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Life Cycle and Stakeholder Management


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Class outline

What to expect from this class?

- A description of the **system life cycle and its different phases**
- A quick look at **Total Cost of Ownership**
- An introduction to **stakeholder management**



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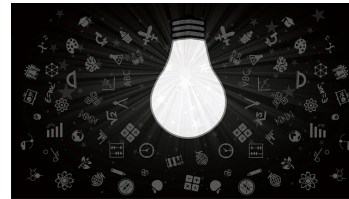
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What to take away from this class?

- Know the different phases of the **system/software life cycle**
- Understand the term **Total Cost of Ownership**
- Know how to **deal with stakeholders**

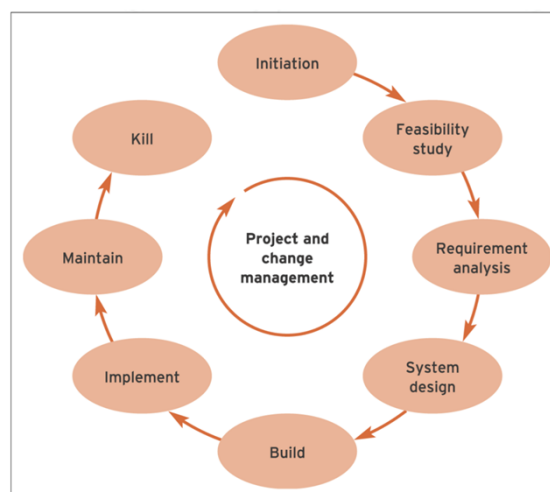


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The System Lifecycle




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The Initiation

- Grow a **stimulus** from a business perspective
- Prepare to **ensure** that the **project is successful**
- **Input:** creative thought and/or systematic evaluation of information system needs
- **Output:** idea for initiation of a new information system



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The Feasibility Study

- Ensure the the project is a **viable business proposition** under **technical, economical** and/or **operational** aspects
- Analyze the need and consider **different alternatives**
- **Input:** idea for initiation of a new information system
- **Output:** feasibility report and recommendations to proceed.



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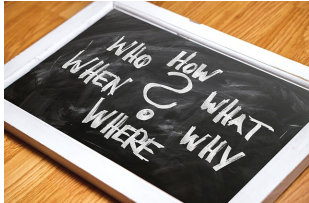
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The Requirements Analysis

- Capture **business requirements** from **talking to or observing end-users**
- Use **additional information** (e.g. existing documentation)
- **Define** what the system should do
- **Input:** output from the feasibility report
- **Output:** detailed requirements specification summarizing system functions, supported by **diagrams** showing the **information flow** and **processes** that are **required**.



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The System Design

- Define **how the system will work**
- Key areas: **user interface, program modules, security, database structure**, etc.
- **Input:** requirements specification
- **Output:** detailed design specification



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The System Build

Programming

- Writing the code (programming)
- Building release versions
- Constructing and populating the databases
- (unit) testing by programmers and users
- Writing the documentation
- Training of users

- **Input:** requirements and design specification

- **Output:** working software, user guides and system documentation



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The System Implementation (integration/change over)

Transition (integration/change over) from the old to the new system

- Make sure that hard- and software works (incl. network)
- Test the system
- Handle human aspects such as staff training

- **Input:** working system not entirely tested by end users

- **Output:** signed off, operational system



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System Maintenance

Provide required changes to the system

- Unproductive maintenance: correction of errors and oversight of original features
- Productive maintenance: additional feature that extend the functionality of the original system
- **Input:** working and tested system
- **Output:** system with errors corrected and additional features



