

Unit #13

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Testing

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Agenda

- Quality characteristics
- Error detection techniques
- Entity inspection
- Evaluating datasets
- Issue tracking

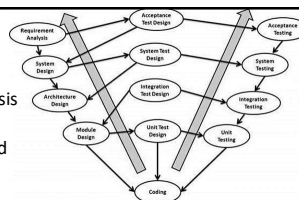
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Software Application Testing

- A test plan is developed during the analysis phase
- During the design phase, unit, system and integration test plans are developed
- The actual testing is done during implementation
- Written test plans provide improved communication among all parties involved in testing



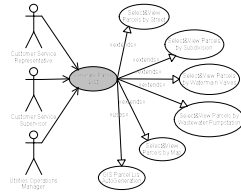
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Testing Applications

- Testers should be different people than the developers
- Testers should use simulate the various ways end users will use the application, and document errors they find
- Use cases are helpful in developing test suites of alternative test cases



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Testing Process

- The purpose of testing is to confirm that the system satisfies the requirements
- Testing must be planned
 - **Bottom-up testing** (most systems are tested early using bottom up testing)
 - Begins testing the smallest units of the system (e.g. programs and modules), and works upward until a the entire system has been tested
 - Advantages: Can be started before all programs are complete; Errors in critical modules can be found early
 - **Top-down testing**
 - Begins testing the breadth and works into the depth of the system
 - Advantages: Tests of major functions and processing conducted early; Interface errors can be detected sooner; Confidence raised in system by seeing a working system

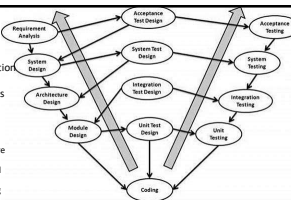
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Software Test Types

1. **Unit testing:** Each module is tested alone against its specification in an attempt to discover any errors in the controls structure and internal operation of the code
2. **Interface or integration testing:** A hardware or software test that evaluates how well the application passes and exchanges information with another system
3. **System testing:** testing of programs that comprise a system to ensure that they function properly
 - **Recovery testing** – Checking system's ability to recover after a software or hardware failure
 - **Security testing** – making sure the system includes appropriate access controls and does not introduce any security holes that may compromise other systems
 - **Load testing** – Testing with large quantities of data to evaluate performance during peak use
 - **Volume testing** – Studying the impact of incremental volumes of data records to determine the maximum volume of data that the application can process
 - **Stress testing** – Studying the impact of incremental numbers of concurrent users/services, to determine the maximum number that can be supported
 - **Performance testing** – Comparing the system's performance to other equivalent systems using well-defined benchmarks
4. **Final acceptance Testing has 2 parts:**
 - **Quality Assurance Testing (QAT)** – focuses on the technical aspects of the system, done by IT staff to verify the application meets specifications and works as documented by testing the logical design and technology
 - **User Acceptance Testing (UAT)** – focuses on the functional aspects of the system, done by users to ensure the system is production ready and satisfies all documented requirements



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Phases of Testing



- **Pre-Alpha**- Software is a prototype. UI is complete. But not all features are completed. At this stage, software is not published
- **Alpha**: Software is near its development and is internally tested for bugs/issues
- **Beta**: Software is stable and is released to a limited user base. The goal is to get customer feedback on the product and make changes in software accordingly
- **Release Candidate (RC)**: Based on the feedback of Beta Test, you make changes to the software and want to test out the bug fixes. At this stage, you do not want to make radical changes in functionality but just check for bugs. RC is also put out to the public
- **Release**: All works, software is released to the public

<https://www.guru99.com/alpha-beta-testing-demystified.html>

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Acceptance Testing



Process where actual users test a completed information system, the end goal is the users' acceptance of it

- **Alpha testing** is carried out in a lab environment and usually, the testers are internal employees of the organization
 - This kind of testing is called **alpha** only because it is done early on, near the end of the development of the software, and before **beta testing**
- **Beta Testing** of a product is performed by "real users" of the software application in a "real environment" and can be considered as a form of external User Acceptance Testing
 - Beta version of the software is released to a limited number of end-users of the product to obtain feedback on the product quality
 - Beta testing reduces product failure risks and provides increased quality of the product through customer validation
 - It is the final test before shipping a product to the customers. Direct feedback from customers is a major advantage of Beta Testing. This testing helps to tests the product in customer's environment

