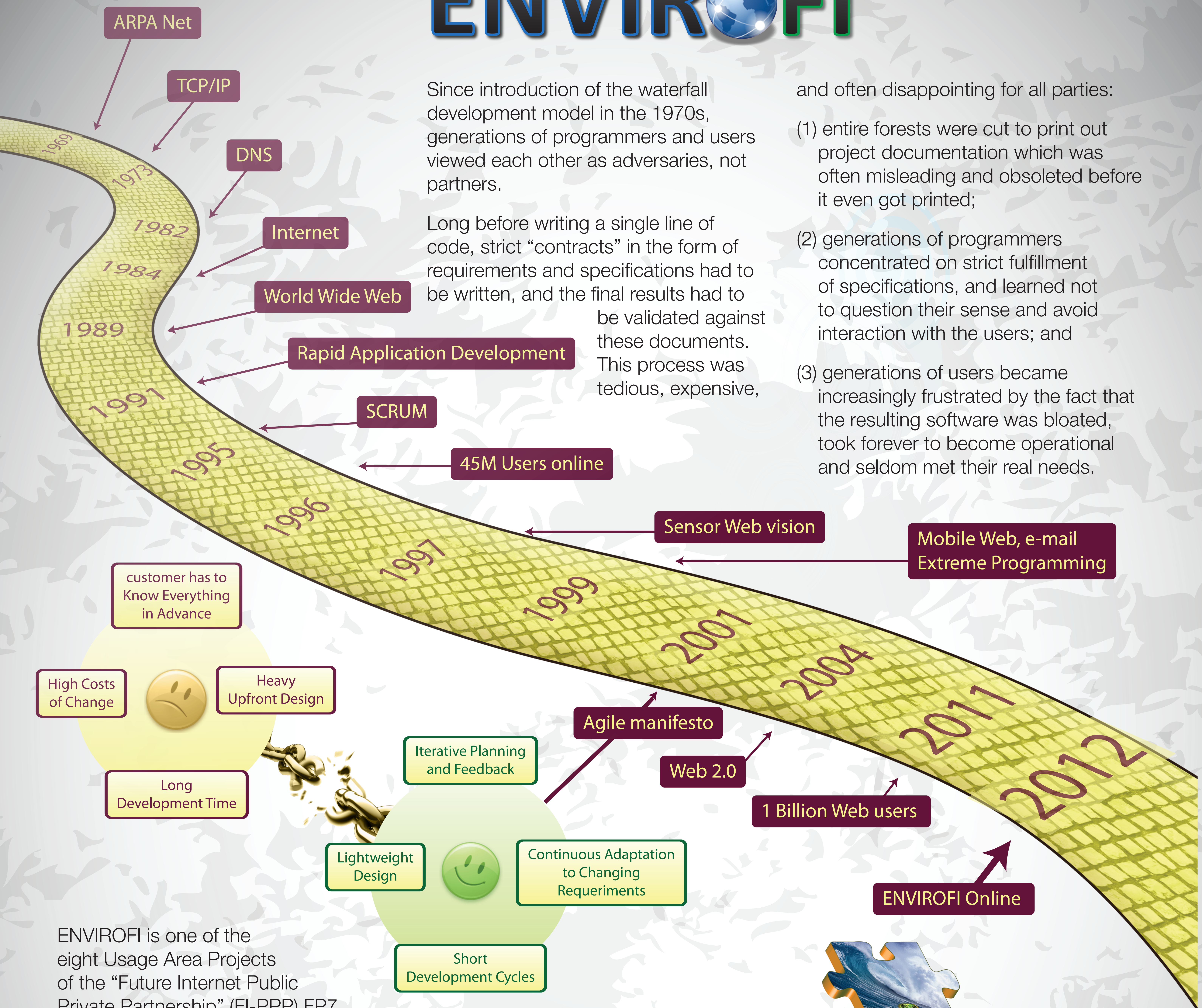


ENVIROFI



Since introduction of the waterfall development model in the 1970s, generations of programmers and users viewed each other as adversaries, not partners.

Long before writing a single line of code, strict “contracts” in the form of requirements and specifications had to be written, and the final results had to be validated against these documents. This process was tedious, expensive,

and often disappointing for all parties:

- (1) entire forests were cut to print out project documentation which was often misleading and obsoleted before it even got printed;
- (2) generations of programmers concentrated on strict fulfillment of specifications, and learned not to question their sense and avoid interaction with the users; and
- (3) generations of users became increasingly frustrated by the fact that the resulting software was bloated, took forever to become operational and seldom met their real needs.

ENVIROFI is one of the eight Usage Area Projects of the “Future Internet Public Private Partnership” (FI-PPP) FP7 Programme. It will develop so called “environmental enablers”, that is reusable software building blocks which will “envirofy”, that is environmentally enable the Future Internet.

As a proof of concept for envirofied FI, we are creating Personal Environmental Information System (PEIS) on top of the FI infrastructure. Designed to be both simple and intuitive it provides critical information on current Meteorological and Air Quality conditions, including threshold alerts and exposure

assessment. In addition it enables users to input their own observations into the system, creating a genuine citizen observatory.

Our experience with FI-PPP and PEIS development shows that Agile methods, applied in a top-down manner, greatly simplify the task of coordinating the nine large research projects that make up the complete ecosystem of generic and special enablers and applications based on FI-WARE as the core platform.

At the same time, Agile methodology applied in a bottom-up manner:

- » fosters the fast development of usable, not bloated tools; and
- » further improves in project and cross-project communication.



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Agile methodology, embraced by FI-PPP and ENVIROFI, puts the Environment in the palm of your hand.