

# Digital Engineering using IBM ELM

## The Digital Thread - Traceability across the Lifecycle



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# Agenda

Why is Traceability Needed ?

Digital Thread offers Traceability

IBM Engineering Lifecycle Management (ELM) implements the Digital Thread

Traceability for Model-based Systems Engineering (MBSE)

Industry Examples

Summary

# Market dynamic



## Challenge

### **Software**

Increasing importance

### **Connectedness/ intelligence**

Transforming  
products

### **Competition**

Global marketplace,  
demanding clients



## Effect

- Importance of industry standards
- Quantity & complexity of requirements
- Agility, collaboration, traceability of environments
- Number, depth, and continuous testing
- Exponentially growing lines of code



## Solution

Digital Engineering



# Industry vision: Digital Engineering



Shifts from document centric to digital representations (aka “models”)



Facilitates **digital continuity** across providers to form lifecycle information models via digital threads



Enables **data exchange** across domains and providers to foster collaboration, data consistency and automation



Ensures **data consistency** validity by managing “trusted” data sources



Enables **cross lifecycle digital viewpoints** to support the necessary insights from the data



Improves productivity by adopting a **digital process** with full transparency of planned and performed activity integrated with the data

**Requirements** for every **Traceability** for every

- part...
  - car model...
  - variation...
  - interaction...
  - software element...
  - system...
- part...
  - car model...
  - variation...
  - requirement...
  - test case...
  - design model...
  - interaction...

**Design models** for how it fits together **Testcases** linked to each requirement

- feature modeling...
- logical architecture...
- software...
- mechanical...
- electrical...
- network...

# A Note about Traceability: Why?

## – Impact Analysis

- What is the impact of this requirements change?
- Where in the design is this requirement met?

## – Design Justification

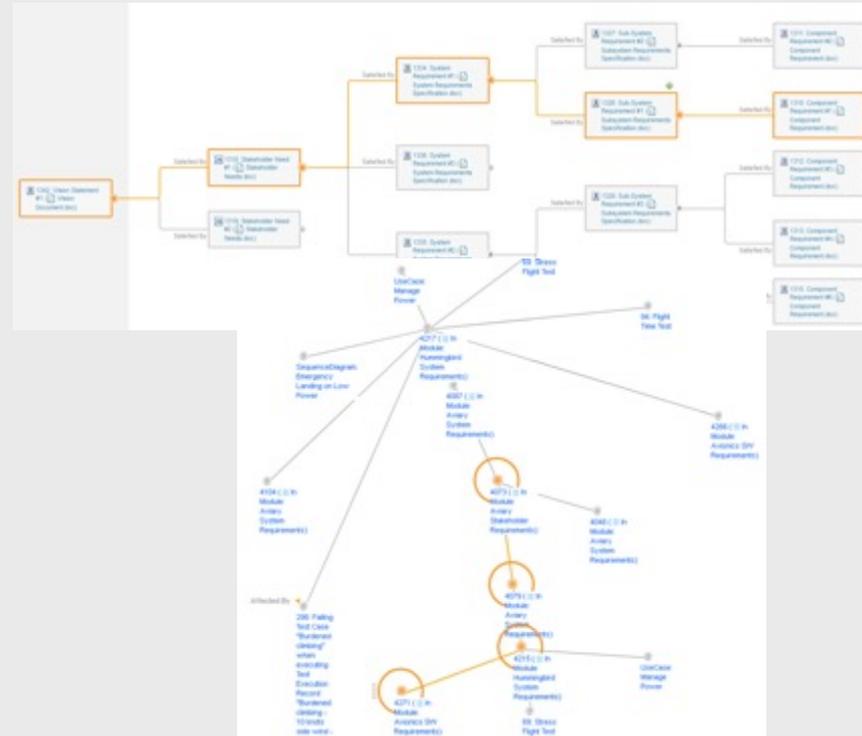
- What requirements does this design element satisfy?
- Does the design support all the requirements?

## – Verification Completeness

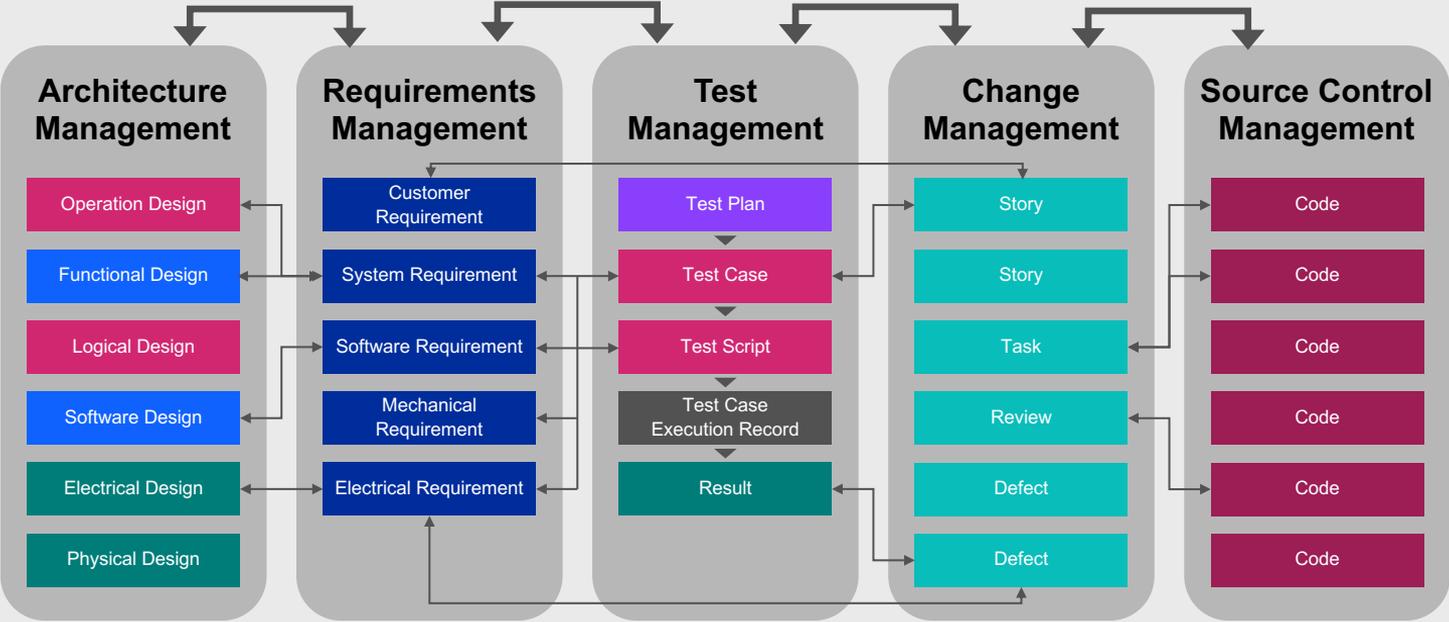
- What test cases verify this requirement?
- What requirements do this test case verify?

