

**Session23: Modelling Methods for PSS Engineering**

**A Guideline for the Product-Service-Systems  
Design Process**

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***A progress management tool which is **not depend on particular development process** are required***

## **Complexity** in PSS design process

- ▶ A wide range of product lifecycle
  - ▶ Find appropriate combination of products and services by searching for opportunities **throughout** product life cycle
- ▶ Multiple Stakeholders in the design process
  - ▶ Cause stakeholders to flexibly change their **development roles**
- ▶ A Repeated Design Cycle
  - ▶ Evaluate the designed system and improve it to follow environment or customer requirement changes
    - It is difficult to **strictly** divide development phase

## Objective

### Proposing a Guideline for PSS design task management

## Approach

- ▶ a. *Identify* the PSS design **perspective** and its design **tasks**
  - ▶ **Literature reviewing**
- ▶ b. *Organize* PSS design perspective and design tasks as **useful format**
  - ▶ Refer a software development guideline :**SEMAT**



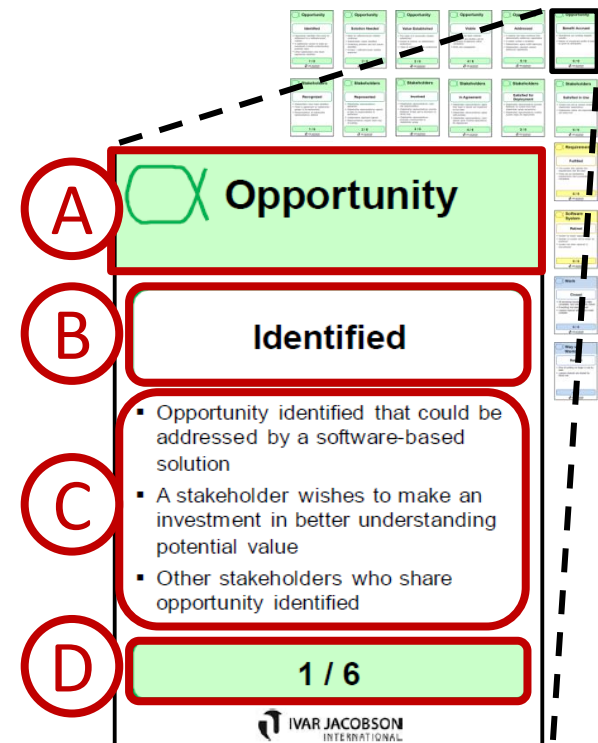
# Existing study

## SEMAT(Software Engineering Method And Theory) [Jacobson 12]

- ▶ A task management framework of software development
- ▶ They provide a **card set** that summarize software development tasks

## Composition of each card

- A) Major factors
  - ▶ **Perspectives** of Software development
- B) States
  - ▶ **Progress and health** of development tasks
- C) Checklists
  - ▶ **Standards** of the state
- D) Phase of the states
  - ▶ **Order** of the tasks



## Research Methodology

- ▶ Develop PSS design guideline **following** the SEMAT development process
  - ▶ **Contents (major factors, states and checklists)** are original (Follow only the card format and how to use)

