ALL POWER TO THE MOB?

MY VIEW ON MOB PROGRAMMING

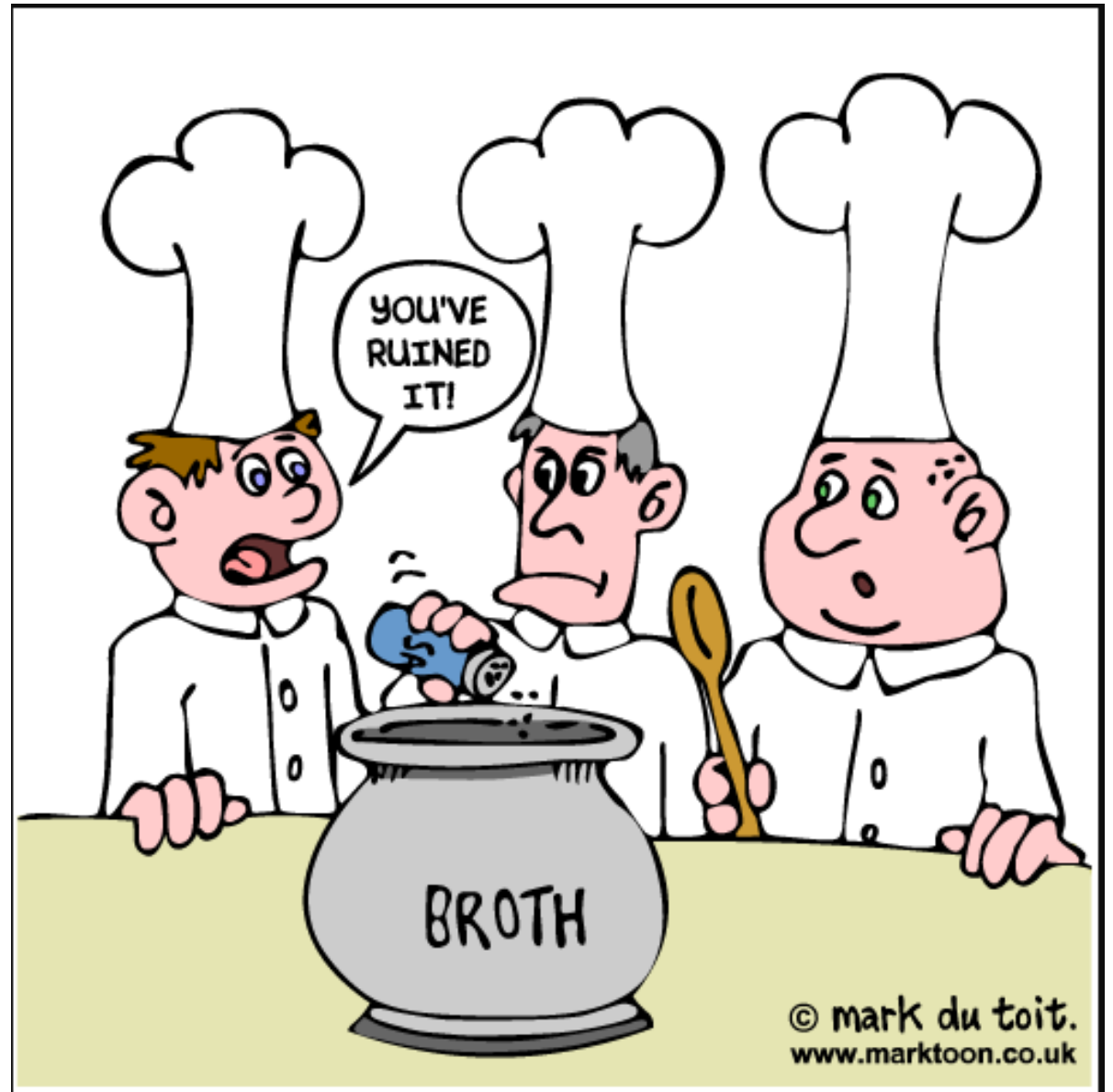15.02.2023

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MY STARTING SITUATION

- I didn't have any experience in mob programming

- I do like to work as/in a team

- My initial thoughts on mob programming….

THE MORE THE MERRIER?

