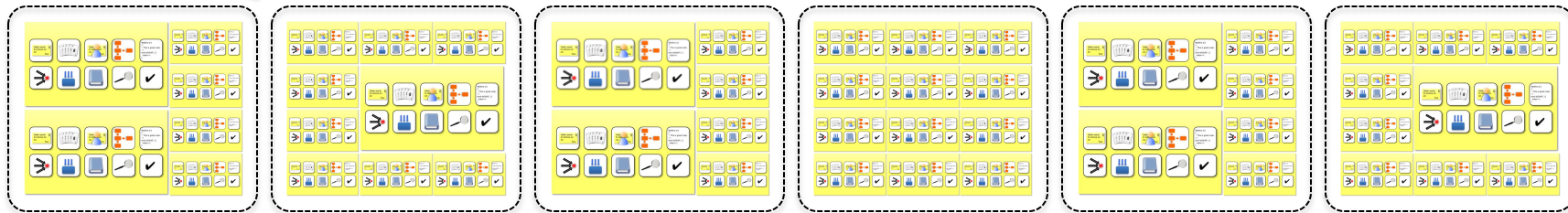




Agile Development

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Twitter



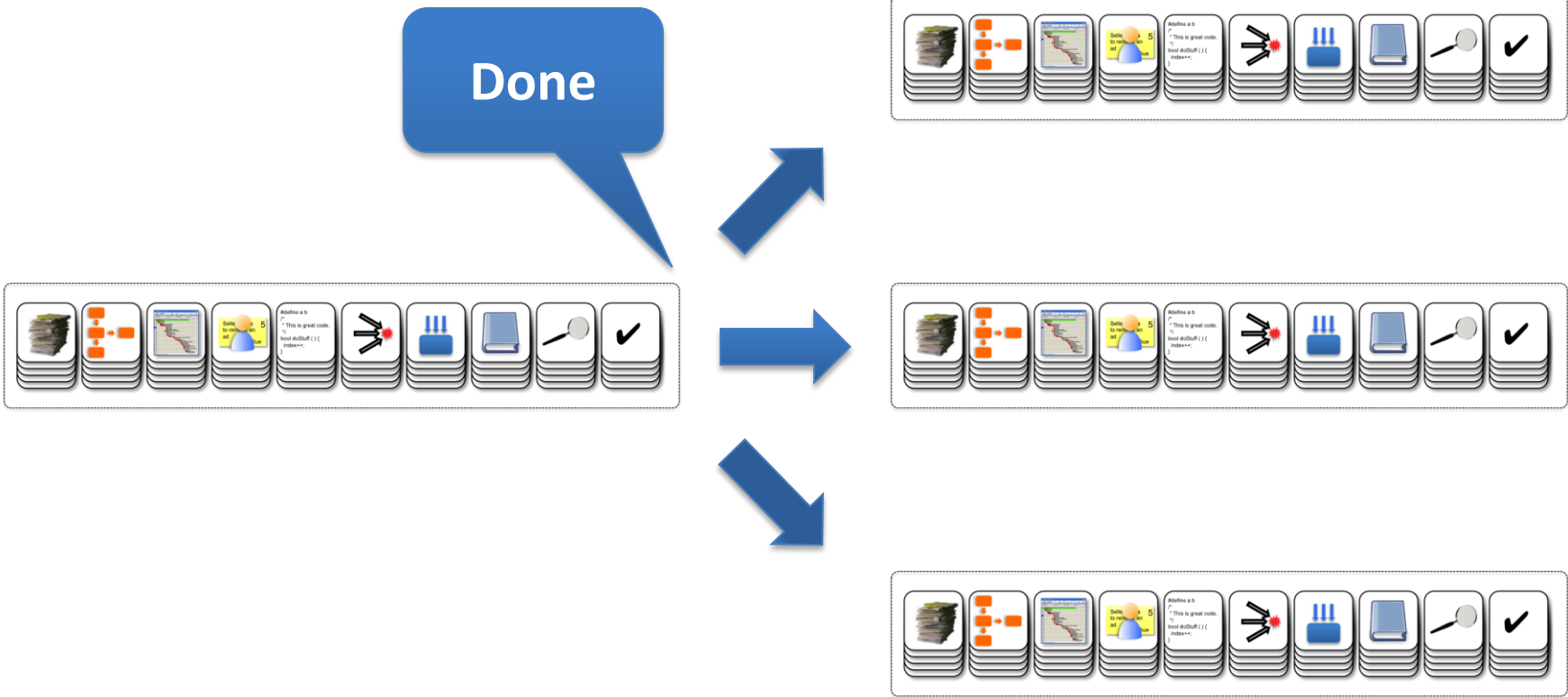
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Quality

Options

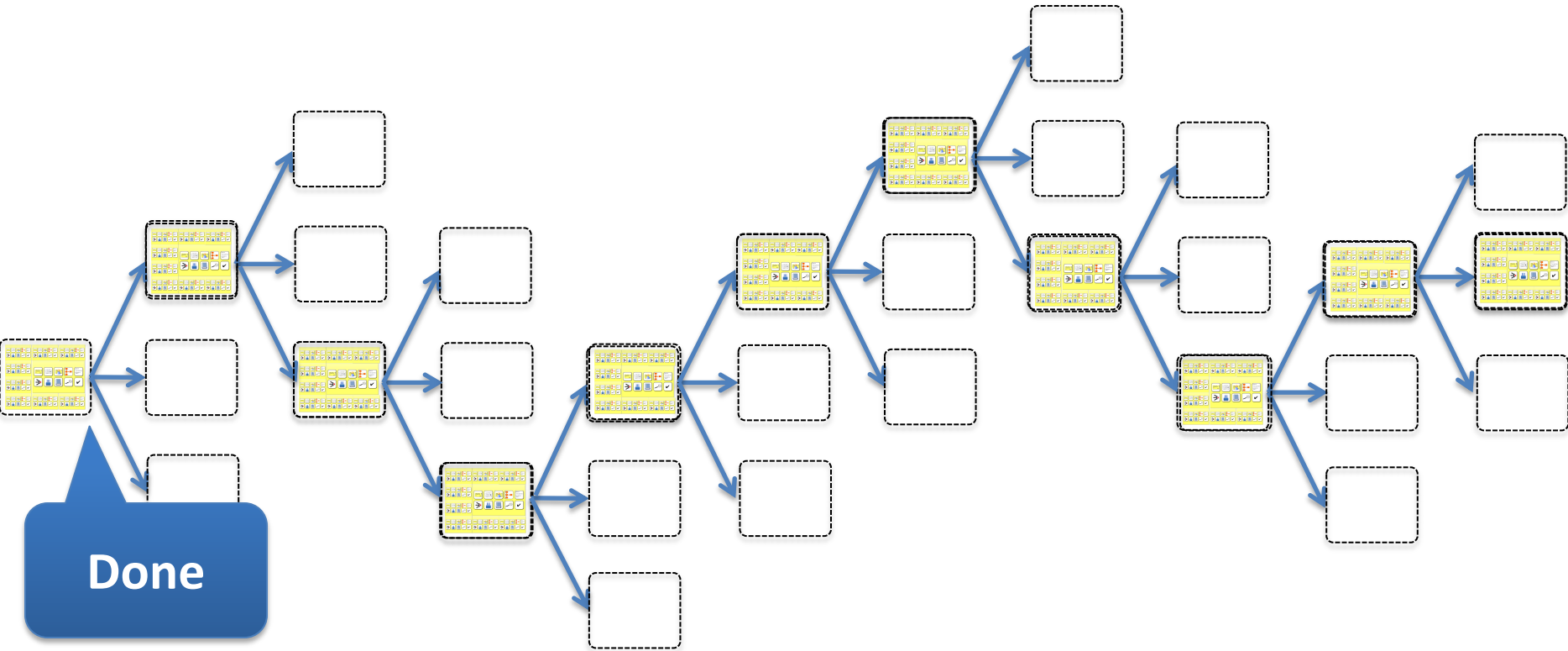
Visibility

Higher
ROI
Faster

Operational Efficiency vs Business Value Efficiency



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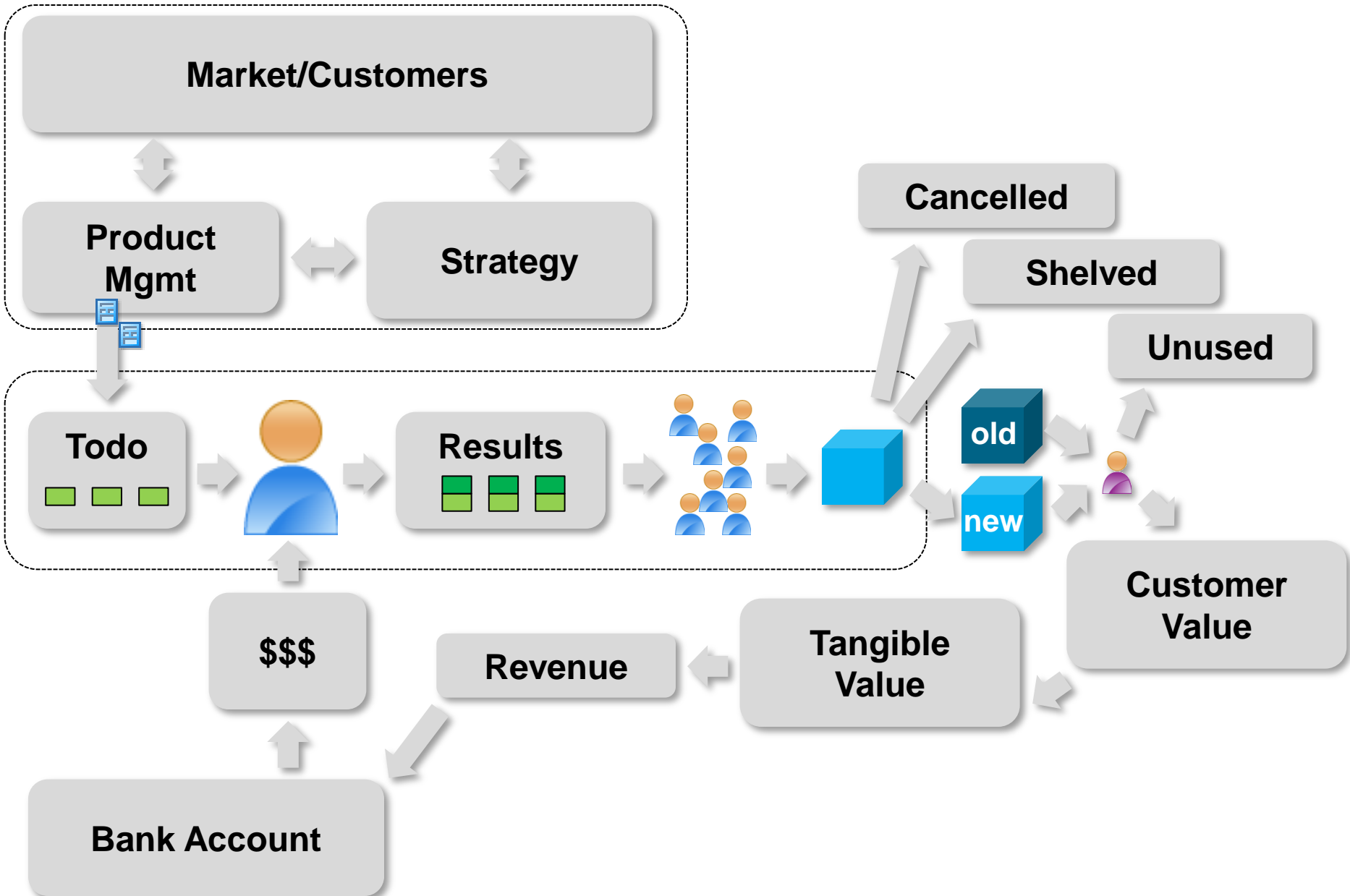


Why Bother?

