Testing for Business Value

in agile teams

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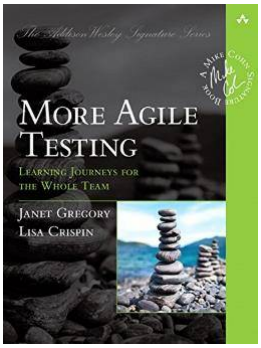

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My Message Today

How testing helps create
shared understanding
of what you are building!
and
How to test for that business value.

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We want to collaborate and develop a shared understanding of what we are building

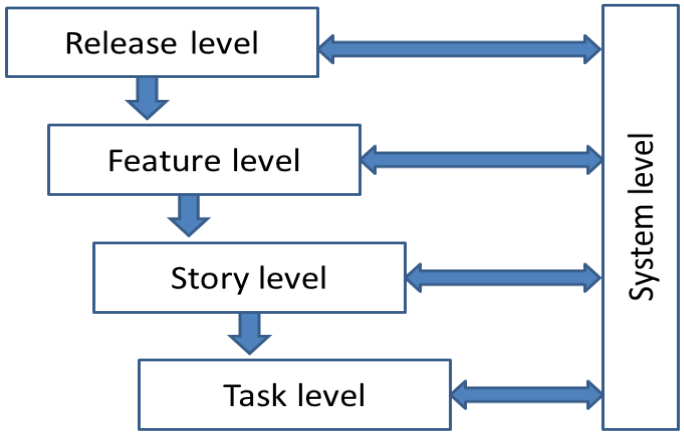
Small differences
can cause big
misperceptions

Can something be right?
But not meet a
customer's needs?

For your value, which is better?

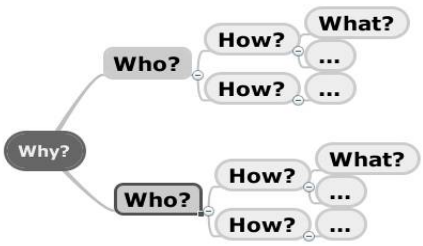
Which is right?

Levels of precision



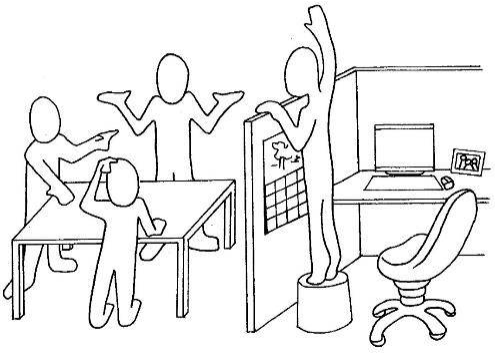
Impact Mapping – Gojko Adzic, www.impactmapping.org

- Why are we doing this? --- the goal
- Who can help or hinder? --- the stakeholders
- How can they help or hinder? --- the impacts!
- What can we do to help? --- the deliverables



Use structured conversations

- Get the right people together
- Use tools to help focus the conversations



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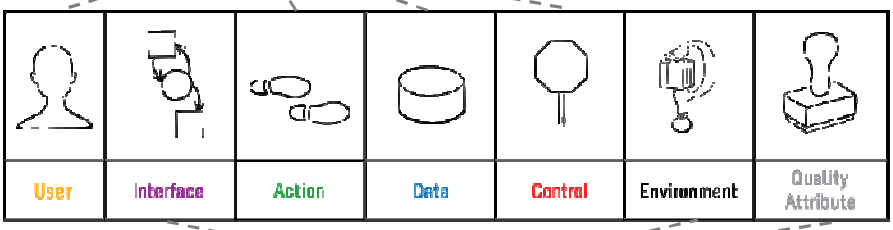
7 Product Dimensions

functional



nonfunctional

Source: *Discover To Deliver*, Gottesdiener & Gorman, 2012

Functional requirements …

" an aspect of a product that expresses product capabilities or things the product must do for its users."

