

02291 System Integration

Welcome and Introduction to System Integration

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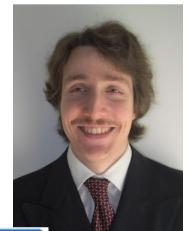




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Learning Objectives

- From https://kurser.dtu.dk/course/02291
- A student who has met the objectives of the course will be able to:
 - analyze a problem and model the requirements of a software system
 - model the design of a software system
 - formulate safety and liveness properties of models
 - analyze and validate structural and semantic properties in a model
 - apply modeling techniques for domain modeling, requirements, design, and systems in a specific case
 - model in a team
 - discuss the appropriateness of models to explain a given problem
 - explain a socio-technical system using model-driven frameworks



Course Material

- A selection of book chapters and articles freely available to DTU students
 - To access them, you need to access the campus network (in presence or through VPN)
- For each course topic, associated material will be listed at the end of the lecture's slides
- A complete list will be available on DTU Learn



Course Activities

- Activities
 - Lectures: most (but not all) Wednesdays 8:00-9:45
 - Lectures will be streamed via MS Teams and recorded.
 - Slides and video recordings can be found on DTU Learn Content.
 - Exercise sessions: Wednesdays 10:00-11:45
 - Mainly devoted to solve exercises and work on group project
 - Mandatory group project
 - Covers most course topics
 - Groups of 6 students
 - Written exam: May 29, 2024
- Assessment:
 - An approved group project is mandatory for participation in the written examination!
 - The final mark is the mark from the written examination.



(tentative) Lecture Plan

| Date | Topic | Teacher | | | | | |
|--------------|--|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 31/01 | Welcome | HL and GM | | | | | |
| 31/01 | Goal-oriented Requirements Engineering | GM | | | | | |
| 07/02 | Recap on Formal Methods | HL | | | | | |
| 14/02 | ArchiMate | GM | | | | | |
| 21/02 | Behavioural Models | GM | | | | | |
| 28/02 | Distributed Systems Models | HL | | | | | |
| 06/03 | Mandatory Group Project | N/A | | | | | |
| 13/03 | Timed Automata | HL | | | | | |
| 20/03 | Introduction to BPMN | GM | | | | | |
| Easter break | | | | | | | |
| 03/04 | Advanced BPMN | GM | | | | | |
| 10/04 | DCR Graphs (part 1) | HL | | | | | |
| 17/04 | DCR Graphs (part 2) | HL | | | | | |
| 24/04 | Decision Models | GM | | | | | |
| 01/05 | Wrap-up | HL and GM | | | | | |



About Group Registration

- We have 300+ students, so you must work together and help each other in groups.
- You should form groups of 6 persons for the exercise sessions the rest of the semester and the mandatory group project.
- Look for group partners:
 - · contact people you know, or
 - talk with people you meet at DTU in the exercise session today, or
 - use the Discussion Forum "Look for Group Partners" on DTU Learn
- When you have found a group, you should register it on DTU Learn. Must be done by end of Wednesday 14th of February.

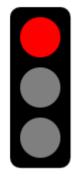


Group project outcome

- Pass:
 - Your project may have a few non-fatal flaws, but overall is ok
 - You are admitted to the final exam.
 - Your preparation should be fine for passing the final exam
- Pass with warnings:
 - Your project is borderline
 - You are admitted to the final exam
 - You need to improve your preparation.
 - Otherwise, chances of passing the final exam are low
- Fail:
 - Your project has several fatal flaws
 - You are not admitted to the final exam
 - You will have to re-take the course next year









Support and feedback

- During lectures and exercise sessions, you can ask questions to the lecturer
 - If you cannot attend in person, you can use MS Teams
 - Priority will be given to questions asked in person
- Outside class hours, you can ask and answer questions on the Q&A Forum on DTU Learn
 - You are highly invited to contribute to the forum (you can post anonymously if you wish)
 - The question you have may already have been answered there
 - In the past we had very nice interactions there
 - Questions asked via MS Teams outside class hours will be ignored
- Email is discouraged as a communication channel, since it does not scale with 300+ students



Motivation



Why is Software Complex?



Let us say software is complex if it is hard to understand and modify



Accidental (or Incidental) complexity is tied to an implementation

It can be removed by cleaning up the code, changing the language, etc.



Intrinsic complexity remains even if all accidental complexity is removed

It can be managed by designing run-time behavior more predictable

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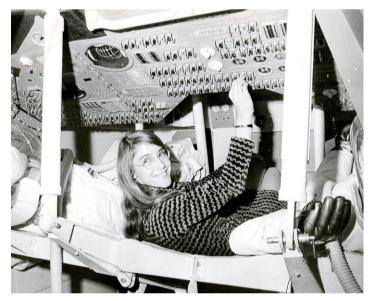


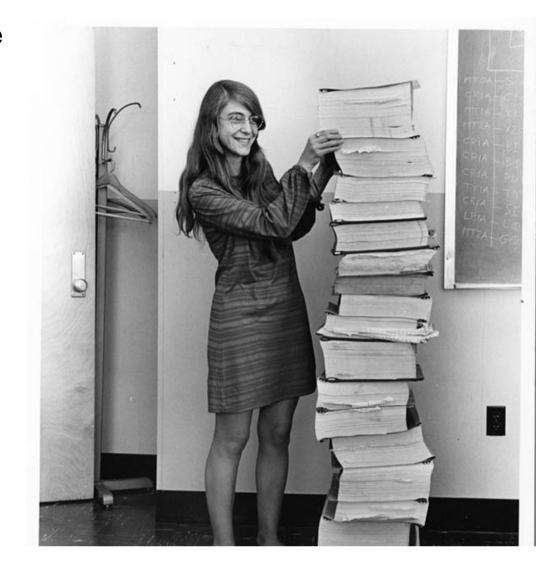
Software Engineering

• Is the **systematic** application of engineering approaches to the development and building of software

