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0. General Introduction

0.1. Software life cycle model

The software life cycle framework represents a structured framework that guides the phases of software development from inception to completion. This model clearly defines the stages of the project, such as requirements analysis, design, development, delivery, evaluation and maintenance of the software. [1]

0.2. Software development methodology

Software development methodology is a set of practices, techniques and procedures that organize and control the software development process. Its application includes project management, development team collaboration and continuous communication throughout the lifecycle, enhancing efficiency and quality of the result. [1]

0.3 Notifier difference

The difference between the life cycle model and the software development methodology is significant. The life cycle model defines the stages of the project, while the methodology guides the practices and principles during these stages, offering an organized approach to software development. [1]

0.4 Ultimate Purpose

The ultimate purpose of both the life cycle model and software development methodology is to provide a structured framework and guidelines for effective software development. Through paradigms such as the waterfall, iterative and agile methods (such as Scrum), they seek to improve the development process and achieve project goals. [1]

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1. Basic Software Development Models

1.1. The waterfall model

1.1.1. Introduction

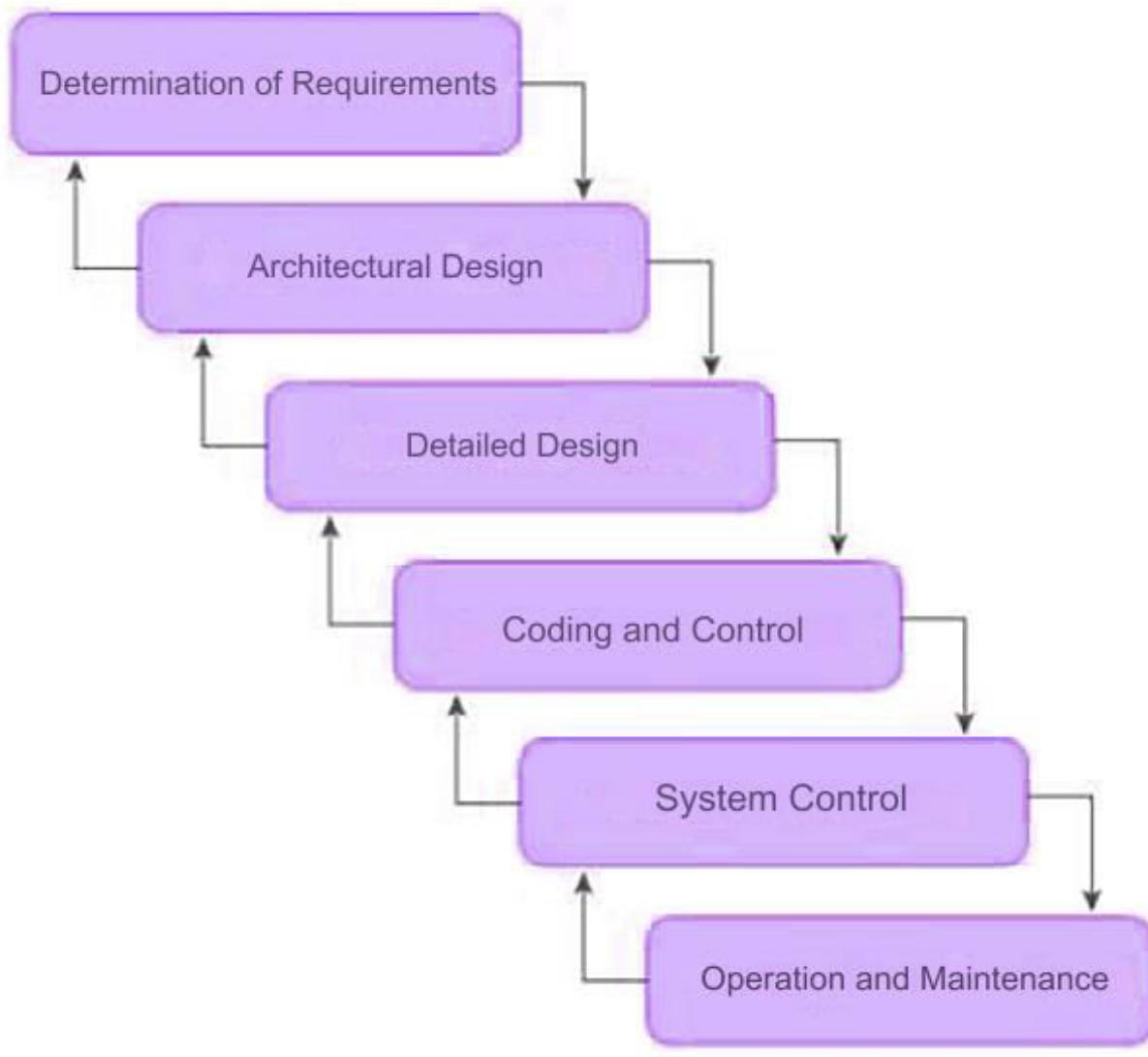


Figure 1. The waterfall model [8]

The sophisticated waterfall model, known as the Waterfall Model, is formulated as a systematic method of software development. It performs a sequence of strategically designed phases, including due diligence, advanced planning, planning, rigorous testing, and systematic maintenance.

The waterfall model is a sequential software development process model that follows specific phases such as analysis, design, coding, testing and maintenance [1]. Each phase is carefully defined and the transition occurs after the previous one is completed, emphasizing planning before implementation. This can lead to greater security and predictability in software development.

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1.1.2. Advantages

Some advantages of the waterfall model are:

- 1) It provides immediacy of understanding and application, radiating simplicity and perceptual clarity.
- 2) It has a dependent schedule and defined interactions with the customer.
- 3) Ideal for projects with fixed requirements and limited scale.
- 4) Structured Process: The linear nature of the waterfall model provides a structured development process, making it easy to track and manage.
- 5) Better Planned Development: Phases are planned in advance, helping to address potential issues at early stages. [3]

1.1.3. Disadvantages

Some disadvantages of the waterfall model are as follows:

- 1) There is a risk of late discovery of problems during the later stages of development.
- 2) Rigidity: The linear nature can make it difficult to adapt to changes or new requirements.
- 3) Limited Flexibility: Failure to revisit previous phases can lead to problems if requirements or environment change. [2][3]

1.1.4. Summary

Despite the above disadvantages, the waterfall model is still recommended, especially in projects with predefined and fixed requirements from the beginning of the development process. The waterfall model offers a structured software development process, aiding in the predictability and security of the development runway. However, the rigidity and limited flexibility can be a challenge, especially in projects with changes in requirements or the development environment.

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1.2. The V model

1.2.1. Introduction

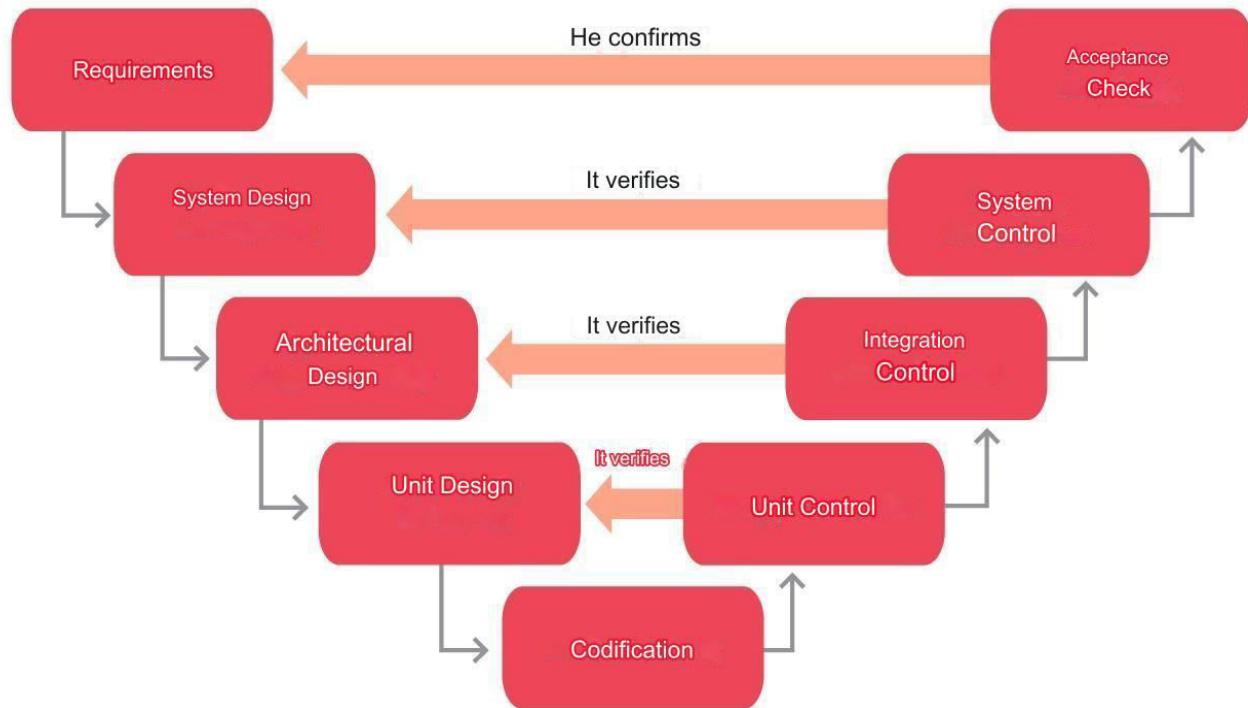


Figure 2. The V model [3]

The V model represents the software development process in the form of a "V", dividing the process into two sides. On the left side of the "V" are the phases that include requirements gathering and analysis, design, implementation, and software development. The right side corresponds to the testing phases, where the software is checked to ensure compliance with the original requirements.

