

Software Architecture

Distributed Architecture

Types of Distributed Architecture Style

- Client-server
- Multitier
- Proxy
- Dispatcher (Load Balancer)
- P2P
- Broker
- Service-oriented architecture
- Microservice architecture

Client-Server Architecture Style

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Client-Server Architecture Style

- Synopsis

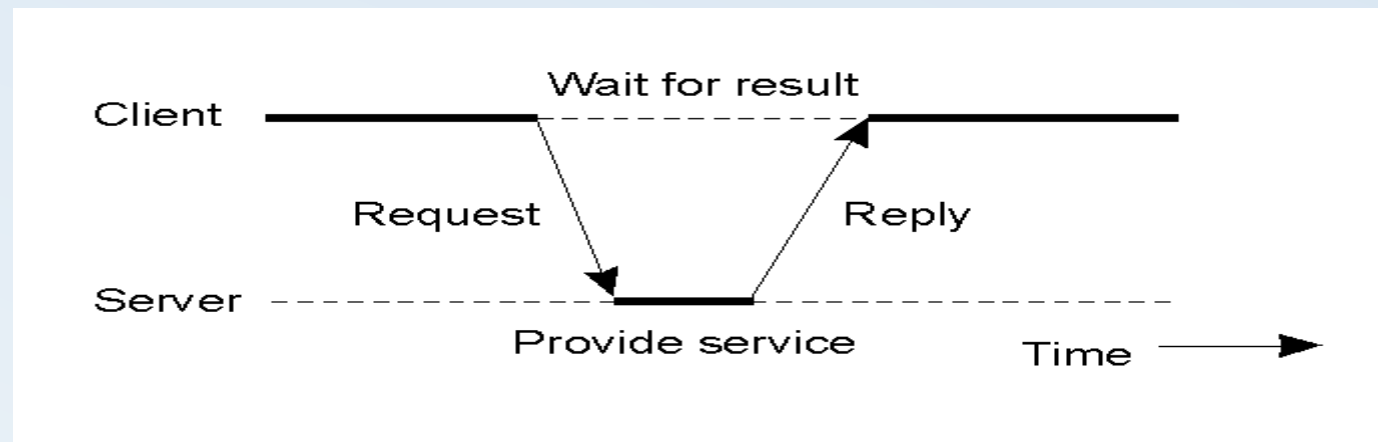
- The most commonly distributed system architecture
- Two communicating processes, usually running on different processors

- Structure

- Decomposes a system into two major subsystems:
 - client and server.
 - The first process, the client
 - issues a request to the second process, the server.
 - The server
 - process receives the request (serving data from a database, printing a document), carries it out, and sends a reply to the client.

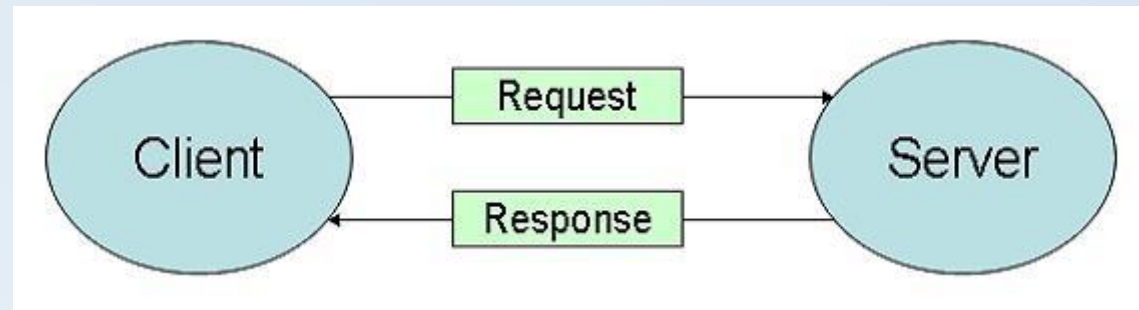
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- Processes in DS are divided into two groups
 - Server: a process implementing a specific service
 - Client: a process that requests a service from a server by sending it a request and subsequently waiting for the server's reply
- Request-reply interaction
 - General interaction between a client and a server.



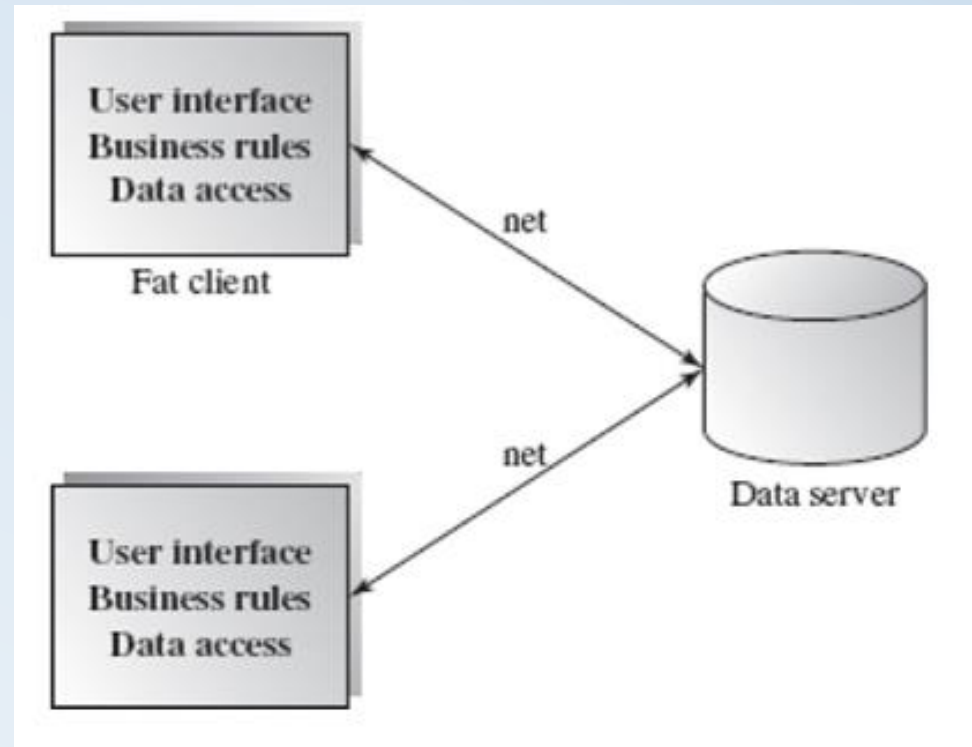
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- *Client/server* describes the relationship between two computer programs in which one program, the client, makes a service request from another program, the server.



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- Two-tier client-server architecture



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- Advantages:

- Separation of responsibilities such as user interface presentation and business logic processing
- Reusability of server components

- Disadvantages:

- Lack of heterogeneous infrastructure to deal with the requirement changes
- Security complications
- Server availability and reliability
- Testability and scalability
- Fat clients with presentation and business logic together