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Software Engineering: A Perspective for 2003

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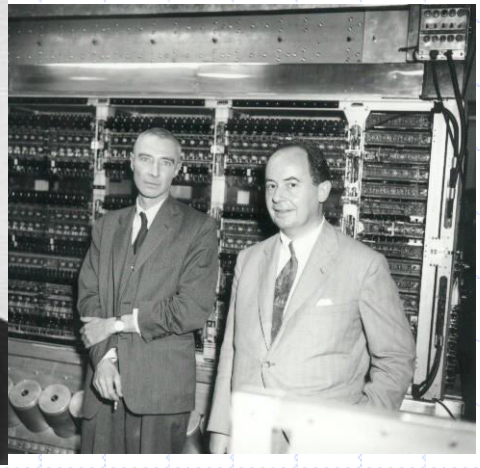
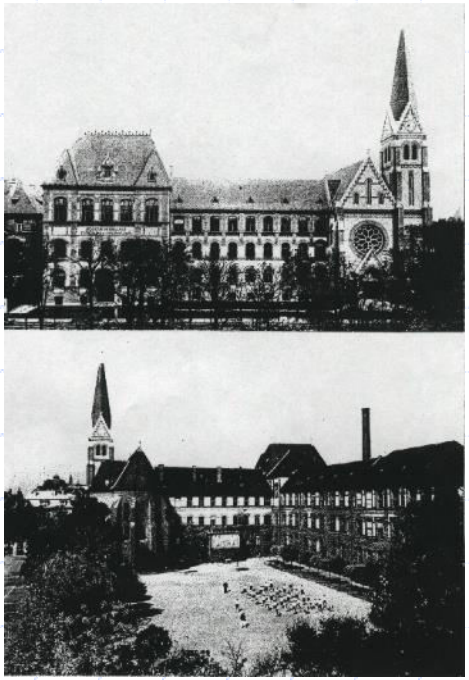
Seminar Dedication

Enrico Fermi referred to these brilliant Hungarian scientists as "the Martians," based on speculation that a spaceship from Mars dropped them all off in Budapest in the early 1900's.





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Software Engineering Seminar

Many professionals feel that the Waterfall Model is old fashioned or simplistic, having long ago outlived its usefulness – the very name seems wrong, since water cannot "fall" uphill to accommodate the backward arrows. All sorts of new models have been depicted to better show how the "real world" works, or how software can be developed faster, or how customers can become more engaged in the process to improve functionality. The Spiral Model, the Evolutionary Rapid Prototyping Model, the "V"-Shaped Model and others have emerged to solve one issue or another. Today, most practitioners might agree that there are so many different types of projects, a one size SLC cannot possible fit all. The modern viewpoint is that unique projects require unique models, or combinations of models to succeed. We will discuss the choice of appropriate SLC models, or modified versions of SLC models, the real baseline for beginning software engineering. We will describe several of the more modern SLC's (e.g. eXtreme, RUP), and how a project manager can decide which one to use. We will also explain what the various bodies of knowledge (e.g. PMBOK, SWEBOK) map to our life cycles.

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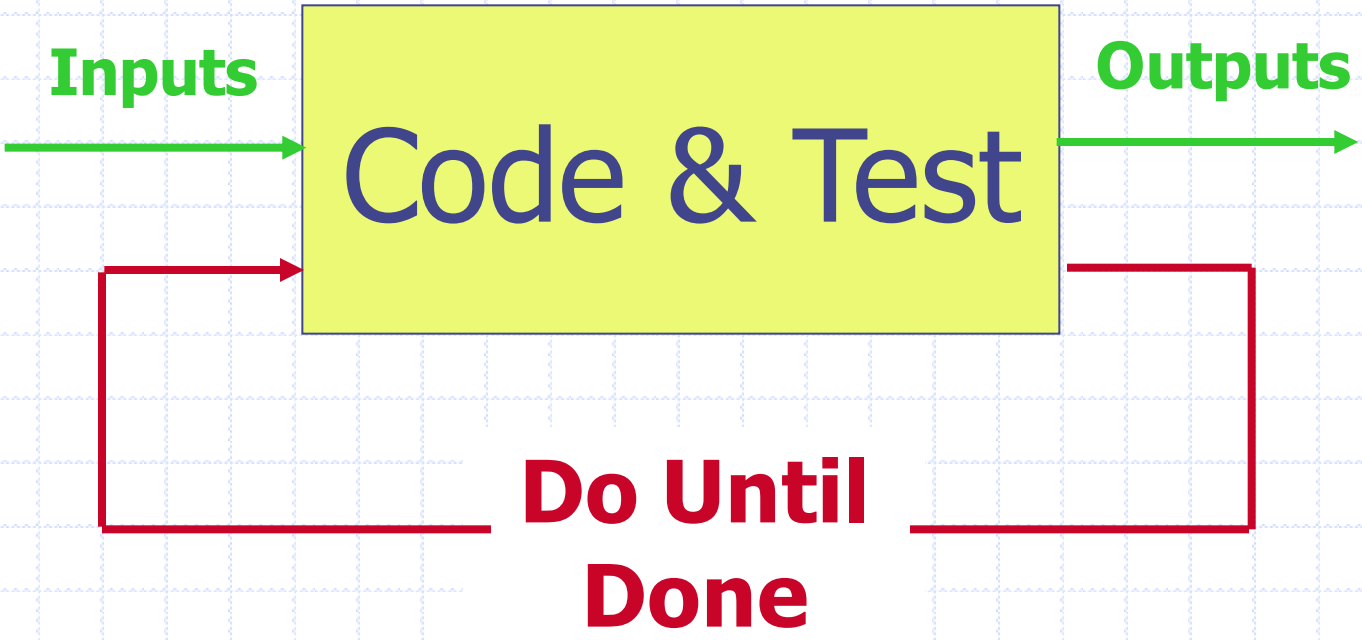
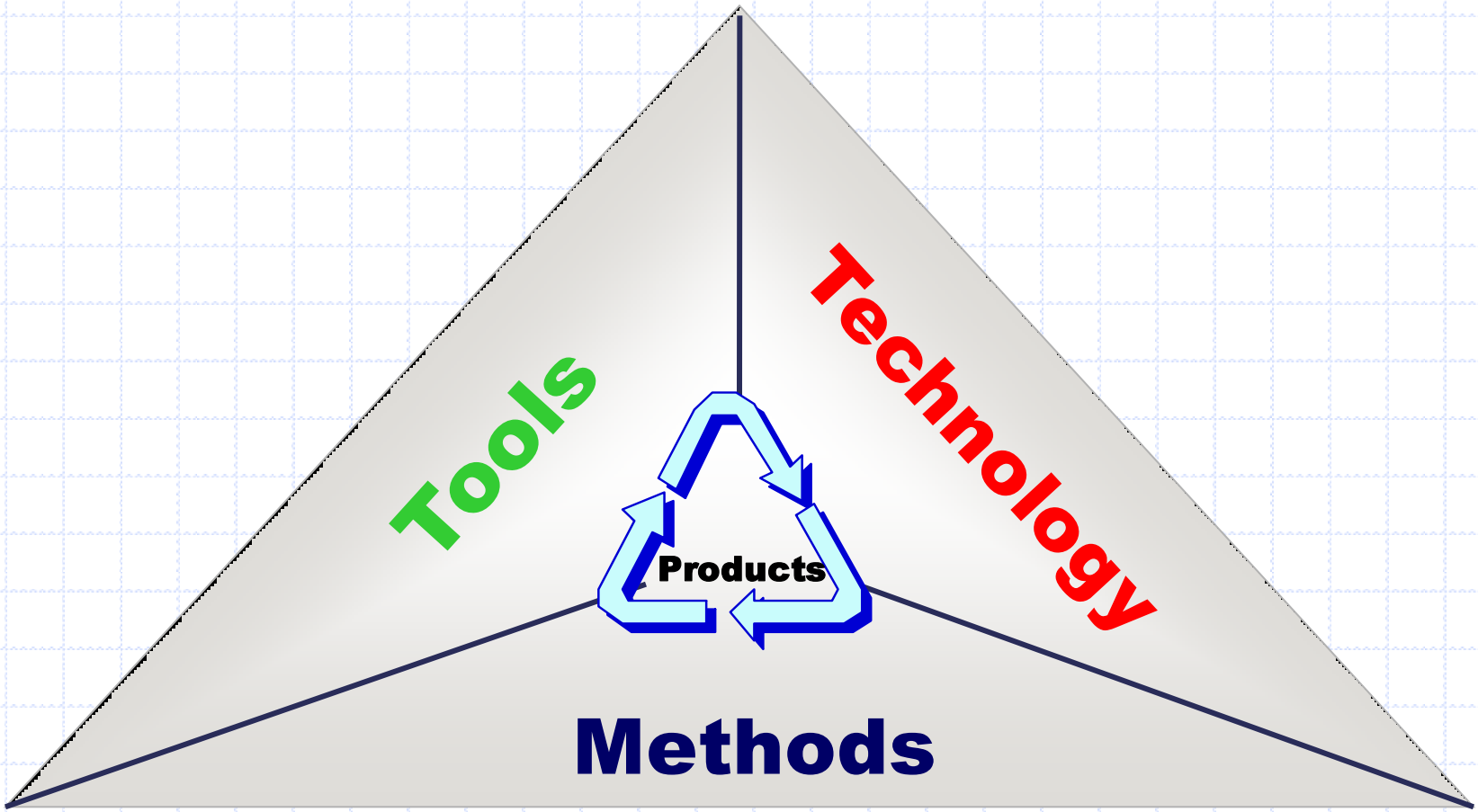
Presentation Description

- The key to managing a software development project is having a high level road map to identify where you are on the project. The life cycle model you adopt for your development project is this roadmap. Using IEEE 1074, we will walk through a "standard" development life cycle and all the supporting processes required; e.g. configuration management, documentation, project management, software quality assurance. Using this as the baseline we'll construct a first pass WBS for the life cycle.
- The next steps will be to customize the baseline life cycle for two different types of development: evolutionary rapid prototyping and commercial-of-the-shelf package selection.
- To wrap up, some metrics on life cycles for web-based application delivery.

NOT the Model you want!



Product Development



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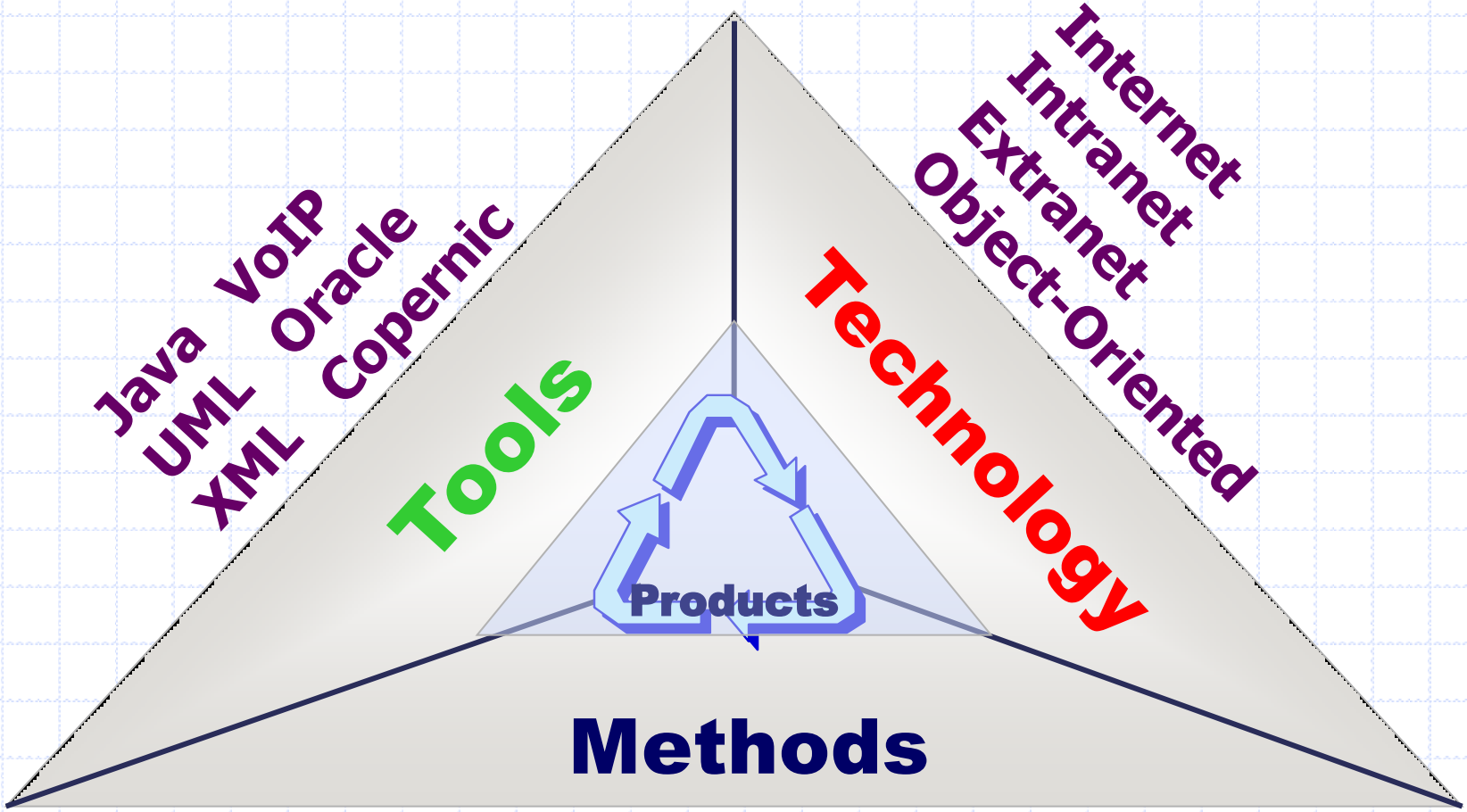
A Quick Level Set

- Technology
  - Application of scientific knowledge in industry or business
- Tool
  - An implement or machine used to do work or perform a task.
- Method
  - A manner, means or process for accomplishing something.

