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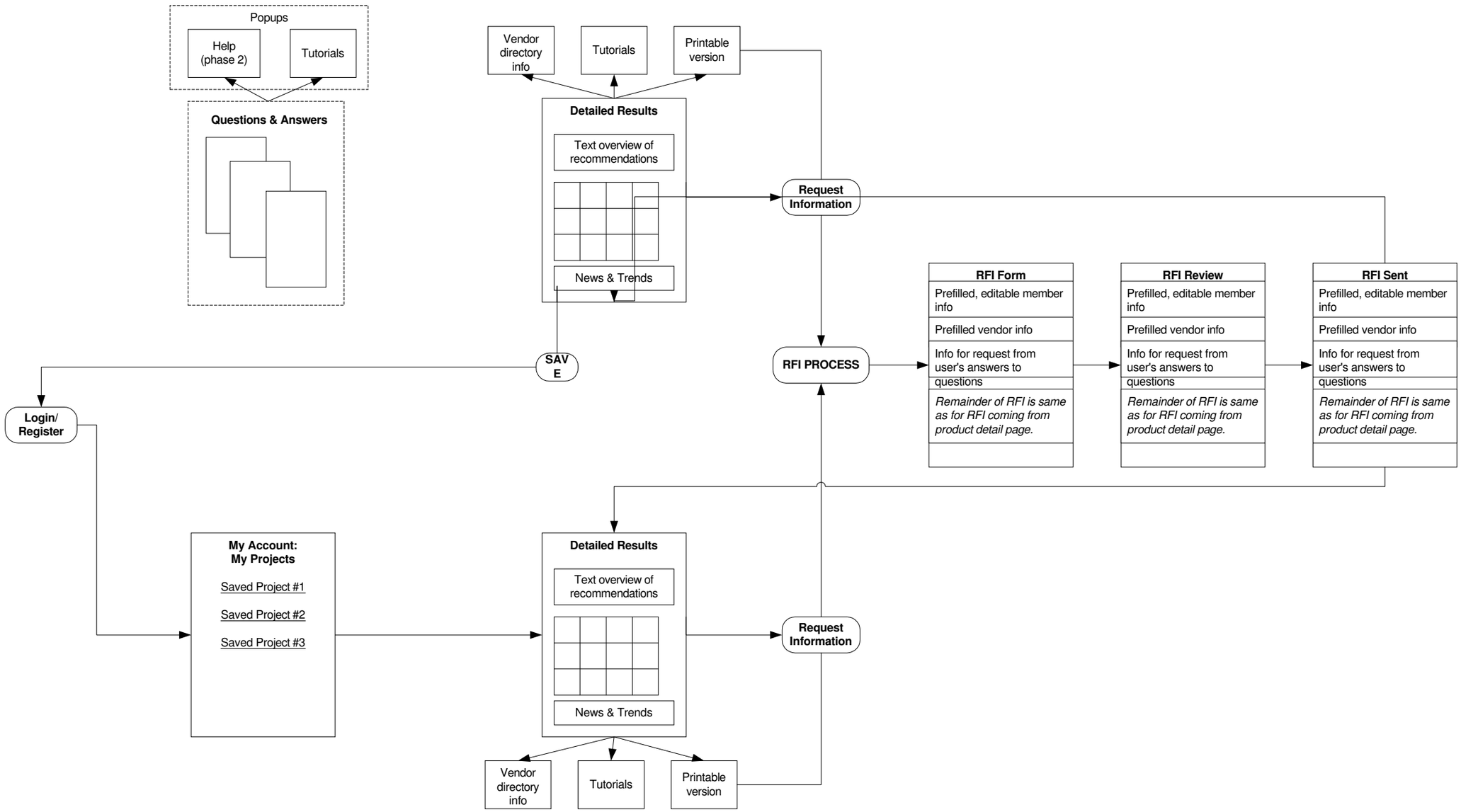

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Decision Tree: Questions, Answers, Recommenations, and Auxiliary

Educational Information

Tutorials related to question 1:
"What is a bar code?" (MP1_bar code)

"An introduction to Bar Code Labeling" (MP1_Bar code labeling intro)

"Overview to printing and applying bar coded labels" (MP1_printing bar codes)

Tutorials related to question3:
"Links to Compliance Labeling Information" (MP3_Compliance links)

"Introduction to General Motors' 1724 Label Standards" (MP3_GM intro)

"Frequently asked questions about the General Motors 1724 Label Standards" (MP3_GM FAQs)

"An Introduction to Labeling Software" (MP3_labeling software)

Tutorials related to question 8:
"What is EDI?" (MP8_EDI)

"An Introduction to Bar Code Scanners" (MP8_Scanner)

Tutorials related to question 9:
"How to Avoid Labeling Pitfalls" (MP9_label_media)

"How to Choose Labels and Ribbons" (MP9_choosing_labels)

Tutorial related to question 10:
"Label Printer Options (MP10_label_options)"

Tutorial related to question 12:
"What is an 856 Ship Notice?" (MP12_856)

Recommendation #1

Q1. Bar codes, the familiar stripes you've seen on consumer products and 2D symbols, their increased data holding capacity cousins, require a certain level of print quality. Will your shipping label include bar codes or 2D symbols (e.g. MaxCode)?
A) Yes **B)** No

If any

Q2. Your carrier (e.g. UPS or FedEx) may require a certain type of label. Will your label be read by the carrier and, if so, do you use more than one carrier that requires bar codes?
a) Yes, I use several carriers that require bar codes
b) Yes, I only use one carrier that requires bar codes
c) No, I do not use carriers that require bar codes.

If A or B

If C

Q3. Many retailers (e.g., Sear, Wal-Mart, Kmart), manufacturers (e.g., automotive, aerospace) and government agencies have very specific labeling standards so that they can better automate their supply lines. Do you require a compliance label?
A) Yes **B)** No

If B

If A

Q4. Certain printers are capable of handling higher print runs than others. How many labels do you think you' ll needb print each day?
a) <500
b) 501-5,000
c) 5,001-10,000
d) 10,000>

If any

Q5. The size of your label media will help dictate the printer you need because many models of printers have maximum media widths of 4 inches or 6 inches. What size labels will you need to produce?
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c) 8 1/2 x 11 (sheet)
d) Other

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a) Batch
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If any

Q7. Your packing/shipping area layout also impacts printer selection. If multiple labeling stations are used, lower-volume printers may be used. Will you use multiple printing/labeling stations?
A) Yes **B)** No

If any

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Recommendation #1
High quality matrix impact printer

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If D

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Recommendation #2
Low to medium volume thermal or desktop or hd desktop laser

Recommendation #3

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Recommendation #3
Low to medium volume thermal printer

Recommendation #4

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Recommendation #4
Desktop or heavy duty desktopprinter

Recommendation #5

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Recommendation #5
Medium to high volume thermal or heavy duty desktop printer

Recommendation #6

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A) Yes **B)** No

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Recommendation #6
Medium to high volume thermal printer (one per station)

Recommendation #7

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Recommendation #7
Multiple low to medium volume thermal printers (one per station)

Recommendation #8

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Recommendation #8
Heavy duty desktop laser

Recommendation #9

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High volume thermal printer

Recommendation #10

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Recommendation #10
Multiple medium to high volume thermal printers (one per station)

Recommendation #11

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Recommendation #11
High performance laser printer OR multiple heavy duty laser printers