

Mastering the **Requirements Process**

By mastering the project requirements process, business analysts and project managers can better manage customers' expectations and satisfy their needs. Requirements discovery is the first step to a successful project. This workshop focuses on the skills necessary to thoroughly gather requirements from stakeholders, procedures, system components, and various business documents. Quality requirements statements are the next step in a successful project. This workshop provides the best practices to write specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, and traceable, requirements statements. Finally, requirements must be properly communicated, validated and signed off to achieve a successful project outcome. By the end of this course, participants will have accomplished all three. Overall the workshop is designed to give participants the skills, hands-on application and confidence they need to tackle any project by producing and gaining approval for a quality requirements document.

Course Objectives:

- Elicit and capture user's requests and turn them into requirements.
- Write high quality business, functional, and quality of service requirements.
- Communicate, validate, and gain sign off on the requirements document.

Audience: Those who need an advanced and detailed approach to defining business/technical requirements and implementing new processes or methodologies.

Prerequisites: Previous professional experience in business analysis is required.

Number of Days: 3 days

1 Introduction

What is a Requirement? Workshop Objectives **Analysis Work** Business Analysis Body of Knowledge (BABOK) Companies Workshop Agenda The Cost of Bad Requirements The System Development Life Cycle **Requirements Process**

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Requirements Types of Requirements Developing Requirements – Where do We Begin? Current State vs. Future State Discovery Performing Enterprise Analysis Requirements Documentation The Requirements Attributes for Traceability to the Source Requirement Identification

Requirements Exclusions – Out of Scope The Phased or Iterative Approach Dictionary of Terms Planning on Requirements Work **Requirement Essentials** How Shall We Write Requirements? **SMART** Requirements **Guidelines for Documenting** Requirements **Quality Requirements?** The Grammar of Requirements **Ambiguous Words Pronouns Synonyms Negative Words** Adverbs Adjectives Measuring Success (Testing

Requirements)

Organizing Requirements

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Requirements Statements vs. Design Statements

Turning Design Statements into Requirements

4 The Business Case

Documenting the Business Case Building the Business Case Project Context Actors and External Entities The Context Diagram

5 Stakeholder Requirements

The People Side of Requirements Best Practices for Stakeholder Interactions

Working with People Requirements Elicitat

Requirements Elicitation Techniques Identifying Stakeholder Requirements Facilitating a Requirements Discovery Session

Structure of a Facilitated Session

6 Functional Requirements

Functional Requirements Level of Detail for Functional Requirements

So What Are Functions?

Words to Avoid

Where Can We Find Functional Requirements?

Writing Functional Requirements from Stakeholder Requirements

Writing Functional Requirements from a Use Case

Use Case

Writing into Functional Requirements from Artifacts

7 Non-Functional Requirements

Reliability Requirement Statements
Performance Efficiency Requirement
Statements

Operability & Usability Requirement
Statement

Security Requirement Statements
Compatibility Requirement Statements
Maintainability and Supportability
Requirements
Transferability and Portability

Where Can We Find Quality of Service Requirements?

Other Places to Look for Non-Functional Requirements

Writing Non-Functional Requirements from Stakeholder Requirements

Writing Non-Functional Requirements from Use Cases

Writing Non-Functional Requirements from Functional Requirements

Writing Non-Functional Requirements from Artifacts

Transition Requirements

8 The Requirements Communication

Purpose of Requirements
Communication
Requirement Document
Levels of Requirements Communication
Peer Review
Stakeholder Walkthrough
Requirements Inspection
Sign-Off Approval
The Requirements Baseline