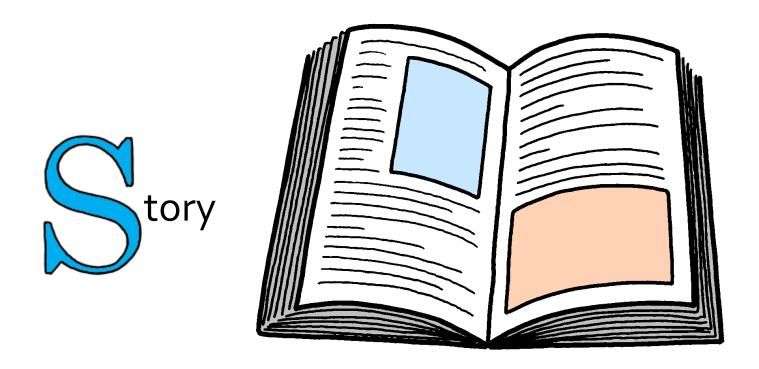


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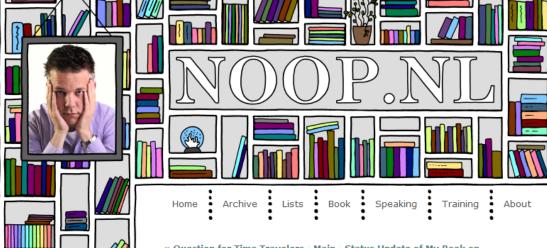








For 15 years I failed to leave my mark in this world. Until I started writing...



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### Why I Started This Blog

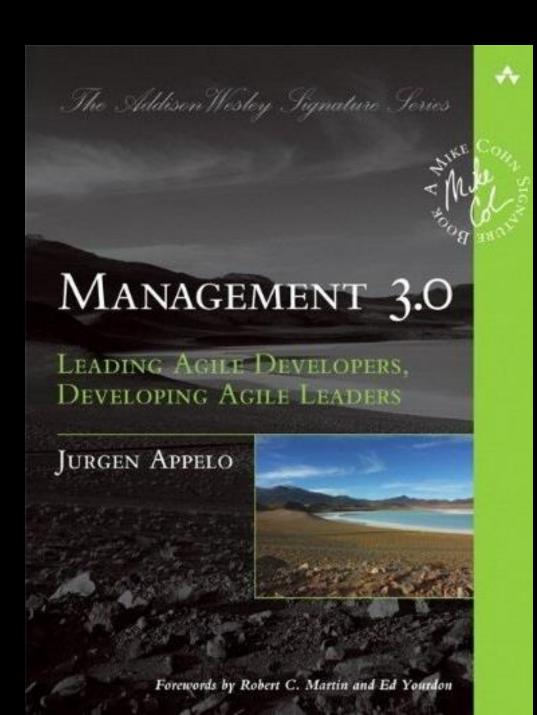
The reason I started this blog is as follows:

I intend to write a book. In fact, I am already working on it. It's going to be a book about *complex systems* and its relation to *software engineering*. Since many years I have been fascinated by the complexity of systems in biology, sociology, economics, physics and other scientific areas. And also complexity in politics and philosophy, which may not be very scientific but which is quite interesting nevertheless. (And heated debates with friends on this subject can be very amusing.)

One thing I noticed is that many aspects of complexity can also be found within the context of software projects. As a computer programmer, project manager, development manager and coffee maker I have been a participant in building software systems for almost 15 years. Lots of them have been spectacular and stunning failures. But I admit, reluctantly though, that I have delivered some successes too, most of them accidentally.

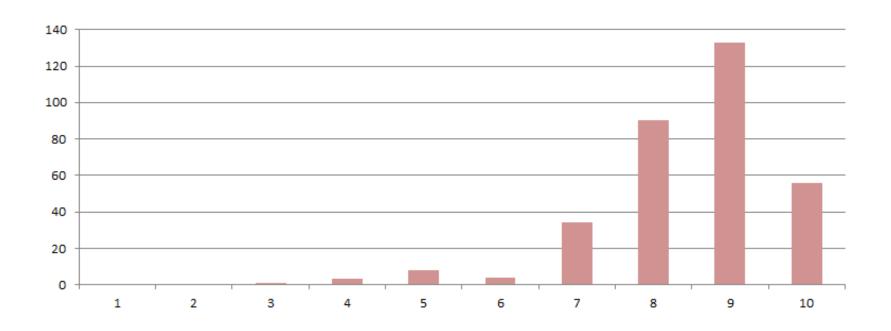
This blog will be dedicated to my attempt to write a book about complex systems and the complexity of software engineering. Here you can read about my progress, interesting material I found, conclusions I have drawn, previews of texts I have written, and every detail of my pain and suffering while going through this ordeal of writing a book. In the meantime I would love to hear your feedback about anything I am writing (or going to write), because a) feedback motivates me to keep going; b) it helps me to improve my texts; and c) it makes me look more popular, which might help me sell more copies of my book later on.

So bookmark this page now and make sure that you return here once in a while. I'll make you some coffee and we will have a nice chat about complexity, software engineering and the art of delivering horrible software.





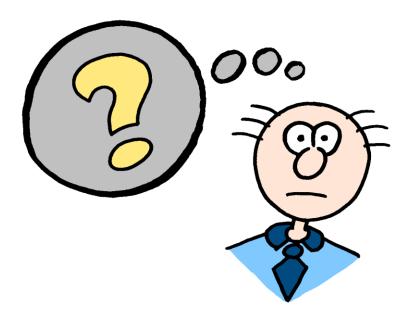
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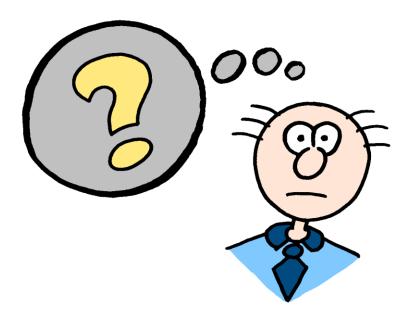




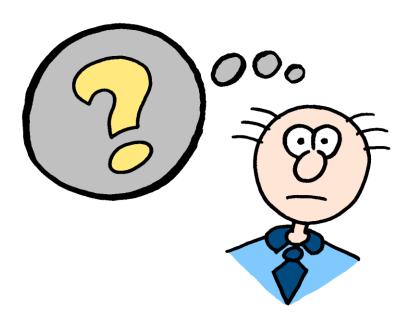
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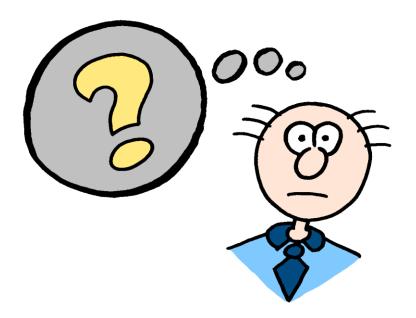
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- Etc...

