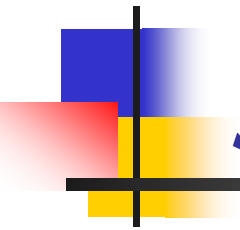
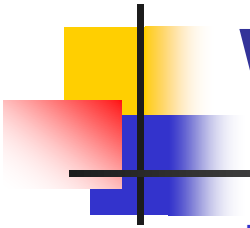


COMP 354: Introduction to Software Engineering

Component-Level Design

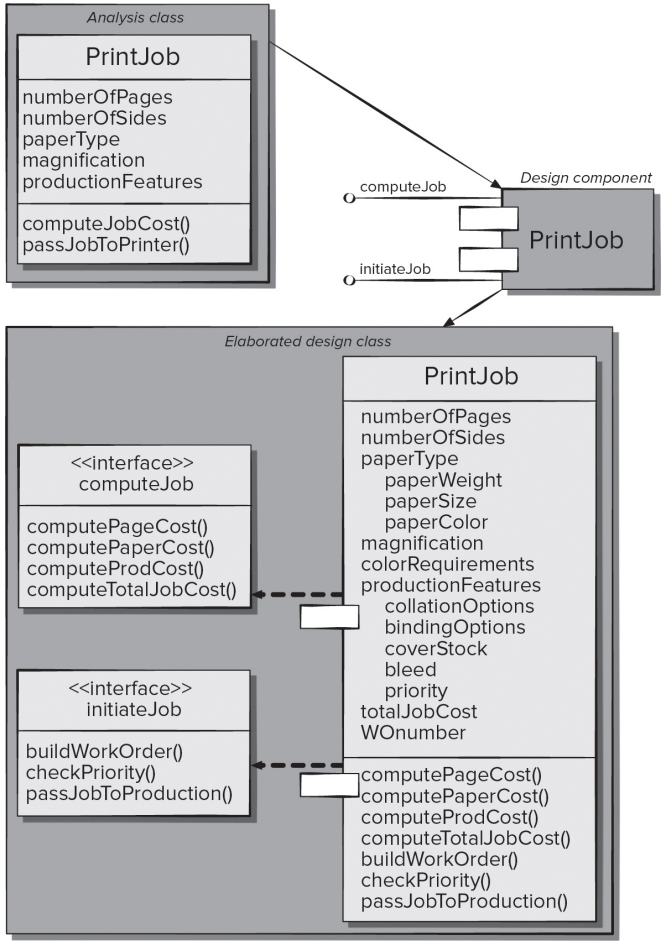
Based on Chapter 11 of the textbook

What is a component?

