



Terms of Reference For Design, Development of National Asset Valuation System for Valuation Department and Provincial Revenue Department

Introduction;

Use of integrated Land and Asset valuation system is vital need for both Valuation Department & Provincial Revenue Department, Western Province where departments have no centralize system to conduct Valuate Land and Assets in digital form. Digitized systems for both institutions which enable officers to asses Asset, properties and Lands which facilitates to the Government institutes as well as General Public. At present both Departments provides services to Government, semi-government institutions, general public including Provincial Councils and Local Authorities, in the Asset Valuation and Property Management.

Valuation Department (VD) has recognized require digitizes systems, which adhering to global standards and maintains high standard of service, in the same as to the Provincial Revenue Department, Western Province (PRD). Unavailability of field maps, other related information's can delay the daily work process of both institutions as paper base materials are in poor conditions.

Background;

Land valuation is the science of assessing the values of land properly. Valuation Department (VD) do not have integrated Managed information system and valuate properties, estimate and keep record of property in lands island wide. Processing Land valuation require proper experience of officers. Accurate valuation can be determining "Real Value" of the property which can be described as market value or benefit value.

Implement national level integrated system for Provincial Revenue Department (PRD) which enable assessor to asses Land and property, where applicants gain benefits of save time and cost. PRD able maintain online payment system to applications and digitized system for collect stamp duty for the valuate files.

Therefore availability of online Integrated Management Information System consist of Land and Assets valuation module that facilitates fast and easy access of information which facilitates land value factor based on current market economy which facilitate to other organizations.

1. Concise statement of the objectives;

The Department Valuation and Department of Revenue, Western Province intended is to implement a web based centralized Management Information system which will interconnect with the sub office island Wide. Valuer's in the VD and Assessors at DRW area will be able to minimize work overhead. The proposed system will be able to link with the main official web portal of VD website and DRW web site. New system will digitize internal processes and facilitates officers in the both institutions.

2. Objective of the Project

The key objectives of Land and Asset Valuation Information system,

- Maintain all records in integrated digital form in the central repository.
- To develop a national assets valuation system
- To increase the efficiency of assets valuation and its accuracy and reliability
- Monitor, evaluate, progress of the files

3. Scope of Work (System)

- 3.1 Conduct a system requirement verification study of the internal processes at both institutes.
- 3.2 Prepare a detail requirement study reports of the new MIS & Valuation system.
- 3.3 On completing the above, Submit a requirement verification report by after completing the above tasks. With the approval of ICTA Design and system should be develop.
- 3.4 Adherence to e-Government Policy of Sri Lanka [1].
- 3.5 Adherence to Web 2.0 concepts, open standards and Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) principles.
- 3.6 Adherence to LIFe standards [2].
- 3.7 Implement the system in collaboration with the SPA consultants appointed by ICTA, or review committee and facilitate 'Software Process Audit (SPA)' specified by ICTA. Refer Annex C.
- 3.8 The project source code will be maintained by the ICTA Source Code Management system (SCM)
- 3.9 Maintain all issues through Issue tracking system which maintains by ICTA.
- 3.10 Adopt a proper application publishing procedure to release the Land & Asset Valuation System (LAVS) to the both Departments during the deployment in production environments.
- 3.11 Participate for Project Review Committee meeting and Project Management Committee (PMC) Meetings as a member
- 3.12 Obtain User Acceptance (UAT) for the implemented processes.
- 3.13 Deploy the system to production environment through Lanka Government Cloud (LGC).
- 3.14 Provide support and maintenance service, for the period of one year.
- 3.15 Adhere to the Service Level Agreement, during the support and maintenance phase (SLA) indicated in Annex B.
- 3.16 Work collaboratively with ICTA, Valuation Department and Provincial Revenue Department throughout the tenure of the project duration.

Followings are the functional requirements at high level.
(Current scope of new LAVS with high-level planning)

- To make available real, up to date property transaction data for island wide.
- To implement optimum integrated Land and Asset valuation system to the department.
- To maintain all data, records by digital form in the central repository.
- Maintain geodetic network system for referencing maps to the officers.
- Online system consists of easy accessibility, to the general users and Department officers.
- System should provide customer oriented service by unified interface.
- Implement transparent property valuation system to the departments.
- Implement central data repository for Land and Asset valuation data Management.
- System should facilitate Reposts and information dashboards.

Functional requirement of Valuation Department (Land & Asset Valuation Module)	Western province Revenue Department (Land & Asset Valuation Module)
<p>Online application Requester (Government organization, Department, Local Authority, etc) able to submit an application via online to regional office or directly to secretariat division in the valuation department.</p>	<p>Notary registration module Qualified, registered notaries should register to the portal. BAR ID and Notary certified ID would be unique ID in the online application of the stamp duty file.</p>
<p>Regional Valuation (RV) RV will assess initial information and forwarding to district valuer.</p>	<p>Online Payment Online payment module facilitate applicant (Notary) to pay application fee via online system.</p>
<p>District Valuation (DV) District valuer conduct inspection and open a file regards to request. If DV noticed issues in the application, which will return to requester. Unless open a new file and forwarding to Management Assistant to process valuation to the property.</p>	<p>Application submission This module is for assign application to Assessor where a Tax officer verifies the application and the application fee before assigning to relevant Assessor.</p>
<p>Management Assistant (MA) Management Assistant processing the application and prepare valuation report. Assistant District valuer verifies and approves prepared report. Finalize report passing to RV. Calling fee also prepare by MA.</p>	<p>Assessment This module for collect information with regards to the job (Assessment), where Assessor conduct field visit.</p>
<p>Approval and escalation The escalation path to obtain approval for the application DCV > ACV > CV.</p>	<p>Objection Objection module able to receive objection for the finalized report from the applicant. System able to assign the file to assessor for re asses. The Deputy Commissioner main approver for the application.</p>
<p>Account Module Account module facilitates collect fees for valuation reports from the requester (Department, organization).</p>	<p>Stamp Duty collection This module is for receive payment to the bank and issue receipt. Able to obtain Daily, Monthly basis revenue reports.</p>

Valuation System This digitized module for process (calculate, asses, estimates, validate, etc) for all kind of land and Asset.	Certification This module is for certify the Assessment report and issue a copy to applicants and Land registry department.
Officer rating module Rating module for evaluate valuer by assigned workload. System able to add marks, to valuer, mesure progress of the assigned jobs. The System should able to evaluate officer by individual rate and the asses them by productivity.	Reports and Dashboard Every module should have reports and dashboards including ongoing status of the open file and officer who handle. Also payment received, revenue, etc..

