Software Engineering

(Engineering of Software Subsystems)

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Courses/Experiences so far…

- Undergrads at IIIT: You have learned technologies and low-level OO principles in workshop courses (Intro to Software Systems) and team-based software development in Design and Analysis of Software Systems.

- Grads at IIIT: Problem Solving course and Software Systems Development

- All others (includes PGSSP): Some **software development experience** or a course at the undergrad level in Software Engineering/Systems Engineering or any other variant of it.

Underlying Assumptions (Pre-requisites)

- SE principles: Abstraction, Modularization/Decomposition, Coupling, Cohesion, etc.
- Some Technologies (for example, python, JavaScript, web2py, IDE's etc.) : at least 1 OOP language, & 1 RDBMS.
- Basic OO principles and implementations
  - Find the nouns → objects/state
  - Find the verbs → behaviors; methods/functions
  - Encapsulation, Inheritance, Polymorphism, etc.
- Introduction to static and dynamic modeling
- SDLC (Iterative Incremental process knowledge)
- Minimal SE practices (Version control, bug tracking, task management, etc.) and any associated tools.

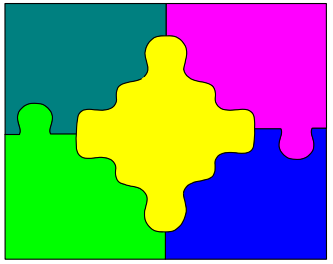
Bottom Line: You should be able to comprehend/Enhance CODE !!!

Why Study Software Engineering? (1)

- To acquire skills to develop large programs.
  - Exponential growth in complexity and difficulty level with size.
  - The ad hoc approach breaks down when size of software increases.

Why Study Software Engineering? (2)

- Ability to solve complex programming problems:
  - How to break large projects into smaller and manageable parts?
  - How to use abstraction?



- Also learn techniques of:
  - Specification, design, user interface development, testing, project management, etc.

Why Study Software Engineering? (3)

- To develop large, high quality software systems:
  - Large systems cannot be understood by one person
  - Requires team work
  - Achieve sufficient quality (e.g. Maintainability, Usability, etc)

Software Engineering – (major) Principles

Abstraction:

- Simplify a problem by omitting unnecessary details.
- Focus attention on only one aspect of the problem and ignore irrelevant details.

Decomposition:

- Decompose a problem into many small independent parts.
  - The small parts are then taken up one by one and solved separately.
  - The idea is that each small part would be easy to grasp and can be easily solved.
  - The full problem is solved when all the parts are solved.

