

Software Engineering Institute (SEI)

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Offices in Pittsburgh, PA; Washington, DC; and Frankfurt, Germany

SEI Mission: advance software and related disciplines to ensure the development and operation of systems with predictable and improved cost, schedule, and quality.









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SEI Technical Program

Networked Systems Survivability

- · Survivable Systems Engineering
- · Survivable Enterprise Management
- CERT Coordination Center
- Network Situational Awareness
- · Practices Development and Training

Product Line Systems

- · Product Line Practice
- · Software Architecture Technology
- Predictable Assembly from Certifiable International Process Research Consortium Components

Dynamic Systems

- Integration of Software-Intensive Systems
- · Performance-Critical Systems

Software Engineering Process Management

- · Capability Maturity Model Integration
- Team Software Process
- · Software Engineering Measurement and **Analysis**

Acquisition Support

New Research

- · Independent R&D
- Software Engineering for Computational Science and Engineering
- · Ultra-Large-Scale Systems
- Mission Success in Complex Environments



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Mission of the SEI Product Line Systems **Program**

The Product Line Systems (PLS) Program

- · creates, matures, applies, and transitions technology and practices
- · to effect widespread product line practice, architecture-centric development and evolution, and predictable construction
- · throughout the global software community.

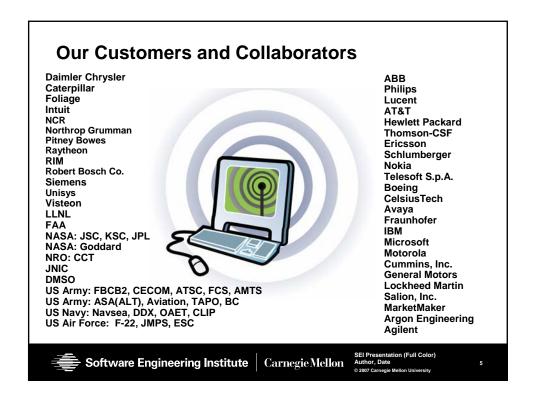
With regard to its software product line effort

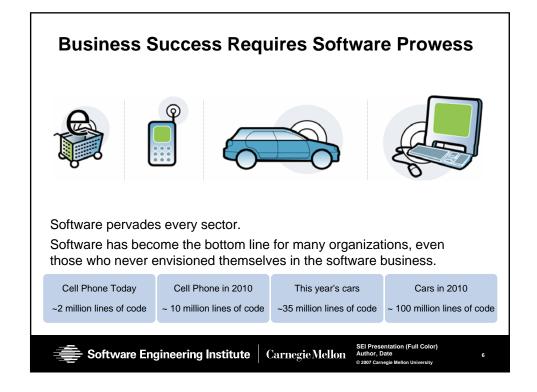
· Make product line development and acquisition a low-risk, high-return proposition for all organizations.



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Universal Needs

Deploy new products (services) at a rapid pace

Accommodate a growing demand for new product features across a wide spectrum of feature categories

Connect products in increasingly unprecedented ways

Exploit a rapidly changing technology base

Gain a competitive edge



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Universal Business Goals

High quality

Quick time to market

Market agility

Product alignment

Low cost production

Low cost maintenance

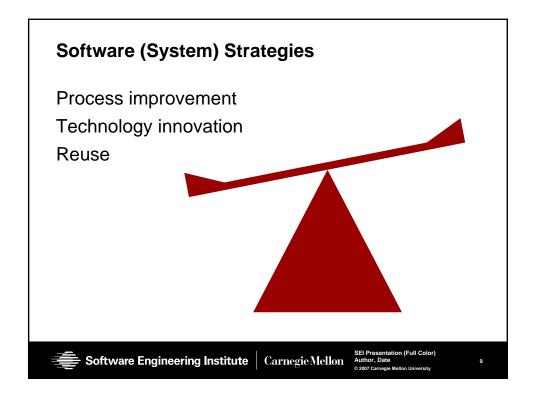
Mass customization

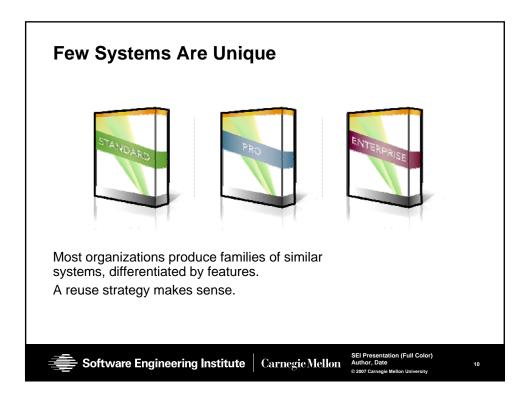
Mind share

IMPROVED require **EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY**



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Reuse: An Early Topic of Discussion

