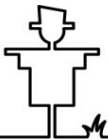


# MBSE – the natural evolution of Systems Engineering

INCOSE IS 2022 – Fundamentals  
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# Why, hello there...

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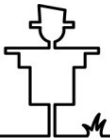
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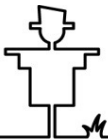
# Overview

1. The need for Systems Engineering
2. MBSE Evolution
3. Summary



# 1. The Need for Systems Engineering

- Complexity
  - Accidental
  - Essential
- Communication
  - Common language
  - Different stakeholders
- Lack of understanding
  - Across life cycle



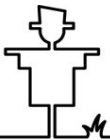
# Model-based Systems Engineering

- The Model (noun) is about consistent information:
  - Across Systems, Notations, Tools, Processes, Standards
  - Enabled by a Framework
- To Model (verb) is about:
  - Managing complexity
  - Effective communication
  - Increasing understanding



# Complexity - Consider a car

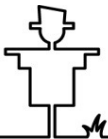
- The need: ***get us from A to B***
- Human-machine interfaces: ***steering wheel, gear control, pedals***



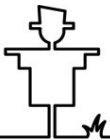
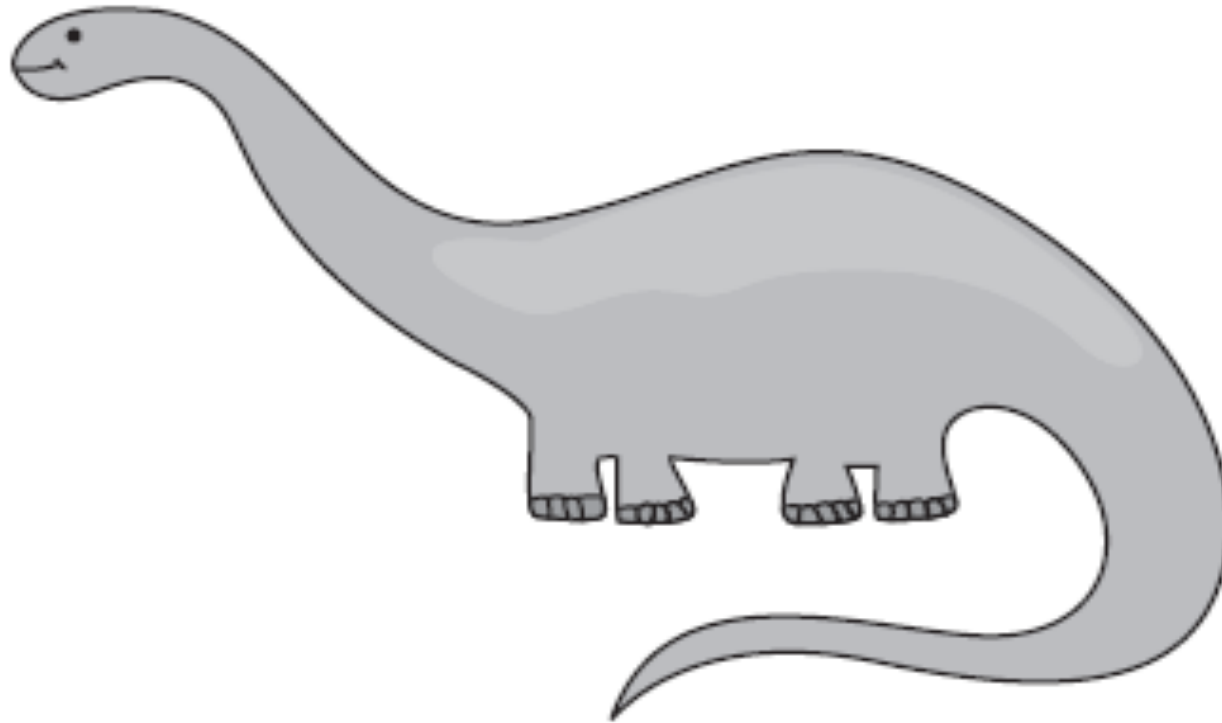
# Complexity - Consider a car

