

Context of Use analysis form  
Version 1.1

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Version of CoU analysis:	
Date:	
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Comments in red are reminders of what to do.  
Remember to save this spreadsheet under another name once you've entered data!

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Cut and paste if more than 6 tasks involved - also amend user/task mapping sheet

TASK 1		Indicate if relevant to evaluation
Task name		
Task objective		
<b>TASK EXECUTION</b>		
Degree of choice in use of system to carry out task		
Criticality of the task output		
Degree of precision required in output		
Autonomy of user in completing task		
Other execution constraints		
<b>TASK FLOW</b>		
Task input / starting condition		
Task output / finishing condition		
Task side effects		
Task dependencies		
Linked tasks		
Task Postponement		
<b>TASK DEMAND ON USERS</b>		
Task frequency		
Task duration		
Task flexibility / pacing		
Physical & mental demands		
Complexity as perceived by user		
<b>TASK SAFETY</b>		
Safe to operator		
Safe to secondary users		
Implications for immediate informational environment		
Implications for wider informational environment		

TASK 2		Indicate if relevant to evaluation
Task name		
Task objective		
TASK EXECUTION		
Degree of choice in use of system to carry out task		
Criticality of the task output		
Degree of precision required in output		
Autonomy of user in completing task		
Other execution constraints		
TASK FLOW		
Task input / starting condition		
Task output / finishing condition		
Task side effects		
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Linked tasks		
Task Postponement		
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Task frequency		
Task duration		
Task flexibility / pacing		
Physical & mental demands		
Complexity as perceived by user		
TASK SAFETY		
Safe to operator		
Safe to secondary users		
Implications for immediate informational environment		
Implications for wider informational environment		

TASK 3		Indicate if relevant to evaluation
Task name		
Task objective		
TASK EXECUTION		
Degree of choice in use of system to carry out task		
Criticality of the task output		
Degree of precision required in output		
Autonomy of user in completing task		
Other execution constraints		
TASK FLOW		
Task input / starting condition		
Task output / finishing condition		
Task side effects		
Task dependencies		
Linked tasks		
Task Postponement		
TASK DEMAND ON USERS		
Task frequency		
Task duration		
Task flexibility / pacing		
Physical & mental demands		
Complexity as perceived by user		
TASK SAFETY		
Safe to operator		
Safe to secondary users		
Implications for immediate informational environment		
Implications for wider informational environment		

TASK 4		Indicate if relevant to evaluation
Task name		
Task objective		
TASK EXECUTION		
Degree of choice in use of system to carry out task		
Criticality of the task output		
Degree of precision required in output		
Autonomy of user in completing task		
Other execution constraints		
TASK FLOW		
Task input / starting condition		
Task output / finishing condition		
Task side effects		
Task dependencies		
Linked tasks		
Task Postponement		
TASK DEMAND ON USERS		
Task frequency		
Task duration		
Task flexibility / pacing		
Physical & mental demands		
Complexity as perceived by user		
TASK SAFETY		
Safe to operator		
Safe to secondary users		
Implications for immediate informational environment		
Implications for wider informational environment		

TASK 5		Indicate if relevant to evaluation
Task name		
Task objective		
TASK EXECUTION		
Degree of choice in use of system to carry out task		
Criticality of the task output		
Degree of precision required in output		
Autonomy of user in completing task		
Other execution constraints		
TASK FLOW		
Task input / starting condition		
Task output / finishing condition		
Task side effects		
Task dependencies		
Linked tasks		
Task Postponement		
TASK DEMAND ON USERS		
Task frequency		
Task duration		
Task flexibility / pacing		
Physical & mental demands		
Complexity as perceived by user		
TASK SAFETY		
Safe to operator		
Safe to secondary users		
Implications for immediate informational environment		
Implications for wider informational environment		

TASK 6		Indicate if relevant to evaluation
Task name		
Task objective		
TASK EXECUTION		
Degree of choice in use of system to carry out task		
Criticality of the task output		
Degree of precision required in output		
Autonomy of user in completing task		
Other execution constraints		
TASK FLOW		
Task input / starting condition		
Task output / finishing condition		
Task side effects		
Task dependencies		
Linked tasks		
Task Postponement		
TASK DEMAND ON USERS		
Task frequency		
Task duration		
Task flexibility / pacing		
Physical & mental demands		
Complexity as perceived by user		
TASK SAFETY		
Safe to operator		
Safe to secondary users		
Implications for immediate informational environment		
Implications for wider informational environment		

Add extra rows/ cols if more than 6 user types or 6 tasks have been identified, and link cells accordingly.

User / Task mapping

User types:		Tasks:	1	2	3	4	5	6
			0	0	0	0	0	0
1	Beginner Child	Standard						
2	Advanced (Admin)							
3								
4								
5								
6								

Environm  
ents

Standard

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Put an = sign for each User / Task combination and point and click to relevant environment type.  
Highlight cells (eg in bold) which will be part of test scenario.  
Delete irrelevant columns or rows.

