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Object-Oriented Software Engineering

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CHAPTER 1, 2, and 3

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SOFTWARE LIFE-CYCLE MODELS AND PROCESS

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Overview

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- Software life-cycle models
- Unified process
- Capability Maturity Models (CMM)

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Software Development in Theory

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- Classical model (1970)

1. Requirements phase
2. Analysis (specification) phase
3. Design phase
4. Implementation phase
5. Postdelivery maintenance
6. Retirement

Figure 1.2

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Typical Classical Phases

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- Requirements phase
 - Explore the concept
 - Elicit the client's requirements
- Analysis (specification) phase
 - Analyze the client's requirements
 - Draw up the specification document
 - Draw up the software project management plan
 - "What the product is supposed to do"

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Typical Classical Phases (contd)

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- Design phase
 - Architectural design, followed by
 - Detailed design
 - "How the product does it"
- Implementation phase
 - Coding
 - Unit testing
 - Integration
 - Acceptance testing

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Typical Classical Phases (contd)

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- Postdelivery maintenance
 - Corrective maintenance
 - Perfective maintenance
 - Adaptive maintenance
- Retirement

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Software Development in Practice

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- In the real world, software development is totally different
 - We make mistakes
 - The client's requirements change while the software product is being developed

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2.2 Winburg Mini Case Study

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- **Episode 1:** The first version is implemented
- **Episode 2:** A fault is found
 - The product is too slow because of an implementation fault
 - Changes to the implementation are begun
- **Episode 3:** A new design is adopted
 - A faster algorithm is used
- **Episode 4:** The requirements change
 - Accuracy has to be increased
- **Epilogue:** A few years later, these problems recur

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Waterfall Model

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- The linear life cycle model with feedback loops
 - The waterfall model cannot show the order of events

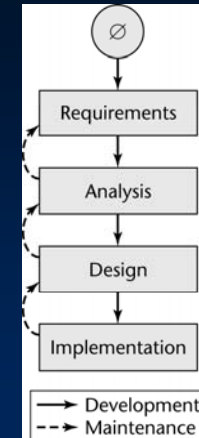


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2.3 Lessons of the Winburg Mini Case Study

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- In the real world, software development is more chaotic than the Winburg mini case study
- Changes are always needed
 - A software product is a model of the real world, which is continually changing
 - Software professionals are human, and therefore make mistakes

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2.4 Teal Tractors Mini Case Study

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- While the Teal Tractors software product is being constructed, the requirements change
- The company is expanding into Canada
- Changes needed include:
 - Additional sales regions must be added
 - The product must be able to handle Canadian taxes and other business aspects that are handled differently
 - Third, the product must be extended to handle two different currencies, USD and CAD

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Teal Tractors Mini Case Study (contd)

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- These changes may be
 - Great for the company; but
 - Disastrous for the software product

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Moving Target Problem

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- A change in the requirements while the software product is being developed
 - Regression fault
- No solution

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2.5 Iteration and Incrementation

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- The basic software development process is iterative
 - Each successive version is intended to be closer to its target than its predecessor

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Miller's Law (1956)

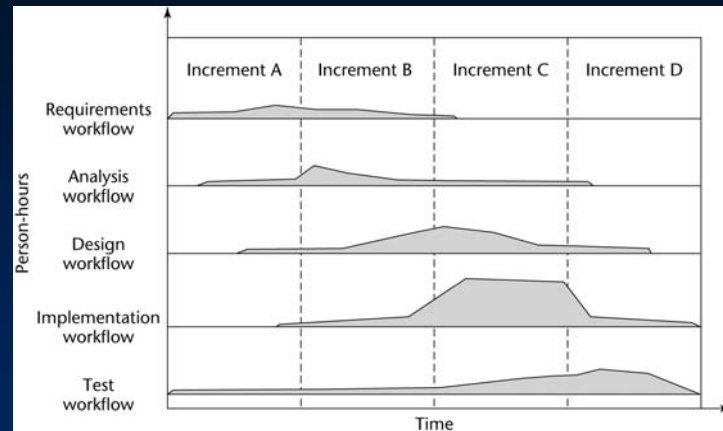
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- At any one time, we can concentrate on only approximately seven *chunks* (units of information)
- To handle larger amounts of information, use *stepwise refinement*
 - Concentrate on the aspects that are currently the most important
 - Postpone aspects that are currently less critical
 - Every aspect is eventually handled, but in order of current importance
- This is an *incremental* process

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Iteration and Incrementation (contd)

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Iteration and Incrementation (contd)

