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Adapting Design Thinking to Software Design for solving ill-defined requirement problem on Creative Thinking

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Abstract

Until now, even though software engineers attempt to develop software based on customer requirements with software engineering approaches, they may have an ill-defined or unknown problem of requirements given from the customer. To tackle these problems, we adapt software engineering with design thinking at requirement and design stage because of reframe these in human-centric ways. That is, we are considering more sophisticated and creative thinking at software development lifecycle. We will guarantee how to make quality of software based on creative design in 4th Industrial revolution.

Keywords: *Software engineering, Design thinking, Code education, Code education process*

1. INTRODUCTION

In 1967, Herbert A. Simon first mentioned design thinking in the *Sciences of the artificial* book. In the modern age, this means highly creative process to address human needs, which use design thinking to tackle ill-defined/unknown requirement specification problems. This idea will reframe in better human-centric ways than Ivan Jacobson's Use case approach of Objects Oriented Software Engineering (OOSE). We may consider creative design with Ill-defined/unknown requirement specifications given from customer needs [1]. To achieve this, we propose adapting design thinking to software design on creative thinking. First we refine requirements based on creative thinking, and enhance software design with user needs and behaviors. Second, we can generate sophisticated class diagram, sequence diagram, and state diagram with creative information of design thinking.

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 explains the details of related works and the motivation. Section 3 introduces Adapting Design Thinking to Software Process. Section 6, experimental data are summarized and discussed. The last section presents the conclusion of this paper.

2. RELATED WORKS

2.1 SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT LIFE CYCLE

On general software development process, the software engineer develops his own project based on customer requirements, which is very important how to well define the right requirements for a complete project. But the problems are how to rightly analyze the given natural language based requirements, and how to manage frequently changing requirements. After that, we should describe the definition of natural language based requirements for the customer needs.

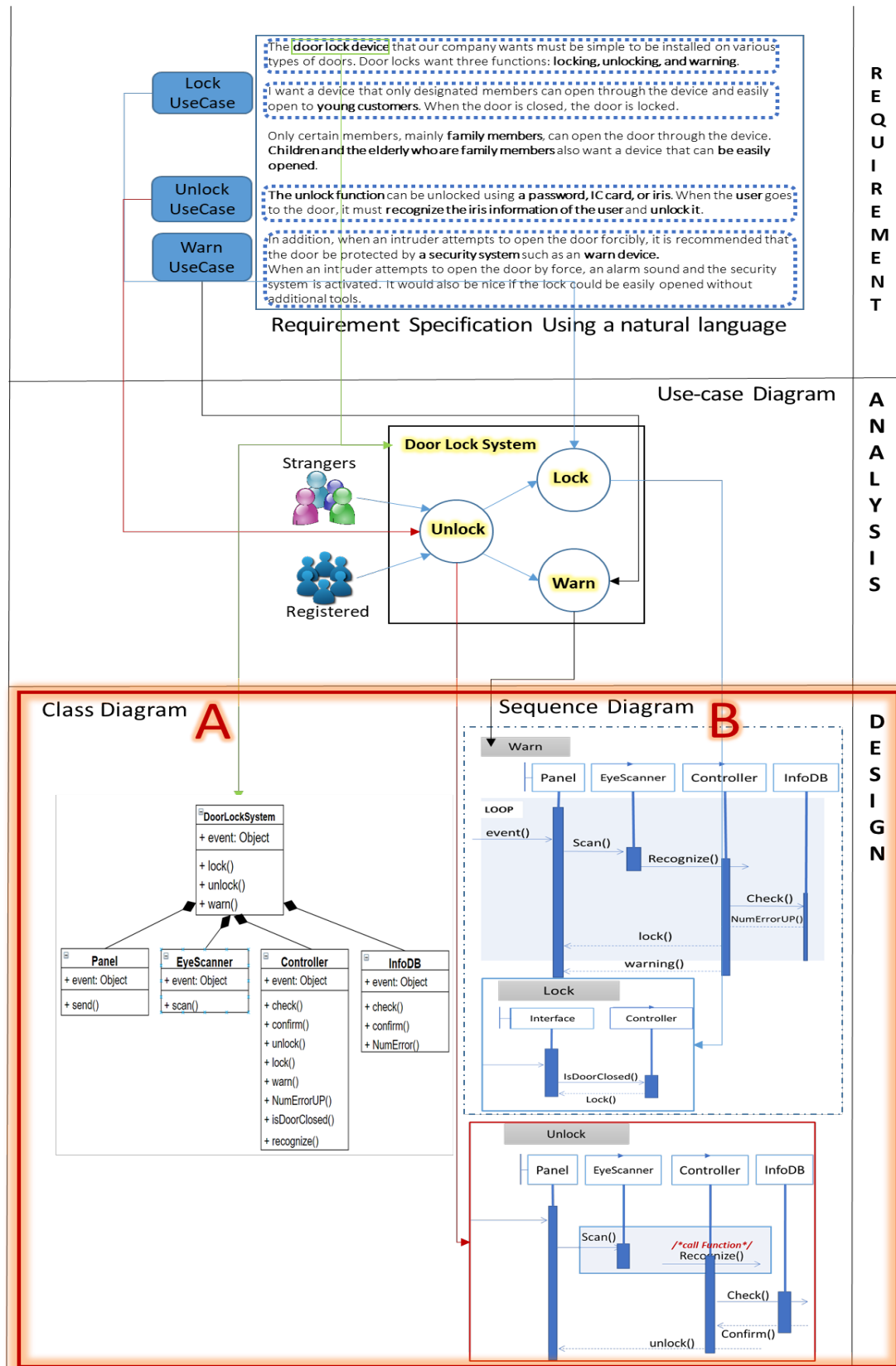


Figure 1. Software Development Process

We use one sample of the smart door locking system to describe our approach in this paper. We use this simple natural language based requirement specifications to develop this locking system. from the viewpoint of software engineering, the software designer typically describe software design such as typical use case, object, and sequence diagram like figure 1. In A and B of figure 1, the software developer designs typical class diagram and sequence diagram without any creative thinking [3].

