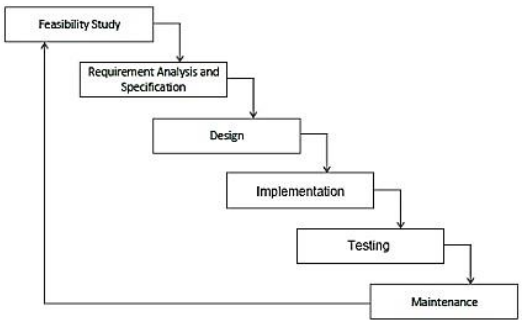
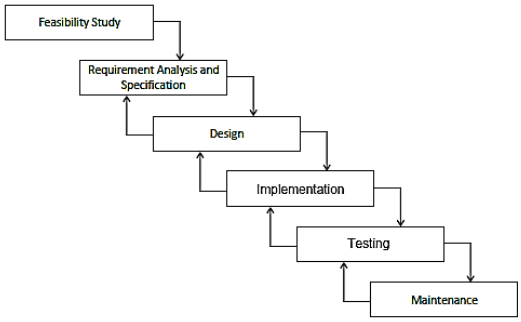
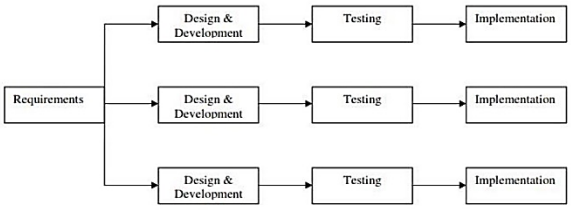
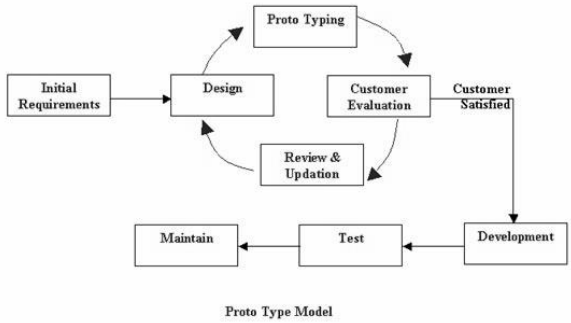
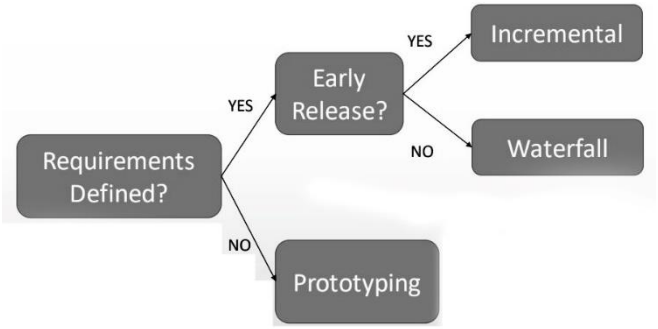
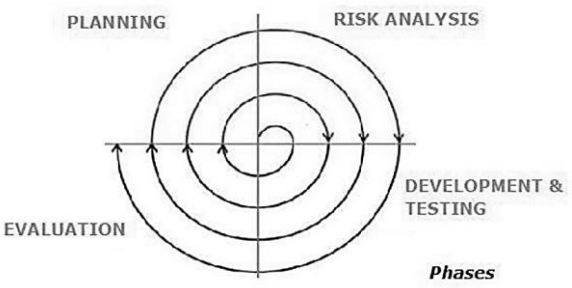
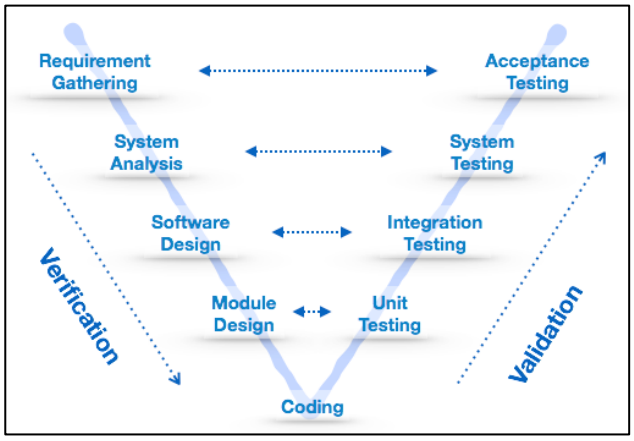
SDLC Model	Strengths	Weaknesses	When to use
	• Simple and easy to manage– each phase has specific deliverables. • Milestones are better understood • Sets requirements stability **• Works well for smaller projects where requirements are very well understood.** • A schedule can be set with deadlines.	• No working software is produced until end. • High uncertainty. • Delays discovery of serious errors. • After requirements phase, there is no formal way to make changes to the requirements. **• Not a good model for,** ▪ ***complex projects*** ▪ ***projects where requirements are at a moderate to high risk of changing***	• Software requirements clearly defined and known • Product definition is stable • New version of the existing software system is created • Software development technologies and tools are well known • Ample resources with required expertise are Available.
	• Defects are detected and fixed early through the feedback path.	**• Limited customer interactions.** **• Difficult to incorporate change requests.**	*Same as the classical waterfall model*
	**• Generates working software quickly and early during the software life cycle.** • More flexible - less costly to change scope and requirements. • Easier to test and debug. • Easier to manage risk. • Lowers initial delivery cost. • Less stress for the development team.	• Requires good planning and design • Each phase of an iteration is rigid and do not overlap each other. • Demarcation of increments can be difficult in a practical application. • Total cost of the system might not be lower. • Problems may arise pertaining to system architecture because not all requirements are gathered up front for the entire software life cycle.	•On projects which have lengthy development schedules **• A need to get basic functionality to the market early.** • Most of the requirements are known upfront but are expected to evolve over time **• On a project with new technology.**
 Proto Type Model	•Ability to clarify user's expectations for the system to be developed •Prototype stimulates awareness of additional needed functionality •Better user satisfaction •Early user feedback	**• Scope Creep - The system scope may expand beyond original plans.** •Overall maintainability may be overlooked. • The customer may want the prototype be delivered. **• Process may continue forever.**	**• Requirements are unstable or have to be clarified** • Many user interfaces **•New technology** **•New, original development** • Developers are not familiar with the technical and development tools



	• Focus on risk analysis. • Good for large and **mission critical projects (Flight control, weapon direction, medical equipment)** • A working software is produced early • The design does not have to be perfect • Early and frequent feedback from users • Cumulative costs assessed frequently	•Can be a costly model to use. •Risk analysis requires expertise. **•Success is highly dependent on the risk analysis phase.** **•Doesn't work well for smaller projects.**	•For medium to high-risk projects •New technology to be used **•Complex, constantly changing and continuous requirements** •Significant changes are expected (research and exploration) •Users are unsure of their needs



Waterfall model	V-model
The cost of Waterfall model is low.	V-model is expensive.
Re-usability of Waterfall model is Limited.	V-model can be Re-use for some extent.
In Waterfall model testing activities start after the development activities are over.	In V-model testing activities start with the first stage.
Guarantee of success through Waterfall model is low.	Guarantee of success through V-model is high.
Waterfall model is a continuous process.	V-model is a simultaneous process.