

Design of Software Systems (Ontwerp van SoftwareSystemen)

6 Development Processes

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Software Process

- Set of activities that leads to the production of a software product
 - lots of processes exist
 - share some fundamental activities

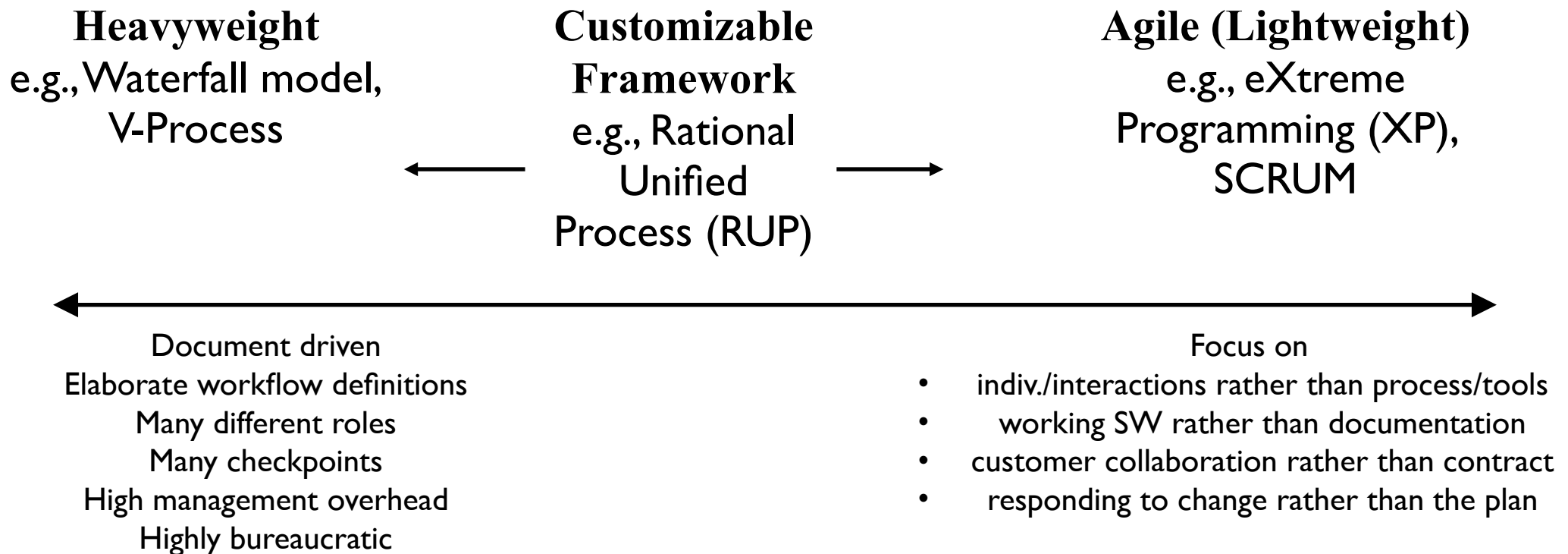
Development Phases

Testing	Validate the solution against the requirements
Analysis	Model and specify the requirements (“what”)
Maintenance	Repair defects and adapt the solution to new requirements
Implementation	Construct a solution in software
Requirements Collection	Establish customer’s needs
Design	Model and specify a solution (“how”)

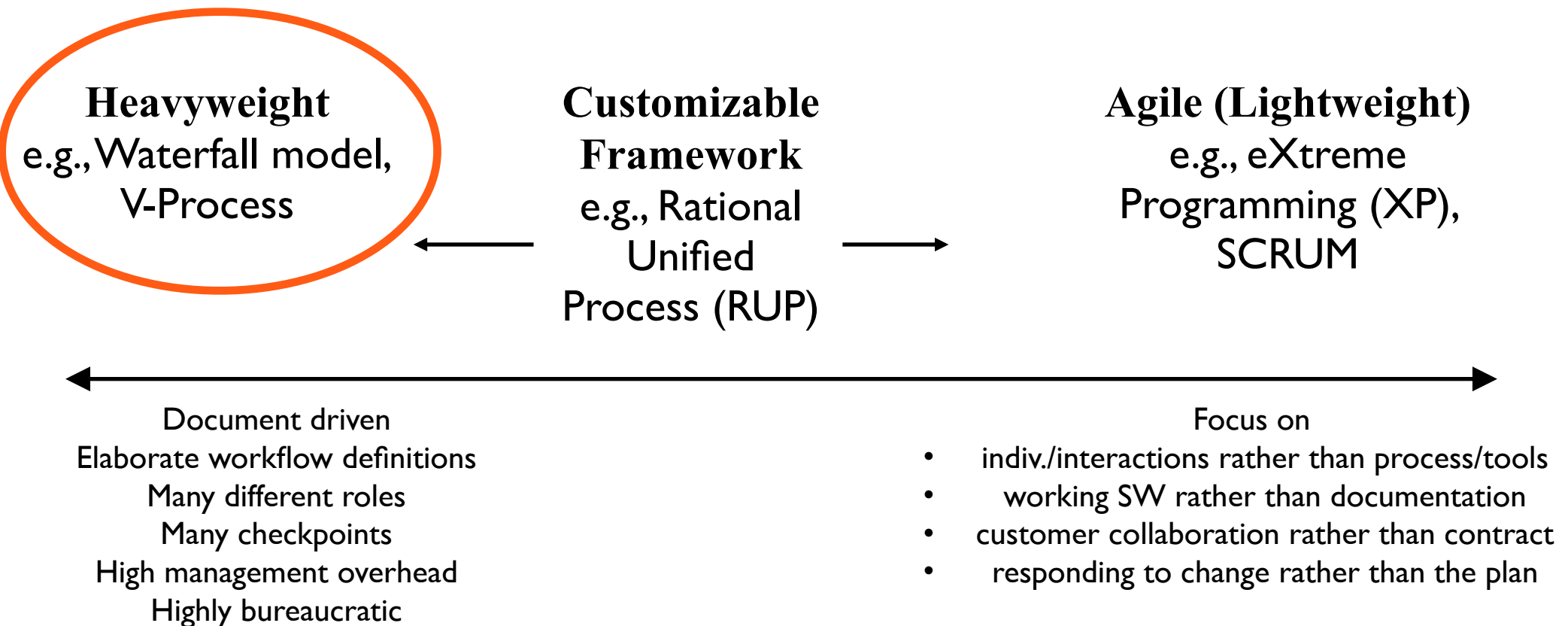
Software Development Process

- A software development methodology is
 - a set of partially ordered steps
 - to build, deploy, maintain, ... software
- Examples:
 - Waterfall
 - Spiral
 - XP (eXtreme Programming)
 - UP (Unified Process)
 - RUP (Rational Unified Process)
 - Agile UP

