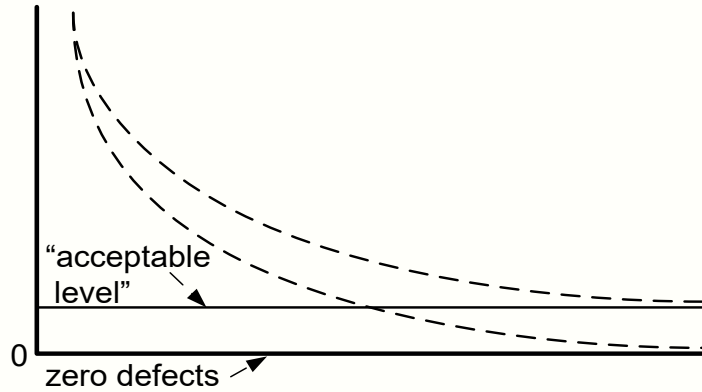


How to move towards Zero Defects



Niels Malotaux:
*In my experience the
'zero defects' attitude
results in 50% less defects
almost overnight*

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- Independent Project and Organizational Coach
- Expert in helping projects and organizations to quickly become
 - More effective - doing the right things better
 - More efficient - doing the right things better in less time
 - More predictable - delivering as needed
- Getting projects back on track
- Embedded Systems architect (electronics/firmware)
- Project types
electronic products, firmware, software,
space, road, rail, telecom,
industrial control, parking system

Result Management

Do we deliver Zero Defect software ?  
yes no

- How many defects are acceptable ?
- Apparently the requirements specify a certain number of defects
- Do you check that the required number has been produced ?

In your projects

- How much time is spent putting defects in ?
- How much time is spent trying to find and fix them ?
- Do you sometimes get repeated issues ?  
yes no
- How much time is spent on defect prevention ?

Better quality costs less

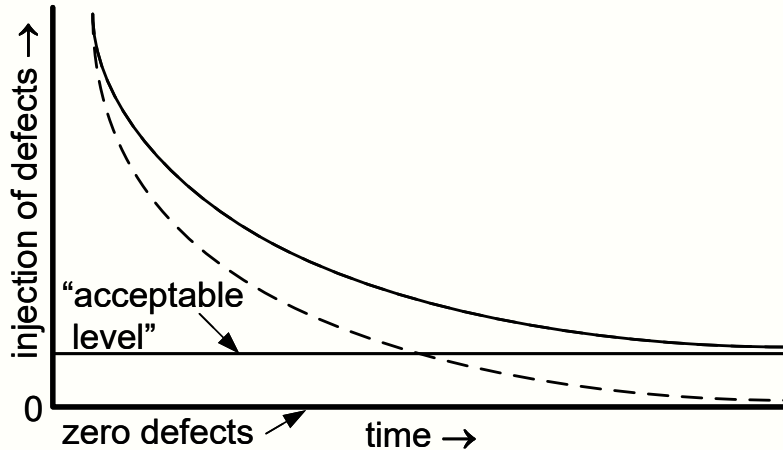
What is a defect ?

A defect is the cause of a problem
experienced by any of the stakeholders
while relying on our results

Is Zero Defects possible?  
yes no

We aren't perfect,
but the customer shouldn't find out

- Zero Defects is an asymptote



Zero Defects
= no hassle

Hassle: problem, unnecessary difficulty

- When Philip Crosby started with Zero Defects in 1961, errors dropped by 40% almost immediately
- AQL > Zero means that the organization has settled on a level of incompetence causing a hassle other people have to live with



Prevention: Root Cause Analysis

- Is Root Cause Analysis routinely performed - every time ?
- What is the difference between *Cause* and *Root Cause* ?
- **Cause:**
The error that caused the problem
- **Root Cause:**
What caused *us* to make the error that caused the problem
- Without proper Root Cause Analysis, we're *doomed to repeat the same errors*

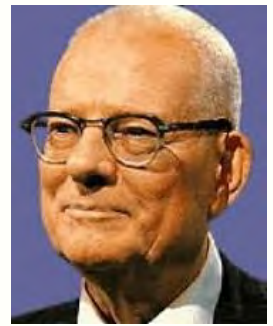
cause

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root solution

Does Testing 'assure' quality ?



