You've got more CAPACITY than you think

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Challenging the status quo in project management processes

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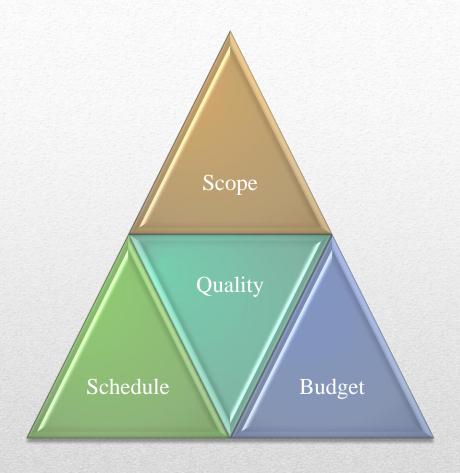


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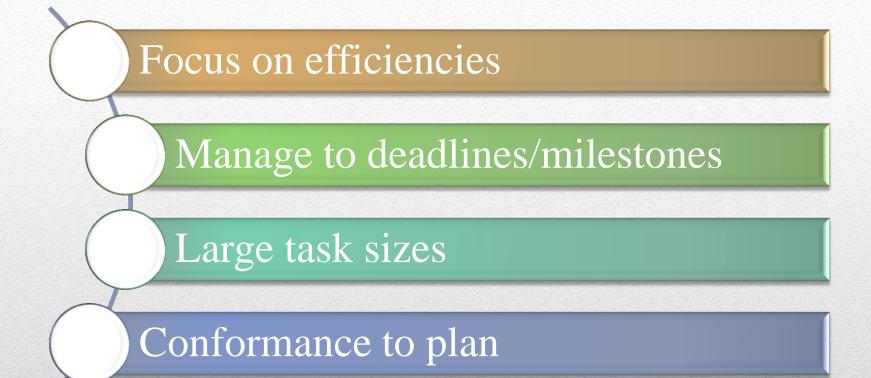


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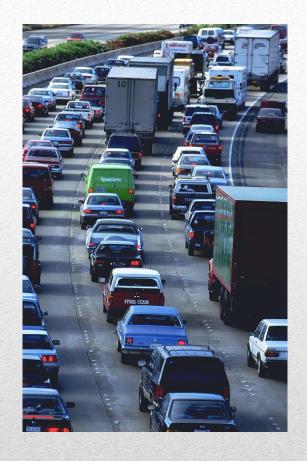




Is there a problem?