Each phase on the left side has a corresponding test phase on the right side of the "V", focusing on the verification and validation of each stage. Connecting the two sides shows the relationship between initial analysis and final testing, while highlighting the importance of testing at each stage of the development process.

V-Model is also known for its use in critical systems such as aerospace or defense systems due to its emphasis on testing and its ability to clearly define the steps of the software development process. [1][2]

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1.2.2. Advantages

Some advantages of the V model are as follows:

- 1) It is a highly disciplined model and the phases are completed one at a time.
- 2) V-Model is used for small projects where the project requirements are clear.
- 3) Simple and easy to understand and use.
- 4) It focuses on verification and validation activities early in the life cycle, thereby increasing the likelihood of creating a product that is error-free and of good quality.
- 5) It allows project management to track progress accurately.
- 6) Clear and Structured Process: V-Model provides a clear and structured process for software development, making it easier to understand and follow.
- 7) Emphasis on testing: V-Model places a strong emphasis on testing, which helps ensure software quality and reliability.
- 8) Improved traceability: V-Model provides a clear connection between requirements and the final product, making it easier to track and manage software changes.
- 9) Better communication: V-Model's clear structure helps improve communication between the client and the development team. [1]

1.2.3. Disadvantages

Some disadvantages of the V model are as follows:

- 1) High risk and uncertainty.
- 2) It is not suitable for projects where the requirements are not clear and involve a high risk of change.
- 3) It does not support phase repetition.
- 4) It does not easily handle concurrent events.
- 5) Inflexibility: The V-Model is a linear and sequential model, which can make it difficult to adapt to changing demands or unexpected events.
- 6) Time consuming: V-Model can be time consuming as it requires a lot of documentation and testing.
- 7) Over-reliance on documentation: The V-Model places a heavy emphasis on documentation, which can lead to an over-reliance on documentation at the expense of actual development work. Not good for complex and object oriented projects. [1]

1.2.4. Summary

The V-Model represents a very structured and disciplined software development process. Its phases are completed with discipline and focus on end-to-end testing and verification. In this way, it provides a framework for software development that is easy to understand and follow.

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However, there are a few downsides to consider. Although effective for clear and small project requirements, it is not ideal for complex projects or projects with uncertain requirements. The lack of flexibility of this model can make it difficult to adapt to changes or unexpected needs.

In any case, the V-Model is still a useful tool for many sectors, such as the aerospace and defense industries, where safety and accuracy are critical. In general, the appropriate model depends on the needs and specifications of each specific project

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1.3. The prototyping model

1.3.1. Introduction

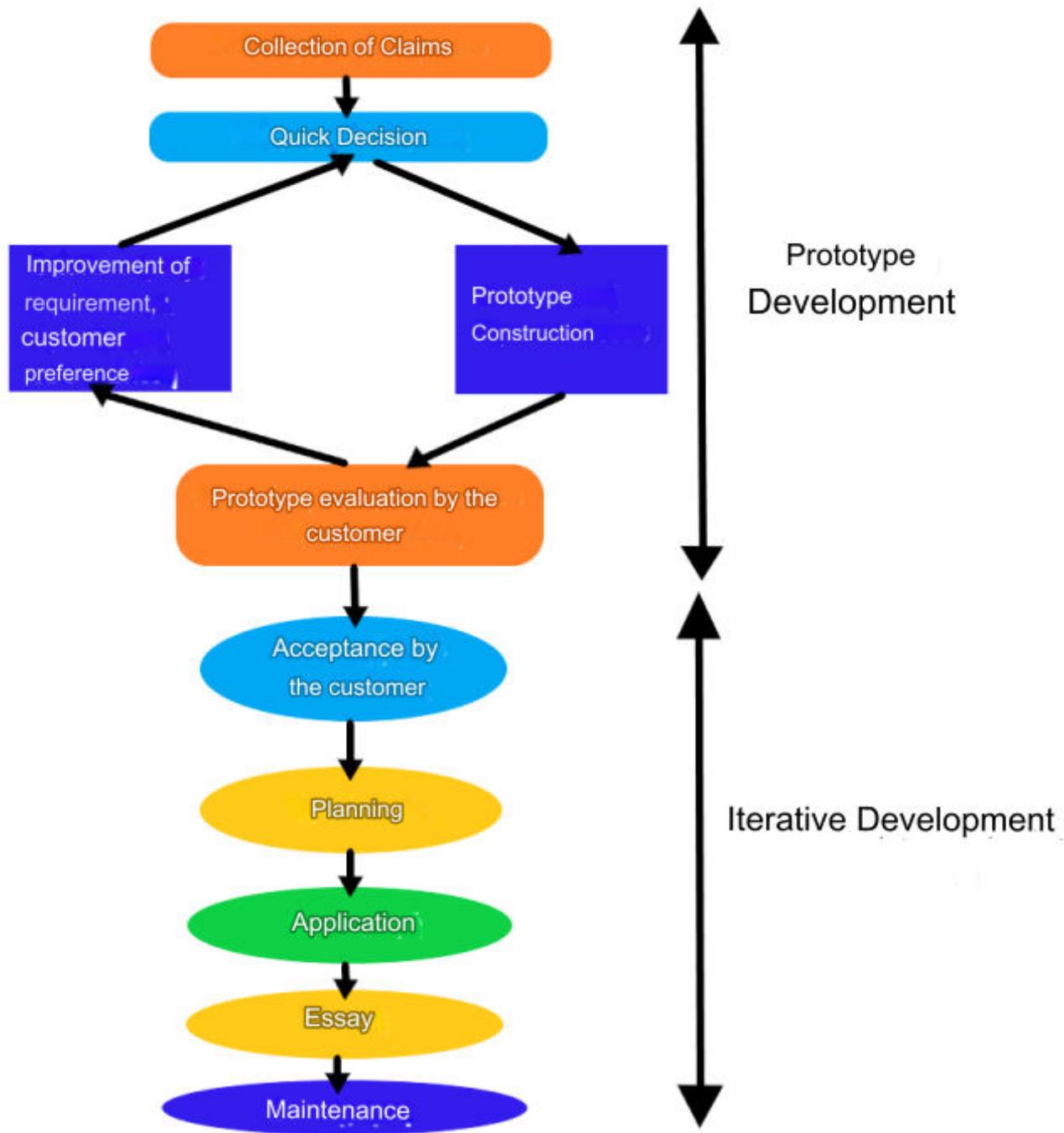


Figure 3. The prototyping model [2]

The prototyping model is a software development model followed by software engineers for projects that do not have a precise statement of requirements. Thus, they proceed to develop a prototype which is the early stage of the project with the minimum possible requirements and in constant communication with the client they evaluate and work on it. The prototype may not include functional requirements but only design requirements, so that it is informative to the client about what

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requirements the project is expected to have and whether they are feasible. Methodically over time, the development team proceeds to build new prototypes in order to facilitate their communication with the client and depending on the progress to agree whether the prototypes will be kept in the final stage of the project. Since prototypes are a representation of the project with limited requirements to be more flexible for testing and evaluation, it is not practical to keep them as the final stage of the project. However, for projects where there is no clear information about the requirements, they can be kept. [1][2][3]

1.3.2. Procedure

The development team that follows the prototyping model for the development model of the software assigned to it, performs the following typical steps:

- 1) Collection of requirements: The development team in constant communication with the customer collects the system requirements that will support the final stage of the project.
- 2) Prototyping: The development team determines the framework of the project, i.e., how many resources will be used to manage the data and information that the project wants to present.
- 3) Prototyping: The development team builds the prototype based on the skeleton they designed in step 2) Prototyping.
- 4) Prototype evaluation: The development team proceeds to the "testing" method, where by inputting some data, it evaluates the requirement implemented by the prototype.
- 5) Prototype Rebuild: If errors occur in step 4) Prototype Evaluation, the development team proceeds to rebuild the prototype that will most closely match the error-operated requirement.
- 6) Project Development: For the development team to reach this step means that they have designed, built and evaluated the prototype and concluded that it meets the project requirements, so they move on to the final stage of project development. [1][3]

1.3.3. Species

The prototyping model is specified as follows:

- 1) Rapid prototyping: The development team having a general idea of the project requirements proceeds with the development of the prototype without necessarily being accepted. In constant communication with the client, they evaluate and reconstruct it, so that the final prototype is also the acceptable one (throw-away prototype).
- 2) Evolutionary prototyping: The development team develops the prototype and in constant communication with the customer evaluates and improves it without having to build a new one from scratch as is done in rapid prototyping.
- 3) Incremental prototyping: The prototype is broken down into sub-prototypes by development team members who are broken down into sub-teams. Once each sub-team has worked on their assigned sub-prototype, they finally collect all the sub-prototypes to develop the final stage of the project.
- 4) Extreme prototyping: The development team having the basic prototype in its possession proceeds to the implementation of the requirements which is the final stage of the project. [1][3]

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1.3.4. Advantages

The prototyping model has the following characteristic advantages:

- 1) Quick opinion: The customer has the opportunity to quickly form an opinion about the project, offering him familiarity and concern in view of the follow-up.
- 2) Fast implementation: Building a prototype requires significantly less resources on the development team, as it is a part of the project that contains few requirements.
- 3) Easy detection of errors: Errors in a prototype that is a part of the project with less requirements are clearly identified more easily and quickly, thus preventing any burden on the cost and implementation of the project.
- 4) Easy to modify: A prototype is easier to modify in case the development team wants to add, remove or modify some design or even functional requirement.
- 5) Flexible structure: In the prototype there is room for improvement either incrementally or by rebuilding it.
- 6) Economical cost of maintenance: A prototype that has fewer requirements is more economical to maintain [2][3]

1.3.5. Disadvantages

However, the prototyping model also has specific disadvantages:

- 1) Bad cooperation with the client: The client due to the quick opinion he forms about the project may change the requirements or give strict details in terms of their functionality, consequently causing congestion in the development team.
- 2) Financial burden: The equipment used to make the prototypes is expensive.
- 3) Time-consuming process: The prototyping process wastes the development team's time and prevents them from committing with a clear mind to the final stage of the project.
- 4) Distraction from the final project: Direct consequence of disadvantage 3) Time-consuming process. The development team spends time on prototypes and not on the final project, resulting in delays and possible customer dissatisfaction.
- 5) Extensive rush: Direct consequence of disadvantages 3) Time-consuming process and 4) Distraction from the final project. The development team tries to get the prototype out faster and push it to be within the specified deadline agreed with the client, so it is not properly implementable and definitely has a lot of failures.
- 6) Small project size: The small project size is due to all the above-mentioned disadvantages, which obviously does not cover the maximum amount of the client's requirements and thus brings his dissatisfaction with the final result. [2][3]

1.3.6. Summary

In summary, the prototyping model is useful for projects where there is no clear definition of the quantity and variation of requirements. With the overview that the client gives about the project,

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the development team can take advantage of it and make a prototype based on which new ideas, new requirements and ways of implementation will emerge. The client's picture of the project will become clearer and thus he will be able to present to the development team detailed intentions that he expects them to implement. This leads to additions, subtractions or even changes to the project requirements and it is obviously easier to modify a prototype than the final project. [1][2][3]

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1.4. The functional augmentation model

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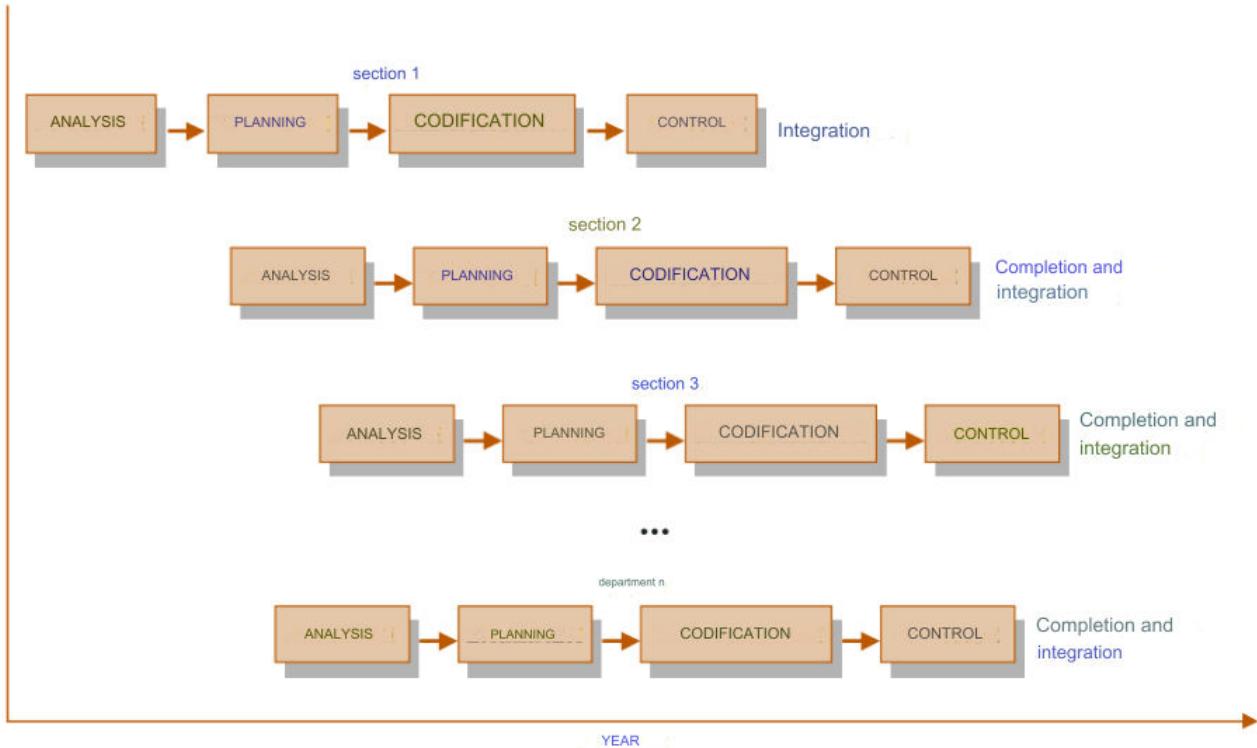


Figure 4. The functional augmentation model [1]

The functional augmentation model combines two different approaches to software development. It first follows the development of the waterfall model following a series of stages in the creation of the model, with the segmented development of the prototyping model. The idea is to build the software in parts that are developed independently. [1]

1.4.2. Advantages

The functional augmentation model has the following characteristic advantages:

- 1) Parallel Development: The model allows the development of various parts of the software at the same time, speeding up the development process.
- 2) Incremental Upgrade: Functional capabilities are incrementally increased, allowing parts of the software to be delivered at short intervals.
- 3) Ease of Debugging: Structuring software into small chunks can make it easier to find and fix bugs. [1]

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1.4.3. Disadvantages

The functional augmentation model has the following characteristic disadvantages:

- 1) Importance of Initial Segmentation and Design: The quality of the initial segmentation and design has a large effect on the final result. Possible mistakes in these stages can have serious consequences for the software.
- 2) Changes in Requirements: If the requirements change during the use of the incomplete system, major rearrangement or revision of the remaining sections may be required.
- 3) Potential Need for Architecture Change: A change in the architecture of one part can affect the development of other parts, delaying the entire project. [1]

1.4.4. Summary

The functional augmentation model brings advantages to software development with the possibility of parallel evolution and incremental upgrading of functional features. However, proper initial segmentation and design is a critical stage, and changes in requirements can affect the overall process. Therefore, incremental expansion and parallel development require careful management to ensure successful project completion. [1]