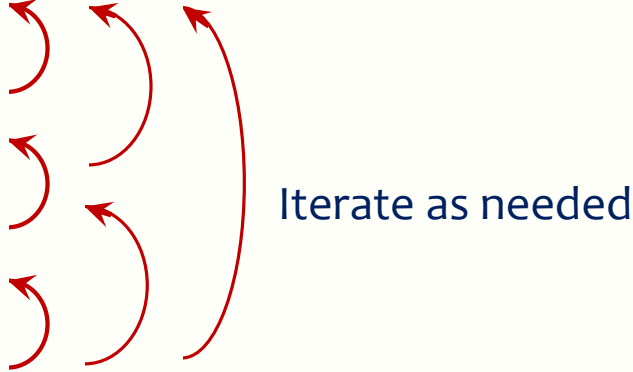
Deming
(1900-1993)

- Some testers call themselves QA: 'Quality Assurance'
- Can testers assure quality ? 
- Deming:
 - Quality comes not from testing, but from *improvement of the development process*
 - Testing does *not* improve quality, nor guarantee quality
 - It's too late
 - The quality, good or bad, is already in the product
 - *You cannot test quality into a product*
- So, how to create quality ?

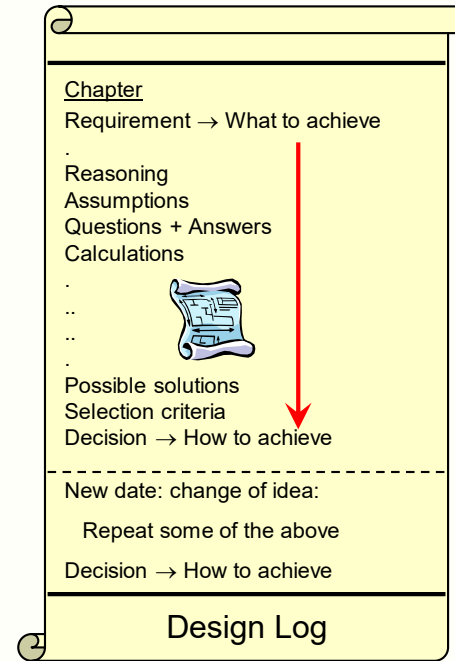
Some Examples

We're not perfect,
but the customer shouldn't find out

Design techniques

- Requirement
 - Review
 - Design
 - Review
 - Code
 - Review
- 
- Iterate as needed

- Integration test (no questions, no issues)
- If issue in test: no Band-Aid: start all over again:
Review: What's wrong with the design ?
- Reconstruct the design (if the design description is lacking)
 - What happens if you ask "Can I see the DesignLog ?"



Cleanroom



Case: In the pub

James:

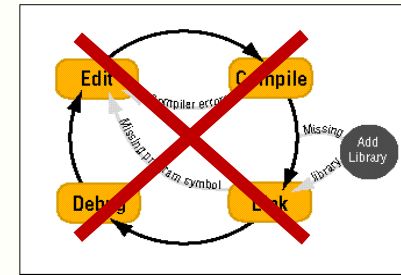
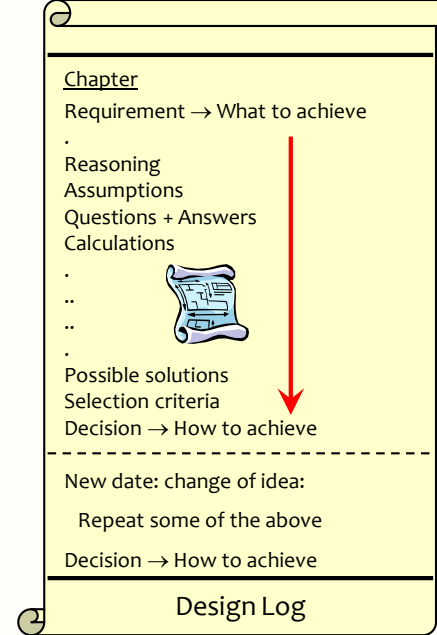
Niels, this is Louise

Louise, this is Niels, who taught me about DesignLogging

Tell what happened

Louise:

- We had only 7 days to finish some software
- We were working hard, coding, testing, coding, testing
- James said we should stop coding and go back to the design
- "We don't have time!" - "We've only 7 days!"
- James insisted
- We designed, found the problem, corrected it, cleaned up the mess
- Done in less than 7 days
- Thank you!