What's in each segment?



Software Engineering **Project Management**

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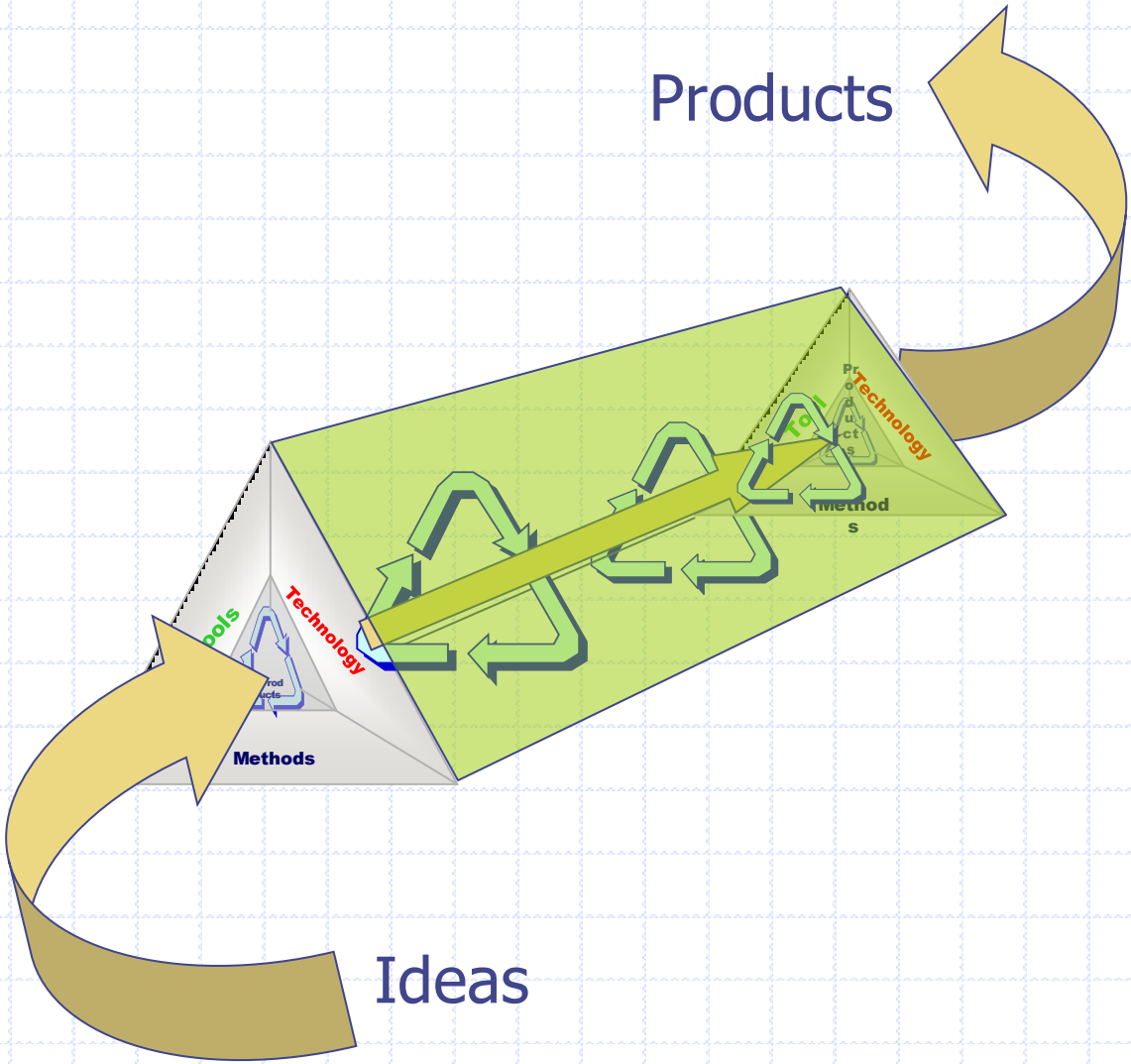
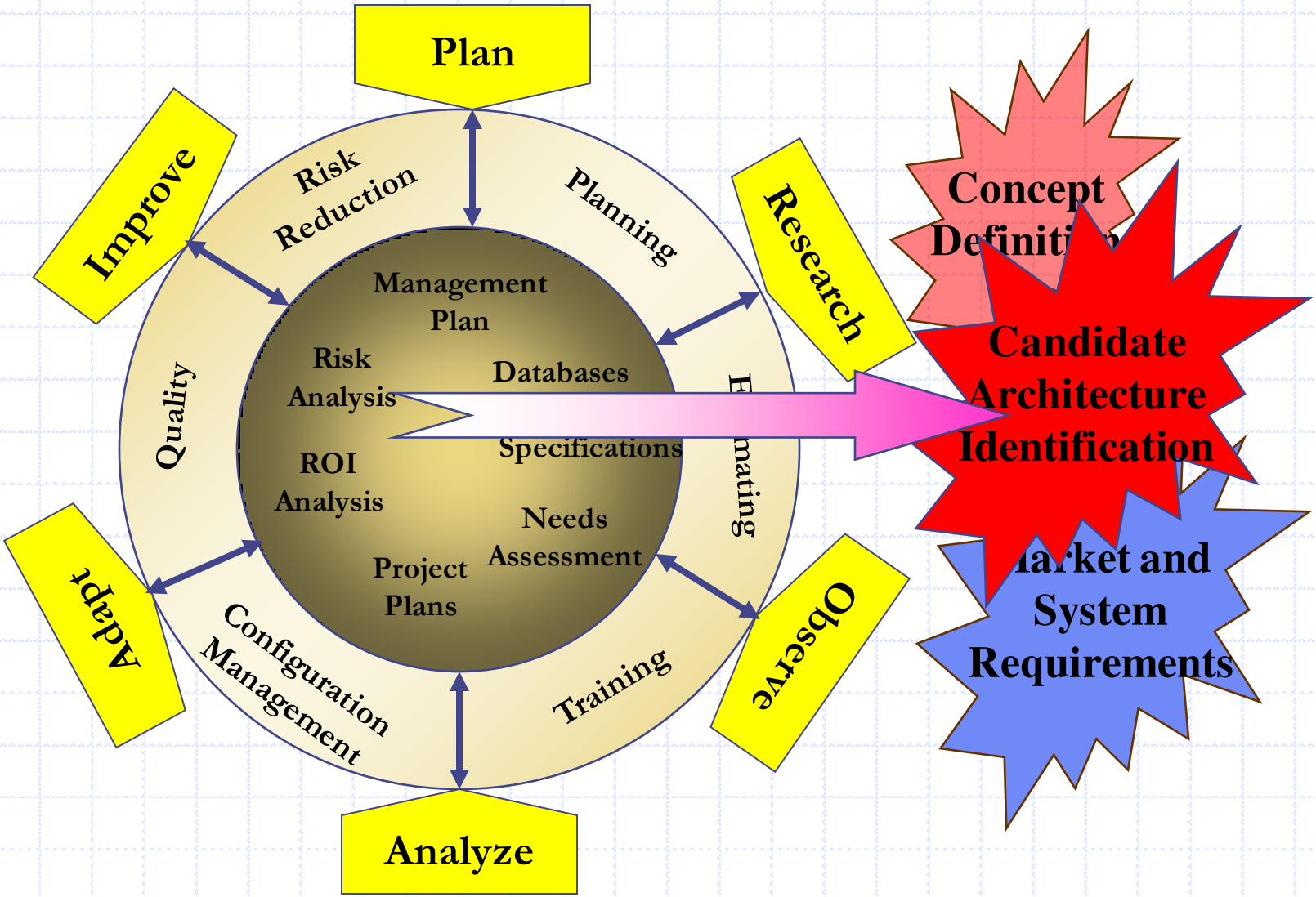
How do products happen?



Project Management Mitigates the Front End Risks



Defining Your Life Cycle Model

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2) Review, analyze the type of work: development, enhancement, maintenance, etc.
3) Review project criteria
4) Identify a minimum set of phases
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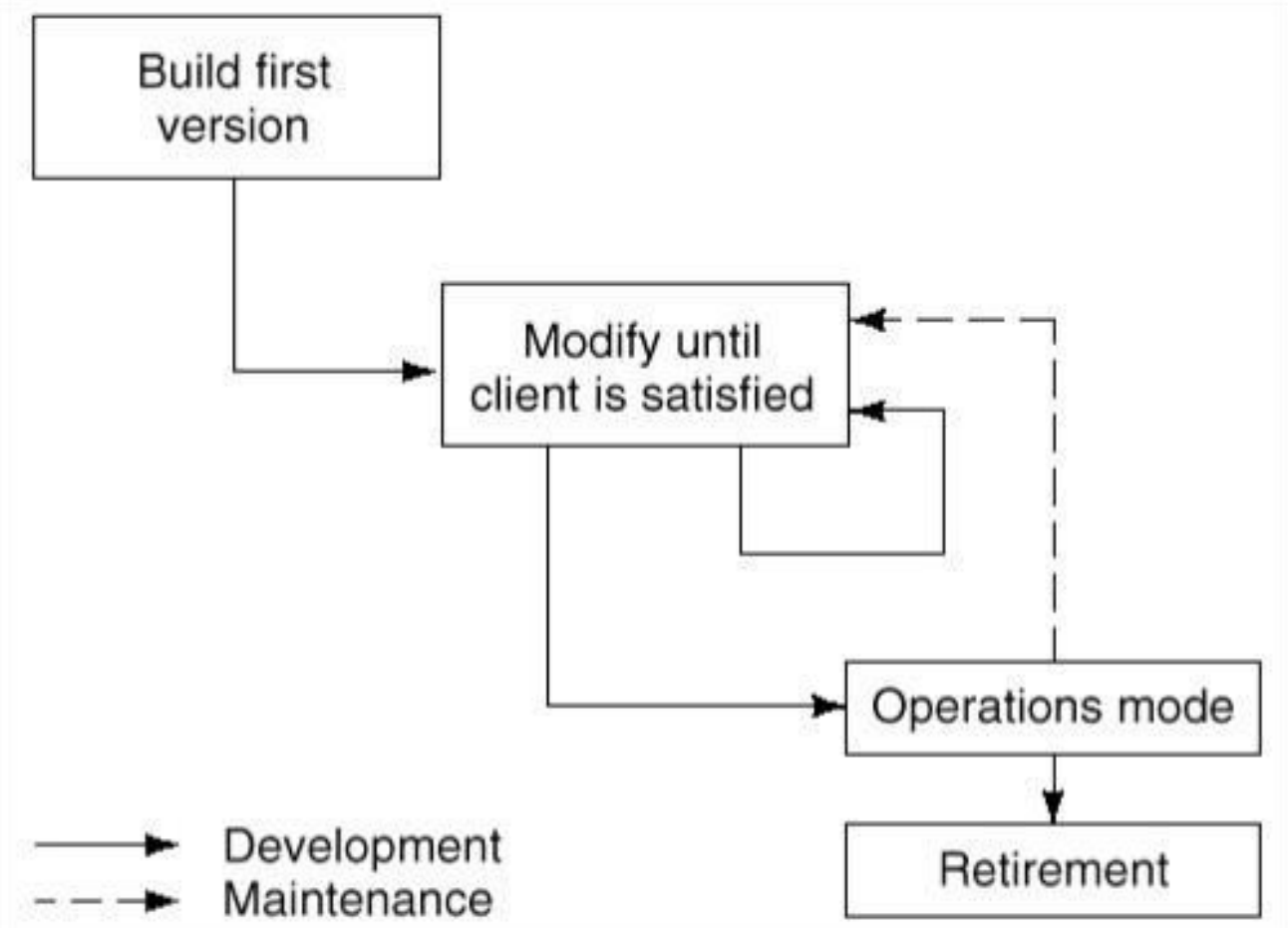
Build and Fix



