

## UNIT - I

**Conventional Software Management:** The waterfall model, conventional software Management performance.

**Evolution of Software Economics:** Software Economics, pragmatic software cost estimation

**Improving Software Economics:** Reducing Software product size, improving software processes, improving team effectiveness, improving automation, Achieving required quality, peer inspections.

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### 1. Conventional software management

Conventional software management practices are sound in theory, but practice is still tied to archaic (outdated) technology and techniques.

Conventional software economics provides a benchmark of performance for conventional software management principles.

The **best** thing about software is its **flexibility**: It can be programmed to do almost anything.

The **worst** thing about software is also its **flexibility**: The "almost anything" characteristic has made it difficult to plan, monitor, and control software development.

Three important analyses of the state of the software engineering industry are

1. Software development is still highly unpredictable. Only about **10%** of software projects are delivered **successfully** within initial budget and schedule estimates.
2. Management discipline is more of a discriminator in success or failure than are technology advances.
3. The level of software scrap and rework is indicative of an immature process.

All three analyses reached the same general conclusion: The success rate for software projects is very low.

The three analyses provide a good introduction to the magnitude of the software problem and the current norms for conventional software management performance.

#### 1.1 THE WATERFALL MODEL

Most software engineering texts present the waterfall model as the source of the "conventional" software process.

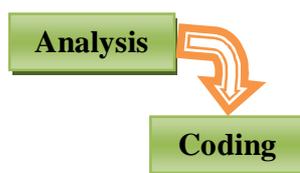
##### 1.1.1 IN THEORY

It provides an insightful and concise summary of conventional software management

Three main primary points are

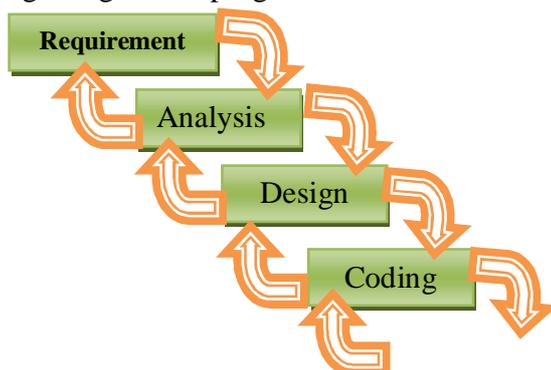
1. There are two essential steps common to the development of computer programs: **analysis** and **coding**.

**Waterfall Model part 1: The two basic steps to building a program.**



Analysis and coding both involve creative work that directly contributes to the usefulness of the end product.

2. In order to manage and control all of the intellectual freedom associated with software development, one must introduce several other "overhead" steps, including system requirements definition, software requirements definition, program design, and testing. These steps supplement the analysis and coding steps. Below Figure illustrates the resulting project profile and the basic steps in developing a large-scale program.





3. The basic framework described in the waterfall model is risky and invites failure. The testing phase that occurs at the end of the development cycle is the first event for which timing, storage, input/output transfers, etc., are experienced as distinguished from analyzed. The resulting design changes are likely to be so disruptive that the software requirements upon which the design is based are likely violated. Either the requirements must be modified or a substantial design change is warranted.

Five necessary improvements for waterfall model are:-

- 1. Program design comes first.** Insert a preliminary program design phase between the software requirements generation phase and the analysis phase. **By this technique, the program designer assures that the software will not fail because of storage, timing, and data flux (continuous change).** As analysis proceeds in the succeeding phase, the program designer must impose on the analyst the storage, timing, and operational constraints in such a way that he senses the consequences. If the total resources to be applied are insufficient or if the embryonic (in an early stage of development) operational design is wrong, it will be recognized at this early stage and the iteration with requirements and preliminary design can be redone before final design, coding, and test commences. How is this program design procedure implemented?

The following steps are required:

Begin the design process with program **designers**, not analysts or programmers.

Design, define, and allocate the data processing modes even at the risk of being wrong. Allocate processing functions, design the database, allocate execution time, define interfaces and processing modes with the operating system, describe input and output processing, and define preliminary operating procedures.

Write an overview document that is understandable, informative, and current so that every worker on the project can gain an elemental understanding of the system.

- 2. Document the design.** The amount of documentation required on most software programs is quite a lot, certainly much more than most programmers, analysts, or program designers are willing to do if left to their own devices. Why do we need so much documentation? **(1)** Each designer must communicate with interfacing designers, managers, and possibly customers. **(2)** During early phases, the documentation is the design. **(3)** The real monetary value of documentation is to support later modifications by a separate test team, a separate maintenance team, and operations personnel who are not software literate.

- 3. Do it twice.** If a computer program is being developed for the first time, arrange matters so that the version finally delivered to the customer for operational deployment is actually the second version insofar as critical design/operations are concerned. Note that this is simply the entire process done in miniature, to a time scale that is relatively small with respect to the overall effort. In the first version, the team must have a special broad competence where they can quickly sense trouble spots in the design, model them, model alternatives, forget the straightforward aspects of the design that aren't worth studying at this early point, and, finally, arrive at an error-free program.

- 4. Plan, control, and monitor testing.** Without question, the biggest user of project resources—manpower, computer time, and/or management judgment—is the test phase. This is the phase of greatest risk in terms of cost and schedule. It occurs at the latest point in the schedule, when backup alternatives are least available, if at all. The previous three recommendations were all aimed at uncovering and solving problems before entering the test phase. However, even after doing these things, there is still a test phase and there are still important things to be done, including: **(1)** employ a team of test specialists who were not responsible for the

original design; (2) employ visual inspections to spot the obvious errors like dropped minus signs, missing factors of two, jumps to wrong addresses (do not use the computer to detect this kind of thing, it is too expensive); (3) test every logic path; (4) employ the final checkout on the target computer.

**5. Involve the customer.** It is important to involve the customer in a formal way so that he has committed himself at earlier points before final delivery. There are three points following requirements definition where the insight, judgment, and commitment of the customer can bolster the development effort. These include a "preliminary software review" following the preliminary program design step, a sequence of "critical software design reviews" during program design, and a "final software acceptance review".

### **1.1.2 IN PRACTICE**

Some software projects still practice the conventional software management approach.

It is useful to summarize the characteristics of the conventional process as it has typically been applied, which is not necessarily as it was intended. Projects destined for trouble frequently exhibit the following symptoms:

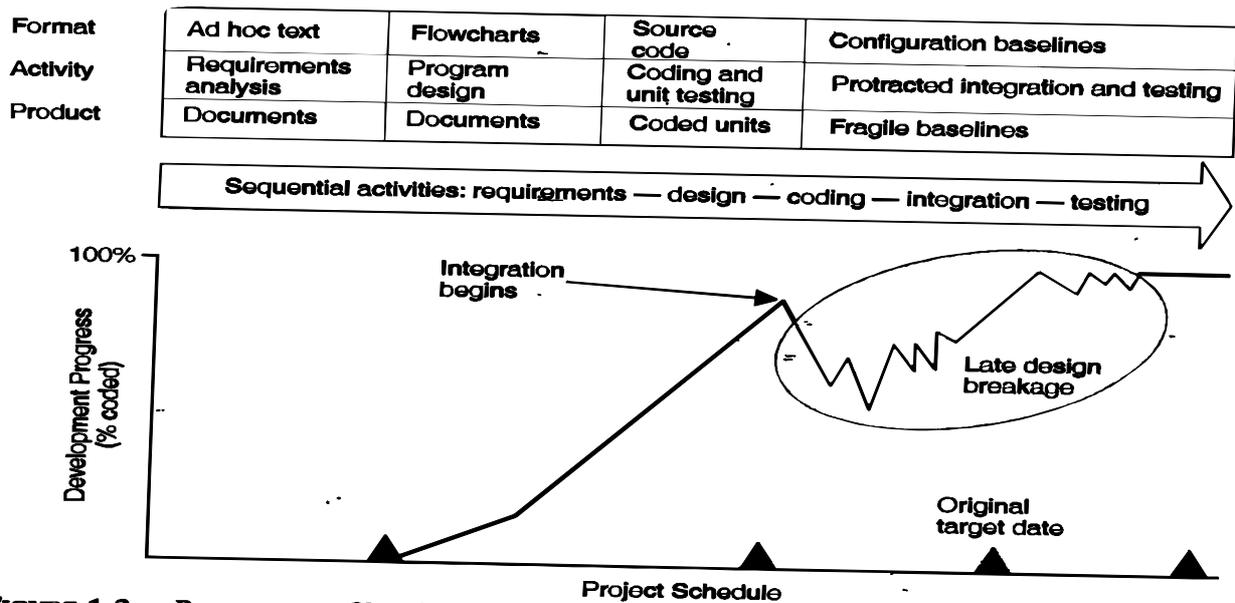
- Protracted integration and late design breakage.
- Late risk resolution.
- Requirements-driven functional decomposition.
- Adversarial (conflict or opposition) stakeholder relationships.
- Focus on documents and review meetings.

### **Protracted Integration and Late Design Breakage**

For a typical development project that used a waterfall model management process, Figure 1-2 illustrates development progress versus time. Progress is defined as percent coded, that is, demonstrable in its target form.

The following sequence was common:

- Early success via paper designs and thorough (often *too* thorough) briefings.
- Commitment to code late in the life cycle.
- Integration nightmares (unpleasant experience) due to unforeseen implementation issues and interface ambiguities.
- Heavy budget and schedule pressure to get the system working.
- Late shoe-horning of no optimal fixes, with no time for redesign.
- A very fragile, unmentionable product delivered late.



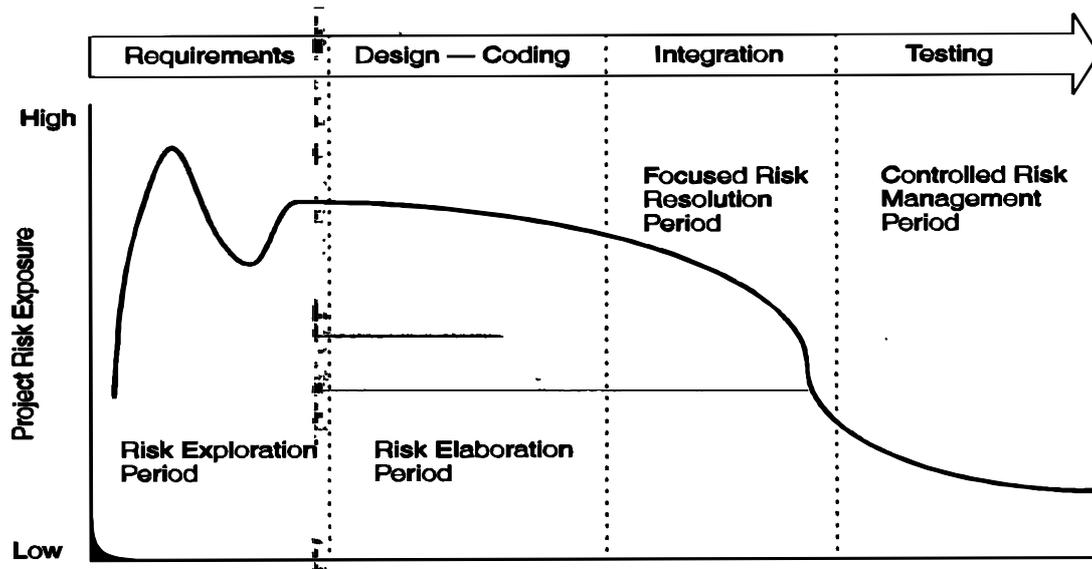
**FIGURE 1-2.** Progress profile of a conventional software project

In the conventional model, the entire system was designed on paper, then implemented all at once, then integrated. Table 1-1 provides a typical profile of cost expenditures across the spectrum of software activities.

**TABLE 1-1.** Expenditures by activity for a conventional software project

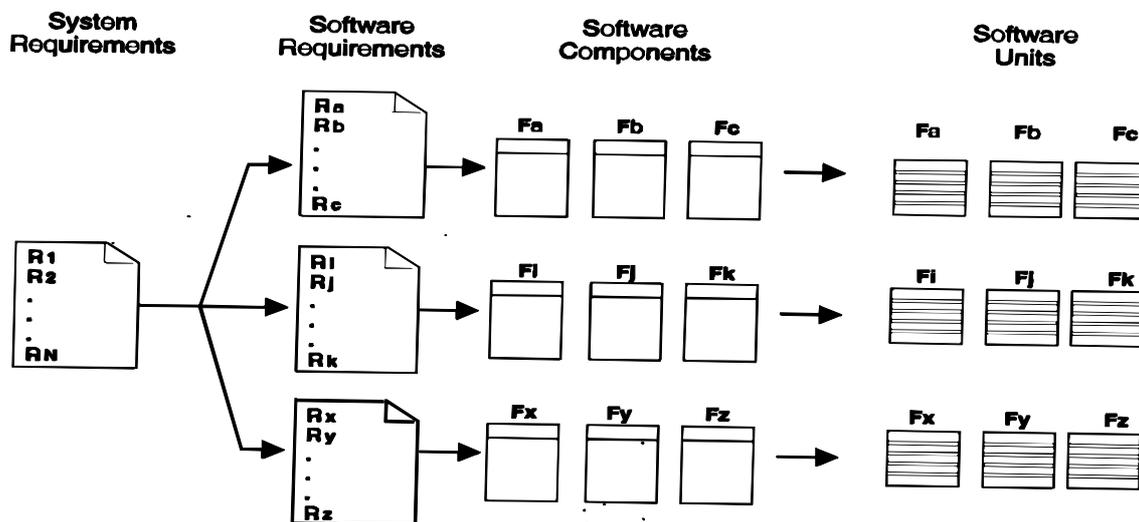
ACTIVITY	COST
Management	5%
Requirements	5%
Design	10%
Code and unit testing	30%
Integration and test	40%
Deployment	5%
Environment	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Late risk resolution** A serious issue associated with the waterfall lifecycle was the lack of early risk resolution. Figure 1.3 illustrates a typical risk profile for conventional waterfall model projects. It includes four distinct periods of risk exposure, where risk is defined as the probability of missing a cost, schedule, feature, or quality goal. Early in the life cycle, as the requirements were being specified, the actual risk exposure was highly unpredictable.



**Requirements-Driven Functional Decomposition:** This approach depends on specifying requirements completely and unambiguously before other development activities begin. It naively treats all requirements as equally important, and depends on those requirements remaining constant over the software development life cycle. These conditions rarely occur in the real world. Specification of requirements is a difficult and important part of the software development process.

Another property of the conventional approach is that the requirements were typically specified in a functional manner. Built into the classic waterfall process was the fundamental assumption that the software itself was decomposed into functions; requirements were then allocated to the resulting components. This decomposition was often very different from a decomposition based on object-oriented design and the use of existing components. Figure 1-4 illustrates the result of requirements-driven approaches: a software structure that is organized around the requirements specification structure.



**FIGURE 1-4.** *Suboptimal software component organization resulting from a requirements-driven approach*

**Adversarial Stakeholder Relationships:**

The conventional process tended to result in adversarial stakeholder relationships, in large part because of the difficulties of requirements specification and the exchange of information solely through paper documents that captured engineering information in ad hoc formats.

The following sequence of events was typical for most contractual software efforts:

1. The contractor prepared a draft contract-deliverable document that captured an intermediate artifact and delivered it to the customer for approval.
2. The customer was expected to provide comments (typically within 15 to 30 days).
3. The contractor incorporated these comments and submitted (typically within 15 to 30 days) a final version for approval.

This one-shot review process encouraged high levels of sensitivity on the part of customers and contractors.

### Focus on Documents and Review Meetings:

The conventional process focused on producing various documents that attempted to describe the software product, with insufficient focus on producing tangible increments of the products themselves. Contractors were driven to produce literally tons of paper to meet milestones and demonstrate progress to stakeholders, rather than spend their energy on tasks that would reduce risk and produce quality software. Typically, presenters and the audience reviewed the simple things that they understood rather than the complex and important issues. Most design reviews therefore resulted in low engineering value and high cost in terms of the effort and schedule involved in their preparation and conduct. They presented merely a facade of progress.

Table 1-2 summarizes the results of a typical design review.

**TABLE 1-2. Results of conventional software project design reviews**

APPARENT RESULTS	REAL RESULTS
Big-briefing to a diverse audience	Only a small percentage of the audience understands the software. Briefings and documents expose few of the important assets and risks of complex software systems.
A design that appears to be compliant	There is no tangible evidence of compliance. Compliance with ambiguous requirements is of little value.
Coverage of requirements (typically hundreds)	Few (tens) are design drivers. Dealing with all requirements dilutes the focus on the critical drivers.
A design considered "innocent until proven guilty"	The design is always guilty. Design flaws are exposed later in the life cycle.

## 1.2 CONVENTIONAL SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE

**Barry Boehm's "Industrial Software Metrics Top 10 List"** is a good, objective characterization of the state of software development.

1. Finding and fixing a software problem after delivery **costs 100** times more than finding and fixing the problem in early design phases.
2. You can compress software development schedules **25%** of nominal, but no more.
3. For every **\$1** you spend on development, you will spend **\$2** on maintenance.
4. Software development and maintenance costs are primarily a function of the number of source lines of code.
5. Variations among people account for the **biggest** differences in software productivity.
6. The overall ratio of software to hardware costs is still growing. In 1955 it was **15:85**; in 1985, **85:15**.
7. Only about **15%** of software development effort is devoted to programming.
8. Software systems and products typically cost 3 times as much per SLOC as individual software programs. Software-system products (i.e., system of systems) cost 9 times as much.

9. Walkthroughs catch **60%** of the errors
10. **80%** of the contribution comes from **20%** of the contributors.

## 2. Evolution of Software Economics

### 2.1 SOFTWARE ECONOMICS

Most software cost models can be abstracted into a function of five basic parameters: **size, process, personnel, environment, and required quality.**

1. The *size* of the end product (in human-generated components), which is typically quantified in terms of the number of source instructions or the number of function points required to develop the required functionality
2. The *process* used to produce the end product, in particular the ability of the process to avoid non-value-adding activities (rework, bureaucratic delays, communications overhead)
3. The capabilities of software engineering *personnel*, and particularly their experience with the computer science issues and the applications domain issues of the project
4. The *environment*, which is made up of the tools and techniques available to support efficient software development and to automate the process
5. The required *quality* of the product, including its features, performance, reliability, and adaptability

The relationships among these parameters and the estimated cost can be written as follows:

$$\text{Effort} = (\text{Personnel}) (\text{Environment}) (\text{Quality}) (\text{Size}^{\text{process}})$$

One important aspect of software economics (as represented within today's software cost models) is that the relationship between effort and size exhibits a diseconomy of scale. The diseconomy of scale of software development is a result of the process exponent being greater than 1.0. Contrary to most manufacturing processes, the more software you build, the more expensive it is per unit item.

Figure 2-1 shows three generations of basic technology advancement in tools, components, and processes. The required levels of quality and personnel are assumed to be constant. The ordinate of the graph refers to software unit costs (pick your favorite: per SLOC, per function point, per component) realized by an organization.

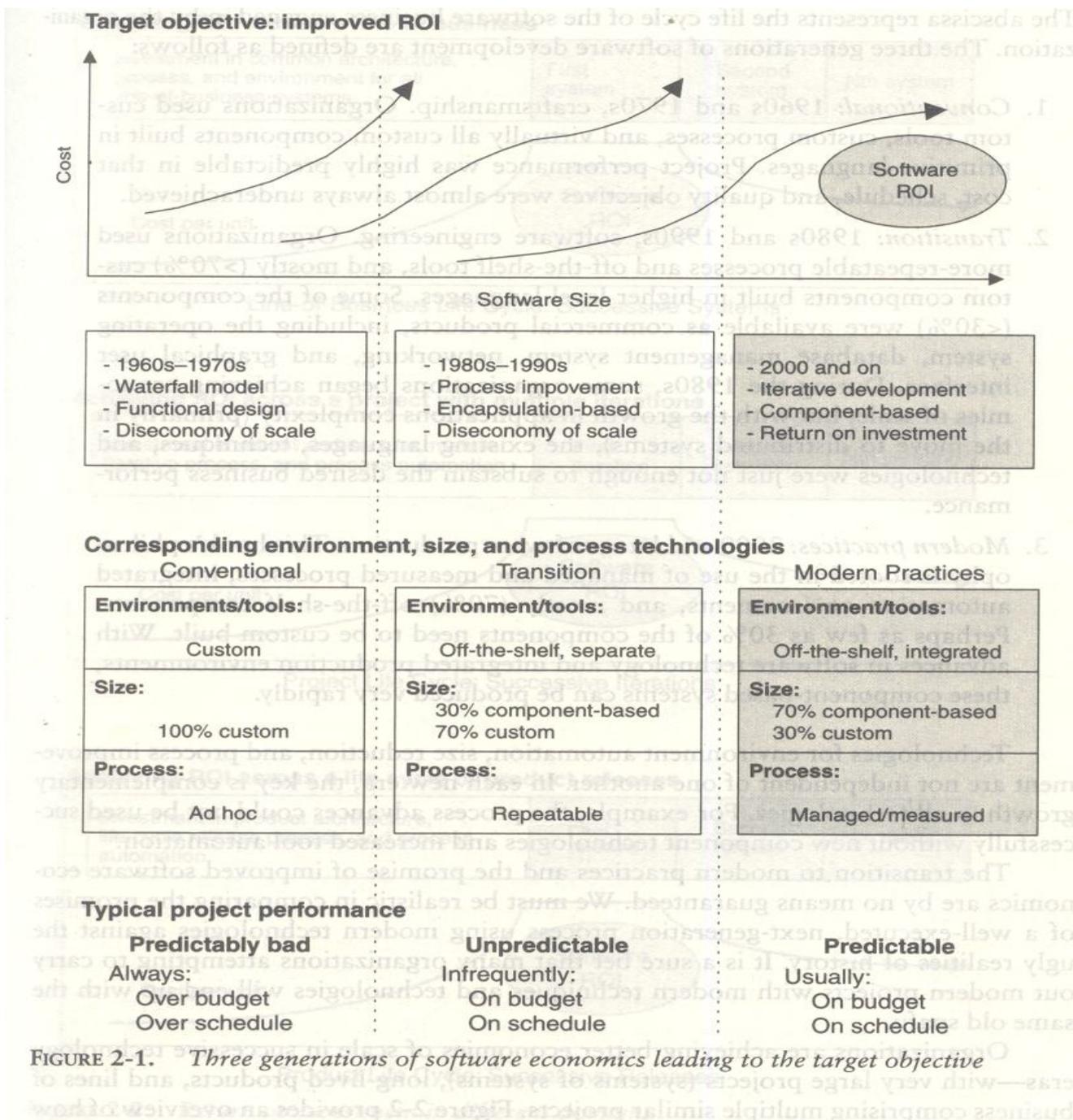
The three generations of software development are defined as follows:

- 1) **Conventional:** 1960s and 1970s, craftsmanship. Organizations used custom tools, custom processes, and virtually all custom components built in primitive languages. Project performance was highly predictable in that cost, schedule, and quality objectives were almost always underachieved.
- 2) **Transition:** 1980s and 1990s, software engineering. Organizations used more-repeatable processes and off-the-shelf tools, and mostly (>70%) custom components built in higher level languages. Some of the

components (<30%) were available as commercial products, including the operating system, database management system, networking, and graphical user interface.

- 3) **Modern practices:** 2000 and later, software production. This book's philosophy is rooted in the use of managed and measured processes, integrated automation environments, and mostly (70%) off-the-shelf components. Perhaps as few as 30% of the components need to be custom built

Technologies for environment automation, size reduction, and process improvement are not independent of one another. In each new era, the key is complementary growth in all technologies. For example, the process advances could not be used successfully without new component technologies and increased tool automation.



Organizations are achieving better economies of scale in successive technology eras—with very large projects (systems of systems), long-lived products, and lines of business comprising multiple similar projects. Figure 2-2 provides an overview of how a return on investment (ROI) profile can be achieved in subsequent efforts across

life cycles of various domains.

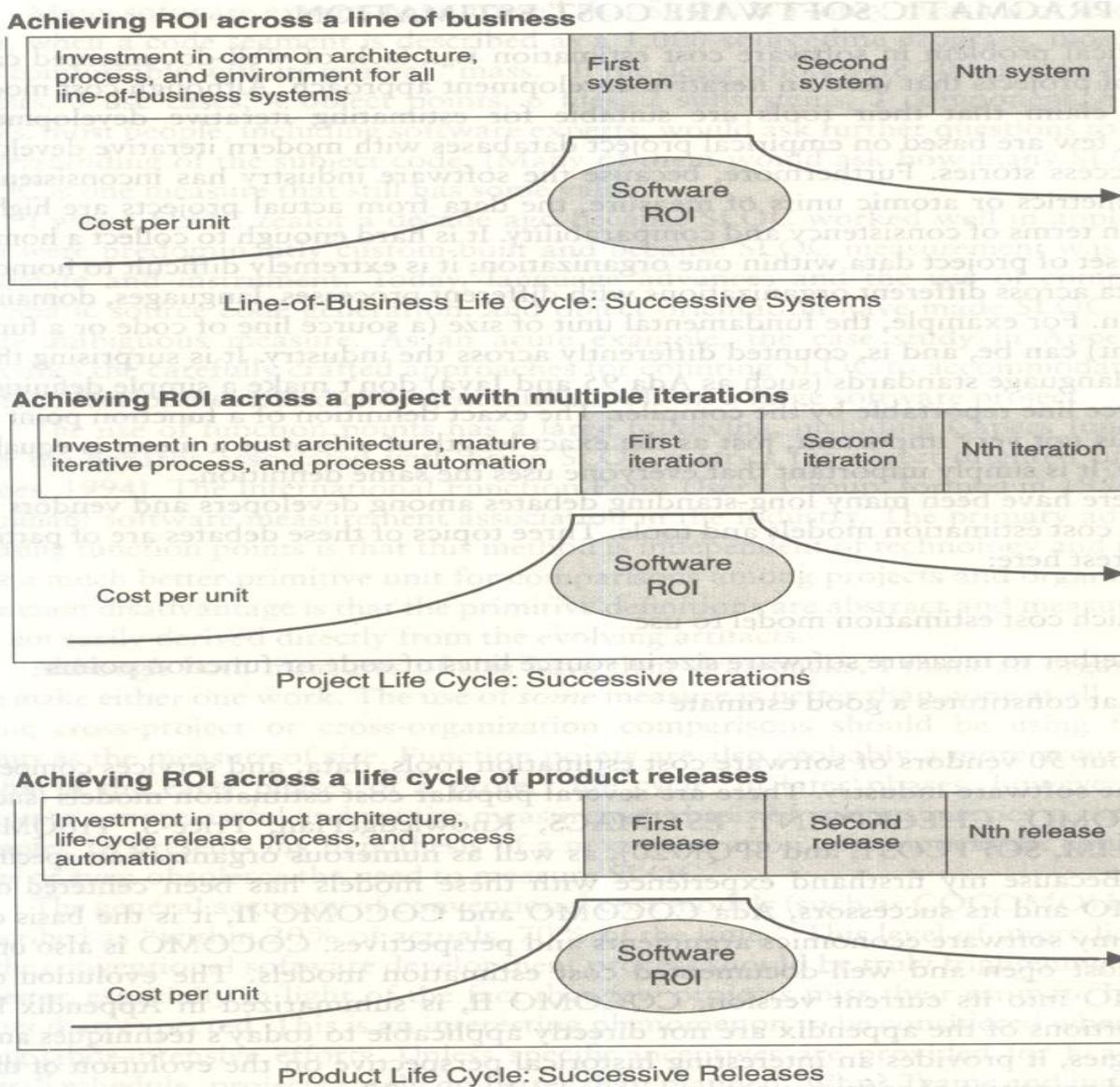


FIGURE 2-2. Return on investment in different domains

## 2.2 PRAGMATIC SOFTWARE COST ESTIMATION

One critical problem in software cost estimation is a lack of well-documented case studies of projects that used an iterative development approach. Software industry has inconsistently defined metrics or atomic units of measure, the data from actual projects are highly suspect in terms of consistency and comparability. It is hard enough to collect a homogeneous set of project data within one organization; it is extremely difficult to homogenize data across different organizations with different processes, languages, domains, and so on.

There have been many debates among developers and vendors of software cost estimation models and tools. Three topics of these debates are of particular interest here:

1. Which cost estimation model to use?
2. Whether to measure software size in source lines of code or function points.
3. What constitutes a good estimate?

There are several popular cost estimation models (such as COCOMO, CHECKPOINT, ESTIMACS, KnowledgePlan, Price-S, ProQMS, SEER, SLIM, SOFTCOST, and SPQR/20), COCOMO is also one of the most open and well-documented cost estimation models. The general accuracy of conventional cost models (such as COCOMO) has been described as "within 20% of actuals, 70% of the time."

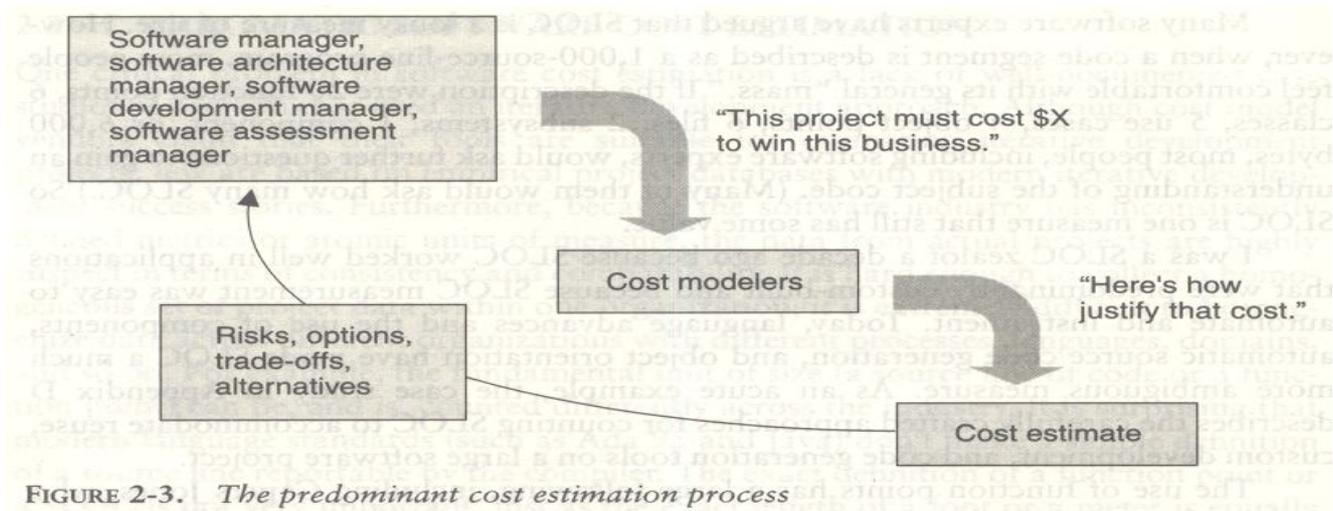
Most real-world use of cost models is bottom-up (substantiating a target cost) rather than top-down (estimating the "should" cost). Figure 2-3 illustrates the predominant practice: The software project manager defines the target cost of the software, and then manipulates the parameters and sizing until the target cost can be justified. The rationale for the target cost maybe *to* win a proposal, to solicit customer funding, to attain internal corporate funding, or to achieve some other goal.

The process described in Figure 2-3 is not all bad. In fact, it is absolutely necessary to analyze the cost risks and understand the sensitivities and trade-offs objectively. It forces the software project manager to examine the risks associated with achieving the target costs and to discuss this information with other stakeholders.

A good software cost estimate has the following attributes:

- It is conceived and supported by the project manager, architecture team, development team, and test team accountable for performing the work.
- It is accepted by all stakeholders as ambitious but realizable.
- It is based on a well-defined software cost model with a credible basis.
- It is based on a database of relevant project experience that includes similar processes, similar technologies, similar environments, similar quality requirements, and similar people.
- It is defined in enough detail so that its key risk areas are understood and the probability of success is objectively assessed.

Extrapolating from a good estimate, an *ideal* estimate would be derived from a mature cost model with an experience base that reflects multiple similar projects done by the same team with the same mature processes and tools.



### 3. Improving Software Economics

Five basic parameters of the software cost model are

1. Reducing the *size* or complexity of what needs to be developed.
2. Improving the development *process*.
3. Using more-skilled *personnel* and better teams (not necessarily the same thing).
4. Using better *environments* (tools to automate the process).
5. Trading off or backing off on *quality* thresholds.

These parameters are given in priority order for most software domains. Table 3-1 lists some of the technology developments, process improvement efforts, and management approaches targeted at improving the economics of software development and integration.

**TABLE 3-1. Important trends in improving software economics**

COST MODEL PARAMETERS	TRENDS
<b>Size</b>	Higher order languages (C++, Ada 95, Java, Visual Basic, etc.)
<b>Abstraction and component-based development technologies</b>	Object-oriented (analysis, design, programming) Reuse Commercial components
<b>Process</b>	Iterative development
<b>Methods and techniques</b>	Process maturity models Architecture-first development Acquisition reform
<b>Personnel</b>	Training and personnel skill development
<b>People factors</b>	Teamwork Win-win cultures
<b>Environment</b>	Integrated tools (visual modeling, compiler, editor, debugger, change management, etc.)
<b>Automation technologies and tools</b>	Open systems Hardware platform performance Automation of coding, documents, testing, analyses
<b>Quality</b>	Hardware platform performance
<b>Performance, reliability, accuracy</b>	Demonstration-based assessment Statistical quality control

### 3.1 REDUCING SOFTWARE PRODUCT SIZE

The most significant way to improve affordability and return on investment (ROI) is usually to produce a product that achieves the design goals with the minimum amount of human-generated source material. **Component-based development** is introduced as the general term for reducing the "source" language size to achieve a software solution.

**Reuse**, object-oriented technology, automatic code production, and higher order programming languages are all focused on achieving a given system with fewer lines of human-specified source directives (statements).

size reduction is the primary motivation behind improvements in higher order languages (such as C++, Ada 95, Java, Visual Basic), automatic code generators (CASE tools, visual modeling tools, GUI builders), reuse of **commercial components** (operating systems, windowing environments, database management systems, middleware, networks), and object-oriented technologies (Unified Modeling Language, visual modeling tools, architecture frameworks).

The reduction is defined in terms of human-generated source material. In general, when size-reducing technologies are used, they reduce the number of human-generated source lines.

#### 3.1.1 LANGUAGES

Universal function points (UFPs<sup>1</sup>) are useful estimators for language-independent, early life-cycle estimates. The basic units of function points are external user inputs, external outputs, internal logical data groups, external data interfaces, and external inquiries. SLOC metrics are useful estimators for software after a candidate solution is formulated and an implementation language is known. Substantial data have been documented relating SLOC to function points. Some of these results are shown in Table 3-2.

Languages expressiveness of some of today's popular languages

LANGUAGES	SLOC per UFP
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<sup>1</sup> Function point metrics provide a standardized method for measuring the various functions of a software application. The basic units of function points are external user inputs, external outputs, internal logical data groups, external data interfaces, and external inquiries.

<b>Assembly</b>	320
<b>C</b>	128
<b>FORTAN77</b>	105
<b>COBOL85</b>	91
<b>Ada83</b>	71
<b>C++</b>	56
<b>Ada95</b>	55
<b>Java</b>	55
<b>Visual Basic</b>	35

Table 3-2

### 3.1.2 OBJECT-ORIENTED METHODS AND VISUAL MODELING

Object-oriented technology is not germane to most of the software management topics discussed here, and books on object-oriented technology abound. Object-oriented programming languages appear to benefit both software productivity and software quality. The fundamental impact of object-oriented technology is in reducing the overall size of what needs to be developed.

People like drawing pictures to explain something to others or to themselves. When they do it for software system design, they call these pictures diagrams or diagrammatic models and the very notation for them a modeling language.

These are interesting examples of the interrelationships among the dimensions of improving software economics.

1. An object-oriented model of the problem and its solution encourages a common vocabulary between the end users of a system and its developers, thus creating a shared understanding of the problem being solved.
2. The use of continuous integration creates opportunities to recognize risk early and make incremental corrections without destabilizing the entire development effort.
3. An object-oriented architecture provides a clear separation of concerns among disparate elements of a system, creating firewalls that prevent a change in one part of the system from rending the fabric of the entire architecture.

Booch also summarized five characteristics of a successful object-oriented project.

1. A ruthless focus on the development of a system that provides a well understood collection of essential minimal characteristics.
2. The existence of a culture that is centered on results, encourages communication, and yet is not afraid to fail.
3. The effective use of object-oriented modeling.
4. The existence of a strong architectural vision.
5. The application of a well-managed iterative and incremental development life cycle.

### 3.1.3 REUSE

Reusing existing components and building reusable components have been natural software engineering activities since the earliest improvements in programming languages. With reuse in order to minimize development costs while achieving all the other required attributes of performance, feature set, and quality. Try to treat reuse as a mundane part of achieving a return on investment.

Most truly reusable components of value are transitioned to commercial products supported by

organizations with the following characteristics:

- They have an economic motivation for continued support.
- They take ownership of improving product quality, adding new features, and transitioning to new technologies.
- They have a sufficiently broad customer base to be profitable.

The cost of developing a reusable component is not trivial. Figure 3-1 examines the economic trade-offs. The steep initial curve illustrates the economic obstacle to developing reusable components.

Reuse is an important discipline that has an impact on the efficiency of all workflows and the quality of most artifacts.

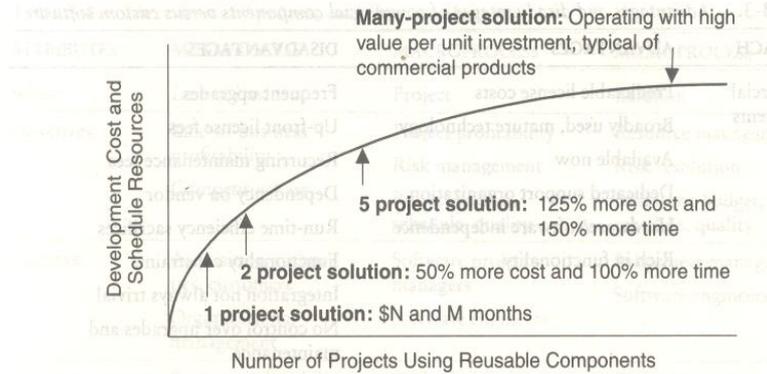


FIGURE 3-1. Cost and schedule investments necessary to achieve reusable components

### 3.1.4 COMMERCIAL COMPONENTS

A common approach being pursued today in many domains is to maximize integration of commercial components and off-the-shelf products. While the use of commercial components is certainly desirable as a means of reducing custom development, it has not proven to be straightforward in practice. Table 3-3 identifies some of the advantages and disadvantages of using commercial components.

TABLE 3-3. Advantages and disadvantages of commercial components versus custom software

APPROACH	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Commercial components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Predictable license costs</li> <li>Broadly used, mature technology</li> <li>Available now</li> <li>Dedicated support organization</li> <li>Hardware/software independence</li> <li>Rich in functionality</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Frequent upgrades</li> <li>Up-front license fees</li> <li>Recurring maintenance fees</li> <li>Dependency on vendor</li> <li>Run-time efficiency sacrifices</li> <li>Functionality constraints</li> <li>Integration not always trivial</li> <li>No control over upgrades and maintenance</li> <li>Unnecessary features that consume extra resources</li> <li>Often inadequate reliability and stability</li> <li>Multiple-vendor incompatibilities</li> </ul>
Custom development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete change freedom</li> <li>Smaller, often simpler implementations</li> <li>Often better performance</li> <li>Control of development and enhancement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expensive, unpredictable development</li> <li>Unpredictable availability date</li> <li>Undefined maintenance model</li> <li>Often immature and fragile</li> <li>Single-platform dependency</li> <li>Drain on expert resources</li> </ul>

## 3.2 IMPROVING SOFTWARE PROCESSES

Process is an overloaded term. Three distinct process perspectives are.

- *Metaprocess*: an organization's policies, procedures, and practices for pursuing a software-intensive line of business. The focus of this process is on organizational economics, long-term strategies, and

software ROI.

- *Macroprocess*: a project's policies, procedures, and practices for producing a complete software product within certain cost, schedule, and quality constraints. The focus of the macro process is on creating an adequate instance of the Meta process for a specific set of constraints.
- *Microprocess*: a project team's policies, procedures, and practices for achieving an artifact of the software process. The focus of the micro process is on achieving an intermediate product baseline with adequate quality and adequate functionality as economically and rapidly as practical.

Although these three levels of process overlap somewhat, they have different objectives, audiences, metrics, concerns, and time scales as shown in Table 3-4

TABLE 3-4. *Three levels of process and their attributes*

ATTRIBUTES	METAPROCESS	MACROPROCESS	MICROPROCESS
Subject	Line of business	Project	Iteration
Objectives	Line-of-business profitability Competitiveness	Project profitability Risk management Project budget, schedule, quality	Resource management Risk resolution Milestone budget, schedule, quality
Audience	Acquisition authorities, customers Organizational management	Software project managers Software engineers	Subproject managers Software engineers
Metrics	Project predictability Revenue, market share	On budget, on schedule Major milestone success Project scrap and rework	On budget, on schedule Major milestone progress Release/iteration scrap and rework
Concerns	Bureaucracy vs. standardization	Quality vs. financial performance	Content vs. schedule
Time scales	6 to 12 months	1 to many years	1 to 6 months

In a perfect software engineering world with an immaculate problem description, an obvious solution space, a development team of experienced geniuses, adequate resources, and stakeholders with common goals, we could execute a software development process in one iteration with almost no scrap and rework. Because we work in an imperfect world, however, we need to manage engineering activities so that scrap and rework profiles do not have an impact on the win conditions of any stakeholder. This should be the underlying premise for most process improvements.

