

Fundamentals of Software Engineering

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Week 2 Tutorial

Software processes

1. What are the fundamental activities that are common to all software processes?
2. List the 3 generic process models that are used in software engineering?
3. Why are iterations usually limited when the waterfall model is used?
4. List three benefits of incremental development compared to the waterfall model?
5. What are the development stages in reuse-based development?
6. Why is it increasingly irrelevant to distinguish between software development and evolution?
7. What are the advantages of using incremental development and delivery?
8. Giving reasons for your answer based on the type of system being developed, suggest the most appropriate generic software process model that might be used as a basis for managing the development of the following systems:
 - A system to control anti-lock braking in a car
 - A virtual reality system to support software maintenance
 - A university accounting system that replaces an existing system
 - An interactive travel planning system that helps users plan journeys with the lowest environmental impact
9. Explain why change is inevitable in complex systems and give examples (apart from prototyping and incremental delivery) of software process activities that help predict changes and make the software being developed more resilient to change.