** System Diagrams attached in the Annex D

Detailed requirements relating to above processes are documented in Business Process into detail levels such as main processes, sub processes, process components, steps and related forms.

4.1 Refer following Annexes which form a full and partial of the “Terms of Reference”.

Annex A - Non-Functional Requirements

Annex B - Service Level Agreement (SLA) for Support and Maintenance Services

Annex C - Software Project Audit Process

Annex D – Present High Level process diagrams of Valuation Department and Provincial Revenue Department.

4. Final outputs, Reporting Requirements, Time Schedule for Deliverables;

Project duration is **8 Months** including requirement Verification, Designing, Developing and Deploying the system.

Software firm is required to submit the following list of Deliverables for the Land and Asset valuation MIS project by Agile Basis.

No	Deliverables	Phase
5.1	Implementation Proposal 5.1.1 Detail Requirement study Report 5.1.2 Inception report 5.1.3 Requirement verification report 5.1.4 Implementation schedule 5.1.5 Acceptance criteria for the UAT 5.1.6 Proper maintenance of issues in the Issue tracking System	Inception
5.2	5.2.1 Design document 5.2.2 Data migration and integration plan (if applicable) 5.2.3 Release Management plan (including staging, production and support and maintenance) 5.2.4 Proper maintenance of issues in the Issue tracking System	Elaboration

5.3	5.3.1 Iteration one release note 5.3.2 Iteration two release note 5.3.3 Iteration three to sixth, release notes 5.3.4 Proper maintenance of source code in SCM for all three iterations 5.3.5 Proper maintenance of issues in the issue tracking System	Construction
5.4	5.4.1 Solutions deployment and installation guide 5.4.2 Online help and the User manual for back office application 5.4.3 Administrator Manual 5.4.4 Proper maintenance of issues in the Issue tracking System 5.4.5 Successful UAT acceptance of the system 5.4.6 Production deployment confirmation report	Transition

Refer http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IBM_Rational_Unified_Process for more information about RUP (Rational Unified Process) phases.

5. Qualifications of the Key Consultants;

Preferable Qualifications;

▪ System implementing Team

Key Professional Staff	Academic Qualification	Experience in the <u>PROPOSED ROLE</u>	Experience in working in SOA / web services / integration projects	Exposure SQA Process
Project Manager	B. Sc or equivalent	5 years	2 years	2 years
Software Architect	B. Sc or equivalent	3 years	2 years	2 years
Technical Lead	B. Sc or equivalent	2 years	1 years	2 years
Business Analyst	B. Sc or equivalent	3 years	1 years	2 years
Quality Assurance Lead	B. Sc or equivalent	2 years	1 years	2 years
Software Engineer	B. Sc or equivalent	3 years	1 years	2 years
Quality Assurance Engineer	B. Sc or equivalent	3 years	1 years	2 years
UI / UX Lead	B. Sc or equivalent	2 years	1 years	2 years
UI / UX Engineer	B. Sc or equivalent	3 years	1 years	2 years

▪ **Support and Maintenance team**

Key Professional Staff	Academic qualification	Experience in the <u>PROPOSED</u> <u>ROLE</u>	Experience in working in SOA / web services / integration projects	Exposure SQA Process
Technical Lead	B. Sc or equivalent	2 years	1 years	2 years
Support Engineer	B. Sc or equivalent	2 years	1 years	2 years

Services and Facilities Provided by ICTA

- Web-based access to the ICTA SCM system
- Designs of the existing system
- Access to staging/ production servers
- Issue Tracking System
- SQA dashboard

References:

- [1] eGovernment Policy Approved By Cabinet of Sri Lanka - <http://www.icta.lk/index.php/en/e-gouvernement-policy>
- [2] Lanka Interoperability Framework - <http://www.life.gov.lk/>

Review Committees and Review Procedures

The Software Development Service Provider is required to work closely with the ICTA Technology Team and the Software Process Audit (SPA) consultants or the review committees such as SAGE – Software Architecture Group of Experts.

All versions of deliverables will be reviewed by/either the SPA consultants, SAGE, or ICTA Technology Team.

All the deliverables should be verified and confirmed to be accurate and complete by the Project Implementation Committee (PIC) or the Project Management Committee (PMC). Deliverables must be formally endorsed by the PIC or PMC or CTO or Head of Technology Team.

Non-Functional Requirements

1. Workflow based operations

A workflow is activated when an initiating event occurs. The workflow would guide a user in actioning an event. It would define the requirements to initiate a workflow. Once initiated, the processing should be controlled as to the sequence of activities, and the officers who execute it.

Some key terms and concepts of workflow based operations are:

- **Task:** Work performed to effect a single change. A workflow would consist of several tasks. In workflow construction, the task definition is a template for action. The task must be associated with an actual event in order to carry out the action.

- **Activated Task:** When an action is required, and a task is associated with a specific item which must be actioned, the task is instantiated and a single instance of the task is created. It is the instance of a task (ie- Activated Task) which can be executed. (Note: This is not a standard workflow term, and has been adopted for clarity).

- **Work Item:** A workflow-item moving through a work process. A work item would be associated with a single instance of a workflow, and Activated Tasks within the workflow.

Refer Annexure A1.1 for more supporting services

2. Security

3.

1. User authentication and authorization

An administrative application need to be developed wherever applicable.

2. Availability

The system should be developed to ensure “High Availability” to remain the system available all the time. (E.g. Portlets clustering capability should be taken into consideration in the development)

3. Non-repudiation

The system should ensure non-repudiation by having standard audit-trails and provisions to have WS-Security using digital signatures.

