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10 ¹²	tera	T
10 ⁹	giga	G
10 ⁶	mega	M
10 ³	kilo	k
10 ⁻³	milli	m
10 ⁻⁶	micro	μ
10 ⁻⁹	nano	n
10 ⁻¹²	pico	p

Intro

System: Combination of interacting elements organized to achieve a stated purpose or meet an operational need. **System Boundary:** Defines separation of system of interest and operating environment. **Interface:** Input / Output that flows across system boundaries. **Mission:** A problem that a system intends to solve. Should be clearly defined by the stakeholder acquiring the system.

Life Cycle Conceptualization: Defining requirements. E.g. what does the market want? What type of product are we building? What features do we want? **Realization:** Taking requirements, making design. Building factories, tooling, prototypes, enter full production. **Utilization:** Processes during the use of the system. Marketing / sales, maintenance, warranty, recalls, feedback. **Retirement:** End-of-life services. Recycling, special disposal, updating / disposing of tooling.

Systems Engineering Overview

Top-down approach to design, development, operation of systems. Iterative, repeats for each lower level until individual elements are defined. Used because good planning and clear definition of deliverables makes sure that stakeholder needs and engineering solutions are aligned.

Project Life Cycle

Pre-Phase A: Concept Studies. Generate ideas for new missions, draft system concepts. Establish needs, goals, objectives. Assess feasibility. **Phase A:** Concept and Technology Development. Develop mission into requirements, system architecture. Identify technology development required. **Phase B:** Preliminary Design. Develop system concept into design solution meeting mission needs. Finish technology development. **Phase C:** Final Design and Fabrication. Complete detailed design, procure or fabricate components. Establish procedures, controls for manufacture. **Phase D:** Assembly, Integration, Test, Launch. Assemble subsystems, integrate, test to verify and validate system against requirements, deploy. **Phase E:** Operations and Sustainment. Put system into service. **Phase F:** Closeout. End of life operations, analysis. Retire system. **Stakeholders:** Groups that are affected or have an interest/stake in program or project. **Need:** A single statement clearly describing what the customer wants. Domain of customer.

Independent of specific solution / implementation. System is not the need, but response to need. E.g. "The Government of Canada needs a more effective means of monitoring shipping traffic in the arctic." **Goals:** Elaboration of need, setting specific expectations on system. Qualitative expressions of what system will accomplish. E.g. "Provide rapid detection of vessel traffic in Canadian arctic waters." **Objectives:** Specific target outputs system must achieve. Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-Bound. Quantitative extension of goals. E.g. "Detect any surface vessel entering Canadian arctic territorial waters within 1 hour." **Measures of Effectiveness:** Metrics to judge whether a mission is successful in meeting objectives / achieving goals. Stated from stakeholder's POV. E.g. "No undetected vessels appearing inside 50 nm of Canadian arctic territorial waters." (Not directly observable by design team, each MOE assigned 1+ *Measures of Performance*, defining level of perf system must meet to enable MOE.) **Constraints:** Boundaries placed on system design. Usually one of technical, performance, resources, environmental, schedule, cost, regulatory, organizational. **Concept of Operations:** Document that outlines high-level vision & strategy for use &

operation of a system to achieve intended goals. Who are the stakeholders? What is the mission? What is the proposed solution? How will it be used? Where will it be used? By whom? Over what time? *Context Diagram:* Shows mission, system scope. *Timeline:* Shows time sequence of operations. Can identify weak spots, e.g. unacceptable gaps in coverage. **Mission Requirements:** Formal statements defining capabilities, functions, performance, operating condition for system to meet goals, objectives. Requirements can be validated (demonstrated to be true). Mission requirements starting point for system requirements.

Requirements

Requirements Engineering

Process of translating stakeholder expectations into technical statements usable by design team to make a solution that meets the original need. Bridges gap between stakeholder expectations, design teams technical instructions.

Why requirements

Tell us what our system needs to do. Tell us scope of system. Give opportunity for every stakeholders' input to be captured. Help structure, scope work to be done, estimating effort and cost. Allow us to track project progress. How we know we are done, how well we did.

Separate from the "Needs View", directly define the input to design.

Requirement = input to design.
Specification = output of design.

Internal Requirements

Self-imposed, usually during R&D, early product development. Will evolve, change during early project life-cycle.

External Requirements

Defined by the customer, contractor must abide by these. Changes are more difficult and require more evidence, approvals. Various formats, stated order of precedence. E.g. contract, statement of work, technical requirements, product assurance requirements.

Requirement

Formally written, agreed upon statement of what the system must do, a quality it must possess, or a constraint it must operate under in order to meet the need. "The <system name> shall <system response>"

Shall: a statement of requirement. This must be met. **Should:** a statement of a goal or non-mandatory request. Desired, but not required. **Will:** a statement of fact, declaration of purpose.

Functional Requirements:

What functions need to be performed to accomplish objective. System as a "black box" of functions. Focus on *what* needs to be done, not *how* to do it.

Non-functional Requirements:

Other properties the system must possess, constraints it must operate under. Performance, environment, interfaces, constraints, "-ilities", training, personnel, safety.

