



CIS 422/522 Software Methodologies I

Software Engineering (van Vliet)

Chapter 1

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Overview

The main goal is to understand

- A project plan
- Major dimensions of a Software Development Project



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Overview

- We will study
 - design
 - specification
 - implementation
 - testingof software systems
- => Satisfy our customers' demands better



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Overview

- Software projects are not isolated
- Not from scratch (often)
- Information planning – interproject relationships
- To ensure interoperability between systems
 - Use standards
 - Data interchange formats
 - Security policies
 - Web page layoutimposed on every project



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Overview

Software projects generally

- Are not developed in isolation
- Are not developed from scratch
- Extend existing software
- Use existing libraries
- Build upon an existing framework



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Overview

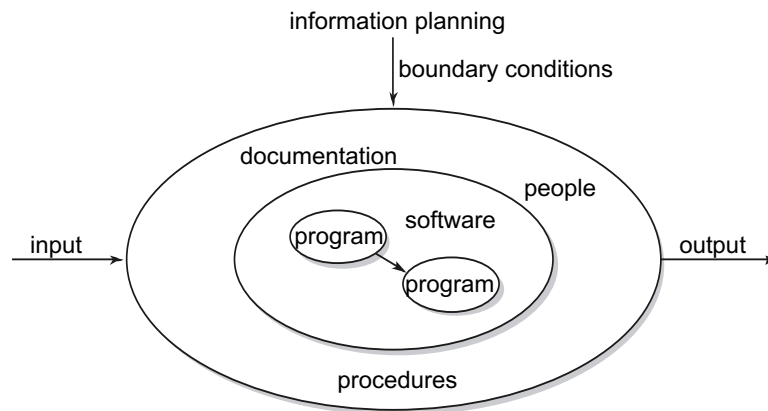
- Software Development Project – a misnomer
- We do not just develop software
- => We develop systems
- Software is an important ingredient of systems



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A broader view on software development



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Example

Information plan of a university registration of student data

- Relations to other systems:
 - Personal data
 - Courses
 - Course results
 - Alumni
 - ...
- Use by central administration, faculty, and students



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Example

Information plan of a university registration of student data

- Requires
 - Training courses to administrative personnel
 - Authorization/security procedures
 - Auditing procedures
 - External links, e.g. to scholarship funding agencies, ministry of education



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Contents of project plan

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|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Introduction | • Staffing |
| • Process model | • Methods and techniques |
| • Organization of project | • Quality assurance |
| • Standards, guidelines, procedures | • Work packages |
| • Management activities | • Resources |
| • Risks | • Budget and schedule |
| | • Changes |
| | • Delivery |



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Project control

- Time, both the number of man-months and the schedule
- Information, mostly the documentation
- Organization, people and team aspects
- Quality, not an add-on feature; it has to be built in
- Money, largely personnel



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Managing time

- Measuring progress is hard
 - "we spent half the money, so we must be halfway"
- Development models serve to manage time
- More people \Rightarrow less time?
 - Brooks' law: adding people to a late project makes it later



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Managing information

- Documentation
 - Technical documentation
 - Current state of projects
 - Changes agreed upon
 - ...
- Agile projects: less attention to explicit documentation, more on tacit knowledge held by people



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Managing people

- Managing expectations
- Building a team
- Coordination of work



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Managing quality

- Quality has to be designed in
- Quality is not an afterthought
- Quality requirements often conflict with each other
- Requires frequent interaction with stakeholders



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Managing cost

- Which factors influence cost?
- What influences productivity?
- Relation between cost and schedule



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Summary

- Project control concerns
 - Time
 - Information
 - Organization
 - Quality
 - Money
- Agile projects do less planning than document-driven projects



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