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# **Requirements Management Framework for program RFQ phase**



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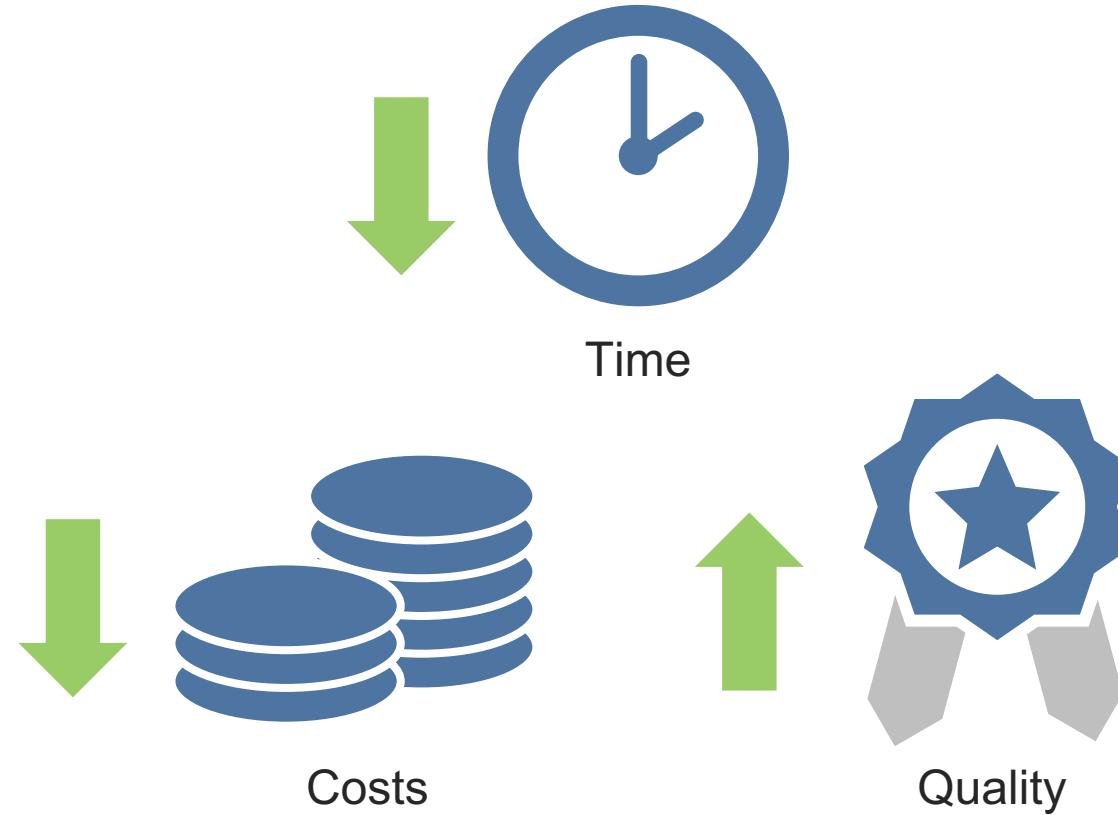
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# Requirements Management can be leveraged by the development team to influence the key drivers of successful product development