- includes users, actions, data and control product dimensions

Ellen Gottesdiener, Mary Gormen

Q2 & Q3 – testing functional requirements

agile testing quadrants

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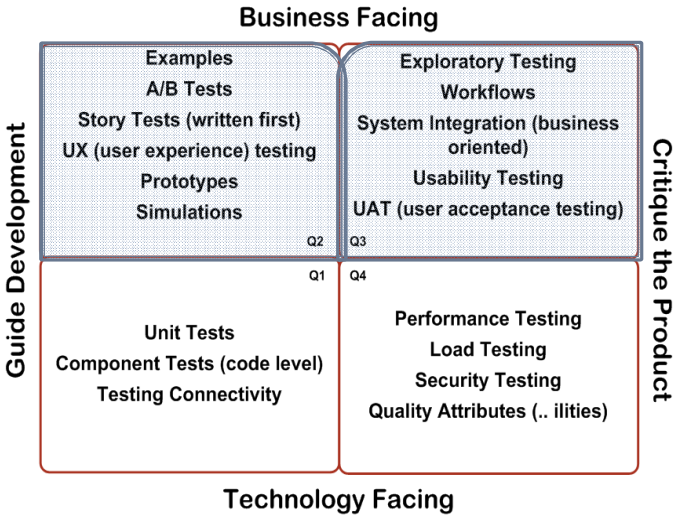
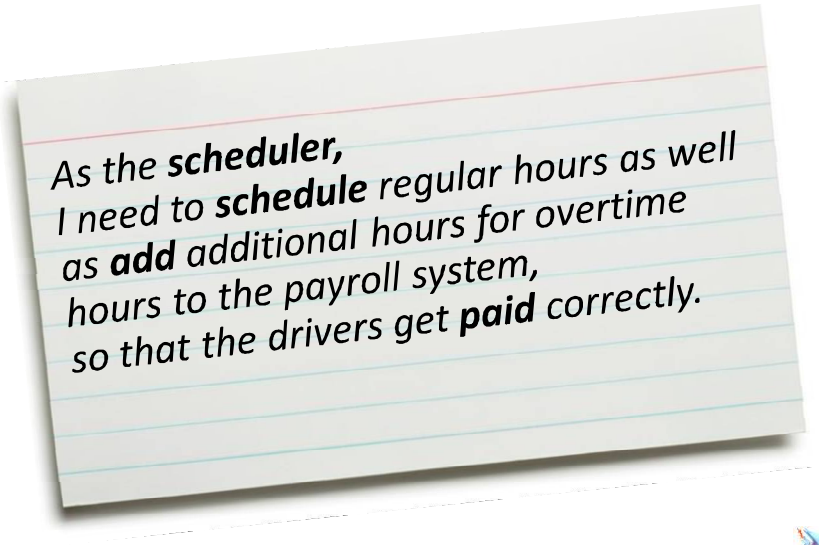


Let's work through an example feature



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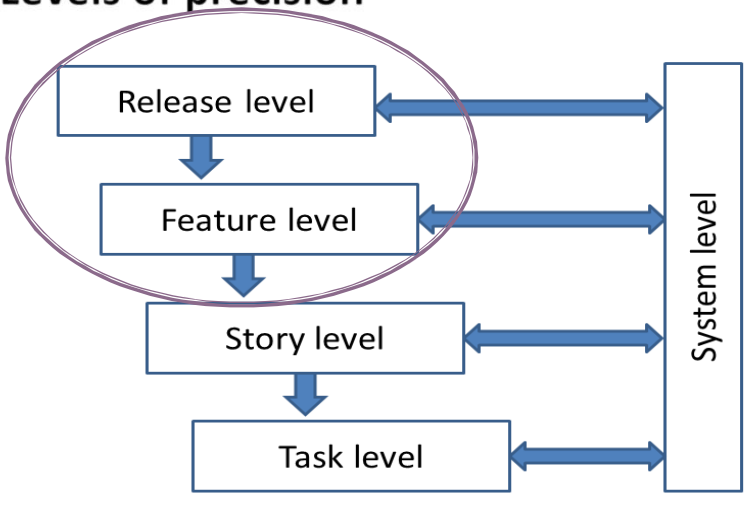

Examples of questions to ask for this feature

(functional requirements)

Dimension	Questions
User	Is the scheduler an administrator of the system? Or is she a data entry person only?
Data	Is time measured in hours or minutes?
Action	Can the drivers add their hours in manually, or do they submit time sheets? How does she find out about extra hours?
Control	Does the timesheets have to be approved by a supervisor or somebody else?

