# **Feasibility Evidence Description (FED)**

#### We Are Trojans (WAT) Network

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09/28/14	ML, PP	1.0	Create initial a FED document from a template, updating the risk assessment section.	For use VCP package submission of the project.
10/11/14	ML, PP	1.5	Finish all from section 1 to 5	For use VCP package submission of the project.
10/19/14	ML, PP	2.0	<ul> <li>Updated all section</li> <li>Make consistent with ARB and FCR presentation</li> <li>Some NDI was evaluated.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Use in next phase (Foundation phase)</li> <li>To be consistent with ABR presentation</li> </ul>
10/29/14	PP	2.1	<ul> <li>Added more NDI/NCS analysis and evaluation</li> <li>Update the risk list</li> </ul>	Consider more NDI/NCS to gain more information and reduce risk in development phase

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#### 1. Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose of the FED Document

This document reports our analysis about the feasibility evidence of the We Are Trojans (WAT) Network project. We use risk assessment to identify and come up with a way to mitigate those risks. We will analyze NDI items and evaluate the risk if whether they fit our project.

#### 1.2 Status of the FED Document

- Updated the risk list
- Added more NDI/NCS analysis and evaluation

# 2. Process Feasibility

Table 1: Rationales for Selecting NDI/NCS Model

Criteria	Importance	Project Status	Rationales
30 % of NDI/NCS features	3	3	In the We Are Trojans, we will use NDI for the forum component and a core module to manage user's login
Single NDI/NCS	1	1	We may be using more than one NDI.
Unique/ inflexible business process	1	1	The business aspects of the project are very flexible.
Need control over upgrade / maintenance	3	3	The project has to be upgraded in future after the client negotiating with the USC.
Rapid deployment	0	0	Currently we are just building a dummy system. The system initially will not be deployed.
Critical on compatibility	0	0	The system has no compatibility issue. We will built the system and then look for a web hosting for our system.
Internet connection independence	1	1	Internet connection is important, as the application developed is a web-based application.
Need high level of services / performance	2	1	High level of services and performance is important
Need high security	2	2	The system will be used only by USC students
Asynchronous communication	2	2	The system requires asynchronous communication to communicate with the web hosting.
Be accessed from anywhere	3	3	The system is an online community.
Critical on mass schedule constraints	0	0	No, the system is not critical on mass schedule

			constraints.
Lack of personnel capability	0	0	The group consists of highly competent graduate software engineers and because We Are Trojans!
Require little upfront costs	3	3	The budget for our project is \$0, as per our client specifications.
Require low total cost of ownership	2	2	Requires no cost of ownership
Not-so-powerful local machines	3	3	We have minimal cost and we also have no infrastructure right now. We will be using free left over 8 year old laptops.

## 3. Risk Assessment

Table 2: Risk Assessment

	Risk Exposure			
Risks	Potential	Probability	Risk	Risk Mitigations
	Magnitude	Loss	Exposure	
User Risk: users may not accept to use the system even if all the specification are met by the system	7	10	70	We need to have certain level of discussion with the actual users as to whether they are willing to learn and use the new system we are developing using surveys
Users may existing prefer systems with similar features	7	10	70	Make the WAT points system stand out from competitors. Advertise our system to USC. Create surveys and evaluate users' response.
Lack of Involvement by success-critical-stakeholders: Do not understand clearly enough the success-critical Stakeholder positions	5	10	50	Further understanding of needs and system scoping is needed
Undefined Plan and Requirements: The requirements of the system are not solid, and are just partly known.	5	9	45	Consult with the clients to find more details about the unclear features, develop the prototype or graph to clarify the features, and discuss about the potential system flaws.
May not have sufficient time to create comprehensive prototypes for important parts of the system	7	6	42	Prioritize the prototyping. Use minimal effort for each prototype to gain enough information to identify the feature is feasible.
User survey may have flaws and not yield correct information about user experience.	5	7	35	Consult our clients and collaboratively develop a good user survey.
Architecture/Reuse/Non- Development Item conflict: There is no current server	4	8	32	Looking for services provided only and analyze all options if they are

available for our system. The	suitable to our conditions.
COTS/NDI used are poorly	Establish off-line server for
matched. A database system	using as a prototype for the
may be needed in order to	clients manages to
keep the accounts, logs and	overcome the problem of
forum informations.	interoperatibility.

