The Good, the Bad and the Puzzling: The Agile Experience at 5 Companies (Updated!)



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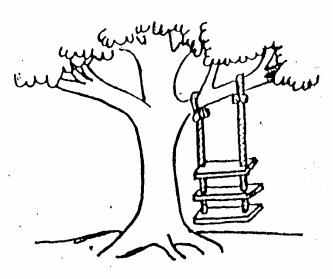


"A whole year to build a house here?

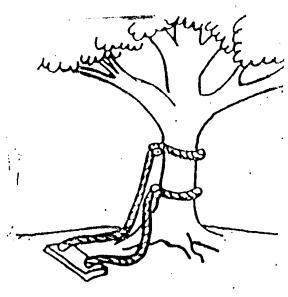
"Good. Let's get started. I'm in

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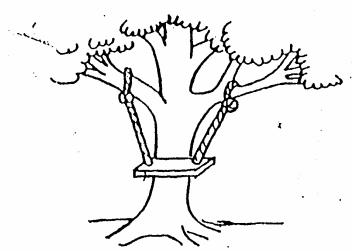
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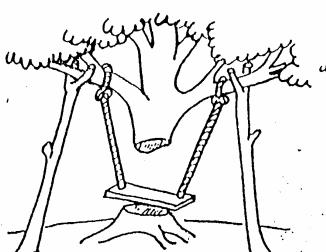
AS MANAGEMENT REQUESTED IT.

AS MARKETING ENVISIONED IT.

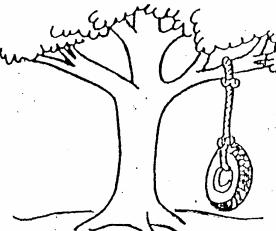
AS PROGRAMMING DESIGNED IT.



AS SYSTEMS INTEGRATED IT.

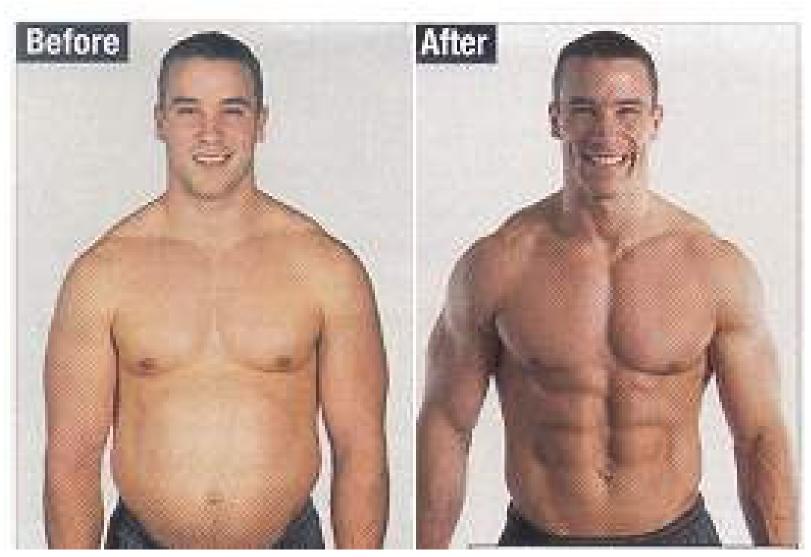


AS TEST INSTALLED IT.



WHAT THE CUSTOMER WANTED!

Are You Getting Lean?



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Co-Located XP - Follett Software

- □ Team size
 - **□** 24 Developers
 - □ 7 Testers
 - **□** 3 Customers
 - **□** 3 Project Leaders
- □ Code Base
 - **□** 1,000,000 lines of code
 - □ 7,000 automated unit test
 - □ 10,000 automated acceptance test



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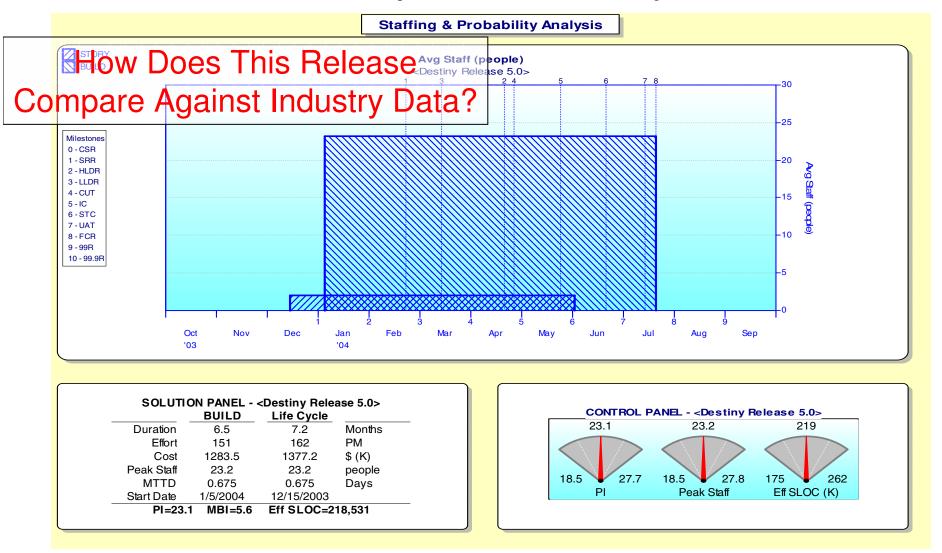


