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Advanced Software Engineering

Unified Process

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Unified Process

- Unified Software Development Process (USDP), usually named Unified Process (UP) is a method of managing object-oriented software development
- UP is become the industrial standard for software development
- UP defines a very general development process that can be extended and modified
 - Rational Unified Process (RUP)
 - Open Unified Process (Open-UP)

UP Origins

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1967 Ericsson builds the foundations of Component-Based Development

A complex system is represented by a set of interconnected blocks

1976 CCITT released the Specification and Description Language

 Telecommunication system language where systems are modeled as a set of components exchanging signals

1987 Jacobson founded Objectory AB that put on the market a software engineering process: Objectory (Object Factory)

 Development process is based on a set of standard documents and a CASE tool

1995 Rational Rose bought Objectory AB

1997 UML becomes an OMG standard

1999 born UP

2003 IBM bought Rational

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UP Good Practices

- Develop software iteratively
- Manage requirements
- Use component-based architectures
- Visually model software
- Verify software quality
- Control changes to software

UP and UML



- UML should provide both a visual language and a software development process, but nowadays it only provides the visual language
- UP provides the software development process and uses UML as visual language
- Unified Process is a modeling technique where each model is a set of UML diagrams that represent various aspects of the software product we want to develop



UP as Generic Process

- UP is a generic process that must be instantiated for each organization and project
- Instantiation process should define and integrate:
 - Working team
 - Document models
 - Development tools (compilers, configuration managers, etc.)
 - Backup and storing (bug management, project management, etc.)
 - Development life-cycle

UP Axioms

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- Use-case driven
 - Design and implementation realize the use cases
 - Testing is based on use cases
 - User documentation can be based on use cases
- Early risk identification and management
 - Early testing and deployment as opposed to late testing in traditional methods

UP Axioms

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Iterative and incremental

- Projects are decomposed in sub-projects (iterations)
- Each iteration releases some new functionalities

Architecture-centric

- An architecture is a view of the whole design, with emphasis on important characteristics (system components, components interactions, etc.)
- Each iteration is based on the refinement of an executable architecture

The Four 'P's

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People

- Differing skills, experience must make the project happen
- Perform different roles during project's lifetime

Project

- A project is the collection of activities which finally result in a product
- A project is an "instance" of a process

Product

Complete system, including software binaries and all other collateral

Process

 A process is a description of how to conduct activities to create products



- Iterations are sequences of activities with an established plan and evaluation criteria whose goals:
 - Refinement of an executable architecture
 - Definition of the related documentation
- Each iteration is based on the execution of five main software engineering activities (workflows):
 - Requirements
 - Analysis
 - Design
 - Implementation
 - Test

Workers

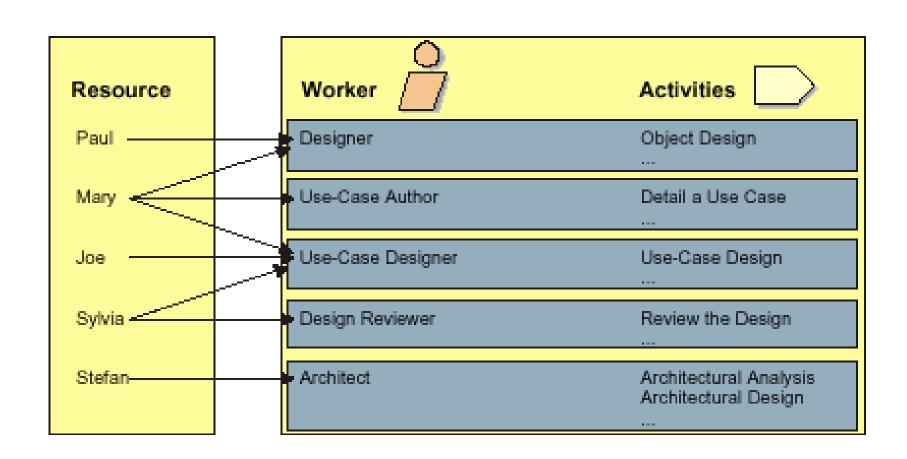
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- Process Engineer
- System Analyst
- Use Case Specifier
- Use Case Engineer
- User Interface Designer
- Architect

- Component Engineer
- Test Engineer
- System Integrator
- Integration Tester
- System Tester



Workers



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Workflows

Requirements

 Describes what the system is to do and allow developers and customers to agree on that description

Analysis

 Analyzes and refine requirements and defines a system model centered on system functionalities (analysis model)

