Announcements

Project
ERP Research & App Selection
Tie In

Exam #1 on 10-3
Be there…. or be there….
There will be a lot on the exam that comes only from the readings

R1
First a word about Leadership

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Leadership

What is a leader?
A Leader is **Not**

Telling people what to do
Someone who plays the blame game

Zuckerberg spends most of this time asking questions
A Leader is

1. Helping others in time of need
2. Being prepared
3. Leading by example
4. Being the SME (Subject Matter Expert)

Companies want leaders, even if you’re not the boss or you’re “at the bottom"
How Can you Be Leader on Your Team(s)?
Systems Integration

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Project Notes - Will need APIs Between Components

Support component **stubbing**

Separate group concerns
  - Grading
  - Customer requirements
  - Testing/security

Interchangeability
  - Project risks
  - Changing Requirements
  - Properly modeling & architecture
Agenda

Challenges to overcome
Techniques for integration
Key Questions

How to integrate?
   At the flip of a switch?
   Components/piecemeal?
   What levels?

How to break up work?
   Who is responsible

How to test?
   Was integrated correctly the 1st time?
   Root cause of discovered errors
   They will happen
Systems Integration is the process of:

“Assembling the constituent parts of a system in a logical, cost-effective way, comprehensively checking system execution (all nominal & exceptional paths), and including a full functional check-out.”
Integration Tips

Systems integration should be done at the system level

Why not unit?
  coupling
  others…..

Don’t make it a “backend” task

May actually be a primary driver for architectural/design decisions.
Some Integration Concerns

Technological
Security
Scalability
Reliability
Maintainability
Phases of Integration

What components do you need/not need?
What are the nice to haves & what are the risks
How will it map into your current design & components?
Select appropriate systems
Subsystem integration
Integration, analysis, verification
analysis → functionality, security, performance
Systems Integration: Big Bang Flaws

Integration starts late because of late components, resulting in a flawed and immature delivery. Integration is expected to occur instantaneously, feeding an abbreviated and incomplete Test process, in order to recover schedule and meet the delivery deadline. Focus is on components rather than system capabilities; the Integration team rarely understands the overall system concepts. Integration starts when the hardware and software are ready, so it uses the delivered hardware and software for all activities.
Recommended Process

Adopt a *Continuous Integration* model rather than a Big Bang Integration model. Establish an Integration rhythm that is essentially independent of the development team.

Create a *Systems Integration team* of Responsible Engineers that knows the entire system and follows the program from Requirements Definition through Acceptance Testing and Operations. Design and Test engineers provide required support to REs during integration.

Manage *system integration* and *system test* based upon subsystems that can be end-to-end tested against system level requirements; manage system design & development based upon components that can be independently developed and checked.
Recommended Process (con’t)

Define a **Configuration Management process** such that the System Integration and Configuration Management Teams build and control the hardware & software configurations. 

**Develop component and subsystem specifications** to the extent that they are needed in order to define component checkout & subsystem verification procedures. 

**Perform component-level checkout** to satisfy Integration entry criteria. 

**Continuously perform regression testing**; create internal and/or external automated test tools that greatly reduce the emphasis on man-in-the-loop testing.
Recommended Process (con’t)

Track integration progress based upon completing subsystems that have been verified end-to-end against system-level requirements. Augment requirements-driven testing with stress testing and long mission threads testing in order to promote a robust system. Create a System Architecture Skeleton (SAS) very early in the program and use it as the framework for Subsystem Integration as components are added incrementally.
Integration

Integration Testing

Module A

Module B
Integration Testing

You will be (likely) using many technologies/components
Maybe more than you think
How will you ensure that all items are properly integrated?
How will you find problems?
How will you determine who should fix the problems?
Integration Testing Strategies

Types of Integration Testing:

- **Bottom-up**: Drivers & stubs
- **Top down**: Top layer & then sub layers
- **Sandwich**: Target (middle) & then converge

Big bang = bad  (What was historically done)
How you integrate will largely determine your strategy.
Which to Choose?

Scheduling concerns.
Which parts of most critical/produce most concerns?
Component availability.
Infrastructure/hardware available?
Integration Testing: For Your Project

Define a testing strategy
  For your team
  Across all teams
Clearly define the expectations and agree to them
What roles should do it?
Assign point people
  “Joe/Susie is responsible”
Verify the Need to Integrate First

Do you need to keep the legacy system active? Do you even need to connect to it?

Don’t throw good money after bad.

Long term viability?

Security and reliability.
Discover the Integration Type

Real-time integration: Alerts & updates information through integrate systems at the instant the change is made

Expensive
Risks?
Make Sure the Data is Clean

Eliminate redundant records
Fit into your system/process
Watch For System Overlaps

Do new/existing apps already cover what the legacy system is doing?

The more you have, the more you have to maintain

Possible security vulnerabilities
Integration Types

**Dummy** objects are passed around but never actually used. Usually they are just used to fill parameter lists.

**Fake** objects actually have working implementations, but usually take some shortcut which makes them not suitable for production (an in memory database is a good example).

**Stubs** provide canned answers to calls made during the test, usually not responding at all to anything outside what's programmed in for the test. Stubs may also record information about calls, such as an email gateway stub that remembers the messages it 'sent', or maybe only how many messages it 'sent'.

**Mocks** Objects pre-programmed with expectations which form a specification of the calls they are expected to receive.
Integration Testing Lifecycles

Test lifecycle with stubs:
1. Setup - Prepare object that is being tested and its stubs collaborators.
2. Exercise - Test the functionality.
3. Verify state - Use asserts to check object's state.
4. Teardown - Clean up resources.

Test lifecycle with mocks:
1. Setup data - Prepare object that is being tested.
2. Setup expectations - Prepare expectations in mock that is being used by primary object.
3. Exercise - Test the functionality.
4. Verify expectations - Verify that correct methods has been invoked in mock.
5. Verify state - Use asserts to check object's state.
6. Teardown - Clean up resources.
Recap

Integration concerns:
Types of integration:
“Faked Objects”
Recap

Integration concerns: Technology, security, scalability, reliability, maintainability

Types of integration
  - bottom, top, sandwich, big-gang (bad)

“Faked Objects”
  - Dummy: Just fill parameters
  - Fake: Work, but take shortcut
  - Stub: Canned responses
  - Mock: More robust, pre programmed.
Release 1

http://www.se.rit.edu/~swen-343/project/projectdeliverables.html
“Risks”