Software Engineering

Course introduction

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- What is Software Engineering
- Course overview and expectations

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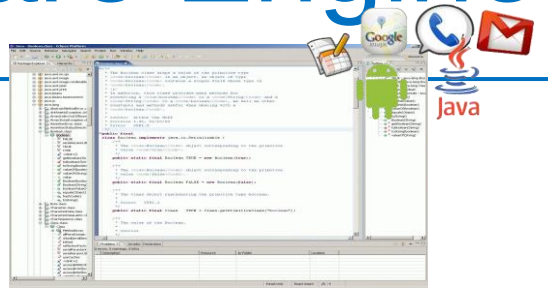

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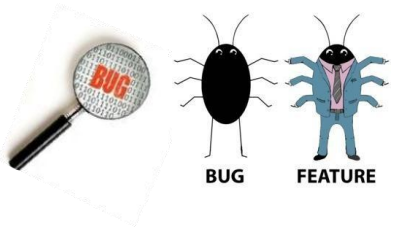

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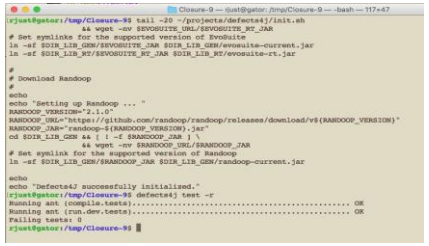

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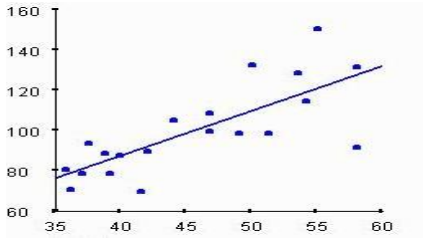

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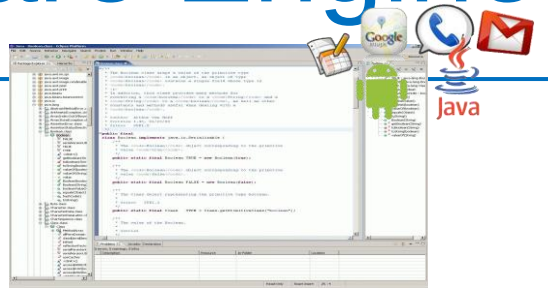

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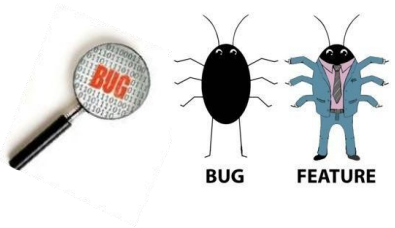

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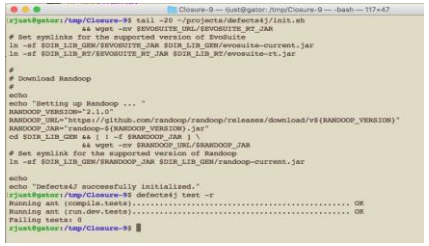

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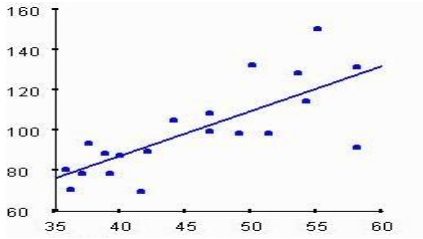

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All of the above and much more!

Software Engineering is more than writing code

Software Engineering is the complete process of

specifying,
requirements engineering, specifications, documentation

designing, software architecture and design, UI

developing, programming (just one of many important tasks)

analyzing,
testing, debugging, linting, verification, performance engineering

deploying,
DevOps, CI, packaging, operation, remote diagnostics, documentation, websites

& maintaining refactoring, extensions, adaptation, issue tracking

a software system. nearly every system contains software

Why is Software Engineering important?

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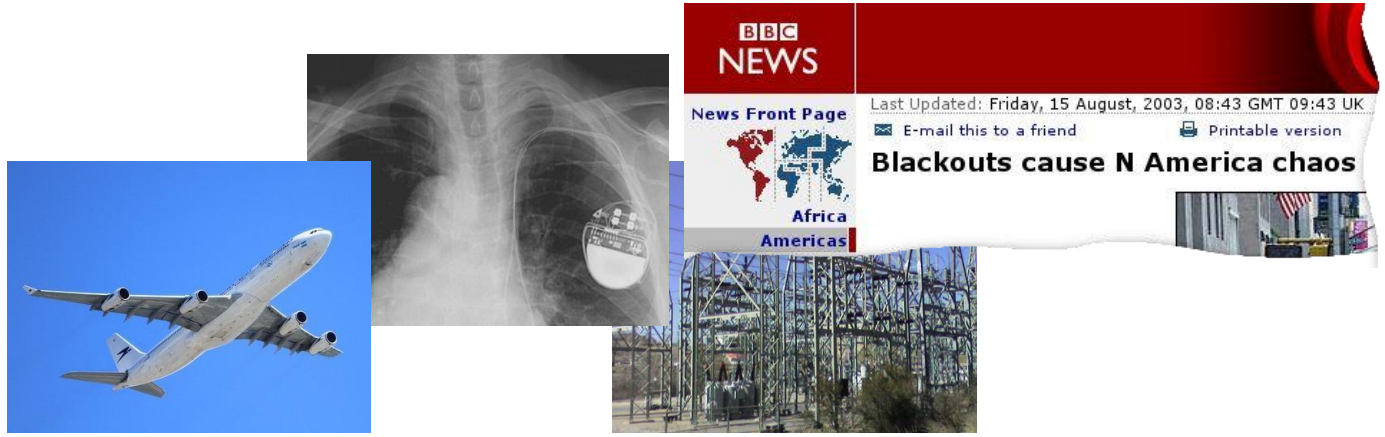

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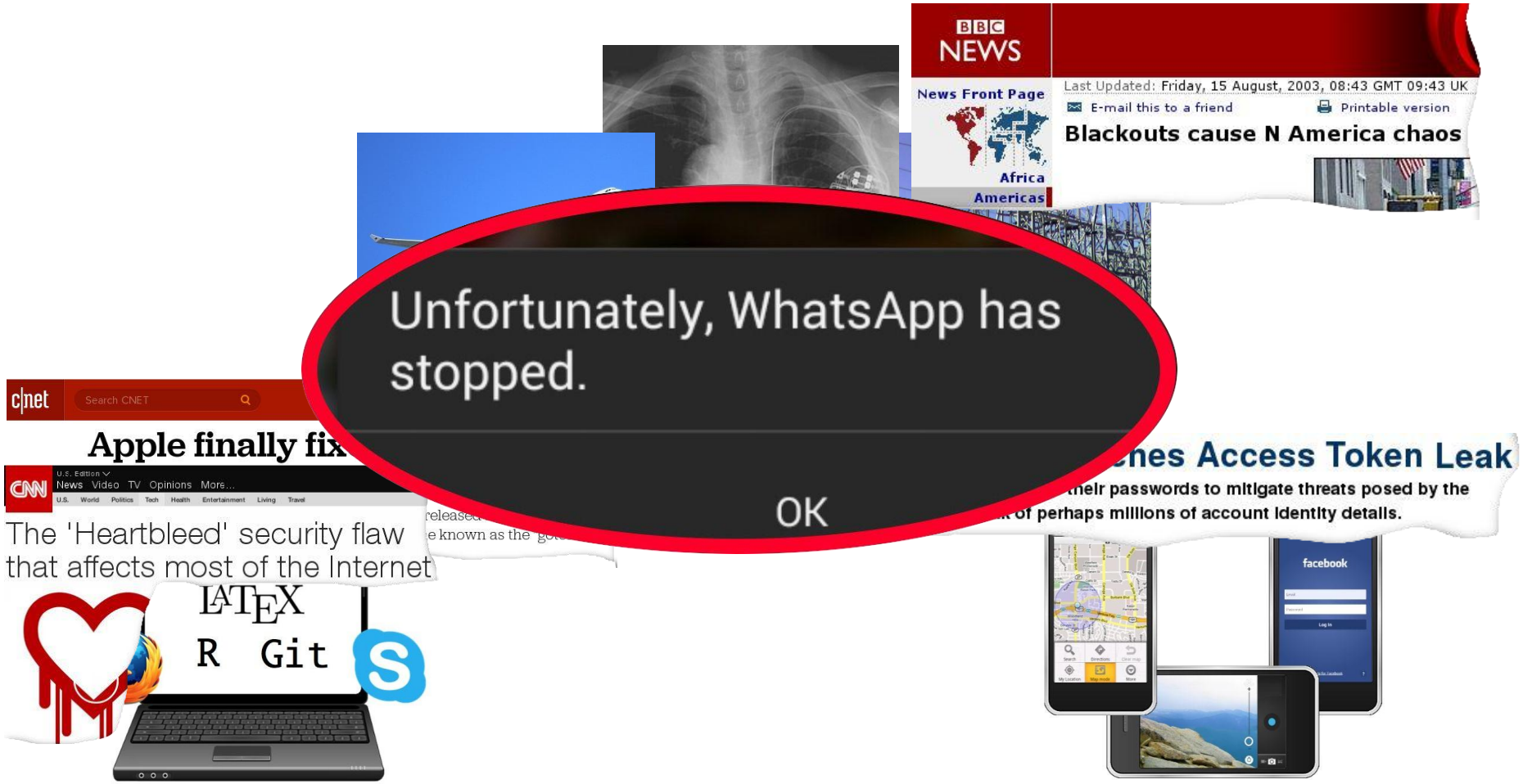


Summary: Software Engineering

What is Software Engineering?

