

Capstone Projects

SE 490

Eliciting User Requirements

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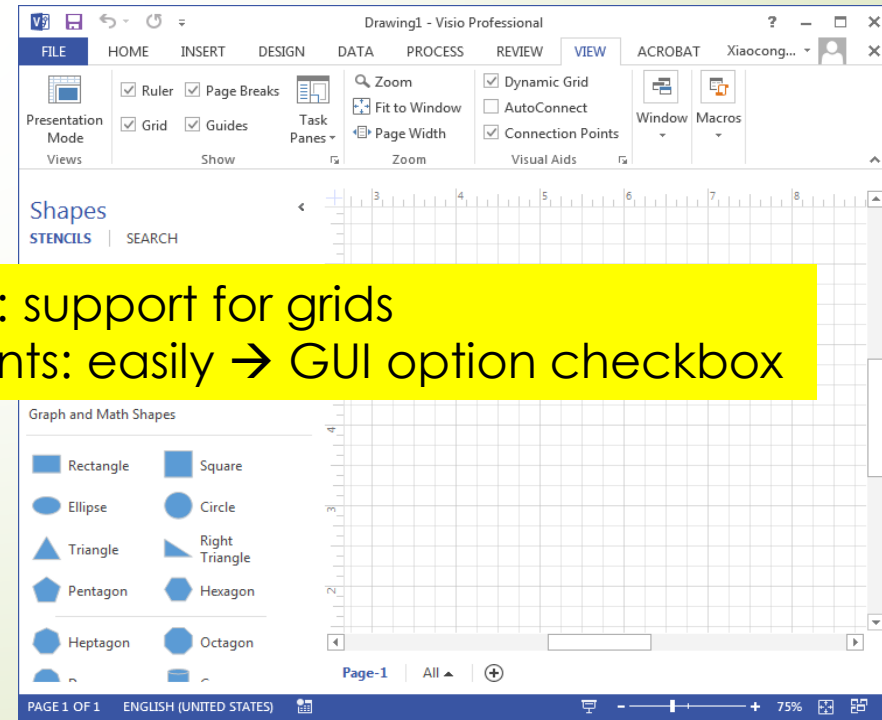
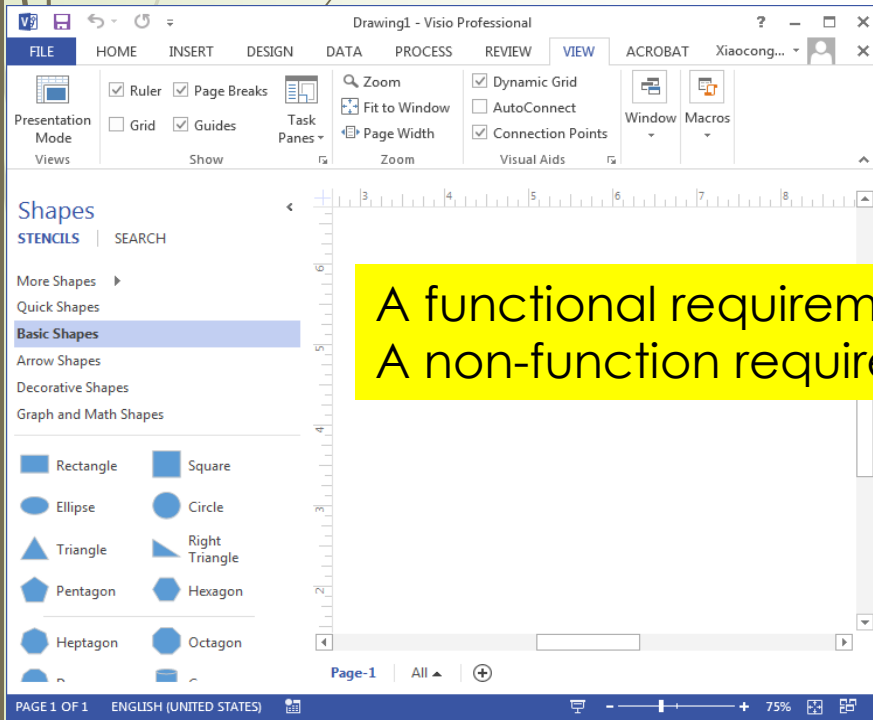
Review: The nature of user requirements

