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Software project management fundamentals

- **Need for project management**
 - Large projects have **lots of people** working **together** for **prolonged time**
 - **Coordination** to ensure **integration** and **interoperability**
 - **Business and Environment change frequently** and rapidly
- **Software project:**
 - individual or collaborative enterprises
 - **carefully planned to achieve a certain aim / create a unique product** or service
 - **Characteristics of a project**
 - Made up of **unique activities** which do not repeat
 - **Goal specific**
 - **Sequence of activities** to deliver end-product
 - **Time bound**
 - **Inter-related activities**
 - **Need adequate resources** (time, manpower ,finance, knowledge-bank)
 - **Intangible**; can claim 90% completion without visible outcomes
- **Software project management:** planning and supervising projects;
 - **planning, execution** of plans, **monitoring** and **controlling** projects
- **Project management:** **planning, organising, motivating, controlling resources** to **achieve certain goals**; project workflow with team collaboration;
 - Planning, scheduling, monitoring, risk management, managing quality and people performance
 - Considers these **4 constraints in equilibrium**



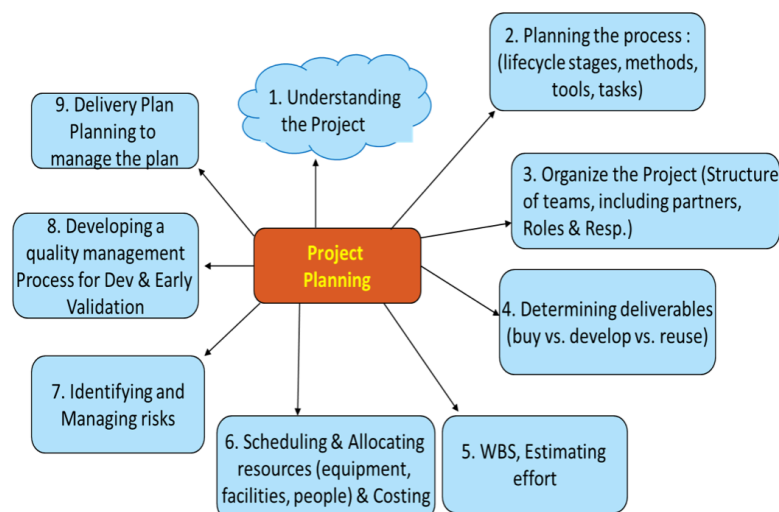
Software project management lifecycle

**- Initiation and approval:**

- **Initiation:** happens at **approval or a “go” feasibility study** formally kicking-off
- Opportunity or reason for project justifies its kick-off
- A **charter** is created
 - **Purpose** of the project
 - How will it be **structured and executed**
 - **Vision, objectives**
 - **High level scope**
 - **Deliverables**
 - **Responsibilities** of the project teams and stakeholders
- Initial **project owner/manager, budget** along with resources

- Planning

- Focus on **what needs to be achieved and how**
- **Looking ahead** and **making provisions** for required resources



- **Outcome:** Project plan
 - Level **depends on nature of project** (exploratory, research, development)
 - **Evolves** based on progress, context, risks, etc
 - **Perspectives**

Sponsors	Customer	Execution Stakeholder
Projects role in organisation	Team understands problem?	Software Lifecycle to follow
Address customer requirement	Time to develop	Project Organisation (roles)
Investment vs Revenue	Cost of Solution	Standards, Guidelines, Procedures
Time expenditure and Risks	Delivery plans	Communication Mechanism
Responsibility and Progress Tracking	Metrics to indicate quality	Criteria to Prioritise requirements
Resources and Deliverables	Exit Criteria	Work breakdown and Ownership
Exit Criteria	Project support	
	Interaction/Review plans	

- **Stages of Project Planning**
 - **Understanding expected deliverables** of the project
 - **Customer and stakeholder** expectations
 - **Market forces** driving the project (new tech, competition)
 - **High-level decisions** (Make-Buy-Reuse)
 - Supported by **feasibility study** and **requirements elicited**
 - **Planning the process**
 - **Choice of lifecycle** is based on: activities, goals, time and so on
 - **Degree of certainty** (high or low) of **product, process, resource**
 - **Models, standards, guidelines and procedures**
 - **Standards:** Technical, interoperability, quality, regulatory
 - Config management, change management, quality plans

