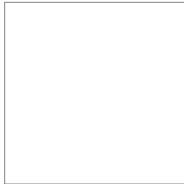


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Architectural styles

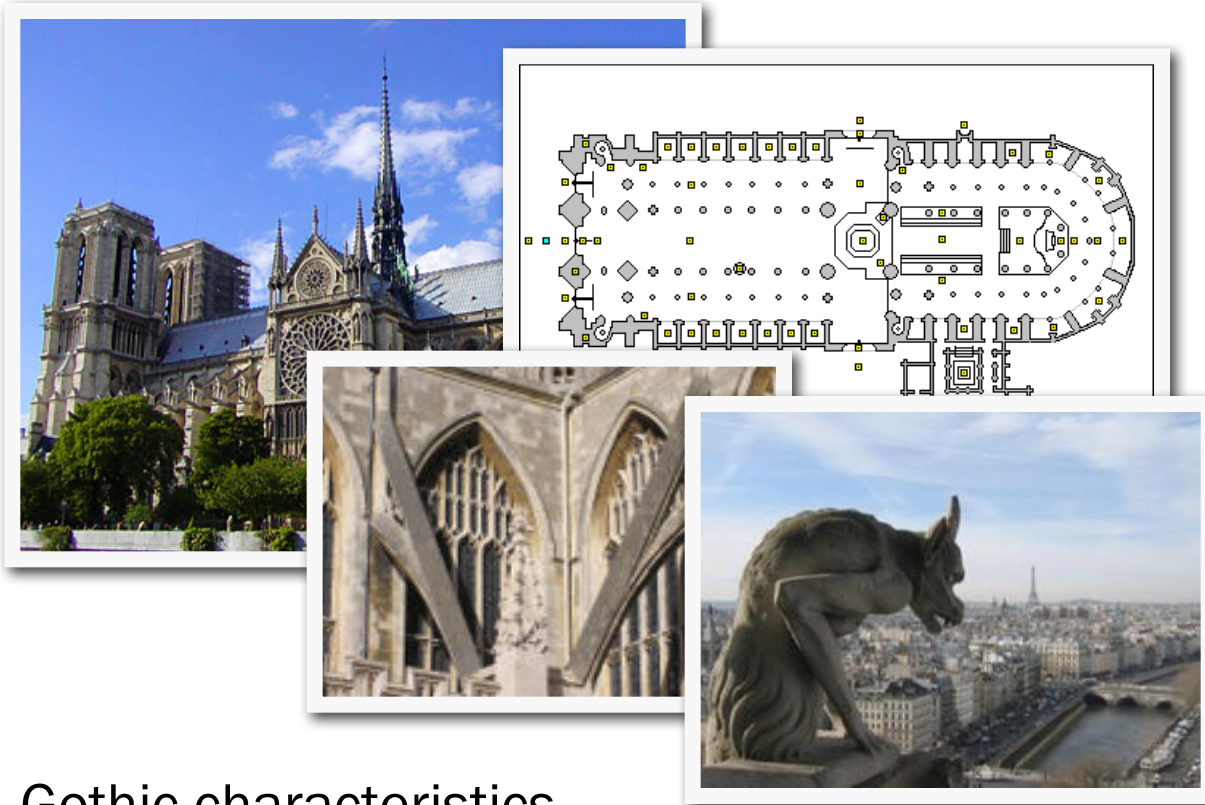
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Architectural styles

- Early Gothic Architecture, Notre Dame, Paris



- Gothic characteristics

- Ogival archs, great expanses of glass, ribbed vaults, clustered columns, sharply pointed spires, flying buttresses and inventive sculptural detail such as gargoyles.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gothic_architecture]

Styles and patterns

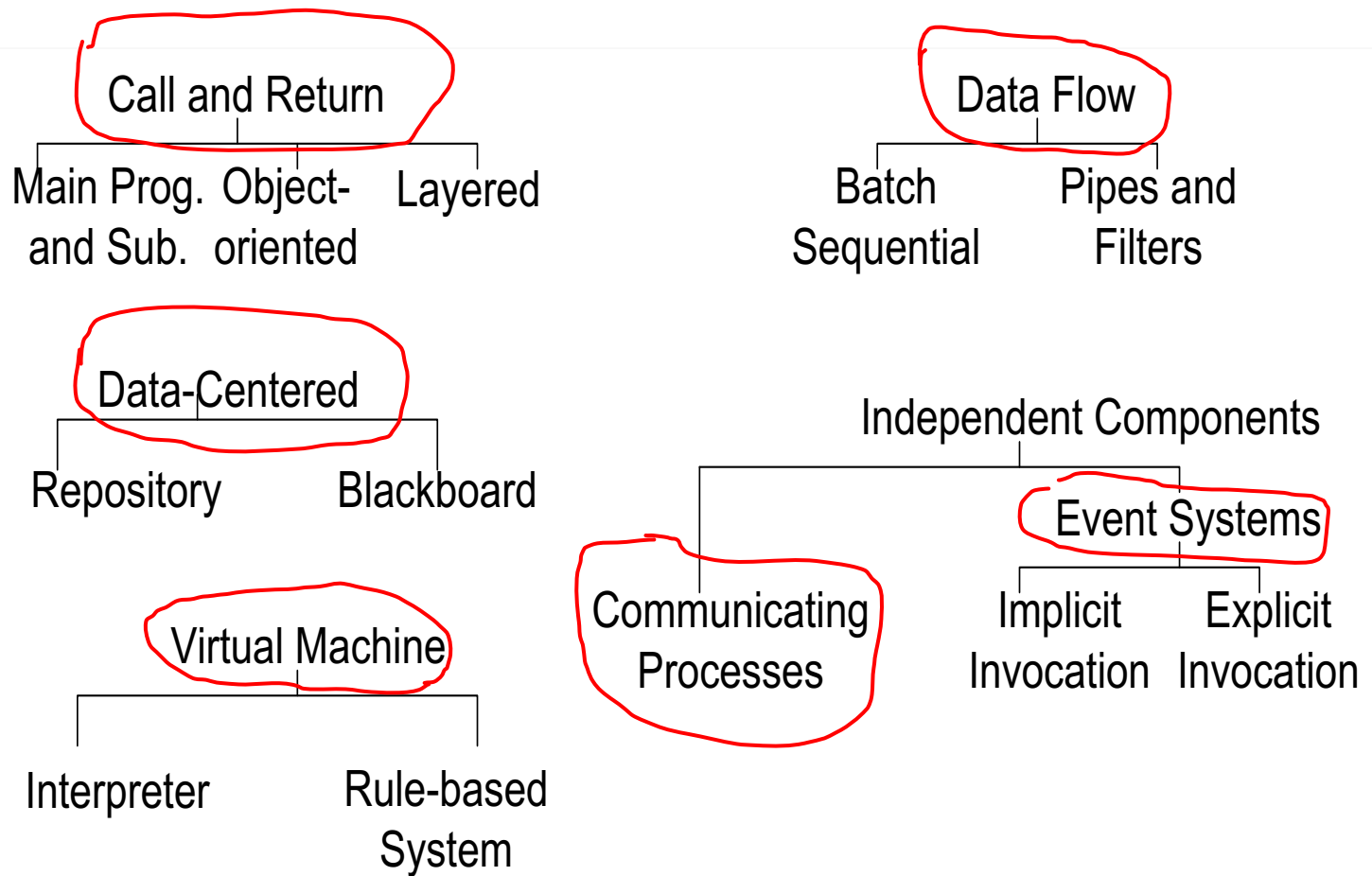
- Identifying styles and patterns can help codify and share knowledge/expertise
- Architectural Styles
 - [Shaw and Garlan, Software Architecture, Prentice Hall 96]
- Design Patterns
 - [Gamma, Helm, Johnson, Vlissides, Design Patterns, Addison Wesley 95]
 - [Buschmann et. Al, Pattern-oriented Software Architecture: A System of Patterns, John Wiley & Sons 96]
- Code Patterns
 - [Coplien, Advanced C++ Programming Styles and Idioms, Addison-Wesley 91]

