

Notation, notation, notation

A software architecture diagram review checklist

General

Does the diagram have a title?	Yes	No
Do you understand what the diagram type is?	Yes	No
Do you understand what the diagram scope is?	Yes	No
Does the diagram have a key/legend?	Yes	No

Elements

Does every element have a name?	Yes	No
Do you understand the type of every element? (i.e. the level of abstraction; e.g. software system, container, etc)	Yes	No
Do you understand what every element does?	Yes	No
Where applicable, do you understand the technology choices associated with every element?	Yes	No
Do you understand the meaning of all acronyms and abbreviations used?	Yes	No
Do you understand the meaning of all colours used?	Yes	No
Do you understand the meaning of all shapes used?	Yes	No
Do you understand the meaning of all border styles used? (e.g. solid, dashed, etc)	Yes	No
Do you understand the meaning of all element sizes used? (e.g. small vs large boxes)	Yes	No

Relationships

Does every line have a label describing the intent of that relationship?	Yes	No
Where applicable, do you understand the technology choices associated with every relationship? (e.g. protocols for inter-process communication)	Yes	No
Do you understand the meaning of all acronyms and abbreviations used?	Yes	No
Do you understand the meaning of all colours used?	Yes	No
Do you understand the meaning of all arrow heads used?	Yes	No
Do you understand the meaning of all lines styles used? (e.g. solid, dashed, etc)	Yes	No

