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Presenter Background

- Finished library school at University of Michigan in May 2021; moved to STL later that month after getting hired.
- Responsibilities: **serve as product owner** for a Research Division web application; **maintain publication process** of working paper series through RIM system; **lead annual citation analysis** project; **process user-support requests** for economic data; conduct **technology-implementation work**; and much more.

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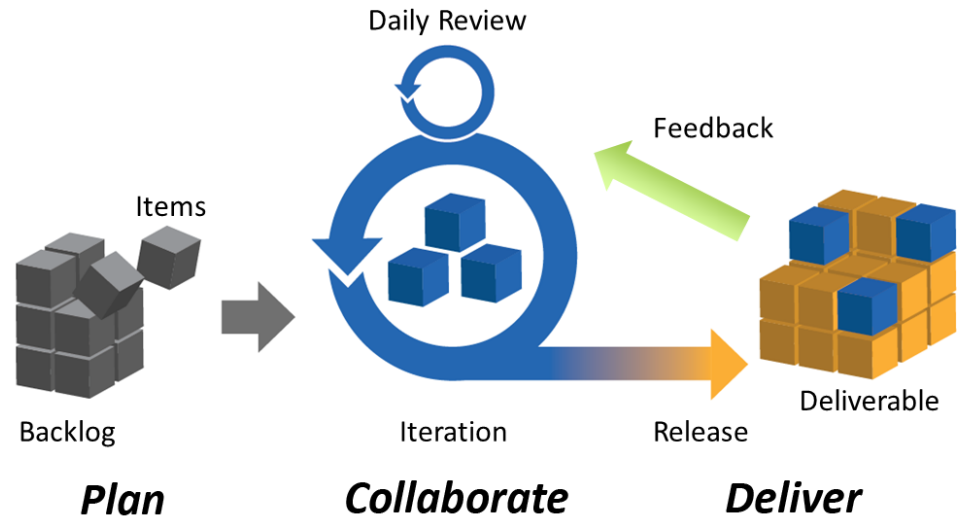
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- Agile software development practices
- System-wide cooperation for data ingest
- Key functionalities
- Future plans

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- Agile Rituals
 - 2-week sprints:
 - User stories
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Agile Project Management: Iteration


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System-Wide Cooperation for Data Ingest

- System Content Contributors
 - Twelve regional banks as well as the Board of Governors
 - Series, items, authors
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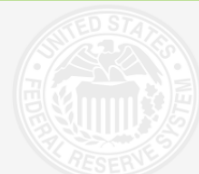
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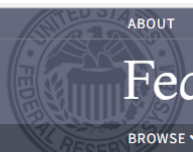
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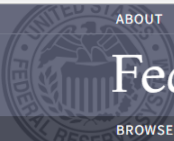
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- API development currently in progress
 - Public users will be able to utilize GET requests to request metadata from series, item, and author endpoints.
 - Admin users will be able to automate content contribution.

Future Plans for the Application

- Keyword quality control
 - Manual review shared among content contributors
 - Python scripting with the “fuzzywuzzy” library to identify duplicative keywords as good candidates for consolidation
 - Adding dictionary and spellcheck functionalities to the content contribution admin forms to cut down on long-term keyword sprawl

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