# Technical Feasibility

- Is the proposed technology or solution practical?
- Do we currently possess the necessary technology?
- Do we possess the necessary technical expertise, and is the schedule reasonable?
- Is relevant technology mature enough to be easily applied to our problem?
- Some firms like to use state-of-the-art technology, but most firms prefer to use mature and proven technology.
- A mature technology has a larger customer base for obtaining advice concerning problems and improvements.
- Assuming that required technology is practical, is it available in the information systems shop? If the technology is available, does it have the capacity to handle the solution.
- If the technology is not available, can it be acquired?

# Technical Alternatives

- You should be fairly high level in this phase
- Though you will need to consider the alternatives carefully for the cost/benefit analysis

### Technical Alternatives - software

Note: make sure to click on the links in this page and read the web pages

#### ■ Tools:

Operating Systems e.g. Windows family, Linux-based, Symbian...

■ IDE e.g. Visual studio, Eclipse...

■ Database e.g. MS SQL-Server, PostgreSQL, MySQL...

■ Email Server e.g. MS Exchange, QMail...

■ Web Server <u>Wikipedia</u> (<u>examples</u>)

■ Application Server <u>Wikipedia</u>

■ Message Queue Server <u>Wikipedia</u>

■ Specialized programs Rule Engine (Wikipedia)

Vision Software (<u>examples</u>)

GIS (Wikipedia, examples: SAGA GIS)

PLC/CRMS/Issue-Tracking (Wiki CRMS, Wiki PLC,

Wiki Issue Tracking, examples: bugzilla)

CMS (Wikipedia, examples: joomla, drupal)

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■ Software Components see <a href="http://www.componentsource.com">http://www.componentsource.com</a>

E.g. bar code reader library, charting library,....

## Technical Alternatives - hardware

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Tools

■ Server e.g Intel-based

■ Desktop Workstation, NetBooks, ...

■ Networking routers, cables, etc...

■ Generic hardware Sensors (motion/light/chemical/proximity...) +

Analog to Digital Converter Card

examples: Phidgets, Barcode scanners,

Point-of-sale terminals, Security Cameras

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■ Custom Hardware Microchip-based/

ATMEL-based/

Freescale-based... N-layer board