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# *COCOMO*

*Constructive cost model*

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*"To help people reason about  
the cost and schedule implications  
of their software decisions."*

B. Boehm 2000

# OVERVIEW

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## The tree levels of the COCOMO I

The **basic** model ..

- is single-valued and static

The intermediate model ..

- computes software development effort as a function of program size and a set of **fifteen "cost drivers"** that include subjective assessments of product, hardware, personnel, and project attributes.

The advanced or detailed model ..

- incorporates all characteristics of the intermediate version with an assessment of the cost driver's impact on **each step** (analysis, design, etc. ) of the software engineering process.

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## Three development modes **COCOMO I**

Development Mode	Project Characteristics			
	Size	Innovation	Deadline/ constraints	Dev. Environment
<b>Organic</b>	Small	Little	Not tight	Stable
<b>Semi-detached</b>	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium
<b>Embedded</b>	Large	Greater	Tight	Complex hardware/customer interfaces

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## Two main equations **COCOMO I**

**development effort (MM)**

$$MM = a * KDSI^b$$

based on MM (**152** hours per MM) = one month of effort by one person.

**effort and development time (TDEV)**

$$TDEV = 2.5 * MM^c$$

The coefficients a, b and c depend on the *mode of the development*

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# Intermediate COCOMO I

## Intermediate COCOMO

$$MM = a * KDSI^b$$

$$TDEV = 2.5 * MM^c$$

Intermediate COCOMO	a	b	c
Organic	3.2	1.05	0.38
Semi-detached	3.0	1.12	0.35
Embedded	2.8	1.20	0.32

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## Example COCOMO I

### Intermediate COCOMO

$$MM = a * KDSI^b$$

$$TDEV = 2.5 * MM^c$$

Required: database system for an office automation project.

Project = **organic** (a=3.2, b = 1.05, c=0.38),

4 modules to implement:

data entry	0.6 KDSI
data update	0.6 KDSI
query	0.8 KDSI
report generator	1.0 KDSI
<b>System SIZE</b>	<b>3.0 KDSI</b>

Efforts are rated as follows  
(all others nominal, 1.0):

<b>complexity</b>	<b>high (1.15)</b>
<b>storage</b>	<b>high (1.06)</b>
<b>experience</b>	<b>low (1.13)</b>
<b>prog capabilities</b>	<b>low (1.17)</b>

$$MM_{Korr} = (1.15 * 1.06 * 1.13 * 1.17) * 3.2 * 3.0^{1.05}$$

$$MM_{Korr} = 1.61 * 3.2 * 3.17$$

$$MM_{Korr} = 16.33$$

$$TDEV = 2.5 * 16.33^{0.38}$$

$$TDEV = 7.23 (>7\text{months to complete})$$

How many people should be hired?

$$MM_{Korr} / TDEV = \text{team members}$$

$$16.33 / 7.23 = 2.26 (>2 \text{ team members})$$

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## Advantages / Drawbacks COCOMO I

### Advantages

transparent

### Drawbacks

Information for estimating KDSI not always available

mis-classification of the development mode

historical data not always available

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## Reengineering COCOMO

### ReEngineering COCOMO I needs

- New software processes
- New phenomenas: size, reuse
- Need for decision making based on **incomplete information**

### Focused issues are

- Non-sequential and rapid-development process models
- Reuse-driven approaches involving commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS)
- Reengineering (reuse, translated code)
- Applications composition
- Application generation capabilities
- Software process maturity effects
- Process-driven quality estimation

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## Differences between COCOMO I & COCOMO II **COCOMO**

### COCOMO I

### COCOMO II

KDSI

KSLOC

waterfall model

three phases

Point estimate

range estimate

Three development modes

five scale factors

Fifteen cost drivers

seven / seventeen cost drivers

63 data points

161 data points

reengineering

software reuse and

requirement volatility

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## Nominal Schedule Estimation Equations **COCOMO II**

$$PM_{NS} = AxSize^E x \prod_{i=1}^n EM_i$$

$$E = B + 0.01x \sum_{j=1}^5 SF_j$$

$$TDEV_{NS} = Cx(PM_{NS})^F$$

$$F = D + 0.2x0.01x \sum_{j=1}^5 SF_j$$

where

$$A = 2.94, B = 0.91, C = 3.67, D = 0.28$$

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$$\text{Size} = \left(1 + \frac{\text{REVL}}{100}\right) \times (\text{New KSLOC} + \text{Equivalent KSLOC})$$