"My thesis is that the software industry is weakly founded, in part because of the absence of a software components sub-industry." [McIlroy, 1969]

"Most industry observers agree that improved software development productivity and product quality will bring an end to the software crisis. In such a world, reusable software would abound." [Pressman, 1982]

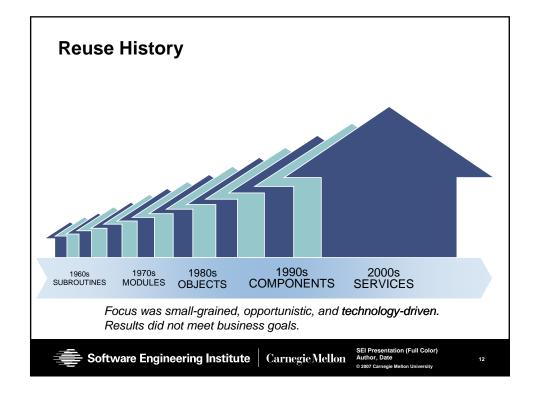
"What is needed is the ability to create templates of program units that can be written just once and then tailored to particular needs at translation time. As we shall see, Ada provides a general and very powerful tool to do just this." [Booch, 1986]

"If one accepts that reusability is essential to better software quality, the objectoriented approach provides a promising set of solutions." [Meyer, 1987]

"Reusable components would be schematized and placed in a large library that would act as a clearing house for reusable software, and royalties would be paid for use of reusable components." [Lubars, 1988]



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The Real Truth About Reuse

Reuse means taking something developed for one system and using it in another.

"The XYZ System is built with 80% reuse."

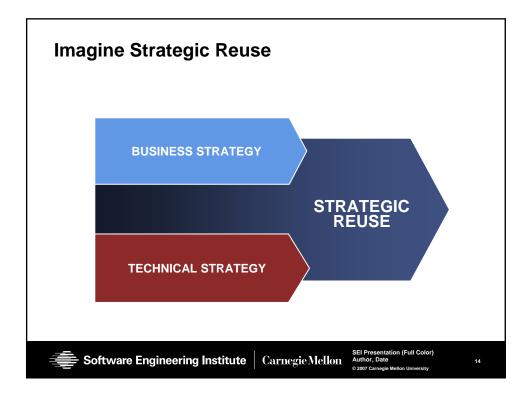
A statement like this is vacuous.

- It is not clear what is being reused.
- It is not clear that the "reuse" has any benefit.

Reusing code or components without an architecture focus and without pre-planning results in

- · short-term perceived win
- · long-term costs and problems
- · failure to meet business goals





Celsiustech: Ship System 2000

A family of 55 ship systems

- · Need for developers dropped from 210 to roughly 30.
- · Time to field decreased from about 9 years to about 3 years.
- Integration test of 1-1.5 million SLOC requires 1-2 people.
- · Rehosting to a new platform/OS takes 3 months.
- · Cost and schedule targets are predictably met.





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Cummins Inc.: Diesel Control Systems

Over 20 product groups with over 1,000 separate engine applications

- · Product cycle time was slashed from 250 person-months to a few person-months.
- · Build and integration time was reduced from one year to one week.
- · Quality goals are exceeded.
- · Customer satisfaction is high.
- · Product schedules are met.





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National Reconnaissance Office/ Raytheon: Control Channel Toolkit

Ground-based spacecraft command and control systems

- First system had 10 times fewer defects than usual.
- The incremental build time was reduced from months to weeks.
- The system development time and costs decreased by 50%.
- There was decreased product risk.





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Market Maker GMBH: Merger

Internet-based stock market software

- Each product is "uniquely" configured.
- Putting up a customized system takes three days.