Lightweight vs. Heavyweight Processes

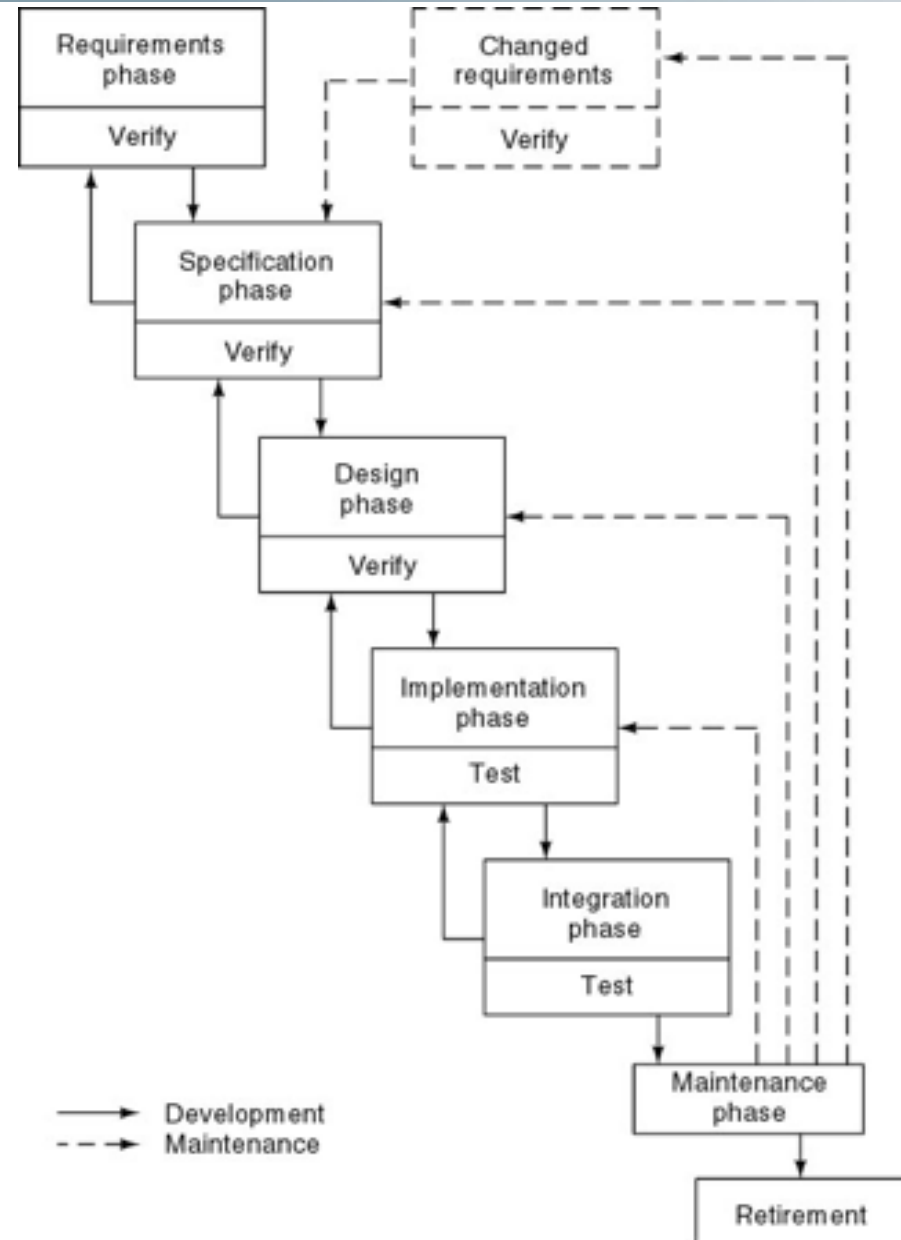


Lightweight vs. Heavyweight Processes

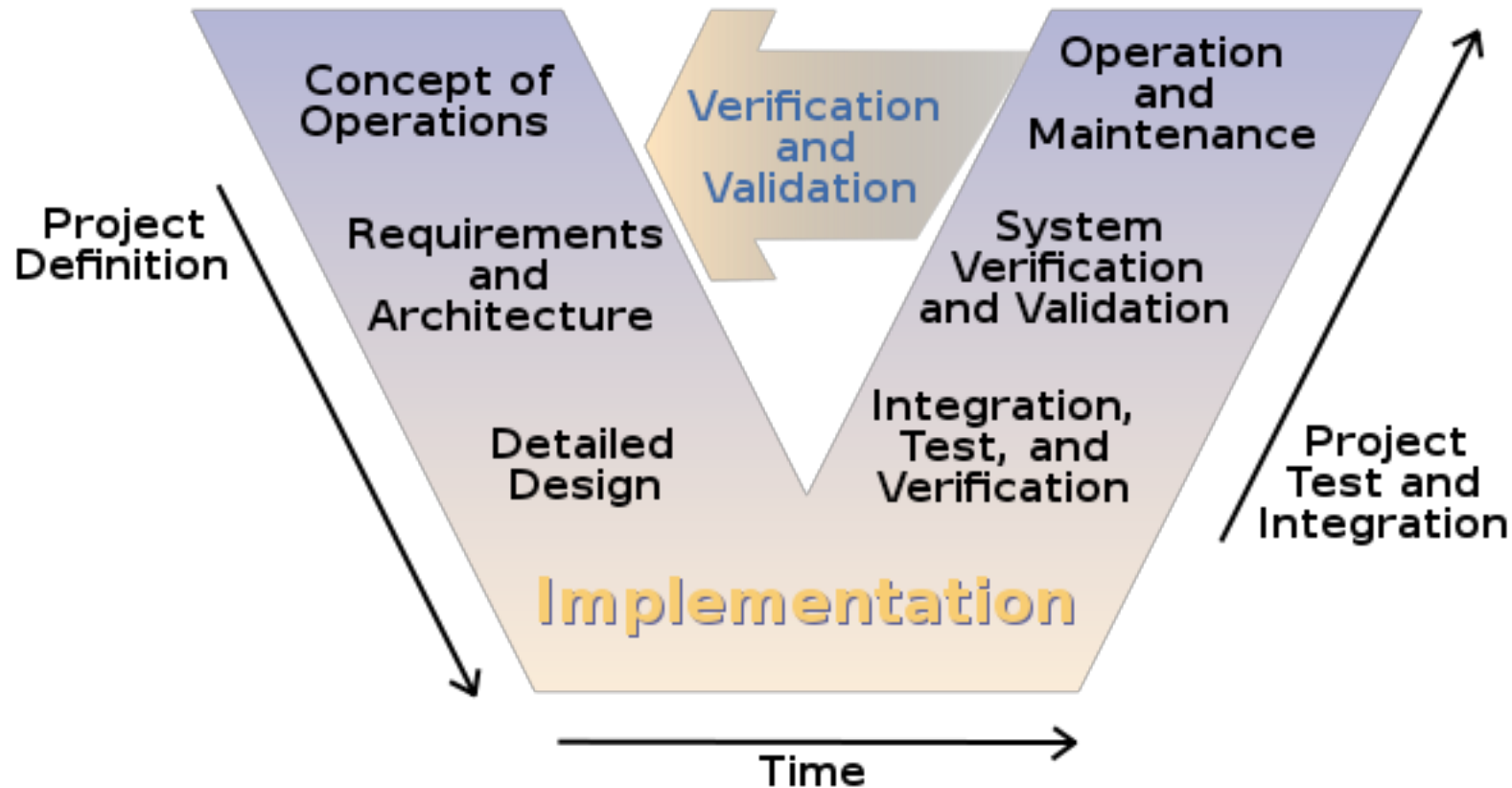


Waterfall Model

- Characterized by
 - Sequential steps (phases)
 - Feedback loops (between two phases in development)
 - Documentation-driven
- Advantages
 - Documentation
 - Maintenance easier
- Disadvantages
 - Complete and frozen specification document upfront often not feasible in practice
 - Customer involvement in the first phase only
 - Sequential and complete execution of phases often not desirable
 - Process difficult to control
 - The product becomes available very late in the process