Complexity evolves over last 50 years

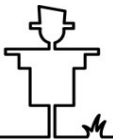
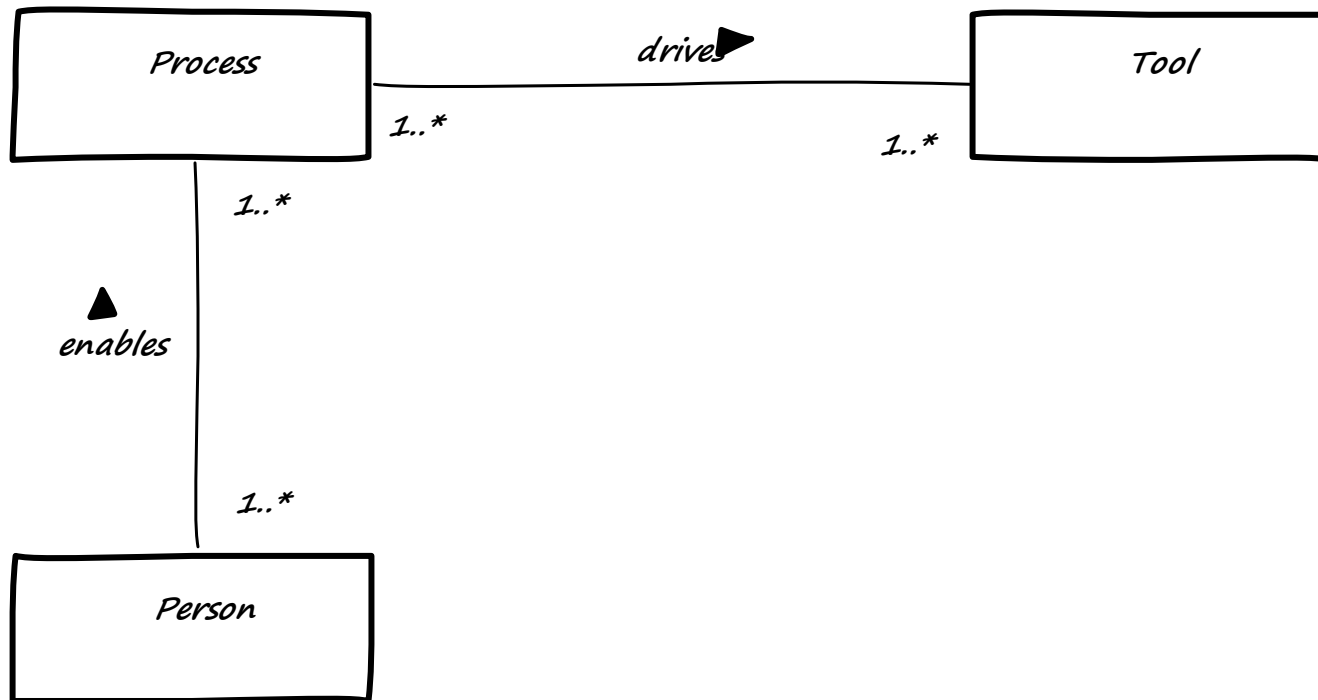
- System elements and interfaces (mechanical, electrical, electronic, software, networks, etc)
- Constraints (standards, legislation, stakeholder expectations, safety, security, etc)
- Systems of systems (part of a wider, connected world)
- Complexity shift (technology, responsibility of system, etc)