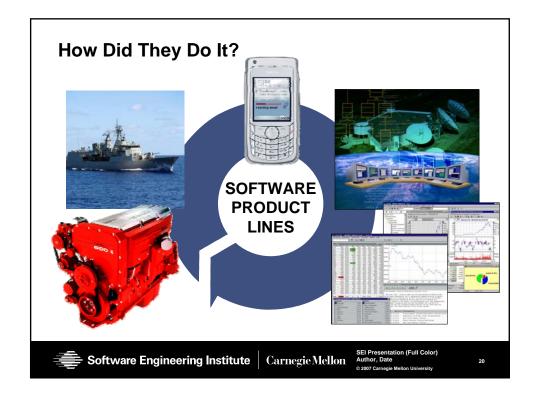


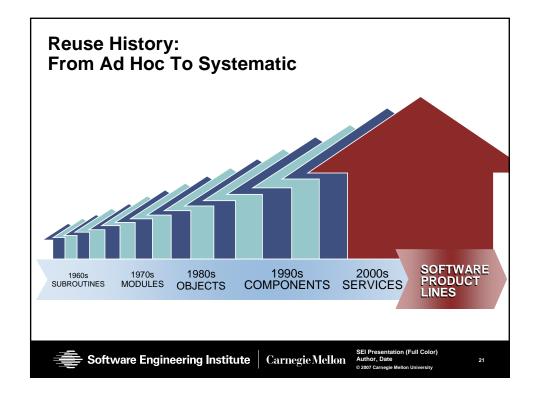
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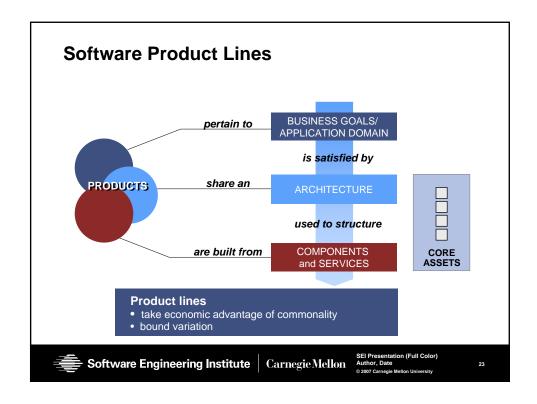


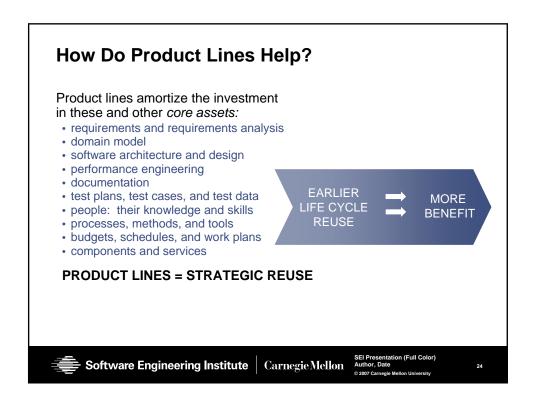


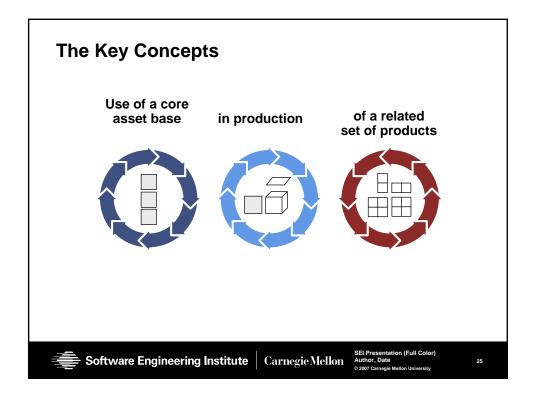
What Is A Software Product Line?

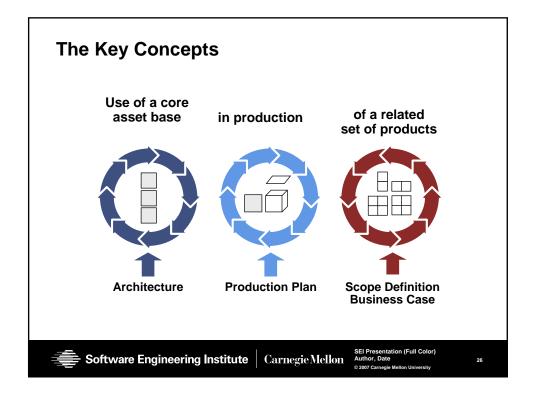
A software product line is a **set** of software-intensive systems sharing a common, managed set of features that satisfy the specific needs of a particular market segment or mission and that are developed from a common set of core assets in a prescribed way.











Software Product Lines Are Not

Fortuitous small-grained reuse

· reuse libraries containing algorithms, modules, objects, or components

Single-system development with reuse

· modifying code as necessary for the single system only

Just component-based or service-based development

• selecting components or services from an in-house library, the marketplace, or the Web with no architecture focus

Just versions of a single product

· rather, simultaneous release and support of multiple products

Just a configurable architecture

• a good start, but only part of the reuse potential

Just a set of technical standards

constraining choices without an architecture-based reuse strategy



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Software Product Lines Are

Software product lines involve strategic, planned reuse that yields predictable results.



