

# The Collaborative Workshop Solution from Strategic Thought Group

The Collaborative Workshop Solution (CWS) from Strategic Thought Group solves the problem of capturing risk and opportunity information at source. This is vital to give management complete visibility of key risks and reward opportunities. Decisions can be taken based on the true picture, be that from a project or program, at a portfolio or business unit level - or indeed across the whole enterprise.

CWS is primarily designed to facilitate employee risk workshops. Company risk-champions can quickly capture risks and opportunities from all levels of the organisation at their place of work or in off-site sessions - without the need for network or even internet connectivity. Yet CWS pulls in the enterprise risk structures, rules, policies and scoring schemes so that the risk data collected is validated and audited according to corporate standards. This can then be synchronised with the enterprise risk system at the end of the workshop, end of the day or whenever internet connectivity can be enabled. This goes far beyond traditional data capture methods such as spreadsheets and written notes.

CWS was developed working closely with a large STG customer organisation to make sure that the solution met real-world needs and was robust enough to be used remotely – often in distant sites and inhospitable environments.

CWS collects and validates risk and opportunity data from employees in the field – the people who can identify and understand frontline risks the best. CWS ensures that data is being aggregated from all sources and followed-up through the organisation. All relevant risks and opportunities are captured which creates a complete picture for management. This enables an evidence-based approach to risk management and reporting to meet increasing transparency needs.

Features include:

**Pre-workshop:**

- The simplified, user configured interface ensures that the workshop can be set up to run the way you need it for each specific audience
- The corporate risk structures, rules and scoring schemes will be downloaded from the enterprise system to ensure consistency
- Workshop-specific information can also be recorded such as attendees, key objectives and outcomes

**CWS workshop functionality includes:**

- Rapid risk and opportunity capture
- Instant analysis of what-if scenarios
- Graphical display of risks & opportunities including histograms & pie charts
- Snapshot reporting
- The View Manager allows multiple views of the captured data
- One-click scoring of risks
- Scratch pad for fast risk and opportunity capture
- Voice recorder to collect comments and reminders

**Post-workshop:**

- Automatic synchronisation with the enterprise risk system (ARM)
- Audited and secure upload
- Full data integration with ARM risk structures
- Inherits policies and rules to ensure data integrity

**Typical usage scenarios:**

- Offline capability to manage data in remote geographical locations
- Multi-disciplinary collaborative workshops
- Single-user validated data entry to replace spreadsheets
- Boardroom – risk capture sessions, what-if planning and opportunity assessment
- Risk-adjusted business planning
- Blue sky thinking & executive brainstorming
- Sessions with supply chain partners
- Risk workshops with customers as part of the bid process or post-sale

**Key benefits:**

- Rapid risk and opportunity identification and collection
- Ensures all relevant risks and opportunities are collated
- Drives collaboration within the organisation
- Breaks down silos
- Helps embed a 'risk culture'
- Improves data integrity to enable informed decision making

CWS enables risk champions to lead workshops in a structured way to common standards across the business and even into the supply chain or customer base. It reduces the need for widespread risk training – yet makes the organisation 'risk aware' and helps embed an active risk culture. It eliminates the need for inefficient and inaccurate spreadsheet and paper-based risk collection, and allows decisions to be informed by facts not assumptions.

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