

Unit II: Software Requirement Engineering

(weightage - 14 marks)

① Explain core principles of software engineering. (4m)
OR

Enlist Core principles of software. (4m).

⇒ Principle 1 : Think

- Thinking before doing usually leads to better result.
- When you think about something you are likely to do it correctly.
- You also learn how to do it correctly next time.
- If you thinks about something and still do it wrong, it becomes a valuable experience.
- Good thoughts bring valuable result.

✓ Principle 2 : The Reason all it's exists.

- Software is made useful for its users.
- Before deciding what the software will do or how it's made, ask "Does this really help the user?"
- If answer is no, then don't include it.
- Before specifying a system requirement, functionality before determining the hardware platform; first determine whether it adds value to system.

✓ Principle 3 : Keep it simple and stupid.

- All design should be simple but no simpler.
- Simple design are easier to understand and maintain.
- Keeping it simple doesn't mean losing important features.
- Usually, the best design are simplest ones.

✓ Principle 4 : maintain the vision

- A clear vision is essential for successful software project.
- Changing the main plan weakens even a good system.
- Having a strong leader to maintain and enforce the vision, leads to success.

✓ Principle 5 : what You produce, other will consume.

- When you make something, think about how others will understand it.
- Lots of people might end up using what you make.
- When you plan, think about the people who will build it, when writing, think about ~~how~~ those who will work on it later.
- Remember, some one might need to fix your work, so think them as users too.

✓ Principle 6: Be open to the future.

- Software that last longer is more valuable
- It should be able to handle changes.
- Design software to be flexible from the start.
- To do this successfully, these systems must be ready to adapt changes.
- Always ask "what if" and prepare for different possibilities.

✓ Principle 7: Plan Ahead for Reuse.

- It leads to creating of new products.
- Reuse saves time and effort.
- The reuse code and design has a major benefit of using object-oriented technologies.
- Planning ahead for reuse reduces the cost and increases the value of both the reusable components and systems in which they are incorporated.

② State and explain communication principles of Software Engineering. (6m/4m).

⇒ Principle 1: Listen Carefully

- Pay attention to what the speaker is saying instead of thinking about your response right away.
- If you don't understand something, ask politely for clarification, but try not to interrupt too much.

- Don't show disagreement or annoyance with your body language while the person is talking, like rolling your eyes or shaking your head.

✓ Principle 2: Face-to-face communication is best

- Talking in person is better when there's something to see along with the talk.
- For example, something might draw or show a document to help everyone understand.
- Pictures make it easier to talk about things and understand each other.

✓ Principle 3: Prepare before you communicate

- Spend the time to understand the problem before you meet with others.
- If necessary, perform some research to understand business domain.
- If you have responsibility for conducting a meeting, prepare an agenda in advance of meeting.

✓ Principle 4: Someone should facilitate activity

- Every communication meeting should have a leader (facilitator).
- To keep conversation moving in productive direction.
- To mediate any conflict that does not occur.
- To ensure the other principle are followed.

✓ Principle 5 : Take notes and document decisions

- Taking notes during meeting to remember what's said.

- Write down decisions made so nobody forgets.

- Keeping notes helps everyone stay on track.

- Documenting decisions ensures everyone knows what's been agreed upon.

Principle 6 : If something is unclear, draw pictures

- Verbal communication goes on so fast.

- A sketch or drawing can often provide clarity when words fail to do the job.

Principle 7 : Negotiation is not a contest or a game.

- Negotiation is about finding solutions where everyone benefits.

- Sometimes you need to negotiate on tasks, priorities or deadlines.

- Even with shared goals, negotiations means both sides may need to compromise.

- Successful negotiation happens when everyone is willing to give a little to find an agreement.

③ Describe four principles of good planning.

or
Planning practices principles in S.E.N. (um)

→ Planning is an activity that includes the set of management and technical practices that software has to follow in definite direction.

✓ Principle 1: To understand scope of project.

- know exactly what tasks are involved.
- Figure out what's not part of project too.
- Be clear about what you're aiming to accomplish.
- Make sure everyone understands what's included and what's not.

✓ Principle 2: Involve customer in planning activity.

- work together with the customer.
- Understand what they want and need.
- Make sure that, their ideas are part of plan.
- Keep them informed and involved throughout planning process.

Principle 3: To consider risks as you define the plan.

- Think about what could go wrong.
- Identify potential problems or uncertainties.
- Come up with ways to deal with them.
- Be ready to adapt if things don't go as planned.

Principle 4: Estimate Based on Available Information.

- Use what you already know.
- Make guesses based on facts.
- Figure out how long things will take.
- Think about what resources and money you'll need.

Principle 5: Track the plan frequently and make adjustment when necessary.

- Keep an eye on how things are going.
- Check progress regularly.
- If things aren't getting or going according to planned, make changes.
- Make sure it plan stays in line with vision maintaining.

