



COMPLETENESS

Tips and Tricks

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Requirements Completeness: tips and tricks towards High-Quality specifications



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- Introduction to The REUSE Company and the speakers
- What is *Requirements Completeness*
- *Requirements Completeness*: tips and tricks
- The SES Suite and the CCC Approach
- Completeness for sets of requirements
- Completeness for individual requirements
- Live demo
- Q&A



01 The company was established in **1999**

As a spin-off of a University in Madrid

02 **System + Software Engineers**

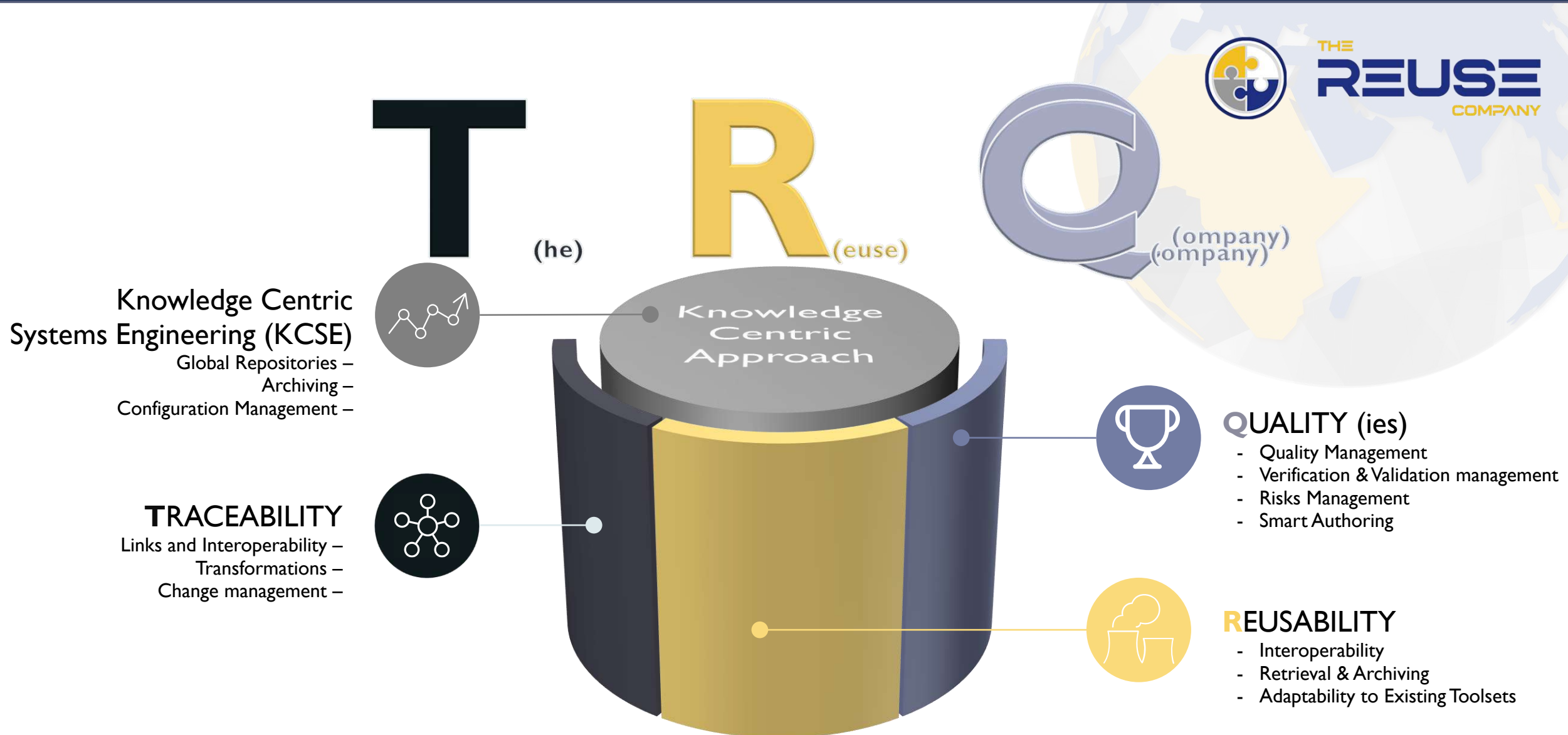
Smart combination between Company staff and R&D from Academia

03 **Headquarters:** Madrid (Spain)

International offices: Stockholm (Sweden) Tokyo (Japan) Delegation

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04 To promote a **reusable, scalable** and global solution to a **smart** and **interoperable** Systems Engineering environment, by offering a **semantic knowledge centric** approach.

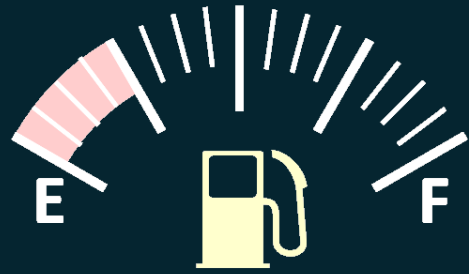




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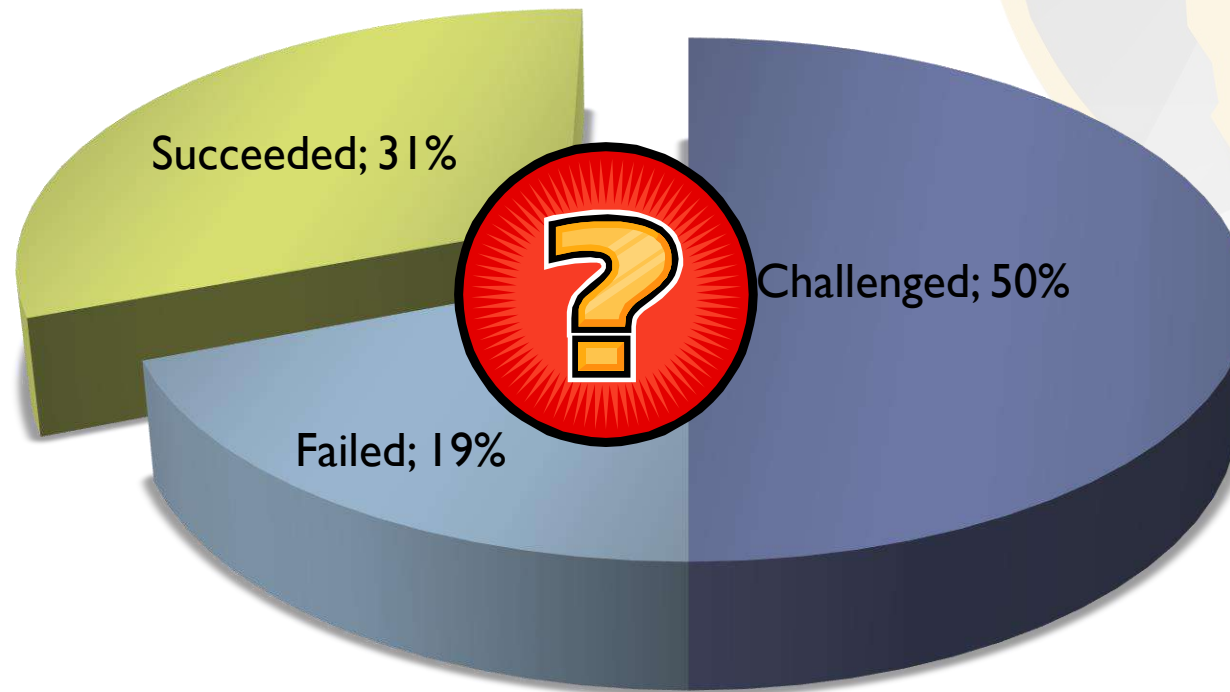
- **Current position:** Chief Operating Officer at The REUSE Company
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- Active contributor to the INCOSE Guide for Writing Requirements



