

Class 2: Project Management!

It's not as bad as it sounds.

# Office hours! Tuesday 1-4 PM...

Except next week when it'll be Monday 12-3!

On Floor 7.

Right on.

### **Project Management!**

Reaching a goal in an imperfect world characterized by constraints



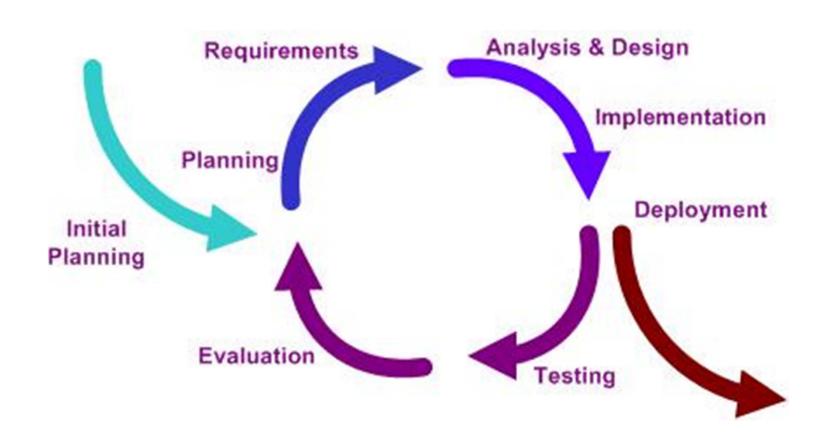
#### Some Constraints!

- Time
  - Start and end points
  - Doing things takes time
  - Only 24 hours in a day
- Resources
  - People
  - Money
  - Skills
- Scope!

(what we can reasonably hope to accomplish)

## Dealing with 'people' constraints: defining roles!

- Project lead Ruth! She's our boss!
- Team Leads
  - Schedules meetings
  - Tracking progress
  - Scrapping ideas
- Documentation person
- User Advocate
  - Keeps the tech usable
  - Keeping it sized right
  - Keeping it accessible to folks with disabilities!



#### Initiation!

- Understand the problem
- Identify the team
- Define the scope to guard against...

## FEATURE CREEP

## Dealing with time constraints Planning: Requirements!

Deliverables: Outputs from each stage of a project

#### IE: A list of Requirements

- » Must be wooden
- » Must be less than 5 lbs to stay on the tree
- » 5 inches by 5 inch interior
- » Little foot thingy for the bird to stand on
- » Hole too small for a squirrel to enter
- » Weatherproof, no-lead paint

### Planning: Project plan(AKA, the WBS)!

- 1. Scout Location
  - 1.1 Scope out location
  - 1.2 Get mom's approval to mess with a tree
- 2. Get Materials
  - 2.1 Create list of matterials
  - 2.2 Drive to Home Depot
  - 2.3 Select wood
  - 2.4 Select nails
  - 2.5 Select paint and brushes
  - 2.6 Select hammer

| <ul> <li>2.7 Pay for materials</li> </ul>    | Time it will take                         | Responsible                    |
|--|---|--------------------------------|
| • 3. Build                                   | <ul><li>1 hour</li></ul>                  | <ul><li>3.1: Fred</li></ul>    |
| <ul> <li>3.1 Measure and cut wood</li> </ul> | – 1 hour                                  | – 3.2: Joe                     |
| <ul><li>3.2 Paint wood</li></ul>             | <ul><li>5 hours</li><li>2 hours</li></ul> | - 3.3: Me                      |
| <ul><li>3.3 Allow to dry</li></ul>           | — 2 Hours                                 | <ul><li>3.4 Everyone</li></ul> |

- 3.4 Assemble
- 4 Install
  - 4.1 Climb tree
  - 4.2 Nail into place

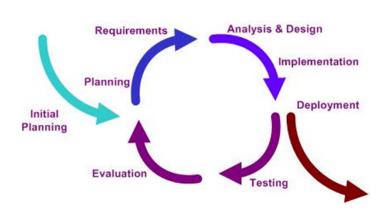
#### **Execute and Build**

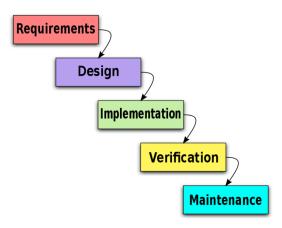
- Do the tasks you developed in the WBS
- Do them according to the WBS
- Do them in any order that still works
- Do be honest about what you do!

### Review/Monitor/Control/Closeout

 Test stuff before it's completed (and after it's completed!)

## Making traditional project management work with Agile





#### This week

(if you've solidified your scope)

- Make a project plan
  - Write down every step you'll need to take
  - Give it a time
  - Assign it to a group member
- Produce something testable!
  - This is agile after all...
- Does your project plan say you're missing any skills?
  - Bring in a list!