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Widespread Use of Software Product Lines

Successful software product lines have been built for families of among other things

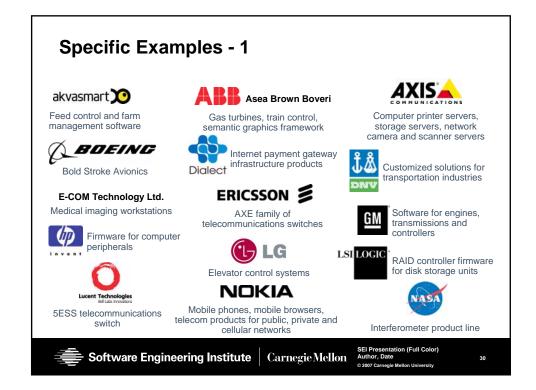
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- · command and control ship systems
- ground-based spacecraft systems
- · avionics systems
- command and control/situation awareness systems
- pagers
- · engine control systems
- · mass storage devices

- billing systems
- · web-based retail systems
- printers
- consumer electronic products
- acquisition management enterprise systems
- financial and tax systems
- medical devices
- · farm manager software

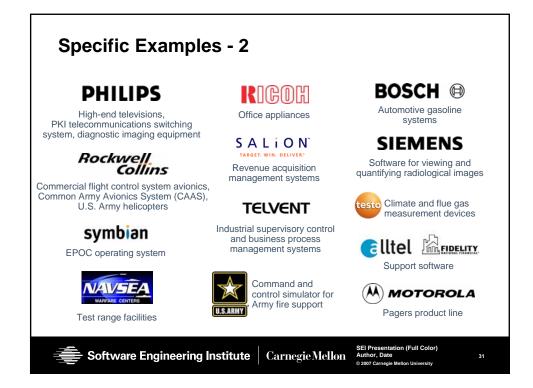


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Example Organizational Benefits

Improved productivity

· by as much as 10x

Increased quality

• by as much as 10x

Decreased cost

• by as much as 60%

Decreased labor needs

• by as much as 87%

Decreased time to market (to field, to launch...)

• by as much as 98%

Ability to move into new markets

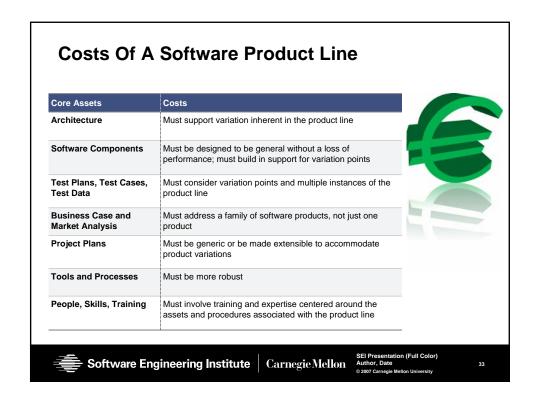
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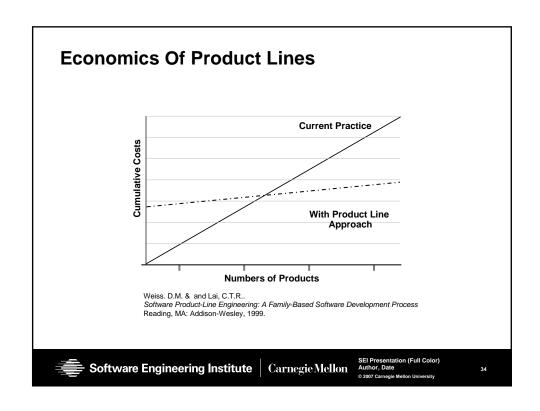


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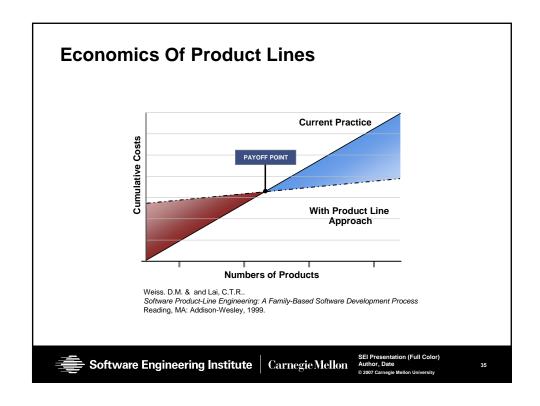
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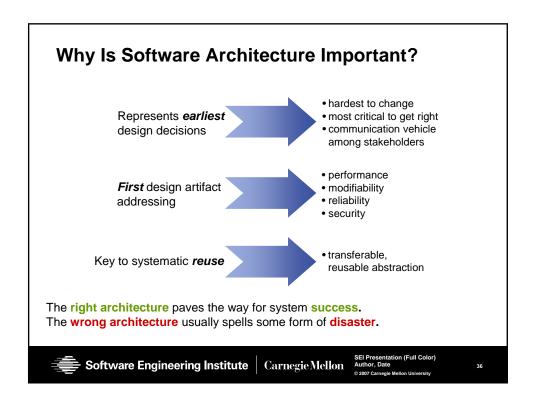