- The complete process of specifying, designing, developing, analyzing, and maintaining a software system.

Why is it important?

It is a path to a successful product!

- Decomposes a complex engineering problem.
- Organizes processes and effort.
- Improves software reliability.
- Improves developer productivity.

Both **technical** and **management** contributions are essential.

What can you learn in this course?

- Learn best software development best practices
- Understand how software is produced – from conception to continuous development and release
- Develop skills to effectively collaborate with others towards a common delivery goal
- Experience the responsibilities, issues and tradeoffs involved in making decisions as software engineers

Grounded by working as a team to incrementally deliver a real software product/service

Software Development Lifecycles

Today's Outline

- Quick introduction
- Software development lifecycles (SDLC)
  - What they are
  - Why are they needed
  - Recurring themes
  - Popular models and their tradeoffs
    - Traditional
    - Agile

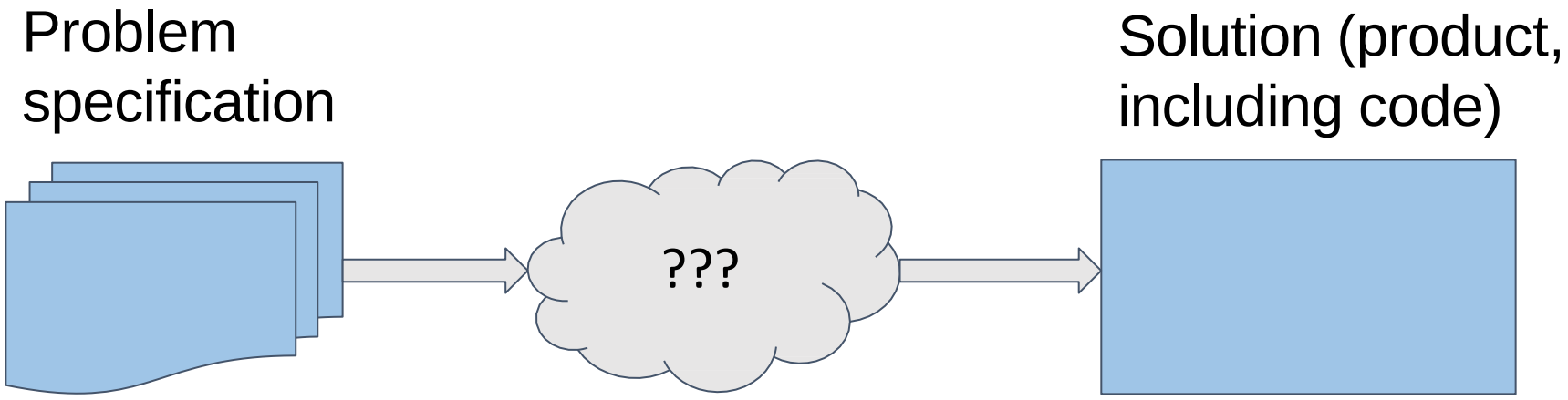
Software Engineering is …

"An **engineering discipline** concerned with all aspects of **software production** from the early stages of system specification [requirements] through to maintaining [evolving] the system after it has gone into use." —Ian Sommerville

Software Engineering tasks include:

- Requirements engineering
- Specification writing and documentation
- Architecture and design
- Programming
- Testing and debugging
- Deploying, operating, evaluating, refactoring and evolving
- Planning, teamwork and communication

The software development challenge



One solution: Code and fix

Specification
(maybe)

Deliver
(maybe)

SDLC: Code and fix

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- Applicable *sometimes* for small projects, short-lived prototypes, and/or small teams

Cons:

- <Over to you>

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- **No way to assess progress, quality or risks**
- **Challenging to manage multiple developers – how synchronize your work**
- Harder to accommodate changes without a major design overhaul
- Unclear delivery of features (scope), timing, and support

Is a more structured SDLC necessary?

It establishes an order – provides a model - of software project events.

- It forces us to think of the “big picture” and follow steps so that we reach it without glaring deficiencies.
- Without it we may make decisions that are individually on target but collectively misdirected.
- It allows us to organize and coordinate our work as a team.
- It allows us to track progress and risks, and adjust as necessary.

Recurring themes in SDLCs

A SDLC defines how to produce software through a series of stages.

Common stages

- Requirements
- Design
- Implementation
- Testing
- Release
- Maintenance

Goals of each stage

- Define a clear set of actions to perform
- Produce tangible (trackable) items
- Allow for work revision
- Plan actions to perform in the next stage

Key question: how to combine the stages and in what order

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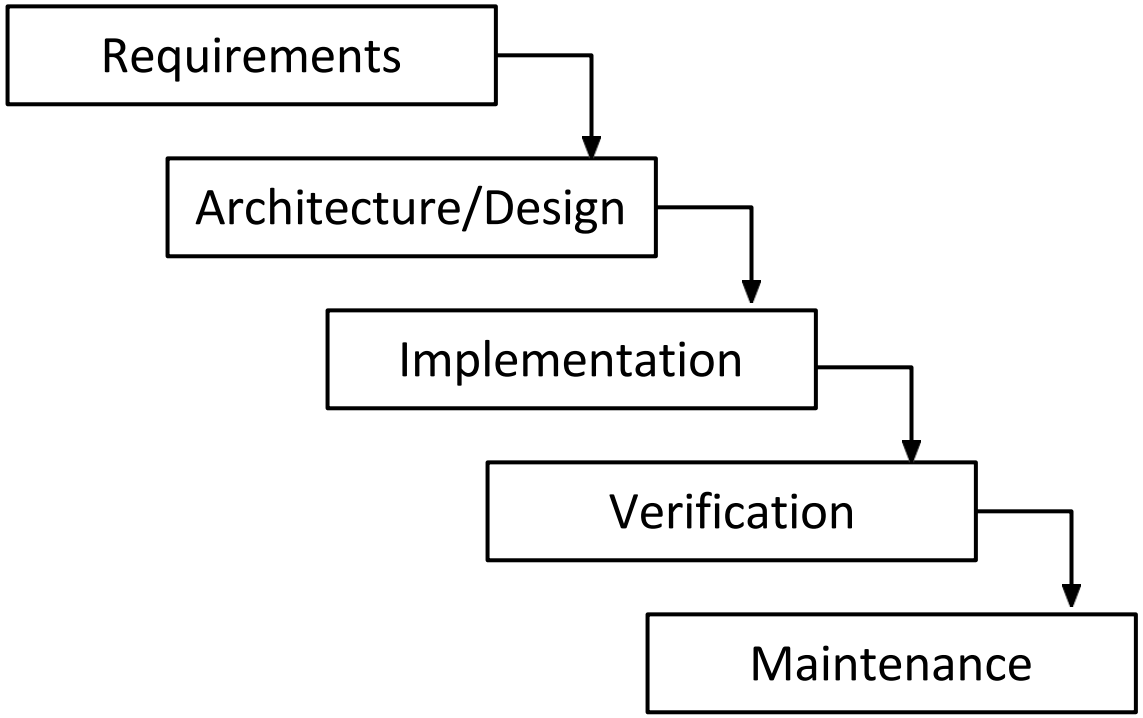
    - Prototyping
    - Spiral model
    - Staged delivery
    - Agile (XP, Scrum)

All have the same goal – deliver high quality software, on time, meeting the customer's needs