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- The number of increments will vary — it does not have to be four

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Sequential Phases versus Workflows

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- Sequential phases do not exist in the real world
- Instead, the five core workflows (activities) are performed over the entire life cycle
 - Requirements workflow
 - Analysis workflow
 - Design workflow
 - Implementation workflow
 - Test workflow

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Workflows

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- All five core workflows are performed over the entire life cycle
- However, at most times one workflow predominates
- Examples:
 - At the beginning of the life cycle
 - » The requirements workflow predominates
 - At the end of the life cycle
 - » The implementation and test workflows predominate
- Planning and documentation activities are performed throughout the life cycle

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2.7 Risks and Other Aspects of Iter. and Increm.

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- We can consider the project as a whole as a set of mini projects (increments)
- Each mini project extends the
 - Requirements artifacts
 - Analysis artifacts
 - Design artifacts
 - Implementation artifacts
 - Testing artifacts
- The final set of artifacts is the complete product

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Risks and Other Aspects of Iter. and Increm. (contd)

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- During each mini project we
 - Extend the artifacts (incrementation);
 - Check the artifacts (test workflow); and
 - If necessary, change the relevant artifacts (iteration)

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Risks and Other Aspects of Iter. and Increm. (contd)

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- Each iteration can be viewed as a small but complete waterfall life-cycle model
- During each iteration we select a portion of the software product
- On that portion we perform the
 - Requirements phase
 - Analysis phase
 - Design phase
 - Implementation phase

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Strengths of the Iterative-and-Incremental Model

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- There are multiple opportunities for checking that the software product is correct
 - Every iteration incorporates the test workflow
 - Faults can be detected and corrected early
- The robustness of the architecture can be determined early in the life cycle
 - *Architecture* — the various component modules and how they fit together
 - *Robustness* — the property of being able to handle extensions and changes without falling apart

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Strengths of the Iterative-and-Incremental Model (contd)

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- We can *mitigate* (resolve) risks early
 - Risks are invariably involved in software development and maintenance
- We have a working version of the software product from the start
 - The client and users can experiment with this version to determine what changes are needed
- Variation: Deliver partial versions to smooth the introduction of the new product in the client organization

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Strengths of the Iterative-and-Incremental Model (contd)

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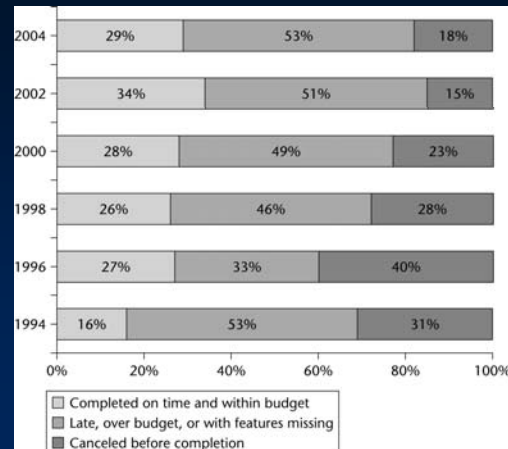
- There is empirical evidence that the life-cycle model works
- The CHAOS reports of the Standish Group (see overleaf) show that the percentage of successful products increases

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Strengths of the Iterative-and-Incremental Model (contd)

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- CHAOS reports from 1994 to 2004



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Strengths of the Iterative-and-Incremental Model (contd)

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- Reasons given for the decrease in successful projects in 2004 include:
 - More large projects in 2004 than in 2002
 - Use of the waterfall model
 - Lack of user involvement
 - Lack of support from senior executives

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2.9 Other Life-Cycle Models

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- The following life-cycle models are presented and compared:
 - Code-and-fix life-cycle model
 - Waterfall life-cycle model
 - Rapid prototyping life-cycle model
 - Open-source life-cycle model
 - Agile processes
 - Synchronize-and-stabilize life-cycle model
 - Spiral life-cycle model

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2.9.1 Code-and-Fix Model

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- No design
- No specifications
 - Maintenance nightmare

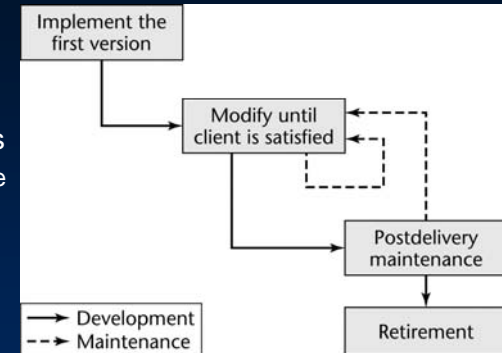


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Code-and-Fix Model (contd)

