

What are the qualities/attributes of a well-engineered software system?

Efficient,

solves the problem at hand, (Does exactly what it is supposed to)

Secure

Can it be Scaled - product works consistently well with small/large number of users

Reliability - always works as expected

Portable, concurrency

Easy to integrate new functionality

Availability - Downtime is minimal

Speed - performance - response times

Costs - maintainable software

- adapt to changing requirements

- Resource/energy saving - CPU/

memory footprints are optimal

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How do we create a well-engineered software system?

Planned, Adaptable, **PROCESS** oriented,  
communicating often, iterative execution  
?? proper documentation

**DESIGN** well, Modular, maintainable,  
reusable components,  
Build vs Buy (reuse existing components  
instead of building everything from scratch)

## **TESTING**

Bug free software (does it exist??? :-))

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**PROCESS** - Agile frameworks - learn and  
practice

**DESIGN** - UML standards to express  
design, Design toolkit that can be applied to  
various problems

**TESTING** - Self-learn, Practice (projects)

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**Waterfall** - assumption - requirements don't  
change

Multiple teams - sequential within a project,  
but teams can go out after a phase is  
complete

Handoffs from one phase to another

Negatives:

we cant go backward and make changes or  
do modification after

testing - it is expensive and can delay; - the  
other teams may not be available

Context switching

Possible blame-game

Doesn't work for changing requirements;

**Late feedback;** (due to long lifecycle);

Not flexible for customizations

Partial deployments not possible - testing

POCs (prototypes)

Waterfall is good for systems with **Fixed  
requirements**; Software for a specific  
hardware;

Not good for changing requirements - not

easily adaptable