

MethodA is a computerized distillation of IT management guidance, in the form of a methodology supported by guidebooks, work templates, and a comprehensive specialized knowledgebase. It covers the full range of IT activities, both at the project level and at the organizational level.

Project level

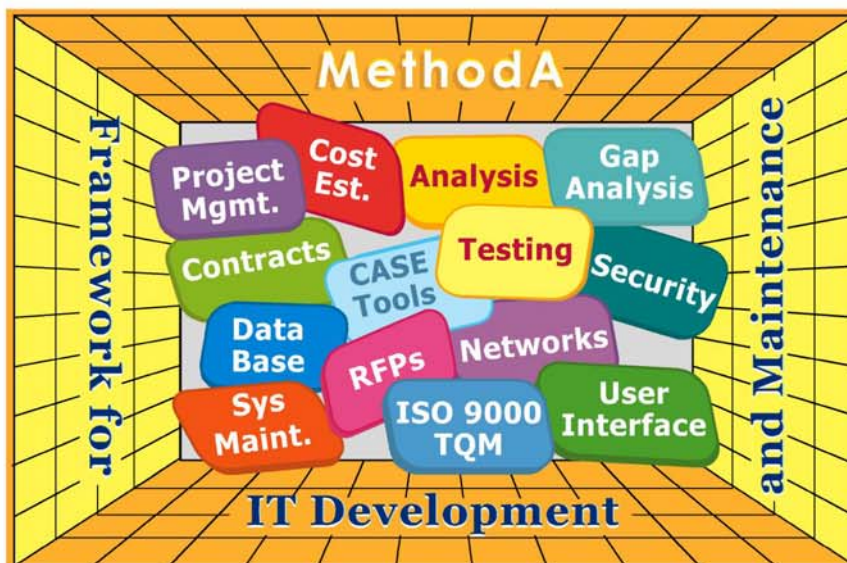
At the project level, MethodA provides guidelines on how to manage, develop, and maintain an IT system of any type and scale: information systems, off-the-shelf systems, infrastructure, in-house development, etc.

Phases and deliverables: MethodA helps define the specific deliverables for each phase of the project's life cycle, starting with project origination and analysis and on through design and build (or purchase and deployment). It proceeds to testing, installation, operation, and maintenance, not forgetting periodic assessment of projects both during development and after deployment.

Tools: For the project manager, MethodA supplies tools that help handle ongoing tasks such as risk management, project reviews, cost calculation, rescheduling, and more.

Robust paradigm

MethodA owes its unique robustness to a model (paradigm) that views the project in two dimensions at once: in terms of life cycle and in terms of a tree of system components (called the SCT). While the SCT axis details the system content and deliverables, the life-cycle axis traces project status and dynamics.



Organizational level

For the level of authority where vision and responsibility extend to the entire organization – not only to IT management – MethodA provides a variety of methods and tools. Annual workplanning, strategic planning (IT master plan), organizational structure, overall quality, ISO 9000, and CMM compliance are some examples.

Operation

MethodA is a web-based software product with a number of configuration options, notably for deployment on an intranet or at stand-alone client stations. It is compatible with XP and with other recent versions of Microsoft Windows and Office.

MethodA serves both as a “rulebook”, backed by a knowledgebase, and as a practical tool. It provides for topic searches and keyword searches, online training, copy-and-paste and printout of relevant sections, and downloading of work templates for hands-on use. Novices can come up to speed using MethodA in a “Study & Work” mode, while veterans may settle into a “Work & Help” mode involving occasional consultation of the knowledgebase. At numerous sites, MethodA is interfaced profitably with other manufacturers’ project-management and content-management tools.

User base

Today MethodA, as the leading computerization methodology in the State of Israel, is used in all economic sectors: in government offices, the defense establishment, and elsewhere throughout the public sector; and in private organizations such as banks, insurance companies, manufacturing companies, and software houses. Many organizations have gained ISO 9000 accreditation on the basis of MethodA. MethodA is a permanent part of the curriculum at Israeli colleges and universities, where student projects and theses are based on its framework. Israeli systems-analysis and project-management courses have rooted themselves in MethodA.



Demo: For more information and a demo CD, contact Methoda Computers Ltd.



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