REQUIREMENTS ELICITATION FRAMEWORK FOR CLOUD APPLICATIONS

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Abstract— Requirements elicitation helps in identifying the customers and stakeholders requirements in constructing software or a system. In this paper, literature survey is performed for the challenges and issues in different elicitation methods. From literature survey it is clear that there is no relevant Elicitation Topic Map [1] for specific system and application domains. No standardized elicitation methods for cloud providers [2]. Large scale distributed software projects [3] suffer information overload, inadequate stakeholder input prioritization of requirements. The paper presents a Requirements elicitation framework for cloud applications. The framework uses Social networks for identifying and analysing stakeholders. The framework also combines storytelling method and audio technologies for eliciting requirements. Finally Elicitation Topic Map (ETM) is developed for cloud applications.

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INTRODUCTION

Requirements elicitation is the product building action in which stakeholder needs are comprehended [1]. It plans to distinguish the reason for which the product framework is planned [3]. It includes distinguishing stakeholders and prioritizing them focused around their impact in the task. It likewise includes distinguishing prerequisites from these stakeholders furthermore prioritizing their requirements.

Requirements stage is considered as a standout amongst the most noteworthy periods of the product advancement lifecycle. It incorporates the assignments of Elicitation, Analysis, Documentation, Acceptance and Management. The wide goal of this stage is to gather requirements of the framework to be manufacture. More particularly, RE is a methodology to dissect the stakeholders and their needs, reason and noteworthiness of framework advancement [1].

It has been observed that numerous requirements related slips are skipped to the later periods of the advancement life cycle what's more determining these blunders amid or after the usage of programming unnecessarily expands the expense and endeavors. This is the point, which reinforces the way that the more consideration should be paid towards requirements elicitation on the grounds that accepting obscure requirements from clients may prompt off base planning and in addition coding, which could be insufferable to resolve later on.

The achievement or disappointment of a framework improvement relies on upon the nature of the requirements [2]. The nature of the requirements is astonishingly impacted by strategy dynamic amid requirements elicitation in light of the fact that elicitation is the procedure of gathering the needs of clients, and imparting those needs to framework masters [3]. Requirements elicitation is a genuine period of the RE process, generally emulated by investigation further more detail, coordination and approval of the requirements. The principle reason for this procedure is to group the framework restrictions and determine the productive and open properties of a framework. The accomplishment of this procedure bases on perceiving the suitable stakeholders from diverse foundation and deciding their needs. It is an exceptional key to incorporate the all stakeholders in data assembling overall certain perspectives are never uncovered. There are number of inconveniences in accomplishing the requirements elicitation objectives [3].

Data over-burden is certain in enormous ventures. These activities have a tendency to have numerous stakeholders and requirements. Existing strategies for requirements elicitation require escalated cooperation with the stakeholders, for instance, through face to face gatherings, meetings, conceptualizing sessions, and Centre gatherings [1]. These techniques fail to offer intends to deal with the data evoked from stakeholders. All things considered, the systems neglect to scale to huge activities with hundreds, thousands, or even many thousands of stakeholders [4]. Experts battle to utilize these techniques in vast tasks. Definitely, stakeholders are precluded and their requirements ignored. Clients get to be baffled when the product neglects to address their needs. Clients who pay for the task pay for the missteps [5].

Deficient stakeholder information is brought about by insufficient stakeholder determination. Precluding stakeholders is one of the most basic slip-ups in programming designing [6]. Existing stakeholder investigation systems are prone to ignore stakeholders [7]. Likewise, stakeholders are regularly inspected amid requirements elicitation [8]. As requirements are evoked from stakeholders, precluding stakeholders brings about missing requirements, which thus prompts the wrong item being fabricated.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews requirements elicitation procedure. Section 3 describes literature work. Section 4 describes proposed framework. Section 5 concludes.

REQUIREMENT ELICITATION PROCEDURE

A. Knowing the Application Area

It is paramount when starting the procedure of requirements elicitation to investigate the circumstances profoundly in which the framework will occur. The current foundation requirements to be completely investigated including the authoritative, structural, what's more aggregate viewpoints identified with the framework, Existing work procedures and the related issues to be unravelled by the framework need to be depicted as for the key business objectives and issues. This stage gives data about: Stakeholders 'capacities and space information, Limitations of machine assets and usefulness, and openness of other assets [5].

B. Classifications of Requirements

Requirements may be degree crosswise over different sources and exist in a mixture of configurations. In all product advancement ventures various conceivable hotspots for requirements may be recognized. Stakeholders speak to the clearest wellspring of requirements for the framework. Clients and topic masters are utilized to supply itemized data about the issues and client requirements. Existing frameworks and procedures speak to an alternate hotspot for inspiring requirements, for the most part when the task includes substituting a current or inheritance framework. Existing documentation about the business forms and current frameworks including structures, manuals and reports can give valuable data about the association and environment, and also necessities for the new framework and their supporting method of reasoning and criticalness [6][7].

