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Describes Agile Modeling Driven Design (AMDD) and Test-Driven Design (TDD) approaches, database refactoring, database encapsulation strategies, and tools that support evolutionary techniques Agile software developers often use object and relational database (RDB) technology together and as a result must overcome the impedance mismatch The author covers techniques for mapping objects to RDBs and for implementing concurrency control, referential integrity, shared business logic, security access control, reports, and XML An agile foundation describes fundamental skills that all agile software developers require, particularly Agile DBAs Includes object modeling, UML data modeling, data normalization, class normalization, and how to deal with legacy databases Scott W. Ambler is author of Agile Modeling (0471202827), a contributing editor with Software Development (www.sdmagazine.com), and a featured speaker at software conferences worldwide

A structured approach to systems development that views the creation of documentation as a combined effort of systems planners, analysts, programmers, and technical writers. Includes alternatives for each of the documents presented and a chapter on integrating a systems development

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This book provides a broad perspective about the essential aspects of creating technical documentation in today's product development world. It is a book of opinions and guidance, collected as short essays. You can read selectively about subjects that interest you, or you can read the entire collection in any order you like. Information development is a multidimensional discipline, and it is easy to theorize. We have written this book from our direct experience, using the concrete insights and practices we apply to our work every day. If you work as an information developer, a manager in a documentation team, or in another part of product development that collaborates with a doc team, there is information in this book for you. Perhaps you are a technical writer in a small, high-growth company that is figuring out its processes. Perhaps you are an information-development manager in a large enterprise company with an expanding product line and an ever more complex matrix of cross-functional dependencies. You might work at a medium-sized company where your management is asking you to do more with fewer people, and you want some additional perspective that will help you find a leaner and more effective way to deliver what your business demands. Or you might work outside the technical documentation world, in

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another part of product development, and are wondering how to collaborate most effectively with the documentation team. The purpose of The Product is Docs is to provoke discussion, shine light on some murky areas, and--we hope--inspire our colleagues to consider their processes and assumptions with new eyes. All proceeds from the sale of The Product is Docs will go to charity.

Learn to integrate programming with good documentation. This book teaches you the craft of documentation for each step in the software development lifecycle, from understanding your users' needs to publishing, measuring, and maintaining useful developer documentation. Well-documented projects save time for both developers on the project and users of the software. Projects without adequate documentation suffer from poor developer productivity, project scalability, user adoption, and accessibility. In short: bad documentation kills projects. Docs for Developers demystifies the process of creating great developer documentation, following a team of software developers as they work to launch a new product. At each step along the way, you learn through examples, templates, and principles how to create, measure, and maintain documentation—tools you can adapt to the needs of your own organization. What You'll Learn Create friction logs and perform user research to understand your users' frustrations Research, draft, and write different kinds of documentation, including READMEs, API

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documentation, tutorials, conceptual content, and release notes Publish and maintain documentation alongside regular code releases Measure the success of the content you create through analytics and user feedback Organize larger sets of documentation to help users find the right information at the right time Who This Book Is For Ideal for software developers who need to create documentation alongside code, or for technical writers, developer advocates, product managers, and other technical roles that create and contribute to documentation for their products and services.

Looking for a way to invigorate your technical writing team and grow that expertise to include developers, designers, and writers of all backgrounds? When you treat docs like code, you multiply everyone's efforts and streamline processes through collaboration, automation, and innovation. Second edition now available with updates and more information about version control for documents and continuous publishing.

Maximize the impact and precision of your message! Now in its fourth edition, the Microsoft Manual of Style provides essential guidance to content creators, journalists, technical writers, editors, and everyone else who writes about computer technology. Direct from the Editorial Style Board at Microsoft—you get a comprehensive glossary of both general technology terms and those specific to

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Microsoft; clear, concise usage and style guidelines with helpful examples and alternatives; guidance on grammar, tone, and voice; and best practices for writing content for the web, optimizing for accessibility, and communicating to a worldwide audience. Fully updated and optimized for ease of use, the Microsoft Manual of Style is designed to help you communicate clearly, consistently, and accurately about technical topics—across a range of audiences and media.