To reduce incidental and accidental complexity

• We will focus on **Model-Driven Software Engineering**, that is, the elicitation, analysis, and execution of software via models



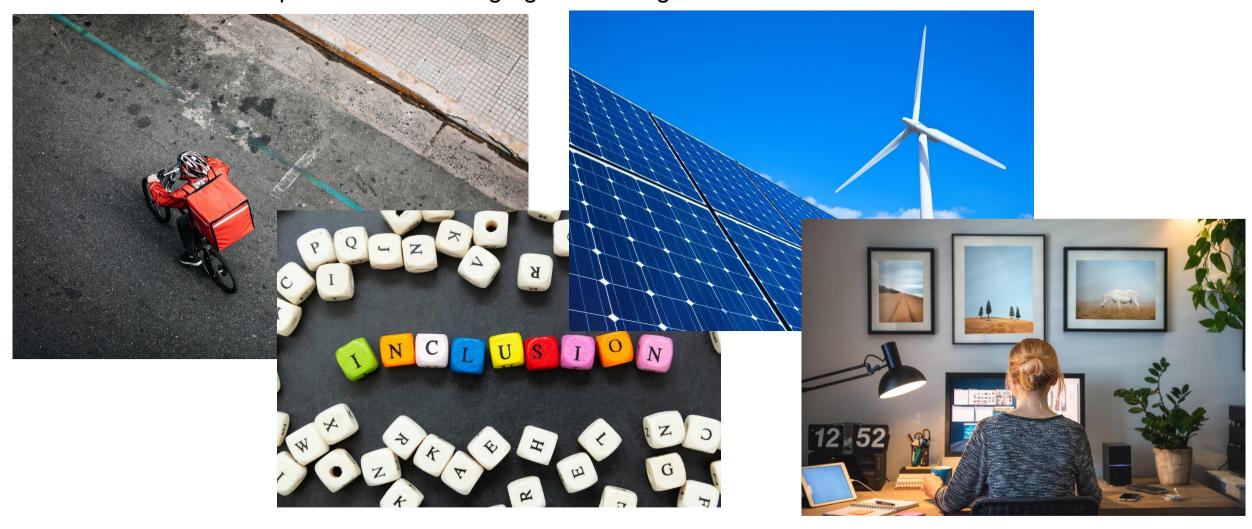


Margaret Hamilton, former director of the Software Engineering Division of the MIT Instrumentation Laboratory, which developed onboard flight software for NASA's Apollo program.

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Need to cope with ever-changing business goals





Need to interact with different types of users





• Need to comply with security, safety and privacy regulations





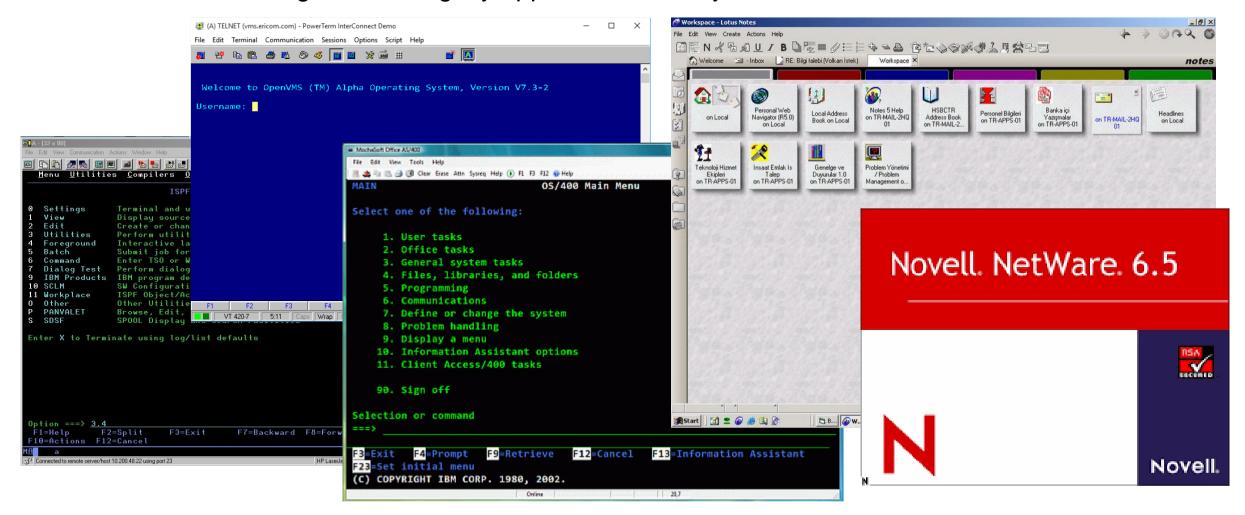


Need to consider emerging technology





Need to integrate with legacy applications and systems



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Software Engineering and Complexity

- Avoid Accidental (and Incidental) complexity
 - Use the right languages, frameworks, and tools for the job
 - Avoid technical debt, which accumulates, and makes code brittle
 - Technical debt is the conceptual cost of cleaning up a "quick fix"
- Manage Intrinsic complexity
 - Design modular systems, with relatively independent parts



Modelling for Software Development

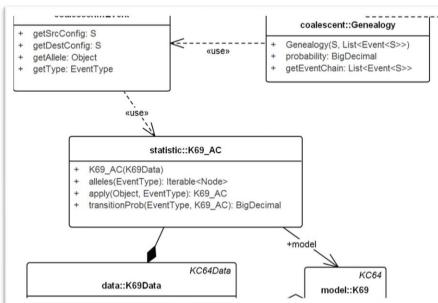
- We rely on software models due to four facts:
 - Software artifacts are becoming more complex and they need to be discussed at different abstraction levels, and depending on the stakeholders, software development phases and objectives
 - Software is pervasive on people's lifes, and the need of new pieces, or changes in the existing behaviour is a constant
 - Shortage of SW development skills wrt demand
 - Software Development is far from "just coding", it requires interaction with no-experts, other professions, or members of the team that have never seen your code