Architectural styles

- A style consists of:
 - a set of component types (e.g., process, procedure) that perform some function at runtime
 - a topological layout of the components showing their runtime relationships
 - a set of semantic constraints
 - a set of connectors (e.g., data streams, sockets) that mediate communication among components
- Styles provide guidance for architectural design based on the problem domain and the context of use
 - Recurring (and proven) architectural design
 - Definition of common vocabulary
- Each style has:
 - components, connectors, key characteristics, strengths and weaknesses, variants and specializations.

From Chapter 5, Software Architecture in Practice, p. 94

A catalog of architectural styles



From Chapter 5, Software Architecture in Practice, p. 95



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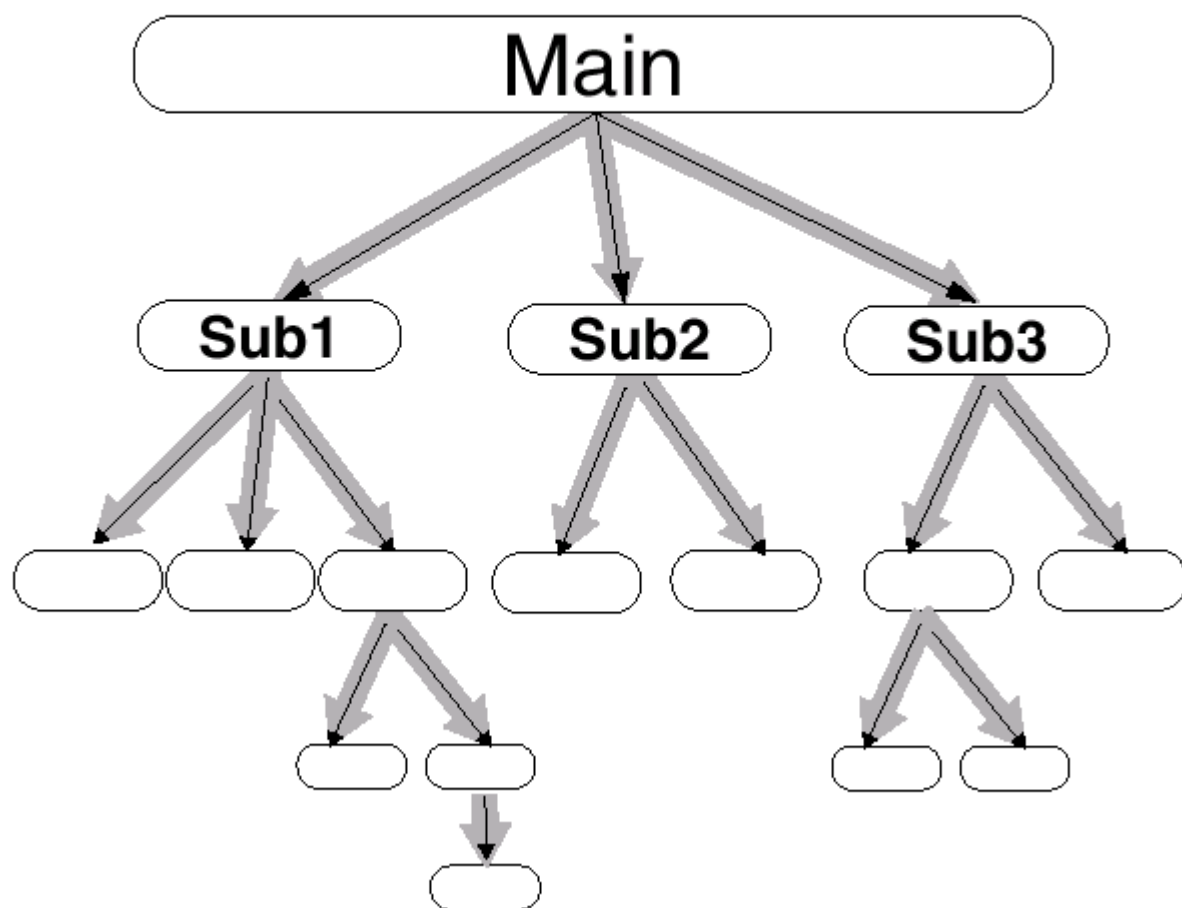
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Call and Return

Call-and-Return style

- Goal: achieve modifiability and scalability
- Substyles:
 - Main-program-and-subroutine
 - Decompose program hierarchically. Each component gets control and data from its parent.
 - Remote procedure call
 - Components are distributed across a network. Remote call is between two computers, but otherwise looks like a procedure call.
 - Object-oriented or abstract data type
 - Layered

