GA03 Deliverable

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## Updated GA02

Motivations:   
\* Some motivations given, but no alternatives to design decisions are discussed  
  
Revisit assignment 1:  
\* 3 issues have solutions, but no concrete strategies to implement them  
Added strategies to most issues that lacked such.

Strategy mapping to module view:   
\* You motivate the decisions well, but you should specify also the concrete  
strategy, not only the issue, which leads to the decision.

Module view:   
\* No traceability between conceptual and module view, i.e. not clear which and  
where conceptual components are reflected in the module view.

Added a short mention to each layer description which component that it reflects.

\* Why are there 4 "Data transfer" modules? If they all have the same  
functionality, they shouldn't be replicated four times. If they are different,  
e.g. clients in the broker pattern, they should have different names

Each of the modules now have a individual name to show that they are different modules.  
  
Strategy mapping to execution view:   
\* The design decisions are not connected to any strategy and/or issue (except  
broker strategy).

New issue-cards and strategies will be added so that we can map them to the execution view.  
  
Execution view:   
\* Diagrams are not clear since notation is not followed. We need to see at  
least one diagram showing the execution architecture view and one with  
communication paths.

Communication paths have been added to the entities now and will be described in the text.  
\* There is no visible mapping between module view and execution view.  
  
Self-evaluation of architecture:   
\* Shallow description of alternative evaluation methods, choice weakly  
motivated.

Updated description of alternatives.

\* Chosen method (BTH evaluation method) not described and process not explained.

Made a longer description of the chosen method.

\* BTH method not followed (i.e. most relevant quality attributes identified,  
but not motivated why they are the most important ones; no normal/worst case  
scenarios defined)

Motivation has been added.

\* Scenarios are shallowly analyzed  
\* If you look at the description and advantages/disadvantages of the broker  
pattern (e.g. here:  
http://www.openloop.com/softwareEngineering/patterns/architecturePattern/  
arch\_Broker.htm), do you still consider it as a good solution?

Yes. After reading the text we find that the pros of reusability and extensibility far outweighs the cons of lost fault tolerance and efficency.  
  
Architecture transformation:   
\* Even the weak scenarios identified one issue, leading to create a new  
issue-card ("Multiple crash issue"). How did this affect the architecture and  
which changes did you implement?

We had already taken this issue into concideration, it was just never documented properly. This will be mentioned in the evaluation now.

## Introduction

The assignment consists of creating and documenting an architecture for a predefined system and in doing so learn how to transform quality goals into a practical solution.

The system is an automated test bench for use on various kinds of software. It will feed predefined input into the tested system and verifies the output, reporting any deviations. The system need to be easy to maintain and adding new features such as input types, emulation mechanics and testing techniques with minimal effort and cost.

It also needs to log all the testing data and generate this as a report containing test statistics, how to recreate the errors and the type of errors encountered.

The idea is that the system will be used in maintenance departments of software organizations with a demand for advanced and automated testing.

## Assumptions

We have assumed that:

* All standard computers have an operative system that is either Windows, Linux or MacOS.
* A standard computer has at least a Giga bit network card, DDR2 memory, 2 Ghz single core.
* We do not emulate any software within the system, instead we channel the information through the system between the tested system and the exterior software.
* The MIB will be maintained for 20-30 years.
* The MIB will be developed by a competent team with the required skills to implement it.
* The Development does not have a tight schedule nor any specific budget constraints.
* An avarage software system will use 3-5GB of RAM.

