



Software Engineering

CSE 305

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Unit – I

SOFTWARE PROCESS AND AGILE DEVELOPMENT

Software Process Models

A circular arrangement of numerous software process-related words and concepts, including:

- management
- internships
- complexity
- academia
- military
- human
- globalization
- world
- knowledge
- science
- job
- system
- process
- practitioners
- experience
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- massive
- debugging
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- microcomputer
- resource
- technology
- traceability
- hours
- arriving
- developers

Generic Process Model

- A generic process framework for software engineering **defines five framework activities:**
Communication, Planning, Modeling, Construction, and Deployment.
- In addition, a **set of umbrella activities** are applied throughout the process.

Software Process Framework

FIGURE

A software process framework

Software process

Process framework

Umbrella activities

framework activity # 1

software engineering action #1.1

Task sets

work tasks
work products
quality assurance points
project milestones

software engineering action #1.k

Task sets

work tasks
work products
quality assurance points
project milestones

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framework activity # n

software engineering action #n.1

Task sets

work tasks
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Task sets

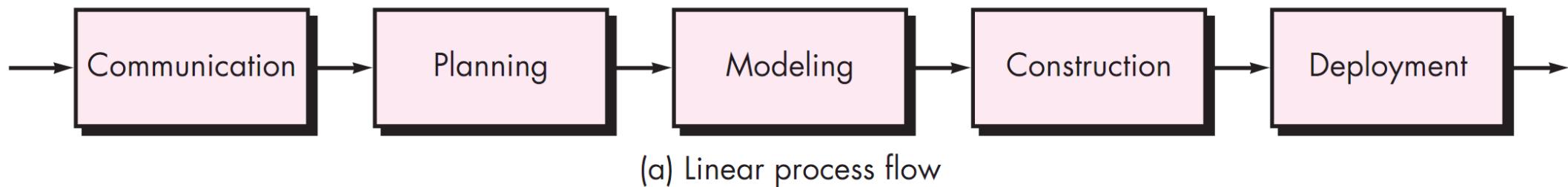
work tasks
work products
quality assurance points
project milestones

Process Flow

- One important aspect of the software process has not yet been discussed.
- This aspect is called - ***Process Flow***.
- Process Flow describes "**how the framework activities, actions and tasks are organized with respect to Sequence and Time**".

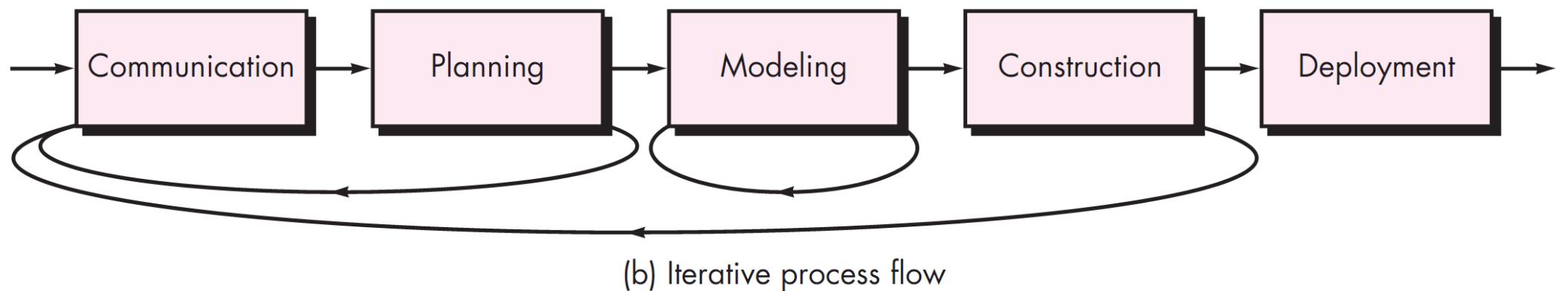
Linear Process Flow

- A *linear process flow* **executes** each of the five framework activities **in sequence**.
 - beginning with communication and
 - culminating with deployment



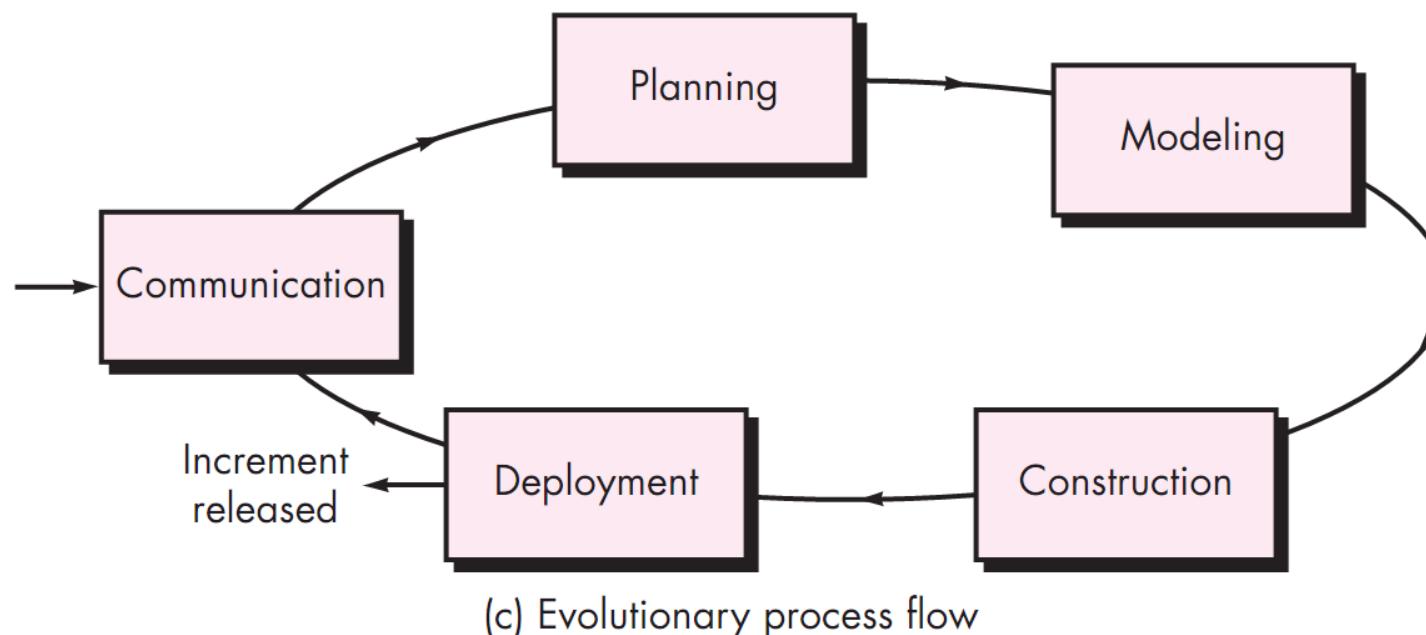
Iterative Process Flow

- An iterative process flow **repeats** one or more of **the activities** before proceeding to the next



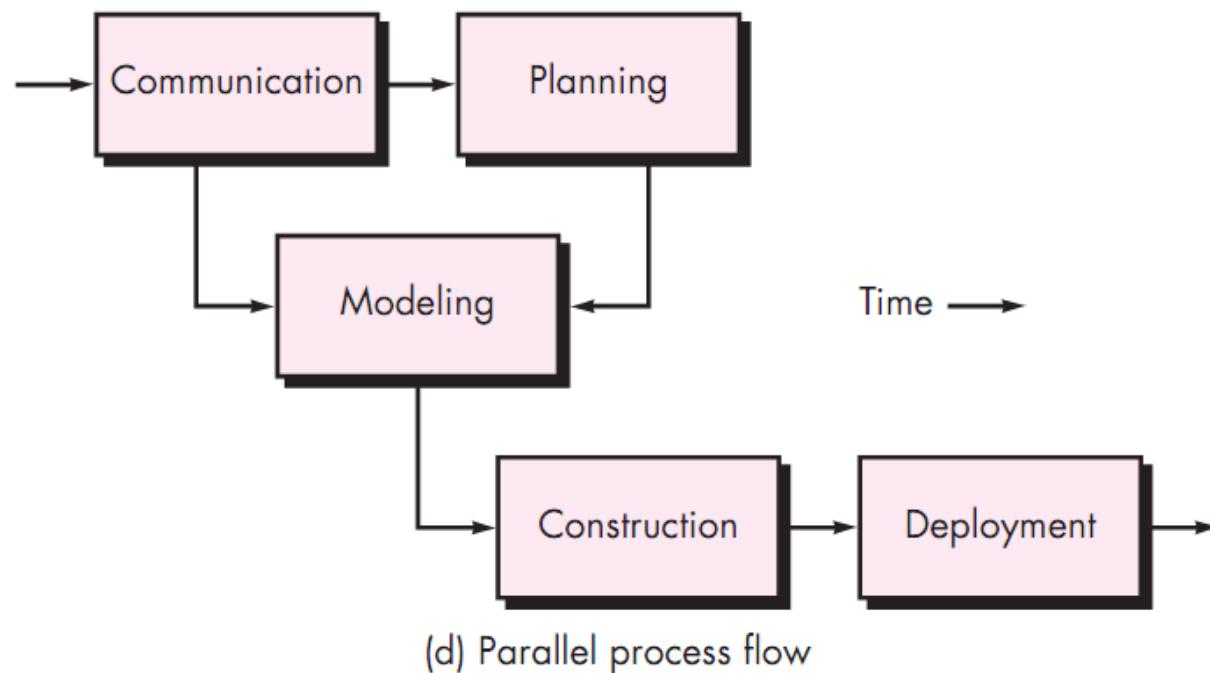
Evolutionary Process Flow

- An evolutionary process flow **executes** the **activities** in a “**Circular**” **manner**.
- Each circuit through the five activities **leads to** a more **complete/** **newer version of the software**.



Parallel Process Flow

- A parallel process flow **executes** one or more **activities in parallel** with other activities.



e.g., modeling for one aspect of the software might be executed in parallel with construction of another aspect of the software.

Defining a Framework Activity

Defining a Framework Activity

- We have described five framework activities and provided a basic definition so far.