C. Stakeholder - Analysis, Identification and Documentation

A standout amongst the most steps in requirements elicitation is to investigate and recognize all the applicable stakeholders. Stakeholders, who have a mindfulness in the framework or are influenced somehow by the development and execution of the framework and counselled mid requirements elicitation, In by and large the client is the most evident stakeholder of the framework and different gatherings whose has a circle of investment can be identify with some piece of the framework capacity, for example, work process and accomplices, and can likewise be viewed as stakeholders.

D. Gathering Information

Amid this stage it is critical to situate up the level of extension for the framework and look at in detail the needs and needs of the stakeholders. This stage addresses a few issues about stakeholder's capacities and area learning, impediments of machine assets and usefulness and accessibility of other assets. Every stakeholder concerned will compose a report of his/her requirements for the arranged framework and of the definite thought of the framework as the stakeholder comprehends it. Sensible prospect at this stage will likewise diminish unconventionality; since desires are less inclined to change as the substances of the change Process gets to be clearer [7].

E. Meetings with Stakeholders

The meetings may be organized or unstructured at this arrange and will be focused around the portrayals gathered from clients. The principle point of the meetings is to itemized and refines the needs and open door communicated in portrayal of clients also to perceive decisive words utilized by the clients [7].

F. Deciding elicitation Techniques

It is by and large acknowledged that an individual requirements elicitation procedure or methodology can't presumably be fitting for all undertakings. The choice of methods to be captivated is reliant on the specific environment of the extend and is regularly a genuine perspective in the achievement of the elicitation process. The choice of systems is focused around expert 'decision or endorsed by a particular approach.

G. Selecting Domain specific requirements

Creating space particular necessities has dependably been a significant assignment and this relies on upon information specialists and space masters. This stage tackled the issue of issue space which may thwart whatever is left of improvement. These difficulties can be tackled just by utilizing space masters also information masters [7].

H. Analyzing the requirements

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At the last phase of this procedure master check entire set of framework requirements to verify all done so far is exact. From this stage, engineers really begin create the framework with cautious perception at each one phase of its improvement process [7].

LITERATURE SURVEY

Paper [1] is about the topic importance in requirement elicitation. The point of this paper is to discover the verifiable and unequivocal data imparted by the stakeholders amid meetings utilizing the proposed Elicitation Topic Map. ETM is a graph demonstrating subjects that may be examined amid elicitation questions and demonstrates how likely stakeholders examine each of these points spontaneously. ETM was delivered through 2 stages. In first stage topics were distinguished through meeting with requirement engineers and business investigator. In second stage the relative imperativeness of these topics was evaluated by a situated of stakeholders and the stakeholders were inquired as to whether they would impart data on it spontaneously or just if asked. In light of this the requirements specialist may choose the points and inquiries to be arranged for the meeting.

Paper [2] deals with requirement elicitation for cloud applications. In usual setting, customers ordinarily run the frameworks at their own premises. In cloud, customers don't claim arrangements any all the more, yet subscribe to administrations which they can use on interest in this way. Cloud administrations are offered by cloud suppliers. The study investigations three Questions. what systems do cloud suppliers utilization to inspire buyer necessities? . How do cloud suppliers requirements for elicitation routines contrast from customary suppliers? And to what degree can the current elicitation procedures fulfill cloud supplier's necessities? .Results demonstrate that interviews, examination of existing documentation and prototyping are the generally utilized procedures.

Stakerear in [3] uses Social Networks for requirements elicitation. It expects to address three issues that influenced expansive scale necessities elicitation: data over-burden, lacking stakeholder information and prioritization of requirements by utilizing Stakerear which recognizes stakeholders and requests them to the propose different stakeholders and stakeholder parts, assembles an informal community with stakeholders as hubs and their suggestions as connection. It then asks the stakeholders to rate a starting rundown of requirements, prescribes other significant requirements.

Paper [4] is about story telling for recording requirements. In this paper they have researched the use of the narrating system in evoking necessities and its adequacy contrasted with a customary conceptualizing method. Meeting based and poll based routines don't concentrate on making the client tell what he feels. The viability is measured as far as time required versus coming about prerequisites, fulfilment of the stakeholders, level of point of interest of the requirements, and conclusion of the requirements. The consequence of the examination directed with twenty-five space specialists, demonstrates that narrating created very nearly three times more necessities and more particular points of interest were uncovered than the conceptualizing technique.

