

# Example Use of ReqSpec

This section describes the use of ReqSpec in OSATE. First, we describe how ReqSpec files are created in OSATE. Then we illustrate several use scenarios on an example.

## Installing ReqSpec and ALISA in OSATE

Users extend an installation of OSATE [OSATE 2016] with the ReqSpec extension or the ALISA extension [ALISA 2016]. Users also include a copy of an Eclipse project called *AlisaBasics*<sup>[1]</sup>, which contains the predefined category types and a verification method registry for the analysis plugins available in OSATE. This project and example projects using ReqSpec and ALISA are available at <https://github.com/osate/alisa-examples>.

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<sup>[1]</sup> In the near future AlisaBasics will be included automatically.

## ReqSpec Declarations in OSATE

In this section we describe how ReqSpec files are created, updated, and analyzed through an Xtext-based textual editor. A navigator, forms and graphics based user interface is currently in development.

Figure 2 shows the AADL Navigator on the left. The SituationalAwarenessSystem project is shown as containing AADL model packages organized into subfolders. In this example we have chosen to put the ReqSpec files into a separate folder called *Requirements*. Note the different extensions used to distinguish between different types of ReqSpec files.

The right hand side shows a specification of system requirements. The editor understands the syntax of the *Organization* notation. It provides syntax coloring and ensures that each element of a stakeholder specification, e.g., the phone number, is specified at most once. It also supports content assist. When the user types <control> <spacebar> the editor provides syntactically legal choices.

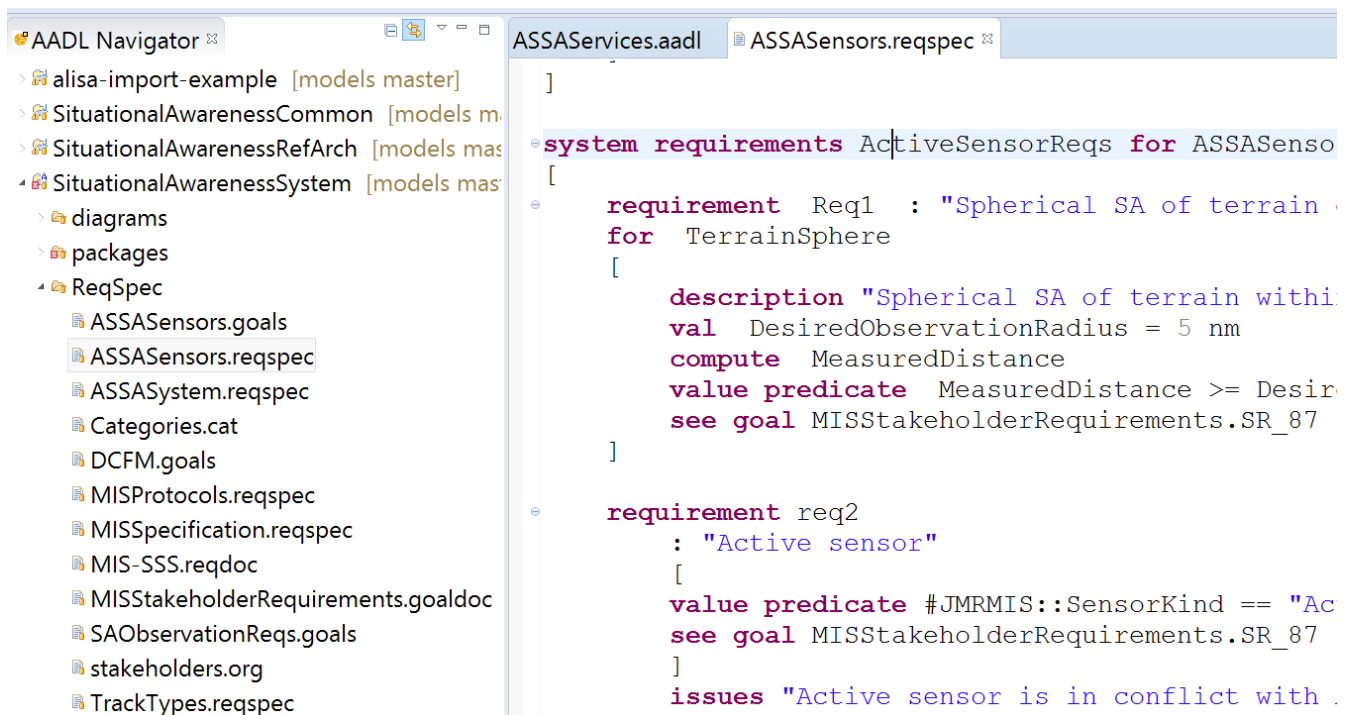
*Figure 2 Project with ReqSpec and Organization Files*

The ReqSpec files could be placed in a separate project if desirable. In that case the user will have to add a Project Reference into the project containing the ReqSpec files to reference the project containing the AADL models. This tells the ReqSpec tool where to find the AADL model.

Project references are set in the properties dialog for the project containing the ReqSpec files. It can be invoked by selecting the project in the AADL navigator and invoking it through the context menu.