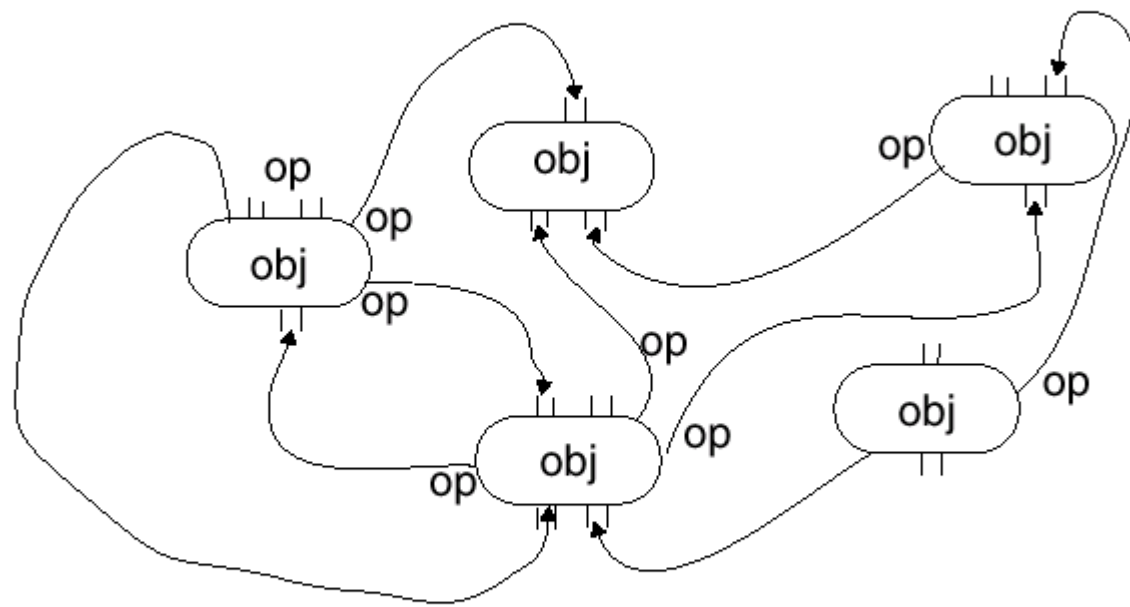
Main Program/Subroutines



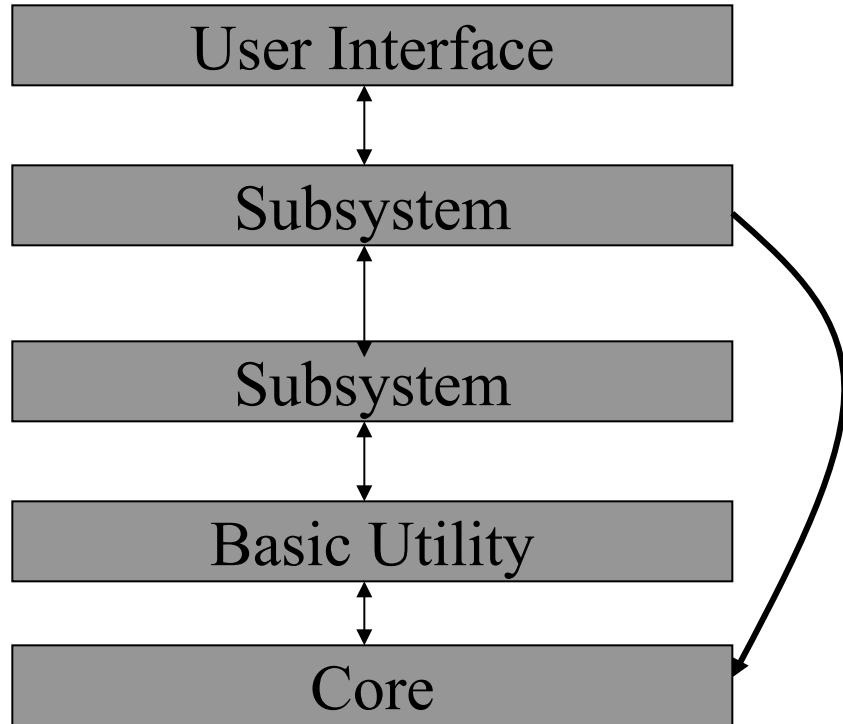
Object-oriented (ADT) substyle

- Objects help achieve modifiability by encapsulating internal secrets from environment
- Access to objects is only through methods (constrained forms of procedure calls)
- Object-oriented paradigm is distinguished from ADT by inheritance and polymorphism

Data Abstraction/Object Oriented

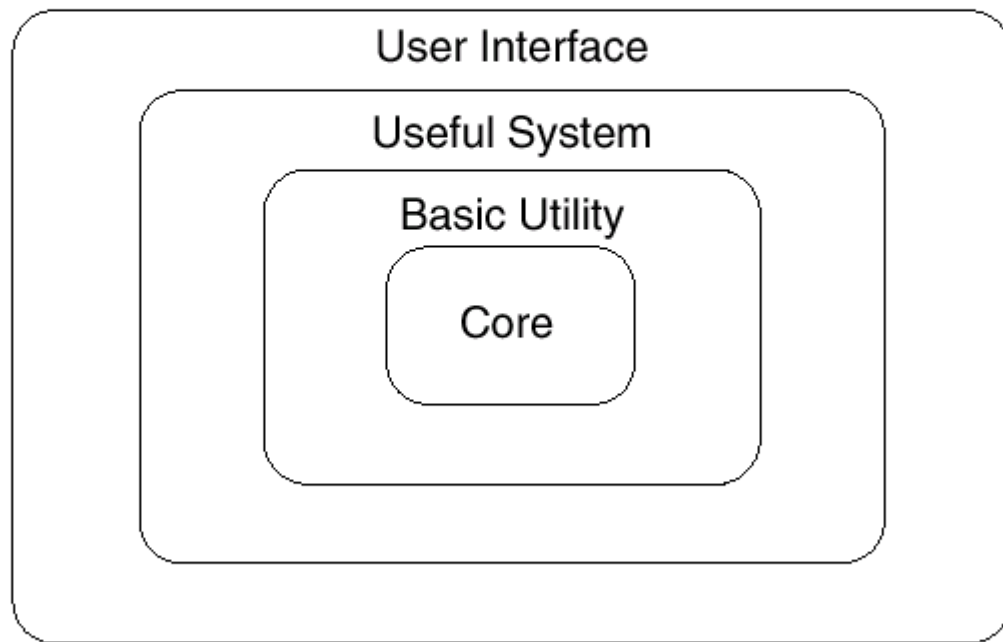


Layered substyle

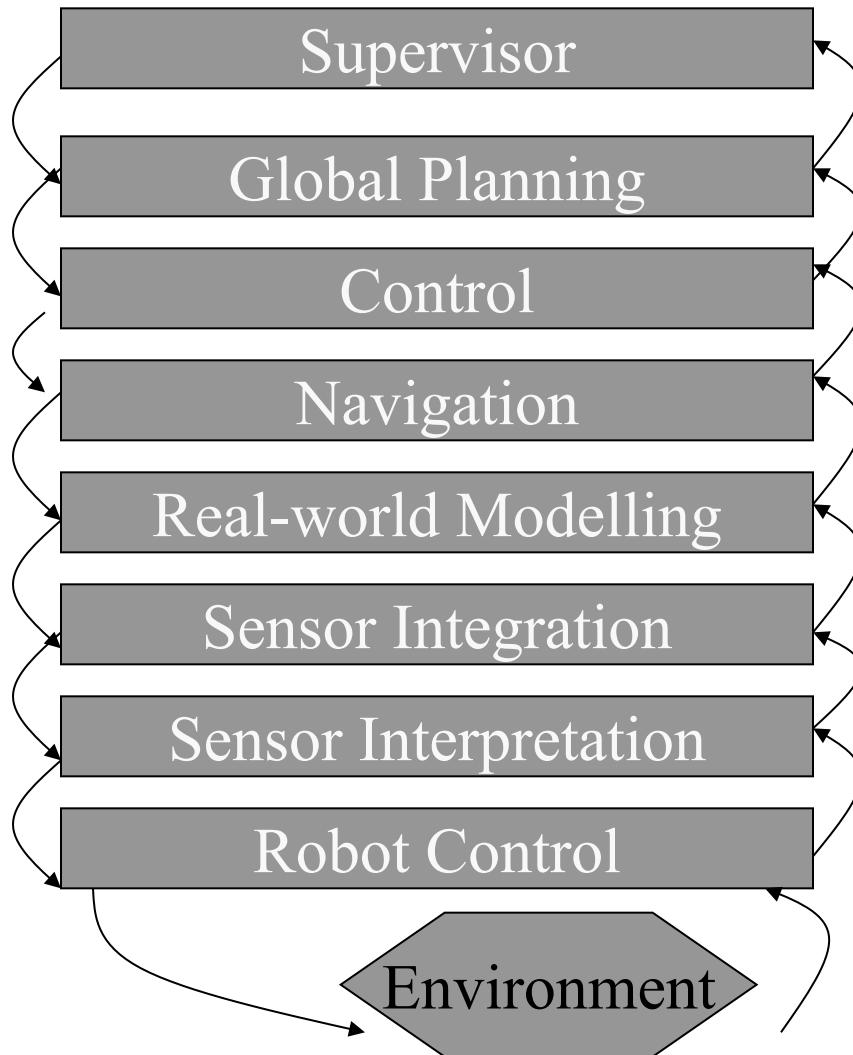


- Goals: modifiability and portability
- Optimally, each layer communicates only with its neighbors
- Sometimes, must layer bridge for performance: decreases benefits of style

