Systems Analysis Activities

Gather detailed information	Interviews, questionnaires, documents, observing business processes, researching vendors, comments and suggestions
Define requirements	Modeling functional requirements and non-functional requirements
Prioritize requirements	Essential, important, vs. nice to have
Develop user interface dialogs	Flow of interaction between user and system
Evaluate requirements with users	User involvement, feedback, adapt to changes

Stakeholders

Internal – persons within the organization

External – persons outside the organization

Operational – persons who regularly interact with the system

Executive – persons who don't directly interact, but use the information or have financial interest

Persons who have an interest in the successful implementation of the system

Information Gathering Techniques

Interviewing users and other stakeholders

Distributing and collecting questionnaires

Review inputs, outputs, and doc

Observe & document business processes

Research vendor solutions

Collectt active user comment / suggestions

What Are Requirements?

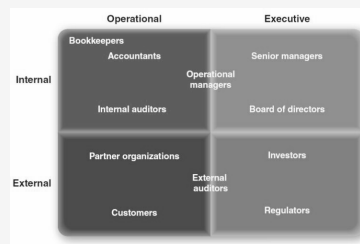|	
Functional Requirements	– the activities the system must perform. Business uses and functions system must carry out
Non-Functional Requirements	Other system characteristics. Constraints and performance goals.

FURPS+ Requirements Acronym

Requirement categories	FURPS + categories	Example requirements
Functional	Functions	Business rules and processes
Nonfunctional	Usability	User interface, ease of use
	Reliability	Failure rate, recovery methods
	Performance	Response time, throughput
	Security	Access controls, encryption
	+ Design constraints	Hardware and support software
	Implementation	Development tools, protocols
	Interface	Data interchange formats
	Physical	Size, weight, power consumption
	Support	Installation and updates

Reasons for Modeling

Learning from the modeling process

Reducing complexity by abstraction

Remembering all the details

Communicating with other development team members

Communicating with a variety of users and stakeholders

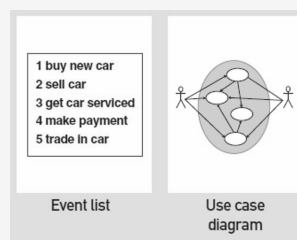Documenting what was done for future maintenance/enhancement

Stakeholders Example
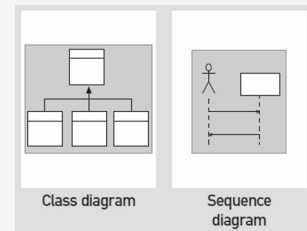

Interviewing Users and Other Stakeholders

Prepare detailed questions

Meet with individuals or groups of users

Obtain and discuss answers to the questions

Document the answers

Follow up as needed in future meetings or interviews
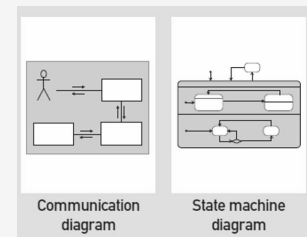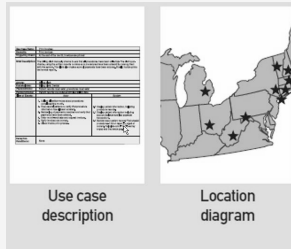
Some analysis and design models 1

Event list   Use case diagram

Some analysis and design models 2

Some analysis and design models 3

Class diagram   Sequence diagram

Some analysis and design models 4

Communication diagram   State machine diagram

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