

An Overview of Joint Application Development (JAD)

Duration: 2 – 4 hours

Overview

Information technology projects often suffer one of two ailments: they take too long or they do not deliver an acceptable solution. Many succumb to both ailments and die. It seems like a vicious cycle – expediting the project leads to sacrificing quality or reducing scope, doing the job right leads to budget and schedule overruns.

Joint Application Development, or JAD sessions can heal both ailments. Successful JAD sessions drastically shorten the time to complete the crucial early project phases while actually increasing the quality of the deliverables. Like any cure, JAD sessions will not solve all problems that a project faces. Like any cure, there are side effects.

This overview offers an informative and critical look at the JAD process. The assessment of the risks and rewards of using JAD sessions is based on extensive experience with JAD's in a wide variety of organizations and projects. As a participant, you will get an expert opinion on whether JAD's are right for your project and how to integrate JAD's into your organization.

Audience

The target audience includes system, end-user, and project managers as well as project leaders, systems analysts, business analysts, and systems designers who are interested in expediting the process of defining, developing and delivering high-quality information systems.

Topics

1. Why Do Projects Take So Long?
2. Modern Systems Development Approaches
3. The Promises of Accelerated Techniques
4. What These Techniques Do Not Do!
5. Other Names: JAD's, RAD's and ASAP's
6. What Are the Risks of Acceleration?
7. A Methodology to Support Acceleration
8. Mini-JAD's
9. Selecting the Appropriate Approach
10. Critical Success Factors

Objectives

- Explain the differences between accelerated methods and the traditional approach
- Discuss the need for and advantages of accelerating early project phases
- Recognize the major risks of accelerating the system development process
- Understand the role that methodologies play in the system development process
- Use a methodology in preparing accelerated sessions
- Identify project types that are suitable JAD candidates

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