敏接軟體工程:
敏接方法、Scrum、極限程式設計
(Agile Software Engineering: Agile methods, Scrum, and Extreme Programming)

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Agile Software Engineering
Software Engineering and Project Management

- **Analyze**
  - Requirements definition
- **Design**
  - System and Software design
- **Build**
  - Implementation and unit testing
- **Test**
  - Integration and system testing
- **Deliver**
  - Operation and maintenance

**Project Management**
Software execution models

**Stand-alone execution**

- User’s computer
  - User interface
  - Product functionality
  - User data

- Vendor’s servers
  - Product updates

**Hybrid execution**

- User’s computer
  - User interface
  - Partial functionality
  - User data

- Vendor’s servers
  - Additional functionality
  - User data backups
  - Product updates

**Software as a service**

- User’s computer
  - User interface
    (browser or app)

- Vendor’s servers
  - Product functionality
  - User data

Product management concerns

Product manager

Business needs

Technology constraints

Customer experience

Technical interactions of product managers

Product manager

- Product vision management
- User stories and scenarios
- Customer testing
- User interface design
- Acceptance testing
- Product backlog management

Software Development Life Cycle (SDLC)

The waterfall model

1. Requirements definition
2. System and Software design
3. Implementation and unit testing
4. Integration and system testing
5. Operation and maintenance

Incremental development

Concurrent activities

Outline description

Specification

Development

Validation

Initial version

Intermediate versions

Final version

Reuse-oriented software engineering

- Requirements specification
- Software discovery
- Requirements refinement
- Software evaluation

- Application system available
- Components available

- Configure application system
- Adapt components
- Develop new components
- Integrate system

Prototype development

1. Establish prototype objectives
2. Define prototype functionality
3. Develop prototype
4. Evaluate prototype

- Prototyping plan
- Outline definition
- Executable Prototyping
- Evaluation report

Incremental delivery

1. Define outline requirements
2. Assign requirements to increments
3. Design system architecture
4. Develop system increment
5. Validate increment
6. Integrate increment
7. Validate system
8. Deploy increment

System incomplete?
System complete?

Final system

The process improvement model

Capability maturity levels

Level 1: Initial
Level 2: Managed
Level 3: Defined
Level 4: Quantitatively Defined
Level 5: Optimizing

Plan-based and Agile development

### Plan-based development

- Requirements engineering
- Requirements specification
- Design and implementation

### Agile development

- Requirements engineering
- Design and implementation

Uncertainty and Complexity Model
Inspired by the Stacey Complexity Model

Technical Degree of Uncertainty

Requirements Uncertainty

Low Uncertainty

High Uncertainty

Simple

Complicated

Complex

Chaos

Fundamentally risky

Adaptive approaches work well here

Linear approaches work well here

## Characteristics of Four Categories of Life Cycles

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The Continuum of Life Cycles

[Diagram showing the relationship between Frequency of Delivery and Degree of Change, with categories including Predictive, Incremental, Agile, and Iterative.]

Predictive Life Cycle

Analyze → Design → Build → Test → Deliver

Iterative Life Cycle

A Life Cycle of Varying-Sized Increments

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*the number of features in the WIP limit*
Agile software engineering

• Software products must be brought to market quickly so rapid software development and delivery is essential.

• Virtually all software products are now developed using an agile approach.

• Agile software engineering focuses on delivering functionality quickly, responding to changing product specifications and minimizing development overheads.

Agile Manifesto Values, Principles, and Common Practices

Agile Mindset

4 Values

12 Principles

Practices
Agile is a Blanket Term for Many Approaches
Agile Manifesto and Mindset

Agile is a mindset defined by 4 values, guided by 12 principles, and manifested through many different practices.

Agile practitioners select practices based on their needs.

The Four Values of the Agile Manifesto

(Manifesto for Agile Software Development, 2001)

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

1. **individuals and interactions** over **processes and tools**
2. **working software** over **comprehensive documentation**
3. **customer collaboration** over **contract negotiation**
4. **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.