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- The easiest way to develop software
- The most expensive way

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2.9.2 Waterfall Model (Royce 1970)

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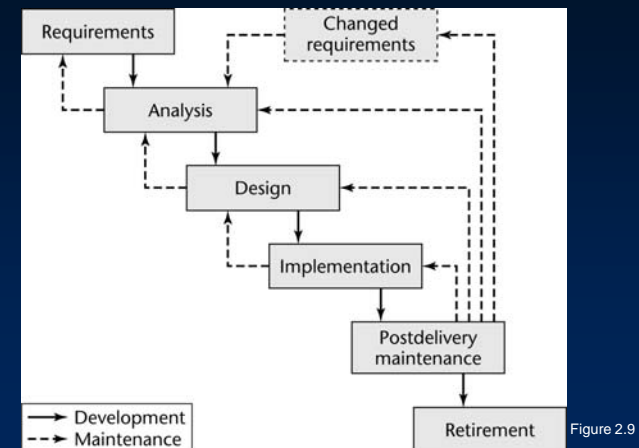


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2.9.2 Waterfall Model (contd)

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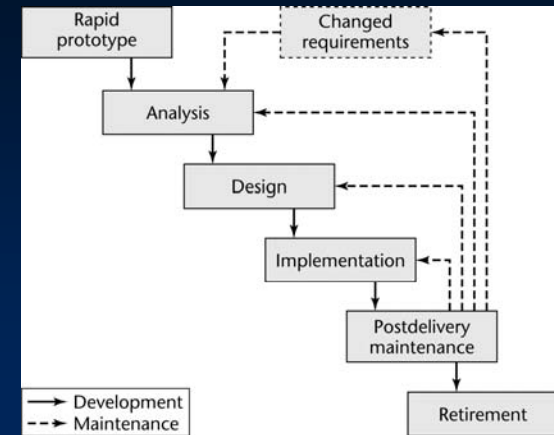
- Characterized by
 - Feedback loops
 - Documentation-driven
- Advantages
 - Documentation
 - Maintenance is easier
- Disadvantages
 - Specification document
 - » Hard to understand for clients (e.g., Z language)
 - Don't get to see the product till the end
 - » "I know this is what I asked for, but it isn't what I meant"

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2.9.3 Rapid Prototyping Model

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- Linear model
- "Rapid"



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2.9.4 Open-Source Life-Cycle Model

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- Two informal phases
- First, one individual builds an initial version
 - Made available via the Internet (e.g., SourceForge.net)
- Then, if there is sufficient interest in the project
 - The initial version is widely downloaded
 - Users become co-developers
 - The product is extended
- Key point: Individuals generally work voluntarily on an open-source project in their spare time

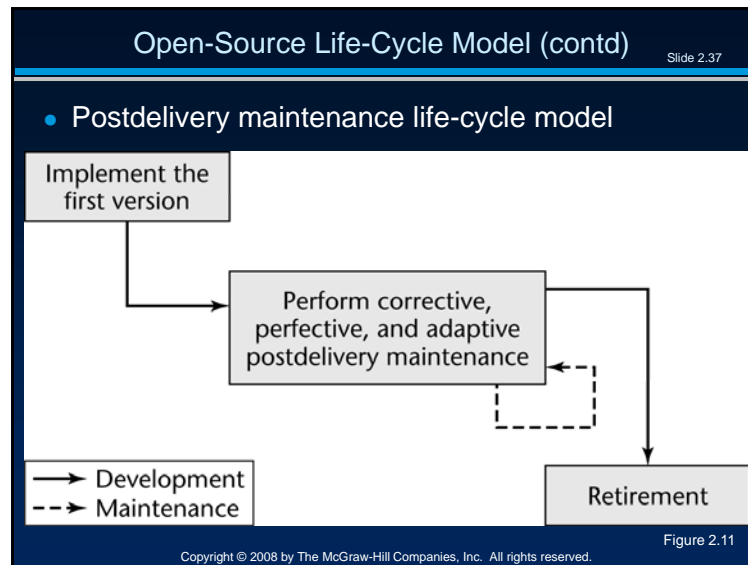
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The Activities of the Second Informal Phase

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- Reporting and correcting defects
 - Corrective maintenance
- Adding additional functionality
 - Perfective maintenance
- Porting the program to a new environment
 - Adaptive maintenance
- The second informal phase consists *solely* of postdelivery maintenance
 - The word "co-developers" on the previous slide should rather be "co-maintainers"

