The Unified Process and the Inception Phase

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Iterative Development

• Short time-boxed iterations
• Predictive versus adaptive processes
• Heavy versus light processes
• Agile processes – light and adaptive processes
  – Unified Process
  – Extreme Programming (XP)
The Inception Phase

• Major goal – develop enough understanding of requirements to decide whether it’s worthwhile to continue
  – Feasibility
  – Buy or build?
  – High-level vision of project
  – Rough estimate of resources required (people, time, money)
  – Major risks
Artifacts of Inception Phase

- Vision and business case
- Use-case model
- Supplementary specification
- Glossary
- Risk list & risk management plan
- Iteration Plan