Current paradigm



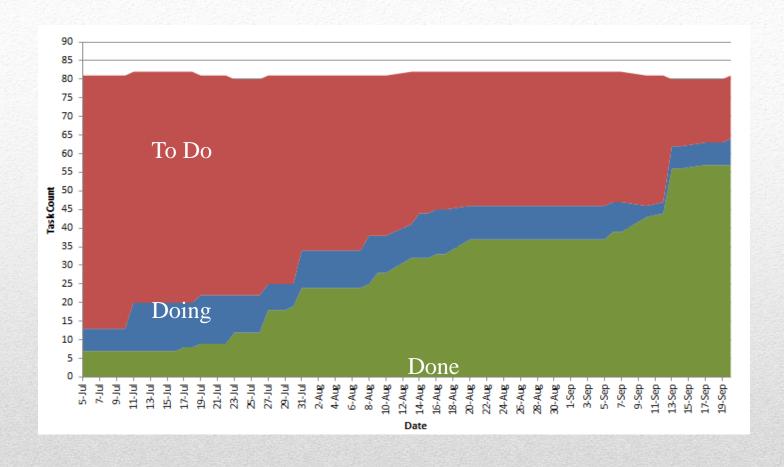
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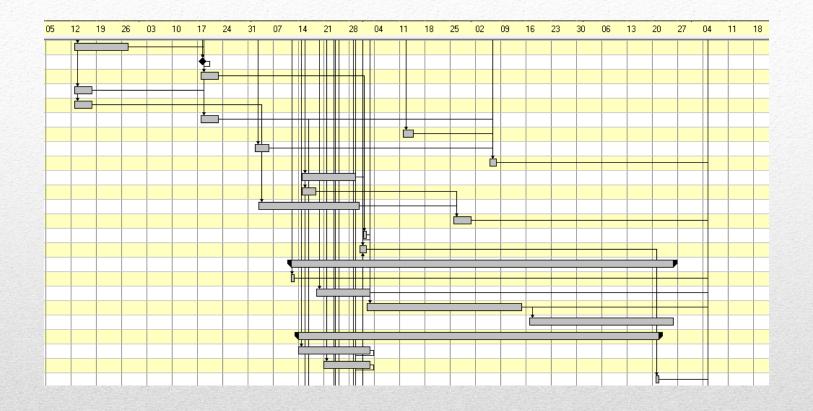
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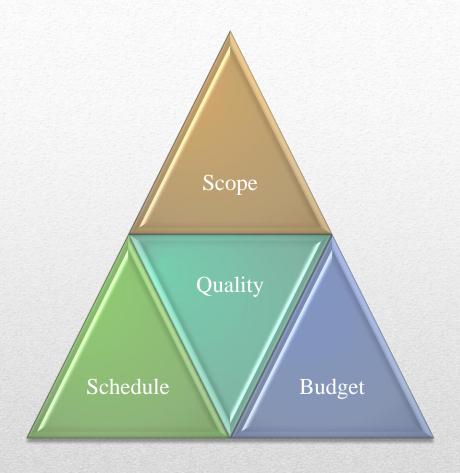
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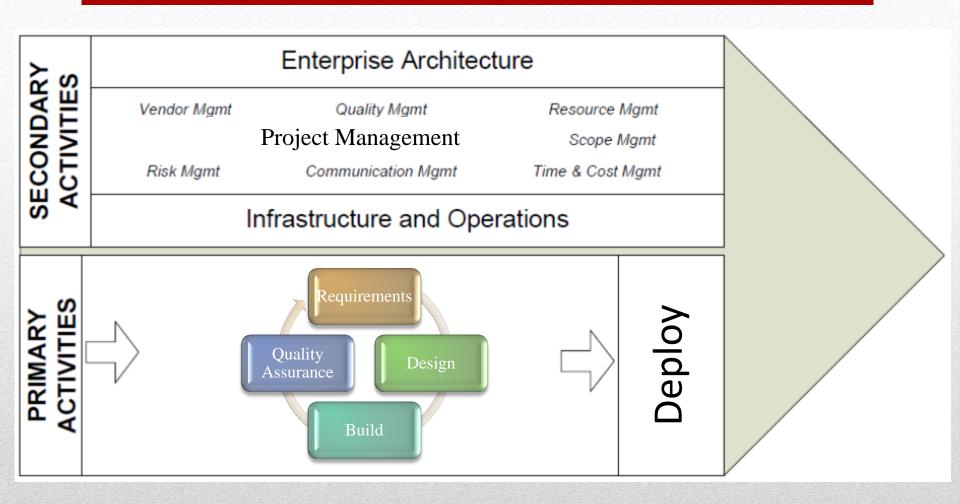
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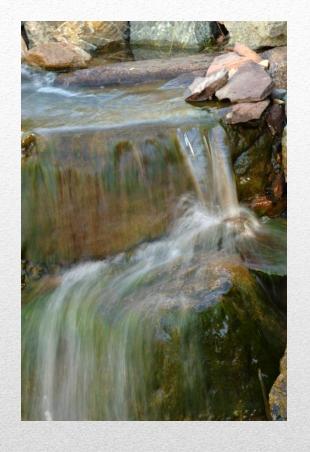
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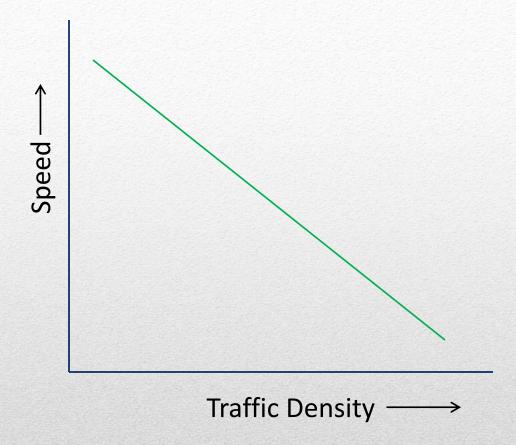
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PM Value Stream