Computer systems play an important role in our society. Software drives those systems. Massive investments of time and resources are made in developing and implementing these systems. Maintenance is inevitable. It is hard and costly. Considerable resources are required to keep the systems active and dependable. We cannot maintain software unless maintainability characters are built into the products and processes. There is an urgent need to reinforce software development practices based on quality and reliability principles. Though maintenance is a mini development lifecycle, it has its own problems. Maintenance issues need corresponding tools and techniques to address them. Software professionals are key players in maintenance. While development is an art and science, maintenance is a craft. We need to develop maintenance personnel to master this craft. Technology impact is very high in systems world today. We can no longer conduct business in the way we did before. That calls

for reengineering systems and software. Even reengineered software needs maintenance, soon after its implementation. We have to take business knowledge, procedures, and data into the newly reengineered world. Software maintenance people can play an important role in this migration process. Software technology is moving into global and distributed networking environments. Client/server systems and object-orientation are on their way. Massively parallel processing systems and networking resources are changing database services into corporate data warehouses. Software engineering environments, rapid application development tools are changing the way we used to develop and maintain software. Software maintenance is moving from code maintenance to design maintenance, even onto specification maintenance. Modifications today are made at specification level, regenerating the software components, testing and integrating them with the system. Eventually software maintenance has to manage the evolution and evolutionary characteristics of software systems. Software professionals have to maintain not only the software, but the momentum of change in systems and software. In this study, we observe various issues, tools and techniques, and the emerging trends in software technology with particular reference to maintenance. We are not searching for specific solutions. We are identifying issues and finding ways to manage them,

live with them, and control their negative impact.

The Quality Special Interest Group of the British Computer Society presents the edited proceedings of their sixth International Conference on Software Quality Management (SQM'98) held in April 1998 in Amsterdam. The objective of this series of annual conferences is to promote international co-operation among those concerned with software quality and process improvement, by creating a greater understanding of software quality issues and by sharing current research and industrial experience. The papers cover a broad spectrum of practical experience and research. The topic areas include process improvement, maintaining a quality management system, quality metrics, human factors, project management issues, software tools and approaches to systems development. The organisers would like to thank Origin for their sponsorship of the proceedings. The editors are indebted to the members of the International Advisory Committee for their support and for refereeing the abstracts and the final papers, as well as to the authors who have contributed to the success of this conference.

Safety of Computer Control Systems 1985 (Safecomp '85): Achieving Safe Real Time Computer Systems presents the proceedings of the Fourth IFAC Workshop, held in Como, Italy, on October 1–3, 1985. This book discusses a

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wide range of topics ranging from direct process control through robotics to operator assistance. Organized into 28 chapters, this compilation of papers begins with an overview of the implementation of atomic actions by means of concurrent programming constructs. This text then examines the safety-related applications that usually demand the provision of redundant resources within the system. Other chapters consider the safe performance of an industrial robot system that relies on several factors. This book discusses as well the increasing demand for Computer Assisted Decision Making (CADM) both in engineering and service industries. The final chapter deals with the ways of reducing the effects of an error introduced during the design of a program. This book is a valuable resource for software engineers.

Use an Approach Inspired by Domain-Driven Design to Build Documentation That Evolves to Maximize Value Throughout Your Development Lifecycle
Software documentation can come to life, stay dynamic, and actually help you build better software. Writing for developers, coding architects, and other software professionals, *Living Documentation* shows how to create documentation that evolves throughout your entire design and development lifecycle. Through patterns, clarifying illustrations, and concrete examples, Cyrille Martraire demonstrates how to use well-crafted artifacts and automation to

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dramatically improve the value of documentation at minimal extra cost. Whatever your domain, language, or technologies, you don't have to choose between working software and comprehensive, high-quality documentation: you can have both.

