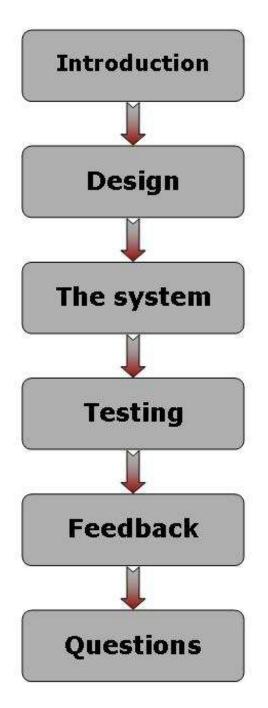
Databases, Institutional Repositories and an Organisational Work Flow

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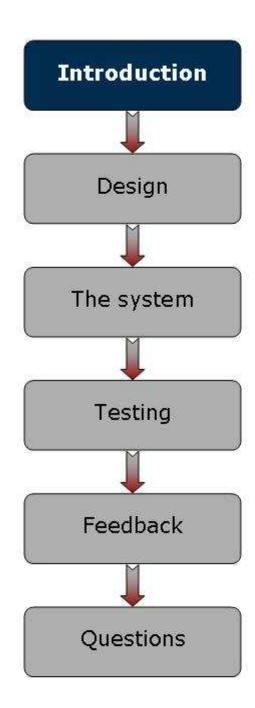




Route

- Introduction
- Design process
- Workflow system
- Testing phase
- User feedback
- Questions

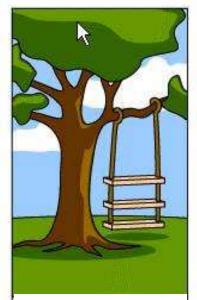




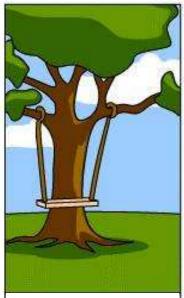
Background

- The CSIR
 - Obligation to stakeholders
 - Accounting
 - Equivalence
 - Recognition/accreditation
 - Career ladders
 - Career development paths
- Challenges:
 - Managing explicit research output
 - Compliance (lack of)
 - Identification of relevant items
 - Embedded quality control systems
 - Performance and accreditation
- Result: TOdB Workflow





