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Decision Making Constructs in a Distributed Environment

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Definition of Key Terms

- **SHARED** information (**SI**):
 - Information items that are held by all participants in a group decision making environment.
 - CNN reports, products from common search engines, etc.
- **UNIQUE** information (**UI**):
 - Information items that are held by one (or some, but not all) member(s) of the group.
 - Personal information sources, previous experiences, special database access, etc.



Problem Areas

- Literature Review Indicates:
 - People are not very good at sharing UI.
 - Discussion time is spent mostly on SI.
 - When UI is shared with the group, it often has little impact on final decision selection.
 - Weighting is placed on SI



Classic Study (Stasser & Titus, 1985):

Who Should We Admit to Our College?



Condition 1: Everyone has all the information (all SI, no UI)



Condition 2: all info is on table, but distributed across people (some SI, some UI)



Probability of “correct” decision.



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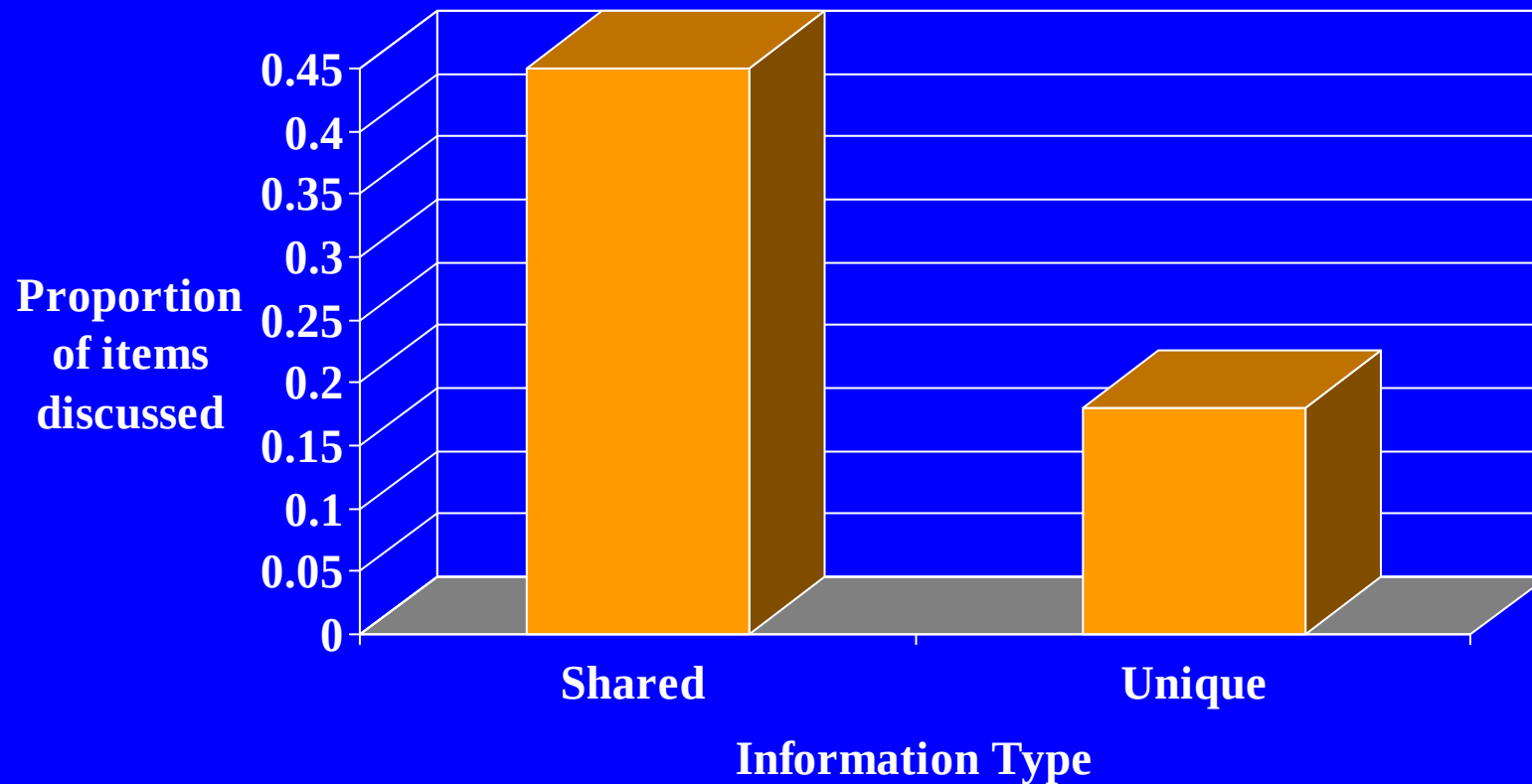


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Discussion of SI vs. UI

SI discussion “crowds out” time available for UI



Very Consistent Finding



DCODE Basic Assumption

- In asynchronous collaboration, social factors (prestige, personality, etc.) still play a role

BUT....

- the primary obstacle to effective information exchange is the **cognitive burden** placed upon both the sender and recipient of the information.



Cognitive Burden (sender perspective):

- Is this item **really unique**, and not available to the other participants?
- Is it **important enough** to send?
- Is this the **best** example to send?
- Should I send it **now or await** for further input/confirmation?
- Send it to **all participants**, or just selected subgroup?



Cognitive Burden (receiver perspective).

- I have arriving information items (which I did not develop/find) related to my decision task. I need to determine:
 - **Which particular decision aspect do these items impact?**
 - Cost, Risk, Duration, etc?
 - **What is it's potential influence?**
 - Does it have a positive or negative influence on cost, risk, etc.?
 - **Is this timely information from a credible source?**
 - How recent is this information? What is the source?
 - **Does the information impact the credibility of information items that I am currently using?**
 - If so, what is the overall “domino effect” of this?



DCODE Objectives:

