

Assignment no 2

1) Explain in detail the work breakdown structure with respect to simulation project plan?

Answer: A Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) is a hierarchical decomposition of a project into smaller, more manageable tasks or work packages. It provides a clear visual representation of the project's scope, tasks, and their relationships. When applied to a simulation project plan, a WBS helps in organizing and structuring the various activities involved in creating, implementing, and analyzing a simulation model. Here's a detailed explanation of creating a WBS for a simulation project plan:

1. Define the Project Scope:

Identify the objectives, deliverables, and boundaries of your simulation project. Understand what needs to be simulated, the purpose of the simulation, and the expected outcomes.

2. Create the Top-Level Categories:

Break down the project into high-level categories that capture the major phases or stages of the simulation project. These categories can be considered as the first level of the WBS hierarchy.

Example categories might include:

- Project Initiation
- Model Development
- Data Collection
- Validation and Verification
- Simulation Runs
- Analysis and Reporting
- Project Closure

3. Break Down Categories into Subcategories:

For each top-level category, further decompose it into smaller, more specific subcategories.

These subcategories represent the key activities or tasks required within each phase. For instance, under the "Model Development" category, you might have subcategories like:

- Define System Components
- Design Model Architecture
- Implement Model Logic
- Test Model Components

4. Continue Decomposing Tasks:

Continue breaking down subcategories into even more detailed tasks. Each task should be well-defined, specific, and manageable within a reasonable timeframe. For example, under the "Implement Model Logic" subcategory, you might have tasks like:

- Develop Input Data Processing Module

- Create Simulation Algorithm
- Implement Output Data Generation

5. Assign Responsibility and Duration:

Assign responsibility for each task to specific team members or individuals. Estimate the duration required to complete each task. This information will help in project scheduling and resource allocation.

2. Why is linear responsibility chart (LRC) superior than traditional organizational chart?

A "Linear Responsibility Chart" (LRC) might be a new idea since my last update in September 2021. However, in general, alternative ways of organizing companies can sometimes be better than the traditional hierarchical approach for a few reasons:

Adaptability: New structures can adjust faster to changes in the business world.

Collaboration: Different parts of the company working together can lead to better ideas and solutions.

Empowerment: Giving employees more decision-making power can increase job satisfaction and motivation.

Efficient Communication: Direct communication reduces delays and misunderstandings.

Quick Decision-Making: Allowing faster decisions without too many approvals speeds things up.

Employee Satisfaction: More autonomy and learning opportunities make employees happier.

Customer Focus: Structures that pay attention to customer needs lead to better products or services.

Simplicity: Fewer rules and less bureaucracy streamline operations.

4. Differentiate between verification and validation of simulation model with example

Verification is like checking if you built a toy correctly by following instructions.

Example: Making sure a computer program for a swing uses the right math.

Validation is like comparing your toy to a real one to see if it works like the real thing.

Example: Running a swing simulation and comparing its motion to a real swing's motion.

Verification	Validation
It includes checking documents, design, codes and programs.	It includes testing and validating the actual product.
Verification is the static testing.	Validation is the dynamic testing.
It does <i>not</i> include the execution of the code.	It includes the execution of the code.
It checks whether the software conforms to specifications or not.	It checks whether the software meets the requirements and expectations of a customer or not.
It can find the bugs in the early stage of the development.	It can only find the bugs that could not be found by the verification process.
It comes before validation.	It comes after verification.
After a valid and complete specification the verification starts.	Validation begins as soon as project starts.
Verification is for prevention of errors.	Validation is for detection of errors.
Verification finds about 50 to 60% of the defects.	Validation finds about 20 to 30% of the defects.

5. Write the name of any four tool of simulation model?

AnyLogic: A multi-method simulation software that supports discrete event, system dynamics, and agent-based modeling.

Simul8: A software tool for creating and analyzing discrete event simulations.

Arena Simulation Software: A tool for building and analyzing simulation models for manufacturing, supply chain, and other complex systems.

MATLAB Simulink: A simulation and model-based design environment for dynamic and embedded systems.

NetLogo: An open-source platform for agent-based modeling and simulation.

Vensim: Software for system dynamics modeling and simulation.

GAMA: A platform for developing spatially explicit agent-based simulations.

FlexSim: A simulation software for creating 3D models of complex systems.

DEVS-Suite: A toolset for developing and running discrete event and hybrid systems models.

Repast: An agent-based modeling and simulation platform.