1. Analysis
   1. Introduction to analysis

Analysis tries to dig deeper into a topic to get better understanding about it. A large topic is usually broken down into smaller parts and studied thoroughly. In our case, analysis deals with finding and understanding the requirements or needs of the project. Analysis is also done to find out the needs when a new product is made or an old product is altered so that it meets the requirements. In this computing age, analysis doesn't stop at gathering requirements but system analysts guide us through the entire software development process and provide us with the best solutions when necessary.

During the analysis phase, business analyst go through following steps:

* **Requirement Specification**

To find out problem specifications, system analysts go through different fact finding procedures like interviews and surveys with the client or company representatives. They discuss about the problems and the solutions that the upcoming software can provide.

This is important because if a business analyst does not get a customer's vision, then they might end up building a completely different product. This phase helps the analyst to know exactly what the customer want.

* **Needs identification**

This phase basically narrows down the problems or requirements that were gathered during the requirements specification. System analyst finds out actual problems and the ones that need to be addressed. We differentiate what client actually needs and not what he wants. The client's vision is then connected with the software development process and analysed if it is practically possible.

This phase is important because we get to understand the actual problems that needs to be solved and omit out the ones which are not necessary.

* **Translation**

In a software development process, a business analyst must have the idea of what the client want and our company must understand what we can have, and the development team must understand what they can offer out of our expectations. The job of the business analyst is to translate these needs of clients to development tasks for the development team in such a way that it meet the client's expectations.

This step is done to avoid misunderstandings that occur between the development team and the client. The business analyst who have idea about both the sides work as a communicator to remove such technical jargons.

* **Communication**

The development process of a software is often long and requires certain level of co-operation between the parties during the time period. Business analyst also works as a mediator between customer and developer who finds out the strong points and weak points and helps to improve the flow of communication.

Communication is very important because without it the customer never knows what is being developed and the end result may be disappointing. Business analysts during the analysis make sure the needs are met.

* 1. Methodology

Software system methodology basically is a process or a series of processes that describes how the life cycle of the software will be. We can also call it a framework where it is used to demonstrate, plan or control the software development process. During the development process of Canteen Automation System, I’m going to use incremental RAD as a development methodology.

* **Why not Evolutionary models?**

We use evolutionary models when the requirements are not clear. These models are mostly used for software development with frequently changing requirements. But, our system’s requirements are completely clear and we know exactly what we need. So, I’m not going to use any of the evolutionary models.

* **Why not Waterfall model?**

As waterfall model requires the need of knowledge of every step and that’s exactly in our case but I’m not going to adopt it because of the few limitations which makes it less feasible. Two main reasons for not using it are:

* Different stages cannot be performed parallelly.
* It is time consuming.
* **Why Incremental RAD model?**

Usually, Incremental model is preferred when we have less time but our needs are clear. Most intriguing feature in Incremental RAD is that every module can be completed and can be released in isolation if there is lack of time. In our system, there are many features which are not inter-related to each other which can be released separately. The motivates users to give updates about that certain module and it can be updated on its own which helps to make the system more user-friendly and we can also include and address the user needs. Also, as we have time period of just 3 months, we can’t go step by step like waterfall model to complete the project for which the manner of parallelism should be practised. So, looking at all these requirements, I found out that Incremental RAD is suited for my Canteen Automation System because it encourages to create a functional system within a short period of time.