## System analysis

### Factors

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| **TechnologicalFactor** | **Flexibility and Changeability** | **Impact** |
| **T1: General-purpose hardware** | | |
| ***T1.1 Memorytype*** | | |
| The system should use at least DDR2 type memory | The requirements of the tested system can exceed the requirements of the MIB | Higher system costs |
| ***T1.2 Networkbandwidth*** | | |
| The system should use at least a network card which supports at least 1Gbps | The requirements of the tested system can exceed the requirements of the MIB | Higher system costs |
| ***T1.3 Processor requirement*** | | |
| The system should use at least one single core processor with a clock of 2 Ghz | The requirements of the tested system can exceed the requirements of the MIB | Higher system costs |
| ***T3.1 Operating system*** | | |
| The system should be able to run on Windows, Linux or MacOS | The system might not be needed to run on different operating systems | The system will not need to be platform independent |
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| **Product Factor** | **Flexibility and Changeability** | **Impact** |
| **P1: Functional features** | | |
| ***P1.1 Various Input*** | | |
| Simulatingvarious inputs types | None | None |
| ***P1.2 Identify and Validate*** | | |
| Identify output data and compare it to expected output | None | None |
| ***P1.3 Emulate Hardware*** | | |
| Emulate various different hardware applications | Hardware emulation could be removed | Components handling the emulation of hardware would have to be removed. Limitedchangeto the rest of the system |
| ***P1.4 Emulate Software*** | | |
| Emulate various different software applications, platforms and protocols. | Software emulation could be removed | Components handling the emulation of software would have to be removed. Limitedchangeto the rest of the system |
| ***P1.5 Logging the test*** | | |
| The system should log all the test data passing through the MIB | None | None |
| **P2: User interface** | | |
| ***P2.1 Adapting to new functionality*** | | |
| The user interface should be possible to adapt to added functionality such as new input types etc. | Addition of new functions after the system has been completed | The user interface will have to be updated to reflect changes in functionality |
| **P3: Performance** | | |
| ***P3.1 Handling highthroughtput*** | | |
| Handling a throughput of 75Mbps and peek 150Mbps | The required throughput could be made even higher than at this moment | Changes will have to be made in those components that handle data transfering |
| **P4: Dependability** | | |
| ***P4.1 Graceful recovery*** | | |
| Input and output components should gracefully recover if the tested system crashed | None | None |
| ***P4.2 Restarting from checkpoint*** | | |
| Restarting the tested system from a certain point after a system crash | Latency for restarting the test could be increased to allow different kinds of recovery or the need for restarting from a certain point could be removed | Changes to this factor would only affect the component that is responsible for restarting the tested system |
| **P5: Failure detection, reporting, recovery** | | |
| ***P5.1 Robust system*** | | |
| Since the system should be automated it have to be robust | The system might not have to be able to run unsupervised | Crashescould be tolerated |
| **P6: Service** | | |
| ***P6.1 Adding new input types*** | | |
| Adding new input mechanisms | None | None |
| ***P6.2 Adding new hardware emulations*** | | |
| Adding new hardware emulation mechanisms | None | None |
| ***P6.3 Adding new software emulations*** | | |
| Adding new software emulation mechanisms | None | None |
| ***P6.4 Adding test types*** | | |
| Adding new testingtechniques | None | None |

### Issues

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| **Name:**  Multiple input issue |
| **Description:**  The system must support several types of input simulations as well as being able to add new types if the costumer requires it.  **Factors:**  P1.1.1 Simulate various input types  P4.1.1 Adding new input mechanisms |
| **Solution:**  Making the interface between the module handling input and the sub modules for different input types work the same no matter what input type it is. |
| **Strategies/Tactics:**  "*Generalize the module*" from "*Software Architecture in Practice Second Edition*" Chapter 5.3 Len Bass, Paul Clements, Rick Kazman 2003.  By ensuring that the input type does not affect the functionality of the methods in the different modules it will be possible to add several different kinds of input. |

