

Software Process Measurements - Outline

- ◆ **Measuring Process Activities**
 - Controlled Processes
 - Measurements vs Metrics
 - Successful Measurement Program
- ◆ Defining Measurement Paradigms
- ◆ Measuring Effort
- ◆ Measuring Cognitive Activities

UPEDU CONCEPT: METRICS

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Project and Process Measurement

IN No measurement OUT

Project Measurement

Process Measurement

GUIDELINES: METRICS

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Software Process measurement

- ◆ Measuring Process Activities
- ◆ **Defining Measurement Paradigms**
 - The Goal-Question-Metric Paradigm
 - Goal-Driven Measurement Paradigm
 - Measurements Goals and Elements
- ◆ Measuring Effort
- ◆ Measuring Cognitive Activities

UPEDU CONCEPT: MEASURING QUALITY

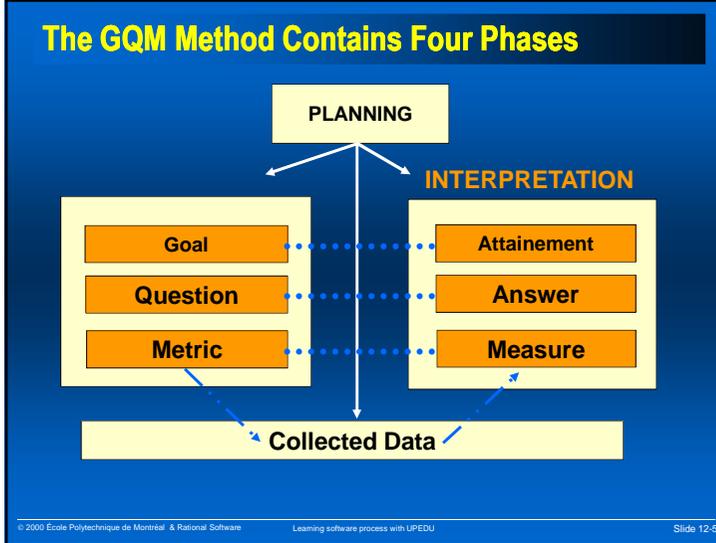
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Measurements approaches

- ◆ **PDCA :**
 - **PLAN:** Identify the issues and determine the measures to be collected.
 - **DO:** Collect data derive graphical representations.
 - **CHECK:** Analyze the graphs, to understand the issues.
 - **ACT:** Report the results, make recommendations, identify new issues.

- ◆ **ETVX**
 - **ENTRY:** Define criteria to begin activity and states conditions of inputs.
 - **TASK:** Describe and enumerate what is to be accomplished
 - **VALIDATION:** Verify quality of work items produced by tasks
 - **EXIT:** Defines criteria to complete activity, state or condition of outputs.

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- ### Goal-Driven Measurement Approach
1. Identify business goals
 2. Identify what is to be known or learned
 3. Identify subgoals
 4. Identify entities and attributes related to subgoals
 5. Formalize measurement goals
 6. Identify questions and indicators
 7. Identify the data elements
 8. Define the measures to be used
 9. Identify the actions to implement the measures
 10. Prepare a plan for implementing the measures
- Measurement goals derived from business goals
- Mental models provide context and focus
- Translates goals into executable measurement structures.
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Definition of the Measurement Goals

| Questions | Meaning |
|---------------|--|
| What? | The object under measurement |
| Why? | Understanding controlling or improving the object |
| Which aspect? | The quality focus of the object that measurements focuses on |
| Who? | The people that measure the object |
| Where? | The environment in which measurement take place |

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- ### Measurements Require Four Elements
- **Object of interest**
Phase, workflow, activity, task, resource, or environment to be measured.
 - **Purpose**
understand, predict, plan, control, compare, assess, or improve some aspect of the object.
 - **Perspective**
developer, maintainer, manager, or customer interested in clarifying the purpose.
 - **Environment and constraints**
Project, team, process, tools, or lifecycle providing a context for interpreting measurement definitions and results.
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Software Process Measurement

- ◆ Measuring Process Activities
- ◆ Defining Measurement Paradigms
- ◆ **Measuring Effort**
 - Major Concerns in Effort Measurements
 - Analyses of Team Collaborative Work
 - Analyses of Activities that Compose a Task
- ◆ Measuring Cognitive Activities

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Validity of the Effort Measurement Data

- ◆ **Invalidity of effort measurements**
 - Limit the expressiveness of descriptors
- ◆ **Non-uniformity of time intervals**
 - Limits granularity of intervals
- ◆ **Non-uniformity of token use**
 - Disambiguate the descriptors
- ◆ **Token ambiguity**
 - Validate the descriptors on input

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Four Types of Collaborative Activities

Mandatory: Formal schedule meeting
 Called: Informal scheduled meeting

| Activity Type | Percentage |
|---------------|------------|
| Ad hoc | 41% |
| Individual | 41% |
| Called | 14% |
| Mandatory | 4% |

Ad hoc: Informal unscheduled meeting
 Individual: No meeting

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The Relative Importance of Three Activities

| Task | Prod_Test (Hrs) | Prod_Code (Hrs) | Prod_Degn (Hrs) |
|------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | 20 | 10 | 10 |
| 2 | 30 | 10 | 10 |
| 3 | 40 | 10 | 10 |
| 4 | 20 | 10 | 10 |
| 5 | 30 | 10 | 10 |
| 6 | 40 | 10 | 10 |
| 7 | 70 | 10 | 10 |
| 8 | 30 | 10 | 10 |
| 9 | 20 | 10 | 10 |

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Software Process Measurement

- ♦ Measuring Process Activities
- ♦ Defining Measurement Paradigms
- ♦ Measuring Effort

- ♦ **Measuring Cognitive Activities**
 - Protocol Analysis for Software Process Activities
 - Analyses of Roles in Peers Review Meetings
 - Analyses of Exchange Patterns in Peers Review Meetings

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Sample Coding

| Speaker | ID | Intervention | Code |
|---------|----|--|----------------------------|
| | 51 | | --51/INTRO/SOLed |
| B | 52 | Why did you put 150 there ? | B52/JUSTIF/INTRO51 |
| M | 54 | I don't believe in using 150 DEFINE. These will do the same thing, but the compiler will chek them while the compiler doesn't check DEFINEs. | M54/JUSTIF/INTRO51/ATTR.Ca |
| C | 57 | There may be more than 50 error messages you know! | C57/HYP/INTRO51 |
| M | 60 | Ah no, this is just a type, like the type of the message itself | M60/REJ/HYP57/ATTR.Ca |
| C | 61 | Euh, euh. | C61/ACC/REJ60 |
| M | 62 | It's just that I need, I need some fields OK, these four fields there! | M62/INTRO/SOLee |
| M | 63 | Because I need some fixed arrays at the start for the messages | M63/JUSTIF/INTRO62/ATTR.Ca |
| M | 64 | So, I fix them, I fix the first four. The additional messages will follow. We'll be able to put what ever we want, an error message, insufficient memory | M64/INFO/INTRO62/ATTR.Ca |
| B | 65 | Why then, if we can use them any way! | B65/INFO/INTRO62 |
| B | 67 | Yeah, OK, we don't have a choice. | B67/ACC/INTRO62/ATTR.Ca |
| M | 68 | We can do it there. | M68/INFO/INTRO62 |

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