- Extract and augment available knowledge, and make it useful through living curation
- Automate the creation of documentation and diagrams that evolve as knowledge changes
- Use development tools to refactor documentation
- Leverage documentation to improve software designs
- Introduce living documentation to new and legacy environments

This book contains the refereed proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Agile Software Development, XP 2014, held in Rome, Italy, in May 2014. Because of the wide application of agile approaches in industry, the need for collaboration between academics and practitioners has increased in order to develop the body of knowledge available to support managers, system engineers, and software engineers in their managerial/economic and architectural/project/technical decisions. Year after year, the XP conference has facilitated such improvements and provided evidence on the advantages of agile methodologies by examining the latest theories, practical applications, and implications of agile and lean methods. The 15 full papers, seven short papers, and four experience reports accepted for XP 2014 were selected from 59

submissions and are organized in sections on: agile development, agile challenges and contracting, lessons learned and agile maturity, how to evolve software engineering teaching, methods and metrics, and lean development. Innovations Through Information Technology aims to provide a collection of unique perspectives on the issues surrounding the management of information technology in organizations around the world and the ways in which these issues are addressed. This valuable book is a compilation of features including the latest research in the area of IT utilization and management, in addition to being a valuable source in support of teaching and research agendas.

This book constitutes the refereed proceeding of the 14th European Software Process Improvement Conference, EuroSPI 2007, held in Potsdam, Germany, in September 2007. The papers are organized in topical sections on enforcement, alignment, tailoring. There is focus on SME issues, improvement analysis and empirical studies, new avenues of SPI, SPI methodologies, as well as testing and reliability.

Software architecture—the conceptual glue that holds every phase of a project together for its many stakeholders—is widely recognized as a critical element in modern software development. Practitioners have increasingly discovered that close attention to a software system’s architecture pays valuable dividends.

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Without an architecture that is appropriate for the problem being solved, a project will stumble along or, most likely, fail. Even with a superb architecture, if that architecture is not well understood or well communicated the project is unlikely to succeed. Documenting Software Architectures, Second Edition, provides the most complete and current guidance, independent of language or notation, on how to capture an architecture in a commonly understandable form. Drawing on their extensive experience, the authors first help you decide what information to document, and then, with guidelines and examples (in various notations, including UML), show you how to express an architecture so that others can successfully build, use, and maintain a system from it. The book features rules for sound documentation, the goals and strategies of documentation, architectural views and styles, documentation for software interfaces and software behavior, and templates for capturing and organizing information to generate a coherent package. New and improved in this second edition:

- Coverage of architectural styles such as service-oriented architectures, multi-tier architectures, and data models
- Guidance for documentation in an Agile development environment
- Deeper treatment of documentation of rationale, reflecting best industrial practices
- Improved templates, reflecting years of use and feedback, and more documentation layout options

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example (available online), featuring documentation of a Web-based service-oriented system Reference guides for three important architecture documentation languages: UML, AADL, and SySML

Software documentation forms the basis for all communication relating to a software project. To be truly effective and usable, it should be based on what needs to be known. Agile Documentation provides sound advice on how to produce lean and lightweight software documentation. It will be welcomed by all project team members who want to cut out the fat from this time consuming task. Guidance given in pattern form, easily digested and cross-referenced, provides solutions to common problems. Straightforward advice will help you to judge: What details should be left in and what left out When communication face-to-face would be better than paper or online How to adapt the documentation process to the requirements of individual projects and build in change How to organise documents and make them easily accessible When to use diagrams rather than text How to choose the right tools and techniques How documentation impacts the customer Better than offering pat answers or prescriptions, this book will help you to understand the elements and processes that can be found repeatedly in good project documentation and which can be shaped and designed to address your individual circumstance. The author uses real-world examples and utilises

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agile principles to provide an accessible, practical pattern-based guide which shows how to produce necessary and high quality documentation.

Software Engineering for Embedded Systems: Methods, Practical Techniques, and Applications, Second Edition provides the techniques and technologies in software engineering to optimally design and implement an embedded system. Written by experts with a solution focus, this encyclopedic reference gives an indispensable aid on how to tackle the day-to-day problems encountered when using software engineering methods to develop embedded systems. New sections cover peripheral programming, Internet of things, security and cryptography, networking and packet processing, and hands on labs. Users will learn about the principles of good architecture for an embedded system, design practices, details on principles, and much more. Provides a roadmap of key problems/issues and references to their solution in the text Reviews core methods and how to apply them Contains examples that demonstrate timeless implementation details Users case studies to show how key ideas can be implemented, the rationale for choices made, and design guidelines and trade-offs

If you are responsible for designing, implementing, or managing a quality software program, this updated edition of the Practical Guide to Software Quality

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Management now identifies 10 major components that make up a solid program in line with ISO 9001 quality management precepts. Thoroughly revised and with new chapters on software safety and software risk management, this comprehensive primer provides you with the starting points for a standardized documentation system, and analyzes each individual program component separately, addressing in detail its specific role and overall importance to the system.