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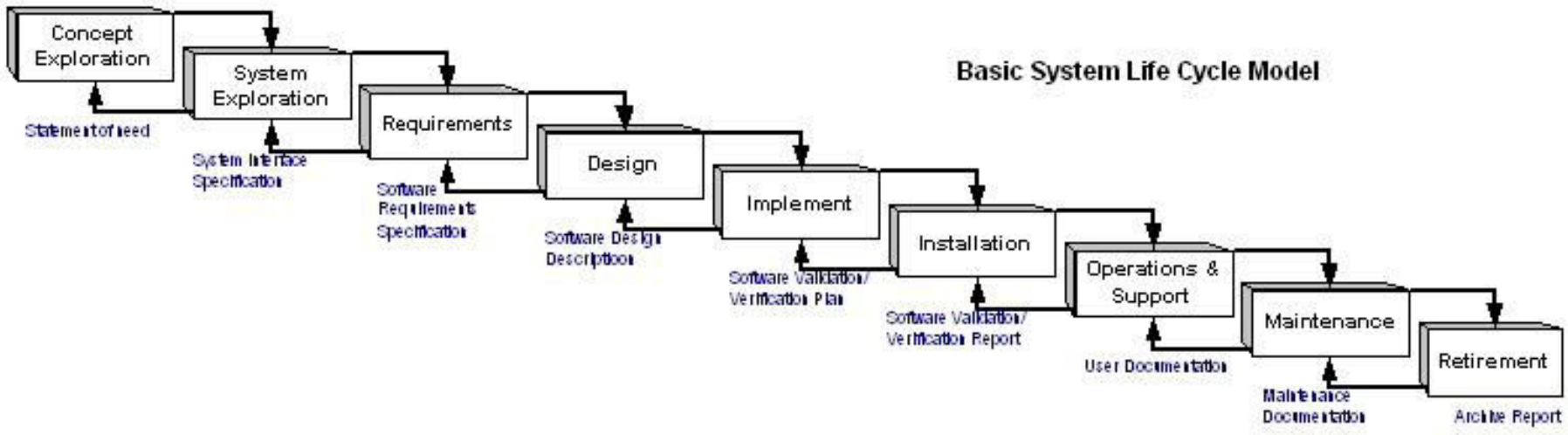
Build and Fix – Good and Bad

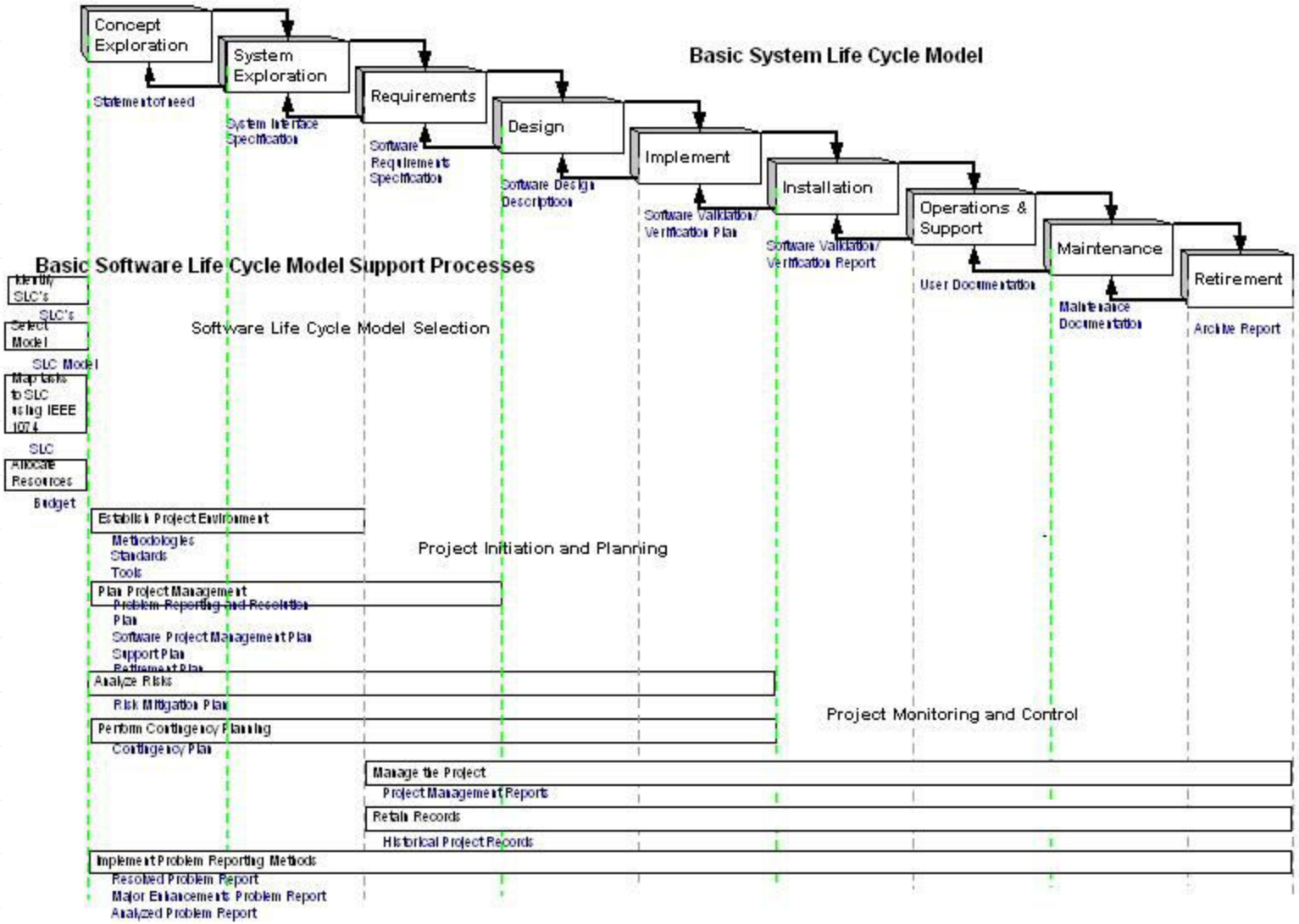
Pros:	Cons:
Works for projects generating less than 200 LOC	One step beyond code and test
	Does not scale with large projects
	No specifications
	Not a life cycle model

Basic 1074 Life Cycle

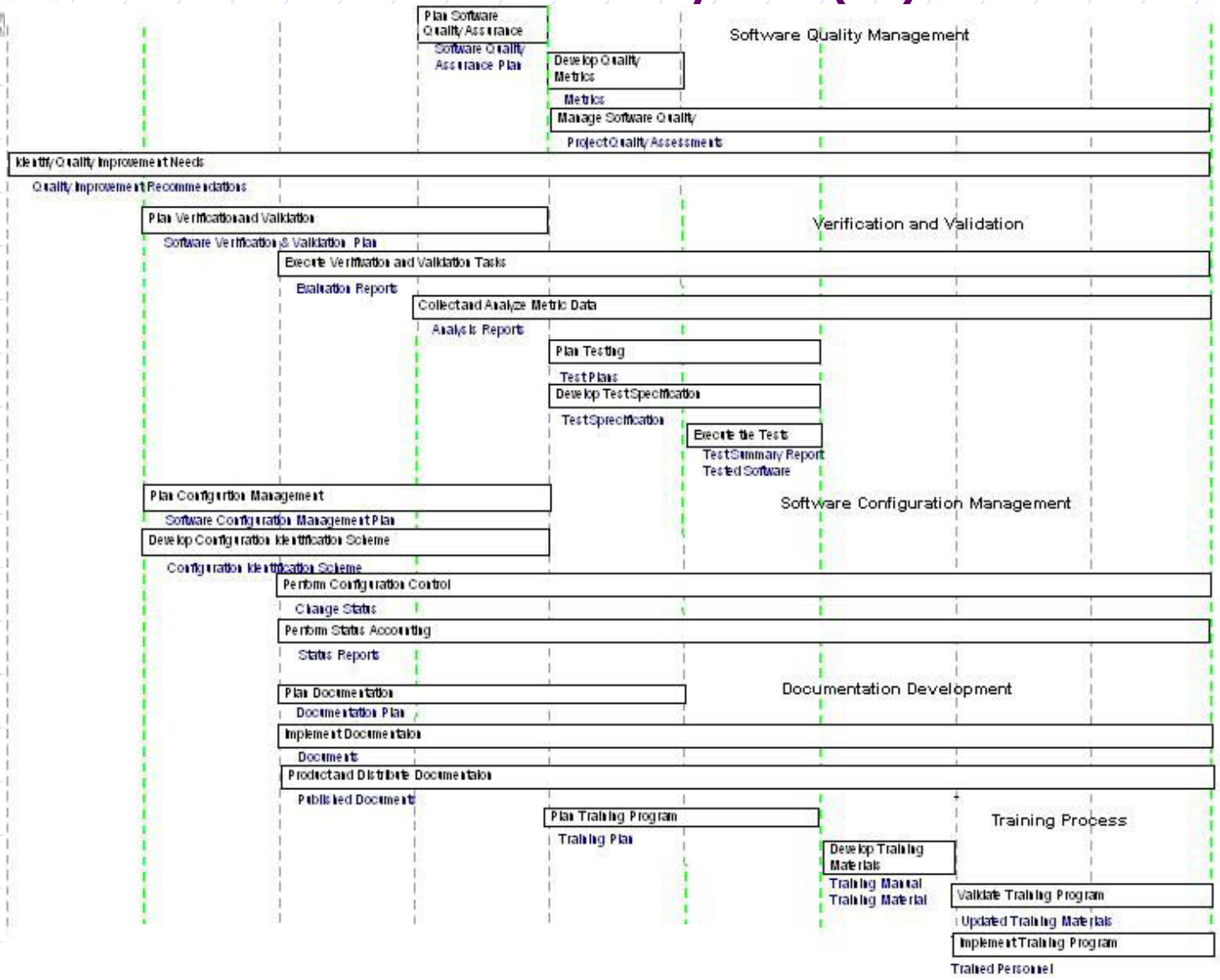


Basic System Life Cycle Model

Full 1074 Life Cycle (1)



Full 1074 Life Cycle (2)



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Full 1074 Life Cycle – Good and Bad

Pros:	Cons:
THE starting point for defining you life cycle	Too much process
Contains all the life cycle supports you would need	Contains more than you may reasonably use
Is a process for defining your life cycle	Is not in and of itself a life cycle to implement