Principle 6 : Be realistic

- Set goals you can actually reach.
- Consider what you can realistically accomplish.
- Think about any limitations or challenges.
- Make sure with goals match what's possible with resources you have.

④ State and describe any four deployment principles. (4m). 1 time.

- ⇒ A software deployment process is structured, systematic approach to implementing software solutions in business environment
- It is one of the stages in the software development process, which includes development, testing, deployment and ongoing operations
- It involves installing, configuring, and testing software application to prepare it for operating in a specific environment.

Principle 1 : Planning and Assessment.

- The first step in software deployment process is to carefully plan and assess the organisation's needs and objectives.
- This involves identifying the specific problems or challenges that the software is intended to address.
- During the planning and assessment phase, it is also important to consider any potential constraints or limitations, such as budget, resources or infrastructure requirement.

Principle 2 : Development and Configuration

- Once the organization's needs and objectives have been identified, the next step is to develop or configure the software solution.

- During this development or configuration phase, it is essential to ensure that the software meets the organization requirements and that it is compatible with existing systems and infrastructure.

Principle 3 : Testing and Quality Assurance

- Before deploying the software in a live environment, it is crucial to subject it to rigorous testing process.
- This ensures that the software functions as intended and that it is free of any defects or bugs.
- The testing phase is essential because it helps to identify and resolve any issues before the software is deployed, minimizing the risk of problems or downtime.

Principle 4 : Deployment

- Once the software has been tested and approved, it is time to deploy it to its end users.
- This involves installing and configuring the software on the appropriate hardware and infrastructure, or deploying it directly to end users' device.

Principle 5 : Monitoring and maintenance

- The software deployment process does not end once software is running in production.

⑤ Define SRS (Software Requirement Specification) (2m)

- ⇒ Software Requirement Specification is SRS.
- It is a document that explains what software system needs to do.
- It covers things like what software should accomplish, how it should work, and what it should look like.
- This document helps everyone involved like customers and developers.
- It understand software goals and features clearly.

⑥ State the need of SRS and characteristics of SRS. (4m)

⇒ Need of SRS. (2m)

- An SRS minimizes the time and effort required by developers to achieve desired goals and also minimizes the development cost.
- A good SRS defines how an application will interact with system hardware, other programs and human users in wide variety of real-world situations.
- The requirement process helps to clarify needs.
- Users do not always know their needs. Must analyze and understand the potential.
- SRS errors are expensive to fix later.
- Good SRS can minimize changes of error.
- SRS provide a reference for validation of final product.

Characteristics of SRS. (2m)

- Complete: The SRS should be complete i.e. all software requirements should be mentioned in SRS.
- Correct: It should be correct i.e. it should be according to needs of customer.
- Clear: It should be clear i.e. The requirements should be clearly declared.
- Accurate: It should have accuracy. If this is not accurate then software cannot be developed.
- Testable: It should be testable i.e. it should be capable of being tested in anyway.
- Traceable: It should be traceable, that is each requirement in it should be identified differently. Each requirement should have its own identity.
- Verifiable: It should be verifiable. The requirements are verified by experts and testers.

⑦ Explain six functions of requirement engineering process. (6m)

→ Requirement Engineering involves understanding what the customer needs, figuring out it's possible, negotiation a solution, writing down the requirements clearly, checking if they make sense, and managing them as they're turned into a system.

This process include seven main steps: starting with understanding the initial idea, gathering requirements, detailing them, discussing and agreeing on them, writing them down clearly, checking if they're correct, and keeping track of them as project progresses.

Inception (starting)

Inception is the initial phase where we ask why project is needed and analyze factors such as business needs, potential markets, and services to be provided.

This helps establish a basic understanding of problem, the stakeholders involved and desired solution, setting scope of project.

Elicitation (gathering requirements)

It involves gathering information by asking customers, users and other stakeholders about the objectives of system or product, what needs to be accomplished, how it aligns with business needs, and how it will be used day-by-day.

Elaboration

The information obtained from the customer during inception and elicitation and refined during elaboration.

This task focuses on developing a refined requirement model that identifies requirements for three domains, functional and behavioral domain. It

- Describe how the end user will interact with the system.
- Business domain entities that is visible to end user.
- The attributes of each class are defined and services that are required by each class are identified.
- The relationship and collaboration between classes are identified and variety of supplementary diagrams are produced.

Requirement management

It comprises activity to identify, control and track requirements and changes throughout the project life cycle, ensuring alignment with project goals and stakeholders needs.

Validation

Validation ensures the accuracy and completeness of requirements by conducting technical review to identify errors, inconsistencies or missing information.

Negotiation

Negotiation involves determining if the requirements are truly necessary by prioritising them through stakeholder input and addressing conflicts to ensure satisfaction for all parties involved.

Specification

It entails documenting requirement using various formats such as written documents, graphical models or prototypes, tailored to be complexity of software being developed.

Design

Implementation

Testing

Deployment

Maintenance