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Architecting Digital Engineering Requirements for Risk Management & Systems Architecting

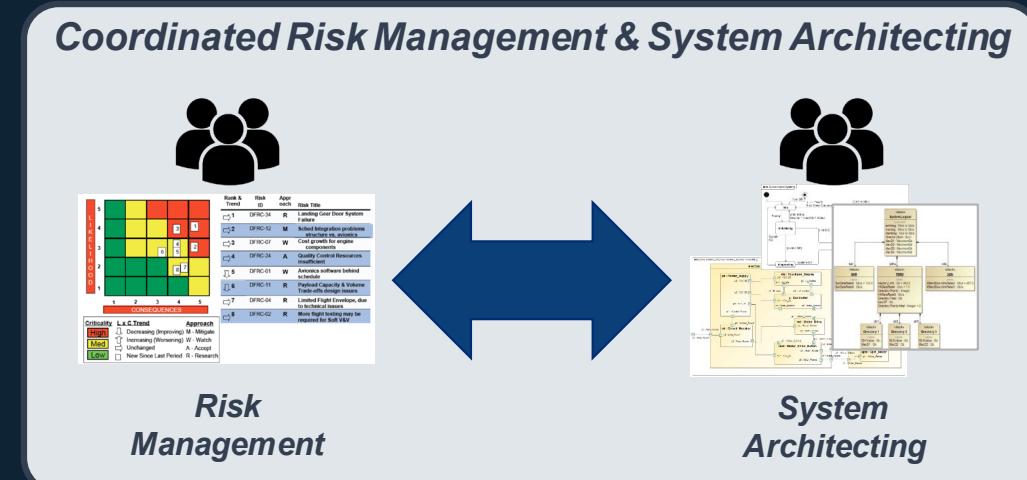
Session Agenda

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- Research Paper Conclusions
- Quick Overview of Research Prototype
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Research Background

Digital Thread Overview

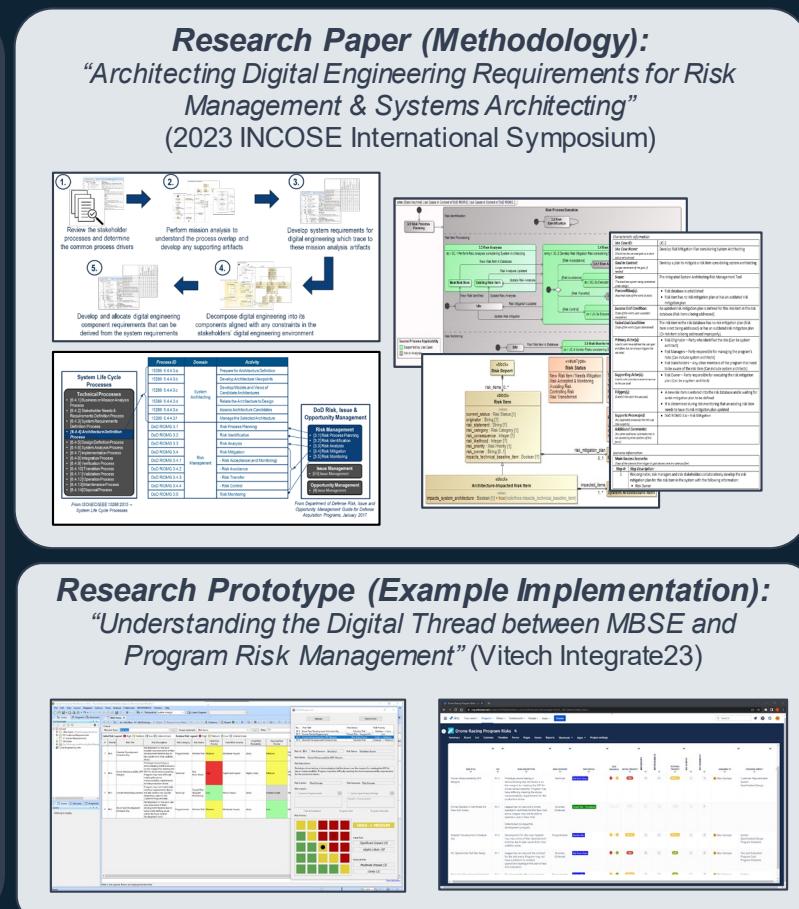
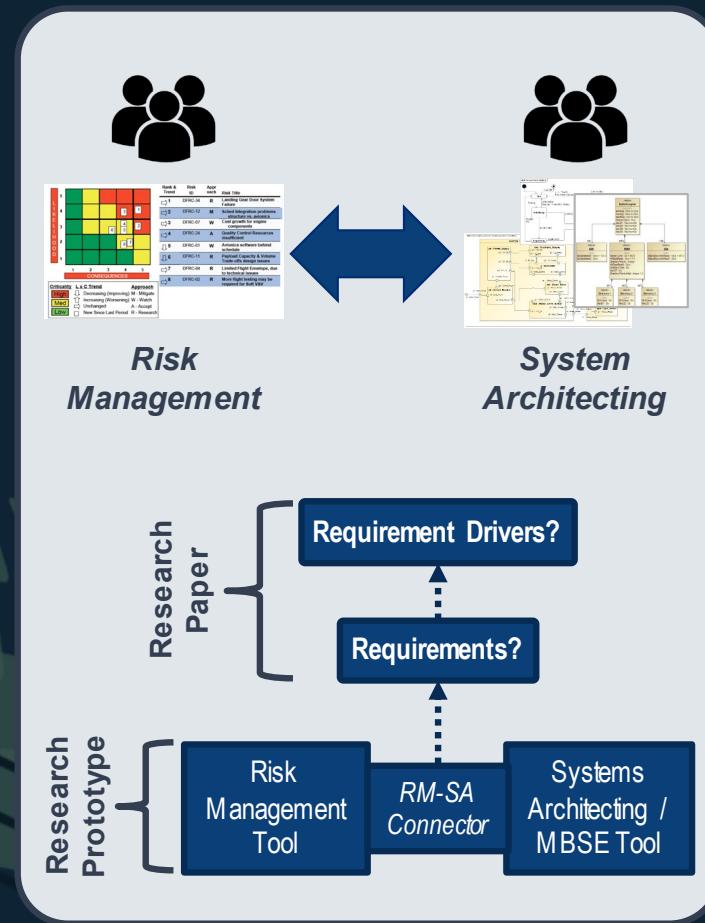
- A digital thread is
 - “*an extensible, configurable and component enterprise-level analytical framework that seamlessly expedites the controlled **interplay** of authoritative ... **information** ... by providing the capability to access, integrate and transform disparate data into actionable information*”
(Defense Acquisition University, 2022)
- A digital thread can be understood as:
 - The coordination between domains ...
 - (“*interplay of authoritative information*”)
 - ... executed in a seamless way ...
 - (“*seamlessly expedites*”)
 - ... to take informed action upon.
 - (“*transform disparate data into actionable information*”)



Research Background

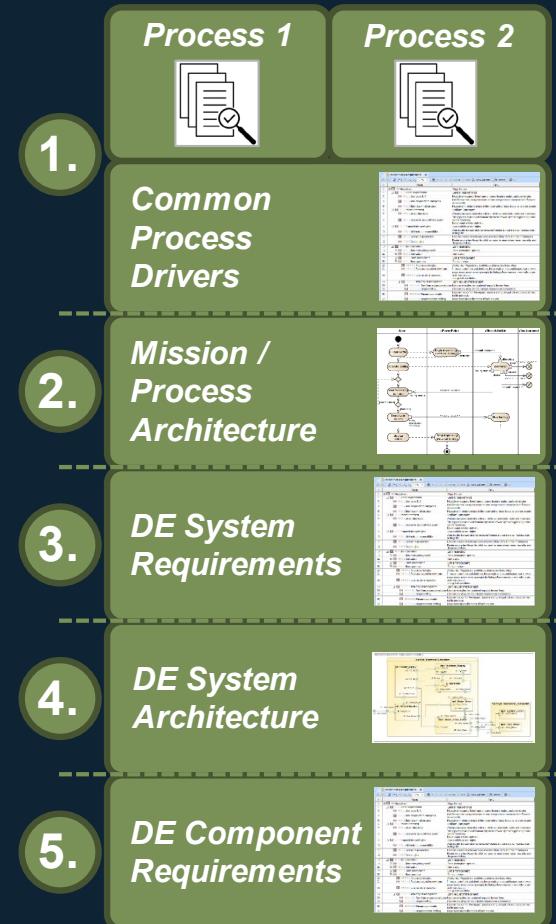
Risk Management – System Architecting Digital Thread

