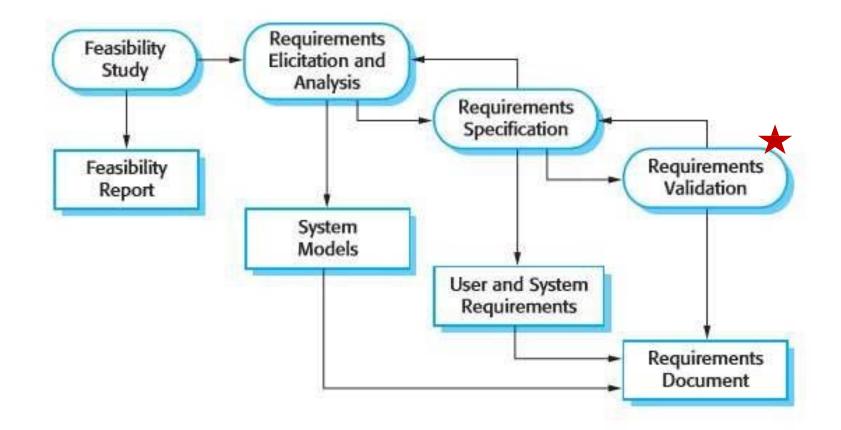
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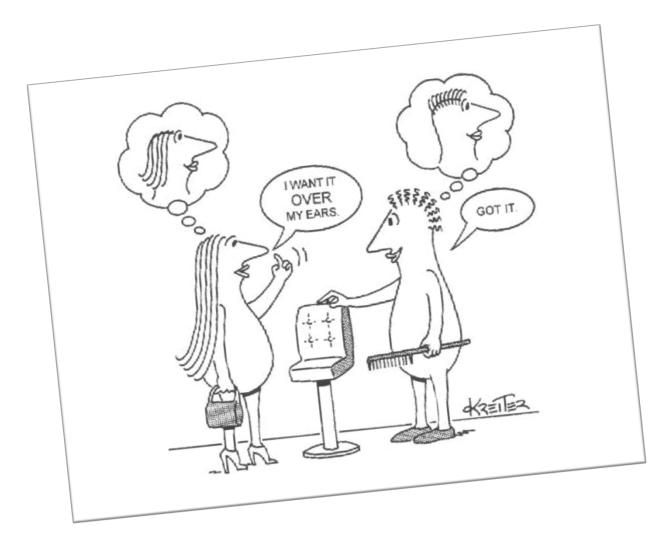


Requirements Engineering Process







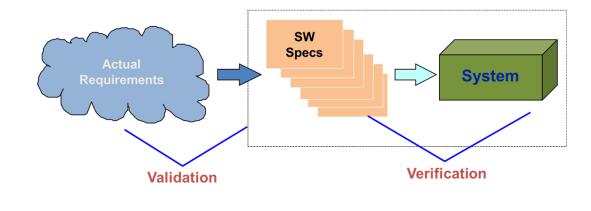






Verification and Validation in SDLC

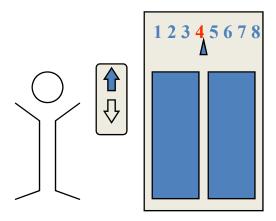
- Validation: "Does the software system meets the user's real needs?"
 - Are we building the right software?
 - Does our design meet the spec?
 - Does our implementation meet the spec?
 - Does the delivered system do what we said it would do?
 - Are our requirements models consistent with one another?
- Verification: "Does the software system meets the requirements specifications?"
 - Are we building the software right?
 - Does our problem statement accurately capture the real problem?
 - Did we account for the needs of all the stakeholders?