SDLC: Waterfall model



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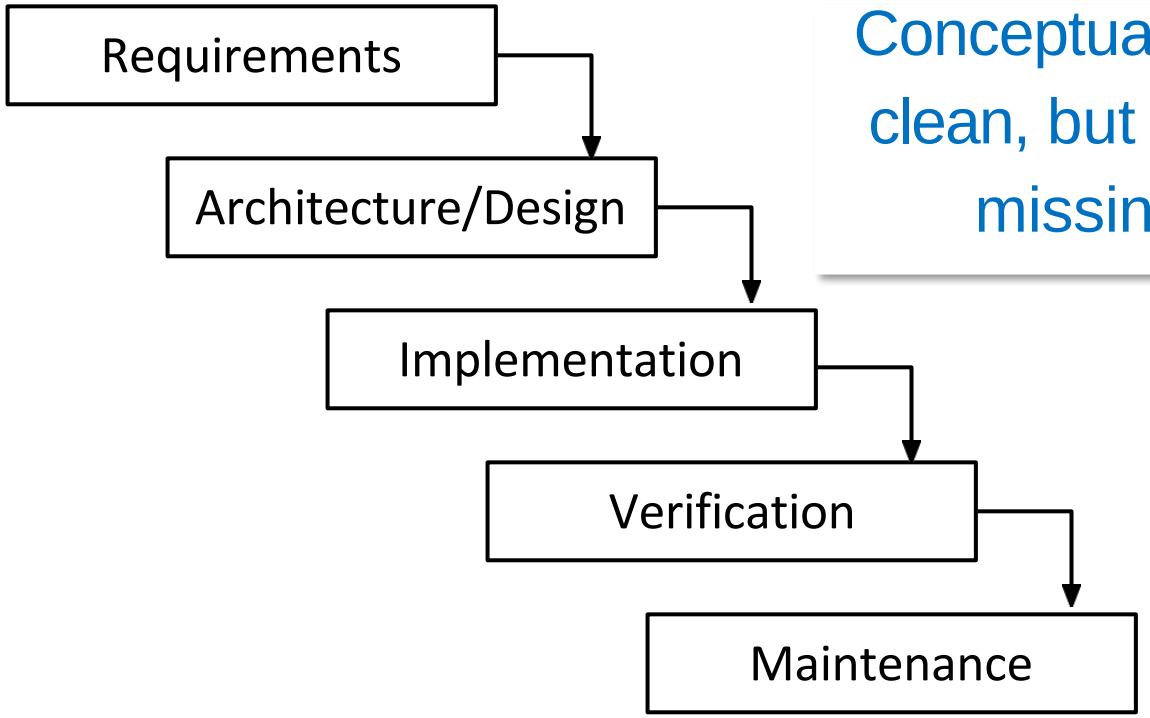

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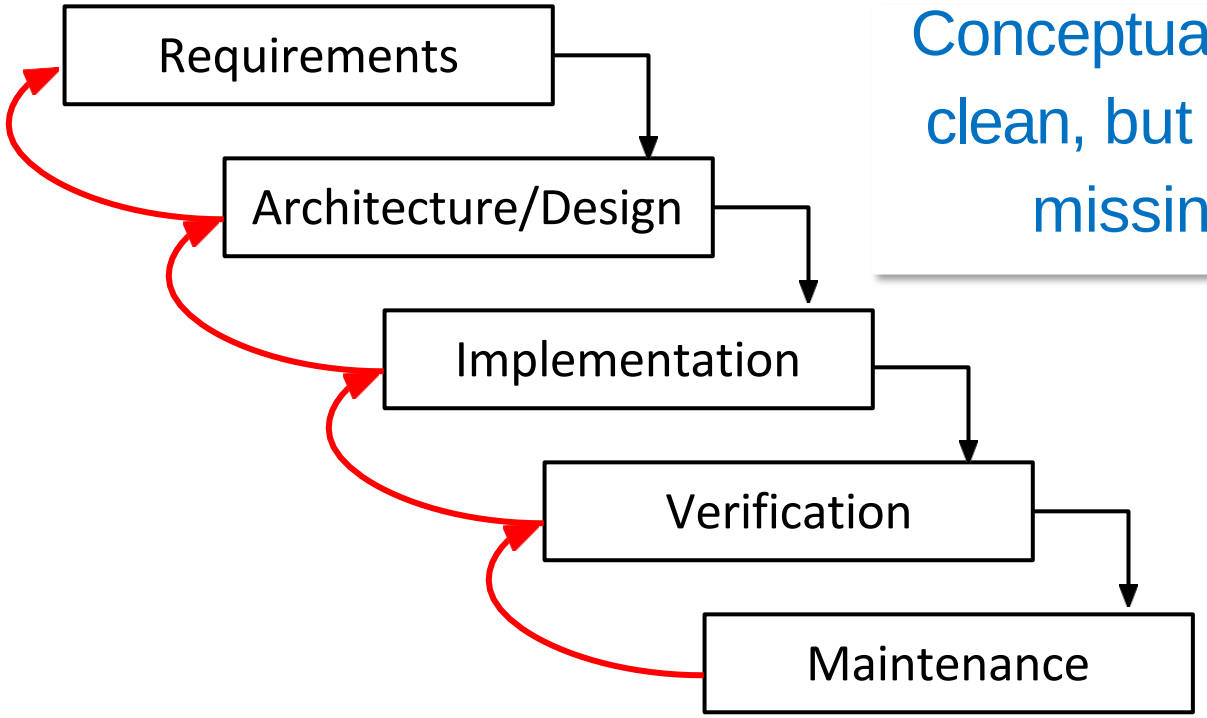

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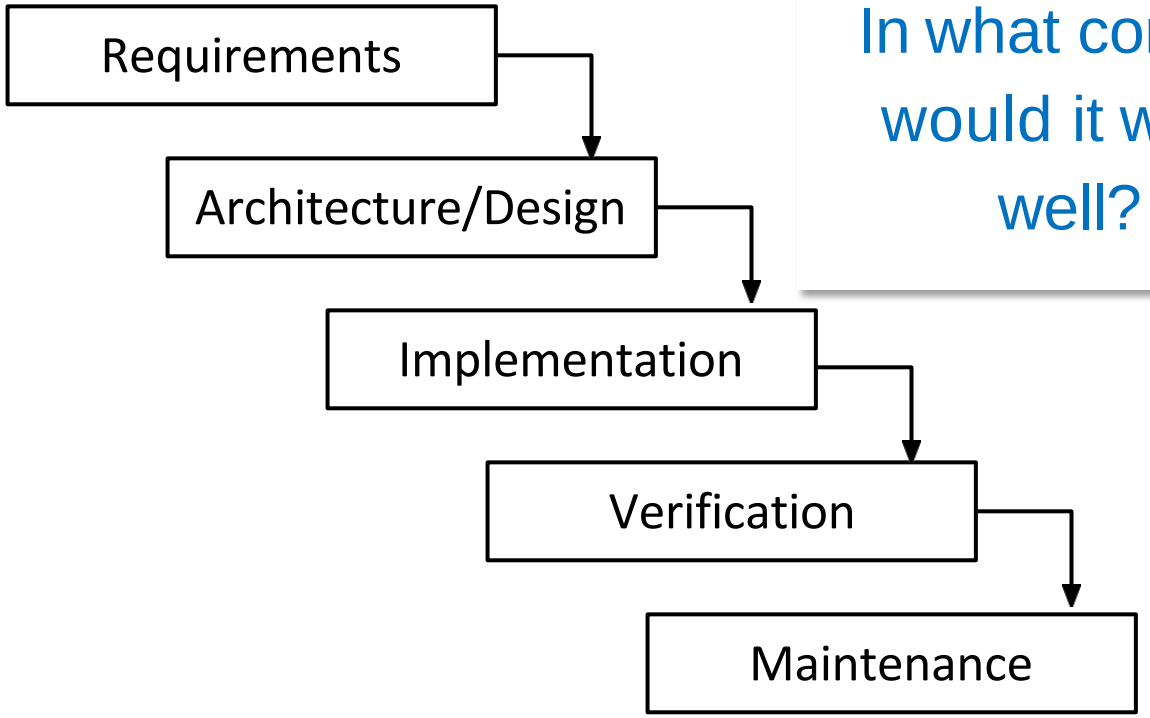

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Honeywell's Flight Management System Selected By Airbus

Honeywell's solution will address the avionics needs of the Airbus A320, A330 and A350 aircraft fleet