## – Project Status

- How many requirements are realized?
- How many requirements have been verified?

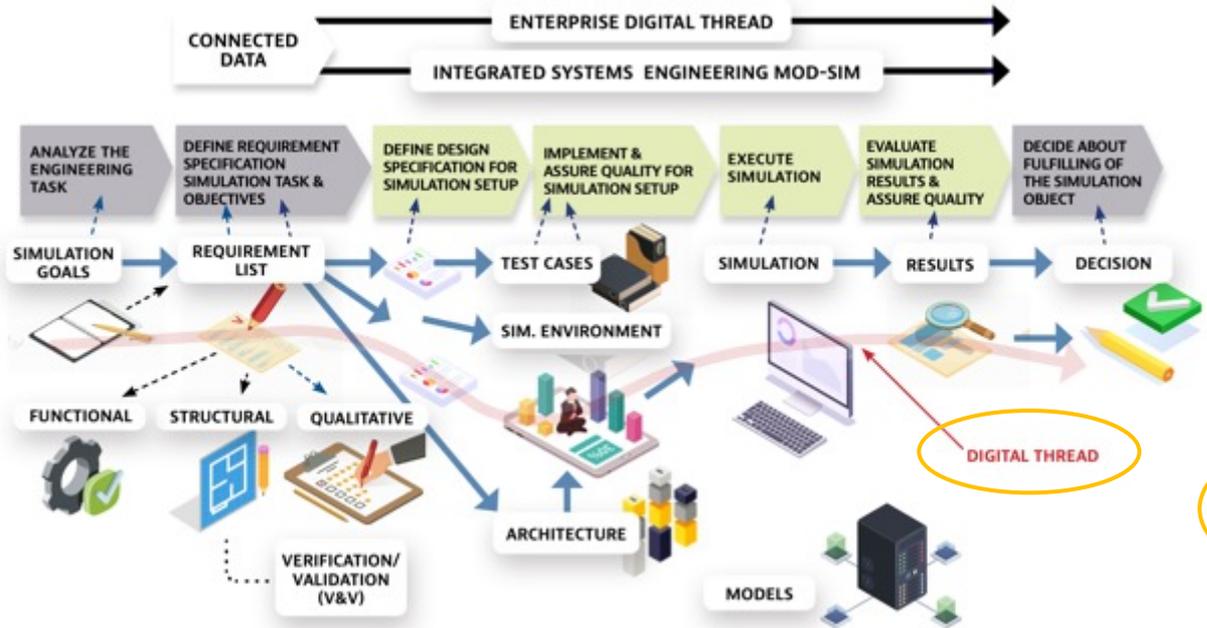


# The multi-dimensional Complexity Challenge Facing Customers Today

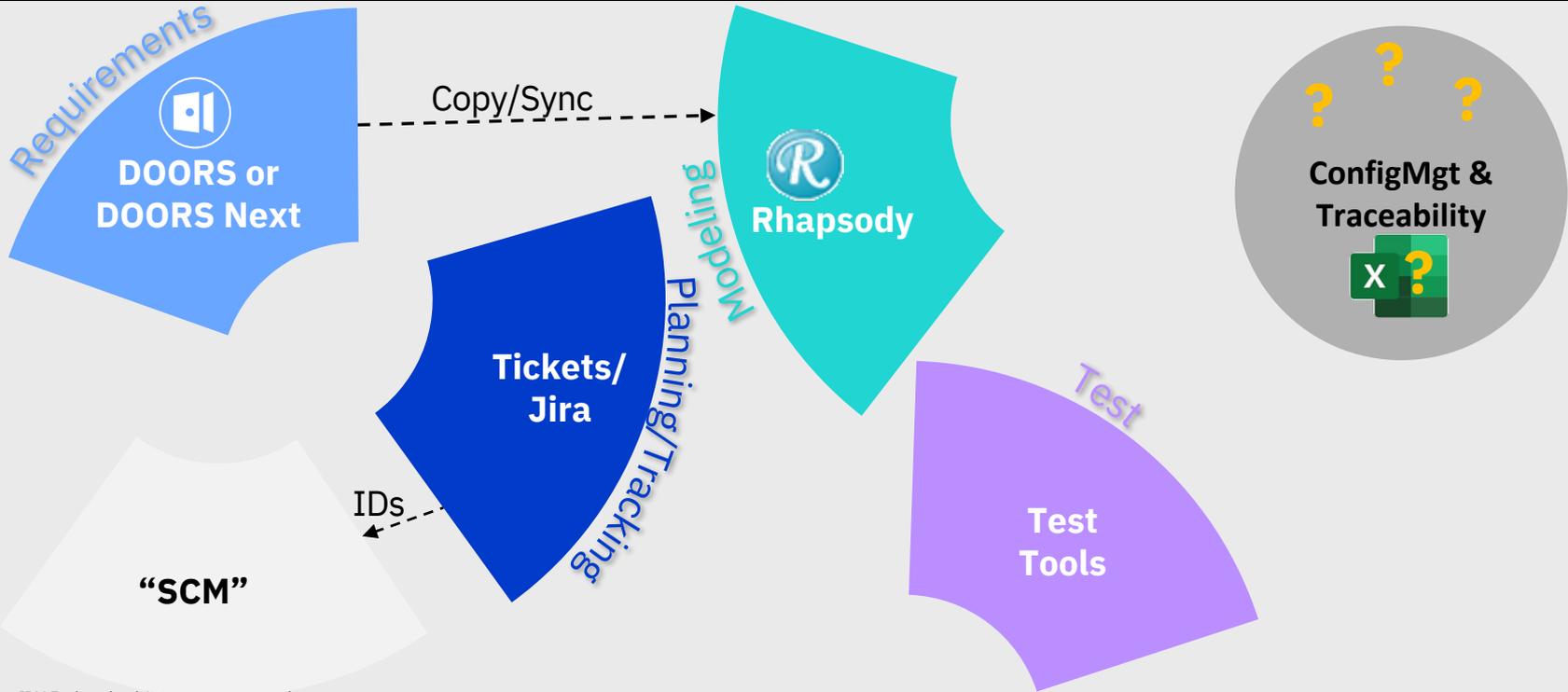


# How will we develop products in the future – INCOSE Vision 2035

## Tools & Data Integration

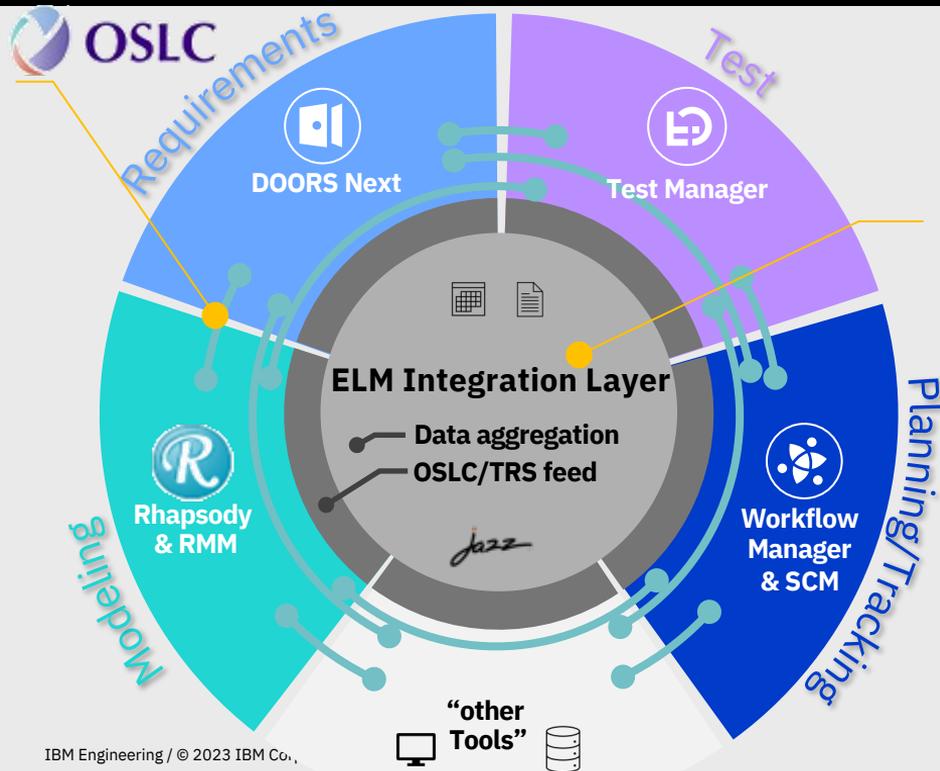


# Product Development Example - Where Are You Today?



Multiple Tools (UIs, Configs, Permissions,...) often no or 'manual' Integration

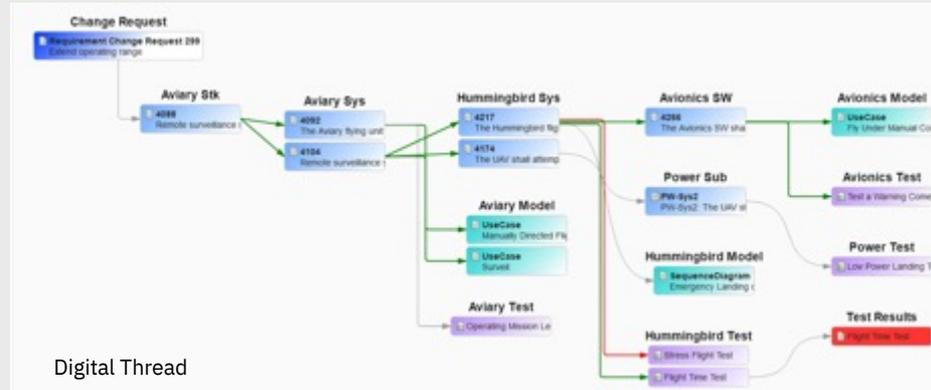
# IBM Engineering Lifecycle Management (ELM) Integration Layer for Single Source of Truth enables the Digital Thread



**Digital Thread** is a communication framework that connects traditionally siloed elements in product development processes and provides an integrated view of a product throughout development

## Cross domain integration layer

- Single source of truth data layer visualizes the **Digital Thread** (Versioned data w relations)



