

COM3005J: Agile Processes

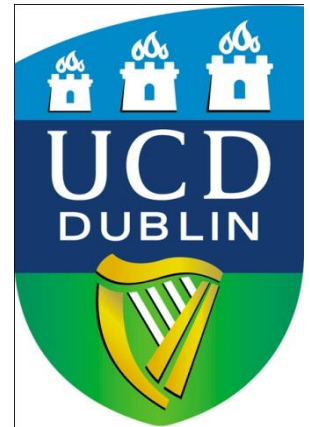
Course Information

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About me

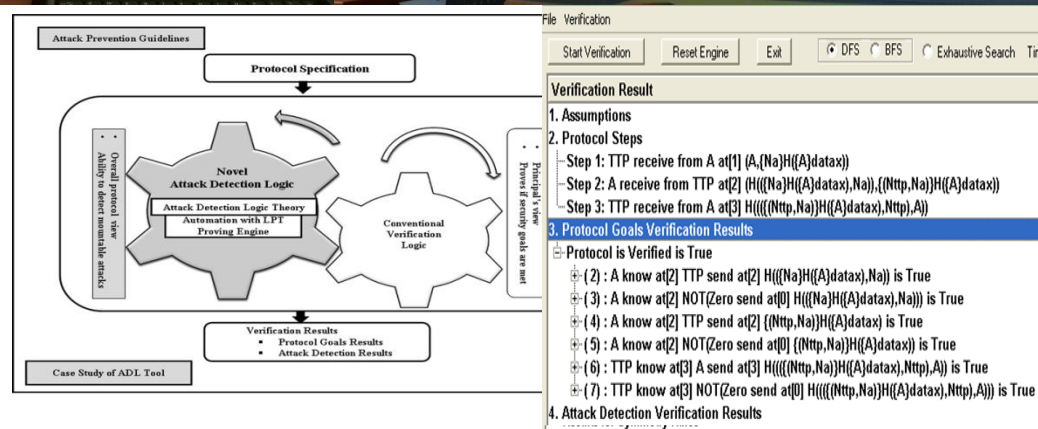
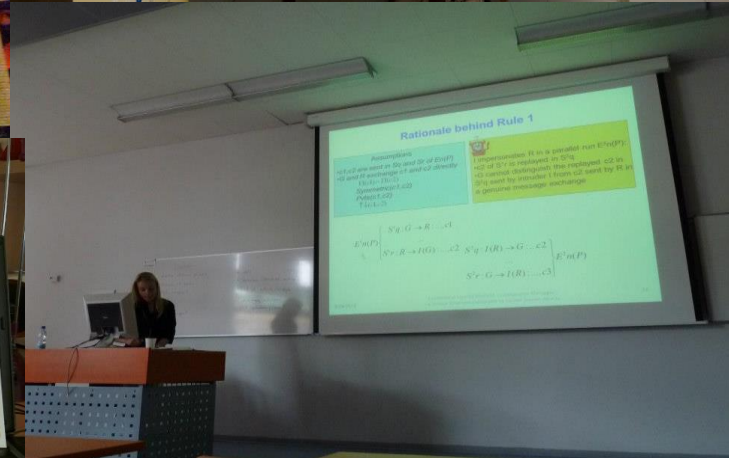
- I was born in Romania and I moved to Ireland in 2007, after awarded with a PhD Scholarship.



- I am an Assistant Professor in School of Computer Science and Informatics in UCD as part of the BDIC program
- Before, I taught and I did research in the University of Limerick and I worked for IBM Dublin, Ireland
- Last Autumn semester it was my fourth time being in China!

About Me

- I did my PhD in University of Limerick (Ireland), in the area of Data and Network Security.
 - I do research in Security Protocols Analysis, Logic-based Verification Techniques, Cryptography, Automation of Logics used in Formal Verification, Theorem Proving Techniques and Mathematical Modelling
- Previously taught in:
 - West University of Timisoara, Romania
 - University of Limerick, Ireland
 - University College Dublin, Ireland
 - Oulu University, Finland



Course Description

- ✓ Agile processes has taken the software development industry by storm.
- ✓ Everyone wants to be agile, but what does it really mean and how do you achieve agile development?
- ✓ This computer science course cuts beyond the agile methodology hype and teaches you the fundamental agile concepts that span a wide range of methodologies.
- ✓ It analyses the key agile ideas, their benefits, their limitations, and how best to take advantage of them to enhance your software skills and show employers that you have mastered an essential component of today's IT industry.

Course Overview (1)

- Course is divided into 6 parts:
 - 1) The **Agile manifesto** and the **context** of agile processes
 - 2) **Agile principles**: what key methodological ideas underlie the agile movement?
 - 3) **Agile roles**: how does agile redefine traditional software jobs and tasks, in particular the manager's role?
 - 4) **Agile practices**: what are the concrete techniques that agile teams use to apply these processes?
 - 5) **Agile artifacts**: what practical tools are essential to the work of agile developers?
 - 6) **Agile assessment**: among agile ideas, which ones are essentially hyped and useless, which ones are actually harmful, and which ones will truly help you effectively produce high-quality software?