### 3.3 IMPROVING TEAM EFFECTIVENESS

Teamwork is much more important than the sum of the individuals. With software teams, a project manager needs to configure a balance of solid talent with highly skilled people in the leverage positions. Some maxims of team management include the following:

- A well-managed project can succeed with a nominal engineering team.
- A mismanaged project will almost never succeed, even with an expert team of engineers.
- A well-architected system can be built by a nominal team of software builders.
- A poorly architected system will flounder even with an expert team of builders.

**Boehm five staffing principles** are

1. The principle of top talent: Use better and fewer people
2. The principle of job matching: Fit the tasks to the skills and motivation of the people available.
3. The principle of career progression: An organization does best in the long run by helping its people to **self-actualize**.
4. The principle of team balance: Select people who will complement and harmonize with one another
5. The principle of phase-out: Keeping a misfit on the team doesn't benefit anyone

Software project managers need many leadership qualities in order to enhance team effectiveness. The

following are some crucial attributes of successful software project managers that deserve much more attention:

1. **Hiring skills.** Few decisions are as important as hiring decisions. Placing the right person in the right job seems obvious but is surprisingly hard to achieve.
2. **Customer-interface skill.** Avoiding adversarial relationships among stakeholders is a prerequisite for success.

**Decision-making skill.** The jillion books written about management have failed to provide a clear definition of this attribute. We all know a good leader when we run into one, and decision-making skill seems obvious despite its intangible definition.

**Team-building skill.** Teamwork requires that a manager establish trust, motivate progress, exploit eccentric prima donnas, transition average people into top performers, eliminate misfits, and consolidate diverse opinions into a team direction.

**Selling skill.** Successful project managers must sell all stakeholders (including themselves) on decisions and priorities, sell candidates on job positions, sell changes to the status quo in the face of resistance, and sell achievements against objectives. In practice, selling requires continuous negotiation, compromise, and empathy

### 3.4 IMPROVING AUTOMATION THROUGH SOFTWARE ENVIRONMENTS

The tools and environment used in the software process generally have a linear effect on the productivity of the process. Planning tools, requirements management tools, visual modeling tools, compilers, editors, debuggers, quality assurance analysis tools, test tools, and user interfaces provide crucial automation support for evolving the software engineering artifacts. Above all, configuration management environments provide the foundation for executing and instrumenting the process. At first order, the isolated impact of tools and automation generally allows improvements of 20% to 40% in effort. However, tools and environments must be viewed as the primary delivery vehicle for process automation and improvement, so their impact can be much higher.

Automation of the design process provides payback in quality, the ability to estimate costs and schedules, and overall productivity using a smaller team.

**Round-trip engineering** describe the key capability of environments that support iterative development. As we have moved into maintaining different information repositories for the engineering artifacts, we need automation support to ensure efficient and error-free transition of data from one artifact to another. *Forward engineering* is the automation of one engineering artifact from another, more abstract representation. For example, compilers and linkers have provided automated transition of source code into executable code.

*Reverse engineering* is the generation or modification of a more abstract representation from an existing artifact (for example, creating a visual design model from a source code representation).

Economic improvements associated with tools and environments. It is common for tool vendors to make relatively accurate individual assessments of life-cycle activities to support claims about the potential economic impact of their tools. For example, it is easy to find statements such as the following from companies in a particular tool.

- Requirements analysis and evolution activities consume 40% of life-cycle costs.
- Software design activities have an impact on more than 50% of the resources.
- Coding and unit testing activities consume about 50% of software development effort and schedule.
- Test activities can consume as much as 50% of a project's resources.
- Configuration control and change management are critical activities that can consume as much as 25% of resources on a large-scale project.
- Documentation activities can consume more than 30% of project engineering resources.
- Project management, business administration, and progress assessment can consume as much as 30% of project budgets.

### 3.5 ACHIEVING REQUIRED QUALITY

Software best practices are derived from the development process and technologies. Table 3-5 summarizes some dimensions of quality improvement.

Key practices that improve overall software quality include the following:

- Focusing on driving requirements and critical use cases early in the life cycle, focusing on requirements completeness and traceability late in the life cycle, and focusing throughout the life cycle on a balance between requirements evolution, design evolution, and plan evolution
- Using metrics and indicators to measure the progress and quality of an architecture as it evolves from a high-level prototype into a fully compliant product
- Providing integrated life-cycle environments that support early and continuous configuration control, change management, rigorous design methods, document automation, and regression test automation
- Using visual modeling and higher level languages that support architectural control, abstraction, reliable programming, reuse, and self-documentation
- Early and continuous insight into performance issues through demonstration-based evaluations

**TABLE 3-5. General quality improvements with a modern process**

QUALITY DRIVER	CONVENTIONAL PROCESS	MODERN ITERATIVE PROCESSES
Requirements misunderstanding	Discovered late	Resolved early
Development risk	Unknown until late	Understood and resolved early
Commercial components	Mostly unavailable	Still a quality driver, but trade-offs must be resolved early in the life cycle
Change management	Late in the life cycle, chaotic and malignant	Early in the life cycle, straightforward and benign
Design errors	Discovered late	Resolved early
Automation	Mostly error-prone manual procedures	Mostly automated, error-free evolution of artifacts
Resource adequacy	Unpredictable	Predictable
Schedules	Overconstrained	Tunable to quality, performance, and technology
Target performance	Paper-based analysis or separate simulation	Executing prototypes, early performance feedback, quantitative understanding
Software process rigor	Document-based	Managed, measured, and tool-supported

Conventional development processes stressed early sizing and timing estimates of computer program resource utilization. However, the typical chronology of events in performance assessment was as follows

- Project inception. The proposed design was asserted to be low risk with adequate performance margin.
- Initial design review. Optimistic assessments of adequate design margin were based mostly on paper analysis or rough simulation of the critical threads. In most cases, the actual application algorithms and database sizes were fairly well understood.
- Mid-life-cycle design review. The assessments started whittling away at the margin, as early benchmarks and initial tests began exposing the optimism inherent in earlier estimates.
- Integration and test. Serious performance problems were uncovered, necessitating fundamental changes in the architecture. The underlying infrastructure was usually the scapegoat, but the real culprit was immature use of the infrastructure, immature architectural solutions, or poorly understood early design trade-offs.

### 3.6 PEER INSPECTIONS: A PRAGMATIC VIEW

Peer inspections are frequently over hyped as the key aspect of a quality system. In my experience, peer reviews are valuable as secondary mechanisms, but they are rarely significant contributors to quality compared with the following primary quality mechanisms and indicators, which should be emphasized in the management process:

- Transitioning engineering information from one artifact set to another, thereby assessing the consistency, feasibility, understandability, and technology constraints inherent in the engineering artifacts
- Major milestone demonstrations that force the artifacts to be assessed against tangible criteria in the context of relevant use cases
- Environment tools (compilers, debuggers, analyzers, automated test suites) that ensure representation rigor, consistency, completeness, and change control
- Life-cycle testing for detailed insight into critical trade-offs, acceptance criteria, and requirements compliance
- Change management metrics for objective insight into multiple-perspective change trends and convergence or divergence from quality and progress goals

Inspections are also a good vehicle for holding authors accountable for quality products. All authors of software and documentation should have their products scrutinized as a natural by-product of the process. Therefore, the coverage of inspections should be across all authors rather than across all components.

===THE END===

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**The old way and the new:** The principles of conventional software Engineering, principles of modern software management, transitioning to an iterative process.

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**Life cycle phases:** Engineering and production stages, inception, Elaboration, construction, transition phases.

**Artifacts of the process:** The artifact sets, Management artifacts, Engineering artifacts, programmatic artifacts.

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### 4. THE OLD WAY AND THE NEW

#### 4.1 THE PRINCIPLES OF CONVENTIONAL SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

1. **Make quality #1.** Quality must be quantified and mechanisms put into place to motivate its achievement
2. **High-quality software is possible.** Techniques that have been demonstrated to increase quality include involving the customer, prototyping, simplifying design, conducting inspections, and hiring the best people
3. **Give products to customers early.** No matter how hard you try to learn users' needs during the requirements phase, the most effective way to determine real needs is to give users a product and let them play with it
4. **Determine the problem before writing the requirements.** When faced with what they believe is a problem, most engineers rush to offer a solution. Before you try to solve a problem, be sure to explore all the alternatives and don't be blinded by the obvious solution
5. **Evaluate design alternatives.** After the requirements are agreed upon, you must examine a variety of architectures and algorithms. You certainly do not want to use "architecture" simply because it was used in the requirements specification.
6. **Use an appropriate process model.** Each project must select a process that makes the most sense for that project on the basis of corporate culture, willingness to take risks, application area, volatility of requirements, and the extent to which requirements are well understood.
7. **Use different languages for different phases.** Our industry's eternal thirst for simple solutions to complex problems has driven many to declare that the best development method is one that uses the same notation throughout the life cycle.
8. **Minimize intellectual distance.** To minimize intellectual distance, the software's structure should be as close as possible to the real-world structure
9. **Put techniques before tools.** An undisciplined software engineer with a tool becomes a dangerous, undisciplined software engineer
10. **Get it right before you make it faster.** It is far easier to make a working program run faster than it is to make a fast program work. Don't worry about optimization during initial coding
11. **Inspect code.** Inspecting the detailed design and code is a much better way to find errors than testing
12. **Good management is more important than good technology.** Good management motivates people to do their best, but there are no universal "right" styles of management.
13. **People are the key to success.** Highly skilled people with appropriate experience, talent, and training are key.
14. **Follow with care.** Just because everybody is doing something does not make it right for you. It may be right, but you must carefully assess its applicability to your environment.
15. **Take responsibility.** When a bridge collapses we ask, "What did the engineers do wrong?" Even when software fails, we rarely ask this. The fact is that in any engineering discipline, the best methods can be used to produce awful designs, and the most antiquated methods to produce elegant designs.
16. **Understand the customer's priorities.** It is possible the customer would tolerate 90% of the functionality delivered late if they could have 10% of it on time.
17. **The more they see, the more they need.** The more functionality (or performance) you provide a user, the more functionality (or performance) the user wants.
18. **Plan to throw one away.** One of the most important critical success factors is whether or not a product is entirely new. Such brand-new applications, architectures, interfaces, or algorithms rarely work the first time.
19. **Design for change.** The architectures, components, and specification techniques you use must

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accommodate change.

20. **Design without documentation is not design.** I have often heard software engineers say, "I have finished the design. All that is left is the documentation. "
21. **Use tools, but be realistic.** Software tools make their users more efficient.
22. **Avoid tricks.** Many programmers love to create programs with tricks constructs that perform a function correctly, but in an obscure way. Show the world how smart you are by avoiding tricky code
23. **Encapsulate.** Information-hiding is a simple, proven concept that results in software that is easier to test and much easier to maintain.
24. **Use coupling and cohesion.** Coupling and cohesion are the best ways to measure software's inherent maintainability and adaptability
25. **Use the McCabe complexity measure.** Although there are many metrics available to report the inherent complexity of software, none is as intuitive and easy to use as Tom McCabe's
26. **Don't test your own software.** Software developers should never be the primary testers of their own software.
27. **Analyze causes for errors.** It is far more cost-effective to reduce the effect of an error by preventing it than it is to find and fix it. One way to do this is to analyze the causes of errors as they are detected
28. **Realize that software's entropy increases.** Any software system that undergoes continuous change will grow in complexity and will become more and more disorganized
29. **People and time are not interchangeable.** Measuring a project solely by person-months makes little sense
30. **Expect excellence.** Your employees will do much better if you have high expectations for them.

## 4.2 THE PRINCIPLES OF MODERN SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT

Top 10 principles of modern software management are. (The first five, which are the main themes of my definition of an iterative process, are summarized in Figure 4-1.)

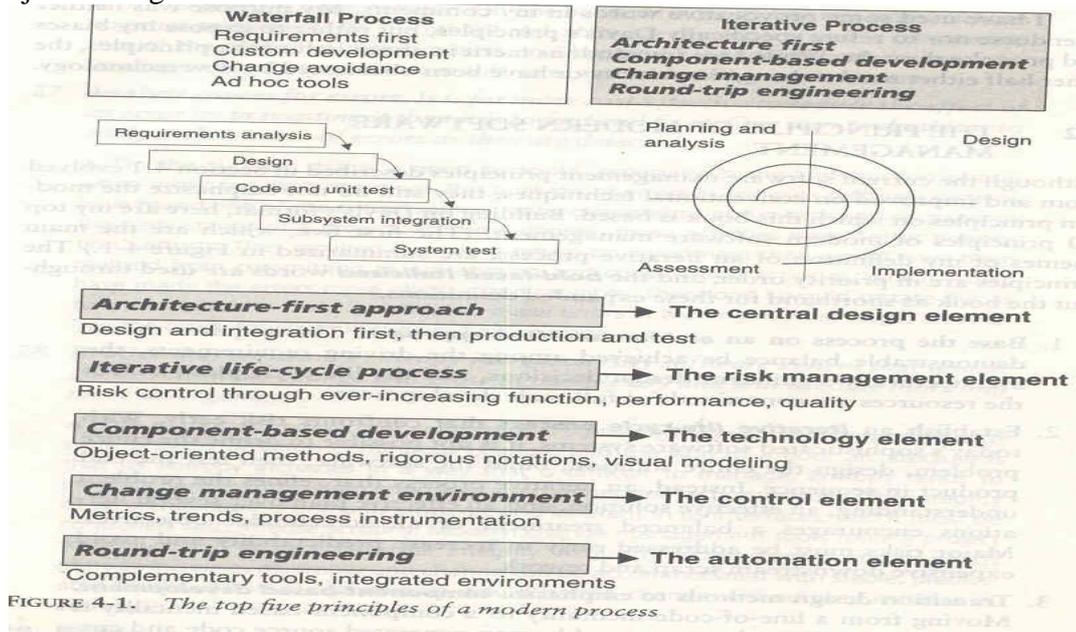
**Base the process on an *architecture-first approach*.** This requires that a demonstrable balance be achieved among the driving requirements, the architecturally significant design decisions, and the life-cycle plans before the resources are committed for full-scale development.

**Establish an *iterative life-cycle process that confronts risk early*.** With today's sophisticated software systems, it is not possible to define the entire problem, design the entire solution, build the software, and then test the end product in sequence. Instead, an iterative process that refines the problem understanding, an effective solution, and an effective plan over several iterations encourages a balanced treatment of all stakeholder objectives. Major risks must be addressed early to increase predictability and avoid expensive downstream scrap and rework.

**Transition design methods to emphasize *component-based development*.** Moving from a line-of-code mentality to a component-based mentality is necessary to reduce the amount of human-generated source code and custom development.

4. **Establish a *change management environment*.** The dynamics of iterative development, including concurrent workflows by different teams working on shared artifacts, necessitates objectively controlled baselines.

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5. **Enhance change freedom through tools that support round-trip engineering.** Round-trip engineering is the environment support necessary to automate and synchronize engineering information in different formats (such as requirements specifications, design models, source code, executable code, test cases).
6. **Capture design artifacts in rigorous, model-based notation.** A model based approach (such as UML) supports the evolution of semantically rich graphical and textual design notations.
7. **Instrument the process for objective quality control and progress assessment.** Life-cycle assessment of the progress and the quality of all intermediate products must be integrated into the process.
8. **Use a demonstration-based approach to assess intermediate artifacts.**
9. **Plan intermediate releases in groups of usage scenarios with evolving levels of detail.** It is essential that the software management process drive toward early and continuous demonstrations within the operational context of the system, namely its use cases.
10. **Establish a configurable process that is economically scalable.** No single process is suitable for all software developments.

Table 4-1 maps top 10 risks of the conventional process to the key attributes and principles of a modern process

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**TABLE 4-1. Modern process approaches for solving conventional problems**

CONVENTIONAL PROCESS: TOP 10 RISKS	IMPACT	MODERN PROCESS: INHERENT RISK RESOLUTION FEATURES
1. Late breakage and excessive scrap/rework	Quality, cost, schedule	Architecture-first approach Iterative development Automated change management Risk-confronting process
2. Attrition of key personnel	Quality, cost, schedule	Successful, early iterations Trustworthy management and planning
3. Inadequate development resources	Cost, schedule	Environments as first-class artifacts of the process Industrial-strength, integrated environments Model-based engineering artifacts Round-trip engineering
4. Adversarial stakeholders	Cost, schedule	Demonstration-based review Use-case-oriented requirements/testing
5. Necessary technology insertion	Cost, schedule	Architecture-first approach Component-based development
6. Requirements creep	Cost, schedule	Iterative development Use case modeling Demonstration-based review
7. Analysis paralysis	Schedule	Demonstration-based review Use-case-oriented requirements/testing
8. Inadequate performance	Quality	Demonstration-based performance assessment Early architecture performance feedback
9. Overemphasis on artifacts	Schedule	Demonstration-based assessment Objective quality control
10. Inadequate function	Quality	Iterative development Early prototypes, incremental releases

### 4.3 TRANSITIONING TO AN ITERATIVE PROCESS

Modern software development processes have moved away from the conventional waterfall model, in which each stage of the development process is dependent on completion of the previous stage.

The economic benefits inherent in transitioning from the conventional waterfall model to an iterative development process are significant but difficult to quantify. As one benchmark of the expected economic impact of process improvement, consider the process exponent parameters of the COCOMO II model. (Appendix B provides more detail on the COCOMO model) This exponent can range from 1.01 (virtually no diseconomy of scale) to 1.26 (significant diseconomy of scale). The parameters that govern the value of the process exponent are application precedentedness, process flexibility, architecture risk resolution, team cohesion, and software process maturity.

The following paragraphs map the process exponent parameters of COCOMO II to my top 10 principles of a modern process.

- **Application precedentedness.** Domain experience is a critical factor in understanding how to plan and execute a software development project. For unprecedented systems, one of the key goals is to confront risks and establish early precedents, even if they are incomplete or experimental. This is one of the primary reasons that the software industry has moved to an *iterative life-cycle process*. Early iterations in the life cycle establish precedents from which the product, the process, and the plans can be elaborated in *evolving levels of detail*.
- **Process flexibility.** Development of modern software is characterized by such a broad solution space and so many interrelated concerns that there is a paramount need for continuous incorporation of changes. These changes may be inherent in the problem understanding, the solution space, or the plans. Project artifacts must be supported by efficient *change management* commensurate with project needs. A *configurable process* that allows a common framework to be adapted across a range of projects is necessary to achieve a software return on investment.
- **Architecture risk resolution.** *Architecture-first* development is a crucial theme underlying a successful iterative development process. A project team develops and stabilizes architecture before

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developing all the components that make up the entire suite of applications components. An **architecture-first** and **component-based development approach** forces the infrastructure, common mechanisms, and control mechanisms to be elaborated early in the life cycle and drives all component make/buy decisions into the architecture process.

- **Team cohesion.** Successful teams are cohesive, and cohesive teams are successful. Successful teams and cohesive teams share common objectives and priorities. Advances in technology (such as programming languages, UML, and visual modeling) have enabled more rigorous and understandable notations for communicating software engineering information, particularly in the requirements and design artifacts that previously were ad hoc and based completely on paper exchange. These **model-based** formats have also enabled the **round-trip engineering** support needed to establish change freedom sufficient for evolving design representations.
- **Software process maturity.** The Software Engineering Institute's Capability Maturity Model (CMM) is a well-accepted benchmark for software process assessment. One of key themes is that truly mature processes are enabled through an integrated environment that provides the appropriate level of automation to instrument the process for **objective quality control**.

### Important questions

1.	<i>Explain briefly Waterfall model. Also explain Conventional s/w management performance?</i>
2.	<i>Define Software Economics. Also explain Pragmatic s/w cost estimation?</i>
3.	<i>Explain Important trends in improving Software economics?</i>
4.	<i>Explain five staffing principal offered by Boehm. Also explain Peer Inspections?</i>
5..	<i>Explain principles of conventional software engineering?</i>
6.	<i>Explain briefly principles of modern software management</i>

## 5. Life cycle phases

Characteristic of a successful software development process is the well-defined separation between "research and development" activities and "production" activities. Most unsuccessful projects exhibit one of the following characteristics:

- An overemphasis on research and development
- An overemphasis on production.

Successful modern projects-and even successful projects developed under the conventional process-tend to have a very well-defined project milestone when there is a noticeable transition from a research attitude to a production attitude. Earlier phases focus on achieving functionality. Later phases revolve around achieving a product that can be shipped to a customer, with explicit attention to robustness, performance, and finish.

A modern software development process must be defined to support the following:

- Evolution of the plans, requirements, and architecture, together with well defined synchronization points
- Risk management and objective measures of progress and quality
- Evolution of system capabilities through demonstrations of increasing functionality

### 5.1 ENGINEERING AND PRODUCTION STAGES

To achieve economies of scale and higher returns on investment, we must move toward a software manufacturing process driven by technological improvements in process automation and component-based development. Two stages of the life cycle are:

1. The **engineering stage**, driven by less predictable but smaller teams doing design and synthesis activities
2. The **production stage**, driven by more predictable but larger teams doing construction, test, and deployment activities

TABLE 5-1. *The two stages of the life cycle: engineering and production*

LIFE-CYCLE ASPECT	ENGINEERING STAGE EMPHASIS	PRODUCTION STAGE EMPHASIS
Risk reduction	Schedule, technical feasibility	Cost
Products	Architecture baseline	Product release baselines
Activities	Analysis, design, planning	Implementation, testing
Assessment	Demonstration, inspection, analysis	Testing
Economics	Resolving diseconomies of scale	Exploiting economies of scale
Management	Planning	Operations

The transition between engineering and production is a crucial event for the various stakeholders. The production plan has been agreed upon, and there is a good enough understanding of the problem and the solution that all stakeholders can make a firm commitment to go ahead with production. Engineering stage is decomposed into two distinct phases, inception and elaboration, and the production stage into construction and transition. These four phases of the life-cycle process are loosely mapped to the conceptual framework of the spiral model as shown in Figure 5-1

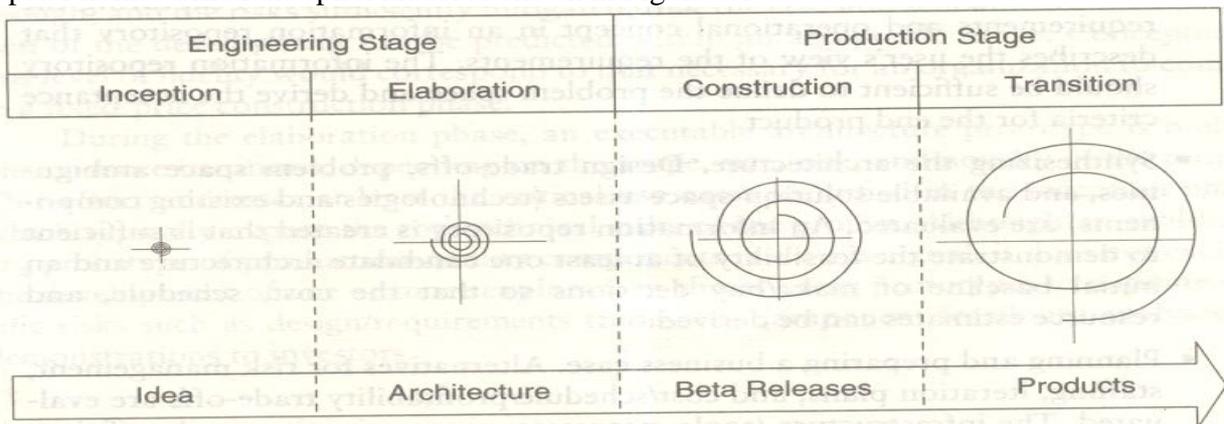


FIGURE 5-1. *The phases of the life-cycle process*

### 5.2 INCEPTION PHASE

The overriding goal of the inception phase is to achieve concurrence among stakeholders on the life-cycle objectives for the project.

#### PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

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- Establishing the project's software scope and boundary conditions, including an operational concept, acceptance criteria, and a clear understanding of what is and is not intended to be in the product
- Discriminating the critical use cases of the system and the primary scenarios of operation that will drive the major design trade-offs
- Demonstrating at least one candidate architecture against some of the primary scenanos
- Estimating the cost and schedule for the entire project (including detailed estimates for the elaboration phase)
- Estimating potential risks (sources of unpredictability)

## ESSENTIAL ACTMTIES

- Formulating the scope of the project. The information repository should be sufficient to define the problem space and derive the acceptance criteria for the end product.
- Synthesizing the architecture. An information repository is created that is sufficient to demonstrate the feasibility of at least one candidate architecture and an, initial baseline of make/buy decisions so that the cost, schedule, and resource estimates can be derived.
- Planning and preparing a business case. Alternatives for risk management, staffing, iteration plans, and cost/schedule/profitability trade-offs are evaluated.

## PRIMARY EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Do all stakeholders concur on the scope definition and cost and schedule estimates?
- Are requirements understood, as evidenced by the fidelity of the critical use cases?
- Are the cost and schedule estimates, priorities, risks, and development processes credible?
- Do the depth and breadth of an architecture prototype demonstrate the preceding criteria? (The primary value of prototyping candidate architecture is to provide a vehicle for understanding the scope and assessing the credibility of the development group in solving the particular technical problem.)
- Are actual resource expenditures versus planned expenditures acceptable

## 5.2 ELABORATION PHASE

At the end of this phase, the "engineering" is considered complete. The elaboration phase activities must ensure that the architecture, requirements, and plans are stable enough, and the risks sufficiently mitigated, that the cost and schedule for the completion of the development can be predicted within an acceptable range. During the elaboration phase, an executable architecture prototype is built in one or more iterations, depending on the scope, size, & risk.

## PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

- Baselining the architecture as rapidly as practical (establishing a configuration-managed snapshot in which all changes are rationalized, tracked, and maintained)
- Baselining the vision
- Baselining a high-fidelity plan for the construction phase
- Demonstrating that the baseline architecture will support the vision at a reasonable cost in a reasonable time

## ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES

- Elaborating the vision.

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- Elaborating the process and infrastructure.
- Elaborating the architecture and selecting components.

### PRIMARY EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Is the vision stable?
- Is the architecture stable?
- Does the executable demonstration show that the major risk elements have been addressed and credibly resolved?
- Is the construction phase plan of sufficient fidelity, and is it backed up with a credible basis of estimate?
- Do all stakeholders agree that the current vision can be met if the current plan is executed to develop the complete system in the context of the current architecture?
- Are actual resource expenditures versus planned expenditures acceptable?

## 5.4 CONSTRUCTION PHASE

During the construction phase, all remaining components and application features are integrated into the application, and all features are thoroughly tested. Newly developed software is integrated where required. The construction phase represents a production process, in which emphasis is placed on managing resources and controlling operations to optimize costs, schedules, and quality.

### PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

- Minimizing development costs by optimizing resources and avoiding unnecessary scrap and rework
- Achieving adequate quality as rapidly as practical
- Achieving useful versions (alpha, beta, and other test releases) as rapidly as practical

### ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES

- Resource management, control, and process optimization
- Complete component development and testing against evaluation criteria
- Assessment of product releases against acceptance criteria of the vision

### PRIMARY EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Is this product baseline mature enough to be deployed in the user community? (Existing defects are not obstacles to achieving the purpose of the next release.)
- Is this product baseline stable enough to be deployed in the user community? (Pending changes are not obstacles to achieving the purpose of the next release.)
- Are the stakeholders ready for transition to the user community?
- Are actual resource expenditures versus planned expenditures acceptable?

## 5.5 TRANSITION PHASE

The transition phase is entered when a baseline is mature enough to be deployed in the end-user domain. This typically requires that a usable subset of the system has been achieved with acceptable quality levels and user documentation so that transition to the user will provide positive results. This phase could include

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any of the following activities:

1. Beta testing to validate the new system against user expectations
2. Beta testing and parallel operation relative to a legacy system it is replacing
3. Conversion of operational databases
4. Training of users and maintainers

The transition phase concludes when the deployment baseline has achieved the complete vision.

#### PRIMARY OBJECTIVES

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

#### ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES

- Synchronization and integration of concurrent construction increments into consistent deployment baselines
- Deployment-specific engineering (cutover, commercial packaging and production, sales rollout kit development, field personnel training)
- Assessment of deployment baselines against the complete vision and acceptance criteria in the requirements set

#### EVALUATION CRITERIA

- Is the user satisfied?
- Are actual resource expenditures versus planned expenditures acceptable?

## 6. Artifacts of the process

### 6.1 THE ARTIFACT SETS

To make the development of a complete software system manageable, distinct collections of information are organized into artifact sets. *Artifact* represents cohesive information that typically is developed and reviewed as a single entity.

Life-cycle software artifacts are organized into five distinct sets that are roughly partitioned by the underlying language of the set: management (ad hoc textual formats), requirements (organized text and models of the problem space), design (models of the solution space), implementation (human-readable programming language and associated source files), and deployment (machine-process able languages and associated files). The artifact sets are shown in Figure 6-1.

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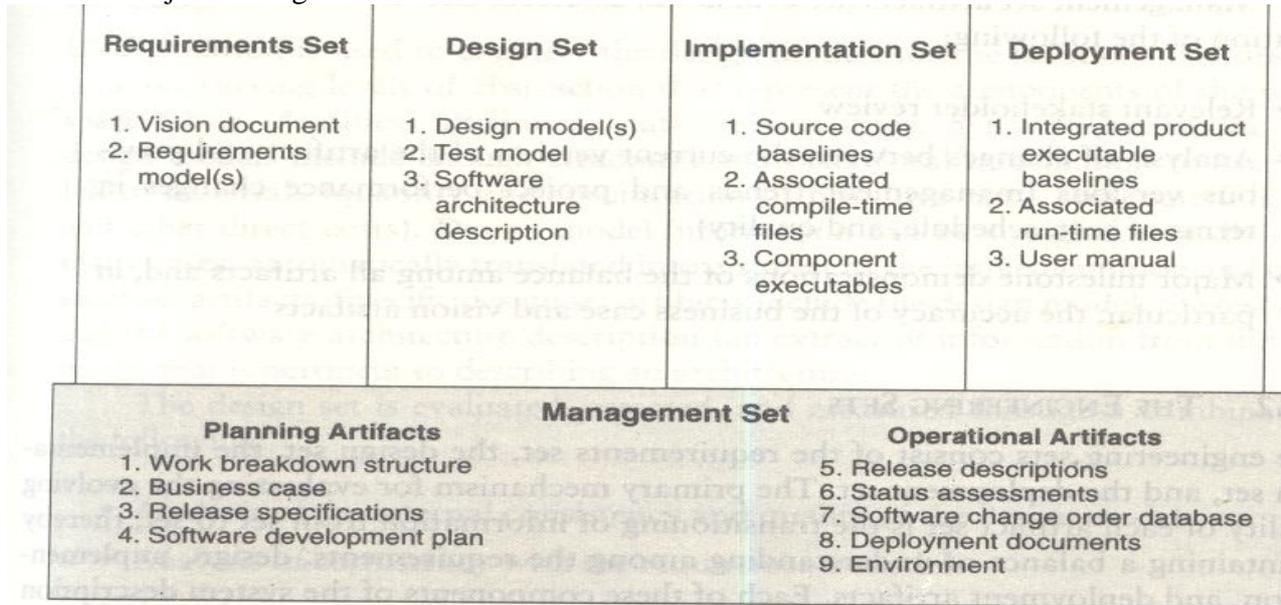


FIGURE 6-1. Overview of the artifact sets

### 6.1.1 THE MANAGEMENT SET

The management set captures the artifacts associated with process planning and execution. These artifacts use ad hoc notations, including text, graphics, or whatever representation is required to capture the "contracts" among project personnel (project management, architects, developers, testers, marketers, administrators), among stakeholders (funding authority, user, software project manager, organization manager, regulatory agency), and between project personnel and stakeholders. Specific artifacts included in this set are the work breakdown structure (activity breakdown and financial tracking mechanism), the business case (cost, schedule, profit expectations), the release specifications (scope, plan, objectives for release baselines), the software development plan (project process instance), the release descriptions (results of release baselines), the status assessments (periodic snapshots of project progress), the software change orders (descriptions of discrete baseline changes), the deployment documents (cutover plan, training course, sales rollout kit), and the environment (hardware and software tools, process automation, & documentation).

Management set artifacts are evaluated, assessed, and measured through a combination of the following:

- Relevant stakeholder review
- Analysis of changes between the current version of the artifact and previous versions
- Major milestone demonstrations of the balance among all artifacts and, in particular, the accuracy of the business case and vision artifacts

### 6.1.2 THE ENGINEERING SETS

The engineering sets consist of the requirements set, the design set, the implementation set, and the deployment set.

#### Requirements Set

Requirements artifacts are evaluated, assessed, and measured through a combination of the following:

- Analysis of consistency with the release specifications of the management set
- Analysis of consistency between the vision and the requirements models
- Mapping against the design, implementation, and deployment sets to evaluate the consistency and completeness and the semantic balance between information in the different sets

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- Analysis of changes between the current version of requirements artifacts and previous versions (scrap, rework, and defect elimination trends)
- Subjective review of other dimensions of quality

## Design Set

UML notation is used to engineer the design models for the solution. The design set contains varying levels of abstraction that represent the components of the solution space (their identities, attributes, static relationships, dynamic interactions). The design set is evaluated, assessed, and measured through a combination of the following:

- Analysis of the internal consistency and quality of the design model
- Analysis of consistency with the requirements models
- Translation into implementation and deployment sets and notations (for example, traceability, source code generation, compilation, linking) to evaluate the consistency and completeness and the semantic balance between information in the sets
- Analysis of changes between the current version of the design model and previous versions (scrap, rework, and defect elimination trends)
- Subjective review of other dimensions of quality

## Implementation set

The implementation set includes source code (programming language notations) that represents the tangible implementations of components (their form, interface, and dependency relationships)

Implementation sets are human-readable formats that are evaluated, assessed, and measured through a combination of the following:

- Analysis of consistency with the design models
- Translation into deployment set notations (for example, compilation and linking) to evaluate the consistency and completeness among artifact sets
- Assessment of component source or executable files against relevant evaluation criteria through inspection, analysis, demonstration, or testing
- Execution of stand-alone component test cases that automatically compare expected results with actual results
- Analysis of changes between the current version of the implementation set and previous versions (scrap, rework, and defect elimination trends)
- Subjective review of other dimensions of quality

## Deployment Set

The deployment set includes user deliverables and machine language notations, executable software, and the build scripts, installation scripts, and executable target specific data necessary to use the product in its target environment.

Deployment sets are evaluated, assessed, and measured through a combination of the following:

- Testing against the usage scenarios and quality attributes defined in the requirements set to evaluate the consistency and completeness and the semantic balance between information in the two sets
- Testing the partitioning, replication, and allocation strategies in mapping components of the implementation set to physical resources of the deployment system (platform type, number, network topology)
- Testing against the defined usage scenarios in the user manual such as installation, user-oriented

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dynamic reconfiguration, mainstream usage, and anomaly management

- Analysis of changes between the current version of the deployment set and previous versions (defect elimination trends, performance changes)
- Subjective review of other dimensions of quality

Each artifact set is the predominant development focus of one phase of the life cycle; the other sets take on check and balance roles. As illustrated in Figure 6-2, each phase has a predominant focus: Requirements are the focus of the inception phase; design, the elaboration phase; implementation, the construction phase; and deployment, the transition phase. The management artifacts also evolve, but at a fairly constant level across the life cycle.

Most of today's software development tools map closely to one of the five artifact sets.

1. Management: scheduling, workflow, defect tracking, change management, documentation, spreadsheet, resource management, and presentation tools
2. Requirements: requirements management tools
3. Design: visual modeling tools
4. Implementation: compiler/debugger tools, code analysis tools, test coverage analysis tools, and test management tools
5. Deployment: test coverage and test automation tools, network management tools, commercial components (operating systems, GUIs, RDBMS, networks, middleware), and installation tools.

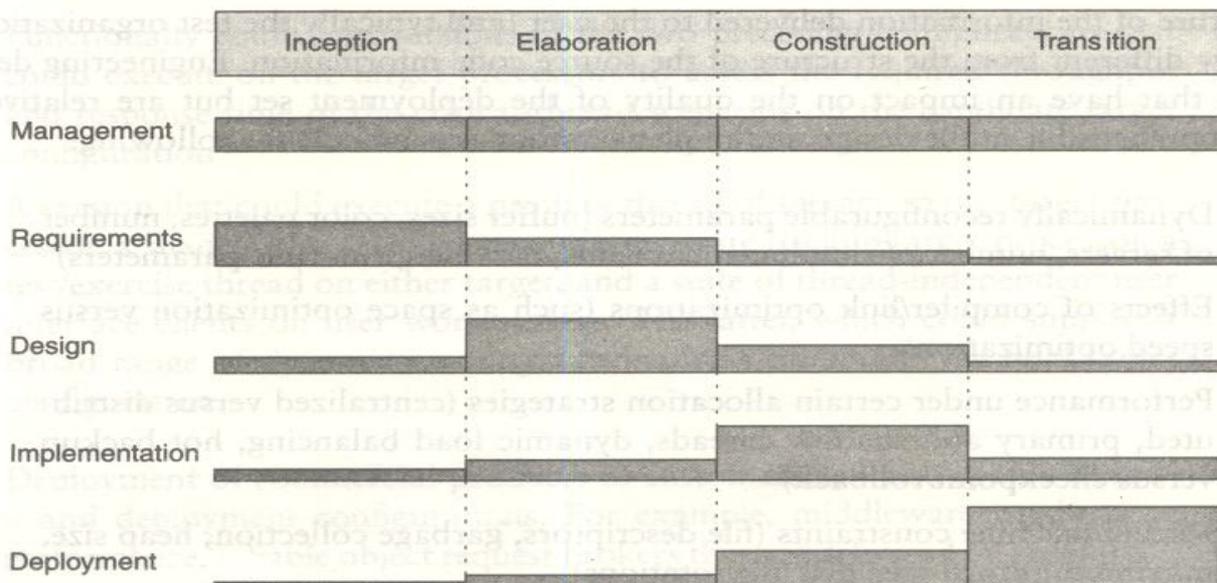


FIGURE 6-2. Life-cycle focus on artifact sets

### Implementation Set versus Deployment Set

The separation of the implementation set (source code) from the deployment set (executable code) is important because there are very different concerns with each set. The structure of the information delivered to the user (and typically the test organization) is very different from the structure of the source code information. Engineering decisions that have an impact on the quality of the deployment set but are relatively incomprehensible in the design and implementation sets include the following:

- Dynamically reconfigurable parameters (buffer sizes, color palettes, number of servers, number of simultaneous clients, data files, run-time parameters)
- Effects of compiler/link optimizations (such as space optimization versus speed optimization)
- Performance under certain allocation strategies (centralized versus distributed, primary and shadow threads, dynamic load balancing, hot backup versus checkpoint/rollback)

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- Virtual machine constraints (file descriptors, garbage collection, heap size, maximum record size, disk file rotations)
- Process-level concurrency issues (deadlock and race conditions)
- Platform-specific differences in performance or behavior

### 6.1.3 ARTIFACT EVOLUTION OVER THE LIFE CYCLE

Each state of development represents a certain amount of precision in the final system description. Early in the life cycle, precision is low and the representation is generally high. Eventually, the precision of representation is high and everything is specified in full detail. Each phase of development focuses on a particular artifact set. At the end of each phase, the overall system state will have progressed on all sets, as illustrated in Figure 6-3.

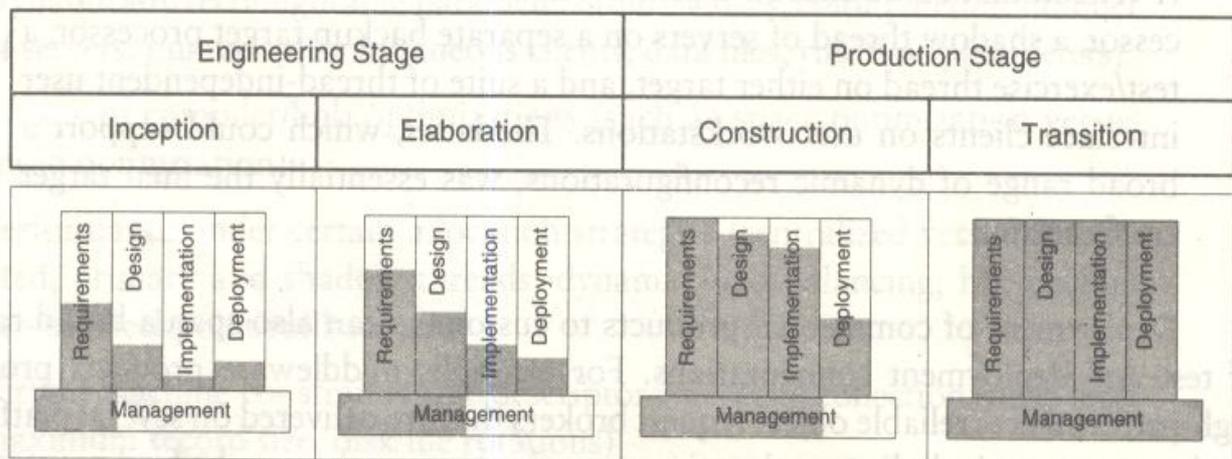


FIGURE 6-3. *Life-cycle evolution of the artifact sets*

The **inception** phase focuses mainly on critical requirements usually with a secondary focus on an initial deployment view. During the **elaboration phase**, there is much greater depth in requirements, much more breadth in the design set, and further work on implementation and deployment issues. The main focus of the **construction** phase is design and implementation. The main focus of the **transition** phase is on achieving consistency and completeness of the deployment set in the context of the other sets.

