



Putting the agility into software delivery with IBM® Rational® Team Concert™

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What is Agile?

Agile @scale

Rational Team Concert for Agile Teams



Manifesto for Agile Software Development

We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it.
Through this work we have come to value:

- Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
- Working software over comprehensive documentation
- Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- Responding to change over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

Kent Beck	James Grenning	Robert C. Martin
Mike Beedle	Jim Highsmith	Steve Mellor
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Alistair Cockburn	Ron Jeffries	Jeff Sutherland
Ward Cunningham	Jon Kern	Dave Thomas
Martin Fowler	Brian Marick	



What *is* Agile?

- Agile is **not** about
 - ▶ No design
 - ▶ No documentation
 - ▶ Stand-up meetings
 - ▶ Rapid coding
 - ▶ Speed of delivery
 - ▶ Doing more with less...



What is Agile?

- For every stable development methodology, there need to be checks and balances

What you aim for	How you get to it
<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Software that works➤ Is delivered on time➤ Responds to changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Just enough design✓ Iteration and Release Planning✓ Evolving processes✓ Continuous integration✓ Test driven development✓ Stakeholder collaboration throughout the cycle✓ End of iteration demos✓ Retrospectives

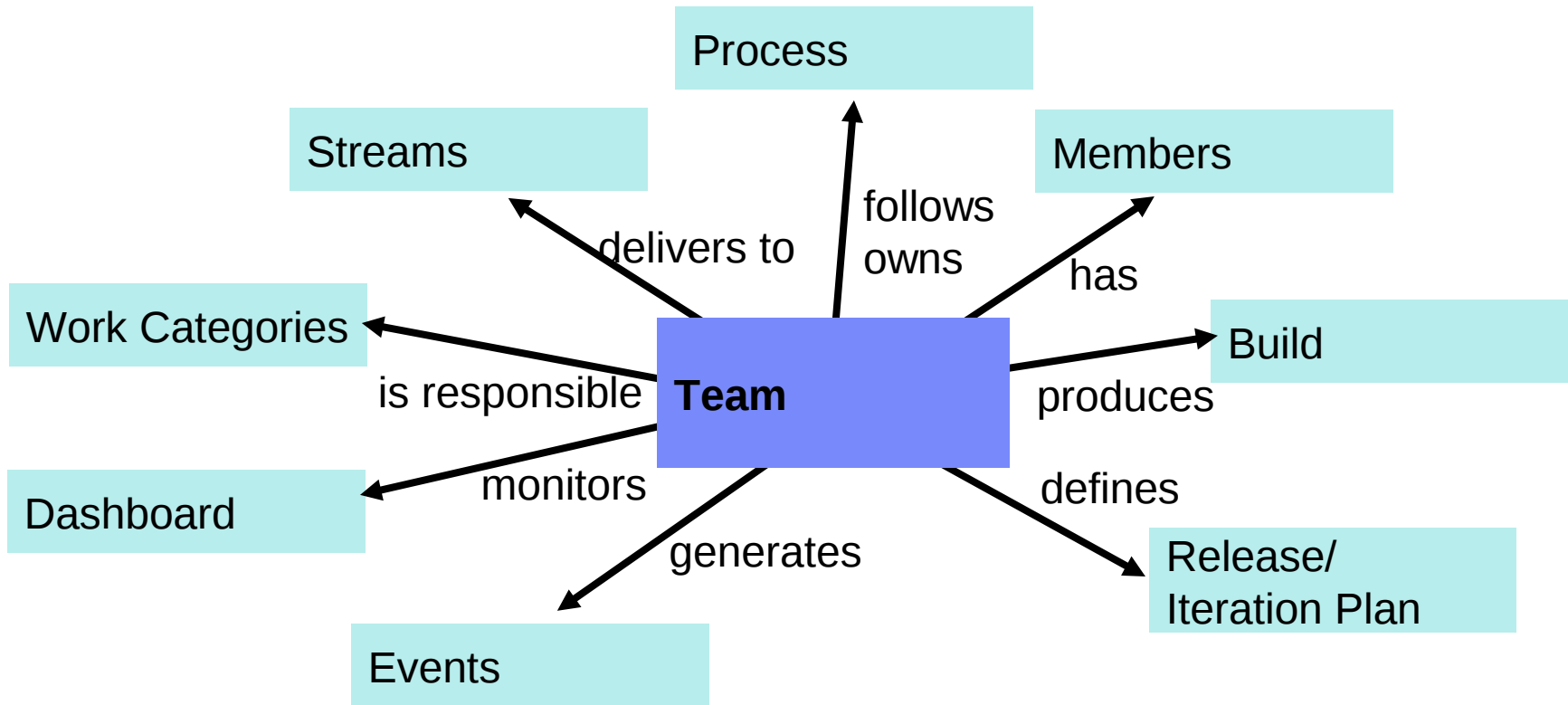


Agile Methodologies

- XP, Scrum, Lean, OpenUp
- All of them focus on
 - ▶ Incremental development
 - ▶ Self-organizing teams
 - ▶ Time-boxed iterations
 - ▶ Stakeholder Collaboration
 - ▶ Working software at the end of each iteration
 - ▶ Continuous integration and testing



Agile Way of Working: Team Centric



Teams are self-tuned but share a common rhythm



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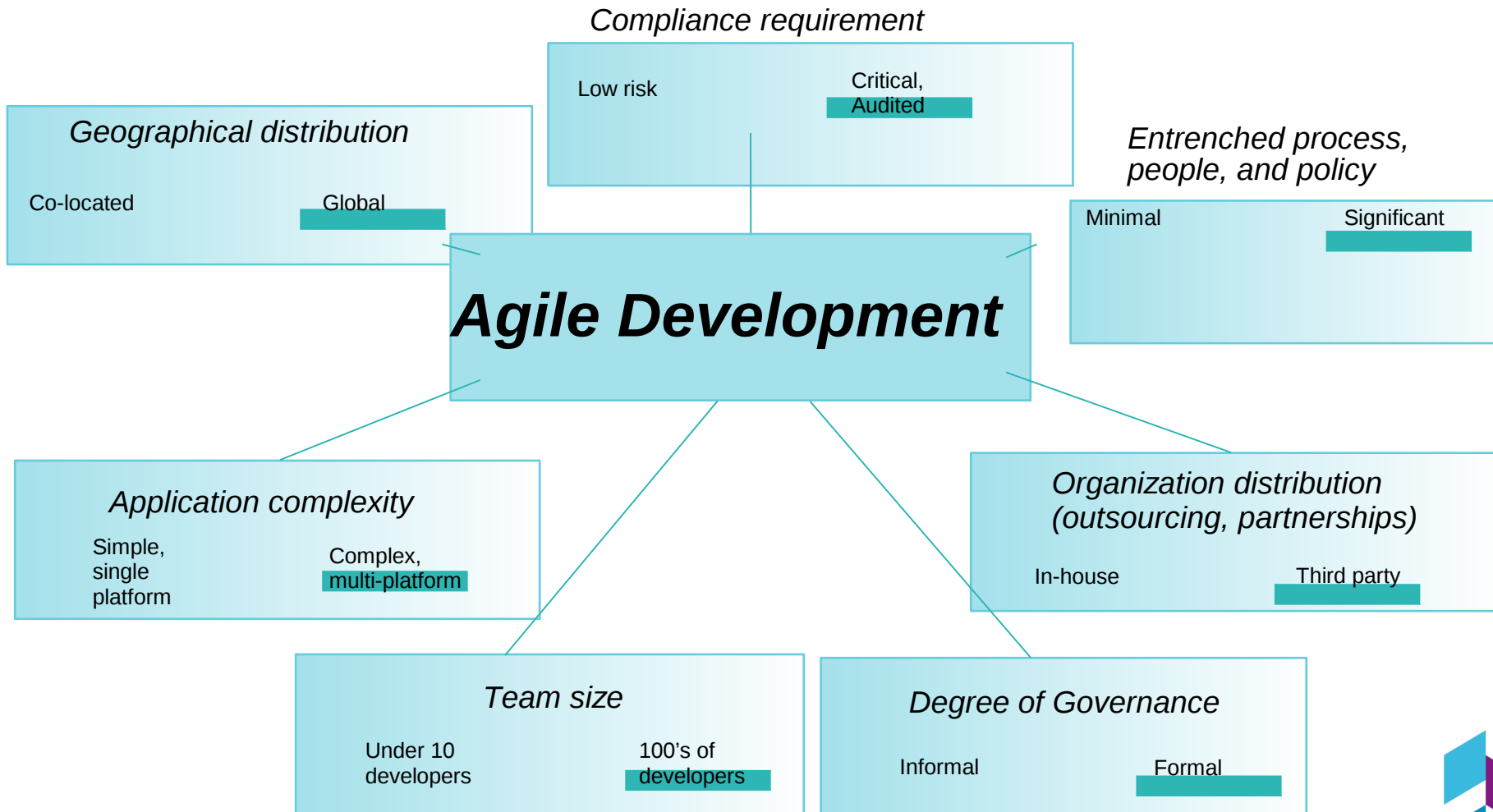
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What is Agile @ Scale?



