Architectural Design

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How Do You Design?

Where do architectures come from?

Creativity

- 1) Fun!
- Fraught with peril
- 3) May be unnecessary
- 4) May yield the best result

- 1) Efficient in familiar terrain
- 2) Not always successful
- 3) Predictable outcome (+ &)
- 4) Quality of methods varies

Method

Objectives

- Creativity
 - Enhance your skill-set
 - Provide new tools
- Method
 - Focus on highly effective techniques
- Develop judgment: when to develop novel solutions, and when to follow established method

The Tools of "Software Engineering 101"

- Abstraction
 - Abstraction(1): look at details, and abstract "up" to concepts
 - Abstraction(2): choose concepts, then add detailed substructure, and move "down"
 - Example: design of a stack class

Separation of concerns

Separation of Concerns

- Separation of concerns is the subdivision of a problem into (hopefully) independent parts.
- The difficulties arise when the issues are either actually or apparently intertwined.
- Separations of concerns frequently involves many tradeoffs
- Total independence of concepts may not be possible.
- Key example from software architecture: separation of components (computation) from connectors (interaction)

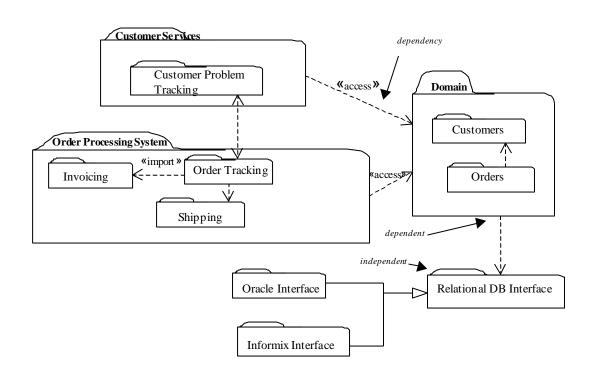
Software Architecture

- Software architecture is process of designing the global organization of a software system, including:
 - Dividing software into subsystems.
 - Deciding how these will interact.
 - Determining their interfaces.
- The architecture is the core of the design, so all software engineers need to understand it.
- The architecture will often constrain the overall efficiency, reusability and maintainability of the system.

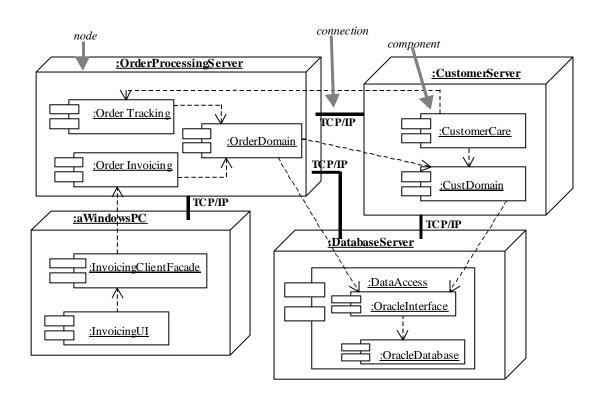
Architecture Types

- Logical Architecture
 - Organization of a system into logical units (e.g., layers, subsystems)
 - Logical units do not necessarily result in units of implementation
- Implementation (Deployment) Architecture
 - Organization of a system into physical units

