

# *2. Project Planning(1)*

## Estimation

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# In this part of the course . . .

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- We will mainly study
  - Project Estimation
  - Project Scheduling
  - Other remaining issues

that are needed **to start designing and implementation**

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# 1. Observation on Estimation

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Frederick Brooks [Bro95]:

... our techniques of estimating are poorly developed. More seriously, they reflect an unvoiced assumption that is quite untrue, i.e., that all will go well. . . . because we are uncertain of our estimates, software managers often lack the courteous stubbornness to make people wait for a good product.

[Bro 95] F. Brooks, *The Mythical Man-Month*, Addison-Wesley, 1995.

## 2. The Project Planning Process

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The overall goal of project planning is to establish a pragmatic strategy for controlling, tracking, and monitoring a complex technical project.

Why?

So that the end product is produced

on time,

on budget,

with the required functionality and quality!

# Project Planning Task Set

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1. Establish project scope
  2. Determine feasibility
  3. Analyze risks
  4. Define required resources
    - Determine require human resources
    - Define reusable software resources
    - Identify environmental resources
  5. Estimate cost and effort
    - Decompose the problem
    - Develop two or more estimates
    - Reconcile the estimates
  6. Develop a project schedule
    - Establish a meaningful task set
    - Define a task network
    - Use scheduling tools to develop a timeline chart
    - Define schedule tracking mechanisms
- +  
project management plan  
+  
configuration management plan  
+  
software maintenance plan  
(+  
software quality assurance plan)

# Estimation

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- Estimation of **resources**, **cost**, and **schedule** for a software engineering effort requires
  - <= Experience
  - <= Access to good historical data (& metrics)
  - <= The courage to commit to quantitative predictions when qualitative information is all that exists
- Estimation carries inherent **risk**, which leads to uncertainty

Risk: Potential danger (as opposed to realized danger)

# 3. Software Scope and Feasibility

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- **Software scope** describes
  - the functions and features to be delivered to end-users
    - the data that are input and output
    - the “content” that is presented to users as a consequence of using the software
  - the performance, constraints, interfaces, and reliability that bound the system.
- Two techniques to define scope:
  - A narrative description
  - A set of use-cases
- **Feasibility**
  - Can we build software to meet the scope?

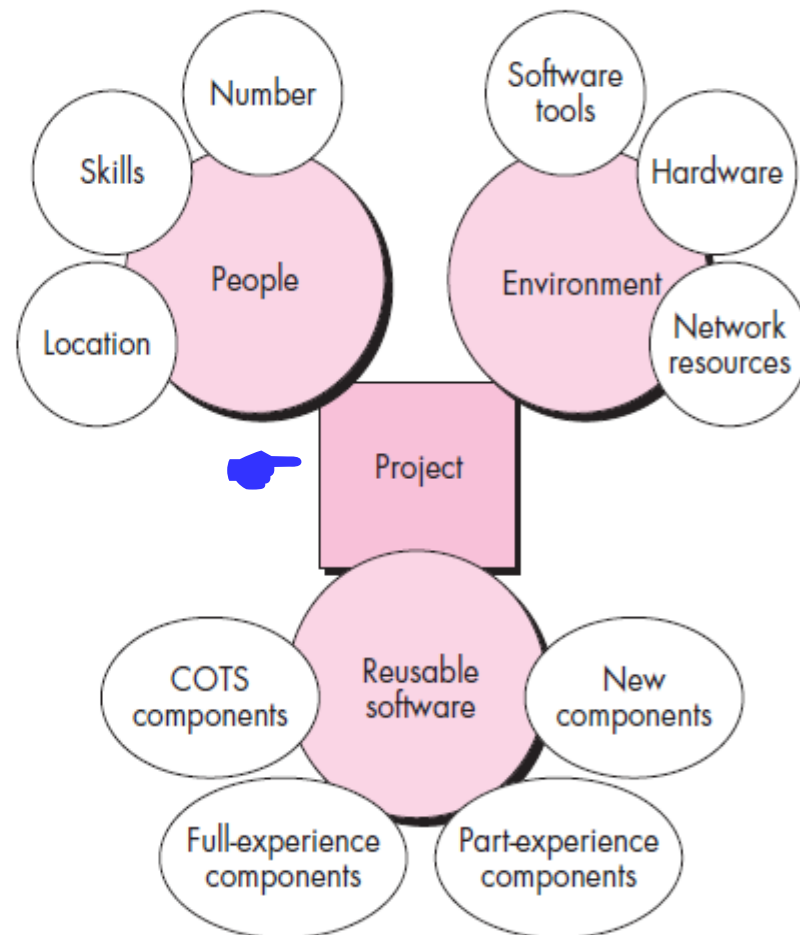


# 4. Resources

Project  
resources

Resource specification:

- 1) description
- 2) availability
- 3) the time when it is required
- 4) the duration that it is required

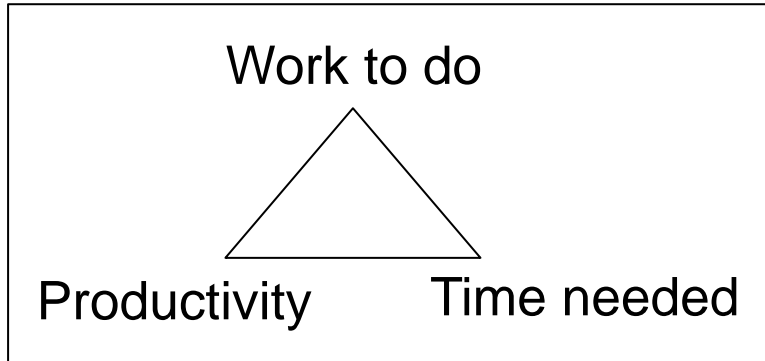


# 5. Software Project Estimation

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- For estimation of resources, cost, and schedule
  - Project scope must be understood
  - Decomposition is necessary
  - Historical data are very helpful
  - At least two different techniques should be used
- Uncertainty is inherent in estimation

# Basic Idea

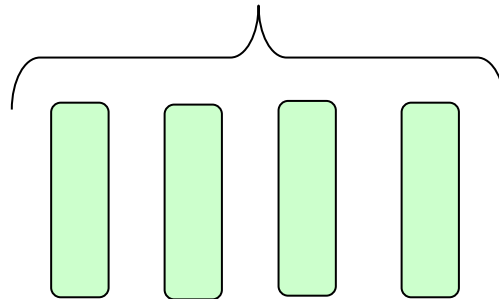


Work to do

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Team  
Productivity

= ?



Team members

Is team productivity  
the sum of individual  
member's productivities?

