350102 GENERAL INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY II (GENICT)

- SW ENGINEERING PROCESS MODELS -

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Project Sucess/Failure Rate









ICHAOS Papart Standish Cray

Top 10 Project Failure Factors: Lack of



- 2. User involvement
- 3. Experienced project manager
- 4. Clear business objectives
- 5. Minimized scope
- 6. Standard software infrastructure
- 7. Firm basic requirements
- 8. Formal methodology
- 9. Reliable estimates
- 10.Other criteria

(18%) (16%) (14%) (12%) (10%)(8%) (6%) (6%) (5%) (5%)

[CHAOS Report,

Standish Group International, Inc.]





Source: unknown

Software Project Management (PM)



- Project Management = activities to ensure that result is delivered
 - on time
 - on schedule
 - in accordance with requirements of customer and vendor (!)
- Core: planning & monitoring
- needed because software development always subject to
 - vendor budget & schedule constraints
 - changes

What Fills a PM's Day



- Proposal writing
- Customer (and sales, and marketing) communication
- Project planning and scheduling
- Project costing
- Project monitoring and reviews
- Personnel selection and evaluation
- Report writing and presentations

Probably most time-consuming activity
 Continuous, regularly revisited
 Various types of plan

The Project Plan

- Project plan sets out:
 - The resources available to the project ...who?
 - The work breakdownwhat?
 - A schedule for the work ...when?

- Project plan structure:
 - Introduction
 - Project organisation
 - Risk analysis
 - Hardware & software resource requirements
 - Work breakdown
 - Project schedule
 - Monitoring & reporting mechanisms





Types of Project Plan



Plan	Description
Quality plan	Describes the quality procedures and standards that will be used in a project. See Chapter 27.
Validation plan	Describes the approach, resources and schedule used for system validation. See Chapter 22.
Configuration management plan	Describes the configuration management procedures and structures to be used. See Chapter 29.
Maintenance plan	Predicts the maintenance requirements of the system, maintenance costs and effort required. See Chapter 21.
Staff development plan.	Describes how the skills and experience of the project team members will be developed. See Chapter 25.

cf. Sommerville Chapters!

Project Planning Process



Establish project constraints Make initial assessments of the project parameters Define project milestones and deliverables Draw up project schedule while project has not been completed or cancelled loop

> Initiate activities according to schedule Wait (for a while) Review project progress Revise estimates of project parameters Update the project schedule Re-negotiate project constraints and deliverables if (problems arise) then Initiate technical review and possible revision end if

end loop

Tabular Task Durations & Dependencies

Activity	Duration (days)	Dependencies
T 1	8	
T2	15	
T3	15	T1 (M1)
T4	10	
T5	10	T2, T4 (M2)
T6	5	T1, T2 (M3)
T7	20	T1 (M1)
T8	25	T4 (M5)
T9	15	T3, T6 (M4)
T10	15	T5, T7 (M7)
T11	7	T9 (M6)
T12	10	T11 (M8)

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Activity Network





Potential Scheduling Problems



- Estimating difficulty of problems (hence, cost
- Productivity !~ #people working on a task
- Adding people to a late project makes it later
 - communication overheads!
- The unexpected always happens!
 - Always allow contingency in planning



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...as a partial little remedy, let's seek (tool) support

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Activity Timeline (aka Gantt Chart)



4th ▲

3rd Quarter

Dec Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Ju

2nd Quarter

Wrap-Up: Project Management



- Good project management essential for project success
 - intangible nature of software causes problems for management
- Managers have diverse roles but most significant activities are planning, estimating and scheduling
 - iterative processes which continue throughout the course of a project
- Projects are broken into tasks with deliverables at predefined milestones
 - Gantt chart, PERT chart for project activities, their durations and staffing
- Risk management for
 - identifying risks which may affect the project
 - planning \rightarrow risks do not develop into major threats

Commonalities & Differences



- SW & other engineering projects share commonalities:
 - Many activities not peculiar to software management
 - many techniques of engineering PM equally applicable to sw PM
 - Technically complex engineering systems tend to suffer from same problems as software systems: collaboration; deadlines; customers;

- On the other hand, software projects are different from projects in other disciplines:
 - product is intangible
 - product is uniquely flexible
 - Software engineering not recognized as an engineering discipline with the sane status as mechanical, electrical engineering, etc.
 - software development process not standardised (well, not completely)
 - Many software projects 'one-off' projects

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Software Process Models

Sommerville, Chapters 4, 17 Pressman

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Everyone knew exactly what had to be done until someone wrote it down!

