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Agile Model-Based Systems Engineering (aMBSE)

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State of the Practice for Systems Development

- Systems Engineering Environments in general
 - Are document-centric
 - Require huge investment in planning that doesn't reflect actual project execution
 - Have difficulty adapting to change.
 - Require expensive and error-prone manual review and update processes.
 - Require long integration and validation cycles
 - Are difficult to maintain over the long haul
- Additional standards constraints (eg DO-178C, ARP4761, ISO26262, AUTOSAR, DoDAF) add to the challenge
 - Tooling Selection
 - Dependability engineering
 - Safety
 - Reliability
 - Security
 - System certification



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What do we mean by "verification"?

- **Syntactic verification** "well-formedness" (*compliance in form*)
 - Performed by quality assurance personnel
 - Two types
 - Audits work tasks are performed as per plan and guidelines
 - Syntactic review work products conform to standard for organization, structure and format
 - Ex:
 - Requirements shall be uniquely numbered, be organized by use case, use the word "shall" to indicate the normative phrase of a requirement; functional requirements shall be modified by at least one quality of service requirement, ...
- Semantic verification "correct" (compliance in meaning)
 - Performed by engineering personnel
 - Three basic techniques
 - Testing requires Executability of work products, impossible to fully verify
 - Formal methods strongest but hard to do and subject to invariant violation
 - Semantic review (subject matter expert & peer) most common, weakest means



What does "agile" mean for Systems Engineering?

- Do what you need to do, no more and no less
 - This depends heavily on industry, regulation, and business environment
 - Provide the necessary level of rigor, precision, and repeatability
 - Often requires detailed traceability links among work products (e.g. requirements traceability)
 - Use tooling to automate manually-intensive, error-prone worl
- Work iteratively and incrementally
 - Group requirements with user stories or use cases
 - Incrementally add traceability
 - Incrementally develop system architecture
- Verify work products continuously
 - With syntactic verification (Q/A) activities
 - With semantic verification
 - With customer (aka "validation")
- Outcome contains textual specifications but also linked executable specifications
- Use dynamic planning to adjust project plans based on "ground truth" and responsiveness to change
 - Use goal-based metrics (KPIs) to track project progress
 - Continuously track progress against plan. Adjust planning frequently
 - Safety, Reliability, Dependability
 - Not "done once" but continuously assessed





Best Practices for Agile Systems Engineering

- High-fidelity model-based engineering (Hi-MBE)
- Incremental functional analysis with use cases
- Test-driven development of system specifications
 - –Example: Requirements verification via executable requirements modeling with SysML / UML
- Project risk management
- Incrementally add traceability
- Integrated safety and reliability analysis
- Model-based handoff to downstream engineering
- Automated document generation from model artifacts

Note: a key difference between agile SW and agile SE is that the *outcome* of SE is *specifications* and the *outcome* of SW is *implementation*



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Model-Based Systems Engineering and Agile?





Advantages of MBSE

- Precision
 - Models constructed in formal (or semi-formal) languages are more precise than text
 - Recommendation: Link description informal text to precise, formal models
- Verification
 - Models can be executed, simulated, or (formally) analyzed
 - Requirements models
 - Architecture models
 - Dependability models
 - Control models
- Improved Handoff from systems engineering to downstream engineering
 - Precise models are less likely to be misinterpreted
 - If systems and software engineers use the same modeling languages, then no translation is required
- Improved understanding of architecture
- Improved visualization of functional, structural, and behavioral aspects
 - Decreased design learning time

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Requirements Verification Using Rhapsody and Simulink



Test-Driven Development isn't just for software anymore

- The principle behind TDD is to develop and apply test cases as you develop a system to demonstrate that it is correct
 - This is done in parallel with the system development and *not* ex post facto
 - This is about *defect avoidance* not so much *defect identification and repair*
- TDD applies to the development of complex system use case models
 - During the nanocycle of a use case's development
 - Make small incremental changes (e.g. add a state, or a couple of actions, or a transition or two)
 - Identify what is the desired behavior of the system that you've specified so far
 - Execute that incomplete use case model to ensure that it is correct
 - Repeat until all requirements for the use case and all scenarios defined for the use case have been met in the normative specification
- TDD may be realized in SE Models

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- By "instrumenting the actors" specifying behavior of the actors to perform tests
- Tooling implementing the UML Profile for Test (e.g. Test Conductor[™] and Automatic Test Generator[™])
- Manually writing test scripts



Traceability

- Traceability serves a number of purposes
 - It allows *impact analysis* what is the impact if I change this element?
 - It allows for coverage analysis are all elements realized?
 - It allows for *consistency analysis* are these different elements in different work products consistent and compatible with each other?





Traceability in Models

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Integrated Dependability Analysis: UML Fault Tree Analysis Profile



Integrated Dependability Analysis: UML Security Analysis Profile

- Security Analysis Diagram (SAD) is like a Fault Tree Analysis (FTA) but for security, rather than safety
 - It looks for the logical relation between assets, vulnerabilities, attacks, and security violations
 - Permits reasoning about security
 - What kind?
 - How much?

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Risk assessments

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Auto-generation of documents (summary data) Fault Source Matrix, Fault Detection Matrix, Fault-Requirement Matrix, FMEA, Hazard Analysis...

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Canonical System Engineering Model Organization





Summary

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- Systems Engineering capability can be greatly enhanced with two key technologies
 - MBSE Use of SysML/UML Modeling to capture system
 - Functionality and Qualities of service (executable use cases)
 - Structure (architecture)
 - Model-based hand off to downstream engineering
 - Automatic generation of documentation from model-based work products
 - Agile methods employing
 - Incremental construction and verification of models
 - Test Driven Development nanocycle-level iteration
 - Incorporating dependability analysis with the SE workflow
 - Incremental traceability
- Harmony best practice workflows can be employed in an agile way
 - Process guidance linked guidance to performance of tasks and creation of work products
 - Project Planning create project plans with Harmony process templates in Rational Team Concert
 - Project Governance monitor KPIs in project dashboards

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