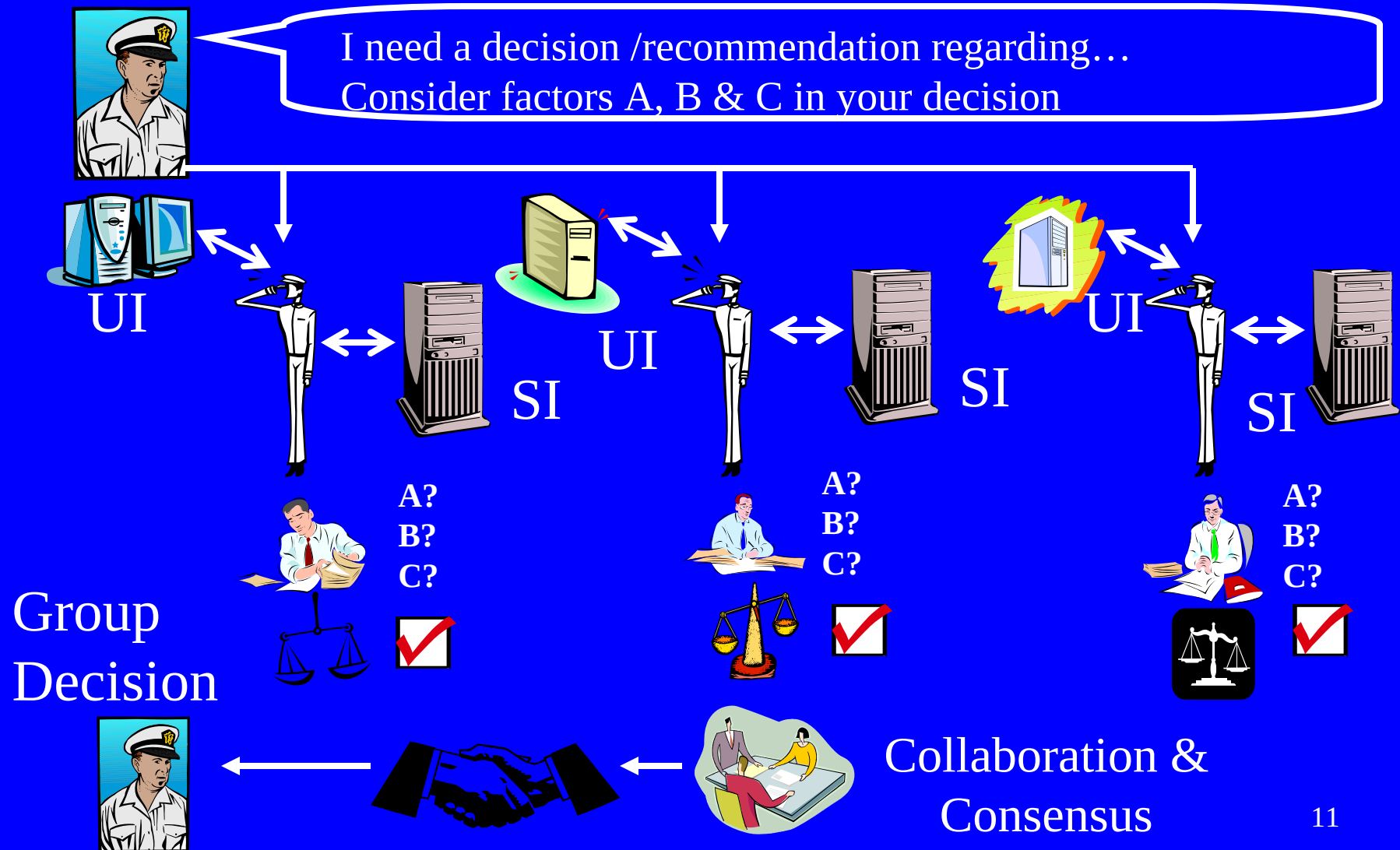
- Overall:
 - Enhance the ability of asynchronously distributed group decision makers to share their UI...
 - Improve overall group decision quality through the effective integration/weighting of shared UI items...
 - without imposing an excessive cognitive burden
- This Year:
 - Expand conceptual model designed to address these issues
 - Experimental verification of selected model concepts
 - Interface with EWALL technologies



Expected Final Products

- A collaborative software suite that includes
 - Simplified **Knowledge Elicitation technologies** for adding (tagging) individual information evaluation parameters.
 - **Group database browsers** for finding/sharing UI
 - **Ewall-type** interface for using this tagged information to:
 - Assist a team member make a decision/recommendation
 - Assist the group in reaching final overall consensus

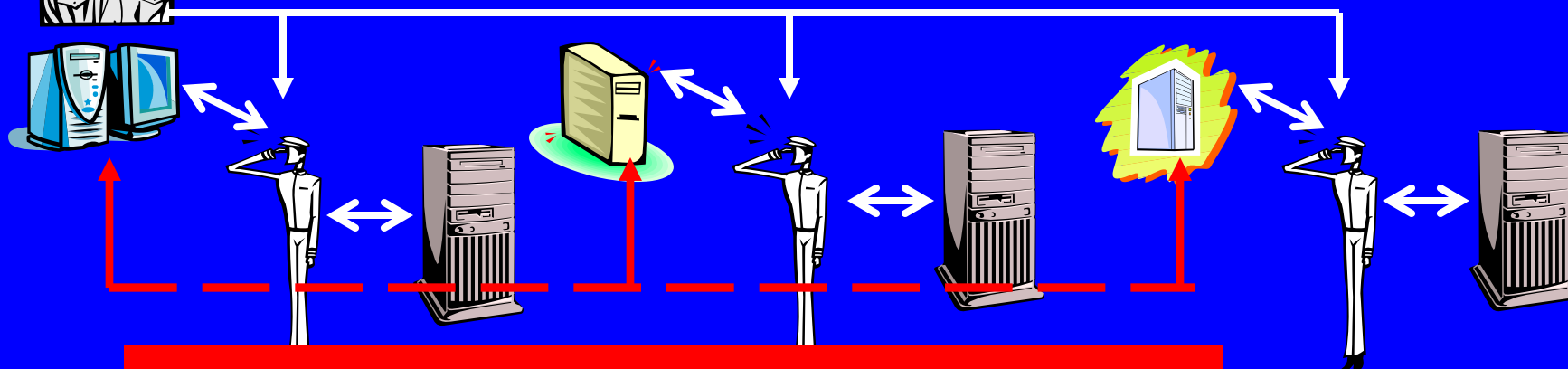
Decision Process Flow Model



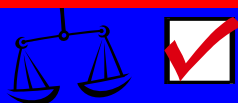
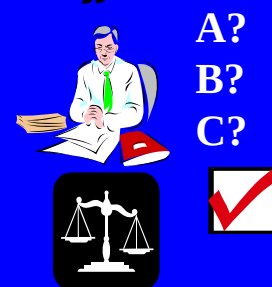
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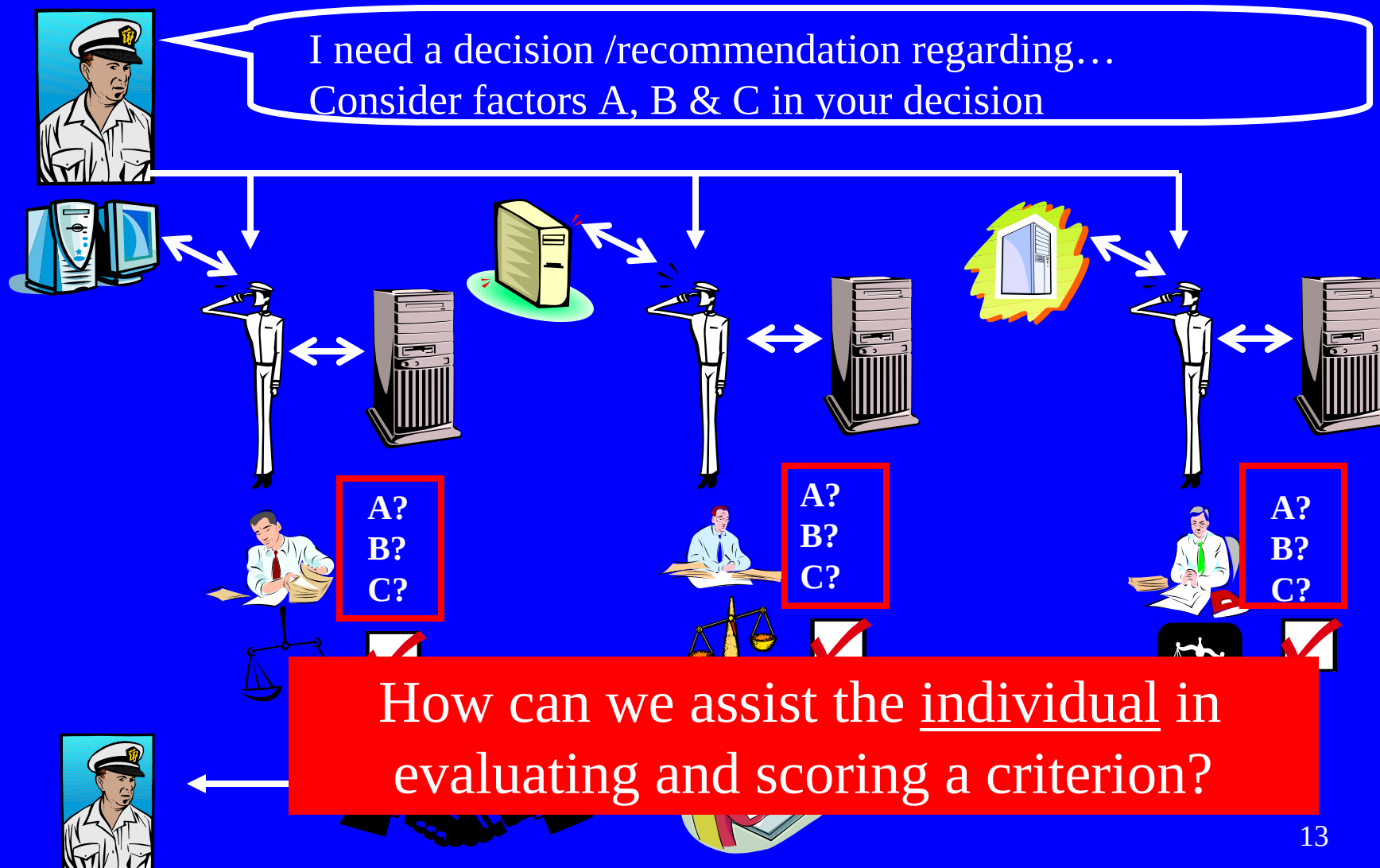
I need a decision /recommendation regarding...
Consider factors A, B & C in your decision



