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#### **Lesson Overview**

- System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)
- Programming Languages

# System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)

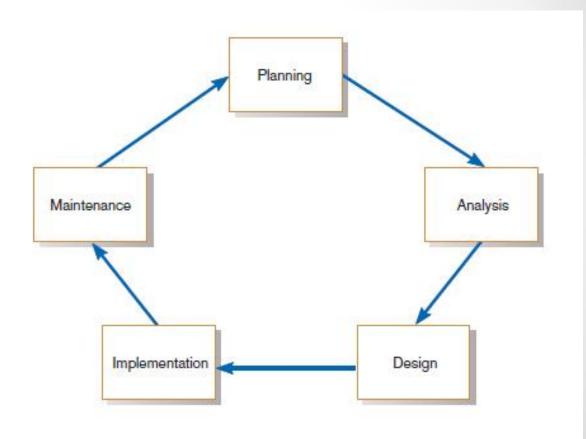


#### System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)

- System Development Life Cycle (SDLC):
  - o traditional methodology/process followed in an organization
  - used to plan, analyze, design, implement and maintain information systems
  - System analyst is responsible for analyzing and designing an information system

#### **SDLC-Cont.**

- Phases in SDLC:
  - o Planning
  - o Analysis
  - o Design
  - o Implementation
  - o Maintenance



#### SDLC- Cont.

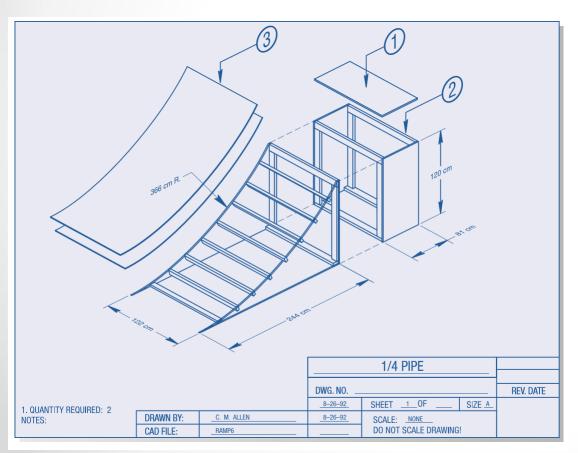
- Planning an organization's total information system objectives or purposes are identified, analyzed, prioritized, and arranged
- Analysis system requirements are studied and structured (this's called system analysis) Includes feasibility analysis:
  - o technical feasibility
  - o economic feasibility
  - o legal feasibility

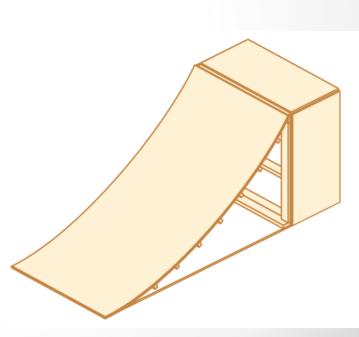
#### SDLC- Cont.

- Design a description of the recommended solution is converted into logical and then physical system specifications
  - Logical design: all functional features of the system chosen for development in analysis are described independently of any computer platform
  - Physical design: transforming the logical specifications of the system into technology-specific details

#### **SDLC-Cont.**

- Design cont.
  - o See below: difference between physical and logical design





Skateboard ramp blueprint (logical design)