Communication, Planning, Modeling, Construction, and Deployment.

- However, a software team would **need significantly more information**
 - **When:** before it could properly execute any one of these activities
 - **Where:** as part of the software process.

Defining a Framework Activity

- Therefore, we are faced with a key question:



What actions are appropriate for a framework activity, given:

- the **nature of the problem** to be solved,
- the **characteristics of the people** doing the work, and
- the **stakeholders who are sponsoring the project**

Defining a Framework Activity

- In short, we want to know:



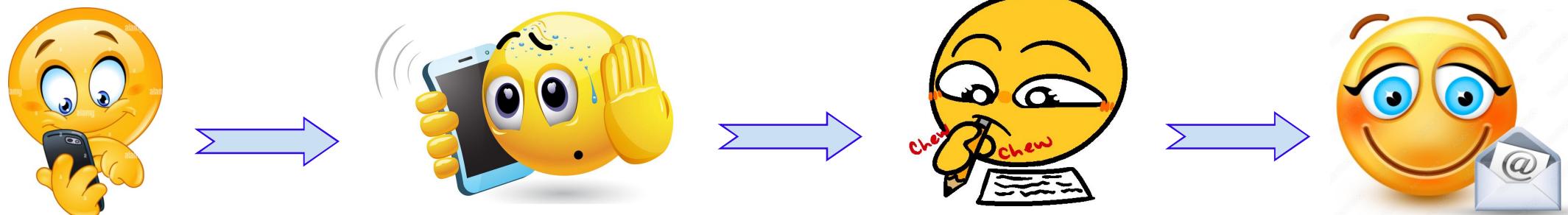
**How does a
framework
activity change as
the nature of the
project changes?**

Defining a Framework Activity

- For a **small software project**:
 - requested by one person (at a remote location)
 - with simple, straightforward requirements
- The communication activity might **encompass** little more than a **phone call**.
- Therefore, the only **necessary Action is a Phone Conversation**

Defining a Framework Activity

- The **work tasks** (the task set) that this action encompasses are:
 1. Make contact with stakeholder via telephone.
 2. Discuss requirements and take notes.
 3. Organize notes into a brief written statement of requirements.
 4. E-mail to stakeholder for review and approval.



Defining a Framework Activity

- If the **project was considerably more complex:**
 - with many stakeholders
 - each with a different set of (*sometime conflicting*) requirements
- Then the communication activity might **have Six distinct Actions:**
 1. **inception**
 2. **elicitation**
 3. **elaboration**
 4. **negotiation**
 5. **specification, and**
 6. **validation**

Defining a Framework Activity

- Each of these Six Actions would have:
 - many work tasks and
 - a number of distinct work products/outcome.

Note: We will have an insightful discussion on them later.

Identifying a Task Set

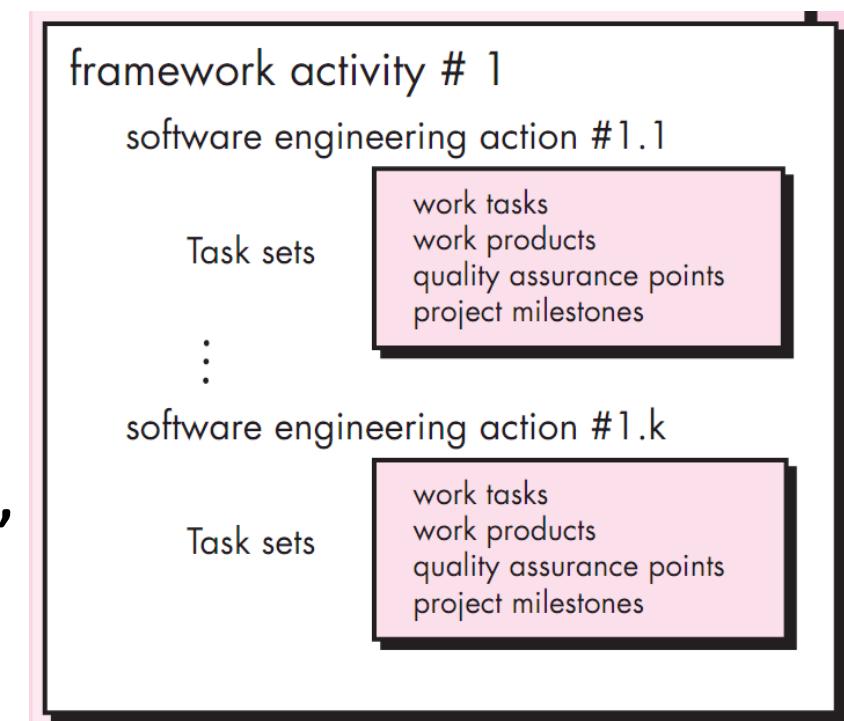
Identifying a Task Set



- Different projects demand different task sets.
- The software team chooses the task set based on problem and project characteristics.

Identifying a Task Set

- Each **Action** can be **represented** by a number of **different task sets**
- We should **choose a task set** that best accommodates:
 - the needs of the software project and
 - the characteristics of the project team
- This implies that:
“Action can be adapted to the specific needs”



Process Patterns

Process Patterns

A **Process Pattern** describes:

- a **process-related problem** that is **encountered** during software engineering work
- **identifies the environment** in which the problem has been encountered
- **suggests** one or more **proven solutions** to the problem.

Process Patterns

In short,

- Patterns can be used to describe a problem (and solution) associated with:
 - a framework **activity** (e.g., planning) or
 - an **action** within a framework activity (e.g., project estimating)

Process Patterns

- Ambler, in 1998, has **proposed a template** for describing a process pattern:
- It consists of three things:
 1. **Pattern Name**
 2. **Forces**
 3. **Type**

Process Patterns

Pattern Name

- The pattern is given a meaningful name
- Describing it within the context of the software process
- e.g., TechnicalReviews

Process Patterns

Forces describes

- The environment in which the **pattern is encountered**
- The issues that make the problem visible and may affect its solution.

Process Patterns

Type

- The pattern type is specified
- Ambler suggests **three types:**
 1. Stage pattern
 2. Task pattern
 3. Phase pattern

Stage Pattern

- It defines a problem associated with a **framework activity**
- Since a framework activity encompasses multiple actions and work tasks
- A stage pattern **incorporates multiple task patterns**

Task Pattern

- It defines a **problem associated** with an **Action or Work Task**
- e.g., **RequirementsGathering** is a task pattern.

Phase Pattern

- It define the **sequence of framework activities that occurs** within the process
- Even when the overall flow of activities is iterative in nature.
- An example: **SpiralModel** or **Prototyping**.

Process Assessment and Improvement

Process Assessment and Improvement

The existence of a **Software Process** is **may not guarantee**

- that software will be delivered on time,
- that software will meet the customer's needs,
- that software will exhibit the technical characteristics, or
- that will lead to long-term quality characteristics

Process Assessment and Improvement

- Process itself can be **assessed**

Why:

- to ensure that it meets a set of basic process criteria
- It is essential for a successful software engineering

Process Assessment and Improvement



Assessment attempts to understand the current state of the software process with the intent of improving it.

Process Assessment and Improvement



**What formal
techniques
are available for
assessing the
software process?**

Process Assessment and Improvement

- A number of different approaches to software process assessment and improvement have been proposed:
 1. **Standard CMMI Assessment Method for Process Improvement (SCAMPI)**
 2. **CMM-Based Appraisal for Internal Process Improvement (CBA IPI)**
 3. **SPICE (ISO/IEC15504)**
 4. **ISO 9001:2000 for Software**

Standard CMMI Assessment Method for Process Improvement (SCAMPI)

- This provides a five-step process assessment model
- It incorporates five phases:
 1. initiating
 2. diagnosing
 3. establishing
 4. acting, and
 5. learning
- The SCAMPI method uses the SEI CMMI as the basis for assessment

CMM-Based Appraisal for Internal Process Improvement (CBA IPI)

- It provides a diagnostic **technique for assessing the relative maturity** of a software organization
- It uses the SEI CMM as the basis for the assessment

SPICE (ISO/IEC 15504)

- It is an ISO standard
- It defines a **set of requirements** for software process assessment.
- The intent is to **assist organizations in developing an objective evaluation of the efficacy** of any defined software process

ISO 9001:2000 for Software

- This is a generic standard that applies to any organization that wants to improve the overall quality of the products, systems, or services that it provides.
- Therefore, the standard is **directly applicable to software organizations** and companies.

Prescriptive Process Models

Prescriptive Process Models

- They were originally **proposed to bring order to the chaos** of software development.

These traditional models have:

- **brought** a certain amount of **useful structure** to software engineering work
- **provided a reasonably effective road map** for software teams.

Prescriptive Process Models



quote:

**"If the process is
right, the results
will take care of
themselves."**

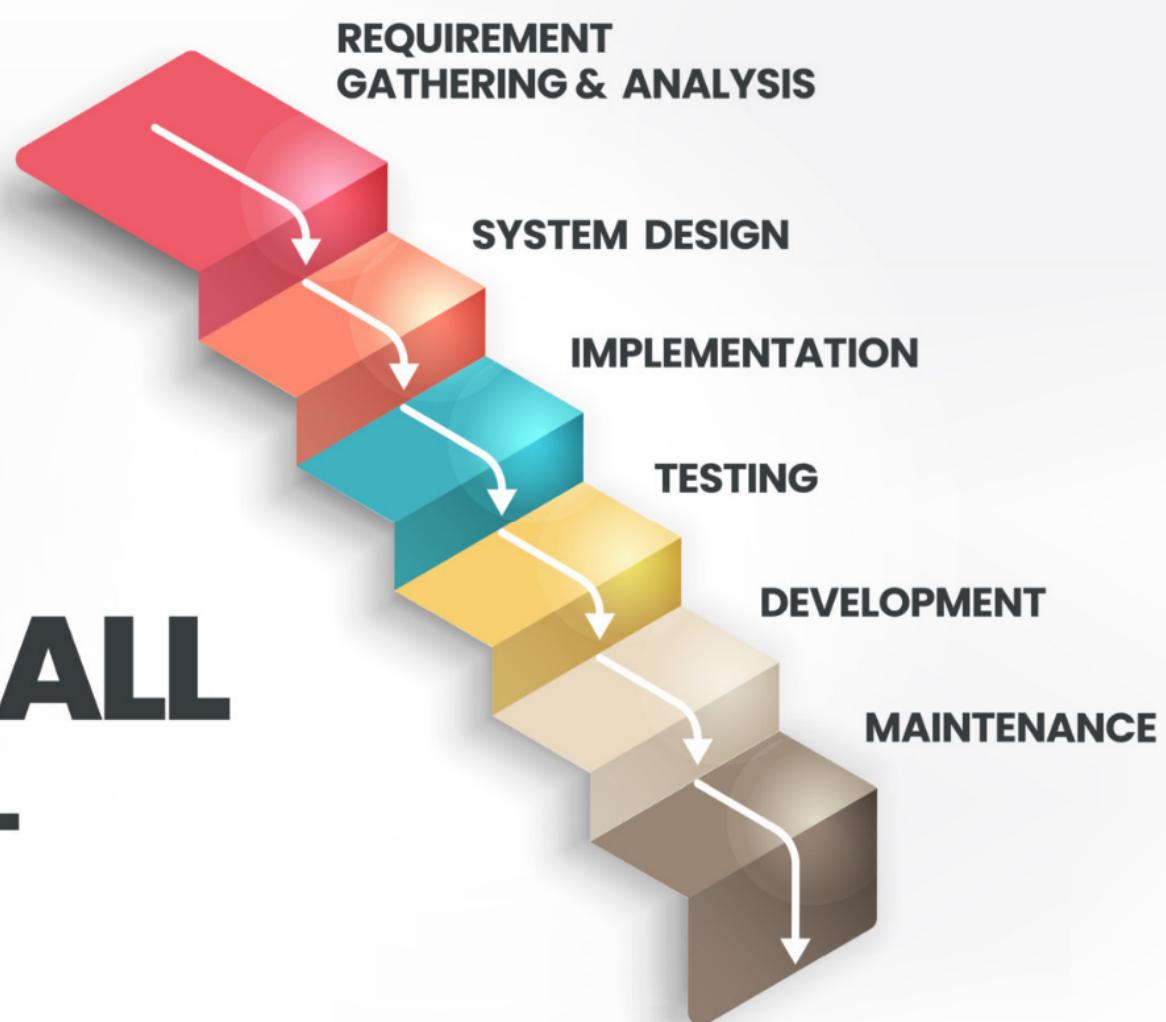
Takashi Osada

Prescriptive Process Models



Prescriptive process models define a prescribed set of process elements and a predictable process work flow.

WATERFALL MODEL



The Waterfall Model

- The waterfall model, sometimes called the *classic life cycle*
- It suggests a **systematic, sequential approach** to software development.

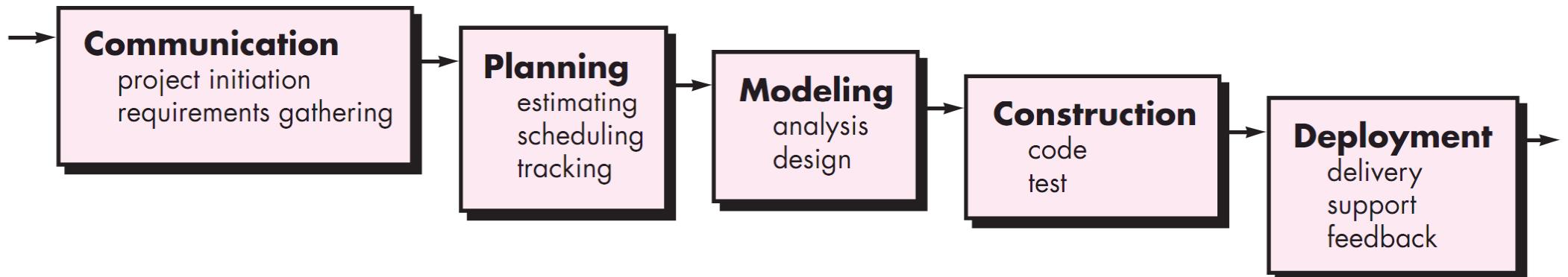
The Waterfall Model

- It begins with customer specification of requirements
- Then progresses through planning, modeling, construction, and deployment,
- Finally, culminating in ongoing support of the completed software

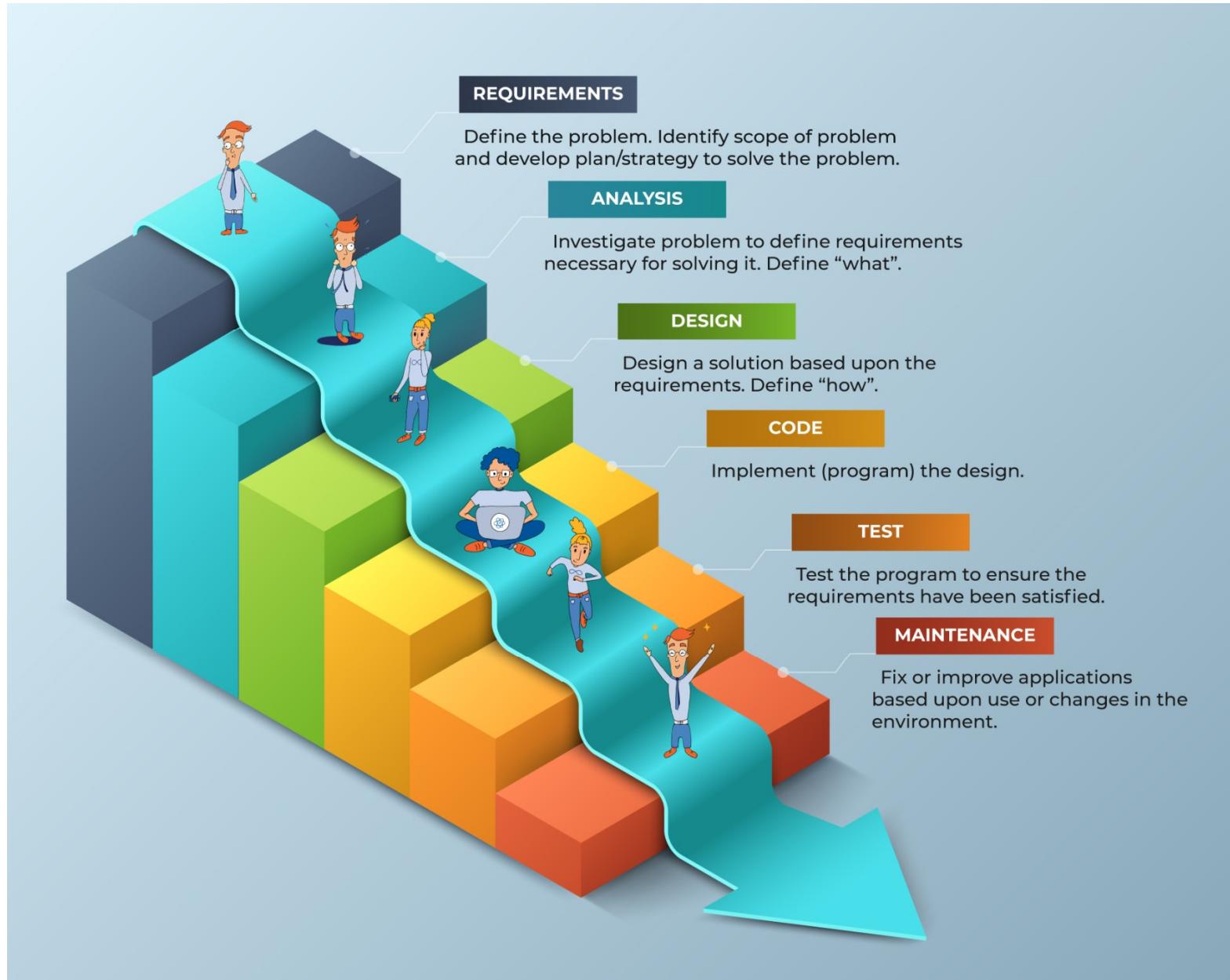
The Waterfall Model

FIGURE

The waterfall model



Waterfall Model



When to use Waterfall Model?

- Due to its nature, it is **hard to get back** to the previous phase once completed.
- This is the list of things to consider when using the waterfall:
 - The requirements are clear and frozen.
 - Technology is understood and used by the team in different projects.
 - The project cannot be delivered in an iterative manner.
 - Documentation is essential.
 - Professional Project management skills.
 - The project cost is defined.

Advantages of Waterfall Model

- Disciplined and Structured Approach
- Stages and activities are well defined.
- Clear goals - Each phase has specific deliverables.
- Logical and intuitive progression
- Easier for project managers to plan, schedule the project
- No special methodology training

Disadvantages of Waterfall Model

- **Inflexible:** It is very difficult to go back to any phase after it finished.
- **Lack of client input:** It assumes that the requirements of a system can be frozen without any changes or enhancements.
- **It takes the full lifecycle** to deliver a workable solution to the customer.
- A little **flexibility and adjusting scope is difficult and expensive.**
- It delays the testing phase which can discover a lot of issues in requirements, design, and implementation as well.



