* **Agile References:**
* *"Tom Gilb invented Evo, arguably the first Agile process. He and his son Kai have been working with me in Norway to align what they are doing with Scrum.*
* *Kai has some excellent case studies where he has acted as Product Owner. He has done some of the most innovative things I have seen in the Scrum community."*
* **Jeff Sutherland, co-inventor of Scrum, 5Feb 2010 in Scrum Alliance Email.**
* *“Tom Gilb's Planguage referenced and praised at #scrumgathering by Jeff Sutherland. I highly agree"* **Mike Cohn, Tweet, Oct 19 2009**
* *“I’ve always considered Tom to have been the original agilist. In 1989, he wrote about short iterations (each should be no more than 2% of the total project schedule). This was long before the rest of us had it figured out."* ***Mike Cohn***http://blog.mountaingoatsoftware.com/?p=77

* **Comment of Kent Beck on Tom Gilb’s book , “Principles of Software Engineering Management”:** *“ A strong case for evolutionary delivery – small releases, constant refactoring,  intense dialog with the customer”.*(Beck, page 173).
* **In a mail to Tom, Kent wrote:** *“I'm glad you and I have some alignment of ideas. I stole enough of yours that I'd be disappointed if we didn't :-), Kent”* (2003)
* *"But if you really want to take a step up, you should read Tom Gilb. The ideas expressed in*[*Principles of Software Engineering Management*](http://www.amazon.com/Principles-Software-Engineering-Management-Gilb/dp/0201192462)*aren’t quite fully baked into the ADD-sized nuggets that today’s developers might be used to, but make no mistake, Gilb’s thinking on requirements definition, reliability, design generation, code inspection, and project metrics are beyond most current practice."* Corey Ladas <http://leansoftwareengineering.com/2007/12/20/tom-gilbs-evolutionary-delivery-a-great-improvement-over-its-successors/>
* **Jim Highsmith (an Agile Manifesto signatory) commented***: “Two individuals in particular pioneered the evolution of iterative development approached in the 1980’s – Barry Boehm with his Spiral Model and Tom Gilb with his Evo model. I drew on Boehm’s and Gilb’s ideas for early inspiration in developing Adaptive Software Development. …. Gilb has long advocated this more explicit (quantitative) valuation in order to capture the early value and increase ROI”* **(Cutter It Journal: The Journal of Information Technology Management, July 2004page 4, July 2004).**
* **Ward Cunningham wrote April 2005**: *“Tom -- Thanks for sharing your work. I hope you find value in ours. I'm also glad that the agile community is paying attention to your work. We know (now) that you were out there ahead of most of us. Best regards. – Ward”,* [http://c2.com](http://c2.com/)
* **Robert C. Martin (Agile Manifesto initial signatory, aka Uncle Bob):** *"Tom and I talked of many things, and I found myself learning a great deal from him. The item that sticks most prominently in my mind is the definition of progress.", "Tom has invented a planning formalism that he calls* [*Planguage*](http://www.gilb.com/Download/RichRequirementSpecs.pdf) *that captures this idea of customer need. I think I'm going to spend some serious time investigating this. "* from <http://www.butunclebob.com/ArticleS.UncleBob.TomGilbVisit>
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