ENHANCING YOUR PAIRING EXPERIENCE

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Not for everyone

I'm not selling "A"gile

Not talking about the benefits of pairing

You will not be pairing certified after this!

Have you tried pairing but failed?

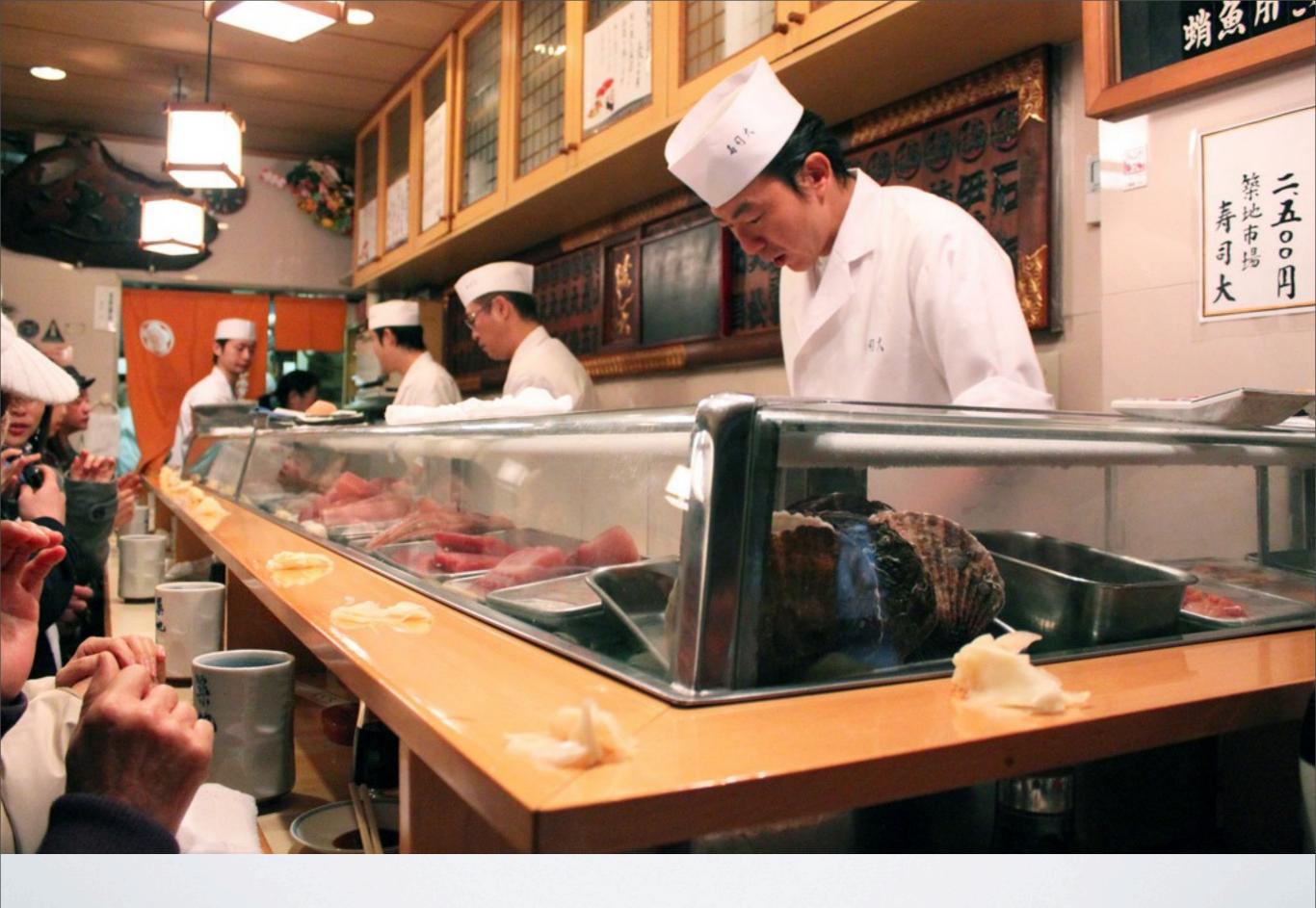
Experiment and measure

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OPEN DISCUSSION

Feel free to ask questions and contribute

Self Organizing Team