Challenges with Agile @ Scale

Agile works really well for small, near-located teams developing fairly straightforward solutions

Many organizations have succeeded with applying agile techniques on a handful of projects

How to address these challenges in adopting agile across different project teams?

- ▶ You need to hire coaches and mentors experienced in agility@scale
- ▶ **You need tooling that will evolve to meet your needs as your agile strategy grows**



Being Agile @ Scale

- Optimize your agile teams through
 - ▶ Real-time planning
 - ▶ Traceability
 - ▶ In-context collaboration
 - ▶ Development Intelligence
 - ▶ Continuous Improvement
- Get up and running quickly
- Extend as your needs evolve
- Support heterogeneous development across multiple platforms and technologies

Choosing the right tools



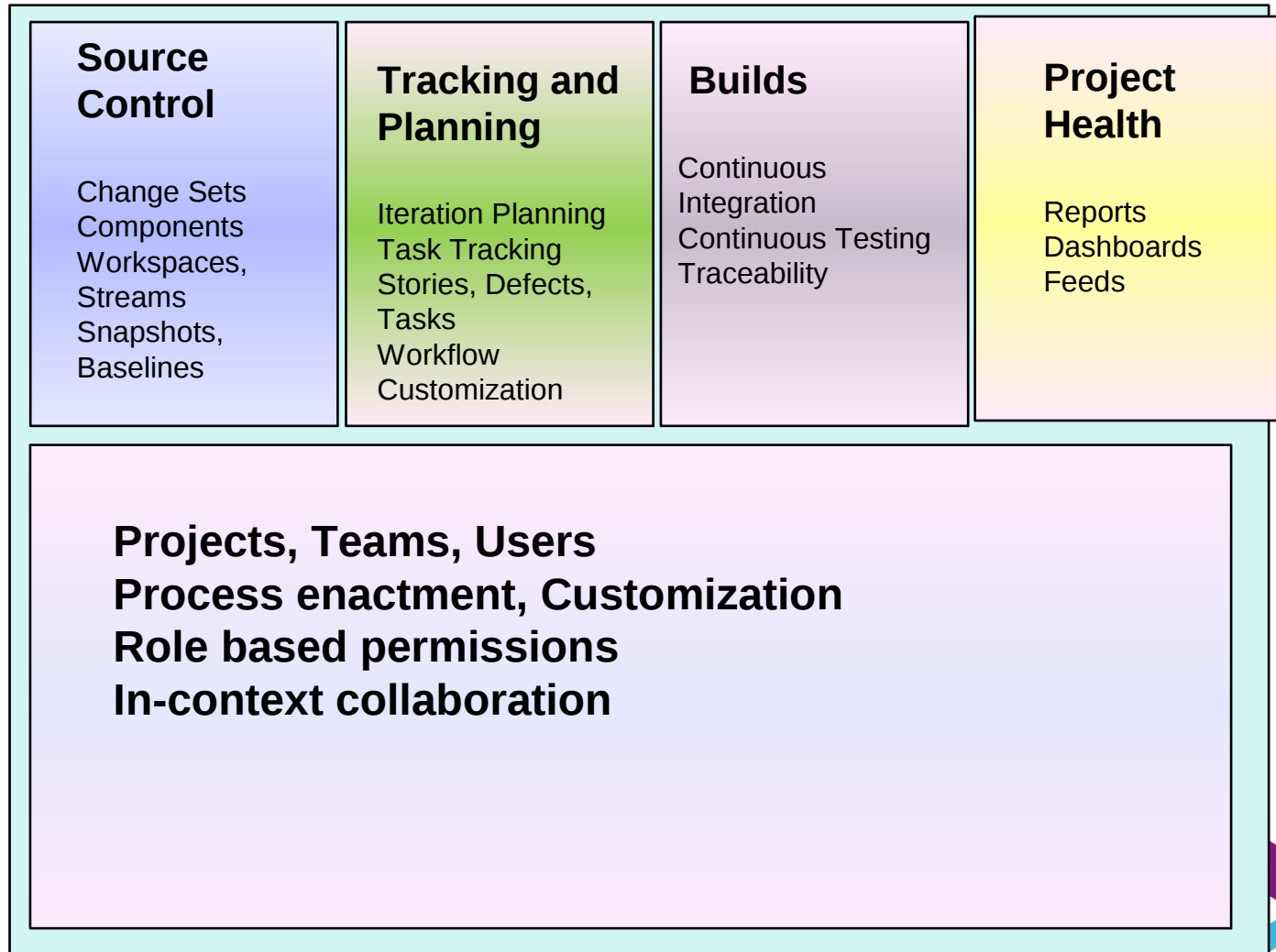
Outline

- What is Agile?
- Agile @scale
- Rational Team Concert for Agile Teams



Rational Team Concert

- Collaboration in Context
- Team First
- Process
- Transparency



Rational Team Concert – A single tool, many capabilities

- Process simplified
 - Predefined process templates : scrum, Open-up
 - Customize as required
- Track your tasks
 - Linked and customizable work items
- Manage your sources
 - Create, undo, share, update, review, suspend, resume, patch
- Be Team aware
 - Feeds and Dashboards
- Keep builds healthy
 - Continuous build and integration with support for technology of your choice
- Runs anywhere
 - From Linux to Windows, Mac to mainframe, Eclipse to Visual Studio
