

# **IT-314**

## **Software Engineering**

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### **Lab 1: Choosing Software Process Models**

Giving reasons for your answer by taking examples (features, non-functional aspects, domain) based on the type of system being developed, suggest the most appropriate generic software process model that might be used as a basis for managing the development of the following system.

**a) A simple data processing project.**

**Ans:-** The requirements for a simple data processing project are well defined and clear and would have minimal or no changes, hence **Waterfall model** will be the most appropriate software model process that might be used as a basis for managing the development of the project.

**b) A data entry system for office staff who have never used computers before. The user interface and user-friendliness are extremely important.**

**Ans:-** For this project the most appropriate process model will be the **Prototype model** as prototyping helps understand the requirements better and can have more flexibility than the waterfall model.

**c) A spreadsheet system that has some basic features and many other desirable features that use these basic features.**

**Ans:-** The model that most appropriately fits the given project is **Incremental model** as in this model as there are some basic functionality can be implemented and further features can be added later.

**d) A web-based system for a new business where requirements are changing fast and where an in-house development team is available for all aspects of the project.**

**Ans:-** **Agile model** will be most suitable for this time of project where requirements are changing very fast. The agile model is most suitable for projects where time is of great importance.

**e) A Web-site for an on-line store which has a long list of desired features it wants to add, and it wants a new release with new features to be done very frequently.**

**Ans:-** Most suitable model for an on-line store is **Agile mode**. As, this model can be released in less time and then can be updated as and when new features are to be added.

**f) A system to control anti-lock braking in a car.**

**Ans:-** **Waterfall model** is most suitable model as the requirements for this software are well-defined and would not change in future.

**g) A virtual reality system to support software maintenance.**

**Ans:-** Virtual reality system can be implemented using the **Agile model** because it is a relatively new technology and the requirements are not very well defined. Also, consumer satisfaction is more important for the development of this project. Hence, Agile model is most suitable.

**h) A university accounting system that replaces an existing system.**

**Ans:-** **Waterfall model** is most suitable because the requirements are very well defined and also this is an automation of an existing manual process.

**i) An interactive system that allows railway passenger to find train times from terminals installed in stations.**

**Ans:-** **Incremental model** is most suitable as the initial software can be released with bare functionalities like displaying train times and further functionalities can be added as and when required.

**j) Company has asked you to develop software for missile guidance system that can identify a target accurately.**

**Ans:-** The **Spiral Model** is most suitable for missile guidance system as it requires customer feedback and needs to be accurate. It is also a very huge project hence spiral model will most suitable.

**k) When emergency changes have to be made to systems, the system software may have to be modified before changes to the requirements have been approved. Choose a process model for making these modifications that ensures that the requirements documents and the system implementation do not become inconsistent.**

**Ans:-** The **Spiral Model** is most suitable for this project because emergency changes can be incorporated in the software and also the requirements are well documented in each cycle of the spiral model.

**l) Software for ECG machine.**

**Ans:-** **Iterative model** will be the most suitable because the base functionalities can be delivered early and additional features can be added later after risk management and user feedback. Thus providing a reliable and effective medical service.

**m) A small scale well understood project (no changes in requirement will be there once decided).**

**Ans:-** **Waterfall model** will be the most effective because the requirements are well understood and there will be no changes in them once decided.