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# Setting Priorities

Demonstrating Stakeholder Value Networks in SysML

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# Customer asks for **Sharks** with **lasers** on their heads



# Seabass is what's being delivered



# Where is the failure



- Customer asked for Sharks with lasers on their heads.
- Systems engineer documented and wrote a requirement:
  - Their shall be a water feature installed in the main office.
  - In the water feature we shall have Sharks.
  - The Sharks shall have lasers installed on their heads.
- Because of environmental conditions of Sharks being endangered species a trade study was taken underway to determine a replacement.
  - What type of sharks was requested?
    - Customer is not available as he is chiro frozen.
    - Assume any type of shark will do.
    - Nurse sharks will fit nicely in the water feature.
    - What is the same size as Nurse sharks... Seabass are readily available.
    - We'll replace Sharks with seabass in the water feature.
- New Requirement:
  - In the water feature we shall have Mutated Seabass.
  - The Seabass shall have lasers installed on their heads.



# Where is the failure (continued)



- The Government Stakeholder was considered a higher priority than the Customer
  - Who made that call.
  - Was money no object?
  - What obstacles were investigated to overcome?
  - Where are all the trade offs documented?
- What was the customer Need?
  - Kill and eat an enemy to intimidate and conceal.
- There was no Goals that need to be achieved.
  - Goal is to kill an enemy in an elaborate way.
- There are no Objectives that can be measurable to know we achieved the goals.
  - Objective would be that we ensure a person put into the water feature will be killed and eaten.





