

Lessons in Overcoming Agile Team Challenges

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Defense Innovation Board





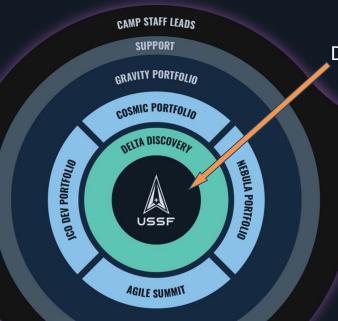
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Software Factory (Engineering) Ecosystem - https://software.af.mil/



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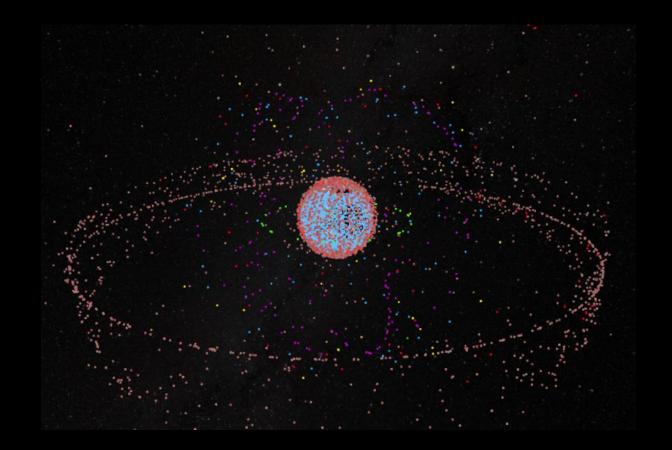


Direction of Support*



*Don't confuse communications channels with hierarchical structure.

Space is Crowded



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Managing Team Cognitive Load

3 Types:

Intrinsic

Extrinsic



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Germane



Focus here & automate the rest



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Summit

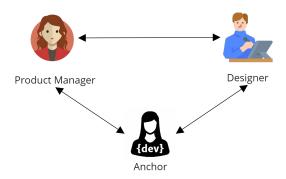
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Contractor or Supra Coder Led teams Leverage Contractor Skillset

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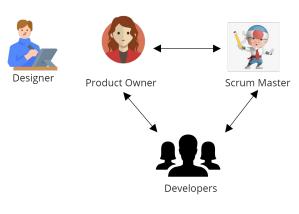
Types of Team Structures

Balanced Teams



Team Size: 6-8 Iteration length: 1-2 Weeks

Scrum Teams



Team Size: 10-16 Sprints: 2-3 Weeks

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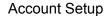


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Pipeline Process Flow





Create Accounts for Users. Gravity team assigns permissions to Gravity Tools.

Code Repository

Gravity team creates online source code storage area



CI/CD Pipeline Managed By The Gravity Team

Continuous Integration (CI)

Build Application

Basic application setup (download dependencies, code format scan, initial tests)



Gitlab

Runner

Main application that

executes automated

scripts and triggers subsequent pipeline

applications



Code Scan

Analyzes code quality, vulnerabilities



Containerize Setup virtual servers





Continuous Delivery (CD)



Container Scan

Cybersecurity Scanning of Virtual Servers







Deploy to Production

Pulls Hardened Images Secure Virtual Server Templates

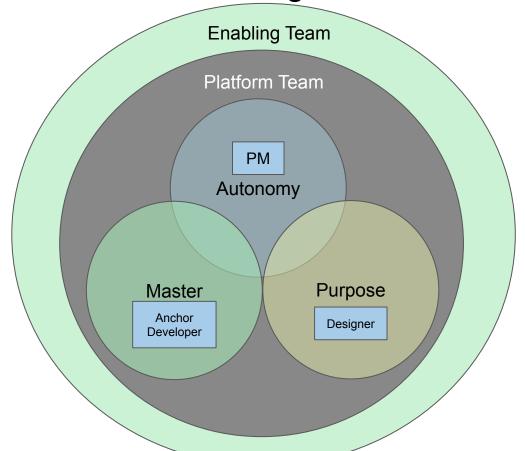


Teams Focus on:

Germane Cognitive Loads & automate the rest

(value added thinking)