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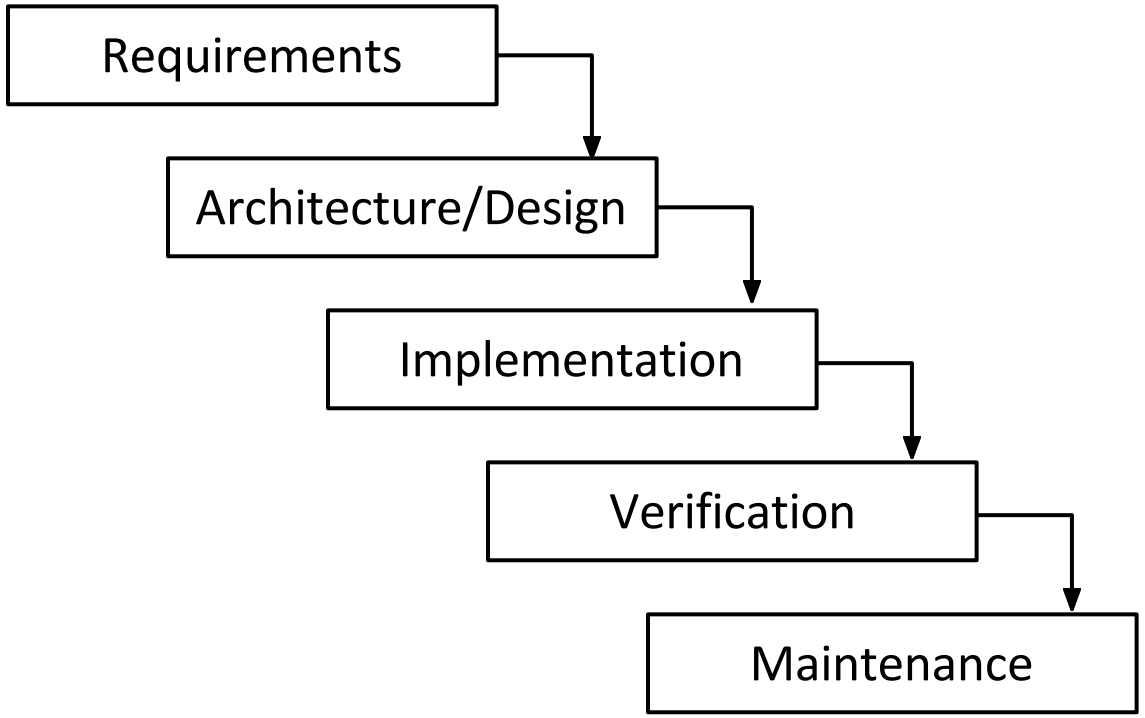
Introduction

FDA's Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) is responsible for regulating firms who manufacture, repackage, relabel, and/or import medical ted States. In addition, CDRH regulates radiation-ducts (medical and non-medical) such as lasers, x-ray uipment, microwave ovens and color televisions.

Their SDLC is waterfall-like due to the upfront and regulated requirements

Waterfall: pros and cons



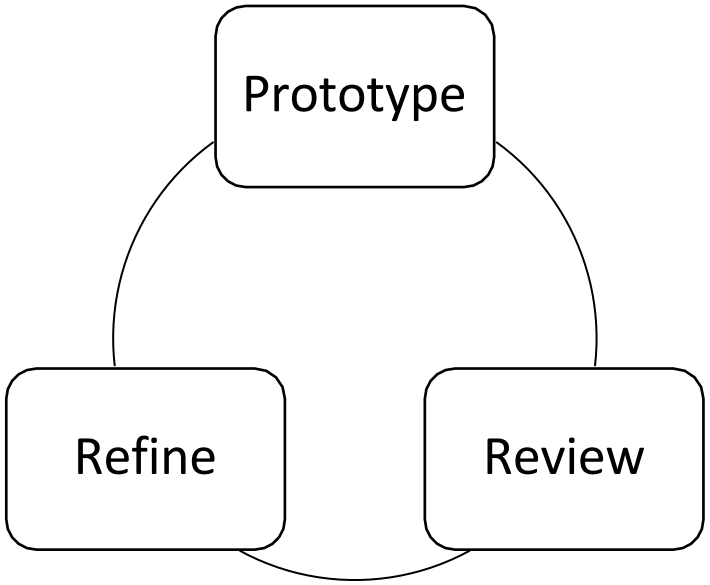
Pros:

- Simple to understand
- Promotes common dialogue
- Highly regulated deliverables

Cons:

- Hard to do all the planning upfront
- Inflexible – changes are expensive
- Test and integration come late – fixes are expensive
- Final product may not match the customer's needs

SDLC: Prototyping



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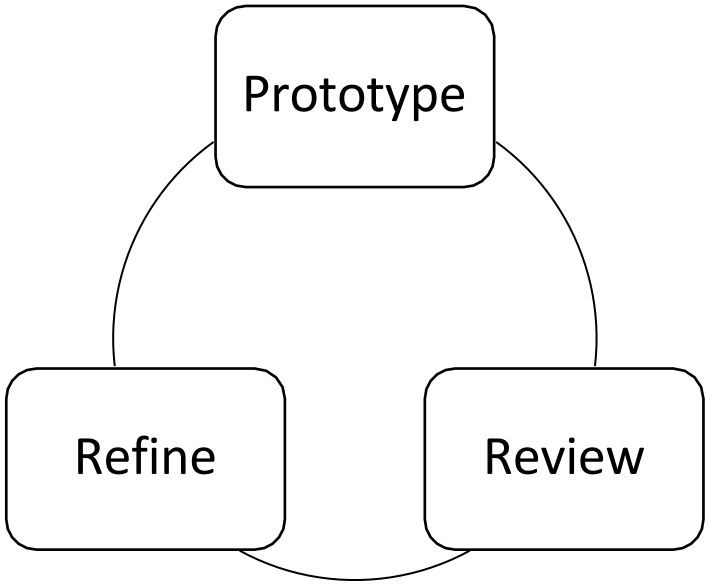

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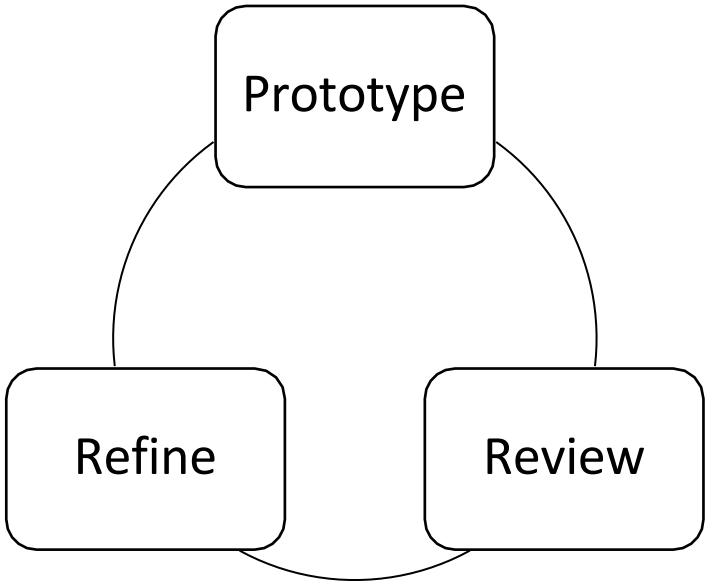