## The Project Management Pyramid

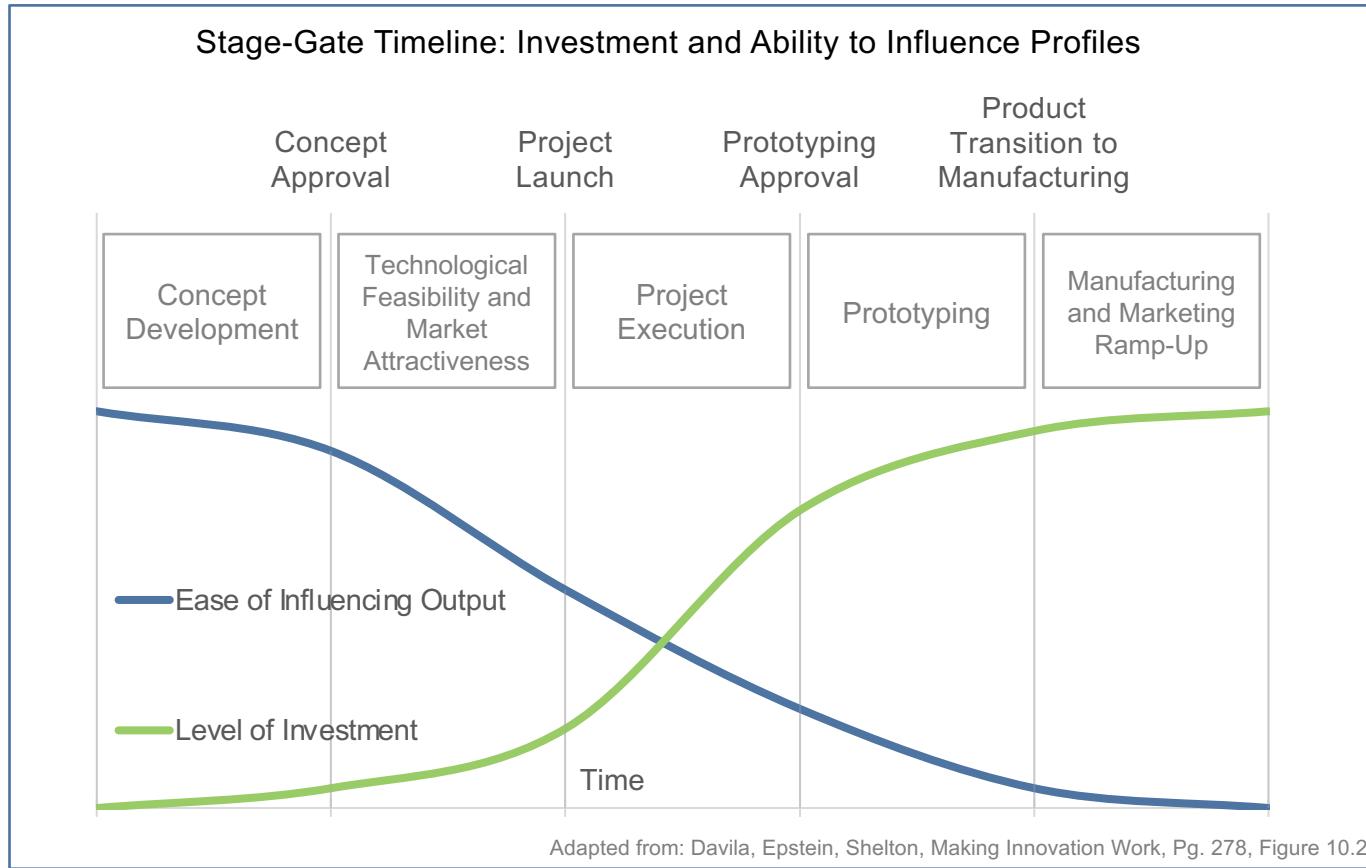


- These common issues usually stem from ineffective strategy, management, and execution of requirements
  - Mis-identified customer wants and needs (CWN)
  - Under-specified product or system requirements
    - Won't meet customer needs
    - Re-engineering and re-validation needed
  - Over-specified system or component requirements
    - Excess time and resources spent in development



# Make an early impact – the associated effort and cost to fix engineering errors greatly increases as project maturity progresses

Technical flexibility decreases while change costs rise as the project proceeds



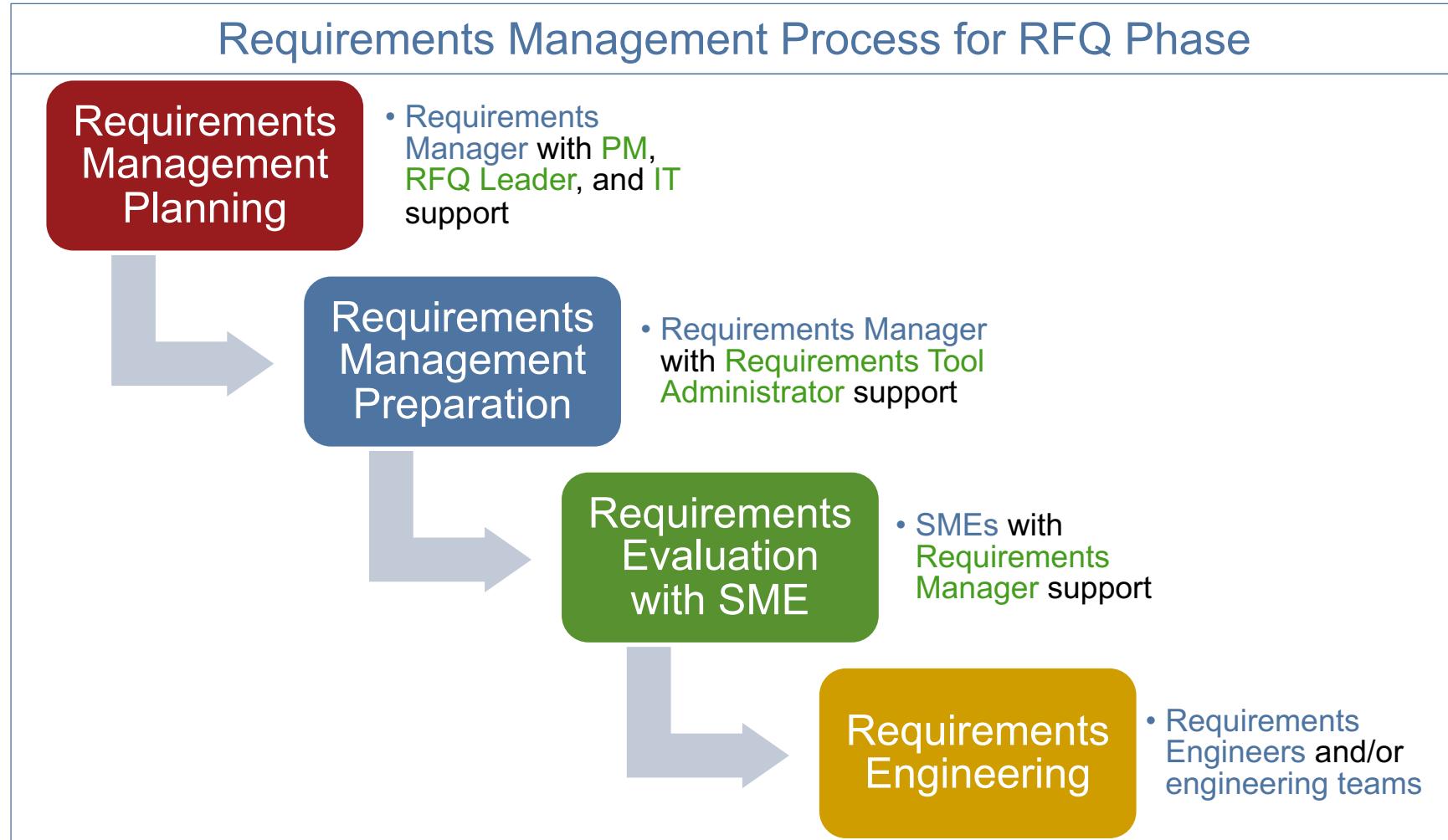
## Typical fault correction costs during:

Concept	\$ 1,300
A-Sample	\$ 4,550
B-Sample	\$ 5,200
C-Sample	\$ 7,800
PV Series	\$ 84,500
Production	\$ 104,000
Post-Production	\$ 117,000

Source: HIS (Audi, BMW, Daimler, Porsche, VW)  
presented by Method Park Software, IBM Automotive  
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# The supplier's Requirements Management Process and timeline are streamlined when starting with the RFQ phase





The Requirements Manager leads the RQM Planning phase and can complete these activities prior to receipt of the RFQ package

Requirements Management Planning			
Process Steps	Establish RQM Milestones, Baselines, and Due Dates in the Project Schedule with the RFQ Leader	Identify Subject Matter Experts (SME), Feature Owners, and System Owners, and clarify decision makers	Initiate Requirements Management Strategy including tailored RQM procedures and setup of RQM Project in the Requirements Management Software Tool
Work Packages	<input type="checkbox"/> RFQ Phase RQM Schedule	<input type="checkbox"/> RFQ Phase Project Roster / RASIC <input type="checkbox"/> Product Breakdown Structure (working copy) OR <input type="checkbox"/> Project Org. Chart	<input type="checkbox"/> Requirements Management Strategy (RMS) <input type="checkbox"/> Project (in the tool) with Roles and Permissions
Proposed Timeline	~ 1 week	~ 1 week (concurrent with step 1)	~ 2 weeks (after completion of steps 1-2)



The Requirements Manager leads the RQM Preparation phase and can execute as soon as requirements documentation is shared

Requirements Management Preparation			
Process Steps	Create and populate List of Requirement Sources including primary, supporting/reference, and missing documents	Define structure in RQM Tool: project and artifact/item types, attributes/fields, link strategy, preferred views, filters, dashboard, and KPIs	Import all Requirement sources into RQM tool (plus pre-formatting of all LRS documents to enable import) and baseline imported requirements
Work Packages	<input type="checkbox"/> List of Requirement Sources (LRS) with links to the documents	<input type="checkbox"/> Import Template <input type="checkbox"/> Link Strategy <input type="checkbox"/> KPI Metrics	<input type="checkbox"/> LRS formatted for import <input type="checkbox"/> LRS in RQM tool <input type="checkbox"/> Published baseline(s)
Proposed Timeline	~ 2 weeks (after receipt of RFQ documentation package)	~ 1 week (finalize after completion of step 4)	~ 1-2 weeks (after completion of step 5)