Reduced Team Cognitive Load



PM

Creates the environment to maximize autonomy

Designer

Determines the purpose by understanding what the end-user values

Anchor Developer

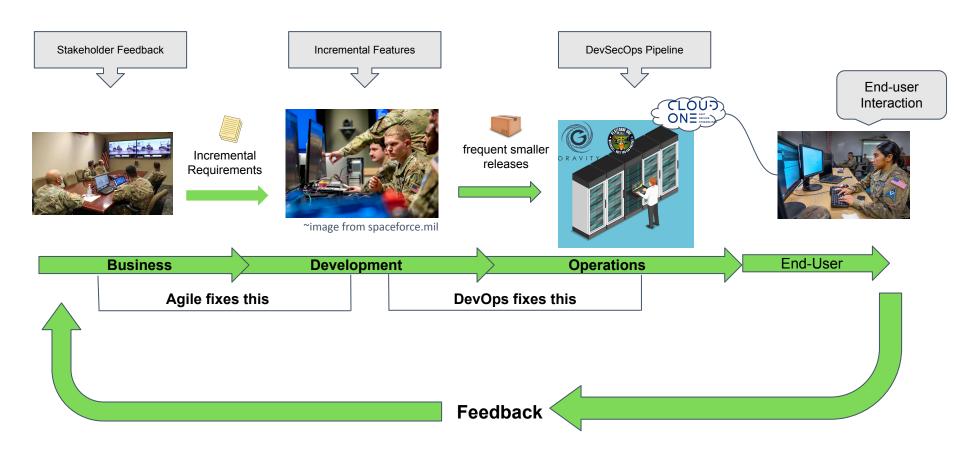
Focus on mastery of creating solutions.

Platform Team

Abstracts away the extrinsic cognitive load.

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Software Factory Development Cycle



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14.4% of the FY 2024 U.S. federal budget

What is a scarce resource within the DoD? **Budget?**



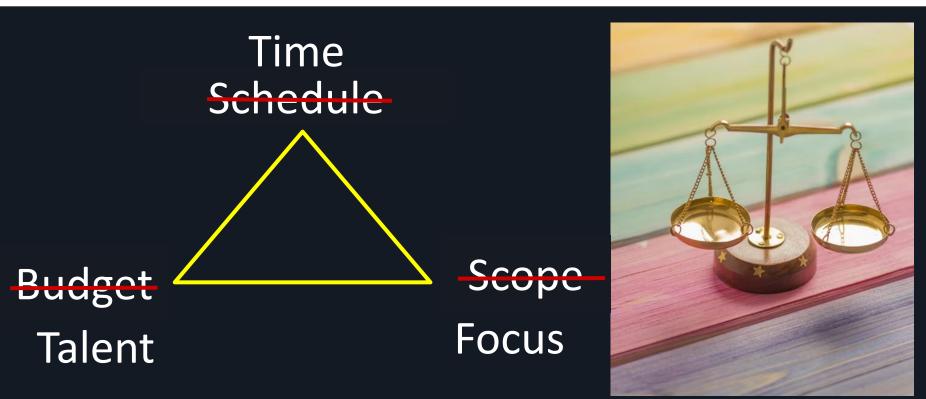
Total Budgetary Resources Over Time

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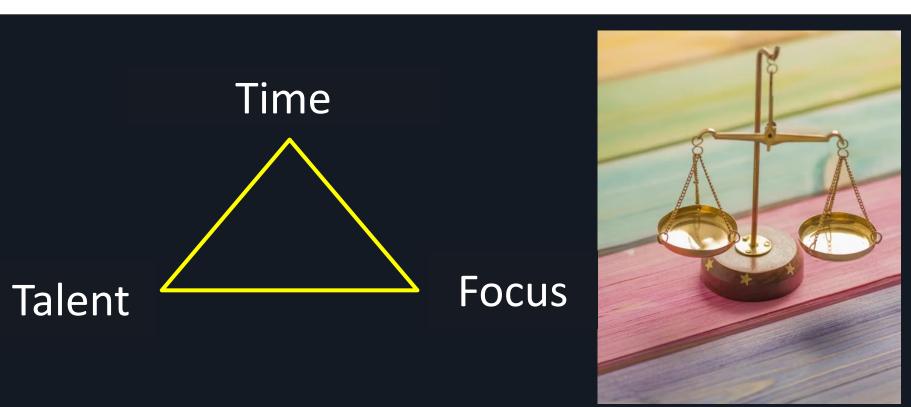
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When is the best time to determine team performance?

At the beginning

Success Definition

Work Flow

Cadence

Lexicon

Work Distribution

Manifesto



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Purpose

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Definition

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I am at my best _____

Individual & Team Goal Alignment

I am at my worst _____

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Schedule

Events / Rituals

Tempo

Sustainability

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Manifesto

Defined Roles/Responsibilities

Maximize Strengths

Improvement Opportunities

Documentation Work

Toilsome Work

Success Definition

Work Flow

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Work Distribution

Manifesto

Communications

Needs / Expectation

Interruptions

Conflicts

Feedback

Success Definition

Work Flow

Tech Stack

Tools

Cadence

Lexicon

Jargon

Work Distribution

Manifesto

Education

Success Definition

Work Flow

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Work Distribution

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Working Agreement

Work Life Balance

Special Conditions

Additional Norms

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Software Factory Overview

Tech Incubator 2

Managing Team Cognitive Load

- Intrinsic
- Extrinsic
- Germane

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Managing Scarce Resources

- Time
- Talent
- Focus

4

Managing Team Performance

> Norming Sessions

Questions



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