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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A method, comprising:

2 (a) executing an application capable of performing decision logic;

3 (b) retrieving information from a database in accordance with the decision logic,

4 utilizing a network;

5 (c) receiving information from a user in accordance with the decision logic

6 utilizing a user interface via the network; and

7 (d) processing the information utilizing the decision logic.

1 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein (b)-(d) are carried out using

2 universal modules capable of interfacing with different applications adapted

3 for applying the universal modules to different business sectors.

1 3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the decision logic is carried out in

2 real-time.

1 4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network is the Internet.

1 5. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the business sector includes at

2 least one of a real estate-related business sector, medical-related business

3 sector, corporate-related business sector, and financial-related business

4 sector.

1 6. The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising collecting data

2 from the decision logic for generating visual displays of a decision hierarchy

3 and an influence diagram.

1   7.   The method as recited in claim 6, wherein the user is prompted to approve

2   the visual displays of the decision hierarchy and the influence diagram.

1   8.   The method as recited in claim 7, wherein the data includes (a) policies that

2   form boundary conditions associated with the decision logic, (b) strategic

3   decisions to be made, (c) values that are important to the user, (d)

4   uncertainties that may impact the values, and a relationship between (a)-(d).

1   9.   The method as recited in claim 6, and further comprising creating a strategy

2   table using the data.

1   10.   The method as recited in claim 8, and further comprising assessing the

2   uncertainties for analysis purposes.

1   11.   The method as recited in claim 1, and further comprising generating a

2   tornado diagram and decision sensitivity output displays.

1   12.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the decision logic provides

2   potential feasible hybrid themes.

1   13.   The method as recited in claim 1, wherein (a)-(d) are carried out by a

2   platform capable of accomplishing (b)-(d) for different purposes by

3   executing the different applications each capable of performing different

4   decision logic.

1   14.   A computer program product embodied on a computer readable medium,

2   comprising:

3   computer code for executing an application capable of performing decision

4   logic;

5   computer code for retrieving information from a database in accordance with

6   the decision logic, utilizing a network;

7		computer code for receiving information from a user in accordance with the
8		decision logic utilizing a user interface via the network; and
9		computer code for processing the information utilizing the decision logic.

1	15.	A system, comprising:
2		logic for executing an application capable of performing decision logic;
3		logic for retrieving information from a database in accordance with the
4		decision logic, utilizing a network;
5		logic for receiving information from a user in accordance with the decision
6		logic utilizing a user interface via the network; and
7		logic for processing the information utilizing the decision logic.