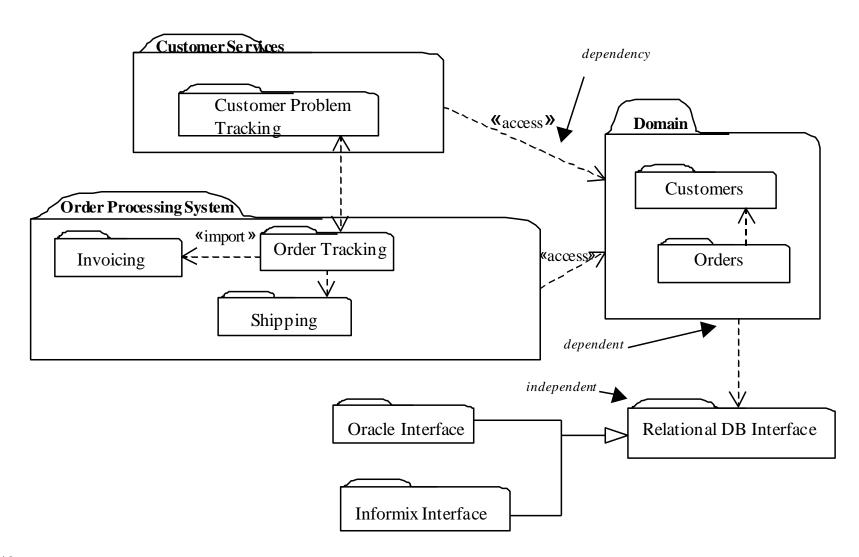
Example Logical Architecture



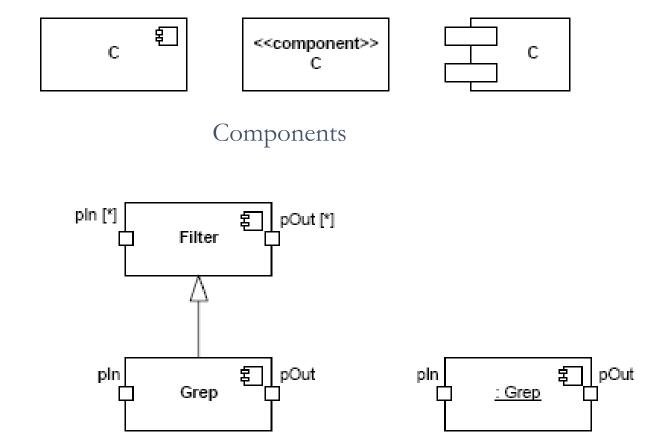
Example Deployment Diagram



Example – Module view

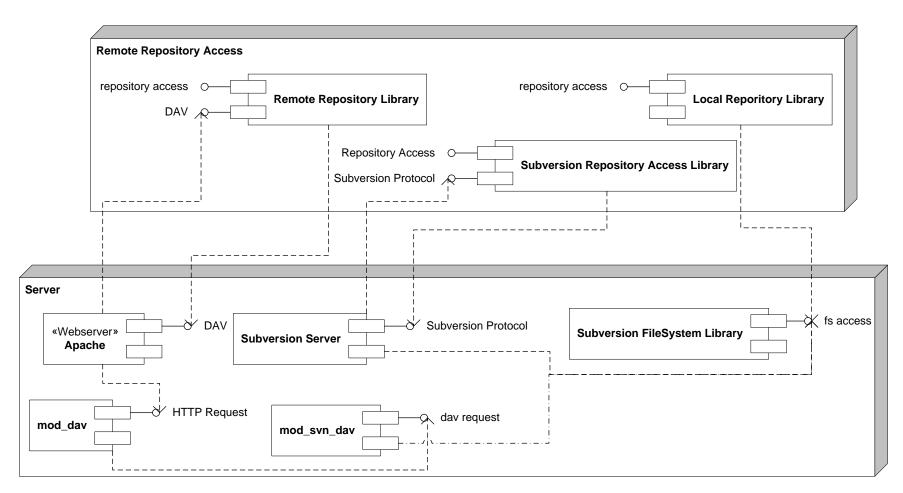


Component and Connector View

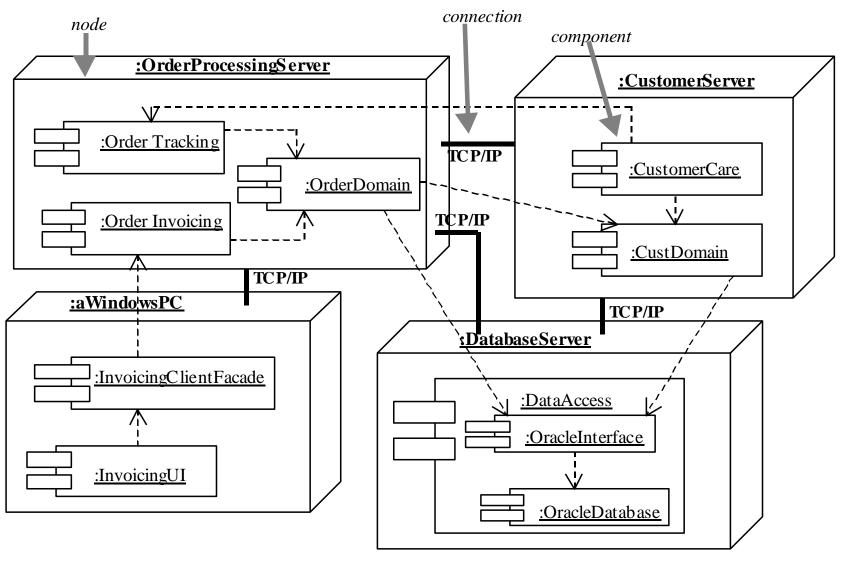


C&C Types as UML Component Types and C&C Instances as UML Component Instances

Component and Connector – Client Server View



Example Allocation view (Deployment)

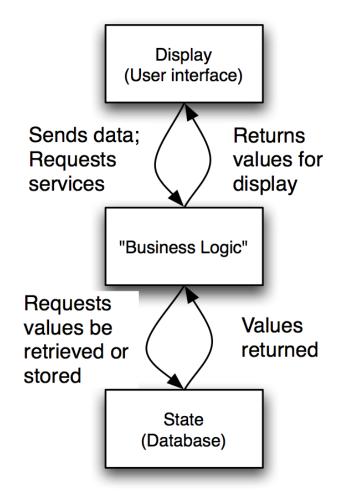


Architectural Patterns

- The notion of patterns can be applied to software architecture.
 - These are called architectural patterns or architectural styles.
 - Each allows you to design flexible systems using components
 - The components are as independent of each other as possible.
 - An architectural pattern is a set of architectural design decisions that are applicable to a recurring design problem, and parameterized to account for different software development contexts in which that problem appears.
- Common Architectural Patterns
 - Multi-Layer Pattern
 - Client-Server Pattern
 - Broker Pattern
 - Transaction-Processing Pattern
 - Pipe-an-Filter Pattern
 - Model-View-Controller (MVC) Pattern

State-Logic-Display: Three-Tiered Pattern

- Application Examples
 - Business applications
 - Multi-player games
 - Web-based applications



