

Project Tracey

Traceability link auto-generation. An attempt to disentangle software complexity at the origin of change.

Roles / Stakeholders

Name	Role
Konstantin Hatvan	Student
Klaus Feiler	Technical Supervisor
Daniel Kienböck	Academic Supervisor

Additionally, there will be other stakeholders involved during project development. Developers as well as project managers will provide input and feedback. The table will adapted accordingly whenever necessary.

Project goals

ID	Description
GOAL_1	Enable the student to finish his masters degree. Overall project success
GOAL_2	Improve project documentation by generating additional value from structured requirements and traceability links
GOAL_3	Improve conceptual quality by introducing a structured workflow for requirements engineering
GOAL_4	Simplify impact analysis and therefore increase estimation quality by utilizing the new traceability information

This list of goals is subject to change and will be adapted whenever necessary.

Hypothesis

This project aims at improving several aspects of software quality by providing traceability links between structured requirements and source code artifacts. I expect to improve

- project documentation
- conceptual quality
- impact analysis
- estimation quality

by providing additional incentive to create and maintain structured requirements. The additional incentive is created by offering a useful tool for developers and project managers in various recurring tasks like effort estimation, project planning and change management.

Questions to be answered are:

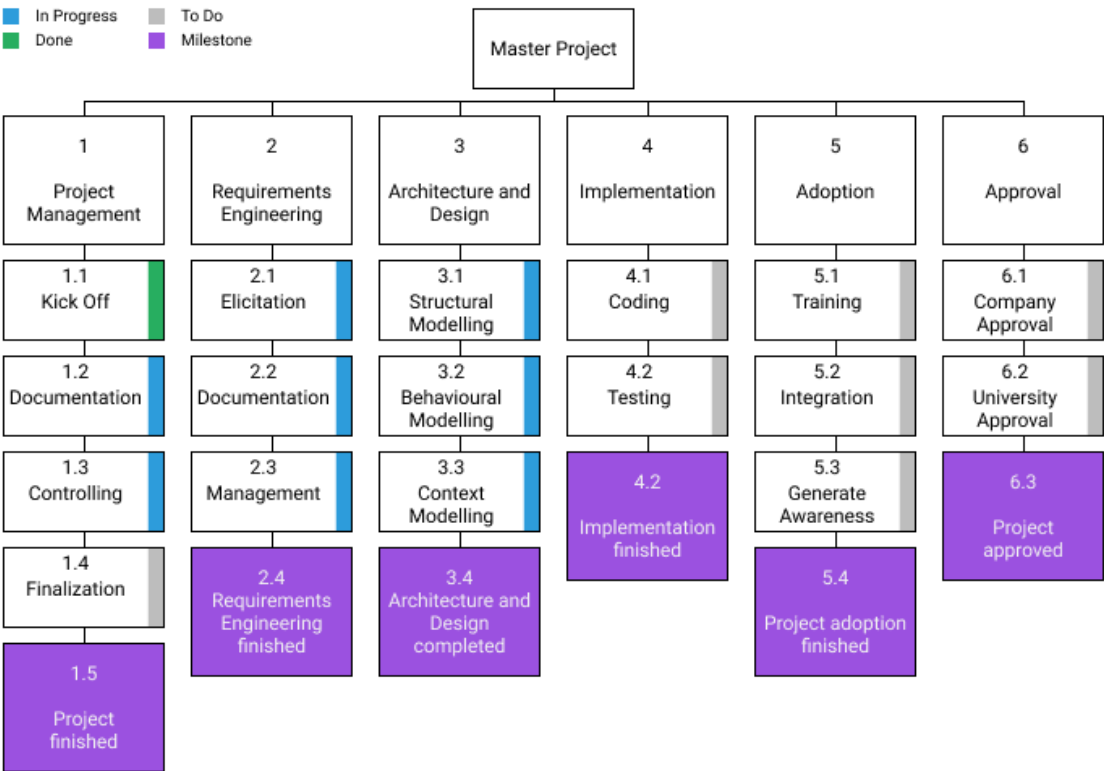
- What value can be offered to developers and project managers from generating and maintaining traceability links?
- How can a new requirements engineering workflow be gradually introduced in a company?

Requirements

ID	Description
REQ_1	Generate traceability links between requirements and source code artifacts
REQ_2	Allow incremental adoption of the software in existing as well as new projects
REQ_3	Use markdown files for documenting the structured requirements
REQ_4	Use source code comments to document the links between the structured requirements and source code artifacts

