



RaQuest Startup Manual

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1. Introduction

Welcome to the SparxSystems Japan RaQuest Startup Manual. This manual introduces the operations of RaQuest from the start-up. The pictures used in this manual may be different from those of the latest version.

2. First Run

This section provides you a quick start-up guide to RaQuest. It illustrates how to start RaQuest, open and create new projects, and set up local options.

2.1. To Start RaQuest

You can start RaQuest from the icon created on your Windows desktop during installation. Double-click the icon to start RaQuest (fig. 1), or select **RaQuest** from **Windows Start** menu.



fig. 1

After starting RaQuest, the window appears (fig. 2). How to create new projects for RaQuest is described next.

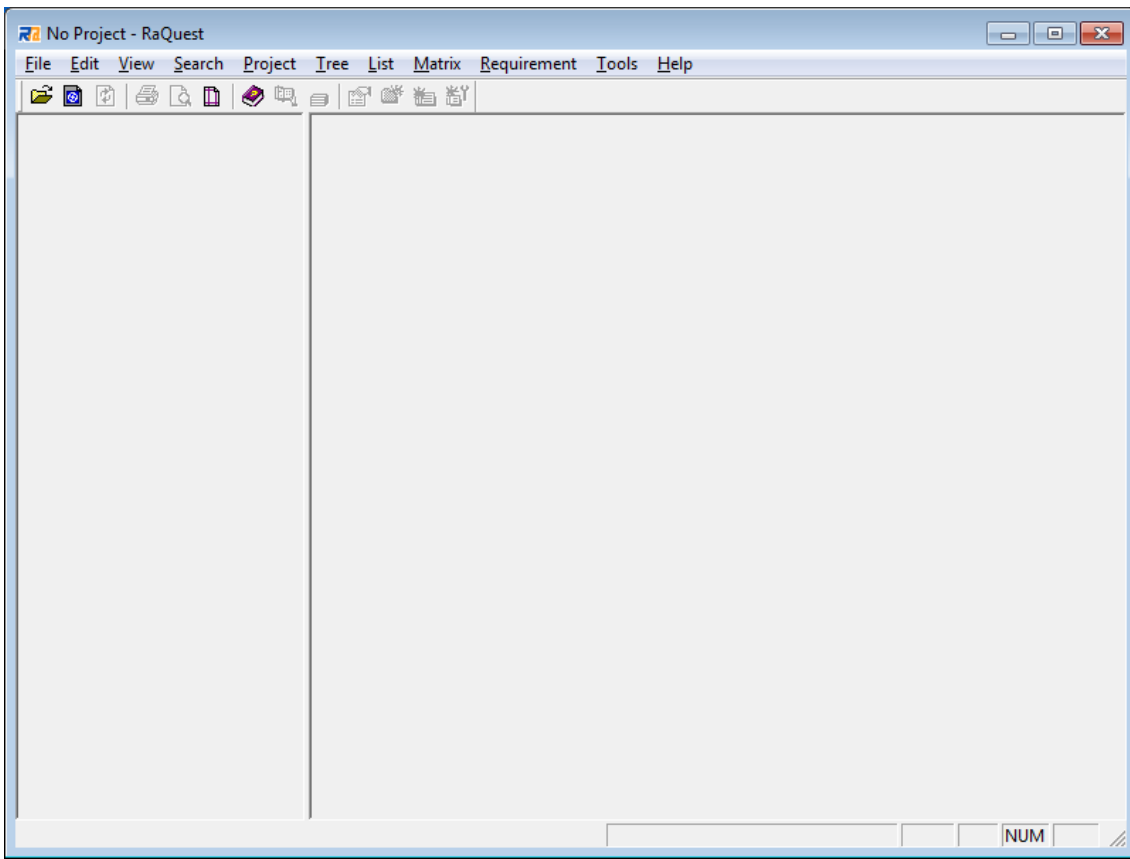


fig. 2

2.2. To Create New Project

Select **File | New Project** menu item (fig. 3). The screen to specify the project file (RQE file or EAP file) appears. Specify the file name and click **Save** button. As an example, we specify RaQuestStartup.rqe.

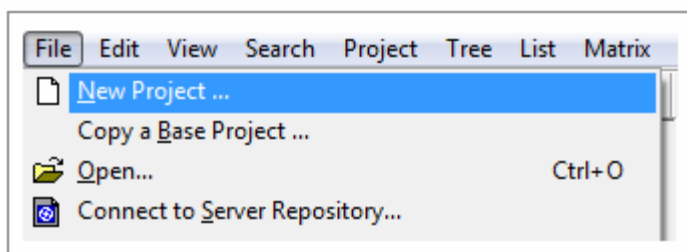


fig. 3

The file of project is newly created (fig. 4).

The package, named "Requirements," in the project tab on left pane is the overall-standard package which manages the requirements. It is called a root package.

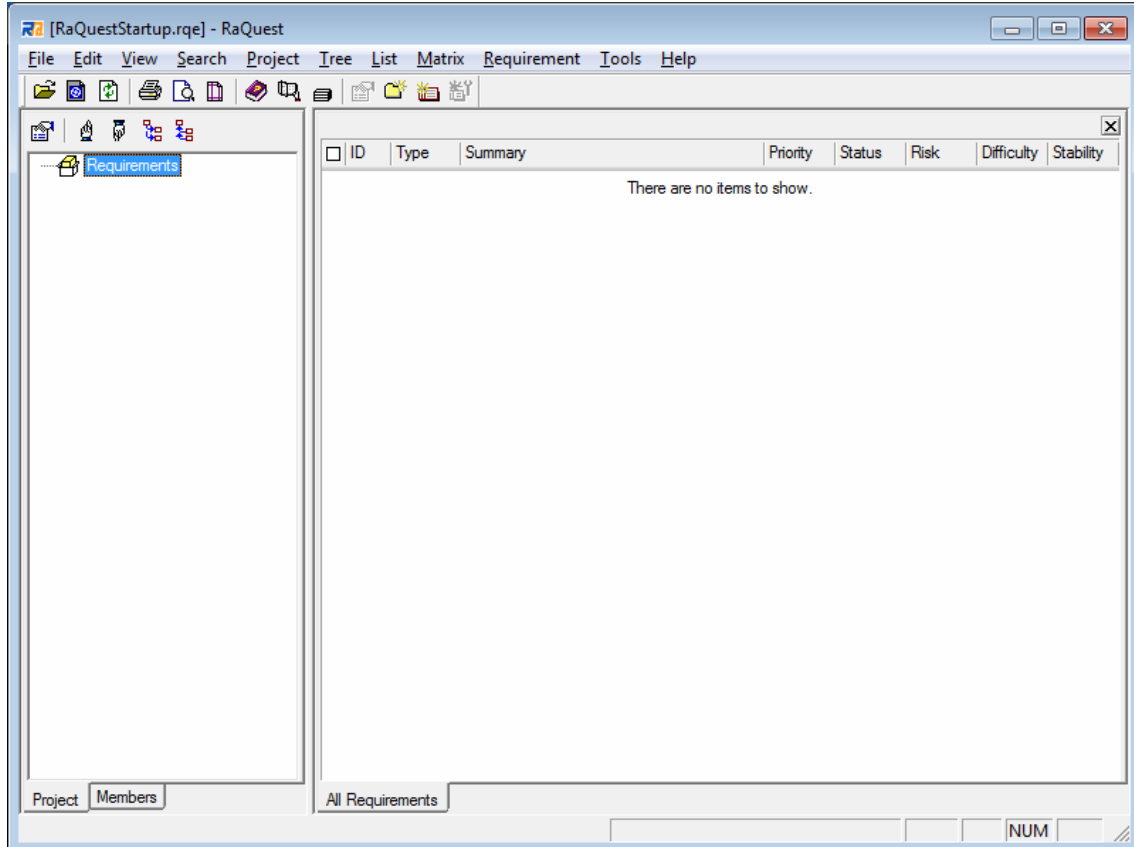


fig. 4

In addition, after the above operation, a dialog like fig. 5 may be displayed.

The setting method of this dialog is described in the next section.

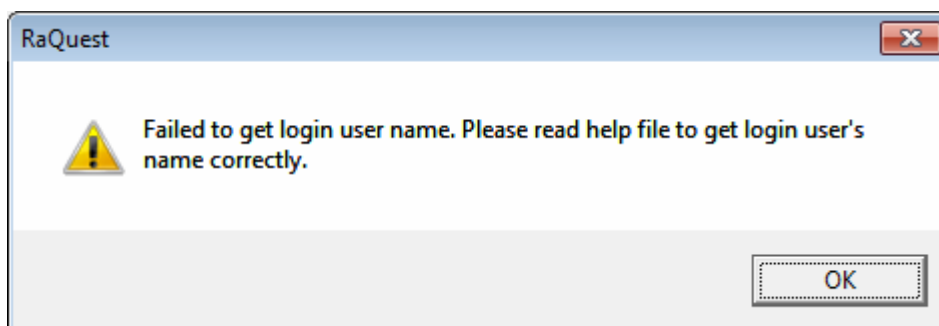


fig. 5

Note: The projects of RaQuest are in EAP files, the common data files for both UML Modeling Tool - Enterprise Architect and RaQuest. When RaQuest is combined with the corporate version of Enterprise Architect, Repository on Database is also available as a project. (Please note that the connection by “Encrypt Connection String” is not applied.)

In this manual, we describe how to create new project on RaQuest, rather using Enterprise Architect’s project file as RaQuest’s project file. Refer to the help files, etc. to use the project of Enterprise Architect as a project of RaQuest.

3. Optional Setting in RaQuest

Before starting operations, this section provides you with the details about optional settings in RaQuest.

3.1. Setting for User Name

First, check the user name. Select **Tools | Local Options** menu item, then the following **Local Options** dialog appears (fig. 6). The item **Current UserName** is showed in the first screen of this dialog. This user name is applied to such as **Updated by**, specified when creating requirements in RaQuest. If the **Current UserName** is blank or you want to change, enter the user name in the item **Default UserName**. When you set the **Default UserName**, you have to reload the Project.

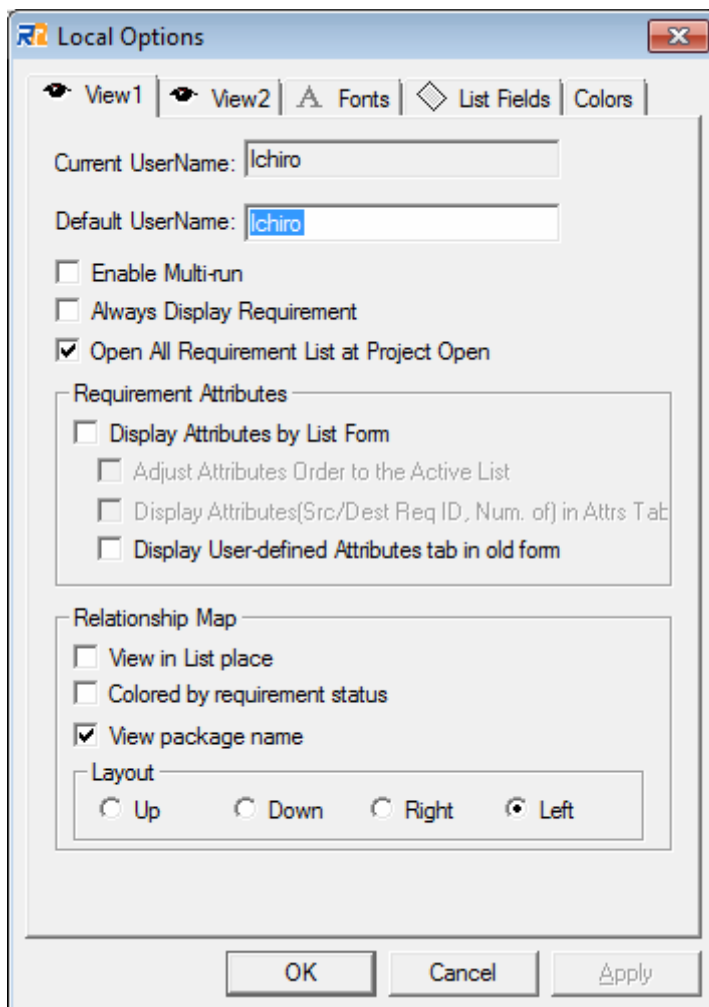


fig. 6

3.2. Status Flow in RaQuest

RaQuest assumes the following status flow in the process of requirements management (fig. 7).