The use of models in Software Engineering^[1]

- Models as sketches: for communication purposes, only partial views of the system are given
 - E.g.: UML class and sequence diagrams
- Models as blueprints: used to provide a complete and detailed specification of the system
 - E.g.: BPMN models "mined" from an ERP system
- Models as programs: instead of code, they are used to develop the system
 - E.g.: BPMN models "plugged-in" an execution engine (for example, Camunda)



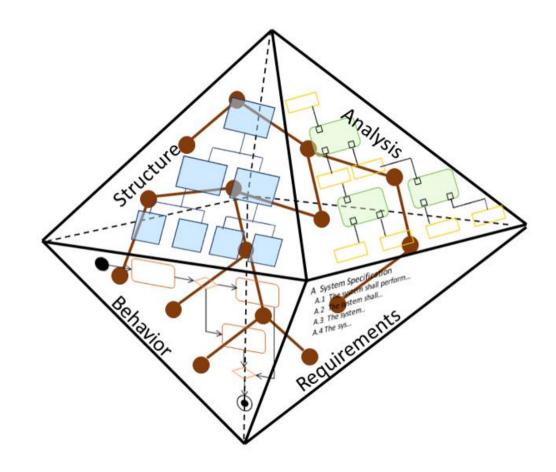


[1] https://martinfowler.com/bliki/UmlMode.html



System Integration

- Def. 1.: "the process of bringing together the component subsystems into one system (an aggregation of subsystems cooperating so that the system is able to deliver the overarching functionality) and ensuring that the subsystems function together as a system"
- Def. 2. "as the process of linking together different computing systems and software applications physically or functionally to act as a coordinated whole"



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Enterprise Architectures



Enterprise architecture

Enterprise architecture (EA) is "a well-defined practice for conducting enterprise analysis, design, planning, and implementation, using a holistic approach at all times, for the successful development and execution of strategy. Enterprise architecture applies architecture principles and practices to guide organizations through the business, information, process, and technology changes necessary to execute their strategies. These practices utilize the various aspects of an enterprise to identify, motivate, and achieve these changes"

Federation of EA Professional Organizations, Common Perspectives on Enterprise Architecture, Architecture and Governance Magazine, Issue 9-4, November 2013 (2013). Retrieved on November 19, 2013



EA bridges Strategy and Implementation

Business strategy

Business drivers Business goals Business policy Trend Analysis Architecture

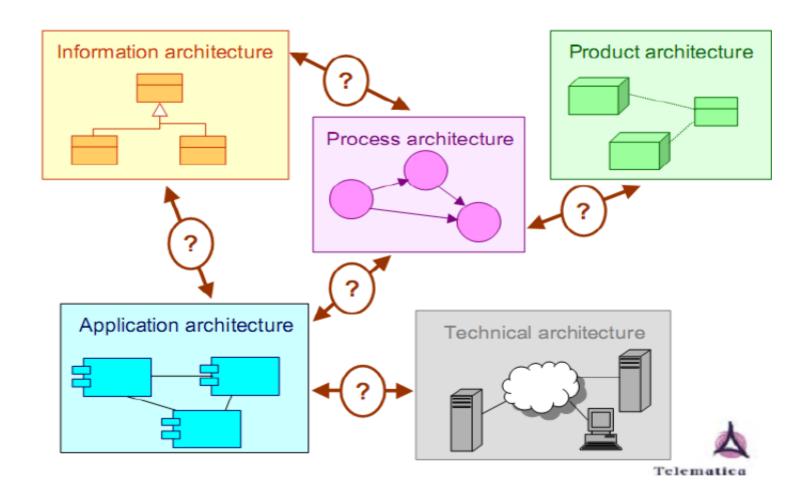
Business architecture Information architecture Solution architecture Technology architecture **Implementation**

Business processes
Application systems
Tech infrastructure
Organizational
structure

Sobah Abbas Petersen "Introduction to Enterprise Architecture" 2012



Enterprise Architecture: describing coherence





The enterprise view

- Why do this at the enterprise level?
 - Look at "the whole," not the parts
 - Look beyond narrow and restricted views
 - Look for context from the top
- The quality of all IT decisions is dependent on the enterprise view



- Zachman framework was proposed in 1987
- It provides a taxonomy for organizing architectural artifacts, that are documents, specifications, and models
- Such taxonomy considers artifact targets (specific users) and the aspect (e.g., data or network) is being addressed

Orand and Villarreal "Foundations of IT service Management with ITIL 2011"