We live in an age of electronic interconnectivity, with co-workers across the hall and across the ocean, and managing meetings can be a challenge across multiple time zones and cultures. This makes documenting your projects more important than ever. In *Technical Documentation and Process*, Jerry Whitaker and Bob Mancini provide the background and structure to help you document your projects more effectively. With more than 60 years of combined experience in successfully documenting complex engineering projects, the authors guide you in developing appropriate process and documentation tools that address the particular needs of your organization. Features Strategies for documenting a project, product, or facility A sample style guide template—the foundation on which you can build documents of various types A selection of document templates Ideas for managing complex processes and improving competitiveness

using systems engineering and concurrent engineering practices Basic writing standards and helpful references Major considerations for disaster planning Discussion of standardization to show how it can help reduce costs Helpful tips to manage remote meetings and other communications First-hand examples from the authors' own experience Throughout, the authors offer practical guidelines, suggestions, and lessons that can be applied across a wide variety of project types and organizational structures. Comprehensive yet to the point, this book helps you define the process, document the plan, and manage your projects more confidently.

This book presents the thoroughly refereed and revised post-workshop proceedings of the 16th Monterey Workshop, held in Redmond, WA, USA, in March/April 2010. The theme of the workshop was Foundations of Computer Software, with a special focus on Modeling, Development, and Verification of Adaptive Systems. The 13 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from numerous submissions for inclusion in the book. The contributions show how the foundations and development techniques of computer software could be adapted even for industrial safety-critical and business-critical applications to improve dependability and robustness and to ensure information privacy and security.

The development of software has expanded substantially in recent years. As these

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technologies continue to advance, well-known organizations have begun implementing these programs into the ways they conduct business. These large companies play a vital role in the economic environment, so understanding the software that they utilize is pertinent in many aspects. Researching and analyzing the tools that these corporations use will assist in the practice of software engineering and give other organizations an outline of how to successfully implement their own computational methods. *Tools and Techniques for Software Development in Large Organizations: Emerging Research and Opportunities* is an essential reference source that discusses advanced software methods that prominent companies have adopted to develop high quality products. This book will examine the various devices that organizations such as Google, Cisco, and Facebook have implemented into their production and development processes. Featuring research on topics such as database management, quality assurance, and machine learning, this book is ideally designed for software engineers, data scientists, developers, programmers, professors, researchers, and students seeking coverage on the advancement of software devices in today's major corporations. Today, software engineers need to know not only how to program effectively but also how to develop proper engineering practices to make their codebase sustainable and healthy. This book emphasizes this difference between programming and software engineering. How can software engineers manage a living codebase that evolves and responds to changing requirements and demands over the length of its life? Based on

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their experience at Google, software engineers Titus Winters and Hyrum Wright, along with technical writer Tom Manshreck, present a candid and insightful look at how some of the world's leading practitioners construct and maintain software. This book covers Google's unique engineering culture, processes, and tools and how these aspects contribute to the effectiveness of an engineering organization. You'll explore three fundamental principles that software organizations should keep in mind when designing, architecting, writing, and maintaining code: How time affects the sustainability of software and how to make your code resilient over time How scale affects the viability of software practices within an engineering organization What trade-offs a typical engineer needs to make when evaluating design and development decisions

This book contains the refereed proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Agile Software Development, XP 2012, held in Malmö, Sweden, in May 2012. In the last decade, we have seen agile and lean software development strongly influence the way software is developed. Agile and lean software development has moved from being a way of working for a number of pioneers to becoming, more or less, the expected way of developing software in industry. The topics covered by the selected full papers include general aspects of agility, agile teams, studies related to the release and maintenance of software, and research on specific practices in agile and lean software development. They are complemented by four short papers capturing additional

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aspects of agile and lean projects.

