

CSE 403, Software Engineering Lecture 2

Software Life Cycle



Announcements

• Quiz section will be held in CSE 305



Project Schedule

- Preliminary Design, April 15
- Preliminary Release, May 6
- Test Plan, May 20
- Design Critique, June 1
- Final Release, June 1



Writing assignment

- Due Monday, 1:30 pm, April 4
- Individual Assignment
- Target length: two pages

Critique the Surgical Team model proposed by Brook's as an organization for your GizmoBall project. You should first describe how you would adapt the model to a 6 or 7 person team, and then evaluate how appropriate it would be as a team organization.



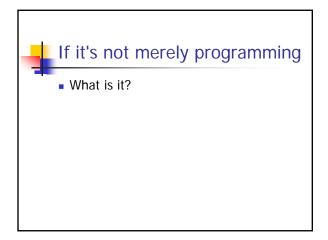
Lecture schedule

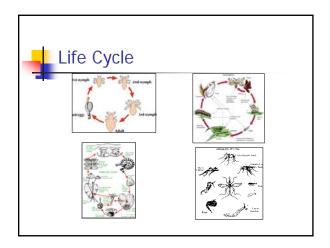
- 1. Introduction
- 2. Life Cycle
- 3. Teams
- 4. Risk analysis
- 5. Requirements and Design
- 6. Development and Deployment

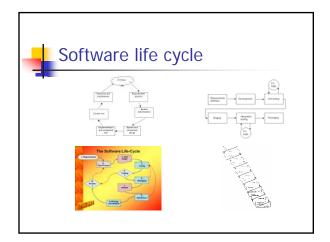


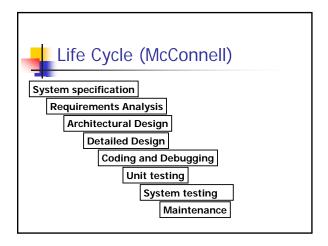
Course goal

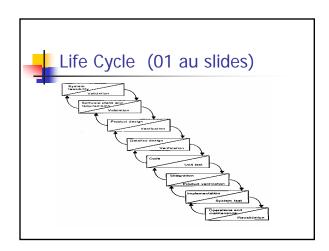
 To gain an understanding that developing a software product is not merely a matter of programming

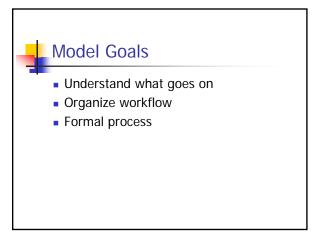














Waterfall Model

- Strong directionality in stages
- Limited up stream interaction
- Very large costs in fixing errors arising from early stages







Spiral model



What is the value of a model

- Understand process
- Defining procedures
- Decomposing workflow
- Track, clarify, modify requirements through life cycle
- Management tool



Limitation of models

- A model is just a model
- Artificial constraints
- Compromises with model necessary
 - (as with almost everything else in SE)
- Risk of overemphasizing process
 - The process is not the end in itself
 - Product delivery is



Requirements on requirements

- Who are they for?
- What are they for?
 - Pitch to management
 - Fodder for market study
 - Basis for legal contract
- Easy to understand, concise, complete, unambiguous, . . .



Requirements

- "Gather and document the functions that the application should perform for the users in the users' language and from the users' perspective"
- Requirements should neither constrain nor define methods of implementation



Customers

- (Almost) every large software project has a customer who is paying the bills
- Project requirements driven by this customer