Delivering Value

Optimizing Zone

Initial State

We only think of our needs each iteration

Emerging

We talk sometimes with our customers

Evolving

We align our products with feedback regularly from our customers

Transcending

We innovate new ways of doing business inspired by the feedback from our customers

Process Improvement

Optimizing Zone

Initial State

We work hard but not smart

Emerging

We occasionally talk about improving our process

Evolving

We continuously improve our process

Transcending

We are continuously optimising the way we do things based upon empirical evidence

Strategic Decisioning

Optimizing Zone

Initial State

We only think about the current iteration

Emerging

We get told our strategic direction

Evolving

We occasionally set our direction with some customer feedback

Transcending

We have absolute clarity on our short and long term goals and know why those goals are important for the world

Team Engagement

Delivering Zone

Initial State

We work as individuals in a group

Emerging

We occasionally get together and interact

Evolving

We regularly pair up and collaborate as a team

Transcending

We have a helping culture in the team and continuously collaborate beyond the working day

Team Awareness

Focussing Zone

Initial State

We don't know if we are on or off track

Emerging

We have some metrics that we use on an adhoc basis

Evolving

We use metrics continuously and often critically evaluate what can and can't be done

Transcending

We focus on delivering value and often consider how our work impacts the customer

Quality

Delivering Zone

Initial State

We build things that take multiple iterations to complete

Emerging

We build small things that are tested frequently in the same iteration

Evolving

We build lots of high quality small things that are tested and ready to ship in the same iteration

Transcending

We continuously deliver features to production with little or no incidents

Ambiguity

Optimizing Zone

Initial State

We avoid ambiguity by trying to define the work, the roles and the process

Emerging

We like some structure and process and also modify them as we go

Evolving

We are comfortable not knowing the end outcome and adapt towards an optimum

Transcending

We purposefully use ambiguity as a tool to inject creativity and innovation into our products and process

Focus

Focussing Zone

Initial State

We work on lots of things at the same time

Emerging

We reduce the amount of things that we work on to be effective

Evolving

We critically evaluate what we can and can't achieve and break up the work into smaller items

Transcending

We continuously collaborate as a team on a few items until they are completed

Dependencies & Blockers

Delivering Zone

Initial State

We are constantly held up and waiting for other people or systems

Emerging

We often resolve blockers ourselves

Evolving

We actively leverage the organisation to help us resolve blockers

Transcending

The organisation continuously removes blockers before they happen and improves our ability to deliver faster

Autonomy

Focussing Zone

Initial State

We are told what to do and are assigned work

Emerging

We have some discussions about what to work on and the leaders assign work

Evolving

We get to choose what we want to work on with some consultation from the leaders

Transcending

We continuously express our opinion as an engineering team and decide what we are going to work on

Sustainability

Optimizing Zone

Initial State

We often work overtime to achieve our objectives

Emerging

We work hard to achieve our objectives with some overtime

Evolving

We work within our usual working time and are productive

Transcending

We have slack time, work when we want to work sometimes outside of hours and often collaborate in a dynamic way

Experimentation

Optimizing Zone

Initial State

We depend upon written specs and requirements before we can build anything

Emerging

We do some prototyping to help us understand and deliver the features

Evolving

We experiment with prototypes and actively seek out feedback to inform us on what and how the features should be done

Transcending

We continuously experiment to discover new ideas and ways of working and often learn through failures

Mastery

Focussing Zone

Initial State

We only do the work that has been set

Emerging

We do the work and learn some new ideas on occasion

Evolving

We actively learn new techniques each week to help us improve our capability

Transcending

We continuously learn and research new ideas, skills and techniques in a lifelong learning approach

Purpose

Strengthening Zone

Initial State

We do the work that is asked and do the minimum

Emerging

We understand the importance of the work

Evolving

We have a connection to the customer and know why this work is important to them

Transcending

We have a mission that inspires us to go beyond what we would do normally

Intent

Strengthening Zone

Initial State

We use iterations to deliver our work

Emerging

We use iterations to deliver the work in descrete blocks of features

Evolving

We use goals for iterations to provide purpose for them

Transcending

We have a deepset intent behind what we are doing and know why we are doing it

Process

Delivering Zone

Initial State

We depend upon our process to tell us what to do next

Emerging

We use a defined process to help us do the work

Evolving

We use a light weight process with some intuitive adaptation to do the work

Transcending

We use almost no process at all and focus on our ability to interact and collaborate to be productive

Accountability

Focussing Zone

Initial State

We leave the decision making and ownership to the leaders

Emerging

We take some accountability for the work with the leaders' permission

Evolving

We take on the accountability of the work and consult with our leaders

Transcending

We take on the accountability for the work and define how it is to be delivered

Scaling

Delivering Zone

Initial State

We work as one large team

Emerging

We work in several teams that are aligned by skillset

Evolving

We work in several teams that are aligned as cross-functional teams

Transcending

We work in dynamic autonomous and independent teams within a larger teams community

Alignment

Strengthening Zone

Initial State

We work on individual items that have no relationship to the end customer

Emerging

We work on items that are related to customer requests

Evolving

We work on items that have a clear lineage back to the organisational objectives

Transcending

We collaborate intensely with other teams towards our mission and go beyond what is considered normal

XP + DevOps

Delivering Zone

Initial State

We work individually and do manual testing after the development work

Emerging

We work together in pairs sometimes and are experimenting with TDD

Evolving

We collaborate in pairs, use TDD + BDD approaches with CI/CD

Transcending

Releasing is quick, easy and often with no issues. There is no defined testing function anymore only quality approaches to features.

Flow of Work

Focussing Zone

Initial State

We work in batches of dev work and then test work

Emerging

We work on features that are built and tested as needed

Evolving

We collaborate around features until they are done

Transcending

We swarm intensely on a feature until it is done, done, done

Organisation Consciousness

Strengthening Zone

Initial State

We contribute individually to the goals and objectives

Emerging

We balance both short and long term objectives, and hold multiple perspectives

Evolving

We are comfortable with conflict and facilitate it as a means to generate greater creativity

Transcending

We instigate and support a movement of social change within the organisation

Systems Thinking

Strengthening Zone

Initial State

We fix issues that are immediately visible to us

Emerging

We have a deeper understanding of the underlying causes and effects of dysfunctions in the system

Evolving

We understand the reinforcing and balancing cycles between systems within the eco-system

Transcending

We understand the complex interplay between internal and external eco-systems

Organisation Culture

Strengthening Zone

Initial State

We have a hierarchy that is heavily reliant upon status within that hierarchy

Emerging

We focus on performance and define roles and processes accurately

Evolving

We focus on our people and values empowering them to self organise within the system

Transcending

We have a flat structure where we openly self manage to find where we can add value