


# Design Today and Agile

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**Please Tell us about your experience  
with project management**

A close-up photograph of Steve Jobs, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He has a serious, slightly awkward expression on his face, looking slightly to the right. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

**So project management... ya know,  
I like, manage the projects..**

User Insights



Insert  
Magical  
Process  
Here

Great Experience,  
Successful Product

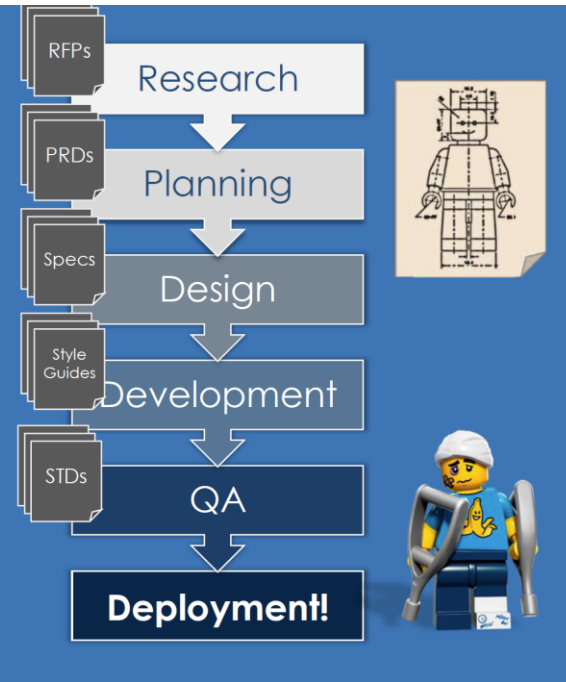


The goal of design “process”

Source: Whalen

# Waterfall

Sequential process –  
Step by step,  
from planning to delivery

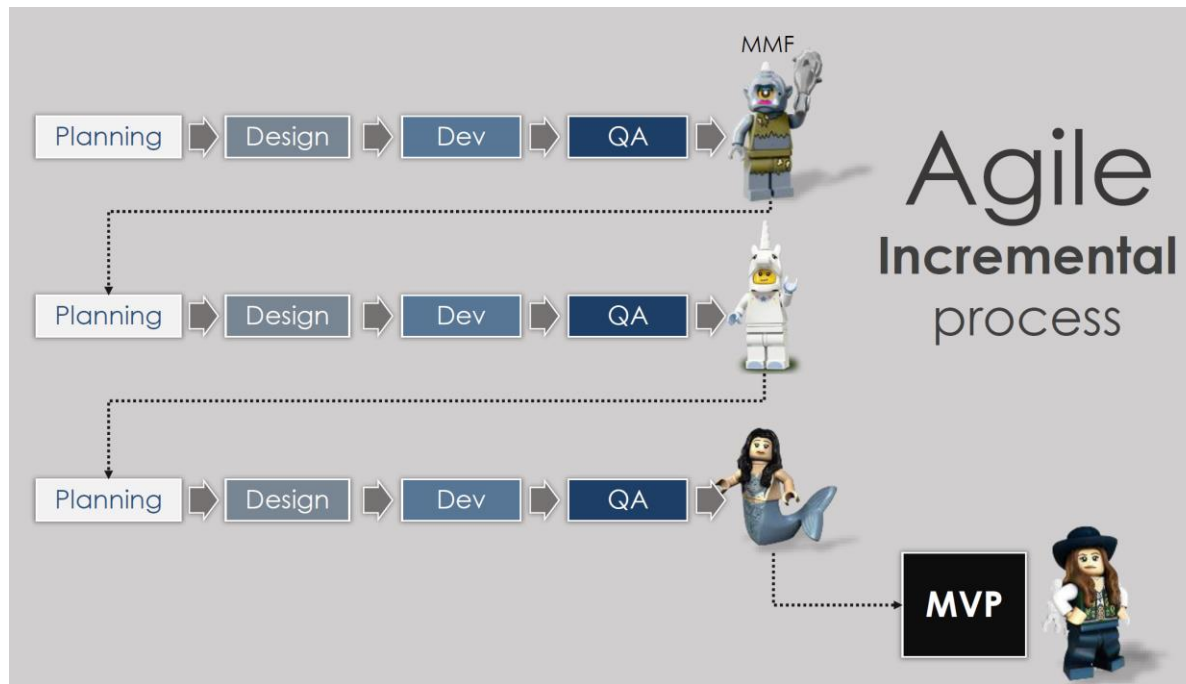


But this doesn't really work anymore...