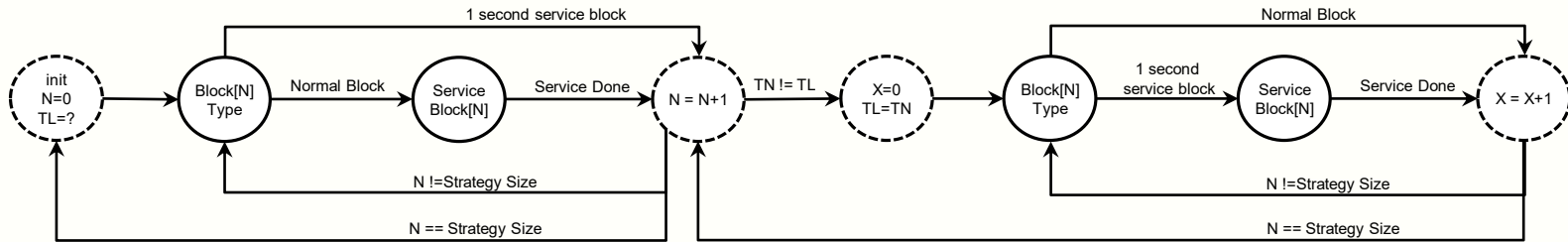
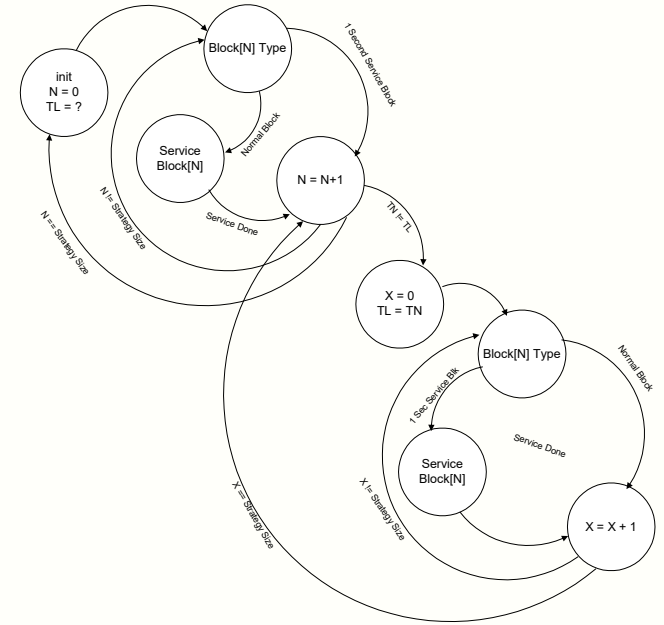


What James told me afterwards

- I gave the design to two colleagues for review
- Louise corrected some minor issues
- It went into a ‘final’ review, with another colleague
- Based in his expertise, the solution was completely reworked
- Actually, two features were delivered and deployed
 - One that was design and code reviewed had no issues after deployment
 - Other one, was the source of quite some defects
- This success proved instrumental in buy-in for DesignLogs which are now embedded in the development process