Non-functional requirements

" aspects of a product that express properties that the product must have"

- includes quality attributes, environment, and interface dimensions

Gottesdiener, The Software Requirements Memory Jogger

Q1 & Q4 – testing quality attributes

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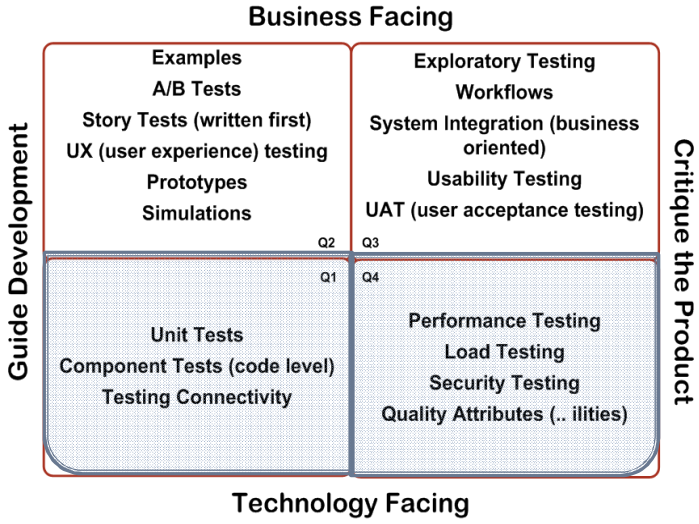


Examples of quality attributes

Operational		Development
Availability	Recoverability	Efficiency
Installability	Robustness	Flexibility
Interoperability	Safety	Modifiability
Performance	Scalability	Portability
Reliability	Security	Reusability
Usability		Testibilty

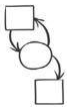
Adapted from: Gottesdiener, 2005

Examples of questions to ask for this feature

(non-functional requirements)

Dimension	Questions
Interface	Who / what else has access to the scheduling system?
Environment	Can it be entered remotely or is it desktop only?
Quality Attributes	Are there performance requirements? Can I assume there is only one person accessing at a time? What level of security do we need for the scheduler?

Techniques to elicit requirements


User	Interface	Action	Data	Control
persona	context diagram	business process diagram	data model	business policy, rule
user role map	prototype	capability map	state diagram	decision table
	relationship map	dependency graph		decision tree
		story, story map		
		use case		
		value stream map		

Source: *Discover To Deliver*, Gottesdiener & Gorman, 2012

Our example feature

*As the **scheduler,***
*I need to **schedule** regular hours as well as **add** additional hours for overtime hours to the payroll system*
*So that the drivers get **paid** correctly.*

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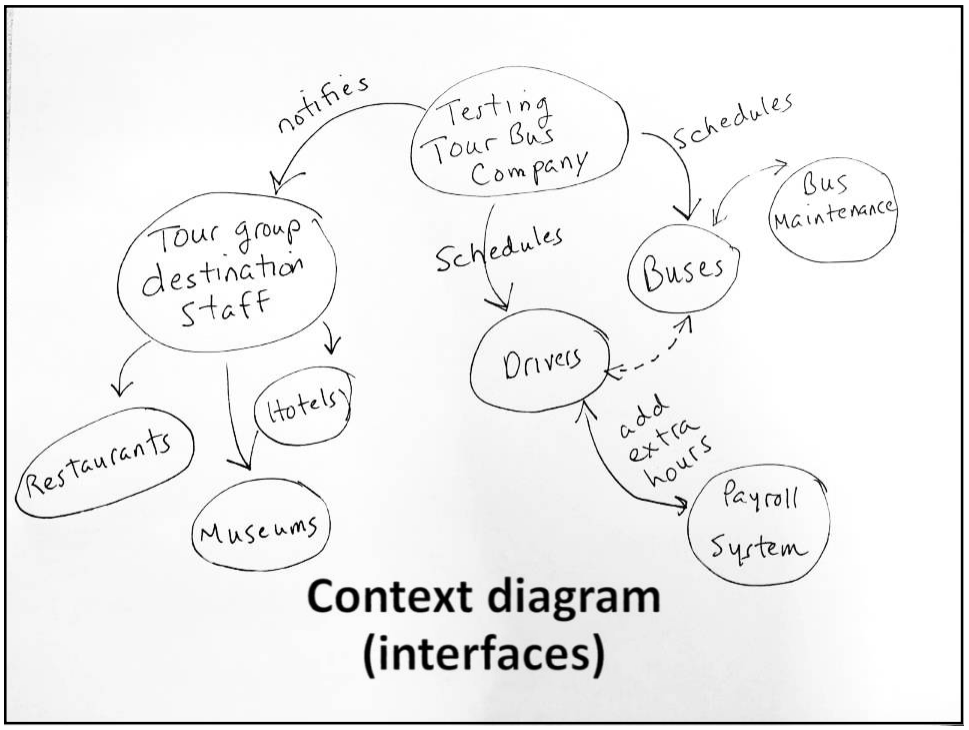
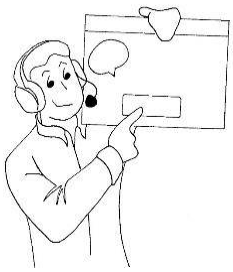


