

# IN5140

## Smart processes and agile methods in Software Engineering

### Group session 7

# Agenda

## First hour:

- Recap of deliverable 1
- Presentations
- Large-Scale Agile
- Weekly tasks

## Second hour:

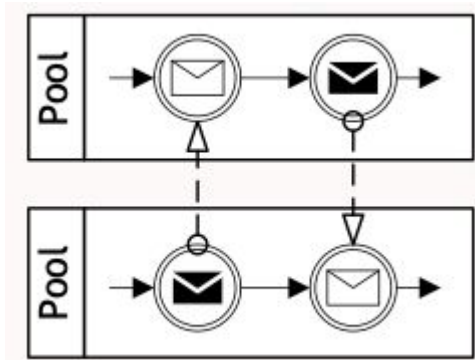
- Weekly tasks
- Retrospective
- Work on presentation

# Feedback Deliverable 1

- Now published on Devilry
- If you have any comments/questions regarding your feedback, please ask us or contact your examiner (Yngve/Antonio)

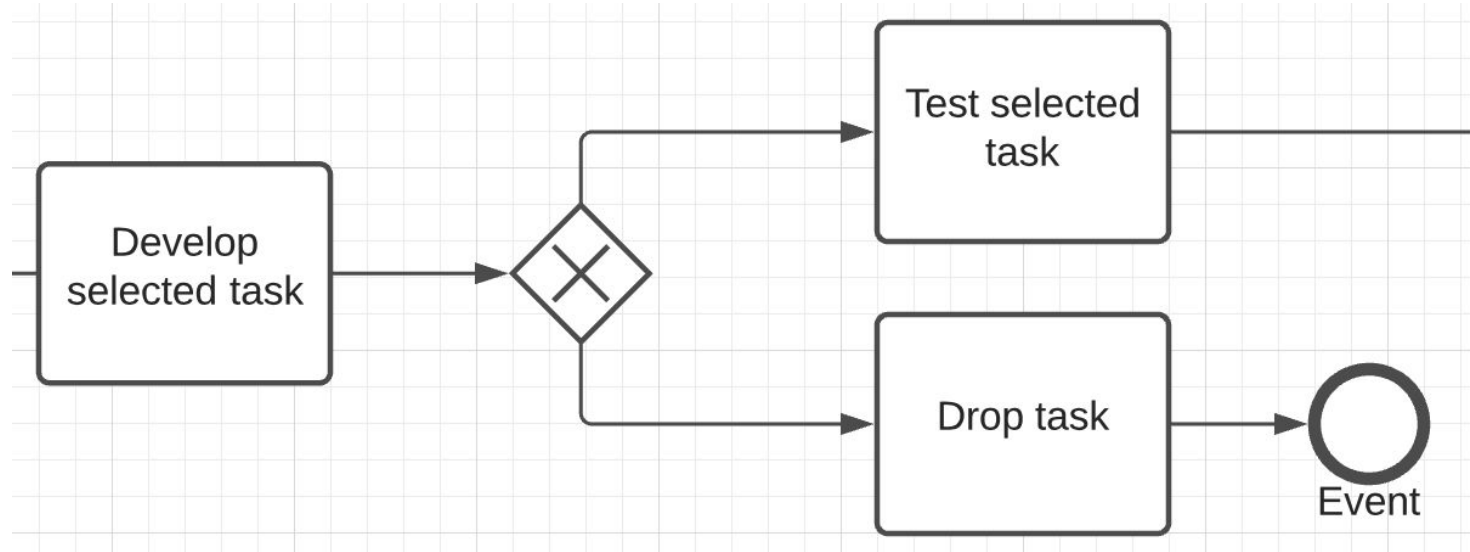
# Deliverable 1 - Points to consider

- **All** pools should have a start-event **and** end-event **with descriptions**
  - Important to visualize what initiates the process
  - Not necessary in swimlanes (but can be included)
  - Remember to name your pools!
- Dotted lines between **pools**, sequence flow between **swimlanes**.