How can I be successful at influencing other people to do what I want



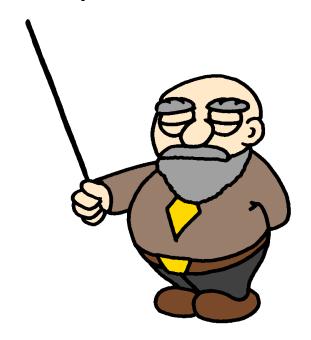
## BARRIERS TO FURTHER AGILE ADOPTION

Ability to change organizational culture 52% Availability of personnel with right skills 40% General resistance to change 39% Management support 34% Project complexity 30% Confidence in ability to scale 27% Customer collaboration 26% Perceived time to transition 14% **Budget constraints** 14% None 12%

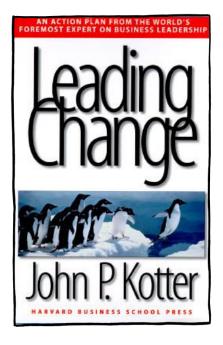


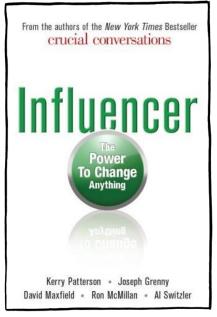
## It seems we all want to learn...

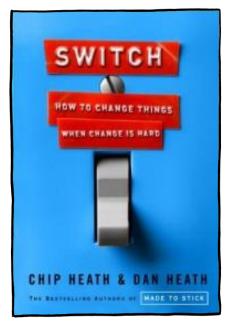
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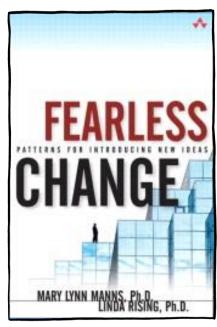


# I am inspired by...









And I discovered the facets of social change...