Layers



Layered substyle: Example



- Outline of a design used on a mobile robot
- Level 1 is robot control
- Levels 2-3 deal with input from real world
- Level 4 manages robot's view of world
- Level 5 manages robot navigation
- Levels 6-7 schedule and plan robot's activities
- Top-level is UI and supervisory

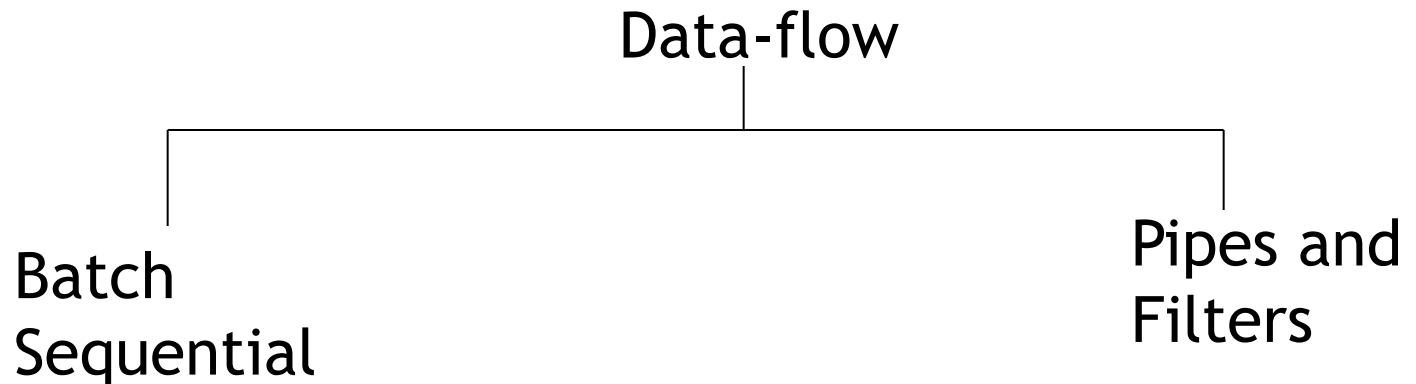


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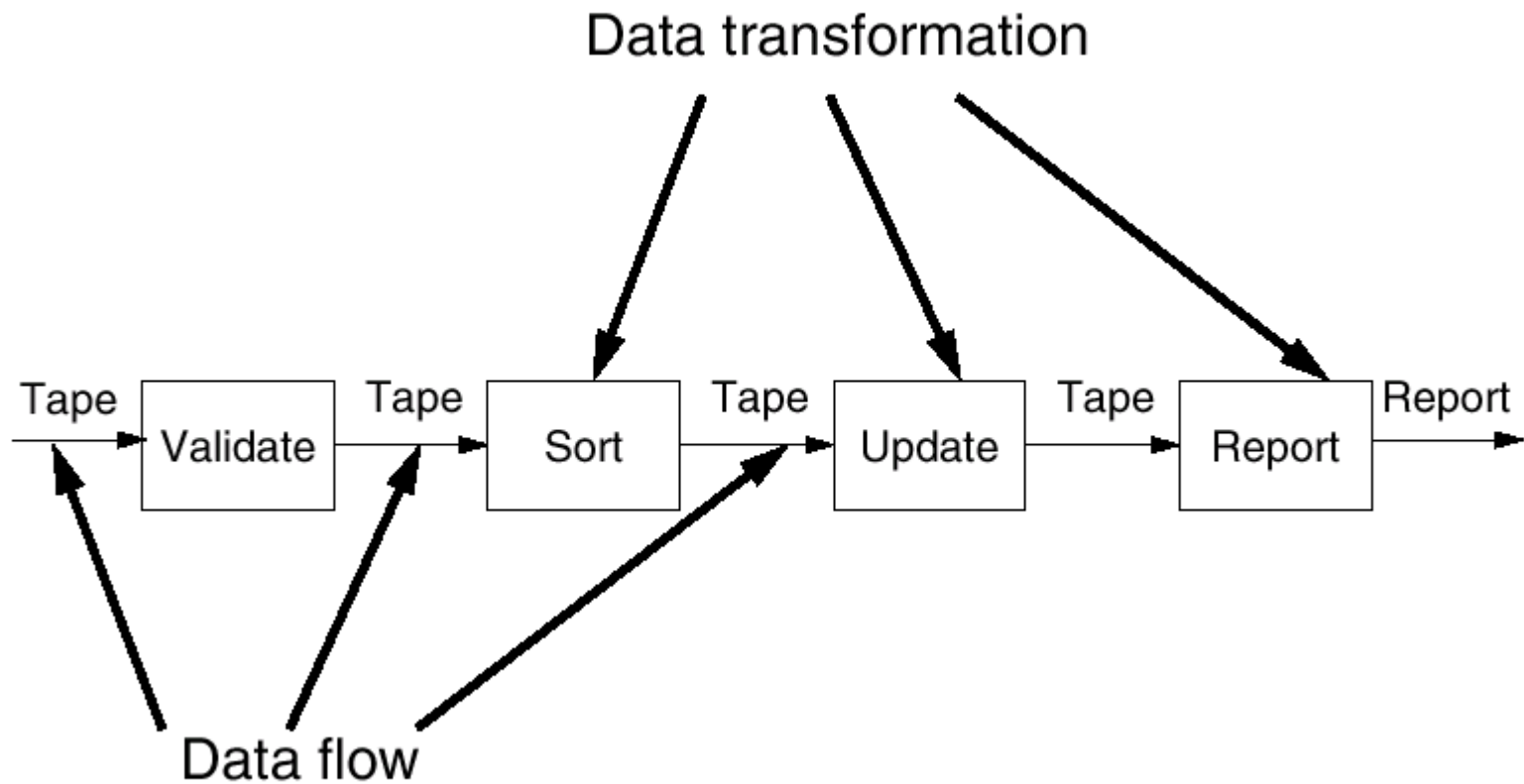
Data-Flow

Data-Flow style

- Goals: achieve reuse and modifiability
- Components are independent programs
 - each step runs to completion before the next starts
 - each batch of data is transmitted as a whole between steps
- Classic data-processing approach