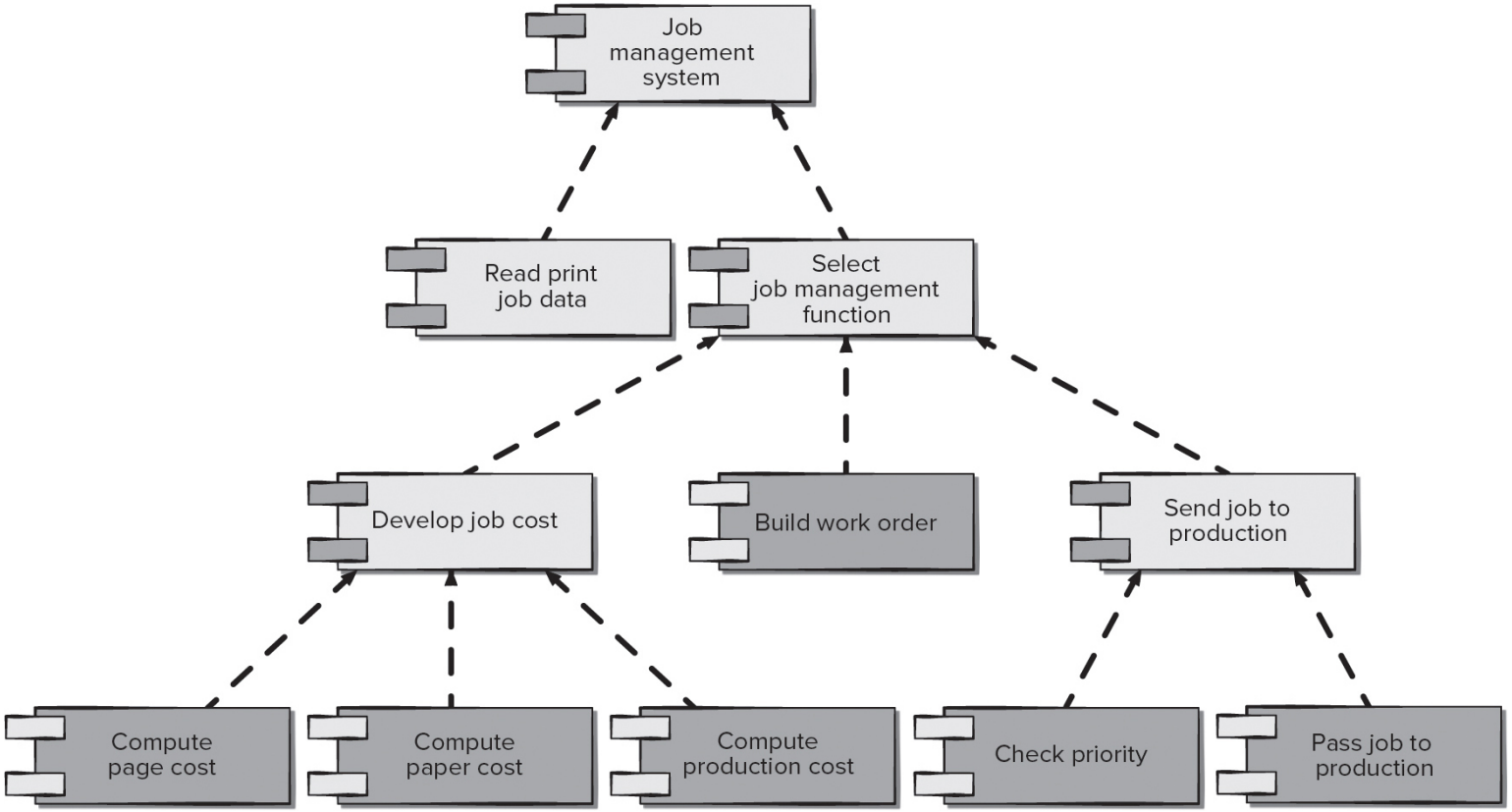


- *OMG Unified Modeling Language Specification* defines a component as "… a modular, deployable, and replaceable part of a system that encapsulates implementation and exposes a set of interfaces."
- Object-Oriented view: a component contains a set of collaborating classes.
- Traditional view: a component contains processing logic, internal data structures that are required to implement the processing logic, and an interface that enables the component to be invoked and data to be passed to it.
- Process-related view: building systems out of reusable software components or design patterns selected from a catalog (component-based software engineering).

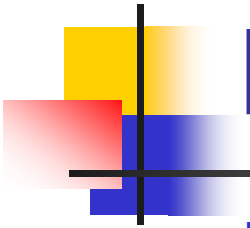
Class-based Component-Level Design



Traditional Component-Level Design

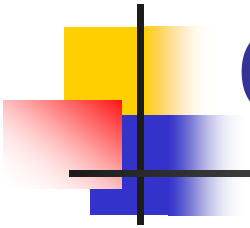


Basic Component Design Principles

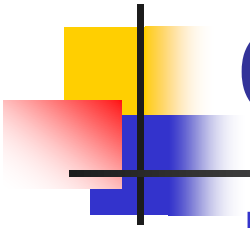


- Open-Closed Principle (OCP). "A module [component] should be open for extension but closed for modification.
- Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP). "Subclasses should be substitutable for their base classes.
- Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP). "Depend on abstractions. Do not depend on concretions."
- Interface Segregation Principle (ISP). "Many client-specific interfaces are better than one general purpose interface.
- Release Reuse Equivalency Principle (REP). "The granule of reuse is the granule of release."
- Common Closure Principle (CCP). "Classes that change together belong together."
- Common Reuse Principle (CRP). "Classes that aren't reused together should not be grouped together."

