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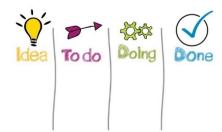
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Software Process & Product Quality -

Software Quality



- Desirable properties of process & product
- Aspects:
 - Process quality: punctuality, product impact, ...
 - Product quality: usability, maintainability, ...
- Positive correlation between process & product quality
- Maturity models: measure process quality, certification aspect (examples: CMM(I), SPICE)
- Metrics: measure artifact quality, e.g., metrics for requirements quality and code complexity



Process Maturity Models

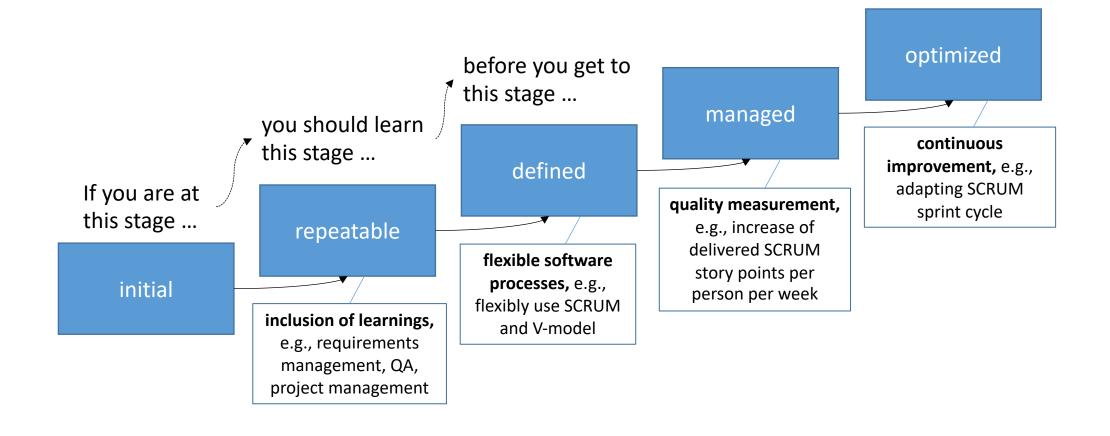
Software Process Maturity



- Process maturity models/frameworks: help to assess the effectiveness of a process and which capabilities are needed for the next level
- Guidance on how to gain control of processes
- Different levels with increasing process maturity
- Example maturity model: CMM(I) ("I" = "integrated", further development of CMM)

CMM(I): Getting to the Next Level





The 5 CMM Levels

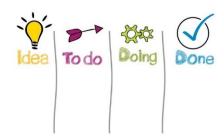


ID	Level	Example Aspects
1	initial	no process, no learnings, "ad-hoc" software development, artefacts not provided in-time, success due to "heroes"
2	repeatable	learnings from the past, some process areas are organized, e.g., project & requirements engineering, quality assurance
3	defined	(adaptive) software process, i.e., flexibility with regard to new types of projects, organizational training
4	managed	quality measurement, e.g., measurement of process productivity and developed artifacts
5	optimized	continuous improvement, e.g., strength/weaknesses analysis



Metrics

Software Process Tasks & Metrics



Process Task	Example Artefacts	Example Metric
Req. Engineering (RE)	Textual Requirements	Quality of Requirements
Design	Class Hierarchies	OO Design Metrics
Implementation	Code	Complexity Metrics
Validation	User Interface	System Usability Scale
Verification	Test Suite	Coverage Metrics
Evolution	Runtime	Stability & Performance



Quality of Requirements

Requirements



A software requirement describes what a customer or user expects from a product in terms of conditions, properties, goals, benefits.

Software Requirements

Functional Requirements

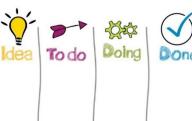
(operations & activities a system must perform)

e.g., data to be entered, functions/operations, workflows, system outputs

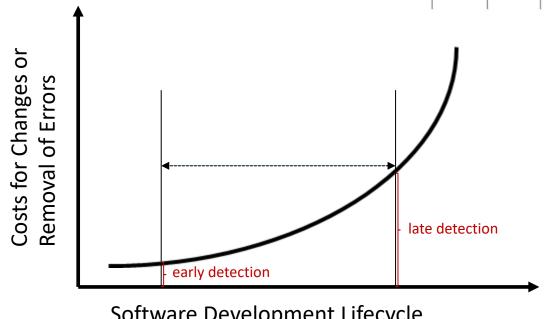
Non-functional Requirements (quality aspects of a software system)

e.g., performance, usability, portability, but also ... costs, support

Why Requirements Engineering (RE)?



