# PRACTICAL-01

* **Aim: -** Study of Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) & analysing various activities conducted at various phases.
* **Objective: -** Learning about Software development life cycle and its phases along with different models of SDLC.

### SDLC:

* + SDLC known as Software Development Life Cycle is a process used by the software industry to design, develop and test high quality software. The SDLC aims to produce a high-quality software that meets or exceeds customer expectations, reaches completion within times and cost estimates.
  + SDLC is a framework defining tasks performed at each step in the software development process.

### SDLC is Required For:

* + The SDLC is important because it helps ensure that the right people are involved in the right activities at the right times. Using a structured approach to developing software helps ensure that your project will be successful.

### Some of the SDLC's Benefits Are:

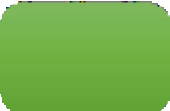
* + Understanding your requirements and the goal of the software
  + Identify risks at an early stage
  + Plan how you will deliver your solution in stages, such as building prototypes or writing functional specifications
  + Measure your progress relative to your goals and ensure everything is on track

### There are 5 Stages in Software Development Life Cycle:

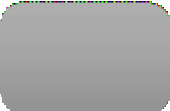
1. Communication
2. Planning
3. Modelling
4. Construction
5. Deployment



Communication



Deployment



Planning

Construction Modelling



### STAGE 1: - COMMUNICATION:

* + Communication refers to the exchange of information, ideas, and feedback between various stakeholders involved in the software development process. Effective communication is vital throughout the entire SDLC to ensure a successful and well-coordinated development effort.
  + It is the first and the foremost thing for the development of the software. Communication is necessary to know the actual demand of the client.

### STAGE 2: - PLANNING:

* + In the context of SDLC (Software Development Life Cycle), planning is a crucial phase that occurs early in the software development process. It involves defining the project's objectives, scope, timeline, resources, and deliverables. The planning phase lays the foundation for the entire development effort and ensures that the project is set up for success.
  + It basically means drawing a map for reducing the complication of development

### STAGE 3: - MODELING:

* + Modelling refers to the process of creating visual representations or abstractions of the software system being developed. Models are used to understand, analyse, and document various aspects of the

software, including its structure, behaviour, and interactions. Modelling plays a crucial role in the design and development phases of the SDLC.

* + It is basically that is created according to the client for better understanding.

### STAGE 4: - CONSTRUCTION:

* + Construction refers to the phase of the development process where the actual coding and implementation of the software take place. It is the third phase in the SDLC, following the requirements gathering and analysis phase and the design phase. The construction phase is focused on transforming the design specifications into working software that meets the specified requirements. During this phase, developers write code, create software components, and integrate them to build the final product.
  + It basically includes the testing and the coding of the problem.

### STAGE 5: - DEPLOYMENT:

* + Deployment is the final phase of the development process, where the software is released and made available for use by end-users or customers. It involves the actual implementation of the software in the production environment, making it accessible to the intended users. Deployment marks the transition from development to the operational phase of the software.
  + It includes the delivery of the software to the client for evaluation and feedback.
* **SDLC MODELS:**
  + The Software Development Life Cycle models are basically classified into two types.

### Evolutionary Models

* **Conventional Models**

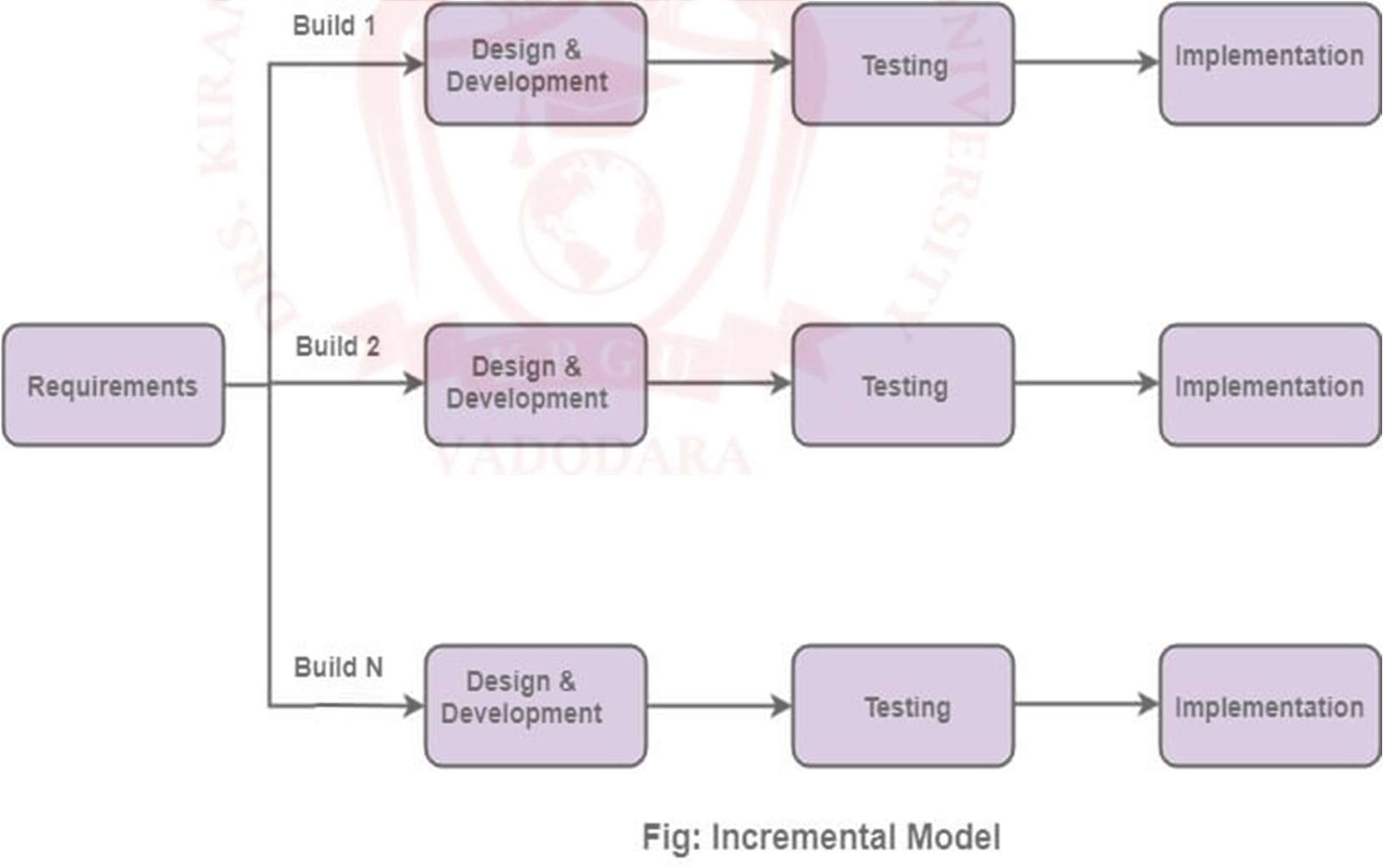
### EVOLUTIONARY MODEL:

* Evolutionary models in SDLC (Software Development Life Cycle) are iterative and incremental approaches to software development that emphasize continuous feedback, refinement, and evolution of the software product. Unlike traditional linear models, where development proceeds in a sequential manner, evolutionary models allow for the development of a basic version of the software early on, followed by the addition of new features and enhancements through multiple iterations. This allows for greater flexibility, adaptability, and responsiveness to changing requirements and customer feedback.

### They include Incremental model, Component Based Processed model, Unified Process model.

* **CONVENTIONAL MODEL:**
* Conventional models in SDLC (Software Development Life Cycle) are traditional, linear approaches to software development that follow a sequential and structured process. These models are often referred to as "waterfall" models because development flows in a single direction, with each phase dependent on the completion of the previous one. Conventional models are characterized by well- defined phases and a fixed scope, making them suitable for projects with stable and clear requirements.
* They include **Waterfall model, prototype model and RAD model.**

1. **Incremental Model**
   * Incremental Model is a process of software development where requirements divided into multiple standalone modules of the software development cycle. In this model, each module goes through the requirements, design, implementation and testing phases. Every subsequent release of the module adds function to the previous release. The process continues until the complete system achieved.



### ADVANTAGES:

* + Errors are easy to be recognized.
  + Easier to test and debug
  + More flexible.
  + Simple to manage risk because it handled during its iteration.
  + The Client gets important functionality early.

### DISADVANTAGES:

* + Need for good planning
  + Total Cost is high.
  + Well defined module interfaces are needed.

### When we use the Incremental Model?

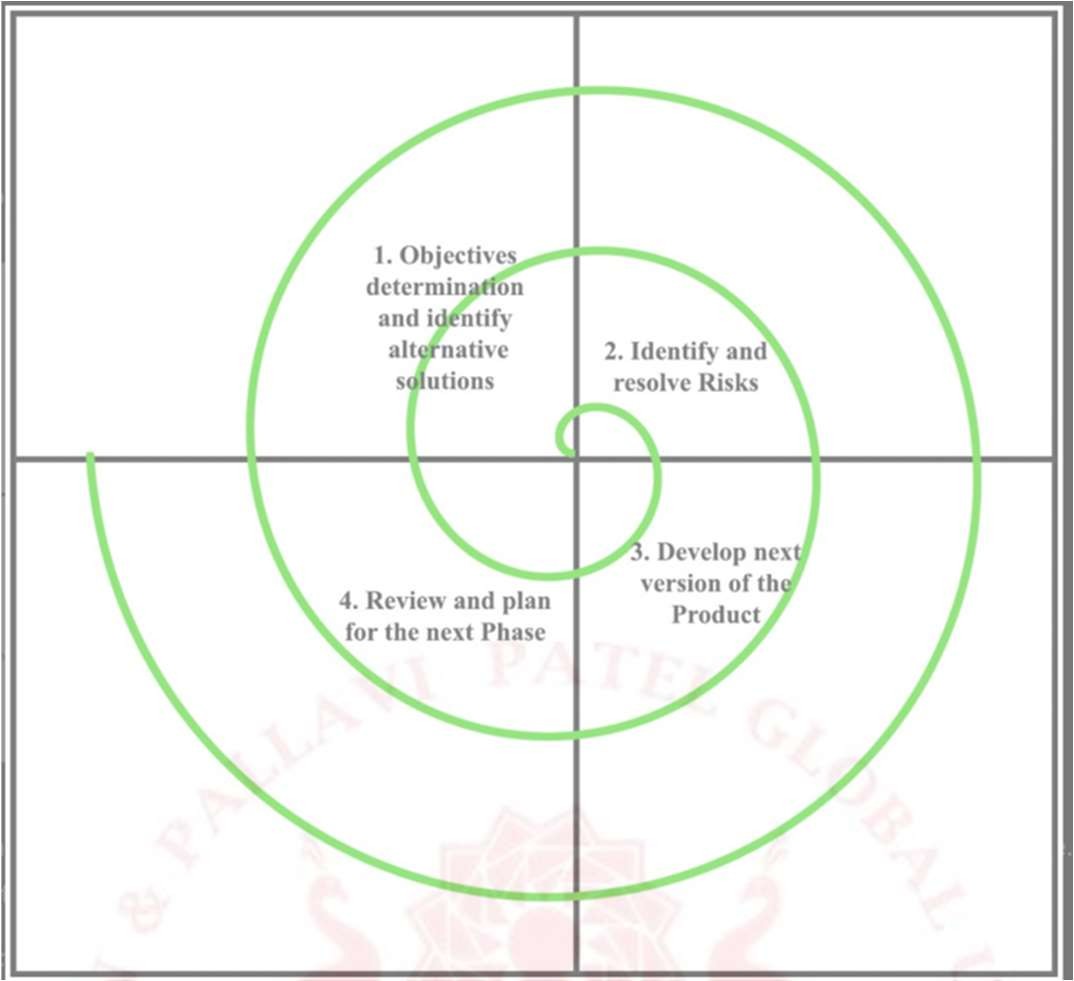
* + When the requirements are superior.
  + A project has a lengthy development schedule.
  + When Software team are not very well skilled or trained.
  + When the customer demands a quick release of the product.
  + You can develop prioritized requirements first.

1. **Spiral Model**
   * Spiral Model is one of the most important Software Development Life Cycle models, which provides support for Risk Handling. In its diagrammatic representation, it looks like a spiral with many loops. The exact number of loops of the spiral is unknown and can vary from project to project. Each loop of the spiral is called a Phase of the software development process. The exact number of phases needed to develop the product can be varied by the project manager depending upon the project risks. As the project manager dynamically determines the number of phases, so the project manager has an

important role to develop a product using the spiral model.

* + The Spiral Model is a software development life cycle (SDLC) model that provides a systematic and iterative approach to software development. It is based on the idea of a spiral, with each iteration of the spiral representing a complete software development cycle, from requirements gathering and analysis to design, implementation, testing, and maintenance.

### ADVANTAGES: -



* + **Risk Handling:** The projects with many unknown risks that occur as the development proceeds, in that case, Spiral Model is the best development model to follow due to the risk analysis and risk handling at every phase.
  + **Flexibility in Requirements:** Change requests in the Requirements at later phase can be incorporated accurately by using this model.
  + **Iterative and Incremental Approach:** The Spiral Model provides an iterative and incremental approach to software development, allowing for flexibility and adaptability in response to changing requirements or unexpected events.
  + **Improved Quality:** The Spiral Model allows for multiple iterations of the software development process, which can result in improved software quality and reliability
  + **Improved Communication:** The Spiral Model provides for regular evaluations and reviews, which can improve communication between the customer and the development team.

### DISADVANTAGES: -

* + **Complex:** The Spiral Model is much more complex than other SDLC models.
  + **Expensive:** Spiral Model is not suitable for small projects as it is expensive.
  + **Too much dependability on Risk Analysis**: The successful completion of the project is very much dependent on Risk Analysis. Without very highly experienced experts, it is going to be a failure to develop a project using this model.
  + **Difficulty in time management:** As the number of phases is unknown at the start of the project, so time estimation is very difficult.
  + **Complexity:** The Spiral Model can be complex, as it involves multiple iterations of the software development process.

