Supporting Systems Engineering Through Education and Training

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AGENDA

- Problem statement
  - The challenge
- Essential challenges of training and education
  - Target environments
- How DM can help
  - A prototype case
- The benefits of standardizing practices across disciplines
Problem and Challenge Statements

- As baby boomers retire, the result is the loss of experienced and senior professionals in many fields – and systems engineering is no exception.
- Capturing the domain expertise is key to providing a pathway for new or younger personnel.
- Data Management is uniquely postured to provide the mechanism, support, and methods for managing training materials.
- Data Management has also lead the pathway to training and outreach.
- This capability supports the propagation of systems engineering expertise to standardize the SE discipline across organizations.
- Training creates standardization of practices across organizations.
Essential Challenges of Training

- Distance learning and onsite training
- Creating modules for associated domains
- Capturing the expertise of practitioners
- Supplementing the college curriculum
- Penetrating academia
Capturing Domain Expertise

- Knowledge engineering
  - Writing down the methods
  - Tacit experience is invaluable
- Educational opportunities
  - Curriculum development
  - Crossing relevant boundaries
- Standards development
  - Consensus agreement
  - Exponential influence
How DM Can Help

- Extending our prototype
  - DAU
  - Industry
  - Academia
- Managing training materials
  - Organizing, communicating
Elements of the DM Solution

- DAU web-based courseware
- Outreach to our discipline and others
- A new standard and associated handbook
- Community of Practice
- Practitioner training
- College-level training
  - Two year program, four year program, focus is now on a post-graduate area of focus program

We are creating a prototype in Alabama to extend to other areas
DM Education and Outreach Approach

- Continuous learning courses
- Web-based education
- Creating courses through subject matter experts
- The role of continuing education in certifying good data managers and good DM processes
- DAU – for Industry and Government
Benefits of Standardizing Processes

- Creates understanding
- Improves communication
- Strengthens practices
- Clarifies goals and objectives
- Unifies practitioners
Summary

- DM has a stake in SE’s successful future
- Reinvention and improvement of domains are vital
- Challenges are significant
- Education and outreach are key