Column A

Column B

- **Not able to take all vacation days**
- **Not clear how work provides value**
- **Working on boring projects**
- **Working on old technology**
- **Declining working conditions**
- **Company losing competitiveness**
- **Company value declining**
- **Not getting bonuses**
- **Benefit reduction**
- **Salary reduction**
- **Working long hours**
- **Project shelved**
- **Project cancelled**
- **Layoffs/RIFs**
- **Out of business**



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User Stories

- <user role> wants to <achieve some goal>

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to enter a
booking**

**Airline wants
data on people
booking hotels
with flights**

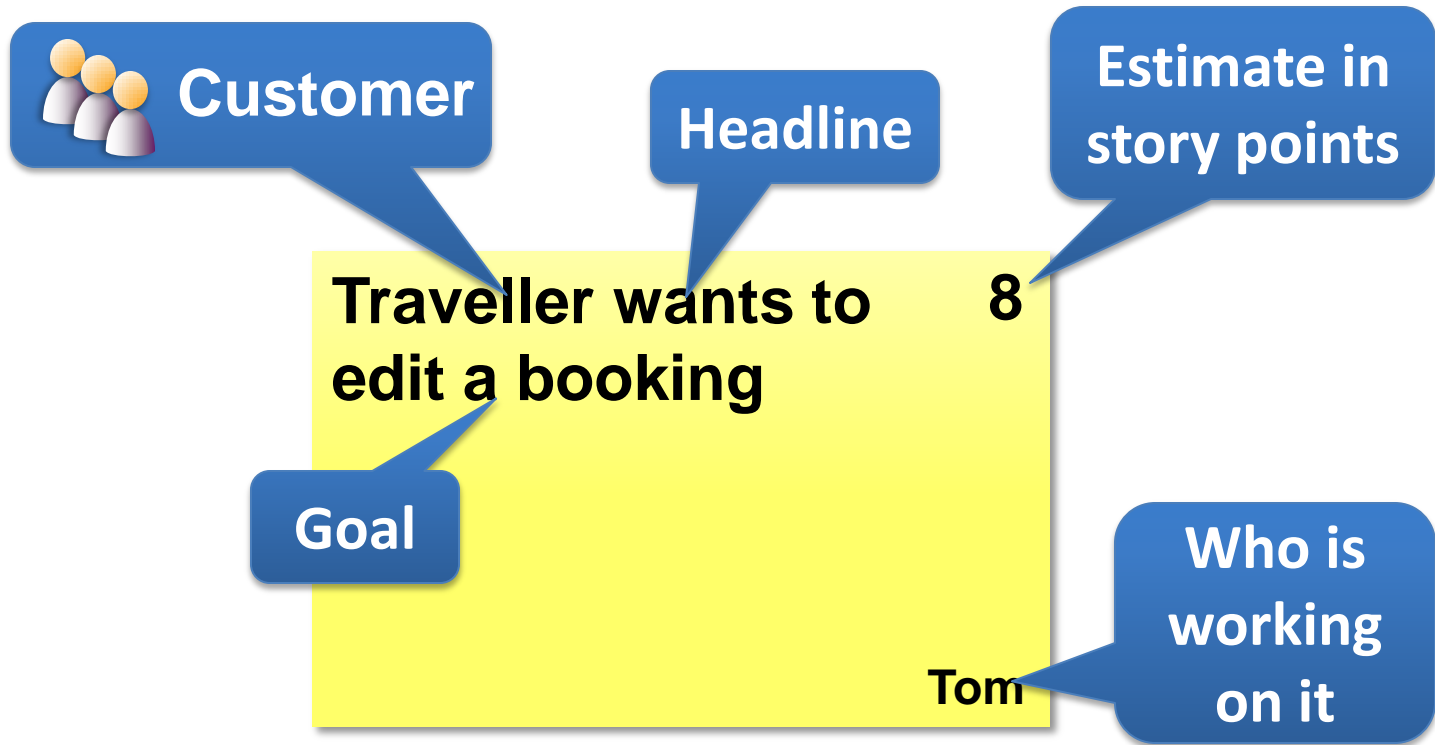
*“Customer collaboration
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**Traveller wants
to edit a booking**

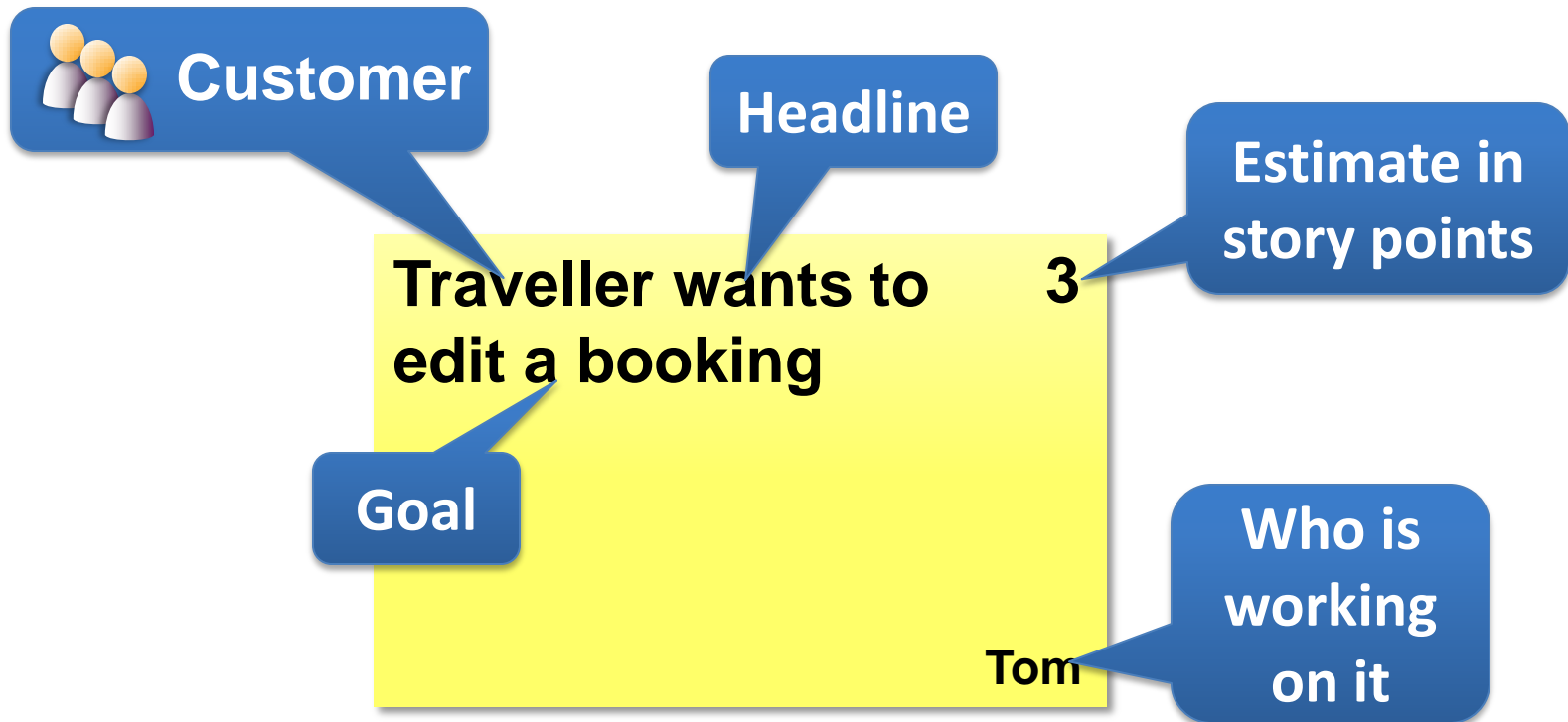
**Admin wants a
report of site-
wide activity**

*“Business people and
developers must work
together daily
throughout the project.”*

User Story

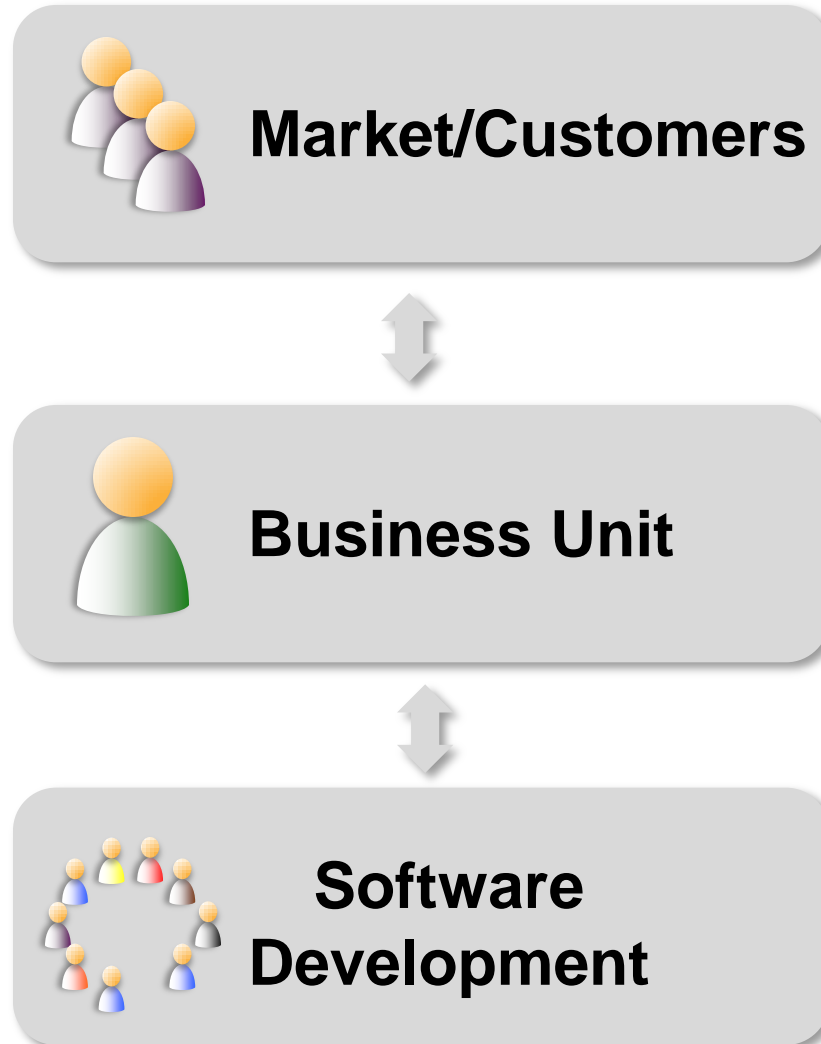


User Story



- **Customer focused**
- **Customer, customer proxy, scrum master, developer, tester, and documenter can all understand them**
- **Separates the “what” from the “how”**

Who is “The Customer?”



