Applying PReP Model to the Service Development Process

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Background



Conventional service development process

We only had a basic framework for process definition

Analyze customer's business and identify issues

Develop services / systems

 As a result, the process and the method of each project were dependent upon the competence of the person in charge of the project



- Inconsistency occurred in quality of customer business analysis and quality of requirement definition
- Traceability between service contents and system requirements was not ensured

Background cont.



Issues in service requirements definition process

- The service being developed was difficult to understand by sales team, business team and system development team
- Excess and shortage of service functions occurred
- The quality of service developed was degraded

Issues in system development process

- Lack of man-hours and schedule delay occurred
- Redo and over budget occurred

About the Piloting Project



Project

 New service system development for shipping businesses in EU market

Objectives

- Improving service development processes
- Developing a new service to solve the customer's business issues and win a contract
- Ensure traceability between service contents and system requirements

Scope and Plan of process improvement

Apply PReP model based requirements development (RD) process

About PReP (Products Relationship Processes) Model

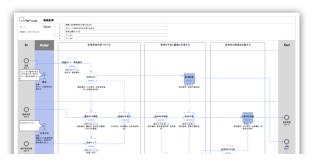


Category

Business process modeling method

Characteristics

- Products based and goal-oriented process modeling framework that provides:
 - > Business process analyzing and designing procedure
 - Problem-cause analysis and risk analysis method
- Generate IT system requirements from the designed business process model



Designed Business Process model







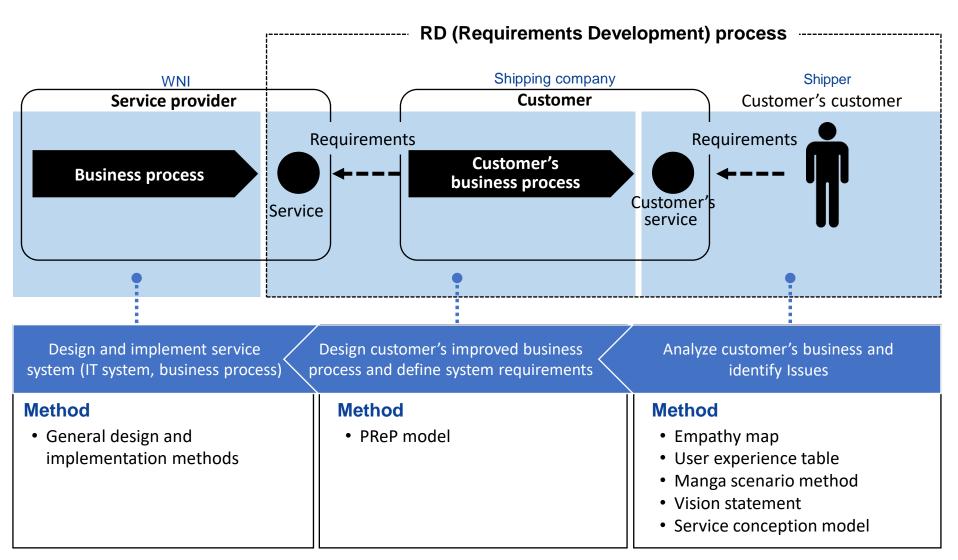
Requirements specifications for IT Systems



PReP Model-based RD Process



PReP-based RD process is designed goal-oriented



Applied Process and Methods



Previous process:

Analyze customer's business and identify Issues

- Target customer definition
- Service concept and overview

*Applied method depends on person

Develop services and systems

- Key Screen images
- Key functions list
- Operational images



Applied PReP model based RD process and methods:

Analyze customer's business and identify Issues

Design customer's improved business process and define system requirements

Develop services and systems

Applied methods

- Empathy map
- User experience table
- Manga scenario method
- Vision statement
- Service conception model

Applied methods

- PReP model based RD process;
 - Design a customer's business process when a new service will be applied
 - Define system requirements

Conventional process and methods

Project Results



Project duration

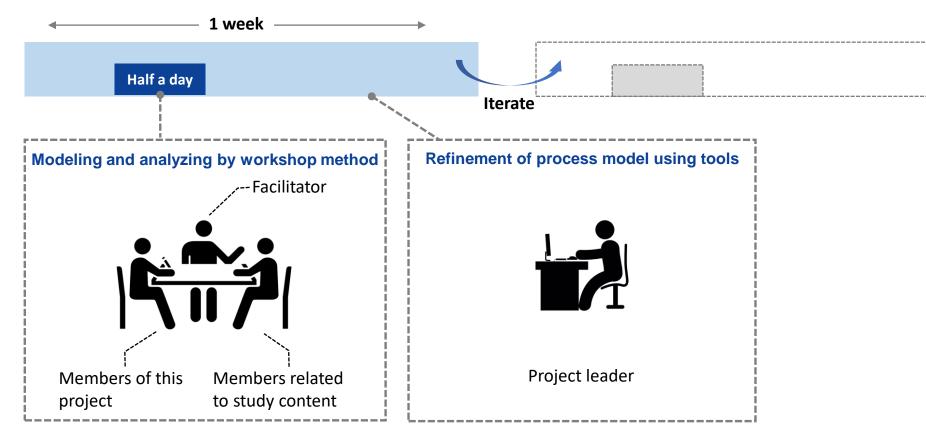
- Initially planned as a 4-months project from April 2016 to July 2016
- However, service scope was changed
- As a result, the project was extended for two months until September 2016

Project Results cont.



Process Implementation

- Workshop was held once a week
- RD process was implemented as an iteration of the collaboration and sophistication work



Project Results cont.