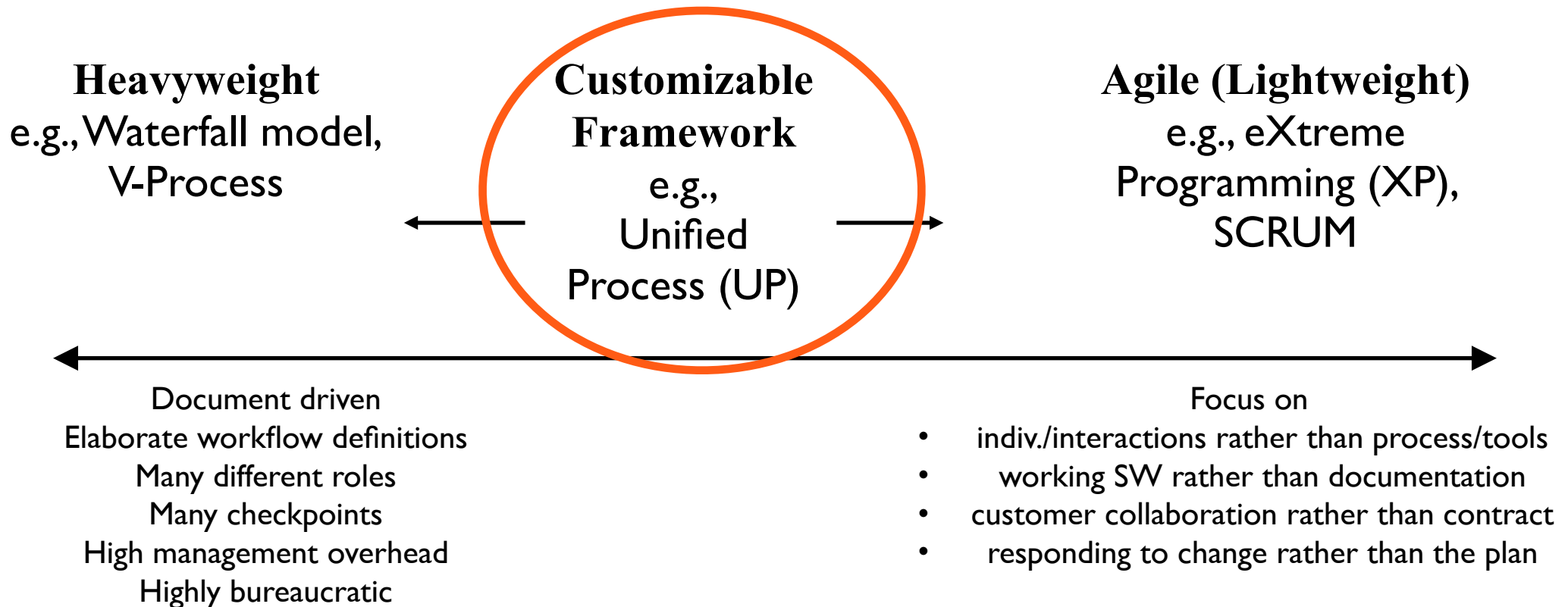


V-Model



- Like the Waterfall model, it is a linear model that is very rigid
 - Requirements are expected not to change
 - Due to the V-shape, the first tests are the implementation tests
- Unlike the waterfall model, every integration is tested

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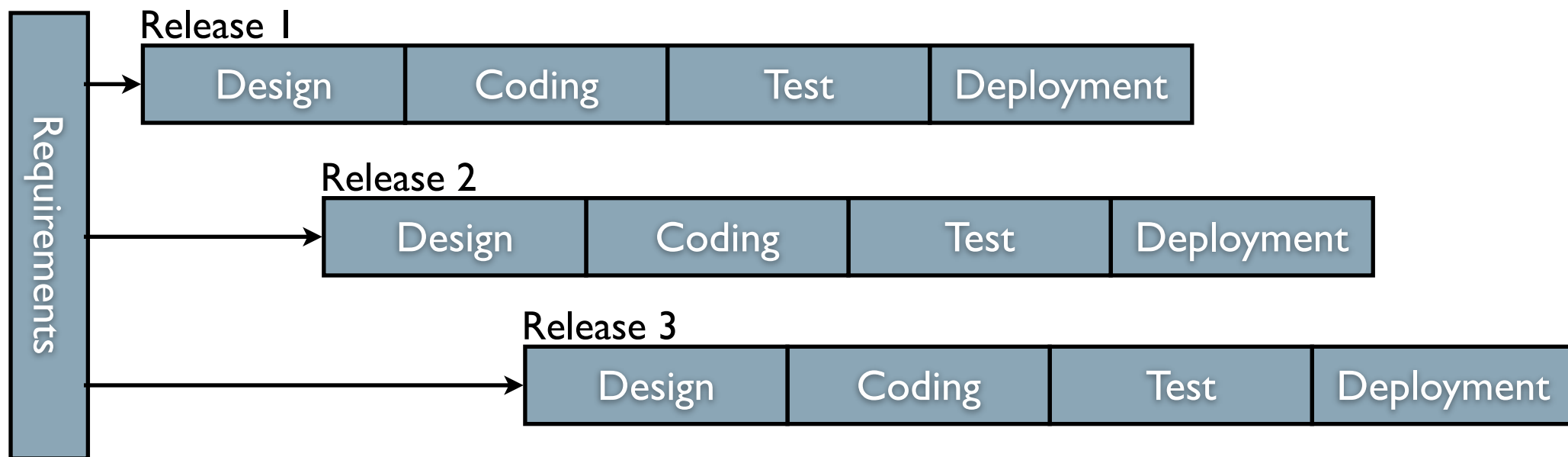


UP: Iterative and Incremental development

- iterative & incremental development: embracing change
 - Essential for SW Development
- (“No Silver Bullet”, Brooks, 1987)
- iterative models: can be iterative w.r.t. value and/or requirements

