

CSE175 SW Design Project Plan

(Supplementary materials for the class project)

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Abstract

This document is a tutorial on CSE175 SW Design class project. In this document, we will explain the project guideline such as schedule and evaluation criteria for your class project. Every student in CSE175 class are expected to read this tutorial carefully and perform their own project based on the guidelines provided in this document. If you have a specific question, and you want an immediate answer, email will always bring quicker result.

1. Introduction

From March, each student in CSE175 class should prepare to perform the class project. The major objective of the course project is for you to apply software engineering principles, methodologies and tools in the creation of a significant piece of software. This class project focuses on methodologies and tools for application development using object-oriented paradigm.

As notified in class hour, all course projects will be required to use the SRUP (Simplified Rational Unified Process) and the overall process of project execution is designed with considerations of the structure of SRUP. The process of class project is depicted in Figure 1.

As shown in Figure 1, to complete the CSE175 class project, you should perform total 5 phases (conceptualization, analysis, design, implementation and demonstration) and submit 4 reports. Each phase of the class project will be explained in section 2. The system which is to be developed during the project is decided by you. After deciding the system to be developed, you will analyze, design and implement it. In section 3, we will explain the schedule of the class project in detail. Evaluation criteria for class project will be discussed in section 4 and some miscellaneous points on class project will be described in section 5.

2. Project phases

In this section, we describe each phase of the project process and its associated report.

2.1 Conceptualization

The essential purpose of conceptualization is to aim development toward the intended correct system. This is achieved by describing the system requirements well enough so that an agreement can be reached between the customer and the system developers on what the system should and should not do. The whole process of conceptualization is shown in Figure 2. Through conceptualization phase, you should prepare the conceptualization report that includes the followings:

- Business purpose
- System context diagram
- Use case list
- Concepts of operations
- Problem statement

The details above each item given above can be found on the class materials and you can refer to format of the *conceptualization* report.

