

Notes for documentation

The current system (Documentation purposes)

- * Description of business system "as-is" with all of its flaws and idiosyncrasies
- * Need to show you understand the business before solving problems
- * Need to identify business processes that need to be computerised
- * Description of problems & lost opportunities in the current business system. Possible business requirements (the real reasons for the new system):
- * Unreliable processes
- * Poor service offerings
- * Low market share
- * Better security
- * Lower cost
- * Using UML for describing the current, non-computerised) system is NOT required! Instead, do it in plain English.

The system requirements

- * User requirements (e.g., using Volere templates) for IPOS, usually used for a contract are not @ required.
- * This is a simplification of the analysis phase of software development, adopted to reduce the effort on teams (and on markers!).
- * The respective section in "User Requirements" of the submitted 1st Team Deliverable must be included, but left blank
- * for further details see the provided template for "Dental Pro: Requirements and High-Level Design", available on Moodle.
- * Model of system "to-be" (the one you are going to build)
- * Use UML to describe and represent the system requirements
- * To be used by the developers of the IPOS prototype
- * Statement of required functionality to solve the business problem, NOT a design (what to build, not how to build it)

Prioritisation of functional requirements

- Indexed list of functional requirements (use cases or user stories) prioritised according to users/customer's priorities and impact on projected risks during development

- * What parts are essential (i.e. without them the software that you develop is unlikely to be useful

- * Account for time and budget (e.g. time available) constraints, too! Functionality, likely to take too long, can be given lower priority even if the functionality is important.

- * This should help drive the implementation tasks

- * You can use a tabulated format to rank the functional requirements. For example:

- * The first column lists the use-case/user story ID;

- * The second column lists the chosen priority level (e.g. a value from a chosen scale (say, 1-5, specify the meaning of the scale, e.g. 1 - lowest priority, 5 - the highest priority, or nominal values (low, medium, high));

- * The third column provides a justification for the chosen priority level. This might be based on the case-study description given in the Student's Brief, statements from the customer (in interviews), or your own judgement of importance of the use cases for the system.

- * The content of this last column is essential!