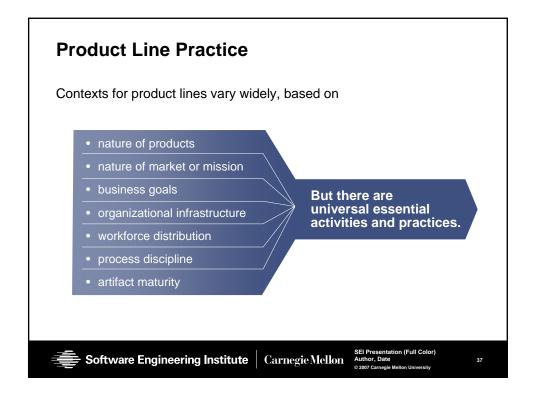












The SEI Framework For Software Product Line Practicesm

The SEI Framework for Software Product Line Practice is a conceptual framework that describes the essential activities and twenty-nine practice areas necessary for successful software product lines.

The Framework, originally conceived in 1998, is evolving based on the experience and information provided by the community.

Version 4.0 -

in Software Product Lines: Practices and Patterns

Version 4.2 -

http://www.sei.cmu.edu/productlines/framework.html

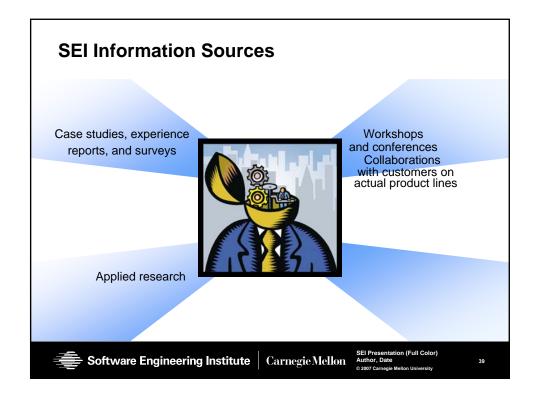
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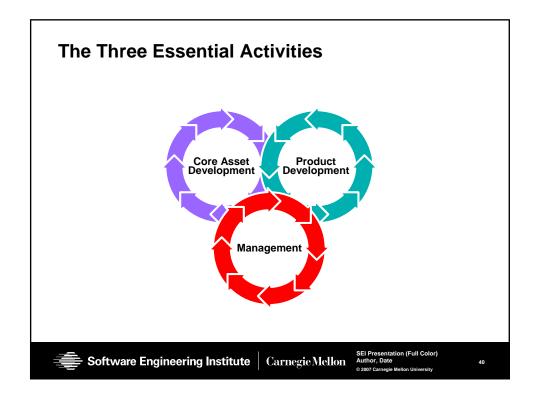
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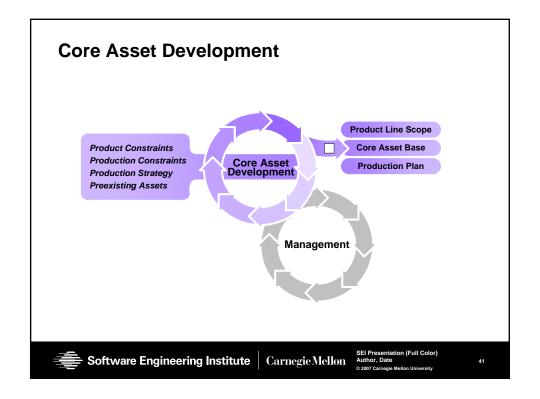


