
Foreword

For many years I have taught courses on the best practices of Requirements Management with Use Cases, as well as how to apply these techniques using the industry-leading tool—namely, IBM® Rational® RequisitePro®. For each course I teach, I like to recommend a book to my students that they can reference for supplemental material to support the theory. Fortunately, there are several excellent texts on the theory that I highly recommend.

When learning requirements management best practices, such as change management, scoping, prioritization, and traceability, it becomes obvious that the benefits are difficult to achieve without the use of a tool.

So when I teach the RequisitePro course, it has been discouraging that there has not been a text that actually shows how to properly use this great tool. Thankfully, Peter has finally shown us in this book how to combine best practices with a great tool to bring order to your requirements process.

Peter also goes the extra mile, showing us how well-articulated and managed requirements feed naturally into well-designed software with object-oriented analysis and design and the use of complementary IBM Rational tools.

I have been waiting for a long time for a book like this that I can recommend to my RequisitePro students. If you are currently using IBM Rational RequisitePro, or are considering the benefits of this great tool, this book is a must-have.

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