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System Kill

Take the system out of production

- Special emphasis is given to prepare the data for further usage



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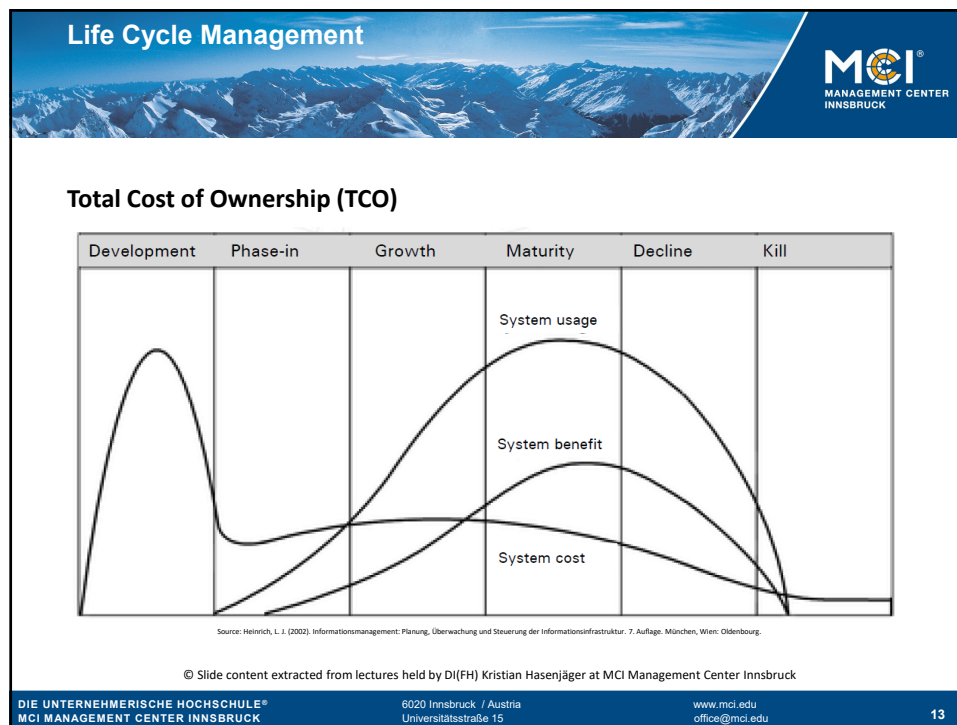
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Manage socio-technical implications during the System Development Lifecycle:

- Develop a **strategic view** of the **human and institutional landscape**
- Develop an **awareness** of the **relationships** between the different stakeholders
- **Act accordingly**



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Who are stakeholders?

Individuals or organizations...

- Who are **actively involved** in the project
- Whose **interests** may be **affected**



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Stakeholder analysis

Identify...

- **Roles** and **interests** of each stakeholder
- **Expectations** of each stakeholder in the project
- **Benefits** stakeholders will bring to the table
- **Resources** they commit (not commit) to the project
- **Interests** that might conflict with the project
- **Key people** for information distribution
- **Groups** that should be encouraged to participate in different stages of the project



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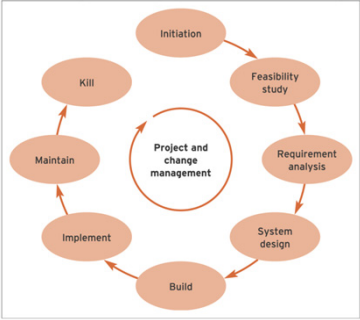
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When?

- **Can** be undertaken **throughout all stages** of the project lifecycle
- **Shall** be undertaken **at the beginning** of each project (note: stakeholders have great influence over the project in its early stages)
- **Decreases** as the **project evolves**



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Stakeholder analysis during...

Initiation phase:

- Helps **identify** and **address** key **stakeholders**

Feasibility and Requirements analysis phase:

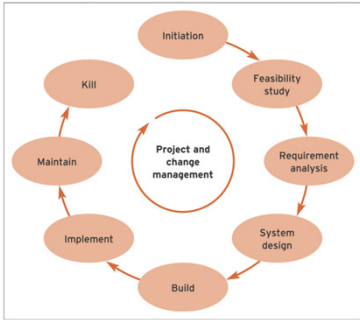
- Helps determine **strategic actions** and risks
- Helps with **communication planning** and prototyping

Build and Implementation phase:

- Helps **communicate** project progress

Maintenance phase:

- Provides a **baseline** against which projects can support and **evaluate** the **effectiveness** of their engagement



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What does “Stakeholder Management” include?

