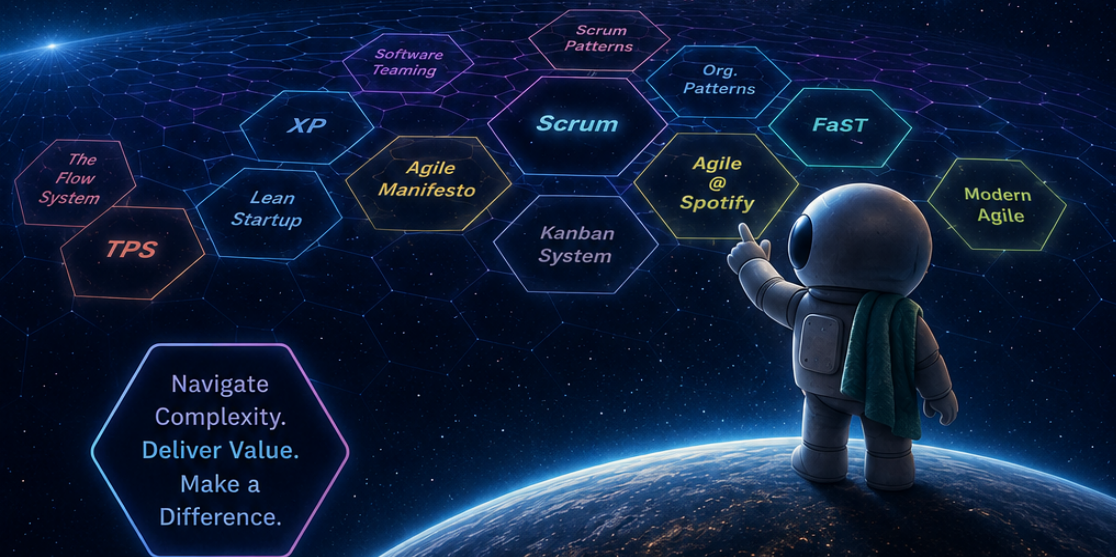


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to

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Foreword

In 2024, I discovered [Hexi](#), was fascinated by it, wrote a short [article](#) about it, and started [Hexiverse](#). Hexiverse was my playground for exploring how the ideas I had encountered over the years could be adapted for *the Hexi approach*. In this series of writings, I expand on each Hexi set by expressing my own opinions and by connecting and comparing them to other Hexi sets or even ideas outside this Hexiverse.

Why the Hexiverse?

Before discovering Hexi, I had been thinking of compiling a more diverse encyclopedia of *patterns*, but I never went far with the idea. Hexi's approach not only revived my passion for patterns but also provided a gateway for transforming them into a visual and interactive tool. In addition, the Hexiverse serves as a container for patterns and methods in one place and is accessible to everyone.

Moreover, the Hexi approach enables interaction and collaboration through the use of methods, referred to as Assembly (patterns, tools, and methods), and Assemblage (methods, people, and context).¹

I can not be certain how the Hexiverse will help learners and practitioners, but I hope one outcome to be exposing them to a larger array of methods while providing how they relate to each other.

Why the Hitchhiker's Guide to Hexiverse?

Soon after I shared the first version of my Hexiverse on LinkedIn, I received some feedback that expressed the need for more explanation and practical guidance along the Miro board. At the same time, I noticed that the lack of an extensive guide will eventually lead to loose and shallow

¹ The Flow System Playbook, 2023 | Conclusion | An Assembly of Methods

adoption of this powerful tool. This guidebook serves as a more rigorous source for learners and practitioners of Hexiverse.

On the other hand, I admit that I do not know exactly how I will proceed with this guidebook. I did try to figure out exactly how I want to write it and failed several times. So eventually, I took Woody Zuill's [first Agile maxim](#)² to heart and started this series.

Work-in-Progress

It is worth mentioning that both the Hexiverse and The Hitchhiker's Guide are still young and immature, so I take the liberty of revising and improving them constantly. The users of these resources need to approach them accordingly.

Major Influences

In 2020, I received my initiation to [Scrum Patterns](#) from James Coplien. In that one-day remote workshop, James planted a seed that kept on growing and changing the way I approach my craft forever. My interpretation of the Hexi approach is deeply rooted in my understanding of the Patterns approach.

In 2024, I discovered Hexi and [The Flow System](#) presented by [Dave Snowden](#) and Nigel Thurlow. Instantly, I realized Hexi can be the vehicle that carries the patterns and has the potential to become the platform where all methods and approaches are integrated.

My further engagement with The Flow System and its vastness also had an undeniable influence on my adoption of the Hexi approach.

Although throughout this guidebook I will mention many methods and many individuals, all of whom have influenced my thinking and practice in different ways, James Coplien, Dave Snowden, and Nigel Thurlow's influence is omnipresent everywhere in this work. However, I must say

² "It is in the doing of the work that we discover the work that we must do. Doing exposes reality."

this clearly that at the time of this writing, **this work is not endorsed by any of these individuals.**

Official Hexi vs. the My Hexiverse

My Hexiverse is not part of the official Hexi ecosystem. Hexi is a trademark of [The Cynefin Company](#) and is Dave Snowden's intellectual property. However, Dave has been kind to let me keep the original name of Hexi inside the name of my passion project. Needless to say, this project is deeply influenced by the Hexi approach.

Moreover, throughout this guidebook, I use terms that may look similar yet are important to distinguish:

- ❖ **Hexi** refers to the official and original product by The Cynefin Co.
- ❖ **The Hexi approach** refers to the approach that Hexi pioneered.
- ❖ **Hexiverse**, refers to my own adaptation of the Hexi approach, developed using Miro.
- ❖ **Hexi set** refers to a set of Hexis that often form a framework or method. Here, I use Hexi sets for my own sets on the Hexiverse. The official Hexi sets are often called **Hexi kits**.

Attribution and Credits

Everything that I have turned into a Hexi set is someone else's idea or intellectual property. I will do my best to give proper credit. If I ever fail to do so, please let me know by commenting or messaging me directly.

It is worth mentioning that I have not used GenAI, Chatbots, or similar technologies for producing this work. The only tool that I have been using for years is [Grammarly](#), for which I do not have a paid account, which limits its functionality. Moreover, I often find myself rejecting some of its suggestions where I feel like it is changing my writing style so much that I cannot imagine myself writing that sentence.

As for the Hexiverse and these guides, they are both shared under the [Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International \(CC BY-SA 4.0\)](#) license.

Relevant Resources

- [The Cynefin Co. | Hexi](#)
- [Flow Consortium | Hexi](#)
- [Flow System Training | Free Hexi Templates](#)
- [Hexi: The United States of Agile](#)
- [The Flow System: An Astrolabe for Our Complex World](#)