

Software Development Process

Centralized vs Decentralized Computing If latency matters -> Computation at edge(device). If computational power matters -> Computation at cloud servers(centralized).

Containers(eg Docker) provide platform for building and distributing services e.g.

Microservices. Need multiple containers to run a complex application with each providing specific service.

Orchestrator(eg Kubernetes) integrates and coordinates the containers. Able to scale up/down deployment based on demand, provide fault tolerance and provide communication among containers.

Serverless(eg AWS Lambda) are cloud-native development models, app responds to demand and automatically scales up/down when needed. Managed by cloud provider.

Agile Process for iterative development of application and cross-functional collaboration. **Scrum** is an example of Agile framework. Work is done in sprints, where subset of product backlog is cleared. Often includes a daily 15min meeting.

Software Delivery

DevOps is a set of software development practices that combine software development and operations. Intended to reduce the time between committing change to a system and the change being placed into normal production, while ensuring high quality.

Continuous Integration(CI): Auto build, unit tests, deploy to staging, acceptance tests.

Continuous Delivery(CDel): CI + manual deployment to production

Continuous Deployment(CDep): CI + auto deployment to production

DevOps benefits:

- 1.Speed of delivery - quick release new features and fix bugs
- 2.Reliability - Change is functional
- 3.Scalability of app
- 4.Improved Collaboration

Specifying Software Requirements

Requirement is a capability needed by a user, or must be met by a system, ie specification of what should be implemented.

Software Requirement Specification(SRS) has 9 topics: Interfaces, Functional Capabilities, Performance Levels, Data Structures/Elements, Safety, Reliability, Security/Privacy, Quality, Constraints and Limitations

Product Backlog Repository of work to be done, facilitates planning and prioritisation of work

Types of Requirements:

Business requirements Why organisation is implementing system

User requirements Goals or tasks user must be able to perform with product

System requirements

Quality requirements

Functional requirements(FR) Behaviour product will exhibit.

Non-Functional requirements(NFR)/Constraints How well system works eg response time < 5s

Data requirements

Quality Attributes:

External Observed when software executing, impacts user's experience of using software and develops user's perception of software quality.

Includes: Availability, Performance, Robustness, Safety, Security, Reliability, Integrity, Deployability, Compatibility, Installability, Usability, Interoperability

Internal Not directly observed, perceived by devs and maintainers, encompasses aspect of design that may not impact external attributes

Includes: Efficiency, Scalability, Verifiability, Portability, Maintainability, Testability, Modifiability, Reusability.

Requirement Validation & Verification

Validation Written the right requirements, trace back to business objectives

Verification Written the requirements right, requirements have the desirable properties. Checked informally by passing reqs around or formally by formal inspection.

Software Architecture

Building Blocks of Architecture:

- Configuration - Topology or structure
- Component - Element that models an application specific function
- Connector - Element that models interactions among components for transfer of control and/or data

Definitions:

Control Flow Reasoning based on computation order
Data Flow Reasoning based on data availability, transformation, latency

Call and Return Control moves from one component to another and back

Message data sent to specific address

Event data emitted from a component (Listener to pick up)

Horizontal slicing Designing architecture by layers

Vertical slicing Designing architecture by feature
Principle of Modularity Allocate different functions to software modules and specify APIs for interaction(eg Microservices)

Types of Cohesion:

- **Functional** - one computation, no side effects
- **Layer** - related services kept tgt, strict hierarchy, higher lvl svcs can access only lower lvl svcs. **Accessing svc may result in side effects**
- **Communicational** - Operate same data kept tgt
- **Sequential** - Work in sequence for some computation kept tgt, **output from one is input to next**
- **Procedural** - Called one after another kept tgt
- **Temporal** - Used in same general phase of exec kept tgt (eg initialisation)
- **Utility** - Related utilities kept tgt

Types of Coupling

- **Content** - Component modifies internal data of another
- **Common/global** - Using global vars; all modules using global var are coupled
- **Control** - A directly controls B by passing info on what B should do(e.g using a "flag" to tell B what to do)
- **Data** - One module sharing data with another module(eg passing params)
- **External** - Dependency exists on elements outside scope; eg OS, shared libraries or hardware
- **Temporal** - Two actions bundled tgt bcs occur at same time
- **Inclusion/import** - Importing of packages to use