V&V Depends on the Specification

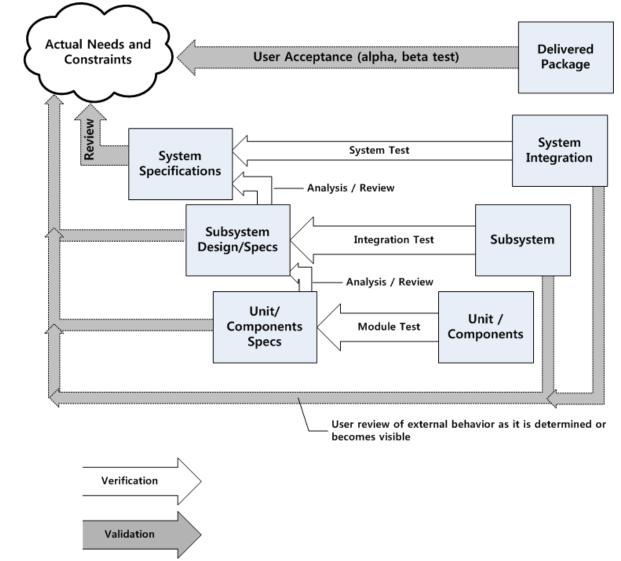
- Unverifiable (but validatable) specification: "If a user presses a request button at floor *i*, an available elevator must arrive at floor *i* soon."
- Verifiable specification: "If a user presses a request button at floor *i*, an available elevator must arrive at floor *i* within 30 seconds"







V-Model of V&V Activities in SDLC





V&V for Requirements Models

• Verification

- "Is the model well-formed?"
- "Are the parts of the model consistent with one another?"
- Validation:
 - Animation of the model on small examples is possible.
 - What if questions:
 - Reasoning about the consequences of particular requirements;
 - Reasoning about the effect of possible changes
 - "Will the system ever do the following,"
 - State exploration
 - E.g., use **model checking** to find traces that satisfy some property
- Generation techniques for requirements validation
 - Prototyping (Simulation)
 - Test-case generation
 - Review





Reviews, Walkthroughs, Inspections

Management Reviews

- Preliminary design review (PDR), critical design review (CDR), formal technical review (FTR), formal business review (FBR), etc.
- Used to provide confidence that the design is sound
- Attended by management and sponsors (customers)

• Walkthroughs

- Developer technique (usually informal)
- Used by development teams to improve quality of product
- Focusing on finding defects

• (Fagan) Inspections

- A process management tool
- Used to improve quality of the development process
- Collect defect data to analyze the quality of the process
- Written output is important



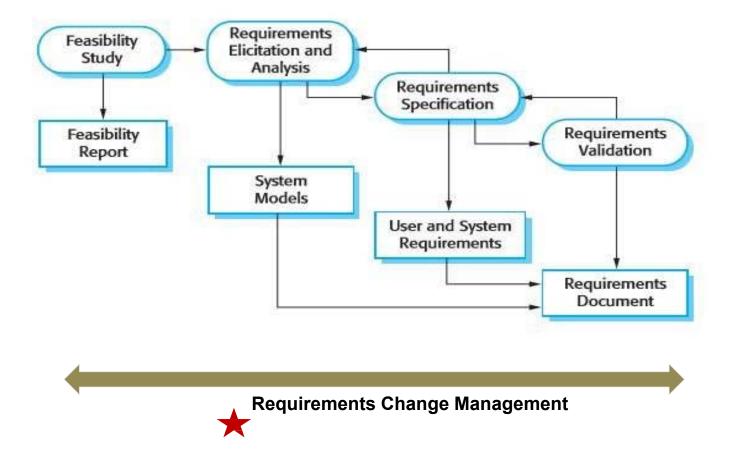




10. Requirements Change Management



Requirements Engineering Process







Laws of Program Evolution

Continuing Change

- Any software that reflects some external reality undergoes continual change or becomes progressively less useful
 - · Change continues until it is judged more cost effective to replace the system

Increasing Complexity

- As software evolves, its complexity increases

Fundamental Law of Program Evolution

- Software evolution is self-regulating
 - With statistically determinable trends and invariants

Conservation of Organizational Stability

 During the active life of a software system, the work output of a development project is roughly constant, regardless of resources