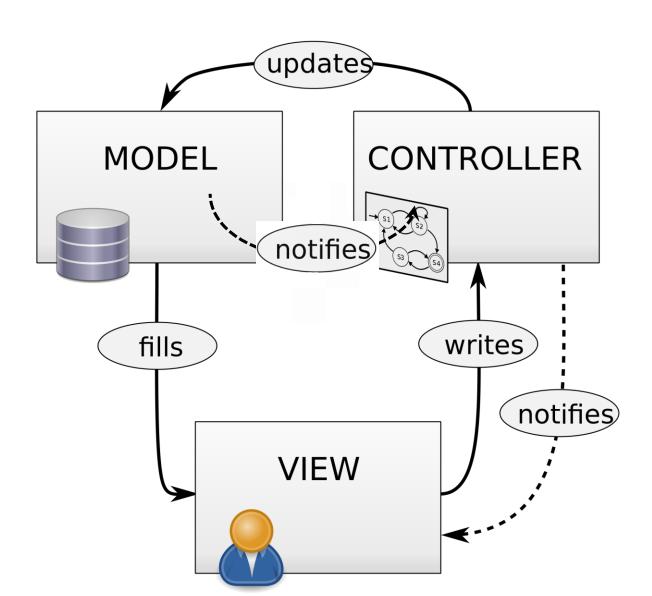
Three-tier architecture for an Internet banking system

Tier 1. Presentation Client **HTTPS** interaction **Database server** Web server Client **SQL** query Customer Account service **SQL** account provision database Client Tier 2. Application Tier 3. Database processing and data processing management Client

Model-View-Controller (MVC) Pattern

- An architectural pattern used to help separate the user interface layer from other parts of the system (Separation between information, presentation and user interaction.)
 - The model contains the underlying classes whose instances are to be viewed and manipulated
 - The view contains objects used to render the appearance of the data from the model in the user interface
 - The *controller* contains the objects that control and handle the user's interaction with the view and the model

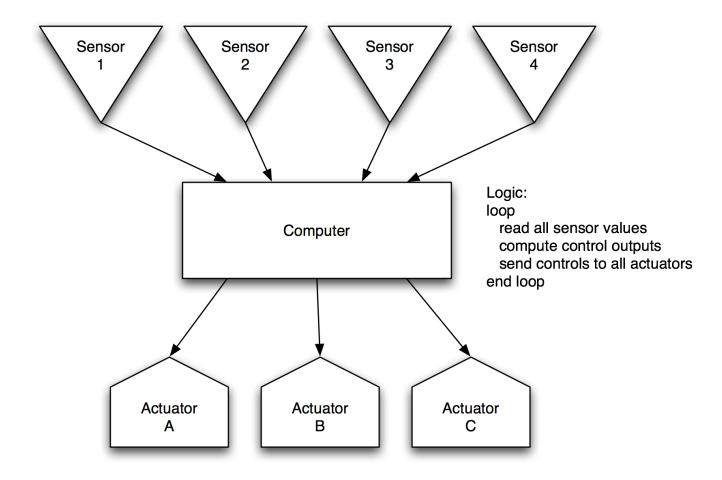
Model-View-Controller



The MVC architecture and design principles

- Divide and conquer: The three components can be somewhat independently designed.
- *Increase cohesion*: The components have stronger layer cohesion than if the view and controller were together in a single UI layer.
- Reduce coupling: The communication channels between the three components are minimal.
- *Increase reuse*: The view and controller normally make extensive use of reusable components for various kinds of UI controls.
- Design for flexibility: It is usually quite easy to change the UI by changing the view, the controller, or both.
- Design for testability: You can test the application separately from the UI.

Sense-Compute-Control

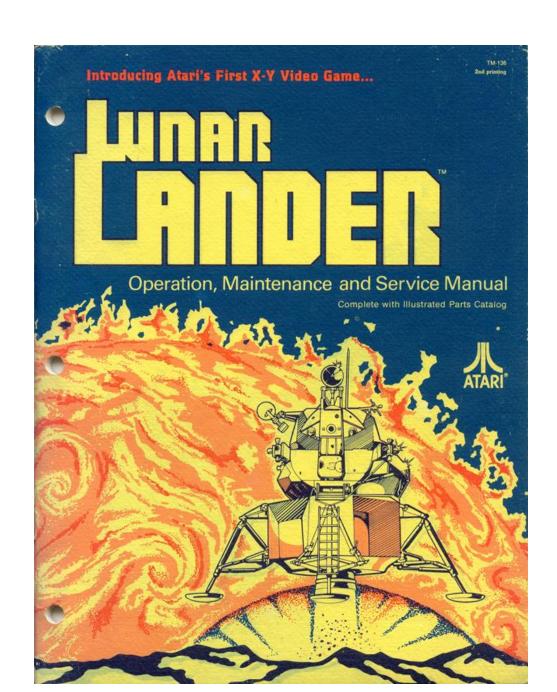


Objective: Structuring embedded control applications

The Lunar Lander

- A simple computer game that first appeared in the 1960's
- Simple concept:
 - You (the pilot) control the descent rate of the Apollo-era Lunar Lander
 - Throttle setting controls descent engine
 - Limited fuel
 - Initial altitude and speed preset
 - If you land with a descent rate of < 5 fps: you win (whether there's fuel left or not)
 - "Advanced" version: joystick controls attitude & horizontal motion

