# System Development Life Cycle (SDLC)

LECTURE 03

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# Learning Outcomes

End of this lecture you will be able to learn,

LO1: Understand the process of system development lifecycle

LO2: Understand the different stages engaged with SDLC.

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System Development Life Cycle is an organizational process of developing and maintaining systems.

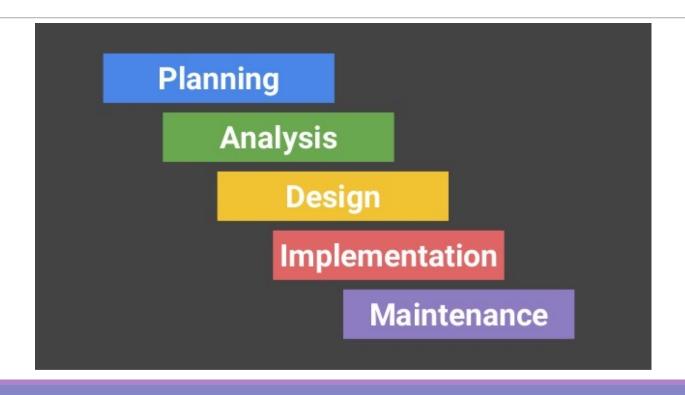


Systems development life cycle

### The SDLC aims to produce

- oa high-quality system
- that meets or exceeds customer expectations
- reaches completion within time and cost estimates
- works effectively and efficiently in the current and planned infrastructure
- inexpensive to maintain and cost-effective to enhance.

### SDLC Phases – 5 Main Phases



### **Planning**

Why should the system be built?

### **Analysis**

Who, what, when and where will the system be?

### Design

How to build the system?

### **Implementation**

Build the system

### Maintenance

Support & Maintain the System

# Planning

There are 2 main steps in Planning.

Step 1 : Project Initiation

Step 2 : Project Management



# Project Initiation in Planning

### 1. Identifying business value

- The system analyst investigate the existing system.
- Find the limitations present.
- Evaluate whether automating the system would help the organization.

### 2. Develop a system request

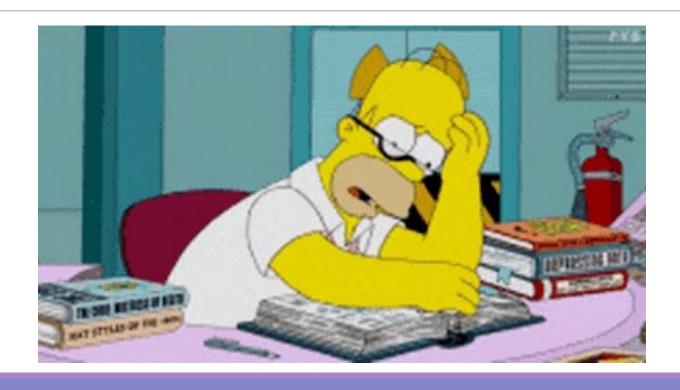
- Once the initial investigation is done and the need for new or improved system is established.
- All possible alternate solutions are chalked out.
- All these systems are known as "candidate systems"
- The selected solution is called as the "proposed system"

## Project Initiation in Planning

### 3. Conduct a feasibility analysis

- The detailed business analysis of the proposed system.
- Feasibility ?
- Feasibility Study can be performed in means of
  - Technical feasibility
  - Economical feasibility
  - Operational feasibility
- At the end prepares the Feasibility report.
- The project is approved or disapproved according to the results of the study

# Feasibility Study



# Technical Feasibility

- Study all Technical risks associated with the proposed system.
- Technical Feasibility would answer:
  - Can We Built It?
  - 2. Can the development of the proposed system be done with
    - Current equipment
    - Existing software technology
    - Available personnel?
  - 3. Does it require new technology?

# Economic feasibility

- Identifies costs and benefits
- Assign values to costs and benefits
- Determine cash flow
- Assess financial viability
- An important outcome is the cost benefit analysis.

#### **Should We Built It?**

# Operational feasibility

- Will the system be used if it is developed and implemented?
- •Will there be resistance from users that will undermine the possible application benefits?

# Project Management in Planning

- Develop work plan
- Staff the project
- Control and direct the project



# Analysis

- Analysis is a detailed study of the
  - Various operations performed by the system,
  - The relationships among the various sub-systems or functional units,
  - The relationships outside the system.
- Study is conducted to
  - find user's requirements.
  - understand business needs and processing requirements
  - Proper functioning of the current system.
- Requirements gathering techniques
  - Interviews, questionnaires, observation, prototype etc.
- Process modeling
- Data modeling

### Design

- Develop a design strategy based on requirements and analysis decisions.
- Design architecture and interfaces
  - Architectural design
  - Hardware
  - Software
  - Network infrastructure
- Develop databases and file specifications
- Develop the program design
- Clearly document all in a document called System Design Specification

## Implementation

#### 1. Construction

- Design representations are translated into actual programs.
- System is developed by writing coding.

#### 2. Testing

- To fix all the software bugs.
- Check if the system created fulfills the customer requirements.
- Ensure the quality of the system.

#### 3. Installation

- The completed system is installed at the client's working environment
- Training users on how to work with the new system
- Establish a support plan.

### Support & Maintenance

- Conduct post-implementation system review
- Identify errors and enhancements
- Monitor system performance
- Monitor future changes and maintain the system
  - Changes can be software as well as hardware
  - Can be fixing of errors/ software bugs
  - Handling complaints received from system users
  - Providing help

## Project Deliverables

- The project moves systematically through phases where each phase has a standard set of outputs
- Produces Project Deliverables
- Uses deliverables in implementation
- Results in actual information system

