

Perfect! Here's your **Software Engineering - Agile Development** explained notes for all the topics you listed. You can revise these quickly and they are designed to help you understand the core concepts easily.

1. What Is Agility?

Agility means being able to adapt quickly and effectively to change. In software engineering:

- It's about responding to **customer needs, market changes**, and **technical challenges** with flexibility.
 - Agile teams **embrace change**, even late in development.
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2. Agile Software Development

Agile Software Development is a methodology based on **iterative development**, where requirements and solutions evolve through collaboration.

Key ideas:

- Delivers software in **small, usable chunks (iterations)**.
 - Emphasizes **customer collaboration, working software**, and **quick feedback loops**.
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3. Predictive vs Descriptive Process

Feature	Predictive (Plan-Driven)	Descriptive (Agile)
Planning	Full plan made in advance	Planning happens continuously
Requirements	Fixed at the beginning	Evolve with time
Change handling	Expensive and avoided	Welcomed and embraced
Example	Waterfall	Scrum, XP

4. Agile Manifesto

Developed in 2001 by 17 software experts. It states:

Values:

- Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
- Working software over comprehensive documentation
- Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- Responding to change over following a plan

12 Principles (summarized):

- Customer satisfaction via early and continuous delivery
- Welcome changing requirements
- Deliver working software frequently
- Business and developers work together daily
- Build projects around motivated individuals
- Face-to-face communication is best
- Working software is the primary measure of progress
- Sustainable development pace
- Continuous attention to technical excellence
- Simplicity is essential
- Self-organizing teams
- Reflect and adjust regularly

5. Agility and the Cost of Change

In **traditional models**, the cost of change increases over time.

In **Agile**, due to:

- Frequent testing,
- Early feedback,
- Iterative delivery,

The cost of change remains **lower and manageable** even late in the project.

6. What Is an Agile Process?

An Agile Process is a development method that:

- Emphasizes **incremental delivery**, **team collaboration**, and **customer feedback**.
 - Encourages frequent releases with a focus on **working software**.
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7. Characteristics of Agile Software Development

- **Iterative and incremental** delivery
 - **Time-boxed** development cycles (sprints)
 - **Adaptive planning**
 - **Close collaboration** with stakeholders
 - **Continuous feedback and improvement**
 - Emphasis on **working software**
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8. Agility Principles

Agile principles are practical implementations of the Agile Manifesto, including:

- Deliver early and often
 - Embrace changes
 - Communicate effectively
 - Build quality in
 - Maintain constant pace
 - Reflect and improve
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9. User Stories

A **user story** is a short, simple description of a feature told from the perspective of the user.

Template:

As a **[type of user]**, I want **[goal]** so that **[reason]**.

Example:

As a customer, I want to filter products by price so that I can find affordable items.

Good user stories follow **INVEST**:

- Independent
 - Negotiable
 - Valuable
 - Estimable
 - Small
 - Testable
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10. Spike

A **spike** is a time-boxed research task in Agile.

Used when the team needs to investigate:

- A new technology,
- Unclear requirements, or
- Unknown technical solutions.

No direct deliverable, but it improves understanding.

11. User Story Writing Workshop

A **collaborative meeting** where team members:

- Brainstorm user stories together,
- Discuss them in detail,
- Refine and prioritize.

Helps ensure shared understanding of requirements.

📌 12. Story Mapping

Story mapping is a visual technique used to organize user stories:

- Horizontally: shows **steps in the user journey**.
- Vertically: shows **priority** (top = high priority).

Gives a **big-picture** view and helps in **release planning**.

📌 13. Agile Planning Concepts

Effort:

- Amount of work needed to complete a task.

Duration:

- Calendar time required (e.g., 3 days).

Accuracy vs Precision:

- **Accuracy:** how close estimates are to actual values.
- **Precision:** how consistent repeated estimates are.

Relative vs Absolute Estimation:

- **Relative:** Comparing tasks (e.g., Story A is twice as big as Story B).
 - **Absolute:** Estimating using exact time (e.g., 3 hours).
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📌 14. Estimation Styles

Planning Poker:

- Each team member selects a number card (Fibonacci sequence) to estimate effort.
- Discuss differences, then vote again till consensus.