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| **Name:**  Multiple hardware emulations issue |
| **Description:**  The system must support several types of hardware emulations as well as being able to add new types if the costumer requires it.  **Factors:**  P1.1.3 Emulate various hardware devices  P4.1.2 Adding new hardware emulations |
| **Solution:**  Explore standards for hardware communications currently used or in development to support most hardware emulations without impacting the system. |
| **Strategies/Tactics:**  "*Maintain semantic coherence*" and**"***Anticipate expected changes"* from *"Software Architecture in Practice Second Edition"* Chapter 5.3 Len Bass, Paul Clements, Rick Kazman 2003  By ensuring that each module is strictly separated from the others a change in one hardware emulation will not interfere with the other emulations and it would thus enable the addition of new modules without too much fuss. |

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| **Solution:**  Explore standards for software communications currently used or in development to support most software emulations without impacting the system. |
| **Strategies/Tactics:**  "*Maintain semantic coherence*" and "*Anticipate expected changes*" from "*Software Architecture in Practice Second Edition*" Chapter 5.3 Len Bass, Paul Clements, Rick Kazman 2003  By ensuring that the software emulations are strictly separated it will be possible to add new emulations without being hindered by already existing emulations. |

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| **Name:**  Multiple testing techniques issue |
| **Description:**  The system must support several types of testing techniques as well as being able to add new types if the costumer requires it.  **Factors:**  P4.1.4 Adding new testing techniques |
| **Solution:**  Keeping the semantics of the testing modules coherent so that further testing techniques can be added with minimal changes to the current structure |
| **Strategies/Tactics:**  "*Maintain semantic coherence*" and **"***Anticipate expected changes"*from *"Software Architecture in Practice Second Edition"* Chapter 5.3 Len Bass, Paul Clements, Rick Kazman 2003  By making sure that each testing technique is separated from the others the addition of new techniques would not disturb the already existing techniques. |

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| **Name:**  Not crashing with tested system issue |
| **Description:**  The MIB must not crash just because the tested system crashes. This means that the input must be stalled until the tested system is running again.  **Factors:**  P4.2.1 Reliable input and output components |
| **Solution:**  If a crash occurs the wrapper around the tested system will send a message to the data broker stating that further testing must halt until the system is running again. This will stop further data transfers from crashing the rest of the system. |
| **Strategies/Tactics:** |

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| **Name:**  Creating report issue |
| **Description:**  The MIB needs to be able to create a report once the testing is done. This report must contain data from both the output component as well as the log for all the test data.  **Factors:**  P1.1.2 Identify and compare output  P1.1.5 Logging all test data |
| **Solution:**  There must be a connection between the component handling the output verification and the component that logs all the test data so that data can be sent between them to be combined into the final report at the test end. This will be handled by the data broker |
| **Strategies/Tactics:** |

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| **Name:**  Keeping the system running through a test crash |
| **Description:**  The MIB needs to be able to standby further testing if the tested system crashes until it has been restarted from a earlier point.  **Factors:**  P4.2.2 Restart tested system on crash |
| **Solution:**  A component wrapped around the tested system will record the state of the tested system at regular intervals. If a crash occurs the component will restart the system using the latest checkpoint as reference. |
| **Strategies/Tactics:**  “*Checkpoint/Rollback*”from *"Software Architecture in Practice Second Edition"* Chapter 5.2 Len Bass, Paul Clements, Rick Kazman 2003  A checkpoint records the state of the system and will be loaded on the event of a crash. |

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| **Name:**  Running system on all standard computers with required performance |
| **Description:**  The MIB needs to be able to run on all standard computers on the market which have enough performance to run both the MIB itself and the tested system.  **Factors:**  O3.1.1 Development platform |
| **Solution:**  Making the MIB cross-platform compliant |
| **Strategies/Tactics:** |

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| **Name:**  Data transfer |
| **Description:**  Data and messages need to be sent between several components that do not have knowledge of each other  **Factors:**  P3.1.1 Large throughput of data  P1.1.5 Logging test data |
| **Solutions:**  We will implement a central data broker that will handle transferring data between components. |
| **Strategies/Tactics:**  “Broker pattern”  A Broker works as the postal service, sending messages between the different components and the system. This keeps the coupling low. |