- Our research explores the digital thread between risk management and system architecting
- Research Paper:
 - Developed a methodology that:
 - Extracts the common domain needs from risk management and system architecting processes
 - Uses those needs to develop the implementable requirements for the tools to coordinate with each other
- Research Prototype:
 - Demonstrates an example of this digital thread concept using Cameo, Jira and other custom software



Technical Approach Overview

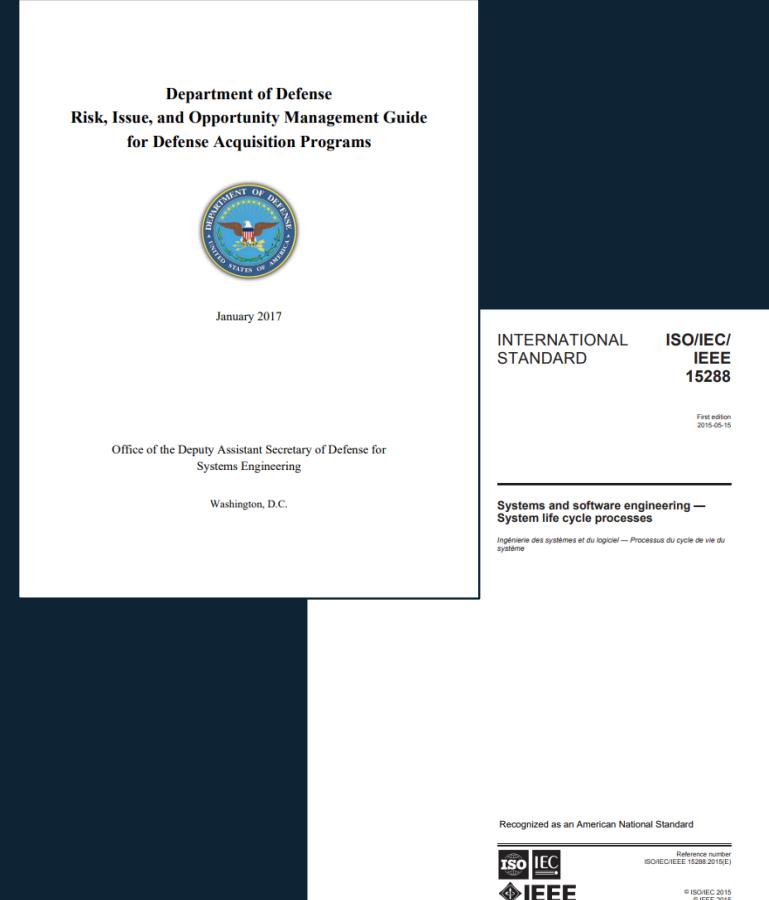
- We developed a systems engineering methodology that takes process definitions and methodically develops digital engineering component requirements:
 1. Review the processes of the domains of interest to the stakeholders and determine the common process drivers
 2. Perform mission analysis to understand the technical overlap between the processes and develop any supporting artifacts that specify this overlap (e.g. use cases, black-box models, data models, etc.)
 3. Develop system requirements for digital engineering which trace to these mission analysis artifacts
 4. Decompose digital engineering into its logical components aligned with any constraints in the stakeholders' digital engineering environment
 5. Develop and allocate digital engineering component requirements that can be derived from the system requirements
- We applied this methodology on the two domains of interest (system architecting and risk management), developed the appropriate artifacts, and documented our observations



1. Understand Processes and Determine Process Drivers

Execution Overview

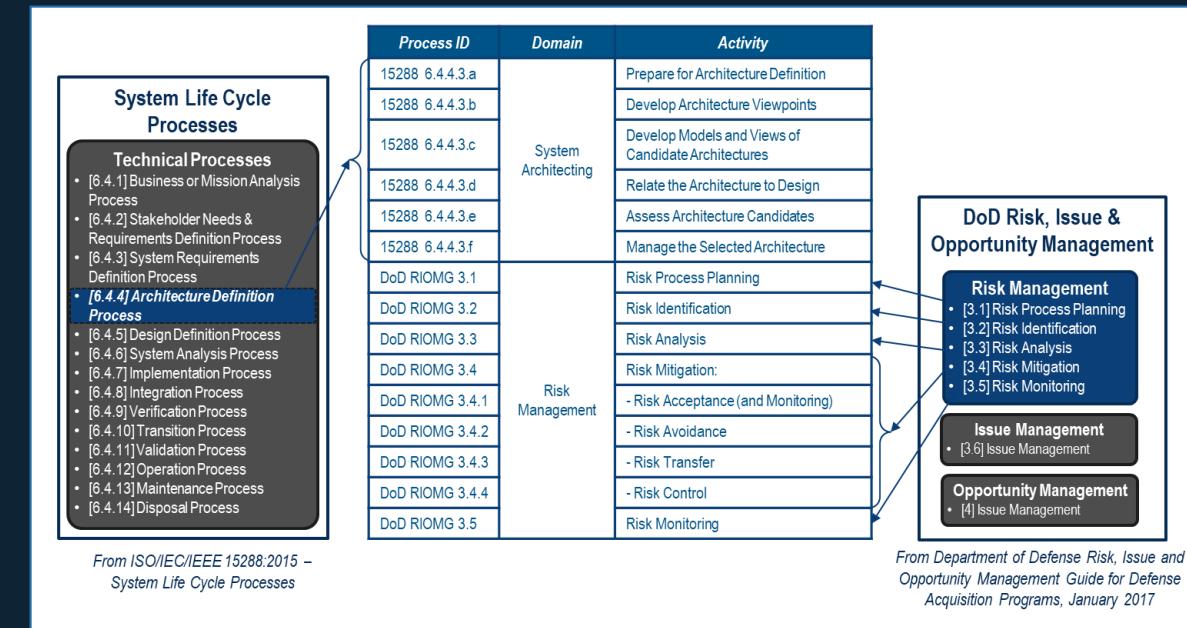
- We researched the relevant processes for risk management and system engineering
- Risk Management Process: United States Department of Defense Risk, Issue, and Opportunity Management Guide for Defense Acquisition Programs January 2017 (DoD RIOMG)
 - Contains thorough process details for risk management
 - Holds a special interest with our stakeholders
- Systems Engineering Process: ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288:2015
 - Broad description of the systems engineering functions
 - Not project or program-specific
- We identified process activities from section 3 of the DoD RIOMG and section 6.4.4 of the 15288 to focus on risk management and system architecting



1. Understand Processes and Determine Process Drivers

Determining Processes of Interest and Common Process Drivers

- We developed some guidelines to consider when identifying the source processes:
 - Process Applicability
 - Consideration of Tool-Specific Influences to the Process
 - Stakeholder Interest/Need
- We identified process activities from the following:
 - Risk Management: Section 3 (“Risk Management”) of the United States Department of Defense Risk, Issue, and Opportunity Management Guide for Defense Acquisition Programs January 2017 (DoD RIOMG)
 - System Architecting: Section 6.4.4 (“Architecture Definition Process”) of the ISO/IEC/IEEE 15288:2015
- These process activities became our main requirement drivers



2. Perform Mission Analysis to Understand Process Overlap

Execution Overview

- We performed use case analysis on the identified process activities and developed common use cases that support those process activities
- We assessed the use cases to determine behavioral interdependencies and common information
- We identified a system scope and applicable user roles