4. Audit Facilities

Wherever applicable, an audit trail of all activities must be maintained. On a service or operation being initiated, the system should log the event, creating a basic ‘audit log entry’. It should not be possible for the operation to be executed without the log entry being made.

The information recorded in the audit trail depends on the type of activity which takes place. Each service would be responsible for logging detailed information. The different types of operations are -

1. Data Capture & Maintenance
2. Creation of an entry / item
3. Modification of an item
4. Deletion
5. Control (or status change)
6. Process execution
7. Data synchronization
8. Print (only selected item)
9. Retrieval
10. Monitor

Detail logging may be enabled or disabled for each type of operation, and/or for each business object. It should be possible to configure which attributes of a data item should be traced at the detail level. Tracing of some attributes may be considered mandatory, and they should not be turned off.

5. Backup and Contingency Planning

The main contingencies that should be considered and the training with regards to these shall be given to the relevant staff -

11. Equipment failure
12. Physical / natural Disaster
13. Messaging or communication facilities.
14. Changes in operations and policy
15. Sudden absence of key personnel
16. Breach in Security

Automatic Backups daily, weekly and monthly should be taken. All the backup procedures and backups needs to be tested regularly for restoration.

6. Performance

Following performance criteria is provided as a guideline only. If the actual performance is falling below the stipulated figures, the consultant is to justify the reasons. However, the performance level must be accepted by the technical evaluation committee appointed by the client.

The bandwidth is assumed at 512kbps (shared) 20 concurrent users (50% load factor) in total.

Item	Performance
Screen Navigation: field-to-field	< 10 milliseconds
Screen Navigation: screen-to-screen	< 5 seconds
Screen Refresh	< 3 seconds
Screen list box, combo box	< 3 seconds
Screen grid – 25 rows, 10 columns	< 5 seconds
Report preview – (all reports) – initial page view (if asynchronous)	< 60 seconds in most instances. It is understood that complicated / large volume reports may require a longer period
Simple enquiry – single table, 5 fields, 3 conditions – without screen rendering	< 5 seconds for 100,000 rows
Complex enquiry – multiple joined table (5), 10 fields, 3 conditions – without screen rendering	< 8 seconds for 100,000 rows
Server side validations / computations	< 10 milliseconds
Client side validations / computations	< 1 millisecond
Batch processing (if any) per 100 records	< 120 seconds
Login, authentication, and verification	< 3 seconds
Daily backups (@ Dept.) – max duration	1 hour (on-line preferred)
Total Restore (@Dept) – max duration	4 hours

SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT *for* SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES

1 Introduction

The aim of this agreement is to provide a basis for close co-operation between the Client and the Consultant for support and maintenance services to be provided by the Consultant, thereby ensuring a timely and efficient support service is available. The objectives of this agreement are detailed in Section 1.1.

This agreement is contingent upon each party knowing and fulfilling their responsibilities and generating an environment conducive to the achievement and maintenance of targeted service levels.

1.1 Objectives of Service Level Agreements

- 1 To create an environment conducive to a cooperative relationship between Client, Consultant and Client's representatives (government organizations) to ensure the effective support of all end users.
- 2 To document the responsibilities of all parties taking part in the Agreement.
- 3 To define the commencement of the agreement, its initial term and the provision for reviews.
- 4 To define in detail the service to be delivered by each party and the level of service expected, thereby reducing the risk of misunderstandings.
- 5 To institute a formal system of objective service level monitoring ensuring that reviews of the agreement is based on factual data.
- 6 To provide a common understanding of service requirements/capabilities and of the principals involved in the measurement of service levels.
- 7 To provide for all parties to the Service Level Agreement a single, easily referenced document which caters for all objectives as listed above.

1.2 Service Level Monitoring

The success of Service Level Agreements (SLA) depends fundamentally on the ability to measure performance comprehensively and accurately so that credible and reliable information can be provided to customers and support areas on the service provided.

Service factors must be meaningful, measurable and monitored constantly. Actual levels of service are to be compared with agreed target levels on a regular basis by both Client and Consultant. In the event of a discrepancy between actual and targeted service levels both Client and Consultant are expected to identify and resolve the reason(s) for any discrepancies in close co-operation.

Service level monitoring will be performed by Client. Reports will be produced as and when required and forwarded to the Consultant.

1.3 Support Levels

The consultant must provide support and maintenance services during Support Levels mentioned below;

Support Level: High

Component/ Service	Core Components of Lanka Gate
Support Hours	24 hours a day, all days in the week (including public and mercantile holidays)

Support Level: Medium

Component/ Service 1	Government Interface and related backend services (deployed at Government organization site)
Support Hours	From 08:00 AM to 05:00 PM Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays)

Component/ Service 2	For front-end portlets and supporting back-end applications (web services, etc.. deployed at Lanka Government Cloud (LGC))
Support Hours	From 08:00 AM to 09:00 PM, all days in the week (including public and mercantile holidays)

1.4 On-Call Services Requirements

Consultant MUST make at least ONE qualified personnel available to the Client by telephone and email for the reporting and resolution of non-conformities or other issues, defects or problems. Dedicated telephone numbers and emails should be available for reporting issues. Client will nominate the personnel who are authorized to report non-conformities or other problems with the system from the departments. Reporting of non-conformities includes requests by the Client to apply critical software updates or patches.

Table-1 shows the response priority assigned to faults according to the perceived importance of the reported situation and the required initial telephone response times for the individual priority ratings. All times indicated represent telephone response time during specified Support Levels. The indicated telephone response time represents the maximum delay between a fault/request being reported and a Consultant's representative contacting the Client by telephone. The purpose of this telephone contact is to notify the Client of the receipt of the fault/request and provide the Client with details of the proposed action to be taken in respect of the particular fault/request.

Support Level	Business Critical	Business Critical	Non-Business Critical	Non-Business Critical
	Fatal	Impaired	Fatal	Impaired
High	60 minutes within Support Hours	90 minutes within Support Hours	90 minutes within Support Hours	120 minutes within Support Hours
Medium	120 minutes within Support Hours	150 minutes within Support Hours	150 minutes within Support Hours	180 minutes within Support Hours

Table-1: Response Priority

Note:

- Fatal - Total system inoperability
- Impaired - Partial system inoperability
- Business Critical - Unable to perform core business functions
- Non-Business Critical - Able to perform limited core business functions

Consultant notification can occur outside Support Level time, and thus the response may occur after the next Support Level begins. Furthermore, “Time to Arrive On-Site (Table-3)” starts from Support Level starting time and “Time to Resolve the Problem” is Support Level time starting from the actual time of arrival on site.

