

Ground System Architectures Workshop GMSEC SERVICES SUITE (GSS) An Agile Development Story

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Adopting Agile Ground

Software Development

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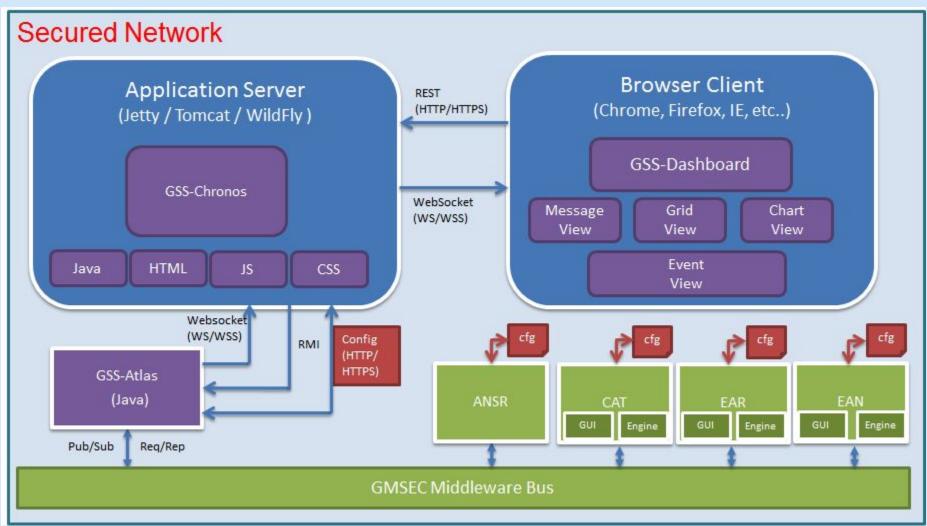
Agenda



- GSS Background
- Brief Intro to Agile
- Why Agile and GSS Challenges
- Takeaways

GMSEC Services Suite (GSS)





Intro to Agile

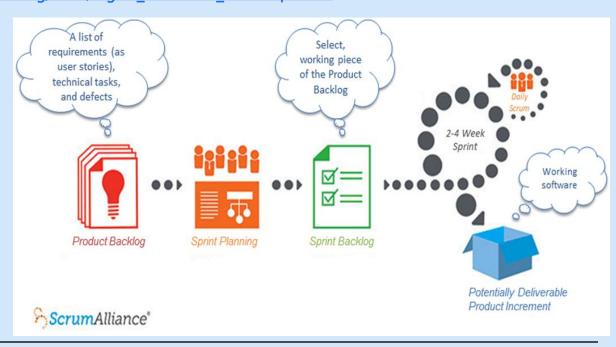


What is Agile Software Development?

"Describes a set of principles for software development under which requirements and solutions evolve through the collaborative effort of self-organizing cross-functional teams. It advocates <u>adaptive</u> planning, <u>evolutionary</u> development, <u>early</u> delivery, and <u>continuous</u> improvement, and it encourages <u>rapid</u> and <u>flexible</u> response to change."

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Agile software development

- Methodologies
 - Scrum
 - Kanban
 - Feature Driven Dev.
 - Adaptive System Dev.
 - Dynamic Systems Dev.
 - Lean Software Dev.
 - Crystal Clear