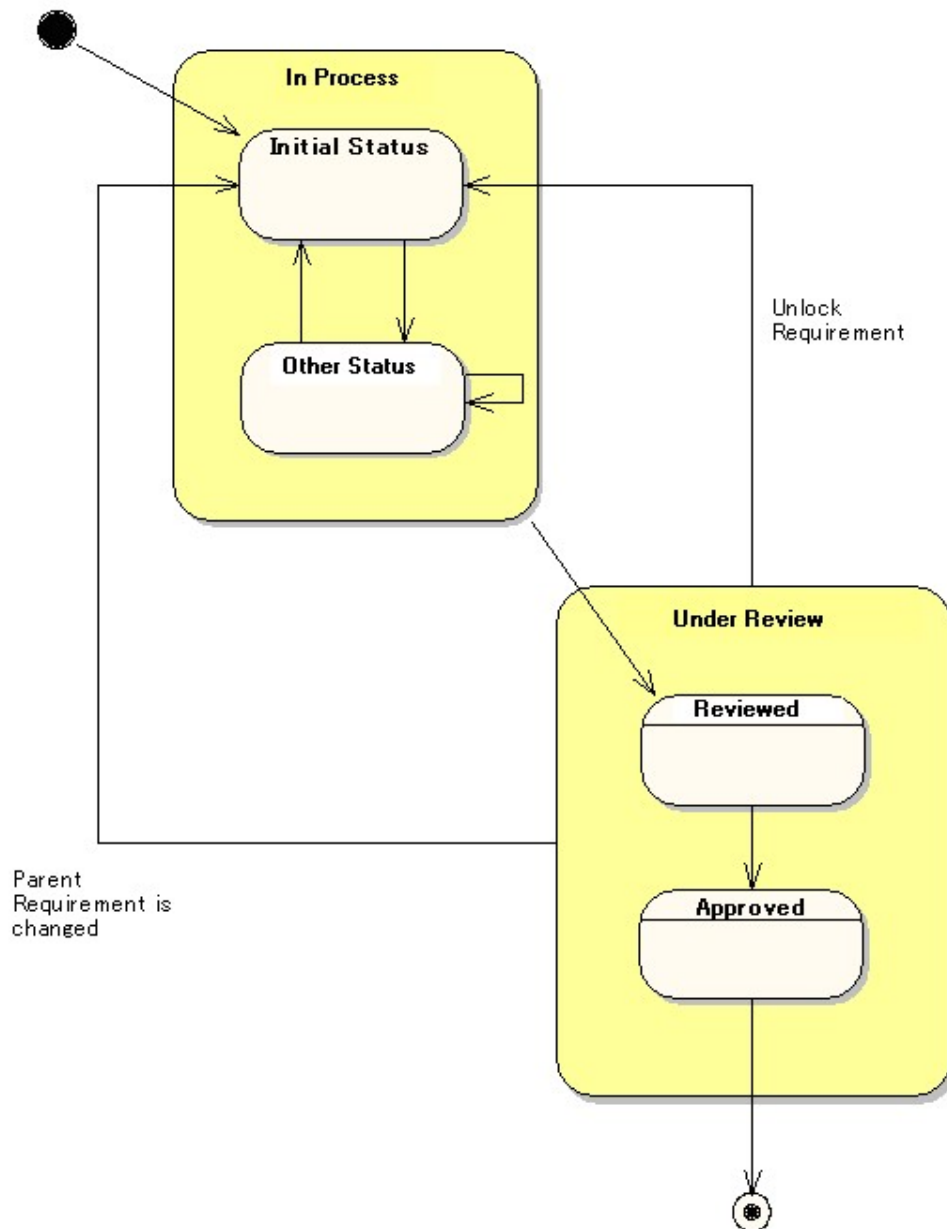


fig. 7

In above status flow, there are three special statuses for RaQuest. They are:

- Initial status
It is a default status for every newly created requirement. Requirement should be reviewed.
- Reviewed status
It is a status for already reviewed requirements. The contents of the requirements are fixed.
- Approved status
It is the final status for requirements approved by someone with approval authority. The contents of the requirements are fixed.

Specific statuses to correspond with above three special statuses can be modified in **Project Options** dialog in RaQuest. The other requirement status can also be added or modified in **Project Options** dialog.

The following fig. 8 is the option flow of the status in standard configuration.

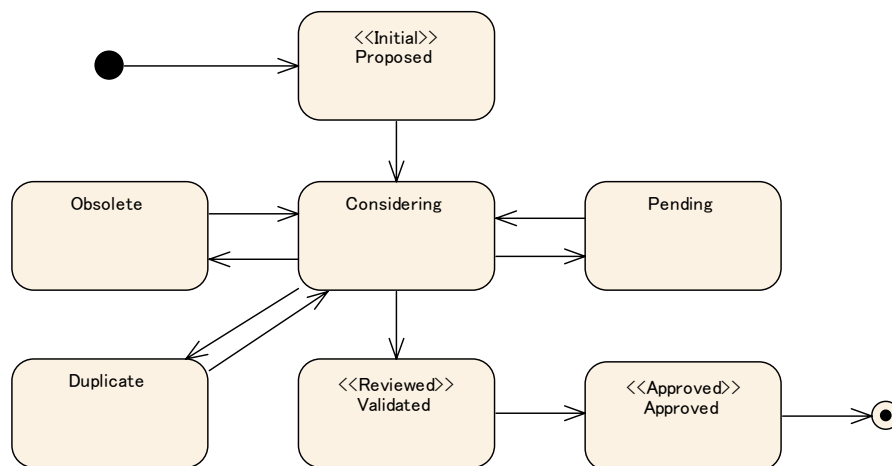


fig. 8

In default settings, based on the operation flow “Initial (Proposed)” -> “Considering” -> “Reviewed (Validated)” -> “Approved (Approved),” we have configured settings assuming the status “Obsolete” when the project is obsolete while considering, and “Pending” when the project is holding the review.

Requirements with “Reviewed” or “Approved” statuses are locked automatically and cannot be changed, because their contents have been already fixed. When those locked requirements are

unlocked (when you modify the contents of those locked requirements), their status types get back to “Initial” status automatically. The statuses of other requirements depended on this unlocked requirements are also changed to “Review Required” status, automatically.

Revising the requirements prevents missing out re-reviewing the requirements.

3.3. To Check the Option of Requirement Status

Now, check the option of the requirement status explained in Section 3.2. From the mainmenu of RaQuest, select **Tools | Project Options | Requirement Statuses** tab. (fig. 9)

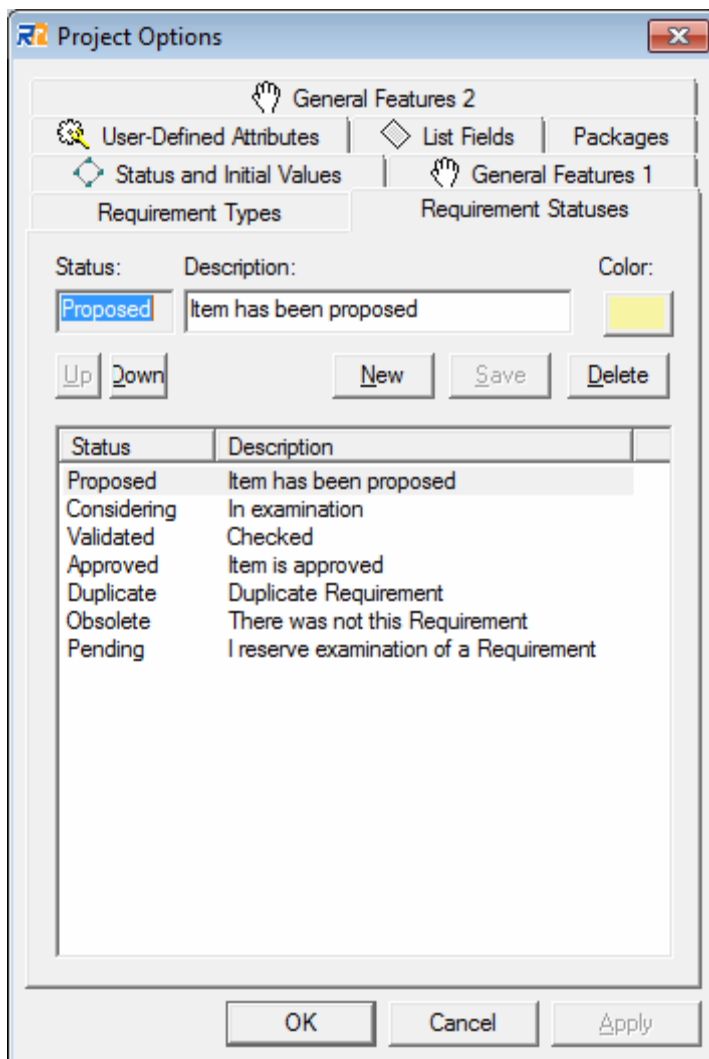


fig. 9

In this dialog, you can configure status types. For details about status types, see preceding section.

3.4. Optional Setting for Status

Before starting operations, you should check status types of three special statuses (“Initial,” “Reviewed,” and “Approved,” for details see Section 3.2). Display Project Options’ **Status and Initial Values** tab (fig. 10).

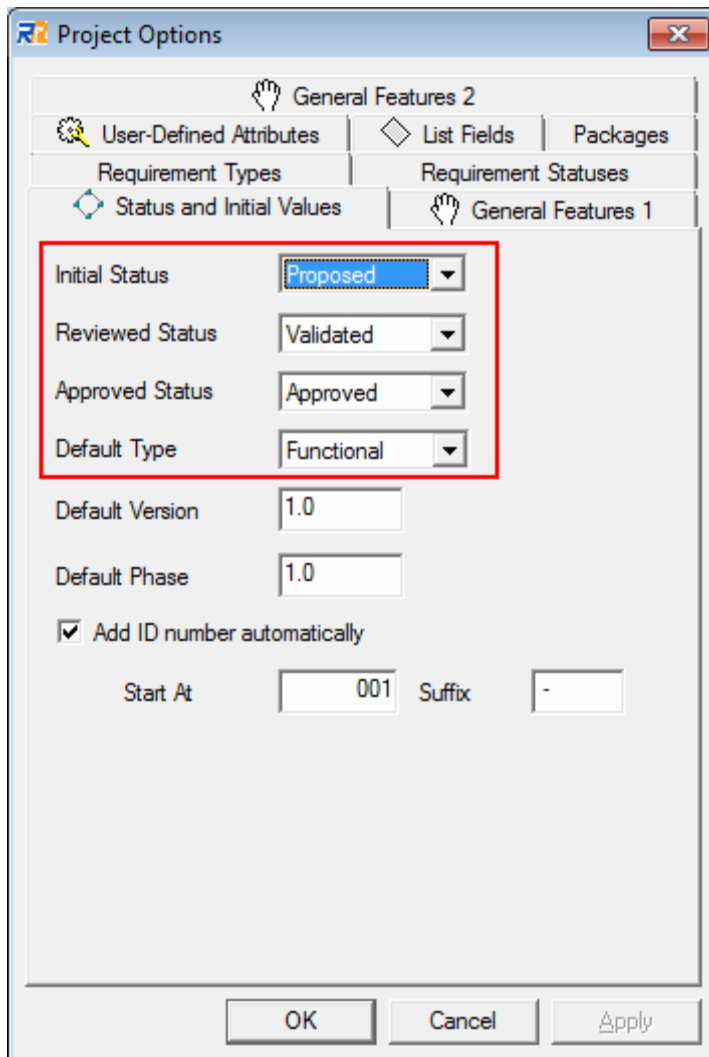


fig. 10

In above dialog, status types are assigned according to the status flow as shown in fig. 7. Change is made in this dialog. Please confirm the initial requirement type for newly created requirement. The requirement type is explained in Section 3.5.

If you change the above status types after having done some operations, it sometimes violates logical consistency of status types. Therefore you are required to assign status types before starting the operations and not to change them after starting operation if at all possible.

3.5. To Check the Option of Requirement Type

Check the option of requirement type. To display, select **Requirement Types** tab of **Project Options** dialog (fig. 11).

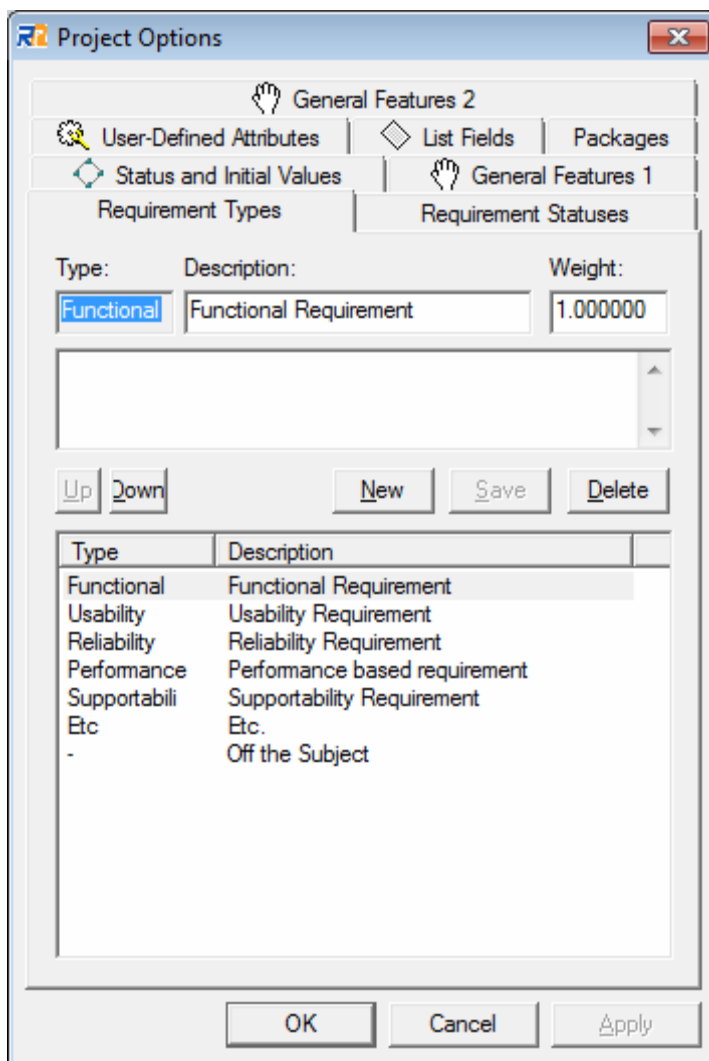


fig. 11

In the dialog, you can configure requirement types for RaQuest. By general classification, there are two types of requirements. One is functional requirement and another is non-functional

requirement. However, your team or division may have an original rule for requirements' classification. You can freely add, modify and delete requirement types in this dialog according to the rule in your team or division. For instance, restriction or performance may be defined as detailed requirement types for non-functional requirements.

The type in classification model of FURPS+ is defined in default setting.

3.6. Setting for Division and Member

To configure divisions and members, click **Members** tab in the left pane of main window in RaQuest (fig. 12). **Members** tree appears and you can set divisions and members in **Members** tree.

