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Advanced Topics in Software Architecture (E23)

Tools and Technologies 1

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Agenda

→ Motivation
→ Software Architecture Design process recap
→ Interfaces
→ Exercises

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Before we start

→ I will be traveling in week 38 (Lecture 4)
  → The lecture will be focusing on exercises and preparing pitches
  → Tobias and Nicolaj will be present to help
→ The lecture in week 39 will contain the topics from Lecture 4 and 5
  → Daily notes for Lecture 4 and 5 will be announced as usual, i.e. you can prepare at the same pace as if Lecture 4 was in week 38

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Learning Objective

→ Recap of design process
→ Explain tools and technologies for implementing software architecture
→ Explain and discuss software architecture documentation
→ Introduction to exercise domain

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Software Architecture Definition

→The software architecture of a system is the set of structures needed to reason about the system, which comprise software elements, relations among them, and properties of both

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Why a process for Software Architecture Design?

→To be able to design software architecture in a

→Systematic
→Predictable
→Repeatable
→Cost-effective

way

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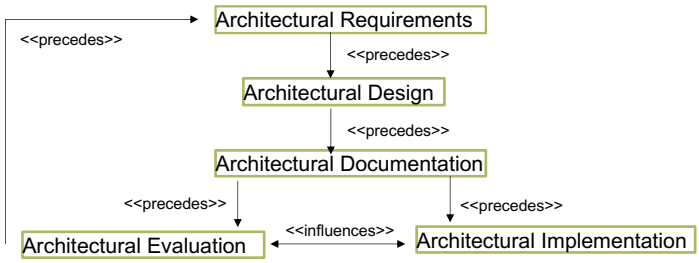
Software Architecture Life-cycle Activites



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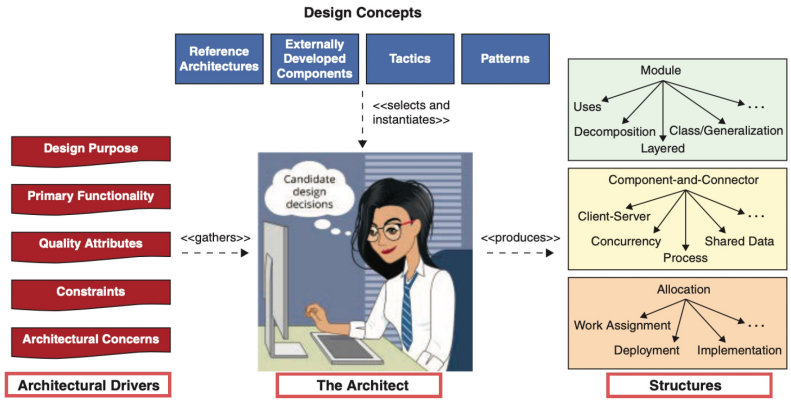
Architecture Design Activity



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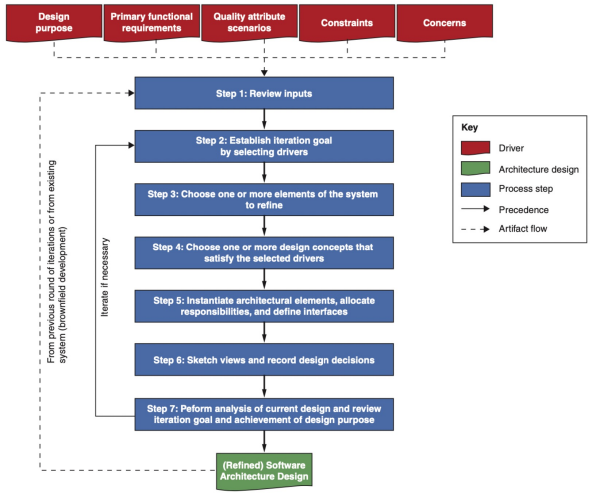
Steps and Artifacts of ADD



- Design purpose:
  - To create arhitectural prototype(S)
- Primary FR
  - For you to determine
  - Primary use cases
- QAS
  - See exercise – and add new if needed

- Constraints
- Concerns

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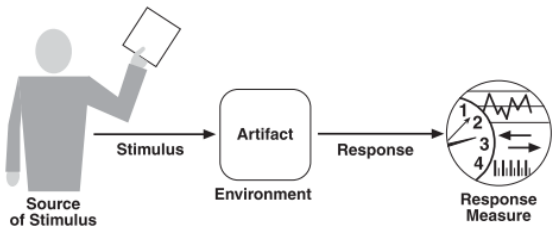
Quality Attribute Scenario