| | DATA What | FUNCTION How | NETWORK Where | PEOPLE Who | TIME When | MOTIVATION #7ay | |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|---|
| SCOPE (CONTEXTUAL) | List of Things Important to the Business | List of Processes the Business Performs | List of Locations in which the Business Operates | List of Organizations Important to the Business | List of Events/Cycles Significant to the Business | List of Business Goals/Stratgles | SCOPE (CONTEXTUAL) |
| Planner | ENTITY = Class of Business Thing | Process = Class of Business Process | Node = Major Business Location | People = Major Organization Unit | Time = Major Business Event/Cycle | Ends/Means = Major Business Goal/Strategy | Planner |
| BUSINESS MODEL (CONCEPTUAL) | e.g. Semantic Model | e.g. Business Process Model | e.g. Business Logistics System | e.g. Work Flow Model | e.g. Master Schedule | e.g. Business Plan | BUSINESS MODEL (CONCEPTUAL) |
| Owner | Ent = Business Entity Rein = Business Relationship | Proc. = Business Process I/O = Business Resources | Node = Business Location Link = Business Linkage | People = Organization Unit Work = Work Product | Time = Business Event Cycle = Business Cycle | End = Business Objective Means = Business Strategy | Owner |
| SYSTEM MODEL (LOGICAL) | e.g. Logical Data Model | e.g. Application Architecture | e.g. Distributed System Architecture | e.g. Human Interface Architecture | e.g. Processing Structure | e.g., Business Rule Model | SYSTEM MODEL (LOGICAL) |
| Designer | Ent = Data Entity Rein = Data Relationship | Proc .= Application Function I/O = User Views | Node = I/S Function (Processor, Storage, etc) Link = Line Characteristics | People = Role Work = Deliverable | Time = System Event Cycle = Processing Cycle | End = Structural Assertion Means =Action Assertion | Designer |
| TECHNOLOGY MODEL (PHYSICAL) | e.g. Physical Data Model | e.g. System Design | e g. Technology Architecture | e.g. Presentation Architecture | e.g. Control Structure | e.g. Rule Design | TECHNOLOGY MODEL (PHYSICAL) |
| Builder | Ent = Segment/Table/etc. Rein = Pointer/Key/etc. | Proc.= Computer Function VO = Data Elements/Sets | Node = Hardware/Systems Software Link = Line Specifications | People = User Work = Screen Format | Time = Execute Cycle = Component Cycle | End = Condition Means = Action | Builder |
| DETAILED REPRESEN- TATIONS (OUT-OF- CONTEXT) Sub- Contractor | e.g. Data Definition Ent = Field Roln = Address | e.g. Program Proc = Language Statement I/O = Control Block | e.g. Network Architecture Node = Address Link = Protocol | e.g. Security Architecture People = Identity Work = Job | e.g. Timing Definition Time = Interrupt Cycle = Machine Cycle | e.g. Rule Specification End = Sub-condition Means = Step | DETAILED REPRESEN- TATIONS (OUT-OF CONTEXT) Sub- Contractor |
| FUNCTIONING ENTERPRISE | e.g. DATA | e.g. FUNCTION | e.g. NETWORK | e.g. ORGANIZATION | e.g. SCHEDULE | e.g. STRATEGY | FUNCTIONING ENTERPRISE |

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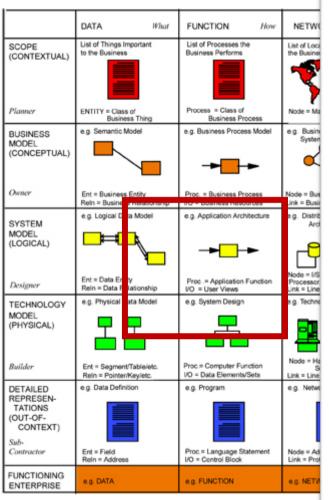
- Artifacts are organized along 36 categories
- Categories can be grouped in 6 perspectives, depending on the level of detail:
 - Scope: high-level objectives, size, shape, and relationships of the enterprise
 - Enterprise Model: conceptual business model, processes and business goals
 - System Model: technology-independent software components, data models, workflows, web services
 - Technology Model: software and network topology, technology-dependent software components, data models, workflows, web services
 - Detailed Representation: source code, databases and executable models
 - Operational model: actual software, people and data

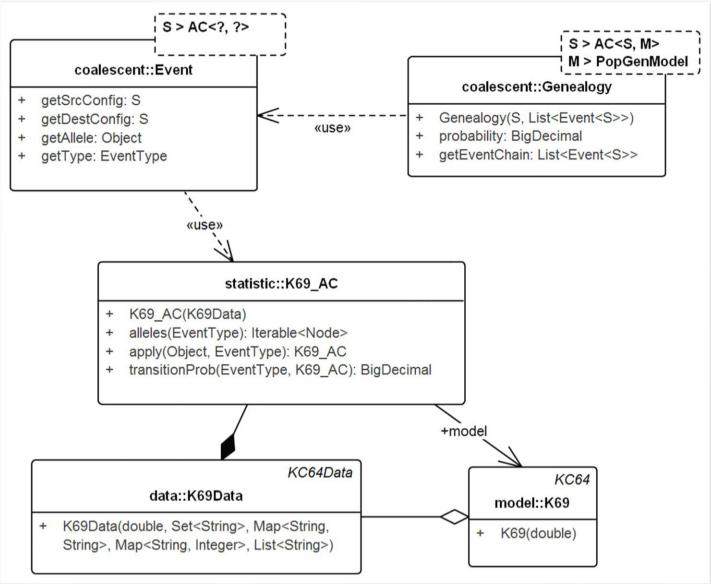


- Categories can be grouped in 6 viewpoints, based on the questions they help at answering:
 - Data (what is processed?)
 - Function (how is processed?)
 - Network (where is processed?)
 - People (who needs it?)
 - Time (when is processed?)
 - Motivation (why is processed?)
- You may have already seen artifacts addressing some of the categories in Zachman Framework