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1.5. The spiral model

1.5.1. Introduction

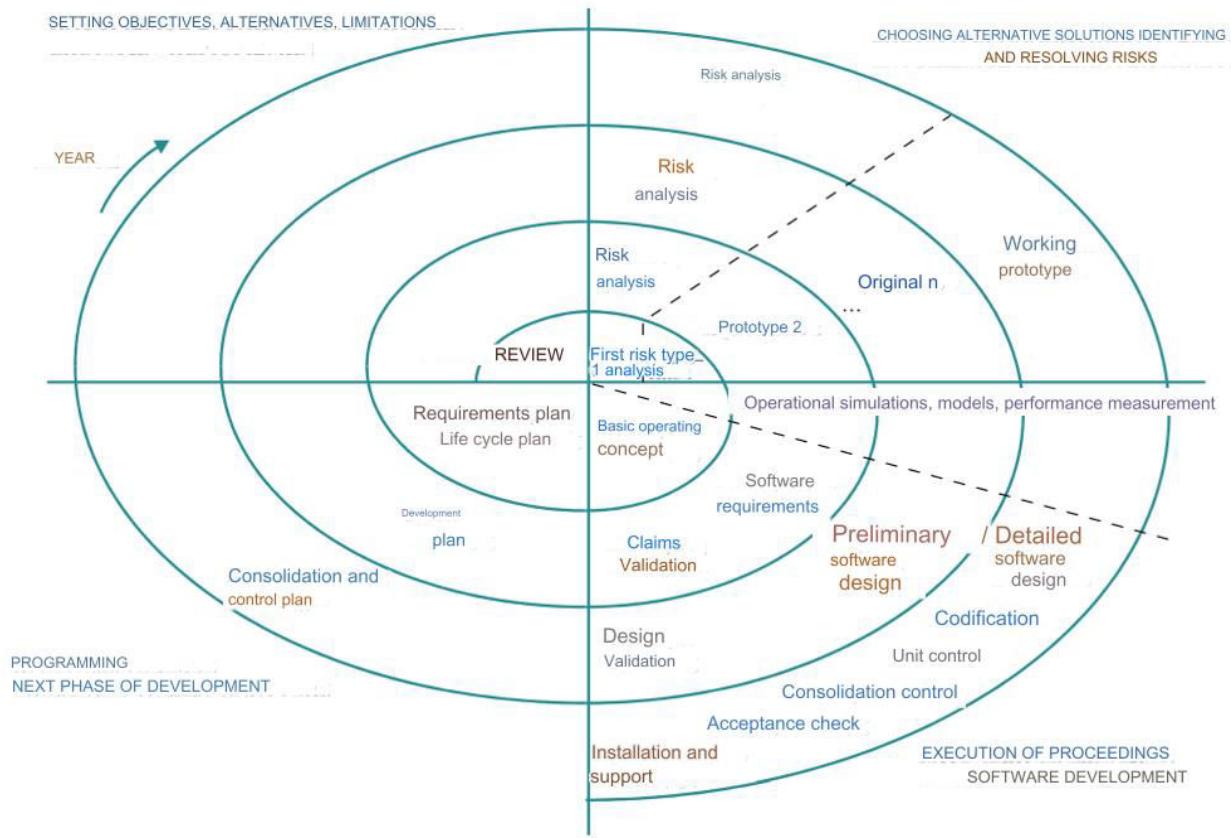


Figure 5. The spiral model [3]

The spiral model is a software development model where it provides risk detection capabilities and room for improvement. Diagrammatically it is depicted as a spiral with cycles, where each cycle characterizes a phase of the project and the number of cycles varies from project to project (it is obvious that for large projects there will be many cycles). Completing a cycle means that a part of the project is complete, or more precisely a prototype is ready for promotion as it has gone through the development phase. [1][2]

1.5.2. Features

The phase consists of 4 stages and diagrammatically the cycle is divided into 4 quadrants, which are as follows:

- 1) Definition of objectives, alternatives and constraints: In this stage the objectives of the phase are designed and the requirements to be implemented are analyzed. In addition, alternative options are also formulated, as well as limitations in terms of implementation.

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- 2) Evaluation of alternatives, identification and elimination of risks: In this stage, the possible risks that can arise during the development of the project, alternatives to avoid these risks, as well as how worthwhile they are, are analyzed.
- 3) Next cycle product development and verification: In this stage the development team designs the product having collected all the requirements needed to implement it and verifies it through evaluations.
- 4) Planning next cycles: It is also the last stage of the phase, where the development team promotes the completed project and builds the foundations for the development of the new project, repeating the same phase as stated above. [1][2]

1.5.3. Advantages

The spiral model presents the following characteristic advantages:

- 1) Focus on risks: The model focuses on the risks that will arise during the development of the project, thus giving a reliable and proactive approach to the development team to work on it.
- 2) Suitable for large projects: The model responds to large projects with high requirements, as at the start of a new cycle changes can be incorporated into the project.
- 3) Customer satisfaction: The customer has the opportunity to see the project in whatever phase it is in and express their satisfaction or even use it even if it is not completed.
- 4) Risk assessment: The model from the advantage 1) Emphasis on risks, evaluates risks and prevents any burdens on the development of the project
- 5) Improved communication: Testing to eliminate risks enhances communication between the customer and the development team.
- 6) Improvement in quality and reliability: Repeated cycles open up scope for improvement in project quality and reliability. [1][2]

1.5.4. Disadvantages

However, the spiral model also has specific disadvantages:

- 1) Complexity: The detailed planning and management of phase iterations during project development leads to complex outcomes.
- 2) Accuracy: The model with its iterative method is expensive for projects with small requirements.
- 3) Increased workload in risk analysis: The philosophy of the model is to analyze the risks that the team may face during the development of the project and therefore the dedication to this part pushes the team away from focusing on the smooth development of the project.
- 4) Limited time: The number of phases depends on the size of the project's requirements and usually the exact number cannot be determined from the beginning, with the consequence that there is a problem when managing the time of the development team.
- 5) Delays in deadlines: The reason model of multiple iterations and evaluations of phases usually takes a lot of time creating delays in the pre-agreed customer-development team deadlines.
- 6) Exhaustive consumption of resources: The whole process of the model requires a lot of resources and therefore, a burden on the financial part that will judge the weight that will be

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given to the implementation of the requirements, the assessment of the risks and the development of the project . [1][2]

1.5.5. Summary

In summary, the spiral model is suitable for projects with large requirements, where they can be broken down into phases and managed by sub-teams. A large project can mean high rates of occurrence of risks, which creates the need to identify and evaluate them, which this model emphasizes. A large project also can mean high and complex requirements that are handled by the iterative method that the phased model follows. However, the model is also flexible for changes in the future which makes it useful for development teams. [1][2]

1.5.6. Application examples

The model is intended for projects with high requirements. For example, projects that have to do with serving many users at the same time. Some examples of such applications are:

- 1) Games
- 2) e-shops
- 3) Mobile phone applications
- 4) Customer service applications [2]

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2. Modern Software Development Models

