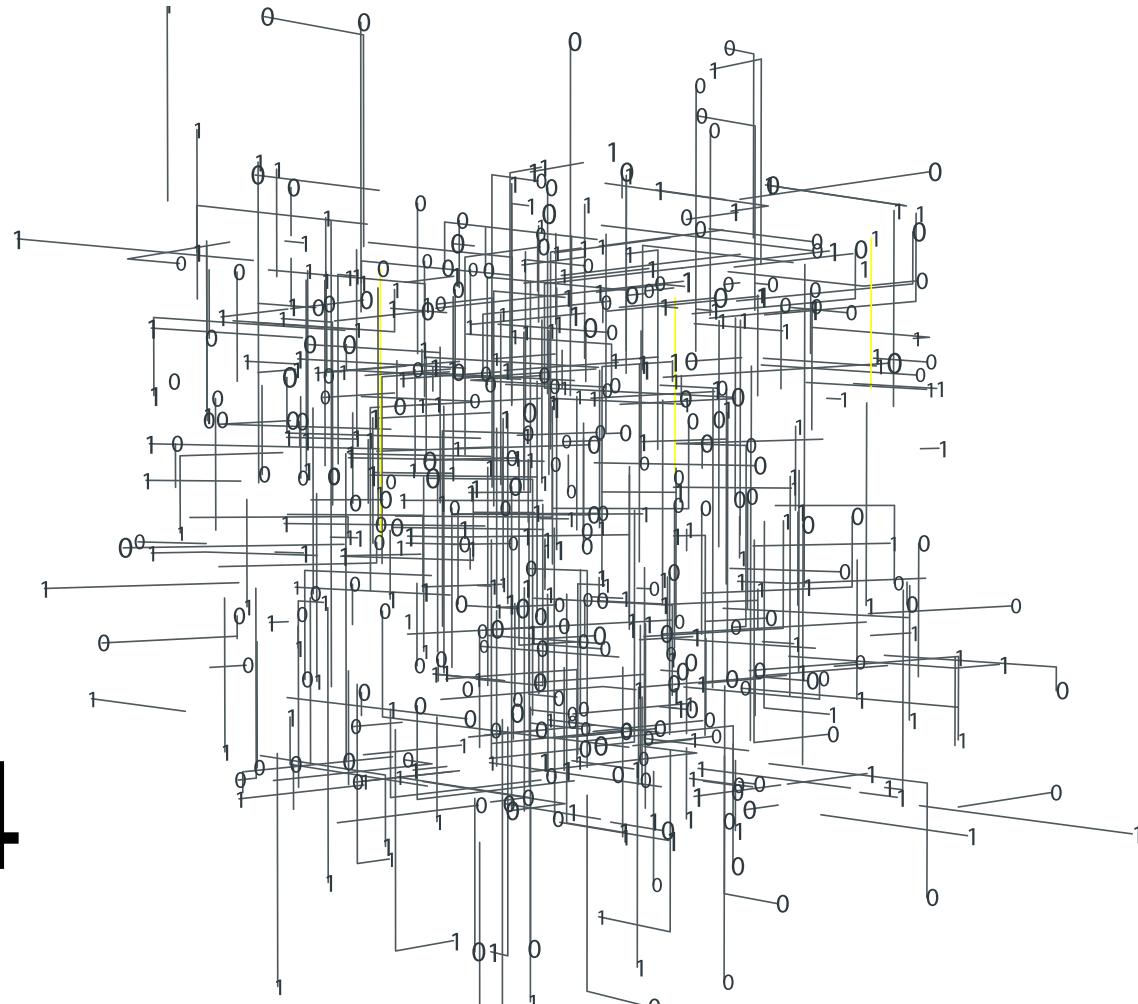


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Theme 1

Models and Systematic Decomposition



Todays Lecture



Software Design

Design Practices

Design Quality

Problem Solving

Design Knowledge

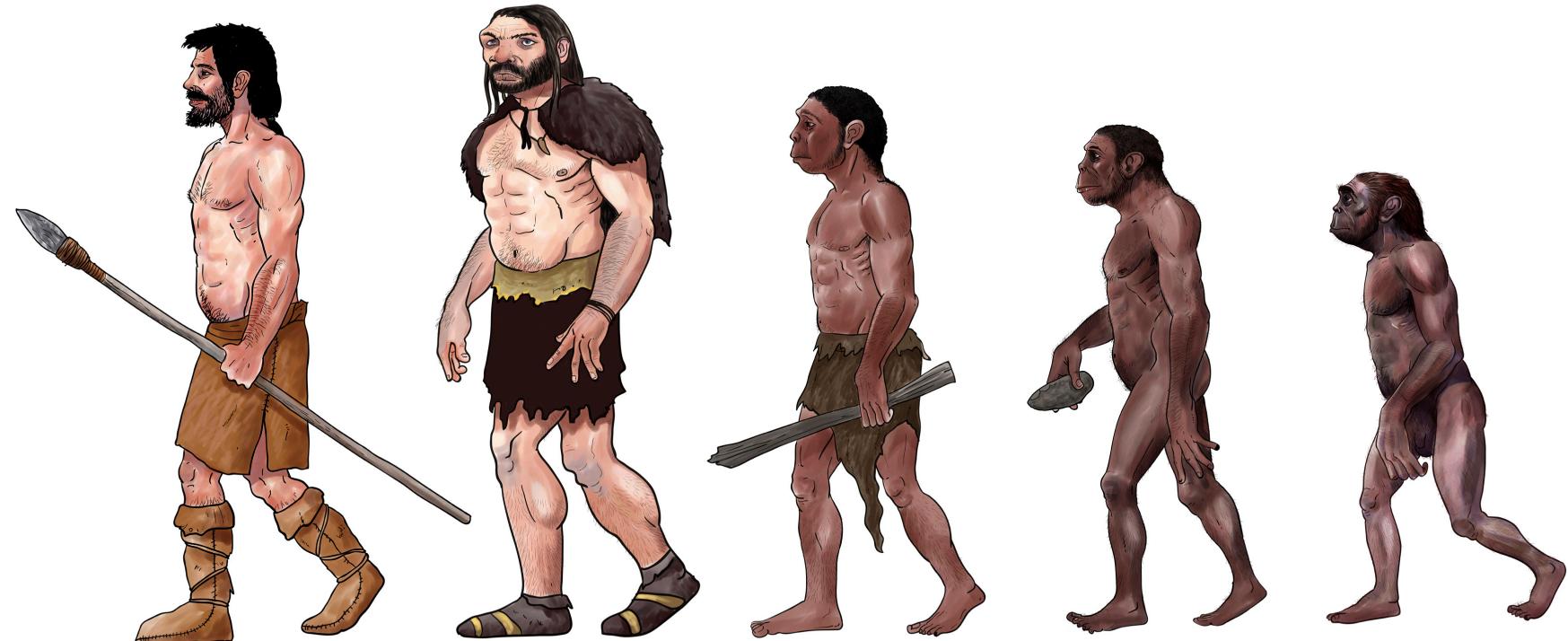
Design Principles

'The fundamental problem is that designers are obliged to use current information to predict a future state that will not come about unless their predictions are correct. The final outcome of designing has to be assumed before the means of achieving it can be explored: the designers have to work backwards in time from an assumed effect upon the world to the beginning of a chain of events that will bring the effect about.'

J. Christopher Jones, Design Methods: Seeds of Human Futures (Jones, 1970).



But what are we doing?



Humans design, create, and use tools!

So, what are we doing?

Polya's problem solving process

1. Understand the problem
2. Devise a plan for solving the problem
3. Carry out the plan
4. Evaluate the result



Software Design is Problem solving with software

The solution is software!

We use software specific methods

Solving Wicked Problems

Solutions cannot be immediately tested

No single explanation for the problem

Solutions are better or worse

No clear definition

→ No Stopping rules

No alternative solutions

Each problem is connected to another

The solver has no right to be wrong

Solving problem is a one-shot operation





provide interoperable APIs and data models for infrastructure operators, service and device providers

provide a platform for end-users supporting seamless device integration, rule-based automation and configurable UI

No stop rules?

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“wicked problems”

There is a lack of criteria that can be used to determine when the solution to a problem has been found, so that further work will not be able to improve it.

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Contributes to Problem Complexity



How do we deal with complexity?

How do we Manage Complexity?

Abstraction

- Simplification
- Description of entities with required properties (context dependent).
- Some examples, Data abstraction, Instructions abstraction

Decomposition

- The problem is decomposed in sub problems, which are further decomposed into sub problems ...
- The problem divides the solution into parts.
- Divide n' conquer

How do we Manage Complexity?