3. ADAPTING DESIGN THINKING TO SOFTWARE PROCESS

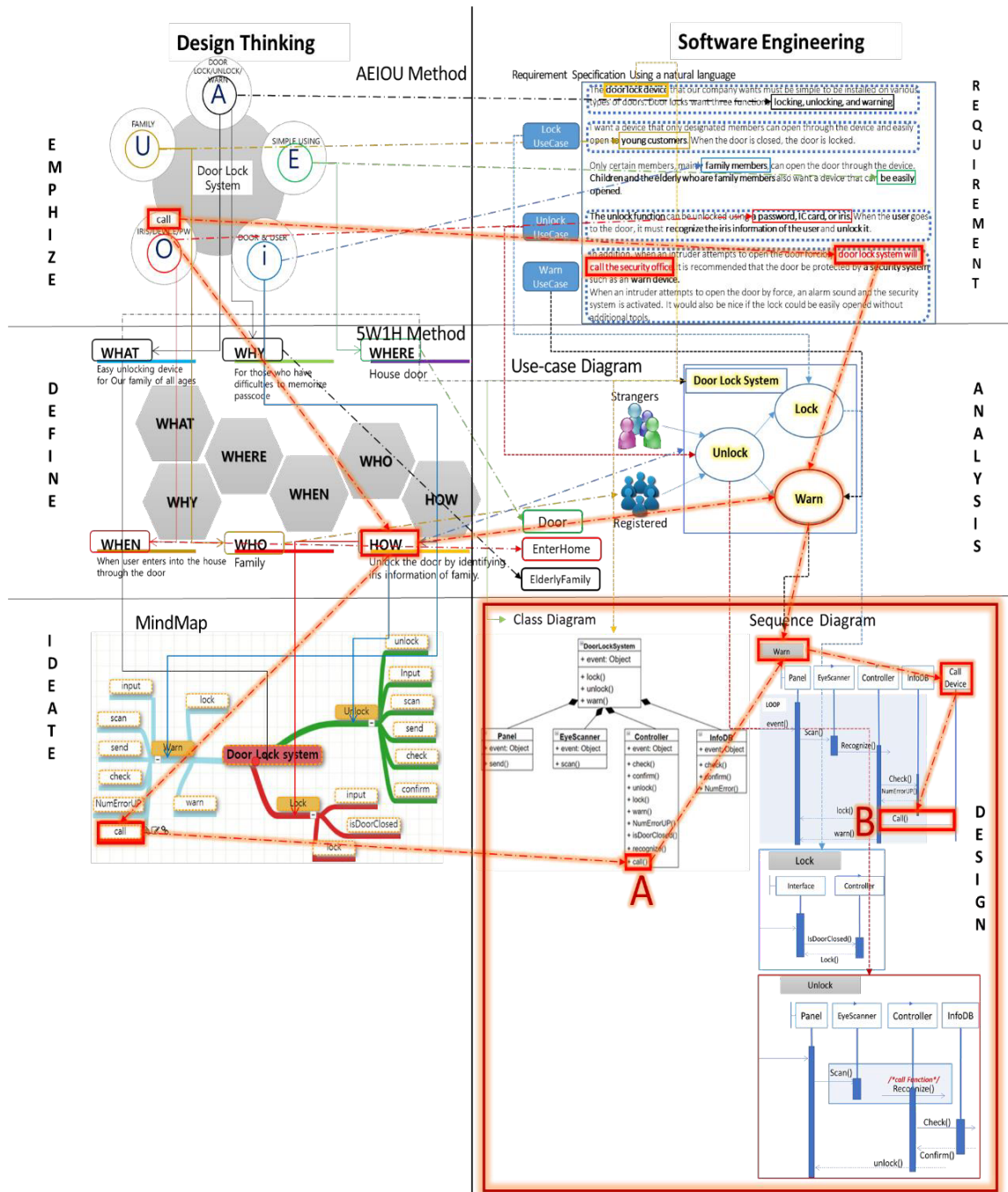


Figure 2. Mapping on Software Engineering and Design Thinking

In 4th industrial revolution, there needs the diverse smart and intelligent software. Therefore, we should

consider how to make more sophistic software design with natural language based requirements. To do this, we suggest adapting design thinking technique to software engineering approach for creative design.

In Figure 2, we have mapped with both processes of Design thinking and software development. For assisting software development with creative thinking, we attempt to extract more information from design thinking approach for finding user-centered system requirements. Based on the extracted information with design thinking, we possibly design more sophistic concepts at design stage of software lifecycle.

In the A part of Figure 2, we can get more detailed information such as *call device and call()* on class diagram. In the B part of Figure 2, we can get more detailed information such as a message calling relationship with *call device* of the *warn* method and a *call()*.

4. CONCLUSION

Until now, even though software engineers attempt to develop software based on customer requirements with software engineering approaches, they may have an ill-defined or unknown problem of requirements given from the customer. To tackle these problems, we adapt software engineering with design thinking at requirement and design stage because of reframe these in human-centric ways. That is, we are considering more sophisticated and creative thinking at software development lifecycle. We will guarantee how to make quality of software based on creative design in 4th Industrial revolution. In near future, we are going to develop a development system for majored college students.

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