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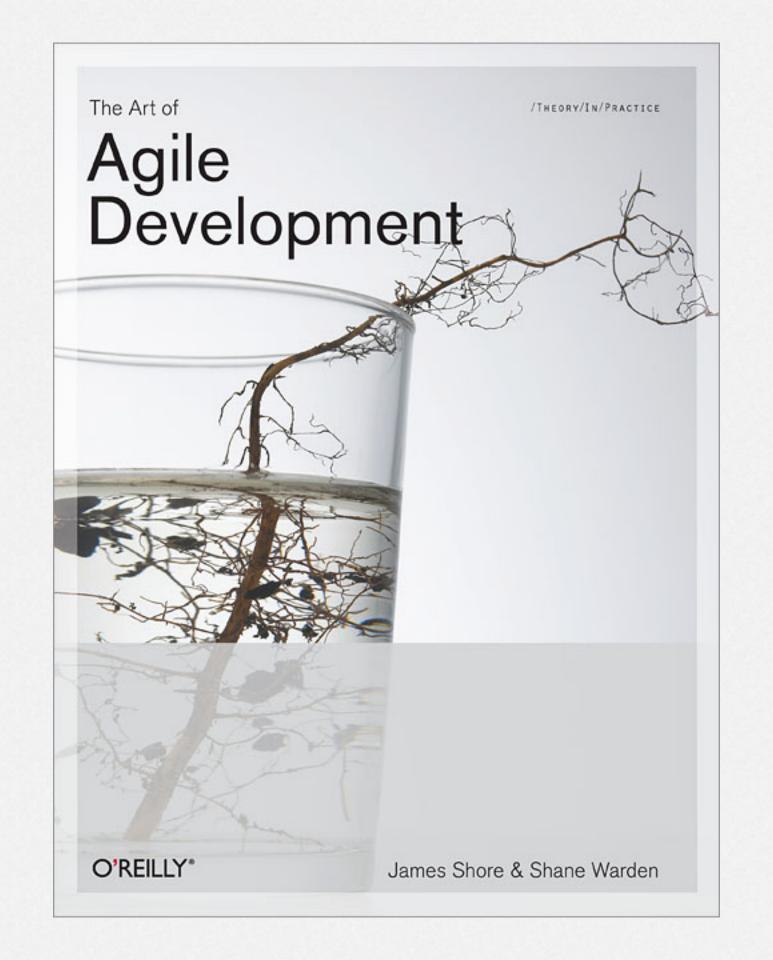
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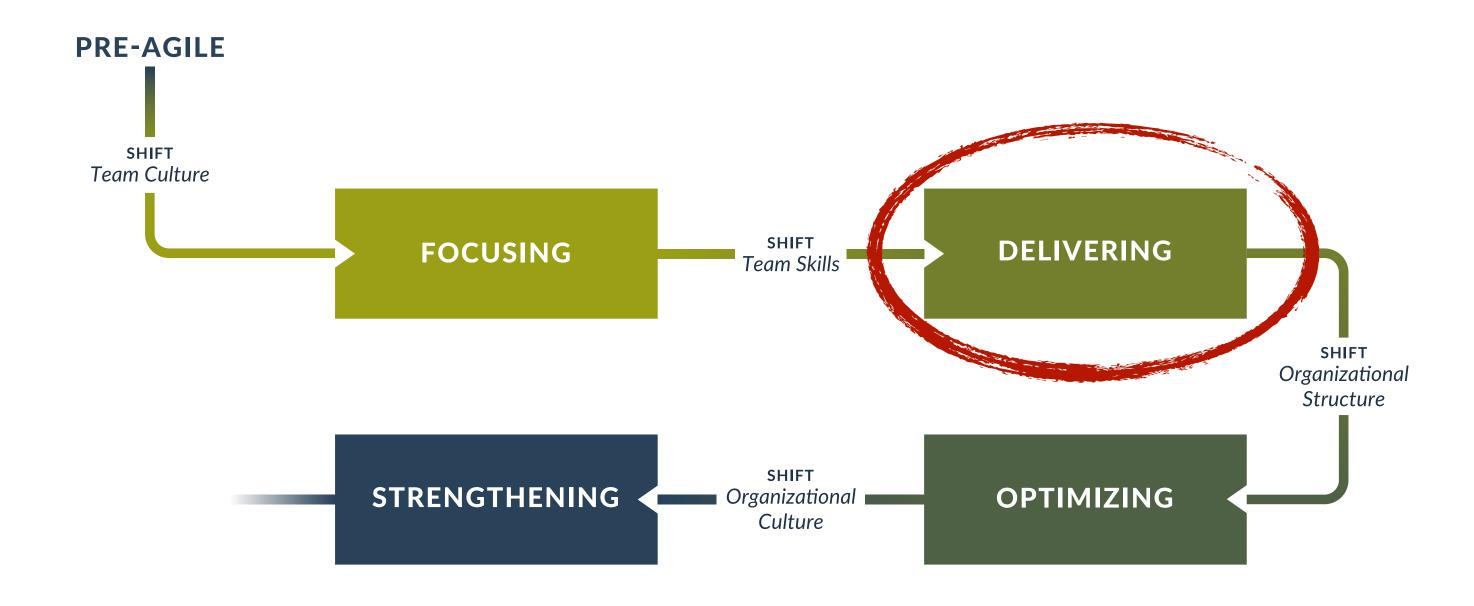
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THE AGILE FLUENCY™ MODEL

CHART YOUR AGILE PATHWAY



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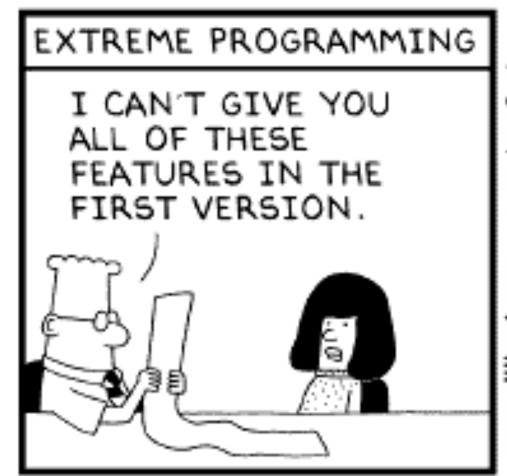


