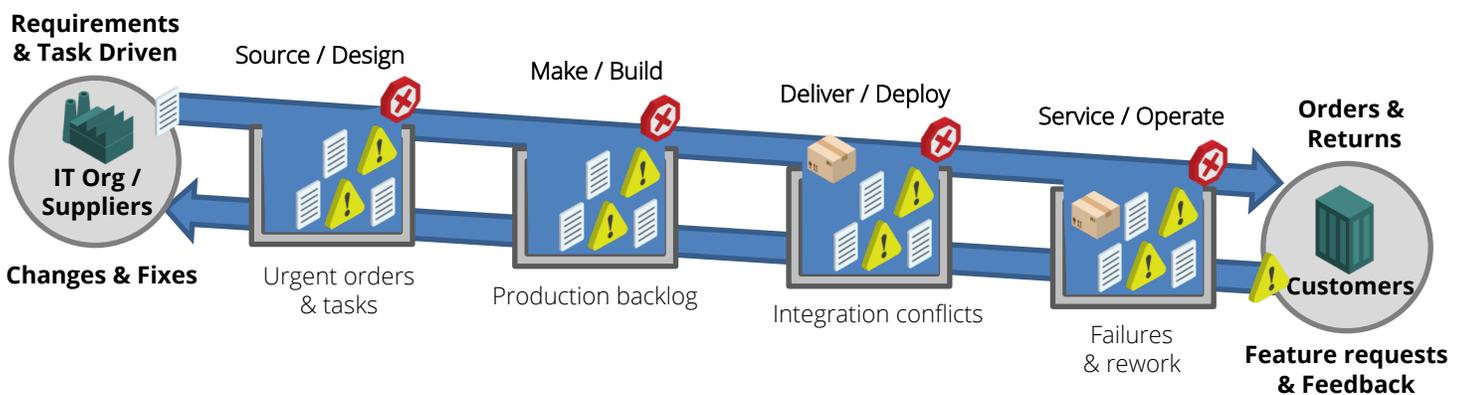# Stop pushing tasks downstream.
Flow with Value Stream Management.

OLD WAY: Push-based software supply chain

In commercial supply chains, costly inventory buffers of excess materials and time build up wherever information, resource and quality constraints occur, ultimately cascading down to product delivery delays and quality issues in front of customers.

In the software supply chain, requirements are driven into a channel jammed with technical debt, existing systems and code. Unproductive toil and trouble tickets accumulate as opaque backlogs at stage-gated bottlenecks.

VSM WAY: Flow-based value stream

Value Stream Management (VSM) practices allow the enterprise IT function to rethink and map out its global software delivery capacity as a pull-based flow model, resolving software quality and delivery constraints with global visibility. Continuous, goal-driven measurement and reprioritization of work impacts all teams as they touch relevant systems. VSM can drain out excess work-in-process backlog and code inventory, loosening constraints to deliver customer value, faster.