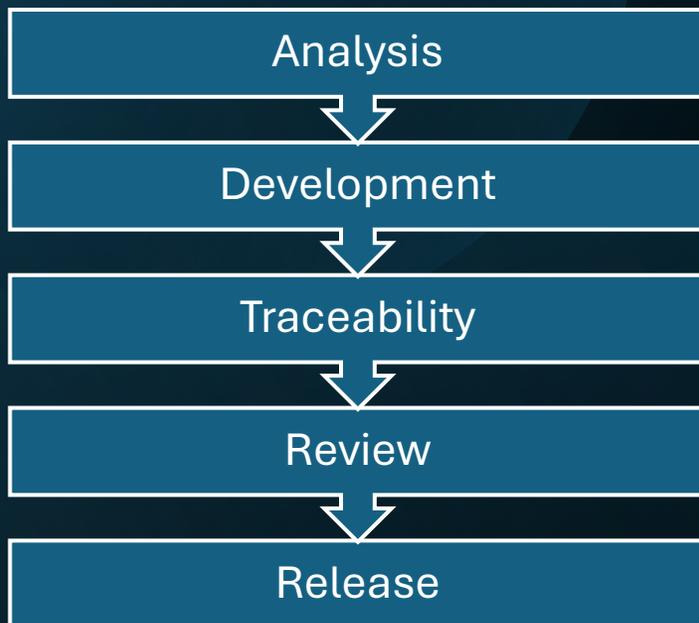


System Requirements Development Methodology

A Structured Approach for Effective Requirement Management

Introduction to System Requirements Development



Overview of the System Requirements Development Methodology

1. Objective



- Provide a structured approach to align requirements with stakeholder expectations and project goals.
- Translate high-level needs into actionable, specific, and measurable requirements.
- Support clear and consistent communication between stakeholders and development teams.

2. Scope



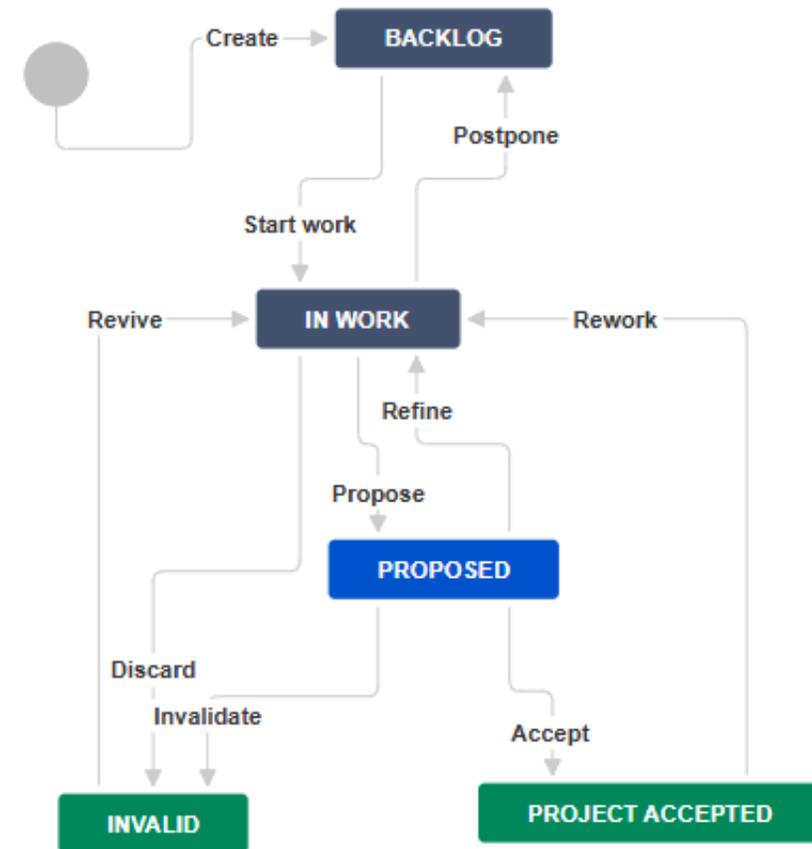
- Encompass the full lifecycle of requirement management, including elicitation, analysis, development, traceability, validation, and release.
- Establish consistent requirements across all levels of the project.
- Ensure that requirements align with technical and business goals throughout the project.