**Requirement's
completeness**



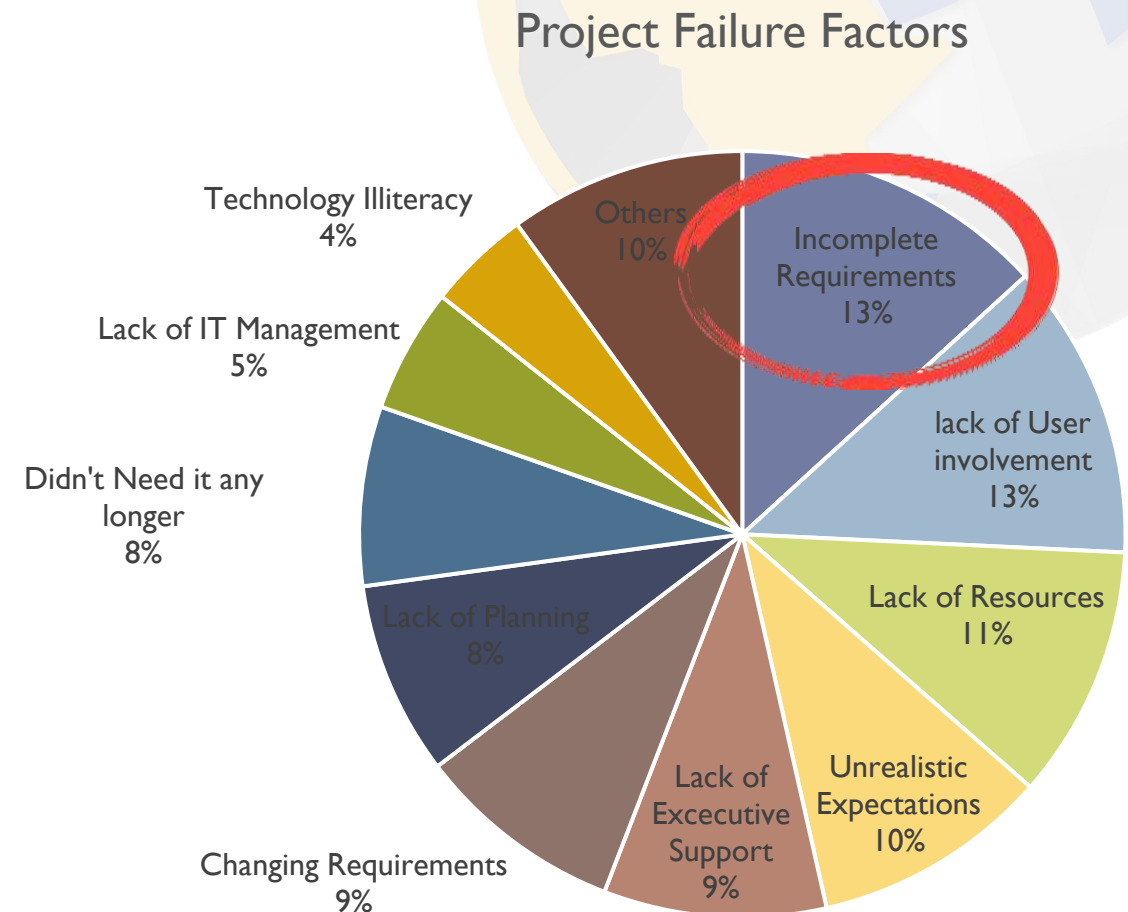
Chaos Report, 2018

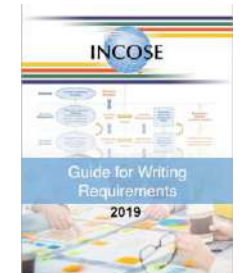




Chaos Report, 2018

Project Success Factors	% of Responses
1. User Involvement	15.9%
2. Executive Management Support	13.9%
3. Clear Statement of Requirements	13.0%
4. Proper Planning	9.6%
5. Realistic Expectations	8.2%
6. Smaller Project Milestones	7.7%
7. Competent Staff	7.2%
8. Ownership	5.3%
9. Clear Vision & Objectives	2.9%
10. Hard-Working, Focused Staff	2.4%
Other	13.9%





incomplete adjective



in·com·plete | \ ˌin-kəm-ˈplēt \

Definition of *incomplete*

- 1 : not complete : UNFINISHED: such as
 - a : lacking a usually necessary part, element, or step
 - // spoke in *incomplete* sentences
 - // an *incomplete* set of golf clubs
 - // an *incomplete* diet

INCOSE Guide for Writing Requirements:

The requirements set stands alone such that it sufficiently describes the necessary capabilities, characteristics, constraints, interfaces, standards, regulations, and/or quality factors to meet the entity needs without needing other information

Minimum and sufficient set...

CHARACTERISTICS OF NEED AND REQUIREMENT STATEMENTS									CHARACTERISTICS OF SETS OF NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS				
C1 - NECESSARY	C2 - APPROPRIATE	C3 - UNAMBIGUOUS	C4 - COMPLETE	C5 - SINGULAR	C6 - FEASIBLE	C7 - VERIFIABLE	C8 - CORRECT	C9 - CONFORMING	C10 - COMPLETE	C11 - CONSISTENT	C12 - FEASIBLE	C13 - COMPREHENSIBLE	C14 - ABLE TO BE VALIDATED
1	2	29	12	8	2	21	4	8	3	9	5	8	7



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41 Rules / 14 Characteristics

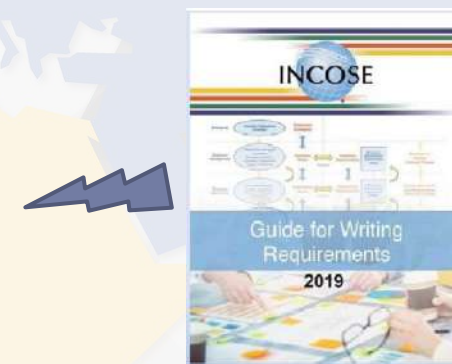
- Characteristics
- Rules
- Attributes

Completeness:

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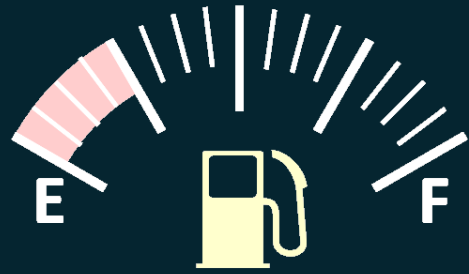
R25 – Avoid relying on headings to support explanations or understanding of the requirements

