Let's Build a Smarter Method

SDLC 3.0: A Complex Adaptive System of Patterns

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Perspective from Industry, on Industry

Given the SEMAT Call for Action...3 key points

• Why has the industry methodologists allowed a branching anti-pattern?

Cascading branches, lack of integration;

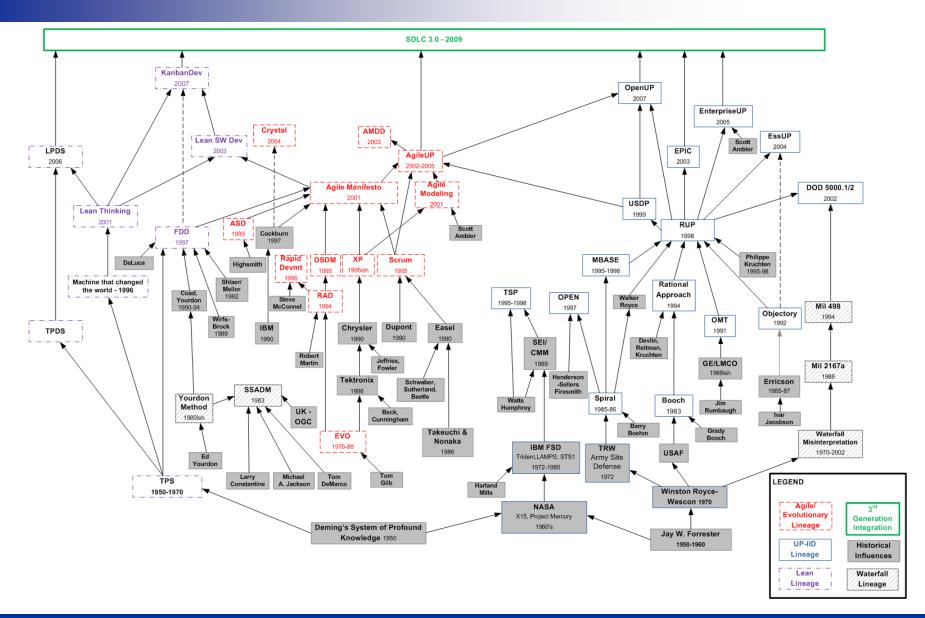
What happened to the (organizational) pattern movement?

- :: Pattern ≈ Practice
- Pragmatic level of abstraction because it is experience based, generally agreeable between isolated branches
- Pattern decomposition of commonplace methods enables integration

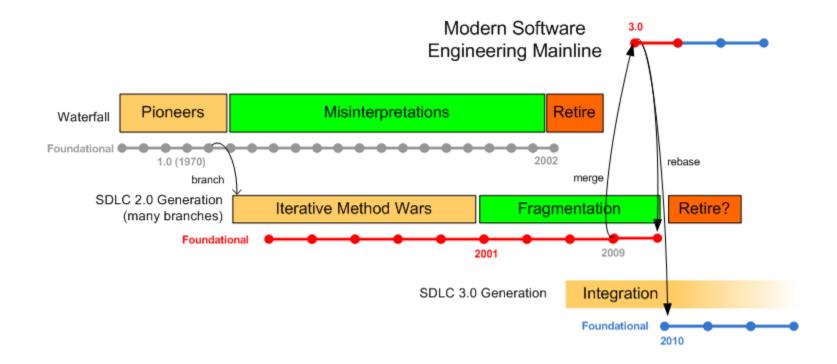
Why hasn't Control Systems Engineering been leveraged for a foundation of study of software product delivery dynamics?

PID Control, Adaptive Control, Stochastic Control to study potential influences on CAS

End the Iterative Method Wars



SDLC 3.0: Time for a Re-base



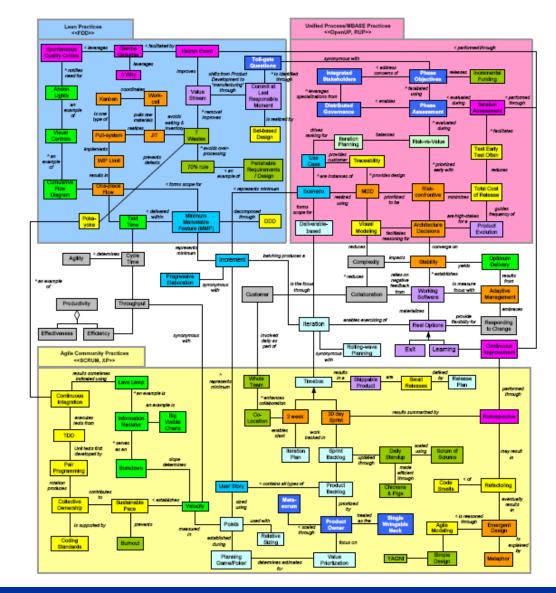
We know the longer we let a code-line drift, the harder it is to integrate

