

The Evolution Of The Agile Product Manager

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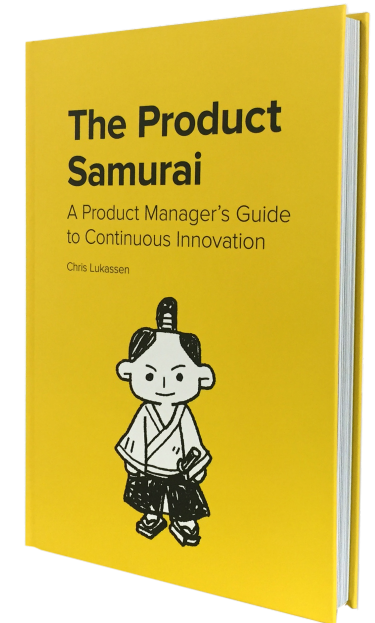
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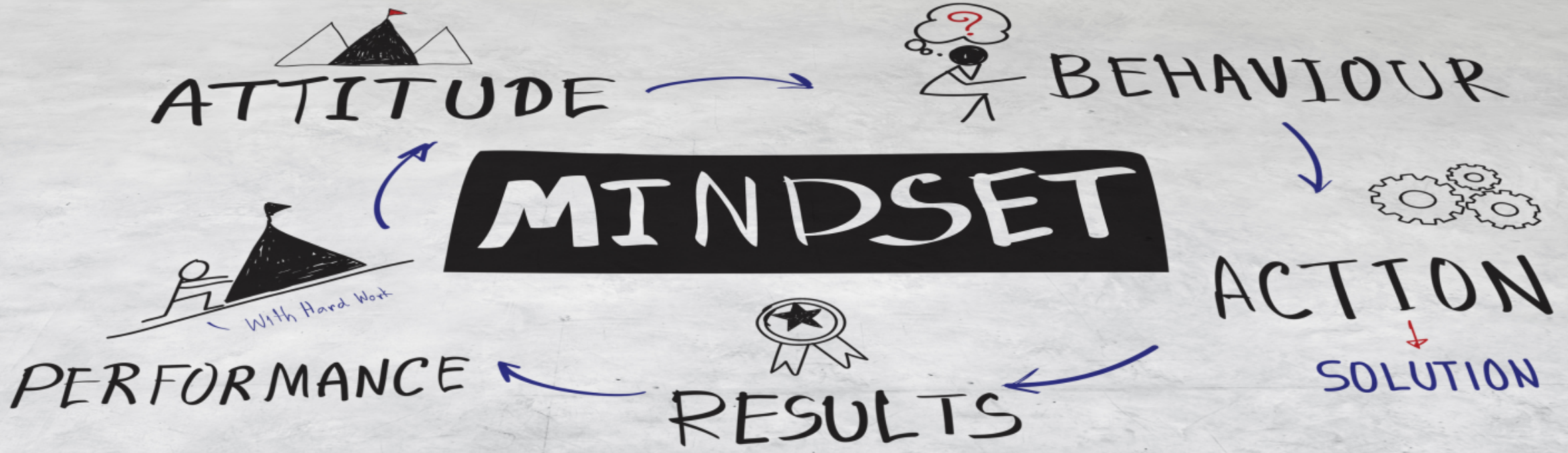
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Product Leadership Roles