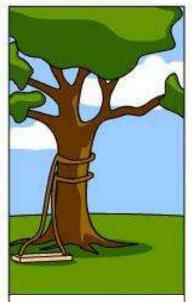
How the customer explained it



How the project leader understood it



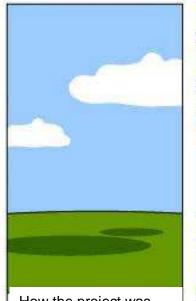
How the Analyst designed it



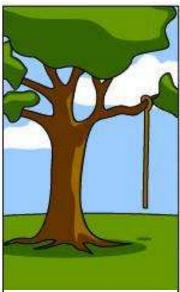
How the Programmer wrote it



How the Business Consultant described it



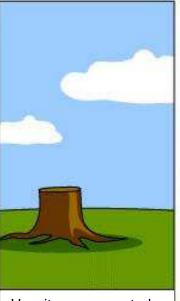
How the project was documented



What operations installed



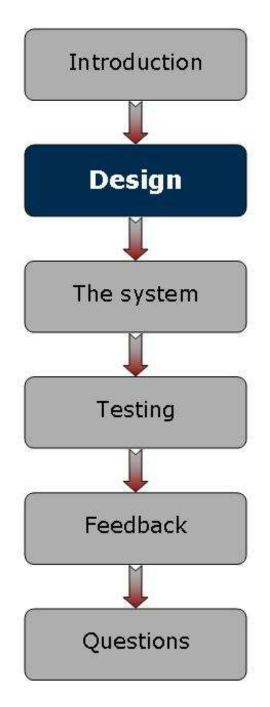
How the customer was billed



How it was supported



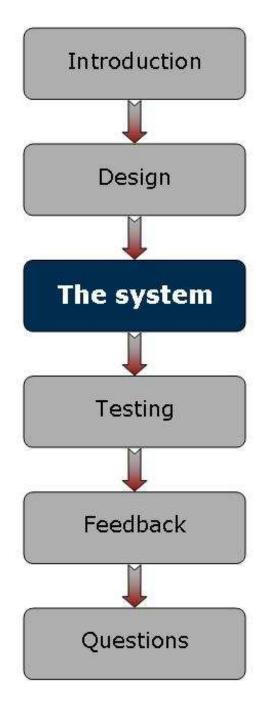
What the customer really needed



Design process

- Define the need
- Obtain buy-in from stakeholders
- Develop the blueprint (user requirement specifications)
- Needs
 - Streamlining and identification
 - Defining elements
 - Stakeholders and champions