- 39% of projects completed successfully
- 18% cancelled
- 43% completed over budget
- Avg. RE project efforts: 2-5%
- But: erroneous requirements have the worst effect ...



Software Development Lifecycle

• Savings (RE): reduced development & adaptation + reduced error correction + reduced opportunity costs (up to 40% of total costs!)

Quality Characteristics of Requirements



- Unambiguity
- Testability (verifiable)
- Clarity (simple, concise)
- Correctness
- Understandability

- Feasibility (possible, realistic)
- Independence
- Atomicity
- Necessity
- Implementation-freeness (abstract)

Property: Unambiguity



- **Example**: "no passwords longer than 25 characters should be accepted by the system".
- **Issues**: more than 25 not enterable? The system should show an error message? Text should be truncated?
- Example' (better): "no passwords longer than 25 characters should be accepted. If a user tries to exceed this limit when entering a password, the system should show an error message and inform the user to change the entered password correspondingly".

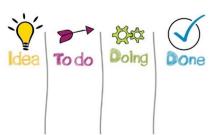
Dimension	Calculation (basic)
Unambiguity [01]	#stakeholders who evaluated R as ambiguous
Onambiguity [01]	+stakeholders who evaluated R

Property: Testability

- Idea To do Doing Done
- Example: "In the customer administration, customer search should be supported on the basis of surname, address, etc."
- **Issues**: what is meant with "etc."? Tester should be able to check if the requirement has been implemented correctly.
- Sources of limited testability: non-specific terms (e.g., "etc.", "and/or"), adverbs (e.g., "quickly"), adjectives (e.g., "maintainable"), and vague words (e.g., "manage")
- **Example'**: In the customer administration, customer search should be supported on the basis of the attributes surname, address, and age.

Dimension	Calculation (basic)
Testability [01]	$\frac{1}{1}$ #non – specific words in R
	#words in R

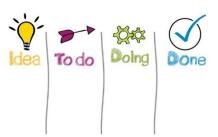
Property: Clarity



- **Example**: When searching for an invoice, customers typically know their customer-id, but sometimes not, then the system should prove it's flexibility and allow to search for the invoice based on the customer's surname + date of purchase.
- **Issues**: which search criteria are allowed?
- **Example'**: When searching for an invoice, the system shall identify the invoice based on the customer-id or the customer's surname + date of purchase.

Dimension	Calculation (basic)
Clarity [01]	#stakeholders who evaluated R as clear
	#stakeholders who evaluated R

Property: Correctness



- Example: the price shown should include 19% value-added tax.
- Issues: the application is developed for a customer in Austria.
- Example': the price shown should include value-added tax which is country-specific (see the following table ...).

	Dimension	Calculation (basic)
	Correctness [01]	#stakeholders who evaluated R as correct
		#stakeholders who evaluated R

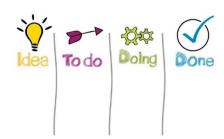
Property: Understandability



- **Example**: Customer must enter user-id and password before switches to payment view.
- Issues: grammatical errors ...
- Example': Customers must enter their user-id and password before switching to the payment view.

Dimension	Calculation (basic)
Understandability	$ \{s \text{ in sentences: erroneous}(s)\} $
[01]	{s in sentences}

Property: Feasibility



- **Example**: the system shall provide a UI that enables the recommendation of items based on automated emotion detection.
- **Issue**: the requirement may not be feasible with the given resources.

