

ESSENCE
KERNEL
REPORT

COURSE PROJECT ~
MiniBuzz

Course Project Partners ~

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❑ PREFACE ~

The most Prominent Motivation behind the Project (MiniBuzz) is to provide the users with a 'Not So Boring' kind of Interactive Interface, where Users can Post Live Queries & Interact To other users Posts' by Replying to their Queries.

This Document States & Describes the Software Application, (*MiniBuzz*), focussing upon the Essential things i.e Essence based Approach { *Major Focus on Essence Kernel & their States** } Considering all the Problem Statement, Requirements, Domain & Context, Functionalities & Non functionalities, Use Cases , User Scenarios, Stakeholders etc as Elaborated Precisely in the SRS Document.

○ DOCUMENT APPROACH

- ▶ Scrutinising Customer's or User's Requirements, Experiences, Beliefs & Ideas all throughout the Development Process
- ▶ Taking in Account the aspect of Development Team
- ▶ Accounting the Relationship amongst Various Elements
- ▶ Essentializing all the States that Software anchors contemplating all Aspects in regard to the Essence Standards

○ DOCUMENT USES

☐ IT TEAM

☐ DEVELOPERS

☐ PROGRAMMERS

☐ PROJECT
MANAGER

☐ FINANCE
MANAGER

☐ SOFTWARE
ARCHITECTS

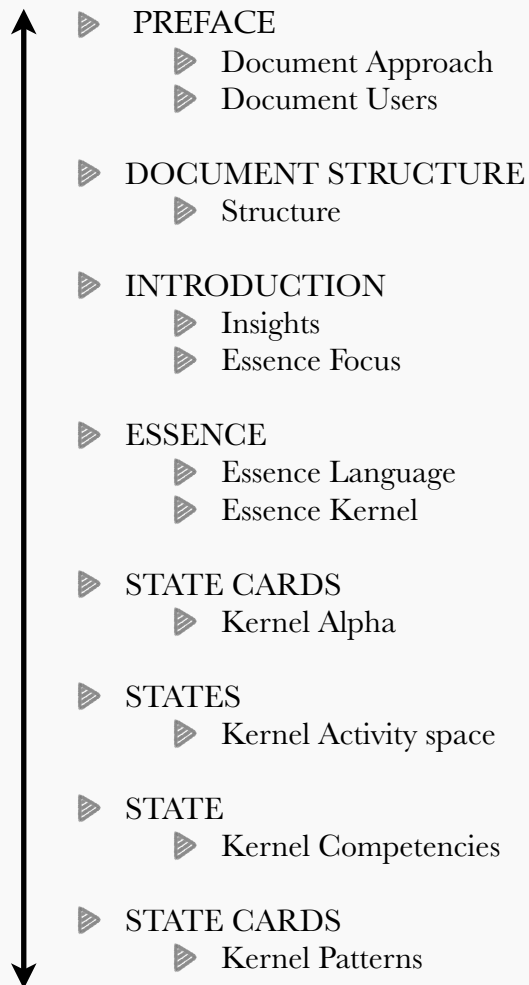
☐ DESIGNERS

☐ TESTING TEAM

☐ DEVELOPMENT
TEAM

* Described Later in Document

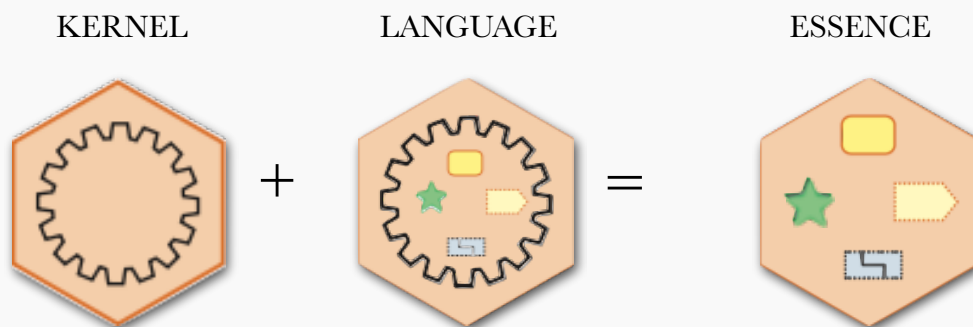
□ DOCUMENT STRUCTURE ~



❑ INTRODUCTION ~

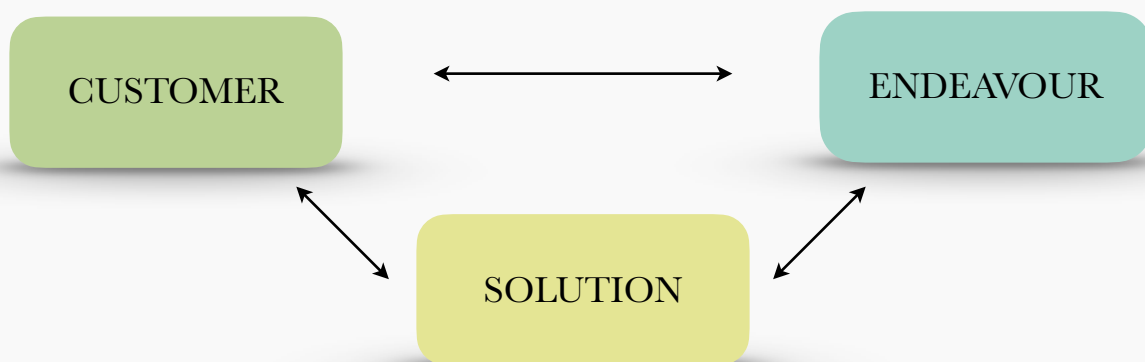
❑ ESSENCE INSIGHTS

- Common ground, or a Kernel, shared amongst all the Methods & Practices pursued
- Providing a Dynamic & Engaging user Experience when approaching the Practices & Methods
- Focus upon the Essential Things Rather than following the details of Practices
- To bring the Project come alive, Resulting in much more Reliable & Usable Outcome



❑ ESSENCE FOCUSSES

Essence takes a structured approach in organising the elements of software engineering. They are depicted below as the major **areas of concern** ~



- **CUSTOMER**
 - Concerns actual Use & Exploitation of the Software system to be Produced
- **SOLUTION**
 - Concerns Specification & Development of the software system.
- **ENDEAVOUR**
 - Concerns Development Team & the Way that they approach their work.