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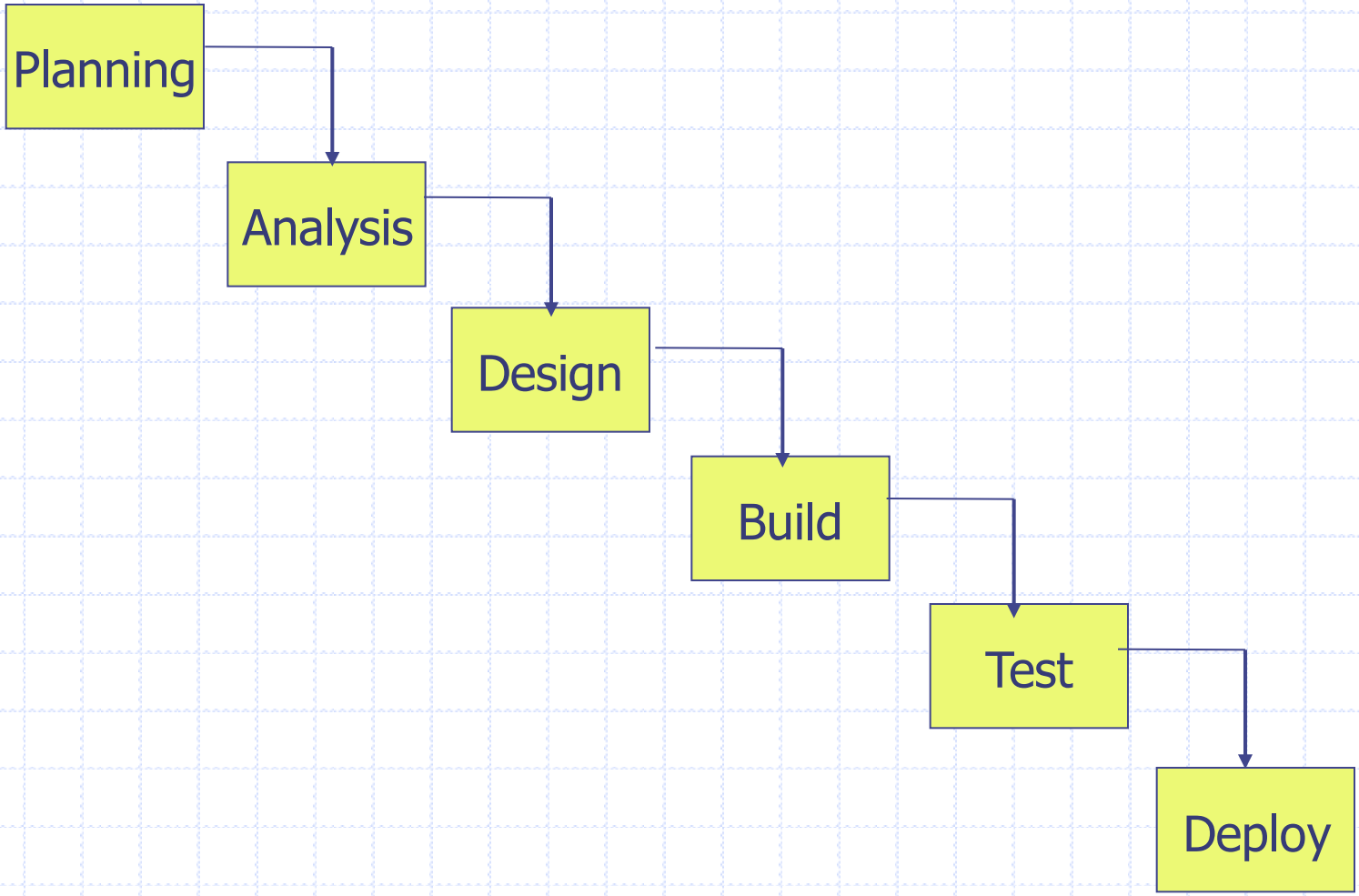
Waterfall Model



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Waterfall Model – Good and Bad

Pros:	Cons:
Easiest to understand	Does not model the real world
Easiest to instrument	Too much documentation
Enforced discipline	
Document and deliverable driven	

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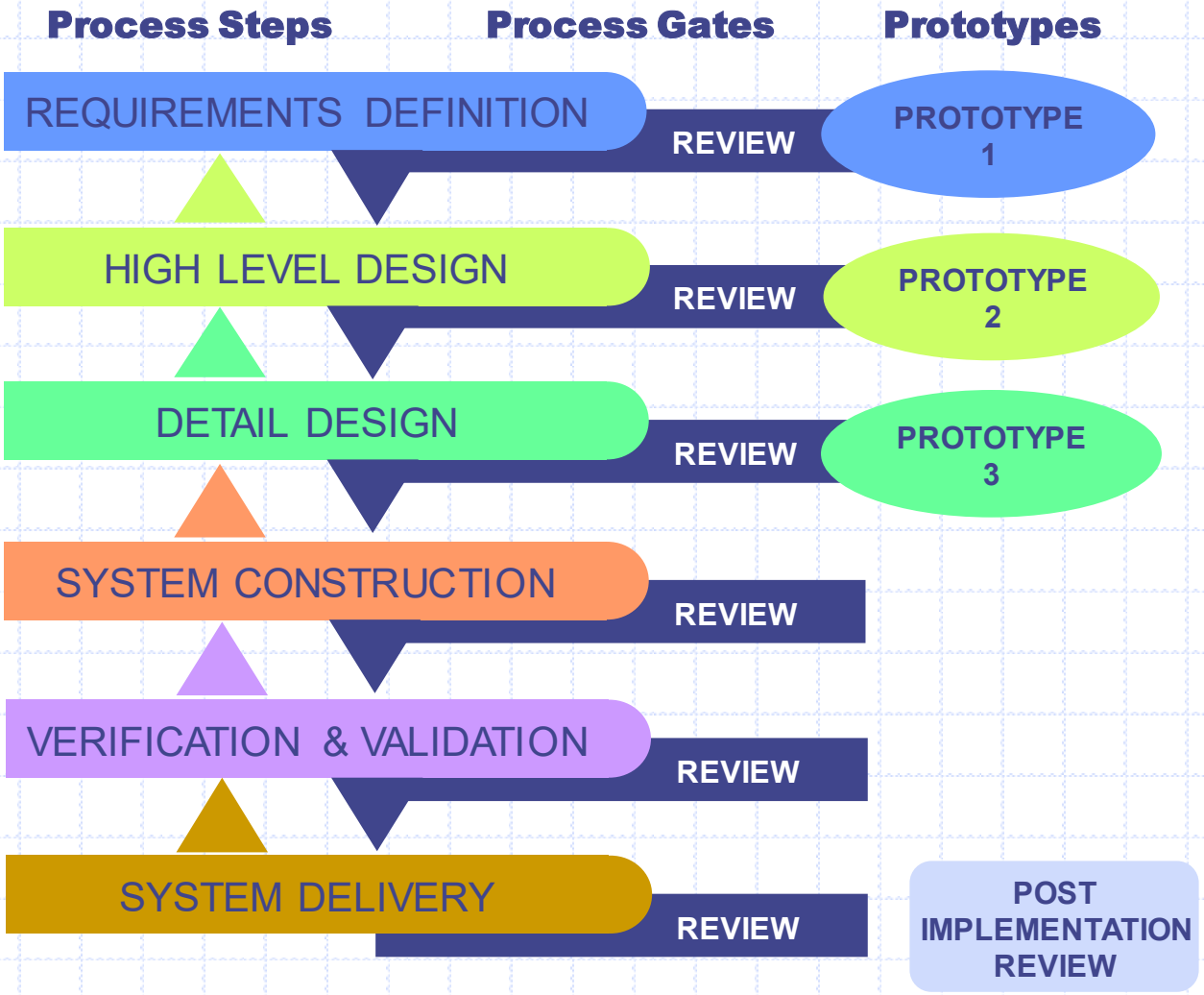
Waterfall with Prototyping



Prototyping Model - Pros and Cons

Pros:	Cons:
Easiest to understand	Not stopping the prototyping
Easiest to instrument	Prototyping becomes early code hacking
Real world modeling	
Recursion among process steps	
Document and deliverable driven	

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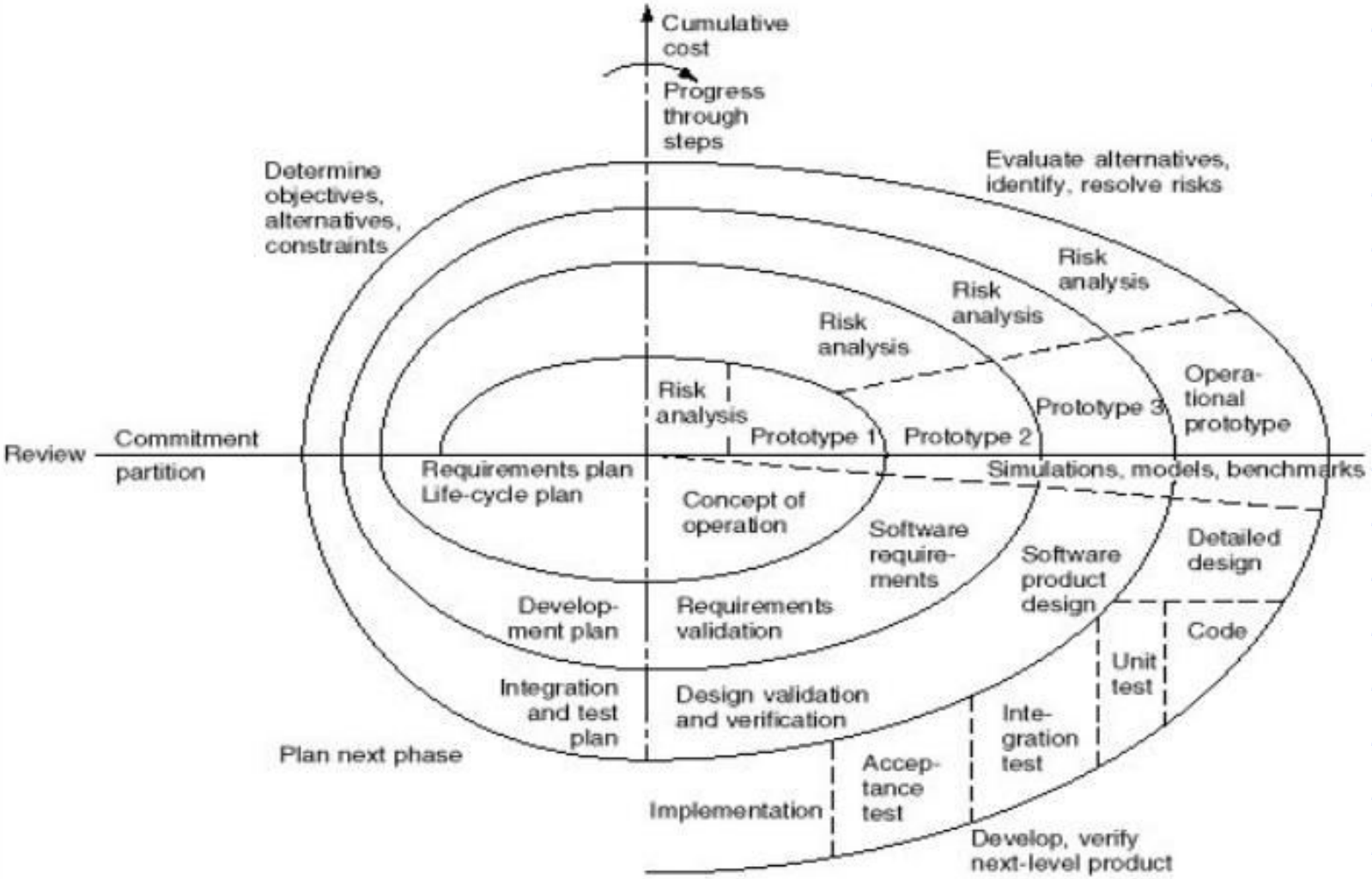
Spiral Model