This Course is About…

Software Design

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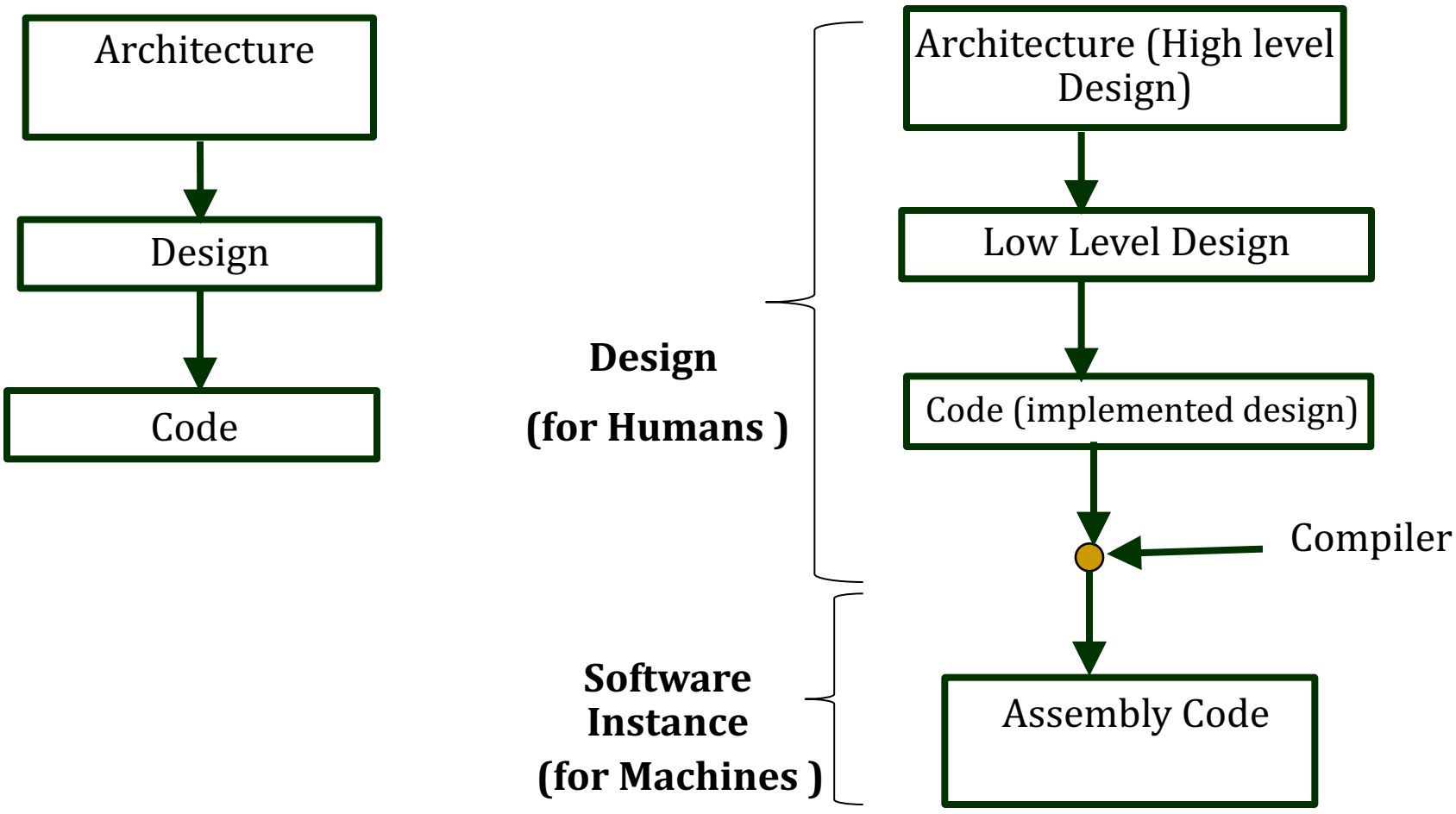
Why is design important?



