

Vocabulary

system— A collection of components organized to accomplish a specific function or set of functions. **IEEE 471 (2000)**

software system— A set of software units and their relations, if they together serve a common purpose. The components of a software system are organized to provide an essential program(s) under the organization, usage, maintenance, and further development. **(Ludewig and Lethen, 2013)**

component— One of the parts that make up a system. A component may be hardware or software and may be subdivided into other components. **IEEE 600 J2 (1990)**

software component— An architectural entity that
(1) encapsulates a subset of the system's functionality and/or data,
(2) restricts access to that subset via an explicitly defined **interface**, and
(3) has explicitly defined dependencies on its required execution context. **(Taylor et al., 2010)**

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Vocabulary Cont'd

module— (1) A program unit that is discrete and identifiable with respect to compiling, combining with other units, and loading; for example, the input to, or output from an assembler, compiler, linker, editor, or executive routine. **IEEE 610 J2 (1990)**
(2) A logically separable part of a program.

module— A set of operations and data visible from the outside only, just as far as explicitly permitted by the programmers. ~ **502 component** **(Ludewig and Lethen, 2013)**

interface— A boundary across which two independent entities meet and interact or communicate with each other. **(Eichmann et al., 2002)**

interface for component— The boundary between two communicating components. The interface of a component provides the services of the component to the component's environment and/or requires services needed by the component from the environment. **(Ludewig and Lethen, 2013)**

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Even More Vocabulary

design—
(1) The process of defining the subsystems, components, interfaces, and other characteristics of a system or component.
(2) The result of the process in (1). **IEEE 610 J2 (1990)**

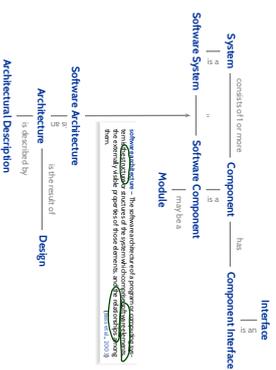
architecture— The fundamental organization of a system embodied into components, their relationships to each other and to **software**, and the principles guiding its design and evolution. **IEEE 1471 (2000)**

software architecture— The software architecture of a program or computing system is the structure or structure of the system which comprises software elements, the externally visible properties of those elements, and the relationships among them. **(Basz et al., 2003)**

architectural description— **ACD**— document, product or other artifact - to communicate and record a system's architecture. An architectural description conveys a set of **views** each of which depicts the system by describing domain concerns. **(Ellis et al., 1994)**

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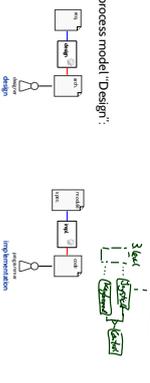


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Goals and Relevance of Design

- The structure of something is the set of relations between its parts.
- Something not built from recognizable parts is called unstructured.

- Design...**
- structures a system into **manageable units** (yields software architecture).
 - determine the approach for realising the required software.
 - provide **hierarchical structuring** into a **manageable number of units** at each hierarchy level.



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Content

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 - design, architecture
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 - abstract data types, object orientation
 - information hiding / data encapsulation / etc by example
- **Software Modelling**
 - model
 - views, viewpoints
 - the 4+1 view
 - model-driven software engineering
- An outlook on UML

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Principles of (Architectural) Design

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1.) Modularisation

modular decomposition – The process of breaking a system into components to facilitate design and development; an element of modular programming. **IEE 610.12 (1970)**

modularity – The degree to which a system or computer program is composed of discrete components such that a change to one component has minimal impact on other components. **IEE 610.12 (1970)**

- So, **modularity** is a **property** of an architecture.
- Goals of modular decomposition:
 - The structure of each module should be **simple and easily comprehensible**.
 - The **implementation** of a module should be **exchangeable**. Information on the implementation of other modules should not be necessary. The other modules should not be affected by implementation changes.
 - Modules should be designed such that **expected changes**
 - no new requirements of the module arise
 - no new requirements should be placed on other modules
 - **Big bang** as the interface does not change.
 - Along as the interface does not change, it should be possible to test old and new versions of a module together.