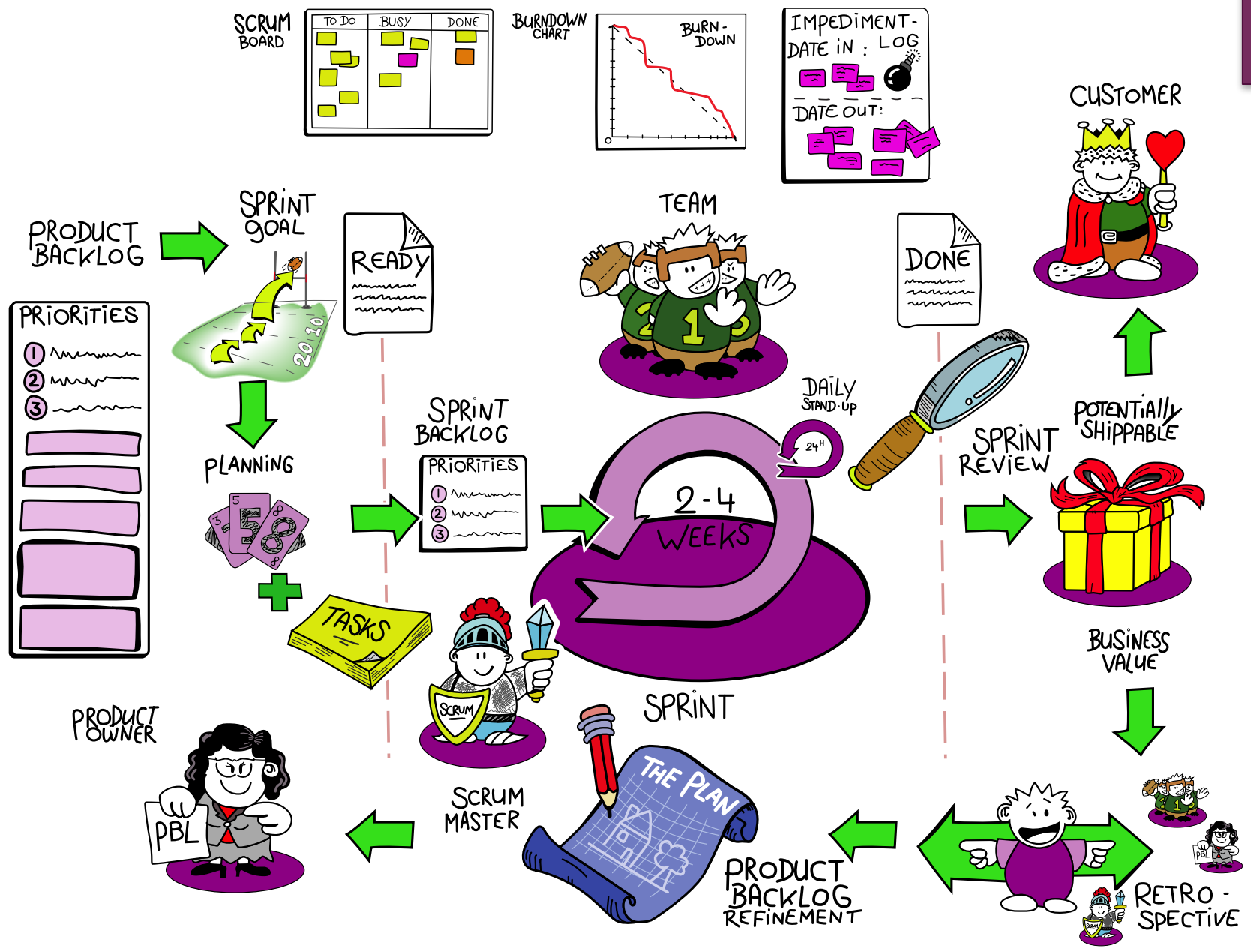
- Break in groups
 - Discuss
 - Who does what?
 - What is your title?
 - Responsibilities, tasks?
 - What is a managers job?
 - What is leaders job?
 - Present!
 - Drawings are awesome!
- Tribe Lead
 - Product Owner
 - Project Manager
 - Product Manager
 - Marketing Manager
 - Chief Product Officer
 - Head of Development
 - Chief Executive Officer
 - Product Marketing Manager