The Software Process



- Software process =
 - a structured set of activities required to develop a software system
 - Specification
 - Design
 - Validation
 - Evolution.
- software process model = abstract representation of a process
 - description of a process from some particular perspective

Software Crisis



- early days of CS: difficulty of writing useful & efficient computer programs in the required time
- Reason: rapid increases in computer power, complexity of problems that could be tackled
 - existing methods neither sufficient nor up to the mark
- Issues:
 - Projects running over-budget, over-time
 - Software inefficient, of low quality, not meeting requirements
 - Projects unmanageable, code difficult to maintain
 - Software was never delivered





So What Can Go Wrong?



- Viking Venus spacecraft: tiny bug in FORTRAN code
 - Correct: DO 20 I = 1,100
 - program code: DO 20 I = 1.100



```
for ( count = 0, *templateList = myClass_New ( templateCount, char *);
    *templateList
    && count < templateCount
    && ( ( *templateList)[count] = aux_Duplicate (templates[count] ) );
    count++ );</pre>
```

- documenting this takes longer than writing a clear version of the code.
- no error handling at all!
- How to do better?

Software Crisis: Response



- Structured programming
 - Functions, blocks...all is better than goto!
 - Avoid spaghetti code
 - Later: object-oriented programming
- Defensive programming
 - Better check twice
 in particular across interfaces!
 - Runtime checks, safer PLs
- Academia: correctness proofs
- Systematic testing



Image: Wikipedia – check it out!

Classical Software Process Models



- Waterfall model
 - Separate and distinct phases of specification & development
- Evolutionary development
 - Specification, development and validation are interleaved
- Component-based software engineering
 - The system is assembled from existing components
- ...plus many variants
 - e.g. formal development: waterfall-like process, but using formal specification refined through several stages to an implementable design

Roadmap

- SE process management
 - Waterfall model
 - Incremental methods
 - Agile/XP methods
 - Iterative / spiral methods (eg, RUP)
 - Evolutionary methods
 - V-Model
- CMMI

Note:

deviates somewhat from Sommerville's classification, relies on Kal Toth (see later)



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Waterfall Model





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Waterfall Model: Appraisal

- Partitioning into distinct stages
 - → difficult to accommodate change after process is underway
 - \rightarrow Inflexible
 - One phase has to be complete before moving onto next phase
- Few business systems have stable requirements
 - changing customer requirements
 - Increased domain understanding
 - Unforeseen technical difficulties
- only appropriate when requirements well-understood and fairly stable
- mostly used for large systems engineering projects (?) where system is developed at several sites





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The Incremental Model





Incremental Delivery



- development & delivery broken down into increments
 - each increment delivering part of the required functionality
- User requirements are prioritised
 - highest priority requirements included in early increments
- Once development of increment is started, requirements are frozen
 - requirements for later increments can continue to evolve

Variant: The RAD Model





Incremental Development: Appraisal



- Customer value delivered with each increment
 - system functionality is available earlier
- Early increments act as a prototype
 - help elicit requirements for later increments
- Lower risk of overall project failure
- Highest priority system services tend to receive most testing



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The Manifesto for Agile Software Development



- "We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it. Through this work we have come to value:
 - Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
 - Working software over comprehensive documentation
 - Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
 - Responding to change over following a plan
- That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more."

-- Kent Beck

et al

What is "Agility"? Loosely Speaking...