### When to use spiral Model: -

* + When a project is vast in software engineering, a spiral model is utilised.
  + A spiral approach is utilised when frequent releases are necessary.
  + When it is appropriate to create a prototype
  + When evaluating risks and costs is crucial
  + The spiral approach is beneficial for projects with moderate to high risk.
  + The SDLC’s spiral model is helpful when requirements are complicated and ambiguous.
  + If modifications are possible at any moment
  + When committing to a long-term project is impractical owing to shifting economic priorities.

1. **Waterfall Model:**
   * The Waterfall Model is one of the earliest and most well-known conventional models used in SDLC (Software Development Life Cycle). It is a linear and sequential approach that divides the software development process into distinct phases. Each phase must be completed before moving on to the next, and there is minimal opportunity for revisiting previous stages once they are completed. The model is called "waterfall" because progress flows in one direction, like a waterfall, from the top (requirements) to the bottom (maintenance).

Communication

* Project

Initialtion

* Requirement Gatering

Planning

* Estimating
* Scheduling
* Tracking

Modeling

* Analysis
* Design

Construction

* Coding
* Testing
* Delivery

Deployment • Support

* Feedback

### ADVANTAGES: -

* Predictability: The linear and well-defined nature of the model makes it predictable, as each phase has specific deliverables and outcomes.
* Clear Documentation: Each phase is thoroughly documented, providing a clear record of decisions, design, and requirements.
* Suitable for Small Projects: The Waterfall Model works well for small projects with well-defined and stable requirements.
* Control and Management: It allows for better control and management of the development process.

### DISADVANTAGES: -

* Inflexible to Changes: The model is not well-suited to handle changes in requirements, and making changes after a phase is completed can be costly and time-consuming.
* Limited Customer Involvement: Customers may not have significant involvement until the later stages, which can lead to a product that does not fully meet their needs.
* Late Detection of Defects: Defects may not be detected until the testing phase, which can lead to issues in the final product.
* Long Delivery Time: The linear approach may result in longer development times, especially for larger projects.
* When to use Waterfall Model: -
* The Waterfall Model is most appropriate to use under certain specific circumstances and project characteristics. It is suitable when:

1. Clear and Well-Defined Requirements: The project requirements are well understood, stable, and unlikely to change significantly during development. The Waterfall Model works best when the scope is well-defined from the beginning.
2. Small and Simple Projects: The model is ideal for small and straightforward projects with a limited number of features and functionalities.
3. Fixed Timeframe and Budget: The project has a fixed timeframe and budget, and there is no room for flexibility in terms of scope or schedule.
4. Limited Customer Involvement: The customer or end-users do not need to be extensively involved during development and are content with providing requirements upfront.
5. Strict Documentation Requirements: The project requires comprehensive documentation for each phase and deliverable.
6. Regulatory or Compliance Constraints: When the project requires strict adherence to regulatory standards, the Waterfall Model can help ensure thorough documentation and verification of compliance.
7. Low Technical Risk: The technology and tools required for the project are well-established, and there is minimal technical risk involved.
8. Sequential Dependencies: The project's tasks have a clear sequence of dependencies, where each phase builds upon the completion of the previous one.



* **Aim: -** Compare and contrast all the process model in tabular view
* **Objective: -** To compare all the parameters with different models of software

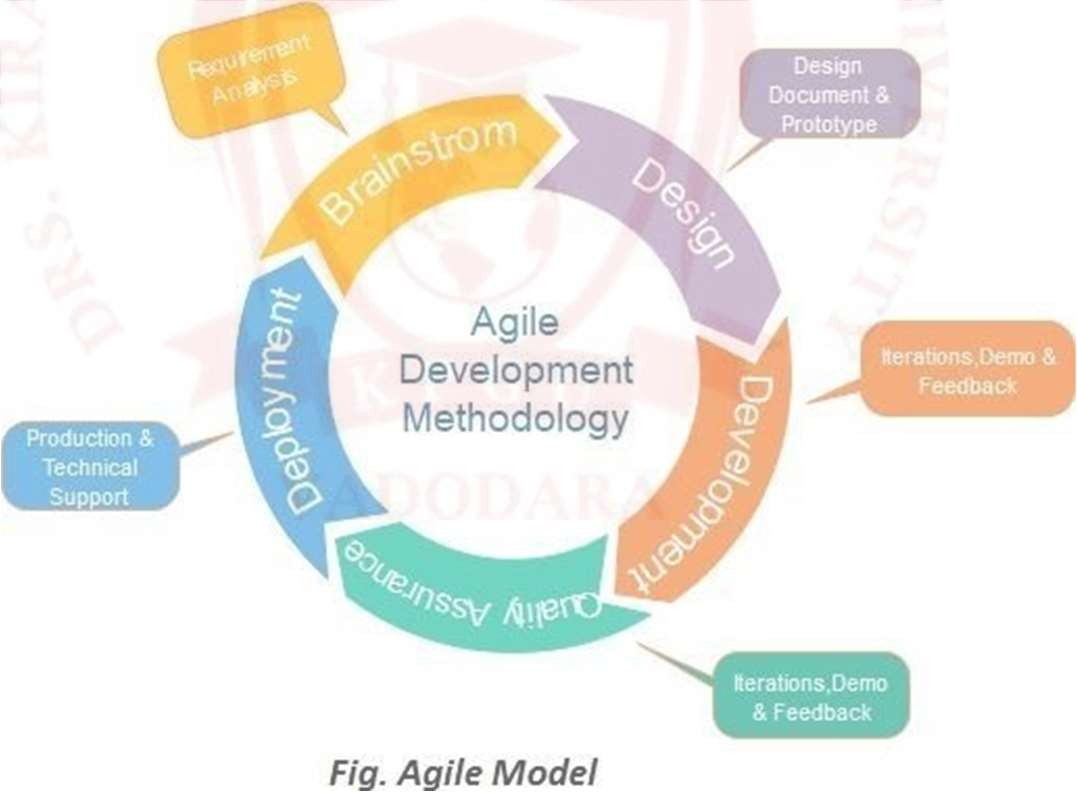
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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Parameter | Waterfall Model | Incremental Model | Prototype Model | RAD  Model | Spiral Model | Agile Model | XP  Programming |
| Clear  Requirement Specification | Initial Level | Initial Level | At Medium Level | Initial Level | Initial Level | Change Incrementally | Initial Level |
| Speed to  Change | Low | Medium | High | Low | Medium | High | High |
| Feedback from  User | No | No | Yes | No | No | No | Yes |
| Risk  Identification | At Initial  Level | No | No | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Predictability | Low | Low | High | Low | Medium | High | High |
| Any Variation  Done | Yes V-  Model | No | No | No | Yes, Win  Spiral | No | No |
| Usability | Basic | Medium | High | Medium | Medium | Most use now  a Days | Medium |
| Customer  Priority | Nil | Nil | Intermediate | Nil | Intermediate | High | Intermediate |
| Industry Approach | Basic | Basic | Medium | Medium | Medium | High | Medium |
| Cost | Low | Low | High | Very  High | Expensive | Much  Expensive | High |
| Elasticity | No | No | Yes | Yes | No | Very High | Medium |
| Resource  Organization | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | No | No | Yes |

# PRACTICAL-3

## Aim: Decide Software Process Model for your own project. Brief about process model and justify selection of process model for your project.

**Description:**

The meaning of Agile is swift or versatile. **“Agile process model**" refers to a software development approach based on iterative development. Agile methods break tasks into smaller iterations, or parts do not directly involve long term planning. The project scope and requirements are laid down at the beginning of the development process. Plans regarding the number of iterations, the duration and the scope of each iteration are clearly defined in advance.



Each iteration is considered as a short time "frame" in the Agile process model, which typically lasts from one to four weeks. The division of the entire project into smaller parts helps to minimize the project risk and to reduce the overall project delivery time requirements. Each iteration involves a team working through a full software development life cycle including planning, requirements analysis, design, coding, and testing before a working product is demonstrated to the client.

## Advantages:

* + Frequent Delivery
  + Face-to-Face Communication with clients.
  + Efficient design and fulfils the business requirement
  + Anytime changes are acceptable. • It reduces total development time.

## Disadvantages:

* + Due to the shortage of formal documents, it creates confusion and crucial decisions taken throughout various phases can be misinterpreted at any time by different team members.
  + Due to the lack of proper documentation, once the project completes and the developers allotted to another project, maintenance of the finished project can become a difficulty.

## Phases:

* 1. Requirements gathering
  2. Design the requirements
  3. Construction/ iteration
  4. Testing/ Quality assurance
  5. Deployment
  6. Feedback

## Testing Methods:

* Scrum
* Crystal
* Dynamic Software Development Method(DSDM)
* Feature Driven Development(FDD)
* Lean Software Development
* Extreme Programming(XP)

## When to use it:

The tenets of **Agile**—adaptability, iteration, continuous delivery, and short time frames, among others— make it a project management style that’s better suited for ongoing projects and projects where certain details aren’t known from the outset. That means if a project doesn’t have clear constraints, timelines, or available resources, it’s a good candidate for an Agile approach.

For example, designing and launching a new product might push a team against several unforeseen challenges. Having an Agile approach can mean the project already has the methodology in place to test products as often as needed, iterate quickly.

### Why is this model being suitable for my project?

* Agile is an approach to project management that centers around incremental and iterative steps to completing projects.
* The approach prioritizes quick delivery, adapting to change, and collaboration rather than top- down management and following a set plan.
* There will require constant updates required for the histories of transaction done, cancelled orders, delivered ordered, deleted products as well as security alerts so iterative model comes in the phase.
* It involves both development and maintenance phases. The under-development product is defined as completed when it satisfies all of its functional requirements.
* The financial institutes can use a central system to share their work progress and enable errors to be caught faster.

It allows having a frequent overview, analysis, and implementation at a ‘reduced cost’. So this is how the in the banking system this methodology is chosen.



# PRACTICAL-4

## Aim: Construct Software Project Management Plan (SPMP) document for your project. Decide effort estimation for the same.

* **Description: This SPMP document outlines a brief plan about how project is to be shaped.**

### Software Project Management Plan for Online Transaction Fraud DetectionPreface:

The purpose of this document is to specify the project plan to develop the Online Transaction Fraud Detection System. This document outlines a brief plan about how project is to be shaped and also includes the milestones and deliverables. This document will serve as guide for developers, developing the project. Updates of this document will serve to record the progress of the project.

### Introduction:

1. **Objectives:**

The main purpose of the project is intended to develop an application for detection of transaction frauds. This system prevents fraudulent users from misusing the details of thecredit-card of the genuine users for their personal gain, which will be designed using MySQL as the back – end and Visual Basic application package as the front – end**.** We tried to detect fraudulent transaction before transaction succeed. The owner is immediately alerted about the attempted fraud and the transaction is blocked. Thus, the system protects legitimate users from financial loss. The system helps in making electronic payment safer and more reliable.

### Major functions:

Online transaction fraud detection on e-commerce website is an application that helps to detect transaction frauds on e-commerce directly buying goods or services from the seller Via Internet using a web browser**.** The credit card fraud detection features use user behavior and location scanning to check for unusual patterns. These patterns include user characteristics such as user spending patterns as well as usual user geographic locations to verify his identity. If any unusual pattern is detected, the system requires re-verification. The owner is immediately alerted about the attempted fraud and the transaction is blocked. Thus, the system protects legitimate users from

financial loss. The system helps in making electronic payment safer and more reliable.

### Performance Issue:

The major issue is to deliver a complete whole portal which is not possible within little time and with RAD model so deliverables are broken down in the project plan into smaller deliverables and activities.

Factors critical in deciding the performances of the software are:

Internet Connection

Being predominantly a web-based application, fast internet connection is necessity. Slow connections may hamper performance.



Server performance

Performance may also be hampered by excessive net traffic.

### Management and technical constrains:

* + The project should be completed within specified time period including Planning, Designing, Development, Testing and Deployment.
  + The project should be completed within specified budget.
  + The Requirement Traceability Matrix (RTM) should be correlated and completed.
  + All the Entry and Exit criteria of all the stages should met.
  + The product should be user-friendly, reliable and should maintain the industry standards without compromising the quality.
  + The system architecture and design should be open and in a standard way such that additional functionalities can be added later without much effort.
  + Database designed should me normalized.
  + Transfer of rupees for booking tickets should be done through secured connection

### Project Estimates:

**Estimation technique for project:**

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embedded. In order to classify a product into the identified categories, Boehm requires us to consider not only the characteristics of the product but alsoof the development team and the development environment. Roughly speaking, the three product classescorrespond to application, utility and system programs, respectively. Normally data processing programs are considered to be application programs. Compilers, linkers etc. are utility programs. Operating systems and real time system programs etc. are system programs. System programs interact directly with the hardware and typically involve meeting timing constraints and concurrent processing.

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**Semidetached:** The project can be considered of this type is the development team consists of a mixture of experienced and inexperienced staff. Team members may have limited experience on related systems but may be unfamiliar with some aspects of the system being developed.

**Embedded:** The project can be considered of this type, is the software being developed is strongly coupled to complex hardware, or if stringent regulations on the operational procedures exist. Here we have chosen the embedded model since all the team members are new in the field of the software development and also the software product size is relatively small.

### Estimation of Development Efforts-

* 1. Organic Model:

Efforts=2.4(KLOC) 1.05 Person-Months

* 1. Semi-Detach Model: Efforts=3.0(KLOC) 1.12 Person-Months
  2. Embedded Model:

Efforts=3.6(KLOC) 1.20 Person-Months

### Estimation of Development Time-

1. Organic model:

Efforts = 2.5(Efforts) 0.38 Person-Months

1. Semi-Detached Model:

Efforts = 2.5(Efforts) 0.35 Person-Month

1. Embedded Model:

Efforts = 2.5(Efforts) 0.32 Person-Month

**Cost and Effort Calculation: Efforts:** Organic model:

= 2.4(KLOC)1.05

= 2.4(1.25)1.05

= 3.0

= 3 Person-months (approx.)

**Time Duration:** Organic model:

. = 2.5(Efforts)0.32

= 2.5(3)0.32

= 3.79

= 4 months (approx.)