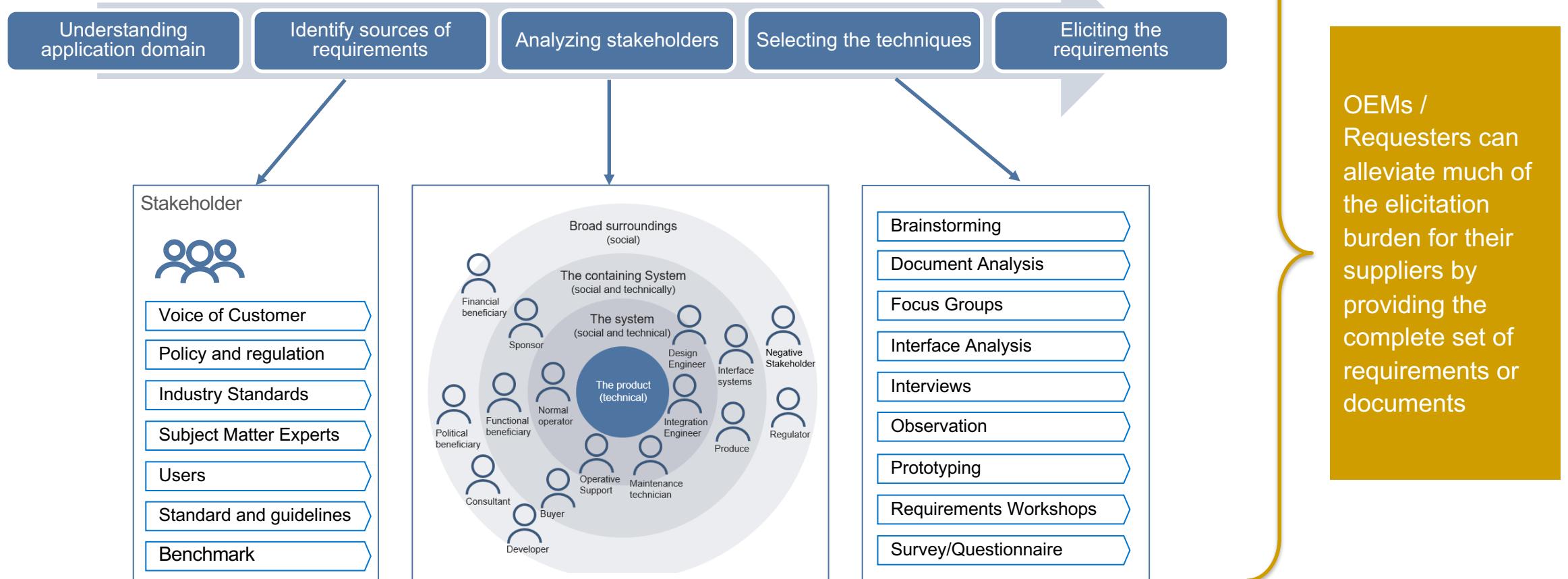
SMEs evaluate their assigned requirements after each module is baselined, and then re-evaluate after customer negotiation

Requirements Evaluation with SME			
Process Steps	Internal stakeholder analysis of customer requirements – Requirement Type, Allocation, Complexity/Maturity, and Agreement	Plan required engineering and test resources, budget, and timing for production project based on Requirement Type and Complexity	Support interim negotiations with customer based on Agreement status. Re-analyze updated requirements.
Work Packages	<input type="checkbox"/> RQME Training for SMEs <input type="checkbox"/> Classified requirements in Requirements Management Tool (new baseline) <input type="checkbox"/> Open Points (LOP) shared with customer	<input type="checkbox"/> Project resource estimates (by product breakdown or organization)	<input type="checkbox"/> Updated requirements in Requirements Management Tool (new baseline) <input type="checkbox"/> Updated project resource estimates
Proposed Timeline	~ 4-8 weeks with dedicated SME support <small>(assumed requirements mix w/reference docs readily available)</small>	~ 1 week (after completion of step 7)	~ 2-3 weeks (after feedback from customer)

# Requirements elicitation aims to gather, process, and track evolving stakeholder needs and requirements throughout the project lifecycle



Typical activities of the requirements elicitation process can be divided into 5 steps



# Elicited documents are tracked in the List of Requirement Sources (LRS) plus a Missing Documents log



*LRS* exists as a summary of all received and reviewed documents

- can also live in the tool and be tracked via dashboard

	ID	No.	Name	Reference	Status	Source
1	Proj_387	CUS. 21A	Customer Requirements Specification for MY27 Z654		In-progress	CUS Application Doc.
2	Proj_405	ISO 26262-4	Road vehicles – Functional safety – Part 4: Product development at the system level	CUS. 21A, Sec. 5.4	Analyzed	CUS Referenced Doc.