3. Process Overview



- Refine and validate requirements iteratively to ensure alignment and traceability.
- Use systematic methods to manage changes, prioritize requirements, and maintain documentation.
- Support collaboration and consistency between project members at all stages

Managing Requirements Effectively through Workflow Stages



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Analyze Stakeholder Requirements

Split SH Requirements
among Team Members

Assigning Responsibility for Each SH Requirement

1. Team Assignment



- Allocate stakeholder requirements (SH requirements) to relevant team members based on expertise and project roles.
- This approach ensures each requirement is handled by someone with relevant domain knowledge, improving the quality of analysis.

2. Status Update



- Mark each requirement in Jira as "In Work" to indicate that the analysis phase is active.
- Setting this status in the project management tool helps the entire team track progress and responsibilities.

3. Communication



- Establish clear lines of communication to ensure all team members understand their assigned requirements and expected outcomes.
- Regular meetings and updates prevent misunderstandings and keep the analysis phase moving forward efficiently.

Analyze Stakeholder Requirements

Identify Key Elements in
Each SH Requirement

Analyzing User, Actions, and Outcomes in Requirements

1. Identify Users

- Determine who interacts with the system within each User Story or Job Story.
- Define user roles and their responsibilities based on the context of the story.

2. Define Actions and Outcomes

- Clarify what actions users perform and the expected outcomes specified in each story.
- Align the system's expected behavior with the "who," "what," and "why" of each story.

3. List Artifacts

- Identify any associated artifacts, such as documents, prototypes, or technical components mentioned in the stories.
- List relevant artifacts to provide context and support the requirements defined in each story.

Analyze Stakeholder Requirements

Refine and Clarify SH Requirements

Refining SH Requirements Using Feedback and Insights

1. Review Feedback

- Incorporate feedback on User Stories and Job Stories gathered during initial discussions and reviews.
- Use this feedback to refine story elements, clarify intent, and align with stakeholder expectations.
- Address concerns and questions raised by team members or stakeholders.

2. Clarify Ambiguities

- Replace vague terms in User Stories or Job Stories with specific, clear language.
- Ensure that all aspects of the stories are easily understandable by stakeholders and team members.
- Add clarifying notes or comments to prevent misunderstandings in the future.

3. Propose Requirements

- Move refined User Stories and Job Stories to the "Proposed" status, indicating readiness for validation.
- Confirm that stories are comprehensive, aligned with stakeholder goals, and prepared for the next phase.
- Prepare the stories for formal review by key stakeholders or team leads.

Develop System Requirements

Translate SH Requirements into System Requirements

Converting High-Level Needs into Concrete System Requirements

1. Identify System Behaviors



- Translate SH requirements into clear system behaviors or actions.
- Define functional aspects, focusing on “shall do” requirements.
- Ensure each behavior aligns with stakeholder expectations.

2. Focus on Outcomes



- Ensure each system requirement clearly specifies the expected outcome.
- Provide a measurable indicator or standard for each outcome.
- Align outcomes with both technical and stakeholder requirements.

3. Keep it Measurable



- Define system requirements in a way that allows testing or verification.
- Include specific metrics, standards, or thresholds for assessment.
- Use these criteria to ensure consistency and alignment.

Develop System Requirements

Organize and Classify System Requirements

Structuring Requirements for Easy Management and Traceability

1. Use Templates

- Organize system requirements using standardized templates like MASTER and EARS.
- Label each requirement with the template used, e.g., "MASTER-Functionality" or "EARS-Event."
- Ensure consistent structuring and formatting for clear communication.

2. Classify Requirements

- Categorize requirements as functional or non-functional based on their nature.
- Functional requirements describe actions and processes, while non-functional requirements cover constraints like security and performance.
- Clearly mark requirements to differentiate them easily.

3. Group into chapters

- Group requirements into chapters or major themes.
- Assign related requirements within each Epic to create a clear hierarchy and traceability path.
- Ensure Epics correspond to distinct parts of the system architecture for clarity.

Ensure Requirements Traceability

Import Requirements to Jira

Structuring Requirements for Easy Management and Traceability

1. Import Requirements as Stories

- Import each refined requirement into Jira as a Story, derived directly from SH requirements.
- Ensure that each Story is aligned with the defined format and linked back to the originating SH requirement.
- Clearly mark each Story with relevant labels to indicate whether it is functional or non-functional.

2. Group Stories into Epics

- Group related Stories into Epics to reflect major chapters or system components.
- Organize Stories based on specific features or key components as defined in the project's structure.
- Establish clear relationships between Epics and SH requirements for better traceability.

