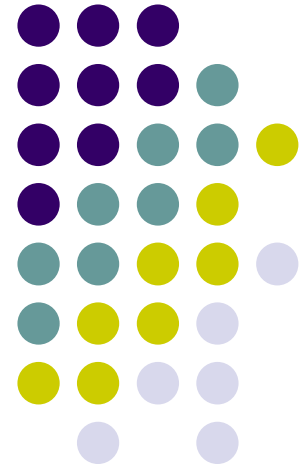


Real-World Software Development

It's not just about the code

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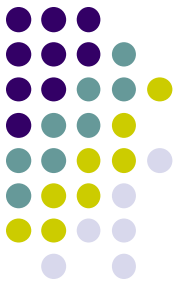


Agenda



- Why developing software is so much more than just writing code
- Different types of software development lifecycles
- The role of model-driven development

What's Involved in Developing Software?



- Requirements
- Design
- Development
- Testing
- Deployment
- Maintenance

Getting Started: Requirements and Design



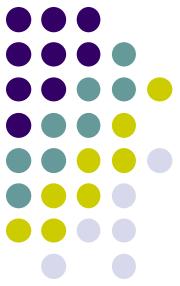
Requirements = What

- The overall business goals
- Key performance indicators and metrics
- What business tasks the user needs to accomplish

Design = How

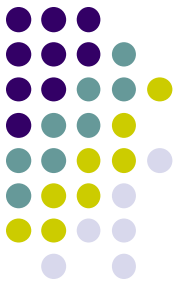
- How the software will support those goals
- How the software will measure performance
- What functions the software will provide to meet those needs
- How the software will fit the existing architecture

Requirements and Design: Separation and Collaboration



- Business people understand business goals
- Business people are not designers
- Designers bring innovative ideas from other fields
- Designers are not subject-matter experts

Making It Work: Development and Testing



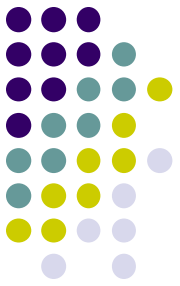
Development

- The actual coding
- Technical documentation
- User documentation

Testing

- Does the software run without errors?
- Does the code match the design?
- Does the software satisfy the business requirements?

Development and Testing: Tips from the Real World



- Just because you can code something doesn't mean that you should
- Put yourself in the intended users' shoes
- Testing/QA is a gatekeeper to production
- The best testers are devious