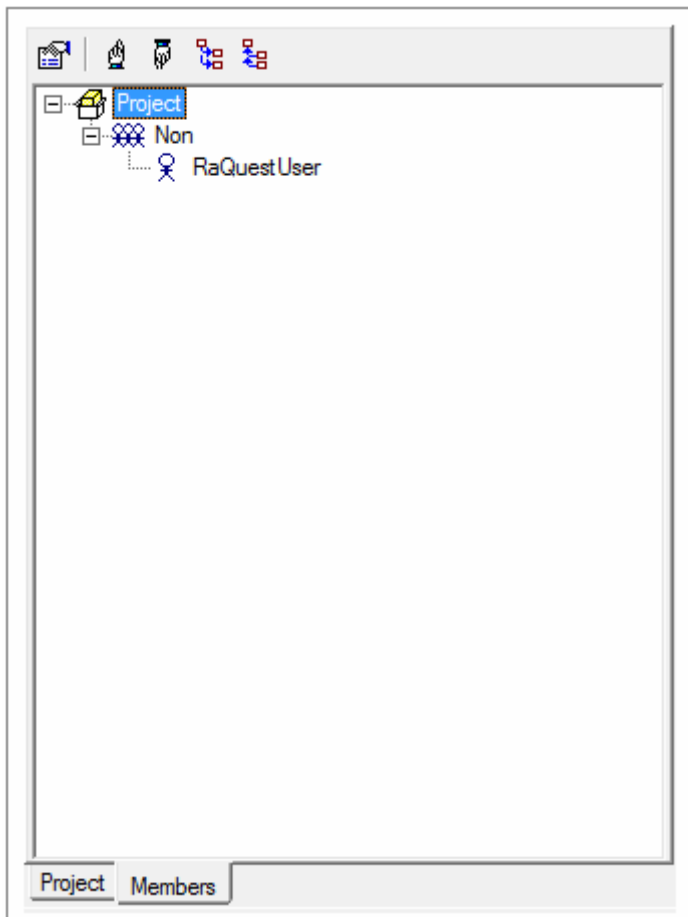


fig. 12

To create new divisions or members, move your mouse to where you would like to create and right-click to show context menu. Select **Add Division** or **Add Member** to create them (fig. 13).

You can put members under divisions.

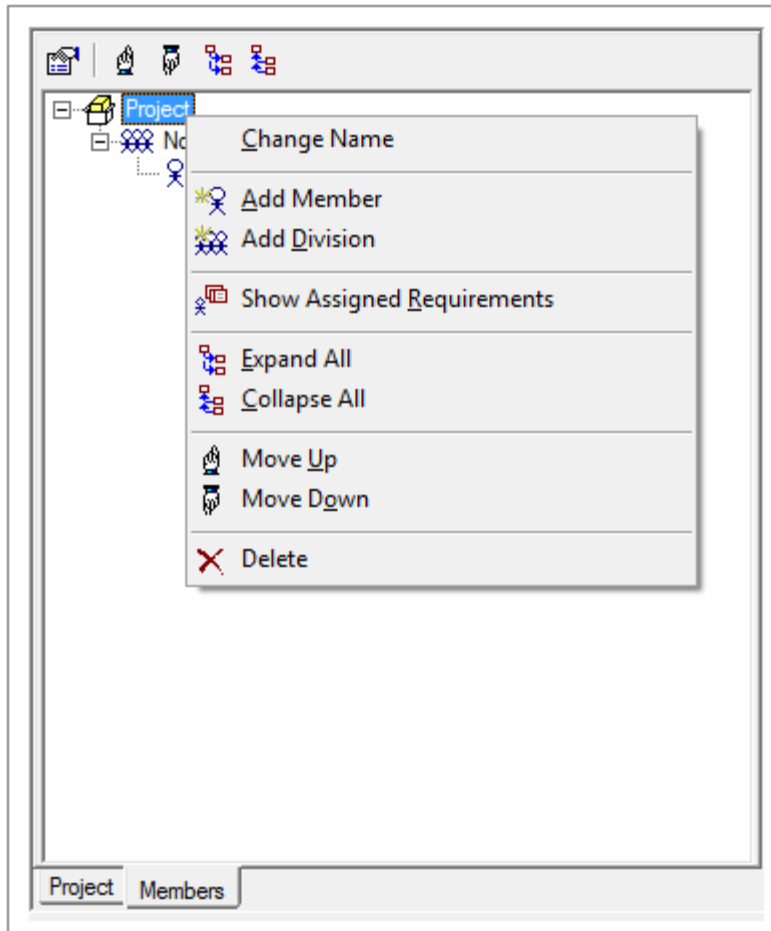


fig. 13

In this example, we set divisions and members as shown in fig. 14. We recommend you to add user name, described in Section 3.1.



fig. 14

3.7. Setting for User-Defined Attributes

Next the setting of user-defined attributes is explained. You can define the attributes which has never exist. We recommend you to create the attributes you need at the beginning.

User-defined attributes can be set in the Project Options' **User-Defined Attributes** tab (fig. 15).

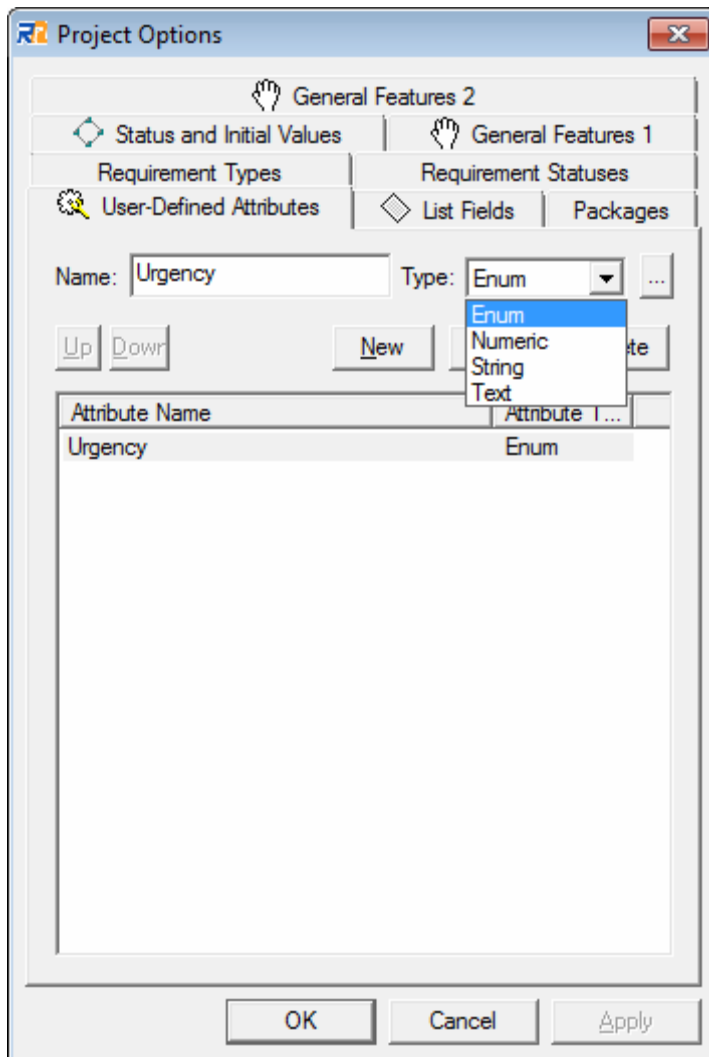


fig. 15

To define user-defined attributes, set attribute name and type and click **Save** button. The user-defined attributes are available in **User-Defined Attributes** tab of **Requirements Properties** dialog (fig. 16).

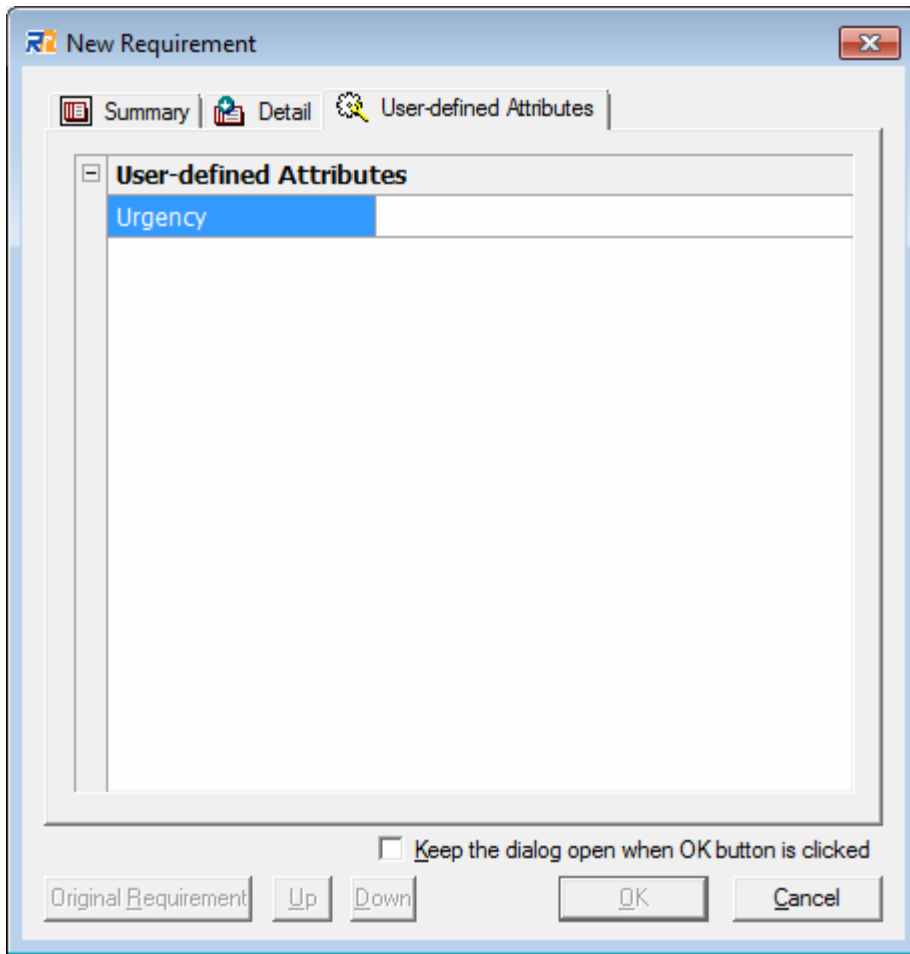


fig. 16

Now, all the settings of projects in RaQuest are completed.

4. Creation and Management of Requirement Items

From this section, actual creation and management of requirement items are explained.

4.1. To Enter Purpose, Range and Abstract of System

First, enter “Name,” “Purpose of System,” “Scope of System,” and “Summary” of system as the properties of root package. These are the bases of requirements in this project. Right-click the root package in the tree (root package is located at the top of the tree) and select **Properties** (fig. 17).

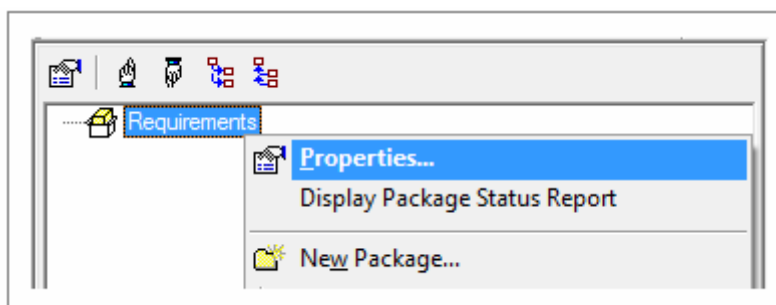


fig. 17

Root Package Properties dialog appears. Enter necessary information into the dialog. In this example, we enter them as shown in fig. 18.

fig. 18

4.2. To Create Package and Requirement

RaQuest can create following three items.

- Package
It is a container for requirements to manage the multiple requirements all together.
- Requirement
Individual requirements
- Change requirement
Use this feature when the existing requirements need to be changed. For instance, a requirement of some product needs to be updated to version 1.1 from 1.0. You can modify the existing requirements, but that will make its history hard to see. To avoid this, define the "Change Requirement" to the existing requirement to clearly show that there are some changes made to the requirements.

Before creating requirement item, create new packages. To create a package, right-click the package you want to create (root package is used here) and select **New Package** (fig. 19). **Package Properties** dialog appears. Enter the name, summary and etc into the dialog. In this example, we enter them as shown in fig. 20.

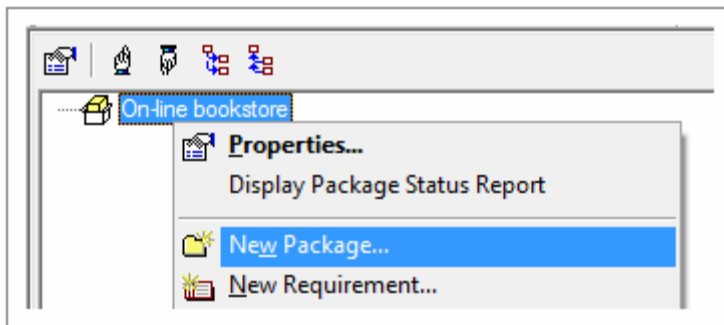


fig. 19

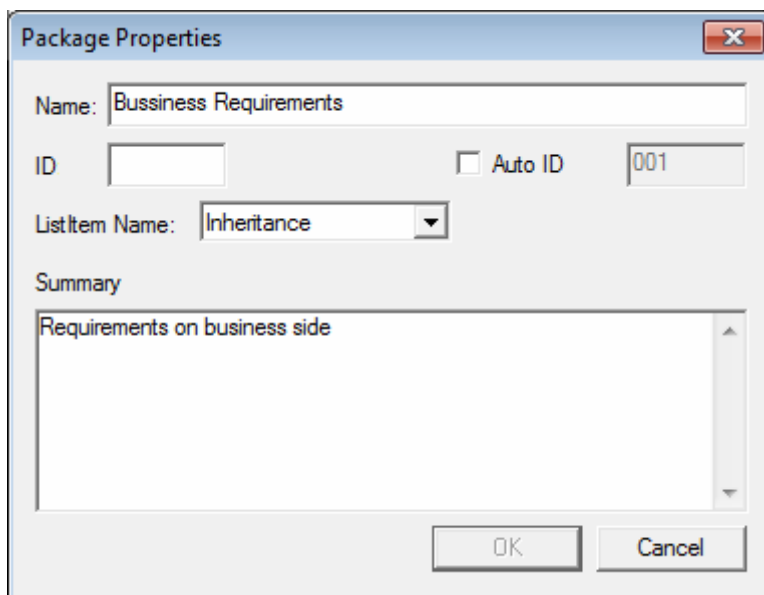


fig. 20

Next we create packages, and it looks like fig. 21.