V Model In Software Development

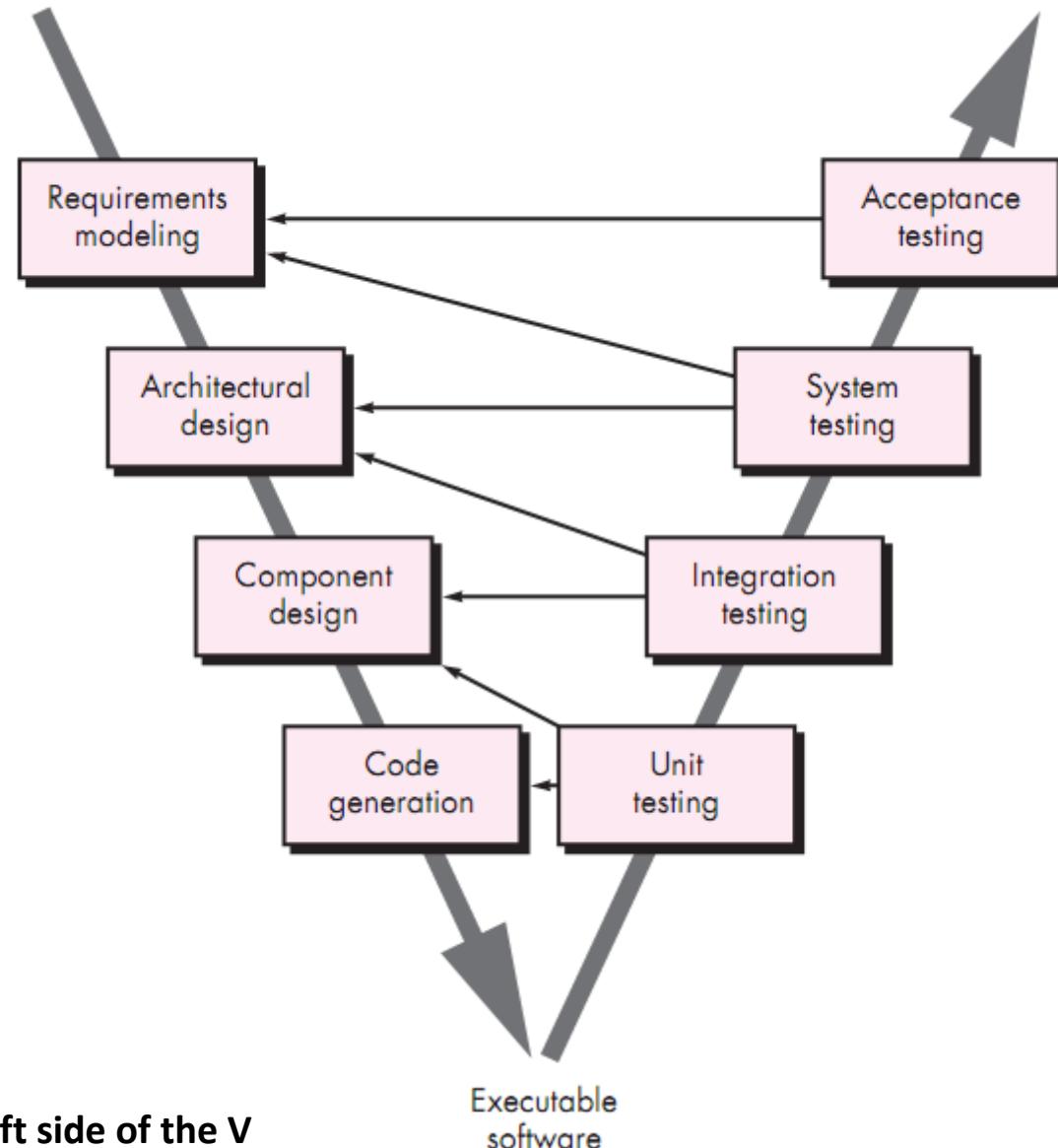
The V-model

- A **variation in the representation** of the waterfall model is called the **V-model**.
- It is also known as the **Verification and Validation model**.
- It is based on the **association of a testing phase** for each corresponding development stage.

The V-model

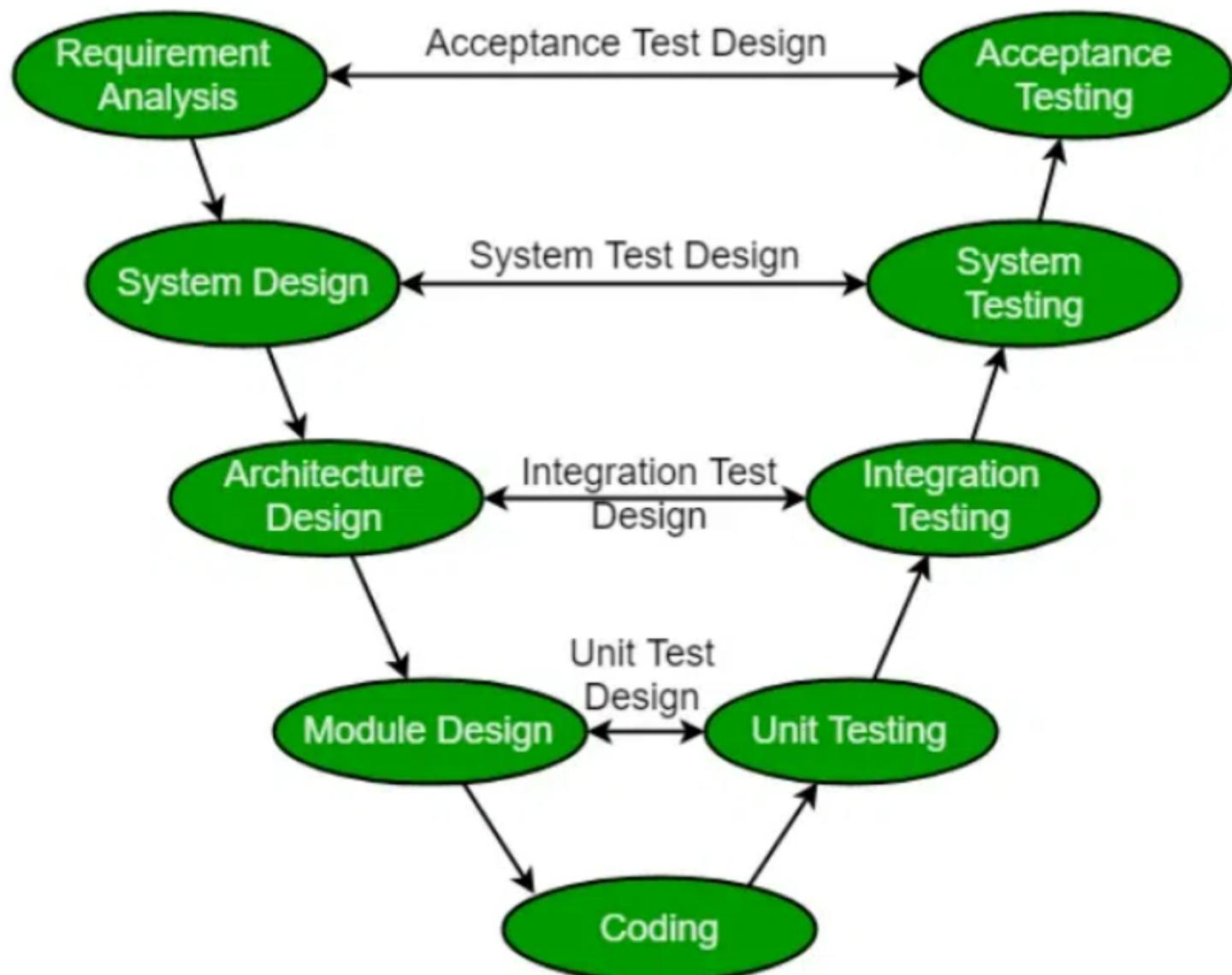
- The development of each step is directly associated with the testing phase.
- The next phase starts only after completion of the previous phase
- But, for **each development activity, there is a testing activity** corresponding to it.

The V-model



A Software Team moves down the left side of the V

The V-model



The V-model

In short,

- V-model **depicts the relationship** of quality assurance actions to the actions associated with communication, modeling, and early construction activities.

Incremental Model



Incremental Process Models



The incremental model delivers a series of releases, called increments, that provide progressively more functionality for the customer as each increment is delivered.

Incremental Process Models

When this model is Suitable?

- Initial software requirements are reasonably well defined
- But the overall scope of the development effort **precludes a purely linear process.**
- There may be a compelling need:
 - to **provide a limited set** of software functionality to users quickly
 - then **refine and expand** on that functionality in later software releases.

Incremental Process Models

- Incremental model **combines** elements of both:
 - linear process flows
 - parallel process flows
- The incremental model applies linear sequences in a staggered fashion as calendar time progresses.
- Each linear sequence **produces deliverable “increments”** of the software
- The increments produced by an evolutionary process flow.
- For example, ***word-processing software***

