Software Project Management - Laboratory

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2020 Postdoc in Computer Science at UNICAM

2018 PhD title in Computer Science at UNICAM. 3 months in Brisbane Queensland University of Technology (Australia)

2012-2013 Master's degree in Computer Science at UNICAM and University of Reykjavik (Iceland)

2010-2011 Bachelor degree in Computer Science at UNICAM



Collaboration

PROS Lab - PROcesses and Services Laboratory http://pros.unicam.it/

Past collaborations:

- National Research Center of Pisa (CNR)
- Apromore group https://apromore.org/ (University of Melbourne)
- Technical University of Denmark
- Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (Pisa)



My Research Topics

Business Process Management Business Process Modeling and Verification Business Process and IoT

Tool:

- BProVe, Business Process Verifier
- BEBoP, understandaBility vErifier for Business Process models
- RePROSitory, Repository of open PROcess modelS



Teaching

2020-2021

 Software Project Management Laboratory at "University of Camerino", Department of Computer Science (6CFU)

2019-2020

- Computer Science at "Università di Macerata", Faculty of "Economia e diritto" (6CFU)

2018-2019

- Computer Science at "Università di Macerata", Faculty of "Economia e diritto" (6CFU)
- Software Project Management Laboratory at "University of Camerino", Department of Computer Science (3CFU)



Group Projects

I supervised/co-supervised a dozen of group projects and experimental thesis.

I try to apply together with the students the methodology that we will see during the course.



Course Overview

Course Objective

The course introduces the students to the basic knowledge of complex software system production following the **DevOps methodology**.

Prerequisite knowledge

- Basic Programming Experience
- Basic Software Engineering Methods and Techniques

Learning Outcome

The student will be able to manage the organization and the development of a software applying DevOps methodology.

Course Overview

Website:

• http://didattica.cs.unicam.it/doku.php?id=didattica:magistrale:spm:ay_2021:main&s[]=spm

Teaching Hours:

- Thursday 9am-11am (Lab)
- Friday 11am 1pm (Lab)

Students Meeting:

- After each lesson or,
- By requesting a meeting by sending an email to *fabrizio.fornari@unicam.it*

Note: only email coming from the @studenti.unicam.it domain will be processed.

Software Requirements

- Java (type java -version in a terminal/command line)
- Eclipse IDE for Java Developers (or an IDE of your choice)



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What is a Software Development Process?

Software Development Process

Software Development Process is the process of dividing software development work into distinct phases to improve design, product management, and project management. It is also known as a software development life cycle (SDLC)

Software Development Process

Waterfall



Agile



Waterfall vs Agile

Waterfall		
		Development
Agile	_	Release

Agile characteristics:

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Waterfall vs Agile



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The Product Pipeline

THE PRODUCT PIPELINE





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Roles & Interfaces

DEVELOPER



Inputs: User stories Outputs: Software design & Implementation TESTER



Inputs: Working software, notes on target behavior Outputs: Validated software

OPERATORS



Inputs: Validated software deployment notes Outputs: Working systems, monitoring & analytics thereof evaluates what the software is doing and if it behaves as expected

Classic (and Old) Process

Stakeholders and communication chain in a typical IT process.



The Agile Manifesto

Individuals Interactions	>	Processes Tools	
Working Software	>	Comprehensive Documentation	
Customer Collaboration	>	Contract Negotiation	
Responding to Change	>	Following a Plan	

https://agilemanifesto.org/



Agile addresses gaps in Customer and Developer communications



DevOps

"A compound of development (Dev) and operations (Ops), DevOps is the union of people, process, and technology to continually provide value to customers.

What does DevOps mean for teams? DevOps enables formerly siloed roles development, IT operations, quality engineering, and security — to coordinate and collaborate to produce better, more reliable products. By adopting a DevOps culture along with DevOps practices and tools, teams gain the ability to better respond to customer needs, increase confidence in the applications they build, and achieve business goals faster."

—<u>Azure.microsoft.com</u>

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DevOps Technologies



DevOps Technologies



Let's focus on the Agile part



Scrum is an Agile framework for project management that emphasizes teamwork, accountability and iterative progress toward a well-defined goal.



The Scrum Framework deals with the fact that the requirements are likely to change or not known at the start of the project.

