

Review So Far + Testing Levels

Reminders

- Iter 0-3 due Sunday
 - Double check your GitHub access!
- Iteration 0 demo day- Tuesday!!!
 - Be ready
 - Submit your Heroic link under the demo day assignment
 - Everyone must talk.
- Test 1- Thursday
 - Covers everything up till end of lecture today
 - Review guide listed in the Test section on Canvas

Overall Development Processes

- What are the differences between the Waterfall, Spiral, and Agile Processes?
- Time? Documentation? Emphases? When do each work well?
- When is each good? When is each bad?

Silo vs. SOA

- There are siloed and SOAed applications. What are these? What are the benefits and drawbacks of each? When would you use one over the other?
- How might you design a SOA for airline company? (For example.)

Introducing SaaS

- What is a SaaS application? What are the benefits to developers and customers in creating SaaS applications? Can anything be a SaaS app? Why or why not?
- How does SaaS differ from traditional software?
- What kinds of applications are NOT well suited for SaaS? Why?

High level architectures

3 tiered, shared nothing

- Three-tier Shared-Nothing Architecture
 - What are the three tiers and how are they “shared-nothing?”
 - Why is this a good fit for large-scale SaaS applications?
 - Which tier doesn’t scale as well as the others and why not?

Picking Languages

How to decide?

- What are some considerations to take when picking a language to use?
- What are first steps that you take in learning about a language to see if it's the right tool for the job at hand?
- Why are we using Ruby to create SaaS applications (other than because I told you to)?

High level architectures

How to decide?

- What is the Model/View/Controller design pattern?
- What are alternatives to MVC and when might you want to use them?
- Why are we using Rails to create SaaS applications (other than because I told you to)?
 - Active Record vs DataMapper design patterns
 - CRUD – what is it?
- Benefits and drawbacks of these design patterns? Why choose one over the other?

Developing a new project: Customer interaction

- What are 4 principles of the agile development process?
 - User stories
 - Why good? What drawbacks?
 - Connextra format (4 parts)
 - SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-boxed)
 - Good read: <http://www.chiefsimplicityofficer.com/2010/04/user-stories-its-smart-to-invest/>
 - A summary: <http://programmers.stackexchange.com/questions/184137/how-to-write-smart-objectives-as-an-agile-developer>
- LoFi UI diagrams and story boards
 - Why good? What drawbacks?
 - What are they?

Self and Product Management

- What is velocity?
- What are burndown charts?
- Why are tools like Zenhub helpful in project management?
 - For the developer
 - For the manager

Versioning

- What are the benefits of using versioning tools?
- What can you do with them and why is their use so important when working in teams?

Debugging Techniques

- You have an error. What do you do? (Semi-automated)
 - Debugger
 - Log files
 - Print statements
- Beyond that- RASP
 - Read, Ask, Search, Post

Behavioral Driven Design

- Definition
- Why is BDD especially applicable when using the agile process?
- Do you think it'd be effective in a waterfall or spiral process?

Test Driven Design

- Definition
- Why good?
- In what development processes is it applicable? How would TDD change when using a different process?

Validation vs Verification

- What's the difference as you've experienced in your projects?
 - Validation is the process of checking whether the specification captures the customer's needs. (Is it doing what they want?)
 - Verification is the process of checking that the software meets the specification. (Is it actually working?)
- Define and describe an example of each of the following:
 - Unit Tests - testing individual methods or lines of methods
 - Module or Functional Tests - (fuzzy... tests that go between functions)
 - Integration Tests - (everything you're doing with Cucumber)
 - System or Acceptance Tests - you have the tools to do this (just need a contract)
- Think back on your homeworks: What was being tested? Why did those tests help? Is testing always the answer? Is it foolproof? When is more needed?