# Visibility across the Engineering Lifecycle via a Digital Thread provides multiple Benefits



## Traceability

The bi-directional data in the digital thread will enable functional, software, mechanical, and electrical engineering domains with a single source of truth.



## Project Tracking & Collaboration

Real time insights to the status of the project through programmatic reports. Collaborate using a single system with process flows through the engineering workstream.



## Impact Analysis

Iterations are costly. Ensure new features will be delivered on time and all sub-systems and vendors have accepted responsibility to reduce integration failures and delivery delays.



## Strategic Reuse

Support product line variability and reuse through an integrated view of product targets and requirements that enable product level verification.  
Take advantage of reuse for rapid innovation.



## Compliance

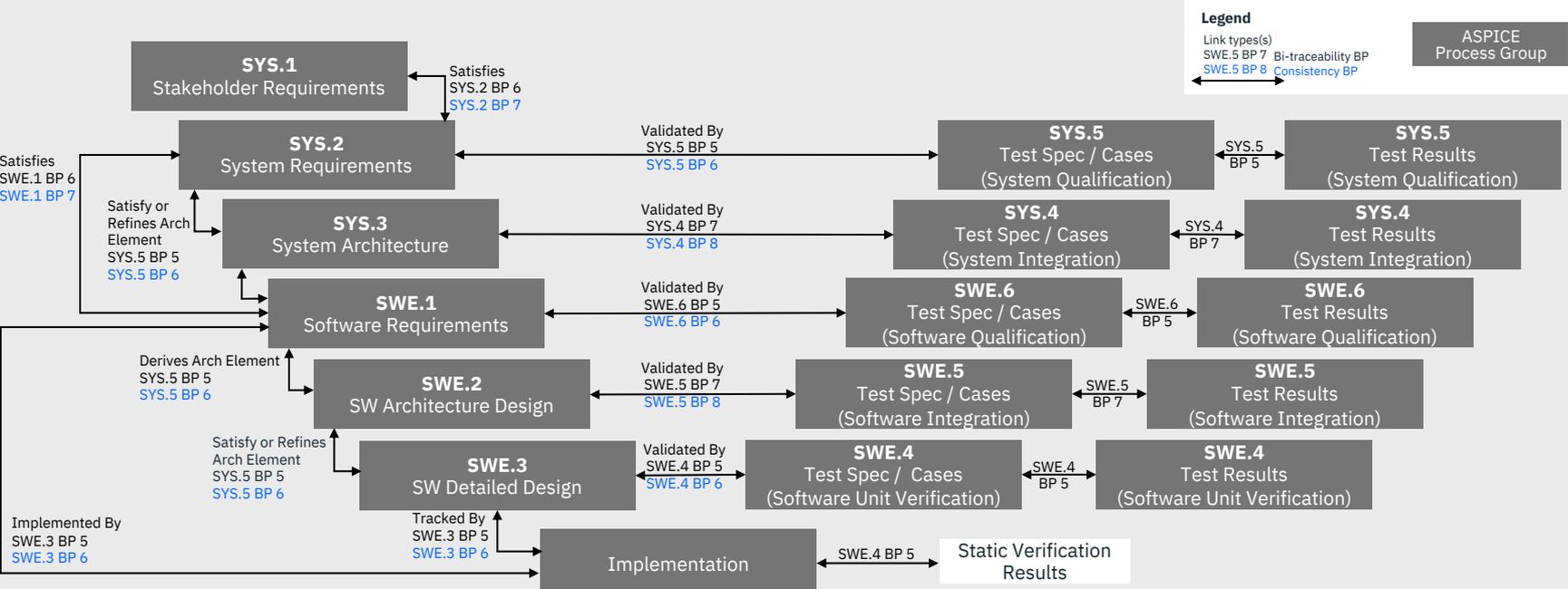
Compliance and regulatory reporting are changing. Ensure you have full visibility into the lifecycle so you can easily produce reports to track progress towards compliance. Safety built in from the start.



