



Metrics Package RFP

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Architecture Driven Modernization (ADM)



- Mission: Create a set of meta-models facilitating the interoperability of application modernization tools.
- ADM Task Force meta-model roadmap and scenarios^[1]
- Two standards serve as foundation for remaining standards
 - Knowledge Discovery Meta-Model (KDM)
 - Abstract Syntax Tree Meta-Model (ASTM)



[1]See http://adm.omg.org/ADMTF_Roadmap.pdf

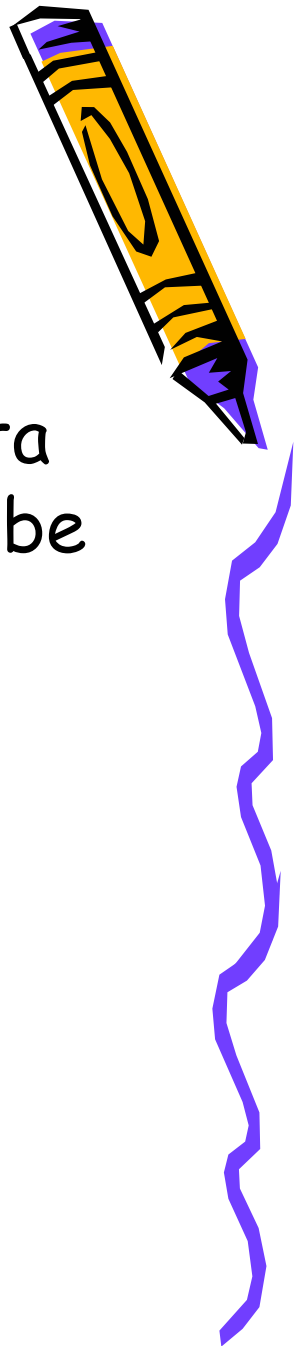
Goal of the Metrics Package

Support other ADM packages and scenarios by providing a meta-model or enhancements to other meta-models that enable the interchange of measures of or derived from artifacts defined by other ADM packages, SPEM, SOA meta-model or alternative sources.



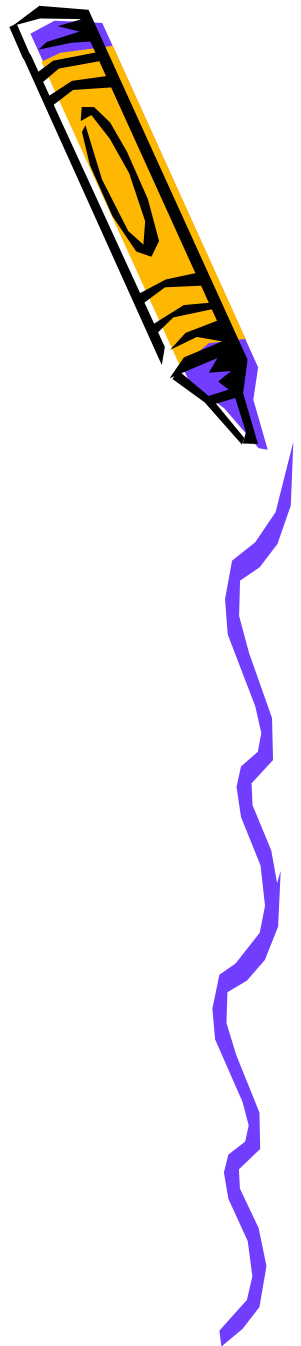
Practical Applications of the Metrics Package

- Measures on KDM and ASTM meta-data provide quantifiable numbers that can be plugged into ADM scenario estimating models
- Estimating models can utilize ADM measures for various ADM scenarios
- Should reflect or consider history or trend measures



Measure Usage

- Software assessment/triage
- Transformation project planning
- Project monitoring
- Cost/benefit of proposed modernization
- Metric guided learning
- Post-mortem project analysis