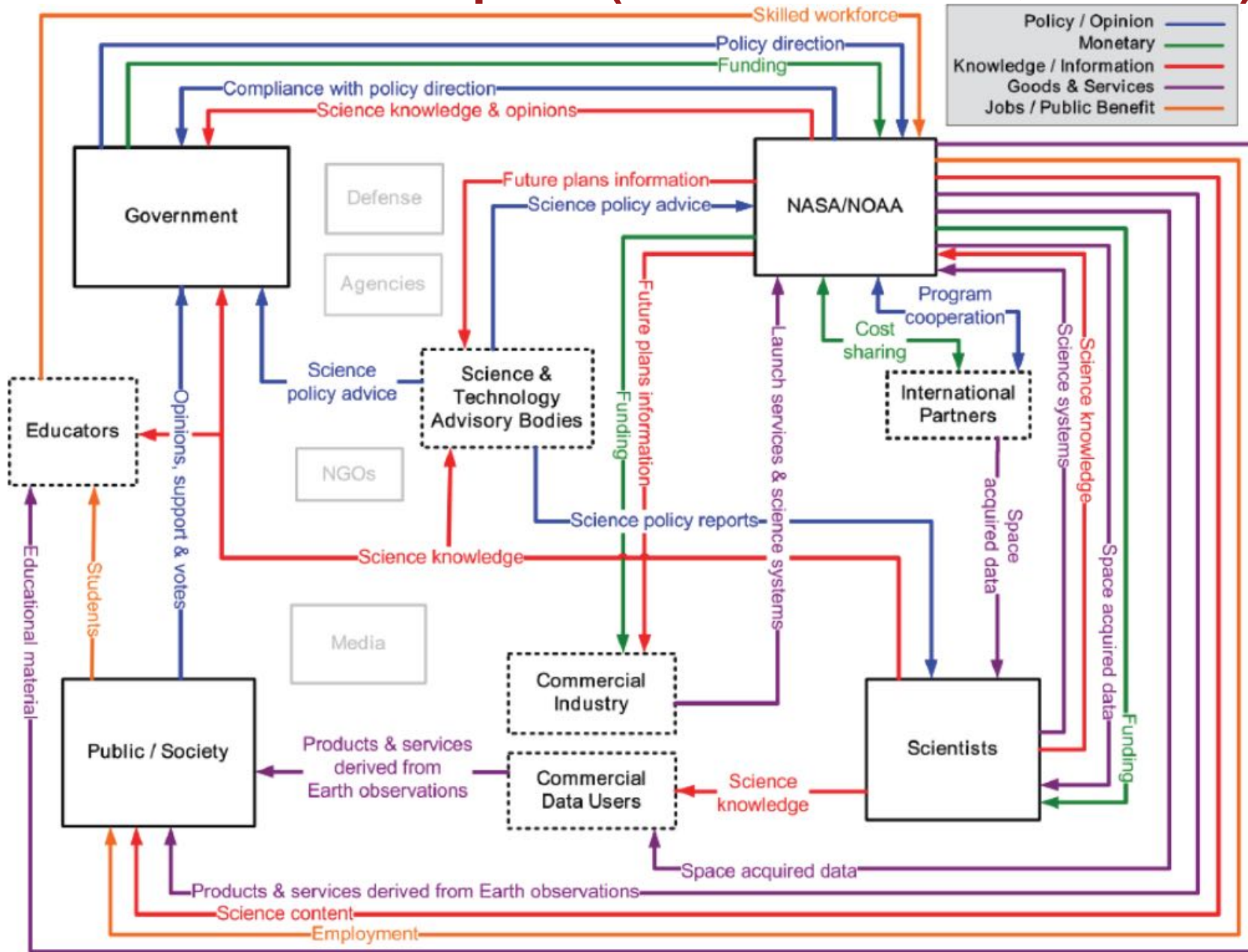


The Theory

# Stakeholder Value Network



# SVN Example (Sutherland, 2009)

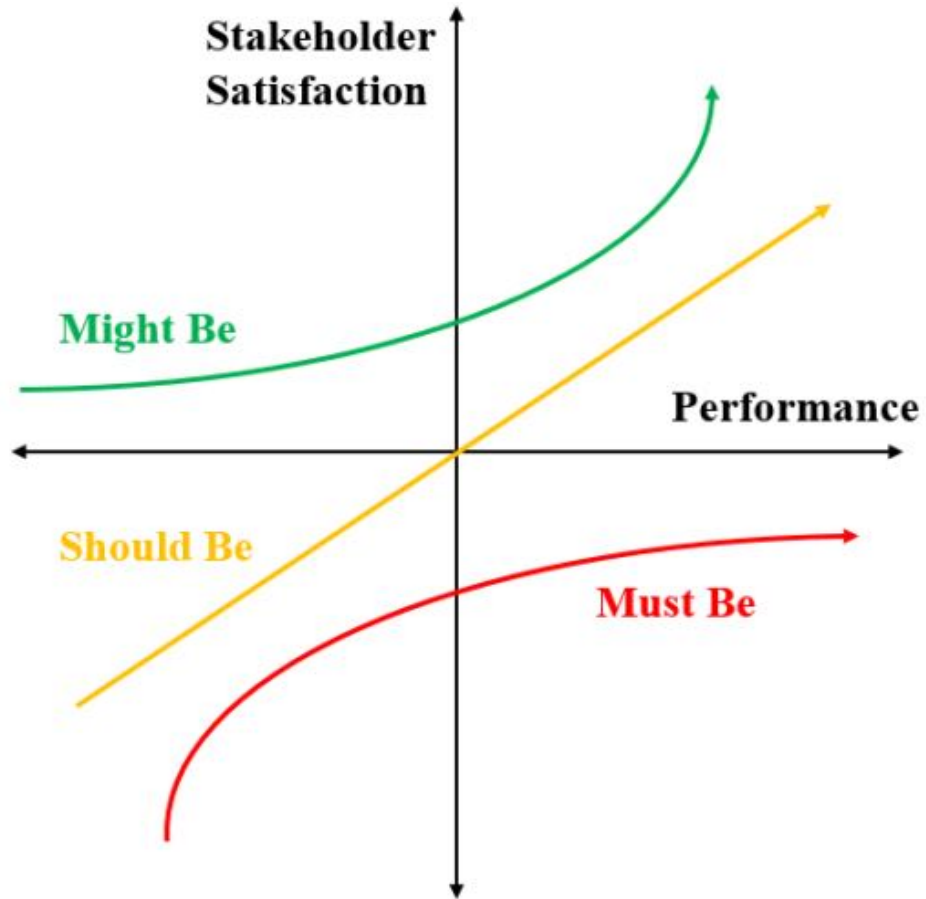


- NASA/NOAA is the SOI
- Stakeholders are the nodes
- Their needs flow in edges around a central project (or system)

# Benefit & Supply Ranking



## Benefit Ranking



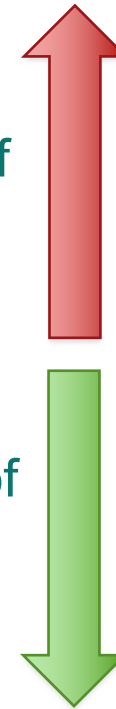
## Supply Ranking

**Low** Availability of  
Alternatives

**High** Supply Ranking

**High** Availability of  
Alternatives

**Low** Supply Ranking



# Value Path Scoring Rubric



Supply Importance	High	0.3	0.5	0.95
	Medium	0.2	0.4	0.8
	Low	0.1	0.2	0.4
		Might Be	Should Be	Must Be
Benefit Ranking				

# SVN Evaluation



- Value loop – Cumulative product of the value paths from a given loop.

Equation 1: Value loop quantification

$$s = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdots p_n$$

- Stakeholder importance – The ratio of the sum of all the value loops that contain an individual stakeholder to the sum of all value loops.

