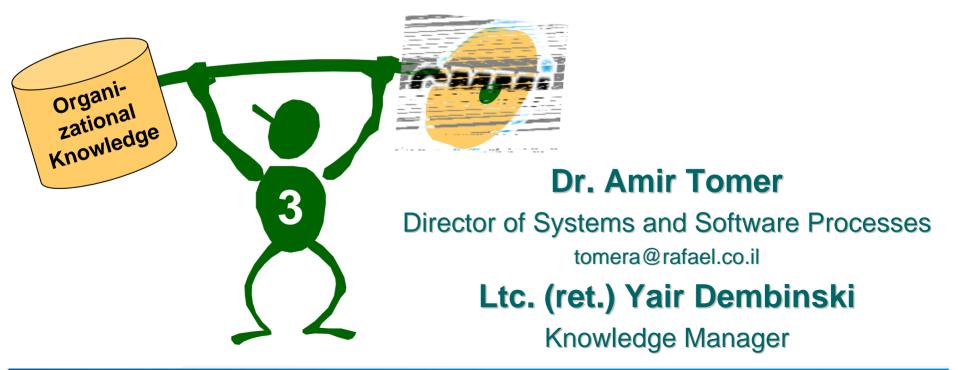


## **Knowledge Management**

## at the Heart of CMMI ML3





### **Presentation Overview**

- About RAFAEL
- The Organization at Maturity Level 3
- Principles of Knowledge Management
- KM Systems at RAFAEL
- Nympha An Example of a KM System
- Q&A



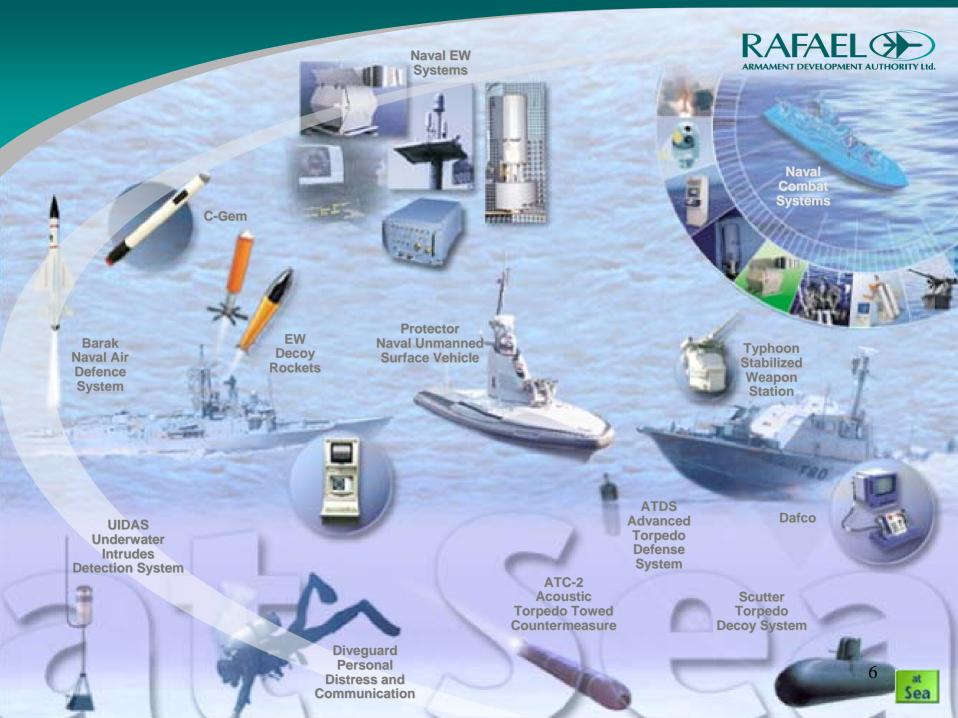
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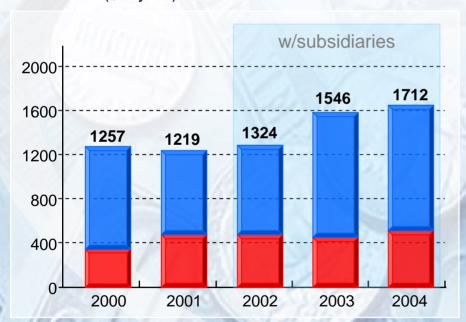




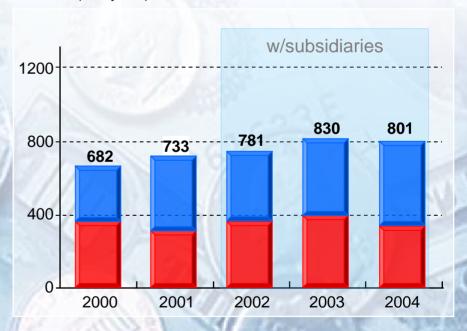
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#### BACKLOG (\$M/year)