#### SDLC- Cont.

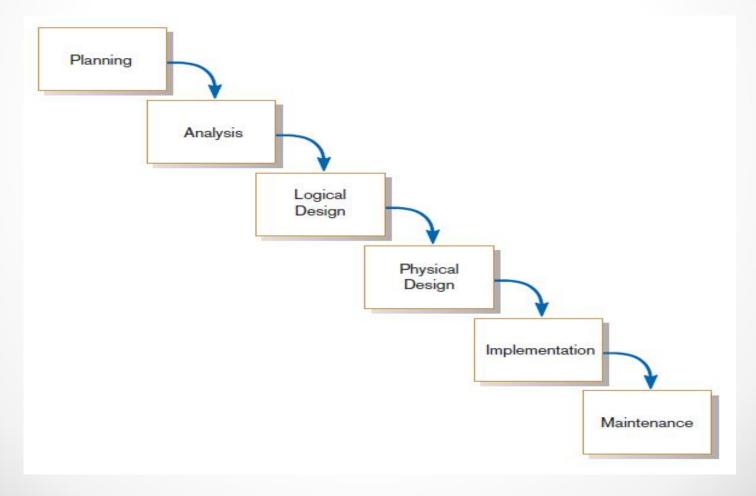
- Implementation information system is:
  - o coded (i.e. programmed)
  - o tested (includes unit test, system test, user-acceptance test)
  - installed (training users, providing documentation, and conversion from previous system to new system)
- Maintenance information system is systematically repaired and improved
  - structured support process: reported bugs are fixed, requests for new features are evaluated and implemented
  - o system updates/backups are performed on a regular basis

#### **Types of SDLCs**

- SDLC can be performed in several different ways:
  - Traditional Waterfall SDLC
  - Iterative SDLC
  - Rapid Application Development (RAD)
  - Agile Methodologies
  - Lean Methodology

## SDLC Types: 1. Traditional Waterfall SDLC

 One phase begins when another completes, with little backtracking and looping

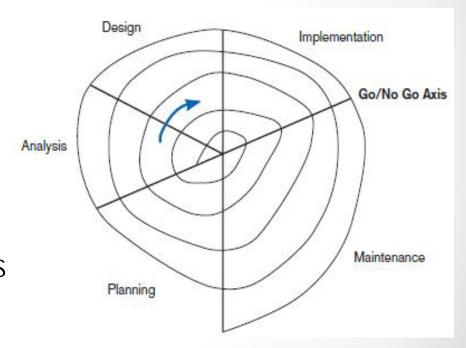


## Problems with Waterfall Approach

- Quite rigid: system requirements can't change after being determined
- No software is available until after the programming phase
- Limited user cooperation (only in requirements phase)
- Projects can sometimes take months/years to complete

#### SDLC Types: 2. Iterative SDLC

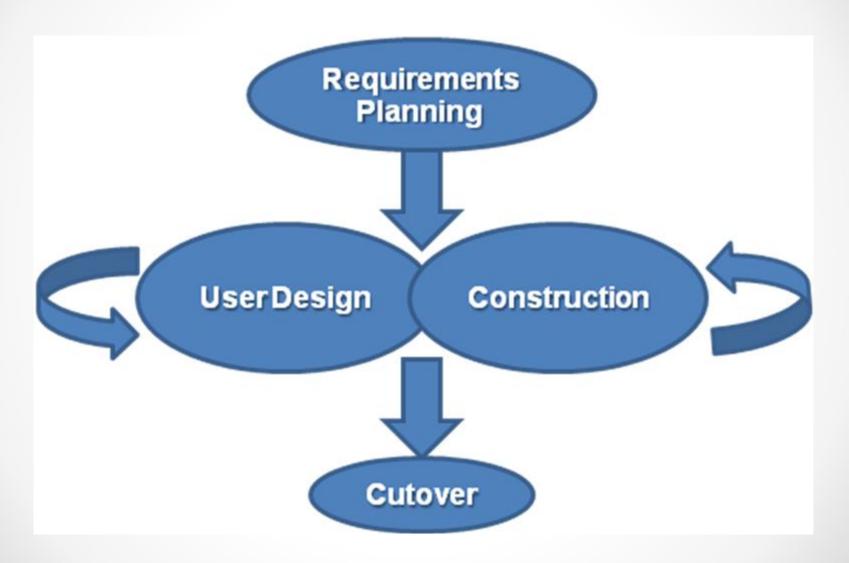
- Development phases are repeated as required until an acceptable system is found
- User participates
- Spiral (evolutionary)
   development SDLC
   in which we constantly
   cycle through phases
   at different levels of details