## 4. NDI/NCS Feasibility Analysis

### 4.1 Assessment Approach

We will select NDIs that provide the features needed in our project, such as a forum with like and dislike functionalities, a CMS that allow the development team to specify roles for the users. We will look for the following features to make an appropriate NDIs selection

#### 4.1.1 NDI/NCS Candidate Components (Combinations)

Table 3: NDI/NCS Products Listing

NDI/NCS Products	Purposes
CMS (Joomla, Drupal, Wordpress)	Provide general
	functions for manage
	content on website
DBMS (MySQL, Oracle, Microsoft	For keeping,
SQL Server, DB2, SQLite,	managing, and
PostgreSQL)	retrieving data storage
	used in the system
Webserver (PHP based)	Infrastructure for our
	system
JQuery	Provide DOM
	manipulation methods
CSS framework (ex. bootstrap,	CSS API to customize
foundation)	user interface on
	website

#### 4.1.2 Evaluation Criteria

Table 4: Evaluation Criteria - CMS Attributes

No.	Evaluation Criteria – CMS attributes	Weight
1	Cost	30
2	Familiarity	20
3	Maturity	15

4	Compatibility	15
5	Functionality	10
6	Scalability	10
	Total	100

**Table 5: Evaluation Criteria – DBMS Attributes** 

No.	Evaluation Criteria – DBMS attributes	Weight
1	Cost	18
2	Familiarity	16
3	Reliability	14
4	Security	12.5
5	Flexibility	12.5
6	Performance	9
7	Scalability	9
8	Support	9
	Total	100

**Table 6: Evaluation Criteria - CMS features** 

No.	CMS Features/ Sub features	Weight
1	Forum with basic Like/Dislike system	50
2	Search function	30
3	Authentication	15
4	Online Store	5
	Total	100

<sup>\*</sup>There is no Table 5.2 because there are no special feature needed for DBMS.

### 4.1.3 Evaluation Results Screen Matrix

Table 7: Evaluation Results of CMS attributes criteria Screen Matrix

No	W	Joomla				AVG	Total		Dru	ıpal	AVG	Total	
NO	VV	R1		AVG	TOLAT	R1	R2	R3	R4	AVG	TOtal		
1 (Cost)	30	10	10	10	8	9.5	285	10	10	10	10	10	300
2 (Familiarity)	20	9	9	8	6	8	160	7	7	6	1	5.25	105
3 (Maturity)	15	10	9	9	5	8.25	123.75	8	7	9	7	7.75	116.25
4 (Compatibility)	15	9	10	8	10	9.25	138.75	9	10	8	8	8.75	131.25
5 (Functionality)	10	8	10	9	10	9.25	925	8	9	8	10	8.75	87.5
6 (Scalability)	10	10	9	9	10	9.5	95	10	9	10	9	9.5	95
Total	100						895						835

Table 8: Evaluation Results of Oracle DBMS attributes criteria Screen Matrix

No	w				Or	acle				AVG	Total	
NO	VV	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	AVG	Iotai	
1 (Cost)	18	3	2	2	3	5	3	9	1	3.5	63	
2 (Familiarity)	16	3	6	5	6	5	4	5	10	5.5	88	
3 (Reliability)	14	9	9	9	9	8	8	9	10	8.875	124.25	
4 (Security)	12.5	9	9	9	9	7	8	9	10	8.75	109.375	
5 (Flexibility)	12.5	5	4	7	4	7	6	8	8	6.125	76.5625	
6 (Performance)	9	9	10	10	9	8	8	9	8	8.875	79.875	
7 (Scalability)	9	9	10	10	10	8	9	10	10	9.5	85.5	
8 (Support)	9	9	8	9	8	9	9	10	10	9	81	
Total	100										707.5625	

Table 9: Evaluation Results of MySQL DBMS attributes criteria Screen Matrix

No	w				Му	SQL	,			AVG	Total	
NO	VV	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	AVG	Total	
1 (Cost)	18	10	9	10	10	10	8	10	9	9.5	171	
2 (Familiarity)	16	8	8	8	8	9	4	10	10	8.125	130	
3 (Reliability)	14	9	9	8	8	8	8	10	6	9.25	115.5	
4 (Security)	12.5	8	9	9	8	8	9	9	10	8.75	109.375	
5 (Flexibility)	12.5	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	8.75	109.375	
6 (Performance)	9	8	9	8	9	8	9	10	6	8.375	75.375	
7 (Scalability)	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	9	8	8.75	78.75	
8 (Support)	9	7	8	9	8	8	9	9	7	8.125	73.125	
Total	100										862.5	

Table 10: Evaluation Results of Microsoft SQL Server DBMS attributes criteria Screen Matrix

