

Introduction to Software Engineering

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**What is a Software development
methodology?**

Who cares?

Why should we care?

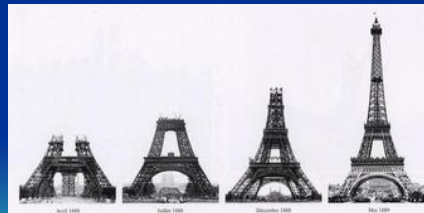
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Process of building a house



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Building software is engineering



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A Taste of Reality

The illustration shows a sequence of seven stages of a tree swing's development, each in a separate frame:

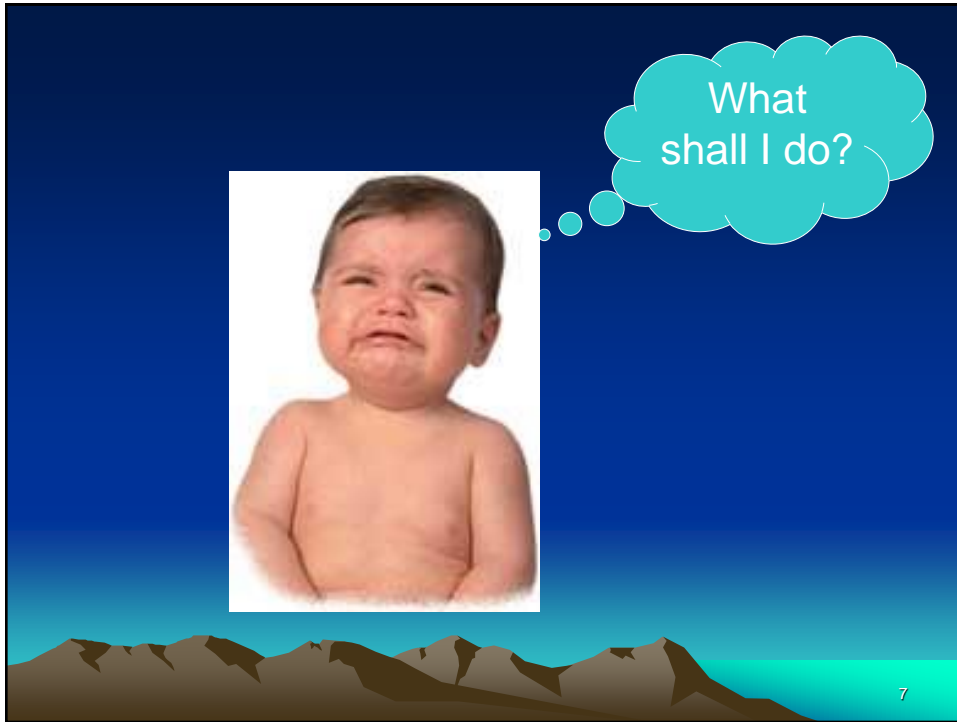
- 1. A tree with a blue armchair hanging from its branches. Thought bubble: "What sales people say"
- 2. A tree with a tire hanging from its branches. Thought bubble: "What customers really need"
- 3. A tree with a wooden bench hanging from its branches. Thought bubble: "What customers think they want"
- 4. A tree with a simple wooden swing seat hanging from its branches. Thought bubble: "What gets installed"
- 5. A tree with a wooden swing seat hanging from its branches, but the seat is not attached to the chains. Thought bubble: "What gets implemented"
- 6. A tree with a wooden swing seat hanging from its branches, but the seat is not attached to the chains. Thought bubble: "What design looks like"
- 7. A tree with a wooden swing seat hanging from its branches, but the seat is not attached to the chains. Thought bubble: "What programmers think"

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Customers Care!

The illustration shows a roller coaster with a red train on a track. A thought bubble above the train says: "What customers gets charged"

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A software project has failed if

- it is delivered late
- it runs over the budget
- it does not satisfy the customer's needs
- it is of poor quality

A look at history

- Software crisis, i.e., software is delivered
 - late
 - over budget
 - with residual faults
- 1968 NATO Conference
 - endorse the term “Software Engineering”
 - aim... use the philosophies and paradigms of established engineering disciplines to solve *software crisis*

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Economic Aspects

- Coding method CM_{new} is 10% faster than currently used method CM_{old} .
 - Should it be used?
- Common sense answer
 - Of course!
- Software Engineering answer
 - Consider the cost of training
 - Consider the impact of a new technology
 - Consider the effect on maintenance