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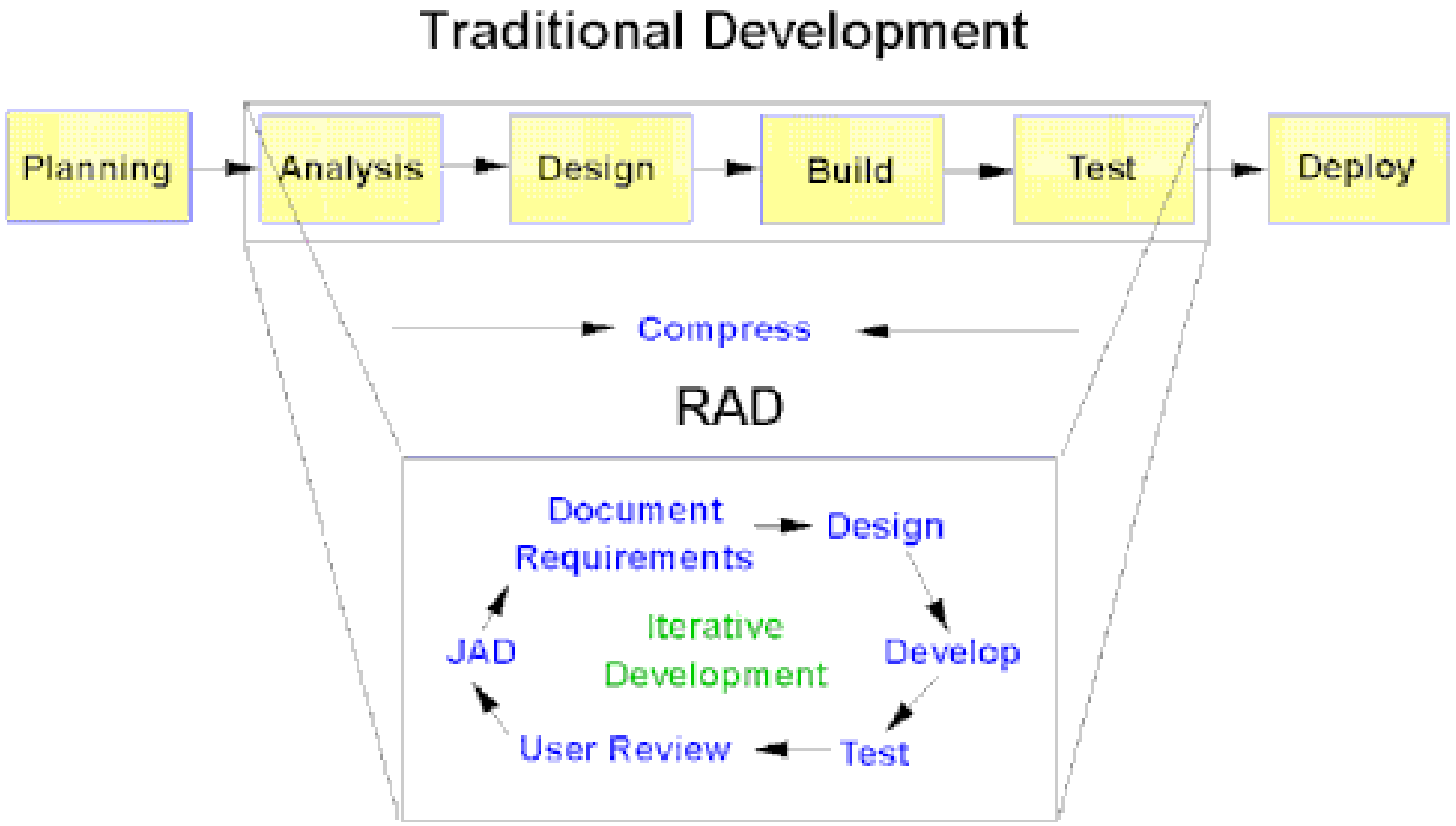
Spiral Good and Bad

Pros:	Cons:
Emphasizes risk reduction	Internal development of large systems
Supports reuse	High overhead costs
Maintenance and development mesh	Requires a mature organization
Easy look at product with prototypes	Risk and prototyping tools a must
Risk focused testing	

Rapid Application Development



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RAD – Good/Bad

Pros:	Cons:
Lots of user interaction	Users intimately involved
Early proof of concept	Needs maturity of tools and process
Incremental building	Increased overhead if too many prototypes
	Tight delivery control
	Poorly set expectations

Selecting a Life Cycle Model - Project Characteristic Category Matrix Requirements

Requirements	Waterfall	Prototype	Spiral	RAD
Are the requirements easily defined and/or well known?	Yes	No	No	Yes
Can the requirements be defined early in the cycle?	Yes	No	No	Yes
Will the requirements change often in the cycle?	No	Yes	Yes	No
Is there a need to demonstrate the requirements to achieve definition?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is a proof of concept required to demonstrate capability?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

Selecting a Life Cycle Model - Project Characteristic Category Matrix Project Team

Project Team	Waterfall	Prototype	Spiral	RAD
Are the majority of team members new to the problem domain for the project?	No	Yes	Yes	No
Are the majority of team members new to the technology domain for the project?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Are the majority of team members new to the tools used on the project?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Are the team members subject to reassignment during the life cycle?	No	Yes	Yes	No
Is there training available for the project team if required?	No	No	No	Yes

Selecting a Life Cycle Model - Project Characteristic Category Matrix User Community

User Community	Waterfall	Prototype	Spiral	RAD
Will the availability of the user representatives be restricted, or limited during the life cycle?	Yes	No	Yes	No
Are the user representatives new to system definition?	No	Yes	Yes	No
Are the user representatives experts in the problem domain?	No	Yes	No	Yes
Do the users want to be involved in all phases of the life cycle?	No	Yes	No	Yes

Selecting a Life Cycle Model - Project Characteristic Category Matrix Project Type and Risk

Project Type & Risk	Waterfall	Prototype	Spiral	RAD
Does the project identify a new product direction for the organization?	No	Yes	Yes	No
Is the project a system integration project?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Is the project an enhancement to an existing system?	No	No	No	Yes
Is the funding for the project expected to be stable throughout the life cycle?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Is the product expected to have a long life in the organization?	Yes	No	Yes	No

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Two Derived Development Methods

- COTs
- eXtreme Programming

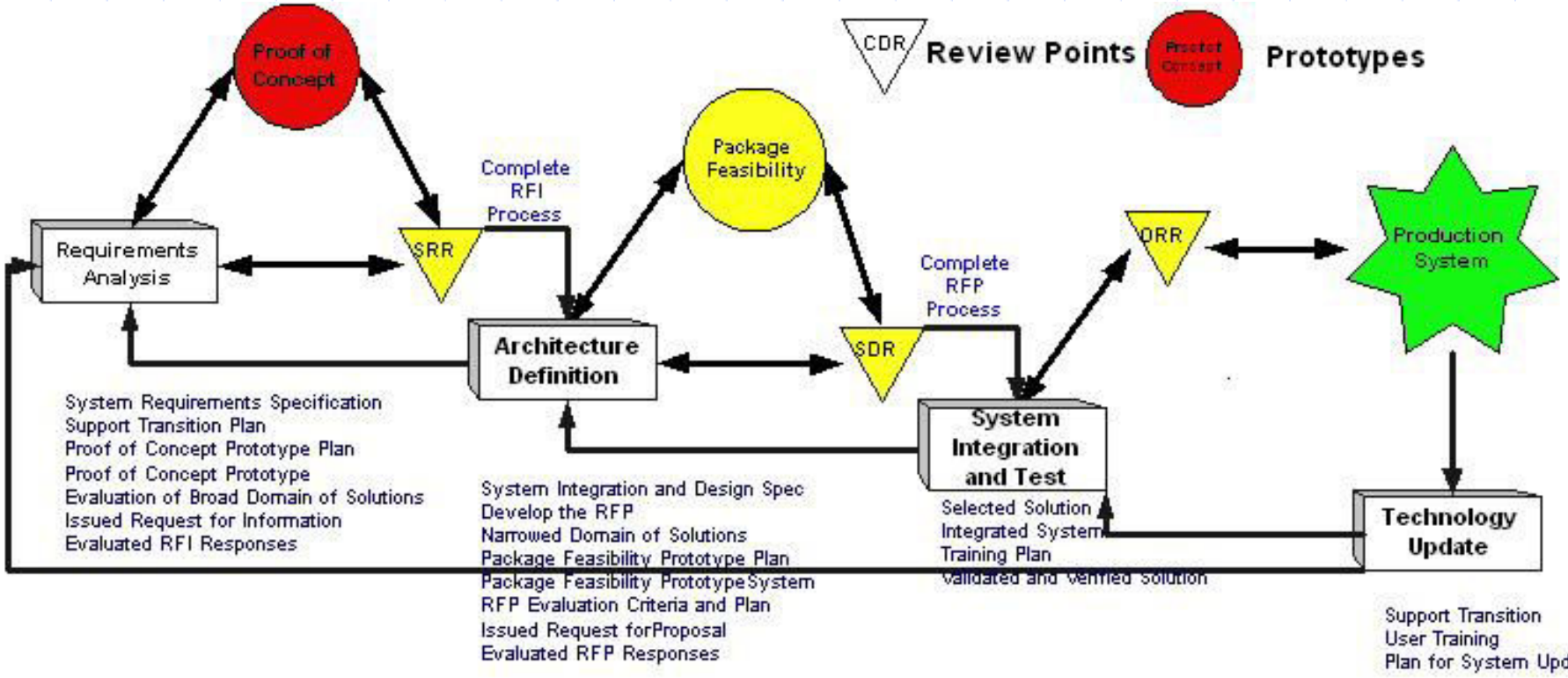
Before Customizing Remember the Framework Activities ...

- An effective process model should define a small set of framework activities that are always applicable, regardless of project type. The APM defines the following set of framework activities:
  - I. project definition - tasks required to establish effective communication between developer and customer(s) and to define requirements for the work to be performed
  - II. planning - tasks required to define resources, timelines and other project related information and assess both technical and management risks
  - III. engineering and construction - tasks required to create one or more representations of the software (can include the development of executable models, i.e., prototypes or simulations) and to generate code and conduct thorough testing
  - IV. release - tasks required to install the software in its target environment, and provide customer support (e.g., documentation and training)
  - V. customer use - tasks required to obtain customer feedback based on use and evaluation of the deliverables produced during the release activity
- Each of the above framework activities will occur for every project. However, the set of tasks (we call this a task set) that is defined for each framework activity will vary depending upon the project type (e.g., Concept Development Projects will have a different task set than Application Enhancement Projects) and the degree of rigor selected for the project.

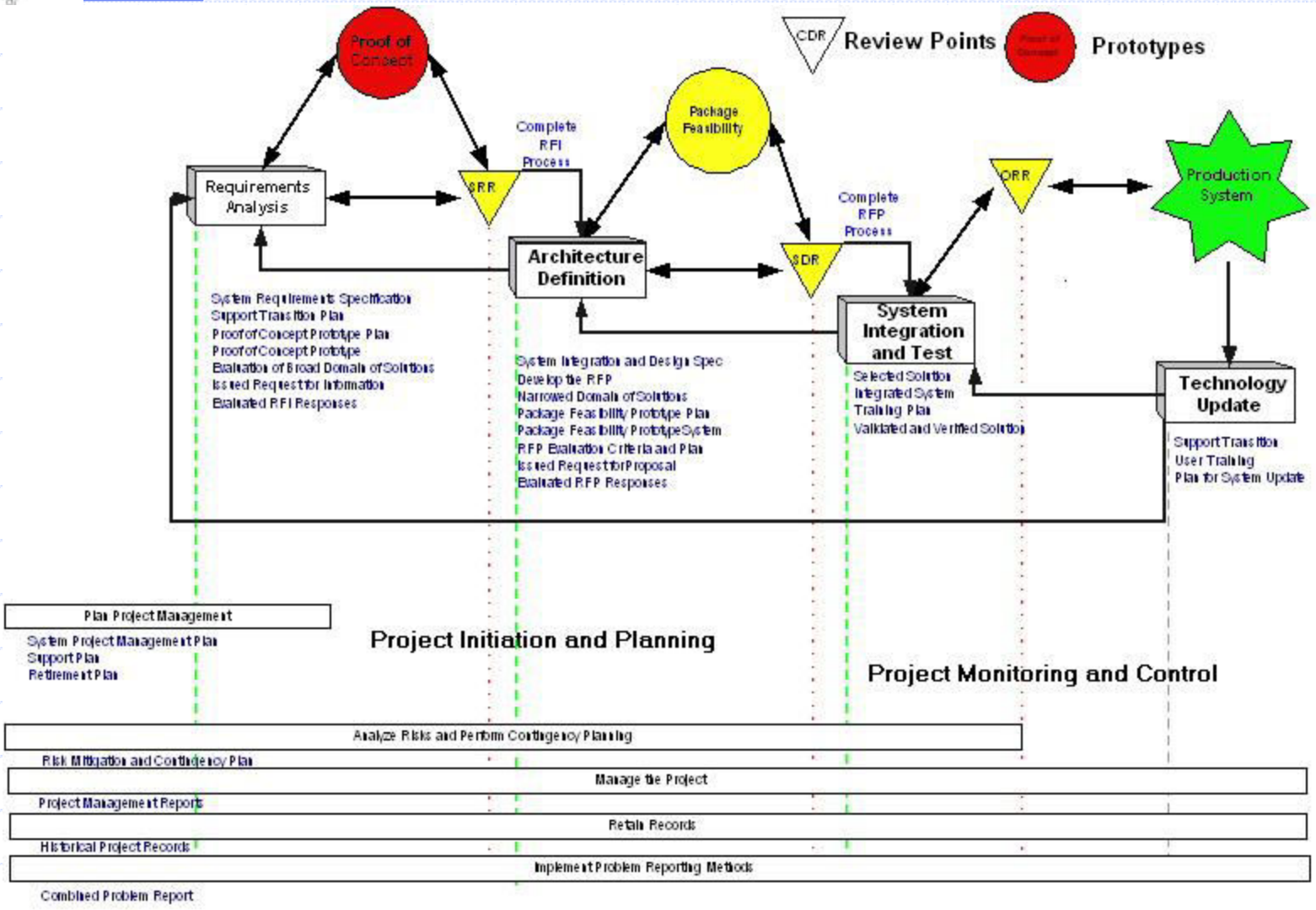
… and the Umbrella Activities

- In addition to the framework activities, a set of umbrella activities persist across the entire software process. These umbrella activities include:
- software project management
- formal technical reviews
- software quality assurance
- software configuration management
- reusability management
- measurement
- document preparation and production
- risk management
- Each of these umbrella activities is defined by a set of tasks that are adapted to the project type and degree of rigor with which software engineering is to be applied.

