

“Plan-and-Document”: Before coding, project manager makes plan; Write detailed documentation all phases of plan; Progress measured against the plan; Changes to project must be reflected in documentation and possibly to plan

	Waterfall	Spiral	Agile
Description	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requirements analysis & specification 2. Architectural design 3. Implementation & integration 4. Verification 5. Operation & Maintenance <p>Depends on project manager</p>	<p>Combine Plan-and-Document with prototypes; Rather than plan & document all requirements 1st, develop plan & requirement documents across each iteration of prototype as needed and evolve with the project</p>	<p>Constant Iteration; Agile emphasizes Test-Driven Development (TDD) to reduce mistakes, written down User Stories to validate customer requirements, Velocity (avg # of points/week) to measure progress</p>
Benefits	Good for bigger teams	Involve prototypes & validation	Shorter iterations

HTTP

- HTTP request includes: request method (GET, POST, etc.), Uniform Resource Identifier (URI), HTTP protocol version understood by the client, headers—extra info regarding transfer request
- Since HTTP is stateless, you use cookies in order to store data to help guide them through the pages of the app (e.g. authentication, flow/link tracking, customization, etc.)

3-Tier Shared Architecture:



Shared Nothing Architecture

MVC:

- Controller moderates between model and view
- Any instance variable declared in the controller is made available in the view
- Inheriting from ActiveRecord gives each model the ability to perform CRUD
- Any instance variable declared in the model that is not part of the database will need to be refreshed or initialized for every request made to the app.
- In MVC, each interaction the user can do is handled by a controller action
- Routes: routes maps <HTTP verb, URI> → controller action

Ruby

- Reflection lets us ask an object questions about itself and have it modify itself
- Metaprogramming lets us define new code at runtime
- Modules = Collection of methods that aren't a class
- A closure is the set of all variable bindings you can "see" at a given point in time. It "loses over" all the variables you can see, including nonlocal variables
- Ruby blocks are closures: they carry their environment around with them
 - Result: blocks can be reused by separating what to do from where & when to do it
- Duck typing encourages behavior reuse: "into-in" a module and rely on "everything is a method call—do you respond to this method?"