Overview of SDLC, Agile methodologies, Setting up the development environment

Lecture 1

Introduction

- Overview of Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)
- Introduction to Agile Methodologies
- Setting Up the Development Environment

What is SDLC?

- Definition: The Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC) is a process used by the software industry to design, develop, and test high-quality software.
- Phases of SDLC:
 - Requirement Analysis
 - System Design
 - Implementation (Coding)
 - Testing
 - Deployment
 - Maintenance

SDLC Models

- Common SDLC Models:
 - Waterfall Model
 - V-Model
 - Iterative Model
 - Spiral Model
 - Agile Model

Waterfall Model

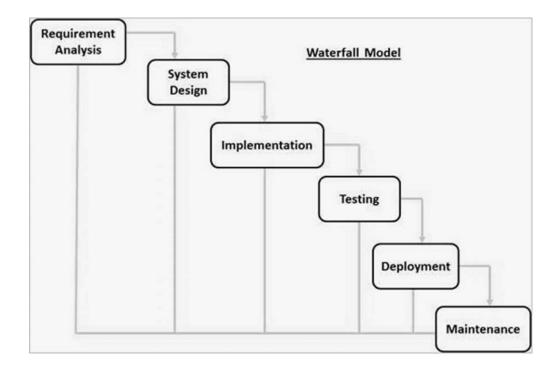
Characteristics:

- Sequential and linear approach.
- Each phase must be completed before the next begins.
- Phases: Requirements, Design, Implementation, Verification, Maintenance.

Advantages:

- Simple and easy to understand.
- Well-defined stages and milestones.
- Easy to manage due to its rigidity.
- Suitable for projects with clear, stable requirements.

- Inflexible to changes once a phase is completed.
- High risk and uncertainty.
- Difficult to go back to any stage once it's completed.
- Not suitable for complex and object-oriented projects.



V-Model

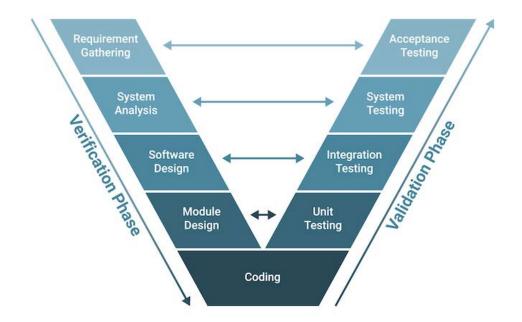
Characteristics:

- Extension of the Waterfall model.
- Each development stage is associated with a testing phase.
- Phases: Requirements, System Design, Architecture Design, Module Design, Coding, Unit Testing, Integration Testing, System Testing, Acceptance Testing.

Advantages:

- Simple and easy to use.
- Testing activities like planning and designing happen early.
- Proactive defect tracking.
- Works well for small to medium-sized projects with clear requirements.

- Very rigid and least flexible.
- No early prototypes of the software are produced.
- · High risk and uncertainty.
- Changes in requirements can be costly and time-consuming.



Iterative Model

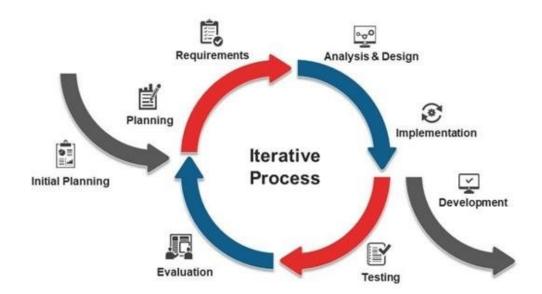
Characteristics:

- Development starts with a simple implementation of a subset of the software requirements.
- Iteratively enhances the evolving versions until the full system is implemented.
- Phases: Planning, Analysis, Design, Implementation, Testing, Evaluation.

Advantages:

- Produces working software early in the lifecycle.
- More flexible to changes in requirements.
- Easier to test and debug during smaller iterations.
- Low risk as risks are identified and resolved during each iteration.

- Requires good planning and design.
- · More resources may be required.
- System architecture or design issues may arise because not all requirements are gathered upfront.
- Each phase of an iteration is rigid with no overlaps.



