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A M O U S E,

On turning her up in the Field of the Cloth of Gold, November, 1705.

WEE, becket, cowran, tim'rous *leaffie*,
O, what a panic's in thy breastie!
Thou need na start awa sae hafty,
Wi' bickering brantle!
I wad be laith to rin an' chafe thee,
Wi' r...
I'm truly
Has beken Nature's social union,
An' justifies that ill opinion,
Which makes thee startle,

At me, thy poor, earth-born companion,
An' fellow-mortal!
...
A mouse-oler in a throve
Tha' I'm a request:
I'll get a blessing wi' the lave,
An' never wish!
Thy wee-bit legs, too, in rain!
It's silly we's the win's are strowin!
An' naething, now, to big a new one,
O' foggage green!
An' black *Dumaloe's* wind enfaun,
Baith faill an' kreen!
... the fields laid bare an'
An' weary *Winter* comin fast,
Thou thought to dwell,
Till crack! the cruel *rooster* past
Out thro' thy cell.
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O' Mice An' Men

Rescuing a Project Gang Agley

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That wee-bit heap o' leaves an' stibble,
Has cost thee monie a weary nibble!
Now thou's turn'd out, for a' thy trouble,
But house or hald,
To shade the *Winter's* frosty dribble,
An' craggy cauld!

But Mousie, thou art no thy-lane,
In proving *fiercely* may be vain:
The best laid schemes o' *Mice* an' *Men*,
Gang aft agley,
An' lea'e us naught but grief an' pain,
For promis'd joy!

Still, thou art blest, compar'd wi' me!
The *project* only toucheth thee:
But Och! I *hardly* cast my e'e,
On prospects drear!
An' *firmly*, tho' I canna see,
I grieve an' fear!



Don't Panic



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Happy Birthday!



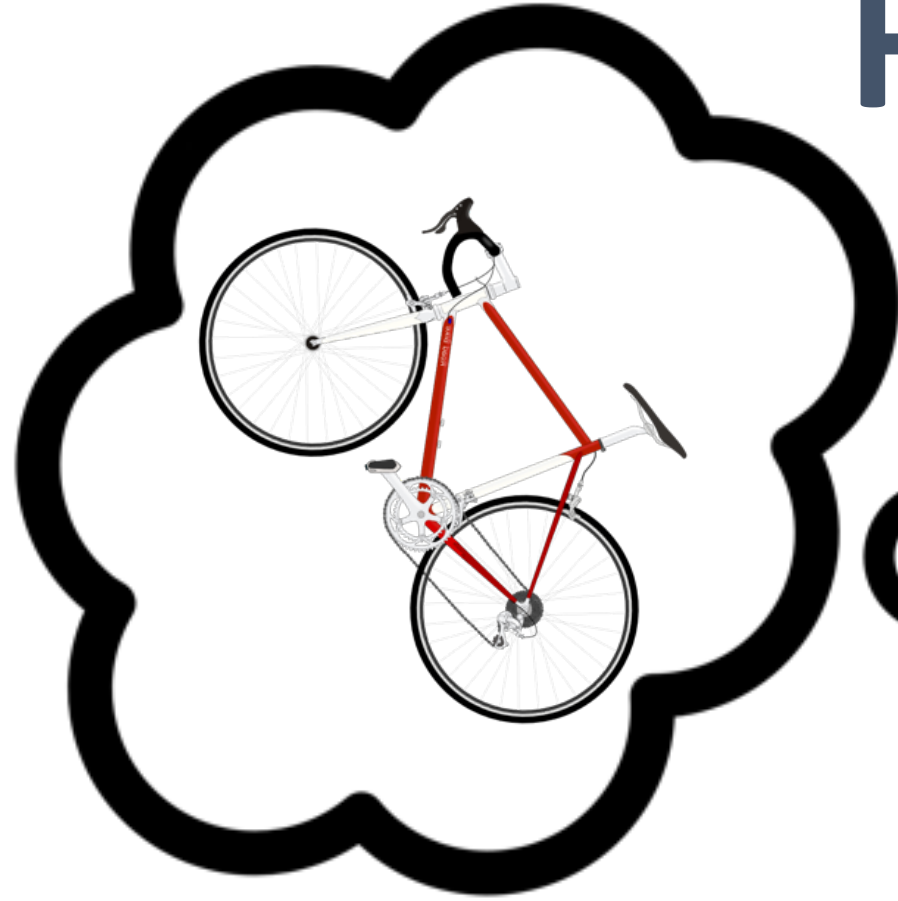
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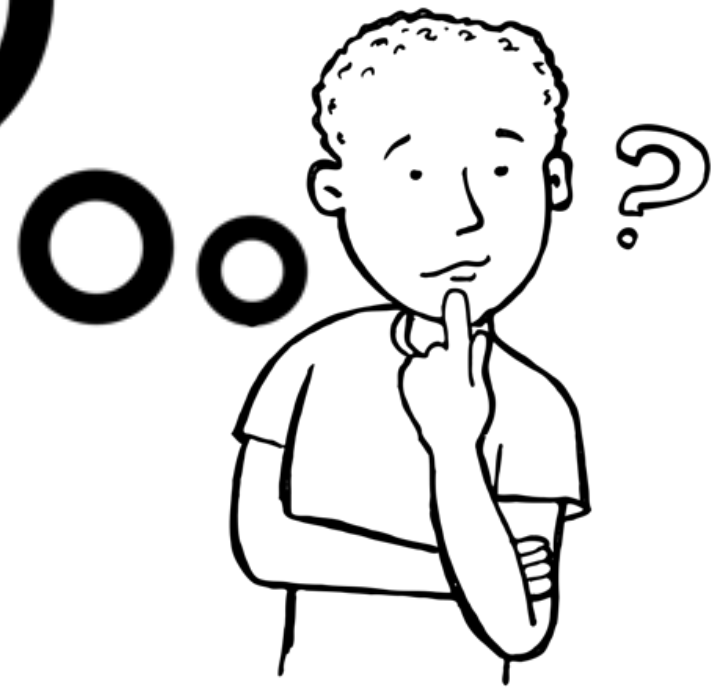
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Pilot over the loudspeaker:

We picked up a tail wind ...
and we should land 20
minutes ahead of schedule.

Shelley Berman:

We could land an hour
ahead of schedule if he puts
it down in Grand Canyon,
you see. The thing is, I want
to get there late, but there.

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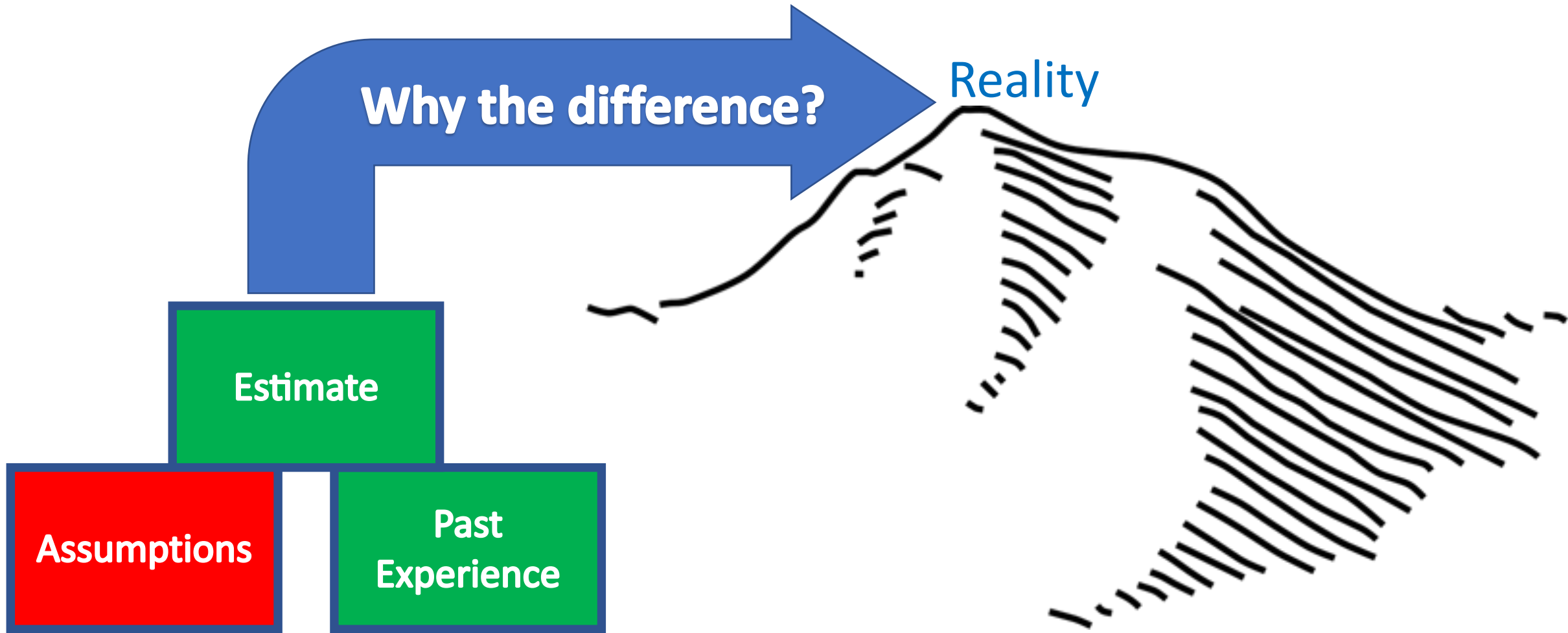
“ When neither management nor programmers have an accurate means of measuring progress, how can anyone know that the project is on schedule? How can they detect slippage early enough to take constructive action? The “**crisis**” at the project’s deadline **is merely the end of an illusion** that has been built up, module by module, since the beginning.”