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Defined

**Agile project management** is an iterative approach to delivering a **project** throughout its life cycle. ... Iterative approaches are frequently used in software development projects to promote velocity and adaptability since the benefit of iteration is that you can adjust as you go along rather than following a linear path.



Is this more realistic?

# Design Thinking

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## Research

Empathize with the audience you are designing for

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## Ideate

Brainstorm possible designs

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## Prototype

Build a representation of one or more of your ideas

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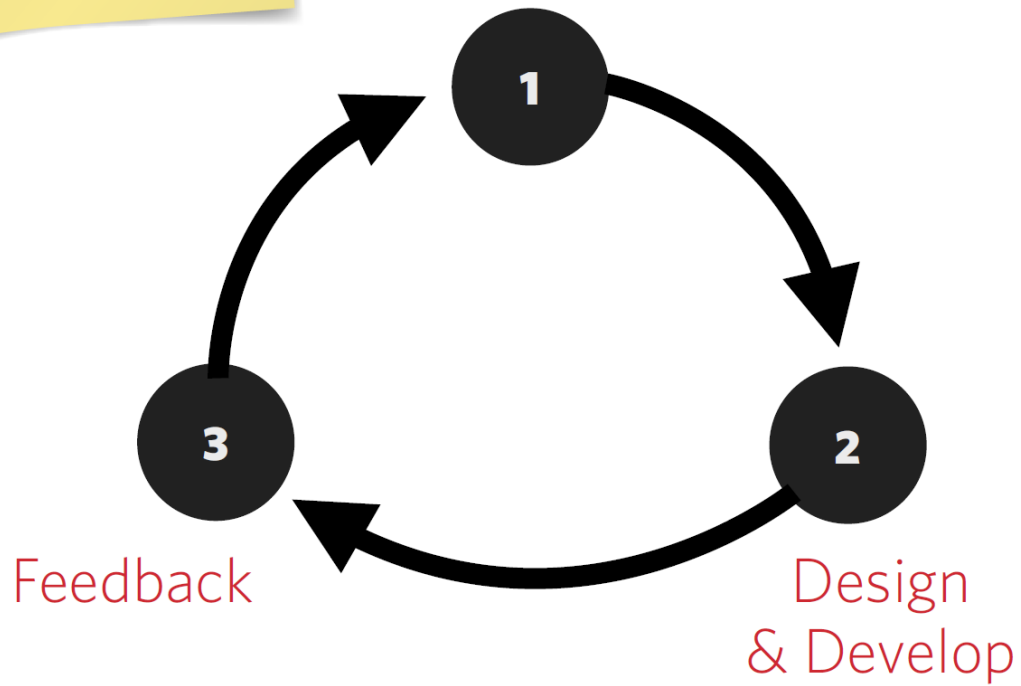
## Test