#### SALES (\$M/year)



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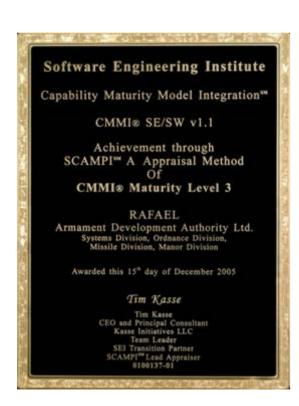
## **Core Capabilities**

- Seekers and electro-optical payloads
- Guidance and navigation
- Image processing trackers
- Rocket motors
- Explosives
- Warheads and fuses
- Acoustics
- Thermal batteries
- High power microwave

- Materials and processes composites, optical elements and coating metallurgy
- MMIC
- Antennas and radomes
- Electronic warfare
- Communication, secure data links
- Terminal ballistics
- Simulators, trainers, training systems
- Armor and protection

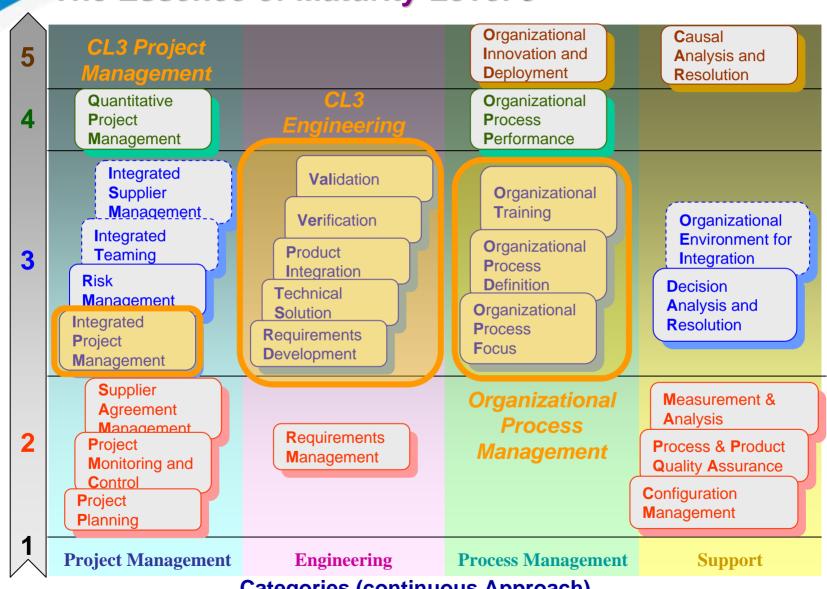


## **Excellence through Standards**





#### The Essence of Maturity Level 3



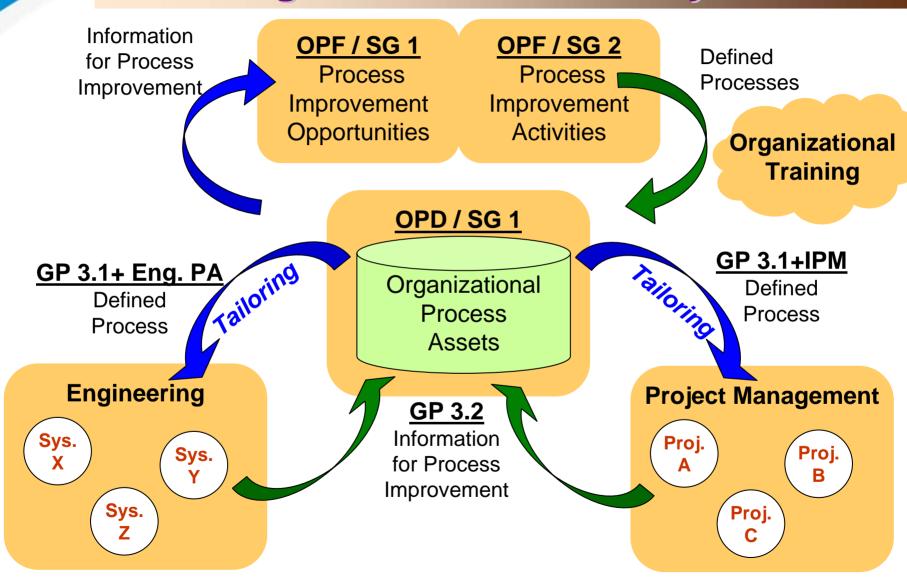


## The Essence of Capability Level 3

- Generic Goal 3
  - The process is institutionalized as a defined process
    - Generic Practice 3.1
      - Establish and maintain the description of a defined process
    - Generic Practice 3.2
      - Collect work products, measures, measurement results, and improvement information derived from planning and performing the process to support the future use and improvement of the organization's processes and process assets