Component-Level Design Guidelines

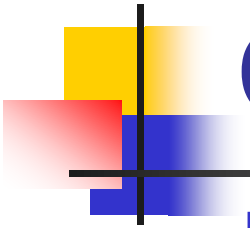


- Components - Naming conventions should be established for components that are specified as part of the architectural model and then refined and elaborated as part of the component-level model.
- Interfaces - provide important information about communication and collaboration (as well as helping us to achieve the OCP).
- Dependencies and Inheritance – For readability, it is a good idea to model dependencies from left to right and inheritance from bottom (derived classes) to top (base classes).



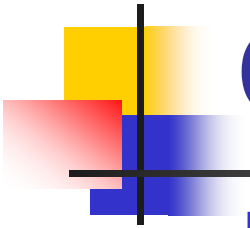
Cohesion

- Traditional view - the "single-mindedness" of a module.
- Object-Oriented view - cohesion implies that a component encapsulates only attributes and operations that are closely related to one another and the component itself.
- Levels of cohesion:
  - Functional - module performs one and only one computation.
  - Layer - occurs when a higher layer accesses the services of a lower layer, but lower layers do not access higher layers.
  - Communicational - All operations that access the same data are defined within one class.



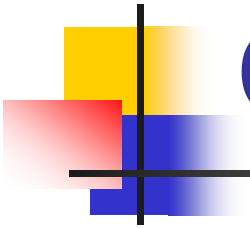
Coupling

- Traditional view - degree to which a component is connected to other components and to the external world.
- Object-Oriented view - qualitative measure of the degree to which classes are connected to one another.
- Levels of coupling.
  - Content - occurs when one component "surreptitiously modifies data that is internal to another component".
  - Control – occurs when control flags a passed to components to requests alternate behaviors when invoked.
  - External - occurs when a component communicates or collaborates with infrastructure components.