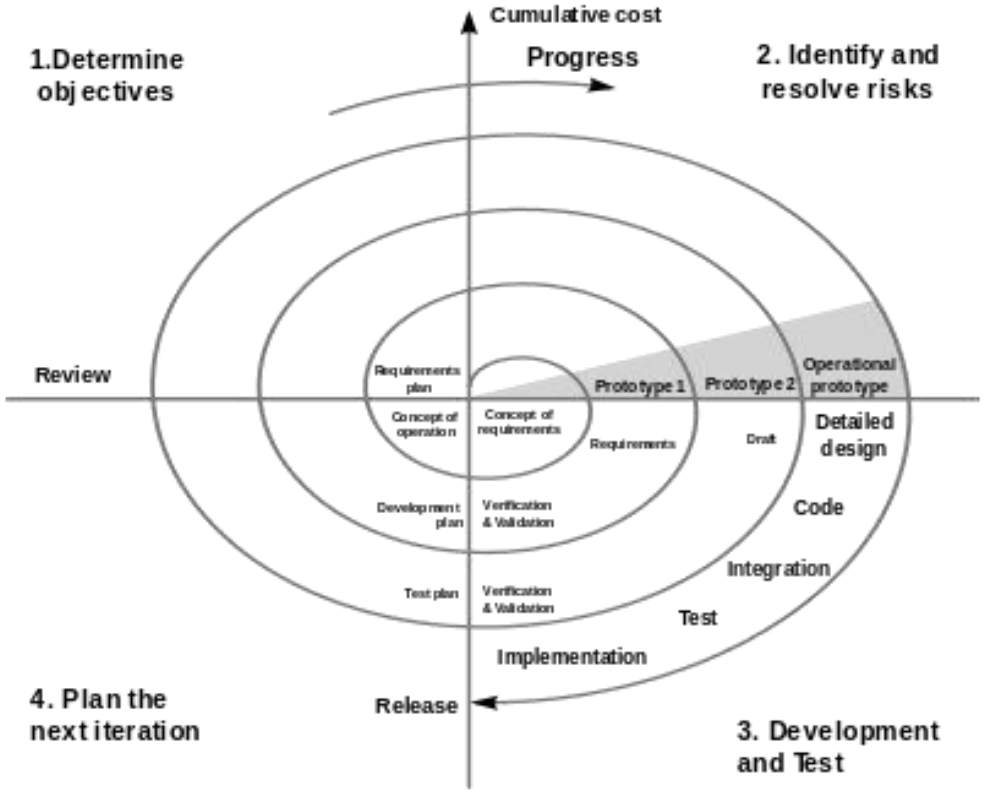
Pros:

- Client involvement and early feedback
- Improves requirements and specifications
- Reduces risk of developing the “wrong” product

Cons:

- Time/cost for developing may be high
- Hard to commit what will be delivered and when
- May end up evolving a poor choice (limit thinking holistically)

SDLC: Spiral Model



- Incremental/iterative model
- Iterations called spirals
- Repeat these activities:
  - Determine objectives (reqs)
  - Risk analysis
  - Develop and test
  - Plan
- Phased reduction of risks
  (address high risks early)

Boehm, *Spiral Development: Experience, Principles,and Refinements*

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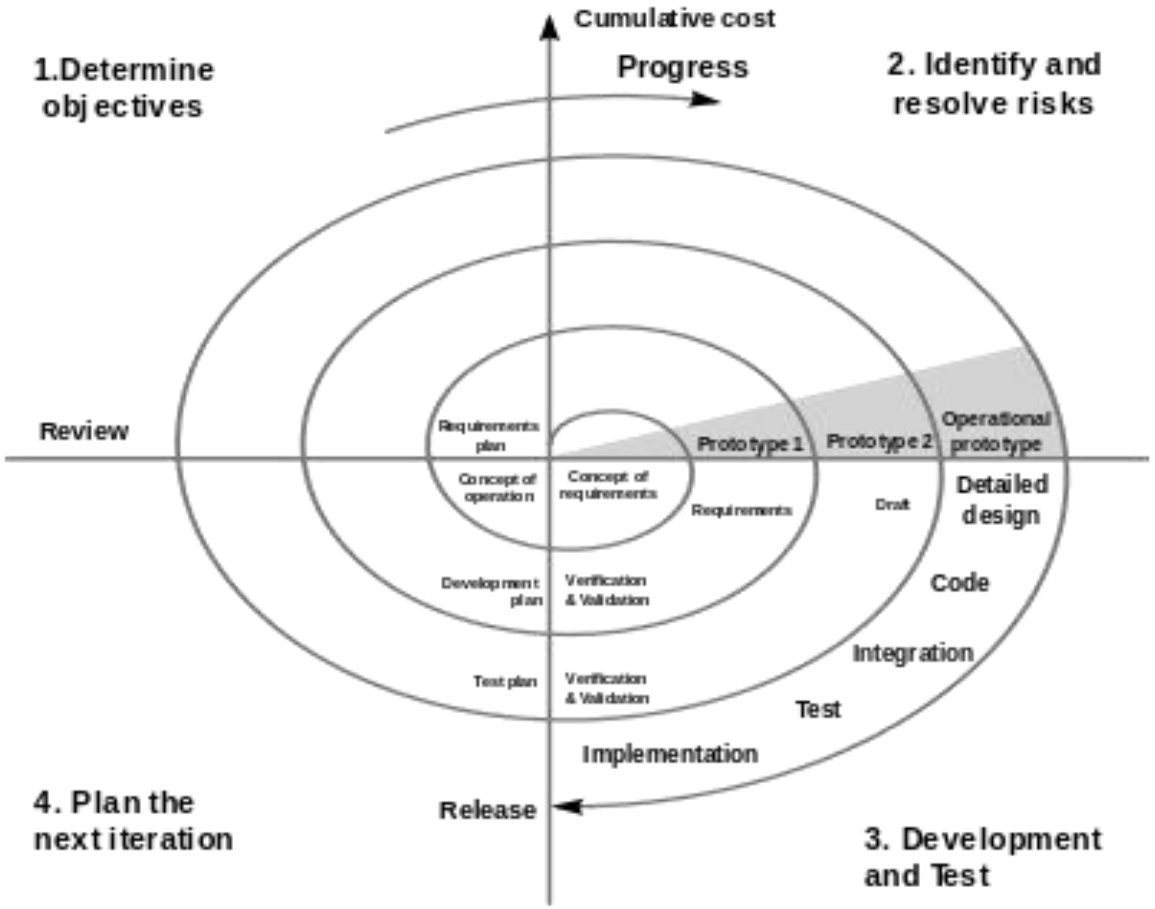
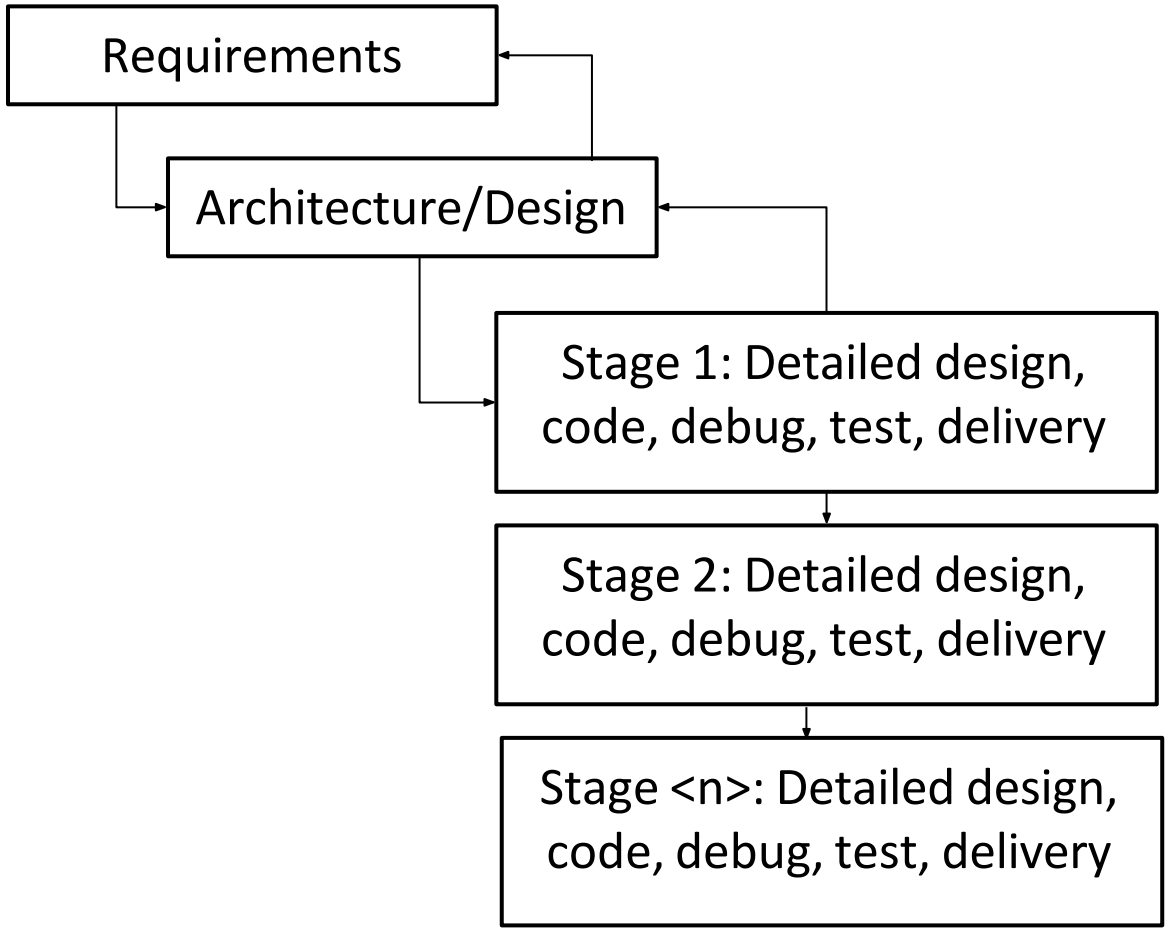


- Interesting to us as it's a **precursor to agile models**
- Software development is based on **iteration**, using "**risk reduction**" as the criterion to prioritize activities at each iteration

Staged Delivery: one of many variants 🤯



- Waterfall-like planning upfront then spiral/agile-like short release cycles
- Pros: ?
- Cons: ?

