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Organizational metrics program

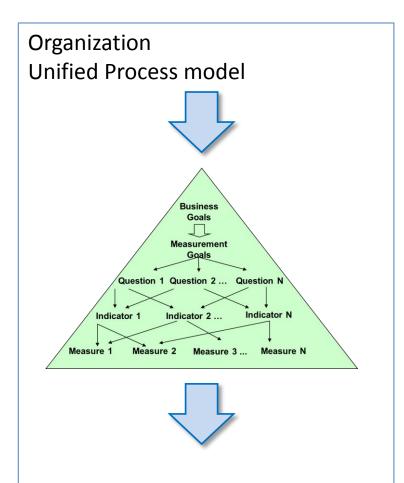
how to avoid measuring an average color of fruits

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Metrics Gathering. Why?

Vs.



Establish set of metrics in all projects

Organization

Heterogeneous environment

- projects are parts of distributed programs
- projects following different process models
- term "project" team with its area of responsibility in the assigned activity (-ies)



Establish set of metrics in all projects

Faced Problems

- How to gather and track metrics in heterogeneous environment?
- How to make metrics gathered at project level visible and valuable to the senior management?

Our aim

Establish metrics in all projects through finding a common "DENOMINATOR" that can:

- tie projects
- provide an instrument for quantitative project management

Metrics Program at Project Level

Project Type

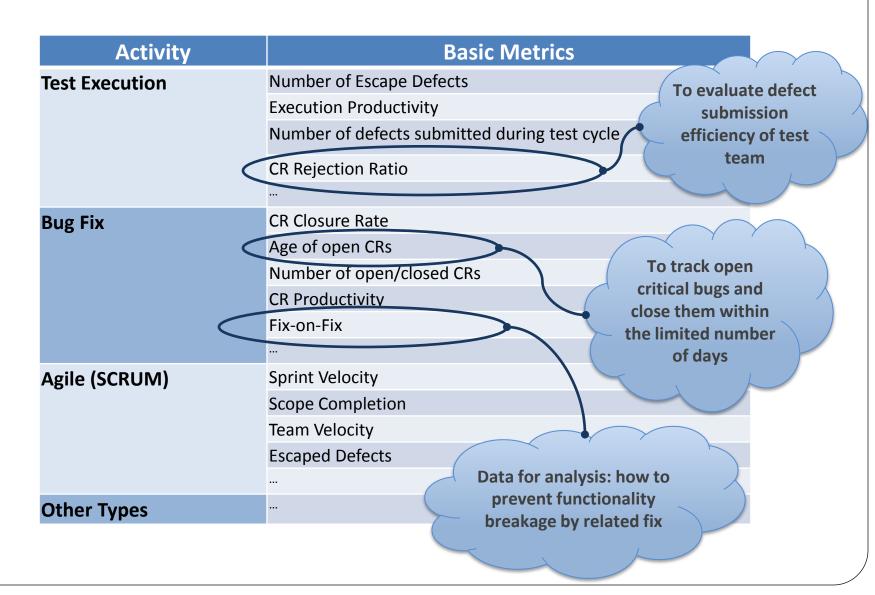


Activity Type



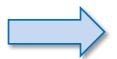
- Code/test development
- Test execution
- Test automation
- Bug fix
- Agile (SCRUM)

Examples of Basic Metrics

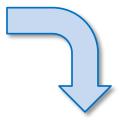


Metrics Selection

Selects type(s) of activities



Studies the list of basic metrics for selected activity type

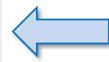




Defines
metrics
applicability
(based on project
goals and specifics)

Establishes additional metrics (if needed)

Documents in Summary Metrics Plan



Defines:

- collection method
- update and analysis frequency



Summary Metrics Plan (example)