Test your ideas for feedback

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**Agile**

User Stories



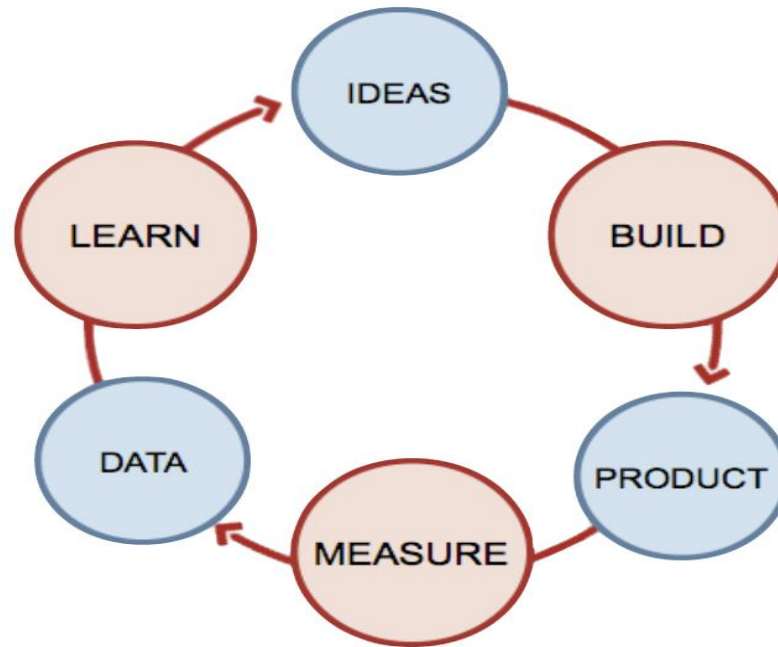




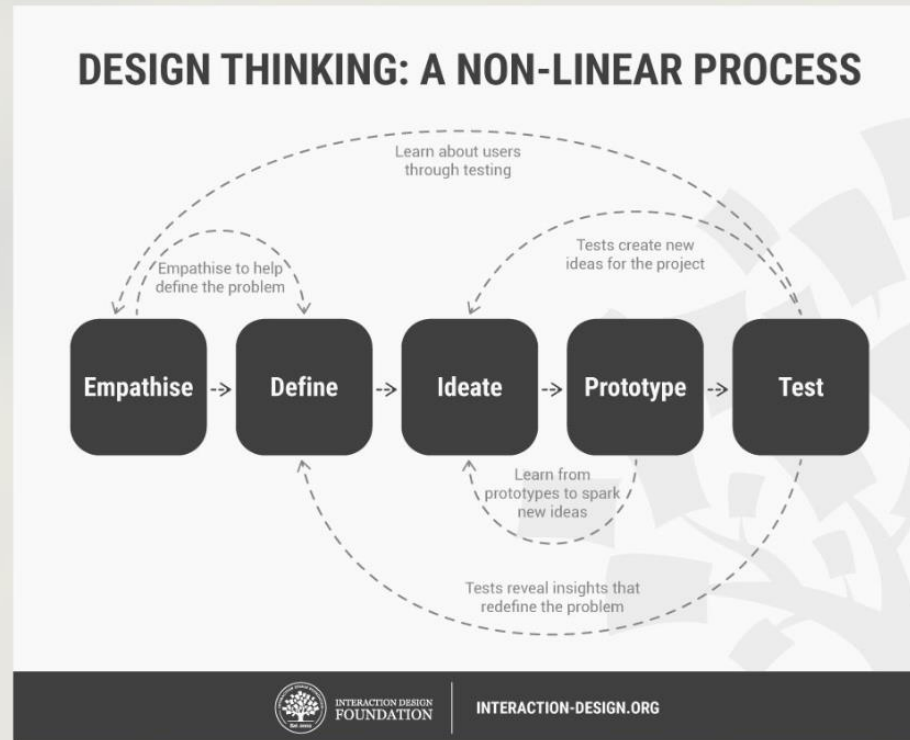
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**"WATERFALL IN SPRINTS"**