- Pattern = a solution to a problem in context
- Practice = technique effective at delivering effective outcome
- Each approach from the Iterative Methods has something to offer (in context)
- Instead of competing methods (wasteful), integrate practices (wise)
- Patterns are the key to integration a Complex Adaptive System of Patterns

SDLC 3.0: Universals do Exist

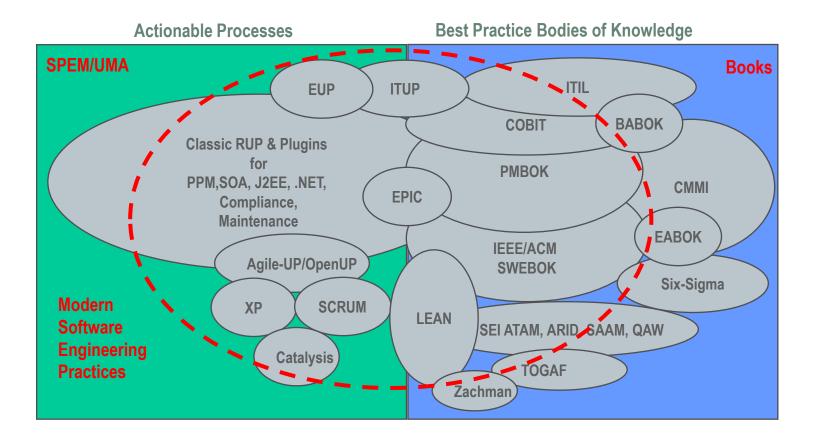
- Domain model of patterns
- Common ground exists
- Community specific innovations, as well as synonyms and re-branding

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State of Software Engineering – Many different Perspectives

Modern Software Engineering landscape involves broad and diverse, sometimes overlapping and conflicting, and most of the time bloated bodies-of-knowledge



Making Change Happen



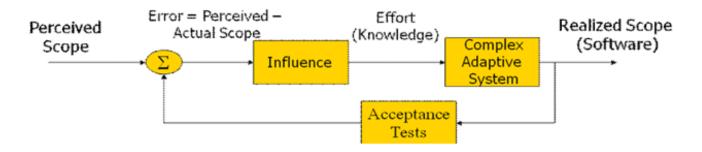
- Yet lack of <u>Trust</u> no wonder there is so much "us-vs-them" in software engineering!
- Biggest waste in IT



Consolidate the centrists – pull an Obama

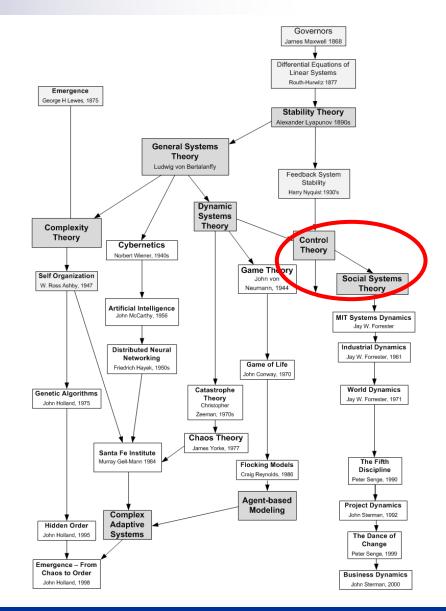
"The change we seek is the change we need – yes we can"

We need a foundation to help people understand "why", and in what context



Beyond Superficial Systems Thinking

- Alistair Cockburn proposes
 Game Theory
- Others identify with CAS / Chaordic Systems
- The very popular <u>Scrum</u> approach mentions control theory in passing
- Why not Control Systems Theory as a foundation?



PID Control – A foundation for study

