MPDRoot from R&D towards Software

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OUTLINE

- Technology Development
- R&D vs Software
- Large vs Small projects
- COCOMO Model
- Complexity
- Requirements
- Coding
- Codebase
- Innovation

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT





"...the profession in which a knowledge of the mathematical and natural sciences gained by study, experience, and practice is applied with judgment to develop ways to utilize, economically, the materials and forces of nature for the benefit of mankind."

-- Accreditation Board of Engineering & Technology (www.abet.org)

R&D vs SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

R & D

CONCEPT VALIDITY EXPLORATION

- Key goal: Innovation
- Successful end justifies all means
- Many of tested hypotheses invalid
- Proper practices completely out of focus to save time
- Prototypes of valid concepts must be adapted to SE standards

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

PRODUCT DEVELOPMENT

- R&D valid concepts integrated into whole
- Not in conflict with existing development
- User/developer friendliness
- Extensible
- Maintainable
- Not requiring unmanageable (geeky) support
- Compact, modular
- Follows SE principles & best practices

LARGE PROJECTS vs SMALL PROJECTS

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT ?

- MPD large project by duration, computational size, data volumes, projected user number
- Large codebase with continuous substantial influx of inputs expected
- Small project success (single R&D concept) does not prepare for large project succes
- Software = foundation for Research / R&D
- Software stability, quality, efficiency success critical factor
- Change of focus, build of additional skill sets critical as projects become larger
- Large project core influences:
 - size (scaling)
 - defects handling
 - dealing with uncertainty
 - human variation
 - synergy

SOFTWARE PROJECT DYNAMICS

COnstructive COst MOdel (COCOMO II) by Barry W. Boehm

- Most rigorous statistical analysis of software projects using data from historic projects
- Results expressed in "effort adjustment factors", these describe software project dynamics, used to gain insight to adjust the development strategy
- Requirements Analyst Capability factor 2 means project with very low level analysis of requirements would cost 2 times more effort than project with very high level of requirements analysis



COMPLEXITY



SCALING: indicates action of cumulative forces pushing projects towards either success or failure

DOWNSCALING EFFECT



How Not to be Surprised in Software Development, S. McConnell (2012)

COMPACTNESS & MODULARITY = Long term **critical** objective !!!

REQUIREMENTS MODELING

Uncertainty: Cloud vs Cone



variability/convergence of the project to desired result

- the cone does not narrow by itself
- target sources of uncertainty early

Defects handling



- the later the defect is fixed, the more it costs to correct
- try to detect defects early
- do not cumulate technical
 debt fix defects asap

MPDROOT

- High level product spec
 - in process, once ready subject for approval
- Requirements modeling
 functional
 - user personas
 - user stories
 - use cases

non-functional - system performance

CODING

Variation: Human vs Development Process

• By far: Capability > Process



Is the observed productivity difference between A and B due to method differences or to differences in individual capability or team capability?

MPDROOT CODING RULES

Basic truths

1. It's harder to read the code, than to write it

2. Capability based approach being the most effective

Focus

- readability
- design
- general rules:

https://mpdroot.jinr.ru/mpdroot-naming-convention/

CODEBASE

MPDROOT

NO OBJECT ORIENTED DESIGN

TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT METHODOLOGIES CANNOT BE USED EFFECTIVELY

- No interfaces at all
- No abstraction hierarchy
- Procedural code written using C++ syntax ridden with **OO design antipatterns**

DO:

- Object Oriented Analysis
- Design Interfaces
- Design **Class Invariants**
- Remove antipatterns (global state, God class)
- Use OO design patterns

FAIRROOT

OBJECT ORIENTED DESIGN

(sort of)

Single responsibility principle Open/Closed principle Liskov Substitution principle Interface Segregation principle Specific Interfaces Dependency Inversion principle

Software Entities designed in direction from high to low abstraction

TDD: MPDROOT



EFFICIENT DEVELOPMENT CONSISTS OF

- 1. Define module external behavior
- 2. Develop working prototype
- 3. Refactor
- precision (output accuracy improvement)
- performance (structural improvement)

DESIGNING TESTS ON MULTIPLE ABSTRACTION LEVELS

Test level hierarchy "system / component / unit" adapted for MPDRoot's backend:

- Top level.....QA
- Middle level......component tests.....specific reconstruction FairTasks (invariant interfaces)
- Bottom level.....unit tests.....interface units (invariant pure virtual methods)

TDD: PILOT USE CASE

Cluster Hit Finder

Preparatory work

- get rid of geometry singleton
- create invariant Base class for geometry

Interface

- inheriting from FairTask
- test-driven design
- dependencies passed by injection
- clusterhitfinder units: findClusters, findHits

Implementation

- current Mlem algorithm to be adapted to interface (criterion: reconstruction identity)
- new fast clusterhitfinder to be adapted to interface
- both algorithms are standardized and testable on levels of:
 - pure virtual methods
 - interface
 - reconstruction

TDD

- standardized criteria
 - precision
 - performance
- multilevel analysis

 improvement of which part has the most significant effect?
- hybrid algorithms
- long term effective strategy
- data-driven tests varied depending on improvement requirements

Thank You !

Q & A



USERS

"User Involvement – **critical** project success factor" *CHAOS Report 2015,* Standish Group

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- provide screenshots if available and any additional information you consider relevant

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