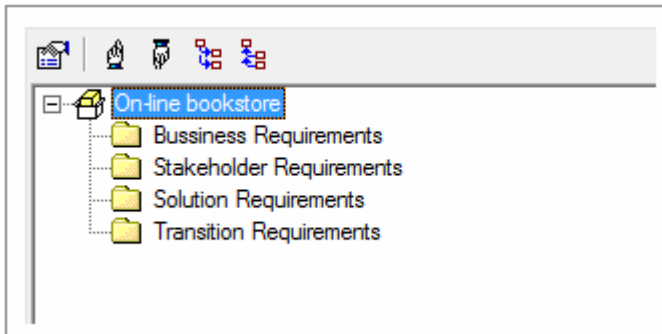


fig. 21

Then, create a new requirement. Right-click a package (under where you would like to create a new requirement) and select **New Requirement** (fig. 22). **New Requirement** dialog appears. Enter necessary information into the dialog. In this example, we enter them as shown in fig. 23.

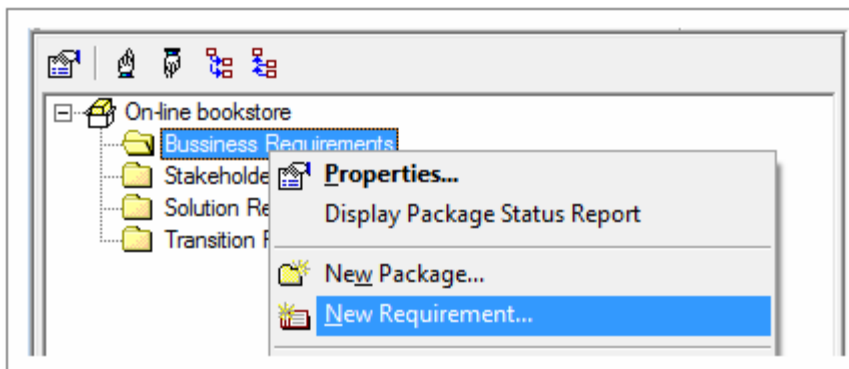


fig. 22

New Requirement

Summary | Detail | User-defined Attributes

Summary

Higher volume - faster client accessibility.

ID: 001 Revision: 1

Version: 1.0 Phase: 1.0

Due Date: 12/ 9/2010 Type: Functional

Created: Status: Proposed

Created by: Ichiro Lock Requirement

Updated: Review Required

Updated by: Approved by: Approved

Keep the dialog open when OK button is clicked

Original Requirement Up Down OK Cancel

fig. 23

You can create other requirements in the same way. In this example, we create requirements as shown in fig. 24.

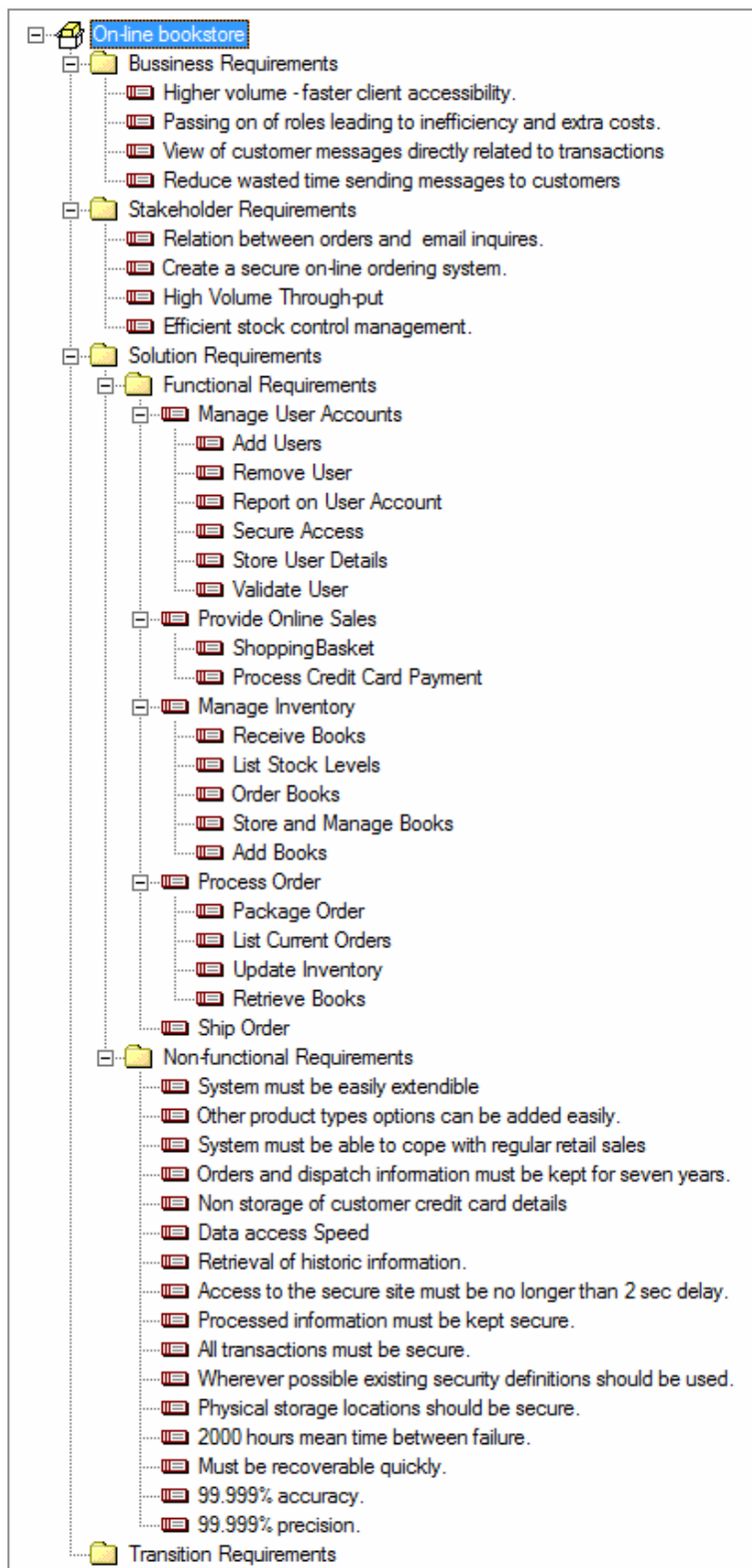


fig. 24

Requirements can be assigned a person in charge, information about related files and elements of URL/UML, and comments. For details see RaQuest Help.

It is possible to place package under requirement (fig. 24). Such packages work as an index to sort the child requirements, and they play different role from the packages with standard hierarchical structure. Therefore, please note that this kind of packages cannot be moved.

4.3. Requirements List

You can display a list of created requirements in the right pane of main window. Select root package (or a package which has requirements to display) and select **List | Requirements List** menu item (fig. 25). The created requirements are displayed by list (fig. 26).

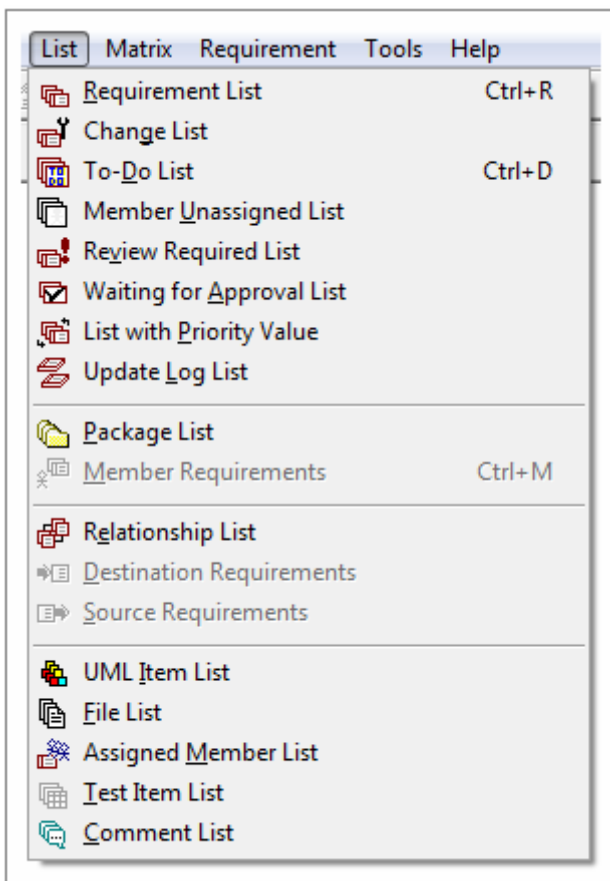


fig. 25

<input type="checkbox"/> ID	Type	Summary	Priority	Status	Risk	Difficulty	Stability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 001	Functional	Higher volume - faster client accessibility.	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 002	Functional	Passing on of roles leading to inefficiency and extra costs.	High	Proposed	Medium	Medium	High
<input type="checkbox"/> 003	Functional	View of customer messages directly related to transactions	High	Proposed	Medium	Medium	High
<input type="checkbox"/> 004	Functional	Reduce wasted time sending messages to customers	High	Proposed	Medium	Medium	High
<input type="checkbox"/> 005	Functional	Relation between orders and email inquires.	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 006	Functional	Create a secure on-line ordering system.	Medium	Validated	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 007	Functional	High Volume Through-put	Medium	Validated	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 008	Functional	Efficient stock control management.	Medium	Validated	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 009	Functional	Manage User Accounts	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 014	Functional	Add Users	High	Validated	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 015	Functional	Remove User	Low	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 016	Functional	Report on User Account	High	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 022	Functional	Secure Access	High	Proposed	Medium	High	High
<input type="checkbox"/> 023	Functional	Store User Details	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 024	Functional	Validate User	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 010	Functional	Provide Online Sales	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 012	Functional	ShoppingBasket	Low	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 013	Functional	Process Credit Card Payment	High	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 011	Functional	Manage Inventory	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 018	Functional	Receive Books	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium

All Requirements

fig. 26

Click the header of each column to sort the requirements by the header item.

You can use filter feature to narrow down the requirements to be shown in the list. Select **Search | Filter List** menu item. **Filter List** dialog appears and then check the items and enter the filtering keywords into the field. You can display requirements containing the filtering keyword, or requirements not containing the filtering keyword (fig. 27, fig. 28).

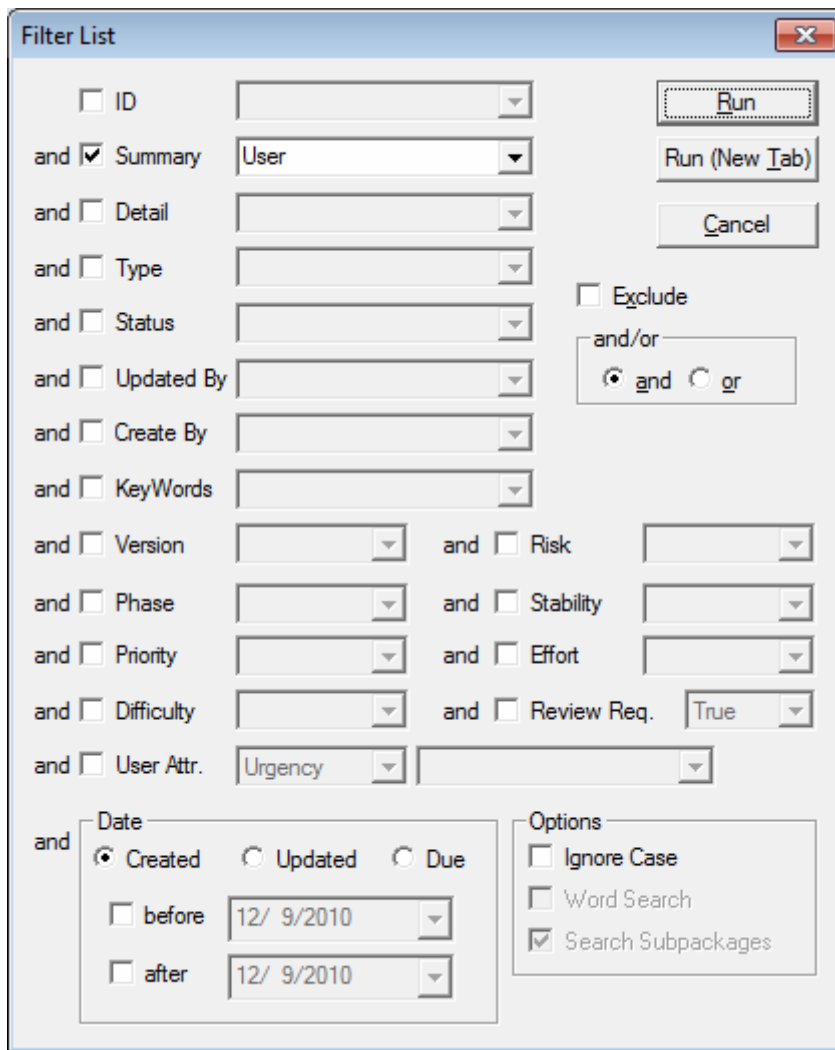


fig. 27

<input type="checkbox"/> ID	Type	Summary	Priority	Status	Risk	Difficulty	Stability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 009	Functional	Manage User Accounts	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 014	Functional	Add Users	High	Validated	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 015	Functional	Remove User	Low	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 016	Functional	Report on User Account	High	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 023	Functional	Store User Details	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 024	Functional	Validate User	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium

fig. 28

By this, you can easily check a lot of requirements. Furthermore, “Reviewed” or “Approved”

requirements and expired requirements are displayed in different color so that it helps the effective management. (Usually requirements are written in black. fig. 29)

<input type="checkbox"/> ID	Type	Summary	Priority	Status	Risk	Difficulty	Stability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 001	Functional	Higher volume - faster client accessibility.	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 002	Functional	Passing on of roles leading to inefficiency and extra costs.	High	Proposed	Medium	Medium	High
<input type="checkbox"/> 003	Functional	View of customer messages directly related to transactions	High	Proposed	Medium	Medium	High
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<input type="checkbox"/> 005	Functional	Relation between orders and email inquires.	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 006	Functional	Create a secure on-line ordering system.	Medium	Validated	Medium	Medium	Medium
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fig. 29

5. To Import the Existing Requirements Information

In this section, we will explain the following two methods to import the information of existing requirements, managed by the external tools like spreadsheet programs and others.

