

"There is no such thing as an 'IT project'. There are only business projects with an IT component."
– June Drewry, CIO of Chubb Corp., InfoWorld, 2006

BUSINESS CASE

Documentation including existing business architecture, financial elements and factors, risk, feasibility, impact on the organization, and alternatives that proposes to answer the questions of whether the proposed business solution should be pursued and whether it contributes to the overall value of the business.

BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT (BRD)

The BRD provides detailed descriptions of the future state of the organization/system under study. It is a collection of requirements, text based and modeled, that support business and user needs, *Also called product requirements document (PRD)*.

BUSINESS REQUIREMENTS

High-level needs, including revenue, profitability, levels of service, and regulatory conformance, that are articulated by stakeholders to address business opportunities and problems and improve or replace inefficiencies within an organization. These needs are then translated into user requirements and often software requirements.

USER REQUIREMENT

Text based or modeled needs of the users, written from their point of view, and the ways the users will interact with the system. User requirements are critical for the translation of business requirements into system requirements or specifications.

USER REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT (URD)

A source of information capturing how to solve a user problem from the users' point of view that employees a variety of modeling and text based techniques to describe an expected resolution.

SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS

The highest level of requirements needed to describe a system and all of its subsystems including other software, other systems, hardware, and people.

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