Requirement Engineering Requirement Engineering Processes

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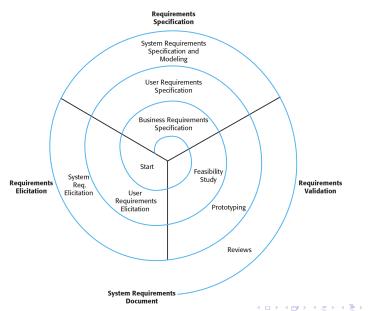


Requirement Engineering Processes

Includes four high-level activities.

- Feasibility study: Assess if the system is useful to the business
- Elicitation and analysis: Discover requirements
- Specification: Convert these requirements into some standard form
- Validation: Check that the requirements actually define the system that the customer wants

The Spiral View



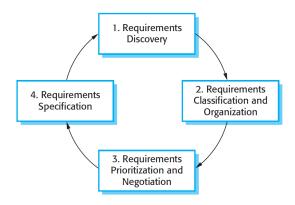
Feasibility Study

- Does the system contribute to the overall objectives of the organization?
- Can the system be implemented within schedule and budget using current technology?
- Can the system be integrated with other systems that are used?

Requirement Elicitation and Analysis

- Software engineers work with customers and system end-users to find out about
 - the application domain
 - what services the system should provide
 - the required performance of the system
 - hardware constraints
 - ...
- People involved (stakeholders) are
 - end-users who will interact with the system
 - engineers who are developing or maintaining other related systems
 - business managers
 - domain experts
 - trade union representatives

Requirement Elicitation and Analysis Process



Challenges

- Stakeholders' vague understanding of the requirements
- Lack of domain experience of the requirement engineers
- Repeating and conflicting requirements from different stakeholders
- Political factors in the organization
- Dynamism of the economic and business environment

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