

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING (303105253)

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Requirements Engineering:

UNIT-3



Requirements Engineering:

Problem Recognition,

Requirement Engineering tasks,

Processes,

Requirements Specification,

Use cases and Functional specification,

Requirements validation,

Requirements Analysis



Problem Recognition:

Understanding the issue or opportunity that the software aims to address.
Involves identifying stakeholders and their needs.

Requirement Engineering Tasks:

Encompasses activities like elicitation, analysis, documentation, validation, and management of requirements.

Processes:

Defines systematic steps for handling requirements.
Includes models like the Waterfall, Agile, and iterative approaches for managing requirements.

Requirements Specification:

Formal documentation of requirements.
Includes functional and non-functional requirements.



Use Cases and Functional Specification:

Use cases: Scenarios describing how users interact with the system to achieve specific goals.

Functional specification: Detailed description of system functionalities and operations.

Requirements Validation:

Ensures that requirements are complete, consistent, and aligned with stakeholder expectations.

Techniques include reviews, prototypes, and test cases.

Requirements Analysis:

Examines requirements for feasibility, consistency, and completeness.

May involve prioritizing requirements and resolving conflicts.



Requirements engineering

- ✓ Requirements engineering is a broad domain that focuses on being the connector between **modeling, analysis, design**, and **construction**.
- ✓ It is the process that **defines, identifies, manages, and develops** requirements in a software engineering design process.
- ✓ This process uses **tools, methods, and principles** to describe the system's behavior and the constraints that come along with it.
- ✓ In order to build and release a project successfully, as it is the foundation to key planning and implementation.



Requirements Engineering Tasks



The software requirements engineering process includes the

Inception

Elicitation

Elaboration

Negotiation

Specification

Validation

Requirements Management

inception phase

- ✓ Overall in the inception phase, the following criteria have to be addressed by the software engineers:
- ✓ Understanding of the problem.
- ✓ The people who want a solution.
- ✓ Nature of the solution.
- ✓ Communication and collaboration between the customer and developer.



Elicitation

This is the second phase of the requirements analysis process.

This phase focuses on **gathering the requirements** from the stakeholders.

Understanding the kind of requirements needed from the customer is very crucial for a developer.

In this process, **mistakes can happen** in regard to, **not implementing** the right **requirements or forgetting** a part.

The right people must be involved in this phase. The following problems can occur in the elicitation phase:



- ✓ **Problem of Scope:** The requirements given are of unnecessary detail, ill-defined, or not possible to implement.
- ✓ **Problem of Understanding:** Not having a clear-cut understanding between the developer and customer when putting out the requirements needed.
- ✓ Sometimes the customer might not know what they want or the developer might misunderstand one requirement for another.
- ✓ **Problem of Volatility:** Requirements changing over time can cause difficulty in leading a project. It can lead to loss and wastage of resources and time.

Elaboration-result of inception and elicitation

- ✓ This is the **third phase** of the requirements analysis process.
- ✓ In the elaboration process, it takes the requirements that have been stated and gathered in the first two phases and **refines** them.
- ✓ Expansion and looking into it further are done as well.
- ✓ The main task in this phase is to indulge in modeling activities and develop a prototype that elaborates on the features and constraints using the necessary tools and functions.

Negotiation

Availability of Resources.

Delivery Time.

Scope of requirements.

Project Cost.

Estimations on development.

5 step-Specification

Written document.

A set of models.

A collection of use cases.

A prototype.

The models used in this phase include

ER (Entity Relationship) diagrams,

DFD (Data Flow Diagram),

FDD (Function Decomposition Diagrams),

and Data Dictionaries.

