



DD(X)

Software Measurement

... how the PSM process and data models were used to design, implement, and grow a measurement program

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Outline



- DD(X) - A true 'system of systems'
- SW Engineering - A term not used lightly
- SW Measurement - A STANDARD Definition
- SW Measurement and an Acquisition Program Office
- DD(X) Measurement Process Model

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DD(X) Software Characteristics



- **SW Budget ~ \$ 1+ Billion**
- **500+ SW Configuration Items**
- **~ 25 Million delivered SLOC**
- **~ 26 Organizations developing / integrating software**



What is SW Engineering



- **“Engineering” means something**
 - ✓ **Process Based, Results Oriented**
 - ✓ **Discipline & Rigor**
 - ✓ **Quantifiable Methods & Results**
- **IEEE Computer Society Definition of SWE**
 - ✓ **“The application of a**
 - **systematic,**
 - **disciplined,**
 - **quantifiable****approach to the development, operation, and maintenance of software;”**

IEEE Standard Glossary of Software Engineering Terminology



SW Measurement STANDARD DEFINITION



- **For DD(X), Software Measurement is defined as:**
 - ✓ **“The Systematic Application of Formal Methods, Processes, and Procedures to Quantify Attributes of the Software Process and the associated Software Work Products”**
- **Sources for the DD(X) Approach to Software Measurement include:**
 - ✓ **Practical Software & Systems Measurement**
 - ✓ **Capability Maturity Model – Integrated**
 - **Measurement and Analysis Process Area**
 - **Quantitative Project Management Process Area**
 - ✓ **ISO 15939**



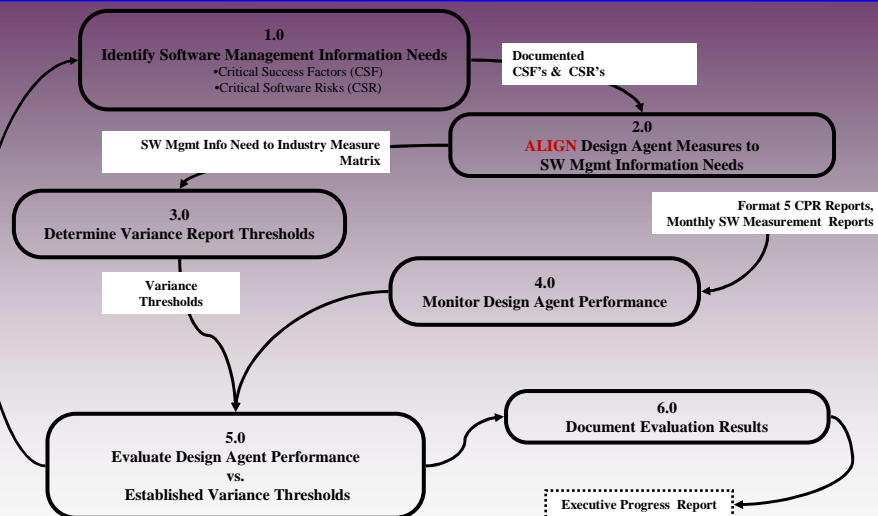
Software Measurement & DD(X) APO



- **PMS500 SW Engineering is responsible for four (4) things:**
 - ✓ **Encourage, Facilitate, and Promote Engineering Behavior *****
 - ✓ **Track and evaluate industry performance against known practices that reduce risk *****
 - ✓ **Report evaluation results to PMS500 Leadership**
 - ✓ **Identify any emerging technologies, methods, etc. that may benefit the program**

- **Before we add or modify a measure, we discuss the impact to the associated leadership decisions**

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1.0 DD(X) Software Management Information Needs



- **Stated Program Goals**
 - ✓ Zero Cost Growth
 - ✓ On-Time Development
 - ✓ 100% Contracted Functionality
 - ✓ Zero Priority 1/2 Defects
- **Identified Program Risks**
 - ✓ Concurrent Engineering
 - ✓ Distributed Development
 - ✓ Classified / Unclassified Work Environments
 - ✓ ...



DD(X) Software Measurement System Drivers



- **Critical Engineering Success Factors**
 - ✓ People
 - Sufficient and Capable Staff
 - ✓ Process
 - Adherence to Capable Processes
 - ✓ Product
 - Complete, Concise, & Quality Work Products
 - Fully Functional, High Quality Software
- **Critical Software Risks**
 - ✓ Distributed Development
 - ✓ Engineering Environment



People Indicators



➤ **Sufficient**

✓ **Is there enough people to get the job done?**

- **Staffing Profiles**
 - Planned (BCWS) vs. Actual (ACWP)

➤ **Capable**

✓ **Are the people capable of performing the work required?**

- **% Trained**



Process Indicators



➤ **Capability**

✓ **Are the processes capable of delivering quality and performance within cost / schedule constraints?**

- **Adherence to Best Practices**
 - IEEE 12207, IEEE 1012, ISO 15939, etc.
- **Performance Results**
 - Cost Variance, Schedule Variance