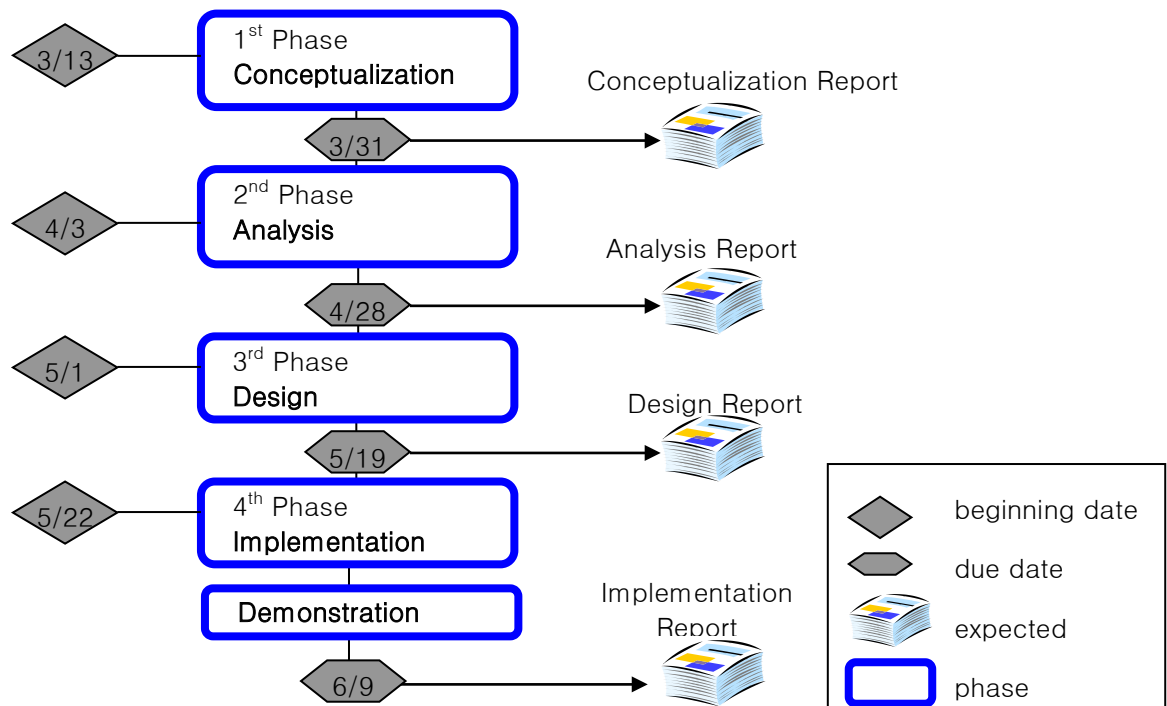


Figure 1. The Process for executing a CSE175 class project

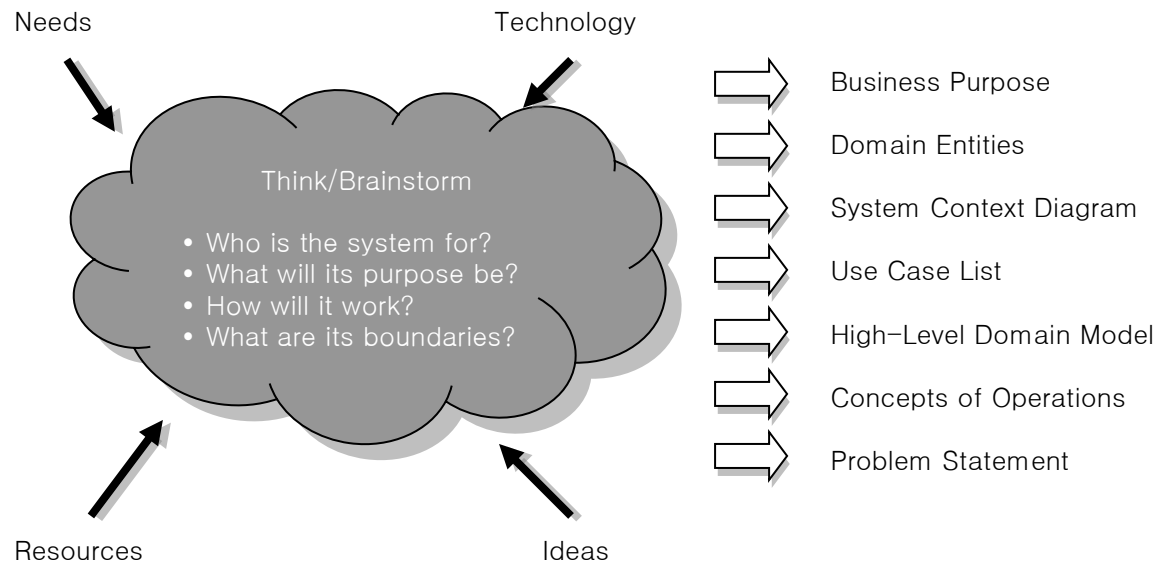


Figure 2. The process of Conceptualization

2.2 Analysis

The goal of analysis phase is to understand, develop, and communicate system requirements focusing on the what for the problem domain. During analysis phase, real-world requirements are modeled as use-case with accuracy and appropriate precision. Also, the various concepts in problem domain are presented in application-specific terms. The point for the good analysis is to emphasize *what to do* rather than *how to do*.

In the SRUP methodology, the dimension of analysis consists of three phases: *use-case analysis*, *domain analysis*, and *application analysis*.

In use-case analysis, you should develop a use-case model to indicate how the system will be used from the external and user's point of view. A use-case model is a model of a system containing actors, use cases and their relationships. Each of the actors and use cases must be described in detail according to the use case template provided in SRUP (refer to the class materials) or its user specifically tailored template. The relationships among the use cases should be specified structurally using UML use case diagram. You can consult [3, 7] for effective use case analysis.

In domain analysis, you should build the domain model that captures the most important types of objects in the context of the system. The domain objects represent the things that exist or event that transpire in environment in which the systems works. You can find more details on domain objects in [7].

Finally, application analysis focuses on identifying the types of application classes. You should develop the application model including the application classes that fall into domains, views, controllers, external interfaces, devices, surrogates, and meta-classes on top of your refined domain model. The type of each application class must be denoted by the stereotype of UML [2, 5].

Figure 3 shows the overall process of analysis phase in SRUP. The *analysis report* must include the followings:

- Introduction
- Use case analysis
- Domain analysis
- User interface prototype

For form details of analysis report, please refer to the given form in appendix.