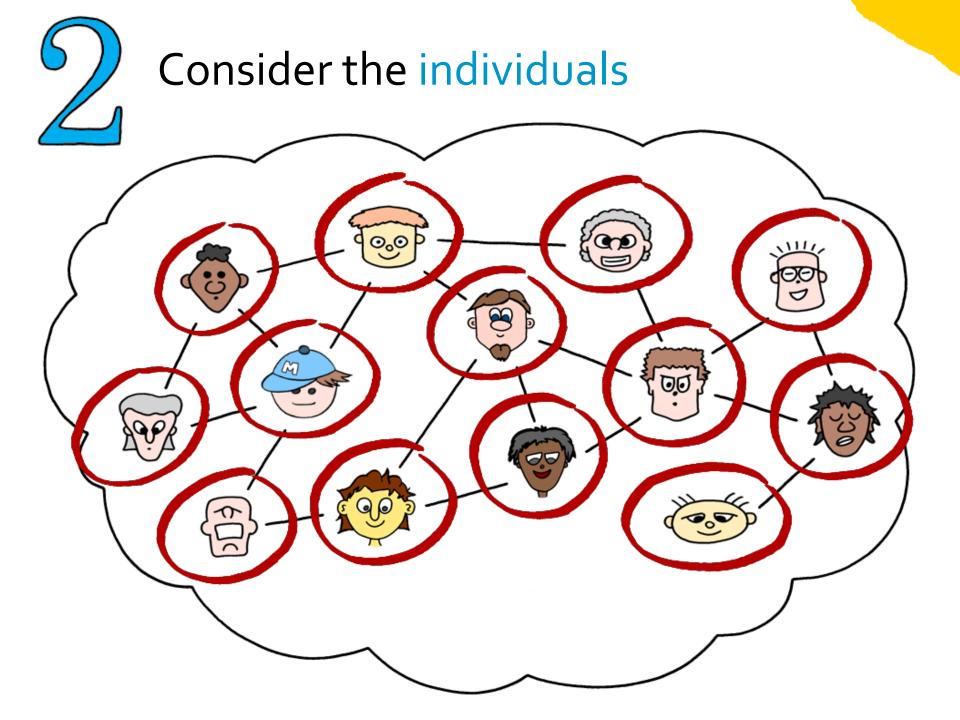


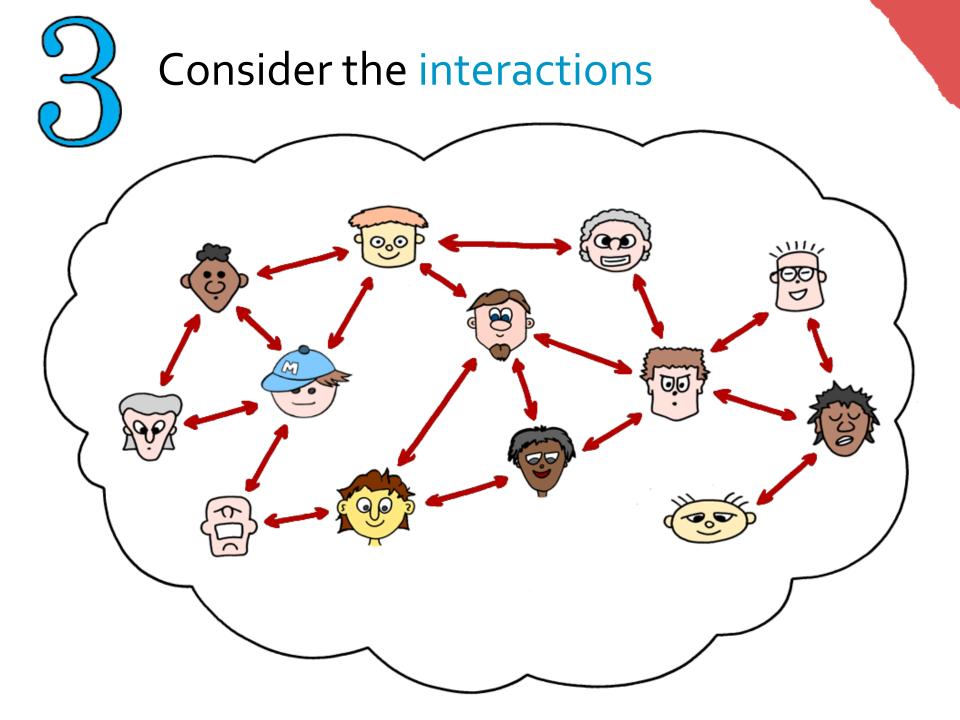
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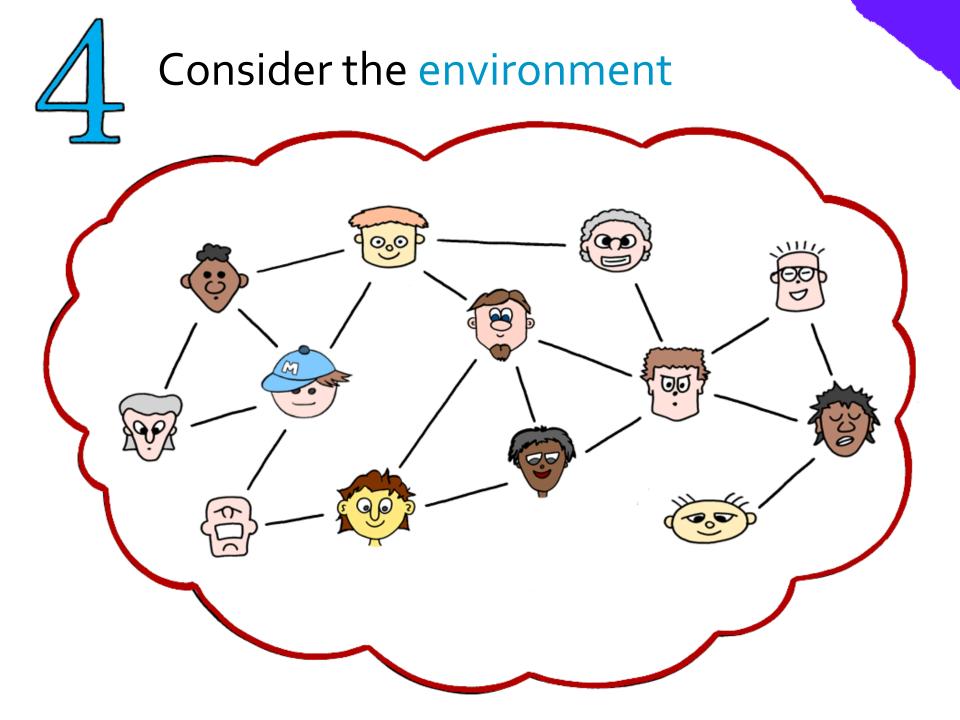
Make something amazing out of existing ingredients that are good but boring

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# Consider the system





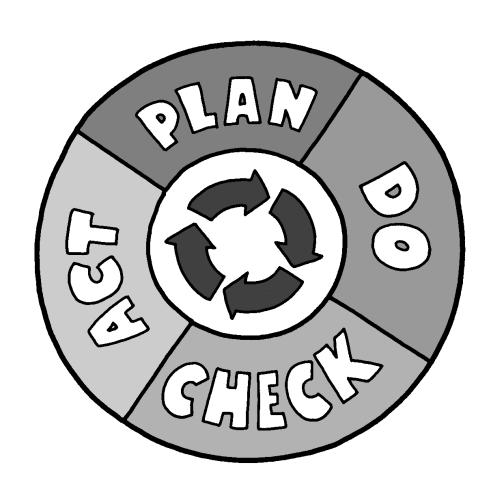


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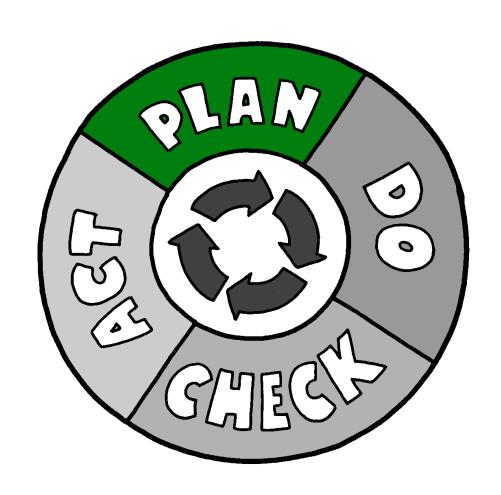
# The System

PDCA cycle Deming/Shewhart

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/PDCA



- What Is Your Goal?
- Where Is It Going Well?



### 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.



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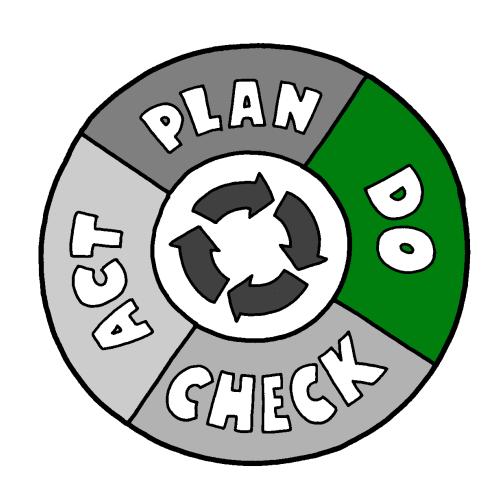




The vision... pan-European collaboration Going well... new initiatives born in meetups To be copied... getting together face-to-face



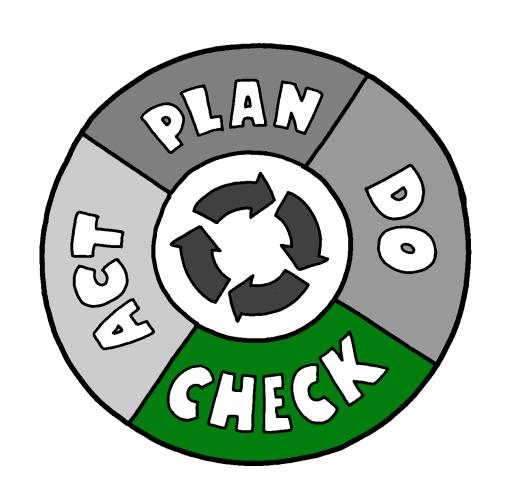
- What Are the Crucial Steps?
- When and Where Do You Start?





Define simple steps to follow, and choose the right moment/place to start.

- How Do You Get Feedback?
- How Do You Measure Results?

