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Iterative Development

This is a key technique to evolve from a high level idea to a delivered product incrementally






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The Iterative Development Cycle




Iterative development cycles are typically short – days or even hours!



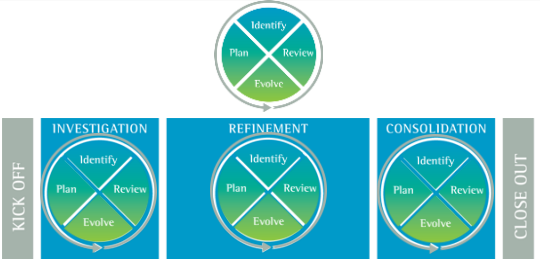
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Iterative Development in a Timebox





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Perspectives for Iterative Development

Points to consider include:

- **Functional** – the ‘what?’ not ‘how?’ elements of a project
- **Usability** – the users needs and the user interface
- **Non-functional** – the ‘how well?’ elements of a project

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What is a Prototype? – 1

A prototype is:

- An incomplete part of the total solution;
- Used to learn more about what is required;
- Evolutionary (evolving into the final solution) or disposable;
- Evolutionary prototyping is the means of developing the solution as a set of increments, and learning by doing

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What is a Prototype? – 2


- The intent is to build something visible, valuable and working as soon as possible.



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A Few Ideas for Prototyping



Screen-based,
animated



Role-play



Paper-based
"low-tech"



Experimental



Video



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Group Exercise – What is a Requirement?


I need four volunteers...





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Iterative Development - Functional Perspective

Points to consider:

• Focuses on functionality;

• Developer *demonstrates* functional business requirements;

• This checks developer's understanding of user requirements;

• Confirms 'building the right solution'





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Iterative Development - Usability Perspective


Points to consider:

- Focuses on user interface
- Illustrates solution ease of use
- User tests ease of use of the solution



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Iterative Development – Non-Functional Perspective

It focuses on non-functional aspects (response time, security etc.) A solution developer tests that the solution meets non-functional requirements.



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Capability/Technique Prototype


It focuses on technical design options and functionality. Here, a solution developer tests design approach and/or development tool.

This is often an Architectural Spike or Proof of Concept.



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Evolutionary Development Strategies – Vertical, Horizontal & Combined Approaches

Layered Solution Architecture

Business Process

User Interface

Business Logic

Data Access

Horizontal Approach

Vertical Approach

Combined Approach

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Summary – 1

Here, we have considered the issues of iterative development, prototyping and evolutionary development strategies. Below is an outline of each term:

- Iterative Development** – the process of identifying; planning; evolving and reviewing the solution. Iterative development allows for faster development and is one of the 5 key techniques used in Agile development.

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Summary – 2

- Prototyping** – tools to demonstrate elements of the solution to allow for iterative development in-line with the users needs.
- Evolutionary Development Strategies** – the way in which iterative development is managed to ensure each layer of the solution architecture is addressed during iterative development.

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