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Other Types of Testing

- **Pilot testing** – Preliminary test that focuses on specific predetermined aspects of the system. Not intended to replace other testing methods, but to provide a limited evaluation of basic functionalities of the system
- **White box testing** – Assesses the effectiveness of software program logic. Test data used to determine procedural accuracy or conditions of specific program logic (applies to unit and integration testing). Used in a focused manner as exhaustive white-box testing is often cost prohibitive
- **Black box testing** – Integrated testing of the an information system's functional effectiveness without regard to any specific internal program structure. Applicable to integration (interface) and user acceptance testing
- **Functional/validation testing** – A form of system testing that evaluates functionality against detailed requirements to trace back to customer requirements (did they build the right product)
- **Regression testing** – Testing against use-cases in test plan to assure that changes did not introduce new errors
- **Parallel testing** – Testing the same data within the original system (which will be replaced) and the new systems and comparing the results
- **Soiability testing** – Tests to confirm that he new system can operate in its target environment without adversely impacting existing systems. Focuses on application processing examining the interfaces with other systems that can be running at the enterprise and within the user's desktop application environment and with the user's browser

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Internal Quality Characteristics

Programmers care about internal characteristics of application quality, as well as external characteristics

1. Maintainability
2. Flexibility
3. Portability
4. Reusability
5. Readability
6. Testability

McConnell, Steve (2004), *Code Complete*, Microsoft Press
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Internal Quality Characteristics

1. **Maintainability:** Ease of revising or fixing an geospatial application
2. **Flexibility:** Ease of extending a geospatial application to support new uses
3. **Portability:** Ease of modifying a geospatial application to operate in a new environment
4. **Reusability:** Ease with which parts of the geospatial application can be reused
5. **Readability:** Understandability of the source code
6. **Testability:** Degree to which a geospatial application can be verified to meet requirements

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External Quality Characteristics

Users care that applications are:

- **Are easy to use, not if they are easy for developers to modify**
- **Work correctly, not about the structure and readability of the code**

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External Quality Characteristics

1. Correctness
2. Usability
3. Efficiency
4. Reliability
5. Integrity
6. Adaptability
7. Accuracy
8. Robustness

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External Quality Characteristics

1. **Correctness:** Accuracy of specification, design, data and implementation
2. **Usability:** How easy it is for user to perform their work
3. **Efficiency:** Appropriate use of system resources (memory, execution time, storage, bandwidth)
4. **Reliability:** How well the application performs under prolonged use
5. **Integrity:** Prevents unauthorized or improper access to its programs and its data
6. **Adaptability:** Can be used, without modification, in other systems
7. **Accuracy:** Produces valid results
8. **Robustness:** Continues to function with invalid inputs or a stressful environmental

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External quality issues are:

1. Defects, errors, or bugs
2. Omissions
3. Usability problems

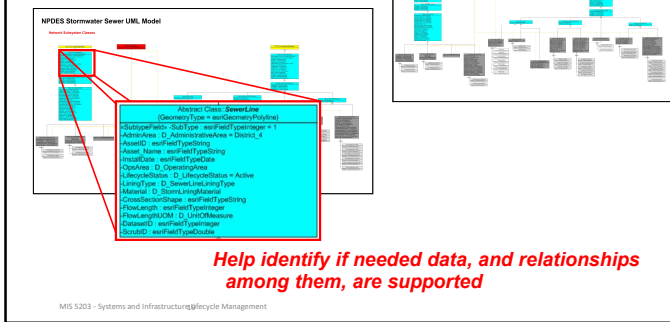
...that negatively affect user satisfaction, application acceptance, and project completion!

