



# Software Configuration Management

Manage evolving software system and control changes in the system (evolution)

- set of management disciplines within software engineering, needed to develop baseline for further development
- baseline: formally reviewed and agreed product basis
- initiating, evaluating, controlling change to software products during and after a project
- contains activities & roles

**Activities**

- Configuration item identification: set of evolving components, which shall be tracked (request)
- change management: handling, approval & tracking of change
- in accordance with change policies
- promotion management: creation of internal versions for other developers
- branch management: management of concurrent development
- build and release management: creation of versions for users/clients (publish/release)
- Variant management: management of coexisting versions in different variants

**Roles**

- Configuration manager: identifying configuration items, defining procedure for promotion/releases (policies)
- change control board member: approving/rejecting change requests
- Developer: create promotions, check changes & resolve conflict
- Auditor: selection & evaluation of promotion for releases

**Merge Conflict**  
Occurs when VCS is not able to merge developer's push with remote repository's version

1. pull conflicted version
2. resolve conflict
3. push de-conflicted version

- best practice: commit & push often

**Build and Dependency Management**  
Maven: build and dependency management tool for Java projects (pom.xml)

- shares libraries, frameworks, plugins in central repository -> simplified reuse

**Model driven Engineering**  
Methodology focused on the creation of domain models (for particular application domain)

- Increase productivity through reuse of standardized models
- reuse of knowledge on the collaboration between developers working on system
- standardized terminology
- identification of best practices in application domain

**Model based Software Engineering**  
Application of modeling to support requirements design, analysis, verification & validation

**Forward Engineering**

- Models to classes
- every UML class should split into a Java interface & implementation class
- attributes should be private
- signatures of UML operations are mapped to signature of Java methods
- UML inheritance can be mapped with inheritance (extends) or subtyping (implements)
- Models to State Charts
- public method for each event
- variable state (enum)
- write switch statement with cases for each of the states in UML state diagram
- write on the statement for each guard predicate on the transitions to check if it has become true
- update the state variable accordingly
- Models to Contracts
- Contracts: constraints on a class to share assumption among users, implementors & extenders
- Precondition, Postcondition, Invariant
- OCL: Object Constraint Language
- use assertions to ensure compliance with constraints
- Models to Table
- UML class diagrams can be mapped to relational databases
- Mapping of classes, attributes & associations
- each class is mapped to a table
- class attributes are mapped to columns
- many-to-many -> row in table
- one-to-many -> foreign key
- inheritance is mapped horizontally (sub-classes) or vertically

**Source Code Transformation**  
Change code to increase readability & simplicity

**Reverse Engineering**  
Mapping source code to models (see above, forward engineering)

**Laws of Project Management**  
Pareto principle (80/20)

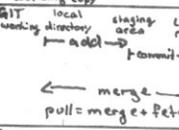
- allowing frequent change may result in change exceeding progress & budget

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- Programers directory: holding newly created/modified software entities
- Masters directory: manages current baselines, changes must be authorized
- Software Repository: archive for baselines published for general use -> release

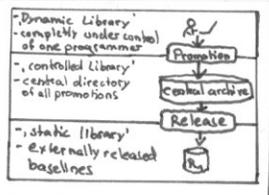
**Version Control Systems**

- allows collaborative work on configuration items
- stores different versions of configuration items (commit history)
- versions are stored in repository and can be checked-out into working copy



**Continuous Integration**  
development technique, where members of a team integrate their work frequently. integrations are verified by automated build incl. execution of tests

- always an executable version of the system available, good overview of the project status, automatic regression testing



**Peer-to-Peer VCS**

- each developer fully mirrors the repository (example Git)
- work offline, work incrementally, efficient commit switch
- X high learning curve, scaling issues
- less administrative control

**Branch Management**

- Master: external releases (eg. SCRUM product increments)
- Development: internal releases (baseline)
- Feature: incremental development & explorations

**Regression Testing**

- verify, that software changed or interfaced with other software still performs correctly
- Techniques: get all, regression test selection (using dependencies), test case prioritization
- when to execute? -> costly

**Functional Requirements**

- relationship I/O
- response to abnormal situations
- exact sequence of operation
- validity checks on inputs

**Quality Requirements**

- Usability: ease of using system
- Reliability: Robustness & Safety
- Performance: resp. time, availability
- Supportability: Adaptability, Maintainability