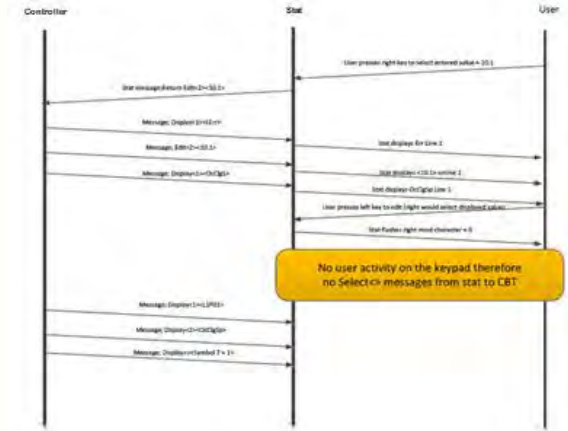
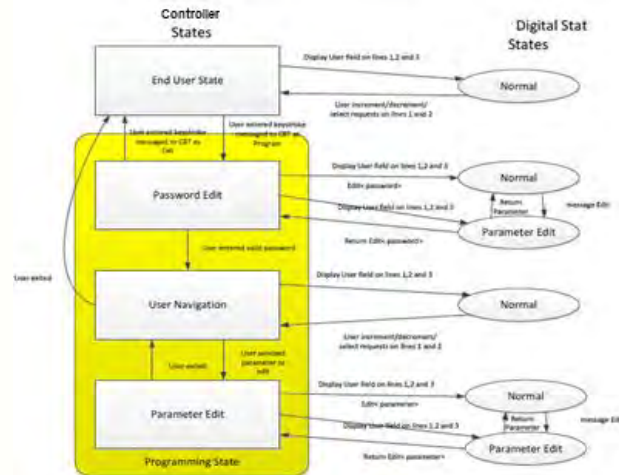
There are many ways to represent a design