Card Sorting:

- Tasks/stories are physically arranged in order of complexity or priority.
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15. Velocity in Agile

Velocity = Amount of work completed in a sprint (measured in story points).

Used to:

- Predict future progress
- Plan upcoming sprints

Example: If team velocity = 30 points per sprint, and backlog = 90 points → 3 sprints needed.

16. Release Planning

It is planning for delivering the software in **increments**.

Types:

1. **Major Release** – Big features and new versions
2. **Minor Release** – Small improvements or fixes
3. **Emergency Release** – For urgent bug fixes

Release planning answers:

- What to deliver?
 - When to deliver?
 - Who will get it?
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17. Scrum Process Model

Scrum is a popular Agile framework.

Roles:

- **Product Owner** – defines backlog, sets priority
- **Scrum Master** – removes blockers, ensures process
- **Team** – developers and testers

Events:

- **Sprint** (1-4 weeks)
- **Sprint Planning**
- **Daily Scrum (15 mins standup)**
- **Sprint Review**
- **Sprint Retrospective**

Artifacts:

- Product Backlog
 - Sprint Backlog
 - Burndown Chart
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18. Extreme Programming (XP)

A disciplined Agile methodology focused on:

- **Customer satisfaction**
- **Code quality**
- **Frequent releases**

XP Practices:

- **Pair programming**
 - **Test-driven development (TDD)**
 - **Continuous integration**
 - **Refactoring**
 - **Simple design**
 - **Collective code ownership**
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Great! Here's your **complete explained notes** for your **Software Engineering exam preparation**, based on the topics you just provided. Everything is organized for **quick understanding and revision**, chapter-wise as per the typical SE syllabus (Pressman-style).

■ Chapter 8: Software Requirement Engineering

✓ What is Requirement?

A **requirement** is a feature or condition that a system must fulfill. It describes:

- What the system should **do** (Functional),
- How it should **behave or perform** (Non-functional).

✓ Functional vs Non-functional Requirements

Type	Description	Examples
Functional	What the system should do	Login, search, checkout
Non-functional	How the system behaves	Performance, security, usability

■ Requirement Engineering (RE) Process

1. **Inception** – Identify stakeholders, goals.
 2. **Elicitation** – Collect requirements (interviews, surveys).
 3. **Elaboration** – Analyze and refine requirements.
 4. **Negotiation** – Resolve conflicting requirements.
 5. **Specification** – Document clearly.
 6. **Validation** – Ensure correctness and completeness.
 7. **Management** – Control requirement changes.
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■ Developing Use Cases

- **Use Case:** Describes **interactions between user and system** to achieve a goal.
- Includes:

- Actor (user or system interacting),
- Preconditions,
- Main flow of events,
- Alternate flows.

Example:

Use Case: "Login"

Actor: User

Main flow: Enter credentials → Validate → Success

Software Design and Modelling

Introduction to UML

UML (Unified Modeling Language) is a standard visual language to model software.

- Shows structure (class, object diagrams),
- Behavior (use case, activity, sequence diagrams).

Use Case Modelling

- **Use Case Diagram** shows:
 - **Actors**,
 - **Use cases** (system functionalities),
 - **Relationships** (association, include, extend).

Useful for understanding **what system will do** from a user perspective.

Context Models (DFDs)

Data Flow Diagram (DFD) shows:

- System boundaries,
- Data flow between processes and data stores,

- External entities.

Levels:

- **Context-level (Level 0):** One process, big picture.
 - **Level 1+:** More detail of each process.
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Behavioral Models (Activity Diagram)

- **Activity Diagram** shows:
 - Flow of control (actions, decisions),
 - Parallel processing (fork/join),
 - Loops.

Useful for modeling **workflow or algorithm**.

Architectural Design

What is Software Architecture?

- High-level structure of a system.
- Defines components and their interactions.

