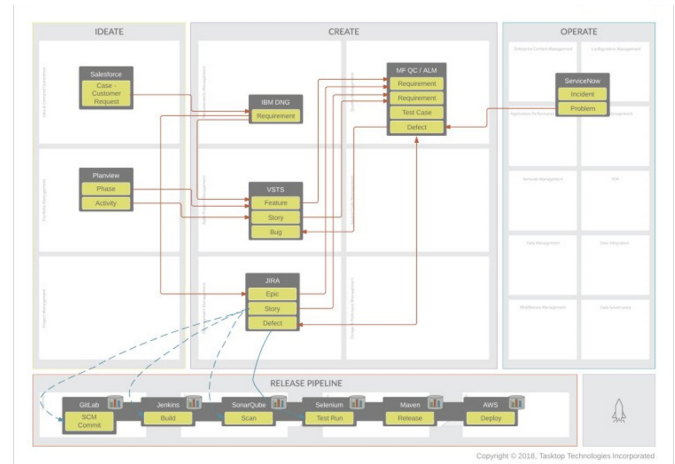


VALUE STREAM ARCHITECTURE

Infrastructure for Innovation: VSA Exercise

Value Stream Architecture (VSA) Exercises help teams visualize problems that occur during handoffs as work flows across a value stream. We'll reveal the important and necessary connections and make them visible, to provoke the necessary conversations for change. This exercise will visualize the network of tools and artifacts that inherently exist in your value streams.



The exercise also provides practical learning experience for how teams can start applying concepts from the Flow Framework®, created by Dr. Mik Kersten, CTO of Planview, to drive software innovation at the right pace for their business.

With over 100 collective person-years and over half a million tests per day driving our integration specification, Tasktop offers a premium product and customer experience that is unparalleled – and it starts by understanding your Value Stream Architecture (see example above).

TIMEFRAME

30-90 Minutes: Total time depends on the size and complexity of the value stream.

PARTICIPANTS

People who do the work; people who participate in the activities currently necessary to provide business value. Ideally, representatives from across the entire value stream should participate in this session.

BEFORE YOU START

- Consider how information gets somewhere – via emails, phone calls, internal chats, etc. Don't limit your thinking to tools.
- Diagram all the interactions that currently occur, even if that interaction is something that you want to change. The chart that you create with this exercise should accurately reflect the current state of your workflow, the reality of the current situation. Start where you are to make it easier to get to where you want to be.