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LL Arcade Game



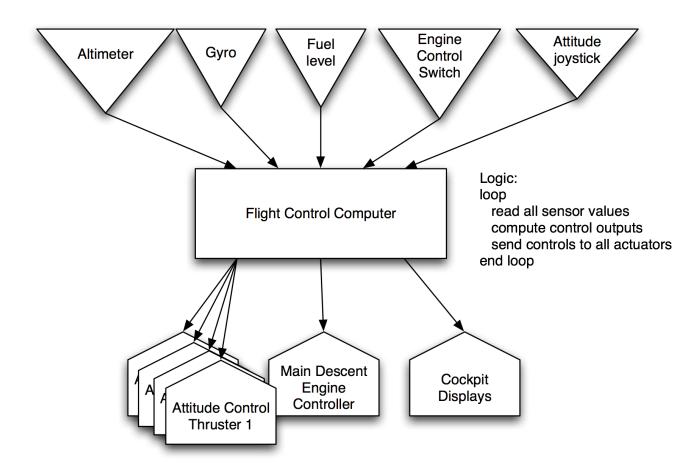
LL UI



LL Command Console



Sense-Compute-Control LL



Architectural Styles

- An architectural style is a named collection of architectural design decisions that
 - are applicable in a given development context
 - constrain architectural design decisions that are specific to a particular system within that context
 - elicit beneficial qualities in each resulting system
- Reflect less domain specificity than architectural patterns
- Many styles exist

Building Style



ART DECO



BUNGALOW



CAPE COD



COLONIAL



CONTEMPORARY



CRAFTSMAN



GREOLE



DUTCH COLONIAL



PEDERAL



FRENCH PROVINCIAL



GEORGIAN



GOTHIC REVIVAL



GREEK REVIVAL



INTERNATIONAL



TALIANATE



MONTEREY



NATIONAL



NEOCLASSICAL



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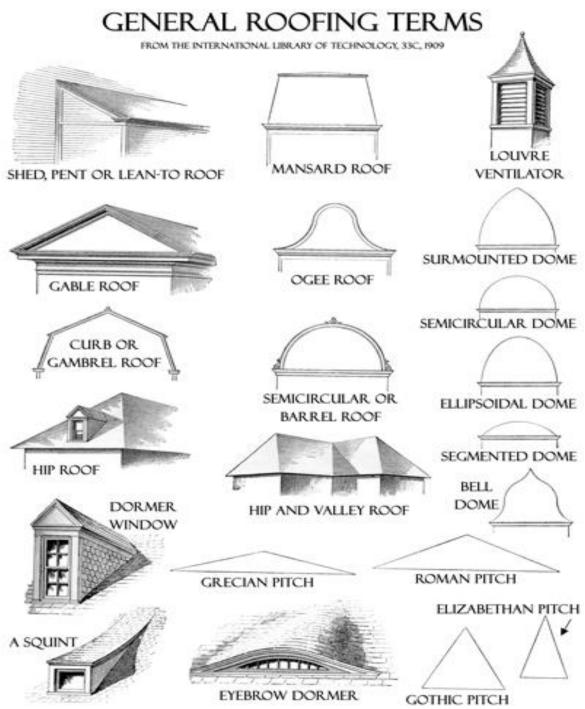


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Building "Subsystem" Style

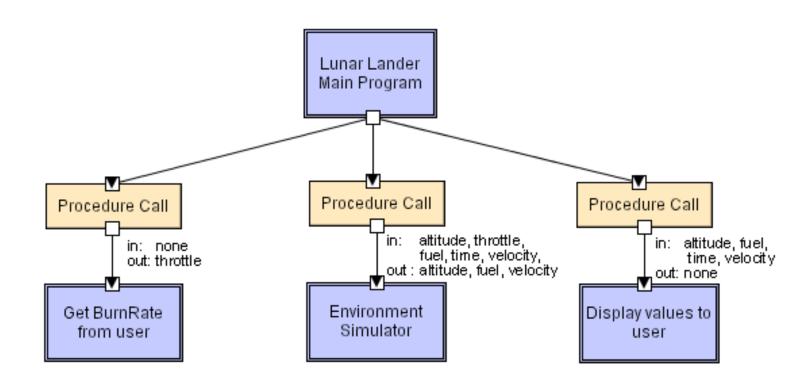


Some Common Styles

- Traditional, languageinfluenced styles
 - Main program and subroutines
 - Object-oriented
- Layered
 - Virtual machines
 - Client-server
- Data-flow styles
 - Batch sequential
 - Pipe and filter

- Shared memory
 - Blackboard
 - Rule based
- Interpreter
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 - Mobile code
- Implicit invocation
 - Event-based
 - Publish-subscribe
- Peer-to-peer