## Development Process

### ① Reviewing PSS literatures

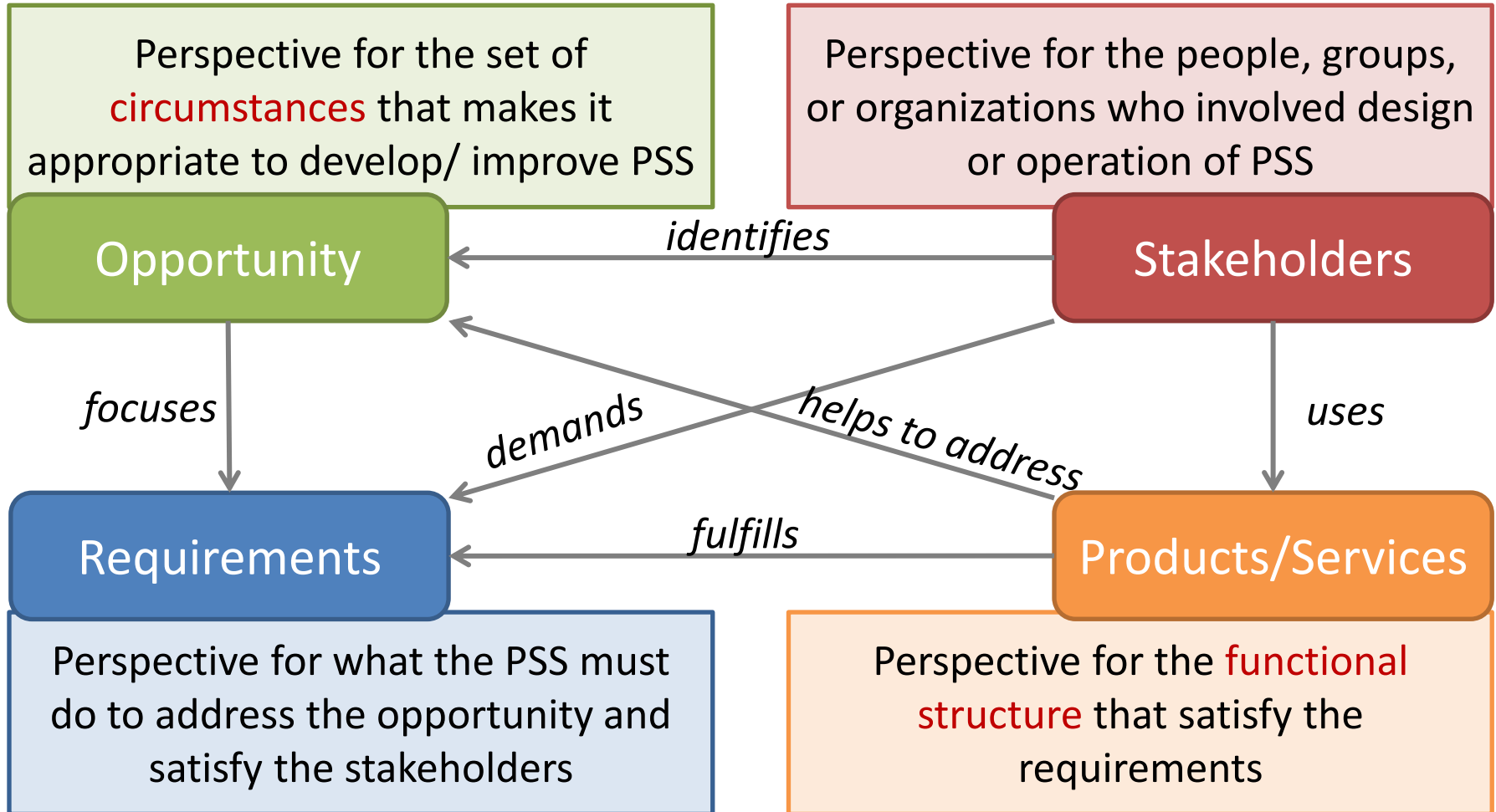
- ▶ Corrected 78 PSS literatures and extract keywords for PSS design
  - ▶ Assemble PSS design practice and patterns

### ② Clarify the differences between software design and PSS design

- ▶ Compare the practice and patterns of SEMAT and PSS
  - ▶ Identify **Essential characteristics** in PSS design
    - Expand major factors, states and checklist from original SEMAT

