

MET CS 682 ASSSIGNMENT 1

The purpose of this exercise is to think through information system types and gain an understanding of the beginnings of the system analysis process for a company called HealthyEats .



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The purpose of this exercise is for you to think through information system types and gain an understanding of the beginnings of the system analysis process.

1. USE THIS TEMPLATE: Please respond by using this Word template, leaving the headings and the gray text unchanged—but exclude the *hints* section (at the end) from your solution.
2. OBSERVE LIMITS: Observe the page and paragraph limitations; however, you may include as many appendices—additional to the required Appendix 1—as you wish. All appendices should be referred to in the main text.
3. USE chatGPT: **But ONLY on question 1.1.** We would like you to answer this question using chatGPT because we feel that this is the way such writing will be created going forward. We want you to practice good use of AI generation, including your verification, re-prompting, editing, and improvement.
4. You are required to document your chatGPT interaction as in Appendix 1 question 1.1. You are also encouraged to do outside research to support your response but use the *References* section as indicated and observe plagiarism rules carefully, including the citation of sources, the use of quotes, and acknowledgement of modifications of external sources.
5. NAME YOUR FILE: Include your last name in the file name of the assignment. (Example: SmithMichael\_CS682Assignment1.docx)

You will be evaluated on your value added to existing and AI-generated material. Hints are provided at the end of this document. We will provide feedback comments and will use our best judgement in terms of the evaluation criteria listed.

**The Scenario for this assignment is as follows:** Our company, *HealthyEats* specializes in providing healthy nutrition and food delivery for corporations, specifically targeting small businesses and startups.

Select two of the system types below which HealthyEatsmight use for the benefit of employees (i.e., not as a customer-facing product). (1) MIS, (2) DSS, (3) Office Automation, (4) Customer Relationship Management (CRM) or (5) Expert Systems. (Again, there are hints at the end of this document.) You are free to interpret the given scenario in any manner consistent with the sentence provided above.

# MIS (Management Information System)

## 1.1 Purpose of the selected system

## The MIS for HealthyEats will be designed to focus on fundamental tasks essential for day-to-day operations. It serves as a central hub to gather and present key information to the leadership team. This includes managing data related to order processing, inventory levels, supplier interactions, and customer details. The system ensures that the leadership team has immediate access to crucial operational insights without the complexity of in-depth analytics. By simplifying information retrieval and presentation, the MIS streamlines decision-making processes, allowing the leadership team to stay well-informed about ongoing operations. The main goal of this system is to present day to day essential business-related data to the leadership team, not to analyze the data and make decisions on behalf of them.

## 1.2 Typical user(s) of the system and their means of interaction with it

Typical user(s) of the MIS for HealthyEats would be the members of the leadership team. This could include general manager, and department heads. The system is tailored to provide essential company operations related data to the decision makers of the company. For instance, the operation manager could use the system to monitor order processing and inventory levels, while the marketing manager might track customer engagement metrics. MIS is there to make sure all these information is readily available to the user in a quick and easy to understand format.

The means of interaction would likely involve a user-friendly interface with navigation, allowing users to access relevant information effortlessly. The system could offer customizable dashboards tailored to each user's role, displaying key performance indicator. Additionally, the MIS might incorporate features such as data filters and search functionalities to enable users to pinpoint specific information quickly. The system could be made available in desktop or web-based platform allowing users to have access to the system from any device. Overall, the system aims to provide a straightforward and efficient means for key stakeholders to stay informed about HealthyEats operations.

## 1.3 Type of Input Data Used by the System

* Employee information and performance metric
* Customer order details and processing status
* Customer profiles, preferences, and feedback
* Operational details (delivery times, order accuracy)
* Financial data (revenue, sales)
* Marketing metrics and campaign effectiveness
* Supplier information and order history (for inventory)
* System logs and user interactions (security and access)

## 1.4 Type of Output Data Used by the System

* Cost of goods sold and profit margins.
* Daily summaries of order processing and fulfillment.
* Inventory status and stock levels.
* Revenue and sales reports.
* Feedback and reviews from customers.
* Order fulfillment and delivery performance.
* Reports on operational efficiency and employee contributions.
* Work schedules and task completion rates.
* Security and access control reports.
* Trends in customer orders and preferences.