# Lean Startup

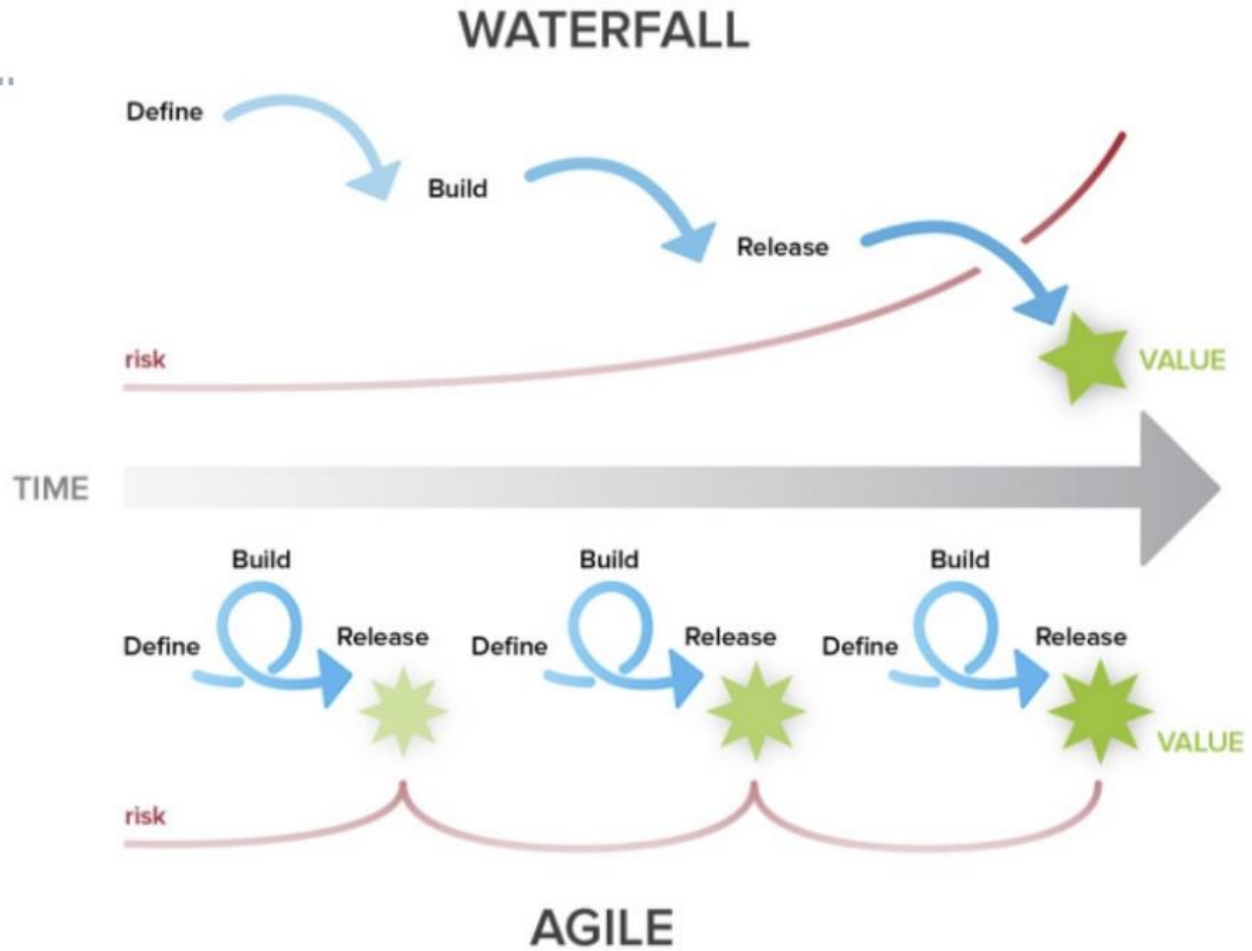


# To Summarize.....



\*image sourced from <https://www.interaction-design.org/literature/article/5-stages-in-the-design-thinking-process>

Compare...



# The Value of Agile



**Individuals and Interactions** over processes and tools



**Working Software** over comprehensive documentation



**Customer Collaboration** over contract negotiation



**Responding to Change** over following a plan

# Agile Principles

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Customer satisfaction by early and continuous delivery of valuable software.

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Welcome changing requirements, even in late development.

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Deliver working software frequently (weeks rather than months)

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Close, daily cooperation between business people and developers

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Projects are built around motivated individuals, who should be trusted

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Face-to-face conversation is the best form of communication (co-location)

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Working software is the primary measure of progress

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Sustainable development, able to maintain a constant pace

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Continuous attention to technical excellence and good design

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Simplicity—the art of maximizing the amount of work not done—is essential

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Best architectures, requirements, and designs emerge from self-organizing teams

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Regularly, the team reflects on how to become more effective, and adjusts accordingly

