

Flexible Self-Managing Pipe-line Framework Reducing Development Risk to Improve Software Quality

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Abstract— Risk identification and assessment in today's scenario play a vital role in any software/web application development industry. Many process models deliver the process related to development life cycle, but *the risk assessment* at an early stage is still an issue and is a significant subject for research. In this paper, an approach based on MVC architecture by embedding spiral process, which is verified and validated by V-shape model is proposed. By using this approach development efficiency will increase due to less burdened working team(s), reduces stressful maintenance effort that causes reduction in risk factors because of beautifully distributed human effort to improve software quality. Besides, the efficiency of our approach is manifested by the preliminary experiment.

Index Terms— Risk, Software Risk, Software Risk Management, Software Quality, Software Process Model, Process Models, Design Pattern.

I. INTRODUCTION

This paper starts with the introduction towards risk and risk management and continues with some process models sharing their merits and de-merits, then from these process models it is intimated why specific few process models were taken for the proposed framework introducing the architecture or discipline steps during SDLC of planning of software development to reduce risk and improve software quality and all evidenced *via* preliminary experimentation and analysis.

To improve the software quality one must reduce risk factors at various stages, which can be measured via various parameters. Many studies and implementations are keen to work on improving quality to reduce risk, some proven ones that are being used (brief given ahead) in our framework.

This paper introduces the theoretical process model for disciplined architecture of software development maturity to improve the team efficiency on individual (team member(s)) specialization, which also ease the tedious maintenance work and reduces risk at early development phase, thus improves software quality at par. All activities in any organization or group entail some uncertainties. Due to internal or external factors that produces an uncertain environment while achieving their objectives and these uncertainties impact on the organization's objectives certainly is *Risk*.

B. Risk Management

Aiming constant handling of discovering & detecting risk and taking appropriate action to minimize can be termed managing risk.

AS/NZS ISO 31000:2009 introduces some principles of *risk management* [1]:

- Build and defend ethics.
- Should be the fundamental element of the whole development process.
- Should be an integral part of decision making.
- Precisely demonstrate potential uncertainties.
- Should be organized, configured and on-time.
- Should be in shape.
- Should consider human values and culture.
- Should involve and transparent between individuals to any level of communication.
- Should be open, iterative and dynamic to any change.
- Should be the part of continuous improvement process.

Almost every enterprise/ organization should work on a framework of Risk Management endlessly [1].

And to identify the risk efficiently one need to segregate the objective into three categories [1]:

- <u>Objective Related to Strategy</u>: Comes under the supervision of senior executives within an organization, which are responsible for providing strategic decisions.
- <u>Objective Related to Operations</u>: Comes under the middle level managers of an organization those are responsible for aligning the strategic objectives.
- <u>Line Objective</u>: These are the actual line manager who comes into action in the development of product/ software.

A. Risk

C. Process Model

Software process life cycle model is either a descriptive or prescriptive characterization of how software is or should be developed. A descriptive model describes the history of how a particular software system was developed. A prescriptive model prescribes how a new software system should be developed.

To make the team more disciplined and less confuse there will be need to put the schedule in black & white and create standards to move forward in meeting objectives efficiently [2].

Standards should be general to different types of software(s) having differences to the situations or requirements.

These general standards also termed as models or named process models to move ahead on the project efficiently and effectively. Any impasse is not in the show due to prior chosen process model as per the requirement, size or category of the project.

There are various process models like [2]: waterfall model, iterative model, incremental model, prototyping model, spiral model, V-shaped Model etc. with due discipline it enhances the capacity and capability of team.

• Waterfall Model

A chronological development approach which emphasizes the flow towards the downwards direction through the phases of requirement analysis \rightarrow design \rightarrow implementation \rightarrow integration \rightarrow and maintenance.

This model [Fig.1.] accentuates planning at early phases and also anticipates not incorporating any changes in-between. Design is like flowing water in a downward direction so no chance of moving backward or upward.