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Team Programming Aspects



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- Hardware is cheap
- Software is built by teams
 - Products that are too large to be written by one person in the available time
 - Interfacing problems between modules
 - Communication problems among team members

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Software Life-Cycle Aspects

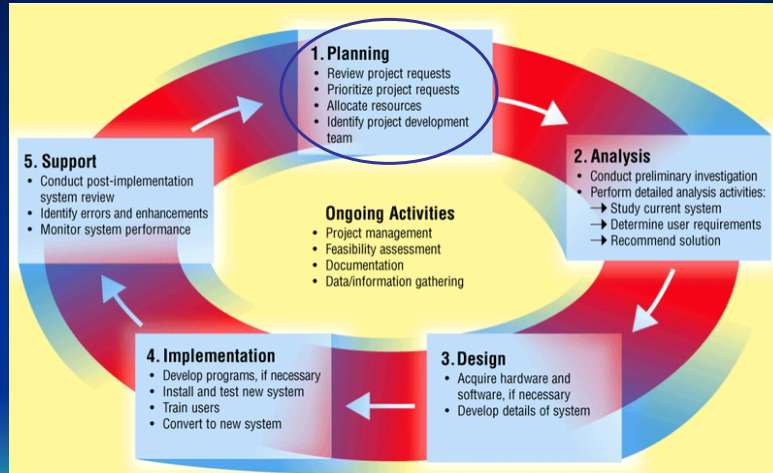
- Classical/Heavy Weight Software Development Life-Cycles
- Agile/Light Weight Software Development Life-Cycles

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Classical Software Development Methodologies

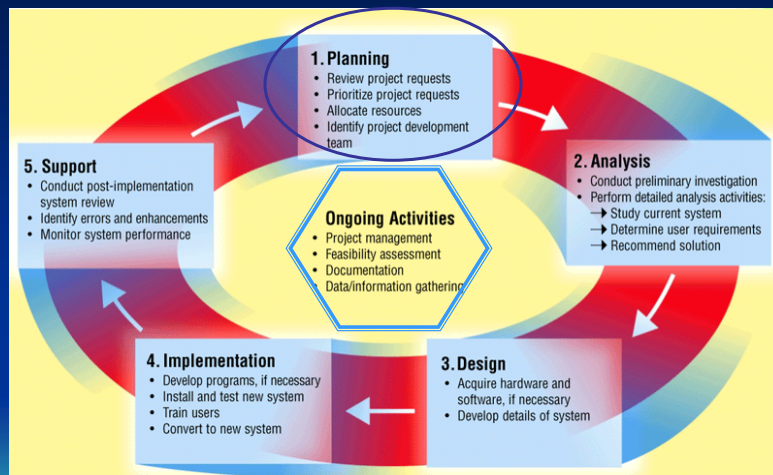
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Typical Classical Life-Cycle