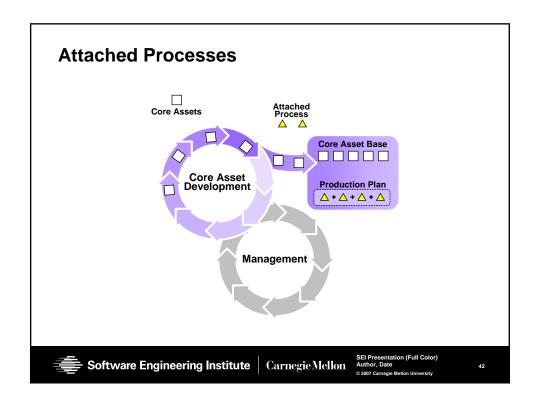


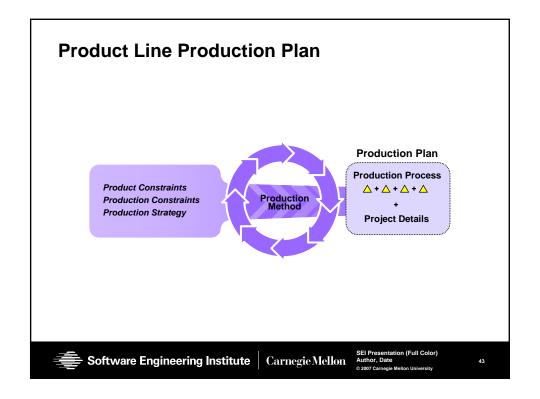
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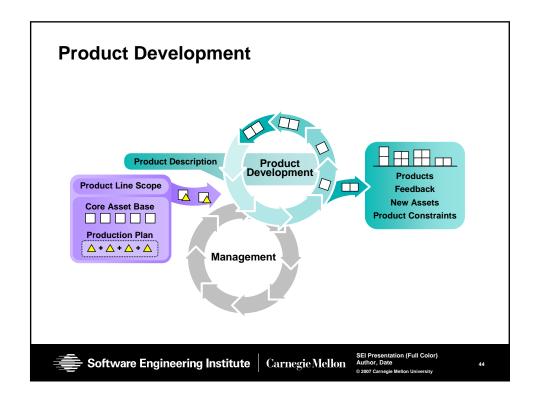


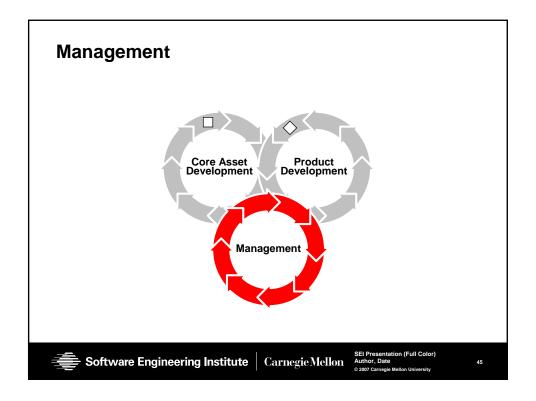












Management

Management at multiple levels plays a critical role in the successful product line practice by

- · achieving the right organizational structure
- · allocating resources
- · coordinating and supervising
- · providing training
- · rewarding employees appropriately
- · developing and communicating an acquisition strategy
- · managing external interfaces
- creating and implementing a product line adoption plan
- · launching and institutionalizing the approach in a manner appropriate to the organization





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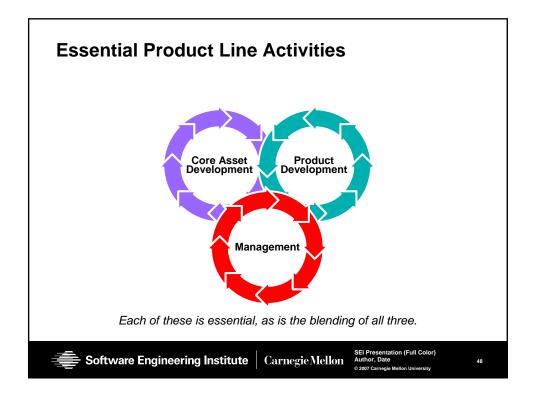
Managing A Software Product Line Requires Leadership

A key role for software product line management is that of champion.

A champion must

- set and maintain the vision
- ensure that the appropriate goals and measures are in place
- "sell" the product line up and down the chain
- · sustain morale
- · deflect potential derailments
- · solicit feedback and continuously improve the approach







Different Approaches - 1

Proactive: Develop the core assets first.

- Develop the scope first and use it as a "mission" statement.
- · Products come to market quickly with minimum code writing.
- · Requires upfront investment and predictive knowledge

Reactive: Start with one or more products.

- From them, generate the product line core assets and then future products; the scope evolves more dramatically.
- · Much lower cost of entry
- The architecture and other core assets must be robust, extensible, and appropriate to future product line needs.



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Different Approaches - 2

Incremental: In either a reactive or proactive approach, it is possible to develop the core asset base in stages, while planning from the beginning to develop a product line.

- · Develop part of the core asset base, including the architecture and some of the components.
- · Develop one or more products.
- · Develop part of the rest of the core asset base.
- · Develop more products.
- · Evolve more of the core asset base.



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Alternate Terminology

Our Terminology	Alternate Terminology
Product Line	Product Family
Software Core Assets	Platform
Business Unit	Product Line
Product	Customization
Core Asset Development	Domain Engineering
Product Development	Application Engineering

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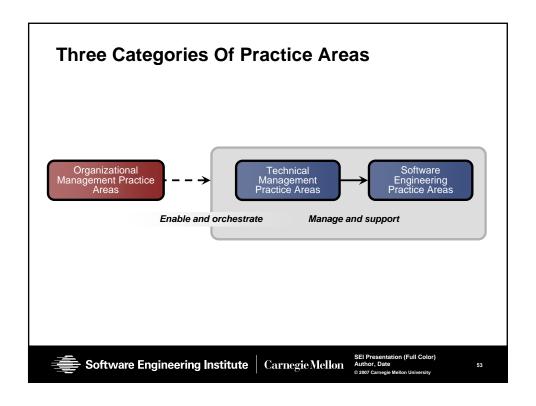
Driving The Essential Activities

