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Software Life cycles and Process models  
Team Assignments & First Meeting

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## View of SE in this Course

- The purpose of software engineering is to *gain and maintain* intellectual and managerial control over the *products and processes* of software development.
- Intellectual control implies
  - We understand the developmental goals
  - Can distinguish good choices from bad
  - We can effectively build to meet our goals
    - Behavioral requirements (functionality)
    - Software Qualities (reliability, security, maintainability, etc.)
- Managerial control implies
  - We make accurate recourse estimates
  - We deliver on schedule and within budget

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## Control Realities

- Reality Check:
  - Cannot fully predict consequences of our choices
  - Control is never absolute
- Implication: maintaining control is an active process (view as a feedback-control loop)

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### Active Control

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      A[Desired position in next time] --> B[Human Driver acting like a PID CONTROLLER]
      B --> C[Angle of Front Wheels]
      C --> D[How the angle of the front wheels affects the position of the car]
      E[Crosswind] --> D
      D --> F[Car Position]
      F --> G[Driver's Eyes]
      G --> H[Car Position as seen by the driver]
      H --> B
  
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- Control in a software development means
  - Understand where we want to be (ideal)
  - Evaluate current delta
  - Make adjustments

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### Control and Risk

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- Risk: a *risk* is defined as a condition that can lead to a loss of control
  - Incorrect, misunderstood, or missing requirements
  - Poor design choices
  - Poorly matched interfaces
  - Differing assumptions by developers
  - Inadequate testing, validation, etc.
- Can lead to delivering wrong product, late, over cost..
- Assertion: well defined processes help organize work and control risks



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### Need to Organize the Work

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- Nature of a software project
  - Software development produces a set of interlocking, interdependent work products
    - E.g. Requirements -> Design -> Code -> Test
  - Implies dependencies between tasks
  - Implies dependencies between people
- Must organize the work such that:
  - Every task gets done
  - Tasks get done in the right order
  - Tasks are done by the right people
  - The product has the desired qualities
  - The product is delivered on time

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### Addressed by Software Processes

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- Developed as a conceptual tool for organizing complex software developments
- Answers the “who”, “what”, “when”, etc. questions
  - What product should we work on next?
  - What kind of person should do the work?
  - What information is needed to do the work?
  - When is the work finished?
- Intended use (idealized)
  1. *Model* of development (what does or should occur)
  2. *Guide* to developers in what to produce and when to produce it

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### Definitions

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- *Software Life Cycle*: evolution of a software development effort from concept to retirement
- *Software Process Model*: Abstract representation of a software life cycle as a set of
  1. Activities: tasks to be performed (how)
  2. Artifacts: work products produced (what)
  3. Roles: skills needed (who)
- *Software Process*: institutionalized version of a life software model defining specific roles, activities, and artifacts

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### Examples of Use

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- Software life-cycle: in choosing whether to build or buy, companies should consider the entire life-cycle cost of software.
- Software process model: many companies are currently adapting the agile model to fit their organizational constraints.
- Software process: many organizations standardize their software process across developments.

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## Common Process Models

Waterfall  
Prototyping  
Iterative  
Spiral  
Agile

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## A "Waterfall" Model

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graph TD; A[Requirements Analysis] --> B[Architecture]; B --> C[Detailed Design]; C --> D[Coding]; D --> E[System Integration and Testing]; E --> F[Deployment]; F --> G[Maintenance and Evolution];
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- Organized by distinct software development concerns
- Viewed as sequence of activities
- Each produces complete work products for the next

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## Activities and Products

- Requirements Analysis**
  - Goal: understand and define what the software must do and any properties it must have
  - Product: Software Requirements Specification (SRS)
  - Role: Requirements Analyst
- Architectural Design**
  - Goal: decompose of the problem into components that together satisfy the requirements
  - Products: architectural design specification, interface specs.
  - Role: Software Architect
- Detail Design**
  - Goal: internal design of components (e.g., objects) defining algorithms and data structures supporting the interface
  - Products: design documentation, pseudo-code
  - Role: Coder

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### Phases and Products

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- **Implementation**
  - Goal: realization of the design in machine-executable form
  - Product: code
  - Role: Coder
- **Integration and Testing**
  - Goal: validation and verification of the implementation against requirements and design
  - Products: test plan, test cases
  - Roles: tester, user (customer)
- **Maintenance (not really one activity)**
  - Goal: repair errors or update deployed system
  - Products: bug fixes, patches, new versions
  - Role: Architect, Coder, Tester

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### Waterfall Model Variations

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There have been many variations

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### A "Waterfall" Model

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What are the issues:

1. What kinds of risks are addressed?
2. What kinds of risks are not addressed?

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### Limitations of the waterfall model

- The model implies that you should attempt to complete a given stage before moving on to the next stage
  - Does not account for the fact that requirements constantly change.
  - It also means that customers cannot use anything until the entire system is complete
- It implies that you can get the requirements right by simply writing them down and reviewing them
- The entire functionality is developed and then tested all together at the end
- The model implies that once the product is finished, everything else is maintenance

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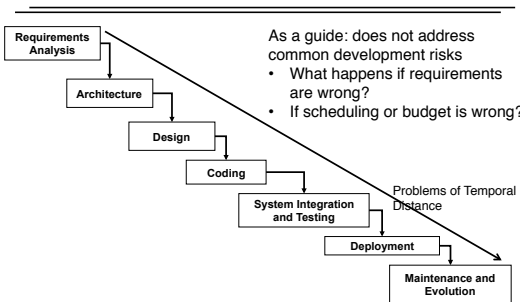
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### A "Waterfall" Model\*



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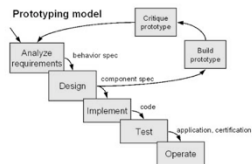
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### Characteristic Model: Prototyping

- Waterfall variation
- First system versions are prototypes, either:
  - Interface
  - Functional
- Which waterfall risks does this try to address?