1.5 Problem Resolution and Penalties

If problems have not been corrected within two (2) hours of the initial contact, the Consultant shall send qualified maintenance personnel to the respective Client’s site to take necessary actions to correct the issue reported (defect, problem or non-conformity).

If faults are not corrected within the time limits specified in the Table-2, the Client shall be entitled to a penalty payment for each hour that the Consultant fails to resolve the fault.

Maximum ceiling of penalty for a given month is 10% of the monthly support and maintenance price.

The time to arrive on-site is specified in the Table-3.

Support Level	Business Critical	Business Critical	Non-Business Critical	Non-Business Critical
	Fatal	Impaired	Fatal	Impaired
High	6 Hours LKR 5,000.00 per hour	10 Hours LKR 3,000.00 per hour	10 Hours LKR 3,000.00 per hour	15 Hours LKR 2,000.00 per hour
Medium	8 Hours LKR 5,000.00 per hour	12 Hours LKR 3,000.00 per hour	12 Hours LKR 3,000.00 per hour	20 Hours LKR 2,000.00 per hour

Table-2: Resolution Time and Penalties

Support Level	Business Critical	Business Critical	Non-Business Critical	Non-Business Critical
	Fatal	Impaired	Fatal	Impaired
High	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
Medium	2 Hours	3 Hours	3 Hours	5 Hours

Table-3: Time to arrive on-site

Software Project Audit Process

Information and Communication Technology Agency of Sri Lanka

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

Purpose of this document is to describe the Software Project Audit Process which is capable of auditing and ensuring the quality of different activities carried out throughout a software project life-cycle. The main purpose of this process is to provide much higher level of confidence in the quality of the deliverables received by the client from the developer. The quality level of the audited activity is presented using a measurement technique called metrics.

The process should be followed by both the development team and the Software Project Audit team to derive their own metrics to measure the quality status of a software product in its life cycle. Eventually, the trend analysis of such metrics can be used to identify any potential project issues or failures and to come up with solutions.

This document explains several guidelines which can be used within the audit process for project progress calculation and mapping payment milestones with project deliverables or and project artifact reviews to effectively manage the project.

Further, the document contrasts the Software Project Audit process from typical software development life cycle and illustrates how it has been automated by integrating several testing tools and testing methodologies as well as embedding best industry standards.

1.2 Scope

Scope of this document is to provide an insight about the Software Project Audit Process, importance of metrics, analysis of metrics, automated process of metric generation, skills required to generate certain metrics, guideline for project progress calculation, guideline for mapping payment milestones with deliverables and guideline for Review of Project artifacts.

1.3 Definitions, Acronyms and Abbreviations

Acronym	Definition
AQI	Architecture Quality Index
AD	Architectural Design
CQI	Code Quality Index
DD	Defect Density
DQI	Design Quality Index
DSI	Defect Severity Index
ISI	Issue Severity Index
PERI	Project Execution Readiness Index
RCI	Requirement Clarity Index
SPA	Software Project Audit
SR	Software Requirement
TTEI	Tasks Tracking Efficiency Index
TR	Transfer
UAT	User Acceptance Test
OAT	Operational Acceptance Test

2. Process Overview

It is often said that if something cannot be measured, it cannot be managed or improved. There is immense value in measurement, but you should always make sure that you get one value out of any measurement that you are doing.

What is a Metric?

It is a standard of measurement which can be used to measure the software quality. It gives a confidence in the software product. They are typically the providers of the visibility of the software product you need.

Why Measure?

When used appropriately, metrics can aid in software development process improvement by providing pragmatic, objective evidence of process change initiatives. Although metrics are gathered during the test effort, they can provide measurements of many different activities performed throughout a project. In conjunction with root cause analysis, test metrics can be used to quantitatively track issues from points of occurrence throughout the development process. In addition, when metrics information is accumulated, updated and reported on a consistent and regular basis, it ensures that trends can be promptly captured and evaluated.

What to Measure?

When considering the metric driven process, it can be divided into two parts. The first part is to collect data, and the second is to prepare metrics/charts and analyze them to get the valuable insight which might help in decision making. Information collected during the software development process can

help in:

- Finding the relation between data points
- Correlating cause and effect
- Input for future planning

Normally, the metric driven process involves certain steps which are repeated over a period of time. It starts with identifying what to measure. After the purpose is known, data can be collected and converted into the metrics. Based on the analysis of these metrics appropriate action can be taken, and if necessary metrics can be refined and measurement goals can be adjusted for the better. Data presented by Development/testing team, together with their opinion, normally decides whether a product will go into client or not. So it becomes very important for Development team/test teams to present data and opinion in such a way that data looks meaningful to everyone, and decision can be taken based on the data presented. Every software project should be measured for its schedule and the quality requirement for its release. There are lots of charts and metrics that we can use to track progress and measure the quality requirements of the release. In Figure 1.0 shows some of main metrics which can be derived at specific level of the software development life-cycle.