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2.) Separation of Concerns

- **Separation of concerns** is a fundamental principle in software engineering
- each component should be **responsible for a particular area of task**;
- components which try to cover different task areas tend to be unnecessarily complex thus hard to understand and maintain.

- **Criteria for separation/grouping:**
 - in **object oriented design**: data and operations on that data are grouped into classes,
 - sometimes, functional aspects (features) like printing are reallocated as separate components,
 - separate **functional and technical** components.
- Example: logical flow of (logical) messages in a communication protocol (**functional**) vs. exchange of (physical) messages using a certain technology (**technical**)
- separate system **functionality and interaction**
Example: most prominently graphical user interfaces (GUI) also the input/output

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3.) Information Hiding

- By now we only discussed the **grouping** of data and operators.
- One should also consider **accessibility**.

- The **"need to know principle"** is called **information hiding** in SW engineering (Parnas, 1972)

Information Hiding— A software development technique in which each module's interfaces reveal as little as possible about the module's inner workings, and other modules are prevented from using information about the module that is not in the module's interface specification. **IEE 610.12 (1970)**

- Note: what is hidden is information which other components **need not know** (e.g., how data is stored and accessed, how operations are implemented).
- In other words: **information hiding is about making explicit** for one component which data or operations other components may use of this component
- **Advantages / Goals**
 - Hidden solutions may be **changed** without other components noticing, as long as the visible behaviour stays the same (e.g. the employed sorting algorithm)
 - I/OV of other components cannot (**unintentionally**) depend on details they are not supposed to
 - Components can be verified / validated in isolation.

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4.) Data Encapsulation

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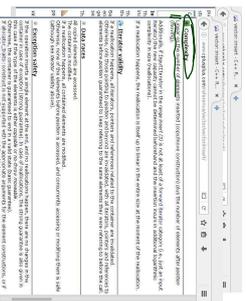
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 - **Information hiding and data encapsulation** – when enforced technically (examples later) – usually **come at the price of worse efficiency**.
 - It's more efficient to read a component's data directly than calling an operation to provide the value. There is an overhead of one operation call.
 - Knowing how a component works internally may enable more efficient operation.
 - In order to avoid this, we can use a sequence of **least from access** (e.g. `getBalance()` instead of `balance`).
 - **Good modules** give usage hints in their documentation (e.g. C++ standard library).
 - **Example**: if an implementation does not implement to enable to enable to enable to enable to enable to quickly read that data where the intermediate results needed in a different context.
 - **redundant information** – if the result is needed in another context.
- yet with today's hardware and programming languages, this is hardly an issue any more: at the time of (Purkay 1977), it clearly was.

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A Classification of Modules (Nagl, 1990)

- **functional modules**
 - group computations which happen together logically
 - don't have "memory" or state, that is, behaviour of offered functionality does not depend on prior program evolution.
 - Examples: mathematical functions, transformations
- **data object modules**
 - realize encapsulation of data.
 - encapsulated data
 - Examples: modules encapsulating global configuration data, databases
- **data type modules**
 - implement a user-defined data type in form of an abstract data type (ADT)
 - allows to create and use as many exemplars of the data type
 - Example: game object
- In an object-oriented design,
 - classes are data type modules,
 - data object modules correspond to classes offering only class methods or functions (– like)
 - functional modules occur seldom, one example is Java's `Math`.

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Example

- Information hiding and data encapsulation **not enforced**.
- negative effects when requirements change.
- enforcing information hiding and data encapsulation by modules.
- abstract data types.
- object oriented **without** information hiding and data encapsulation.
- object oriented **with** information hiding and data encapsulation.

