Software Engineering

Modern Approaches



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Chapter 3: Software Process

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Testing The Software Development Lifecycle Implementation Planning Requirements analysis

Phase most relevant to this chapter is shown in bold Learning goals of this chapter

- What are the main activities of software processes?
- What are the main software process types?
- How would a team go about selecting a process?

Software Process

- · Software project composed of activities
 - E.g. planning, design, testing, etc.
- · Activities organized into phases
- · A software process:
 - prescribes the order and frequency of phases
 - specifies criteria for moving from one phase to the next
 - defines the deliverables of the project

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Umbrella Activities

- Generic activities implemented throughout the life of a project (umbrella activities)
 - Project management
 - Configuration management
 - Quality management
 - Risk management

Software Process Benefits

- · Process DOES NOT mean
 - "overhead"
 - "unnecessary paperwork"
 - "longer schedules"
 - etc.
- Software process has positive effect if applied correctly
 - Meet schedules
 - Higher quality
 - More maintainable

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Software Process Phases

Phases of Software Processes

- 3. Requirements Analysis
 - Specify what the application must do; answers "what?"
- 4. Design
- Specify the parts and how they fit; answers "how?"
- 5. Implementation
- Write the code
- 6. Testing
 - Execute the application with input test data
- 7. Maintenance Repair defects and add capability

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Example - Video Store Application

Software Process Phases: Video Store Example

- Planning (Software Project Management Plan)
- "...The project will take 12 months, require 10 people and cost \$2M..."

 Requirements Analysis (Product: Software Requirements Spec.)

 "...The clerk shall enter video title, renter name and date rented. The system shall ..."
- Design (Software Design Document: Diagrams and text)
 "... classes DVD, VideoStore, ..., related by ..."

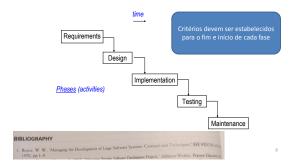
- Result: "SeaBiscuit" due Oct 4, 2004 balance of \$8, (correct) ... "
- Maintenance (Modified requirements, design, code, and text)

Defect repeir: "Application crashes when balance is \$10 and attempt is made to rent "Gone With the Wind""

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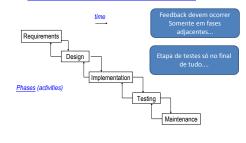
Waterfall Process

The Waterfall Software Process



Waterfall Process - with feedback

The Waterfall Software Process with Feedback



Waterfall Process - Advantages

- Simple and easy to use
- Practiced for many years
- Easy to manage
- Facilitates allocation of resources
- Works well for smaller projects where requirements are very well understood

Waterfall Process - Disadvantages

- Requirements must be known up front
- Hard to estimate reliably
- No feedback of system by stakeholders until after testing phase
- Major problems are discovered too late in process
- Lack of parallelism
 - Otherwise, disjoint parts could be completed in parallel...
- Inefficient use of resources (people are also resources)

Iterative and Incremental

Iterative

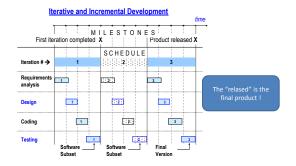
 repeated execution of the waterfall phases, in whole or in part, resulting in a refinement of the requirements, design and implementation

Incremental

- operational code produced at the end of an iteration
- supports a subset of the final product functionality and features
- Artifacts evolve during each phase
- Artifacts considered complete only when software is released

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Iterative and Incremental (cont.)



