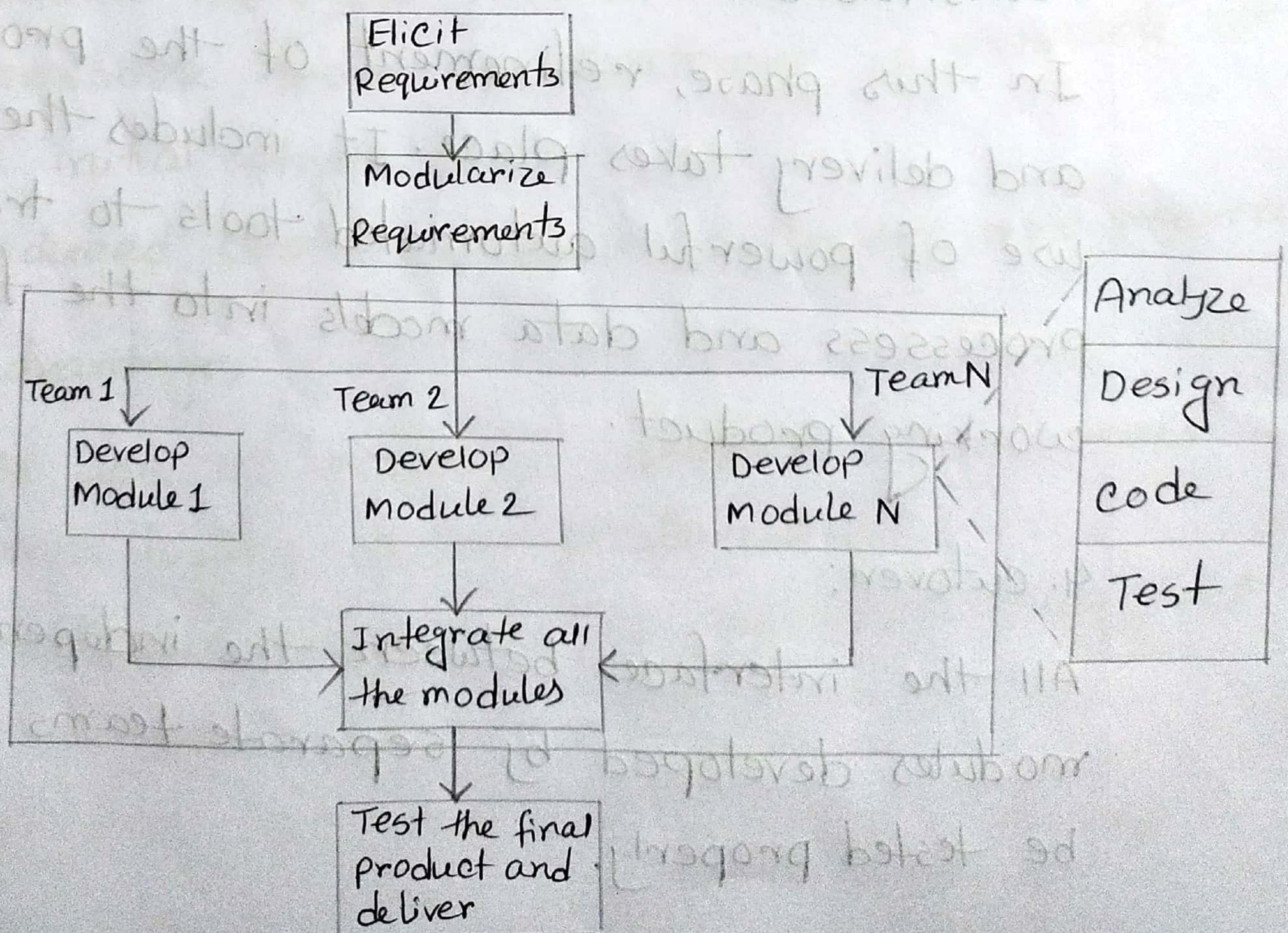


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## Rapid Application Development Model (RAD):

RAD in software engineering is a development methodology that emphasizes speed and flexibility. It focuses on quickly building prototypes and getting feedback to improve the software, rather than following a rigid plan. It allows for quick iterations and collaboration between developers and users.





This model consists of 4 basic phases:

### 1. Requirements planning:

This involves the use of various techniques used in requirements elicitation like brainstorming, task analysis, form analysis, user scenarios etc.

### 2. User Description:

This phase consists of taking user feedback and building the prototype using developer tools.

### 3. Construction:

In this phase, refinement of the prototype and delivery takes place. It includes the actual use of powerful automated tools to transform processess and data models into the final working product.

### 4. Cutover:

All the interfaces between the independent modules developed by separate teams have to be tested properly.



## Using purpose of the RAD model:

- Well understood Requirements
- Time sent sensitive projects
- Small to Medium Sized projects
- High User Involvement
- Innovation and creativity
- prototyping
- Low technological complexity

## Advantages:

- Reduce the cycle time of the project.
- Feedback from the customer is available at the initial stages.
- Reduced costs as fewer developers are required.

## Disadvantages:

- The use of powerful and efficient tools requires highly skilled professionals.
- Customer involvement is required throughout the life cycle.
- Not every application can be used with RAD.