→ Quality Attribute Workshop (QAW)

→ Mission Thread Workshop
  → Systems of Systems

→ Utility Tree

→ Prioritization
  → Importance (L/M/H)
    → Ranked by the customer
  → Technical Risk (L/M/H)
    → Ranked by the architect

  → Select (H,H), (H,M), (M,H)

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Utility tree

Utility	Performance	Transaction response time	User updates a patient's account in response to a change notification while system is at peak load. The transaction completes in < 0.75 sec.	(H,M)
			User updates a patient's account in response to a change notification while system is at double peak load. Transaction completes in < 4 sec.	(L,M)
		Throughput	At peak load, the system can complete 150 transactions/sec.	(M,M)
	Usability	Proficiency training	A new hire with two+ years' experience in the business becomes proficient in Nightingale's core functions in <1 week .	(M,L)
			A user asks for help, and the system provides help for their context, within 3 secs.	(H,M)
		Normal operations	A payment officer initiates a payment plan for a patient and completes the process without the system introducing delays.	(M,M)
	Configurability	User-defined changes	A hospital increases the fee for a service. The configuration team makes the change in 1 working day; no source code is changed.	(H,L)
	Maintainability	Routine changes	A maintainer encounters search- and response-time deficiencies, fixes the bug, and distributes the fix in < 3 person-days of effort.	(H,M)
			A reporting requirement requires a change to the report-generating metadata. Change is made in 4 person-hours of effort.	(M,L)
		COTS upgrades	The database vendor releases a new version that must be installed in < 3 person-weeks.	(H,M)

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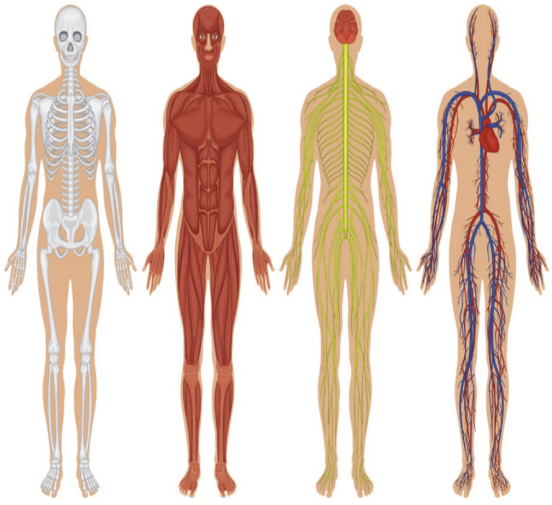
Motivation

- → Systems and subsystem
- → Parallel processing
- → Communication
- → Systems grows
- → Becomes increasingly complex
- → Decoupling allows
  - → Adding
  - → Removing
  - → Maintain
- → Integrity of the system



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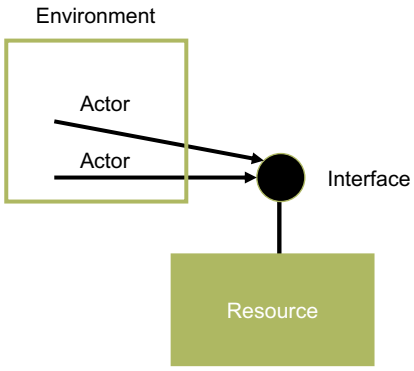
Definition

→Interfaces are the externally visible properties of elements that establish a contractual specification that allows elements to collaborate and exchange information

→External (towards other systems – required or provided)
→Internal

Interface



Resources

- → Syntax
  - → Signature
    - → Name of the ressource
    - → Names and datatypes of parameters
  - → To be able to write a syntactically correct program
- → Semantics
  - → What is the result of invoking the ressource
    - → Assignment of values
    - → Assumptions about the values crossing the interface
    - → State changes
    - → Events and signals
    - → Effect on future invocations
    - → Human observable results

Interface design

- → Principle of least surprise, e.g. names
- → Small interface principle
- → Uniform access principle, don't expose implementation details
- → Don't repeat yourself – principle

- → Establish conventions
  - → Name
  - → Order of parameters
  - → Error handling