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Bill Wake's "INVEST" Guidelines

- Independent
 - Aside from core functionality, doesn't depend on other stories
- Negotiable.
 - A story is a conversation starter, not the end result
- Valuable to the user, can be used directly
 - "Implement Avatar api" has no value in and of itself
- Estimable
 - No research required, well understood
- Small
- Testable

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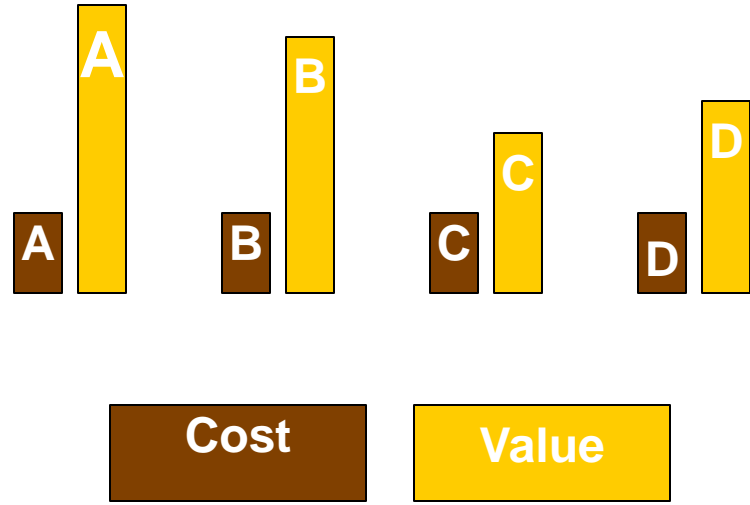


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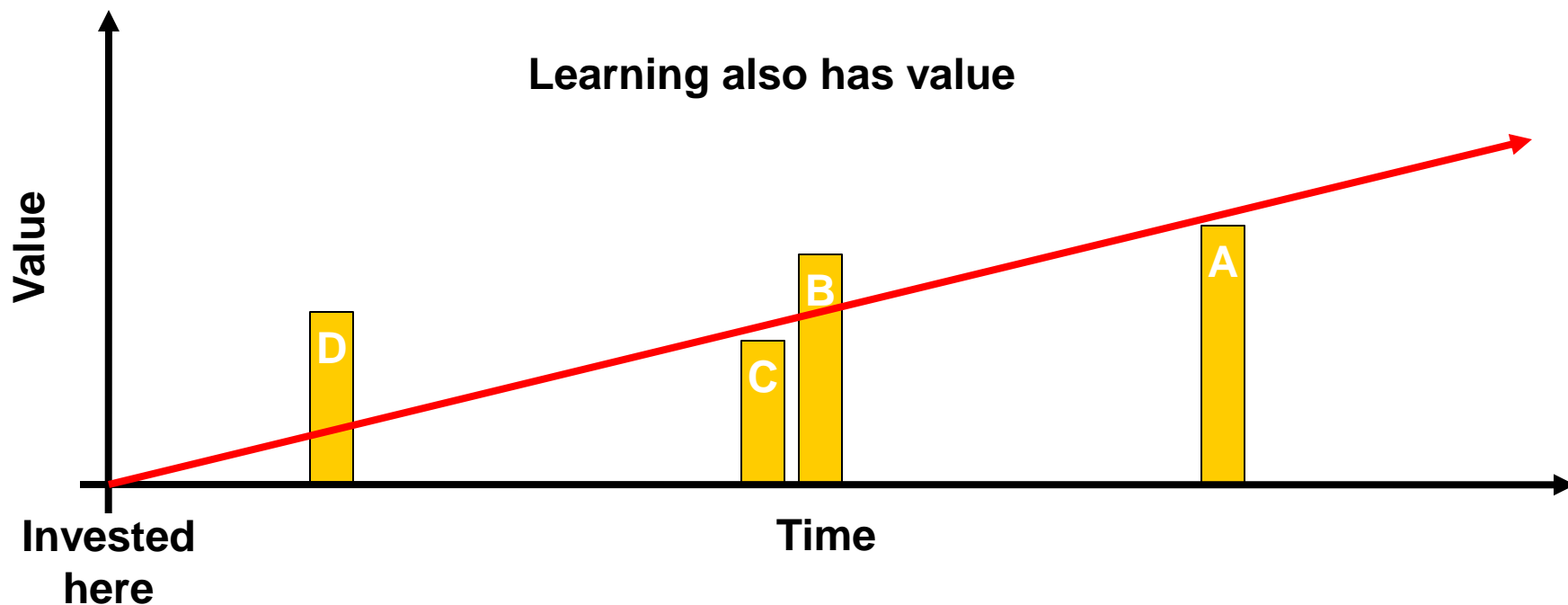


Deciding Where to Invest

Who wants to make some money?



The Time Value of Money



Managing Priorities

Priority	Definition
0	Committed to release
1	As soon as possible
2	Important
3	Nice to have
4	Not important

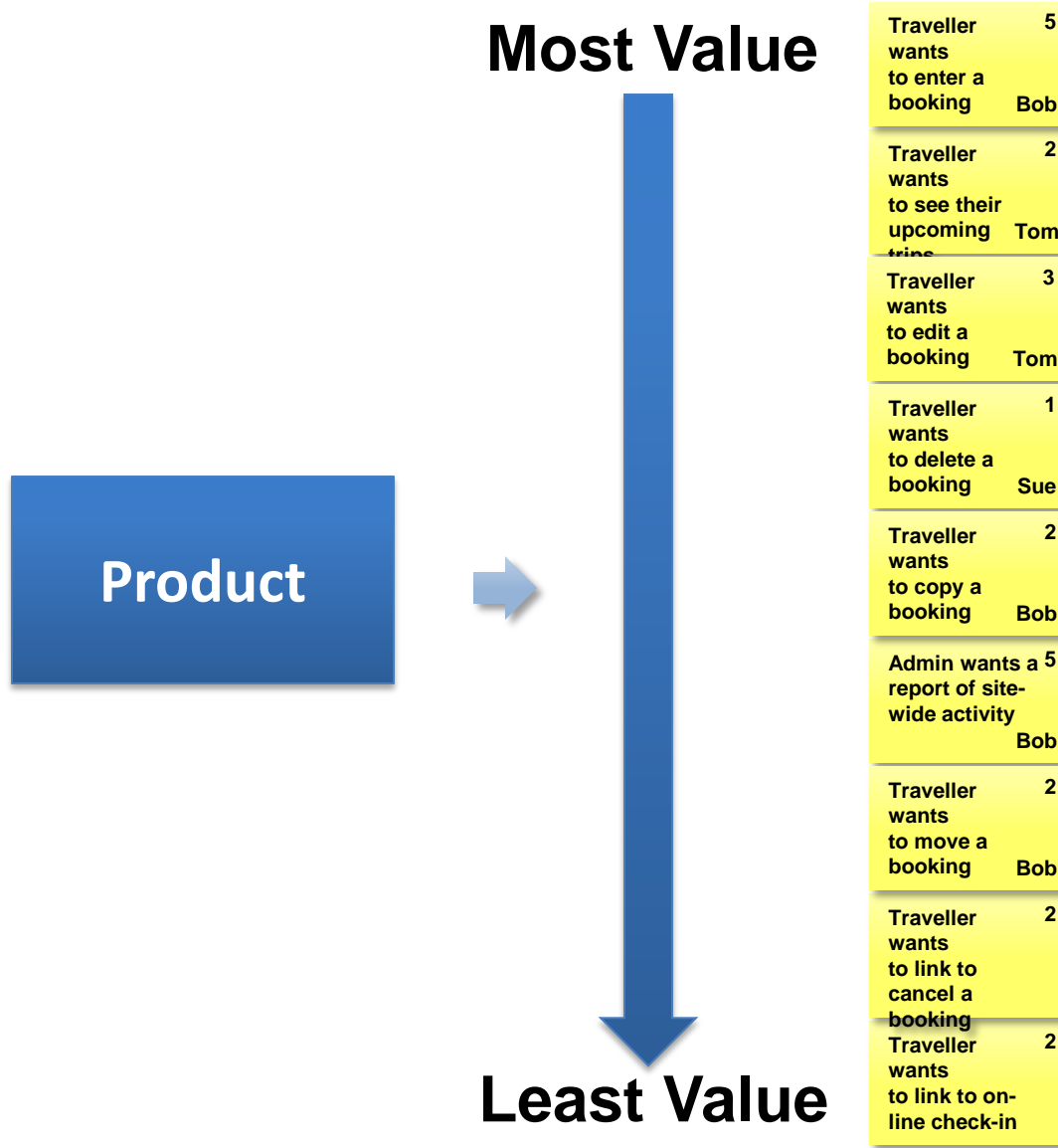
Managing Priorities

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1	No
2	No
3	No
4	No

Backlog



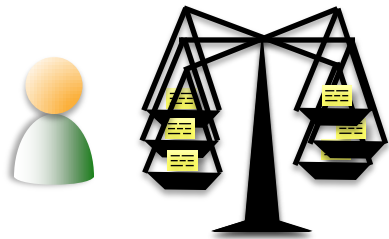
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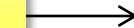
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“Simplicity -- the art of maximizing the amount of work not done – is essential.”

Negotiation Tool



Traveller wants to e-mail an airline booking 2



- Traveller wants to enter a booking Bob 5
- Traveller wants to see their upcoming trips Tom 2
- Traveller wants to edit a booking Tom 3
- Traveller wants to delete a booking Sue 1
- Traveller wants to copy a booking Bob 2
- Admin wants a report of site-wide activity Bob 5
- Traveller wants to move a booking Bob 2
- Traveller wants to link to cancel a booking 2
- Traveller wants to link to on-line check-in 2

Release

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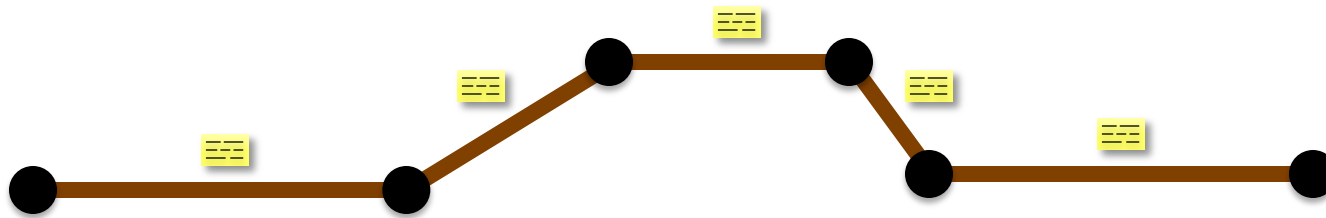
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User wants... 8