Architectural Styles

- **Layered** (e.g., OSI model),
- **Client-Server**,
- **Pipe-and-Filter**,
- **MVC**,
- **Microservices**.

Architectural Descriptions

- Visual models (e.g., component diagram),
- Textual descriptions,

- Use of tools like UML.

✓ Architectural Decisions

- Choice of style, technologies, patterns based on:
 - Requirements,
 - Scalability,
 - Maintainability.
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■ Chapter 19: What is Quality?

Software Quality = meeting **requirements** + **user expectations** + being **defect-free**.

■ Chapter 20: Software Quality

✓ Software Quality Dilemma

- **Faster delivery vs Better quality**
- Pressure to release quickly may **reduce quality**.

✓ Achieving Software Quality

- Apply **quality assurance (QA)** methods,
 - Use **process improvement**,
 - Perform **reviews and testing**,
 - Collect **metrics**.
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■ Chapter 21: Review Techniques

✓ Types of Reviews

1. **Informal Reviews** – Peer discussion, walkthroughs.
2. **Formal Reviews** – Structured meetings, documented outcomes.
3. **Postmortem Evaluation** – Review after project ends, learn lessons.

✓ Software Quality Assurance (SQA)

- Set of **activities** to ensure quality throughout SDLC.
 - Includes:
 - **Audits, standards, reviews, testing, and metrics.**
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✓ Formal Approaches to SQA

- Use of **mathematical methods** or **formal specifications**.
- Example: Model checking, theorem proving.

✓ Software Reliability

- Probability that software works **without failure** for a given time.
 - Improved by: **redundancy, testing, error handling.**
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■ Software Process Improvement

✓ CMM (Capability Maturity Model)

5 levels:

1. **Initial** – Ad hoc
2. **Repeatable** – Basic processes
3. **Defined** – Documented processes
4. **Managed** – Measured and controlled
5. **Optimizing** – Continuous improvement

✓ CMMI (CMM Integration)

- Integrates different models into **one framework**.
 - Includes areas like **process management, engineering, support.**
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■ Chapter 23: Software Testing Fundamentals

✓ Basic Testing Concepts

- **Testing** = Execution of code to find bugs.
- Goal = Ensure **correctness, reliability, performance**.

✓ Testing Levels

1. **Unit Testing** – Test smallest parts (functions).
2. **Integration Testing** – Combine modules, test interactions.
3. **System Testing** – Entire system.
4. **Acceptance Testing** – Done by users.

✓ Testing Types

- **Black-box**: No code knowledge.
 - **White-box**: Based on code.
 - **Regression**: Check if changes broke old features.
 - **Smoke Testing**: Basic tests to ensure build stability.
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📘 Chapter 35: Risk Management

✓ Reactive vs Proactive Risk Strategies

Reactive Strategy

Handle risk after it occurs

Proactive Strategy

Identify and manage before it happens

✓ Software Risks

- **Project risks** (cost, schedule),
- **Technical risks** (tech limitations),
- **Business risks** (market shifts).

✓ Risk Identification

List all possible risks via:

- Brainstorming,

- Expert opinion,
- Historical data.

✓ Assessing Overall Risk

- Determine **probability** and **impact** for each risk.
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📘 Risk Components and Drivers

- **Components:** Performance, support, cost, schedule.
 - **Drivers:** People, process, product, tools.
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📘 Risk Projection

- Estimate:
 - **Likelihood,**
 - **Consequences,**
 - **Exposure** (impact × probability).

✓ Risk Table Example

Risk	Probability	Impact	Exposure
Tech failure	High	Major	High

✓ Risk Refinement

- Break risks into **more specific sub-risks**.
- Helps in detailed planning.

✓ Risk Mitigation, Monitoring, and Management (RMMM)

- **Mitigation:** Plan to avoid or reduce the risk.
- **Monitoring:** Track risk triggers.
- **Management:** Action plan when risk happens.

✓ **The RMMM Plan**

A formal document that:

- Lists risks,
- Their impact,
- Actions to take.