Project Characteristics	Degree of Certainty			
Product	High	High	High	Low
Process	High	High	Low	Low
Resource	High	Low	Low	Low
Expected Challenges	Realization Challenges	Allocation Challenges	Design Challenges	Exploration Challenges
Primary Focus	Execution focus	Controlling capacity	Designing the project in terms of Milestones, Personnel, Responsibilities etc.	Commitment of stake holders
	Optimize resource, efficiency and schedule			Maximize results
Development Model	Waterfall, V, CBSE	Waterfall, V, Iterative, CBSE	Iterative, Incremental	Incremental, Prototype, Agile

- Organize the project

- **Structure:** organise structure in terms of **people, team and responsibilities**

- Eg: project manager, programmer, architects and so on

- **Hierarchical , Flat, Functional, Matrix, Line orgs**

- **Partners**

- For project build, install, localisation, documentation, product management, product marketing, sales, pre-sales, support

- **Downstream or Upstream**

- Determine deliverables

- **Buy, develop, reuse**

- Work break down (WBS)

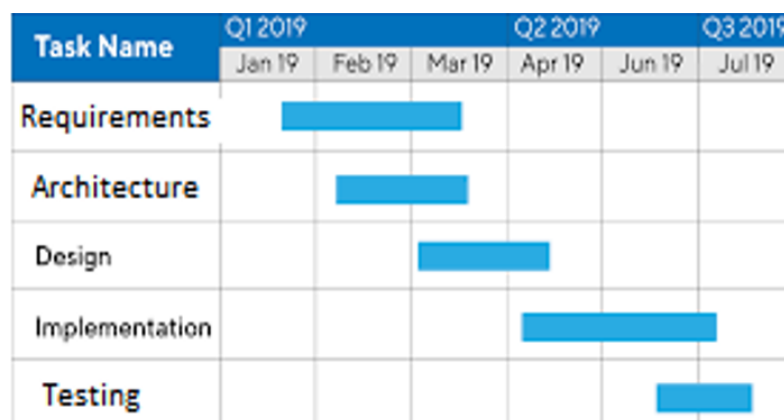
- **Project activities** split into **smaller deliverable components** (iterative)
- Split till **enough granularity**
- **Hierarchical tree** structure: WBS (Work breakdown structure)
- Aggregate tasks into **phases**

- **Milestone, checkpoints** and so
- **Entry and exit criteria:** Phases, milestones, etc
- Identification of **work packages for final product**
- **Estimation of tasks/activities** (effort and time)
 - Estimation helps in **efficient and effective control**
 - **WBS is estimation** of tasks in project
 - Estimation is done for **size and effort of WBS tasks** (time, cost and so on)
 - **Common estimates:**
 - **Lines of Code (LOC)**
 - **Function points:** business functionality in terms of functions
 - Top down or bottoms up
 - Estimation could be
 - **Experience based:** expert judgement, comparative studies
 - **Delphi, Modified Delphi**
 - **Empirical estimation:** Formula derived from past projects (size, process char, experience)
 - **CoCoMo (Constructive Cost Model)**
 - Three categories of projects
 - **Organic:** Small team, problem well understood, experienced people
 - **Embedded:** Large team, complex problem, need people with sufficient experience
 - **Semi-detached:** In between
 - **Estimation approaches**

Effort $E = a_b (KLOC)^b$ Person months, Where

Time $T = c_b * (efforts)^{d_b}$ Months

- **Types of CoCoMo**
 - **Basic:** rough calculations
 - **Intermediate:** considers cost drivers
 - **Detailed:** factors dependencies
- **Scheduling and allocating resources**
 - Based on **outcomes of WBS and Estimation**
 - **Calendarization** of work activities
 - **Activities**
 - Brings **concerned individuals** to participate in **building schedule**
 - **Identification and allocation of resources** to WBS tasks
 - Hardware, software, human
 - **Rework estimates;** schedule based on competencies
 - **Validate** upstream and downstream dependencies
 - **Organize concurrently to optimise people** and **sequentially** for dependencies
 - **Graphic tools:** gantt chart



- **Identify schedule risks** and **mitigation plans**
- **Minimise task dependency** (avoids delays)
- Factor **working conditions** (holidays, work shifts, etc)
- **Multiple iterations:** Due to feature requirements, Schedule, Resources, people or cost

