INF 151: Cost Management

Week 5: Thursday

Today's Agenda

Announcements:

- Finish Assignment 5 (Due 10/27)
- Start Assignment 6 (Due 11/01)
- Midterm: Thursday 11/03

Today:

- Project Cost Management
- Project Quality Management
- QUIZZES!

Project Cost Management (continued from Tuesday)

Types of estimates

Usage varies by project

Rough Order of Magnitude

- → Very early, before project completion
- → Aids selection
- → Estimates range -50% to +100%

Budgetary

- → Early, before project completion
- → Assign actual amounts to budget
- → Range -10% to +25%

Definitive

- → During project
- → Includes purchases, estimates of actual costs
- → Range -5% to + 10%

Estimating Costs

Analogous or top-down estimates apply what is already known

Bottom-up estimates calculate upward from the smallest work items

Probabilistic or three-point use a PERT-like weighted average formula

Parametric estimates rely on analogous data paired with quantifiable parameters like expertise, environment and tools. E.g., cost per line of code.

Importance of accurate estimates

Whoever holds the purse strings will always remember the initial estimate!

- 1. It is natural to underestimate
- 2. Accurate estimation comes with experience
- 3. Track and manage project data to build better estimates
- 4. Know the abilities of your project team

Earned Value Management

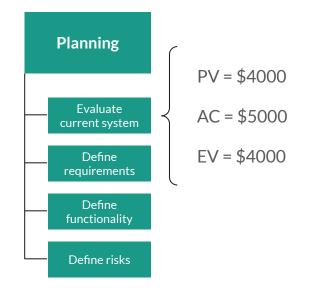
Reviewed currently and cumulatively

PV = Planned Value

AC = Actual Cost

EV = Earned Value

Combine scope, time, and cost data to measure project performance



What can we learn?

Cost variance (CV) = EV-AC

4000-5000 = -\$1000



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Activity: Evaluate Current System

PV = \$4000

AC = \$5000

EV = \$4000

What can we learn?

Schedule variance (SV) = EV-PV

4000-4000 = \$0



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Activity: Evaluate Current System

PV = \$4000

AC = \$5000

EV = \$4000

What can we learn?

Cost performance index (CPI) = EV/AC

4000/5000 = 0.8 or 80%



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What can we learn?

Schedule performance index (SPI) = EV/PV

4000/4000 = 1 or 100%



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Activity: Evaluate Current System

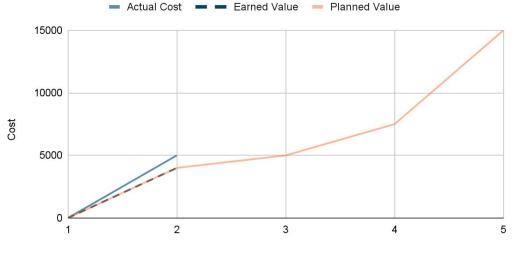
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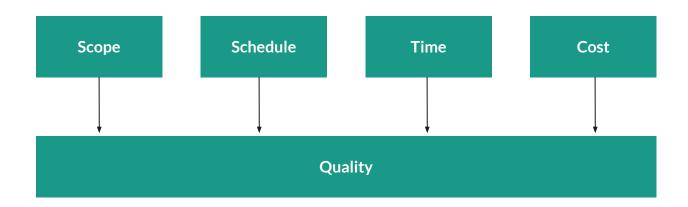
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Earned Value Chart

What can we learn?



Project Quality Management



The totality of characteristics of an entity that bear on its ability to satisfy stated or implied needs.

The degree to which a set of inherent characteristics fulfils requirements.



Fitness for Use

Generally ...

- → Ensure that a product can be used as intended.
- → Ensure that a project satisfies the needs for which it was undertaken.

To Achieve...



Plan

Quality Management Plan

- Review materials generated through scope statement and WBS
- → What aspects of scope *could* affect quality?
 - Functions and features
 - System outputs
 - System performance
 - Reliability and maintainability