- → Aspects of interfaces
  - → Interface scope (collection of resouces directly available to the actors)
  - → Interaction style (RPC, REST, …)
  - → Representation and structure of exchanged data (XML, JSON, Protocol buffers, …)
  - → Error handling (return codes, exceptions, …)

Interface principles

→ All elements have interfaces
→ Interfaces are two-way
→ An element's interface i separate from its implementation (ADT)
→ An element can have mulitple interfaces
→ Elements not only provide interfaces but also require interfaces
→ An element can interact with more than one actor through the same interface
→ Interfaces can be extended through generalization

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Types of Software Interfaces

→ Abstract Data Types (ADTs)
→ Remote Procedure Call (RPC)
→ Representational State Transfer (REST)
→ Object-Oriented Programming (OOP) Methods
→ User Interface (UI) Elements
→ Database Interfaces

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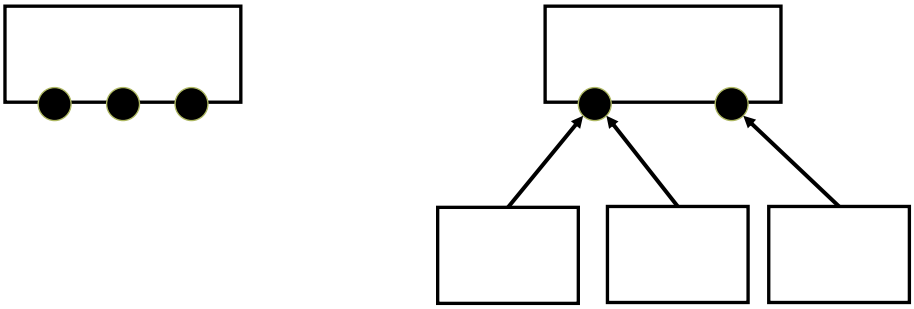
Documenting interfaces



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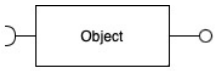

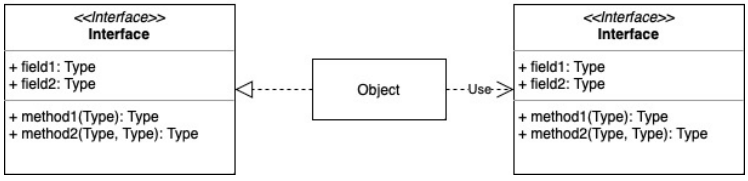

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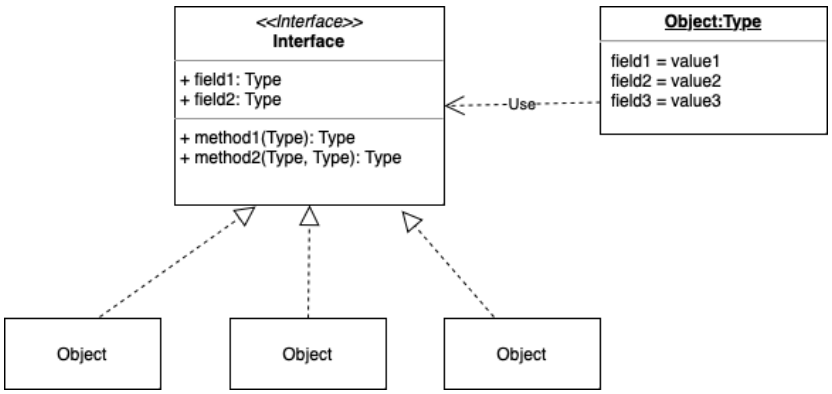