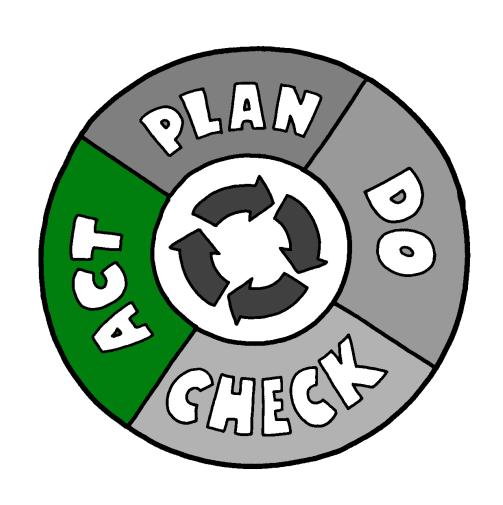


#### The Feedback Door

Feedback... sticky notes
Measure... happiness index



How Do You Accelerate Results?

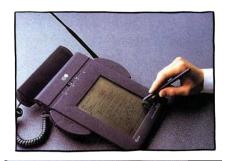
























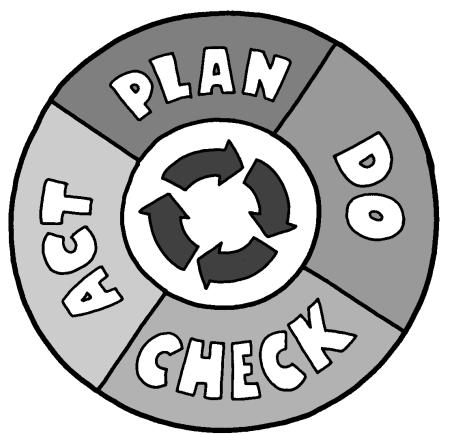




Try, again and again, until you have it right. (And learn from other people's failures.)

# The System

A social system is complex and adaptive. Keep poking it with ideas and see how it responds and changes.





# 66 We can't control systems or figure them out. But we can dance with them.

- Donella H. Meadows, Thinking in Systems



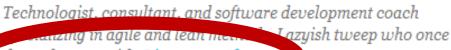






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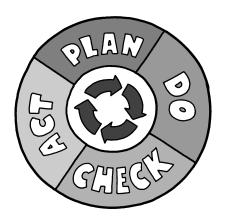
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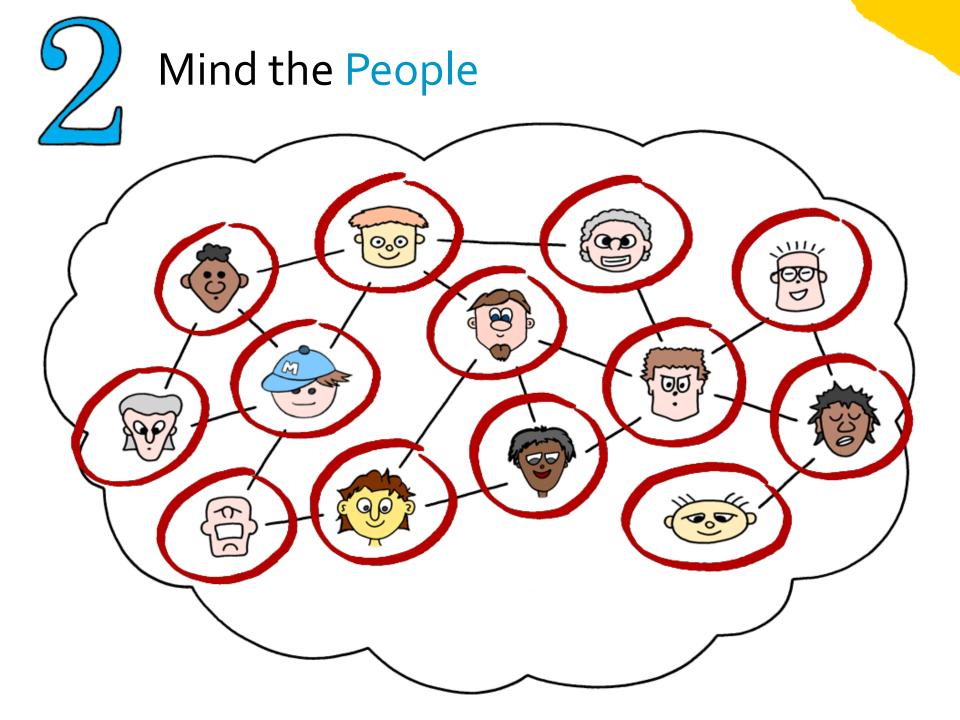
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Wonderful how every time you think "This is hard to test," your design improvee, and it ien!t

## You want the organization to be more Agile?

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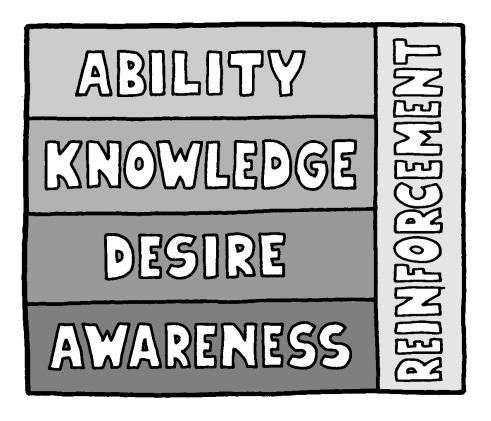




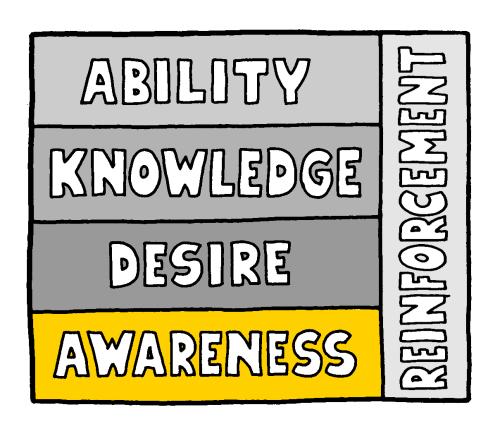
### The Individuals

ADKAR model Hiatt

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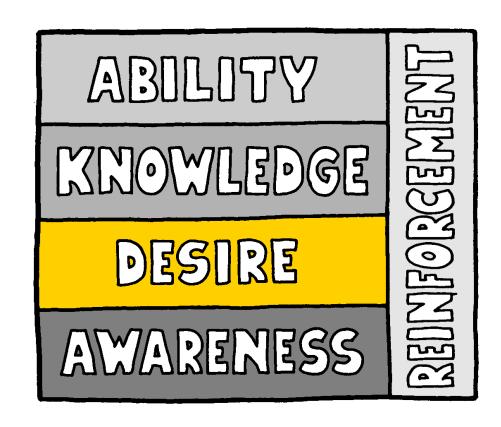
- How Will You Communicate?
- How Will You Set an Example?