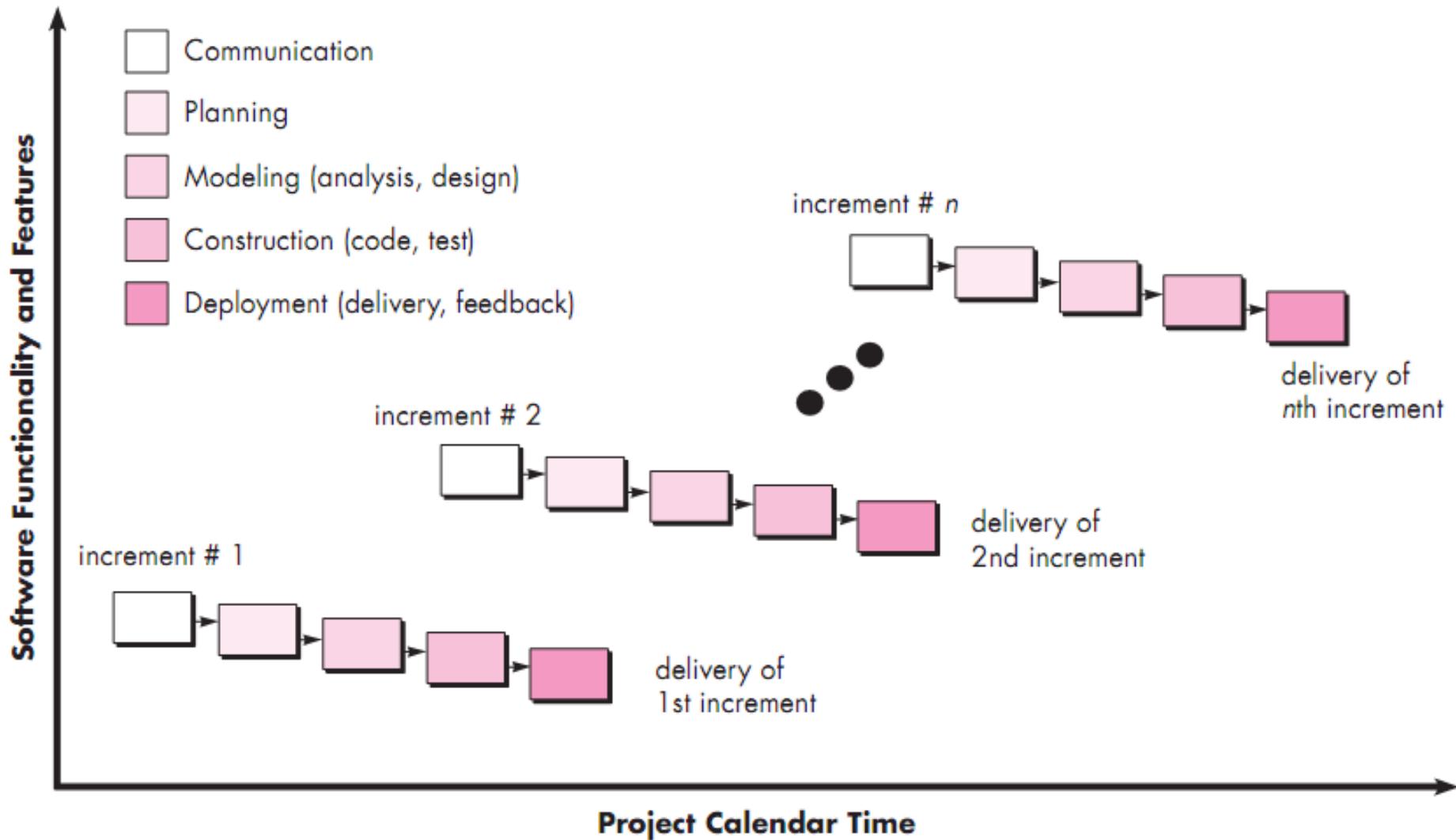
Incremental Process Models

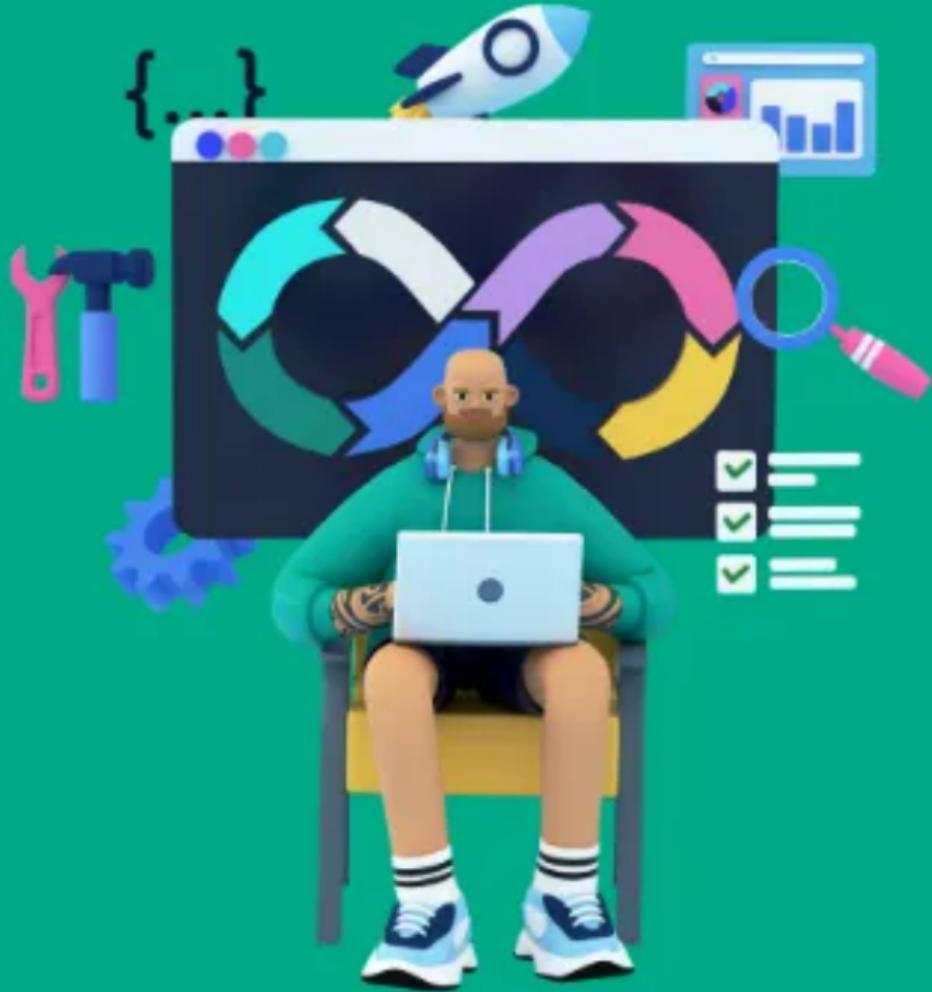
- In incremental model, the first increment is often a **Core Product**.
- Only the basic requirements are addressed
- But many supplementary features (some known, others unknown) remain undelivered.

Incremental Process Models

- The core product is used by the customer
(or undergoes detailed evaluation)
- As a result of evaluation, a plan is developed for the next increment.
- This **process is repeated** following the delivery of each increment,
until the **complete product is produced**

The incremental model





Evolutionary Model in Software Engineering

Evolutionary Process Models



Evolutionary process models produce an increasingly more complete version of the software with each iteration.

Evolutionary Process Models

- Software, like all **complex systems**, evolves over a period of time.

In Complex Software Systems:

- Requirements **often change** as development proceeds;
- Making a straight line path to an end product **unrealistic**;
- Tight market deadlines make completion of a comprehensive software **impossible**;

Evolutionary Process Models

- But a **limited version must be introduced** to meet competitive or business pressure

In this case:

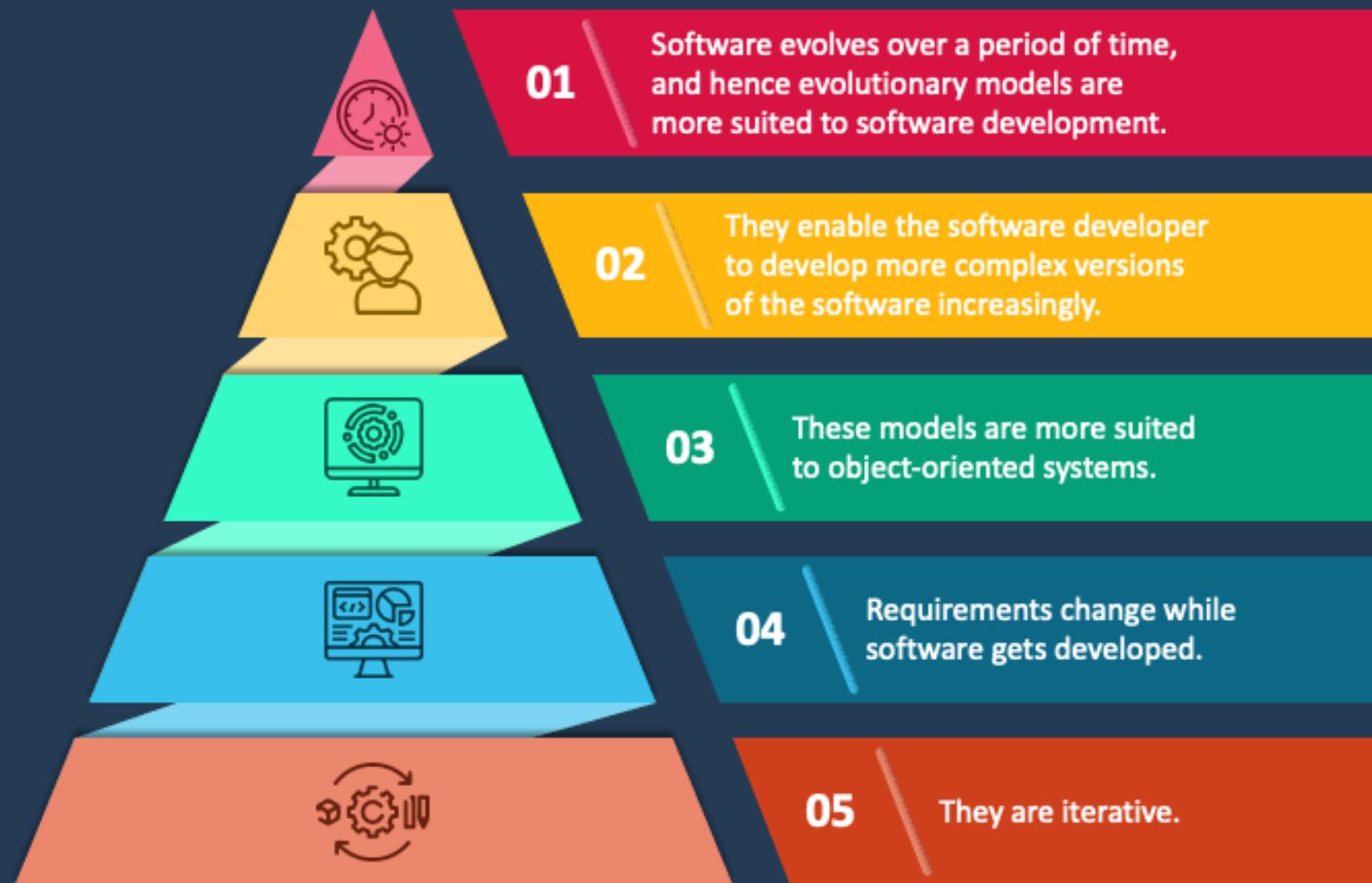
- A set of core product or system requirements is well understood
- But the details of product or system extensions have yet to be defined.

Evolutionary Process Models

In these situations, we need a process model that:

- **Explicitly designed to accommodate a product that evolves over time.**
- **Hence, Evolutionary models are iterative.**

EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS MODEL



Evolutionary Process Models

- We will present two common evolutionary process models.
 1. **Prototyping.**
 2. **The Spiral Model.**



PROTOTYPING

Prototyping



*When your customer
has a legitimate need,
but is clueless about
the details, develop a
prototype as a first
step.*

Prototyping

Case 1:

- Customer defines a set of general objectives for software
- But does not identify detailed requirements (functions and features).