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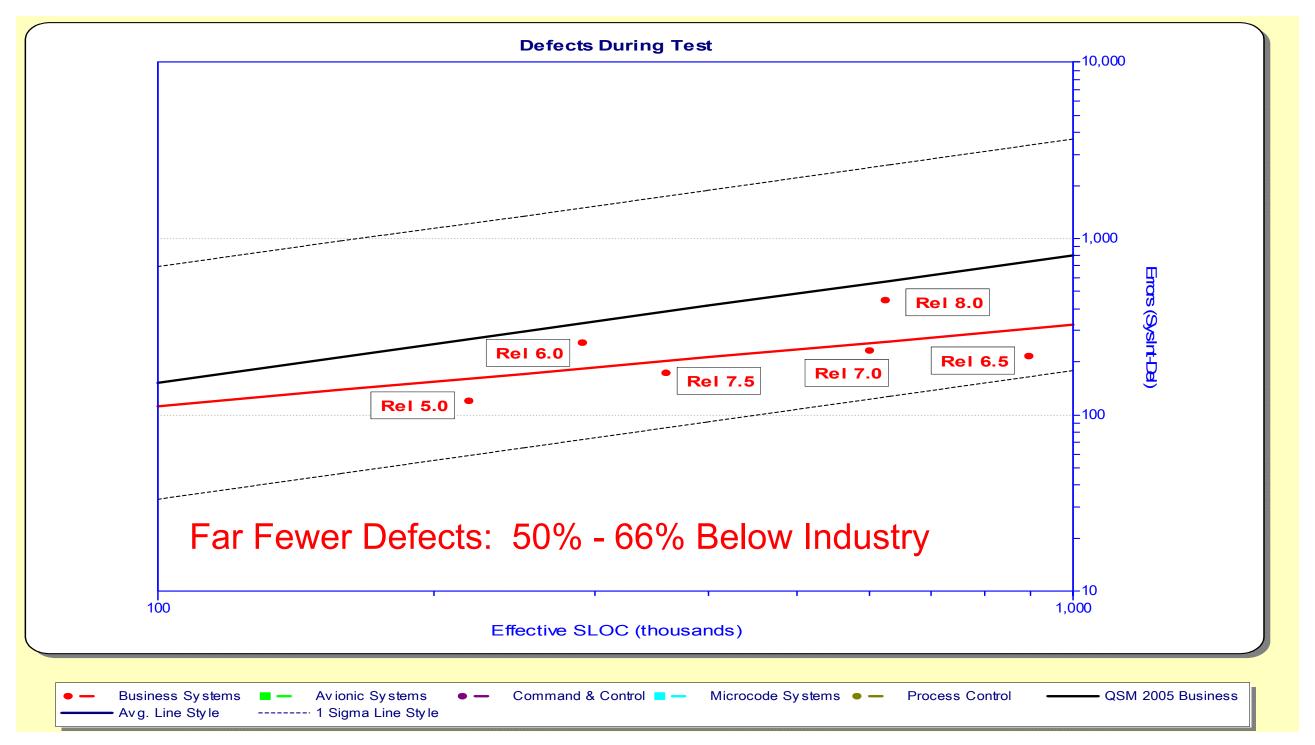




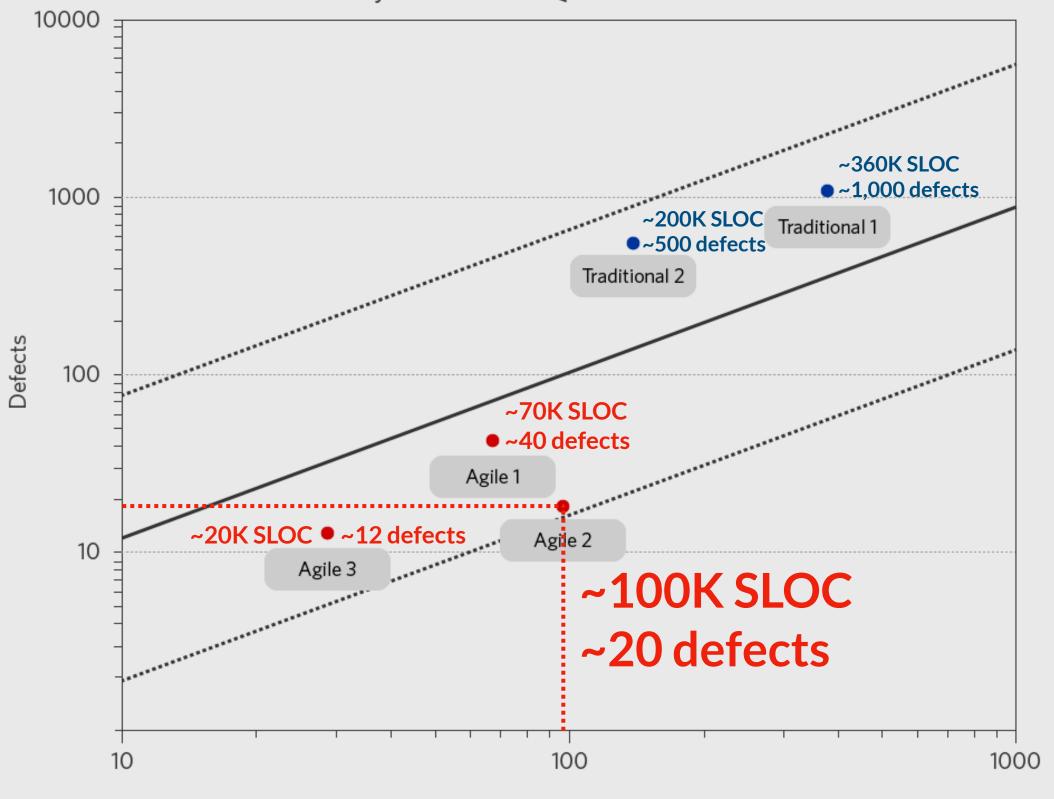
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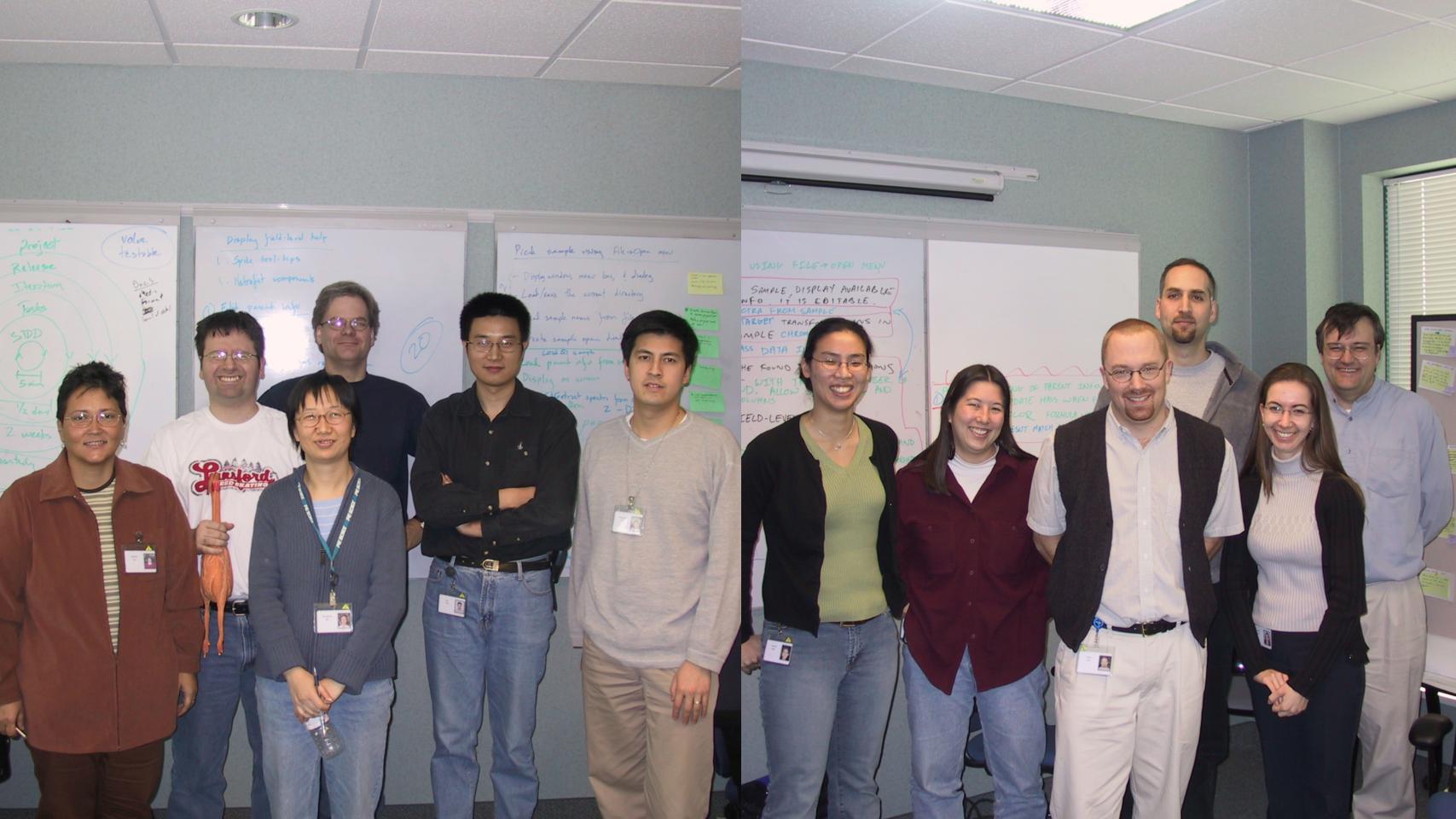
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System Test and QA Defect Trendline