#### Choose ways to communicate...



- How Do You Make It Urgent?
- How Do You Make It Desirable?



### 10 Intrinsic Desires

**Curiosity** The need to think

Honor Being loyal to a group

**Acceptance** The need for approval

Mastery / Competence The need to feel capable

**Power** The need for influence of will

Freedom / Independence / Autonomy Being an individual

Relatedness / Social Contact The need for friends

Order Or stable environments

Goal / Idealism / Purpose The need for purpose

**Status** The need for social standing



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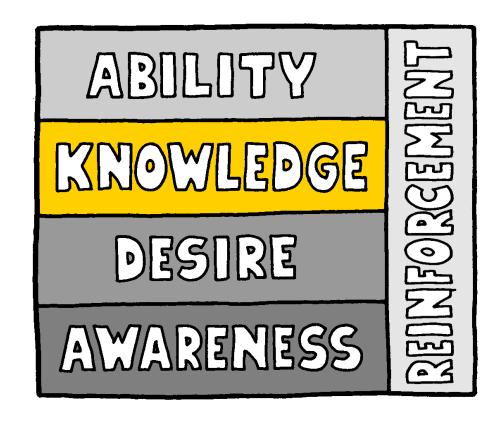
Find innovative ways to target human needs







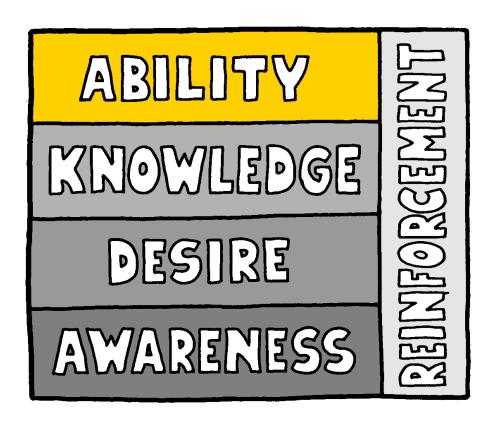
- Who Will Be Teaching?
- How Will You Teach Them?





Use experts to help people understand exactly what to do.

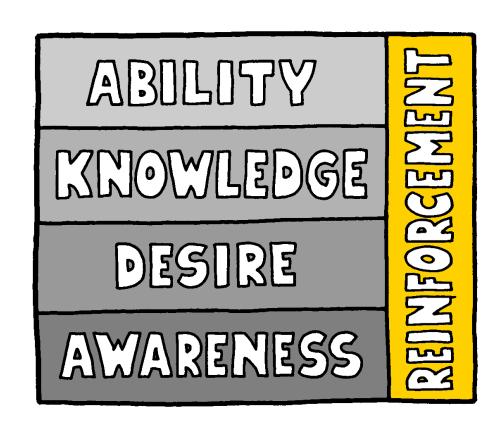
- What Makes It Easy?
- How Can They Practice?





Make it as easy as possible for people to make a change.

- What Are the Short-Term Wins?
- What Makes It Sustainable?

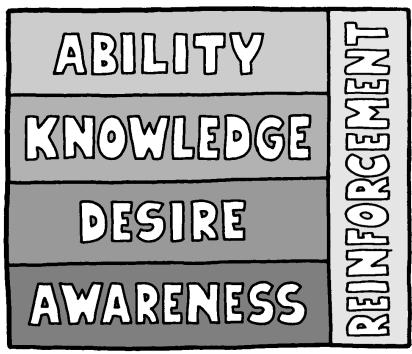


Build habits with small successes to make behaviors sustainable.



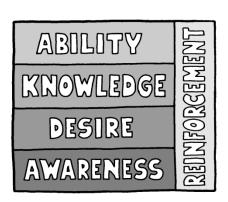
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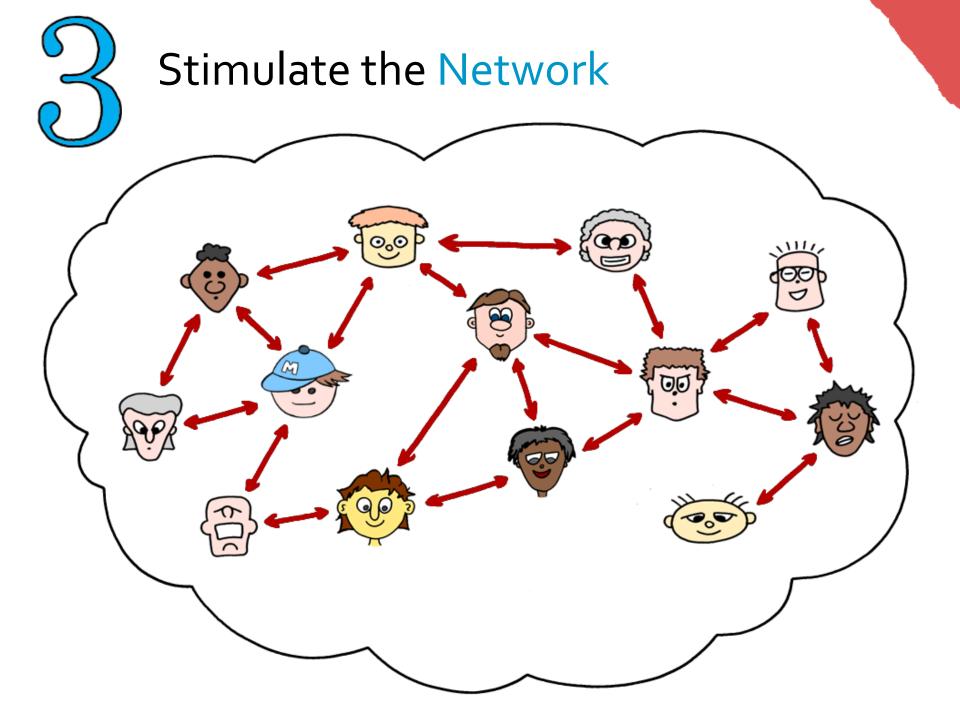
Sending rational messages is not enough. Treat people as emotional beings who can use a little help on the way.