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| **Name:**  Multiple crash issue |
| **Description:**  When the tested system crashes repeatedly so that the test can’t continue the testing needs to be terminated  **Factors:**  P4.2 Restarting from checkpoint  P5.1 Robust system |
| **Solutions:**  The wrapper around the tested system will keep track of which checkpoint was the last to be used to restart the tested system. If the same checkpoint is used more then a predefined amount this will signal that the testing needs to be terminated. The wrapper then send a message to stop the testing up to the message handler in the data broker. |
| **Strategies/Tactics:** |

## Conceptual view description

Here follows short descriptions of all the components of our conceptual view and their link to the strategies we decided on.

### User Interface

The user interface that the tester will use to setup the test bench before the testing can begin. It will also be responsible for showing the final report of once the test is done.

### I/O

This component handles the different types of predefined input and output using two sub-components, one for input and one for output

#### Input

This part of the component handles the predefined input. It uses different modules for each input-type that in turn have a common interface such as was decided by the strategy mentioned in the issue-card for *"Multiple input issue"* , strategy: **"***Generalize the module".*

#### Output

This part of the component takes care of validating the output from the tested system against the predefined output. Like the input component it will houses separate modules for each type of output validation and in turn have a common interface. It will also create the final report once the data log has been received, which is mentioned on the issue-card *"Creating report issue".*

### Data Broker

This component is responsible for transferring data between the other modules. It houses two components, the data distributor and the message handler. The data distributor sends data between the components that do not have knowledge of each other making it a central part of the construction. The message handler takes care of telling the system to halt further testing in case of a crash in the tested system. It will also send a message to resume testing once the tested system has been restarted. The issues mention on the following issue-card are relevant for this component:

*“Data transfer”, “Creating report issue”, “Not crashing with tested system issue”*

### Emulation

This Component holds the two separate components for handling software-interfaces and hardware emulation.

#### Software

Component for the different software-interfaces that will channel different types of software data. The issues mentioned in the issue-card *" Multiple software emulations issue"* will be handled here by maintaining semantic coherence between the interfaces and by exploring standards in software communications.

#### Hardware

This component does the emulation of the different hardware devices, one separate structure for each device. Like the software component mentioned above it will solve the issues of the issue-card *" Multiple hardware emulations issue"* by maintaining semantic coherence between components and by exploring standards for hardware communication.

### Datalog component

This component receives all the data from the testing and categorizes it, then stores it so that it can later be made into the final report by the output-component which is mentioned by the issue-card *"Creating report issue".*

### Test wrapper

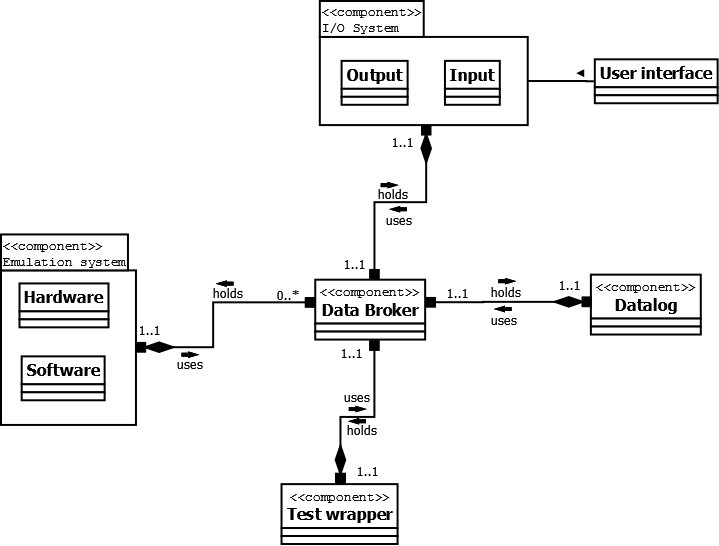
This component functions as a wrapper for the tested system as well as storing a checkpoint with the status of the tested system. With this the tested system can be restarted with minimal latency if it crashes. It will also send a message to the data broker to halt the testing until the tested system has restarted. This solves the issue mentioned in the issue-card *"Keeping the system running through a test crash"* by using the strategy mentioned in the same card,

Strategy: *“Checkpoint/Rollback”*.