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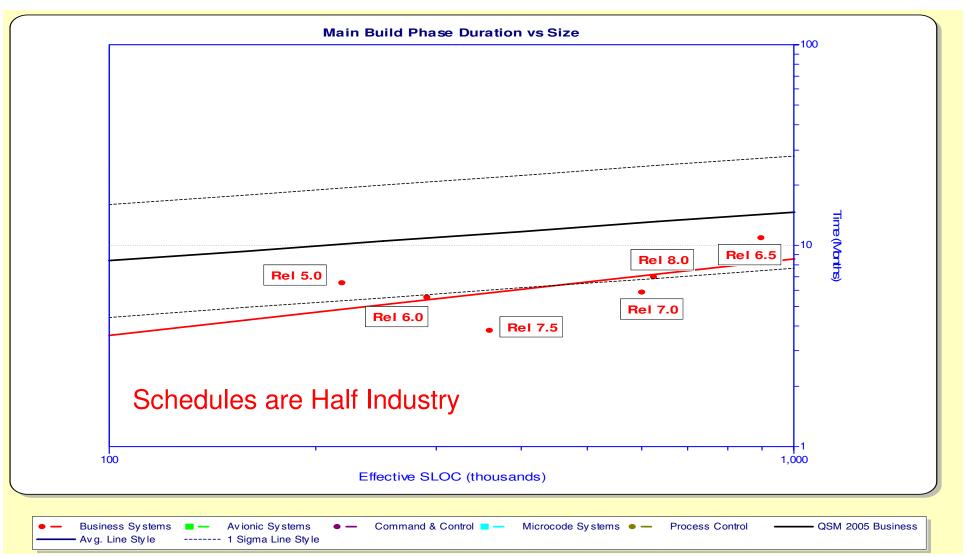
SLIM Replica – Destiny 5.0



Follett vs. Industry Average

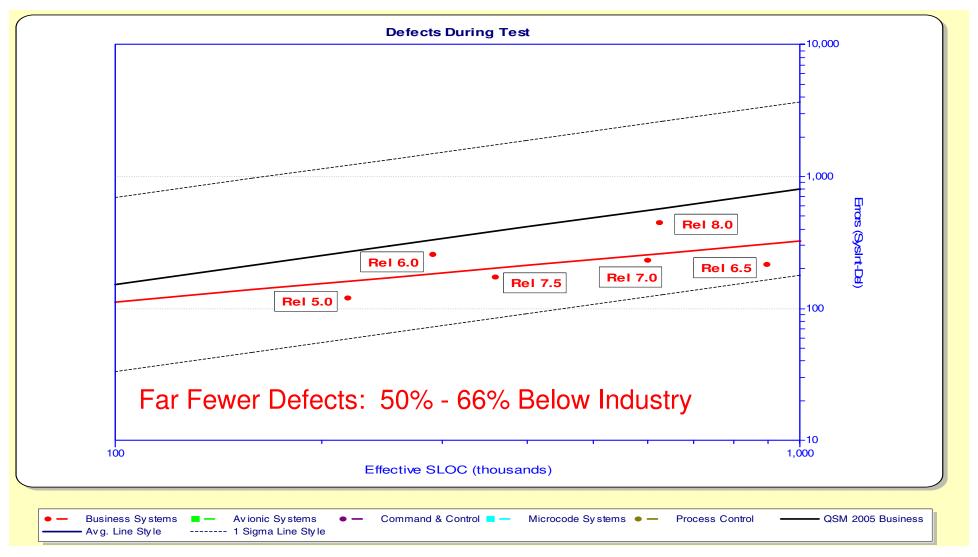
	Industry Average	Current Performance	Delta
Project Cost	\$3.5 Million	\$2.2 Million	-\$1.3M
Schedule	12.6 months	7.8 months	-4.8 mos
QA Defects	242	121	-50%
Staffing	35	35	n/a

Trendline Assessment – Build Phase Schedule



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Trendline Assessment – Defects/Quality



Follett and XP: It has worked incredibly well...