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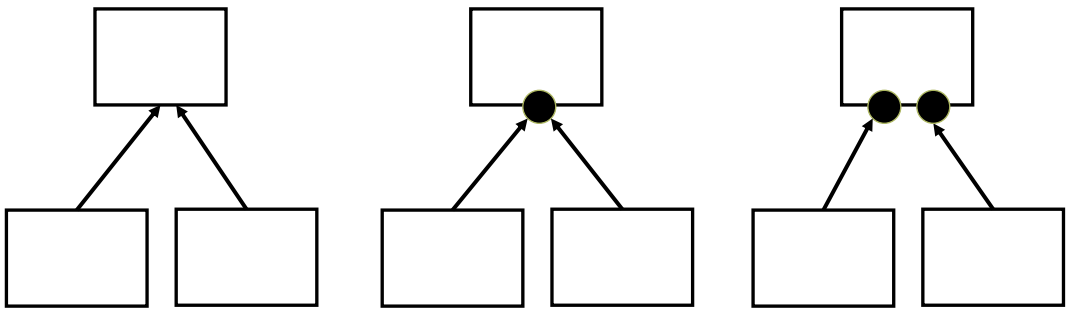
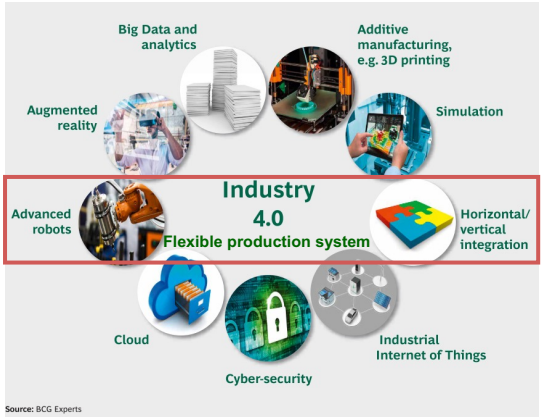


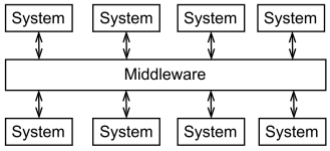
Documenting interfaces - Template

- → Interface Identity (name)
- → Resources (methods)
  - → For each ressource
    - → Syntax
    - → Semantics
    - → Error Handling
- → Data Types and constants
- → Error Handling
- → Variability (configuration)
- → Quality-Attribute Characteristics (e.g. performance, security, …)
- → Rationale and Design Issues
- → Usage Guide (examples)

Working With a Complex System and Software Architecture



Middleware software architecture



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Industrial 4.0 and Challenges

- → Increasing connectivity
- → 30-50% reduction of total machine downtime [19]
- → Due to increasing connectivity
  - → Security threats
  - → Scalability
  - → Software infrastructure
- → A way to address the software infrastructure challenge
  - → **Middleware**

[19] McKinsey & Company. Industry 4.0 How to navigate digitization of the manufacturing sector. Tech. rep. McKinsey & Company, 2015, p. 62 (cit. on pp. 4, 54).

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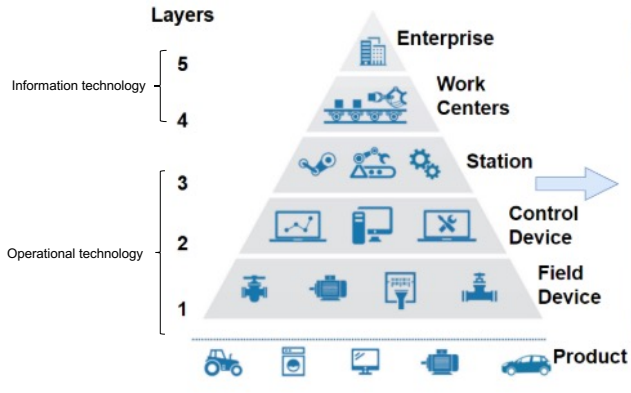
Flexible Production System

Traditional production system



Industry 4.0 production system

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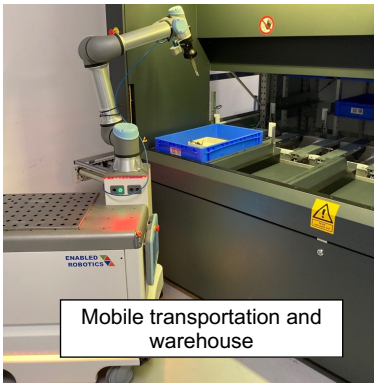
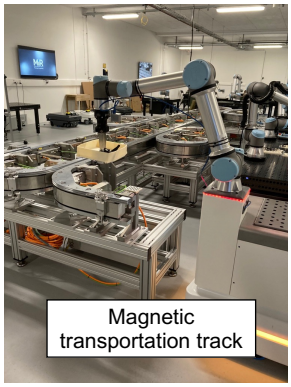
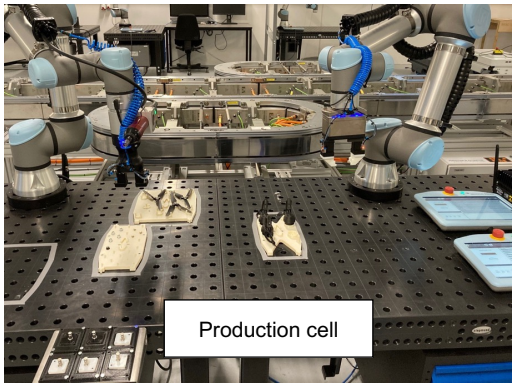
Industry 4.0 Laboratory, Production System, Robotics and Automated Solutions, and Middleware







