Final Exam Review

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Final Exam

• Section 251(MW): Wed, May 8, 2:00PM to 4:30PM
• Section 252(TR): Tues, May 7, 11:00AM to 1:30PM
• Closed book, closed notes, clean desk
• Chapters 4 through 9
• 25% of your final grade
• I recommend using a pencil (and eraser)
• I will bring extra paper.

Exam Format

• Multiple choice: 17 questions (ch 6-9)
• Problems: 3
  - write or modify some requirements (ch 4, SRS)
  - draw some diagrams/models: in the context of
    - system architecture (ch 6) and/or
    - design+implementation (ch 7, but review ch 5)
• Written answers: 3
  - ch 5-9, maybe SRS related
  - 3 to 5 sentences, generally
  - Define, explain, compare, evaluate
  - Make claims and give support

Each question will indicate how many points it is worth (out of 100)

Ch 4: Requirements engineering

• Requirements
  - Business, user, system
  - Functional vs non-functional
  - Qualities: complete, correct, clear, unambiguous, verifiable
  - Know how to write them
• Software Requirements Specification
  - Sections (generally, at least the 3 main sections)
  - Uses
  - Be familiar with yours
Ch 5: System modeling

- UML Models:
  - activity diagram
  - use case diagram
  - sequence diagram
  - class diagram (Aggregation and generalization)
  - state diagram

- How models are used
  - Requirements development, design and implementation

- Be able to
  - Recognize the models
  - Draw simple versions of the models

Ch 6: Application architecture

- Introduction
  - Terms: Architectural design, Software architecture
  - Using box and line diagrams

- Design decisions
  - standalone? distributed? coupling and cohesion
  - architecture affects non-functional requirements

- Architectural patterns
  - ModelViewController
  - Client-Server
  - Repository
  - Layered
  - Pipe & Filter

- Application architectures
  - Transaction processing systems
  - Language processing systems

Ch 7: Design and implementation

- Object oriented design activities
  - Requirements elicitation (use cases)
  - Object Oriented Analysis (object model)
  - System Design (architecture)
  - Object Design (class diagram)
  - Implementation (map diagram to code)

- Design patterns
  - What are they, how described, why used?
  - Observer pattern: be familiar with this one

- Remaining issues:
  - Reuse: benefits+costs,
  - Configuration management: why version control?
  - Open source development: pros/cons, licensing issues

Ch 8: Software Testing

- Verification and Validation
  - static vs dynamic verification
  - concepts, Test cases, white box vs black box testing

- Testing activities
  - Development
    - Unit
    - Component
    - System
  - Release
  - User
    - Alpha
    - Beta
    - Acceptance

- Techniques for choosing test cases
  - Partition
  - Path Testing
  - Guideline-based
  - State-based testing
  - Use case-based, Scenario, and Requirements-based testing
Ch 9: Software evolution

- Evolution Process
  - Spiral model: iterative development
  - Steps to next Release, Change Implementation
  - Program understanding
- 3 Types of software maintenance
  - Defect fixing, adapting to new environment, new features
- Reengineering
  - What, when, why (why not start from scratch?)
  - Techniques
- Refactoring
  - What, when, why
  - Bad smells

Example Problems

- See TRACS for the in-class modeling exercises (and solutions) from chapter 6.
- Note: read multiple choice questions carefully.
  - Treat a question like the following as a series of T/F questions

Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of the Scrum method?
(a) There is no real project manager, the team makes its own decisions.
(b) The stakeholders select the features for each sprint cycle.
(c) There are daily meetings where each developer gives a short report about their work.
(d) The scrum master assigns the tasks to the developers at the beginning of the sprint cycle.

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