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# Transitioning to MBSE for Medical Device Development

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# Presenter Background

- Technical since 1985
- Engineer since 1989
- Systems Engineer by trade since 1995
- Systems Engineer by title since 2003 (Aerospace & Defense)
- Systems Engineer in Medical Devices since 2017
- Passed test for CSEP – waiting for references to respond
- SysML certified to Level 2 (of 4)



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# Agenda

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# Scope

## In Scope

- MBSE
  - OOSEM (\*Section 9.4)
  - SysML
- Tool Choice
- Planning
- Political Issues

## Out of Scope

- Function Based SE (\*9.3)
- Other modeling languages
- Discussion of specific tools
- Personnel Issues

\* INCOSE Systems Engineering Handbook – Fourth Edition

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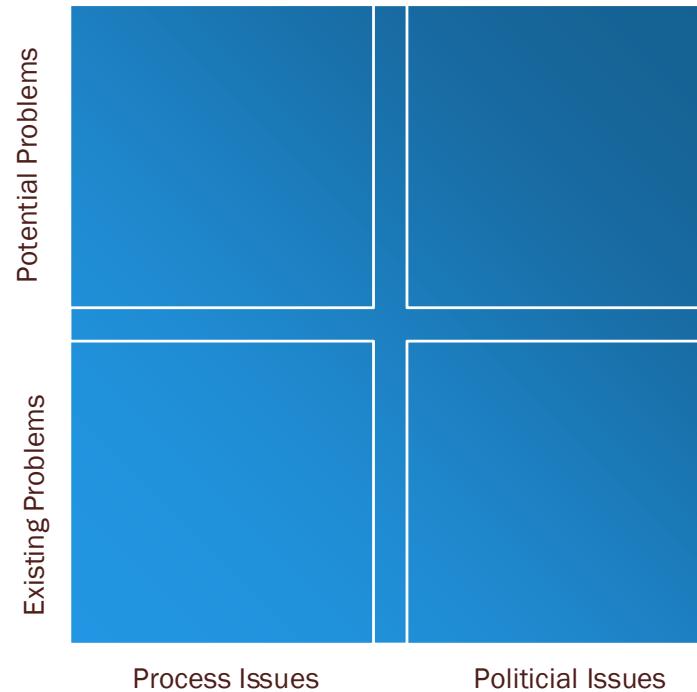


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# Bounding the Problem Space