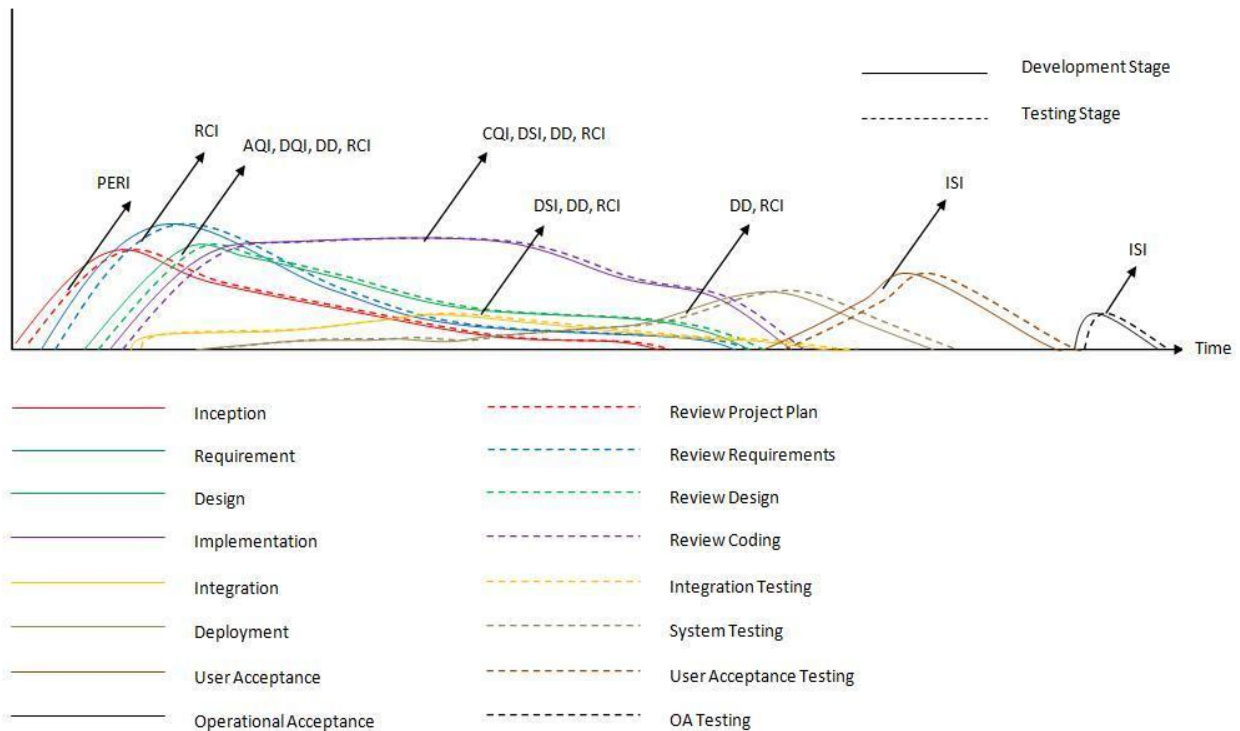


Figure 1.0 - Various Metrics derived at different levels of SD process

2.1 Metrics in Brief

Metric	Purpose
<p>Project Execution Readiness Index (PERI)</p>	<p>This Proposed index at requirements stage is derived based on quality of the documents involve with this phase. The main Documents involve in this phase are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * User Requirements Document * Acceptance test plans * Project management plan for the SR phase * Configuration management plan for the SR phase * Verification and validation plan for the SR phase * Quality assurance plan for the SR phase <p>When reviewing , reviewers can verify the document by checking its content with a checklist. Each of these content in a checklist is categorized under their Severity to the System. All defects in those contents should be logged in a defect tracking system. Finally, index can be derived as;</p> <p>Weighted average of the total number of Open Issues in the product detected till date against all categories (Blocker (B), Critical (C), Major (Ma), Normal (N), Minor (Mi), Trivial(T)).</p> <p>Metric: $\frac{(B*162 + C*54 + Ma*18 + N*6 + Mi*2+ T)*10}{\text{Total weight (162+54+18+6+2+1)}}$</p> <p>Note: Can be calculated based on the review cycles</p>
<p>Requirements Clarity/Change Index(RCI)</p>	<p>This index measures following two criteria relevant to requirements</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Requirements Clarity <p>This is the proposed index is at Specification Stage which should indicate how well each member of the Software development team comprehend the requirements and also indicates How well the requirements are cleared for Software Development Team.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Requirement Changes <p>Requirement changes may be arisen at any stage of a project. Therefore, this index should be continued till UAT phase of a project and all the requirement</p>

	<p>changes arisen during that period should be captured under this index.</p> <p>The index indicates, weighted average of the total number of Open Issues in the product detected till date against all categories (Blocker (B), Critical (C), Major (Ma), Normal (N), Minor (Mi), Trivial(T)).</p> <p>Metric: $\frac{(B*162 + C*54 + Ma*18 + N*6 + Mi*2+ T)*10}{\text{Total weight (162+54+18+6+2+1)}}$</p> <p>Note: Can be calculated based on the review cycles.</p>
<p>Architectural Quality Index (AQI)</p>	<p>Testing indicator for Architectural design level. The main documents of the AD phase are;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Architectural Design Document (ADD); *Software Project Management Plan for the DD phase (SPMP/DD) *Software Configuration Management Plan for the DD phase (SCMP/DD) *Software Verification and Validation Plan for the DD Phase (SVVP/DD) *Software Quality Assurance Plan for the DD phase (SQAP/DD) *Integration Test Plan (SVVP/IT) <p>When reviewing , reviewers can verify the document by checking its content with a checklist. Each of these content in a checklist is categorized under their Severity to the System. All defects in those contents should be logged in a defect tracking system. Finally, index can be derived as;</p> <p>Weighted average of the total number of Open Issues in the product detected till date against all categories (Blocker (B), Critical (C), Major (Ma), Normal (N), Minor (Mi), Trivial(T)).</p> <p>Metric: $\frac{(B*162 + C*54 + Ma*18 + N*6 + Mi*2+ T)*10}{\text{Total weight (162+54+18+6+2+1)}}$</p> <p>Note: Can be calculated based on the review cycles</p>
<p>Design Quality Index (DQI)</p>	<p>This is the Index proposed at Detailed Design Level.</p> <p>Should define a quality index (DQI) to measure and evaluate the quality of the Detailed Design based on the quality of the documents involve with the Detailed Design phase. The main documents of the AD phase are the;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Detailed Design Document (DDD) *Software User Manual (SUM)