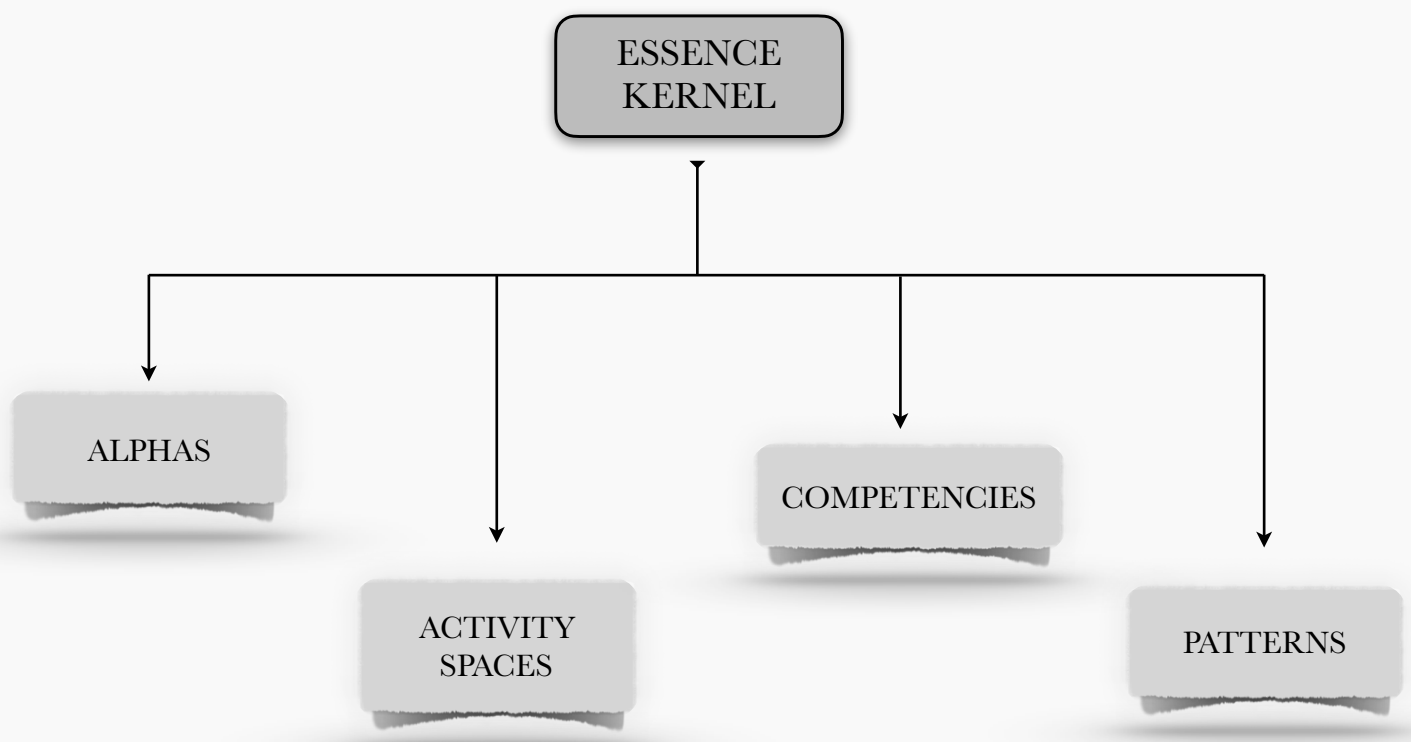
❑ ESSENCE

○ ESSENCE LANGUAGE

Essence provides a Precise & Actionable Language to describe software engineering Practices. There are constructs in Essence Language in form of Shapes & Icons.

<i>Alpha</i>	α	<i>Work Product</i>		<i>Activity</i>	
<i>Competency</i>	★	<i>Activity space</i>		<i>Patterns</i>	

○ ESSENCE KERNEL



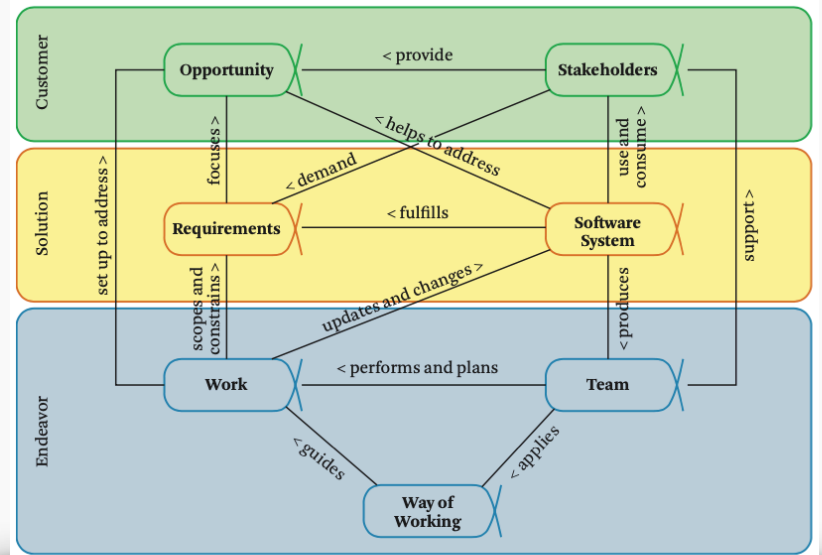
- ▶ Alphas ~
 - ▶ Essential things to Work with
- ▶ Activity Spaces ~
 - ▶ Essential things to Do
- ▶ Competencies ~
 - ▶ Essential Capabilities Needed
- ▶ Patterns ~
 - ▶ Essential Arrangements of Elements & Practices

□ STATE CARDS ~ { *Kernel Alpha* }

○ RELATIONSHIP AMONGST ALPHAS ~

□ OPPORTUNITY

- Represents the Team's shared understanding of Stakeholders' needs
- Assists in shaping the requirements
- Helps to Address the Software System
- States goes from Identified to Benefit Accrued



