**Overview of the Project**

The project proposes the development of a task management application designed to enhance organization, observing the deadlines, and progress tracking for both individual and joint projects. The application will offer a user-friendly interface, powerful collaboration features, and efficient notification systems, presenting to a larger audience range from individuals to large teams.

**Problem Statement**

In today's dynamic and fast-paced environment, managing tasks efficiently is essential for success. Traditional methods such as pen-and-paper or basic to-do lists often fall short when dealing with complex projects. Many existing task management applications lack intuitive interfaces, inclusive collaboration features, and punctual notification systems, making it difficult for users to manage their tasks effectively. This gap in the market demands a comprehensive, user-friendly task management solution that addresses these problems.

**Proposed Solutions**

* *User-Friendly Interface*:
  + Develop an intuitive and easy-to-navigate interface through thorough planning, layouting, and user feedback.
* *Task Organization*:
  + Enable the creation, categorization, and prioritization of tasks to facilitate efficient organization.
* *Deadline Management and Notifications*:
  + Implement features for setting deadlines and automated notifications to ensure tasks are completed on time.
* *Progress Tracking*:
  + Merge tools for visualizing project advancement, allowing users to monitor progress and identify potential roadblocks.
* *Collaboration Features*:
  + Offer seamless collaboration tools, including task assignments, communication features, sharing progress updates etc. to enhance teamwork.
* *Agile Development*:
  + Utilize an Agile methodology for monotonous development, allowing for continuous improvement and responsiveness to user feedback.

By implementing these solutions, the proposed task management application aims to provide a comprehensive tool that improves task efficiency and project success for both individuals and teams.

**Information gathering process**

**Method used**

To gather comprehensive information for the development of the task management application, the following methods were utilized:

* *Interviews*: In-depth discussions with potential users, project managers, and team leaders to understand their needs, challenges and preferences.
* *Questionnaires*: Surveys distributed to a larger audience to collect quantitative data on user experiences and expectations.
* *Observations*: Direct observation of current task management practices in various organizational settings to identify inefficiencies and areas for improvement.

**Summary from method used**

* **Interviews:**
  + Example: Conducted with 10 project managers across different industries.
  + Insights: Project managers emphasized the need for better progress tracking and integration of collaboration tools within the task management system.
* **Questionnaires:**
  + Example: Distributed to 200 potential users including freelancers, small business owners, and corporate teams.
  + Insights: 75% of respondents found existing tools lacking in user-friendliness. 80% mentioned the need for more reliable notification systems.
* **Observations:**
  + Example: Observations conducted in three different companies.
  + Insights: Teams often rely on email and chat applications for communication, leading to fragmented task tracking and missed deadlines.

**Requirement Analysis (Based on AS-IS Analysis)**

*Current Business Process (Scenarios, Workflow)*

***Scenarios*:**

- Individual Users: Use basic to-do lists or calendar apps for personal task management.

- Small Teams: Use a mix of email, spreadsheets, and basic task management tools.

- Large Teams: Utilize complex project management tools but face usability and integration issues.

***Workflow*:**

1. Task Creation: Tasks are created manually by users or team leads.
2. Task Assignment: Tasks are assigned through email or task management tools.
3. Progress Tracking: Teams use spreadsheets or software to track progress.
4. Deadline Management: Deadlines are tracked manually or through calendar notifications.
5. Communication: Happens via email or chat applications.

*Functional Requirements (Input, Process, and Output)*

* ***Input*:**
  + Task details (title, description, deadline, priority)
  + User information (name, role, email)
  + Project information (name, description, timeline)
* ***Process*:**
  + Task creation and categorization
  + Task assignment and re-assignment
  + Deadline setting and notification scheduling
  + Progress tracking and reporting
  + Collaboration and communication facilitation
* ***Output*:**
  + Task lists and detailed task views
  + Notification alerts and reminders
  + Progress reports and visualizations (e.g. Gantt charts)
  + Communication logs and task comments

*Non-functional Requirements (Performance and Control)*

* **Performance**:
  + Application load time should be under 2 seconds.
  + Task updates should be reflected in real-time.
  + Notifications should be delivered within 1 minute of the scheduled time.
* **Control:**
  + User authentication and authorization
  + Data encryption and secure communication
  + Regular backups and data recovery processes

*Logical DFD AS-IS System*

\*Context Diagram:\*

A high-level overview showing interactions between users (individuals and teams) and the existing task management system.

\*Diagram 0:\*

Breakdown of the main processes within the system:

1. Task Management: Creation, updating, and deletion of tasks.
2. User Management: Handling user information and roles.
3. Notification System: Scheduling and sending notifications.
4. Progress Tracking: Monitoring and reporting task progress.

\*Child Diagrams:\*

Detailed breakdown of each main process in Diagram 0.

**Summary of the Requirement Analysis Process**

The requirement analysis process involved a thorough examination of current task management practices through interviews, questionnaires, and observations. Key findings highlighted the need for an intuitive user interface, reliable notification systems, and strong collaboration features. Functional and non-functional requirements were derived from these perceptions, leading to the development of a logical data flow diagram (DFD) to visualize the existing system's processes. This comprehensive analysis ensures that the proposed task management application addresses all identified needs and inefficiencies, paving the way for a more effective and user-friendly solution.