- **Software requirements** are descriptions of the **services** that a software system must provide and the **constraints** under which it must operate
- **User requirements:** Written by users (customers) or for users (in natural language)
 - Ambiguity
 - Readers and writers may not interpret words in the same way
 - Over-flexibility
 - The same thing may be expressed in a number of different ways
 - Requirements amalgamation & confusion
 - Several different requirements may be expressed together
- Challenge: Domain specialists understand the area so well that they do not think of making the requirements explicit

User Functional requirements

- User functional requirements are **high-level statements** of what the system should do (**Services**)
- **Example:** the requirements for a CASE tool for editing software design models have the following statement:

To assist in the positioning of entities on a diagram, the user may easily turn on the grid in a standard measurement option.



A functional requirements: support for grids

A non-function requirements: easily → GUI option checkbox

Non-Functional requirements

- Non-functional requirements are statements about **Quality of Services**
 - **constraints** on the **services** or functions offered by the system
 - E.g. timing constraints,
 - **constraints** on the development **process**, standards, etc.
 - E.g. Web services standards, Agile approach
 - **constraints** on the **environment**
 - E.g. under inclement weather
- Non-functional requirements concern about the **emergent properties** of a system (or subsystem) as a whole

Example Non-Functional requirements: usability

Advisor Weekly Meeting:



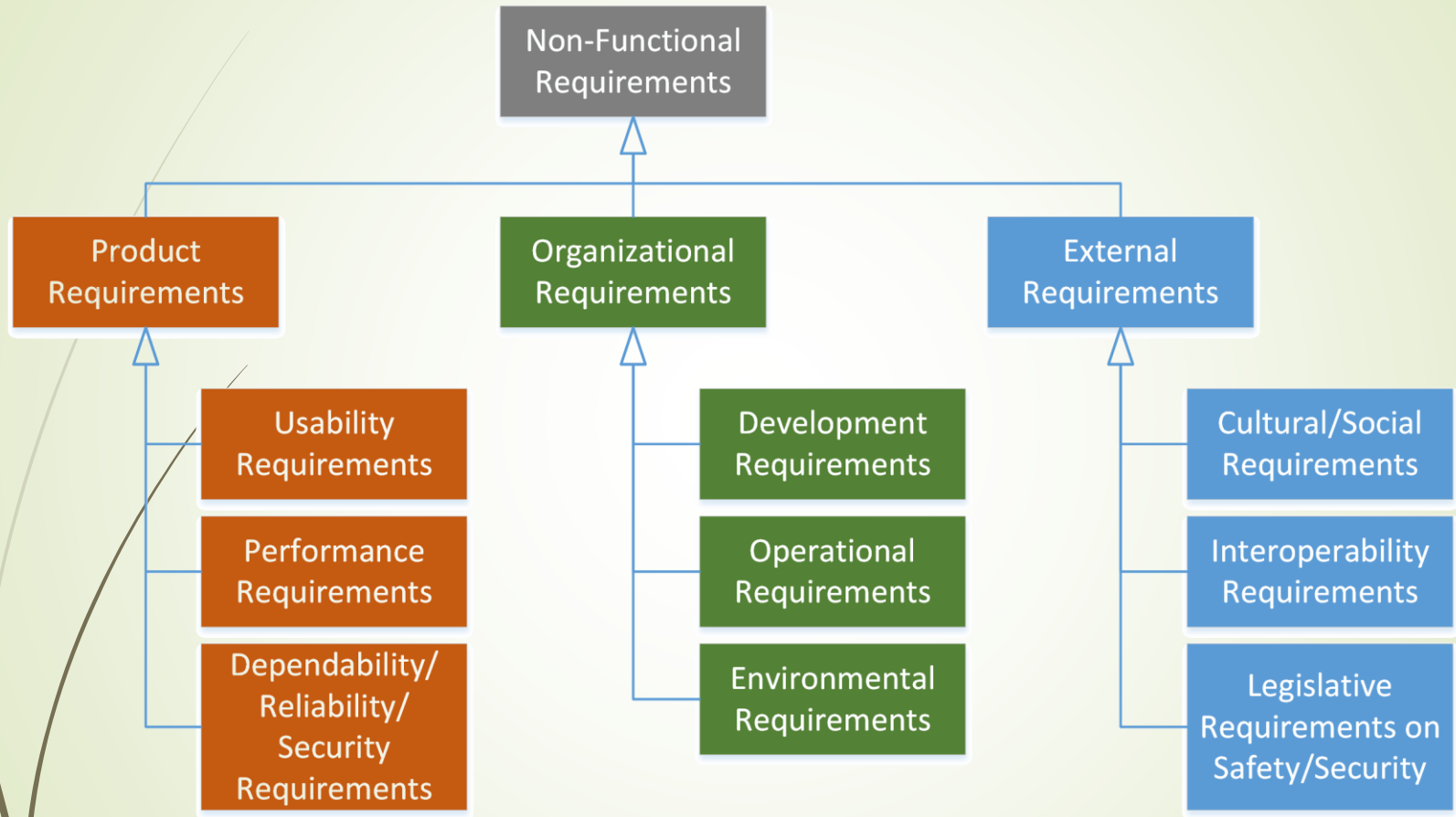
Simply text input: typing time and errors