Context diagram (interfaces)

Persona is a typical end-user

Name: *Sam the Scheduler*



Description

Schedules buses
Schedules bus drivers
Matches bus drivers to buses
Arranges emergency buses and drivers
Ensures hours get logged
Liaises with the bus maintenance

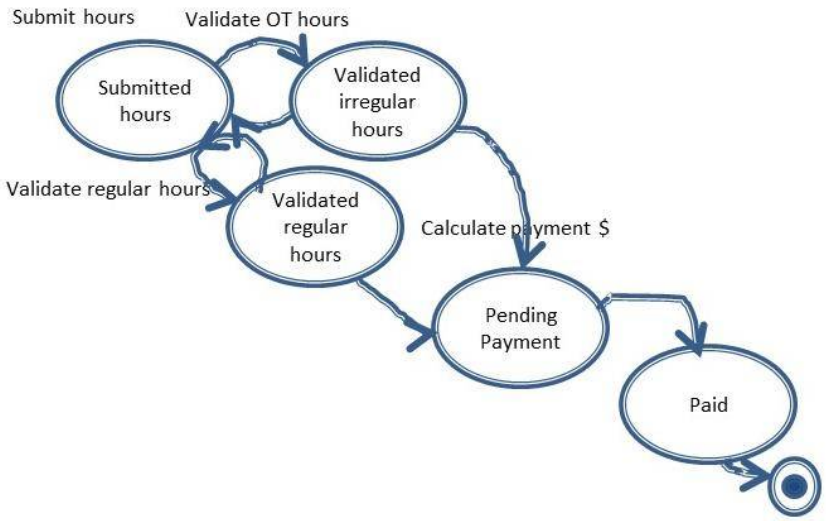
Values

Detailed oriented
Likes working with numbers
Likes trying new ideas

Likes

Likes the outdoors, camping
Introvert
Doesn't like conflict

State diagrams (lifecycle of data)



