



What is a Milestone?

Milestones

- ❑ Indicate a project's progress toward completion.
- ❑ Tangible to manager and stakeholders.
- ❑ Verifiable -- its been done.
- ❑ Establishes a new **baseline** for work products.

Frequency: ~1 per iteration

Major Milestones

Inception Vision & Scope reviewed and accepted by customer and management.

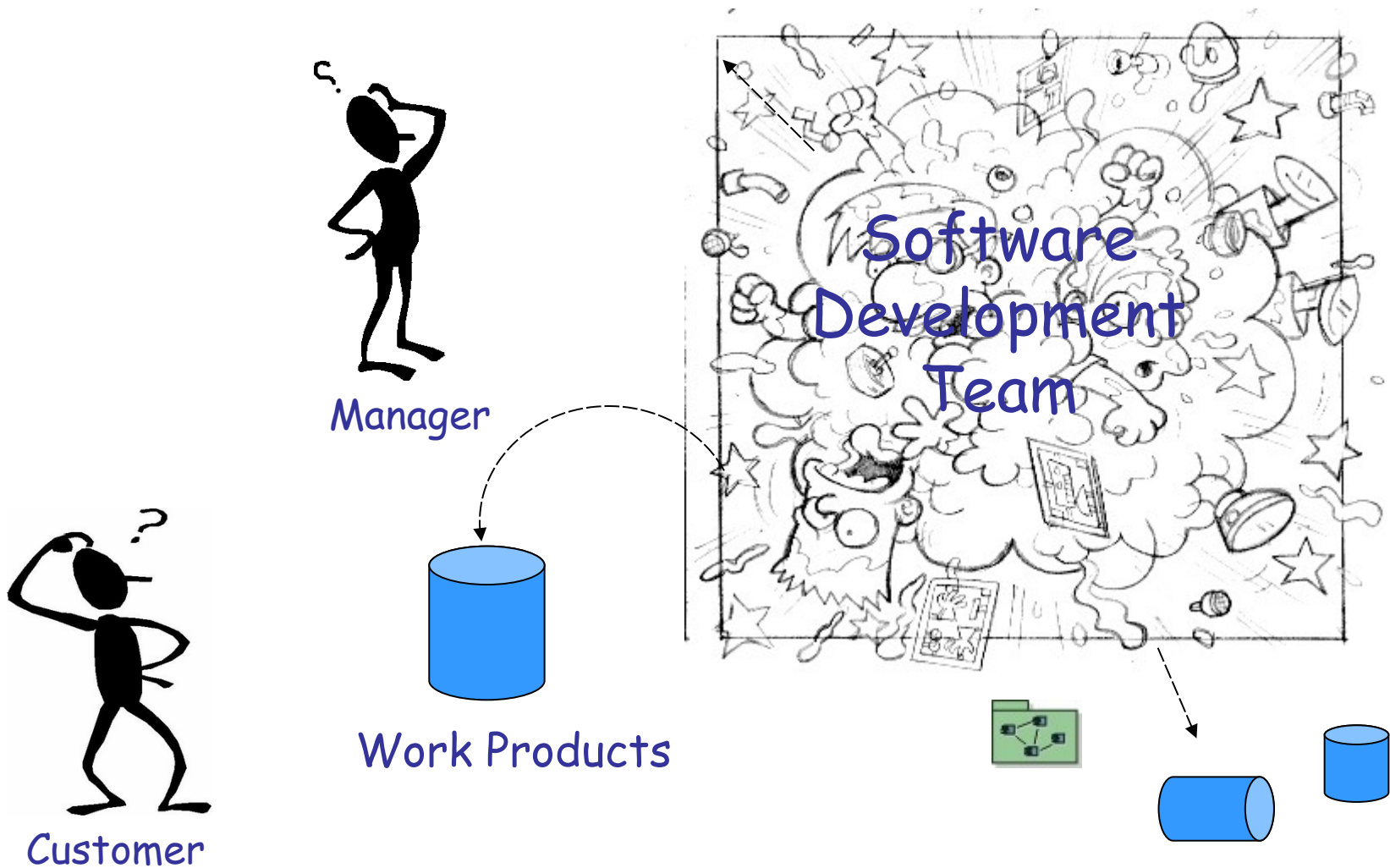
Elaboration 1

a) UC1: Vote for Projects designed, implemented, tested, and reviewed.

and

b) Persistence architecture and database schema for voting designed, documented, prototype implemented, and reviewed.

Milestones Provide **Visibility**



Steve McConnell suggests...

Use Binary Milestones

(100% Done or Not Done)

Avoid fuzzy, mushy milestones

A Milestone is either "100% done" or "100% not done."

Allowing a little step from "100% done" to "90% done" has historically been found to reduce the quality of the status information from "very good" to "awful."

Other Goals

These probably don't qualify as Milestones:

- ❑ Logging framework selected, convention for logging levels documented, and implemented in code.
- ❑ Configuration Management plan documented and explained to team.
 - Includes what to put in CM, what not to put in CM, directory layout, criteria for submitting work.
- ❑ Coding and documentation standard documented and explained to team. (PPQA responsible)

Minor Milestones

Purpose: keep the project on track.

- ❑ Track a project's progress.
- ❑ Tangible to team and manager.
- ❑ Verifiable -- its been done.