2.1. Unified approach (Unified Process)

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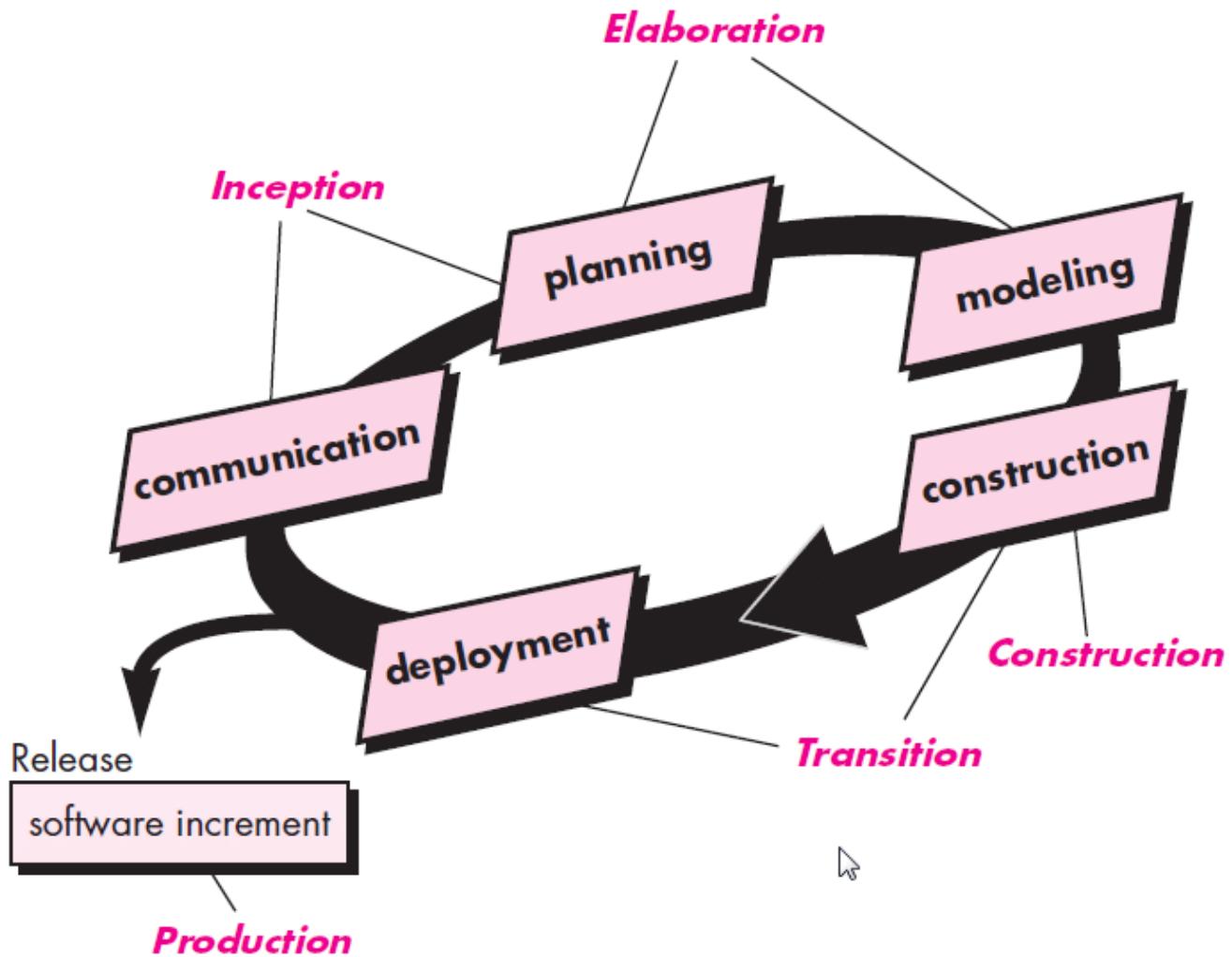


Figure 6. Unified approach [4]

The integrated process is a project management method that divides the project into phases (such as initiation, development, construction, and transition) and organizes the activities to be performed in each phase. Each phase has specific objectives and deliverables that must be achieved before moving on to the next phase. The purpose is to create a structured and organized process that will guide the work group towards the successful completion of the project, by implementing specific steps and controls during each phase. [1][2][3]

2.1.2. Advantages

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Some advantages of the integrated approach are as follows:

- 1) Self-sufficiency: Completes the process by itself and provides good documentation.
- 2) Risk management: Provides support for risk management, helping to control and address them.
- 3) Time efficiency: Uses the elements by reusing them, reducing the overall time duration.
[\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)
- 4) Online support: It has good online support through tutorials and training.

2.1.3. Disadvantages

Some disadvantages of the unified approach are as follows:

- 1) Requires experts: Complexity requires a team of skilled professionals.
- 2) Complexity and disorganization: The process appears to be complex and poorly organized.
- 3) Greater reliance: There is greater reliance on risk management, which can create problems.
- 4) Difficulty of integration: It can be difficult to repeat the process and integrate again and again.
- 5) Challenges: These items highlight potential challenges and difficulties that may arise when implementing the process [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

2.1.4. Summary

The integrated software development process offers a structured approach that organizes work and offers guidelines for each phase. It provides quality controls but can be strict or overly complex in some cases. Its value depends on its correct application to the needs and challenges of each specific project. By understanding the advantages and possible disadvantages, we can adapt the method to meet our needs and achieve an efficient software development. [\[1\]](#)[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

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2.2. Agile Development

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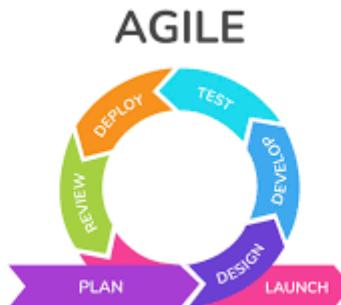


Figure 7. Flexible development [8]

In the context of modern software development, the Agile Development model, also known as Agile Development, appears as a traditional pain in the context of complexity and twists. In contrast to traditional models, Agile exudes an aura of collaborative creation, embracing flexibility and establishing the continuous delivery of a working product.

The Agile model is an agile software development methodology that emphasizes the collaborative work of teams and the iterative delivery of shorter but functional versions of software. Rather than a linear process like the waterfall model, Agile focuses on flexible practices that allow teams to quickly adapt to changing requirements and react to unexpected problems during the project. [1]

2.2.2. Advantages

Some advantages of agile development are as follows:

- 1) Flexibility: The core concept of Agile unfolds like a labyrinth of occult approaches, where adaptability to changing requirements emerges as a panoply of delivery, constantly opening pathways for change and adaptation.
- 2) Collaboration: The active participation of the client and team members sets the pace for a collaborative dance game, encouraging cooperation and highlighting needs with a melodic harmony.
- 3) Fast Delivery: Frequent deliveries create a firework of functionality where value meets the customer in an impressive way. [3][6]

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2.2.3. Disadvantages

Some disadvantages of agile development are as follows:

- 1) Time pressure: The need for intense participation requires time and availability, countering the flow of time with demanding gaps.
- 2) Lack of granular analysis: In projects with complexity, the lack of granular analysis suggests a puzzle without a complete picture. [3][6]

2.2.4. Summary

Overall, Agile Development redirects attention from strategy to communication, allowing the multifaceted dance of development to lead the way in collaboration and continuous delivery of working software. The Agile model is a dynamic method of software development that allows flexible adaptation to its needs. project and promotes collaborative work. However, there may be problems due to the uncertainty and limited programming specification. [1]

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2.3. DevOps Development

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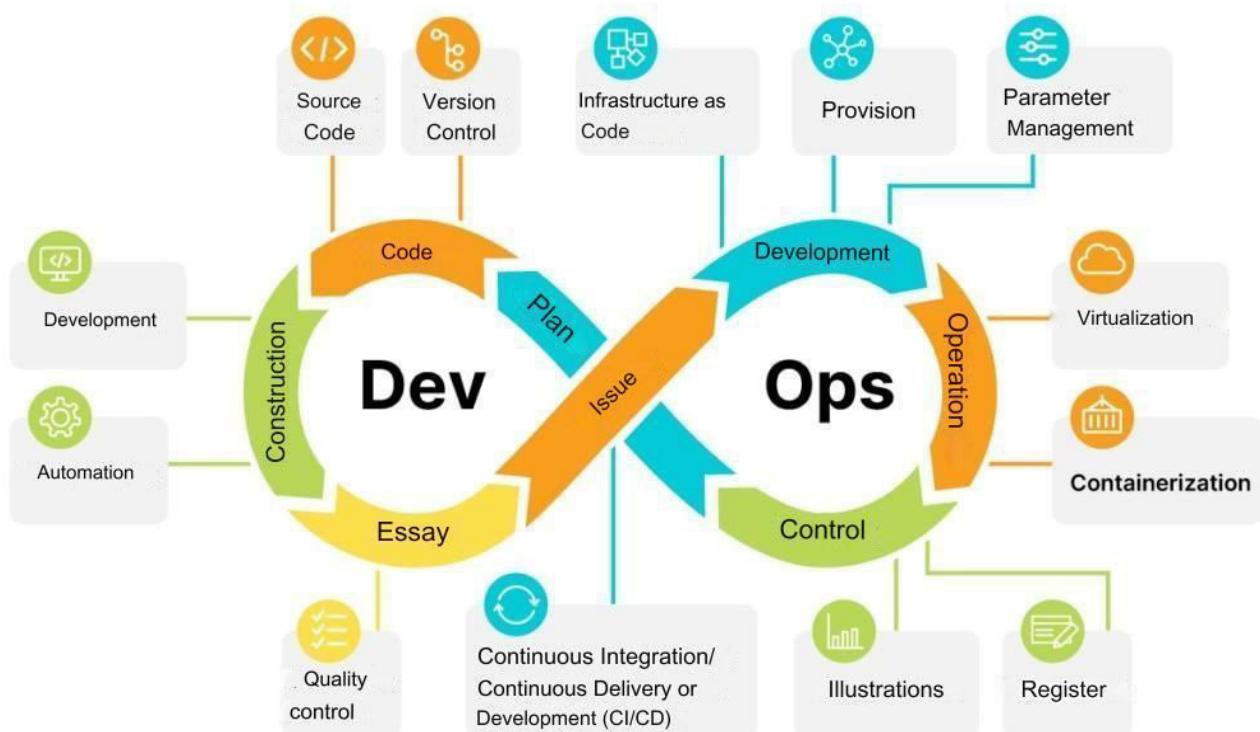