□ STAKEHOLDERS

- Demands Opportunity
- Source of Requirements & Assists by funding the Project
- They are Supported by the Team
- Ensures that a Acceptable software system is Produced

□ REQUIREMENTS

- Important to Know what is Needed
- It largely concentrated on the opportunity

□ SOFTWARE SYSTEM

- It Fulfils the stated & mentioned Requirements

□ WORK

- Everything a Team does in order to fulfils the requirements
- The Work done changes & updates the Software system

□ TEAM

- Group of People who accomplish the way
- Collaborate through the way of Working

□ WAY of WORKING

- The process in which the particular work has been accomplished by the team

α OPPORTUNITY

The set of Circumstances that articulates the Creation or development of new or changed Software System

- ☐ Identified
- ☐ Solution Needed
- ☐ Value Established
- ☐ Viable
- ☐ Addressed
- ☐ Benefit Accrued



- ▶ **Identified** ~ The manifesting Idea has been recognised
- ▶ **Solution Needed** ~ Solution is Identified as per stakeholders' needs & its need has been confirmed
- ▶ **Value established** ~ Solutions value & impact has been quantified
- ▶ **Viable** ~ Solution is Possible considering all the risks
- ▶ **Addressed** ~ Opportunities are addressed & solution is worth deployment
- ▶ **Benefit Accrued** ~ Benefit has been made from the deployed solution

- ▶ **Recognised** ~ Stakeholder groups have been identified.
- ▶ **Represented** ~ Structure for Stakeholders Involvement has been agreed upon & their Representatives have been authorised.
- ▶ **Involved** ~ Representatives assist the team & Provide Continuous Feedbacks.
- ▶ **In Agreement** ~ Minimal Expectations have been agreed & Priorities are comprehensible.
- ▶ **Satisfied for Deployment** ~ Stakeholders' feedback has been recorded & System is Ready for Deployment.
- ▶ **Satisfied in Use** ~ System meets the demanded Expectations & Requirements.

α STAKEHOLDERS

The People, Group or Organisations who affect or are affected by a Software System

- ☐ Recognized
- ☐ Represented
- ☐ Involved
- ☐ In Agreement
- ☐ Satisfied for Deployment
- ☐ Satisfied in Use



□ SOLUTION

α REQUIREMENTS

What the Software System must do to Address the Opportunity & Satisfy the Stakeholders

- ☐ Conceived
- ☐ Bounded
- ☐ Coherent
- ☐ Acceptable
- ☐ Addressed
- ☐ Fulfilled



- **Conceived** ~ the need for a new system has been agreed upon.
- **Bounded** ~ The purpose and theme of the new system are clear.
- **Coherent** ~ The requirements provide a consistent description of the essential characteristics of the new system.
- **Acceptable** ~ The requirements describe a system that is acceptable to the stakeholders.
- **Addressed** ~ Enough of the requirements have been addressed to satisfy the need for a new system in a way that is acceptable to the stakeholders.
- **Fulfilled** ~ The requirements have been addressed to fully satisfy the need for a new system.

- **Architecture Selected** ~ Key decisions about the Software System have been made.
- **Demonstrable** ~ Key use of the Software System has been demonstrated and agreed.
- **Usable** ~ The Software System is usable from the point of view of its users.
- **Ready** ~ The Software System has sufficient quality for deployment and the production environment is ready.
- **Operational** ~ The Software System is operating well in the production environment.
- **Retired** ~ The Software System is retired and replaced by a new version or by a separate Software System.

α SOFTWARE SYSTEM

A System made up of Software, Hardware & Data that provides its primary value by the Execution of the Software

- ☐ Architecture Selected
- ☐ Demonstrable
- ☐ Usable
- ☐ Ready
- ☐ Operational
- ☐ Retired



□ ENDEAVOUR

α WORK

Activity involving Mental or Physical Effort done in order to Achieve a Result

- ☐ Initiated
- ☐ Prepared
- ☐ Started
- ☐ Under Control
- ☐ Concluded
- ☐ Closed



- **Initiated** ~ All priorities are clear & known about stakeholders & requirements
- **Prepared** ~ All tasks are identified & prioritised & is ready to go on
- **Started** ~ Work to be done in the development process has been started
- **Under Control** ~ All tasks are going as per the planning
- **Concluded** ~ work results are achieved
- **Closed** ~ Team is released without any pending tasks to be done