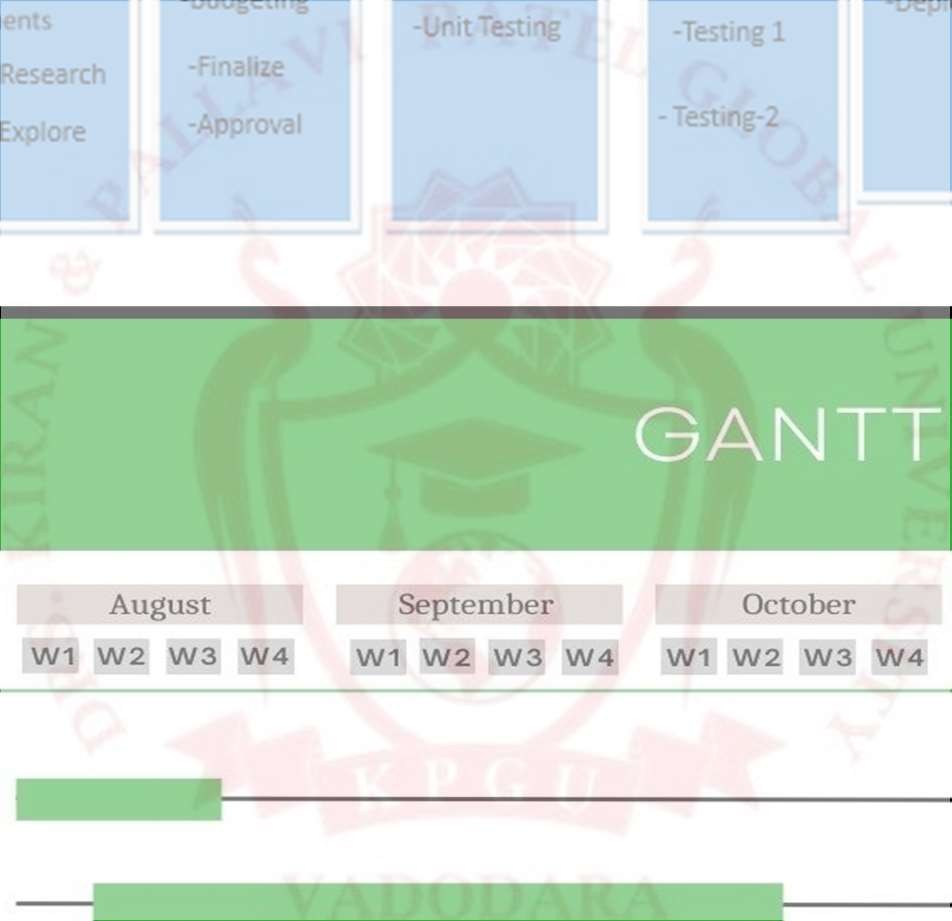
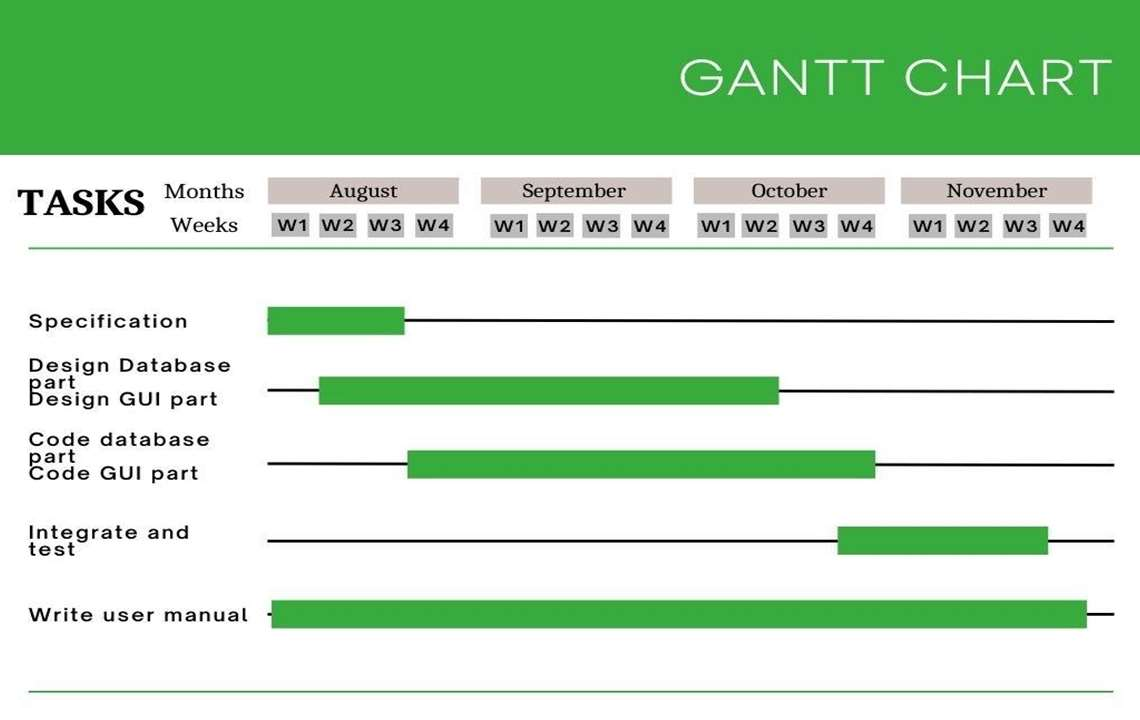
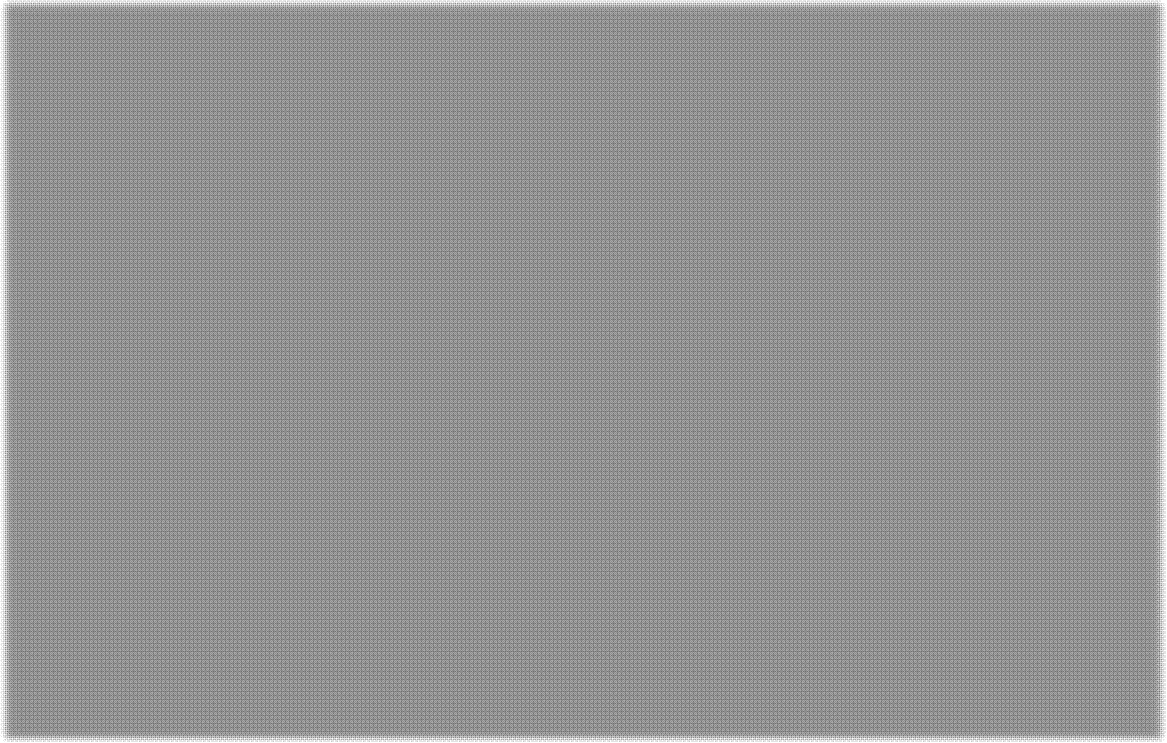
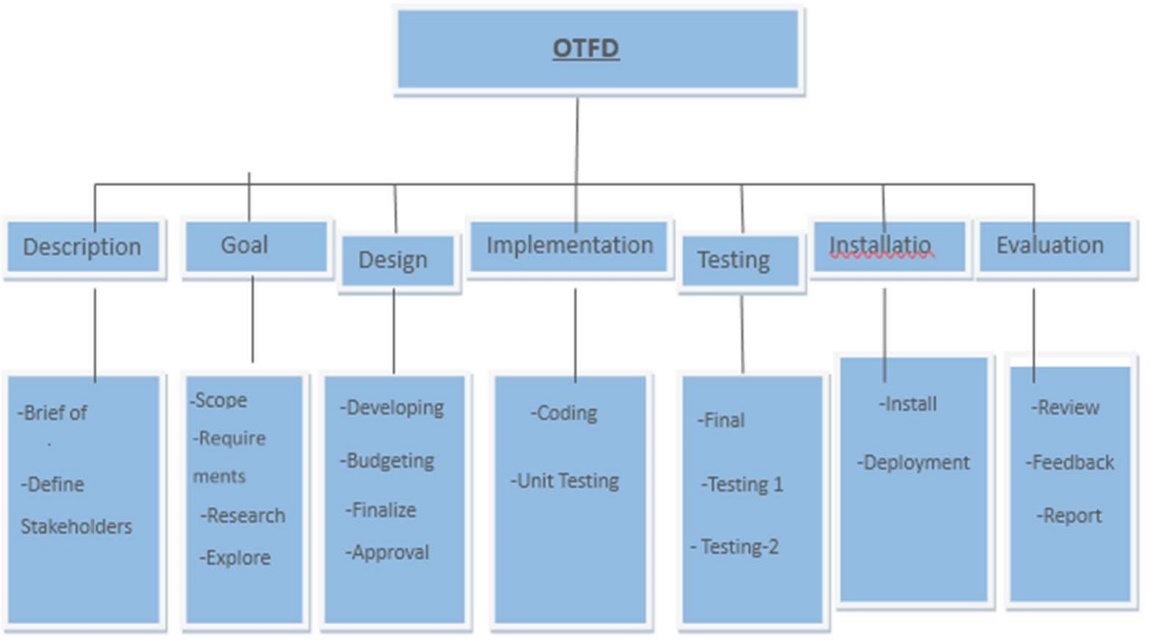
### Schedule:

**Work breakdown structure**

To execute the task successfully we need to follow the work breakdown structure. Work Breakdown Structure:

A work breakdown structure can be defined as dividing the whole project into individual components in a hierarchical structure. The breakdown structure defines tasks that can be completed independently of other tasks, resource allocation, and assigning the responsibilities of resources in the project.

* 1. Description
     1. Brief of project
     2. Define stakeholders
  2. Achieve goal
     1. Scope
     2. Requirements
     3. Research
     4. Explore
     5. Consult
     6. Concept development
     7. Plan
  3. Design
     1. Develop BLA
     2. Budgeting
     3. Finalize
     4. Approval of budget
     5. Approval of plan
     6. Re-approval in requirement
  4. Implementation
     1. Coding
     2. Unit testing
  5. Testing
     1. Final commotion
     2. Testing phase 1
     3. Testing phase 2
  6. Installation and deployment
     1. installation
  7. Evaluation
     1. Review
     2. Feedback
     3. Report



### Project Resources:

1. **People**
   * The Stakeholders
   * Team leaders
   * The Software Team
   * Agile Team (Implementer)
   * Co-ordination and Communication Issues.

### Hardware and Software Requirements Software Requirements:

* + An efficient OS version
  + Android studio
  + Key Packages
  + Device binaries
  + Build toolchain
  + Android Development Tool kit (ADT kit)
  + Platforms for development – Qpython/PySide/PyMob/Kivy etc

### Hardware Requirements:

* The system shall run on any smart devices like laptop, pc, mobile, tablet etc.
* A 64-bit environment is required for Android 2.3.x (Gingerbread) and higher versions, including the master branch.
* At least 250GB of free disk space to check out the code and an extra 150 GB to build it.
* At least 4 GB of available RAM is required. 8 GB recommended.
* Processor must also be greater than 2.3 GHz.

**Software Interfaces**: The system shall interface with any Web Browser easily and on any Operating System like mac, android and Microsoft etc.

**Hardware Interfaces:** The system shall run on any smart devices like laptop, pc, mobile, tablet etc.

### Special Resources:

* Python programming
* SQL database
* Emulator for testing a product

### taff Organization:

Democratic team structure is used, as the name implies there is no project manager. All are treated

as team leaders and all of them can give any suggestions for the project development.Everyone is given equal rights for making and giving changes which are beneficiary for the project.

Democratic organization leads to higher morale and job satisfaction. Consequently, it suffersfrom less man-power turnover.

As team is of less than 5 engineers, democratic team structure is suitable for project and for research-oriented projects.

### Risk Management:

1. **Risk Analysis:**

### Product Size Risks

* Estimated size of product in number of programs, files, transactions
* Size of database created or used by the product.
* Number of projected changes to the requirements for the product before delivery and after delivery.

### Business Risks

* Amount and Quality of product documentation that must be produced and delivered to the customer.
* Delivery deadlines
* Costs associated with late delivery and defective product.

### Client Risks

* Communicating with developers
* Will customer agree to spend time in formal requirements gathering meetings to identify project scope.
* When working for the first time

### Resource Risks

* Number of Resources and skillsets

### Technology Risks

* Requirements put excessive performance constraints on the product
* Customer demanding new technology.

### Risk identification:

* Risks with respect to the work to be done
* Miscommunication
* Time out
* Design errors
* Illness or absence of team members
* Server crash
* Risks with respect to the management
* Illness or sudden absence of the project manager
* Risks with respect to the resources
* Unavailability of the technical advisor when needed
* Risks with respect to the customer.
* The customer changes his mind about the requirements
* The customer is not available when needed

The Risk Manager is responsible for identifying risks and monitor risk. After identifying Risk Manager Need to solve problem by replace old system with new one. If need arise Risk Managershould modify, delete and add information to the database.

### Risk Estimation:

Risk estimation also called risk projection, attempts to rate each risk in two ways:

* The likelihood or probability that the risk is real.
* The consequences (i.e. effect or result) of the problems associated with the risk, should it occur.

