Software Engineering Tools of the Trade

Hui Chen a

^aCUNY Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, NY, USA

February 4, 2025

Tool Support

2 CASE and Tools

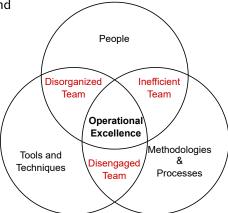
Tool Support

CASE and Tools

Recap: What do we learn?

To build high-quality software within budget using software engineering

- methodologies and processes,
- techniques, and
- ► tools



Goal of Software Engineering

To build high-quality software within budget using software engineering

- methodologies and processes,
- techniques, and
- tools

Tool Support

2 CASE and Tools

Tool Support for Software Engineering

CASE: Computer Aided Software Engineering

CASE tools

- ▶ Analysis and modeling tools, e.g., E/R modeling, object modeling.
- Development tools, to support design and construction of software, e.g., IDE, debugging tools.
- Verification and validation, to analyze code and specifications for correctness, performance
- Configuration management, to control the check-in and check-out of repository objects and files, e.g., Source Code Management tools (SCM)
- Metrics and measurement, to analyze code for complexity, modularity, performance, ...
- ► Project management, to manage project plans, task assignments, scheduling ...

7/11

Tool Support for Software Engineering

CASE: Computer Aided Software Engineering

CASE tools can aslo be viewed as,

- ▶ Upper CASE Tools, support business and analysis modeling (e.g., tools to produce E/R diagrams, Data flow diagram, structure charts, Decision Trees, Decision tables ...)
- ► Lower CASE Tools, support development activities (e.g., physical design, debugging, construction, testing, component integration, maintenance, and reverse engineering ...)

Tools for Software Engineering Activities

- Tools for requirement analysis and elicitation
- Tools for design and for implementation
- Tools for verification and validation (e.g., testing)
- Tools for maintenance
- Tools for project planning
- Tools for project management

Tool Support

CASE and Tools

Questions

"The beginner mind and the wise mind are one and the same; the only difference is the tools, information, experience on which they draw." – Shellen Lubin