COTS Application Selection (1)



COTS Life Cycle (2)



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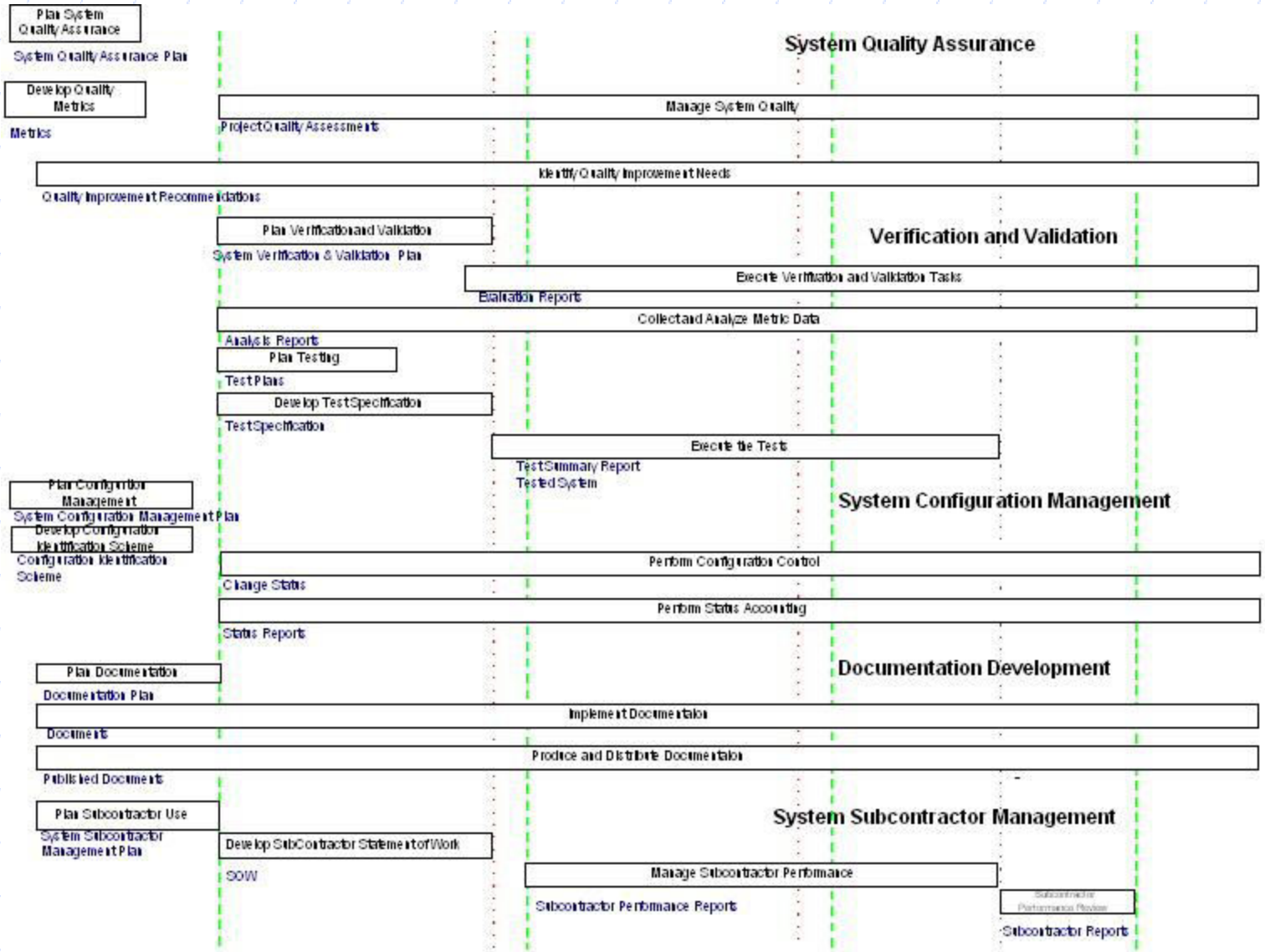
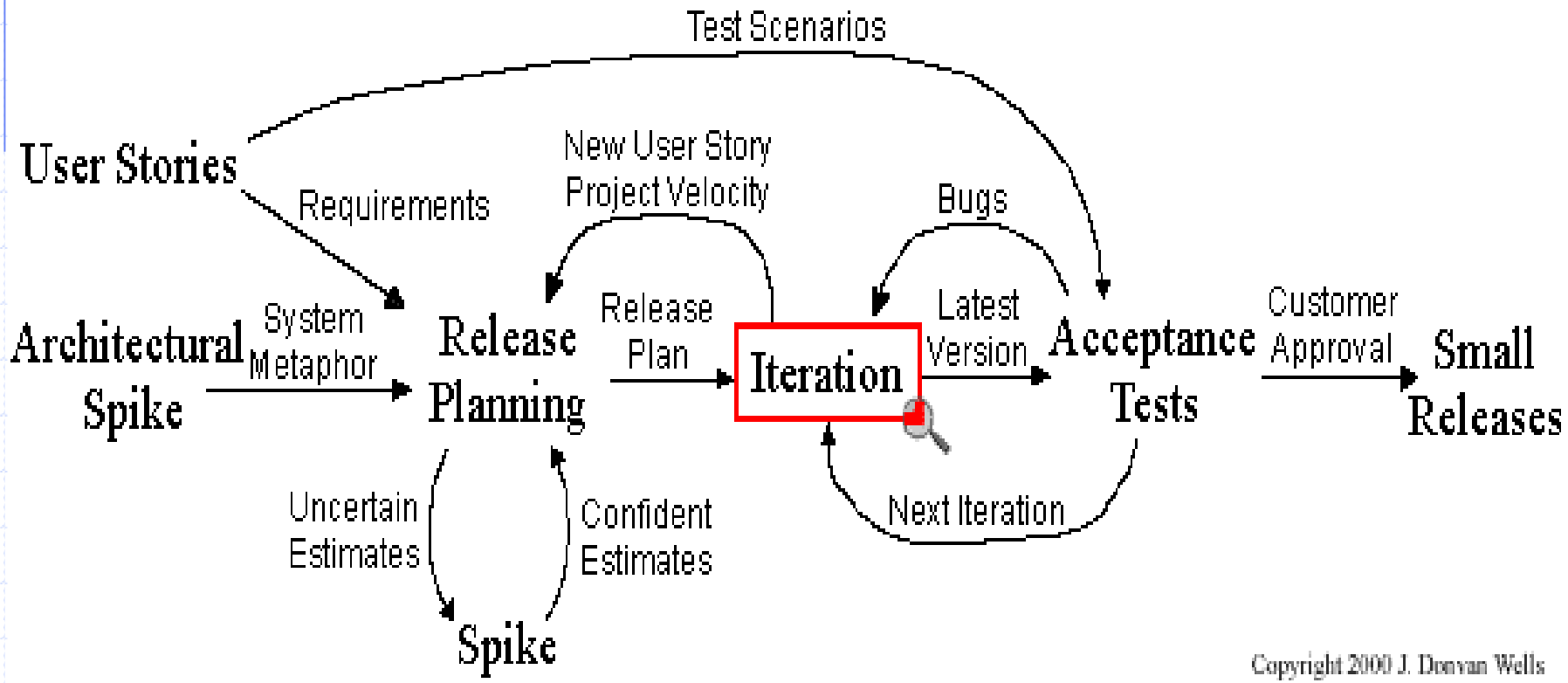


eXtreme Programming

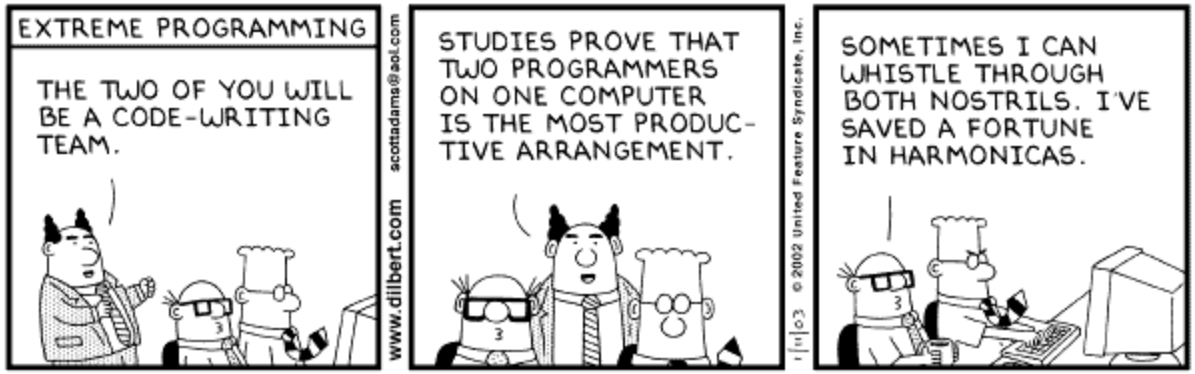
Extreme Programming Project



eXtreme Programming - the propaganda

- Light methods are adaptive rather than predictive. Heavy methods tend to try to plan out a large part of the software process in great detail for a long span of time, this works well until things change. So their nature is to resist change. The light methods, however, welcome change. They try to be processes that adapt and thrive on change, even to the point of changing themselves.
- Light methods are people-oriented rather than process-oriented. They explicitly make a point of trying to work with peoples' nature rather than against them and to emphasize that software development should be an enjoyable activity.

eXtreme Programming - the truth :-)



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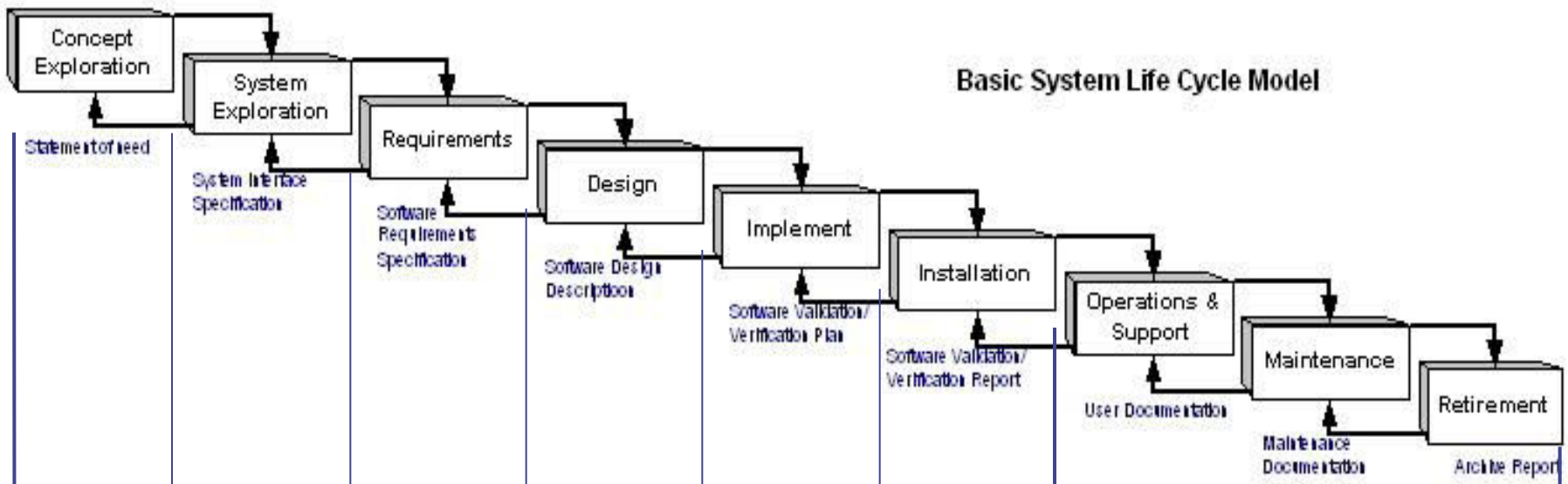
Classical "Best" Effort per Phase