The project planner, along with other managers and technical staff, performs four risk projection activities:

* Establish a scale that reflects the supposed likelihood of a risk
* Describe the consequences of the risk,
* Estimate the impact of the risk on the project and the product,
* Note the overall accuracy of the risk projection so that there will be no misunderstanding

The intent of these steps is to consider risks in a manner that leads to prioritization. By prioritizing risks, the team can allocate resources where they will have the most impact.

### Project Tracking & Control Plan:

The monitoring of progress is done by the Project Manager using the following means:

* Weekly Project Group Meetings
* Progress Meetings
* Project metrics
* Team leader meetings

Project cost will be tracked by counting manpower, number of resources needed, wages given to staff, etc. As per the schedule all the activities will be performed on time and frequency of report structure should be as per the standards of the organization and meeting structure would be frequently so that team members get to know where they are standing right now and can plan further meetings. After each task audit will be there so that team members get to know errors and fault of the system, after that they will recover it as soon as possible.

### iscellaneous plan:

1. **Quality assurance plan:**

Quality Assurance plan includes the techniques to test the quality of the current product. Again acceptance tests are used to see if the components are working properly when they are brought together. Additionally, performance tests will be used to see the overall quality in terms of efficiency. Results of these tests are considered frequently and these tests are run daily. If any improvement is needed already implemented parts will be improved before going on to other parts.

### Configuration Management plan:

This part of the SPMP contains the configuration management plan for the software project, to include the methods that will be used to provide configuration identification, evaluation, and release management. Configuration identifications are done according to the needs of the customer. Similarly, evaluation is also done with customer but in- team evaluations are also done as frequently as possible. Releases are done as big milestones are achieved. They are scheduled above. Change requests are analyzed during development phases and schedule is updated accordingly. Possible changes might result in missed deadlines. Therefore, these

observations are done during development frequently.

### Validation & verification:

Verifications are done first via various tests like unit tests and acceptance tests. These will ensure us that we do the right thing. Similarly, verification is done between team members in weekly meetings. Validation is done with the help of customer. There will be weekly meetings with the customer to validate the parts that is developed. Demos are done for this purpose. At each meeting the milestones that are met is showed to the customer and current status of the development is said to him.

### System Testing plan:

* Recovery testing (fault tolerant)
* Security testing
* Stress testing (volume, resources)
* Performance testing (real-time, embedded system)
* Acceptance Testing
* Alpha test: at the developer’s site, controlled environment
* Beta test: at one or more customer site

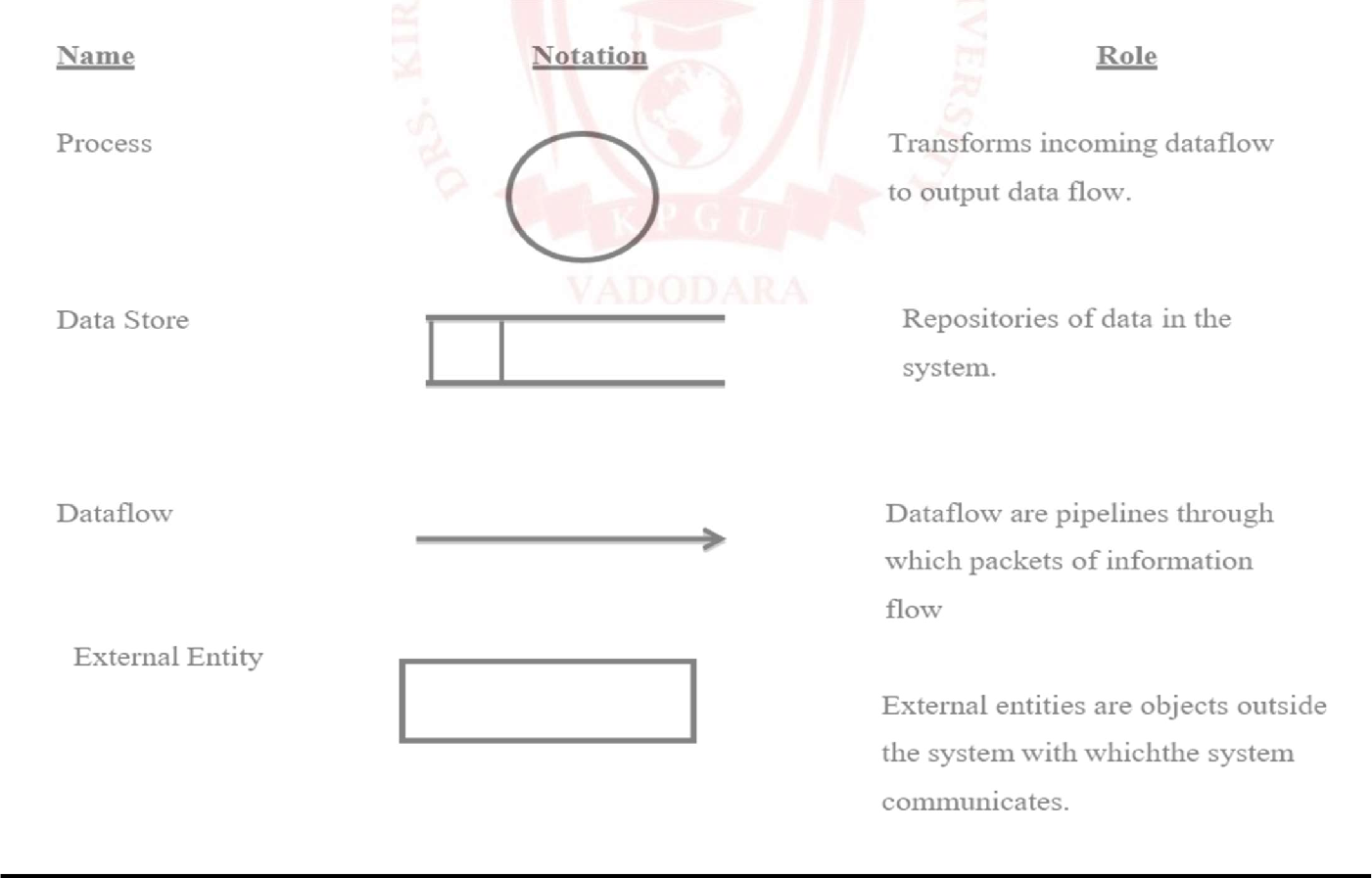
# PRACTICAL-5

**Aim:** Perform modeling for your project. Draw Data Flow Diagram (DFD) using function-oriented approach**.**

### Description:

**Design:**

Design phase deals with transforming the requirements, as described in the SRS document, into a form that is implemented using a programming language. The various designs of this system are



shown as following:

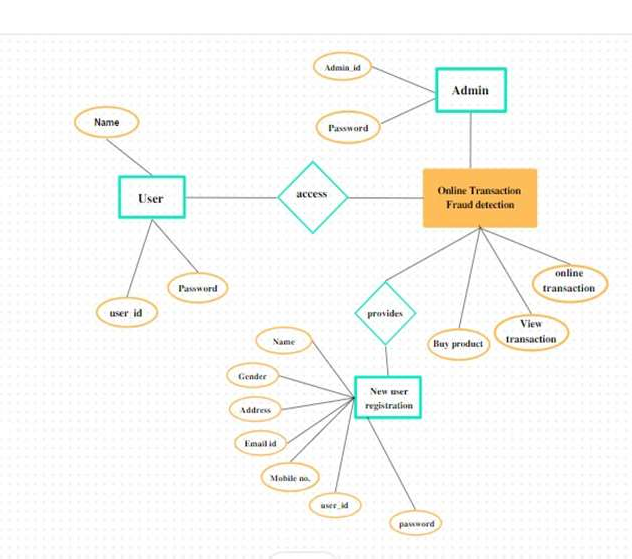
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Data Flow diagram is a graphical representation of flow of data throughout the information system. Data flow diagrams illustrate how data is processed by a system in terms of inputs and outputs.

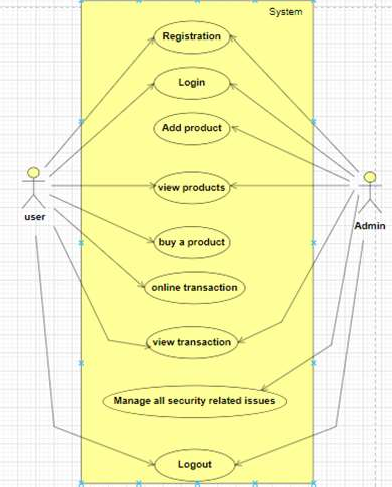
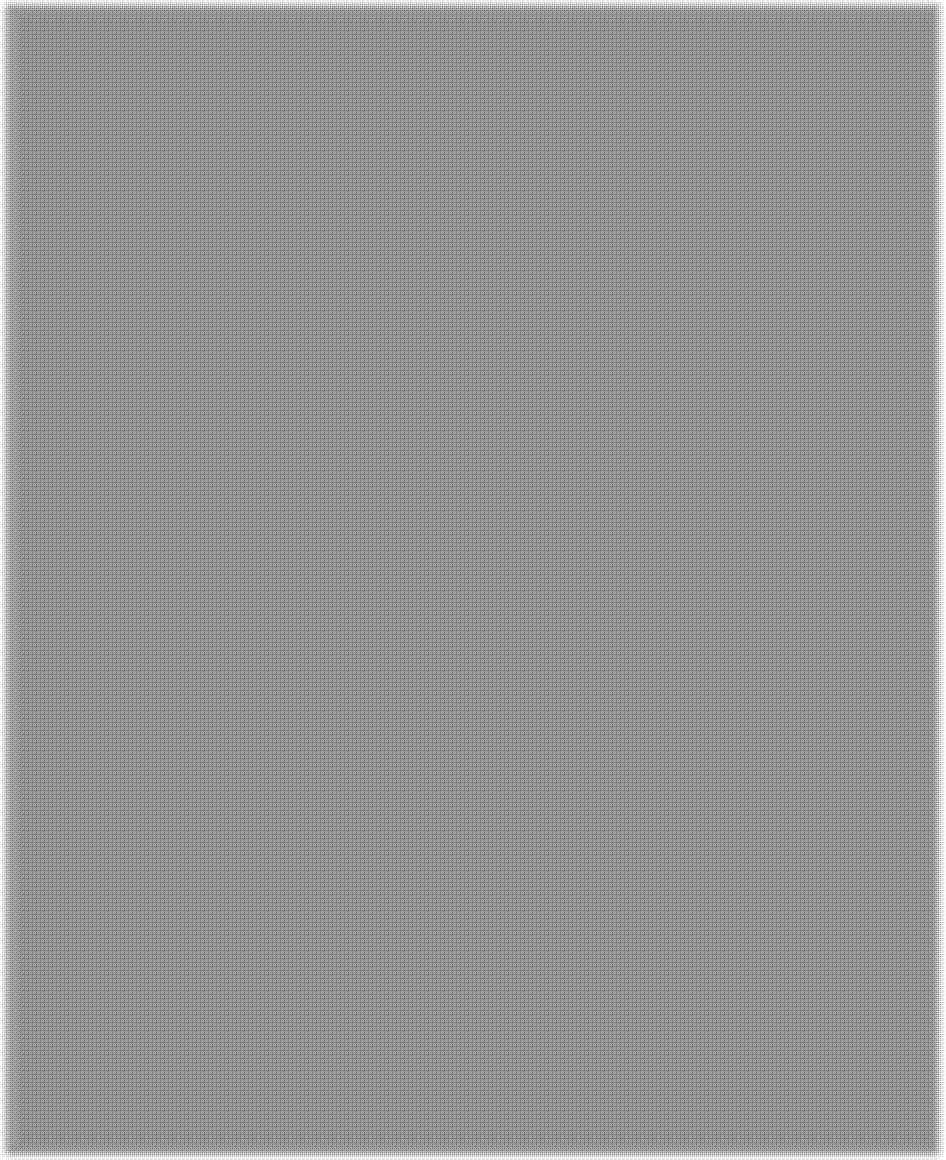
# PRACTICAL-6

**Aim:** Prepare UML modeling using object-oriented approach. (Use Case, Class Diagram and Activity Diagram (using swim lane).

