

Beyond the Agile Manifesto

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Big “A” and Little “a”

- The word agile has become something of a cultural buzz word
- Little “a” agile/agility is used to describe an ability to be quickly responsive to change
 - For an individual/project/team/program/organization...
- Big “A” Agile has come to mean the application of one of a set of software engineering methods
 - In pursuit of the manifesto of software engineering desired practices
 - Often it is ambiguous and incomplete

State the Method

When a project or an organization simply says they are Agile, that claim is ambiguous until they also state the method being applied

- Let's encourage each community to share stories, data, and experience using these methods regarding the delivery of high quality products on cost and schedule
- Build a community of communities that share how various methods perform when carried out both as prescribed and as tailored

Method Roadmap

The Agile Manifesto contains no direction on how to carry out and achieve it's goals

Methods existed at the time of the inception of the Manifesto. These approaches include:

- from 1991 rapid application development
- from 1994 unified process and dynamic systems development method (DSDM)
- from 1995 Scrum and Personal Software Process (PSP)
- from 1996 Crystal Clear and extreme programming (XP)
- from 1997 feature-driven development
- from 1998 Team Software Process (TSP)