From Blackbox to White box

- Reduce amount of information
- Don't “open up” too early – a can of worms?
- Iterative and stepwise-refinement

Incremental

- Work on parts of the system
- Reduces problem size

Step-wise Refinement

Recognized as the **first** generalized software "design method"

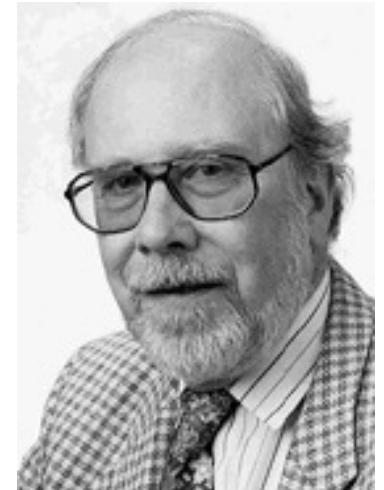
- Program construction consists of a sequence of refinement steps.
- In each step a given task is broken up into a number of suhtasks.
- Each refinement in the description of a task may be accompanied by a refinement of the description of the data which constitute the means of communication between the subtasks.
- Refinement of the description of program and data structures should proceed in parallel.

Program Development by Stepwise Refinement

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Zürich, Switzerland

these two purposes in mind. Some well-known techniques are briefly demonstrated and motivated (strategy of preselection, stepwise construction of trial solutions, introduction of auxiliary data, recursion), and the program is gradually developed in a sequence of *refinement steps*.

In each step, one or several instructions of the given program are decomposed into more detailed instructions. This successive decomposition or refinement of specifications terminates when all instructions are expressed in terms of an underlying computer or programming language, and must therefore be guided by the



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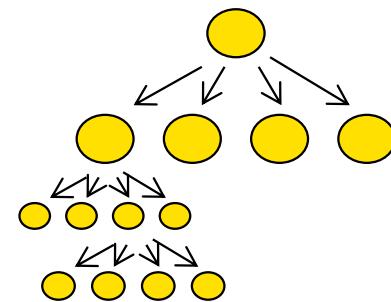
Design Practice – Divide n' Conquer