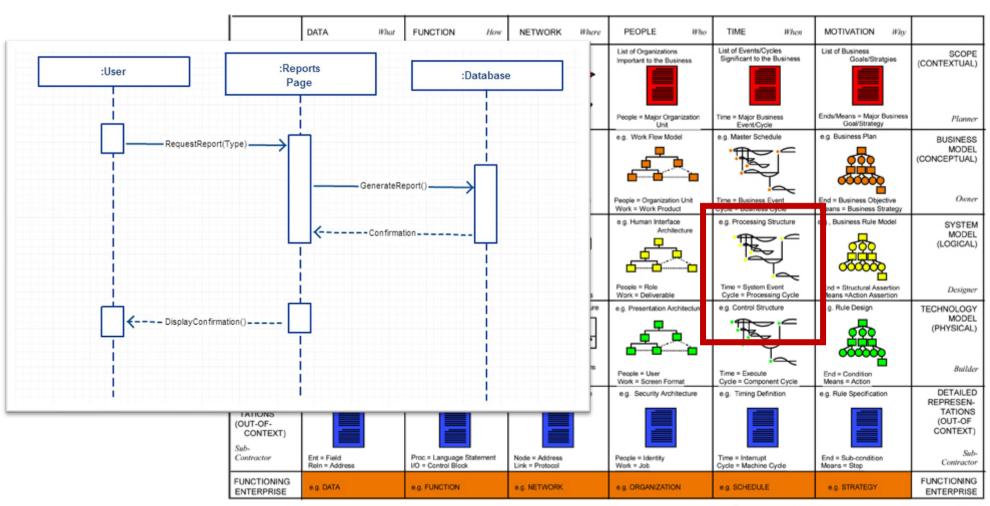
UML Class Diagrams







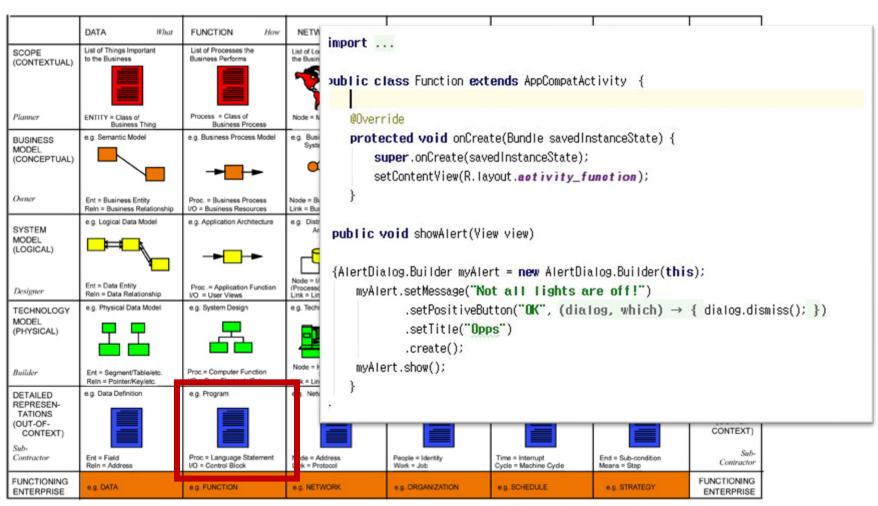
UML Sequence Diagrams



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Java source code

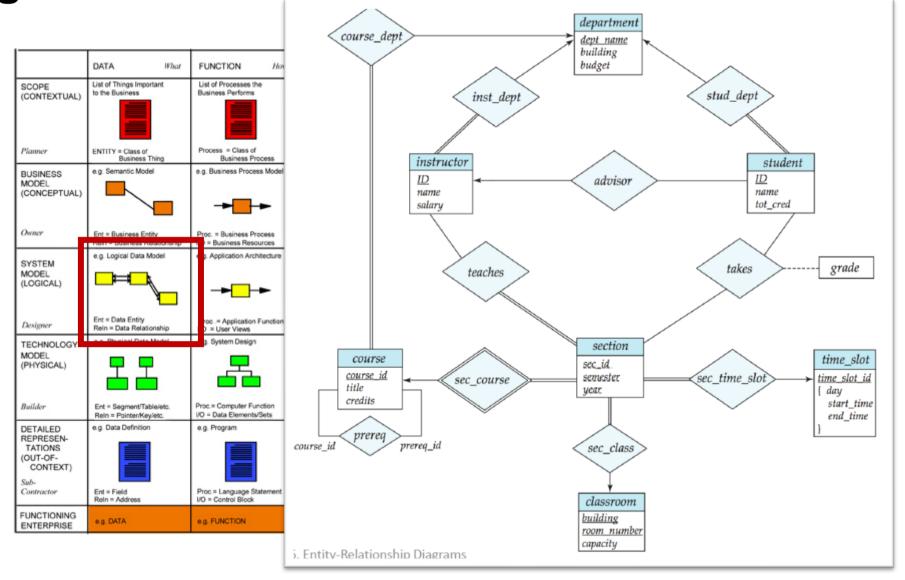


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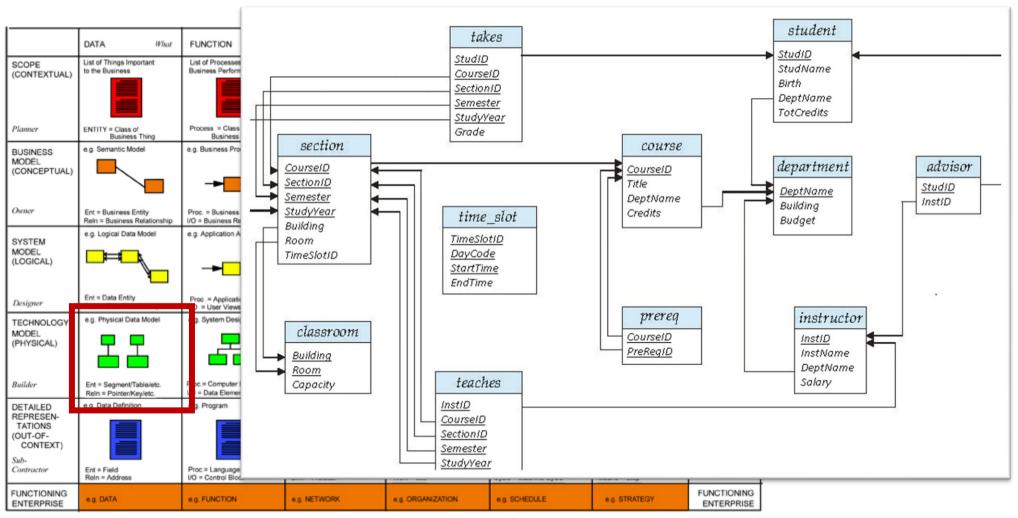