- CSV importing function
- Word Add-in

5.1. CSV Import

To import the requirement information from the external tools like spreadsheet programs and others, the data has to be converted to the csv file. Export the data from each tool, and then import it to RaQuest by the following step.

First, select a package in the tree to store the imported requirement. And then, select **File** | **Import** | **CSV** menu item (fig. 30.)

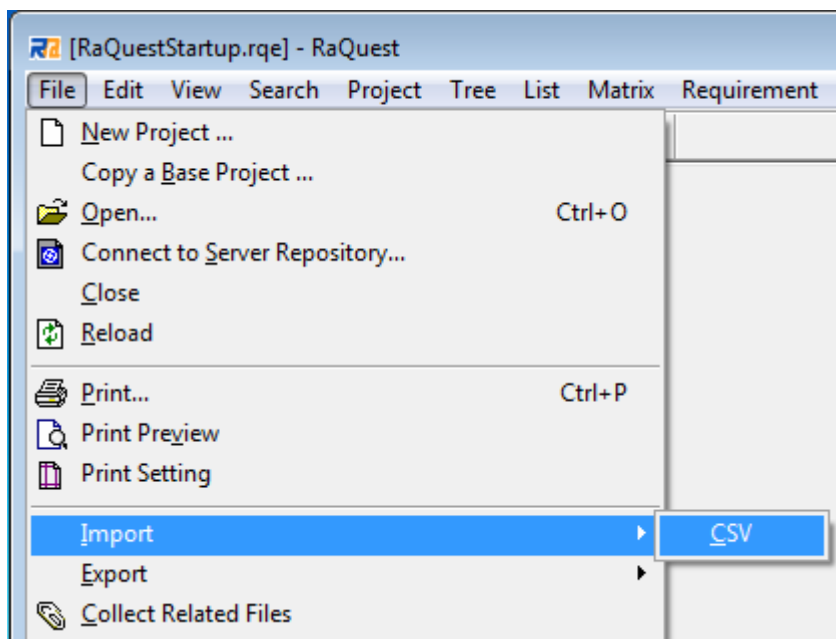


fig. 30

On the **List Import/Export** dialog (fig. 31,) press the **Edit/New** button.

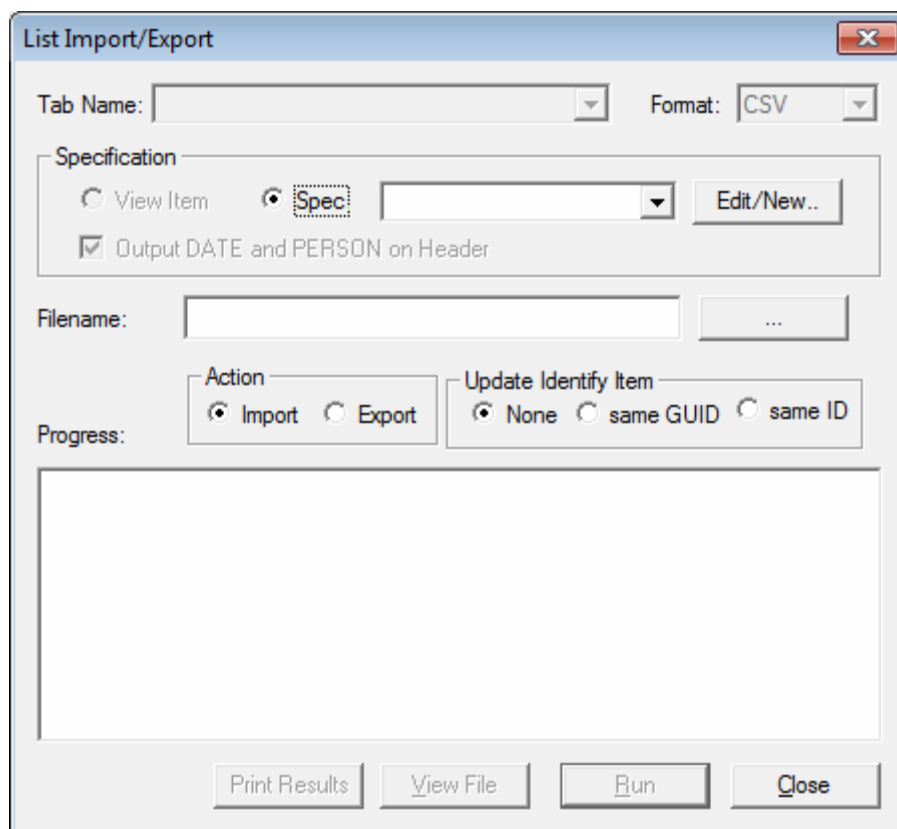


fig. 31

Then, on the **CSV/Excel Import/Export File Specification** dialog, use **Add Field** or **Up/Down** buttons to define file form to import the csv file. Here, we use the following conditions of csv file for our setting (fig. 32.)

(ID), (Summary), (Status)

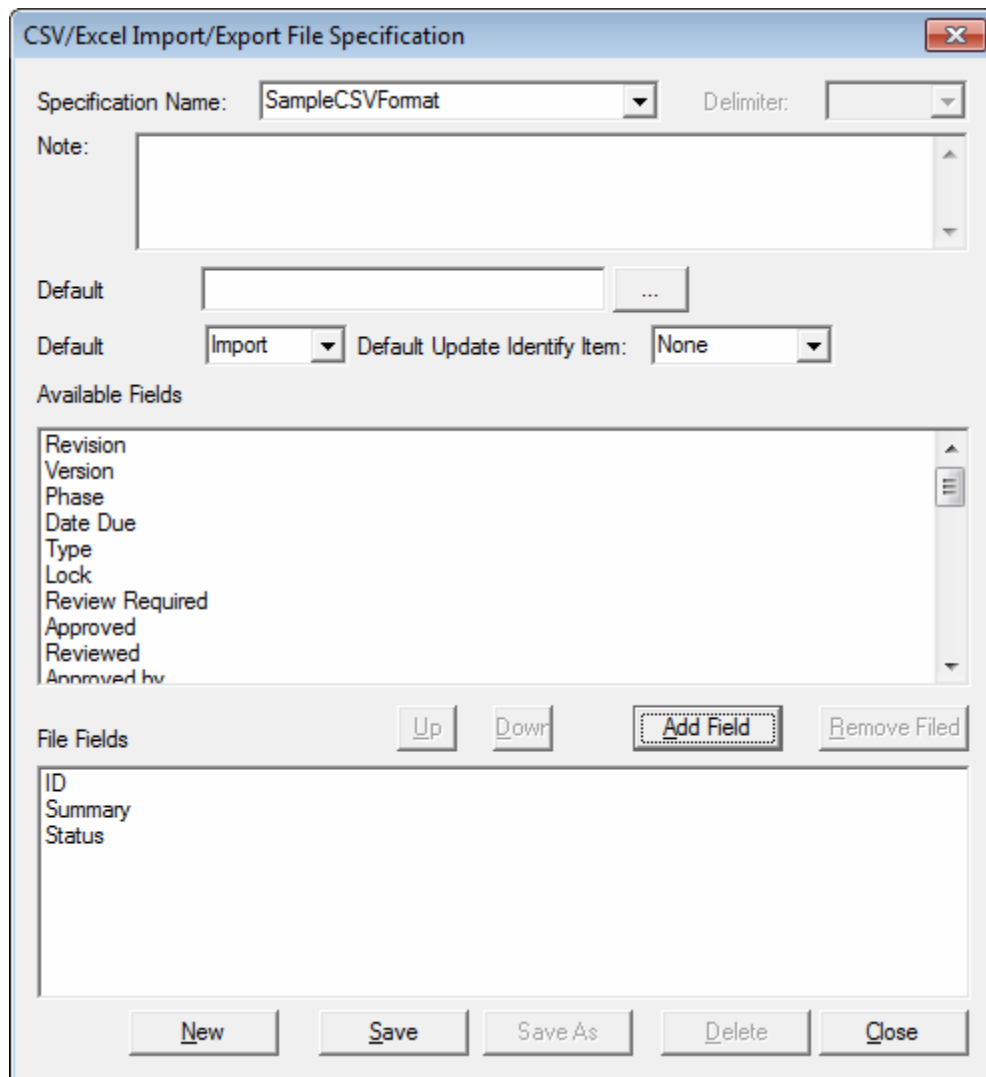


fig. 32

Name the setting, here we named this SampleCSVFormat, and save.

On the **List Import/Export** dialog, specify your setting from the combo box of setting. You can specify the csv file, and then press the **Run** button. The data of csv file is imported to the specified package as a requirement.

If the ID or GUID of requirement in the csv file is already existed in the project, it can be overwritten by changing the settings of **Update Identify Item** on the **List Import/Export** dialog. Also, you can synchronize the data even if the csv file is edited outside of RaQuest. For this, you need to include ID or GUID information in the files to be exported; CSV/Excel Export will be explained in section 9.2.

5.2. Word Add-in

When Word Add-in is registered at the installation, right-click menu of the high-lighted texts has **Register to RaQuest** menu item. This option registers the high-lighted texts as a requirement of the currently opened project of RaQuest.

For details, please refer to the Help file.

6. To Assign Member and Make Relationship to Requirement

6.1. To Assign Member to Requirement

You can assign members to requirements. The member assigned here can be a person who reviews the requirement or a person who is in charge of the requirement until it is approved.

The following is the simplest way to assign members to requirements. First, display **Requirements** list explained in Section 5.3 and select **Members** tab at the left pane of main window to display **Members** tree. Drag and drop the requirement to the member in **Members** tree (fig. 33).

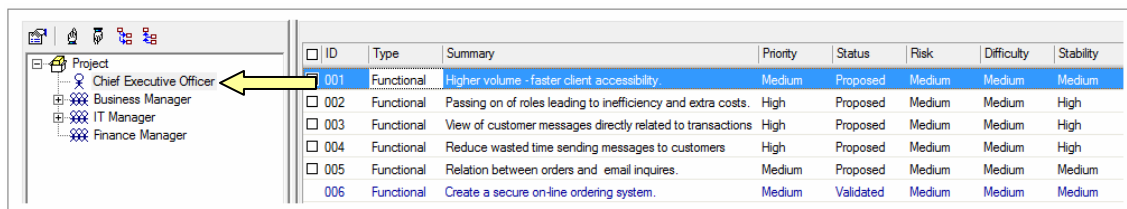


fig. 33

The members are assigned successfully when the message is displayed on status bar as shown in fig. 34.

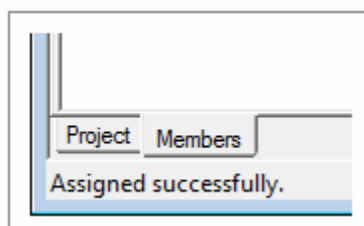


fig. 34

Drag and drop the member to the requirement is effective as well.

You can check the assigned members of the requirements from the **Properties** dialog of each requirement. Select **Members** tab to check it (fig. 35).

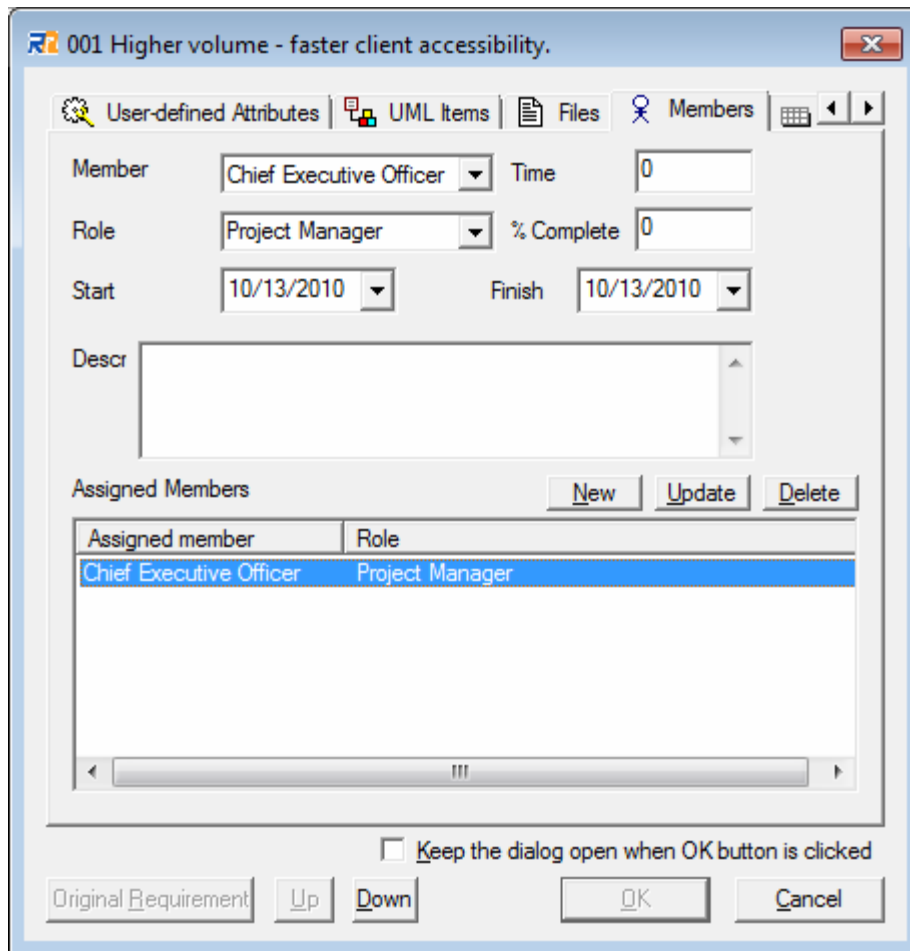


fig. 35

You can add, modify and delete the assigned members in this dialog. Use this dialog to modify or delete members. To customize the roles, run Enterprise Architect from **Tools | run Enterprise Architect** menu item. Then, in Enterprise Architect, select **Settings | People** menu item. The **Member** dialog shows up. You can customize the roles in the **Project Roles** tab. Change it as you need.