McConnell: https://stevemcconnell.com/

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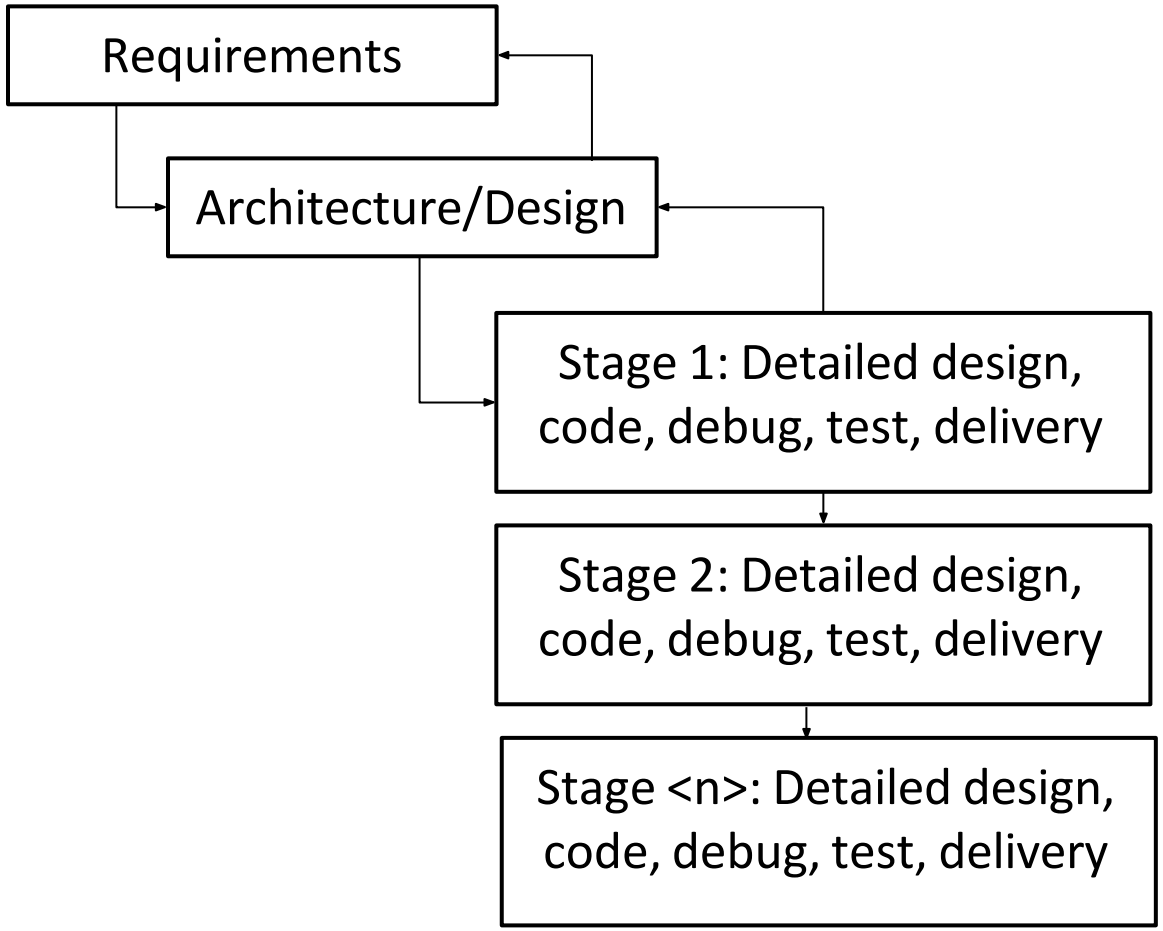

- Pros:
  - Can ship at the end of any release cycle
  - Intermediate deliveries show progress, satisfy customers, and lead to feedback
  - Problems are visible early
- Cons:
  - Requires tight coordination
  - Product must be decomposable
  - Extra releases cause overhead

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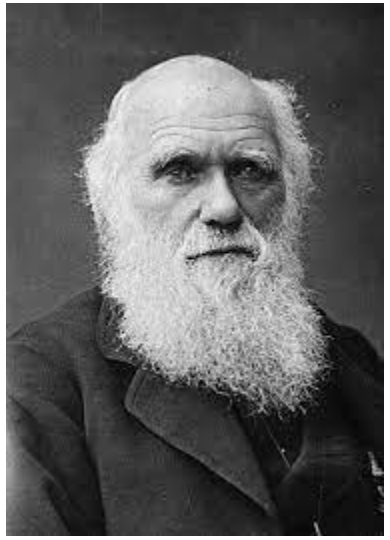
Agile models

What is Agile all about?

Premise: the world is uncertain, and we must be flexible and responsive to changes



There is nothing permanent except change - Heraclitus (Greek philosopher)

It is not the strongest or the most intelligent who will survive but those who can best manage change - Charles Darwin (English naturalist)

Agile Manifesto

Agile Manifesto (http://agilemanifesto.org/):

- Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
- Working software over comprehensive documentation
- Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
- Responding to change over following a plan

While there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

Agile models

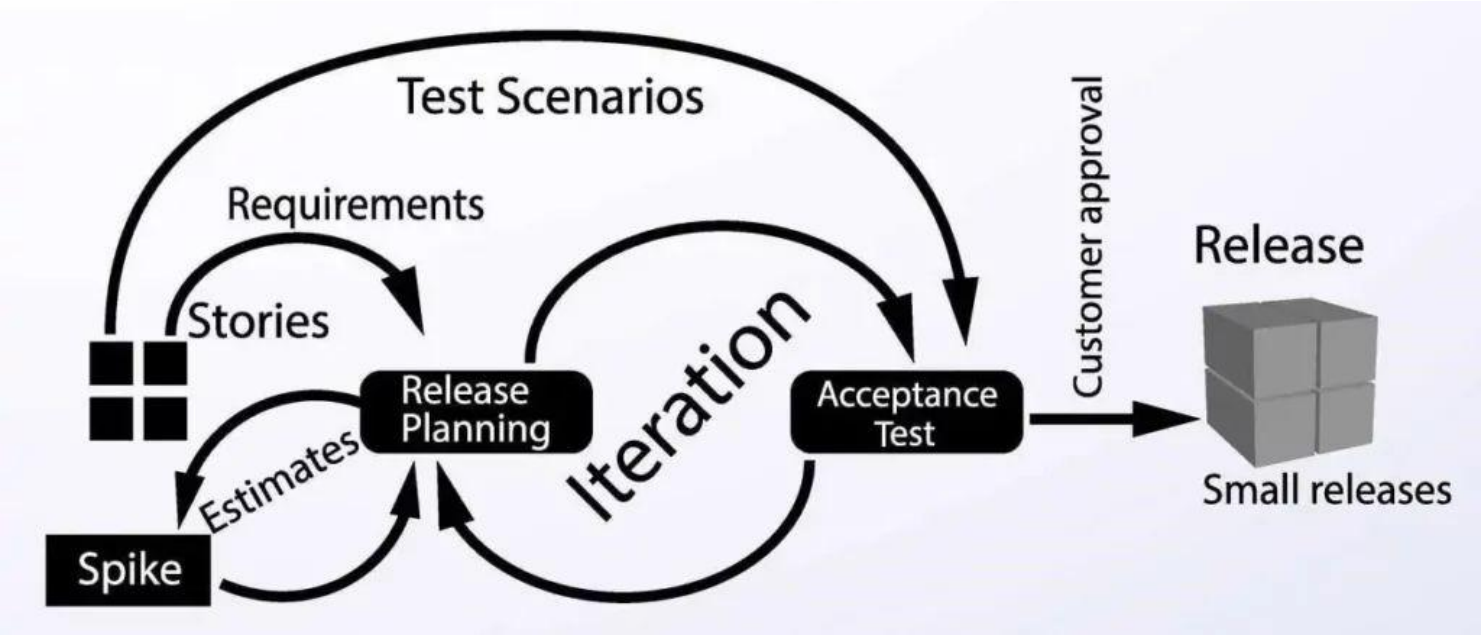
"Agile software development" is a general term for frameworks and practices outlined in the Agile Manifesto

Agile models

- Aim to deliver a high-quality product to the customer as fast as possible
- Focus on simplicity, excellence, continuous testing, integration
- Incremental and frequent delivery of working software
- Continuous customer involvement
- Expect requirements to change

http://agilemanifesto.org/principles.html

Agile SDLC: Extreme Programming (XP)



https://www.nimblework.com/agile/extreme-programming-xp/

- XP emphasizes how engineers should work – good practices taken to an extreme

- Examples:
  - Continuous testing and integration
  - 10-minute build
  - Constant discussions with customers
  - Full flexibility to change requirements anytime
  - Pair programming
  - Test-driven development

The Agile Manifesto (12 points)

Our highest priority is to **satisfy the customer** through early and continuous delivery of valuable software.