# Office Automation

## 2.1 Purpose of the selected system

## An Office Automation system for HealthyEats would streamline internal administrative processes, enhancing efficiency and collaboration among different departments. This system could automate routine tasks related to order processing, invoicing, and document management. According to Angela Ash, "General office tasks are tedious but crucial to a company’s bottom line. Gathering and organizing information, managing calendars, automating paperwork, and using secure billing can all be automated with software" ("How to Use Office Automation Tools"). The system might also facilitate seamless communication within the organization, automating email notifications for order updates or inventory alerts. By implementing Office Automation, HealthyEats aims to improve workflow efficiency, reduce administrative overhead, and ensure smooth internal communication, ultimately contributing to a more agile and responsive operational environment.

## 2.2 Typical user(s) of the system and their means of interaction with it

## The typical users of the Office Automation system at HealthyEats would include employees across various departments involved in administrative tasks. This could encompass order processing staff, finance personnel handling invoicing, and employees responsible for managing inventory. For instance, order processing staff can use the system which automates the generation of invoices for corporate clients, reducing manual workload and minimizing errors. Another example could include Inventory manager receiving automated notification upon arrival of new stock allowing them to focus on other tasks. Employees would engage with the system to input and retrieve data seamlessly. Automation features could include dropdown menus, checkboxes, and automated notifications. It can be easily interacted with from desktop or web. The automation system will be designed to provide individual departments with their own customized automation process and results.

## 2.3 Type of Input Data Used by the System

* Order details and specifications for automated invoicing.
* Text or content to be included in the document.
* Formatting instructions (e.g., font styles, headings).
* Inventory levels and data for automated restocking alerts.
* Customer Communication data for automated notifications (order updates).
* Billing information

## 2.4 Type of Output Data Used by the System

* Automated invoices for customers.
* Notifications for order updates and delivery schedules.
* Automated creation of a formatted document (inventory order).
* Spell-checked and grammatically correct content (invoice, inventory order).
* Document management, including organized records of orders and transactions.
* Alerts for inventory restocking based on predefined levels.
* Communication logs, tracking automated notifications and messages.

# An Example Outline of Systems Analysis

Apply the major parts of system analysis with the “basic” systems analysis methodology given in Module 1 (“Introduction to Systems Analysis Methodology” section), applied to the following task.

The Scenario: Our company, *HealthyEats* specializes in providing healthy nutrition and food delivery for corporations, specifically targeting small businesses and startups. In sections 1 and 2, we reviewed types of systems to be used internally by the employees. This section should focus on a primarily *customer-facing* product.

## 3.1 Mission Statement (one paragraph)

your response replaces this

## 3.2 Functional System Requirements (about 8-12)

your response replaces this

## 3.3 A System-Level Use Case (Please use the table provided; there should be about 7-10 steps)

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| **Actor:** |  | |
| **Context:** |  | |
| **Step #** | **Actor** | **System** |
| **1** | …  … | …  … |
| **2** |  |  |
| **3** |  |  |
| **4** |  |  |
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| **7** |  |  |
| **8** |  |  |
| **Alternate Courses:** | Note- keep these to no more than 2 alternate courses. | |

## 3.4 Supporting System-Level Activity Diagram for the above use case (insert diagram and any explanations below.)

your response replaces this

## 3.5 System-Level Non-functional Requirements (about 3-6)

your response replaces this

Reminder: Appendix 1 is required.

# Appendix 1 (Required): Interaction with chatGPT

For each of the following, show your most relevant prompt to chatGPT and the response which was most relevant to your solution.

## A1.1

Prompt: Based on this scenario, "Our company, HealthyEats specializes in providing healthy nutrition and food delivery for corporations, specifically targeting small businesses and startups." I am thinking of building an MIS(Management information system) for the healthEats company. Could you please suggest to me the purpose of this system from Healthyeats operations perspective in a paragraph?

Response: Certainly! An MIS for HealthyEats could play a pivotal role in streamlining and optimizing various operational aspects of the company. The system would serve as a centralized hub for managing essential information related to HealthyEats' operations. This includes but is not limited to order processing, inventory management, supplier relationships, and customer data. The MIS would provide real-time insights into order volumes, popular menu items, and inventory levels, enabling the company to make data-driven decisions. It could also facilitate efficient communication and coordination between different departments, ensuring a smooth flow of information across the organization. Additionally, the MIS would generate reports and analytics, allowing HealthyEats to assess performance, identify areas for improvement, and strategically plan for future growth. Overall, the MIS would enhance operational efficiency, promote informed decision-making, and contribute to the overall success of HealthyEats in delivering healthy nutrition and food services to corporations.

## A2.1

Prompt: Like the first system, based on this scenario, "Our company, HealthyEats specializes in providing healthy nutrition and food delivery for corporations, specifically targeting small businesses and startups."

I am thinking of building an office automation system for the healthEats company. Could you please suggest to me the purpose of this system from Healthyeats operations perspective in a paragraph?