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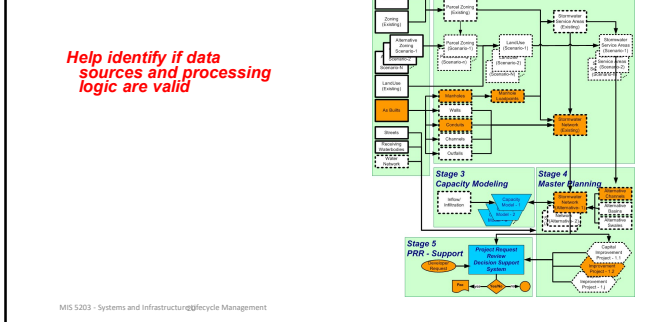
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Data Models



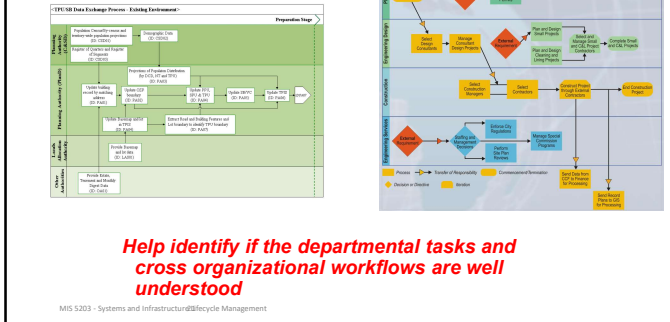
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Data Flow Models

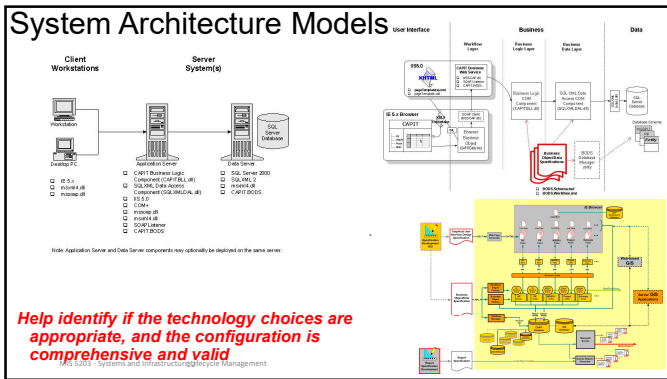


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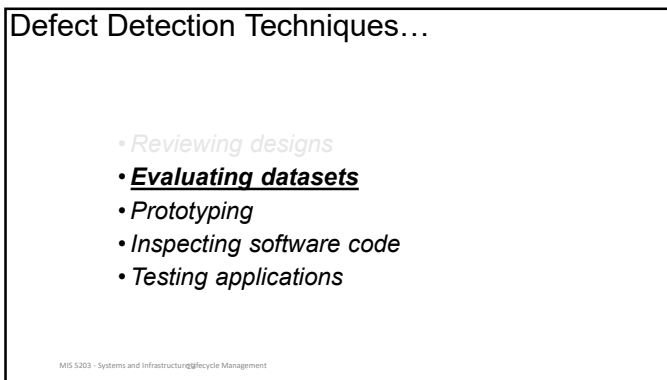
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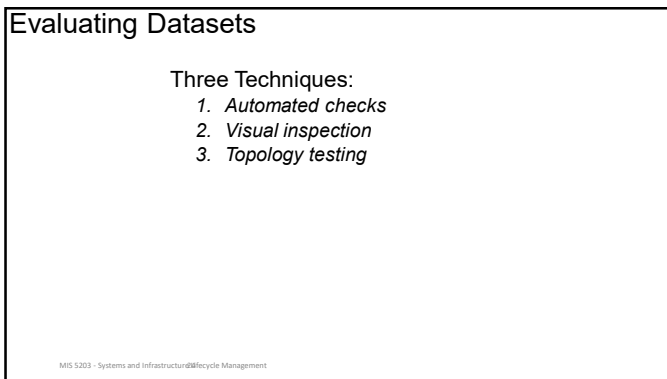
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Automated Checks

- Domain Checks (including Valid Values)
- Nulls and Zeros Checks
- Uniqueness Check
- Default Value Checks
- Duplicate Geometry Check
- Functional Dependency Check

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Defect Detection Techniques

Evaluating Datasets

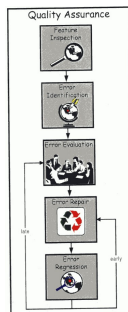
- Three Techniques:
- ✓ *Automated checks*
 2. ***Visual inspection***
 3. *Topology testing*

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Visual Inspection

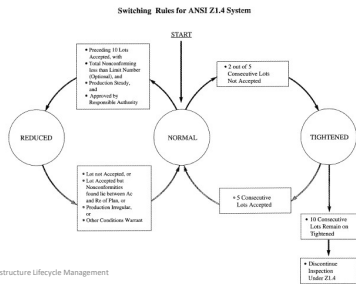
- **Entities inspected**
 - each found error is identified and documented
- **Severity and priority of each error is determined**
 - cost and risk that repairs will cause further problems are evaluated
- **Repaired errors are "regressed" to confirm fix**
 - and to see if fix caused additional errors