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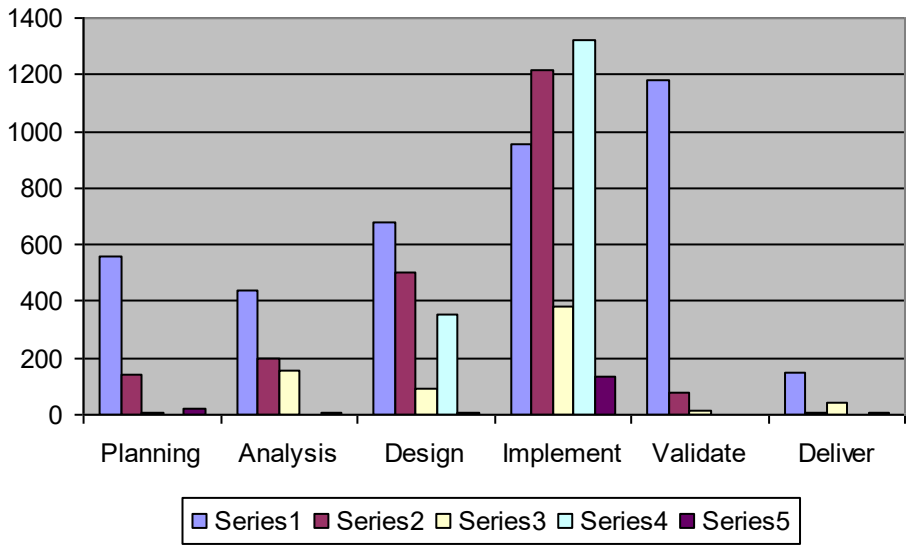
Front end: 40 – 50%

Back end: 50 – 60%

100% of Product Full Life Cost

Real Web Project Metrics(1)



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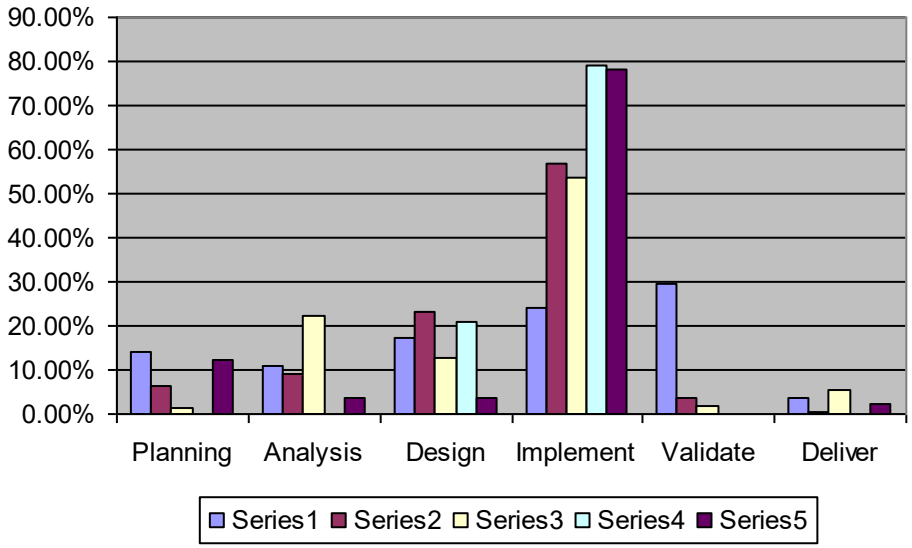

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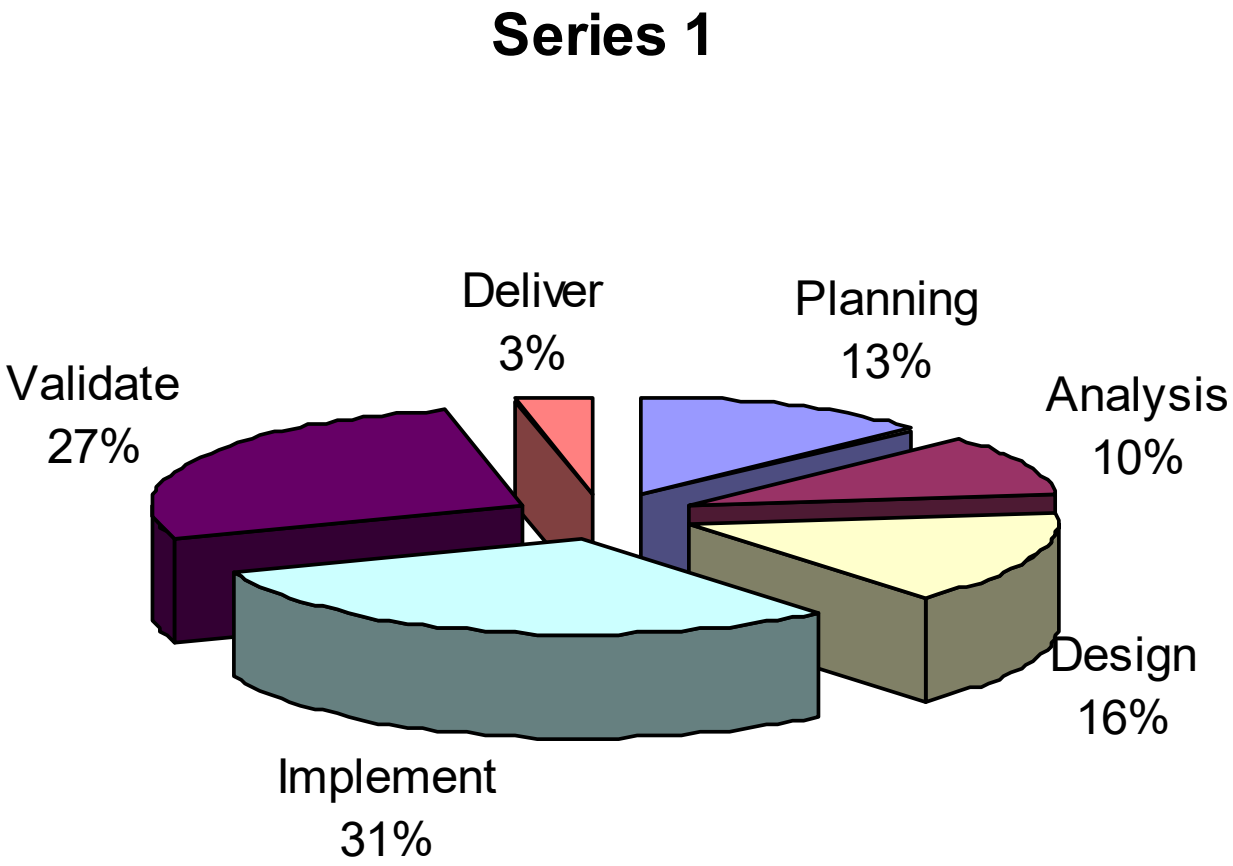

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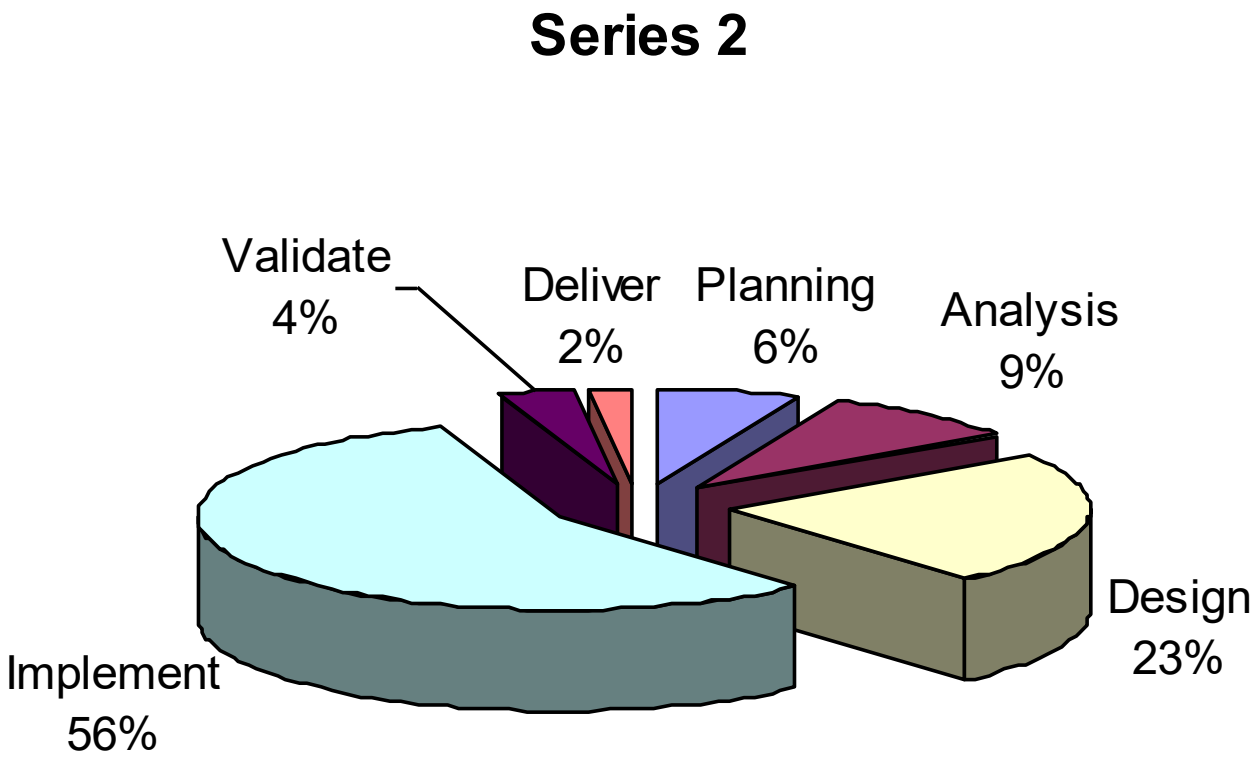

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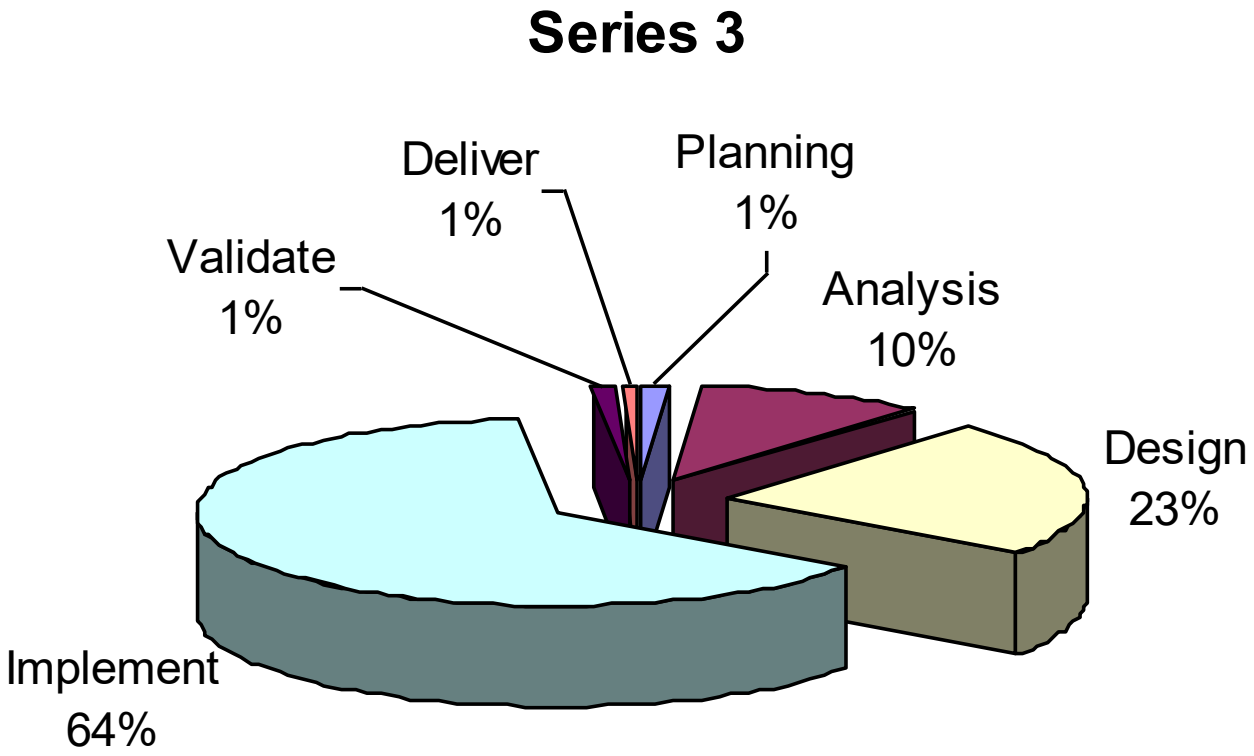