Problem

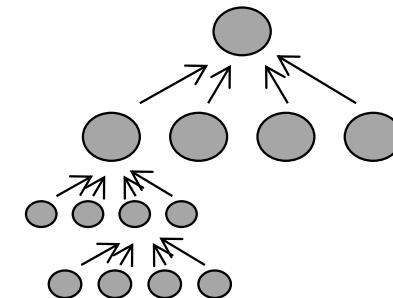
Architecture

Detailed design

Implementation

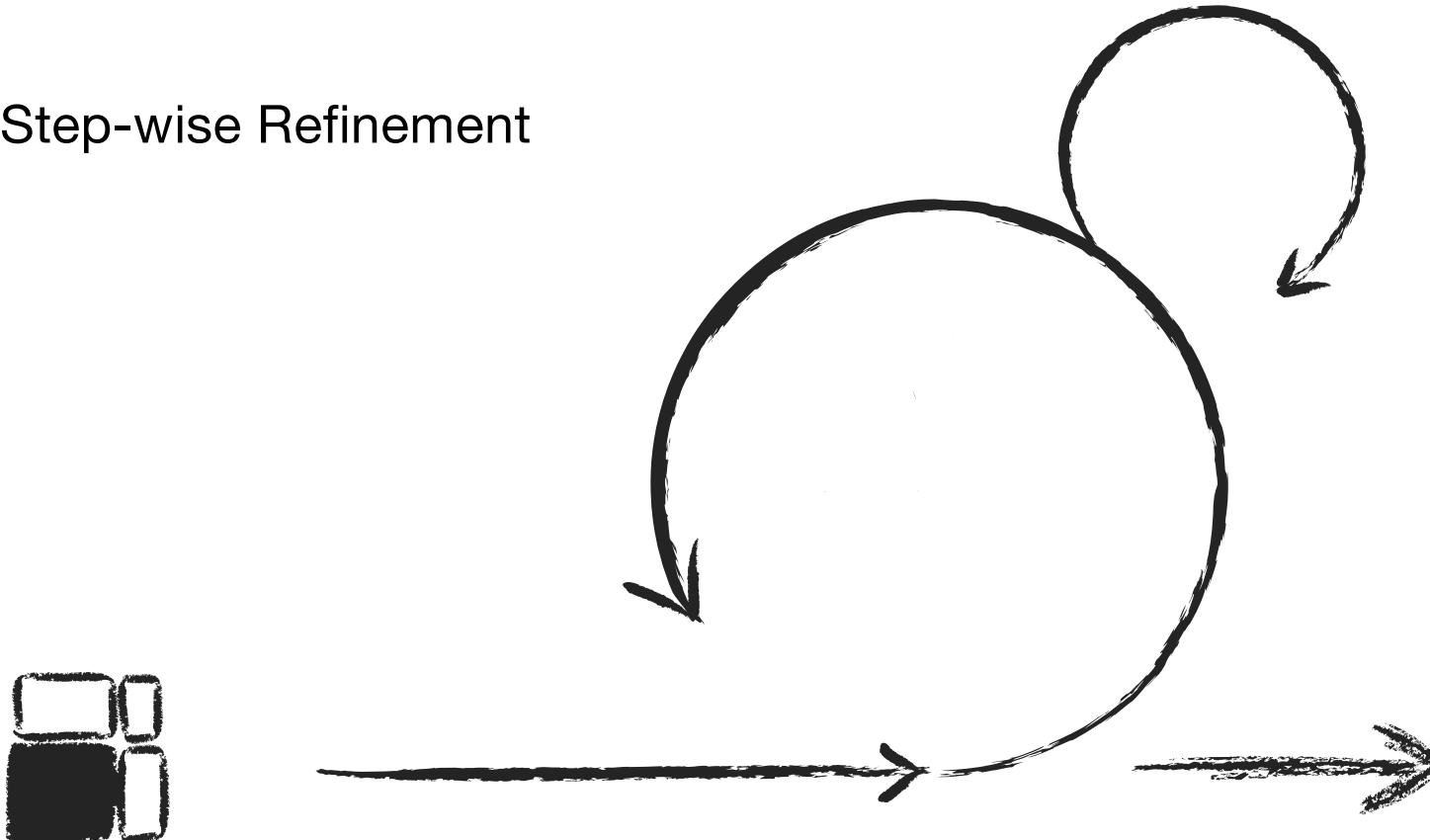


Solution



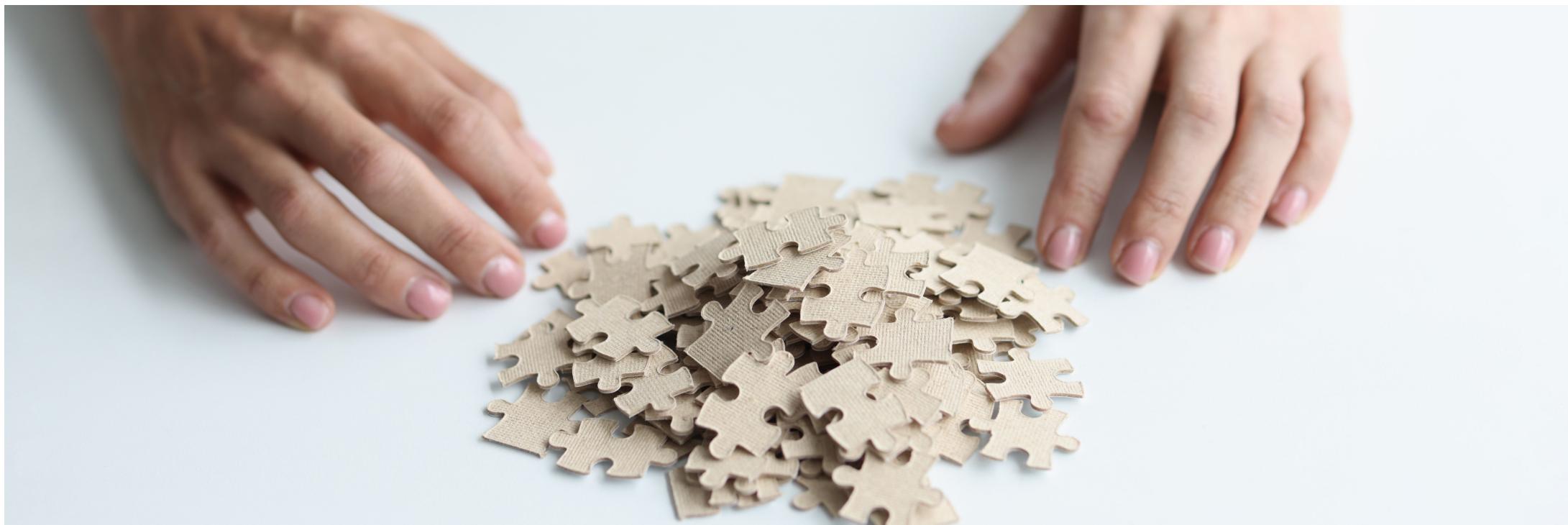
Iterative Development

Step-wise Refinement



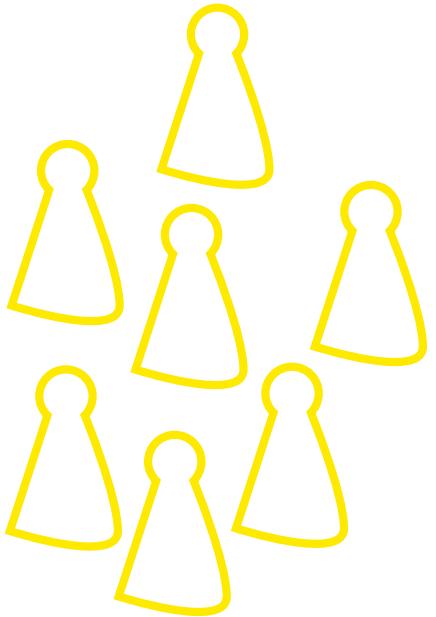
Small tasks – Small checks – Small changes

Incremental Development

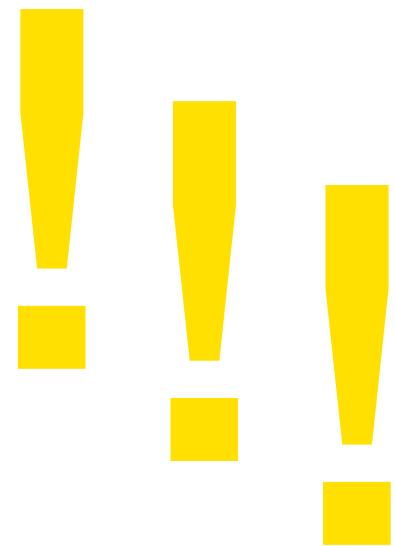


Architectural models

Motivation



Stakeholders



Communication!



Architects

The Role of Models



Models support communication

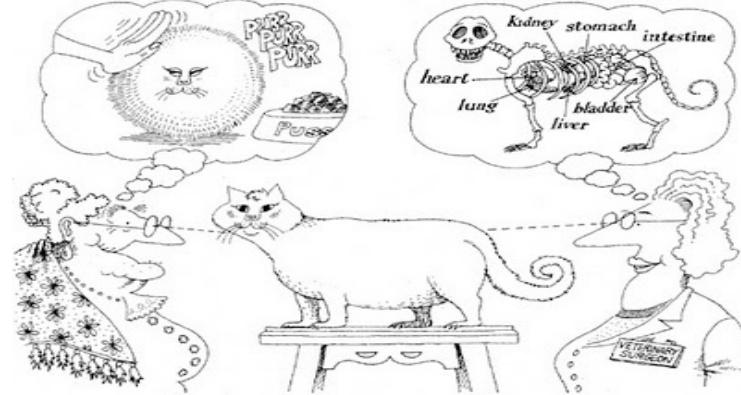
We establish a shared language with a vocabulary and semantics



Models are constructed to enable reasoning within an idealized logical framework about these processes.

Idealized means that the model may make explicit assumptions that are known to be false in some detail → simplifications!

Abstraction



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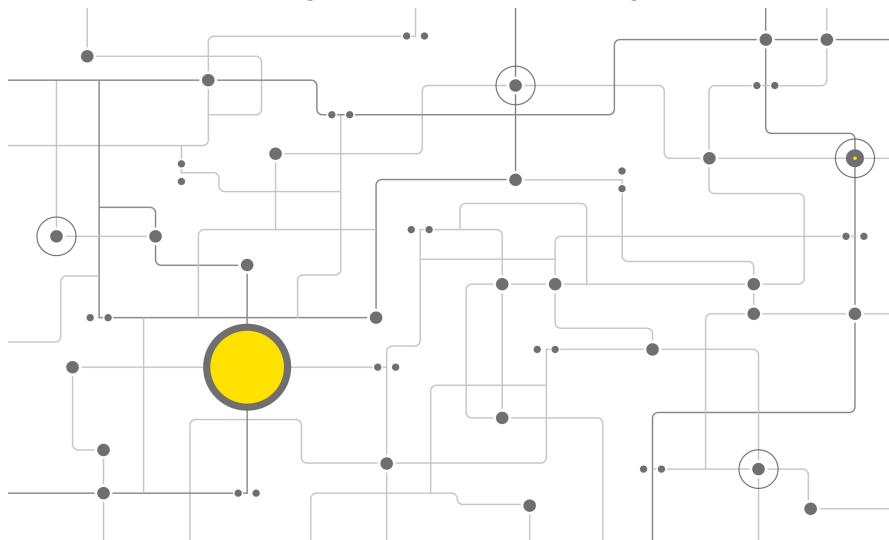
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Modularity

Divide a system into parts



Modularity in software development is a measure of how divided a system is into parts (modules or components). Each part has a specific responsibility (functionality) and works independently to the greatest



