

## Scrum (Agile)

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- -Development work is partitioned into "packets"
- -Testing and documentation are on-going as the product is constructed
- -Increments are made into "**sprints**" and is derived from a "**backlog**" of prioritised requirements
- -(daily 15-min) meetings, often casual- may get conducted without chairs
- -"Demos" are delivered to the customer within the allocated time-frame

#### Scrum Framework



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#### **Scrum Process Flow**



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#### **Spiral development**

Process is represented as a spiral rather than as a sequence of activities with backtracking

# Each loop in the spiral represents a phase in the process.

- No fixed phases such as specification or design - loops in the spiral are chosen depending on what is required
- Risks are explicitly assessed and resolved throughout the process



## Spiral model of the software process



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## **Spiral model sectors**

#### **Objective setting**

Specific objectives for the phase are identified

## Risk assessment and reduction

Risks are assessed and activities put in place to reduce the key risks

#### **Development and validation**

A development model for the system is chosen, which can be any of the generic models

#### **Planning**

The project is reviewed and the nex. phase of the spiral is planned



#### **Software Process**

## Fundamental/Core Activities

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### I. Software specification

The process of establishing what functions 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

#### The requirements engineering process



#### **II. 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

### **Design process activities**

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

#### **Design Process**



## **Design methods**

#### **Design methods** are systematic approaches to developing a software design

## The design is usually represented as a set of graphical models

#### **Possible models**

Data-flow model Entity-relation-attribute model Structural model Object models Translating a design into an executable program and removing errors from that program

Programming is a personal skill-based 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

## The debugging process



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## **III Software validation**

- Validation, includes verification and evaluation, is intended to show that a system conforms to its specifications and meets the requirements of the system's 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

## **Testing stages**

#### • Unit testing

Individual components are tested

#### Module testing

Related collections of dependent components are tested

#### Sub-system testing

 Modules/components are integrated into subsystems and tested. The focus here would be on interface testing

#### System testing

- Testing of the system as a whole. Testing of emergent properties
- Acceptance testing
  - Testing with customer data to check that it is acceptable

#### The testing process



### **Testing phases**



## **IV Software evolution**

#### Software is inherently flexible and can change.

- As requirements change through changing business circumstances, the software that supports the business must also evolve and change
- Although there has been a demarcation between development and evolution (maintenance), this is increasingly irrelevant as fewer and fewer systems are completely new

#### **System evolution**



## Summary: Key points

Software processes are the activities involved in producing and evolving a software system. They are represented in a software process model

General activities are specification, development (design and implementation), validation and evolution

Generic process models describe the organisation of software processes Iterative process models describe the software process as a cycle of activities

## **Summary: 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