Conservation of Familiarity

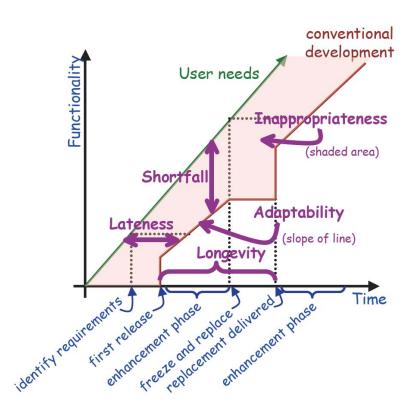
The amount of change in successive releases is roughly constant





Requirements Growth Model

- Davis's model(1988):
 - User needs evolve continuously
 - May not be linear or continuous (hence no scale shown)
 - Traditional development always lags behind needs growth
 - First release implements only part of the original requirements
 - Functional enhancement adds new functionality
 - Eventually, further enhancement becomes too costly, and a replacement is planned
 - The replacement also only implements part of its requirements,
 - and so on...







Software Aging

Causes of Software Aging

- Failure to update the software to meet changing needs
 - Customers switch to a new product, if benefits outweigh switching costs
- Changes to software tend to reduce its coherence

Costs of Software Aging

- Owners of aging software find it hard to keep up with the marketplace
- Deterioration in space/time performance due to deteriorating structure
- Aging software gets more buggy
 - Each "bug fix" introduces more errors than it fixes

Ways of Increasing longevity

- Design for change
 - Design patterns
 - Architecture styles
- Document the software carefully
- Requirements and designs should be reviewed by those responsible for its maintenance
- Software Rejuvenation





Software Maintenance

- Maintenance philosophies
 - "Throw-it-over-the-wall" : someone else is responsible for maintenance
 - Investment in knowledge and experience is lost
 - Maintenance becomes a reverse engineering challenge
 - "Mission orientation" : development team make a long term commitment to maintaining/enhancing the software

Basili's maintenance process models:

- Quick-fix model
 - Changes made at the code level, as easily as possible
 - Rapidly degrades the structure of the software
- Iterative enhancement model
 - Changes made based on an analysis of the existing system
 - Attempts to control complexity and maintain good design
- Full-reuse model
 - Starts with requirements for the new system, reusing as much as possible
 - Needs a mature reuse culture to be successful





Managing Requirements Change

- Managers need to respond to requirements change
 - Adding new requirements during development
 - Modifying requirements during development
 - Removing requirements during development

Key techniques

- <u>Change Management (Process)</u>
- Release Planning
- Requirements Prioritization
- <u>Requirements Traceability</u>
- Architectural Stability





Change Management

Configuration Management

- Each distinct product is a Configuration Item (CI)
- Each configuration item is placed under version control
- Control which version of each CI belongs to which build of the system

Baseline

- A stable version of a document or system
 - Safe to share among the team
- Formal approval process for changes should be incorporated into the next baseline

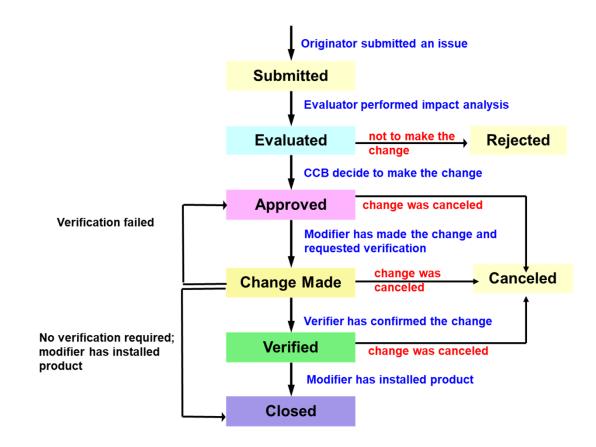




Change Management Process

Change Management Process

- All proposed changes are submitted formally as change requests
- A review board reviews these periodically and decides which to accept