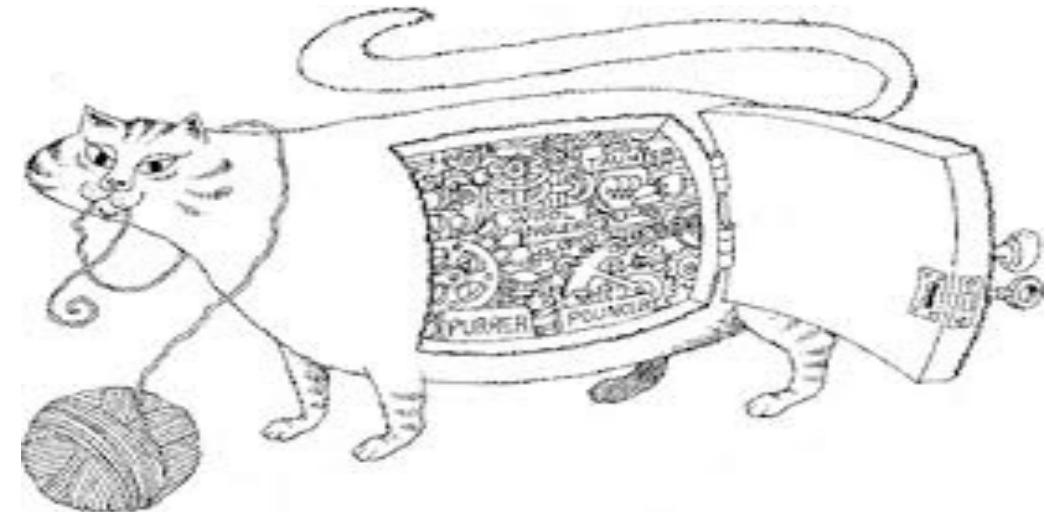
Hierarchy

Establish hierarchies – Compose subsystems into larger systems



Whole – Parts
Generalization – Specialization

Encapsulation – Information Hiding



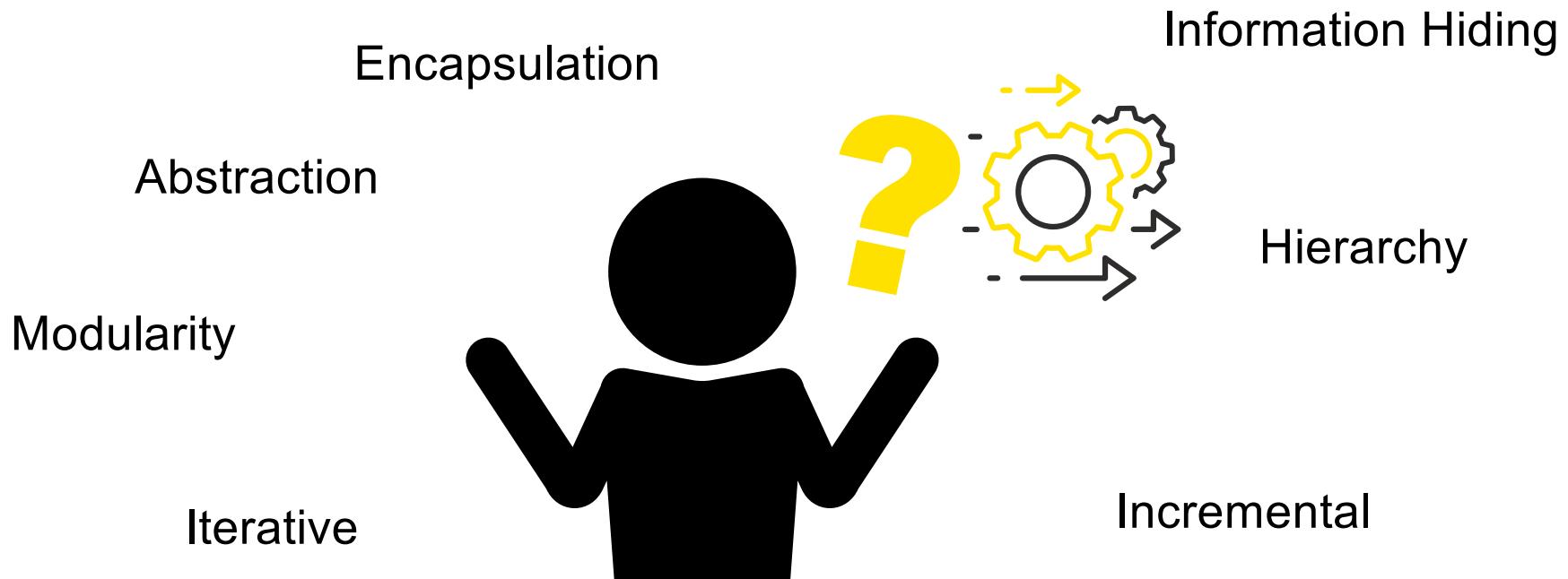
"the process of compartmentalizing the elements of an abstraction that constitute its structure and behavior; encapsulation serves to separate the contractual interface of an abstraction and its implementation."

"control direct access to structure and behavior so that only what is in the open contract is accessible from other abstractions"

Design Principles

from Black Box to White Box solving wicked problems

Putting it all together



Partitioning – Decomposition

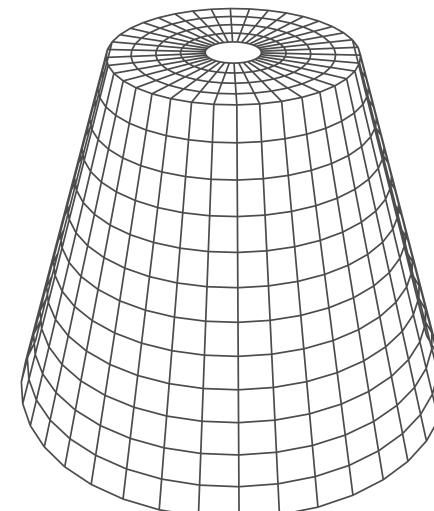
Modularity and Hierarchy

From Black-box to White box

1. Partition the problem
2. Parts and Responsibilities
3. Divide n' conquer

Perspectives

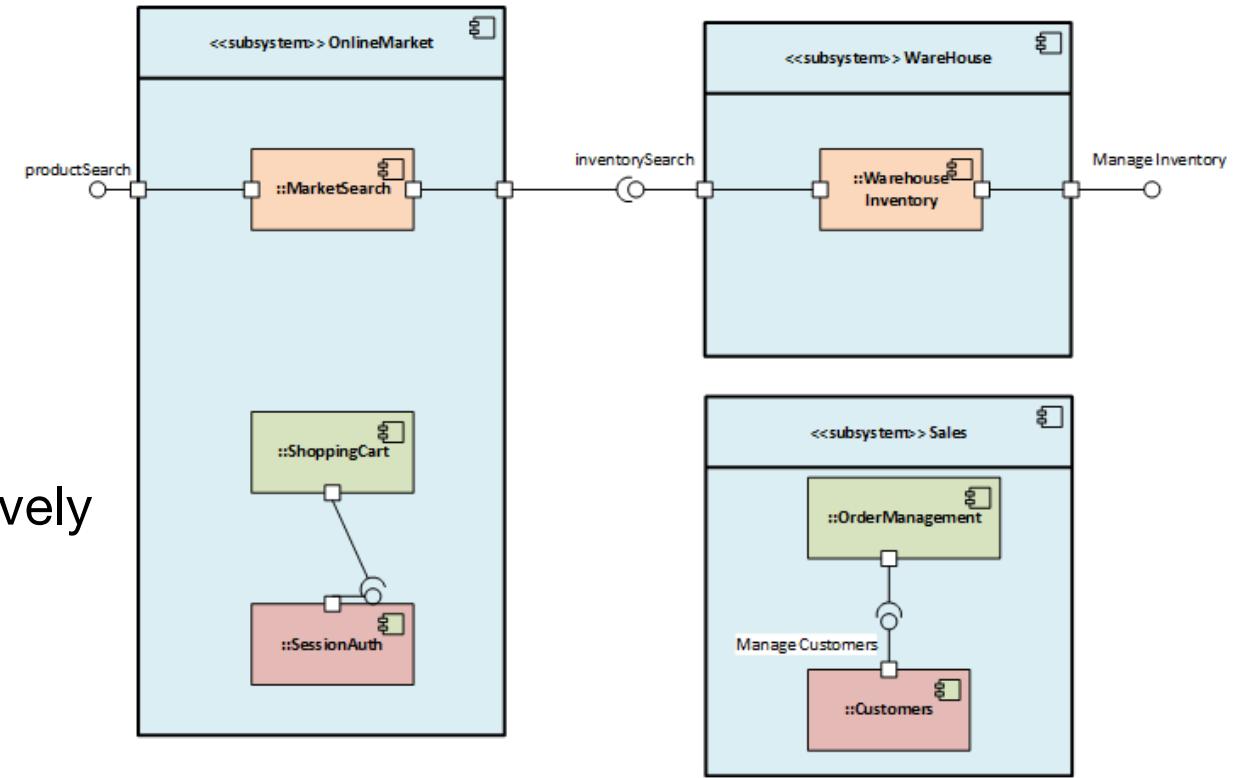
1. Layering or distribution
2. Functionality – interfaces
3. Separation of concerns



Responsibilities

Allocate Responsibilities to Abstractions

- Functionality – Interfaces
- Services



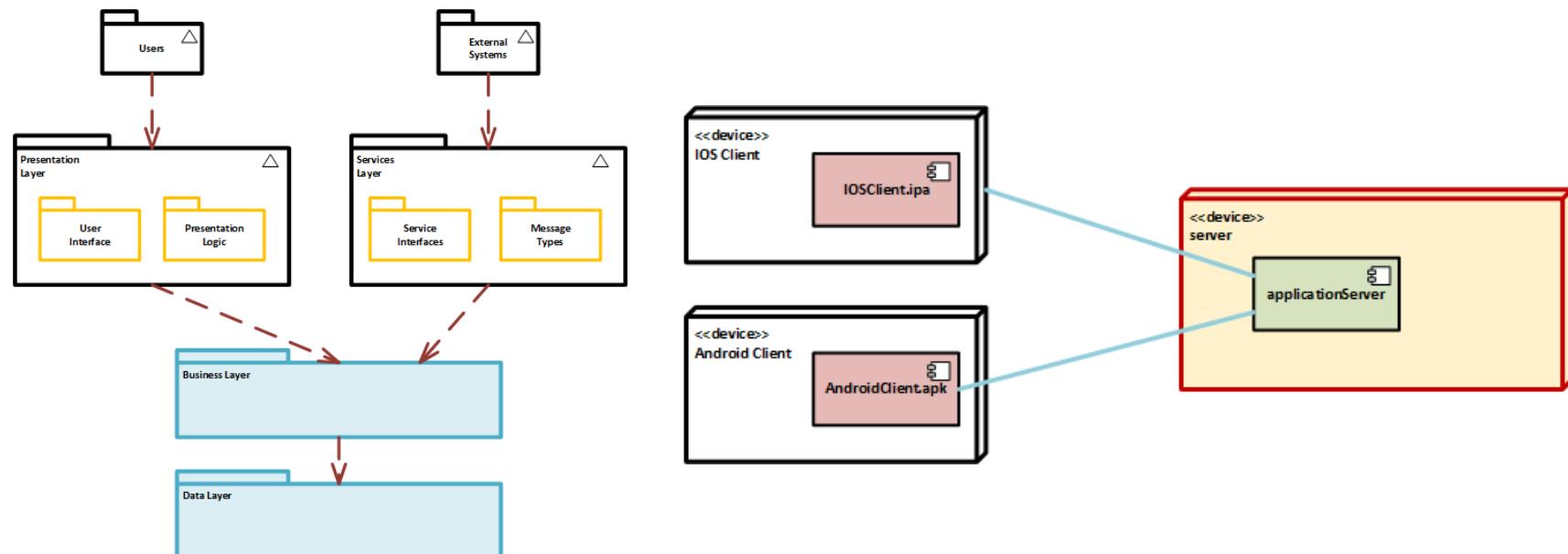
Black box to White-box

- Start at the highest of levels
- Refine responsibilities iteratively

Perspective

Layers and Distribution

- Layers – hide complexity (logical)
- Distribution – computational partitioning (physical)
- Allocate Responsibilities



