



Team Software Project

Getting started

Let's Not Do Waterfall Projects



How to Get Started?

You Already Created a Plan

Your project proposal isn't a complete plan, but it contains:

- development approach (iterative)
- initial time line with goals & deliverables
- technical approach

What Will You Do in Iteration 1?

Group exercise

- each team brainstorm and show result
- can use Google Doc or project wiki
- share screen with class

10 minutes to create a google doc or Markdown with everything you want to do in Iteration 1.



Your Results

Done in class.

Milestone

For lack of a better definition, mine is:

Milestone:

an indicator that shows tangible progress toward completing a project, along with objectively verifiable criteria that show the milestone has been achieved (or not).

A milestone generally relates to achieving some **goal** or **major work** on the project. The criteria are how to evaluate that the goal or work has been satisfactorily done.

Not Objectively Verifiable Criteria

These are obviously bad, but I have see them repeatedly:

[] Study Django [*done or not? what's the result?*]

[] Write Use Cases [*when are they done?*]

[] Team meeting [*so what? how did it help project?*]

[] Task Board [*this isn't a work product or activity*]

Binary Milestones

A milestone is either 100% done or not done.

There are no "90% done" milestones.

-- *Steve McConnell, Software Project Survival Guide*

Milestones According to Agile

"Working software is the primary measure of progress."

They are not fans of documentation as milestones.

Create Your Own Milestones

*Create milestones that are specific to the way your project is actually performed.
Not a copy of examples.*

Each milestone should have objectively verifiable ("done" or "not done") criteria.

*In KU Polls Iteration 2, some students just copied my description as their iteration plan (it's not a plan).
That is C- level work.*

Project Initiation Milestone

- [] Vision statement reviewed, approved, and published
- [] Business case for project reviewed, approved, and published
- [] Initial timeline with iteration goals & features reviewed and published
- [] Technical approach agreed on and published
- [] Initial set of mock-ups of UI and screen-flow reviewed and published
- [] Project home page on VCS and wiki created.
- [] ... *what is significant work your team needs to do?*

published = published on wiki or Google Drive, with link on project home. approved = team and TA/instructor all agree

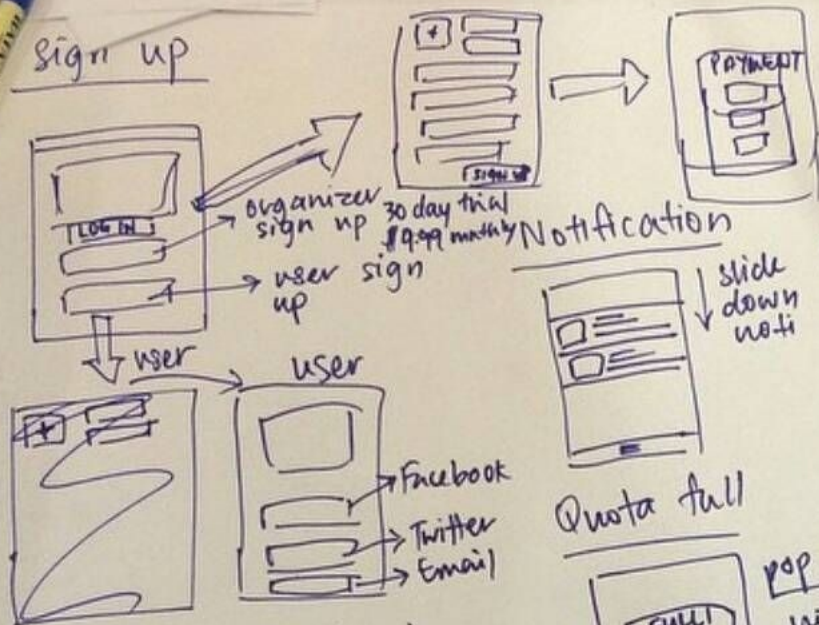
Ideas for Iteration 1

Detailed mock-up with screen flow.

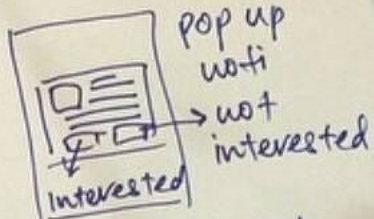
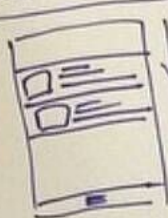
For each usage scenario do this:

- one screen on one sheet of paper
- one person "clicks" or enters on paper screen
- another person decides what to do next
- third person draws next screen
- repeat until user goal is achieved
- record the screen flow + processing in a file

sign up



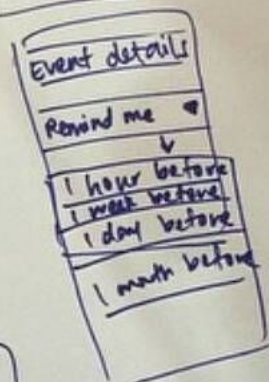
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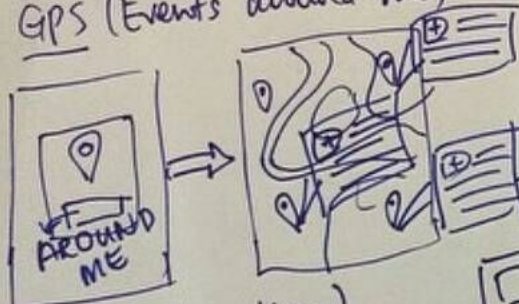
Quota full



Remind



GPS (Events around me)



Online Ticket purchase



LINK W/ BANK

GPS (direction) navigate



event postponed



Calendar



Some Ideas for Iteration 1

Domain Model

Create a "Domain Class Diagram" showing...