Design

- Refines the analysis model until obtaining a model that can be implemented by programmers
- It corresponds to the design of the system architecture and to the design of the components realizing the different system functionalities

Implementation

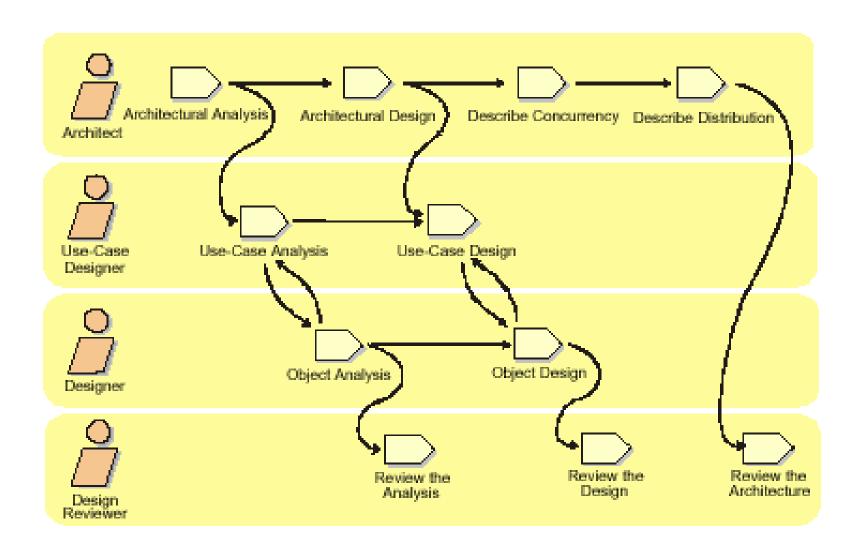
 Realizes the software units defining the different system components and integrates them

Test

Verifies the correct behavior of the system

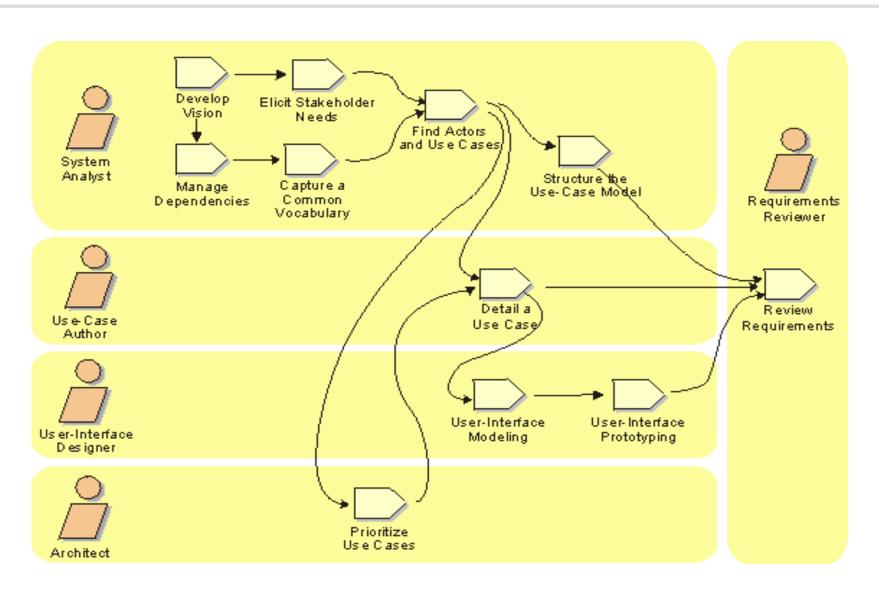


Workflows





Workflows





Workflows, Models and UML

- Requirements
 - Use Case Model (Use Case, Sequence, State, Activity)
- Analysis
 - Analysis Model (Class, Sequence, Communication, State, Activity)
- Design
 - Design Model (Class, Sequence, Communication, State, Activity)
 - Deployment Model (Deployment, Sequence, Communication)
- Implementation
 - Implementation Model (Component, Sequence, Communication)
- Test
 - Test Model



Requirements Set

 Use case models, UI prototypes, requirements, description of business issues and context of system

Design Set

 Description of how the system will be constructed - static and dynamic design models

Implementation Set

Source code, data files, database schema

Deployment Set

 How software is put on customer's machine (installation and configuration management)