# Estimation Techniques

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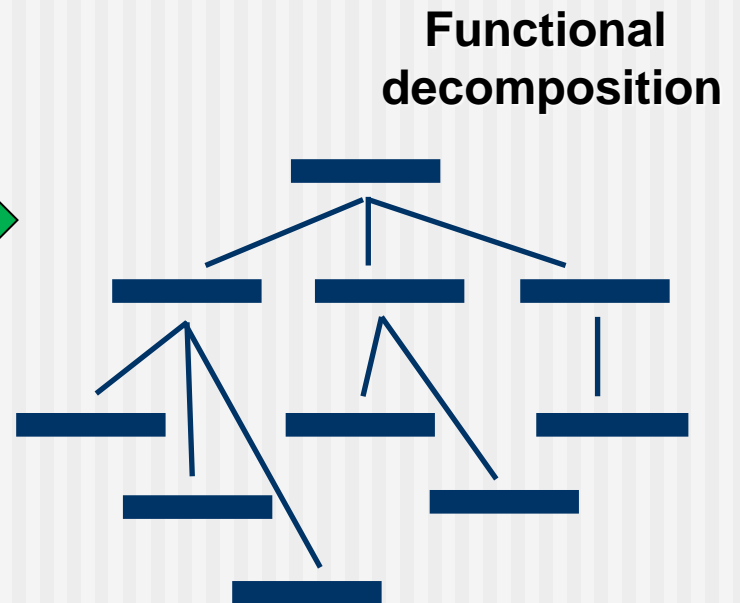
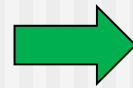
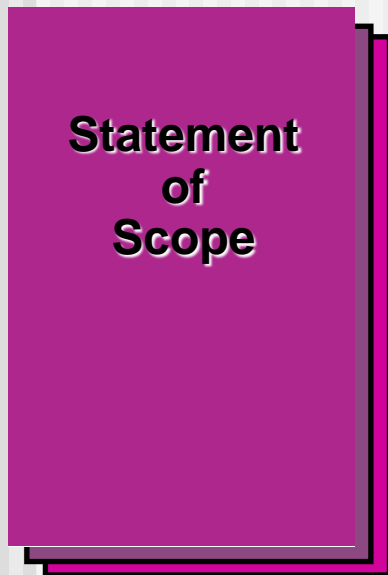
- Past (similar) project experience
- Conventional estimation techniques
  - task breakdown and effort estimates
  - size (e.g., FP) estimates
- Empirical models
- Automated tools

# Estimation Accuracy

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- Depends on
  - how well the planner has estimated the size of the product
  - the ability to translate the size estimate into
    - human effort,
    - calendar time, and
    - dollars
  - (☛ need reliable data from past projects)
  - the abilities of the software team
  - the stability of product requirements
  - the environment that supports the development effort

# 6. Decomposition Techniques



# (A) Problem Decomposition

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- Also called **problem partitioning** or **problem elaboration**
- Once scope is defined ...
  - It is decomposed into **constituent functions**
  - It is decomposed into user-visible **data objects**  
*or*
  - It is decomposed into a set of **problem classes**
- Decomposition continues until all functions or problem classes have been defined

# (B) Process Decomposition

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**Process** is "a series of actions or operations conducing to an end; *especially*, a continuous operation or treatment especially in manufacture."

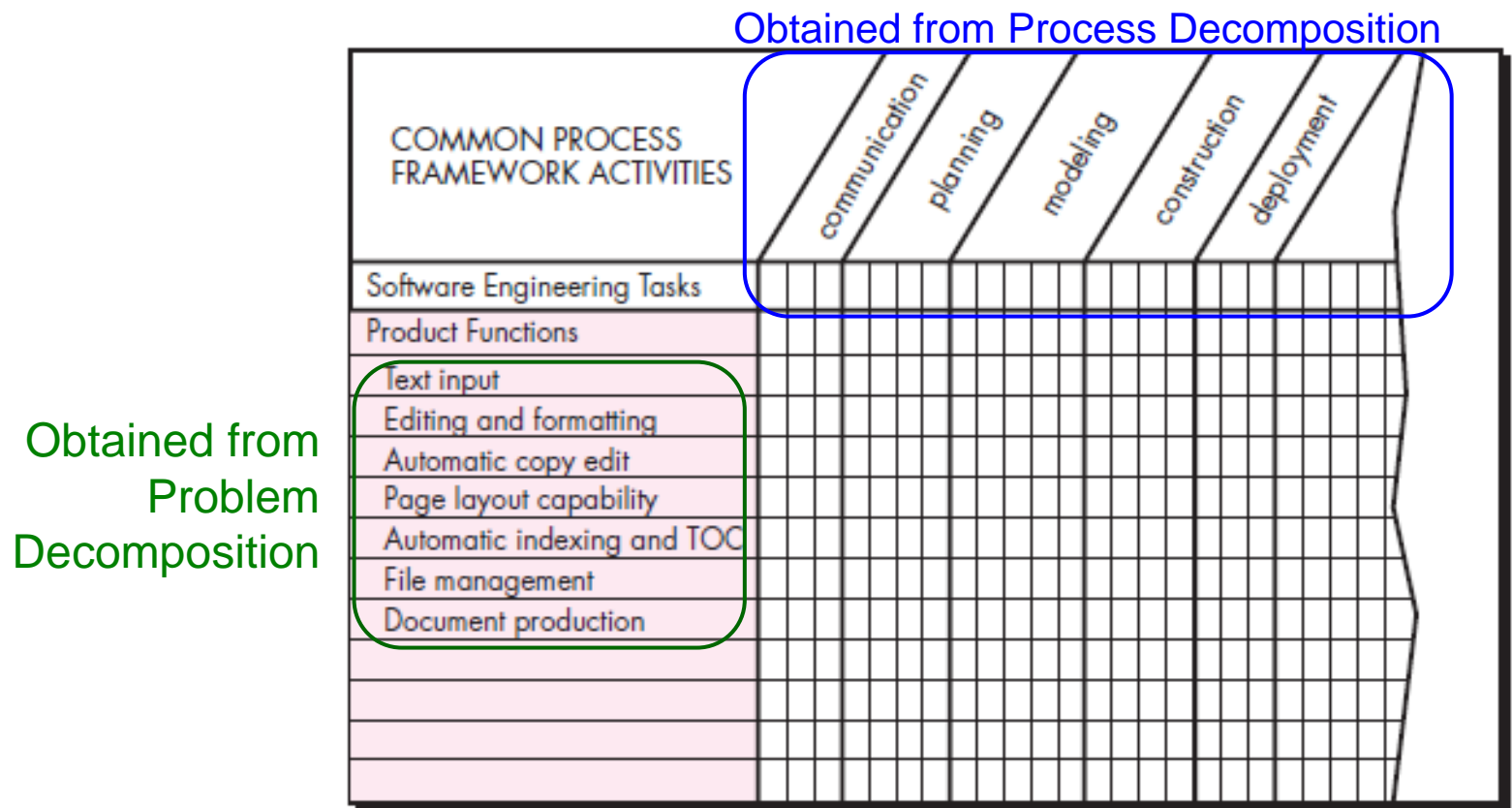
- Merriam-Webster Dictionary

- **Process Framework:** Core Process Activities => Generic Process Activities
  - communication ( $\approx$  requirements engineering)
  - planning
  - modeling ( $\approx$  design)
  - construction
  - deployment (on the client's site)