## Agile SW Practices

Agile SW Development cycles needs to be integrated in the product lifecycle in both directions: Connection to Systems Engineering as well as towards CI/CD deployments.

# Automotive SPICE (ASPICE) Traceability Requirements



**Supporting Process Group**

SUP.1 Quality Assurance	SUP.8 Configuration Mgt.
SUP.2 Verification	SUP.9 Problem Resolution Mgt.
SUP.10 Quality Assurance	

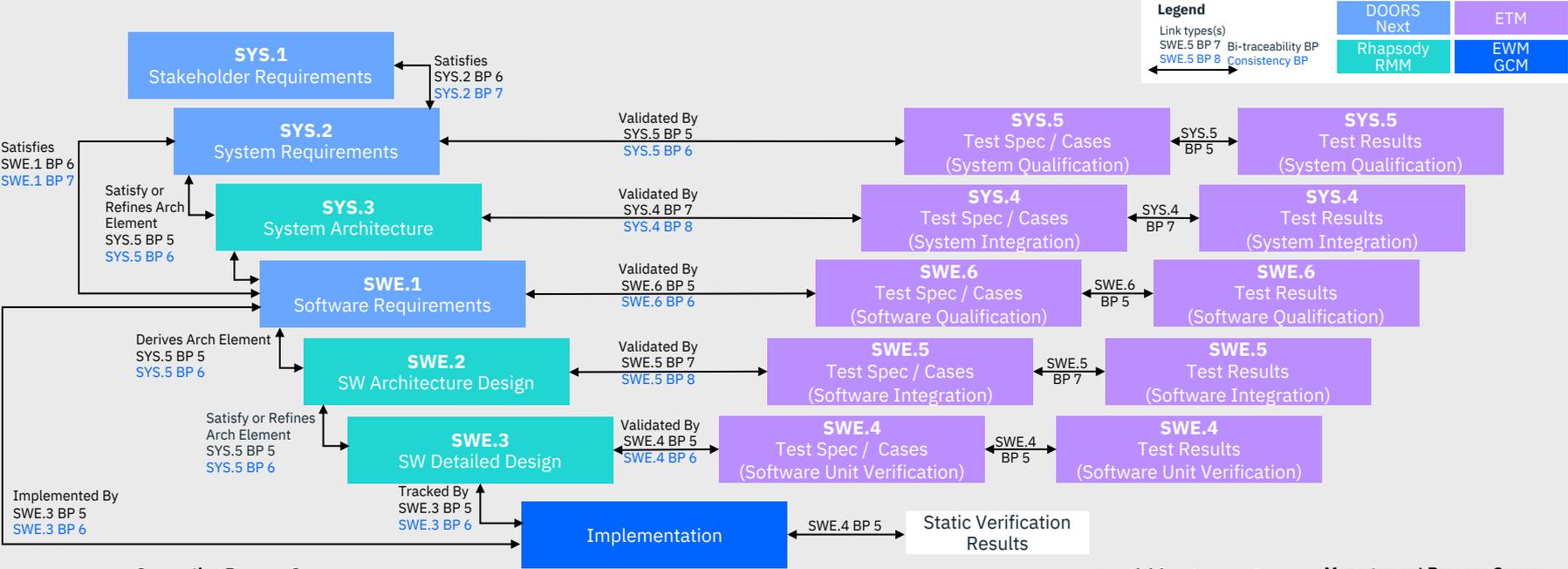
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ACQ.4 Supplier Monitoring
ACQ.12 Legal & Admin. Req.

**Management Process Group**

MAN.3 Project Management
MAN.5 Risk Management

# Automotive SPICE (ASPICE) Traceability Requirements – IBM ELM Coverage



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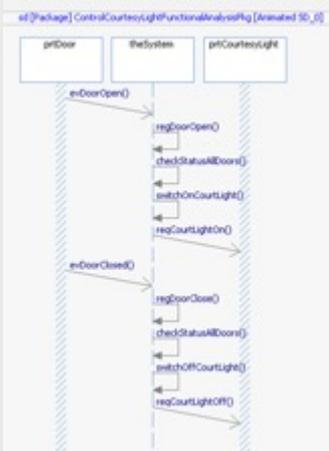
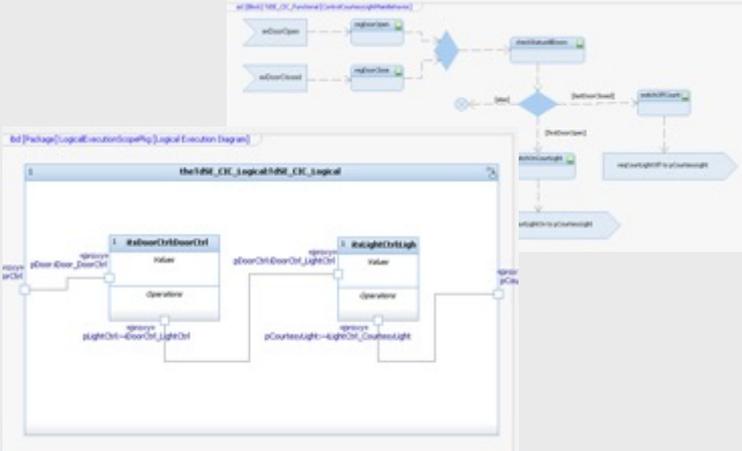
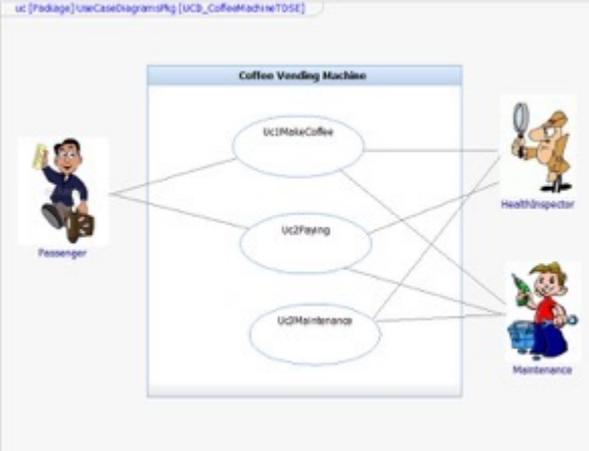
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# Model Based Systems Engineering