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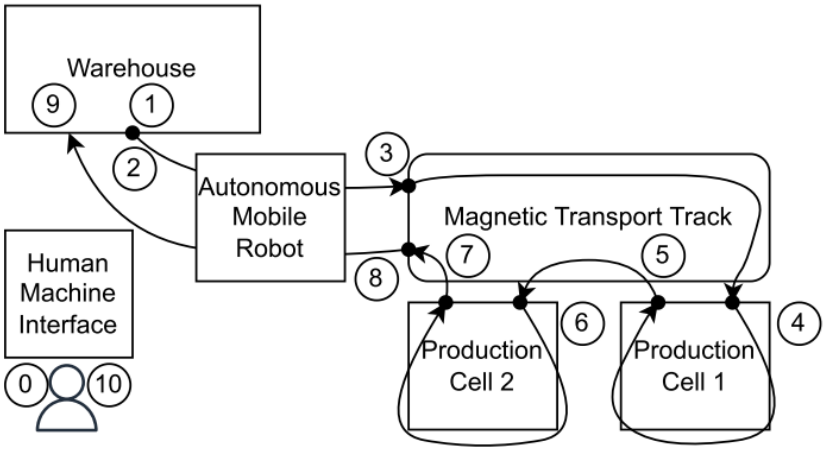
Production Sequence



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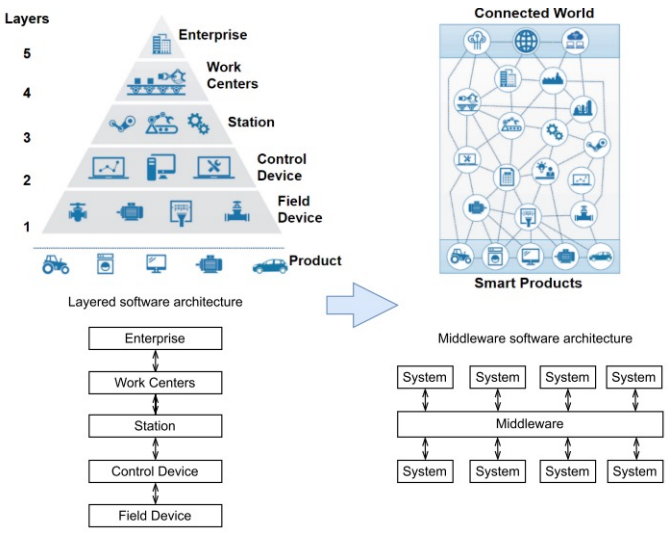

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Software Architecture's Role in Middleware

- → Designing involves software engineering
- → A discipline is software architecture
  - → Quality attributes scenarios and tactics
- → Software architecture is expensive to change later

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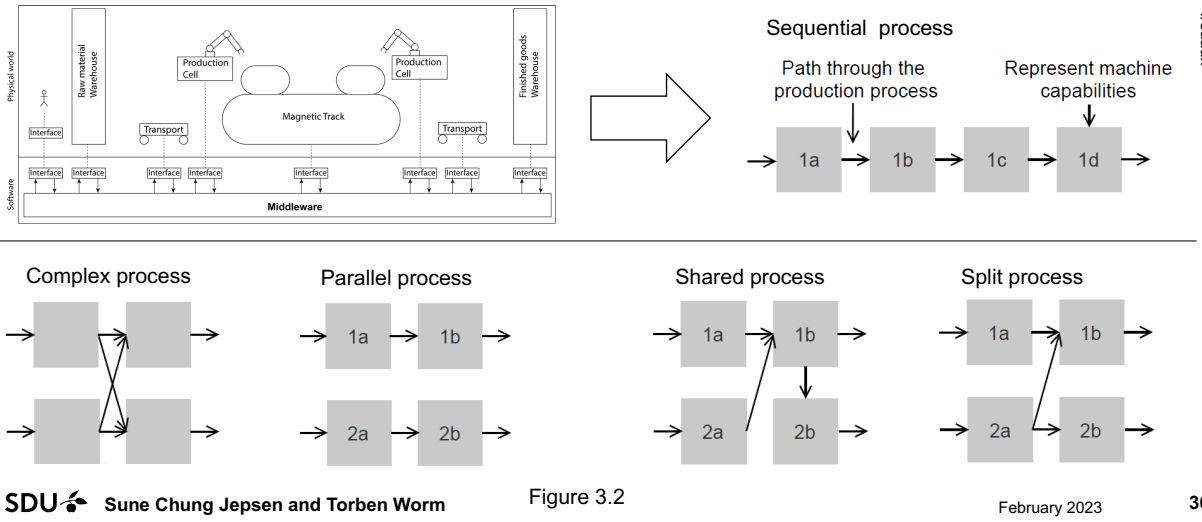
Flexible Production Processes