- **Cost** (Budget, capital and expenses)
- **Identify and Manage risks**
 - **Risk: unexpected** event that might **impact** people, tech and resources
 - Can be for **Products, projects, orgs**, etc
 - **Steps**
 - **Identify** risk (what may go wrong)
 - **Assessment and analysis** (probability of occurrence and impact)
 - **Mitigation**/Fall back plan
 - **Identification** and **catching** the **trigger**
 - **Execute** and **monitor mitigation** plan
- **Develop Quality management process**
 - Plans for **tracking progress**
 - **Communication** plans
 - **Quality assurance** plans
 - **Test completion criteria**
 - **Early verification**/customer validation (Beta testing)
- **Plans for Tracking Project Plan and Delivery plan**
 - Plans for **managing project plan**
 - **Procedure for release** to customer
 - **Activities towards**
 - Staffing and people engagement
 - Compensation and benefits
- **Outcomes and Roles**

Outcomes	Roles
Project Plan	Project Manager (at multiple levels)
Work Breakdown (to required granularity)	
Schedule (calendarized)	

Outcomes	Roles
Resource Management (Allocation, Balancing, Orchestrate for efficiency, dependency)	
Communication, Metrics, Checkpoints, Exit Criteria	
Risk Management and Quality Plan	

- **Contents of Project Plan**

- Introduction
- Deliverables
- Process model
- Organisation
- Standards, Guidelines, Procedures
- Management activities
- Risks
- Staffing
- Methods and Techniques
- Quality Criteria/Assurance
- Work Packages
- Resources
- Budget and Schedule
- Change control Process
- Delivery Means

- **Monitoring and Control**

- Processes performed to **observe project execution** so that **potential problems** can be **identified** in a **timely manner** and **corrective action** can be taken
- Begins once plan is created, runs **in parallel with execution**
- **Continuously performed**; tasks, measures and metrics to **ensure project is on track** (time, budget, risk)
- **Quantitative data**

- **Checkpoints, milestones, toll-gates**
- **Project Management and Control dimensions**
 - **Time:** in terms of **effort** (man-months) and **schedule**
 - **Brooks law:** adding people to a late project delays it further
 - **Development models** help in managing time
 - **Information** (availability, propagation): **communication** including documentation
 - **Current state** and **changes agreed** upon
 - **Agile:** focuses on tacit knowledge held by people instead of docs
 - **Organisation** and structure, **roles and responsibilities**
 - Building a **team**
 - **Reorganising** structures
 - Clarify and manage **expectations**
 - **Reorient** roles and responsibilities
 - **Quality is built-in**
 - Designed in, not an afterthought
 - Frequent **interaction with stakeholders**
 - **Quality requirements** may cause **conflict**
 - **Cost, infrastructure and personnel** (capital and expense)
- **Includes**
 - **Monitoring and controlling** project work: **collect measures** and make **corrective/preventive actions**
 - Ensure **change controls** are meticulously followed
 - Scope, deliverables, documents are **updated**
 - **Control quality triangle** (Recollect triangle from page 1)
 - **Manage** team, performance and communication

- Closure

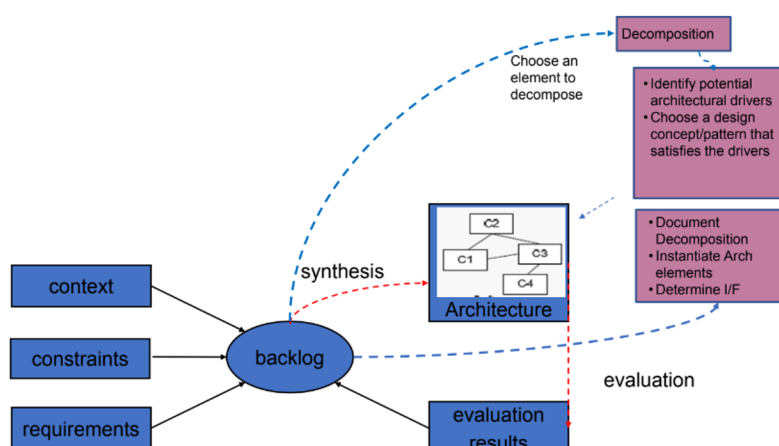
- **Close project** and **report success** to sponsor
- **Steps involved**
 - **Handover deliverables** to customer and **obtain project/UAT** (User acceptance testing) sign-off from client
 - **Complete** and **pass on documentation**; **cancel supplier** contracts
 - **Release staff**, equipment; inform stakeholders
 - **Post mortem**: determine projects success and lessons learned