Handbook of Walkthroughs, Inspections, and Technical Reviews
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This tree was **guaranteed** to grow twenty feet in 2 years.

Don't get too close, **It's going to shoot up any minute now!**

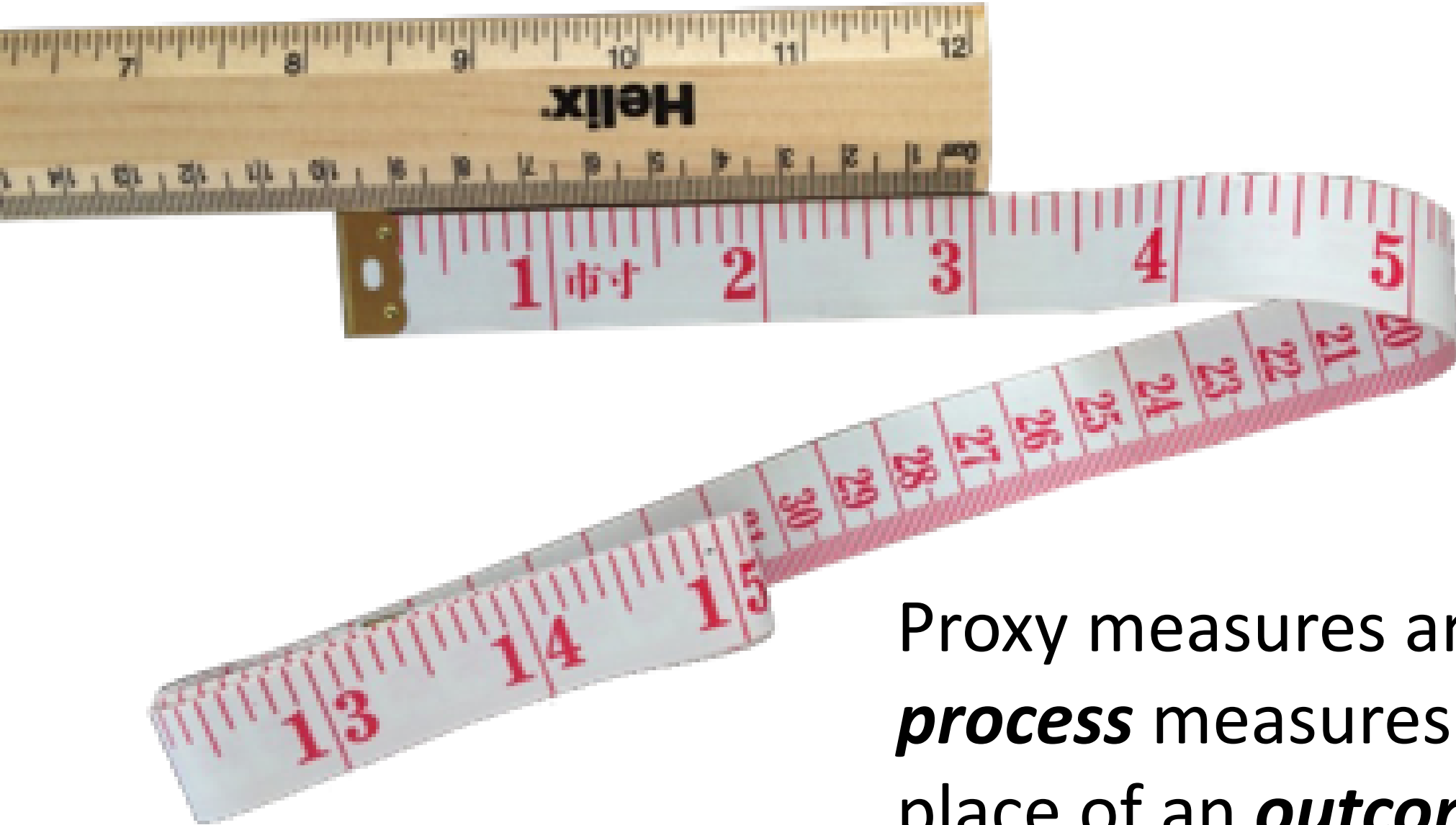








