

Teaching Quality of Software at FCUL

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TEQUA'07 Workshop

Structure of Presentation

- Context
- **Which topics** should be taught
- **When** Software Quality is taught
- **How** Software Quality is taught
- Conclusions

Context

- SQE teacher not a SQE researcher
 - Information Systems Education Area in Departamento Informática at FCUL
- Evolution of this course
 - PDS – Software Development Processes (00/01, 01/02, 02/03)
 - PQSI – Quality Processes in Computing Systems (03/04, 04/05, 05/06)
 - QS – Quality of Software (06/07)

What can a teacher use to teach Software Quality Engineering (SQE)?

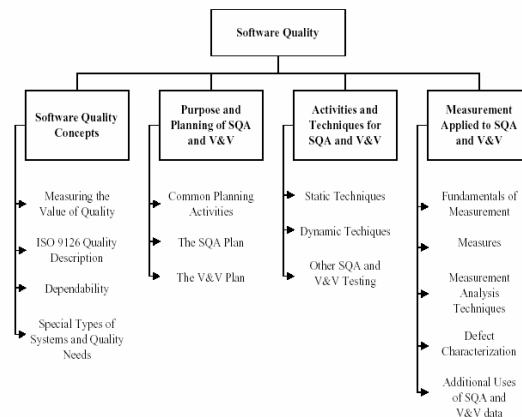
- Support on crucial levels: theory, practice, tools and experience
- **Theory Level**
 - **SWEBOK** - Guide to the Software Engineering Body of Knowledge, IEEE Computer Society
 - **SE2004** - Software Engineering 2004
formerly known as Computing Curriculum Software Engineering (CCSE)
IEEE Computer Society, ACM
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What can a teacher use to teach SQE?

- Main contribution of SWEBOK
 - Create an internationally guide of SWEBOK
- For SQE education SWEBOK offers:
 - Recognize Software Quality as a separate Knowledge area (KA)
 - Recommend Software Quality KA contents and breakdown topics
 - Recommend references, standards and further reading

What can a teacher use to teach SQE? SWEBOK

- Software Quality Knowledge area breakdown of topics



What can a teacher use to teach SQE? SE2004

- Main contributions of **SE2004**
 - provides recommendations about what should constitute an undergraduate software engineering education.
 - **What** every SE graduate must **know** - SEEK (Software Engineering Education Knowledge).
 - **Ways** that this **knowledge** and the **skills** fundamental to software engineering can be **taught** in various contexts - Curriculum

What can a teacher use to teach SQE? SE2004 – Software Quality KA

Units and Topics

Reference		k,c,a	E,D,O	Hours	Related Topics
QUA	Software Quality			16	
QUA.cc	<i>Software quality concepts and culture</i>			2	
QUA.cc.1	Definitions of quality	k	E		
QUA.cc.2	Society's concern for quality	k	E		
QUA.cc.3	The costs and impacts of bad quality	k	E		
QUA.cc.4	A cost of quality model	c	E		MGT.pp.4
QUA.cc.5	Quality attributes for software (e.g. dependability, usability, etc.)	k	E		MAA.rva.5,VAV.t st.9,QUA.pda.5
QUA.cc.6	The dimensions of quality engineering	k	E		
QUA.cc.7	Roles of people, processes, methods, tools, and technology	k	E		
QUA.std	<i>Software quality standards</i>			2	PRF.pr.5
QUA.std.1	The ISO 9000 Quality Management Systems	k	E		
QUA.std.2	ISO/IEEE Standard 12207 Software Life Cycle Processes	k	E		
QUA.std.3	Organizational implementation of standards	k	E		
QUA.std.4	IEEE software quality-related standards		D		

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QUA.pro	<i>Software quality processes</i>			4	
QUA.pro.1	Software quality models and metrics	c	E		VAV.fnd.4,QUA.pda.5
QUA.pro.2	Quality-related aspects of software process models	k	E		PRO.imp.3
QUA.pro.3	Introduction/overview of ISO 15504 and the SEI CMMs	k	E		PRF.pr.5
QUA.pro.4	Quality-related process areas of ISO 15504	k	E		PRF.pr.5
QUA.pro.5	Quality-related process areas of the SW-CMM and the CMMIs	k	E		
QUA.pro.6	The Baldrige Award criteria as applied to software engineering		O		
QUA.pro.7	Quality aspects of other process models		O		
QUA.pca	<i>Process assurance</i>			4	

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QUA.pca	<i>Process assurance</i>			4	
QUA.pca.1	The nature of process assurance	k	E		
QUA.pca.2	Quality planning	a	E		MGT.pp
QUA.pca.3	Organizing and reporting for process assurance	a	E		
QUA.pda.4	Techniques of process assurance	c	E		
QUA.pda	<i>Product assurance</i>			4	
QUA.pda.1	The nature of product assurance	k	E		
QUA.pda.2	Distinctions between assurance and V&V	k	E		VAV
QUA.pda.3	Quality product models	k	E		
QUA.pda.4	Root cause analysis and defect prevention	c	E		PRO.con.6
QUA.pda.5	Quality product metrics and measurement	c	E		VAV.fnd.4,QUA.c.c.5,QUA.pro.1
QUA.pda.6	Assessment of product quality attributes (e.g. useability, reliability, availability, etc.)	c	E		

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What can a teacher use to teach SQE?

- **Practice Level**
 - Quality models: McCall, Boehm, ISO/IEC 9126
 - Software Product Quality Measurement and evaluation standards
 - Software Product Quality support processes standards
 - Software Measurement standards
 - Life Cycle Processes standards
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- **Tools** - some
- **Experience** – usually partially published, often not shared, kept as notes of courses materials

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When Software Quality is taught

- Undergraduate course in Informatics Engineering
 - Object Oriented Development (2 year)
 - Software Engineering (3 year)
- Graduate Programme Informatics Engineering
 - Specialization areas
 - Software Engineering
 - Information Systems



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- The software quality challenge, Software quality definition
- Software quality factors: McCall and ISO/IEC 9126 models
- Components of a software quality assurance system
 - Pre-project components: development and quality plans
 - Software project life cycle components
 - Integration of quality activities
 - Reviews
 - Software testing
 - Infrastructure components
 - Configuration management
 - Documentation control
 - Management components
 - Project progress control
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 - SQA Standards, system certification components
 - SEI CMM, ISO 9001, 9000-3
 - IEEE 1012, ISO/IEC 12207
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PART - II

- Case Studies: Exposure to real situations
- Three seminars with invited speakers from the industry.

Practice classes - What topics

- The Personal Software Process (Humphrey)
 - The software engineer's job
 - Time management
 - Tracking time
 - Product and Period Planning
 - Product size
 - Managing your time
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How they are taught Theoric and Praticce Classes

- Each theoric classe have three parts:
 - Reading:
 - Self-study materials that students work
 - Exposure and discussion:
 - The topic is presented with more detail and discussed with students
 - Evaluation
 - The student elaborate a resume and/or answer a question about the topic learned
- **Praticce classes:** Each student group presents a part of the PSP

Evaluation Rules

- Questions and resumes (10%)
- PSP exercises (10%)
- Project (40%)
- Final Exam (40%)

Bibliography

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Some conclusions

- It is fundamental to incorporate topics about Software quality in the Computing curriculum
- The market are asking for students with those skills
- Teaching SQE it still a difficult role, however not without support
- It is necessary to shared teaching experiences
- The maturation process of SQE probably evolves a Body of Knowledge in Software Quality Engineering
- ? What ways can we promote early on students a sensibility for quality and a culture to quality?



Questions and Sugestions?

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