Fig. 1. Waterfall Model

Steps included in the waterfall model detailed below:

1). Requirement & Analysis: Establishing the expectations for software and its functionality. Also analysis to be done for hidden, missed or incomplete requirement to make all specific and documented for further development & understanding, which should be un-doubtful at all levels.

2). Design: Framework should be the outcome of this stage/ phase, which defines the external interfaces and

tools used in the project, can be determined by the designer.

3). Detailed Design: Analysis on design defined earlier and assesses the software components to be developed and prepare a specification for how each component is implemented.

4). Coding & Testing: Implements the detailed design specification and determines whether the software meets the specified requirements and finds any errors present in the code.

5). Deployment & Implementation: After surviving in all testing phases and levels software is deployed at client sites and instructs them to use as per requirement and finally implemented.

6). Maintenance: Modifications & enhancement is now the motive whenever required to make software more robust and efficient.

It has some merits, i.e. reinforces better discipline: define before design, design before code etc. and works well on matured products and in weak teams.

Some de-merits, i.e. unrealistic to expect entire requirements very early in the project, difficult to integrate risk management, difficult to make changes to documents, "swimming up streams".

• Iterative Waterfall Model

The problems with the waterfall model, initiate the demand of new methods of developing systems, which is more flexible than the traditional waterfall model. In Iterative waterfall model development, the project can be developed in parts that results faster development and product can be seen earlier and as per the feedback the process can be repeated in newer versions [Fig.2.].

This modified version has the most attractive aspect is that it enables the phases to overlap when needed, unlike in a pure waterfall model where no overlapping was allowed.

It also has some benefits like the work well with mature products and in weak teams and one more advantage is that it allows overlapping unlike the pure waterfall model.

But still some de-merits as like no scope of the changing requirement, no customization and above all no risk management to improve quality.



Fig. 2. Iterative Waterfall Model

• Incremental Process Model

As the name suggests, incremental means builds are on an incremental basis and evolution of software comes with an every incremental build with some enhancement and modification as required [Fig.3.].

In this model requirements were set of priorities and develop the system in groups. Each release has some added on features than previous ones until all the components have been implemented [17].

It also has some benefits like: *generates working software quickly, more flexible, easier to test and debug because of less code/ modules at a time etc.*

Very experienced team is needed for planning & design, the cost is high, involves rigidity in each phase of an iteration and change in requirement is almost not possible etc are some drawbacks of this process model.



Fig. 3. Incremental Process Model

Prototyping Process Model

Instead of cementing a requirement at early phase before design or implementation, this prototyping process model gives the opportunity to understand the requirement completely.

A prototype is a dummy implementation to understand the proposed system easily and client is also involved easily to make the prototype as good as needed [3].



Fig. 4. Prototyping Process Model

The major strength of prototyping is the involvement of the client in developing a prototype model of an actual product, which increases the quality of the product as the generated prototype is much nearer to the actual requirement of the client. Finally, after the acceptance of the prototype the development begins with the iterative process model.

Prototype modeling flavor enhances the capability of iterative process modeling.

Spiral Process Model

Improvement in software/ design/ development/ process quality is an un-ending race since web/ software application comes into existence. In the step of improving software quality in software development life cycle phases Sir Barry Boehm introduces the Risk Assessment & a Management aspect in his spiral analysis [4].



Fig. 5. Spiral Process Model

A process model having radial dimension in shape named spiral model [**Fig.5.**] enhances SDLC by fusion of risk analysis at every phase in four divisions' *viz*.

- Determining the objectives, alternatives and constraints and obtaining commitment,
- Identify & resolve risks by evaluating & identifying alternatives,
- Development & verification of the suggested alternative, and
- Design a plan to move ahead.

These four divisions/ segregation helps in making development easy and risk-considerable at an early stage.

• V-shaped Process Model

For verification & validation activities V-shaped process model [Fig.6] is only the model to be used, which is more disciplined and rigid in approach. To use this model, there is a need to collect functional and non-functional requirements at earliest.