How do we give participants access to unique information held by others?



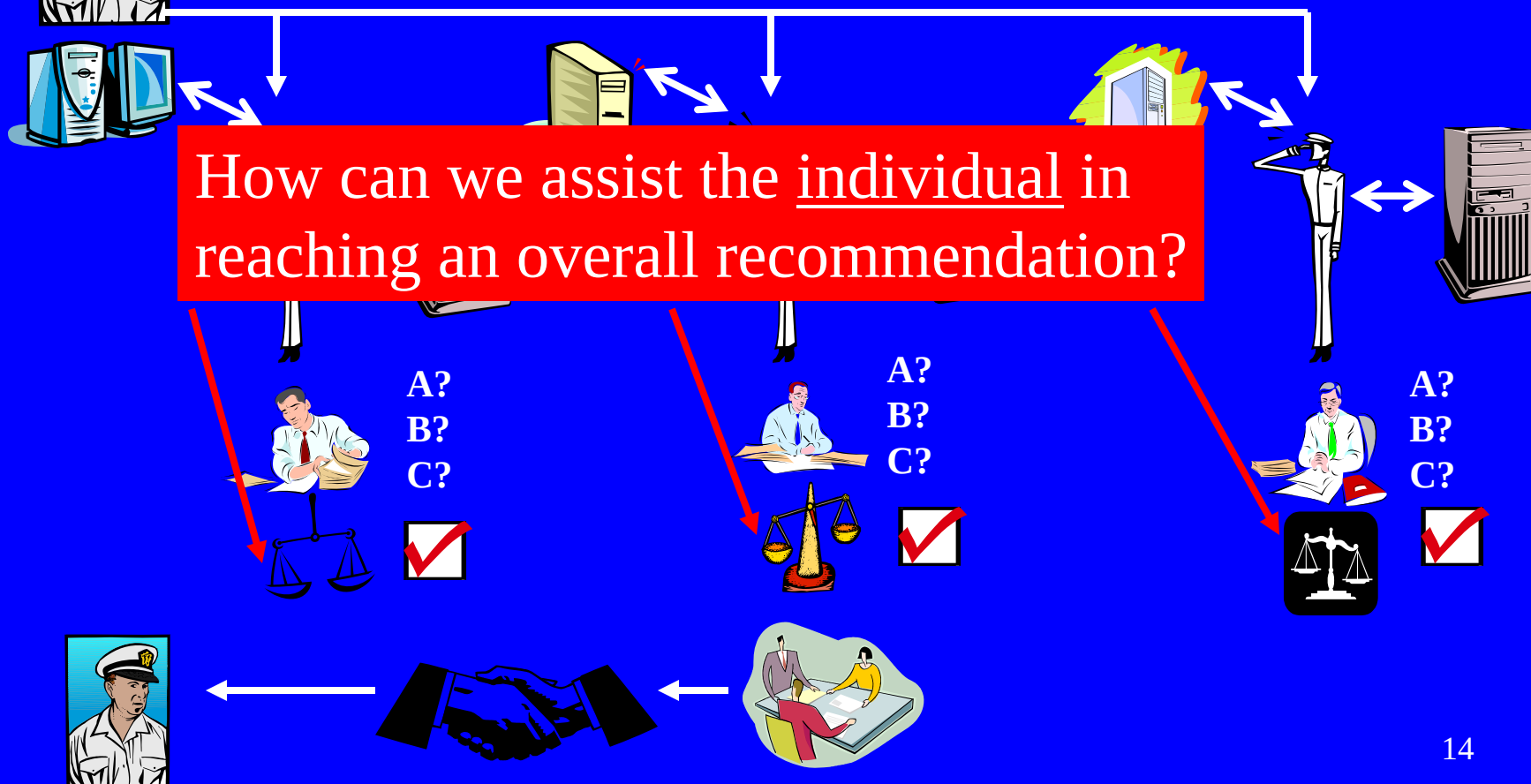
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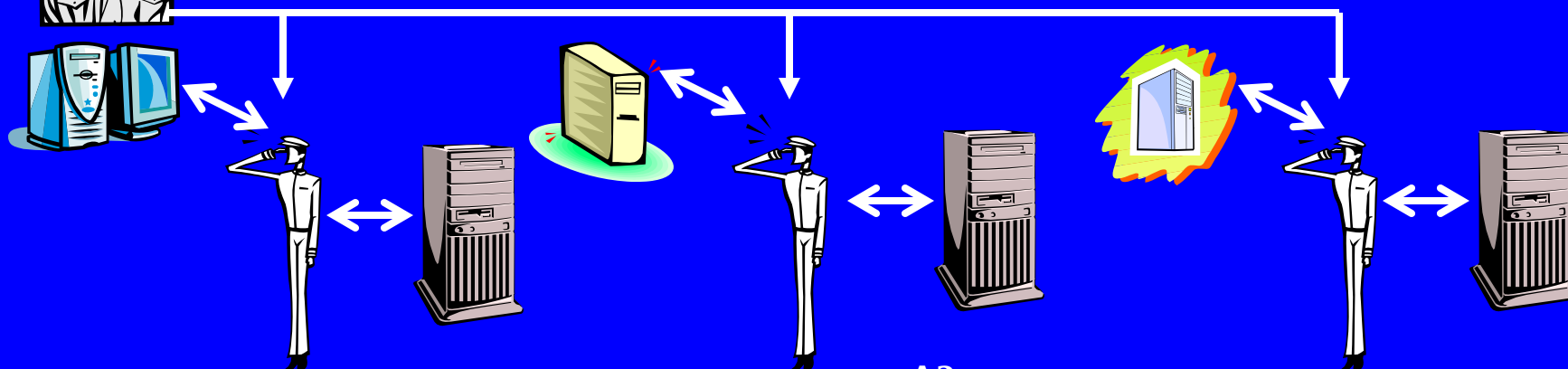
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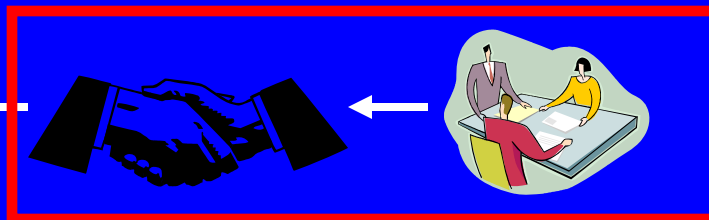
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How can we assist the GROUP in reaching an overall consensus?