MECHANICS OF PAIRING

• Team

Individual

*Team



CO-LOCATED

Best when in one location



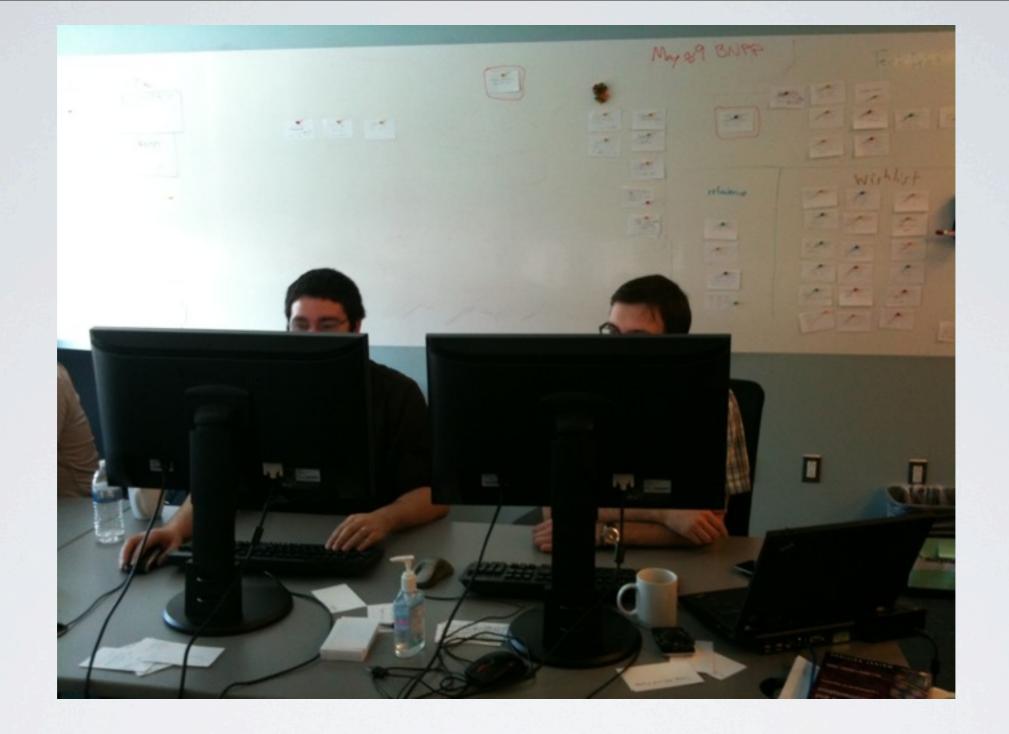
STREAM OF WORK

Have a plan



MACHINE SETUP

One machine? Two keyboards? Two mice?



SIDE BY SIDE



FACE TO FACE

Los Angeles Union Station



SCHEDULE BOARD

External visibility

FORMING PAIRS

Based on skill-set, experience, strengths and weaknesses.

PAIRING CHART

Lightweight method to keep track of pairing tendencies.