	<p>*Software Project Management Plan for the TR phase (SPMP/TR) *Software Configuration Management Plan for the TR phase (SCMP/TR) *Software Quality Assurance Plan for the TR phase (SQAP/TR) *Acceptance Test specification (SVVP/AT)</p> <p>When reviewing , reviewers can verify the document by checking its content with a checklist. Each of these content in a checklist is categorized under their Severity to the System. All defects in those contents should be logged in a defect tracking system. Finally, index can be derived as;</p> <p>Weighted average of the total number of Open Issues in the product detected till date against all categories (Blocker (B), Critical (C), Major (Ma), Normal (N), Minor (Mi), Trivial(T)).</p> <p>Metric: $\frac{(B*162 + C*54 + Ma*18 + N*6 + Mi*2+ T)*10}{\text{Total weight (162+54+18+6+2+1)}}$</p> <p>Note: Can be calculated based on the review cycles</p>
Code Quality index (CQI)	<p>- Indicates how well the software codes are written and maintained. - To be derived using considering multiple aspects. This will be decided in project execution. - Index can be derived as;</p> <p>Weighted average of the total number of Open Issues in the product detected till date against all categories (Blocker (B), Critical (C), Major (Ma), Normal (N), Minor (Mi), Trivial(T)).</p> <p>Metric: $\frac{(B*162 + C*54 + Ma*18 + N*6 + Mi*2+ T)*10}{\text{Total weight (162+54+18+6+2+1)}}$</p>
Defect Density (DD)	<p>- Number of defects per unit size of the application (KLOC) - Calculated end of each drop cycle. - The Number of Known Defects is the count of total defects identified against a particular software entity, during a particular time period - Size is a normalizer that allows comparisons between different software entities (i.e modules, releases, products). Size is typically counted either in Lines of Code or Function Points.</p>

Defect Severity Index (DSI)	<p>- Indicates application stability</p> <p>- Weighted average of the total number of Open Defects in the product detected till date against all categories (Blocker (B), Critical (C), Major (Ma), Normal (N), Minor (Mi), Trivial(T)).</p> <p>Metric: $\frac{(B*162 + C*54 + Ma*18 + N*6 + Mi*2+ T)*10}{\text{Total weight (162+54+18+6+2+1)}}$</p> <p>Note: Calculated weekly and delivered by drop</p>
Issue Severity Index (ISI)	<p>During the User Acceptance Test(UAT) time issues can be arisen. All those issues should be logged in UAT documentation as well as in the bug tracking System.</p> <p>- Weighted average of the total number of Open issues in the product arisen during the UAT period against all categories (Blocker (B), Critical (C), Major (Ma), Normal (N), Minor (Mi), Trivial(T)).</p> <p>Metric: $\frac{(B*162 + C*54 + Ma*18 + N*6 + Mi*2+ T)*10}{\text{Total weight (162+54+18+6+2+1)}}$</p>
Defect Category	<p>attribute of the defect in relation to the quality attributes of the product. Quality attributes of a product include functionality, usability, documentation, performance, installation, stability ,compatibility , internationalization etc. This metric can provide insight into the different quality attributes of the product. This metric can be computed by dividing the defects that belong to a particular category by the total number of defects.</p>
Defect Cause Distribution Chart	<p>This chart gives information on the cause of defects.</p>
Defect Distribution Across Components	<p>This chart gives information on how defects are distributed across various components of the system.</p>
Defect Finding Rate	<p>This chart gives information on how many defects are found across a given period. This can be tracked on a daily or weekly basis.</p>
Defect Removal	<p>The number of defects that are removed per time unit (hours/days/weeks).</p>

Efficiency	Indicates the efficiency of defect removal methods, as well as indirect measurement of the quality of the product. Computed by dividing the effort required for defect detection, defect resolution time and retesting time by the number of defects. This is calculated per test type, during and across test phases.
Effort Adherence	As % of what is committed in contract. Provides a measure of what was estimated at the beginning of the project vs. the actual effort taken. Useful to understand the variance (if any) and for estimating future similar projects.
Number of Defects	The total number of defects found in a given time period/phase/test type that resulted in software or documentation modifications. Only accepted defects that resulted in modifying the software or the documentation are counted.
Review Efficiency	# of defects detected /LOC or pages reviewed per day
Test Case Effectiveness	The extent to which test cases are able to find defects. This metric provides an indication of the effectiveness of the test cases and the stability of the software. Ratio of the number of test cases that resulted in logging defects vs. the total number of test cases.
Test Case Execution Statistics	This metric provides an overall summary of test execution activities. This can be categorized by build or release, module, by platform (OS, browser, locale etc.).
Test Coverage	Defined as the extent to which testing covers the product's complete functionality. This metric is an indication of the completeness of the testing. It does not indicate any thing about the effectiveness of the testing. This can be used as a criterion to stop testing. Coverage could be with respect to requirements, functional topic list, business flows, use cases, etc. It can be calculated based on the number of items that were covered vs. the total number of items.
Test Effort Percentage	The effort spent in testing, in relation to the effort spent in the development activities, will give us an indication of the level of investment in testing. This information can also be used to estimate similar projects in the future. This metric can be computed by dividing the overall test effort by the total project effort.

Traceability Metric	Traceability is the ability to determine that each feature has a source in requirements and each requirement has a corresponding implemented feature. This is useful in assessing the test coverage details.
Scope Changes	The number of changes that were made to the test scope (scope creep). indicates requirements stability or volatility, as well as process stability. Ratio of the number of changed items in the test scope to the total number of items
Task Tracking Efficiency Index (TTEI)	This index indicates the average time taken to attend to general project tasks. $TTEI = \frac{\sum \text{Time taken to attend task}}{\sum \text{open task}}$