- Effective communication among all stakeholders
- Drawing the customer onto the team
- Organizing a team so that it is in control of the work performed
- Yielding ...
- Rapid, incremental delivery of software

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Principles of Agile Methods: CIPCS



- Customer involvement
 - customer closely involved
 - ...to provide & prioritise new system requirements + to evaluate iterations
- Incremental delivery
 - software developed in increments
 - customer specifying requirements to be included per increment
- People, not process
 - Recognize + exploit team skills
 - Leave team to develop own ways of working

- Embrace change
 - Expect system requirements to change
 - design system to accommodate these changes
- Maintain simplicity
 - Focus on simplicity in both software and development process
 - Wherever possible, actively work to eliminate complexity

Extreme Programming



- An 'extreme' variation of iterative development based on very small increments
 - New versions may be built several times per day;
 - Increments are delivered to customers ~every 2 weeks;
 - All tests must be run for every build; build only accepted if all tests run successfully
- Relies on
 - constant code improvement
 - user involvement in the development team
 - pairwise programming
- Perhaps best-known & most widely used agile method
 - originally proposed by Kent Beck

Pair Programming



- programmers work in pairs, sitting together to develop code
 - helps develop common ownership of code
 - spreads knowledge across the team
 - Cross checking of all code
- informal review process
 - each line of code looked at by more than 1 person
- encourages refactoring
 - whole team can benefit
- Measurements suggest that development productivity with pair programming is similar to that of two people working independently.

XP and Change



- Conventional wisdom: design for change
 - worth spending time & effort anticipating changes
 - reduces costs later in the life cycle
- XP, however, maintains that this is not worthwhile
 - cannot be reliably anticipated
- Rather, it proposes constant code improvement (refactoring)
 - make changes easier when they have to be implemented

The XP Release Cycle





Extreme Programming Phases: Planning



- Requirements recorded on Story Cards
- Developers (!) break stories into 'Tasks'
- Stories grouped for a deliverable increment determined by time available + relative priority
- Agile team assesses each story and assigns a cost
- Commitment on delivery date
- Incremental planning
 - After first increment, "project velocity" helps to define subsequent delivery dates for other increments

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Sample Story Card: Document Downloading



- Downloading and printing an article
 - First, you select the article that you want from a displayed list. You then have to tell the system how you will pay for it - this can either be through a subscription, through a company account or by credit card.
 - After this, you get a copyright form from the system to fill in and, when you have submitted this, the article you want is downloaded onto your computer.
 - You then choose a printer and a copy of the article is printed. You tell the system if printing has been successful.
 - If the article is a print-only article, you can't keep the PDF version so it is automatically deleted from your computer



- KIS(S) principle
- For difficult design problems: suggests "spike solutions" = design prototype
- Encourages "refactoring" to achieve iterative refinement of internal program design

Extreme Programming Phases: Coding

- unit tests before coding commences
- Encourages "pair programming"
- All developers expected to refactor code continuously + immediately
 - keeps code simple & maintainable



- Test-first development
- Automated test harnesses
 - run all unit tests each time new release is built
 - Incremental test development from scenarios
- User involvement in test development and validation
 - "Acceptance tests" defined by customer
 - executed to assess customer visible functionality

Sample Test



- Test 4: Test credit card validity
- Input:
 - string representing credit card number
 - two integers representing month and year when card expires
- Tests:
 - all bytes in string are digits
 - month between 1 .. 12, year \geq current year
 - Using first 4 digits of credit card number: check that card issuer is valid by looking up card issuer table.
 - Check credit card validity by submitting card number & expiry date information to card issuer
- Output:
 - OK or error message indicating that the card is invalid

Extreme Programming Phases: *Integration*



- After each task: integration of result into whole system
- Check-in accepted only if *all* unit tests pass

Consequences of Extreme Programming



- Incremental planning
 - Stories determined by time available + relative priority
- Small Releases
 - minimal useful set of functionality that provides business value is developed first
- Collective Ownership
 - pairs of developers work on all areas of system
 - no islands of expertise, all developers own all code
- Anyone can change anything 350102 General ICT 2 (P. Baumann)