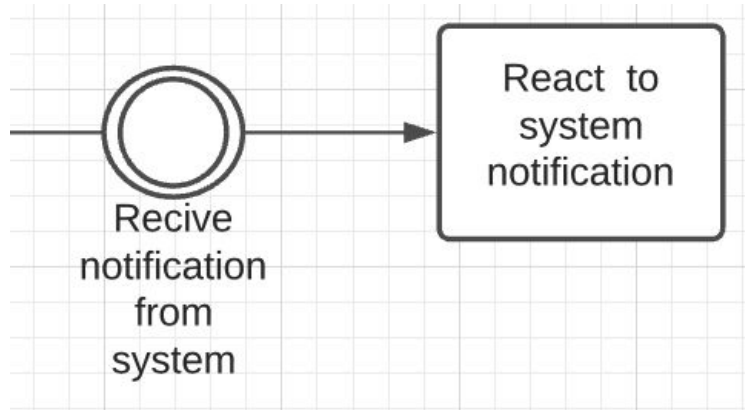
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- **All** gateways and events must have a description



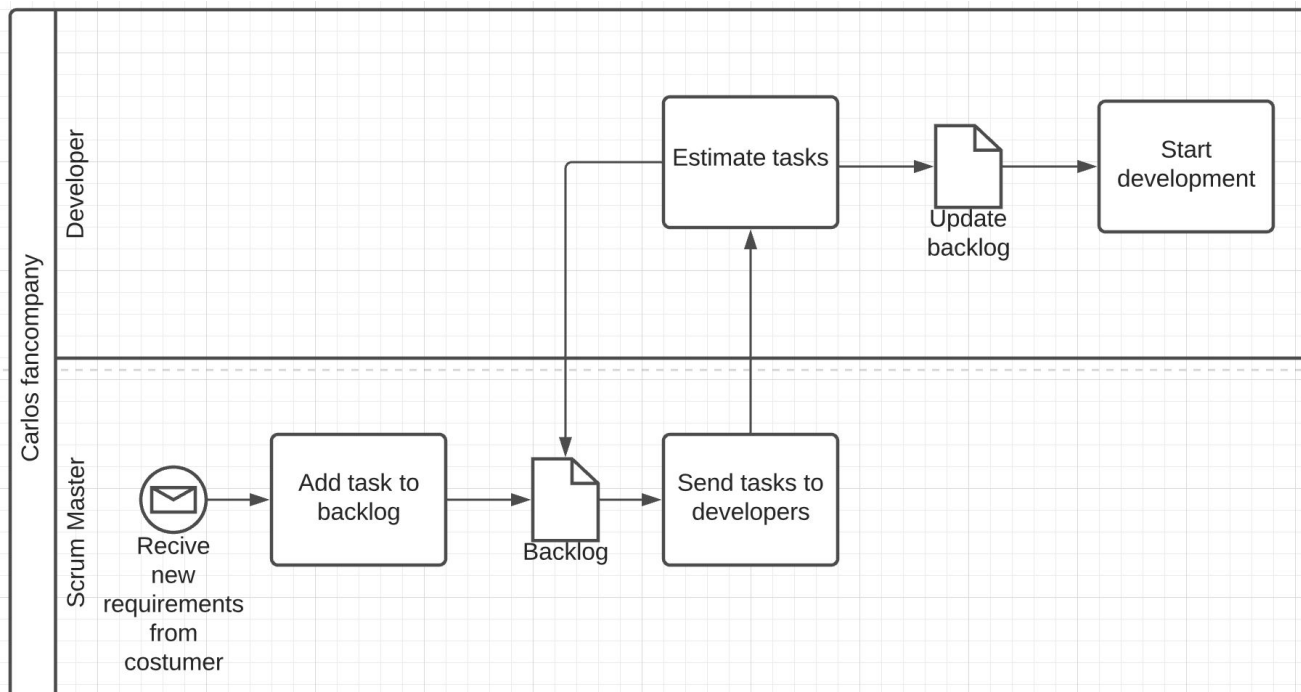
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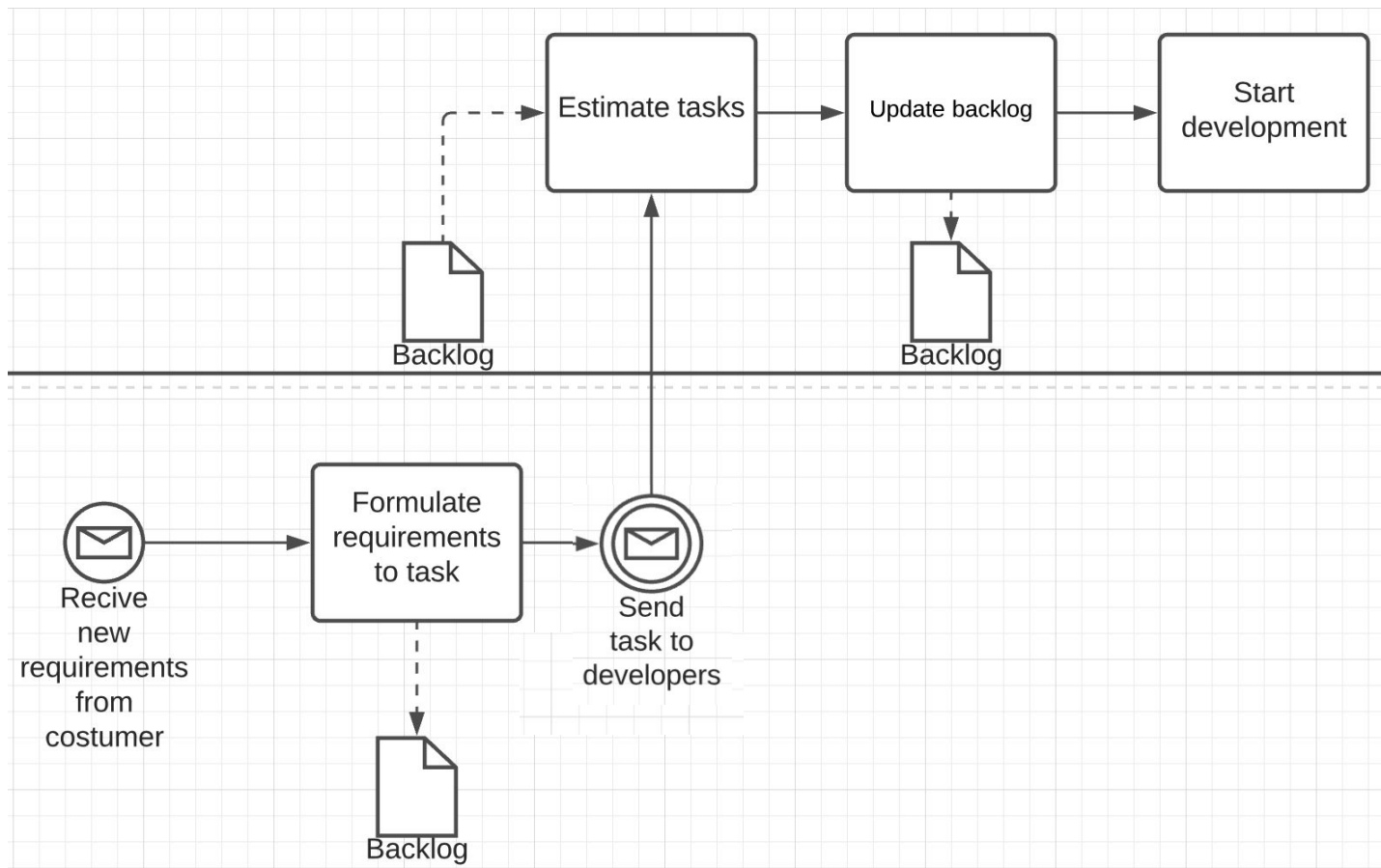
- Connect to data types using Data Association (dotted lines)
- In practise data and systems is used in most activities, you do not have to model all of them everytime
- Data should not “push” new flow directly
  - Alternative solutions to this:



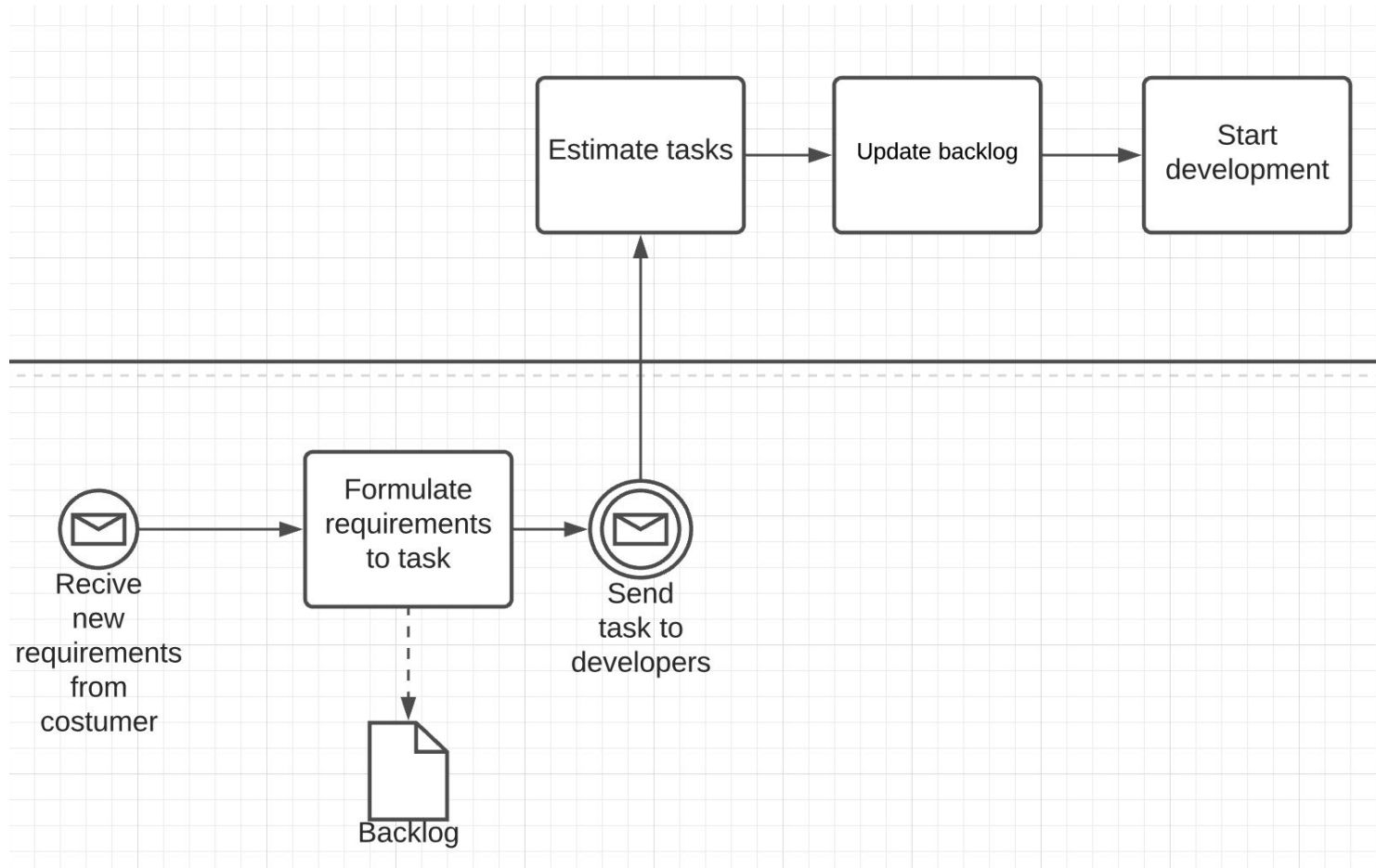
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- Data mistakes