Types of Architecture:

- **Layered Architecture** - Strict hierarchy present, each layer have a distinct and specific responsibility
- **Pipe and Filter** - Divide app into several self-contained data process steps and connect to a data processing pipeline via intermediate data buffers. **Good for limited user interaction like batch processing systems.**
- **Model view controller(MVC)** - View for UI, Controller to coordinate btwn Model and View, Model for business logic. **Benefits:** Separation of Concerns(SoC) -> modularity, facilitates extensibility, reduce complexity and side effects, better testability.
- **Web-MVC** - Server: Model, Client: Perform requests. **Controller:** Handle user http req, select model, prepare view. **View:** Render http response. **Model:** Business logic + **persistence**
- **SinglePageApp(SPA)** - JS program on browser. Send and retrieve w/o refreshing webpage

Rest API

REpresentational State Transfer(REST)

Intention: provide uniform interoperability btwn diff apps on internet. Exploit HTTP reqs to access and use data.

Constraints:

- **Client-Server** Client requests for resources and server stores resources. Satisfies SoC.
- **Stateless** Server does not keep track of client state. Full info contained as part of query params. Allows for scalability, reliability and monitoring.
- **Cacheable** Server caches data retrieved for efficiency of subseq reqs. Downside: Stale data retrieved
- **Layered system** Hierarchical structure, except each layer cannot see beyond immediate neighbour
- **Uniform interface** Interoperability feature. Generality to component interface, eg HTTP reqs. Use unique resource identifiers to obtain resource.

On-demand Allow downloading of executable code eg Javascript to simplify client from pre-implementing all functionality.

Microservices

Microservices are set of software apps designed for limited scope that work with each other to form a bigger soln. each has **well-defined capabilities for modularity purposes**. Services are independent of one another. Benefits: Easier deployment, testing, maintenance.

Characteristics:

- Organised arnd business capabilities(Problem domain)
- Loosely coupled
- Owned by small team
- Independently deployable (Service instance per host(SIPhost) or SIPcontainer)

Domain Driven Design(DDD):

Ubiquitous language Shared language btwn domain experts and devs. Find scenarios in context, mix of biz and technical jargon.

Subdomains Partitions of problem space

Bounded Context Partitions of solution space, are technical solutions to problem. Mostly relevant to the subdomain attached.

Aggregate Cluster of related objects(eg Ticket, Message, Attachment). Has transactional and consistency boundary.

- Changes to aggregate either all succeed or all fail - transactional
- Modified only through public interface, otherwise read only - consistency

Aggregate Root Parent of cluster, designated as the agg's public interface

Key Feature of Microservice Single Responsibility Principle(SRP). Each microservice only responsible for all operations on entities of a given type.

Identifying Microservices:

- Use sub-domain to define services
- Microservice are **Bounded Contexts**
- Use aggregates - May exhibit many characteristics of a microservice(Aggregates have high functional cohesion and are loosely coupled)

Microservice Concepts:

Database per service pattern Each service has its own database schema

Service communication IPC either synchronous or async: Request/sync response, Notification(one-way request), Request/async response.

API gateway Single point of entry to system, encapsulates internal architecture

Orchestration vs Choreography Orchestration is when one single entity guides and drives processes(**sync**). Choreography is when it is event driven and responsibility is on receiver instead(**async**).

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- Service Discovery**
- Client-side discovery:** Client queries a service registry
- Server-side discovery:** Client requests via load balancer instead and load balancer queries service registry
- Service registry**
- Service registry pattern:** Service instances are registered with service registry on startup, deregistered on shutdown.

Event Driven Architecture

Events are means of async communications between services, typically in key-value format. Are immutable in nature and in temporal order.

Types of events:

- Unkeyed** Only value present
- Entity** Ensures unique ID(key) present
- Keyed** Same key can be used to map to diff values

Typical structure Source -> Event

generator(producer) -> Event bus(broker) -> Event listener(consumer)

Key components Event producers, Event brokers, Event consumers

Event Driven Architecture(EDA): is when services are notifications based. Each service has no knowledge that another service exists.