- **Seeded** ~ Mission has been defined, constraints are known & Leadership model has been selected
- **Formed** ~ Team Member Roles are Understood, introduced, & accepted
- **Collaborating** ~ Team is working as a single entity, supporting each other
- **Performing** ~ Team is working & consistently meeting all requirements
- **Adjourned** ~ Team has fulfilled the Responsibilities & mission accomplished

α TEAM

A Group of People actively Engaged in the Development, Delivery or support of a specific Software System

- ☐ Seeded
- ☐ Formed
- ☐ Collaborating
- ☐ Performing
- ☐ Adjourned



α WAY OF WORKING

The tailored set of Practices & Tools used by the Team to Guide & Support their Work

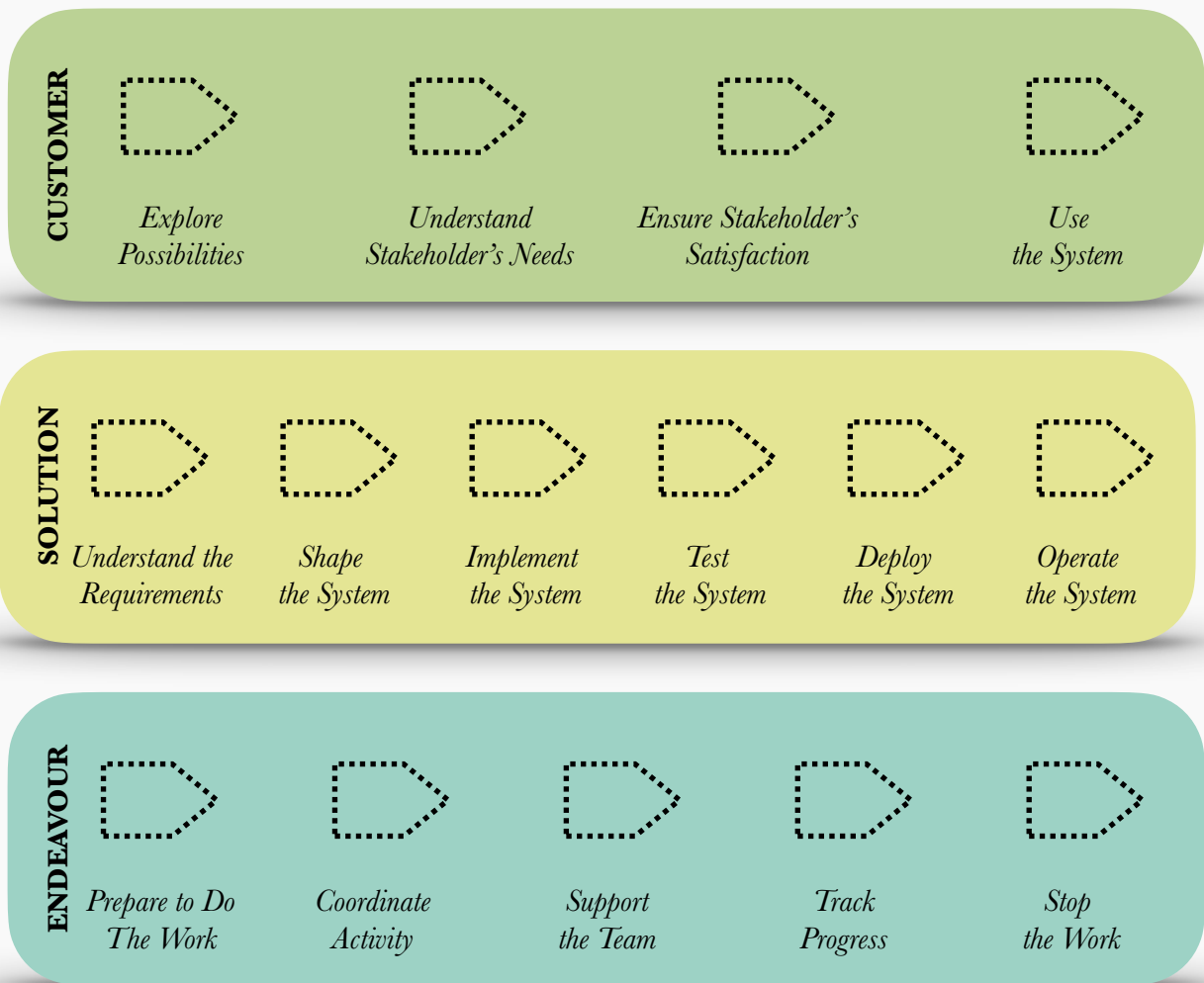
- ☐ Principles Established
- ☐ Foundation Established
- ☐ In use
- ☐ In Place
- ☐ Working Well
- ☐ Retired



