Software Design

System Requirements

- Functional requirements
- Non-Functional
 - Efficiency
 - Quality
 - Proccess
 - Platform
- Cost / Budget

System Design - Top-Down approach or Bottom-Up approach

Top-Down

- Looks at actual goal of system
- Creates sub problems
- Works its way down to the smallest problems

Bottom-Up

- Looks at Utilities, Small components
- Aggregates a large solution
- You can build a program to be highly modular

Aspects of Design

Architecture

- Division of system into components
- Designing the Problem

User Interface

- The way the program looks
- How the user interacts with the system

Algorithms

- Handling of the data

Goals of a good design

- Increase Profit / Decrease cost / Increase Revenue
- Ensuring that all requirements are met
- Accelerating Development

Design Principle 1 - Divide and Conquer

Separate each part and work on small components. Delegate different responsibilities of the project. Parts can be modular.

<u>Design Principle 2 - Increase Cohesion where possible</u>

A System of modules has high cohesion if it keeps similar modules closely related.