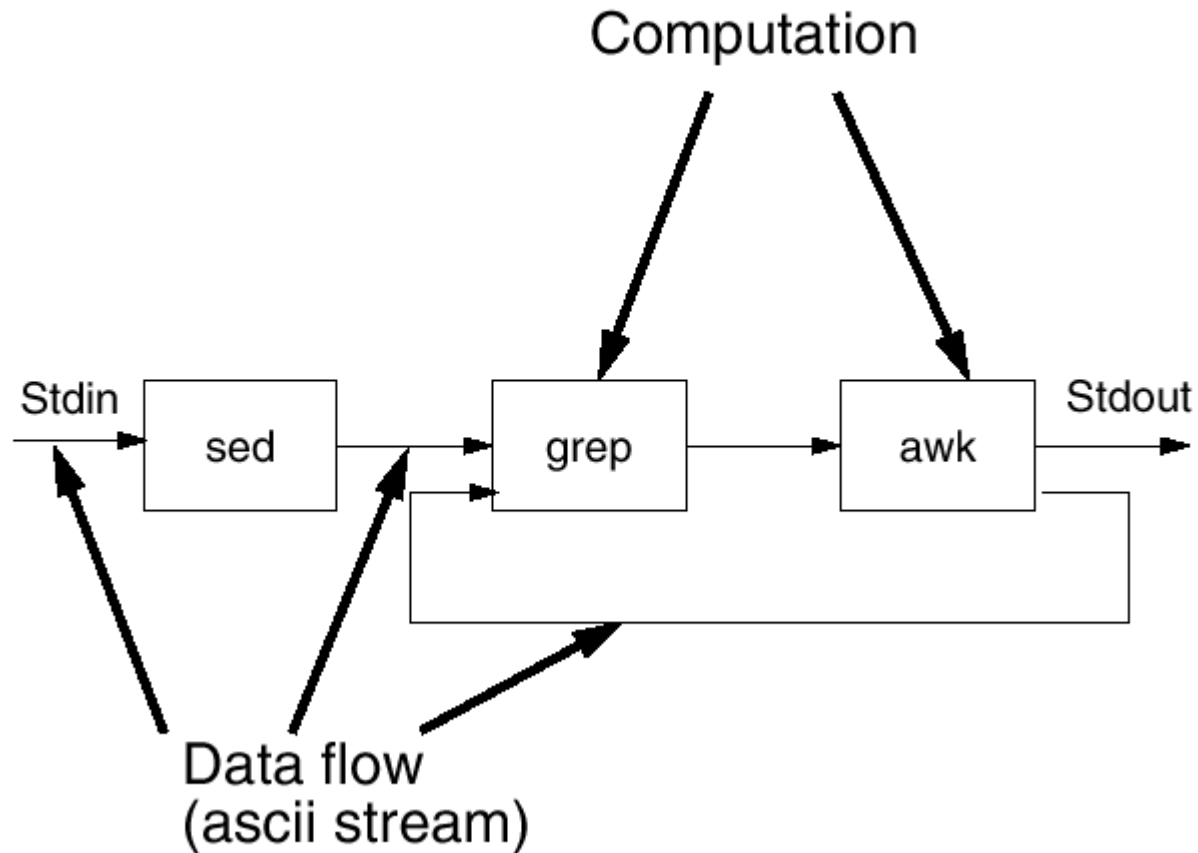
Batch Sequential



Pipe-and-Filter substyle

- Incremental transformation of data by successive components
 - Filters transform data using little contextual information and retain no state between instantiations
 - Pipes are stateless and are used to move streams of data between filters
- A pipe's source end connects to a filter's output port; sink end connects to filter's input port
- Pipes and filters run non-deterministically until no more computations or transmissions are possible
 - + Simple to reason about, eases maintenance, enhances reuse, can easily enhance performance by parallelizing or distributing
 - Interactive apps are difficult, filters can't cooperate to solve a problem, performance is often bad

Pipes and Filters





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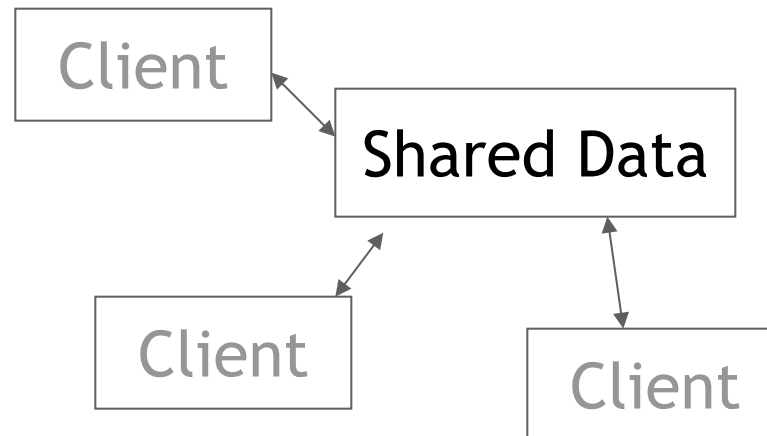
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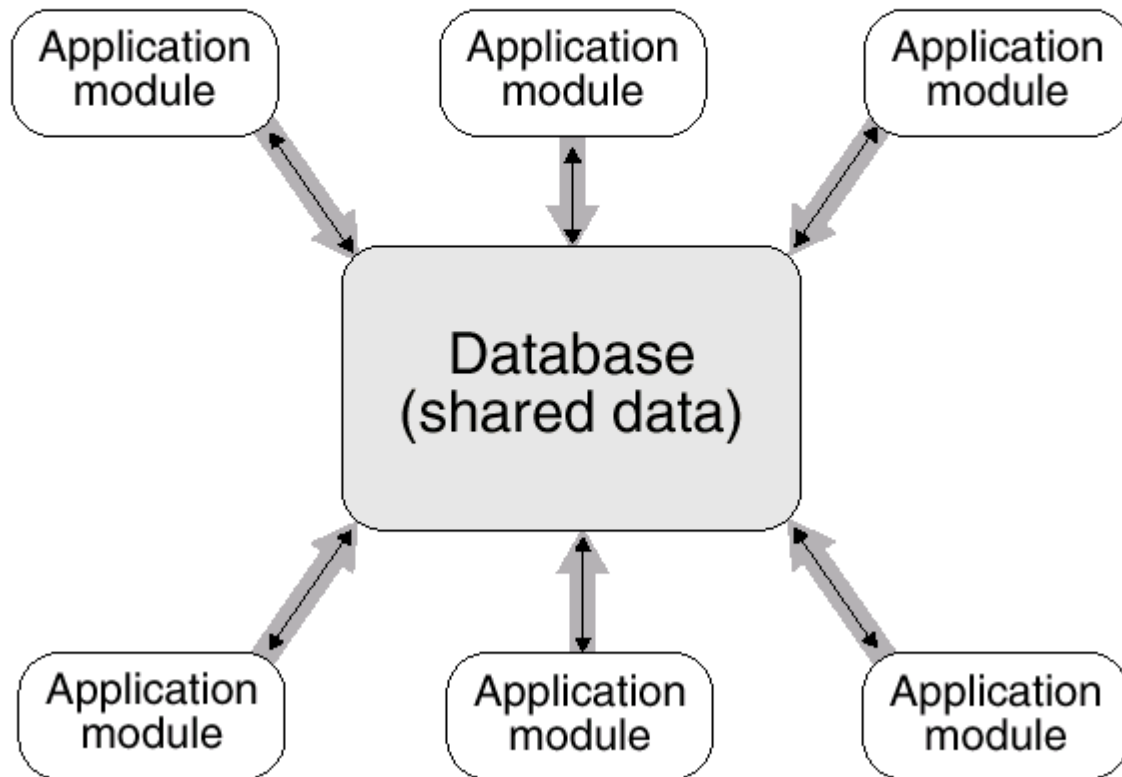
Data-Centered