FLOW



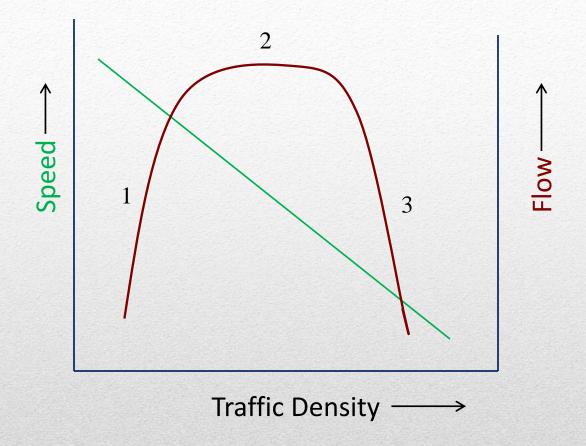
Flow - Learn from traffic

- Phantom traffic jam explanation
- Experiment

Phantom traffic jam

If there are enough cars on the road, something minor can get magnified to cause a traffic jam.

Phantom traffic jam



Flow - Learn from traffic



Queue Blindness

- In order to maximize efficiency, we load up resources to maximize utilization => People are multitasking
- 2. Large task size implies long durations to begin with
- 3. 1 and 2 above implies Cycle time increases significantly
- 4. Long duration => feedback frequency decreases => Impacts quality of solution negatively
- 5. 3 and 4 means work in progress increases assuming the same rate of inflow of work => Work gets expedited
- 6. Net impact: Cost of project increases with long schedules and lost business opportunities

Queues Matter

Work in progress tasks

Task size

Queues Matter - Measure

Work-in-progress tasks

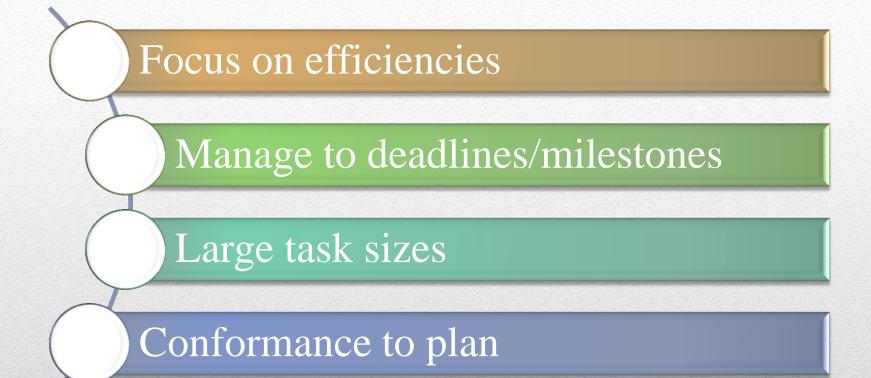
Idle times

Efficiency/Utilization

Costs

Quality

Benefits - Measure Queues



Current paradigm

Focus on flow Manage to queues Small task sizes Adapt to changes

New paradigm

Monitor queue size

- Visual Boards
- Kanban Boards



- Plan in Iterations
- Similar size tasks (10-20 hours)

Manage flow to demand

 Only add more capacity if flow is not enough to meet demand

How do we improve flow?

- Principles of Product Development Flow Donald Reinertsen
- Critical Chain Eli Goldratt
- Lean Startup Eric Ries
- Rework Jason Fried
- Kanban David Anderson
- Lessons in Agile Management On the road to Kanban David Anderson

References

Q & A