*Missing Documents* log facilitates the acquisition of all requirement sources

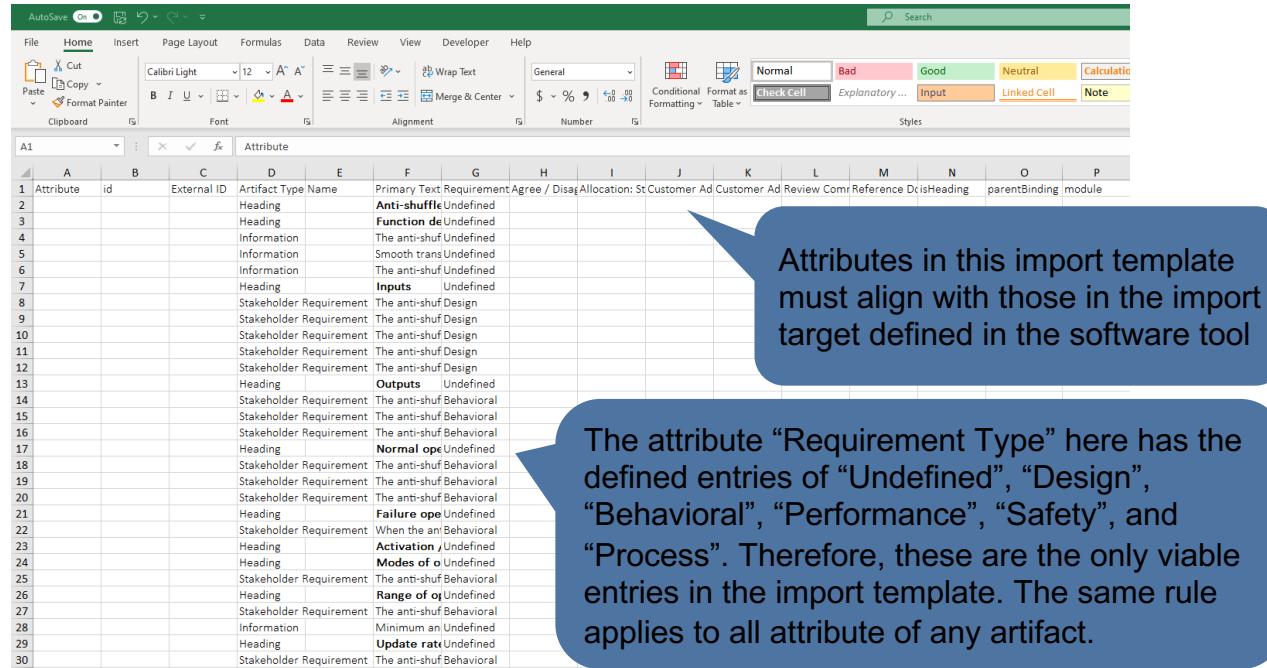
	No.	Name	Ref.	Relevant Sections	Status
1	IEC 98765	End-of-life directive	CUS 21A	Ch. 2, 5	Obtained
2	CUS-T 1492	Customer Environmental Test Procedures	CUS 131B		Missing

- Priority and assignment should exist in both lists – enable the team to focus on the highest impact items relevant to their skillset



# The formatting and import process can hinder or accelerate the evaluation activity depending on incoming requirements quality

- For spreadsheets, fields/attributes of the incoming file must align with that of the configured modules in the requirements tool
  - Different tools have different restrictions around sequence, completeness, discrepancy of entries, etc.
- Importing from text files effectively guarantees the reviewer will have to classify all fields for every requirement, either one-by-one (for disorganized specs) or through batch edits



	A1	Attribute																
1	Attribute	id	External ID	Artifact Type	Name	Primary Text	Requirement Agree / Disag	Allocation: St	Customer Ad	Customer Ad	Review	Com	Reference	Dis	Heading	parent	Binding	module
2	Heading			Anti-shuffle	Undefined													
3	Heading			Function	Defined													
4	Information			The anti-shuffle	Defined													
5	Information			Smooth trans	Defined													
6	Information			The anti-shuffle	Defined													
7	Heading			Inputs	Defined													
8	Stakeholder Requirement			The anti-shuffle	Design													
9	Stakeholder Requirement			The anti-shuffle	Design													
10	Stakeholder Requirement			The anti-shuffle	Design													
11	Stakeholder Requirement			The anti-shuffle	Design													
12	Stakeholder Requirement			The anti-shuffle	Design													
13	Heading			Outputs	Defined													
14	Stakeholder Requirement			The anti-shuffle	Behavioral													
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23	Stakeholder Requirement			When an	Behavioral													
24	Heading			Activation	Defined													
25	Stakeholder Requirement			Modes of o	Defined													
26	Heading			The anti-shuffle	Behavioral													
27	Stakeholder Requirement			Range of op	Defined													
28	Heading			The anti-shuffle	Behavioral													
29	Stakeholder Requirement			Information	Defined													
30	Heading			Minimum an	Defined													

Attributes in this import template must align with those in the import target defined in the software tool

