MS3506 Digital Design &

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Exam #02: Review Session

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# **Exam #2**

Carkenord - Chapters 6 & 7 ! **Process Diagramming** Memory Jogger (for concepts) Assigned readings, course slides Sample Cases



# Core Requirement Components

**Business Rules** Data Processe (Attribute, s (or Use Entities) Cases) **External** Agents (or Actors)



## **Grocery Store Example**



- Limited shelf space for inventory
- Tax rate requirement due to government
- Perishable goods shelf life limitations

(from week 2 deck, for reference)

## Requirements

 Business Requirements – detailed descriptions of info, business activities and external interactions needed to accomplish the business mission – address business problems, needs and goals, independent of how they might be solved and accomplished

Carkenord, Page 214



## Requirements

•Functional Requirements – describe HOW the work will be done, how the business rules will be enforced, how communication with people, organizations and systems will take place

Functional requirements SUPPORT business requirements

Carkenord, Page 215

## Requirements

•Technical Requirements – detailed descriptions of the technical architecture framework, database definitions, business rule engines, program logic, etc...Specify how the solution will be built, based on functional requirements

Carkenord, Page 217





# What is a business rule?

Can anyone give an example?

## **Business Rule**

- Describes a policy, guideline, standard or regulation upon which the business operates.
- A statement that defines or constrains some aspect of the business.
- It is intended to assert business structure, or to control or influence the behavior of the business.

- From Business Analysis Body of Knowledge (BABOK)

## Type of Business Rule

- Restriction Must or must not happen.
- Heuristics Guidance on how to do something.
- Inference Given a condition, assume other conditions.
- Timing Activity based on elapsed time.
- Triggers Cause and effect relationship.



#### Case (5 minutes):

**GLOSSARY: Using the case, your** personal experience and quick research, what are the key concepts and information needed by the Night Owl?

Write out a glossary of these terms.



#### Entities

• What is an entity?

• Where would you look for them?

• What might you want to know about them?





### **Attributes**

What is an attribute?

• Where would you look for them?

• What might you want to know about them?





## **Relationships**

What are the real world relationships between data entities?

• Try describing them in a sentence.

"A customer places an order."





## Relationships (cnt'd)

• What is the cardinality of the relationship?

#### - One to one

A Temple student has one TUID number and a TUID number identifies only one student.

- One to many

Adoctor sees many patients.

#### - Many to many

A library has many books and a book can be in many libraries.

## **Workflow Diagrams**

- One of a Business Analyst's key tools, especially for analyzing the as-is situation
- Great way to begin to understand process you are dealing with at high level
- Different levels of workflow can be used to explain the process to different audiences
- Can document Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's)
- Revising the flow to facilitate improvements is standard design technique



## Swim Lane Process Mapping

1. Name the process – subject+verb+object

Warehouse Receives Materials

2. What's the business event that initiates the process?

**Receive Materials** 

3. What's the outcome of the process?

Materials are Stored



## Swim Lane Process Mapping





Decision Tree Limitation of Contractor Liability



From the Treasury Board of Canada http://www.tbs-sct.gc.ca/cmp/doc/locltmmflrm/locltm-mflrm1-eng.aspx



1. How well do the business rules describe the client's behavior?

Business Rule Evaluation

- 2. How completely do they cover the client's situation?
  - Does it accurately reflect what rules the client is using?
- 4. Are they appropriate for the client's situation?



## MIS3506 Keys to your Exam Success

- Reread your texts and sample cases
- Study individually and with your peers
- Review your class notes
- Don't rush through the exam
- Carefully read the exam case studies
- Trust your instincts