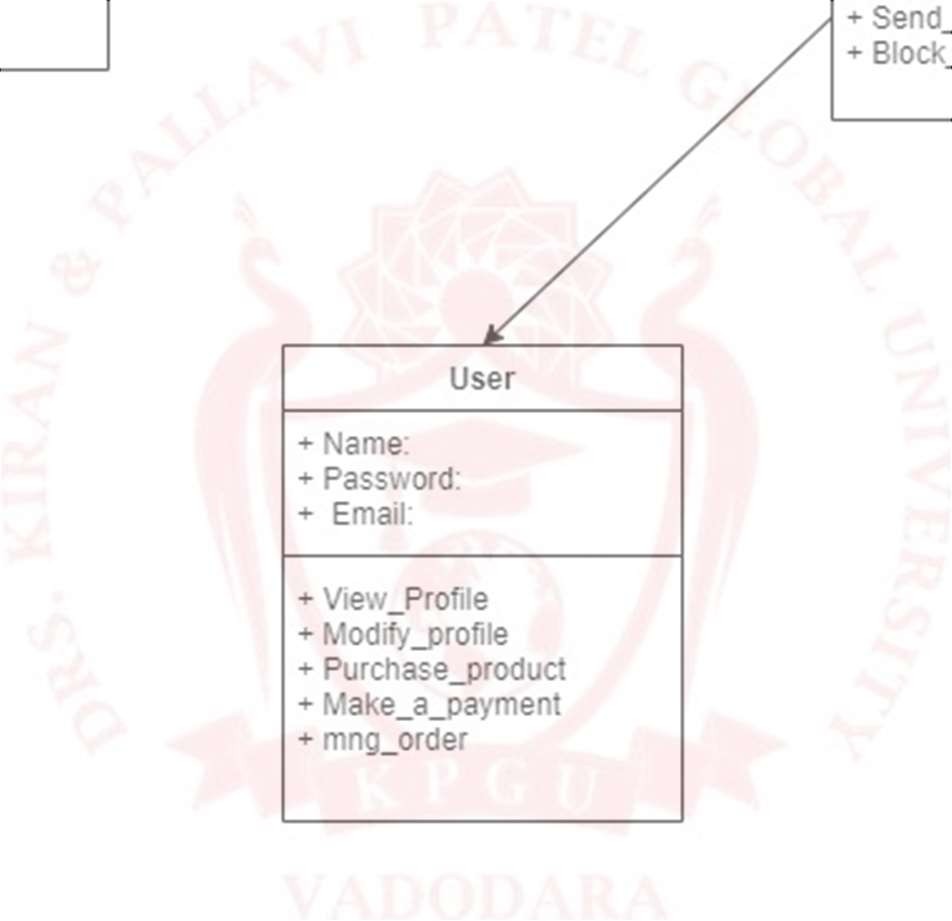
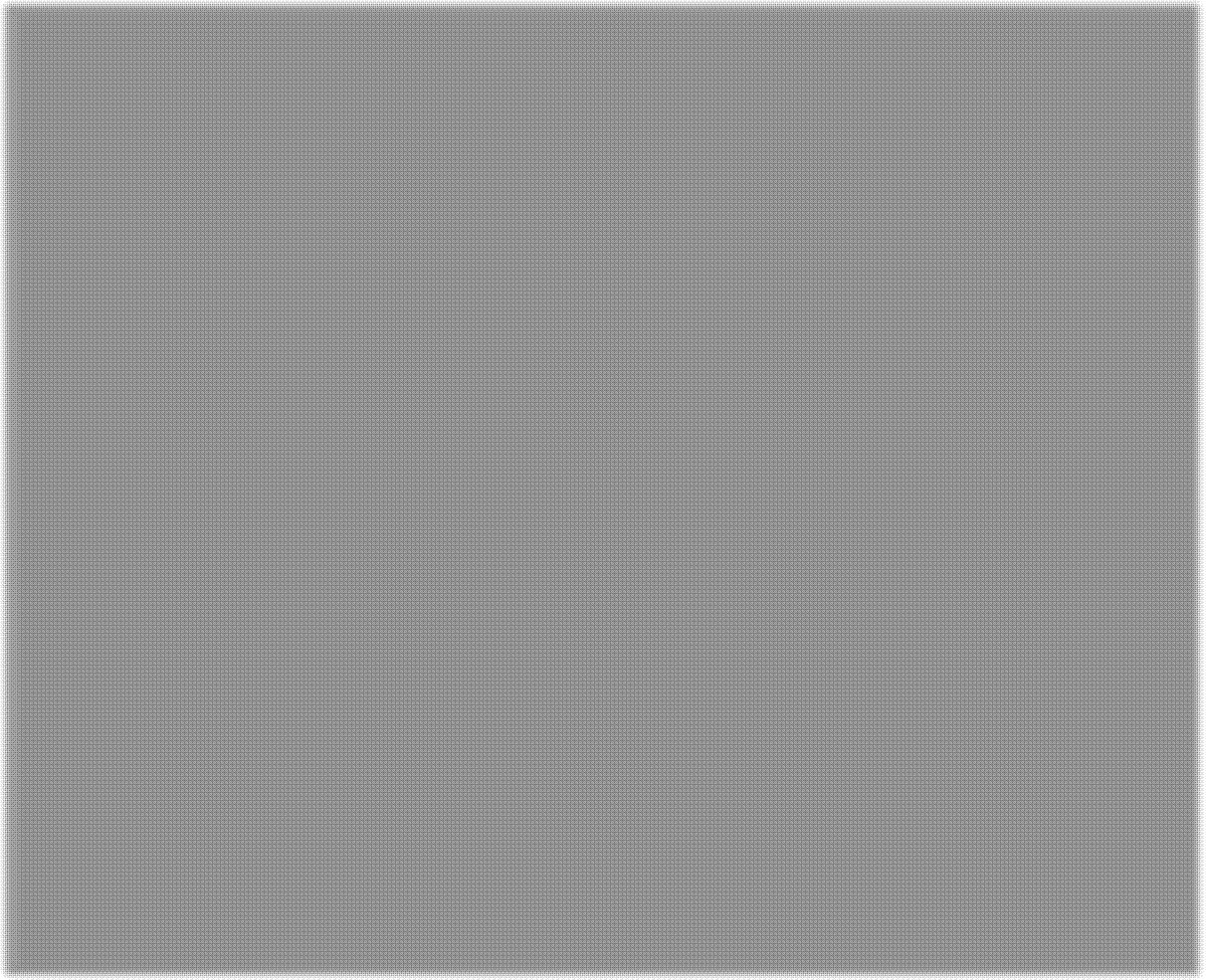
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* **E-R Diagram:**



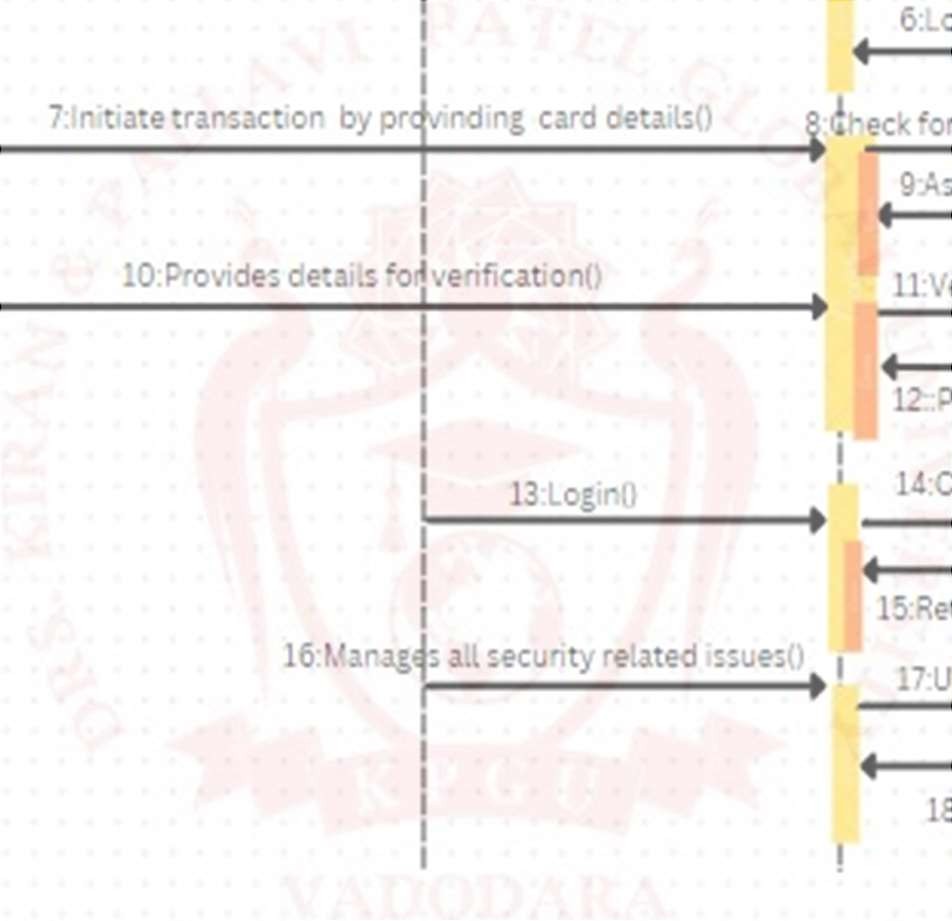
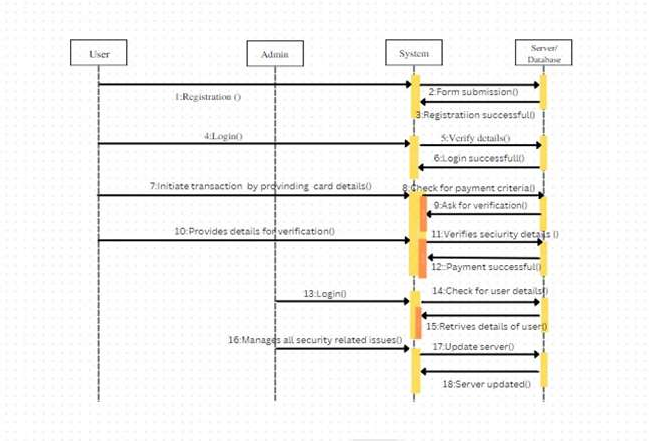
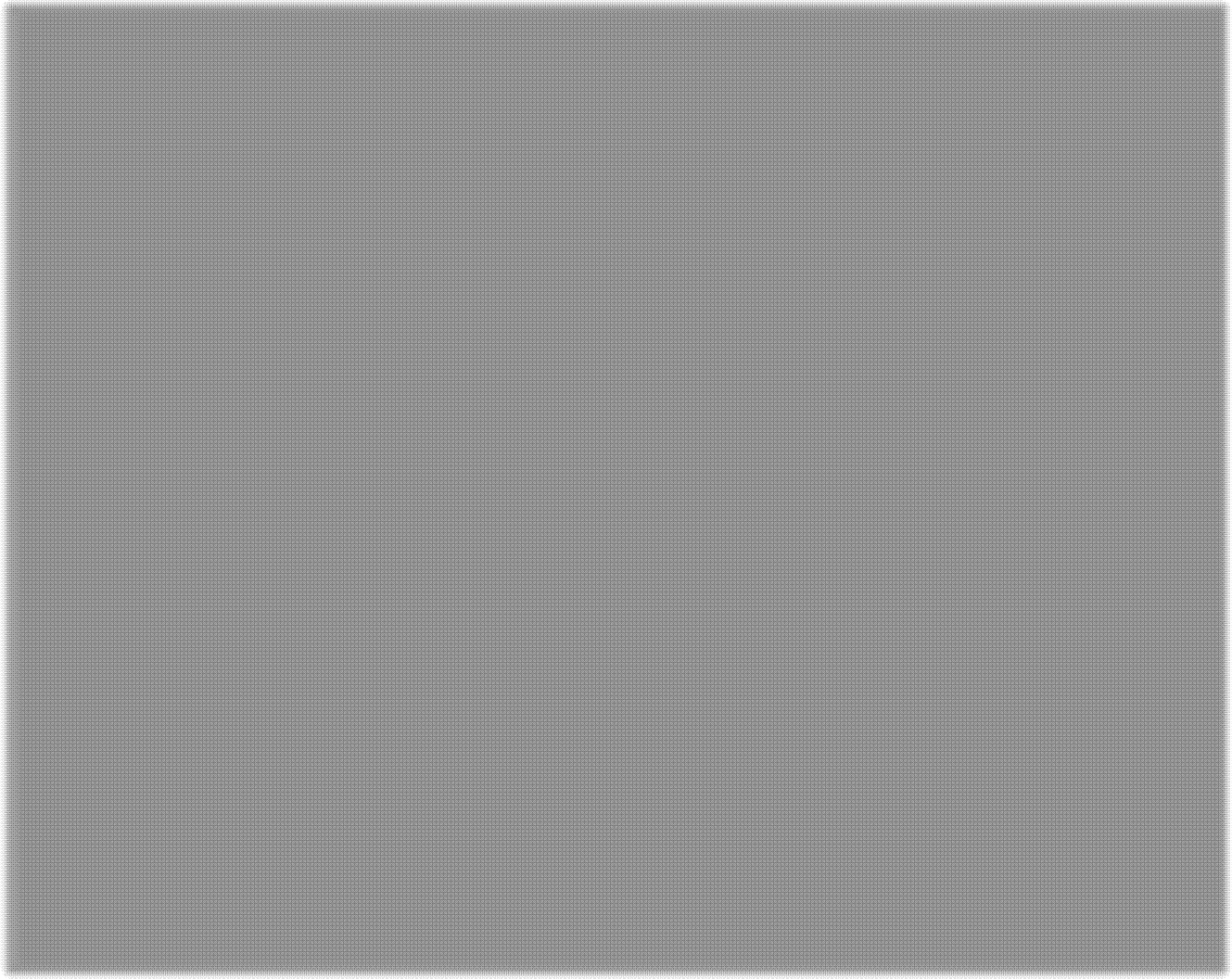
## Use case diagram:



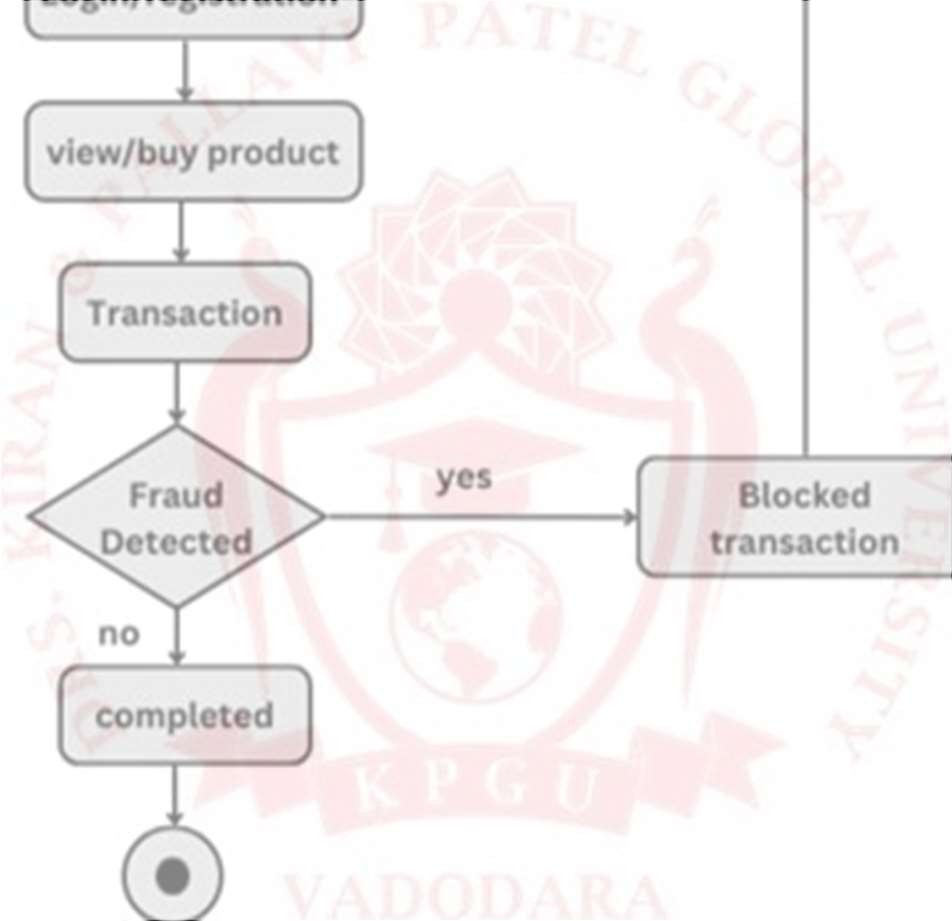
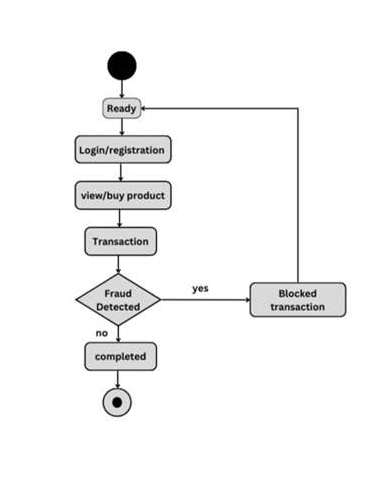
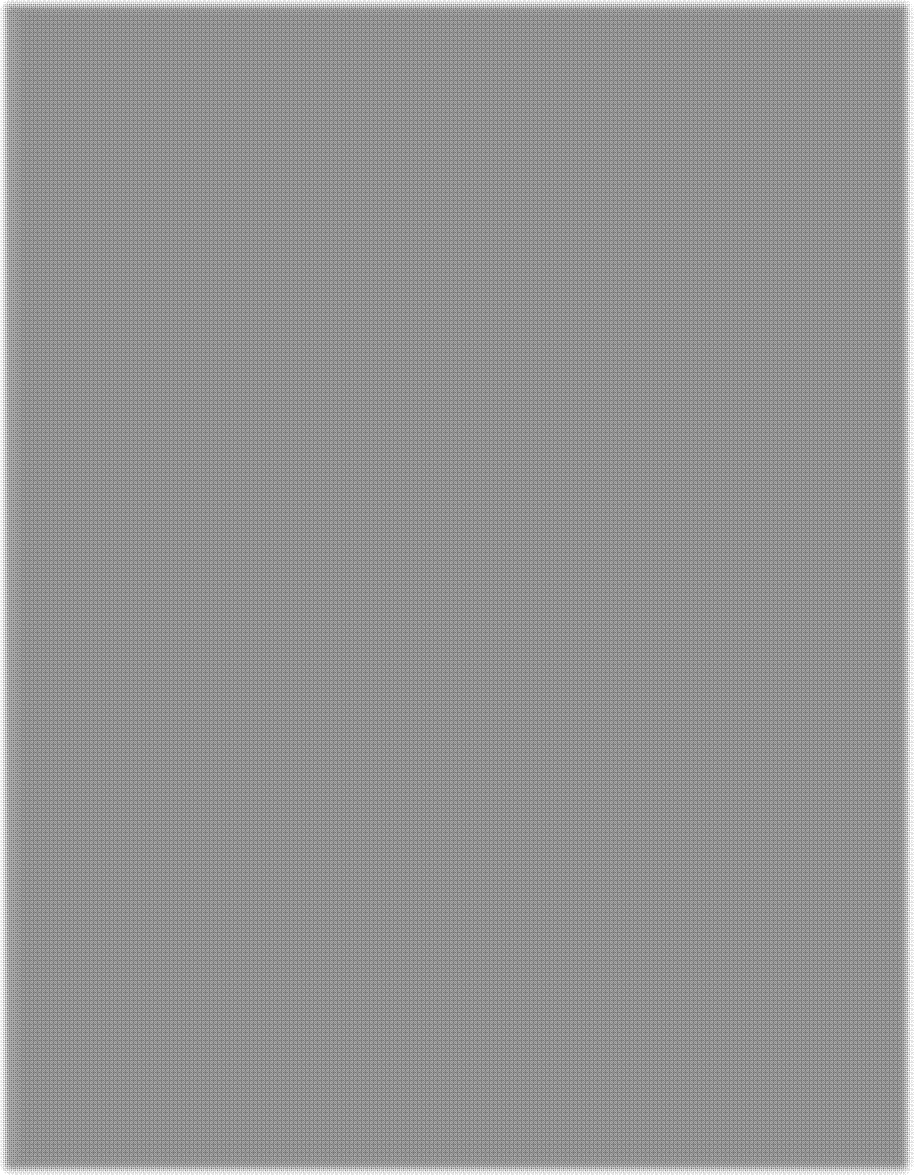
* **Class diagram:**



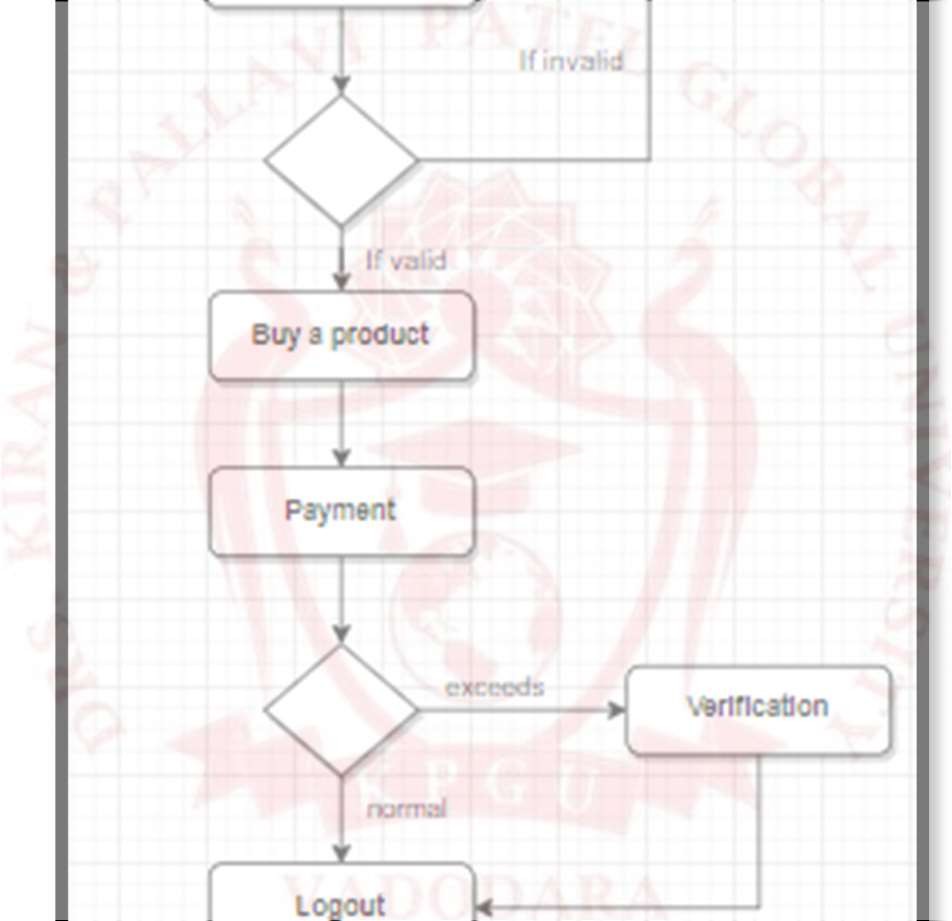
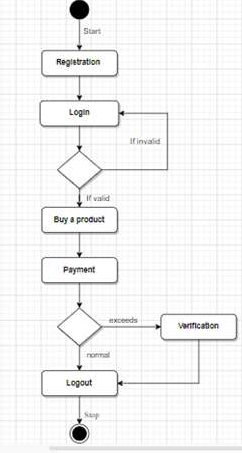
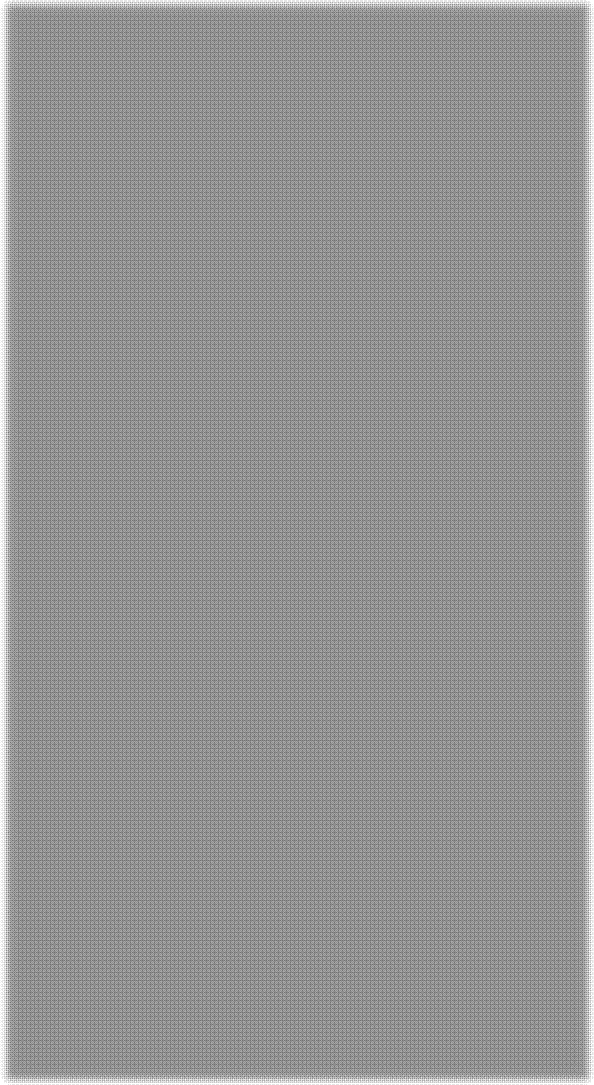
* **Sequence diagram:**



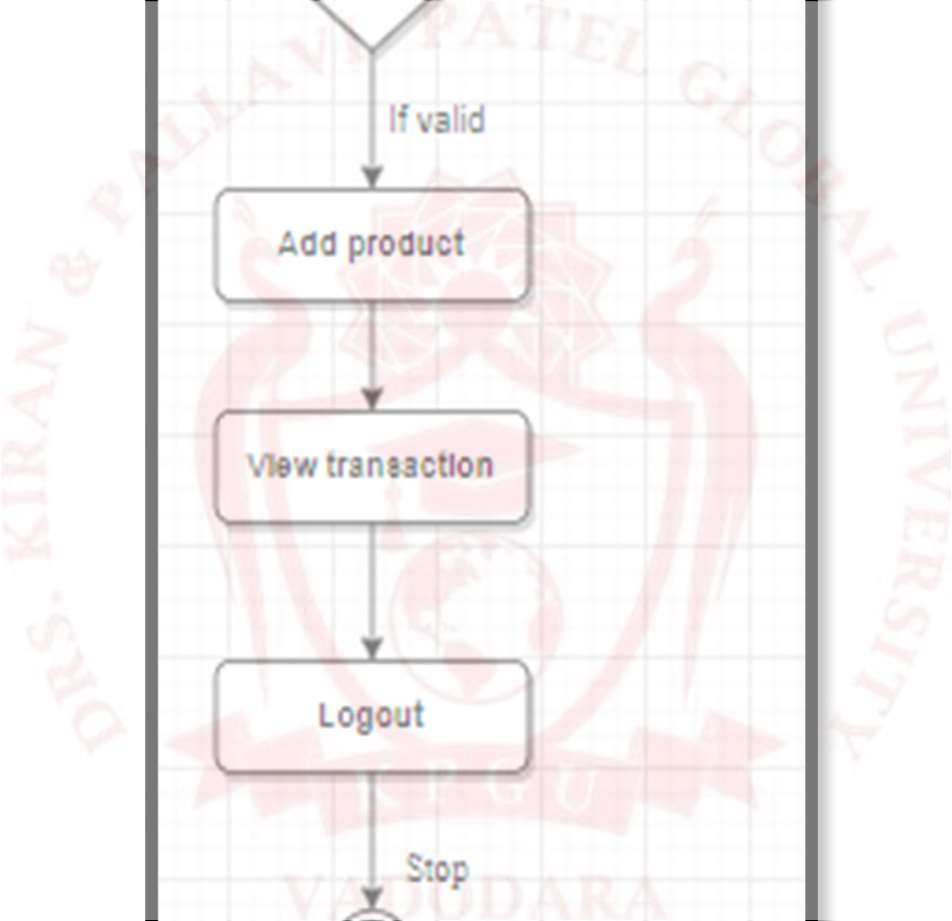
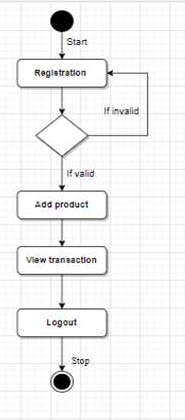
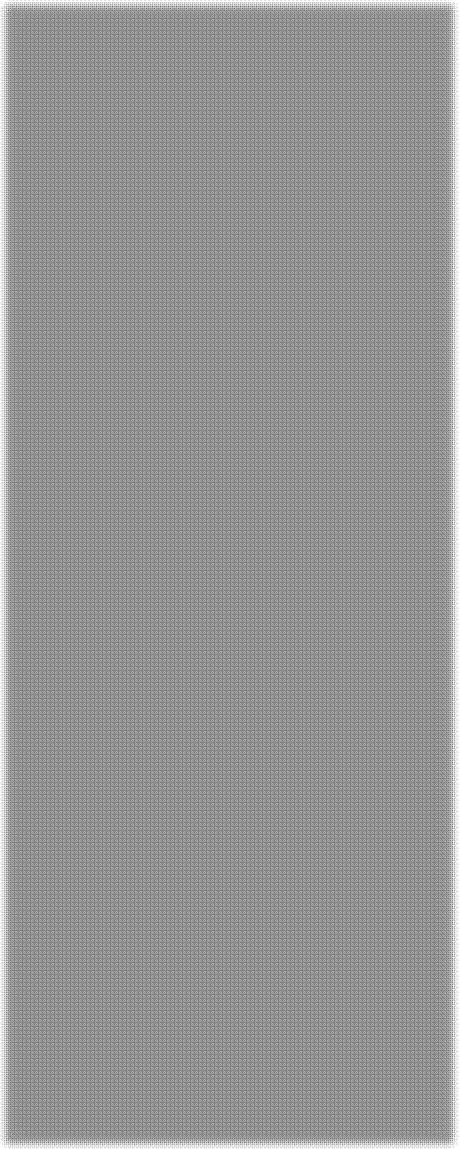
## State diagram:



* **Activity diagram:**



Activity diagram of user



Activity diagram of admin

# PRACTICAL-7

## Aim: Understand COCOMO Model with suitable example. Also

**decide cost estimation for your project.**

### Description:

Cocomo (Constructive Cost Model) is a regression model based on LOC, i.e. number of Lines of Code. It is a procedural cost estimate model for software projects and is often used as a process of reliably predicting the various parameters associated with making a project such as size, effort, cost, time, and quality.