The semantics in the wrapper will also be kept coherent so that new testing techniques can be added, thus solving the issue mention in the issue-card *“Multiple testing techniques issue” with its strategies:*

"*Maintain semantic coherence*" and **"***Anticipate expected changes"*

## Conceptual View



## Module view description

### Emulations

Based on component: Emulation system

This layer gathers the modules that emulate hardware and channel the data from software. We took the decision that these will benefit from ease of communication as well as similar data transfer to the rest of the system since an emulated software might be required to send data to software and vice versa. Data to the rest of the system is sent through the data transfer module. This layer and its modules are a product of the following issue-cards:

* *“Multiple software emulations issue”*
* *“Multiple hardware emulations issue”*

### Testing

Based on component: Test wrapper

This layer holds the modules tightly connected with the actual system to be tested. When the tested system crashes the wrapper will need quick access to the checkpoint module so that the system can be restarted with minimal latency. Data to the rest of the system is sent through the data transfer module. This layer and its modules are a product of the following issue-cards:

* *“Keeping the system running through a test crash”*
* *“Not crashing with tested system issue”*
* *“Multiple testing techniques issue”*

### Data Log

Based on component: Datalog

Here all the data from the testing is categorized and stored into a storage-module until it can be sent up to the report module at the end of the test. Data to the rest of the system is sent through the data transfer module. This layer and its modules are a product of the following issue-cards:

* *“Creating report issue”*

### Data Channeling

Based on component: Data Broker

Holds the data broker subsystem that handles transferring data between different parts of the system that do not have knowledge of each other as well as the message handler that takes care of informing the rest of the system in case of a crash in the tested system. This layer and its modules are a product of the following issue-cards:

* *“Data transfer”*
* *“Not crashing with tested system issue”*
* *“Creating report issue”*