✓ **Do You Want All of This as:**

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- **Flashcards** for mobile revision?
- A **one-page cheat sheet**?

Let me know — and **best of luck tomorrow!** You've prepared seriously and smartly, and you're going to nail this exam, InshaAllah!

Absolutely! Here's your final set of explained notes on **Maintenance and Reengineering** – crafted for last-minute understanding, quick revision, and **conceptual clarity**.

Maintenance and Reengineering

Software Maintenance

Software Maintenance is the process of modifying a software system after delivery to:

- Correct faults (bugs),
- Improve performance,
- Adapt to a changed environment,
- Add new features.

Types of Maintenance:

1. **Corrective** – Fixing bugs.
 2. **Adaptive** – Updating software for new environments (OS, hardware).
 3. **Perfective** – Enhancing performance or maintainability.
 4. **Preventive** – Code restructuring to prevent future issues.
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Software Supportability

- It refers to how **easily** software can be **maintained, upgraded, and supported**.
 - Factors affecting supportability:
 - Code quality
 - Documentation
 - Modularity
 - Use of standards
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Reengineering

✓ Reengineering

Reengineering = Examining and modifying an existing system to improve it.

- Focuses on **code improvement**, **architecture optimization**, and **design enhancement** without changing the system's functionality.

✓ Business Process Reengineering (BPR)

BPR is the radical redesign of **business processes** to:

- Improve productivity,
- Reduce cost,
- Enhance quality and service.

✓ Business Processes

A **Business Process** is a collection of related, structured activities that produce a **specific output** (product/service).

Examples:

- Order processing
- Customer onboarding
- Billing

✓ A BPR Model

The **steps** of a typical BPR model:

1. Identify key processes
2. Analyze existing processes
3. Identify bottlenecks or inefficiencies
4. Redesign the process

5. Implement and monitor the new process

Goal: Align IT systems and workflows with **business goals**.

✅ **Software Reengineering**

A subset of software engineering where you **revise, restructure, or rewrite** legacy software to improve:

- **Maintainability**
 - **Efficiency**
 - **Reliability**
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✅ **Software Reengineering Process Model**

1. **Inventory Analysis** – Identify software to reengineer.
 2. **Document Restructuring** – Improve or update documentation.
 3. **Reverse Engineering** – Understand the code/system.
 4. **Code Restructuring** – Reformat/rewrite bad code.
 5. **Data Restructuring** – Optimize databases and schemas.
 6. **Forward Engineering** – Build improved system using new tech/methods.
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✅ **Software Reengineering Activities**

Activity	Description
Inventory Analysis	Assess and list software for reengineering
Reverse Engineering	Understand current system
Restructuring	Improve code or data
Forward Engineering	Rebuild using modern tools/tech

✅ Reverse Engineering

Reverse Engineering is analyzing software to understand its:

- Design
 - Code
 - Requirements
 - Often done when **documentation is missing or outdated**.
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🔍 Reverse Engineering to Understand Data

- Analyzes data structures and databases.
- Goals:
 - Understand how data is stored, accessed, and related.
 - Normalize databases if needed.

Example: Recovering ER diagrams from old database code.

🔍 Reverse Engineering to Understand Processing

- Focuses on understanding **business logic, algorithms, and code structure**.
- May involve:
 - Flowcharts
 - Control flow analysis
 - Pseudocode generation

Useful when refactoring **legacy systems** with poor structure.

🔍 Reverse Engineering User Interfaces

- Involves analyzing old UIs to:
 - Document UI components,
 - Improve usability,

- Redesign using modern principles (UX/UI design).

Example: Reverse engineering a desktop app's UI to design a web-based version.

✅ Summary Diagram (Quick Look)

[Software Reengineering]

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| Inventory Analysis |

| Document Restructuring |

| Reverse Engineering |

| Code/Data Restructuring |

| Forward Engineering |

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[Modern, Maintainable System]

That completes all your topics for the exam. ✅

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🎯 **You're fully ready now — revise once and you're good to go! Best of luck, Junaid — you've worked hard and smart!**