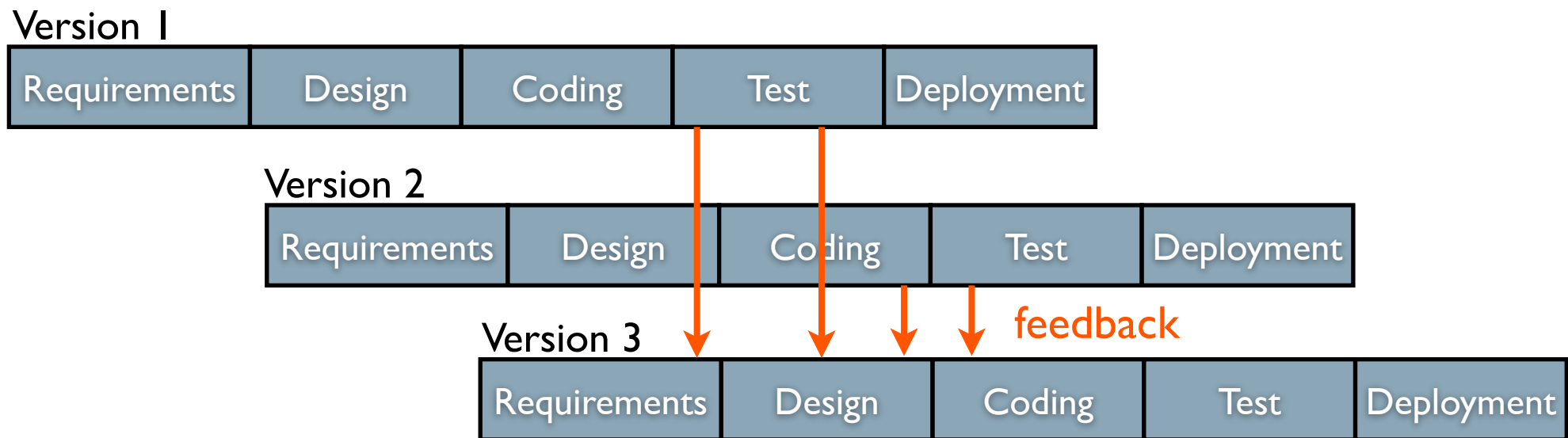
Iterative Development (a.k.a. incremental models)

- More functionality with each release (new increment)
 - Operational quality portion of product within weeks
- Non-incremental models (e.g. Waterfall)
 - Operational quality complete product at end



Incremental development (a.k.a. Evolutionary Models)

- New versions implement new and evolving requirements



UP is Use-Case-Driven

- Use cases are concise, simple, and understandable by a wide range of stakeholders
 - End users, developers and acquirers understand functional requirements of the system
- Use cases drive numerous activities in the process:
 - Creation and validation of the design model
 - Definition of test cases and procedures of the test model
 - Planning of iterations
 - Creation of user documentation
 - System deployment
- Use cases help synchronize the content of different models

UP's 4 Project Life Cycle Phases



- Inception

- Approximate vision
- Business case
- Scope
- Vague estimates
- Continue or stop?

- Elaboration

- Identification of most requirements
- Iterative implementation of the core architecture
- resolution of high risks

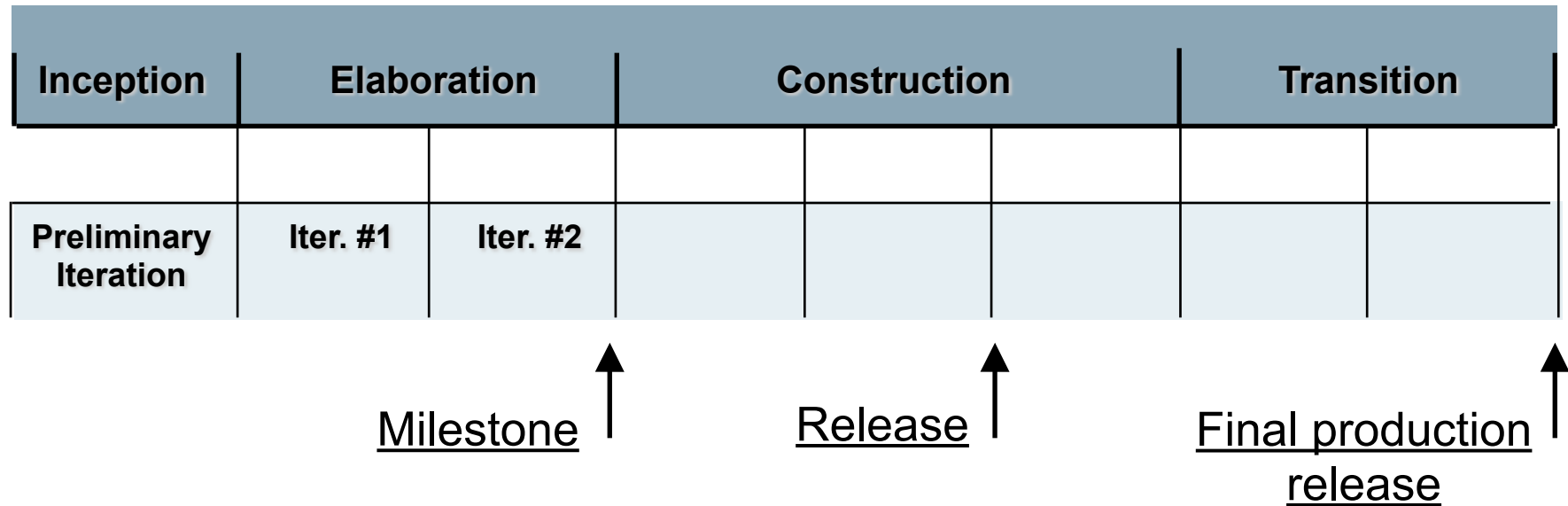
- Construction

- Iterative implementation of lower risk elements
- Preparation for deployment

- Transition

- Beta tests
- Deployment

Iterations and Milestones



- each phase concludes with a well-defined milestone.
- phases consist of one or more iterations
 - short fixed-length mini-projects (2 to 6 weeks)
 - shift tasks to future iterations if necessary ...
 - an iteration represents a complete development cycle
 - outcome of each iteration: a tested, integrated and executable system