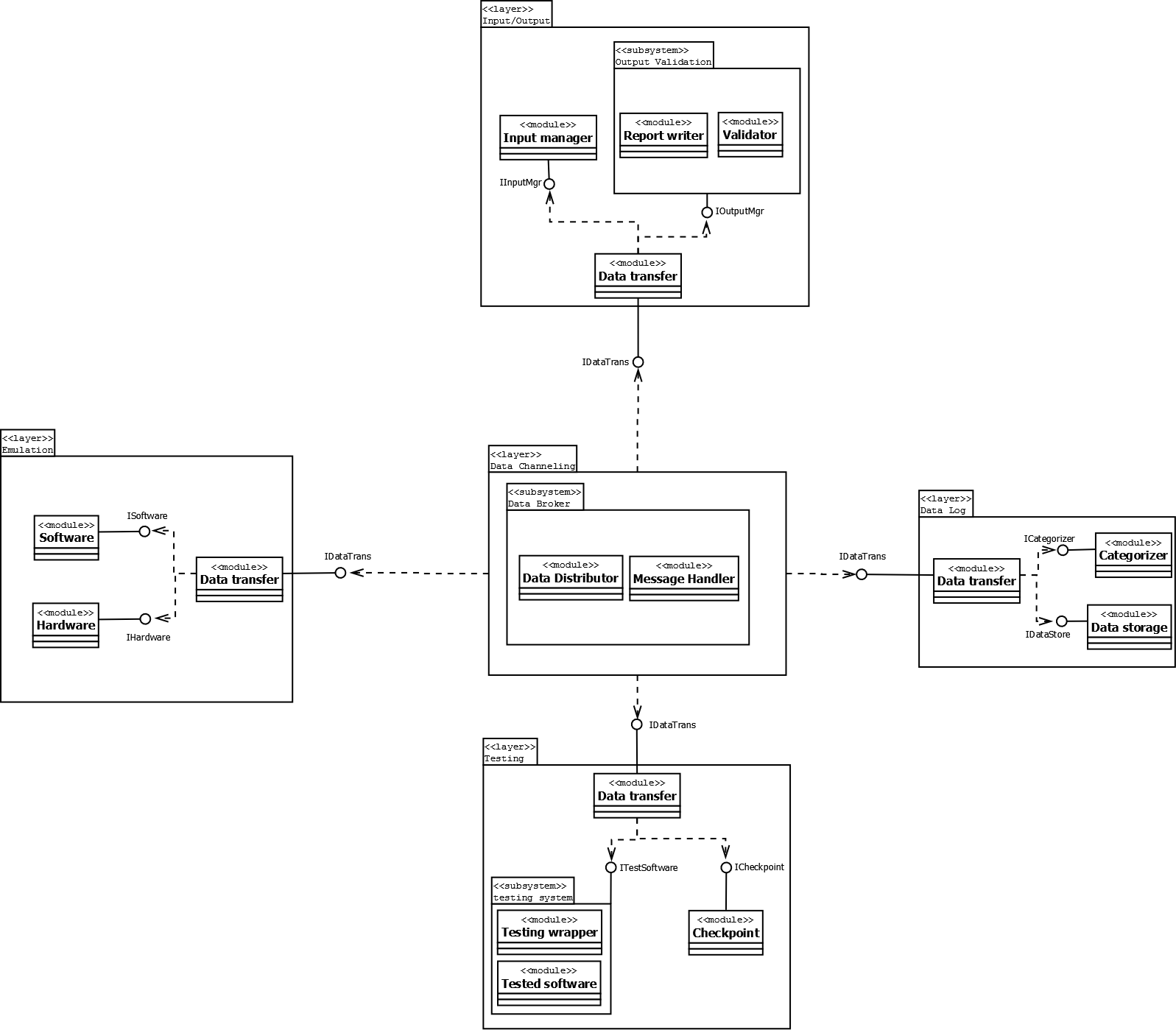
### Input/Output

Based on component: I/O system

This layer hold the module for the Input managing as well as the subsystem for validating the output and writing the report. We put the report module and the validation module in the same subsystem since the output will not have to be validated until the end of the test for the report. This layer and its modules are a product of the following issue-cards:

* *“Multiple input issue”*
* *“Creating report issue”*

## Module view



## Execution view description

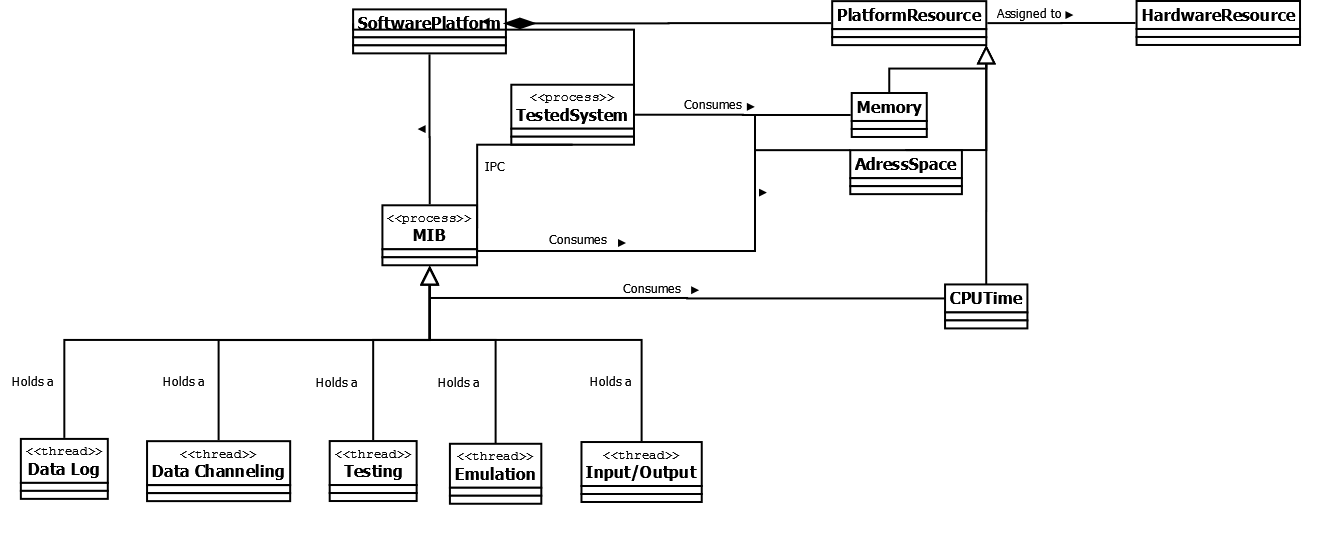
The software platform will house two processes. One for the MIB itself and one for the tested system. These will communicate via intraprocess communication, IPC. The MIB will be a multithreaded process that has one thread for each major component in the system so that they can work independently. These threads will communicate via intrathread communication,ITC. The reason for this design is tied to the choice of using a multithreaded process strategy. We also mapped which resources each entity needs. The processes consumes Memory and Address-space where as the threads consume CPU-time.

In the diagram we have first described this relationship as well as the relationship with the platform resources. After this we have divided each thread-entity into single diagrams containing those modules that are coupled to that entity thus giving a better view that is not to cluttered.

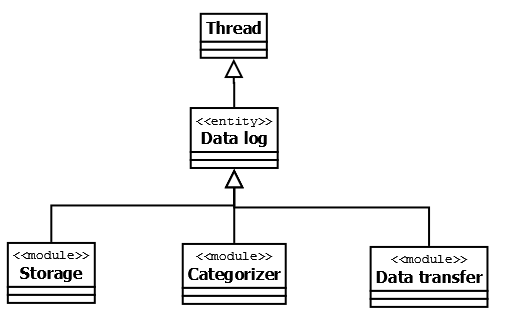
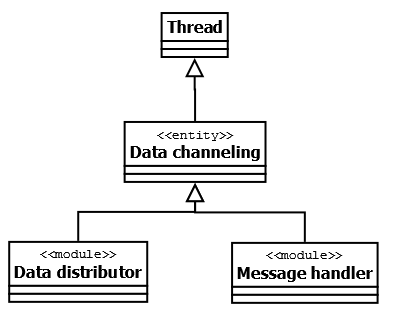
The division on the thread are based on the division already made in the conceptual and the module view. Components and modules that will work closely together are grouped on the same thread.

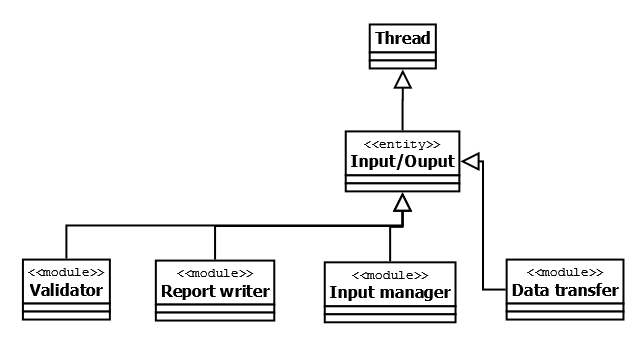
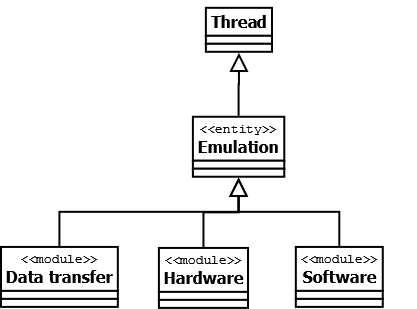
We also have two separate entities for specific requirements on the MIB. One file-entity for the input manager since this module will require file handling. One Queue for the Data distributor so that it can handle the vast amounts of data that will be sent simultaneously over the MIB, which comes from the data broker strategy.