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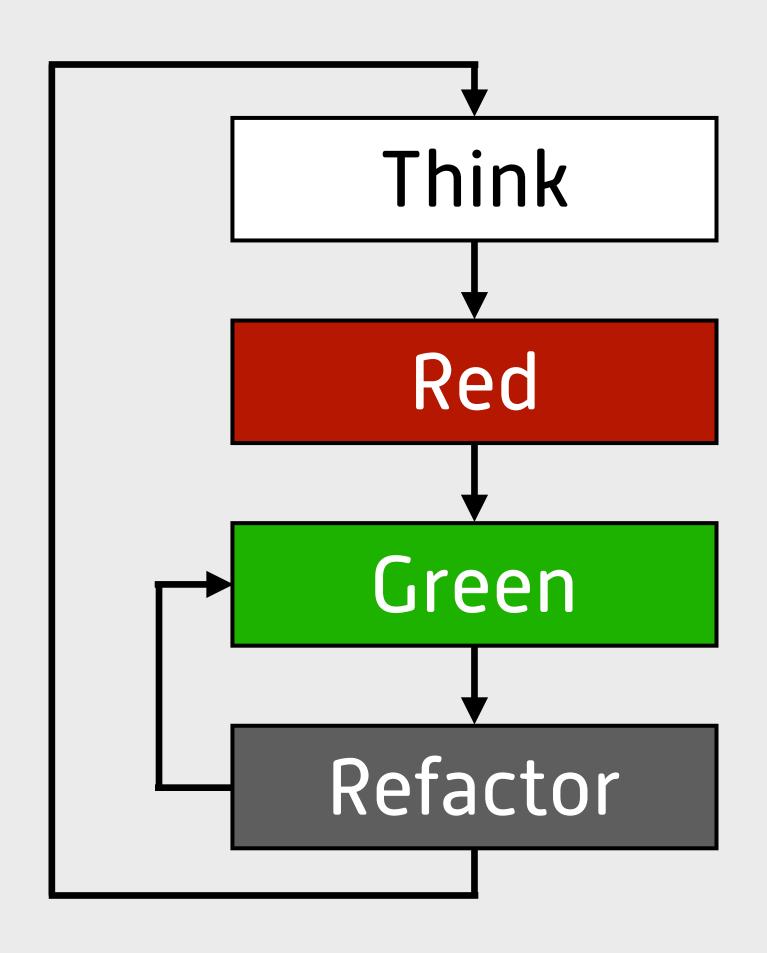
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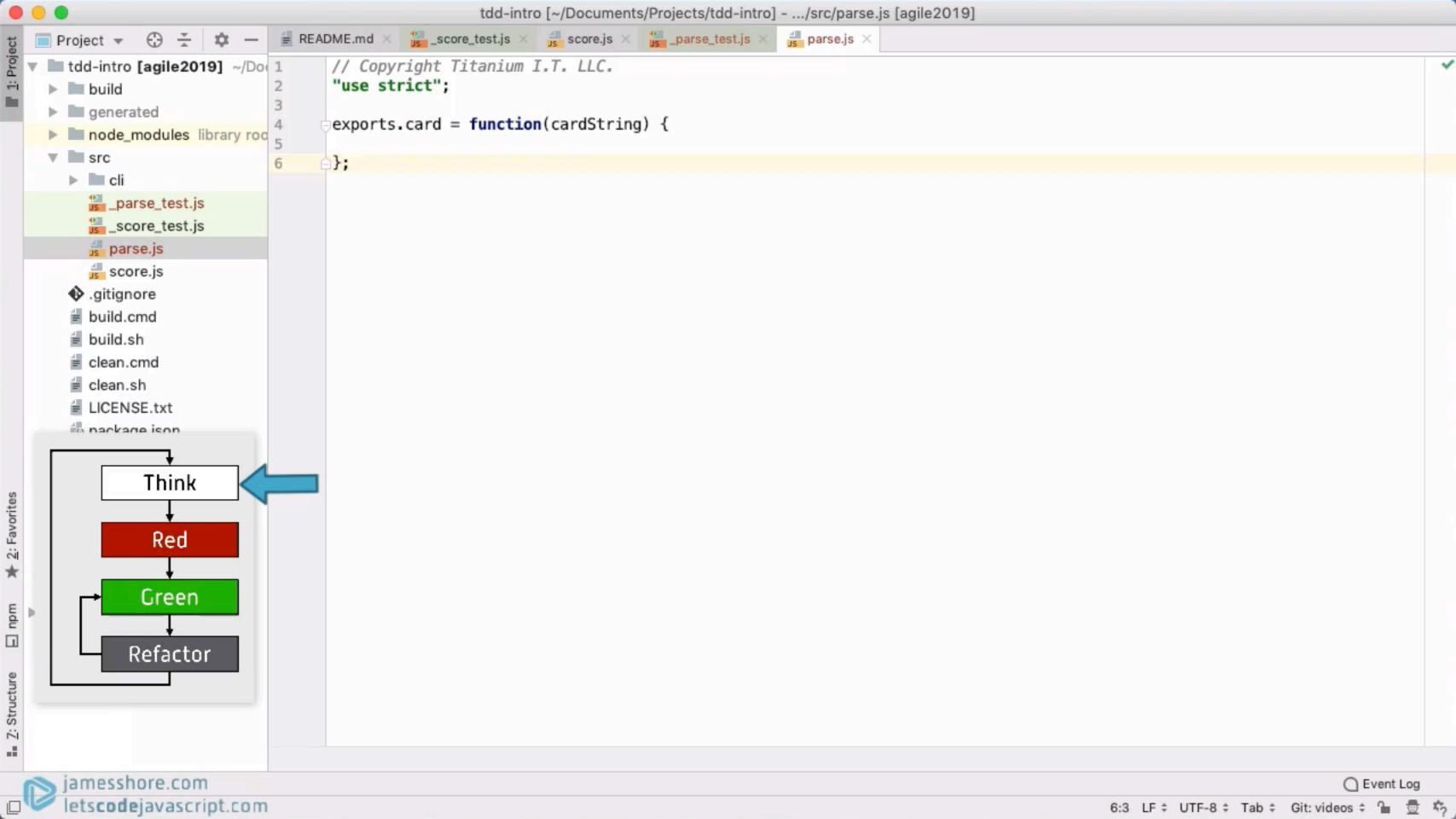
- Person 1: Think of a whole number between 1 and 100.
- Person 2: Make four different guesses of the number, each at least 5 digits apart.

 - **51**, 52, 53, 54 **51**, 56, 61, 66
- Person 1: Say how many guesses were high, low, or right on, but don't say which guess is which.
- Repeat, four guesses at a time, until you've guessed the number, then switch.