# Proposal: A guideline for PSS Design Process (1/3)

## Overview of major factors

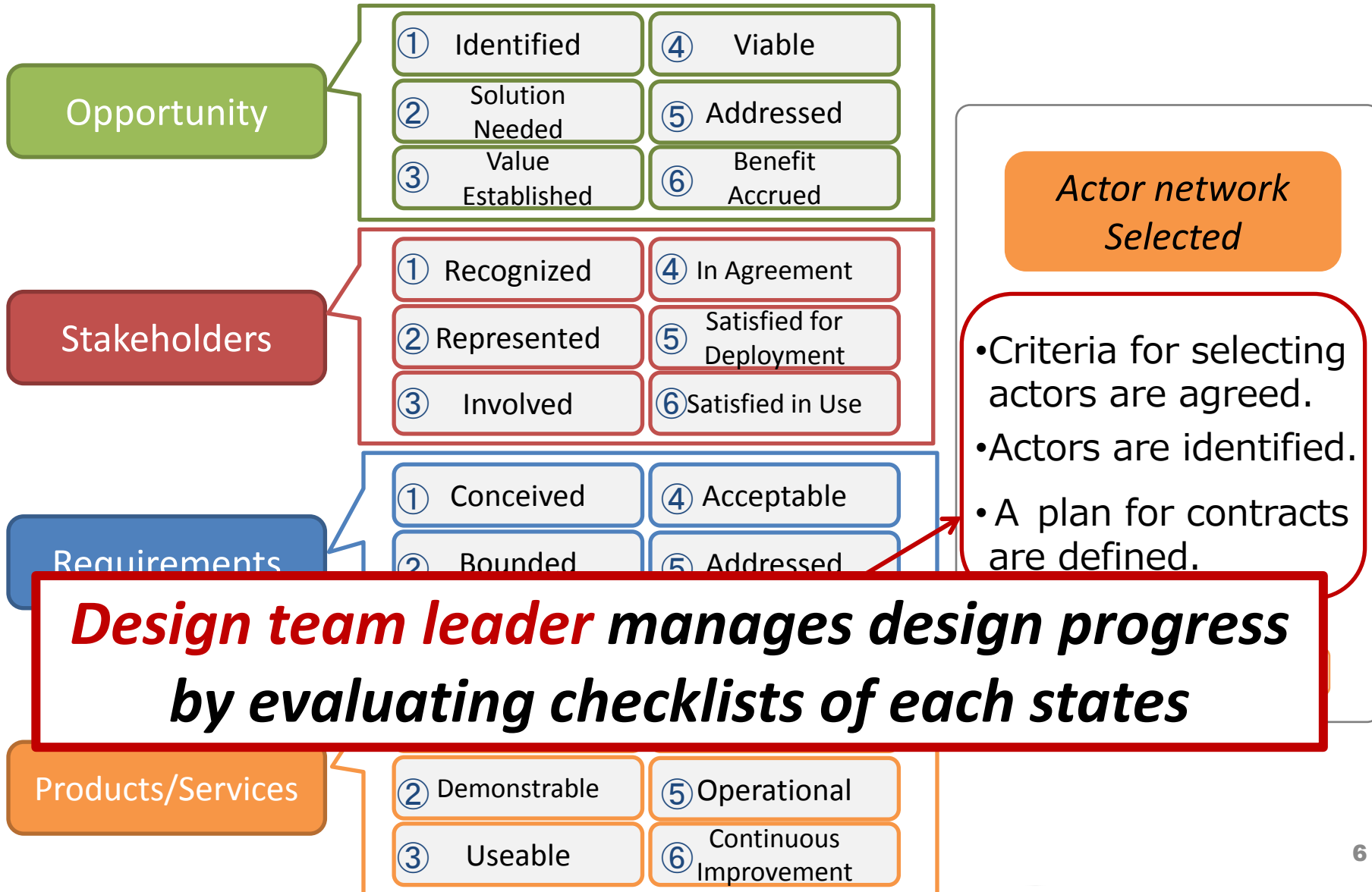


# Proposal: A guideline for PSS Design Process (2/3)

## Major factors

## States

## Checklists



# Proposal: A guideline for PSS Design Process (3/3)

## Opportunity

### Identified

- Receiver's activities that can be supported by solutions of products and services have been identified
- Receivers have grasp the potential value and have wishes to invest
- Agents that share the supportable receiver's activities have been identified

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### Solution Needed

- Needs for solutions of products and services have been promised
- Receiver's demand have been identified
- Potential problems and root causes have been found
- At least one solution of products and services have proposed

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### Value Established

- Value-in-use have been defined when a solution succeeded
- Receivers have understand the secondary effects of solutions
- Receivers have understand the value in exchange of products and services

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### Viable

- Main resource and process of products and services have been described
- Constraints when a solution was launched and deployed have been cleared
- Risks have been under control

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### Addressed

- A demonstrated solution have been provided
- Effective systems have been available
- Receivers have agreed to the provide function
- Receivers have been satisfied the solution

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### Benefit Accrued

- Obvious benefits in the operation has been created
- Predictable investment effects have been obtained.