New ReqSpec (reqspec, goals, reqdoc, goaldoc), Category (cat), or Organization (org) files are created by invoking *File/New/File* and specifying a file name with the appropriate extension.

```
system requirements ASSASystemReqs for ASSASystem::ASSASystem
[
requirement req1 : "support offboard and onboard mission planning"
```



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for AMPSInterface
[
description "support offboard and onboard mission planning and replanning"
see goal MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_73 MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_74
MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_75 MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_76
MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_77
]

requirement req2 : "exchange planning information" for AMPSInterface
[
description "Planning information is communicated through the AMPSInterface."
]

requirement req3 for ThreatAlerts
[ description "alert other manned and unmanned systems"
see goal MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_81
]

```

The top-level requirement specification (e.g. **for** ASSASystem::ASSASystem) identifies the classifier of the ASSA system. The reference is qualified by the package name containing the classifier. These references are hyperlinked to their target. When the user holds down the <control> key while pausing the cursor over the reference it is shown as hyperlink (i.e. underlined) that can be followed by clicking on it. Navigation by hyperlink is tracked in a navigation history. Users can return to the reference origin via navigational commands or toolbar buttons .

The first requirement indicates that it is associated with an interface feature of the ASSA system called the AMPSInterface. This association reflects the fact that it is a requirement for the interaction between the ASSA system and an Aviation Mission Planning System (AMPS). The *See goal* elements identify several stakeholder goals that reflect the need for an interaction between the ASSA system and AMPS.

The second requirement is for the same interface feature and in its original text indicates the name of the interface for the interaction with a mission planning system.

The third requirement is associated with a different interface feature of the ASSA system.

```

system requirements ActiveSensorReqs for ASSASensors::ActiveTerrainSensor
[
requirement Req1 : "Spherical SA of terrain distance"
for TerrainSphere
[
description "Spherical SA of terrain within " DesiredObservationRadius " radius for
aircrew"
val DesiredObservationRadius = 5 nm
compute MeasuredDistance
value predicate MeasuredDistance >= DesiredObservationRadius
see goal MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_87
]

```

Figure 6 Requirement Predicate on Values

Figure 6 illustrates a requirement with a parameterized value. The value of the desired observation radius is captured in the variable called *DesiredObservationRadius*. This variable is used in the requirement description and in the requirement predicate. The requirement predicate assures that any *measuredDistance* result from a verification activity is at least as large as the desired observation radius. The *as* clause, when uncommented, specifies that the value is to be correctly reflected in the *JMRMIS::ObservationRadius* property associated with *TerrainSphere*.

The stakeholder requirement for this system requirement can be found as a goal in an imported requirement document.

## An Example System in ReqSpec

We are using ReqSpec in three ways for the ASSA system.

First, we have imported the content of the MIS stakeholder requirement document and of the MIS system requirement specification document into the OSATE environment (*MISStakeholderRequirements.goaldoc* and *MIS-SSS.reqdoc*). In this case the requirements are initially not associated with an AADL model. Once imported users can create an AADL model and manually associated the requirements from the requirement document with the model. In the process users may associate different requirements from the same document section with different components in the AADL model. The ReqSpec tool has an analysis that identifies document sections that span multiple system components.

Second, we have created *stakeholder goals* sets and a *system requirements* sets that are associated with different systems in the architecture. We have created separate files for each of the AADL packages. The files contain sets of *goal* and *requirement* specifications, one for each component specification in the AADL package.

Figure 7 shows an example of a *stakeholder goals* set specified for *ASSASensor*. The keyword *stakeholder goals* introduces a name for a set of goals associated with the component *ASSASensor*. Each *goal* specification has a unique name within the goal set. In our example it includes a *title*, *description*, *stakeholder* reference, and a list of references into the MIS stakeholder *requirement document*.

```

stakeholder goals SensorGoals for ASSASensors::ASSASensor
[ goal goal1
  title: "Passive ASE (ASSA sensor type)";

```

```
[ description: "MIS shall support passive SA sensors (ASE)";
  stakeholder mrj.ab
  see requirement: MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_13,
MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_69, MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_15;
]
]
```

Figure 7 Goal set for ASSA Sensors

Third, we illustrated requirement specifications that use variables to parameterize the requirement and specify that a property in the AADL model should have the same value as the variable or a particular value. This practice ensures that a verification activity operating on the model utilizes the correct values when performing the verification. In Figure 6, we show two example scenarios. One uses a constant in a *value predicate* to indicate that the value of the variable and a specific AADL property must be the same. In the other, the variable value is passed as a parameter to a verification activity.

In our first example, the user has developed the model with a property *JMRMIS::EnergyLevel*. In this case, we specify in a *value predicate* that the constant value is consistent with the property value.

In the second example, the value of the requirement is defined by a constant; in our example, it is called *DesiredObservationRadius*. This value will then be used in a verification plan associated with the requirements to indicate that its value is to be passed to a verification method via a property in the AADL model. In this case, the AADL model is automatically annotated with the appropriate property value. Note that specifications of verification activities are expressed by the *Verify* notation, which is part of the incremental lifecycle assurance tool environment.

```
system requirements PassiveSensorReqs for ASSASensors::PassiveTerrainSensor
[
  requirement Req4 : "Passive sensor"
  [
    val EnergyLevel = 0
    description "Passive sensor radiates " EnergyLevel " energy"
    value predicate #JMRMIS::EnergyLevel == EnergyLevel
    see goal MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_27
  ]
  requirement Req1 : "Spherical terrain awareness for aircrew"
  for TerrainSphere
  [
    description "Spherical SA of terrain within " DesiredObservationRadius " radius for aircrew"
    val DesiredObservationRadius = 5 nm
    compute measuredDistance
    value predicate measuredDistance >= DesiredObservationRadius
    see goal MISStakeholderRequirements.SR_27
  ]
]
```

Figure 8 Example of Requirement Specification Aligned with AADL Model

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