## Chapter 4

Understanding Requirements

#### Requirements Engineering-I

- Inception—ask a set of questions that establish ...
  - basic understanding of the problem
  - the people who want a solution
  - the nature of the solution that is desired, and
  - the effectiveness of preliminary communication and collaboration between the customer and the developer
- Elicitation—elicit requirements from all stakeholders
- Elaboration—create an analysis model that identifies data, function and behavioral requirements
- Negotiation—agree on a deliverable system that is realistic for developers and customers

## Requirements Engineering-II

- Specification—can be any one (or more) of the following
  - A written document
  - A set of models
  - A formal mathematical
  - A collection of user scenarios (use-cases)
  - A prototype
- Validation—a review mechanism that looks for
  - errors in content or interpretation
  - areas where clarification may be required
  - missing information
  - inconsistencies (a major problem when large products or systems are engineered)
  - conflicting or unrealistic (unachievable) requirements.
- Requirements management

## **Quality Function Deployment**

- Function deployment determines the "value" (as perceived by the customer) of each function required of the system
- Information deployment identifies data objects and events
- Task deployment examines the behavior of the system
- Value analysis determines the relative priority of requirements

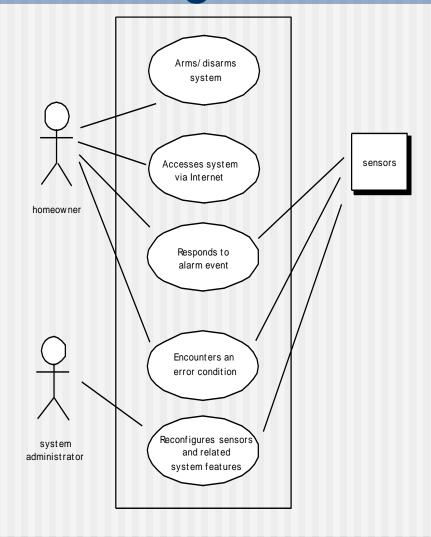
## **Building the Analysis Model**

- Elements of the analysis model
  - Scenario-based elements
    - Functional—processing narratives for software functions
    - Use-case—descriptions of the interaction between an "actor" and the system
  - Class-based elements
    - Implied by scenarios
  - Behavioral elements
    - State diagram
  - Flow-oriented elements
    - Data flow diagram

#### **Use-Cases**

- A collection of user scenarios that describe the thread of usage of a system
- Each scenario is described from the point-of-view of an "actor"—a person or device that interacts with the software in some way
- Each scenario answers the following questions:
  - Who is the primary actor, the secondary actor (s)?
  - What are the actor's goals?
  - What preconditions should exist before the story begins?
  - What main tasks or functions are performed by the actor?
  - What extensions might be considered as the story is described?
  - What variations in the actor's interaction are possible?
  - What system information will the actor acquire, produce, or change?
  - Will the actor have to inform the system about changes in the external environment?
  - What information does the actor desire from the system?
  - Does the actor wish to be informed about unexpected changes?

# **Use-Case Diagram**



#### Class Diagram

#### From the SafeHome system ...

#### Sensor

name/id type location area characteristics

identify()
enable()
disable()
reconfigure()

#### State Diagram

Reading Commands

System status = "ready"

Display msg = "enter cmd"

Display status = steady

Entry/subsystems ready

Do: poll user input panel

Do: read user input

Do: interpret user input

State name

State variables

State activities

#### Questions

- 1 What is the tasks of Requirements Engineering?
- 2 What are the three types of requirements for quality function deployment?
- 3. What are the elements of the analysis model?