Guessing Game v2

- Person 1: Think of a whole number between 1 and 100.
- Person 2: Make one guess of the number.
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- Repeat, one guess at a time, until you've guessed the number, then switch.

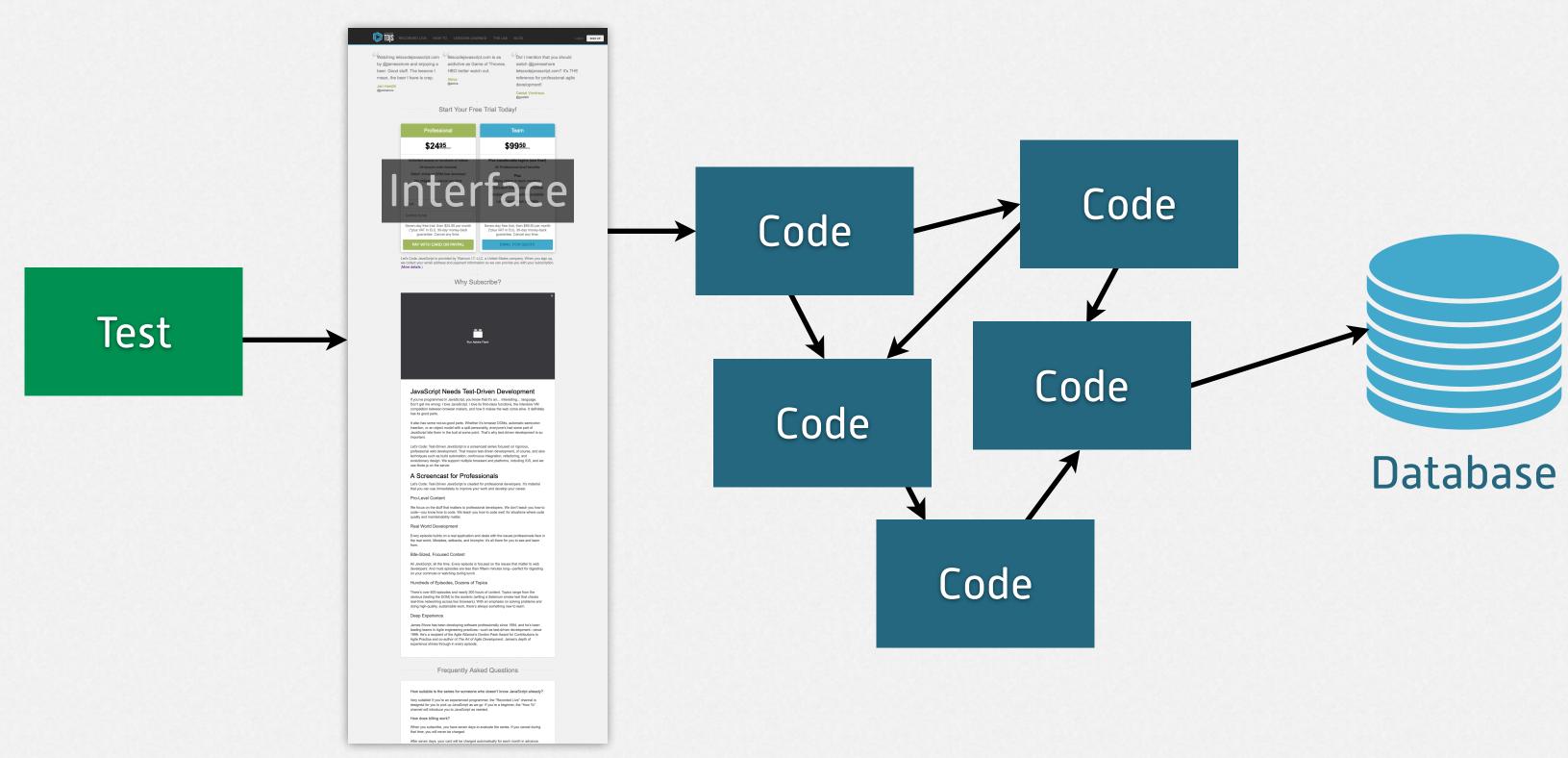




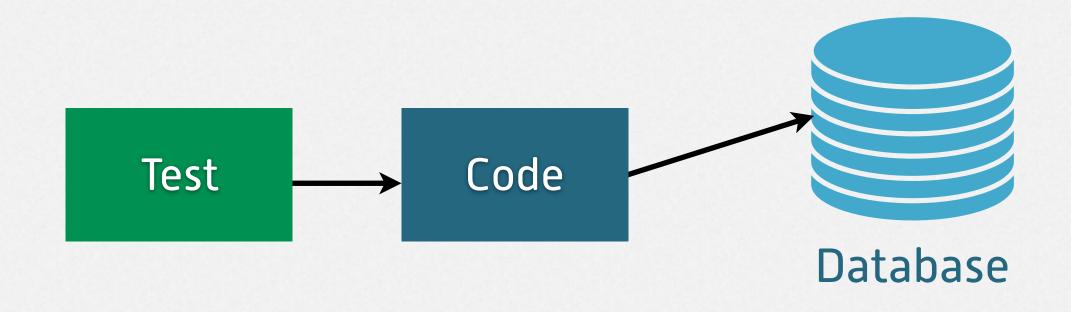
Why TDD Works Better

- **Better Tests:** Work is fine-grained, covering more edge cases.
- Improved Self-Discipline: It's easier to write tests as you go, and there's less temptation to move on to the next thing.
- Fast Feedback: TDD is a series of small, validated hypotheses.

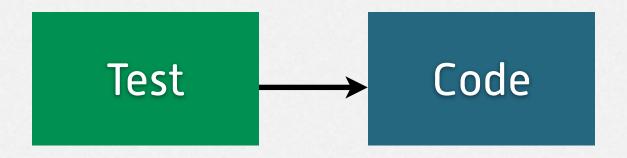
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Focused Integration Tests