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Rules for Stopping the Inspection and Rejecting a Dataset



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Evaluating Datasets

- Three Techniques:
- ✓ Automated checks
 - ✓ Visual inspection
 - 3. **Topology testing**

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Topology Tests


- Cardinality checks
- Valid connections
- Directionality checks
- Gap detection

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Topology Tests

Cardinality Testing



A hydrant is shown with 3 connected pipes.


Typically, a hydrant terminates a single pipe. Source documents will need to be reviewed to see if the hydrant should be a different structure, the pipes need realigned, or if there is a missing hydrant lateral.

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Topology Tests

Valid Connections



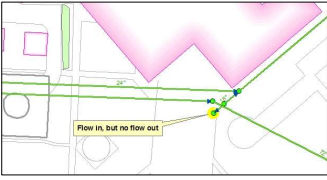
Duplicate geometry in the sanitary sewer system.

In this case, the From and To nodes share the same coordinates even though the pipes themselves do not share the same digitized geometry

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Directionality Testing



A sanitary sewer manhole is shown with a pipe flowing into it, but no pipes flowing out.

Looking at the rest of the system in the area, it is apparent that the connected pipe needs to be flipped to correct the problem.

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Gap Detection

Intersections are highlighted where a connection node feature should exist

Most shown here will become tees, but a possible hydrant, cap, or plug may be created on the lower-right node. Source documents may need to be consulted in this case.

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Error types and tests to find them:

		Automated Checks	Context Inspection	Random Visual Inspection	Connectivity Testing	Flow Trace Testing
Dataset	Format/Domain/Enum	●		x		
Source	Missing/Unusable			●		
Feature	FeatureMissing		●	x		
Feature	FeatureShouldNotExist		●	x		
Attribute	AttributeMissing	x		x		
Attribute	AttributeShouldNotExist	x		x		
Attribute	AttributeValueError	x		●		
Attribute	AttributeSourceError			●		
Graphic	LocationError		x	●		
Graphic	ShapeError		x	●		
Graphic	GraphicSourceError			●		
Topology	ConnectionBreak		x	x	x	●
Topology	ConnectionInward		x	x	●	x
Topology	DirectionIncorrect			x		●
Annotation	Missing	x	x	●		
Annotation	ShouldNotExist		x	●		
Annotation	LabelWrong		x	●		
Annotation	LocationWrong		x	●		
Annotation	FontWrong		x	●		

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Note: ● = Major Goal x = Secondary Goal

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Defect Detection Techniques...

- ✓ Reviewing designs
- ✓ Evaluating datasets
- ✓ Prototyping
- ✓ Inspecting software code
- **Testing applications**

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Issues are:

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2. Omissions
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Issue Tracking

Issue tracking improves project quality by:

- Documenting application and data defects
- Measuring application and database quality
- Determining project status
- Managing, prioritizing, scheduling and communicating development and quality assurance tasks



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Standard Operating Procedures

- **Issue Resolution Workflow**
- Triage
- Lessons Learned

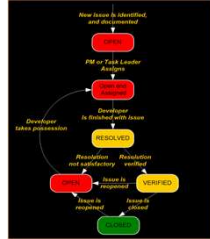
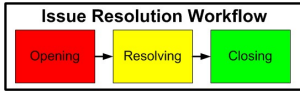
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Issue Resolution Workflow

There are 3 phases in the issue resolution workflow:

1. Opening
2. Resolving
3. Closing



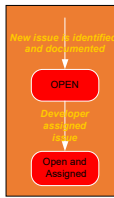
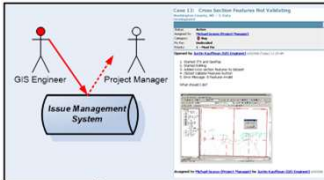
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“Opening” a New Issue

When a new issue is found:

- Create a new issue record form to fill in
- Document the problem
- Save the issue record documenting the problem
- Assign the issue to the person responsible for resolving the issue