Figure 8. DevOps Development [5]

The DevOps development model is a model that combines the philosophies of the Developing team with those of the Operations team so that they are not forced to work separately and can build a collaborative relationship with the ultimate goal of delivering the final project on time and with the fewest possible failures. [1][2]

2.3.2. Operation

A DevOps team consists of programmers from the software developing department and from IT operators from the IT operations department, where they share their knowledge and skills throughout the development of the project. Unlike older software development models, the DevOps development model provides automated tools that accelerate project development and give the team the comfort to focus on project functionality. [1][2]

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2.3.3. Cycle

Diagrammatically, the DevOps development model is depicted by the infinity loop, where the correlation of the phases that the project development cycle goes through and the need for extensive collaboration between team members are clarified. In total, the development cycle consists of 8 phases where on the left side of the loop are the phases that particularly concern the development group (Developing) and on the right side, respectively, the operations group (Operations). In more detail, the 8 phases are as follows:

- 1) Plan: Project management is the 1st phase of the project development cycle, where the DevOps team is broken down into sub-teams and each sub-team takes on specific requirements of the project it is to implement. Tools that help with project management are Jira, Trello, etc.
- 2) Programmed: Sub-teams create the code that implements the requirements of the assigned project. In continuous collaboration, they share their ideas and adapt them to be closer to the client's intentions.
- 3) Build: Software construction is made more manageable by storing the code in an open control system tool, where each member of the sub-team can see the code, upload their own, and compare it to other members' code of the subgroup. Open source code management tools are GitHub, GitLab, etc.
- 4) Test: Once the sub-team has passed the 2) Plan and 3) Build phases, it moves on to testing the software it has implemented using automated tools to speed up the process. Automated software testing tools are Unit Tests and Integration Tests.
- 5) Deploy: Code development from a sub-team is automatically handed off to the DevOps team, where by systematically delivering each effort, a delivery that contains all the efforts together is prevented. Thus, the improvement of communication between the DevOps team is achieved, as well as the productivity of the members.
- 6) It worked: Sub-teams provide IT services to customers so they can interact with the project and form feedback.
- 7) Noticed: The sub-team that notices any project failure or malfunction informs the DevOps team in time so that they can proceed with corrections and changes.
- 8) Evaluate: Each sub-group evaluates the work it produced in the other groups and opens up the scope for improvement in the development of future projects. [1][2]

2.3.4. Advantages

The DevOps development model presents characteristic advantages:

- 1) Speed: The provision of automated tools helps the team to adapt to any changes that may arise relatively quickly, saving significant time to devote exclusively to the functional part of the project and respond to the need for changes in requirements.
- 2) Improved collaboration: Developing and operations teams share work, saving significant time in project development. The knowledge and skills they share helps to strengthen their communication and teamwork, which is a direct consequence of their performance and productivity.
- 3) Improved quality: Using automated tools helps the DevOps team minimize failures and risks affecting the project, resulting in improved software quality and reliability.

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- 4) Fast development: The DevOps team, due to the changing demands of the customers, achieves with the use of automated tools, the fast development of the project thus acquiring a competitive and entrepreneurial character.
- 5) Security: The DevSecOps team also delves into project security with software audit and reliability tools. [3][4]

2.3.5. Disadvantages

However, the DevOps development model also has disadvantages:

- 1) Need for knowledge: The use of automated tools clearly requires an additional knowledge that spends a lot of time on the development team.
- 2) Time pressure: Direct consequence of disadvantage 1) Need for knowledge.
- 3) Insecure development: The team's approach to rapid development rather than secure development creates security problems.
- 4) Time-consuming testing: Running automated tests on software also takes up significant time for the development team.
- 5) Complex training: Training to learn the automated tools is challenging and requires the right approach from the learner. [3][4]

2.3.6. Summary

In summary, the automation offered by the DevOps development model effectively contributes to the production of the projects. Human errors are minimized, quality and reliability are improved, requirements are satisfied, and many other benefits of the DevOps development model are greatly exploited by the development teams working on it. The need for change is huge and the model provides opportunities for feedback and improvement that are achieved quickly and automatically. [4]

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2.4. Scrum methodology

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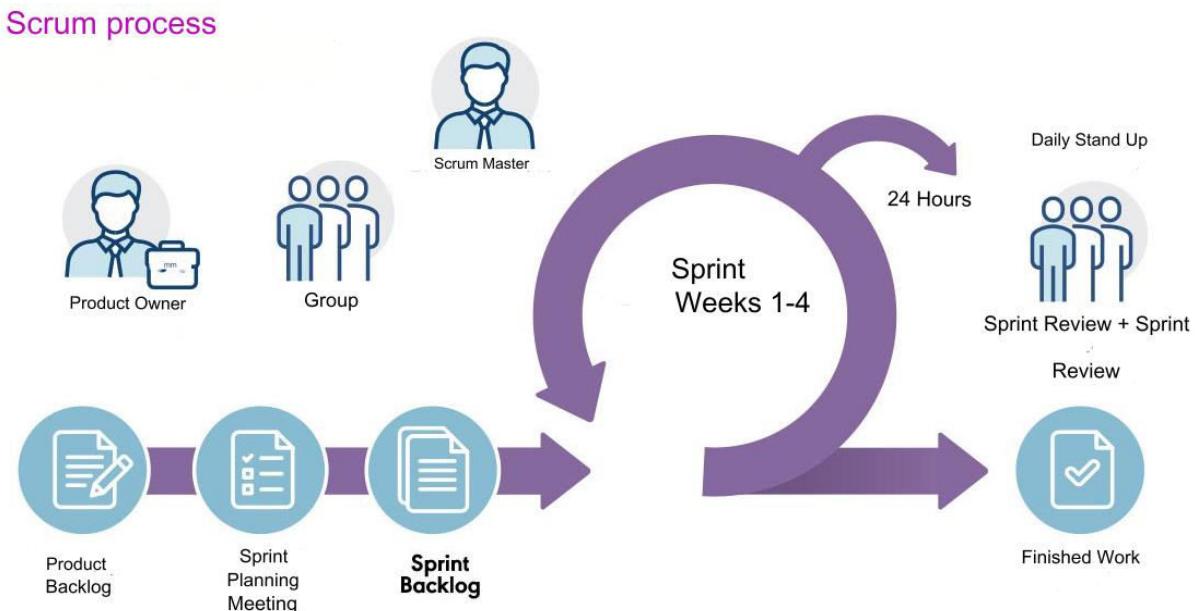


Figure 9. Scrum Methodology [6]

The iconic Scrum method is a project management framework, setting new standards in the world of software development. It is anchored in principles of flexibility and collaborative interaction, highlighting a multi-layered approach to executing complex projects and efficiently producing high-quality products under tight deadlines .

Scrum is an agile working framework based on collaborative teamwork for product or software development [1]. In Scrum, work is divided into small, repeatable units known as "sprints," with each sprint typically lasting a few weeks. Scrum teams follow a specific process, involving three main roles: the Product Owner, the Scrum Master, and the development team.

2.4.2. Advantages

Characteristic advantages of the Scrum methodology are the following:

- 1) Flexibility : Scrum allows teams to quickly adapt to changing requirements and priorities.
- 2) Collaborative Work : Focusing on collaborative teamwork improves communication and team collaboration. [1]

Inherent in the interesting complexity of the Scrum methodology is the advantage of flexibility. Continually adapting to dynamic changes during the project enables the team to successfully address client requirements and changes in the environment. At the same time, the iterative nature of deliveries encourages continuous improvement at a unique pace.

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2.4.3. Disadvantages

Disadvantages of the Scrum methodology are as follows:

- 1) Difficulty of Implementation : The required change in culture and demands for strict adherence to procedures can be challenging for some organizations.
- 2) Risk of Overcommitment : The pressure to complete each sprint can lead to overcommitment and increase the risk of failure. [2]

The possibility of weaknesses is an inevitable component of the Scrum methodology. The need for a communicative and self-organized team context represents a challenge, while in environments with tight timelines and demanding specifications, the repetitiveness of the Scrum stages can appear challenging.