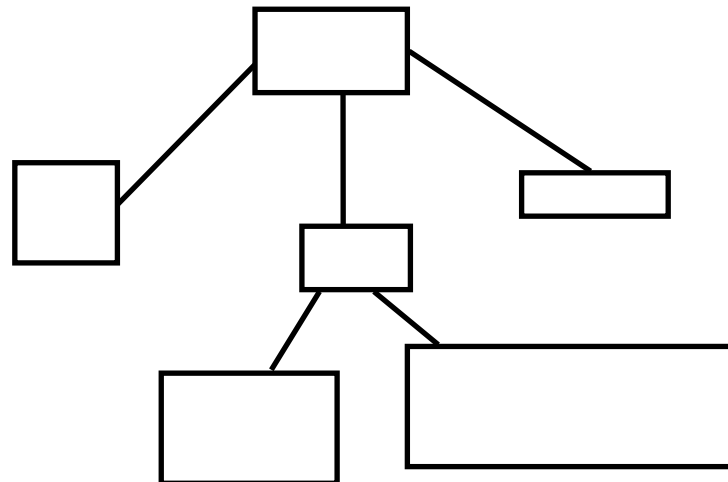
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- Once a **process framework** has been established
    - Consider project characteristics
    - Determine the degree of rigor required
    - Define a task set for each software engineering activity
      - Task set =
        - Software engineering tasks
        - Work products
        - Quality assurance points
        - Milestones

# Melding the Problem and the Process



# Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)

- Purposes :
  - Identify (work) tasks
  - Identify resources
  - Provide a means of calibrating the accuracy of the development plan  
(How fine-grained should the plan be?)



- 1 week <= Activity duration <= 8~10 weeks

# WBS - Example

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1000 Project Inception

...

2000 System Definition

2100 System Definition Management

2200 Produce Functional Specification

2210 Interview Customer

2220 Model Customer Process

2230 Produce Interface Rapid Prototype

2231 Create Screen Formats

2232 Create Database Interface

2233 Review Format With Customer

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...

2300 Produce Project Plan

...

3000 System Definition

...

} Tasks for  
individuals

# 7. Software Sizing

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- Determining the “size” of software to be built
- Approaches:
  - ➡ ■ **Function-based sizing**: The planner develops estimates of the information domain characteristics.
  - **Change sizing**: Used when a project encompasses the use of existing software that must be modified in some way.
  - **Standard component sizing**: Software is composed of a number of different “standard components” that are generic to a particular application area.
- **Software sizing measures**
  - LOC(Lines of Code) = SLOC(Source Lines of Code)
  - FP(Function Point)
  - Use Case Point
  - AP(Application Point) = OP(Object Point)

# 8. Function-based Cost Estimation

- Software Sizing => Software Cost Estimation
  - $\text{Software Size in Unit} \div (\text{Cost} / \text{Software Unit}) = \text{Software Cost}$
- Software Cost Estimation
  - 1) Function-based Cost Estimation (=> Section 8)
    - A) Problem-based
    - B) Process-based
    - C) Use Case-based
  - 2) Empirical Estimation Models (=> Section 9)  
(= Algorithmic Cost Estimation)

# A) Problem-based Estimation

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- Loc Approach & FP Approach
  - begin with a bounded statement of software scope
  - attempt to decompose it into **problem functions** that can each be estimated individually.
- To use LOC/FP
  - compute LOC/FP using estimates of information domain values
  - use historical data to build estimates for the project

# Example: LOC Approach

Function	Estimated LOC
User interface and control facilities (UICF)	2,300
Two-dimensional geometric analysis (2DGA)	5,300
Three-dimensional geometric analysis (3DGA)	6,800
Database management (DBM)	3,350
Computer graphics display facilities (CGDF)	4,950
Peripheral control function (PCF)	2,100
Design analysis modules (DAM)	8,400
<i>Estimated lines of code</i>	<i>33,200</i>

## Historical productivity data

LOC estimate: Average productivity for systems of this type = 620 LOC/pm.

Burdened labor rate =\$8000 per month

(= Salary + Expenses)

pm = person-month

- ☛ The cost per LOC  $\approx$  \$13
- ☛ The total estimated project cost = \$431,000
- ☛ The estimated effort = 54 pm



# Example: FP Approach

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- Function Point (FP)
  - Proposed by [Albrecht 79]
  - An effective means for measuring the functionality delivered by a system.
  - Derived using an empirical relationship based on
    - (1) countable (direct) measures of software's information domain and
    - (2) assessments of software complexity
- Information domain values consists of the counts of :
  - External inputs (EIs)
  - External outputs (EOs)
  - External inquiries (EQs)
  - Internal logical files (ILFs)
  - External interface files (EIFs)

amount of work

countable works of different categories

Computing function points	Information Domain Value	Count	Weighting factor				
			Simple	Average	Complex		
External Inputs (EIs)		<input type="text"/>	×	3	<u>4</u>	6	= <input type="text"/>
External Outputs (EOs)		<input type="text"/>	×	4	<u>5</u>	7	= <input type="text"/>
External Inquiries (EQs)		<input type="text"/>	×	3	<u>4</u>	6	= <input type="text"/>
Internal Logical Files (ILFs)		<input type="text"/>	×	7	<u>10</u>	15	= <input type="text"/>
External Interface Files (EIFs)		<input type="text"/>	×	5	<u>7</u>	10	= <input type="text"/>
Count total		→ <input type="text"/>					Unadjusted FP

$$\text{Adjusted FP} = \frac{\text{count total}}{\text{Unadjusted FP}} \times [0.65 + 0.01 \times \sum (F_i)]$$

Adjusted FP

Unadjusted FP

value adjustment factors (VAF)  
(See the next slide)

Which is most challenging to handle?  
Which is easiest to handle?

# Value adjustment factors (VAF)

1. Does the system require reliable backup and recovery?
2. Are specialized data communications required to transfer information to or from the application?
3. Are there distributed processing functions?
4. Is performance critical?
5. Will the system run in an existing, heavily utilized operational environment?
6. Does the system require online data entry?
7. Does the online data entry require the input transaction to be built over multiple screens or operations?
8. Are the ILFs updated online?
9. Are the inputs, outputs, files, or inquiries complex?
10. Is the internal processing complex?
11. Is the code designed to be reusable?
12. Are conversion and installation included in the design?
13. Is the system designed for multiple installations in different organizations?
14. Is the application designed to facilitate change and ease of use by the user?

How difficult is  
your software  
development?

Each rated on scales  
equivalent to the following:

Not present	= 0
Incidental Influence	= 1
Moderate Influence	= 2
Average Influence	= 3
Significant Influence	= 4
Strong Influence	= 5

# Example 1(1/2)

Factor	Value
Backup and recovery	4
Data communications	2
Distributed processing	0
Performance critical	4
Existing operating environment	3
Online data entry	4
Input transaction over multiple screens	5
Master files updated online	3
Information domain values complex	5
Internal processing complex	5
Code designed for reuse	4
Conversion/installation in design	3
Multiple installations	5
Application designed for change	5
<b>Value adjustment factor s</b>	<b>1.17</b>

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Finally, the estimated number of FP is derived:

Adjusted FP →  $FP_{\text{estimated}} = \text{count total} \times [0.65 + 0.01 \times \Sigma(F_i)] = 375$