Data-Centered styles

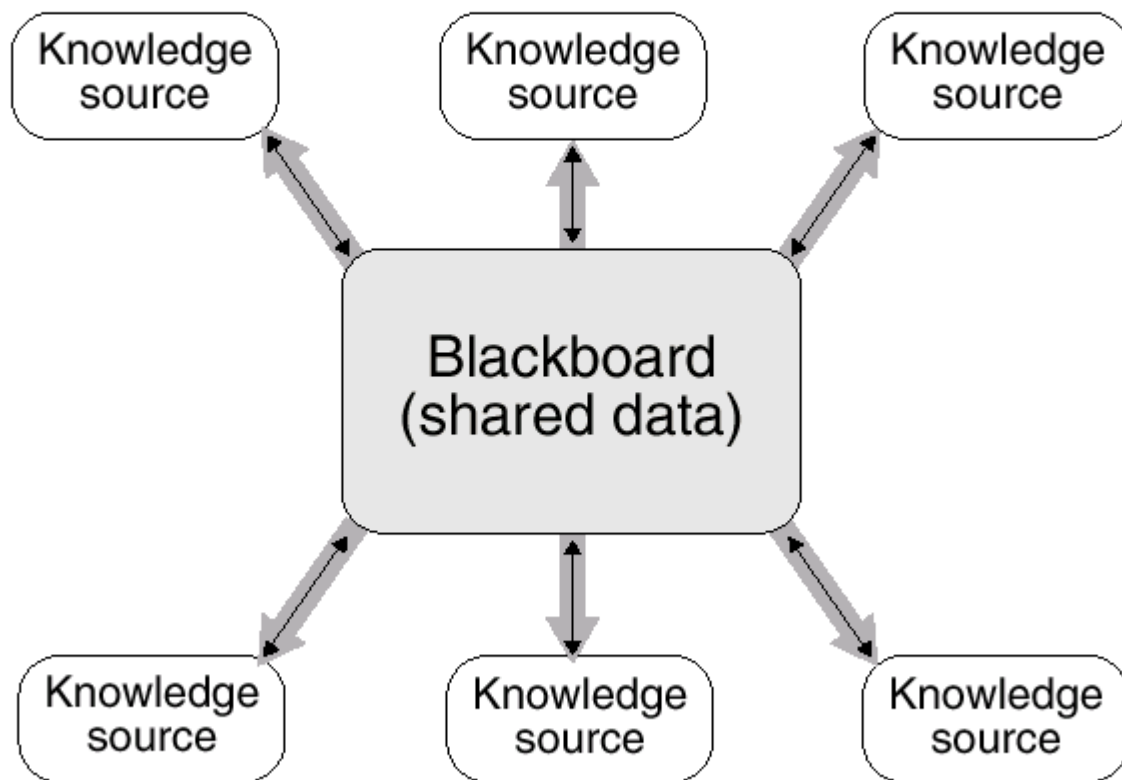
- Two-substyles: Repository and Blackboard
- When a system can be described as a centralized data store that communicates with a number of clients
- In a (passive) repository, such as shown on left, data might be stored in a file.
- In an active repository, such as a blackboard, the blackboard notifies clients when data of interest changes (so there would be control from data to clients)



Database



Blackboard





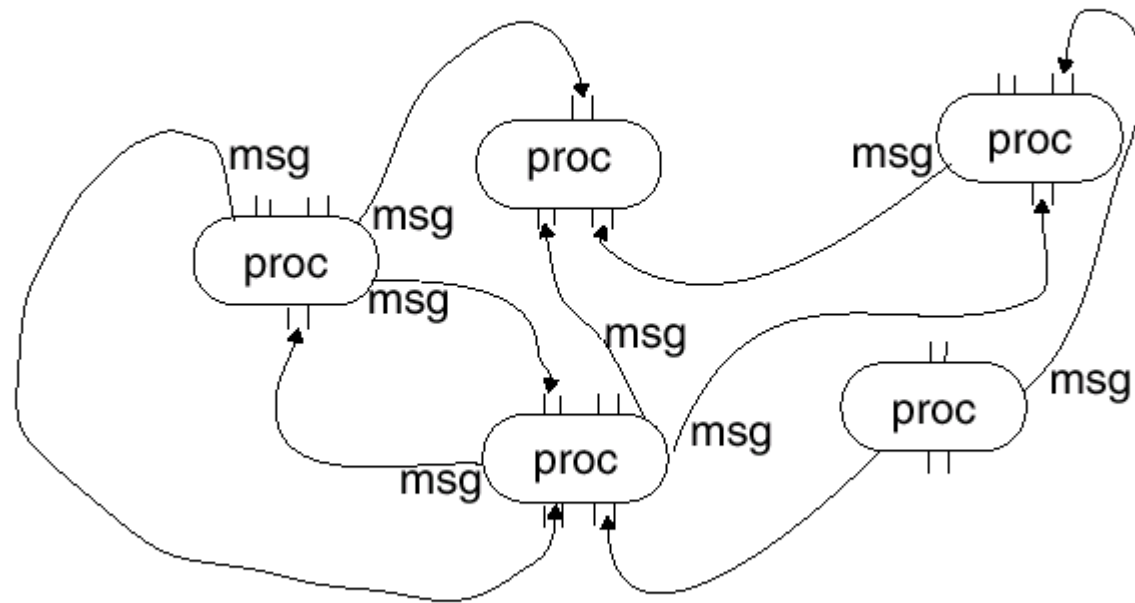
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Independent components

Independent components style

- We'll look at the implicit invocation (event) substyle
- Goals: achieve modifiability by decoupling various parts of the computation
- Approach: have independent processes or objects communicate through messages

Communicating Processes



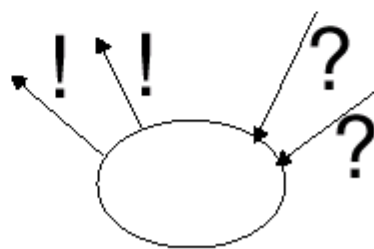
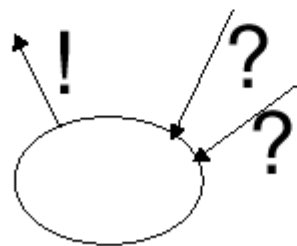
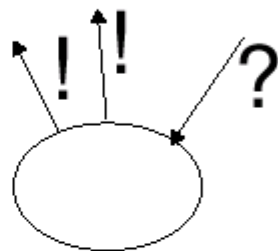
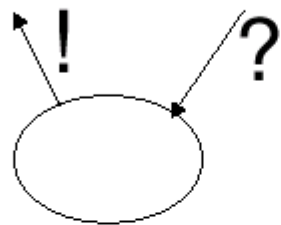
Event systems

- Individual components announce data they wish to share (publish) with others
- Other components may register an interest in the kind of data (subscribe). They are invoked when the data appears
- How does this achieve modifiability?