14 Characteristics			CHARACTERISTICS OF NEED AND REQUIREMENT STATEMENTS							SETS OF NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS						
Type	Rule Number	Rule name	C1 - NECESSARY	C2 - APPROPRIATE	C3 - UNAMBIGUOUS	C4 - COMPLETE	C5 - SINGULAR	C6 - FEASIBLE	C7 - VERIFIABLE	C8 - CORRECT	C9 - CONFORMING	C10 - COMPLETE	C11 - CONSISTENT	C12 - FEASIBLE	C13 - COMPREHENSIBLE	C14 - ABLE TO BE VALIDATED
Accuracy	R01	Sentence Structure			1				1							
	R02	Use Active Voice			1				1							
	R03	Subject Verb		1	1				1			1				1
	R04	Use Defined Terms			1				1				1		1	1
	R05	Use Definite Articles			1				1							
	R06	Units			1	1			1	1						
	R07	Avoid Vague Terms			1	1			1							
	R08	No Escape Clauses			1	1			1							
	R09	No Open Ended			1	1	1		1							
Concision	R10	Superfluous Infinitives			1				1							
	R11	Separate Clauses			1											
Non Ambiguity	R12	Correct Grammar			1						1					
	R13	Correct Spelling			1											
	R14	Correct Punctuation			1											
	R15	Logical Condition			1											
	R16	Avoid Not			1				1							
	R17	Oblique			1				1							
Singularity	R18	Single Sentence			1	1	1		1		1				1	
	R19	Avoid Combinators			1		1									
	R20	Avoid Purpose					1									
	R21	Avoid Parentheses					1									
	R22	Enumeration			1		1									
	R23	Consistent			1		1									
Completeness	R24	Avoid Pronouns			1	1			1							
	R25	Use Of Headings				1										
Realism	R26	Avoid Absolutes						1	1					1		
Conditions	R27	Explicit				1			1							
	R28	Explicit Lists			1				1							
Uniqueness	R29	Classify										1	1	1		
	R30	Express Once	1								1		1	1		
Abstraction	R31	Solutionfree		1												
Quantifiers	R32	Universals			1				1	1						
Tolerance	R33	Value Range			1	1		1	1	1				1		
Quantification	R34	Measurable			1	1			1					1		
	R35	Temporal Indefinite			1	1			1							
Uniform Language	R36	Use Consistent Terms			1					1	1		1		1	1
	R37	Define Acronyms			1						1		1		1	1
	R38	Avoid Abbreviations									1		1		1	1
	R39	Style Guide					1	1			1		1		1	1
Modularity	R40	Related Requirements									1		1		1	
	R41	Structured										1	1	1	1	



46 Attributes

Attribute	Attributes to Help Define the Requirement and its Intent	Associated with the System of Interest (SOI) Verification	Attributes to Help Maintain the Requirements	Attributes to Show Applicability and Allow Reuse
A01: Rationale*	1			
A02: SOI Primary Verification or Validation Method*	1			
A03: SOI Verification or Validation Approach	1			
A04: Trace to Parent*	1			
A05: Trace to Source*	1			
A06: Condition of Use	1			
A07: States and Modes	1			
A08: Allocation*	1			
A09: SOI Verification or Validation Level		1		
A10: SOI Verification or Validation Phase		1		
A11: SOI Verification or Validation Results		1		
A12: SOI Verification or Validation Status		1		
A13: Unique Identifier*				1
A14: Unique Name				1
A15: Originator/Author*				1
A16: Date Requirement Entered				1
A17: Owner*				1
A18: Stakeholders				1
A19: Change Board				1
A20: Change Status				1
A21: Version Number				1
A22: Approval Date				1
A23: Date of Last Change				1
A24: Stability				1
A25: Responsible Person				1
A26: Need or Requirement Verification Status*				1
A27: Need or Requirement Validation Status*				1
A28: Status (of the Need or Requirement)				1
A29: Status (of Implementation)				1
A30: Trace to Interface Definition				1
A31: Trace to Peer Requirements				1
A32: Priority*				1
A33: Criticality or Essentiality*				1
A34: Risk (of Implementation)*				1
A35: Risk (Mitigation)				1
A36: Key Driving Need or Requirement (KDN/KDR)				1
A37: Additional Comments				1
A38: Type/Category				1
A39: Applicability				1
A40: Region				1
A41: Country				1
A42: State/Province				1
A43: Application				1
A44: Market Segment				1
A45: Business Unit				1
A46: Business (Product)Line				1



Requirement's completeness

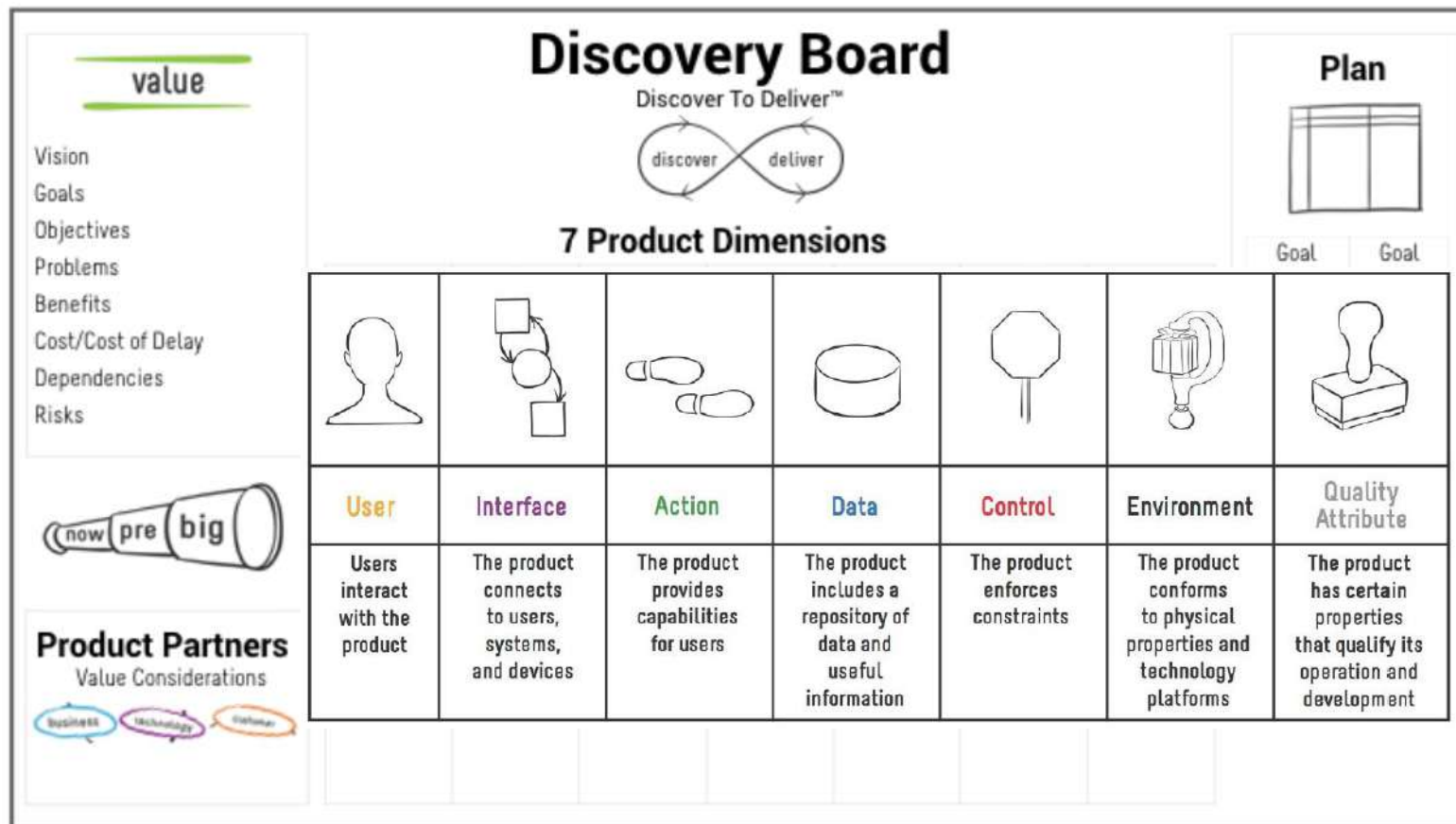
Tips and tricks

➤ Every stakeholder is important:

- The Product or Service
 - Contains no stakeholders
- The System (of interest)
 - The Product or Service plus the people who operate the product or deliver the Service
 - Also often includes training, support and maintenance
- The Containing System
 - Those who immediately benefit from the functions carried out by the System or Interface with it
 - Are usually, but not necessarily, different from the operators
- The Wider Environment
 - People who are affected indirectly, such as derived benefit of induced harm.