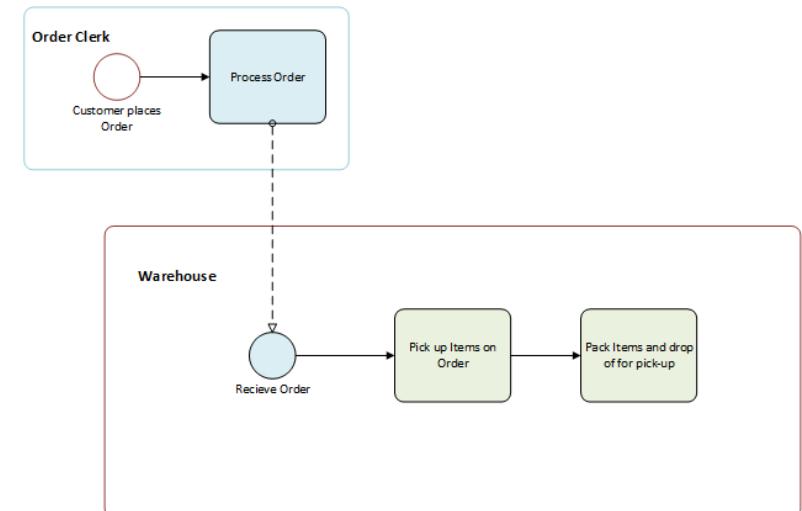
Perspective

Business Processes

Processes

- I. Customer places order over the telephone with credit card
- II. Order clerk charges credit card
- III. Clerk notes down SKU and customer details
- IV. Clerk emails SKU and details to the warehouse
- V. Item is packaged up with label
- VI. Shipping mail it to the customer