Software architecture

- **Architectural design: decomposition and organisation** of software into **components**
- **Detailed design: specific behaviour** of components in Architectural design
- Well written software is **more maintainable**
- To become a **master of software development**
 - **Need to learn the rules**
 - Algorithms, data structures, languages of software
 - **Learn the principles**
 - Structured programming, modular programming
 - Object oriented programming, generic programming
 - **Study architecture and designs of other masters**
 - Contain **patterns** that must be understood, memorised and used
- **Software architecture**
 - Top level **decomposition** into **major components** with a characterisation of **how they interact**
 - **Big picture depiction** of the system
 - Used for **communications among stakeholders**
 - **Blueprint** for system and project development

- **Negotiations and balancing of functional and quality goals**
- **Importance of architecture**
 - **Manifests earliest design decisions**
 - **Constraints** on implementation
 - Dictates **organisational structure**
 - **Inhibits or enable quality attributes**, supports WBS
 - **Reuse** at architectural system level
 - **Helps in WBS** (reduce risk, enable cost reduction)
 - **Changes** to architecture is **expensive in later stages** of SDLC
- **Characteristics of software architecture**
 - Address **variety** of stakeholder **perspectives**
 - **Realises all of the use cases and scenarios**
 - Supports **separation of concerns**
 - **Quality driven**
 - **Recurring styles**
 - **Conceptual integrity**
- **Factors that influence Software Architecture**
 - Functional requirements
 - Data profile
 - Audience
 - Usage characteristics
 - Business priority
 - Regulatory/Legal obligations
 - Architectural standards
 - Dependencies and Integration
 - Cost constraints
 - Initial state

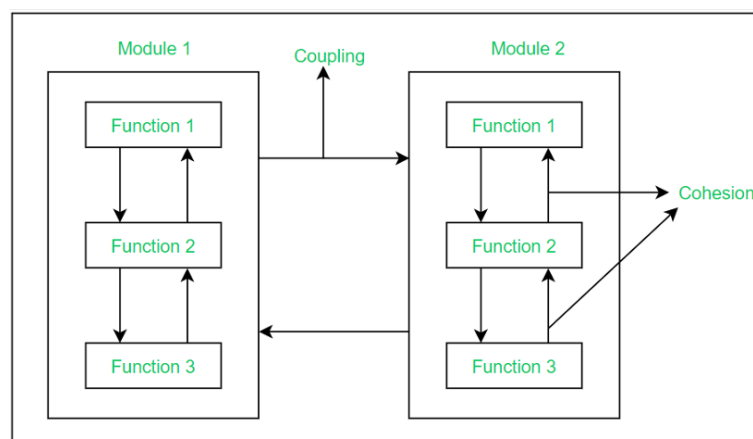
- Architect and staff background
 - Technical and organisational environment
 - Technical constraints
 - Types of user experience
- **Architect**
- Makes **high-level design choices** and **dictates tech standards**
 - Coding standards, tools and platforms
- **Architectural views, styles and patterns**
- **Views:** ways of **describing software architecture**, enables **different stakeholders** to **view** it from the **perspective** of their interests
 - **Eg:** UI view, Process view
 - **Styles:** how the **subsystems and elements are organised**
 - Way of **organising code**; (Pipe & Filters, Client-Server, Peer-to-Peer)
 - **Pattern:** known or proven approach of structuring and functioning
 - Exists to “solve” a problem
 - **Eg:** MVC solves problem of separating UI from the rest
- **Architectural conflicts**
- **Large-grain components** improves performance but reduces maintainability
 - **Redundant data:** improves availability; makes security and integrity difficult
 - **Localising** improves safety but communication degrades performance
- **Generalised model for architecting**



- Common themes of architecture

- **Decomposition:** problem -> individual modules/components
- **Approaches:**
 - **Based on layering**
 - Order **system into layers**; each layer **consumers service from lower** layer and **provides service to higher layers**
 - **Ordering of abstractions**
 - **Eg:** TCP/IP model
 - **Based on distribution** (computational resource)
 - **Dedicated task** owns **thread of control**; process need not wait
 - Many clients need access
 - **Greater fault isolation**
 - **Based on exposure**
 - How is the **component exposed** and **consumes other components**
 - Service offered, logic and integration
 - **Based on functionality**
 - **Grouping with problem domain** and **separate based on functions**
 - **Eg:** login module, customer module, so on
 - Mindset of operational process
 - **Based on generality**
 - Components which **can be used in other places** as well
 - **Based on Volatility**
 - Identify **parts which may change** and **keep them together** (UI)
 - **Based on Configuration**
 - Look at **target** for features needing to **support different configurations**
 - **Eg:** security, performance, usability