Part of the new Allyn & Bacon series in technical communication, *Writing Software Documentation* features a step-by-step strategy to writing and describing procedures. This task-oriented book is designed to support both college students taking a course and professionals working in the field. Teaching apparatus includes complete programs for students to work on and a full set of project tracking forms, as well as a broad range of examples including Windows-style pages and screens and award-winning examples from STC competitions.

This book combines elementary theory from computer science with real-world challenges in global geodetic observation, based on examples from the Geodetic Observatory Wettzell, Germany. It starts with a step-by-step introduction to developing stable and safe scientific software to run successful software projects. The use of software toolboxes is another essential aspect that leads to the application of generative programming. An example is a generative network middleware that simplifies communication. One of the book's main focuses is on explaining a potential strategy involving autonomous production cells for space geodetic techniques. The complete software design of a satellite laser ranging system is taken as an example. Such automated systems are then combined for global interaction using secure communication tunnels for remote access. The network of radio telescopes is used as a reference. Combined observatories form coordinated multi-agent systems and offer

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solutions for operational aspects of the Global Geodetic Observing System (GGOS) with regard to “Industry 4.0”.

Practical Support for Lean Six Sigma Software Process Definition: Using IEEE Software Engineering Standards addresses the task of meeting the specific documentation requirements in support of Lean Six Sigma. This book provides a set of templates supporting the documentation required for basic software project control and management and covers the integration of these templates for their entire product development life cycle. Find detailed documentation guidance in the form of organizational policy descriptions, integrated set of deployable document templates, artifacts required in support of assessment, organizational delineation of process documentation.

Software process definition, documentation, and improvement should be an integral part of every software engineering organization. This book addresses the specific documentation requirements in support of the CMMI-SW® by providing detailed documentation guidance in the form of: Detailed organizational policy examples. An Integrated set of over 20 deployable document templates. Examples of over 50 common work products required in support of assessment activities. Examples of organizational delineation of process documentation. This book provides a set of IEEE Software Engineering Standards-based templates that support the documentation required for all activities associated with software development projects. The goal is to

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provide practical support for individuals responsible for the development and documentation of software processes and procedures. The objective is to present the reader with an integrated set of documents that support the requirements of the CMMI-SW® Levels 2 and 3. This book is meant to both complement and extend the information provided in Jumpstart CMM®/CMMI® Software Process Improvement Using IEEE Software Engineering Standards. Jumpstart provides a detailed mapping of both the CMM® and the CMMI-SW® to the IEEE standards set and provides a logical basis for the material contained within this text. It is hoped that this book will provide specific support for organizations pursuing software process definition and improvement. For organizations that do not wish to pursue CMMI® accreditation, this document will show how the application of IEEE Standards can facilitate the development of sound software engineering practices. It also comes with a CD-Rom.

Overview and Goals The agile approach for software development has been applied more and more extensively since the mid nineties of the 20th century. Though there are only about ten years of accumulated experience using the agile approach, it is currently conceived as one of the mainstream approaches for software development. This book presents a complete software engineering course from the agile angle. Our intention is to present the agile approach in a holistic and comprehensive learning environment that fits both industry and academia and inspires the spirit of agile software development. Agile software engineering is reviewed in this book through the following three

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perspectives: | The Human perspective, which includes cognitive and social aspects, and refers to learning and interpersonal processes between teammates, customers, and management. | The Organizational perspective, which includes managerial and cultural aspects, and refers to software project management and control. | The Technological perspective, which includes practical and technical aspects, and refers to design, testing, and coding, as well as to integration, delivery, and maintenance of software products. Specifically, we explain and analyze how the explicit attention that agile software development gives these perspectives and their interconnections, helps viii Preface it cope with the challenges of software projects. This multifaceted perspective on software development processes is reflected in this book, among other ways, by the chapter titles, which specify dimensions of software development projects such as quality, time, abstraction, and management, rather than specific project stages, phases, or practices.

