Open Project Management

from an “open” perspective

UNIT 5

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Lecture 19

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Welcome Back!

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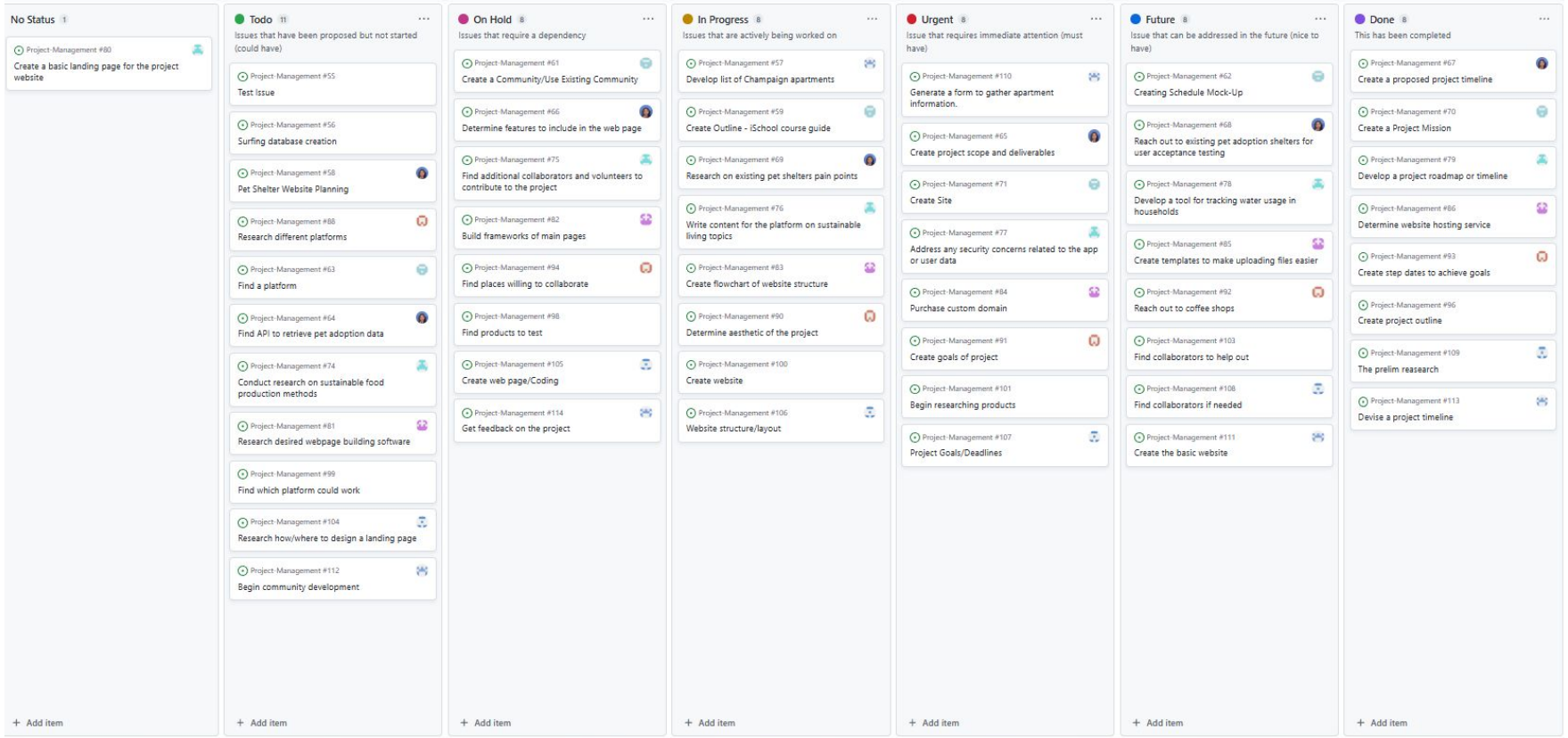