## 3. Rapid Application Development (RAD)

- Systems-development methodology that focuses on <u>quickly</u>:
  - building working model of software
  - o getting feedback from users
  - using that feedback to update the working model
  - o making several iterations of development
  - o developing/implementing a final version
- This greatly decreases design / implementation time
   ⇒ shortened development (compressed process)
- Uses extensive user cooperation, prototyping,
  - integrated <u>CASE</u> tools, and <u>code generators</u>

# Rapid Application Development (RAD) - cont



#### Rapid Application Development (RAD) - cont

#### Requirements planning:

- o overall requirements for system are defined
- o team is identified, and
- feasibility is determined (similar to analysis/design phases in <u>Waterfall Approach</u>)

#### User design:

- prototyping the system with the user using <u>CASE</u> tools in creating interfaces/reports
- e.g. JAD (joint application development) session: all stakeholders have a structured discussion about design of the system

#### Rapid Application Development (RAD) – cont

#### Construction:

- o coding the system using **CASE** tools
- o it is an interactive, iterative process
- and changes can be made as developers are working on the program

#### Cutover:

delivery of developed system (i.e. implementation)

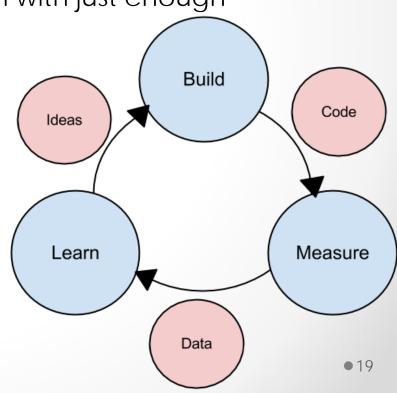
# SDLC Types: 4. Agile Methodologies

- Group of methodologies that utilize incremental changes with a focus on quality, details (started: 2001)
- Each increment is released in a specified time (called a "time box") ⇒ regular release schedule with very specific objectives
- Share some <u>RAD</u> principles:
  - o iterative development
  - o user interaction
  - o ability to change
- Goal: provide flexibility of iterative approach, while ensuring a quality product

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#### SDLC Types: 5. Lean Methodology

- Lean Methodology:
  - New concept
  - Focus is on taking initial idea and developing minimum viable product (MVP)
  - MVP: working software application with just enough functionality to demonstrate the idea behind the project
  - MVP is given to potential users for review; team then determines whether to continue in same direction or rethink idea behind project ⇒ new MVP
  - Iterative process: until final product is completed



# **Note: Quality Triangle**

- Simple concept: for any product/service being developed, you can only address 2 of the following:
  - o Time
  - o Cost
  - o Quality
- Quality e.g. you cannot complete a low-cost, high-quality project in a small amount of time
- Also, if you can spend a lot of money ⇒ project can be completed quickly with high-quality results
- If completion date is not a priority, then it can be completed at a lower cost with higher-quality results

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Cost

Time

**Pick** 

any

two

# **Programming Languages**



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## **Programming Languages**

- One way to characterize programming languages is by their "generation":
  - First-generation languages
  - Second-generation languages
  - Third-generation languages
  - Fourth-generation languages

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First-generation languages

 Called machine code: specific to the type of hardware to be programmed

- Each type of computer hardware has a different low-level programming language
- Uses actual ones and zeroes (bits)
   in the program, using binary code
- Example here: adds '1234' and '4321' using machine language