The UP Disciplines

Process Disciplines

Business Modeling

Requirements

Analysis & Design

Implementation

Test

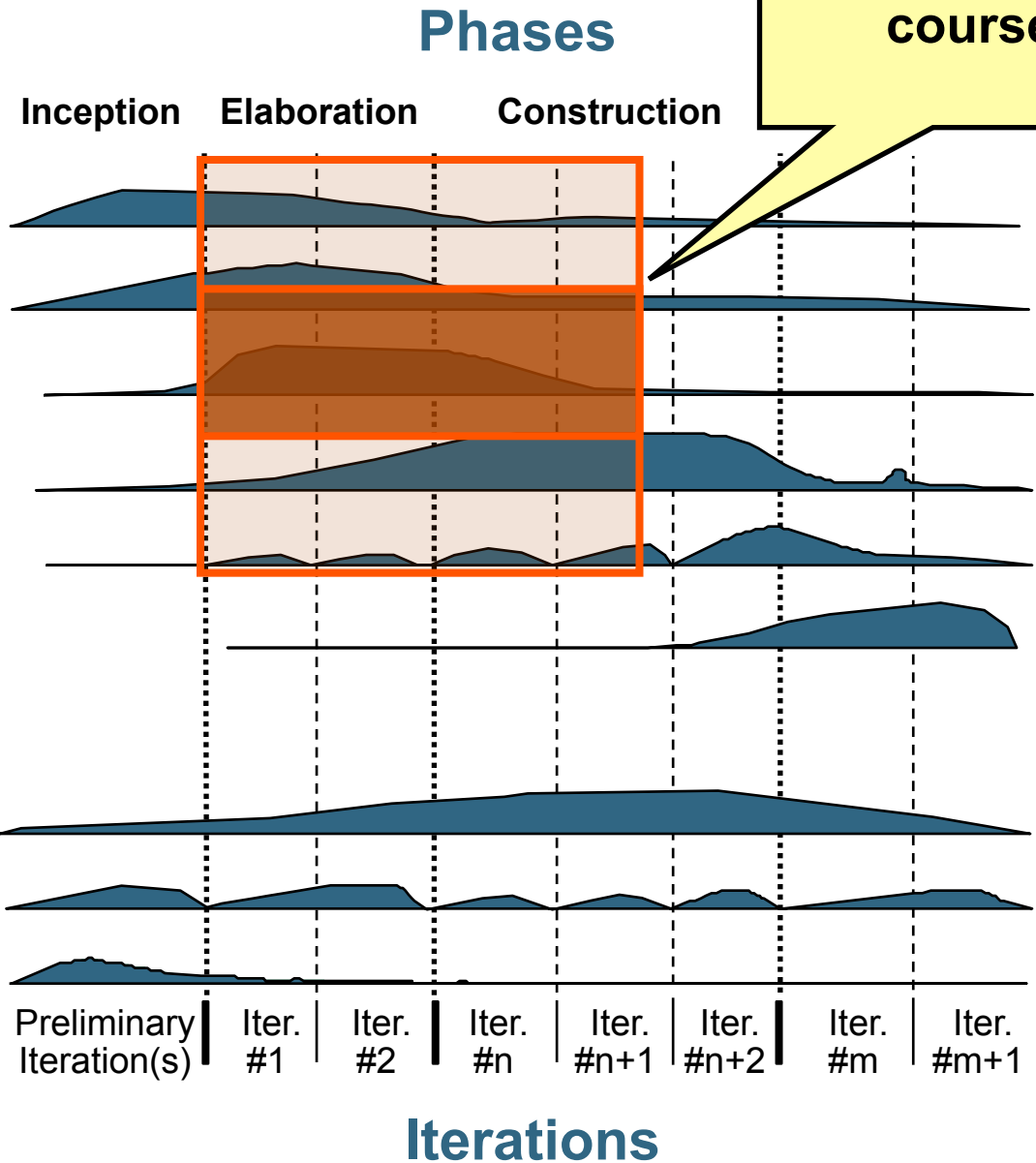
Deployment

Supporting Disciplines

Configuration & Change Mgmt

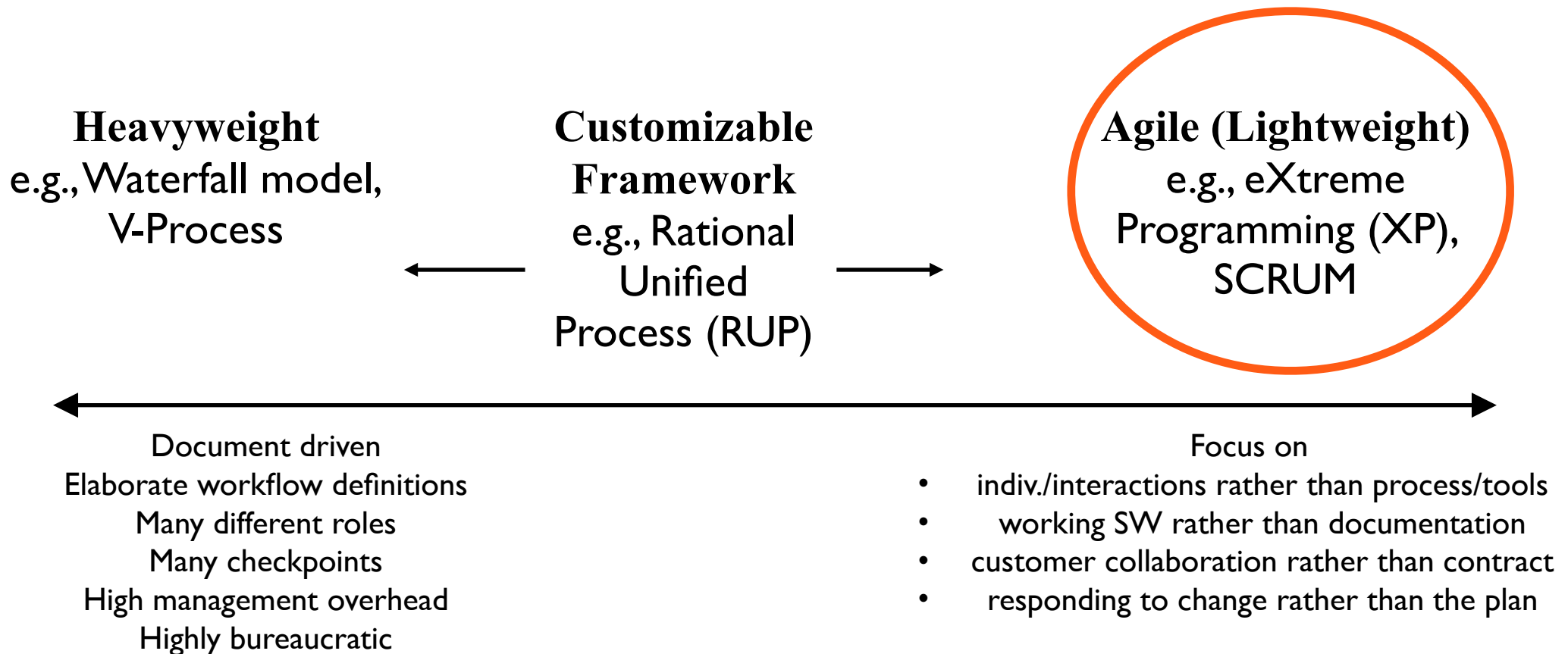
Project Management

Environment



- Advantages
 - Incremental & Iterative
 - Sits in between heavyweight and agile processes
 - best of both worlds ?
 - Customizable
- Potential pitfalls
 - Use Cases do not model all requirements
 - Hard to make really lightweight, even when customized
 - Quite some documentation and process remains

