

260CT Software Engineering

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Requirements Engineering 1

- Requirements engineering (RE) - Sommerville

*Requirements engineering emphasizes the use of **systematic and repeatable** techniques that ensure the **completeness, consistency, and relevance** of the system requirements*

- RE encompasses:
 - requirements elicitation
 - requirements analysis
 - requirements specification
 - requirements verification
 - requirements management

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Requirements Engineering 2

- Requirements elicitation is: the process of **discovering, reviewing, documenting, and understanding** the user's needs and constraints for the system.
- Requirements analysis: the process of **refining** the user's needs and constraints.
- Requirements specification : the process of documenting the user's needs and constraints **clearly and precisely**.
- Requirements verification: the process of ensuring that the system requirements are **complete, correct, consistent, and clear**.
- Requirements management is the process of **scheduling, coordinating, and documenting** the requirements engineering activities

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Source: Dorfman, M. & Thayer, R. H. *Software Requirements Engineering*

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Users Requirements: Review 1

- Information collected from requirements gathering stage: three categories:
 - **Functional requirements**
 - **Non-functional requirements**
 - Usability requirements

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Users Requirements: Review 2

- Requirements: categories
 - **Functional requirements:** describe what a system will do, referred to as **functionality**
 - Including:
 - **Descriptions of the processing** to be carried out
 - Details of **inputs** into the system from: documents, interactions between people and from other systems
 - Details of **outputs** expected from the system, such as report and screen displays
 - Details of **data** to be recorded in the system

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Users Requirements: Review 3

- Requirements: categories
 - **Non-functional requirements:** describe aspects of system concerning how well the system provides functional requirements

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Activity 1

- Identify non-functional requirements.

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Activity 1: Feedback

- Examples of non-functional requirements: (but not limited to)
 - **Performance**
 - **Multi-user and concurrent accessibility**
 - **System availability** with minimum of downtime
 - **System recovery** time from failure
 - **Data volumes** in terms of transaction throughput and storage
 - **Security** (e.g. resistance to attacks)

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Users Requirements: Review 4

- Requirements: categories
 - **Usability requirements:** concerning the system developed meets the **needs of the user** and **tasks** to undertake
 - Usability of a system should achieve:
 - **Effectiveness**
 - **Efficiency**
 - **Satisfaction**

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Activity 2

- Identify a number of fact-finding techniques to gather user requirements.

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Activity 2: Feedback

- Fact-finding techniques to gather user requirements:
 - **Background reading**
 - **Interviewing**
 - **Observation**
 - **Document sampling**
 - **Questionnaires**

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Requirements Modelling: Requirements Documentation

- **Documenting Requirements: a mixture of diagrams, data and text**, may include:
 - UML models
 - Records of interviews and observations
 - Details of problems, requirements and users
 - Meetings minutes
 - Copies of existing documents

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Requirements Modelling: Prototyping

- **Prototyping:**
 - Supports use case modelling
 - Help elicit requirements
 - Techniques:
 - **User interface prototypes** using tools such as such as visual programming
 - **Storyboard in paper sketches**



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Requirements Modelling to Requirements Analysis

- Progressing from **Requirements Model** to **Requirements Analysis**
 - **Requirements Modelling:** requirements documentation, use case diagram, interface prototypes
 - **Requirements Analysis:** analysis class diagram, operation specifications

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Requirements Analysis: Operation Specifications

- **Requirements Analysis: Operation specifications**
 - **Analysis view point:** enables analyst to meet users' requirements
 - **Design view point:** provides a basis for detailed design specifications

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Operation Specifications: Algorithmic

- **Algorithmic Approach**
 - gives sequence of the steps; no need to concern about efficiency at analysis stage
 - **Programming control structures**
 - **Structured English**
 - **Pseudo-code:** uses syntax of a specific programming language
 - **UML Activity diagrams:** actions provide steps in operation logic

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Operation Specifications: Non-Algorithmic

- **Non-Algorithmic Approach**
 - describes an operation logic as a black box
 - **Pre- and post-conditions:**
 - ✓ What conditions must be satisfied **before** an operation can take place?
 - ✓ What conditions and states may the system be in **after** an operation is completed?
 - **Decision tables:** a matrix which shows the conditions under a decision is made, resultant actions and their relationship

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Operation Specifications: Pre- and post-conditions

- **Non-Algorithmic Approach**
 - Pre- and post-conditions
 - Example: `Advert.getCost(): Money`

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Advert.getCost(): Money
pre-conditions:  none
post-conditions: a valid Money value is returned
```

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Operation Specifications: Decision tables

Conditions to be tested	rules		
Conditions and actions	Rule 1	Rule 2	Rule 3
Conditions			
Is budget likely to be overspent?	N	Y	Y
Is overspend likely to exceed 2%?	-	N	Y
Actions		Action occurs if conditions are true	
No action	X		
Send letter		X	X
Set up meeting			X

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Analysis Model: Use Case Realisation

- Use Case Realisation:
 - each use case is realised by a series of models towards the implementation of the software that meets the requirements identified by that use case
 - identify a possible set of **classes and their interaction** to deliver the **functionality** of a use case
 - to produce an analysis model by:
 - developing **separate class diagrams for each use case**, then
 - combining separate use case class diagrams into one analysis class model**

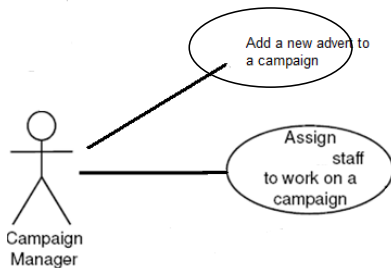
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Use Case Realisation:

Use Case Examples: Assign staff to work on a campaign, Add a new advert to campaign

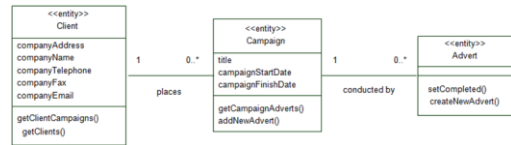


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Use Case Realisation: Analysis class diagram Stage 1: Create Class Diagrams from Individual Use Cases

- Use Case Example: Add a new advert to campaign



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Requirements Analysis

Stage 2: Assembling Analysis Class Diagram 1

- from use case realisation (via different use cases) to one single analysis diagram, which consists of:
 - A single package of **entity classes**
 - Assembles all attributes and operations into a single class definition**, as each entity class may be defined in different ways through various use cases

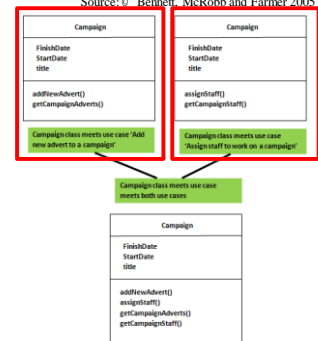
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Stage 2: Assembling Analysis Class Diagram 2

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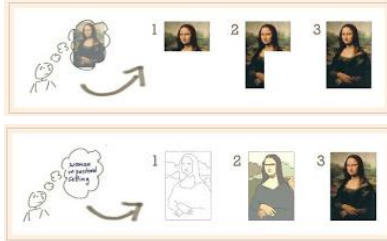
- Example:** to assembles all attributes of individual classes (e.g. *Campaign*) from each use case realisation into a single class diagram



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Activity 3

- Identify the correct presentation for the two development processes: **Iteration and Incrementation**



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Activity 3: Feedback

- An **iteration** represents the state of the overall development and the complete deliverable system.



- An **increment** represents the current work in progress that will be combined with the preceding iteration to form the next iteration and a shippable feature to add on.



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