

# Software Processes

## Introduction

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# What is Software Process

A set of related activities that leads to the production of a software product

## Fundamental Activities:

- **Software specification.** The functionality of the software and constraints on its operation must be defined
- **Software design and implementation.** The software to meet the specification must be produced
- **Software validation.** The software must be validated to ensure that it does what the customer wants
- **Software evolution.** The software must evolve to meet changing customer needs

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Generally, you need to find a balance between plan-driven and agile processes.

# Software Process Models

A simplified representation of a software process.

Each process model represents a process from a particular perspective, and thus provides only partial information about that process.

- a process activity model shows the activities and their sequence but may not show the roles of the people involved in these activities.

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