

## Assignment - 2

- 1) → Risk assessment in the context of software projects is the process of identifying, analyzing & prioritizing potential risks & uncertainties that could affect the ~~safe~~ successful completion of a software development project.
  - These risks can range from technical issues & startup constraints to changes in project requirement market condition and external factors.
  - The primary goal of risk assessment is to proactively manage & mitigate these risks to ensure the project's objectives are met.
  - Following are key reasons as to why risk assessment is essential in software projects.
    - 1) Early problem identification - spot problems before they escalate.
    - 2) Efficient resource allocation - allocate resources effectively
    - 3) cost control - Identifying & managing risks to ensure the final product meets expectations.
    - 4) schedule management - maintaining project timelines
    - 5) Quality assurance - address quality risks to ensure the final product meets expectations.
    - 6) Reputation management - protect organization's image & avoid legal issues by managing risks

- 7) Stakeholder communication - keep clients, management & avoid legal issues by managing risks
  - 8) increasing projects success rate - project that manage risks effectively have a better chance of success
- 2) Software Configuration Management (SCM) is a set of practices & processes used to systematically control, organize & track changes in software projects. Its primary role is to ensure the integrity, stability & quality of a software system throughout its development lifecycle. Here's how:
- 1) SCM tracks & manages different versions of software.
  - 2) Change management: organizes changes, ensuring thorough testing and documentation to prevent effects.
  - 3) Traceability: SCM links changes to specific requirements, enhancing understanding & meeting project requirements.
  - 4) Configuration management: It controls all software components to ensure regularities.

3) Formal Technical Review (FTR) are systematic, well-structured forums for reviewing & evaluating various aspects of software development, such as requirements, design, code & documentation. FTRs play a crucial role in ensuring software quality & reliability through the following mechanisms.

1) Error detection & prevention: FTRs catch & prevent errors early in development.

2) Knowledge sharing: Team collaboration enhances understanding.

3) Compliance: Ensures adherence to coding & design standards.

4) Requirements validation: verifies clear & complete requirements.

5) Risk mitigation: Addresses potential issues before they escalate.

6) Consistency: Enforces clear documentation & communication.

7) Quality improvement: feedback loop leads to ongoing improvement.

8) Enhanced review: Structured review covers all aspects thoroughly boosting reliability.

4) A formal walkthrough in the context of a software project is a structured & systematic process for reviewing & evaluating software artifacts such as code, design documents or requirements. The primary goal is to identify issues, ensure quality & improve the overall project. The following is the step-by-step process for conducting a formal walkthrough.

- 1) Preparation: preparing the artifact & assembling a review team.
- 2) Scheduling: scheduling a meeting & setting an agenda.
- 3) Conducting the walkthrough: conducting a structured review where team members discuss & document issues.
- 4) Resolution: resolving issues & assigning responsibilities for improvements.
- 5) Documentation: documenting the review.
- 6) Followup: After the review, follow up on the assigned actions.
- 7) Closeout: closing the review process once all issues are addressed.
- 8) Feedback & continuous improvement: Gathering feedback to improve future reviews.

- 5) Considering software reliability is crucial when analyzing potential risks in a project for several reasons.
- a) User Expectations: User expects software to be reliable cause software meets user expectation.
  - b) Business Impact: Software failures can have significant financial implications prevent financial losses & extra costs.
  - c) Reputation: Safeguard the organization's image.
  - d) Maintenance costs: Reducing long-term support expenses.
  - e) Safety Critical Applications: Avoid catastrophic consequences.
  - f) Regulatory Compliance: Ensure adherence to industry regulations.
  - g) Data Integrity: Protect data from corruption or loss.
  - h) Market competition: Stay competitive with reliable software.
  - i) Customer satisfaction: Enhance user experience & loyalty.
  - j) Project success: Critical for successful project outcomes.