Dimension	Calculation (basic)
Feasibility	#stakeholders who estimated R as feasible
[01]	#stakeholders who estimated R

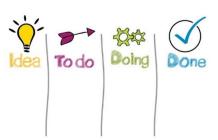
Property: Independence



- Example: Requirement 1 (R1): the list of recommended items shall include item name and item price. Requirement 2 (R2): it shall be sorted by item name.
- **Issue**: in order to understand R2, R1 has to be understood as well. If the order of requirements changes, R2 cannot be understood anymore!
- **Example'**: R2: the list of recommended items shall be sorted by item name.

Dimension	Calculation (basic)
Independence	$1 - \frac{ keywords(R1) \cap keywords(R2) }{ keywords(R1) \cup keywords(R2) }$
(R1,R2)	$ keywords(R1) \cup keywords(R2) $

Property: Atomicity

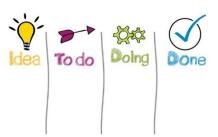


- Example: R1: the system shall support customer search, store new customers, delete customers, and generate invoices.
- **Issue**: the requirement is not a single traceable element!
- Example: R1: the system shall allow to search for customers. R2: the system show allow to store new customers. R3: the system shall allow to delete customers. R4: the system shall allow to generate invoices.

Dimension	Calculation (basic)
Atomicity –	$ keywords(s1) \cap keywords(s2) $
cohesion (s1,s2)	$ keywords(s1) \cup keywords(s2) $

Remark: si can be regarded as sentences or subclauses.

Property: Necessity



- A requirement is unnecessary, if none of the stakeholders is in the need of this requirement.
- Example: additional requirements are added by developers under the assumption that stakeholders could need this.

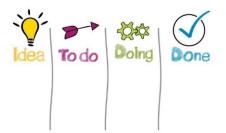
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Necessity	#stakeholders who are accepting R
(support)	#stakeholders who analyzed R

Property: Implementation-freeness



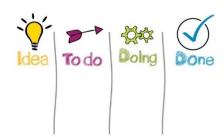
- Requirements should not include unnecessary implementation and design details. Focus on the "what" but not on the "how?"
- Example: The system shall support the collection of customer data which are then stored in a MySQL table.
- Example': The system shall support the collection and storage of customer data.

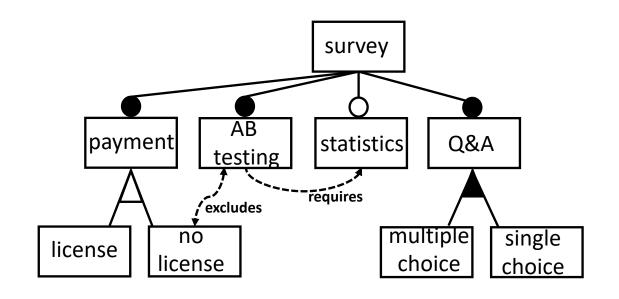
Dimension	Calculation (basic)
Implementation-	1 – #extracted technical keywords
freeness	#extracted keywords



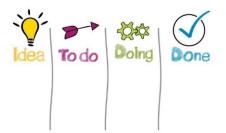
Quality Metrics for Feature Models

Feature Model Quality





Name	Metric	Example
dead features f in feature model FM	$\frac{ \{f \text{ in } features(FM): no \text{ solution } (\{f = true\} \cup relationships(FM))\} }{ \{f \text{ in } features(FM)\} }$	feature "no license"
false optional features f	$ \{f \text{ in } features(FM): no \text{ solution } (\{f = false\} \cup \text{ relationships}(FM))\} $	feature
in feature model FM	{f in features(FM)}	"statistics"