### 6.1.4 TEST ARTIFACTS

- The test artifacts must be developed concurrently with the product from inception through deployment. Thus, testing is a full-life-cycle activity, not a late life-cycle activity.
- The test artifacts are communicated, engineered, and developed within the same artifact sets as the developed product.
- The test artifacts are implemented in programmable and repeatable formats (as software programs).
- The test artifacts are documented in the same way that the product is documented.
- Developers of the test artifacts use the same tools, techniques, and training as the software engineers developing the product.

Test artifact subsets are highly project-specific, the following example clarifies the relationship between test artifacts and the other artifact sets. Consider a project to perform seismic data processing for the purpose of

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oil exploration. This system has three fundamental subsystems: (1) a sensor subsystem that captures raw seismic data in real time and delivers these data to (2) a technical operations subsystem that converts raw data into an organized database and manages queries to this database from (3) a display subsystem that allows workstation operators to examine seismic data in human-readable form. Such a system would result in the following test artifacts:

- **Management set.** The release specifications and release descriptions capture the objectives, evaluation criteria, and results of an intermediate milestone. These artifacts are the test plans and test results negotiated among internal project teams. The software change orders capture test results (defects, testability changes, requirements ambiguities, enhancements) and the closure criteria associated with making a discrete change to a baseline.
- **Requirements set.** The system-level use cases capture the operational concept for the system and the acceptance test case descriptions, including the expected behavior of the system and its quality attributes. The entire requirement set is a test artifact because it is the basis of all assessment activities across the life cycle.
- **Design set.** A test model for nondeliverable components needed to test the product baselines is captured in the design set. These components include such design set artifacts as a seismic event simulation for creating realistic sensor data; a "virtual operator" that can support unattended, after-hours test cases; specific instrumentation suites for early demonstration of resource usage; transaction rates or response times; and use case test drivers and component stand-alone test drivers.
- **Implementation set.** Self-documenting source code representations for test components and test drivers provide the equivalent of test procedures and test scripts. These source files may also include human-readable data files representing certain statically defined data sets that are explicit test source files. Output files from test drivers provide the equivalent of test reports.
- **Deployment set.** Executable versions of test components, test drivers, and data files are provided.

## 6.2 MANAGEMENT ARTIFACTS

The management set includes several artifacts that capture intermediate results and ancillary information necessary to document the product/process legacy, maintain the product, improve the product, and improve the process.

### **Business Case**

The business case artifact provides all the information necessary to determine whether the project is worth investing in. It details the expected revenue, expected cost, technical and management plans, and backup data necessary to demonstrate the risks and realism of the plans. The main purpose is to transform the vision into economic terms so that an organization can make an accurate ROI assessment. The financial forecasts are evolutionary, updated with more accurate forecasts as the life cycle progresses. Figure 6-4 provides a default outline for a business case.

### **Software Development Plan**

The software development plan (SDP) elaborates the process framework into a fully detailed plan. Two indications of a useful SDP are periodic updating (it is not stagnant shelfware) and understanding and acceptance by managers and practitioners alike. Figure 6-5 provides a default outline for a software development plan.

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- I. Context (domain, market, scope)**
- II. Technical approach**
  - A. Feature set achievement plan
  - B. Quality achievement plan
  - C. Engineering trade-offs and technical risks
- III. Management approach**
  - A. Schedule and schedule risk assessment
  - B. Objective measures of success
- IV. Evolutionary appendixes**
  - A. Financial forecast
    - 1. Cost estimate
    - 2. Revenue estimate
    - 3. Bases of estimates

FIGURE 6-4. *Typical business case outline*

- I. Context (scope, objectives)**
- II. Software development process**
  - A. Project primitives
    - 1. Life-cycle phases
    - 2. Artifacts
    - 3. Workflows
    - 4. Checkpoints
  - B. Major milestone scope and content
  - C. Process improvement procedures
- III. Software engineering environment**
  - A. Process automation (hardware and software resource configuration)
  - B. Resource allocation procedures (sharing across organizations, security access)
- IV. Software change management**
  - A. Configuration control board plan and procedures
  - B. Software change order definitions and procedures
  - C. Configuration baseline definitions and procedures
- V. Software assessment**
  - A. Metrics collection and reporting procedures
  - B. Risk management procedures (risk identification, tracking, and resolution)
  - C. Status assessment plan
  - D. Acceptance test plan
- VI. Standards and procedures**
  - A. Standards and procedures for technical artifacts
- VII. Evolutionary appendixes**
  - A. Minor milestone scope and content
  - B. Human resources (organization, staffing plan, training plan)

FIGURE 6-5. *Typical software development plan outline*

### Work Breakdown Structure

Work breakdown structure (WBS) is the vehicle for budgeting and collecting costs. To monitor and control a project's financial performance, the software project manager must have insight into project costs and how they are expended. The structure of cost accountability is a serious project planning constraint.

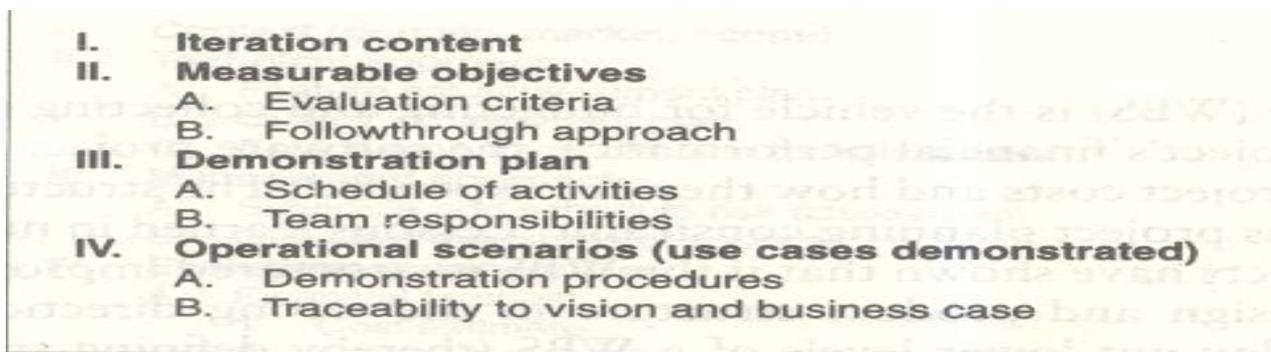
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### Software Change Order Database

Managing change is one of the fundamental primitives of an iterative development process. With greater change freedom, a project can iterate more productively. This flexibility increases the content, quality, and number of iterations that a project can achieve within a given schedule. Change freedom has been achieved in practice through automation, and today's iterative development environments carry the burden of change management. Organizational processes that depend on manual change management techniques have encountered major inefficiencies.

### Release Specifications

The scope, plan, and objective evaluation criteria for each baseline release are derived from the vision statement as well as many other sources (make/buy analyses, risk management concerns, architectural considerations, shots in the dark, implementation constraints, quality thresholds). These artifacts are intended to evolve along with the process, achieving greater fidelity as the life cycle progresses and requirements understanding matures. Figure 6-6 provides a default outline for a release specification

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- I. Iteration content**
  - II. Measurable objectives**
    - A. Evaluation criteria
    - B. Followthrough approach
  - III. Demonstration plan**
    - A. Schedule of activities
    - B. Team responsibilities
  - IV. Operational scenarios (use cases demonstrated)**
    - A. Demonstration procedures
    - B. Traceability to vision and business case

**FIGURE 6-6.** *Typical release specification outline*

### Release Descriptions

Release description documents describe the results of each release, including performance against each of the evaluation criteria in the corresponding release specification. Release baselines should be accompanied by a release description document that describes the evaluation criteria for that configuration baseline and provides substantiation (through demonstration, testing, inspection, or analysis) that each criterion has been addressed in an acceptable manner. Figure 6-7 provides a default outline for a release description.

### Status Assessments

Status assessments provide periodic snapshots of project health and status, including the software project manager's risk assessment, quality indicators, and management indicators. Typical status assessments should include a review of resources, personnel staffing, financial data (cost and revenue), top 10 risks, technical progress (metrics snapshots), major milestone plans and results, total project or product scope & action items

<b>I.</b>	<b>Context</b>
A.	Release baseline content
B.	Release metrics
<b>II.</b>	<b>Release notes</b>
A.	Release-specific constraints or limitations
<b>III.</b>	<b>Assessment results</b>
A.	Substantiation of passed evaluation criteria
B.	Follow-up plans for failed evaluation criteria
C.	Recommendations for next release
<b>IV.</b>	<b>Outstanding issues</b>
A.	Action items
B.	Post-mortem summary of lessons learned

FIGURE 6-7. *Typical release description outline*

**Environment**

An important emphasis of a modern approach is to define the development and maintenance environment as a first-class artifact of the process. A robust, integrated development environment must support automation of the development process. This environment should include requirements management, visual modeling, document automation, host and target programming tools, automated regression testing, and continuous and integrated change management, and feature and defect tracking.

**Deployment**

A deployment document can take many forms. Depending on the project, it could include several document subsets for transitioning the product into operational status. In big contractual efforts in which the system is delivered to a separate maintenance organization, deployment artifacts may include computer system operations manuals, software installation manuals, plans and procedures for cutover (from a legacy system), site surveys, and so forth. For commercial software products, deployment artifacts may include marketing plans, sales rollout kits, and training courses.

**Management Artifact Sequences**

In each phase of the life cycle, new artifacts are produced and previously developed artifacts are updated to incorporate lessons learned and to capture further depth and breadth of the solution. Figure 6-8 identifies a typical sequence of artifacts across the life-cycle phases.

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- △ Informal version
- ▲ Controlled baseline

Inception	Elaboration			Construction			Transition
Iteration 1	Iteration 2	Iteration 3	Iteration 4	Iteration 5	Iteration 6	Iteration 7	

## Management Set

1. Work breakdown structure
2. Business case
3. Release specifications
4. Software development plan
5. Release descriptions
6. Status assessments
7. Software change order data

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8. Deployment documents
9. Environment

			△		△	▲
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## Requirements Set

1. Vision document
2. Requirements model(s)

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	▲		▲		▲	

## Design Set

1. Design model(s)
2. Test model
3. Architecture description

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	△		▲		▲	

## Implementation Set

1. Source code baselines
2. Associated compile-time files
3. Component executables

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			▲	▲	▲	▲
			▲	▲	▲	▲

## Deployment Set

1. Integrated product-executable baselines
2. Associated run-time files
3. User manual

			▲	▲	▲	▲
			▲	▲	▲	▲
			▲	▲	▲	▲

FIGURE 6-8. Artifact sequences across a typical life cycle

### 6.3 ENGINEERING ARTIFACTS

Most of the engineering artifacts are captured in rigorous engineering notations such as UML, programming languages, or executable machine codes. Three engineering artifacts are explicitly intended for more general review, and they deserve further elaboration.

#### Vision Document

The vision document provides a complete vision for the software system under development and supports the contract between the funding authority and the development organization. A project vision is meant to be changeable as understanding evolves of the requirements, architecture, plans, and technology. A good vision document should change slowly. Figure 6-9 provides a default outline for a vision document.

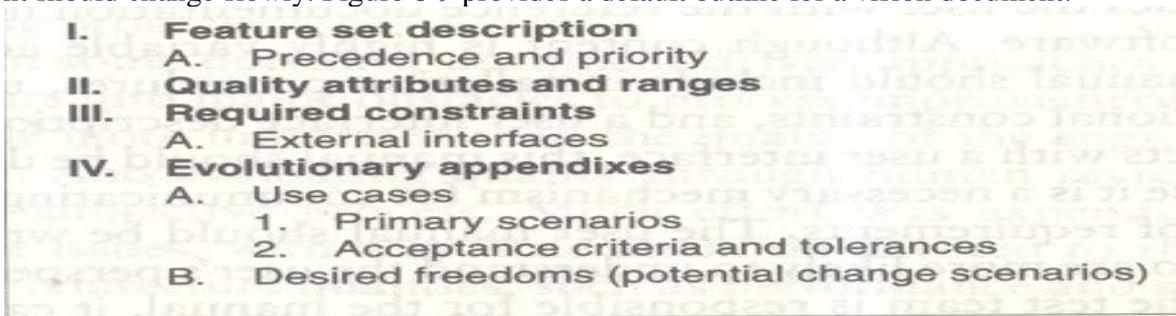
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- I. Feature set description**
    - A. Precedence and priority
  - II. Quality attributes and ranges**
  - III. Required constraints**
    - A. External interfaces
  - IV. Evolutionary appendixes**
    - A. Use cases
      - 1. Primary scenarios
      - 2. Acceptance criteria and tolerances
    - B. Desired freedoms (potential change scenarios)

FIGURE 6-9. Typical vision document outline

#### Architecture Description

The architecture description provides an organized view of the software architecture under development. It is extracted largely from the design model and includes views of the design, implementation, and deployment sets sufficient to understand how the operational concept of the requirements set will be achieved. The breadth of the architecture description will vary from project to project depending on many factors. Figure 6-10 provides a default outline for an architecture description.

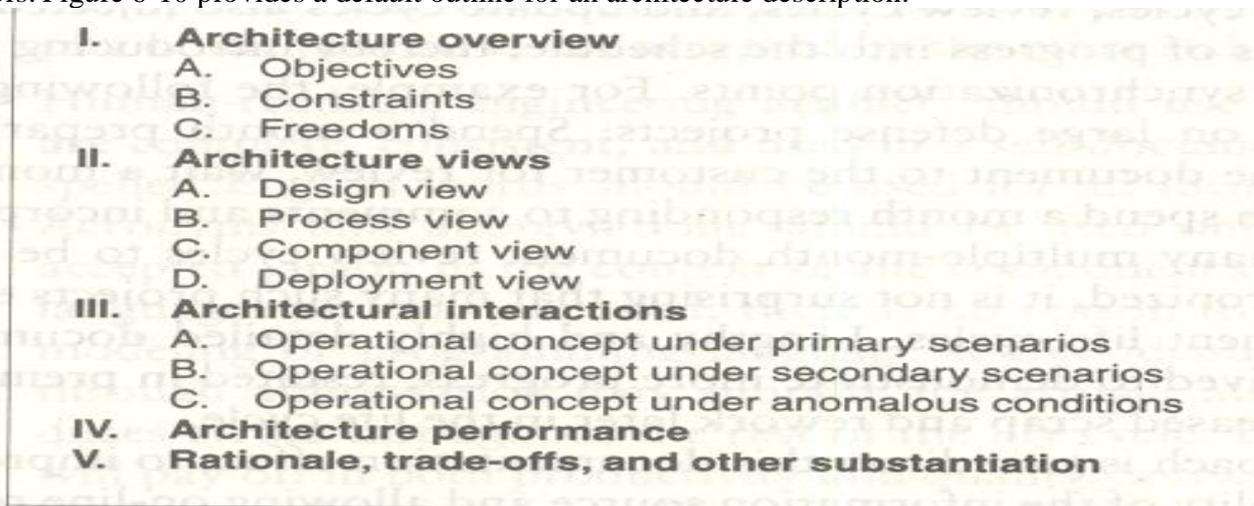
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- I. Architecture overview**
    - A. Objectives
    - B. Constraints
    - C. Freedoms
  - II. Architecture views**
    - A. Design view
    - B. Process view
    - C. Component view
    - D. Deployment view
  - III. Architectural interactions**
    - A. Operational concept under primary scenarios
    - B. Operational concept under secondary scenarios
    - C. Operational concept under anomalous conditions
  - IV. Architecture performance**
  - V. Rationale, trade-offs, and other substantiation**

FIGURE 6-10. Typical architecture description outline

**Software User Manual**

The software user manual provides the user with the reference documentation necessary to support the delivered software. Although content is highly variable across application domains, the user manual should include installation procedures, usage procedures and guidance, operational constraints, and a user interface description, at a minimum. For software products with a user interface, this manual should be developed early in the life cycle because it is a necessary mechanism for communicating and stabilizing an important subset of requirements. The user manual should be written by members of the test team, who are more likely to understand the user's perspective than the development team.

**6.4 PRAGMATIC ARTIFACTS**

•**People want to review information but don't understand the language of the artifact.** Many interested reviewers of a particular artifact will resist having to learn the engineering language in which the artifact is written. It is not uncommon to find people (such as veteran software managers, veteran quality assurance specialists, or an auditing authority from a regulatory agency) who react as follows: "I'm not going to learn UML, but I want to review the design of this software, so give me a separate description such as some flowcharts and text that I can understand."

•**People want to review the information but don't have access to the tools.** It is not very common for the development organization to be fully tooled; it is extremely rare that the/other stakeholders have any capability to review the engineering artifacts on-line. Consequently, organizations are forced to exchange paper documents. Standardized formats (such as UML, spreadsheets, Visual Basic, C++, and Ada 95), visualization tools, and the Web are rapidly making it economically feasible for all stakeholders to exchange information electronically.

•**Human-readable engineering artifacts should use rigorous notations that are complete, consistent, and used in a self-documenting manner.** Properly spelled English words should be used for all identifiers and descriptions. Acronyms and abbreviations should be used only where they are well accepted jargon in the context of the component's usage. Readability should be emphasized and the use of proper English words should be required in all engineering artifacts. This practice enables understandable representations, browse able formats (paperless review), more-rigorous notations, and reduced error rates.

•**Useful documentation is self-defining: It is documentation that gets used.**

•**Paper is tangible; electronic artifacts are too easy to change.** On-line and Web-based artifacts can be changed easily and are viewed with more skepticism because of their inherent volatility.

**Unit – III Important questions**

1.	<b>Explain briefly two stages of the life cycle engineering and production.</b>
2.	<b>Explain different phases of the life cycle process?</b>
3.	<b>Explain the goal of Inception phase, Elaboration phase, Construction phase and Transition phase.</b>
4.	<b>Explain the overview of the artifact set</b>
5.	<b>Write a short note on (a) Management Artifacts (b) Engineering Artifacts (c) Pragmatic Artifacts</b>

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**Model based software architectures:** A Management perspective and technical perspective.

**Work Flows of the process:** Software process workflows, Iteration workflows.

**Check Points of The process**

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### 7. Model based software architecture

#### 7.1 ARCHITECTURE: A MANAGEMENT PERSPECTIVE

The most critical technical product of a software project is its architecture: the infrastructure, control, and data interfaces that permit software components to cooperate as a system and software designers to cooperate efficiently as a team. When the communications media include multiple languages and intergroup literacy varies, the communications problem can become extremely complex and even unsolvable. If a software development team is to be successful, the inter project communications, as captured in the software architecture, must be both accurate and precise

From a management perspective, there are three different aspects of architecture.

1. An *architecture* (the intangible design concept) is the design of a software system this includes all engineering necessary to specify a complete bill of materials.
2. An *architecture baseline* (the tangible artifacts) is a slice of information across the engineering artifact sets sufficient to satisfy all stakeholders that the vision (function and quality) can be achieved within the parameters of the business case (cost, profit, time, technology, and people).
3. An *architecture description* (a human-readable representation of an architecture, which is one of the components of an architecture baseline) is an organized subset of information extracted from the design set model(s). The architecture description communicates how the intangible concept is realized in the tangible artifacts.

The number of views and the level of detail in each view can vary widely.

The importance of software architecture and its close linkage with modern software development processes can be summarized as follows:

- Achieving a stable software architecture represents a significant project milestone at which the critical make/buy decisions should have been resolved.
- Architecture representations provide a basis for balancing the trade-offs between the problem space (requirements and constraints) and the solution space (the operational product).
- The architecture and process encapsulate many of the important (high-payoff or high-risk) communications among individuals, teams, organizations, and stakeholders.
- Poor architectures and immature processes are often given as reasons for project failures.
- A mature process, an understanding of the primary requirements, and a demonstrable architecture are important prerequisites for predictable planning.
- Architecture development and process definition are the intellectual steps that map the problem to a solution without violating the constraints; they require human innovation and cannot be automated.

#### 7.2 ARCHITECTURE: A TECHNICAL PERSPECTIVE

An architecture framework is defined in terms of views that are abstractions of the UML models in the design set. The design model includes the full breadth and depth of information. An architecture view is an abstraction of the design model; it contains only the

architecturally significant information. Most real-world systems require four views: design, process, component, and deployment. The purposes of these views are as follows:

- Design: describes architecturally significant structures and functions of the design model
- Process: describes concurrency and control thread relationships among the design, component, and deployment views
- Component: describes the structure of the implementation set
- Deployment: describes the structure of the deployment set

Figure 7-1 summarizes the artifacts of the design set, including the architecture views and architecture description.

The requirements model addresses the behavior of the system as seen by its end users, analysts, and testers. This view is modeled statically using use case and class diagrams, and dynamically using sequence, collaboration, state chart, and activity diagrams.

- The *use case view* describes how the system's critical (architecturally significant) use cases are realized by elements of the design model. It is modeled statically using use case diagrams, and dynamically using any of the UML behavioral diagrams.
- The *design view* describes the architecturally significant elements of the design model. This view, an abstraction of the design model, addresses the basic structure and functionality of the solution. It is modeled statically using class and object diagrams, and dynamically using any of the UML behavioral diagrams.
- The *process view* addresses the run-time collaboration issues involved in executing the architecture on a distributed deployment model, including the logical software network topology (allocation to processes and threads of control), interprocess communication, and state management. This view is modeled statically using deployment diagrams, and dynamically using any of the UML behavioral diagrams.
- The *component view* describes the architecturally significant elements of the implementation set. This view, an abstraction of the design model, addresses the software source code realization of the system from the perspective of the project's integrators and developers, especially with regard to releases and configuration management. It is modeled statically using component diagrams, and dynamically using any of the UML behavioral diagrams.
- The *deployment view* addresses the executable realization of the system, including the allocation of logical processes in the distribution view (the logical software topology) to physical resources of the deployment network (the physical system topology). It is modeled statically using deployment diagrams, and dynamically using any of the UML behavioral diagrams.

Generally, an architecture baseline should include the following:

- Requirements: critical use cases, system-level quality objectives, and priority relationships among features and qualities
- Design: names, attributes, structures, behaviors, groupings, and relationships of significant classes and components
- Implementation: source component inventory and bill of materials (number, name, purpose, cost) of all primitive components
- Deployment: executable components sufficient to demonstrate the critical use cases and the risk associated with achieving the system qualities

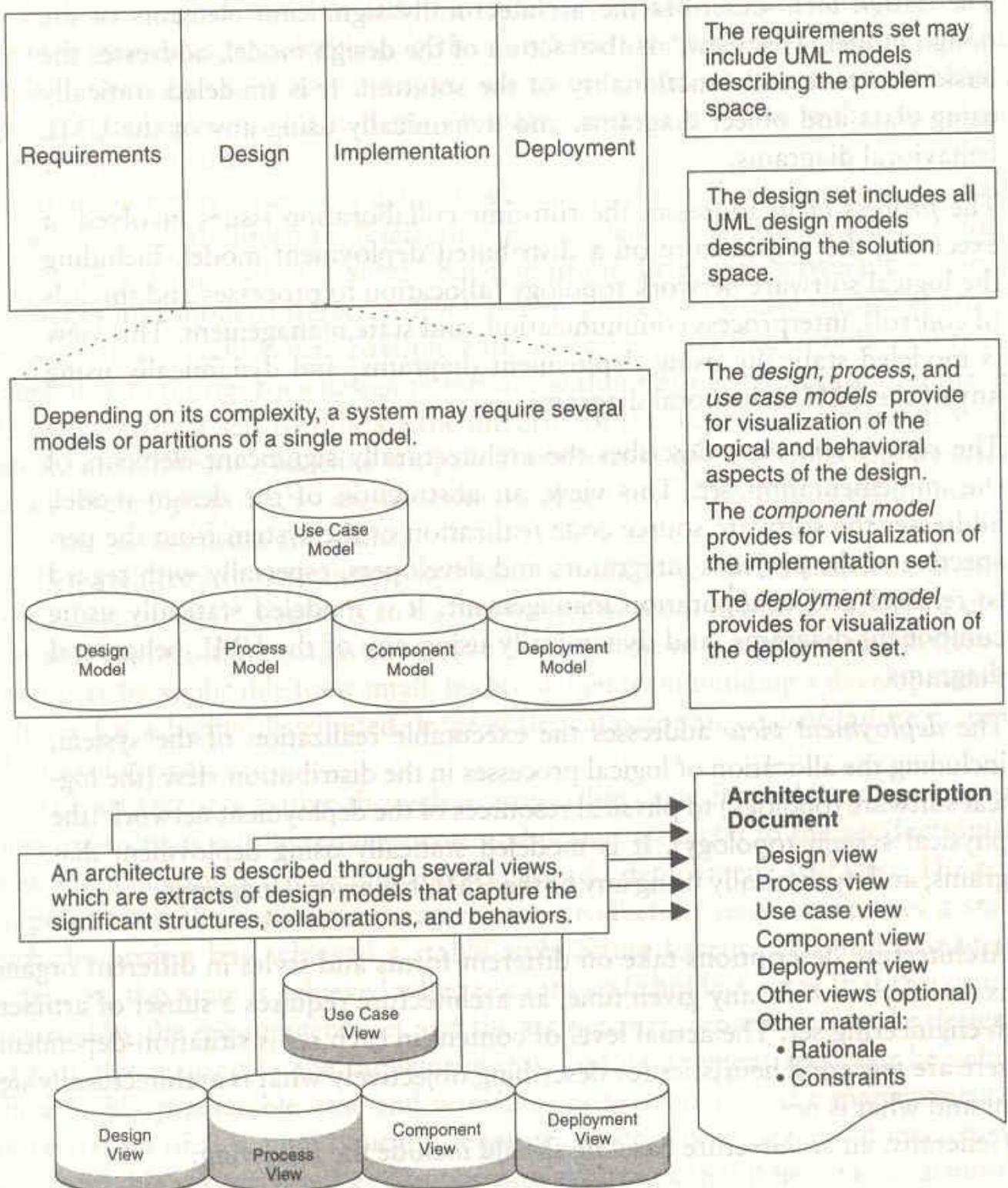


FIGURE 7-1. Architecture, an organized and abstracted view into the design models

## 8. Workflow of the process

## 8.1 SOFTWARE PROCESS WORKFLOWS

The term WORKFLOWS is used to mean a thread of cohesive and mostly sequential activities. Workflows are mapped to product artifacts. There are seven top-level workflows:

1. Management workflow: controlling the process and ensuring win conditions for all stakeholders
2. Environment workflow: automating the process and evolving the maintenance environment
3. Requirements workflow: analyzing the problem space and evolving the requirements artifacts
4. Design workflow: modeling the solution and evolving the architecture and design artifacts
5. Implementation workflow: programming the components and evolving the implementation and deployment artifacts
6. Assessment workflow: assessing the trends in process and product quality
7. Deployment workflow: transitioning the end products to the user

Figure 8-1 illustrates the relative levels of effort expected across the phases in each of the top-level workflows.

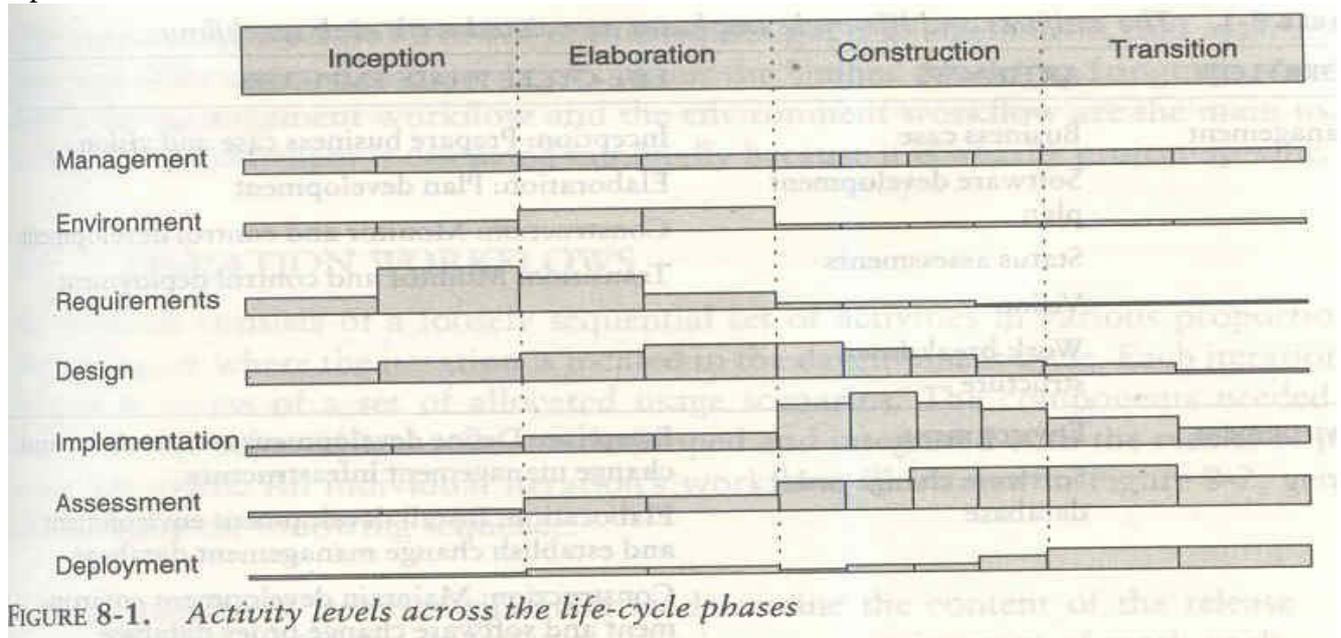


Table 8-1 shows the allocation of artifacts and the emphasis of each workflow in each of the life-cycle phases of inception, elaboration, construction, and transition.

**TABLE 8-1.** *The artifacts and life-cycle emphases associated with each workflow*

WORKFLOW	ARTIFACTS	LIFE-CYCLE PHASE EMPHASIS
Management	Business case	Inception: Prepare business case and vision
	Software development plan	Elaboration: Plan development
	Status assessments	Construction: Monitor and control development
	Vision	Transition: Monitor and control deployment
	Work breakdown structure	
Environment	Environment	Inception: Define development environment and change management infrastructure
	Software change order database	Elaboration: Install development environment and establish change management database
		Construction: Maintain development environment and software change order database
		Transition: Transition maintenance environment and software change order database
Requirements	Requirements set	Inception: Define operational concept
	Release specifications	Elaboration: Define architecture objectives
	Vision	Construction: Define iteration objectives Transition: Refine release objectives
Design	Design set	Inception: Formulate architecture concept
	Architecture description	Elaboration: Achieve architecture baseline
		Construction: Design components
		Transition: Refine architecture and components
Implementation	Implementation set	Inception: Support architecture prototypes
	Deployment set	Elaboration: Produce architecture baseline
		Construction: Produce complete componentry
		Transition: Maintain components
Assessment	Release specifications	Inception: Assess plans, vision, prototypes
	Release descriptions	Elaboration: Assess architecture
	User manual	Construction: Assess interim releases
	Deployment set	Transition: Assess product releases
Deployment	Deployment set	Inception: Analyze user community
		Elaboration: Define user manual
		Construction: Prepare transition materials
		Transition: Transition product to user

## 8.2 ITERATION WORKFLOWS

Iteration consists of a loosely sequential set of activities in various proportions, depending on where the iteration is located in the development cycle. Each iteration is defined in terms of a set of allocated usage scenarios. An individual iteration's workflow, illustrated in Figure 8-2, generally includes the following sequence:

- Management: iteration planning to determine the content of the release and develop the detailed plan for the iteration; assignment of work packages, or tasks, to the development team
- Environment: evolving the software change order database to reflect all new baselines and changes to existing baselines for all product, test, and environment components

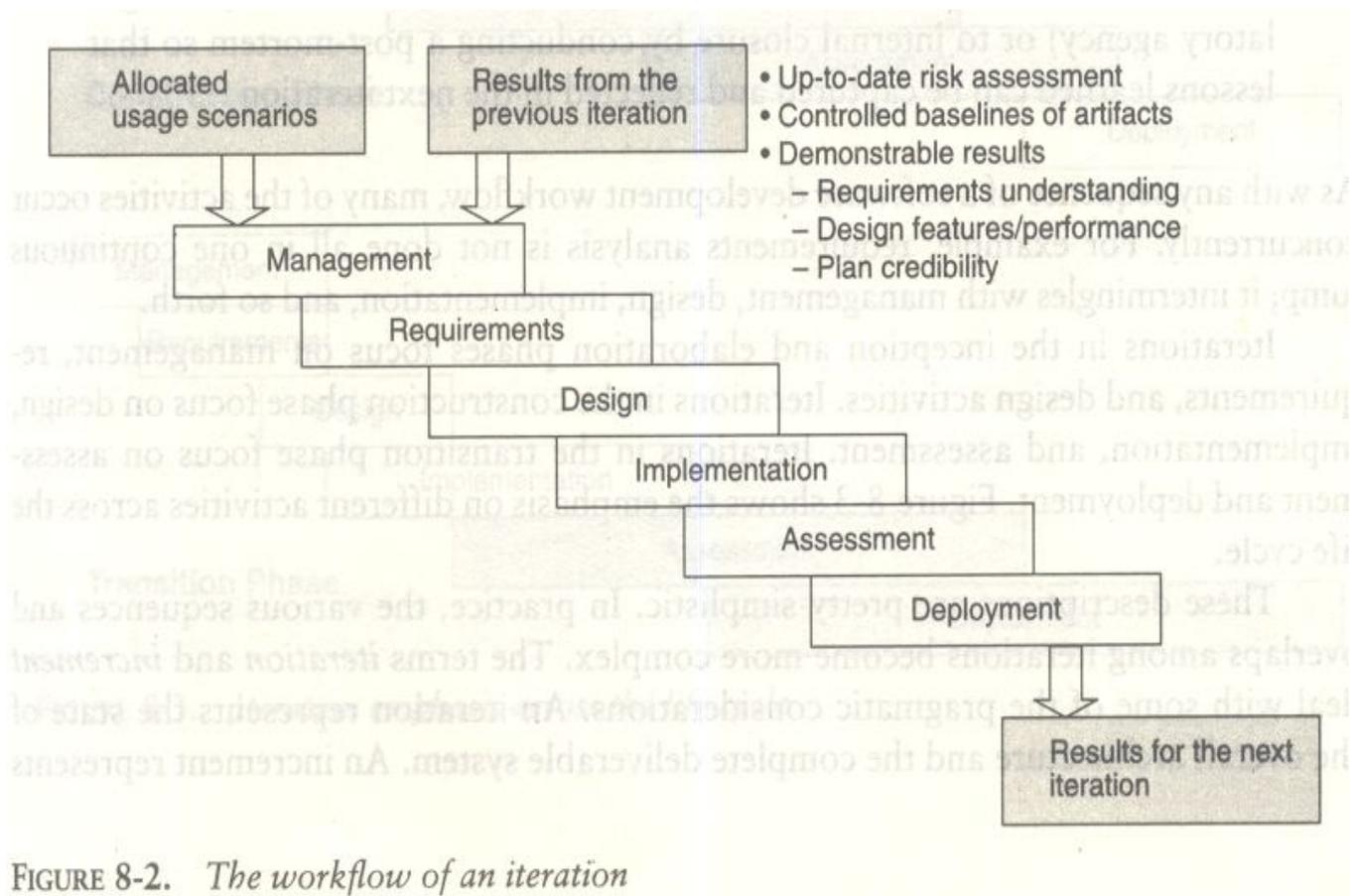


FIGURE 8-2. *The workflow of an iteration*

- Requirements: analyzing the baseline plan, the baseline architecture, and the baseline requirements set artifacts to fully elaborate the use cases to be demonstrated at the end of this iteration and their evaluation criteria; updating any requirements set artifacts to reflect changes necessitated by results of this iteration's engineering activities
- Design: evolving the baseline architecture and the baseline design set artifacts to elaborate fully the design model and test model components necessary to demonstrate against the evaluation criteria allocated to this iteration; updating design set artifacts to reflect changes necessitated by the results of this iteration's engineering activities
- Implementation: developing or acquiring any new components, and enhancing or modifying any existing components, to demonstrate the evaluation criteria allocated to this iteration; integrating and testing all new and modified components with existing baselines (previous versions)

- **Assessment:** evaluating the results of the iteration, including compliance with the allocated evaluation criteria and the quality of the current baselines; identifying any rework required and determining whether it should be performed before deployment of this release or allocated to the next release; assessing results to improve the basis of the subsequent iteration's plan
- **Deployment:** transitioning the release either to an external organization (such as a user, independent verification and validation contractor, or regulatory agency) or to internal closure by conducting a post-mortem so that lessons learned can be captured and reflected in the next iteration

Iterations in the inception and elaboration phases focus on management, requirements, and design activities. Iterations in the construction phase focus on design, implementation, and assessment. Iterations in the transition phase focus on assessment and deployment. Figure 8-3 shows the emphasis on different activities across the life cycle. An iteration represents the state of the overall architecture and the complete deliverable system. An increment represents the current progress that will be combined with the preceding iteration to form the next iteration. Figure 8-4, an example of a simple development life cycle, illustrates the differences between iterations and increments.