Unit Tests



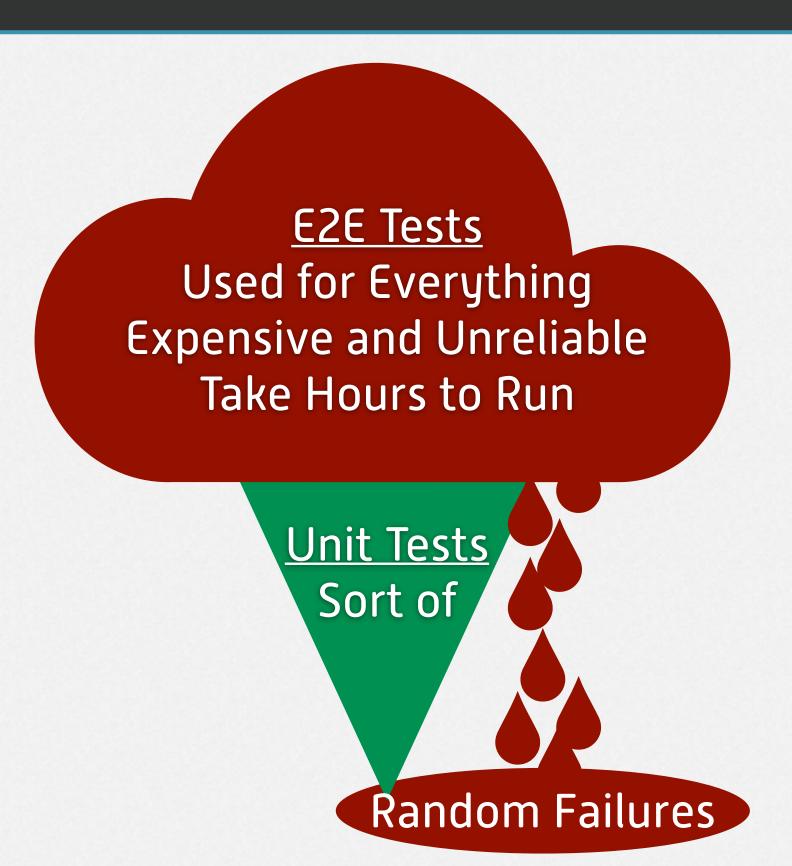
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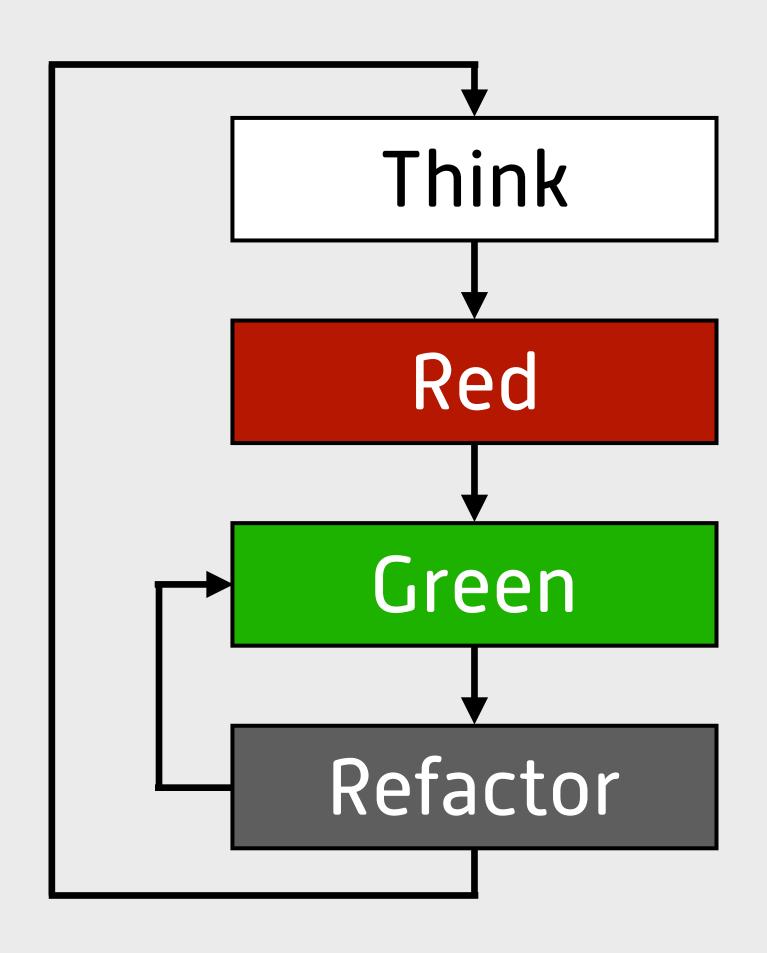
E2E Tests
Few as Possible

Focused Integration Tests
Proportional to Number
of External Systems

Unit Tests
Proportional to Amount of Code

Beware the Test Ice Cream Cone







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Test-Driven Development Pairing or Mobbing Energized Work