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10111001 00000000
11010010 10100001
00000100 00000000
10001001 00000000
00001110 10001011
00000000 00011110
00000000 00011110
00000000 00000010
10111001 00000000
11100001 00000011
00010000 11000011
10001001 10100011
00001110 00000100
00000010 00000000
```

- Second-generation languages
  - Called Assembly language (also low-level language)
  - Gives English-like phrases to machine-code instructions, making it easier to program
  - Run through an assembler, which converts it into machine code
  - See here program that adds '1234' and '4321' using assembly language

MOV CX,1234
MOV DS:[0],CX
MOV CX,4321
MOV AX,DS:[0]
MOV BX,DS:[2]
ADD AX,BX
MOV DS:[4],AX

- Third-generation languages
  - Not specific to type of hardware on which they run
  - Much more like spoken languages
  - Most third-generation languages must be compiled, a process that converts them into machine code
  - Well-known third-generation languages:
     BASIC, C, Pascal, and Java
  - Here is a program (in BASIC) that adds '1234' and '4321'

A = 1234

B = 4321

C=A+B

**END** 

Fourth-generation languages

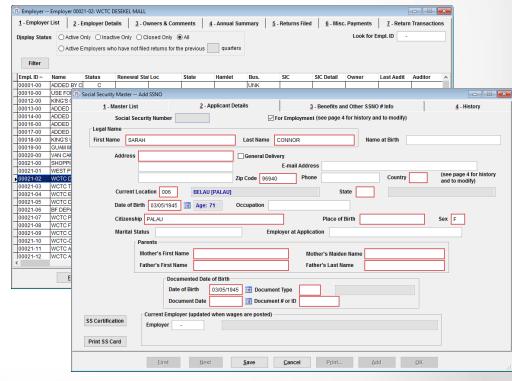
 Class of programming tools that enable fast application development using intuitive interfaces and environments

Have very specific purpose, such as database interaction

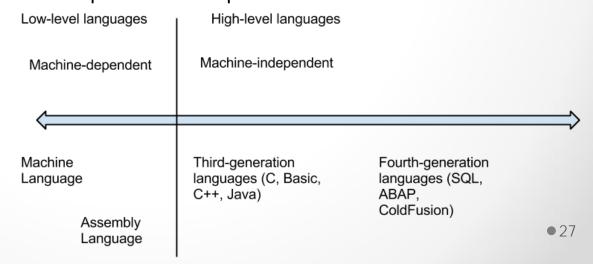
or report-writing

Can be used by those with very little training in programming; allow for quick development of applications and/or functionality

Examples:Clipper, FOCUS,FoxPro, SQL, and SPSS



- Higher vs. Lower Level Languages
  - Lower-level languages (e.g. assembly language): much more efficient and execute much more quickly; you have finer control over the hardware as well
  - Sometimes, combination of higher- and lower-level languages are mixed ⇒ "best of both worlds": overall structure and interface using a higher-level language, but use lower-level languages for parts of program that are used many times or require more precision



- Compiled vs. Interpreted
  - Another way to classify programming languages
  - Compiled language: code is translated into a machinereadable form called an "executable" that can be run on the hardware (e.g. C, C++, and COBOL)
  - Interpreted language: requires a "runtime program" to be installed in order to execute; this program then interprets the program code line by line and runs it; generally easier to work with but slower (e.g. BASIC, PHP, PERL, and Python)
  - Web languages (HTML and Javascript) also considered interpreted because they require a browser in order to run
  - Note, Java programming language: interesting exception to this classification (hybrid of the two)

- Procedural vs. Object-Oriented
  - Procedural programming language: designed to allow a programmer to define a specific starting point for the program and then execute sequentially (include all early programming languages)