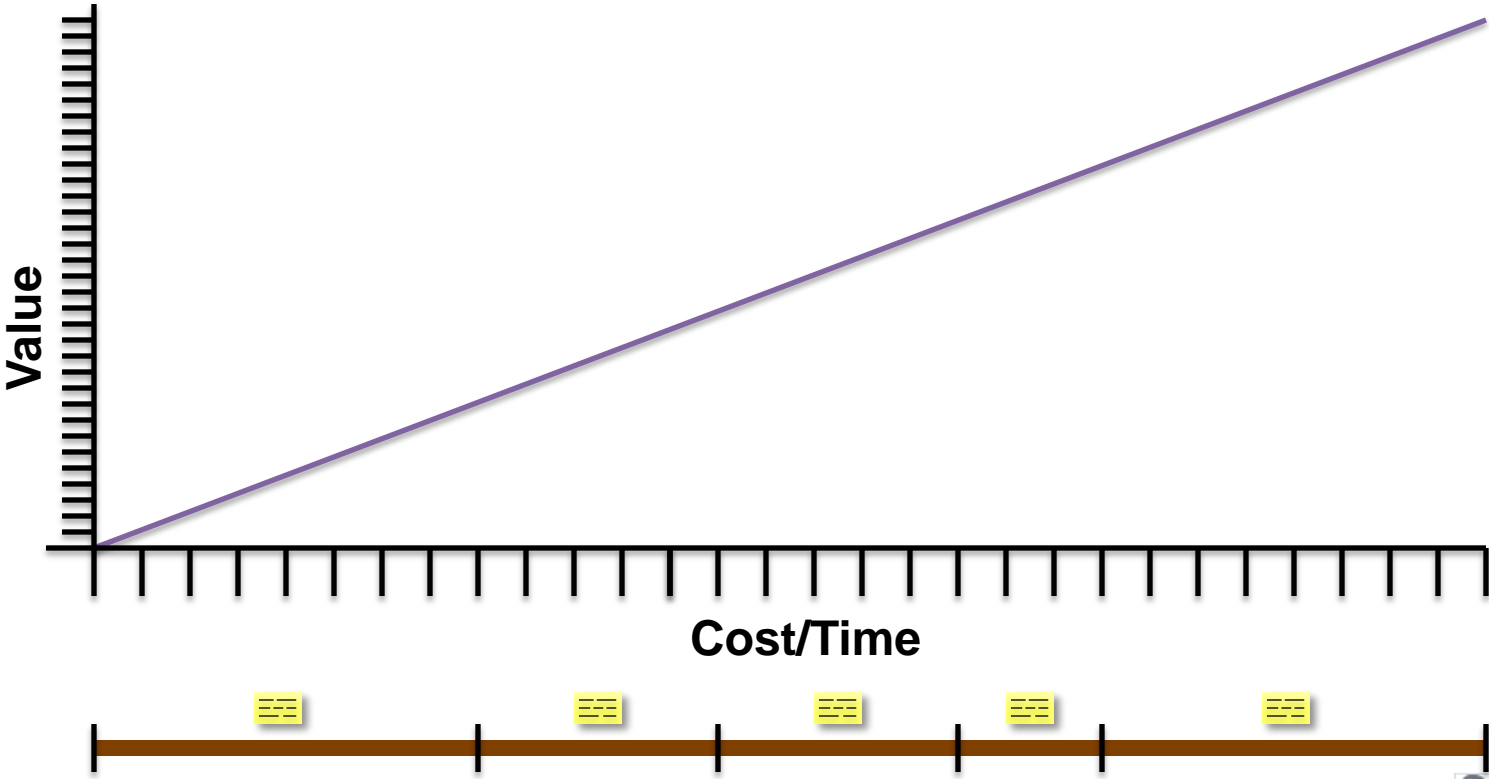


“Yes! I need that and can use it.”





Operational Efficiency vs. Business Value Efficiency



Splitting out the Gold

User wants... 3



“Yes! I need that and can use it.”



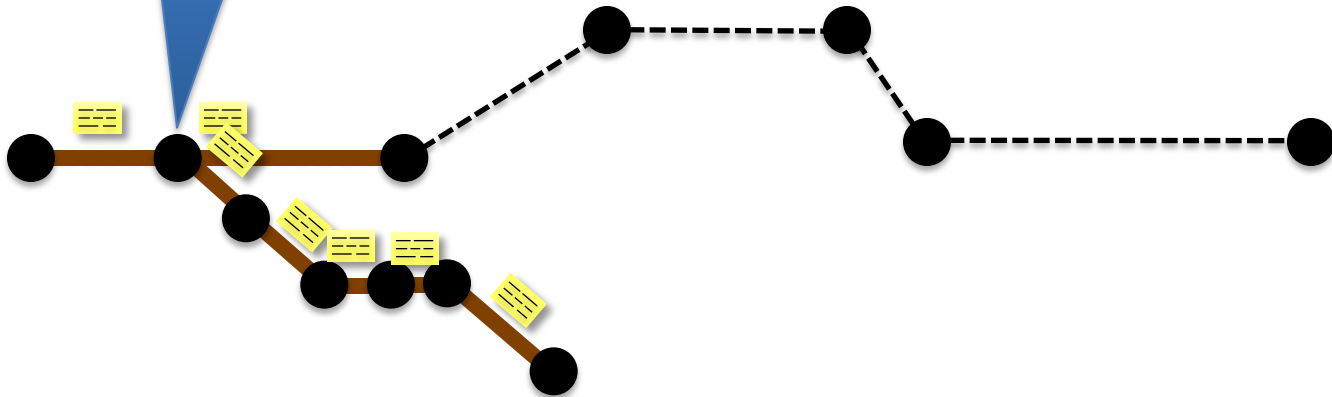
User wants... 5



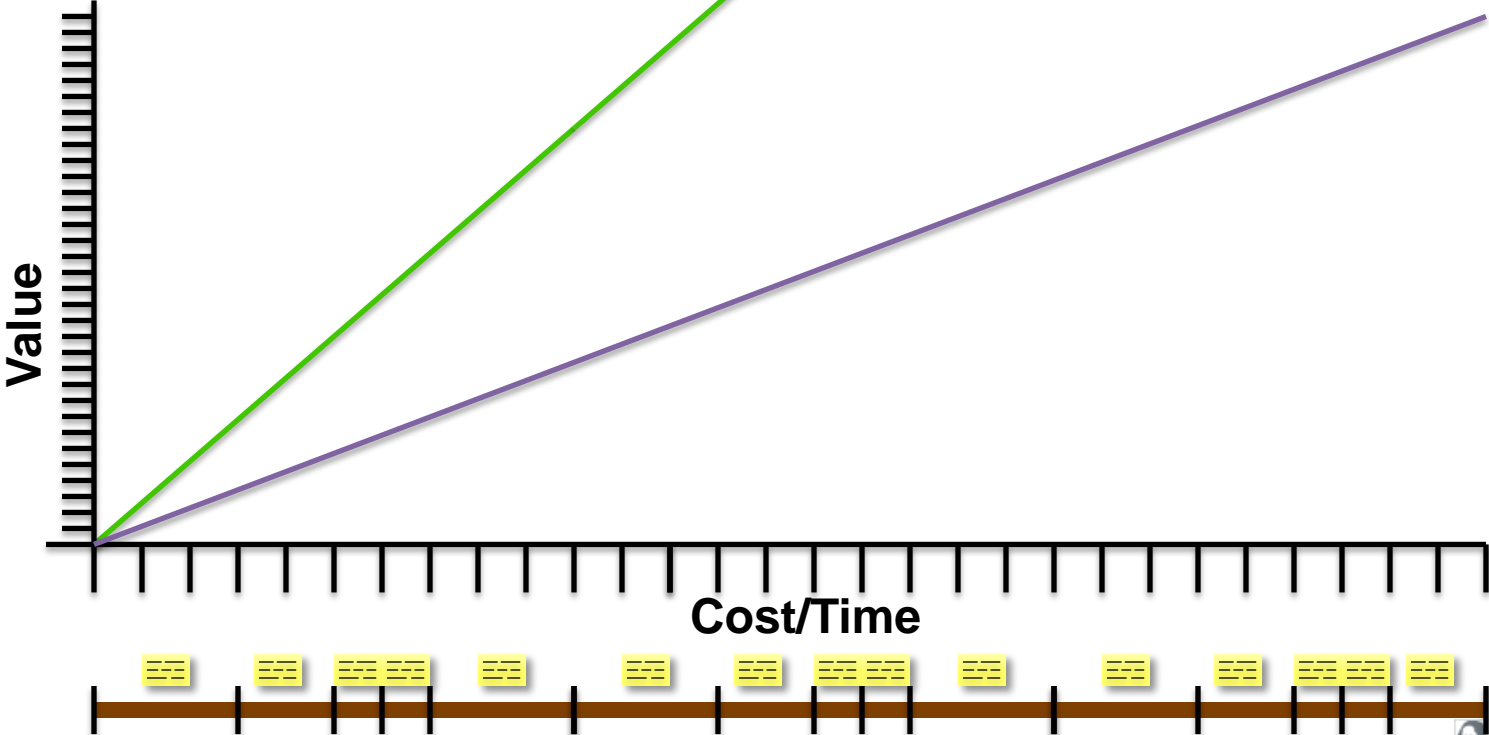
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Done



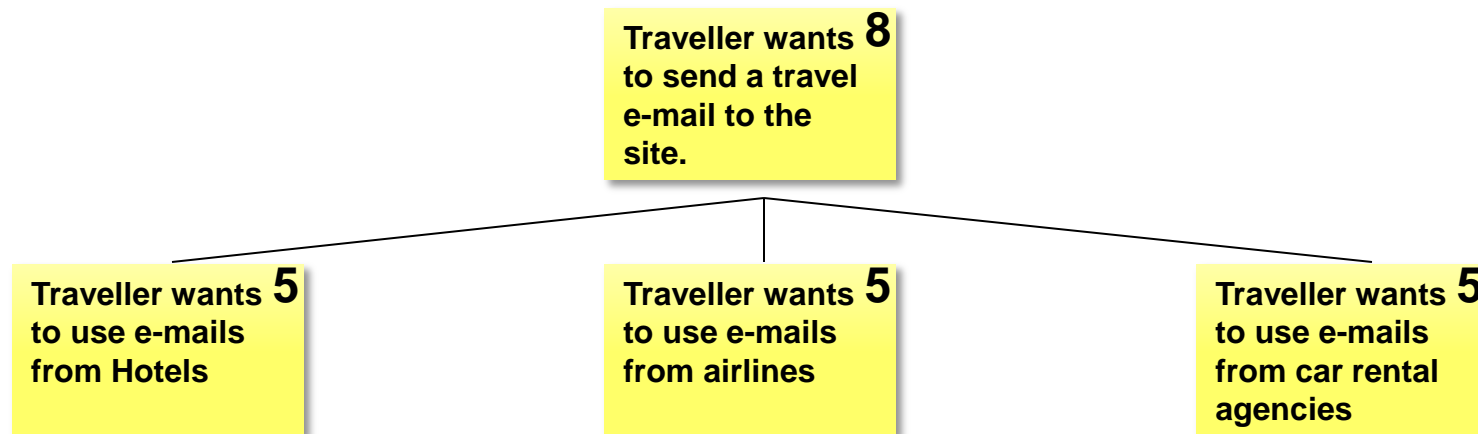
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Story Splitting Techniques

- At “and” or “comma”
- By acceptance Test
- By user
- By grafting new technology onto old
- By workflow
- By level of value / constraining effort
- By numerical reduction
- Into Create/Read/Update/Delete
- By “going sideways”
- By use case

Splitting by Acceptance Test



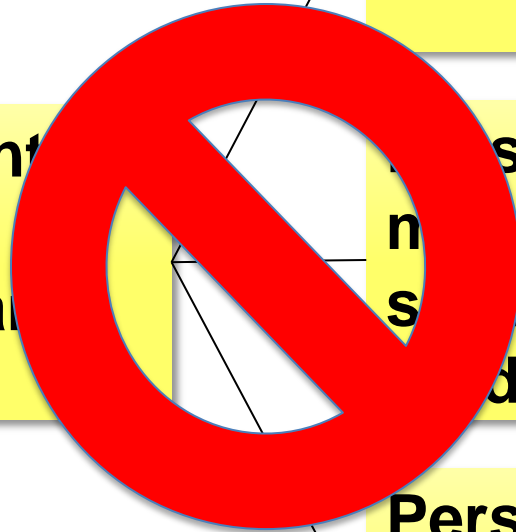
Acceptance Tests

1. Handles a hotel booking
2. Handles an airline booking
3. Handles a car booking

Breaking Down by Layer

Person wants 13
UI for sending a
greeting card

Person want
to send a
greeting card



Person wants 13
middleware for
sending a greeting
card

Person wants 13
back end for
sending a greeting
card

Splitting By Workflow

Personalize this card.

