

Software Engineering & Project (COMPSCI 3006)

Lecture Outline



- General Information
- What is Software Engineering?
- The Robot Project

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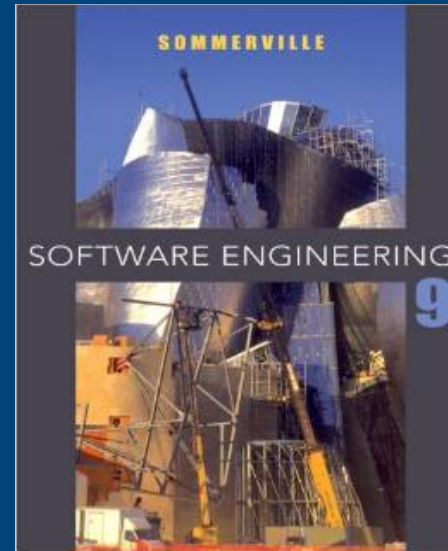
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- All information is provided on the canvas including:
 - Course outline
 - Schedule, lecture slides and readings
 - Deliverables and deadlines
 - Project specification and other supporting documents
 - Announcements and discussions
 - Other useful information
- It is **YOUR** responsibility to subscribe Announcements in canvas
 - And check it regularly – we will not chase you down.

The textbook and references

Text book

- Software Engineering 9th Ed.
I. Sommerville, Addison-Wesley



Reference books

- Software Engineering: A practitioners approach, 5th Ed., R. Pressman, McGraw-Hill, 2001.
- Object-Oriented and Classical Software Engineering, 5th Ed., S. Schach, McGraw-Hill, 2002.
- Software Engineering Principles and Practice, 2nd Ed., H. VanVliet, Wiley, 2000.
- A Discipline for Software Engineering, W.S. Humphrey, Addison-Wesley, 1995.
- Managing Technical People, W.S. Humphrey, Addison-Wesley, 1997.
- Introduction to the Team Software Process, W.S. Humphrey, Addison-Wesley, 2000.

Teaching Arrangements



- Lectures

- Monday 1-2pm Barr Smith South, 3029, Flentje Lecture Theatre
- Wednesday, 10am-11am Johnson, G29, Rennie Lecture Theatre
- Friday, 11am-12pm, Physics, 103, Kerr Grant Lecture Theatre
- Run from Week 1 to 8

Teaching Arrangements

- Involved in a major project
 - Performed in a group of 6-7
 - Control of a simple robot (LEGO Mindstorms EV3)
 - Not only code-base, but several main documents need to be produced
 - Deadlines and specifications will be listed on the course web site
- Weekly meetings
 - 25-minutes with teaching staff, from Week 3
 - At least another half-hour internal meeting without staff.



Assessment



- Three assessment components:
 - Two-hour Exam: **50%** of final mark
 - Group Project: **40%**
 - Individual Assessment Components **10%**
- Minimum Performance:
 - To avoid your grade being capped at **44F** under the school's minimum performance rule, you must achieve **at least 40%** in the exam and 50% overall for the course.
 - **Sign off** all project deliverables submitted by your group,
 - Sit the examination.
 - Submit what we actually ask for **in the form we ask for** it.
 - E.g. documents produced with LaTeX etc., submissions via web submission

Assessment – Group Project

- Project mark is broken down as follows:
 - Project documentation: **57%**
 - Project Management Discussion
 - Software Requirements Specification (SRS)
 - Software Project Management Plan (SPMP)
 - Software Design Document (SDD)
 - Testing Report
 - User Manual
 - Other Group work: **10%**
 - Milestones1 & 2
 - Final Presentation and Demonstration: **33%**
 - For details, please visit the **course outline**



The best performing group
will be awarded a prize!