No	w		M	licro	soft	SQL	Serv	/er		AVG	Total	
NO	VV	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	AVG	iotai	
1 (Cost)	18	3	3	2	3	5	3	3	5	3.375	60.75	
2 (Familiarity)	16	3	5	3	3	9	3	2	10	4.75	76	
3 (Reliability)	14	9	9	9	9	10	8	10	10	9.25	129.5	
4 (Security)	12.5	9	9	9	9	10	8	10	10	9.25	115.625	
5 (Flexibility)	12.5	5	2	2	4	9	3	8	8	5.125	64.0625	
6 (Performance)	9	9	9	8	9	9	7	5	8	8	72	
7 (Scalability)	9	9	8	8	8	9	7	9	10	8.5	76.5	
8 (Support)	9	9	9	9	9	10	8	9	10	9.125	82.125	
Total	100										676.5625	

Table 11: Evaluation Results of DB2 DBMS attributes criteria Screen Matrix

No	w				D	B2				AVG	Total
NO	**	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	AVG	Total
1 (Cost)	18	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1.125	20.25
2 (Familiarity)	16	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	2	1.875	30
3 (Reliability)	14	9	9	9	9	9	8	1	10	8	112
4 (Security)	12.5	9	9	9	9	9	8	1	10	8	100
5 (Flexibility)	12.5	5	2	8	1	3	2	1	8	2.75	46.875
6 (Performance)	9	9	9	9	9	8	8	1	8	7.625	68.625
7 (Scalability)	9	9	8	9	8	8	4	1	10	7.125	64.125
8 (Support)	9	9	9	9	8	8	6	10	10	8.625	77.625
Total	100										519.5

Table 12: Evaluation Results of SQLite DBMS attributes criteria Screen Matrix

No	No W				SC	Lite				AVG	Total	
NO	VV	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	AVG	Total	
1 (Cost)	18	10	9	10	10	10	9	10	9	9.625	173.25	
2 (Familiarity)	16	3	6	7	5	2	4	7	1	4.325	70	
3 (Reliability)	14	9	7	10	7	7	7	8	8	7.875	110.25	
4 (Security)	12.5	5	6	7	6	8	7	10	10	7.375	92.3125	
5 (Flexibility)	12.5	5	9	9	7	7	7	9	8	7.625	95.3125	
6 (Performance)	9	3	6	6	6	5	6	10	6	6	54	
7 (Scalability)	9	6	5	6	5	5	6	8	6	5.875	52.875	
8 (Support)	9	5	8	8	5	5	6	10	5	6.5	58.5	
Total	100										706.375	

Table 13: Evaluation Results of PostgreSQL DBMS attributes criteria Screen Matrix

No	W			F	ost	greS	QL			AVG	Total
NO	VV	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	AVG	
1 (Cost)	18	10	9	9	10	9	8	8	9	9	162
2 (Familiarity)	16	3	8	6	9	1	3	2	2	4.25	68
3 (Reliability)	14	9	9	8	9	8	7	3	9	7.75	108.5
4 (Security)	12.5	8	9	8	9	8	8	4	10	8	100
5 (Flexibility)	12.5	8	9	9	9	8	8	5	8	8	100
6 (Performance)	9	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	8.125	73.125
7 (Scalability)	9	8	8	8	9	8	8	8	8	8.125	73.125
8 (Support)	9	7	6	7	7	5	7	10	7	7	63
Total	100										747.75

Table 14: Evaluation Results of NDI features criteria Screen Matrix

No W		Joomla				AVG	Total		Dru	pal	AVG	Total	
NO	VV	R1	R2	R3	R4	AVG		R1	R2	R3	R4	AVG	Total
1(Forum)	50	8	9	5	5	6.75	337.5	8	8	6	6	7	350
2(Search function)	30	8	8	8	10	8.5	252	8	7	8	7	7.5	225
3 (Authentication)	15	10	10	10	10	10	150	10	9	10	9	9.5	142.5
4 (Online Store)	5	8	9	8	9	8.5	42.5	8	8	9	9	8.5	42.5
Total	100						782						760

## 4.2 Feasibility Evidence

## 4.2.1 Level of Service Feasibility

Table 15: Level of Service Satisfiability Evidence

Level of Service Win Condition	Rationale
LOS-1: The system shall not be down more than 24 hours in one month.	Almost all of the web services available right now can achieve this level of service easily. Moreover, our project can have maintenance at night so that it will not cause the system to be down more than 24 hours.