- **□** Destiny Library Manager:
 - * Award of Excellence 2004, presented by <u>Technology and Learning</u> magazine (December 2004).
 - * Awards Portfolio 2004, presented by Media and Methods magazine (May/June 2004).
 - **★ Technology & Learning Award of Excellence 2006, 2007**
- □ Destiny Textbook Manager
 - * Awards Portfolio 2005, presented by Media and Methods magazine (May/June 2005).
 - Technology & Learning Award of Excellence 2007
- **□** Destiny Enriched Services
 - Technology & Learning Award of Excellence 2007

Follett Software provides Library Automation Solutions to 52% of the K12 market. Destiny Library Manager: Single largest product market share in K12 with 19% of the total market and continues to outpace the competition in market growth.

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Domain Knowledge

- □ Smart people, experienced people
- □ Coding is moving knowledge from mind into the machine
- ☐ Inexperience costs money



Short Feedback Loops

- Paired programmers
- ☐ Instantaneous code reviews
- □ Accelerated learning and execution
- ☐ Face to face communication channel



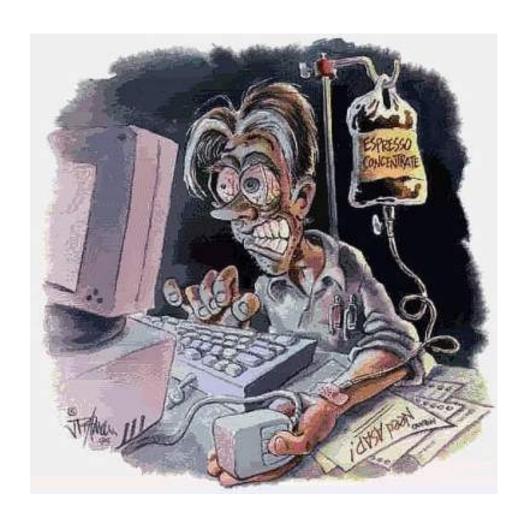
Time Boxing

- Short iterations
- □ Clear and discernible progress
- ■Anticipation of the next important feature
- □ Efficiency



Avoiding Burnout

- □XP = Sustainable pace
- ■40 Hour Work Weeks
- □ Prevent productivity collapse for overworked teams



Craftsmanship Over Craft

- ☐ Take pride in what you do
- Do not compromise professionalism
- □ Simple design
- ■Upfront testing
- □ Prevent costly rework
- Build it right the first time
- "Measure Twice, Cut Once" (says Norm Abram)



Transparency

- The best teams hide nothing
- □ Daily stand-ups
- □ Iteration Demos
- □ Scrum sessions
- Velocity and burn-down charts



High-bandwidth Communication

- ■The best teams have "wide-open pipes"
- ■Domain knowledge moves among the team
- □ Information flows rapidly and accurately



Avoiding Waste and Costly Rework

- □ Rework has high cost
- □ Rework takes time
- Rework creates defects
- □ Rework is bad
- ☐ Refactoring can be a cover up