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Example: Module 'List of Names'

- Task: store a list of names in N of type "list of strings".
- Operations: (in interface of the module)
 - `insert(str): void`
 - `pre-condition`: $(n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}, m) \in \mathbb{N}_0, \forall 0 \leq j < m, \forall j < m, n_j < m, n_{j+1} < m$
 - `post-condition`: $(n_1, \dots, n_{m-1}, m) \in \mathbb{N}_0, \forall 0 \leq j < m, n_j < m, n_{j+1} < m, N \equiv \text{add}(N) \text{ otherwise}$
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- `get(str): string`
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- `post-condition`: $N \equiv \text{add}(N) \text{ otherwise}$
- `dump(): void`
- `pre-condition`: $N \equiv n_0, \dots, n_{m-1}, m \in \mathbb{N}_0$
- `post-condition`: $N \equiv \text{add}(N)$
- `side-effect`: n_0, \dots, n_{m-1} printed to standard output in this order

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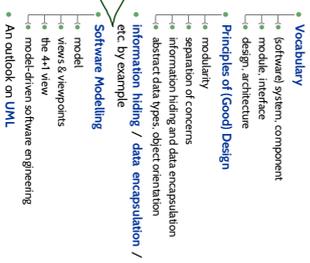
A Possible Implementation: Plain List, no Duplicates

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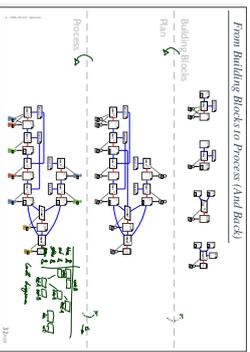
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Example: Process Model



Software Modelling

Definition: [Fak] A model is an abstract, formal, mathematical representation or description of structure or behaviour of a (software) system.

Definition: (Fritz 2008: 425)
 A model is a concrete or mental image (Abbild.) of something or a concrete or mental archetype (Vorbild) for something. These properties are consistent:
 (i) the image attribute (Abbildungseigenschaft), i.e. there is an entity (called original) whose image or archetype the model is;
 (ii) the reduction attribute (Verzögerungseigenschaft), i.e. only those attributes of the original that are relevant in the modelling context are represented;
 (iii) the pragmatic attribute, i.e. the model is built in a specific context for a specific purpose.

Example: Design-Models in Construction Engineering

1. Requirements

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- have windows
- cost shall be in budget

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Observation (I): Floorplan abstracts from certain system properties, e.g. ...

- kind, number and placement of bricks,
- water pipe/awing, and
- wall decoration

→ architects can efficiently work on appropriate level of abstraction

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Observation (II): Floorplan preserves/determines certain system properties, e.g. ...

- house and room orientations (to south)
- placement of subsystems (such as windows)

→ find design errors before building the system (e.g. bathroom windows)



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view – A representation of a whole system from the perspective of a related set of concerns. **IEEE M71 (2000)**

viewpoint – A specification of the conventions for constructing and using a view. A pattern or template from which to develop individual views by establishing the purposes and audience for a view and the techniques for its creation and analysis. **IEEE M71 (2000)**

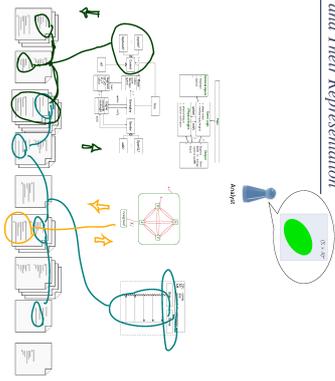
- A perspective is determined by **concerns and informal on needs**:
- team leader, e.g. needs to know which team is working on what component.
- operator, e.g. needs to know which component is running on which host.
- developer, e.g. needs to know interfaces of other components.
- etc.

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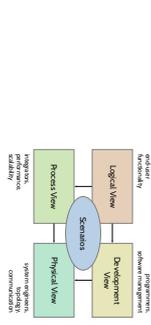


- Example: modern cars**
- Large number of electronic control units (ECUs) spread all over the car.
 - Which part of the overall software is running on which ECU?
 - Which function is used when? Event triggered, time triggered, continuous, etc.?
- How, e.g. a simple **smartphone app process** and **physical view** may be trivial or determined by the employed framework (→ **also!**) – **source** needed for (technical) particular documentation.