5 min



First Stage: The Builder

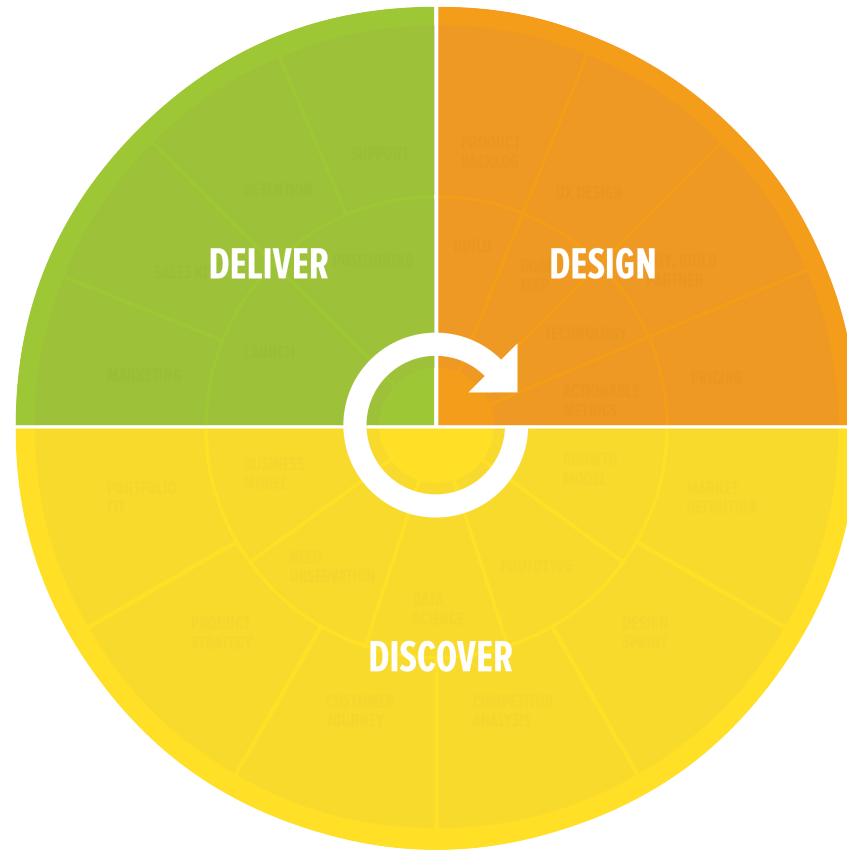




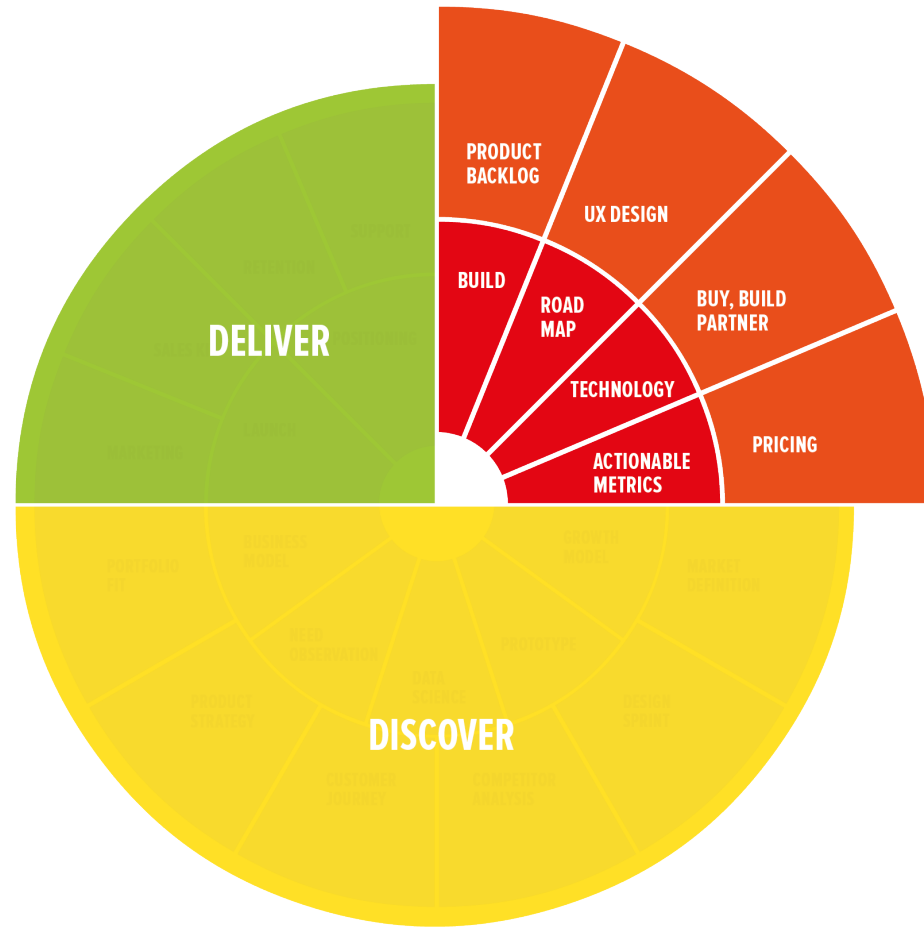