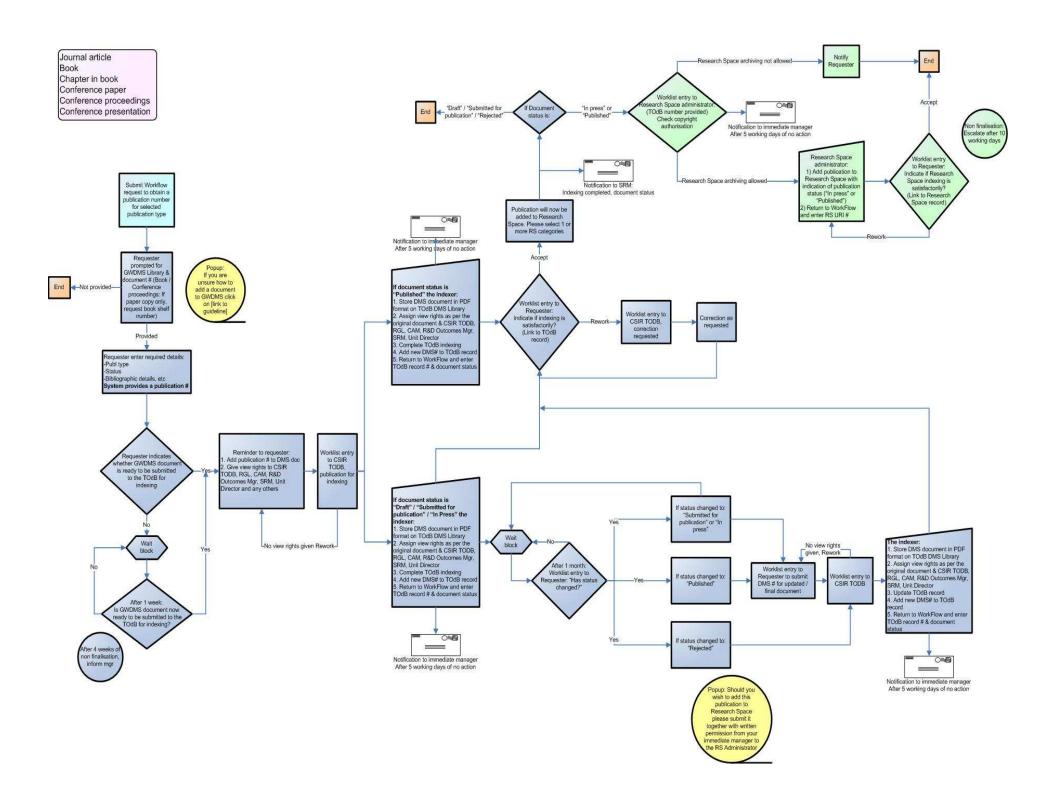




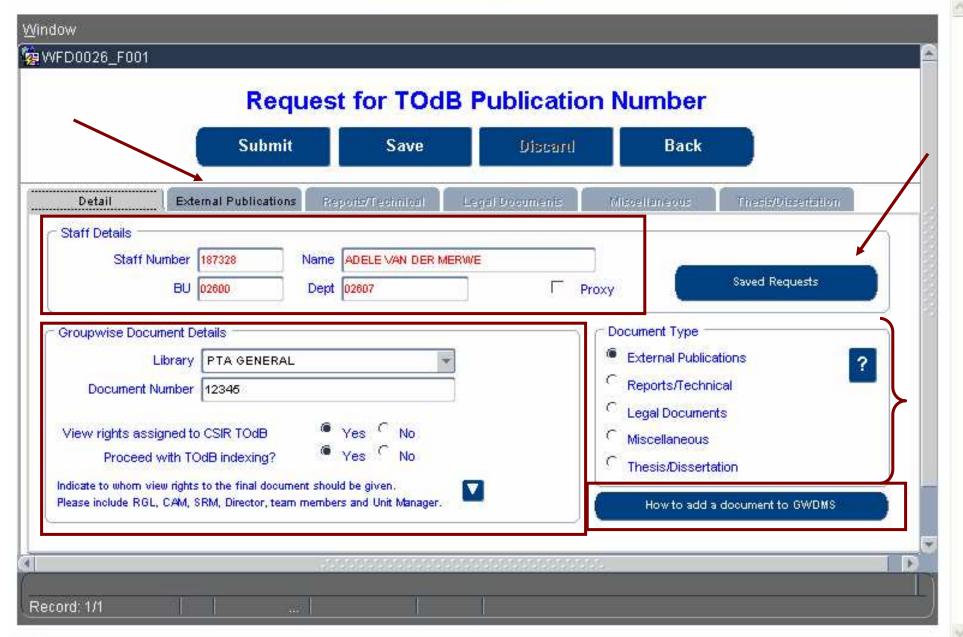
The system

- Discussions
 - Stakeholders
 - IT developers
 - Open minded
- Priority areas
 - Replace manual system
 - Publication numbers
 - Time saving plus accuracy
 - Improve compliance and control
 - Familiar environment
 - Identify suitability for repository