Assessment - Individual



- Individual Assessment:
 - Presentations
 - Each student is expected to give one individual presentation during the course.
 - 5-6mins
 - This needs to be submitted as a YouTube video
 - For each presentation
 - Review a project deliverable (SRS)
 - Presentation
 - Self-reflection report

Individual Contributions

- Will be tracked via GitHub repository
- Group time sheets
 - A template will be provided
- Your project mark will depend on your contribution to the project

Workload



- Remember: This is the subject that employers regard most highly.
- You should expect to spend (at least) 120 hours on this course during the term
- This means the practical work should take you about 96 hours.
- These are **productive hours**:
 - if you are pretty poor at design, coding, debugging etc. – expect to spend more hours...
- **This is a fast paced course. You have to be fully committed from Week 1.**

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What is Software Engineering?



- Not just programming!
 - Covers *all* aspects of the systematic construction of software with a specific purpose
 - “multi-person construction of multi-version software”

David Parnas

- Large Software Projects
 - Usually a collection of programs used over a long period
 - 25,000 to 10,000,000+ lines of code
 - Development teams of 10–200 people
 - Maintained by many generations of staff
- Never completely understood by one person

Problems for Software Engineers

- Dealing with large systems
- Software complexity
- Project complexity
 - Interactions with clients
 - Costing and management
 - Meeting deadlines
- Organisational problems
- Challenges of current SE practice:
 - Lack of proper understanding of software engineering
 - Lack of good metrics and measurement tools
 - Lack of good understanding of the standards
 - Lack of good tools to guide SE practices

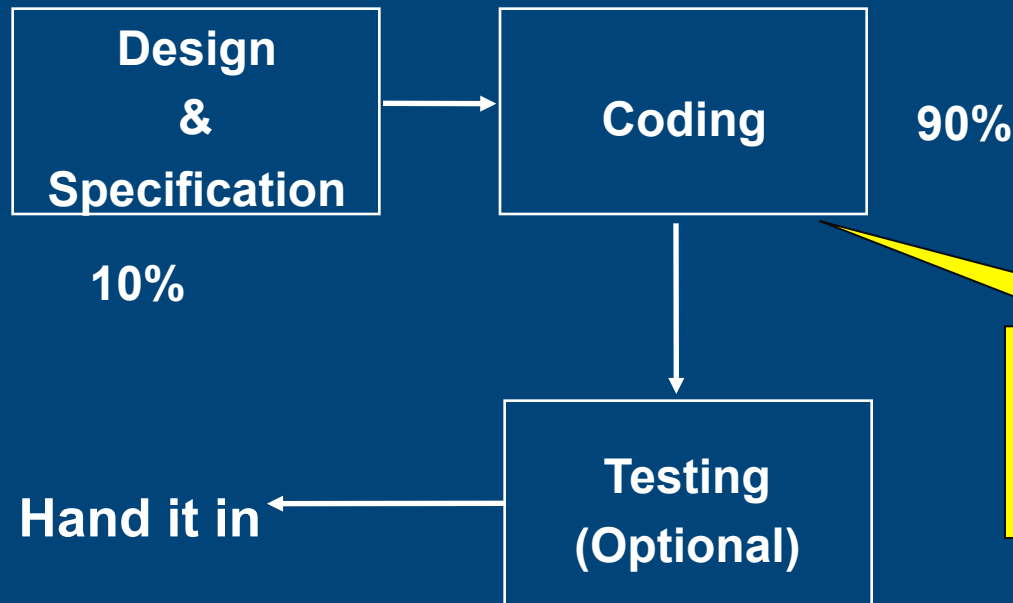


Why Software Engineering?