**Table 16: Level of Service Implementation Strategy** 

Level of Service Win Condition	Product Satisfaction
5 5 1 1 5 1 5 1 5 1	
LOS-1: The system shall not	Product Strategies: Apache, MySQL, Joomla CMS
be down more than 24 hours in	Process Strategies: Prototyping, Analysis and evaluate
one month.	NDI, NCS
	Analysis: We will find a list stable web hosting to use,
	then the most time consume that can cause the system
	down in only migration with will depend on migration
	plan

## 4.2.2 Capability Feasibility

**Table 17: Capability Feasibility Evidence Table** 

Capability	Product Satisfaction
Requirement	
CR-1: Start/Edit/Delete a thread: Users are able	Software/Technology used: Joomla, Joomla plugin, MySQL, Bootstrap, Webserver, JQuery
to start/edit/delete threads	Feasibility Evidence: We will analyze and evaluate Joomla plugin that is the most suitable to use with our system. then use the plugin as the base code to modify and adjust to create prototype to show to our clients. Then we will modify this feature based on the feedback of our clients.
	Referred use case diagram: Figure 3 in SAAD file.
CR-2: Calculate the	Software/Technology used: Joomla, Joomla plugin, MySQL,
WAT points: The	Bootstrap, Webserver, JQuery

system should correctly	Feasibility Evidence: Firstly, we will make prototype by come
calculate three types of	up with algorithms to handle WAT points system. Show the
WAT points.	prototype to our client to gain more information about the
	WAT points then refine the prototype until it satisfied our
	clients which make need to make some survey to get
	feedback from real users. then create the WAT point system
	based on feedback and continue gain more feedback from our
	client to make sure we are not misunderstand anything.
	Referred use case diagram: Figure 3 in SAAD file.
CR-3: Like/Dislike:	
	Software/Technology used: Joomla, Joomla plugin, MySQL,
Users are able to like or	Bootstrap, Webserver, JQuery
dislike threads and	Feasibility Evidence: We will analyze and evaluate Joomla
posts	plugin that is the most suitable to use with our system. Then
	use the plugin as the base code to modify and adjust to create
	prototype to show to our clients. Then we will modify this
	feature based on the feedback of our clients.
	Referred use case diagram: Figure 3 in SAAD file.
CR-4: Make a post:	Software/Technology used: Joomla, Joomla plugin, MySQL,
Users could post on the	Bootstrap, Webserver, JQuery
thread.	Feasibility Evidence: We will analyze and evaluate Joomla
	plugin that is the most suitable to use with our system. Then
	use the plugin as the base code to modify and adjust to create
	prototype to show to our clients. Then we will modify this
	feature based on the feedback of our clients.
CD 5: Dodoom the gift	Referred use case diagram: Figure 3 in SAAD file.
CR-5: Redeem the gift card: Users could use	Software/Technology used: Joomla, Joomla plugin, MySQL,
	Bootstrap, Webserver, JQuery
the usable points to	Feasibility Evidence: We will analyze and evaluate Joomla
redeem the gift card	plugin that is the most suitable to use with our system. Then
	use the plugin as the base code to modify and adjust to create
	prototype. Show the prototype to our clients and real user.
	Then we will modify this feature based on the feedback of our
	clients and real user.
	Referred use case diagram: Figure 3 in SAAD file.
CR-6 Automated	Software/Technology used: Joomla, Joomla plugin, MySQL,
useless threads/posts	Bootstrap, Webserver, JQuery
deletion: The system is	Feasibility Evidence: This capability might not fully develop, as
capable of deleting the	we can discuss with our client to show alternate options that
useless threads/posts	can use in our system that is.
·	Detect high ratio between dislike and like on threads
	·
	<ul> <li>The threads/posts age is longer than 1 month.</li> </ul>
	Notify the suspicious threads/posts to the maintainer
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	l '
	and posts

	Referred use case diagram: Figure 3 in SAAD file.
CR-7 Automated	Software/Technology used: Joomla, Joomla plugin, MySQL,
notification: The system	Bootstrap, Webserver, JQuery
is able to notify the	Feasibility Evidence: We will analyze and evaluate Joomla
users the number of	plugin that is the most suitable to use with our system. Then
likes/dislikes/posts on	use the plugin as the base code to modify and adjust to create
their threads and posts	prototype to show to our clients. Then we will modify this
and recent events.	feature based on the feedback of our clients.
	Referred use case diagram: Figure 3 in SAAD file.
CR-8 Create/Edit/Delete	Software/Technology used: Joomla, Joomla plugin, MySQL,
the event: The	Bootstrap, Webserver, JQuery
maintainer is able to	Feasibility Evidence: We will analyze and evaluate Joomla
create/edit the event on	plugin that is the most suitable to use with our system. Then
the event activity board.	use the plugin as the base code to modify and adjust to create
	prototype to show to our clients. Then we will modify this
	feature based on the feedback of our clients.
	Referred use case diagram: Figure 3 in SAAD file.
CR-9 Categorize the	Software/Technology used: Joomla, Joomla plugin, MySQL,
threads	Bootstrap, Webserver, JQuery
	Feasibility Evidence: We will analyze and evaluate Joomla
	plugin that is the most suitable to use with our system. Then
	use the plugin as the base code to modify and adjust to create
	prototype to show to our clients. Then we will modify this
	feature based on the feedback of our clients.
	Referred use case diagram: Figure 3 in SAAD file.