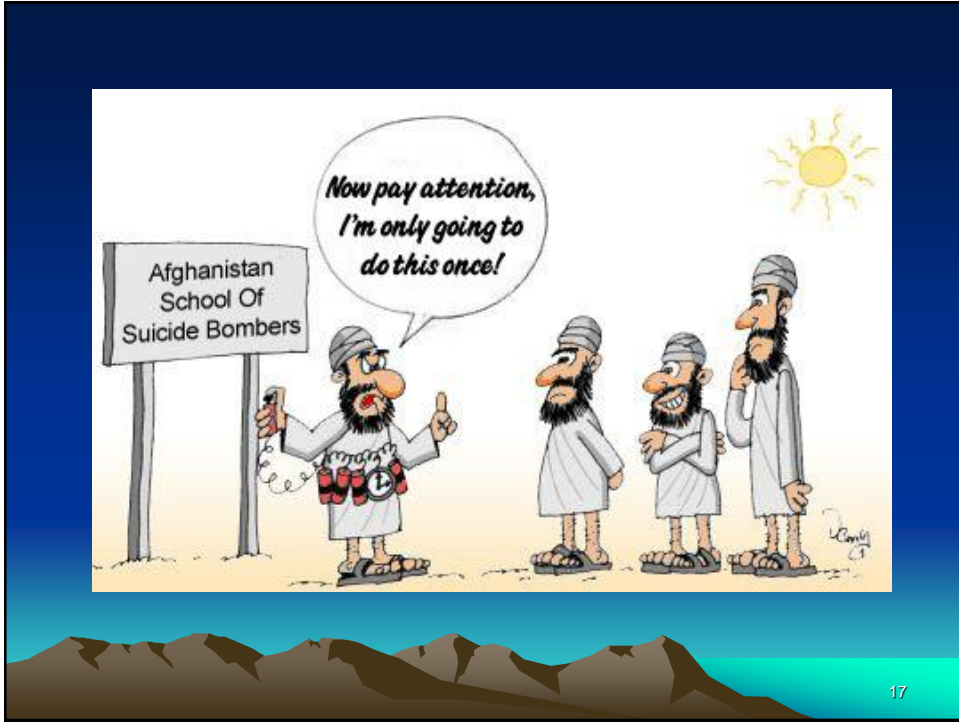


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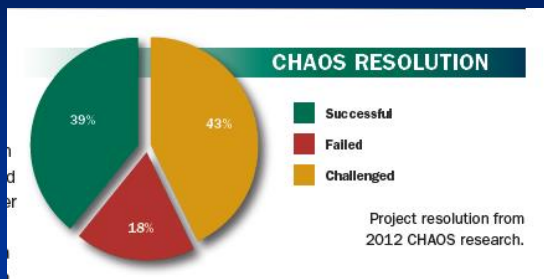


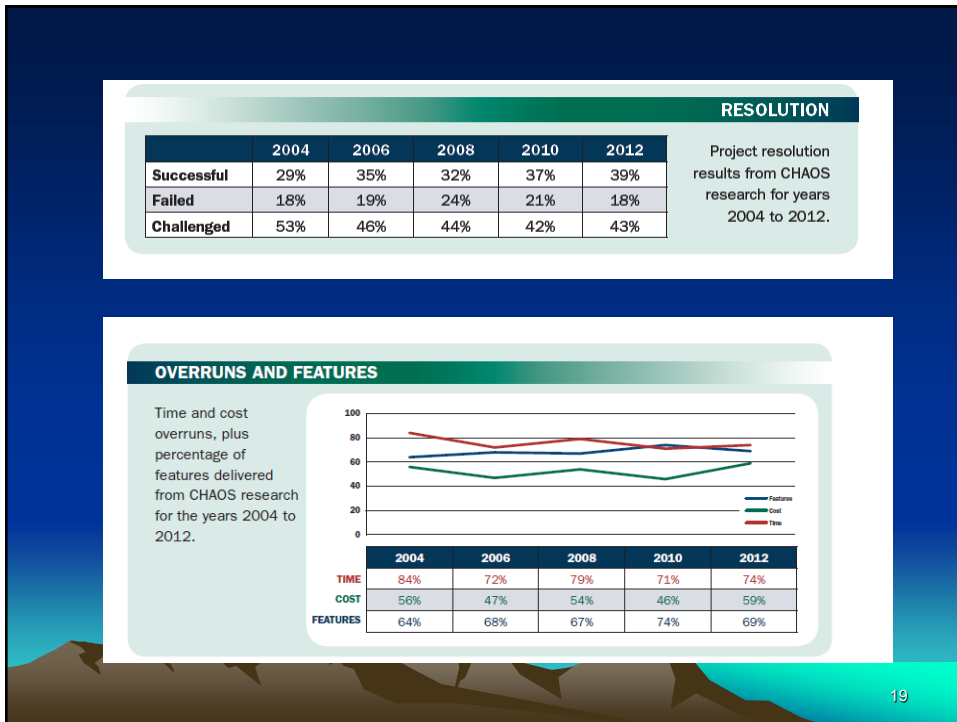
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Standish group data