Research Questions



How can we assist the individual in evaluating and scoring a criterion?

- The analyst sorts and structures incoming information items (belongs to A or B or C)
- The analyst assigns his subjective evaluation to specific information content (a knowledge elicitation, “tagging” process). Parameters might include:
 - Importance
 - Information impact (positive or negative)
 - source credibility
 - timeliness, etc.

EWALL News Capture

Fading time line (soon by priority/relevance)

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The screenshot shows a web application interface for news capture. At the top, there is a menu bar with 'View' and 'Help'. Below the menu bar is a grid of news items. The grid is organized into three main categories: 'World' (green background), 'US' (pink background), and 'UK' (yellow background). Each category contains several news items, each with a thumbnail image and a text description. The news items are arranged in a grid that is sorted by a 'Fading time line' (soon by priority/relevance). The 'World' category is the most prominent, with a red box highlighting a specific item. The 'US' and 'UK' categories are also visible, with their own news items. The interface includes a 'View' and 'Help' menu at the top left. The 'World' category is highlighted with a green background, and the 'US' and 'UK' categories are highlighted with pink and yellow backgrounds respectively. The news items are arranged in a grid that is sorted by a 'Fading time line' (soon by priority/relevance). The 'World' category is the most prominent, with a red box highlighting a specific item. The 'US' and 'UK' categories are also visible, with their own news items. The interface includes a 'View' and 'Help' menu at the top left.

Category	Time	Image	Text
World	12:25 PM		CNN: PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC:
	11:45 AM		CNN: MANAGUA, NICARAGUA: Study to probe
	11:05 AM		CNN: MIDDLEBURY, INDIANA: 2nd
	10:26 AM		CNN: LA CORUNA, SPAIN: Fishermen face
			CNN: MIDDLEBURY, INDIANA: FBI: 2nd
			CNN: ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN:
US			CNN: JERUSALEM: New Israeli Labor leader
			CNN: PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC:
			CNN.com
			CNN: WASHINGTON: Sniper shootings
UK			CNN.com
			CNN: BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA: Indiana
			CNN: BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA:
			CNN: WASHINGTON: Sniper suspect's
			CNN: YACOLT, WASHINGTON: Snake kiss tums
			BBC: Diana paparazzi face privacy trial
			BBC: Wales win again
			BBC: Police to attend 'illegal' autopsy



Expansion



Item has:

Source

URL

Time date

Title

Summary

Body

But It needs:

which category...?

Importance (hi-lo)

Impact (Pos/Neg)

Credibility (good/bad)

Timeliness (new/old)



Each item has two types of information



**ID/Tracking and
Content parameters
(no real disagreements)**

Source
URL
Time date
Title
Summary
Body

**Subjective, decision
relevant information
analysis/evaluation....
(disagreements expected)**

Relates to...?
Importance (hi-lo)
Timeliness
Influence (Pos/Neg)
Credibility (good/bad)



Each information item (“card”)

ID

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CNN	World	12:25 PM	PRAGUE, CZECH REPUBLIC: Protesters call for NATO's end	1:44 PM
Category: A/B/C/ Cost/Risk/Duration				
Importance:				
Impact				
Credibility				



Proposed knowledge elicitation schema for analysis of information items

Worst
Lowest
Least
Most Negative

Best
Highest
Most
Most Positive

Goal: Minimum Cognitive Burden

Poor end of scale



Good end of scale

Average
Neutral
Middle
Indifference

Cannot determine
Unknown
Review Later



The knowledge elicitation “tagging” process



“The Rangoon Times reports unconfirmed rumors that the Minister of the Interior has resigned today after the tragic collapse of the newly constructed bridge at...”

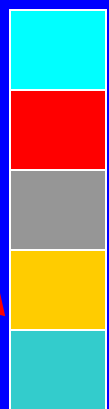
Criteria:	Political Stability					
Importance:					X	??
Impact:	X					??
Credibility:			X			??
Certainty:		X				??
Timeliness:				X		??

Save



Saved Information item # PS3 (can also be viewed as EWALL “card”)

Political Stability item #PS3



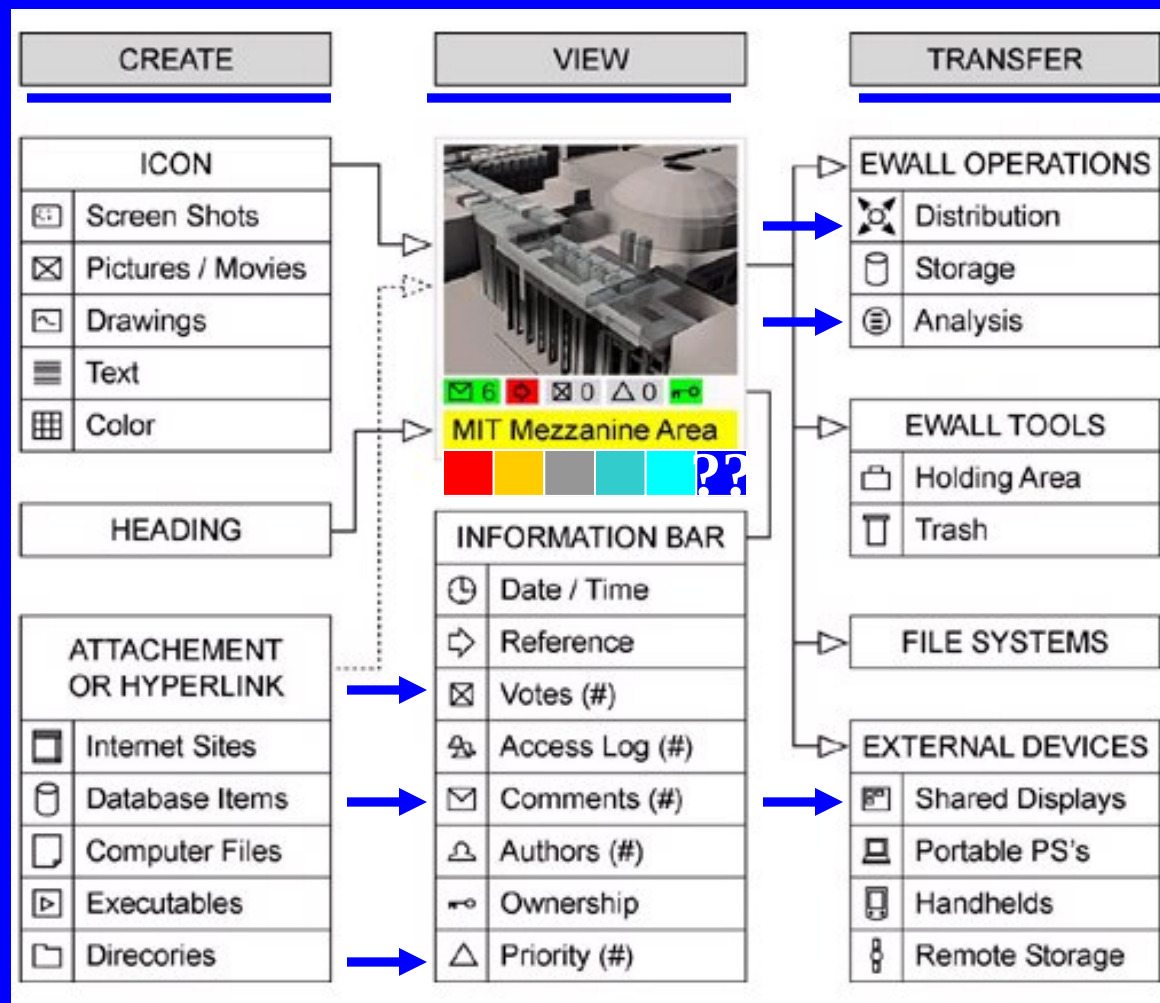
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“The Rangoon Times reports unconfirmed rumors that the Minister of the Interior has resigned today after the tragic collapse of the newly constructed bridge at..”