2. Perform Mission Analysis to Understand Process Overlap

Use Cases

- We identified six use cases from the process activities
- A valid use case supported one of two main goals for the digital thread being designed:
 - The risk manager wants the system engineer to account for risk designing a system
 - The system engineer wants the risk manager to account for system architecture concerns when managing risk
- Many of the use cases are existing process activities with modifications to support the other domain
- We did not develop use cases for process activities that can be executed by one domain on their own
 - e.g. Risk management does not need system architecting to execute the Risk Acceptance Activity

Use Case ID	Name	Description	Supports Process Activity
UC-1	Perform Risk Analysis considering System Architecting	Perform risk analysis on a risk item considering system architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.3
UC-2	Develop Risk Mitigation Plan considering System Architecting	Develop a plan to mitigate a risk item considering system architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.4
UC-3a	Execute Risk Control Plan considering System Architecting	Execute the risk control plan on a risk item considering system architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.4.4
UC-3b	Execute Risk Avoidance Plan considering System Architecting	Execute the risk avoidance plan on a risk item considering system architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.4.2
UC-4	Monitor Risks considering System Architecting	Monitor the risk database with considering system architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.5
UC-5	Perform System Architecting with Risk Management	Designing the system architecture with considering risk management	15288 6.4.4.3.c 15288 6.4.4.3.d 15288 6.4.4.3.e

2. Perform Mission Analysis to Understand Process Overlap

Use Case Descriptions

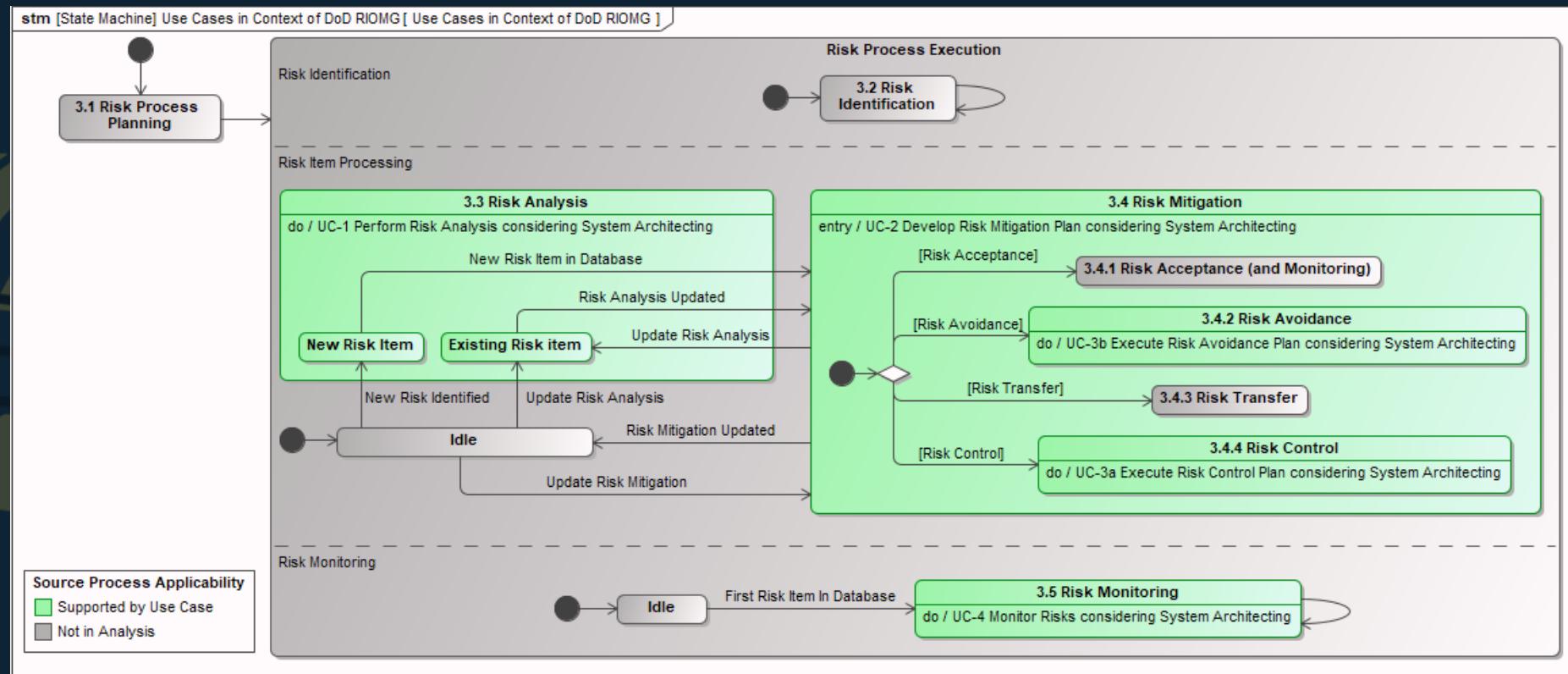
- For each of the six use cases, we developed detailed use case descriptions
 - Attributes are mostly from Alistair Cockburn’s “Writing Effective Use Cases” with some modifications to support this specific methodology:
 - Use Case ID
 - Use Case Name
 - Goal in Context
 - Scope
 - Precondition(s)
 - Success End Condition
 - Failed End Condition
 - Primary Actor(s)
 - Supporting Actor(s)
 - Trigger(s)
 - Supports Process(es)
 - Additional Comments
 - Main Success Scenario with Steps and Step Description
 - Extensions with Affected Steps, Conditions and Branching Actions
 - Subvariations with Affected Steps and Branching Actions

Characteristic Information	
Use Case ID: (Should be the use case goal as a short active verb phrase)	UC-2
Use Case Name: (Longer statement of the goal, if needed)	Develop Risk Mitigation Plan considering System Architecting
Goal in Context: (The black-box system being considered under design)	Develop a plan to mitigate a risk item considering system architecting
Scope: (The integrated system architecting-risk management tool)	The Integrated System Architecting-Risk Management Tool
Precondition(s): (Assumed state of the world at start)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk database is established• Risk item has no risk mitigation plan or has an outdated risk mitigation plan
Success End Condition: (State of the world upon successful completion)	An updated risk mitigation plan is defined for this risk item in the risk database (Risk item is being addressed).
Failed End Condition: (State of the world if goal abandoned)	The risk item in the risk database has no risk mitigation plan (Risk item is not being addressed) or has an outdated risk mitigation plan (Or risk item is being addressed improperly).
Primary Actor(s): (User(s) who have defined the user goal and often, but not always triggers the use case)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Originator – Party who identified the risk (Can be system architect)• Risk Managers – Party responsible for managing the program's risks (Can include system architects)• Risk Stakeholders – Any other members of the program that need to be aware of the risk item (Can include system architects)
Supporting Actor(s): (User(s) who provide an external service to the use case)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Owner – Party responsible for executing the risk mitigation plan (Can be a system architect)
Trigger(s): (Event(s) that start the use case)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A new risk item is entered into the risk database and is waiting for a risk mitigation plan to be defined• It is determined during risk monitoring that an existing risk item needs to have its risk mitigation plan updated
Supports Process(es): (Any applicable processes that this use case supports)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• DoD RIOMG 3.4 – Risk Mitigation
Additional Comments: (Any other additional comments that is not covered by other sections of this form.)	
Scenario Information	
Main Success Scenario: (Steps of the scenario from trigger to goal delivery and any cleanup after)	
Step #:	Step Description:
1	Risk originator, risk managers and risk stakeholders collaboratively develop the risk mitigation plan for this risk item in the system with the following information: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Owner

