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- Clause 5: requirements have been re-written to simplify readability (while keeping existing options for organization broadly unchanged);
- Annex A has been updated to have a better alignment with lifecycle phases;
- In informative Annex C, new clause C.1 has been added with additional guidance on lifecycle models;
- In informative Annex C, new clause C.2 has been added with guidance on modelling for software development;
- Additional guidance provided for software components of different software integrity levels;
- Requirements on programming languages have been generalized.

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