These days, more and more software development projects are being carried out using agile methods like Scrum. Agile software development promises higher software quality, a shorter time to market, and improved focus on customer needs. However, the transition to working within an agile methodology is not easy. Familiar processes and procedures change drastically. Software testing and software quality assurance have a crucial role in ensuring that a software development team, department, or company successfully implements long-term agile development methods and benefits from this framework. This book discusses agile methodology from the perspective of software testing and software quality assurance

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management. Software development managers, project managers, and quality assurance managers will obtain tips and tricks on how to organize testing and assure quality so that agile projects maintain their impact. Professional certified testers and software quality assurance experts will learn how to work successfully within agile software teams and how best to integrate their expertise. Topics include: Agile methodology and classic process models How to plan an agile project Unit tests and test first approach Integration testing and continuous integration System testing and test nonstop Quality management and quality assurance Also included are five case studies from the manufacturing, online-trade, and software industry as well as test exercises for self-assessment. This book covers the new ISTQB Syllabus for Agile Software Testing and is a relevant resource for all students and trainees worldwide who plan to undertake this ISTQB certification.

This book constitutes the refereed proceedings of 4 workshops held at the JSAI International Symposia on Artificial Intelligence 2010, in Tokyo, Japan, in November 2009. The 24 revised full papers presented were carefully reviewed and selected from 61 submissions. The papers are organized in the workshop sections Logic and Engineering of Natural Language Semantics (LENLS), Juris-Informatics (JURISIN), Knowledge Collaboration in Software Development (KCSD), and Learning with Logics and Logics for Learning (LLLL).

This open access volume constitutes the refereed proceedings of the 27th biennial conference of the German Society for Computational Linguistics and Language Technology, GSCL 2017, held in Berlin, Germany, in September 2017, which focused on language technologies for the digital age. The 16 full papers and 10 short papers included in the proceedings were carefully selected from 36 submissions. Topics covered include text processing of the German

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language, online media and online content, semantics and reasoning, sentiment analysis, and semantic web description languages.

"This is the single best book on software quality engineering and metrics that I've encountered." --Capers Jones, from the Foreword "Metrics and Models in Software Quality Engineering, Second Edition," is the definitive book on this essential topic of software development. Comprehensive in scope with extensive industry examples, it shows how to measure software quality and use measurements to improve the software development process. Four major categories of quality metrics and models are addressed: quality management, software reliability and projection, complexity, and customer view. In addition, the book discusses the fundamentals of measurement theory, specific quality metrics and tools, and methods for applying metrics to the software development process. New chapters bring coverage of critical topics, including: In-process metrics for software testing Metrics for object-oriented software development Availability metrics Methods for conducting in-process quality assessments and software project assessments Dos and Don'ts of Software Process Improvement, by Patrick O'Toole Using Function Point Metrics to Measure Software Process Improvement, by Capers Jones In addition to the excellent balance of theory, techniques, and examples, this book is highly instructive and practical, covering one of the most important topics in software development--quality engineering. 0201729156B08282002

This book brings together experts to discuss relevant results in software process modeling, and expresses their personal view of this field. It is designed for a professional audience of researchers and practitioners in industry, and graduate-level students.

Literate programming is a programming methodology that combines a programming language

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with a documentation language, making programs more easily maintained than programs written only in a high-level language. A literate programmer is an essayist who writes programs for humans to understand. When programs are written in the recommended style they can be transformed into documents by a document compiler and into efficient code by an algebraic compiler. This anthology of essays includes Knuth's early papers on related topics such as structured programming as well as the Computer Journal article that launched literate programming. Many examples are given, including excerpts from the programs for TeX and METAFONT. The final essay is an example of CWEB, a system for literate programming in C and related languages. Index included.

This book is designed to address the randomness of the literature on software documentation. As anyone interested in software documentation is aware, the field is highly synthetic; information about software documentation may be found in engineering, computer science training, technical communication, management, education and so on. "Perspectives on Software Documentation" contains a variety of perspectives, all tied together by the shared need to make software products more usable.

Pfleeger divides her study into three major sections: a motivational treatise on why knowledge of software engineering is important, the major steps of development and maintenance including requirements analysis and architecture, and evaluation and improvement needs after delivery for future redesign and redevelopment.