2. Perform Mission Analysis to Understand Process Overlap

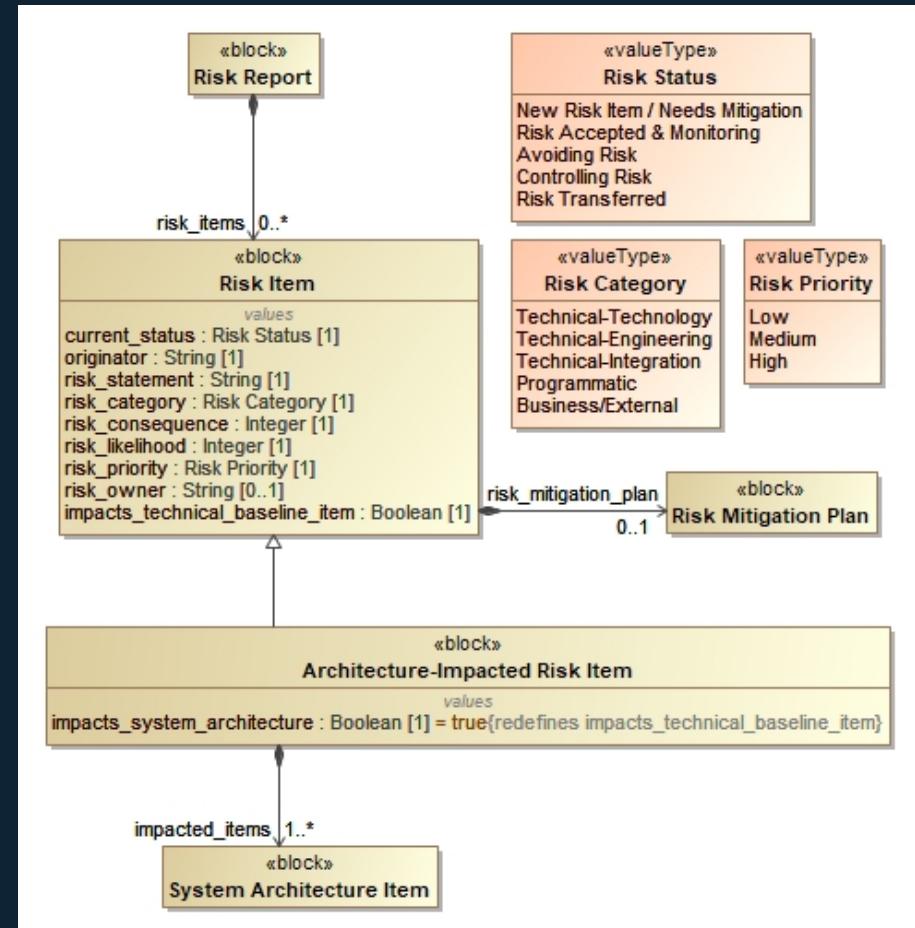
Use Case Functional Interdependencies and State Machine

- The following State Machine helped us understand some interdependencies
 - Most of the use cases are driven from risk management (DoD RIOMG)
 - The use cases are functionally interrelated to each other



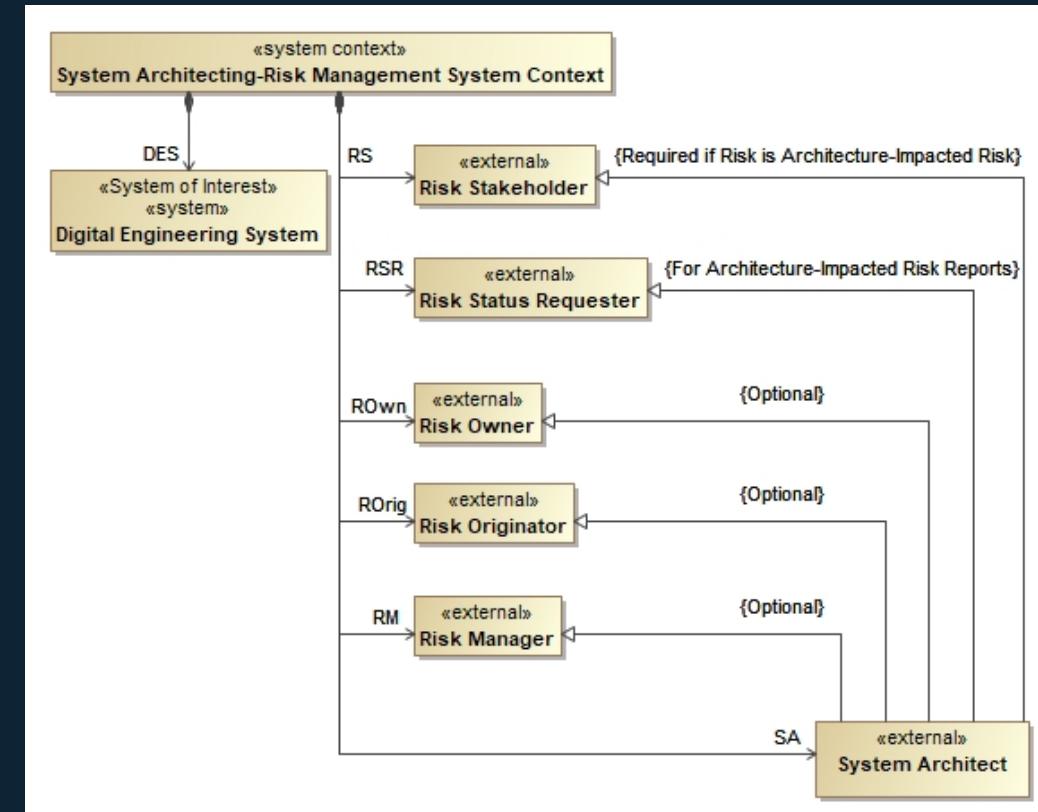
2. Perform Mission Analysis to Understand Process Overlap Information Model and Architecture-Impacted Risk Item

- The other major place where there is process overlap is in the information model
- Two main pieces of information where the two domains meet:
 - Risk Item – Main information element in Risk Management
 - System Architecture Item – An information element in System Architecting
- Developed a new information element, Architecture-Impacted Risk Item:
 - Specific type of risk item, includes all of the attributes of a regular risk item
 - Also includes two additional attributes:
 - Impacts SystemArchitecture – Indicator that the risk item has some impact to the system architecture
 - Impacted Items – System architecture items that the risk item impacts



2. Perform Mission Analysis to Understand Process Overlap Black-Box System Context & User Roles

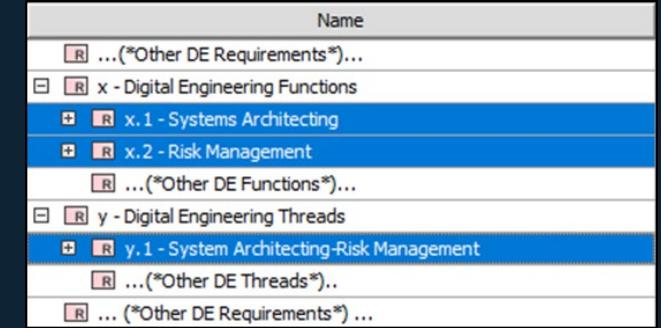
- Developed a black-box system context to understand the high-level system scope
- For the system context, we explicitly called out *Digital Engineering System* as the system-of-interest for two reasons:
 1. Enables us to explicitly call out “*The Digital Engineering System shall...*” for the system requirements later in the methodology
 2. Wanted to define the system-part of the Digital Engineering Ecosystem
- **User roles:**
 - Risk Management Domain: Risk Stakeholder, Risk Status Requester, Risk Owner, Risk Originator and Risk Manager
 - System Architecting Domain: System Architect
 - The System Architect can also serve the roles within the risk management domain depending on the use case



3. Develop Digital Engineering System Requirements

Execution Overview & System Requirement Structure

- **Execution Overview:**
 - We developed a set of system requirements for Digital Engineering that supports these use cases
 - We wrote these requirements as “The Digital Engineering System shall ...”
- **Structured our system requirements into the following groups:**
 - Digital Engineering Functions
 - System Architecting
 - Risk Management
 - Digital Engineering Threads
 - System Architecting-Risk Management
- **Structured the requirements this way so that we could easily integrate these requirements with other Digital Engineering system requirements**