$$\text{Equivalent KSLOC} = \text{Adapted KSLOC} \times \left(1 - \frac{\text{AT}}{100}\right) \times \text{AAM}$$

$$\text{where AAM} = \begin{cases} \frac{\text{AA} + \text{AAF} \times (1 + [0.02 \times \text{SU} \times \text{UNFM}])}{100}, & \text{for } \text{AAF} \leq 50 \\ \frac{\text{AA} + \text{AAF} + (\text{SU} \times \text{UNFM})}{100}, & \text{for } \text{AAF} > 50 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{AAF} = (0.4 \times \text{DM}) + (0.3 \times \text{CM}) + (0.3 \times \text{IM})$$

## Scale factors **COCOMO II**

Scale Factors ( $W_i$ )		annotation
PREC	If a product is similar to several previously developed project, then the precedentedness is high	replaces Development Mode, largely intrinsic to a project and uncontrollable
FLEX	Conformance needs with requirements / external interface specifications, ...	
RESL	Combines Design Thoroughness and Risk Elimination (two scale factors in Ada).	Identify management controllables by which projects can reduce diseconomies of scale by reducing sources of project turbulence, entropy and rework.
TEAM	accounts for the sources of project turbulence and entropy because of difficulties in synchronizing the project's stakeholders.	
PMAT	ratingways: 1. by the results of an organized evaluation based on the SEI CMM, 2. 18 Key Process Areas in the SEI CMM.	

## Cost Drivers **COCOMO II**

	Early Design cost drivers	Post-Architecture cost drivers
Product reliability and complexity	RCPX	RELY, DATA, CPLX, DOCU
Required reuse	RUSE	RUSE
Platform difficulty	PDIF	TIME, STOR, PVOL
Personnel capability	PERS	ACAP, PCAP, PCON
Personnel experience	PREX	AEXP, PEXP, LTEX
Facilities	FCIL	TOOL, SITE
Required Development Schedule	SCED	SCED

## Code Category **COCOMO II**

New code:	new code, from scratch
Reused code:	pre-existing code, <i>black-box</i> , applied <u>as it is</u>
Adapted code:	pre-existing code, <i>white-box</i> , <u>modified</u>
COTS component:	leased, licensed, source code is not available
Automatically translated code:	pre-existing code, translated by automated tools (keyword: reengineering/conversion)

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## Comparison COCOMO II

	Early Design model	Post-Architecture model
deployment	used to make rough estimates of a project's cost and duration before its entire architecture is determined.	used after project's overall architecture is developed.
Information available	not enough	fine-grain cost estimation can be supported
cost drivers	set of <b>seven</b> cost drivers (Product Reuse, Platform, Personnel, Facilities, Schedule)	set of <b>seventeen</b> multiplicative cost drivers grouped into <u>four categories</u> (Product factors, Platform factors, Personnel factors, Project factors).
involves ...	exploration of alternative software/system architecture and concepts of operation	actual development and maintenance of a software product

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## Extensions **COCOMO II**

- estimating the cost of software COTS integration (COCOTS)
- Application Composition Model
- phase distributions of schedule and effort (COPSEMO)
- rapid application development effort and schedule adjustments (CORADMO)
- quality in terms of delivered defect density (COQUALMO)
- effects of applying software productivity strategies / improvement (COPROMO)
- System Engineering (COSYSMO)

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## Extensions; status quo **COCOMO II**

Extension	Status quo	still experimental
Application Composition Model		yes
COCOTS	not fully formulated and validated	yes
COPSEMO	about to complete Delphi round 1	yes
CORADMO	Delphi round 2 completed	yes
COQUALMO	Bayesian Analysis	

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## Advantages COCOMO II

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COCOMO II is an industry standard

very profound information is easy available

clear and effective calibration process by combining delphi with  
algorithmic cost estimation techniques (Bayesian method)

various extension for almost every purpose are available

Tool support (also for the various extensions)

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## Drawbacks COCOMO II

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waterfall predilection

extensions are still experimental

duration calculation for small projects is unreasonable

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release a new calibration annually

calibrate the different extensions

To keep track with the future software engineering trends