- Simple Design: Enough design to meet current requirements and no more
- Simple code: Refactoring
- Sustainable pace
 - No large amounts of over-time net effect often reduced code quality, medium term productivity
- On-site Customer
 - End-user representative available full time
 - Customer member of development team, responsible for bringing system

Agile methods: Appraisal



- Team members may be unsuited to the intense involvement of agile methods
- Developers need to be experienced, not too different in expertise
- can be difficult to keep interact of customers involved in process EXTREME PROGRAMMING OKAY, HERE'S A AND EACH FEATURE STORY: YOU GIVE I CAN'T GIVE YOU NEEDS TO HAVE ME ALL OF MY ALL OF THESE WHAT WE CALL A FEATURES OR I'LL "USER STORY." FEATURES IN THE RUIN YOUR LIFE. FIRST VERSION. c c C

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Agile methods: Appraisal



- Maintaining simplicity requires extra work
- Contracts may be a problem
 - **Prioritising** changes can be difficult when there are multiple stakeholders
 - ...as with other approaches to iterative development
- Agile methods probably best suited to small/medium-sized business systems or PC products = short-term, highly flexible projects

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Evolutionary Development



- Exploratory development
 - work with customers
 - evolve final system from initial outline specification
 - start with well-understood requirements, add new features as proposed by customer
 → similar to incremental / iterative approach
- Throw-away prototyping
 - Goal: understand system requirements, not to build a deliverable
 - start with poorly understood requirements to clarify what is really needed

Prototyping



- For some large systems, incremental development & delivery may be impractical
 - especially true when multiple teams working on different sites
- Alternative: Prototyping
 - experimental system developed as basis for formulating requirements
 - thrown away when system specification agreed
- prototype = initial version of a system used to
 - demonstrate concepts
 - try out design options
- prototype can be used in:
 - requirements engineering process \rightarrow help with requirements elicitation & validation
 - design processes

 \rightarrow explore options, develop UI design

back-to-back tests

Throw-Away Prototypes



- Prototypes should be discarded after development as they are not a good basis for a production system:
 - may be impossible to tune the system to meet non-functional requirements
 - Prototypes normally undocumented
 - prototype structure usually degraded through rapid change
 - prototype probably will not meet normal organisational quality standards

When Incremental Dev, When Prototype?



- incremental development: deliver working system to end-users
 - development starts with requirements best understood
- throw-away prototyping: validate or derive system requirements
 - prototyping process starts with requirements poorly understood



Problems

- Lack of process visibility
- Systems are often poorly structured
- Special skills (e.g. in languages for rapid prototyping) may be required
- Applicability
 - For small or medium-size interactive systems
 - For well isolated parts of large systems (e.g. the user interface)
 - For short-lifetime systems

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Capability Maturity Model Integration

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"In theory, there is no difference between theory and practice. In practice, there is." -- Yogi Berra (?)

Process Capability Assessment



- To what extent do an organisation's processes follow best practice?
 - identify areas of weakness for process improvement
- various models; SEI most influential
 - Software Engineering Institute (SEI), www.sei.cmu.edu
 - SEI's mission: promote software technology transfer, particularly to US defence contractors
- CMM(I) framework measures process maturity, thereby helps with improvement
 - Capability Maturity Model (CMM) introduced in the early 1990s
 - Revised: Capability Maturity Model Integration (CMMI) introduced in 2001
 - See also: ISO/IEC 15504 (SPICE)

CMM Organisational Maturity Levels





Problems with the CMM



- Model levels
 - Companies could be using practices from different levels at the same time but if all practices from a lower level were not used, it was not possible to move beyond that level
- Discrete rather than continuous
 - Did not recognise distinctions between the top and the bottom of levels
- Practices oriented
 - Concerned with how things were done (the practices) rather than the goals to be achieved

CMMI



- CMMI = Capability Maturity Model Integration
 - integrated capability model that includes software and systems engineering capability assessment
- Components:
 - Process areas 24 process areas that are relevant to process capability and improvement are identified. These are organised into 4 groups.
 - Goals Goals are descriptions of desirable organisational states. Each process area has associated goals.
 - Practices Practices are ways of achieving a goal; however, they are advisory and other approaches to achieve the goal may be used.