Implementing event systems

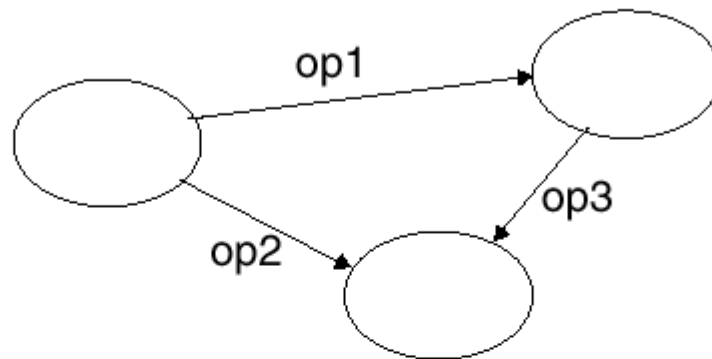
- Several different ways to achieve an event system:
 - Callbacks
 - Event Handling in Java Swing
 - Observer design pattern
 - Event notification pattern
 - Message Manager
 - (this is not a complete list)

Event Systems

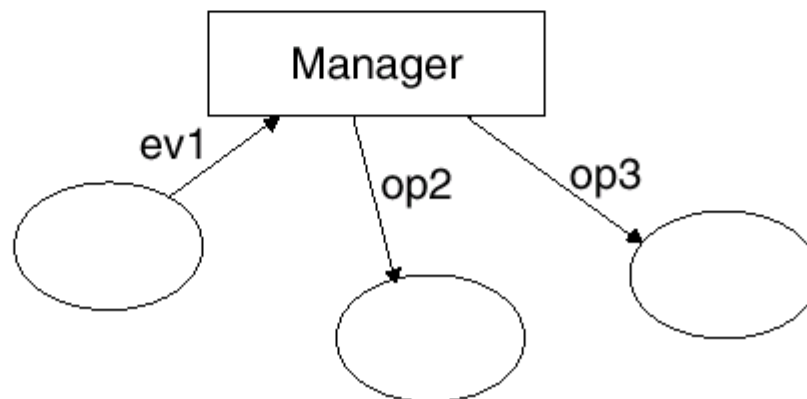


Implicit vs. Explicit Invocation

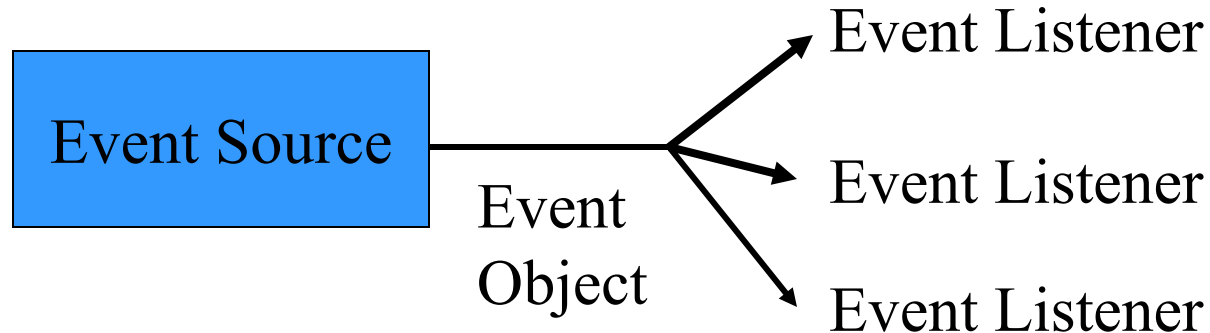
Explicit



Implicit



Event handling in Java Swing



- Some examples:

User closes a window

WindowListener

Table selection changes

ListSelectionListener

User clicks a button

ActionListener

Java Swing...

- ```
public class MyClass implements ActionListener {
 public void actionPerformed((ActionEvent e))
 { ... }
}
```
- ```
someComponent.addActionListener( instanceOfMyclass );
```


Message manager

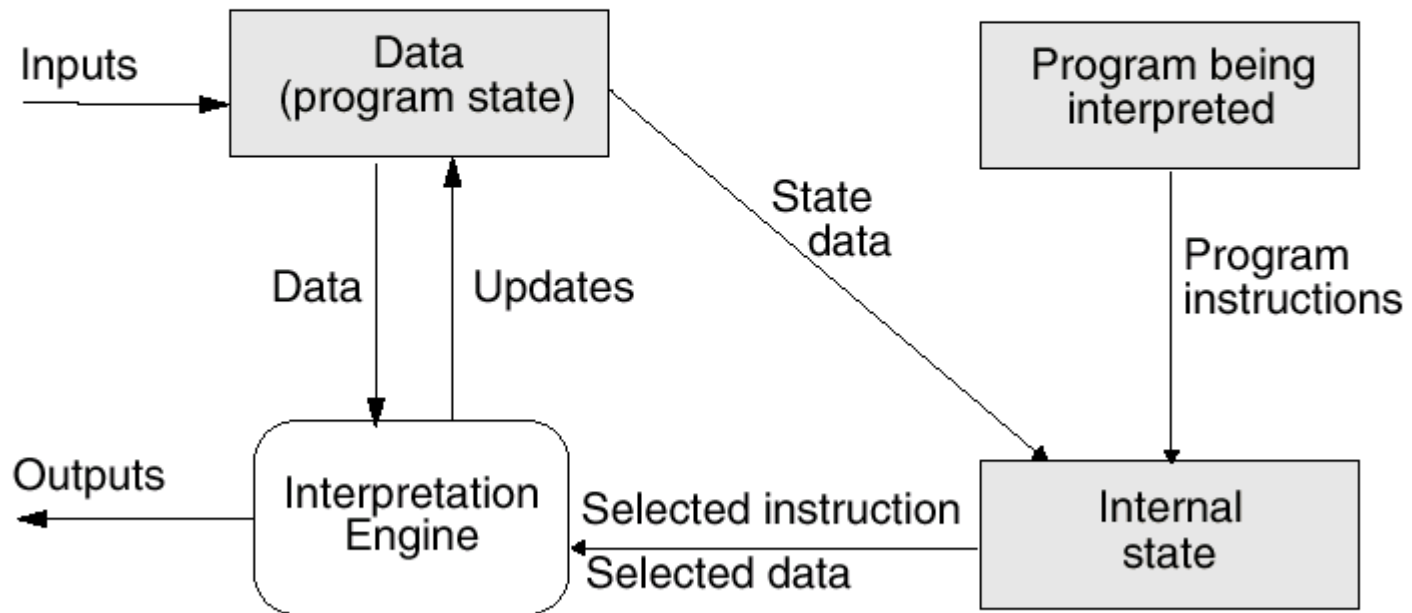
- Sometimes you want even more flexibility
- For instance, if building a programming environment, perhaps you want to be able to add tools on the fly and have them respond to events
- A message manager can help
 - Receive messages and route them to registered parties