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# Existing Problems

## Categories

Encroachment

Resistance

Silos

Matrices

## Disposition

Address Before Implementation

Address By Implementation

Address Independent  
of Implementation

Accept

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# Specific Challenges

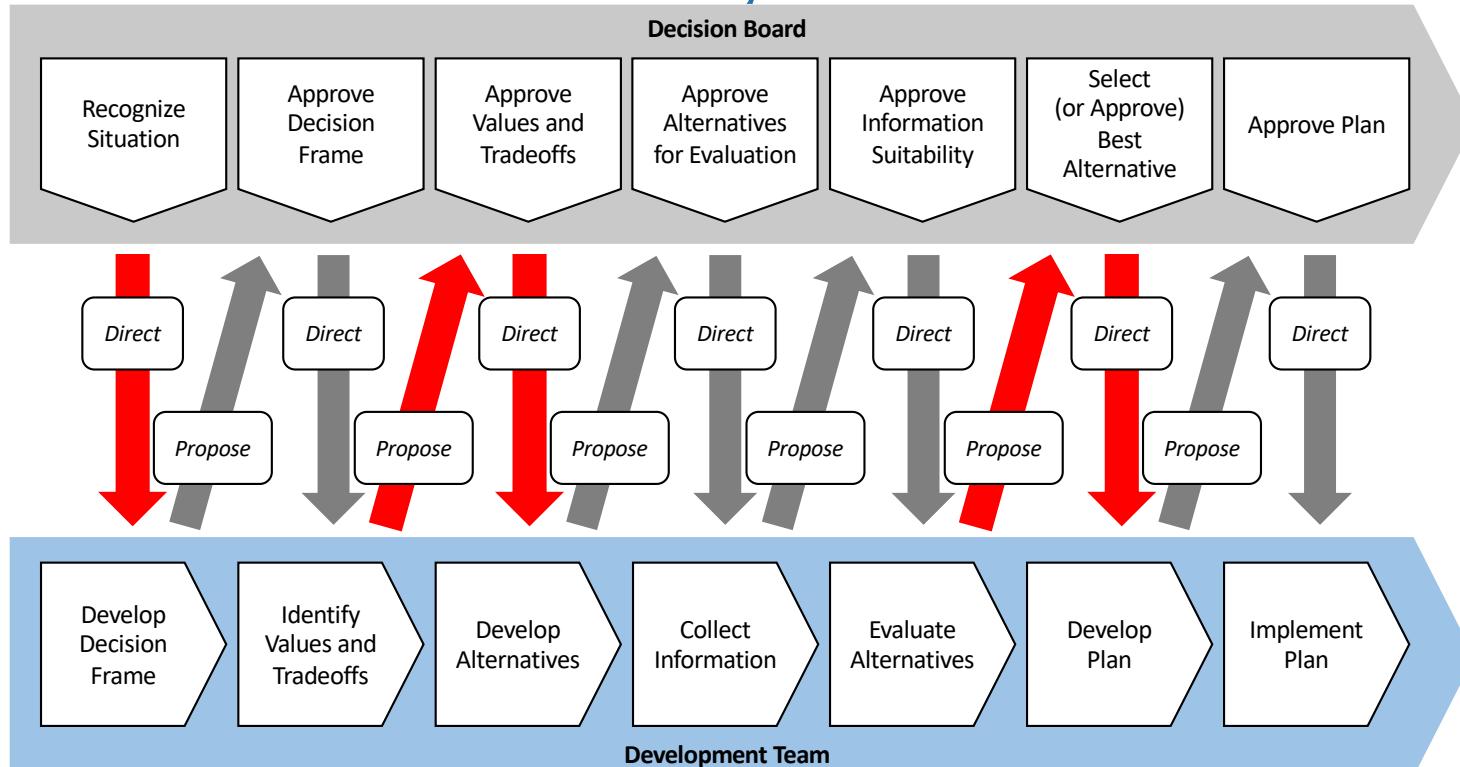
## Process/Technical

- SE relatively new to the Medical Device Industry
- Level of Embedment
  - Multiple Levels
  - Multiple SW Methods
- Version Control

## Political

- FDA / Other Regulatory Agencies
- QA-centric Companies/Processes
- Sales-centric Companies/Processes

# C-Suite Buy-In



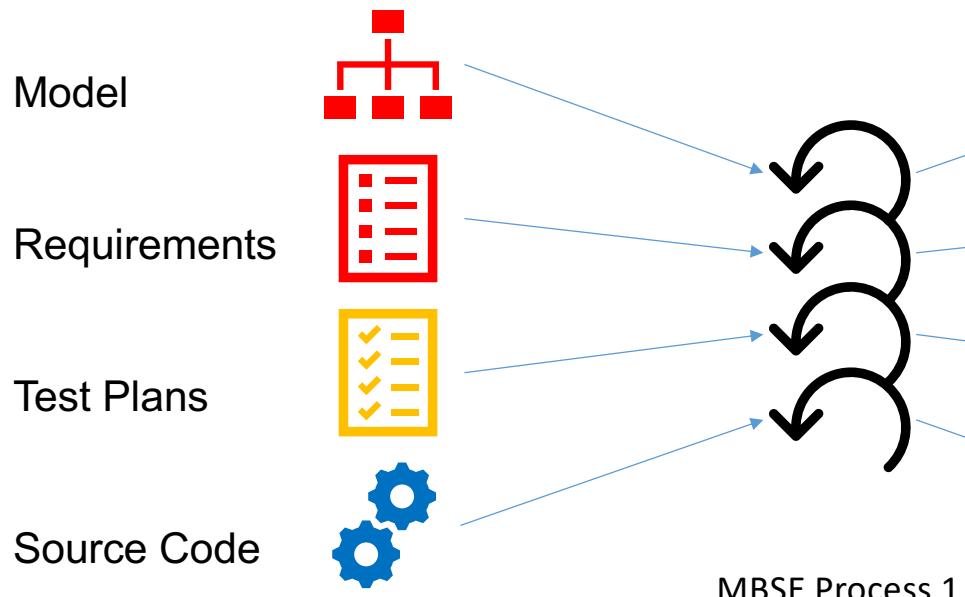
Decision Quality: Value Creation from Better Business Decisions – Spetzler et al