Case 2:

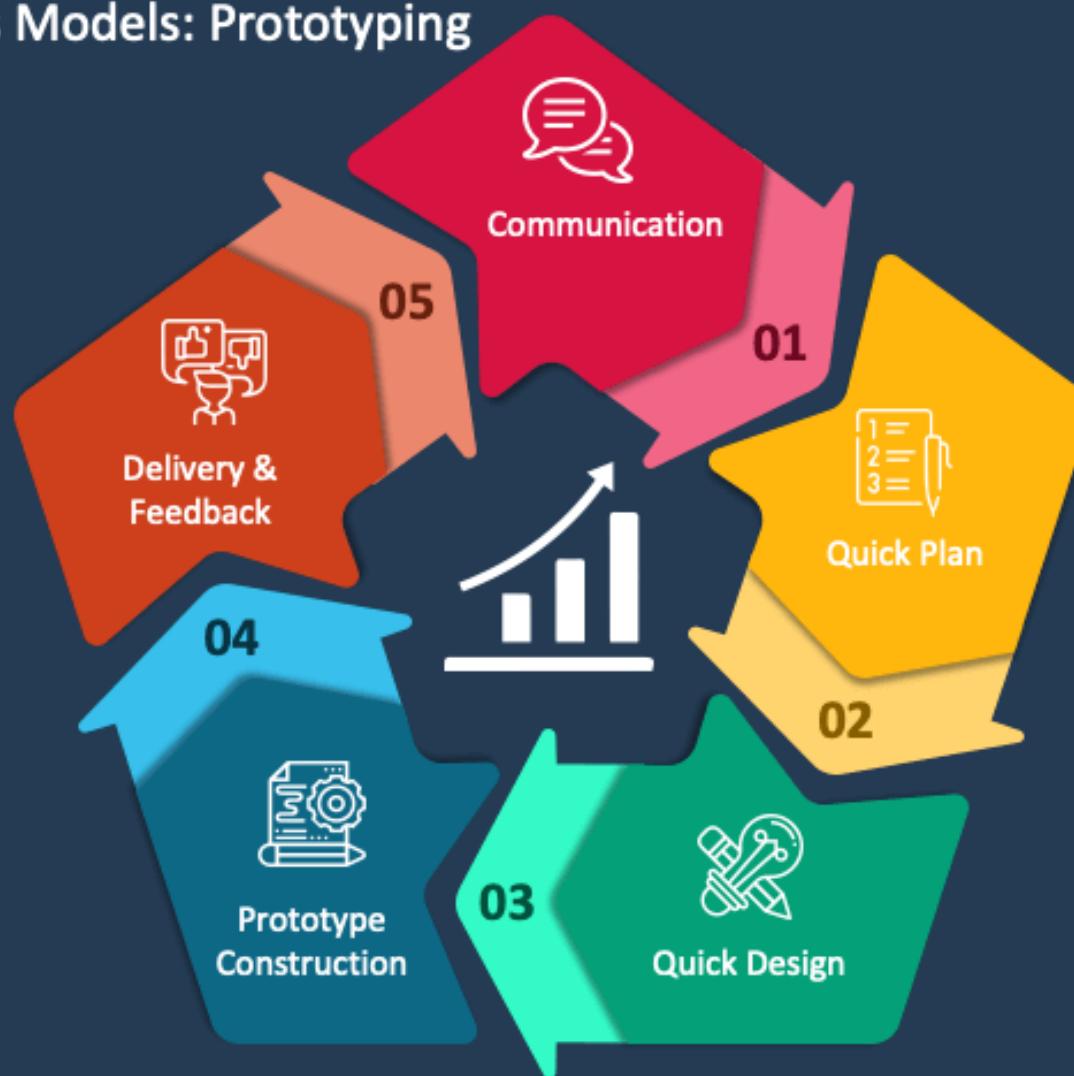
- The developer may be unsure of:
 - the efficiency of an algorithm;
 - the adaptability of an operating system; or
 - the form that human-machine interaction should take.

Prototyping

- In these situations, a **prototyping paradigm** may offer the best approach.
- The prototyping paradigm **assists to better understand** what is to be built when **requirements are fuzzy**.

EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS MODEL

Evolutionary Process Models: Prototyping



Prototyping

- The prototyping paradigm begins with communication.
 - Meet with stakeholders to define the overall objectives
 - Identify whatever requirements are known
 - Outline areas where further definition is mandatory.
- Then a quick design leads to the construction of a prototype.

Prototyping

- The prototype is **deployed and evaluated** by stakeholders
- Stakeholders **provide feedback** that is **used to further refine** requirements.
- **Iteration occurs** as the prototype is **tuned to satisfy the needs** of stakeholders

Problems with Prototyping

Prototyping can be **problematic** for the following reasons:

1. Stakeholders see what appears to be a working version of the software
 - unaware that the prototype is held together haphazardly
 - unaware that in the rush to get it working
 - haven't considered overall software quality or long-term maintainability.
2. As a software engineer, we often **make implementation compromises** in order to get a prototype working quickly.

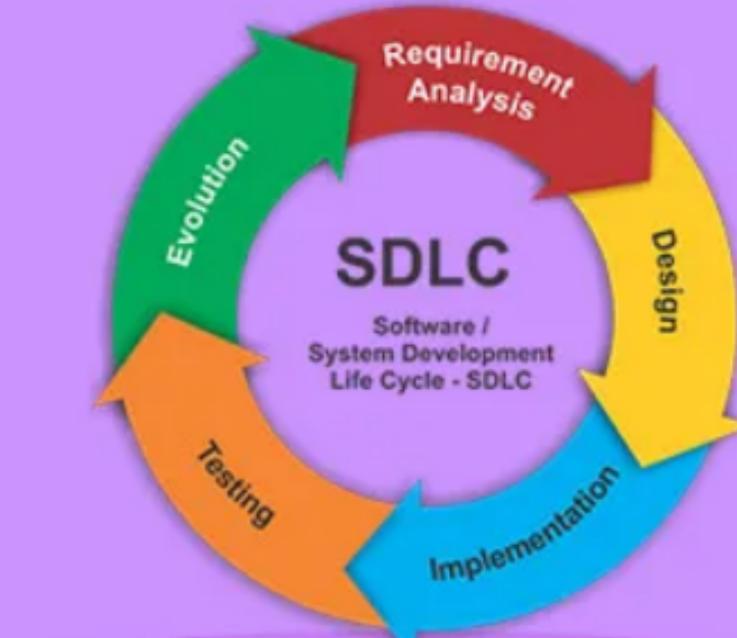
Prototyping



- Although problems can occur, prototyping can be an effective paradigm for software engineering.

“The key is to define the rules of the game at the beginning;”

SPIRAL MODEL IN SDLC



The Spiral Model

- Originally proposed by **Barry Boehm** in **1988**.
- The spiral model is an evolutionary software process model
- It **couples the iterative nature of prototyping with the controlled and systematic aspects** of the waterfall model.

The Spiral Model

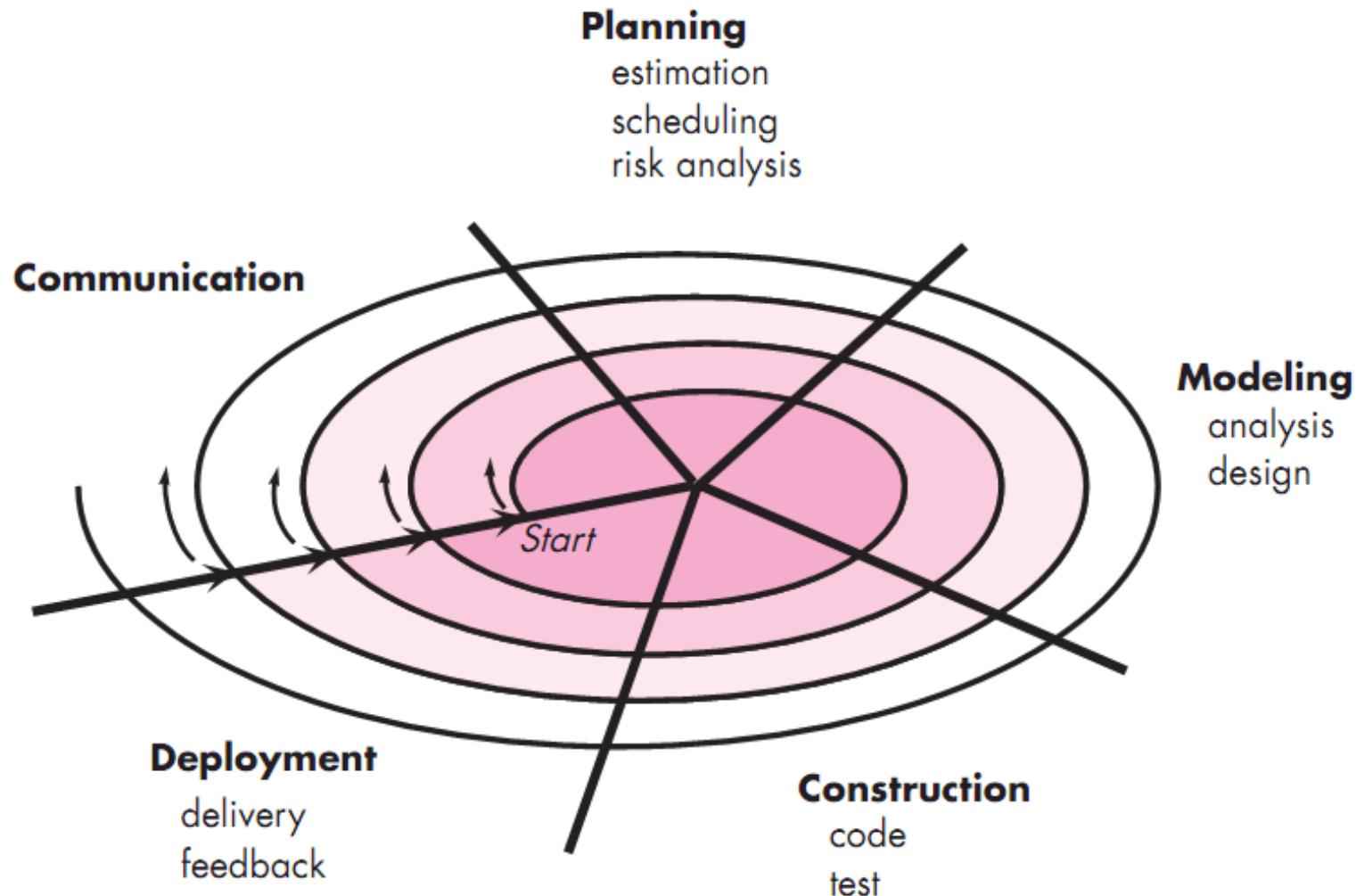
- A spiral model is divided into a set of framework activities
 - defined by the software engineering team.
 - Each of the framework activities represent one segment of the spiral path
- [illustrated in Figure, next slide] →*

Phase Of **Spiral Method**



What Is **Spiral Model**





Note: If we use generic framework activities, for illustrative purposes.

