

# **UNDER-N ACCEPTANCE TO DELIVERY IN 'N' HOURS**

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**Delivering babies and building  
Emergency Rooms.**



9 Months

2 Months





13 Days



Not All  
Deliveries Are  
The Same





# One Glove Fits All

- *Did all the initiatives delivered in your last release take the same amount of time to develop ?*
- *Different absolute durations, yet folded into pre-set delivery cycles ?*



# Under-N : The What ?

- **Smart** delivery of pre-defined, orchestrated software changes from acceptance to delivery in Under-'N' hours
  - 'N' – Actual hours taken to deliver
- **Driven** by business value
- **Doesn't** compromise quality
- **Co-exists** with existing delivery cycles
  - Quicker things get delivered quicker
- **Hidden Gems** : Teams likely already do it !
  - Just not recognized, catalogued, or published





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- Build the **ER** - create a **Framework**
  - **Challenge IT Teams** to expose the hidden gems
  - Build Under-N Capability **Templates**
  - Create a **Governance** Process
  - Enable a **Medium** to view, initiate, track Under-N requests
  - Institute a **Support structure**
- **Invoke** the framework for each Under-N Capability



# Under-N: The Why ?

- **Why NOT ?**
- **Transformation – Now !**
- **Quickable, Quicker**
  - Large Organizations : Releases +  
Under-N = Symbiotic relationship
- **Transform time-to-market**
- **Deliver business value** in the time  
it actually takes to deliver.