- important classes in the domain
- what they know (attributes)
- major responsibilities

Another tool for this is **CRC cards**.

Model: Identify classes

MonopolyGame

Player

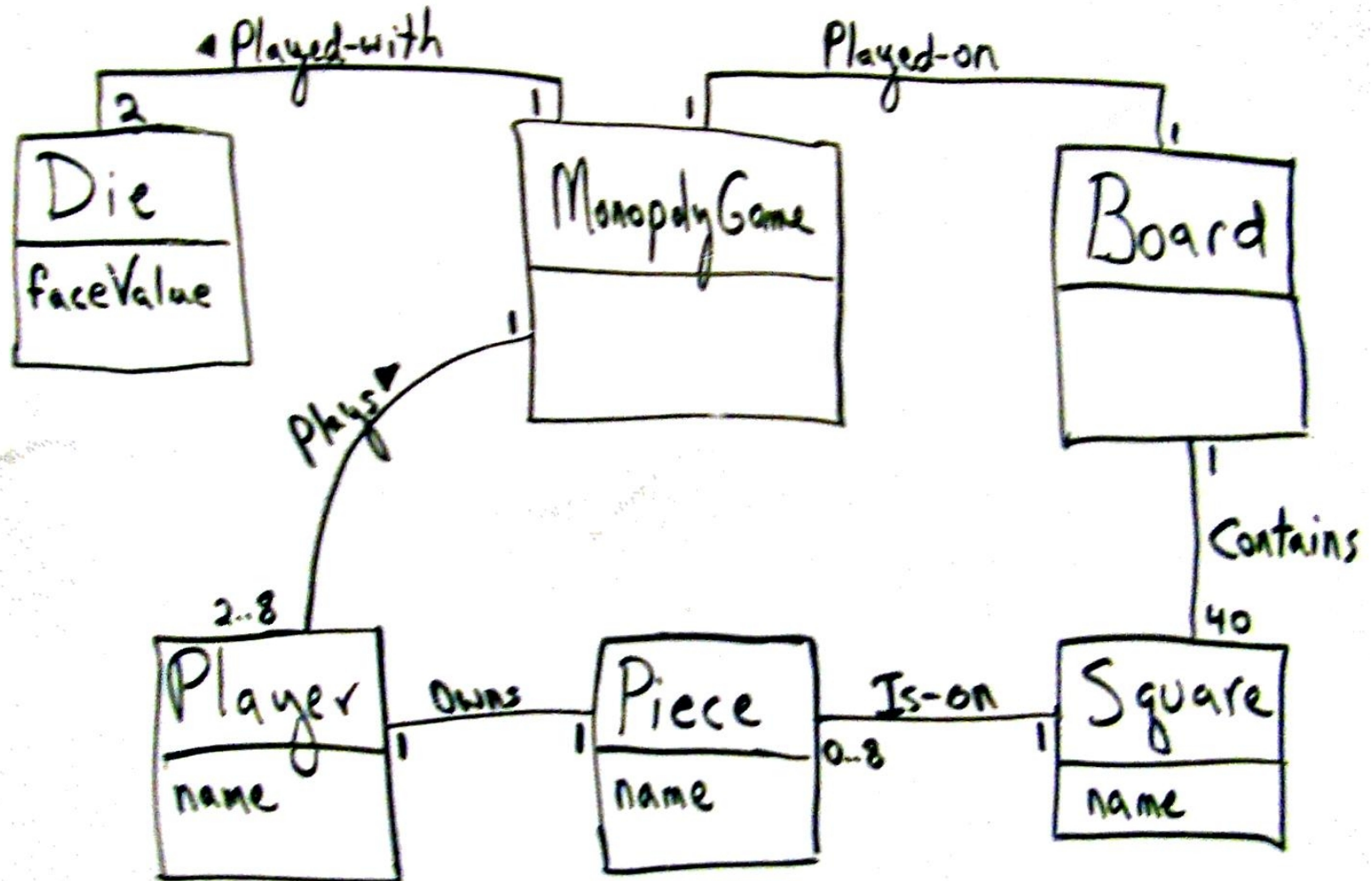
Piece

Die

Board

Square

Identify relations and key attributes



Concentrate on dynamic aspects

*Beginners spend too much time on static
structure,
not enough time on dynamic (behavior)*

-- Craig Larman

You should draw sequence diagrams, too.

*Identify what do you **Not** know*

Things you don't know could be **risks**.

Identify important things you don't know.

Domain or business related "don't knows":

what are the important terms and conditions of an apartment rental?

(so we can include them in the rental app UI)

- learn more about app domain, what users want
- ask people who do know

Technical **Not** Know

Examples:

- Using React with Django: *How to send and receive JSON requests?*
- *How to integrate Google Calendar or existing Calendar framework into our app?* (It's not useful to write your own calendar -- no one wants another calendar!)
- Study possible alternatives
- Work through a tutorial or sample app
- Create your own proof-of-concept app

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Typical course project...

- Project presentation during last week.
- Project code & docs submitted during final.
- Instructor finds problems after semester ends.

Missed opportunity to learn.

Let's not do this.

Iteration Review & Demo

After each iteration:

- review progress and plan with TA or instructor.
- what did you do?
- any changes to the product or project plan?

Every iteration after the 1st one:

- Demo **running software**
- It should do more than the previous demo

Iteration Review & Demo

Who and where to demo?

- Each iteration a different team member must present
- Can be in-person or online

Key Project Elements from *Ship It!*

