

Fall Semester 2013

Week 6

Today's Class

- XML continued
- Software Engineering Methods

XML Viewing

- view without styling in a web browser, editor... DEMO
- render with CSS by associating a stylesheet with a given XML file DEMO
- transform the document using XSLT
- access, query and manipulate XML using Javascript
- parse XML and render using a language such as PHP
 - PHP & Javascript DEMO

XML Validation

- 'Well Formed' XML = correct syntax
 - root element
 - elements must have closing tags
 - tags are case sensitive
 - elements must be properly nested
 - attribute values must be quoted
- 'Valid' XML is 'Well Formed' XML that conforms to a DTD

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<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?</pre>
                                     >
XML Validation
                                     <!DOCTYPF calendar SYSTFM "Calendar.</p>
                                     dtd">
                                     <calendar type="personal">
DTD
                                     <date>2011-09-15</date>
                                     <title>DIGH 401</title>
                                     <location>Room 201 Cudahy
                                     Library</location>
                                     </calendar>
            <!DOCTYPE calendar</pre>
            <!ELEMENT calendar (date,title,location)>
            <!ATTLIST calendar type CDATA "work">
            <!ELEMENT date (#PCDATA)>
            <!ELEMENT title (#PCDATA)>
            <!ELEMENT location (#PCDATA)>
            ]>
```

XML Validation

SCHEMA

defines:

- elements and attributes allowed in a document
- child elements
- the order of child elements
- the number of child elements
- whether an element is empty or can include text
- data types for elements and attributes
- default and fixed values for elements and attributes

XML Validation

SCHEMA

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="ISO-8859-1"?>
<calendar type="personal" xmlns:xsi="http://www.w3.
org/2001/XMLSchema-instance"
xsi:schemaLocation="http://www.w3schools.com note.xsd">
<date>2011-09-15</date>
<title>DIGH 401</title>
<location>Room 201 Cudahy Library</location>
</calendar>
```

Software Engineering Methods

Introduction

- the more lines of code, the harder it becomes to manage, debug, and maintain
- nearly impossible to write, test, and maintain a program with millions of lines of code by yourself
- software engineering helps solve this issue
- collaborative, coordinated efforts
- create guidelines to help consistency and deliverables

Software Engineering Methods

Introduction

- moves beyond single, inspired genius to a group of competent programmers
- a variety of methods have been developed by CS
- each method has advantages and disadvantages
- same basic goals of various methods
- make it easy to write large computer programs within a reasonable time period
 - create software that works reliably

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Waterfall Model

- divides a large project into distinct parts
- each part fully completed before the other part can even begin
- model divides a software project into 4 distinct, mutually exclusive steps
 - analysis
 - design
 - implementation
 - testing

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Waterfall Model - Analysis

- firstly analyse what the program is supposed to do
- requirements are initially specified by the client
- questions will be asked by the programmers until clarification of requirements
- analysis will then be complete and no further changes may be requested
- requirements often formalised as 'program specifications' or 'specifications'
- analysis step freezes specifications within this model

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Waterfall Model - Design

- programmers develop and write a plan to meet requirements
- deciding how to divide the program into smaller parts
- need to select programming language to use
- choose specific compiler and other tools
- many times the design phase does not reflect the client's requirements

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Waterfall Model - Implementation

- writing code for each assigned portion of the program may begin
- monitor progress during this phase and see what needs to be done next
- design misunderstandings become more apparent during this phase
- design flaws can now make the program harder to create
- coding stops and parts are now collected and assembled

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Waterfall Model - Testing

- ensures that the entire program basically works as intentioned
- bugs are fixed and program further tested to ensure no knock-on effects
- testing phase completed, and program is considered ready for delivery
- client may end up with a program that almost meets their needs but not quite
- changes or omissions require a new analysis and restarting of process

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Waterfall Model - Conclusions

- this model assumes a number of things
 - progression through a series of steps without deviation
 - time per step can be predicted
 - each step accurately translates the client's requirements
- this method has not consistently produced large, reliable programs on schedule
- stalled phase can seriously damage a project
- errors can be easily compounded from one phase to the next
- biggest flaw is perceived to be the method's rigidity

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Extreme programming (XP)

- opposite direction to over-structured waterfall method
- four different and mutually overlapping phases
 - coding
 - testing
 - listening
 - designing
- advocates of XP argue that the only true important product is code
- coding is not simply typing out programming commands
 - involves assessing alternatives
 - communicating effectively with client, other programmers...