Project Information

Selected Activity
Type and Metrics
Applicability

Metrics Update Frequency

Project	Project Statt		Metrics 💌	Applica bility		Implement ation Status	Due Dat∈▼	Implementation Comments	Update frequency▼	Goals/forecasts /specific limit	Management review
Project A		Bug Fix	Age of open CRs	Tailored	Age of open customer's bugs	completed	1-Feb-12	toasnooaro is useo	each time dashboard is opened	not more than 30 days	Х
Project A	active	Bug Fix	# of open CRs	Yes	Done for bugs and new works by components	completed	1-Feb-12	Defect tracking too dashboard is used	each time dashboard is opened	NA	
Project B	active	Rug Fix	Age of open CRs	Yes		completed	25-Mar-12	spreadsheet is used	veekly	No	
Project B	active	Bug Fix	Fix on Fix	No	Defect tracking tool don't provide possibility to mark "fix on fix" bugs, the decision not to track this metrics was agreed with	N/A	N A	INA	N/A	N/A	
Project B	active	Bug Fix	Project Specific	Yes	Bug resolution efforts in hours	completed	25-Mar-12	spreadsheet is used	weekly	No	
Project C	active	Test Execution	Escape Defects	Tailored	Only critical bugs from higher levels of testing and from customer's testing are tracked	completed	10-Nov-11	spreadsheet is used	monthly	Zero escaped defects	Х
Project C	active	Test Execution	CR Rejection Ratio	Yes		completed	10-Nov-11	spreadsheet is used	bi-weekly	5% of rejected bugs	х

Metrics
Implementation
Info

Related goal/specific limit and Management review applicability

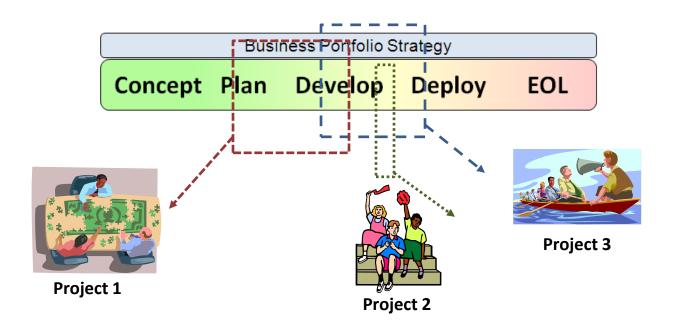
Metrics analysis and review at organizational level

Make metrics analysis done at project level visible and valuable to the senior management

Management wanted:

a simple, concise report on projects/programs metrics activities in the terms that are understandable for them and that can be compared somehow

Corporate Product Development Framework



Metrics Dashboard

- Unified picture from different sources
- "Traffic light" indication of project health based on key metrics status
- Metrics selected as per criteria:
 - Goals/thresholds are established
 - Root cause analysis is conducted
 - Other: potential goals/thresholds can be established for trial metrics, e.g. important but new metrics

Metrics Dashboard (Example)

Red indicates change actions with high priority

Yellow indicates a need for improvement actions

Project/		Metrics	Link to					
Team	Metrics	Indicator/Goal	chart	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Comments
Project 1	Customer's open bugs age	all releases, opened not more than 30 days	Link to metrics		$\bigg) ($		$\bigg)$ (May: No new customer's bugs for the reviewed month Apr: Two bugs with age more 30 days: Their analysis showed that their closure is impacted by other teams, the problem is escalated to be resolved ASAP. Mar: No open customer's bugs with age > 30 days Reb: There are open customer's bugs with age > 30 days. The analysis is conducted. Action plan is defined.
Project 1	Escaped defects CR rejection	Only critical bugs are analyzed goal: not more than 5% of	Link to metrics	Not	Y			Apr-May: No new data for analysis Mar: Analysis of new potential escaped defects was conducted. No escaped defects are defined. Corrective actions from previous month are closed. Feb: Potential escaped bugs were analysed, part of defects were accepted as escaped. Action plan was defined. May May: Number of rejected CRs is not above limit of 5%
Project 2	rate	rejected bugs	metrics	Rated				Feb: The metrics is under implementation, no rating is applicable.
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Not Rated – explaining comments should be provided, e.g. it is a new metrics and there are no data for analysis

Green indicates satisfactory progress of the analyzed metrics

Analysis is done by PMs monthly

Summary

- Establishing organization Metrics Program by activity type in heterogeneous environment Data being collected can be used as a basis for organization history database
- Metrics Dashboard use has increased visibility, clarity and value of measurement and analysis process to the senior management in the highly distributed integrated environment

Thank you! Questions?