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12 Principles

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4 Business people and developers must work together daily throughout the project.

5 Build projects around motivated individuals. Give them the environment and support they need, and trust them to get the job done.

6 The most efficient and effective method of conveying information to and within a development team is face-to-face conversation.

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Origins of Agile Alliance

The group of seventeen people that gathered in Snowbird Utah February 11 - 13, 2001 and crafted the Manifesto for Agile Software Development referred to themselves as the *Agile Alliance*.

Later that year, some of the original authors as well as some additional people saw the benefit of a more permanent organization. As a result, they formed **Agile Alliance as a nonprofit organization** to disseminate information about Agile.

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