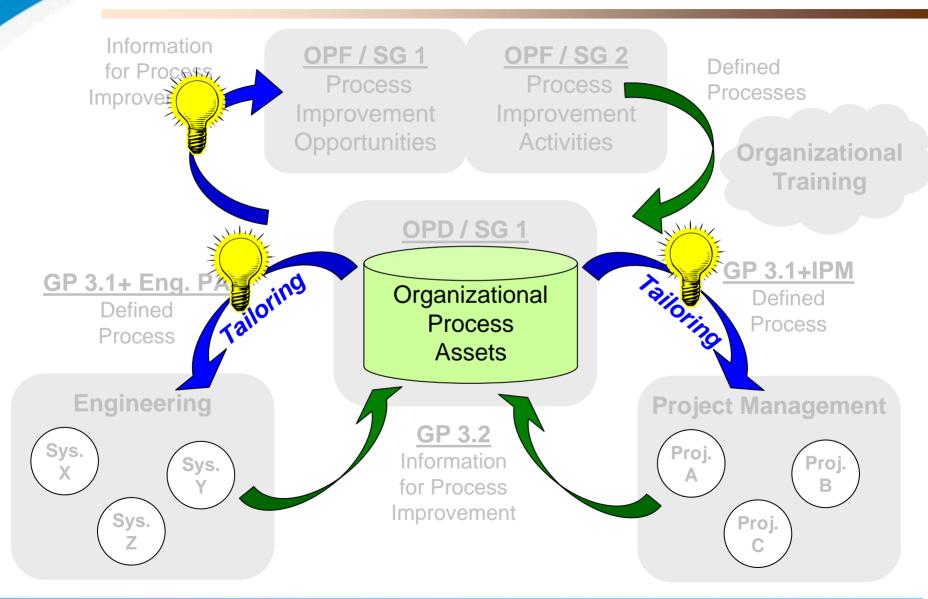


## The Organization at Maturity Level 3





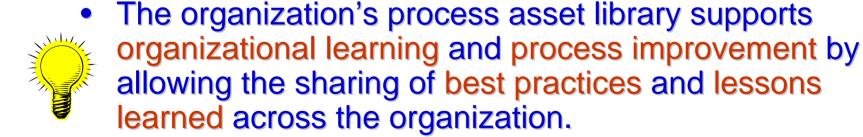
#### **Same Information – Different Use Contexts!**





## **Organizational Process Assets**

- The organization's process asset library is a collection of items maintained by the organization for use by the people and projects of the organization
- This collection of items includes:
  - descriptions of processes and process elements
  - descriptions of life-cycle models
  - process tailoring guidelines
  - process-related documentation
  - process-related data





## **Knowledge Management – The Motivation**

- At the Individual Level
  - Capability to perform tasks and to make decisions in a higher level of quality
    - Process knowledge
    - Professional knowledge
    - Business knowledge
    - Expert identification
    - ...
- At the Organization Level
  - Knowledge is the most important resource of the organization
  - Appropriate management of the knowledge improves organizational performance
    - Knowledge sharing and knowledge assets
    - Visible and invisible knowledge
    - Technology
    - Organizational processes and culture
    - . . . .



## **RAFAEL's KM Objectives**

- Support the Organizational Core Processes
  - Improve the effectiveness and efficiency of sales
  - Improve project process efficiency
    - Reduce errors
    - Decrease "wheel inventions"
  - Improve proficiency and effectiveness in development
    - Generate relevant connections among people
    - Improve the availability of relevant information and knowledge
  - Improve field-test success ration
  - Improve business intelligence in marketing and sales phases
  - Support of innovation in all areas
- Implement Effective and Efficient Solutions
  - Construct appropriate KM infrastructure over all aspects
    - Technology
    - Process
    - Culture



## **Types of Needs**

- Knowledge Sharing by People with Common Subjects
- Accessibility to Information within **Specific Context**
- Handling "Know-How"
- Accessibility to Professionals
- Decision Support



## **Types of Solutions**

- "Know-How" Management
- After-Action Reviews and Lessons Learned
- Knowledge Communities
- Contents Management
- Organizational Infrastructure