Information
Analysis

Short Descriptor

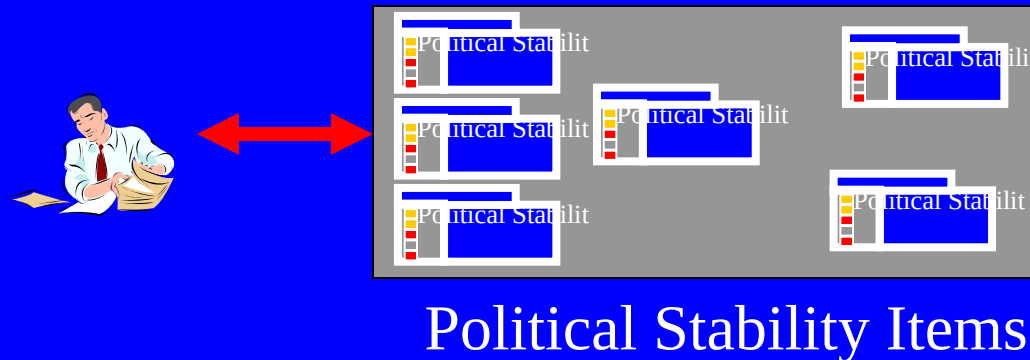
EWALL Structure*



*Paul Keel, MIT

How can we assist the individual in evaluating and scoring a criterion?

Analyst uses interface to EWALL technology to evaluate each criterion



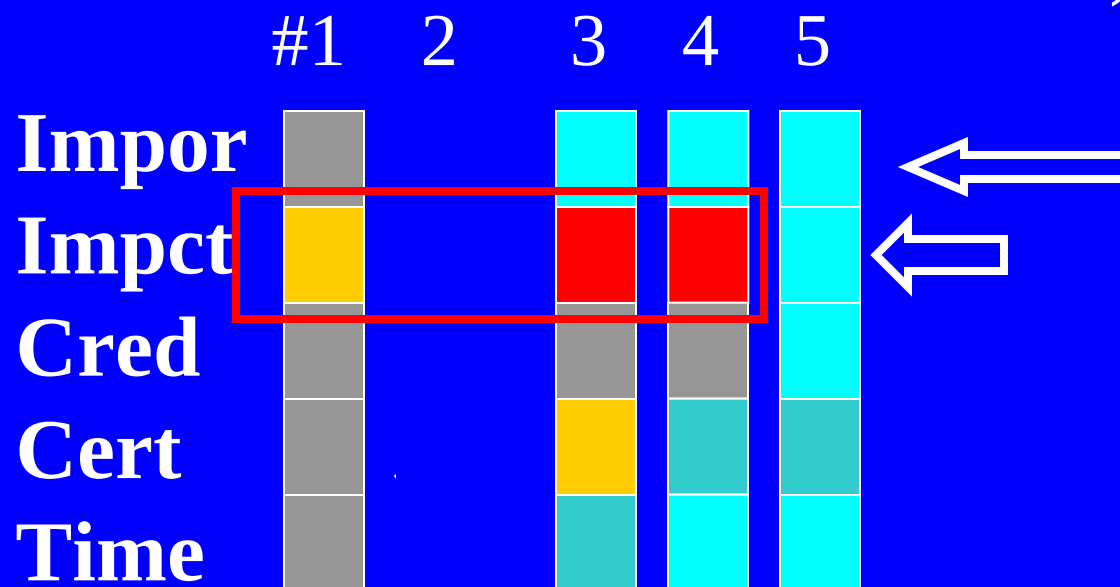
The EWALL algorithms uses the tagged information to sort, rank, link (whatever the user specifies) the items into a meaningful framework for analysis and final criterion evaluation/scoring



Analyst uses EWALL technology to evaluate criterion



Political Stability Summary (5 items for each of five criteria)



Political Stability Rating: 

How can we assist the individual in reaching an overall recommendation?

Same as before except now the items/cards represent his evaluation score assigned to each criterion

Scoring of four selection criteria

Political Stability 

Cost (use of assets) 

Duration of Ops 

Local Security 

Individual Recommendation: NO 

How do we give participants access to uniquely held information?