Table 1.0 – Metrics

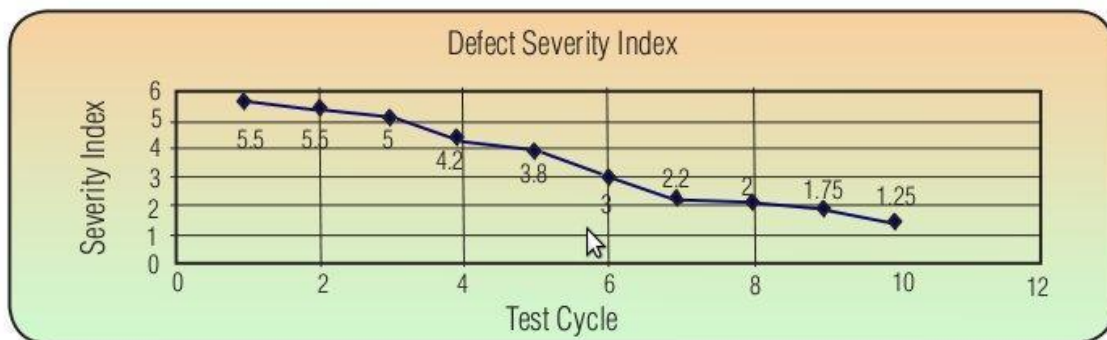
2.2 Metrics Analysis

Much as the time is spent gathering or maintaining metrics, enough time should be spent to review and interpret on a regular basis throughout the test effort, particularly after the application is released into production. During review meetings, the project team should closely examine all available data and use that information to determine the root cause of identified problems. It is important to look at several metrics, as this will allow the project team to have a more complete picture of what took place during a test.

Let's assume that as part of the SPA Process, the following metrics are collected by the SPA team.

Metric	Purpose
Defect Severity Index	Weighted average index of the Severity of defects. A higher severity defect gets a higher weight. S1 is a show stopper, S2 is high severity, S3 is medium & S4 is low. Ideally, this should slope down as test cycles progress.

For instance, if the test team has generated the following metrics:



Looking at the graphs one can safely deduce the followings;

Defect Severity Index Trend:

What does the graph indicate? The defect severity index is sloping down consistently. This indicates an increasingly favorable trend. As the test cycle progresses (from cycle 1 to cycle 10), the severity index is sloping which suggests increasing quality of the application (as lesser number of critical and high severity defects are being reported).

This is what it could mean: While a fall in the defect severity index is definitely a good trend, looking at this index in isolation could be misleading. Following factors need to be considered in order to have a meaningful analysis.

Number of defects logged - let us consider an example where the test team executed two cycles of testing (assuming other things as constant). The number of defects logged against each of these cycles along with the calculated severity index is shown below.

Number of Defects		
Defect Severity	Cycle 1(# of defects)	Cycle 2(# of defects)
s1	5	5
s2	10	15
s3	50	30
s4	100	100
Severity Index	1.52	1.50

At first thoughts, when we compare cycle 1's Severity Index with cycle 2's Severity Index, cycle 2 looks to be favorable (as the severity index is lower). If you go into the details of the number of defects logged and their severity, the picture turns out to be the opposite. While the total number of Severity 1 and Severity 2 defects for cycle 1 is 15, the number of Severity 1 and Severity 2 defects for cycle 2 is 20. In terms of quality, cycle 1 is better than cycle 2 as cycle 1 has lesser number of high severity defects (though the total number of defects logged in cycle 1 is more than cycle 2 defects and the severity index is greater than cycle 2 severity index). Test coverage has a similar impact. A lower test coverage coupled with reducing severity index would not be a healthy trend.

Severity of Defects		
Defect Severity	Cycle 1(# of defects)	Cycle 2(# of defects)
s1	4	0
s2	4	0
s3	42	75
s4	27	2
Severity Index	1.81	2.03

- **Defect Severity** - let's consider another example where the test team executed two cycles

of testing (assuming other things as constant). The severity of defects logged against each of these cycles along with the calculated severity index is shown below.

Looking at the severity index, it looks like cycle 1 is better than cycle 2 (as the severity index is low for cycle 1 compared to cycle 2). However, cycle 2 is better than cycle 1 as total number of Severity 1 and Severity 2 defects is zero compared to a total of 8 severity 1 and severity 2 defects of cycle 1. Just because the severity index is low, do not believe the quality of the application is better than the earlier cycle.

3. Process Automation

In following section describes about the testing methodologies, process and tools to be used while automating the typical software development life-cycle in order to deriving the metrics.

3.1 Testing Methodology

According to the automated testing process, every development activity is mirrored by a test activity. The testing process follows a well-proven testing methodology called W-model. Following Figure-2.0 explains, the way of testing activities of W-model involve with the standard software development life-cycle.

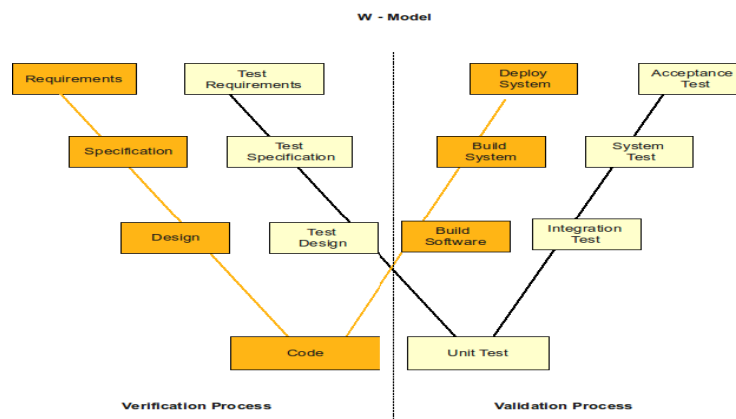


Figure 2.0 – The W-model

While the execution of the project, either developers or SPA team can generate the related metrics.

3.2 Skills required to generate Metrics

During the different stages of a software project, several roles and parties will be involved with development, reviewing and testing activities. In Figure 3.0 shows the different stages of a software project, the main activities which should perform during those stages, the roles/parties should involve and the metrics which derive and maintain in those stages.