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Work breakdown structure

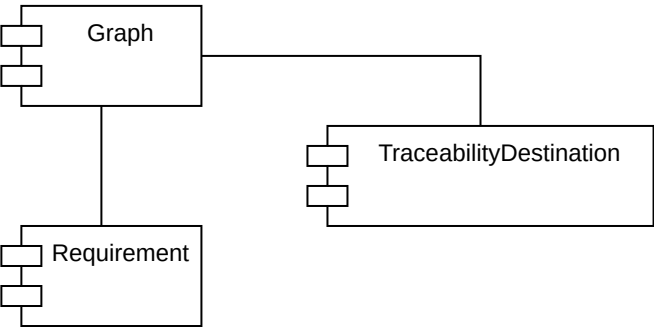


Architecture

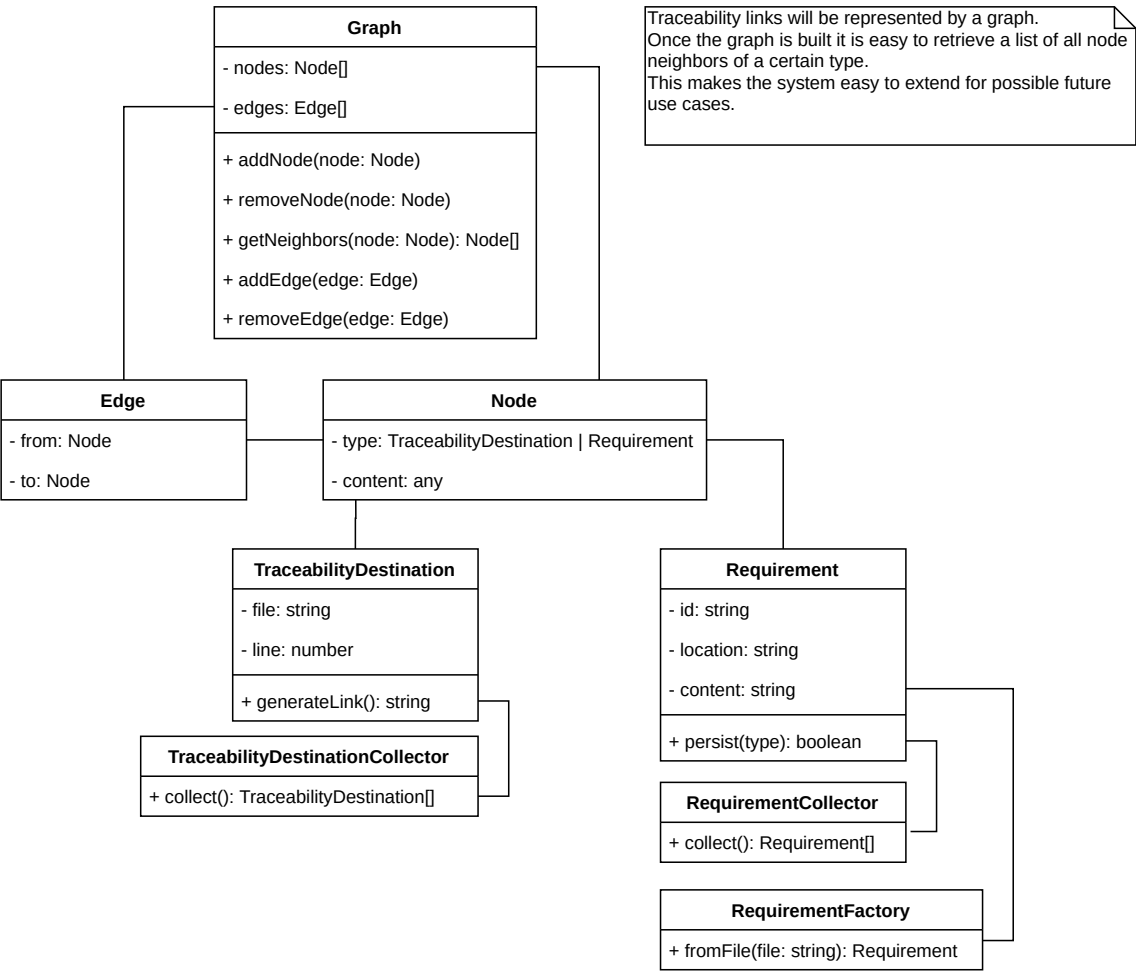
The architecture documentation is still subject to change and will be adapted whenever necessary. Architectural refinement and design refactoring is going to be a continuous effort throughout the development process.

Component Diagram

The first analysis revealed three top level components.



Class Diagram



Kick-off date

June 22, 2020

Milestones

ID	Description	Date
MILE_1	Minimum Viable Product is implemented	August 1, 2020
MILE_2	Project finalization	January 31, 2021

Communication modalities / Meeting plan

The main communication channel with the academic supervisor is Microsoft Teams. For communication regarding software specifics Github can also be used. Every 4 weeks a meeting is scheduled between the student and the academic supervisor.

For the technical supervisor, the company Slack will be used as main means of communication. A dedicated Slack channel is used. Meetings between the student and the technical supervisor are scheduled whenever necessary. No fixed schedule is used.

Project home/hosting

The project repository is hosted on [Github](#). The repository is private.

Source version control

Git is used for source version control. The private repository is hosted on Github.

Document management

Microsoft Team is primarily used to manage and share documents. Github can be used whenever it is reasonable.

Issue tracking

Issues from the academic supervisor are tracked in the Github project. Issues from the technical supervisor are tracked in the company JIRA as well as the Github project. The Github project acts as a single source of truth for project issues.

Time tracking

In general, all time is tracked on the Github Issues. If JIRA issues are provided by LimeSoda time is tracked on those JIRA issues as well as the Github issues. The Github project acts as a single source of truth for time tracking.

Risk analysis

ID	Description	Priority	Actions
RISK_1	Low user acceptance. Software is not used. Time was wasted	HIGH	Utilize user-centered development approach. Make software incrementally adoptable
RISK_2	Ill-defined project boundaries. Stakeholders have secret expectations	HIGH	Clearly define project requirements and project boundaries. Communicate those boundaries to stakeholders
RISK_3	General solution can't be modelled. Custom solution for each programming language. Effort increases drastically	LOW	Deeply understand the domain. Find reusable abstractions. Think of possible extensions. Adapt architecture accordingly
RISK_4	Fragile project architecture. Software hard to maintain or extend. Software needs refactoring	MIDDLE	Find a robust solution. Use a test driven development approach. Precisely document architectural decisions

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