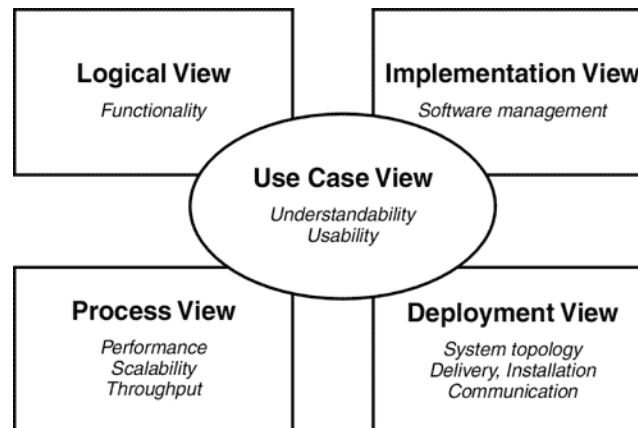
- **Based on Coupling:** keeping things together; Cohesion: things that work together
 - **Low coupling and high cohesion (good software always obeys this)**
- **Other approaches**
 - **Divide and conquer**
 - **Stepwise refinement:** simple solution and enhance
 - **Top-down approach:** overview of system, detail the subsystems
 - **Bottom-up approach:** specify individual elements and compose
 - **Information hiding**
- **Architectural views**
 - **4 ways to view**
 - **Structure of modules (Module view point)**



- **Module:** unit of code with a functional responsibility
- **Structure system as set of code units**
- Architect enumerates **what units of software will have to do** and assigns **each item to a module**
- **Larger module** may be divided into **smaller modules**
- **Less emphasis** on how **software manifests at runtime**
- **Component-and connector structure (View point)**
 - **Dynamic view** of system in **execution/runtime**

- **Eg:** process view includes set of processes connected by sync links
- **Components/processing element:** software structure that **converts input to Output**; series of processes
 - **Computational:** does computation; Eg: function, filter
 - **Manager:** contains state+operations; State retained between invocations
 - **Controller:** governs time sequence of events
- **Connecting elements: glue** to component and data element
 - **Communication and sync link**
 - **Eg:** Procedure calls, RPCs, comms protocols, etc
- **Data element: information** needed **for processing/to be processed**
 - Memory in data; persistent
- **As allocation structure**
 - **Deployment structure: software** assigned to **hardware and communication paths**
 - **Relations:**
 - **“allocated-to”:** shows on which **physical units software elements reside**
 - **“Migrates-to”:** if allocation is **dynamic**
 - Allows to reason about **performance, data integrity, availability, security**
 - Important in **distributed or parallel systems**
 - **Implementation structure**
 - How **software is mapped onto file structures** in systems development, integration or config control envs
 - **Work assignment structure**
 - **Who is doing what** and the knowledge needed
- **Krutchens (4+1 view)**
 - **Use case view:** exposing requirements or scenarios

- **Design view:** exposes vocabulary of problem and solution space
- **Process view:** dynamic aspects of runtime behaviour
 - Threads and processes; addresses performance, concurrency
- **Implementation view:** realisation of the system; UML diagrams
- **Deployment view:** focus on system engineering



- Architectural styles

- Way of **organisation of components**, characterised by **features** that make it **notable**
- Used to **construct software modules**
- **Structure and behaviour** of the system
- **Provides four things:**
 - **Vocabulary:** set of **design elements** (Pipes, filters, client, servers,)
 - **Design rules:** constraints that **dictates** how **processing elements** would be **connected**
 - **Semantic interpretation:** meaning of connected design elements
 - **Analysis:** performed on the system (Deadlock detection, scheduling)
- **Recognised architectural styles**
 - **Main-program with subroutines**
 - **Generic:** traditional language-influenced style
 - **Problem:** system is hierarchy of functions; natural outcome of functional decomposition