# Creating the Plan

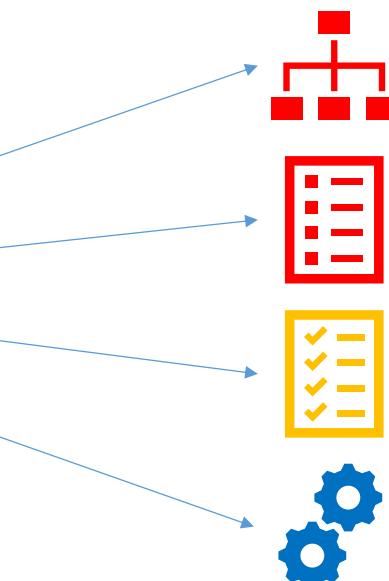
- Start with ONE project/product
- Have a SEPARATE project (with a PM) for:
  - Creation of original model
  - Creation of requirements
  - Establishing MBSE process
- Process should say what, not how
- Consider using/establishing PE role as well
- Incorporate PLE into the plan

# Creating the Plan – Original Effort

## Modeling Project – Product A

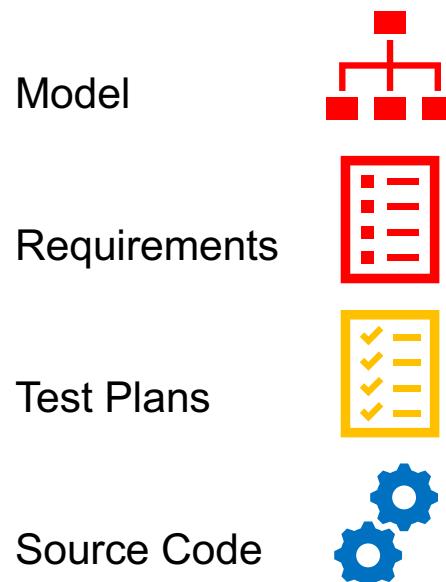


## Products B-Ω



# Creating the Plan – Future Development

Product  $A_1$



Product  $A_N$



MBSE Process 2

# Managing Expectations / Controlling Quality

## Process/Technical

- Library Use
  - Understand Elements of Definition/Usage
  - Don't Overdo It
- Train Method/Language/Tool
- Recruit from other industries?

## Political

- Intelligent Rollout
- Early Wins
- In-Person Meetings



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# Managing Expectations / Controlling Quality