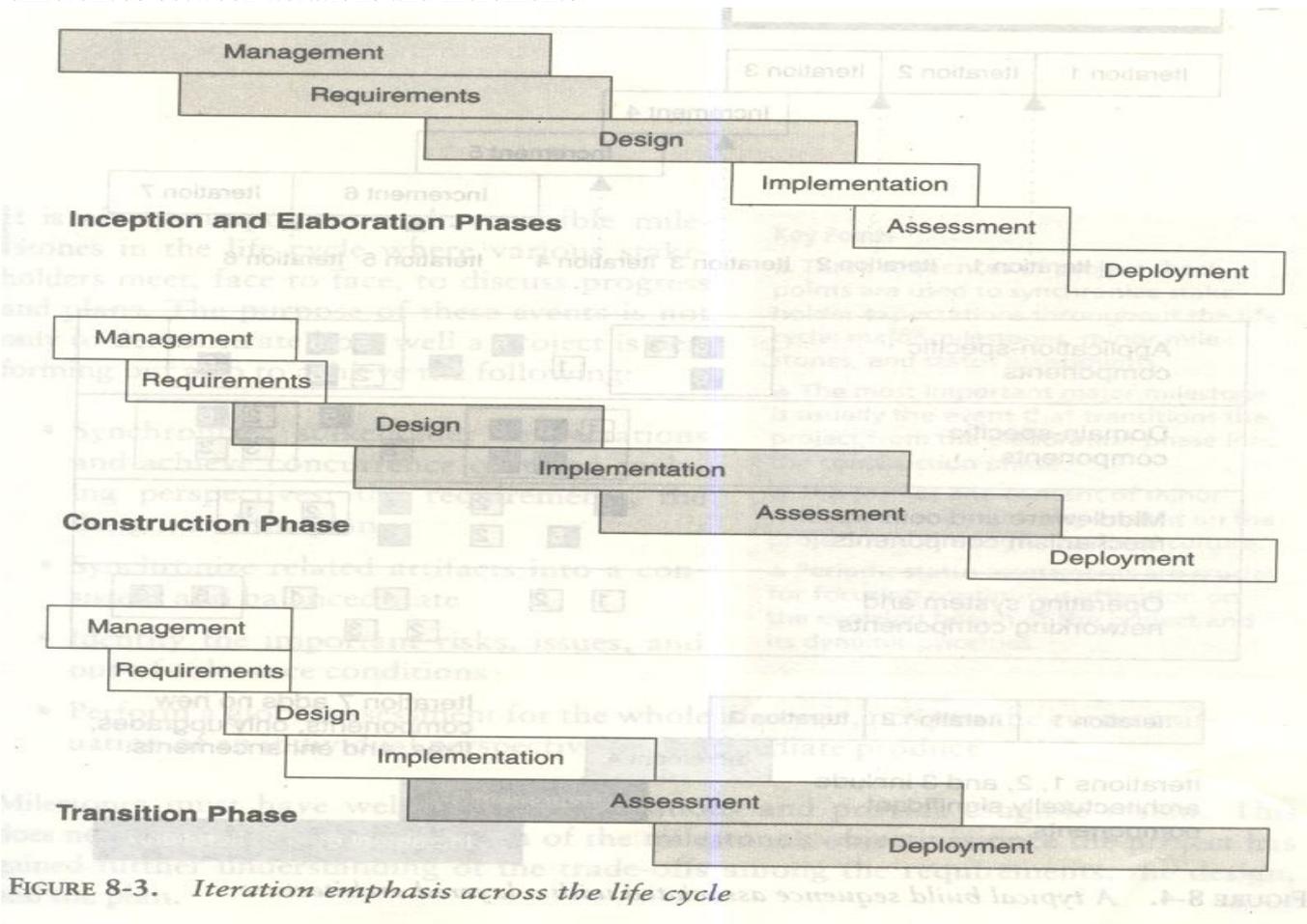


FIGURE 8-3. Iteration emphasis across the life cycle

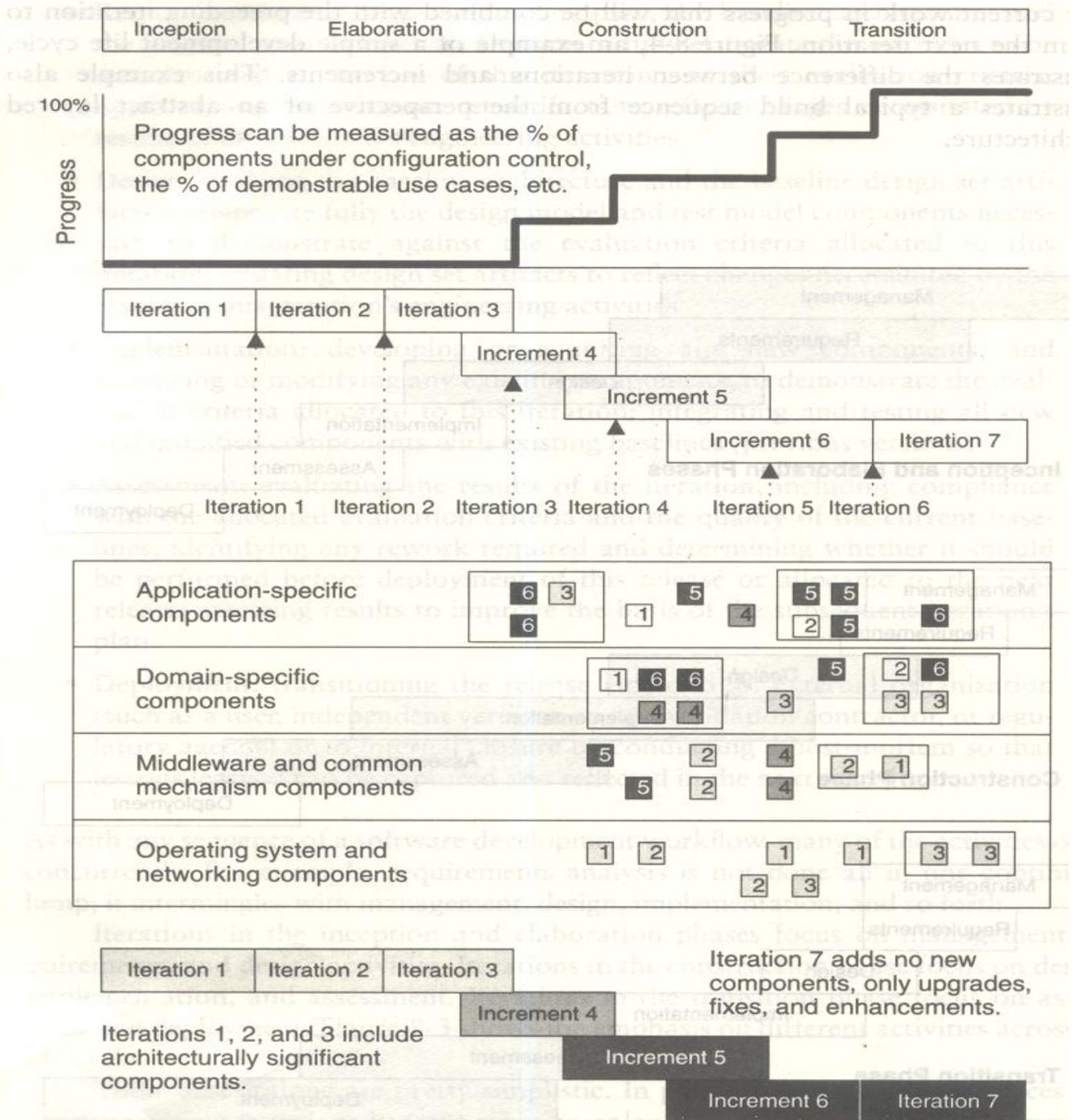


FIGURE 8-4. A typical build sequence associated with a layered architecture

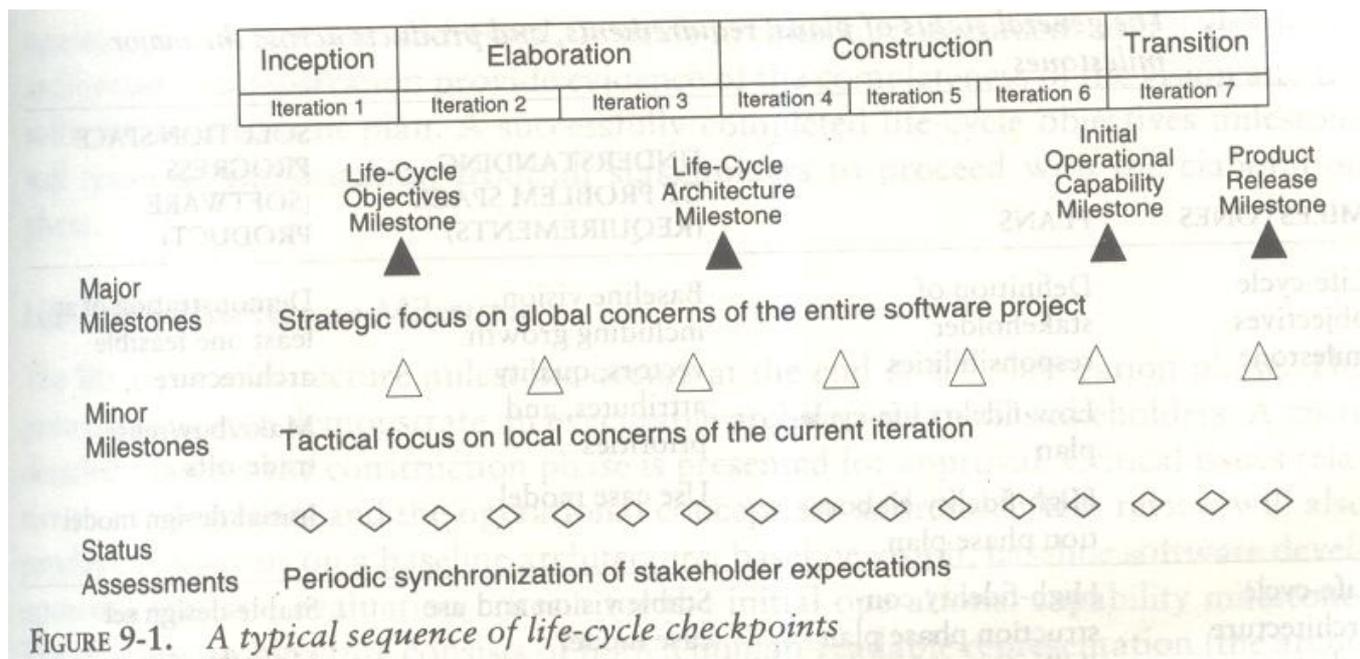
## 9. Checkpoints of the process

Three types of joint management reviews are conducted throughout the process:

1. *Major milestones.* These system wide events are held at the end of each development phase. They provide visibility to system wide issues, synchronize the management and engineering perspectives, and verify that the aims of the phase have been achieved.
2. *Minor milestones.* These iteration-focused events are conducted to review the content of an iteration in detail and to authorize continued work.
3. *Status assessments.* These periodic events provide management with frequent and regular insight into the progress being made.

Each of the four phases-inception, elaboration, construction, and transition consists of one or more iterations and concludes with a major milestone when a planned technical capability is produced in demonstrable form. An iteration represents a cycle of activities for which there is a well-defined intermediate result-a minor milestone-captured with two artifacts: a release specification (the evaluation criteria and plan) and a release description (the results). Major milestones at the end of each phase use formal, stakeholder-approved evaluation criteria and release descriptions; minor milestones use informal, development-team-controlled versions of these artifacts.

Figure 9-1 illustrates a typical sequence of project checkpoints for a relatively large project.



## 9.1 MAJOR MILESTONES

The four major milestones occur at the transition points between life-cycle phases. They can be used in many different process models, including the conventional waterfall model. In an iterative model, the major milestones are used to achieve concurrence among all stakeholders on the current state of the project. Different stakeholders have very different concerns:

- Customers: schedule and budget estimates, feasibility, risk assessment, requirements understanding, progress, product line compatibility
- Users: consistency with requirements and usage scenarios, potential for accommodating growth, quality attributes
- Architects and systems engineers: product line compatibility, requirements changes, trade-off analyses, completeness and consistency, balance among risk, quality, and usability
- Developers: sufficiency of requirements detail and usage scenario descriptions, . frameworks for component selection or development, resolution of development risk, product line compatibility, sufficiency of the development environment
- Maintainers: sufficiency of product and documentation artifacts, understandability, interoperability with existing systems, sufficiency of maintenance environment
- Others: possibly many other perspectives by stakeholders such as regulatory agencies, independent verification and validation contractors, venture capital investors, subcontractors, associate contractors, and sales and marketing teams

Table 9-1 summarizes the balance of information across the major milestones.

TABLE 9-1. *The general status of plans, requirements, and products across the major milestones*

MILESTONES	PLANS	UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEM SPACE (REQUIREMENTS)	SOLUTION SPACE PROGRESS (SOFTWARE PRODUCT)
Life-cycle objectives milestone	Definition of stakeholder responsibilities	Baseline vision, including growth vectors, quality attributes, and priorities	Demonstration of at least one feasible architecture
	Low-fidelity life-cycle plan	Use case model	Make/buy/reuse trade-offs
	High-fidelity elaboration phase plan		Initial design model
Life-cycle architecture milestone	High-fidelity construction phase plan (bill of materials, labor allocation)	Stable vision and use case model	Stable design set
	Low-fidelity transition phase plan	Evaluation criteria for construction releases, initial operational capability	Make/buy/reuse decisions
		Draft user manual	Critical component prototypes
Initial operational capability milestone	High-fidelity transition phase plan	Acceptance criteria for product release	Stable implementation set
		Releasable user manual	Critical features and core capabilities
			Objective insight into product qualities
Product release milestone	Next-generation product plan	Final user manual	Stable deployment set
			Full features
			Compliant quality

### Life-Cycle Objectives Milestone

The life-cycle objectives milestone occurs at the end of the inception phase. The goal is to present to all stakeholders a recommendation on how to proceed with development, including a plan, estimated cost and schedule, and expected benefits and cost savings. A successfully completed life-cycle objectives milestone will result in authorization from all stakeholders to proceed with the elaboration phase.

### Life-Cycle Architecture Milestone

The life-cycle architecture milestone occurs at the end of the elaboration phase. The primary goal is to demonstrate an executable architecture to all stakeholders. The baseline architecture consists of both a human-readable representation (the architecture document) and a configuration-controlled set of software components captured in the engineering artifacts. A successfully completed life-cycle architecture milestone will result in authorization from the stakeholders to proceed with the construction phase.

The technical data listed in Figure 9-2 should have been reviewed by the time of the lifecycle architecture milestone. Figure 9-3 provides default agendas for this milestone.

- I. Requirements**
  - A. Use case model
  - B. Vision document (text, use cases)
  - C. Evaluation criteria for elaboration (text, scenarios)
- II. Architecture**
  - A. Design view (object models)
  - B. Process view (if necessary, run-time layout, executable code structure)
  - C. Component view (subsystem layout, make/buy/reuse component identification)
  - D. Deployment view (target run-time layout, target executable code structure)
  - E. Use case view (test case structure, test result expectation)
    - 1. Draft user manual
- III. Source and executable libraries**
  - A. Product components
  - B. Test components
  - C. Environment and tool components

**FIGURE 9-2.** *Engineering artifacts available at the life-cycle architecture milestone*

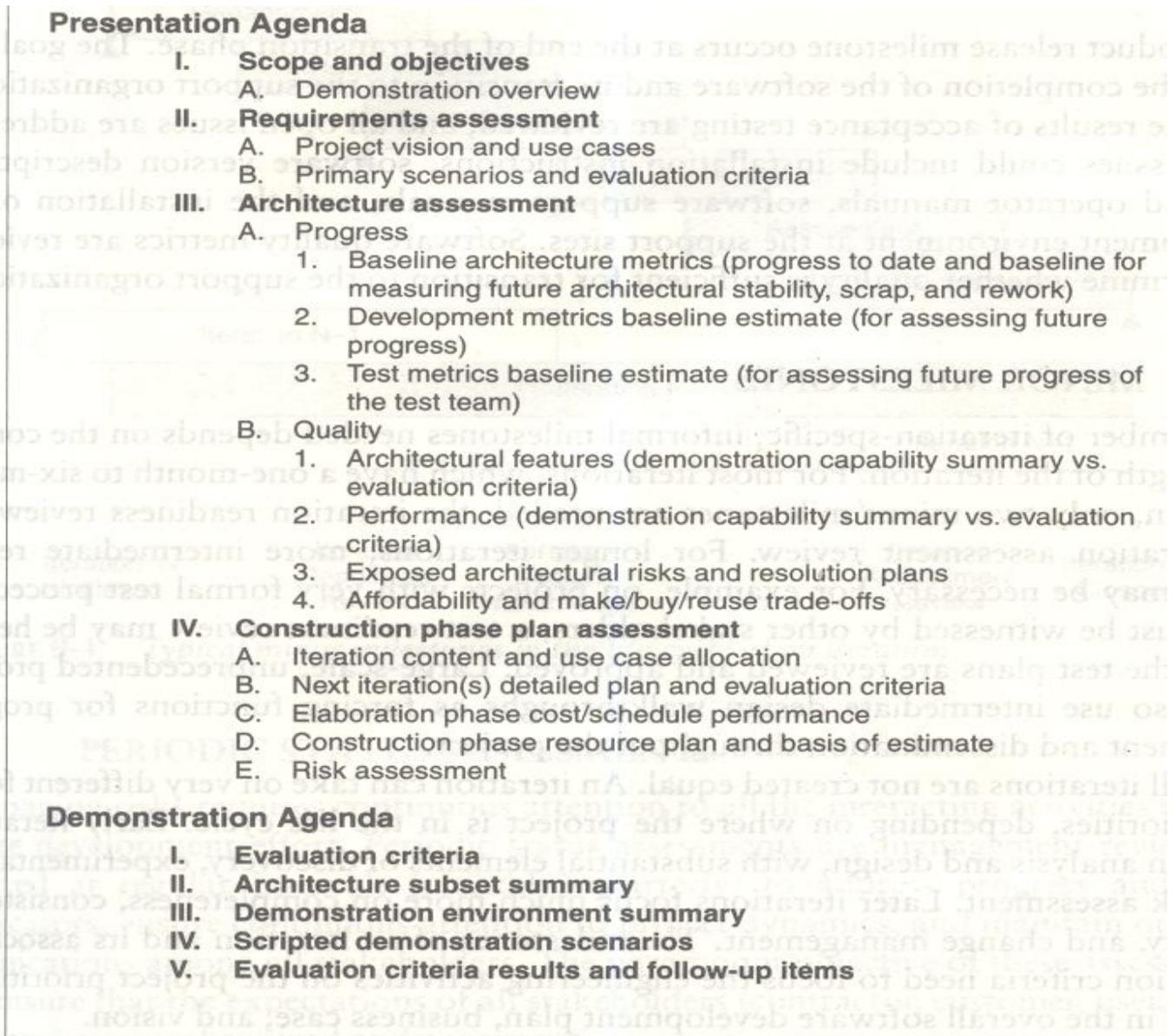


FIGURE 9-3. *Default agendas for the life-cycle architecture milestone*

### **Initial Operational Capability Milestone**

The initial operational capability milestone occurs late in the construction phase. The goals are to assess the readiness of the software to begin the transition into customer/user sites and to authorize the start of acceptance testing. Acceptance testing can be done incrementally across multiple iterations or can be completed entirely during the transition phase is not necessarily the completion of the construction phase.

### **Product Release Milestone**

The product release milestone occurs at the end of the transition phase. The goal is to assess the completion of the software and its transition to the support organization, if any. The results of acceptance testing are reviewed, and all open issues are addressed. Software quality metrics are reviewed to determine whether quality is sufficient for transition to the support organization.

## 9.2 MINOR MILESTONES

For most iterations, which have a one-month to six-month duration, only two minor milestones are needed: the iteration readiness review and the iteration assessment review.

- **Iteration Readiness Review.** This informal milestone is conducted at the start of each iteration to review the detailed iteration plan and the evaluation criteria that have been allocated to this iteration .
- **Iteration Assessment Review.** This informal milestone is conducted at the end of each iteration to assess the degree to which the iteration achieved its objectives and satisfied its evaluation criteria, to review iteration results, to review qualification test results (if part of the iteration), to determine the amount of rework to be done, and to review the impact of the iteration results on the plan for subsequent iterations.

The format and content of these minor milestones tend to be highly dependent on the project and the organizational culture. Figure 9-4 identifies the various minor milestones to be considered when a project is being planned.

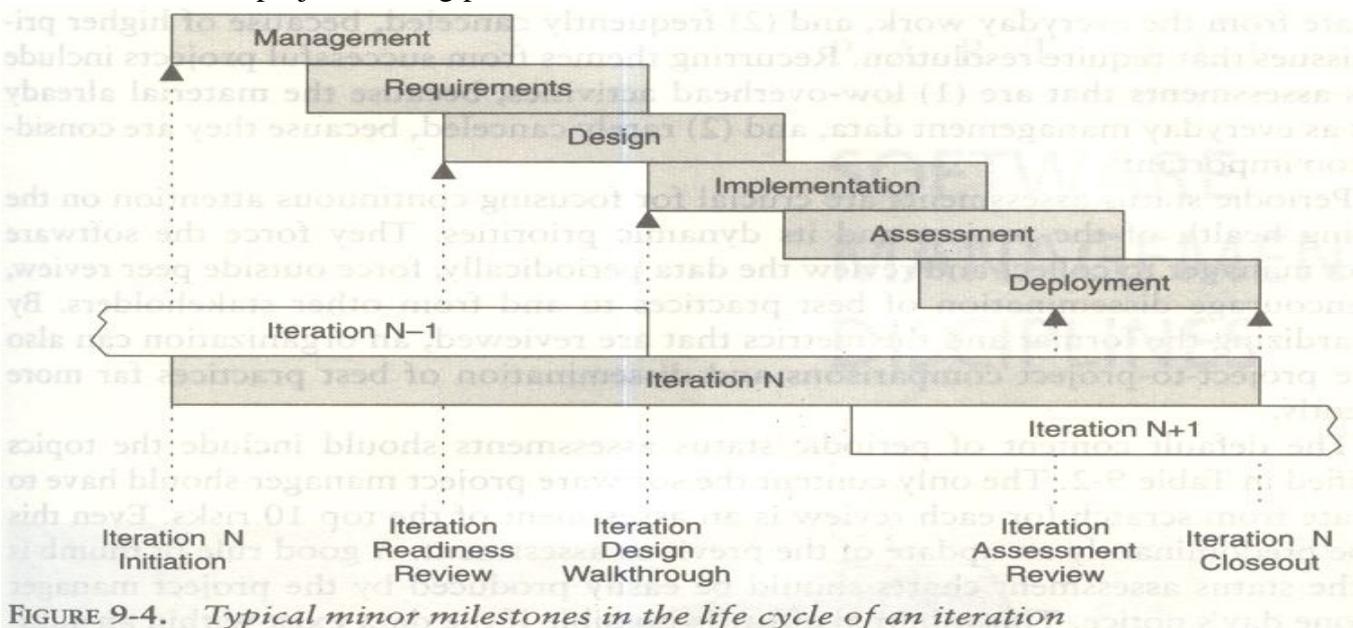


FIGURE 9-4. Typical minor milestones in the life cycle of an iteration

## 9.3 PERIODIC STATUS ASSESSMENTS

Periodic status assessments are management reviews conducted at regular intervals (monthly, quarterly) to address progress and quality indicators, ensure continuous attention to project dynamics, and maintain open communications among all stakeholders.

Periodic status assessments serve as project snapshots. While the period may vary, the recurring event forces the project history to be captured and documented. Status assessments provide the following:

- A mechanism for openly addressing, communicating, and resolving management issues, technical issues, and project risks
- Objective data derived directly from on-going activities and evolving product configurations
- A mechanism for disseminating process, progress, quality trends, practices, and experience information to and from all stakeholders in an open forum

Periodic status assessments are crucial for focusing continuous attention on the evolving health of the project and its dynamic priorities. They force the software project manager to collect and review the data periodically, force outside peer review, and encourage

dissemination of best practices to and from other stakeholders.

The default content of periodic status assessments should include the topics identified in Table 9-2.

TABLE 9-2. *Default content of status assessment reviews*

TOPIC	CONTENT
Personnel	Staffing plan vs. actuals Attritions, additions
Financial trends	Expenditure plan vs. actuals for the previous, current, and next major milestones Revenue forecasts
Top 10 risks	Issues and criticality resolution plans Quantification (cost, time, quality) of exposure
Technical progress	Configuration baseline schedules for major milestones Software management metrics and indicators Current change trends Test and quality assessments
Major milestone plans and results	Plan, schedule, and risks for the next major milestone Pass/fail results for all acceptance criteria
Total product scope	Total size, growth, and acceptance criteria perturbations

## **Unit – III**

### **[Software requirement analysis and specification & Software Architecture]**

#### **1. Value of good SRS :**

The origin of most software systems is in the needs of some clients. The software system itself is created by some developers. Finally, the completed system will be used by the end users. Thus, there are three major parties interested in a new system: the client, the developer, and the users. Somehow the requirements for the system that will satisfy the needs of the clients and the concerns of the users have to be communicated to the developer. The problem is that the client usually does not understand software or the software development process, and the developer often does not understand the client's problem and application area. This causes a communication gap between the parties involved in the development project.

**A basic purpose of the SRS is to bridge this communication gap so they have a shared vision of the software being built. Hence, one of the main advantages of a good SRS is:**

1. An SRS establishes the basis for agreement between the client and the supplier on what the software product will do.

This basis for agreement is frequently formalized into a legal contract between the client (or the customer) and the developer (the supplier). So, through SRS, the client clearly describes what it expects from the supplier, and the developer clearly understands what capabilities to build in the software. A related, but important, advantage is:

2. An SRS provides a reference for validation of the final product.

That is, the SRS helps the client determine if the software meets the requirements. Without a proper SRS, there is no way a client can determine if the software being delivered is what was ordered, and there is no way the developer can convince the client that all the requirements have been fulfilled.

3. A high-quality SRS is a prerequisite to high-quality software.
4. A high-quality SRS reduces the development cost.

## **2. Requirement Process:**

The requirement process is the sequence of activities that need to be performed in the requirements phase and that culminate in producing a high-quality document containing the SRS.

The requirements process typically consists of three basic tasks:

1. problem or requirement analysis
2. Requirements specification
3. Requirements validation.

### **1. Problem or Requirement analysis:**

- Problem analysis often starts with a high-level “problem statement”.  
The basic purpose of this activity is to obtain a thorough understanding of what the software needs to provide.
- Frequently, during analysis, the analyst will have a series of meetings with the clients and end users. In the early meetings, the clients and end users will explain to the analyst about their work, their environment, and their needs as they perceive them.
- In the final few meetings, the analyst essentially explains to the client what he understands the system should do and uses the meetings as a means of verifying if what he proposes the system should do is indeed consistent with the objectives of the clients.

### **2. Requirements specification :**

- The understanding obtained by problem analysis forms the basis of requirements specification, in which the focus is on clearly specifying the requirements in a document.
- Issues such as representation, specification languages, and tools are addressed during this activity. As analysis produces large amounts of information and knowledge with possible redundancies, properly organizing and describing the requirements is an important goal of this activity.

### **3. Requirements validation :**

- Requirements validation focuses on ensuring that what have been specified in the SRS are indeed all the requirements of the software and making sure that the SRS is of good quality. The requirements process terminates with the production of the validated SRS.

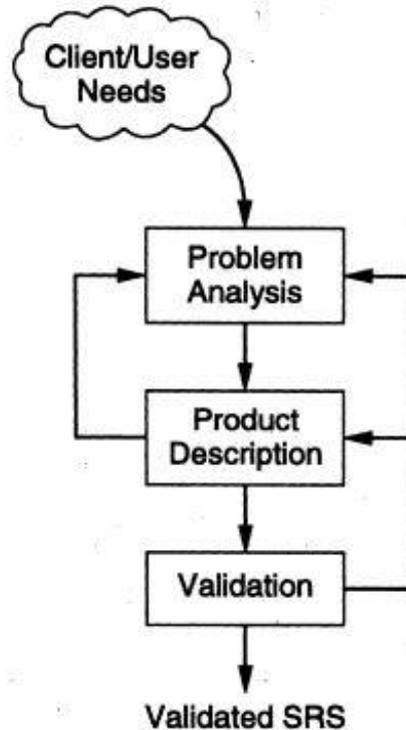


Figure 1: The requirement process

- The overall requirement process is shown in Figure 1. As shown in the figure, from the specification activity we may go back to the analysis activity.
- This happens as frequently some parts of the problem are analyzed and then specified before other parts are analyzed and specified.
- Furthermore, the process of specification frequently shows shortcomings in the knowledge of the problem, thereby necessitating further analysis.
- Once the specification is done, it goes through the validation activity. This activity may reveal problems in the specification itself, which requires going back to the specification step, or may reveal shortcomings in the understanding of the problem, which requires going back to the analysis activity.

### 3.Requirement Specification :

## What is Software Requirement Specification - [SRS]?

A software requirements specification (SRS) is a document that captures complete description about how the system is expected to perform. It is usually signed off at the end of requirements engineering phase.

Some of the desirable characteristics of an SRS are [53]:

1. Correct
  2. Complete
  3. Unambiguous
  4. Verifiable
  5. Consistent
  6. Ranked for importance and/or stability
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1. An SRS is **correct** if every requirement included in the SRS represents something required in the final system.
  2. It is **complete** if everything the software is supposed to do and the responses of the software to all classes of input data are specified in the SRS.
  3. It is **unambiguous** if and only if every requirement stated has one and only one interpretation. Requirements are often written in natural language, which is inherently ambiguous. If the requirements are specified in a natural language, the SRS writer has to be especially careful to ensure that there are no ambiguities.
  4. An SRS is **verifiable** if and only if every stated requirement is verifiable. A requirement is verifiable if there exists some cost-effective process that can check whether the final software meets that requirement.
  5. It is **consistent** if there is no requirement that conflicts with another. Terminology can cause inconsistencies; for example, different requirements may use different terms to refer to the same object. There may be logical or temporal conflict between requirements that causes inconsistencies. This occurs if the SRS contains two or together by any software system. For example, suppose a requirement states that an event  $e$  is to occur before another event  $f$ . But then another set of requirements states (directly or indirectly by transitivity) that event  $f$  should occur before event  $e$ . Inconsistencies in an SRS can reflect some major problems.

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An SRS is **ranked** for importance and/or stability if for each requirement the importance and the stability of the requirement are indicated. Stability of a requirement reflects the chances of it changing in the future. It can be reflected in terms of the expected change volume. This understanding of value each requirement provides is essential for iterative development—selection of requirements for an iteration is based on this evaluation.

Of all these characteristics, completeness is perhaps the most important and also the most difficult property to establish. One of the most common defects in requirements specification is incompleteness. Missing requirements necessitate additions and modifications to the requirements later in the development cycle, which are often expensive to incorporate. Incompleteness is also a major source of disagreement between the client and the supplier.

## 4. COMPONENTS OF AN SRS

Here we describe some of system properties that an SRS should specify.

The basic issues, an SRS must address are:

1. Functional requirements
2. Performance requirements
3. Design constraints
4. External interface requirements

Conceptually, any SRS should have these components. Now we will discuss them one by one.

### 1. Functional Requirements

Functional requirements specify what output should be produced from the given inputs. So they basically describe the connectivity between the input and output of the system. For each functional requirement:

1. A detailed description of all the data inputs and their sources, the units of measure, and the range of valid inputs be specified:
2. All the operations to be performed on the input data obtain the output should be specified, and
3. Care must be taken not to specify any algorithms that are not parts of the system but that may be needed to implement the system.

4. It must clearly state what the system should do if system behaves abnormally when any invalid input is given or due to some error during computation. Specifically, it should specify the behaviour of the system for invalid inputs and invalid outputs.

## 2. Performance Requirements (Speed Requirements)

This part of an SRS specifies the performance constraints on the software system. All the requirements related to the performance characteristics of the system must be clearly specified. Performance requirements are typically expressed as processed transactions per second or response time from the system for a user event or screen refresh time or a combination of these. It is a good idea to pin down performance requirements for the most used or critical transactions, user events and screens.

## 2. Design Constraints

The client environment may restrict the designer to include some design constraints that must be followed. The various design constraints are standard compliance, resource limits, operating environment, reliability and security requirements and policies that may have an impact on the design of the system. An SRS should identify and specify all such constraints.

**Standard Compliance:** It specifies the requirements for the standard the system must follow. The standards may include the report format and according procedures.

**Hardware Limitations:** The software needs some existing or predetermined hardware to operate, thus imposing restrictions on the design. Hardware limitations can include the types of machines to be used operating system availability memory space etc.

**Fault Tolerance:** Fault tolerance requirements can place a major constraint on how the system is to be designed. Fault tolerance requirements often make the system more complex and expensive, so they should be minimized.

**Security:** Currently security requirements have become essential and major for all types of systems. Security requirements place restrictions on the use of certain commands control access to database, provide different kinds of access, requirements for different people, require the use of passwords and cryptography techniques, and maintain a log of activities in the system.

## 4. External Interface Requirements

For each external interface requirements:

1. All the possible interactions of the software with people hardware and other software should be clearly specified,
2. The characteristics of each user interface of the software product should be specified and
3. The SRS should specify the logical characteristics of each interface between the software product and the hardware components for hardware interfacing.

## 5. Structure of a Requirements Document

The IEEE standards recognize the fact that different projects may require their requirements to be organized differently, that is, there is no one method that is suitable for all projects. It provides different ways of structuring the SRS. The first two sections of the SRS are the same in all of them. The general structure of an SRS is

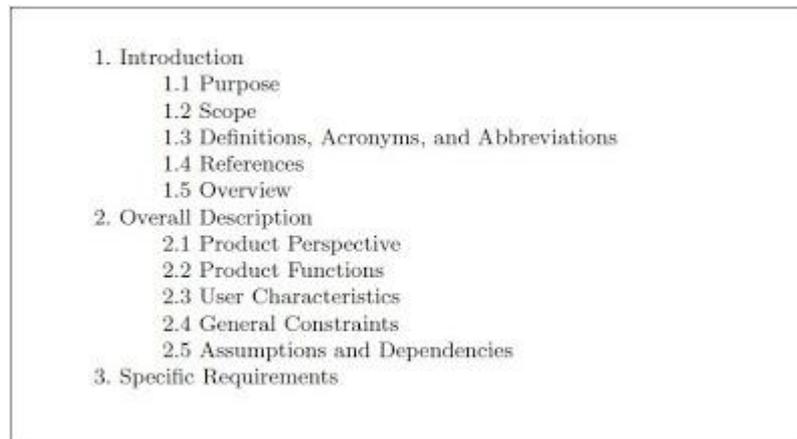


Figure : General structure of an SRS

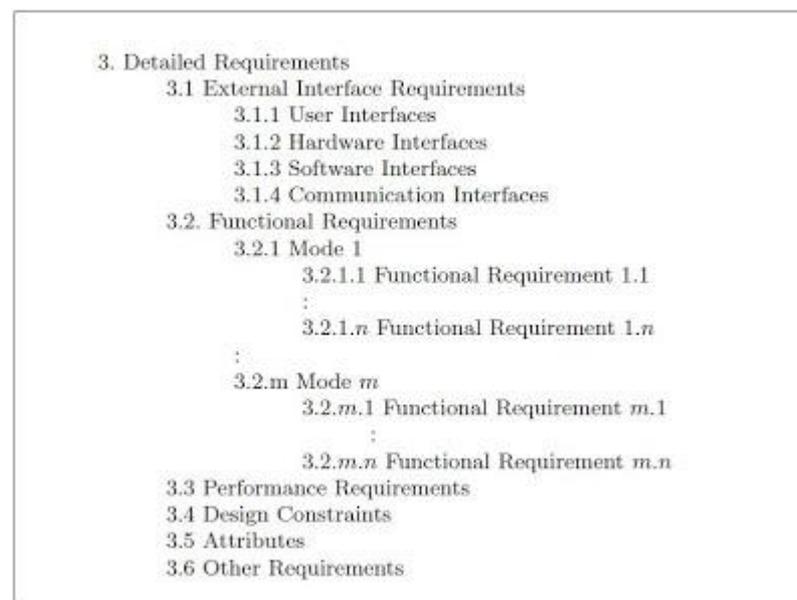


Figure : One organization for specific requirements

- The introduction section contains the purpose, scope, overview, etc., of the requirements document. The key aspect here is to clarify the motivation and business objectives that are driving this project, and the scope of the project.
- The next section gives an overall perspective of the system—how it fits into the larger system, and an overview of all the requirements of this system.

- Product perspective is essentially the relationship of the product to other products; defining if the product is independent or is a part of a larger product, and what the principal interfaces of the product are. A general abstract description of the functions to be performed by the product is given.
- The detailed requirements section describes the details of the requirements that a developer needs to know for designing and developing the system. This is typically the largest and most important part of the document. For this section, different organizations have been suggested in the standard.
- One method to organize the specific requirements is to first specify the external interfaces, followed by functional requirements, performance requirements, design constraints, and system attributes. This structure is shown in Figure.
- In the functional requirements section, the functional capabilities of the system are described.
- The performance section should specify both static and dynamic performance requirements.

## **6. Functional Specifications With Use Cases :**

- Functional requirements often form the core of a requirements document. The traditional approach for specifying functionality is to specify each function that the system should provide.
- Use cases specify the functionality of a system by specifying the behavior of the system, captured as interactions of the users with the system.
- Use cases can be used to describe the business processes of the larger business or organization that deploys the software, or it could just describe the behavior of the software system. We will focus on describing the behavior of software systems that are to be built.

Though use cases are primarily for specifying behavior, they can also be used effectively for analysis.

### **Use -Case Terms**

**Actor** :In UML, someone or something outside the system that interacts with the system.

**Primary actor** : The main actor for whom a use case is initiated and whose goal satisfaction is the main objective of the use case.

**Scenario** : a set of actions that are performed to achieve a goal under some specified conditions.

Main Success scenario: Describes the interaction if nothing fails and all steps in the scenario succeed.

Extension scenario: Describes the system behaviour if some of the steps in the main scenario do not complete successfully.

## **7. NOTE : PRACTICE USE CASE , DFD'S , ERD DIAGRAMS FROM ASSAIGNMENT .**

### **8. Developing Use Cases :**

UCs can be evolved in a stepwise refinement manner with each step adding more details. This approach allows UCs to be presented at different levels of abstraction. Though any number of levels of abstraction is possible, four natural levels emerge:

- **Actors and goals.** The actor-goal list enumerates the use cases and specifies the actors for each goal. (The name of the use case is generally the goal.) This table may be extended by giving a brief description of each of the use cases. At this level, the use cases together specify the scope of the system and give an overall view of what it does. Completeness of functionality can be assessed fairly well by reviewing these.
- **Main success scenarios.** For each of the use cases, the main success scenarios are provided at this level. With the main scenarios, the system behavior for each use case is specified. This description can be reviewed to ensure that interests of all the stakeholders are met and that the use case is delivering the desired behavior.
- **Failure conditions.** Once the success scenario is listed, all the possible failure conditions can be identified. At this level, for each step in the main success scenario, the different ways in which a step can fail form the failure conditions. Before deciding what should be done in these failure conditions (which is done at the next level), it is better to enumerate the failure conditions and review for completeness.
- **Failure handling.** This is perhaps the most tricky and difficult part of writing a use case. Often the focus is so much on the main functionality that people do not pay attention to how failures should be handled. Determining what should be the behavior under different failure conditions will often identify new business rules or new actors.

## **9. Four Levels for analysis when employing use case :**

- These four levels can also guide the analysis activity. A step-by-step approach for analysis when employing use cases is:
- **Step 1.** Identify the actors and their goals and get an agreement with the concerned stakeholders as to the goals. The actor-goal list will clearly define the scope of the system and will provide an overall view of what the system capabilities are.
- **Step 2.** Understand and specify the main success scenario for each UC, giving more details about the main functions of the system. Interaction and discussion are the primary means to uncover these scenarios though models may be built, if required. During this step, the analyst may uncover that to complete some use case some other use cases are needed, which have not been identified. In this case, the list of use cases will be expanded.
- **Step 3.** When the main success scenario for a use case is agreed upon and the main steps in its execution are specified, then the failure conditions can be examined. Enumerating failure conditions is an excellent method of uncovering special situations that can occur and which must be handled by the system.
- **Step 4.** Finally, specify what should be done for these failure conditions. As details of handling failure scenarios can require a lot of effort and discussion, it is better to first enumerate the different failure conditions and then get the details of these scenarios. Very often, when deciding the failure scenarios, many new business rules of how to deal with these scenarios are uncovered.

## **10. Other Approaches for Problem Analysis :**

The basic aim of problem analysis is to obtain a clear understanding of the needs of the clients and the users, what exactly is desired from the software, and what the constraints on the solution are.

1. Divide and conquer
2. State and Projection
3. DFD'S( Data Flow diagrams )
4. ERD'S(Entity Relationship diagram )

- The basic principle used in analysis is the same as in any complex task: **divide and conquer**. That is, partition the problem into sub problems and then try to understand

each sub problem and its relationship to other sub problems in an effort to understand the total problem.

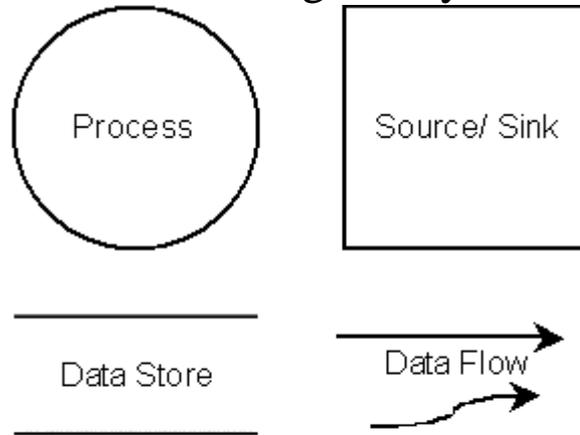
- The concepts of **state and projection** can sometimes also be used effectively in the partitioning process. A **state of a system** represents some conditions about the system. Frequently, when using state, a system is first viewed as operating in one of the several possible states, and then a detailed analysis is performed for each state. This approach is sometimes used in real-time software or process-control software.
- **In projection**, a system is defined from multiple points of view . While using projection, different viewpoints of the system are defined and the system is then analyzed from these different perspectives. The different “projections” obtained are combined to form the analysis for the complete system. Analyzing the system from the different perspectives is often easier, as it limits and focuses the scope of the study.

### Data Flow Diagrams :

## What is a data flow diagram?

A data flow diagram (DFD) maps out the flow of information for any process or system. It uses defined symbols like rectangles, circles and arrows, plus short text labels, to show data inputs, outputs, storage points and the routes between each destination. Data flowcharts can range from simple, even hand-drawn process overviews, to in-depth, multi-level DFDs that dig progressively deeper into how the data is handled. They can be used to analyze an existing system or model a new one. Like all the best diagrams and charts, a DFD can often visually “say” things that would be hard to explain in words, and they work for both technical and nontechnical audiences, from developer to CEO. That’s why DFDs remain so popular after all these years. While they work well for data flow software and systems, they are less applicable nowadays to visualizing interactive, real-time or database-oriented software or systems.

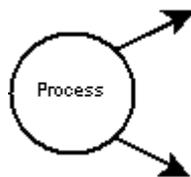
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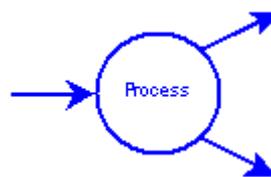
*DeMarco and Yourdon symbols*

### DFD RULES :

- 1 All processes should have unique names. If two data flow lines (or data stores) have the same label, they should both refer to the exact same data flow (or data store).
- 2 The inputs to a process should differ from the outputs of a process.
- 3 Any single DFD should not have more than about seven processes.
- 4 No process can have only outputs. (This would imply that the process is making information from nothing.) If an object has only outputs, then it must be a source.

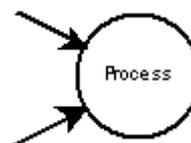


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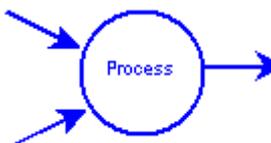


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- 5 No process can have only inputs. (This is referred to as a "black hole".) If an object has only inputs, then it must be a sink.



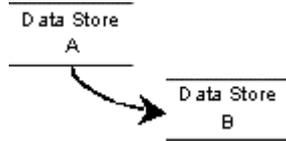
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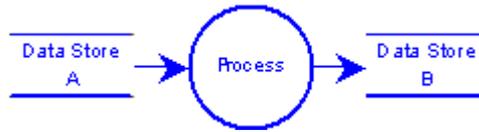
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- 6 A process has a verb phrase label.

- 7 Data cannot move directly from one data store to another data store. Data must be moved by a process.

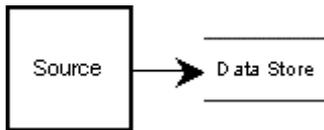


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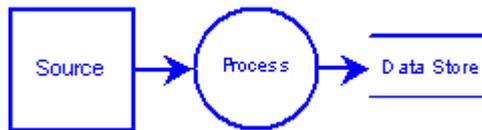


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- 8 Data cannot move directly from an outside source to a data store. Data must be moved by a process that receives data from the source and places the data in the data store.