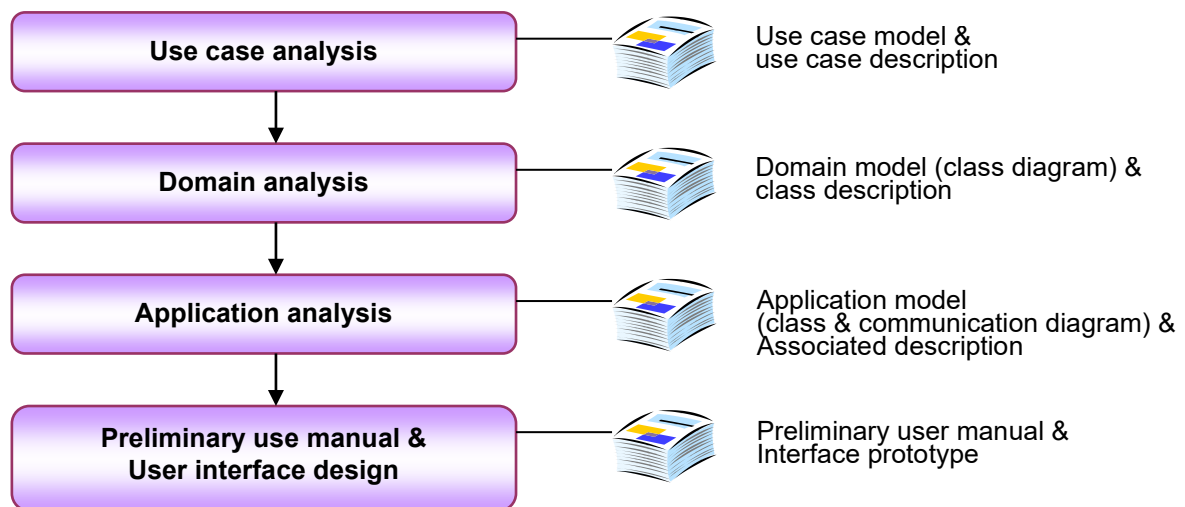


Figure 3. The analysis phase in SRUP

2.3 Design

The goal of design phase is to implement the requirements specified from previous phases. The design phase in SRUP consists of two activities. First is *system design* and the other is *object design*.

System design activity includes architectural design and appropriate allocation of requirement specified from previous phases based on the identified system architecture. The purpose of architectural design is to outline the design and deployment models by identifying followings:

- Node and their network configurations
- Subsystems and their interfaces
- Architecturally significant design classes(e.g. active classes)
- Generic design mechanisms that handle common requirements, such as the special requirements on persistency, distribution, performance and etc.

The details on architectural design are found in [7]. You can get more introductory contents on software architecture in [1, 4, 6, 8, 9].

When designing the architecture of your software system, if possible, not only the simple relationship among subsystems which you identified, such as inclusion and use dependency, but also the layered structure of the subsystems is strongly encouraged. You can freely decide the number of layers and their categories according to the characteristics of your software system, but it would be better to refer the layered structures presented for example in the class materials on SRUP.

In the object design activity, you should develop the *design class*. A design class is a seamless abstraction of a class or similar construct in the system's implementation. This abstraction has the following characteristics:

- The language used to specify a design class is same as the programming language. Consequently, operations, parameters, attributes, types and relationships are specified using a chosen programming language syntax.
- The class model in design phase is concrete and detailed that a CASE tool (such as *StarUML*) can generate its full template code in the form of the chosen programming language.
- A design class can be active, implying that object of the class maintain their own thread of control and run concurrently with other active objects. Or design classes are normally not active, implying that their objects run in the address space and under the control of another active object.

After developing each design class, you should specify *some state machine diagram* for *important design class*. All of those *state machine diagrams* must be consistent with the class diagrams and the interaction diagrams within the design model.

In addition, you should build use case realization model using UML *sequence diagram* or *communication diagram*. A use case realization design is more detailed communication within the design model that describes how a specific use case is realized, and performed in terms of design classes and their interacting design objects. It provides a straight forward trace to a use case realization analysis within the analysis model. A use case realization design should have a textual flow-of-events description, class diagrams that depict its participating design classes, and interaction diagrams that depict the realization of a particular flow or scenario of the use case in terms of design classes and their objects.

Consequently, the *design report* should include the followings:

- Introduction
- Class diagram
- Class diagram description
- Sequence diagram per each use case
- Sequence diagram description
- State machine diagram
- State machine diagram description
- Implementation requirements

For form details of design report, refer to the given form in appendix. Figure 4 shows the overall process of design phase in SRUP.

2.4 Implementation

In this phase, you should implement your project using Java technologies. Your implementation does not need to be complete, but major scenarios in each requirement should be realized in your implementation model.

The implementation reports which you will submit consists of *installation and user manuals*. You should Figure 4. The design phase in SRUP submit all source documents and executables of your project software to TA. We do not impose any formation constraints on these manuals. However, *readability* and *understandability* are key

evaluation criteria of your implementation reports (DO NOT PRINT OUT YOUR SOURCE CODE COMPLETELY).

Remember that both analysis and design model should be consistent with your implementation model. Otherwise, your implementation project cannot get good credits!

Implementation reports could be submitted on the day of your demonstration.

