

LECTURE 4

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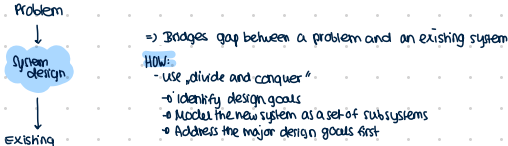
OUTLINE

- 1) Overview of system design
- 2) Design goals and trade-offs
- 3) Subsystem decomposition
- 4) Architectural styles
 - 4.1) Layered architecture
 - 4.2) Client-server architecture
- 5) UML Component diagrams

1) Design

- ✓ **Analysis:** focuses on application domain
- ✓ **Design:** focuses on solution domain
 - Changing reality quickly
 - Cost of hardware is rapidly sinking
 - ↳ Design knowledge = moving target (🎯)
- ✓ **Design window:** Time in which design decisions have to be made

SCOPE OF SYSTEM DESIGN

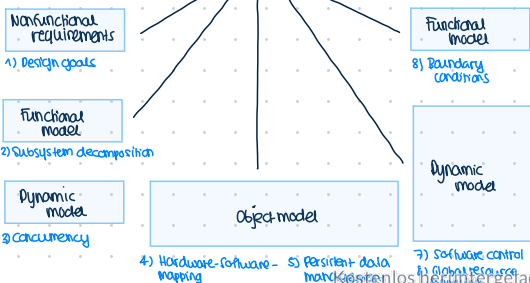


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System design

1. **Design goals**
 - Additional nonfunctional requirements
 - Design trade-offs
2. **Subsystem decomposition**
 - Layers vs. partitions
 - Architectural style
 - Cohesion & coupling
3. **Concurrency**
 - Identification of parallelism (processes, threads)
4. **Hardware/software mapping**
 - Identification of nodes
 - Special purpose systems
 - Buy vs. build
 - Network connectivity
5. **Persistent data management**
 - Storing persistent objects
 - Filesystem vs. database
6. **Global resource handling**
 - Access control
 - ACL vs. capabilities
 - Security
7. **Software control**
 - Monolithic
 - Event-driven
 - Conc. processes
8. **Boundary conditions**
 - Initialization
 - Termination
 - Failure

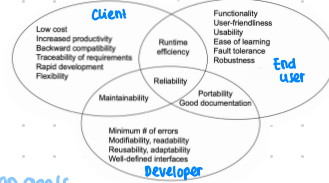
From analysis to system design



2) Design goals and trade-offs

- definition**
- govern the system design activities
 - As a starter: any non-functional requirement is a design goal
 - Additional design goals are identified with respect to
 - Design goals often conflict with each other
- ↳ **TRADE-OFFS**
- Design methodology, Design metrics, Implementation goals

Different types of design goals (example)



Typical design goals TRADE-OFFS

- Functionality vs. usability
- Cost vs. robustness
- Efficiency vs. portability
- Rapid development vs. functionality
- Cost vs. reusability
- Backward compatibility vs. readability

3) Subsystem decomposition

Definition:

- **Subsystem:**
 - ⇒ Collection of classes, associations, operations, events that are closely interrelated with each other
- **Service**
 - ⇒ A group of externally visible operations provided by one subsystem (also called **subsystem interface**)
 - ⇒ The use case in the functional model provide the seeds for services

→ Set of fully typed UML operations

- Specifies the interaction and information flow from and to system boundaries, but **not** inside the subsystem
- Refinement of services, should be well-defined and small
- Subsystem interfaces are defined during object design

Subsystem interface

Application programming interface (API)

- API = specification of the subsystem interface in a specific programming language
- APIs defined during object design

Coupling and Cohesion

Goal: Reduce system complexity while allowing changes

Cohesion

- ⇒ Measures dependencies between classes within **one** subsystem

- ✓ **High cohesion:** classes have similar tasks = many associations

Coupling

- ⇒ Measures dependency between **multiple** subsystems

- ✗ **High coupling:** changes to one subsystem → huge impact
- ✓ **Low coupling:** change to one subsystem will not affect the other ones

Good system design: High Cohesion - Low Coupling.



How to achieve high cohesion and low coupling?

High cohesion

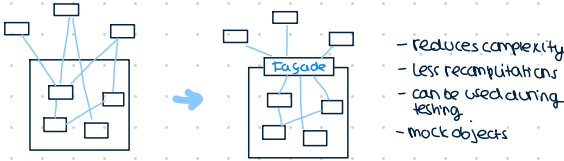
- operations work on the same attributes
- operations implement a common abstraction or service

Low coupling

- small interface
- information hiding
- no global data
- interactions mostly within subsystem

Facade design pattern: reduces coupling.

- ↳ provides **unified interface** for subsystem
- defines a higher-level interface that makes the subsystem easier to use
- hides **spaghetti design**



Ways to deal with complexity:

- Abstraction
- Hierarchy
- Taxonomies
- Decomposition

Decomposition

- technique to master complexity ("divide & conquer")
- 2 major types:
 - Functional decomposition
 - Object-oriented decomposition

FUNCTIONAL D.