Stage	Inception	Requirements	Architecture	Detail Design	Coding	Testing	System Integration	UAT	OAT
Activity	Review Test Plan & Project Plan	Requirement Verification	Architectural Review	Detail Design Review & Review Test Cases	Code Review	Unit Testing & Functional Testing	Performance Testing, Integration Testing & Security Testing	User Acceptance Testing	Operational Acceptance Testing
Index	PERI	RCI	AQI & RCI	DQI, DD & RCI	CQI, DSI, DD & RCI	DSI, DD, RCI & UT Report	Performance Test Results, Security Test results	RCI, ISI & UAT Report	ISI & OAT Report
Skills Required	QA Lead	Business Analyst & Architect	Architect	Designer & Architect	Code Reviewer	QA Team & Code Reviewer (Engineers)	QA Team / Engineers	Project Owner(Client)	Project Manager

Figure 3.0 - Skills required to generate Metrics

3.3 Process of Setting-up a Metric

The Figure-4.0 explains the life-cycle of a Metric or the process involved in setting up the metrics:

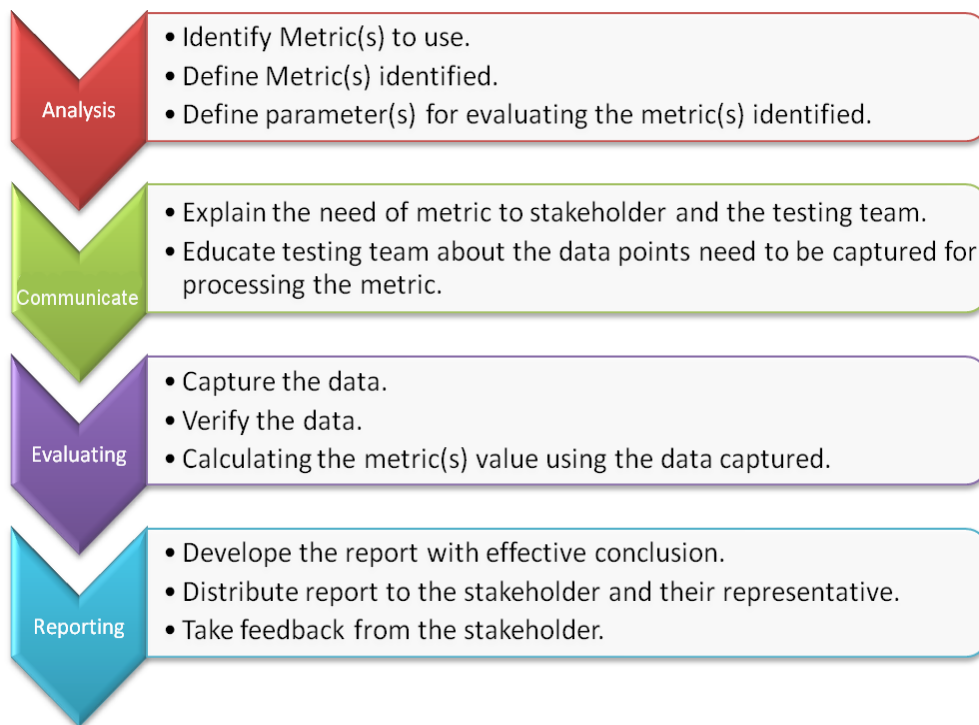


Figure 4.0 - Metrics Life-Cycle

When implementing this process, several testing tools and techniques will be used along with the automated testing process in order to generating, maintaining and evaluating the metrics derived at specific level of the Software development life-cycle.

3.4 Integration of testing tools/process

Below you find a list of tools /process which will be used when automating the typical SD life-cycle suits to the Software Project Audit Process.

- **Fagan inspection** - Fagan Inspection defines a process as a certain activity with a pre-specified entry and exit criteria. Activities for which Fagan Inspection can be used are:
 - Requirement specification
 - Software/Information System architecture (for example DYA)
 - Programming (for example for iterations in XP or DSDM)
 - Software testing (for example when creating test scripts)
- **Cruise Control** – It is both a continuous integration tool and an extensible framework for creating a custom continuous build process. It includes dozens of plug-ins for a variety of source controls, build technologies, and notifications schemes including

email and instant messaging. A web interface provides details of the current and previous builds.

- **Bug-zilla** - It is a Web-based general-purpose defect tracking and testing tool.
- **SVN** - It is a revision control system which use Subversion to maintain current and historical versions of files such as source code, web pages, and documentation.
- **Git** - Git is a **free & open source, distributed version control system** designed to handle everything from small to very large projects with speed and efficiency.
- **SCM** - For Configuration identification and Identifying configurations, configuration items and baselines. Also for Configuration control ,Configuration status accounting and Configuration auditing
-

3.5 Displaying Metrics –The Dashboard

The Dashboard is the interface to help project teams to visualize their project statuses by several indexes. And also it could be used to displaying the test results of specific tests carried by the SPA team who responsible for the given project. As an example; in Figure 5.0 displays the current status of the project with its estimated effort against the predicted effort.

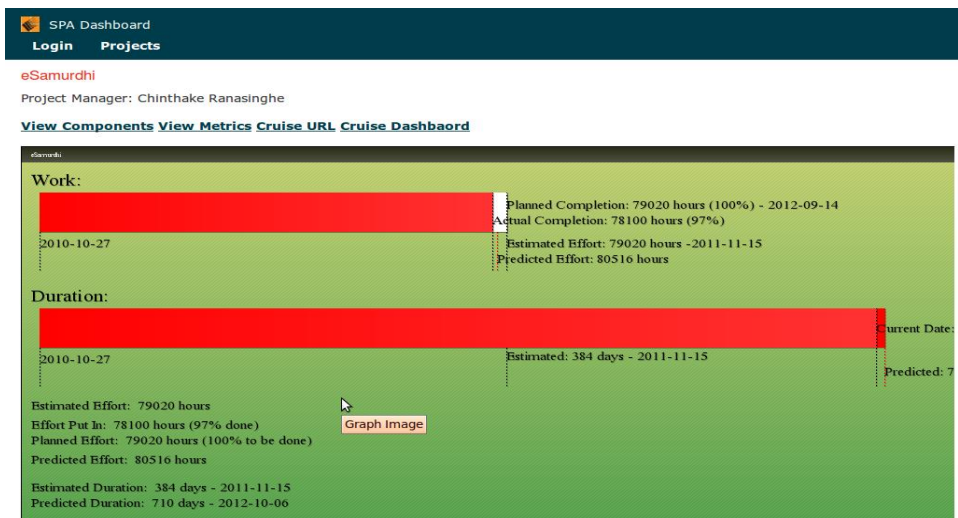


Figure 5.0 – SPA Dashboard view

High Level process flow of Provincial Revenue Department

