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Thursday

Software Engineering Interview notes by Keshav Sharma

Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q9, Q11, Q12, Q14,
Q15, Q19, Q28

- Development
- Coding of the
- Testing
- find bugs properly
- Deployment
- Release time.

(Q3) SDLC & its phases

- Software development life cycle.
- Phases
- Planning & Analysis
 - Understand project goals, cost & feasibility.
- Requirement definition
 - Write SRS = Software requirement specification.
 - Functional + Non-functional requirements.
- Design
 - Create System architecture & blueprint

- (Q4) Different models
- Waterfall
- Linear
- Best fit
- V-model
- Test driven development
- Early planning
- Incremental
- Spiral
- Evolutionary

- Development
- Coding of the software
- Testing
- Find bugs, ensure system works properly.
- Deployment & Maintenance
- Release Software + fix/update over time.

(Q4) Different SDLC Models.

- Waterfall Model
 - linear, step by step process
 - Best when requirements are fixed.
- V-Model (Verification & Validation)
 - Testing done along with development
 - Each phase has matching testing phase.
- Incremental model
 - Software built in small parts.
 - Early working version delivered.

→ RAD Model (Rapid application development)

- focus on **fast** development + prototype
- Continuous user **feedback**

→ Iterative Model

- development in **repeated cycles**.
- **improve** software after each version

→ Spiral Model

- Combines **iteration + risk analysis**
- best for **large & high risk projects**

→ Prototype model

- **Early prototypes** shown to users.
- **Feedback** to refine system.

→ Agile Model

- Development in **small sprints**
- **Highly flexible** & customer **feedback driven**.

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(15) Waterfall method & use cases

→ A linear and Sequential SDLC model where each phase must finish before the next starts.

Phases

- 1) Requirement analysis :- Collect & finalize requirements.
- 2) Design :- System architecture & design.
- 3) Implementation + Unit testing → Coding modules.
- 4) Integration & testing (System) :- Combines modules & test
- 5) Deployment :- Release Software
- 6) Maintenance :- bug fix + update

Features

- No going back in previous phase.
- Documentation heavy.
- Simple & easy to manage.
- Changes are difficult after start.

Use cases

- Government projects → Banking System
- Healthcare System → Large enterprise

(Q6) Black box testing

- internal code hidden
(Tester checks input → output)
- no coding knowledge
- functionality & user requirement focus
- done by tester/end user.
- Tested
 - user interface
 - input & output
 - system behaviour
 - functional requirements
- Eg! - login page → enter ^{username & password}
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Check if login works

(Q7) White box testing

- Internal code & logic are known for testing.
- tester knows source code
- Focus: code logic, paths, conditions

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(Q8) Debugging

- process in soft
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(Q11) Use-

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- + focus
- done by developers.
 - Tested
 - Code structure
 - loops & condition
 - internal logic & paths.
 - Eg: - All if-else work correctly.

(Q9) Debugging

- Process of finding & fixing bugs/error in software.
- After testing find bugs.
- Performed mainly by developers.
- improves performance & correctness.
- Bug found → locate cause → fix code
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retest

(Q10) Use-case diagram (UML)

- diagram showing how user interact with a system.

① System: - Application being built.

(Q12) Actor: User or external system

(Q13) Use-case: Action by user.

→ Purpose

→ understand System functionality.

→ Show User requirement clearly.

→ Eg:- Actor: User

usecase: Login, Register, make payment

(Q14) Cohesion

→ Cohesion

→ Measure the task

→ High

→ Better

→ Eg:-

→ Coupling

→ Measure

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→ Eg:-

(Q12) Verification Vs Validation

verification

→ check S/w built
Correctly as per SRS.

→ Static: No code
execution

→ Done using reviews,
inspection

→ "Are we building
the product
right?"

Validation

→ Check whether
Software meets
User needs.

→ Dynamic, involve
running code

→ Done using testing

→ "Are we building
the right product?"

(Q15) A

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Software
iteration

(Q14) Cohesion and Coupling

→ Cohesion

→ Measure of how ~~strongly~~ related the tasks are inside module are.

→ High cohesion = module does one ~~specific task~~.

→ Better design → ~~prefixed~~.

→ Eg:- Login module only handles ~~login~~.

→ Coupling

→ Measure of dependency b/w modules.

→ Low coupling = modules are ~~independent~~.

→ less dependency → ~~better system~~.

→ Eg:- Login module works without affecting Payment module.

(Q15) Agile Software development model?

→ A flexible SDLC model where software is developed in small iteration with continuous feedback.

→ Features

- Works in **short cycle (sprints)**
- **Continuous customer feedback.**
- Allows changes **anytime**
- **Frequent working software delivery.**

Team work

- **Developers + Testers + customers work together.**

Advantages

- **Fast delivery.**
- **High customer satisfaction.**
- **Easily adapts to changing requirements.**

(Q19) Regression Testing

- Testing done to ensure **new code changes does not break existing features**
- **Re-run old test cases.**
- **Done after bug fix or update.**
- **Ensures existing functionalities**

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still works.

- Eg:- After adding payment feature
 - check if login still works.

(Q28) What is SRS?

- Software requirement specification.
- A document that describes all software requirements before development starts.
- Contains functional + non-functional requirements.
- Act as agreement b/w clients & developers
- Used as base for design & development.
- Purpose
 - Avoid misunderstanding.
 - Provide clear project scope.

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