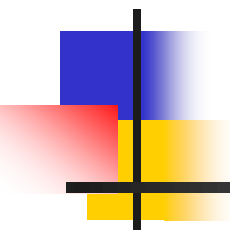


SWE 205 - Introduction to Software Engineering



Lecture 5



Lecture Objectives

- Outline process models for
 - Requirements engineering.
 - Software development.
 - Testing and evolution.
- Rational Unified Model
- Computer Aided Software Engineering (CASE)



Process Activities

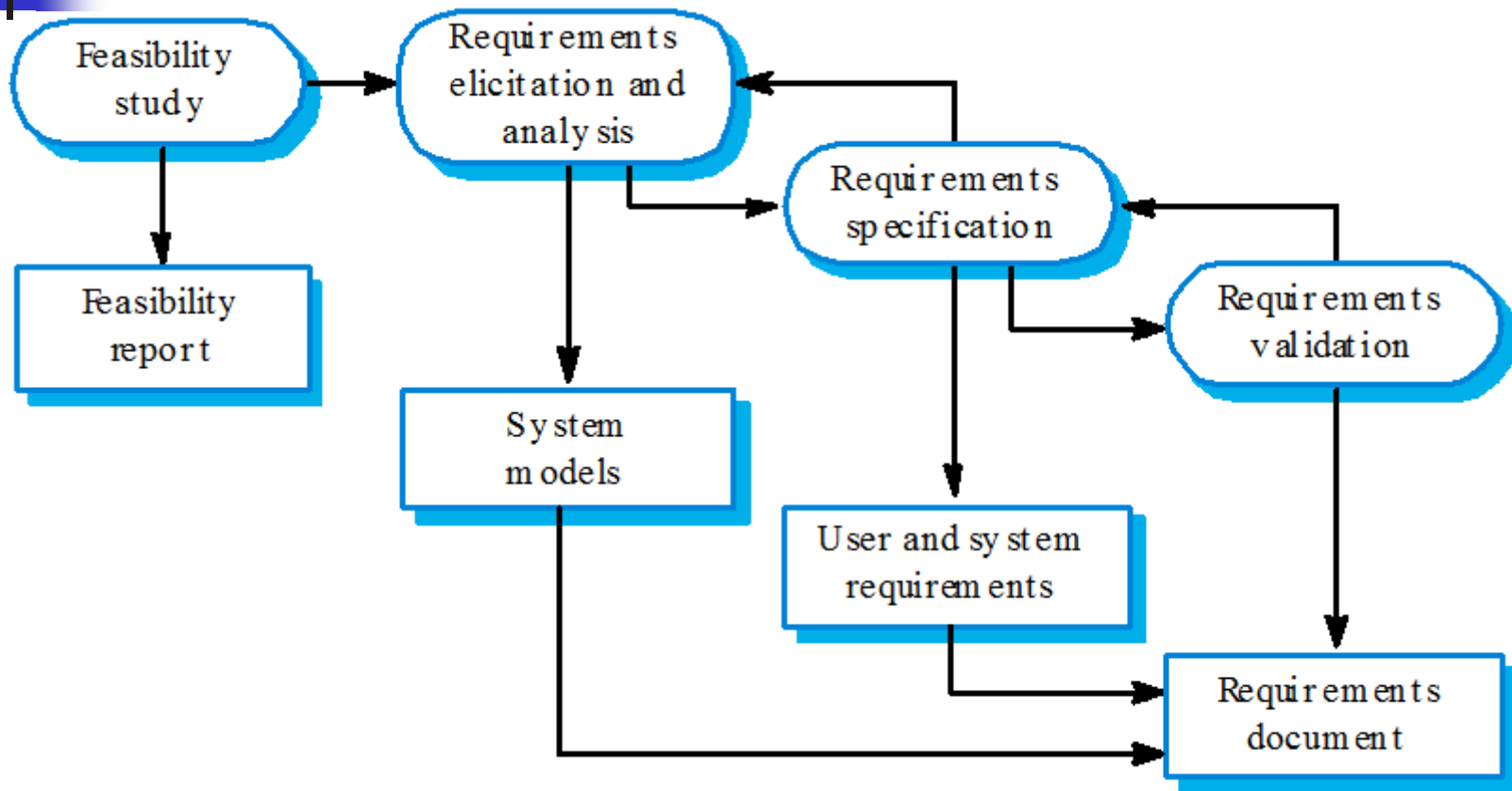
- Software specification
- Software design and implementation
- Software validation
- Software evolution