The Spiral Model

- Unlike other process models that end when software is delivered,
- The spiral model **can be adapted to apply throughout the life of the computer software.**



The spiral model can be adapted to apply throughout the entire life cycle of an application, from concept development to maintenance.

The Spiral Model



If your management demands fixed-budget development (generally a bad idea), the spiral can be a problem. As each circuit is completed, project cost is revisited and revised.

The Spiral Model - Cons

- The spiral model is a **realistic approach** to the development of **large-scale software**
- But like other paradigms, the **spiral model is not a panacea.**

Panacea: a universal remedy

- It may be **difficult to convince customers**
 - particularly in contract situations

Concurrent Process Models

Concurrent Process Models

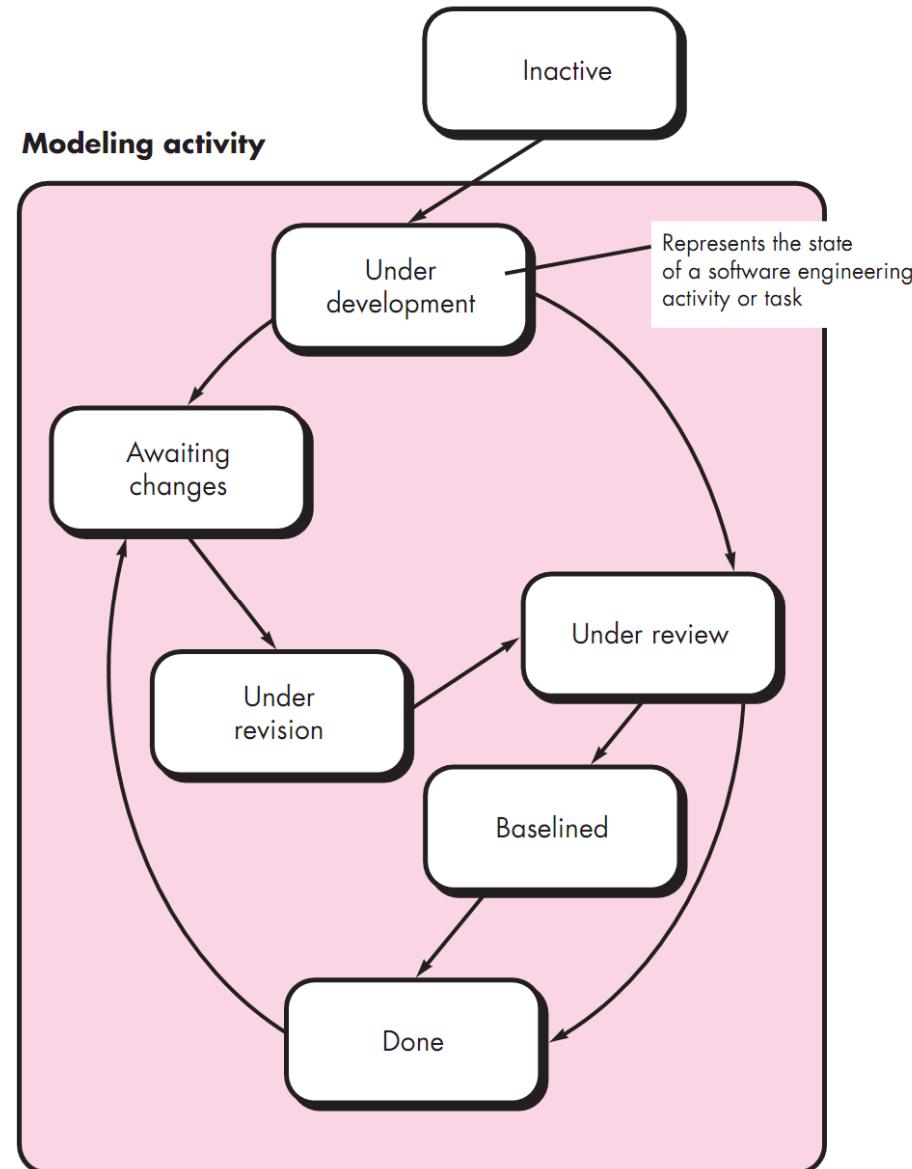


*The concurrent model
is often more appro-
priate for product engi-
neering projects where
different engineering
teams are involved.*

Concurrent Process Models

- This is sometimes called ***concurrent engineering***
- This **allows** a software team to **represent iterative and concurrent elements** of any of the process models
- All software engineering **activities exist concurrently but reside in different states.**

Concurrent Process Models



Concurrent Process Models

In short,

- Concurrent modeling is applicable to all types of software development
- Provides an **accurate picture of the current state** of a project.

Concurrent Process Models

- Rather than confining activities, actions, and tasks to a **sequence of events**
- It defines a **process network**.
- Events generated at one point in the process network **trigger transitions** among the states.

A Final Word on Evolutionary Processes

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- Modern computer software is **characterized by**:
 - continual change;
 - very tight time lines; and
 - an emphatic need for customer–user satisfaction.

A Final Word on Evolutionary Processes

- In many cases, **time-to-market** is the most important management requirement.
- If a **market window is missed**, the software **project itself** may be **meaningless**.

A Final Word on Evolutionary Processes

- Evolutionary process models were conceived to address these issues
- Yet they too have **weaknesses**.

A Final Word on Evolutionary Processes

- The intent of evolutionary models is to develop high-quality software
- The **challenge for software teams and their managers** is to **establish a proper balance** between:
 - Critical project/product parameters
 - Customer satisfaction (the ultimate arbiter of software quality).

Specialized Process Models

Specialized Process Models

- They take on **many of the characteristics** of one or more of the traditional models
- However, they tend to be applied when a **specialized or narrowly** defined software engineering approach is chosen.

Specialized Process Models

- Some of the Specialized Process Models are:
 - **Component-Based Development**
 - **The Formal Methods Model**
 - **Aspect-Oriented Software Development**

Component-Based Development

Component-Based Development

- **Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS)** software components
- They are developed by vendors who offer them as products
- They **provide targeted functionality** with well-defined interfaces

Component-Based Development

- Component-based development model constructs applications from **prepackaged software components**.
- These components can be **designed** as either:
 - **conventional software modules or**
 - **object-oriented classes or**
 - **packages of classes.**

Component-Based Development

- It incorporates many of the characteristics of the spiral model.
- It is evolutionary in nature

Component-Based Development

Advantages:

- The model leads to software **reuse**
- Reusability provides software engineers with a number of measurable benefits.
- If component reuse becomes part of the culture, team can achieve:
 - **a reduction in development cycle time**
 - **a reduction in project cost**

The Formal Methods Model

The Formal Methods Model

- It encompasses a set of activities that leads to **formal mathematical specification** of computer software.
- Formal methods enable you to **specify, develop, and verify** a computer-based system **by applying** a rigorous, **mathematical notation**.

The Formal Methods Model

- A variation on this approach, called:
Cleanroom Software Engineering
- It is currently applied by some software development organizations.

Advantage of Cleanroom Software Engineering

- It allows errors to be found earlier in the lifecycle
 - Which minimizes expensive rework later on
 - Speeds time to market.
- How: through the application of mathematical analysis.
- Designs are simplified, straightforward, and verifiable
- This resulting in less "**spaghetti**" code.
- **Quality is achieved by design and verification, not testing.**

The Formal Methods Model



If formal
methods can
demonstrate
software
correctness, why
is it they are not
widely used?

The Formal Methods Model

- The formal methods model **NOT a mainstream approach**
 - Although it offers the **promise of defect-free software.**
- Yet, there is **concern about its applicability:**
 - The development is currently quite time consuming and expensive.
 - Extensive training is required, to apply formal methods.
 - Difficult to use as communication mechanism for technically unsophisticated customers.

The Formal Methods Model

- However, these **concerns notwithstanding**
- The approach has **gained adherents** among software developers
- Who must build safety-critical software
 - developers of aircraft avionics
 - developers of medical devices
- They would **suffer severe economic hardship** should software errors occur.

Aspect-Oriented Software Development (AOSD)

Aspect-Oriented Software Development (AOSD)

- As modern computer-based systems become more sophisticated (and complex)
- Certain ***concerns*** span the entire architecture.
- Some concerns are high-level properties of a system
- Other concerns affect functions

Aspect-Oriented Software Development (AOSD)

- When concerns cut across multiple system functions, features, and information, they are often referred to as **Crosscutting Concerns**.
- **Aspectual requirements define** those crosscutting concerns

Aspect-Oriented Software Development (AOSD)

- AOSD often referred to as **Aspect-Oriented Programming (AOP)**
- AOSD is a relatively **new software engineering paradigm**
- **AOSD provides a process and methodological approach** for defining, specifying, designing, and constructing aspects

Aspect-Oriented Software Development (AOSD)

- A distinct aspect-oriented process has **not yet matured**.
- However, it is likely that such a process will **adopt characteristics** of both **evolutionary and concurrent process models**.
- *A detailed discussion of AOSD is best left to students, if you have further interest.*

Rational Unified Process



The Unified Process

- Unified Process is sometimes called **Rational Unified Process (RUP)**
- Named after **Rational Corporation** (subsequently acquired by IBM)
 - an early contributor to the development and refinement of the UP
 - a builder of complete environments (tools and technology)
- The **Unified Process** is an attempt to draw on the **best features and characteristics** of traditional software process models

The Unified Process

- The Unified Process recognizes the importance of:
 - customer communication *and*
 - streamlined methods

Recognizes for what:

- For describing the customer's view of a system
- We call them as the ***Use Case***

Use Case describes a system function or feature from the user's point of view.