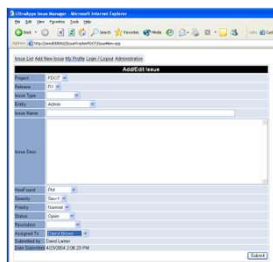
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Opening a New Issue

- Issues are found by project team members and by end-users
- New issues are opened

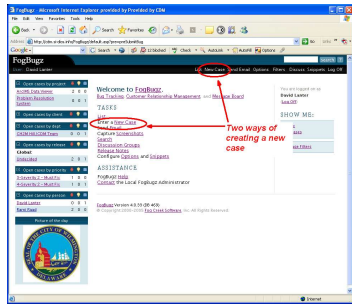
For example by clicking on the Add New Issue button in the "Issue Manager" system, which responds with the Add/Edit Issue screen, illustrated below:



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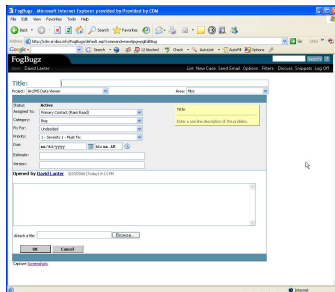
Opening and new issue



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Issue form



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Information for Opening a New Issue

1. Status
2. Application Name and Version
3. Title
4. Category
5. Area
6. Error Type
7. Severity
8. Notes
9. Assigned To
10. Release
11. Priority
12. Opened By
13. Opened Date/Time
14. IssueID

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Title *Opening a New Issue*

BugID	OpenedBy	Title
107	a-samja	PFL - Wild Rouge Wilderness listed in wrong state
108	a-samja	G_O - symbology for Wild Rogue Wilderness incomplete
109	o-derekl	TRA - A stretch of I-405 near Bothell, WA is labeled as I-130
110	a-samja	G_O - Incomplete symbology for Marble Mountain Wilderness
111	a-samja	G_O - Incomplete symbology for Yolla Bolly Middle Eel Wilderness
112	a-samja	G_O - Incomplete symbology for Dome Land Wilderness
113	o-derekl	TRA - Ardrossan-Douglas ferry route near Drummore, GB is broken
114	o-jordym	TRA - Font wrog, Southwest Coast Path, UK
115	o-derekl	TRA - A segment of A14 near Thrapston is labeled as A614
116	o-derekl	TRA - Douglas-Liverpool ferry route is broken
117	a-samja	TRA - Best Ferry left out of route from Sweden to Finland

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Area (continued) *Opening a New Issue*

- For example, a Computerized Maintenance Management Systems, might have Areas setup for:
 - User login accounts
 - Authentication and access permissions
 - Service requests
 - Work orders
 - Database
 - Map controls
 - Map data themes, e.g. Assets, BaseMap, Roads, Populated Places, etc.
 - Reports
 - Documentation

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Severity *Opening a New Issue*

Identifies the importance of the quality issue, four level ranking:

- "Severity 1"
- "Severity 2"
- "Severity 3"
- "Severity 4"

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Severity 1 *Opening a New Issue*

- A "Brand Damaging error"
- Can be a defect which renders the application unusable - a system crash, an unhandled application error, inability to start/stop, failure to login, etc.
- Do not deliver a product that contains Severity 1 defects

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Severity 2 *Opening a New Issue*

- "Product Damaging error"
- May be a systematic error, such as a Query subsystem that returns incorrect result sets;
- Do not a product that contains Severity 2 defects

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Severity 3 *Opening a New Issue*

- A "Non-show Stopper"
- A simple (non-systematic) error that will be fixed if there is time and resources
- Associated with a work around
- Or, misspelled text message, missing lable, or consistency problem
- Fix if there is time and budget

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Severity 4

Opening a New Issue

- A "recommendation"
- Is not a defect nor product acceptance issue
- Usually a recommendation or request that falls outside the scope of the current project
- Associated with a work around
- Or, misspelled text message, missing table, or consistency problem
- Do not fix

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Notes

Opening a New Issue

- The description of the problem
- Extremely important, this is where the person identifies the problem and reports how to reproduce it.
- Every good bug report needs exactly three things in the Notes or Description field:
 - Steps to reproduce
 - What you expected to see
 - What you saw instead (see description below)

Also referred to as "Description" in some issue tracking systems.