1). Verification phase of V-Model proceeds with the sequence of

- *a) Requirement analysis:* It includes collection of functional & non-functional requirements as per the need of the user.
- *b) Functional specification:* It specifies the entire above un-structured requirement collected informal document. And similarly testing team works out the system test plan.
- *c) High-level design:* Preparation of abstract design for the solution as per the specified requirement.
- *d) Detailed design/ program specification:* All the codes and module design completed along with all codes and algorithms.
- 2). Validation phase serializes the testing as below:
- *Unit testing:* It tests the detailed design and all the modules individually.

- *Integration testing:* It tests integrated stubs of all the modules as per the high level design structure.
- *System testing:* It tests the whole system as per the functional specification.
- *User acceptance testing:* It entertains the user in testing for acceptance testing.



Fig. 6. V-Shape Process Model

It encourages the disciplined software development for sure. It somehow rigid in its process, but easy to use and appreciates whenever requirement completes before design [8]. It works well for small projects.

This model is suggested for large projects on the condition that if follows the approach of CBSE and for every component development one can use V-Model for simplicity, reliability, and re-usability thus improves the quality.

II. CBSE

Component based software engineering (CBSE) is based on reusability of software components written in the discipline of software engineering emerged due the unsuccessful object oriented architecture for reusability. Object classes are more detailed than abstraction of components. And abstraction provides a much better opportunity to be reusable, which appreciates COTS for better reusability [6]. Components of-the-Shelf (COTS) base development is much beneficial as reducing cost, less time to develop and market.

CBSE approach reduces development time and it increases quality as it exhibits performance, reliability and usability in comparing to the traditional approach of software development [7].

CBSE approach follows the following steps in software development [7]:

- *a*) Identify & choose the prospective components for reusability.
- b) Assurance for usable components.
- c) Adjust components as per requirement.
- *d*) Assimilate the components to form sub-systems to a new system.

This proven approach can be used in making software development more maintainable and flexible to attach and detach components.

III. MVC

Model-View-Controller (MVC) is now the well-known architecture implementing user-interfaces. In 1970's Smalltalk (*a programming language*) firstly defined the concept of MVC. From that time onwards the MVC design pattern was becoming routine specifically in object oriented systems [11].

Technology related to re-usability is a common issue among developers and planners. MVC provides component reusability aspect referring sphere definite packages [12].

As is said this system is self-managing, an automatic and it includes some benefits among itself [13]:

- *Possesses configuration*: The system of MVC configures itself with the environment because of its self-configuring behavior.
- *Possesses robustness*: It shields the rest of the system from its flawed activity.
- *Possesses optimization*: Because of having own configuring, own robustness it automatically have its own optimal to proficiently make best use of the possessions to best meet the needs of its ambiance and users.
- *Possesses protection*: It monitors and anticipates the type of attacks like cross-side scripting, unauthorized access, etc. and use appropriate measures to neutralize the attack.

Experiencing different/ traditional architectures for software and web-development, but MVC architecture is an eye opening architecture, which enhances the capacity, fresh-up the mind due to its disciplined framework.

Work Segregation is the best aspect of *the MVC framework*. As team can be best escorted by making them (*Model, View & Controller*) separate [13].

IV. PERCEPTION ON SOFTWARE QUALITY

Usage of software(s) since 10 years increased radically, especially in communication, to reduce manual intrusion to evaluate better accuracy, to lessen the time consumption etc. usage of software(s) like: E-mail systems (*rediff, g-mail, hot-mail*), e-ticketing reservation (*in railways, airways and now roadways also*), e-billing, social media (*facebook, we-chat, what's up*) etc.

Due to considerable increment in usage of software(s) [15], there is a keen need to maintain & improve software quality. Therefore, emphasis should be made on better process development of software(s), means, needs to retain, maintain & improve software quality on pre-defined attributes like: *reliability, modifiability, traceability, portability etc.*).

Software quality needs to be analyzed again & again by researchers and also analyzed many times in the past. After studying various software factors, software quality may be defined as the "combination of understanding & performance of data modeling, creating business logic, designing an innovative layout separately and finally control and monitor the relationship among them by validating and verifying with the specified requirements".