- Milestones as synchronization points between development team, project manager and customers
- Milestones are decision points:
 - Continuation or stopping of the project
 - Re-working of the last iteration if problems have been discovered
 - Schedule updating
 - Decide has the expected work items really been completed
- Milestones usually correspond to the delivery of some project artifacts

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Development Phases

- System development process is divide in four phases:
 - Inception: establishes the business case for the system
 - Elaboration: develops an understanding of the problem domain and the system architecture
 - Construction
 - Completes system design
 - Performs programming and testing
 - Transition: deploys the system in its operating environment
- Some processes add two additional phases:
 - Production: provides assistance to the user and upgrades the system
 - Retirement: guides the phase out of the system

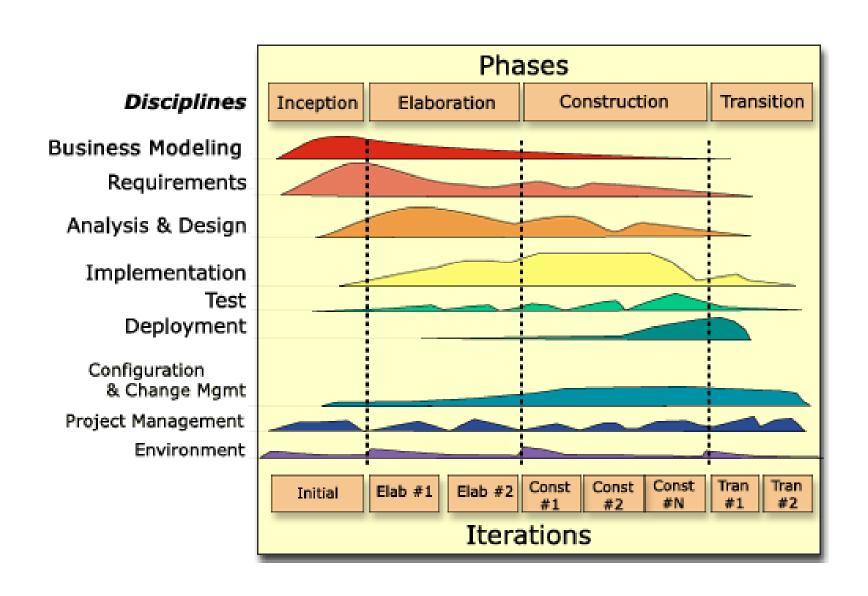


Development Phases

- Development phases results are important milestone:
 - Vision (goals)
 - Baseline architecture
 - Initial capability
 - Product release

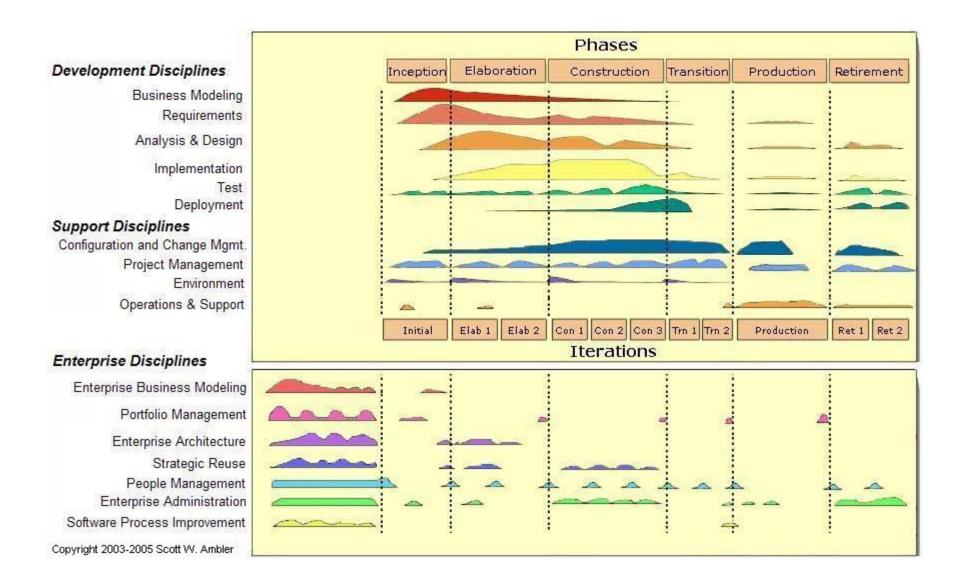


Development Phases and Workflows





Development Phases and Workflows







 Determine whether the proposed software product is economically viable

Other goals

- Gain an understanding of the domain
- Build the business model
- Delimit the scope of the proposed project
- Begin to make the initial business case