The Twelve Principles Behind the Agile Manifesto

1. Our highest priority is to satisfy the customer through early and continuous delivery of valuable software.

2. Welcome changing requirements, even late in development. Agile processes harness change for the customer’s competitive advantage.

3. Deliver working software frequently, from a couple of weeks to a couple of months, with a preference to the shorter timescale.

4. Business people and developers must work together daily throughout the project.

5. Build projects around motivated individuals. Give them the environment and support they need, and trust them to get the job done.

6. The most efficient and effective method of conveying information to and within a development team is face-to-face conversation.

7. **Working software** is the primary measure of progress.

8. Agile processes promote **sustainable development**. The sponsors, developers, and users should be able to maintain a constant pace indefinitely.

9. **Continuous attention** to technical excellence and good design enhances agility.

10. **Simplicity**—the art of maximizing the amount of work not done—is essential.

11. The best architectures, requirements, and designs emerge from **self-organizing teams**.

12. At regular intervals, the team reflects on how to become more effective, then tunes and adjusts its behavior accordingly.

Agile Development Principles

• **Involve the customer**
  Involve customers closely with the software development team. Their role is to provide and prioritize new system requirements and to evaluate each increment of the system.

• **Embrace change**
  Expect the features of the product and the details of these features to change as the development team and the product manager learn more about it. Adapt the software to cope with changes as they are made.

• **Develop and deliver incrementally**
  Always develop software products in increments. Test and evaluate each increment as it is developed and feed back required changes to the development team.

Agile Development Principles

• **Maintain simplicity**
  Focus on simplicity in both the software being developed and in the development process. Wherever possible, do what you can to eliminate complexity from the system.

• **Focus on people, not things**
  Trust the development team and do not expect everyone to always do the development process in the same way. Team members should be left to develop their own ways of working without being limited by prescriptive software processes.

A large number of ‘agile methods’ have been developed.

– There is no ‘best’ agile method or technique.

– It depends on who is using the technique, the development team and the type of product being developed.
Agile methods

• **Plan-driven development** evolved to support the engineering of large, long-lifetime systems
  – This approach is based on controlled and rigorous software development processes that include detailed project planning, requirements specification and analysis and system modelling.
  – However, plan-driven development involves significant overheads and documentation and it does not support the rapid development and delivery of software.

• **Agile methods** were developed in the 1990s to address this problem.
  – These methods focus on the software rather than its documentation, develop software in a series of increments and aim to reduce process bureaucracy as much as possible.

Incremental development

• All **agile methods** are based around **incremental development and delivery**.

• Product development focuses on the software features, where a feature does something for the software user.

• With incremental development, you start by **prioritizing the features** so that the most important features are implemented first.
  
  – You only define the details of the feature being implemented in an increment.
  
  – That feature is then implemented and delivered.

• Users or surrogate users can try it out and provide feedback to the development team. You then go on to define and implement the next feature of the system.

Incremental development

1. Choose features to be included in increment
2. Refine features descriptions
3. Implement and test feature
4. Integrate feature into system
5. Deliver system increment

Product feature list

If all features are complete, deliver system release

Incremental development activities

1. **Choose features to be included in an increment**
   Using the list of features in the planned product, select those features that can be implemented in the next product increment.

2. **Refine feature descriptions**
   Add detail to the feature descriptions so that the team have a common understanding of each feature and there is sufficient detail to begin implementation.

3. **Implement and test**
   Implement the feature and develop automated tests for that feature that show that its behaviour is consistent with its description.

4. **Integrate feature and test**
   Integrate the developed feature with the existing system and test it to check that it works in conjunction with other features.

5. **Deliver system increment**
   Deliver the system increment to the customer or product manager for checking and comments. If enough features have been implemented, release a version of the system for customer use.