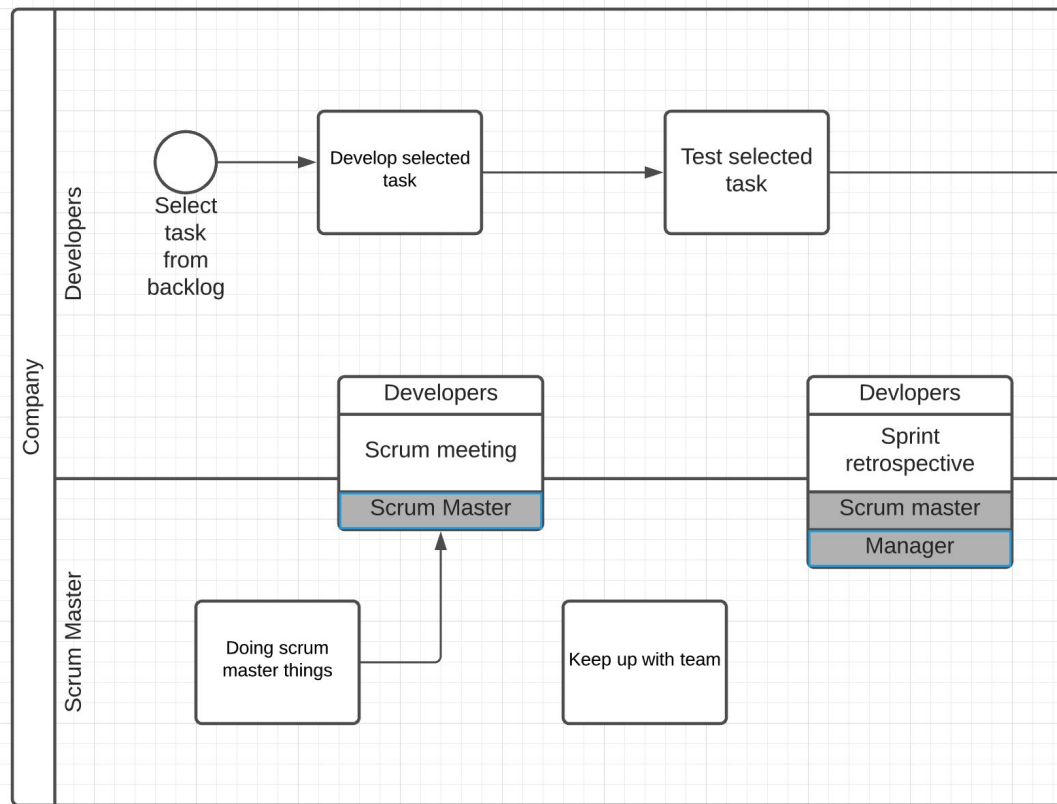


# Deliverable 1 - Points to consider

- The goal of a BPMN diagram is to visualize a process (simplified)
  - Different stakeholders with different knowledge and experience
- It is therefore important to have a **readable** and **understandable** diagram.  
Keep it simple!
- Keep in mind “Are we adding **valuable** details or **unnecessary** clutter?”
- Examples of “over-complicating”
  - Unnecessary sub-processes (sub-processes within subprocesses)
  - Focus on your process and the problems! Adding detail is great, but make sure that the main process/problem is not lost (especially important for the exam)
  - The “flow” should make sense through the whole diagram.

# Deliverable 1 - Points to consider

Example of flow mistakes and unnecessary activities



# Presentations

- Time slots are already published in <https://www.uio.no/studier/emner/matnat/ifi/IN5140/h22/beskjeder/presentations-2021-of-october.html>
- The entire team has to attend all presentations of the bulk you are in
- We recommend that all team members speak during the presentation
- Each time slot is 10 minutes that includes
  - Presentation: 4-7 minutes
  - Feedback/questions: 3 minutes
- Language: English
- No grade, but mandatory exercise

# Presentations

May include:

- Case description
  - Not necessary to go too much into detail on the project cases 1-3
- Identified problem(s)
- BPMN diagram of existing process
- Illustration of what is causing the problem
  - Eg. Fishbone diagram
- Metrics to measure improvement
- Possible solutions/ideas
- Plan for introducing and measuring solutions/ideas

Feel free to structure the presentation differently!