# Agile UX Design



Frames the UX



Iterative



Focus on efficiency



Team Member Interaction



Incremental completion

# Agile UX Principles



Designers in continuous collaboration



Integration of feedback



Quick huddles/meetings to keep contact



Not a one size fits all



Embrace feedback



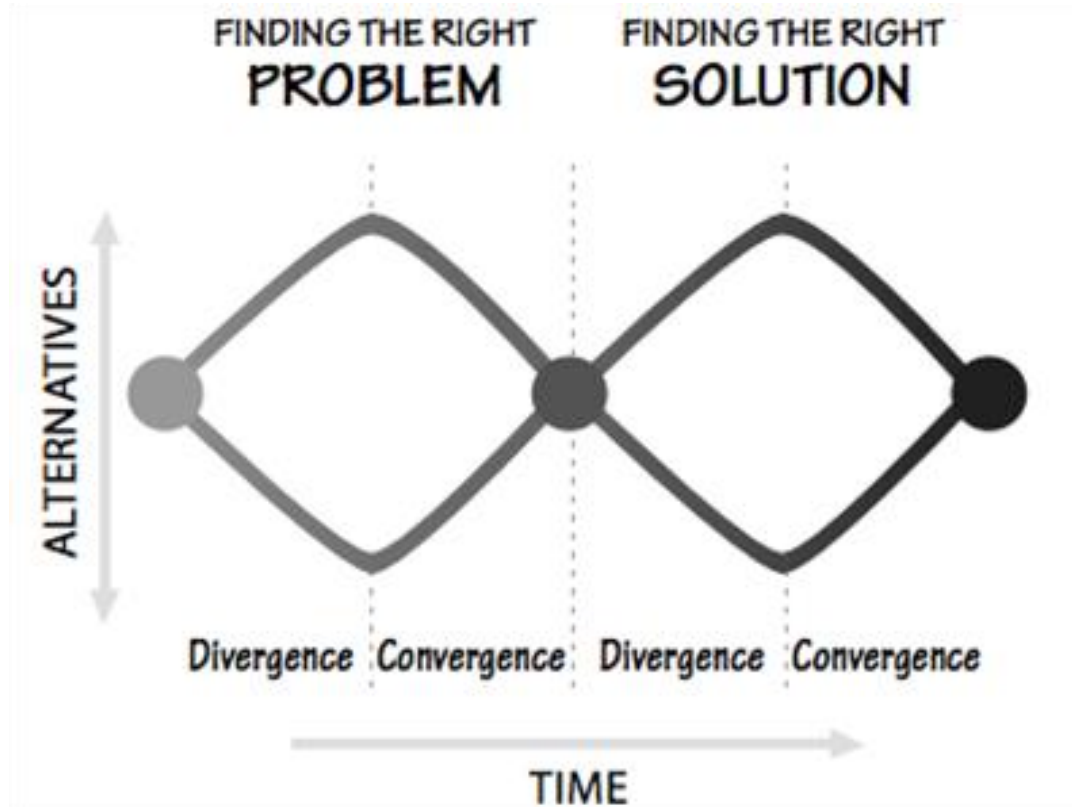
Team mentality



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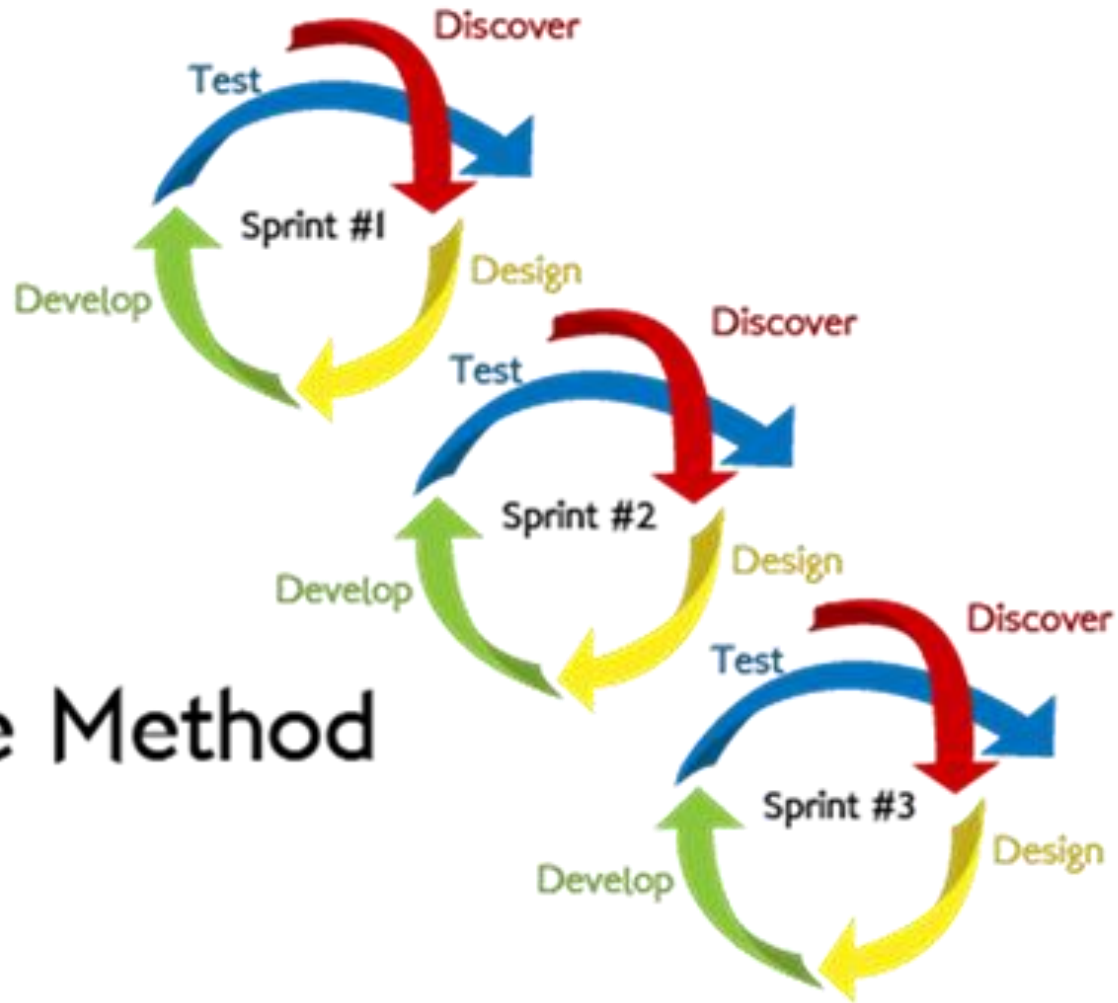
Project Size	Agile Failure rate	Waterfall Failure rate
Small	4%	11%
Large	23%	42%

\* Standish Group 2015 Chaos Report 2015 - <https://www.infoq.com/articles/standish-chaos-2015>