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Extreme programming (XP) - sequence

XP follows this general sequence

- client defines program requirements
- a simple program, prototype, is developed and acts as a model for the client
- programmers implement actual program with client providing feedback
- with a working model that the client likes, additional features, requirements can be added as required
- program can evolve slowly over time with feedback and requirements from the client

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Extreme programming (XP) - perceived issues

- time scheduling is nearly impossible with XP
- relationship between client and programmers may be crucial to success
- programmer departures can cause delays between new programmer and client
- constant communication between all parties is crucial to the success of an XP project

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Computer Aided Software Engineering (CASE)

- generally accepted practices for writing reliable software on time
- simple example might be avoiding spaghetti programming
- CASE tools are meant to simplify the practices of software engineering
- some common CASE tools include
 - project modellers
 - code generators
 - source code formatters
 - revision control
 - project management

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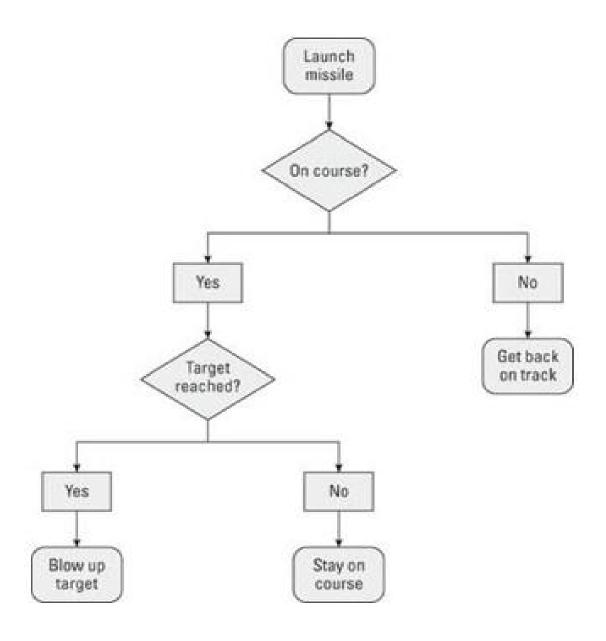
Modelling a large project

- design before coding
- everyone needs to understand the design before programming
- consistent model helps understanding
- everyone needs to use the same design model
- a number of models exist such as
 - flowcharts
 - unified modelling language (UML)

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Modelling a large project - flowcharts

- one of the earliest modelling methods
- flowcharts must specify every action and decision that the program goes through
- describes how a program works at the conceptual level
- work for smaller programs but have a couple of problems with larger programs
- easy to become too large and confusing to complete & take too much time
 - can become so complicated that no one uses them



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Modelling a large project - Unified Modelling Language (UML)

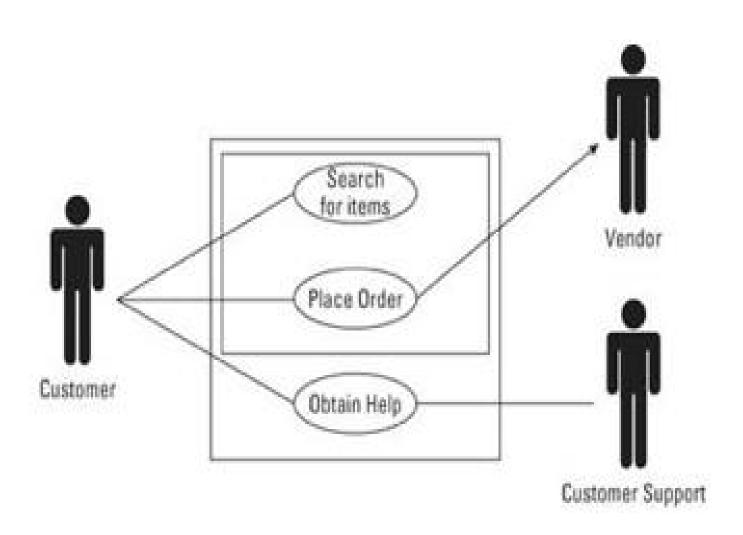
- provides a way to visually design a program
- universally understood symbols and diagrams
- UML offers different types of models for defining a program
 - functional models
 - object models
 - dynamic models
- pick and choose the type of diagram required to define your program