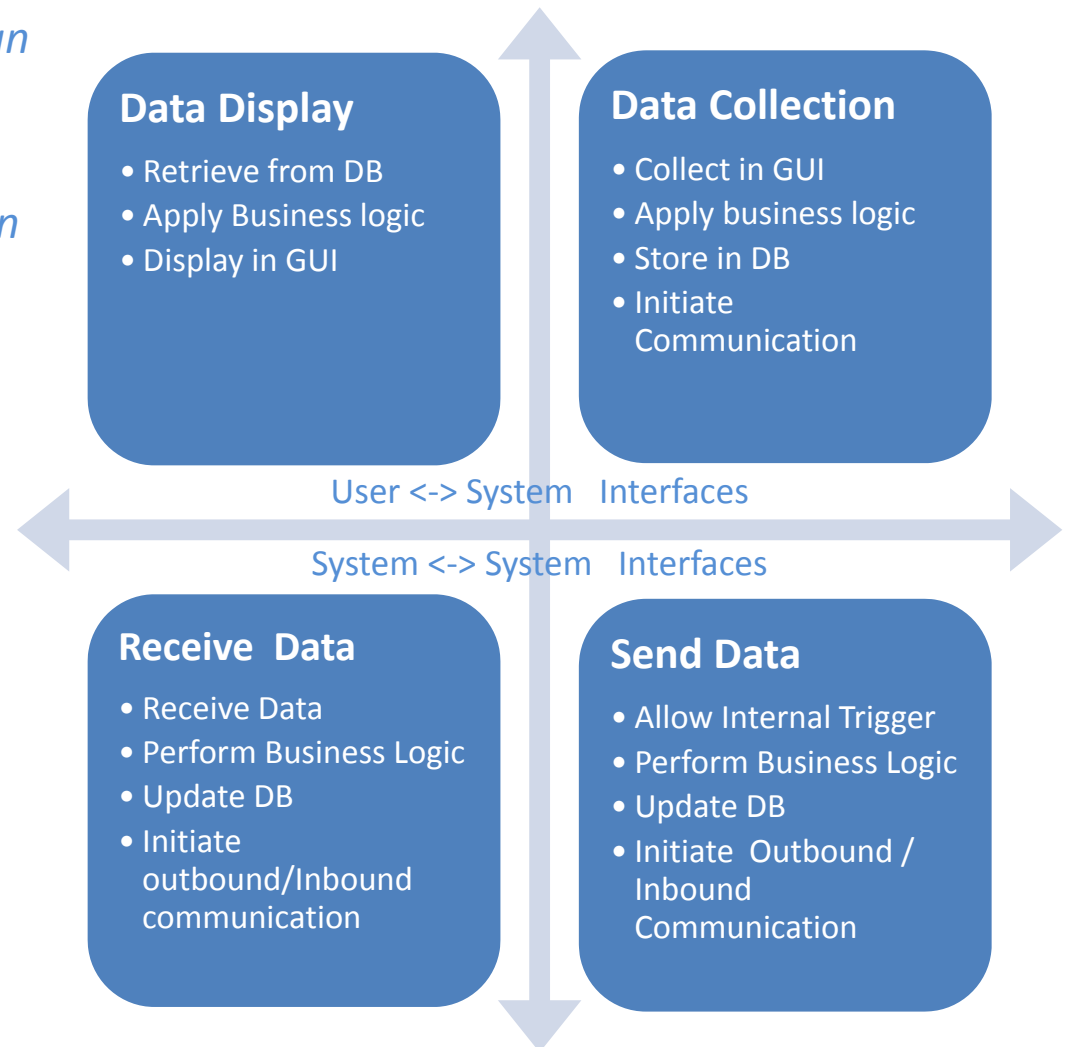
# Framework : Challenge



*Ask the right questions to the IT Teams:*

- *With what you have now, what can you deliver in a few minutes or hours?*
- *What can you potentially deliver in hours?*
- *What **atomic capabilities** can you incorporate ?*
- *What tools/help do you need ?*

*Atomic Capabilities - Examples*





# Framework : Template



- **Create Template** with key info associated to the Under-N capability; both the info needed and info to be used.

## Key info to be Defined :

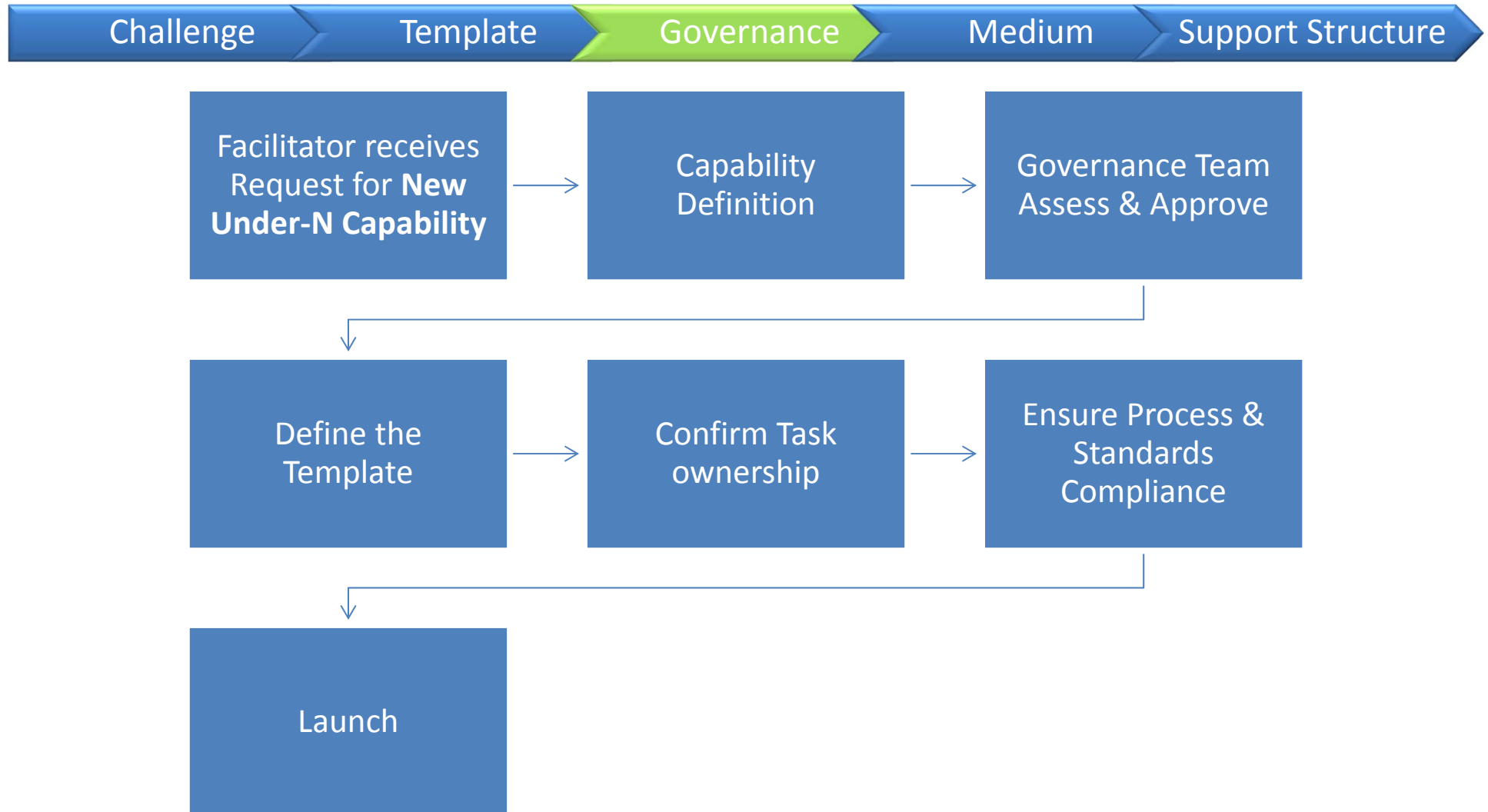
- ✓ Capability Definition and Description
- ✓ Under-N Process flow with steps
- ✓ Estimated duration for each step
- ✓ Organizations needed for each step with POCs  
{ ex: Testing, Production Support }
- ✓ Pre-Requisites
- ✓ Whether Regression Testing is needed
- ✓ Whether Deployment is needed
- ✓ Required Certifications