This book constitutes the proceedings of the 26th International Working Conference on Requirements Engineering - Foundation for Software Quality, REFSQ 2020, held in Pisa, Italy, in March 2020. The 14 full papers and 7 short papers in this volume were carefully reviewed

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and selected from 84 submissions. The papers are organized in the following topical sections: requirements specification; requirements documentation; privacy and legal requirements; stakeholders feedback and training; agile methods and requirements comprehension; requirements modelling; requirements visualization.

Achieving excellence in the fast changing global scenario of business and world economic structure demands deeper insight into the quality management practices. To survive in this competitive and challenging global business arena one needs to adopt quality management strategies that incorporate the best global practices. An attempt has been made in the present cook to focus on quality aspects and solutions that can enhance global business excellence. Whether to continue using traditional cost and benefit analysis methods such as systems and software engineering standards or to use a relatively new family of software development processes known as Agile methods is one of most prevalent questions within the information technology field today. Since each family of methods has its strengths and weaknesses, the question being raised by a growing number of executives and practitioners is: Which family of methods provides the greater business value and return on investment (ROI)? Whereas traditional methods have been in use for many decades, Agile methods are still a new phenomenon and, until now, very little literature has existed on how to quantify the business value of Agile methods in economic terms, such as ROI and net present value (NPV). Using cost of quality, total cost of ownership, and total life cycle cost parameters, The Business Value of Agile Software Methods offers a comprehensive methodology and introduces the industry's initial top-down parametric models for quantifying the costs and benefits of using Agile methods to create innovative software products. Based on real-world data, it illustrates the first

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simple-to-use parametric models of Real Options for estimating the business value of Agile methods since the inception of the Nobel prize winning Black-Scholes formulas. Numerous examples on how to estimate the costs, benefits, ROI, NPV, and real options of the major types of Agile methods such as Scrum, Extreme Programming and Crystal Methods are also included. In addition, this reference provides the first comprehensive compilation of cost and benefit data on Agile methods from an analysis of hundreds of research studies. The Business Value of Agile Software Methods shatters key myths and misconceptions surrounding the modern-day phenomenon of Agile methods for creating innovative software products. It provides a complete business value comparison between traditional and Agile methods. The keys to maximizing the business value of any method are low costs and high benefits and the business value of Agile methods, when compared to traditional methods, proves to be very impressive. Agile methods are a new model of project management that can be used to improve the success, business value, and ROI of high-risk and highly complex IT projects in today's dynamic, turbulent, and highly uncertain marketplace. If you are an executive, manager, scholar, student, consultant or practitioner currently on the fence, you need to read this book!

C. Amting Directorate General Information Society, European Commission, Brussels Under the 4th Framework of European Research, the European Systems and Software Initiative (ESSI) was part of the ESPRIT Programme. This initiative funded more than 470 projects in the area of software and system process improvements. The majority of these projects were process improvement experiments carrying out and taking up new development processes, methods and technology within the software development process of a company. In addition, nodes

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(centres of expertise), European networks (organisations managing local activities), training and dissemination actions complemented the process improvement experiments. ESSI aimed at improving the software development capabilities of European enterprises. It focused on best practice and helped European companies to develop world class skills and associated technologies to build the increasingly complex and varied systems needed to compete in the marketplace. The dissemination activities were designed to build a forum, at European level, to exchange information and knowledge gained within process improvement experiments. Their major objective was to spread the message and the results of experiments to a wider audience, through a variety of different channels. The European Experience Exchange (UR-X) project has been one of these dissemination activities within the European Systems and Software Initiative. UR-X has collected the results of practitioner reports from numerous workshops in Europe and presents, in this series of books, the results of Best Practice achievements in European Companies over the last few years.

Agile Documentation
A Pattern Guide to Producing Lightweight Documents for Software Projects
John Wiley & Sons

The book describes how to manage and successfully deliver large, complex, and expensive systems that can be composed of millions of lines of software code, being developed by numerous groups throughout the globe, that interface with many hardware items being developed by geographically dispersed companies, where the system also includes people, policies, constraints, regulations, and a myriad of other factors. It focuses on how to seamlessly integrate systems, satisfy the customer's requirements, and deliver within the budget and on time. The guide is essentially a "shopping list" of all the activities that could be

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conducted with tailoring guidelines to meet the needs of each project.

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