Extreme programming

• The most influential work that has changed software development culture was the development of Extreme Programming (XP).

• The name was coined by Kent Beck in 1998 because the approach was developed by pushing recognized good practice, such as iterative development, to ‘extreme’ levels.

• Extreme programming focused on 12 new development techniques that were geared to rapid, incremental software development, change and delivery.

• Some of these techniques are now widely used; others have been less popular.

Extreme Programming Practices

- Test-first development
- Continuous integration
- Refactoring
- Incremental planning
- Collective ownership
- Pair programming
- Sustainable pace
- Small releases
- Simple design
- On-site customer

Extreme Programming (XP)

Widely adopted XP practices

• Incremental planning/user stories
  – There is no ‘grand plan’ for the system. Instead, what needs to be implemented (the requirements) in each increment are established in discussions with a customer representative.
  – The requirements are written as user stories.
  – The stories to be included in a release are determined by the time available and their relative priority.

Widely adopted XP practices

• Small releases
  – The minimal useful set of functionality that provides business value is developed first.
  – Releases of the system are frequent and incrementally add functionality to the previous release.

Widely adopted XP practices

• **Test-driven development**
  – Instead of writing code then tests for that code, developers write the tests first.
  – This helps clarify what the code should actually do and that there is always a ‘tested’ version of the code available.
  – An automated unit test framework is used to run the tests after every change.
  – New code should not ‘break’ code that has already been implemented.

Widely adopted XP practices

• Continuous integration
  – As soon as the work on a task is complete, it is integrated into the whole system and a new version of the system is created.
  – All unit tests from all developers are run automatically and must be successful before the new version of the system is accepted.

Widely adopted XP practices

• Refactoring
  – Refactoring means improving the structure, readability, efficiency and security of a program.
  – All developers are expected to refactor the code as soon as potential code improvements are found.
  – This keeps the code simple and maintainable.

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Scrum

• Software company managers need information that will help them understand how much it costs to develop a software product, how long it will take and when the product can be brought to market.

• Plan-driven development provides this information through long-term development plans that identify deliverables - items the team will deliver and when these will be delivered.

• Plans always change so anything apart from short-term plans are unreliable.

• Scrum is an agile method that provides a framework for agile project organization and planning. It does not mandate any specific technical practices.

Scrum Terminology

• **Scrum**
  A daily team meeting where progress is reviewed and work to be done that day as discussed and agreed.

• **Sprint**
  A short period, typically two to four weeks, when a product increment is developed.

• **ScrumMaster**
  A team coach who guides the team in the effective use of Scrum.

Scrum Terminology

- **Product**
The software product that is being developed by the Scrum team.

- **Product owner**
A team member who is responsible for identifying product features and attributes. They review work done and help to test the product.

- **Product backlog**
A to-do list of items such as bugs, features and product improvements that the Scrum team have not yet completed.

Scrum Terminology

• Development team
  A small self-organising team of five to eight people who are responsible for developing the product.

• Potentially shippable product increment
  The output of a sprint which should be of high enough quality to be deployed for customer use.

• Velocity
  An estimate of how much work a team can do in a single sprint.

Key roles in Scrum

• **The Product Owner** is responsible for ensuring that the development team are always focused on the product they are building rather than diverted into technically interesting but less relevant work.
  – In product development, the product manager should normally take on the Product Owner role.

• **The ScrumMaster** is a Scrum expert whose job is to guide the team in the effective use of the Scrum method. The developers of Scrum emphasize that the ScrumMaster is not a conventional project manager but is a coach for the team. They have authority within the team on how Scrum is used.
  – In many companies that use Scrum, the ScrumMaster also has some project management responsibilities.

Scrum and sprints

• In Scrum, software is developed in sprints, which are fixed-length periods (2 - 4 weeks) in which software features are developed and delivered.

• During a sprint, the team has daily meetings (Scrums) to review progress and to update the list of work items that are incomplete.