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Notes

Opening a New Issue

To reproduce:

1. Logged in as: mt491jm
2. Selected: Application/Service/Search/Service Requests
3. Searched by:
 - Depth Of Search = SR
 - Check "Service Request" box
 - Status = Open
 - Priority = High
4. Click "Go", got a list of SRs on the left panel
5. Click the link of WO-1329-1-2, the Work Order detail shows up
6. Click the link of SR-1329 - Got error message: "No matching items were found in the list," Expected to see SR's details

Opened by **Eni Wang** 3/29/2006 (Yesterday) 3:18 PM

Reproduce steps:

- 1) go to <http://msrserver/wilmington>
- 2) zoom in the map so that you can see buildings and pipes
- 3) click on "headline tool"
- 4) digitize a polygon
- 5) click on Save button on Reading frame
- 6) type in Title, Description, Name, then click on Save Session
- 7) an error message shows up: "Error: adding session information - details: Operation must use an updateable query"

what is an updateable query?
I didn't see any definition in their User Guide document

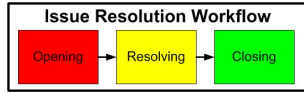
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Issue Resolution Workflow

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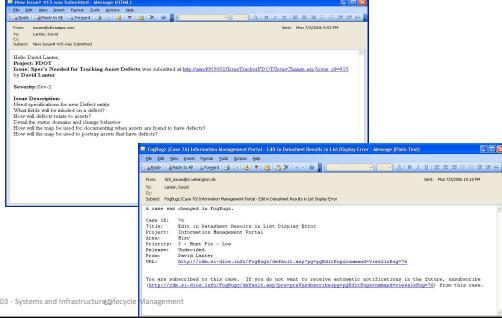


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Email Notifications

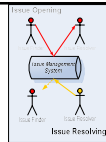
Opening a New Issue



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Resolving an issue



- After you are notified that you have a new issue
- Follow the directions in the notes and attempt to reproduce the issue
- Decide:
 - If the Notes provided enough information to reproduce the issue
 - If the issue is a valid issue
 - If you are the appropriate person to resolve the issue
 - Estimate how long it will take to resolve the issue
- Resolve it in order, by: Release, Severity, and Priority
- Reassign the issue for validation of your resolution

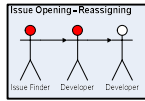
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Re-Assigning Issues

- Sometimes, you are assigned issues that should be resolved by someone else
- When this happens, reassign it by changing the "Assign To" value:

Resolving an issue



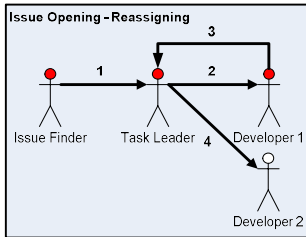
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Re-Assigning Issues

Reassign open issues among staff based on skills, knowledge, experience, and workload

Resolving an issue



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Resolving an issue - example

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Resolution example Resolving an Issue

By	Krishnappa, Prakash
Date	8/21/2004 4:49:00 PM
Response	<p>The issue is fixed by adding the validation for the user logged on against the AssignedByID. If they are same then they are allowed to delete the ASR. Also the UI is tightened further. The supervisor cannot reassign the ASR. He can only change the Status, add the status related comments & date & then save it. ALL other fields are locked. This patch is applied since there was no supervisory(ASR level) group in the security database.</p> <p>I have added the ASR level group in the security database. Changed the dependency code in AssignedSR.asp & global.asa.</p> <p>Fei check the functionality and let me know.</p>
Entity	Service Request
Type	Security
Assigned To	Fei Wang
Severity	Sev-2
Priority	Normal
Status	Open
Resolution	Fixed

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Resolving an Issue – Required Information Resolving an Issue

- Estimate
- Resolution
- Status
- Note
- Assigned To
- Resolved by
- Date/Time Resolved
- Related Issues

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Estimate Resolving an Issue

- ✓ **The developer should estimate how long it will take to resolve it and fill in the estimate**
 - *Adjust the estimate for big issues that still require work, this enables tracking how much work remains*
- ✓ **Some issue tracking systems track the “Original Estimate”, and provide other fields, such as:**
 - “Current Estimate” for re-estimating the remaining work
 - “Elapsed Work” to enable the developer to show how much time has been expended
 - “Time Remaining” can be calculated by subtracting elapsed from current estimate