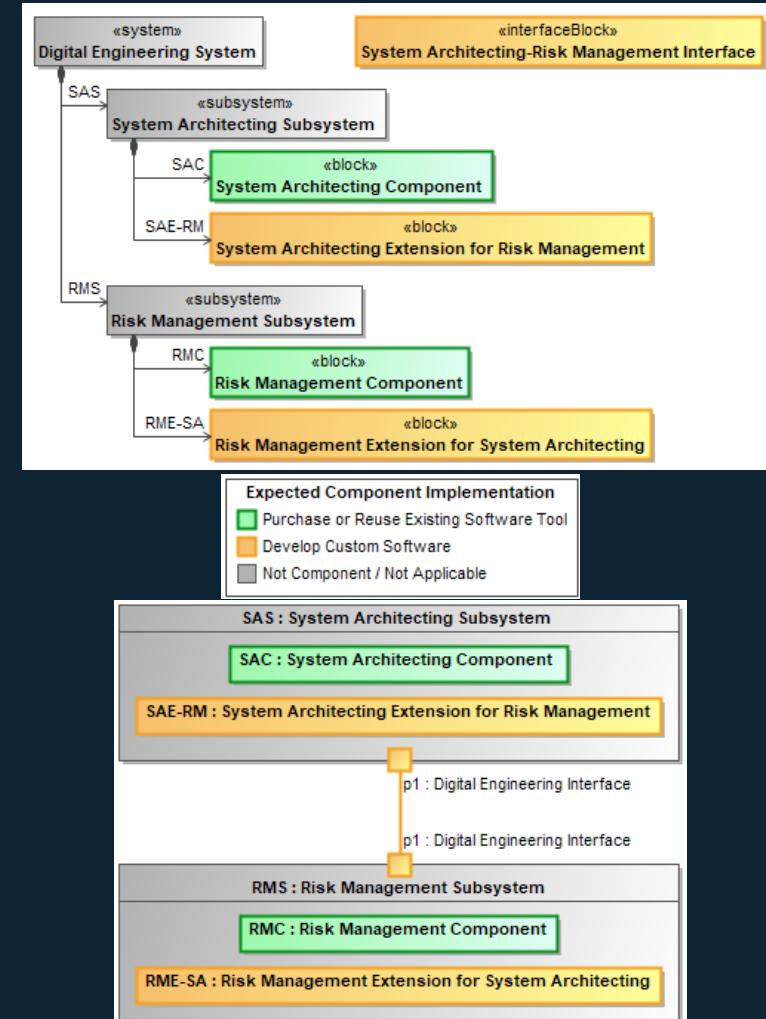


#	Id	Name	Text	Refined By	Source Processes
1	DES-1	Digital Engineering Functions			
2	DES-1.1	System Architecting			
3	DES-1.1.1	User Entry of System Architecture Information	The digital engineering system shall accept entry of system architecture information from the user.	UC-1 Perform System Architecting with Risk Management	15288.6.4.4.3.c Develop Models and Views of Candidate Architecture
4	DES-1.1.2	Retaining of System Architecture Information	The digital engineering system shall retain system architecture information.	UC-1 Perform System Architecting with Risk Management	15288.6.4.4.3.c Relate the Architecture to Design
5	DES-1.1.3	System Architecture Information Request	The digital engineering system shall provide information on selected architectural elements as requested by the user.	UC-1 Perform System Architecting with Risk Management	15288.6.4.4.3.c Assess Architecture Candidates
6	DES-1.2	Risk Management			
7	DES-1.2.1	Initial Risk Item			
8	DES-1.2.1.1	Initial Risk Item Information	The digital engineering system shall retain the following information for a risk item upon initial creation:	UC-1 Perform Risk Analysis considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.3 Risk Analysis
9	DES-1.2.1.2	Entry of Initial Risk Information	The digital engineering system shall accept entry of the initial risk information from risk engineer and risk manager users.	UC-1 Perform Risk Analysis considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.3 Risk Analysis
10	DES-1.2.1.3	Initial Risk Update Notification	The digital engineering system shall notify the risk manager, associated risk engineer and associated risk stakeholder upon creation of the risk item.	UC-1 Perform Risk Analysis considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.3 Risk Analysis
11	DES-1.2.2	Risk Item Mitigation			
12	DES-1.2.2.1	Risk Item Mitigation Information	The digital engineering system shall retain the following information for a risk item upon designation as a risk item to be mitigated.	UC-2 Develop Risk Mitigation Plan considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.4 Risk Mitigation
13	DES-1.2.2.2	Initial Entry of Risk Mitigation Information	The digital engineering system shall accept initial entry of the risk mitigation information from the associated risk engineer, associated risk stakeholder, associated risk manager and risk owner users.	UC-2 Develop Risk Mitigation Plan considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.4 Risk Mitigation
14	DES-1.2.2.3	Updating of Risk Mitigation Information	The digital engineering system shall retain the risk mitigation information from the associated risk owner and risk manager users.	UC-2 Develop Risk Mitigation Plan considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.4 Risk Mitigation
15	DES-1.2.2.4	Risk Mitigation Update Notification	The digital engineering system shall notify the risk manager, associated risk engineer, associated risk stakeholder and the associated risk owner users upon update of the risk mitigation of the risk item.	UC-2 Develop Risk Mitigation Plan considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.4 Risk Mitigation
16	DES-1.2.3	Risk Monitoring			
17	DES-1.2.3.1	Risk Item Information Request	The digital engineering system shall provide information on selected risk items when requested by a risk status requester user.	UC-1 Monitor Risks considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.5 Risk Monitoring
18	DES-2	Digital Engineering Threads			
19	DES-2.1	System Architecting-Risk Management Digital Thread			
20	DES-2.1.1	Risk Item Architecture Traceability	The digital engineering system shall accept entry of traceability links of risk items to impacted system architecture elements as defined by the user.	UC-1 Perform Risk Analysis considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.3 Risk Analysis
21	DES-2.1.2	Risk Item Information - System Architecture Impact	The digital engineering system shall retain an system architecture impact indication for a given risk item.	UC-1 Perform Risk Analysis considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.3 Risk Analysis
22	DES-2.1.3	Risk Item Information - Affected Architectural Items	The digital engineering system shall retain a list of affected architectural items for a given risk item.	UC-1 Perform Risk Analysis considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.3 Risk Analysis
23	DES-2.1.4	System Architecture Risk Stakeholder	The digital engineering system shall enable system architect users with the same functions as risk stakeholders when associated with a system architecture-impacted risk item.	UC-1 Perform Risk Analysis considering System Architecting	DoD RIOMG 3.3 Risk Analysis
24	DES-2.2	Risk Control			
25	DES-2.2.1	Risk Mitigation			
26	DES-2.2.2	Risk Avoidance			

4. Decompose Digital Engineering into its Components

Execution Overview & Digital Engineering Logical Architecture

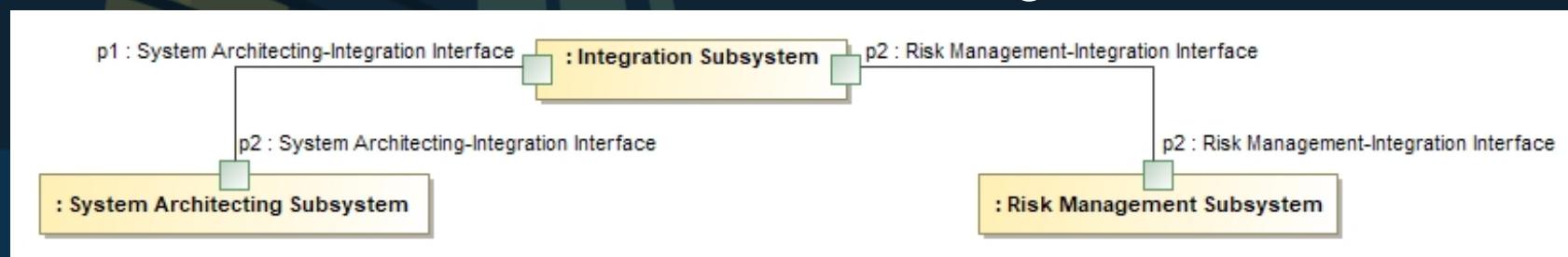
- Execution Overview
 - Developed a digital engineering logical architecture and decomposed the logical architecture into its components
 - We considered any alternative digital engineering logical architectures
- We developed a digital engineering logical architecture with the following components:
 - System Architecting Subsystem
 - System Architecting Component
 - System Architecting Extension for Risk Management
 - Risk Management Subsystem
 - Risk Management Component
 - Risk Management Extension for System Architecting
 - Subsystem Interfaces
 - System Architecting-Risk Management Interface
- A few notes on this architecture
 - This architecture implies using existing software tools to perform the base components (system architecting and risk management components)
 - This architecture implies developing custom software for the extensions and the interface