Spiral Model

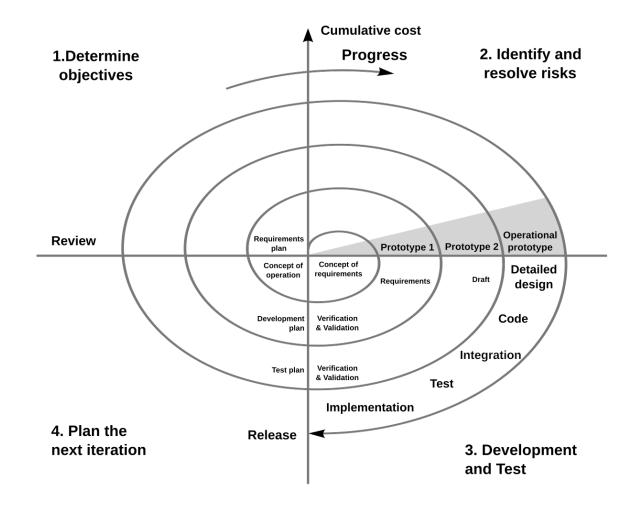
Characteristics:

- Combines iterative development with systematic aspects of the Waterfall model.
- Focuses on risk assessment and minimization.
- Phases: Planning, Risk Analysis, Engineering, Evaluation.

Advantages:

- Risk management is a strong focus.
- Flexibility in requirements.
- Suitable for large, complex, and high-risk projects.
- Customer feedback is integrated early and frequently.

- Can be expensive and time-consuming.
- · Requires expertise in risk assessment.
- Complex to manage.
- Not suitable for small projects.



Agile Model

- Characteristics:
 - Iterative and incremental approach.
 - Emphasizes flexibility, customer feedback, and rapid delivery.
 - Phases: Concept, Inception, Iteration/Construction, Release, Maintenance, Retirement.



Agile ...

Advantages:

- Highly flexible and adaptable to changes.
- Continuous customer feedback.
- Faster delivery of functional software.
- Encourages collaboration and communication.

- Requires experienced and skilled team members.
- Can be difficult to predict effort and time.
- Less emphasis on documentation.
- Can lead to scope creep due to changing requirements.

Scrum

• Introduction:

- Scrum is a popular Agile framework used for managing complex software development projects.
- It emphasizes iterative progress through sprints, which are timeboxed periods typically lasting 2-4 weeks.



Contribution to Agile

- Scrum provides a structured approach to Agile, promoting transparency, inspection, and adaptation.
- It encourages continuous improvement through regular feedback loops and retrospectives.

Scrum - Unique Features

• Roles:

- **Product Owner:** Represents the stakeholders and is responsible for defining the features of the product.
- Scrum Master: Facilitates the Scrum process, removes impediments, and ensures the team follows Scrum practices.
- **Development Team:** A cross-functional group responsible for delivering the product increment.

• Events:

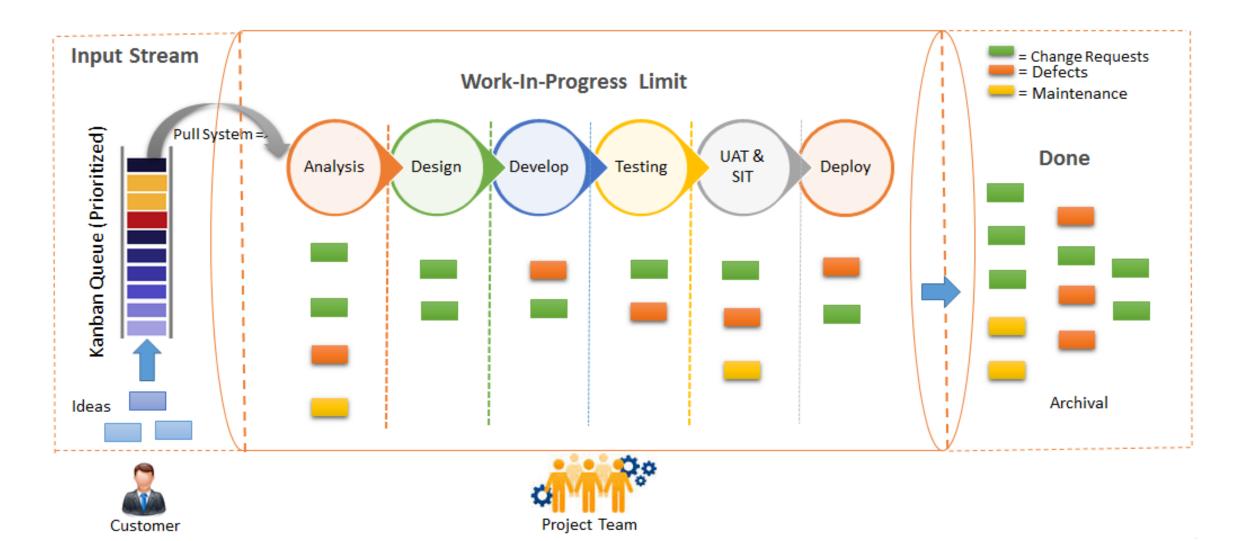
- Sprint Planning: The team plans the work to be completed in the upcoming sprint.
- Daily Scrum: A short daily meeting to synchronize activities and plan for the next 24 hours.
- Sprint Review: The team demonstrates the work completed during the sprint to stakeholders.
- Sprint Retrospective: The team reflects on the sprint and identifies improvements for the next sprint.