Orders placed before midnight CT will be printed and ready to ship or mail by the next business day. [Delivery Details & Shipping Costs](#)

What Inspires Great Work 5x7 Folded Greeting Card | \$3.49 each, as low as \$1.99

Front Inside Back Save Preview Continue



How do you want us to send this card?

Address, stamp and mail cards for me. (Cost of U.S. postage applies.)
How many?
 Ship extra cards to me.
How many?

Ship all cards to me or pickup at store. (Store pickup available in Omaha, NE and Atlanta, GA only.)
How many?
 Leave them unaddressed.
 Address and stamp them for me too. (Cost of U.S. postage applies.)

OR



Add to Bag



Velocity: 20

Person wants 5
to select a card
to send

Person wants 5
to customize
the card

Person wants 5
to check a
proof of the
card

Person wants 5
to select
delivery options

Person wants 5
to pay for the
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Person wants 5
error checking

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Textbox for
recipient name

Display final
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Textbox for
address

Generate final
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Create card
fulfillment data

Artwork

Textbox for
card message

Xmit custom
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Place card
order with
partner

**Person wants 8
to send a happy
birthday card**

**Set card type
as
HAPPY_BDAY**

**GUI to collect
Happy
Birthday info**

**Set payment
options as
DLVR_GRND**

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Send a “Happy Birthday” message

To:

Address:

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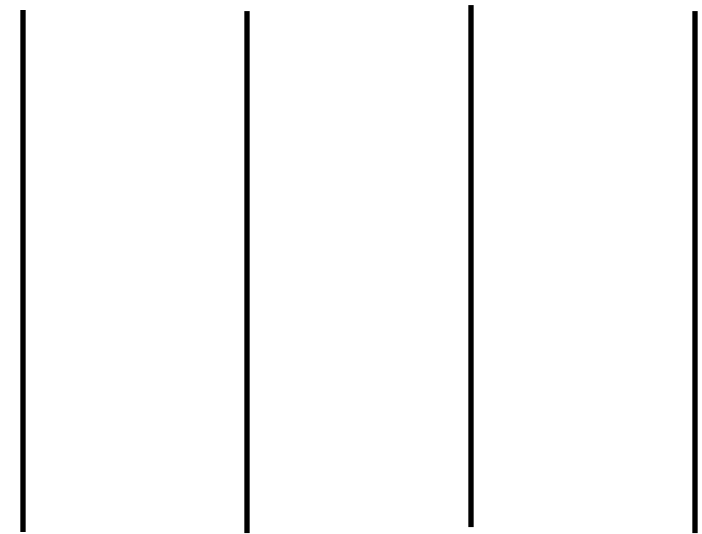


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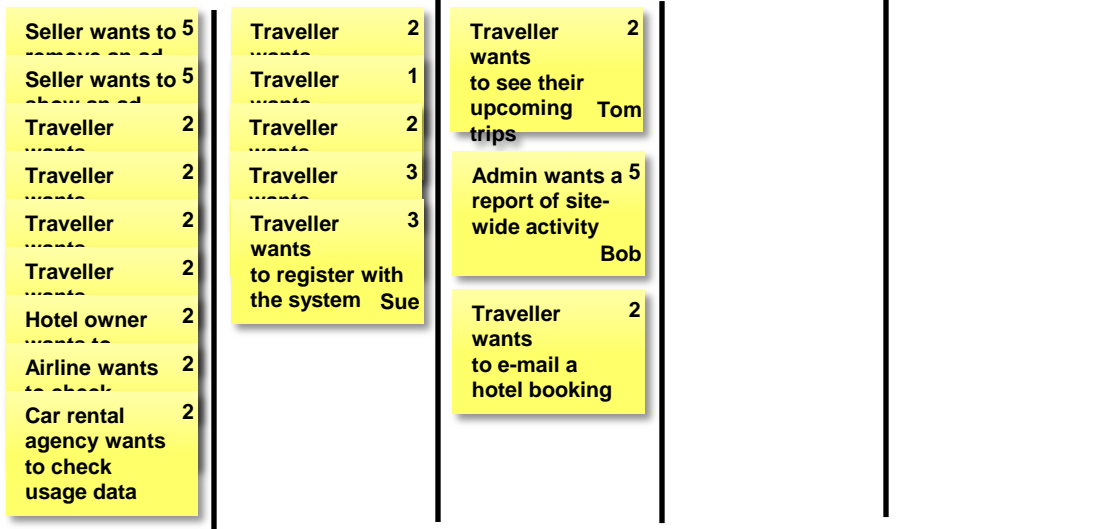
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Traveller wants	2
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Seller wants to show ad	5
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Hotel owner wants to	2
Airline wants to check	2
Car rental agency wants to check usage data	2



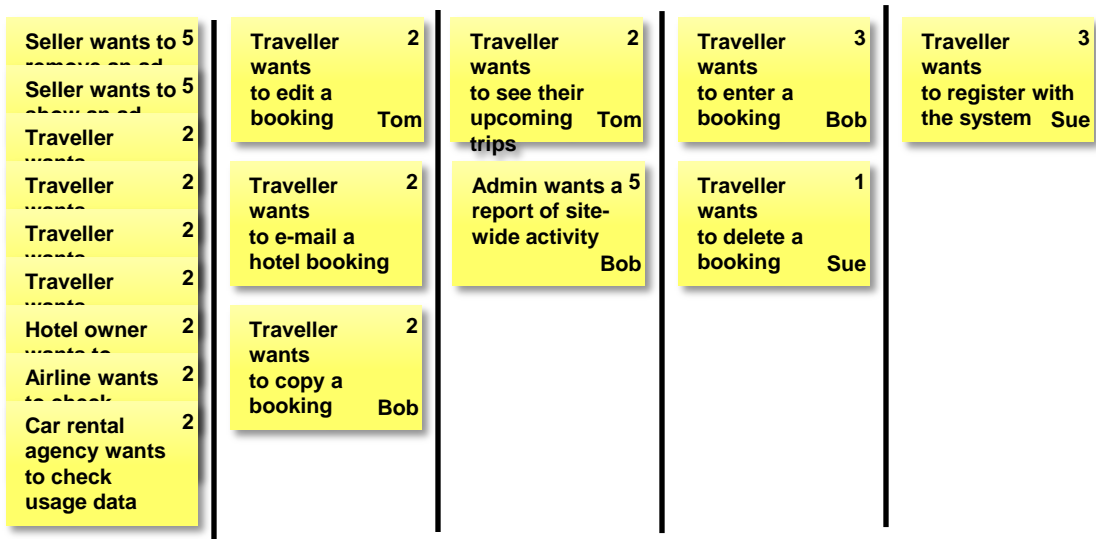
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Traveller wants	2	Traveller wants	2
Hotel owner wants to	2	Traveller wants	3
Airline wants to book	2	Traveller wants	3
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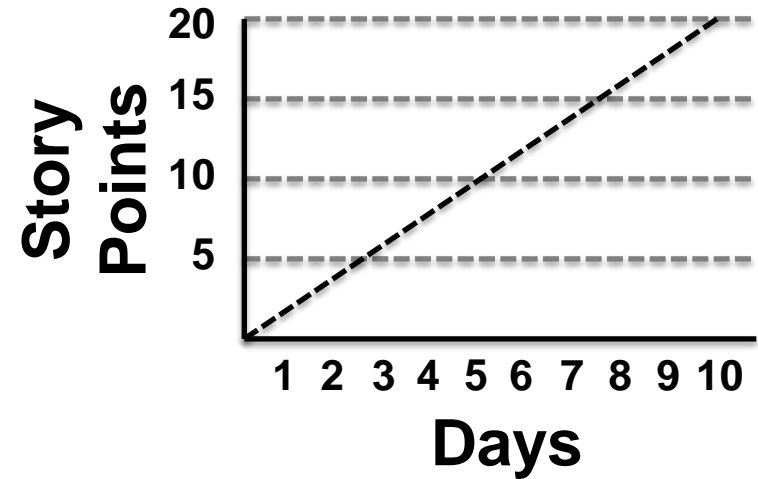


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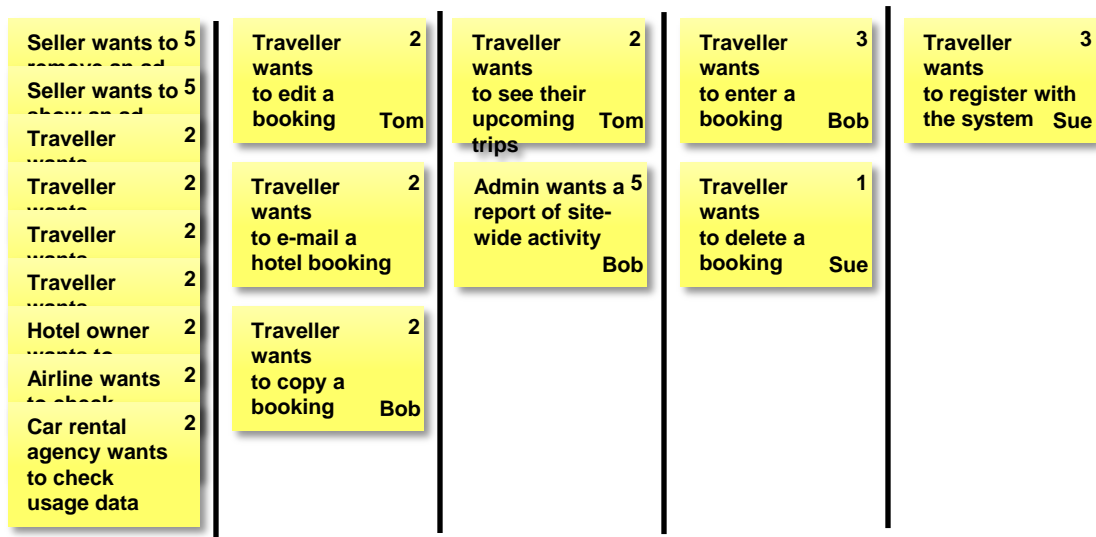