- Only few are useful
- Don't waste reviewer's time



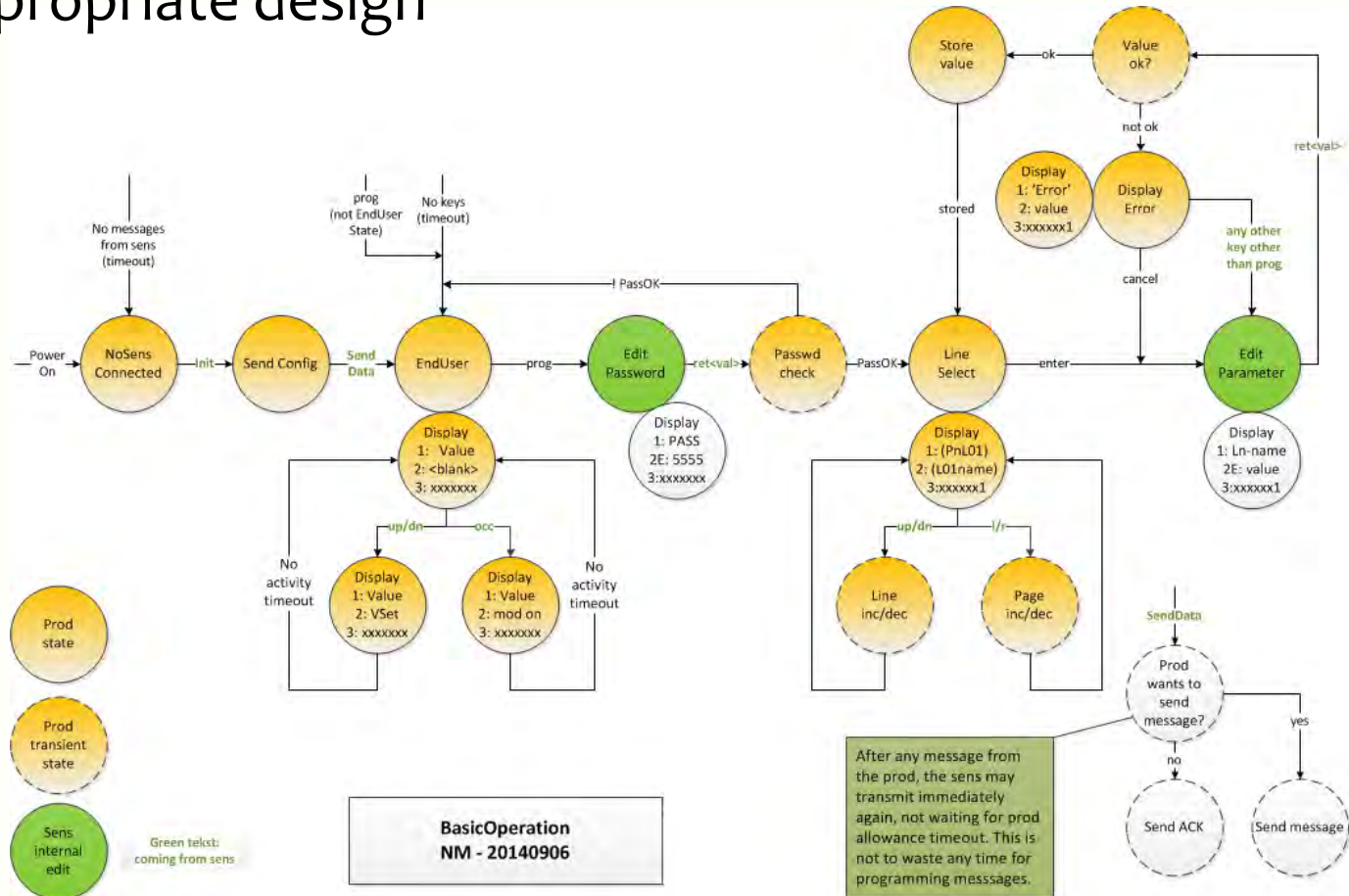


Useful design ?