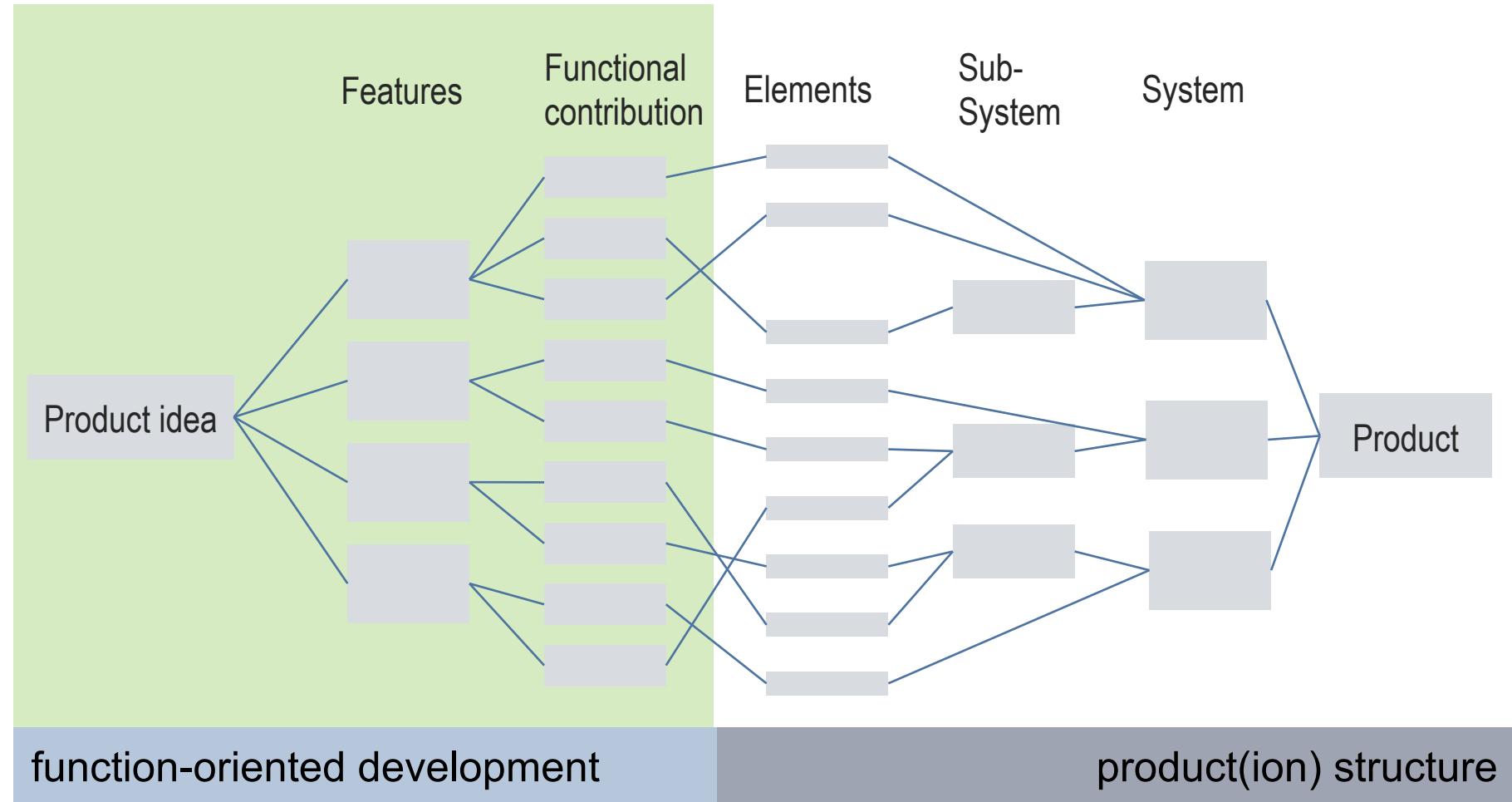
The attribute "Requirement Type" here has the defined entries of "Undefined", "Design", "Behavioral", "Performance", "Safety", and "Process". Therefore, these are the only viable entries in the import template. The same rule applies to all attribute of any artifact.

OEMs / Requesters can alleviate much of the importing burden for their suppliers by providing:

- ReqIF files
- Pre-formatted files for import
- Partially modifiable files
- Requirements separated by type



In early-stage development, alternative allocations and tool structures are often necessary to enable effective reviews





# Each of the 3 primary types of requirement analysis review is used at a different stage of the requirements management lifecycle

## Classification & Evaluation Review (Impact Analysis)

- Performed on **incoming requirements**
  - Shared by a customer, partner, or supplier
  - Allocated from a different level
  - Decomposed
- A qualified reviewer classifies various aspects of the requirement – including source, target object, **stakeholder**, **requirement type**, **feasibility**, verification method – to maximize **comprehension** and ensure the **proper next steps** can be taken
- Evaluation from subject matter experts (**SMEs**) where needed
  - Technology **maturity** and the **novelty** of the task to the team
  - **Complexity** to execute the requirement by the team
  - **Agreement**, clarification, or disagreement to the requirement
    - The requirement recipient should reject the requirement with justification as early as possible in the process
- Once classified and evaluated, each requirement's **impact** on the project can be determined
- **Priority**, **timing**, and **resources** can then be allocated for each requirement or set of requirements, and the project overall

