

Structured Design for Assignment 2

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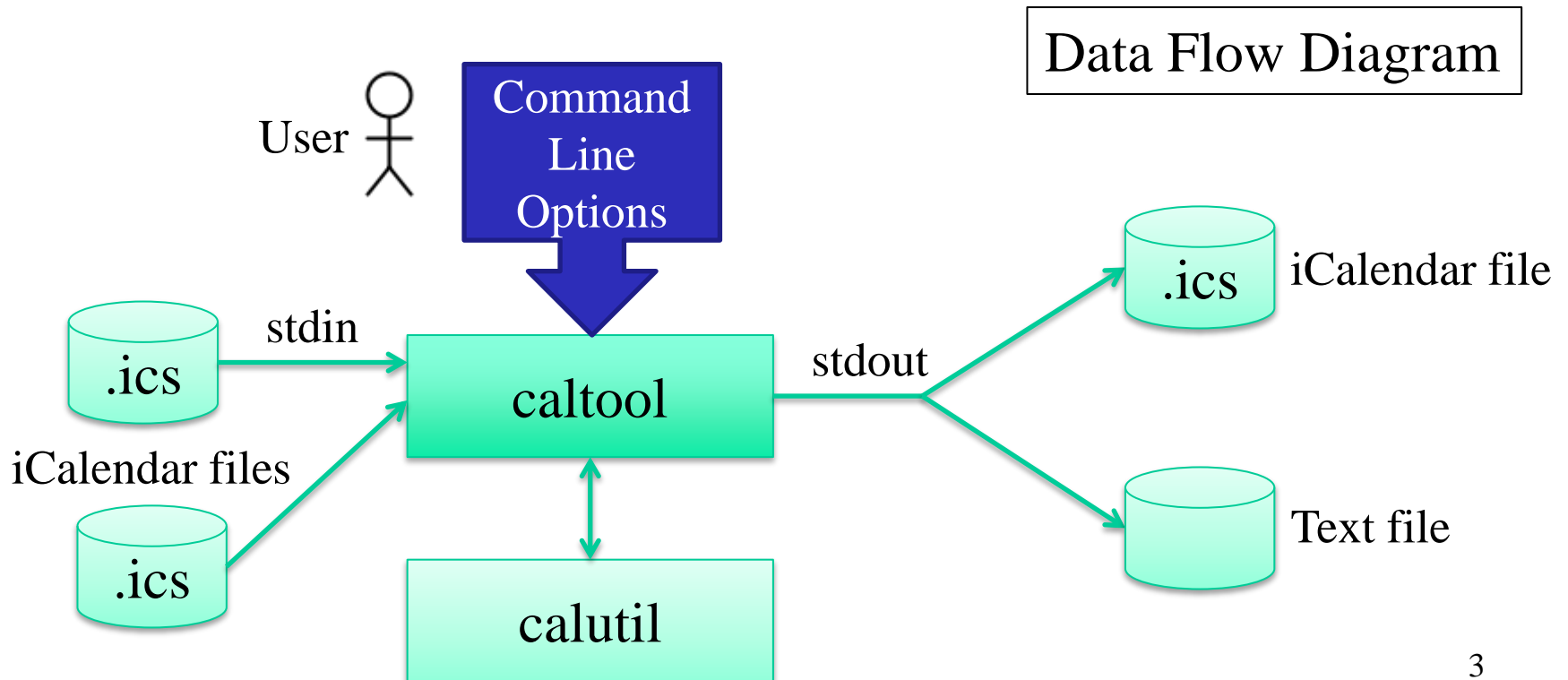
Software Development as a Profession