Equation 2: Stakeholder importance quantification (Cameron B. G., 2007)

$$I(SH_i) = \frac{\sum_{l: SH_i \in l} s(l)}{\sum_l s(l)}$$



# SysML – Adding SVN profile



# Entering Data



**Properties of 'Associates'**

General Text Options Start Role End Role Changes Style Items Benefit Ranking Supply Importance

Tag Definition Name	Tag Value
Benefit	Might Be
	Might Be
	Should Be
	Must Be

**Properties of 'Associates'**

General Text Options Start Role End Role Changes Style Items Benefit Ranking Supply Importance

Tag Definition Name	Tag Value
Supply	Medium
	Low
	Medium
	High

**Properties of 'Profit Margin'**

General Text Options Changes Style Items Requirement System Goal RequirementRelated Allocated

Tag Definition Name	Tag Value
Rank	Might
	Might
	Should
	Must

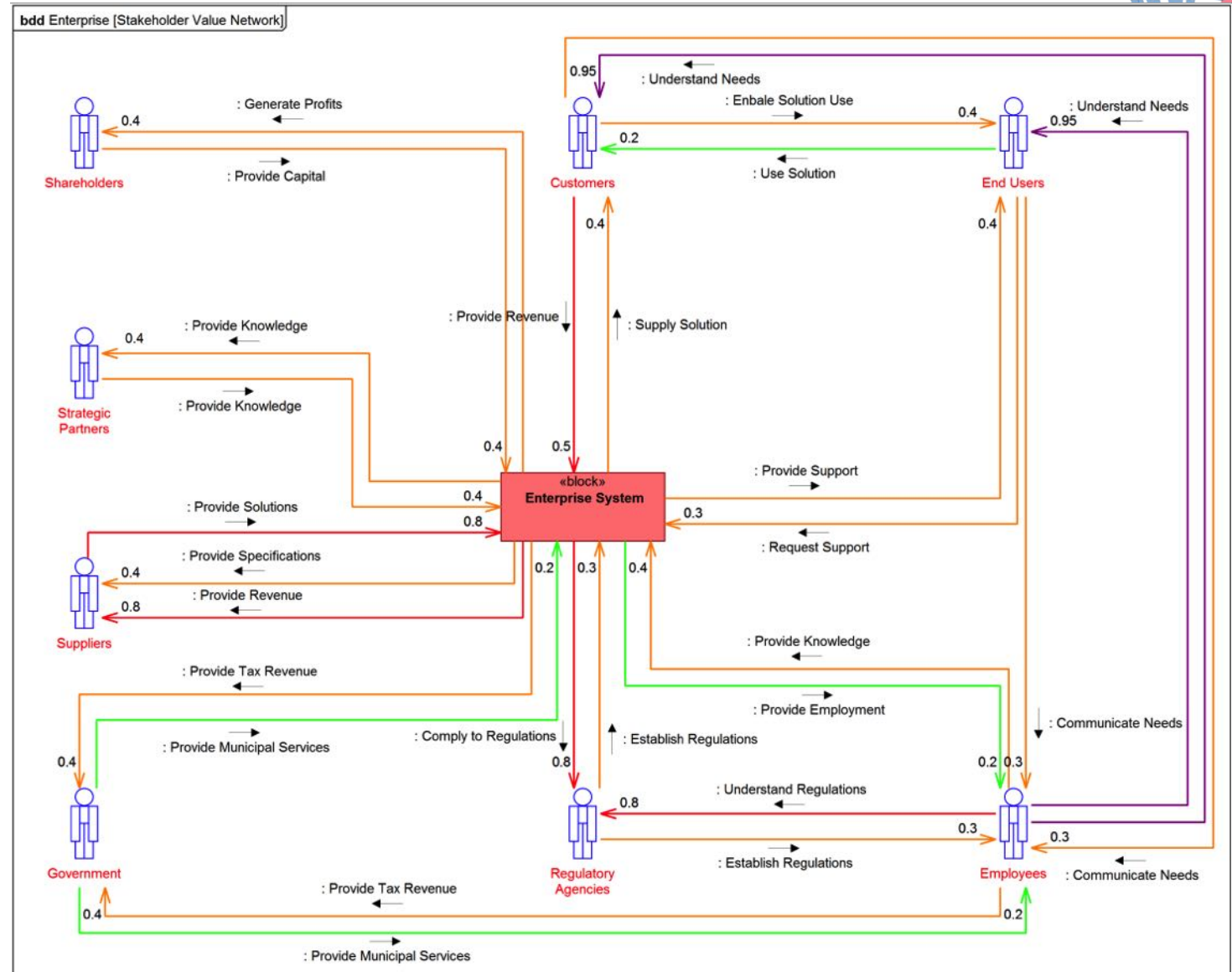


# Association colorization and visualize value score



- Color pallet for associations based on calculated value (Benefit/Supply)