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Release Types

· Proof of concept

 Used to investigate the feasibility of a particular aspect of the software

Prototype

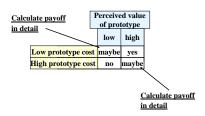
- A working version demonstrating a particular capability that is deemed to high risk.
- · "Internal" release
- "External" release

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Prototyping Prototype Rationale Prototype Rationale Prototype Rationale Prototype implements risky parts of this activity first Project beginning Key: (a) = end of a unit of time Prototyping implements risky parts of the activity first ime Region implements risky parts of the activity first ime Prototype implements risky parts of this activity first ime Prototype activity first ime Prototype implements risky parts of this activity first ime Prototype activity implements risky parts of this activity first ime Prototype activity first imeline ime

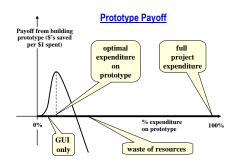
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Prototype Payoff: First Cut



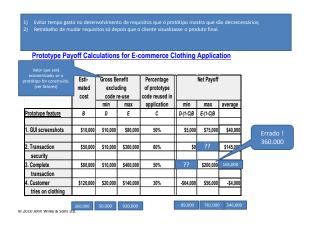
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Prototyping (cont.)



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Prototyping (cont.)

Prototype Payoff Calculations for E-commerce Clothing Application

	Esti- mated cost	Gross Benefit excluding code re-use		Percentage of prototype code reused in	Net Payoff		
		min	max	application	min	max	average
Prototype feature	В	D	E	C	D-(1-C)B	E-(1-C)B	
1. GUI screenshots	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$80,000	50%	\$5,000	\$75,000	\$40,000
2. Transaction security	\$50,000	\$10,000	\$300,000	80%	\$0	\$290,000	\$145,000
3. Complete	\$80,000	\$10,000	\$400,000	50%	-\$30,000	\$200,000	\$85,000
transaction							
4. Customer	\$120,000	\$20,000	\$140,000	30%	-\$64,000	\$56,000	-\$4,000
tries on clothing							l

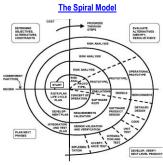
Qual das features compensa mais e qual compensa menos ? Como julgar ?
 Qual o custo estimado de se implementar os quatro protótipos (com reuso) ?
 Considerando o valor max, quantos porcento o protótipo toma da receita ?

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Spiral Model

- · Barry Boehm, TRW Defense Systems, 1988
- One of the earliest and best known iterative and incremental processes
- · Risk-driven process
- Project starts at the center, and each cycle of the spiral represents one iteration
- Goal of each cycle is to increase the degree of system definition and implementation, while decreasing the degree of risk

Spiral Model



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Spiral Model - Iteration Steps

- 1. Identify critical objectives and constraints
- 2. Evaluate project and process alternatives
- 3. Identify risks

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- Resolve (cost-effectively) a subset of risks using analysis, emulation, benchmarks, models and prototypes
- Develop project deliverables including requirements, design, implementation and test
- Plan for next and future cycles update project plan including schedule, cost and number of remaining iterations
- Stakeholder review of iteration deliverables and their commitment to proceed based on their objective being met

Spiral Model - Advantages

- Risks are managed early and throughout the process – risks are reduced before they become problematic
- Software evolves as the project progresses - errors and unattractive alternatives eliminated early.
- Planning is built into the process each cycle includes a planning step to help monitor and keep a project on track.

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Spiral Model - Disadvantages

- Complicated to use risk analysis requires highly specific expertise. There is inevitably some overlap between iterations.
- May be overkill for small projects –
 complication may not be necessary for
 smaller projects. Does not make sense if
 the cost of risk analysis is a major part of
 the overall project cost.

Unified Process

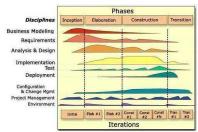
- Developed by Jacobson, Rumbaugh and Booch
- · Major elaboration and refinement of Spiral
- · Use-case driven
- Commercial product: Rational Unified Process (RUP)

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Unified Process

Unified Process



http://www.ambysoft.com/downloads/managersIntroToRUP.pdf

Inception

- Establish feasibility
- Make business case
- Establish product vision and scope
- Estimate cost and schedule, including major milestones
- Assess critical risks
- · Build one or more prototypes

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Elaboration

- · Specify requirements in greater detail
- Architectural baseline
- · Iterative implementation of core architecture
- Refine risk assessment and resolve highest risk items
- · Define metrics
- Refine project plan, including detailed plan for beginning Construction iterations

