



Module 5: Requirements Analysis and Modelling

Week 5

Learning Outcomes:

After completing this course, you are expected to demonstrate the formal languages:

- *Determining the system requirements through consultation with stakeholders from system documents, domain knowledge, and market Studies*

A. Engage

Trivia: Structure the arrangement of and relations between the parts or elements of something complex.



Figure 1: Structure

B. Explore

YouTube Link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IV1s5NQWN_A

Video Title: **Process of Data Analytics**

C. Explain

Physical Data Model

Introduction

Physical data model is a representation of a data design which takes into account the facilities and constraints of a given database management system. Physical data model represents how the model will be built in the database. A physical database model shows all table structures, including column name, column data type, column constraints, primary key, foreign key, and relationships between tables.

Multidimensional data modeling

Multidimensional structure is defined as “a variation of the relational model that uses multidimensional structures to organize data and express the relationships between data.



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According to Jensen et al multidimensional models view a central data element for the given domain, which uniquely defined by a combination of dimension values.

Newspeak – Tower of Babel Dilemma in Data Modeling

This is the fundamental design problem for information systems. Creating a standard model for the whole company with different data interpretation of an organization, this is known as the Newspeak solution. Allowing multiple and incompatible models to coexist can lead to Tower of Babel problem. Because of the conflicts the system designers can either create an enterprise wide data model or create multiple models to meet each requirement (Federico Fonseca). Problems can arise due to miscommunication, and when the information system is not working the way it was designed.

Agent based models

An agent-based model (ABM) (also sometimes related to the term multi-agent system or multi-agent simulation) is a class of computational models for simulating the actions and interactions of autonomous agents (both individual and collective entities such as organizations or groups) with a view to assessing their effects on the system as a whole. It combines elements of game theory, complex systems, emergence, computational sociology, multi-agent systems, and evolutionary programming. Monte Carlo Methods are used to introduce randomness. ABM's are also called individual-based models. Nigel Gilbert has defined Agent-based Modeling as a new analytical method for social sciences which is quickly becoming popular. Further, agent-based modeling is a computational method that enables a researcher to create, analyze, and experiment with models composed of agents that interact within an environment.

There are nine techniques will help to model an agent-based system, these techniques include, Preciseness, accessibility, expressiveness, modularity, complexity management, excitability, reliability, analyzability, and openness.

Importance of Agent based modeling in systems analysis:

In the paper by Osinga, states how an agent-based model has used as a modeling method to investigate the relationship between system level and agent level behavior.

There are three business modeling types:

- Business Process Modeling
- Process Flow modeling
- Data Flow modeling



Agile Modeling and Analysis Techniques

Agile Modeling: Agile modeling is a collection of values, principles, and practices for modeling software that can be applied on a software development project in an effective manner. Agile modeling includes creating several models in applying right artifacts for the situation, and continue to move forward.

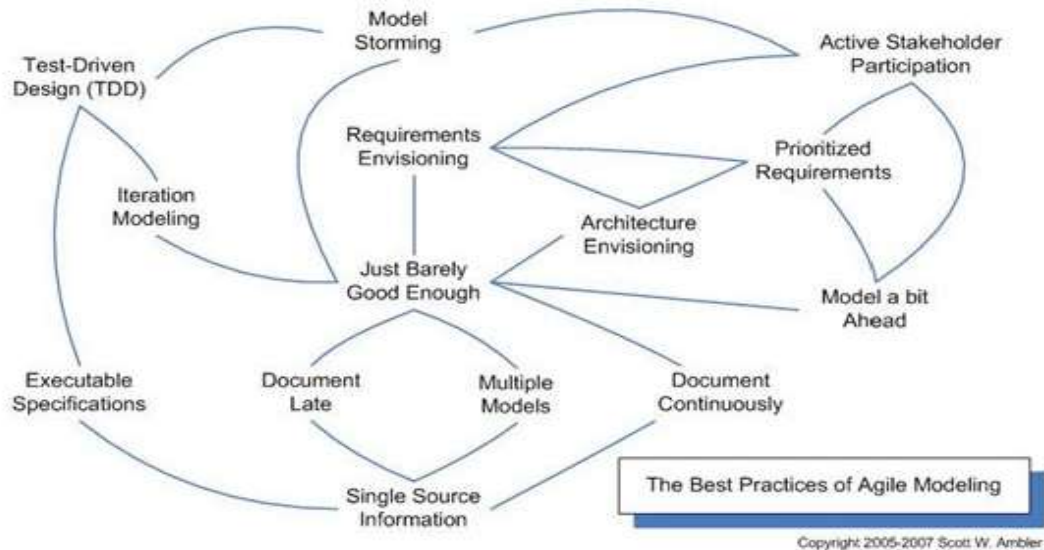


Figure 2: BEST PRACTICES OF AGILE MODELING

Agile Analysis

The purpose of analysis is to understand what will be developed, why it should be built, estimate the cost, and prioritize the developing process. The main difference is that the focus of requirements gathering is on understanding your users and their potential usage of the system, whereas the focus of analysis shifts to understanding the system itself and exploring the details of the problem domain. Another way to look at analysis is that it represents the middle ground between requirements and design, the process by which your mindset shifts from what needs to be built to how it will be built. According to the author, there are three major challenges related to roles and responsibilities including conflict of team structure and agile principles, applying product owner role in a large and complex context, and lack of business theme priorities.



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D. Evaluation

ASSESSMENT:

Instruction: may use google forms for questionnaire composition, and share link to correspondents. Possible time allocation 20mins – 30mins.

CONTENT FOR ASSESSMENT: 15 PTSEACH

1. Explain the Physical Data Model.
2. Explain the DFD.

Reference:

<https://www.umsi.edu/~sauterv/analysis/Fall2010Papers/varuni/>

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