Validation

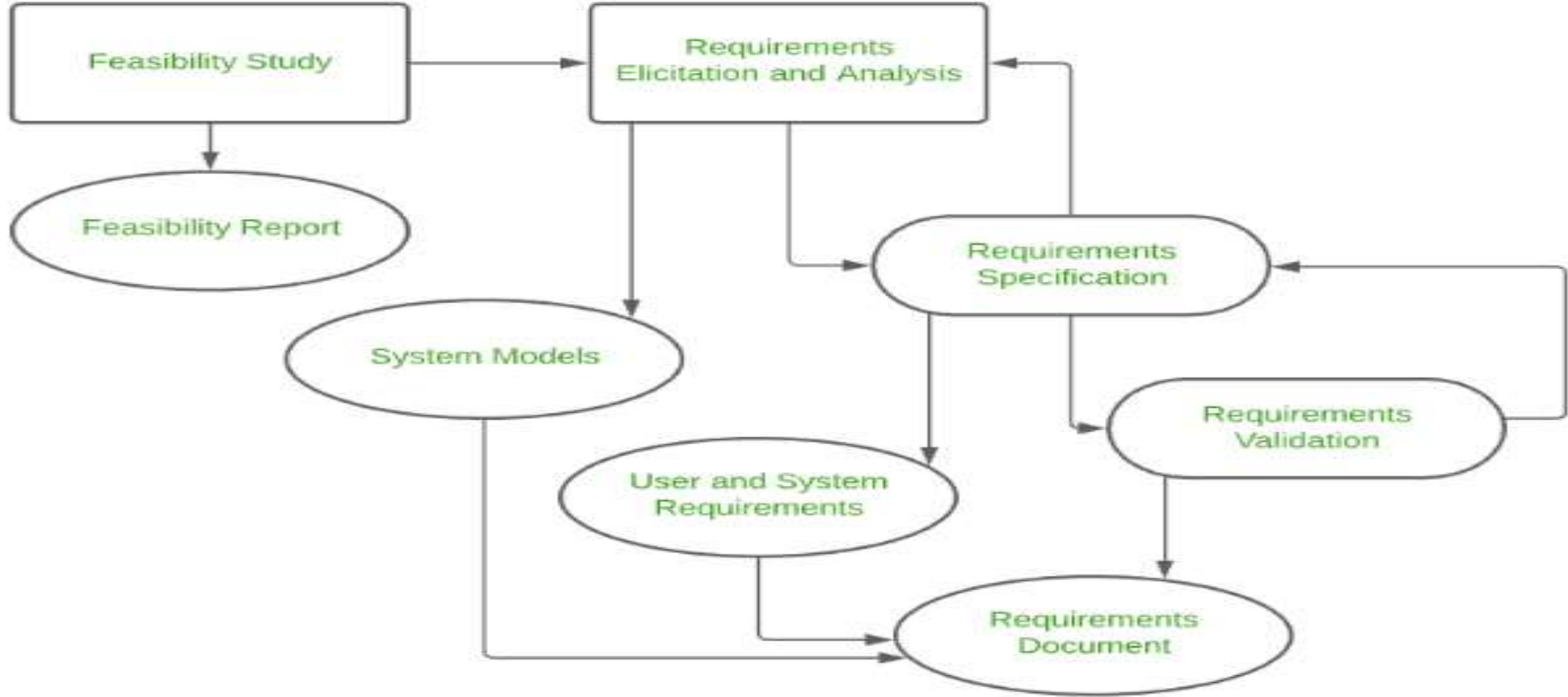
- ✓ This is the **sixth phase** of the requirements analysis process.
- ✓ This phase focuses on **checking for errors and debugging**.
- ✓ In this phase, the developer scans the specification document and checks for the following:
 - ✓ All the requirements have been stated and met correctly
 - ✓ Errors have been **debugged and corrected**.
 - ✓ Work product **is built according to the standards**.

Requirements Management-7th

- ✓ Requirements management is a set of activities where the entire team takes part in **identifying, controlling, tracking, and establishing the requirements for the successful and smooth implementation of the project.**
- ✓ In this phase, the team is responsible for managing any changes that may occur during the project



Processes



Requirements Engineering Process

Following are the Requirement Engineering Process

Feasibility Study

Requirements elicitation

Requirements specification

Requirements for verification and validation

Requirements management



Types of Feasibility Study

The feasibility study mainly concentrates on five areas.

Among these Economic Feasibility Study is most important part of the **feasibility analysis and Legal Feasibility** Study is less considered feasibility analysis.

Technical Feasibility

Operational Feasibility

Economic Feasibility

Legal Feasibility

Schedule Feasibility

Cultural and Political Feasibility

Market Feasibility

Resource Feasibility:



Elicitation: Gather requirements through interviews, surveys, workshops, or observation.