Outline of Lecture

1. Introduction to Assignment 2
2. Design Models
3. Caltool Design

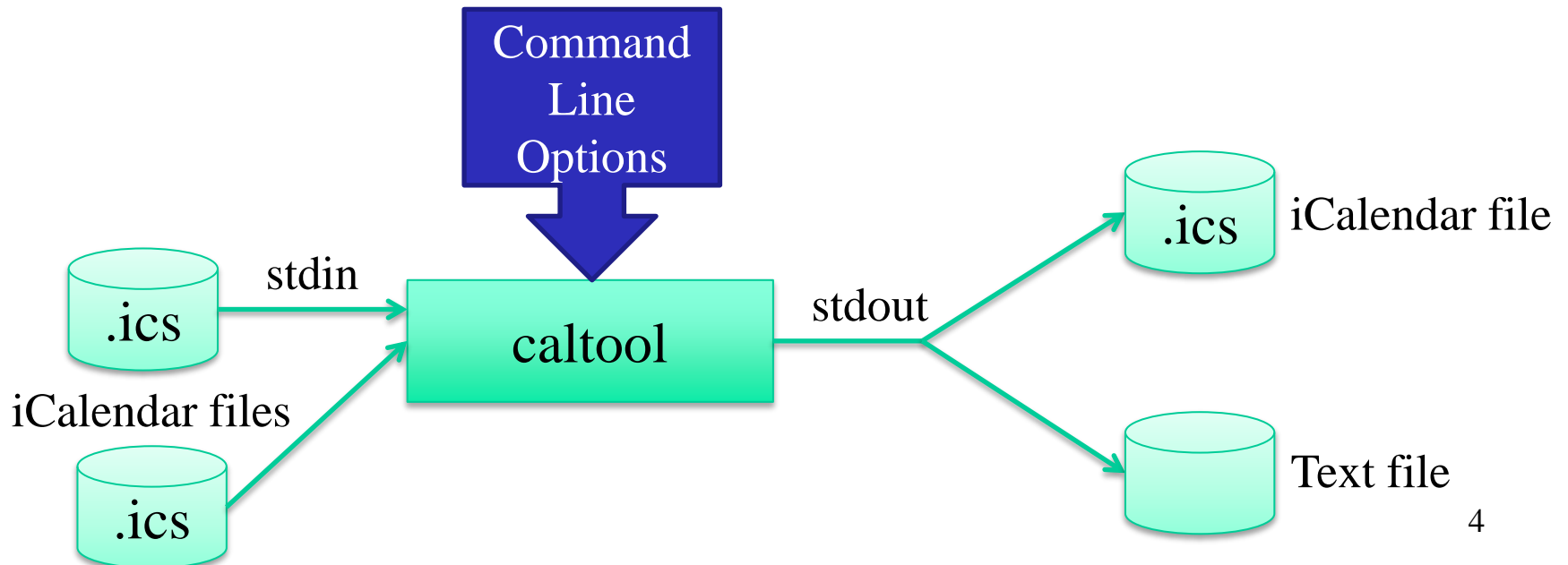
A Command Line Application

- A2 builds on A1's calutil utilities



4 Command Options

- info** prints statistics
- extract *kind*** extracts kinds of data
- filter *content* [from *date*] [to *date*]**
- combine *icsfile*** combines two files



Take Advantage of Shell Features

- **Pipe:** | routes stdout of left to stdin of right
`foo | bar`
- **File redirection:**
 - > captures stdout of left into file
 - < reads from file into stdin of left`foo < infile > outfile`
- You do not program these! They are already supplied by bash, sh, csh, and other shells.



Examples of Command Usage

- `cat A.ics | caltool -option > B.ics`
- `caltool -option < A.ics > B.ics`
- `caltool -option < A.ics | caltool -info`
- `caltool -option < A.ics | tee B.ics |
caltool -info`

Smart Design

- How do we design a SW program?
- Structured design for caltool
- Principles of modularity
- From design model to code

How do we design a SW program?