V. CLASS OF SOFTWARE

Class can be Organic, Semi-detached and embedded as Berry Boehm described in the book title *"Software Engineering"*.

Organic: miniature range software(s) in this category comes into action, in which experienced developers in this category needed. For e.g., website to any company/organization etc., web-application, means product line software(s) comes into this category. This type of software/ application acting as a pillar in the e-information world needs quality to be maintained [17], but, here it is needed to extend the types of projects to 2-50 KLOC to 2-99 KLOC.

Semi-Detached: Mid range software(s) in this category comes into action, in which average previous experience on similar projects is needed. For e.g., utility software(s) like compilers, databases or editors etc. can be developed in this category. Project size could be 50-300 KLOC.

Embedded: This category deals with larger projects, real time systems, complex interfaces. And very little previous experience is needed, but highly specialized types of developers required. For e.g., ATMs, Air Traffic Control etc. be developed in this kind. Project size is normally over 300 KLOC.

This paper emphasizes on organic class of software(s) where up to 2-99 KLOC can be extended. As in this category most of the customized product line packages were developed in this modern world specifically.

VI. PURPOSE OF MVC

Major causes due to which this architecture is so efficient are:

- 1) Emphasizes on objects while planning automation rather on irrelevant processes: Firstly, making a story board is easy for any software development project and MVC emphasizes on objects to be mapped conceptually with the user's and developer's brain rather focusing on detailed architecture [19].
- 2) Divide 'n' Rule: As this says is so popular in negative sense, but positively it encourages the efficiency of the leader to project, direct n monitor the whole task easily and effectively without burdening the team(s).
- 3) Independence: Team members are independent to each other due to the distribution of their independent tasks, which lead towards at higher success ratio.
- 4) Ensuring Responsibility: Disciplined distribution positively emphasizes the individual responsibility.
- 5) Easy Maintenance: Again disciplined distribution & management, maintenance response efficiently and in time services.

Most motivational aspects of MVC are that this pattern is popularly used in web design as an HTML file serves as the model, containing the text to be shown on a webpage, a CSS file contains a description or view of the page's layout, and the browser serves as the controller, rendering the HTML and CSS data as the webpage viewed [18]. This web design still exists in the modern era technological world. *Updating and enhancement* incorporates the same pattern efficiently, thus showing low risk architecture stay alive in the latest technology.

This design pattern ensures reduced software risk as of the above causes and thus improves the software quality.

VII. PURPOSE FOR SPIRAL MODEL

Spiral technique beautifully mingles iterative development with the disciplined & controlled aspects of the waterfall model, which also permitted for incremental releases for further refinement via each time around the spiral [4].

Some factors analyzed from literature survey are the fair enough reasons to pick the spiral process model to choose for research:

A. Success Ratio is high

Ratio of success is high because of analysis, involvement in depth.

B. Overlapped phases

This is also an advantage as because of overlapping of phases means whenever needed team can proceed on and from any phase to modify/ enhance the product at the worst from maintenance phase, in-fact.

C. Risk Involvement

The foremost aspect of spiral model is to identify, assessment and resolution of risk factor(s).

D. Changes are easy to incorporate

As because of the prototype development of each phase and documentation is disciplined then changes in the same system is easy to incorporate.

E. User Involvement

User involvement at every stage for prototyping is one of the best aspects of spiral model. In fact client knows the outcome at the very early stage.

F. Flexible

Regular feedback from the user periodically and the changes don't come as a last minute surprise. Changes are easily accommodated.

G.Risk Assessment and Reduction

Risks are assessed and actions are put to reduce the key risks.

H.Reusability

If the prototype is operationally useful and robust enough to serve as a low-risk base for future product evolution, then the option of writing specified would be addressed but not exercised.