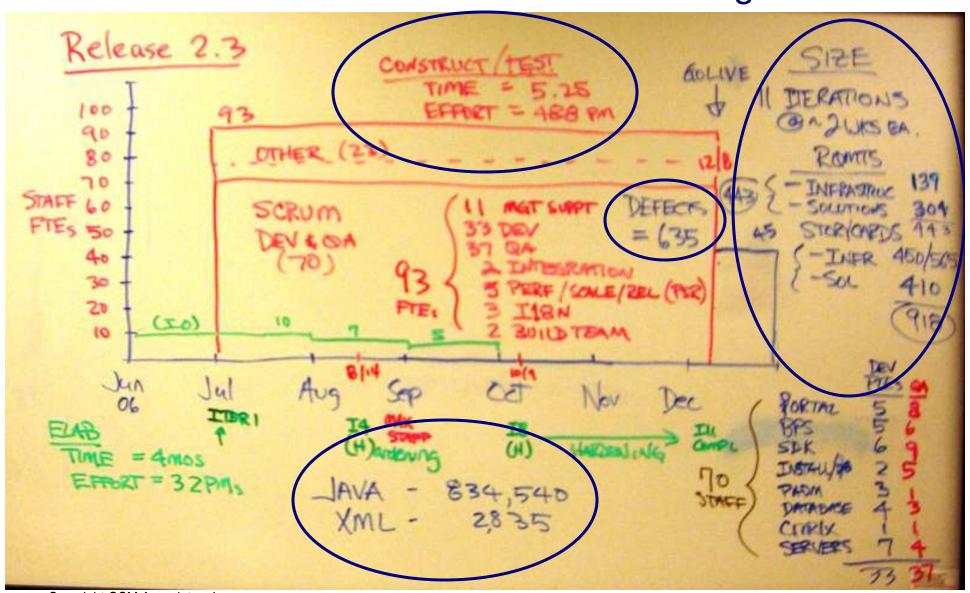


Distributed SCRUM - BMC Software



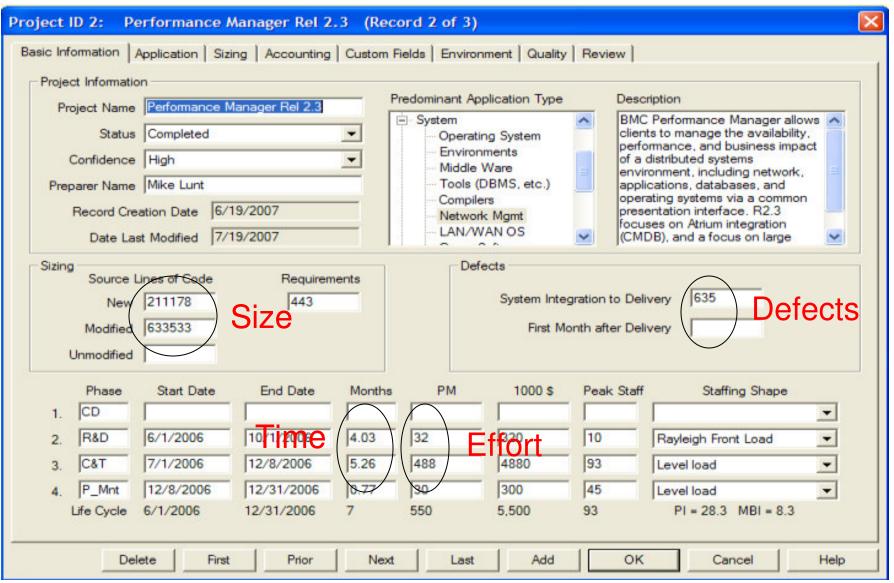
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Whiteboard Sketch – Performance Mgr R2.3



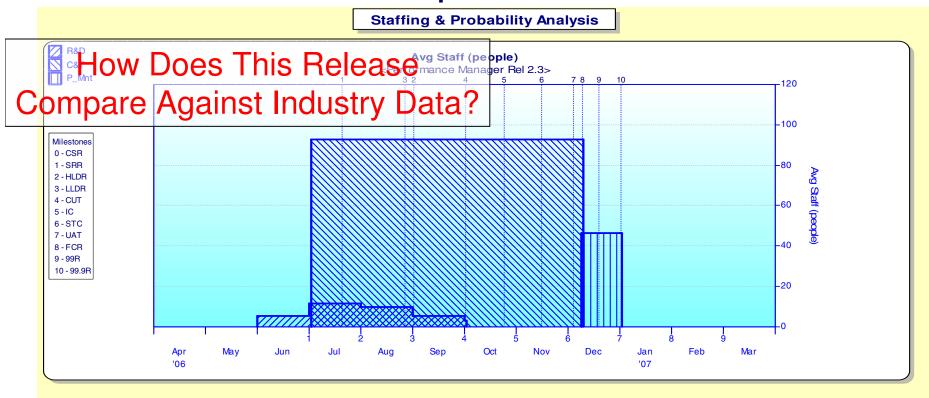
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Input to SLIM-DataManager



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SLIM Replica – Rel 2.3



SOLUTION PANEL - < Performance Manager Rel 2.3					
	C&T	Life Cycle			
Duration	5.3	7.0	Months		
Effort	488	556	PM		
Cost	4880.0	5561.2	\$ (K)		
Peak Staff	92.8	92.8	people		
MTTD	0.104	0.232	Days		
Start Date	7/2/2006	6/1/2006			
PI=28.3	MBI=8.3	Eff SLOC=8	44,710		
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BMC vs. Industry Average

	Industry Average	Current Performance	Delta
Project Cost	\$5.5 Million	\$5.2 Million	-\$.3M
Schedule	15 months	6.3 months	-8.7 mos
QA Defects	713	635	-11%
Staffing	40	92	+52

BMC "Secret Sauce"



BMC "Secret Sauce" (con't)

- □ Buy-In
 □ VP-L
 - □ VP-Level (or higher) Senior Executive Sponsorship
 - □ Scrum Master Training
 - □ Core Group Energized and Passionate
- □ Staying "Releasable"
 - Nightly Builds/Test
 - □ 2-week Iteration Demos
 - ☐ Frequent, Rigorous Peer Code Review
- Dusk-to-Dawn Teamwork
 - Communication Techniques for Information Flow
 - **☐** Wikis, Video-conferencing, Periodic On-Site Meetings
 - □ Co-Located Release Planning
 - Scrum of Scrum Meetings (US Time)

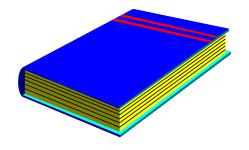
BMC "Secret Sauce" (con't)