Audio and collaboration technologies for distributed systems in [5] introduces a technique "Disire-X (Distributed web based Requirements Engineering – Extension) " which utilizes advances (a wiki framework) and audio recordings to permit various stakeholders together partake in elicitation and documentation of the requirements in globally circulated software development settings. A wiki is a site that permits anybody going to it to change or add to the material in it. The audio recording method is utilized to catch the data of the meetings. Here the wiki empowers the making of an initial project page. At that point a group page can be made with stakeholders. The Disire tool joins the audio track in the wiki.

The paper [6] manages an exact study that surveys the utilization of three distinctive correspondence modes, in particular: Text based correspondence, Face to Face, and rich media for requirement elicitation". A test was led with 6 gatherings of understudies and surveys were circulated instantly upon finishing of the session, so as to survey understudy's fulfillment in regards to the utilization of the assigned correspondence mode. Face to Face had the most elevated mean rank in correlation to the content based and rich media modes.

Paper [7] highlights on significant Issues and Challenges that may emerge amid requirements elicitation. Underlying driver of each one test is the most extreme human mediation all the while. Incorporation of most recent Artificial Intelligence (AI) strategies may reduce intervention up to some degree.

PROPOSED FRAMEWORK

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Stakeholders in the Cloud

In a conventional setting, customers normally run the frameworks at their own premises, either owning and keeping up the product themselves or owning licenses to run the product or parts thereof. Suppliers, then again, offer or permit, introduce the frameworks and possibly give upkeep and consulting.

In the cloud connection, purchasers don't possess arrangements any all the more, yet subscribe to administrations which they can use on request accordingly. Cloud administrations are offered by cloud suppliers. A cloud supplier is an association, occasionally an individual, in charge of making an administration accessible to interested parties. As per the US National Institute of Standards Technology (NIST), a cloud supplier "gets and deals with the figuring framework needed for giving the administrations, runs the cloud programming that gives the administrations, furthermore makes course of action to convey the cloud administrations to the cloud shoppers through system access" [15]. In this way, the supplier is the genuine holder of the arrangement [11].

A cloud (administration) shopper is the stakeholder that uses the cloud administrations, and is spoken to by "an individual or association that keeps up a business association with, and utilizes the administration from, a cloud supplier" [15]. Thus, both Business-to-Business (B2b) and Business-to-Consumer (B2C) models are backed.

A cloud framework is a framework where processing assets are given on interest, as administrations, through system access, and the principle stakeholders are the cloud purchasers and suppliers, with the attributes portrayed previously. The administration can regularly be Software as a Service (Saas), Platform as a Service (Paas) or Infrastructure as a Service (Iaas) [11]. Customers use administrations conveyed by a supplier focused around a trust understanding (Service Level Agreement).

Story telling

Evoking clear, finish, and right requirements is still a test and a troublesome undertaking in requirements building [1]. Pivotal data identified with the requirements is regularly disregarded, and part of the way or not recorded at all amid requirements elicitation. As of late, a couple imaginative methodologies have developed to address some of these issues, including interactive media and feature based systems. [3] Investigates Story telling as a Requirements Elicitation Method for Medicinal Devices.

In the business, the regular procedure of evoking requirements includes requirements workshops, centre gatherings, for example, JAD, meetings to generate new ideas, and meetings with one or numerous stakeholders [12]. The recorded notes, issues, inquiries, pinpoints, and stakeholders' requirements are interpreted into requirements. The diverse stakeholders, counting end clients, customers, venture directors, fashioners, subcontractors, suppliers, and financing bodies have diverse levels and sorts of speculations and investments [13]. They might not in any case impart a typical dialect or venture learning [1]. Thusly, and specifically in the early periods of the tasks, stakeholders may have distinctive understandings, diverse translations, and impart little venture information. Nonetheless, as activities advancement, the level of imparted information develops, yet it is still difficult to gone to an interesting, imparted and general big picture of the task between all stakeholders. Specialists recording the necessities may misconstrue, halfway report, or discard imperative articulations. Driving stakeholders to keep to particular documentations may disturb the stakeholders and twist the necessities. In this manner, the delivered requirements might be deficient, conflicting, or inaccurate.

Obviously needing capacities to help gathering finish and point by point requirements in a common stream. This is since these methodologies basically don't concentrate on making the client tell what he feels like telling, rather stipulations the client with a specific stream, for example, in meeting based and poll based techniques. Methodologies, for example, unstructured meetings give a superior level of flexibility for the client agents as affirmed in [14]. It is vital to say that by "unstructured meetings" for this situation implies any sort of unstructured association between the designers and the client delegates [14]. Instead of having a centered set of inquiries picked ahead of time, the questioner brings general inquiries to help the client discuss the issue area.

CONCLUSION AND FUTURE WORK

The ambiguity in requirements elicitation will be reduced using the proposed framework. In future video recordings can be used for gathering requirements.

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