SRS FORMAT & CONTENTS



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- School of Technology
- COURSE: XXXX
- SYSTEM REQUIREMENT SPECIFICATION.
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- NAME: xxxxxxxxxxxx
- SUPERVISOR: xxxxxxxxxx
- DATE SUBMITTED: dd/mm/yyyy



- Table of contents
- Must be auto generated



1.0 - Introduction Section

• 1.1 Purpose

- Outline the purpose of the particular SRS(be specific to the system's SRS and don't define SRS)
- specify the intended audience for the SRS (your targeted users, application designers and developers)



1.0 - Introduction Section

• 1.2 Scope

- Identify the system to be produced by NAME.
- Explain what the system will do, and what it will not do(detailed scope of your system)
- Describe the system benefits and objectives as precisely as possible



• 1.0 - Introduction Section

• 1.3 Definitions, Acronyms and Abbreviations

- Define important terms.
- Give the full meaning of acronyms and abbreviations that appear in the document.



1.0 - Introduction Section

• 1.4 Overview(summary of the SRS document)

- Describe what the rest of the SRS contains.
- How the SRS is organized; For example what appears in chapter 1, chapter 2,....
- This is not the same as table of contents.
- It is a summary of the contents.



• 2.1 System perspective:

- State whether the system will be and totally self contained or integrated (stand alone vs. distributed).
- If the system is component of a larger system then:
 - i. Briefly describe the functions of each component of the larger system and identify interfaces(between your system and its environment)
 - ii. Give overview of the principal external interfaces of this system.
 - iii. Give overview of hardware and peripheral equipment to be used
- Give a block diagram showing the major components of the system, interconnections, and external interfaces.



- 2.2 System Functionality
- Describe the functions the system will **perform in details**.
- Do not assume the user knows what the system is supposed to do.
- Describe even the minor details.
- This part is crucial.



- 2.3 User Characteristics
- Outline the system users (All of them).
- Briefly describe the general characteristics each user (your client) of the system. (such as educational level, experience and technical expertise).
- Discuss specific user requirements (each user will have different expectations and requirements).
- For example, a clerk may have different requirement from the CEO, hence you need to specify each.



- 2.4 General Constraints
- Regulatory policies (For example policies to regulate access, modification of data in the system)
- Hardware limitations specific to the system
- Safety and security considerations for the system and its environment.



- 2.5 Assumptions and dependencies
- Outline any assumptions you made about your system and users.
- This means you must have some background information about the organization (users and the general environment).
- No guess work!



3. 0 Specific Requirements

• 3.1 Functional requirements:

Inputs and Outputs

- sources of inputs and destination of outputs
- quantities, units of measure, ranges of valid inputs and outputs
- timing(e.g. how long it may take to produce a report online)

Processing

- Validation of input data(system should be able to validate inputs.).
- Exact sequence of operations(you may use flow chart diagrams)
- Responses to abnormal situations(e.g. system displays alert messages in case of an error)
- Any methods (eg. equations, algorithms) to be used to transform inputs to outputs



- **▶ 3. 0 Specific Requirements**
- 3.2 User Interface Requirements
- Draw the user interfaces e.g. forms and reports and pages (web).
- Hardware interfaces(e.g. PC-RAM, Processor speed, free disk space,...) must be specified.
- Software interfaces(Example OS platform:- windows xp running on Visual basic 6.0 and Ms Access 2003 database) are specified.
- Communications interfaces if any (will the system require online communication)
- Other requirements
 - frequency of use, accessing capabilities, static and dynamic organization, retention requirements for data
 - operations: periods of interactive and unattended operations, backup, recovery operations



4. Appendices

- It may include:
 - Results of surveys from the research: in either narrative form, charts or graphs, filled questionnaires or interview response sheet.
 - Sample data of at least 5 records for every area of research
 - supporting documents to help readers of SRS(e .g A map showing the physical location of the client)



MARKSHEET FOR SRS

1 INTRODUCTION		MAX Marks
Purpose		1
Scope		1
Definitions & Acronames		1
Overview		1
2 GENERAL SPECIFICATION	NS	
System Perspective (stand alone vs distribued)		1
System functionality (What the system does)		2
User Characteristics (Users & their specific requirements)		3
General Constraints(limitations/ security)		1
Assumptions Dependencies		1
3 SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS	S	
Functional requirements		
	Inputs	3
	Outputs	3
	Processes	3
Userinterface		
	Userinterface	2
	Hardware Interface	1
	Software Interface	1
	Communication Interface	1
	Other requirements	1
4 APPENDIX		
	Survey Results	1
	Sample data	1
	Support Document	1
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NOTE

- The SRS is a document and is actually a blue print for the system you are developing.
- Presented to the supervisor for marking and advise.
- You must sign after submission.

