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Systems Analysis and Design Chapter 1

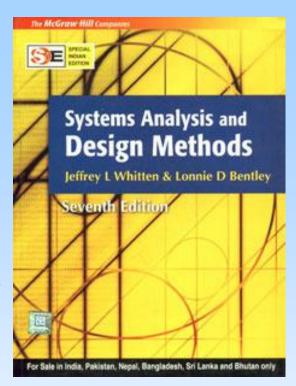


References

Ref: System Analysis and DESIGN

METHODS

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Recommended Links

http://www.mhhe.com/whitten





Introduction to Information System Environment

- What is an information system?
- Types of Information Systems and processing types
- Architecture based classification of Information Systems
- Processing types



Applications

Earlier applications



Airline Reservations



Keeping records of transactions



Keeping records of Stock



Introduction

Computers are now becoming part of virtually every activity in an organization



Production



HRM - Training



Telephone Integration



An arrangement of



- To support and Improve day to day operations
- problem solving and decision making needs of management and users



Information and Communication Technology

A combination of



Computer Technology

Telecommunication Technology



The Players - System Stakeholders

- any person who has an interest in an existing or proposed information system.
- Can be classified into five broader categories
- may include both
- technical and non-technical workers
- Internal and External workers



System stakeholders

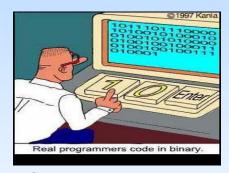
can be classified into five groups



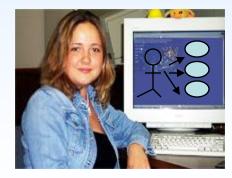
System User



System Owner



System Builders



System Designer



System Analysts



Stakeholders cont...



a "customer" who will use or is affected by an information system on a regular basis – capturing, validating, entering, responding to, storing, and exchanging data and information.



System Users or Clients



Stakeholders cont...

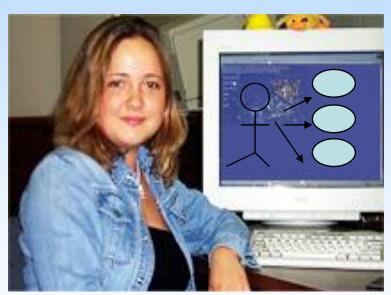


System Owner

- An information system's sponsor and advocate
- Owns the system
- Set the vision and priorities
- Determine the policies
- Responsible for funding the project of
 - Developing
 - Operating
 - Maintaining



Stakeholders cont.. >technical specialists



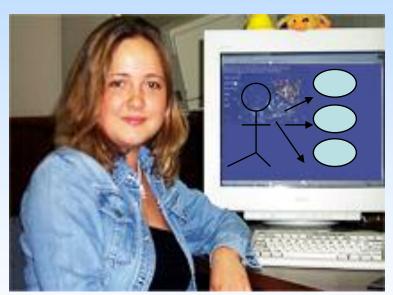
System Designer

Translates system users' business requirements and constraints into technical solutions.

➤ Design the system (data-bases, inputs, outputs, screens, network, software) to meet the users requirements



Stakeholders cont...

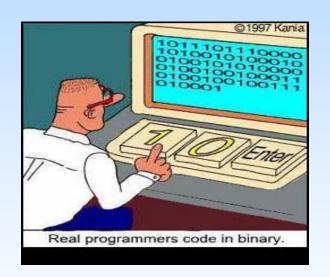


System Designer

➤ Design the computer files, databases, inputs, outputs, screens, networks, and programs that will meet the system users requirements.



Stakeholders cont...



System Builders

Construct, test and deliver the Information System based on the design specifications generated by the system designer.



Stakeholders cont...



Systems Analysts

People who understand both business and computing.



 Stakeholders cont.. >Studies the problems and needs of an organization



Systems Analysts

- ➤ Determine how people, data, processes, and information technology can best accomplish improvements for the business
- ➤ Bridge the communication gap that exists between non technical and technical people involved with building systems.



Stakeholders cont...



Systems Analysts

What does a systems analyst do?

- Identify the problem
- Analyze and understand the problem
- Identify the solution requirements
- Identify alternative solutions
- Design and implement the best solution
- Evaluate the result



Legacy systems

- an existing computer system or application program
- continues to be used because the user does not want to replace or redesign it
- an "antiquated" systems.
- Ref: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Legacy_system



Legacy systems cont...

- potentially problematic
- often run on obsolete (and usually slow) hardware
- spare parts for such computers become increasingly difficult to obtain
- hard to maintain, improve, and expand because there is a general lack of understanding of the system
- The designers of the system may have left the organization, leaving no one left to explain how it works
- Integration with newer systems may also be difficult because new software may use completely different technologies.



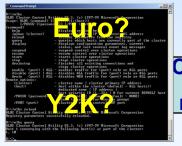
Legacy systems cont...

Support old business requirements

Support new business requirements

Old technology

Old standard



Old system



New system

New functionality



Legacy systems cont...

- Many complex legacy systems yet to be upgraded to new technologies because of
 - Cost,
 - Skills and
 - People required
- Force to change to reflect new or changing business requirements.
 - Year 2000 problem (Y2K)
 - Euro conversion



Legacy systems cont.

Y2K problem

- Many computers and applications stored date with only 2 digits. (e.g. 99 =1999)
- Problems: when the millennium changed (e.g. 03=2003)

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