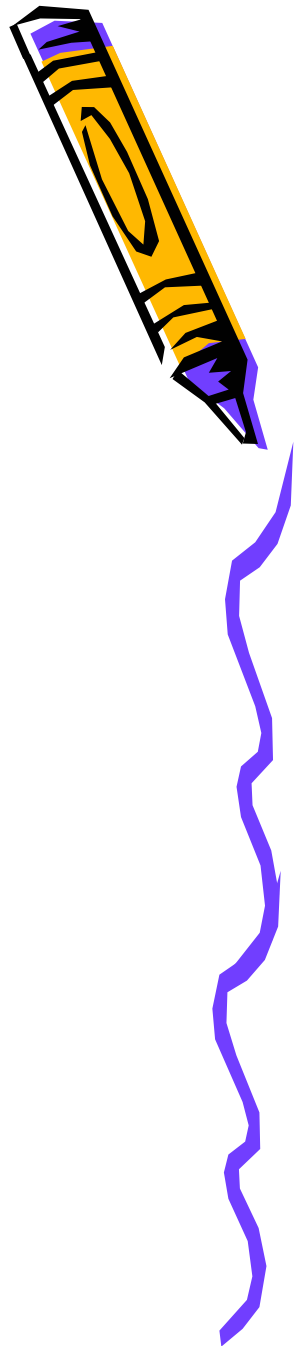
Software Measurement

- Comparable evaluations of existing software artifacts.
- Data for disciplined engineering
- Quantitative basis for assessing software and managing modernization processes.



Measurement Examples

- Size
 - Lines of Code
 - Number of screens
 - Number of operators and operands
- Complexity
 - McCabe, Halstead
- Cohesion
 - Number of called internal routines
- Coupling
 - Number of called external routines



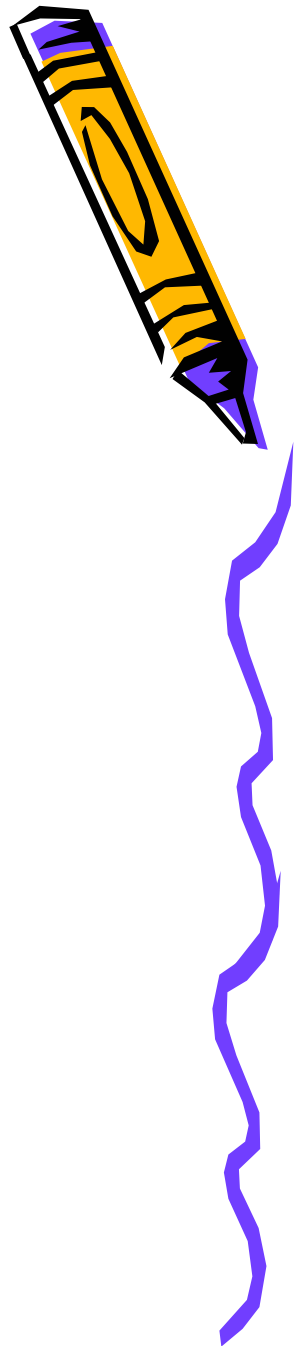
Potential measurement categories

- **Architectural**
 - Call nesting level
- **Environmental**
 - No. executable batch steps
- **Data Definition**
 - No. I/O data groups
- **Software Assurance**
 - Risk-Reliability
 - Risk-No. of exposures
- **Quality**
 - Uptime
- **Performance**
 - Online response time
- **Functional**
 - Bus. data / all data
- **Cost**
 - Operational Cost



Aspects of Measures

- Unit of Measurement
- Measured artifact
- Measured artifact feature
- Measurement process
 - Count
 - Aggregation
 - Named
 - Transformation



Aspects of Measures

- Name: McCabe's Cyclomatic Complexity
- Unit: Independent path
- Measured artifact: Program, control flow graph
- Measured feature: Independent path
- Measurement process:
 - Count
 - Choice point count + 1
 - $(\text{Arc count} - \text{node count} + 2)$ of strongly connected



Measurement Grades

Map measurement intervals to symbols

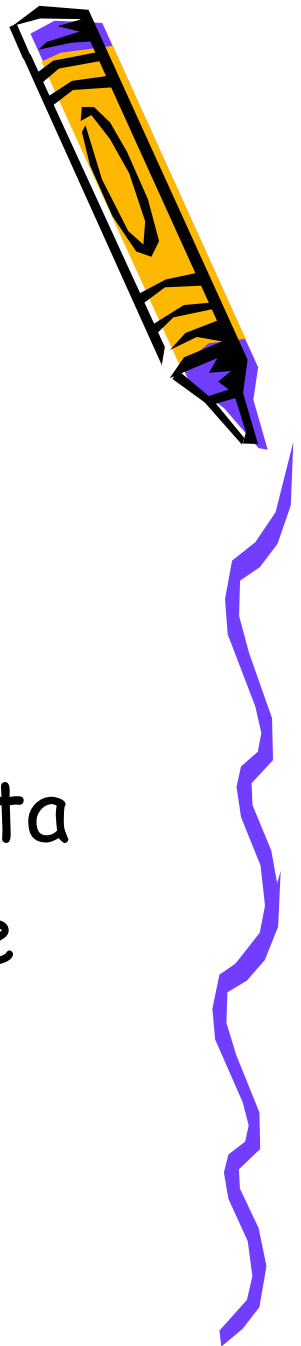
- Small, medium, large
- Cold, warm, hot
- A, B, C, D or F
- Reliable / Unreliable