Agile Setup

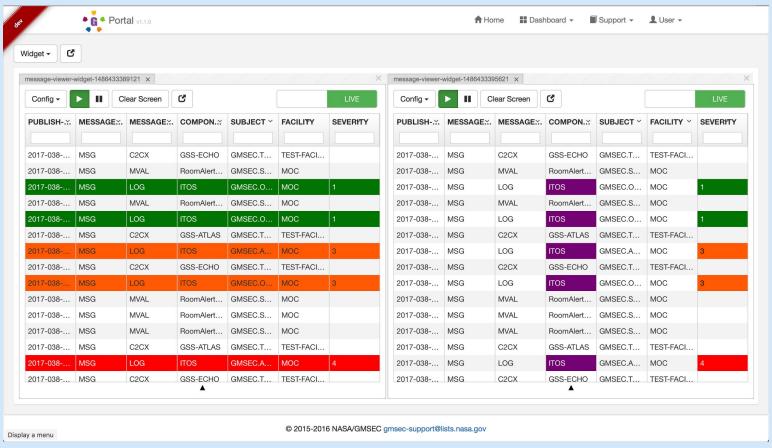


- Manage work items with IBM Rational Team Concert. Specifically the Change Management module leveraging Scrum Agile project template within RTC (Youtube - Rational Team Concert v4.0.2 ALM)
- Team roles:
 - Product Owner
 - Scrum Master
 - Team Member
 - Stakeholder
- Sprint cycle:
 - 4 weeks
 - Starts at the beginning of the month
- M-W-F stand-up meetings (15 mins)

- Story points:
 - On the order of minutes (XS)
 - Up to one day (S)
 - Couple of days (M)
 - Up to one week (L)
 - Up to two weeks (XL)
- Sprint Review typically at the end of the month or the beginning of the next month
- Post Sprint Review, Sprint Retrospective are combined into one at the end of each Sprint
- Sprint Planning at the beginning of each Sprint
- Align our major releases with GMSEC releases (two times a year)

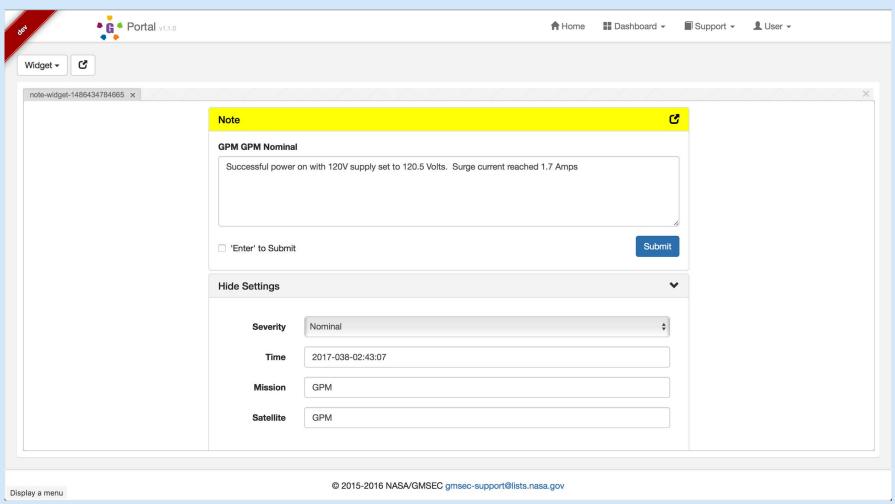


 Engage with the stakeholders early and throughout the development process to make sure that the end product meets their expectations



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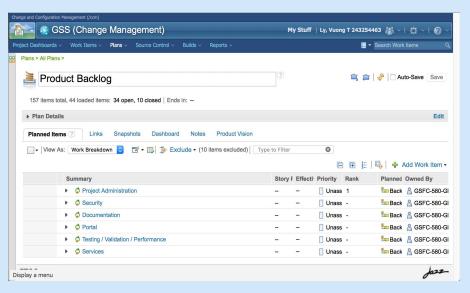
Challenges



- If one of your stakeholders had a bad pre-conceived notion of Agile...
 - Then the team needs to prove the value of the process
- Some common misunderstandings
 - Agile is anti-planning and undisciplined
 - Where's your 18 month plan?
 - Agile teams don't do documentation

Where are your formal requirements, design document,

test plans, test procedures?