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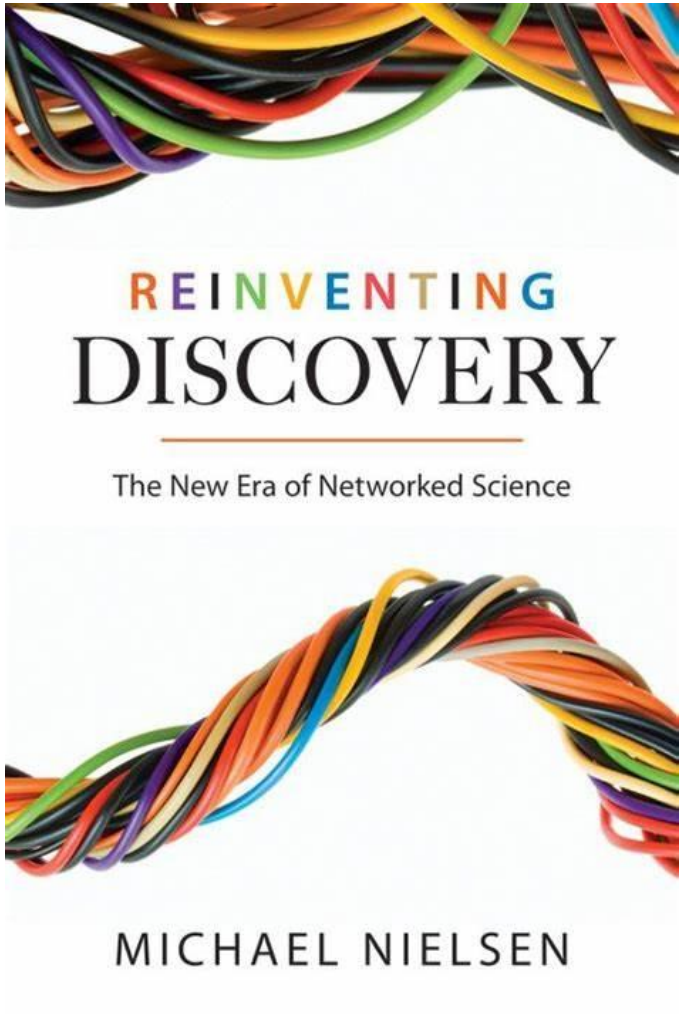
Project transferability raises the infrastructural costs:

* annotated code, documentation, contributions as easily-defined tasks.

Which combination of strategies increases range of ideas contributed at minimal organizational cost?



Focus on open science: openness and transparency can accelerate your timeline.

Two enabling phenomena

- amplifying collective intelligence.
- networked science.

Modularizing and decentralizing projects tend to make them more accessible.

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Life Cycle: set of phases (alpha/beta, alpha/beta).

- Alpha: developmental releases that have passed Continuous Integration (CI).
- Beta: get feedback from potential users.

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Support: provide technological help in limited cases, long-term support for paying customers.

- support phase: set a time interval that makes sense (one year for free, lifetime for paying customers).
- maintain/support cycle: make changes/record of problems to address in new release.

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recommendations contribute source api

- Adobe ColdFusion
- AlmaLinux OS
- Alpine Linux
- Amazon Corretto
- Amazon EKS
- Amazon Kindle
- Amazon Linux
- Amazon RDS for MySQL
- Amazon RDS for PostgreSQL
- Android OS
- Angular
- Ansible
- Ansible-core
- antiX Linux
- Apache Airflow
- Apache Camel
- Apache Cassandra

End-of-life (EOL) and support information is often hard to track, or very badly presented. endoflife.date documents EOL dates and support lifecycles for various products.

endoflife.date aggregates data from various sources and presents it in an understandable and succinct manner. It also makes the data available using an easily accessible API and has iCalendar support.

endoflife.date currently tracks 217 products. Here are some of our most popular pages:

Programming	Python	Ruby	Java	PHP
Devices	iPhone	Android	Google Pixel	Nokia
Databases	MongoDB	PostgreSQL	Redis	MySQL
Operating Systems	Windows	Windows Server	MacOS	FortiOS
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Whim-based: make a release whenever you want (irregular timing).

- release whenever work is complete. Less intra-release structure to manage.

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Documentation and release notes

Accommodate external conflicts and opportunities (WWDC)

Release candidates

Translations

Communicating schedule

Managing Feature Cycles

From Chapter 9, “Program Management for Open Source Projects”
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Manage features as a series of issues and milestones.

- templates: can be used to define scope, testing plan, contingency plan, and rationale.
- scale and approval process: who decides what is included in a formal release? What is too detailed, and what is too trivial.

How are features enforced?

- feature wranglers: open-source leaders or centralized managers.
- feature lifecycle: proposal window → timeline → completion path.

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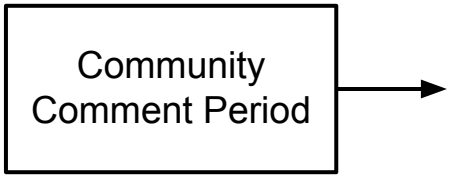

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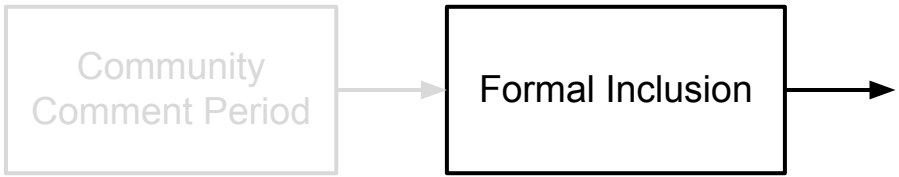