VIII. PROPOSING A SELF-MANAGING PIPE-LINE FRAME-WORK OR MODEL TO REDUCE RISK AND IMPROVE SOFT-WARE QUALITY

A. Project initiates with requirement elicitation and analysis

Commencement of project comprises the start-up phase of the project. This is the phase where the problem should be defined clearly to what needs to be accomplished and why it's of great interest to the *business/clients*. Most project failures make their root cause in poor or mismanaged expectations of project venture-holders because the project business context was not definite, communicated, and understood by all venture-holders and team members. Therefore, trying to gather and analyze the complete and clear requirements at earliest. And finally document/ specify the whole requirement as SRS.

B. Plan the project

Planning of the project doesn't mean for only schedules and budget, but also involves the effort to be made to successfully complete the project.

- The planning phase answers the questions:
- a. What work must be done to complete the task?
- *b*. Feasibility *(technical & economical)* of the project as per the requirement.
- *c*. Distribution planning as per business logic, data modeling and layout processing.
- d. Who is responsible for the work assigned?
- *e*. Deadline of the work done to be decided as per the requirement and budget.
- f. Risk Assessment & Management Activity.

The planning phase motive is to achieve practical, attainable, schedule, predictable, flexible and communicable development:

- *a.* PRACTICAL: capacity of the project should be consistent with resources, capability, time and allocation.
- *b.* SCHEDULE: Reasonable time allocations for tasks and proper sequencing of work.
- *c*. FLEXIBILITY: Recognition of key risks and contingency plan for managing risk that materializes.
- *g.* COMMUNICATION: Definite pathways to communicate between teams, decision making authority and accountability.

C. Use-case modeling

User classes and use case diagrams should be prepared to represent the interaction between actors and models for better understanding.

Use case diagrams are used to gather the requirements of a system, including internal and external influences. These requirements are mostly design requirements. So when a system is analyzed to gather its functionalities use cases are prepared and actors are identified [17].

D.Activity diagram

An action is the fundamental unit of executable functionality in an activity. An action may have sets of incoming and outgoing activity edges that specify control flow and data flow from and to other nodes. The sequencing of actions is controlled by control edges and object flow edges within activities, which carry control and object events respectively [17] [20].

E. Distribution process

This process is to deliver the SRS, use-case model(s) and activity diagram(s) to the respective teams' viz. business logic team, data modeling team and interaction logic team.

These documentation(s) helps them to proceed further with some facts:

- 1) Fetches the detail for their own specialization.
- 2) Sync with the uniform plan of action.
- 3) Help to develop further specifications.
- F. The simultaneous derived spiral processes

<u>Database Spiral Process Modeling [Fig.8.]</u>: This derived process model is to develop and produce risk free data modeling having some disciplined steps:

- i. Prepare some suggestive designs like: *External & physical view of database used in the project*, and *Modeling class and its methods*.
- ii. Verify & validate the above database designs & classes for better alternative as per the documentation(s) provided.
- iii. Prepare the test-data for testing the proposed database and analyze the risk and try to correct the same or go to step {b} and have another alternative.
- iv. Develop the final prototype of database for acceptance testing tested by the core team & prepare the final database design to be delivered.

Each of the above phases should revolve sequentially around below aspects:

- 1. Determine the objectives, alternatives and constraints & obtaining commitments in maintain designing database.
- 2. Identifying & resolve risks by evaluating & identifying alternatives.
- 3. Development & verification of the suggestive alternatives.
- 4. Plan for the next phase.

<u>Business Logic Spiral Process Model [Fig.9.]:</u> This derived process model is to identify the controlling class and methods used to control and manage the communication pathway(s) between *interaction process & data modeling process* efficiently having:

- i. Prepare some suggestive pathways or methods for controlling the interaction between data-modeling and interaction logic.
- ii. Verify & validate the suggestive pathways for better alternative as per the documentation(s) provided.
- iii. Prepare the test-data for testing as per the activity cycle mentioned in activity diagram(s).
- iv. Develop the final prototype of controlling methods for acceptance testing & finally prepare the final controlling class of business logic design.

Each of the above phases should revolve sequentially around below aspects:

- 1. Determine the objectives, alternatives and constraints & obtaining commitments in controlling the whole scenario.
- 2. Identifying & resolve risks by evaluating & identifying alternatives.