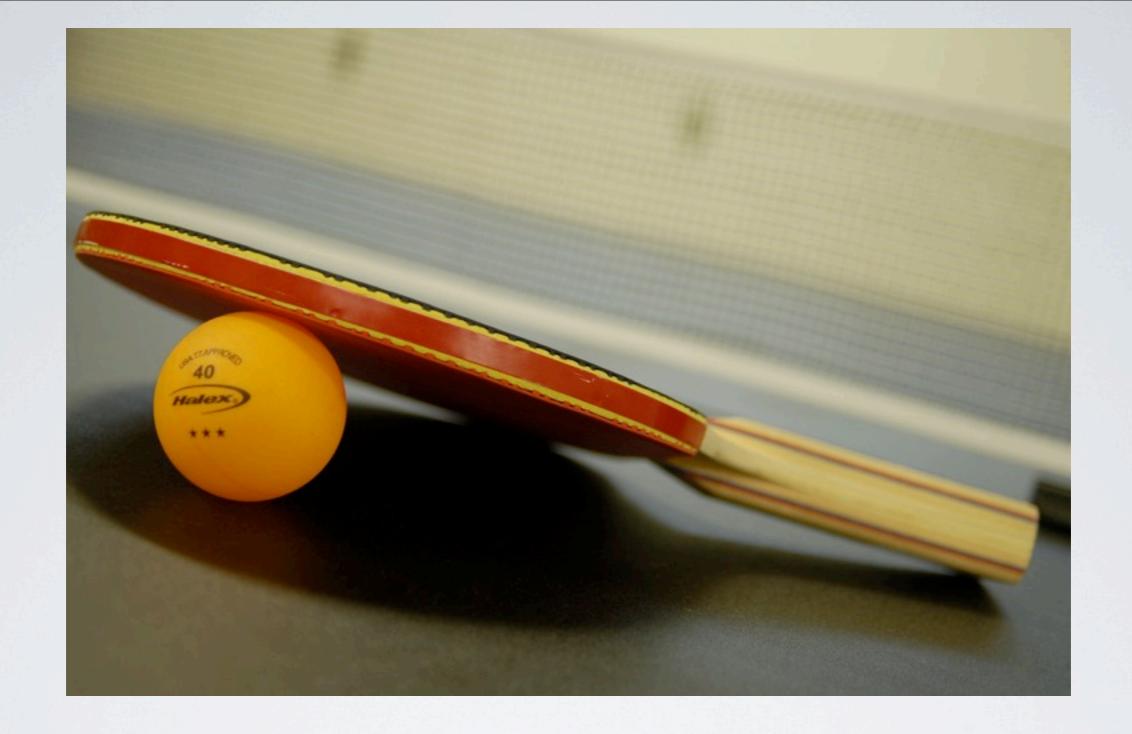
TEAM SIZE

Size does matter

*Individual

Communication

Set verbose mode to true



PING PONG

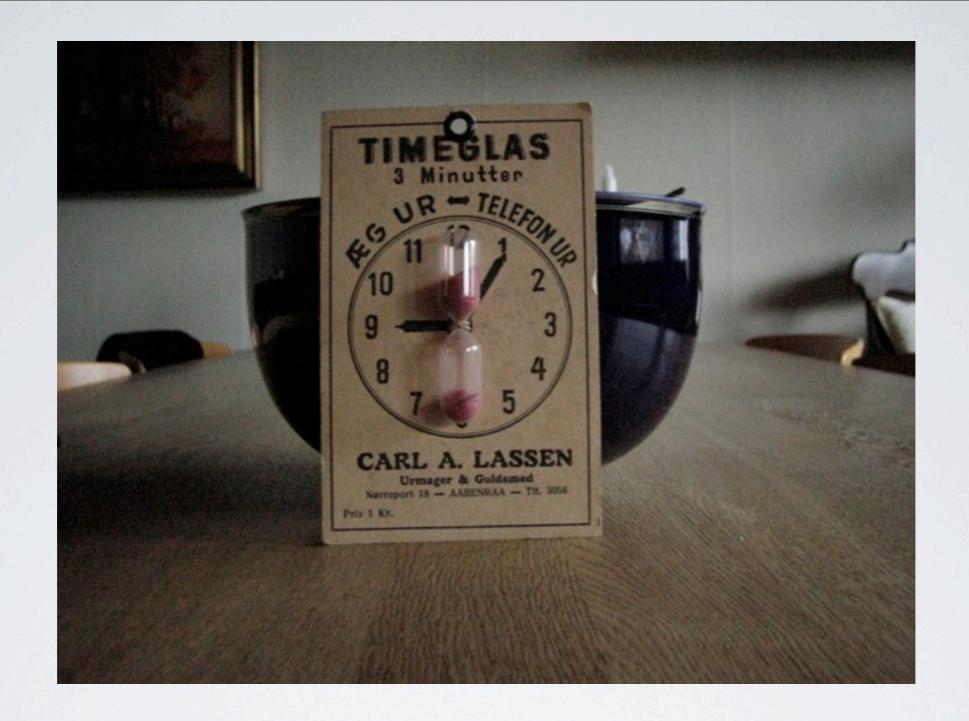
One for you. One for me.

Timer

Who's driving anyways?



DRIVER & NAVIGATOR



DURATION

How long? How often?



SWITCHING

When? How often?

