

Share Your Perception

Systemitool is designed to enable the simple expression of complex relational structures. It is a drawing tool that helps you to:

Lay out any arrangement of entities with multiple relations *quickly* and *informatively*, to understand how a system operates or fails to operate.

Transfer understanding - the tool includes presentation facilities, while the intuitive mode of representation makes your diagrams clear and comprehensible.

Effect Change - for instance you can create an overview of a multi-partner business process, and then use this as a basis for process improvement.

what next?



Systemitool is used in a wide variety of settings, both commercial and academic, due to its broad range of applications. Please mail sales@elipsis.com for further information regarding:



- Pricing and obtaining a demo copy of Systemitool.
- How Systemitool can be deployed within your organisation.
- Using Systemitool in conjunction with other Elipsis collaborative tools.

Systemitool benefits

- Display the *full onward* impact of key relationships in a system
- Capture the *interdependence* of distinct legal entities brought into partnership
- Transmit your understanding of collaborative relationships, to broaden collective awareness
- Intuitive mode of representation: easy to learn and comprehensible *at a glance*
- A grounding for process improvement: see how to "fine tune" collaborative relationships and gain buy-in for change
- Conduct structural analysis: discern strengths, flaws and potential troublespots
- Plot network connections and reveal the *shape* and *extent* of the network: clustered, dispersed, open, closed
- Determine the most efficient flow of information or material amongst a collection of entities: see the *blockages* and *disconnects*
- *Online update*: download the latest version of Systemitool over the internet



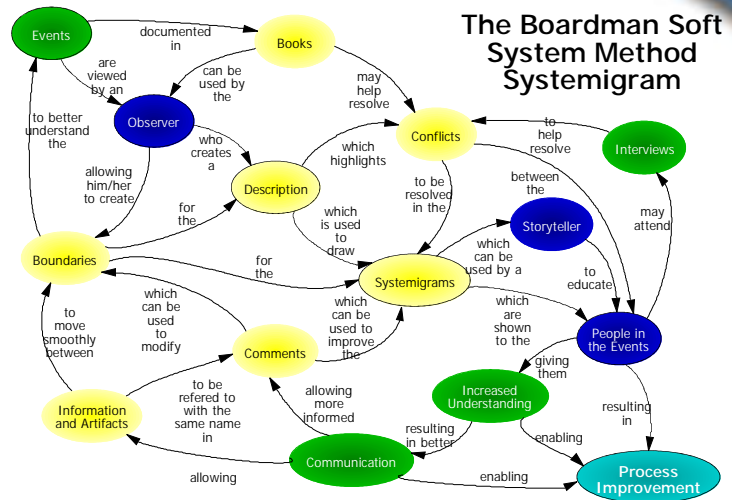
Using SystemiTool. SystemiTool is used to create Systemic Diagrams, or Systemigrams®. These diagrams express concepts or physical items within nodes (ellipses). Links are then used to declare the relationships between these nodes, in active verbal forms. The diagram gives an example of a systemigram used to express an overview of the Boardman Soft System method.

Multiple "routes" through a Systemigram can form specific sentences, capturing whole strings of nodal relations. Thus you have the potential to express far more meaning than is possible by just linking two nodes. Such a diagram brings together the flexibility of the English language and the clarity of a drawing medium to form a novel representation of the observed system.

Presenting your work. The very act of assembling a systemigram helps you to clarify your own perception of a system before revealing your ideas to others. When presenting your systemigrams you may want to guide the viewer through the diagram in a certain way, to pick out individual paths. SystemiTool provides a presentation facility via which successive scenes can eventually build into the total diagram, and so you reveal your ideas in a carefully structured manner.

Due to its rich nature, many different presentations can be created from the same systemigram, tailored to particular audiences. The presentation facility also includes a scene continuity checker. This allows you to retain but fade out the elements viewed in previous scenes, so that you are building towards the total diagram while focussing on the newly added elements.

Learning from systemigrams. As a means to spread understanding, SystemiTool also includes a game called *Elliptics*. Within the game systemigrams are displayed minus the node and containment node labels. The aim is to replace the labels from a pick list, thus properly testing the understanding of the systemigram by the player.



Disseminating your ideas. Objects in SystemiTool can be copied and pasted directly into documents as Enhanced Meta Files. This allows you to provide additional textual information to complement and comment on a diagram in detail, or to embed diagrams within articles and other presentations.

SystemiTool also provides an html export feature through which individual systemigrams and systemigram presentations can be viewed by anybody with Internet Explorer V5 or greater. The tool is designed to enable you to pass on your understanding to the *widest possible audience*.

Commercial use of SystemiTool. You can capture the full set of productive relationships in a collaborative commercial setting, and determine where the existing structure falls down. Then you can share this information with those decision-makers and co-workers who can improve the system. You can also model an ideal or desired structure to convince others and gain support for change.

Used in conjunction with other Elipsis collaborative methods and tools, SystemiTool becomes a powerful medium for Enterprise Process Management. Your creation and dissemination of a process structure, or of various structures seen from various perspectives, can become a prelude to a full-scale process improvement exercise across your enterprise.