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Resolution *Resolving an issue*

- **Bugs** can be resolved as:
 - Fixed
 - Not Reproducible
 - Duplicate
 - Postponed
 - Won't Fix
 - By Design

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Resolution *Resolving an issue*

- New **feature** requests can be resolved as:
 - Implemented
 - Postponed
 - Won't Implement
 - Already Exists

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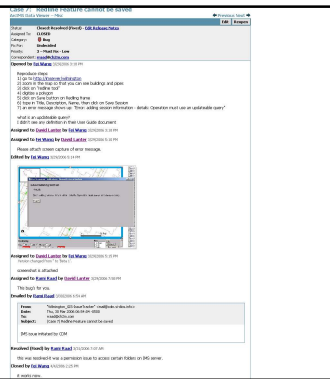
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graph LR; A[Opening] --> B[Resolving]; B --> C[Closing]
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Closing an Issue

If the resolution is valid, the issue's Status is set = to "Closed"



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Closing an Issue – Required Information

- Resolution
- Status
- Closed by
- Date/Time Closed

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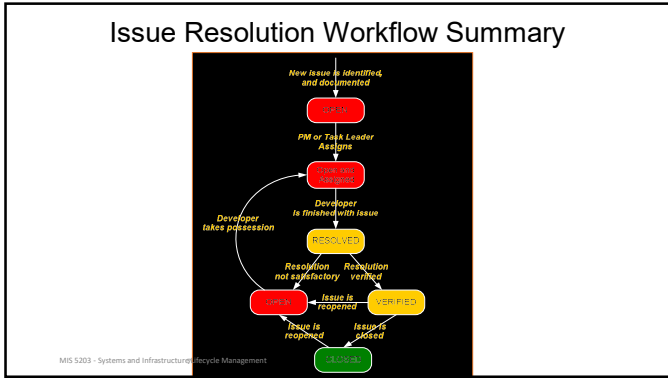
Reopening an Issue

Closing an issue

- If an issue resolution is found to be incorrect (e.g. the bug is found to be not fixed):
- Status is changed from "Resolved" to "Open"
 - Resolution is changed from "Fixed" to null
 - Note is updated to let the Developer know that the issue is still open, providing any additional guidance for reproducing it
 - Issue is reassigned by changing Assigned To and assigning it back to the Developer for resolution

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Standard Operating Procedures

✓ Issue Resolution Workflow

- **Triage**
- Lessons Learned

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Triage

The process of sorting, prioritizing, and selecting which issues to allocate resources to, and which to postpone or avoid based on decisions concerning:

1. Where funds are most needed and can be best used
2. Which development risks are acceptable, and which should be avoided based on abilities of the development team, remaining budget, and time left in the schedule

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A Triage-based View of Project Schedule

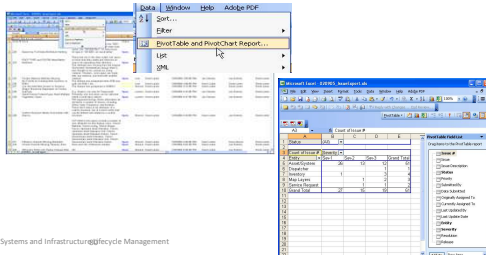
- **Pre-Triage**
 - From "Project Kickoff" project milestone through "Application Development 50% Complete" milestone
 - Scoped features designed and prototyped, and Developers implementing critical core features
- **Early Triage**
 - From "Application Development 50% Complete" milestone to "Code Complete" milestone
 - Testing begins and issues are recorded, prioritized, and resolved.
- **Late Triage**
 - From "Code Complete" milestone through Alpha, Beta, and "Final Release and Delivery" of the application
 - No new features worked on

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Triage – Analyzing Issues

Issues from issue tracking systems can be analyzed in reports, Excel Pivot Tables and Charts to assess application stability and project status



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Triage – Scheduling a Release

Examine the pivot table of Open issues below. Assume that all the areas ("Entity" is a synonym for "Area") have been tested, and Entity = "ALL" identifies issues affecting all areas

1. Is this application ready for delivery to the client?
2. Which subsystems are ready for delivery?
3. Formulate a strategy for quickly achieving a first release of this application.