## You want developers to educate themselves?

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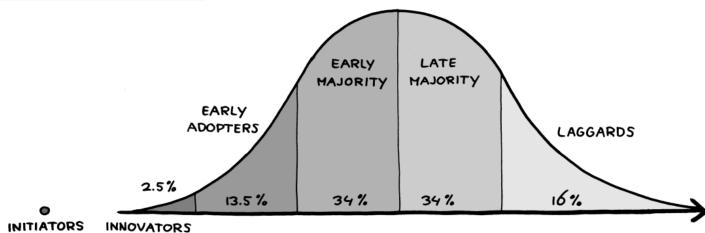




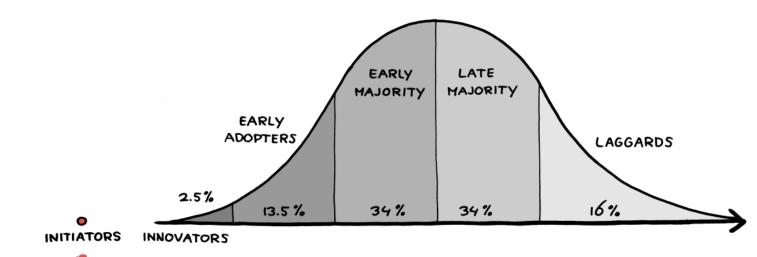
### The Interactions

# Adoption Curve model Rogers

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diffusion of innovations



- Are You Committed?
- Who Is Assisting You?

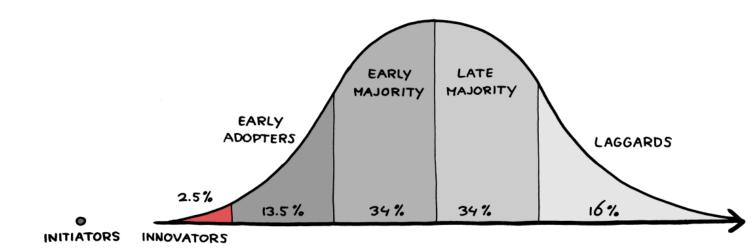


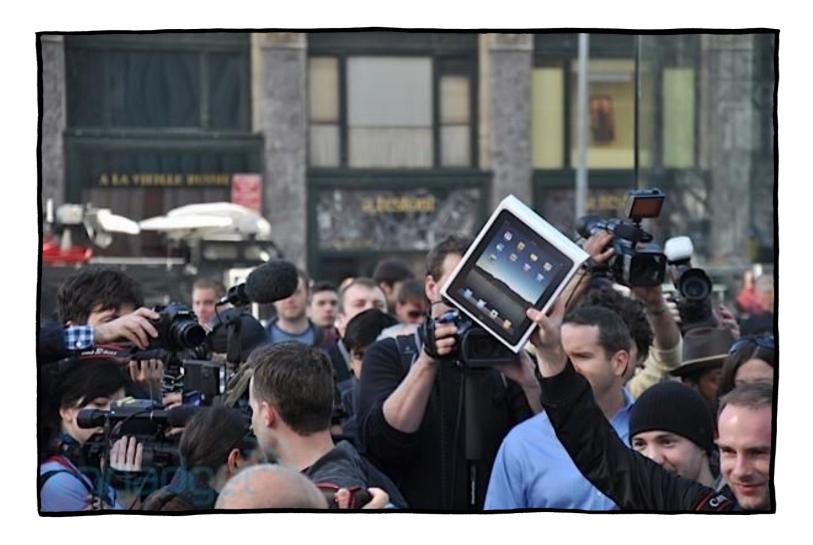
Make sure you are not on your own. Ask other people for help.



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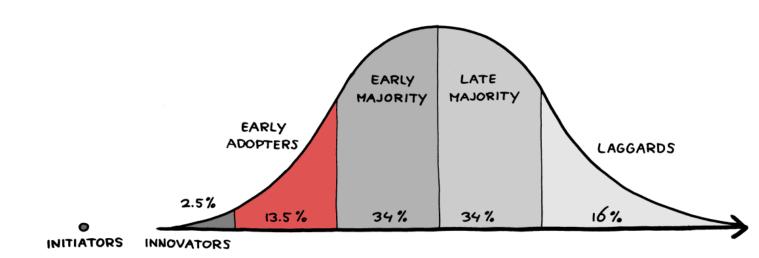
• Who Will Be the Innovators?



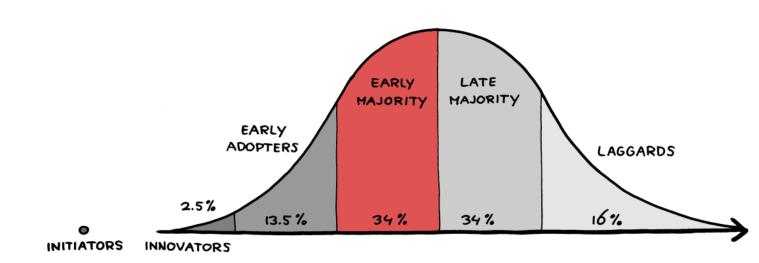


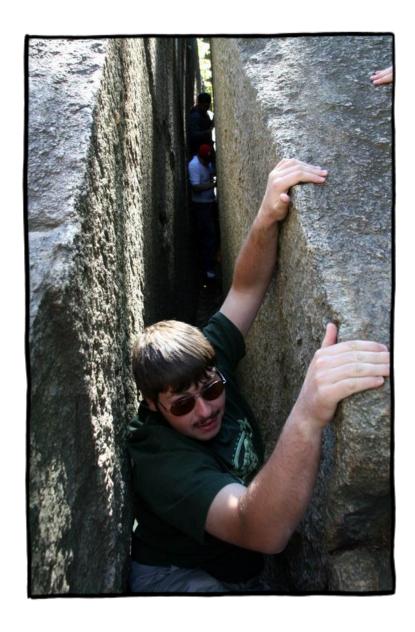
Find the innovators who want to be the first to try new things.

- Who Are the Early Adopters?
- How Will the Leaders Help?



- How Do You Reach the Early Majority?
- How Can You Make It Viral?

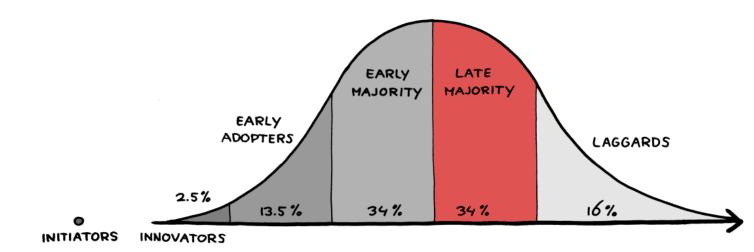




Adapt your approach so that you are able to cross the "chasm" between early adopters and early majority.