Requirements Traceability

- From IEEE-STD-830.1998:
 - Backward traceability
 - To previous stages of development
 - The origin of each requirement should be clear
 - Forward traceability
 - To all documents spawned by the SRS
 - Facilitation of referencing of each requirement in future documentation

• From DOD-STD-2167A:

- A requirements specification is traceable if:
 - 1) It contains or implements all applicable stipulations in predecessor document
 - 2) A given term, acronym, or abbreviation means the same thing in all documents
 - 3) A given item or concept is referred to by the same name in the documents
 - 4) All material in the successor document has its basis in the predecessor document, that is, no untraceable material has been introduced
 - 5) The two documents do not contradict one another





Importance of Traceability

Verification and Validation

- Assessing adequacy of test suite
- Assessing conformance to requirements
- Assessing completeness, consistency and impact analysis
- Investigating high level behavior impact on detailed specifications
- Detecting requirements conflicts
- Checking consistency of decision making across the lifecycle

Maintenance

- Assessing change requests
- Tracing design rationale

Document access

- Ability to find information quickly in large documents

• Process visibility

- Ability to see how the software was developed
- Provides an audit trail

Management

- Change management
- Risk management
- Control of the development process





Traceability Difficulties

- Cost
 - Very little automated support
 - Full traceability is very expensive and time-consuming

Delayed gratification

- The people defining traceability links are not the people who benefit from it
 - Development vs. V&V
- Much of the benefit comes late in the lifecycle
 - Testing, integration, maintenance

• Size and diversity

- Huge range of different document types, tools, decisions and responsibilities
- No common schema exists for classifying and cataloging these
- In practice, traceability concentrates only on baselined requirements





Traceability in Practice

- Coverage
 - Forward: Links from requirements forward to designs, code, test cases,
 - Backward: Links back from designs, code, test cases to requirements
 - links between requirements at different levels

• Traceability process

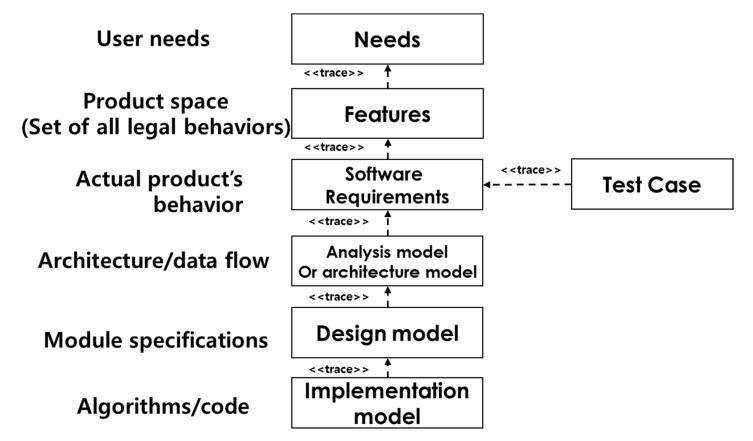
- Assign each sentence or paragraph a unique id number
- Manually identify linkages
- Use manual tables to record linkages in a document
- Use a traceability tool (database) for project wide traceability
- Tool then offers ability to
 - Follow links
 - Find missing links
 - Measure overall traceability





Example : Requirements Traceability

 When a <u>high level</u> artifact derives a <u>refined</u> artifact, <u>Traceability link</u> should be generated between two artifacts.