Welcome **changing requirements**, even late in development. Agile processes harness change for the customer's competitive advantage.

Deliver working software **frequently**, from a couple of weeks to a couple of months, with a preference to the shorter timescale.

Business people and developers must **work together daily** throughout the project.

Build projects around motivated individuals. Give them the environment and support they need, and trust them to get the job done.

The most efficient and effective method of conveying information to and within a development team is **face-to-face conversation**.

Working software is the primary **measure of progress**.

Agile processes promote sustainable development. The sponsors, developers, and users should be able to **maintain a constant pace indefinitely**.

Continuous attention to **technical excellence and good design** enhances agility.

Simplicity—the art of maximizing the amount of work not done**—**is essential.

The best architectures, requirements, and designs emerge from **self-organizing teams**.

At regular intervals, the team reflects on how to become more effective, then tunes and **adjusts its behavior** accordingly.

Extreme Programming (XP): 12 practices

Fine-scale feedback

- Pair programming
- Planning game
- Test-driven development
- Whole team

Continuous process

- Continuous integration
- Refactoring or design improvement
- Small releases

Shared understanding

- Coding standards
- Collective code ownership
- Simple design
- System metaphor

Programmer welfare

- Sustainable pace

XP Practice: Pair Programming

Pair programming – All production software is developed by two people sitting at the same machine.
Pairs and roles (driver/navigator) are frequently changed.

Provides for continuous code development, collaboration, and review.

Thoughts?

XP Practice: Test driven development

Start with requirements

Write tests before code

Develop code to make the tests pass

Tests run early and often

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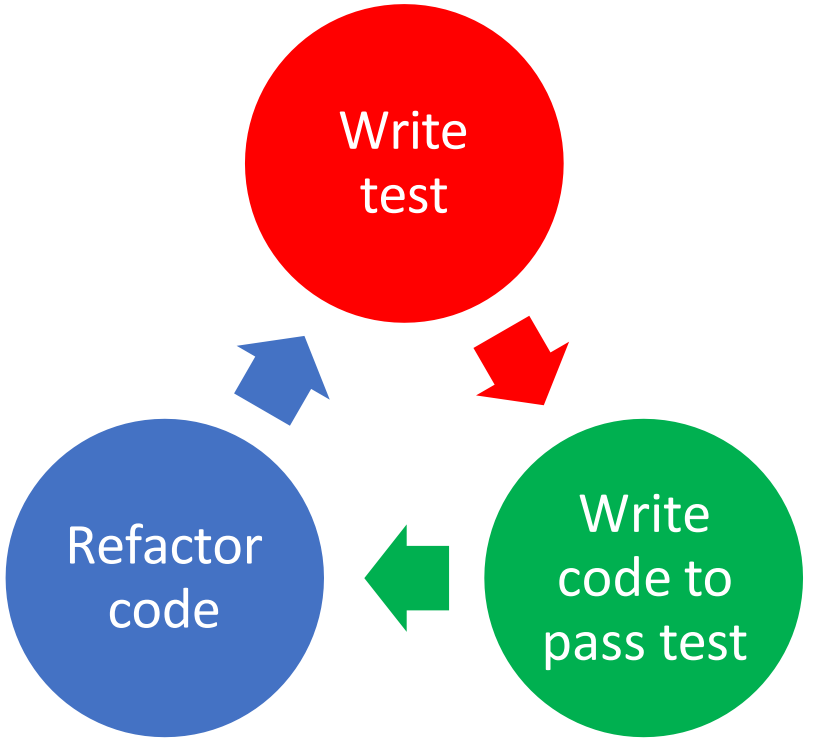
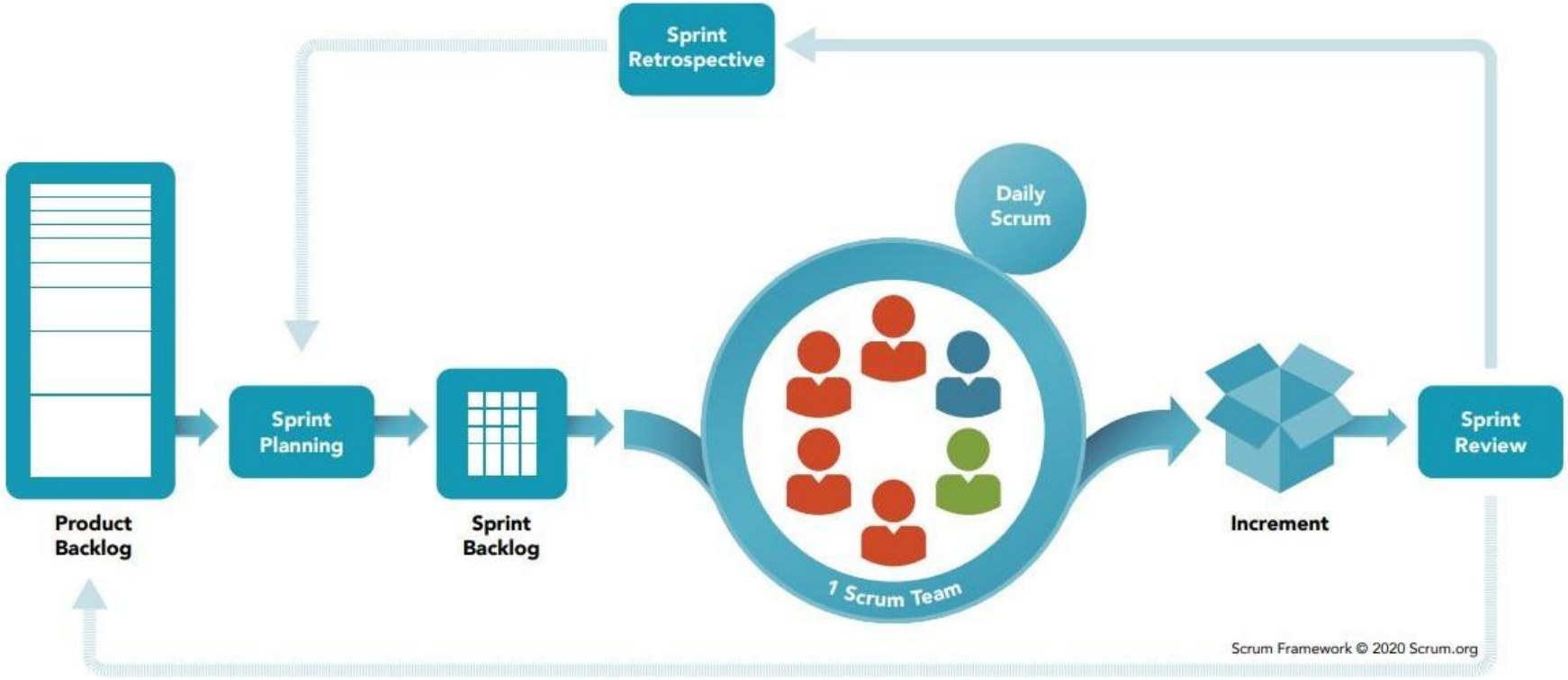
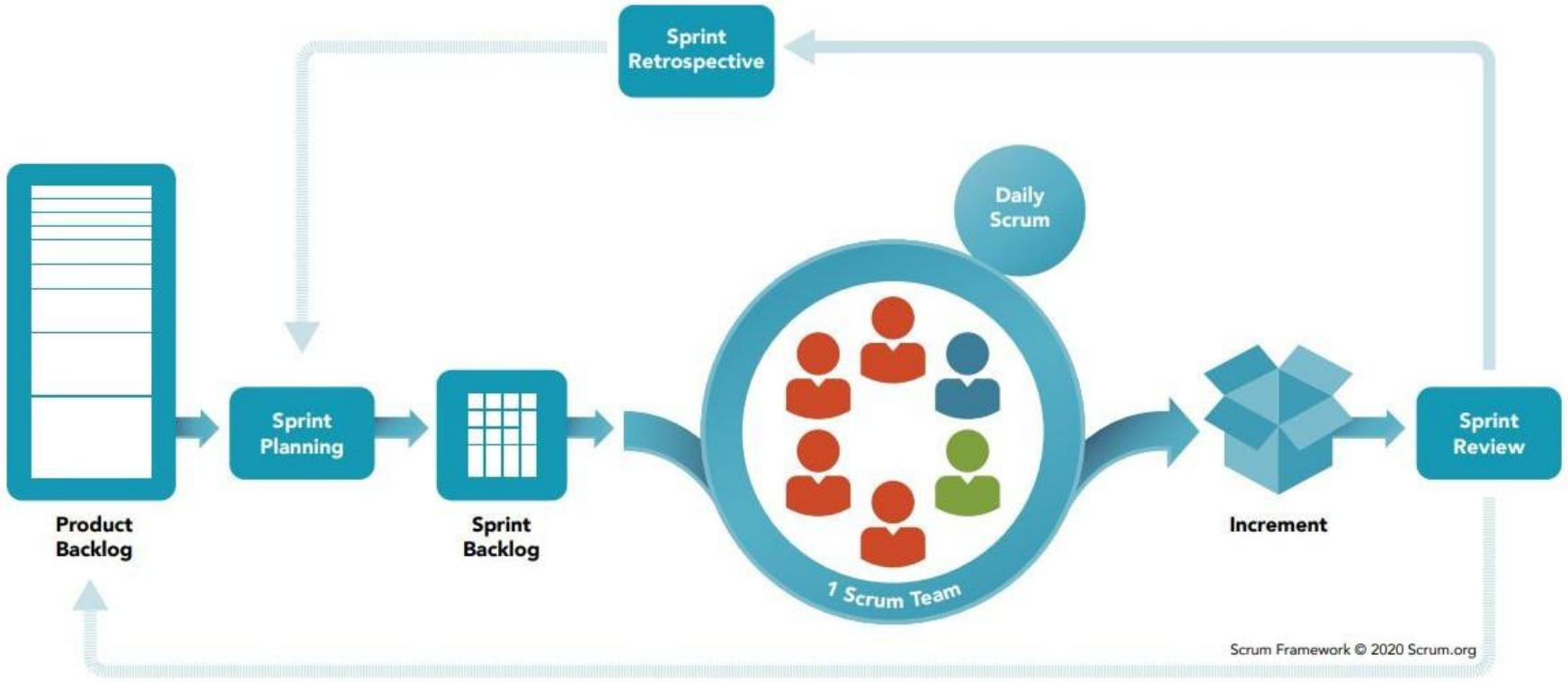