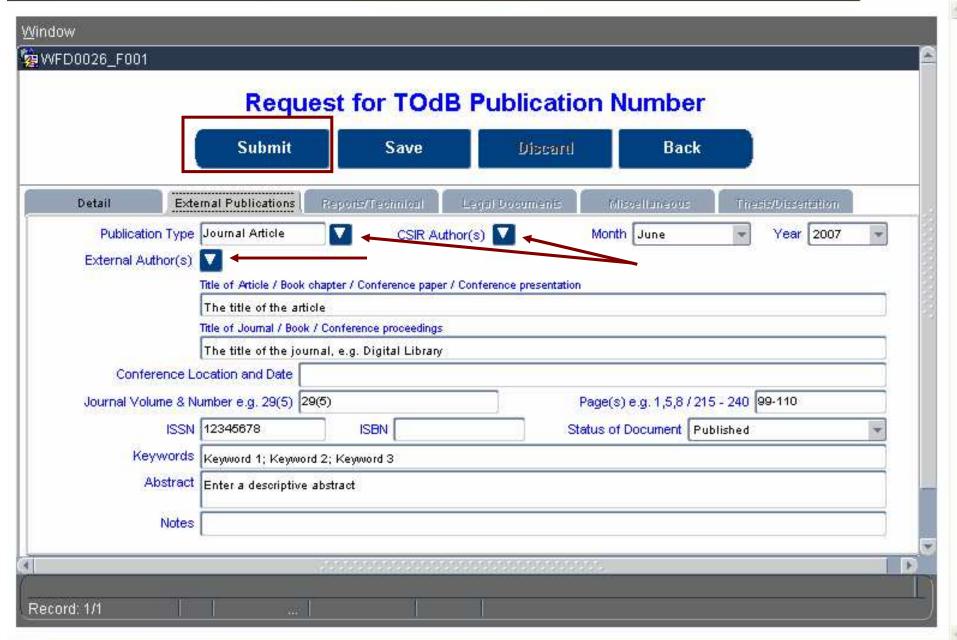




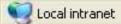




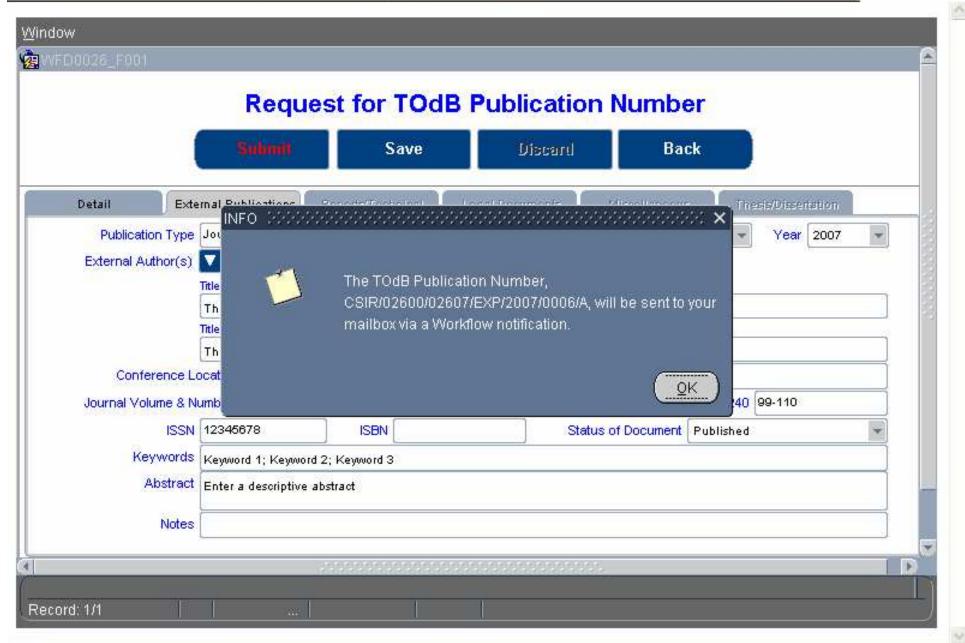






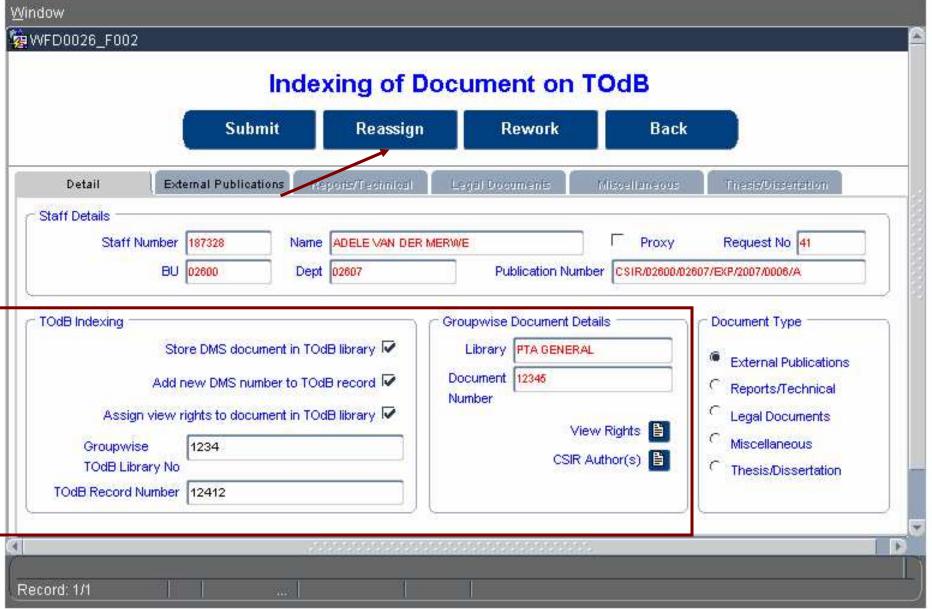








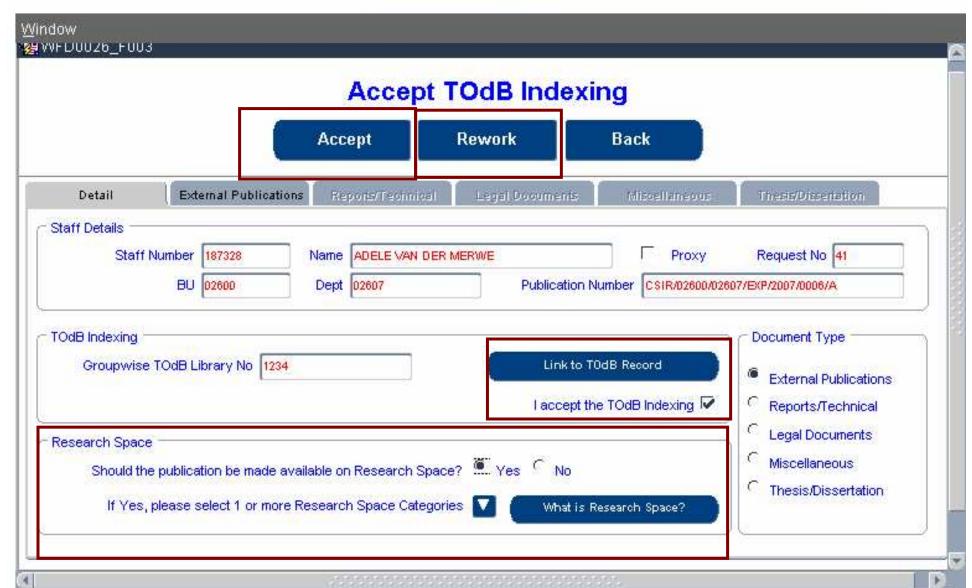




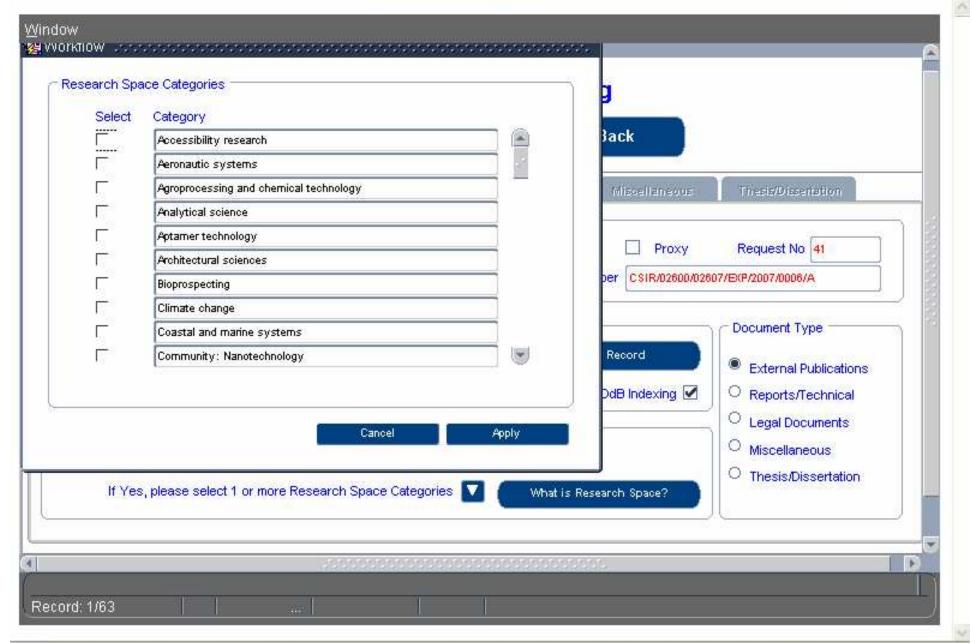




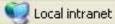




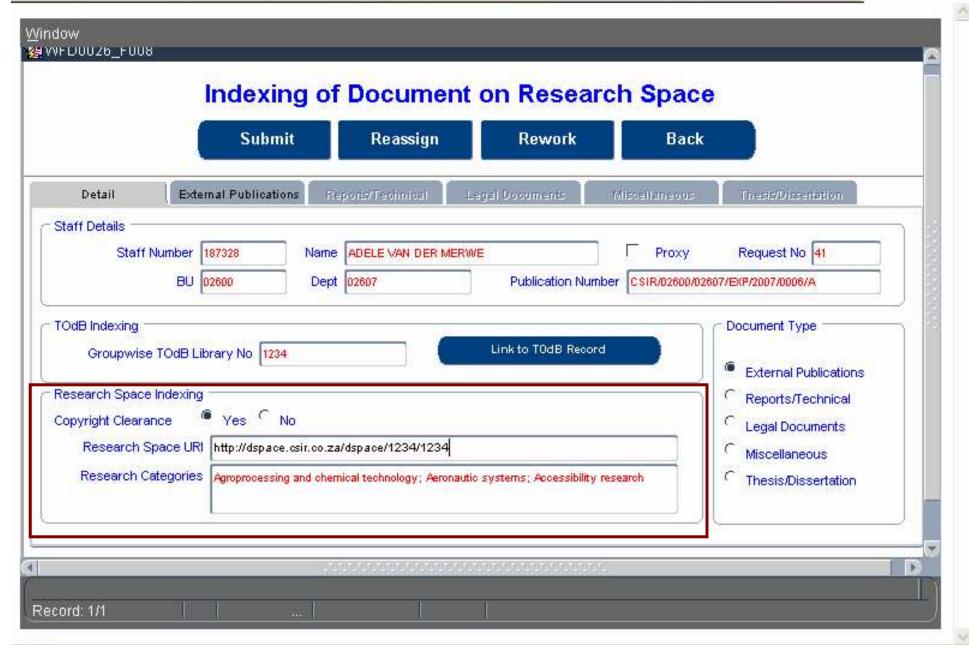




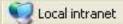