- Backlogs
 - □ One Master Backlog AND Multiple Backlog Management
 - □ One Setup for User Stories Across Teams
 - □ Added "Requirements Architect" to Interface Product Mgt with R&D
- □ "Holding Back the Waterfall"
 - □ Test Driven Development
 - □ Retrospective Meetings to Not Regress into old Waterfall Habits
 - Outside Source to Audit the Process

Agile Release Retrospectives



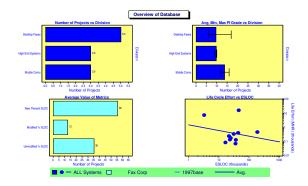
1 - COLLECT AND VALIDATE PROJECT DATA



4 - DOCUMENT RESULTS

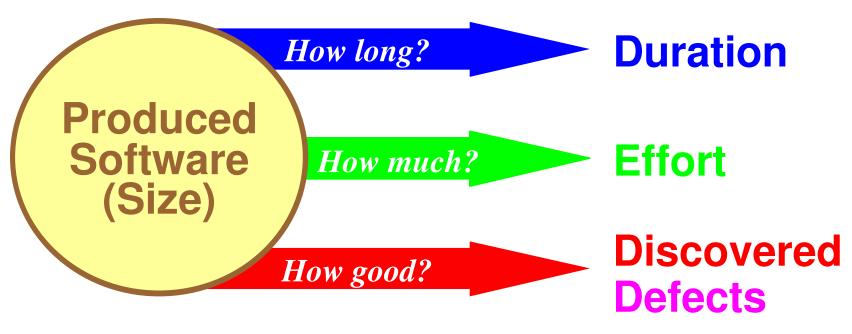


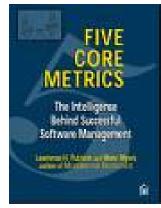
2 - ANALYZE PROJECTS USING QSM REFERENCE DATABASE