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Proxy measures are usually *process* measures used in place of an *outcome*

Goodhart's Law

**When a measure becomes a target,
it ceases to be a good measure.**

"Here I come to save the day!"





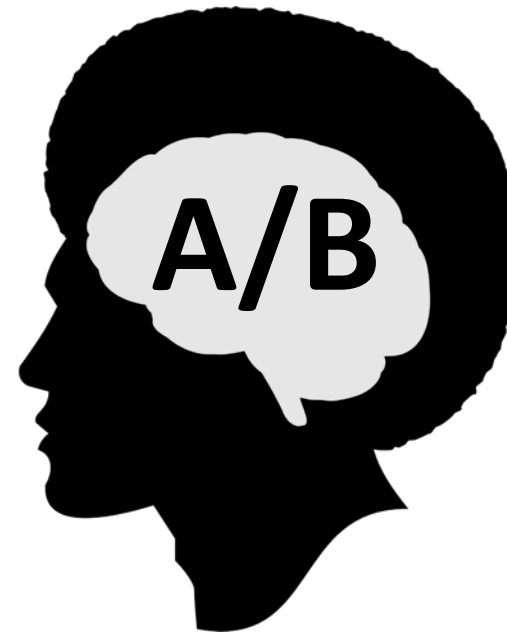
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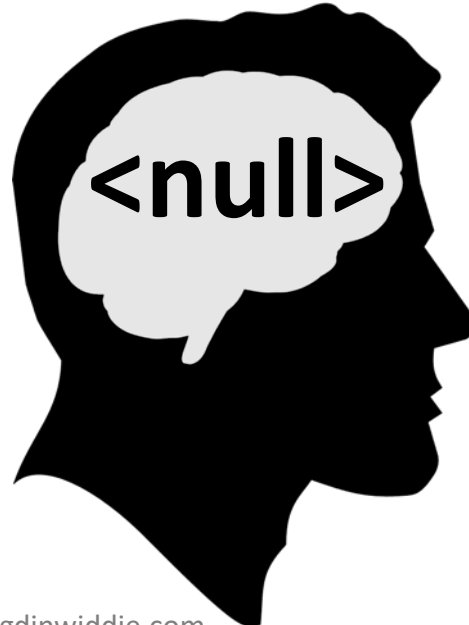