Second Stage: The Observer



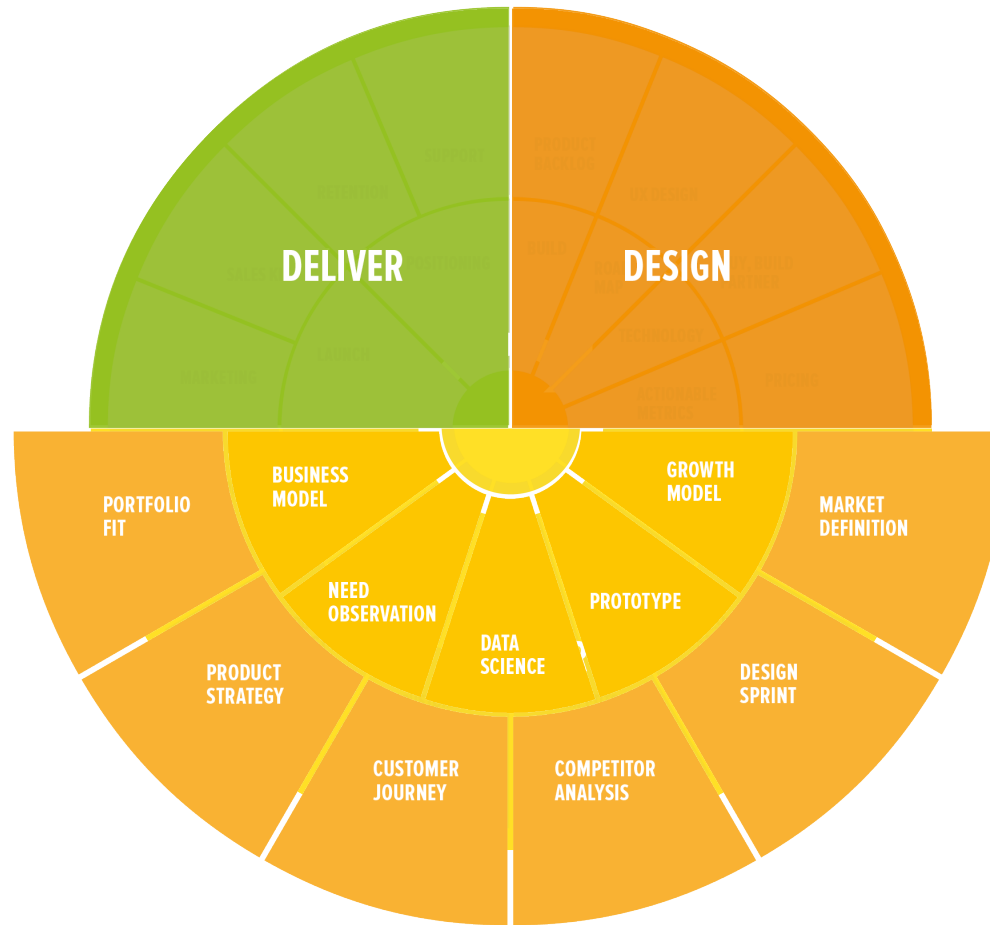
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