## Right-Size the Team



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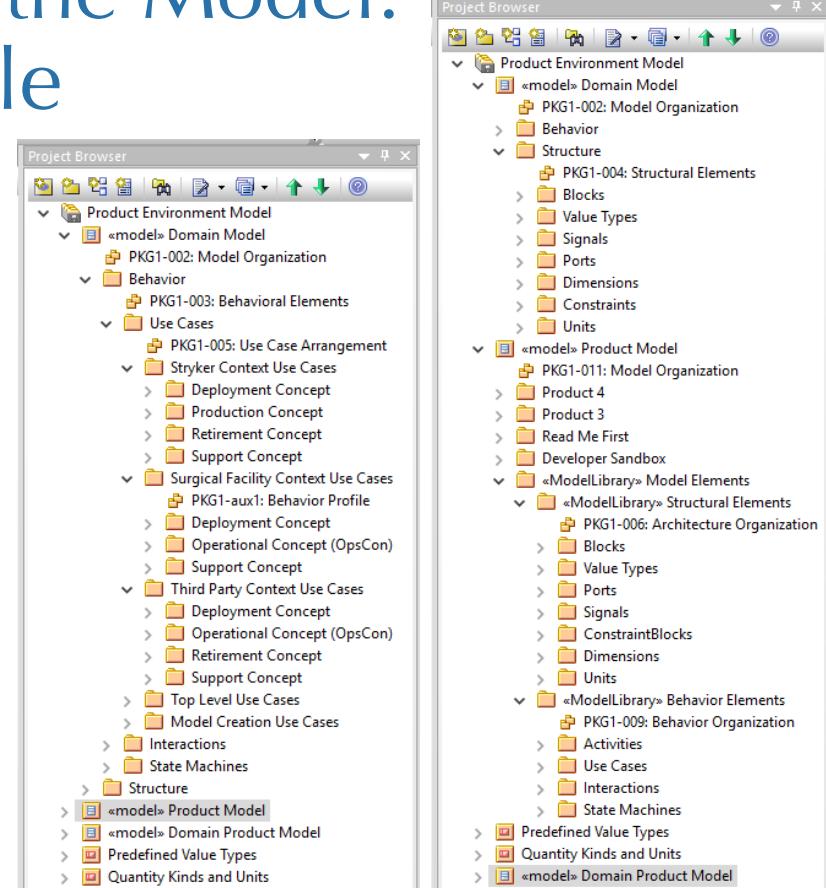
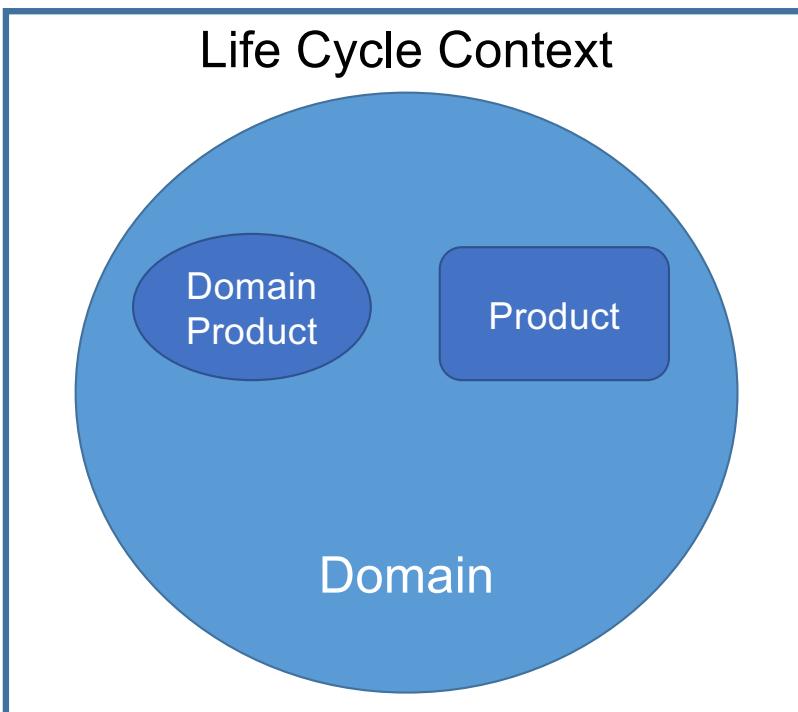
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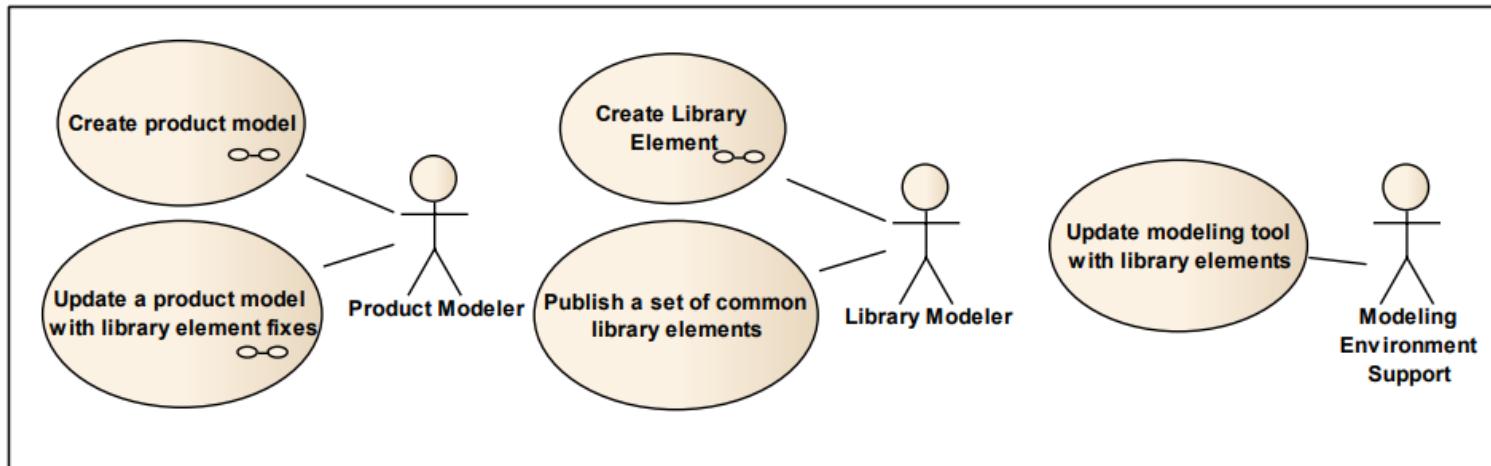
# Arranging the Model: An Example