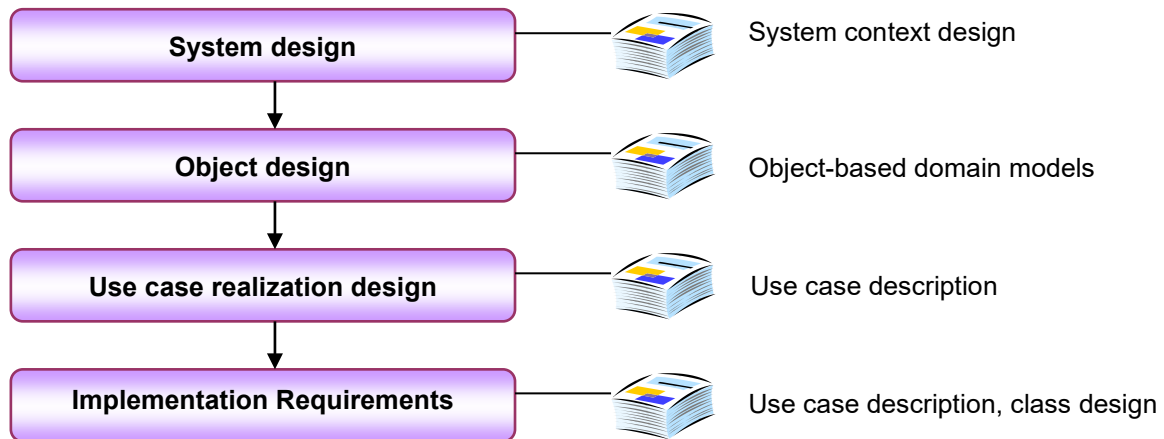


Figure 4. The design phase in SRUP

2.5 Demonstration

After completing implementation of each project, we will have a demonstration for your project. Prepare to demonstrate your system for TAs or other students for about 20 minutes. During that time, you should present the result of your project, and to let audiences to know that you have implemented a correct prototype system.

For your system's effective demonstration, preparation of some presentation files made by some tools like MS PowerPoint, are strongly encouraged and please submit to instructor and TAs to get more better score of your demonstration.

3. Project Schedule (tentative)

The overall project schedule is shown in Table 1.

Table 1. CSE175 Project Schedule

Date	Contents
3/13 (Mon)	1st project (Conceptualization phase) begins
3/31 (Fri)	Conceptualization report is finished
4/3 (Mon)	2nd project (Analysis phase) begins
4/28 (Fri)	Analysis report is finished
5/1 (Mon)	3rd project (Design phase) begins
5/19 (Fri)	Design report is finished
5/22 (Mon)	4th project (Implementation phase) begins
6/9 (Fri)	Implementation report is finished / Project demonstration

You must remember that the delay penalty will be applied rigorously by the ratio of -5% per day. Thus, if your report is later than 7 days from the due, your score of the report will be zero.

If there are problems of your documents, you should submit reports of current and previous phase for checking traceability.

4. Evaluation of Project

This section addresses our evaluation policy. Each phase of the project has some deliverables which are assigned a certain weight and a specific due date. All due dates are identified as important dates as explained in section 3. *You must deliver on time.* Late assignments will be penalized.

We evaluate each report (conceptualization, analysis, design, implementation report) by the corresponding evaluation model. The final grade will be compiled from the homework & project(40%) and examination(60%). The score of each report ranges from 0 to 100.

The mark of implementation reports also include the evaluation of your presentation in project demonstration. Some checklists of evaluation models are shown as follows:

- Conceptualization report

- Does the report conform to the given form in the appendix?
 - Does the document include the table of contents and page numbers?
 - Does the introduction include objectives and goals of the target software system?
 - Is the report readable?
 - Is the report consistent?
 - Is the report unambiguous?
 - Is the report complete?
 - The diagrams used in the report conform UML specification?
- Analysis report
 - Is the use-case model structured well?
 - Is each of the analysis classes explained well?
 - Are the authors mentioned about well by section?
 - The diagrams used in the report conform UML specification?
- Design report
 - Are the attributes in the design classes identified well?
 - Is the sequence diagram consistent with the class diagram?
 - The diagrams used in the report conform UML specification?
- Implementation report
 - Is the program easy to install?
 - Does user manuals provide sufficient install information?
 - Does implementation conform to design model?
 - Is your presentation performed effectively

5. Miscellaneous

In this section, we describe some miscellaneous considerations on your successful completion of the class project.

- The precise due date time is pm 12:00 of due date and NO DELAY IS ALLOWED! (Our penalty strategy for delay is very terrible.)
- Good implementation with more functionalities could gain more optional credits.

- Readability, understandability and clarity of your report is very important. Throw away your plan to gain good credits by long report!
- Refer the class main textbook[3] and try to confirm UML specification when drawing UML diagrams.
- *We strongly recommend StarUML as project's standard UML modeling tools. If you want to use other UML modeling tools, please, discuss with Professor.*

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