Component-Level Design

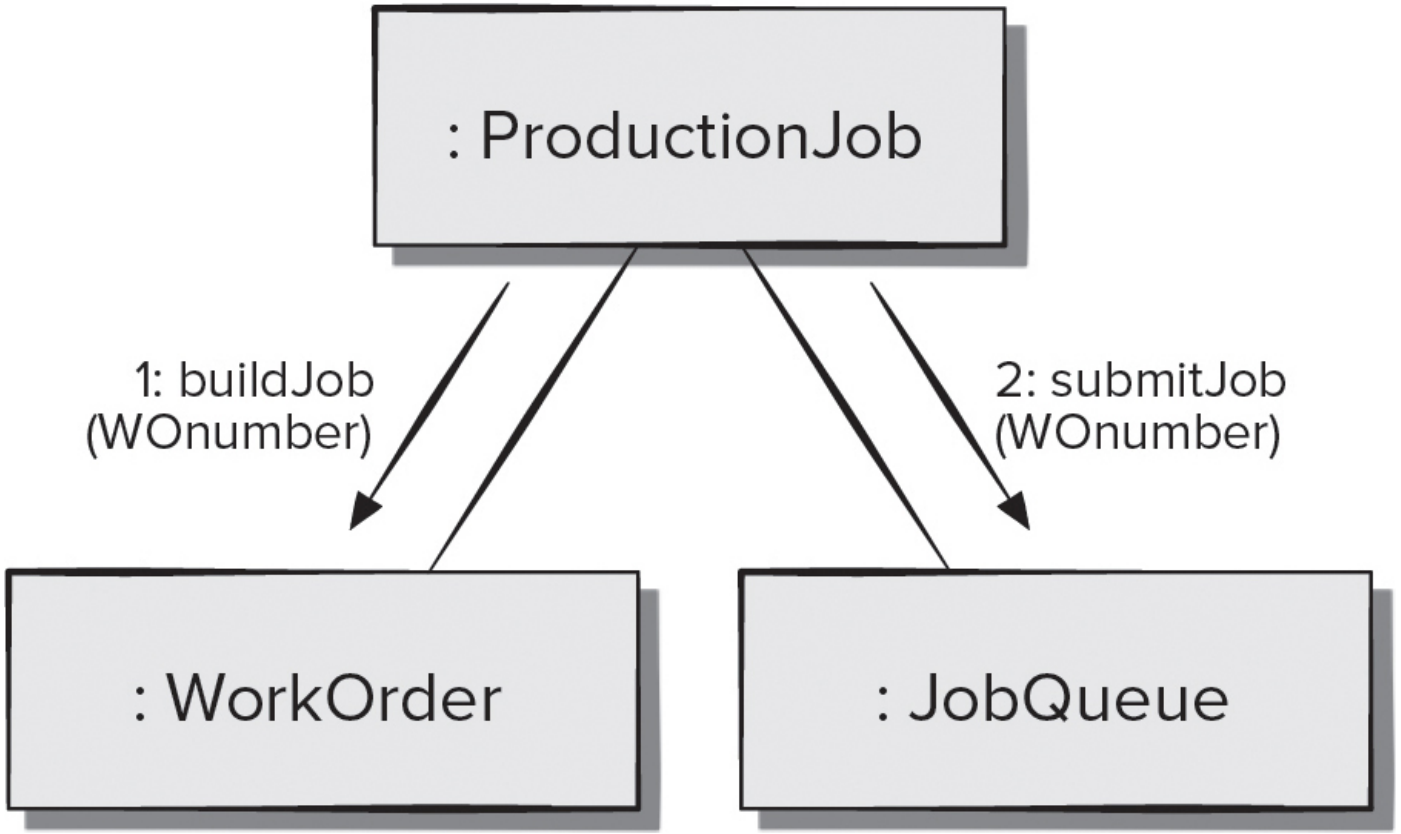
- Step 1. Identify all design classes that correspond to the problem domain.
- Step 2. Identify all design classes that correspond to the infrastructure domain.
- Step 3. Elaborate all design classes that are not acquired as reusable components.
  - Step 3a. Specify message details when classes or component collaborate.
  - Step 3b. Identify appropriate interfaces for each component.
  - Step 3c. Elaborate attributes and define data types and data structures required to implement them.
  - Step 3d. Describe processing flow within each operation in detail.