Lightweight vs. Heavyweight Processes



- Group of iterative and incremental software methodologies

The Agile Manifesto

We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:

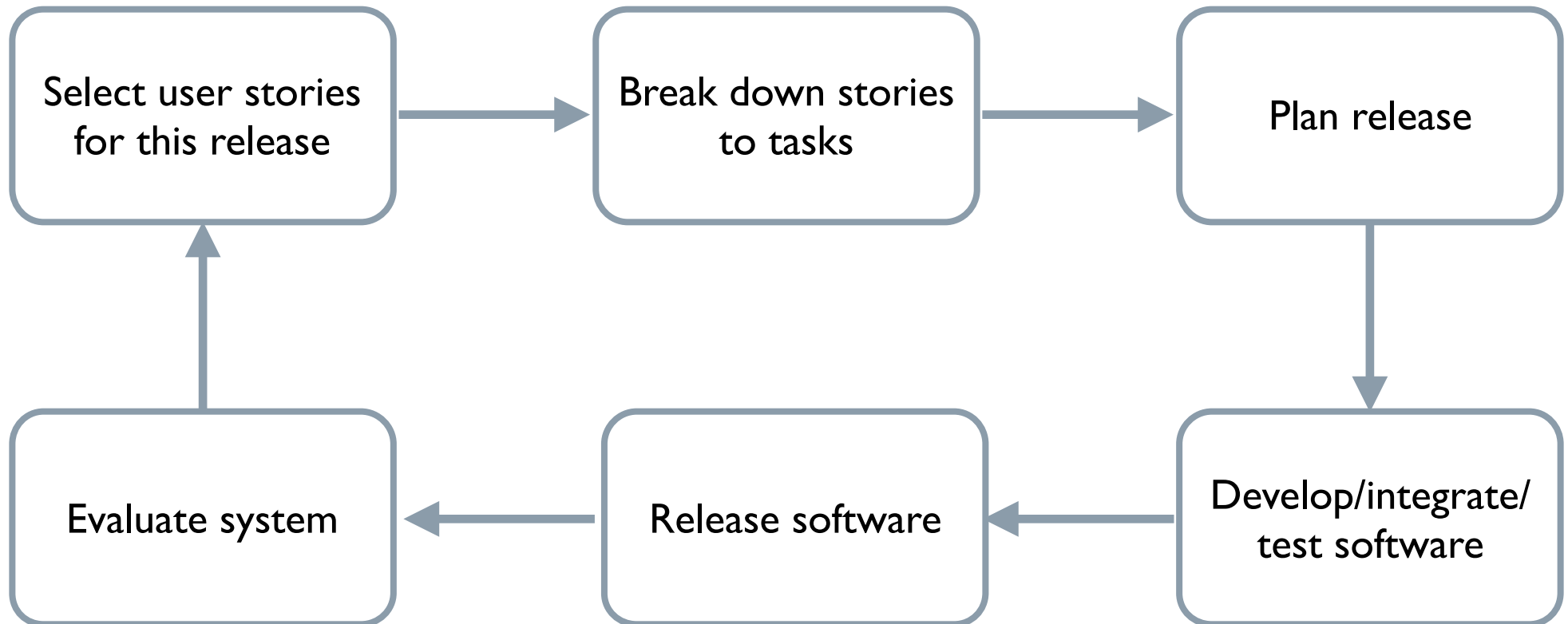
Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
Working software over comprehensive documentation
Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
Responding to change over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

Extreme Programming (XP)

- Point of XP: coping with change and uncertainty
- Based on number of practices:
 - small, frequent releases of the system
 - full-time engagement of customer
 - pair programming, collective ownership of the code, sustainable development
 - regular system releases, test-first development, continuous integration
 - constant refactoring, simplest thing that can work

The XP Release Cycle



Source: Sommerville: Software Engineering, 8th edition, 2007

Driving Metaphor

- Driving a car is not about pointing the car in one direction and holding to it; driving is about making **lots of little course corrections.**

“Do the simplest thing that could possibly work”

Customer-Developer Relationships

- A well-known experience: The customer and the developer sit in a boat in the ocean and are afraid of each other

Customer fears	Developer fears
They won't get what they asked for	They won't be given clear definitions of what needs to be done
They must surrender the control of their careers to techies who don't care	They will be given responsibility without authority
They'll pay too much for too little	They will be told to do things that don't make sense
They won't know what is going on (the plans they see will be fairy tales)	They'll have to sacrifice quality for deadlines

- Result: a lot of energy goes into protective measures and politics instead of success

The Customer Bill of Rights

You have the right to an overall plan	To steer a project, you need to know what can be accomplished within time and budget
You have the right to get the most possible value out of every programming week	The most valuable things are worked on first.
You have the right to see progress in a running system.	Only a running system can give exact information about project state
You have the right to change your mind, to substitute functionality and to change priorities without exorbitant costs.	Market and business requirements change. We have to allow change.
You have the right to be informed about schedule changes, in time to choose how to reduce the scope to restore the original date.	XP works to be sure everyone knows just what is really happening.

The Developer Bill of Rights

You have the right to know what is needed, with clear declarations of priority.	Tight communication with the customer. Customer directs by value.
You have the right to produce quality work all the time.	Unit Tests and Refactoring help to keep the code clean
You have the right to ask for and receive help from peers, managers, and customers	No one can ever refuse help to a team member
You have the right to make and update your own estimates.	Programmers know best how long it is going to take them
You have the right to accept your responsibilities instead having them assigned to you	We work most effectively when we have accepted our responsibilities instead of having them thrust upon us