Artifacts:

- Product Backlog: A prioritized list of features, enhancements, and bug fixes for the product.
- Sprint Backlog: A list of tasks to be completed during the sprint.
- Increment: The sum of all the product backlog items completed during a sprint.

Kanban

 Introduction: Kanban is a visual workflow management method that helps teams visualize their work, limit work-in-progress, and maximize efficiency.



Kanban System

Kanban

Unique Features:

- Visual Board: A board with columns representing different stages of the workflow (e.g., To Do, In Progress, Done).
- Work-in-Progress (WIP) Limits: Limits on the number of tasks that can be in each stage to prevent bottlenecks.
- Continuous Delivery: Focuses on delivering small, incremental changes continuously.

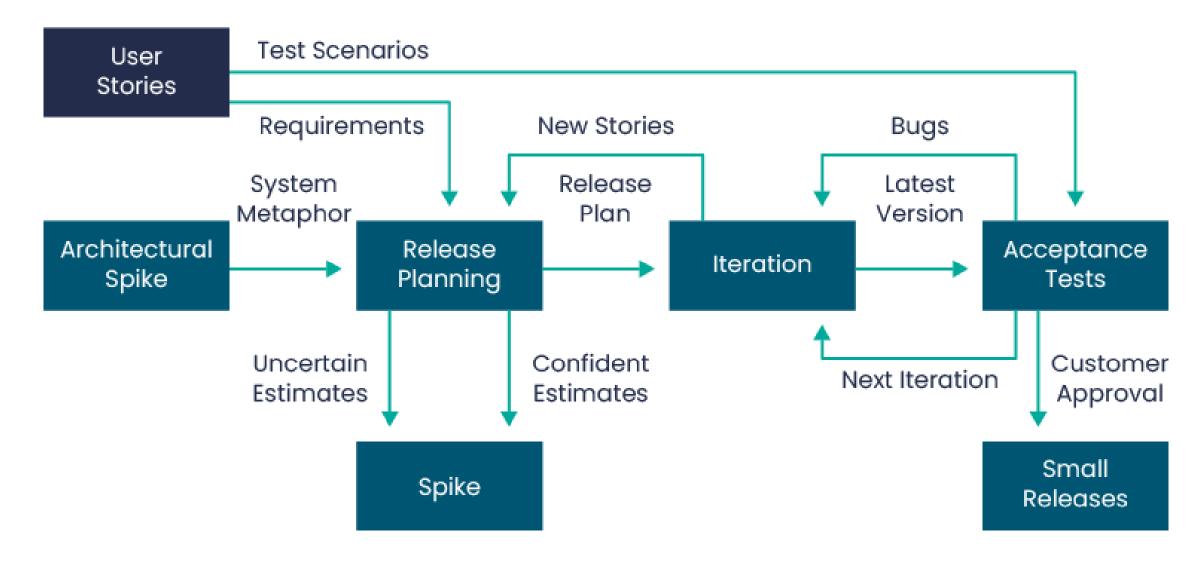
• Contribution to Agile:

- Kanban enhances visibility and transparency of the workflow.
- It helps teams manage flow and improve processes incrementally.
- Suitable for teams that need flexibility and continuous delivery without fixed iterations.