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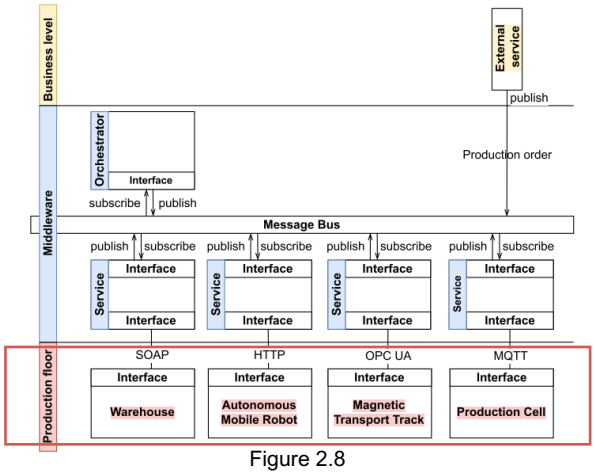
Asset Interoperability Challenge



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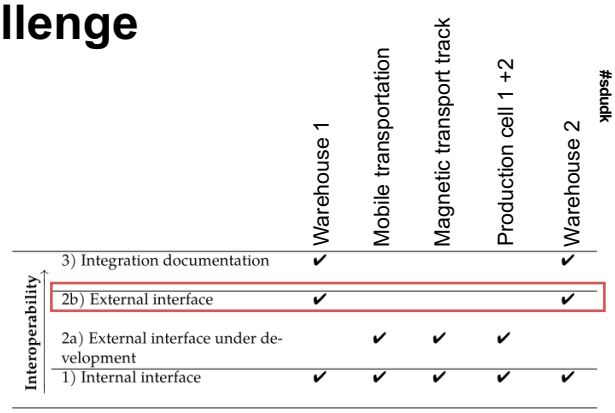

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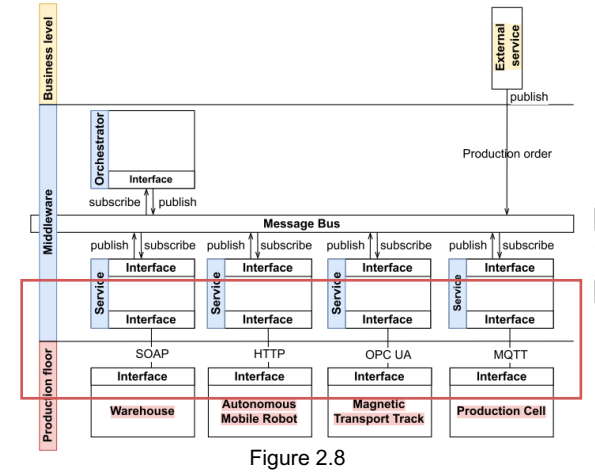
Asset Interoperability



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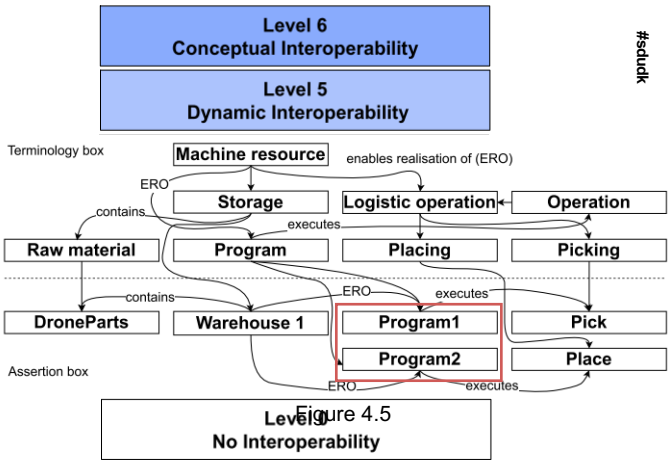

