Waterfall-model:

- Requirements specification: In requirements specification, the designer and customer try to capture a description of what the eventual system will be expected to provide.
- Architectural design: The next activities concentrate on how the system provides the services expected from it.
- Detailed Design: For those components that are not already available for immediate integra®tion, the designer must provide a sufficiently detailed description so that they may be implemented in some programming language
- Coding and unit testing: After coding, the component can be tested to verify that it performs correctly, according to some test criteria that were determined in earlier activities
- Integration and testing: Once enough components have been implemented and individually tested, they must be integrated as described in the architectural design.
- Maintenance: After product release, all work on the system is considered under the category of maintenance.

Techniques for proto typing:

- Storyboards: which is a graphical depiction of the outward appearance
 of the intended system, without any accom@panying system functionality.
- Limited functionality simulations: Programming support for simulations means a designer can rapidly build graph@ical and textual interaction objects and attach some behavior to those objects
- High-level programming support: HyperTalk was an example of a special Purpose high-level programming language which makes it easy for the designer to program certain features of an interactive sys®tem at the expe of other system features like speed of response or space efficiency

Design rationale is information that explains why a computer system is the way it is.

Benefits

- communication throughout life cycle
- reuse of design knowledge across products
 - enforces design discipline
 - presents arguments for design trade-offs
 - organizes potentially large design space
 - capturing contextual information