

# CSCI577a Fall 2006

## EasyWinWin Pre-Tutorial Assignment

**Due:** As per your schedule for the EasyWinWin Tutorial Session

### Readings:

EasyWinWin Process Guide

<http://greenbay.usc.edu/csci577/fall2006/site/coursenotes/ep/winwinguidebook.pdf>

### Project:

#### Fulltext Titles Database

USC subscribes to many different databases that index and abstract popular and scholarly articles and make them available over the World Wide Web. In some cases these databases include the full-text of the articles as well. A major problem faced by students and librarians is identifying where a particular periodical title is indexed, the dates of coverage and whether it is available in full-text. Title lists are available from the vendors but are large files and can be difficult to use on the fly. The purpose of this project is to retrieve and consolidate this information into a searchable database that can be accessed via the Web. Two examples of approaches to this problem are available on the web. The first is the jake project at Yale University: <http://jake.med.yale.edu>

This is a cooperative, open source based project that collects data from as many databases as possible and presents it in a searchable database. This is a valuable tool but can be confusing to users because it includes information on many databases that USC does have access to.

A second example is a database produced by Indiana University: <http://www.indiana.edu/~libej/>. This is a database of titles contained only in databases that IU has access to which is more functional for users.

These examples show good interfaces but do not show the difficulty of collecting and collating the information that is needed. The vendors' title lists are of varying quality and differing formats and can change without notice.

Currently, users of USC's electronic resources spend a great deal of time trying to find sources in fulltext rather than focusing on their research topics. Having a comprehensive, easily searched collection of fulltext titles would fill a serious gap in the tools available to researchers and students.

## **Assignment:**

Use the following project description for the EasyWinWin pre-tutorial exercise. Use the information and your imaginations to write win conditions, issues, and options for this project.

1. Write one win condition for each category (project and process, capability, system interface, level of service, and evolution)
2. Write three issues (for more detail read sub items)
  - a. Write two issues for a win condition that you have written in the bullet 1 (if none of them has an issue, then come up with a win condition that belongs to any of the category that has issues)
  - b. Write an issue for another win condition that you have written in the bullet 1 (if none of them has an issue, then come up with a win condition that belongs to another category other than bullet 2.a)
3. Write an option for each issue you have written in the bullet 2.