# Example 1 (2/2)

Estimating  
information  
domain values

Information domain value				Unadjusted		FP count
	Opt.	Likely	Pess.	Est. count	Weight	
Number of external inputs	20	<u>24</u>	30	<u>24</u>	<u>4</u>	97
Number of external outputs	12	15 <u>16</u>	22	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	78
Number of external inquiries	16	<u>22</u>	28	<u>22</u>	<u>4</u>	88
Number of internal logical files	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	5	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>	42
Number of external interface files	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	3	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	15
<i>Count total</i>						320

$$\text{FP}_{\text{estimated}} = \frac{\text{count-total}}{\text{Adjusted}} \times \frac{[0.65 + 0.01 \times \sum (F_i)]}{1.17} = 375$$

Historical productivity data

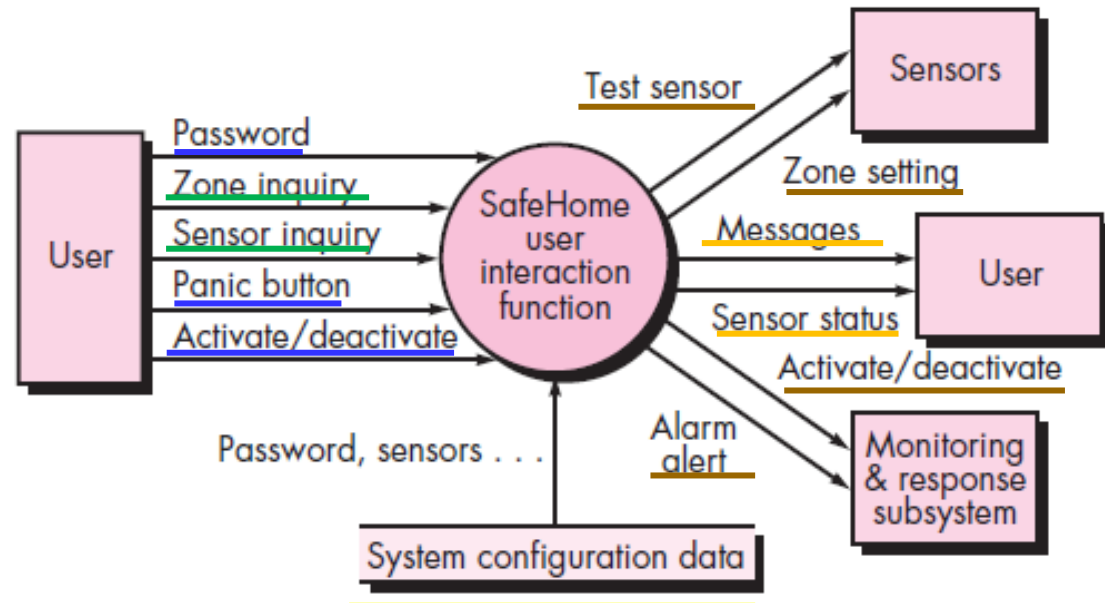
Organizational average productivity = 6.5 FP/pm.

Burdened labor rate = \$8000 per month, approximately \$1230/FP.

- ☛ The total estimated project cost = \$461,000
- ☛ The estimated effort = 58 pm

# Example 2

A data flow model for *SafeHome* software



Computing  
function points

## Information Domain Value

External Inputs (EIs)

External Outputs (EOs)

External Inquiries (EQs)

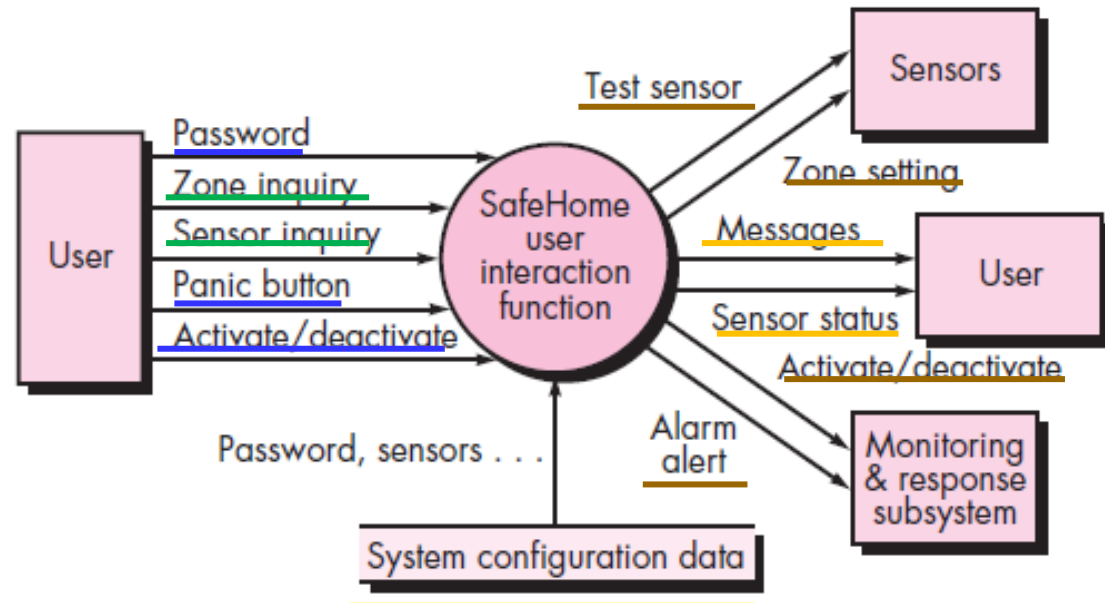
Internal Logical Files (ILFs)

External Interface Files (EIFs)

<= data sent with file read/write

# Example 2

A data flow model for *SafeHome* software



Computing function points	Information Domain Value	Count		Weighting factor				
				Simple	Average	Complex		
	<u>External Inputs (EIs)</u>	3	×	3	4	6	=	9
	<u>External Outputs (EOs)</u>	2	×	4	5	7	=	8
	<u>External Inquiries (EQs)</u>	2	×	3	4	6	=	6
	<u>Internal Logical Files (ILFs)</u>	1	×	7	10	15	=	7
	<u>External Interface Files (EIFs)</u>	4	×	5	7	10	=	20
Count total								
								50