Performance: How well the system should perform functions. How much / little, how far, how fast, how many, how often... E.g. bit error rates.

Environmental Requirements: Requirements defining operating system of system. E.g. shock exposure levels, operating temperatures.

Interface Requirements: How elements interface with other elements internal / external to system. (Accepting inputs, providing outputs are functional, but specifics on how the interface should work are not) E.g. what standard of communication is used between systems.

Constraints Limitations, boundaries, conditions imposed on system by stakeholders. Include cost, timeline, physical dimension, quantity (size, weight, power), rules and regulations.

-ilities Deal with life-cycle considerations product quality, other stakeholders. Reliability, availability, scalability, maintainability, operability, supportability, security, manufacturability, interoperability, etc. Major design, cost drivers.

Good Requirements

- Good requirements should be
- Needed (should be necessary, sufficient to specify system. Nothing extraneous.)
- Verifiable (must have a clear pass/fail criteria, a method to determine if it is met)
- Attainable (no point in requiring the impossible)
- Traceable (must be linked from the lowest component to the highest need)

Good requirements are also good comms: Single thought, concise, simple ad consistent, grammatically correct.

Requirement Documentation

Requirement ID, Title, Requirement Text, Rationale, Verification, Tracability, Notes.

Requirement Rationale

Additional information on intent, context for a requirement, helps with interpretation. Reason for the requirement. Documents assumptions made when writing requirement. Link to supporting information outside requirement set, e.g. architecture decisions, ConOps, trade studies, customer discussions, etc...

Requirement Verification

- Reqs need to be verified.
- Inspection: visual examination of product, supporting documentation
- Demonstration: using product to demonstrate requirement is met
- Analysis: use of modelling, simulation, analytical techniques to predict a product will meet requirement
- Test: highly controlled use, measurement of product to compare to pass/fail criteria

Requirement Traceability

Ability to trace every requirement to it's source. Most come from other requirements, not always. Also applies to ConOps, architecture documents, trade studies, analysis, other documentation. **Forwards Traceability:** Relationship of parent requirements down to children. **Backwards Traceability:** Relationship of child requirements up to their parents.

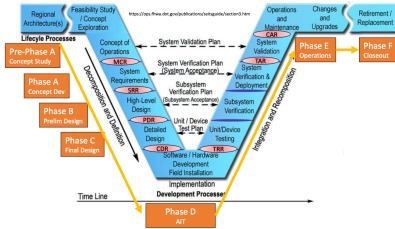
Requirement Validation

Ensure the requirements capture stakeholder's expectation. Ensure are complete and correct, accurately capturing the stakeholder needs, necessary, achievable, not duplicated or over-specified, verifiable.

Why manage requirements

Requirements will evolve as system evolves. Complex projects have hundreds of requirements, allocated across many elements, multiple developers.

Systems Engineering



System Design Process: Analysis, Synthesis, Evaluation.

ConOps: Operations Concept (aka a diagram)

NASA System Design Process 1. Stakeholder Expectation Definition: Identify stakeholders, expectations, requirements. Capture expectations in ConOps. Identify Measures of Effectiveness.

2. Technical Requirements Definition: Turn stakeholder expectations into formal technical statements used to further decompose, define system. Identify system scope (what are we responsible for, what are we not responsible for), system boundary (physical manifestation of scope). Identify interfaces. Define functions to use system, as identified in ConOps. **Elicitation:** Drawing out, e.g. stakeholder telling us, receiving

it from a source. **Elaboration:** Further develop existing requirements using Decomposition (breaking it down into smaller parts) or Derivation (making inferences and creating new requirements). **3. Logical Decomposition:** Problem has been defined, now prepare to solve it. Decompose problem into smaller parts (logical or functional). Proposing architecture as candidate solution to decomposed problem. Allocating functional decomposition to elements in architecture. Deriving further requirements. Evaluating proposed solution. Iterating to find best overall solution for need. Finalizing all requirements to bring to design. **4. Design Solution Definition:** Translate requirements into design. (Most course work / lab work, here is a problem solv it.) Propose and analyze multiple potential solutions. Selected alternative fully defined into complete design solution.

Launch Environment

Thrust Equation: $T = \dot{m} v_e + (p_e - p_a) A_e$
Rocketry Equation: $\Delta v = I_{sp} g_0 \ln \frac{m_0}{m_f}$ **Design**

for **Launch Max Q:** peak dynamic pressure. Rocket vibration from thrust, static load/random vibration, structural resonance. Acoustic vibration from atmospheric forces. Resonance and dampening: Q is ratio of output displacement to input. Generally aluminum is used. Thermal balance, we want $Q_{in} = Q_{out}$: where $Q_{out} = Q_{solar} + Q_{albedo} + Q_{EarthIR} + Q_{spacecraft}$. (Albedo is reflection of sun from Earth.) Test thermal properties using TVAC (thermal vacuum chamber), heat lamps to simulate solar / albedo loading.