3. Inherit Priority

- Ensure that the priority of each Story is inherited from the corresponding SH requirement.
- Align priorities consistently within each Epic based on SH requirements.
- Use the inherited priority to manage planning and resource allocation effectively.

Ensure Requirements Traceability

Establish Traceability Links

Linking Requirements to Ensure Bidirectional Traceability

1. Link Stories to SH Requirements

- Create explicit traceability links between system requirements (Stories) and their corresponding SH requirements in Jira.
- Clearly establish which SH requirements each Story is derived from or satisfies.
- Ensure that links are consistent and comprehensively documented to maintain transparency.

2. Handle Complex Relationships

- Manage many-to-one and one-to-many relationships between SH requirements and Stories.
- Maintain bidirectional traceability to track changes and their impact effectively.
- Use appropriate labels and tags to identify and navigate complex links.

3. Regularly Review Traceability

- Conduct regular reviews of traceability links to verify their validity and completeness.
- Use Jira's built-in features to create visual traceability matrices and validate relationships.
- Document any findings and promptly resolve inconsistencies or missing links.

Review of System Requirements

Organize and Conduct Review Meetings

Conducting Review Sessions for Requirement Validation

1. Schedule In-Person or Online Reviews

- Plan and organize regular review meetings, either in-person or online, with stakeholders and team members.
- Set clear objectives and agendas for each session, specifying the Stories or Epics to be reviewed.
- Share relevant documents and Stories in advance to prepare attendees.

2. Present Requirements and Provide Justifications

- Assign requirement owners to present their Stories and link them back to SH requirements.
- Encourage stakeholders to ask questions and provide constructive feedback on each Story.
- Focus on resolving ambiguities, clarifying intent, and addressing potential conflicts.

3. Document Review Outcomes

- Record all feedback, decisions, and next steps discussed during the review meeting.
- Use standardized review checklists to ensure consistency in the validation process.
- Store review minutes securely and share them with relevant team members.

Review of System Requirements

Verify Compliance and Update Requirement Status

Verifying Requirements and Updating Status in Jira

1. Perform Compliance Checks

- Use compliance checklists to validate that each requirement adheres to project standards and SH expectations.
- Confirm that each requirement is technically feasible and aligns with the project's overall vision.
- Address and resolve any issues that arise during the compliance checks.

2. Update Requirement Status in Jira

- Move requirements that pass validation to the "Project Accepted" status.
- Reassign requirements needing additional refinement to "In Work" with clear comments for necessary changes.
- Mark discarded requirements as "Invalid" and provide documented justifications.

3. Share Validation Results

- Communicate the results of compliance checks and status updates to stakeholders and team members.
- Provide a summary report highlighting key changes and reasons for discarded requirements.
- Ensure that all decisions and updates are clearly documented in Jira.

Review of System Requirements

Document Findings and Implement Feedback

Capturing Review Findings and Implementing Changes

1. Record Key Findings and Feedback

- Document all critical findings and recommendations shared during review sessions.
- Include specific action items linked to Stories or Epics in Jira for easy tracking.
- Ensure that all feedback is accurately captured and organized for implementation.

2. Assign Action Items with Deadlines

- Allocate each action item to the responsible team member with a clear deadline.
- Use Jira's task management features to track the progress of action items and changes.
- Provide reminders and follow-ups to ensure timely completion of tasks.

3. Store and Share Review Minutes

- Compile comprehensive review minutes, summarizing findings, action items, and deadlines.
- Store the minutes in a central, easily accessible repository.
- Share the minutes with stakeholders to keep them updated on decisions and changes.

Release System Requirements

Implement Recommendations and Finalize Requirements

Applying Review Recommendations and Finalizing Requirements

1. Apply Feedback and Make Necessary Changes

- Implement all approved recommendations from the review sessions.
- Update requirement documentation in Jira to reflect the changes made.
- Validate each change to confirm alignment with SH requirements and project goals.

2. Conduct Final Validation Checks

- Perform a final validation to ensure that all requirements meet the agreed-upon quality criteria.
- Confirm that all requirements are aligned with project standards and SH expectations.
- Document the outcomes of the final validation checks in Jira.

3. Release Requirements for Implementation

- Officially release the finalized requirements to stakeholders and the project team.
- Communicate the release effectively and highlight any critical updates or changes.
- Ensure that all stakeholders have access to the latest version of requirements documentation.

