

Design Types

Plan-and-Document

- Very detailed plan
- Update documentation before changing code

Waterfall approach

- Steps:
 1. Requirements analysis and specification
 2. Architectural design
 3. Implementation and integration
 4. Verification
 5. Operations and maintenance
- Month long phases
- Brook's Law: adding manpower to a late project can make it later
 - $O(N^2)$ vs $O(N)$ b/c coordination

Agile

- Peres' Law: Software change is a fact of life, so don't try to solve it, but work with it
- Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
- Working software over comprehensive documentation
- Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- Responding to change over following a plan
- Continuous improvement
 - Iterative design (~1-2 weeks)
- Use user stories over detailed requirements elicitation
- Not always the best

1. Is specification required?
2. Are customers unavailable?
3. Is the system to be built large?
4. Is the system to be built complex (e.g., real time)?
5. Will it have a long product lifetime?
6. Are you using poor software tools?
7. Is the project team geographically distributed?
8. Is team part of a documentation-oriented culture?
9. Does the team have poor programming skills?
10. Is the system to be built subject to regulation?

Figure 1: Screenshot_2023-08-24_at_8.49.25_PM.png

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Extreme Programming

- Take agile to the extreme
- Make iterations as short as possible
- Make things as simple as possible
- Test all of the time (test driven development: write tests before code)
- Review code continuously
 - GitHub PR

Testing and Quality

- Product quality / fitness for use: business value for customer and manufacturer
- Software quality: Satisfies customer needs and is easy for developer to debug and enhance
- Software QA: ensure quality and improve processes in SW organization

Verification and Validation

- Verification: Did you build the thing right?
 - Did you meet the spec?
- Validation: Did you build the right thing?
 - Is it what the customer wants?
 - Was the spec correct
 - More important for SW

Testing

- Test in levels
- Coverage: % of system exercises by test suite
- Unit test: Single method does what was expected
- Module / functional test: Test across individual units
- Integration test: Interfaces between units have consistent assumptions, communicate correctly
- System / acceptance test: Integrated program meets its specifications

Productivity

- Moore's law applied to SW complexity
1. Clarity via conciseness
 2. Synthesis: have code that writes code
 3. Reuse: reuse stuff when possible
 4. Automation and Tools

Clarity via Conciseness

- Raise the level of abstraction
 - More functionality, fewer words
- Exploit high level languages for conciseness

Synthesis

- Common uses are templating and code generators

Reuse (DRY it out)

- Identify commonalities and abstract it
- 1. Procedures and functions
- 2. Standardized libraries
- 3. Object oriented programming: reuse and manage collections of tasks
- 4. Design patterns: reuse a general strategy even if implementation varies
- 5. LLMs and prompt reuse

Automation vs Manual Task

- Saves time and improves accuracy
 - eg: make
- New tool desiderata: learning curve justifies productivity gained
- Learn new tools!

Deploying SaaS SOA and Utility Computing

SaaS > SWS (shrink-wrapped software)

- No install / upgrade / compatibility issues
- Data stored safely, persistently on servers
- Easy group access to data for collaboration
- Simpler to keep 1 copy rather than multiple
- Upgrades for all users immediately
- Can beta test on subset of users

Service Oriented Architecture

- Subsystems independent as if in separate datacenters
- Can recombine to make new services
- Must be interacted with through individual API

3 Demands

- Communication
- Scalability
- Dependability
- Done with warehouse-scale computers
 - Plugability and dependency

Deploying SaaS: Browser and Mobile

- ~50% smartphone penetration
 - Apps should be either mobile-friendly or mobile-first
- Should have responsible design
- Think about interactions (how someone uses it physically)

Web Techs

- HTML: Markup only
- CSS: Styling only
 - Bootstrap: mobile-first framework (integrated into rails)
- Progressive web app (PWA): packages app to be downloaded or function offline

- Can do progressive updates which Wrapped, and Native cant
- Wrapped apps: apps in containers, no progressive updates
- Native apps: built for a specific platform (better access to HW)