- Open for Integration
 - OSLC



Process

- Each project team follows a **process**
 - ▶ different processes for different projects
- Process manifested through:
 - ▶ artifact types and their states
 - ▶ preconditions and follow-up actions on operations manipulating artifacts
 - ▶ artifact change events
 - ▶ roles and permissions
- Described with **Process templates**
- Process can evolve as project progresses
- **Automatic Process enforcement at various levels**
- Work item types

Actions	Everyone (default)	Product Owner	ScrumMaster	Team Member
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Problem
A work item must be associated with the change set or a comment must be set.

Reason
All change sets should be associated with a work item which is planned for the current iteration.

This makes it easier for the team to track its progress through the iteration and allows why your changes were made.

Solutions

- [Associate Existing Work Item](#)
- [Associate New Work Item](#)
- [Associate and Try Again \(experimental\)](#)
- [Overrule 'Descriptive Change Sets' Precondition](#)

Deliver (Failed)

✘ Missing work item or comment



Planning and Tracking Iterations

- Release plan defines
 - ▶ Rhythm
 - ▶ Themes and features
 - ▶ Coarse grained
 - ▶ Visible to all stakeholders
- Release Backlog
- High level view of project progress

RTC Full Dev Plan Save

Owner: RTC Development | Iteration: 4.0 (7/4/11 - 6/29/12) | [249 Closed](#) | [153 Open](#) 1557/2880 pts 43%