Event Driven Communication is asynchronous, works with real-time data. Best suited for cases where components need to react to changes in state/real time data processing is required.

Benefits of Event Driven Microservices:

- Granularity** Easily rewritten if biz requirements change
- Scalability** Individual services can be scaled up/down as required
- Technological flexibility** Each service can use its own language or technology
- Biz requirement flexibility** Low cross-team dependency
- **Loose coupling** ED microservices rely on domain data and not on specific implementation APIs
- Continuous Delivery support** Easy to ship small and modular microservices
- High testability** Few dependencies, easy to mock out testing endpoints to ensure coverage

Event Sourcing:

Storing events Events are stored in an **event log** in the order they are created in. We are able to rederive the current state of system by rewinding the log and replaying events in order.

Key point to note Event log is **append-only**. No overwriting events in event log.

Command-Query-Responsibility Segregation(CQRS):

Separation of write path from read path. Writes go into **Kafka** on command side(rather than updating DB directly). Supports materialising view(table that contains predefined queries) for performance optimisation for reads. **Utilises underlying pattern: Separation of commands from queries.**

Commands are operations that change application state and return no data.

Queries are operations that return data but dont change application state.

Kafka is an in-memory data structure that can hold events or are general-purpose distributed data stores capable of handling event sourcing.

Communication Patterns

Sync vs Async communication:

- Sync:** Caller waits on receiver reply
- Async:** Caller continues execution and does not wait on reply (eg Advanced Message Queue Protocol(AMQP) - RabbitMQ)

Synchronous Request-Reply:

- Remote-Procedure call (Code not in same address space, remote execution) - commonly on another computer on a shared network
- Sequence: Client calls **client stub**. **Stub** packs parameters into a message(**marshalling**) and syscall to send msg. Client OS -> Server OS. Server OS sends incoming packets to **server stub**. **Server stub** unpacks msg(**unmarshalling**), then calls procedure.
- Another example is **HTTP req/response**.

Async Request-Reply: Although client does not wait, client still expects response eventually.

Async Message Passing: Usage of **Message Queue (Single Receiver)** or **Pub-sub pattern(Multi Receiver)**

- AMQP: Peer-to-peer protocol
 - Message published to exchanges(mailboxes), exchanges then distribute message copies to queues. Then, broker(queue) either delivers to subscribers or consumers fetch from queues on demand.
 - Binding** Used to bind a queue to an exchange
 - Routing key** Message attribute used by exchange to decide how to route msg to queues(depending on exchange type)
 - Exchange types:**
 - Direct - Binding key == routing key
 - Fanout - Send to all queues bound to it
 - Topic - Wildcard matching between routing key and routing pattern specified in binding
- Pub-Sub pattern (Message not specifically directed)
 - Message published to a topic(broadcast station), consumers can subscribe to topic to receive message.
 - Usage of brokers - central point where messages are published
 - e.g **Kafka**, **Zookeeper** is used to manage all the brokers in Kafka.
- Partitions** A topic can be broken down into a number of partitions. Idea here:**Consumer Group**(multiple consumers),ea partition consumed by 1 cons, msgs written to part w given key

Persistent vs Transient communication:

- Persistent:** Async case - sender guaranteed that message will eventually be inserted in recipient's queue. **No guarantee on when though.**
- Transient:** Message buffered only for small periods of time. If msg cannot be delivered or next host is down, msg is discarded. Sync case - Receipt-based(ack when received), Delivery-based(ack when delivered, longer than receipt), Response-based(ack when processed).

Message Patterns

Message Construction. Message contains:

- Header:** Specify type of info - command(tell receiver what to do), document(pass data but does not tell receiver what to do), event(notification)
- Payload:** Actual Information

Message Channel(Message Queue).

Channel connects the collaborating senders and receivers using a message channel that allows them to exchange messages. Channel transmits messages in one direction. Two-way messages needs two-way channel.

Request/Reply channel: Requestor-Replier. Needs two queues RequestQueue() and ReplyQueue()

Return Address: Request contains a return address to tell the replier where to send reply to

Correlation ID: Message ID of received message. Specifies which request the reply is for.

