Software Engineering

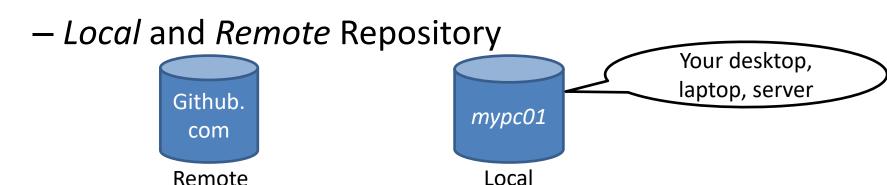
CS305, Autumn 2020 Week 2

Last Week...

- Software Engineering Overview
 - What is it? Why needed? How to manage complexity?
 - Different software process models
 - How to choose a model? factors to consider
 - Tools for developer productivity

Git

- Version Control System
 - Manage versions of your code access to different versions when needed
 - Lets you collaborate
- 'Repository' term used to represent storage



Git – Creating Repositories

- Two ways:
 - 1. 'Clone' / Download an existing repository from GitHub
 - 2. Create local repository first and then make it available on GitHub

git clone for creating local working copy

- 'Clone' / Download an existing repository from
 GitHub get your own copy of source code
 - git clone (when a remote repository on GitHub.com exists)

```
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~$ git clone git@github.com:IITDhCSE/dem0.git
Cloning into 'dem0'...
remote: Enumerating objects: 3, done.
remote: Counting objects: 100% (3/3), done.
remote: Compressing objects: 100% (2/2), done.
remote: Total 3 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0), pack-reused 0
Receiving objects: 100% (3/3), done.
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~$
```

Git init for initializing local repository

- Create local repository first and then make it available on GitHub
 - 1. git init converts a directory to Git local repo

```
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~$ mkdir dem0
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~$ cd dem0/
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /home/nikhilh/dem0/.git/
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0$ ls -a
... git
```

git add for staging files

2. git add - 'stage' a file i.e. prepare for saving the file on local repository

```
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~$ ls -a dem0/
    .. README
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~$ cd dem0/
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0$ git init
Initialized empty Git repository in /home/nikhilh/dem0/.git/
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0$ git add README
```

Note that creating a file, say, README2 in dem0 directory does not *automatically* make it part of the local repository

git commit for saving changes in local repository

3. git commit – 'commit' changes i.e. save all the changes (adding a new file in this example) in the local repository

```
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0$ git commit -m "Saving the README file in local repo."
[master (root-commit) 99d0a63] Saving the README file in local repo.
1 file changed, 1 insertion(+)
create mode 100644 README
```

How to save changes done when you must overwrite an existing file?

4. git branch -M master - rename the current as 'master' (-M for force rename even if a branch by that name already exists)

nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0\$ git branch -M master

5. git remote add origin git@github.com:IITDhCSE/dem0.git - prepare the local repository to be managed as a tracked repository

nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0\$ git remote add origin git@github.com:IITDhCSE/dem0.git

command to manage remote repo.

associates a name 'origin' with the remote repo's URL

The URL of the repository on GitHub.com.

- This URL can be that of any other user's or server's address.
- uses SSH protocol
 - HTTP protocol is an alternative. Looks like: https://github.com/IITDhCSE/dem0.git

git push for saving changes in remote repo

6. git push -u origin master - 'push' or save all the changes done to the 'master' branch in local repo to remote repo. (necessary for guarding against deletes to local repository)

syntax: git push <remotename> <branchname>

what does the -u option do?

Git – Releasing Code

Tagging

Check for unsaved changes in local repository.

```
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0$ git status .
On branch master
Your branch is up to date with 'origin/master'.
nothing to commit, working tree clean
```

Create a tag and associate a comment with that tag

nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0\$ git tag -a VERSION1 -m "Release version 1 implements feature XYZ"

Save tags in remote repository

```
nikhilh@ndhpc01:~/dem0$ git push --tags
Enumerating objects: 1, done.
Counting objects: 100% (1/1), done.
Writing objects: 100% (1/1), 191 bytes | 95.00 KiB/s, done.
Total 1 (delta 0), reused 0 (delta 0)
To github.com:IITDhCSE/dem0.git
  * [new tag] VERSION1 -> VERSION1
```

Git – Recap...

Please read https://git-scm.com/book/en/v2
for details

```
    git clone (creating a local working copy)
    git add (staging the modified local copy)
    git commit (saving local working copy)
    git push (saving to remote repository)
    git tag (Naming the release with a label)
    git push --tags (saving the label to remote)
```

Requirements Engineering

Why Engineering?

Requirements Engineering – Recall..

