

Reading Assignment: Evaluate a source

CS 3398 Spring 2014

due: Section 251: Wednesday, Feb 5, and Section 252: Thursday, Feb 6, in class

(Type your answers into a file. Print a copy and bring it to class the day it is due.)

Read the following paper (a PDF copy is on the website):

M. Lindvall, D. Muthig, A. Dagnino, C. Wallin, M. Stupperich, D. Kiefer, J. May, et al.
Agile software development in large organizations. *Computer*, pages 26-34, 2004.

Answer the following questions. You may directly quote, summarize, or paraphrase material from the paper. Complete sentences are not required, but try to be descriptive in your answers.

See: **Questions to Ask About All Sources**

<http://isites.harvard.edu/icb/icb.do?keyword=k70847&pageid=icb.page346373>

1. What is the main **purpose** of the paper in one sentence?
2. What is the main **claim** of the paper (the key point) in one sentence?
3. What are the first author's credentials? What makes him an authority on this topic?
4. What is the scope of the paper? What is it describing? An experiment? A process? A conference? A case study? Does it lay out background information? Does it summarize other research? What is it that the paper is analyzing or describing?
5. Who published the source? Is it a peer-reviewed journal?
6. How current is the source?
7. Give a short summary of the paper, in about 10 sentences (or less). Aim for one or two sentences per section. OR you may list the main points of the paper. Your audience is someone who knows what Agile methods and XP are but has not read this paper.

Bring a copy (print or digital) of the paper with you to class next Wednesday/Thursday for group discussion!!