## Key Info to be collected :

- ✓ Check list items
- ✓ Required Data
- ✓ Quantified business benefits

Capability Id	1.0
<b>Capability</b>	Add a new field for display in Order Details Screen for data already present in System X
Under-N	Under-12
Process	1. Business Creates Request with checklist/requirements 2. Dev Reviews & Accepts 3. Dev Configures 4. User/SIT Certifies 5. Production Support Propagates the changes to production 6. User/SIT Certifies in production
Pre-Requisite	1. The data for the additional fields being requested must be present in System X already
Check List for Requirements	1. Field Name for display 2. Corresponding Field in the Golden Source System 3. The section in order details where the new field has to be displayed 4. Verification - Data present in System X 5. Applicable Enterprise Data Standard
Scenario	User views the orders for any Order in System X
Estimated Time for Dev	4 Hours
Estimated Time for Testing	4 Hours
Estimated Time for Deployment	4 Hours
Total Estimated Time	12 Hours
Regression Required ? ( Yes, No, Conditional ; If Conditional, explain )	Yes; Test GUI to ensure all the old fields are also being populated correctly.
Deployment Required ? ( Yes, No, Conditional ; If Conditional, explain )	No
User Certification Required ? ( Yes, No, Conditional ; If Conditional, explain )	Yes
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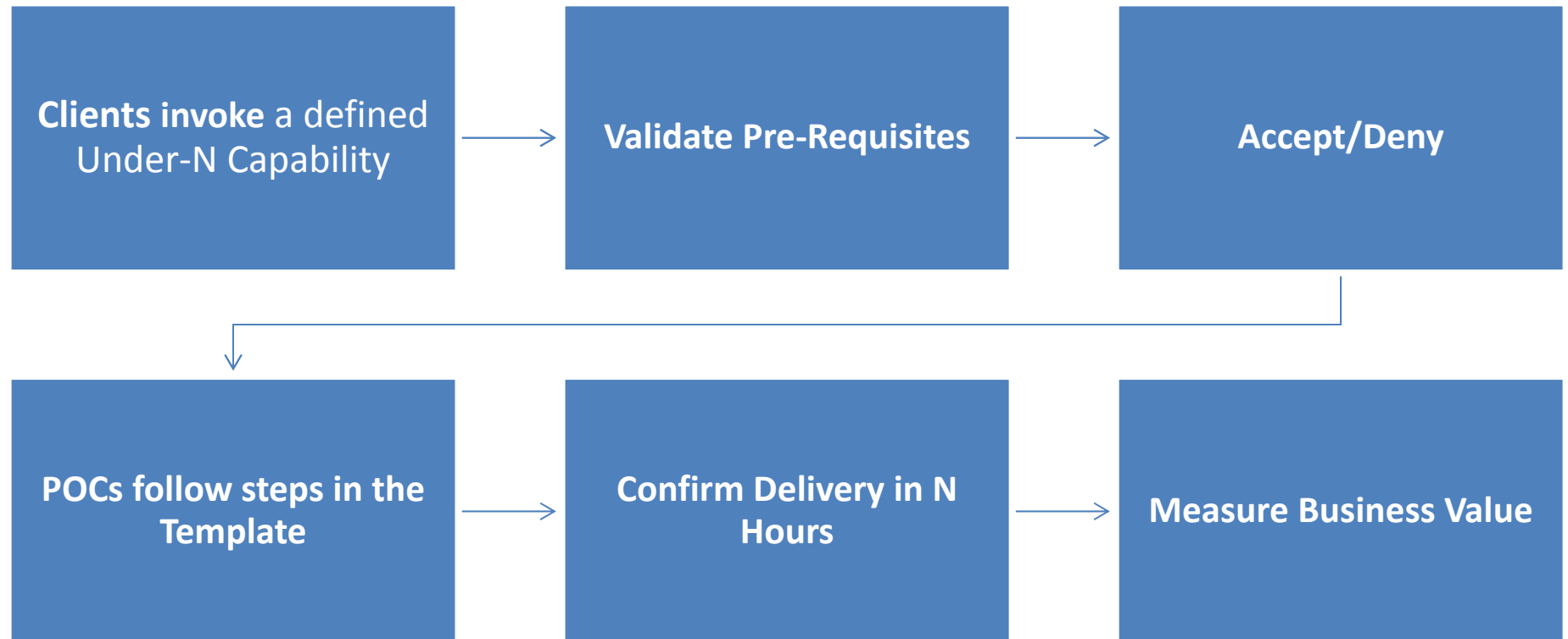
# Framework : New Capability Governance