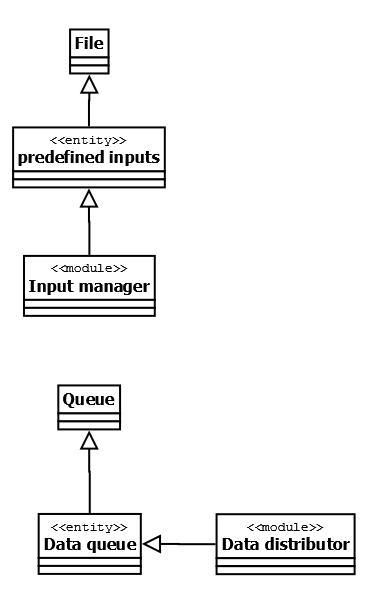
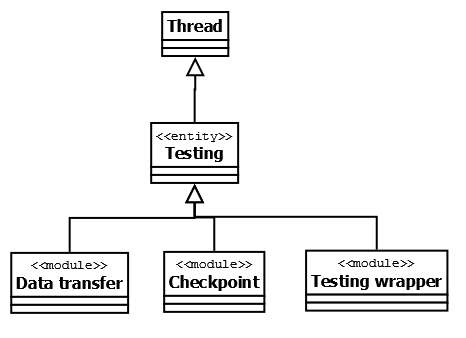
## Execution view



#### Execution view entities







## Method of evaluation

### What method did we choose?

The BTH method.

### Why did we choose this method?

We choose the BTH method since it was a method we were familiar with and all other methods we could find were too time consuming or required a much bigger development team than we had.

### Other methods we considered.

We looked at ATAM and CBAM. The reason for these two being considered were that they are the only two methods described in the main course literature.

### Why we did not choose them.

We did not choose ATAM because it required to much time (about four weeks) and bigger development team.

CBAM was not chosen because it mainly concerns itself with profit and budgeting. And these factors are not relevant for this school project.

## Scenarios

### System dependability

***The tested system uses as much as 10 gigabyte of primary memory.***

According to our research this is not currently a feasible quantity of required primary memory for a standard program. This made us add an assumption about the tested systems primary memory requirements.

***The tested system crashes during testing***

The testing wrapper will acquire the last saved state of the tested system from the checkpoint module and then restore the tested from there.

***The tested system crashes during testing and keeps on crashing at the same moment every time.***

This scenario made us add a new issue-card, ”Multiple crash issue”. The tested system wrapper counts crashes and mapping them to checkpoints. When a predefined amount of crashes has occurred bound to the same checkpoint the MIB terminates the test and notes this in the log.

### Input types

***Inputstream from a blueray***

Our input system can handle the streaming from a blueray and the transfer rate can be a maximum of 54 MB/s from a blueray which is well below the system capacity.

### Maintainability

***The customer returns after buying the system and requests two new system techniques.***

This is solved by maintaining good semantics throughout the wrapping module as well as anticipating expected changes in testing techniques. Thus changes will be localized to the testing wrapper.

***The customer returns after buying the system and requests three new input-types.***

By generalizing the input modules we make it easy to make new input-types.

***The test is finished and the output needs to be validated.***

When the testing is completed the testing data will be transferred from the data log to the output validation subsystem there the output will be validated in the validation-module against predefined output. And then all the data as well as the validated output will be compiled into the final report by the report-module.

## Evaluation Conclusion

We have found that, with our current knowledge of architecture structures and the results of the self evaluation, our immediate structure upholds the quality requirements set by the system description. As such we found no reason doing an architecture transformation.