Advisor Weekly Meeting: Wednesday ▼ 04:35PM

	Hour						Minute		
AM	12	01	02	03	04	05	00	05	10
	06	07	08	09	10	11	15	20	25
PM	12	01	02	03	04	05	30	35	40
	06	07	08	09	10	11	45	50	55

Simply selections: avoid user errors

Types of non-functional requirements



**What is usability? Is it the same as usefulness?
Examples?**

Exercise on classifying requirements

- 1) The system should have a built-in sub-system to identify and isolate script attacks
- 2) An unauthorized user should be redirected to the login page whenever a feature *protected by privilege* is accessed.
- 3) The system can recover from DoS attacks
- 4) A user has to be authenticated before the use of the system features
- 5) The system should use https (TLS) to protect its communications with other systems
- 6) The new system should not make another existing system vulnerable to security attacks
- 7) The system should not break government laws on computing safety/security

Product: Usability Requirements

Product: Performance Requirements

Product: Dependability/Reliability/Security

Organizational: Development Requirements

Organizational: Operational Requirements

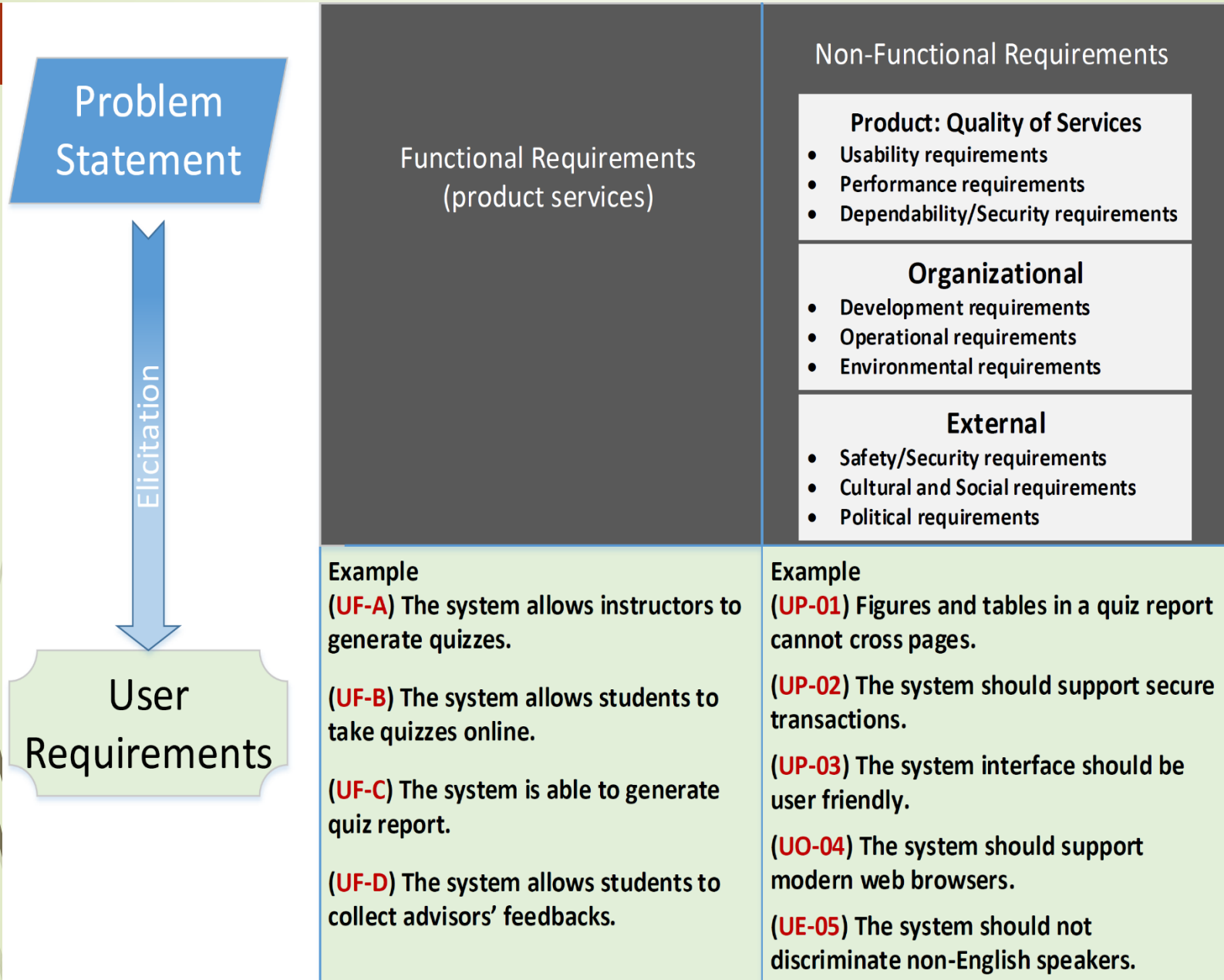
Organizational: Environmental Requirements

External: Legislative Requirements on Safety/Security


External: Cultural and Social Requirements

External: Interoperability Requirements

More examples



Start to document user requirements

 **Project Workbench**

- ▶ Report Cover Page
- ▶ Problem Statement
- ▶ Development Decisions
- ▶ **Requirements Worksheet**
- ▶ Requirements Printout

Choose Requirements Types ✕

Type	Functional	Non-Functional
User	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
System	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Non-Functional Requirement Clarification
Select Type: ☒ Product
☐ Organizational
☐ External
Select Sub-Type:

Usability Requirements ▼
Usability Requirements
Performance Requirements
Dependability/Reliability/Security

Requirements Template

Project Name:	An open source tool for security analytics					
Requirement ID:	UF-A			Type	Functional	Non-Functional
Creation Time:	Sep 16 2016 09:49 AM			User	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Last Modification:				System	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Priority:	<input type="radio"/> Highest	<input type="radio"/> High	<input type="radio"/> Medium	<input type="radio"/> Low	<input type="radio"/> Lowest	
One Sentence Short Description:						
This requirement is Refined By:	Yet to be engineered					
Justify why UF-A can be completely covered by						
Traceability:	Relevant Use cases	Yet to be completed in use case worksheet!				
	Relevant Test cases	Yet to be completed in test case worksheet!				