- The 7 product dimensions: “Discover to deliver: Agile product planning and analysis”. Ellen Gottesdiener, Mary Gorman



**Do not forget
safety requirements!**



- Mind all different types of requirements:
 - According to the NASA
Systems Engineering Handbook:

**Technical Requirements –
Allocation Hierarchically to PBS**

Functional Requirements
Performance Requirements
Interface Requirements

**Operational Requirements –
Drive Functional Requirements**

Mission Timeline Sequence
Mission Configurations
Command and Telemetry Strategy

**Reliability Requirements – Project Standards –
Levied Across Systems**

Mission Environments
Robustness, Fault Tolerance, Diverse Redundancy
Verification
Process and Workmanship

**Safety Requirements – Project Standards –
Levied Across Systems**

Orbital Debris and Reentry
Planetary Protection
Toxic Substances
Pressurized Vessels
Radio Frequency Energy
System Safety
...

**Specialty Requirements – Project Standards –
Drive Product Designs**

Producibility
Maintainability
Asset Protection
...



- Writing high quality requirements starts with asking the proper questions:
 - The **What** vs the **How**
 - But also and mainly the **Why**
- What: Sol, SoS, entities and interfaces
- Who: stakeholders
- What: functions
- How much/many: performance
- While: state or mode
- When: trigger



➤ Avoid ubiquitous requirements:

➤ EARS patterns: *The <system name> shall <system response>*

SysR-001. The car shall accelerate 0 to 100 km/h in less than 10 seconds



SysR-001.

While the gearbox is in D and the parking brake is not engaged, when the driver steps the gas pedal, the car shall....

in less than 200 ms.



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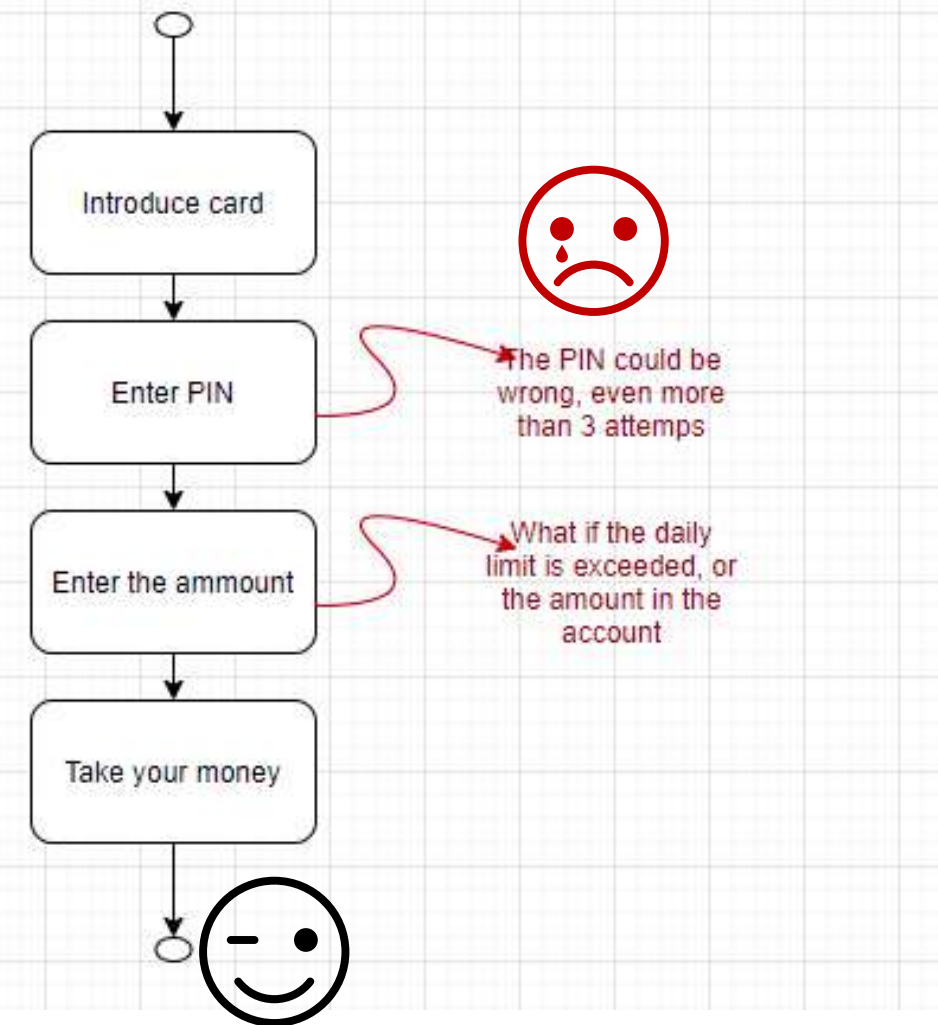
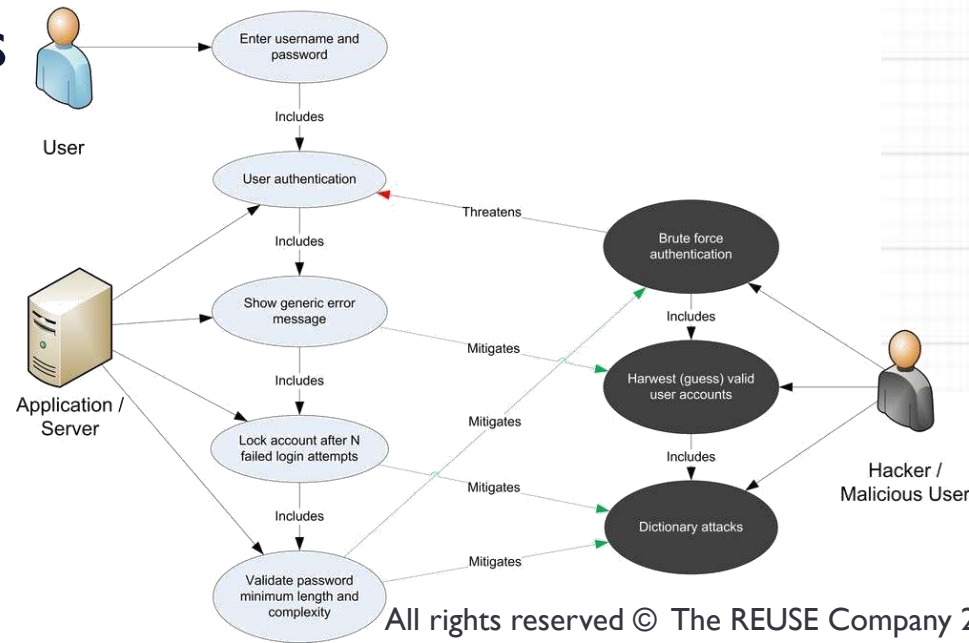