As a user I want to be able to perform Continue Work In in the web client	Planning	Unassigned	--	High	New	123870
Support deleting file contents from source control	Source Control	Gigantic (200)	13/13 pts	High	Done	141407
[CCM] Make RTC clusterable	PMC	Unassigned	41/41 pts	High	Ready to Test	169830
[CCM] Support (destructive) deleting file contents from Source Control	PMC	Monster (80)	223/223 pts	High	Ready to Test	169816
[CCM] Preserve n-1 compatibility to clients	PMC	Unassigned	0/8 pts	High	Implementing	170291
[CCM] Support Server Rename	PMC	Unassigned	13/36 pts	High	Implementing	169831
[CCM] Dependency Build, promotion, deployment cross all platforms	PMC	Unassigned	374/394 pts	High	Ready to Test	169845

View As

Backlog by Themes

Features by Team

Iterations

Owner

Work Breakdown

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Actions

Re-sort

Exclude

Assigned Items

Empty Groups

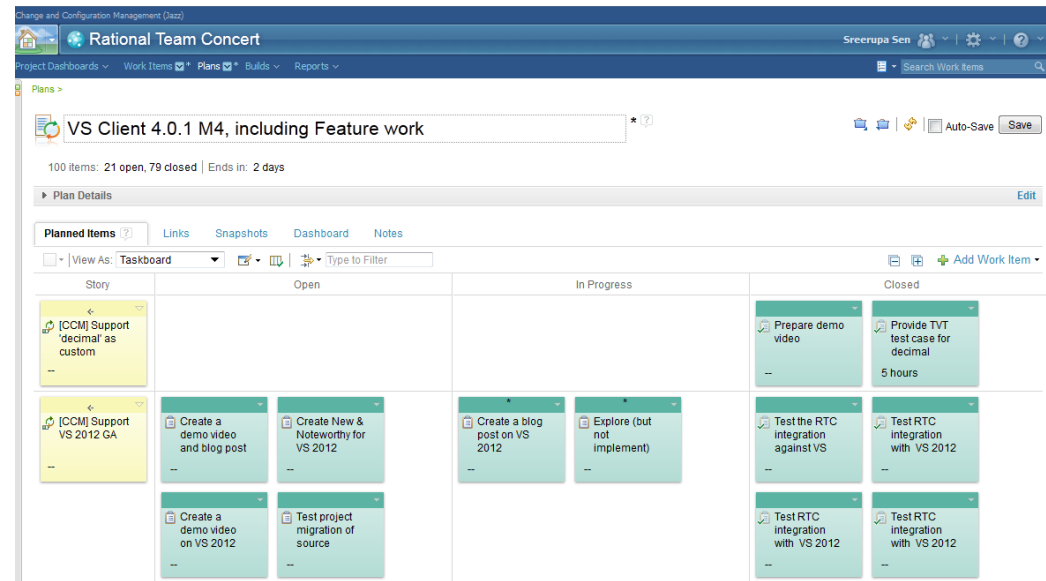
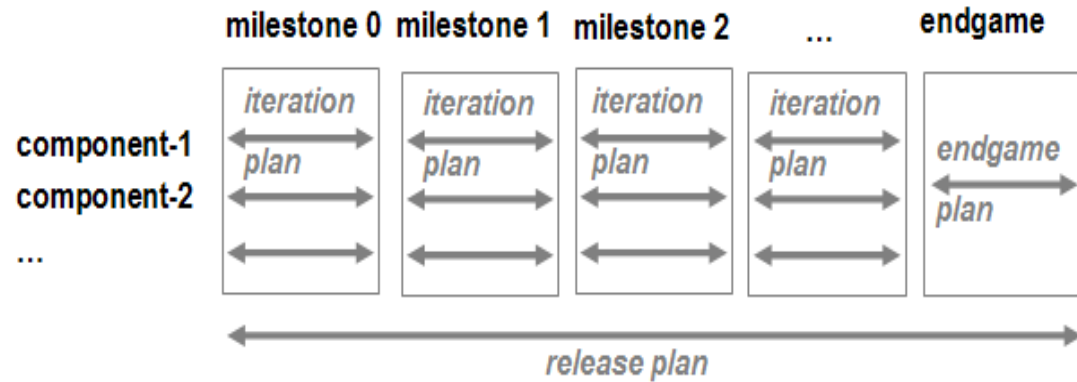
Estimated Items