- 3. Development & verification of the suggestive alternatives.
- 5. Plan for the next phase.

Interaction Spiral Process Model [Fig.10.]: This derived process model is to identify the layout & interactivity platform that deals with the outside world for sincere inputs and maximum required outputs from and to the user by following the below steps:

- i. Plan and prepare some suggestive layouts and interactions as per the scope of the requirement and user.
- ii. Verify & validate these above layouts and interactions as per the documentation(s) provided.
- iii. Prepare the test-data for testing as per the activity cycle mentioned in activity diagram(s).
- iv. Design & develop the final prototype of layout & interactions for acceptance testing & prepare the final prototype to be implemented.

Each of the above phases should revolve sequentially around below aspects:

1. Determine the objectives, alternatives and constraints & obtaining commitments for visual appearances & interactions.

- 2. Identifying & resolve risks by evaluating & identifying alternatives.
- 3. Development & verification of the suggestive alternatives.
- 6. Plan for the next phase.

<u>Verification & Validations phase between data modeling & business logic:</u> In this phase V-shape derived process helps in identifying the correct association between data modeling & business logic by verification and validation (testing). They both moves sequentially as:

- Verification Phase-
- b. Specify all the methods in data modeling class and business logic class.
- c. Prepare all the state, structured charts and for all the methods and E-R diagrams for the database.
- d. Convert all the structured charts to detailed algorithms and pseudo code.
- e. Implement Coding.
- Validation Phase-

Develop individual stubs for each level testing *viz. unit, integrated & system testing.* It flows as below:



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Fig. 9. Business Logic Spiral Process Model



Fig. 10. Interaction Spiral Process Model

Maintenance Chart				
Error(s)	Data Modeling	Business Logic	Interaction Logic	Correction
Unknown data item??	\checkmark	Х	Х	Х
File not found!!	Х	Х	\checkmark	DONE
Source not included!!	Х	\checkmark	Х	DONE

- *a*. Now start with *unit testing* between the detailed design of data modeling and business logic.
- *b*. Then move with *integrated testing* between the high level design of data modeling and business logic.
- *c*. Finally, *system testing* between the functional specification of data modeling and business logic.

<u>Verification & Validation phase between business log-</u> <u>ic & Interaction logic:</u> In this phase another V-shape derived process helps in identifying the correct association between business logic & interaction logic by verification and validation (testing). They both move sequentially as: <u>Verification Phase-</u>

- *a*. Specify all the methods in business logic class & interaction layouts methods.
- *b*. Prepare all the state, structured charts and for all the methods in business logic and layouts methods.
- *c*. Convert all the structured charts to detailed algorithms and pseudo code.

Validation Phase-

Develop individual stubs for each level testing *viz. unit*, *integrated & system testing*. It flows as below:

- *a*. Now start with *unit testing* between the detailed design of business logic and interaction design.
- b. Then move with *integrated testing* between the high level design of business logic & interaction design.
- *c*. Finally, system testing between the functional specification of business logic design and interaction design.

G.System testing plan after the development and assembling the whole project

Finally test the whole system by different testing teams for data modeling, business logic & interaction logic team.

Business logic/ controlling team will ensure the error correction/ maintenance, distribution by labeling in the tabular format, access to all the teams [Table 1].

This framework beautifully segregated the design approach to reduce risk, thus improves the software quality. Maintenance chart positively enhances the capability of either team as less and specialized work. Finally the tabular format of the maintenance chart always helps in decision making for the betterment of software quality.

IX. EXPERIMENT & ANALYSIS

After experimenting with developing web-application using *proposed approach* and comparing it with *the traditional approach*, four factors have been analyzed *i.e.* effort, team performance, congestion, and requirement accommodation. Here, the web application used is to *add* & *update* faculty, news and events on the institute website to display effectively on web within time as when required.

The experiment is followed on two different teams having the same background of knowledge, patience & skills and having a combination of experienced and fresh designing & development team.