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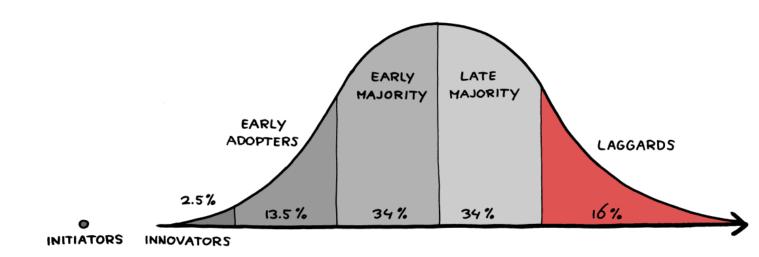
How Will You Deal with Skeptics?





Listen to the skeptics and understand what is holding them back.

How Will You Prevent a Relapse?

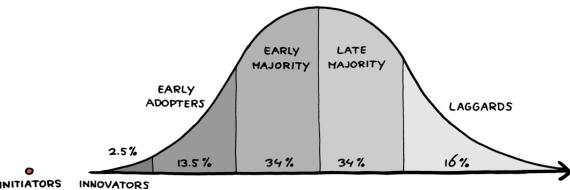




Don't stop too soon! Keep monitoring things and don't give the laggards a chance to undo all your work.

## The Interactions

Behaviors are transmitted from person to person in a social network. Treat them as beneficial viruses.

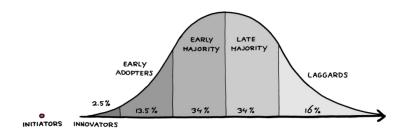


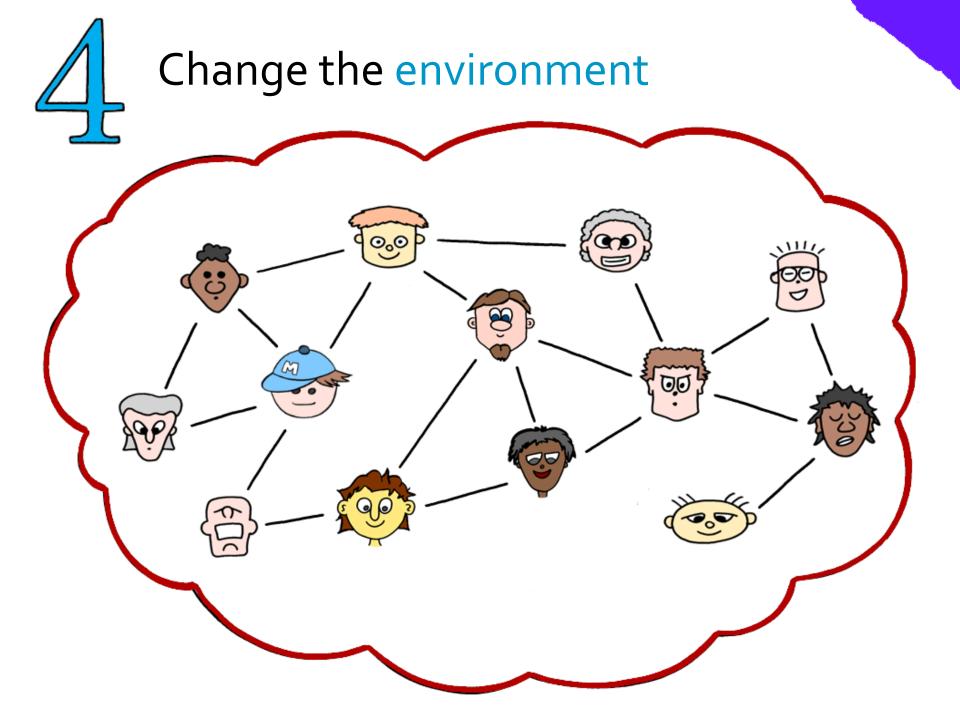
## You want people to use your services?

- Am I Committed?
- Who Is Assisting Me?
- Who Will Be the Innovators?



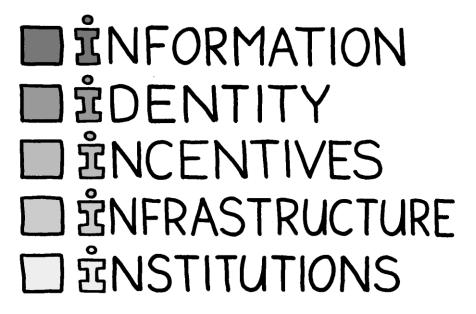
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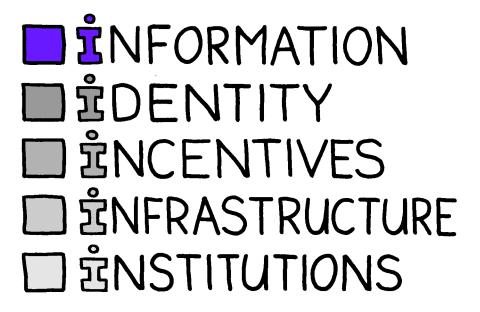


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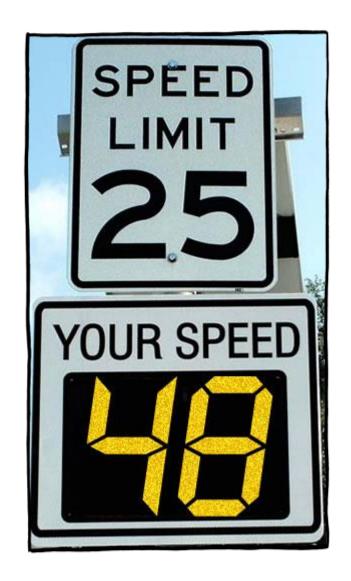
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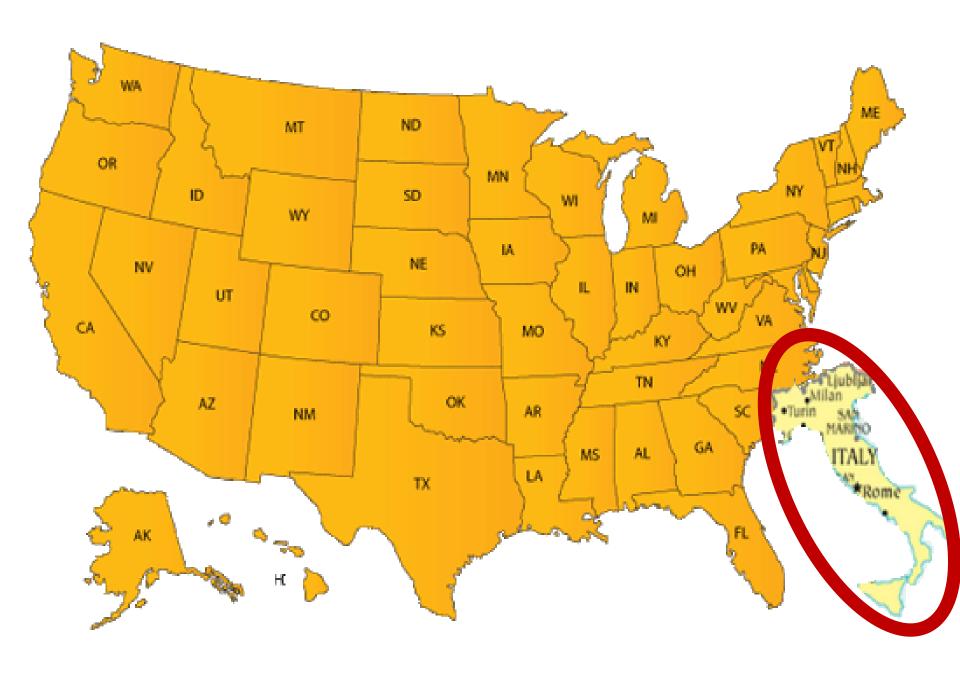
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- How Do You Ease Communication?