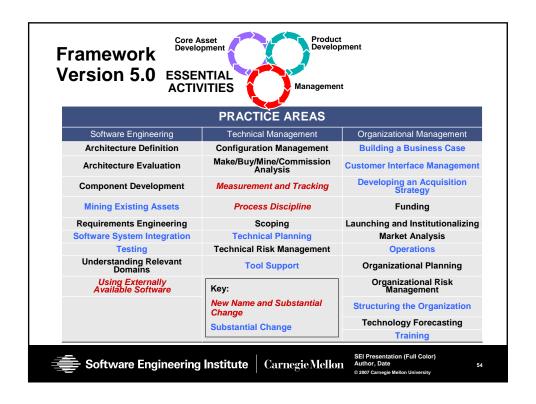
Beneath the level of the essential activities are essential practices that fall into practice areas.

A practice area is a body of work or a collection of activities that an organization must master to successfully carry out the essential work of a product line.



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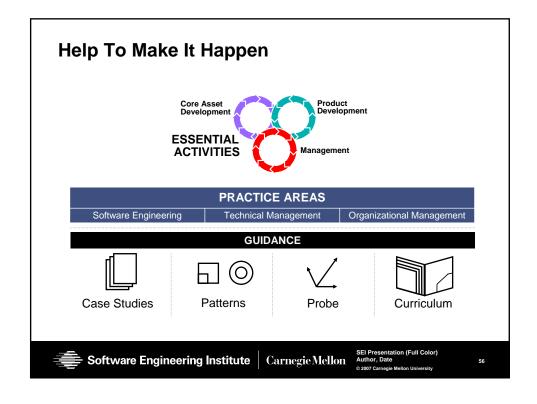


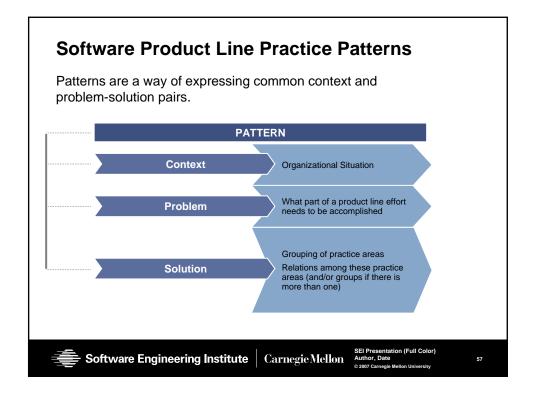
Dilemma: How Do You Apply The 29 Practice Areas?

Organizations still have to figure out how to put the practice areas into play.

Twenty-nine is a big number.







What To Build Pattern - 1

Name: The What to Build pattern helps an organization determine what products ought to be in its software product line – what products to build.

Context: An organization has decided to field a software product line and knows the general product area for the set of products.

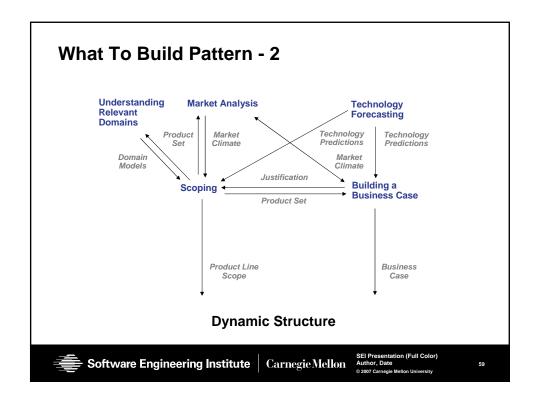
Problem: To determine what products should be included in the product line

Solution: Determining what to build requires information related to the product area, technology, and market; the business justification; and the process for describing the set of products to be included in the product



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Factory Pattern - 1

Name: The *Factory* pattern is a composite pattern that describes the entire product line organization.

Context: An organization is considering (or fielding) a product line.

Problem: To map the entire product line effort

Solution: Fielding a product line involves

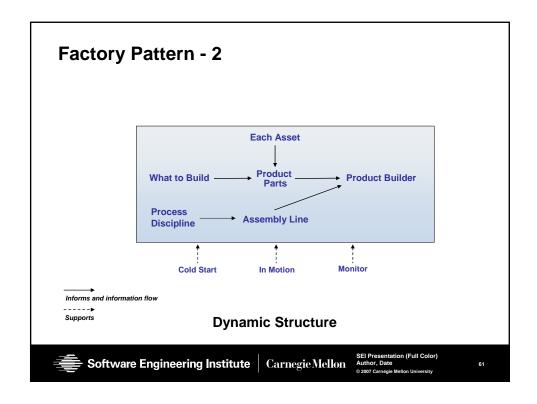
- deciding what to build
- building and running the production capability
- preparing the organization
- designing and providing the product parts
- · running the assembly line
- monitoring the process