Making It Real: Deployment and Maintenance



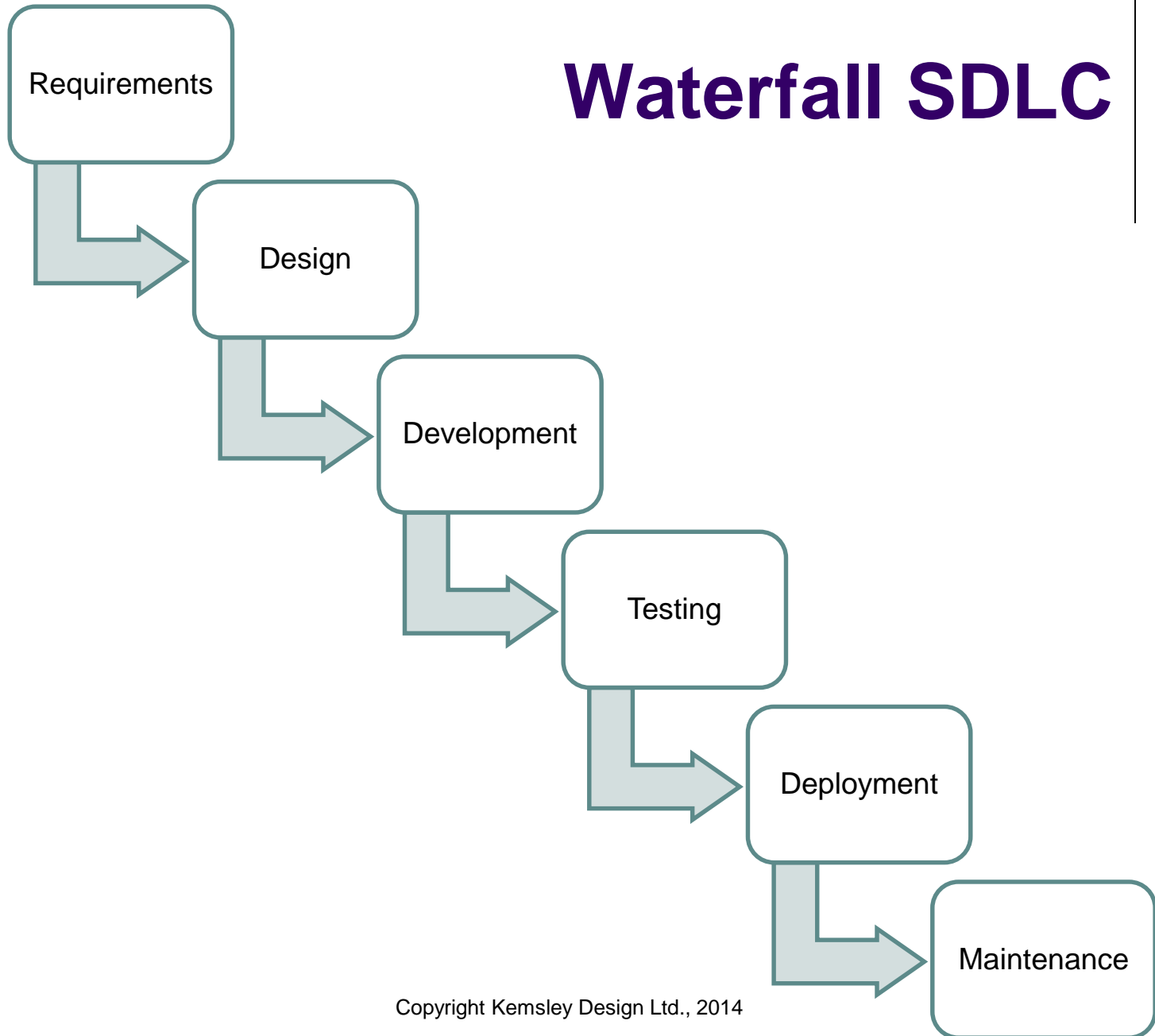
Deployment

- Moving from dev/test to production environment
 - Servers
 - Databases
 - Authentication
 - A million other things
- Performance tuning

