

Unit 3 – Software Development

Software Development

Learning Outcomes

- ☐ **Discuss the factors in coding**
- ☐ **Understand the importance of reuse**
- ☐ **List the various coding guidelines**
- ☐ **Summarize the steps in the code documentation**

Software Implementation

- **Software Implementation/Development/Coding is an important step in SDLC**
- **It results in an executable version of the software**
- **Coding guidelines are defined by the organization**
- **The different tools such as compilers, debuggers, and interpreters are used by the developers**
- **Programming languages such as C, C++, Python, etc. are selected based on the requirements specifications of the problem**

Important Aspects

- **Selection of a language**
- **Reuse of a software**
- **Configuration management**
- **Host-target management**

Language Selection

- For what application the software is used?
- Use of new technology
- What is the time necessary for the software launch?
- Scalability
- Security features
- Tools availability
- Efficiency

Reuse of a software

- Use of commercial-off-the-shelf (COT)
- Reuse of software can be done at:
 - The abstraction level
 - The component level
 - The object level
 - The system level

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Implementation Aspects

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Configuration management

- Configuration management is a process of managing the changes during software development.
- There are three main activities in configuration management
 - Version management
 - System integration
 - Problem tracking

Host-target management

- Resolves the differences between the development system and the actual customer's computer system environment
- The environment may refer to hardware, operating system, database management system, web, cloud support, etc.
- The Integrated Development Environment (IDE), simulators. Compilers, testing tools are used

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Coding

Coding Phase

- The coding phase of software development refers to converting the design of a system into a high-level language program
- Standard coding practices that make the code uniform though it is managed by a team of different programmers
- Each programmer must have a good knowledge of the programming language, databases, web, cloud platform, mobile app, and any other tools related to the problem

Standard Requirements in Coding

- **Modular approach**
- **Common notations**
- **Portability and Generality**
- **Efficient error checking and debugging**
- **The size and cost of the code**
- **The programming language**

Coding Guidelines

- **The size of the functions**
- **Global and local with block and file scopes**
- **Documentation**
- **Naming conventions**
- **Uniformity in handling errors**
- **Avoiding the use of unconditional statements**
- **Relevant identifiers and constant**

Side Effects

- Side effects of the function call are very critical
- A side effect of a function code is a modification of the parameters that are outside its definition
- Some I/O operations or parameters passed by reference may create an ambiguous alteration of the values and generate wrong results
- Side effects must be avoided

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Coding Documentation

Coding Documentation

- Coding documentation is an effective means of connecting humans and machines.
The steps are:
- Introduction, README file
- Explain the functionality of each module, the parameters, their type, and return value.
- Discuss naming conventions
- Name the contributors in a team with proper citations
- Give details of the license and version of the software
- Contact Information
- Version

Example

README FILE

HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Description

Prerequisites

Installation Guide

License and contact us

Example

Function to insert a new patient record

```
int Insert_Patient(int Patient_waiting_no, char Patient_Name, char Doctor_Name)
```

Description

Insert a new patient name and number for a doctor

Parameters

Patient_Waiting_no is an integer, Patient_Name and Doctor_Name are of string data type

What Function returns

Adds the record and returns the patient number after inserting a record.

This number is unique and can be used in all the other modules

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Code Review

Code Review

- ❑ Code review is done after the compilation of a coding module
- ❑ Review can identify the algorithmic, logical, and poor programming code
- ❑ It does not check the syntax errors
- ❑ Different team members working on software check for any problems or defects
- ❑ The review helps in improving the quality and working of the software

Code Review

- ❑ Are the requirements totally covered in various test cases?
- ❑ Is the software design consistent?
- ❑ Is the developed code following the standard coding style?
- ❑ Are there enough test cases to verify the developed software?
- ❑ Are there any security threats to the software?
- ❑ Is the code documentation complete?
- ❑ Are there any major drawbacks or flaws in the software?

Types of code reviews

- **Code Walkthrough:** The purpose of a code walkthrough is to find out if there are any algorithmic and logical errors.
- The minutes of the code walkthrough are recorded and used as coding guidelines.
- It is an informal method but a person's experience, knowledge about the domain, common sense, etc. is used

Types of code reviews

- **Code Inspection:** Unlike code walkthrough, in this process, some common programming errors are examined.
- The choice of algorithm, techniques used in programs, library files usage, coding standard, etc. are checked

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