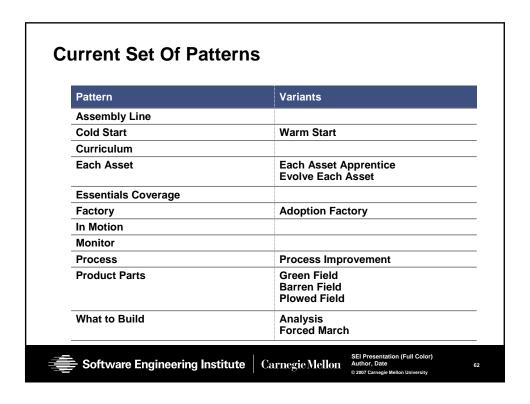


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The Product Line Adoption Endgame

To have an operational software product line.

To do that, an organization must

- have
 - a core asset base
 - supportive processes and organizational structures
- · develop products from that asset base in a way that achieves business goals
- improve and extend the software product line effort as long as it makes sense



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Barriers to Product Line Adoption

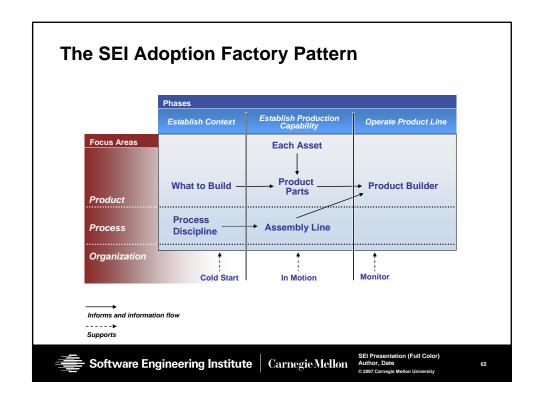
- Lack of knowledge
- Need for organizational change
- Cultural resistance
- Lack of sufficient management support
- Lack of necessary talent
- Incompatible development processes
- Globalization of workforce
- Stove-piped mentality
- No clear path to follow

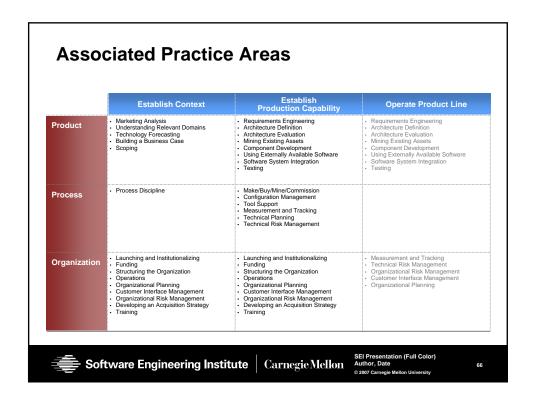
Change management models are useful.

A product line adoption roadmap is helpful.



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What's Different About Reuse With Software **Product Lines?**

- · Business dimension
- Iteration
- · Architecture focus
- Preplanning
- · Process and product connection
- · Maintenance and growth of the reused assets over time - not "clone and own"



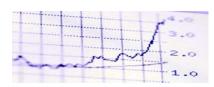


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At The Heart Of Successful Product Lines

- · A pressing need that addresses the heart of the business
- · Long and deep domain experience
- · A legacy base from which to build
- · Architectural excellence
- · Process discipline
- · Management commitment
- · Loyalty to the product line as a single entity



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Summary of SEI Contributions

Models and Guidance

- A Framework for Software Product Line PracticeSM
- Software Product Line Acquisition: A Companion to A Framework for Software Product Line Practice
- · Product line practice patterns
- · Product line adoption roadmap
- · Pedagogical product line

Methods and Technology

- product line analysis
- architecture definition, documentation, evaluation (ATAM®), and recovery
- · mining assets
- · production planning
- Structured Intuitive Product Line Economics (SIMPLE)
- Product Line Technical ProbeSM (PLTPSM)
- · Product Line Quick Look (PLQL)
- · Interactive workshops in product line measurement, variability management, product line management
- · Prediction-enabled component technology

Book

Software Product Lines: Practices and Patterns

Curriculum and **Certificate Programs**

- · Five courses and three certificate programs
- · Product Line Executive Seminar

Conferences and Workshops

• SPLC 1, SPLC2, SPLC 2004; SPLC 2006; Workshops 1997 -2005

Technical Reports, publications, and Web site





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Final Word

If properly managed, the benefits of a product line approach far exceed the costs.

Strategic software reuse through a well-managed product line approach achieves business goals for:

- · efficiency
- · time to market
- · productivity
- quality
- · agility



Software Product Lines: Reuse That Makes Business Sense.



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