Agile SDLC: Scrum



- Many analogies with XP
- Scrum focuses on management and productivity
- XP addresses software quality and engineering techniques

Shall we try a daily standup?



Daily Standup

Answer 3 questions

1. What did I accomplish yesterday
2. What am I planning for today
3. Am I blocked on anything

Agile Summary

Pros

- Flexibility (changes are expected)
- Focus on quality (continuous testing)
- Focus on communication – with customers – with team

Cons

- Requires experienced management and skilled developers
  (e.g., responsible, proactive, communicate well)
- Prioritizing requirements can be difficult when there are multiple stakeholders
- Needs customer to be flexible in delivery (what / when)
- Works best for small teams and small to medium-sized projects

What SDLC would you pick and why?

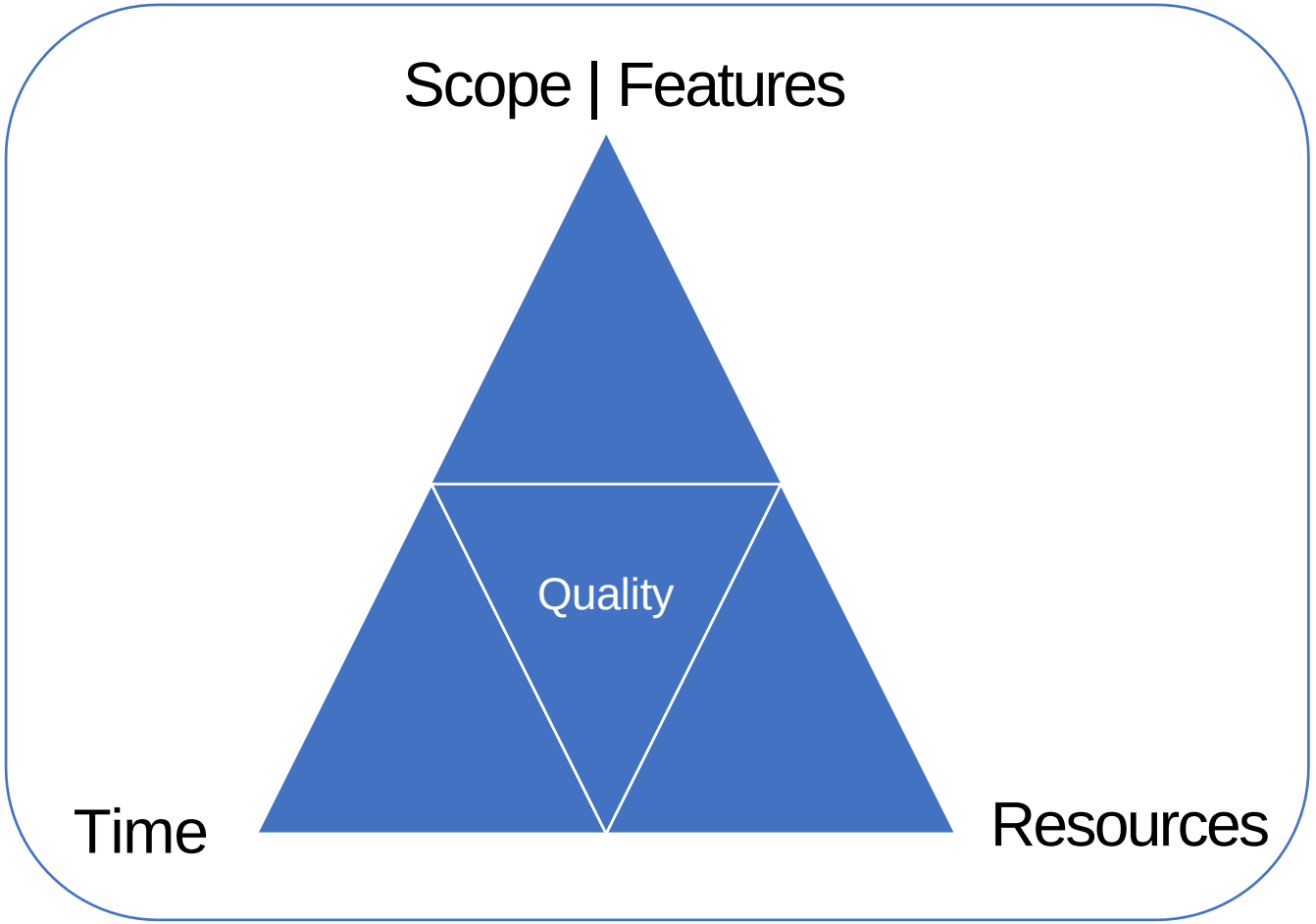
- A control system for anti-lock braking in a car
- A hospital accounting system that replaces an existing one
- An interactive system that allows airline passengers to quickly find replacement flights
- New innovative but tbd features for a social media app

Why are there so many SDLC models?!

Choices are good ☺!

- The choice depends on the project context and requirements
- All models have the same goals: manage risks and produce high quality software
- All models involve the same general activities and stages (e.g., specification, design, implementation, and testing) and can be tailored
- Recent models involve customer feedback and the ability to adapt to changing requirements

Triangle - project management tool



- Software projects must balance what's delivered, when, and with what resources
- When there are changes to one axis, at least one other has to adapt
- These are also good considerations when choosing a SDLC model or adapting to a changing environment