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Your Career As A Business Analyst

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BUSINESS ANALYST
JOB OPPORTUNITIES

On Monster.Com

- Over 1000 hits within California
- Over 850 hits within 50 miles of Irvine
Common Tasks, Skills, Traits of the Business Analyst

- Organizer
- Researcher
- Interviewer
- Coordinator
- Communicator
- Planner
- People skills
- Analytical skills
- Business skills
- Decision maker
- Leadership skills
- Project Management skills
Job Functions

- Varies from job to job and firm to firm
- Can be from a one person show to an entire business unit
A bit more detail on Job Functions

- Establish the “as-is” model
- Analyze the “as-is” model
- Establish the user requirements
- Use Case
- Establish the “to-be” model
- Establish system processes and architecture needed for the “to-be” model
- Determine physical and financial resources needed
- Conduct cost and value analysis
- Formulate business case
- Recommend the “to-be” process
- Implement the process
- Monitor and Control the process
OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVANCEMENT

Business analyst can advance into the following potentials:

- Business Analyst in another functional group
- Senior Business Analyst
- Supervisor
- Business Manager
- Director and Beyond
CHALLENGES AND REWARDS

Challenges
- Dealing with People
- Conflicts
- Communication
- Resources

Rewards
- Lucrative salaries
- Recognition
- Sense of accomplishment
- Visibility
- Career advancement