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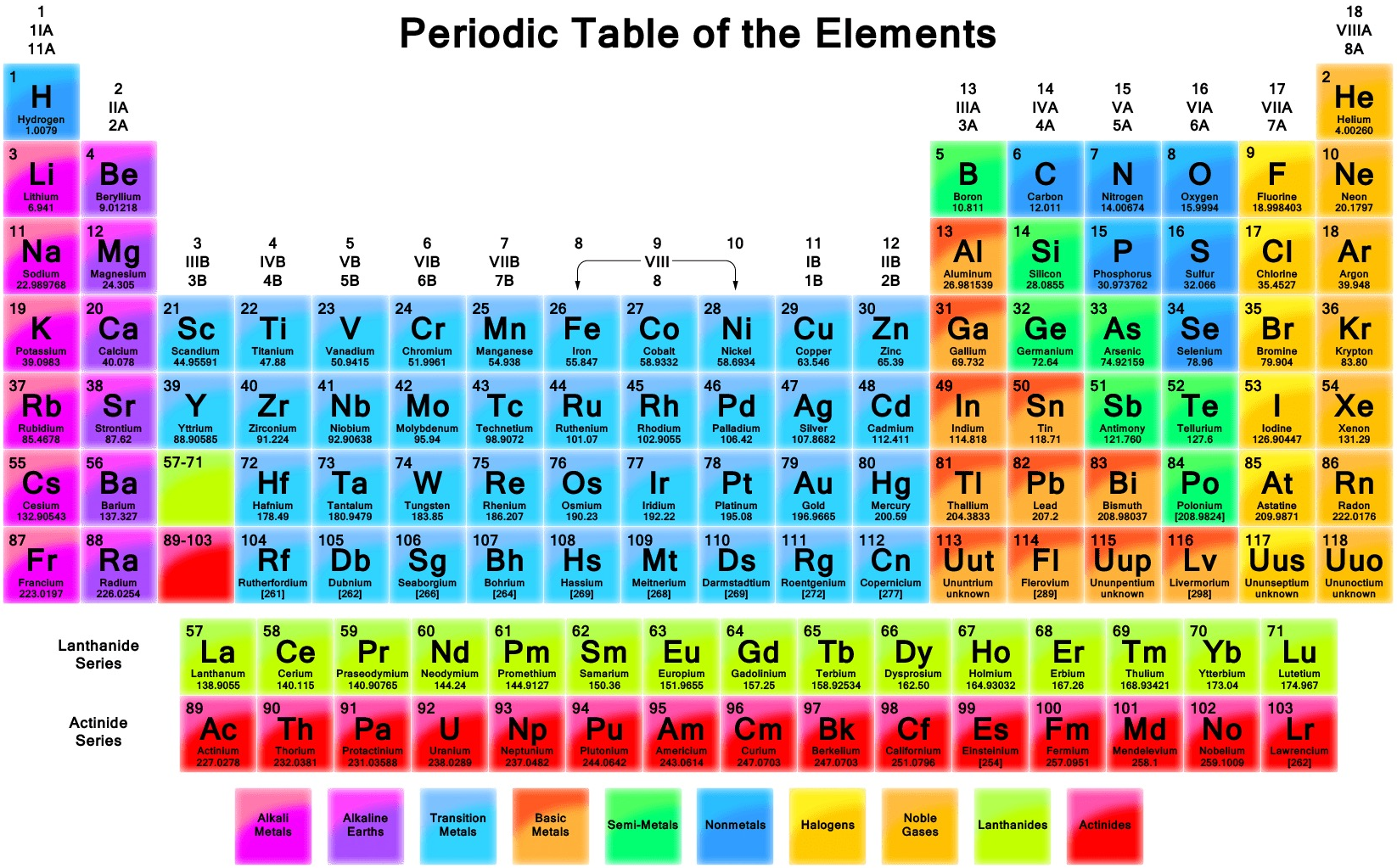

How do You Design?

- What do you think about?
- What considerations are important?
- When have you done enough?

What This Course is About

- Standard *patterns* of interactions between classes/sub-systems?
  - Design patterns & Architectural patterns
- How to apply them to your application
  - Deal with subsystems at the higher level of abstraction provided by the patterns
- What to do when it does not fit exactly
  - Evaluate options and analyze the trade-offs
- How do you document the design knowledge (very important, given the focus on AGILE delivery models)

Do You Always Reinvent the Wheel?

- Consider code level patterns

  How do you walk through an array in Java?

```
for (i = 0;i < array.length;i++) {
    // use the array element
}
```

Our Design Level

- Higher than what we've done before
  - Not specific data structures
  - Not algorithmic approaches
- Lower than complex system level architectures
  - Not financial systems
  - Not air-traffic control
- Interactions of 10-20 classes in solution domain.

  i.e., the small sized subsystem

Problem-based learning methodology

- Solving problems motivates your learning
- Lecturing is minimal
- This is better because
  - Learner actively engages the material
  - Deeper learning when learner motivates need for knowledge
  - More closely resembles true career situation
- Over the past few years students were very positive about this approach and seemed to learn a lot more