**Constraints**

- compliance to standards
- report format, audit tracing
- implementation requirements
- tools, programming languages
- Operations Requirements
- administration & management of system
- local requirements
- Licensing, regulation, certification
- packaging, interfaces, laws

**Examples**

- Bridge: abstractions Transp. Mech (Bus, Car, Train), implementation Power Source (Gasoline, Electric)
- Proxy: access control
- State: state of country (emperor, normal), km/h/mph
- Observer: Displays at fuel-pool self-service & Litchi gas station

**IEEE 1074**

- Lifecycle: develop, post-dev, cross dead, project management
- Model: Model, dev, test, release, maintain, decommission
- Selection of system: selection of system, selection of system, selection of system

**Communication Events**

- Problem Definition
- Project Review
- Client Review

formal vs. informal  
event: scheduled vs. unscheduled  
mechanism:

**Release Management**

- Continuous delivery: teams keep producing valuable software in short cycles to ensure that software increment can be released at any time (maven)
- continuous deployment: every change passing automated test is deployed (automat.)
- continuous software engineering: capability to develop, release and learn in short cycles

**Model Transformation**

- Refactoring: change made to internal structure of model (source code) to make it easier to understand & cheaper to modify
- Model Transformation: Input model conforming to meta-model -> output in another model conforming to meta model
- e.g. Improved by generalization
- XM (XML metadata interchange) is common standard for exchange of models

**Project**

- start date & duration
- limited time
- set of deliverables for the client -> clear goal
- schedule: conception (formulate idea), definition (define problem), start (form teams), steady state (do work), termination (project finished, delivery)
- set of technical & managerial activities to produce & deliver deliverables
- resources consumed
- managed by project manager

**Roles**

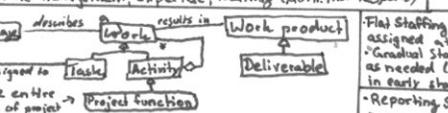
- define responsibility, assign to people
- Project Manager: make sure goals are met, allocate / administer resources, maintains accountability
- Analyst: analyze application domain, create taxonomy of the domain abstraction
- System Architect: decompose system into software architecture, choose software architecture, and implement tests

**Assignment of Roles**

- one-to-one: ideal
- many-to-few: each project member assume several positions, danger of over-commitment
- many-to-many: some people don't have significant roles, lack of accountability, Loss of touch with project
- Problems in Assignment: Incomplete, useless roles, increase of bureaucracy

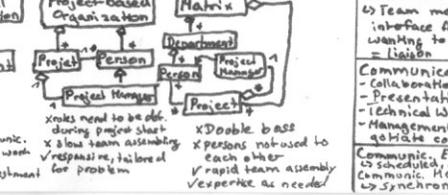
**Concepts for Mapping Roles to People**

- Authority: ability to make binding decisions between people and roles
- Responsibility: commitment of a role to achieve specific results
- Accountability: tracking a task performance to a specific accountable person
- Delegation: binding a task assigned to one person to another person
- reasons: time management expertise, training (Auth., not Respons)



**Project Organization**

- who decides (decision structure)
- who reports to whom (reporting structure)
- who communicates with whom (communication structure)



**JSON serialization to BSON**

```

    {
      "collision": {
        "winningCar": {
          "name": "a"
        }
      }
    }
  
```

**Bridge**

- start-up
- Developers specify implementation to be used in constructor
- Multiple solutions/implementations of common system

**Facade**

- possibility to hide operation & to change signatures
- Facade Class always visible/available
- Both: delegation, interface to existing implementation, ray on top

**State**

- different result in terms of application domain
- current state decides about implementation (int.)
- Implementation change at run-time
- Both use delegation

**Flak Staffing**: all participants assigned at start of project

- Casual Staffing: hiring people as needed (saving resources in early stage)
- Reporting Structure: supports management in tracking project status & hierarchically
- Communication Structure: communication between teams along hierarchy not sufficient by additional com. structure
- Team member who is interface for other teams wanting to communicate = Liaison

**Strategy**

- runtime
- Policy
- State

**Proxy**

- same operation as real object
- Real object doesn't have to be instantiated yet
- external Policy decides about implementation

**State**

- same results in terms of application domain
- external Policy decides about implementation

**Communication Skill**

- client & other team members
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- Presentation: present major parts of a system during review
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