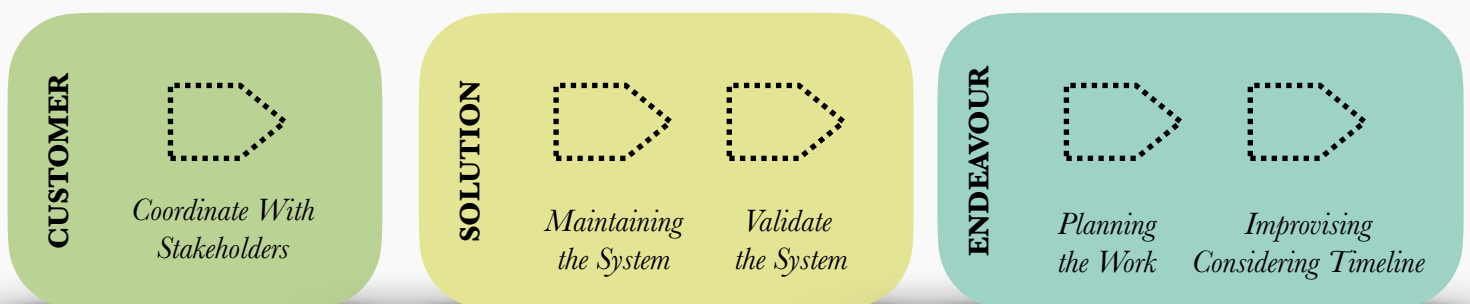
- **Principle Established** ~ Principles to be followed are being identified
- **Foundation Established** ~ Basic foundation of the work is being laid
- **In Use** ~ Practices & tools adapted are in use
- **In Place** ~ All things are being done in appropriate order
- **Working Well** ~ Way of Working adopted is working well
- **Retired** ~ Work has been accomplished and team is retired