Different models of Cocomo have been proposed to predict the cost estimation at different levels, based on the amount of accuracy and correctness required. All of these models can be applied to a variety of projects, whose characteristics determine the value of constant to be used in subsequent calculations. These characteristics pertaining to different system types are mentioned below.

* 1. **Organic –** A software project is said to be an organic type if the team size required is adequately small, the problem is well understood and has been solved in the past and also the team members have a nominal experience regarding the problem.
  2. **Semi-detached –** A software project is said to be a Semi-detached type if the vital characteristics such as team size, experience, knowledge of the various programming environment lie in between that of organic and Embedded. The projects classified as Semi- Detached are comparatively less familiar and difficult to develop compared to the organic ones and require more experience and better guidance and creativity. E.g.: Compilers or different Embedded Systems can be considered of Semi-Detached type.
  3. **Embedded –** A software project requiring the highest level of complexity, creativity, and experience requirement fall under this category. Such software requires a larger team size than the other two models and also the developers need to be sufficiently experienced and creative to develop such complex models.

According to Boehm, software cost estimation should be done through three stages:

1. Basic Cocomo Model
2. Intermediate Cocomo Model
3. Detailed Cocomo Model

Basic Cocomo Model-

The basic COCOMO model gives an approximate estimate of the project parameters.The basic COCOMO estimation model is given by the following expressions

### Effort = a1\*(KLOC)a2PM

**Tdev = b1\*(Effort)b months**

**2**

Effort is the total effort required to develop the software product, expressed in

person months (PMs).

KLOC is the estimated size of the software product expressed in Kilo Lines of Code a1, a2, b1, b2 are constants for each category of software products,

Tdev is the estimated time to develop the software, expressed in months,

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Project | a1 | a2 | b1 | b2 |
| Organic | 2.4 | 1.05 | 2.5 | 0.38 |
| Semidetached | 3.0 | 1.12 | 2.5 | 0.35 |
| Embedded | 3.6 | 1.20 | 2.5 | 0.32 |

The effort estimation is expressed in units of person-months (PM)

**Example:** Assume that the size of an organic type software product has been estimated to be 32,000 lines of source code. Assume that the average salary of software engineers be Rs. 15,000/- per month. Determine the effort required to develop the software product and the nominal development time.

Effort = a1\*(KLOC) a2 PM

= 2.4 + (32)1.05 PM

= 91

2

Tdev = b1\*(Effort)b months

= 2.5 \* (91)0.38 Months = 14 Months

Cost required to develop the product = 14 x 15000 = Rs. 2,10,000/-

### Calculation for the project:

**Estimation of Development Efforts-**

* 1. Organic model:

Efforts=2.4(KLOC) 1.05 Person-Months

* 1. Semi-Detached Model: Efforts=3.0(KLOC) 1.12 Person-Months
  2. Embedded Model:

Efforts=3.6(KLOC) 1.20 Person-Months

### Estimation of Development Time-

1. Organic model:

Efforts = 2.5(Efforts) 0.38 Person-Months

1. Semi-Detached Model:

Efforts = 2.5(Efforts) 0.35 Person-Months

1. Embedded Model:

Efforts = 2.5(Efforts) 0.32 Person-M

**Cost and Effort Calculation: Efforts:** Organic model:

= 2.4(KLOC)1.05

= 2.4(1.25)1.05

= 3.0

= 3 Person-months (approx.)

**Time Duration:** Organic model:

. = 2.5(Efforts)0.32

= 2.5(3)0.32

= 3.79

= 4 months (approx.)

# PRACTICAL-8

## Aim: Understand function point. Analyze the case study. Identify error &

**solve it.**

### Description:

A function point is a "unit of measurement" to express the amount of business functionality an information system (as a product) provides to a user. Function points are used to compute a functional size measurement (FSM) of software. The cost (in dollars or hours) of a single unit is calculated from past projects.

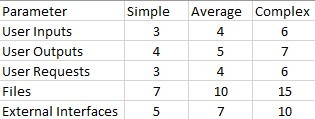
Measure size in terms of the amount of functionality in a system. Function points are computed by first calculating an *unadjusted function point count* (UFC).

Counts are made for the following categories

* *External inputs* – those items provided by the user that describe distinct application- oriented data (such as file names and menu selections)
* *External outputs* – those items provided to the user that generate distinct application- oriented data (such as reports and messages, rather than the individual components of these)
* *External inquiries* – interactive inputs requiring a response
* *External files* – machine-readable interfaces to other systems
* *Internal files* – logical master files in the system

Multiply each number by a weight factor, according to complexity (**simple**, **average** or

**complex**) of the parameter, associated with that number. The value is given by a table:



* Calculate the total **UFP** (Unadjusted Function Points)
* Calculate the total **TCF** (Technical Complexity Factor)
* Sum the resulting numbers to obtain **DI** (degree of influence)
* **TCF** given by the formula: ***TCF=0.65+0.01\*DI***

Function Points are by given by the formula: ***FP=UFP\*TCF***

**Case Study:**

The spell checker accepts as input a document file & an optional personal dictionary file. The checker lists all words not contained in either of these files. The user can query the number of words processed & the number of spelling errors found at any stage during processing.



# PRACTICAL-9

## Aim: Understand Cyclometric Complexity for coding. Analyze the

**case study.**

### Description:

**Cyclomatric complexity** is a software metric (measurement), used to indicate the complexity of a program. It is a quantitative measure of the number of linearly independent paths through a program's source code. It was developed by Thomas J. McCabe, Sr. in 1976.

Cyclomatric complexity is computed using the control flow graph of the program. One testing strategy, called basis path testing by McCabe who first proposed it, is to test each linearly independent path through the program.

## Definition:

The cyclomatric complexity of a section of source code is the number of linearly independent paths within it. For instance, if the source code contained no control flow statements (conditionals or decision points), the complexity would be 1, since there would beonly a single path through the code. If the code had one single-condition IF statement, there would be two paths through the code: one where the IF statement evaluates to TRUE and another one where it evaluates to FALSE, so the complexity would be 2. Two nested single- condition IFs, or one IF with two conditions, would produce a complexity of 4.

Mathematically, the cyclomatric complexity of a structured program is defined with reference to the control flow graph of the program, a directed graph containing the basic blocks of the program, with an edge between two basic blocks if control may pass from the first to the second. The complexity **M** is then defined as

**M = E – N + 2P**

Where,

*E* = the number of edges of the graph

*N* = the number of nodes of the graph

*P* = the number of connected components

For a single program (or subroutine or method), *P* is always equal to 1. So a simpler formula for a single subroutine is:

M = E – N + 2

## Applications:

Determining the number of test cases that are necessary to achieve thorough test coverage of a particular module.

It is useful because of two properties of the cyclomatic complexity, *M*, for a specific module:

* + M is an upper bound for the number of test cases that are necessary to achieve a complete branch coverage.



* + M is a lower bound for the number of paths through the control flow graph (CFG). Assuming each test case takes one path, the number of cases needed to achieve path coverage is equal to the number of paths that can actually be taken.

All three of the above numbers may be equal:

branch coverage  cyclomatic complexity number of paths.

## Case study:

consider a program that consists of two sequential if-then-else statements:

**if**( c1() )

f1();

### else

f2();

**if**( c2() )

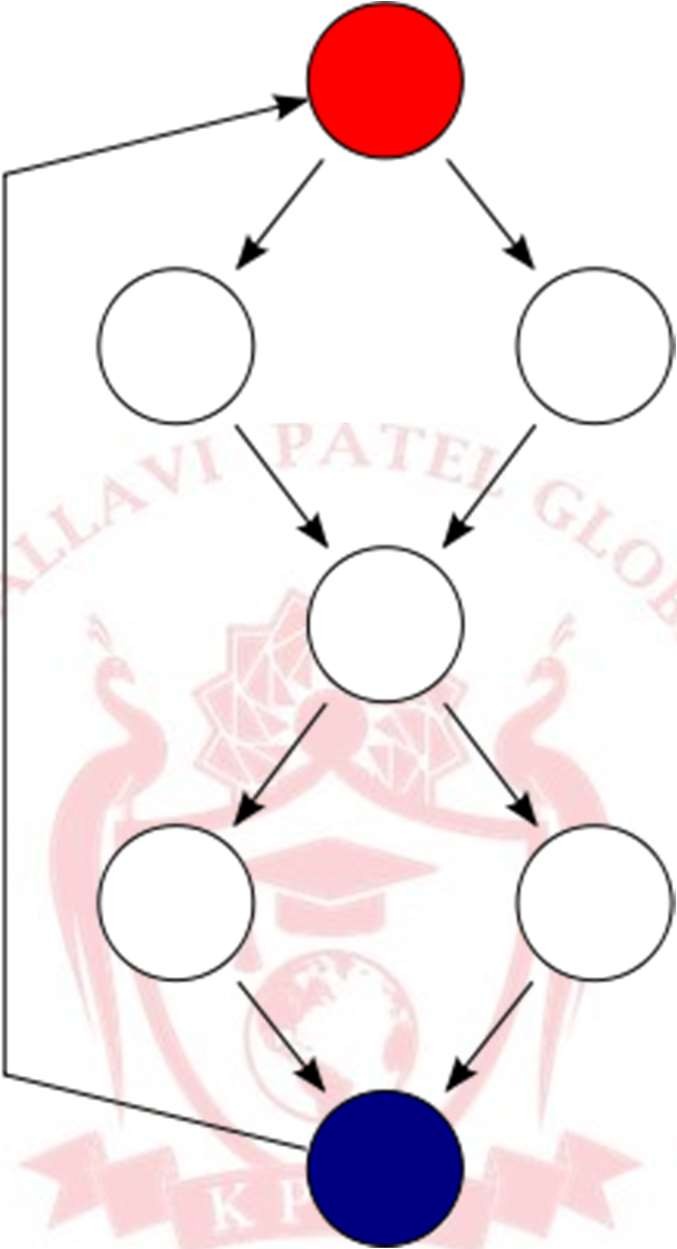
f3();

### else

f4();

In general, in order to fully test a module all execution paths through the module should be exercised. This implies a module with a high complexity number requires more testing effort than a module with a lower value since the higher complexity number indicates more

pathways through the code. This also implies that a module with higher complexity is more difficult for a programmer to understand since the programmer must understand the different pathways and the results of those pathways.



In this example, two test cases are sufficient to achieve a complete branch coverage, while four are necessary for complete path coverage. The CC of the program is 3 (as the strongly connected graph for the program contains 9 edges, 7 nodes and 1 connected component) (9-7+1).

Unfortunately, it is not always practical to test all possible paths through a program. Considering the example above, each time an additional if-then-else statement is added, the number of possible paths doubles. As the program grew in this fashion, it would quickly reach the point where testing all of the paths was impractical.

# PRACTICAL-10

## Aim: Study of Open Source Software/Learning for implementationof project. Description:

**Overview:**

Open source is a term that originally referred to open source software (OSS). Open source software is code that is designed to be publicly accessible—anyone can see, modify, and distribute the code as they see fit.

Open source software is developed in a decentralized and collaborative way, relying on peer review and community production. Open source software is often cheaper, more flexible, and has more longevity than its proprietary peers because it is developed by communities rather than a single author or company.

Open source has become a movement and a way of working that reaches beyond software production. The open source movement uses the values and decentralized production model of open source software to find new ways to solve problems in their communities and industries.

## The history of open source is the history of the internet

In the 1950s and 1960s researchers developing early internet technologies and telecommunication network protocols relied on an open and collaborative research environment. The Advanced Research Projects Agency Network (ARPANET), which would later become the foundation for the modern internet, encouraged peer review and an open feedback process. User groups shared and built upon one another’s source code. Forums helped facilitate conversation and develop standards for open communication and collaboration.

## How does an open source development model work?

An open source development model is the process used by an open source community project to develop open source software. The software is then released under an open source license, so anyone can view or modify the source code. Many open source projects are hosted on GitHub, where you can access repositories or get involved in community projects.

Linux®, Ansible, and Kubernetes are examples of popular open source projects.

## Linux and open source:

Linux is a free, open source operating system (OS), released under the GNU General Public License (GPL). It’s also become the largest open source software project in the world.

The Linux operating system was created as an alternative, free, open source version of the MINIX operating system, which was itself based on the principles and design of Unix.

Because Linux is released under an open source license, which prevents restrictions on the use of the software, anyone can run, study, modify, and redistribute the source code, or even sell copies of their modified code, as long as they do so under the same license.

## What’s the difference between free, closed, and open source software?

For a long time open source software held the earlier label of "free software." The free software movement was formally established by Richard Stallman in 1983 through the GNU Project. The free software movement organized itself around the idea of user freedoms: freedom to see the source code, to modify it, to redistribute it—to make it available and to work for the user in whatever way the user needed it to work.

Free software exists as a counterpart to proprietary or "closed source" software. Closed source software is highly guarded. Only the owners of the source code have the legal right to access that code. Closed source code cannot be legally altered or copied, and the user pays only to use the software as it is intended—they cannot modify it for new uses nor share it with their communities.

The name "free software," however, has caused a lot of confusion. Free software does not necessarily mean free to own, just free to use how you might want to use it. "Free as in freedom, not as in beer" the community has tried to explain. Christine Peterson, who coined the term "open source," tried to address this problem by replacing ‘free software’ with ‘open source’: "The problem with the main earlier label, ‘free software,’ was not its political connotations, but that— to newcomers—its seeming focus on price is distracting. A term was needed that focuses on the key issue of source code and that does not immediately confuse those new to the concept." Peterson proposed the idea of replacing "free software" with the term "open source" to a working

group that was dedicated, in part, to shepherding open source software practices into the broader marketplace. This group wanted the world to know that software was better when it was shared when it was collaborative, open, and modifiable. That it could be put to new and better uses, was more flexible, cheaper, and could have better longevity without vendor lock-in.