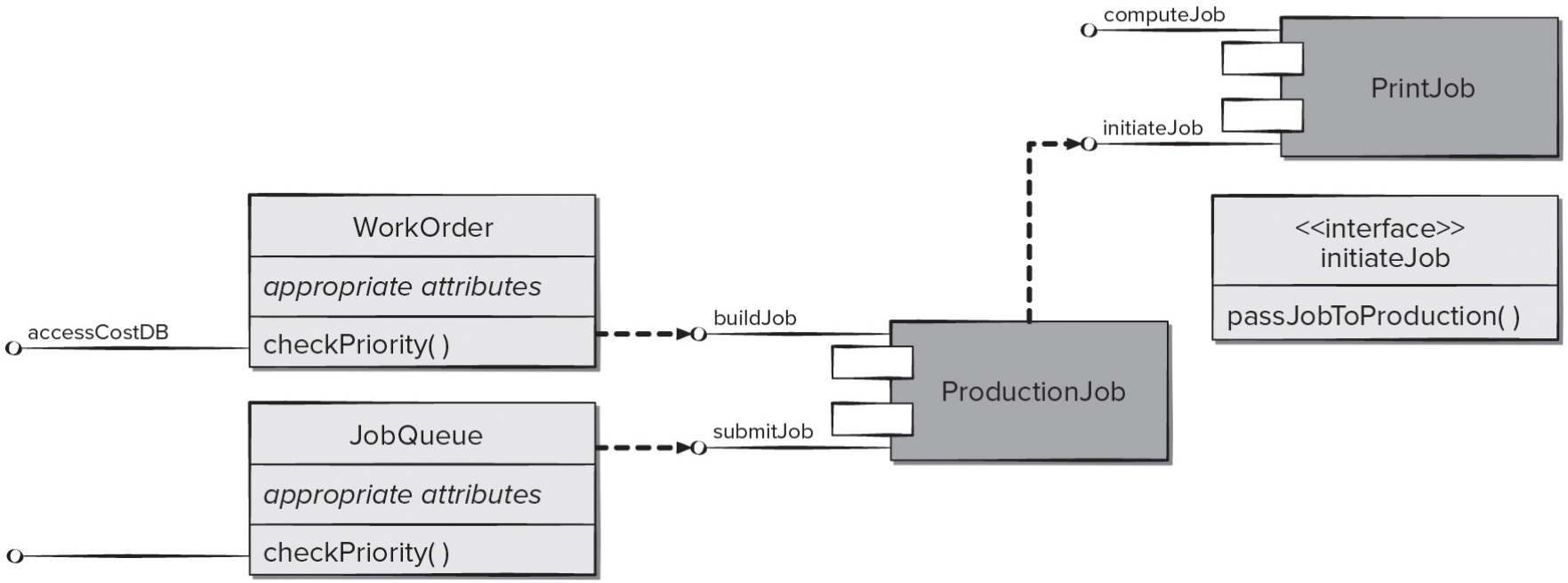
Component-Level Design

- Step 4. Describe persistent data sources (databases and files) and identify the classes required to manage them.
- Step 5. Develop and elaborate behavioral representations for a class or component.
- Step 6. Elaborate deployment diagrams to provide additional implementation detail.
- Step 7. Factor every component-level design representation and always consider alternatives.