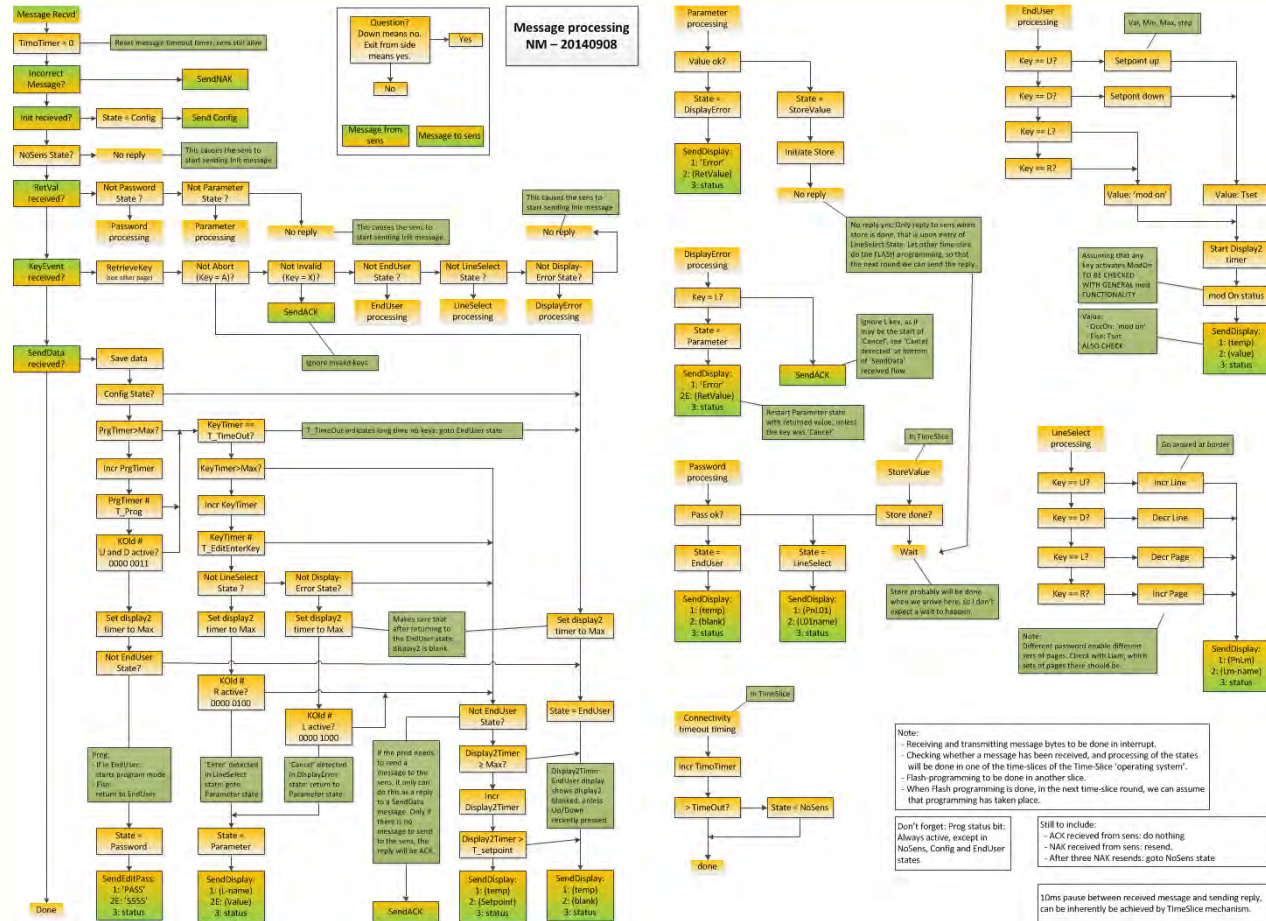


Choose the appropriate design

47 pages documentation
condensed into one page



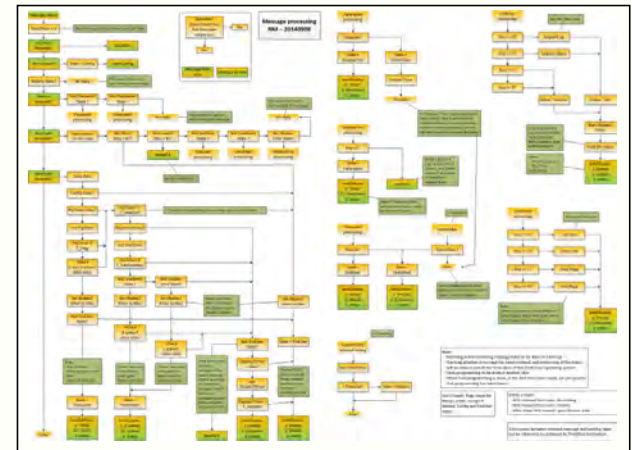
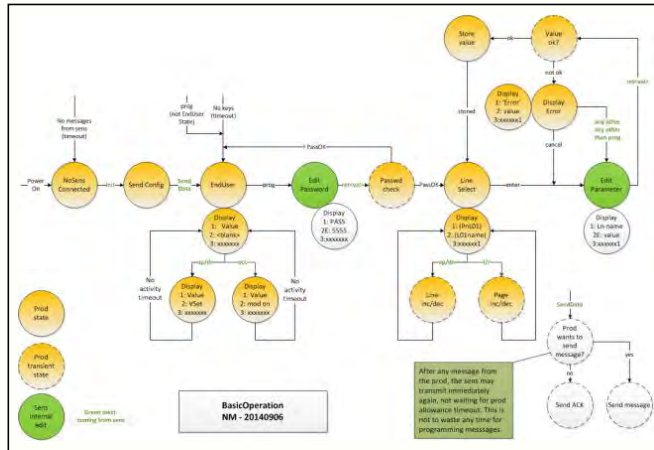
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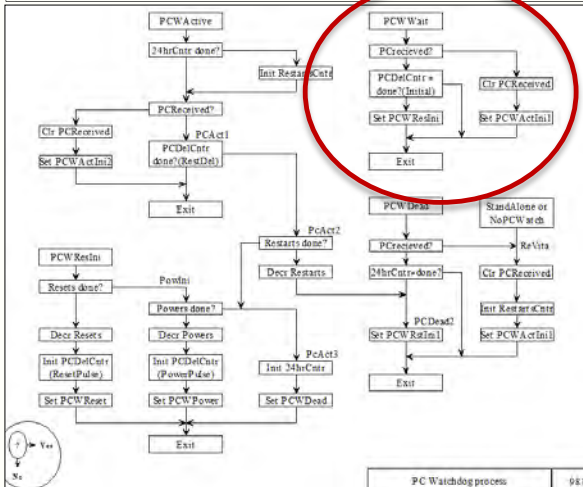
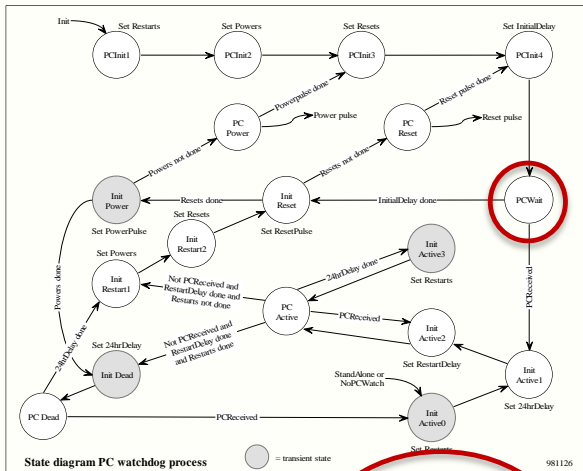