## **Knowledge Communities**

### **Definition**

- A group of people with a common subject
  - Not part of the organizational structure
  - Conduct dynamics of sharing
    - Meetings
    - Web site / Forum
- Knowledge Community Objectives
  - Knowledge sharing within the group
  - Common learning from outer sources
  - Generating new knowledge
  - Organizational lobbying for the subject



## **Contents Management**

#### Definition

Organization of contents in a form which enables convenient retrieval when needed

#### Contents Management Principles

- Every contents item
  - Exists in exactly one location
  - Accessible from a large variety of locations
  - Access is according to relevant context

#### Contents Management Solutions

- A large variety of solutions exist
- A specific solution should be chosen after careful analysis of the needs
- All solutions should be supported by the organizational infrastructure
- "Network Based Contents Management" is the advanced type of solutions



## **Examples of KM Systems in RAFAEL**

- "Nympha"
  - The knowledge source for PM and SE Processes
    - Will be discussed next
- After Action Review (AAR) System
  - Methodology-based system to support AAR and lessons learned from failures and successes
  - Lessons and recommendations are structured in retrievable formats
  - Root cause statistics caters for process improvements
- Shemesh Business Information Source
  - An integrative system for storing and retrieving relevant business knowledge
    - Competitive Products
    - Visitors
    - Exhibitions
    - Meetings
    - Customers
    - Business trips
    - Contracts
- Conference Participation Optimization
  - Classified conference catalog with priorities
  - Coordination between conference participants
  - Registration and report process

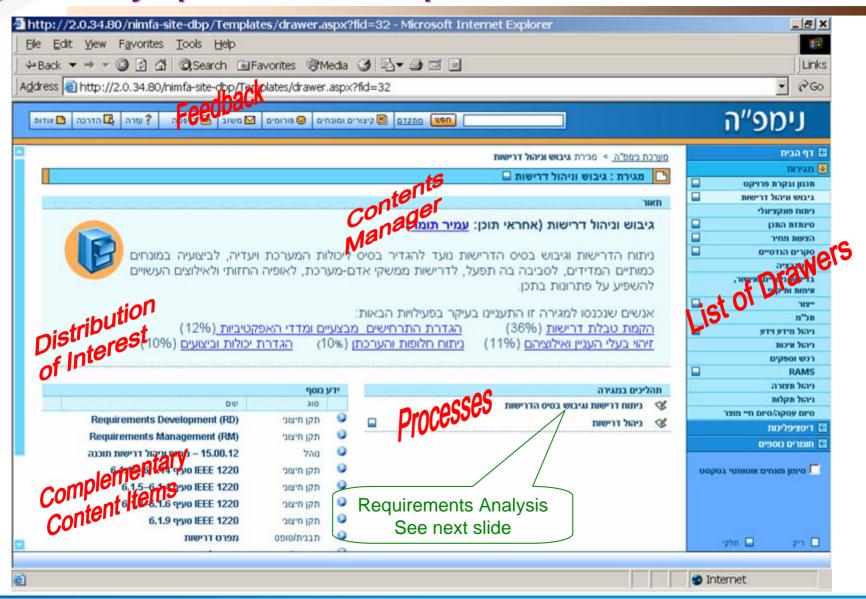


#### "Nympha" – The PM and SE Knowledge System

- The Material is Organized in "Knowledge Drawers" (Process Areas)
  - E.g. Requirements Management, V&V, ILS
- Each drawer has a "Drawer Manager"
  - A domain expert
  - Responsible for reviewing new materials
  - Responsible for updating the contents
- Each drawer contains two types of items
  - Internal items specific contents that do not exist elsewhere
  - Links to external items which exist in other sources on the network
    - Procedures and Methods Libraries
    - After Action Review System
    - Document Management System