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system view: how is the system under development (p) in its environment, with which other systems (including user) does it interact, how

static view (~ **developer view**): components of the architecture, their interfaces and dependencies, possibly a assignment of development, test, etc. onto teams

Purpose of architecture: support functionality, functional, not not of the architecture. **11**

dynamic view (~ **process view**): how and how do they work together at runtime.

deployment view (~ **operator view**): how are component instances mapped onto infrastructure and hardware units.

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- **Form of the states** in Σ (associations A): **structure of S**
- **Computation paths** π of S: **behaviour of S**

Definition. **Structure** is the description of a (possibly infinite) set S of (finite or infinite) computation paths of the form

$$s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n, s_{n+1}, s_{n+2}, \dots$$

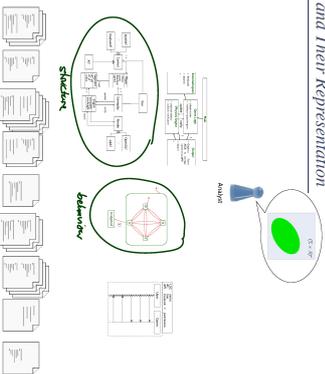
where

- $s_i \in S$, i.e. $R_{i,i}$ is called **transition (or configuration)** and
- $s_i \in A$, i.e. $R_{i,i+1}$ is called **action (or event)**.

The (possibly partial) function $[\] : S \rightarrow [S]$ is called **interpretation of S**.

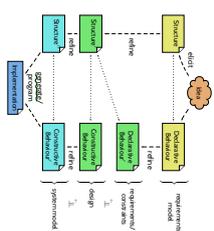
- (Henkel, 1997) proposes to distinguish **constructive** and **reflective** descriptions of behaviour:
- **constructive**: "constructs for description" contain information needed in executing the model or in translating it into executable code." → **how things are compiled.**
 - **reflective (or assertive)**: "description used to derive and present views of the model, statically or during execution, or to set constraints on behaviour in preparation for verification." → **what should (or should not) be compiled.**
- Note:** No sharp boundaries! (would be too easy...)

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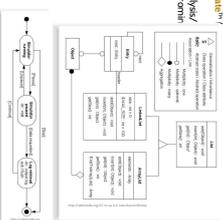
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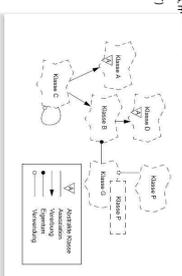
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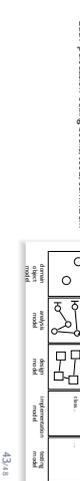


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 - (ii) model-driven/-based software engineering
 - (iii) Unified Modelling Language (UML)
 - (iv) modelling structure
 - a) (simplified) class diagrams
 - b) (simplified) object diagrams
 - c) (simplified) object constraint language (OCL)
 - (v) modelling behaviour
 - a) communicating finite automata
 - b) state space/finite automata
 - c) behavioural logic
 - d) an outlook on hierarchical state-machines
- **VL12**
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Tell Them What You've Told Them...

- **Design structures a system into manageable units**
- **Principles of (Good) Design**
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 - information hiding/ data encapsulation
- **Models: a concrete or mental image or archetype with**
 - image attribute,
 - reduction attribute,
 - pragmatic attribute,
 - here: **abstract, formal, mathematical** description.
- **Software Modelling: views and viewpoints, e.g. 4+1**
- **Model-driven Software Engineering**
- **Unified Modelling Language**
 - a family of **modelling languages**.

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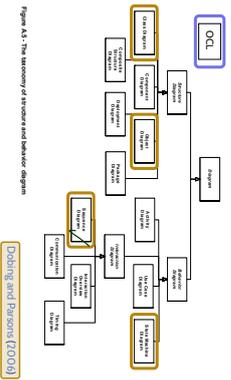


Figure A.1. The anatomy of structure and behavior diagrams

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