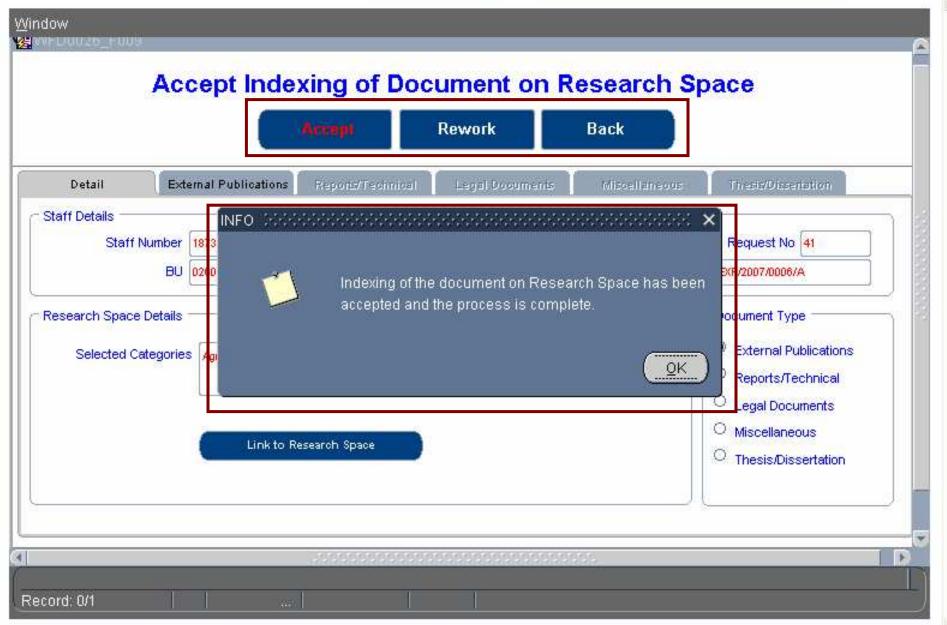




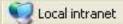


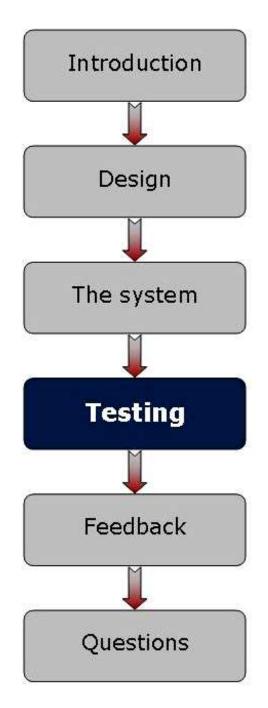












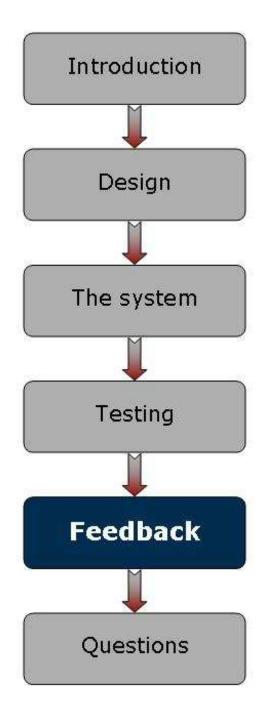
Testing phase

- On the development server
- All publication types
- All functionality
- Feedback to developers
- Several sessions (3 group sessions plus individual testing)



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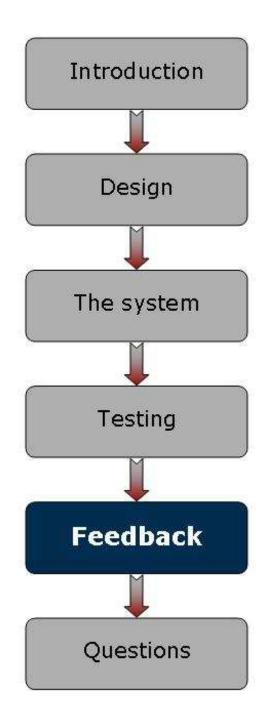