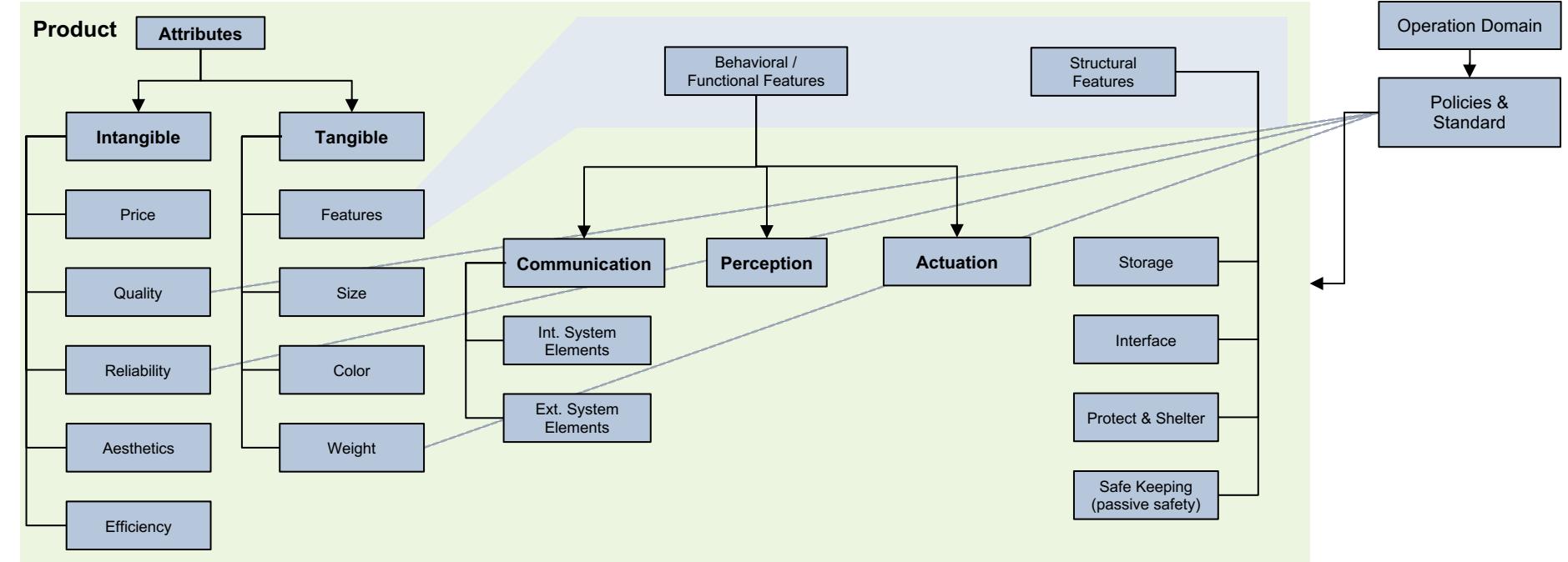
## Verification Review

- Performed on your **own requirements** to check the **quality** and **completeness** of sets of requirements and each requirement within
- Results in a correct set of requirements that can then be executed – implemented, verified, decomposed

## Confirmation Review

- Performed on **verified requirements** to check the **traceability** of each requirement
  - Upstream traceability to the requirement source
  - Downstream traceability to decomposed requirements
  - Test coverage and traceability

Classification by requirement type, while less straightforward at the stakeholder level, is crucial to prioritize and assign requirements



- Each organization should have a taxonomy that works for them – and is potentially streamlined during RFQ phase



Requirements can now be evaluated and classified based on readiness level and effort needed for implementation/development

Field:	Allocation	Complexity	Maturity	Acceptance	V&V Method
Values:	Allocation Open (Default)	Complexity Open (Default)	Maturity Open (Default)	Acceptance Open (Default)	V&V Open (Default)
Product Breakdown Domains, System Architecture Elements, or Functional Allocation		Reuse	Mature	Accepted	Analysis
		Adaptation	Immature	Accepted pending change	Simulation
		Development	Benchmarked	Clarification Required	Functional Test
		Innovation	New Market	Rejected	Destructive Test
		Not Feasible	New Application		Vehicle Test
Alternatives:	Subject Matter Expertise	TRL / Team Capability	TRL / MRL	Agreement	Integration / Qualification Level

# Software tools have multiple options for reviewing completed requirements, but often none is ideal for analysis and completion of incomplete requirements – the Requirements Manager must tailor the process to the project and team

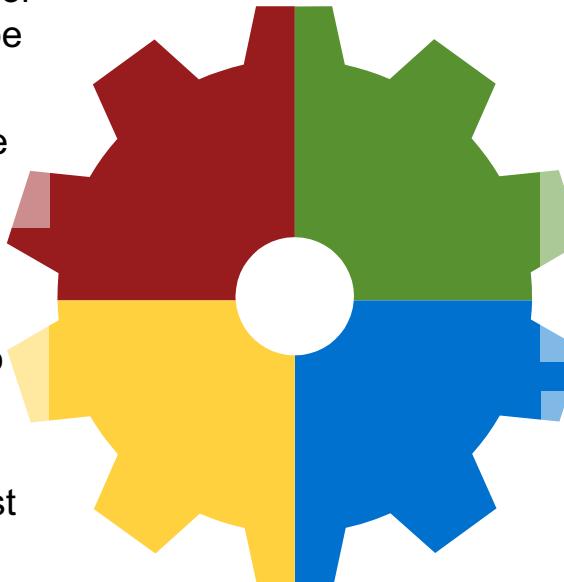


## Reviews: Entire Module

- ↑ Modules (requirement specifications) where one SME (or a single team of SMEs) is responsible for the entire module, regardless of requirement type
- ↓ Tool does not differentiate between a single requirement having been reviewed and an entire module having been reviewed