High	0.3	0.5	0.95
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# Value Paths – Partial Table



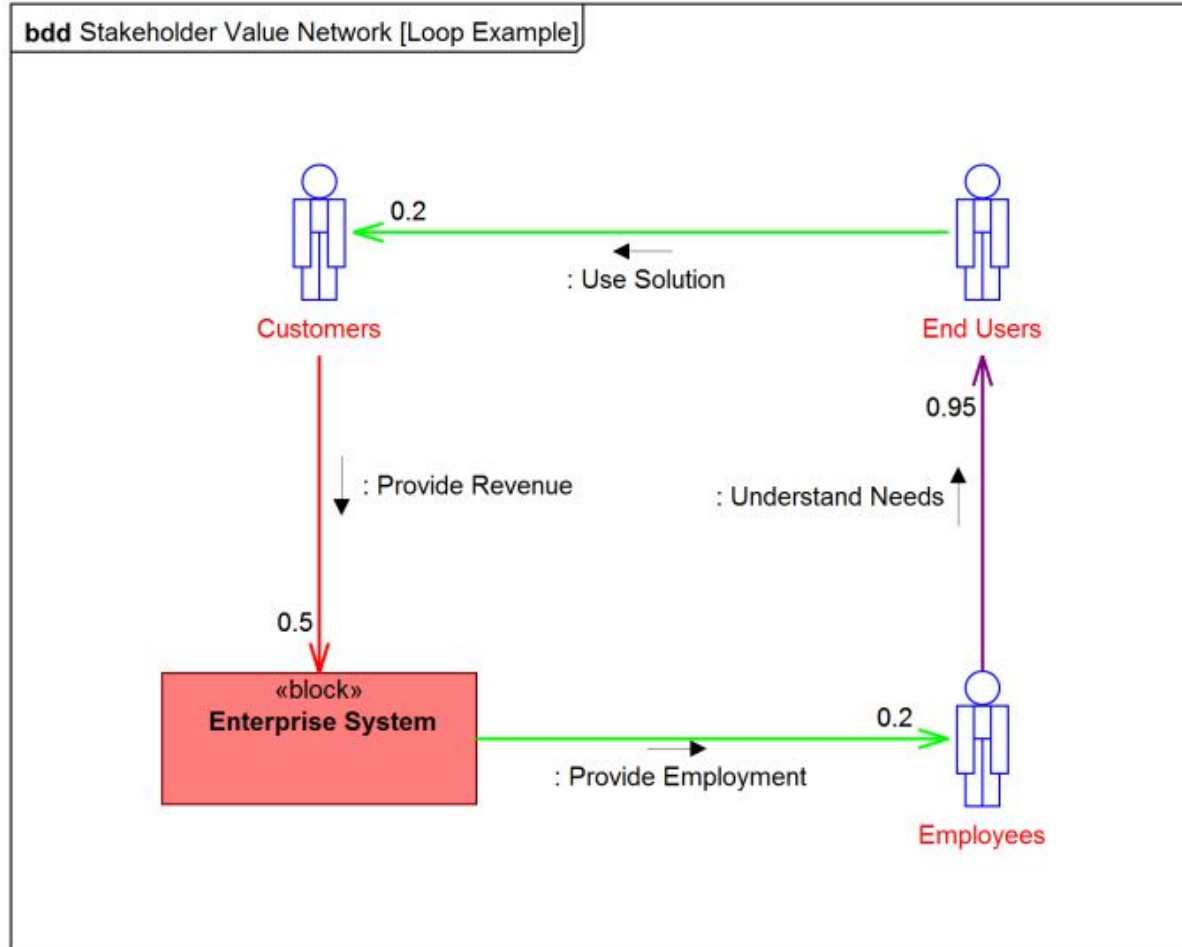
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No.	Path Description	Value Description	Benefit Ranking	Supply Importance	Score
1	Shareholders to Enterprise	Provide Capital	Should	Medium	0.4
2	Enterprise to Shareholders	Generate Profits	Should	Medium	0.4
3	Strategic Partners to Enterprise	Provide Knowledge	Should	Medium	0.4
4	Enterprise to Strategic Partners	Provide Knowledge	Should	Medium	0.4
5	Suppliers to Enterprise	Provide Solutions	Must	Medium	0.8
...	...	...	...	...	...