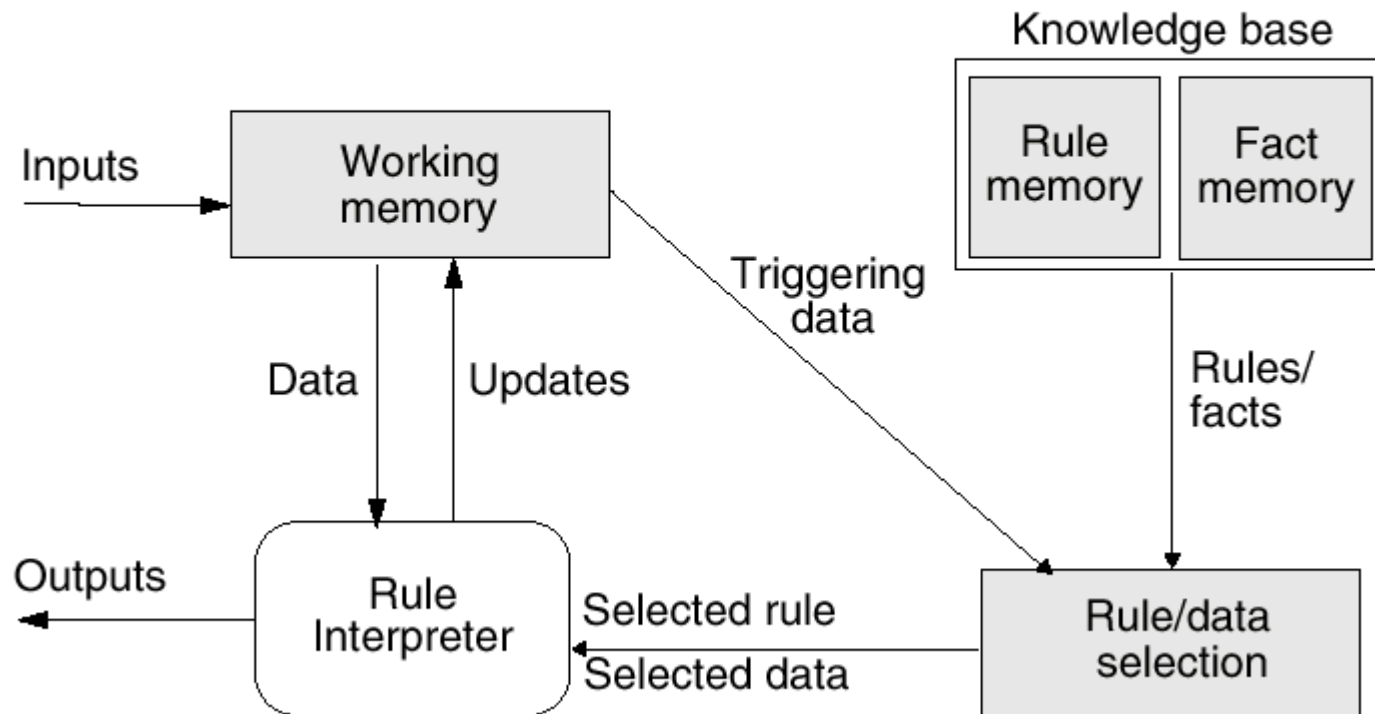
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Virtual Machines

Interpreter



Rule-Based System





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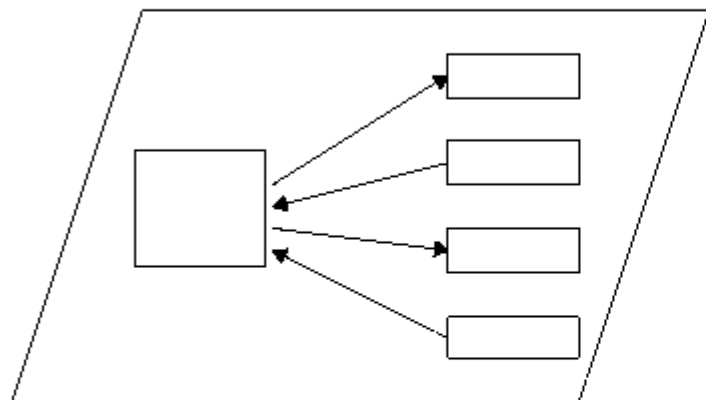
Mixing styles

Heterogeneous use

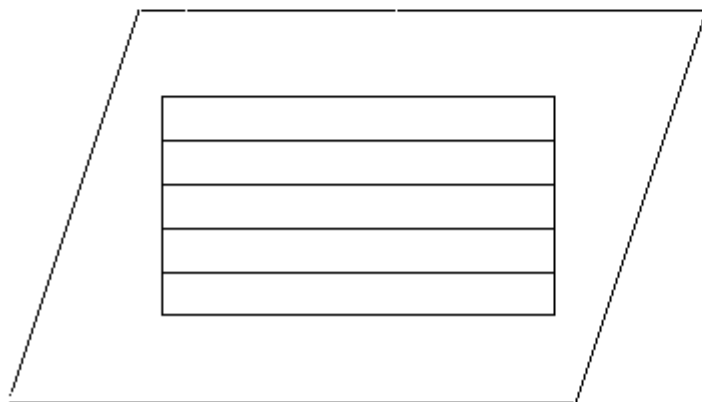
- Systems are generally built from multiple styles
- Three kinds of heterogeneity:
 - *Locationally heterogeneous*: run-time structures reveal different styles in different areas
 - *Hierarchically heterogeneous*: a component of one style, when decomposed is structured according to another style
 - *Simultaneously heterogeneous*: different styles depending on point of view

Heterogeneous Styles

A system need not be comprised of only one style, e.g.



**Higher-level style:
event system**



**Lower-level style:
layered**

Characterizing and comparing styles

- The following categories are useful in comparing and characterizing styles:
 - What kinds of components and connectors are used in the style?
 - What are the control structures?
 - How is data communicated?
 - How do data and control interact?
 - What kind of reasoning does the style support?

Components & Connectors

- “A component is a unit of software that performs some function at runtime.” [p.105]
- “A connector is a mechanism that mediates communication, coordination, or cooperation among components” [p. 105]

Control Issues

- How does control pass among components?
- *Topology*:
 - What is the topology of a batch-sequential data-flow style?
 - What is the topology of a main-program-and-subroutine style?

Other topologies include star, arbitrary... Topology may change at runtime.

Control Issues...

- *Synchronicity*: How interdependent are the component's actions upon each other's control states?
 - E.g., lockstep - state of one component implies state of all others
 - E.g., synchronous - components synchronize regularly; other state relationships are unpredictable

Control Issues...

- *Binding Time*: When is the partner in a communication established?
 - Program-write time?
 - Compile-time?
 - Invocation-time?

Issues...

- Data Issues:
 - *Topology*
 - *Continuity*: Continuous vs. sporadic; volume
 - *Mode*: Passed, shared, copy-out-copy-in, etc.
 - *Binding Time*: Same as control issue
- Control/Data Interaction Issues:
 - *Shape* of control and data topologies
 - *Directionality*: does data flow in direction of control?
- Type of Reasoning

Assignment

- Identify the main architectural styles of your subsystem
 - Identify the components and connectors of those styles;
 - What kinds of components and connectors are used in the style?
 - What are the control structures?
 - How is data communicated?
 - How do data and control interact?
 - What kind of reasoning does the style support?
 - Systems can be heterogeneous in terms of styles, mainly three kinds:
 - Locationally heterogeneous: run-time structures reveal different styles in different areas
 - Hierarchically heterogeneous: a component of one style, when decomposed is structured according to another style
 - Simultaneously heterogeneous: different styles depending on point of view
 - Your subsystem may not be "unifiable" into a single responsibility. In this case, divide it into orthogonal subsystems, and treat each other separately:
 - But how will they integrate/communicate?
- Identify architectural / design problems
- 90 seconds presentation of the results