Execution Items



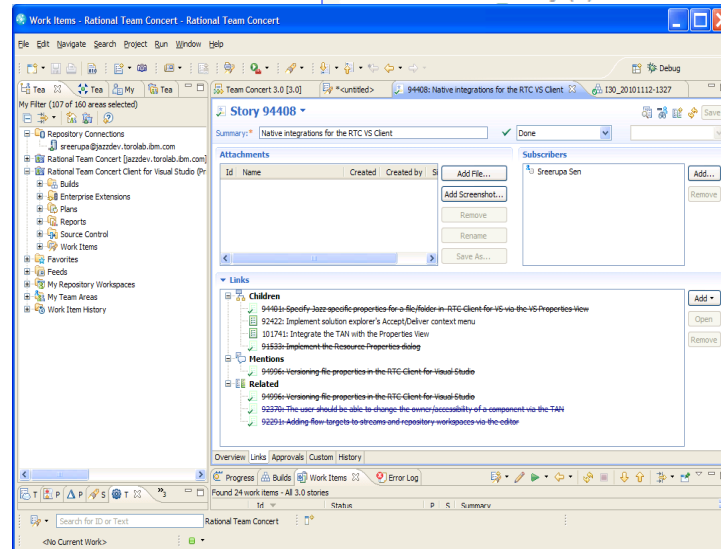
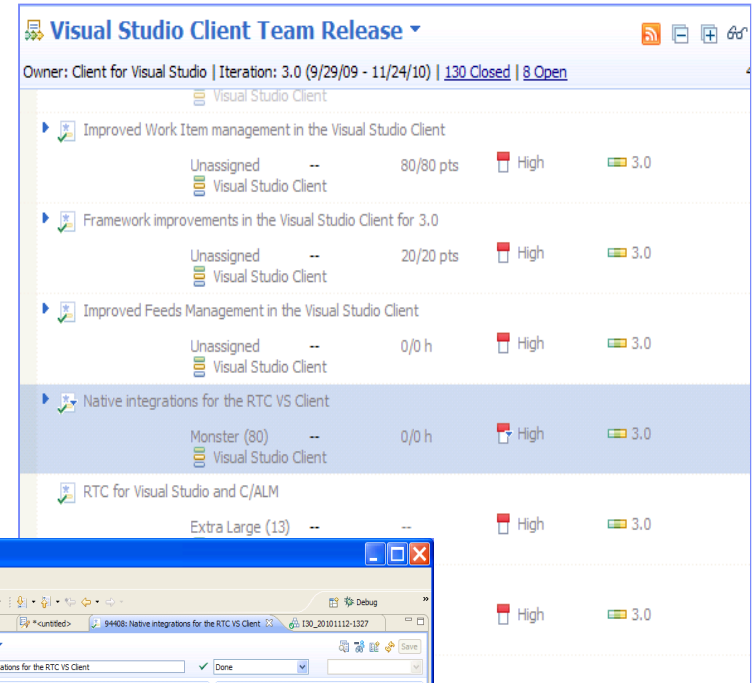
Planning and Tracking Iterations

- Iteration plan
 - ▶ per team/component
 - ▶ stories, tasks, enhancements, defects
 ⇒ Fine grained
 ⇒ Flexible
 ⇒ Various views
- Changes in work items are reflected in the plan.
- Keeps the plan synchronized with overall project status