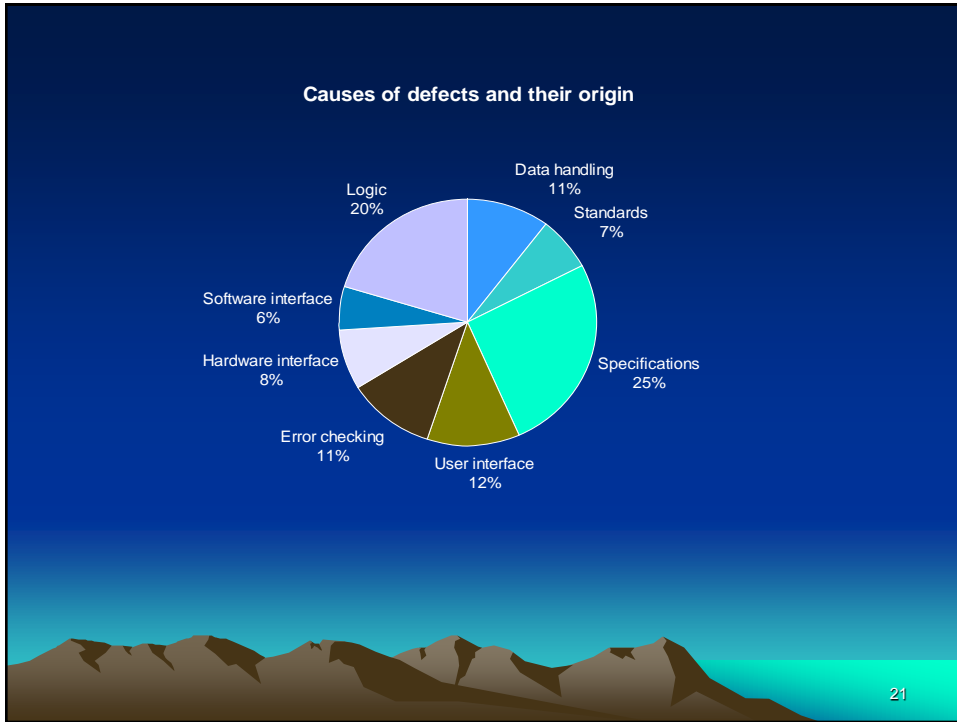
(Data on 28,000 projects completed in 2000)





Cutter consortium data

- 2002 survey of IT organizations
 - 78% have been involved in disputes ending in litigation
- Among those that entered into litigation:
 - the functionality delivered did not meet up to the claims of the developers (67%)
 - the promised delivery date slipped several times (56%)
 - the defects were so severe that the information system was unusable (45%)



Conclusion

Classical software development methods have not solved the software crisis.

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Agile Software Development Methodology

*To satisfy the customer through early and continuous
delivery of valuable software*

[Agile Software Development Methods - Review and Analysis](#)

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Manifesto for Agile Software Development

Kent Beck

Mike Beedle

Arie van

Bennekum

Alistair Cockburn

Ward Cunningham

Martin Fowler

James Grenning

Jim Highsmith

Andrew Hunt

Ron Jeffries

Jon Kern

Brian Marick

Robert C. Martin

Steve Mellor

Ken Schwaber

Jeff Sutherland

Dave Thomas

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We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it.
Through this work we have come to value:

Individuals and interactions over processes and tools
Working software over comprehensive documentation
Customer collaboration over contract negotiation
Responding to change over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

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Evolution of Software Development Methods

From nothing,

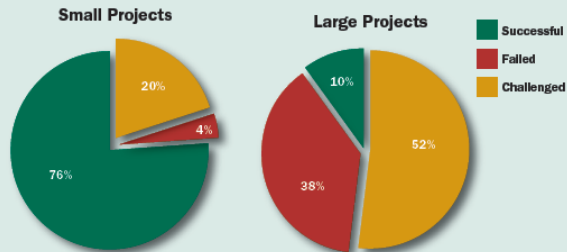
to monumental,

to agile

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CHAOS RESOLUTION BY LARGE AND SMALL PROJECTS

Project resolution for the calendar year 2012 in the new CHAOS database. Small projects are defined as projects with less than \$1 million in labor content and large projects are considered projects with more than \$10 million in labor content.



Factors of Success	Points
Executive management support	20
User involvement	15
Optimization	15
Skilled resources	13
Project management expertise	12
Agile process	10
Clear business objectives	6
Emotional maturity	5
Execution	3
Tools and infrastructure	1

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Last Lecture given by a CS Professor at Carnegie Mellon University about Achieving Your Childhood Dream after his doctor told him that he could only live for 6 months

3D Programming Language Alice

Virtual Reality

Randy Pausch

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You've spoken of the importance of never quitting – of continually pushing against brick walls and other obstacles. What additional advice might you give to tomorrow's CS student:

Remember how quickly our field changes. That's why you want to focus on learning things that don't change:

- ***how to work well with other people***
- ***how to carefully assess a client's "real" – as opposed to perceived - needs***

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What about advice for CS teachers and professors?

It's time for us to start being more honest with ourselves about what our field is and how we should approach teaching it.

Personally, I think that if we had named the field "Information Engineering" as opposed to "Computer Science", we would have had a better culture for the discipline.

For example, CS departments are notorious for not instilling concepts like testing and validation the way many other engineering disciplines do.

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Is there anything you wish someone had told you before you began your own studies?

Just that being technically strong is only one aspect of an education.

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Key points to remember

- Building software is an engineering process
- Characteristics of failed software project
- Different aspects of software engineering
 - Economic
 - Team
 - Life-cycle (classical and agile)

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