- **Top-level module is the main program** that invokes the rest
- **Single thread of control**
- **Context:** language with nested procedures
- **Solution**
 - **System model:** procedures and modules are defined in a **hierarchy**
 - **Higher level modules call the lower level**
 - Hierarchy: strict or weak
 - **Components:** procedures residing in main program; local and global data
 - **Connectors:** procedure call and shared access to global data
 - **Control structure:** single centralised thread of control
- Implicit invocation
- Pipes and filters
- Repository
- Layers of abstraction
- Client server
- Component based system
- Service oriented architecture
- Object oriented arch
- **Architectural pattern**
 - **Proven solution to a recurring architectural problem** (structuring, function and solutioning of subsystems)
 - Named collection of architectural designs that
 - Has **resulted in a successful solution** in a given development context
 - **Constrain** such **design decisions** that are specific to a particular system
 - Elicit **beneficial qualities** in each resulting system,
 - **Good starting point** for solution
 - **Number of layers** between user and data

- **Tiered architecture**

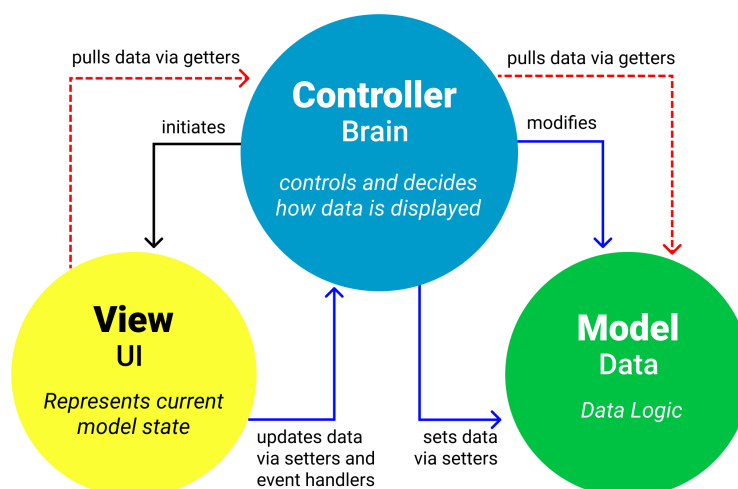
- **Single tiered or monolithic**

- Single app layer that supports UI, business rules and manipulation of data
 - **Eg:** microsoft word
 - Used in **client server apps**

- **Two tiered arch**

- **Client app:** business rules + UI
 - **Server app:** data retrieval + manipulation; physically separate system
 - Eg: SQL server
 - Uses in **traditional client-server App**

- **Three tiered arch/Model - View - Controller**



- **Model**

- Central component; **application data, business rules**, logic and functions; **abstraction layer for features**
 - True domain object; no knowledge of UI
 - **Establish and collect information** to be displayed
 - Notify associated views and controllers of about change in state

- **View**

- **Output representation** of information (chart or diagram)

- Graphics design and layout; get **information from model** as prompted by the **controller**
 - **Controller**
 - **Accepts input** and **converts it to commands** for model/view
 - **Use cases**
 - **UI logic** tends to **change more frequently** than **business logic**
 - App needs to **display same data in different ways**
 - Developing UI and Business logic require **different skill sets**; separate development teams easily
 - **UI code** is more **device-dependent** than business logic
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Software design

- **Design principles**
 - **Further decomposition** post architecture If necessary
 - **Description of behaviour** of components/sub-systems as identified in Architecture design
 - How **interfaces will be realised** (data structures+algorithms)
 - System will **facilitate interaction** with user
 - Use of apt **structural and behavioural design patterns**
 - Maintenance and reuse
- **Techniques that enable design**
 - **Abstraction:** focus on essential properties
 - Expose only relevant functions
 - Procedural/data abstraction
 - **Modularity, coupling and cohesion**
 - **Modularity:** degree/extent to which large module is decomposed
 - Best to be self-contained
 - **Cohesion:** extent to which components are dependent on each other

- Strong is good
- **Could be**
 - Adhoc
 - Logical (input routines)
 - Temporal (initialisation sequence)
 - Sequential
 - Procedural (read and print)
 - Functional (contribute to same function)
- **Coupling:** how strongly modules are connected
 - Loose is good
 - **Types**
 - **Content:** one component directly impacts another
 - **Common:** two components share overall constraints
 - **External:** components communicate through external medium
 - **Control:** one component controls the other (passes info)
 - **Stamp:** complete data structures are passed
 - **Data:** only one type of interaction
- **Information hiding**
 - **Need to know;** each module has a secret
 - Done via
 - **Encapsulation:** hides data and only allows access via specific functions
 - **Separation of interface and implementation:** define a public interface but separate details of how it is realised
 - Enables independence
- **Limiting complexity**
 - **Effort required to build** the solution (lines of code, depth of nesting)
 - Criterion to assess a design