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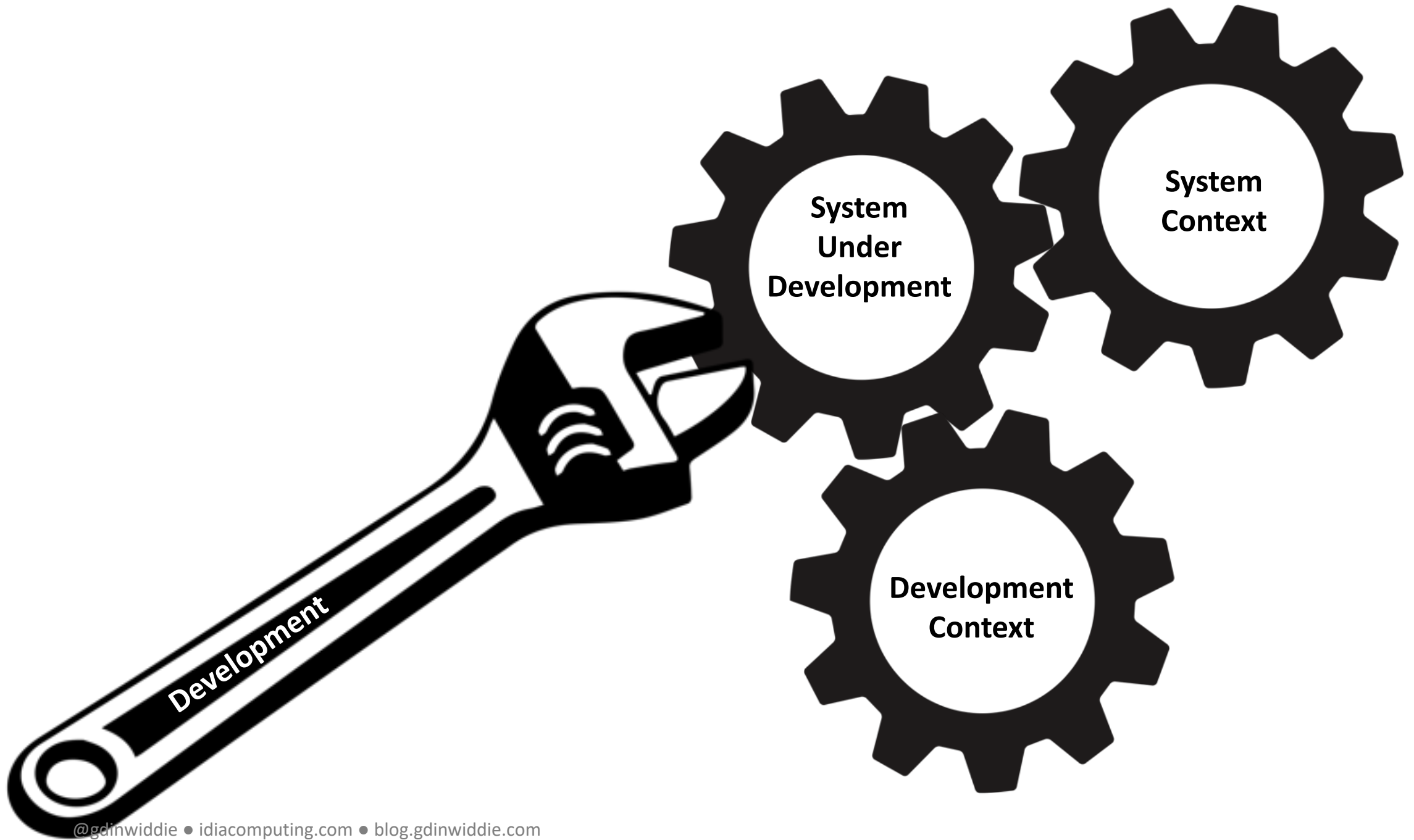