Scrum is:

- Lightweight
- Simple to understand
- Difficult to master

Benefits:

- Better Quality Products
- Reduced time to market
- Increase Return on Investment
- Higher Team Morale
- Enhance Team Collaboration



The main components of the Scrum Framework are:

- Roles
- Artifacts
- Events
- Sprint

Roles

Product Owner - is responsible for working with the user group to determine what features will be in the product release. Some of the responsibilities:

- Develop the direction and strategy for the products and services, including the short and long-time goals;
- Provide or have access to knowledge about the product or the service;
- Understand and explain customer needs for the Development team;

Scrum Master - is the facilitator for an agile development team. Some of the responsibilities:

- Act as a coach, helping the team to follow scrum values and practices;
- Help to remove impediments and protect the team from external interferences;
- Promote a good cooperation between the team and stakeholders;

Scrum Team - is formed by 3 to 9 people who MUST fulfill all technical needs to deliver the product or the service. They will be guided directly by the Scrum Master, but they will not be directly managed. They must be self-organized, versatile, and responsible enough to complete all required tasks.

Artifacts

The SCRUM artifacts are used to help define the workload coming into the team and currently being worked upon the team.

The main artifacts:

- Product backlog a collection of user stories which present functionalities required/wanted by the product team. Usually the product owner takes responsible for this list.
- Sprint backlog a collection of stories which could be included in the current sprint.

User Stories

A User Story is a simple and quick description of a specific way that the user will use the software. Generally between one and four sentences long.

Can generally follow a template:

As a *<type of user>*, I want to *<specific action I'm taking>* so that *<what I want to happen as a result>*.

e.g. "As a customer, I want to be able to create an account so that I can see the purchases I made in the last year to help me budget for next year."

Assign a value to estimate the effort needed to elaborate a user story (e.g., 1 to 5).

Artifacts: Product Backlog and Sprint Backlog



Artifacts: Burn-down chart

A burn-down chart is a graphical representation of work left to do versus time. It is useful for predicting when all of the work will be completed.





- All sprints begin with planning.
- The team needs to identify and commit to which items are going to be delivered as part of the sprint.
- Here the Scrum master has a main role



- The aim of this meeting is to ensure everyone within the team knows the status of the tasks accomplished (done) and of those in progress.
- The team has to answer the following questions:
 - What have we done until now?
 - What are we going to do today?
 - What are the impediments?
- No longer than 3 minutes per person
- The SCRUM master must where possible mitigate outside interruptions and distractions to the team



- A Sprint Review/Demo meeting is held at the end of the Sprint to inspect the Increment.
- The Team demonstrates the Increment with focus on the Sprint Goal according to the Definition of Done.
- The Product Owner reviews and accepts the delivered Increment.



- The sprint retrospective is usually the last thing done in a sprint.
- You can schedule a scrum retrospective for up to an hour, which is usually quite sufficient.
- The retrospective gives the team the opportunity to identify 3 key aspects:
 - What should starting doing?
 - What did not go well (and stop doing again)?
 - What went well (and should keep doing)?
- Continually improve the team efficiency.



- Think of the backlog as the roadmap of the project.
- As the team collaborates to create a list of everything that needs to be built or done for project completion, this list can be modified and added to throughout the project to ensure that all of the necessary needs of the project are met.

Sprint

In the Scrum Framework all activities needed for the implementation of entries from the Scrum Product Backlog are performed within Sprints (also called 'Iterations'). Sprints are always short: normally about 2-4 weeks.

Epics > User Stories > Tasks

An epic captures a large body of work. It is essentially a "large user story" that can be broken down into a number of smaller stories. A story is a brief statement of a product requirement or a business case. A task is typically something like "code this", "design that", "create test data for such-and-such", and so on. Tend to be things done by one person. A task is not written in the user story format. A task has more a technical nature.

Experienced Scrum Teams spend time and effort to break down complex and larger items (i.e user features or epics) into smaller user stories (or subsequently breaking down into tasks, or subtasks).



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Identify

Project Vision

Project

Vision

Identify

Business Goals

Prioritized

Use Cases

Manage

Epics

Prioritized

Epics





Additional Materials

Scrum Field Guide,

The: Agile Advice for Your First Year and Beyond (Addison-Wesley Signature Series (Cohn)) 2nd Edition

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https://www.mountaingoatsoftware.com/

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Google Sheets

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tOdMoBKzBjcHGQI3ACmrkkcaFbc2TuPfgmFQM2jL9BU

https://tinyurl.com/yynuktcl

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