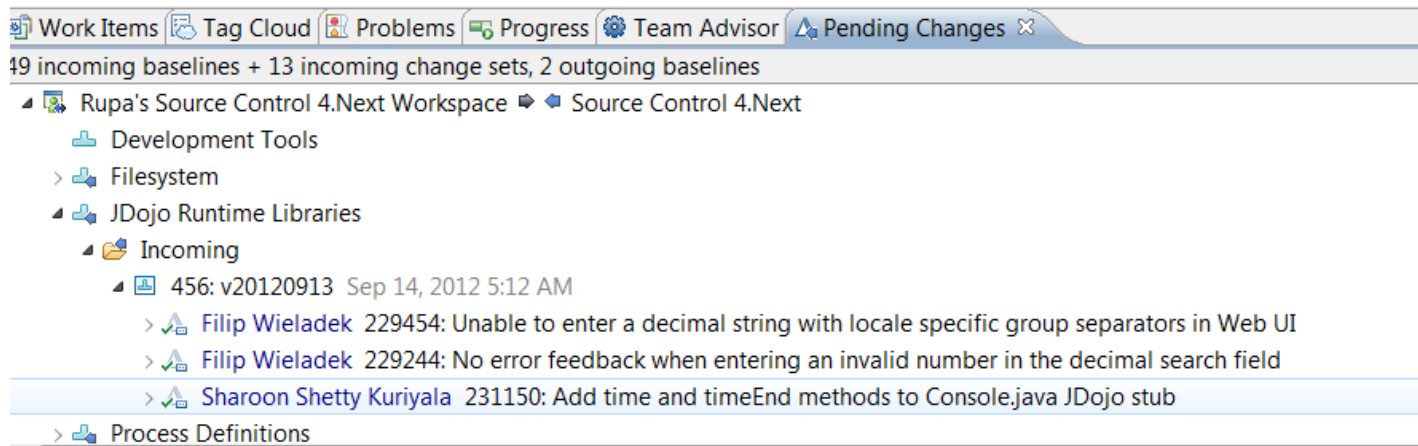
Tracking work in distributed teams

- ▮ Plan Item (Feature) or Story
- ▮ Stakeholder inputs
- ▮ Cross team decisions
- ▮ High level design
- ▮ Broken down into Execution Items
- ▮ Execution items
- ▮ Enhancements, Tasks, Defects
- ▮ Link to your requirements, source code, test cases and builds



Parallel Development with SCM

- RTC SCM supports several levels of parallel development:
 - ▶ Stream
 - ▶ Personal Repository workspace
 - ▶ Sandbox local to client system
- Collaboration based on Change sets:
 - ▶ Flowing changesets
- Traceability
 - ▶ Change sets get attached to work items
 - ▶ Get included in builds



Isolation Levels – Isolate Work not people

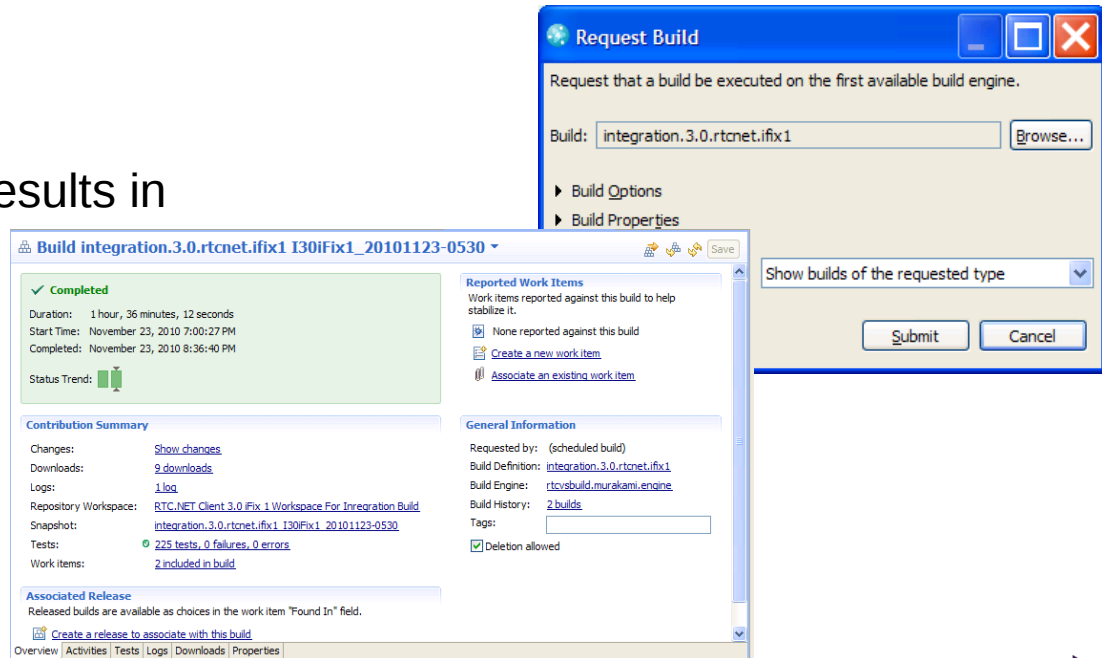
- Repository workspaces - Provides **individual** isolation
 - ▶ changes visible only to you unless shared with team
 - ▶ collaborate on a change with someone else
- Streams
 - ▶ Provides **team** isolation.
- Suspend and Resume
 - ▶ Provides **task** level isolation for personal work.
- Team areas
 - ▶ Provides **process** isolation.

