

Rules for writing good requirements: summary

- #1 • Keep your requirements short and precise
- #2 • Be consistent with the use of shall, must, will, can
- #3 • Only one main action (shall) per requirement
- #4 • Avoid passive voice (mind the subject)
- #5 • Avoid vague adjectives and adverbs
- #6 • Use vocabulary consistently
- #7 • Use acronyms SMARTly
- #8 • No problem with repeating a concept over and over (avoid pronouns and synonyms)
- #9 • Keep the level of detail in mind
- #10 • Be aware of negative requirements
- #11 • Solution-free requirements
- #12 • Atomicity vs completeness/consistency
- #13 • Mind ambiguous terms
- #14 • Use numbers and measurement units wisely
- #15 • Be consistent with the structure (use patterns)

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• Common sense