Analysis: Examine and model requirements for completeness, feasibility, and consistency.

Documentation: Record requirements formally in a specification document.

Validation: Verify that the requirements meet stakeholder expectations and system goals.

Management: Monitor and control requirements changes during the development cycle.



Requirements Specification

Correct. Should accurately reflect product functionality and specification at any point of time.

Unambiguous. There **shouldn't be any confusion** regarding interpretation of the requirements.

Complete. Should contain **all the features** the client requests.

Consistent. Same **abbreviations and conventions** must be followed throughout the document.

Ranked for importance and stability. some are **urgent and must be fulfilled** before other requirements, and some can be **delayed**. Each requirement should be classified according to its importance and stability.

Verifiable. An SRS is verifiable only if every stated requirement can be verified.



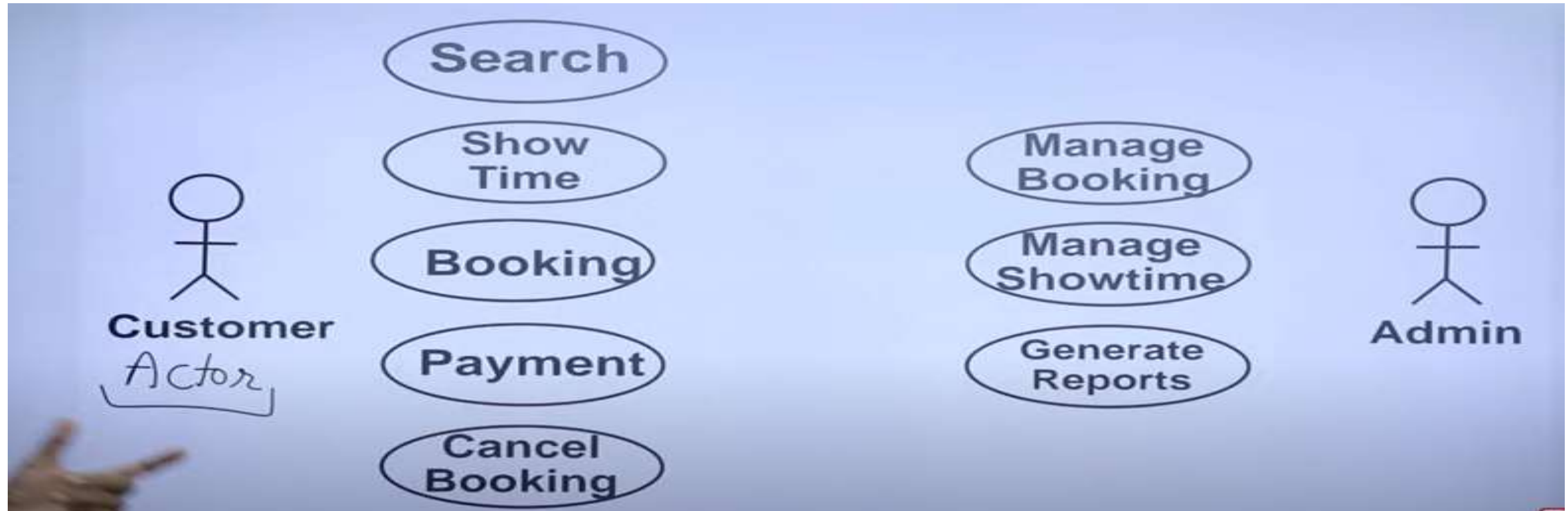
Use cases and Functional specification

Use cases

Describe the system's **value and purpose**, and how **users interact** with the system to achieve goals.

Use cases are written as **sequences of steps** that include **all possible scenarios**, and can be represented as use case specifications or use case diagrams

USE CASE





Functional requirements define the system's capabilities and boundaries, while **use cases** define the **system's value and purpose**.

Functional requirements provide the **basis for the system's design and testing**, while use cases provide the basis for the system's validation and verification.

Requirements validation,

Test Case Generation

Prototyping

Requirements Reviews

Automated Consistency Analysis

Walk-through

Simulation

Check lists for Validation



Test Case Generation

if the test is difficult or impossible to design, this usually means that the requirement will be difficult to implement and it should be reconsidered.