3 - DETERMINE PROCESS
METRICS & PROJECT POSITIONING

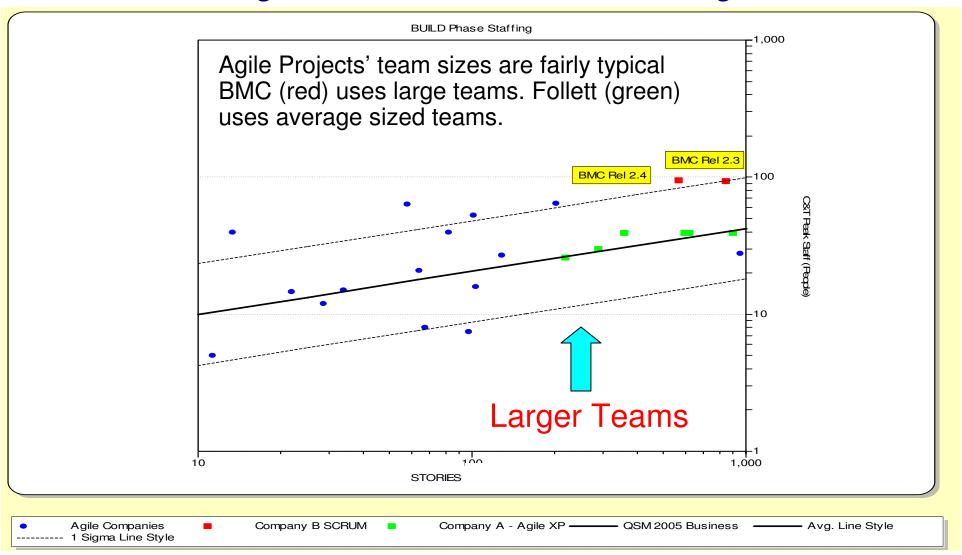
Four Core Metrics: Your History



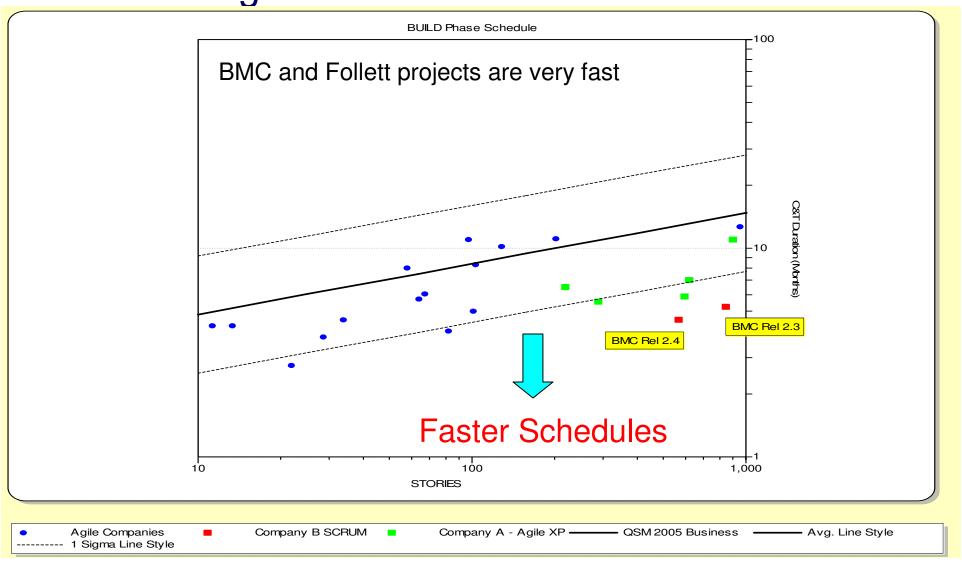




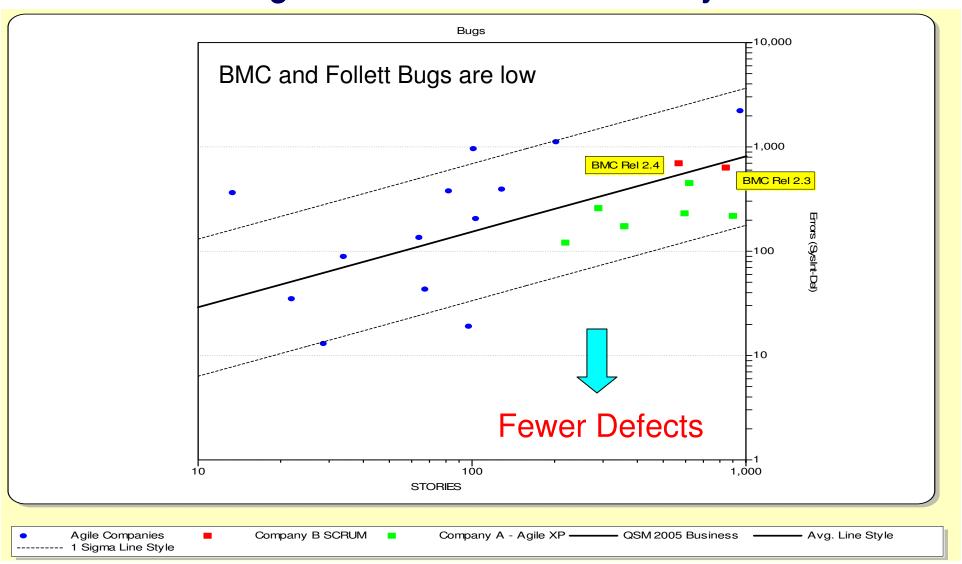
Agile Assessment — Staffing



Agile Assessment — Schedule