Software Specification

- The process of establishing what services are required and the constraints on the system's operation and development.
- Requirements engineering process
 - Feasibility study;
 - Requirements elicitation and analysis;
 - Requirements specification;
 - Requirements validation.

Requirements Engineering Process

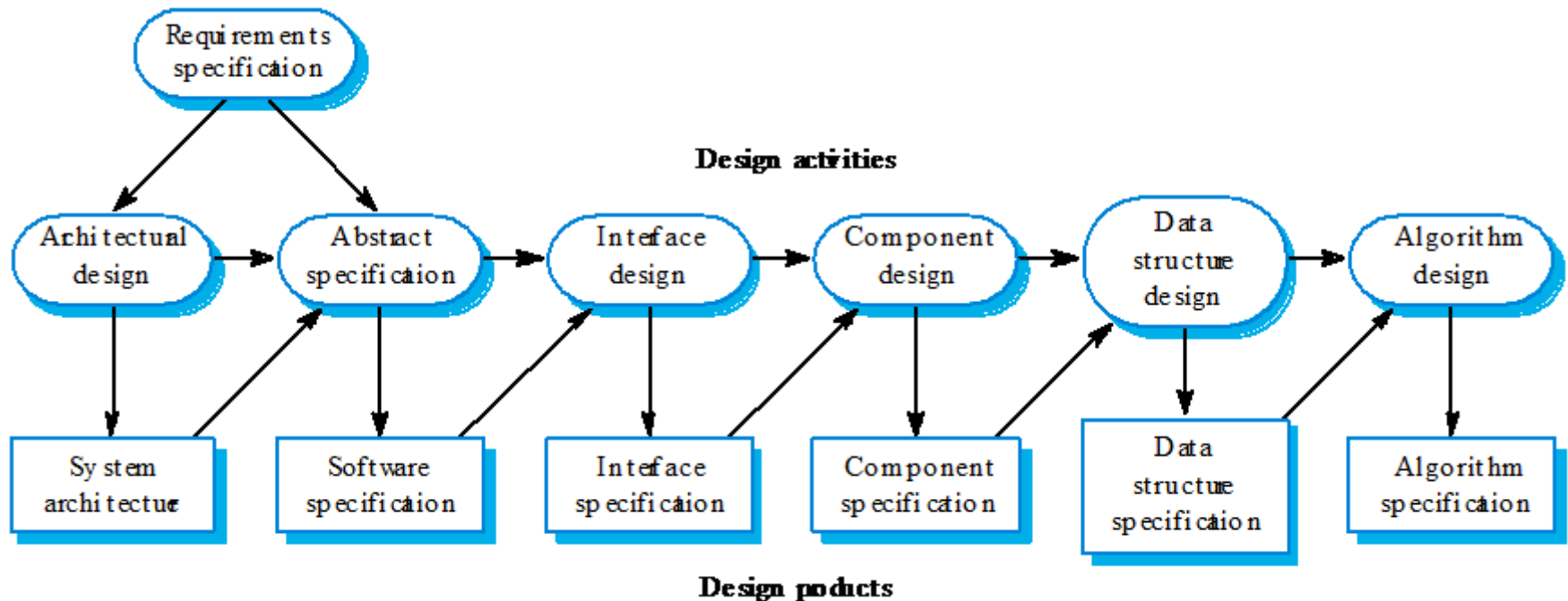




Software Design and Implementation

- The process of converting the system specification into an executable system.
- Software design
 - Design a software structure that realises the specification;
- Implementation
 - Translate this structure into an executable program;
- The activities of design and implementation are closely related and may be inter-leaved.