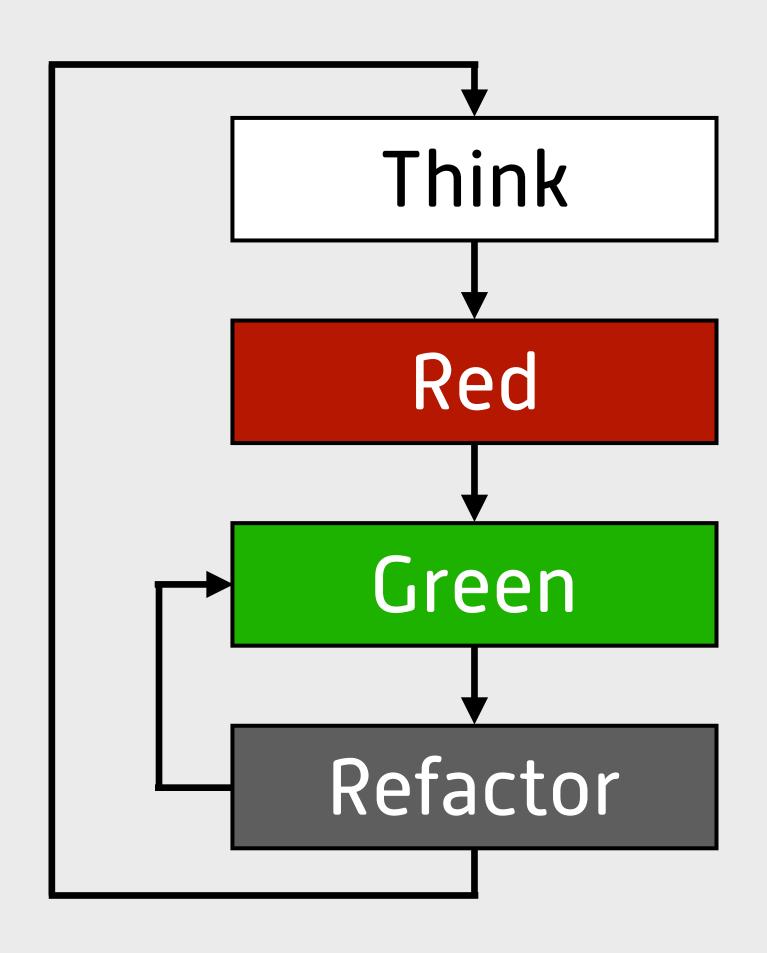
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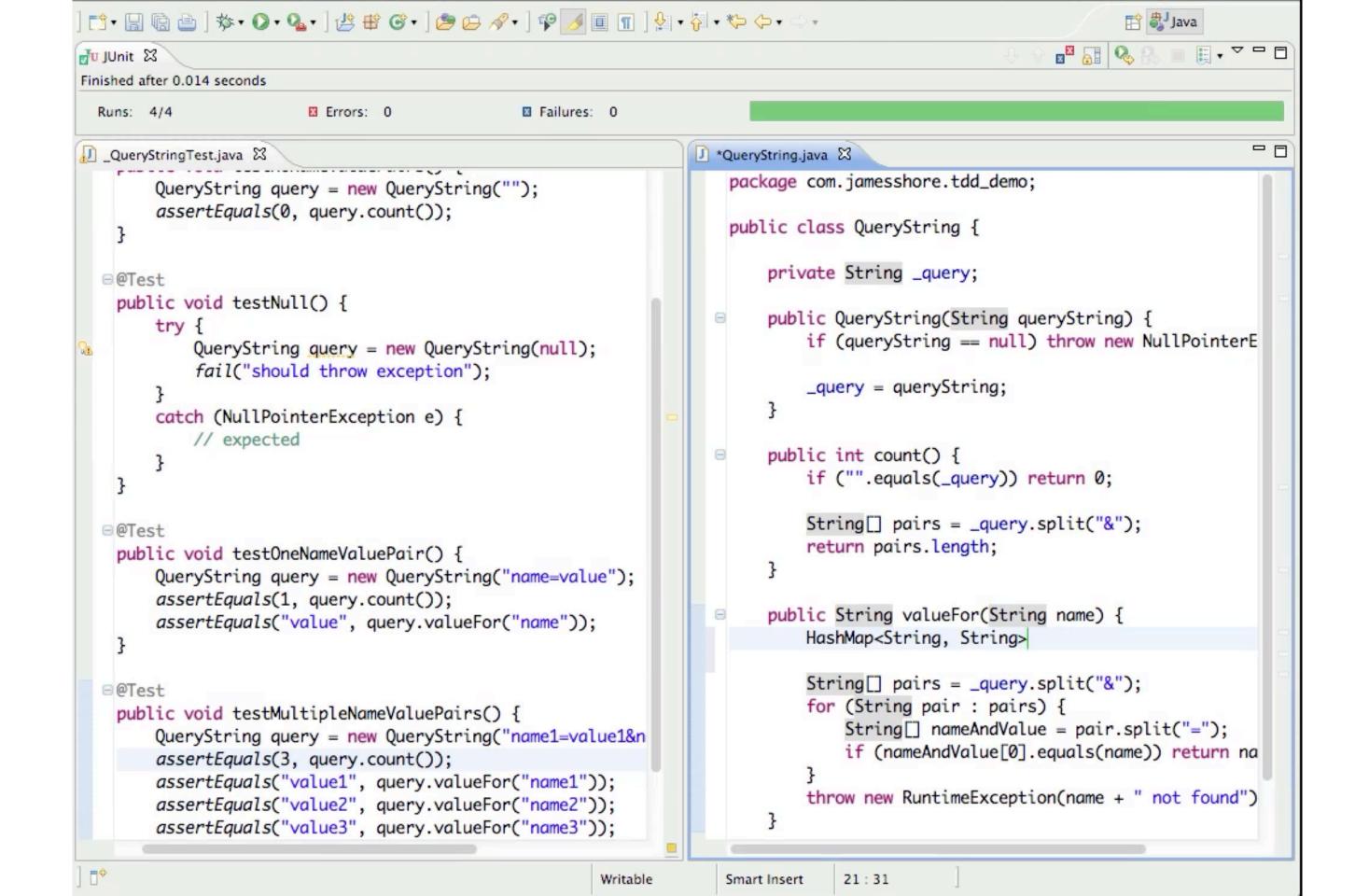
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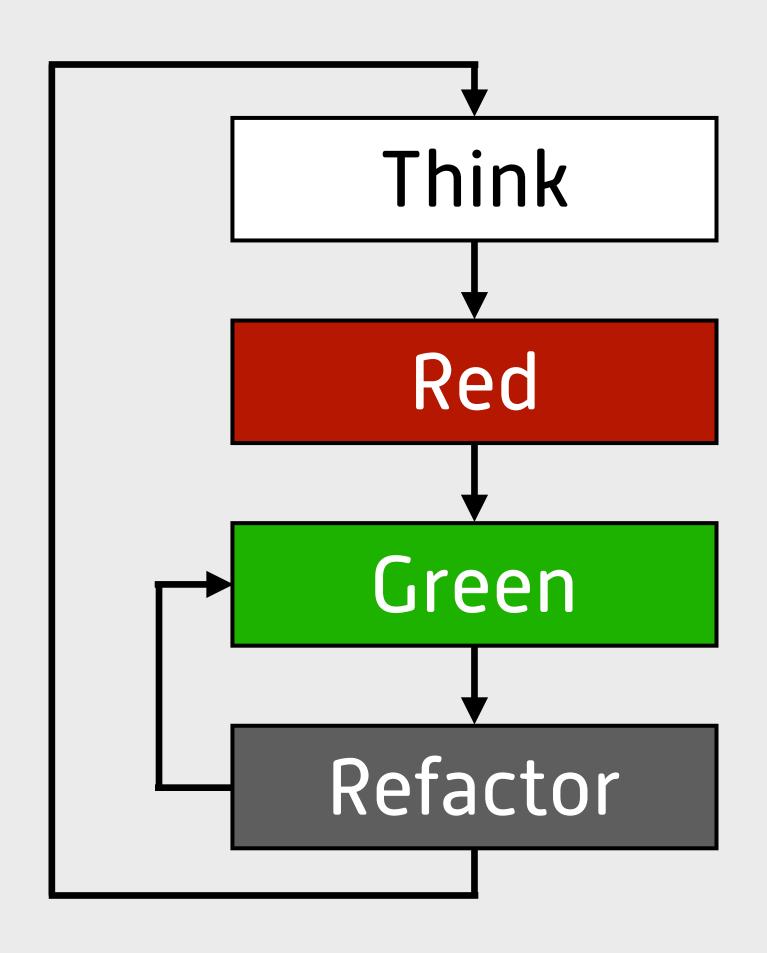
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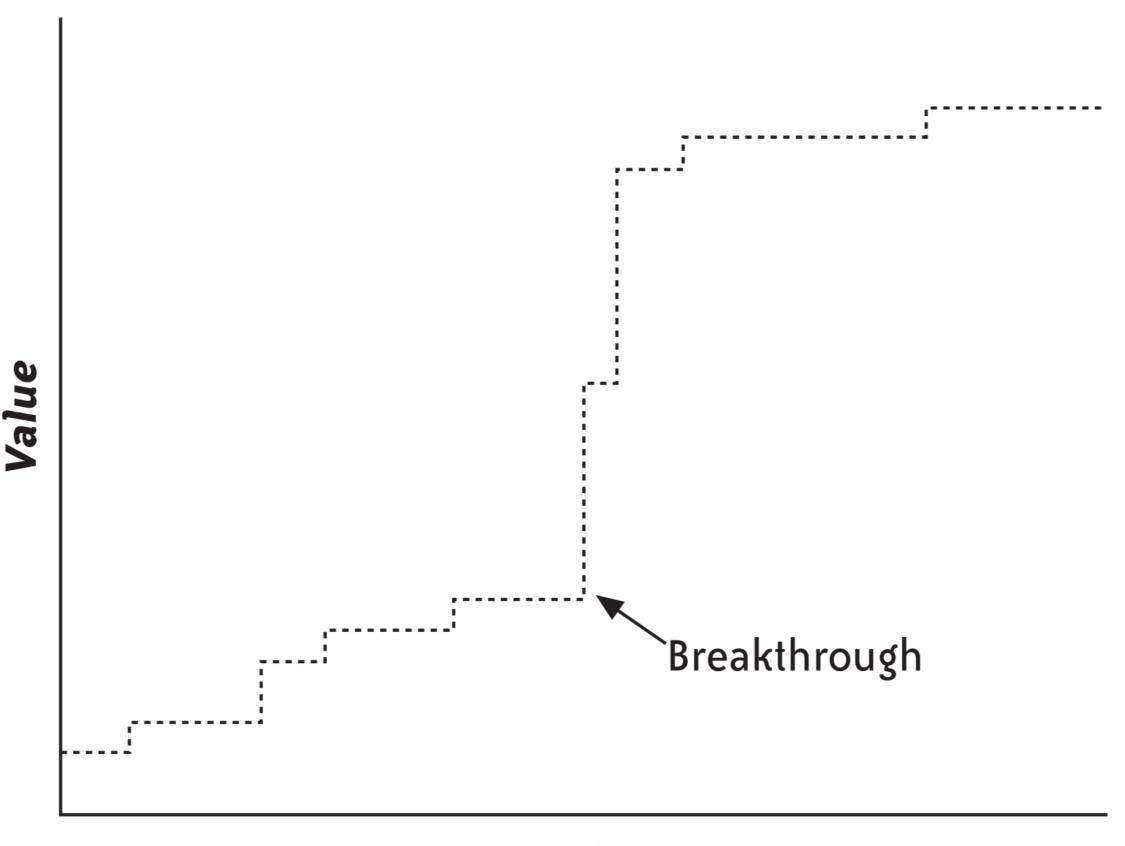
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Time/Refactoring

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Merciless Refactoring Evolutionary Design

