

## What's Hot and What's Not: Trends in Business Analysis

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#### **Objectives**



#### Be able to discuss:

- The latest trends in business analysis
- ▶ The hot trends and what's not
- What these trends mean for business analysis practitioners

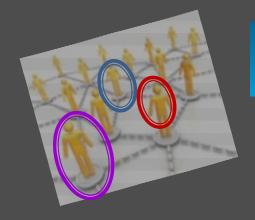


#### Business Analysis Trends

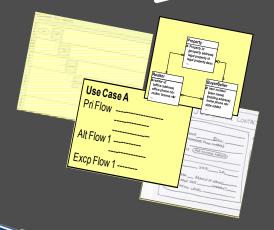
What do you think?











**Support Innovation** 



Business Analysis









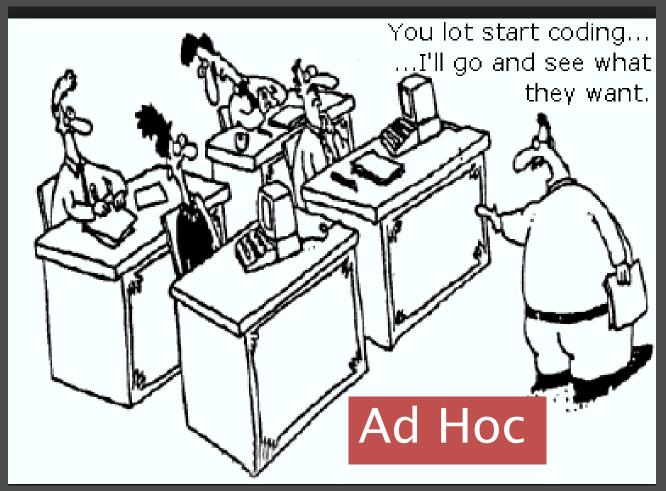


BRM emerges to maximize value



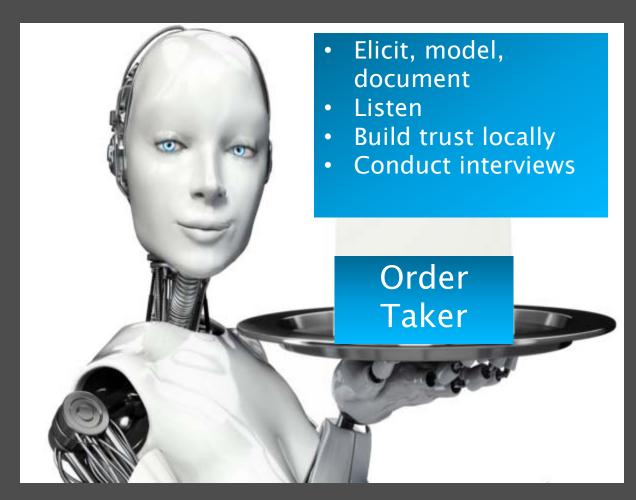


**BA Maturity Levels** 





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Order-taker competencies +

Facilitate workshops

Build trust crossorganizationally but tactically

Analyze risks, impacts, and dependencies



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- Trusted advisor competencies +
- Maximize business value
- Influence C-level
- Shape strategic agendas
- Promote business innovation
- Contribute to helping the organization change





# 2016 Emerging Trend #2 BA as Catalyst for Innovation



Agile Accepted - But Challenges Remain

**Expectations** 

Roles

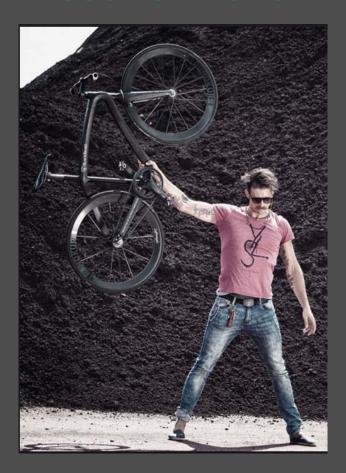
Governance

Partial Adoption





Light-Weight Practices
Less is More





Requirements and Designs
The Sooner the Better





Certifications – and the winner is...?

Pmi-PBA
Greatest % growth
for PMI

CBAP —
Mad rush
before 3.0.

IREB, Prince2, BCS popular—not in US

"Agile people want their certification."







