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Layered Architecture model of an online Judge

- used to model the interfacing of sub systems.
- Organises the system into a set of layers each of which provide a set of services.
- Supports the incremental development of sub-systems in different layers. When a layers interface changes, only the adjacent layer is affected.
- However, often artificial to structure systems in this way.
- Organizes the system into layers with related functionality associated with each layer. A layer provide services to the layer above it so the lowest-level layers represent core services that are likely to be used throughout the system.

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used when building new facilities on top of existing systems, when the development is spread across several teams with each team responsibility for a layer of functionality

When there is a requirement for multi-level security

Advantage:-

Allows replacement of entire layers so long as the interface is maintained. Redundant facilities can be provided in each layer to increase the dependability to the system.

Disadvantage: In practice providing a clean separation between layers is often difficult and a high-level layer may have to interact directly with lower-level layers rather than through the layer immediately below it.

performance can be a problem because of multiple levels of interpretation of a service request as it is ~~not~~ processed at each layer.