Introducing the LAFABLE Process for Scaling Agile

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Over the last year or so, scaling agile and Scrum have become very popular topics. A variety of scaling approaches have been promoted—and some of them were even tested on real teams before the marketing machinery spun up to promote them.

You've undoubtedly heard of a few of these scaling frameworks.

Today, Mountain Goat Software is proud to announce its own scaling framework: LAFABLE or the Large Agile Framework Appropriate for Big, Lumbering Enterprises.

Building on the popularity and success of Scrum, LAFABLE projects employ a variation of Scrum’s “sprints.” But to slow the project down appropriately for an organization that wants to pretend to be agile rather than actually being agile, LAFABLE refers to these as “Strolls” rather than “Sprints.”

Under the coaching of a StrollMaster (preferably a Certified StrollMaster), LAFABLE projects include three very distinct phases: Planning, Strolling, and Stabilization. Although this may sound very waterfall-like, it’s not, because we say so.

Complete information on LAFABLE can be found at www.LAFABLE.com.
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