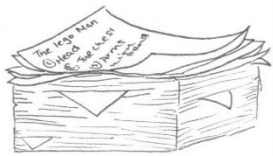
# The Brontosaurus of Complexity



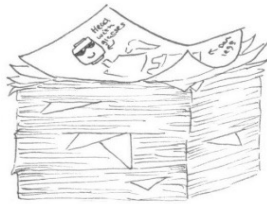
# The MBSE Mantra



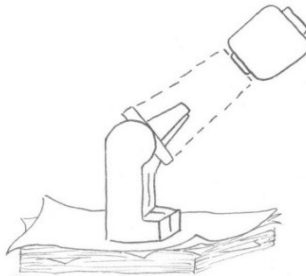
## 2. MBSE Evolution



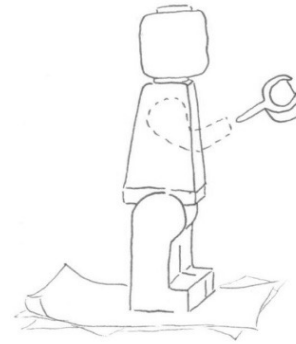
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Stage 2:  
Document-  
centric



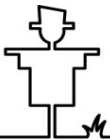
Stage 3:  
Model-  
enhanced



Stage 4:  
Model-  
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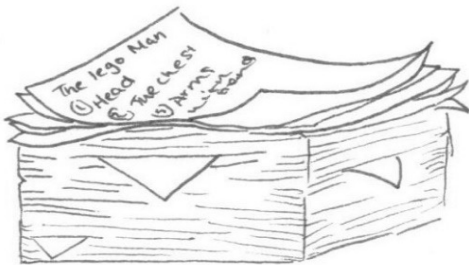


Stage 5:  
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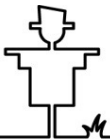
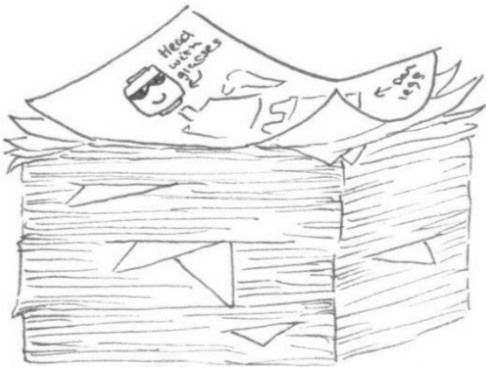
# Stage 1: Document-based Systems Engineering - Outcomes

- Knowledge owned entirely by documents
- People
  - SE competence
- Process
  - All artefacts documents
  - Tables, lists, graphs etc.
- Tools
  - Office tools – spreadsheets, word processors



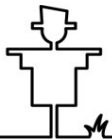
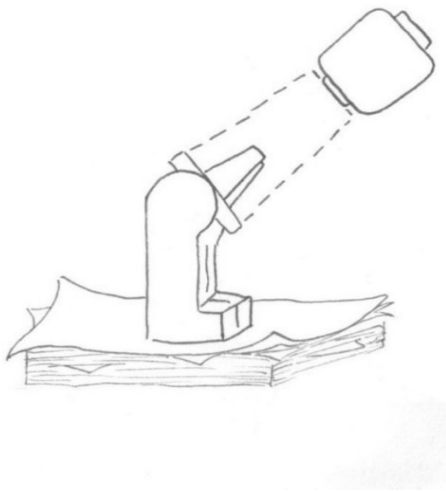
# Stage 2: Document-centric Systems Engineering - Outcomes

- Knowledge owned entirely by documents
- People
  - SE competence
  - Informal notational skill
- Process
  - All artefacts are documents
  - Tables, lists, graphs etc.
  - Some pictures
- Tools
  - Office tools – spreadsheets, word processors, drawing packages



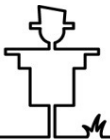
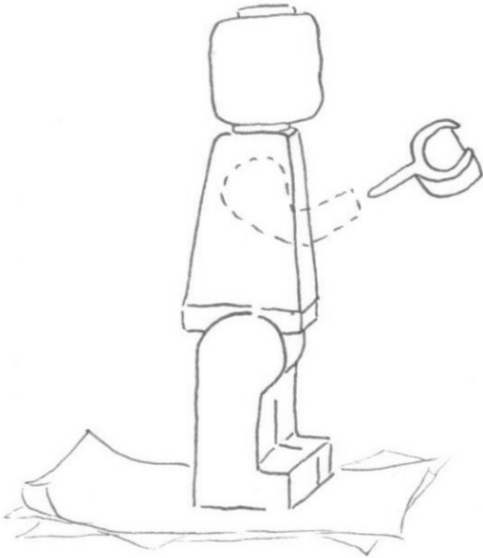
# Stage 3: Model-enhanced Systems Engineering - Outcomes