#### **Need to Prove Value**

**BRMs** 

Catalyst for Innovation

Agile

Trends

Less is the Norm

Requirements & Designs

Workforce

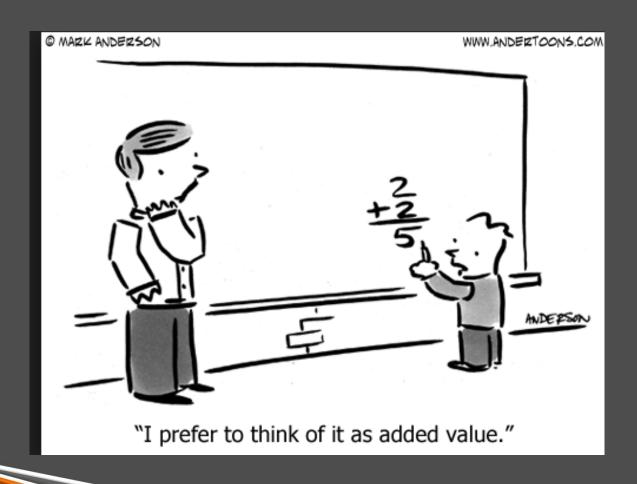
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Quick Value



#### **Discussion**

#### What is quick value?





## What is Quick Value?

Whenever, wherever, whatever, however as soon as it's usable



You can use these, can't you?



Personas



#### What's Hot?













#### Agile Scalability







Design

Front-End

Database

Backend

And the Rest

Requirements

Designs

**Testing** 

SQL

And the Rest

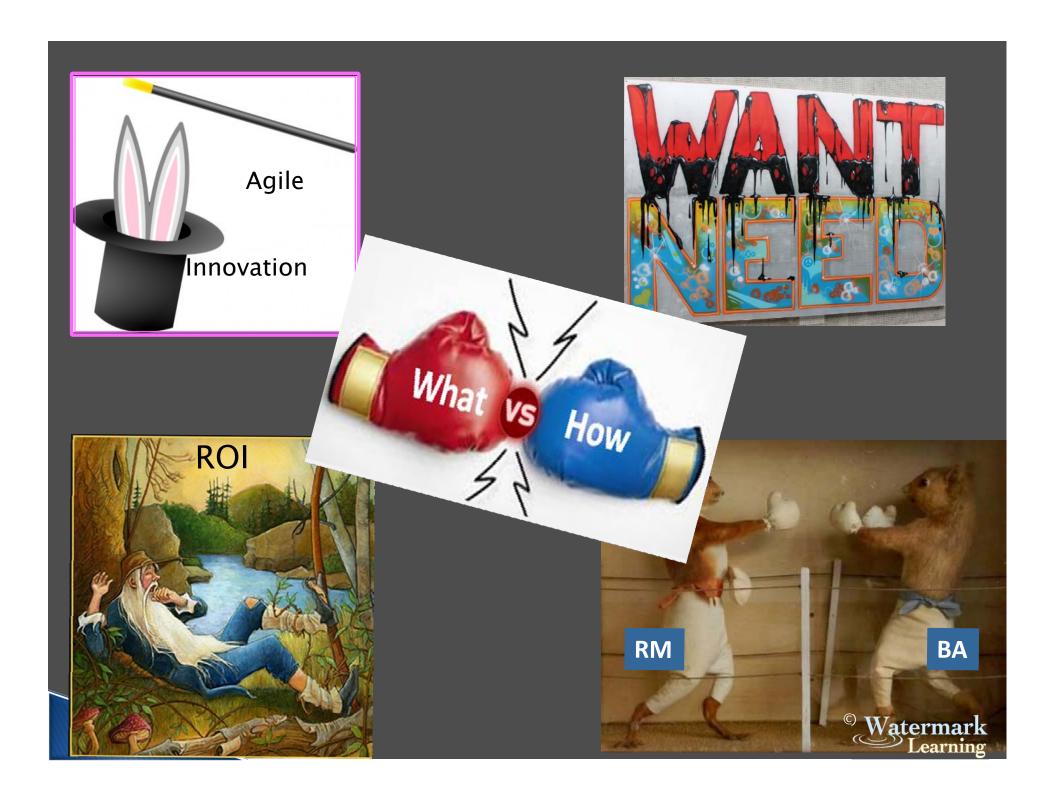


#### What's Not!

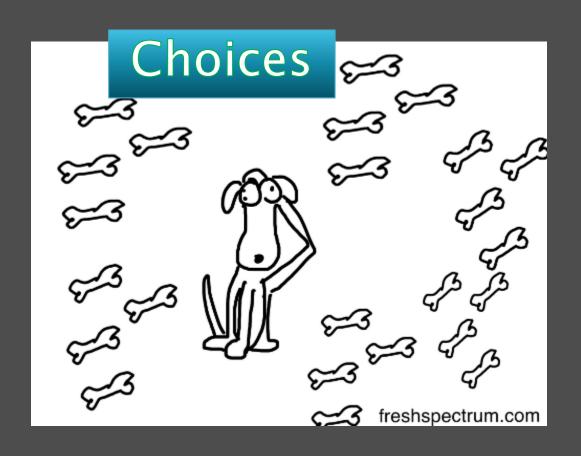








# Discussion What does this mean for you?





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