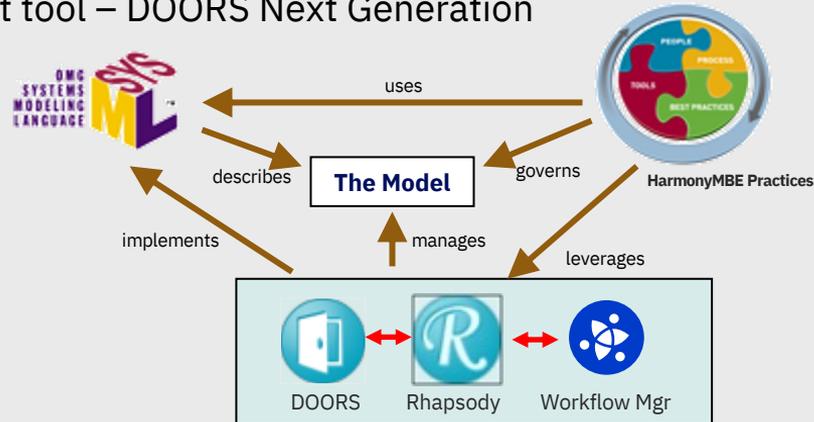
Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) complements traditional requirements definition and management techniques



# IBM's Model Based Systems Engineering (MBSE) Solution

MBSE is a standards based Systems Engineering practice that incorporates:

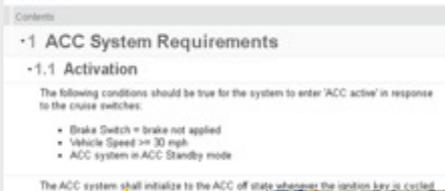
- Modeling language – SysML
- Modeling method – Harmony Systems Engineering Practices [incl. Ticket System for Guidance & Com.](#)
- Modeling tool – Rhapsody for Systems Engineers & Rhapsody Model Manager
- Requirements management tool – DOORS Next Generation



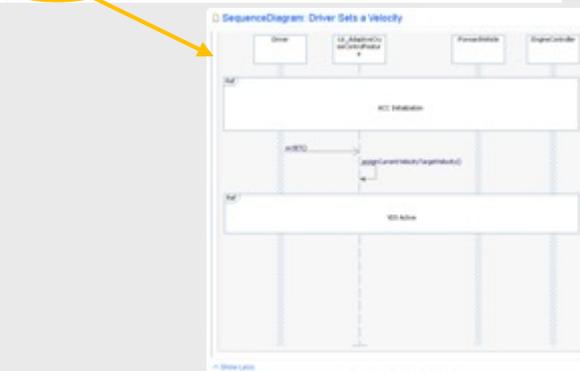
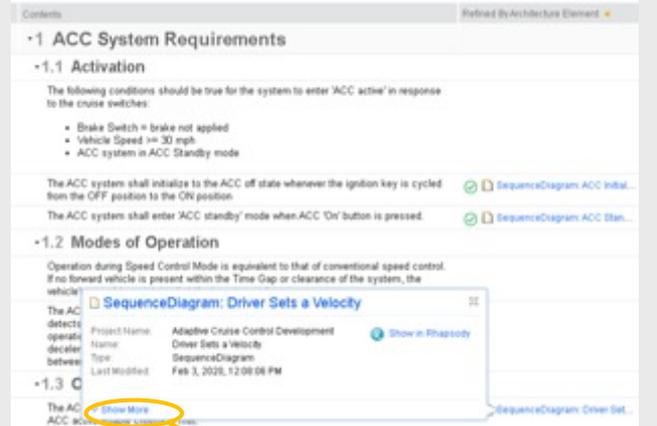
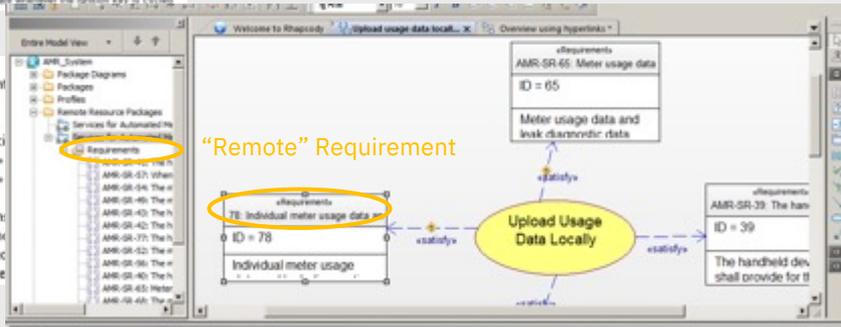
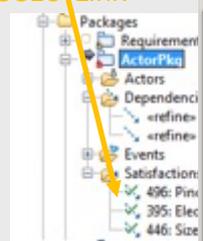
# Models and external data like Requirements need to be integrated

Traceability to Requirements, Test Cases, Work Items,... using OSLC

Requirements Tool – DOORS Next



OSLC Link



Modeling Tool – Rhapsody w RMM

# Visualizing the Digital Thread



System Requirements traced to Model Layers:

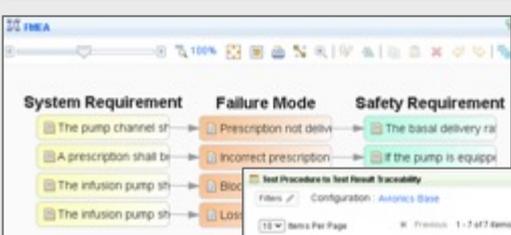
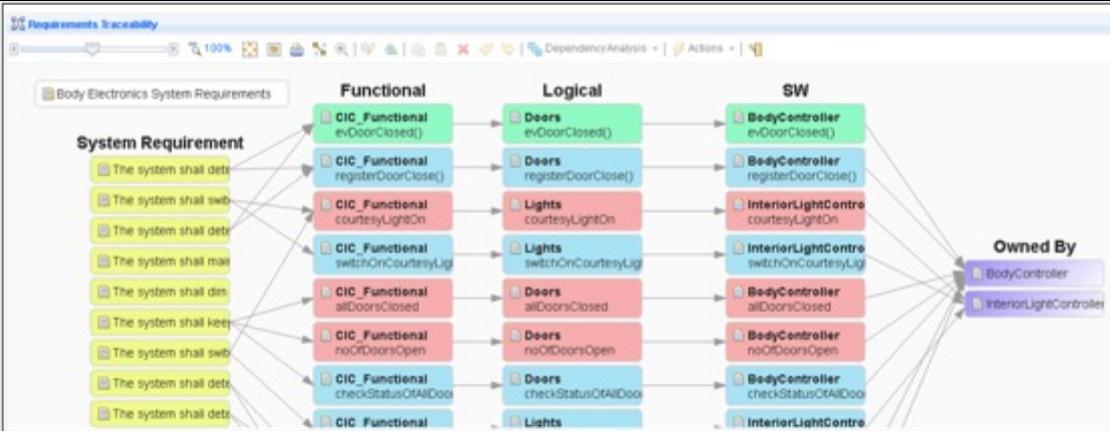
- Functional Architecture
- Logical Architecture
- SW Architecture
- Physical Architecture