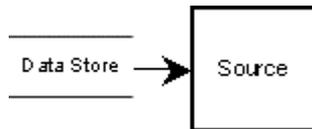


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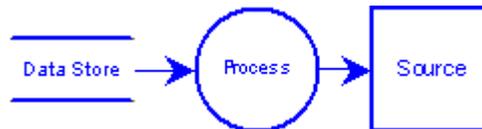


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- 9 Data cannot move directly to an outside sink from a data store. Data must be moved by a process.



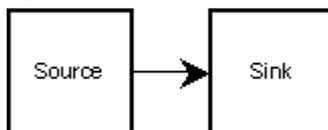
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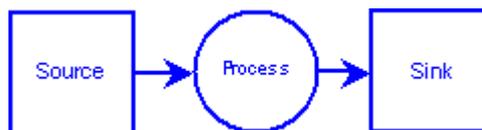
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- 10 A data store has a noun phrase label.

- 11 Data cannot move directly from a source to a sink. It must be moved by a process if the data are of any concern to the system. If data flows directly from a source to a sink (and does not involved processing) then it is outside the scope of the system and is not shown on the system data flow diagram DFD.



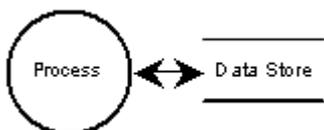
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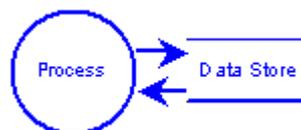
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- 12 A source/sink has a noun phrase label.

- 13 A data flow has only one direction between symbols. It may flow in both directions between a process and a data store to show a read before an update. To effectively show a read before an update, draw two separate arrows because the two steps (reading and updating) occur at separate times.



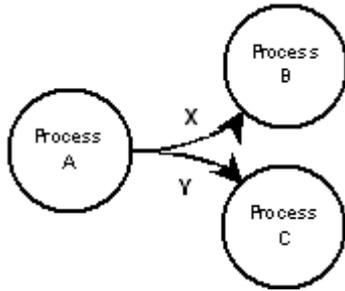
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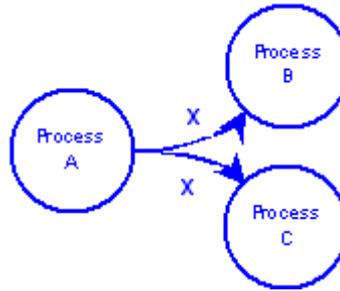
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- 14 A fork in a data flow means that exactly the same data goes from a

common location to two or more different processes, data stores, or sources/sinks. (This usually indicates different copies of the same data going to different locations.)

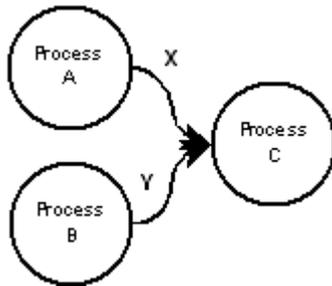


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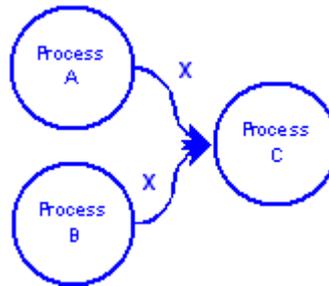


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- 15** A join in a data flow means that exactly the same data comes from any of two or more different processes, data stores, or sources/sinks, to a common location.

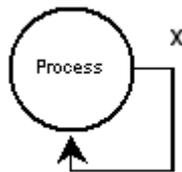


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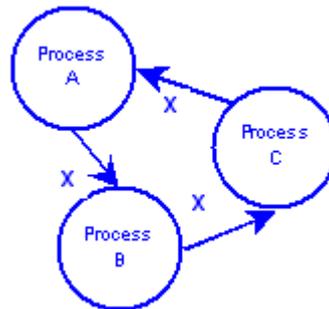


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- 16** A data flow cannot go directly back to the same process it leaves. There must be at least one other process that handles the data flow, produces some other data flow, and returns the original data flow to the originating process.



Incorrect



Correct

- 17** A data flow to a data store means update (i.e., delete, add, or change).  
**18** A data flow from a data store means retrieve or use.  
**19** A data flow has a noun phrase label. More than one data flow noun phrase can appear on a single arrow as long as all of the flows on the same arrow move together as one package.

## Entity Relationship Diagrams (ERD'S) :

### What is an Entity Relationship Diagram (ERD)?

- An entity relationship diagram (ERD) shows the relationships of entity sets stored in a database. An entity in this context is a component of data. In other words, ER diagrams illustrate the logical structure of databases.
- Any object, for example, entities, attributes of an entity, relationship sets, and attributes of relationship sets, can be represented with the help of an ER diagram.

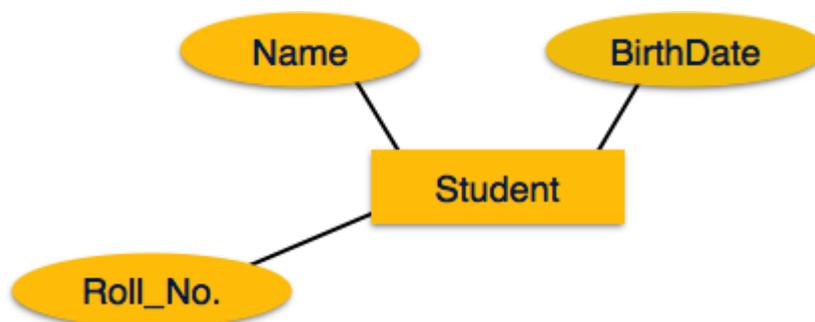
### Entity

Entities are represented by means of rectangles. Rectangles are named with the entity set they represent.

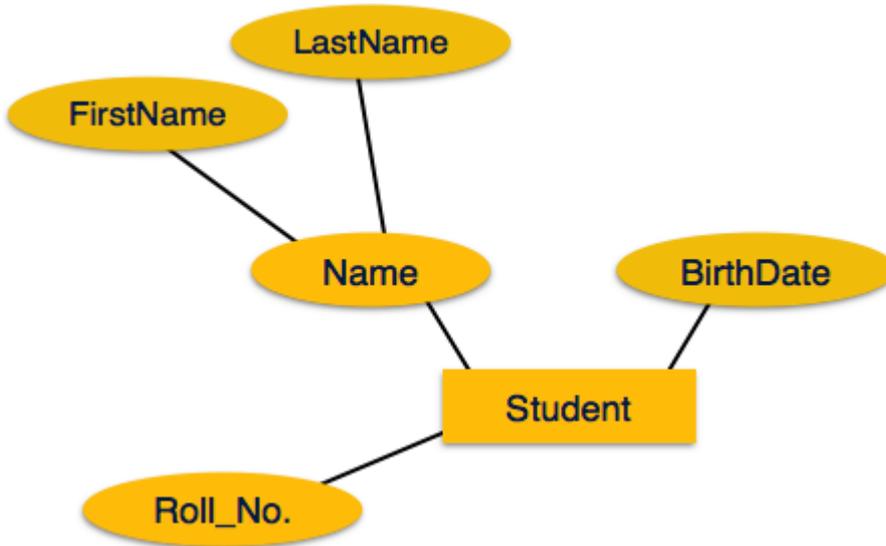


### Attributes

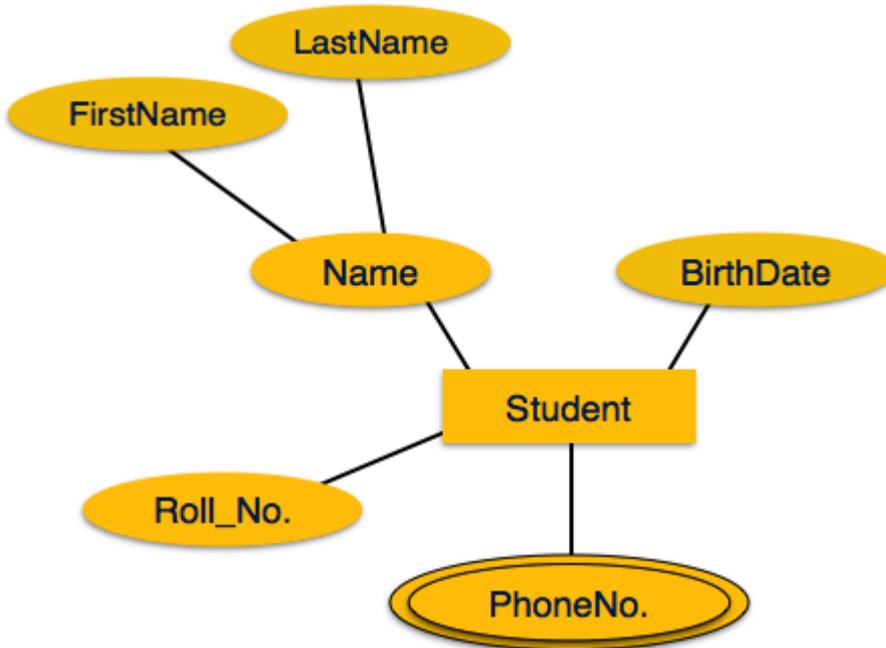
Attributes are the properties of entities. Attributes are represented by means of ellipses. Every ellipse represents one attribute and is directly connected to its entity (rectangle).



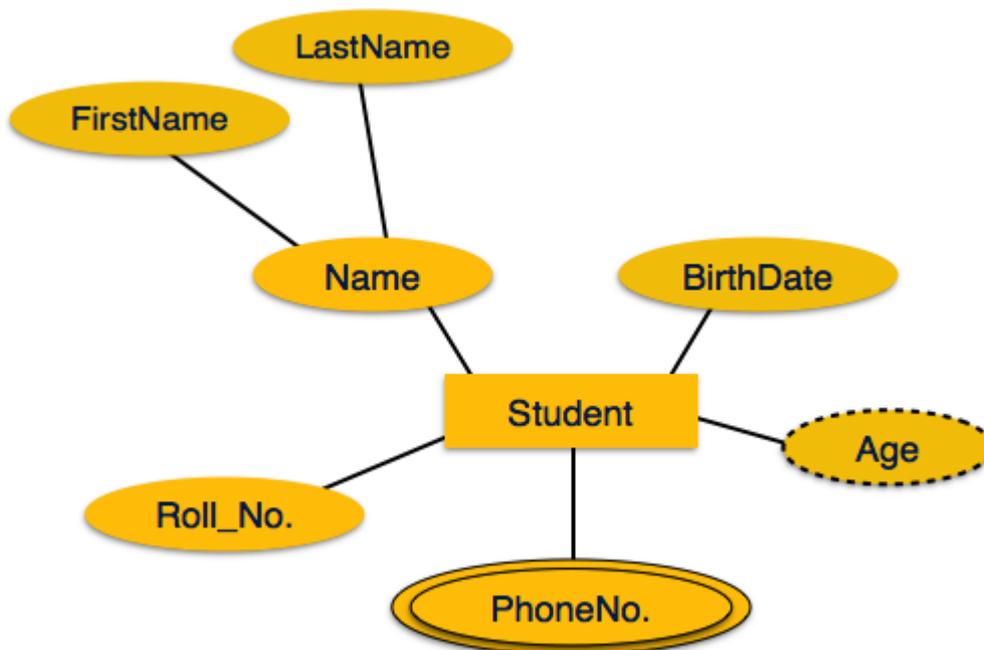
If the attributes are **composite**, they are further divided in a tree like structure. Every node is then connected to its attribute. That is, composite attributes are represented by ellipses that are connected with an ellipse.



**Multivalued** attributes are depicted by double ellipse.



**Derived** attributes are depicted by dashed ellipse.



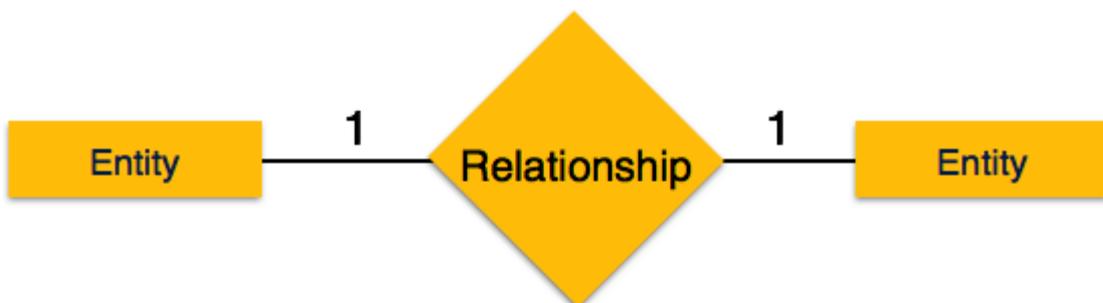
## Relationship

Relationships are represented by diamond-shaped box. Name of the relationship is written inside the diamond-box. All the entities (rectangles) participating in a relationship, are connected to it by a line.

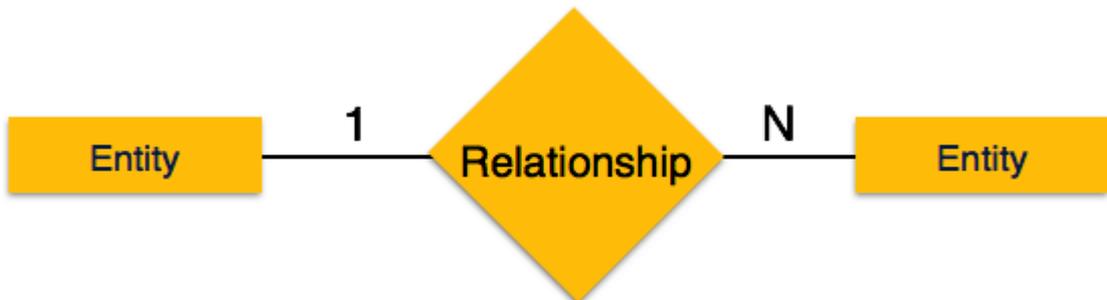
### Binary Relationship and Cardinality

A relationship where two entities are participating is called a **binary relationship**. Cardinality is the number of instance of an entity from a relation that can be associated with the relation.

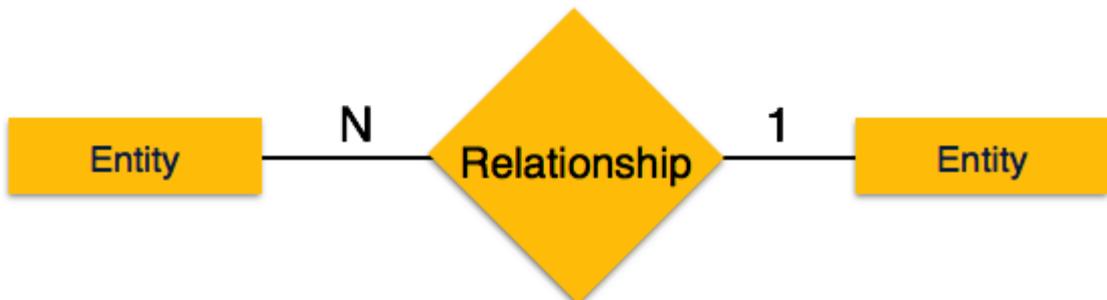
- **One-to-one** – When only one instance of an entity is associated with the relationship, it is marked as '1:1'. The following image reflects that only one instance of each entity should be associated with the relationship. It depicts one-to-one relationship.



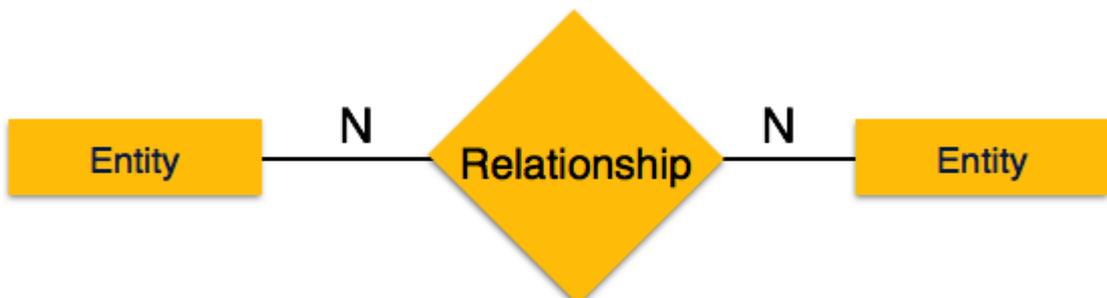
- **One-to-many** – When more than one instance of an entity is associated with a relationship, it is marked as '1:N'. The following image reflects that only one instance of entity on the left and more than one instance of an entity on the right can be associated with the relationship. It depicts one-to-many relationship.



- **Many-to-one** – When more than one instance of entity is associated with the relationship, it is marked as 'N:1'. The following image reflects that more than one instance of an entity on the left and only one instance of an entity on the right can be associated with the relationship. It depicts many-to-one relationship.



- **Many-to-many** – The following image reflects that more than one instance of an entity on the left and more than one instance of an entity on the right can be associated with the relationship. It depicts many-to-many relationship.



## **11.Validation:**

In software project management, **software testing**, and **software engineering, verification and validation (V&V)** is the process of checking that a **software** system meets specifications and that it fulfills its intended purpose. It may also be referred to as **software** quality control.

## **12.Software Architecture:**

What is architecture? Generally speaking, architecture of a system provides a very high level view of the parts of the system and how they are related to form the whole system. That is, architecture partitions the system in logical parts such that each part can be comprehended independently, and then describes the system in terms of these parts and the relationship between these parts.

## **Role of Software Architecture :**

Some of the important uses that software architecture are:

1. Understanding and communication:

- An architecture description is primarily to communicate the architecture to its various stakeholders, which include the users who will use the system, the clients who commissioned the system, the builders who will build the system, and, of course, the architects.

2. Reuse :

- The software engineering world has, for a long time, been working toward a discipline where software can be assembled from parts that are developed by different people and are available for others to use. If one wants to build a software product in which existing components may be reused, then architecture becomes the key point at which reuse at the highest level is decided.

### 3. Construction and Evolution:

- As architecture partitions the system into parts, some architecture-provided partitioning can naturally be used for constructing the system, which also requires that the system be broken into parts such that different teams (or individuals) can separately work on different parts. A suitable partitioning in the architecture can provide the project with the parts that need to be built to build the system. As, almost by definition, the parts specified in an architecture are relatively independent (the dependence between parts coming through their relationship), they can be built independently.

### 4. Analysis :

- It is highly desirable if some important properties about the behavior of the system can be determined before the system is actually built. This will allow the designers to consider alternatives and select the one that will best suit the needs. Many engineering disciplines use models to analyze design of a product for its cost, reliability, performance, etc. Architecture opens such possibilities for software also.

## **13.Architecture Views:**

In software different drawings are called views or structures.

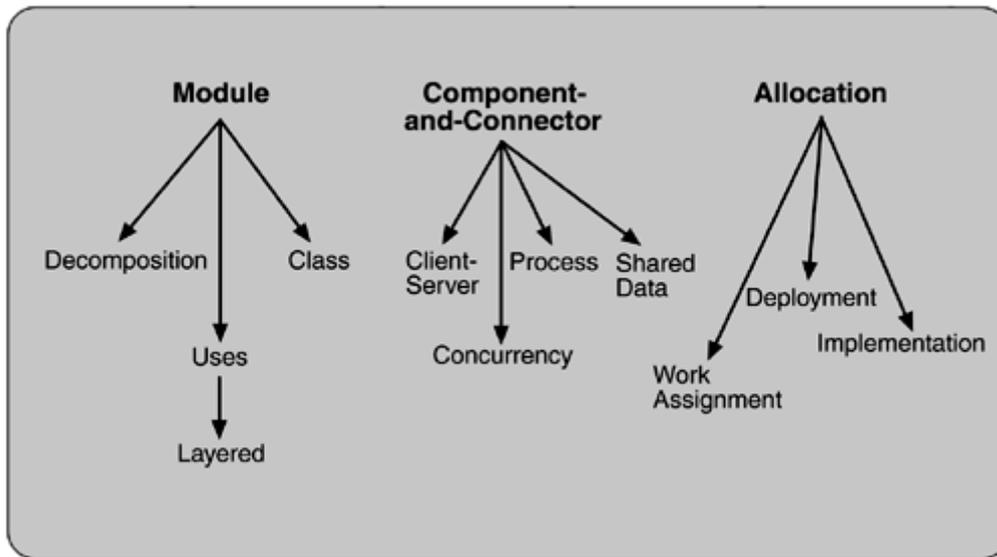
### **SOFTWARE STRUCTURES**

Some of the most common and useful software structures are :

3 different views / 3 different styles :

1. Module
2. Component and Connector
3. Allocation

Figure 2-3. Common software architecture structures



1. In a **module view**, the system is viewed as a collection of code units, each implementing some part of the system functionality. That is, the main elements in this view are modules. These views are code-based and do not explicitly represent any runtime structure of the system. Examples of modules are packages, a class, a procedure, a method, a collection of functions, and a collection of classes.
2. In a **component and connector (C&C) view**, the system is viewed as a collection of runtime entities called components. That is, a component is a unit which has an identity in the executing system. Objects (not classes), a collection of objects, and a process are examples of components. While executing, components need to interact with others to support the system services. Connectors provide means for this interaction. Examples of connectors are pipes and sockets. Shared data can also act as a connector.
3. An **allocation view** focuses on how the different software units are allocated to resources like the hardware, file systems, and people. That is, an allocation view specifies the relationship between software elements and elements of the environments in which the software system is executed. They expose structural properties like which processes run on which processor, and how the system files are organized on a file system.

## 14.Components and Connector View (C&C View):

### **Component:**

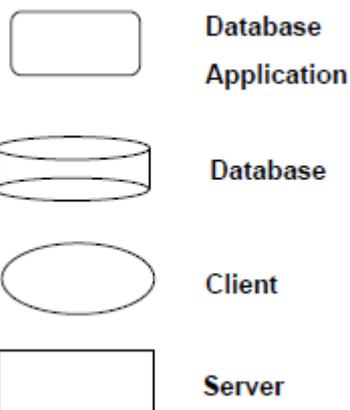
Components are generally units of computation or data stores in the system.

### **Connector:**

Connectors define the means of interaction between these components.

A **C&C View** describes a runtime structure of the system – what components exist when the system is executing and how they interact during the execution.

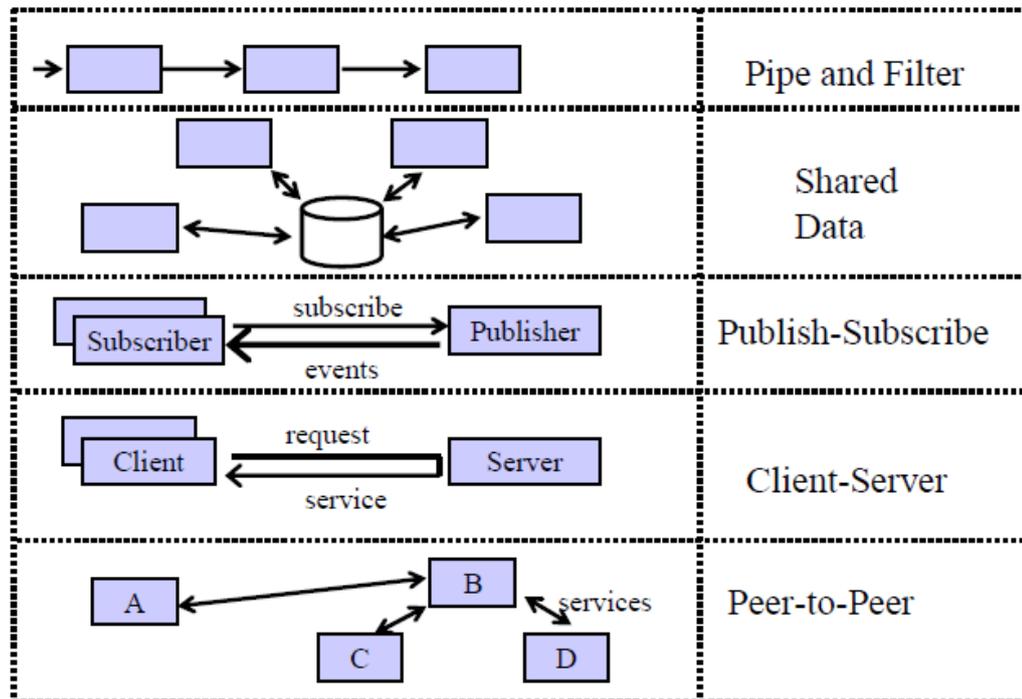
#### **Component Types**



#### **Connector Types**



## C&C View: Architectural Styles

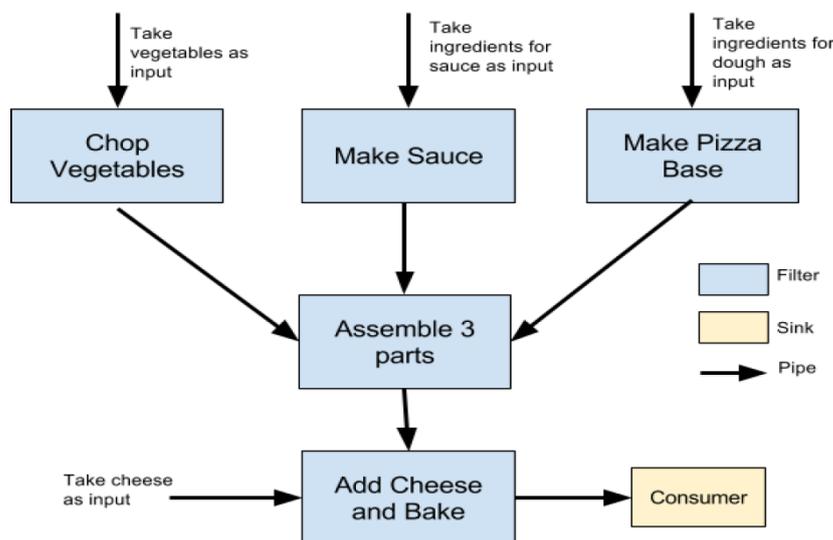


- Pipe-and-Filter
  - Component: Filter
  - Connector: Pipe
  - Data Transformation
- Shared Data
  - Component: Repositories
  - Connector: Data Reader/Writer
  - Multiple Accessors & Persistence
- Publish-Subscribe
  - Component: any
  - Connector: publish-subscribe
  - Send events & msgs. to unknown set of recipients
- Client-Server
  - Component: Client und Server
  - Connector: request/reply
  - Decoupling Apps. from Services
- Peer-to-Peer
  - Component: Peer
  - Connector: bidirectional RPC
  - Collaboration
- Communicating Processes
  - Component: any concurrent unit
  - Connector: data exchg., msg. passing, sync., ctrl.
  - Concurrent Systems

## Pipe and Filter Architectural Style

The Pipe and Filter is an architectural design pattern that allows for stream/asynchronous processing. In this pattern, there are many components, which are referred to as filters, and connectors between the filters that are called pipes. Each filter is responsible for applying a function to the given data; this is known as filtering. Filters can work asynchronously. The final output is given to the consumer, known as a sink.

The diagram below shows a simple representation of the pipe and filter architectural style. In this example we demonstrate how a pizza is made using this style. We are using 5 filters, with 3 of them working asynchronously. We implement the first few filters to process the raw ingredients to create the basic elements for the pizza (the vegetables, the sauce, and the pizza base). When all three of these have been completed, we can assemble them. After it has been assembled, we can then add the cheese to the pizza, and bake it, before delivering it to our customer, the sink.



## Shared Data Architectural Style

Data is shared between components through shared storage. Communication between the computational components and shared data is an unconstrained read-write protocol.

### Types of Components

There are two types of components –

- A **central data** structure or data store or data repository, which is responsible for providing permanent data storage. It represents the current state.

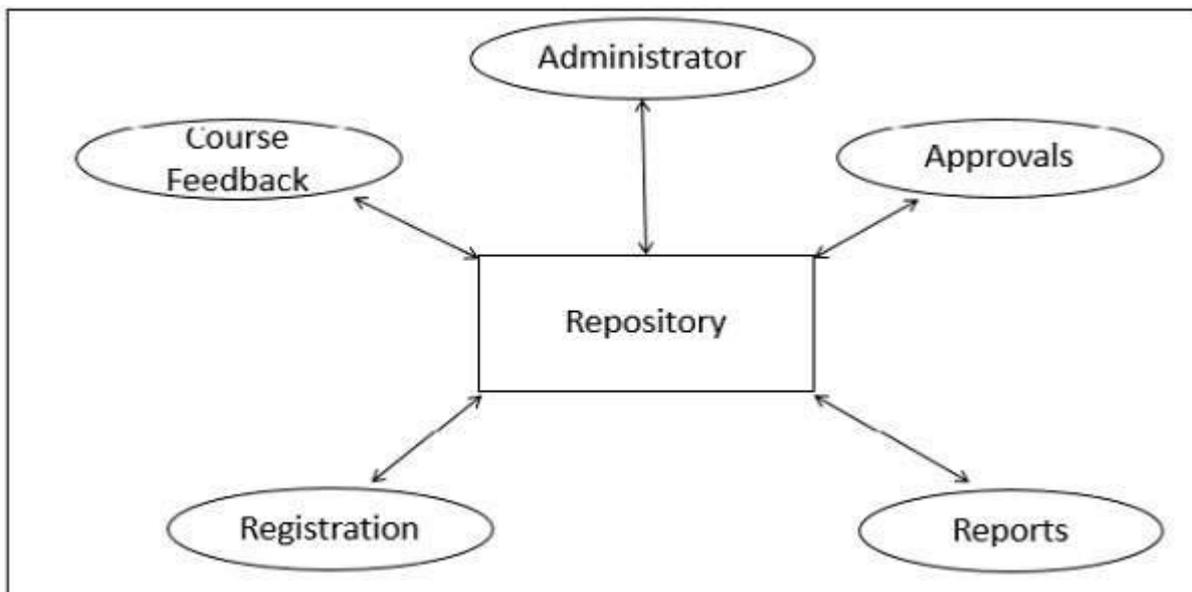
- A **data accessor** or a collection of independent components that operate on the central data store, perform computations, and might put back the results.

Interactions or communication between the data accessors is only through the data store. The data is the only means of communication among clients. The flow of control differentiates the architecture into two categories as **Repository Architecture Style** and **Blackboard Architecture Style**. A brief detail about both the categories is given below –

### Repository Architecture Style

In Repository Architecture Style, the data store is passive and the clients (software components or agents) of the data store are active, which control the logic flow. The participating components check the data-store for changes.

A client sends a request to the system to perform actions (e.g. insert data). The computational processes are independent and triggered by incoming requests. If the types of transactions in an input stream of transactions trigger selection of processes to execute, then it is traditional database or repository architecture, or passive repository. This approach is widely used in DBMS, library information system, the interface repository in CORBA, compilers, and CASE (computer aided software engineering) environments.



### **Advantages**

Repository Architecture Style has following advantages –

- Provides data integrity, backup and restore features.

- Provides scalability and reusability of agents as they do not have direct communication with each other.
- Reduces overhead of transient data between software components.

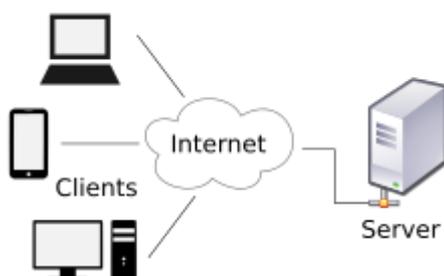
## Disadvantages

Because of being more vulnerable to failure and data replication or duplication, Repository Architecture Style has following disadvantages –

- High dependency between data structure of data store and its agents.
- Changes in data structure highly affect the clients.
- Evolution of data is difficult and expensive.
- Cost of moving data on network for distributed data.

## Client-server Architectural Style

The **client–server model** is a distributed application structure that partitions tasks or workloads between the providers of a resource or service, called servers, and service requesters, called clients.<sup>[1]</sup> Often clients and servers communicate over a computer network on separate hardware, but both client and server may reside in the same system. A server host runs one or more server programs which share their resources with clients. A client does not share any of its resources, but requests a server's content or service function. Clients therefore initiate communication sessions with servers which await incoming requests. Examples of computer applications that use the client–server model are Email, network printing, and the World Wide Web.



## **15.Documenting the architecture Design**

As I've already mentioned, the design and documentation are not the same. On the other hand, these issues are complementary. Designing the larger part of the application which won't be documented is pointless. Today, I'll think about what is, what for and why do we need good documentation.

### **What is the documentation of architecture?**

The first association – a diagram. Certainly, to some extent correct, but only partially.

Firstly, we can't describe one diagram as documentation. Architecture, even in a simple project, is a complex and multifaceted notion, therefore it can't be presented on one diagram. Instead, we should create multiple views, presenting architecture from different perspectives and with different accuracy.

Secondly, despite the fact that one picture is worth a thousand words, information such as standards and explanation of taken decisions, is hard to present in a picture. In that case we should use other artefacts e.g., text or code snippets.

### **Objectives of documentation**

Before we eagerly start preparing documentation of architecture, because that is what best practices say, it is worth considering what the point of doing this is.

We can enumerate a few basic objectives of documentation:

- Communication with the client – it can be the basis for presentation of how quality requirements are going to be fulfilled, and how complex and expensive will be the solution.
- Creating a guide for developers – the main purpose will be to create the source of truth, the reference point for programmers, in case they have any doubts regarding solution they would like to use.
- Team education – good documentation will help to promote information about changes in the architecture, and will be a good foundation for discussions concerning the system development.

### **How much documentation and for whom**

There is no right or wrong number of artefacts documenting the architecture. Once again, it depends on the team, its dynamics and the environment. It's always worth considering the reasonableness of creating another element of documentation regarding its purpose. Not always more documentation is better. While deciding how much and what kind of artefacts we are going to create, it's better to bear in mind that we won't be able to solve all the communication problems with the use of documentation:

The primary problem with documentation is the difference between context and content. Documentation can provide content, but understanding the context requires domain expertise.

Existing documentation, even if good and valid, must be understood. To achieve this we need good relations, interactions and cognitive empathy among team members as well as between the team and the client.

## Form of documentation

We all know that the value of diagrams presenting relations and behaviours of architectural elements is invaluable. However, diagrams aren't equal, and I don't mean differences between class diagrams and sequences diagrams. Some of them are explicit and understandable, however there are also the ones we look at, and don't understand what the author had in mind.

As we all know the most common standard in the industry is UML. However, for many, not without reason, this standard is too complicated to illustrate the majority of solutions. The problem is so old and common that at the turn of the century Martin Fowler wrote the guide: "UML Distilled: A Brief Guide to the Standard Object Modeling Language". In his book he describes how to pragmatically use UML. How to use its essence to make our diagrams clear and understandable, without wasting time on tuning them to make compliant with standard.

To summarize the above deliberation, diagrams documenting the application architecture can be divided into:

- Formal – compatible with standard (usually UML), which makes them explicit. They are a good choice if we decide to create a complex documentation with the use of CASE tools. It makes sense, especially if we develop a project of the system with a closed specification.
- Informal – “rectangles and arrows” usually drawn on a piece of paper, whiteboard or flip chart to illustrate the idea we are talking about, or to back up our thinking processes. They are highly unclear and without context of people involved in their creation, they may be more confusing than understood.
- Hybrid – a merger of the two mentioned methods, also known as “Arbitrary Modelling Language” i.e. using 20% of standard to create 80% of uniqueness. Diagrams have a good value for money spent on creating them. Definitely, it is the best way of creating documentation to support the above objectives: communication with the client, creating a guide for developers and education.

## The golden thought of software documentation

The above deliberations about documentation may be summed up in two sentences: Documentation has to have its purpose, otherwise it is pointless. What is more, the amount of documents should be barely sufficient, but never insufficient.

## 16.Evaluating Architectures :

### Evaluating an architecture

#### Why evaluate an architecture?

- The earlier you find a problem in a SW project, the better off you are (the cost to fix an error in early design phase is much smaller than the cost to fix the same error in implementation/testing)
  
- Architecture is the earliest point in the project where trade-offs are visible
  
- Architecture determines the structure of the project: schedules, budgets, performance indicators, team structure, testing and maintenance activities
  
- Risk management

### Evaluating an architecture

#### SAAM (Software Architecture Analysis Method)

- Based on scenarios
  - A scenario represents a description of a stakeholder's interaction with the system
- Scenarios are created depending on the point of view of each stakeholder:
  - **Developer** – interested in reusability, implementation, maintenance
  - **Project Manager** – interested in time, cost, quality, extensibility
  - **Tester** – interested in usability, mapping to requirements

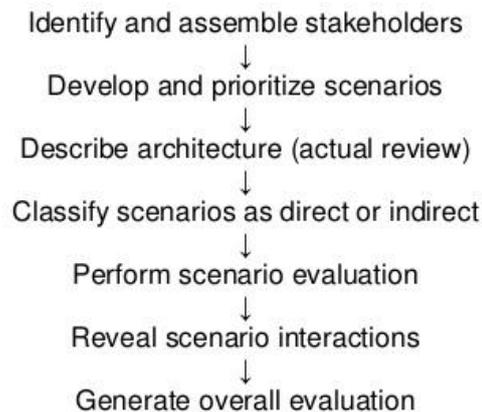
## Evaluating an architecture

### Examples

- Direct scenarios
  - Confronting the architecture with regular use cases
  - Use logic that is provided by the interfaces
  - Stress testing – behavior of components in case of intensive usage
  - Corruption of data/components after long-term usage
  - Data integrity when sending it through communication channels
  - Scenarios regarding functionality found in the requirements
  - Ease of test – how easy is it to test a requirement

## Evaluating an architecture

### Steps of a SAAM evaluation



- In this way Architecture is Evaluated. Architecture is evaluated to see that it satisfies the requirements. A common approach is to do a subjective evaluation with respect to the desired properties.

## **UNIT 3**

### **[QUESTIONS]**

- 1.Explain about Value of good SRS .
2. What is Requirement Process ?
- 3.a)Explain Requirement Specification
- b)What are desirable characteristics of an SRS ?
4. WHAT ARE COMPONENTS OF AN SRS
5. Explain Structure of a Requirements Document.
6. Discuss Functional Specifications With Use Cases
7. USE CASE , DFD'S , ERD DIAGRAMS FROM ASSAIGNMENT .
8. How do you Develop Use Cases ?
- 9.What are Four Levels for analysis when employing use case ?
- 10.What are Other Approaches for Problem Analysis ?
- 11.What is DFD?Explain with example.
- 12.Explain about ERD diagrams.
- 13.What is Validation.
- 14.what is software Architecture? Explain role of software architecture.

15. What is an architecture View. What are different architecture views.

[or]

What are different architecture structures.

16. Explain about C&C View.

17. What are different architectural styles.

18. Why and how do you document architecture design.

19. How do you evaluate architecture.

### **Repeated & previous papers Questions**

1. a) What are the characteristics of a good SRS? 8 M  
b) Describe the architecture styles for C and C view.
2. a) Describe about requirement process and requirement specification of SRS. 8 M  
b) Describe about components and connector view.
3. Explain the ways and means for collecting the software requirements and how are they organized and represented? 16
4. Explain about Shared Data Architecture Style.

## UNIT - IV

**Iterative Process Planning:** Work breakdown structures, planning guidelines, cost and schedule estimating, Iteration planning process, Pragmatic planning.

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**Project Organizations and Responsibilities:** Line-of-Business Organizations, Project Organizations, evolution of Organizations.

**Process Automation:** Automation Building blocks, The Project Environment.

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### 10. Iterative process planning

A good work breakdown structure and its synchronization with the process framework are critical factors in software project success. Development of a work breakdown structure dependent on the project management style, organizational culture, customer preference, financial constraints, and several other hard-to-define, project-specific parameters.

A WBS is simply a hierarchy of elements that decomposes the project plan into the discrete work tasks. A WBS provides the following information structure:

- A delineation of all significant work
- A clear task decomposition for assignment of responsibilities
- A framework for scheduling, budgeting, and expenditure tracking

Many parameters can drive the decomposition of work into discrete tasks: product subsystems, components, functions, organizational units, life-cycle phases, even geographies.

Most systems have a first-level decomposition by subsystem. Subsystems are then decomposed into their components, one of which is typically the software.

#### 10.1.1 CONVENTIONAL WBS ISSUES

Conventional work breakdown structures frequently suffer from three fundamental flaws.

1. They are prematurely structured around the product design.
2. They are prematurely decomposed, planned, and budgeted in either too much or too little detail.
3. They are project-specific, and cross-project comparisons are usually difficult or impossible.

***Conventional work breakdown structures are prematurely structured around the product design.*** Figure 10-1 shows a typical conventional WBS that has been structured primarily around the subsystems of its product architecture, then further decomposed into the components of each subsystem. A WBS is the architecture for the financial plan.

*Conventional work breakdown structures are prematurely decomposed, planned, and budgeted in either too little or too much detail.* Large software projects tend to be over planned and small projects tend to be under planned. The basic problem with planning too much detail at the outset is that the detail does not evolve with the level of fidelity in the plan.

*Conventional work breakdown structures are project-specific, and cross-project comparisons*

*are usually difficult or impossible.* With no standard WBS structure, it is extremely difficult to compare plans, financial data, schedule data, organizational efficiencies, cost trends, productivity trends, or quality trends across multiple projects.