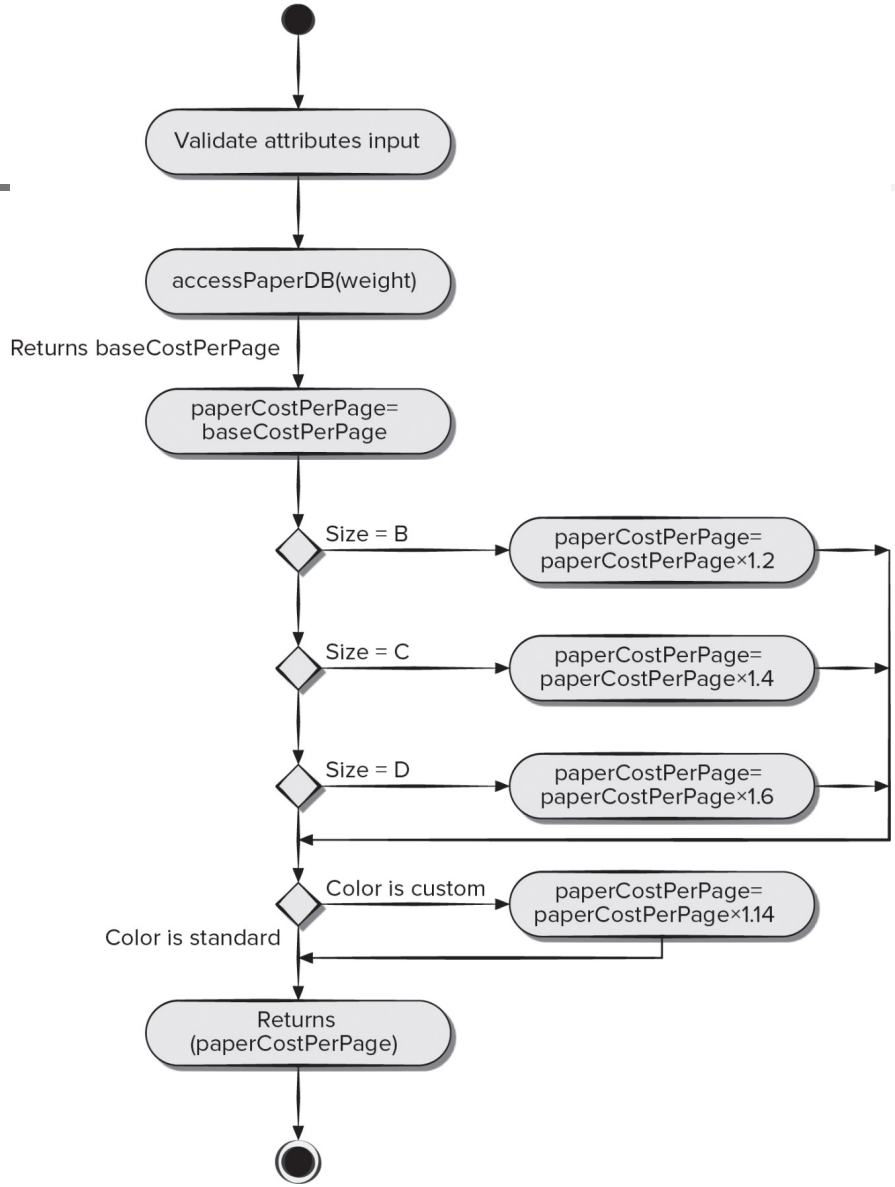
Collaboration Diagram with Message Detail



