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UML and SysML are graphical modelling languages utilized by engineers to visually represent, convey, and record the configuration and functionality of intricate systems. The provided set of diagrams and notations can effectively depict various elements of a system, including its components, interactions, needs, limitations, and performance. Through the utilization of these languages, engineers are able to: Kapos et. al (2014)

- 1. Enhance communication between different stakeholders across the whole system development life cycle;
- 2. Acquire and oversee company's intellectual assets pertaining to system structures, evaluations, blueprints, and procedures;
- 3. Streamline trade analyses and juxtapose several design options;
- 4. Offer a flexible framework for addressing and resolving problems in a way that may be easily expanded or adjusted.
- 5. Provide comprehensive conceptual frameworks to handle the scale and intricacy of a problem; Examine various alternatives or concepts simultaneously with low potential for negative outcomes; and
- 6. Identify faults and omissions at an early stage in the system development life cycle.

UML is primarily employed by software engineers for the purpose of modeling software systems, whereas SysML is an extension of UML specifically created for uses in systems engineering. SysML surpasses UML in effectively conveying system engineering concepts by eliminating certain limitations that are focused on software and introducing two more diagram types: requirement diagrams and parametric diagrams. The former is applicable for requirements engineering, while the latter is suitable for performance analysis and quantitative analysis. Kapos et. al (2014)

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