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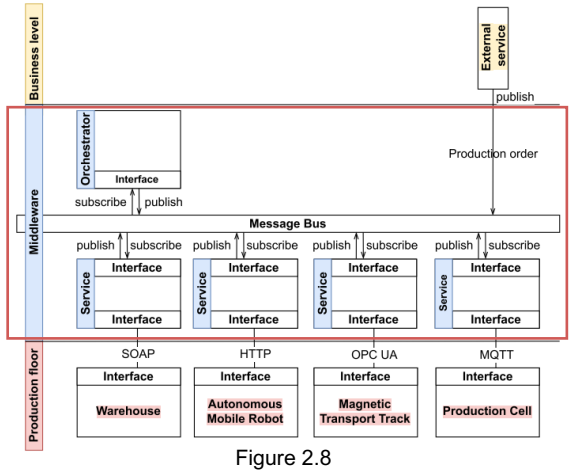
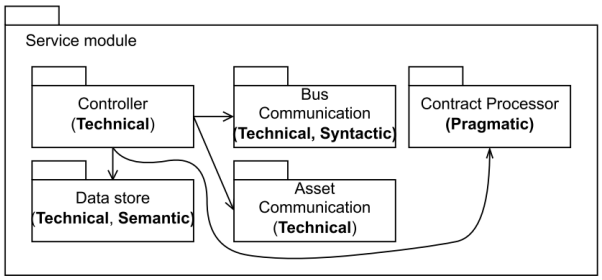
Middleware Interoperability





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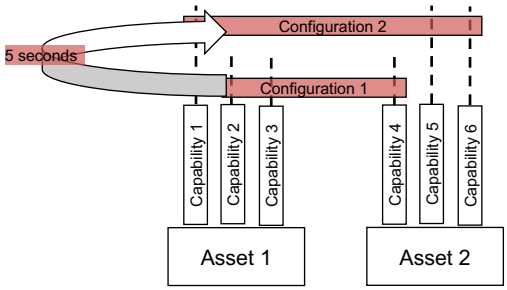
Reconfigurability Definition

Definition 5.1 (Capability) *A capability can be invoked on one or more assets.*

Definition 5.2 (Configuration) *A configuration is a set of capabilities.*

Definition 5.3 (Reconfigurability) *The ability to accommodate the necessary change in software structures to support transition between configurations given a set of constraints.*

Definition 5.4 (Constraint) *A constraint is requirement that must be satisfied by the system.*



Reconfiguration Template Analysis

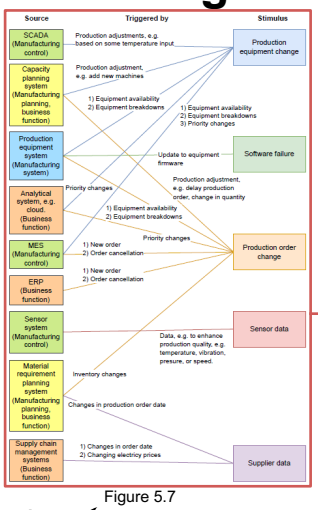


Figure 5.7

Middleware	Communication: Request-reply	Point-to-point	Publish/ Subscribe
Service-oriented	✔	×	×
Agent-based	×	✔	×
Event-based	×	×	✔

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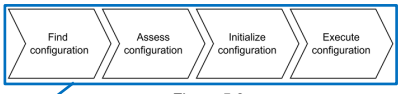

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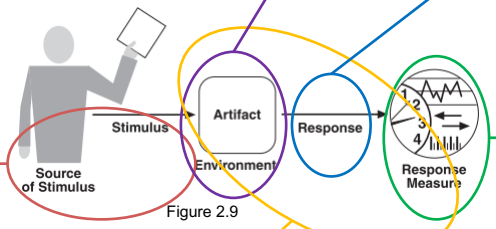

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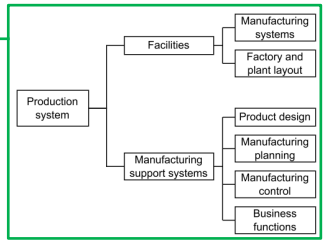

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