My PS Items

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Other analyst's PS items

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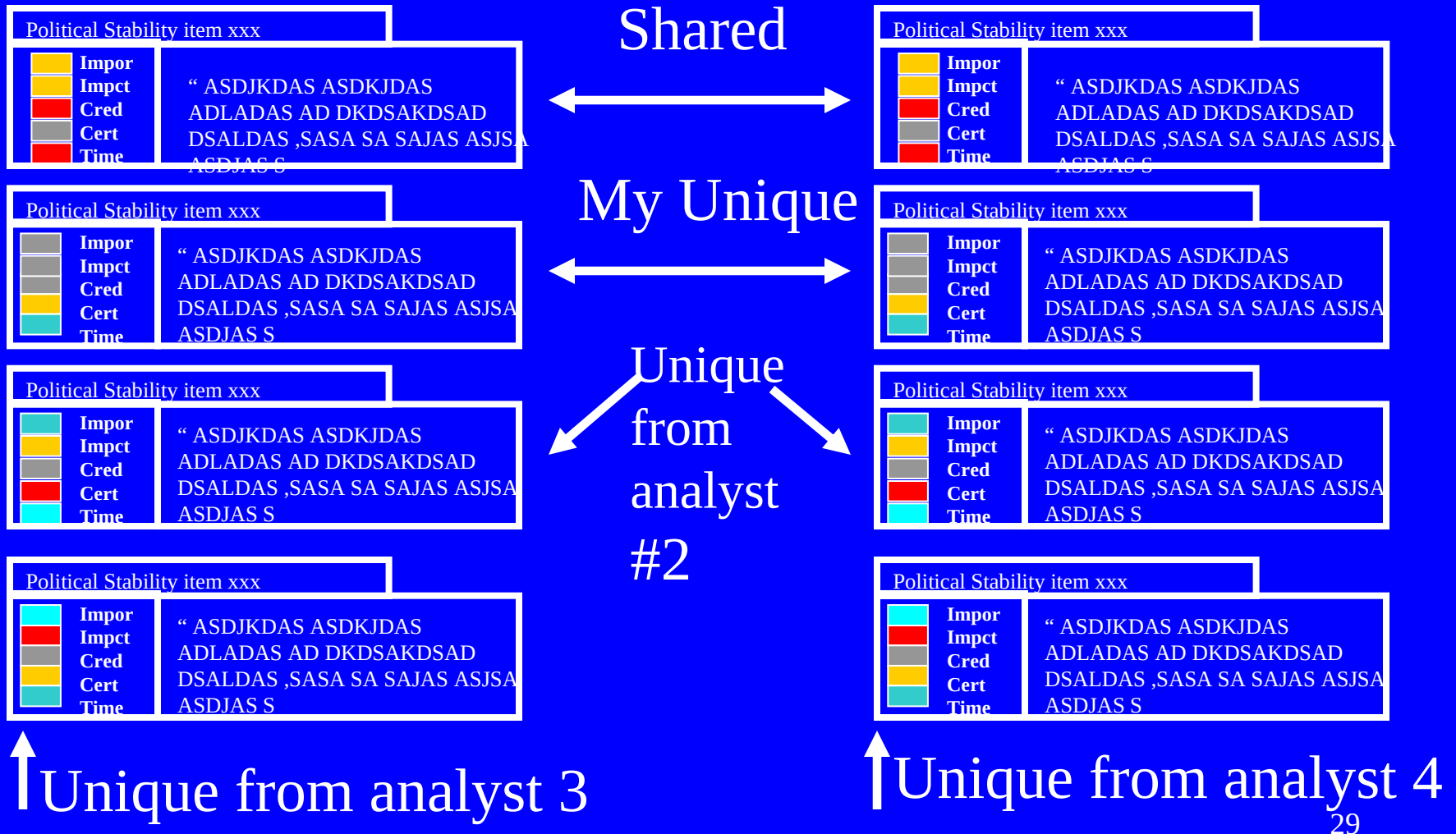
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Send me non-duplicative items rated Important



My Full Array of Information Items





With Transfer of Unique Items:

The item content and scoring is transferred...

but scoring can be modified by recipient.

Unique
from
analyst
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ALL the Analysts have the same array of PS items



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THIS is what differs



At this point...

- There has been **NO** collaboration between participants
 - exchange of UI was assumed to be an automated database search process on tagged information items
- Tagging and EWALL technology have been used to make **individual** judgements/decisions

(When in an asynchronous mode, a large amount of the information is processed/analyzed independently)

- But, the final **GROUP** recommendation requires...
 - collaboration
 - consensus building



Collaboration is via shared/networked EWALL display

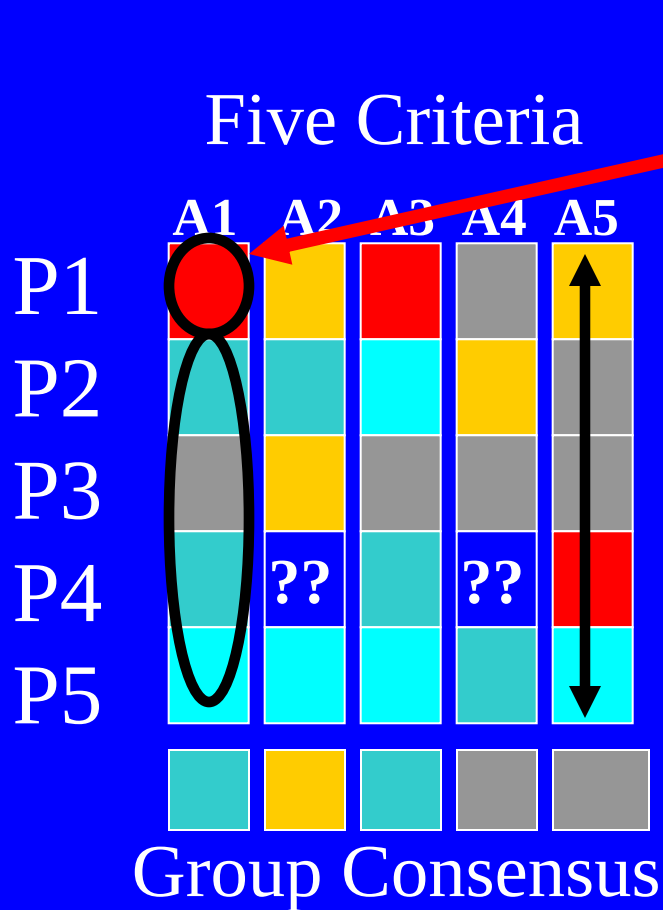
- If the UI exchange process has been successful, all the participants are using the **same information items**
- Differences in scoring is on the individual **interpretation** of the information items
- Individual interpretation is reflected in the **tags assigned** by each participant and
 - can serve as a focus for group discussion
 - forms a framework for consensus building



Reaching Group Consensus on Criterion Scores



Five Decision Criteria (“A”), Five Participants (“P”)



P1 scores on criterion A1



Where,
precisely,
do we
disagree?

How can we assist the Group in
reaching an overall
consensus/recommendation?

EWALL items now become the group criteria scores

Group scoring of decision criteria

A1: Political Stability 

A2: Cost (use of assets) 