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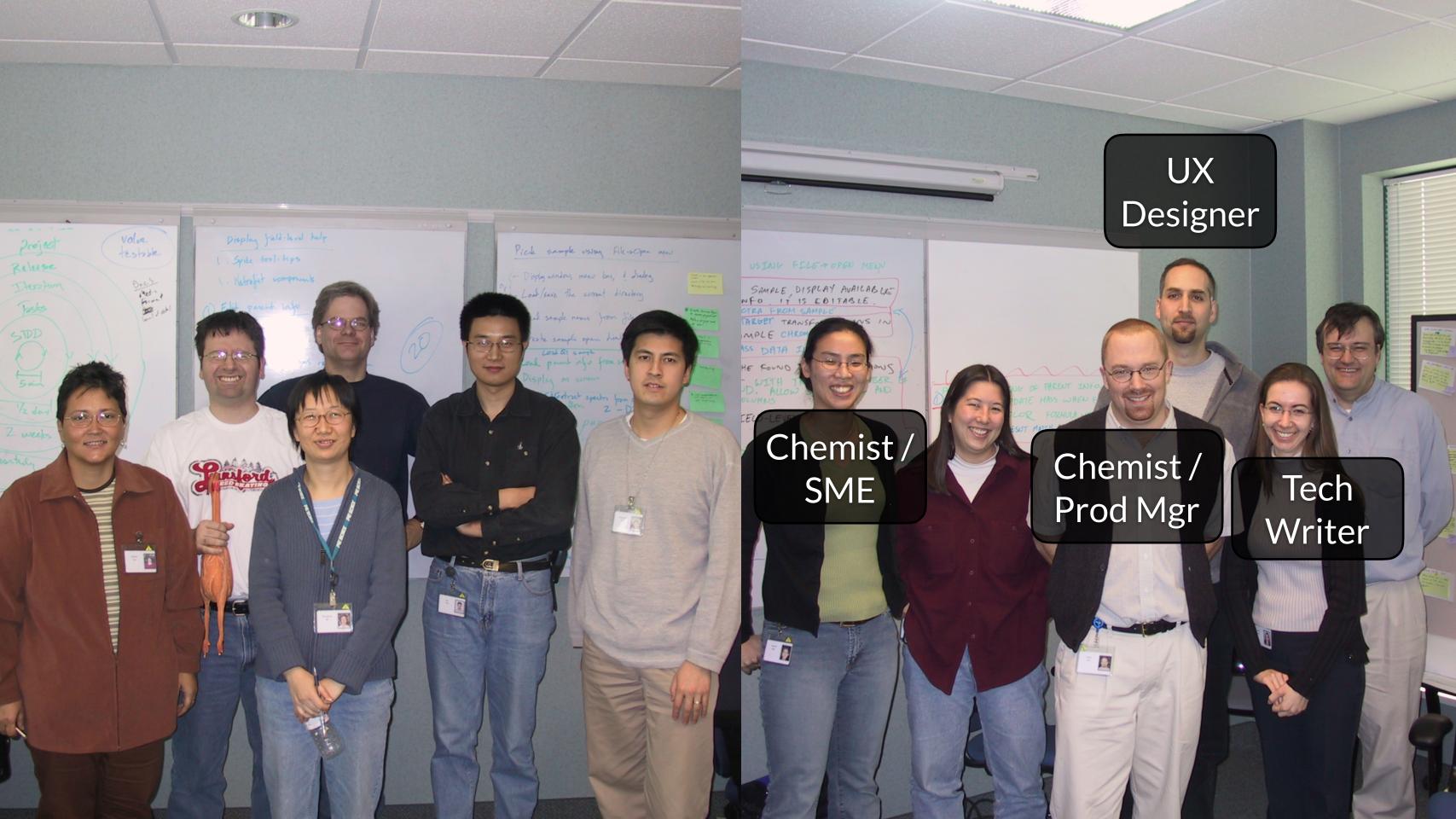
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Requirements Game v1

- 1. On the bottom half of the handout, write instructions, words only, to reproduce the picture on your handout. If you have two pictures, choose the easiest one. (5 min)
- 2. Tear off instructions and exchange with someone in a row above or below yours. Keep your pictures hidden.
- 3. Use the other person's instructions to reproduce their picture. **Don't communicate** in any other way. (5 min)
- 4. Compare results.

Requirements Game v2

- Work with the same person as before. One of you will have another picture, the other will have a blank square.
 You'll have 5 minutes total.
- Person with picture: Tell the other person how to reproduce your picture. Keep it hidden. **Words only,** no gestures or props.
- Person with blank square: As the talker describes their picture, reproduce it in your blank square. You can ask questions and show your progress.



Prevent Misunderstandings

On-Site Customers
Customer Examples
Customer Review

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Explore It!

Reduce Risk and Increase Confidence with Exploratory Testing



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How to Fix a Bug

- Fix the bug. Write a unit test, fix the code.
- **Fix the design.** What about the software design allowed this bug to hide from view? Refactor to make this category of bugs impossible or obvious.
- **Fix the process.** What enabled this type of bug to exist in the first place? Look at systems, processes, and habits, not people. Can they be improved?
- Explore further. Based on what we've learned, what similar bugs are likely to exist? Find and fix them, too.



BUGS ARE FOR OTHER PEOPLE



Prevent Systemic Blind Spots

Exploratory Testing
Root-Cause Analysis
No Bug Database ('Tude)