# Calculating the value loop



$$S = p_1 * p_2 * \dots * p_n = 0.2 * 0.95 * 0.2 * 0.5 = 0.019$$



- Enterprise System -> Employees -> End Users -> Customers -> Enterprise System

# Value Loops - Partial Table



$$S=p1*p2...pn$$

No.	Loop Description	Score
1	Enterprise -> Shareholders -> Enterprise	0.160
2	Enterprise -> Strategic Partners -> Enterprise	0.160
3	Enterprise -> Suppliers -> Enterprise (Specs)	0.320
4	Enterprise -> Suppliers -> Enterprise (Revenue)	0.640
5	Enterprise -> Government -> Enterprise	0.080
...	...	...

# Prioritized Stakeholders



$$I(SH_i) = \frac{\sum_{l:SH_i \in l} s(l)}{\sum_l s(l)}$$



Rank	Stakeholder	Score
1	Suppliers	0.370
2	Employees	0.226
3	Customers	0.192
4	Regulatory Agencies	0.148
5	End Users	0.146
6	Shareholders	0.062
7	Strategic Partners	0.062
8	Government	0.049

# Stakeholder Prioritization Applied



- Stakeholder value (SV)

- $SV > 0.2$

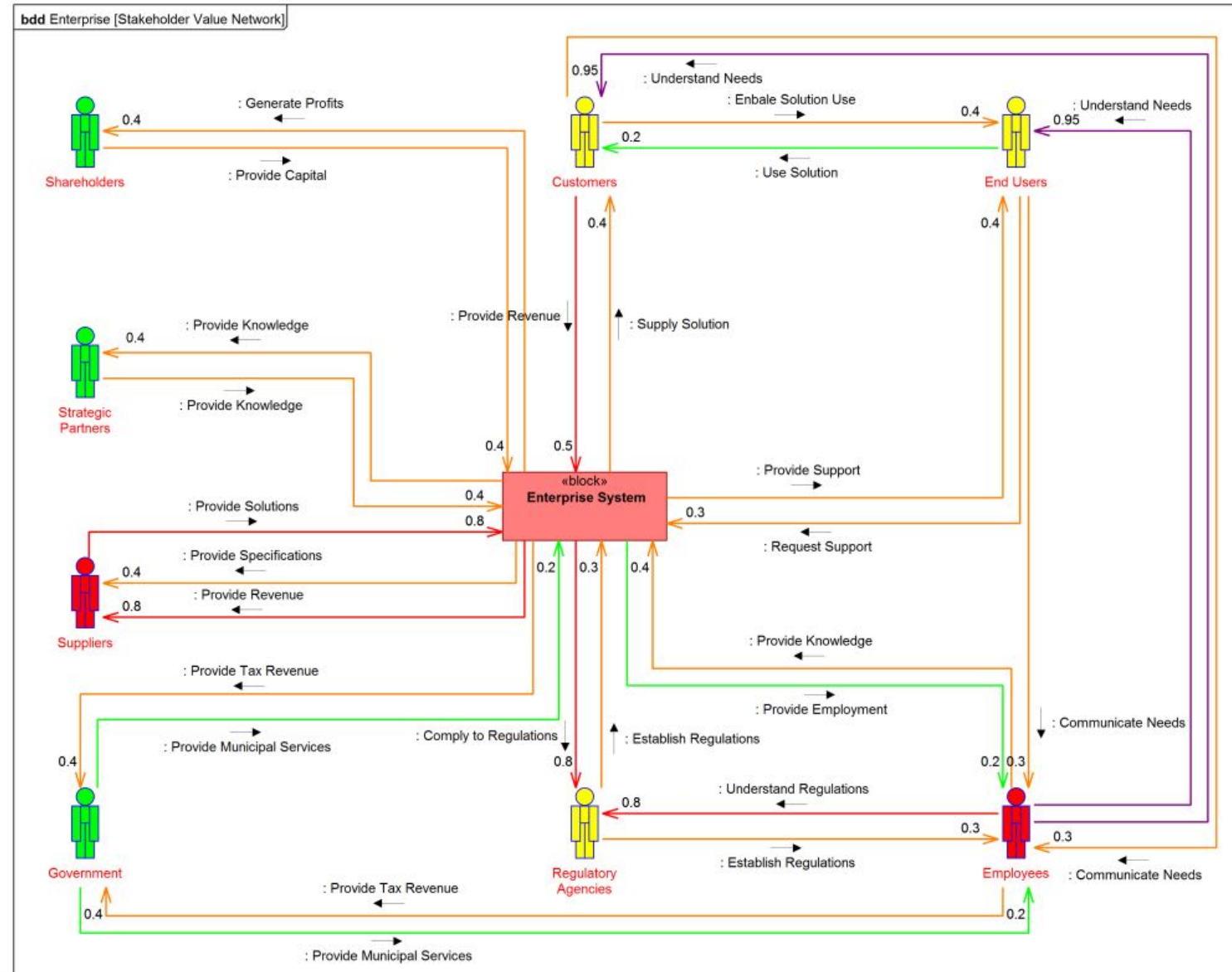
Red

- $0.1 > SV > 0.2$

Yellow

- $SV < 0.1$

Green





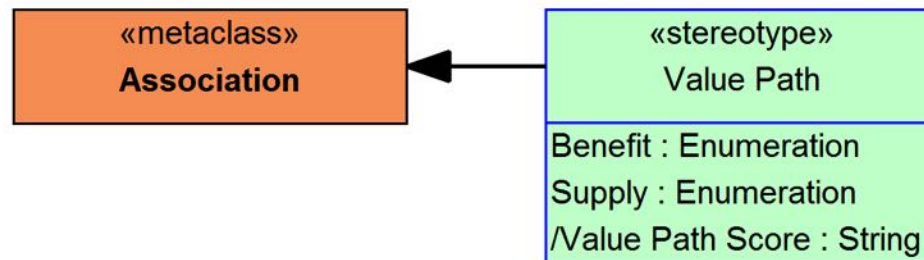
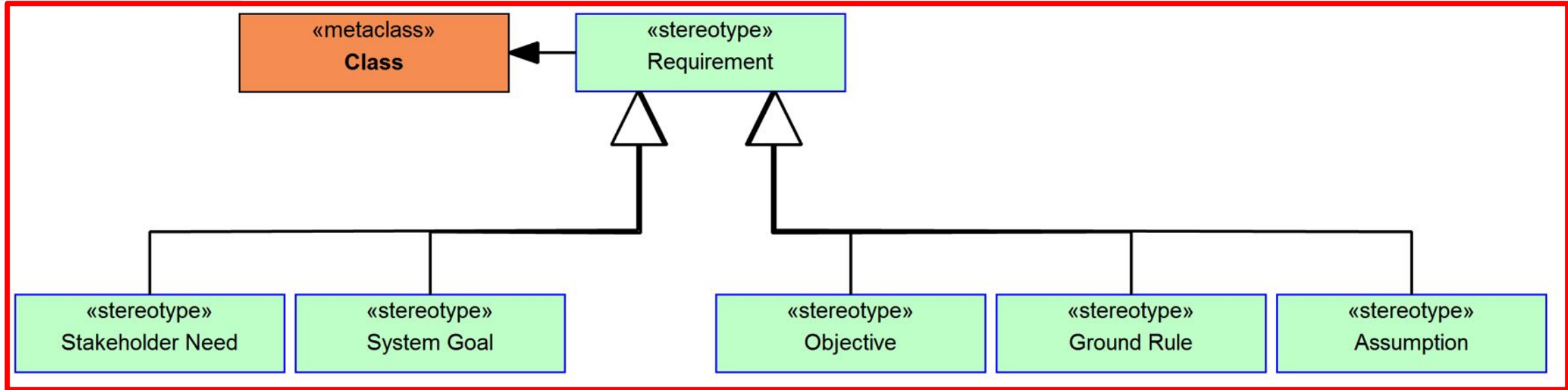
# Needs -> Goals -> Objectives