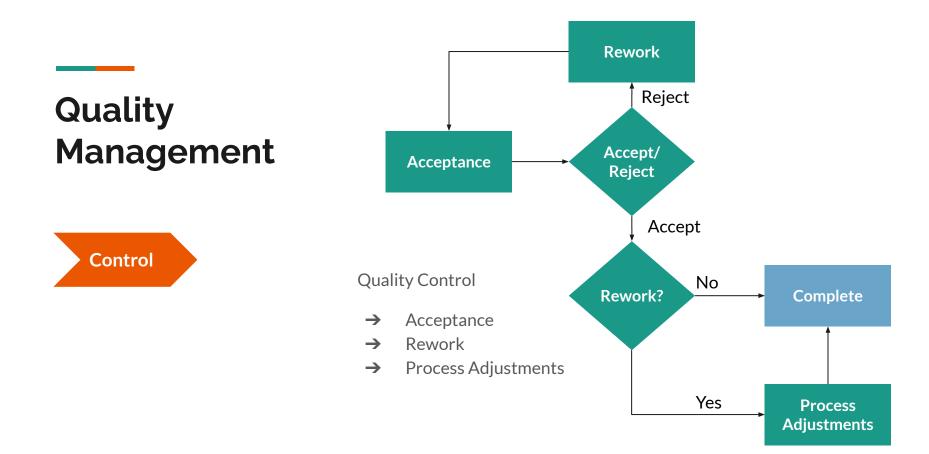


Ensuring Project Quality

- \rightarrow Quality Assurance (QA)
- → Benchmarking
- → Quality Audit



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Measuring, Monitoring, and Managing Quality

Cause and Effect

- \rightarrow What is the problem?
- → Why could this happen?
 - Why?
 - Why?
 - Why?
 - Why?
- → What is the solution?
- \rightarrow How do we prevent?

Measuring, Monitoring, and Managing Quality

Decision Making

- \rightarrow What is the problem?
- → What is the source?
- \rightarrow When did it occur?
- → What is the frequency of occurrence?

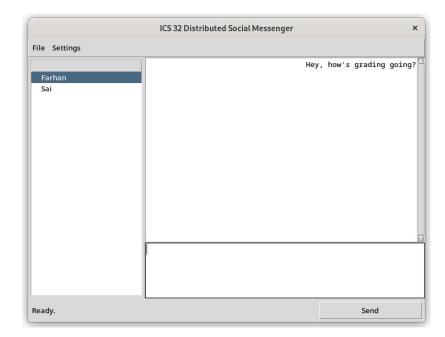
Collect data and use various tools for visualization:

- Tables
- Scatter chart
- Histogram

Case Study

The ICS 32 Distributed Social Messenger

A simple instant messaging tool for communicating with friends and family





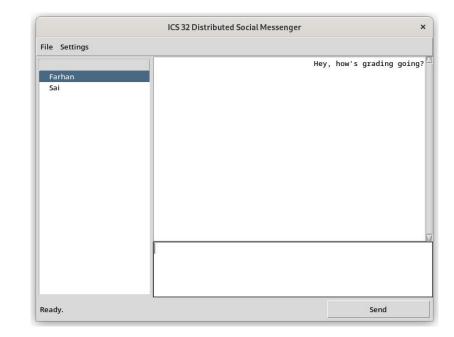
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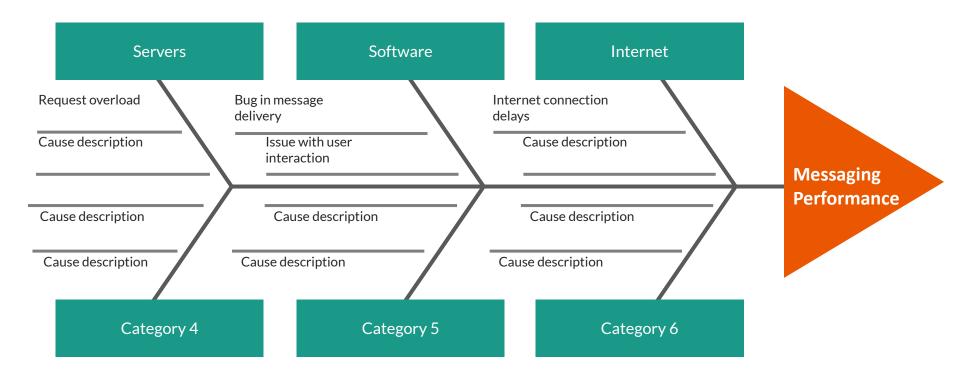
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Website	2	0	0	0	5	12	8	27

Case Study

User Complaints

- Messages are frequently delayed, slow
- Users report that sent messages are often never received or 'skipped' during a conversation





Fishbone Diagram

Next Class

Tuesday 11/1

- Readings will be assigned tomorrow!
- A6 will be posted tomorrow.

People Management





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