Team A	
Task to be performed by	
[Member 1]	(Member 2)
Add Faculty	Modify Faculty
Plan Input design	Plan Input design
Plan Validation	Plan Validation
Plan Logic to insert in database	Plan Logic to update in database
Plan Output design	Plan Output design
[Member 3]	[Member 4]
Add News/Events	Modify News/Events
Plan Input design	Plan Input design
Plan Validation	Plan Validation
Plan Logic to insert in database	Plan Logic to update in database
Plan Output design	Plan Output design

Fig. 11. Showing distribution of tasks in Team A with traditional approach

Now [Fig. 11 & Fig. 12] shows the distribution of work between team members, in which [Fig. 11] shows the traditional and [Fig. 12] shows the [Fig 7] approach.

After studying [Fig. 11 & Fig. 12] the conclusion is stored in [Table 2 & Table 3], in which [Fig. 11] concludes [Table 2] and [Fig. 12] concludes [Table 3].

At this point [Table 2 & Table 3] notifies the nature of operations performed by the members of a team A & B at a time.

Here [Table 2] displays the nature of operations performed at a time by a member of a team. For e.g. Member 1 of Team A has to plan for 'Add_Faculty' module, then he/ she has to perform 4 different natured operations viz. 'plan input design', 'plan validations', 'plan database processing' and finally 'plan for output design'. And so on for every member.

Team B	
Task to be performed by	
[Member 1]	[Member 2]
Input/ Output Design for	Controlling Logic design for
Add_Faculty	Add_Faculty
Modify_Faculty	Modify_Faculty
Add News/ Events	Add News/Events
Modifying News/ Events	Modifying News/ Events
[Member 3]	[Member 4]
Database processing logic for Add Faculty	Synchronization between all three for
Modify Faculty	Add_Faculty
Add News/Events	Modify_Faculty
Modifying News/ Events	Add News/Events
	Modifying News/ Events

Fig. 12. Showing distribution of tasks in Team B with the proposed approach

Table 2. Operation performed at a time analyzed from Fig. 11

Team A	Module		ure of ons Count
Members		Similar	Different
Member 1	Add_Faculty	0	4
Member 2	Modify_Faculty	0	4
Member 3	Add News/ Events	0	4
Member 4	Modify News/ Events	0	4

Table 3. Operation performed at a time analyzed from Fig. 12

Team B	Module		ure of ons Count
Members		Similar	Different
Member 1	Input/ Output design	4	0
Member 2	Controlling Logic Design	4	0
Member 3	Database processing Logic	4	0
Member 4	Synchronization	4	0

But, the [Table 3] displays the nature of operations performed at a time by a member of a team. For *e.g.* <u>Member 1 of Team B</u> has to plan for 'Input/Output_Design' module, then he/ she has to perform 4 similar operations that is designing an input/ output windows for *viz. 'Add_Faculty', 'Modifying_Faculty', 'Add_News/ Events', Modifying_News/ Events'.* And so on for every member.

Table 4. Findings from Table 2 & 3

Findings from Table 2 & 3	Team A	Team B
Modules assigned	4	4
Operations per modules per member	4	4
Nature of operations per module	Different	Same
Nature of Work	Complex	Simple
Efficiency per module per member	25%	100%

After analyzing [Table 4], this illustrates the findings of [Table 2 & 3]. If the operations per module are different in nature then the full efficiency per member is distributed in no of operations:

Efficiency for Team A -

$$\frac{Full \, Efficiency}{No \, of \, diff. operations} = \frac{100\%}{4} = 25\% \tag{1}$$

If the operations per module are same in nature, then a number of different operations is 1. So, the full efficiency per member is distributed is no. of operations:

Efficiency for Team B -

$$\frac{Full \, Efficiency}{No \, of \, diff.operations} = \frac{100\%}{1} = 100\% \tag{2}$$

From (1) & (2) it has been concluded that different operations per module, which are complex in nature performed at a time, slow down the performance efficiency. On the other hand, it needs to distribute the task in such a way that the operations involved in a single task should be same in nature to enhance the performance. Finally [Table 5] illustrates the factors, which motivates in using the proposed approach, which dominates the traditional approach.