□ STATES ~ { *Kernel Activity Spaces* }

KERNEL STANDARDS



PROJECT SPECIFIC KERNEL

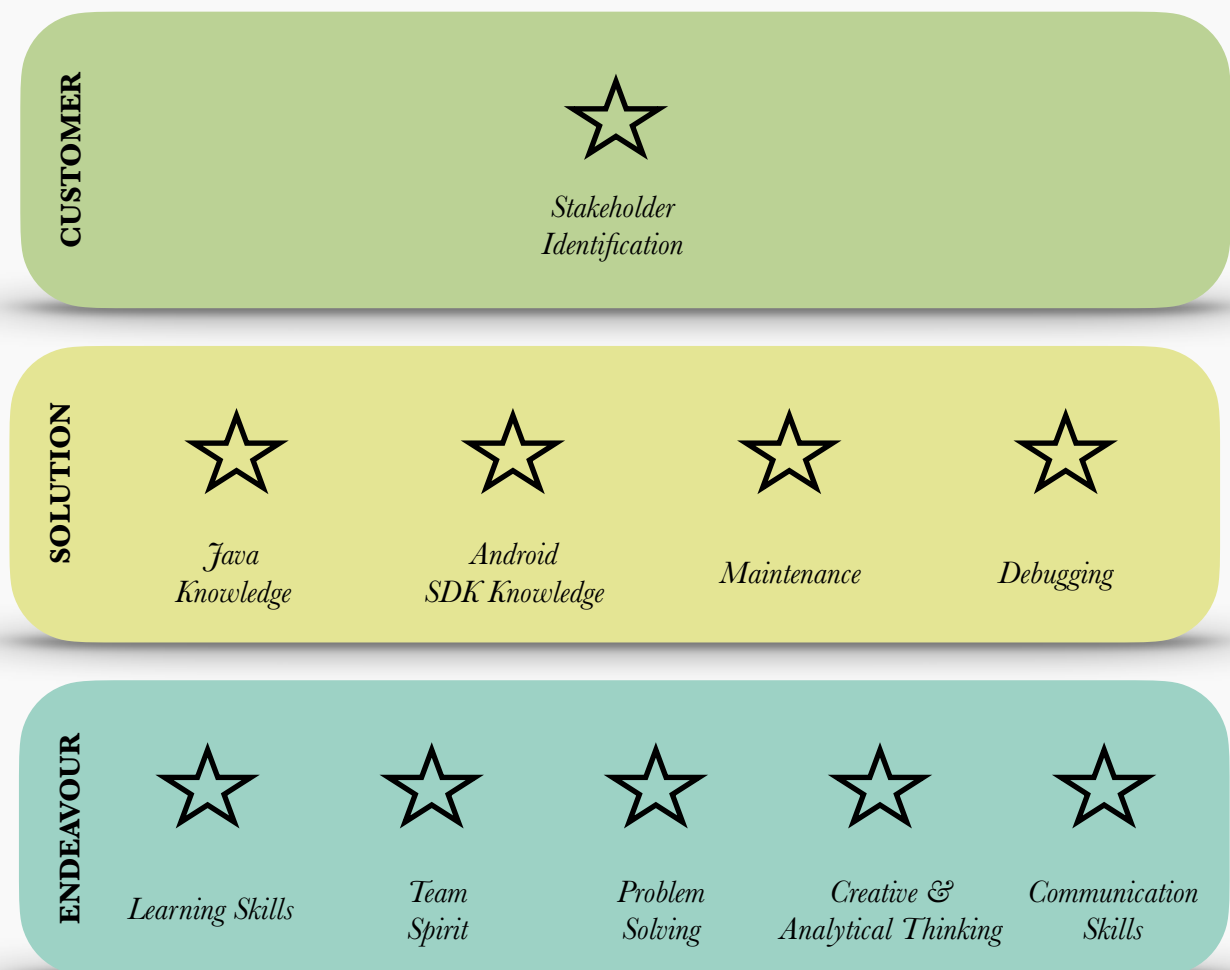


□ STATE CARDS ~ { *Kernel Competencies* }

KERNEL STANDARDS



PROJECT SPECIFIC KERNEL



☐ STATES ~ { *Kernel Patterns* }

► ROLES



STUDENT PAIR

The Collaboration of two students supporting & Reviewing each other in the completion of Project

- ☐ Timeline Planning together
- ☐ Collecting Requirements together
- ☐ Working on the Code together
- ☐ Reviewing the code together
- ☐ Correcting each other's mistake



ARCHITECT

Role Responsible for finding the best and optimal way of relationship amongst various components & processes

Skills & Competencies Required ~

- ☐ Creative & analytical thinking
- ☐ Learning Skills
- ☐ Problem Solving



DESIGNER

Role Responsible for translating the Requirements into a Prior Preview of what output must look like