➤ **Compliance**

✓ **Are the capable processes being following?**

- **Process Appraisal Results**
- **Quality Assurance Audit Reports**



Product Indicators



- **Defect Containment Matrix**
 - ✓ Identifies Phase Injected and Phase Removed
 - ✓ Design Agent historical performance used as initial quality thresholds
 - ✓ DD(X) exceeded historical performance
 - ✓ One for each release
 - ✓ Data across DCM's allow for trend analysis
 - Prediction of latent defects in shipboard software



Distributed Development Indicators



- **Distributed Development**
 - ✓ **Process Maturity**
 - SW-CMM migration to CMM-I
 - ✓ **Common Tools**
 - Requirements (DOORS)
 - Design (ROSE-RT)
 - Configuration Management (Multi-site Clearcase)
 - Engineering Change Control (WSTR)
- **Engineering Environment**
 - ✓ **Classified Work Environment**
 - ✓ **Network Connectivity**



2.0 Map Mgmt Info Needs to Design Agent Proposed Measures



- **Current acquisition climate places emphasis on industry expertise**
- **Most DD(X) Software Suppliers have mature processes, including measurement**
- **Alignment was achieved through an iterative process of understanding and education**
 - ✓ **Measure vs Metric**
 - ✓ **Base / Derived Measure, Indicator, Model**
- **Design Agent was very open to improved methods and measures for monitoring developmental progress**
- **The PSM Issue/Category/Measure (ICM) table was very helpful to bound the discussion and reduce semantic misunderstandings**

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3.0 Determine Variance Thresholds



- **For multi-billion dollar software development efforts, thresholds are an interesting issue**
- **Typical guidance suggests thresholds of 5 to 10%**
- **For all practical purposes, we report ALL variances and each one requires an explanation with a recovery plan**

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4.0 Monitor Design Agent Performance



- **DD(X) Design Agent prepares a 'Composite Measurement Report' each month**
 - ✓ **Content was negotiated between the Design Agent and PMS500**
 - ✓ **Includes Indicators, Derived, AND Base Measures**
- **DA also prepares a monthly earned value report that includes risk progress**
- **SWEng analyzes measurement data (including Base Measures) for variances and trends**



Lessons Learned regarding Gov't monitoring of progress



- **Include measures for monitoring progress in milestone entry/exit criteria**
 - ✓ **Software Requirements Review**
- **In a large, system of systems effort, it is vital that the WBS system have discrete numbers for software**
 - ✓ **The third level of WBS reporting for large ACAT1 programs does not begin to separate HW / SW / Systems efforts**
 - ✓ **Sometimes the 4th level is sufficient.**
 - ✓ **Often it requires the 5th level to distinguish SW from systems / HW.**
- **Create a software CLIN for consolidation of software WBSs**



Lessons Learned regarding Gov't monitoring of progress



- **Software development can pay for the sins of systems engineering**
- **Large accounting systems can affect the timeliness of data analysis**
 - ✓ It's not unusual for data collection, aggregation, verification, analysis, and report preparation to take 4+ weeks
- **Creating information models from related indicators is an art, not a science**
- **Cost / Schedule pressure and thorough root cause analysis are in direct conflict**
 - ✓ Synthesizing staffing, cost/schedule performance, defect containment, and release size, etc. in order to estimate the likelihood of maintaining schedule is no small task and can take considerable time.

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6.0 Document Evaluation Results



- **A Composite Executive Software Status Report is prepared by SWEng for Navy SW leadership (PMS500 / PEO-IWS)**
 - ✓ PMS500 SWEng extracts measures (base / derived) from DA reports
- **Report covers 5 PSM 'issue areas'**
 - ✓ Schedule & Progress
 - ✓ Resources & Cost
 - ✓ Product Size / Stability
 - ✓ Product Quality
 - ✓ Process Performance
- **PMS500 SWEng works closely with DA Software Process Engineering Lead to understand cause and resolution of 'anomalies'**
 - ✓ DA is aware of, and generally concurs with, the Executive Software Status Brief
 - The data is agreed to.
 - The analysis and resulting estimates may diverge

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Closed Loop Process



- **Executive Software Status Report provides Navy SW Leadership with quick-look at developmental progress**
- **SWEng anticipates leadership questions and provides analysis / recovery plan with the initial report**
- **SWEng responds to any leadership questions**
 - ✓ Short term response to address the issue
 - ✓ Review the issue with DA to determine if additional measures or analysis is required in future reports
- **Issues are thoroughly vetted at bi-monthly software reviews**

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Conclusion



- **The Process and Data Models from PSM have been tremendously valuable in developing the DD(X) Measurement Program**
- **Guidance from PSM, CMMI, and ISO15939 continues to be useful tools as DD(X) enhances it's approach to software measurement**
- **DD(X) is proceeding forward. The quantitative foundation that has been established is bringing great benefits to DD(X) leadership in making mid-course corrections**

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