Factors	Traditional Approach	Our Approach	
Changes in User Requirement	Complex to accommodate	Easy to accommodate	
Nature of Team	Dependent	Independent	
Maintenance	Complex	Simple and easy	
Coding	Complex	Simple and easy	
Cyclomatic Complexity*	04 to 08	02 to 04	

Table 5. Factors Concluded from Table 4

Cyclomatic Complexity* increases in [Table 5] of traditional approach as Member(s) of a team has to deal different operations at a time by his/ her own *viz*.

Modify_News_Events:

Table 6. Overall Cyclomatic Complexity via Traditional approach

Task (s)	Cyclomatic Complexity
Input Designing	1
Validation	4
Logic to insert in database	4
Output Design	1
Total	10

On the contrary Cyclomatic Complexity* in [Table 6] decreases in proposed approach as Member(s) of a team has to deal same operations at a time by his/ her own *viz*.

Database processing logic:

Proposed approach [Fig.7] in this paper decreases cyclomatic complexity and all the operations performed by a member (s) of single category and less test-cases due to declining cyclomatic complexity.

Table 6. Cyclomatic Complexity via proposed approach

Task (s)	Cyclomatic Complexity
Add_Faculty	1
Modify_Faculty	2
Add_NewsEvents	1
Modify_NewsEvents	2
Total	6

Finally concluded that the proposed approach in this paper provides a better quality product and this process reduces risk in development strategy, but needed some good experience for *distribution and assembling* of tasks to decrease some risk and delivered an improved quality product.

* Here cyclomatic complexity means number of test case(s) in test suite(s).

X. ADVANTAGES USING PROPOSED MODEL

The proposed approach [Fig. 7] proposes to reduce software development risk and improvement in software quality. It reduces the technical controversies that emerge during the development phases, resulting enhancement in the power of *thinking and specialization*.

It displays the framework [Fig. 7] for another very effective process model that can be used to deploy with SDLC for better software quality having low risk towards [15]:

1). User Requirements: Due to the distribution in working tasks, integrated in different requirement windows, for different type of requirements - thus incorporates the same easily to enhance the software. This allocation makes the environment more open, iterative and dynamic to any change [1].

2). Team: Distribution of team for *data-modeling*, *business logic* and *interaction & appearances* motivates team to work in less burdened environment and on single track as specialization. While using this model the team leads should be previously experienced to monitor the whole scenario thus reduces risk in monitoring and development.

3). Maintenance: All separated windows makes maintenance more open, iterative, interactive and dynamic. Separate maintenance team that already dealing as business logic planning who decide the incoming maintenance will go to which team.

So the tabular method [Table 1.1] enhances the capability of maintenance effort that automatically segregates corrective maintenance, enhancement maintenance in their respective windows that automatically drives to the concerned team.

4). Less code: Component architectural and reusability aspect produces less code, which again a big advantage over traditional approaches.

5). Low Cyclomatic complexity structure: Segregated modules ruled cyclomatic complexity at lower side [17].

$$V(G) = E - N + 2 \tag{3}$$

Where, '**E**' refers to the Number of Edges and '**N**' refers to Number of Nodes. Here edges mean *probabilities* and nodes means *conditions*.

If applying this above formula, proves the low Cyclomatic complexity, structure means minimum testcases that leads to minimum time frame for quality testing, thus reduces technical risk and improves software quality.

This practice is designed for all team members to participate actively in identifying problems & risks, easy accommodation of changes in requirement and less & efficient maintenance effort.

XI. CONCLUSION

In this paper the theoretical pipeline model is proposed which enhances the capability in the process of SDLC due to beautifully segregated design approach, with the help of data modeling, business logic and interaction logic and marked good performance in the preliminary experiment. This model as a result the less burdened working team(s), reduces stressful maintenance effort, increases efficiency, thus reduces risk due to segregation in human efforts to improve software quality. At the same time, our approach provides the independent environment among planning, design, development teams, which ensures smooth & efficient working throughout the project. Further work will be focused on different languages & tools under one roof on the same project and also enhance the security features.

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