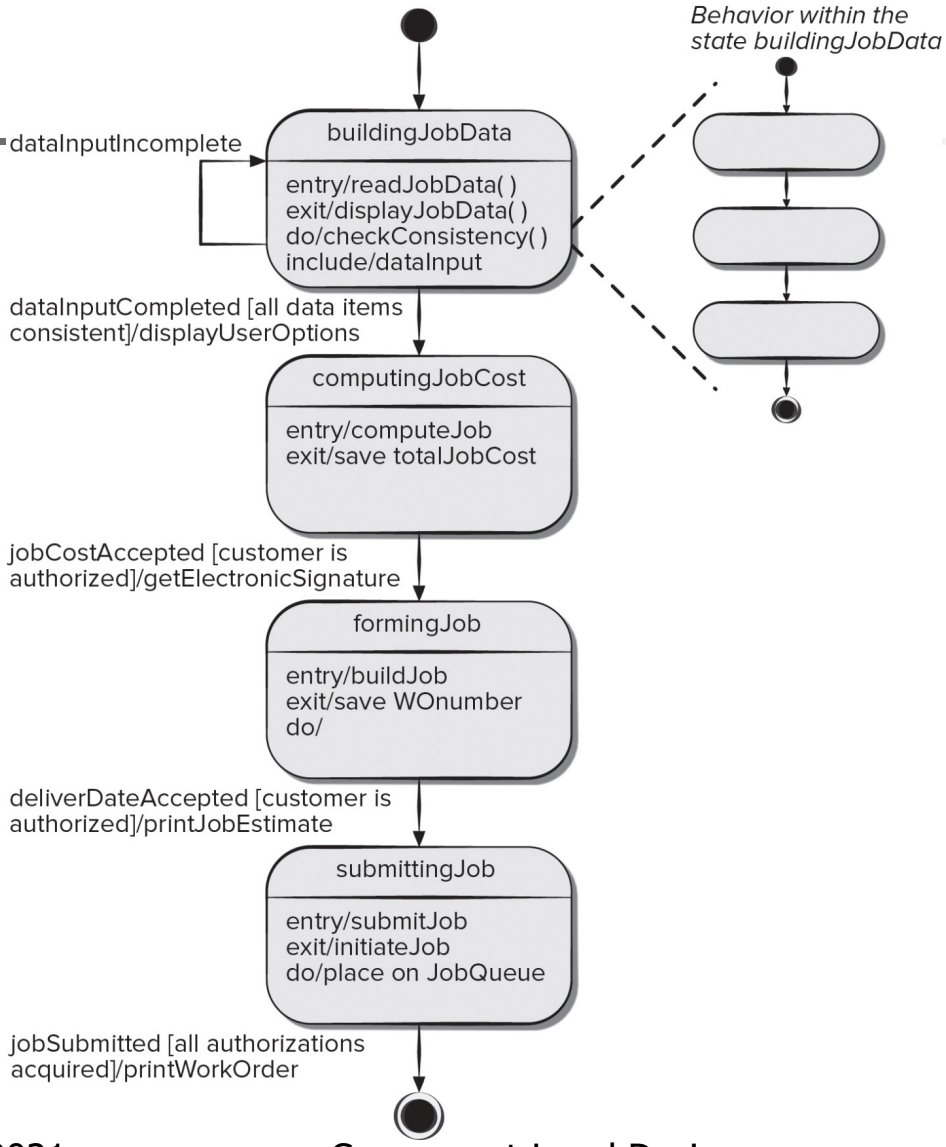
Define Interfaces



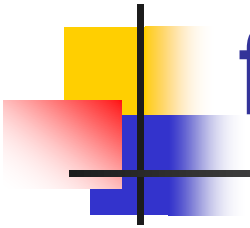
Describe Processing Flow



Elaborate Behavioral Representations

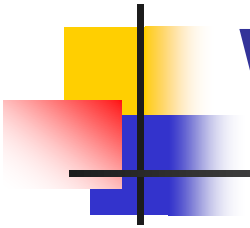


Component-Level Design for WebApps

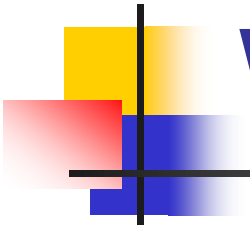


- WebApp component is:
  - a well-defined cohesive function that manipulates content or provides computational or data processing for an end-user, or.
  - a cohesive package of content and functionality that provides end-user with some required capability.
- Component-level design for WebApps often incorporates elements of content design and functional design.

WebApp Content Design



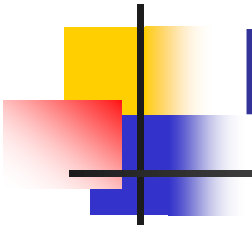
- Focuses on content objects and the manner in which they may be packaged for presentation to a WebApp end-user
- Consider a Web-based video surveillance capability within SafeHomeAssured.com potential content components can be defined for the video surveillance capability:
  1. the content objects that represent the space layout (the floor plan) with additional icons representing the location of sensors and video cameras;
  2. the collection of thumbnail video captures (each an separate data object), and
  3. the streaming video window for a specific camera.
- Each of these components can be separately named and manipulated as a package.



WebApp Functional Design

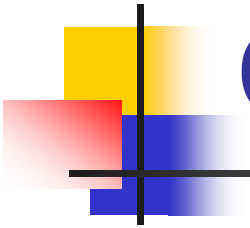
- Modern Web applications deliver increasingly sophisticated processing functions that:
  1. perform localized processing to generate content and navigation capability in a dynamic fashion;
  2. provide computation or data processing capability that is appropriate for the WebApp's business domain;
  3. provide sophisticated database query and access, or.
  4. establish data interfaces with external corporate systems.
- To achieve these (and many other) capabilities, you will design and construct WebApp functional components that are identical in form to software components for conventional software.

