### Impact of Scope Changes on Schedule Growth

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# Schedule Growth in Software Programs



Source:: SRDR Data Compilation Pairs, dated 16 NOV 2018

#### The SRDR data shows schedule growth happens more often than not.

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# Simplified

## Software Development Cost Model



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### Simplified Software Development IMS Model



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### Example

#### **Current Schedule Input:**

- 100K initial ESLOC
- 15 people at 156 hours per month
- 1.2 ESLOC/hour

**Calculate the time required to complete the effort with no SW growth** 

 $ESLOC * \frac{(1 + SW Growth Rate)}{Productivity} = \text{Total Hours} \approx 83,333 \text{ hours}$  $ESLOC * \frac{(1 + SW Growth Rate)}{Productivity} * \frac{1}{Person Months} = Man Months \approx 35 \text{ months}$ 

This results in **35 months** of labor.

#### □ Calculate the time required to complete the effort with SW growth

- Assume 28% SW growth  

$$ESLOC * \frac{(1 + SW Growth Rate)}{Productivity} = \text{Total Hours} \approx 106,667 \text{ hours}$$

$$ESLOC * \frac{(1 + SW Growth Rate)}{Productivity} * \frac{1}{Person Months} = Man Months \approx 46 \text{ months}$$

- This results in **46 months** of labor!



### Impact of Total ESLOC Growth on Schedule Estimates



# Can we divide the total schedule growth into pure and scope growth?





### Direct comparison of final to initial project duration includes ALL sources of growth if not adjusted



## **Definition of Pure Schedule Growth**



• Based on recent studies, there is at least some pure growth in SW development programs. Therefore we want to consider the pure growth's impact on a schedule.

## Completely unrelated scope additions should be estimated separately and adjusted for in historical data.





Being able to separate schedule growth up into pure and scope growth gives a truer picture of the actual growth of initial project scope





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- □ Three large DoD software programs were selected based on relevance and for availability of data
- Scope changes were determined using data outside available SRDRs, which included
  - Monthly or quarterly ESLOC reports
  - Systems Engineering Technical Review briefs
  - Program schedules
  - Software metric reports
  - Identified and interviewed subject matter experts when possible to validate interpretations of data









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# Pure vs Total Growth Program 2 (cont'd)

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22%

**Scope Growth** 

**Total Growth** 









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N/A

19%

**Scope Growth** 

**Total Growth** 



In cases where discernable scope was added, we observed a corresponding schedule increase

In cases where only pure software growth was observed, little corresponding schedule increase was observed

We did not have a large enough data set to identify a statistically significant correlation between ESLOC increases and schedule increases



We need a centralized IMS repository as well as more frequent documentation and collection at multiple points during the program life cycle

We have the tools to estimate schedule impacts due to software growth and should account for that growth in our estimates

 Cost estimates should be used as a crosscheck to the IMS and vice versa.



# Questions,

## Answers,

# and Discussion

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