Problem Space Risk Characterization

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Day-1 Intro and Results Poster



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System Context

- What are all the systems that this system interfaces with
- What are the enabling systems that are dependent on this system or that this system depends on
 - Who owns or represents them?









Problem Space Risk Characterization Day-1 Brief Out Poster

- Need:
 - Use the most optimal combination of resources to solve the right/most critical problem, given the anticipated intended use over its lifecycle

• Customers:

- Users of (esp. high-consequence) systems
- Maintainers/sustainers of systems
- Deliverers of systems and their integrity/longevity
- Funder/payer

Impediments to Focus On:

- Efficiency of the transactional nature of business
 - Contract vs. problem satisfaction
- No uniform method of problem-space characterization
 - Because of the complexity, limited ability to simulate/emulate ultimate environment interactions and intended usage, using systematic methods (Or even unintended/incidental usage)
- Habitual nature of humans to jump to a solution
 - Creating the boundary of the solution before completely identifying the problem space / understanding system scope

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Impediments -> Requirements Problem Characterization is not being done sufficiently

- Address Motivation (Wiring/habitual) of SEs, decision-makers & payer/funder
 - Leadership
 - Incentivize

Address Cost

- Change contractual nature of business to include the problem definition
- Understand the cost/benefit trade-space for problem characterization and establish ROI
- Standardization /reuse of methodology
- Addresses the optimal use of resources for the problem characterization and the solution over the lifecycle
- Right-size the problem characterization effort

Requires Methodology

- Make it fit for purpose and accounts for all dimensions of problem over the lifecycle
- Supported by training / education includes technical leaders that can apprentice others
- Human compatible / engagement compelling
- Leveraged previous problem characterization process/pattern/templates
- Includes continuous evaluation of efficacy (learning over time)
- Complexity of problem space needs to be addressed
 - Model-set that addresses complexity
 - Includes problem visualization
 - Compatible with solution process
 - Dynamics and evolution of problem and solution / systems





Plan for subsequent solution collaborative action

- Get to the bottom of Motivation of SEs, decision-makers
 & payer/funder
 - Wiring/habitual of jumping to the solution
 - Are there patterns that are natural to characterizing problems (tacit knowledge)

Take this to INCOSE working groups

- Agile Systems Engineering
- MBSE Patterns
- Model-based Concept Design
- Requirements Working Group
- Human Systems Integration