

# Computer Science Department

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## Panel Discussion on the Scrum Systems Development Process: Observations by Industry Leaders on the Process

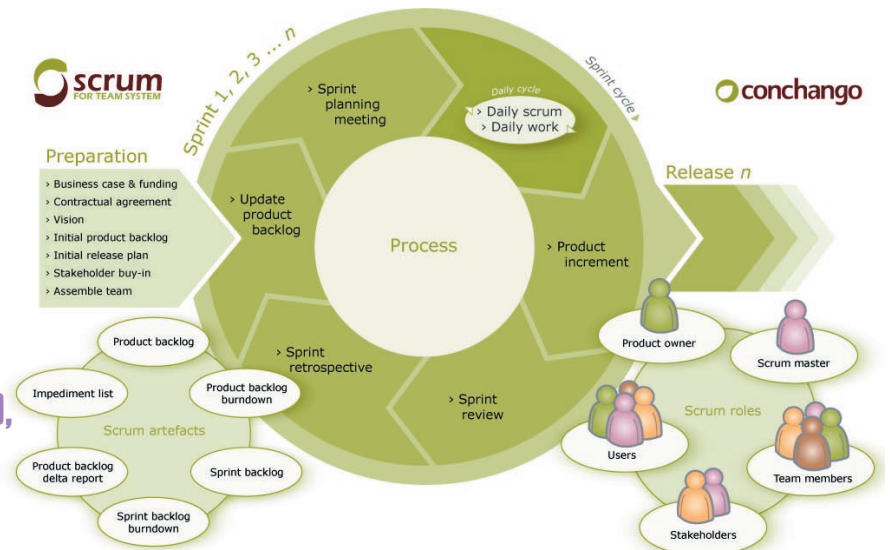
**Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

**4:30 - 6:00pm**

**Place: Thornton Hall 331**

### Panelists:

**David Chilcott (Outformations Inc),  
Nachi Sendowski (Enticy Group LLC),  
Dave Sulcer (BMC Software)**



### Description:

The stated, accepted philosophy for systems development is that the development process is a well understood approach that can be planned, estimated, and successfully completed. This has proven incorrect in practice. SCRUM assumes that the systems development process is an unpredictable, complicated process that can only be roughly described as an overall progression. SCRUM defines the systems development process as a loose set of activities that combines known, workable tools and techniques with the best that a development team can devise to build systems.

### The panelists will discuss

- **how Scrum is used in their organizations**
- **positive and negative experiences**
- **management issues**
- **strengths and weaknesses**
- **practical issues such as length of sprint, team size, and adaptation**

### Panelist bios:

David Chilcott is the founder and board member of the Bay Area Agile Project Leaders Network (BayAPLN) Local Chapter and he co-leads the Bay Area Rational User Group (BayRUG) which is co-hosted by Outformations. David is the founder and a principal at Outformations Inc.

Nachi Sendowski is managing partner of The Enticy Group, LLC and has over seventeen years experience working for large companies, consulting groups, partnerships and small startups. The Enticy Group provides software consulting specializing in customized development tools ("frameworks").

Dave Sulcer has developed enterprise software since his MS-CS from SFSU in 1990. He was architect for the Everypath Mobile Transaction Automation platform and the Eclipse-based Remedy Developer Studio IDE, and is currently Lead Product Developer for the Remedy Action Request System web-based client platform for BMC Software