Software Design Process





Design Process Activities

- Architectural design
- Abstract specification
- Interface design
- Component design
- Data structure design
- Algorithm design



Structured Methods

- Systematic approaches to developing a software design. For example, UML
- The design is usually documented as a set of graphical models.
- Possible models
 - Object model;
 - Sequence model;
 - State transition model;
 - Structural model;
 - Data-flow model.



Programming & Debugging

- Translating a design into a program and removing errors from that program.
- Programming is a personal activity - there is no generic programming process.
- Programmers carry out some program testing to discover faults in the program and remove these faults in the debugging process.



Debugging Process

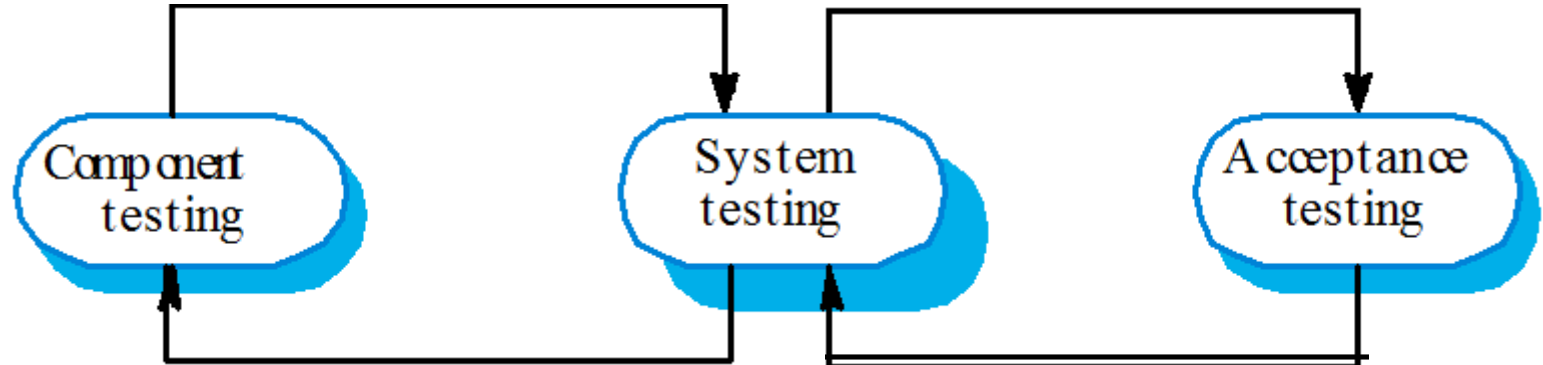




Software Validation

- Verification and validation (V & V) is intended to show that a system conforms to its specification and meets the requirements of the system customer.
- Involves checking and review processes and system testing.
- System testing involves
 - executing the system with test cases that are derived from the specification of the real data to be processed by the system.