Eric Raymond was one of the members of this working group, and in 1997 he published some of these same arguments in his wildly influential essay "The Cathedral and the Bazaar". In 1998, partly in response to that essay, Netscape Communications Corporation open sourced their Mozilla project, releasing the source code as free software. In its open source form, that code later became the foundation for Mozilla Firefox and Thunderbird.

## What are the values of open source?

There are lots of reasons why people choose open source over proprietary software, but the most common ones are:

* + **Peer review:** Because the source code is freely accessible and the open source community is very active, open source code is actively checked and improved upon by peer programmers. Think of it as living code, rather than code that is closed and becomes stagnant.
  + **Transparency:** Need to know exactly what kinds of data are moving where, or what kinds of changes have happened in the code? Open source allows you to check and track that for yourself, without having to rely on vendor promises.
  + **Reliability:** Proprietary code relies on the single author or company controlling that code to keep it updated, patched, and working. Open source code outlives its original authors because it is constantly updated through active open source communities. Open standards and peer review ensure that open source code is tested appropriately and often.
  + **Flexibility:** Because of its emphasis on modification, you can use open source code to address problems that are unique to your business or community. You aren’t locked in to using the code in any one specific way, and you can rely on community help and peer review when you implement new solutions.
  + **Lower cost:** With open source the code itself is free—what you pay for when you use a company like Red Hat is support, security hardening, and help managing interoperability.
  + **No vendor lock-in:** Freedom for the user means that you can take your open source code anywhere, and use it for anything, at anytime.
  + **Open collaboration:** The existence of active open source communities means that you can find help, resources, and perspectives that reach beyond one interest group or one company.



# PRACTICAL-11

## Aim: Develop test-case scenarios for your project.

**Description:**

Testing phase is a very important for a successful system. In this phase before implementing the new system into operation, for eliminating bugs a test run of the systemis done. After completing codes for the whole programs of the system, a test plan should be developed and run one given set of test



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| Test Case: 1 | | | Test Case Name: Register | | |
| System: OTFD | | | Subsystem: Registration | | |
| Designed By: SMC | | | Design Date: October 17,2022 | | |
| Executed By: Priya Koladiya | | | Execution Date: October 17,2022 | | |
| Short Description: Test case for user registration when all details are valid. | | | | | |
| Pre-conditions: User must navigate to registration page. | | | | | |
| Step | Action | Expected System Response | | Pass/Fail | Comment |
| User enters correct details | User clicks on Register button | User should be registered | | Pass |  |



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| Test Case: 2 | | | Test Case Name: Login | | |
| System: OTFD | | | Subsystem: Login | | |
| Designed By: SMC | | | Design Date: August 12,2022 | | |
| Executed By: Priya Koladiya | | | Execution Date: October 17,2022 | | |
| Short Description: Test case for logging user in when credentials are valid. | | | | | |
| Pre-conditions: User must navigate to login page | | | | | |
| Step | Action | Expected System  Response | | Pass/  Fail | Comment |
| User enters  correct credentials | User clicks on Login button | User should be  logged in and system must be created | | Pass |  |

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| Test Case: 3 | | | Test Case Name: View a product | | |
| System: OTFD | | | Subsystem: Product | | |
| Designed By: SMC | | | Design Date: August 12,2022 | | |
| Executed By: Priya Koladiya | | | Execution Date: October 17,2022 | | |
| Short Description: Test case for user registration when all details are valid. | | | | | |
| Pre-conditions: User must navigate to registration page. | | | | | |
| Step | Action | Expected System  Response | | Pass/Fail | Comment |
| User goes to page | User clicks on Register button | User should be registered | | Pass |  |



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| Test Case: 4 | | | Test Case Name: Buy a product | | |
| System: Online News Portal | | | Subsystem: Login | | |
| Designed By: Priya Koladiya | | | Design Date: March 02, 2017 | | |
| Executed By: Keval Shah | | | Execution Date: March 02, 2017 | | |
| Short Description: Test case for logging user in when credentials are valid. | | | | | |
| Pre-conditions: User must navigate to login page. | | | | | |
| Step | Action | Expected System  Response | | Pass/Fail | Comment |
| User enters  correct credentials | User clicks on Login button | User should be logged  in and session must be created | | Pass |  |

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| Test Case: 5 | | | Test Case Name: Perfroming transaction | | |
| System: OTFD | | | Subsystem: Transaction | | |
| Designed By: Keval Shah | | | Design Date: March 05, 2017 | | |
| Executed By: Priya Koladiya | | | Execution Date: March 05, 2017 | | |
| Short Description: Test case for editing user profile with proper details. | | | | | |
| Pre-conditions: User must be logged in, and navigated to Edit Profile page. | | | | | |
| Step | Action | Expected System  Response | | Pass/Fail | Comment |
| User edits profile and enters proper details | User clicks on Edit Profile button | The new details must be saved in the database and user should be shown the edit profile  page again with the new | | Fail |  |



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| Test Case: 6 | | | Test Case Name: Log Out | | |
| System: Online transaction fraud detection | | | Subsystem: Log Out | | |
| Designed By: SMC | | | Design Date: August 12, 2022 | | |
| Executed By: Priya Koladiya | | | Execution Date: October 17, 2022 | | |
| Short Description: Test case for logging a user out of the system. | | | | | |
| Pre-conditions: User must be logged in. | | | | | |
| Step | Action | Expected System Response | | Pass/Fail | Comment |
|  | User clicks on Log Out button | User must be logged out of the system, session should be destroyed, and the homepage must  be shown | | Pass |  |

# PRACTICAL-12

## Aim: Study various tools for testing (win runner, load runner).

### Description:

Automated testing is becoming more & more important for many software projects in order to automatically verify key functionality. Various areas in which automated testing tools are used:

* Reviews, walkthroughs & inspection
* Regression testing, defect management, test management, etc
* Configuration control & version management

## WinRunner:

As a functional test suite, it worked with HP QuickTest Professional & supported enterprise quality assurance. It captured, verified and replayed user interactions automatically, in order to identify defects & determine whether business processes worked as designed. The software implemented a proprietary Test Script Language (TSL) that allowed customization and parameterization of user input.

HP WinRunner was originally written by Mercury Interactive. Mercury Interactive was subsequently acquired by Hewlett Packard (HP) in 2006. It is the most commonly used automated testing tool.

## Features:

1. Automatic Recovery: It is possible for the user to set up various operations that will become activated if an exception event appears. The recovery manager will give you awizard that will allow you to set up a scenario for recovery.
2. Silent Installation: The unattended installation mode can be set.
3. Support For Various Environments: WinRunner includes support for Internet Explorer

6.x & Netscape 6.x, Windows XP & Sybase’s Power Builder 8, in addition to 30+ environments.

1. Cost Effective: WinRunner provides the most powerful productive & cost-effective solution forverifying enterprise application functionality.
2. Support For Multiple Data Combination: WinRunner has an ability to use numerous data combinations for one test. The DataDriver Wizard has been designed for automatic processing of large amount of data.
3. Multiple Verification: It can offer checkpoints for test, URL, GUI & databases this provides ability to compare expected outcomes with real ones.

## Load Runner:

HP Load Runner is a software testing tool from Hewlett-Packard. It is used to test applications, measuring system behaviour & performance under load. HP Load Runner can simulate thousands of users concurrently using application software, recording & later analysing the performance of key components of the application.

## Features:

* 1. It has excellent monitoring & analysis interface where tester can see reports easy to understand coloured charts & graphics.
  2. It uses C as a default programming language. However, it also supports other languages like Java, & Visual Basic.
  3. No need to install it on the server under test. It uses native monitors.
  4. It has a support for most of the commonly used protocols.
  5. It has GUI generated scripts which can be modified as per the requirements.
  6. This tool can quickly point out the effect of the wide area network (WAN) on application reliability, performance & response time.

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## Aim: Study of open-ended problems (design based).

### Description:

**Open Ended Questions:**

Open ended questions offer a suite of scenarios where you explore various skills that define a good developer. These scenarios are really up to you and can include everything from data modelling to application architecture to user interface design. Essentially, you simply tee up a situation and see how the developer deals with the situation. There’s no right or wrong answer, just good or bad discussions. More importantly, it requires solid communication- the ability to understand and explain ideas- which is the cornerstone of a good developer.

### Makeup of a Performance Problem

A performance problem could be caused by any number of things: a poorly designed architecture, an underpowered CPU, limited network bandwidth, or a combination of several factors. For example, a higher than expected load can easily overwhelm a system's resources. However, a higher volume is not always required to uncover performance problems. Poorly designed software that does not handle resource allocation and contention properly can easily cause deadlocks that eventually lead to nefarious performance problems even at a normal load.

Regardless of what causes a performance problem in a web-based application, the first step in resolving such a problem is to create a performance plan document—even if it is a short one. When you put such a document together, you should identify and involve all the domain experts relevant to the web-based application at hand.

Performance Strategy: Total Systems Approach

Performance troubleshooting of a web-based system, much like a mind-body healing, requires a *holistic* approach. A web-based system is much more than just an application server, a few thousand lines of code, a database, and a firewall. It is more than the sum of its parts. It is an

interconnected whole. Therefore, the most effective approach to solving a performance problem is to take a *total systems approach*, a process where all parts of the application domain are examined from the perspective of performance

Why is it important, as a manager, or a lead engineer, to consider all the aspects of an application? The foundation of any web system includes software, hardware and the network. A short leg on any one of these three foundations can cause performance problems. A system's performance is dependent as much on a well-tuned, well-configured network as it is on fast computing hardware or well designed software architecture. Making your SQL statements more efficient will not solve a performance problem caused by a lack of network bandwidth. Faster computers will not solve a performance problem caused by a poorly configured routing table.Replacing your current network with faster fiber optics will not solve a performance problem caused by a lack of memory or an underpowered CPU.

### How to Execute a Total Systems Approach

In an ideal world, you would catch and resolve all performance problems by load testing prior to deployment. In the real world, however, the test and production environments are not always identical. Even when the test and production environments are identical, a load test itself is only an approximation of the real load the application will face in production. Therefore, performance bottlenecks and slowdown issues often show up right after a new project is deployed. The key is being able to resolve such performance problems efficiently without too much guesswork and therefore avoiding losses in the deployment time and potential business revenues. So it is important to plan ahead for performance problems.

If you are dealing with a new project, schedule time throughout the project development for design reviews that focus on potential deadlock scenarios. While coding the application, think about inserting key timing and trace information that may come in handy later when debugging for performance issues. In addition, put together and involve a team of domain experts that will be key in helping you resolve a future performance problem.

Should a performance problem surface, make sure you have a plan. As mentioned previously, it is important that the plan be an overall performance resolution strategy where the effects of

software design changes are evaluated in conjunction with the systems network and the underlying computing hardware. Although fancy tools and monitoring agents can be a great help when faced with a performance problem, the central part of resolving a web-based performance problem is a sharp-minded project manager or an experienced lead systems engineer with a good knowledge of the systems domain and armed with the plan.

A Sample Strategy Guide: A Step-by-Step Approach

In the rest of this article we will outline a series of steps that you may use to help you solve a crash or lockup problem.

1. Identify the problem:
   * **Classify the performance issue**: crash, lockup, or slow-down. Why? Because each scenario has specific symptoms that will give you specific hints as to the cause of the problem.
   * **Repeat the problem:** If the problem only happens in the production environment make a full effort to make it happen again on a controlled environment, like the Quality Assurance (QA) or the development system. Why? Because being able to repeat the problem will enable you to understand and test the problem. You can try different cause and effect scenarios that will lead eventually to the actual cause of the problem—not to mention avoiding using the production machine for troubleshooting.
   * **Log key systems information:** Tracking vital signs of a system, such as its memory usage, CPU utilization, and disk I/O performance, are always helpful in finding out how efficient your system operates. Collect this information before and after the problem occurs as this may give you some clues. You may need to turn logging in for a while before the problem occurs. Therefore, watch out for the system log getting too big. Don't forget to time stamp any information that you log.
   * **Chart or graph all your data:** Use a spreadsheet package to display the data you collect in order to understand the behavior of your system. Finding a visual pattern in

the occurrence of your performance problem is a key starting point.

* + **Look back at the latest system changes:** If the problem occurred suddenly, backtrack your steps to see if that gives you any clues. Sometimes unforeseen or undocumented simple changes could cause problems. For example, an unplanned backup starting at midnight on a server machine dedicated to a specific application process may well cause a poor response time as the server's CPU would be hogged by the backup program.
  + **Start with the software changes first:** Begin your troubleshooting, if possible, with software changes that could make the most impact, as the software in general is for most part easier to change relative to hardware changes. ( Especially if you have to order and install hardware.)

1. Include all parties involved: In an all-out systems approach you will need to include the network team, the systems operation (systems administrators/database administrators (DBAs)), the QA and the development teams. This has to happen at early stages of the performance problem troubleshooting even if those parties may not have an active role atthe start.
2. Write down the strategic plan.
   * Look at the entire system first and then point to the component that is most likelyto buy you the largest bang for the buck when you optimize it.
   * Avoid guesswork and make sure you look at the impact any changes you make onother parts of the system.
   * Write down a list of solution options and mark them as short-term or long- termand see which one fits your case better.
   * If you come across a situation that you cannot troubleshoot in the context of the entire application, extract the key components and make a simple application. Thisway you have easier time understanding the problem and easier time resolving it.
   * Write down a backup plan in case your first set of solutions doesn't solve the performance problem. (For example a complete system rebuild in case some partsof your system was corrupted.)
3. Keep an accurate and detailed log of all the changes and all the steps taken. This document becomes invaluable when you try multiple changes, as you want to minimize your test scenarios and avoid the repeat of any previous step.

## Conclusion

Performance is a system-wide issue that spans consideration over application software, network system, and the underlying computing hardware. A solid performance strategy and a planned effort coordinated with the operations staff, QA, development, and network systems domain experts are key elements in resolving systems performance issues and creating an optimized andwell tuned web application. Since software changes are often the easiest to make, a good approach would be to start with software code or software architectural changes first and then later proceed to bigger and costlier changes to the network or the computing hardware systems.