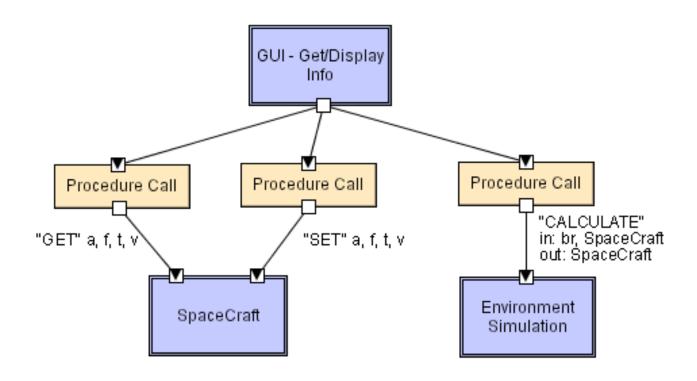
Main Program and Subroutines LL



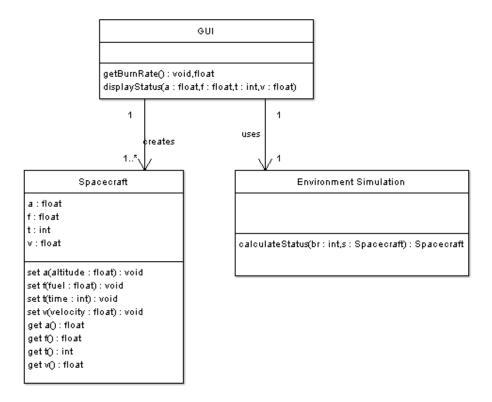
Object-Oriented Style

- Components are objects
 - Data and associated operations
- Connectors are messages and method invocations
- Style invariants
 - Objects are responsible for their internal representation integrity
 - Internal representation is hidden from other objects
- Advantages
 - "Infinite malleability" of object internals
 - System decomposition into sets of interacting agents
- Disadvantages
 - Objects must know identities of servers
 - Side effects in object method invocations

Object-Oriented LL



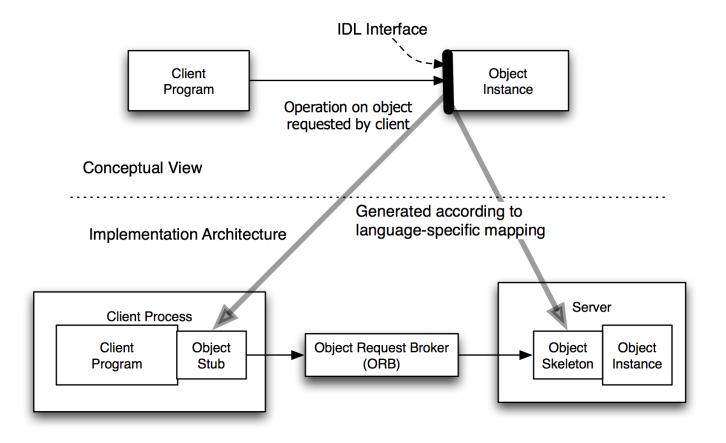
OO/LL in UML



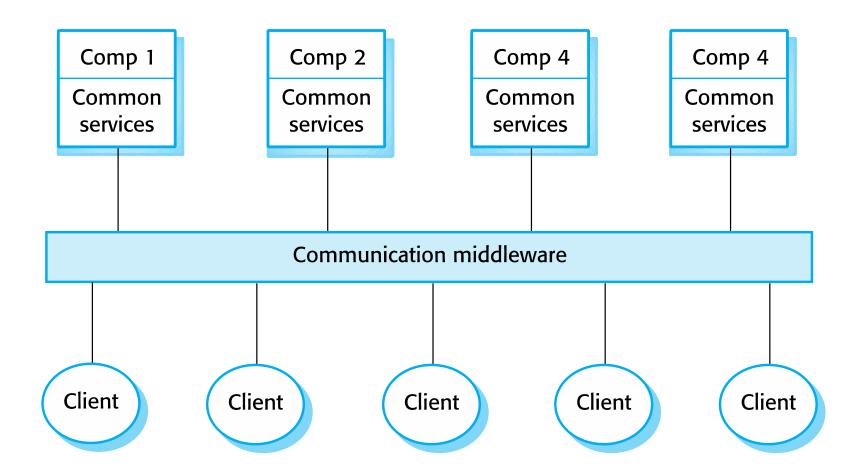
Distributed Objects/Components

- "Objects" (coarse- or fine-grained) run on heterogeneous hosts, written in heterogeneous languages. Objects provide services through well-defined interfaces. Objects invoke methods across host, process, and language boundaries via remote procedure calls (RPCs).
- Components: Objects (software components exposing services through well-defined provided interfaces)
- Connector: (Remote) Method invocation
- Data Elements: Arguments to methods, return values, and exceptions
- Topology: General graph of objects from callers to callees.
- Additional constraints imposed: Data passed in remote procedure calls must be serializable. Callers must deal with exceptions that can arise due to network or process faults.
- Location, platform, and language "transparency". CAUTION

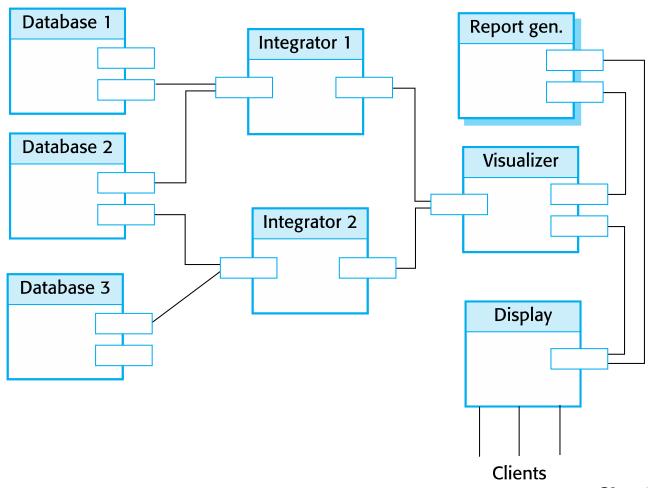
Example DCA: CORBA



A More General View



DCA for a data mining system



Layered Style

- Hierarchical system organization
- Each layer exposes an interface (API) to be used by above layers
- Each layer acts as a
 - Server: service provider to layers "above"
 - Client: service consumer of layer(s) "below"
- Connectors are protocols of layer interaction
- Example: operating systems
- Virtual machine style results from fully opaque layers