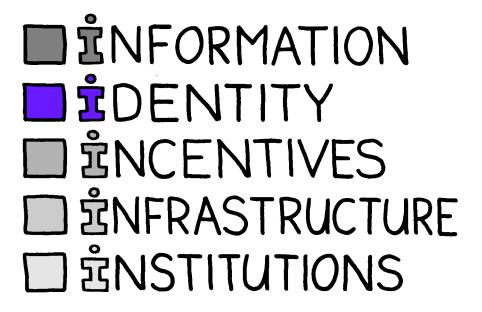
Keep goals visible and make people aware of their actual behavior.







- What Is the Group Identity?
- How Can You Grow Peer Pressure?





Appeal to a higher identity that people want to associate themselves with.





















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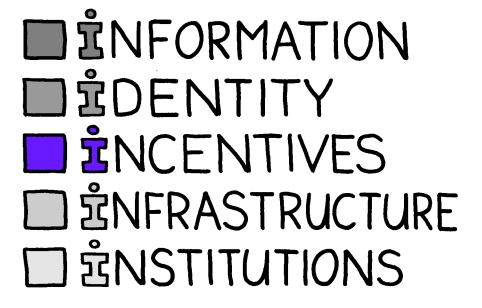
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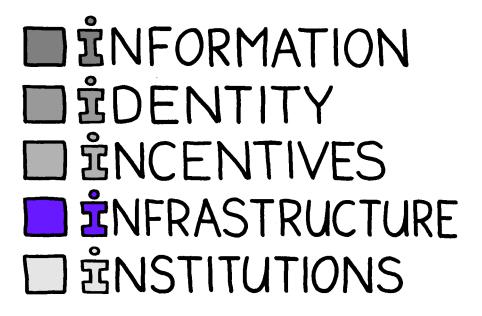
Can You Incentivize Good Behavior?





Incentivize good behavior with small rewards.

- Which Barriers Will You Remove?
- Which Guides Will You Place?

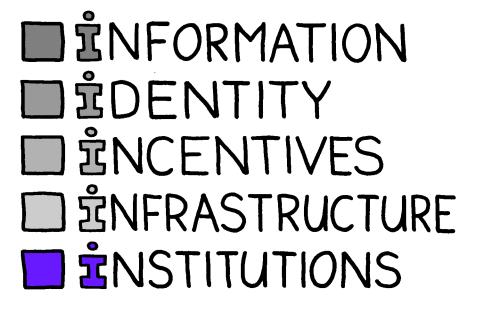




Remove obstacles and add guidance to make things easier.



Who Can Make the Rules?



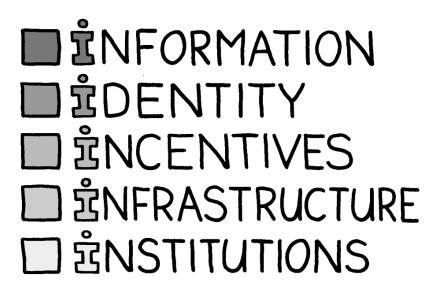
## Define and enforce rules of good conduct...



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## The Environment

Behavior is a function of a person and his or her environment. Instead of changing a person, change the environment.





Culture changes only after you have successfully altered people's actions, after the new behavior produces some group benefit for a period of time. 99

- John P. Kotter, Leading Change

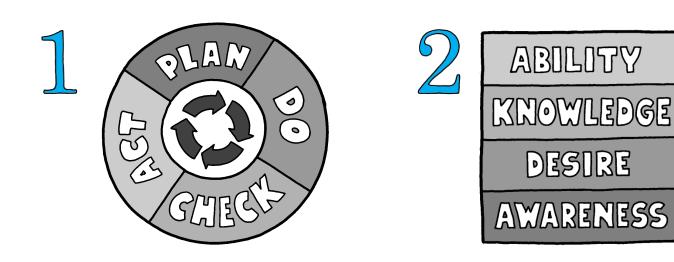
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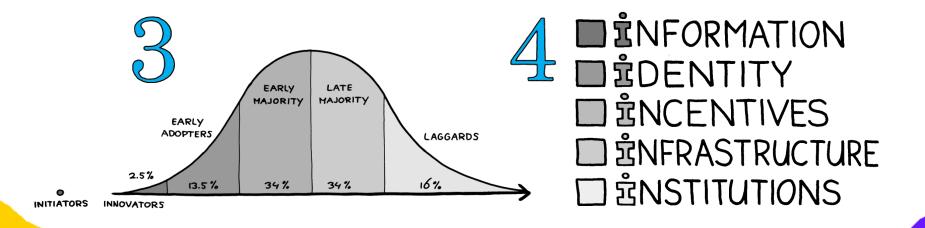
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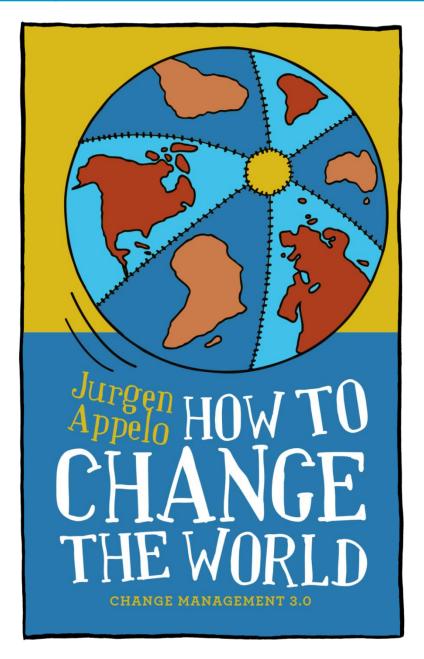
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