You can check the requirements in an individual assigned member basis. Select a member in **Members** tree at the left pane of main window, and select **List | Member Requirements** menu item. You can view all requirements of the member in a list at the right pane of main window (fig. 36, fig. 37).

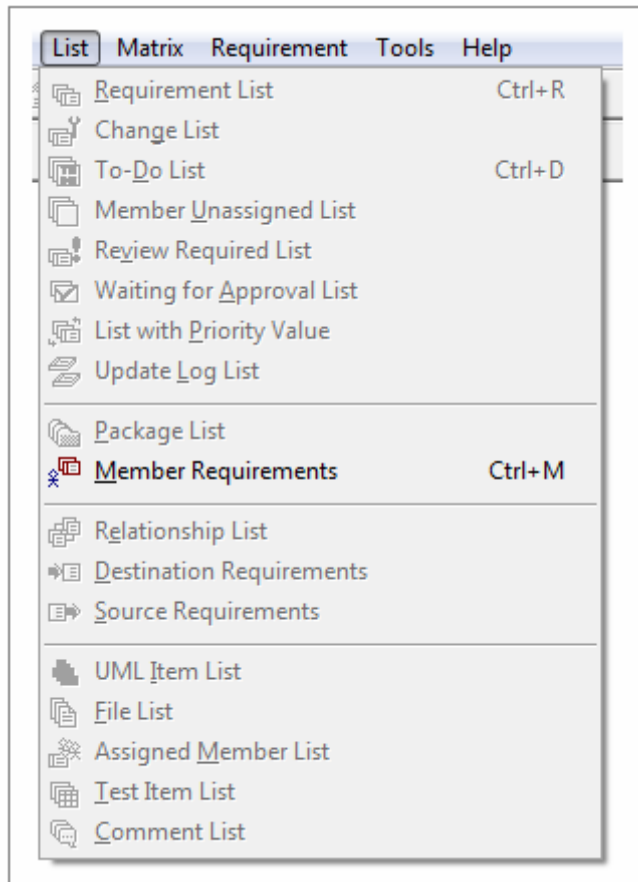


fig. 36

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Type	Summary	Priority	Status	Risk	Difficulty	Stability
<input type="checkbox"/>	001	Functional	Higher volume -faster client accessibility.	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium

fig. 37

6.2. To Make a Relationship between Requirements

Relationships between the requirements can be defined when needed. Relationship here means that the contents of requirement A and B are closely-related so that any changes made to the requirement A likely influences the requirement B. Many of the relationships are likely created between packages immediately below root package (fig. 21). With RaQuest, you can manage such relationships.

With drag-and-drop, you can easily make a relationship between requirements. You can drag a requirement from the **Project** tree or the **Requirement** list, and drop it to another requirement. Note that you will drag a requirement (source requirement, B in the above example), which will be influenced, and drop it to an influential requirement (destination requirement, A in the above example.). The result will be displayed on the status bar (fig. 38).

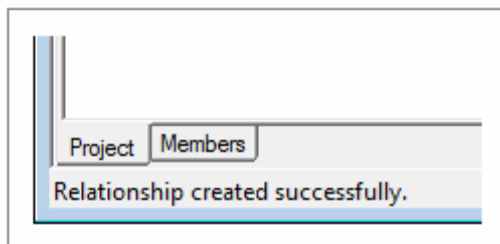


fig. 38

There are three ways to check the relationships between requirements; relation map, relationship list, and matrix.

Right-click a requirement and select **Show Relationship Map**, which shows the relationships between selected requirement and its related requirements (fig. 39).

ID	Type	Summary	Priority	Status	Risk
<input type="checkbox"/> 001	Functional	Higher volume - faster c	Medium	Proposed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 002	Functional	Passing on of roles lea		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 003	Functional	View of customer mess		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 004	Functional	Reduce wasted time se		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 005	Functional	Relation between order		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 006	Functional	Create a secure on-line		ated	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 007	Functional	High Volume Through		ated	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 008	Functional	Efficient stock control r		ated	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 009	Functional	Manage User Account		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 014	Functional	Add Users		ated	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 015	Functional	Remove User		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 016	Functional	Report on User Account		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 022	Functional	Secure Access		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 023	Functional	Store User Details		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 024	Functional	Validate User		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 010	Functional	Provide Online Sales		osed	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/> 012	Functional	ShoppingBasket	Low	Proposed	Medium

fig. 39

The diagram appears as shown in fig. 40. The requirement you selected is shown in red.

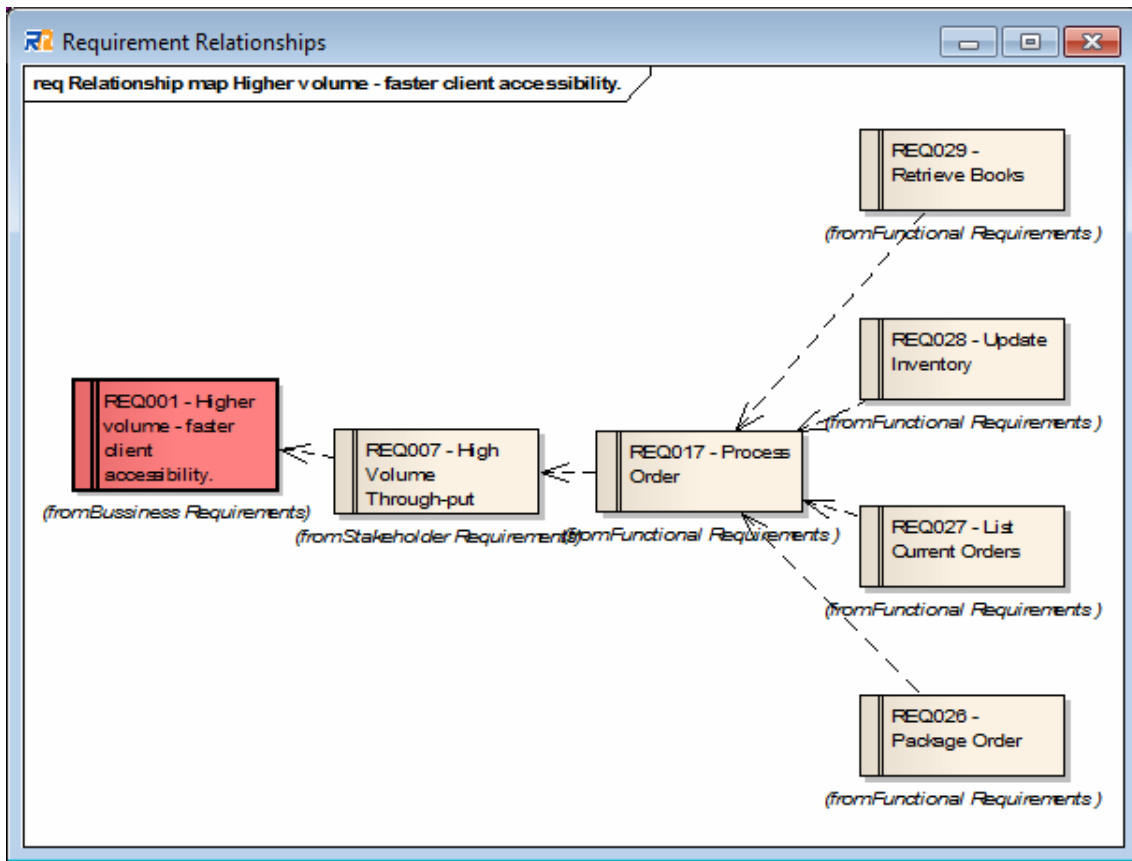


fig. 40

The arrow here indicates the direction of dependency. In fig. 40, the left requirement is dependent on the right requirement. Note that the direction of dependency is in the reverse direction from the direction of effect.

Right-click the requirement and select **Destination Requirements** or **Source Requirements** to check the relationships by list. **Destination Requirements** means requirements which are affected by the currently selected requirement. On the other hand, **Source Requirements** means requirements which affect the currently selected requirement. For above instance, the list of requirement A, **Destination Requirements**, includes the requirement B, as below fig. 41.

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Type	Summary	Priority	Status	Risk	Difficulty	Stability
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	007	Functional	High Volume Through-put	Medium	Validated	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/>	017	Functional	Process Order	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/>	026	Functional	Package Order	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/>	027	Functional	List Current Orders	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/>	028	Functional	Update Inventory	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium
<input type="checkbox"/>	029	Functional	Retrieve Books	Medium	Proposed	Medium	Medium	Medium

All Requirements Dest Req of Higher volume ...

fig. 41

When you delete the relationship, right-click the requirement and select **Delete Relationship** from the context menu (fig. 42).

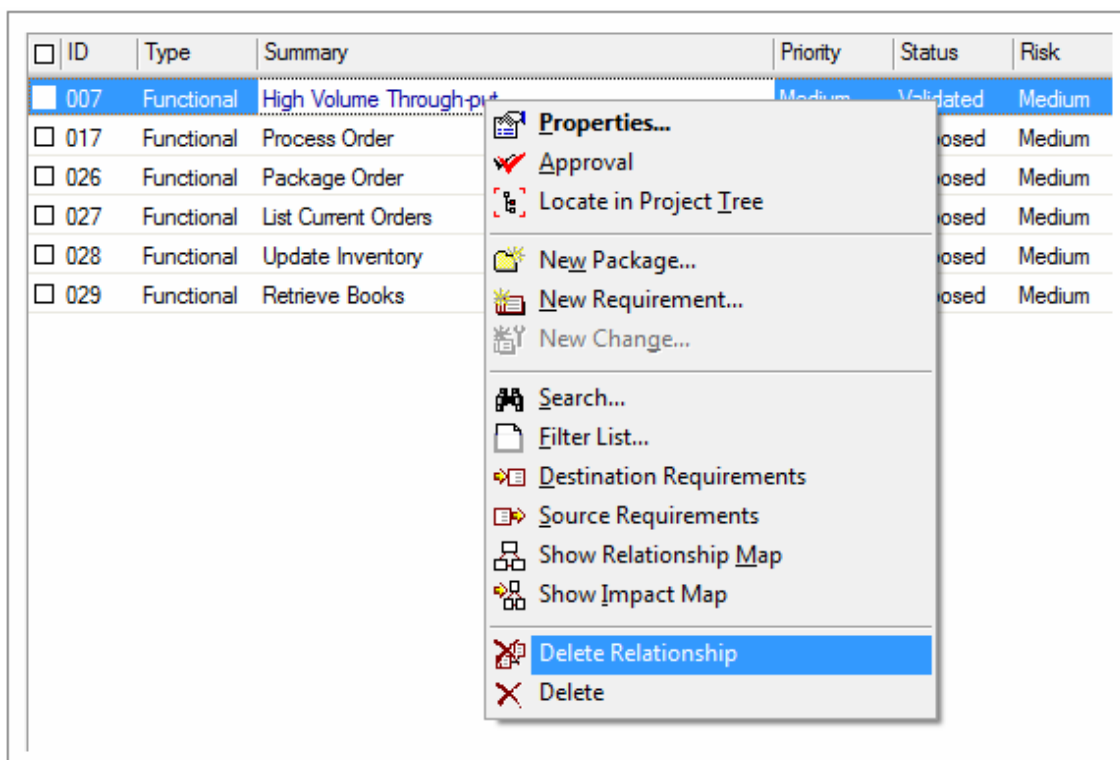


fig. 42

To display matrix, select **Matrix | Requirement Matrix** menu item. At first the relationships between all requirements are displayed (fig. 43). Use the narrowing down the target packages to display them at the package selection, as needed. Setting and editing the relationships are possible

by double-click the matrix, or from the context menu displayed by right-click the matrix. You can also display requirement and member, requirement and Use Case, and requirement and UML item in Matrix. And it is possible to check exclusion/omission by **Color unrelated** checkbox.