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# Using Libraries



\* Emerging Usability Patterns in the Application of Modeling Libraries – Bjorn Cole, JPL et al

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# Examples

\* Pause for an excursion into an example model, if necessary

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# Creating the Infrastructure

Diagram Number	Diagram Name	Model Requirements ->			
		ABC CR	EFG CR	XYZ CR	SR
		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	
		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	
		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	
		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	
		xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	
STM1-001	Surgery	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
STM1-002	End of Surgery	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
STM1-003	ABC Surgery	xxxxxx			xxxxxx
STM1-004	EFG Surgery		xxxxxx		xxxxxx
STM1-005	Degromificator XYZ Surgery			xxxxxx	xxxxxx
STM1-006	Unobtanium XYZ Surgery			xxxxxx	xxxxxx
STM1-007	Power/Login States	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
STM1-008	Intraop Warnings	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx
STM1-009	Intraop Planning	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx	xxxxxx

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Diagram Number	Diagram Name	Model	% Complete	Last Modified	Assigned to	References	Found In	Importance	Comments
ACT3-001	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	10				ACT3-013 ACT3-018	Primary	Needs to be redone, but some (a lot?) of the work can be copied to the new diagram.
ACT3-002	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	10				ACT3-012	Primary	Needs to be redone, but some (a lot?) of the work can be copied to the new diagram.
ACT3-003	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	25				ACT2-012	Secondary	
ACT3-004	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	25		ACT2-005		ACT2-012	Secondary	This is not the primary diagram for the Activity (See ACT3-003).
ACT3-005	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	25		ACT2-005		ACT2-012	Secondary	This is not the primary diagram for the Activity (See ACT3-003).