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Open-Source Life-Cycle Model (contd) Slide 2.38

- Closed-source software is maintained and tested by employees
 - Users can submit failure reports but never fault reports (the source code is not available)
- Open-source software is generally maintained by unpaid volunteers
 - Users are strongly encouraged to submit defect reports, both failure reports and fault reports

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Open-Source Life-Cycle Model (contd) Slide 2.39

- Core group
 - Small number of dedicated maintainers with the inclination, the time, and the necessary skills to submit fault reports (“fixes”)
 - They take responsibility for managing the project
 - They have the authority to install fixes
- Peripheral group
 - Users who choose to submit defect reports from time to time

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Open-Source Life-Cycle Model (contd) Slide 2.40

- New versions of closed-source software are typically released roughly once a year
 - After careful testing by the SQA group
- The core group releases a new version of an open-source product as soon as it is ready
 - Perhaps a month or even a day after the previous version was released
 - The core group performs minimal testing
 - Extensive testing is performed by the members of the peripheral group in the course of utilizing the software
 - “Release early and often”

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Open-Source Life-Cycle Model (contd)

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- An initial working version is produced when using
 - The rapid-prototyping model;
 - The code-and-fix model; and
 - The open-source life-cycle model
- Then:
 - Rapid-prototyping model
 - » The initial version is discarded
 - Code-and-fix model and open-source life-cycle model
 - » The initial version becomes the target product
 - » Successful projects get all the attention, but half of the 175,000 projects on SourceForge.org have 0 download.
 - » Open source software is not customized.

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2.9.5 Agile Processes

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- Extreme Programming (later lecture)

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2.9.6 Synchronize-and Stabilize Model

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- Microsoft's life-cycle model
- Requirements analysis — interview potential customers
- Draw up specifications
- Divide project into 3 or 4 builds
- Each build is carried out by small teams working in parallel

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Synchronize-and Stabilize Model (contd)

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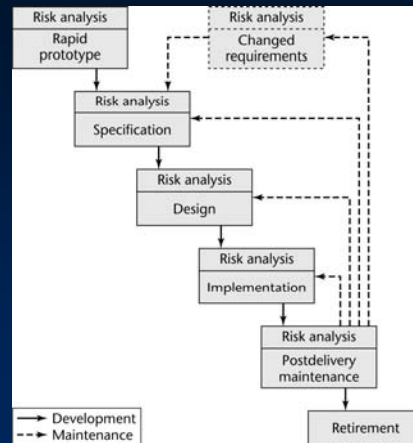
- At the end of the day — *synchronize* (test and debug)
- At the end of the build — *stabilize* (freeze the build)
- Components always work together
 - Faults can be fixed in a early stage
 - Get early insights into the operation of the product

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2.9.7 Spiral Model

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- Simplified form
 - Rapid prototyping model plus risk analysis preceding each phase



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A Key Point of the Spiral Model

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- If all risks cannot be mitigated, the project is immediately terminated

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Full Spiral Model

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- Precede each phase by
 - Alternatives
 - Risk analysis
- Follow each phase by
 - Evaluation
 - Planning of the next phase
- Radial dimension: cumulative cost to date
- Angular dimension: progress through the spiral

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Full Spiral Model (contd)

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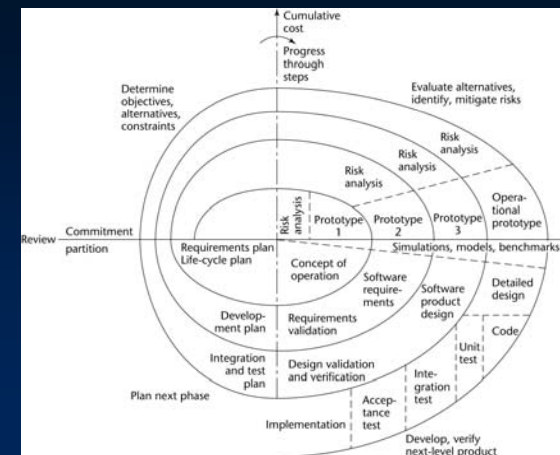


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Analysis of the Spiral Model

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- Strengths
 - Alternative analysis allows the reuse of existing software
 - It is easy to judge how much to test
 - » Terms it as risks and perform risks analysis
- Weaknesses
 - For large-scale software only
 - » Intensive risk analysis
 - For internal (in-house) software only
 - » Easy termination
 - Discrete phases

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