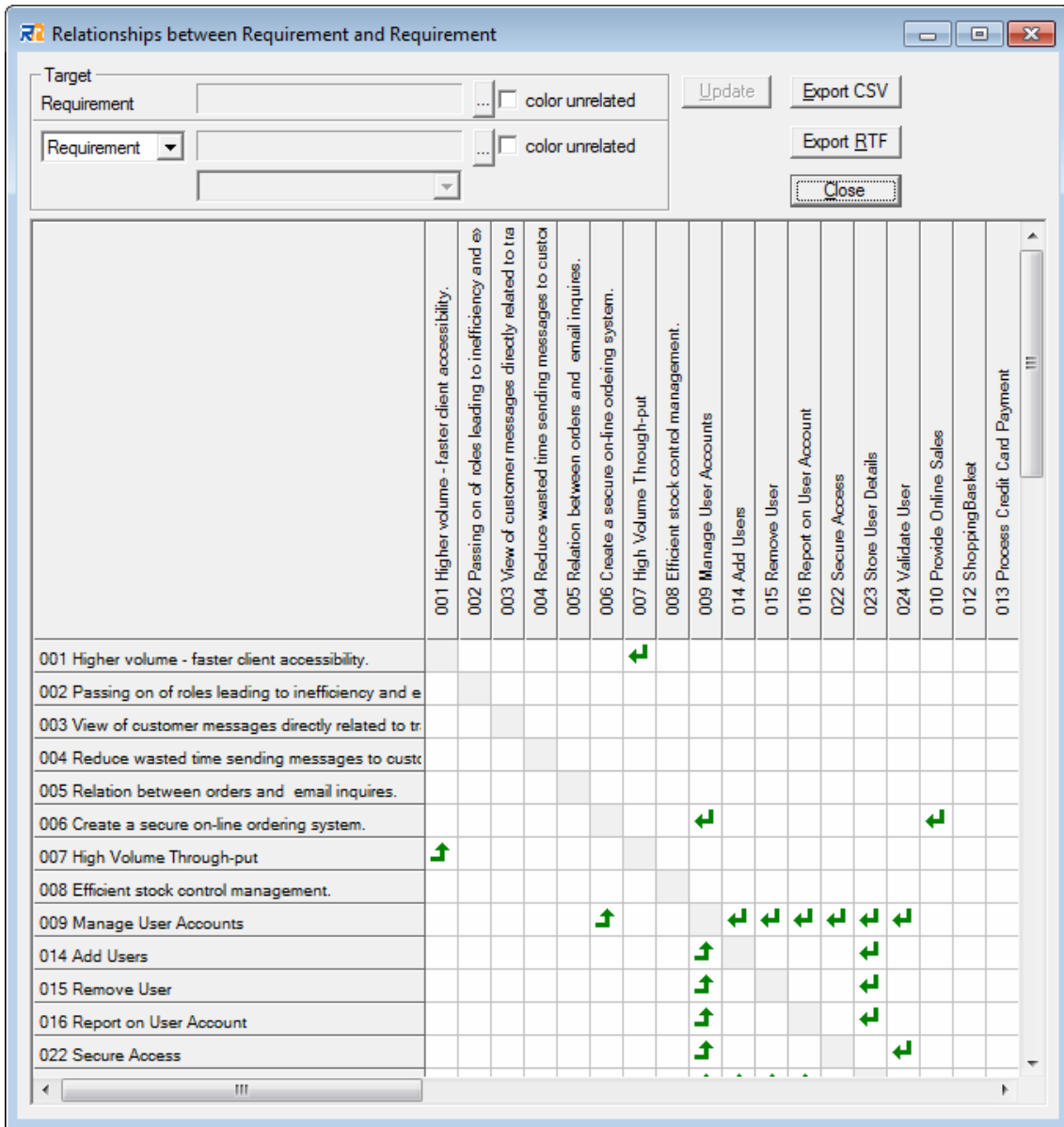


fig. 43

You can define relationships between requirements and check them in diagrams, lists or matrix as explained. This relationship definition is also used at Section 7.4 in next section.

7. Requirement Status Management

This section provides you with the way to manage requirement status.

7.1. To Change Requirement Status

As described before, each requirement has status. It shows the condition of the requirement, so status is essential to manage requirements. To change the status, **Properties** dialog of the requirement is used.

Double-click the requirement in **Requirements** list or **Project** tree, or right-click the requirement and select **Properties**. **Properties** dialog appears as shown in fig. 44. You can change the status in this dialog.

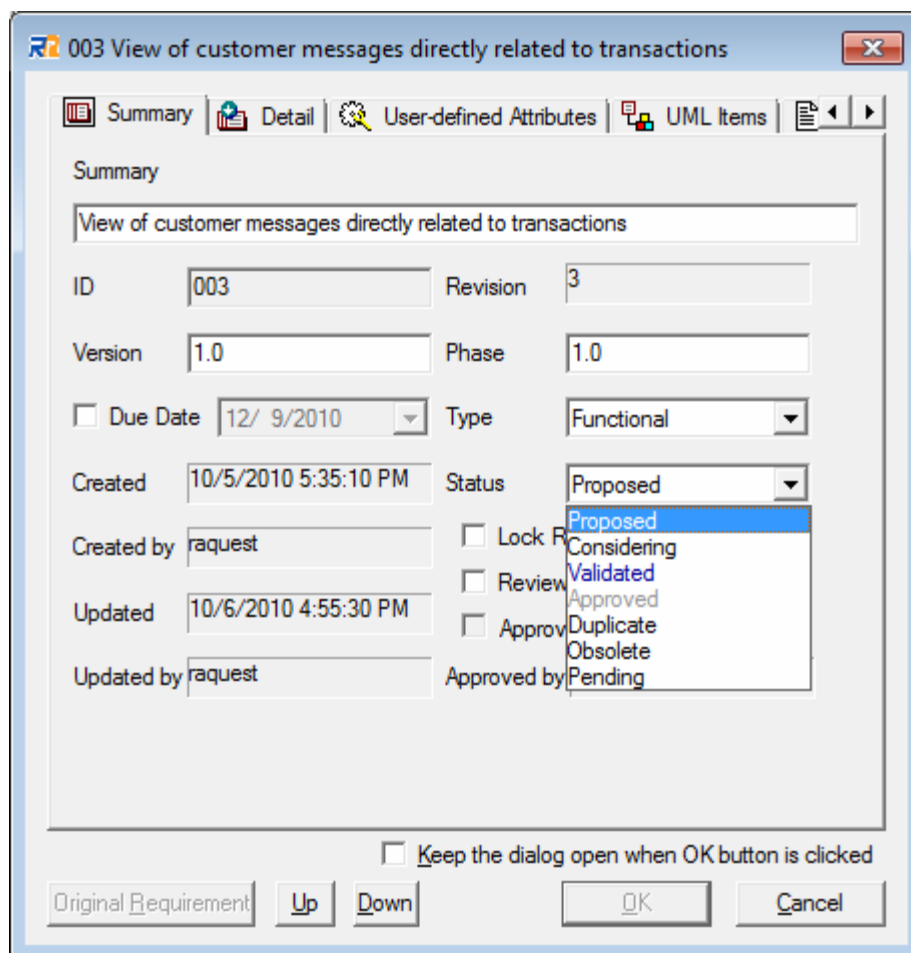


fig. 44

After you change the Status, click **OK** button to save the value.

7.2. Status Change to “Reviewed”

“Reviewed” and “Approved” status are special status for RaQuest, so they need special steps when you change the requirement status to “Reviewed” or “Approved.”

First, let’s look at “Reviewed” status. You can change the requirement status to “Reviewed” according to the procedure described in Section 5.1. After you click **OK** button, the following message appears (fig. 45).

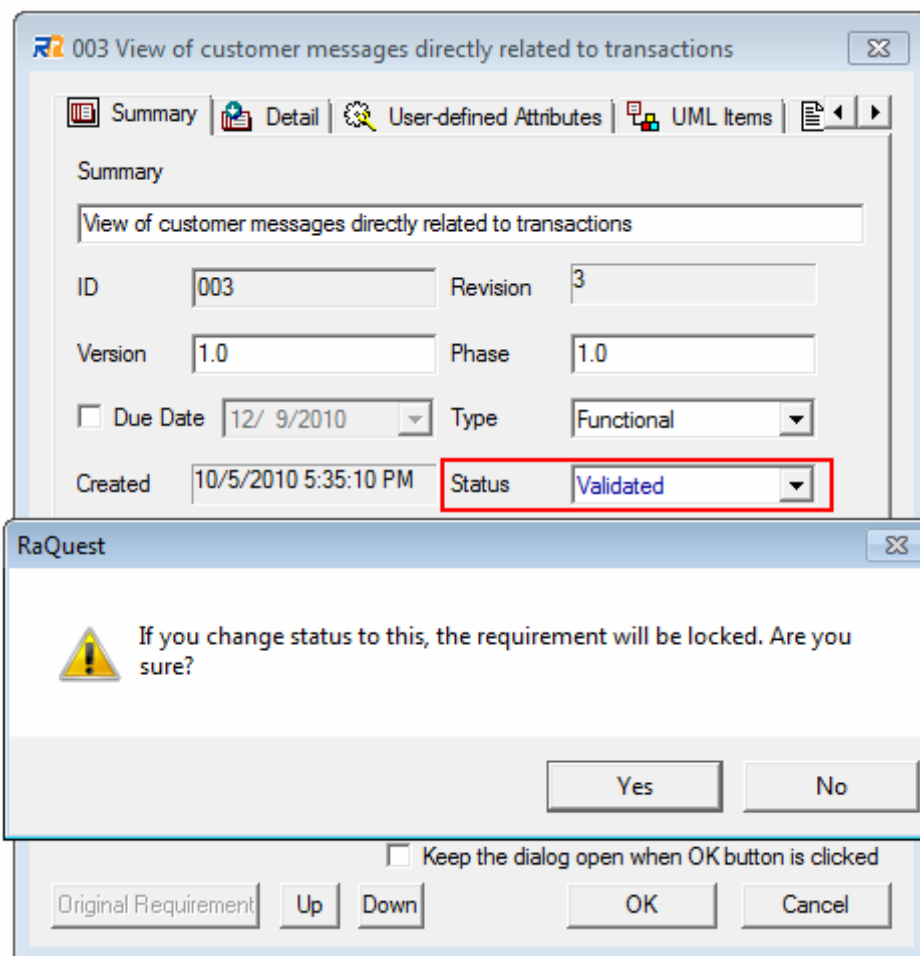


fig. 45

If you click **Yes** button, the requirement is locked and you cannot modify it. When you need to modify the locked requirement, uncheck the **Lock Requirement** checkbox in the **Properties** dialog. When you uncheck the checkbox, the following confirmation message appears as shown in fig. 46.

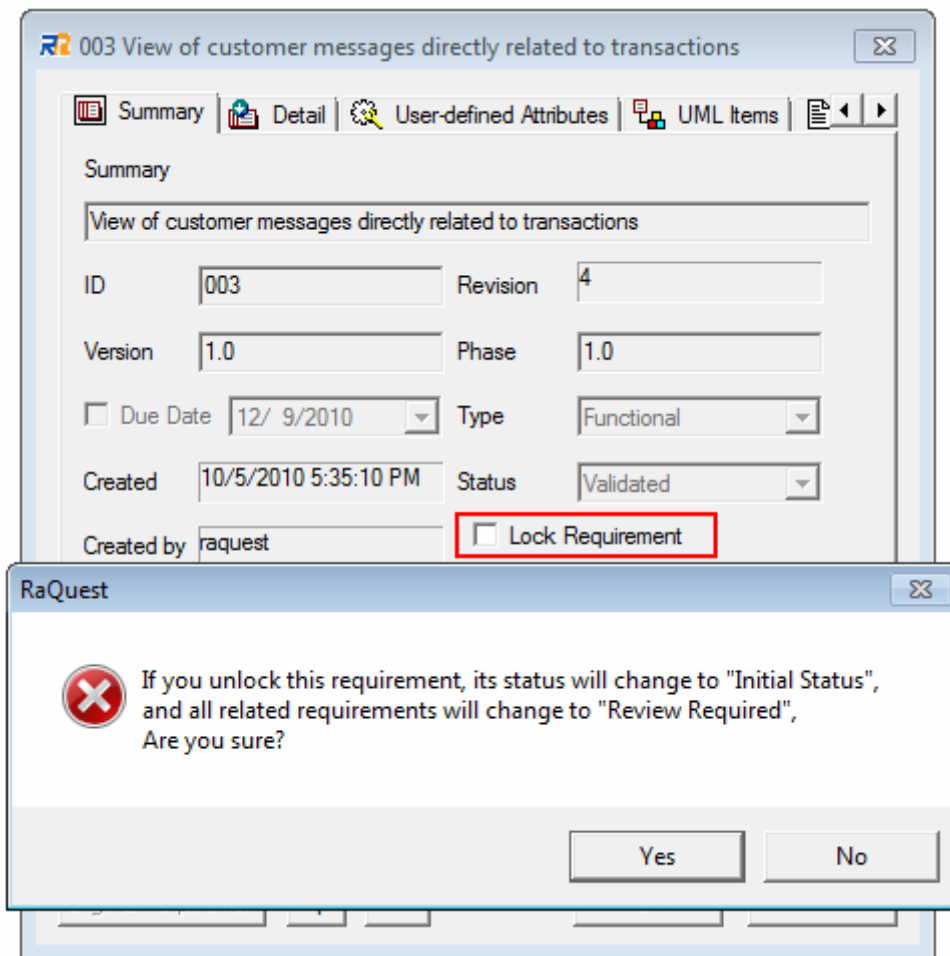


fig. 46

If you click **Yes** button here, the requirement status is changed to the “Initial” status automatically. In this example, status “Proposed” is defined as the initial status, so the requirement status gets back to “Proposed.” At the same time, the statuses of all related requirements are also changed automatically (the details are described in Section 7.4.)

7.3. Status Change to “Approved”

Changing the status to “Approved,” the final stage of status transition, needs to follow the different step. When the status is changed to “Approved,” the approval function has to be used.

To approve, select a requirement, and then select **Requirement | Approval** menu item (fig. 47).

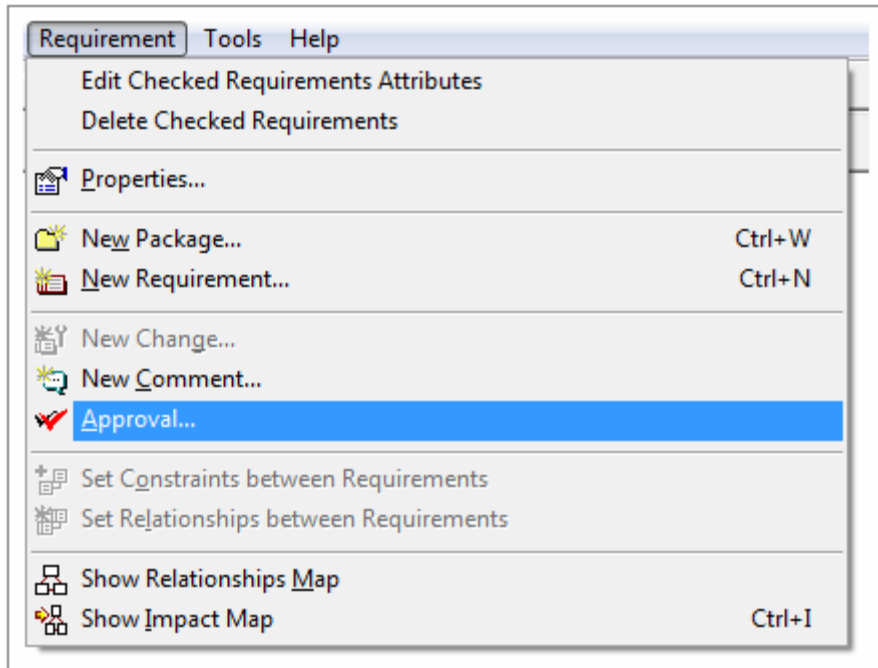


fig. 47

The following dialog appears as shown in fig. 48. In this dialog, summary and details of the requirement are described. You can decide whether to approve it based on the information (fig. 48).