## 4.2.3 Evolutionary Feasibility

Table 18: Evolutionary Feasibility Evidence

Evolutionary Win Condition	Rationale
ER-1: Data Integration	The clients will negotiate with the USC to
	integrate the system with USC
	system/database. Therefore, the team may
	need to integrate the WAT system with the
	USC system.

# 5. Business Case Analysis

Benefits are added to the program model:

#### **Assumptions**

- USC students need a central platform to connect, share, and like information with each other
- Reward point system will work as the important incentives for users to join the network

Stakeholders	Initiatives	Value Propositions	Beneficiaries	
<ul> <li>Developers</li> <li>Maintainers</li> <li>Clients</li> <li>Gift/Book stores</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Develop the system</li> <li>Monitor the system</li> <li>Advertise the system to USC community</li> <li>Partner with schools</li> <li>Negotiate deals with on-campus bookstore/gift store</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase camaraderie between Trojans</li> <li>One-stop shop to answer any USC related queries</li> <li>Increase communications between students across schools</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>USC students</li> <li>USC alumni</li> <li>USC faculties</li> </ul>	
Cost  Development costs  Maintenance costs  Advertising/Marketing costs  Web server, Web hosting, Domain name		Benefits  • The number of active users in "WAT" network increases.		

# **5.1 Market Trend and Product Line Analysis**

**Table 19: Market Trend and Product Line Analysis** 

	Joomla
Market Trend	Joomla is one of the most widely used CMS systems in the market, even though it's popularity has decreased the last five years.
Product Line	There are many plug-ins available to integrate with Joomla

## 5.2 Cost Analysis

#### 5.2.1 Personnel Costs

**Table 20: Personnel Costs** 

Activities	Time Spent (Hours)
Development Period (24 weeks)	
Valuation and Foundations Phases: Time Invested (CSCI577a, 12 weeks)	
Client and team: Meeting via email, phone, and other channels [3 hrs/week * 12 weeks * 2 people]	72
winwin sessions [2 winwin session * 1 hours * 2 people]	4
Architecture review boards [ 1.5 hours * 2 session * 2 people ]	6
Development and Operation Phases: Time Invested (CSCI577b, 12 weeks)	
Client: Meeting via email, phone, and other channels [3 hrs/week * 12 weeks * 2 people]	72
Architecture Review Boards and Core Capability Drive-through session [ 1.5 hours * 2 session * 2 people ]	6
Deployment of system in operation phase and training - Installation & Deployment [5 hrs * 2 times *2 people] - Training & Support [5 hrs * 2 times * 2 people]	40
Total	200

#### 5.2.2 Hardware and Software Costs

**Table 21: Hardware and Software Costs** 

Туре	Cost of COTS	
Ownership cost	0	
Maintenance cost	0	
Hardware	0	
Total	0	

## 5.3 Benefit Analysis

The benefits of the project are

- · Increase camaraderie between Trojans
- One-stop shop to answer any USC related queries
- · Increase communication between students across school

Table 22: Benefits of We Are Trojans (WAT) System

Current activities & resources used	% Reduce	Time Saved (Hours/Year)
Total		

# **5.4 ROI Analysis**

Table 17: ROI Analysis Table

Year	Cost	Benefit (Effort Saved)	Cumulative Cost	Cumulative Benefit	ROI
2014	194	0	0	0	-1
2015	0	Unknown	0	Unknown	

### 6. Conclusion and Recommendations

Currently, we have evaluated Joomla and Drupal as our NDI. This conclusion was drawn by doing a comparative evaluation between Joomla and Drupal based on the following criteria:

- Cost
- Functionality
- Compatibility
- Functionality
- Scalability
- Familiarity

Drupal and Joomla were selected as NDI for comparative study as these CMS provide the following features:

- Forum with basic Like/Dislike system
- Search Functionality
- Authentication
- Online Store