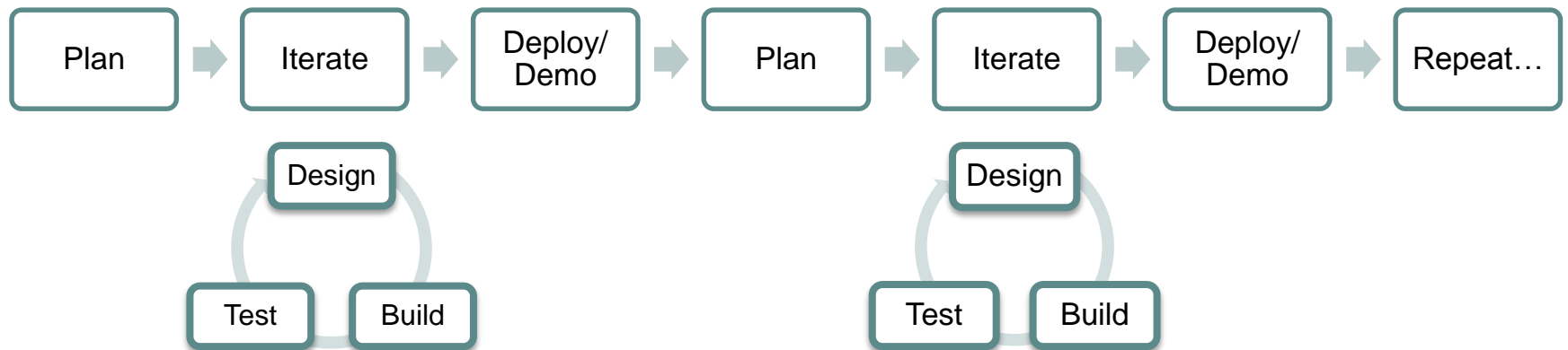
Maintenance

- Supporting users
- Handling system failures
- Identifying bugs and enhancements
 - “Bug” = code does not match design and/or requirements
 - “Enhancement” = requirements do not meet current business need

Waterfall SDLC



Iterative SDLC



Contrasting SDLCs



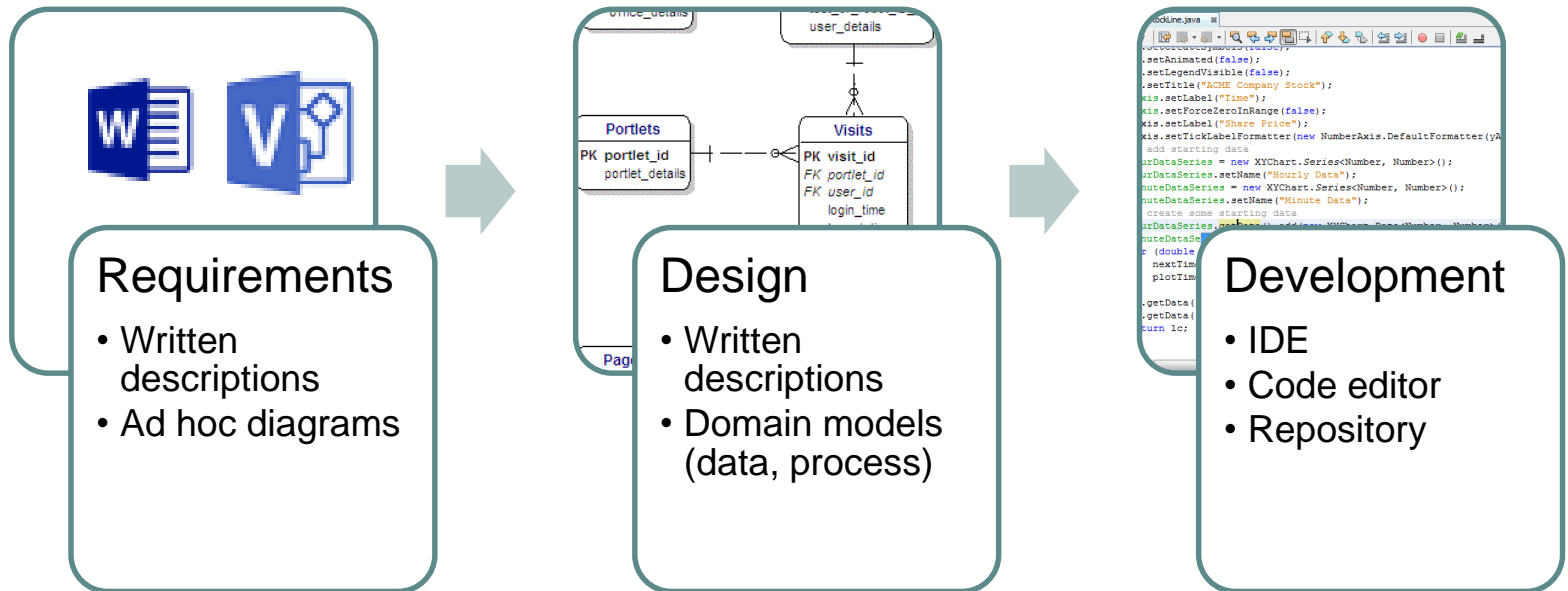
Waterfall

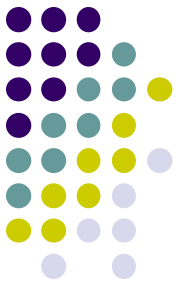
- Each stage finished and signed off before next stage starts
- Benefit:
 - Requirements/design form a strict contract for outsourced development
- Risk:
 - Requirements change or are incorrect