Assume  $\Sigma(F_i)$  is 46

Then  $FP = 50 \times [0.65 + (0.01 \times 46)] = 56$

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# Converting FPs to LOC

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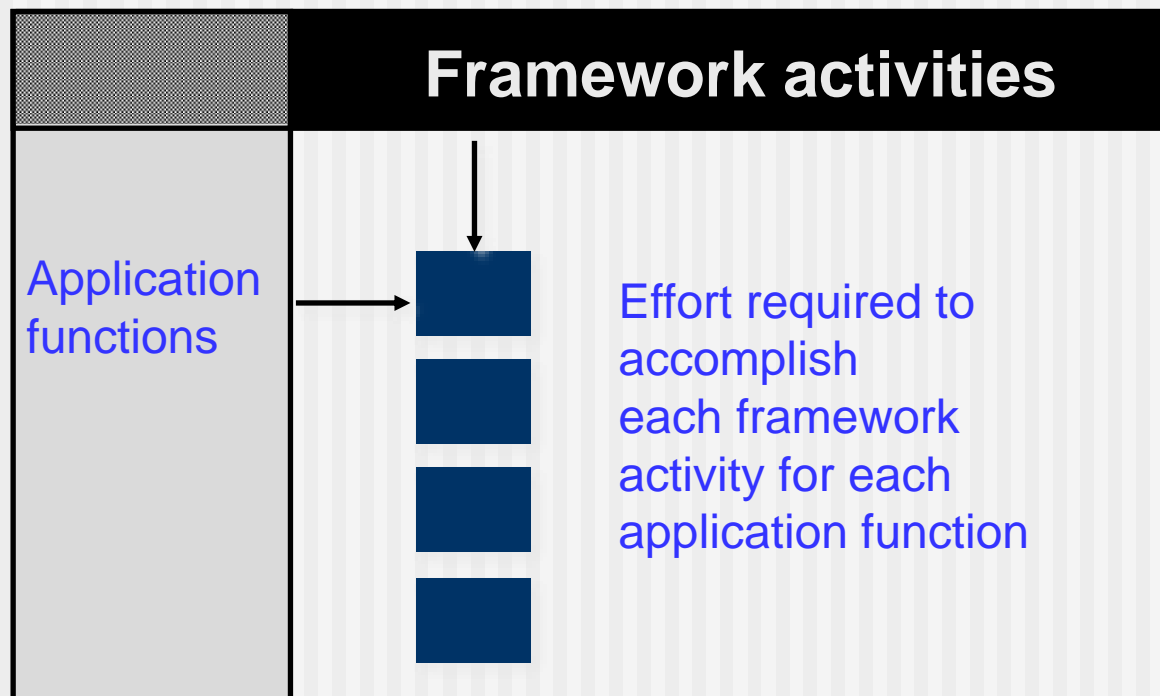
- FPs can be used to estimate LOC depending on the Average number of LOC per FP for a given language
  - $\text{LOC} = \text{Average number of LOC/FP} \times \text{number of FP}$
  - Average number of LOC per FP in reality:
    - 200 ~ 300 for assemble languages
    - . . . for 3GLs (3rd Generation Languages)
    - 2 ~ 40 for 4GLs (4th Generation Languages)

How many debugged LOC can you write per day?



## B) Process-Based Estimation

**Recall** the matrix obtained from Problem Decomposition and Process Decomposition



➡ **Actually a problem-based & process-base estimation !**

How are these numbers obtained?

## Example: Process-Based Estimation

Process-based estimation table  
(In Person-Month)

Activity →	CC	Planning	Risk analysis	Engineering		Construction release		CE	Totals
Task →				Analysis	Design	Code	Test		
Function									
UICF				0.50	2.50	0.40	5.00	n/a	8.40
2DGA				0.75	4.00	0.60	2.00	n/a	7.35
3DGA				0.50	4.00	1.00	3.00	n/a	8.50
CGDF				0.50	3.00	1.00	1.50	n/a	6.00
DBM				0.50	3.00	0.75	1.50	n/a	5.75
PCF				0.25	2.00	0.50	1.50	n/a	4.25
DAM				0.50	2.00	0.50	2.00	n/a	5.00
Totals	0.25	0.25	0.25	3.50	20.50	4.50	16.50		46.00
% effort	1%	1%	1%	8%	45%	10%	36%		

CC = customer communication CE = customer evaluation

Historical productivity data

The average burdened labor rate = \$8,000 per month

- The estimated effort = 46 pm
- The total estimated project cost = \$368,000

## C) Estimation with Use-Cases

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$$\text{UCP} = (\text{UUCW} + \text{UAW}) \times \text{TCF} \times \text{ECF}$$

UCP: Use Case Point

UUCW: Unadjusted Use Case Weight

UAW: Unadjusted Actor Weight

TCF: Technical Complexity Factor

ECF: Environmental Complexity Factor

Use Case Complexity	Factor
Simple	5
Average	10
Complex	15

Actor Complexity	Factor
Simple	1
Average	2
Complex	3

What would be a problem with the use case based estimation?

# Example: Use-Case-Based Estimation

Function
User interface and control facilities (UICF)
Two-dimensional geometric analysis (2DGA)
Three-dimensional geometric analysis (3DGA)
Database management (DBM)
Computer graphics display facilities (CGDF)
Peripheral control function (PCF)
Design analysis modules (DAM)
<i>Estimated lines of code</i>

Subsystem	# Use Cases	Complexity
UICF	16	15
2DGA, 3DGA DAM	14	10
	8	5
CGDF, PCF	10	5

Actor Complexity	#Actors	Factor
Simple	8	1
Average	12	2
Complex	4	3

Assume: 8 simple, 12 average, 4 complex actors

$$\text{TCF} = 1.04$$

$$\text{ECF} = 0.96$$

$$\text{UUCW} = 16 \times 15 + [14 \times 10 + 8 \times 5] + 10 \times 5 = 470$$

$$\text{UAW} = 8 \times 1 + 12 \times 2 + 4 \times 3 = 44$$

$$\text{UCP} = (\text{UUCW} + \text{UAW}) \times \text{TCF} \times \text{ECF} = (470 + 44) \times 1.04 \times 0.96 = 513$$

UUCW: Unadjusted Use Case Weight

UAW: Unadjusted Actor Weight

TCF: Technical Complexity Factor

ECF: Environmental Complexity Factor

# Converting Use-Case Points to LOC (Pressman)

## CAD system

	use cases	scenarios	pages	Average			LOC estimate
				scenarios	pages	LOC	
User interface subsystem	6 X	10	6	12	5	560	= 3,366
Engineering subsystem group	10 X	20	8	16	8	3100	= 31,233
Infrastructure subsystem group	5 X	6	5	10	6	1650	= 7,970
Total LOC estimate				Historical Data			42,568

Using the relationship in the next slide with  $n = 30\%$ , the table above is obtained.

$$\text{LOC estimate} = N \times \text{LOC}_{\text{avg}} + [(S_a/S_h - 1) + (P_a/P_h - 1)] \times \text{LOC}_{\text{adjust}}$$

## Example User interface subsystem

$$[(10/12 - 1) + (6/5 - 1)] = (0.83 - 1) + (1.2 - 1) = 0.033$$

$$0.033 \times \text{LOC}_{\text{adjust}} = 0.033 \times 560 \times 30\% = 5.6 \approx 6$$

$$N \times \text{LOC}_{\text{avg}} = 6 \times 560 = 3,360$$

# Converting Use-Case Points to LOC (Pressman)

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$$\text{LOC estimate} = N \times \text{LOC}_{\text{avg}} + [(S_a/S_h - 1) + (P_a/P_h - 1)] \times \text{LOC}_{\text{adjust}}$$

$N$	= actual number of use cases
$\text{LOC}_{\text{avg}}$	= historical average LOC per use case for this type of subsystem
$\text{LOC}_{\text{adjust}}$	= represents an adjustment based on $n$ percent of $\text{LOC}_{\text{avg}}$ where $n$ is defined locally and represents the difference between this project and “average” projects
$S_a$	= actual scenarios per use case
$S_h$	= average scenarios per use case for this type of subsystem
$P_a$	= actual pages per use case
$P_h$	= average pages per use case for this type of subsystem

➡ Like other metrics, need to be validated “locally” !

# Converting Use-Case Points to LOC (Pressman)

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Infrastructure subsystem group	5	6	5	10	6	1650	7,970
Total LOC estimate							42,568

## Historical productivity data

LOC estimate: Average productivity for systems of this type = 620 LOC/pm.