- Knowledge owned by documents and Model
- People
  - Notational competence
  - MBSE awareness
- Process
  - Models start to emerge
  - Documents and models
  - Small pilot project
- Tools
  - Multiple candidate tools



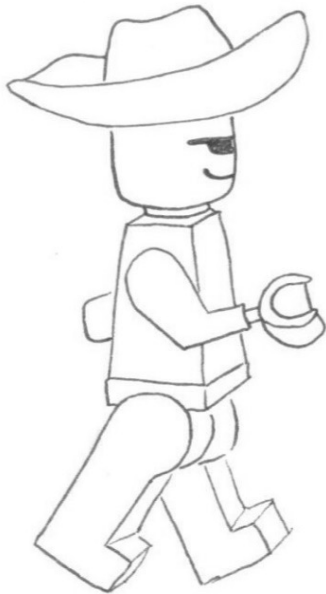
# Stage 4: Model-centric Systems Engineering - Outcomes

- Knowledge owned by Model and (few) documents
- People
  - MBSE competence
  - Tool competence
- Process
  - Initial ontology, framework, processes
  - Measurement and assessment of pilot
- Tools
  - Tool(s) selected

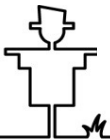


# Stage 5: Model-based Systems Engineering - Outcomes

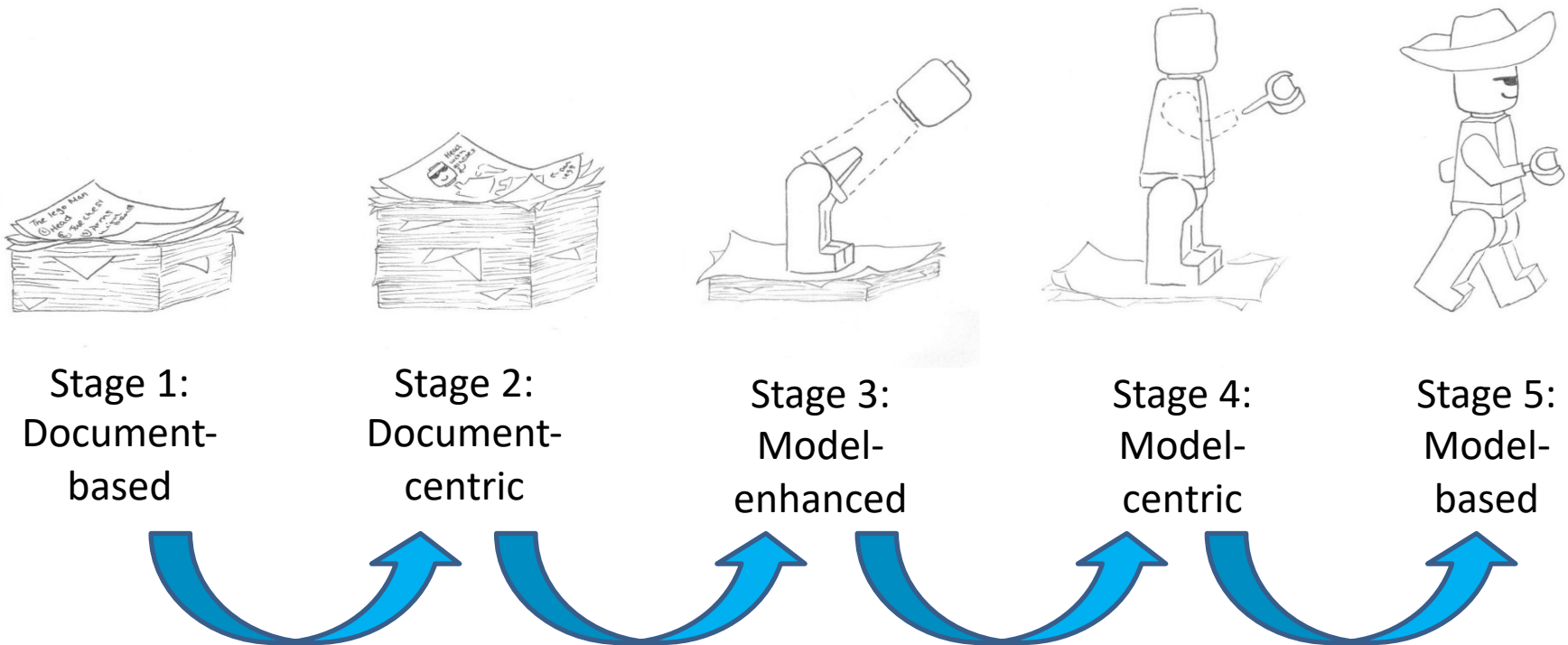
- Knowledge owned by Model



- People
  - MBSE competence
- Process
  - Mature ontologies, frameworks, process sets
  - Patterns, applications
  - Company roll-out
- Tools
  - Integrated toolsets
  - Profiles
  - Automation



# MBSE Evolution – Transition Between Stages



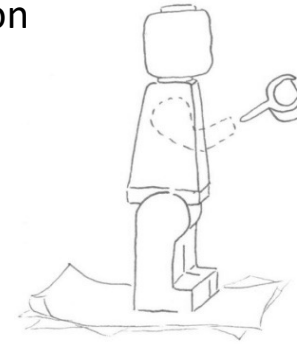
