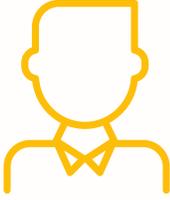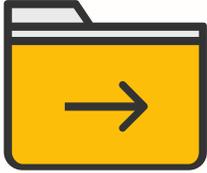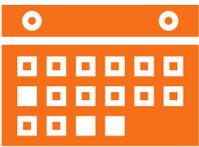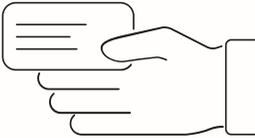# 8 Agile Concepts

Themes That Make The Difference

1 — **Quick Feedback Loops**
Shorten the cycle time for real feedback on working process and software. Multiple times per day or everyday is a best practice

2 — **Customer at the Center**
Each backlog item is from a customer point of view. We understand how everything we do impacts the customer

3 — **Limit WIP**
Focusing on 1-3 items only, increases speed and focus, it removes the need for many meetings and documents

4 — **Small Cross Functional Teams**
Fast and quality delivery requires a team that can deliver the entire stack. Small teams collaborate better

5 — **Plan in Layers**
Know the vision and direction you are going, and how the most critical piece today fits in, then dive into the detail for that piece

6 — **Extreme & Active Collaboration**
Huddles, whiteboards, face to face deep conversation. Remove hand offs and documents to hand off

7 — **Reduce Hand-Offs**
Remove hand-offs in favor of a cross functional team that deeply collaborates to get real deliverables completed. Focus, quality and speed are on the line

8 — **Documents Only As Needed**
Document vision, conceptual ideas, etc.... details only to help the team work faster through details. Don't stop the work to document

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