



## Goal linked to Requirements

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## Introduction

A Goal is an observable and measurable end result having one or more objectives to be achieved within a more or less fixed timeframe, and is therefore a subject matter that involves multiple components within the organization. In order to capture the requirements (high level and detailed) related to goal, the Goal linked to Requirements is built as a matrix. The matrix is a representation that shows the relationship of captured information between specific decomposed and/or composed requirements and goal objects. The core idea of a Goal linked to Requirements Matrix is that it typically consists of requirement aspects in a list of columns, and another aspect is a set of goal columns (taken from the map), while the third and final aspect being the cross product between the rows and the columns.

This allows for the Goal linked to Requirements Matrix to relate (un)familiar objects to familiar objects in the different layers of an enterprise (composition discipline), usually in the form of a diagram, a table or a chart (e.g. rows and columns), thereby outlining direct (and possibly indirect) connection points between different kinds of objects while showing a common pattern of the objects and the relationship between them.

## Goal linked to Requirements

The Goal linked to Requirements Matrix provides you with a detailed overview of the cross relationships between requirements (high level and detailed) and the goals (each identified with a unique name and ID number) that has been identified through the Goal Map, and then associated with the objectives, expectations, risks, reports, and locations.

## How to use Goal linked to Requirements

Identify, document and relate requirements (high level and detailed) to the goals (each identified with a unique name and ID number), objectives, expectations, risks, reports, and locations.

For example:

1. A requirement may set a specific requirement for different goals, objectives, expectations, risks, reports, and locations.
2. Multiple requirements may set specific requirements for any single specific goal, objective, expectation, risk, report and location.

What (What are the requirements around the goal)	Goal #	What					Where
		Goal	Objective	Expectation	Risk	Report	Location
Requirement 1	#						
Requirement 2	#						
Requirement N	#						

Table 1: The Goal linked to Requirements Matrix.

Please note that the objects we have listed here are the most typical objects that are commonly used within a Goal linked to Requirements, but there may be more (or fewer) relevant objects that are used within your organization. If that is the case, feel free to either add new ones, or remove any objects that are not relevant, or are otherwise unimportant, for this particular map.

Also note that the objects might have a different name in your organization, so make sure to adapt the objects of this artefact so that it fits to the taxonomy of your organization.

The objects involved with Goal linked to Requirements is shown in Table 2.







Objects used with Goal linked to Requirements		
Notation	Name	Description
	Goal	A desired result considered a part of the organizational direction, aims, targets, and aspirations.
	Objective	The purpose or target of one's efforts or actions.
	Expectation	The anticipated benefits that are of worth, importance, and significance to a specific stakeholder.
	Risk	The combined impact of any conditions or events, including those caused by uncertainty, change, hazards or other factors that can affect the potential for achieving objectives.
	Report	The exposure, description, and portrayal of information about the status, direction or execution of work within the functions, services, processes, and resources of the enterprise.
	Location	A point, facility, place or geographic position that may be referred to physically or logically.

Table 2: Objects typically associated with the Goal linked to Requirements Matrix.



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