**Figure 10-1 Conventional work breakdown structure, following the product hierarchy**

**Management**  
**System requirement and design**  
**Subsystem 1**  
    **Component 11**  
        **Requirements**  
        **Design**  
        **Code**  
        **Test**  
        **Documentation**  
    ...(similar structures for other components)  
**Component 1N**  
    **Requirements**  
    **Design**  
    **Code**  
    **Test**

**Documentation**  
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     **Test**  
     **Documentation**  
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   **Test planning**  
   **Test procedure preparation**  
   **Testing**  
   **Test reports**  
**Other support areas**  
   **Configuration control**  
   **Quality assurance**  
   **System administration**

### **10.1.2 EVOLUTIONARY WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURES**

An evolutionary WBS should organize the planning elements around the process framework rather than the product framework. The basic recommendation for the WBS is to organize the hierarchy as follows:

- First-level WBS elements are the workflows (management, environment, requirements, design, implementation, assessment, and deployment).
- Second-level elements are defined for each phase of the life cycle (inception, elaboration, construction, and transition).
- Third-level elements are defined for the focus of activities that produce the artifacts of each phase.

A default WBS consistent with the process framework (phases, workflows, and artifacts) is shown in Figure 10-2. This recommended structure provides one example of how the elements of the process framework can be integrated into a plan. It provides a framework for estimating the costs and schedules of each element, allocating them across a project organization, and tracking expenditures.

The structure shown is intended to be merely a starting point. It needs to be tailored to the specifics of a project in many ways.

- Scale. Larger projects will have more levels and substructures.
- Organizational structure. Projects that include subcontractors or span multiple organizational entities may introduce constraints that necessitate different WBS allocations.
- Degree of custom development. Depending on the character of the project, there can be very different emphases in the requirements, design, and implementation workflows.
- Business context. Projects developing commercial products for delivery to a broad customer base may require much more elaborate substructures for the deployment element.
- Precedent experience. Very few projects start with a clean slate. Most of them are developed as new generations of a legacy system (with a mature WBS) or in the context of existing organizational standards (with preordained WBS expectations).

The WBS decomposes the character of the project and maps it to the life cycle, the budget, and the personnel. Reviewing a WBS provides insight into the important attributes, priorities, and structure of the project plan.

Another important attribute of a good WBS is that the planning fidelity inherent in each element is commensurate with the current life-cycle phase and project state. Figure 10-3 illustrates this idea. One of the primary reasons for organizing the default WBS the way I have is to allow for planning elements that range from planning packages (rough budgets that are maintained as an estimate for future elaboration rather than being decomposed into detail) through fully planned activity networks (with a well-defined budget and continuous assessment of actual versus planned expenditures).

### **Figure 10-2 Default work breakdown structure**

#### **A Management**

##### **AA Inception phase management**

**AAA Business case development**

**AAB Elaboration phase release specifications**

**AAC Elaboration phase WBS specifications**

**AAD Software development plan**

**AAE Inception phase project control and status assessments**

##### **AB Elaboration phase management**

**ABA Construction phase release specifications**

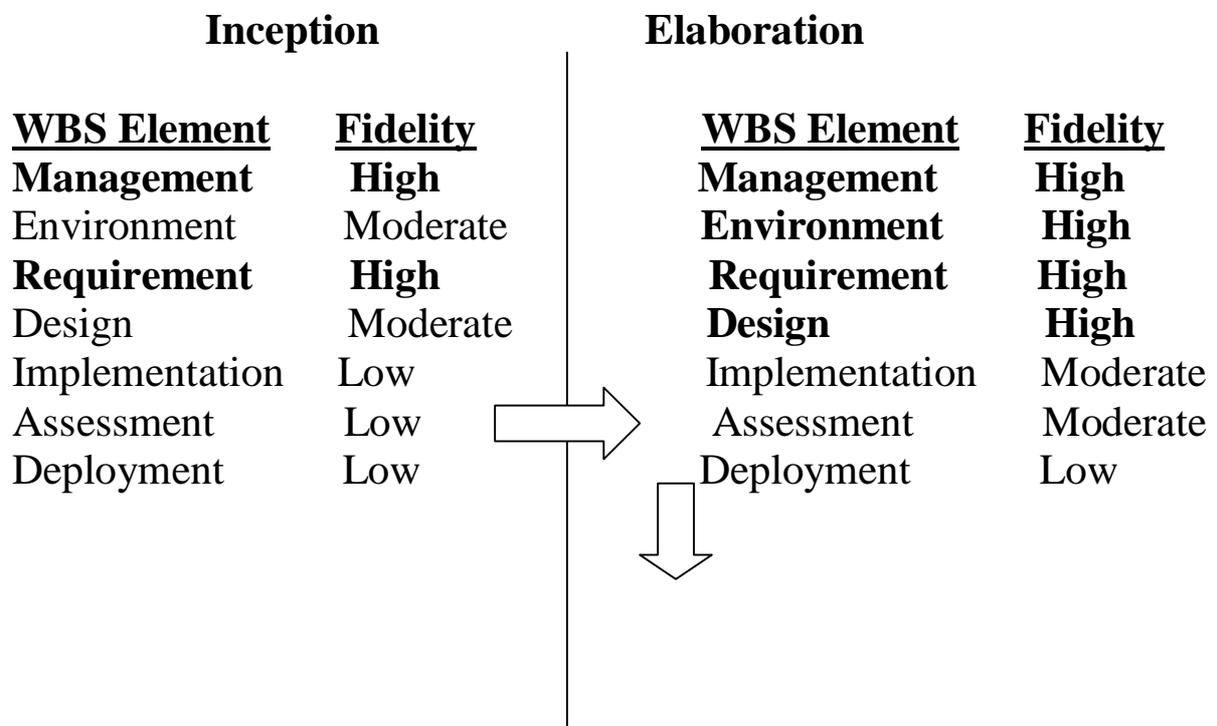
**ABB Construction phase WBS baselining**

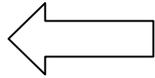
**ABC Elaboration phase project control and status assessments**

- AC Construction phase management**
  - ACA Deployment phase planning**
  - ACB Deployment phase WBS baselining**
  - ACC Construction phase project control and status assessments**
- AD Transition phase management**
  - ADA Next generation planning**
  - ADB Transition phase project control and status assessments**
- B Environment**
  - BA Inception phase environment specification**
  - BB Elaboration phase environment baselining**
    - BBA Development environment installation and administration**
    - BBB Development environment integration and custom toolsmithing**
    - BBC SCO database formulation**
  - BC Construction phase environment maintenance**
    - BCA Development environment installation and administration**
    - BCB SCO database maintenance**
  - BD Transition phase environment maintenance**
    - BDA Development environment maintenance and administration**
    - BDB SCO database maintenance**
    - BDC Maintenance environment packaging and transition**
- C Requirements**
  - CA Inception phase requirements development**
    - CCA Vision specification**
    - CAB Use case modeling**
  - CB Elaboration phase requirements baselining**
    - CBA Vision baselining**
    - CBB Use case model baselining**
  - CC Construction phase requirements maintenance**
  - CD Transition phase requirements maintenance**
- D Design**
  - DA Inception phase architecture prototyping**
  - DB Elaboration phase architecture baselining**
    - DBA Architecture design modeling**
    - DBB Design demonstration planning and conduct**
    - DBC Software architecture description**
  - DC Construction phase design modeling**
    - DCA Architecture design model maintenance**
    - DCB Component design modeling**
  - DD Transition phase design maintenance**
- E Implementation**
  - EA Inception phase component prototyping**
  - EB Elaboration phase component implementation**
    - EBA Critical component coding demonstration integration**

- EC Construction phase component implementation
  - ECA Initial release(s) component coding and stand-alone testing
  - ECB Alpha release component coding and stand-alone testing
  - ECC Beta release component coding and stand-alone testing
  - ECD Component maintenance
- F Assessment
  - FA Inception phase assessment
  - FB Elaboration phase assessment
    - FBA Test modeling
    - FBB Architecture test scenario implementation
    - FBC Demonstration assessment and release descriptions
  - FC Construction phase assessment
    - FCA Initial release assessment and release description
    - FCB Alpha release assessment and release description
    - FCC Beta release assessment and release description
  - FD Transition phase assessment
    - FDA Product release assessment and release description
- G Deployment
  - GA Inception phase deployment planning
  - GB Elaboration phase deployment planning
  - GC Construction phase deployment
    - GCA User manual baselining
  - GD Transition phase deployment
    - GDA Product transition to user

**Figure 10-3 Evolution of planning fidelity in the WBS over the life cycle**





<u>WBS Element</u>	<u>Fidelity</u>	<u>WBS Element</u>	<u>Fidelity</u>
<b>Management</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Management</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Environment</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Environment</b>	<b>High</b>
Requirements	Low	Requirements	Low
Design	Low	Design	Moderate
Implementation	Moderate	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Deployment</b>	<b>High</b>	Deployment	Moderate
<b>Transition</b>		<b>Construction</b>	

## 10.2 PLANNING GUIDELINES

Software projects span a broad range of application domains. It is valuable but risky to make specific planning recommendations independent of project context. Project-independent planning advice is also risky. There is the risk that the guidelines may be adopted blindly without being adapted to specific project circumstances. Two simple planning guidelines should be considered when a project plan is being initiated or assessed. The first guideline, detailed in Table 10-1, prescribes a default allocation of costs among the first-level WBS elements. The second guideline, detailed in Table 10-2, prescribes the allocation of effort and schedule across the lifecycle phases.

### 10-1 Web budgeting defaults

<b>First Level WBS Element</b>	<b>Default Budget</b>
<b>Management</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Environment</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Design</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Implementation</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Deployment</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 10-2 Default distributions of effort and schedule by phase**

<b>Domain</b>	<b>Inception</b>	<b>Elaboration</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Transition</b>
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Effort	5%	20%	65%	10%
Schedule	10%	30%	50%	10%

### 10.3 THE COST AND SCHEDULE ESTIMATING PROCESS

Project plans need to be derived from two perspectives. The first is a forward-looking, top-down approach. It starts with an understanding of the general requirements and constraints, derives a macro-level budget and schedule, then decomposes these elements into lower level budgets and intermediate milestones. From this perspective, the following planning sequence would occur:

1. The software project manager (and others) develops a characterization of the overall size, process, environment, people, and quality required for the project.
2. A macro-level estimate of the total effort and schedule is developed using a software cost estimation model.
3. The software project manager partitions the estimate for the effort into a top-level WBS using guidelines such as those in Table 10-1.
4. At this point, subproject managers are given the responsibility for decomposing each of the WBS elements into lower levels using their top-level allocation, staffing profile, and major milestone dates as constraints.

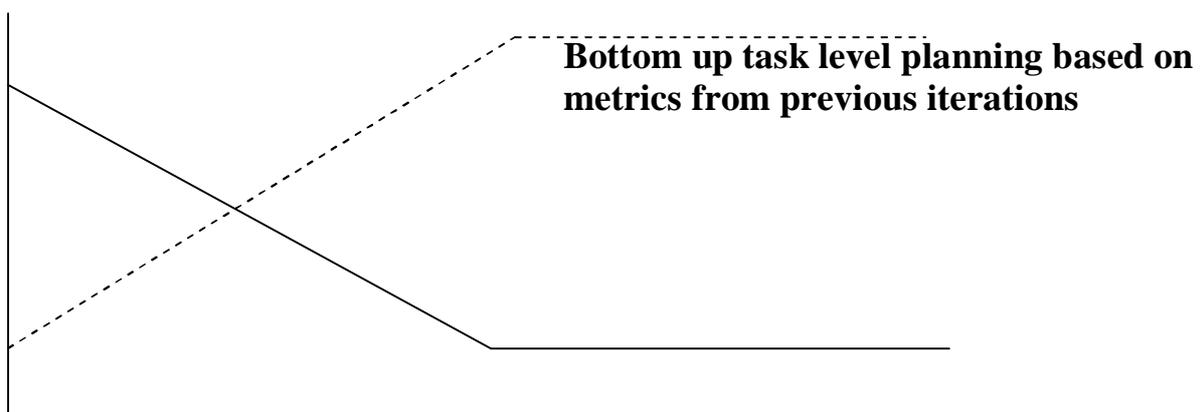
The second perspective is a backward-looking, bottom-up approach. We start with the end in mind, analyze the micro-level budgets and schedules, then sum all these elements into the higher level budgets and intermediate milestones. This approach tends to define and populate the WBS from the lowest levels upward. From this perspective, the following planning sequence would occur:

1. The lowest level WBS elements are elaborated into detailed tasks
2. Estimates are combined and integrated into higher level budgets and milestones.
3. Comparisons are made with the top-down budgets and schedule milestones.

Milestone scheduling or budget allocation through top-down estimating tends to exaggerate the project management biases and usually results in an overly optimistic plan. Bottom-up estimates usually exaggerate the performer biases and result in an overly pessimistic plan.

These two planning approaches should be used together, in balance, throughout the life cycle of the project. During the engineering stage, the top-down perspective will dominate because there is usually not enough depth of understanding nor stability in the detailed task sequences to perform credible bottom-up planning. During the production stage, there should be enough precedent experience and planning fidelity that the bottom-up planning perspective will dominate. Top-down approach should be well tuned to the project-specific parameters, so it should be used more as a global assessment technique. Figure 10-4 illustrates this life-cycle planning balance.

**Figure 10-4 Planning balance throughout the life cycle**



## Top down project level planning based on microanalysis from previous projects

Engineering Stage		Production Stage	
<b>Inception</b>	<b>Elaboration</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Transition</b>
Feasibility iteration	Architecture iteration	Usable iteration	Product Releases

Engineering stage planning emphasis	Production stage planning emphasis
Macro level task estimation for production stage artifacts	Micro level task estimation for production stage artifacts
Micro level task estimation for engineering artifacts	Macro level task estimation for maintenance of engineering artifacts
Stakeholder concurrence	Stakeholder concurrence
Coarse grained variance analysis of actual vs planned expenditures	Fine grained variance analysis of actual vs planned expenditures
Tuning the top down project independent planning guidelines into project specific planning guidelines	
WBS definition and elaboration	

### 10.4 THE ITERATION PLANNING PROCESS

Planning is concerned with defining the actual sequence of intermediate results. An evolutionary build plan is important because there are always adjustments in build content and schedule as early conjecture evolves into well-understood project circumstances. *Iteration* is used to mean a complete synchronization across the project, with a well-orchestrated global assessment of the entire project baseline.

- Inception iterations. The early prototyping activities integrate the foundation components of a candidate architecture and provide an executable framework for elaborating the critical use cases of the system. This framework includes existing components, commercial components, and custom prototypes sufficient to demonstrate a candidate architecture and sufficient requirements understanding to establish a credible business case, vision, and software development plan.
- Elaboration iterations. These iterations result in architecture, including a complete framework and infrastructure for execution. Upon completion of the architecture iteration, a few critical use cases should be demonstrable: (1) initializing the architecture, (2) injecting a scenario to drive the worst-case data processing flow through the system (for example, the peak transaction throughput or peak load scenario), and (3) injecting a scenario to drive the worst-case control flow through the system (for example, orchestrating the fault-tolerance use cases).
- Construction iterations. Most projects require at least two major construction iterations: an alpha release and a beta release.
- Transition iterations. Most projects use a single iteration to transition a beta release into the final product.

The general guideline is that most projects will use between four and nine iterations. The

typical project would have the following six-iteration profile:

- One iteration in inception: an architecture prototype
- Two iterations in elaboration: architecture prototype and architecture baseline
- Two iterations in construction: alpha and beta releases
- One iteration in transition: product release

A very large or unprecedented project with many stakeholders may require additional inception iteration and two additional iterations in construction, for a total of nine iterations.

### 10.5 PRAGMATIC PLANNING

Even though good planning is more dynamic in an iterative process, doing it accurately is far easier. While executing iteration N of any phase, the software project manager must be monitoring and controlling against a plan that was initiated in iteration N - 1 and must be planning iteration N + 1. The art of good project management is to make trade-offs in the current iteration plan and the next iteration plan based on objective results in the current iteration and previous iterations. Aside from bad architectures and misunderstood requirements, inadequate planning (and subsequent bad management) is one of the most common reasons for project failures. Conversely, the success of every successful project can be attributed in part to good planning.

A project's plan is a definition of how the project requirements will be transformed into a product within the business constraints. It must be realistic, it must be current, it must be a team product, it must be understood by the stakeholders, and it must be used. Plans are not just for managers. The more open and visible the planning process and results, the more ownership there is among the team members who need to execute it. Bad, closely held plans cause attrition. Good, open plans can shape cultures and encourage teamwork.

#### Unit – Important Questions

1.	<b>Define Model-Based software architecture?</b>
2.	<b>Explain various process workflows?</b>
3.	<b>Define typical sequence of life cycle checkpoints?</b>
4.	<b>Explain general status of plans, requirements and product across the major milestones.</b>
5.	<b>Explain conventional and Evolutionary work break down structures?</b>
6.	<b>Explain briefly planning balance throughout the life cycle?</b>

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### Project Organizations and Responsibilities:

- **Organizations** engaged in software Line-of-Business need to support projects with the infrastructure necessary to use a common process.
- **Project** organizations need to allocate artifacts & responsibilities across project team to ensure a balance of global (architecture) & local (component) concerns.
- **The organization** must evolve with the WBS & Life cycle concerns.
- **Software lines of business & product teams have different motivation.**
- **Software lines of business** are motivated by return of investment (ROI), new business discriminators, market diversification & profitability.
- **Project teams** are motivated by the cost, Schedule & quality of specific

deliverables

### 1) Line-Of-Business Organizations:

The main features of default organization are as follows:

- Responsibility for process definition & maintenance is specific to a cohesive line of business.
- Responsibility for process automation is an organizational role & is equal in importance to the process definition role.
- Organizational role may be fulfilled by a single individual or several different teams.

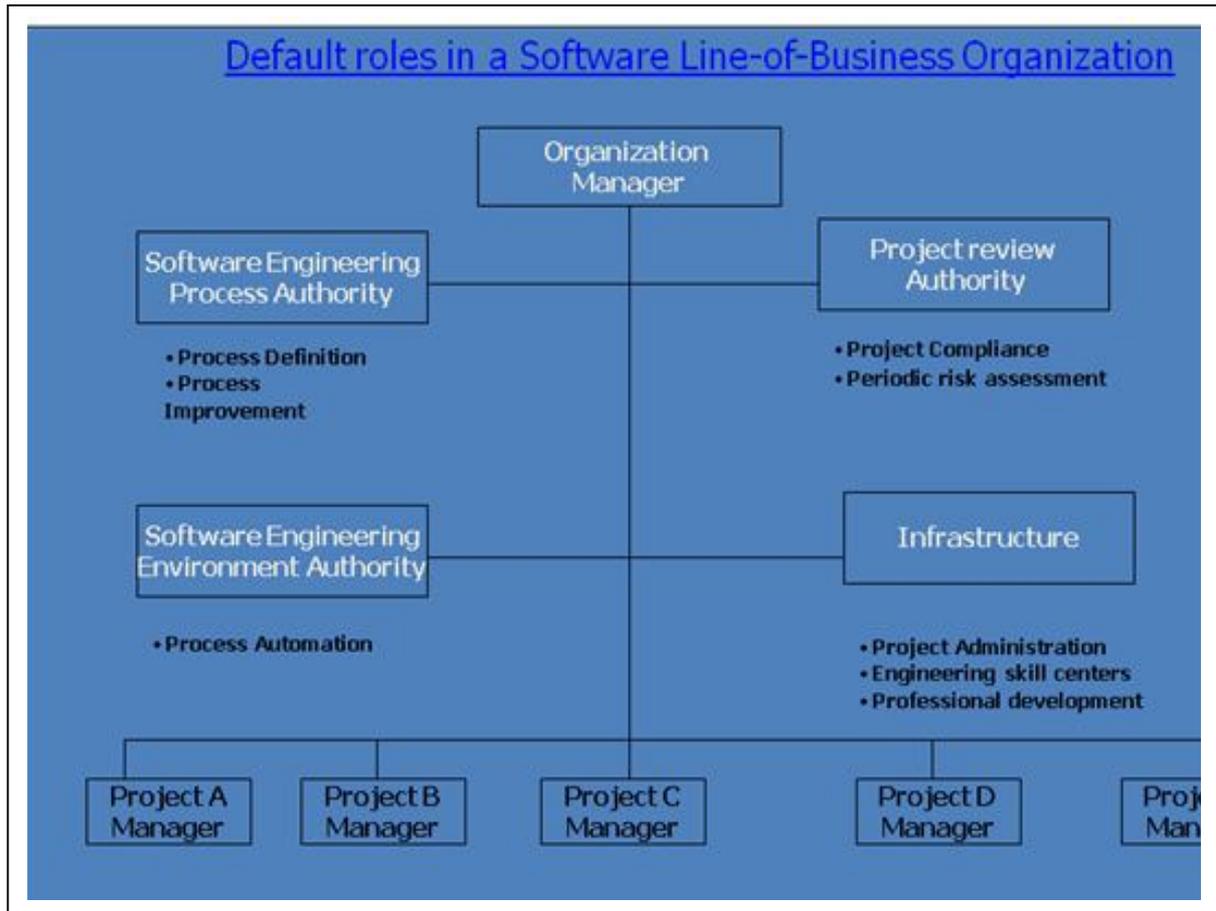


Fig: Default roles in a software Line-of-Business Organization.

#### **Software Engineering Process Authority (SEPA)**

The SEPA facilitates the exchange of information & process guidance both to & from project practitioners

This role is accountable to General Manager for maintaining a current assessment of the organization's process maturity & its plan for future improvement

#### **Project Review Authority (PRA)**

The PRA is the single individual responsible for ensuring that a software project complies with all organizational & business unit software policies, practices & standards

A software Project Manager is responsible for meeting the requirements of a contract or some other project compliance standard

#### **Software Engineering Environment Authority( SEEA )**

The SEEA is responsible for automating the organization's process, maintaining the organization's standard environment, Training projects to use the environment & maintaining organization-wide reusable assets

The SEEA role is necessary to achieve a significant ROI for common process.

**Infrastructure**

An organization's infrastructure provides human resources support, project-independent research & development, & other capital software engineering assets.

**2) Project organizations:**

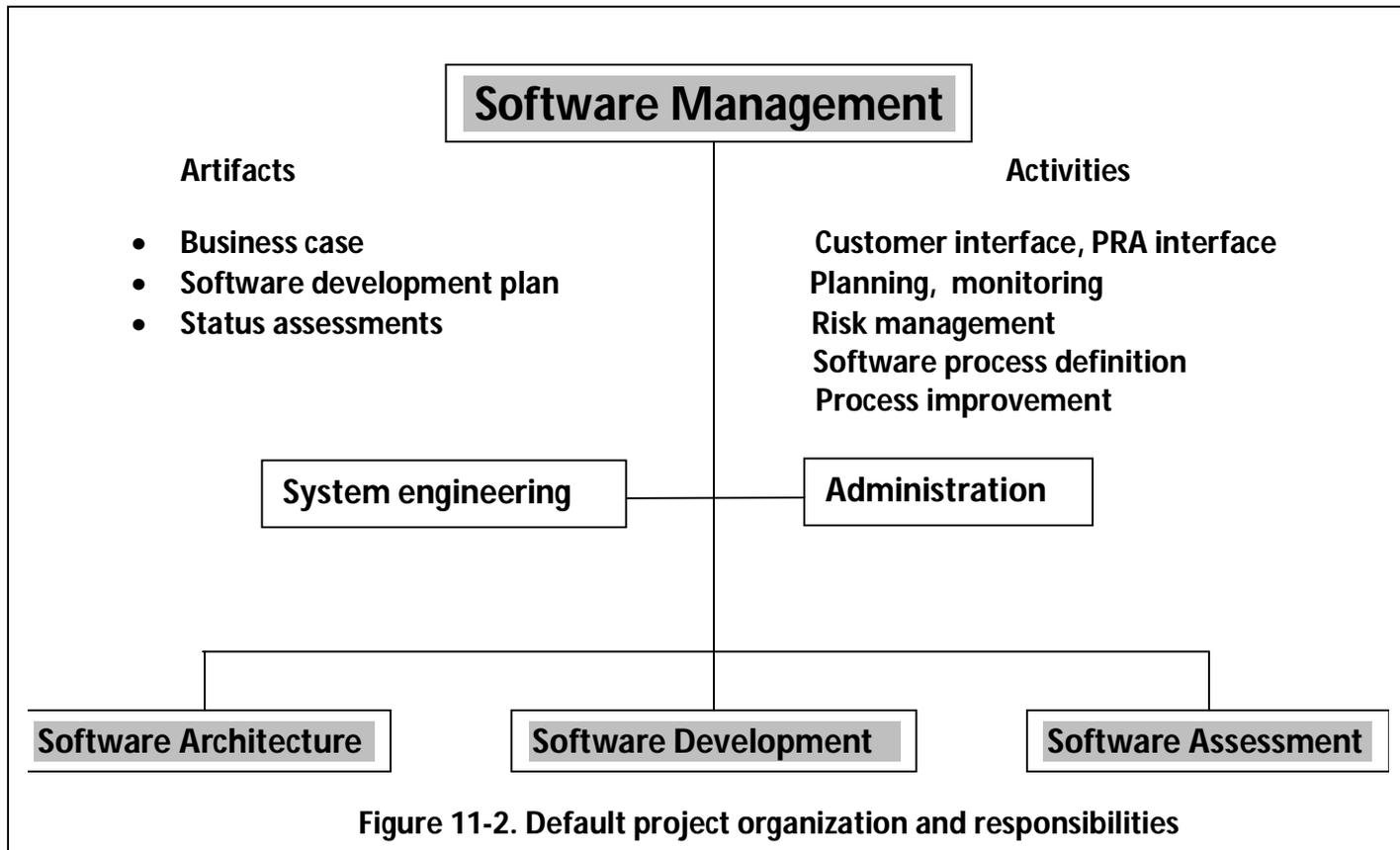
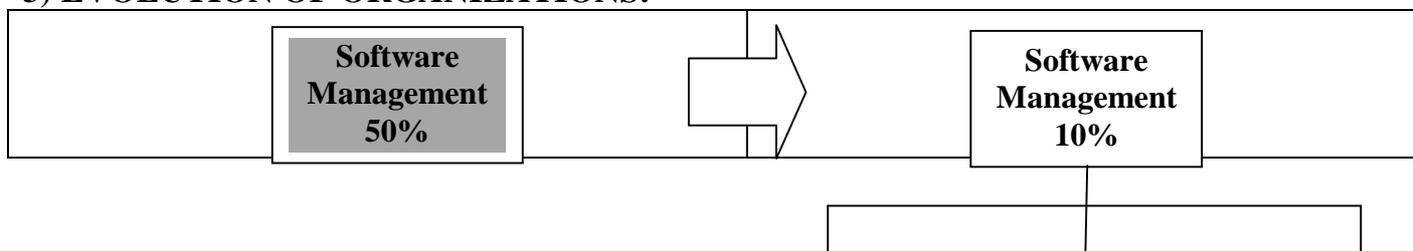
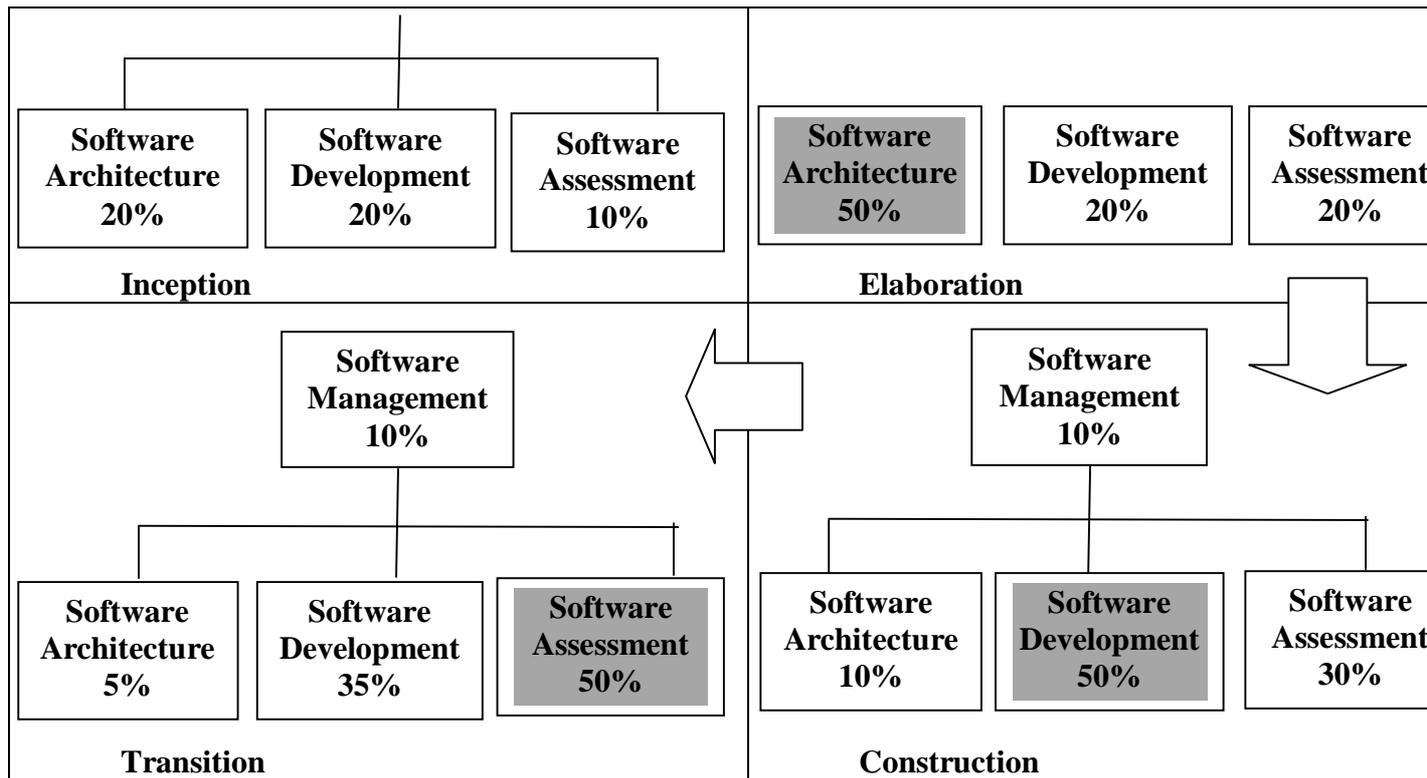


Figure 11-2. Default project organization and responsibilities

- The above figure shows a default project organization and maps project-level roles and responsibilities.
- The main features of the default organization are as follows:
- **The project management team** is an active participant, responsible for producing as well as managing.
- **The architecture team** is responsible for real artifacts and for the integration of components, not just for staff functions.
- **The development team** owns the component construction and maintenance activities.
- The assessment team is separate from development.
- **Quality** is everyone's into all activities and checkpoints.
- Each team takes responsibility for a different quality perspective.

**3) EVOLUTION OF ORGANIZATIONS:**





<p><b>Inception:</b>  Software management: 50%  Software Architecture: 20%  Software development: 20%  Software Assessment (measurement/evaluation):10%</p>	<p><b>Elaboration:</b>  Software management: 10%  Software Architecture: 50%  Software development: 20%  Software Assessment (measurement/evaluation):20%</p>
<p><b>Construction:</b>  Software management: 10%  Software Architecture: 10%  Software development: 50%  Software Assessment (measurement/evaluation):30%</p>	<p><b>Transition:</b>  Software management: 10%  Software Architecture: 5%  Software development: 35%  Software Assessment (measurement/evaluation):50%</p>

## The Process Automation:

### Introductory Remarks:

**The environment** must be the first-class artifact of the process.

**Process automation** & change management is critical to an iterative process. If the change is expensive then the development organization will resist it.

**Round-trip engineering** & integrated environments promote change freedom & effective evolution of technical artifacts.

**Metric automation** is crucial to effective project control.

**External stakeholders** need access to environment resources to improve interaction with the development team & add value to the process.

**The three levels** of process which requires a certain degree of process automation for the corresponding process to be carried out efficiently.

**Metaprocess (Line of business):** The automation support for this level is called an infrastructure.

**Macroproces (project):** The automation support for a project’s process is called an environment.

**Microprocess (iteration):** The automation support for generating artifacts is generally called a tool.

**Tools: Automation Building blocks:**

Many tools are available to automate the software development process. Most of the core software development tools map closely to one of the process workflows

Workflows

- Management
- Environment
- Requirements
- Design
- Implementation
- Assessment
- Deployment

Environment Tools & process Automation

- Workflow automation, Metrics automation
- Change Management, Document Automation
- Requirement Management
- Visual Modeling
- Editors, Compilers, Debugger, Linker, Runtime
- Test automation, defect Tracking
- defect Tracking

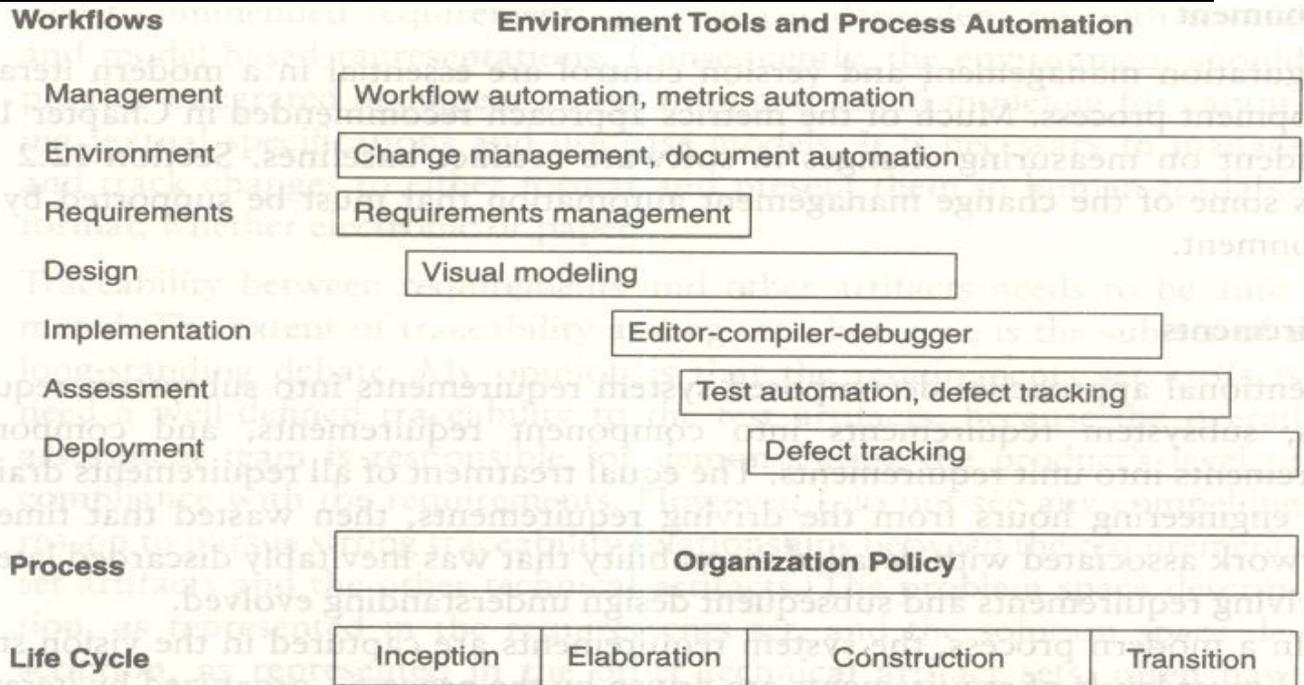


FIGURE 12-1. Typical automation and tool components that support the process workflows

## PROCESS AUTOMATION

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### **The Project Environment:**

The project environment artifacts evolve through three discrete states.

(1) Prototyping Environment. (2) Development Environment. (3) Maintenance Environment.

The **Prototype Environment** includes an architecture test bed for prototyping project architecture to evaluate trade-offs during inception & elaboration phase of the life cycle.

The **Development environment** should include a full suite of development tools needed to support various Process workflows & round-trip engineering to the maximum extent possible.

The **Maintenance Environment** should typically coincide with the mature version of the development.

There are four important environment disciplines that are critical to management context & the success of a modern iterative development process.

#### **Round-Trip engineering**

##### **Change Management**

Software Change Orders (SCO)

Configuration baseline Configuration Control Board

##### **Infrastructure**

Organization Policy

Organization Environment

##### **Stakeholder Environment.**

### **Round Trip Environment**

Tools must be integrated to maintain consistency & traceability.

Round-Trip engineering is the term used to describe this key requirement for environment that support iterative development.

As the software industry moves into maintaining different information sets for the engineering artifacts, more automation support is needed to ensure efficient & error free transition of data from one artifacts to another.

Round-trip engineering is the environment support necessary to maintain Consistency among the engineering artifacts.

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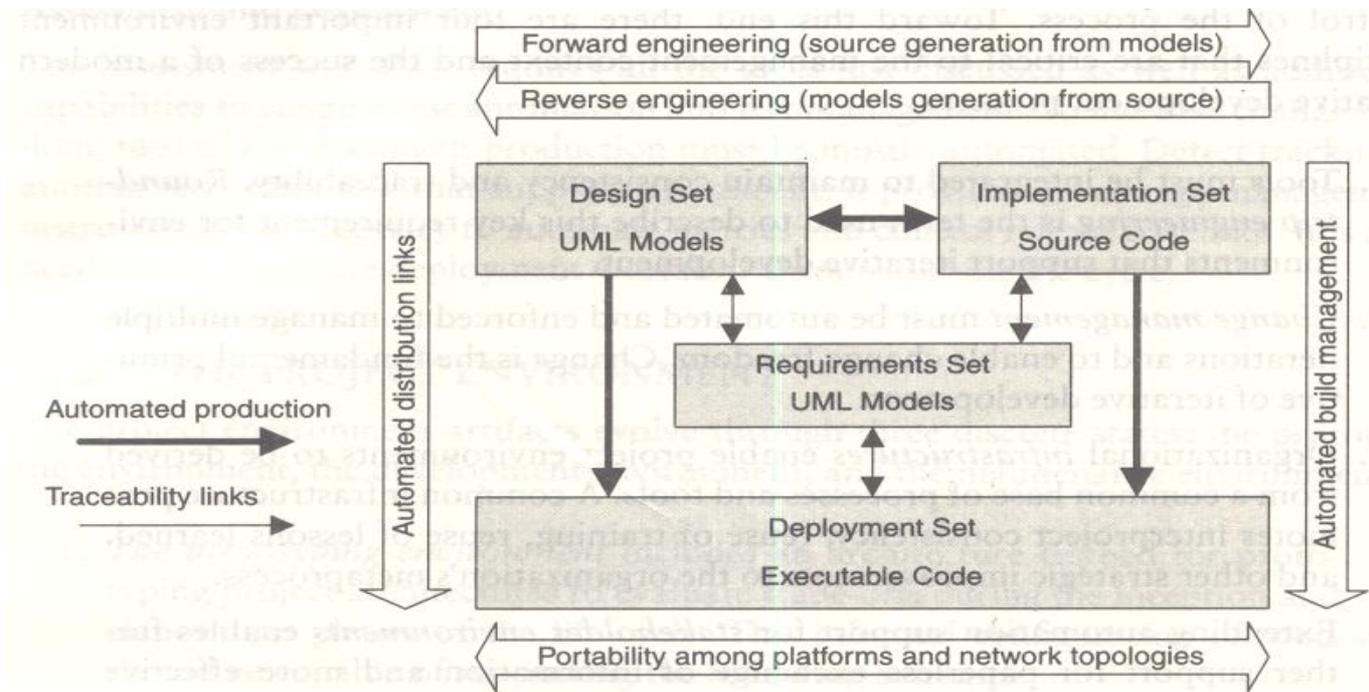


FIGURE 12-2. Round-trip engineering

### Change Management

Change management must be automated & enforced to manage multiple iterations & to enable change freedom.

Change is the fundamental primitive of iterative Development.

#### I. Software Change Orders

The atomic unit of software work that is authorized to create, modify or obsolesce components within a configuration baseline is called a software change orders (SCO)

The basic fields of the SCO are Title, description, metrics, resolution, assessment & disposition

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Description</b>	Name: _____ Date: _____
	Project: _____
<b>Metrics</b>	Category: _____ (0/1 error, 2 enhancement, 3 new feature, 4 other)
<b>Initial Estimate</b>	<b>Actual Rework Expended</b>
Breakage: _____	Analysis: _____ Test: _____
Rework: _____	Implement: _____ Document: _____
<b>Resolution</b>	Analyst: _____
	Software Component: _____
<b>Assessment</b>	Method: _____ (inspection, analysis, demonstration, test)
	Tester: _____ Platforms: _____ Date: _____
<b>Disposition</b>	State: _____ Release: _____ Priority: _____
	Acceptance: _____ Date: _____
	Closure: _____ Date: _____

FIGURE 12-3. *The primitive components of a software change order*

## Change management

### **II. Configuration Baseline**

A configuration baseline is a named collection of software components & Supporting documentation that is subjected to change management & is upgraded, maintained, tested, statuses & obsolesced a unit

There are generally two classes of baselines

#### **External Product Release**

#### **Internal testing Release**

Three levels of baseline releases are required for most Systems

1. Major release (N)
2. Minor Release (M)
3. Interim (temporary) Release (X)

**Major** release represents a new generation of the product or project

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A **minor** release represents the same basic product but with enhanced features, performance or quality.

**Major & Minor** releases are intended to be external product releases that are persistent & supported for a period of time.

