An Introduction to Software Engineering 2

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- At the end of today's session, the student is expected to:
 - Enumerate some of the important historical highlights in the development of software engineering as a discipline and its main contributors
 - Types of application and system software
 - Identify and enumerate software stakeholders
 - o The three P's in software engineering
 - Identify desirable software capabilities
 - Code of ethics in software engineering

What a software is

- First coined by **John Tukey** in 1958.
- Theoretical concept of a computer was first established by **Alan Turing** in the 1930's.
- The concept of algorithm was introduced by Muhammad Al-Khawarezmi, a 9th century mathematician.

History of Software Development

• An algorithm became concrete when it was programmed by **Ada Lovelace**, the first computer programmer.

History of Software Development

Computer program

- Instructions that perform certain tasks on computer hardware.
- ocan be written at different levels of closeness to the hardware (Low to High Level PL).

History of Software Development

Documentation

- Plays a crucial role in the success of software.
- of interest to the stakeholders
- OUser manuals, installation procedures, and operating manuals are written mainly for the software users.

The Software Crisis (1967)

• Characterized by the inability of existing techniques, tools and processes to deal with the increasing complexity of the needed software.

The Software Crisis (1967)

Main reasons:

- Software complexity
- Changing and misunderstanding of requirements
- Lack of tools
- Lack of skilled professionals

The Software Crisis (1967)

- Produced software low quality, hardly maintainable, and not meeting the stakeholder's requirements.
- Software projects were most of the time running over budget and overtime, and many never delivered a functioning product.

The Crisis persists....

• There are many concerns about the quality and reliability of the software we use. Existing software is plagued with millions of defects.

The Crisis persists....

• Some of these defects are known and have already been detected, others are yet to be uncovered. These defects have caused many disasters leading to financial losses, physical harm to humans and life threatening situations..

The Crisis persists....

- It was also reported that most software practitioners do not hold degrees in software engineering.
- Currently, most people working as software engineers hold either a degree in computer science or computer engineering.

QUIZ!!!

- Quiz!
- On a clean ¼ sheet of paper, name one defect of our web portal for CMSC 128.

Assignment!!!

- Assignment (for next meeting)
 - •Name one website /web application that has a defect
 - Identify the defect
 - Goal: No student should have the same website to be named

Assignment!!! (Part 1)

- Assignment (for next meeting)
 - Create a javascript file named lastname,js. Example: recario_reginald.js
 - OWrite a function named **printIAmGroot** with no argument that prints on the console the sentence "I am Groot".

Assignment!!! (Part 2)

- Assignment (for next meeting)
 - Create a function that accepts a string input (e.g. "one hundred") and returns the numerical counterpart.
 - Create a function that accepts a number and returns the number in words.

- Software engineering is a term that was coined during the NATO Software Engineering conference held in Garmisch, Germany, in October 1968.
- The term was introduced by the conference chairman Friedrich Bauer.

 'the application of a disciplined approach for the development and maintenance of computer software'

• 'deals with the establishment and use of sound engineering principles to economically obtain software that is reliable and works efficiently on real machines' (by IEEE)

• 'encompasses the use of tools, techniques and methods that are useful during the execution of the steps needed for the development of the software and its future maintenance'

Types of Software

System software

operating systems, language compilers, assemblers, device drivers, debuggers, and networking tools and software

Types of Software

Application software or end-user software

• Games and entertainment software:

ogames for handheld devices including mobile phones, PC or stand alone games, and distributed collaborative games.



Intelligent software:

ospecialized domain specific expert systems, mobile agent systems, learning systems, robot vision software, business decision and intelligence software, and mining software.

Modeling and simulation software: domain

ospecific modeling and simulation packages for military, financial, medical, educational

and training uses.

• Real-time software:

oindustrial plant monitoring and control systems, missile control systems, air traffic control systems, telephony software, and network security software like firewalls and intrusion detection systems.



Embedded software:

ohome appliance controllers, mobile phone software, and vehicle controllers.

Productivity (information worker) software:

Tools that implement proven methods and techniques to help specific types of users doing their tasks with ease and high

productivity.

Enterprise software:

obusiness workflow management software, customer relation management software, and supply chain management software.