CMMI Process Areas

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Process areas – Goals – Practices

Process management	Organisational process definition; Organisational process focus; Organisational training; Organisational process performance; Organisational innovation and deployment
Project management	Project planning; Project monitoring and control; Supplier agreement management; Integrated project management; Risk management; Integrated teaming; Quantitative project management
Engineering	Requirements management; Requirements development; Technical solution; Product integration; Verification; Validation
Support	Configuration management; Process and product quality management; Measurement and analysis; Decision analysis and resolution; Organisational environment for integration; Causal analysis and resolution

CMMI Goals

Goal:

- Corrective actions are managed to closure when the project's performance or results deviate significantly from the plan.
- Actual performance and progress of the project is monitored against the project plan.
- The requirements are analysed and validated and a definition of the required functionality is developed.
- Root causes of defects and other problems are systematically determined.
- The process is institutionalised as a

Process areas – Goals – Practices

- Process area:
 - Specific goal in Project Monitoring and Control

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- Specific goal in project monitoring and control
- Specific goal in requirements development
- Specific goal in causal analysis and resolution

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CMMI Practices

Practice

- Analyse derived requirements to ensure that they are necessary and sufficient
- Validate requirements to ensure that the resulting product will perform as intended in the user's environment using multiple techniques as appropriate.
- Select the defects and other problems for analysis.
- Perform causal analysis of selected defects and other problems and propose actions to address them.
- Establish and maintain an organisational policy for planning and performing the requirements development process.
- Assign responsibility and authority for performing.

Process areas – Goals – Practices

- Associated goal
 - The requirements are analysed and validated and a definition of the required functionality is developed.
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 - The process is institutionalised as a defined process.
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CMMI Assessment



- Examines processes used in an organisation and assesses maturity in each process area
- Merged into one final "grade" using a 6-point scale:
 - Not performed;
 - Performed;
 - Managed;
 - Defined;
 - Quantitatively managed;
 - Optimizing.

The Continuous CMMI Model



- First extension: staged CMMI model
 - Each maturity level has process areas and goals.
 - Eg, process area associated with "managed level" includes: Requirements management; Project planning; Project monitoring and control; Supplier agreement management; Measurement and analysis; Process and product quality assurance.
- Next extension: continuous CMMI model
 - finer-grain: considers individual or groups of practices, assesses their use
 - maturity assessment not a single value, but one maturity value per area
 - each process area: levels 1...5
 - Advantage:

organisations can pick and choose process areas to improve according to their local needs

Sample Process Capability Profile





Open Source Maturity Model



- QualiPSo OpenSource Maturity Model (OMM)
 - Methodology for assessing the Free/Libre Open Source Software (FLOSS) development process
 - See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/OpenSource_Maturity_Model
- helps in building trust in the development process of companies using or producing FLOSS
 - To enable use of FLOSS software in production, not only in prototypes



QualiPSo Maturity Levels



- Basic (few necessary practices)
- Intermediate
- Advanced
 - PI Product Integration
 - RSKM Risk Management
 - TST2 Test Part 2
 - DSN2 Design 2
 - RASM Results of third party assessment
 - REP Reputation
 - CONT Contribution to FLOSS Product from SW Companies



[QualiPSo



- CMM(I): assess IT company on its maturity wrt. managing its own processes
- Process improvement in CMM(I) based on reaching a set of goals related to good software engineering practice
- CMMI: summary value → detailed assessment on several parameters Real World Benefits: Lockheed Martin M&DS

SW CMM ML2 (1993) to ML 3 (1996) to CMMI ML5 (2002)

1996 - 2002

- increased software productivity by 30%
- decreased unit software cost by 20%
- decreased defect find and fix costs by 15%