## Artifact View: Line-by-line

- ↑ The entire module is visible to the reviewer, who can read in order and see all headings and supporting information
- ↑ SME team can easily split requirements amongst themselves
- ↑ Can easily batch edit attributes of multiple requirements, or edit line-by-line in the table view
- ↓ Relies on manual tracking of the review status (e.g., dashboard, filtered counts) using attributes in each artifact (e.g., comments)



## Reviews: Selected Artifacts

- ↑ SMEs who have a specific responsibility, with a few requirements spread across multiple modules
- ↑ Review of each requirement is tracked individually, and overall status is reflective of percentage of requirements reviewed
- ↓ Need to open each artifact in a new tab and edit one-by-one to complete classification
- ↓ Onus on requirements manager to track that all incoming requirements have been reviewed

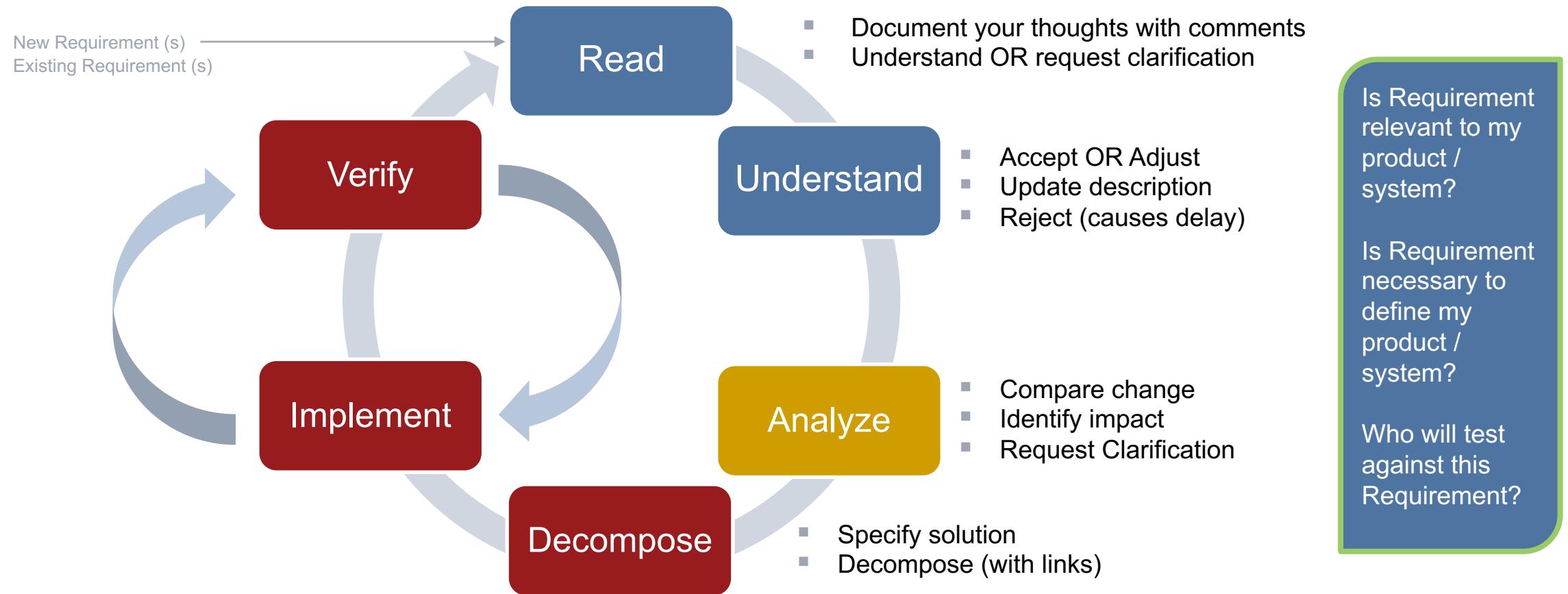
## Artifact View: Filtered View

- ↑ Single team responsible for one module, with a clear split in responsibility amongst SMEs (e.g., requirement type)
- ↓ SMEs must un-filter the view to see supporting information or similar requirements
- ↓ Relies on manual tracking of the review status (e.g., dashboard, filtered counts) using attributes in each artifact (e.g., comments)



To successfully execute the requirements activities within the timeframe, key project stakeholders must be qualified in the process

### Requirements Engineering cycle with modifications for RFQ phase





# Reflections and next steps

## Evolution of the framework

- ❖ Develop organizational metrics based on this phase of the process
  - OEM/requester evaluates suppliers based on their ability to process requirements and respond appropriately during RFQ phase
  - Suppliers rate requesters based on the quality and usability of the requirements packages they provide
- ❖ The language of negotiation shifting from requirements to models
  - Acceleration of the MBSE used during system integration to the RFQ phase

## Refinement of the framework

- Data-driven prioritization of requirements classification
  - Primary negative drivers
    - Complexity? Type? Allocation?
  - Consistent drivers from program to program? Team to team? Company to company? Industry to industry?
- Applicability of the framework and timelines to different industries
- Interaction and shared data from breadth of proposals and programs

# Feel free to reach out with questions and feedback



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