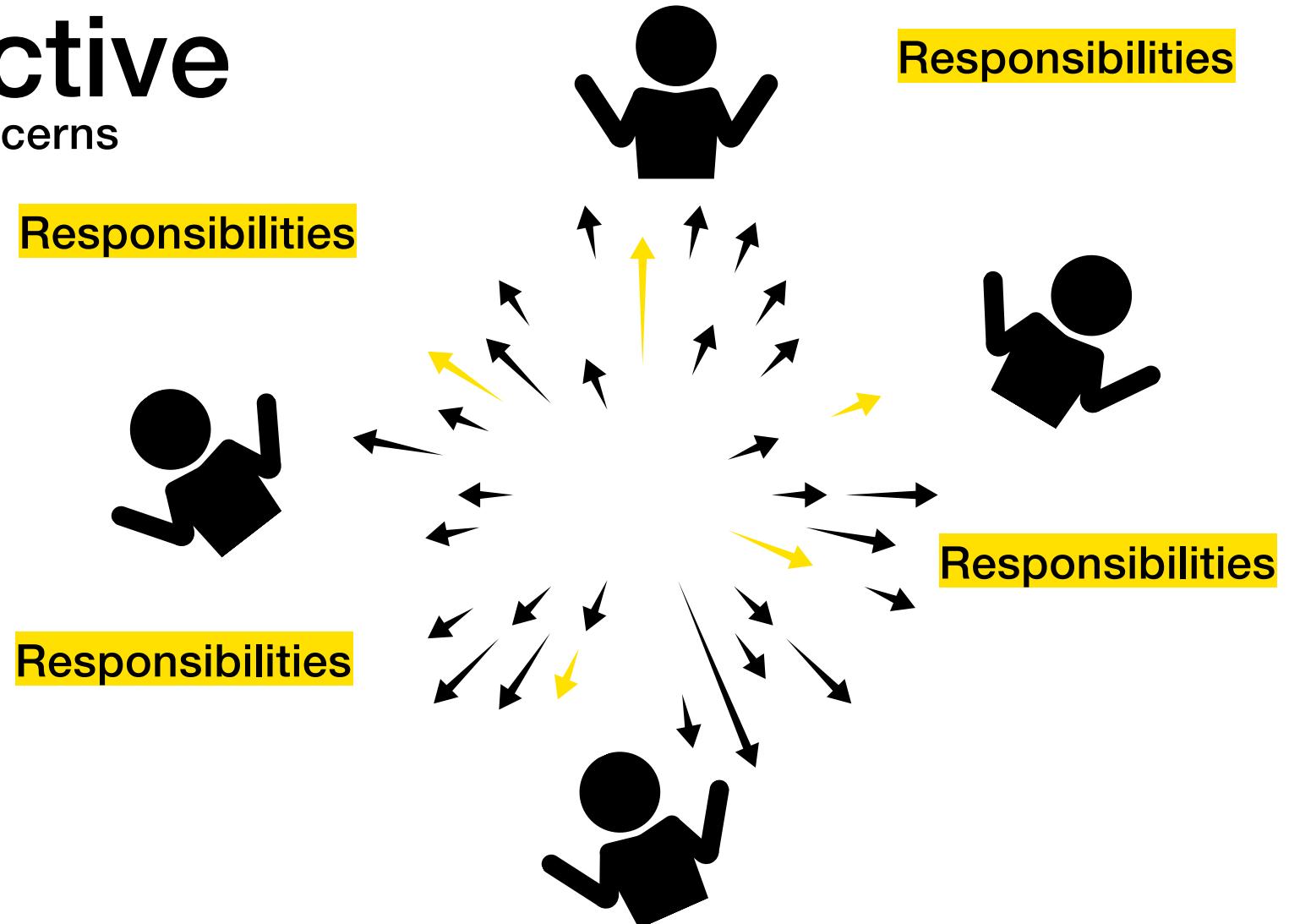
Responsibilities

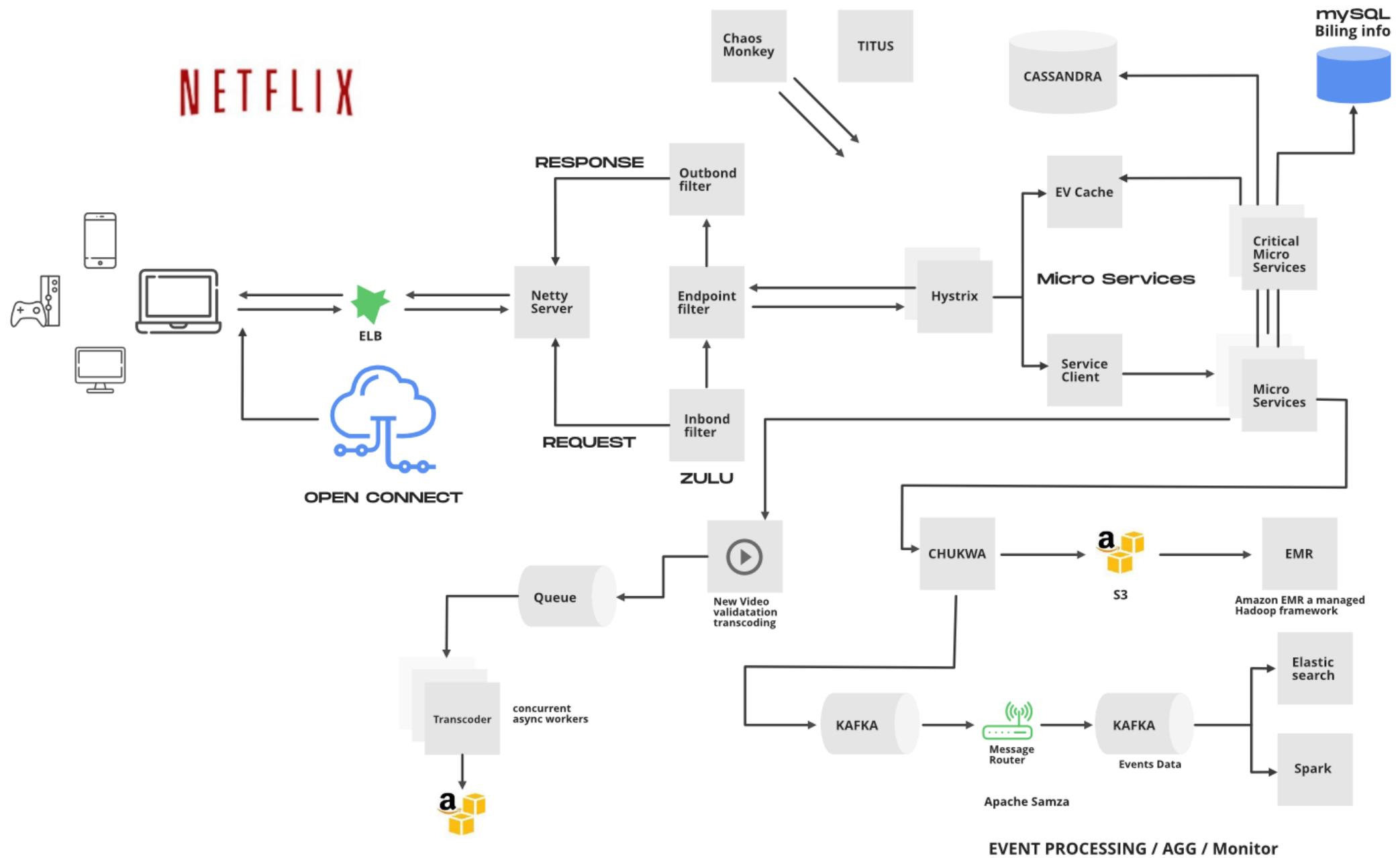


Perspective

Separation of Concerns

- functionality
- security
- performance
- safety
- persistency
- availability
- etc.





Design purpose

Be clear about the purpose of the design.

Why are you doing this architectural design?

- Decompose (divide) the functional responsibilities
- An abstract system overview
- Test a possible solution
- Describe part of a system (or the whole) when development is underway.

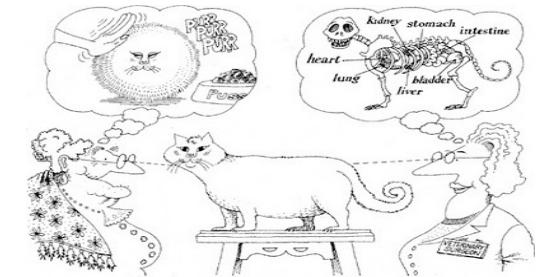
1st level decomposition

untangles the complexity
tools for simplification

- abstraction
- modularity
- hierarchy
- encapsulation

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openHAB 1st level abstract

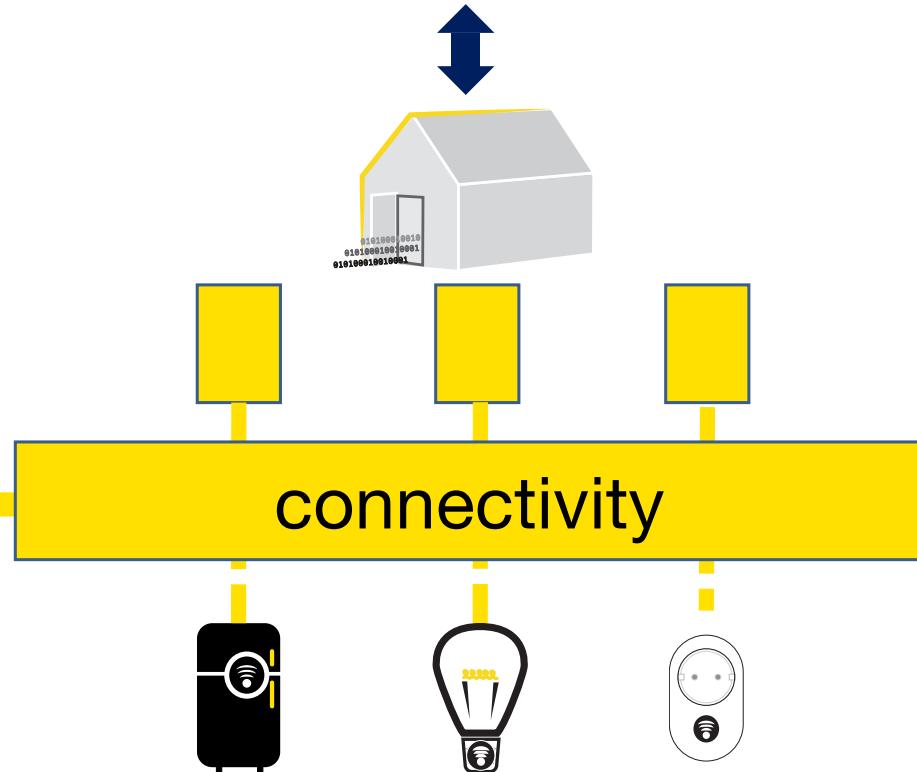
services and applications



communication

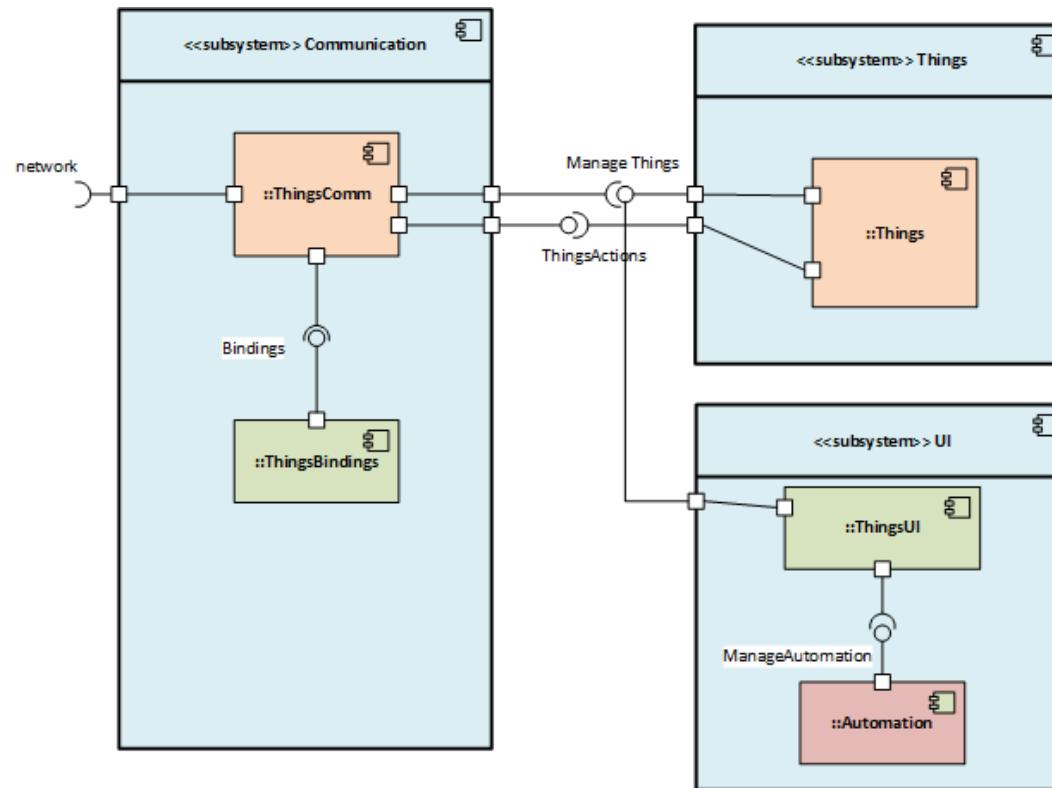
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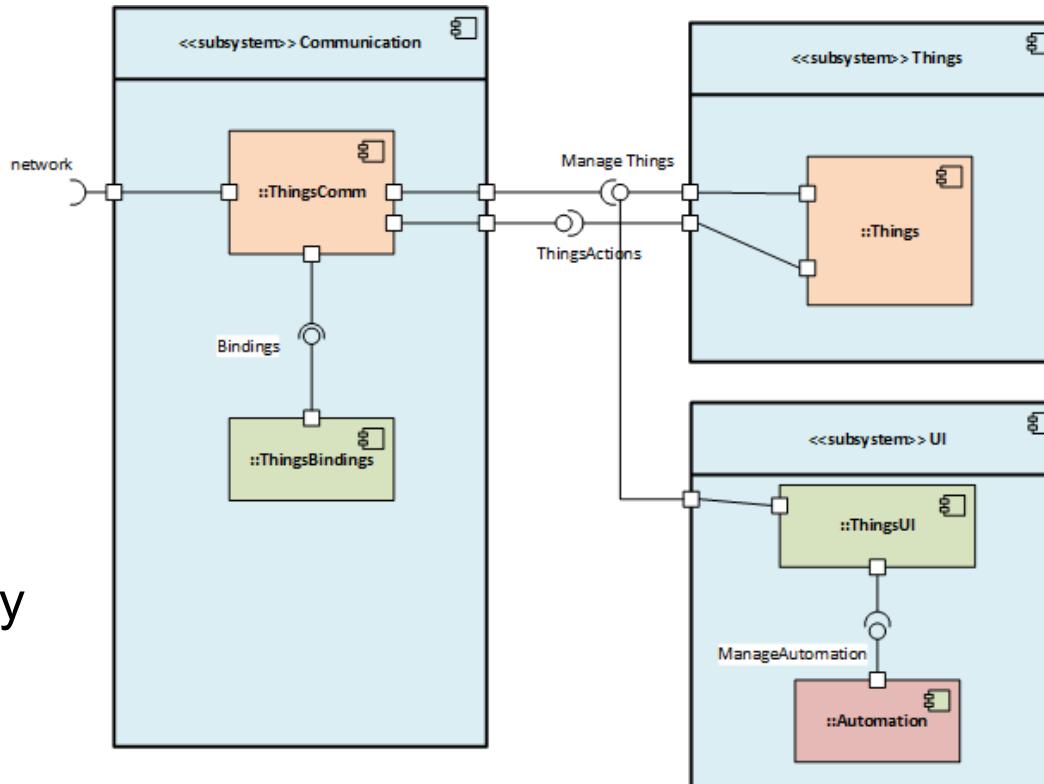
Functional