Response:

Certainly! An Office Automation system for HealthyEats would serve as a fundamental tool to optimize internal processes and enhance operational efficiency. The system aims to automate routine administrative tasks associated with order processing, invoicing, and communication, streamlining the day-to-day operations of the company. For instance, it could automate the generation of invoices for corporate clients, reducing manual efforts and minimizing errors. The system might also facilitate seamless communication within the organization by automating email notifications for order updates or inventory alerts. The primary goal is to improve workflow efficiency, reduce administrative overhead, and ensure smooth internal communication. By implementing Office Automation, HealthyEats aims to create a more agile and responsive operational environment, allowing the company to focus more on its core mission of delivering healthy nutrition and food services to corporations, especially small businesses and startups.

## A3.1 (re Mission Statement)

## A3.2 (re Functional System Requirements)

## A3.3 (re A System-Level Use Case)

## A4 (re ChatGPT overall)

My Overall observation on chatgpt responses: I think the chatgpt responses were mostly relevant to my concerns. However, it is important to note that the prompt must be precise and descriptive enough for the AI to understand the topic. Even though, it wasn’t easy to describe all the expectations at the first prompt, chatgpt is quick to understand more if you provide more information in the subsequent prompts. Al though mostly the response was on track, I had to tweak some of it to be in line with my understanding. For example the first response on MIS, I added my value to it by mentioning how this system is only there to gather and present data and not analyze the data like other system.

# References other than chatGPT

Show that you used a wide variety of resources by listing them below and clearly indicating in the body above where you used. Make sure to use proper referencing in your paper. We suggest using APA format, but other formats are fine as long as they clearly distinguish your work from work of others in your response. In general, observe the stated plagiarism rules.

[1] Author: Angela Ash Title: "How to Use Office Automation Tools to Streamline Business Operations" Website: G2 Learn URL: <https://learn.g2.com/office-automation> Publication Date: February 17, 2023

[2] …

# Evaluation



**Please do not include this Hints section in your solution.**

# Hints

## Hints for *Systems Types* (Part 1 & 2)

* For reference to business systems, see Appendix A in module 1 (“Types of Information Systems” section) and conduct your own research.
* One way to approach some of these parts is to research a midsize or large business that you know and identify the type of information system it uses. This may require some research.

**Clarity**:

* Does the purpose clearly link to both system and scenario?
* Make sure to differentiate the systems clearly. For example, we want to see that you understand the key differences between executive information systems and decision support systems; avoid overlap.

**Technical Soundness**

* Show distinction between various types of systems

**Thoroughness and Coverage**

* Do inputs consider external systems?
* Does your solution consider various different users and how they interact with the system?

**Relevance**

* Is the system selected relevant to the scenario?
* Are inputs and outputs relevant to the scenario?

## Hints for the Basic Methodology (Part 3)

* You may want to start by reviewing examples given in Module I. See QuickMessage (in the “Example of System Analysis Methodology” section) and ElecPak and E-LearnLive examples (in Appendix C, D).
* The mission statement must give a high-level context and scope for the system. A good place to start is to research mission statements of systems that you use.

**Clarity**:

* Each requirement should be written in one or two focused sentences.
* Use consistent terminology (e.g., you should avoid using the term "students” in one place and “test takers” or "users" in another to describe the same person).
* Take the time to review your response iteratively, going back to previous sections. For example, once you complete the system requirements, use cases, and constraints, make sure that they are consistent and that the Mission Statement provides a top-level overview.
* Distinguish functional vs. non-functional requirements
* Label the elements in diagrams

**Technical Soundness**

* Be sure that you understand the difference between functional and non-functional requirements.
* The functional requirements should describe only *what* the system does—not *how* (which is design).
* Non-functional requirements focus on supporting how the functional requirements are to be achieved, for example: using a specific platform (i.e. OS), programming language, GUI layout, or encryption method should be documented as *constraints* and/or other non-functional requirements and not as functional requirements.
* System-level use cases are a scenario-like sequence of user actions and system responses building on information contained in the functional requirements

**Thoroughness and Coverage**

* Think about the key functionality and who the main users are. The mission statement should be about a paragraph in length.
* Check that your activity diagrams cover the elements in your use case. Activity diagrams can show branching whereas use cases are very limited in that regard.
* Support your choices with research within the appendix. A good way to work references into your response is to show example systems within an appendices section.

**Relevance**

* Consider the most relevant and important requirements to implement this system (avoid being generic, secondary)
* For non-functional requirements, consider how they support the use case, and functional requirements.