Prototyping

In this validation technique the prototype of the system is presented before the end-user or customer, they experiment with the presented model and check if it meets their need. This type of model is mostly used to collect feedback about the requirement of the user.

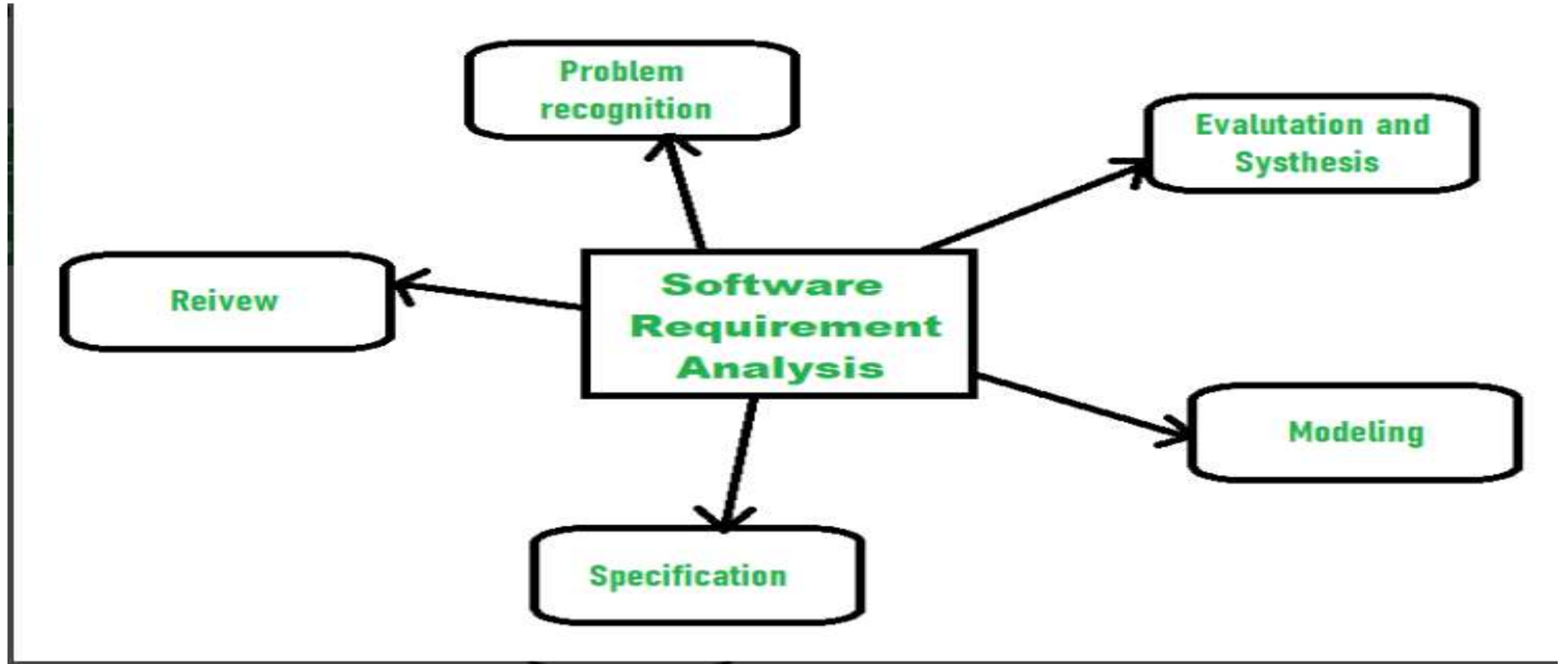
Requirements Reviews

SRS is carefully **reviewed** by a group of people including people from both the organizations and the client side, the reviewer systematically analyses the document to **check errors and ambiguity**.



Software requirement analysis

Therefore, **Software requirement analysis** simply means complete study, analyzing, describing software requirements so that requirements that are genuine and needed can be fulfilled to solve problem. There are several activities involved in analyzing Software requirements. Some of them are given below



What is Requirements Validation?

Requirements validation is the process of checking that requirements defined for development, define the system that the customer wants. To check issues related to requirements, we perform requirements validation. We typically use requirements validation to check errors at the initial phase of development as the error may increase excessive rework when detected later in the development process

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