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Functional

hierarchy



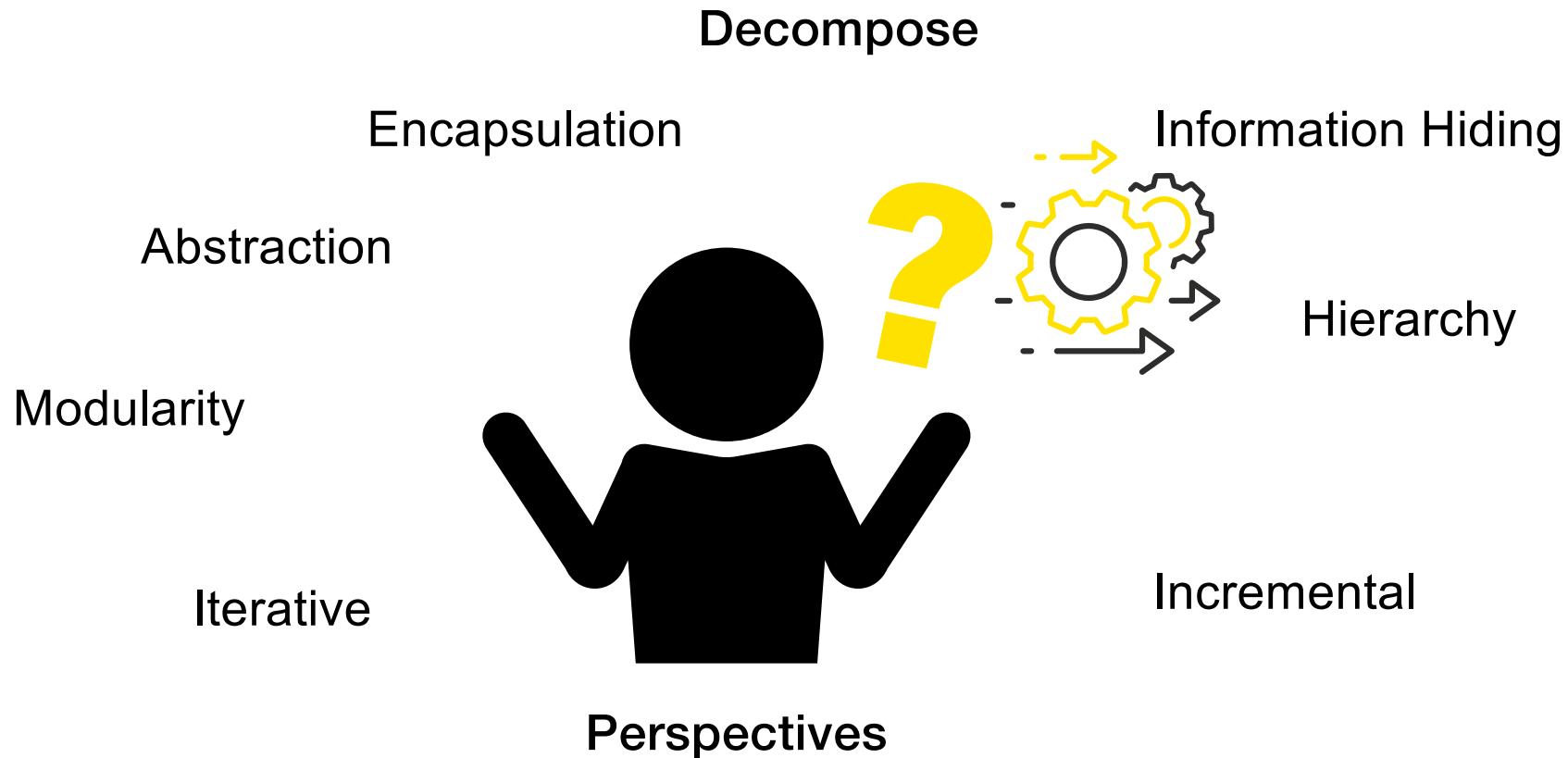
abstraction

modularity

encapsulation

Works in the small and LARGE

From Black Box to White Box solving wicked problems



Software Architecture

Context

Software exists in a context.

Today's connected systems have much more complex contexts.

The context defines an environment for the software system.

The context sets constraints and requirements for the software.

System-of-systems

Enterprise



Software System



System

Systems-of-Systems

System of Systems (SoS) – Set of systems or system elements that interact to provide a unique capability that none of the constituent systems can accomplish on its own.

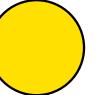
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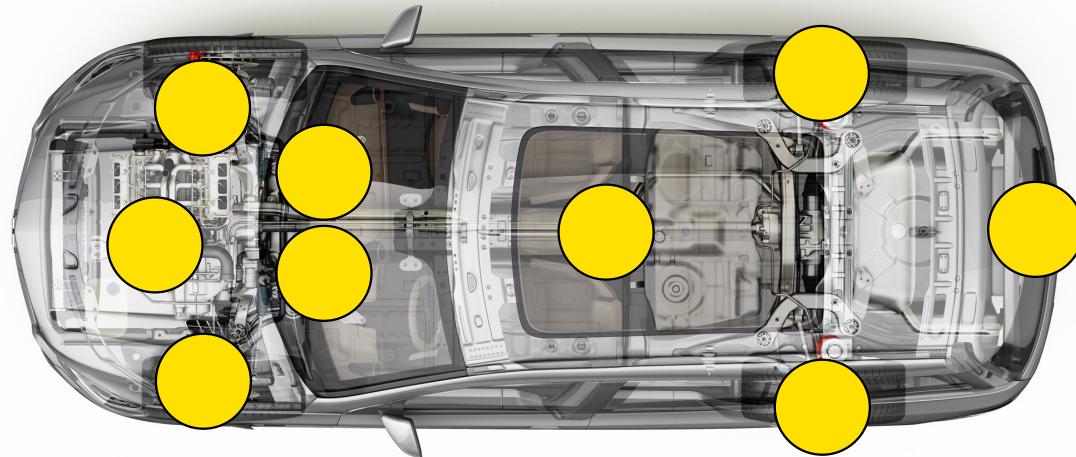
Constituent Systems – Constituent systems can be part of one or more SoS. Note: Each constituent is a useful system by itself, having its own development, management goals and resources.

ISO/IEC/IEEE 21839 (ISO, 2019)

Systems-of-Systems

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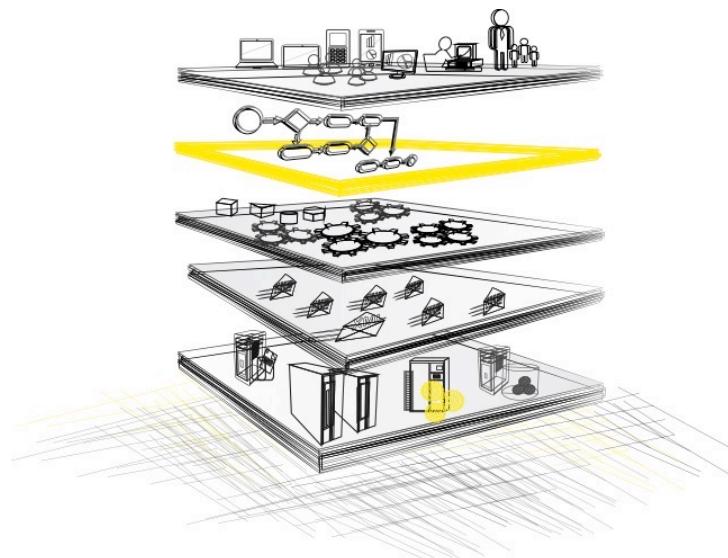
Constituent Systems 



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Enterprise Architecture

Enterprise architecture captures the **structure** and **behavior** of an **organization**, including its processes, information flow, personnel, and organizational subunits. It may also include descriptions of supporting IT infrastructure, information architecture and software systems.



