

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

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MVK13

THE SCHEDULE

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| Tue | Dec 3 | 15-17 | D1 | Lecture: Reqs and Specs GL: Successful projects Thomas Sjöholm, Bream IO |
| Thu | Dec 5 | 8-10 | D1 | <i>GL: Development strategies and goals</i> Ulf Bergqvist, Nordforce |
| Tue | Dec 10 | 10-12 | E1 | <i>GL: Successful projects</i> Fredrik Niemelä, Scrool <i>GL: Gather data</i> Chris Peters, KTH |
| Thu | Dec 12 | 10-12 | E1 | <i>GL: Needs, stakeholder analysis, and scenarios</i> Ingemar Wrangel, ab1 |
| Thu | Dec 19 | 10-12 | TBD | Presentation of reqs and project status + deliverable |

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- **There is an illusion of *the good requirements***

They are supposed to be:

- Necessary
- Unambiguous
- Consistent
- Complete
- Verifiable (often through tests)

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• Why is this an illusion?

- Wrong people contribute with requirements
- There's no limit (quite the opposite...)
- The analysis is misleading – wrong priorities, wrong technology, too little data, unnecessary compromises, etc etc etc
- The situation always changes – new knowledge, new technology, organisational changes, etc etc etc
- ...

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• So, then what?

- Do a stake holder analysis – which parties are affected by your system?
- Have "the right" stake holder provide the relevant reqs
- Limit the reqs, demand and provide a motivation for each
- Communicate with your client via user stories/use cases/scenarios – a scenario can hold hundreds of reqs and makes specifications easier to formulate
- Propose: "- Is this what you mean?", document results
- Early prototypes, many prototypes
- Iterate, plan for changes

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- Recommended reading



GL: SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS

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NEXT TIME

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Thursday Dec 5, 8-10

D1

Development Strategies and Goals

– GL Ulf Bergqvist, Nordforce

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