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A requirement is an objective that must to be met and is determined by the user. The user can specify things such as price, performance, and interface. The requirements must be met in the final operational system. Requirements not only serve as the goal of the project, but also serve as a way to evaluate the effectiveness of the final product. Requirements tend to change during the course of a project. This means that basing the quality of the final product off of the initial requirements is ineffective.

Specifications are guidelines to assist the project developers in meeting the project requirements. The specifications break down the requirements into subcategories. They break down requirements into these subcategories which allow the developers to more effectively create the end product.

Requirements- What the system should do

Specifications-How you plan to do it