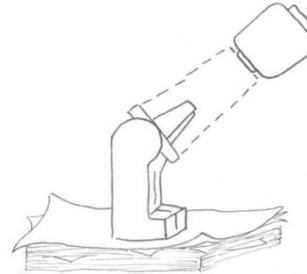
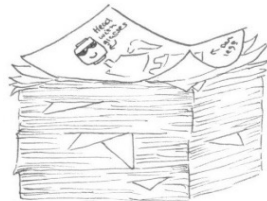
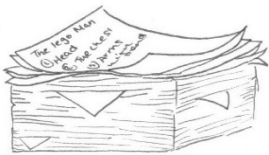
# MBSE Evolution – Stage 4-5 - Activities

Assessment  
Identify goals  
MBSE by stealth

Notation training  
Tool evaluation

MBSE training  
Process definition  
Tool selection  
Tool training  
Framework & ontology  
definition

Advanced applications  
Competency assessment  
Model maturity  
Process maturity  
Tool tailoring



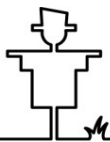
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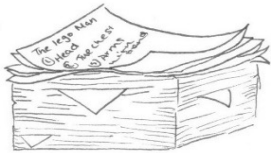
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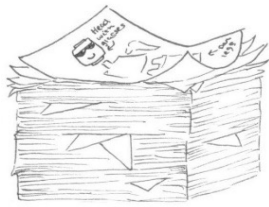


# 3. Summary

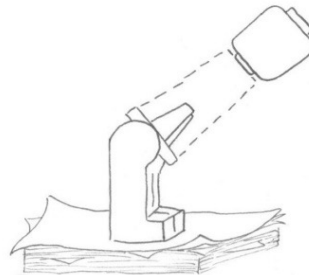
*As the complexity of our Systems evolves over time....  
....so must our approach to Systems Engineering....  
....MBSE is the natural evolution of Systems  
Engineering*