- **Higher value => higher complexity => higher effort = worse design**
- Kinds of module complexity
 - **Intra-modular:** complexity of single module; based on size (LOC)
 - **Inter-modular:** between module
 - Based on size and structure
 - Eg: local flow, global flow and so on
- **Hierarchical structure**
- **Issues to be handled**
 - **Concurrency:** parallel execution of more than one program; deadlocks/race conditions
 - **Event handling:** messages sent between objects
 - **Distribution of components**
 - Distributed apps are supported by middleware
 - Consider communication breakdown
 - **Non functional requirement:** may have system-wide impact
 - **Error, exception handling, fault tolerance**
 - **Mistake diverts program execution or create incorrect result/action**
 - **Exception** could lead to **termination**
 - **Ensure that Faults** do not need **lead to errors** which **lead to system failures**
 - **Approaches:** fault avoidance, fault detection and removal
 - **Interaction and presentation**
 - React to user input **effectively and efficiently**
 - **Data persistence**
 - Storage of information **between executions**

- Differences between architecture and design

Architecture	Design
Bigger picture; frameworks, tools, languages, scope, goals, etc	Smaller picture; local constraints, design patterns, programming idioms, code org
Strategy, structure and purpose	Implementation and practice
Software components, visible properties and relationships	Problem solving and planning for internal software
Harder to change	Simpler and have less impact
Influence non-functional requirements	Influence functional requirements

- Design methods: support in **decomposing components** and representing **system requirements as components**

- **Module hierarchy**

- **Data flow design**

- **Two step** process

- **Structured analysis: logical** design; **data flow** diagrams

- Logical consisting of set of DFD's augmented by minispecs and data dictionary

- **Structured design: transform logical design into program structure; structure charts**

- Heuristics based on **coupling and cohesion**
- Transform centered

- **Data flow diagram**

- **External entity**

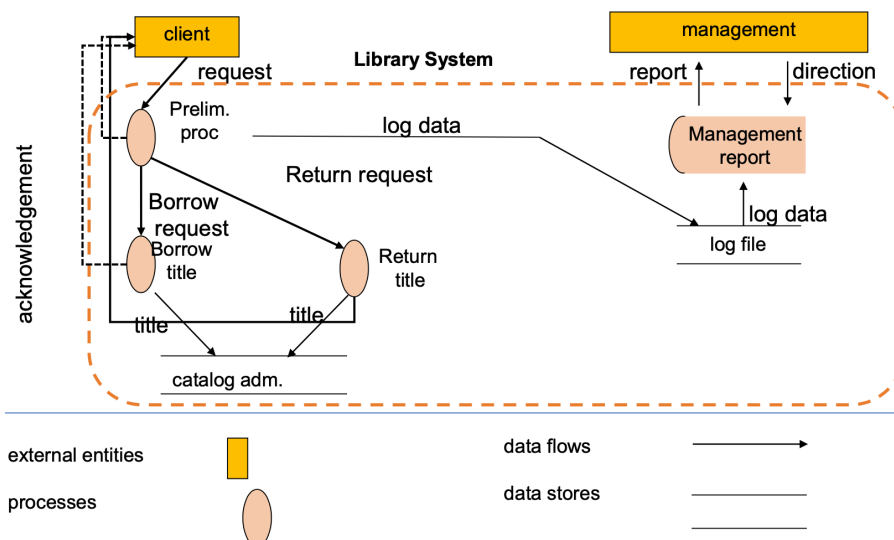
- **Source and destination** of transaction
- Located **outside** the domain
- **Squares** in the diagram

- **Processes**

- **Transform** the data; depicted as **circle**

- **Data stores**

- Lie **between processes** and places where **data structures** reside
- **Two parallel lines**
- **Data flows**
 - **Data travels** between processes, entities, data stores
 - Depicted as an **arrow**



- **Minispecs:** process in DFDs become sufficiently straight forward and **doesn't warrant further decompositions**
- **Data dictionary:** contents of DFDs after we are at **logical decomposed state**
 - Precise description of the structure of data
- **Design patterns**
 - **Procedural patterns**
 - **Analyse** problem **prior** to and **during construction**