What is better than reviewing code ?

- If you review software, what do you review ?
- What is better than reviewing code ?
 - May I review the design first ?

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51 while read line;do
52   case $line in
53     # remove the gap
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55             set window_gap ${window_gap-1} : keybind $Mod-0 emit_hook ;;
56     set frame_border_width ${frame_border_width-1} ;;
57     pad 0 $pad ;;
58     pad 1 $pad ;;
59     # add the gap
60     gap* ) gap=${line/gap /};aPad=( $pad )
61            For (( i=0; i < ${aPad[0]}; i++));do
62              aPad[i]=${( ${aPad[i]} + $gap - 1)}
63            done
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65             set frame_gap "$gap" ;;
66             set window_gap $gap : set frame_border_width 0 ;;
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68             pad 1 ${aPad[1]} ;;
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71     contract) herbstclient $contract;;
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; MovLM RIn2PC ; Select next phase
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PCRIn2 Call EtoPCR ; Init resets counter
; MovLM ReInPC ; Select next phase
; MovWF PCPhase ; (See EndPCX)
; Goto EndPCX
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PCAIn1 Call Pre24h ; Init 24h counter
; MovLM AiInPC ; Select next phase
; MovWF PCPhase ; (See EndPCX)
; Goto EndPCX
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; Goto EndPC ; Exit PC if not yet done
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; MovF PCDcntr,f ; Check delay counter (reset pulse)
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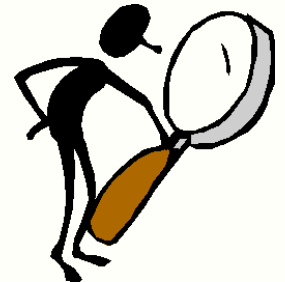
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Case: Scrum Sprint Planning

- What is the measure of success for the coming sprint ?
- “What a strange question !
We're Agile, so we deliver working software. Don't you know ?”
- Note: Users are not waiting for software:
they just need *improved performance* of what they're doing
- How about a requirement for 'Demo': *No Questions - No Issues*
- How's that possible !!?
- They actually succeeded !

Demo ??

- Give the delivery to the stakeholders
- Zip your mouth
- Keep your hands handcuffed on your back
- and o-b-s-e-r-v-e what happens
- Seeing what the stakeholders actually do, provides real feedback
- Then we can ‘talk business’ with the stakeholders
- Is this what you do ?



The 'Demo'

Concurrent database record update

No questions – no issues !

Customer site



Demo room



Delivery Strategy Suggestions

- What we deliver will be used by the appropriate users immediately, within one week not making them less efficient than before
- If a delivery isn't used immediately, we analyse and close the gap so that it will start being used (otherwise we don't get feedback)
- The proof of the pudding is when it's eaten and found tasty, by them, not by us
- The users determine success, and whether they want to pay (we don't have to tell them, but it should be our attitude)
- Would you dare to deliver no-cure-no-pay ?

Case: How much legwork is being done in your project ?