ER Diagrams





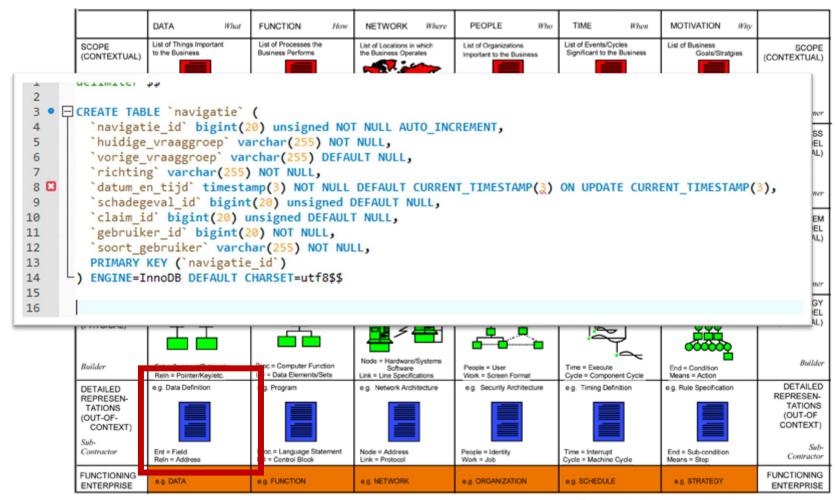
Database Schema Diagrams



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SQL Data Definition Language



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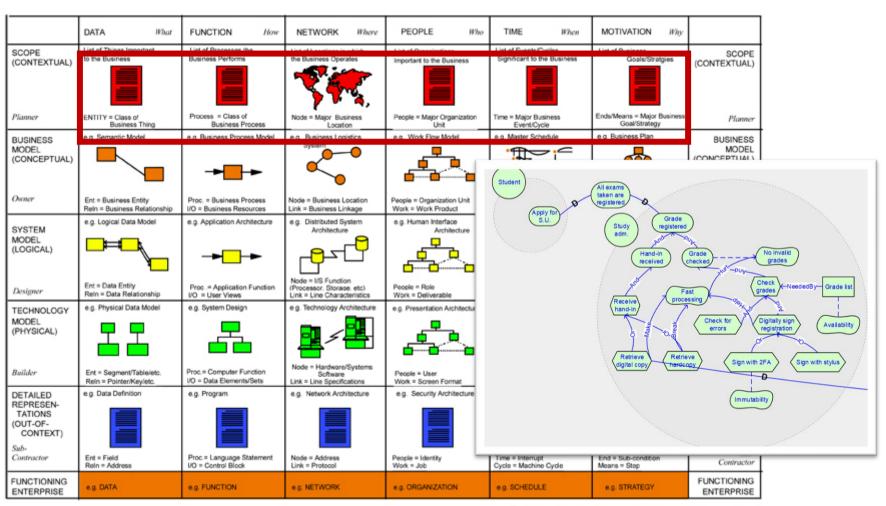
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What you will learn



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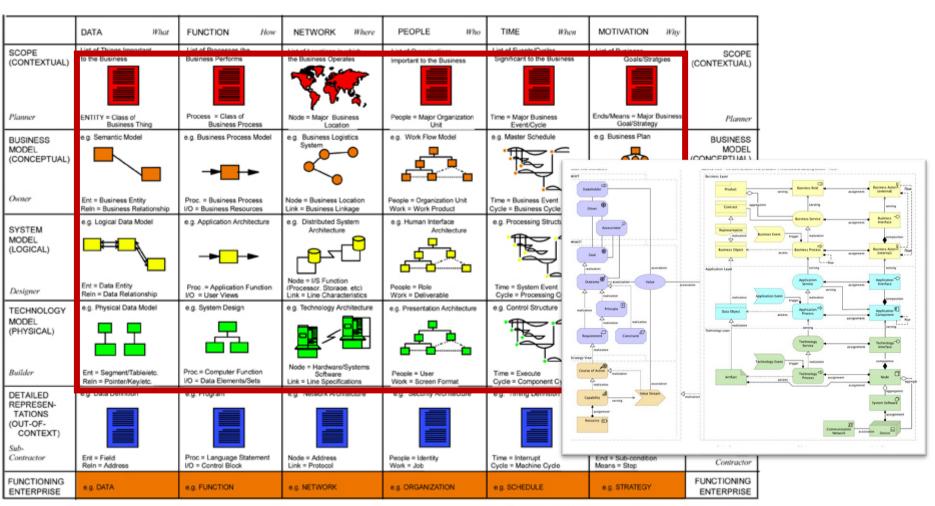


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ArchiMate (today and week 7)

