

Lecture 7 Architectural Design Methodology

- Arch Design Cycle
- Arch Design Method
- Domain-Specific S/W Arch

S/W Arch Design Work

- S/W development process: SRS stage, S/W design, implementation, integration and test, delivery and sustaining engineering
- S/W design cycle: preliminary design (system design + architectural design), detailed design (module design), design patch work
- Arch model and design shall be completed prior to the coding and implementation stage, and used as guidelines for considerations on standard, development technology and implementation details.

S/W Development Life Cycle

1, Defining SRS Stage

- Tasks: defining system functions in SRS;
- Process: functional and non-functional requirements refining and reviewing
- Output: SRS

2, System Analysis and Preliminary Design

- Tasks: system analysis and architectural design
- Process: class/component design, constraint defining, and mapping s/w units to h/w platform
- Output: preliminary design documents

3, Detailed Module Design

- component design, defining component's port, module algorithm and data structure
- Output: detailed design documents, API, etc.

4, Code/Implementation

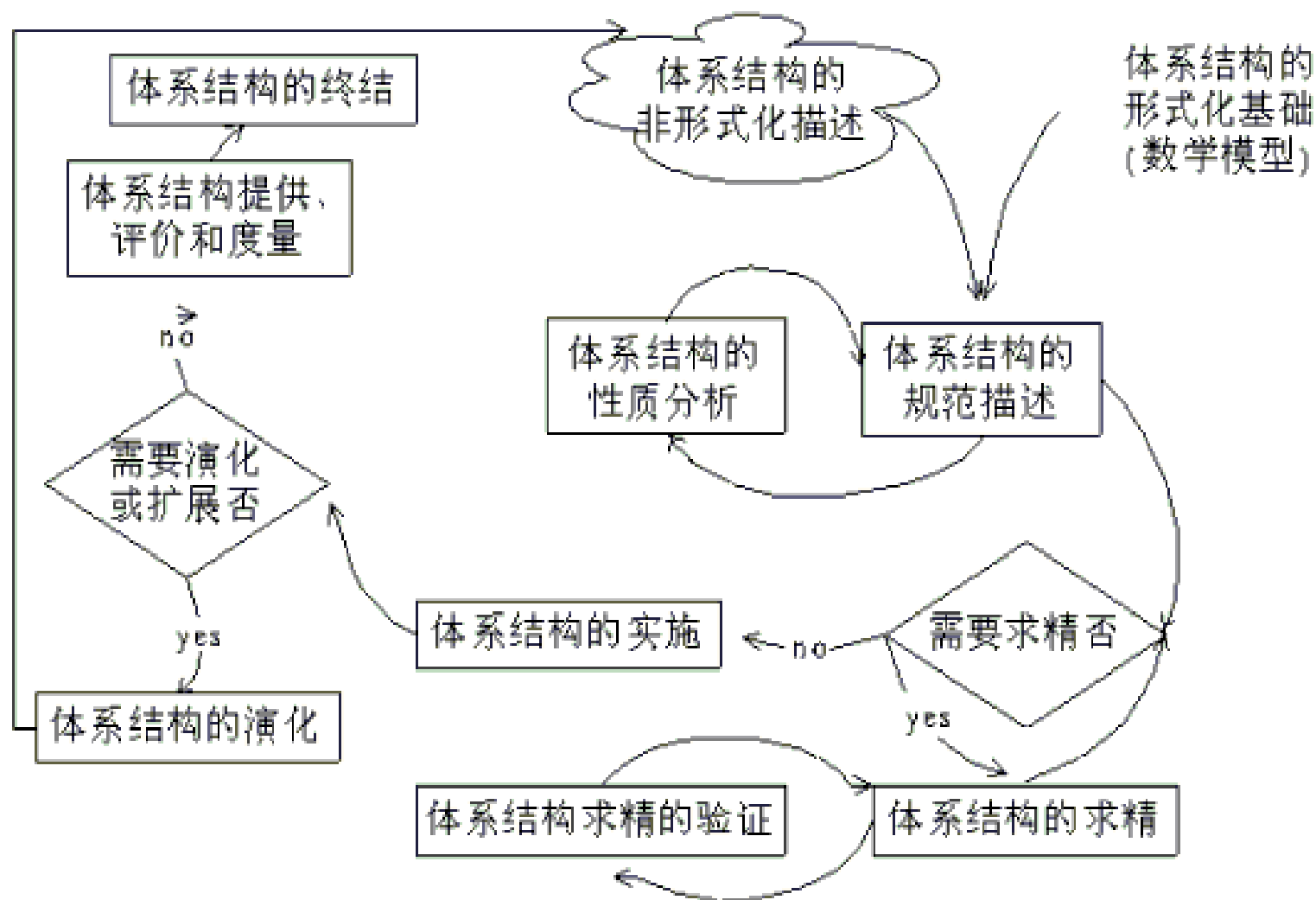
- Code SA module and realize functions
- Each component must cover certain portion of SRS
- Integrate the system

5, Delivery and Sustaining Engineering

- Test
- Delivery
- Engineering Support

S/W Architecture Life Cycle

- 1, Non-formal modeling on SA
- 2, Analysis and documented design on SA
- 3, Refining and reviewing on SA design
- 4, Implementation of SA design
- 5, Evolution and expansion of SA
- 6, Design measurement and improvement
- 7, End of SA life cycle



Things you need to know before designing

- Domain knowledge: business model/process, technical standards, core technology, etc.
- SRS understanding: deep understanding in functional and non-functional requirements
- Abstraction of system: overall structure, subsystems, external ports, etc.
- Architectural Model: arch style, key components, system constraints, etc.