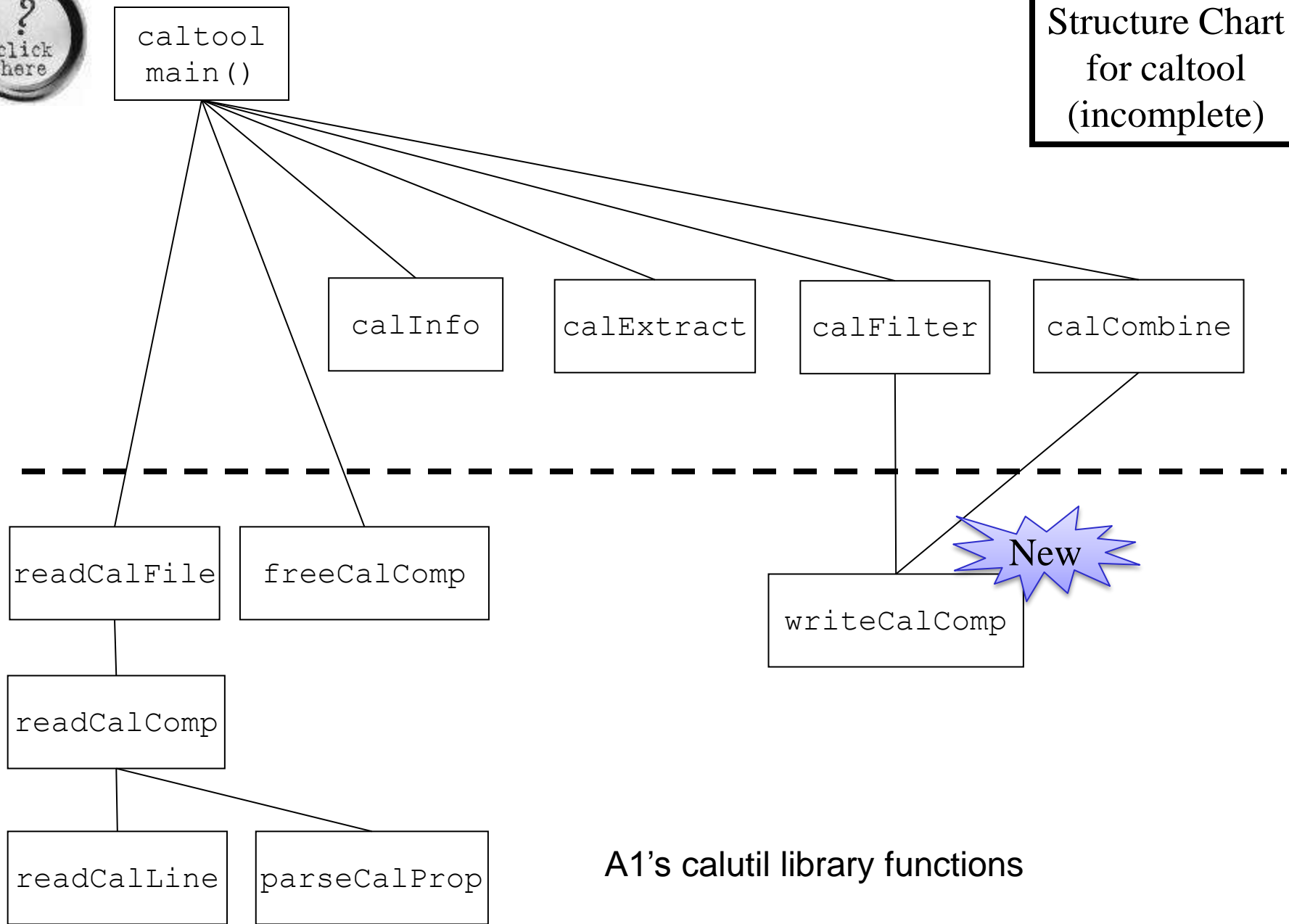
- *Concept:* Build a **design model** first!
 - Can critique, refine till satisfied
 - Compare architectural drawing of building, sketch of sculpture
 - Use design model as basis for coding/testing

Tool for Building Design Model

- **Structure chart**
 - Represents *static* structure of SW program in its modular form
- 3 essential features of **notation**
 1. Box = module (one C function)
If module A calls module B...
 2. Must be line from A to B
 3. A must be higher (on the page) than B



Structure Chart
for caltool
(incomplete)



Structure Chart

- Should be able to “reverse engineer” existing code to draw a structure chart *or* draw a chart from verbal description of program
- Benefits
 - Use for design review (easy to visualize/discuss proposed SW architecture)
 - Easier/cheaper to change chart than code!
 - Helps find problems at design stage

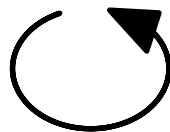
Reading caltool's Structure Chart

- “Top down”
 - Start with main()
 - Then major functions (corresponding to command options)
 - Helper functions
 - Finally utilities
- Optional “decorations”