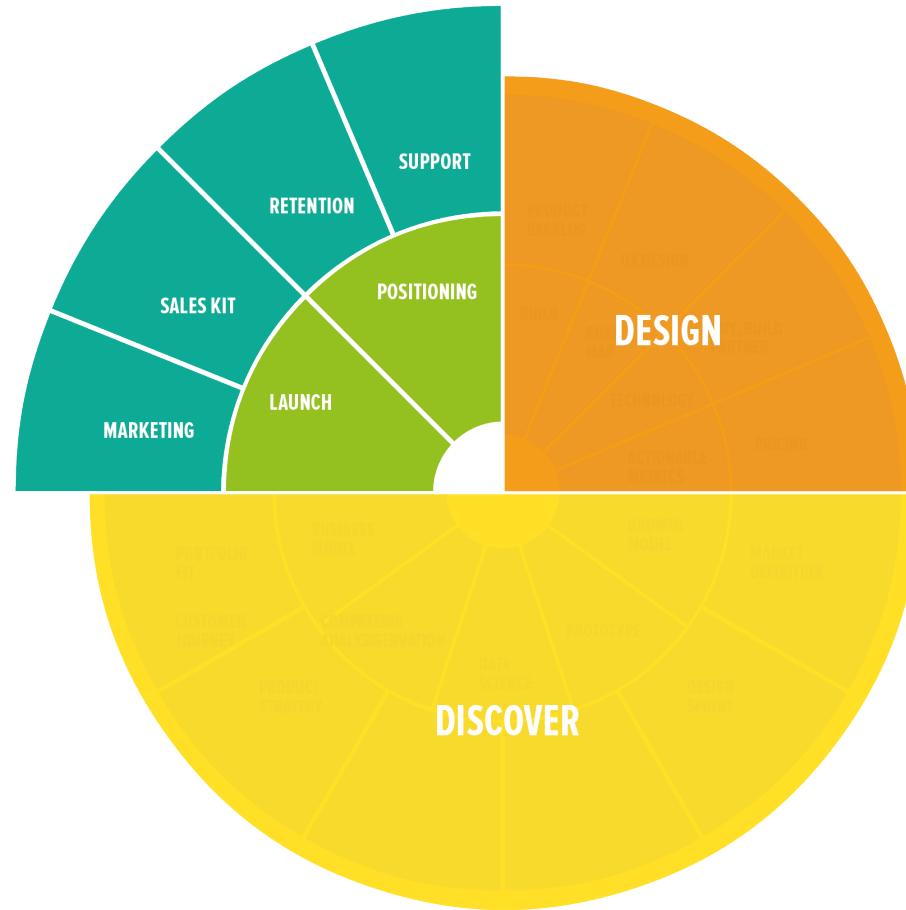
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The Observer