  - Object-oriented programming language: uses interactive and graphical user interfaces (GUI) to allow the user to define the flow of the program
    - programmer defines "objects" that can take certain actions based on input from the user
  - Procedural program focuses on sequence of activities to be performed, while object-oriented program focuses on the different items being manipulated

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- Procedural vs. Object-Oriented (cont.)
  - Example of object-oriented code (human resource system)
  - object ("EMPLOYEE") is created in program to retrieve or set data regarding an employee
  - Every object has properties: descriptive fields associated with the object ("Name", "Employee number", "Birthdate" and "Date of hire")
  - Object also has methods
     which can take actions related
     to the object:
     "ComputePay()": money owed to person

"ListEmployees()": who works under that employee Object: EMPLOYEE

Name Employee number Birthdate Date of hire

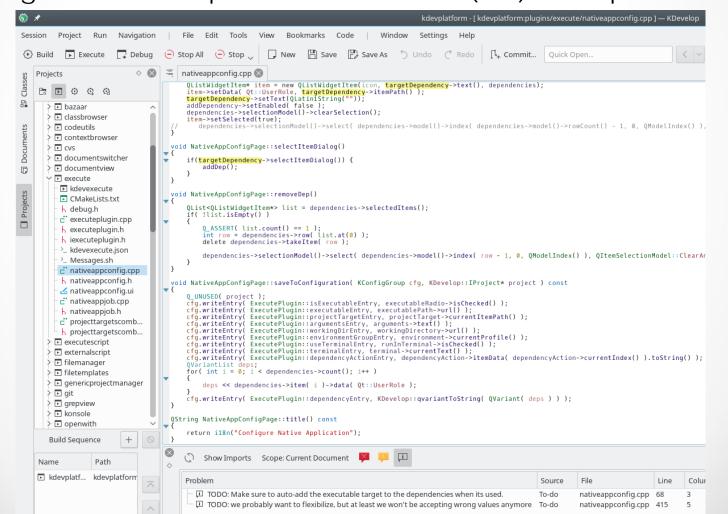
ComputePay()
ListEmployees()

- Programming Tools
  - Traditional Tools: text editor, checking syntax, code compiler
  - o Additional tools:
    - Integrated Development Environment (IDE)
    - Computer-Aided Software-Engineering (CASE) tools

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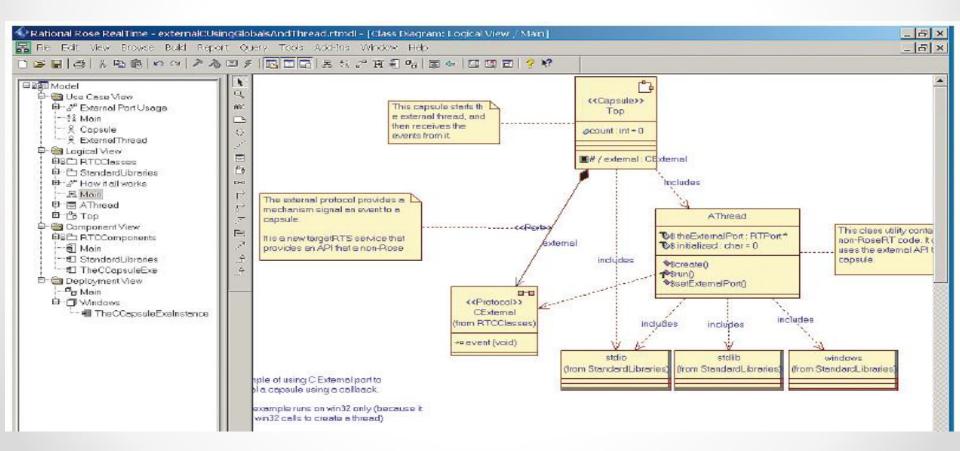
- Programming Tools (cont.)
  - Integrated Development Environment (IDE) provides:
  - an editor for writing the program that will <u>color-code</u> or <u>highlight</u> keywords from the programming language
  - o help system
  - o compiler/interpreter
  - o debugging tool (to resolve problems)
  - check-in/check-out mechanism (so that more than one programmer can work on code)
  - Microsoft Visual Studio: IDE for Visual C++, Visual BASIC

Programming Tools (cont.)
 Integrated Development Environment (IDE) example



- Programming Tools (cont.)
  - Computer-aided software-engineering (CASE) Tools:
  - Allows a designer to develop software with little or no programming
  - o Writes the code for the designer
  - Goal is to generate quality code based on input created by the designer

Programming Tools (cont.)
 Computer-aided software-engineering (CASE) example:



- Programming Tools (cont.)
  - Computer-aided software-engineering (CASE) Tools (cont.):
  - o Diagramming tools enable graphical representation
  - e.g. <u>Unified Modeling Language</u> (UML): general-purpose, developmental, modeling language used to visualize the design of a system
  - Computer displays and report generators help prototype how systems "look and feel"
  - Code generators enable automatic generation of programs and database code directly from design documents, diagrams, forms, and reports