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### Characteristic Processes: The Iterative Model

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- Process is viewed as a sequence of iterations
  - Essentially, a *series of waterfalls*
  - Each iteration builds on the previous one (e.g., adds requirements, design components, code features, tests)
  - Each iteration produces complete set of work products deliverable software
  - Customers provide feedback on each release
  - There is no "maintenance" phase – each version includes problem fixes as well as new features

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### Iterative Model

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- Also called "incremental development"
- Addresses some common waterfall risks
  - Risk that software cannot be completed – build incremental subsets
  - Risk of building the wrong system – stakeholder have opportunities to see the software each increment
  - Also, can double check feasibility, schedule, budget and others issues

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### Advantages of Incremental Development

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- Customers get usable functionality earlier than with waterfall
- Getting early feedback improves likelihood of producing a product that satisfies customers
  - Reduces market risk: if customers hate the product, find out early before investing too much effort and money
- The quality of the final product is better
  - The core functionality is developed early and tested multiple times
  - Only a relatively small subset of functionality added in each release: easier to get it right and test it thoroughly
  - Detect design problems early and get a chance to redesign

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### Characteristic Processes: Agile (e.g. scrum)

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- Process viewed as nested sequence of builds (sprints)
  - Each build adds very small feature set (one or two)
  - Nightly build/test, frequent customer validation
  - Focus on delivering code, little or no time spent on documentation



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### Also...

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- RAD models
- Extreme Programming
- Etc., etc.

Why so many models?

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### How do we Choose a Development Process?

E.g., for your projects

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### Objectives

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- Goal: proceed as rationally and systematically as possible (I.e., in a controlled manner) from a statement of goals to a design that demonstrably meets those goals within design and management constraints
  - Understand that any process description is an abstraction
  - Always must compensate for deviation from the ideal (e.g., by iteration)
  - Still important to have a well-defined process to follow and measure against

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### A Software Engineering Perspective

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- Question of control vs. cost
- Choose processes, methods, notations, etc. to provide an appropriate level of control for the given product and context
  - Sufficient control to achieve results
  - No more than necessary to contain cost and effort
- Provides a basis for choosing or evaluating processes, methods, etc.
  - Does it achieve our objectives at reasonable cost?
  - Does it address the most important developmental risks?

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### Project Relevance

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- Need to agree on kind of control you need and how you will accomplish it
- Process model will then help keep everyone on track
  - Basis for planning and scheduling
  - Each person knows what to do next
  - Basis for tracking progress against schedule
- Should be one of the first products you produce but expect it to evolve

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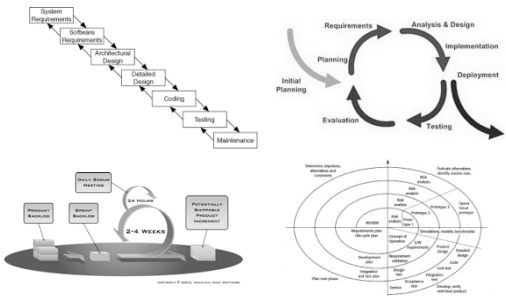
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### Exercise: Which Model?




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### Exercise: Project Processes

- Discuss: which process is the best fit for your projects and why?
- For each process you do not select, what characteristics do not fit well with the project
- For the process selected
  - How does it fit with project characteristics?
  - How does it help address project risks?

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### Take-away

- Expected to know standard processes and their rationale
- Understand how and why people use different development models
- Understand how to choose an appropriate model for a given developments

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## Project Preparation

Teams  
Worksite

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## Assignment

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- Project
  - Forward your emails from [xxx@uoregon.edu](mailto:xxx@uoregon.edu) or send me your preferred email address
  - First meeting (in class)
    - Plan and hold at least one project meeting out of class
  - Assembla worksite assignment
    - Assign team member to invite others to site
    - Choose a team name
    - Create team page on wiki
    - Record meeting notes (Meeting Notes page)
    - Fill out Developer Logs
  - Monday:
    - Status report on your decisions from each team
    - Show completed team page

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## Team Assignments

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Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Alghamdi, Areej	Harmon, Chris	Brady, Jason
Cleary, Will	Heuer, Sean	Cagle, Sam
Ho, Calvin	Knowles, Mike	Nguyen, Thuc
Lemkuil, Amanda	Martin, Will	Sorenson, Walter
Slack, Alex	O'Connor, Dennis	Xu, Kevin
Team 4	Team 5	Team 6
Dixon, Andrew	Aron, Gabe	Abbasi, Azad
He, Jin	Hagen, Mack	Li, Andy
Sweeney, Colin	Olivieri, Cory	Riazi, Sara
Wang, Han	Yamada, Zach	Sood, Kanika
Wulf, John	Zucker, Adam	Stevens, David

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Questions?

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