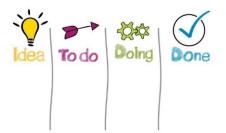


OO Design Metrics

OO Design & Implementation Metrics



Name	Metric	Impact
avg. methods (m) per class c (MC)	$\frac{\sum_{c \ in \ classes} \{m : m \ in \ c\} }{ classes }$	the more methods in c, the higher the adaptation efforts in c and c's child classes
avg. depth of classes c inheritance tree (DIT)	$\frac{\sum_{c \ in \ classes} depth \ in \ tree(c)}{ classes }$	the deeper a class in the inheritance tree, the more methods are inherited
avg. number of children of class c (NOC)	$\frac{\sum_{c\ in\ classes} children(c) }{ classes }$	the more children cc in c, the higher the likelihood of improper abstraction
avg. coupling of c with other classes c' (CBO)	$\frac{\sum_{c \ in \ classes} \{c' : c' connected \ to \ c\} }{ classes }$	a higher degree of direct coupling prevents object reuse (detrimental to modular design!)
avg. response for a class (RFC)	$\frac{\sum_{c \ in \ classes} \{c' : c' activated \ by \ c\} }{ classes }$	the higher the number of potentially activated methods, the higher the adaptation efforts
avg. lack of cohesion in methods (LCOM)	$\frac{\sum_{(m1,m2) in c} \frac{ attr(m1) \cap attr(m2) }{ attr(m1) \cup attr(m2) }}{ \{(m1,m2) in c\} }$	low cohesion indicates that a class c could be split. In this context, attr(mi) denotes the attributes referred to by methods mi



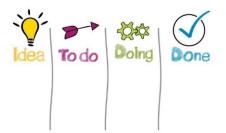
Complexity Metrics

McCabe Structural Complexity

Java Code	Graph	CYC
<pre>class McCabeTest1 { public void test1(boolean a) { if (a=true) {System.out.println("true");} else {System.out.println("false");};} }</pre>	if(a=true) "true" "false"	2
<pre>class McCabeTest2 { public void test1(boolean a, boolean b) { if (a=true) { if (b=true)</pre>	if(a=true) "true" if(b=true)	3
<pre>class McCabeTest3 { public void test1(int a, int b) { if (a>0) { while (b>0) { System.out.println(b); b = b - 1;}}}</pre>	if(a>0) while(b>0) "b" b=b-1	3



- Estimating a code's structural complexity
- An example in OOP contexts: method complexity
- McCabe's cyclomatic complexity: CYC=D+1
- D: binary decision in flow graph



System Usability Scale (SUS)

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• SUS is a "quick and dirty" approach to measuring usability (10 items questionnaire) - see: https://bit.ly/2zqvE5x

• Questions:

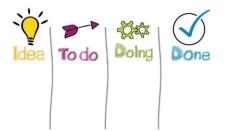
- 1. I think that I would like to use this system frequently.
- 2. I found the system unnecessarily complex.
- 3. I thought the system was easy to use.
- 4. I think that I would need the support of a technical person to be able to use this system.
- 5. I found the various functions in this system were well integrated.
- 6. I thought there was too much inconsistency in this system.
- 7. I would imagine that most people would learn to use this system very quickly.
- 8. I found the system very cumbersome to use.
- 9. I felt very confident using the system.
- 10. I needed to learn a lot of things before I could get going with this system.

SUS Example



Question	Answer	odd Qs +1, 5-even
Q1	4	3
Q2	1	4
Q3	5	4
Q4	1	4
Q5	4	3
Q6	2	3
Q7	5	4
Q8	1	4
Q9	5	4
Q10	1	4

- SUS scale of answers: 1.0 .. 5.0 (strongly disagree .. strongly agree)
- Subtract 1.0 from each answer to an oddnumbered question
- Subtract the answer to each even-numbered question from 5.0
- Add-up the total score (37.0)
- Multiply the result with 2.5 (92.5)
- Result interpretation:
 - Average of individual respondents
 - >=80.3: people love your UI
 - >=68.0: your UI is ok, but could be improved
 - Otherwise: usability is your priority now!



Further Example Metrics

Verification & Evolution



• Quality of test suite: $COV = \frac{tested\ lines\ of\ code}{total\ lines\ of\ code}$

• Mean time to repair: $MTTR = \frac{total\ maintenance\ time}{number\ of\ repairs}$

• Mean time between failures: $MTBF = \frac{total\ operational\ time}{number\ of\ failures}$

Repetition (R2)



- Visit: https://checkr.tugraz.at/ (a TU Graz software).
- Login with your TU Graz student account (single sign-on supported).
- Enter the following <u>participation code</u>: **rJACCg** (note: you can try to answer the individual questions as often as you like!). No fixed time slots for the repetitions, **deadline for all repetitions**: **June 20**th, **23:59:59**.
- Go to the category "Software Quality" and answer the questions.
- Your answers will be taken into account as mentioned in the organization slides.



Thank You!

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