Layered Style (cont'd)

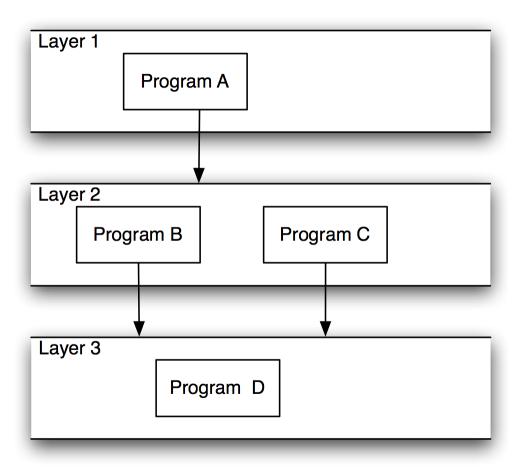
Advantages

- Increasing abstraction levels
- Evolvability
- Changes in a layer affect at most two layers
- Different implementations are allowed as long as interface is preserved
- Standardized layer interfaces for libraries/frameworks

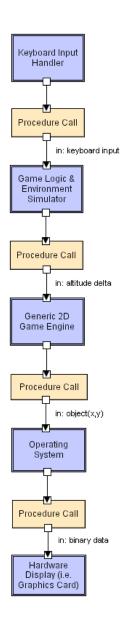
Disadvantages

- Not universally applicable
- Performance
- Layers may have to be skipped
- Determining the correct abstraction level

Layered Systems/Virtual Machines



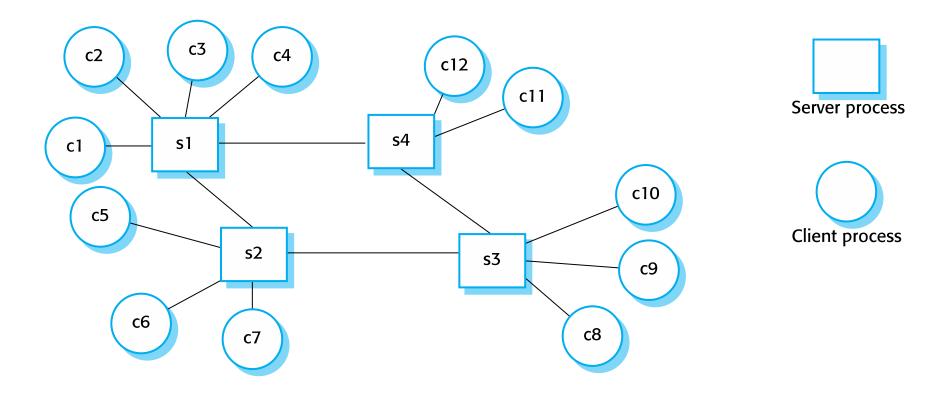
Layered LL



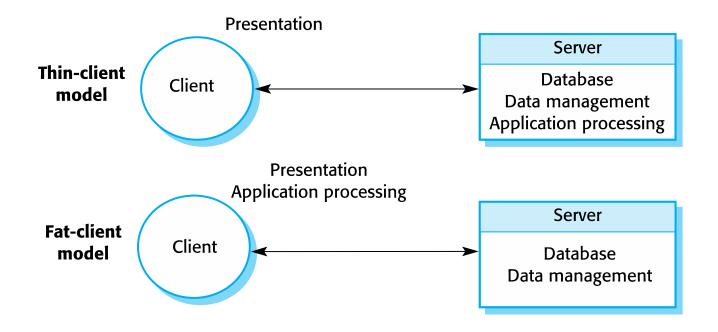
Client-Server Style

- Components are clients and servers
- Servers do not know number or identities of clients
- Clients know server's identity
- Connectors are RPC-based network interaction protocols