# Presentations

The presentation is an opportunity to get feedback and evaluate what you have come up with so far !

- What you are presenting is not the final solution to your project
- Get feedback on your structure, ideas, etc. It does not have to be perfect.

# Large-Scale Agile

- P Product owner
- ★ Chapter lead



### Tribe

(collection of squads with interconnected missions)

### Squad

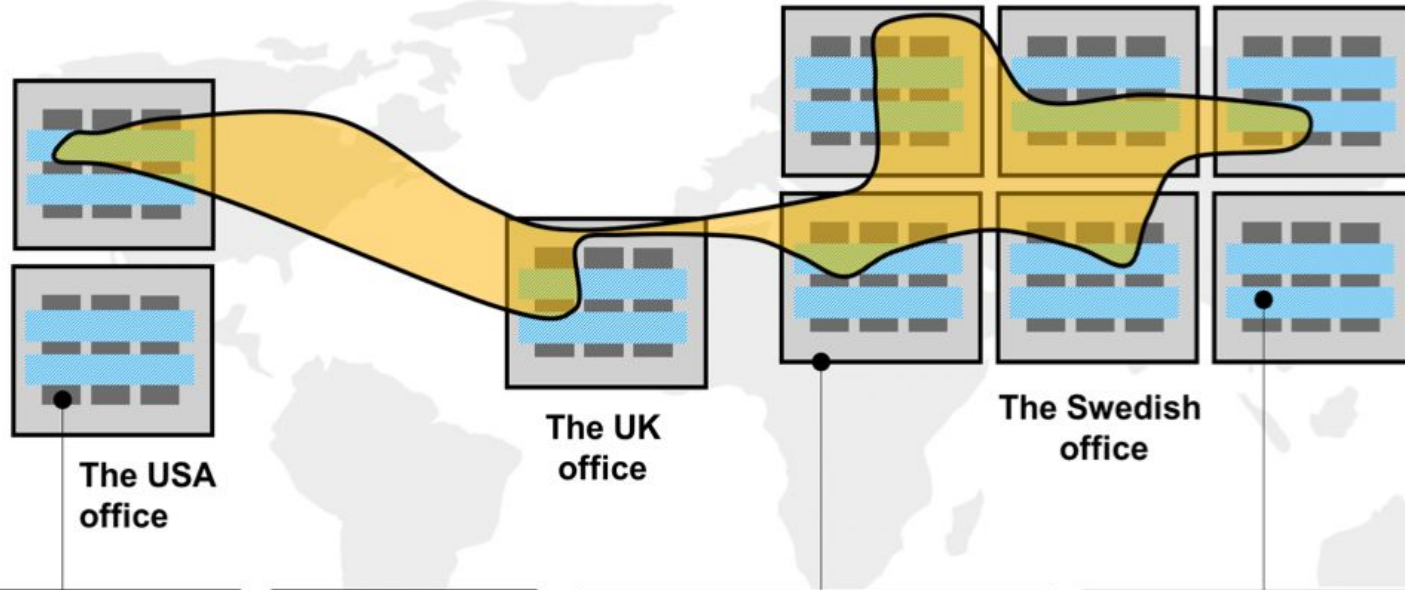
(basis of new agile organization)

### Chapter

(develops expertise and knowledge across squads)



Basic organizational structures: ■ Squads ■ Chapters ■ Tribes ■ Guilds



Teams at Spotify are called **squads**, which should “feel like mini-startups”, be self-organized and cross-functional, and ideally consist of 5-7 people