Organization

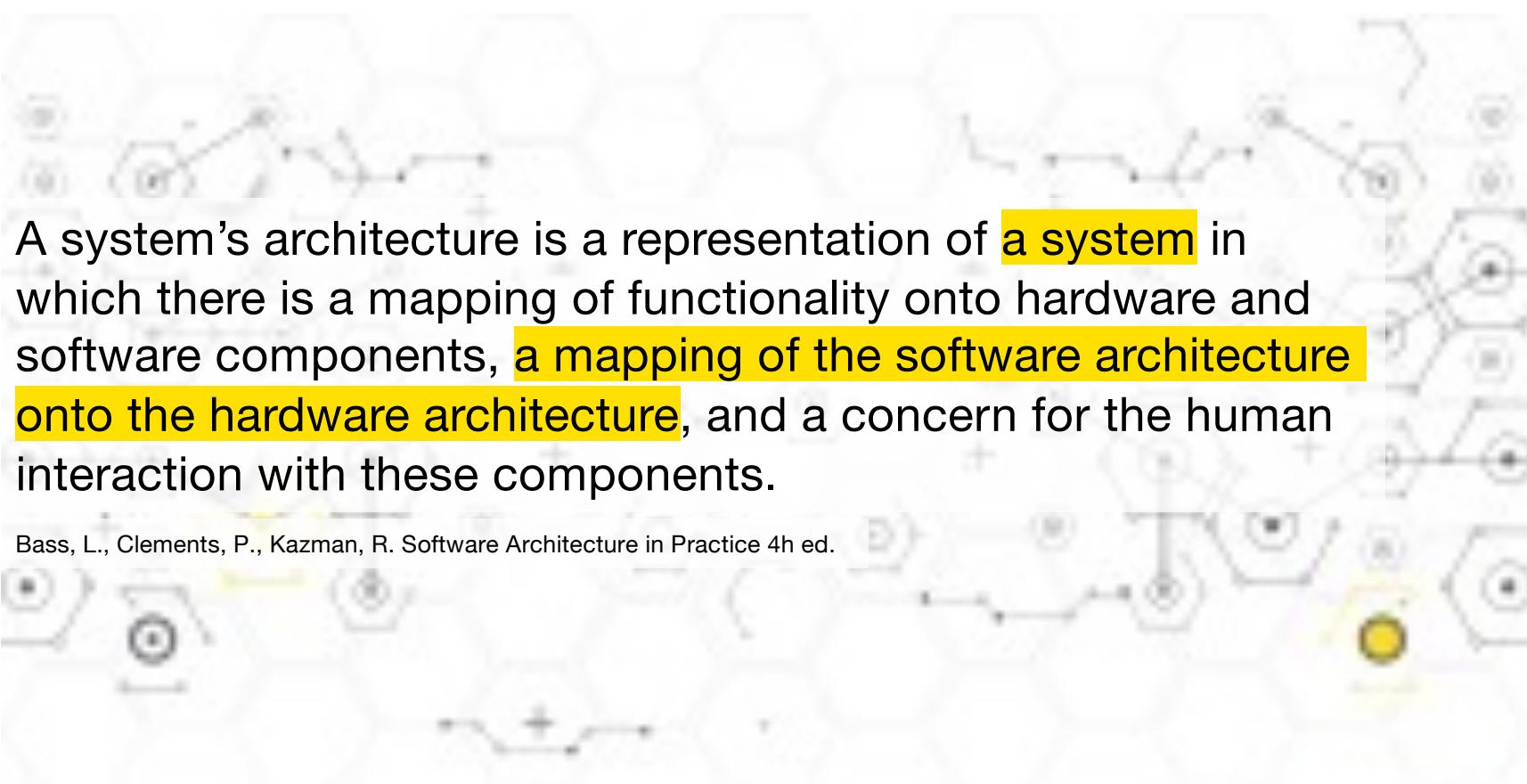
Business and services

Software

Information

Infrastructure

System Architecture



A system's architecture is a representation of a system in which there is a mapping of functionality onto hardware and software components, a mapping of the software architecture onto the hardware architecture, and a concern for the human interaction with these components.

Bass, L., Clements, P., Kazman, R. Software Architecture in Practice 4h ed.

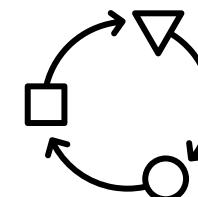
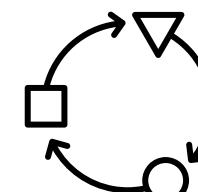
2nd level and 3rd and ... nth?

From Black-box to White-box

FIRST LEVEL DECOMPOSITION



SECOND LEVEL DECOMPOSITION



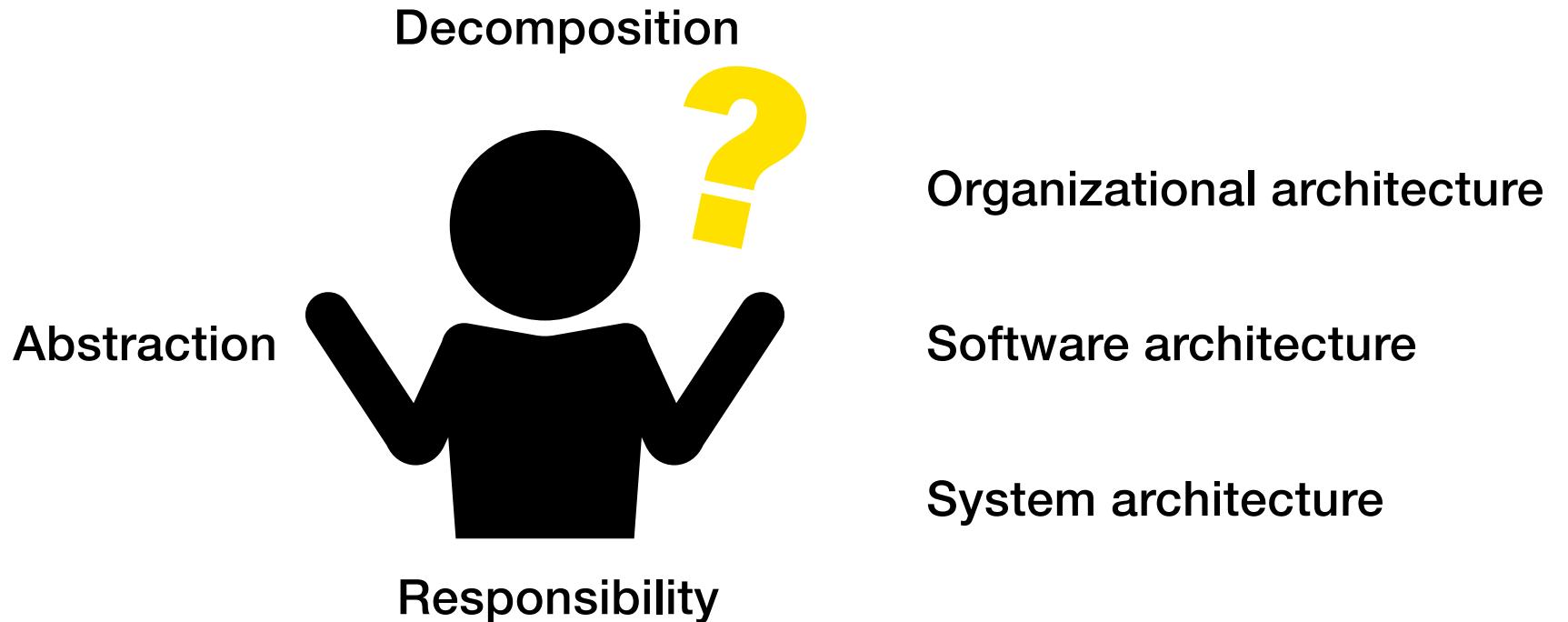
Add and refine components

Add and refine responsibilities

Add and refine interfaces

Add and refine connections

Todays takeaways!





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