

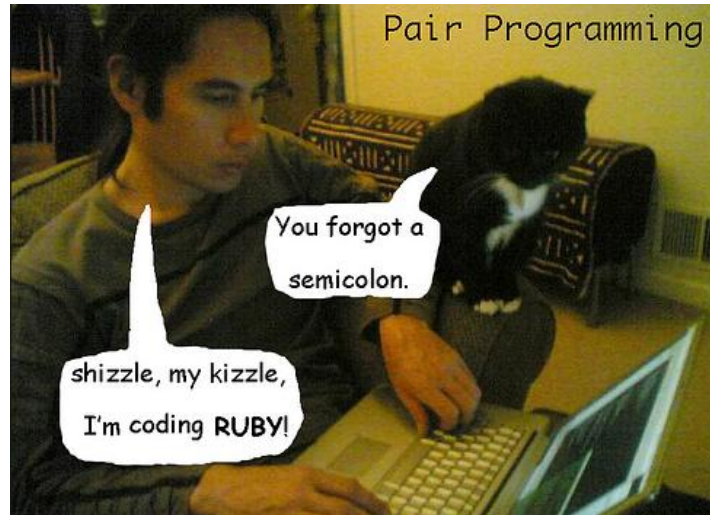
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Pair writing

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Pair programming



Pair programming is an Agile software development technique in which two programmers work together as a pair on one workstation. One, the driver, writes code while the other, the observer, pointer or navigator, reviews each line of code as it is typed in. The two programmers switch roles frequently.

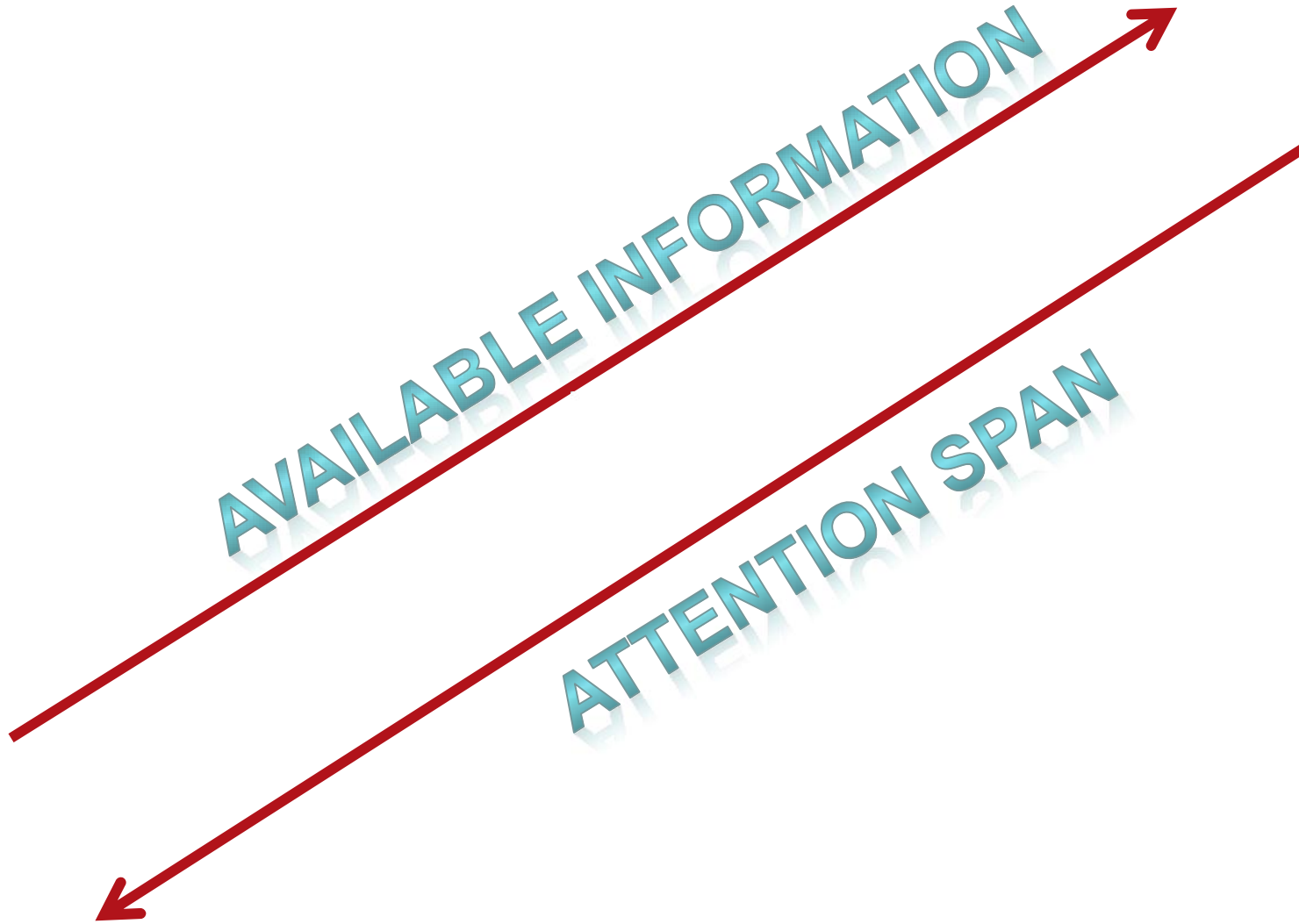
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Pair writing

Pair writing is a process where either two writers or a writer and an SME form a pair while creating content.

Netlife research, a Norwegian research agency, is the pioneer in implementing this concept.

Why?



Did you say 'Rules?'

- Tone : gentle and positive
- Change control/versioning
- Style guide
- Subediting
- Rotations



A better world....



Requisites

- Pairs
- Laptop/desktop
- Collaborative word processing program
- Remote meeting software

Workshop

The steps in this workshop are prescribed by NetLife research.

Step 1 – Content identification

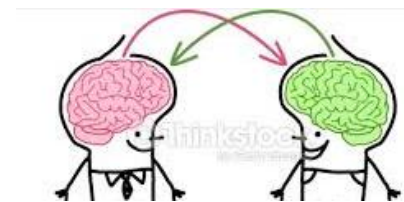
Step 2 – Invite the key people to a workshop

(bring your expertise & your laptop)

Step 3 – Pair them up!

(Required: a computer, a word processing program, & filtering Qs)

Step 4 – Reverse the pair



Step 5 – Discussion, presentation, and feedback

Benefits

1. Precise and required content
2. Focus and expertise benefits
3. Best practices shared
4. Style guide and uniformity
5. Writer B
(if two writers are paired together)
6. Quality



Same as peer/editorial review?

Pair writing	Peer/editorial review
Pair = 2 writer / 1 writer + 1 SME	1 writer + 1 writer/ editor
Always together!	Write and then review
Work together, learn together	Review and feedback
Writer B	No backup
Think, discuss, write * 2	Think, discuss, write * 1
Remote pair – not a great idea	Remote peer/editor – works
Team building/ Fun	No direct impact

Summary

Pair writing is a process

Try it out in your teams and share your stories!

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