Component-Level Design for Mobile Apps



- Thin web-based client.
  - Interface layer only on device.
  - Business and data layers implemented using web or cloud services.
- Rich client.
  - All three layers (interface, business, data) implemented on device.
  - Subject to mobile device limitations.

Traditional Component-Level Design

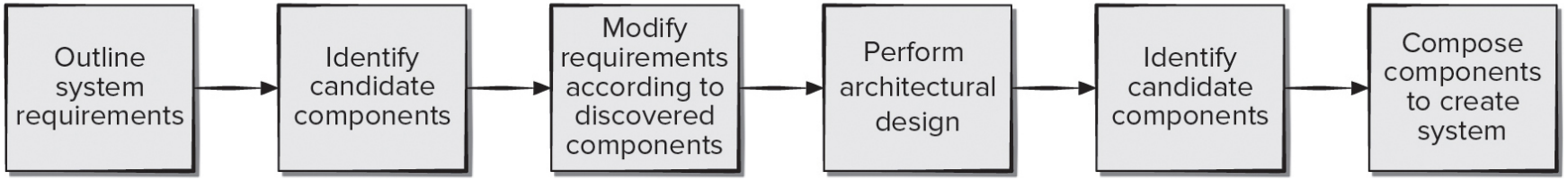


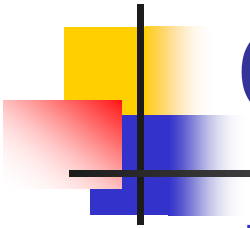
- Design of processing logic is governed by the basic principles of algorithm design and structured programming.
- Design of data structures is defined by the data model developed for the system.
- Design of interfaces is governed by the collaborations that a component must effect.

Component-Based Software Engineering (CBSE)

The software team asks:

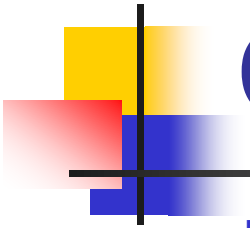
- Are commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) components available to implement the requirement?
- Are internally-developed reusable components available to implement the requirement?
- Are the interfaces for available components compatible within the architecture of the system to be built?





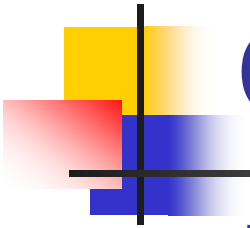
CBSE Benefits

- Reduced lead time. It is faster to build complete applications from a pool of existing components.
- Greater return on investment (ROI). Sometimes savings can be realized by purchasing components rather than redeveloping the same functionality in-house.
- Leveraged costs of developing components. Reusing components in multiple applications allows the costs to be spread over multiple projects.
- Enhanced quality. Components are reused and tested in many different applications.
- Maintenance of component-based applications. With careful engineering, it can be relatively easy to replace obsolete components with new or enhanced components.



CBSE Risks

- Component selection risks. It is difficult to predict component behavior for black-box components, or there may be poor mapping of user requirements to the component architectural design.
- Component integration risks. There is a lack of interoperability standards between components; this often requires the creation of "wrapper code" to interface components.
- Quality risks. Unknown design assumptions made for the components makes testing more difficult, and this can affect system safety, performance, and reliability.
- Security risks. A system can be used in unintended ways, and system vulnerabilities can be caused by integrating components in untested combinations.
- System evolution risks. Updated components may be incompatible with user requirements or contain additional undocumented features.



Component Refactoring

- Most developers would agree that refactoring components to improve quality is a good practice.
- It is hard to convince management to expend resources fixing components that are working correctly rather than adding new functionality to them.
- Changing software and failing to document the changes can lead to increasing technical debt.
- Reducing this technical debt often involves architectural refactoring, which is generally perceived by developers as both costly and risky.
- Developers can make of tools to examine change histories to identify the most cost effective refactoring opportunities.