# Meta Model

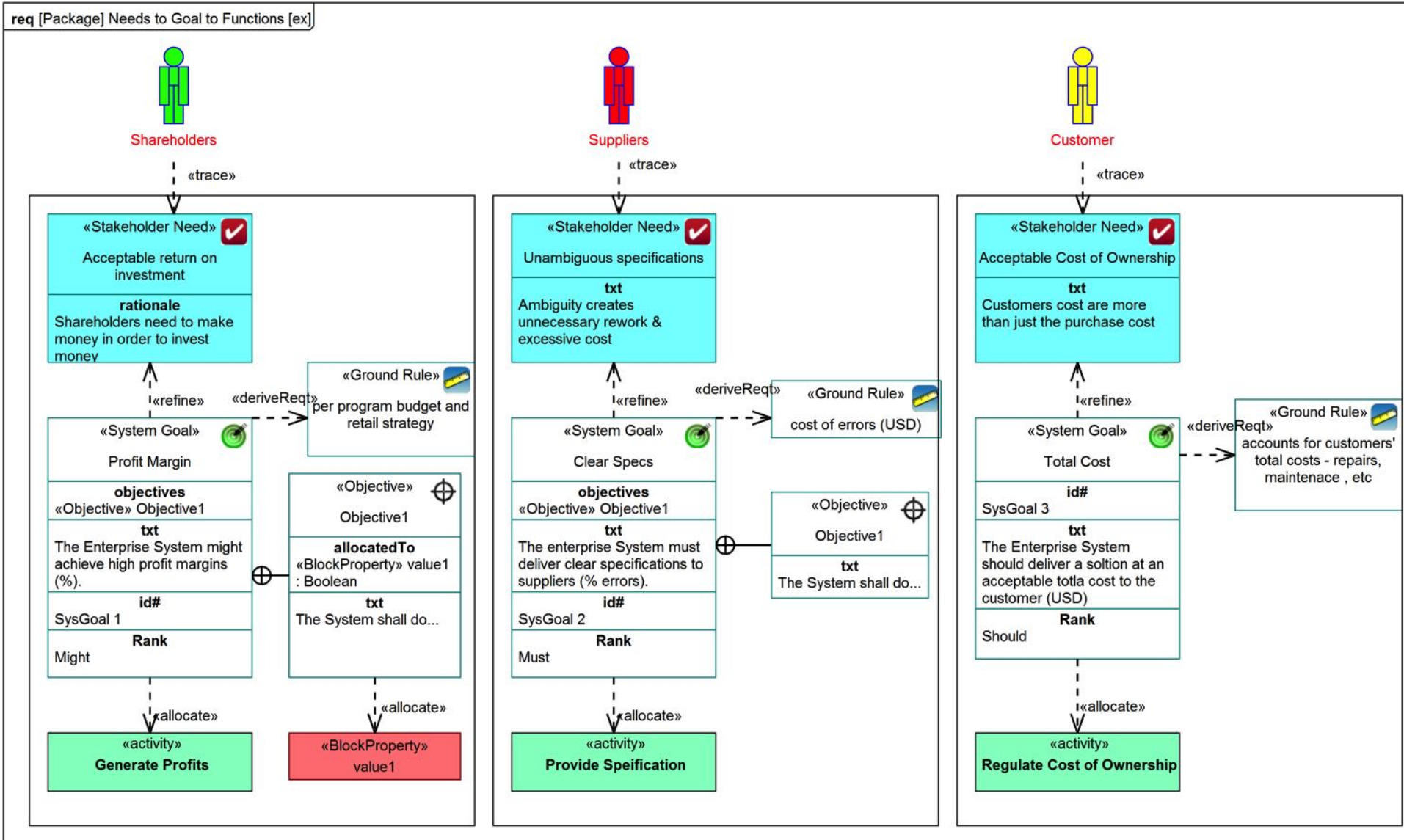


PD SVN Profile Diagram



- + Stakeholder Value Network Analysis
  - + Benefit Ranking
  - + Supply Importance
  - + Stakeholder Need
  - + System Goal
  - + Supply
  - + Benefit
  - + Rank

# Stakeholder Needs Relationship Diagram



- System Goals have a Rank value (Might, Should, Must)

# Stakeholder Needs



- What needs do people want your project to address?
  - Don't worry at this point whether your project actually can address these needs or whether it's the best way to address the needs. You're just trying to identify what is needed for this project.
- How do you know that the needs you identify are the real needs that people have for your project?
  - Determining people's real thoughts and feelings can be difficult. Sometimes they don't want to share them; sometimes they don't know how to express them clearly.
- Needs should have attributes of Id, Heading, Description, and Rationale

«Need» Need9		✓
id#		
12		
txt		
this is a test of req this is here		
rationale		
new rationale		



# Determine the project Needs



- When speaking with people to determine the needs your project should address, try the following techniques:
  - Encourage them to speak at length about their needs and expectations
    - Split expectations up separate from needs.
  - Listen carefully for any contradictions.
  - Encourage them to clarify vague ideas.
  - Try to confirm your information from two or more independent sources.
  - Ask them to indicate the relative importance of addressing each of their needs.



# Need Prioritization



- **Must:** The project must address these needs, at the very least.
- **Should:** The project should address these needs, if at all possible.
- **Nice to:** It would be nice for the project to address these needs, if doing so doesn't affect anything else.



# Goal and Objectives



- To have a successful project and definable deterministic conclusion it is necessary to define your projects Goals and Objectives.
- Goals are the “What” you want the project to have.
- Objectives are the “How” you are going to achieve the goal.
- Goals should trace to the Needs of the project



# Goals



- Goals should be related to the need statements.
  - Use Traceability to ensure that Goals are tied to the needs of the project.
- Goals should be simply stated
- Give you the big picture of the final outcome to be
- Goal will have a Rank (**Might, Should, Must**)

«System Goal» Profit Margin	
id#	
SysGoal 1	
Rank	
Might	
objectives	
«Objective» Objective1	
txt	
The Enterprise System might achieve high profit margins (%).	