**An interim** release corresponds to a developmental configuration that is intended to be transient.

Once software is placed in a controlled baseline all changes are tracked such that a distinction must be made for the cause of the change. Change categories are

**Type 0:** Critical Failures (must be fixed before release)

**Type 1:** A bug or defect either does not impair (Harm) the usefulness of the system or can be worked around

**Type 2:** A change that is an enhancement rather than a response to a defect

**Type 3:** A change that is necessitated by the update to the environment

**Type 4:** Changes that are not accommodated by the other categories.

### **Change Management**

#### **III Configuration Control Board (CCB)**

A CCB is a team of people that functions as the decision

Authority on the content of configuration baselines

A CCB includes:

**1. Software managers**

**2. Software Architecture managers**

**3. Software Development managers**

**4. Software Assessment managers**

**5. Other Stakeholders who are integral to the maintenance of the controlled software delivery system?**

#### **Infrastructure**

The organization infrastructure provides the organization's capital assets including two key artifacts - Policy & Environment

#### **I Organization Policy:**

A Policy captures the standards for project software development processes

The organization policy is usually packaged as a handbook that defines the life cycles & the process primitives such as

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- Major milestones
  - Intermediate Artifacts
  - Engineering repositories
  - Metrics
  - Roles & Responsibilities
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<b>I. Process-primitive definitions</b>
A. Life-cycle phases (inception, elaboration, construction, transition)
B. Checkpoints (major milestones, minor milestones, status assessments)
C. Artifacts (requirements, design, implementation, deployment, management sets)
D. Roles and responsibilities (PRA, SEPA, SEEA, project teams)
<b>II. Organizational software policies</b>
A. Work breakdown structure
B. Software development plan
C. Baseline change management
D. Software metrics
E. Development environment
F. Evaluation criteria and acceptance criteria
G. Risk management
H. Testing and assessment
<b>III. Waiver policy</b>
<b>IV. Appendixes</b>
A. Current process assessment
B. Software process improvement plan

FIGURE 12-5. *Organization policy outline*

## Infrastructure

### II Organization Environment

The Environment that captures an inventory of tools which are building blocks from which project environments can be configured efficiently & economically

### Stakeholder Environment

Many large scale projects include people in external organizations that represent other stakeholders participating in the development process they might include

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- Procurement agency contract monitors
  - End-user engineering support personnel
  - Third party maintenance contractors
  - Independent verification & validation contractors
  - Representatives of regulatory agencies & others.
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These stakeholder representatives also need to access to development resources so that they can contribute value to overall effort. These stakeholders will be access through on-line

An on-line environment accessible by the external stakeholders allow them to participate in the process a follows

**Accept & use** executable increments for the hands-on evaluation.

**Use** the same on-line tools, data & reports that the development organization uses to manage & monitor the project

**Avoid** excessive travel, paper interchange delays, format translations, paper \* shipping costs & other overhead cost

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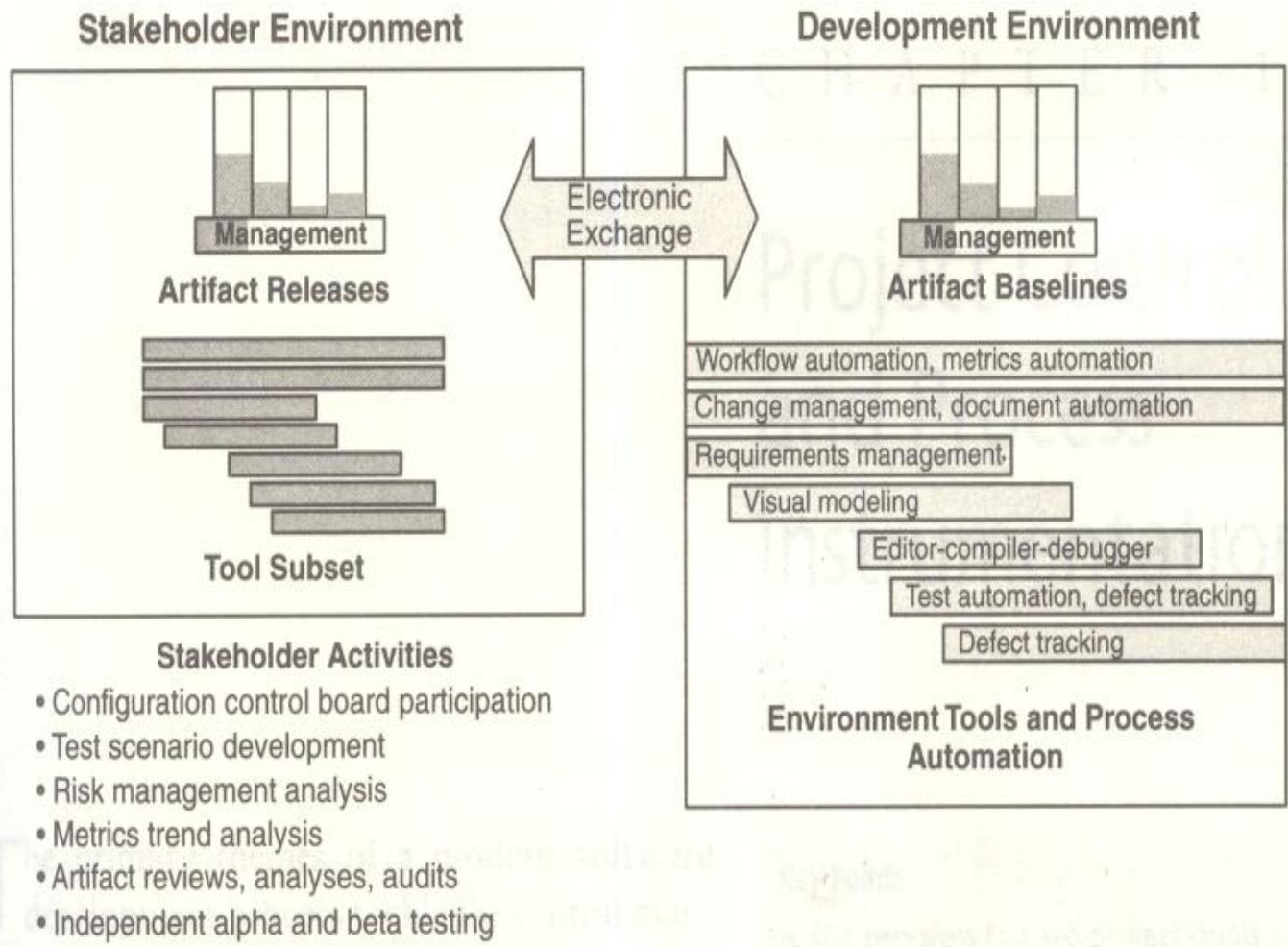


FIGURE 12-6. *Extending environments into stakeholder domains*

## UNIT - IV

**Iterative Process Planning:** Work breakdown structures, planning guidelines, cost and schedule estimating, Iteration planning process, Pragmatic planning.

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**Project Organizations and Responsibilities:** Line-of-Business Organizations, Project Organizations, evolution of Organizations.

**Process Automation:** Automation Building blocks, The Project Environment.

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### 10. Iterative process planning

A good work breakdown structure and its synchronization with the process framework are critical factors in software project success. Development of a work breakdown structure dependent on the project management style, organizational culture, customer preference, financial constraints, and several other hard-to-define, project-specific parameters.

A WBS is simply a hierarchy of elements that decomposes the project plan into the discrete work tasks. A WBS provides the following information structure:

- A delineation of all significant work
- A clear task decomposition for assignment of responsibilities
- A framework for scheduling, budgeting, and expenditure tracking

Many parameters can drive the decomposition of work into discrete tasks: product subsystems, components, functions, organizational units, life-cycle phases, even geographies.

Most systems have a first-level decomposition by subsystem. Subsystems are then decomposed into their components, one of which is typically the software.

#### 10.1.1 CONVENTIONAL WBS ISSUES

Conventional work breakdown structures frequently suffer from three fundamental flaws.

1. They are prematurely structured around the product design.
2. They are prematurely decomposed, planned, and budgeted in either too much or too little detail.
3. They are project-specific, and cross-project comparisons are usually difficult or impossible.

***Conventional work breakdown structures are prematurely structured around the product design.*** Figure 10-1 shows a typical conventional WBS that has been structured primarily around the subsystems of its product architecture, then further decomposed into the components of each subsystem. A WBS is the architecture for the financial plan.

*Conventional work breakdown structures are prematurely decomposed, planned, and budgeted in either too little or too much detail.* Large software projects tend to be over planned and small projects tend to be under planned. The basic problem with planning too much detail at the outset is that the detail does not evolve with the level of fidelity in the plan.

*Conventional work breakdown structures are project-specific, and cross-project comparisons*

*are usually difficult or impossible.* With no standard WBS structure, it is extremely difficult to compare plans, financial data, schedule data, organizational efficiencies, cost trends, productivity trends, or quality trends across multiple projects.

**Figure 10-1 Conventional work breakdown structure, following the product hierarchy**

**Management**  
**System requirement and design**  
**Subsystem 1**  
    **Component 11**  
        **Requirements**  
        **Design**  
        **Code**  
        **Test**  
        **Documentation**  
    ...(similar structures for other components)  
**Component 1N**  
    **Requirements**  
    **Design**  
    **Code**  
    **Test**

**Documentation**  
 ...(similar structures for other subsystems)  
**Subsystem M**  
   **Component M1**  
     Requirements  
     Design  
     Code  
     Test  
     Documentation  
 ...(similar structures for other components)  
   **Component MN**  
     Requirements  
     Design  
     Code  
     Test  
     Documentation  
**Integration and test**  
   Test planning  
   Test procedure preparation  
   Testing  
   Test reports  
**Other support areas**  
   Configuration control  
   Quality assurance  
   System administration

### **10.1.2 EVOLUTIONARY WORK BREAKDOWN STRUCTURES**

An evolutionary WBS should organize the planning elements around the process framework rather than the product framework. The basic recommendation for the WBS is to organize the hierarchy as follows:

- First-level WBS elements are the workflows (management, environment, requirements, design, implementation, assessment, and deployment).
- Second-level elements are defined for each phase of the life cycle (inception, elaboration, construction, and transition).
- Third-level elements are defined for the focus of activities that produce the artifacts of each phase.

A default WBS consistent with the process framework (phases, workflows, and artifacts) is shown in Figure 10-2. This recommended structure provides one example of how the elements of the process framework can be integrated into a plan. It provides a framework for estimating the costs and schedules of each element, allocating them across a project organization, and tracking expenditures.

The structure shown is intended to be merely a starting point. It needs to be tailored to the specifics of a project in many ways.

- Scale. Larger projects will have more levels and substructures.
- Organizational structure. Projects that include subcontractors or span multiple organizational entities may introduce constraints that necessitate different WBS allocations.
- Degree of custom development. Depending on the character of the project, there can be very different emphases in the requirements, design, and implementation workflows.
- Business context. Projects developing commercial products for delivery to a broad customer base may require much more elaborate substructures for the deployment element.
- Precedent experience. Very few projects start with a clean slate. Most of them are developed as new generations of a legacy system (with a mature WBS) or in the context of existing organizational standards (with preordained WBS expectations).

The WBS decomposes the character of the project and maps it to the life cycle, the budget, and the personnel. Reviewing a WBS provides insight into the important attributes, priorities, and structure of the project plan.

Another important attribute of a good WBS is that the planning fidelity inherent in each element is commensurate with the current life-cycle phase and project state. Figure 10-3 illustrates this idea. One of the primary reasons for organizing the default WBS the way I have is to allow for planning elements that range from planning packages (rough budgets that are maintained as an estimate for future elaboration rather than being decomposed into detail) through fully planned activity networks (with a well-defined budget and continuous assessment of actual versus planned expenditures).

### **Figure 10-2 Default work breakdown structure**

#### **A Management**

##### **AA Inception phase management**

**AAA Business case development**

**AAB Elaboration phase release specifications**

**AAC Elaboration phase WBS specifications**

**AAD Software development plan**

**AAE Inception phase project control and status assessments**

##### **AB Elaboration phase management**

**ABA Construction phase release specifications**

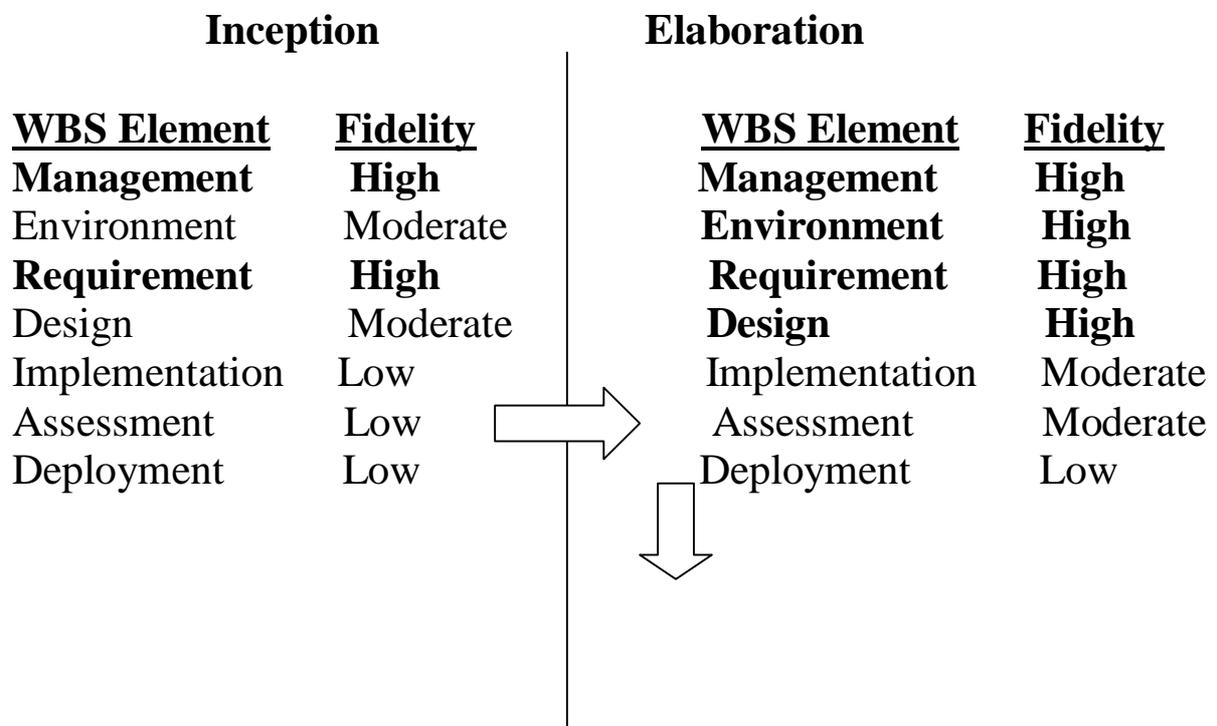
**ABB Construction phase WBS baselining**

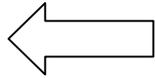
**ABC Elaboration phase project control and status assessments**

- AC Construction phase management**
  - ACA Deployment phase planning**
  - ACB Deployment phase WBS baselining**
  - ACC Construction phase project control and status assessments**
- AD Transition phase management**
  - ADA Next generation planning**
  - ADB Transition phase project control and status assessments**
- B Environment**
  - BA Inception phase environment specification**
  - BB Elaboration phase environment baselining**
    - BBA Development environment installation and administration**
    - BBB Development environment integration and custom toolsmithing**
    - BBC SCO database formulation**
  - BC Construction phase environment maintenance**
    - BCA Development environment installation and administration**
    - BCB SCO database maintenance**
  - BD Transition phase environment maintenance**
    - BDA Development environment maintenance and administration**
    - BDB SCO database maintenance**
    - BDC Maintenance environment packaging and transition**
- C Requirements**
  - CA Inception phase requirements development**
    - CCA Vision specification**
    - CAB Use case modeling**
  - CB Elaboration phase requirements baselining**
    - CBA Vision baselining**
    - CBB Use case model baselining**
  - CC Construction phase requirements maintenance**
  - CD Transition phase requirements maintenance**
- D Design**
  - DA Inception phase architecture prototyping**
  - DB Elaboration phase architecture baselining**
    - DBA Architecture design modeling**
    - DBB Design demonstration planning and conduct**
    - DBC Software architecture description**
  - DC Construction phase design modeling**
    - DCA Architecture design model maintenance**
    - DCB Component design modeling**
  - DD Transition phase design maintenance**
- E Implementation**
  - EA Inception phase component prototyping**
  - EB Elaboration phase component implementation**
    - EBA Critical component coding demonstration integration**

- EC Construction phase component implementation
  - ECA Initial release(s) component coding and stand-alone testing
  - ECB Alpha release component coding and stand-alone testing
  - ECC Beta release component coding and stand-alone testing
  - ECD Component maintenance
- F Assessment
  - FA Inception phase assessment
  - FB Elaboration phase assessment
    - FBA Test modeling
    - FBB Architecture test scenario implementation
    - FBC Demonstration assessment and release descriptions
  - FC Construction phase assessment
    - FCA Initial release assessment and release description
    - FCB Alpha release assessment and release description
    - FCC Beta release assessment and release description
  - FD Transition phase assessment
    - FDA Product release assessment and release description
- G Deployment
  - GA Inception phase deployment planning
  - GB Elaboration phase deployment planning
  - GC Construction phase deployment
    - GCA User manual baselining
  - GD Transition phase deployment
    - GDA Product transition to user

**Figure 10-3 Evolution of planning fidelity in the WBS over the life cycle**





<u>WBS Element</u>	<u>Fidelity</u>	<u>WBS Element</u>	<u>Fidelity</u>
<b>Management</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Management</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Environment</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Environment</b>	<b>High</b>
Requirements	Low	Requirements	Low
Design	Low	Design	Moderate
Implementation	Moderate	<b>Implementation</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>High</b>
<b>Deployment</b>	<b>High</b>	Deployment	Moderate
<b>Transition</b>		<b>Construction</b>	

## 10.2 PLANNING GUIDELINES

Software projects span a broad range of application domains. It is valuable but risky to make specific planning recommendations independent of project context. Project-independent planning advice is also risky. There is the risk that the guidelines may be adopted blindly without being adapted to specific project circumstances. Two simple planning guidelines should be considered when a project plan is being initiated or assessed. The first guideline, detailed in Table 10-1, prescribes a default allocation of costs among the first-level WBS elements. The second guideline, detailed in Table 10-2, prescribes the allocation of effort and schedule across the lifecycle phases.

### 10-1 Web budgeting defaults

<b>First Level WBS Element</b>	<b>Default Budget</b>
<b>Management</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Environment</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Requirement</b>	<b>10%</b>
<b>Design</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Implementation</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Assessment</b>	<b>25%</b>
<b>Deployment</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 10-2 Default distributions of effort and schedule by phase**

<b>Domain</b>	<b>Inception</b>	<b>Elaboration</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Transition</b>
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Effort	5%	20%	65%	10%
Schedule	10%	30%	50%	10%

### 10.3 THE COST AND SCHEDULE ESTIMATING PROCESS

Project plans need to be derived from two perspectives. The first is a forward-looking, top-down approach. It starts with an understanding of the general requirements and constraints, derives a macro-level budget and schedule, then decomposes these elements into lower level budgets and intermediate milestones. From this perspective, the following planning sequence would occur:

1. The software project manager (and others) develops a characterization of the overall size, process, environment, people, and quality required for the project.
2. A macro-level estimate of the total effort and schedule is developed using a software cost estimation model.
3. The software project manager partitions the estimate for the effort into a top-level WBS using guidelines such as those in Table 10-1.
4. At this point, subproject managers are given the responsibility for decomposing each of the WBS elements into lower levels using their top-level allocation, staffing profile, and major milestone dates as constraints.

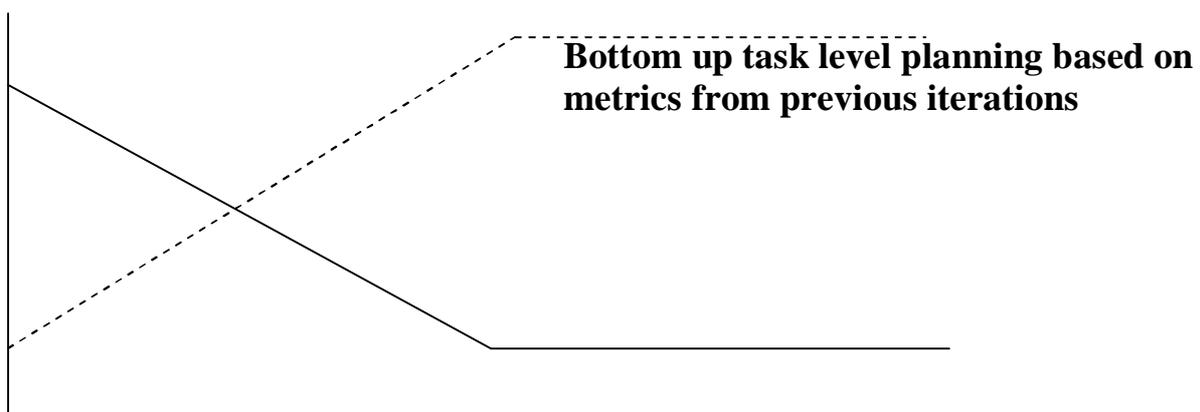
The second perspective is a backward-looking, bottom-up approach. We start with the end in mind, analyze the micro-level budgets and schedules, then sum all these elements into the higher level budgets and intermediate milestones. This approach tends to define and populate the WBS from the lowest levels upward. From this perspective, the following planning sequence would occur:

1. The lowest level WBS elements are elaborated into detailed tasks
2. Estimates are combined and integrated into higher level budgets and milestones.
3. Comparisons are made with the top-down budgets and schedule milestones.

Milestone scheduling or budget allocation through top-down estimating tends to exaggerate the project management biases and usually results in an overly optimistic plan. Bottom-up estimates usually exaggerate the performer biases and result in an overly pessimistic plan.

These two planning approaches should be used together, in balance, throughout the life cycle of the project. During the engineering stage, the top-down perspective will dominate because there is usually not enough depth of understanding nor stability in the detailed task sequences to perform credible bottom-up planning. During the production stage, there should be enough precedent experience and planning fidelity that the bottom-up planning perspective will dominate. Top-down approach should be well tuned to the project-specific parameters, so it should be used more as a global assessment technique. Figure 10-4 illustrates this life-cycle planning balance.

**Figure 10-4 Planning balance throughout the life cycle**



## Top down project level planning based on microanalysis from previous projects

Engineering Stage		Production Stage	
<b>Inception</b>	<b>Elaboration</b>	<b>Construction</b>	<b>Transition</b>
Feasibility iteration	Architecture iteration	Usable iteration	Product Releases

Engineering stage planning emphasis	Production stage planning emphasis
Macro level task estimation for production stage artifacts	Micro level task estimation for production stage artifacts
Micro level task estimation for engineering artifacts	Macro level task estimation for maintenance of engineering artifacts
Stakeholder concurrence	Stakeholder concurrence
Coarse grained variance analysis of actual vs planned expenditures	Fine grained variance analysis of actual vs planned expenditures
Tuning the top down project independent planning guidelines into project specific planning guidelines	
WBS definition and elaboration	

### 10.4 THE ITERATION PLANNING PROCESS

Planning is concerned with defining the actual sequence of intermediate results. An evolutionary build plan is important because there are always adjustments in build content and schedule as early conjecture evolves into well-understood project circumstances. *Iteration* is used to mean a complete synchronization across the project, with a well-orchestrated global assessment of the entire project baseline.

- Inception iterations. The early prototyping activities integrate the foundation components of a candidate architecture and provide an executable framework for elaborating the critical use cases of the system. This framework includes existing components, commercial components, and custom prototypes sufficient to demonstrate a candidate architecture and sufficient requirements understanding to establish a credible business case, vision, and software development plan.
- Elaboration iterations. These iterations result in architecture, including a complete framework and infrastructure for execution. Upon completion of the architecture iteration, a few critical use cases should be demonstrable: (1) initializing the architecture, (2) injecting a scenario to drive the worst-case data processing flow through the system (for example, the peak transaction throughput or peak load scenario), and (3) injecting a scenario to drive the worst-case control flow through the system (for example, orchestrating the fault-tolerance use cases).
- Construction iterations. Most projects require at least two major construction iterations: an alpha release and a beta release.
- Transition iterations. Most projects use a single iteration to transition a beta release into the final product.

The general guideline is that most projects will use between four and nine iterations. The

typical project would have the following six-iteration profile:

- One iteration in inception: an architecture prototype
- Two iterations in elaboration: architecture prototype and architecture baseline
- Two iterations in construction: alpha and beta releases
- One iteration in transition: product release

A very large or unprecedented project with many stakeholders may require additional inception iteration and two additional iterations in construction, for a total of nine iterations.

### 10.5 PRAGMATIC PLANNING

Even though good planning is more dynamic in an iterative process, doing it accurately is far easier. While executing iteration N of any phase, the software project manager must be monitoring and controlling against a plan that was initiated in iteration N - 1 and must be planning iteration N + 1. The art of good project management is to make trade-offs in the current iteration plan and the next iteration plan based on objective results in the current iteration and previous iterations. Aside from bad architectures and misunderstood requirements, inadequate planning (and subsequent bad management) is one of the most common reasons for project failures. Conversely, the success of every successful project can be attributed in part to good planning.

A project's plan is a definition of how the project requirements will be transformed into a product within the business constraints. It must be realistic, it must be current, it must be a team product, it must be understood by the stakeholders, and it must be used. Plans are not just for managers. The more open and visible the planning process and results, the more ownership there is among the team members who need to execute it. Bad, closely held plans cause attrition. Good, open plans can shape cultures and encourage teamwork.

#### Unit – Important Questions

1.	<b>Define Model-Based software architecture?</b>
2.	<b>Explain various process workflows?</b>
3.	<b>Define typical sequence of life cycle checkpoints?</b>
4.	<b>Explain general status of plans, requirements and product across the major milestones.</b>
5.	<b>Explain conventional and Evolutionary work break down structures?</b>
6.	<b>Explain briefly planning balance throughout the life cycle?</b>

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### Project Organizations and Responsibilities:

- **Organizations** engaged in software Line-of-Business need to support projects with the infrastructure necessary to use a common process.
- **Project** organizations need to allocate artifacts & responsibilities across project team to ensure a balance of global (architecture) & local (component) concerns.
- **The organization** must evolve with the WBS & Life cycle concerns.
- **Software lines of business & product teams have different motivation.**
- **Software lines of business** are motivated by return of investment (ROI), new business discriminators, market diversification & profitability.
- **Project teams** are motivated by the cost, Schedule & quality of specific

deliverables

### 1) Line-Of-Business Organizations:

The main features of default organization are as follows:

- Responsibility for process definition & maintenance is specific to a cohesive line of business.
- Responsibility for process automation is an organizational role & is equal in importance to the process definition role.
- Organizational role may be fulfilled by a single individual or several different teams.

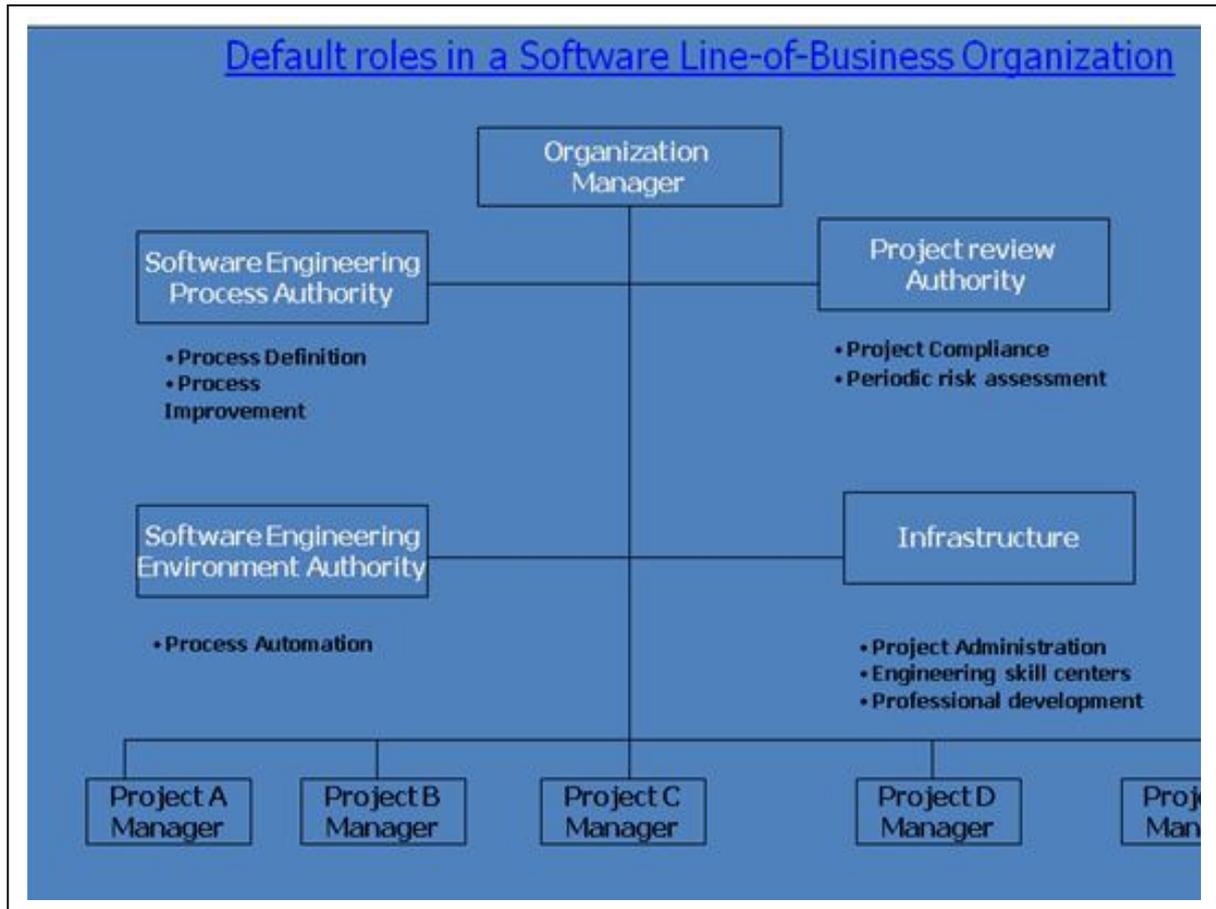


Fig: Default roles in a software Line-of-Business Organization.

#### **Software Engineering Process Authority (SEPA)**

The SEPA facilitates the exchange of information & process guidance both to & from project practitioners

This role is accountable to General Manager for maintaining a current assessment of the organization's process maturity & its plan for future improvement

#### **Project Review Authority (PRA)**

The PRA is the single individual responsible for ensuring that a software project complies with all organizational & business unit software policies, practices & standards

A software Project Manager is responsible for meeting the requirements of a contract or some other project compliance standard

#### **Software Engineering Environment Authority( SEEA )**

The SEEA is responsible for automating the organization's process, maintaining the organization's standard environment, Training projects to use the environment & maintaining organization-wide reusable assets

The SEEA role is necessary to achieve a significant ROI for common process.

**Infrastructure**

An organization's infrastructure provides human resources support, project-independent research & development, & other capital software engineering assets.

**2) Project organizations:**

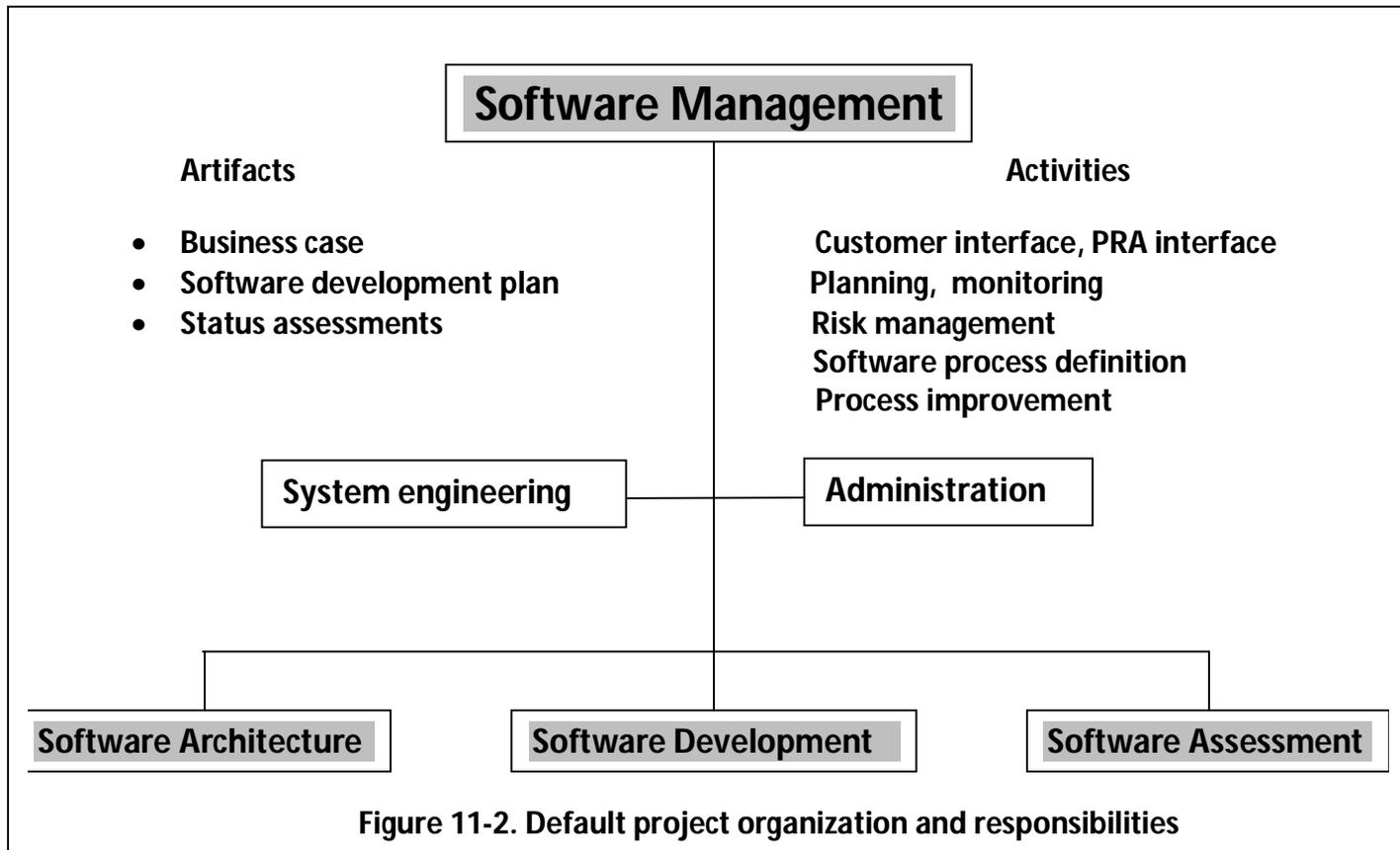
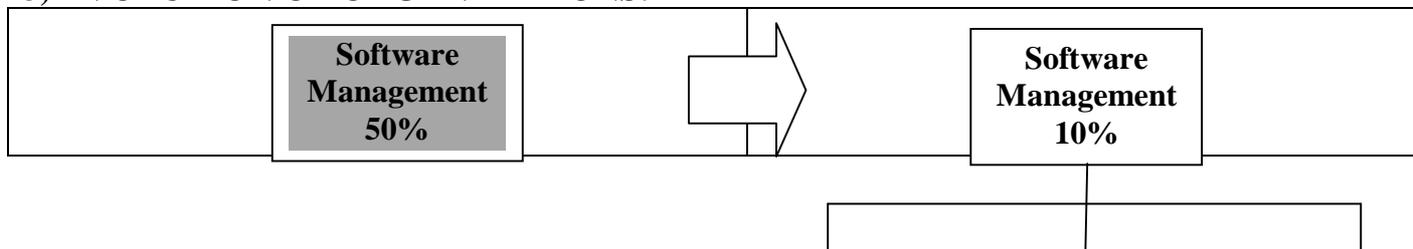
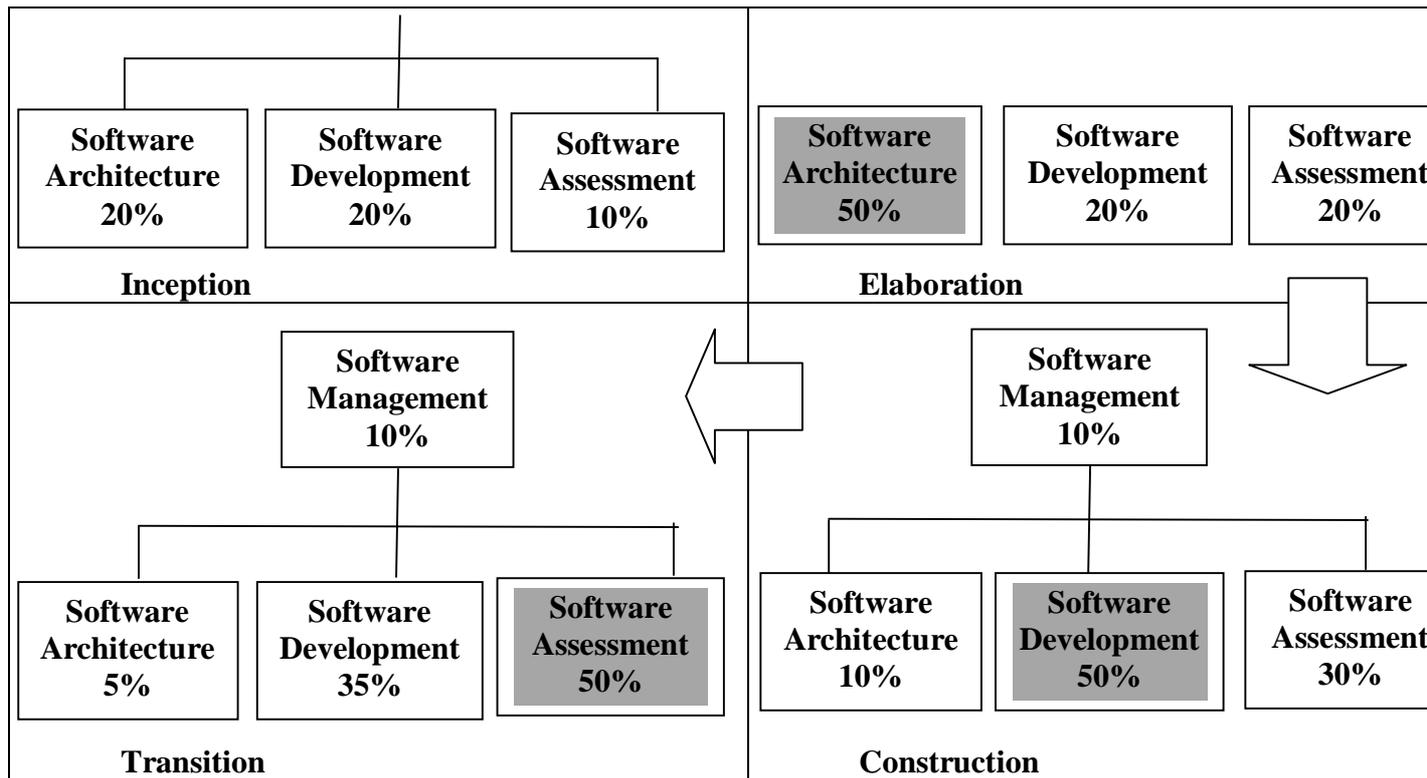


Figure 11-2. Default project organization and responsibilities

- The above figure shows a default project organization and maps project-level roles and responsibilities.
- The main features of the default organization are as follows:
- **The project management team** is an active participant, responsible for producing as well as managing.
- **The architecture team** is responsible for real artifacts and for the integration of components, not just for staff functions.
- **The development team** owns the component construction and maintenance activities.
- The assessment team is separate from development.
- **Quality** is everyone's into all activities and checkpoints.
- Each team takes responsibility for a different quality perspective.

**3) EVOLUTION OF ORGANIZATIONS:**





<p><b>Inception:</b>  Software management: 50%  Software Architecture: 20%  Software development: 20%  Software Assessment (measurement/evaluation):10%</p>	<p><b>Elaboration:</b>  Software management: 10%  Software Architecture: 50%  Software development: 20%  Software Assessment (measurement/evaluation):20%</p>
<p><b>Construction:</b>  Software management: 10%  Software Architecture: 10%  Software development: 50%  Software Assessment (measurement/evaluation):30%</p>	<p><b>Transition:</b>  Software management: 10%  Software Architecture: 5%  Software development: 35%  Software Assessment (measurement/evaluation):50%</p>

## The Process Automation:

### Introductory Remarks:

**The environment** must be the first-class artifact of the process.

**Process automation** & change management is critical to an iterative process. If the change is expensive then the development organization will resist it.

**Round-trip engineering** & integrated environments promote change freedom & effective evolution of technical artifacts.

**Metric automation** is crucial to effective project control.

**External stakeholders** need access to environment resources to improve interaction with the development team & add value to the process.

**The three levels** of process which requires a certain degree of process automation for the corresponding process to be carried out efficiently.

