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SS ZG622: Software Project Management (Lecture #16)

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Text Books



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R3: Robert K. Wysocki, Effective Software Project Management, John Wiley & Sons © 2006

R4: George Stepanek, Software Project Secrets : Why Software Projects Fail, Apress ©2012

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R6: Jake Kouns and Daniel Minoli, Information Technology Risk Management in Enterprise Environments. John Wiley & Sons © 2010



L16: Software Project Management –

Review Session

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Software Characteristics

- Software is a logical entity; It is engineered; not manufactured
- Software deteriorates in different ways than hardware
- Software Engineering could be looked upon as layers of elements
- Software Engineering requires framework activities and umbrella activities
- David Hooker offers seven valuable software engineering principles

Software Process Models

- Plan-driven vs. Agile development
- Unified Process
- Agility manifesto & principles
- Choices of project model
 - Waterfall
 - Incremental
 - Evolutionary
 - Agile

Software Project Basics

- Definition of Project
- Software Projects vs. Other Projects
- Project Activities & Management Activities
- Project Stakeholders
- Project Objectives (SMART)
- Business Goals, Benefit Analysis
- Declaration of interdependence
- Role of PM in traditional vs. agile projects
- GROW (Goal-Reality-Options-Will) model

Project Evaluation

- Definition of Project, Program, Portfolio
- Program origins, objectives
- Cost-Benefit analysis of projects
 - Net Profit
 - Payback period
 - ROI
 - Net Present Value (using Discount Factors)
 - Internal Rate of Return
 - Decision Tree based assessment
- Profitable projects & Beneficial projects

Software Metrics

- Metrics fundamentals
 - Measures, metrics, indicators
 - Metrics Process, Attributes, Etiquette etc.
- Product metrics taxonomy
 - Analysis,
 - Function Points (for functionality delivered), Specification quality metrics
 - Design
 - Architecture (hierarchical), OO Design, Class design
 - Coding, Testing, Maintenance
- Process Metrics
 - Quality, Productivity, SQA, Reuse etc.
- Project Metrics
 - Status, Risks, Work flows, Work product quality
- Internal attributes vs. external attributes
- Helpful metrics vs. harmful metrics
- Establishing metrics program

Software Estimation

- Project Planning
 - Contents in a plan
 - Supplements in a plan
- Factors affecting software pricing
- Software Estimation basics
- Decomposition Techniques
 - Product based decomposition
 - LOC, FP, Use cases
 - Process based decomposition
- Empirical Techniques
 - Cocomo2
 - Application Composition, Early Design, Reuse, Post architectural, Project duration
 - Software Equation
- Estimation for object-oriented projects
- Estimation for agile projects

Activity and Resource Planning, Risk Management

- Project Scheduling Practices, Principles
- Software Project effort distribution
- Activity Planning
 - Types of links between activities
 - ES, EF, LS, LF, Float, Duration
 - Free & interfering floats, Critical Path
- Resource Planning
 - Types of resources
 - People, Environmental resources, Reusable components
 - Resource Smoothing
- Risk Management
 - Risk Projection
 - Risk Mitigation, Monitoring, and Management Plan (RMMM)

Time to Market, EVA

- Time to market
 - Reducing project duration
 - Options, Impact on cost
- Monitoring & Control
 - Project Reporting
 - Prioritizing monitoring
 - Exception planning & reporting
- Earned Value Analysis
 - Accounting conventions

Software Quality

- Quality perspectives
 - Transcendental, user, manufacturer, product, value
 - Bessin's definition for software quality
 - David Garvin's quality dimensions
 - Barry Boehm's quality tree
- ISO 9126 software product quality
 - Functionality, reliability, usability, efficiency, maintainability, portability
 - ISO 25010-2011 model
- Cost of quality
 - Prevention, appraisal, failure costs
- Achieving quality
 - SE, PM, QA, QC

Achieving Quality - SQA, Reviews etc.

- Achieving Software Quality
- Reviews
 - Defect amplification model
 - Defect removal costs analysis
 - Formal & informal reviews
 - Review meeting participants & etiquette
- Software Quality Assurance
 - Role, Goals
 - Statistical SQA
 - Six sigma
 - ISO 9001:2000
 - QMS, Resources, Management, Measurement, Realization

Human Resources, Organizational Behavior

- Human Resources Management
- Organizational Behavior
 - Frederick Taylor's theory
 - Hawthorne Experiments
 - Theory X & Theory Y by Donald McGregor
- Software Developer Characteristics
 - Eligibility vs. Suitability
 - Selection Process
 - Multi-criteria decision analysis
 - Motivation(Maslow vs Taylor), Job Satisfaction, Expectancy
- Human Factors
 - Stress, Professional ethics, Organizational ethics
 - Roles, rights, &responsibilities

Development of Teams, Leadership

- Software Development Teams
- Team leadership traits
- Team paradigms by Constantine
 - Closed, Random, Open, Synchronous
- Team Formation
 - Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing, Adjourning
- Team Performance
 - Balanced teams, Team roles
 - Egoless programming
 - Chief programmer teams
- Virtual Teams
- Leadership Styles

Writing Business Proposals

- Project Procurement Management
- The Value of Proposals to Clients.
- The Value of Proposals to Seller
- Writing persuasive proposals by incorporating NOSE
 - Needs
 - Outcomes
 - Solutions
 - Evidence
- Understanding Decision Maker
- Art of conveying what you mean

Contract Management

- Software acquisition could be
 - bespoke, off-the-shelf, customized off-the-shelf
 - may be considered goods or service
- Software tendering process
 - Identify requirements, Plan for evaluation, Invitation to tender, Selection
 - Tender can be open, restricted, negotiated
 - May involve bidders conferences, MOA
- Software contracts
 - Fixed price, Time & materials, Fixed price per unit
 - Contract elements
 - NDA
 - Professional services agreements

Software Evolution

- Software Lifecycle (beyond development)
 - Maintainable software, Supportability
 - Software Evolution, Lehmann's laws
 - Types of software maintenance, Maintenance costs, Maintenance cost factors
- Legacy software management
 - Business value assessment
 - Software quality assessment
 - Business process assessment
 - Environment assessment
 - Application assessment
- Software Reengineering
 - Inventory Analysis, Document restructuring, Reverse engineering, Code & data restructuring, Forward engineering
 - Reengineering economics

Software Configuration Management

- Software Configuration Management
 - Configuration identification, Configuration control, Configuration auditing, Configuration status reporting
- SCM Repository
 - Version control, Dependency tracking, Requirements tracing, management, audits
- SCM for WebApps
 - Content management, Change Control
- Build Functionality
 - Automation, Continuous integration,
- Release Management

Thank You

Any Questions?