

Esswork

A SMART Framework for Practice Based Development

EssWork provides everything you need to get started with a practice-oriented approach to software development. EssWork consists of an environment for developing, browsing, and executing practices; including: authoring of new practices and composing selected practices to represent a project's way of working. EssWork is a new and unique concept in software development. It is not a development process, method, or creed. It is a way of combining practices from many different sources to produce flexible, cohesive and effective ways of working. Through this approach we can implement process improvements, in a SMART, risk free and incremental way.

THE SMARTER WAY



Specifically define your own process

No single process will suit all organizations or all projects. What if it was possible to pick and choose the best of different processes and easily customize this toward the specific needs of the project or organization? It is possible with EssWork!

EssWork is a lightweight framework for practice oriented software development. One of the unique things with EssWork is it's kernel, which provides an underlying framework for composing and deploying practices into a complete process. Using this platform you can easily compose and customize any number of practices into your own process. Practices can be composed by using any combination of industry standards such as CMMI, Agile, Scrum or RUP, your internal organization best practices, industry required practices for governance and compliance or any others that exist or are created. In that way you can collect, compose and tailor the way of working that suits your needs.

Efficiently deploy and measure your process

When you have defined a process that fits your needs, you want to ensure that it is deployed and used in an efficient way. EssWork comes with a number of templates and techniques to help make this happen.

One of the unique features in EssWork is the execution facilitation. This will allow a user to understand how to move from one situation to the next desired situation. This is done by defining the current and desired state of the deliverables within a certain iteration or sprint. EssWork will then provide information on what activities to perform and what things to produce in order to reach the desired state. In this way we can ensure that users achieve the goals in an efficient and measurable way.

Efficiently attain publication, distribution and enactment of your process

EssWork delivers the information to the user through cards. The different cards provide information about level of competency needed, things to do and things to produce. The cards are a fresh, and user friendly way to expose the essentials of the practice providing an efficient way of working according to the process. In addition to the cards, guidelines are used to provide deeper details. The combination of cards and guidelines gives the users the level of information that they need at any given time. EssWork enables you to capture and combine practices and use them to populate and drive team collaboration.

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EssWork can also be complemented with a practice activation technology, such as Use-case Express to attain consistent process distribution and usage. This smart tooling brings the practices to life and is an add-on offering from Ivar Jacobson International.

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EssWork:

- Is a platform for practice oriented software development which matches your way of working and sets the foundation for further improvement.
- Comes with a predefined set of practices, from which you can choose to extend, compose and add your own.
- Provides the platform for context sensitive, dynamic presentation of process guidance in an agile fashion through cards.
- Identifies the activity (guidance) you need to meet your goals - be it the development of a use case, planning an iteration, formulating the architecture or other goals throughout the SDLC.
- Guidance can be imported into a project tracking tool for greater control. The EssWork platform is a web application supported on Windows and Linux. The EssWork authoring facilities are supported on Windows only.



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Realistic and timely business benefits

For the developers, EssWork is an easy to use, powerful platform for practice-based development with a new, fresh user experience. As a manager, using EssWork means that you can define and get support for your way of working in a timely fashion, composing your projects process by using the most appropriate practices. EssWork also allows a step-by-step approach to a risk free, realistic implementation of change with maximum business benefits. As an organization, using EssWork means that multiple development environments can be used but supported by one platform for the defined way of working. Through EssWork an organization can also put forth a standard set of practices to be used, yet customizable for the specific project needs.

Get started today!

To learn more about EssWork contact your local representative for a free trial or visit www.ivarjacobson.com and download a free evaluation of the software today!

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