Agile Assessment – Quality

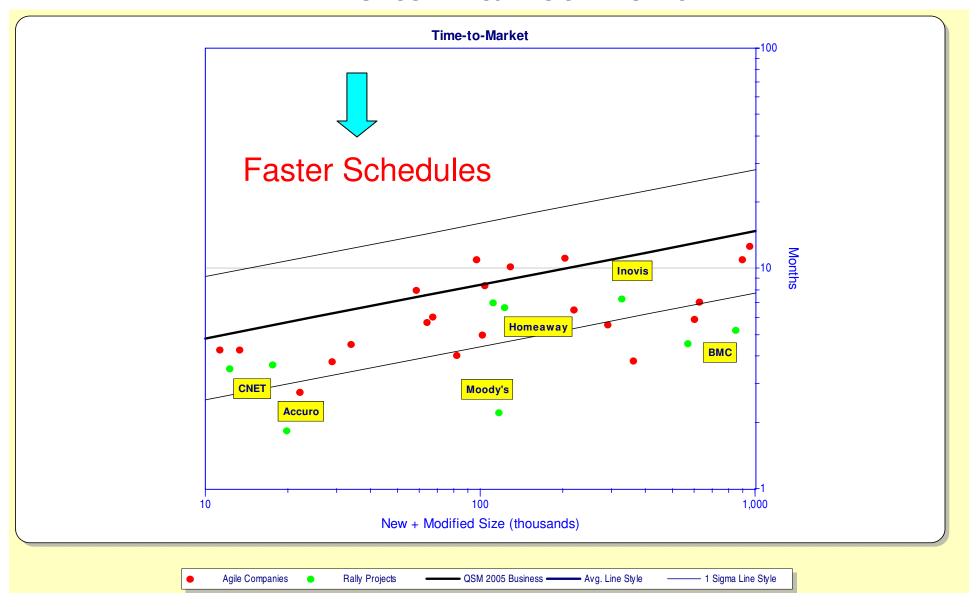


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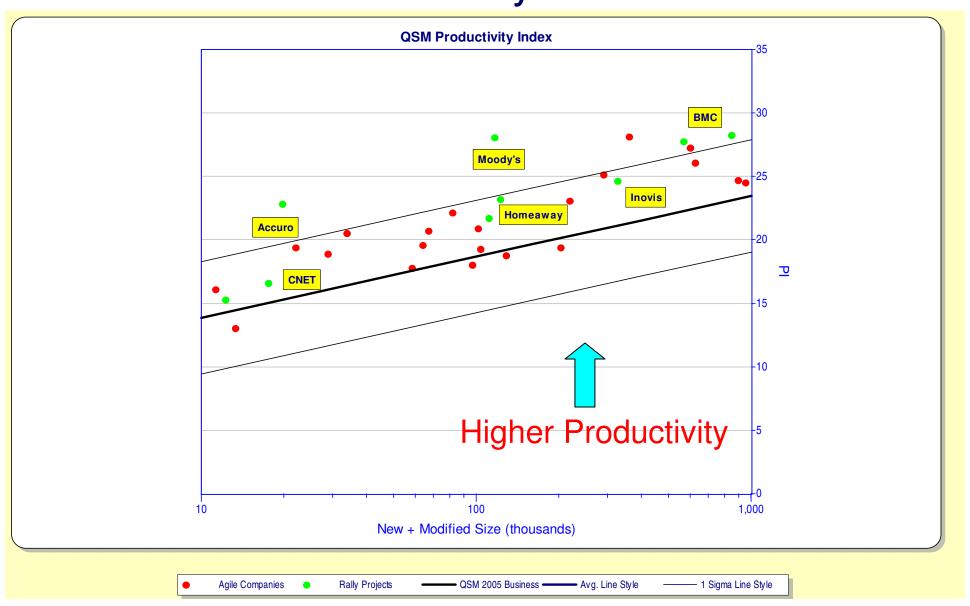
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Time-to-Market and Productivity Trends