• Sprints should produce a ‘shippable product increment’. This means that the developed software should be complete and ready to deploy.

Scrum cycles

Start → Review product backlog → Select items to implement

Review sprint → Plan sprint

Review product backlog → Sprint backlog

Test software → Develop software

Shippable product increment → sprint

Scrum

Key Scrum practices

• **Product backlog**
  This is a to-do list of items to be implemented that is reviewed and updated before each sprint.

• **Timeboxed sprints**
  Fixed-time (2-4 week) periods in which items from the product backlog are implemented,

• **Self-organizing teams**
  Self-organizing teams make their own decisions and work by discussing issues and making decisions by consensus.

Product backlogs

• The product backlog is a list of what needs to be done to complete the development of the product.
• The items on this list are called product backlog items (PBIs).
• The product backlog may include a variety of different items such as product features to be implemented, user requests, essential development activities and desirable engineering improvements.
• The product backlog should always be prioritized so that the items that be implemented first are at the top of the list.

Examples of product backlog items (PBIs)

1. As a teacher, I want to be able to configure the group of tools that are available to individual classes. (feature)

2. As a parent, I want to be able to view my childrens’ work and the assessments made by their teachers. (feature)

3. As a teacher of young children, I want a pictorial interface for children with limited reading ability. (user request)

4. Establish criteria for the assessment of open source software that might be used as a basis for parts of this system. (development activity)

5. Refactor user interface code to improve understandability and performance. (engineering improvement)

6. Implement encryption for all personal user data. (engineering improvement)

Product backlog item states

• **Ready for consideration**
  These are high-level ideas and feature descriptions that will be considered for inclusion in the product. They are tentative so may radically change or may not be included in the final product.

• **Ready for refinement**
  The team has agreed that this is an important item that should be implemented as part of the current development. There is a reasonably clear definition of what is required. However, work is needed to understand and refine the item.

• **Ready for implementation**
  The PBI has enough detail for the team to estimate the effort involved and to implement the item. Dependencies on other items have been identified.

Product backlog activities

PRODUCT BACKLOG

PBI 1 -> Refinement
PBI 2 -> Estimation
PBI 3 -> Prioritization
PBI 4 -> Creation
PBI 5

REVISED PRODUCT BACKLOG

PBI 1.1
PBI 1.2
PBI 2E
PBI 3E
PBI 4
PBI 5
PBI 6

Sprint activities

Managing External Interactions

External interactions

Team-focused external interactions
- ScrumMaster

Product-focused external interactions
- Product owner

Project Management Responsibilities

- **Reporting**
  - Budget
  - Schedule
  - Risks
  - Problems
  - Progress

- **Administration**
  - Finance
  - Compliance
  - Procurement
  - Liaison

- **People**
  - Vacations
  - Absence
  - Work quality
  - Reviewing
  - Hiring

Summary

• The best way to develop software products is to use agile software engineering methods that are geared to rapid product development and delivery.

• Agile methods are based around iterative development and the minimization of overheads during the development process.

• Extreme programming (XP) is an influential agile method that introduced agile development practices such as user stories, test-first development and continuous integration. These are now mainstream software development activities.

Summary

• **Scrum** is an *agile method* that focuses on agile planning and management. Unlike XP, it does not define the engineering practices to be used. The development team may use any technical practices that they believe are appropriate for the product being developed.

• In **Scrum**, work to be done is maintained in a *product backlog* – a list of work items to be completed. Each increment of the software implements some of the work items from the product backlog.

Summary

• **Sprints** are fixed-time activities (usually 2–4 weeks) where a product increment is developed. Increments should be ‘potentially shippable’ i.e. they should not need further work before they are delivered.

• A **self-organizing team** is a development team that organizes the work to be done by discussion and agreement amongst team members.

• **Scrum practices** such as the product backlog, sprints and self-organizing teams can be used in any agile development process, even if other aspects of Scrum are not used.

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