2.4.4. Summary

Overall, the Scrum method, with its unique dance rhythm, offers an innovative approach to product development. While challenges remain evident, Scrum's structured technique makes it indispensable for various categories of projects. Scrum is a flexible work framework that allows teams to develop products or software with continuous adjustments. It provides advantages such as flexibility and collaboration, but faces challenges such as difficulty of implementation and the risk of overcommitment. Suitable for teams looking for dynamic and iterative approaches to product or software development.

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2.5. Extreme Programming

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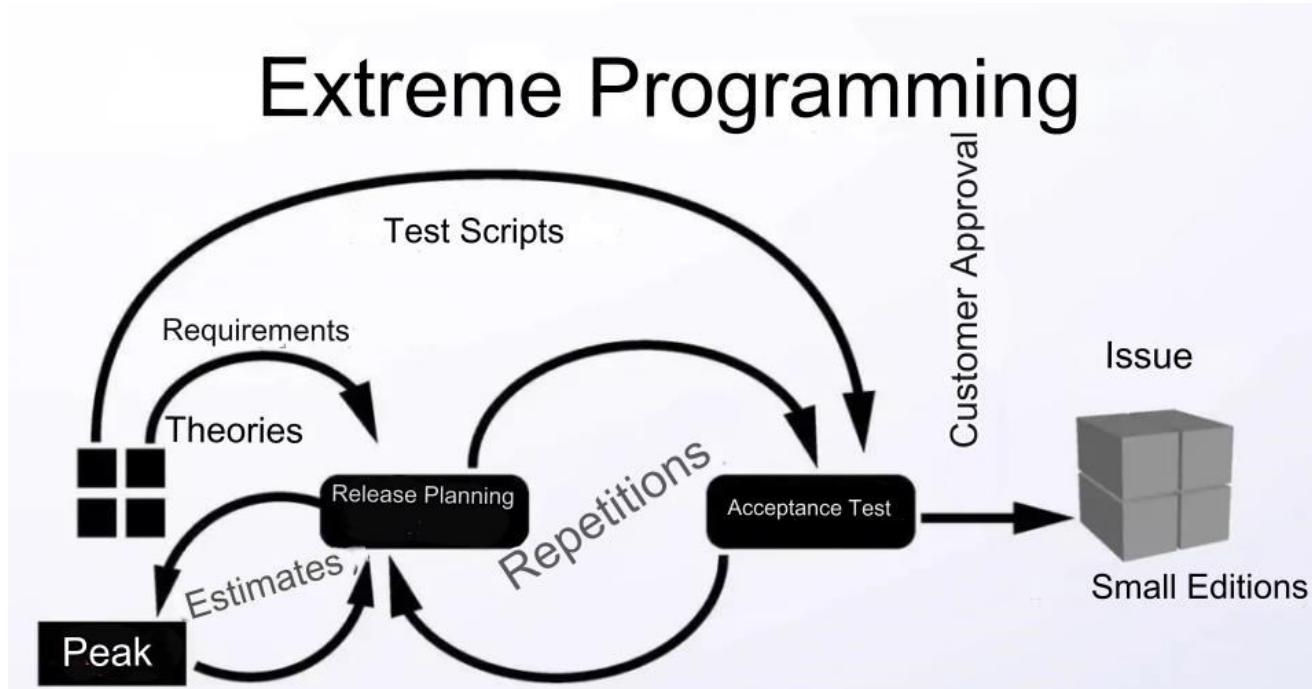


Figure 10. Extreme Programming [3]

Edge programming is a model that aims to develop software faster so that it can meet changing demands. The model aims to satisfy the customer through team collaboration and deliver quality and reliable code that will be flexible and adaptable to change. The approach is iterative and allows the team to test and review the project through communication with the client. [1][5]

2.5.2. Functionality

The development team adopting the extreme programming model for project development follows the following functions:

- 1) Pair Programming: Programmers work in pairs. This favors collaboration, knowledge transfer and reduces the possibility of mistakes.
- 2) Test-Driven Development: Extreme programming promotes writing tests before the actual code. This ensures that the code meets the specified requirements and allows for easier maintenance and refactoring.
- 3) Continuous integration: Developers integrate code frequently throughout the day, and automated builds and tests run to catch and fix problems early.
- 4) Frequent releases: Small, incremental releases are regularly delivered to the customer. This continuous delivery model ensures that the software is always in a releaseable state.

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- 5) Customer Involvement: Customers are actively involved in the development process. They provide constant feedback, allowing for quick adjustments and ensuring that the final product aligns with their expectations.
- 6) Sustainable Pace: Extreme programming emphasizes a sustainable and humane work environment. Developers are encouraged to work at a steady pace to avoid burnout and maintain high-quality output [2][3][5]

2.5.3. Values

The values that extreme programming offers to team members are:

- 1) Simplicity: Simplest is also fastest, and it is important for a team adopting extreme programming for a software development model to think about the simplest thing they can implement and be functional. A simple and functional project is better than a complex and impressive one.
- 2) Communication: Pairs of programmers strengthen their team spirit and cooperation on a subject that concerns them both. Pairs share their knowledge and seek solutions from other pairs who may have a solution or idea.
- 3) Feedback: Team communication creates the trigger for feedback through the presentation of the code, its commentary whether by team members or the customer itself, and its testing. Faster development means faster promotion and therefore faster feedback that time is the team's ally and creates optimism and confidence to improve.
- 4) Courage: Courage helps team members take responsibility and be honest with each other and with the client about the progress of the project. After all, admitting a failed attempt takes courage as does asking for feedback.
- 5) Respect: Communication and cooperation bring the corresponding respect. The quality of the code comes not only from the skills of the team but also from the respect that the members have for each other. Respect brings commensurate recognition from both the client and team members. [2][3]

2.5.4. Advantages

The practice of extreme programming also brings the following advantages:

- 1) Cost and Time Saving: Fast and simple project development saves the team time and cost due to timely delivery of the project and lack of further documentation.
- 2) Improving quality through simplicity: The simpler it spends, the less time and scope for feedback for improvement. The combination of the above together with the use of tests enhances the quality of the project.
- 3) The sense of responsibility: Pair programming gives a greater tenacity and sense of responsibility for the progress of the project, since the members are few and the responsibilities do not overlap as easily as in groups with more members.
- 4) The benefits of feedback: Feedback is an asset that opens room for improvement to team members and offers the ability to listen to different opinions and assimilate the knowledge and experience they get through this stage.

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- 5) Improved reliability: Testing performed during project development enhances project reliability [4][5]

2.5.5. Disadvantages

However, the extreme programming model also has some disadvantages:

- 1) Design-naive: The team aims to develop code faster and thus is design-naive. A project without the necessary planning does not have an image of how it will be in its final stage, which can bring dissatisfaction to the client. Also, the lack of documentation leads to further errors that also affect the requirements that have been implemented.
- 2) The problem of distance: For a team, where some members cannot attend the workplace every time for life-saving work, it is usually a problem in communication and cooperation between them, resulting in slowing down the progress of the project.
- 3) Lack of documentation: Without the necessary reporting of progress, there is a high risk of errors and failures, given that work is carried out in an environment with constant changes in project requirements.
- 4) Stress: The limited time available to deliver the project on time creates stress that clearly affects the performance of the team that is most prone to errors and failures, thereby slowing down the quality and reliability of the project. [4][5]

2.5.6. Summary

Extreme programming, with an emphasis on flexibility, collaboration, and customer satisfaction, offers a dynamic approach to software development. While it may not be a one-size-fits-all solution, its emphasis on high-quality code, adaptability, and customer feedback make it a valuable methodology in the ever-evolving landscape of software development. Organizations looking to embrace change, enhance communication, and deliver customer-centric software may find edge programming an attractive option. [2][5]

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2.6. Test-driven Development

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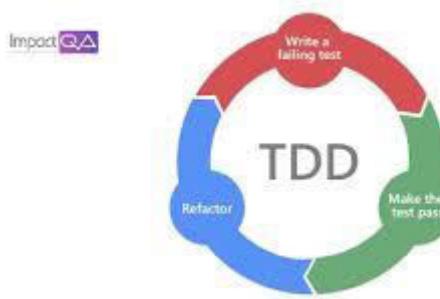


Figure 11. Control-driven development [3]

Test Driven Development is the process in which test cases are written before the code that validates those cases. It depends on repeating a very short development cycle. Test-driven development is a technique in which automated unit testing is used to guide design and free decoupling of dependencies. [2]

2.6.2. Advantages

The control-driven development model has characteristic advantages:

- 1) Avoid unnecessary code: The code that is written is what is actually needed to implement the features.
- 2) More modular design: TDD process leads to clear interface and modular design.
- 3) Ease of maintenance: Separating and decoupling the different parts of the application makes the code easier to maintain and change. [1]
- 4) Easy replication: Every piece of code is tested and of high quality, allowing drastic changes without fear.
- 5) High test coverage: Every feature has a test, offering security and confidence in the code.
- 6) Documentation through tests: The test code provides a guide on how to use the code.
- 7) Less debugging: Running tests frequently can reduce debugging time. [1]

2.6.3. Disadvantages

The control-driven development model has characteristic disadvantages:

- 1) Testing and introducing bugs: It's true that testing may not catch some bugs, especially when the bugs are in the test code or when you don't fully understand the subject yet. However, the goal of testing is to detect many bugs before the code is integrated into a production environment.

