System Analysis and Design (IT3120E)

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Content:

- Introduction of object-oriented system analysis and design
- Introduction of the modeling language UML
- Introduction of software development process
- Analysis of the environment and needs
- Function analysis
- Structure analysis
- Interaction analysis
- Behavior analysis
- Design of the system's overall architecture
- Class detail design
- User interface design
- Data design

Analysis of the environment and needs

- Goal of the analysis
- Method of the analysis
- Create the system overview document
- Project planning

Goal of the analysis

- This is the preliminary study step
- Investigate and study about the environment and business context of the system to be built
- Identify functional and non-functional requirements, risks and constraints
- Project definition and planning
- Question to be answered: "Should we develop or give up the project?"

Method of the analysis (1)

Investigate, survey in several different ways:

- Studying written materials
 - Complete documents
 - Transaction documents
 - Archive documents (papers, files)
 - Reporting documents (plan, statistics)
 - Fill-in documents
 - Inquiry documents (questionnaire, collection form)

Method of the analysis (2)

Interviewing

- Interview with written materials to explain/add/check/update written information
- Interview without written materials: seminar, individual/group interview
- Survey form with open/closed questions

Observing

- Work execution process, Business document processing flow, etc.
- Count the number of transactions, count the processing time, etc.

Create the system overview document (1)

- Aggregate the studied and collected information into an overview report of the system
- Each system is always placed in a business environment. At this stage, it is not possible to clearly determine the boundary between the system to be built and the environment
- Describe the operation of users, equipment and computers in a business environment

Create the system overview document (2)

- The system overview document should include:
 - Business goal
 - Main tasks/main functions
 - Business processes
 - Should be described (presented) by activity diagrams
 - Types of information used in the system
 - Requirements for the system to be built:
 - About functions,
 - About quality, performance, etc.
 - About priorities, restrictions, constraints

Project planning

- Define the scope and limitations of the project
- Define the goals and priorities of the project
- Propose a solution (at a general/preliminary level) and demonstrate its feasibility
- Anticipate and assess risks (e.g., misunderstanding needs, outdated technology, limited human resources and experience, limited time to complete, etc.)
- Create the project's implementation plan (human resource, finance, timetable, considering risks, etc.)