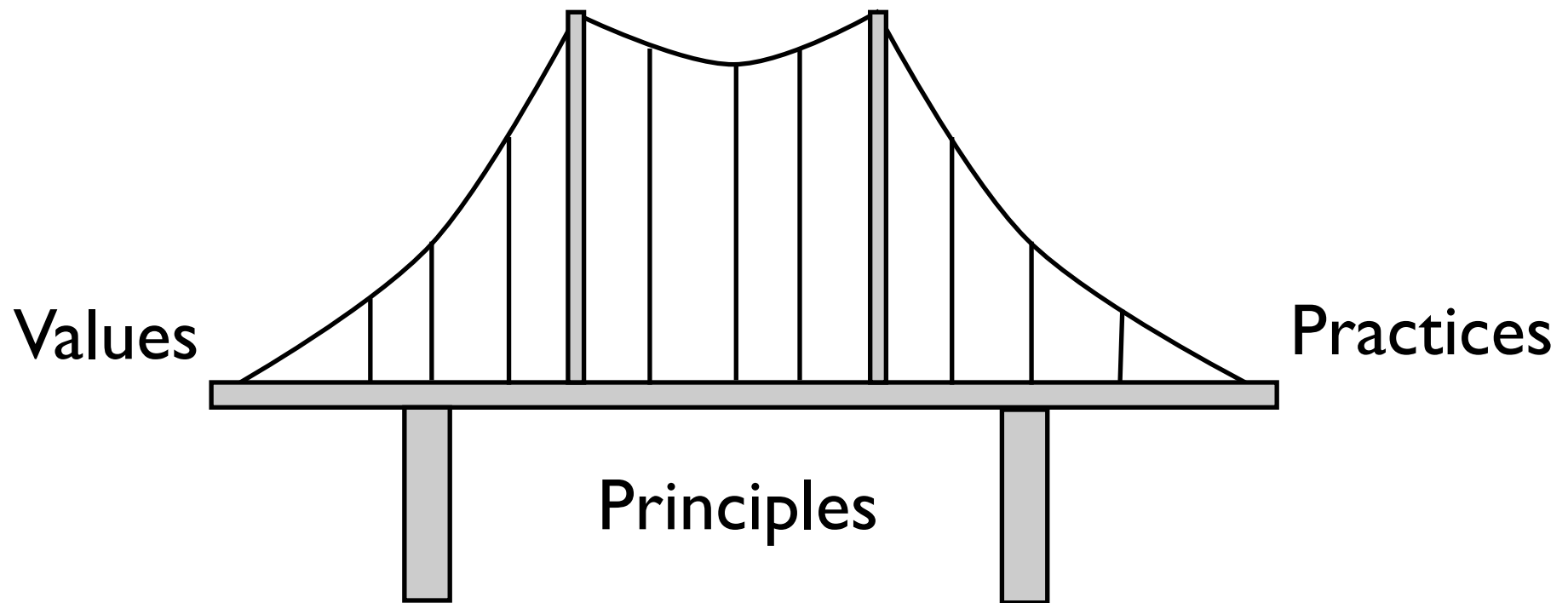
Separation of Roles

- Customer makes business decisions
- Developers make technical decisions

Business Decisions	Technical Decisions
Scope	Estimates
Dates of the releases	Dates within an iteration
Priority	Team velocity
	Warnings about technical risks

- The Customer owns “what you get” while the Developers own “what it costs”.

Describing XP



Basic XP Values

- **Communication**
 - communicate problems&solutions, teamwork
- **Simplicity**
 - eliminate wasted complexity
- **Feedback**
 - change creates the need for feedback
- **Courage**
 - effective action in the face of fear
- **Respect**
 - care about you, the team, and the project

Principles

- Humanity, Economics, Mutual Benefit, Self-Similarity, Improvement, Diversity, Reflection, Flow, Opportunity, Redudancy, Failure, Quality, Baby Steps, Accepted Responsibility
- Will not detail them -- they govern what the practices tend to accomplish
- So, on to the practices!

Primary Practices

- Sit Together
- Whole Team
- Informative Workspace
- Energized Work
- Pair Programming
- Stories
- Weekly Cycle
- Quarterly Cycle
- Slack
- Ten Minute Build
- Continuous Integration
- Test-First Programming
- Incremental Design

Stories

- plan using units of customer-visible functionality

name

estimate

Save with compression 8 hrs

Currently the compression options are in a dialog subsequent to the save dialog. Make them part of the save dialog itself

index card

short description

Another example

173. Students can purchase parking passes.

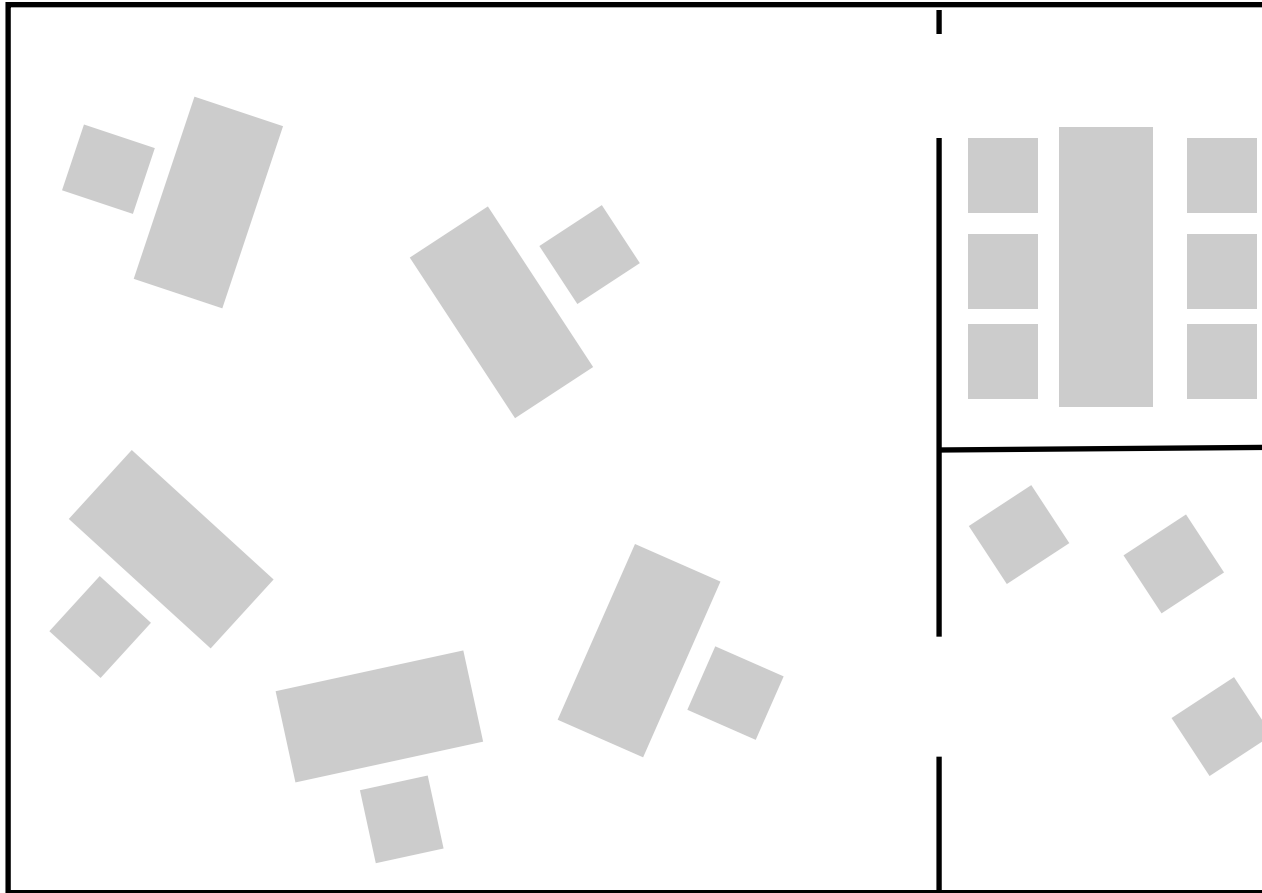
Priority: 8
Estimate: 4

7 more User Stories

- Students can purchase monthly parking passes online.
- Parking passes can be paid via credit cards.
- Parking passes can be paid via PayPal TM.
- Professors can input student marks.
- Students can obtain their current seminar schedule.
- Students can only enroll in seminars for which they have prerequisites.
- Transcripts will be available online via a standard browser.

