## SE 329 – Software Project Management

# **Time and Cost Planning**

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## **Project Context**

Project goal: The goal of the project is to develop a low-cost fleet monitoring system. It includes a device installed in a bus that collects data from their in-vehicle networks and sends them to a remote server along with the locations.

#### Deliverables

- 1. Data collection component: A device that collects data from the car and sends them to a remote server along with the location of the vehicle
- 2. Data visualization: A web application that visualizes the position of each vehicles along with information collected from its network
- 3. Data analysis: A web application to run ad-hoc statistics using the data



#### 1. How much does it cost to develop the system?

#### 1. How long does it take to develop the system?

## Lecture Plan

#### 1. Identify project activities

- 2. Estimate activity resources
- 3. Sequence activities
- 4. Estimate project cost

# Techniques for the Identification of Activities of a Project

- 1. Expert judgment
- 2. Using WBS
- 3. Rolling wave planning

## What Is a Work Breakdown Structure?

A Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) is a hierarchical decomposition of the project to create manageable pieces for the deliverables, called work packages (WP).

## Approaches to Create WBS

- 1. Top down approach
- 2. Bottom up approach



https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Work\_breakdown\_structure

# **Top-down WBS Construction**

- Decompose the scope using either
  - 1. Deliverables
  - 2. Lifecycle phases
  - 3. System components
  - 4. Other
- Decompose the components of the WBS to get a set of work packages (group of activities) or activities

# **Bottom-up WBS Construction**

The steps are:

- 1. Enumerate all activities to finish the project
- 2. Group the activities using common themes
- 3. Group the themes into groups
- 4. Repeat the grouping until you reach the root of the tree



- The number of activities should be manageable (e.g., <100)
- The number of sub-components should be reasonable (e.g., <10)</li>
- When dividing a component consider
  - Who will do it
  - Associated risk
  - Use for measuring progress

### **WBS Correctness**

Conditions: Lower-level WBS components are <u>necessary</u> and <u>sufficient</u> for the completion of the higher-level component.

# **WBS** Dictionary

- WBS dictionary is a document that provides details about the deliverables, activities, and information for scheduling
- Content
  - Description of work
  - Assumptions and constraints
  - Responsible organization/unit
  - Acceptance criteria
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## Uses of WBS

- 1. Scheduling
- 2. Cost estimation
- 3. Risk identification

Project goal: The goal of the project is to develop a low-cost fleet monitoring system. The expected software uses a device installed in a bus to collect data from their in-vehicle networks and send them to a remote server along with the locations.

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#### Exercise

- Develop a WBS of the low-cost fleet management system using deliverables on the first level.
- Link for some of the code: https://github.com/lbenothmane/FleetManagement

# Example – WBS Using Deliverables

#### 1. Preparation

- 1. Acquire hardware
- 2. Setup development environment
- 3. Design the architecture of the system
- 4. Develop project plan
- 2. Data collection
  - 1. Acquire data from the sensors
  - 2. Send data to server
  - 3. Store data in database
- 3. Data visualization
- 4. Data analysis

# Example – WBS Using Project Phases

- 1. Requirement elicitation
- 2. Project planning
- 3. Architecture design
  - 1. Design the architecture of the system
  - 2. Design the data collection component
- 4. Development
  - 1. Develop the data collection component
    - 1. Data collection from the sensors
    - 2. Send data to server
    - 3. Store data in database
- 5. Testing
- 6. Delivery

# Techniques for the Identification of Activities of a Project

- 1. Expert judgment
- 2. Using WBS
- 3. Rolling wave planning

## Practice 3 - WBS

Develop one WBS for the Water Management System and specify the approach that you used (deliverables, lifecycle phases, system components, etc.)

Thank you