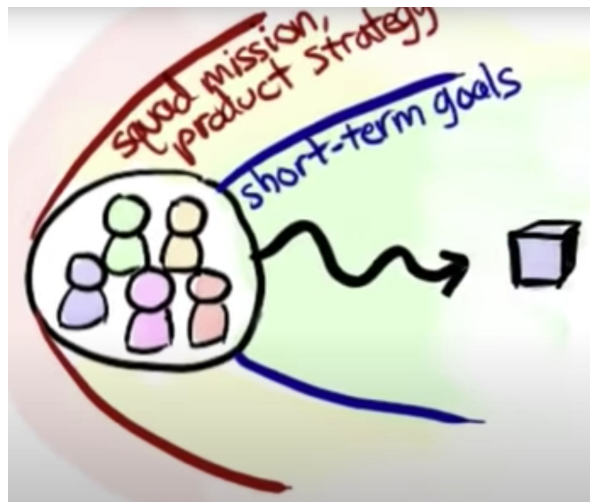
A **guild** is a group of people with similar skills and interests that share knowledge, tools or code across Spotify.

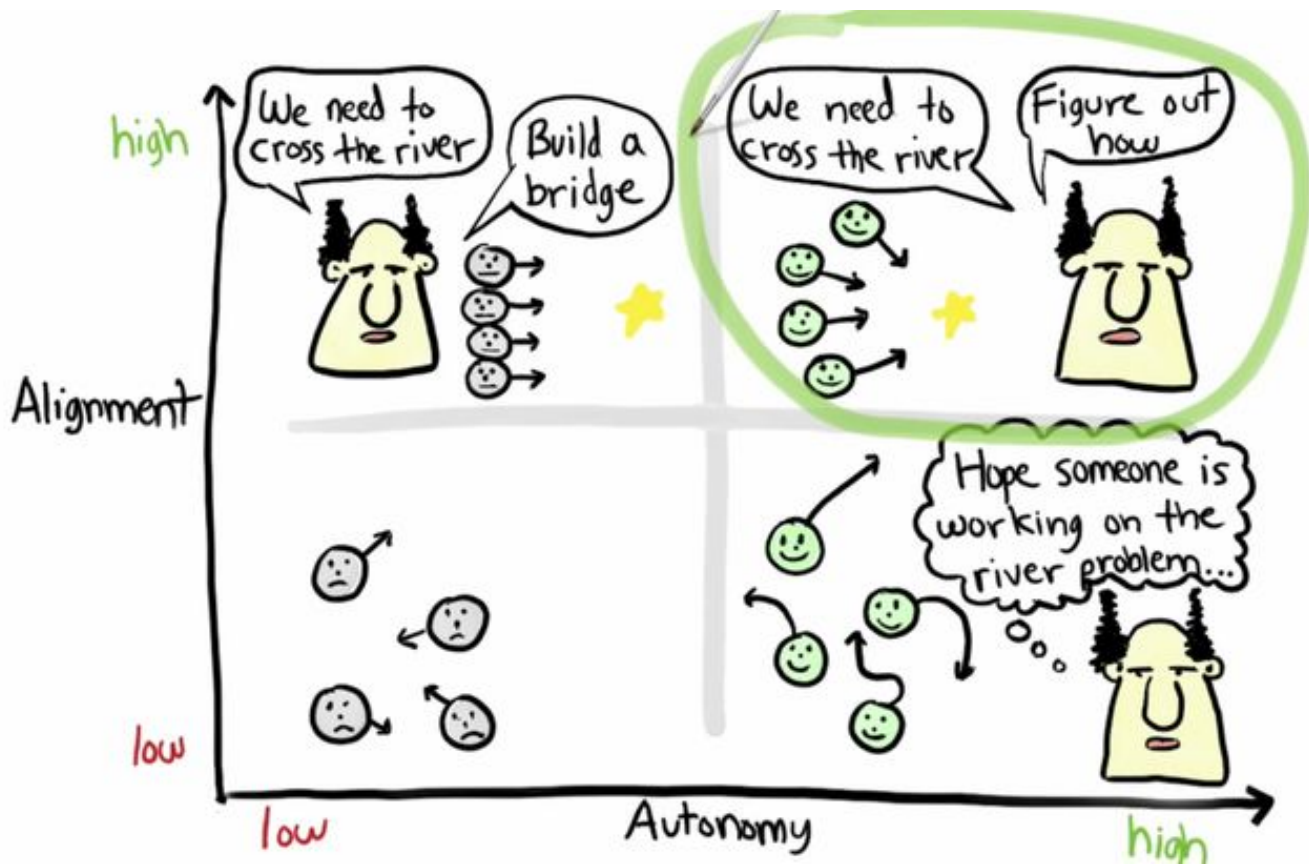
All squads are organized into **tribes** containing 30-200 people each. Tribes have a clear mission, set of principles, a senior experienced leader, and all skills needed to engineer working software features end-to-end.