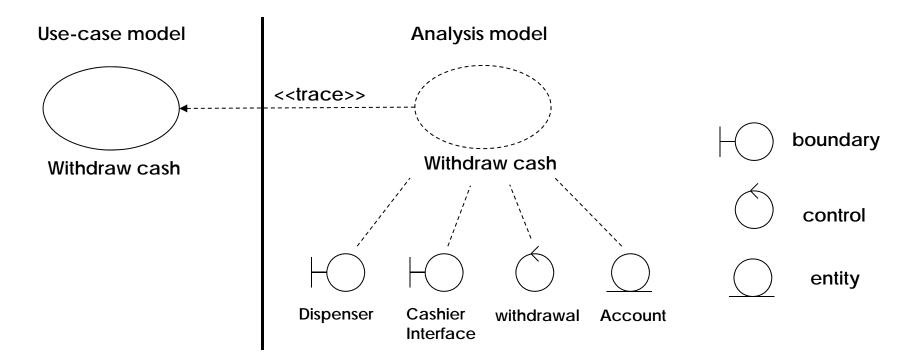






Traceability Link Example: An ATM System

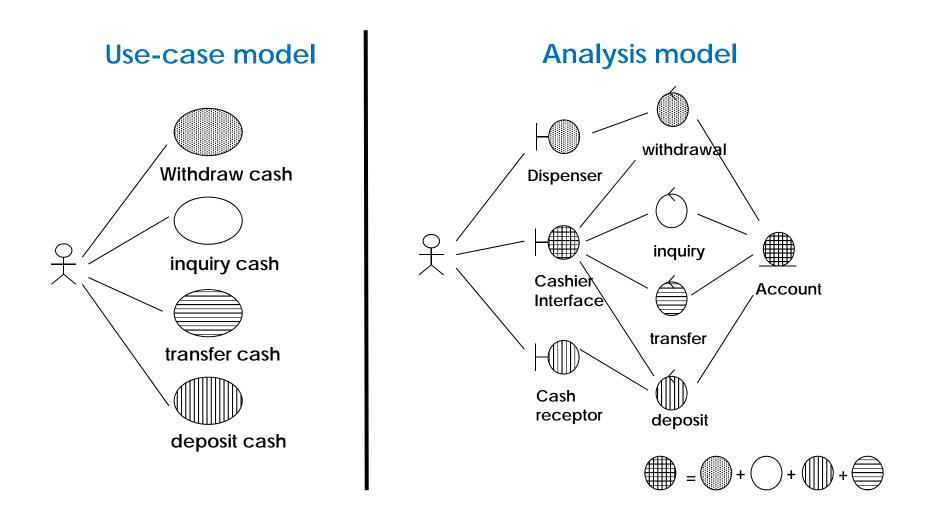
- Using Use Case
 - For a use case, finding participating class based on categorization of application classes (boundary, control, entity)







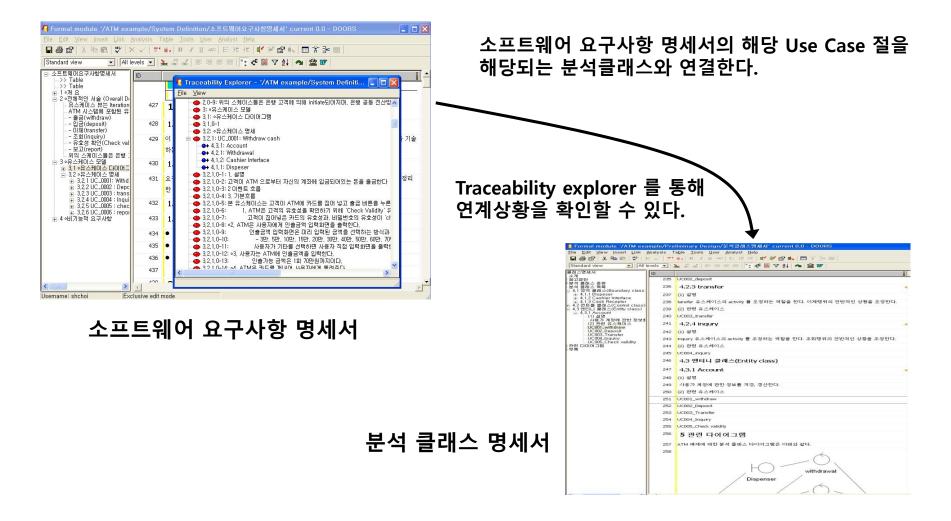
• Each use case derives a participating analysis case.