Skills & Competencies Required ~

- ☐ Creative & analytical thinking
- ☐ Learning Skills



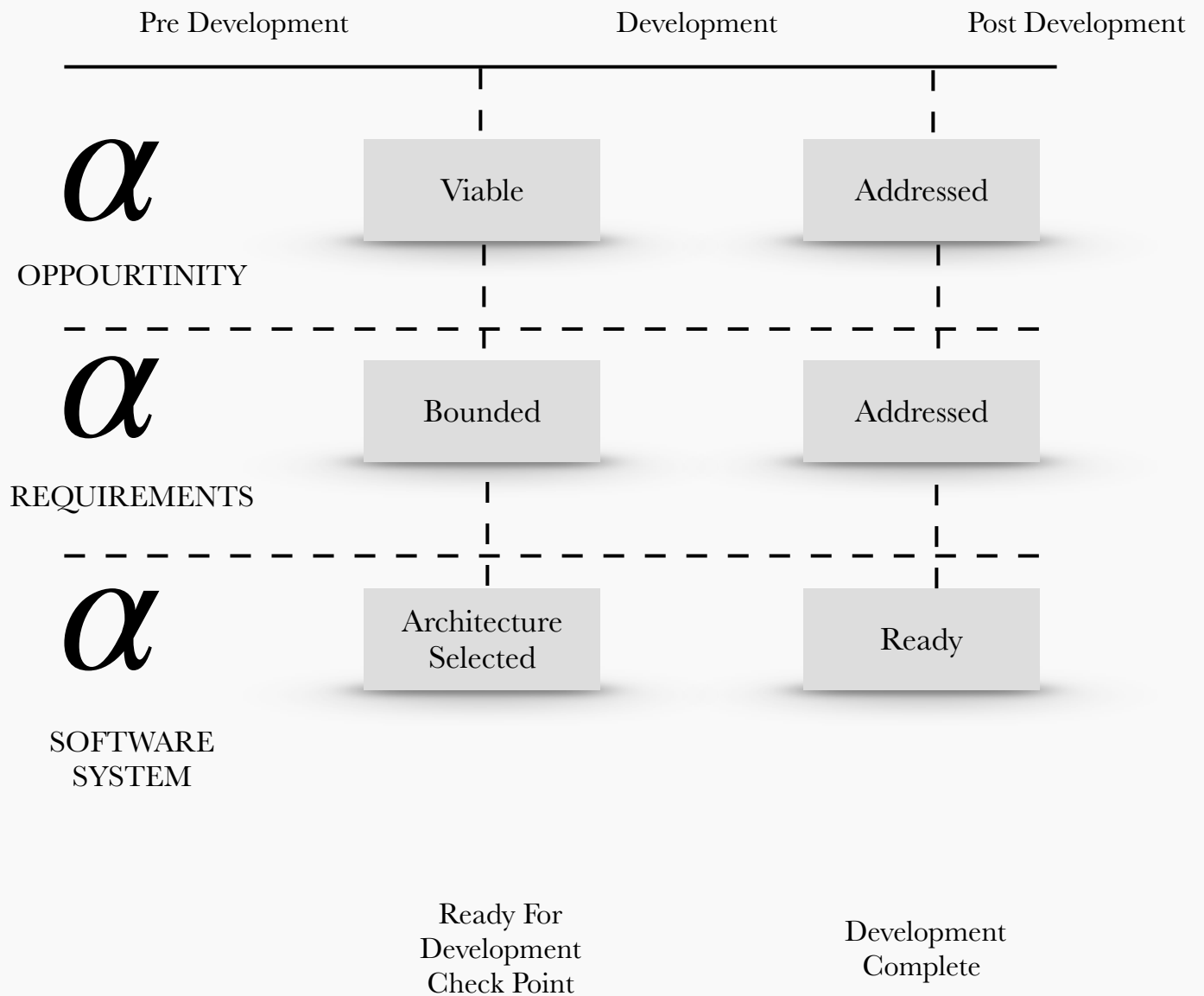
CODER

Role Responsible for translating the Requirements into Physical way that is the code.

Skills & Competencies Required ~

- ☐ Java Knowledge
- ☐ Android SDK Knowledge
- ☐ Maintenance
- ☐ Debugging

► CHECKPOINT PATTERN



❑ POKER CARD GAME

▶ ALPHA STATES

▶ OPPORTUNITY

α OPPORTUNITY

☐ Addressed

▶ Opportunities are addressed & solution is worth deployment



α OPPORTUNITY

☐ Addressed

▶ Opportunities are addressed & solution is worth deployment




Final - addressed

▶ REQUIREMENTS

α REQUIREMENTS

☐ Addressed


All requirements are been addressed and are acceptable to the stakeholders



α REQUIREMENTS

☐ Fulfilled

All requirements are being done and the system is ready for use




Final - fulfilled

► SOFTWARE SYSTEM

α SOFTWARE SYSTEM

☐ Usable


The system has meet the requirements and is usable from users point of view



α SOFTWARE SYSTEM

☐ Ready

The software system has sufficient quality for being deployed



Final - Ready