The screenshots show various dashboards for requirements tracking. One dashboard displays 'Product Requirements' with status indicators for 'Satisfied by System', 'Not Satisfied', 'Validated by Test Case', and 'No Test Case'. Another dashboard shows 'System Requirements' with similar status indicators. A third dashboard displays 'Test Procedures to Test Result Traceability' with a table of test results. A fourth dashboard shows 'Failing Test Case' details, including 'Each pump cha', 'The pump char', and 'Issue with Self Test Requirement'.

FP ID	Test Procedure	Verdict	TR ID	Test Result
30	Station Keeping After Release Command	Inconclusive	199	Station Keeping
31	Station Keeping After Release Command	Error	200	Station Keeping
32	Station Keeping After Release Command	Error	201	Station Keeping
33	Station Keeping After Release Command	Failed	202	Station Keeping

Status & Progress (KPI) Tracking  
Customizable Dashboards  
Real-time metrics & Reports  
Impact & Gap Analysis

# Visualizing the Digital Thread & Document Generation



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**Project Dishwasher**

The Case Diagrams: Dishwasher, Dishwasher Cycle, Object Model Diagrams: Abstract Dishwasher, Acme Dishwasher With Factory, Communication Diagrams: Callab Dishwasher Cycle, Components: EXE, Configurations: Hair, Acme, Film, Packages: Default, Action: Cleaning Engineer, Service Person, Classes: AbstractFactory, Abstract, Substratum, Operations: AbstractFactory, Refactory, create, createTask, createFilter, AcmeFactory, Operations: createFilter

**Object Model Diagrams**

**Abstract Dishwasher**  
Description: Use Substratum abstract class

**Contained elements:**

Element name	Element type
Dishwasher	Class
cycles	Attribute
cleanTask	Attribute

**States**

**States:** idle, waiting, cleaning, finished

**Transitions:** idle to waiting (start), waiting to cleaning (start), cleaning to finished (end)

**Actions:** cleanTask, createFilter

From	To	Trigger	Guard	Action
idle	waiting	start		cleanTask
waiting	cleaning	start		createFilter
cleaning	finished	end		

# Project Example – Calculation of Traceability and Link Validity



## Links KPI and Reports

Check **data traceability metrics** by simply dynamically “browsing” over specifications

Report on **traceability KPI** in Reporting application. Requirements covered by Test Cases

Tabular, Pie Chart Reports & Live Excel Reports

The screenshot displays a software interface for requirements management. It features several key components:

- Monitor Link Statistics:** A window showing a pie chart with a red and green section, representing different link statuses. A legend below indicates 'Valid Requirements with Test Case' (green) and 'Invalid Requirements with Test Case' (red).
- Requirements Specification:** A window displaying a table of requirements and their links. The table has columns for 'Contents', 'Artifact Type', 'Parent ID', 'Link From ID', and 'Link To ID'. It shows requirements like '-3.1 Scope of the System' and '-3.2 Product Perspective' with their respective links.
- Reporting:** A window showing a table with columns for 'Hazardous Event', 'Hazard', 'FTA', 'Safety Goal', and 'Functional Safety Requirement'. It lists specific events like 'Vehicle crashes into another vehicle ahead at high speed' and their corresponding safety goals and requirements.

# Traceability Recreation during Migration

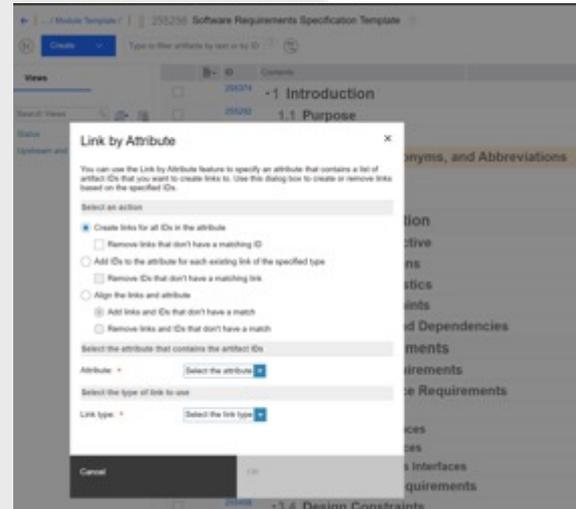


## Reestablishing of traceability

By Migration from DOORS to DOORS Next – ReqIF, Migiz,  
By Migration from custom tools or Office documents

Various scripts, DOORS migrator and OOTB functionality

- Link by Foreign Attribute
- Link by Attribute
- Link Matrix only



# OSLC Traceability Generation



## Traceability outside IBM

- OSLC Links to custom own applications
- OSLC Links PTC RVS – DOORS Next (in progress)
- OSLC Links GIT Documents – DOORS Next Requirements

The screenshot shows the IBM Engineering Requirements Manager (DOORS Next) interface. The top navigation bar includes 'Project test 1 (RM)' and 'Project test 1 (RM)'. The main content area displays 'Special Requirements' with a search bar and a list of artifacts. A detailed view of an artifact is shown, including its ID, title, URI, and URL. The URL is a GitHub file path: [https://192.168.1.84:5000/vok/provider/GH48DF/resources/github\\_files](https://192.168.1.84:5000/vok/provider/GH48DF/resources/github_files). A 'Preview UI dialog' is open, showing the content of the GitHub file.