- Requirements/specifications were trashed out with product management
- Technical analysis was done and
- Detail design for the first delivery



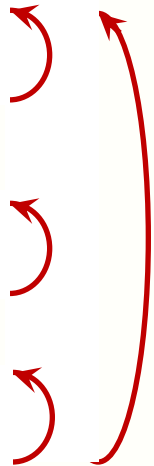
- At the first delivery:
- James: How is the delivery? (quality versus expectation)
- Adrian: It's exactly as expected,
which is absolutely unprecedented for a first delivery
the initial legwork has really paid off

Some techniques shown

- Design
- Drawings
- DesignLog
- Review
- No Questions - No Issues

A Zero Defects attitude makes an immediate difference

Basic approach

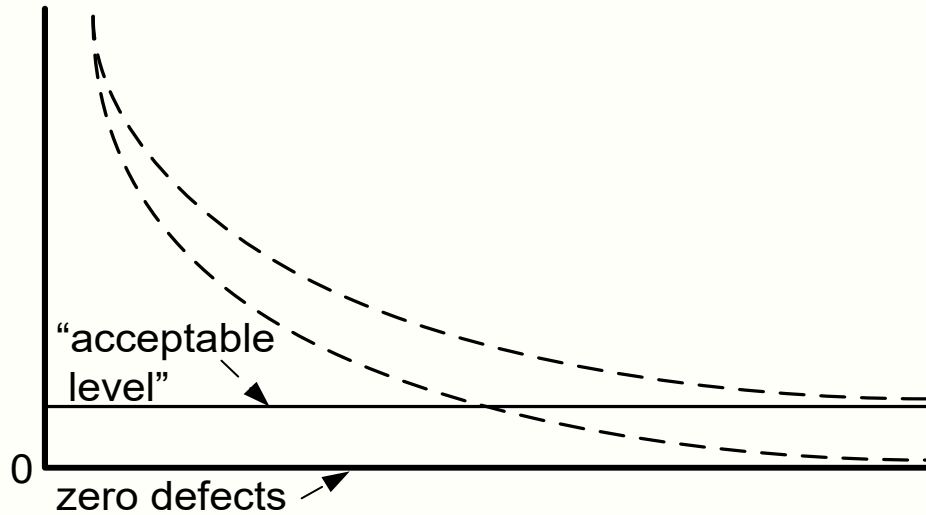
- Design the requirement
 - Review
 - Design implementation
 - Review
 - Implement (code ?)
 - Review
 - Test doesn't find issues (because they're not there)
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- The diagram consists of three red curved arrows pointing from the 'Review' steps back to the 'Design' steps. A larger red curved arrow on the right side encompasses the entire list of steps, pointing from the bottom back to the top, indicating a full-cycle iteration.
- Iterate fast, as needed

Do we deliver Zero Defect products ?

- How many defects do you think are acceptable ?
 - Do the requirements specify a certain number of defects ?
 - Do you check that the required number has been produced ?
 - In your projects
 - How much time is spent putting defects in ?
 - How much time is spent trying to find and fix them ?
 - Do you sometimes get repeated issues ?
 - How much time is spent on defect prevention ?
 - Could you use “No Questions - No Issues” ?
- Better quality costs less

Approaching Zero Defects is Absolutely Possible

If in doubt, let's talk about it



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More

- 1 **Evolutionary Project Management Methods (2001)**
Issues to solve, and first experience with the Evo Planning approach
- 2 **How Quality is Assured by Evolutionary Methods (2004)**
After a lot more experience: rather mature Evo Planning process
- 3 **Optimizing the Contribution of Testing to Project Success (2005)**
How Testing fits in
- 3a **Optimizing Quality Assurance for Better Results (2005)**
Same as Booklet 3, but for non-software projects
- 4 **Controlling Project Risk by Design (2006)**
How the Evo approach solves Risk by Design (by process)
- 5 **TimeLine: How to Get and Keep Control over Longer Periods of Time (2007)**
Replaced by Booklet 7, except for the step-by-step TimeLine procedure
- 6 **Human Behaviour in Projects (APCOSE 2008)**
Human Behavioural aspects of Projects
- 7 **How to Achieve the Most Important Requirement (2008)**
Planning of longer periods of time, what to do if you don't have enough time
- 8 **Help ! We have a QA Problem ! (2009)**
Use of TimeLine technique: How we solved a 6 month backlog in 9 weeks
- 9 **Predictable Projects (2012) - How to deliver the Right Results at the Right Time**
- RS **Measurable Value with Agile (Ryan Shriver - 2009)**
Use of Evo Requirements and Prioritizing principles

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Inspection pages