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# Agile's History, Visualized

Highlighting Agile's Origins Before 2001, the Agile Manifesto (2001), and Agile's Ongoing Evolution

Software was developed in half-day **iterations** for Project Mercury, the United States' first human spaceflight program <sup>2</sup>



IBM was doing incremental development <sup>1</sup>

### 1968

1984

1986

1957

Harlan Mills of IBM promoted that "software development should be done incrementally, in stages with continuous user participation and replanning" <sup>1, 3</sup>

**Visual control**—a precursor to information radiators—originated at Toyota <sup>4</sup>

Tom Gilb introduced the Evolutionary Delivery Model, an **incremental** alternative to waterfall <sup>6</sup>

The **timebox** is central in the DuPont Company's Rapid Iterative Production Prototyping <sup>8</sup>

#### 1980

1985

1988

#### Leo Brodie described factoring <sup>5</sup>

"The New New Product Development Game" by Hirotaka Takeuchi and Ikujiro Nonaka was published in the *Harvard Business Review*<sup>7</sup> (Scrum was subsequently modeled after this groundbreaking paper)

#### Bill Opdyke coined the term "**refactoring**" <sup>9</sup>

**Timeboxing** and **iterations** were described by James Martin<sup>10</sup>

Alistair Cockburn described "work in increments"<sup>15</sup>

Ken Schwaber described the "daily Scrum"<sup>14</sup>

Martin Fowler wrote an article which delineated **continuous integration** <sup>17</sup>; Ken Schwaber described the **burndown chart** <sup>18</sup>

Mike Cohn's Agile Estimating and Planning covered different planning techniques, including **Planning Poker**<sup>23</sup>

John Allspaw and Paul Hammond's talk on 10+ daily deploys sparked the concept of **DevOps**<sup>27</sup> (however, Patrick Debois coined the term "DevOps"<sup>28</sup>)

Jim Coplien introduced the **stand-up meeting** pattern <sup>11</sup>; Scrum was used as a process by Jeff Sutherland, John Scumniotales, and Jeff McKenna <sup>12</sup>

Ken Schwaber and Jeff Sutherland co-presented Scrum<sup>13</sup>

*Chrysler Goes to Extremes* related several Extreme Programming practices such as **self-chosen tasks, three-week iterations, and pair programming** <sup>16</sup>

Seventeen people involved in software development produced
the *Manifesto for Agile Software Development* (2001) <sup>19, 20</sup>; Mary
Poppendieck highlighted parallels between agile and Lean <sup>21</sup>;
Alistair Cockburn coined the term "information radiator" <sup>22</sup>

Kane Mar gave a formal description of **"backlog grooming"**<sup>24</sup>; Jeff Patton formulated the concept of **story mapping**<sup>25, 26</sup>

Dean Leffingwell and Drew Jemilo introduced the Scaled Agile Framework (SAFe)<sup>29</sup>

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