

## Telamon™ Platform Features and Function

### Components of the Telamon™ Platform

Three core components form the foundation of the *Telamon Platform*:

- The Design Component (The “Designer”). A development environment for constructing the content that will comprise the web-based software applications. The Designer component captures decision making expertise as a hierarchy of topics and questions (table of contents). It is also used to construct the narrative scripts used to publish written narrative documents based on answers to questions within the assessment.
- The Formulation Component (The “Formulator”). A facility that performs the “codeless” conversion of the content constructed within the Designer (Project data) into a format ready for use by the *Telamon* application component (see next).
- The *Telamon* Application Component (The “AGA”). A web-based software application produced from the formulation of Designer content. The application supports a role based user through the decision making process, shares data with others across the enterprise, and authors and publishes narrative documents.

The following 3 tables summarize features and benefits of the *Telamon Platform*.

### Features and Function of the Designer

Design Component (The Designer)	
Feature	Function
Dialog Designer	Software environment that, with some training, is used to capture decision making processes, making explicit tacit forms of institutional knowledge.
Topic/Question Hierarchy (Table of Contents)	Hierarchical structure which establishes context for questions and reflects decision making process flow.
Narrative Designer	Constructs narrative scripts which author and publish written narratives from the question answers.
Narrative Evaluator	Performs quality assurance on all permutations of sentences within the narrative script.

### Features and Function of the Formulator

Formulation Component (The Formulator)	
Feature	Function
One-Click Codeless Application Construction	Transforms content built with the Designer into software application in a matter of minutes without having to program or compile any software code.
Automated Database Preparation	Data structures for the <i>Telamon</i> application are constructed and prepared without the need for database specialists.

**Features and Function of *Telamon* Applications**

<i>Telamon</i> Application Component	
Feature	Function
Web-Based Application	Global access and low cost to deploy/maintain the standardized, easy-to-use interface.
Subject and Assessment Selection	Establishes a historical record of decision making regarding a person, entity or thing being assessed at a particular point in time.
Assessment Iteration	Pulls an Assessment forward as a foundation for a current Assessment, speeding the current Assessment.
Viewpoints	Organizes content according to the needs of the role or point in the Assessment workflow.
Table of Contents (TOC)	Categories organized into sections, subsections, topic groups, and topics which provide a structure to the assessment/decision-making process.
Questions by Topic	Questions are always presented in context to facilitate analytical and evaluative processes.
Questions of All Forms and Type	Multi-choice, numeric, text, date, and other question forms are posed to reveal facts, information, observations, opinions, judgments and decisions considered during the course of an Assessment.
Questions in Multiple Contexts	A seamless and transparent method for sharing data among users or passing data along to the next individual/group/process in the workflow.
Everything is Data	Every answer for every Subject within an Assessment is converted and stored as data which can be subjected to statistical analysis.
Tips for Topics and Questions	Training and mentoring are built into the workflow through a context-sensitive "help" display that provides helpful hints regarding the topic or question.
Narrative Reports Automatically Generated	Comprehensive, standardized, well-written narratives are generated by the AGA jump-starting the required communications by the practitioner.

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