Web-based software:

ocontent management software, web publishing software, electronic commerce software, web services, web portal software, and web browsers.



Educational software:

oschool and university management software, online and distance learning software, training management software, and educational software for children.



Multimedia software:

ovideo, image and sound editing and management software, 3D and animation software, and virtual reality software.



Domain-specific software:

obanking, finance and stocks, accounting, medical, airline reservation, hospital management, and human resource management software.



3 Generic stages in software development and maintenance

- Structured, disciplined approach
- Aiming at enhancing quality and dealing with complexity

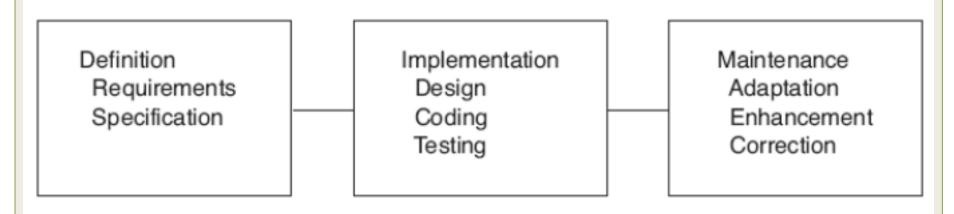


Figure 1.2 The three generic stages for software development and maintenance

Software errors

- Discovered and others are yet to be uncovered
- 25% are definition errors (requirements &
- specification)
- 25% design errors, 10% coding errors
- It costs more to fix a definition error in the maintenance phase – better discover them early!

The software triad

- Structured, disciplined approach
- Aiming at enhancing quality and dealing with complexity

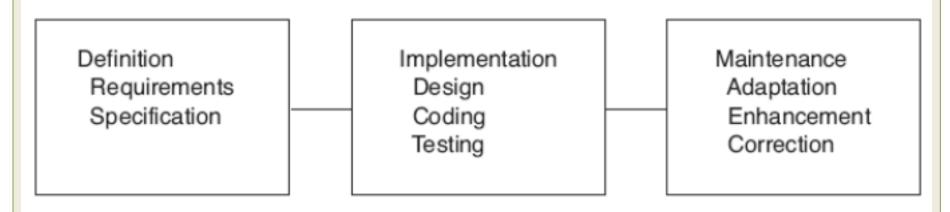
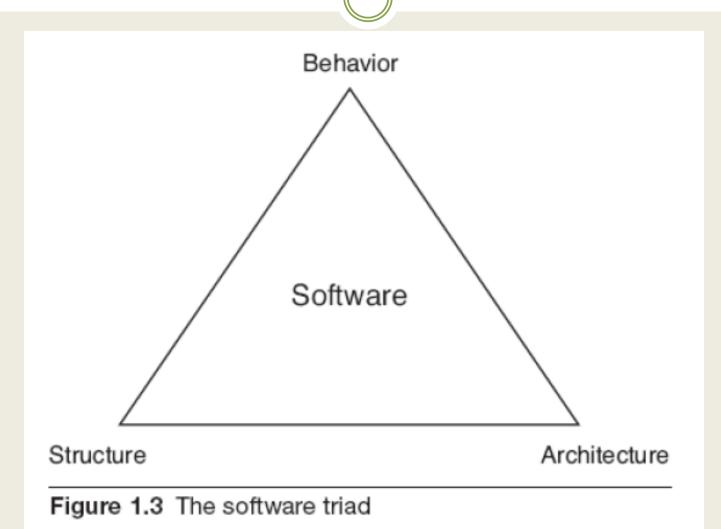