- When: system life cycle



- Don't forget the transition requirements: from the current system to the new system

- Do not focus just on the happy path...
- ... work out requirements to manage the exceptions, unwanted scenarios...!
- Cover all the use cases, but also the mis-use cases



- Apply the principles of mindfulness:
 - Non-judgment: there are no good or bad stakeholders
 - Patience: requirements cannot be collected in one day
 - Beginners' mind: do not force your solutions or ideas, listen first
 - Confidence: trust the stakeholders
 - Acceptance: some workshops will address more needs, but some not. No worries, just keep it up!
- And the principles of zen:
 - “If you walk, just walk. If you sit, just sit; but whatever you do, don't wobble”
 - “When hungry, eat your rice; when tired, close your eyes”
 - “When dealing with reqs, deal with reqs, do not rush into a solution”

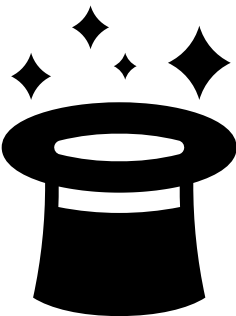




- Dealing with stakeholders is all about communication
- Apply the principles of Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP):
 - “The map is not the territory”
 - Our mental filters affect the reality as is expressed by stakeholders
 - “Generalization – Deletion – Distortion” leads to incompleteness:
 - Generalization: only the “common” case is addressed, the special cases are not considered
 - Deletion: some aspects are considered as irrelevant, and thus removed from the discourse
 - Distortion: whatever that is not the way I think is “adapted” to my way of thinking

› Other tips:

- › Identify all stakeholders and improve communication channels with them all
 - › **Completeness is a perception of the mandatory needs of stakeholders**
- › Use of requirements checklists
- › Use templates:
 - › For the document itself
 - › For the structure of the textual part of the requirement (aka patterns)
 - › For the attributes, links that must come with the requirement
- › Requirements reuse
- › Improve the communication skills of your business analysts
- › Establish a formal inspection process
- › Consider the elicitation process as an iterative and recursive process
- › In cascading down requirements, if the first layer is not complete, “nothing” can be done to keep the remaining layers complete



- And remember, **questions** really matter:
 - “It’s smarter to ask “too many” questions and look like an idiot the first day, ...
 - ...than not asking at all and demonstrate that you’re actually an idiot the last day”



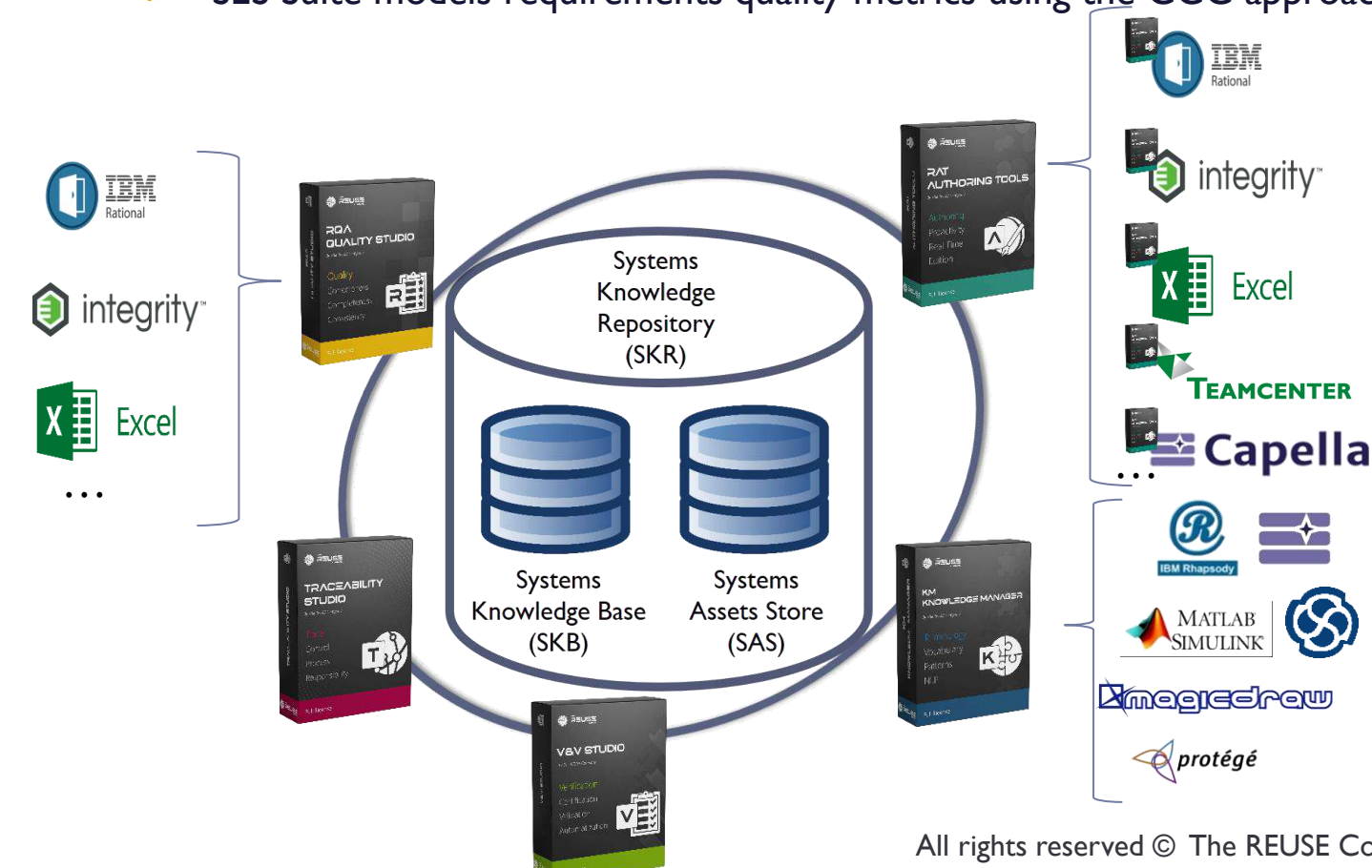
- **Asking the right question is the key to requirements completeness!!**





The SE Suite and the CCC Approach

- The Systems Engineering Suite (SES) tackles requirements quality management by offering a set of tools and processes
- Automatic measurement of requirements quality metric
- Support to Requirements Authoring
- SES Suite models requirements quality metrics using the CCC approach (Correctness, Consistency and Completeness)