Software Testing

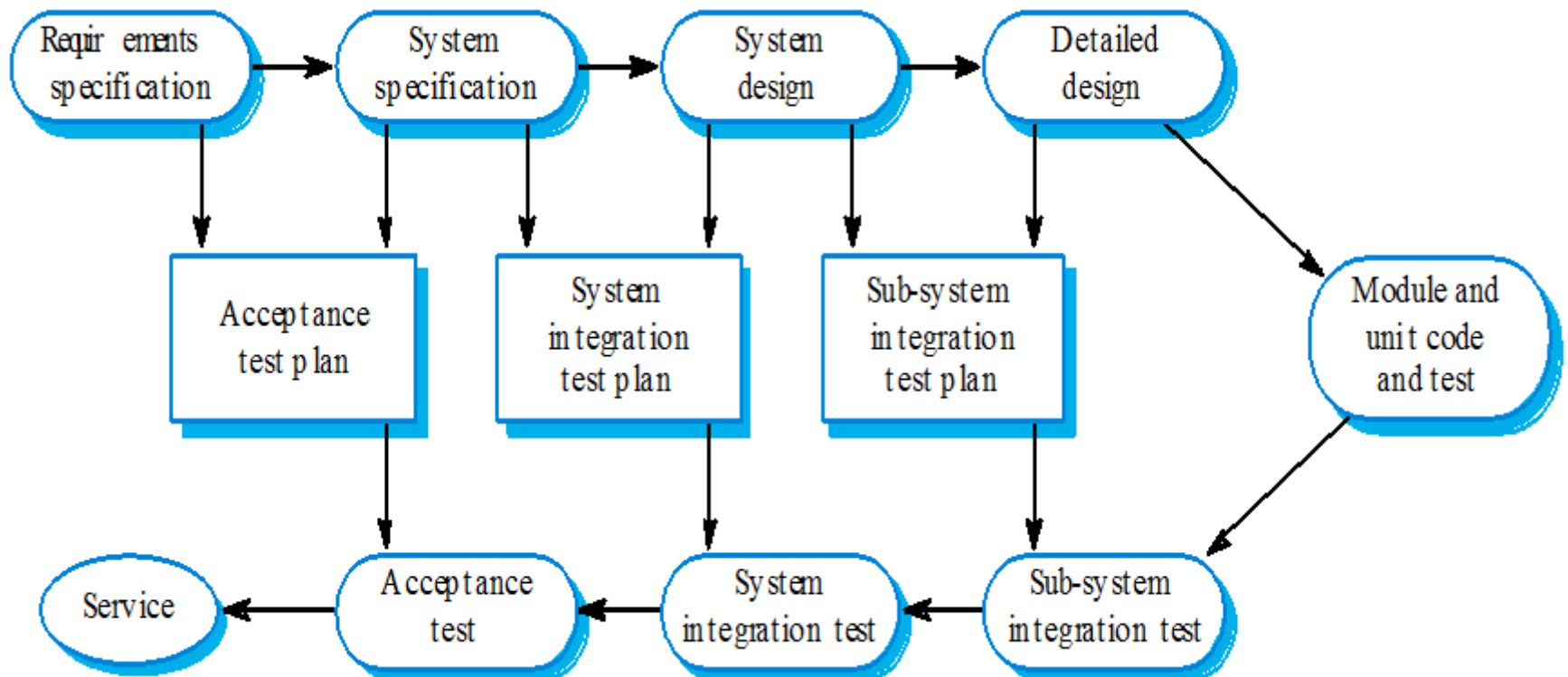




Software Testing Stages

- Component or unit testing
 - Individual components are tested independently;
 - Components may be functions or objects or coherent groupings of these entities.
- System testing
 - Testing of the system as a whole. Testing of emergent properties is particularly important.
- Acceptance testing
 - Testing with customer data to check that the system meets the customer's needs.

Testing Phases





Computer-aided Software Engineering

- Computer-aided software engineering (CASE) is software to support software development and evolution processes.
- Activity automation
 - Graphical editors for system model development;
 - Data dictionary to manage design entities;
 - Graphical UI builder for user interface construction;
 - Debuggers to support program fault finding;
 - Automated translators to generate new versions of a program.



Key Points

- Requirements engineering is the process of developing a software specification.
- Design and implementation processes transform the specification to an executable program.
- Validation involves checking that the system meets to its specification and user needs.
- Evolution is concerned with modifying the system after it is in use.
- The Rational Unified Process is a generic process model that separates activities from phases.
- CASE technology supports software process activities.