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Thursday

Software Engineering
Interview notes
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Q3, Q4, Q5, Q6, Q7, Q9, Q11, Q12, Q14,
Q15, Q19, Q28

(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

→ Development

→ Coding of the

→ Testing

→ find bugs properly

→ Deployment

→ Release time.

(Q4) Differences

→ Waterfall

→ Linear

→ Best

→ V-model

→ Test

→ Easy

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→ Incremental

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- Development
 - Coding of the software
 - Testing
 - find bugs, ensure system works properly.
 - Deployment & Maintenance
 - Release software + fix/update over time.
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(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 prototype shown to users.
- Feedback to refine system.

→ Agile Model

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

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Q5) 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 module & 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

- done by developer
- Tested
- Code structure
- loops & conditions
- internal logic
- Eg! - All internal logic

(Q8) Debugging

- Process in software
- After
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- Bug found

(Q11) Use-

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→ 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

Q11) Use-case diagram (UML)

→ diagram showing how users interact with a system.

→ Components

① System: - Application being built.

(2) Actor: User on external system

(3) Use-case: Action by user.

→ Purpose

→ understand system functionality

→ Show user requirement clearly.

→ Eg:- Actor: User

Use case: Login, Register, make payment

(Q12) Verification Vs Validation

Verification

→ check SW 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?"

(Q14) Cohesion

→ Cohesion

→ Means the task

→ High

→ Better

→ Eg:-

→ Coupling

→ Mean

→ Low

→ Less

→ Eg:-

(Q15) Abstraction

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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 → preferred.

→ 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

- Developer + Testers + customer 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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