Chapter 4

Supplementary Notes
Part 2

Homework #1 Results

- Great reports
- High scores (4 or 5) for everyone
- Goldie Locks distribution:
 - Some were a bit too short
 - Some were a bit too long
 - Some were just right
- Email reply to your submission with grade and comments coming shortly
- Class email address (correction):
 - cs584000@emory.edu

Software Process at University Library

- Guest speaker: Scott Turnbull
 - Software Development Manager
 - Part of the Digital Systems Division
 - Technical Project Management
 - Software Engineering
 - Systems Engineering
 - Manages all aspects of technology for the EU Libraries (EUL)
- Agile Process & EUL Approach
- Participating in Project Groups as occasional advisor

Project Setup

Development environment

- Server with RHE and dev environment
- Special logins (not your university login)
- Static IP for remote connection
- → Setup of the environment is still in progress, should be ready by this week-end

Team Organization

- Assign roles (team lead, plus a lead for each deliverable & presentation)
- Project groups created on Ning at http://swengineering.ning.com/groups
 - Sign up for your group
 - Team Lead must post list of assigned roles in your group
 - Project Managers and SW Dev Manager have been invited to participate too

Research your dev tools!

- Google for tutorials
- Work through examples
- Look before you leap

Develop a Project Process Model

- Include the key 5 components:
 - Communication paths/styles/approaches for team & PM
 - Project Planning approach
 - Solution design tactic
 - Development plan
 - Deployment/release plan
- Draft of the Process should be posted on your group page
 - 2 October 2009 deadline for this

Fact/Fallacy Tidbit

Fact 9

Software estimation usually occurs at the wrong time

Discussion

- At the start of a project, customers typically pressure programmers to "estimate" how long a project will take
- Accurate estimates require in-depth understanding of the requirements
- Requirements analysis takes time and effort, and those details are obtained after a project begins...
- So the estimation occurs before the data is available
- The result is wild inaccuracy in project estimates

From Robert Glass, "Facts & Fallacies of Software Engineering"