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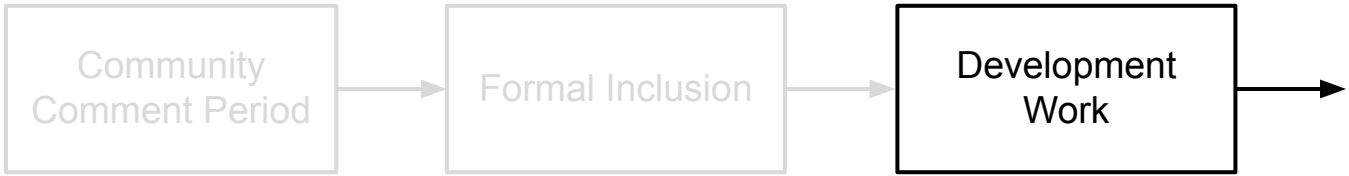

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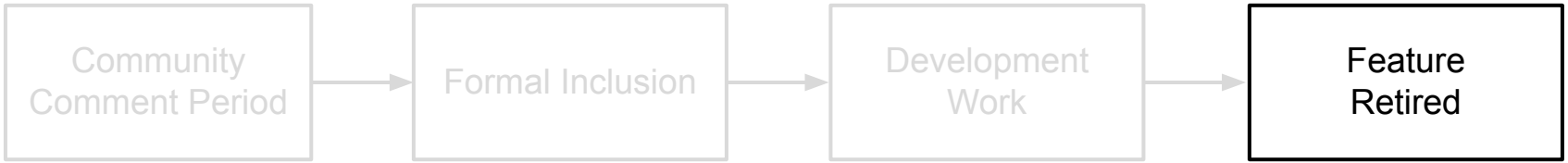

Understanding the open source software life cycle

https://www.redhat.com/en/resources/open-source-software-life-cycle-brief

Stages of open-source software development

1. collaborators and users engage with software architecture and develop support infrastructure.

2. software matures as people become dependent on it. A variety of uses, for a variety of skill levels.

3. new version releases occur, software becomes the basis of new development opportunities.

4. software is no longer viable, community breaks down.

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2) B-model (extension of the waterfall model)

Linear phase inception → define requirements → design → production → accept

Maintenance cycle operation → inception → analysis → design → production → acceptance

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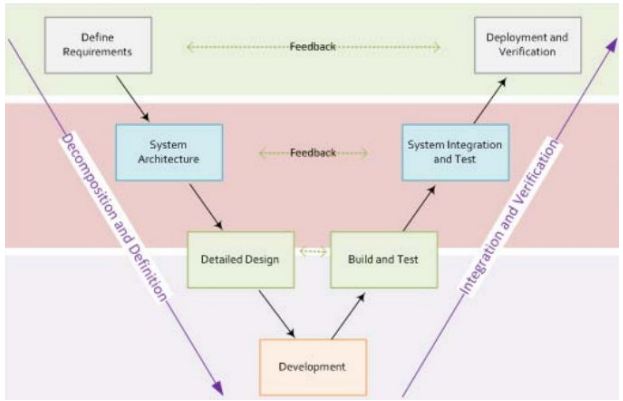

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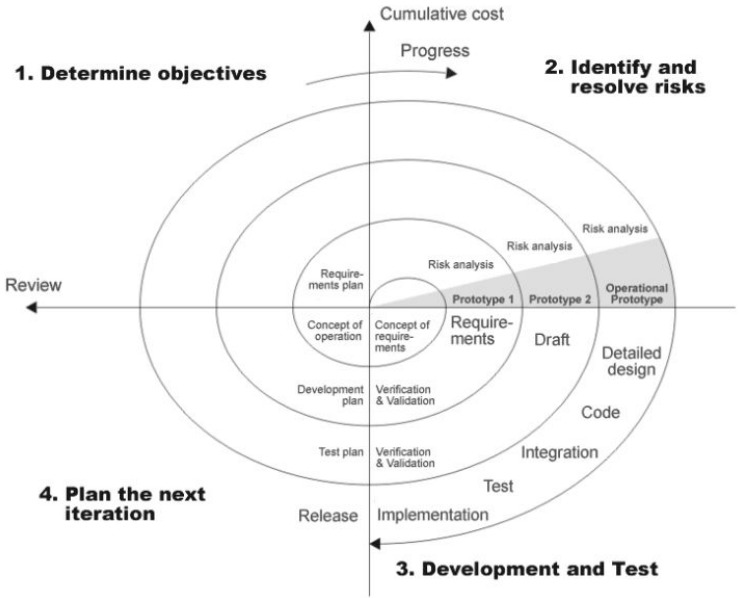

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6) Cathedral and Bazaar: release early, release often, listen to your customers.