Conditional



Iteration



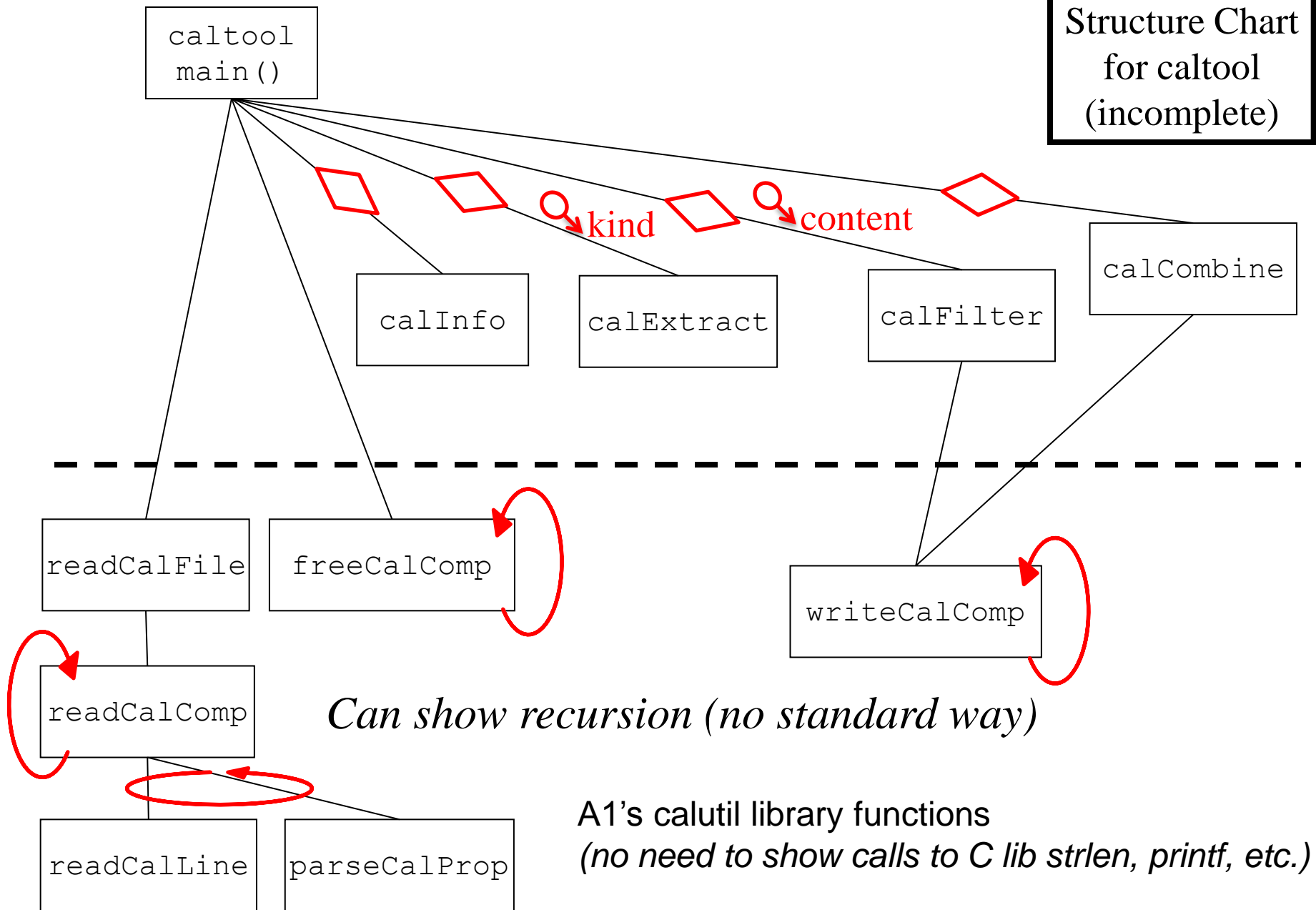
Argument



Flag/switch



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Properties of Modularity

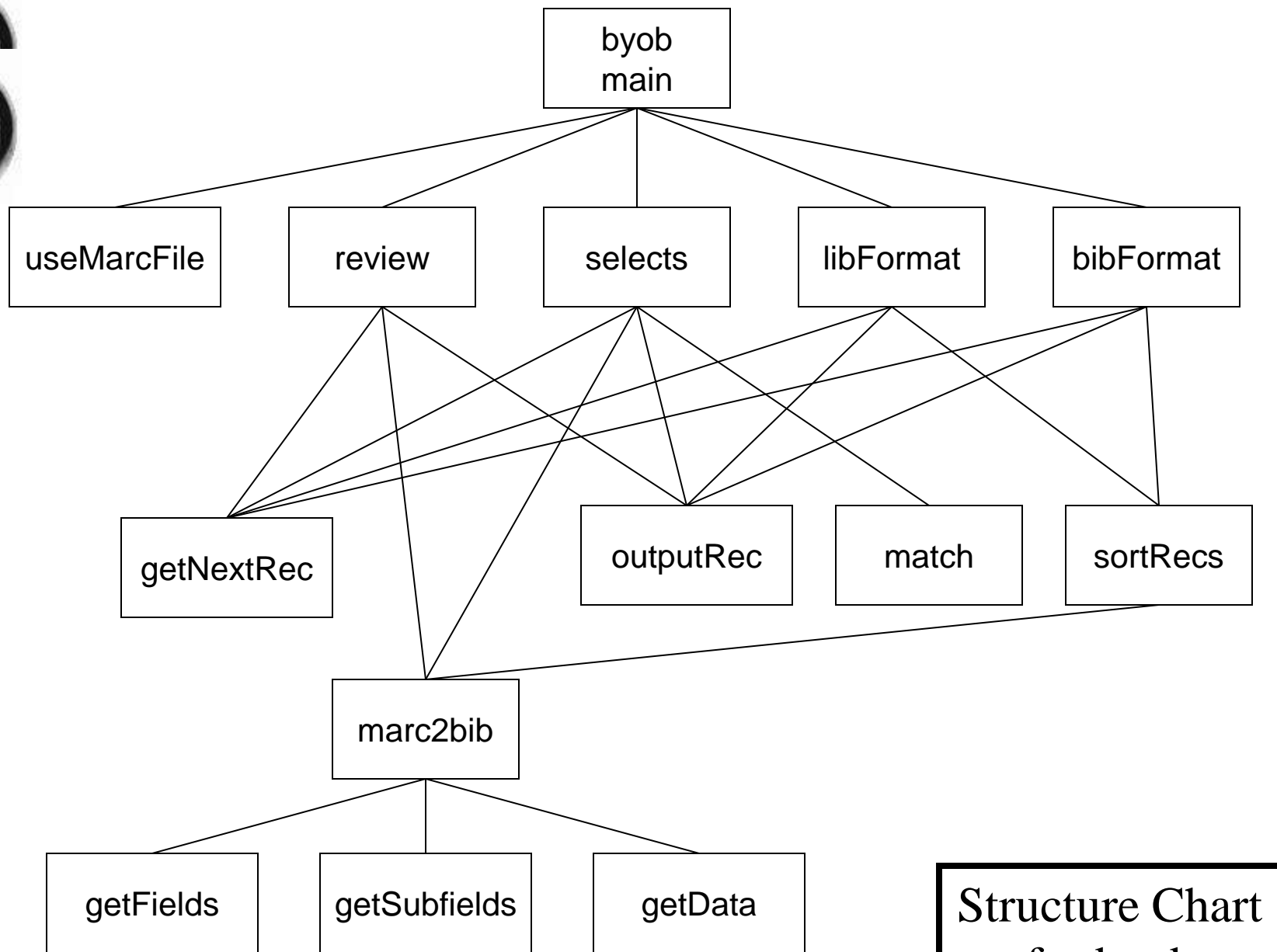
How do we decide what to put in each module? How much “stuff” is enough? Two classic properties, cohesion & coupling:

- **Cohesion** should be high (not low)
 - Module should be dedicated to single easy-to-describe purpose
- Modules with high reusability *may* have high **fanin** (no. callers); compare **fanout** (no. callees)



Properties of Modularity

- **Coupling** should be low (loose, weak) not high (tight, strong)
 - Degree of data sharing between modules
 - Ideally, just parameter passing!
 - No global variables!
 - “Sequential coupling” can be tolerable
 - Where modules expect to be called in certain order
 - E.g., readCalLine() has “reset mode” due to internal state; also readCalComp() due to call depth variable



Structure Chart
for byob

Properties of Modularity

- Paying attention to cohesion & coupling yields modules easier to **understand** and **maintain**
 - Changes unlikely to have unforeseen side effects (in remote parts of program)
 - If you find a common operation occurring in >1 modules, can break out new helper function (called “refactoring”)



From Design Model to Code

- Read off the structure chart
 - Each box on chart → 1 module (C function)
 - Also need spec for **interface** (parameter list, prototype, pre/postconditions) and **pseudocode**
 - Implement top-down (using stubs) or bottom-up (using drivers)
- **Structured analysis** = method for going from problem description to structure chart