- Discuss:
 - Who does what?
 - What is the consequence?
 - What makes a better Product Manager?
 - What is your current role?
 - What would you like to do?

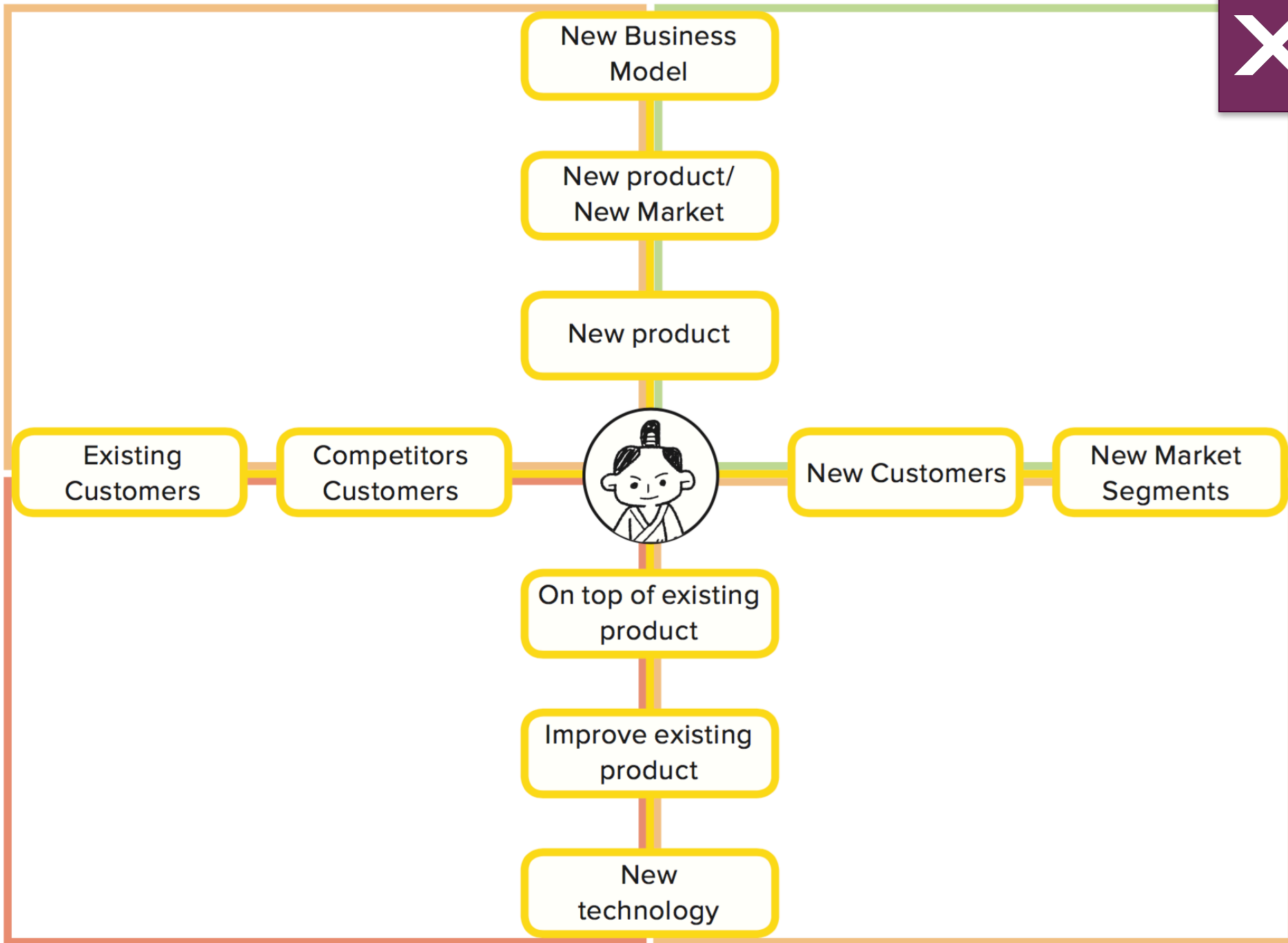
- Present
 - Use post-its to mark your territory
 - Explain how you handle the borders

