Software Specification and Design - Week 1

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A bit about process

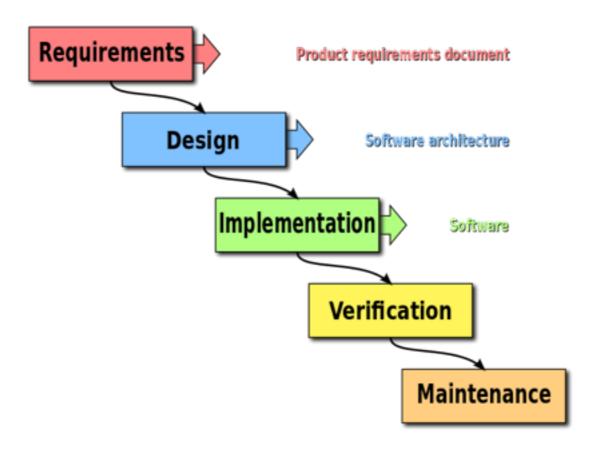
Topics

- Waterfall model
- Iterative & evolutionary development
- Agile
- UP, RUP

Waterfall model

- Sequential
- Borrowed from construction industries
- Define most of requirements at the beginning
- Advantages and disadvantages?

Waterfall model (2)



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Waterfall_model

Waterfall model (3) - Problems

- Users often don't know what they actually want.
- It's often too late to go back
- Requirements change ~ 25% 50%
- The bigger project, the more change

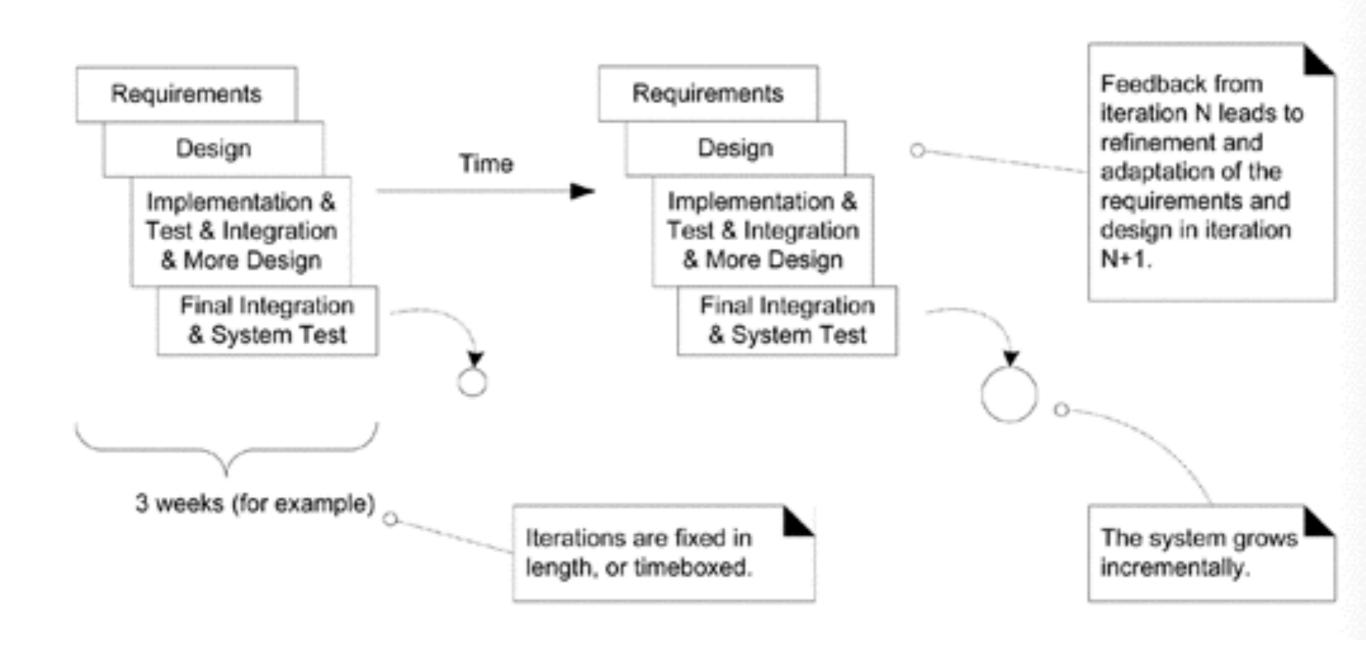
Waterfall model (4) - When to use

- If the requirements are well known, clear and fixed.
 (Not likely, but possible)
- You have enough expertise
- Fix contracts/deliver date/budget

Iterative and Evolutionary Development

- Iterations
- Each can be thought as a mini project
- The system grows over time
- Iterative and Incremental development (The names gave different meanings for different people)

Iterative and Evolutionary and Agile



Iterative and Evolutionary Development (3) - Nature

- Embrace change
- Early iterations are far from the true path of the system
- In late iterations, significant change is rare (But can occur)

Iterative and Evolutionary Development (4) - Benefits

- Less project failure
- Early visible progress
- Early feedback
- Reduce complexity

Agile

- It's impossible to exactly define Agile
- Scrum, XP, Kanban

Agile Manifesto

Individuals and interactions over processes and tools

Working software over comprehensive documentation

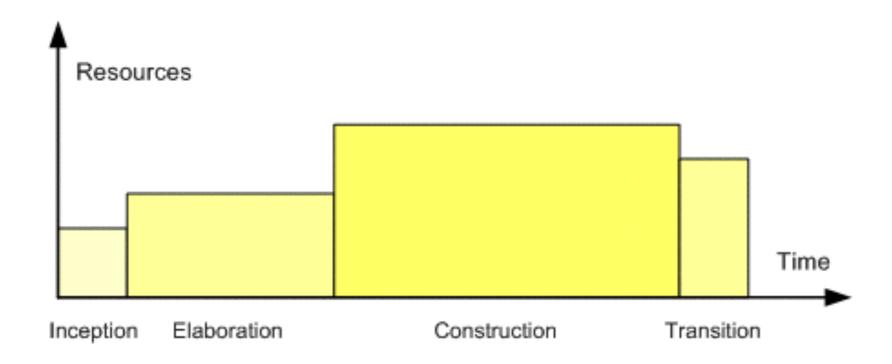
Customer collaboration over contract negotiation

Responding to change over following a plan

Unified Process

- Customizable development framework
- Iterative and incremental process
- Divided into 4 phases
 - Inception
 - Elaboration
 - Construction
 - Transition

Unified Process



From Wikipedia

Unified Process - Inception

- Business cases
- Scope
- Some use cases
- Usually very short

Unified Process - Elaboration

- Divided into iterations
- Majority of requirements
- Some more use cases
- Some more diagrams
- The core parts of the project are Implemented

Unified Process - Construction

- Divided into iterations
- Build the software
- Lot's of code

Unified Process - Transition

- From development to production
- Beta testing
- Training

Iterative Development

Business value is delivered incrementally in time-boxed cross-discipline iterations.