4. Decompose Digital Engineering into its Components

Alternative Logical Architectures

- There are a few main considerations with our chosen architecture:
 - Wanted existing tools that our stakeholders have if available
 - The stakeholders do not mind the point-to-point nature of the architecture right now as long as we got a working capability
- There can be alternative architectures depending on the stakeholders' requirements and environment limitations
 - Could use an integration platform with some custom modifications to get a functional capability
 - Will revisit this alternative architecture considering other tools

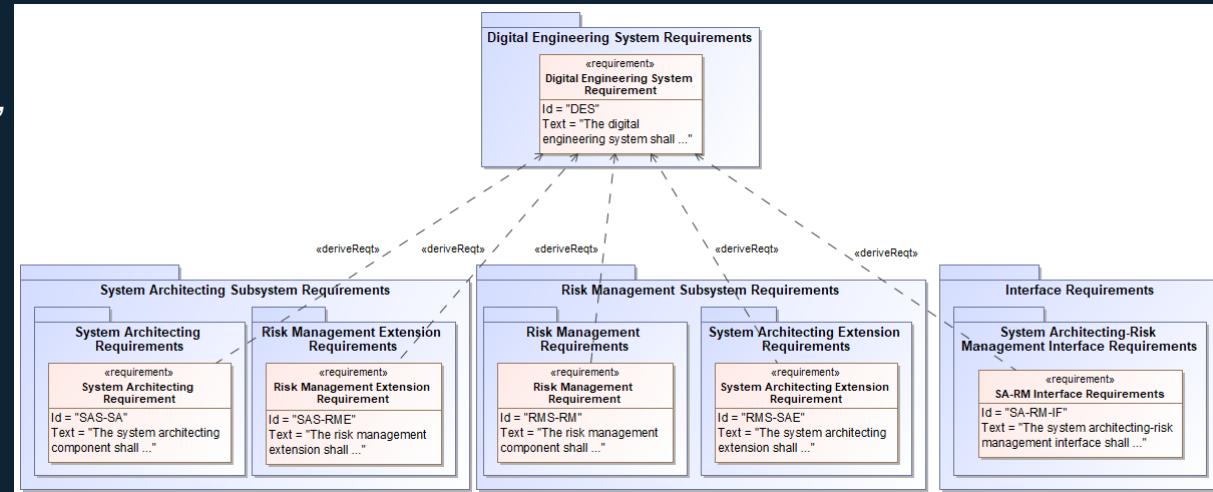


5. Develop Digital Engineering Component Requirements

Execution Overview & Component Requirement Sets

- Developed sets of component requirements that are allocated to the digital engineering components based upon the structure of our logical architecture
 - Wrote these requirements as “*The <*Digital Engineering Component*> shall ...*”
 - e.g. “*The System Architecting Component shall ...*”
- Structured component requirements into requirement sets based upon the structure of our digital engineering logical architecture

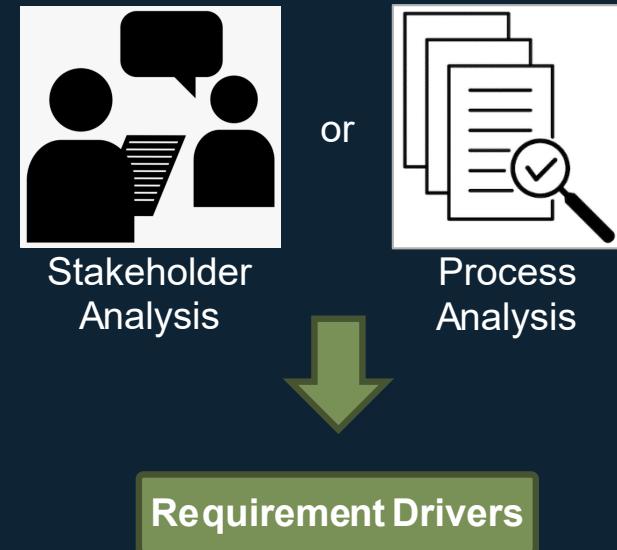
Requirement Set	Requirement Set Type	Purpose
System Architecting Component Requirements	Component Requirements	To assess an existing software tool for purchase/reuse
System Architecting Extension for Risk Management Component Requirements	Component Requirements	To develop new custom software
Risk Management Component Requirements	Component Requirements	To assess an existing software tool for purchase/reuse
Risk Management Extension for System Architecting Component Requirements	Component Requirements	To develop new custom software
System Architecting-Risk Management Interface	Interface Requirements	To develop new custom software



Other Methodology Execution Details

Alternative Methodology Steps – Stakeholder Analysis

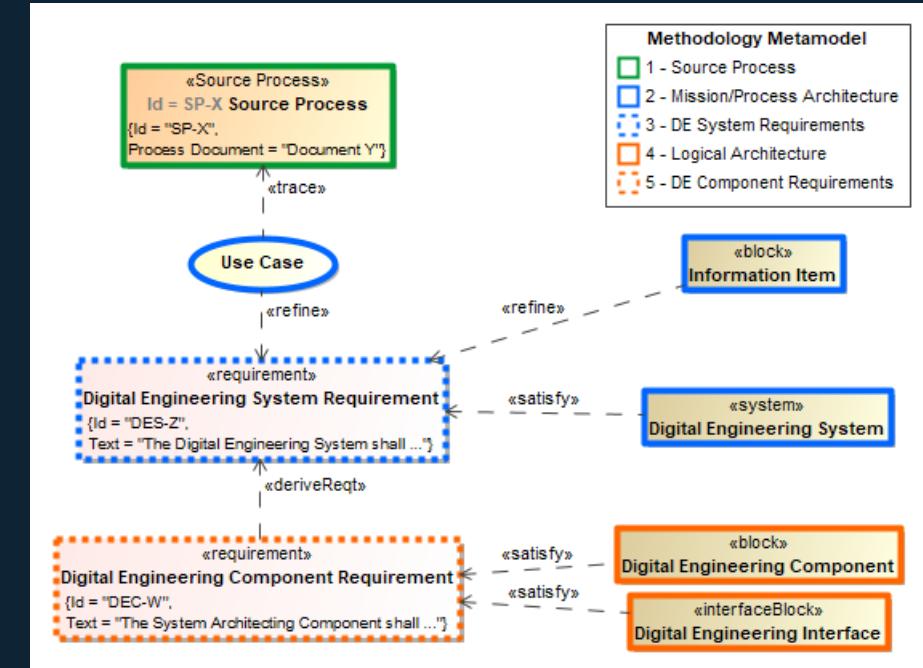
- An alternative to the first methodology step is to perform stakeholder analysis to elicit the requirement drivers
- Focused on process analysis for a few different reasons:
 - The process documents were readily available and we were able to extract requirement drivers quickly
 - In-person stakeholder analysis takes time to interview and gather the relevant information
 - Stakeholder analysis would have needed to assess two sets of stakeholders (system architects and risk managers) requiring more time
 - There was the possibility of the stakeholders injecting their own biases and uncommon/non-standard approaches
- Plan to include stakeholder analysis to supplement and verify our analysis