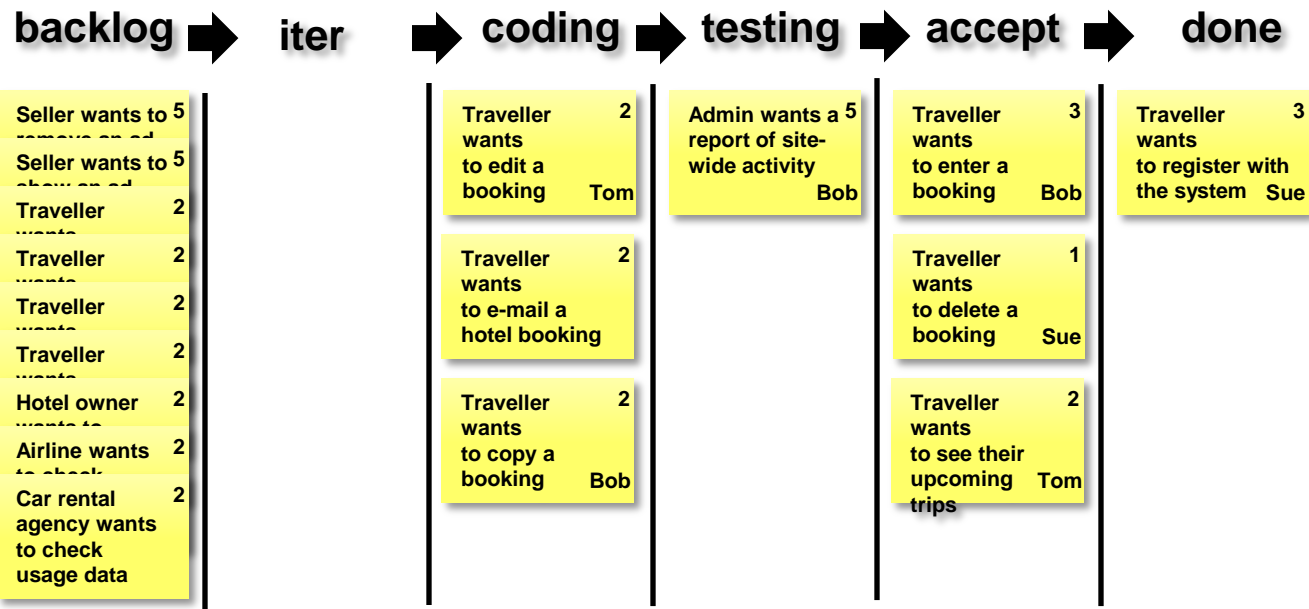
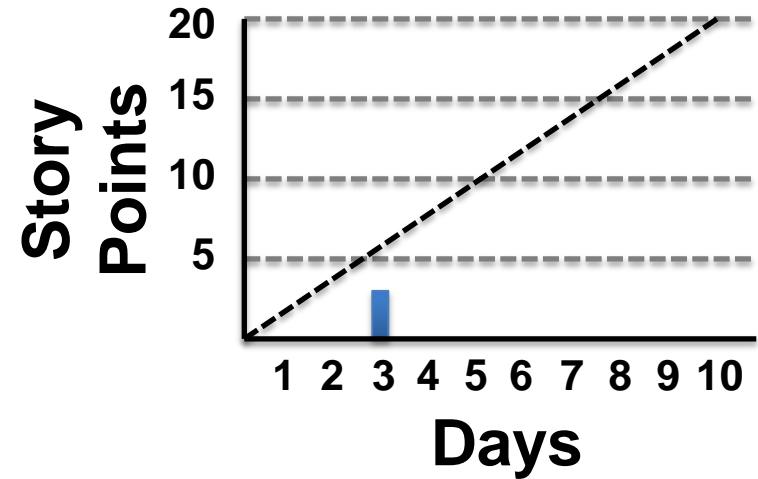
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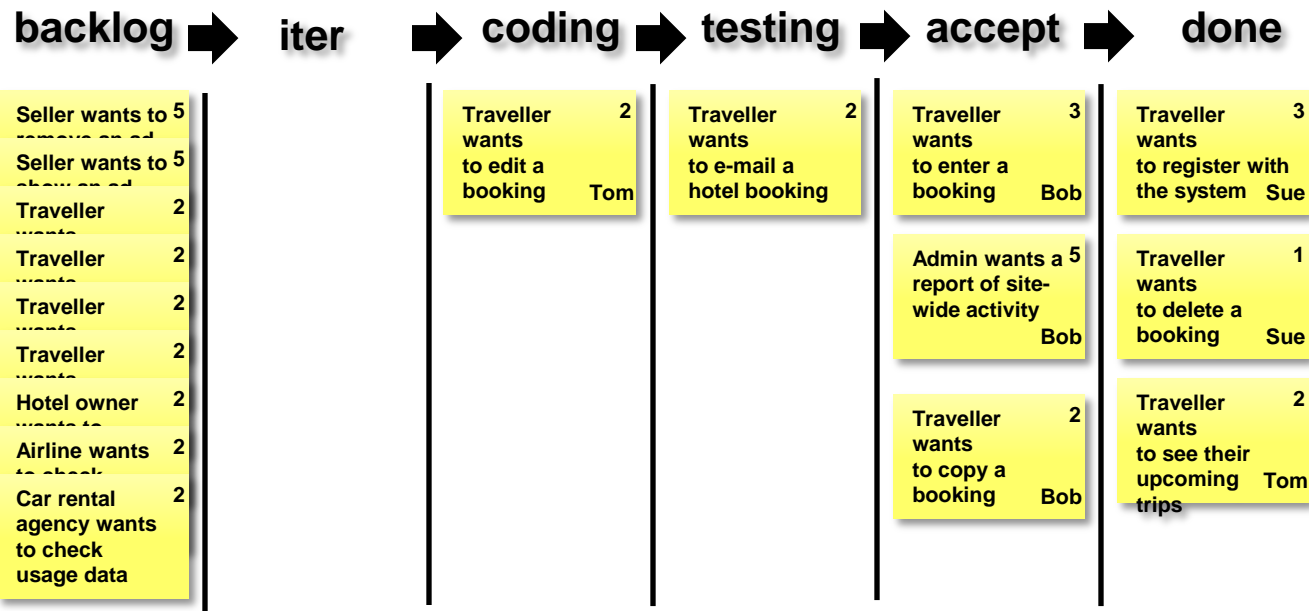
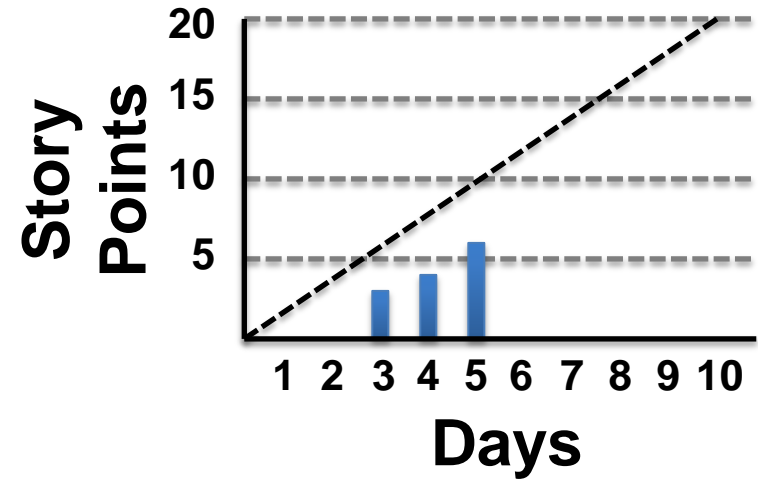


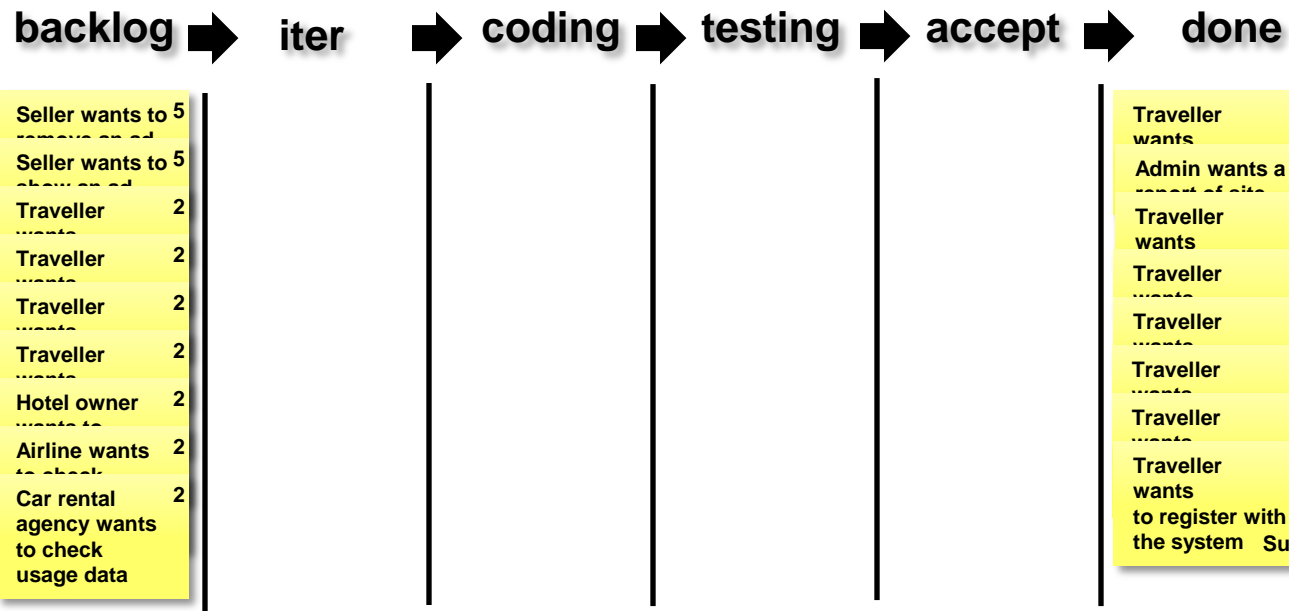
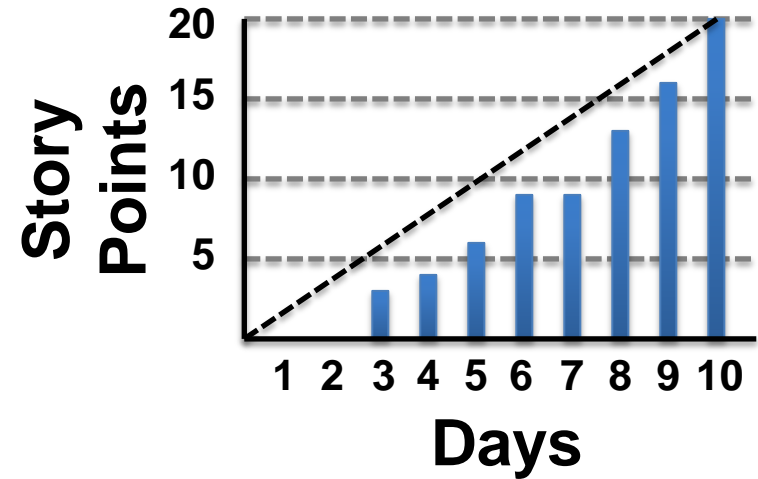


