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

5 utilizing a user interface; and

6 (d) processing the information utilizing the decision logic;

7 (e) wherein (b)-(d) are carried out using universal modules capable of

8 interfacing with different applications adapted for applying the universal

9 modules to different business sectors.

1 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein real-time collaborative decision

2 making is provided between the receiving business and the supplying

3 business.

1 3. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the information is retrieved and

2 received via a network.

1 4. The method as recited in claim 3, 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   (a)   computer code for executing an application capable of performing decision

4   logic;

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

6   the decision logic;

7   (c)   computer code for receiving information from a user in accordance with the

8   decision logic utilizing a user interface;

9   (d)   computer code for processing the information utilizing the decision logic;

10   and

11   (e)   wherein computer code segments (a)-(d) are executed using universal

12   modules capable of interfacing with different applications adapted for

13   applying the universal modules to different business sectors.

1   15.   A system, comprising:

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

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

4   decision logic;

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

6   logic utilizing a user interface;

7   (d)   logic for processing the information utilizing the decision logic; and

8   (e)   wherein logic elements (a)-(d) are carried out using universal modules

9   capable of interfacing with different applications adapted for applying the

10   universal modules to different business sectors.