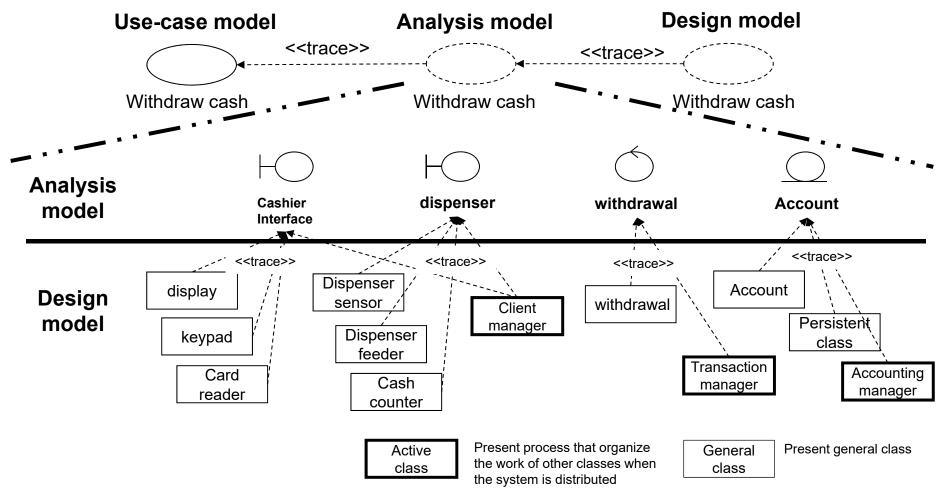


• Tracing the link using **DOORS** (Use case to analysis model)