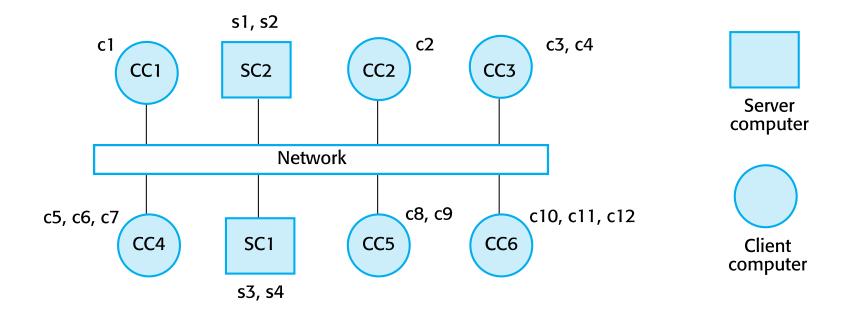
Client—server interaction



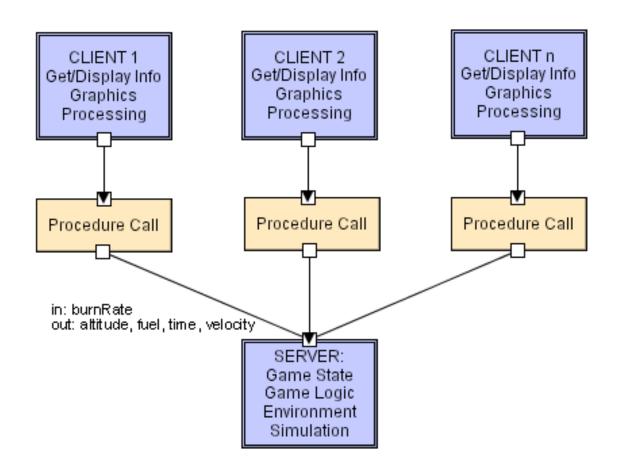
Client-Server Variations



Mapping of clients and servers to networked computers



Client-Server LL



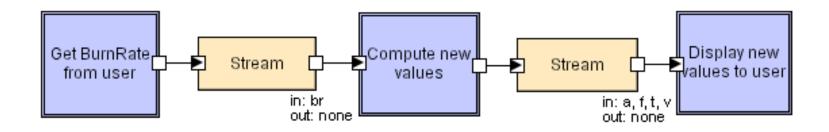
Dataflow: Pipe and Filter Style

- Components are filters
 - Transform input data streams into output data streams
 - Possibly incremental production of output
- Connectors are pipes
 - Conduits for data streams
- Style invariants
 - Filters are independent (no shared state)
 - Filter has no knowledge of up- or down-stream filters
- Examples
 - UNIX shell signal processing
 - Distributed systems parallel programming
- Example: ls invoices | grep -e August | sort

Pipe and Filter (cont'd)

- Advantages
 - System behavior is a succession of component behaviors
 - Filter addition, replacement, and reuse
 - Possible to hook any two filters together
 - Certain analyses
 - Throughput, latency, deadlock
 - Concurrent execution
- Disadvantages
 - Batch organization of processing
 - Interactive applications
 - Lowest common denominator on data transmission

Pipe and Filter LL



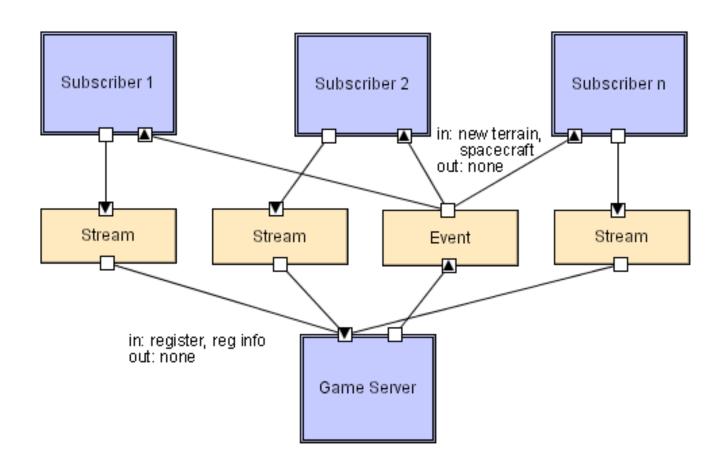
Publish-Subscribe

Subscribers register/deregister to receive specific messages or specific content. Publishers broadcast messages to subscribers either synchronously or asynchronously.

Publish-Subscribe (cont'd)

- Components: Publishers, subscribers, proxies for managing distribution
- Connectors: Typically a network protocol is required. Contentbased subscription requires sophisticated connectors.
- Data Elements: Subscriptions, notifications, published information
- Topology: Subscribers connect to publishers either directly or may receive notifications via a network protocol from intermediaries
- Qualities yielded: Highly efficient one-way dissemination of information with very low-coupling of components

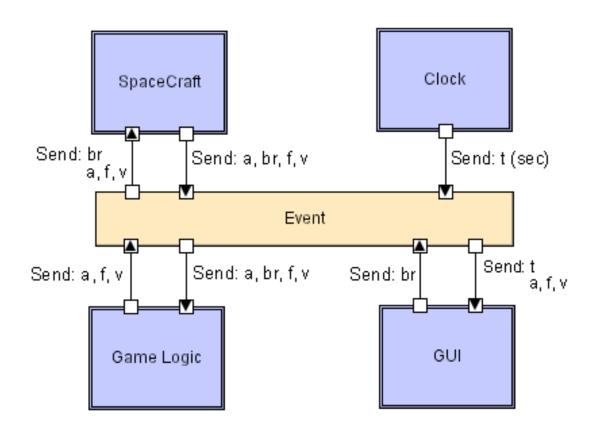
Pub-Sub LL



Event-Based Style

- Independent components asynchronously emit and receive events communicated over event buses
- Components: Independent, concurrent event generators and/or consumers
- Connectors: Event buses (at least one)
- Data Elements: Events data sent as a first-class entity over the event bus
- Topology: Components communicate with the event buses, not directly to each other.
- Variants: Component communication with the event bus may either be push or pull based.
- Highly scalable, easy to evolve, effective for highly distributed applications.