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The software triad



The Stakeholders

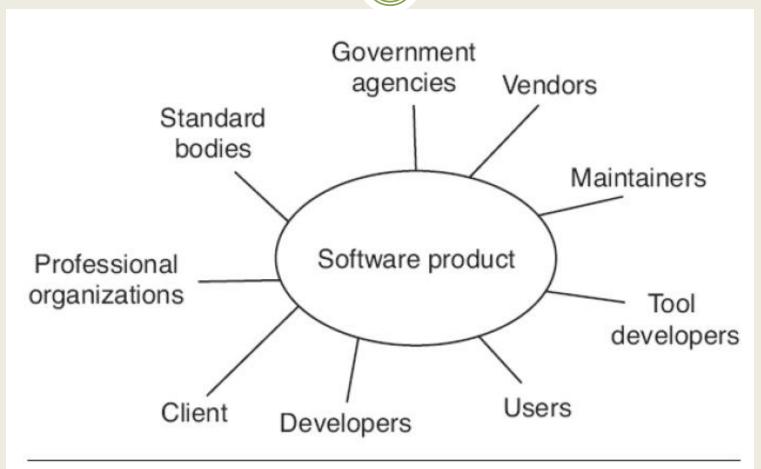


Figure 1.4 Stakeholders in a software product

The Stakeholders



| Stakeholder | Description | |
|----------------------------|---|--|
| Client | Bank (paying for the software) | |
| Developer | Software Company X (selected to develop the software) | |
| Users | Bank customers having online access | |
| Technical writers | Can be employees of the bank or the software company | |
| Government bodies | Banking regulations related to privacy protection | |
| Standard bodies | Basel II for IT risk management | |
| Professional organizations | Banker's association | |
| Software maintainers | Can be the bank, the software company, or a third party | |

Public:

- Software engineers shall act consistently with the public interest.
- Software engineers shall act in a manner that is in the best interests of their client and employer, consistent with the public interest.

Product:

• Software engineers shall ensure that their products and related modifications meet the highest professional standards possible.

Profession:

• Software engineers shall advance the integrity and reputation of the profession consistent with the public interest.

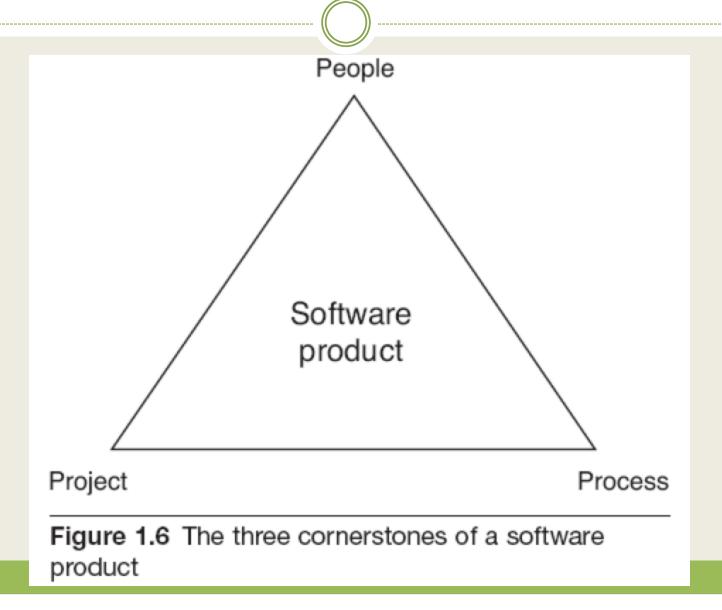
Peers and self:

- Software engineers shall maintain integrity and independence in their professional judgment.
- Software engineering managers and leaders shall subscribe to and promote an ethical approach to the management of software development and maintenance.

Peers and self:

- Software engineers shall be fair to and supportive of their colleagues.
- Software engineers shall participate in lifelong learning regarding the practice of their profession and shall promote an ethical approach to the practice of the profession.

Three Cornerstones of a Software Product



• Availability is the degree to which the software system is available when its services are required. It can be quantified as the ratio of the actual availability of the software services to the expected availability during the same period.

• **Correctness** is the degree to which the software meets its requirements specifications. Correctness is affected positively by the completeness, consistency, and traceability of the software. Accuracy is a qualitative assessment of correctness.

• Efficiency is the degree to which the software system performs its functions using the least amount of computational and memory resources.

• **Integrity** is the degree to which the software system prevents unauthorized access to information or programs. Both integrity and availability contribute to the security of the software system.

• **Reliability** is the ability of a software system to perform its function under stated conditions and for a specified period of time. Reliability can be quantified using the mean time between failures. Reliability is positively affected by error recoverability and fault tolerance, modularity and simplicity, and other quality factors.