Furthermore, Github file data can be reviewed via preview UI dialog

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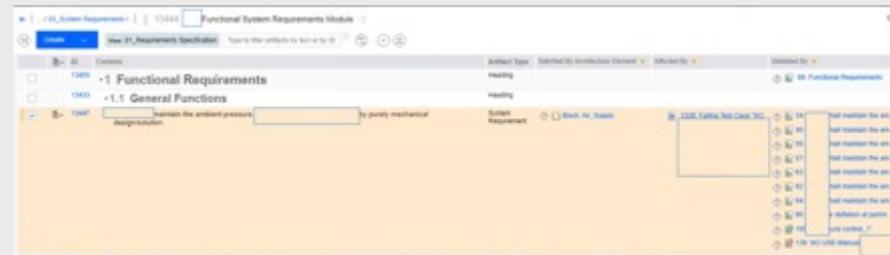
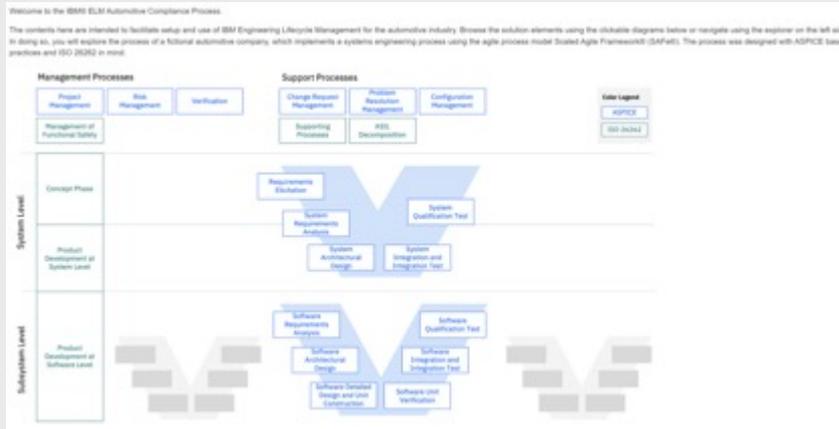
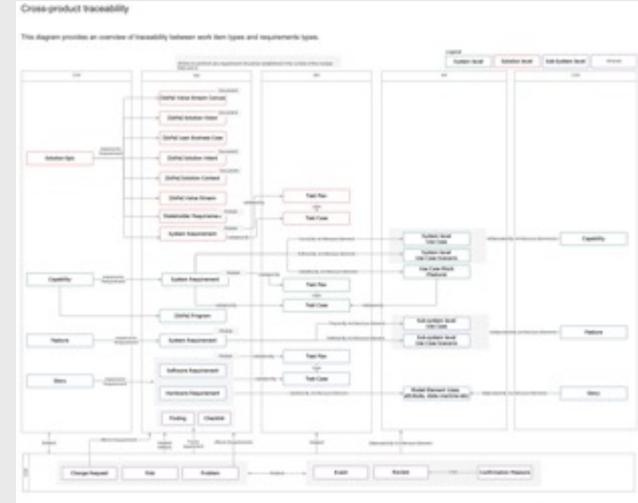
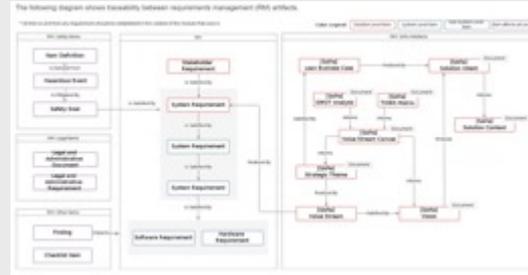
# ASPICE Example



## Traceability according to ASPICE

Customization of IBM ASPICE template  
Cross Domain traceability  
Real Live Example

Requirement – Design - Test Cases



# IBM Engineering Insights



## Advantages Achieved in Projects

### Project Advantages

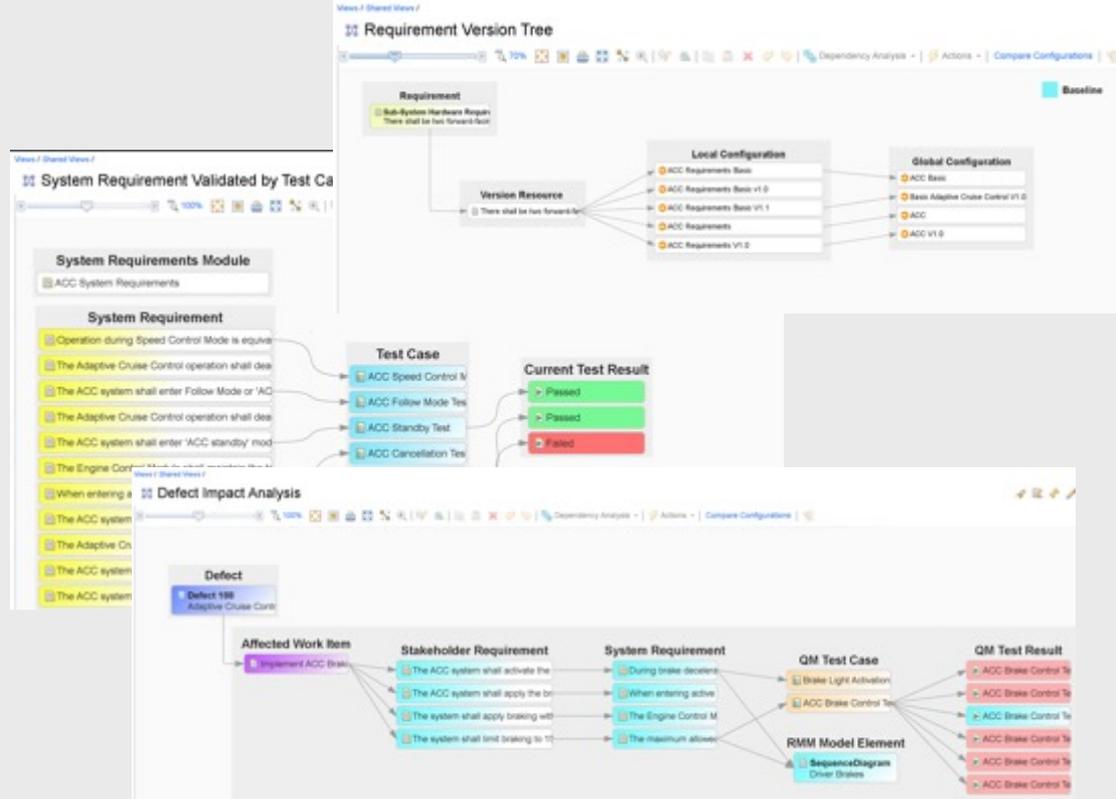
- Easy to demonstrate compliance
- Easy discovery of systems, capabilities, variants, versions, subsystems etc.
- Quick impact understanding
- Enhanced visibility, collaboration and productivity

### Examples:

Requirements - Test – Result

Requirements – Version – Global Configuration

Defect Analysis – Requirement- Test - Results



# RVTM Example



## RVTM

1	Lev1	Lev2	Lev3	Lev4	Lev5	Lev6	Lev7	ID	PUID	Rationale	Number	Name	Responsible	Description	Classification	Maturity Level
2	X							199552	RT-100	Rationale 1	1	System Requirement		System Requirement	VS-Nur für den Dien A21	
3		X						199565				System shall contain AB.		System shall contain AB.	VS-Nur für den Dien	
4		X						199576				System Requirement in m		System Requirement in module RVTM 3.1	VS-Nur für den Dien	
5	X							199555	RT-102	Rationale 2	2	System Requirement 2		System Requirement 2	VS-Nur für den Dien AAA	
6		X						199566				System should be in AC.		System should be in AC.	VS-Nur für den Dien	
7	X							199556	RT-5526	Rationale 2	3	System Requirement 3		System Requirement 3	VS-Nur für den Dien BBB	
8		X										System in VV		System in VV	VS-Nur für den Dien	
9	X															
10		X														