Event-based LL



Peer-to-Peer Style

- State and behavior are distributed among peers which can act as either clients or servers.
- Peers: independent components, having their own state and control thread.
- Connectors: Network protocols, often custom.
- Data Elements: Network messages

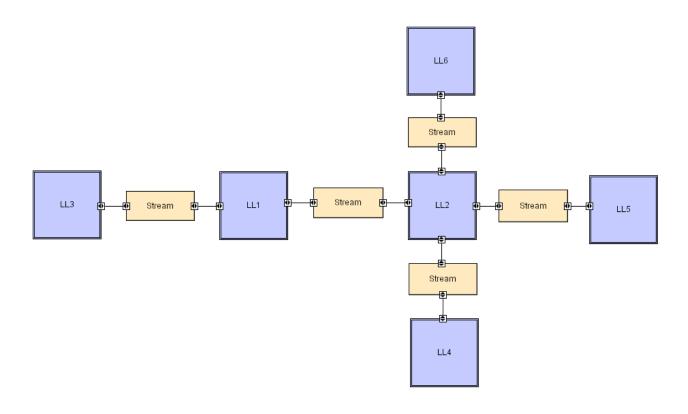
Peer-to-Peer Style (cont'd)

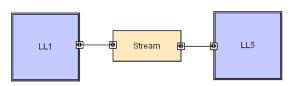
- Topology: Network (may have redundant connections between peers); can vary arbitrarily and dynamically
- Supports decentralized computing with flow of control and resources distributed among peers.
- Highly robust in the face of failure of any given node.
- Scalable in terms of access to resources and computing power.
 - But caution on the protocol!

Peer-to-peer systems

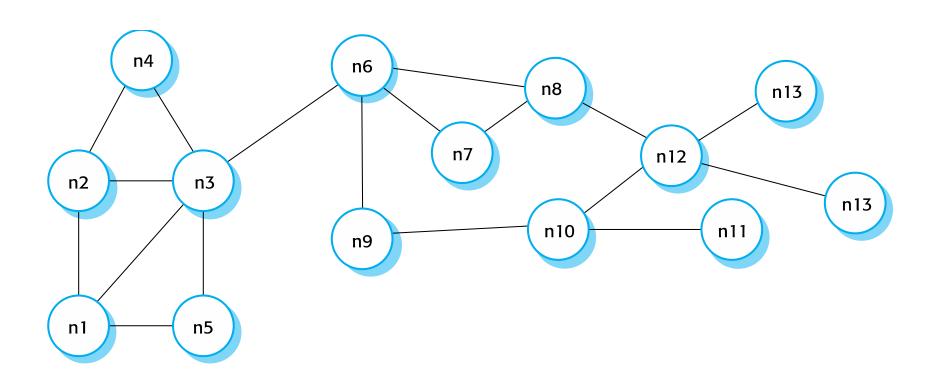
- File sharing systems based on the BitTorrent protocol
- Messaging systems such as Jabber
- Payments systems Bitcoin
- Databases Freenet is a decentralized database
- Phone systems Viber
- Computation systems SETI@home

Peer-to-Peer LL

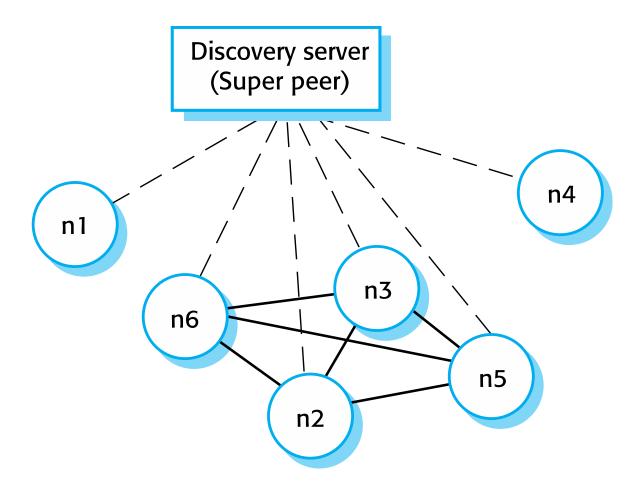




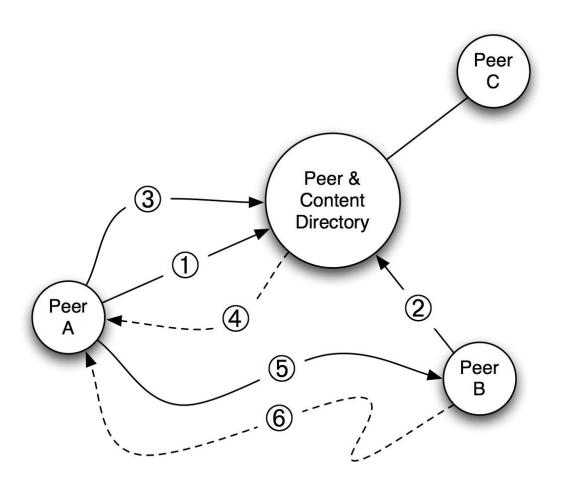
A decentralized p2p architecture



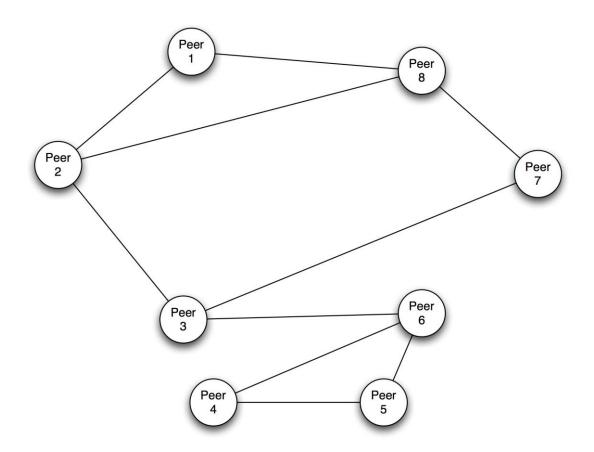
A semicentralized p2p architecture



Example P2P – Napster



Example P2P – Gnutella (original)



Example P2P – Skype