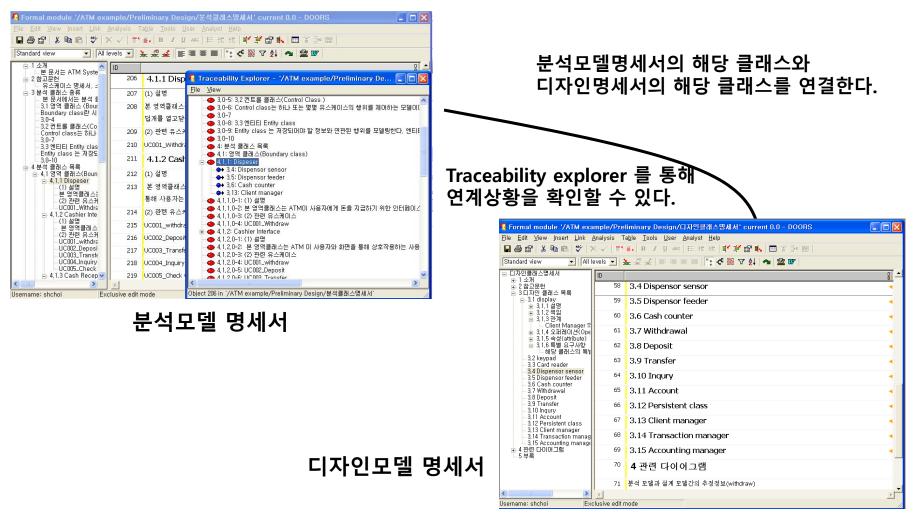
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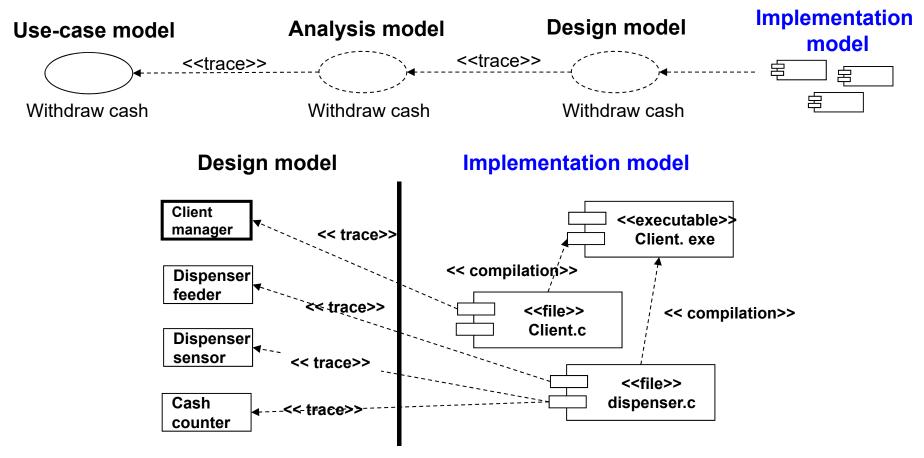
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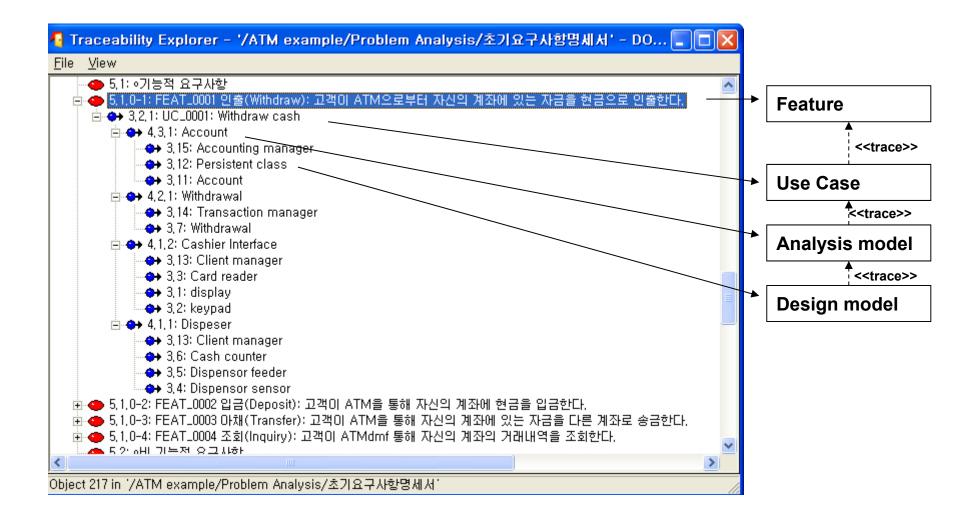
• Design classes derive components in implementation model.