**Metaprocess (Line of business):** The automation support for this level is called an infrastructure.

**Macroproces (project):** The automation support for a project’s process is called an environment.

**Microprocess (iteration):** The automation support for generating artifacts is generally called a tool.

**Tools: Automation Building blocks:**

Many tools are available to automate the software development process. Most of the core software development tools map closely to one of the process workflows

Workflows

- Management
- Environment
- Requirements
- Design
- Implementation
- Assessment
- Deployment

Environment Tools & process Automation

- Workflow automation, Metrics automation
- Change Management, Document Automation
- Requirement Management
- Visual Modeling
- Editors, Compilers, Debugger, Linker, Runtime
- Test automation, defect Tracking
- defect Tracking

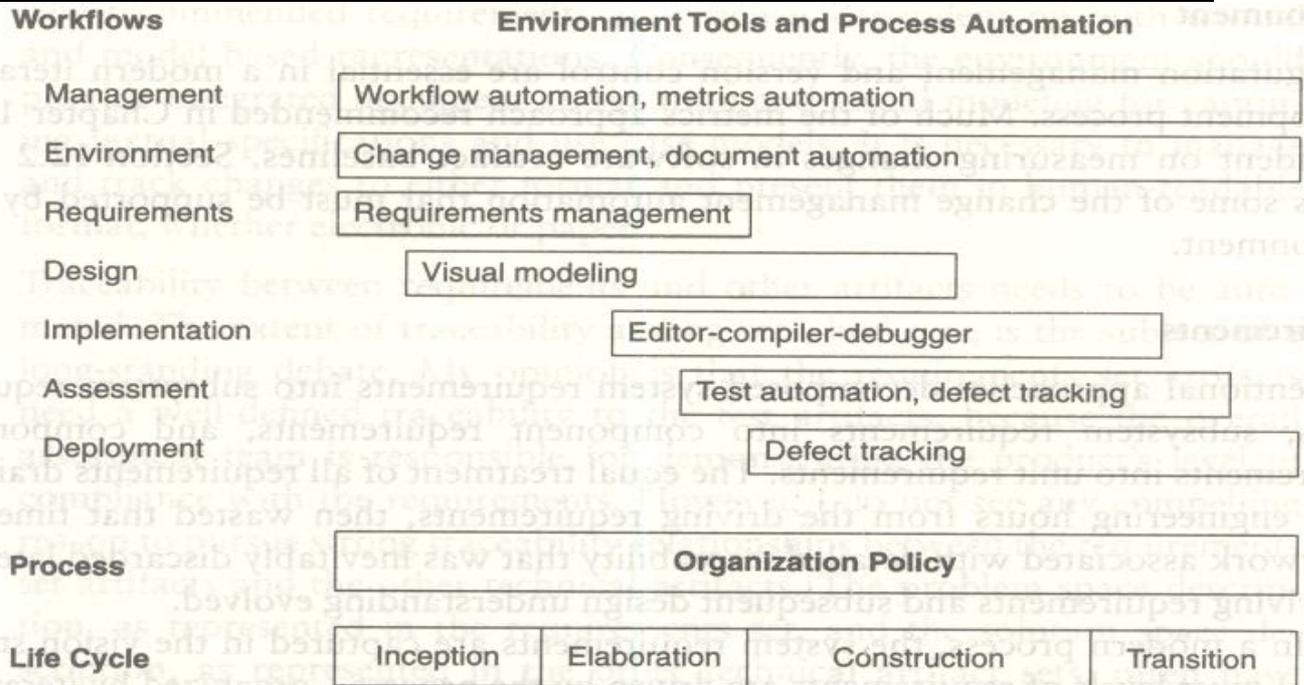


FIGURE 12-1. Typical automation and tool components that support the process workflows

## PROCESS AUTOMATION

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### **The Project Environment:**

The project environment artifacts evolve through three discrete states.

(1) Prototyping Environment. (2) Development Environment. (3) Maintenance Environment.

The **Prototype Environment** includes an architecture test bed for prototyping project architecture to evaluate trade-offs during inception & elaboration phase of the life cycle.

The **Development environment** should include a full suite of development tools needed to support various Process workflows & round-trip engineering to the maximum extent possible.

The **Maintenance Environment** should typically coincide with the mature version of the development.

There are four important environment disciplines that are critical to management context & the success of a modern iterative development process.

#### **Round-Trip engineering**

##### **Change Management**

Software Change Orders (SCO)

Configuration baseline Configuration Control Board

##### **Infrastructure**

Organization Policy

Organization Environment

##### **Stakeholder Environment.**

### **Round Trip Environment**

Tools must be integrated to maintain consistency & traceability.

Round-Trip engineering is the term used to describe this key requirement for environment that support iterative development.

As the software industry moves into maintaining different information sets for the engineering artifacts, more automation support is needed to ensure efficient & error free transition of data from one artifacts to another.

Round-trip engineering is the environment support necessary to maintain Consistency among the engineering artifacts.

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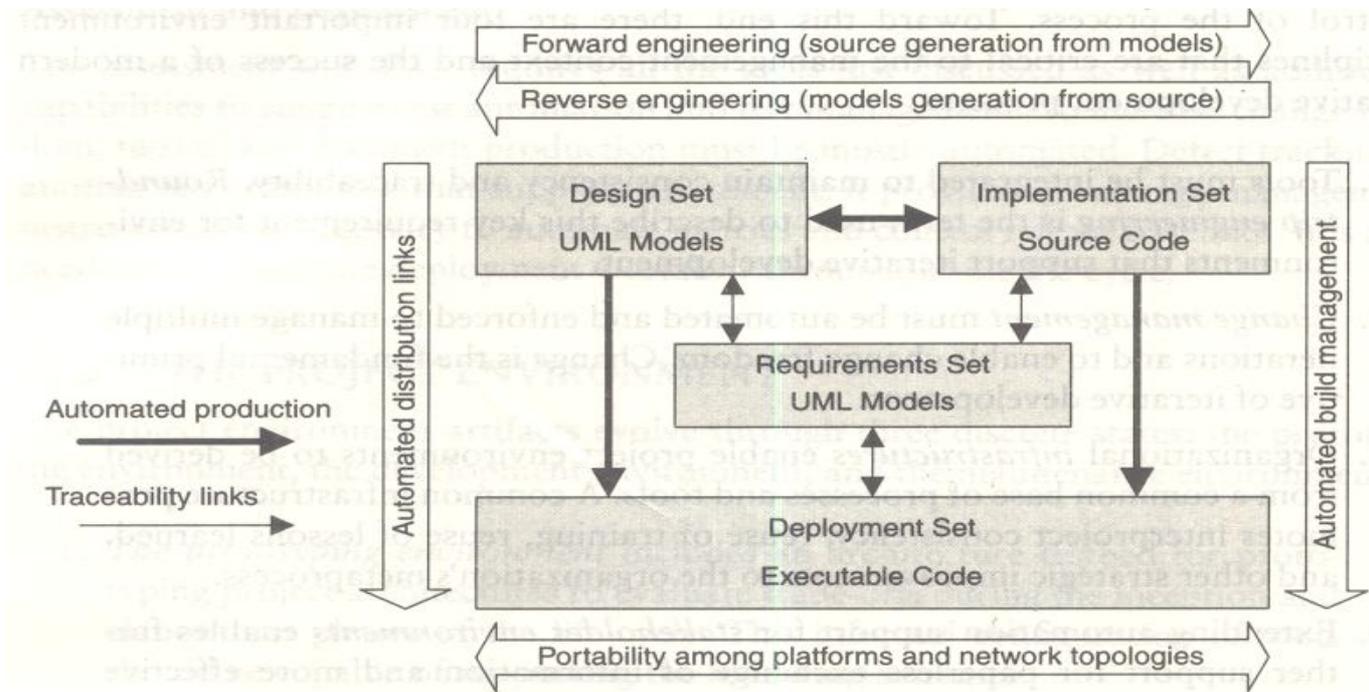


FIGURE 12-2. Round-trip engineering

### Change Management

Change management must be automated & enforced to manage multiple iterations & to enable change freedom.

Change is the fundamental primitive of iterative Development.

#### I. Software Change Orders

The atomic unit of software work that is authorized to create, modify or obsolesce components within a configuration baseline is called a software change orders (SCO)

The basic fields of the SCO are Title, description, metrics, resolution, assessment & disposition

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Description</b>	Name: _____ Date: _____ Project: _____
<b>Metrics</b>	Category: _____ (0/1 error, 2 enhancement, 3 new feature, 4 other)
<b>Initial Estimate</b>	<b>Actual Rework Expended</b>
Breakage: _____	Analysis: _____ Test: _____
Rework: _____	Implement: _____ Document: _____
<b>Resolution</b>	Analyst: _____ Software Component: _____
<b>Assessment</b>	Method: _____ (inspection, analysis, demonstration, test)
	Tester: _____ Platforms: _____ Date: _____
<b>Disposition</b>	State: _____ Release: _____ Priority: _____
	Acceptance: _____ Date: _____
	Closure: _____ Date: _____

FIGURE 12-3. *The primitive components of a software change order*

## Change management

### **II. Configuration Baseline**

A configuration baseline is a named collection of software components & Supporting documentation that is subjected to change management & is upgraded, maintained, tested, statuses & obsolesced a unit

There are generally two classes of baselines

#### **External Product Release**

#### **Internal testing Release**

Three levels of baseline releases are required for most Systems

1. Major release (N)
2. Minor Release (M)
3. Interim (temporary) Release (X)

**Major** release represents a new generation of the product or project

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A **minor** release represents the same basic product but with enhanced features, performance or quality.

**Major & Minor** releases are intended to be external product releases that are persistent & supported for a period of time.

**An interim** release corresponds to a developmental configuration that is intended to be transient.

Once software is placed in a controlled baseline all changes are tracked such that a distinction must be made for the cause of the change. Change categories are

**Type 0:** Critical Failures (must be fixed before release)

**Type 1:** A bug or defect either does not impair (Harm) the usefulness of the system or can be worked around

**Type 2:** A change that is an enhancement rather than a response to a defect

**Type 3:** A change that is necessitated by the update to the environment

**Type 4:** Changes that are not accommodated by the other categories.

### **Change Management**

#### **III Configuration Control Board (CCB)**

A CCB is a team of people that functions as the decision

Authority on the content of configuration baselines

A CCB includes:

**1. Software managers**

**2. Software Architecture managers**

**3. Software Development managers**

**4. Software Assessment managers**

**5. Other Stakeholders who are integral to the maintenance of the controlled software delivery system?**

#### **Infrastructure**

The organization infrastructure provides the organization's capital assets including two key artifacts - Policy & Environment

#### **I Organization Policy:**

A Policy captures the standards for project software development processes

The organization policy is usually packaged as a handbook that defines the life cycles & the process primitives such as

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- Major milestones
  - Intermediate Artifacts
  - Engineering repositories
  - Metrics
  - Roles & Responsibilities
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<b>I. Process-primitive definitions</b>
A. Life-cycle phases (inception, elaboration, construction, transition)
B. Checkpoints (major milestones, minor milestones, status assessments)
C. Artifacts (requirements, design, implementation, deployment, management sets)
D. Roles and responsibilities (PRA, SEPA, SEEA, project teams)
<b>II. Organizational software policies</b>
A. Work breakdown structure
B. Software development plan
C. Baseline change management
D. Software metrics
E. Development environment
F. Evaluation criteria and acceptance criteria
G. Risk management
H. Testing and assessment
<b>III. Waiver policy</b>
<b>IV. Appendixes</b>
A. Current process assessment
B. Software process improvement plan

FIGURE 12-5. *Organization policy outline*

## Infrastructure

### II Organization Environment

The Environment that captures an inventory of tools which are building blocks from which project environments can be configured efficiently & economically

### Stakeholder Environment

Many large scale projects include people in external organizations that represent other stakeholders participating in the development process they might include

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- Procurement agency contract monitors
  - End-user engineering support personnel
  - Third party maintenance contractors
  - Independent verification & validation contractors
  - Representatives of regulatory agencies & others.
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These stakeholder representatives also need to access to development resources so that they can contribute value to overall effort. These stakeholders will be access through on-line

An on-line environment accessible by the external stakeholders allow them to participate in the process a follows

**Accept & use** executable increments for the hands-on evaluation.

**Use** the same on-line tools, data & reports that the development organization uses to manage & monitor the project

**Avoid** excessive travel, paper interchange delays, format translations, paper \* shipping costs & other overhead cost

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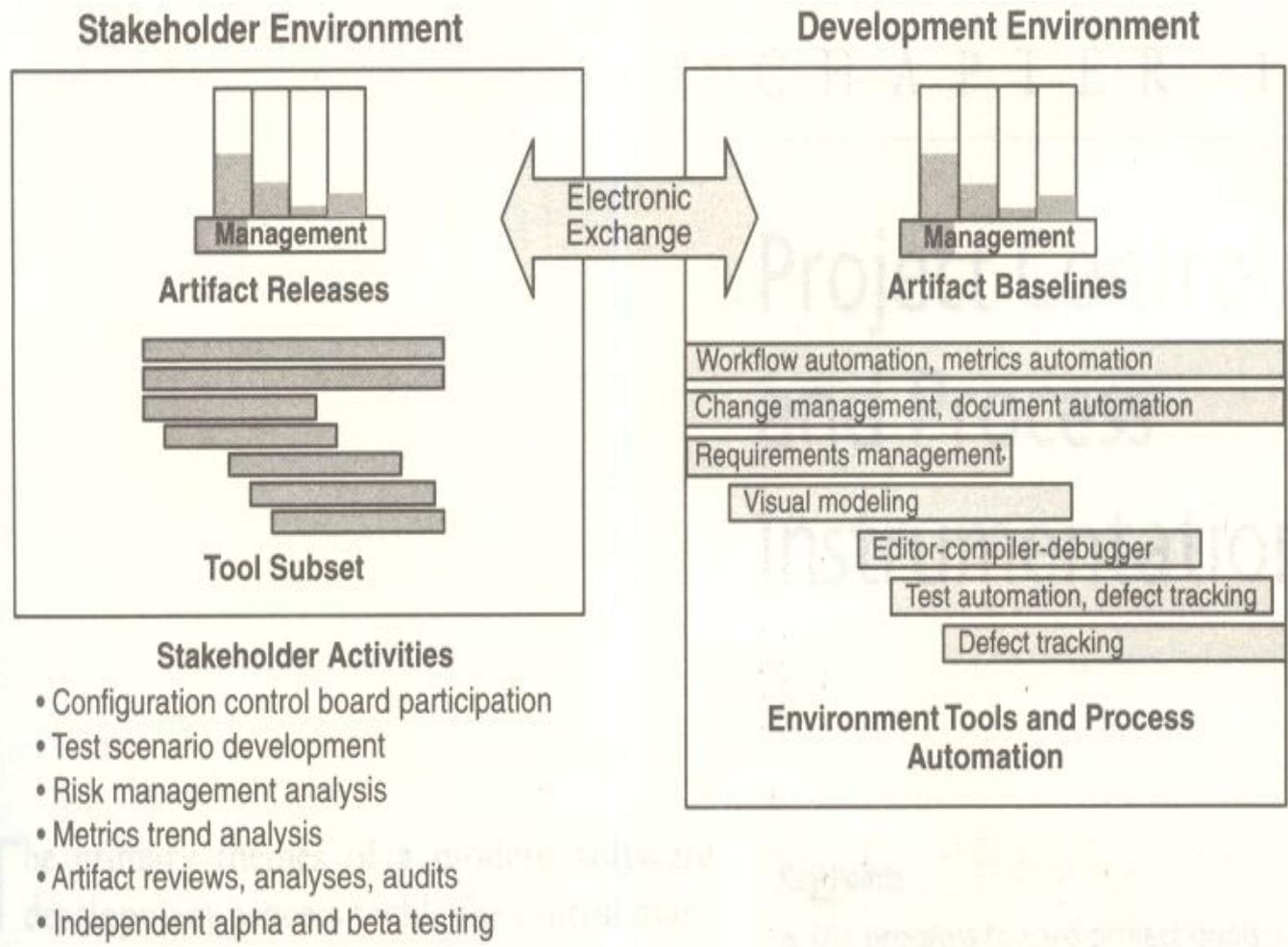


FIGURE 12-6. *Extending environments into stakeholder domains*

**Unit-V**  
**Chapter-1**  
**PROJECT CONTROL & PROCESS INSTRUMENTATION**

**INTERODUCTION:** Software metrics are used to implement the activities and products of the software development process. Hence, the quality of the software products and the achievements in the development process can be determined using the software metrics.

***Need for Software Metrics:***

- Software metrics are needed for calculating the cost and schedule of a software product with great accuracy.
- Software metrics are required for making an accurate estimation of the progress.
- The metrics are also required for understanding the quality of the software product.

**1.1 INDICATORS:**

An indicator is a metric or a group of metrics that provides an understanding of the software process or software product or a software project. A software engineer assembles measures and produce metrics from which the indicators can be derived.

Two types of indicators are:

- (i) Management indicators.
- (ii) Quality indicators.

**1.1.1 Management Indicators**

The management indicators i.e., technical progress, financial status and staffing progress are used to determine whether a project is on budget and on schedule. The management indicators that indicate financial status are based on earned value system.

**1.1.2 Quality Indicators**

The quality indicators are based on the measurement of the changes occurred in software.

**1.2 SEVEN CORE METRICS OF SOFTWARE PROJECT**

Software metrics instrument the activities and products of the software development/integration process. Metrics values provide an important perspective for managing the process. The most useful metrics are extracted directly from the evolving artifacts.

There are seven core metrics that are used in managing a modern process.

## Seven core metrics related to project control:

### Management Indicators

- Work and Progress
- Budgeted cost and expenditures
- Staffing and team dynamics

### Quality Indicators

- Change traffic and stability
- Breakage and modularity
- Rework and adaptability
- Mean time between failures (MTBF) and maturity

## 1.2.1 MANAGEMENT INDICATORS:

### 1.2.1.1 Work and progress

This metric measure the work performed over time. Work is the effort to be accomplished to complete a certain set of tasks. The various activities of an iterative development project can be measured by defining a planned estimate of the work in an objective measure, then tracking progress (work completed overtime) against that plan.

*The default perspectives of this metric are:*

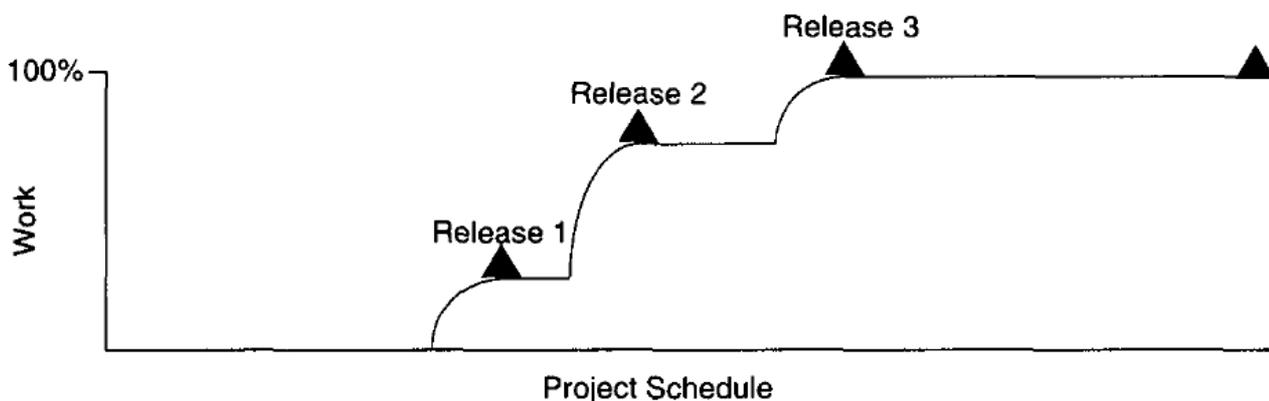
**Software architecture team:** - Use cases demonstrated.

**Software development team:** - SLOC under baseline change management, SCOs closed

**Software assessment team:** - SCOs opened, test hours executed and evaluation criteria meet.

**Software management team:** - milestones completed.

*The below figure shows expected progress for a typical project with three major releases*



*Fig: work and progress*

### 1.2.1.2 Budgeted cost and expenditures

This metric measures cost incurred over time. Budgeted cost is the planned expenditure profile over the life cycle of the project. To maintain management control, measuring cost expenditures over the project life cycle is always necessary. Tracking financial progress takes on an organization - specific format. Financial performance can be measured by the use of an earned value system, which provides highly detailed cost and schedule insight. The basic parameters of an earned value system, expressed in units of dollars, are as follows:

**Expenditure Plan** - It is the planned spending profile for a project over its planned schedule.

**Actual progress** - It is the technical accomplishment relative to the planned progress underlying the spending profile.

**Actual cost**: It is the actual spending profile for a project over its actual schedule.

**Earned value**: It is the value that represents the planned cost of the actual progress.

**Cost variance**: It is the difference between the actual cost and the earned value.

**Schedule variance**: It is the difference between the planned cost and the earned value.

Of all parameters in an earned value system, actual progress is the most subjective

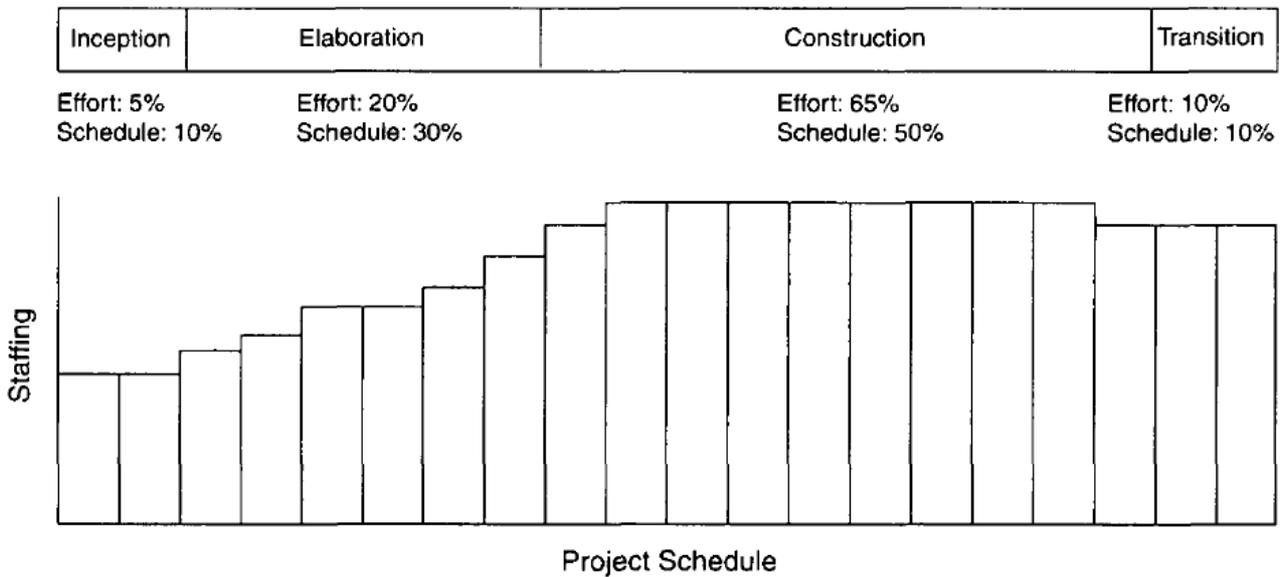
**Assessment**: Because most managers know exactly how much cost they have incurred and how much schedule they have used, the variability in making accurate assessments is centered in the actual progress assessment. The default perspectives of this metric are cost per month, full-time staff per month and percentage of budget expended.

### 1.2.1.3 Staffing and team dynamics

This metric measure the personnel changes over time, which involves staffing additions and reductions over time. An iterative development should start with a small team until the risks in the requirements and architecture have been suitably resolved. Depending on the overlap of iterations and other project specific circumstances, staffing can vary. Increase in staff can slow overall project progress as new people consume the productive team of existing people in coming up to speed. Low attrition of good people is a sign of success. The default perspectives of this metric are people per month added and people per month leaving.

These three management indicators are responsible for technical progress, financial status and staffing progress.

*. Fig: work and progress*



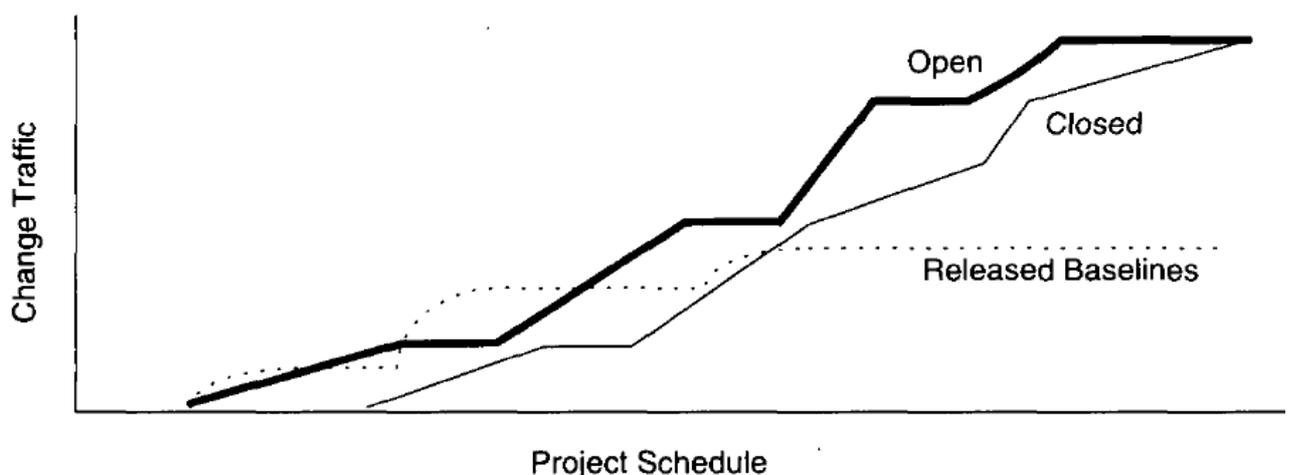
*Fig: staffing and Team dynamics*

## 1.2.2 QUALITY INDICATORS:

### 1.2.2.1 Change traffic and stability:

This metric measures the change traffic over time. The number of software change orders opened and closed over the life cycle is called change traffic. Stability specifies the relationship between opened versus closed software change orders. This metric can be collected by change type, by release, across all releases, by term, by components, by subsystems, etc.

*The below figure shows stability expectation over a healthy project's life cycle*



*Fig: Change traffic and stability*

### 1.2.2.2 Breakage and modularity

This metric measures the average breakage per change over time. Breakage is defined as the

average extent of change, which is the amount of software baseline that needs rework and measured in source lines of code, function points, components, subsystems, files or other units.

Modularity is the average breakage trend over time. This metric can be collected by rework SLOC per change, by change type, by release, by components and by subsystems.

### **1.2.2.3 Rework and adaptability:**

This metric measures the average rework per change over time. Rework is defined as the average cost of change which is the effort to analyze, resolve and retest all changes to software baselines. Adaptability is defined as the rework trend over time. This metric provides insight into rework measurement. All changes are not created equal. Some changes can be made in a staff-hour, while others take staff-weeks. This metric can be collected by average hours per change, by change type, by release, by components and by subsystems.

### **1.2.2.4 MTBF and Maturity:**

This metric measures defect rate over time. MTBF (Mean Time Between Failures) is the average usage time between software faults. It is computed by dividing the test hours by the number of type 0 and type 1 SCOs. Maturity is defined as the MTBF trend over time.

Software errors can be categorized into two types deterministic and nondeterministic. Deterministic errors are also known as Bohr-bugs and nondeterministic errors are also called as Heisen-bugs. Bohr-bugs are a class of errors caused when the software is stimulated in a certain way such as coding errors. Heisen-bugs are software faults that are coincidental with a certain probabilistic occurrence of a given situation, such as design errors. This metric can be collected by failure counts, test hours until failure, by release, by components and by subsystems.

These four quality indicators are based primarily on the measurement of software change across evolving baselines of engineering data.

### **1.3 LIFE -CYCLE EXPECTATIONS:**

*The default pattern of life-cycle metrics evolution is as follows:*

*table*

### **1.4 METRICS AUTOMATION:**

Many opportunities are available to automate the project control activities of a software project. A Software Project Control Panel (SPCP) is essential for managing against a plan. This panel integrates data from multiple sources to show the current status of some aspect of the project. The panel can support standard features and provide extensive capability for detailed situation analysis. SPCP is one example of metrics automation approach that collects, organizes and reports values and trends extracted directly from the evolving engineering artifacts.

## SPCP:

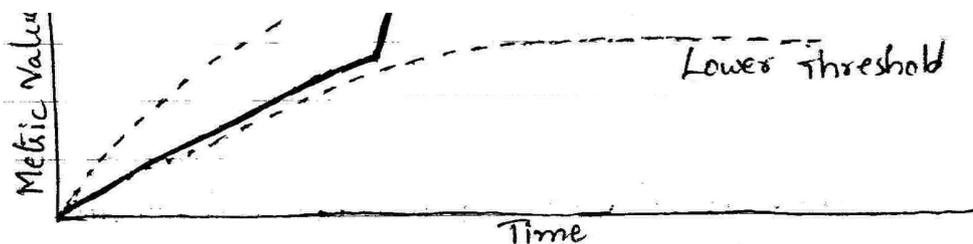
*To implement a complete SPCP, the following are necessary.*

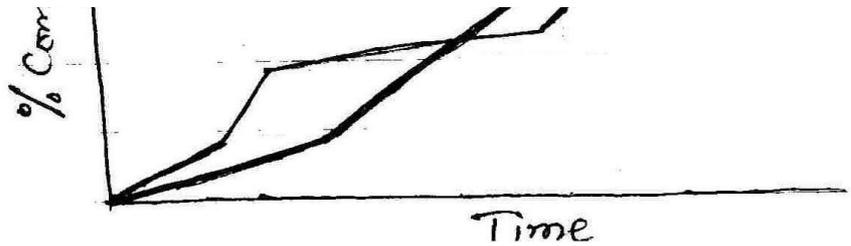
- Metrics primitives - trends, comparisons and progressions
- A graphical user interface.
- Metrics collection agents
- Metrics data management server
- Metrics definitions - actual metrics presentations for requirements progress, implementation progress, assessment progress, design progress and other progress dimensions.
- Actors - monitor and administrator.

Monitor defines panel layouts, graphical objects and linkages to project data. Specific monitors called roles include software project managers, software development team leads, software architects and customers. Administrator installs the system, defines new mechanisms, graphical objects and linkages. The whole display is called a panel. Within a panel are graphical objects, which are types of layouts such as dials and bar charts for information. Each graphical object displays a metric. A panel contains a number of graphical objects positioned in a particular geometric layout. A metric shown in a graphical object is labeled with the metric type, summary level and insurance name (line of code, subsystem, server1). Metrics can be displayed in two modes – value, referring to a given point in time and graph referring to multiple and consecutive points in time.

Metrics can be displayed with or without control values. A control value is an existing expectation either absolute or relative that is used for comparison with a dynamically changing metric. Thresholds are examples of control values.

***The basic fundamental metrics classes are trend, comparison and progress.***





The format and content of any project panel are configurable to the software project manager's preference for tracking metrics of top-level interest. The basic operation of an SPCP can be described by the following top-level use case.

- i. Start the SPCP
- ii. Select a panel preference
- iii. Select a value or graph metric
- iv. Select to superimpose controls
- v. Drill down to trend
- vi. Drill down to point in time.
- vii. Drill down to lower levels of information
- viii. Drill down to lower level of indicators.

## 1 Mark Questions

1. What are the seven core metrics?
2. What is meant by management indicators?
3. What is meant by progress?
4. What is meant by staffing?
5. What is meant by team dynamic?
6. In quality indicators metrics are developed in?
7. What is meant by breakage?
8. What is meant by modularity?
9. What is meant by rework?
10. What is meant by adaptability?
11. Expand MTFB?
12. What is meant by maturity?
13. Write any two life cycle expectation?
14. How can we reduce the complexity?
15. What are the dimensions that metrics contain?
16. On which programs the 7 core metrics are based on?
17. What are the 3 fundamentals sets of management metrics?
18. What are the use cases that are present in staffing?
19. What are the use case that are present in team dynamics?
20. What are specific monitors?

## 10 Mark Questions

1. Define metric. Discuss seven core metrics for project control and process instrumentation with suitable examples?
2. List out the three management indicators that can be used as core metrics on software projects. Briefly specify meaning of each?
3. Explain the various characteristics of good software metric. Discuss the metrics Automation using appropriate example?
4. Explain about the quality indicators that can be used as core metrics on software projects.
5. Explain Management Indicators with suitable example?
6. Define MTBF and Maturity. How these are related to each other?
7. Briefly explain about Quality Indicators?
8. Write short notes on Pragmatic software metrics?

## Next-Generation Software Economics

### Next Generation cost modes:

Next-generation software cost models should estimate large-scale architectures with economy of scale. This implies that the process exponent during the production stage will be less than 1.0. My reasoning is that the larger the system, the more opportunity there is to exploit automation and to reuse common processes, components, and architectures.

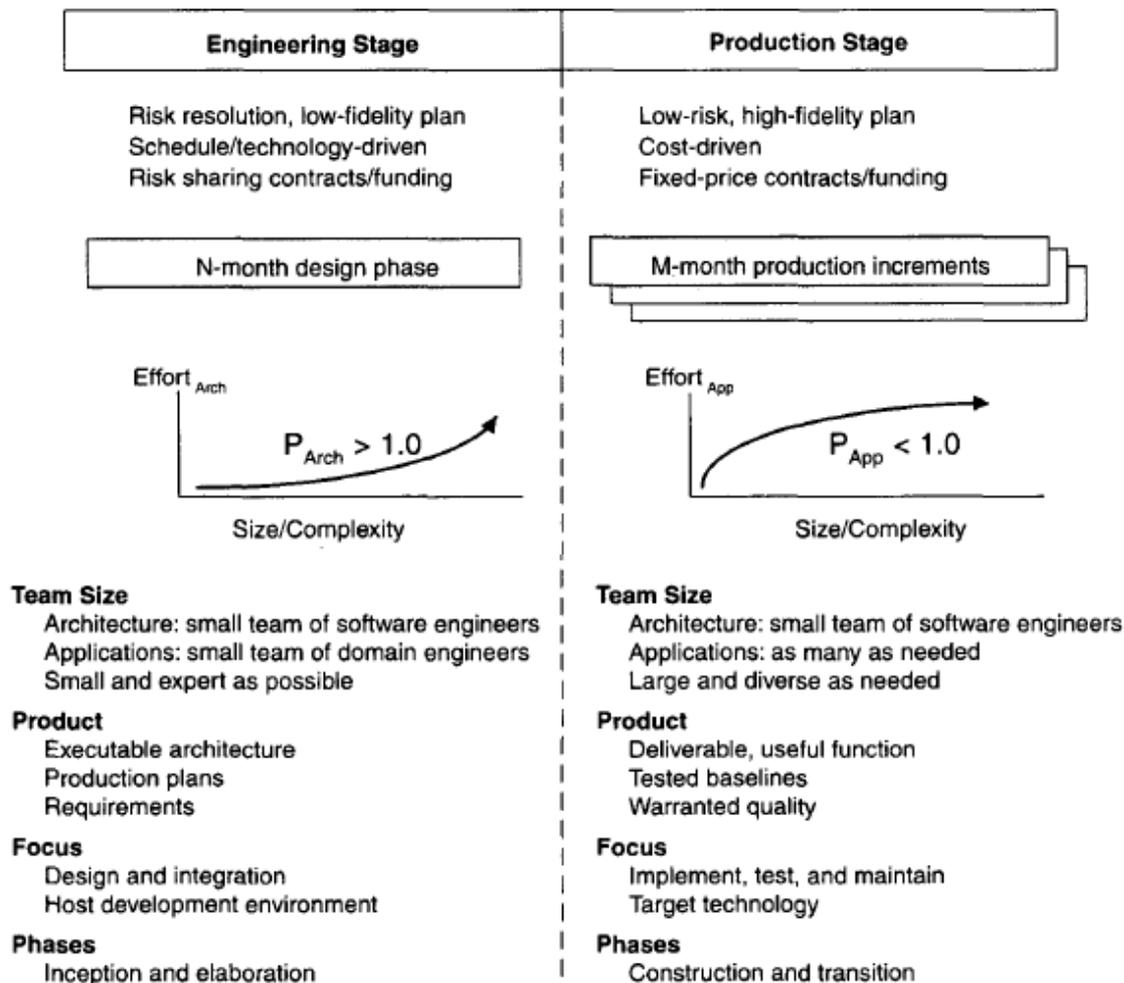
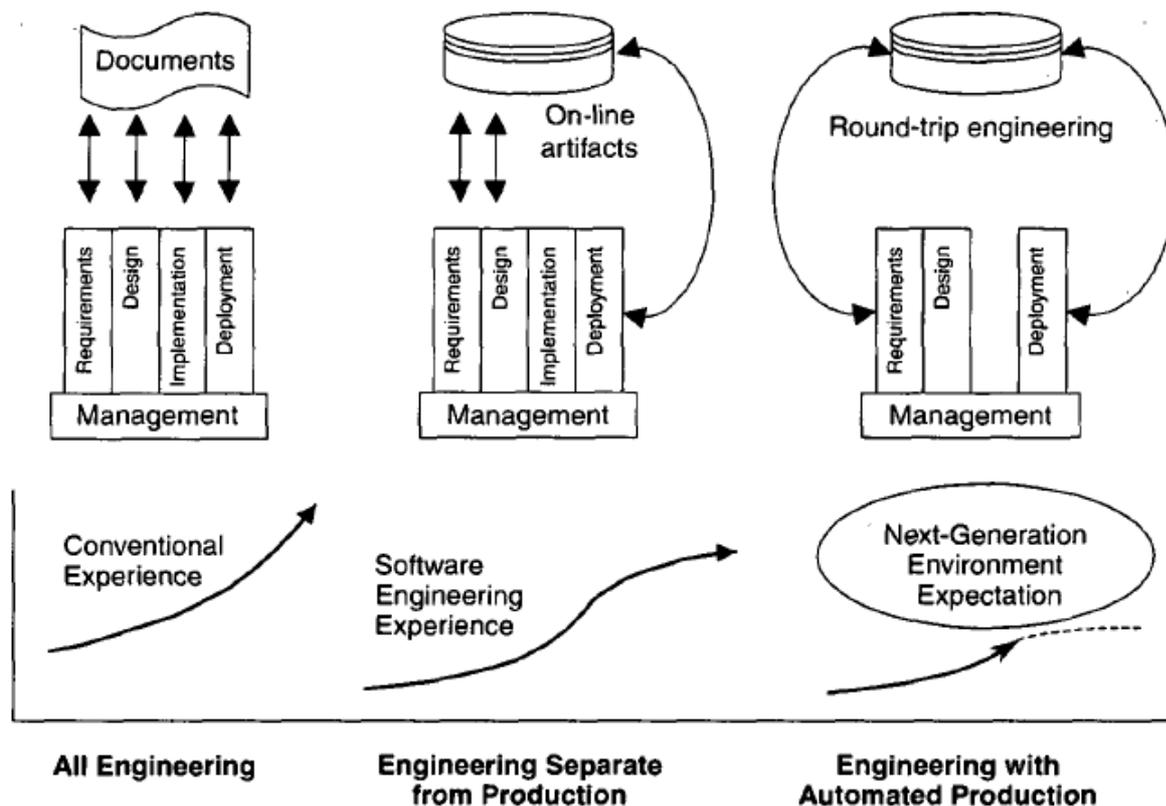


FIGURE 16-1. Next-generation cost models

- Quantifying the scale of the software architecture in the engineering stage is an area ripe for research. Over the next decade, two breakthroughs in the software process seem possible, both of them realized through technology advances in the supporting environment.
- The first breakthrough would be the availability of integrated tools that automate the transition of information between requirements, design, implementation, and deployment elements. These tools would allow more comprehensive



E 16-3. Automation of the construction process in next-generation environments

- Automation of the construction process in next-generation environments round-trip engineering among the engineering artifacts.
- The second breakthrough would focus on collapsing today's four sets of fundamental technical artifacts into three sets by automating the activities associated with human-generated source code, thereby eliminating the need for a separate implementation set.
- This technology advance, illustrated in Figure 16-3, would allow executable programs to be produced directly from UML representations without human intervention. Visual modeling tools can already produce code subsets from UML models, but producing complete subsets is still in the future.

- ❑ Some of today's popular software cost models are not well matched to an iterative software process focused an architecture-first approach
- ❑ Many cost estimators are still using a conventional process experience base to estimate a modern project profile

- ❑ A next-generation software cost model should explicitly separate architectural engineering from application production, just as an architecture-first process does.

Two major improvements in next-generation software cost estimation models:

- Separation of the engineering stage from the production stage will force estimators to differentiate between architectural scale and implementation size.
- Rigorous design notations such as UML will offer an opportunity to define units of measure for scale that are more standardized and therefore can be automated and tracked.

### **Modern Software Economics:**

Changes that provide a good description of what an organizational manager should strive for in making the transition to a modern process:

1. Finding and fixing a software problem after delivery costs 100 times more than fixing the problem in early design phases
2. You can compress software development schedules 25% of nominal, but no more.
3. For every \$1 you spend on development, you will spend \$2 on maintenance.
4. Software development and maintenance costs are primarily a function of the number of source lines of code
5. Variations among people account for the biggest differences in software productivity.
6. The overall ratio of software to hardware costs is still growing – in 1955 it was 15:85; in 1985 85:15
7. Only about 15% of software development effort is devoted to programming
8. Software systems and products typically cost 3 times as much per SLOC as individual software programs.
9. Walkthroughs catch 60% of the errors.
10. 80% of the contribution comes from 20% of the contributors.