**Chapter** is a group of engineers who have the same manager (Chapter Lead) and is focused on personal growth and skills development. Engineers in chapters share knowledge, learn from each other, and discuss common challenges.

# The Spotify Model

- Spotify Engineering Culture
- Key driving factor: Autonomous squad (cross functional, end to end responsibility)
  - Loosely coupled, tightly aligned squads
- Knowledge sharing
- Agile > Scrum
- Principles > Practises
- Cross-pollination > standardization
- Community > Structure





# **Weekly tasks**

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- Main challenges/issues when scaling up Agile?
- When should you make decisions about architecture?
- What drives the architecture?
- What does “continuous delivery” mean?
  
- What is Lean vs Agile, same or different?

# Weekly tasks

## Main challenges/issues when scaling up Agile?

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### Challenge type

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#### **Change resistance 16 (38%)**

General resistance to change  
Skepticism towards the new way of working  
Top down mandate creates resistance  
Management unwilling to change

#### **Lack of investment 13 (31%)**

Lack of coaching  
Lack of training  
Too high workload  
Old commitments kept  
Challenges in rearranging physical spaces

#### **Agile difficult to implement 20 (48%)**

Misunderstanding agile concepts  
Lack of guidance from literature  
Agile customized poorly  
Reverting to the old way of working  
Excessive enthusiasm

#### **Coordination challenges in multi-team environment 13 (31%)**

Interfacing between teams difficult  
Autonomous team model challenging  
Global distribution challenges  
Achieving technical consistency

#### **Different approaches emerge in a multi-team environment 9 (21%)**

Interpretation of agile differs between teams  
Using old and new approaches side by side

#### **Hierarchical management and organizational boundaries 14 (33%)**

Middle managers' role in agile unclear  
Management in waterfall mode  
Keeping the old bureaucracy  
Internal silos kept

#### **Requirements engineering challenges 16 (38%)**

High-level requirements management largely missing in agile  
Requirement refinement challenging  
Creating and estimating user stories hard  
Gap between long and short term planning

#### **Quality assurance challenges 6 (14%)**

Accommodating non-functional testing  
Lack of automated testing  
Requirements ambiguity affects QA

#### **Integrating non-development functions 18 (43%)**

Other functions unwilling to change  
Challenges in adjusting to incremental delivery pace  
Challenges in adjusting product launch activities  
Rewarding model not teamwork centric

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(Dikert et al., 2016)

# Team-related challenges

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Challenges.

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# Weekly tasks

## When should you make decisions about architecture?

- Emergent architecture vs upfront architecture
- Postponing architectural decisions can increase the probability of being correct
- More information can change our perception of the risks



# Weekly tasks

## What drives the architecture?

- Business goals!
- Fancy architecture have little value if it does not help with the business goals



# Weekly tasks

What does “continuous delivery” mean?

*Continuous Delivery is the ability to get changes of all types—including new features, configuration changes, bug fixes and experiments—into production, or into the hands of users, safely and quickly in a sustainable way.”*

**15 min break** 

# The Sailboat Retrospective



# **Group Session Retrospective!**

**We want your feedback!**

**... and what better way to do it, than a Group Session Retrospective!**

# **Project Report Help-session**