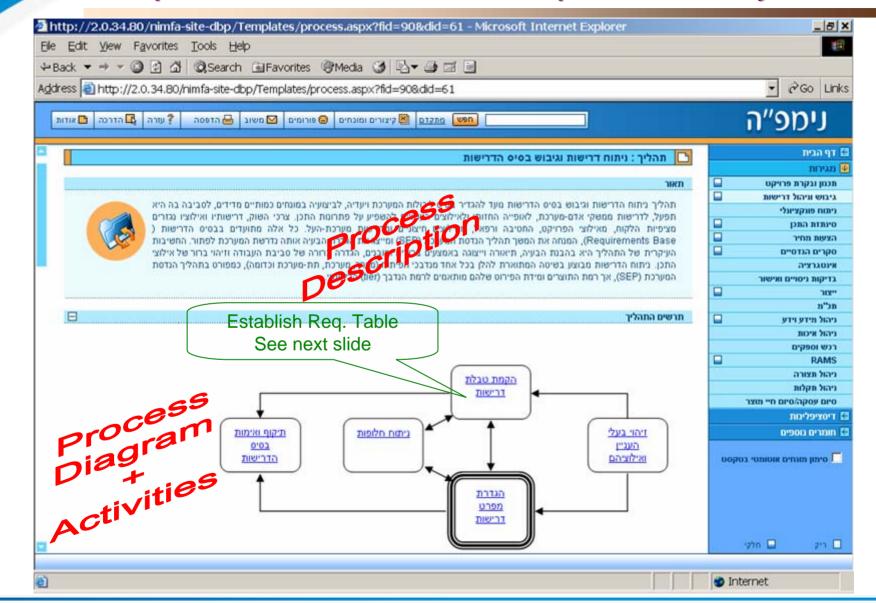


#### **Nympha Drawer: Requirements**



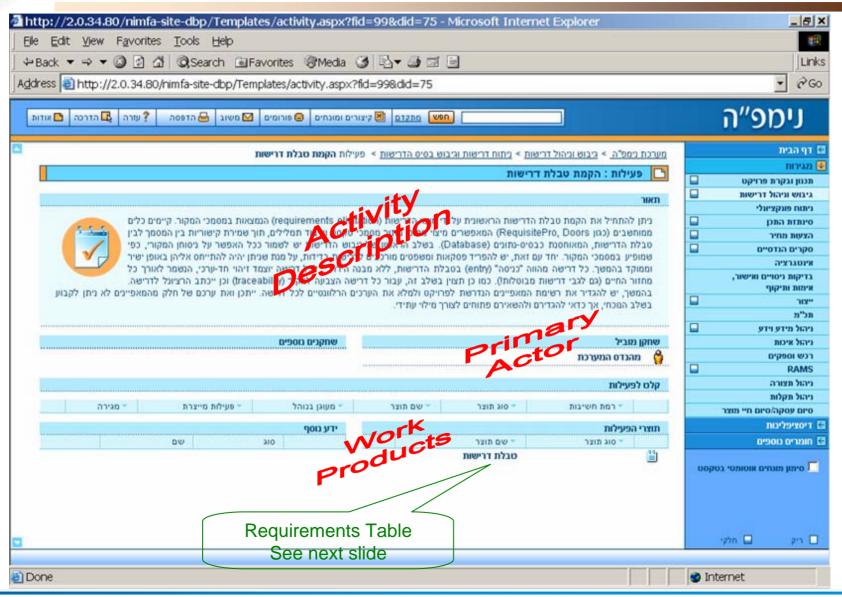


#### **Requirements Drawer Process: Requirements Analysis**



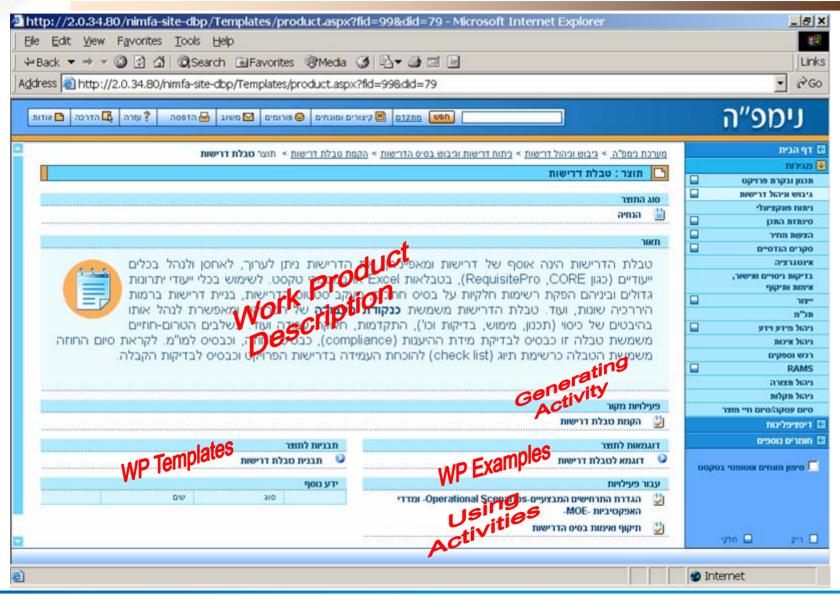


#### Requirements Analysis Activity: Establish Req. Table



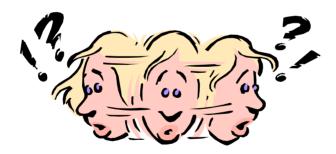


#### Establish Req. Table Work-Product: Req. Table





## Thank you for listening



Any Questions?