- System = decomposed into functions
- Functions can be decomposed into smaller functions

OBJECT ORIENTED D.

- System is decomposed into classes ("objects")
- Classes can be decomposed into smaller classes

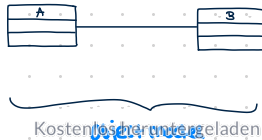
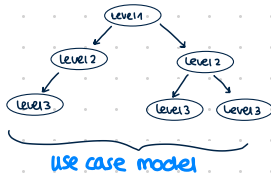
PROBLEM: functionality is spread all over the system

- Source code hard to understand
- too complex and impossible to maintain
- User interface often awkward & non-intuitive

→ a maintainer must understand the whole system before making a single change to the system

Model based software engineering approach

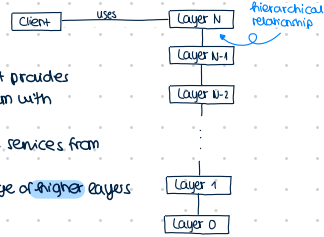
- 1) Focus on **functional requirements**
- 2) find **corresponding use cases**
- 3) identify the **participating objects**
- 4) use these participating objects to create the first iteration of the **analysis object model**



4) Architectural styles

- Architectural styles** vs. **(software) architecture**
- = a pattern for a **subsystem decomposition**
- = instance of an architectural style
- ↳ **subsystem decomposition:** identification of subsystems, services, and their relationships to each other

Layered architectural style



- A **Layer** = a subsystem that provides a service to another subsystem with the following restrictions:
 - a layer only depends on services from **lower layers**
 - a layer has no knowledge of **higher layers**

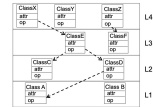
2 major types of hierarchical relationships between layers

- Layer A **depends on** Layer B for its full implementation (= usage dependency in UML)
- Layer A **calls** Layer B (runtime dependency)

Closed architecture (opaque layering)

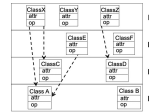
A layered architecture = closed, if each layer can only call operations from the layer directly below ("direct addressing")

- DESIGN GOALS:**
- maintainability
 - flexibility
 - portability
 - low coupling



Open architecture (transparent layering)

A layered architecture = open, if each layer can call operations from any layer below ("indirect addressing")



DESIGN GOALS:

- high performance
- real-time operation support
- high cohesion

4.1) layered architecture

3 layered architectural style

- = architectural style where an application consists of 3 hierarchically ordered layers
- often used for the development of web applications

3 tier architecture

= a software where the 3 layers are allocated on 3 separate hardware nodes



(e.g. class, subsystem)
Tier = Instance (e.g. hardware node, object)

4 Layered architectural style

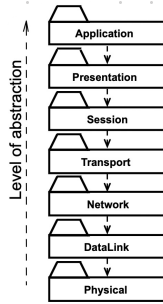
- hierarchically ordered layers
- if these layers reside on different HW-nodes → 4-tier-architecture

7 layered architectural style

- ISO's OSI Reference Model

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Open System Interconnection
International Standard Organization

- Application Layer:** = system you are building
- Presentation Layer:** performs data transformation services
- Session Layer:** responsible for initializing a connection
- Transport Layer:** responsible for transmitting messages
- Network Layer:** ensures transmission & routing
- Data Link Layer:** models frames
- Physical Layer:** represents hardware interface to the network



4.2) Client-server architecture

- often used in design of database system
- Client: user application
- Server: database access and manipulation

Functions performed by:

- Client:**
 - Input by user (customized user interface)
 - Sanity check on input data
- Server:**
 - Centralized data management
 - Protection of data integrity & db consistency
 - Protection of db security

- One or more servers → provide services to client
- Client calls method offered by server
- Server performs service → returns results to client
- Client knows interface of server (not other way around)
- Response typically immediately
- End users interact only with client

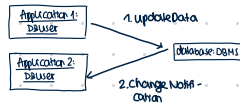


Design goals:

- Portability
- Location transparency
- High performance
- Scalability
- Flexibility
- Reliability

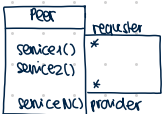
PROBLEMS

- C-S-system use a request-response protocol
- Peer-to-peer communication is often needed



Peer to peer architectural style

- Generalization of the client-server style
- Clients can be servers & servers can be clients
- New abstraction: **PEER**



5) UML Component diagrams

- A **UML component** is a building block of the system. It is represented as a rectangle with a tabbed rectangle symbol inside
- Components have different lifetimes
 - only at design time: classes, associations
 - only until compilation time: source code, patterns
 - at link time or runtime: linkable libraries, executables, addresses

Scheduler



UML component diagram

- model top view of system design in terms of components & dependencies
- also called „software wiring diagrams“
- use UML interfaces

2 Types of interfaces:

- a **provided** interface
- a **required** interface



- Dependency

- Port

↑ interaction point between component and environment

I've got a summary of all the design patterns uploaded (it's a little bit older and called „EIST design patterns“)