A3: Duration of Ops 

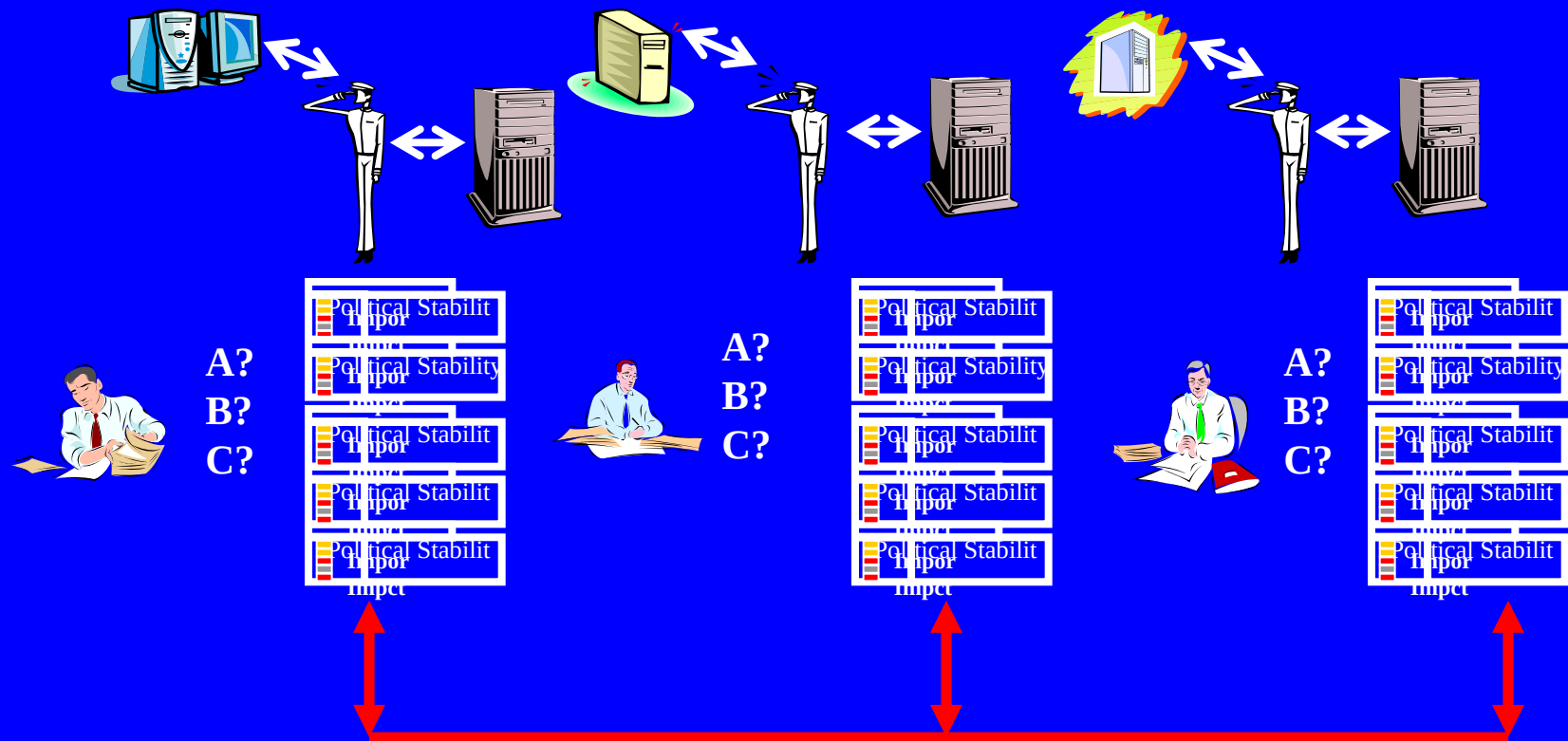
A4: Local Security 

A5: Infrastructure 

Consensus Overall Recommendation:

Mild Endorsement 

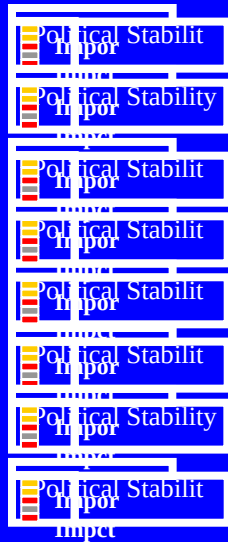
Decision Flow Model (Revised)



Unique Items are shared

Decision Flow Model (cont.)

Each participant has
a uniform pool
of items



A?
B?
C?
all?

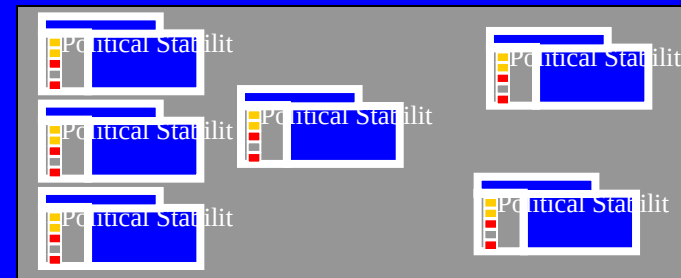
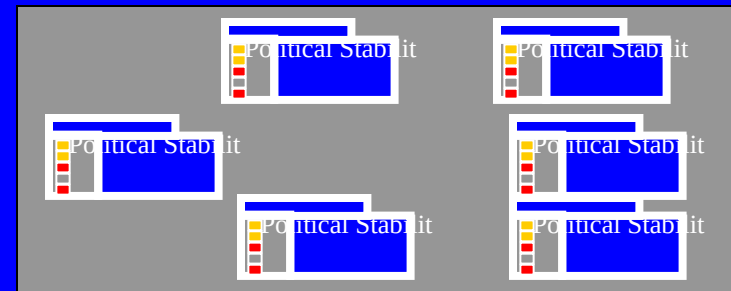
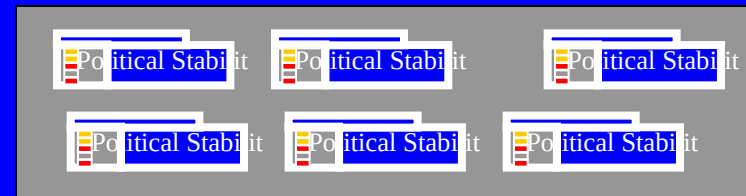


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C?
All?



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EWALL Technology

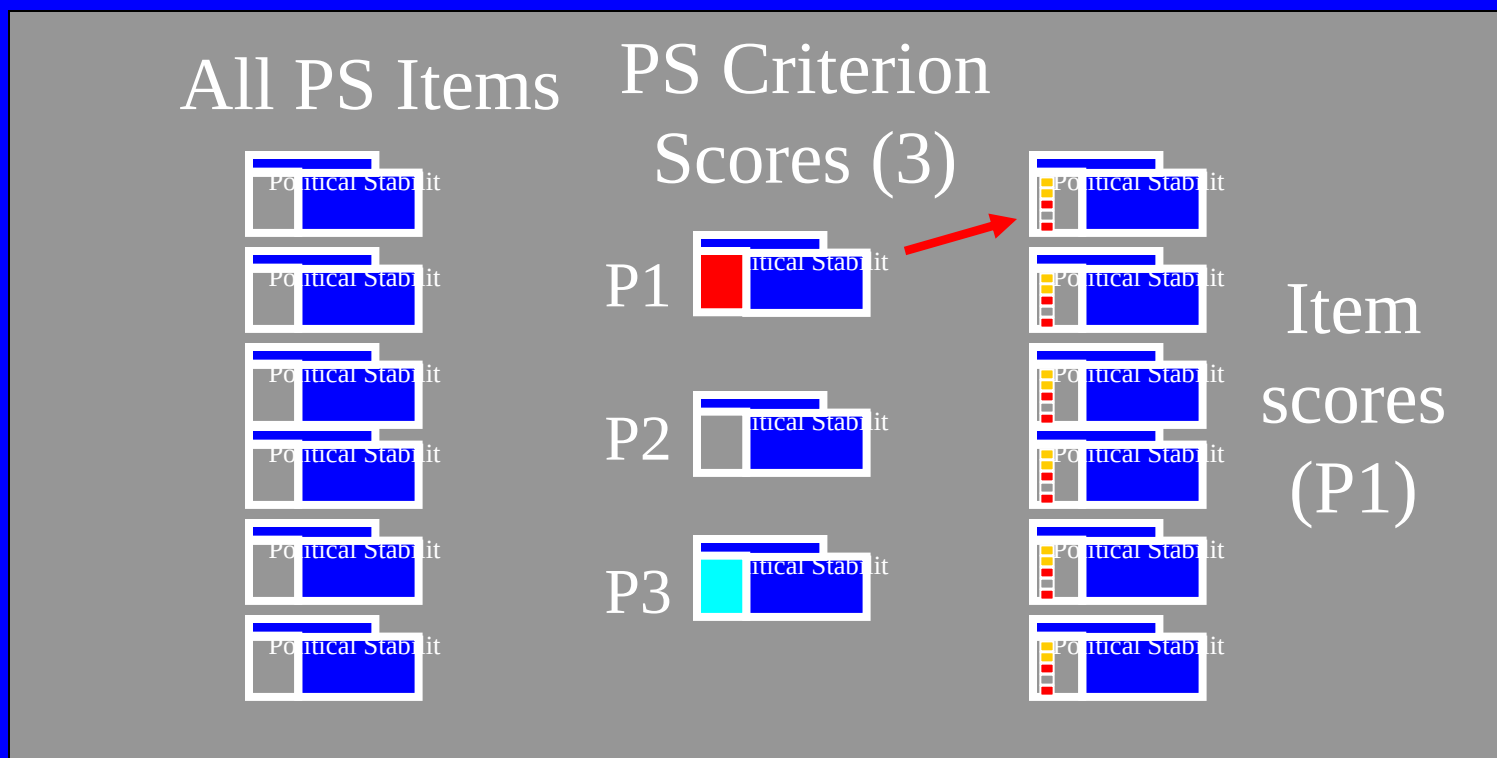




Collaboration & Consensus Building (PS Criterion)