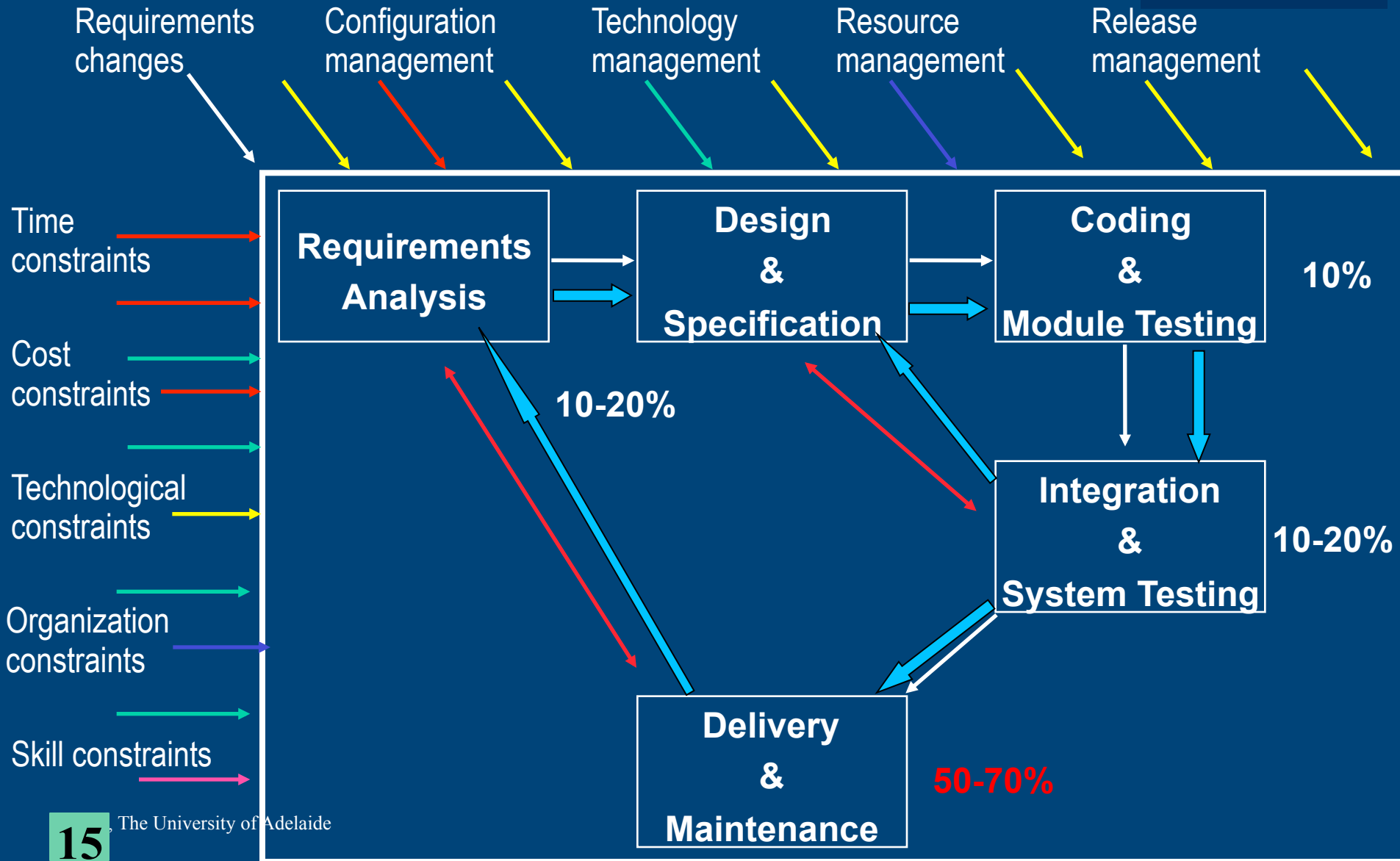
- Software is pervasive
 - Banks, shops, cars, institutions, home ...
- Software is by no means "perfect"
 - Malfunctions are common e.g.
 - spreadsheet program destroys database
 - computer controlled jail doors won't lock
 - and sometimes dangerous e.g.
 - Mercedes with "graceful-stop no-skid" computer controlled brake
 - 120m skid mark; 1 passenger dead
 - Airbus crash into a forest at air show
- Software projects are frequently out of control
 - US Navy engages GE for software for frigates in 1983
 - frigates built in 1986/7 but no software till 1988
 - GE Sacked, Nobel-Tech gets contract delivers in 18 months!

