Workflow-Based Decision Support for Failure Mode and Effects Analysis

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Outline

- ☐ Failure Mode and Effects Analysis (FMEA)
 - ☐ Innovation by using a Decision Support System (DSS) for supporting the FMEA processes
 - □ iDDesign National Research Project
- ☐ History and Context
 - □ iDecisionSupport Decision Support System developed by Ropardo
 - ☐ iPortal Web Portal developed by Ropardo
- ☐ The FMEA worksheet approach
- ☐ The (DSS) Grading process
- ☐ iDecisionSupport
 - Architecture and tools
- Workflows and experiences



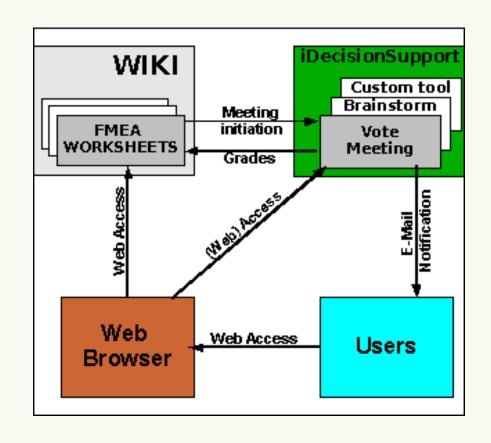








- □DSS System iDecisionSupport
- Wiki Component
- ☐ Systems integration *iPortal*
 - Workflow system
 - Document Management
 - □ CBR Experince Database
- Web Access to the whole integrated system
- E-Mail Notifications











History and Context

iDecisionSupport

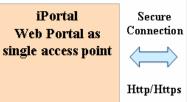
- Web based framework for decision support tools
- Collaborative environment where different software tools for decision making can be easily integrated
- Users can access them remotely and asynchronously
- Developed at Ropardo S.R.L. starting back in 2006 within the CEEX National Research Project

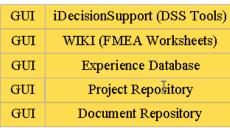
iPortal

- Software suite for:
 - Project management
 - Document management
 - Decision Support systems
 - Collaborative work
- WIKI component
- Web-interfaced access point.
- introduces the concept of "project-based" activities which focuses collaboration around projects.
- Developed at Ropardo S.R.L. staring from 2007



User and Role Management – SSO, LDAP





iPortal components









FMEA Worksheet

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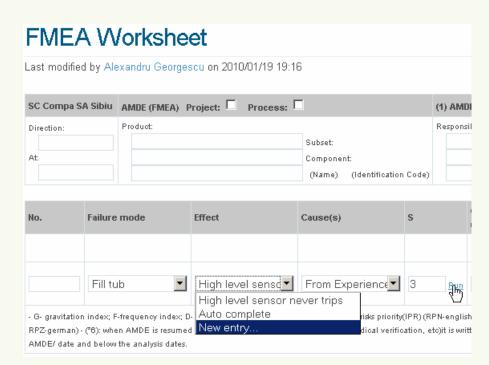






FMEA Worksheet inside the system

- FMEA Worksheets as wiki pages inside iPortal
- Accessible via web browsers
- Communicates with the Experience Database component
- Auto-completing nomenclature of failure modes, causes, effects of different other information that can speed up the FMEA process
- Versioning (History)
- Comments
- Attachments



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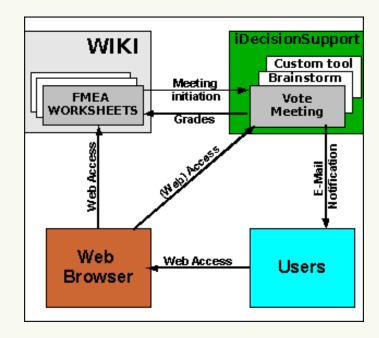






The grading process

- The wiki component and iDecisionSupport can reside on two completely different machines:
 - Communicate through WS-APIs
 - This adds scalability to the system
 - Web-service for tools
- User access via web-browsers
 - Single Sign-On
 - E-Mail Notifications
- DSS Tools can also reside anywhere on the internet
 - Adds scalability



FMEA Components



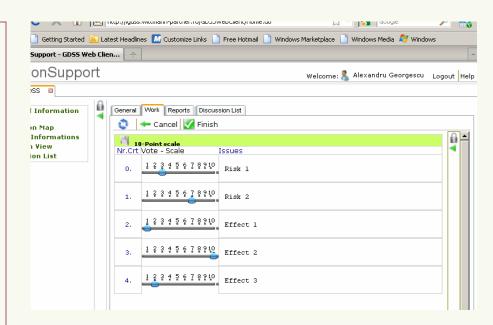






DSS System architecture

- DSS Server
 - Handles business logic
 - Web-service for tools
 - WfMC/Wf-XML in workflow engine
 - Agents environment
- DSS Web Client
 - Provides web access to the DSS system
 - Single Sing-On (SSO) implementation
 - Open tools in it (Figure)
- DSS Tools
 - Default set of tools that can be combined to efficiently perform the grading process
 - Other custom tools can be developed and integrated in the system if necessary



Voting tool inside a vote meeting









DSS Tools

- Brainstorming
 - a decision support tool for voting (polling) activities
- Voting
 - another decision support tool that allows for electronic brainstorming meetings (sessions).
- Discussion List
 - tool that provides forum like discussion threads for different aspects that need to be discussed.
- Multi-criteria analysis (or voting)
 - is a tool that allows for grading different items relative to different reference points
- MindMap
 - tool for creating mind map diagrams for generating, classifying and visualising ideas
- Custom (Third Party Tools)
 - can be developed by or for any company that would like to implement this FMEA software approach.









Workflows and Experiences

- Workflows inside worksheets
 - Auto configuration of DSS meetings
 - Import results from previous meetings as new items
- DSS Workflow engine
 - □ Chains of meetings of different types that are started automatically
 - The result of a meeting can be the input of another in the chain
- Experience Database
 - Acts like an auto completing nomenclature of failure mode and effects
 - ☐ Implements the Black Box (BB) concept









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