Other Methodology Execution Details

Architecture Development and Artifact Traceability

- Defined many of the artifacts using SysML and Cameo Systems Modeler
 - Applied principles of using MBSE to design the Digital Engineering system
 - Our methodology does not require using MBSE principles in order to develop the artifacts
- Traced the artifacts with a structured metamodel
 - We can trace any component requirement through the artifacts all the way back to the source processes
 - We took an MBSE approach to developing the artifacts to be able to do the traceability



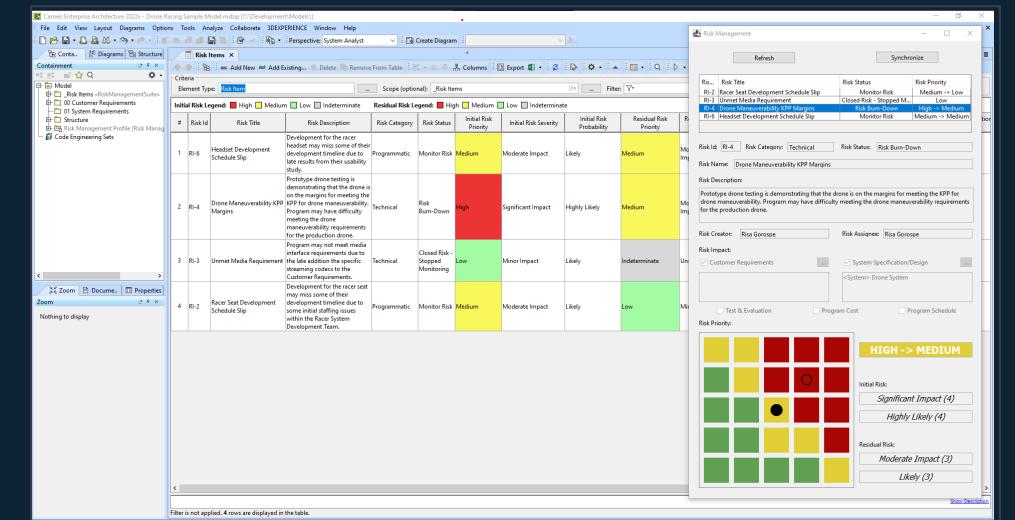
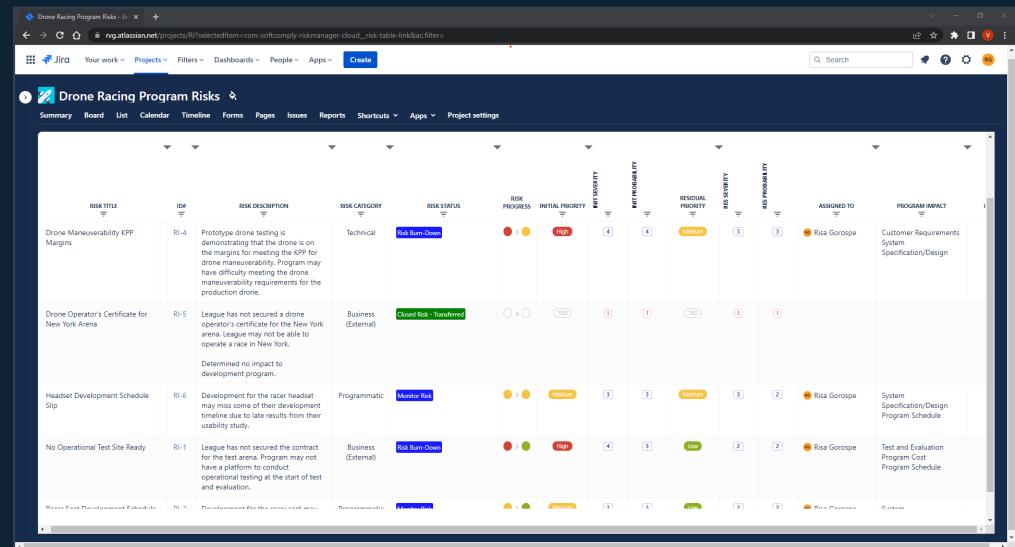
Research Paper Conclusions

- We demonstrated that we can develop digital engineering requirements from process documentation in a methodical way
 - We were able to develop digital engineering component requirements to assess existing digital engineering software tools or if developing digital engineering custom software is required
 - We accomplished this through a systems engineering approach that's traced to the requirement drivers from the source documentation
- This methodology has flexibility and can be tailored in a few different ways to meet the needs of the stakeholders
 - We could choose different domains for a digital thread to apply this methodology
 - Within the two selected domains, we could choose different process documents to develop requirement drivers
 - Within the selected process documents, the technical overlap between the two domains varies which effects the downstream architecture and requirements
 - Depending on the stakeholder constraints on the digital engineering environment, we could have developed different logical architecture structures

Quick Overview of Research Prototype

Research Prototype

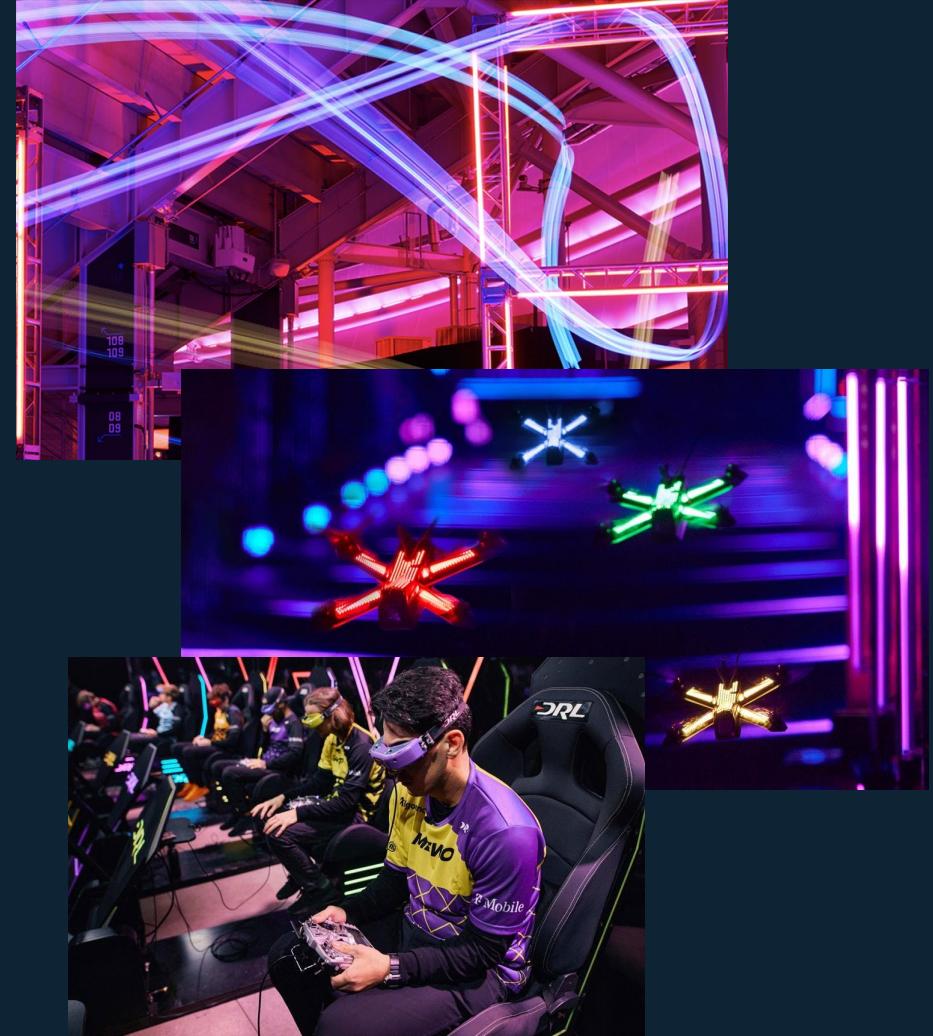
- The research prototype is an example implementation of the system architecting-risk management digital thread concept
- For the risk management tool, the prototype uses Atlassian Jira with the SoftComply Risk Manager plugin and other customizations
- For the system architecture tool, the prototype uses Dassault Systemes' Cameo Systems Modeler with some profile and plugin customizations
- In this presentation, we will focus on the prototype example and the scenario
 - For a deep dive, review the Vitech Integrate23 presentation: *“Understanding the Digital Thread between MBSE and Program Risk Management”*