Release System Requirements

Perform Iterative Reviews

Refining Requirements through Additional Review Sessions

1. Schedule Follow-Up Reviews

- Plan follow-up review sessions to confirm that implemented changes align with project goals and SH expectations.
- Invite key stakeholders and requirement owners to review the revised requirements.
- Set clear goals and an agenda for each session to maintain focus on critical areas..

2. Validate Completeness and Accuracy

- Evaluate each requirement for completeness, consistency, and alignment with project standards.
- Confirm that all requirements link back to SH needs and technical constraints.
- Ensure that no critical elements are missing or misaligned with stakeholder expectations.

3. Document and Communicate Changes

- Record any additional changes and recommendations arising from follow-up reviews.
- Update the requirements documentation in Jira to reflect the latest revisions.
- Communicate key updates to stakeholders and relevant team members for ongoing alignment.

Release System Requirements

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Finalizing and Approving Requirements for Release

1. Approve Requirements for Release



- Conduct a final review session with key stakeholders to validate all system requirements.
- After validation, set each requirement to the "Project Accepted" status in Jira, indicating formal approval for implementation.
- Document any additional conditions or changes required for final acceptance.

2. Publish Requirements in Jira



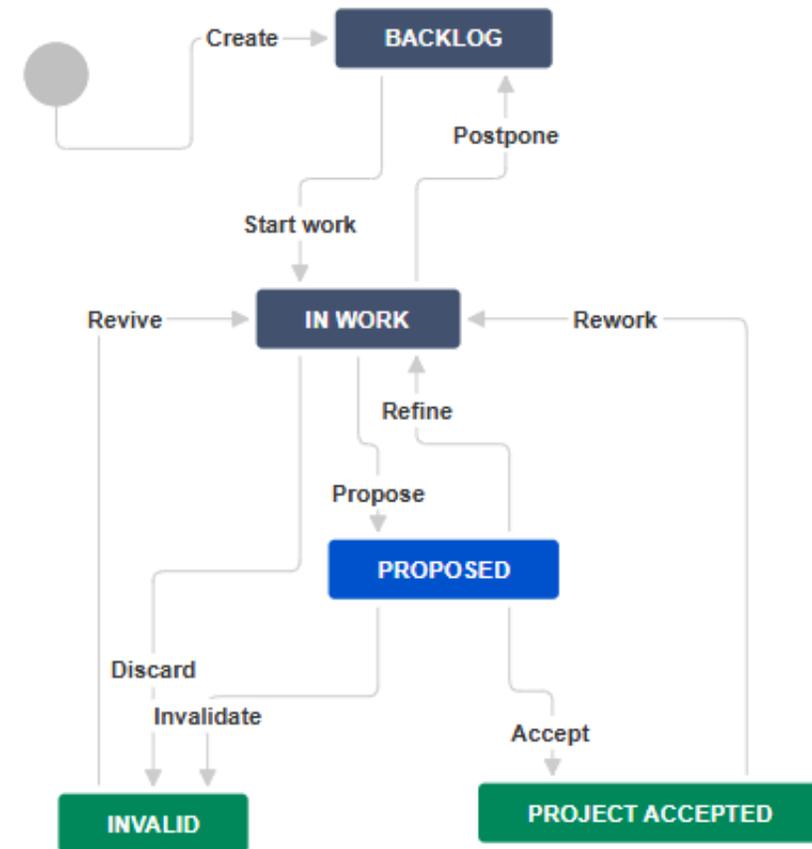
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- Use project communication channels to notify stakeholders of the release, highlighting critical updates.

3. Update Documentation for Traceability



- Maintain updated documentation of all requirements, including traceability links and version history.
- Confirm that any changes made during the release phase are accurately recorded and communicated.
- Store documentation securely and organize it for easy access and future reference.

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Summary and Q&A

Recap of Key Steps in System Requirements Development

1. Clear and Detailed Analysis

- Thoroughly analyze stakeholder requirements to create a robust foundation for system requirements.
- Use AI tools and feedback loops to enhance the quality of requirement analysis.
- Document key elements of each SH requirement for consistency and clarity.

2. Structured and Organized Development

- Translate SH requirements into system requirements using standardized templates and traceability practices.
- Focus on consistency and alignment across all levels of requirements.
- Group requirements into Epics to facilitate better management and organization.

3. Maintaining Consistent Traceability

- Establish and maintain bidirectional traceability between SH and system requirements.
- Validate requirements through rigorous review sessions and iterative feedback cycles.
- Ensure transparency in the relationships between requirements to manage changes efficiently.