SA Architectural Design Method

1, Component-based Architectural Design (CBAD)

- Build the arch model/description based on components
- Use the Object-Oriented Modeling Technology and Object-Oriented Analysis and Design method
- More focus on component/module design but not on overall performance of SA

2, Use Case-driven Architectural Design (UCAD)

- Build the SA model based on Use Cases, i.e. from the scenarios that defines user's functional requirements
- Typically the UML is used as the designing language to work out a complete design
- Good to cover and trace SRS in design, but not appropriate for SA refining and improvement

3, Domain-specific Software Architecture (DSSA)

- Start modeling SA from the domain model
- Domain can be modeled by various attributes: class/component, framework, semantics/regulations, etc.
- Problem domain analysis and output are not always enough to guide the SA design

- DSSA (Domain Specific Software Architecture) starts from domain analysis and targets on a design that covers a core set of functions in the domain
- DSSA model is considered for an application domain, but the DSSA design provides a concrete SA solution in the domain

4, Pattern-driven Architectural Design (PDAD)

A refined or advanced version of CBAD by emphasis on using arch and component patterns

- Emphasis on design reuse
- Better s/w performance
- Good for certain type s/w applications such as SDK, middleware, framework, etc.

5, Model-driven Architecture (MDA)

A new SA design method that focuses on the association of arch elements with implementation to try to automate the development process

- Still a component-based design method
- Well defined component/module interface
- Use the CASE tools to generate code skeleton or framework API
- Greatly improve design and code quality

SA Design Principles/Guidelines

- 抽象与封装 Abstraction and Encapsulation
- 信息隐藏 Information Hiding
- 模块化 Modularization
- 注意点分离 Separation of Concerns
- 内聚与解耦 Cohesion and Decoupling
- Open Standard and Open Architecture

SA Design Principles/Guidelines (cont' d)

- 充分性、完备性与原子性 Sufficiency, Completeness & Primitiveness
- 策略与实现的分离 Separation of Policy & Implementation
- 界面与实现的分离 Separation of Interface & Implementation
- 分治 Divide-and-Conquer
- 层次化 Layering

Arch modeling language in development

- Requirement Description Language
- Component Description Language
- Architectural Modeling Language
- Framework Description Language
- Software Programming Language
- System Integration Language

DSSA Design Process

- Domain Definition
- Domain Engineering
- DSSA Design Method

DSSA Architectural Design

- Domain-driven Architecture is one of major SA types deployed in industry
- DSSA captures the backbone framework of a class of applications in one application domain
- DSSA presents the common features and behaviors of applications in one domain
- DSSA can be considered as a design blueprint for software development in a domain

DSSA Architecture Definition

A set of s/w components with a standard design that is used to build a class of applications with common features and functions in a particular application domain.

- Abstraction: problem domain and solution domain
- Mapping of problem domain to solution domain
- Design solution can be reused for a group of problems in a domain

DSSA Key Points

- DSSA development is not solely targeted on the requirements of one application, but on the framework that provides solution backbone for entire domain
 - Domain analysis, domain requirements, domain models, domain reference architecture and domain components
 - Solutions are not targeting on single application needs, but on common demands from whole domain

- Two DSSA Processes: domain engineering and application engineering
 - Domain engineering captures the common needs from a class of applications in a domain and defines a core set of requirements for them
 - Application engineering develops a complete software product by deploying reused components based on the DSSA arch to meet the needs of a class of applications

DSSA's Domain Engineering

- Domain Concept
 - A class or a family of applications/systems, with a common capability or shared data set
 - Problem space introduced by a group of applications with similar requirements
 - A problem/task space, in which a class of similar applications can be developed to meet the needs for various customers in one domain

- Domain Concept (cont'd)
 - In software engineering, it consists of problems, functions, solutions and knowledge space that can be used for a group of applications sharing common attributes
 - Vertical Domain: the business space covered by the group of applications
 - Horizontal Domain: the problem space divided by the functional units inside the applications

- Domain Characters
 - The systems in a domain have similarity or common attributes in user requirements, shared data, and problem space
 - The solution to the problem set in the domain leads to new applications
 - The resources, assignments and its associations in a domain are presented by a base framework

- Domain Engineering: the process to define and develop the domain-oriented reused software system, in which the DSSA is designed and constructed
- Three sections: domain analysis, domain design, domain implementation
- Domain Analysis
 - The process of domain definition, character abstraction and description, concept refinement, data extraction, function identification, framework development

– Domain analysis methods

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context analysis, domain modeling and arch modeling
- Organized domain model(ODM),
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- Domain Design
 - goals are to construct the DSSA in a particular domain
 - framework: Generalization, standardization, and documentation
 - separate common features from applications to create DSSA framework
 - design the framework into multiple layers

- Domain Implementation
 - goals are to develop reused s/w framework based on the domain model and DSSA
 - mapping of DSSA design features to s/w components
 - well-designed component interface
 - output: a DSSA framework containing domain model, DSSA design and reused functional components

DSSA Project Cases

- IBM/Aerospace/MIT/UCI had developed a DSSA application for aerospace electronic systems
- Teknowledge/Stanford/TRW developed an event-driven, object-oriented and concurrent DSSA design language RAPIDE
- USC/ISI/GMU developed an automatic code generator and an SDK for DSSA engineering

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