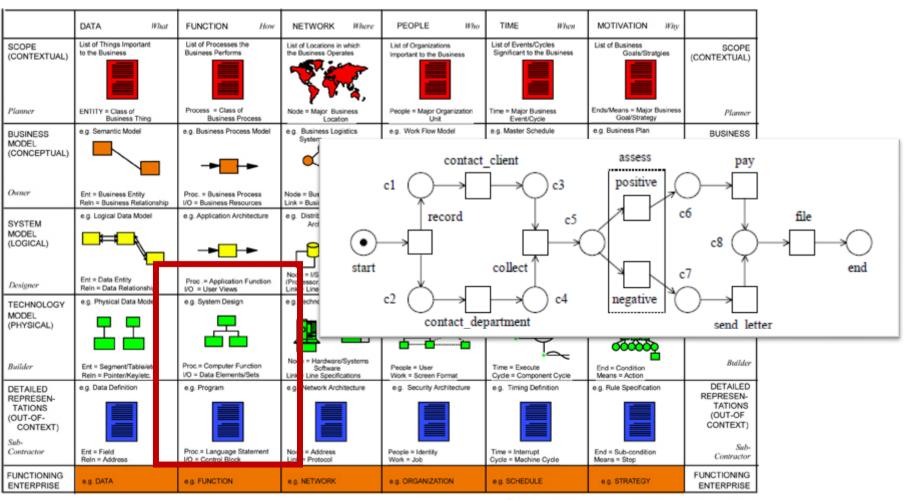


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Petri Nets (week 8)

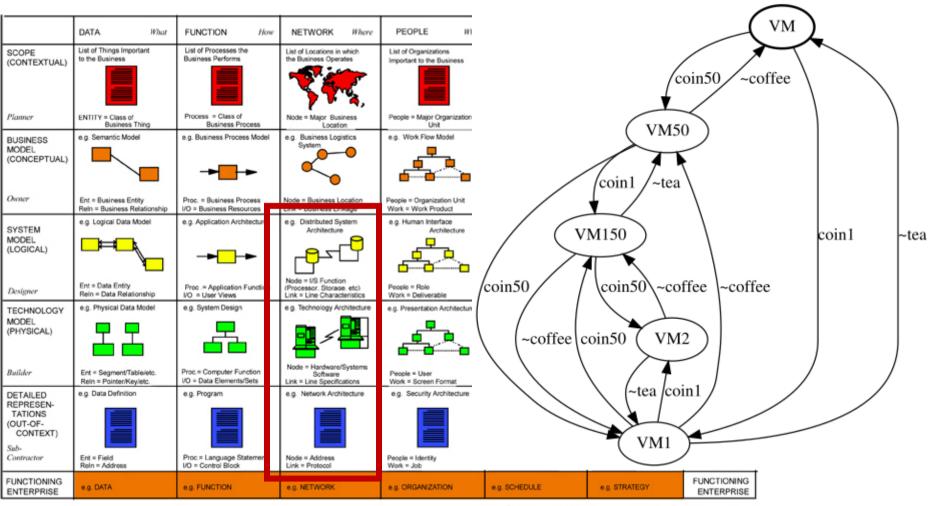


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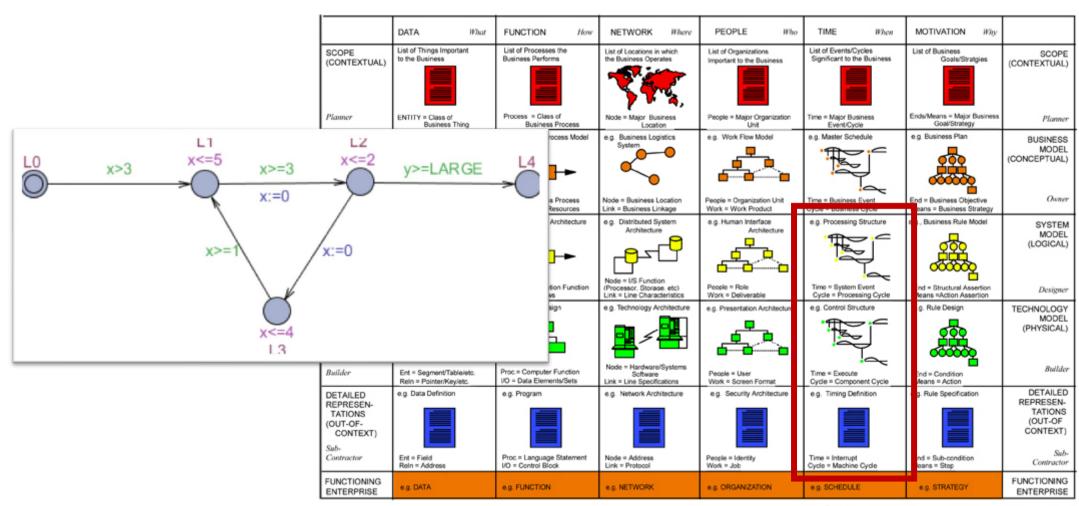
CCS and Pi-calculus (week 9)



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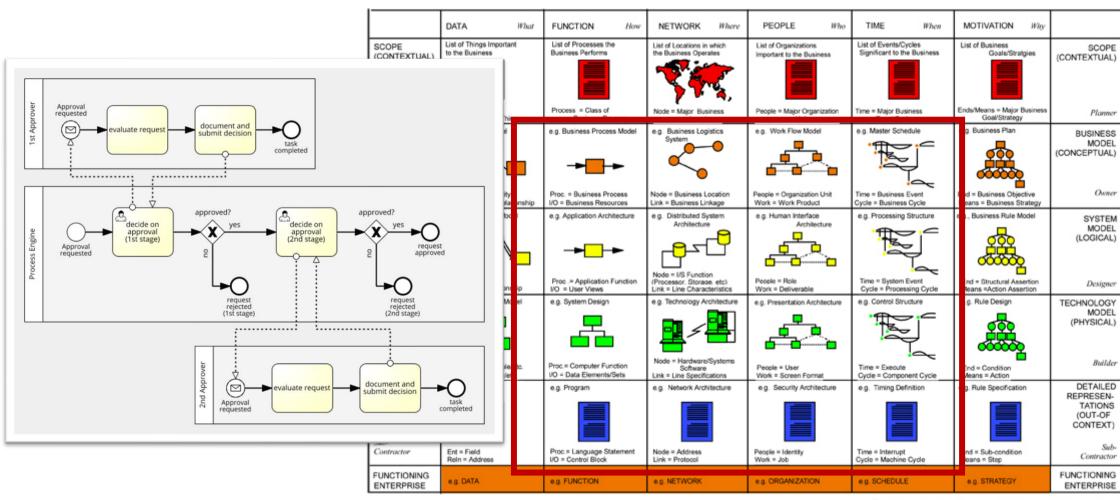
Timed Automata (week 11)