Construction

- Complete remaining requirements
- Iterative implementation of remaining design
- Thorough testing and preparation of system for deployment

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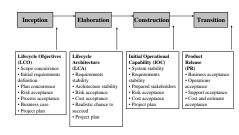
Transition

- · Beta tests
- Correct defects
- · Create user manuals
- · Deliver the system for production
- · Training of end users, customers and support
- · Conduct lessons learned

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Unified Process Milestones

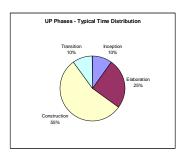
Unified Process Milestones



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Phases Times



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Agile Processes

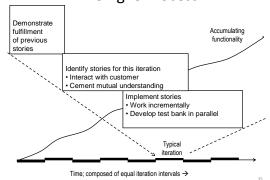
The Agile Manifesto:

Agile processes value ...

- ... individuals and interactions over processes and tools
- ... working software over comprehensive documentation
- ... customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- ... responding to change over following a plan

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The Agile Process



Open Source

Reasons for Making a Project Open Source 1

- ©Leveraging large number of resources
- ©Professional satisfaction
- © To enable tailoring and integration
- © Academic and research
- © To gain extensive testing
- © To maintain more stably



Originator of open source development http://stallman.org/

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Open Source (cont.)

Reasons for Making a Project Open Source 2

- ©To damage a competitor's product
- ⊕To gain market knowledge
- © To support a core business
- © To support services

Open Source (cont.)

Reasons Against Open Source

- ☼ Documentation inconsistent or poor
- No guarantee that developers will appear
- ⊗No management control
- No control over requirements
- ⊗Visibility to competitors



Bill Gates http://www.microsoft.com/billgates/default.as

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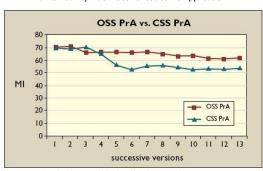
Maintainability Index: OSS vs. CSS Same Application 2

Project Mnemonic Code	Application Type	Total Code Size (KLOCs)	No. of releases measured	Project Evolution Path
OSSPrA	Operating system application	343	13	OSS project that gave birth to a CSS project while still evolving as OSS
CSSPrA	Operating system application	994	13	CSS project initiated from an OSS project and evolved as a commercial counterpart of OSSPrA

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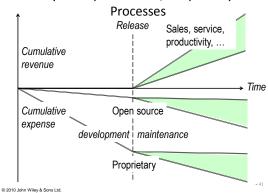
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Hybrid Open Source / Proprietary





Initial Student Team Meeting: General Issues

- 1. Set agenda and time limits.
- 2. Choose the team leader.
- 3. Get everyone's commitment to required time
 - Define an expected average number of hours per week
 - Gather dates of planned absences
- 4. Take a realistic census of team skills
 - Common problem: inflated programming skill claims
- 5. Begin forming a vision of the application
- 6. Decide how team will communicate.
- 7. Take meeting minutes with concrete action items

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Communication Precepts

 Listen to all with concentration

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- Don't pre-judge
- 2. Give all team members a turn
 - See the value in every idea
- 3. Don't make assumptions
 - Ask questions to clarify
- 4. When in doubt, communicate

Communication Plan

- 1. Meetings: Team will meet each Monday from ... to ... in ...

 Caveat: do not replace face-to-face meeting with remote meetings unless remote meetings are clearly effective.
- Meeting alternative: Team members should keep Fridays open from ... to ... in case an additional meeting is required.
- 3. Standards: Word processor, spreadsheet, compiler,
- 4. E-mail: Post e-mails?; require acknowledgement?

 Caveat: e-mail is poor for intensive collaboration
- Collaboration: Tools for group collaboration and discussion e.g. Yahoo Groups, Wiki tool, Google tools, ...
- 7. Other tools: Microsoft Project (scheduling), Group calendar, ...

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