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software development processes

Daniel Jackson
One of the planning documents for software research revealed --in a parenthetical remark only-- an unchallenged tacit assumption by referring to "the tradeoff between cost and quality". Now in all sorts of mechanical engineering it may make sense to talk about "the tradeoff between cost and quality", in software development this is absolute nonsense, because poor quality is the major contributor to the soaring costs of software development.

—Dijkstra, EWD690

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the waterfall model, 1970

what Royce actually said

Waterfall model with iterative interactions restricted to successive steps.

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what happens in practice

Waterfall model in practice, iterations are not restricted to successive steps.

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Royce’s fixes

program design comes first
› do some design between requirements and analysis phases

document the design
› how much? “my own view is quite a lot”

do it twice
› “If the computer program in question is being developed for the first time, arrange matters so that the version finally delivered to the customer for operational deployment is actually the second version insofar as critical design/operations areas are concerned”

plan, control and monitor testing
› with a separate testing team

involve the customer
› “in a formal way, committed... at earlier points before final delivery”
spiral model, 1986

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origins of iterative approaches

Plan-Do-Study-Act
- Shewhart, 1930s
- Deming, 1940s

Project Mercury
- NASA, 1960s
- half-day iterations
- tests before each iter
- became IBM Federal Systems Division

V model

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tests developed in early phases, applied in later phases
extreme programming

Kent Beck, 1999
› take best practices to “extreme” levels
› developed during C3 project with Ron Jeffries

a sample of XP practices
› test first: acceptance and unit tests
› continuous integration
› pair programming
› repeated refactoring

Chrysler’s C3 payroll system
› started in 1996, cancelled in 2000
› implemented in Smalltalk
› running payroll took 1000 hours initially
› Chrysler said they abandoned XP after this
Manifesto for Agile Software Development

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.

Kent Beck  James Grenning  Robert C. Martin
Mike Beedle  Jim Highsmith  Steve Mellor
Arie van Bennekum  Andrew Hunt  Ken Schwaber
Alistair Cockburn  Ron Jeffries  Jeff Sutherland
Ward Cunningham  Jon Kern  Dave Thomas
Martin Fowler  Brian Marick
agile approaches

agile manifesto (2001)
› an articulation of common practices
› a reaction to traditional notions

rejected notions
› upfront design ("BDUF")
› written documentation ("ceremonial")
› planning for future modifications

key practices like XP
› continuous integration, test first, refactoring
› features added incrementally ("sprints" and "scrums")