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## Stakeholders

### Recognized

- Agents on Flow model (potential provider, receiver, relay agent) have been identified
- Representatives of all agent have been agreed
- Functions or scopes that each agent have been defined

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### Represented

- A planner (mediator between agents) have been assigned
- A planner have agreed own functions or scopes
- How to collaborate between agents (how to realize the function) has been agreed
- Agents respect each effort

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### Involved

- Agents have played their role
- Agents have respective feedback and involve decision-making
- Communications between agents have been well

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### In Agreement

- Value for each agents have been defined and other agents have agreed it
- All agent have been agreed functions that will be realized with the priority
- All agent have been agreed minimum expected value

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### Satisfied for Deployment

- Feedbacks have been provided to the entire system from each agent's point of view
- A ready to operate the system have been confirmed

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### Satisfied in Use

- A system has been exceeded minimum expected value of agents
- Needs and expectations of the agents are satisfied

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## Requirements

### Conceived

- Requirements and functions of the system have been clear
- Users have been identified
- First capital investor have been identified

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### Bounded

- The range of requirements and functions that should be implemented have been agreed
- The Criteria for succession (KPIs) have been clear
- The change management of requirements and functions have been agreed
- The non-functional requirements have been identified

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### Coherent

- The overall picture of the PSS have been shared to the agents
- The critical usage scenario have been shared
- The priority of requirements and functions have been clear
- Collision of requirements and functions have been eliminated
- The effect of requirements and functions have been understand

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### Acceptable

- Acceptable solutions for agents have been provided
- The agreed requirements and functions have had low probability to change
- Value have been clear

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### Addressed

- A necessary and sufficient requirements and functions have been implemented
- Agents have agreed the system can be operated

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### Fulfilled

- The system have satisfied the requirements and needs
- There have been no unsolved requirement to interfere with the completion

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## Products/Services

### Actor network Selected

- Criteria for selecting actors agreed.
- Actors identified.
- Plan for contracts defined.

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### Demonstrable

- Features of actor network are verified by using simulations or reefing prior case.
- Stakeholders agree the adequacy of actor network.
- Important service encounter and process are verified.

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### Useable

- been available and the required quality attributes have been achieved
- The user have been able to operate the products and services
- Functions and performance have been tested and demonstrated
- The defect level have been acceptable to receivers
- The contents of the products and services are well-known in each version

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### Ready

- The products and services manual have been available
- Receivers have accepted the products and services
- Receivers have prepared the use of products and services

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### Operational

- Products and services have been used in the receiver environment
- Products and services have been used by supposed operator
- There have been a use case that all functions of products and services have been operated
- The maintenance level of products and services has been agreed

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### Continuous Improvement

- System for observing information about customers established.
- Team for continuous improvement organized
- Process for continuous improvement defined

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# How to use the proposed guideline

## ① Arrangement

- ▶ Arrange all the cards in order of state phase

## ② As-is Analysis

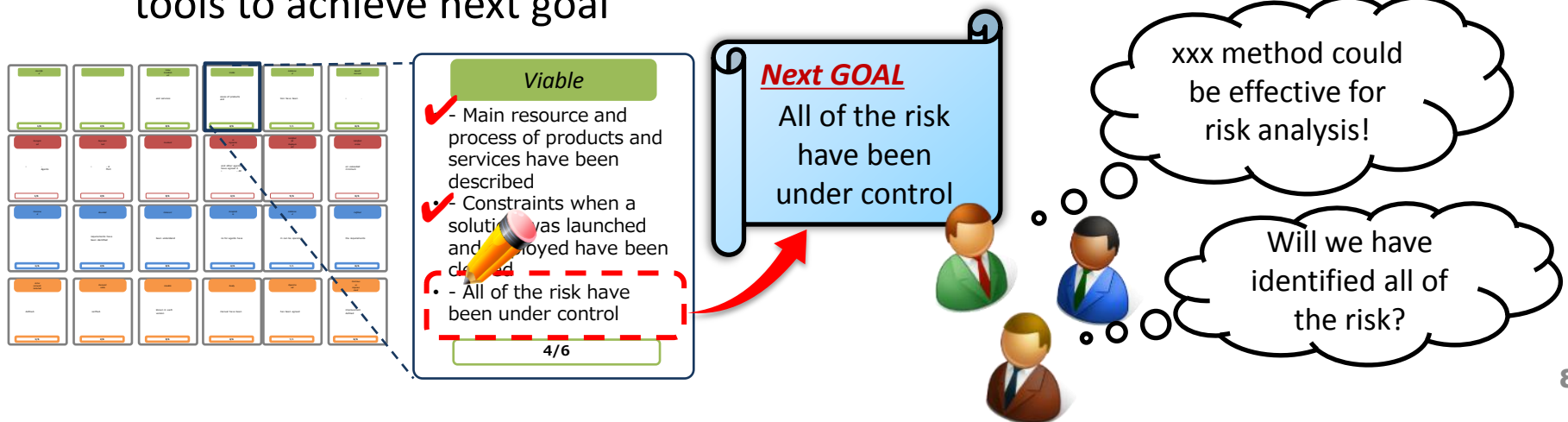
- ▶ Overview all the cards and evaluate checklist of each cards

