

Integrating Evolutionary Software Development in Software Engineering Course Projects

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Abstract

Evolutionary Software Development (ESD) has been widely used in industry. However, most of higher education institutions have not yet fully integrated it into the software engineering courses, especially the course projects. In this talk, we will briefly introduce the evolutionary software development, and then discuss its impact on software engineering education. Case studies with increment change and other practices as the core requirement for the course projects will be presented, and case study results will be discussed to illustrate their merits. The challenges and issues with integrating the ESD into software engineering course projects will also be explored.

Biography

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