# Objectives



- An objective is a performance measure that would lead to achieving the goal. An objective should be specific, concrete, measureable, and time framed. A goal may have one or several associated objectives. Keep in mind the following when developing objectives:
  - Who/What?
  - Expected outcomes (results of activities)
  - Measures
  - Criteria for achieving the expected outcomes
  - Timeframe

«Objective»		
test bed		
03	id#	
build a test bed.	txt	
have to test this.	rationale	



# Ground Rules



- From a Project Level POV
- Ground rules are policies and guidelines which a group establishes consciously to help individual members decide how to act.
- To be effective, ground rules must be clear, consistent, agreed-to, and followed.
- Team ground rules define a behavioral model which addresses how individuals treat each other, communicate, participate, cooperate, and support each other in joint activities.
- Attributes of a Ground Rule should contain ID, Heading, Text


«GroundRule» something her...	
GR001	id#
something here	txt



# Assumptions

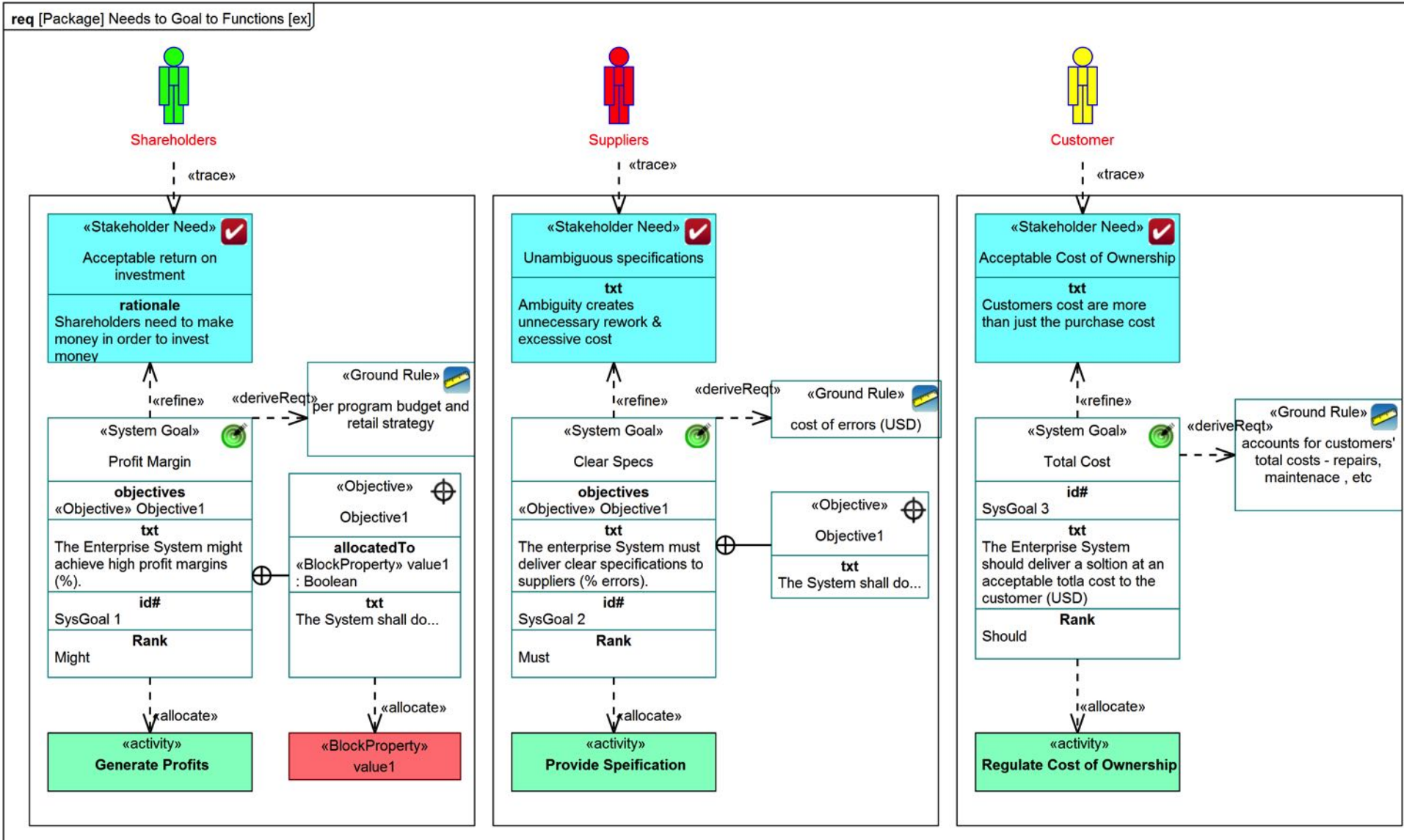


- Assumptions are circumstances and events that need to occur for the project to be successful, but are outside the total control of the project team. Assumptions are accepted as true and are always without proof or demonstration

«Assumption»		
Assumption3		
	<b>id#</b>	
A001		
	<b>txt</b>	
This is some assumption I am making that I need to have.		
	<b>rationale</b>	
I have some sort of reason for having this		



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