## ③ Setting next goals

- ▶ Identify cards including unachieved checklist as next goal of the development team

## ④ Discussion

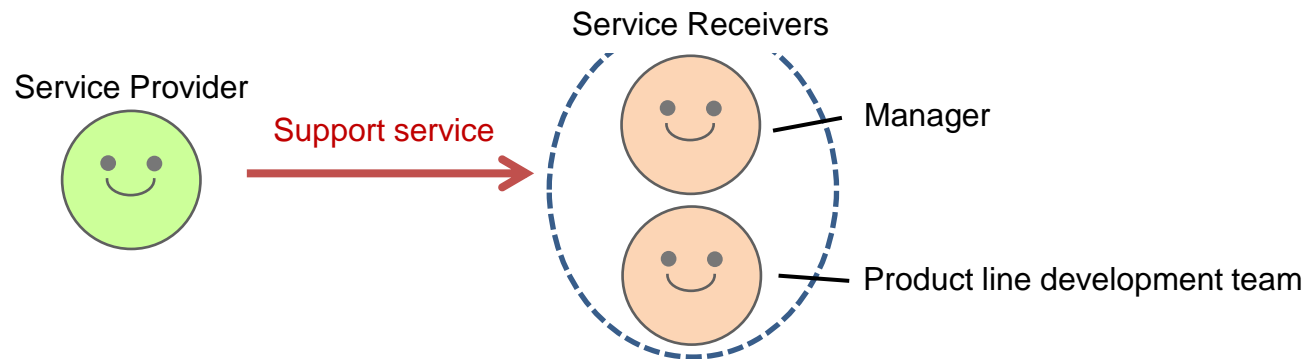
- ▶ Discuss about priority of the future tasks and selection of the supporting tools to achieve next goal



# Application

## Application case

- ▶ Developing support service of car-mounted basic software for automobile parts manufacture
  - ▶ Provide data for persuading manager's decision making
  - ▶ Provide support service for product line develop team



## Purpose

- ▶ To verify proposed guideline can **comprehensively** organize tasks for example service

## Procedure

1. Practitioner organize software development tasks **in advance**
2. Relate pre-organized development tasks sand tasks in proposed guideline

# Application result (part)

All actual business tasks are related to proposed guideline

	Before (Original tasks in SEMAT)	After (Applied to real biz tasks)
State	Architecture Selected	Actor network selected
Checklists#1	Criteria for selecting actors agreed	Criteria for selecting manager, product line development team and product development team agreed
Checklists#2	Actors are identified	Manager, product line development team and product development team identified

State	Retired	Continuous Improvement
Checklists#1	System for observing information about customers established	System for observing information about software users established
Checklists#2	Team for continuous improvement organized	Team for continuous improvement of software installation services organized
Checklists#3	Process for continuous improvement defined	Process for developing software installation services defined

## Effectiveness of the proposed method

- ▶ Proposed guideline could provide PSS designers **perspectives** for organizing actual business tasks
  - ▶ As an application, **All** the checklists of PSS design guideline could be associated with actual business tasks of car parts manufacturer
- ▶ Proposed guideline could also be used as a tool for identifying the PSS **development barriers** in advance

## Remaining Issues

- ▶ Verify the checklists of the PSS guideline again by setting more concrete PSS design tasks
- ▶ Consider the PSS maturity level
  - ▶ Customize implemented tasks for individual companies
- ▶ Organize **PSS subject** (PSS designers) tasks
  - ▶ Proposed method regard PSS as **design object** and organize PSS design tasks

# Summary and future work

## Conclusion

- ▶ PSS design guideline for companies to realize PSS business are proposed
  - ▶ Defined the PSS design perspectives that designers must consider to evaluate design progress and health
  - ▶ Organized designer's tasks from each defined perspectives and provided the way to manage designer's tasks

## Outlooks

- ▶ Apply the guideline to actual PSS business to verify effectiveness
- ▶ Develop task customize method for individual companies
- ▶ Organize other PSS designers tasks ex) organization, way of working

# Thank you for your attention!

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