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Modelling a large project - Unified Modelling Language (UML)

Functional Model (Use Case Diagram)

- describes how a user interacts with the program
- displaying users as stick figures and program functions as ovals removes a lot of the confusion

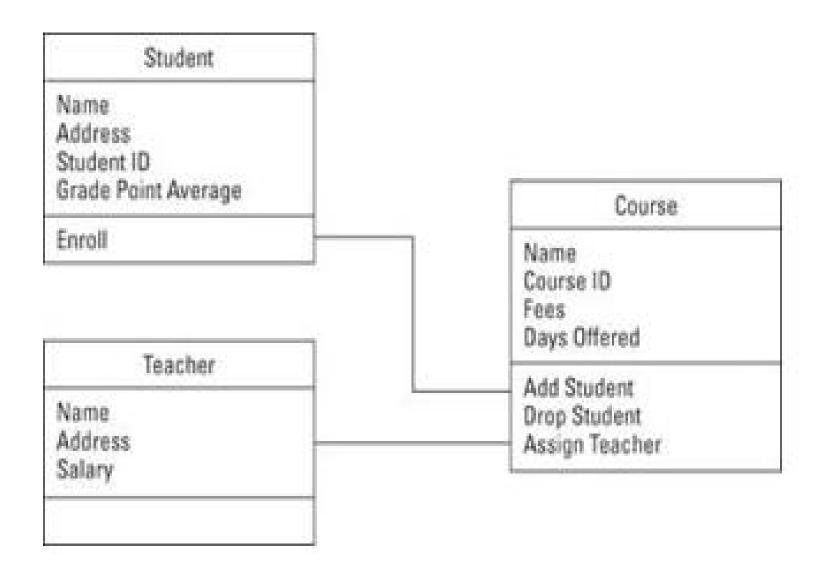


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Modelling a large project - Unified Modelling Language (UML)

Object Model (class diagram)

- defines how to divide a program into parts or objects
- each class diagram defines an object's name, data (properties), and operations (methods)
- object's properties define the type of data it can hold
- object's methods define what type of actions the object can perform

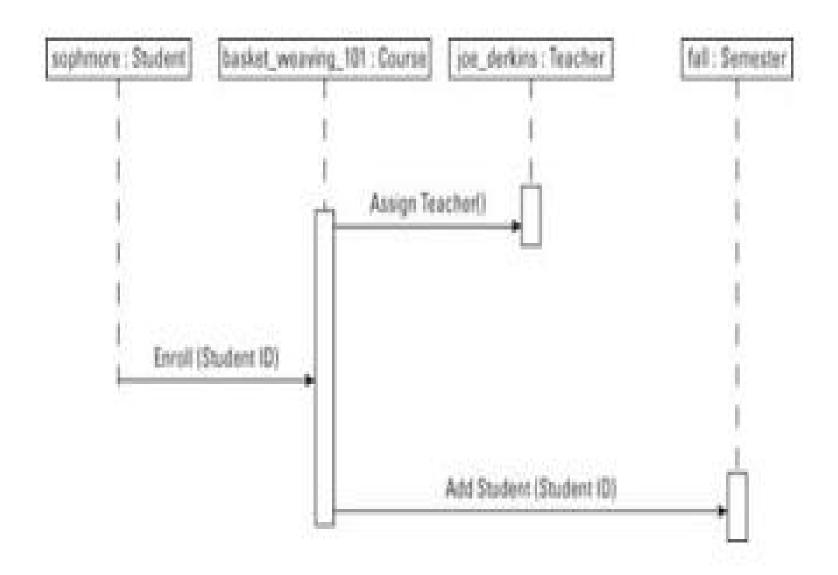


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Modelling a large project - Unified Modelling Language (UML)

Dynamic Model (sequence diagram)

- describes the sequence a program follows
- similar to flowcharts because they describe what a program does at a given time
- they do not necessarily describe how a program works
- show you the order of occurring events
- show you messages passed from one object to another
- show you the actual names of all interacting objects



DIGH 401 - Introduction to Computing