Commit code often

Don't leave with broken code

Quick status check before switching



FLOW

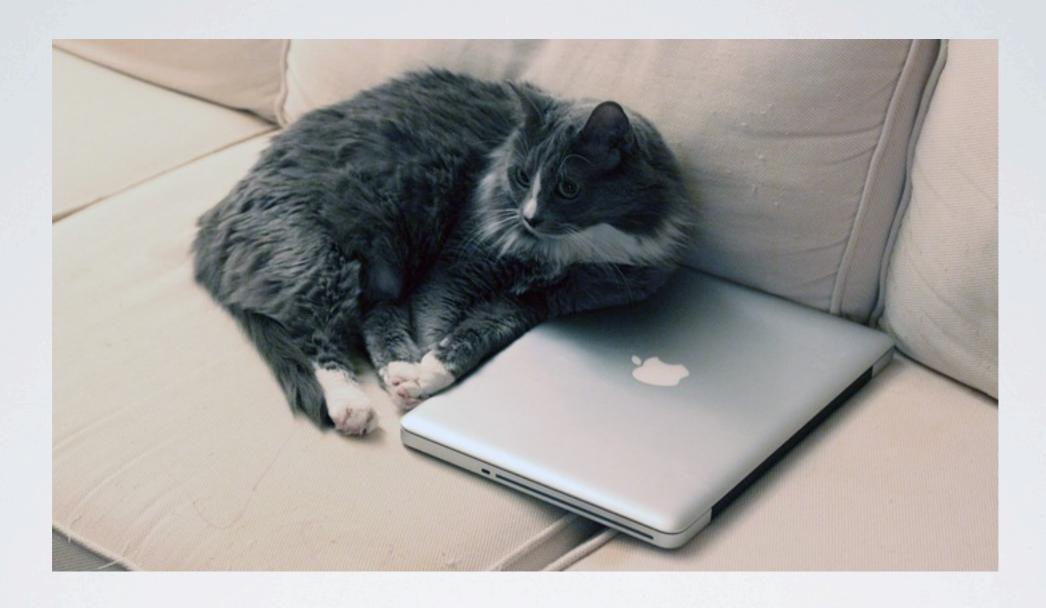
With two?

Handling Interruptions



TIRING

Pairing is hard work



PERSONAL SPACE

Need to recharge



SOCIAL FIT

How to piss off your pair http://c2.com/cgi/wiki?HowToPissOffYourPair



ODD (WO)MAN

What to work on?

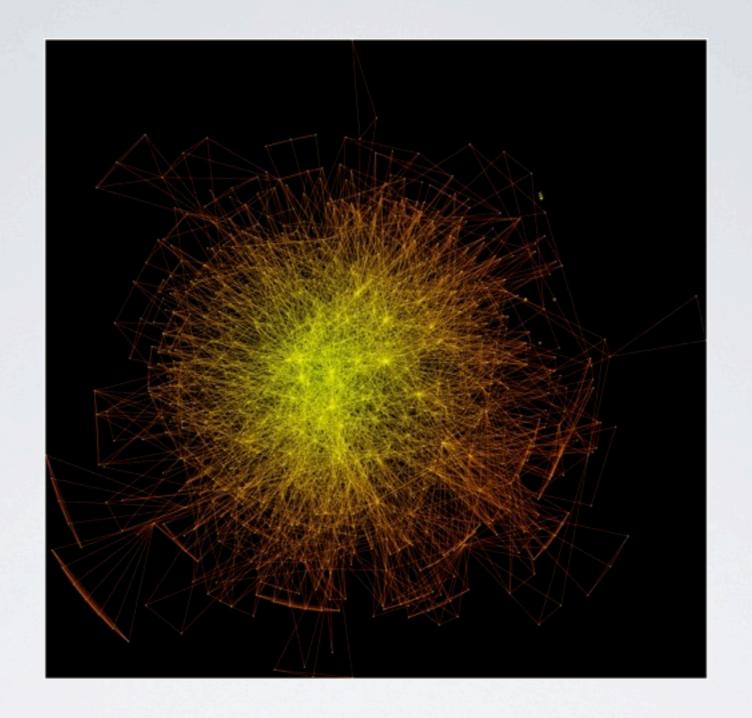
Pairing with non-devs





WHEN NOTTO PAIR?

Are there exceptions?



DISTRIBUTED TEAM

How to pair effectively with technology?

Questions?

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