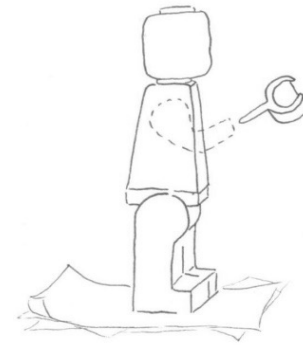
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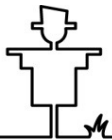
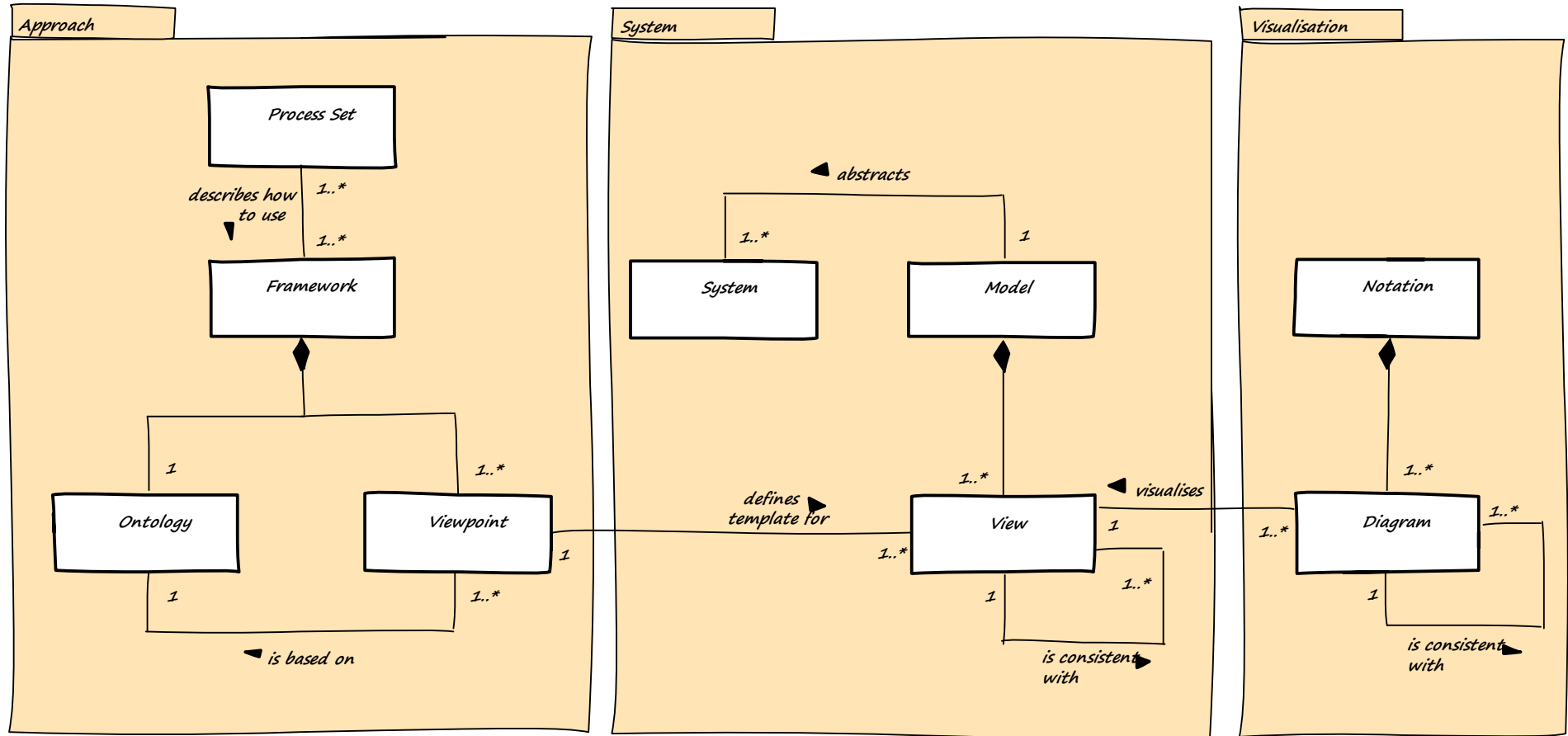
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