Measurement Ratios

No unit of measure

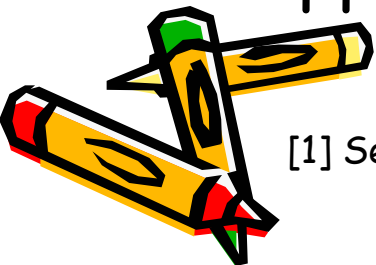
- Uptime percentage
- Business data percentage of all data
- Halstead volume / potential volume



Metrics Package Premises

- Metrics Package should incorporate other measure standards to avoid reinventing the wheel
- Measures should include cross-section of modernization measures that already exist [1]
- Certain ADM measurement categories and measures may be identified or established
- Measurement categories should be clearly mapped to ADM packages

[1] See <http://www.comsysprojects.com/SystemTransformation/tmetricguide.htm>



Metrics Package Objectives

- Propose software measure abstraction for artifacts of other ADM packages
- Propose extension mechanism to allow Metrics Package to evolve as other ADM packages emerge
- Identify measures that support or complement other ADM packages
- Ensure that Metrics Package clearly supports various ADM scenarios



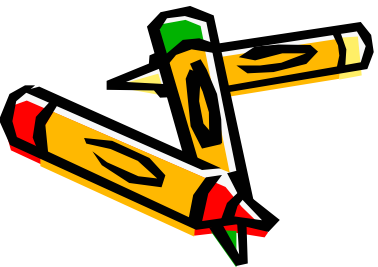
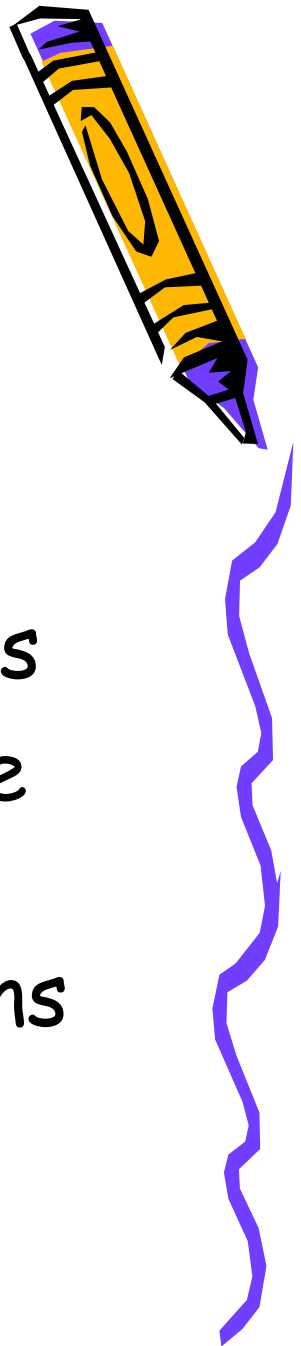
Requirements

- Ensure that Metrics Package is synchronized with other ADM packages
- Ensure that Package is flexible enough to adapt to useful measures a given vendor may incorporate later
- Consider existing or emerging industry measures and standards
- Reflect scope of systems from which measures were derived



Relationship to Other ADM Roadmap Standards

- Metrics Package should initially support the KDM and ASTM via meta-model extensions or additions
- Metrics Package will need to evolve with additional ADM packages
- Should reflect measure associations between KDM and ASTM



Potential Next Steps



- Identify ADM measurement categories based on ADM Packages and Scenarios
- Define measures to be plugged into each measurement category
- Identify how measures would be represented within specific ADM meta
- Establish meta-models or extensions to existing meta-models to support various ADM Packages



Measure Mapping Implications

- Mapping approach
- Facilitates process of identifying various measures as they pertain to a given ADM scenario
- Requires clear and concise mapping of how each ADM package supports each scenario
- Suggests more detailed Scenario Whitepaper needed to fully understand measures relationships among ADM packages



In Summary

- Due to relationship between Metrics Package and other ADM packages, creation of this package will require a unique approach
- Metrics Package could be absorbed as enhancements to other ADM packages
- Should minimally be common thread to ensure that all measure meta-data is consistently deployed across various ADM packages