5 min



Third Stage: The Chess Player





Existing Customers

Competitors Customers



New Customers

New Market Segments

New product

New product/
New Market

New Business Model

On top of existing product

Improve existing product

New technology



Leadership Styles

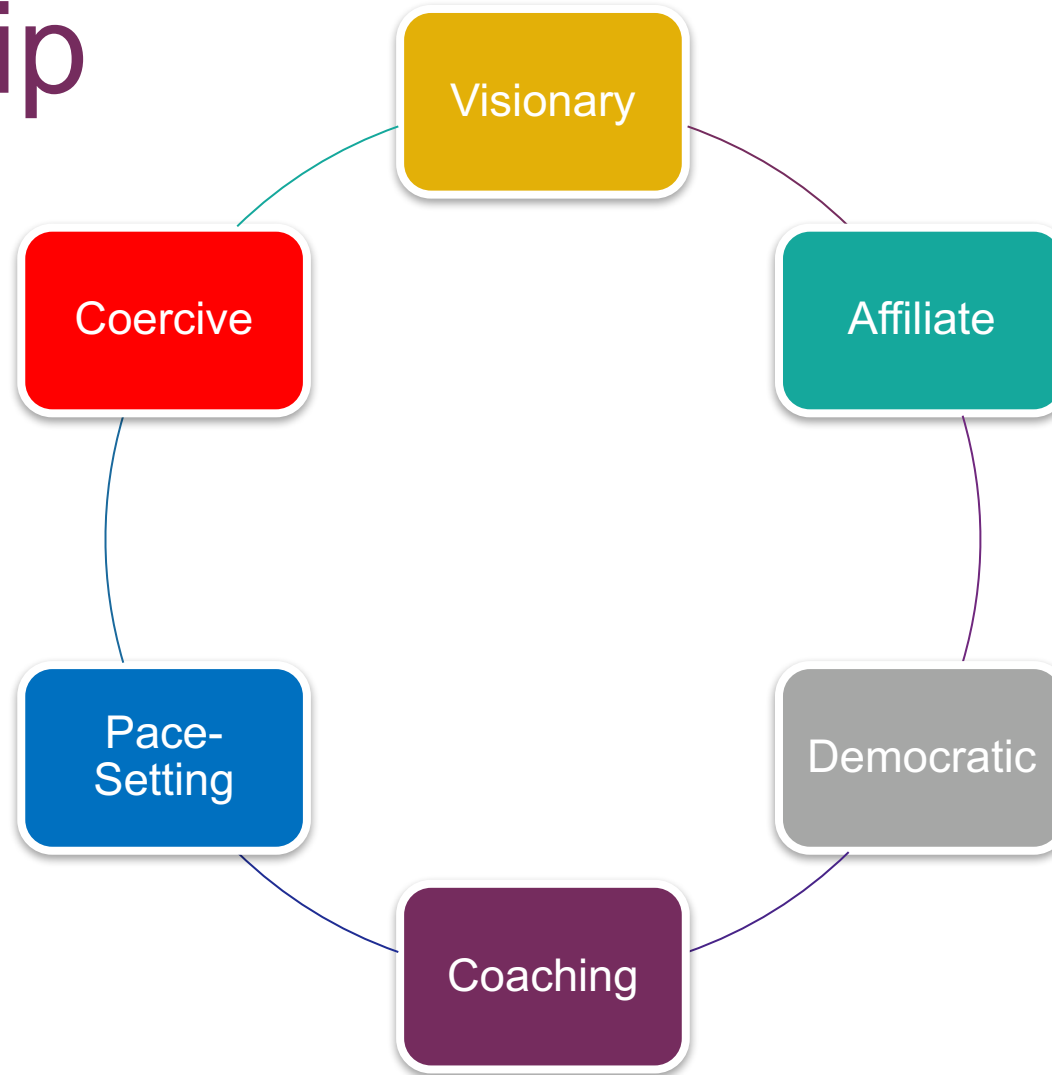
- Discuss:
 - Pick 1 scenario you recently encountered
 - What leadership style did you use and why?
- Summarize:
 - What styles did we use?
 - Does it make sense?



