Second International
Off-The-Shelf Development
Method Workshop (IOTSDM)
Report

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Workshop Agenda

Introduction including Name, Organization, Personal Experience, and Personal Goals

Workshop Challenge, History, Goals, and Format

Position Paper Presentation

Discussion of:

- OBD Method Tasks and related Techniques and Work Products
- Teams and Roles
- Relationship to other Disciplines
- Production, Storage, Maintenance, and Usage of a Common ‘Standard’ OBD Method Framework

Wrap-Up:

- Accomplishments / Areas of Consensus
- Future Tasking
The Challenge:
Why are We Here?
The Challenge

Different Projects and Organizations use:

- Different Terminologies describing
- Different OTS-Based Development (OBD) Methods consisting of
- Different Method Components

OBD Method Components are not well integrated into ‘Standard’ Software and System Development Methods.

Relationship between OBD Method Components and the Method Components of ‘other’ Disciplines is not well understood:

- Requirements Engineering
- Architecture Engineering
- Management
Workshop History: What Came Before?
Workshop History

First Workshop last year at ICCBSS’2006 in Orlando, Florida

3 Position Papers Presented:

- “Toward Upgrade Risks Assessment for OTS Development” by Erik Putrycz of the National Research Council of Canada
- “Evolutionary Process for Integrating COTS-Based Systems (EPIC)” by Cecilia Albert and Lisa Brownsword
- “A Process for COTS Software Production Evaluation” by Tricia Oberndorf
Workshop Goals:

What Should We Do?
Workshop Goals

Gather People Interested in OTS-Based Development (OBD) Methods

Develop/Refresh Professional Contacts

Collect Experiences, Perspectives, and Recommendations

Discuss OBD Method Components:

• Tasks and Techniques
• Work Products
• Teams and Roles
• Relationships to other Disciplines and Activities

Discuss Production, Storage, Maintenance, and Usage of a Common ‘Standard’ OBD Method Framework

Report Results
Workshop Format:
How Will We Do Our Work?
Workshop Format

Working Group rather than Mini-Conference Track

Only one Position Paper to get Us in the Mood

Hands-On Brainstorming and Discussion:

- Need Scribe

Collection of Discussion Points, Questions, and Recommendations

Report of Workshop Outcome Generated and Published:

- Need Report Writer(s)
Workshop Results:

What We Did
Workshop Results

Method Metamodel

Traditional (OTS-Related) Disciplines

OTS-Related Tasks and Techniques

OTS-Related Work Products

OTS-Related Teams, Roles, and Responsibilities

Production, Storage, Maintenance, and Usage of a Common ‘Standard’ OBD Method Framework
OPF Method Metamodel

Producer

produces

Work Product

is documented or implemented using

Language

Work Unit

performs

is organized and staffed by

Stage

provides timing to the performance of

is timboxed using

Endeavor

is temporally organized by
Traditional OTS-Related Disciplines

Management
Requirements Engineering
Architecture Engineering
Design
Implementation
Integration
Testing
Quality Assurance
Configuration Management
Reuse Engineering (?)
OTS-Related Tasks 1

OTS Planning (Mgmt +)

Identify Candidate OTS Components (AE + Reuse E)

Characterize Individual Candidate OTS Components (AE + Reuse E + Design)

Evaluate/Test/Analyze/Inspect Individual Candidate/Selected OTS Components and their Sources (Architecture Engineering, Testing, QA, Human Factors, Specialty Engineering including Safety, Security, Reliability, ...)

Make the Make/Buy/Reuse/Outsourcing Decision for each architectural element including OTS components (Architecting and Management oversight)

Select OTS Components and Sources (Architecture)

Monitor Status of OTS Components and their Sources over Time: (multiple mgmt, reuse, architecture?) Marketplace/Government/Reuse Repositories/Legacy System
OTS-Related Tasks 2

Negotiate Requirements (Requirements, Architecting, management)

Negotiate/Update Business Processes including Training (business process engineering, management, architecture, requirements)

Acquire OTS Components (management)
  - Negotiate price, schedule, features

Engineer Architecture with OTS Components (arch)

Design, Implement, and Test “Glue” Subsystem/SW/HW Components (Wrappers/Proxies/Connectors/Converters/Transformers/…) DIT

Integrate OTS Components (integration)
OTS-Related Tasks 3

Tailor (Configure) OTS Component (Design, Implementation, Installation)
Baseline Component  (Configuration Control and Configuration Identification)
Evaluate/Test/Analyze/Inspect Executable Architecture including OTS (Architecture Engineering, Testing, QA, Human Factors, Specialty Engineering including Safety, Security, Reliability, …)
Manage Source management Relationships (management)
Manage Component Licenses / Export Control (legal and financial)
Maintain OTS-Based System and Architecture (maintenance and architectures)
Technology assessments (organizational architecture engineering)
Observations

Mapping from tasks to disciplines is complex.
Disciplines do not traditionally include OTS tasks well.
Tend to think in terms of roles and responsibilities instead of disciplines.
Is OTS a multi-disciplinary, cross functional area of concern.

Almost all of these tasks:

- Are ongoing during development/life cycle of system(s)
- Apply to individual systems/subsystems as well as at the enterprise level
- Apply to OTS consumer, regardless of whether system acquirer, prime contractor, or subcontractors

Most of these tasks are variations of existing tasks.
Most of these tasks are high-level abstract tasks that need to be specialized for OTS/Legacy, etc.
Too difficult to get right immediately. Requires iterative incremental work to produce taxonomy.
OTS-Related Techniques

Market Research
Risk Analysis
Cost/Benefit Analysis
Feasibility Analysis
Schedule Analysis
Return On Investment (ROI) Analysis
Source (Vendor) Analysis
OTS Work Products

OTS Plan
OTS Source Description Documents
OTS Component Description Documents
OTS Screening Criteria and Rationale
OTS Cost-Benefit Analysis
Buy-Make-Reuse Decision
Requirements Specifications / Repository
Architecture Documentation
Vendor-Relationship Plan (Non-COTS?)
OTS-Related Teams, Roles, and Responsibilities

Management Team
Requirements Team
Architecture Team
Design/Implementation/Test Team
Integration Team
Test Team
Reuse Team
Source Analysis (Market Research?) Team
OTS Component Selection Team (Architecture Team?)
Common ‘Standard’ OBD Method Framework

Are we Ready?
Production?
Storage and Maintenance?
Future?