

## FOREWORD

**T**his ebook is dedicated to all the frustrated people of both manual and computer systems who instinctively believed that there had to be a better way to define their requirements.

The research of nearly two decades of analysis and synthesis into systems, their strengths and weaknesses, resulted in the RIPOSE Technique.

RIPOSE is a Reduced Instruction Set Component Technology. It is a concept compiler and application pre-processor. It reduces the number of high level (or super class) components a business or person has to handle.

RIPOSE offers a gleam of hope to operatives in that it will enable them to not only have their requirements understood by others, but also implemented in the way they desire them. Its approach allows this achievement in a less painful and less expensive way. It is a pathway to experiencing the benefits that good planning brings to dreams, rather than experiencing either a fantasy at best or a nightmare at worst.

May your journey through the use of RIPOSE, whether for personal or organisational reasons help you achieve:

- Prosperity
  - Robustness
  - Esteem
- and
- Perception

Charles M Richter  
A towards my EOL (bucket list) project

I appreciate that everyone is extremely busy with their lives, but just think how much easier your life would be if you knew how to plan better. As John Lennon quoted Allen Saunders (Reader's Digest 1957) in his song 'Beautiful Boy (Darling Boy)' (1980) "Life is what happens to you while you are busy making other plans".

I acknowledge those people who developed their approach to planning prior to 1989 (when I decided to end my pain trying to implement their implicit approaches). With all their good intentions they somehow did not get planning quite right.

To those who developed their approaches post 1990, I acknowledge the hard work and dedication you put into your efforts, but again, with all your good intentions you have somehow mistaken a symptom for a cause and have not gotten your planning approach quite right either.

My life no longer depends on whether you agree with me or not. I merely needed to find the cause of planning failures and offer a more efficient, effective, ethical and easier approach to planning.

Thank you for reading my book to this point and I hope you will find the rest of my book and books helpful.

## A Quick Reference Guide

The following is a quick reference guide. It provides you with which parts you should read, depending on what role you play in the business. The remainder of the book could be of interest only.

Role	Book	Chapters
Director	1	All
	4	1
Senior management	1	All
	4	As per book 4
IT management	1, 2, 3 & 4	All
Strategic planner	1, 2 & 4	All
Project planner	1,3 &4	All
Programmer	1,3,	All
Those willing to learn (take your time and things will get better)	All	All