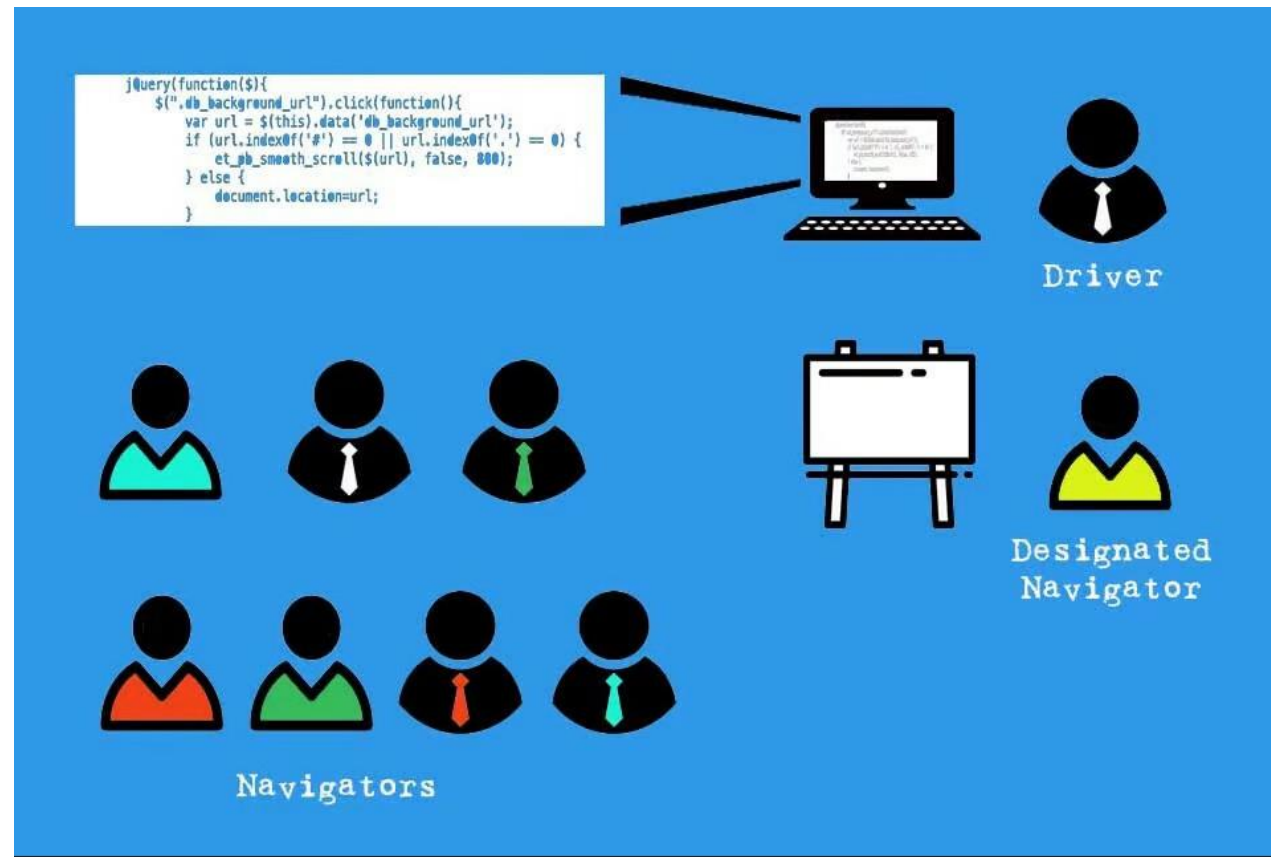# WILL TOO MANY COOKS SPOIL THE BROTH?

WHAT IS MOB PROGRAMMING?

— Woody Zuill and Kevin Meadows
Mob Programming – A Whole Team Approach

The entire team works as a team together on one task at the time.
That is:
one team
one (active) keyboard
one screen (projector of ourse)

— Marcus Hammarberg
Mob programming – Full Team, Full Throttle

All the brilliant minds working together on
the same thing
at the same time
in the same space
and at the same computer

ROLES IN MOB PROGRAMMING

BEST PRACTICES

- Be a team player

- Respect, kindness and consideration

- Follow the driver-navigator approach

- Take small breaks and ensure roles change

- Navigator should express the ideas to the driver clearly

BENEFITS

- Shared knowledge -> continuous learning
- Code is reviewed as it is being written
- Fast feedback
- A shared responsibility for decisions
- Team bonding

BUT:

More participants also means:

More opinions -> more discussions -> the longer it may take to reach an agreement

SUMMARY

- Bumpy start

- Improved already in the second session

- Very respectful and kind environment

- I already learned a lot from the exchange

- Sometimes still very difficult to follow or carry on the ideas of others

- Intense process that requires everyone on the same page

CONCLUSION

- A good approach to learn new processes, skills and patterns

- More people -> different and more diverse ideas for solving a problem and sharing knowledge

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ?

THANK YOU!

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