Benefits

- User feels in control
- Accurate reporting
- Easier tracking
- Identification of bottlenecks
- Better record keeping
- Increased visibility and recognition
- Improved quality whole process and indexing
- Lack of compliance identified at source



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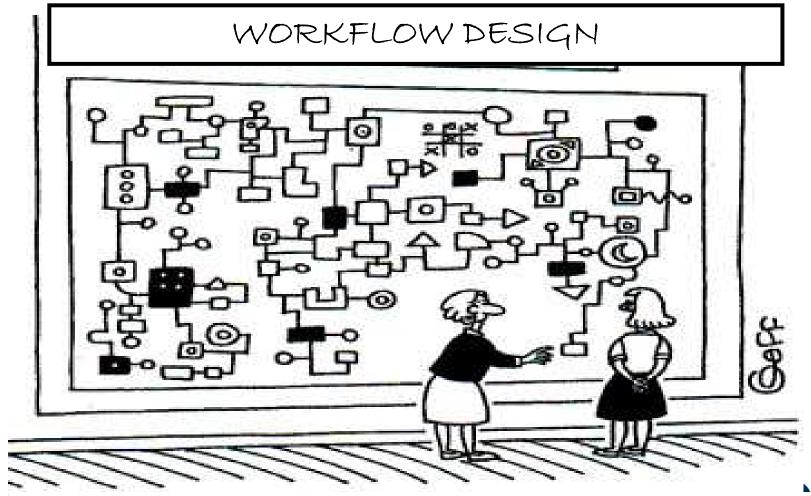
Feedback from end-users

- Supportive of systematic/logical approach
- Acknowledge the benefits
- •Strategic Research Managers monitoring of items in the pipeline
- Information Specialists time saving
- Compensates for lack of subject knowledge
- Indexing mentoring

Final implementation and roll-out imminent.

Will require hands-on training and marketing

Any questions?



"And this is where the workflow design team went insane"