SEN 201 ASSIGNMENT

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Assessment:

1.Ten (10) different software process models

- Waterfall Model
- Iterative Model
- V-Model
- Spiral Model
- Agile Model
- Incremental Model
- Rapid Application Development (RAD)
- Prototype Model
- Concurrent Development Model
- WATERFALL MODEL: This is a linear and sequential software development pr ocess approach just like a waterfall where each phase must be completed bef ore the next one begins. It is best suited for projects with well detailed require ments.
- ITERATIVE MODEL: As the name suggests, it is a model that focuses on the in cremental development, allowing for repeated modifications through cycles, pr oviding accommodation for evolving requirements.
- SPIRAL MODEL: This model combines iterative development with risk manage ment, emphasizing on continuous modification through repeated cycles which addressing each risks respectively.

- AGILE MODEL: It promotes adaptive planning and iterative development with f requent releases and customer collaboration enhancing flexibility.
- V-MODEL: This is an extended version of the waterfall model, it emphasizes o n verification and validation at each development stage, ensuring high quality of development process.
- INCREMENTAL MODEL: It involves the development of software in increments, allowing partial implementation of software to be tested and refined at possible e intervals.
- RAPID APPLICATION DEVELOPMENT(RAD): This model focuses on quick dev elopment and user feedback through iterative prototyping reducing the time to market
- BIG BANG MODEL: This is a less structured approach of software developmen t where development starts without too much planning, it is usually used for s mall projects.
- PROTOTYPE MODEL: It is a software model used for prototyping. Prototypes a re often used to collect feedback from users in the initial production stage, allo wing for further improvement in refining the software.
- CONCURRENT DEVELOPMENT MODEL: This model allows multiple phases of development to occur at the same time, enhancing flexibility but it requires car eful attention and coordination.

SOFTWARE PROCESS MODELS	STEPS INVOLVED IN EACH MODEL
 Waterfall Model 	Design, Implementation, testing, develop
	ment and Maintenance.
 Iterative Model 	Repeated testing, Planning and design
 Spiral Model 	Planning, Risk Analysis, Engineering and r

		epeated evaluation
•	Agile Model	Concept, Incremental, Release and Production
•	V-Model	Design, Requirements, Verification and Va lidation
•	Incremental Model	Implementation in increments, Design and Requirements
•	Rapid Application Development	User design and Construction
•	Big Bang Model	Development, Testing and deployment
•	Prototype Model	Gathering requirements and analysis, Qui ck design, refining prototype and initial us er evaluation
•	Concurrent Development Model	Planning, design & development, testing a nd integration

CHARACTERISTICS, BENEFITS AND LIMITATION OF EACH SOFTWARE PROCESS MOD EL

Waterfall Model

- Characteristics: It is linear and sequential; each phase must be completed for moving to the next one.
- Benefits: This process model is simple to manage and has clear documentati on.
- Limitations: It is inflexible to changes; late testing can lead to serious issues.

Iterative Model

 Characteristics: Development can be done in increments; it allows for custom er's feedback

- Benefits: It is flexible, early feedback from users.
- Limitations: It requires good project management.

Spiral Model

- Characteristics: It focuses on risk management and iterative development.
- Benefits: Handles risks effectively and also allows user feedback
- Limitations: It is quite a complex process model and can be costly.

Agile Model

- Characteristics: It emphasizes collaboration and flexibility; allows iterative cycles.
- Benefits: Rapid delivery and it is adaptable to changes at any time.
- Limitations: It is less predictable and involves the constant attention of stakeh olders.

V-Model

- Characteristics: Emphasizes testing at each development stage.
- Benefits: Early defect detection; structured approach.
- Limitations: It is rigid, requires complete requirements upfront.

Incremental

- Characteristics: It separates the product into simpler parts which is delivered incrementally.
- Benefits: This process model reduces risk and allows partial implementation and testing.
- Limitations: There can be integration challenges as increment grows.

Prototype Model

- Characteristics: It focuses on the user's feedback; involves creating a work mo del early.
- Benefits: Early detection of missing functionalities, reduces misunderstanding s and enhances user involvement
- Limitations: It can be time-consuming, and might lead to incomplete analysis i
 f not managed properly.

Rapid Application Development (RAD)

- Characteristics: Keen on quick development and iteration based on user feedb ack.
- Benefits: It allows the fast delivery of prototypes, also with user involvement f
 or satisfaction feedback
- Limitations: There is less control over project scope which can sometimes lea
 d to incomplete system if not properly managed.

Big Bang Model

- Characteristics: This process model is usually unstructured; no formal phases and development starts without a clear plan.
- Benefits: Simple to implement; useful for small projects with few requirement s.
- Limitations: It poses high risk of failure; difficult to manage changes and testi
 ng is often inadequate.

Concurrent Development Model

- Characteristics: It allows the simultaneous execution of tasks; emphasizing c ollaboration among teams.
- Benefits: Reduces time to market, allows for flexibility in requirements. It also allows better risk management
- Limitations: Its coordination can be complex and requires utmost attention an
 d effective communication.