Burdened labor rate = \$8000 per month

The cost per LOC  $\approx$  \$13

- ☛ Total estimated project cost = \$552,000
- ☛ Estimated effort = 68 pm

# Reconciling Estimates

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- The estimation techniques result in multiple estimates that must be reconciled to produce a single estimate of effort, project duration, or cost.

## Example

The total estimated effort for the CAD software ranges from

- (1) a low of 46 pm (derived using a process-based estimation approach) to
- (2) a high of 68 pm (derived with use-case estimation).
- (3) The average estimate (using all 4 approaches: LOC, FP, Process-based, Use case-based) is 56 pm.

The variation from the average estimate is approximately 18% on the low side and 21% on the high side.

- ☛ May have to reevaluate information used for estimation
- ☛ Your way of reconciliation should be “reproducible” ! Why?

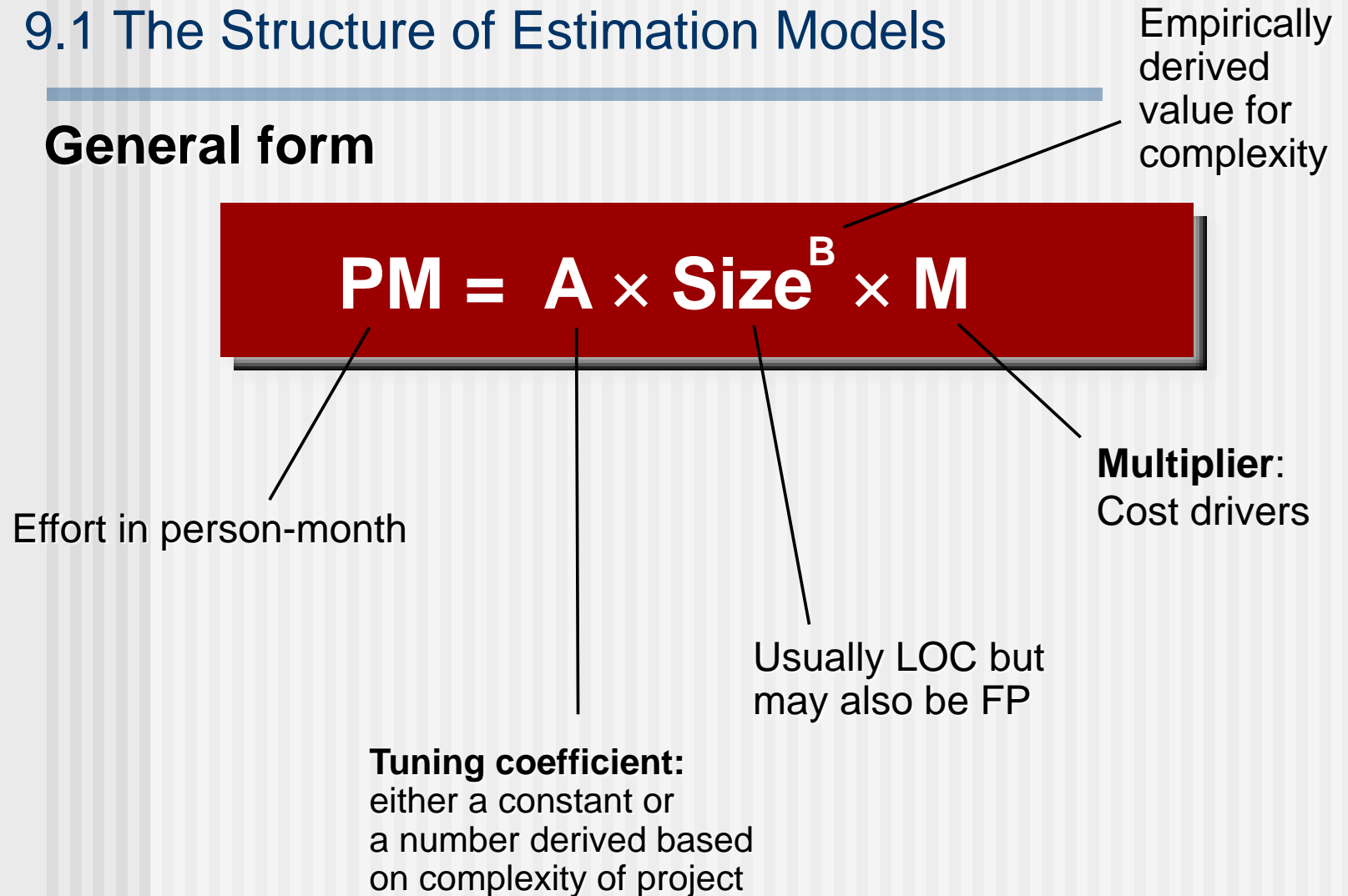


# 9. Empirical Estimation Models

(≈ Algorithmic Cost Estimation)

## 9.1 The Structure of Estimation Models

### General form



## 9.2 The COCOMO II Model

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- COCOMO II is actually a hierarchy of the following estimation models:
  - **Application composition model**. Used during the **early stages of software engineering**, when prototyping of user interfaces, consideration of software and system interaction, assessment of performance, and evaluation of technology maturity are paramount.
  - **Early design stage model**. Used once requirements have been stabilized and **basic software architecture has been established**.
  - **Post-architecture-stage model**. Used **during the construction** of the software.

You should measure not just once but multiple times!

# The COCOMO Model



B. Boehm (1935 ~2022 )

- COCOMO (= COConstructive COst Model):
  - An empirical model based on project experience  
=> Can be viewed as a *meta-model* since each user has to define parameter values before using it
  - Well-documented 'independent' model which is not tied to a specific software vendor
  - Has a long history from COCOMO-81 (1981) through various instantiations to COCOMO II (1995)
- COCOMO-81 (based on 61 projects) assumes
  - (1) Waterfall process
  - (2) Software developed from scratch
- COCOMO II (based on 163 projects) takes into account different approaches to software development, reuse, etc.  
<http://softwarecost.org/tools/COCOMO/>

# The Basic COCOMO 81 Model

Project Complexity	Formula	Description
Simple	$PM = 2.4 \times (KDSI)^{1.05} \times M$	Well-understood applications developed by small teams
Moderate	$PM = 3.0 \times (KDSI)^{1.12} \times M$	More Complex projects where team members may have limited experience of related systems
Embedded	$PM = 3.6 \times (KDSI)^{1.20} \times M$	Complex projects where the software is part of a strongly coupled complex of hardware, software, regulations and operational procedures

KDSI = K (Thousand) Delivered Source Instructions

# COCOMO II

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- COCOMO II **incorporates a range of sub-models** that produce increasingly detailed software estimates.
- The sub-models in COCOMO II are:
  - 1) **Application composition model**: Used when software is composed from existing parts.
  - 2) **Early design model**: Used when requirements are available but design has not yet started.
  - 3) **Reuse model**: Used to compute the effort of integrating reusable components.
  - 4) **Post-architecture model**: Used once the system architecture has been designed and more information about the system is available.

# Use of COCOMO II Models

## Measure

## Submodels

Based on

Application  
composition model

Used for

Prototype systems  
developed using  
scripting, DB  
prog ramming etc.