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- 2) Slow process: The TDD process can take more time in the beginning, as tests must be written before the code is implemented. However, in the long run, it can lead to more efficient code production and shorter repair times.
- 3) Team buy-in: It is important to have team agreement on whether or not to use TDD. However, teams may decide to use different working methods depending on their environment, needs and experience.
- 4) Maintaining Tests: Maintaining tests when requirements change can be challenging. However, updating tests to reflect new requirements is important to ensure code validity. [1]

2.6.4. Summary

Test Driven Development (TDD) offers advantages such as better code quality, resistance to change and clarity in architecture. However, it can be more time-consuming at the beginning, difficult to understand without an overall picture, and the need to constantly maintain testing with changes. The correct application of TDD depends on the needs and priorities of the project. While it offers many benefits, potential limitations to its appropriate use should always be considered. [1][2]

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3. Choosing an Appropriate Development Methodology

3.0. Introduction

Choosing the appropriate software development methodology requires the evaluation of many factors. First, the needs of the project must be considered, as different methodologies may be more suitable for different types of requirements. Additionally, flexibility and adaptability of the project are important factors, as some methodologies are more flexible to changes and contingencies. Each software development model has its advantages and disadvantages e.g. the waterfall model offers stability but also difficulty in dealing with changes, while the agile method allows for flexibility but requires constant iteration. Obviously, a detailed analysis of the advantages and disadvantages of each model is essential to the successful selection of the appropriate development methodology for each project.

3.1. Appropriateness of Basic Software Development Models

3.1.1. The waterfall model

The waterfall model is known for its positives in the field of structured and easy-to-understand software development process. Its phased approach where each phase is completed before the next begins ensures a stable framework for project progress.

However, this model lacks flexibility and adaptability. The strict sequence of phases can make it difficult to adapt to changes and revisions to project requirements as the project progresses. This can lead to delays or problems in the execution of the project, especially in environments where changes are frequent or the required flexibility is high.

In summary, the waterfall model offers a structured software development process, but it is not ideal for environments with frequent changes or a high demand for flexibility.

3.1.2. The V model

Model V is known for its disciplined approach and efficiency, especially on small projects. Its structure, where the development and testing phases are usually done simultaneously, ensures a stable framework for project progress and error detection.

However, the V model has a high risk, as any error discovered late in the process can be costly to correct. Additionally, due to its stability, the V model is less suitable for projects with uncertain requirements, as it may have difficulty adapting to changes during the development process.

In summary, the V model offers a disciplined and efficient approach for small projects, but exhibits high risk due to the difficulty in correcting errors discovered late in the process, while it is less suitable for projects with uncertain requirements due to the lack of flexibility to adapt to changes.

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3.1.3. The prototyping model

The prototyping model allows for active user involvement through feedback, as early versions of the software can be tested and adjusted according to their needs. This allows for iterative development and improvement, enhancing the quality and acceptance of the final product.

However, the prototyping model may be lacking in terms of structure and detailed documentation, as the emphasis is on rapid prototyping rather than full documentation and analysis. This can lead to problems when managing and maintaining the software later.

However, prototyping can be a valuable approach to achieving improved results through user involvement, but the lack of structured documentation and analysis can cause problems in managing and maintaining the software later on.

3.1.4. The functional augmentation model

The functional increment model allows for incremental development of the software by adding new functionality at each increment.

This approach allows users to access core functionality quickly, and then new features are added as the program evolves. This can lead to a smoother development process and also allows the software to be adapted to the needs of users as they constantly change.

However, there may be challenges with integrating new ideas into the existing system, as this may affect the overall architecture and cause compatibility and even performance issues.

Although functional augmentation allows for a smooth process of development and adaptation of the software to the needs of the users, the problems that may arise when incorporating new ideas should not be ignored.

3.1.5. The spiral model

The spiral model allows for iterative development and adaptation to changes during software development.

This allows developers to work on small pieces of software that can be iterated and adjusted as needed. This can lead to a streamlined development process and enable faster reaction to customer changes or requirements.

However, due to iterative development and the need for constant monitoring and adaptation, the spiral model can be more complex and incur higher costs compared to other software development methods.

Although the spiral model allows for iterative development and adaptation to changes, constant monitoring and adaptation can make it more complex and costly.

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3.2. Appropriateness of Modern Software Development Models

3.2.1. Unified approach (Unified Process)

The unified approach to software development allows the integration of best practices from various software development models. This allows for the best use of the advantages of each model, making it suitable for large projects where complexity and stability are required.

However, its complexity may require a specialized team that has the knowledge and skills to implement it effectively. At the same time, managing the different approaches may require specialized knowledge and experience.

However, the unified approach represents a powerful tool for developing complex and reliable software.

3.2.2. Agile Development

Agile development represents an approach that allows adaptation to changes and project requirements during software development.

This methodology allows the development team to react to changing needs and discoveries during the project. Through frequent reviews and adjustments, agile development allows the product to evolve as customer understanding and requirements evolve.

However, effective implementation of this methodology requires experienced team members who are able to address challenges and make appropriate decisions during the development process.

However, agile development is a powerful tool for creating products that meet user needs.

3.2.3. DevOps Development

The DevOps development approach seeks to enhance collaboration between development and operations departments within an organization. This entails the smooth integration of development and operations processes, with the aim of creating an automated, flexible and reliable software development environment. Through continuous communication and collaboration between development and operations, teams can more effectively address challenges and achieve their shared goals.

However, implementing DevOps development requires cultural changes within the organization, such as revising work structures and processes. This may require adjustments to the organization's habits and culture in order to achieve a smooth transition to a more collaborative and automated software development environment.

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In conclusion, the DevOps development approach seeks collaboration between development and operations departments to create an automated, flexible, and reliable software development environment, but requires cultural changes to achieve a smooth transition to that environment.

3.2.4. Scrum methodology

The Scrum methodology is a popular framework for software project management that has many positives.

One of the main positives is that it ensures the successful completion of the project, as it promotes continuous development and adaptation of the product to changing conditions. The Scrum structure allows teams to work flexibly and adapt to project needs as they evolve.

However, a major negative of the Scrum methodology may require experienced Scrum Masters who possess the knowledge and skills to guide the team successfully within the framework of Scrum principles and practices.

Overall, the Scrum methodology enhances the successful completion of software projects through continuous development and adaptation to changing conditions, but requires experienced Scrum Masters for effective implementation.

3.2.5. Extreme Programming

Edge programming is a software development methodology that has both positive and negative characteristics.

On the one hand, it emphasizes customer satisfaction, allowing them to see quick results and adapt their requirements during development. In addition, the flexibility it offers allows the team to react quickly to changes and adjust the course of the project according to needs.

On the other hand, however, it requires disciplined team practices, as constant adaptation and rapid development may require a high level of cooperation and commitment to project goals from team members.

However, properly managed, extreme programming can lead to efficient and successful software development.

3.2.6. Test-driven Development

Test-driven development is a methodology that has both positive and negative elements.

On the one hand, it provides clear control over the various project phases and deliverables, allowing the team to effectively manage project progress and quality.

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On the other hand, it can show rigid elements and make it difficult to adapt to changes during the development process. Control-driven development often requires disciplined team practices and careful planning to ensure project goals are met.

In general, control-driven development can provide stability and reliability to the development process, but it can also require persistence and flexibility to deal with challenges and changes.

3.3. Summary

The appropriate software development methodology depends on the specific needs of the project. For structured and well-defined projects, basic models such as the waterfall model or the V model may be more appropriate. For projects with evolving requirements and an emphasis on collaboration, modern models such as Agile, Scrum or DevOps may be more appropriately. Ultimately, the choice should align with project goals, team capabilities, and the nature of the development environment.

4. General Summary

In conclusion, to deal with the complexities of software development, it is important to understand software life models and development methodologies. Software life models provide a structure, describing the phases of a project, while development methodologies offer a broader perspective, guiding practices and principles for successful project implementation.

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