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Product Backlog

(1.1) Sprint 6 Backlog

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(1.1) Sprint 3 Backlog

(1.1) Sprint 2 Backlog

Sprint 2 (1.1.0) Dec 1, 2016 - Dec 31, 2016

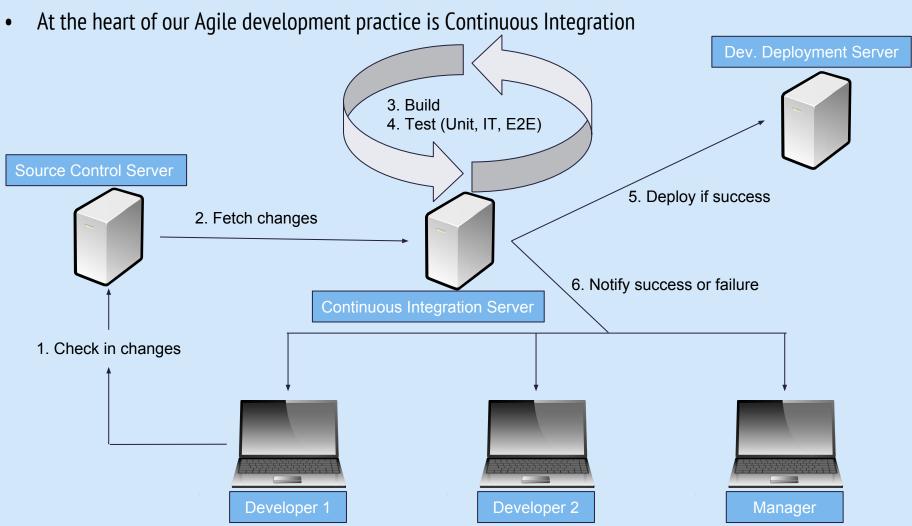
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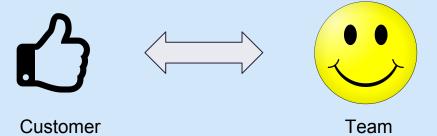
Continuous Integration





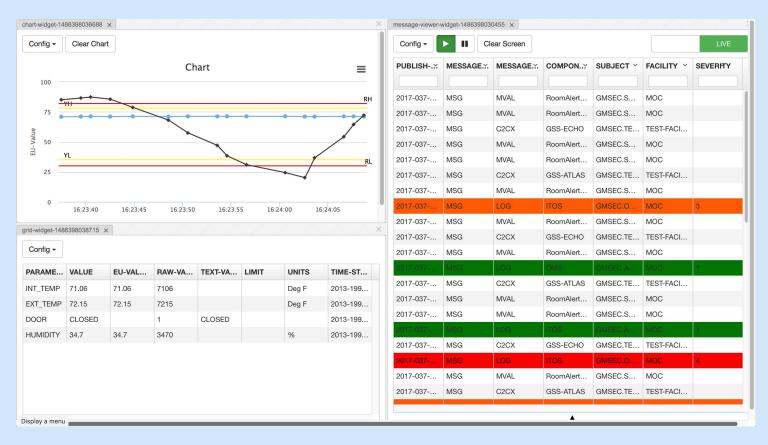


- Allow for change
 - Opportunity to update/reprioritize plans based on customer inputs
 - Personnel flexibility for non-full time team members
- Cross functional teams
 - Encourage team members to take on different roles
 - Minimize the "single expert" problem
- Predictable costs and schedule
 - Understand your team productivity and level of effort to complete tasks
- Immediate feedback bidirectional





- Focus on users and providing them business value
 - Stakeholders! Stakeholders! Stakeholders!



Is that what you called a Demo?

Challenges



- Maintaining up-to-date documentation
- Maintaining up-to-date automated testing environment
- Ensuring stakeholders consistent involvement
- Helping management to understand the benefits of the Agile methodology

Takeaways



- Early and frequently stakeholders involvement and buy-in is essential
- Use agile techniques to build in quality and automate processes
- Happy development teams produce better software
- Agile is not the wild-west: it requires a lot of leadership, communication, and discipline to be successful

Acronyms



ANSR	Alert Notification System Router
CAT	Criteria Action Table
E2E	End-to-End
GEDAT	GMSEC Environment Diagnostic Analysis Tool
GOTS	Government Off-The-Shelf
GPD	GMSEC Parameter Display
GRASP	GMSEC Remote Data Access Tool
GREAT	GMSEC Reusable Event Analysis Toolkit
IT	Integration Test
RAA	Room Alert Adapter
SA	System Agent