AGILE: YOU KEEP USING THAT WORD…

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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.

http://agilemanifesto.org
YOU KEEP USING THAT WORD
I DON'T THINK YOU KNOW WHAT IT MEANS
WHAT IS AGILE REALLY?

- Transparency
- Collaboration
- Rapid feedback
- Continuous improvement/Eliminating Waste
TRANSPARENCY
“A LACK OF TRANSPARENCY RESULTS IN DISTRUST AND A DEEP SENSE OF INSECURITY.”

DALAI LAMA
BE BRUTALLY HONEST
PROVIDE FULL DISCLOSURE WHENEVER POSSIBLE
MAKE WORK, STATUS, RESULTS VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES
USER STORY MAPPING

http://winnipegagilist.blogspot.com/
COLLABORATION
In the long history of humankind (and animal kind, too) those who learned to collaborate and improvise most effectively have prevailed.

(Charles Darwin)
IT’S NOT HUMAN BATTLE CHESS
BE AGILE IN YOUR COMMUNICATIONS
DAILY STANDUP
PAIRING

http://blogofpaul.merecomplexities.com/articles/165
CROSS TRAINING IS KEY
GO BEHIND ENEMY LINES
GET RID OF THE TABLE
RAPID FEEDBACK
There are no failures - only feedback.

— Richard Bandler —
BEHAVIOR DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT
DEVELOPERS – UNIT TESTING/CONTINUOUS INTEGRATION
QA - IN-SPRINT TESTING
STAKEHOLDERS, USERS - SPRINT REVIEW
CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT
To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often.

-Winston Churchill
FOCUS ON SIMPLICITY

CITY PARKING
LIMITED TO
EVEN # SIDE ON EVEN # MONTHS
ODD # SIDE ON ODD # MONTHS
APR. THRU SEPT.
EVEN # SIDE ON EVEN # DAYS
ODD # SIDE ON ODD # DAYS
OCT. THRU MAR.
ALTERNATE 10AM
CAN AN 8 YEAR OLD UNDERSTAND IT?
ELIMINATE WASTE
HAVE REGULAR RETROSPECTIVES
MAKING THE TRANSITION
CHANGE HAPPENS

SUDDENLY, AN OVEN
IT CAN BE MADDENING
SO WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?
HAVE REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

- Be patient. Doing it right takes time. It’s not a fad diet.
- Don’t be overzealous.
- Plan for the worst, hope for the best.
- Don’t underestimate the politics.
- Change your job, or change your job.
IT'S A JOURNEY, NOT A DESTINATION
YOU NEED TO “BE” AGILE, NOT “DO” AGILE
The pessimist complains about the wind,
The optimist expects it to change,
The realist adjusts the sails.

- William Arthur Ward
DON’T FORCE IT

IF DOOR DOES NOT OPEN
DO NOT ENTER
BEWARE THE LATEST HOTNESS
SURVIVE THE WATERFALL
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