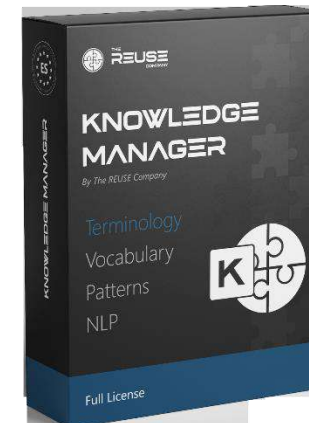
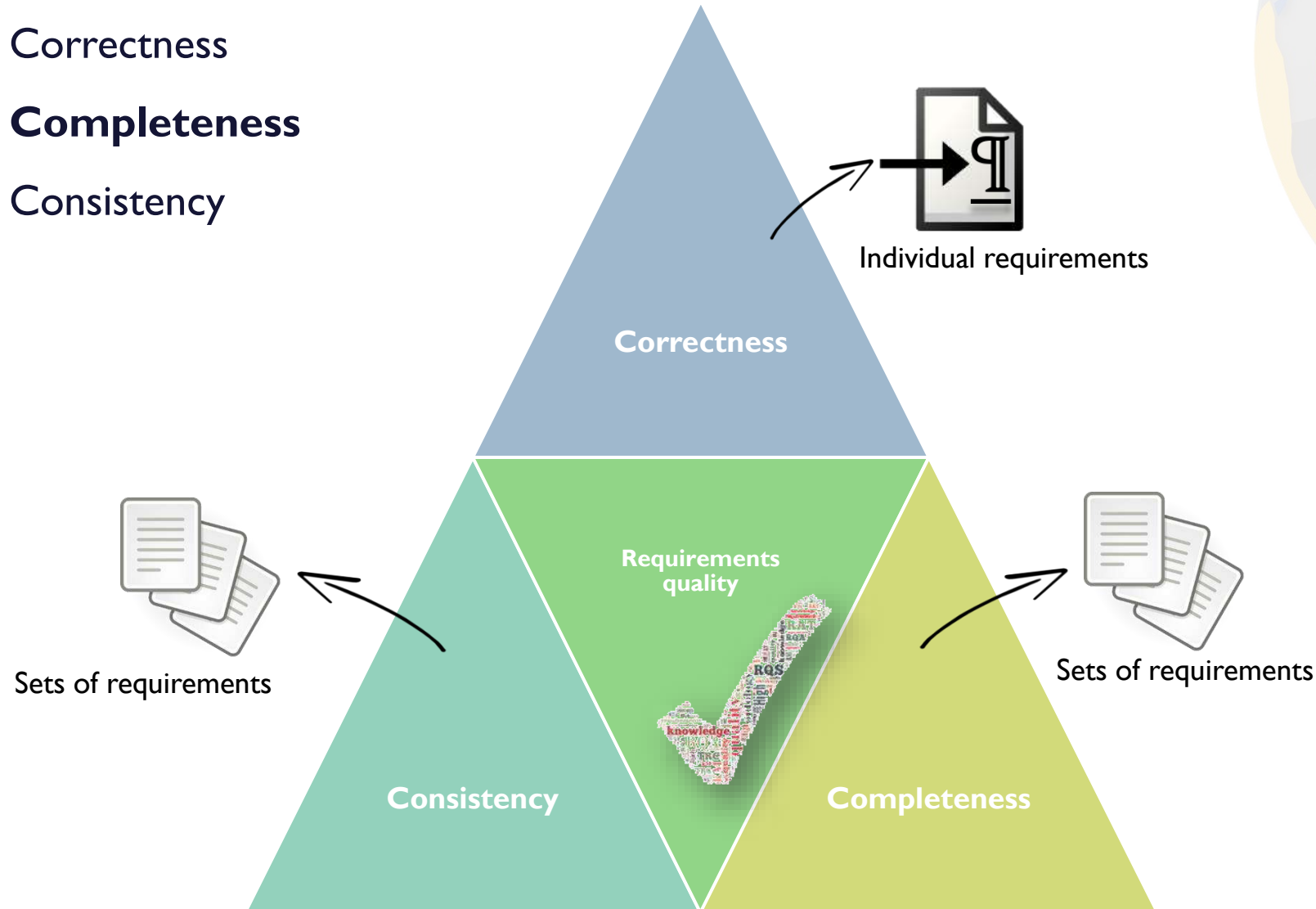


- **RQA Quality Studio / V&V Studio:** to setup, check and manage the quality of a requirements specification
- **Rich Authoring Tool (RAT):** to assist authors while they are creating or editing requirements
- **Knowledge Manager (KM):** to manage knowledge around a requirements specification: dictionaries, glossaries, concept maps, knowledge models, ontologies, patterns...



The CCC approach in RQA – QUALITY Studio to assess requirements quality :

- Correctness
- **Completeness**
- Consistency



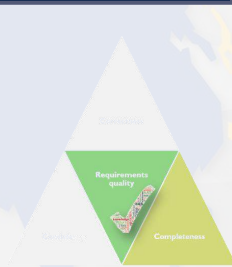


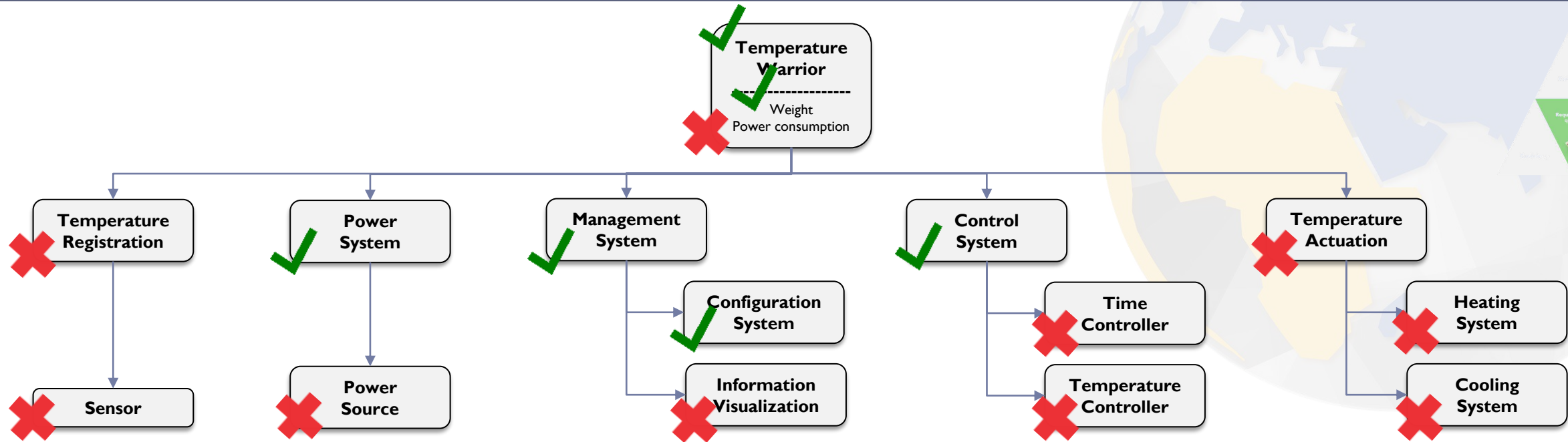
Completeness for sets of requirements



➤ Completeness at specification/project level:

- Are all the expected requirements types involved in your specifications?
- Are all the key concepts (from the ontology or from other models, e.g. blocks, states, signals, properties...) properly covered?
 - Does the whole set of requirements documents include requirements for all the elements of the system according to a block diagram (architecture)?
 - Does the spec. include requirements describing the behavior of the system elements in any of their possible states and modes?
 - Does the spec. include requirements mentioning all the signals?
- Are all the properties stated for every system element?
 - For those properties in a model whose value is to be provided in the spec, is the value actually provided?





The Temperature Warrior shall have a Control System.

