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**1. Introduction**

Risk analysis and management are a series of steps that help a software team to understand and manage uncertainty. Many problems can plague of software project. A risk is a potential problem; unfavorable event or circumstance that can occur during the project life cycle .If risk becomes true, it can hamper successful and timely completion of project But regardless of the outcome, it's a really good idea to identify it, assess its probability of occurrence, estimate its impact, and establish a contingency plan should the problem actually occur.

**1.1 Purpose**

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**2. Risk Management**

Risk management is the identification, assessment, and prioritization of risks followed by coordinated and economical application of resources to minimize, monitor, and control the probability and/or impact of unfortunate events or to maximize the realization of opportunities. It addresses methodically all the risks surrounding the project activities, past, present and in particular future. It increases the probability of success, and reduces both the probability of failure and the uncertainty of achieving the overall objectives.

**Risk identification**: Risk Identification is a systematic attempt to specify threats to the project.

**Risk assessment**: Assess the impact of risk if it occurs on the project. Quantitative risk assessment requires calculations of two components of risk .The magnitude of the potential impact and the probability *p* that the risk will occur.

**Risk containment**: It involves **mitigation plan** and **contingency plan.** The mitigation plan is a risk avoidance plan, while the contingency plan is put into place when risk actually occurs.

**3. Classification of Risks**

Risks are categorized in following manner:

* **Performance Risks:** This type of risk occurs when the software is not able to meet its requirements and could not do what it was intended to do.
* **Cost Risks:** Risks arising due to insufficient funding for the project. Incorrect estimation of time also falls under this category.
* **Schedule Risks:** This risk adheres to problems related to delivery of software in time and coping with schedule with every phase passing.
* **Project Size Risks:** This type of risk arises when the size of the project is estimated wrongly (i.e. too small) or when the client changes his/her Project requirements.
* **Business Risks:** Risks occurring due to constraints imposed by management fall under this category. This type of risk occurs when either the quality of product document/coding is low or if there is unavailability of team.
* **Development Environment Risks:** These types of risks are associated with the availability and the quality of the tools required for the development.
* **Technical Risks:** These types of risks are related to the complexity of the system to be built and newness of the technology.
* **Staff Size and Experience Risks:** These types of risks arise while working with a group of people who are inexperienced with Software Development Process.

Another categorization of risk is following:

* **Predictable Risks:** Extrapolated from past experience.
* **Unpredictable Risks:** They are extremely difficult to identify in advance.

**4. Risk analysis**

Good risk analysis has following steps:

* The risks that are identified, analyzed and managed should be derived from a thorough study of the people, the product, the process and the project.
* TheRisk Monitoring, Management and Mitigation (RMMM) plan should be revisited as the project proceeds to ensure that risks are kept up to date. The three M’s :
* **Mitigation**- The necessary steps taken to deal with any risk that is found.
* **Monitoring**- Keep a constant watch on the risk prone area.
* **Management**- Managing the project after dealing with the risks.
* Contingency plans for risk management should be realistic.

**Impact of Risks**

* **Severe**: Disastrous impact on the team’s strategy or operational activities.
* **Critical**: Significant impact on the team’s strategy or operational activities.
* **Marginal**: Small impact on the team’s strategy or operational activities.
* **Negligible**: Very small impact on the team’s strategy or operational activities.

**5. Risk Analysis Table:**

The following table will through light upon different kinds of risk involved in the project, their impact (as defined in the Risk Analysis Section) on the success of the project, probability, mitigation and contingency plan.

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| **Risk Type** | **Probability** | **Impact** | **Mitigation Plan** | **Contingency Plan** |
| Ambiguity in  requirements | 0.5 | Severe | The requirements  would be cross checked so that no ambiguity exists in form of written, oral interview and audio recording of  meeting with the  client | Some assumptions  would be made on the basis of a common understanding and practicality of the requirement. |
| Unrealistic deadlines  for deliveries | 0.1 | Marginal | * The development   team will have a regular review of the Project Plan;  this can probably be done in the team’s regular meeting.   * The Project Leader   would discuss the  Project Plan with  the TA or professor, to ensure that all the deadlines are  set realistically. | We will have have a  plan B, in case deadline for a milestone is not met, the other milestone will be delayed, and will be completed efficiently. |
| Customer changes requirements | 0.3 | marginal | The client has been interviewed, surveyed many times to understand the system more  .carefully. | We can change the system till Designing phase, beyond it , system implementation could not be changed, but it will be worked upon  as far as possible. |
| Lack of experience in  big project or planning | 0.15 | Marginal | * Try to give in   member’s fullest   * Design and plan every   Phase before going for it. | Experts would be  consulted, in that  area to have a  clear picture. |
| Irregular review of documents | 0.1 | Critical | Fix prior dates for review of each document | Quality Assurance team will look in this matter, and new version of the document with correct review would be updated. |
| Unavailability of  Team members in meeting | 0.05 | Critical | * Avoid being off-   campus too often until and unless it’s very important   * Work shall be assigned to the members in accordance to their availability. members * Before vacations the work will be discussed and divided. | Team members will  do work from their locations and it will be managed by emails and shared on Google docs. |
| Schedule Risk | 0.1 | Negligible | * Team will try to   follow the Gantt chart strictly   * Pseudo deadlines   will be made for the group which would be earlier than the  ‘actual’ deadlines | In case the pseudo  deadlines are crossed, the remaining time will be utilized for other activities. |
| Hardware risk(  System failure, crashing of hard-  drive, server breakdown) | 0.3 | Marginal | All the projectrelated documents  and source codes would be stored in all the local machines of the members | All the files and codes will also be  stored online (like on GoogleDocs) so, in case there is a major hardware failure the data can be recovered. |
| Performance  Risk(Inefficient Test cases, time and memory constraints) | 0.3 | Critical | Check thoroughly  whether the test cases cover all the requirements | Team will Review all  the test cases and make necessary changes |
| Conflict among team  members | 0.1 | Critical | * Everyone will try to   address problems than person.   * Distributed work   scheme would be used.   * Team building would be aimed at. | · Try to sort out the  differences between them.  · They must be realized that the whole team is getting affected and  personal issues must be kept aside. |
| Integration of different modules. | 0.3 | Critical | * Coding standards   would be adhered to.   * The integration Team has full idea of what is happening in different modules | Work would be done  on common platforms, using similar versions of the tools. |

Key:

**Probability (0-1):** Higher the probability more chances of the risks to occur.