Count of Issue #	Severity				Grand Total
	Sev-1	Sev-2	Sev-3	Sev-4	
Entity					
Admin	5	3	4	1	13
ALL	1	9	4	1	15
Asset/System	38	77	39		154
Citizen Complaint	3	16	10	1	30
Dispatcher	1	1	3	2	7
Inspection		3			3
Inventory	4	8	4		16
Map Layers	1	1	3		5
Project		1			1
Report			6		6
Service Request	22	80	33	9	144
Spill Response			1		1
TrDr	2	4	1		7
WorkOrder	2	7			9
(Grand Total)	79	208	108	15	410

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Triage – Managing Resources

- Examine the co-variation of issues by their severities and assignments to developers
 - Keep the focus on Severity 1 and Severity 2 issues
 - Look for overloaded developers
 - Determine if the resolution of issues can be better spread across the development team
 - Reschedule issues for later releases, if possible
 - Determine if additional resources are needed
 - Proactively forecast schedule slips

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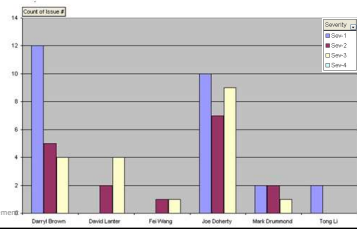
Example - Examine the graph in the email below

Who looks like they may be overloaded?

Formulate a strategy for managing the staff to handle the overload.

From: Lamber, David
 Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2006 2:08 PM
 To: Doherty, Joseph; Brown, Darryl; Wang, Fai; Li, Tong; Drummond, Mark; Neikawa, Sath
 Subject: FDOT Issues...

Here's the distribution of RDB-1 issues in the issue tracking system. Please make sure to periodically check the issue tracker, query for Release = RDB-1, and Status not Closed, and clear out the bugs assigned to you.



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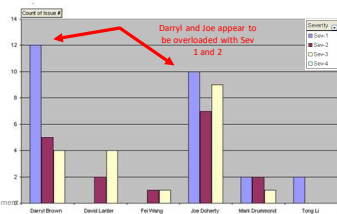
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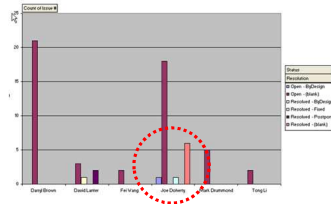
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Good Issue Management

From: Larkin, David
Sent: Tuesday, February 01, 2006 2:00 PM
To: DeBarry, Joseph
Subject: F2007 Issues

Joe, the next chart suggests that you are working issues - but when you resolve them you also need to assign them to someone else (Mark or Tony) to confirm the resolution and close them.



As a reminder:
Work through the bugs by severity. See 'Fix First, Then Sev-2's, Then Sev-3's.
If the issue is assigned to you, resolve it and assign back to the owner (usually Mark, Tony, or Sam) for them to accept it's been resolved and then they can close it.
If you finish the issue, and it is re-assigned back to you, check to see that it has been resolved and close it.
If you think the issue should be postponed or if there is any other complication, should discuss, then assign the issue to me and I'll follow-up.

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-Dave

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Triage – Managing Final Delivery

- Resolved issues must be validated and closed
- Remaining Open issues are
 - Fixed if they are truly Severity 1 or Severity 2, or postponed if Severity-3 or Severity-4
 - Closed
- All issues must be closed before an application development project can be closed out

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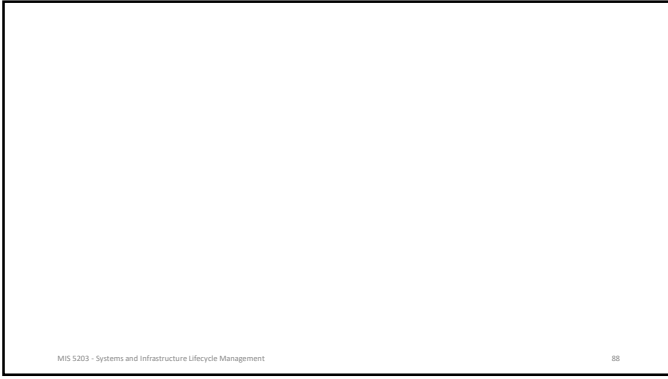
Agenda

- ✓ Quality characteristics
- ✓ Error detection techniques
- ✓ Entity inspection
- ✓ Evaluating datasets
- ✓ Issue tracking

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