Milestone

Vision (project goals)





- Work is mainly done in the requirements workflow and then in the test workflow. At the end of the phase, work starts in the analysis and design workflows and if necessary in the implementation workflow
- Requirements
 - An initial set of requirements is defined
- Analysis
 - Information for the design of the system architecture may be extracted
- Design and Implementation
 - Some design about the system architecture can be done
 - A proof-of-concept prototype is sometimes build to test the feasibility of constructing part of the software product
- Test
 - Tests can be defined to check requirements satisfiability



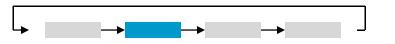


- A vision document illustrating the core project's requirements, key features, and main constraints
- An initial use-case model (10%-20% complete)
- An initial project glossary (may optionally be partially expressed as a domain model)
- An initial business case, which includes business context, success criteria (revenue projection, market recognition, and so on), and financial forecast
- An initial risk assessment
- A project plan, showing phases and iterations
- A business model, if necessary



- Stakeholder concurrence on scope definition and cost/schedule estimates
- Requirements understanding as evidenced by the fidelity of the primary use cases
- Credibility of the cost/schedule estimates, priorities, risks, and development process
- Depth and breadth of any architectural prototype that was developed
- Actual expenditures versus planned expenditures





Elaboration

- Main goals
 - Analyze the problem domain
 - Establish a sound architectural foundation
 - Develop the project plan
 - Eliminate the highest risk elements of the project
- Milestone
 - Baseline architecture





- Work is mainly done in the analysis workflow and then in the design workflow. At the end of the phase, the work in the implementation workflow becomes the most important
- Requirements
 - Define the large part of requirements
- Analysis
 - Define what must be realized
- Design and Implementation
 - Design and realize the baseline architecture
- Test
 - Test the baseline architecture





- A use-case model (at least 80% complete) all use cases and actors have been identified, and most usecase descriptions have been developed
- Supplementary requirements capturing the non functional requirements and any requirements that are not associated with a specific use case
- A software architecture description
- An executable architectural prototype





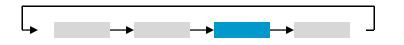
- A revised risk list and a revised business case
- A development plan for the overall project, including the coarse-grained project plan, showing iterations and evaluation criteria for each iteration
- An updated development case specifying the process to be used
- A preliminary user manual (optional)

Evaluation

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- Is the vision of the product stable?
- Is the architecture stable?
- Does the executable demonstration show that the major risks have been addressed and credibly resolved?
- Is the plan for the construction phase sufficiently detailed and accurate?
- Do all stakeholders agree that the current vision can be achieved if the current plan is executed to develop the system, in the context of the current architecture?
- Is the actual resource expenditure versus planned expenditure acceptable?





Construction

Main goal

 Produce the first operational-quality version of the software product (beta release)

- Milestone
 - Initial operational capability



Workflows

- Work is mainly done in the implementation workflow and then in the test workflow because for each iteration both unit tests and integration tests must be executed
- Requirements
 - Complete the requirements
- Analysis
 - Complete the analysis model
- Design
 - Complete the design model
- Implementation
 - Build the "initial operational capability"
- Test
 - Test the "initial operational capability"





Deliverables

- The initial user manual and other manuals, as appropriate
- All the artifacts (beta release versions)
- The completed architecture
- The updated risk list
- The project management plan (for the remainder of the project)
- If necessary, the updated business case



- Is this product release stable and mature enough to be deployed in the user community?
- Are all stakeholders ready for the transition into the user community?
- Are the actual resource expenditures versus planned expenditures still acceptable?



Main goals

- Achieving user self-supportability
- Achieving stakeholder concurrence that deployment baselines are complete and consistent with the evaluation criteria of the vision
- Achieving final product baseline as rapidly and cost effectively as practical
- Milestone
 - Product release





- This phase is based on the implementation and test workflows. However, some design may be useful for the correction of some design errors recognized during the beta test phase
- Design
 - Models are updated to cope with errors recognized during the beta test phase
- Implementation
 - Software is personalized for client sites and errors recognized during the beta test are corrected
- Test
 - Beta test and acceptance test is performed at the client sites





Deliverables

- All the artifacts (final versions)
- The completed manuals
- Installation and configuration scripts
- Sales and marketing materials
- Maintenance issues

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Evaluation

Is the user satisfied?

 Are the actual resources expenditures versus planned expenditures still acceptable?