Partial implementation model from design model



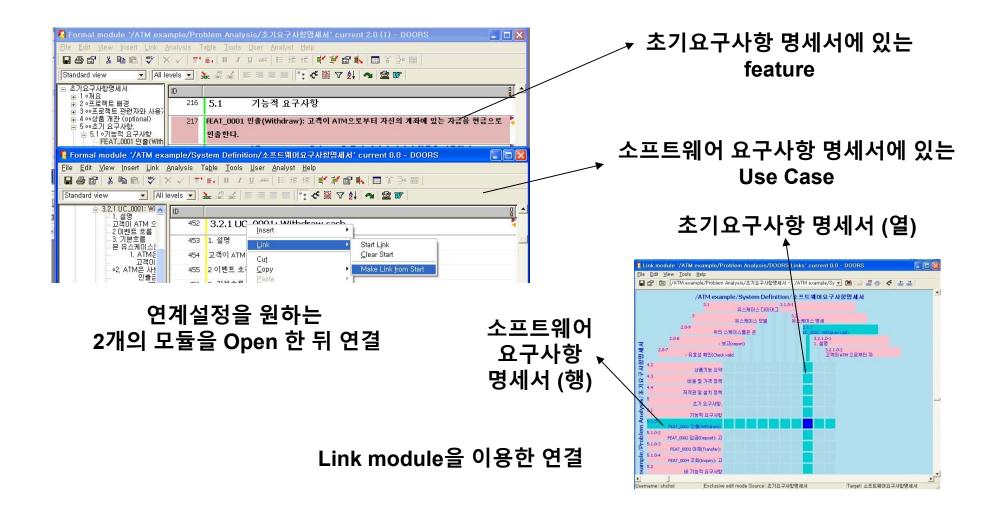
• Traceability link in DOORS







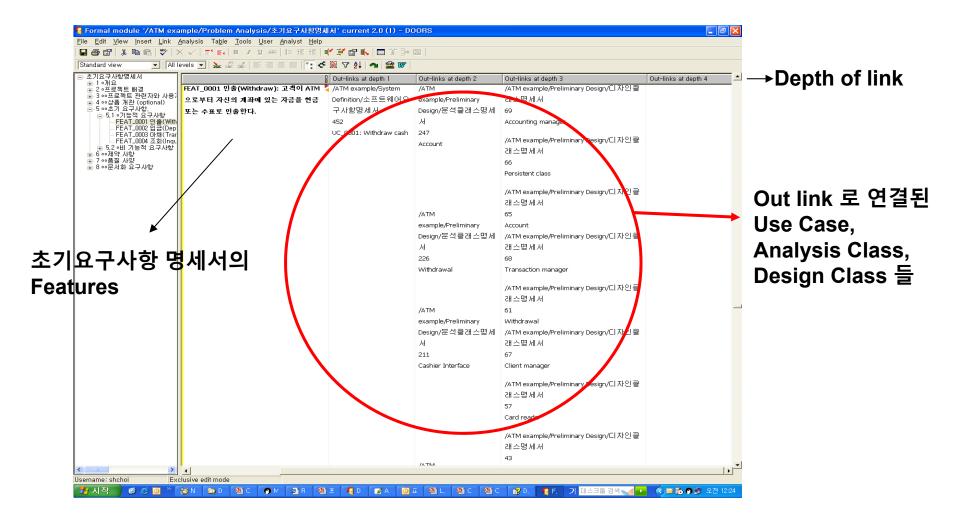
• Set links between the requirements - manually







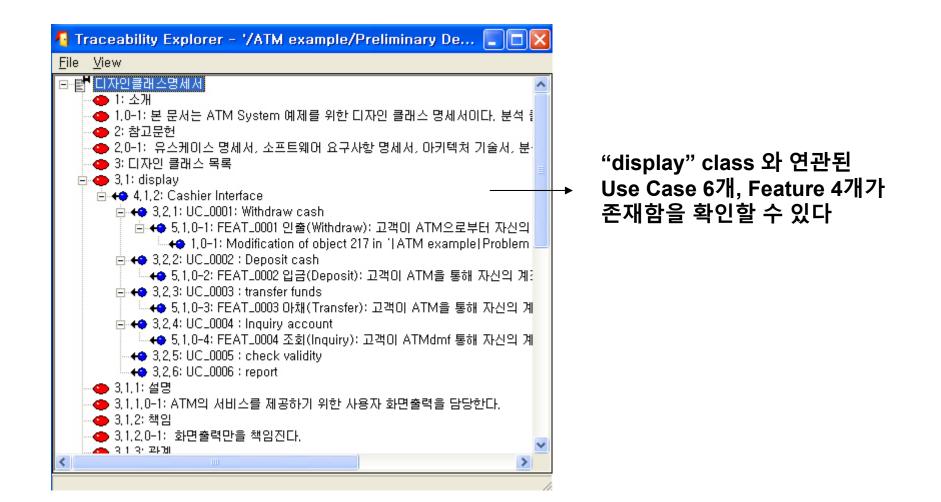
View relationships (Traceability column)







View relationships (Traceability Explorer)







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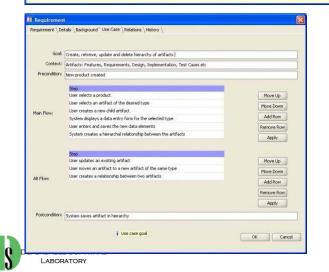
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