backlog → iter → coding → testing → accept → done









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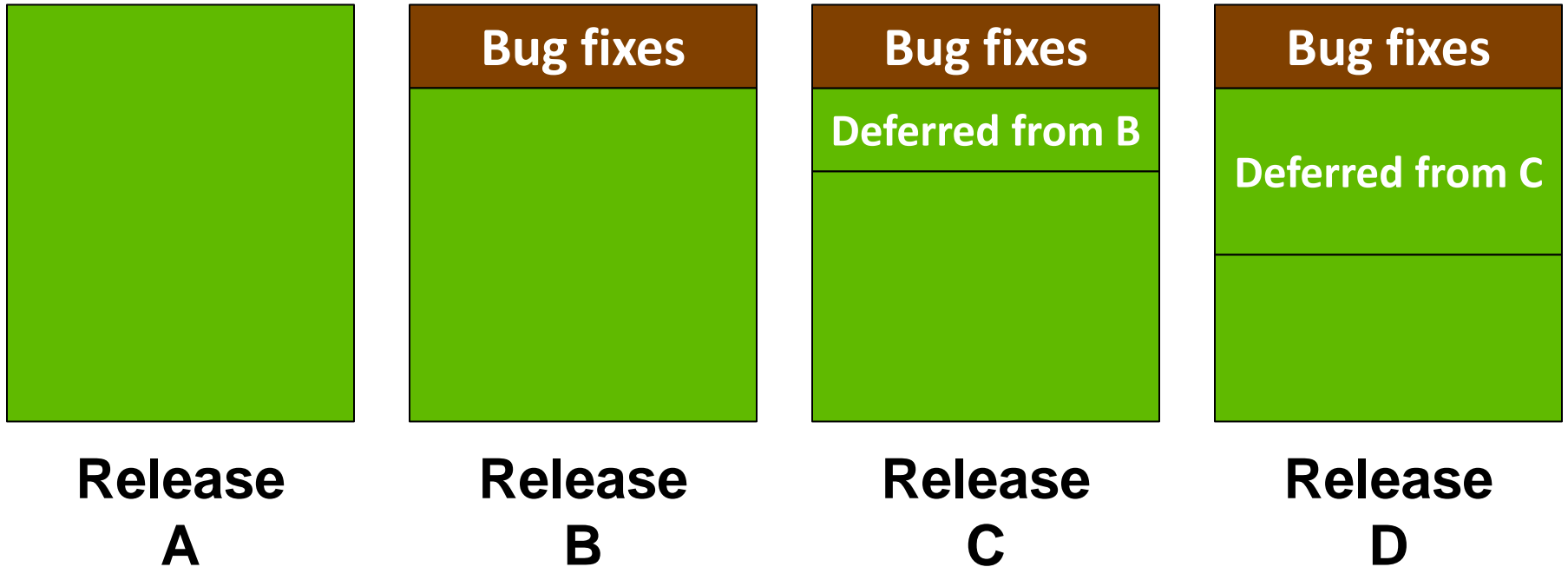


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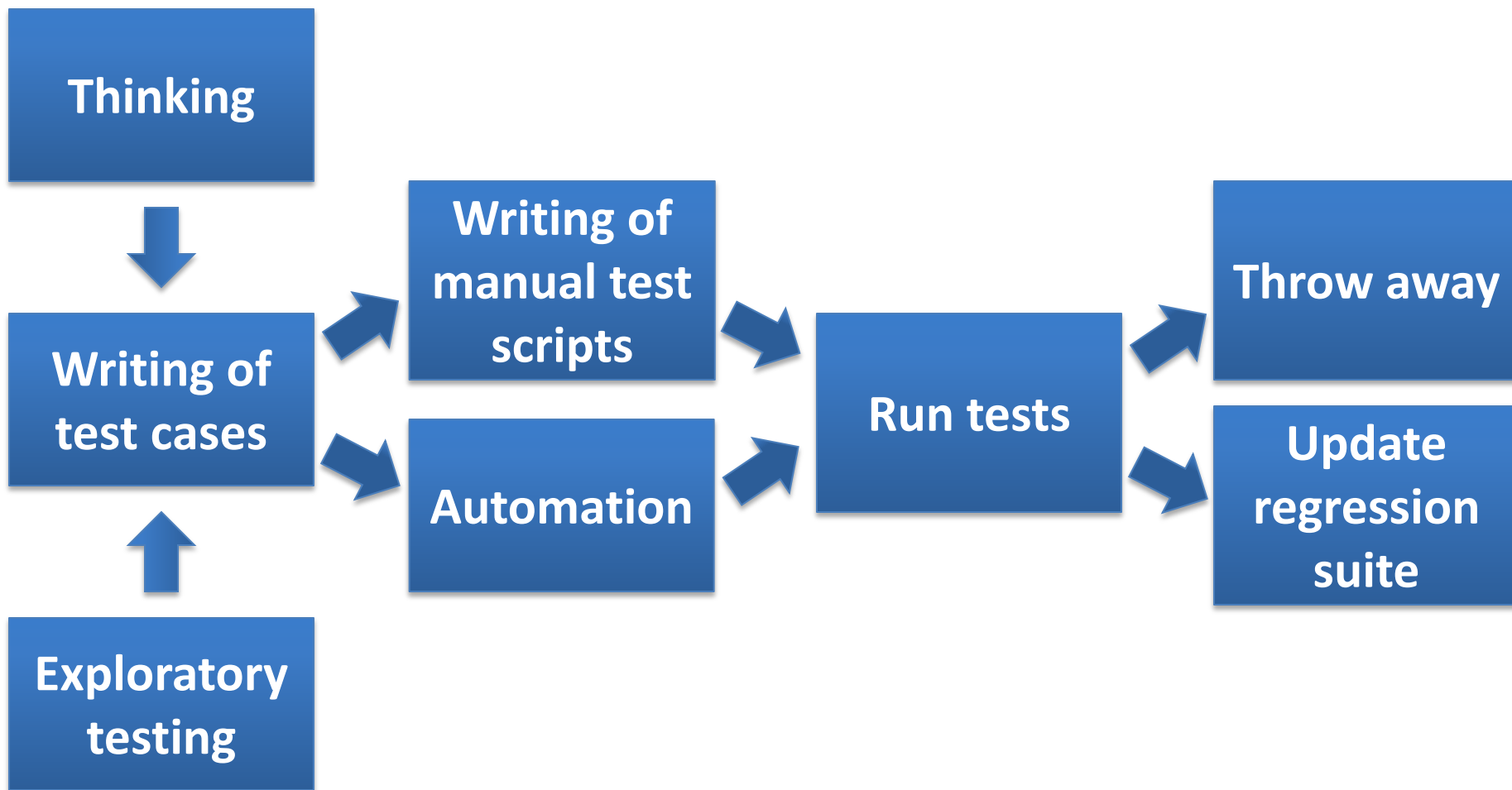


Bugs are *NOT* OK

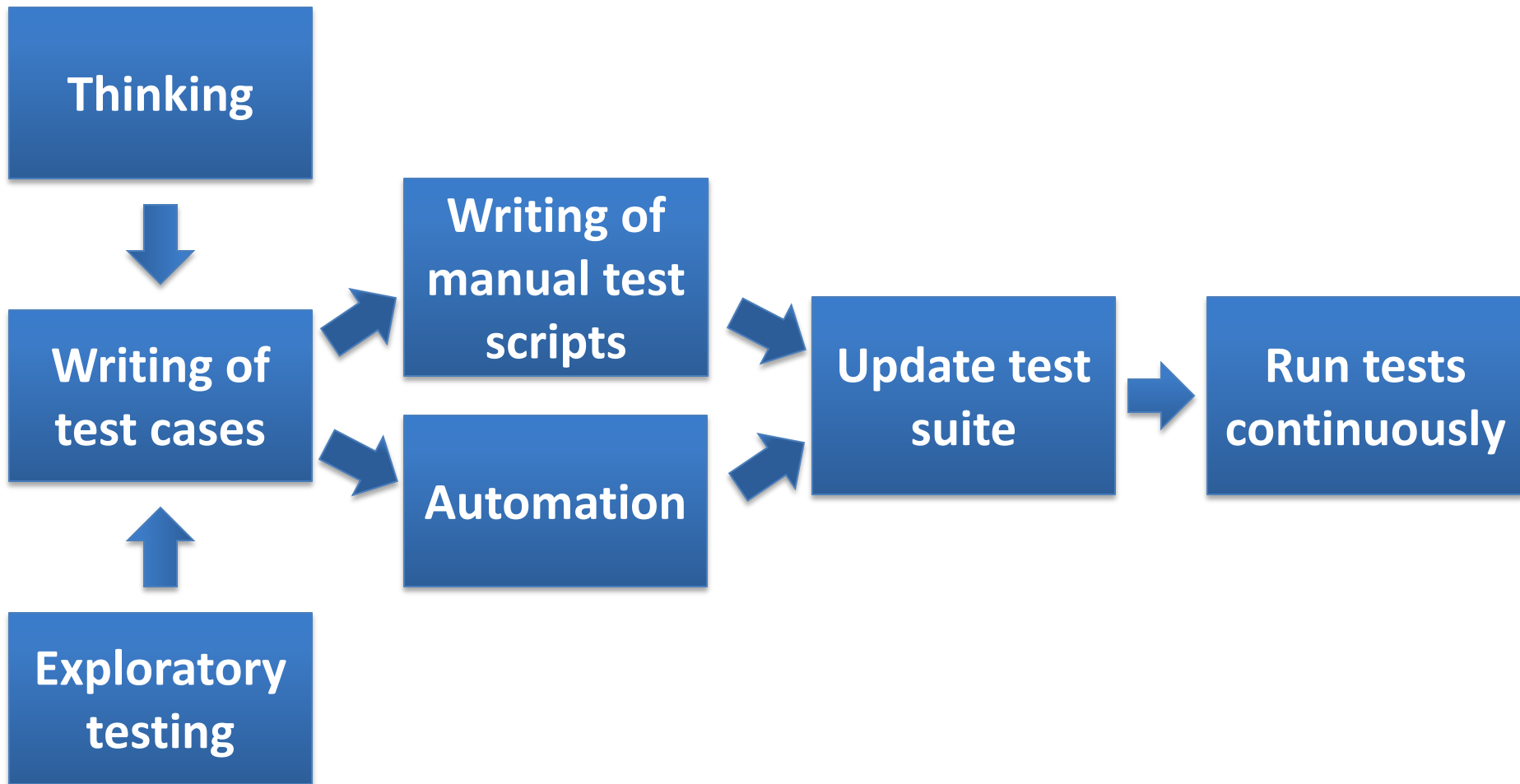
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Typical Test Cycle



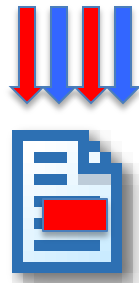
Moving away from concept of “regression” testing