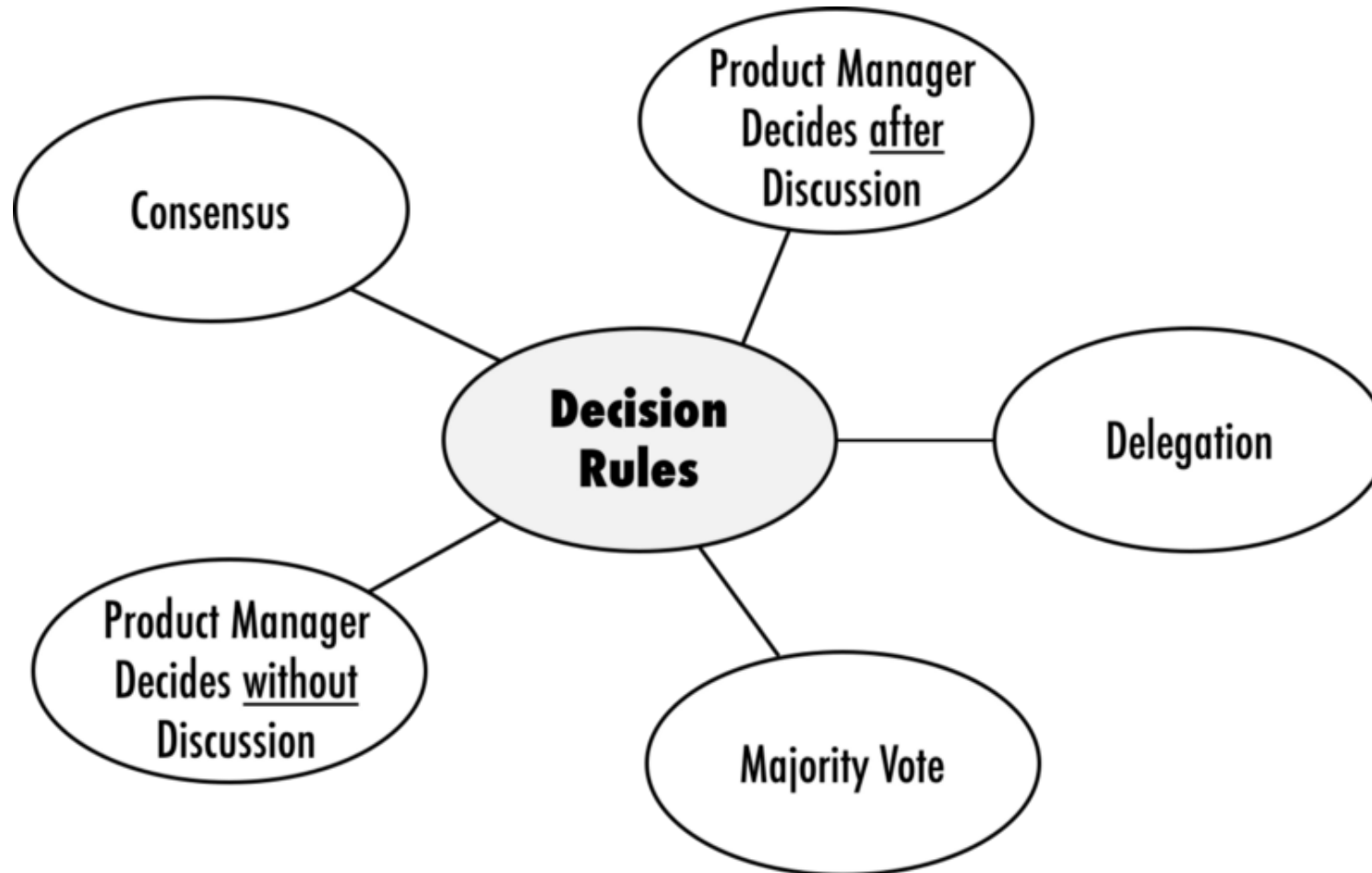
10 min



Leadership Styles



Democratic Decision Rules



The Three Evolutionary Stages Of Product Management





The 3 Levels

➤ Builders

- Transitioned to Agile way of working
- Low empowerment, efficiency metrics
- Lots of stakeholder management
- Main tasks are reactive and firefighting

➤ Observers

- Transition to BusDevOps Culture
- Empowered and takes responsibility for results
- Outside-in thinking, customer journey, BMC, Design Thinking
- Releases that make impact



The 3 Levels

➤ Chess Players

- Has a vision beyond product goal
- Applies Lean Startup principles
- Fails fast based on market insights
- Entrepreneurship on portfolio level
- Data driven decision making

➤ Seed conditions

- Context awareness
- Active involvement
- Learn by doing
- Sense-making

What does
your dojo
look like?





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