Networked EWALL Computer Display



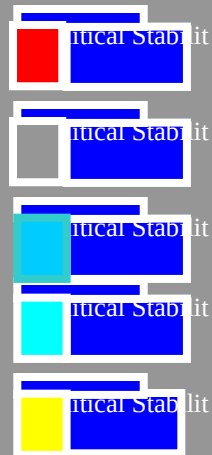


Group Overall Decision

Networked EWALL Computer Display

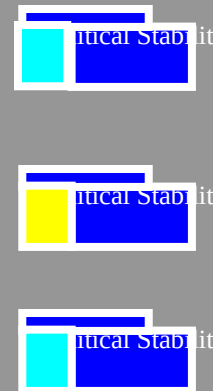


Group Criteria
Scores



P1

Overall
Scores (3)



P2

P3





Completed Experiments

- Two experiments completed in FY02
- Primary focus was on what type of information the subject would request to reconcile differences with the “group”
- Subjects focused on maximum discrepancies with “other group members” vice attempting to move mid-point scores to a consensus
- One experiment showed significant preference for looking at scores higher than their own (i.e. more positive)
 - second experiment showed opposite result

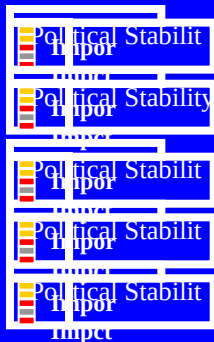


Planned Experiment

- **Structure & Tagging Experiment**
- Design/software completed, pilot subjects tested
- Experiment is on-line, internet based
 - At <http://64.66.5.34:8080/dcode>
- Expect to use Ss at NPS, run Jan/Feb.

Experimental Design Overview

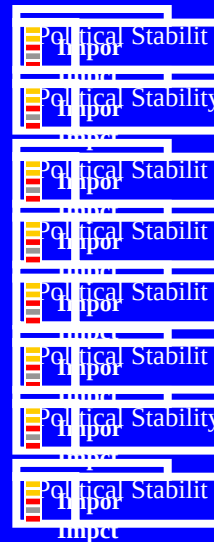
Original Pool
of Items



A?
B?
C?
all?

Phase I

Composite pool
of items (UI+SI)



A?
B?
C?
all?

Phase II

Research Question:

Does the manner in which these are displayed,
influence the accuracy of the revised assessment?



Structure & Tag Experiment



- Subject sees 12 information items
 - 4 Criteria, 3 information items per Criterion
 - Scores all the criteria, plus an overall score
 - Then sees 10 new items which are UI from other members (e.g. automated browser search)
 - UI creates **hidden profile** situation, i.e. Negative changes to Positive with information pooling
 - Then scores his constructs again after seeing the UI
- Three Presentation Modes (Between Ss variable)
 - Randomized lists of the 12 and the 12+10 items
 - The 12 and 12+10 item lists are grouped (but not tagged)
 - The 12 and 12+10 item lists are grouped and tagged



Impact of UI Information

	First 12 items	Add the 10 UI items
Criterion 1	2 NEG 1 POS “NEG”	2 NEG 4 POS “POS”
Criterion 2	2 NEG 1 POS “NEG”	2 NEG 4 POS “POS”
Criterion 3	2 NEG 1 POS “NEG”	4 NEG 1 POS “Strong NEG”
Criterion 4	2 POS 1 NEG “POS”	4 POS 1 NEG “Strong POS”
Overall Score	NEG	POS



List Condition (First 12)

"....The major ports of Islandia are less than three days sailing from our major disaster recovery supply center at Naha. Naha also has three supply ships that are permanently loaded to be used in quick response assistance...."

"....Islandia Security Forces are used to working in small independent groups, and as such have never really developed expertise in larger scale command and control operations such as this camp would require. There is some question as to whether they will be able to effectively perform a mission of this large scale...."

"....The Huan Construction Company announced last month that it had completed all the work on Aurgon, Islandia's major airport. The major impact of this construction is that the airport will now be able to handle even the largest commercial and military jet aircraft...."

"....Our Ambassador to Islandia been at that job longer than any other in the region, and has a very good relationship with all levels of the Islandia government. This should assure that any negotiations between us and Islandia would go very quickly and without any major difficulties...."

"....A detailed report on both the primary and secondary roads in Islandia indicates that within and between all the major cities, almost all of the primary roads are four lanes. The vast majority of the secondary roads are good quality two-lane highways...."

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Score

Confidence

Overall



Generic KE design was not used



- KE design had not been finalized during software development.
- Felt a finer degree of granularity might be needed to highlight differences (7-pt. Scale vs. 5-pt. Scale)
- Only one tagging parameter (impact, pos-neg) was used for tagged condition.



List Condition: UI Items (appended to end of list)

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First 12

Next 10



Scoring the information again after seeing UI items



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Which UI items were most important?



Reference Window

First:

Second:

Third:

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← The 10 UI items

We would expect he selects the hidden profile reversal items



Grouped Condition: First 12



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Items
grouped
by criteria



Grouped Condition: UI items appended to end of category list

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Tagged Condition (First 12)

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Items grouped
and tagged as
Positive or
Negative
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Hidden Profile



Experimental Hypotheses

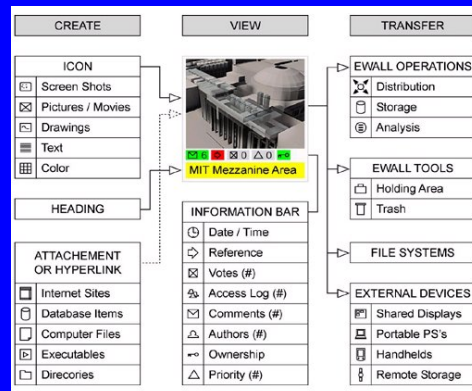
- **List condition**
 - Will not detect the hidden profiles
 - Least accurate scoring of criteria
 - Low confidence
 - Longest completion time
- **Tagged condition**
 - Will detect the hidden profiles
 - Most accurate scoring of criteria
 - Highest confidence
 - Shortest completion time
- **Grouped Condition**
 - Middle range between List and Tagged conditions



Additional FY03 Work

Optimized KE techniques/displays:

What information is required,
how should it be elicited?



Five Criteria

	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5
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P2	Teal	Teal	Cyan	Yellow	Gray
P3	Gray	Yellow	Gray	Gray	Gray
P4	Teal	??	Teal	??	Red
P5	Cyan	Cyan	Cyan	Teal	Cyan

Interface/displays for
group consensus building

Compatibility with, leveraging of
EWALL technologies



Presentations/Publications

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Asynchronous Collaboration

Time