Based on

Early design model

Used for

Initial effort  
estimation based on  
system requirements  
and design options

Based on

Reuse model

Used for

Effort to integrate  
reusable components  
or automatically  
generated code

Based on

Post-architecture  
model

Used for

Development effort  
based on system  
design specification

# Use of COCOMO II Models

## Measure

## Submodels

Number of **application points**

Based on

Application composition model

Used for

Prototype systems developed using scripting, DB programming etc.

Number of **function points**

Based on

Early design model

Used for

Initial effort estimation based on system requirements and design options

Number of **lines of code reused or generated**

Based on

Reuse model

Used for

Effort to integrate reusable components or automatically generated code

Number of **lines of source code**

Based on

Post-architecture model

Used for

Development effort based on system design specification

# (1) Application Composition Model

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- Supports **prototyping projects** and **projects where there is extensive reuse**.

$$PM = ( \#AP \times (1 - \%Reuse/100) ) / PROD$$

#AP: Number of application points

**%Reuse**: Percentage of reuse

PROD: Productivity

- ➡ Produces an approximate estimate that does not take into account the additional effort involved in reuse.



# Application Points (AP)

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- Also known as *Object Points (OP)*
- An alternative function-related measure to FP *when 4GLs are used*
- The number of APs in a program is a weighted estimate of
  - the number of *separate screens* that are displayed
  - the number of *reports* that are produced by the system
  - the number of *3GL modules* that must be developed to supplement the 4GL code

# AP Estimation

- APs are **easier to estimate** from a specification than FPs as they are simply concerned with **screens, reports** and **3GL modules**  
=> Can be estimated at an early point in the development process.
- Based on standard estimates of developer productivity in APs / month.

## AP productivity

Developer's experience and capability	very low	low	nominal	high	very high
ICASE maturity and capability	very low	low	nominal	high	very high
PROD(= #AP / month)	4	7	13	25	50

ICASE: Integrated Computer Aided Software Engineering

## (2) Early Design Model

- Estimates can be made after the requirements have been agreed.

$$PM = A \times Size^B \times M$$

where

$$M = PERS \times RCPX \times RUSE \times PDIF \times PREX \times FCIL \times SCED$$

(See the next slide for multiplier definitions)

**A** = 2.94 in initial calibration,

**Size** in KLOC,

**B** varies from 1.1 to 1.24 depending on  
novelty of the project,  
development flexibility,  
risk management approaches and  
the process maturity.

# Multipliers – M

- **Cost drivers - 4 Categories 17 Multipliers**
  1. Product attributes
    - Concerned with required characteristics of the software product being developed.
  2. Computer attributes
    - Constraints imposed on the software by the hardware platform.
  3. Personnel attributes
    - Multipliers that take the experience and capabilities of the people working on the project into account.
  4. Project attributes
    - Concerned with the particular characteristics of the software development project.

# Multipliers – M

- Reflect the capability of the developers, the non-functional requirements, the familiarity with the development platform, etc.
  - **PERS**: personnel capability
  - **RCPX**: product reliability and complexity
  - **RUSE**: the reuse required
  - **PDIF**: platform difficulty
  - **PREX**: personnel experience
  - **FCIL**: the team support facilities
  - **SCED**: required schedule

The value of each cost factor takes the value between 0.5 and 1.5.

We know that typically  $1.05 \leq B \leq 1.20$ . (See next slide.)

# Influence of Cost Drivers – M

Exponent value (= B)

1.17

A = 2.5 assumed

System size (including factors for reuse and requirements volatility)

128,000 DSI

**Initial COCOMO estimate without cost drivers**

**730 person-months**

$$PM = 2.5 \times 128^{1.17} \times M$$

= 292

Reliability

**Maximum M**

Very high, multiplier = 1.39

Complexity

**= 31.59**

Very high, multiplier = 1.3

Memory constraint

High, multiplier = 1.21

Tool use

Low, multiplier = 1.12

Schedule

Accelerated, multiplier = 1.29

**Adjusted COCOMO estimate**

**2306 person-months**

Maximum values

Only 5 key cost factors used here.

Other factors set to 1.

Reliability

**Minimum M**

Very low, multiplier = 0.75

Complexity

**= 0.405**

Very low, multiplier = 0.75

Memory constraint

None, multiplier = 1

Tool use

Very high, multiplier = 0.72

Schedule

Normal, multiplier = 1

**Adjusted COCOMO estimate**

**295 person-months**

Minimum values

# (3) The Reuse Model

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- Takes into account
  - code reused without change
  - code to be adapted to integrate the reused code with new code
- Reuse is either **automatic translation** or **modification**
  - (3.1) Black-box reuse:
    - Code is **not modified but is automatically generated**.
  - (3.2) White-box reuse:
    - Code is **modified**.

## (3.1) Black-box Reuse Model

- Integration effort for automatically generated code:

$$PM_{\text{AUTO}} = (ASLOC \times AT/100) / ATPROD$$

ASLOC: Total number of lines of reused code  
(including automatically generated code)

AT: Percentage of reused code that is automatically generated.

ATPROD: Productivity of engineers in integrating this code

☛ Auto generated code needs manual integration

$ASLOC \times AT/100 \Rightarrow$  Lines of reused code

### Example

Typically  $ATPROD = 2,400 \text{ SLOC} / \text{pm}$

If black-box reused code = 20,000 SLOC,

automatically generated code = 30%, then

what is the effort to integrate this generated code?

$$(20,000 \times 30 / 100) / 2400 = 2.5 \text{ pm}$$



## (3.2) White-box Reuse Model Estimates

- When code has to be **understood and integrated**:
  - $ESLOC = ASLOC * (1 - AT/100) * AAM$ 
    - ASLOC**: Total number of lines of **reused** code
    - AT**: Percentage of code automatically generated.
    - AAM**(Adaptation Adjustment Multiplier):
      - Computed from the *costs of understanding and changing the reused code*
      - Consists of:
        - 1) Assessment cost: whether to adapt or not
        - 2) Understanding cost:  
(5 times cost to understand unstructured code)
        - 3) Adaptation cost
    - ESLOC**: Equivalent SLOC

## (4) Post-Architecture Model

- Uses the same formula as the early design model

$$PM = A * Size^B * M$$

but by determining

B **more precisely** (see next slide) and

M using **17 associated multipliers** rather than 7.

- The code size is estimated by **adding** the following:
  - 1) Number of lines of **new code** to be developed(SLOC)
  - 2) Estimate of equivalent number of lines of new code computed using the **reuse** model(ESLOC)
  - 3) Estimate of the number of lines of code that have to be **modified** according to requirements changes
- ➔ **Architecture design determines which components are to be newly developed and which components are to be reused (with or without modification)**

# Exponent Term - B

- This depends on 5 scale factors.

Each factor ranges from 0 to 5. (0: extra high, 5: very low)

Their sum/100 is added to 1.01.

With lower capability, more effort is needed.  
With higher capability, less effort is needed.

**Example** A company takes on a project in a new domain.

The client has not defined the process to be used and has not allowed time for risk analysis.