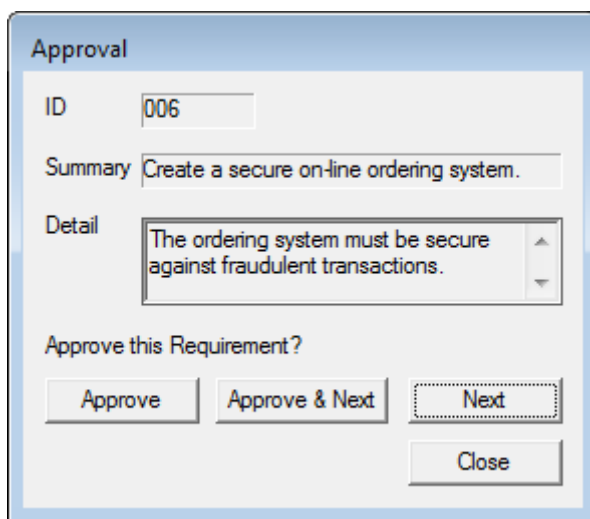


fig. 48

The approved requirement remains to be locked. When you try to modify the locked requirement, the confirmation message, the same one which appears when unlocking the “Reviewed” requirement, appears.

7.4. Effect of Status Change

When you unlock the requirement, RaQuest considers its fixed contents need to be changed. Under this circumstance, the related requirements are;

- Unlocked.
- changed its status to “Initial” status when the status is “Reviewed” or “Approved.”
- changed its status to “Review Required.”

“Review Required” status can be modified in **Properties** dialog of the requirement (fig. 49).

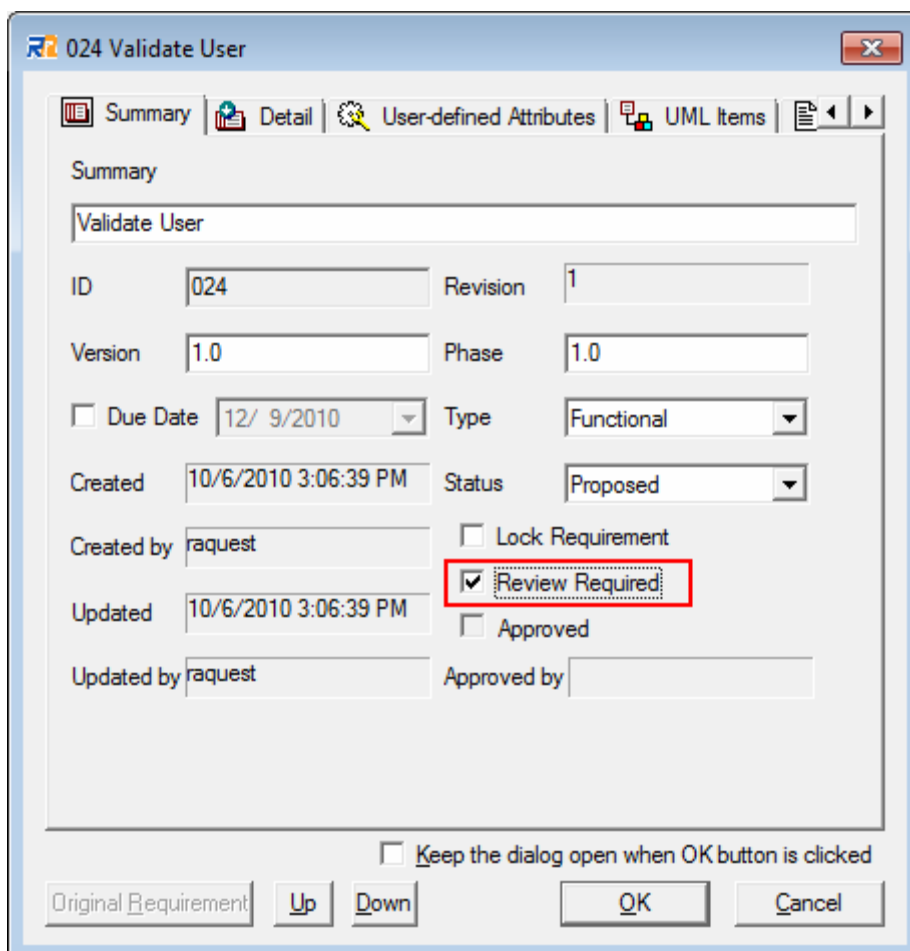


fig. 49

When **Review Required** is checked, it means that the requirement has been effected from the changes of the other requirements. Un-check this means the review is finished. However we do not recommend un-check it right after the modification of the source requirement, because it means the dependent requirement has been changed. You can check which requirement is changed from the **Review Requirements** tab. Check the influences of the each dependent/caused requirement from the **Review Requirements** tab. Change the contents if needed, and click **Reviewed** to empty the **Source Requirement List for Review**, and then un-check the **Review Required** checkbox.

The requirements with “Review Required” status are displayed in green in the **Requirements** list. They are also in green in the diagram displayed by the **Show Impact Map** feature as shown in fig. 50.

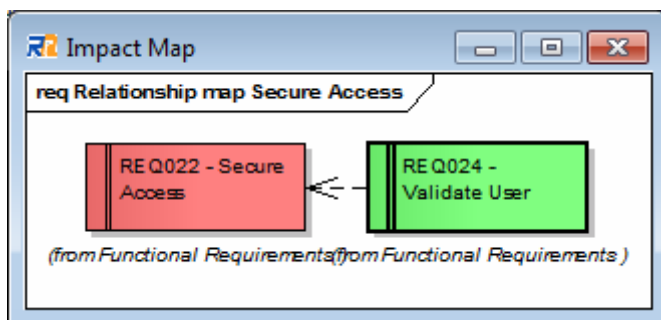


fig. 50

When you modify a locked requirement, it is a difficult task to review its all destination requirements without missing out. Above features can support you and prevent you from forgetting to review them.

8. Variation of Requirements Display

Not only the tree and the list as described in section 4, RaQuest can also display requirements in various forms by the following features:

1. Custom tree
2. Customizable list fields
3. Matrix
4. **Always Display Requirement** option
5. **Display Attributes by List Form** option

For the details of these features, see RaQuest Feature Guide or HELP file. The following fig. 51 is a sample window of when **Always Display Requirement** option is checked and fig. 52 is a sample window of when **Display Attributes by List Form** option is checked.

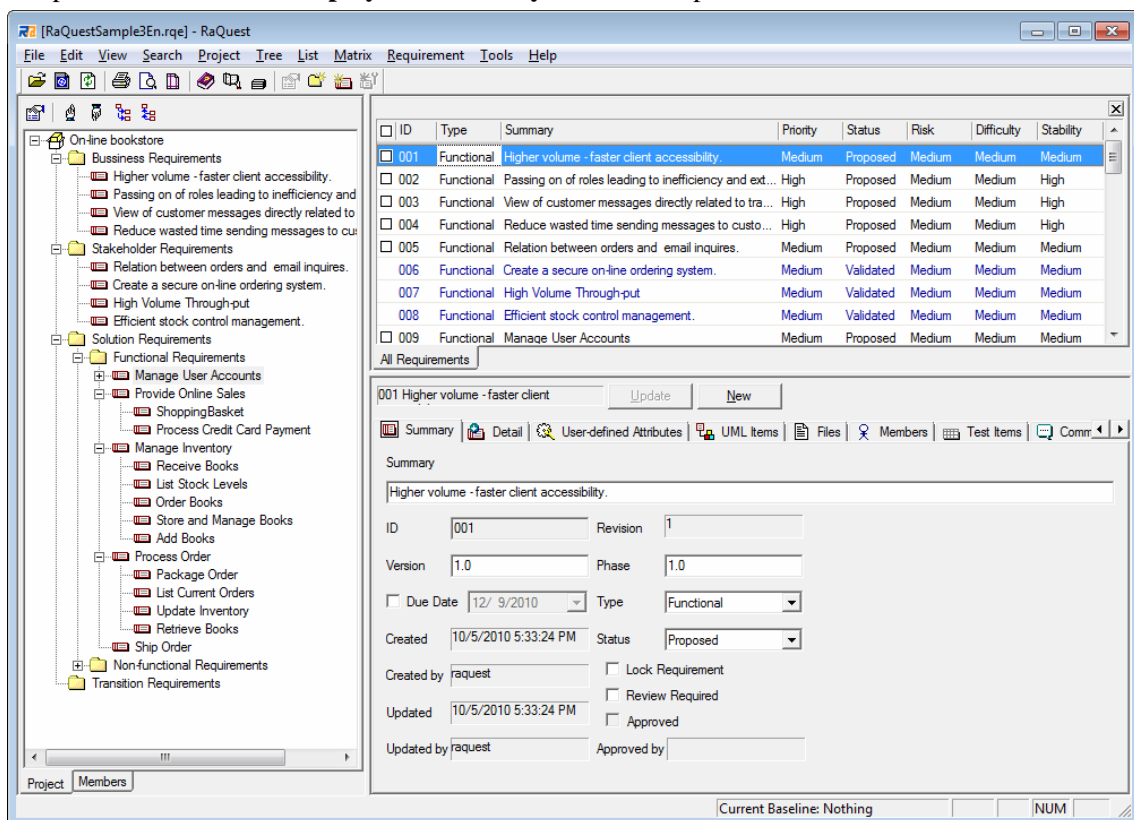


fig. 51

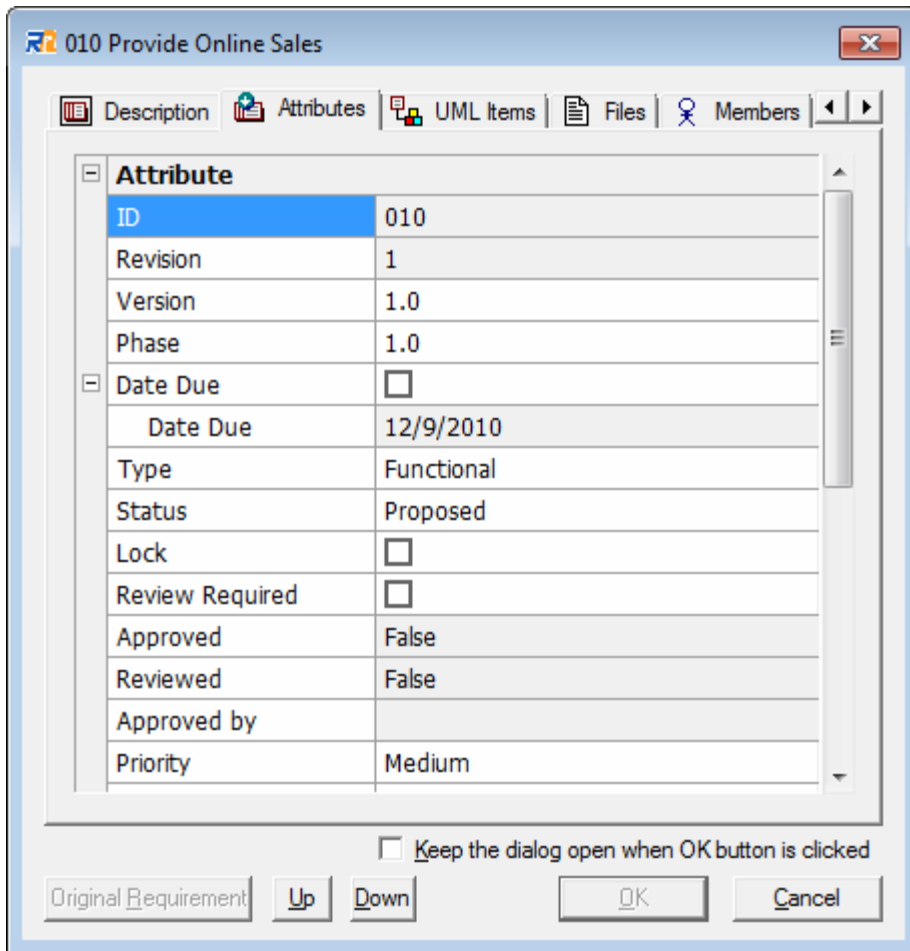


fig. 52

9. Output of Requirements

This last section provides you with the way to output requirements. Basically you can control requirements in RaQuest, but when you want to consider or document the requirements, the output feature is useful.

RaQuest can output requirements by the following two ways.

9.1. Print Requirements

All **Requirement** lists in the right pane of main window can be printed out. Not only the **Requirement** list, but any lists like **Team Member Requirements** or **To-Do** list are able to be printed out.

To print out **Requirements** list, select a tab of the list to display the list, and then select **File | Print** menu item (fig. 53).

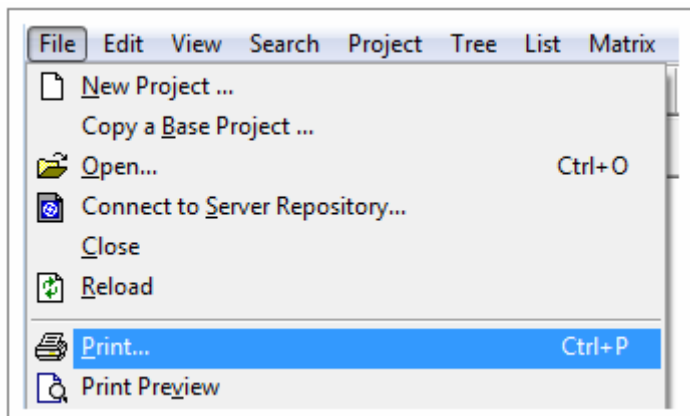


fig. 53

9.2. Export Documents

RaQuest can export requirements in the following file formats.

- HTML
- Microsoft Word
- RTF
- CSV
- Microsoft Excel

For details, see RaQuest Help.

The output features expand the effective utilization of requirements.