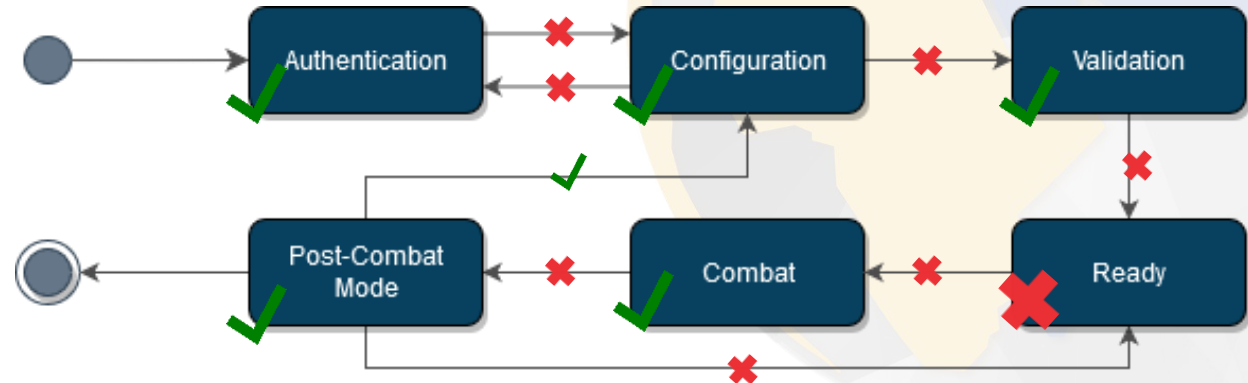
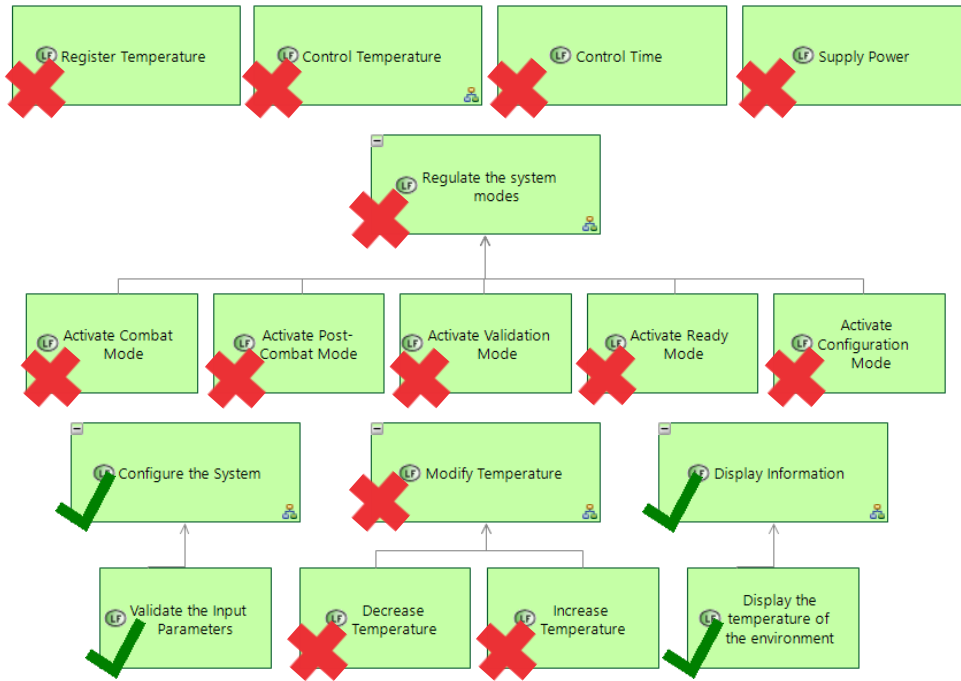
The weight of the Temperature Warrior shall be less than 50 kg.

The Temperature Warrior shall have a Power System.

The Temperature Warrior shall have a Management System.

The Management System shall a Configuration System.





When the Temperature Warrior is loaded and operating, the Temperature Warrior shall enter the **Authentication Mode**.

While the Temperature Warrior is in the **Post-Combat Mode** (and when the Administrator selects the New Combat command), the Control System shall activate the **Configuration Mode**.

When the **Validation Mode** is initialized, the Temperature Warrior shall validate the required parameters, according to the displayed instructions on the Client's GUI.

While the Temperature Warrior is in **Combat Mode**, the Temperature Warrior shall display on a screen the temperature registered by the sensor.





**Completeness
for
individual
requirements**

➤ Completeness at requirement level:

➤ “ActionX shall be done”

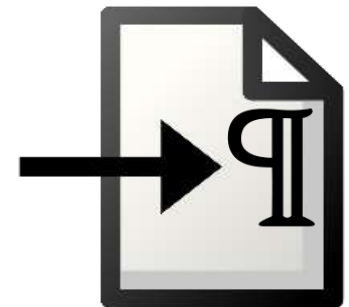
- What system/subsystem is responsible for this action?
- When the system is in which state/mode?
- Under what conditions?
- How fast / how well?: performance
- For what actor?

➤ Does every requirement include all the agreed parts (condition, subject...): following patterns

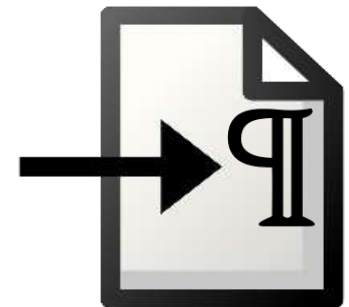
While**<state>****when****[Condition]****<Subject>****Shall****<Action>****<Object>****[Constraint]**

➤ Completeness at requirement level:

- Every number must quantify an entity, or measurement unit
 - “When the temperature > 30, the A/C System shall ...”: “30” what!?
- State the values for the mentioned properties with tolerances: e.g. $12V \pm 0.5V$
 - “When the level of oil is 5 liters, the car shall...”: difficult to find 5.0000 liters
 - If the value for the tolerance is too little, is almost as having no tolerance at all
- No open ended: “etc”, “among others”, ...
- No vague content
- No TBD, TBC, TBx...



- A requirement is not only the statement, also the expression:
 - Links:
 - Are your requirements properly linked? At the different levels?
 - To requirements at other levels, to models, to test cases...
 - Missing links is also a source of incompleteness
 - Attributes:
 - Missing the necessary information in other attributes makes your specification not complete
 - Both make difficult to meet other quality characteristics:
 - Traceable
 - Ranked
 - Verifiable
 - ...