• **Scalability** is the ability of the software system to handle a growing number of user requests up to a certain specified limit.

• **Usability** is the degree of ease with which the software system can be used. Usability is positively affected by learnability, readability, understandability, and other quality factors.

• **Flexibility** is the measure of how easily the software system can be extended or expanded. Flexibility is positively affected by the simplicity, generality, and modularity of the software, and other quality factors.

• **Interoperability** is ability of the software system to exchange information with other external systems.

• Maintainability is the measure of how easily the software system can be modified to fix errors, to improve its functions or to adapt it to different environments.

Maintainability is positively affected by adaptability, simplicity, modularity and traceability, and other quality factors.

• **Portability** is the ease with which the software system can be moved to a different software or hardware environment or platform. Portability is positively affected by generality and modularity, and other quality factors.

• Reusability is the degree of ease with which a software component can be reused in the same software system or used to build new systems. Reusability is positively affected by generality and modularity, and other quality factors.

• **Testability** is the measure of how easily test cases can be selected and executed to test the software. Testability is positively affected by modularity, simplicity and traceability, and other quality factors.

• Alan Kay is known for his pioneering work on window based graphical user interfaces. He is also known for coining the term object-oriented programming in 1966.

• Ali Mili contributed to the formalization of software fault tolerance, now a major concern for developing secure software systems.

• **Barry Boehm** contributed to the area of software engineering economics and software metrics. He has also introduced the spiral model for software development.

• **Bill Joy** contributed to the development of the Unix operating system and the Java programming language.

• Brian Kernighan and Dennis Ritchie were instrumental in developing the Unix operating system and the C programming language.

• **C.A.R.** Hoare introduced the concepts of assertions and program proof of correctness, designed and analyzed well-known algorithms, and developed communicating sequential processes, a formal language for the specification of concurrent processes.

• **David Parnas** introduced the concepts of information hiding, software interfaces and software modularity. He has also contributed to software engineering education and the ethical responsibilities of a software engineer.

• **Donald Knuth** is known for the design of many well-known computer algorithms and the use of rigorous mathematical techniques for the formal analysis of the complexity of algorithms.

• Edsger Dijkstra introduced the concept of structured programming and carried out indepth studies of the problems of concurrency and synchronization needed in complex distributed systems.

• Erich Gamma with Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson and John Vlissides introduced the concept of object oriented design patterns to facilitate software design reuse.

• Fred Brooks contributed to the development of the OS/360 operating system software. He is also known for introducing the mythical man-month in software projectmanagement.

• Friedrich Bauer introduced the use of stacks for the evaluation of expressions in programming language compilers. He also contributed to the development of the ALGOL programming language. Moreover, he coined the term software engineering in the NATO conference held in Germany in 1968.

• **Grace Hopper** contributed extensively to the first compiler and the COBOL programming language in the 1959's.

• **Grady Booch** is known for his method for object oriented analysis and design and his codevelopment of the unified modeling language (UML).

• John Backus is well known for the invention of FORTRAN, compiler optimization, and the Backus-Naur Form for the formal description of programming language syntax.

• Michael Fagan contributed extensively to the area of software inspection.

• Niklaus Wirth introduced the Pascal programming language and other languages, and contributed to the idea of decomposition and stepwise refinement.

• Ole-Johan Dahl and Kristen Nygaard introduced the Simula language which was the first object-oriented programming language.

• **Peter Naur** is known for his contributions to the creation of the ALGOL programming language and the introduction of formal syntax description language.

• Tom DeMarco and Edward Yourdon introduced the structured analysis and design approach for specifying and designing software systems.

• Watts Humphrey is known for his work on the capability maturity model developed by the software engineering institute and the personal software process.

• Winston Royce contributed the well-known model for the management of large software systems which was later named the Waterfall model.

Software Building and Development

Table 1.2 Analogy between software and building development

| Phase | Software as a product | Building as a product |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Requirements specification | Requirements specifications | Owner's requirements |
| Design | Design | Design |
| Implementation | Coding or construction | Construction |
| Testing | Testing and integration | Pre-delivery approval |
| Maintenance | Maintenance | Maintenance |

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