Iterative (e.g., Agile)

- Requirements and design may change at each iteration
- Benefit:
 - Accommodates changing requirements based on interim feedback
- Risk:
 - Reliant on quality of user feedback

Tools Used in the SDLC: Lost In Translation

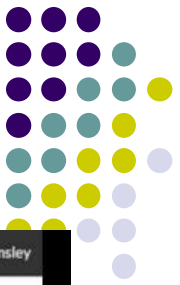




Model-Driven Development

- Business people and designers use same tool to draw models
- Developers add technical functions to model
- Model is directly executable

Draw and Execute Directly

A screenshot of the Alfresco Activiti dashboard. The top header bar is dark grey with the 'Alfresco Activiti' logo on the left and the user name 'Sandy Kemsley' on the right. Below the header, there are four main navigation tiles: 'Kickstart' (blue background with a process flow icon), 'My tasks' (teal background with a clock icon), 'Profile management' (blue background with a person icon), and 'Analytics' (green background with a bar chart icon). Below these tiles, on the left, is a light grey box with a plus sign '+'. In the center is a cartoon illustration of a man with black hair, wearing a blue shirt and red tie, with his arms raised in a welcome gesture. To the right of the man is a light grey speech bubble containing a welcome message and a list of actions.

Welcome to Activiti, the smarter way to do business process management! There are different things you may want to do from here, you can:

- 🔗 Design new business processes or view existing ones you've created or been shared with you
- 🕒 Work on tasks assigned to you or start tasks and processes for others to work on
- 👤 Update your profile to make sure it has the latest information or photo of you

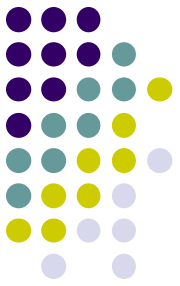
Combine IDE and Models



The collage illustrates the integration of Eclipse IDE and BPMN models. It features several overlapping screenshots:

- Top Left:** Eclipse IDE showing a BPMN model for a mortgage process. The process starts with a 'Fill in details' task, followed by a split gateway, then a 'Medical check' task, a 'Risk assessment' task, and finally a 'Final evaluation' task. A 'Multi Task' is also shown.
- Top Right:** Eclipse IDE showing the same BPMN model, but with a 'Multi Task' added to the process flow.
- Middle Left:** Eclipse IDE showing the source code of the 'MyMortgageTest' class. The code includes a test method that creates a process instance and executes it.
- Middle Right:** Eclipse IDE showing the source code of the 'MyMortgageTest' class, with a comment indicating that the first task is 'Fill in details'.
- Bottom Left:** Eclipse IDE showing the source code of the 'MyMortgageTest' class, with a comment indicating that the first task is 'Fill in details'.
- Bottom Right:** A screenshot of the 'Mortgage process (1624)' runtime monitor. It shows the process flow with tasks 'Fill in details', 'Medical check', 'Risk assessment', and 'Final evaluation'. The monitor also displays a 'Play the blame game' task.

The screenshots demonstrate the integration of Eclipse IDE and BPMN models, showing how the IDE can be used to develop and test BPMN processes.



Summary

- Think about the entire SDLC, not just coding
- Your code is not useful if:
 - It doesn't meet the business requirements
 - It doesn't adhere to design principles
 - It doesn't work
 - It can't be supported
 - It can't be updated
- Model-driven development merges steps within a traditional SDLC



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