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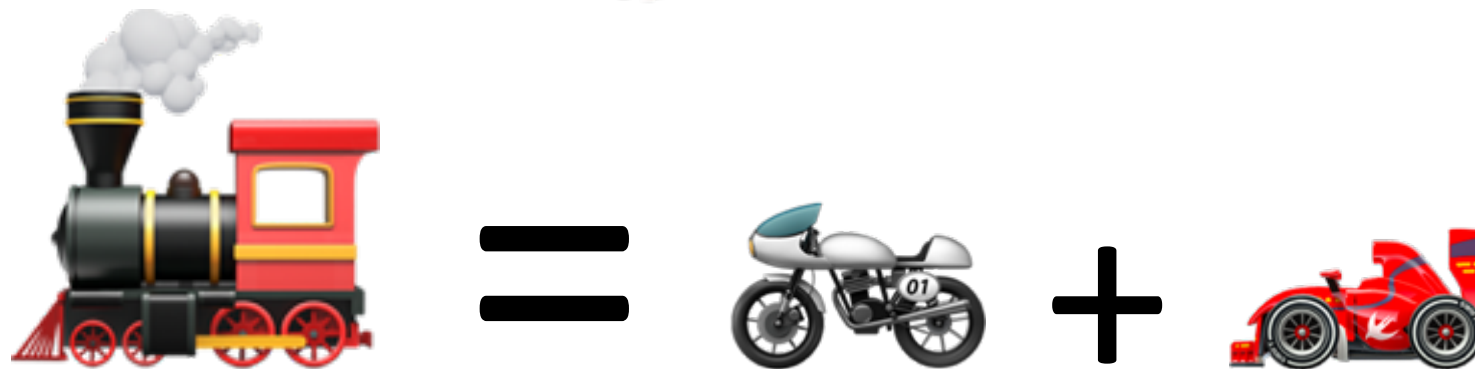
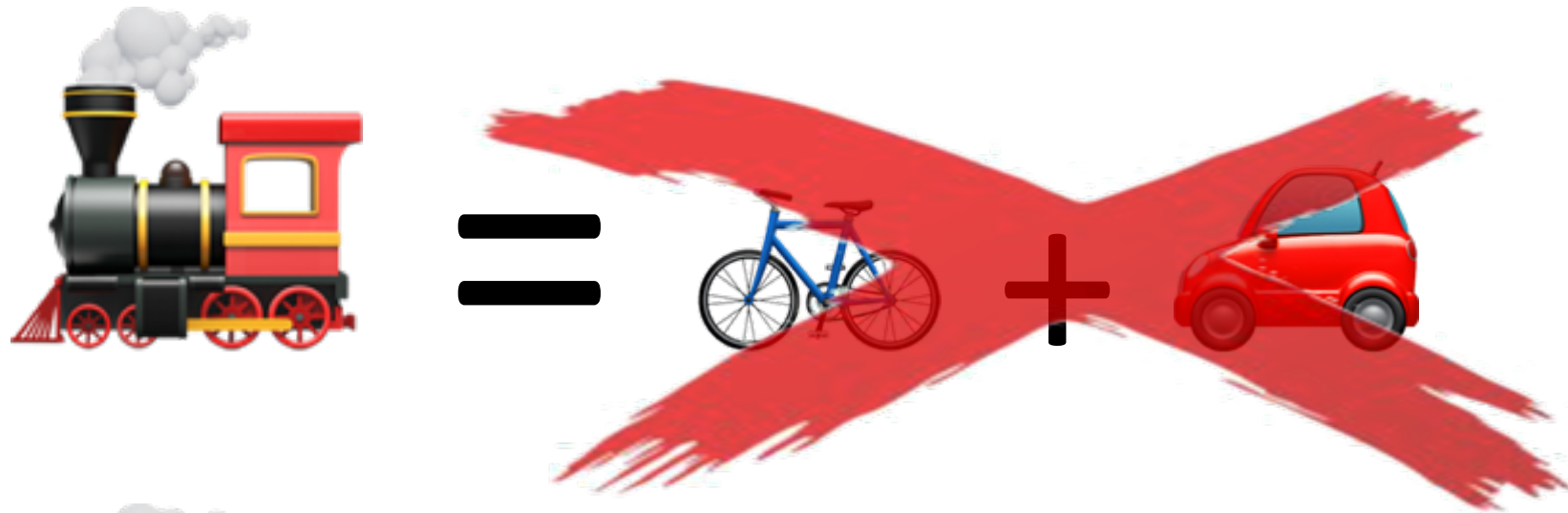
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