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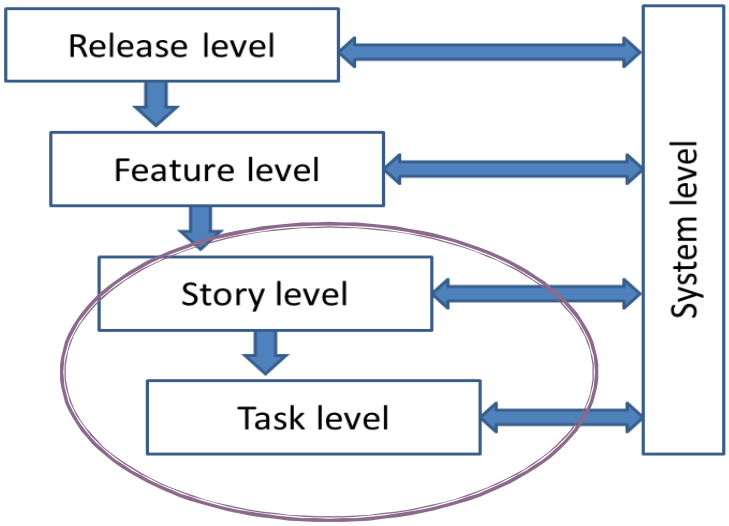
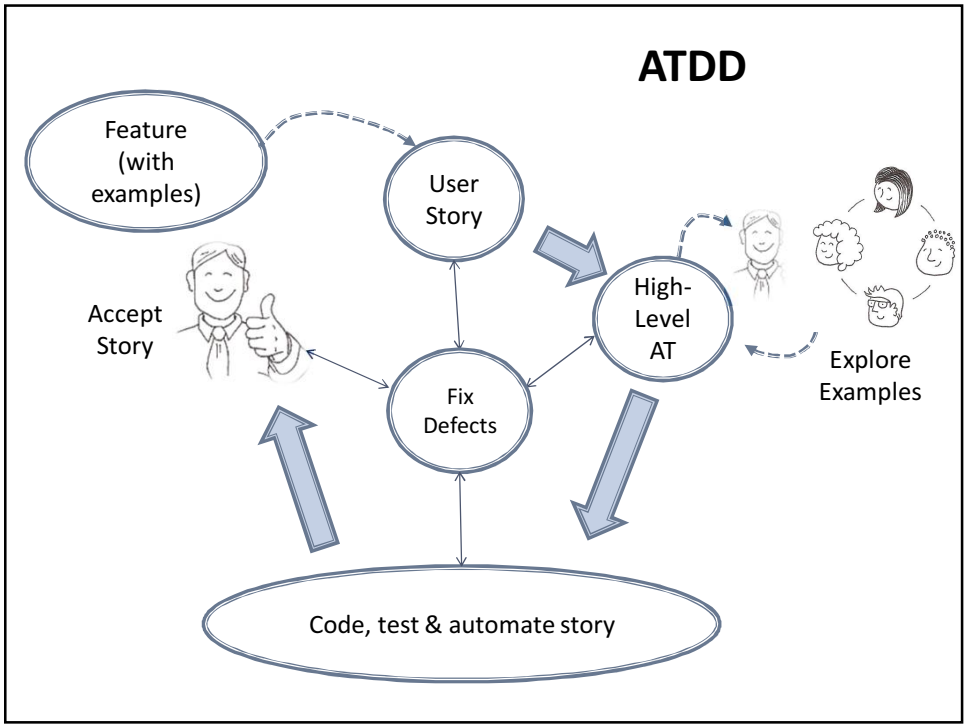
Scenarios – examples at a high level (action)

Scenarios for payment of hours

1. Regular hours only
2. Regular, plus overtime
3. Regular, plus addition call-out due to bus breakdown
4. Call-out only due to bus breakdown

Levels of precision





Examples …..

- Can become the actual tests
- Are a form of specification

Credit and thanks to Brian Marick

Use examples …..

- To elicit requirements
- To reduce uncertainty
- To test people's understanding of the requirement

Business rules

Define, constrain or enable behaviour of the software, business processes, data structure

Prioritize business rules

- It may help prioritize stories

Bus tour example: Schedule a distributed team meeting in our scheduling app.

1. Meetings with > 2 attendees need a meeting room
2. Meeting with remote attendees must have video link
3. Meetings are scheduled during normal work hours for all attendees (employees located across Europe).

Acceptance tests

- Means to evaluate capability from a user's perspective
- Provide the scope of the story (or feature)
- Results are accepted or not accepted
  - If not – revisit!

Example vs. Test

Scenario example:

A valid user "Jane" signs on with her valid email and password.

Test:

User	Email	Password	Expected Result	Comments
Jane	jane@agiletester.ca	Passw0rd22	Logged in	Valid login scenario

Creating acceptance tests using GWT

BDD – Behaviour driven development
Captures shared understanding, guides development.

Given - precondition
When – trigger, action
Then – consequences, results

Given Standard maximum hours already worked in one week

When the driver submits overtime hours

Then the scheduler submits the regular hours plus the overtime hours for payment to payroll

Concrete examples in tabular format

Driver	Regular Wage	Regular hours	Overtime hours	Callout time	Total paid
José	20.00	36.0	4.0	0.0	840.00
José	20.00	36.0	0.5	0.0	730.00
José	20.00	36.0	0.0	3.0	830.00
José	20.00	30.0	0.0	3.0	660.00

Quality attributes at the story level

Interfaces

- testing design – how does it interface with other apps?
- Different platforms, consistency, how does it react?