- Establish stakeholders' needs that are to be satisfied by the software
- Why Important?
 - Cost of correcting errors
 - Grows exponentially as we move to maintenance phase
- How to get it right?
 - Elicit, Analyze, Specify, Validate, Manage Iterate

Requirements Engineering (RE)

Understanding purpose is important to meet *quality*

Not a stage / phase

- fitness for purpose

How and where the system will be used?

Requirements Engineering (RE) is a set of activities concerned with identifying and communicating the purpose of a software-intensive system, and the contexts in which it will be used. Hence, RE acts as the bridge between the real-world needs of users, customers, and other constituencies affected by a software system, and the capabilities and opportunities afforded by software-intensive technologies

Identify what is possible..

Software + (context + hardware)\
often taken for granted

Communicating is as important as analysis

Identify all parties involved – not just customer, user

Identify what is needed?

Purpose

- Software is designed for a purpose
 - If it doesn't work well then either:
 - the designer didn't understand the purpose well
 - or the software is used for a purpose different from the intended one
 - or the development team is incompetent
 - The purpose is often complex:
 - Many different kinds of people and activities
 - Conflicting interests among them
 - The purpose is found in human activities
 - E.g. Purpose of a banking system comes from the business activities of banks and the needs of their customers
- Identifying purpose is part of RE

Inadequate understanding of the purpose leads to poor quality software

Quality

Quality is determining software's fitness for purpose

f(software, purpose)

Function of software and purpose

Communicate

- Proactively communicate with customer to discover their needs
- Communicate system description to stakeholders
 - users, customers, developers, constituencies
 - Formal:
 - Shall statements, document templates, state transition diagrams, detailed mathematical specification
 - Informal:
 - User stories, use cases
- Developing requirements document is part of RE

Stakeholders

- Another team, a client, user, developer, all affected by the software (constituencies) are stakeholders
- Identifying stakeholders is part of RE
- Identifying their needs is part of RE

Software Intensive System

- A Software Intensive System consists of software + hardware + context
 - E.g. In a bank ATM service, the customer interacts with the ATM machine through the software, which runs on the hardware, and the context is the banking system.
- Often hardware and context are ignored
 - leads to poor quality software
- Identifying context (when and how the software will be used) is part of RE

Constraints, Capabilities, and Opportunities

- Different stakeholders might have conflicting needs
- Irrelevant needs identified may create inconsistencies
- Identify the constraints to know what is possible and what expertise is needed – part of RE

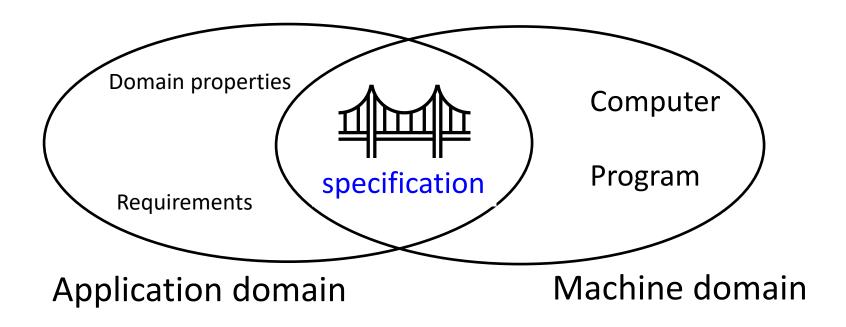
RE - summary

- Establishing the services that the customer requires from the system and the constraints under which it operates and is developed
 - 1. Identify stakeholders and their needs
 - 2. Identify purpose
 - 3. Identify constraints and capabilities
 - 4. Identify context
 - 5. Develop a software specification

Requirements

- Property of the system
- System analyst and the customer together generate it
- Should focus on what and not how
 - What the system is supposed to do?
 - How the system is supposed to do?
 - May include what the system is not supposed to do
 - Should include error handling (and/or recovery) methods

Requirements (contd..)



Specification captures properties that are observable in both domains

Application domain requirements

- Two types: functional and non-functional
 - Functional Requirements
 - What the system must do w.r.t. a set of computations
 - E.g. press a button to turn on the light
 - Non-functional Requirements
 - About quality, security, interoperability, cost, performance etc.
 - How do we check if the software satisfies a non-functional requirements?

Application domain requirements

- Another distinction: user and system
 - User Requirements
 - Written for customers in a non-technical language
 - System Requirements
 - Written for developers in a formal language. Developers must be able to build a system based on these requirements
- Both user and system requirements must be defined

Properties of a Requirement

- Should be simple
- Should be testable
- Should be organized
 - Related requirements are grouped
 - Priorities indicated
- Should be traceable

Requirements Specification Document

- End goal: complete and pertinent
- Serves dual purposes:
 - Is the contract
 - Can be used to bid for contract

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