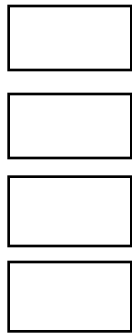


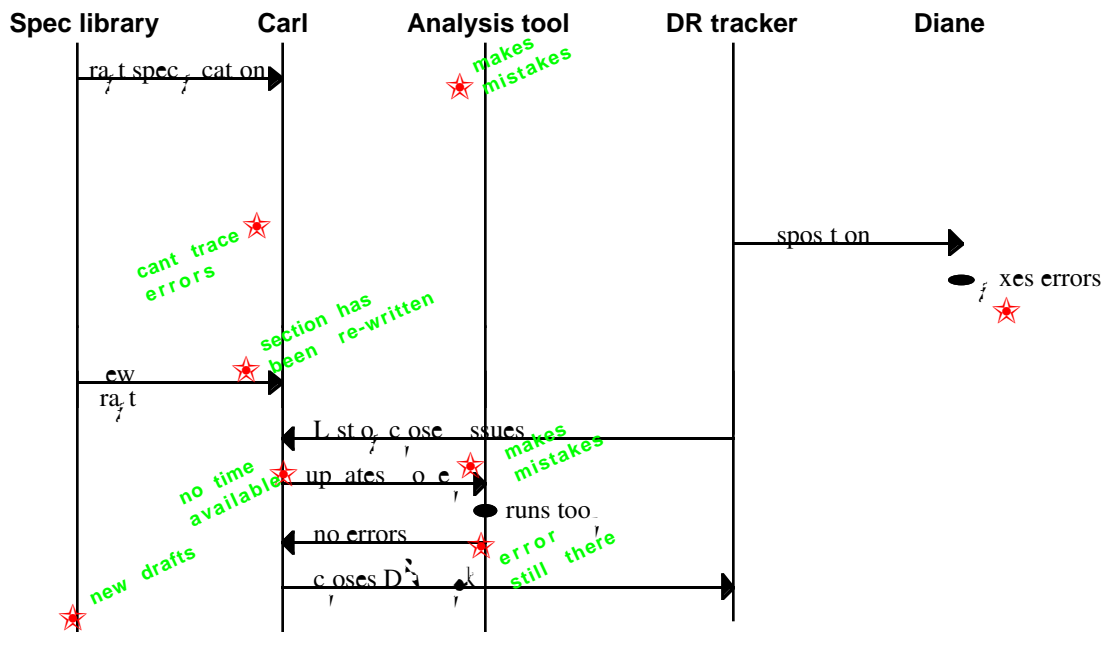
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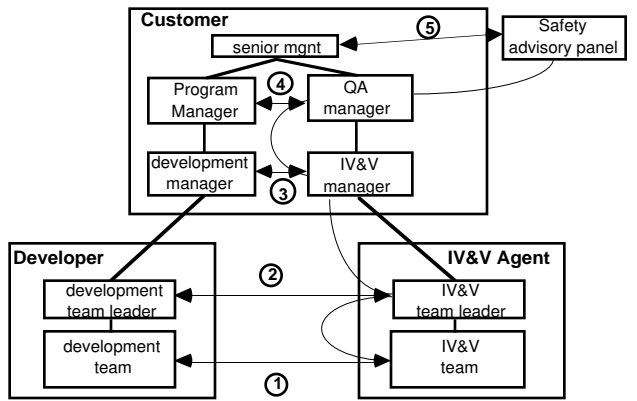
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This paper examines the role of I in the software development process concentrating especially on its role in requirements analysis processes. I provides an independent assessment of both development and operational risks. It helps to identify safety feasibility and performance concerns early in the software lifecycle and has generally been demonstrated to save money throughout early development errors.

The role of I is complementary to that of A. Where A focuses on checking that appropriate standards and processes are applied, I focuses on the technical integrity of the software through analysis of specifications ensuring correct interpretation. Hence I will ensure that the requirements are complete at a proposed system architecture will meet the requirements and that traceability is demonstrated against requirements ensuring test cases.

An interesting inherent property of the I process is that the I agent can play a role as a process improvement agent for a number of reasons. First the recognition is made by I in response to errors often alternative ways to prevent similar errors occurring in the future. Second the I team have so far exhibited to apply new techniques and tools especially where these are perceived as not being analysed properly by the developer. These new techniques and tools demonstrate their value in identifying errors the development team may choose to adopt to themselves. Finally the presence of an I contractor provides an incentive for the developer to prove their own internal

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