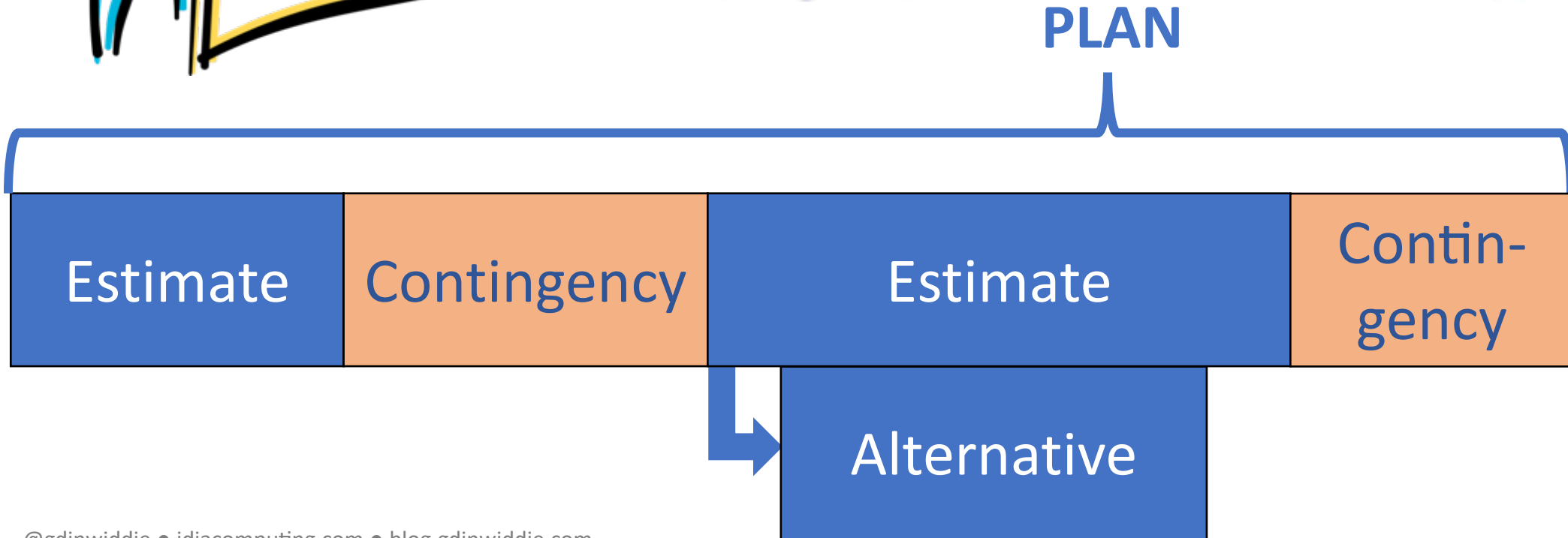
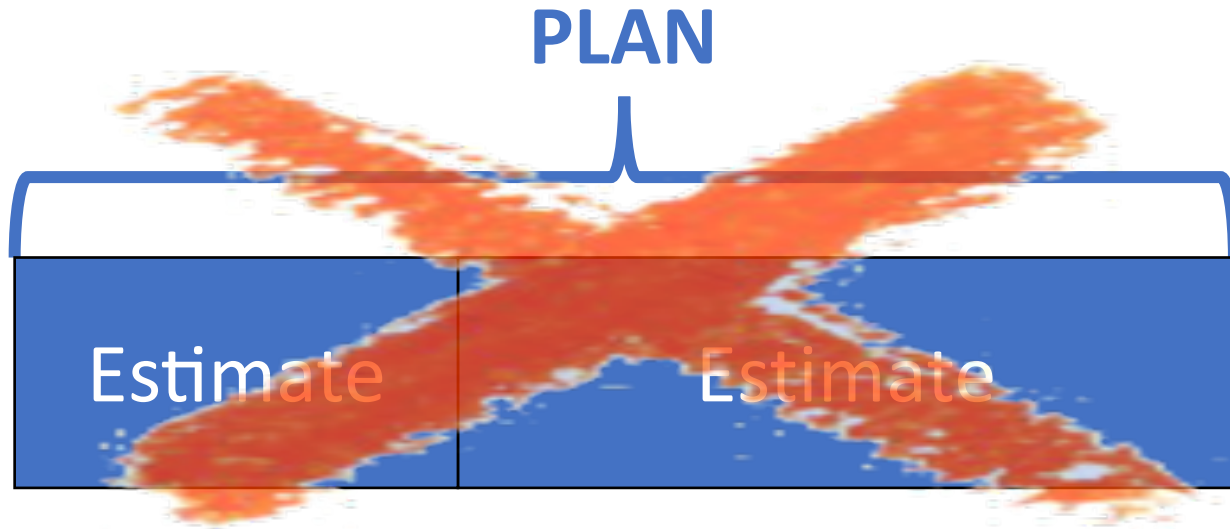


Things you
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