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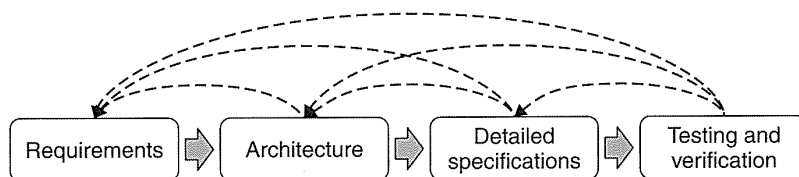


Figure 1.1 The standardization phases and iterative process.

3. *Detailed specifications*, where every interface is specified in detail.
4. *Testing and verification*, where the interface specifications are proven to work with real-life equipment.

These phases are overlapping and iterative. As an example, requirements can be added, changed, or dropped during the later phases if the technical solutions call for it. Likewise, the technical solution in the detailed specifications can change due to problems found in the testing and verification phase.

Standardization starts with the *requirements* phase, where the standards body decides what should be achieved with the standard. This phase is usually relatively short.

In the *architecture* phase, the standards body decides about the architecture, i.e. the principles of how to meet the requirements. The architecture phase includes decisions about reference points and interfaces to be standardized. This phase is usually quite long and may change the requirements.

After the architecture phase, the *detailed specification* phase starts. It is in this phase the details for each of the identified interfaces are specified. During the detailed specification of the interfaces, the standards body may find that it has to change decisions done either in the architecture or even in the requirements phases.

Finally, the *testing and verification* phase starts. It is usually not a part of the actual standardization in the standards bodies, but takes place in parallel through testing by vendors and interoperability testing between vendors. This phase is the final proof of the standard. During the testing and verification phase, errors in the standard may still be found and those errors may change decisions in the detailed standard. Albeit not common, changes may need to be done also to the architecture or the requirements. To verify the standard, products are needed. Hence, the implementation of the products starts after (or during) the detailed specification phase. The testing and verification phase ends when there are

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