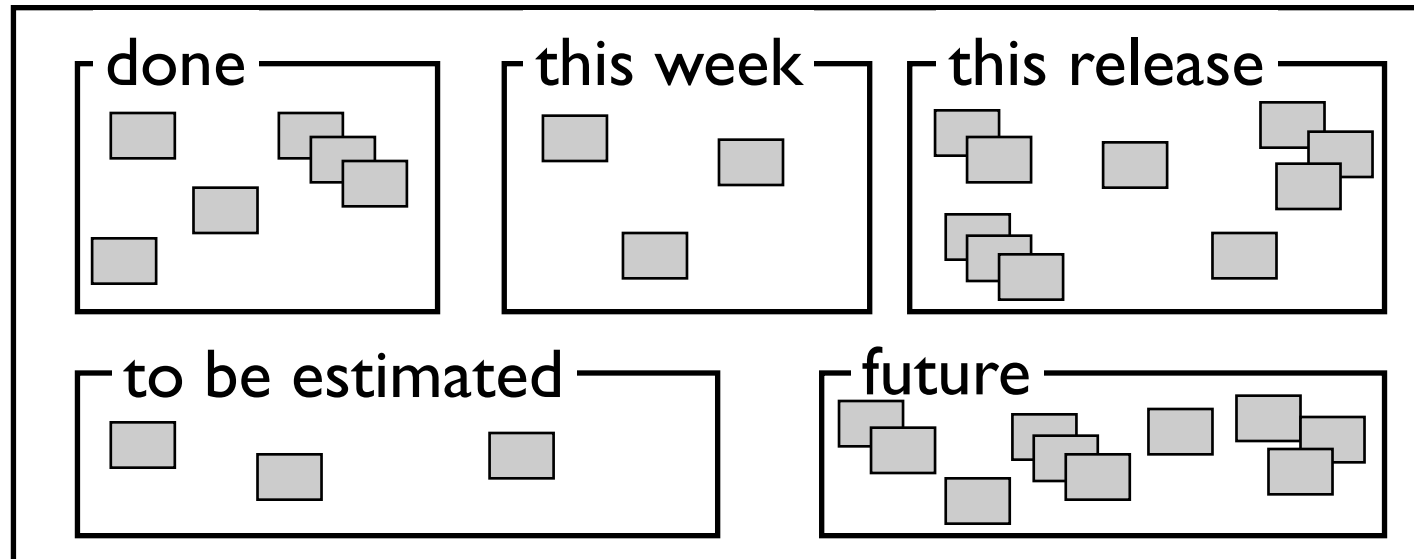
Sit Together

- Develop in an open space big enough for the team



Informative Workspace

- Workspace = about your work
 - 15 seconds to convey how project is going
 - shows important, active information
 - drinks & snacks available, and clean



Pair Programming

- Write all production programs with two people sitting at one machine
 - make enough room, move keyboard and mouse
- Pair programmers:
 - keep each other on task
 - brainstorm refinements to the system
 - clarify ideas
 - take initiative when partner is stuck (less frustration)
 - hold each other accountable to practices

Pair programming and privacy

- Sometimes you might need some privacy
 - then go work alone
 - come back with the idea (NOT the code)
 - quickly reimplemented with two
 - benefits the whole team, not you alone

Pair Programming

- Rotate pairs frequently
 - every couple of hours, at natural breaks in development
 - with a timer, every 60 minutes (or 30 minutes for difficult problems)

Pair Programming and Personal Space

- Not everybody likes to sit close!
- Observe personal hygiene and health
- Sexual feelings are not in best interest of the team
 - even when mutual
- When uncomfortable pairing with somebody, talk about it with someone safe
 - chances are that you are not the only one
 - everybody needs to feel comfortable

Weekly Cycle

- Plan work one week at a time.
- Do this on a meeting at the begin of each week
 1. Review progress.
 2. Let customers pick a week's worth of stories to implement this week.
 3. Break the stories into tasks. Team members sign up for tasks and estimate them.
- Start writing tests that will run when the stories are completed

Ten-Minute Build

- Automatically build the whole system and run all of the tests in ten minutes
 - longer: will not be used (and errors result)
 - shorter: not enough time to drink coffee
- Note: if it takes longer than 10 minutes:
 - maybe only rebuild changed part or test changes
 - But: introduces errors. Only do this when necessary
- Lowers stress: “Did we make a mistake? Let’s see.”

Continuous Integration

- Team Programming = Divide, Conquer, *Integrate*
- Integrate and test changes after no more than a couple of hours
 - integration typically takes long
 - when done at the end, risks the whole project when integration problems are discovered
 - the longer you wait, the more it costs and the more unpredictable it becomes

Using Continuous Integration

- Synchronous

- After a task is finished, you integrate and run the tests
- Immediate feedback for you and your partner

- Asynchronous

- After submitting changes, the build system notices something new, builds and tests the system, and gives feedback by mail, notification, etc.
- Feedback typically comes when a new task is started
- Pair programmers might have been switched already

Test-first Programming

- Write a failing automated test before changing code
- Addresses many problems:
 - Scope creep: focus coding by what the code should do, not on the “just in case” code
 - Coupling and cohesion: If it’s hard to write a test, there is a design problem (not a testing problem)
 - Trust: clean working code + automated tests
 - Rhythm: gives focus on what to do next
 - efficient rhythm: test, code, refactor, test, ...

Incremental Design

- Invest in the design of the system every day. Strive to the design of the system an excellent fit for the needs of the system that day
 - Completely opposite to lots of other practices
 - Waterfall and similar approaches
- Can work with XP because of the other practices
 - Automated tests, continuous integration, ...
- Note: you *need* to invest in design!
 - not just implement story after story after story...

Corollary Practices

- Real Customer Involvement
- Incremental Deployment
- Team Continuity
- Shrinking teams
- Root-Cause Analysis
- Shared Code
- Code and Tests
- Single Code Base
- Daily Deployment
- Negotiated Scope Contract
- Pay-Per-Use

Stages in XP Project

- Initiation
 - User Stories
- Release Planning
- Release (each Release is typically 1 -6 months)
 - Iteration 1 (typically 1 -3 weeks)
 - Iteration 2
 - :
 - Iteration n

- Advantages
 - works well for small teams
 - low process overhead, lean & mean
- Potential pitfalls
 - no documented compromises of user conflicts
 - lack of an overall design specification or document
 - can be hard to fit in organizations/workflows

Conclusion

- A software development methodology is
 - a set of partially ordered steps
 - to build, deploy, maintain, ... software
- Many methodologies exist
 - each with trade-offs
 - pick the one according to your needs
 - project size
 - project partners
 - development team(s)
 - outside constraints (legislation, domain constraints, ...)

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