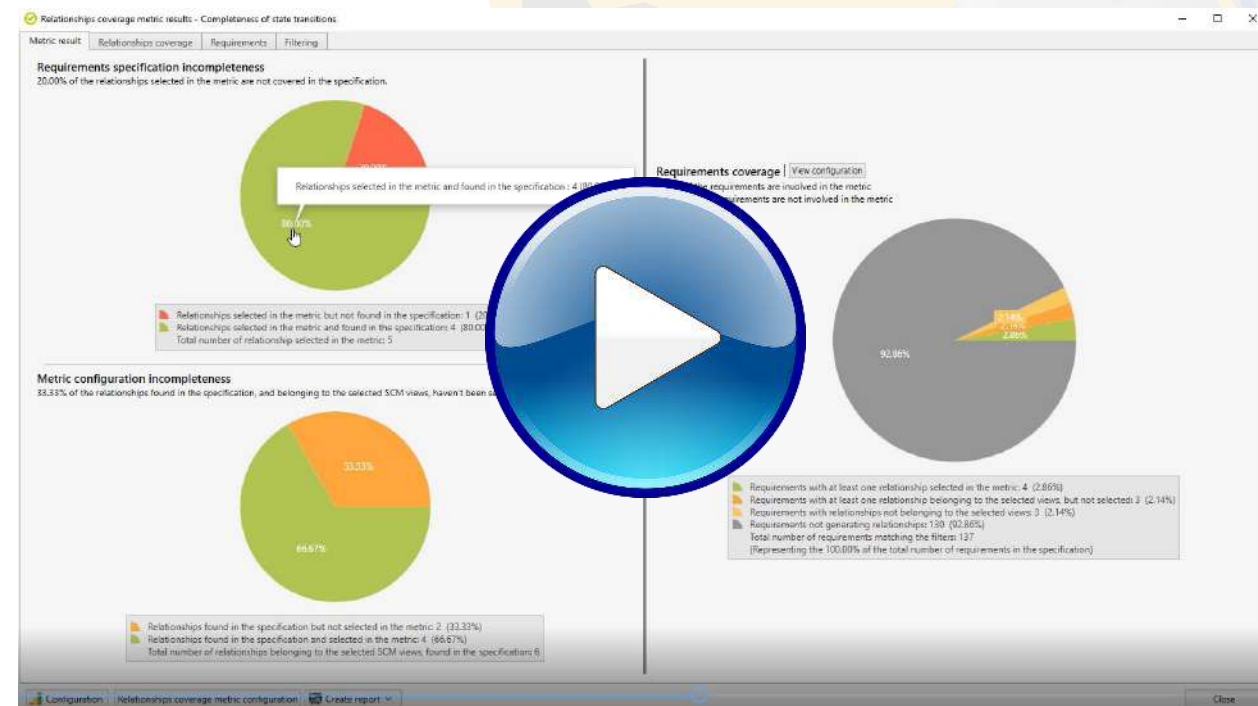
**Checking
requirements
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Demo**

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- The screenshot shows the RAT Plugin for Capella interface. The main window is titled "RAT Plugin for Capella" and "By The RTESE Company". It displays a "Complex Requirements" editor with a text area containing a requirement: "While the Temperature Warrior is in Combat Mode, when the temperature is >= 80, it shall decrease temperature." A large blue play button icon is overlaid on the center of the screen. The interface includes a menu bar (File, Tools, Suggestions, View, Log), a toolbar, and a sidebar with tabs for "Correctness", "Completeness", "Sinks requirements", "Syntax information", and "Formal representation". The "Correctness" tab is active, showing a table of metrics and their status. A "Low Quality" summary panel on the right indicates that the model has low quality due to missing units and missing qualifications.
- | Metric | Correctness | Value | Summary | Mandatory | Weight |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------|---|--------------------------|--------|
| Accuracy / TRC-M142 Ensure... | ☆☆☆ | 0 | Missing exemplar (Measurement unit or noun) | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Completeness / TRC-M1070 A... | ☆☆☆ | 0 | Avoid preposits | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Abstraction / TRC-M1893 Avoid... | ☆☆☆ | 0 | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Abstraction / TRC-M1900 Avoid... | ☆☆☆ | 0 | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Accuracy / TRC-M1940 Avoid... | ☆☆☆ | 0 | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Accuracy / TRC-M1932 Avoid... | ☆☆☆ | 0 | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Accuracy / TRC-M1950 Detect I... | ☆☆☆ | 0 | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
| Accuracy / TRC-M1980 Avoid... | ☆☆☆ | 0 | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
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| Non-ambiguity / Singularity I... | ☆☆☆ | 0 | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/> | 1 |
- Low Quality summary:
- 1 Metric
 - Accuracy / TRC-M142 Ensure Numbers are followed by Units or noun qualifications
 - Completeness / TRC-M1070 Avoid the use of Preposits to refer to nouns
- Support manual exceptions

➤ Use case #2: Completeness reqs vs model

➤ Steps:

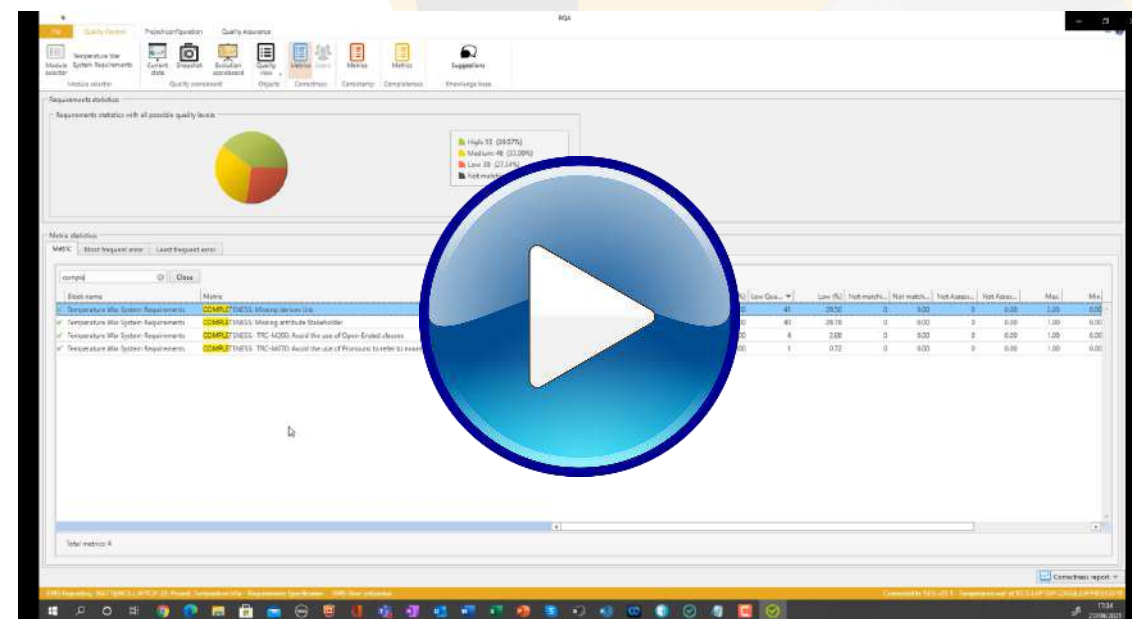
1. The **RQA – QUALITY Studio** is already connected to a formal module in DOORS and a model in Capella
2. Check the names of the states, are all those names used in the specification?
3. Check the transitions among states
4. Select all the documents in the spec, and check if all the components are mentioned in the spec



➤ Use case #3: Other completeness checks in RQA

➤ Steps:

1. Open the **RQA – QUALITY** Studio
2. Connect to a formal module in DOORS, the TW SysRS
3. Check for metrics like: use of TBx, use of open-ended, use of pronouns...
4. Detection of missing values in attributes
5. Detection of missing values in links
6. Detection of missing tolerance values
7. Make sure which types of requirements are not involved in the specification







CONSISTENCY

CHALLENGING the INCOSE
Consistency Metrics

- **Why CHALLENGING the INCOSE Consistency Metrics might benefit your requirements?**
 - Consistency is one of the most undervalued yet extremely important issues whenever we refer to the requirements quality. As one of the CCC (Correctness, Consistency and Completeness) quality properties, Consistency is core to achieving any successful requirements management, and thus, neglecting it may lead to fatal errors in the project's development.
 - More specifically, this factor that preserves the coherence between requirements, particularly technical ones concerning any system, subsystem, or component. For instance, tracking the presence of overlapping and duplicated data, confronting the excess or lack of tolerance, and checking the measurement units' correspondence.
 - The goal of this webinar is to guide you through the basic notions of Consistency briefly described in the INCOSE Standard and show you how to take them to the next level with several practical examples, supported by The REUSE Company's tools.
- **Dates: October 19th and 21st, 2021**





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