

Questions about Using Objects¹

What are the goals for your transition to objects?

- Following the general evolution of the software industry
- Benefitting from external libraries of reusable components
- Making the resulting software easier to modify
- Improving time-to-market for new products
- Decreasing software development costs.

What is your company's current exposure to object technology?

- Novice level
- Some people have general knowledge
- Some people have used object-like technology, for example by programming in Ada
- The company has successfully completed a small object-oriented project
- The company has successfully completed a substantial object-oriented project (more than 300 classes) using a hybrid language like C++, CLOS, or a purely object-oriented language like Eiffel or Smalltalk.

What is your company's current software development process?

- It develops most of its software in-house
- It outsources its software development
- It has a recommended software development process (such as the waterfall model, the spiral model, prototype based, etc.).

Reference

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