Point to Point(P2P): Request processed by single consumer(single receiver)

Publish-subscribe channel: Request broadcasted to all interested parties(multi receivers). Pub-sub can be extended to request-response msging, where requests use pub-sub channel, and response is aggregated and on a P2P channel.

Invalid Message Channel: Receiver end, queue to handle cases where msg cannot be interpreted

Dead Letter Channel: Broker end, queue to handle cases where message cannot be delivered(eg receiver down)

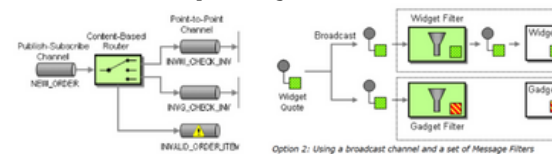
Data Type Channel: Separate channels for each data type (e.g XML, byte-array etc)

Message Routing.

Message routers consume messages from 1 msg channel and reinsert them into diff msg channels, depending on a set of conditions.

Simple routers Route msgs from 1 inbound channel to one or more outbound channels

Complex routers Combine multiple simple routers to create more complex msg flows.



Content-Based Router Examines msg content and route msg onto diff channel based on data contained in msg. **Needs to have knowledge of all possible recipients and capabilities.**

- Message Filter** Special kind of content based router, used to send messages to intended audience in pub-sub channel when broadcasted. If msg content matches criteria specified by msg filter, msg is routed to output channel, otherwise it is discarded.

Context-Based Router Decides msg destination based on specific contexts, eg load balancing.

Attribute based filtering(subscriber filter) Instead of publisher being responsible for routing, can require publisher to set **message attributes** and each subscriber to set a subscription attribute(sub filter policy).

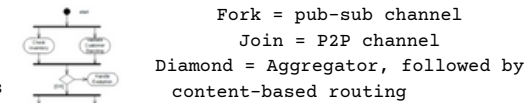
Message Splitter Used to split single msg to multiple msges.



Message Aggregator Used to combine multiple msges into a single msg.

Message Scatter-Gather Basically broadcast + aggregate. Routes/broadcasts a single msg to a number of participants concurrently and aggregates replies into a single msg.

Sample seq for activity diagram



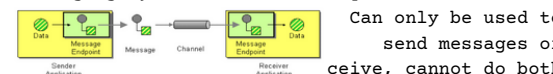
Message Transformation.

Message Translator Used to convert msg from one data format to another (eg XML to byte-array)



Canonical Data Model We can reduce number of translators needed for large apps. Idea is to first convert to a standard syntax(canonical format or common format), then second system converts from canonical format to its own data format.

Message endpoint Interface betwn app and messaging system. Is channel specific.



Can only be used to send messages or receive, cannot do both

Requires multiple endpoints to interface w multiple channels.

Proactive consumer Proactively reads msgs **when it is ready to consume them**

Event-Driven consumer reactively processes msg on arrival.

Principle-Pattern Entwinement

General design principles -- SoC, SRP, High Cohesion, Loose Coupling, Abstraction, Information Hiding, Interface Segregation principle(ISP), Dependency Inversion, Open-close principle, Design for reuse

Principles of microservice design -- Design with ubiquitous capabilities, loose coupling, domain specific requirements/aroud business capabilities, small team structures, containerised deployments, scaling components at different pace, decentralized development and deployment

Principles in Event driven and messaging systems -- asynchronous communication, decoupling(or loose coupling)
Architecture: Layers, Pipe/Filter, MVC & its flavors, Microservices

A design pattern is a reusable solution to a recurring problem in software design.

Microservices : DDD patterns, Deployment patterns, Service Discovery patterns, Service communication and collaborations patterns (eg API Gateway, Orchestration, choreography)

Event-Driven & Messaging : Event sourcing, CQRS, Event-Broker, Pub-Sub, (EIP)Messaging patterns

Creatinal patterns Provide ways to instantiate single object or groups of related objs

Structural patterns Provide manner to define relationship betwn classes or objects to form larger structures

Behavioural patterns Define manner of communication between classes and objects

Design patterns provide low lvl soln to problem