Quality

Quality: How to make sure that your solution meets safety/reliability standards? Guard against failure. Plan -> Do -> Check -> Act -> Repeat. Performed by Product Assurance -> Quality Assurance -> Quality Control -> Audit. QC: Inspecting work to ensure quality is maintained. QA: Process control, ensuring process is in place, maintain documentation and traceability for audits. Manufacturing, test data to verify something conforms to engineering data. Process to identify, prevent defects. Plans, implements systematic activities to provide confidence that all quality requirements will be fulfilled. PA: Make sure product meets specifications, including quality, assurance. "Voice of customer". Ensure project is built per process using "stuff" that meets customer requirements. Proposal -> design -> manu -> test -> deliv -> commissioning. Certificat of Conformance (indicates deliverable built and tested per reqs.) PA Requirement e.g.: EEE Components (Electrical, Electronic, or Electromechanical) must either be on an approved list or be approved, must be purchased from approved manufacturers, components must also pass specifications, must pass qualification. E.g. NASA EEE-INST-002: Level 1: Lowest risk, highest reliability. Level 2: Low to moderate risk. Level 3: Higher risk. Commercial. Higher level = higher standards, testing, can be an order of magnitude more expensive. Lower quality components need to undergo additional testing to be accepted.

5. Product Realization Design is done, SE switches to "bottom-up", building smallest components first up to largest. Usually either build, buy, or reuse, based on skills, capability, experience, cost, etc. Can buy by paying a contractor to build (more requirements need to be exchanged), or purchase COTS (existing stuff that is higher risk). COTS is hard to qualify, lower performance. Can test new parts on case-by-case basis. Reusing is usually attractive, especially if it has worked in space before. **Assembly:** joining individual components together to make higher level products. **Integration:** combining elements to achieve a higher level function. Must include some level of "using" product to enable the purpose. Integration ensures different subsystems work together properly. **Test:** Test as you go, make sure each part works.

6. Product Integration Assemble, Integrate, Test until full system is done. Systems plans for

AIT in design, sees it through here. Quality makes sure build quality is maintained, tests are performed properly.

7. Product Verification Did we build it right?

Model philosophies Breadboard: test model, cheap components, partial designs. Engineering model: Close to flight, cheaper parts, less functionality. Engineering Qualification Model: Close to flight, cheaper parts, full functionality. Qualification Model: Identical to flight, flight component, flight process. Proto-Flight Model: Full functionality, qualified parts, materials, process. Tested to higher requirements to check margin. Only on first flight deliverable. Flight model: Same as proto-flight model, tested to normal requirements.

8. Product Validation Did we build the right system? Does it meet the needs of the customers / users?

Validation vs Verification Verification: Did we build the system how we said we would? Validation: Stakeholder expectations (MOEs, and MOPs)

9. Product Transition

10-17. Technical Management

Satellite Systems

Primary Uses of Space: Communication, navigation, observation, exploration, and experimentation. Examples include communication systems like Intelsat 40e and SpaceX Starlink; navigation systems like GPS; observation systems such as Radarsat 2 and Sentinel; and exploration missions like Artemis/Orion, ISS, and the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST). **A Systems View of Satellites:** Satellites extend the system boundary to space, requiring enabling products such as launch vehicles and ground stations. They host payloads to perform system functions in orbit. **System Design Drivers:** Key drivers include: Cost, which impacts parts, testing equipment, and personnel; Schedule, limiting design, testing, and component availability; Orbit, affecting thermal, radiation, and atmospheric conditions; Lifetime, driving redundancy and reliability requirements; Payload, supporting interfaces, power, orientation, and data flow; Volume and Mass, dictated by the launcher; and Power, determined by orbit and influencing solar panels, batteries, and power distribution. **Satellite Functional Hierarchy:** Satellites are divided into two primary elements: The **Payload**, which provides the mission capability (e.g., GPS clocks, imaging sensors); and The **Bus**, which supports the payload with power, thermal control, orbit and attitude control, and communication. **Key Subsystems:** These include: **Structure**, which supports satellite components and interfaces with the launcher; **Thermal Control**, which maintains system temperatures using radiators and heat pipes; **Power**, which provides energy via solar panels, batteries, and distribution systems; **Propulsion**, which adjusts orbit and orientation using chemical, cold gas, or electric systems; **Attitude Control**, which ensures stability and pointing with sensors and actuators (e.g., reaction wheels, star trackers); **Data Handling**, which manages commands, telemetry, and mission data; and **Communications**, which links the satellite to ground stations for telemetry and payload data.

Space Environment

1. Near-Earth Radiation Environment: Van Allen Belts: Inner Belt (high-energy protons/electrons, ~1,000-6,000 km). Outer Belt (high-energy electrons, ~9,000 km to beyond geostationary orbit). **South Atlantic Anomaly (SAA):** Region of lower magnetic field where radiation penetrates to lower altitudes; can disrupt electronics. **Solar Influence:** Solar cycles (~11 years): Maximum increases flares and CMEs; minimum increases trapped particles. **2. Cosmic Rays:** High-energy particles from outside the solar system, partially deflected by Earth's magnetic field. **3. Radiation Effects:**