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ACT3-007	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	25				ACT2-012	Secondary	This is not the primary diagram for the Activity (See ACT3-003).
ACT3-008	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	25		ACT2-005		ACT2-012	Secondary	This is not the primary diagram for the Activity (See ACT3-003).
ACT3-009	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	100				ACT2-019 ACT2-020 ACT2-021	Primary	Might be deleted in favor of ACT4-004
ACT3-010	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	100				ACT2-019	Secondary	
ACT3-011	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	100					Low	
ACT3-012	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	100		ACT3-002		ACT2-003 ACT2-019 ACT2-020 ACT2-021	Primary	
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ACT3-015	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	100				ACT2-021	Primary	
ACT3-016	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	0					Secondary	For use in ACT2-030, ACT2-031, and ACT2-032.
ACT3-017	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product	0					Secondary	For use in ACT2-030, ACT2-031, and ACT2-032.
ACT3-018	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Product 3	100		ACT3-001 ACT3-019		ACT1-007	Primary	
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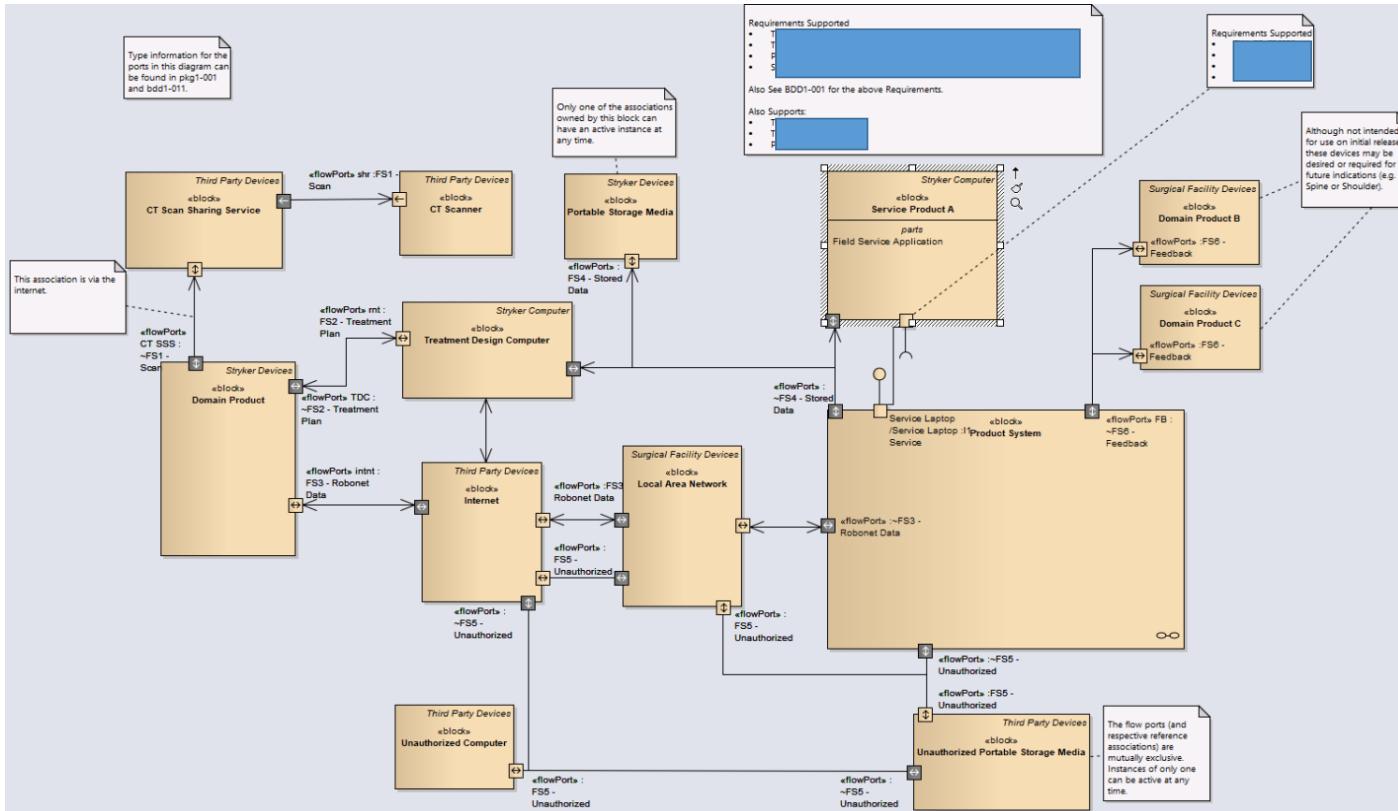


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# Rollout

- To each internal customer as needed
  - Systems Engineers and Department Heads or Designees: The Model
    - Show package structure every time you open a diagram until they ask you to refrain from doing so
    - Reviews are not meetings: Meetings capture review findings
    - Keep the Model Elements and Diagrams Simple
  - All Others: Diagrams
    - SysML is intuitive, but they will need help
    - Reviews may be longer
    - Keep Diagrams Simple
- Publish as PDFs (officially)

# Summary

- Determine the problem(s) you are trying to solve
  - And those you are not
- Plan, and include PLE in the plan
  - Begin with the end in mind
- Know the method/language/tool
  - In that order



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# Q&A

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