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The Soul of a New Machine

(revisited)

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A Little Bit of History

- Late 1960's, DEC is the leader in the Minicomputer market.
- 1968, Data General aggressively enters the Minicomputer market.
- 1978, Data General is a Fortune 500 company giving DEC a good run for their money in the Minicomputer domain.
- 1978, DEC releases the first 32-bit Minicomputer – the VAX.



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Once they are lost, both old
and new customers are gone
forever!



Innovations in Industry

- SPARK Ada & Raven SPARK
- Architecture Description Languages
- A#



Software Compatibility

- Software is expensive.
- Getting software to function properly takes time.
- Software that works is precious.
- Software compatibility enables users to move to bigger and better machines without the large expense of rewriting the software.



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Software Compatibility

- Wrappers
- Emulators
- Virtual Machines
- Modeling



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An Architecture Description Language (AADL)

- At the highest level, AADL may be used to model an entire system – both hardware and software – independent of the final representation.
- Refinements to the model enable you to incorporate properties about both the hardware platform and the software components.
- Enables incremental development of systems composed of new components as well as legacy modules.
- Analysis of the model for schedulability and consistency throughout the development lifecycle.



Let's Show Them What We Can Do

Rules of the Game:

1. You must compete for resources.
2. Promise to achieve a nearly impossible schedule.
3. Get sign-up / commitment at all levels.
4. Success will generate reward.



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*Not Everything Worth Doing Is
Worth Doing Well.*



Doing a Better Job

- Software engineering
- Spiral Development
- Patterns
- Collaborative Programming
- Extreme Programming

Avoid Over Engineering



Building the System

- Define rules for the code and the hardware to fit together and to prevent each other from interfering with the other.
- Documented and used as the communication medium between the hardware team and the software team.
- Successful Hardware & Software developed in concert.



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Communication Between Hardware & Software

- Programmer's Interface Guide – PIG
- Architecture Description Language – AADL



Hardware & Software Modeling with AADL

- From the hardware perspective AADL models include:
 - § Processors
 - § Memory
 - § Devices
 - § Buses
- From the software perspective AADL models include:
 - § Threads
 - § Processes
 - § Systems
 - § Packages
 - § Subprograms
 - § Data



Analysis with AADL

- Can the system be built?
- Will it meet it's deadlines?
- Is it consistent?
- What is the impact of change?



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Key to Success

Engineers need the freedom to invent
and the guidelines to success.



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Innovation & Success

- CMM & CMMI
- Collaborative Programming
- Extreme Programming



Software Costs

- Software Lifecycle
 - § Requirements \$1
 - § Analysis \$10
 - § Design \$100
 - § Implementation \$1000
 - § Testing \$10,000
 - § Production \$100,000
 - § Deployed \$1,000,000



Extreme Programming

- **Attitude** –work as team on evolving the design. The customer is part of the team.
- **Tests** – define unit tests at the start of the project. Customer designs acceptance tests.
- **Pair Programming** – Two engineers per task produces more reliable code quickly.
- **Refactoring** – simplify the end product to remove redundancy and ambiguity.
- **Incremental Growth** – complete a set of agreed upon tasks then move on to the next set.
- **Technology** – tools the enable continuous testing and encourages continuous change.
- **Communications** – keep the customer in the loop throughout development.



Lessons Learned

- Innovation in Industry
- Software Compatibility
- Sign-Up & Commitment
- Good and Timely is better than Perfect and Late
- Hardware/Software Communication is Vital to Success Systems Development
- Encouraging & Guiding Engineering Teams



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Thank You