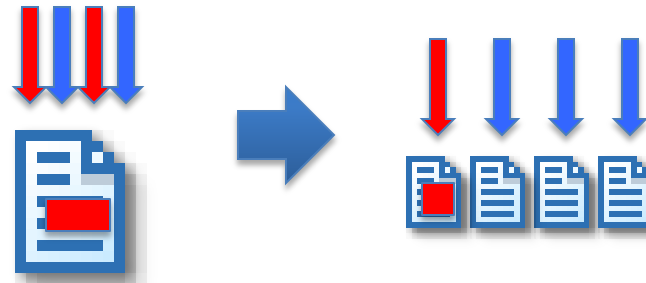
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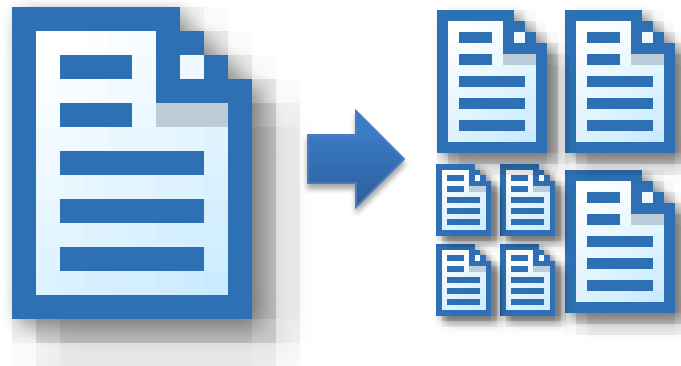


Refactor



- Open/Closed pattern from OO programming

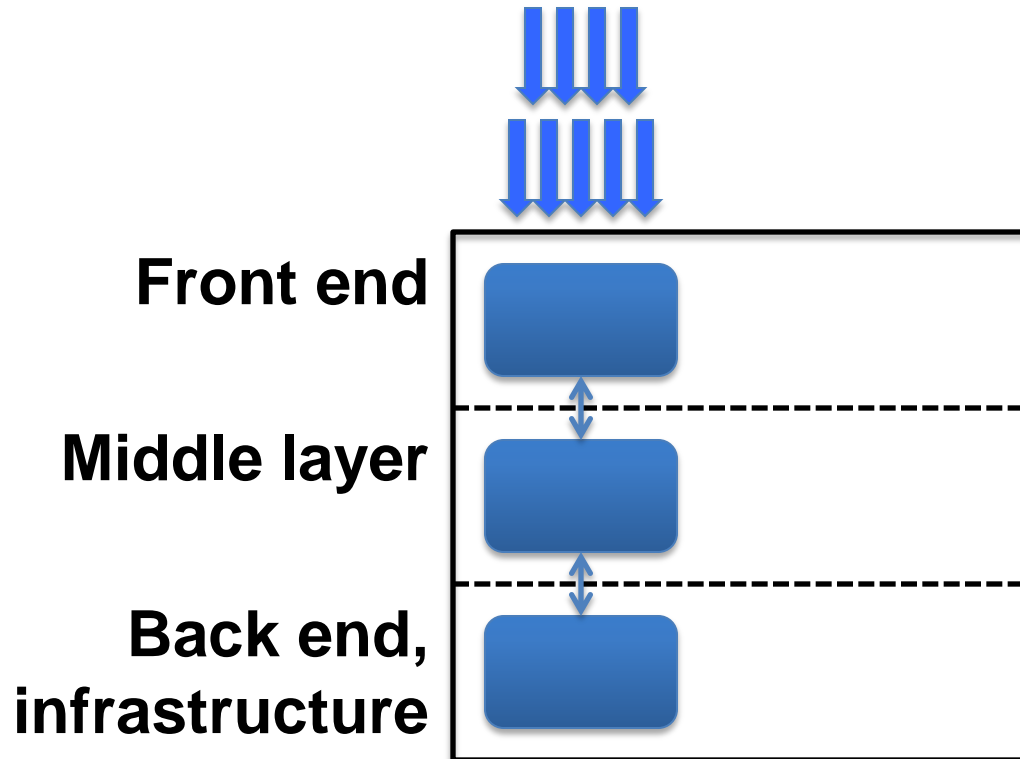
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- Time spent writing unit tests and refactoring replaces time spent debugging and manual testing

Holistic testing

9 UI test cases



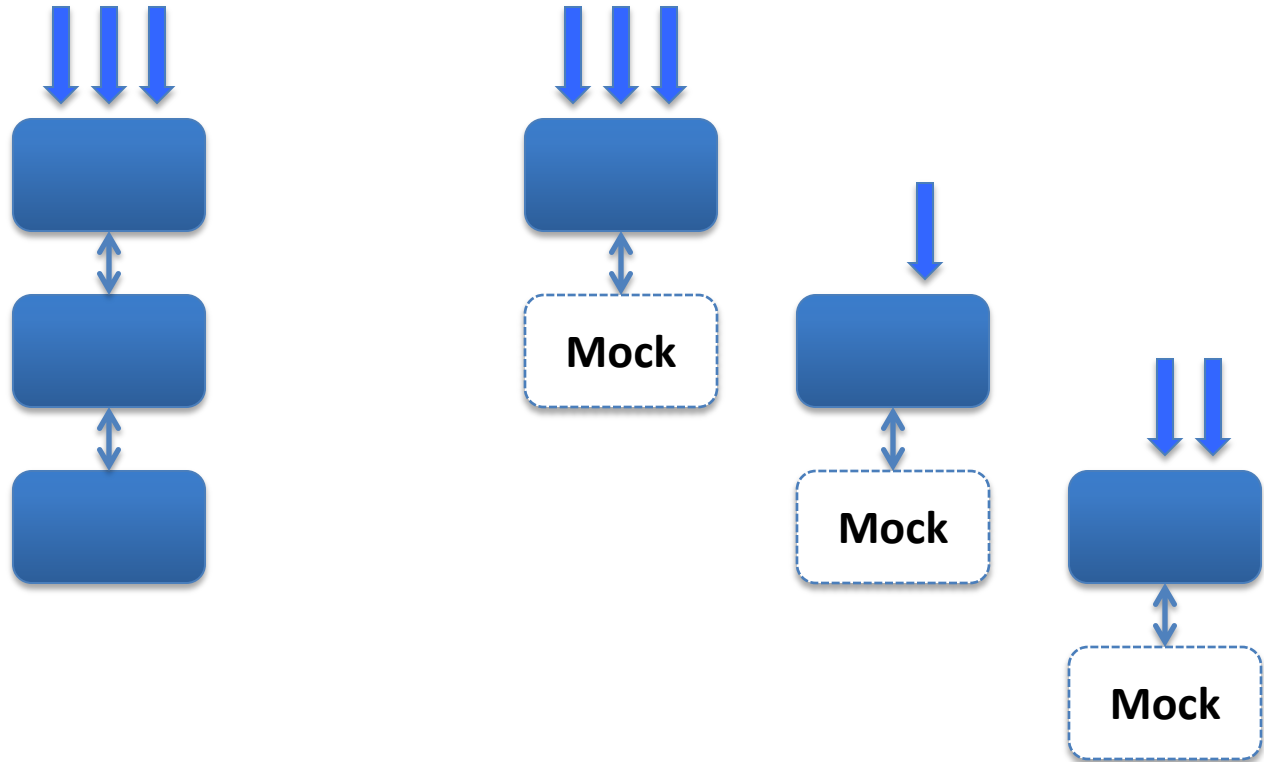
Holistic Testing

9 total test cases

Front end
(QTP+Unit)

Middle layer
(SoapUI+Unit)

Back end,
infrastructure
(Unit+others)



Unit Test Opportunities

- UI code
- Services
- Middle tier code
- Server code
- Database: triggers, stored procedures
- Deployment activities

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Test Driven Development

- Programmers write unit tests prior to coding
- If you can't write a test, you aren't ready to code
- Writing tests first will change how you write code
- Writing tests after you have written the code is “too late”
- Writing test cases (not test scripts) prior to writing should also be considered

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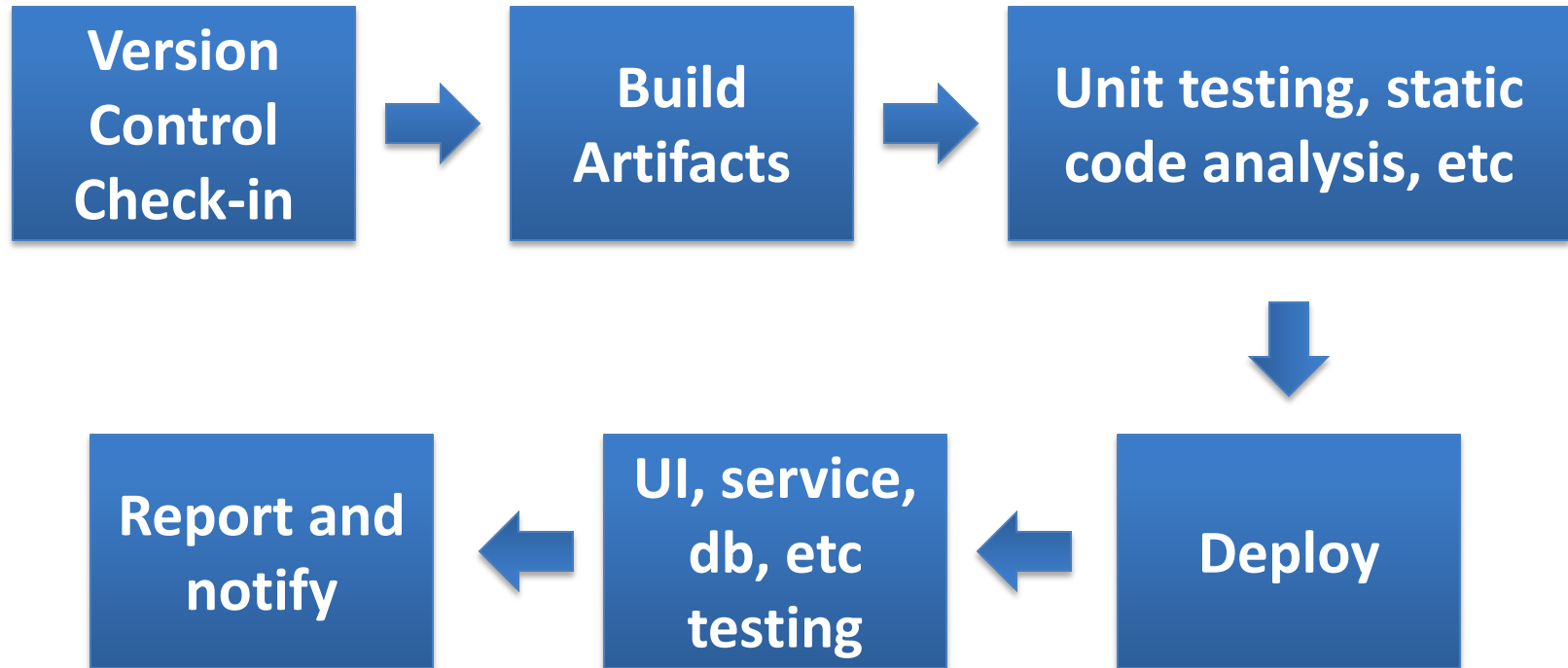
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All Tests Run All the Time

- Reduces the risk of making a change
- Reduced risk enables moving quicker
- Problems are found sooner

Continuous Integration



betterCode = unitTesting + refactoring + CI;



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