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Phase	Contents	Remarks, Sample	
Analyze customer's business and identify Issues	Empathy map	Modeling shipping company.	
	User experience table	Analyzing shipping company vs shipper and captain vs operator.	
	Manga scenario	Create scenario when new service is applied.	The second of th
	Vision statement	Define the goal of the new service.	Particle (and Particle Comments) A strong and particle Comments Particle Comments On 1
	Service conception model	Draw the new service concept image.	

Project Results cont.

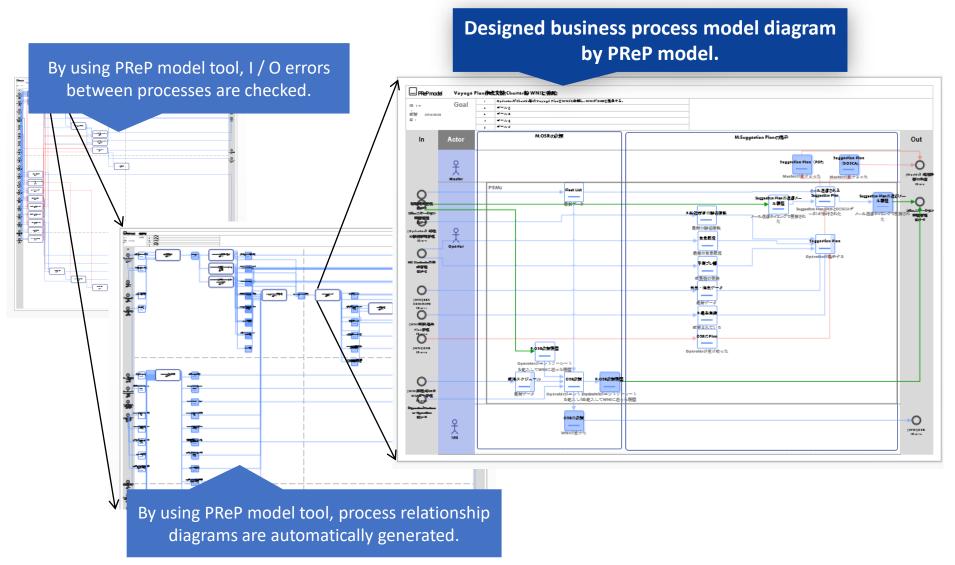


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Phase	Contents	Remarks, Sample
Design customer's improved business process and define system requirements	Customer's business process model	Two process areas and 20 business processes.
	System scope and system requirements Business requirement definition	System scope and system requirements, and business requirement definition ware generated from designed business process models.



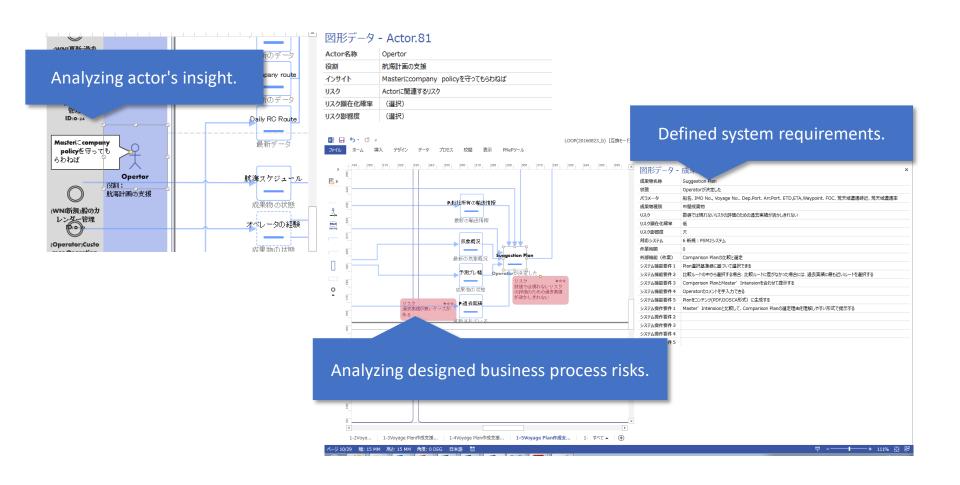
Designing business process model.



Example of Designed Business Process Model cont.



Analyzing designed business process risks and defined system requirements.



Applicability of this Method



Evaluation from the management viewpoint

- First, we were able to win the contract!
- We were able to think "market in", not "product out"
 - It was easy to explain the utility of new services to customers
- We were able to design the customer's business process when the new service was introduced
 - > It was easy to make decisions and build a consensus

Applicability of this Method cont.



Evaluation as service development process method

- We were able to grasp the overall picture of the service specification
 - Comprehensiveness of requirements was improved
- We were able to understand the service specification structurally from the viewpoint of customer process
 - More reliable feasibility study was done
- Developers were able to understand the function they implement as a relationship with the customer process
 - Specifications to be improved were proposed by developers themselves
- Participation of relevant business personnel in improving the quality of system requirements
 - High quality and reliable service was designed

Problems to be Solved



Problems when applying new service to customer

- Difficulty in implementing new service to the workers
 - New services will improve customer's business. However, in many cases it will request the workers to "change" the way of work
 - We should consider not only customer's business process improvements but also work level needs

Problems in applying this method

- Difficulty in modeling
 - It is difficult to think from the point of view of the product
- Difficulty of managing RD process and applying the method
 - Our organization depends on the competence of the people in the organization and not on the use of proven processes

Conclusions



- We applied the PReP model based requirement development process to the service development project
- This method was characterized by defining service system requirements by designing customer's business process
- The service developed by this method led to a new contract
- We were able to design high quality service that can improve customer's business process
- On the other hand, the difficulty of modeling and the problem of establishing processes to the organization remained