## Requirements Verification Traceability Matrix

Horizontal and Vertical traceability exported from IBM ELM to Excel spreadsheet and shared with customer

### Traceability

Stakeholder Requirements-  
System Requirements-  
Design Elements – Tests – Work Packages

ID	Name	Derives	ID	Name	Priority	Primary text	Status	PUID	DNG ID	Design Traceability	Validated By
X						Requirement1	In progress	RT-1	1		
	X					Requirement2	Draft	RT-2	2		
	X					Requirement3	Completed	RT-3	3		
		X				Requirement4	In progress	RT-4	4		
		X				Requirement5	Draft	RT-5	5		
			X			Requirement6	Completed	RT-6	6		
			X			Requirement7	In progress	RT-7	7		
	X					Requirement8	Draft	RT-8	8		
		X				Requirement9	Completed	RT-9	9		
			X			Requirement10	In progress	RT-10	10		
		X				Requirement11	Draft	RT-11	11		
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			X			Requirement13	In progress	RT-13	13		
			X			Requirement14	Draft	RT-14	14		
			X			Requirement15	Completed	RT-15	15		
X						Requirement16	In progress	RT-16	16		
	X					Requirement17	Draft	RT-17	17		
		X				Requirement18	Completed	RT-18	18		
		X				Requirement19	In progress	RT-19	19		
			X			Requirement20	Draft	RT-20	20		
			X			Requirement21	Completed	RT-21	21		
	X					Requirement22	In progress	RT-22	22		
		X				Requirement23	Draft	RT-23	23		
			X			Requirement24	Completed	RT-24	24		
		X				Requirement25	In progress	RT-25	25		
		X				Requirement26	Draft	RT-26	26		
			X			Requirement27	Completed	RT-27	27		

# Reuse Based on Traceability Example



## Traceability based Reuse

Reuse based on links  
Requirements can be partially or fully updated from source

Compare of different variants and parameters

“Cherry picking” delivery to target

The image displays several screenshots from a software development tool, illustrating traceability and reuse. The top row shows a 'New CMC Widget' screen with a table of requirements and a 'Compare Module Across Configuration (CMC)' screen with a table of requirements. The bottom row shows a 'Compare Module Across Configuration (CMC)' screen with a table of requirements and a 'Compare Module Across Configuration (CMC)' screen with a table of requirements.

Req ID	Text	Created By	Created On	Modified On
100000	-1 Introduction			
100001	+1 Purpose of the Document			
100002	+1.1 Intended Use			
100003	100003			
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# FMEA and Traceability



## Traceability based FMEA

Various FMEA implementations for Medical, Military and Pharma

Hazard analysis, Risk Matrix...

The screenshot displays the IBM Engineering Requirements Management (IERM) interface for an 'Infusion Pump' project. It features several key components:

- Risk Class Matrix:** A 3x3 matrix where the vertical axis is 'Severity of Impact' (High, Medium, Low) and the horizontal axis is 'Risk Likelihood' (Low, Medium, High). The cells are color-coded and labeled with risk classes: Class 2 (High/Low), Class 1 (High/Medium), Class 3 (Medium/Low), and Class 2 (Low/High).
- Risk Priority Matrix:** A 3x3 matrix where the vertical axis is 'Risk Class' (1, 2, 3) and the horizontal axis is 'Probability of Detection' (Low, Medium, High). The cells are color-coded: High (High/Low), Medium (High/Medium), Low (High/High), Medium (Low/Low), and Low (Low/Medium).
- FMEA Risk Evaluation - FD:** A section for 'INITIAL RISK' and 'RESIDUAL RISK' with dropdown menus for 'Severity' (NONE, P1, P2) and 'NONE'.
- FMEA Dig - FD:** A detailed list of failure modes with columns for ID, Contents, Severity (FMEA), Probability (FMEA), Detection (FMEA), Risk Priority, Item, and Failure Mode. For example, item 4211 'Block in line' has a severity of None (1), probability of Extremely Unlikely (1), and a risk priority of 3.

# Generation of Artifacts based on Traceability



## Traceability Autocreation

Generation of automated traceability between requirements and **test cases**

Generation of automated traceability between requirements and **tasks**

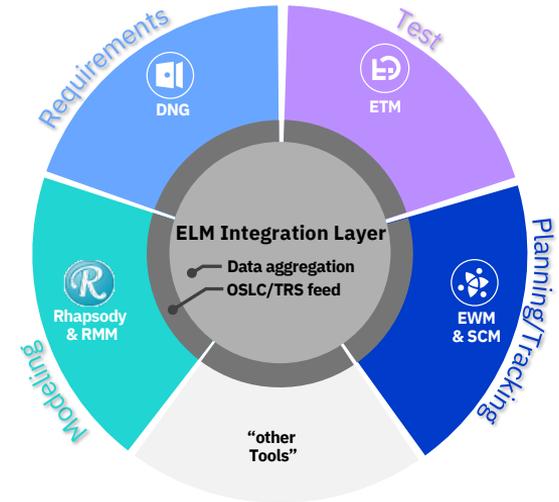
Artifact autocreation with few clicks OOTB and scripts

The screenshot displays the IBM Engineering Test Management (ETM) interface. The main view shows a test plan titled "51: Infusion Pump Test Plan 1" with details such as Component (Infusion Pump), State (Draft), and Originator (Igor Chuback). A "Reconcile Requirements" dialog box is open in the foreground, listing requirements that do not have any test coverage. The dialog includes a table with the following data:

Summary	Status	Linked Test Cases
108845: When entering active ACC control, the vehicle speed is controlled either to maintain a set speed or to maintain a time gap to a forward vehicle, whichever is lower.	New	
108820: A system shall be developed that will recognize completion of any signals that should come from the Range Sensor, Brake system or electronic speed sensor.	New	
108817: Infotainment System.	New	
108184: Deceleration Control.	New	
108186: The Engine Control Module shall maintain the target speed.	New	
108844: The infotainment system shall include a speed sensor...	New	

# IBM Engineering Lifecycle Management Benefits

- Combines **Systems & SW Engineering with Integration Layer**
- Built on **open integration and standards**
- Automates **transparency and traceability**
- Includes **Model Based Systems Engineering & SW Design**
- Accelerates industry solutions w/**compliance, safety critical and security standards**
- Can be customized to **meet industry needs**



IBM Engineering Lifecycle Management (ELM) is an integrated systems and software development solution

- empowering engineers and their teams to more easily manage each stage of the engineering process end-to-end.

# Thank You



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## Further information:

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