- **Identify stakeholders** and their **interests**
- **Assess** power and **influence of stakeholders** in relation to the project
- **Identify risks** from stakeholders
- **Plan which stakeholders** will **participate** in the project cycle, **when** and **how**.
- Develop **strategies for strengthening (or weakening)** participation and stakeholder commitment



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Step 1: Identify Stakeholder

- **Brainstorm** who stakeholders are
- **Study organizational charts**, process models, use cases etc.
- Conduct **interviews** with known stakeholders
- Create a **stakeholder list**



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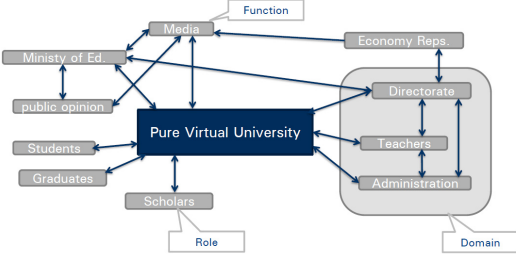
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Step 2: Create Stakeholder System Map

Visually lay out which stakeholders relate to the project and to each other (incl. roles, functions, departments, etc.)



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Step 3: Create Stakeholder Analysis Table

Assess the **power and influence** of stakeholders in relation to the project (incl. role, interest level, influence level, etc.)

Stakeholder	Role in Project	Interest Level (from ... to)	Influence Level
1. Scholars	Acquire needs	- ... ++	0
2. Students	Acquire needs	- ... +++	0
3. Graduates	Acquire needs	- ... +	+
4. Directorate	Decides	+++ ... ++++	++++
5 Teachers	Live the idea	- ... ++++	++
6. Administration	Work the idea	- ... +	0
7. Economy Reps	Politics	+++ ... ++++	+++
8. Social Reps	Politics	+ ... ++	+
9. Politics Elites	Politics	- ... +	+++
10. Ministry of Education	Decrees & finances	- ... ++	++++
11. Media	"Inform" masses	- ... ++++	++

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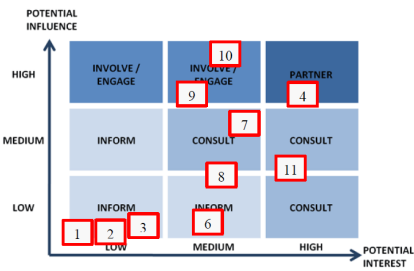
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Step 4: Create Stakeholder Analysis Grid

The **Stakeholder Analysis Table** can be **visualized graphically** giving hints for managing relationships




Note:
opposition to the project may be defined as “**negative potential interest**” on the X-axis

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Step 4: Continued...

The **Stakeholder Analysis Grid** indicates how to relate to the different stakeholders:

- **High influence, interested people:**
Fully **engage** them and make the **greatest efforts** to satisfy them
- **High influence, less interested people:**
Put **enough work** in with these people to satisfy them, but not too much so that they do not become bored with your messages
- **Low influence, interested people:**
Keep these people **adequately informed**, and talk to them to ensure that no major issues are arising. These people can often be very helpful with the details of your project. Involve them as Co-creators.
- **Low influence, less interested people:**
Monitor these people, but do not bore them with excessive communication





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Summary



What you should have taken away from this class:

- The system life cycle consists of the **initiation, feasibility study, requirements analysis, system design, system build, system implementation, maintenance**, and finally **kill phase**.
- Initiation delivers first **creative thoughts**; the feasibility study **evaluates technical, economical, and operational aspects**; the requirements analysis **captures stakeholder needs**; system design deals with **interfaces, modules and database structures**; system building **writes code**; system implementation **brings things together**; maintenance **deals with errors and improvements**; and finally the system kill **takes the system out of production**.
- A **Total Cost of Ownership (TCO)** analysis shows **system usage, system benefit, and system cost**, and how these characteristics change over the course of a system life time.
- A stakeholder analysis identifies stakeholder **roles, expectations, benefits, resources, interests, key people and groups**.
- Tools used in stakeholder analysis include a **stakeholder system map, a stakeholder analysis table, and a stakeholder analysis grid**.


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