Quick Overview of Research Prototype

Research Prototype Example & Scenario

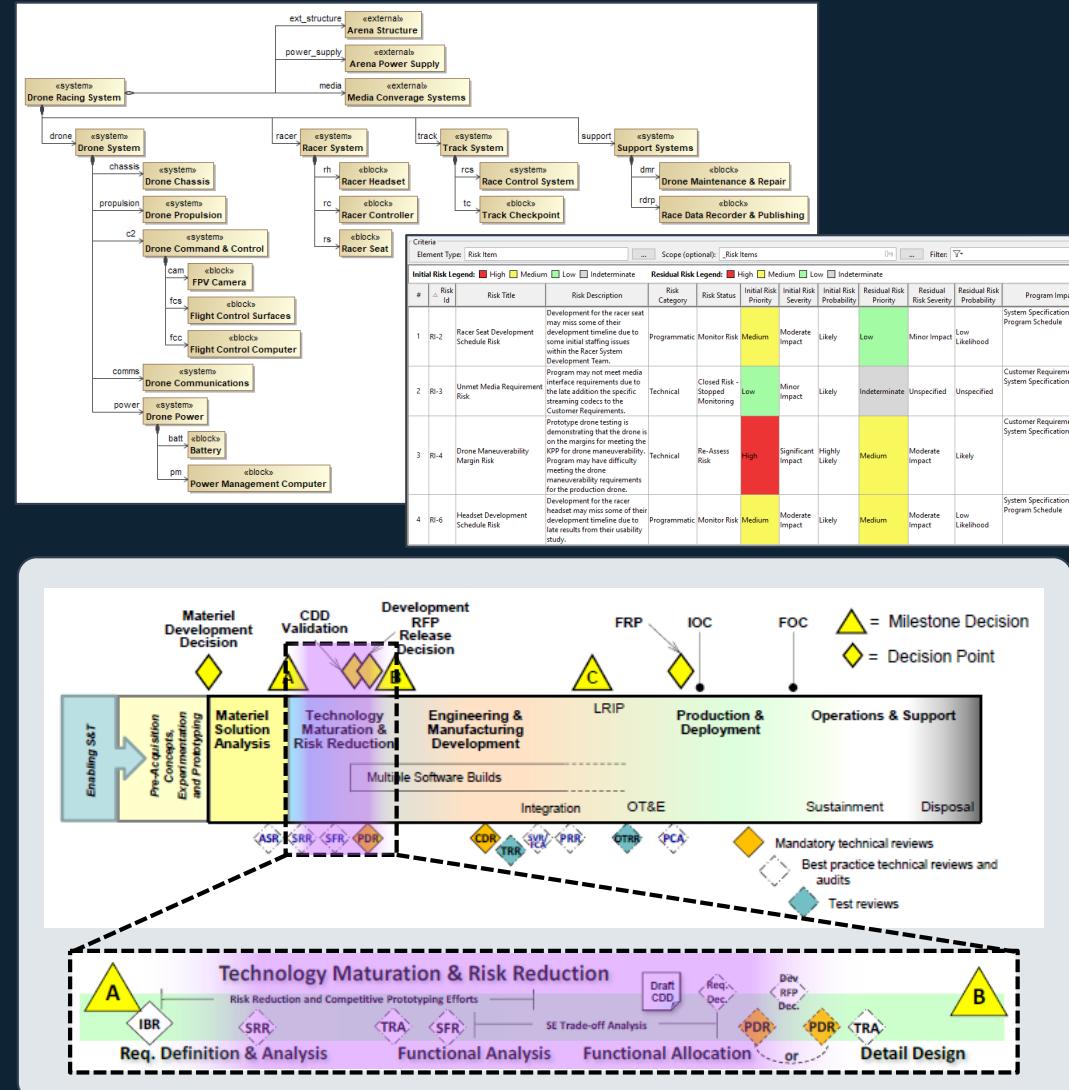
- The prototype example is a fictional scenario of developing a drone racing system:
 - A sports league who wants to start a first-person view (FPV) drone racing series
 - The sports league wants to create this as a spec-racing series:
 - The racers cannot use their own drones
 - Racers must purchase approved race drones from the league
 - We are the technical engineering firm contracted to develop this racing system
 - The league has contracted your firm to:
 - Develop both the drones and any supporting equipment (e.g. FPV headsets, race controller, drone charging stations, etc.)
 - Design, build and integrate from customer requirements to a complete delivered system



Quick Overview of Research Prototype

Research Prototype Example & Scenario

- We developed sample data for the prototype to execute the fictional scenario
 - We developed a Drone Racing System model in Cameo to define requirements and system architecture
 - We developed a database of program risk items in Jira
- When we applied this prototype to the fictional scenario, we realized that there is a program sweet spot for the system architecting-risk management digital thread
 - The program must be far enough along that the system architecture is initially defined with enough detail
 - But the program must be not too far along in detailed design where we may decide to trace to specific design documentation rather than the architecture itself
 - e.g. trace to the electrical CAD of a battery rather than the system architecture element of the battery
- For this example, we are somewhere in between System Requirements Review (SRR) and Preliminary Design Review (PDR) in a traditional DoD program lifecycle



Drone Racing Program Risks - Jira		Drone Racing Program Risks - Jira		Risk Management for Project Drone Racing Program Risks																															
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Drone Maneuverability Margin Risk	RI-4	Prototype drone testing is demonstrating that the drone is on the margins for meeting the KPP for drone maneuverability. Program may have difficulty meeting the drone maneuverability requirements for the production drone.	Technical	Re-Assess Risk	Red > Yellow	High	4	4	Medium	3	3	Risa Gorospe	Customer Requirements System Specification/Design	<ValueProperty: <Requirement> Velocity <System> Dron																					
Drone Operator's Certificate for New York Arena Risk	RI-5	League has not secured a drone operator's certificate for the New York arena. League may not be able to operate a race in New York. Determined no impact to development program.	Business (External)	Closed Risk - Transferred	Green > Green	TBD	!	!	TBD	!	!																								
Headset Development Schedule Risk	RI-6	Development for the racer headset may miss some of their development timeline due to late results from their usability study.	Programmatic	Monitor Risk	Yellow > Yellow	Medium	3	3	Medium	3	2	Risa Gorospe	System Specification/Design Program Schedule	<Block> Racer H																					
Operational Test Site Readiness Risk	RI-1	League has not secured the contract for the test arena. Program may not have a platform to conduct operational testing at the start of test and evaluation.	Business (External)	Risk Burn-Down	Red > Green	High	4	3	Low	2	2	Risa Gorospe	Test and Evaluation Program Cost Program Schedule																						

Lessons Learned

- Organizations can apply system engineering practices to digital engineering if we treat digital engineering like a system
 - Organizations can conduct stakeholder analysis, understand the use cases and write requirements like any other system
 - By understanding the use cases and writing requirements, organizations can be more focused in developing digital engineering capability or assessing potential solutions from vendors
- A complete digital engineering capability supports the needs and execution of the stakeholders in the digital thread
 - More than integrating different software tools together or dumping data into a model/database
 - We demonstrated that we can have a thorough capability by sharing only the necessary data between tools
 - A mature digital engineering system should expose the right information at the right time to its users to do their jobs
- Organizations can learn from digital threads that include non-technical domains (e.g. risk management, program management, etc.)
 - Some of these non-technical domains have functions that span over multiple phases of a program's lifecycle
 - These non-technical domains can drive organizations to consider how the digital engineering environments span the program lifecycle

Questions?

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