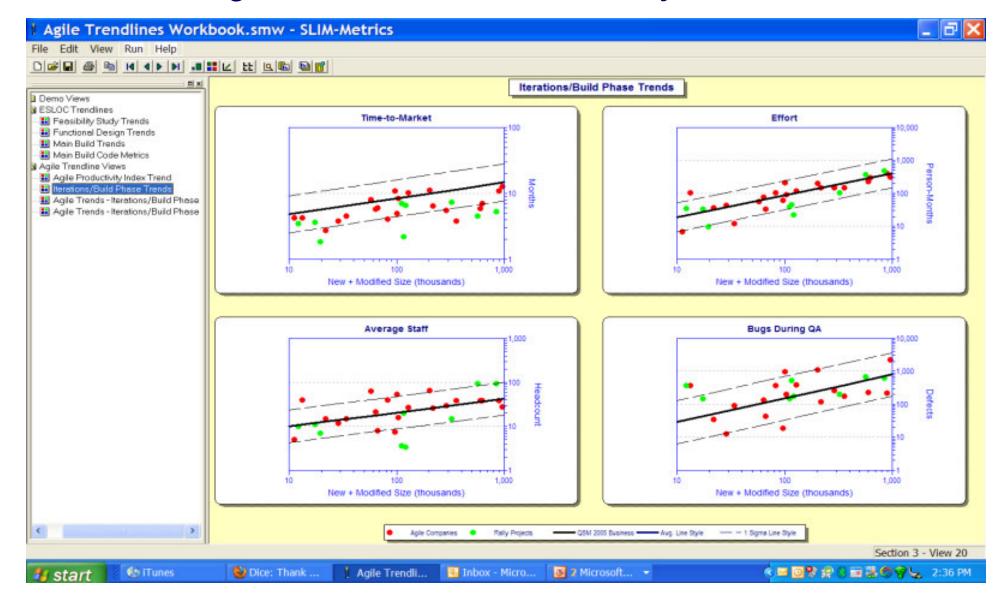
Time-to-Market Trend



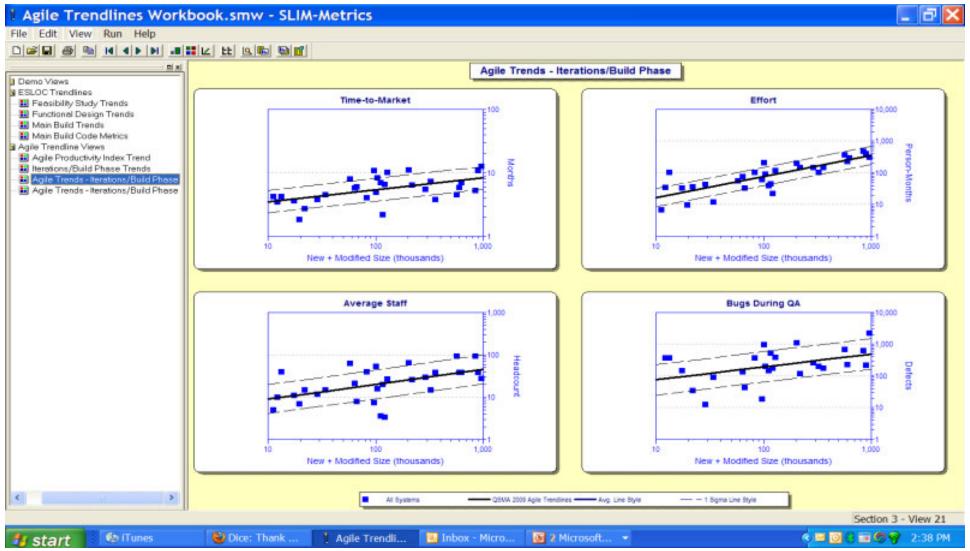
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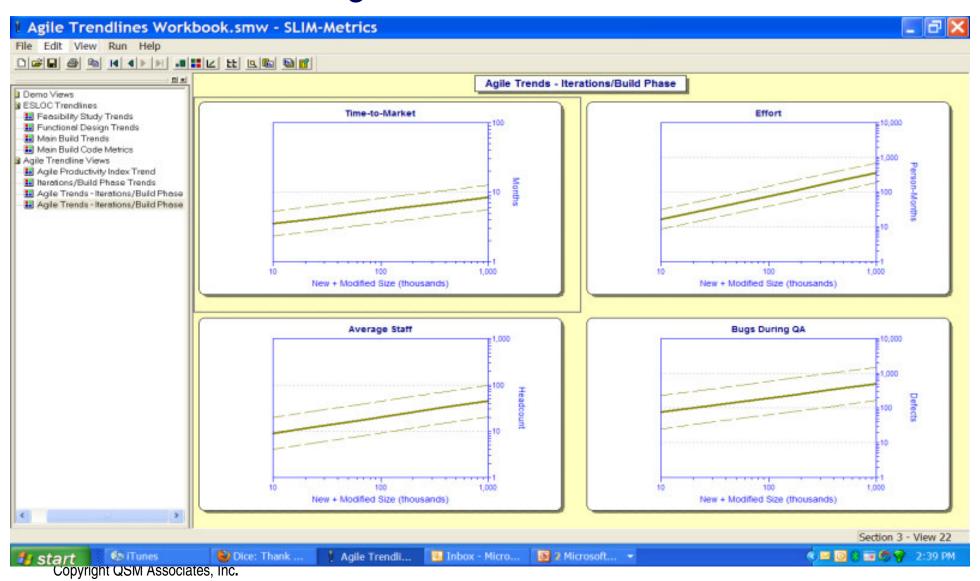
Agile Database vs. Industry Trends



Curve Fitting and Creating Agile Trends



New Agile Benchmark Trends



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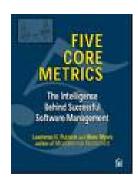
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- □ SLIM tools enable managers to measure and estimate Agile and/or waterfall projects, and determine ROI.



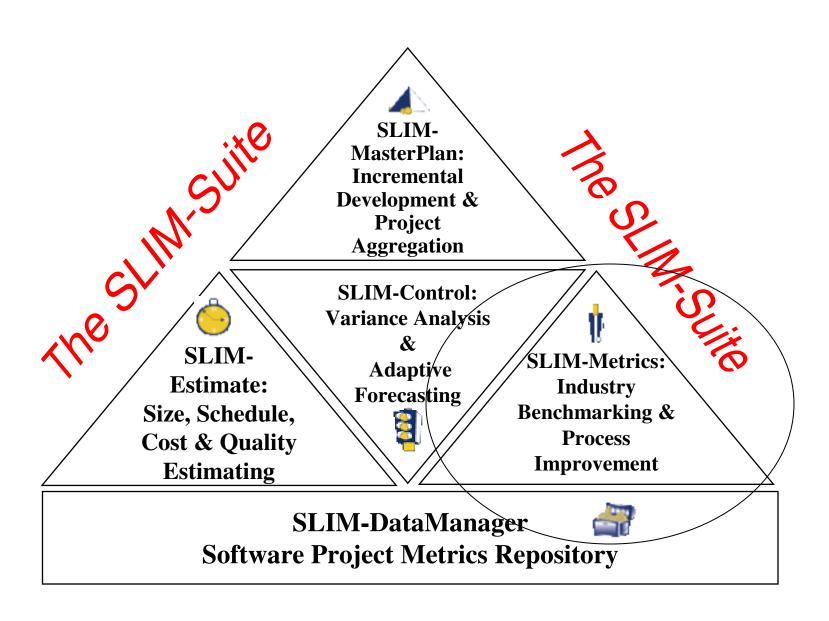




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