

SOFTWARF DEVELOPMENT

Process, Models, Methods, Diagrams Software Development Life Cyles

Part - V

- Extreme Programming (XP) was conceived and developed by Kent Beck to address the specific needs of software development conducted by small teams in the face of vague and changing requirements.
- Extreme Programming nominates coding as the key activity.
- The programmer is the heart of XP.





Why Extreme?

- **XP** takes commonsense principles and practices to extreme levels.
- If code reviews are good, we'll review code all the time (pair programming).
- If testing is good, everybody will test all the time (unit testing).
- If design is good, we'll make it part of everybody's daily business (refactoring).
- If integration testing is important, then we'll integrate and test several times a day.
- If short iterations are good, we will make the iterations really, really short – seconds, minutes and hours, not weeks, months and years.



- This new lightweight methodology challenges many conventional tenets, including the long-held assumption that the cost of changing a piece of software rises dramatically over the course of time.
- The cost of change curve for XP is a flat curve, which is achieved by simple design, tests, and an attitude of constant refinement of the design.



Historical Cost of Change Curve - The cost of change rising exponentially over time





XP Cost of Change Curve - The cost of change may NOT rise over time







Fundamentals of XP include:

- Writing unit tests before programming and keeping all of the tests running at all times.
- Integrating and testing the whole system--several times a day.
- Producing all software in pairs, two programmers at one screen.
- Starting projects with a simple design that constantly evolves to add needed flexibility and remove unneeded complexity.
- Putting a minimal system into production quickly and growing it in whatever directions prove most valuable.



Why is XP so different?

- XP doesn't force team members to specialize and become analysts, architects, programmers, testers, and integrators-every XP programmer participates in all of these critical activities every day.
- XP doesn't conduct complete up-front analysis and designan XP project starts with a quick analysis of the entire system, and XP programmers continue to make analysis and design decisions throughout development.
- Develop infrastructure and frameworks as you develop your application, not up-front--delivering business value is the heartbeat that drives XP projects.
- Don't write and maintain implementation documentation-communication in XP projects occurs face-to-face, or through efficient tests and carefully written code.



XP - What is involved: The four basic activities of Extreme Programming are coding, testing, listening, and designing.

- Coding: You code because if you don't code, at the end of the day you haven't done anything.
- **Testing:** You test because if you don't test, you don't know when you are done coding
- Listening: You listen because if you don't listen you don't know what to code or what to test
- **Designing:** And you design so you can keep coding and testing and listening indefinitely (good design allows extension of the system with changes in only one place)



XP VALUES/PRINCIPLES

There are four basic values in XP:

Communication, Simplicity, Feedback, Courage

Principles

- Rapid feedback
- Assume Simplicity
- Incremental Changes
- Embrace Change
- Quality Work



KEY PRACTICES OF XP

- Planning Game
- Small releases
- Metaphor
- Simple design
- Testing
- Refactoring

- Pair Programming
- Collective ownership
- Continuous integration
- 40-hour week
- On-site Customer
- Coding Standards



PLANNING GAME

<u>Business People</u>

- Scope
- Priority
- Composition
- Release Date

<u>Technical People</u>

- Estimates
- Consequences
- Process
- Detailed
 Scheduling



SMALL RELEASES

- Every release must be as small as possible
- Contain the most valuable business requirements
- Release has to make sense



METAPHOR

Helps understand

- Basic elements of the project
- Relationships



SIMPLE DESIGN

- The system must communicate everything you want to communicate
- No duplicate code
- The system should have the fewest possible classes
- The system should have the fewest possible methods



TESTING

<u>Sources</u>

- Programmers
- Customers

Types of Testing

- Unit Testing
- Functional Testing



REFACTORING

- After getting something to work we refactor
- Revise and edit
- Followed by running all the tests

We cannot check in our code until:

- ✓All tests are green.
- All duplication has been removed
- The code is as expressive as we can make it



PAIR PROGRAMMING

- Two programmers collaborate on the same design, algorithm, code or test case
- Pairing is dynamic
- Encourages communication, productivity and enhances code quality
- Pairing is useful for cross-training established employees and for training new employees
- Pair programming research reveals that:
 - Pairs use no more man-hours than singles
 - Pairs create fewer defects
 - Pairs create fewer lines of code
 - Pairs enjoy their work more



UNIVERSITY OF UTAH EXPERIMENT: PAIRS SPENT 15% MORE TIME ON THE PROGRAM THAN INDIVIDUALS





UNIVERSITY OF UTAH EXPERIMENT: CODE WRITTEN BY PAIRS PASSED MORE TEST CASES THAN CODE WRITTEN BY INDIVIDUALS





UNIVERSITY OF UTAH EXPERIMENT: PAIRS CONSISTENTLY IMPLEMENTED THE SAME FUNCTIONALITY PRODUCED BY INDIVIDUALS IN FEWER LINES OF CODE





COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP

- Any team member may add to the code at any time
- Everybody takes responsibility for the whole system
- Encourages simplicity:
 - Prevents complex code from entering the system
- Increases individual responsibility and personal power
- Reduces project risk:
 - Spreads knowledge of the system around the team



CONTINUOUS INTEGRATION

Code is integrated and tested after a few hours

Daily builds are for wimps

- Build, end to end, at every check in
- Check in frequently
- Put resources on speeding build time
- Put resources on speeding test time
- Reduces project risk:
 - You'll never spend days chasing a bug that was created some time in the last few weeks
- Provides valuable human benefit during development



FORTY HOUR WEEK (SUSTAINABLE PACE)

- Overtime is a symptom of a serious problem on a project
- Occasionally, programmers may work one week of moderate overtime. Two weeks in a row is out of the question
- Programmers need to be well rested to work efficiently



ON-SITE CUSTOMER

- A real customer must sit with the team full time
- The on-site customer enables an XP team to explore business requirements as it needs to and gives direct access to someone who can make key decisions quickly
- Provides value to the company by contributing to the project, thus reducing project risk.
- In XP, if the system isn't worth the time of one customer, maybe it's not worth building.



CODING STANDARDS

- Programmers write all code in accordance with rules adopted voluntarily by the team
- Make it impossible to tell who wrote what
- Having no standards slows pair programming and refactoring

Constraints

- No duplicate code
- System should have the fewest possible classes
- System should have the fewest possible methods
- Comments should be minimized



ADVANTAGES / DISADVANTAGES

ADVANTAGES

- Customer focus increase the chance that the software produced will actually meet the needs of the users
- The focus on small, incremental release decreases the risk on your project:
 - by showing that your approach works and
 - by putting functionality in the hands of your users, enabling them to provide timely feedback regarding your work.
- Continuous testing and integration helps to increase the quality of your work
- XP is attractive to programmers who normally are unwilling to adopt a software process, enabling your organization to manage its software efforts better.



ADVANTAGES / DISADVANTAGES

DISADVANTAGES

- XP is geared toward a single project, developed and maintained by a single team.
- XP is particularly vulnerable to "bad apple" developers who:
 - don't work well with others
 - who think they know it all, and/or
 - who are not willing to share their "superior" code
- XP will not work in an environment where a customer or manager insists on a complete specification or design before they begin programming.
- XP will not work in an environment where programmers are separated geographically.
- XP has not been proven to work with systems that have scalability issues (new applications must integrate into existing systems).



CONCLUSION

- XP focuses on people
- Values team work over power
- XP works well when there are uncertain or volatile requirements
- XP is a process not a miracle cure for all software development problems