Structural decomposition pattern	Breaks down a large system into subsystems and complex components into co-operating parts, such as a product breakdown structure
Organization of work pattern	defines how components work together to solve a problem, such as master-slave and peer-to-peer
Access control pattern	describes how access to services and components is controlled, such as through a proxy
Management pattern	defines how to handle homogeneous collections in their entirety, such as a command processor and view handler
Communication pattern	defines how to organize communication among components, such as a forwarder-receiver, dispatcher-server, and publisher-subscriber

- **Object oriented pattern:** Gang of Four solutions
 - **Creational patterns** that focus on creation of objects (Singleton, builder)
 - **Structural patterns** that deal with composition (Adapter, Bridge)
 - **Behavioural pattern** that describe interaction (Command, interpreter)
 - **Distribution patterns** that deal with interface for distributed systems
 - **Singleton pattern**
 - **Intent:** only **one instance of class is created**; global access point to object
 - Motivation: **one object to coordinate** actions across the system
 - One class responsible to instantiate itself
 - **Global point of access** to the instance
 - Eg: centralised management of global resources
- **Anti Patterns**
 - Describes **situations** a developer should **avoid**
 - In agile approaches, **refactoring** is **applied when anti pattern** is **introduced**
- **Contrasting structural approach vs object oriented approach**

Comparison Factor	Structural Approach	Object Oriented approach
Abstraction	Basic abstractions are real world functions, processes and procedures	Basic abstraction are not real world functions but data representing real world entities
Lifecycles	Uses SDLC methodology	Incremental or Iterative methods
Function	Grouped together, hierarchically	Functions grouped based on data
State information	In centralised shared memory	State information distributed among objects
Approach	Top Down	Bottom up approach
Begin basis	Considering use case diagram and scenarios	Begins by identifying objects and classes
Decompose	Function level decomposition	Class level decomposition
Design approaches	Use Data flow diagram, structured English, ER diagram, Data dictionary, Decision tree/table	Class, component and deployment for static design; Interaction and State for dynamic

Comparison Factor	Structural Approach	Object Oriented approach
Design techniques	Design enabling techniques need to be implemented	Communicates with objects via message passing and has design enabling techniques
Design Implementation	Functions are described and called; data isn't encapsulated	Components have attributes and functions; class acts as blueprint
Ease of development	Easier; depends on size	Depends on experience of team and complexity of program
Use	Computation sensitive apps	Evolving systems that mimic a business or business case

Service oriented architecture

- Make **software components reusable** via **service interfaces**
 - Utilise **common communication standards** and can be **rapidly incorporated** into new applications without deep integration
- Each **service** embodies **code and data integrations** to execute a **complete, discrete business function**; provide **loose coupling**
- Exposed using **standard network protocols** (SOAP - Simple object access protocol/HTTP or JSON/HTTP) to send **requests** to read or change data
- **Structured collections of discrete software modules** that collectively provide functionality
- **Benefits**
 - **Greater business agility, faster time to market**
 - Ability to **leverage legacy functionality** in new markets
 - **Improved collaboration** between business and IT
 - **Service reusability**
- **Service**
 - **Logical representation of a repeatable business activity** that has **specified outcome**
 - Discrete pieces of software written in **any language**
 - **“Callable entities”** accessed via **exchange of messages**
 - **Application functionality with wrappers**

- Service characteristics

- Services **adhere to service contract**
 - Adhere to **communications agreement**
- Services are **loosely coupled**: minimise dependencies
 - Maintain awareness of each other
- Services are **stateless**
 - **Minimise resource consumption**
- Services are **autonomous**
- Service **abstraction**
- Services are **reusable**
- Services use **open standards**
- Services **facilitate interoperability**
- Services can be **discovered**: metadata
- **Composed to form larger services**

- SOA roles

- **Service provider**: creates web services and provides them to a **registry**
 - Responsible for terms of service
- **Service broker/registry**: responsible for **providing information** about the service
- **Service requester/consumer**: finds a service in the broker and **connects** to the provider

- SoA vs Microservices

SoA	Microservice
Enterprise-wide approach to architecture	Implementation strategy with app dev teams
Communicates with components using Enterprise service bus (ESB)	Communicate statelessly using APIs
Less tolerant and flexible	More tolerant and flexible