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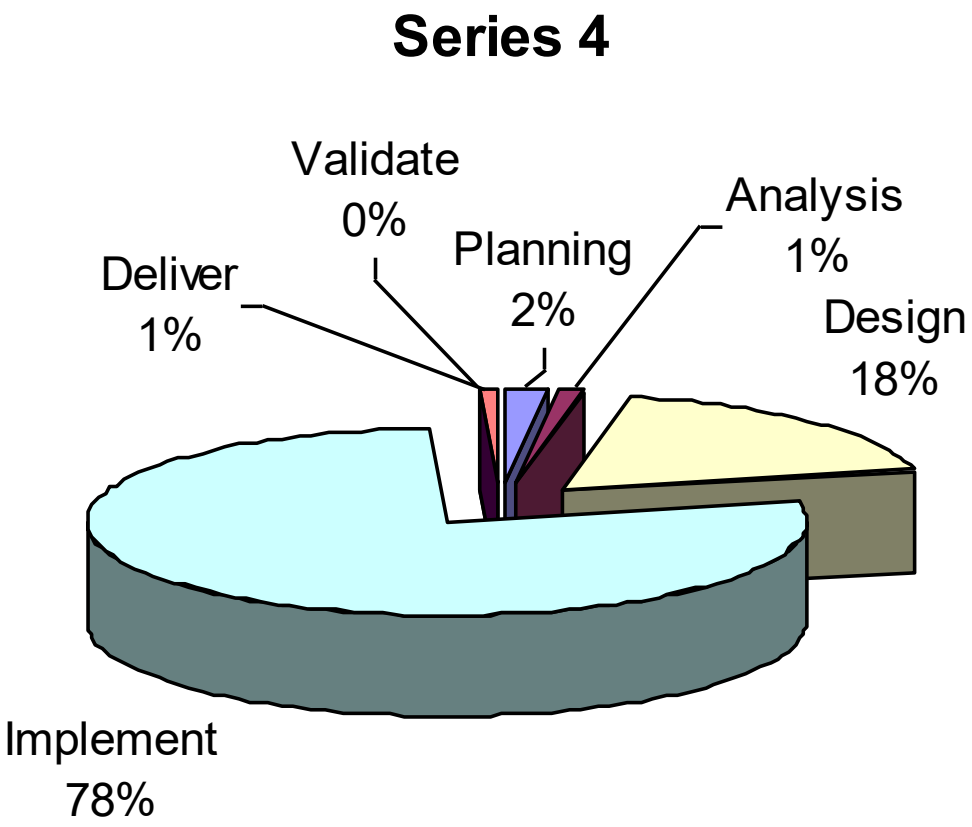
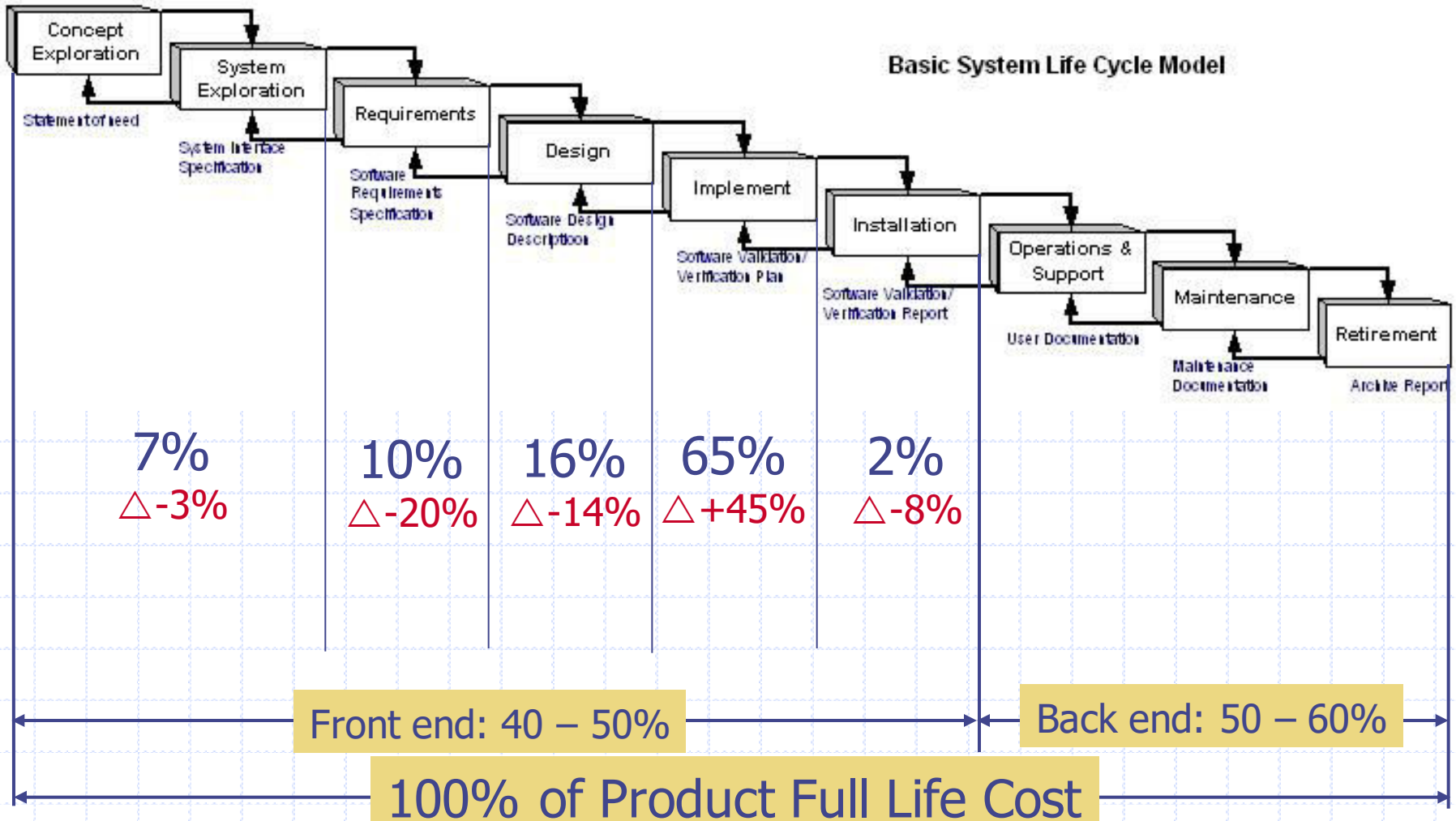


Web Effort per Phase (Preliminary Research)



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Best Practices that Work

1. Define your life cycle
2. Set up a metrics system
3. Formalize project management
4. Develop a prototyping process
5. Institute reviews and inspections
6. Implement non-invasive configuration management
7. JAD with your customers

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Defining Your Life Cycle Model

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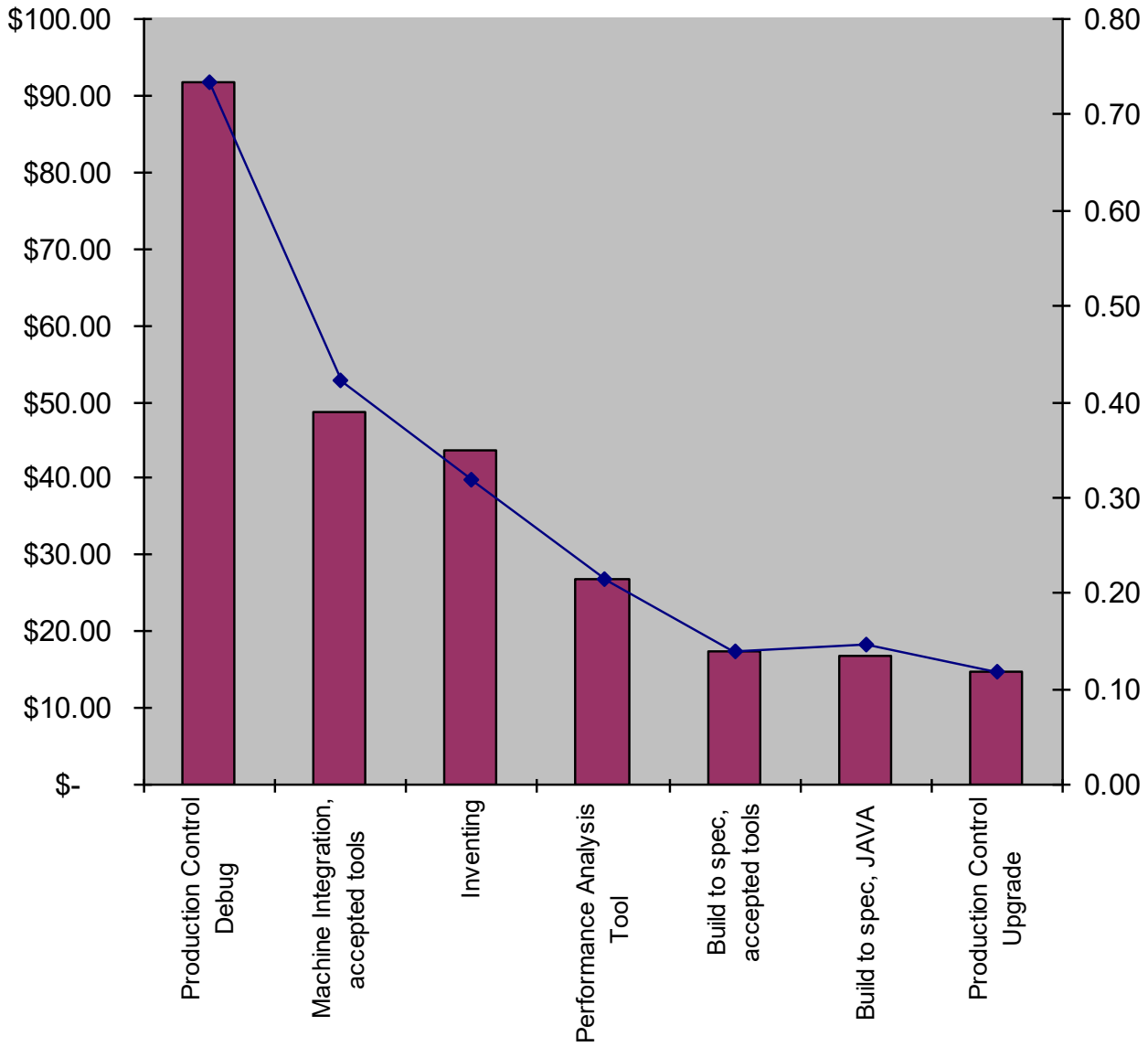
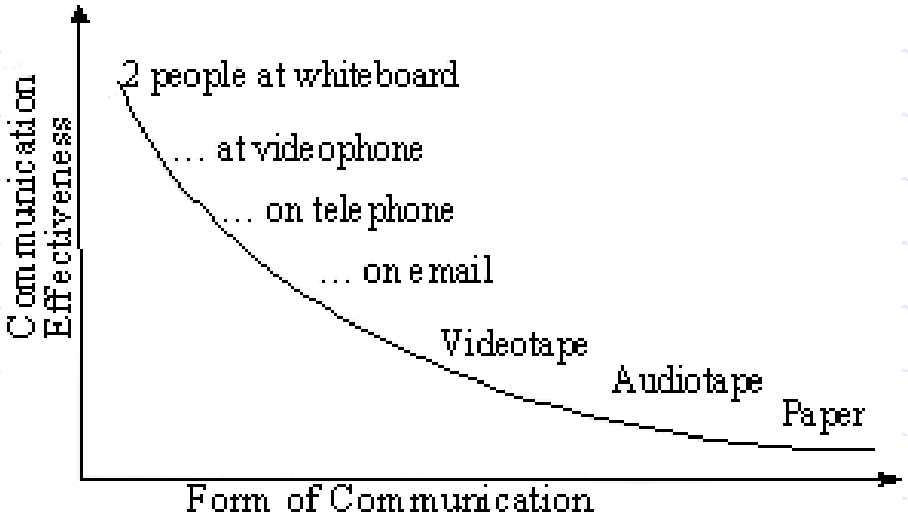
Why a metrics system?



Best Practices that Work

8. Evolve to an object-oriented model
9. Embrace modeling with UML
10. Build early and often
11. Build anywhere
12. Communicate, communicate, communicate



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Key Life Cycle Message

Whatever life cycle you start with will not be the one that will really work for you. You have to take charge of your life cycle, monitor it and adapt it to your circumstances. In the end it must become yours!

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Are you secure with your process???

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