The company has a CMM(Capability Maturity Model) Level 2 rating. Then

- 1) Precedentedness:** E.g. new project (4)
- 2) Development flexibility:** E.g. no client involvement - Very high (1)
- 3) Architecture/risk resolution:** E.g. No risk analysis - Very Low (5)
- 4) Team cohesion:** E.g. New team – nominal (3)
- 5) Process maturity:** E.g. Some control – nominal (3)

=> Scale factor =  $1.17 = 1.01 + (4 + 1 + 5 + 3 + 3) / 100$

## COCOMO II - Constructive Cost Model

Monte Carlo Risk Off ▼  
Auto Calculate Off ▼

### Software Size

Sizing Method Source Lines of Code ▼

SLOC

% Design  
Modified

% Code  
Modified

% Integration  
Required

Assessment  
and  
Assimilation  
(0% - 8%)

Software  
Understanding  
(0% - 50%)

Unfamiliarity  
(0-1)

New

Reused

0

0

Modified

### Software Scale Drivers

(5 scale factors)

Precedentedness

Nominal ▼

Architecture / Risk Resolution

Nominal ▼

Process Maturity

Nominal ▼

Development Flexibility

Nominal ▼

Team Cohesion

Nominal ▼

### Software Cost Drivers

(17 multipliers)

#### Product

Required Software Reliability

Nominal ▼

Data Base Size

Nominal ▼

Product Complexity

Nominal ▼

Developed for Reusability

Nominal ▼

Documentation Match to Lifecycle Needs

Nominal ▼

#### Personnel

Analyst Capability

Nominal ▼

Programmer Capability

Nominal ▼

Personnel Continuity

Nominal ▼

Application Experience

Nominal ▼

Platform Experience

Nominal ▼

Language and Toolset Experience

Nominal ▼

#### Platform

Time Constraint

Nominal ▼

Storage Constraint

Nominal ▼

Platform Volatility

Nominal ▼

#### Project

Use of Software Tools

Nominal ▼

Multisite Development

Nominal ▼

Required Development Schedule

Nominal ▼

Maintenance Off ▼

### Software Labor Rates

Cost per Person-Month (Dollars)

Calculate

# When you do not have historical data . . .

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- The following facts were discovered in the 19th century.
- **Game:** One who estimated the weight of an ox most closely wins a prize. Several hundreds people made guesses.
  - Fact 1.** The 'middlemost' estimate, known as the Median, best reflected the actual weight of the ox.
  - Fact 2.** The mean value produced an even more accurate estimate than any of the individual estimates.
- ☛ **Wisdom of Crowds (= Collective Intelligence)**

# Wideband Delphi estimation method (1/2)

- A consensus-based technique for estimating
- B. Boehm et al. derived it (1970s) from the Delphi method (1950-1960s, RAND Co.)
- Adapted across many industries to estimate from statistical data collection results to sales and marketing forecasts.
- “Wideband” because it involves greater interaction and more communication among the participants



**Delphi:** an ancient Greek holy place where an oracle (= a female priest) was believed to be able to answer questions with advice from Apollo

# Wideband Delphi estimation method (2/2)

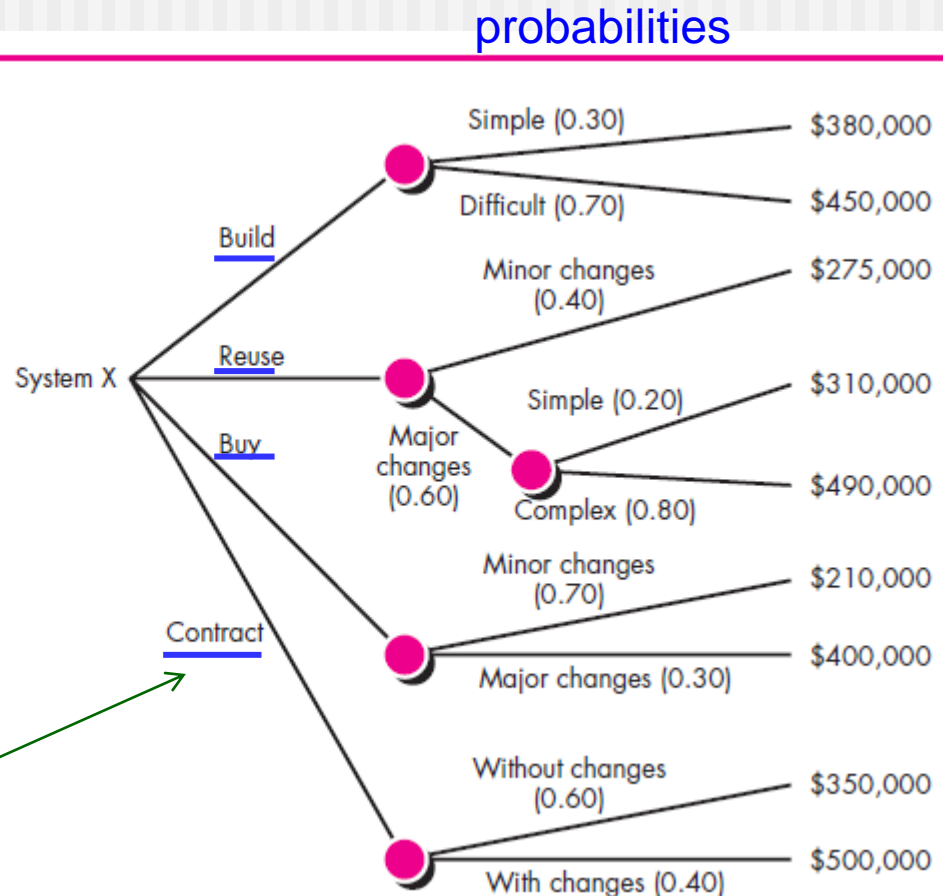
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- Steps (Boehm, *Software Engineering Economics*, 1981).
  1. **Coordinator** presents each expert with a specification and an estimation form.
  2. **Coordinator** calls a **group meeting** in which the experts discuss estimation issues with the coordinator and each other.
  3. **Experts** fill out forms **anonymously**.
  4. **Coordinator** prepares and distributes **a summary of the estimates**
  5. **Coordinator** calls a group meeting, specifically focusing on having the experts discuss points where their estimates vary widely
  6. **Experts** fill out forms, again anonymously, and steps 4 to 6 are iterated for as many rounds as appropriate.

You can use a simplified version of this technique for your project !  
The essence of this can be found in the Ox weight guessing game.

# 10. The Make-Buy Decision

A decision tree to support the make/buy decision



Software engineering activities are contracted to a third party who does the work at lower cost and, hopefully, higher quality.



# Computing Expected Cost

Expected cost =

$$\sum (\text{Path\_probability}_i \times \text{Estimated\_path\_cost}_i)$$

*For example, the expected cost to build is:*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Expected cost}_{\text{build}} &= 0.30 \times \$380\text{K} + 0.70 \times \$450\text{K} \\ &= \$429 \text{ K} \end{aligned}$$

*Similarly,*

$$\text{Expected cost}_{\text{reuse}} = \$382\text{K}$$

$$\text{Expected cost}_{\text{buy}} = \$267\text{K}$$

$$\text{Expected cost}_{\text{contract}} = \$410\text{K}$$

This shows the idea of decision making. But to be realistic maintenance and evolution costs should be included.

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# Questions?