

how software architects can embrace change

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- Siemens
- not something revolutionary
- return of experience
- "to engineer human"
- Brian foote and joseph yosh
- C.A.R Hoare : deficiencies
- Frederik Brooks : Design of Design
- nothing is permanent except change : heraclite
- Kierkegaard "life must be understood backward but must be lived forward"
- Douglas Adams
 - last Chance to See
 - "humans can lean from others [but have] disinclination to do so"
- Descarte : "each problem solved is a rule for solving next"
- Cem Kaner "loosy specs leads to loosy software"

references

Process Models

- iterative
- incremental
- Evolutionary design
- Pb: identifying risks at the beginning
 - planning
 - priorities

iterative evolutionary design

- user requirements
- domain model
- model dynamic scenarios
- determine scope and boundaries
- create first conceptual draft

architecture approach

- then
 - stucture baseline
 - introduce deployment views
 - define principle and guidelines
 - ex event driven
 - plan and realize increments
 - executable architecture

solutions

design for change

- through the whole lifecycle

complete rewriting

- imagine change stimulus
 - what if ?
 - measure costs
 - at different levels
 - performance
 - modularity
 - functionality
 - libraries/technos

reengineering

- system effect
- impact
 - functional
 - technical

preventive maintenance

- Einstein "expert solve problems, ... avoid them"

safty nets

- tests
- reviews

onion model

- start with inner functional core
- incrementally continue with outer layers
 - distribution and concurrency
 - infrastructure
 - strategic qualities
 - high priorities
 - tactical qualities
 - low priorities
- how deep ?
 - system
 - subsystem/service
 - component

how do we know we must improve

lack of external quality

indicators

strange smells

- duplicate design
- unclear roles of entities
- everything centralized
- cyclic dependencies
- unnecessary dependencies
- reviews help finding bad smells
 - prototyping
 - simulation
 - code quality assessment

analyse risks early

- risk based test strategy
- identify strategies
- ex : dependency on a persistence technology

how to embrace change

failure and understanding failure is a key factor

problem

- anticipation is not possible
- how to balance sustainable architecture and need for change ?
- BDUF
- Evolutionary design
- between

architecture

- Martin Fowler : important things
- everything costly to change (Grady Booch)
 - design
 - continuous activity
 - a local impact
 - wide impact
- stable strategy but tactical adaptation

obstacles

- org./mgmt
- process support
- technologies and tools
- applicability
 - refactoring v.s. reengineering
 - wrong order of refactoring