Project Development (SYP_PRE)

Project Proposal

Purpose

- * Give basis for the management decision of project approval
- Describes
 - Necessity of project
 - Feasibility of project
 - Affordability of project
 - Market and economic effect of project

Outline

- Initial situation
- General conditions and constraints
- Project objectives and system concepts
- Opportunities and risks
- Planning
- Economic efficiency

Initial Situation – Content

- Describe current situation
- Need for action is clearly visible
 - * This may lead into a new system / product

Initial Situation – Driving Questions

- * What are our abilities? What can we do now?
- * What shall be our abilities? What do we want to do in the future?
- * What is the gap?
 - * What are we currently missing to get the desirable abilities?

Initial Situation – Example

- Doctor in a primary school periodically examines primary school students
- * (S)he has to report the results of his examinations
- * (S)he has to inform parents about the health situation of their kids
- (S)he has to refer students in more severe health conditions to a specialist
- * Paper work takes around 60 % of his/her time
- * Data retrieval takes another 20 %

Initial Situation – Example cont.

- Documentation of examinations can be done computer assisted
- * Reporting and parents information is then generated
- Medical history of students is persisted automatically

WORK

- Go into your teams
- Collect buzz words for the initial situation of your project
- Time frame: 15 min

General Conditions and Constraints – Content

- Describe the frame work conditions
 - Budget situation
 - Organizational constraints
 - Technical constraints

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General Conditions and Constraints – Driving Questions(1)

- Framework conditions
 - What is our budget situation?
 - What is our know-how?
 - * With whom can we cooperate?
 - Which commitments do we have to our partners?
 - * Which commitments do we have in terms of deadlines?

General Conditions and Constraints – Driving Questions(2)

- Technical conditions
 - Which development environment and platform is available?
 - Which IT infrastructure is available?
 - Which standards and regulations have to be considered?

General Conditions and Constraints – Example

- * The information about the medical condition of the students is strictly confidential
- * The GUI of the information system must reflect the doctor's standard forms to minimize scepticism from the user side
- * The application must have a small memory footprint (max. 100 MB disk space, max. 50 MB RAM) and a local database
- A backup concept is mandatory
- * The application is multi-language capable (English and German)

WORK

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- Collect buzz words for the general conditions and constraints of your project
- * Time frame: 15 min

Project Objectives and System Concepts – Outline

- Describe your concept or vision of a new system
- Describe it without technical details
- Convey your basic idea and how it brings us to the desired state as described in "Initial Situation"

Project Objectives and System Concepts – Example

- * The doctor is documenting the examination results while examining the students
- Input form assists her/him to input information in a structured and easy way
- * Common situations (need for vaccinations, check for need of dental brace, etc.) are a one-click-job for the doctor
- Info sheet for parents can be printed right after examination
- * Report is a one-click-job at the end of the day

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Opportunities and Risks – Outline

- Make a market analysis
 - List potential customers
 - Estimate your chances to make profit
 - Estimate your risk to fail and make loss

Opportunities and Risks – Example

- * We could save 80 % out of the wasted 80 % bureaucracy work
 - * Besides increasing the time for child care more schools can be serviced by one doctor (-> cost reduction of public health care)
- Doctors do not use the system because of technology scepticism

WORK

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- Collect buzz words for the opportunities and risks of your project
- * Time frame: 15 min

Planning – Content

- List the rough project milestones
- Assign project lead and other outstanding roles to team members
- * Give a rough estimate how many resources you need
 - Human resources
 - Licenses
 - * etc.

Planning – Driving Questions

- When will the project end?
- When will be a first prototype available
- * When will the project start?
- When does implementation work start?
- * What are the big blocks of work to be done?
- * Is this work doable in the given period of time?
- * Do we need any other stuff to make our work (licenses, servers, ...)?

WORK

- Go into your teams
- * Collect first milestones (around seven to ten) for your project
- * Time frame: 15 min