Extreme Programming (XP)

• Introduction: Extreme Programming (XP) is an Agile methodology that emphasizes technical excellence and customer satisfaction.

Extreme Programming (XP) Methodology



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Unique Features

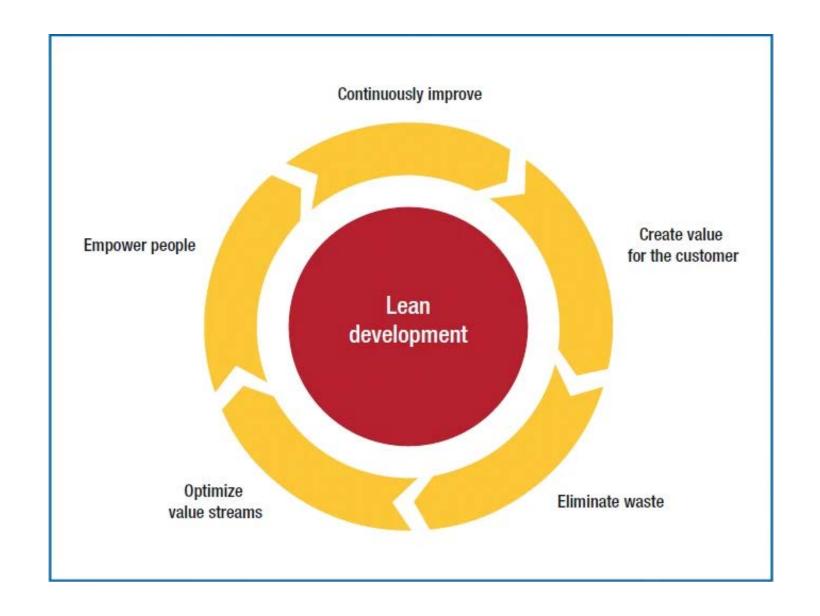
- Pair Programming: Two developers work together at one workstation, improving code quality and knowledge sharing.
- Test-Driven Development (TDD): Writing tests before code to ensure functionality and reduce bugs.
- Continuous Integration: Frequently integrating code changes into a shared repository to detect issues early.
- Refactoring: Continuously improving the codebase without changing its functionality.

Contribution to Agile

- XP promotes high-quality code and rapid feedback through practices like TDD and continuous integration.
- It encourages close collaboration with customers to ensure the product meets their needs.

Lean Development

Introduction: Lean
Development is an Agile
methodology inspired by
Lean manufacturing
principles, focusing on
delivering value and
eliminating waste.



Lean ...

- Unique Features:
 - Value Stream Mapping: Identifying and optimizing the flow of value through the development process.
 - Eliminating Waste: Removing activities that do not add value to the customer.
 - Continuous Improvement: Regularly assessing and improving processes.
- Contribution to Agile:
 - Lean Development emphasizes efficiency and value delivery.
 - It encourages teams to focus on what matters most to the customer and continuously improve their processes.

Integrated Development Environments (IDEs)

- Visual Studio Code (VS Code):
 - Lightweight and powerful source code editor.
 - Supports extensions for various programming languages and frameworks.
 - Integrated terminal and Git support.
- IntelliJ IDEA:
 - Comprehensive IDE for Java and other languages.
 - Advanced code navigation, refactoring, and debugging tools.
 - Built-in support for version control systems.
- <u>Step-by-Step Guide to Setting Up a Development</u> Environment: SkillReactor¹

Version Control Systems

• Git:

- Distributed version control system for tracking changes in source code.
- Allows multiple developers to work on a project simultaneously.

• GitHub:

- Web-based platform for version control and collaboration.
- Hosts Git repositories and provides tools for issue tracking, code review, and project management.

Package Managers

- npm (Node Package Manager):
 - Default package manager for Node.js.
 - Manages dependencies for JavaScript projects.
- yarn:
 - Alternative to npm with a focus on speed and reliability.
 - Manages project dependencies and ensures consistent installations.

Build Tools

- Webpack:
 - Module bundler for JavaScript applications.
 - Transforms and bundles resources like JavaScript, CSS, and HTML.
- Gulp:
 - Task runner for automating repetitive tasks in development.
 - Uses a code-over-configuration approach for defining tasks.