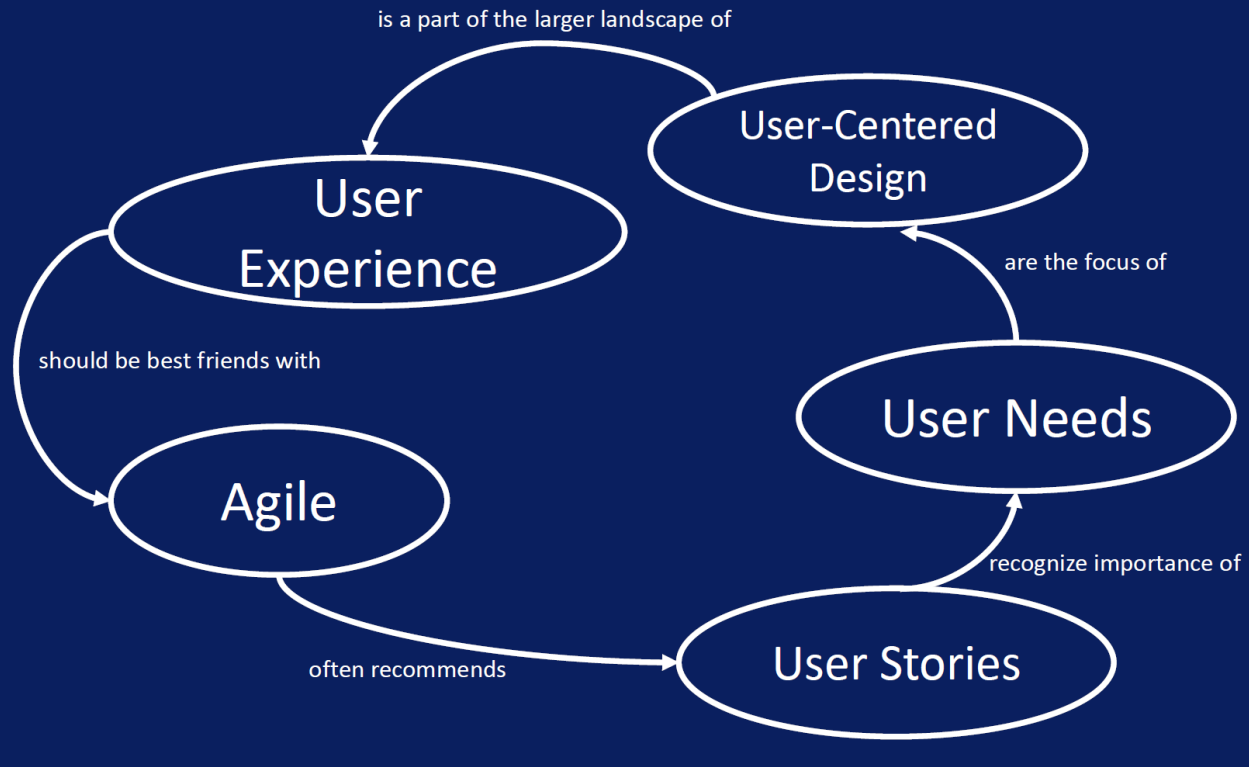


# The Design Process

# Agile Method



# UX and Agile Overlap



**So why *don't* Agile and UX get along?**

**UX is historically waterfall-y, because...**

A very old  
saw to grind  
– design vs.  
marketing

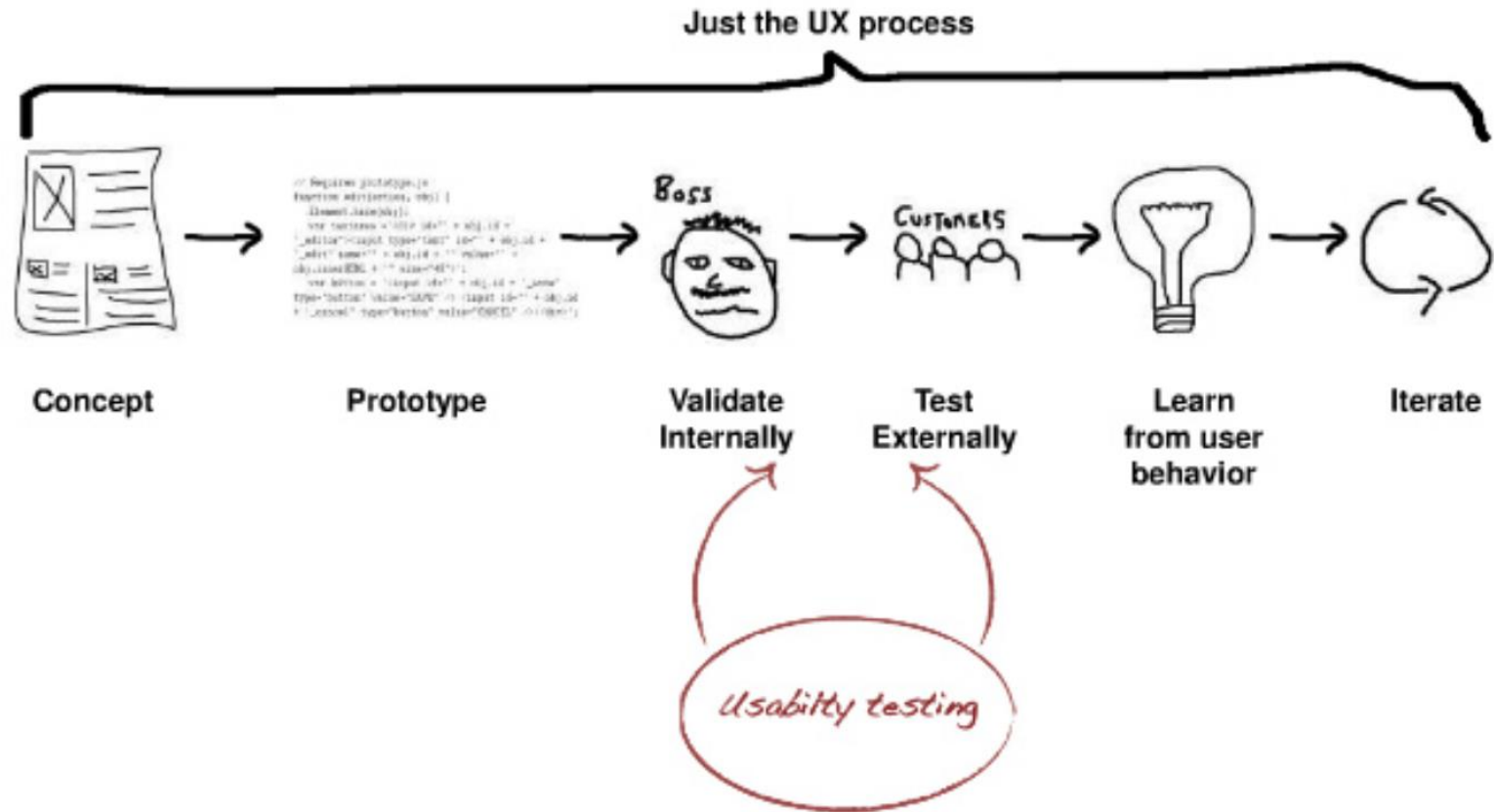
### Design research

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- Use

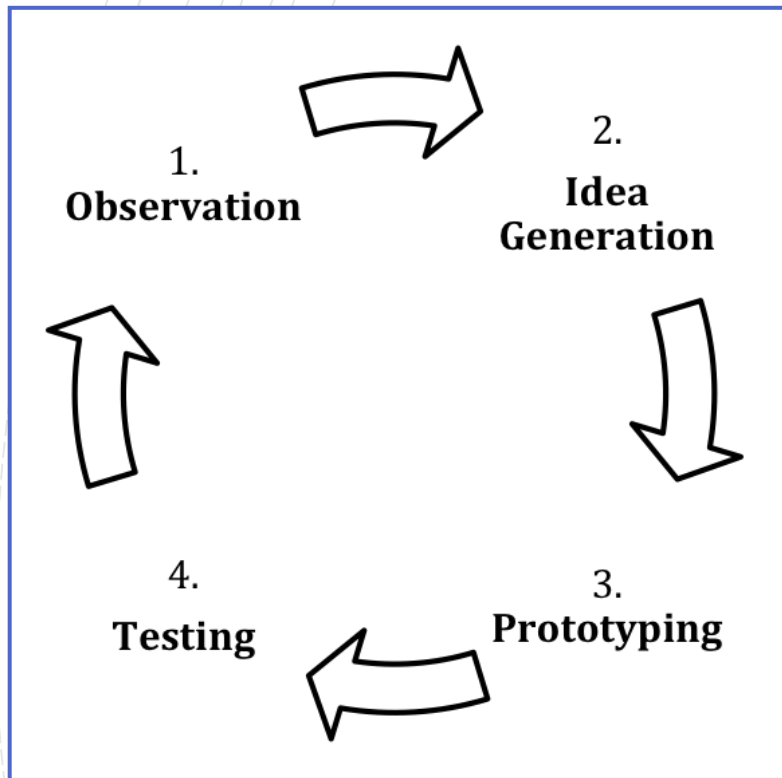
### Market research

- Want
- Buy

# Lean UX...



# Norman's Human Centered Design



- Is this applicable in today's APP centric 'lets make the users do the work' world?

Think about it...

What is the 'best' design process for your project?



How will the following issues impact your project?

Design vs.  
marketing

Needs of the  
many vs. few

Desire for  
stupidity

Standards

Need to  
make things  
hard

Competitive  
pressures

Market  
acceptance

Morality