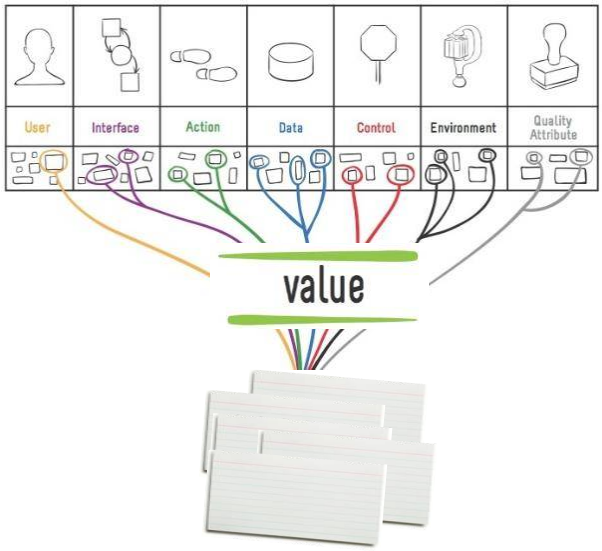
Quality attributes

- Constraints to be considered with every story

Implementation environments

- Requirements that limit build and deploy options

Assemble options



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We also need to explore what we built

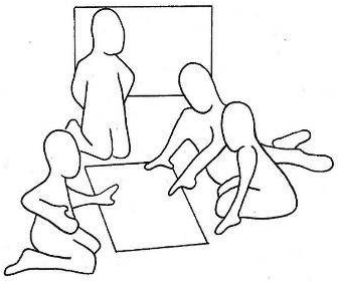
Personas

Tours

Risks

Workflows, Journeys

Think business value
Think testing
Test business value



- Who are the right people?
  - "Power of 3" (possibly 4 or 5)
- Look for the business rules
- Ask for concrete examples
- Focus on value to the business, customers, and end users

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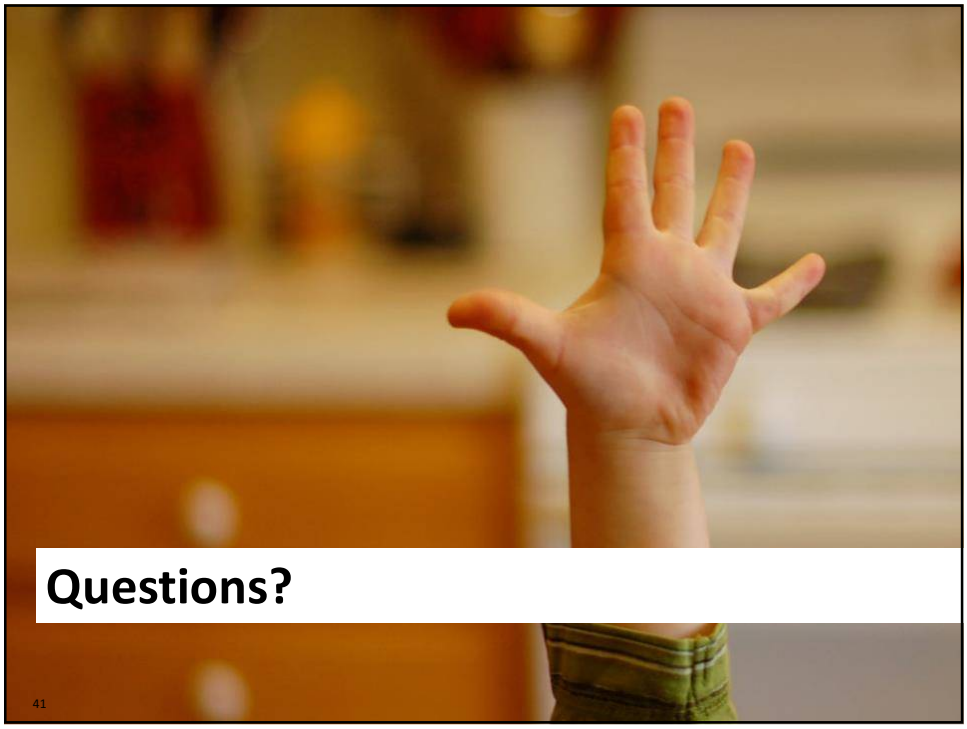

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