*Note : Under-N Delivery process can co-exist with traditional waterfall or agile methodologies.*



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# Framework : Medium



- *A **Central Information Radiator** portal*
  - ***View** the portfolio of Under-N **capabilities** with respective **templates***
  - *Ability to **Invoke** a capability by filling the template and creating a request*
  - *Ability to **track** complete Under-N capability delivery cycle through deployment*
  - *Ability to **add and manage new capabilities** and respective templates.*
  - *Ability to view **metrics, benefits realized** – running, YTD.*
  - *Access controlled*

# Framework : Support Structure



- *Procure **strong, cross-functional executive support***
- *Create a cross-functional **Governance Council***
- *Create the Under-N **fabric***
  - *Architects, Developers, PMs, Business Partners, QA, Production Support*
  - *Ensure **processes and standards** are intact*
- ***Celebrate Success** : Success breeds success*
- ***Broadcast, identify and apply** capabilities everywhere*
- *Challenge teams to evolve Under-N to the next level : **Self-Service***

# Examples

- **Under-12 GUI Display Changes**
  - MVC application: Dynamic Forms were introduced
  - Dynamic Forms rendered by data from database
  - Changes to GUI accomplished via DML/Admin Screens
- **Under-24 Interface Changes**
  - Combination of ESB Tool + Interface Standardization
  - Interface changes to add / remove field in interfaces
  - Currently Under-24 to Test
- **Under-48 Metadata Admin Screens**
  - Admin screens for critical manual functions involving IT
  - Columns, Data sources, SQLs, Data types, Sequences in DB
  - Access control for each row – Insert, Update , Delete

## Data Display

- Retrieve from DB
- Apply Business logic
- Display in GUI

User <-> System Interfaces

System <-> System Interfaces

## Receive Data

- Receive Data
- Perform Business Logic
- Update DB
- Initiate outbound/Inbound communication

# Challenges

- **Mindset Change**
  - Identify hidden gems, Use them as example
- **We're already busy**
  - More time for resources to do lengthy projects
- **Flooding**
  - Checklists asserting the need for urgency
- **Just a new name ?**
  - Value of formal exposure & traceability
- **Cross-Functional Team Support**
  - Align with organizational goals
- **Change in Architecture / Tools – Investment**
  - ROI – Time-to-market



# When does it fail ?

- When used to bypass processes
  - Regression Testing – Automated/Manual
- Technical Debt
  - No cutting corners – capability has to be thorough, repeatable
- Wrong choice of tools & architecture
  - Reliable Tools & architecture are a must
  - Leverage what you have – introduce atomic capabilities
- When trying to squeeze large projects





# Summary

- Under-N : Acceptance to Delivery in 'N' Hours
- Without Compromising Quality
- Framework :
  - Challenge for atomic capabilities
  - Template
  - Governance
  - Medium
  - Support Structure
- Quickable, Quicker
- Co-Exists with your delivery cycle



# Know & Deliver Babies, Build ERs





# Appendix

# A Sample Template with Under-12 Capability Utilizing GUI Display Atomic Capability

<b>Capability Id</b>	<b>4.2</b>
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