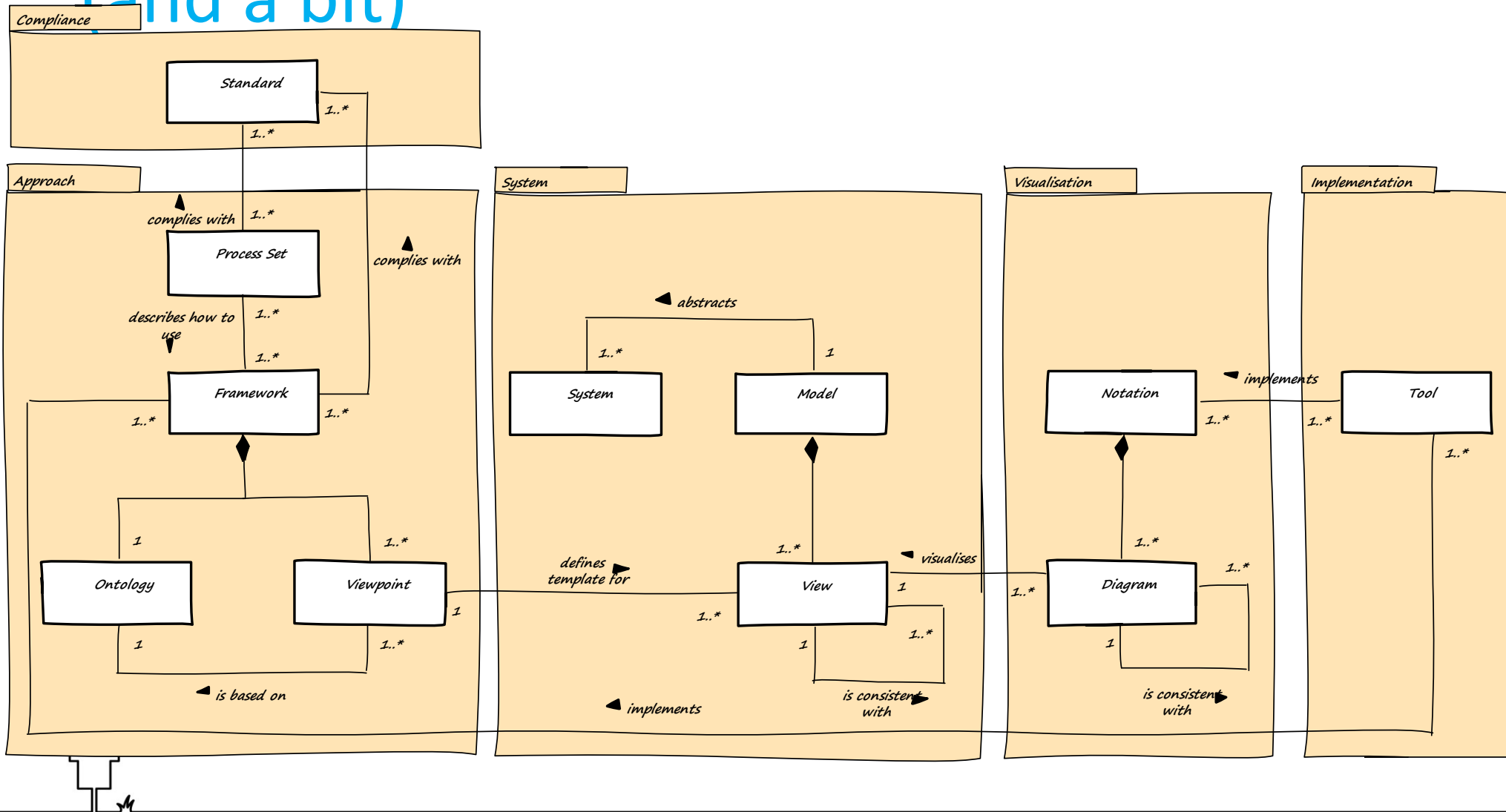
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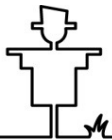
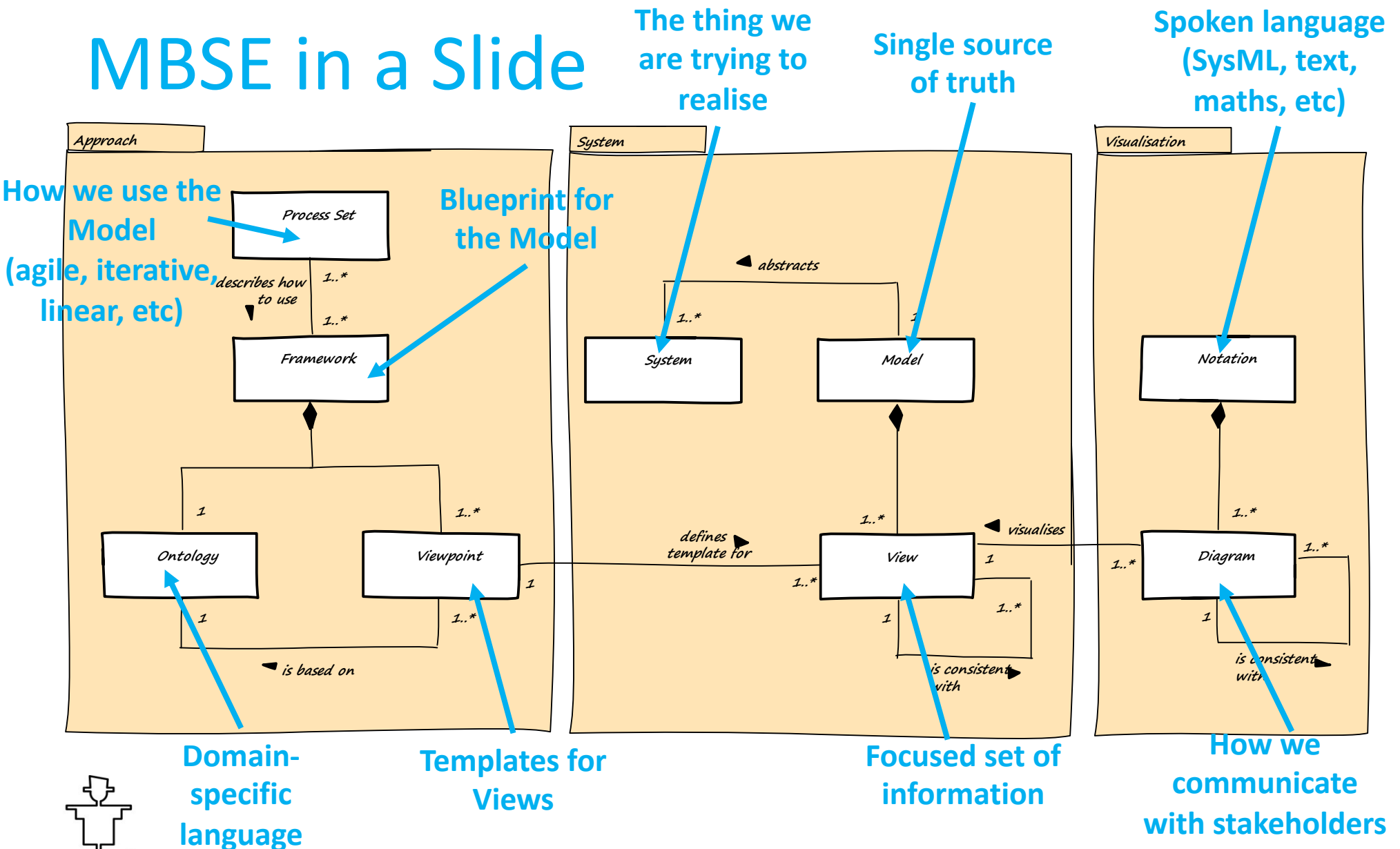
# Additional information – MBSE in a Slide



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How we implement  
the model (SysML  
tools, mathematical  
tools, simulations,  
CAD, management  
tools, etc

How we demonstrate  
compliance (standards,  
legislation, certification,  
etc)