Demo



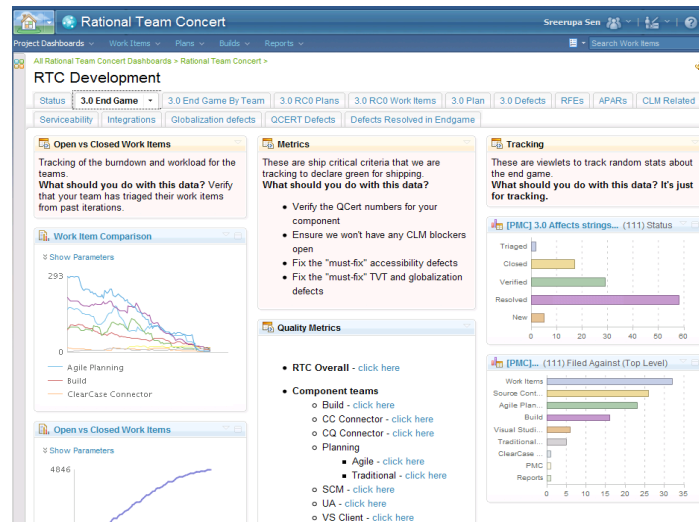
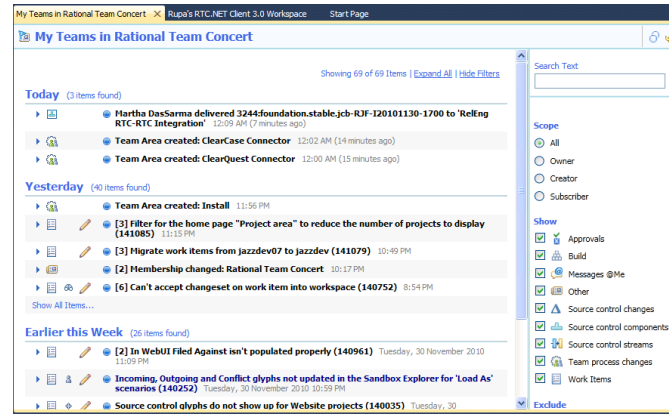
Continuous Integration with builds

- Team of Team
 - ▶ Scheduled integration builds
 - ▶ Cross-component
 - ▶ Continuous integration builds
- For each Team
 - ▶ Continuous builds
 - ▶ Always green
- For a Developer
 - ▶ Personal builds
- Unit tests, Compilation results in builds



Transparency with Feeds, Dashboards, Reports

- Team event notifications
 - ▶ Build events
 - ▶ Source Control changes
 - ▶ Work item changes
 - ▶ Team Process changes
- Dashboards
 - ▶ Live project status
 - ▶ For all stakeholders
- Reports



Links

- <https://jazz.net>
 - Product downloads, demo videos, tutorials



Summary

- Scaling agile methodologies to geographically distributed teams has its challenges
- Rational Team Concert is a single tool with multiple capabilities
- Provides planning, source control, work items and builds
- Process enforced at various levels and customized according to your needs
- Track your project progress with release and iteration plans.
- Link source code, work items and builds
- Project transparency with feeds, dashboards and reports

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