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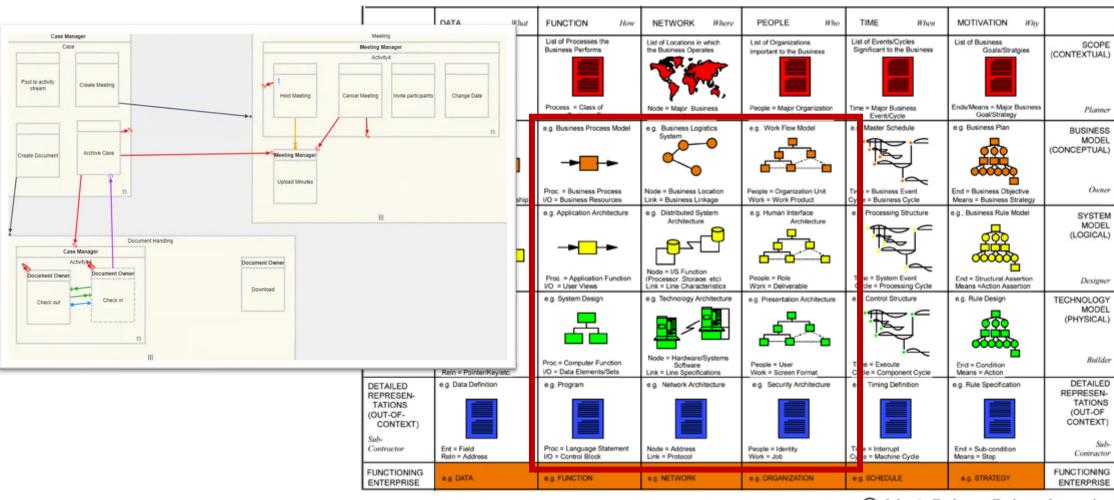
BPMN (week 12 and 14)



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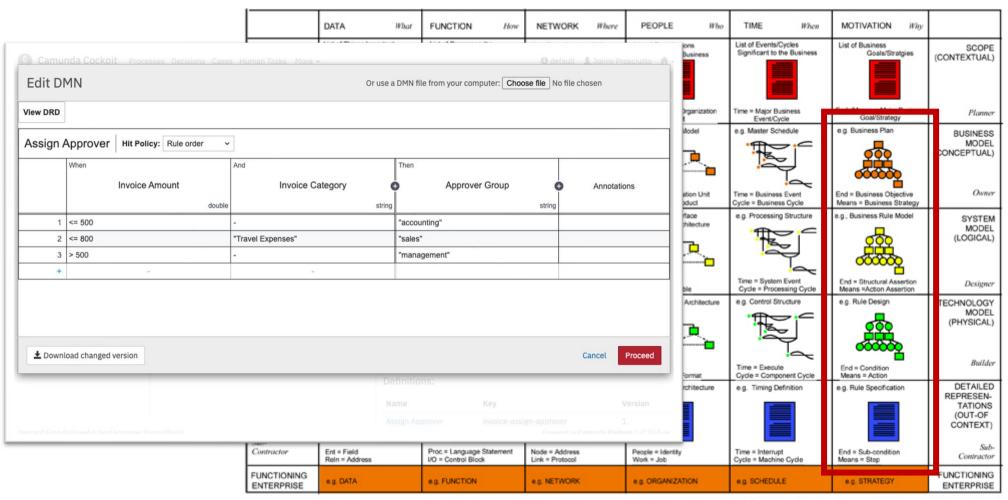
DCR Graphs (week 15 and 16)



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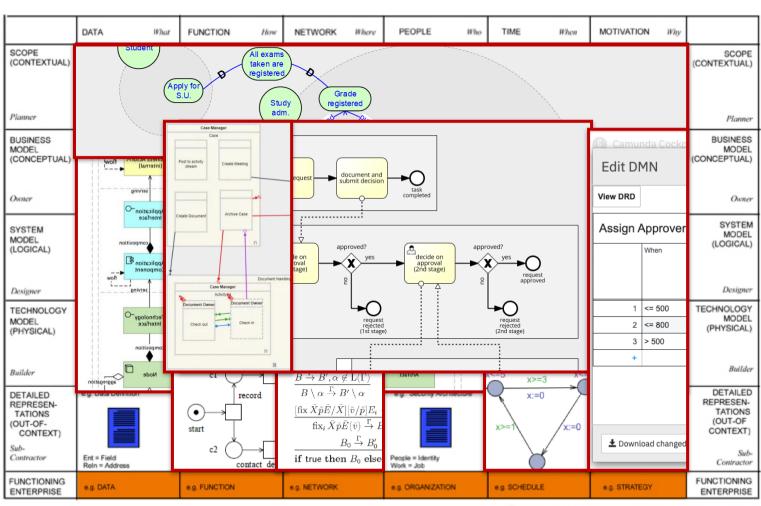
DMN (week 17)



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Overall



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Characteristics of languages being taught

- **Models as sketches**: You may use these languages primarily for communication and analysis of specific aspects of the system
 - I*, Automata, CCS and Pi calculus, Petri Nets, Timed Automata, Archimate
- Models as blueprints: You may use these languages as representations of existing implementations in a system
 - E.g.: BPMN, DCR graphs
- Models as programs: You may use these languages as a low-code approach to system implementation
 - E.g.: BPMN, DCR graphs, DMN