The Unified Process

In short,

- It helps the architect **to focus on the right goals**, such as:
 - understandability,
 - reliance to future changes, and
 - reuse

The Unified Process

A Brief History

- During the early 1990s, a team began working on a “unified method” for object-oriented modeling.
- The result was **UML - a Unified Modeling Language**

The Unified Process

- **UML contains a robust notation** for the modeling and development of object-oriented systems.
- By 1997, UML became a **de facto industry standard** for object-oriented software development.
- Today, the **Unified Process (UP) and UML are widely used** on object-oriented projects of all kinds.

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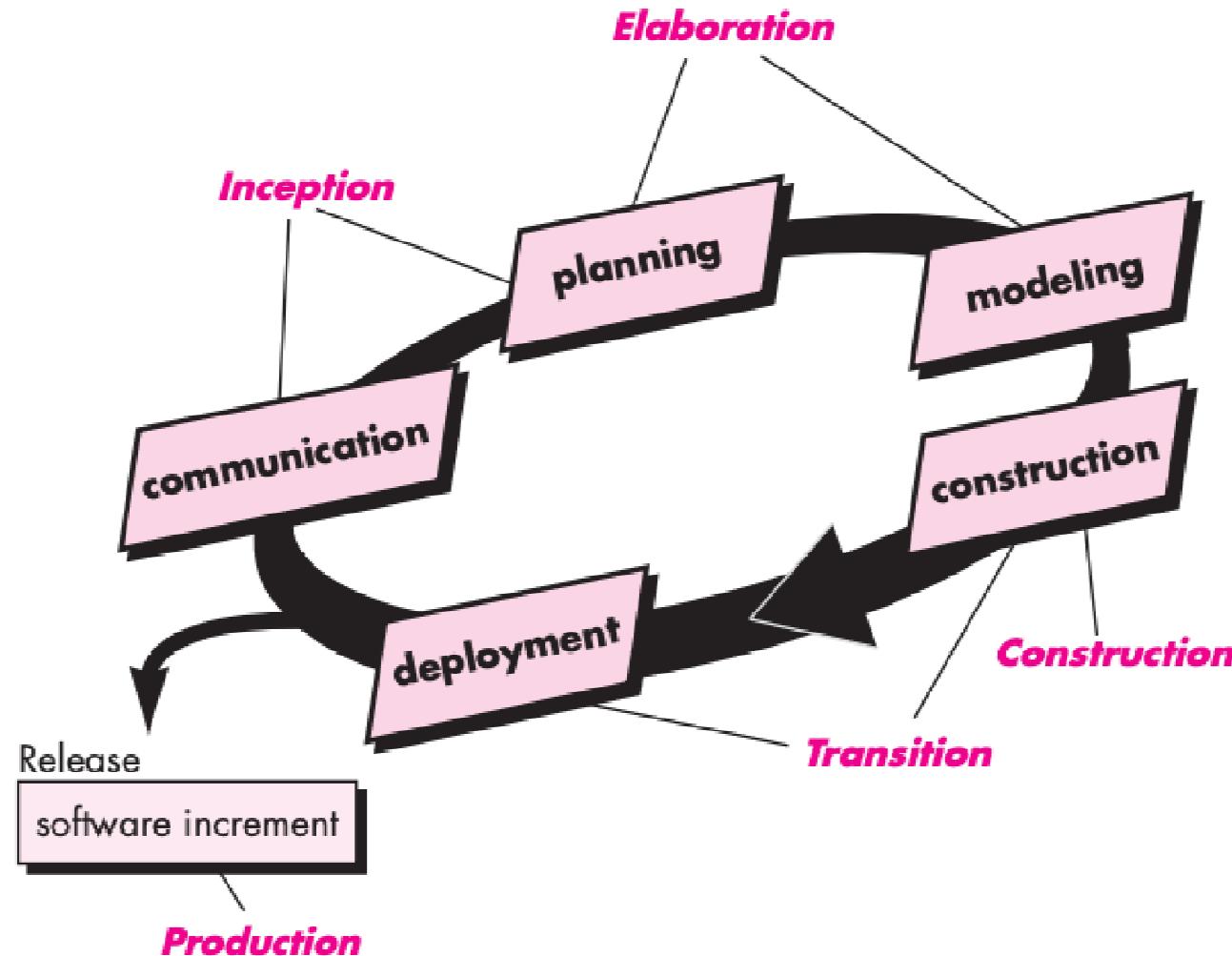
- The **Five Generic Framework Activities** may be used to describe any software process model.
- **The Unified Process is no exception.**
- Next, we will list the “**phases**” of the UP and relates them to the generic activities

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The phases of the Unified Process are:

- The inception phase
- The elaboration phase
- The construction phase
- The transition phase
- The production phase

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The inception phase

- The inception phase of the UP encompasses both
 - customer communication and
 - planning activities

What is Done:

- By collaborating with stakeholders, business requirements are identified;
- A rough architecture for the system is proposed;
- A plan for iterative, incremental nature of the ensuing project is developed.

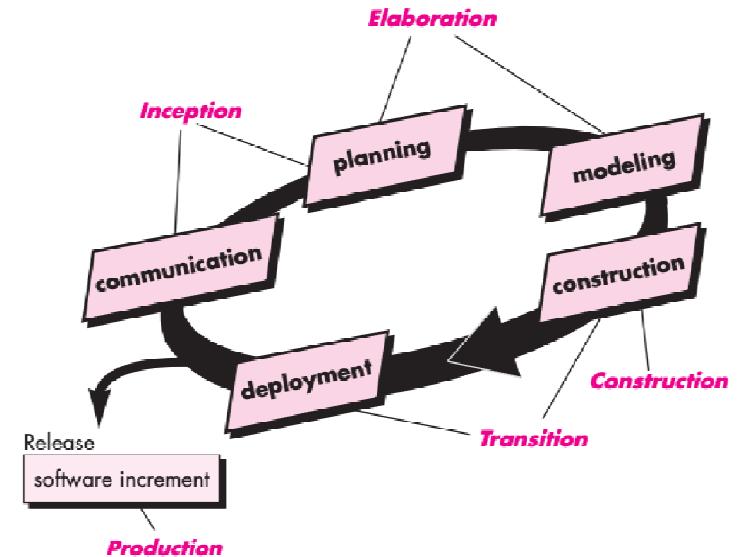
The inception phase

Make a Note:

- Fundamental business requirements are described through a set of preliminary use cases
- Architecture at this point is nothing more than a tentative outline of major subsystems
- Later, the architecture will be refined and expanded
- Planning identifies resources, assesses major risks, defines a schedule
- It also establishes a basis for the phases that are to be applied as the software increment is developed.

The elaboration phase

- The elaboration phase encompasses both:
 - communication activities
 - modeling activities



What is Done:

- Elaboration refines and expands the preliminary use cases
- Expands architectural representation to include 5 different views of software
- The plan is carefully reviewed at the culmination of the elaboration phase
- Modifications to the plan are often made at this time.

The elaboration phase

- The five different views of software are:
 - the use case model
 - the requirements model
 - the design model
 - the implementation model
 - the deployment model
- The plan is carefully reviewed to ensure that scope, risks, and delivery dates remain reasonable.

The construction phase

- The construction phase of the UP is identical to the construction activity

What is Done:

- Using the architectural model as input, necessary and **required features are then implemented as source code.**
- As components are being implemented, **unit tests are designed** and executed for each.
- In addition, **integration activities** (component assembly and integration testing) are conducted.

The transition phase

- The transition phase of the UP encompasses
 - The latter stages of the generic construction activity
 - The first part of the generic deployment (delivery and feedback) activity.

What is Done:

- Software is given to end users for **beta testing**
- User feedback **reports both defects and necessary changes.**
- Software team **creates the necessary support information** required for release.
(e.g., user manuals, troubleshooting guides, installation procedures)
- At the conclusion, the software becomes a usable software release.

The production phase

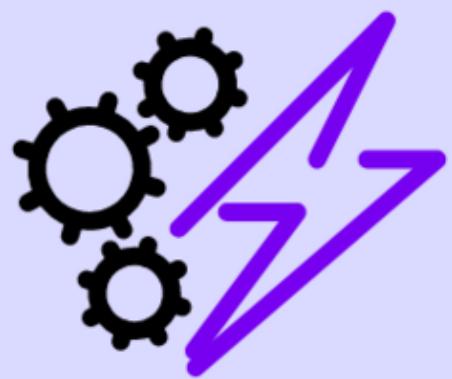
- The production phase **coincides with deployment activity** of the generic process.

What is Done:

- During this phase, the ongoing use of the **software is monitored**
- Support for the operating environment (infrastructure) is provided
- **Defect reports** and requests for changes are **submitted and evaluated**.

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- It should be noted that **not every task identified for a UP workflow is conducted** for every software project.
- The **team adapts the process** (actions, tasks, subtasks, and work products) **to meet its needs**.



Process Technology

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- The process technology also called
 - **Process modeling tools**
 - **Process management tools**
- **Objective:** If an organization works to improve a software process, it must first understand it.

Process Technology

- The Tools allow a team to **define elements of unique process model**
- The elements include: *activities, actions, tasks, work products, QA points*
- Tools can be **used to allocate, monitor, and even control** all software engineering activities defined as part of the process model.
- They can also be used to coordinate the use of other software engineering tools that are appropriate for a particular work task.

Process Technology

Representative Tools:²⁵

Igrafx Process Tools—tools that enable a team to map, measure, and model the software process
(www.micrografx.com)

Adeptia BPM Server—designed to manage, automate, and optimize business processes **(www.adeptia.com)**

SpeedDev Suite—a collection of six tools with a heavy emphasis on the management of communication and modeling activities **(www.speedev.com)**

The Duality of Product and Process

- If the process is weak, the end product will undoubtedly suffer.
- But an obsessive over-reliance on process is also dangerous.