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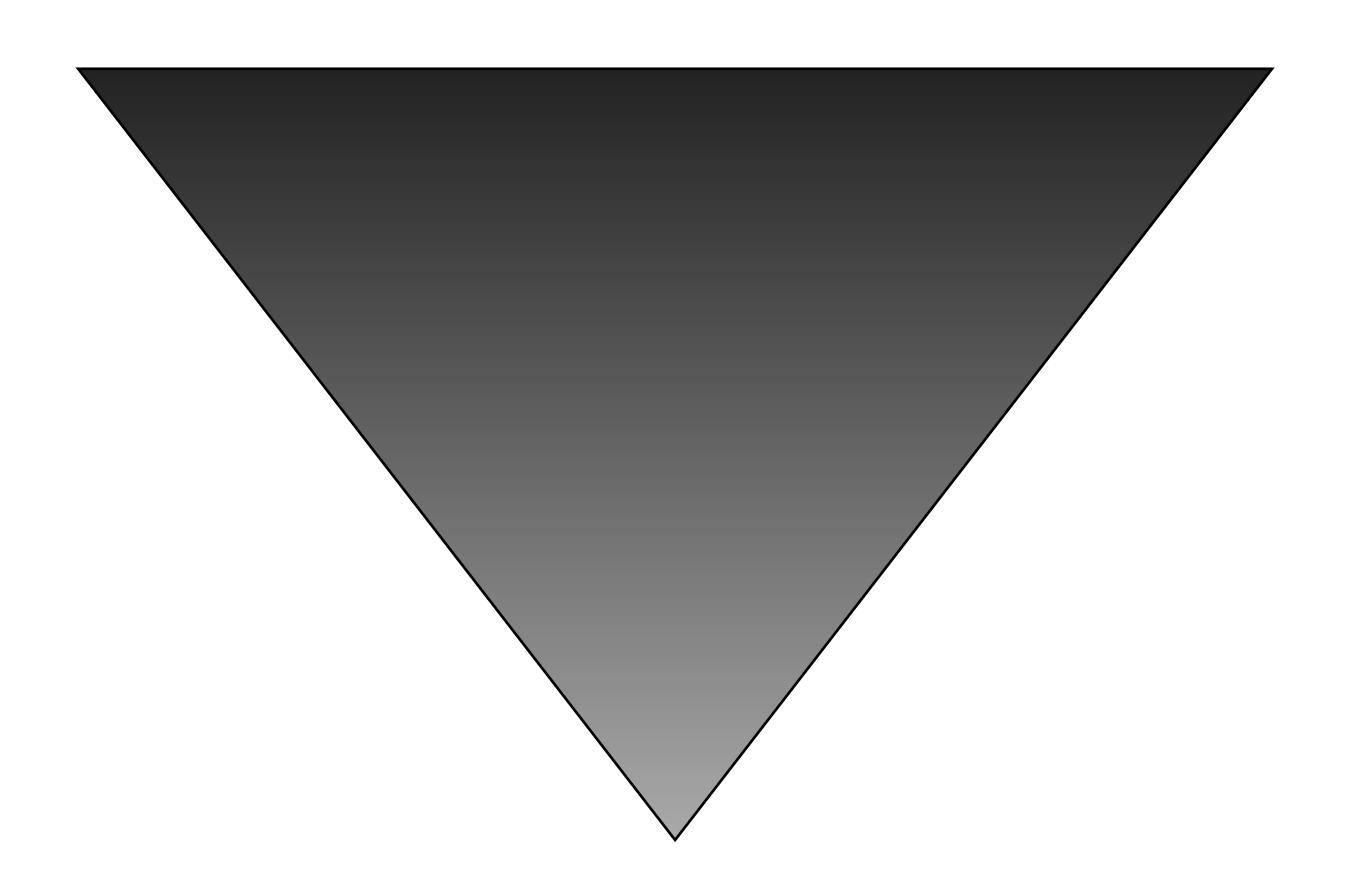
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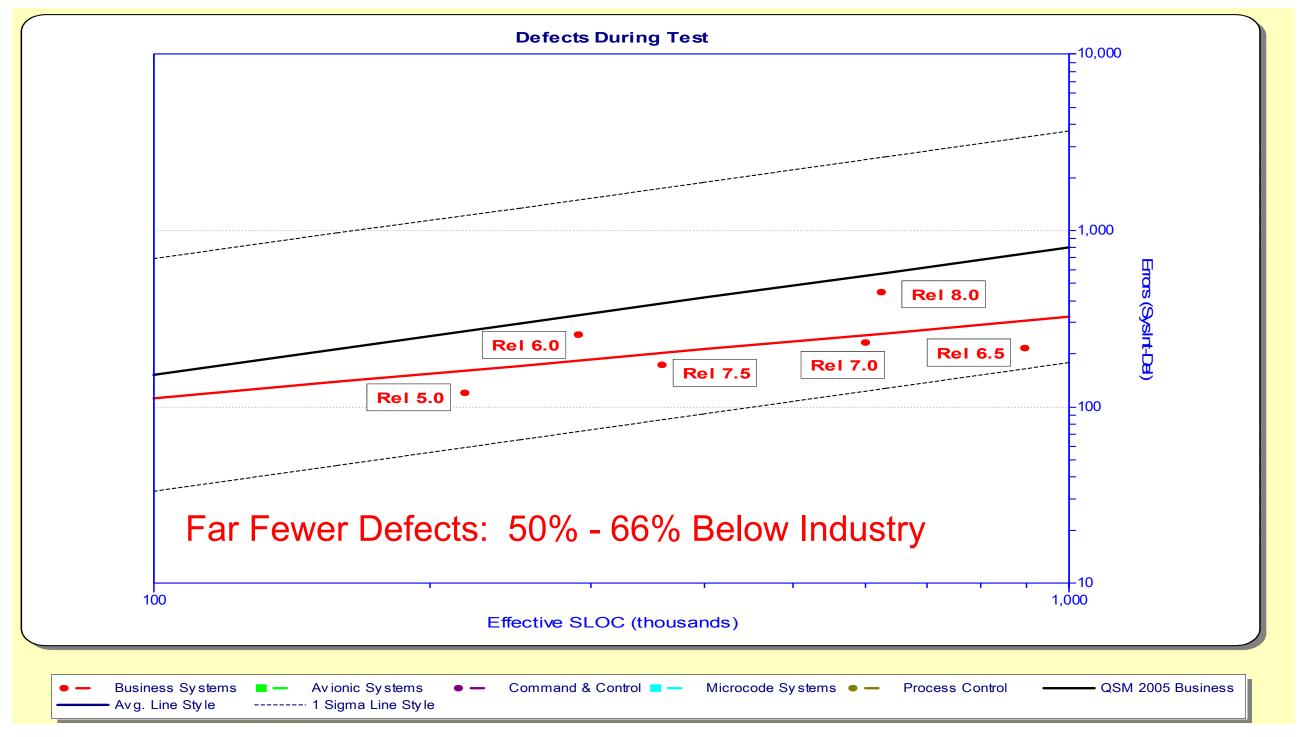
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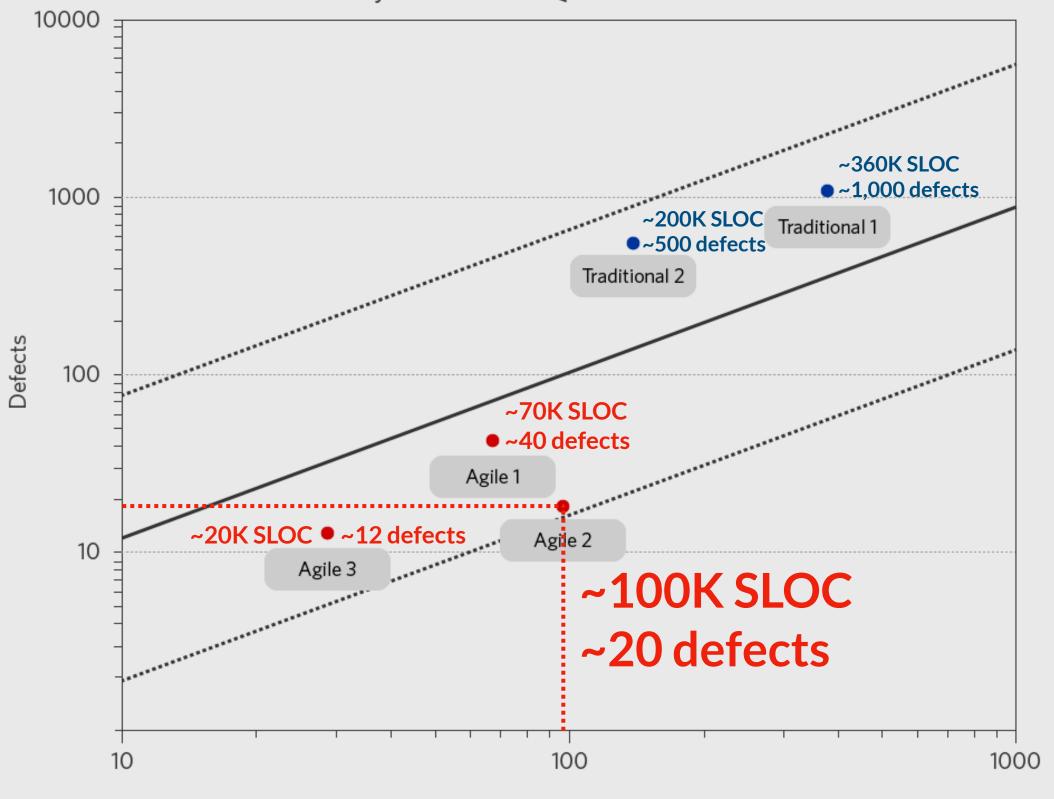


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