The Software Life Cycle

“Student View”



The Software Life Cycle in Reality



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The Project

- Specified in a hand-out (to be released on the course site)
- Specification is **INTENTIONALLY** incomplete
 - Requirements are highly uncertain, changeable at this stage which **are very similar to the reality of many software projects in industry.**
 - It is solely your task, and responsibility to use requirements engineering techniques to get a good understanding of the requirements.
- Hardware:
 - Lego Mindstorms NXT robot
 - Kit contains an 'Intelligent Brick'
 - Three servo motors
 - Light sensor and ultrasonic sensor
 - Sound sensor & two bump sensors.
 - Robots have been re-flashed to use *leJOS*, to allow programming in Java



Software Eng. Lab



- You will be given access to the software engineering lab: [Ingkarni Wardli Room 4.62.](#)
- **This lab is only for current Software Engineering and Project students.**
- Each group will have a numbered locker in which they can store their lego-kit or robot
- Six project meetings will run in parallel during some time slots (starting from week 3)
 - Two of the group meetings will be held here

The Project: Process



- Requirements phase:
 - What functionality is required
 - What hardware/software must be used
 - What can be achieved in the available time
 - **Specify** what will actually be attempted
 - Analyse the characteristics of the project based on the requirements
 - Analysis of Risk, Reliability, and Safety issues
- Design phase
 - Including interface design, architecture design, coding, code review, testing
- Planning
 - Develop a plan to address concerns issues, milestones, cost estimation, risk analysis, etc.
- Demonstrate a prototype to show your understanding of the system and reflection on your experience

The Project: Process



- Project work must follow a *process model*
 - Select a process model that works for you. (you might use more than one model)
 - We will discuss processes in a later lecture.
 - Very clear about what process model are you going to use in the project
 - Justify the selection
 - Use the practices, principles and engineering approaches or methodologies that we taught in the course
 - Organise your group
 - Groups must organise *themselves* – *You have to know your responsibilities in the group*
 - Plan your project at the beginning
 - Project management plan has to be written as early as possible
 - Coding is NOT the most important aspect!!
 - How you go about producing the software is just as important !!

The Project: Timetable



- The schedule of deliverables is put on the course Web site.
- You are responsible for planning your project
 - One of the deliverables is a *Software Project Management Plan* in which we expect to see a plausible schedule...
- There are compulsory deadlines we set
 - Milestones – designed to keep you “on track”
- There are compulsory deadlines that you must meet
 - You will be setting some group milestones early in the process and will be responsible for meeting those too
 - Failure to meet the milestones you set will incur a penalty
 - You will be able to re-negotiate them (although not the day before – see the schedule)

The Project: Meetings



- Starting from Week 3, each group will have a half-hour meeting with a lecturer.
- These are compulsory and ALL group members must attend.
- Absences will require the usual documentation: Medical certificate etc.
- All meetings must be accurately minuted. These minutes form part of the required documentation of the project.
- Some weeks will have mandatory agenda items which must be included (as specified on the schedule and by us from time to time)
- In these meetings, we will mainly act as your clients.
- Not the place to spring highly technical questions on us ...

The Project: Tools



- You will need to become familiar with the tools very early on.
- All will be typical tools used in the industry, and some will be new to all of you. The required tools are discussed in **Section 5 of the Project Description**.
- Many of these are specified and **MUST** be used. Some tools include:
 - Development tools: Java, leJOS NXJ
 - You must use **make** and **ant** to build your system
 - GitHub
 - Latex
 - Operation system: Unix , Windows, Mac
 - IDE (Integrated Development Environments)
 - Other Software Engineering Tools: Requirements, Planning, Testing, Configurations, etc.
- You will be given time to learn, however, time is very limited.
- Competence of using the tools will be assessed through documents, project presentation and demos

The Project: Documents



- All documentation for your project including the agendas and minutes must be produced using Latex.
- **Documents produced using any other software will not be accepted.**
- Latex is very easy to use but does require a small investment initially in learning it.
 - Resources will be supplied on the course website.
 - Start learning it early ...

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Groups



- To allow us to form the groups, we want enrolments stabilized asap.
 - **This means that you must enrol / (or unenrol) by ***5pm Wednesday, 26 July!**
 - **Allocating to group will be finalised by end of the week.**
 - **Anyone who wants to unenrol after group allocation needs a serious, convincing reason.**
- You **will be assigned** to a group of 6-7
 - To simulate what you expect in reality as much as we can
 - Often your team mates come from different backgrounds, both academic and culture
 - Developing skills on how to work with people