Course Overview (2)

- Course Schedule & Duration:

- 12 weeks of lecturing & assessments (room 526 Teaching Building 3)
 - Each Odd Thursday (9:55am) - Lecture
 - Each Even Thursday (9:55am) – Assignment Work
 - **Now 11 weeks after today!**
 - **Next Thursday: Assignment Work** (Requirement: careful read of lecture slides)
- One week revision time (Week 12)
- Exam...

Course Overview (3)

- Benefits of this Course:
 - It takes a strictly objective view of agile processes, enabling you to retain the best agile principles and practices.
 - By analysing agile processes in depth and showing you how to benefit from them, it will make you a better developer, equipped to deal with the challenges of ambitious software projects.

Course Overview (4)

- What will you learn?
 - The Agile manifesto and the context of agile processes
 - Agile principles
 - Agile roles
 - Agile practices
 - Agile artifacts
 - Agile assessment

Course Overview (5)

- **Course Structure**

- **Chapter 1: Context**

- ❖ Introduction to the agile context: manifesto, principles, methods, and values.

- **Chapter 2: Principles**

- ❖ Detailed discussion on the agile principles.

- **Chapter 3: Roles**

- ❖ Detailed discussion on the roles in an agile project, and how they evolved from the traditional roles.

- **Chapter 4: Practices**

- ❖ Presentation of the main agile practices, namely meetings, development, releases, testing, management.

- **Chapter 5: Artifacts**

- ❖ Description of the main agile artifacts.

- **Chapter 6: Assessment**

- ❖ Final assessment on the agile methods.

- **Final Exam**

Course Grading

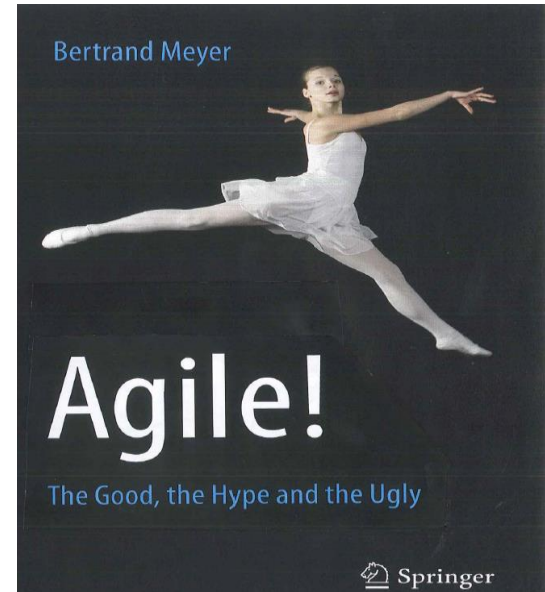
- **Examination** **60%**
 - The sum of the points achieved in the final exam is worth 60% of the final grade
- **Assignments ("Quick questions")** **10%**
 - The sum of the points achieved in the Assignments ("Quick questions") altogether is worth 10% of the final grade. Each correct answer to a quick question is generally worth 1 point
- **"Homework quizzes" in class participation** **30%**
 - The sum of the points achieved in the Even Weeks Lectures time ("Homework" quizzes) altogether is worth 30% of the final grade. A correct answer to each quiz question is generally worth 1 point. Occasionally, there are questions that are made of several sub-questions, each worth one point. One quiz is droppable (won't be graded).
- No make-up tests or quizzes will be given and **no** late homework (or other work) will be accepted.
- **Keys to success:** Do the homework and attend the class!
- Cheating will not be tolerated, but working together is encouraged.

Text, Slides & Notes

- No required text
 - but loads of recommended references
- Slides will be on the Moodle:
 - New MOODLE for Computer Science Students
<https://csmoodle.ucd.ie/>
 - Logon using your UCD connect account
 - Click on **COMP3005J**
 - And enrolment key is **“2019COMP3005J”**

Reading

- **“Agile! The Good, the Hype and the Ugly”**, Bertrand Meyer, (Springer International Publishing, 2014, eBook ISBN: 978-3-319-05155-0, Softcover ISBN: 978-3-319-05154-3).
- **Bibliography** (Additional Material indicated in this course)
- Other useful resources:
 - “Agile Project Management for Dummies”, Mark C. Layton, MBA, CST, PMP, SCPM (Wiley, April 2012, ISBN: 978-1-118-23585-0)



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Plagiarism

- When submitting homework quizzes and assignments, you should be aware that plagiarism is very serious.
- Any work you submit should be your own work.
 - Copying directly from the internet is not acceptable.
 - Copying your work from a classmate is not acceptable.
- I want to see what *you* know and how *you* would describe or understand the material.