

Design Engineering Concepts

• Software Design

- It is a process to transform stakeholder's requirements, business needs, and technical considerations into some suitable form, which helps the programmer to add details needed for the actual computer system implementation.

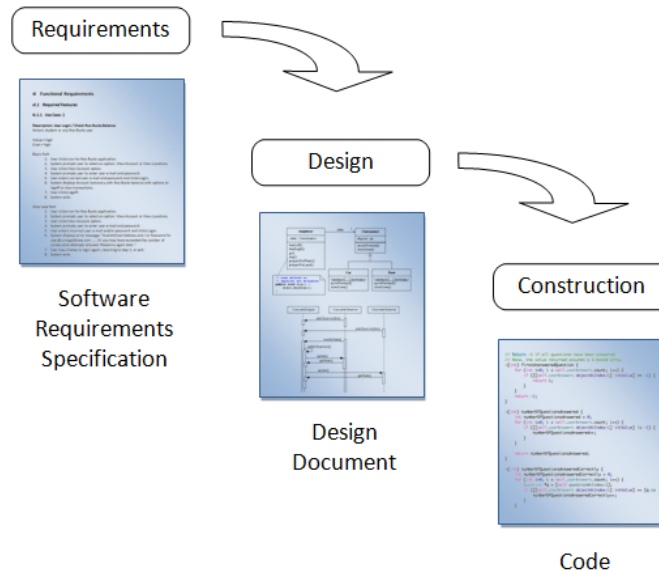


Figure 1

Software Design between Software Requirements Specification and the Construction Phase

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• Software Design Objectives/Properties

- Correctness
- Verifiability
- Completeness
- Traceability
- Efficiency
- Simplicity

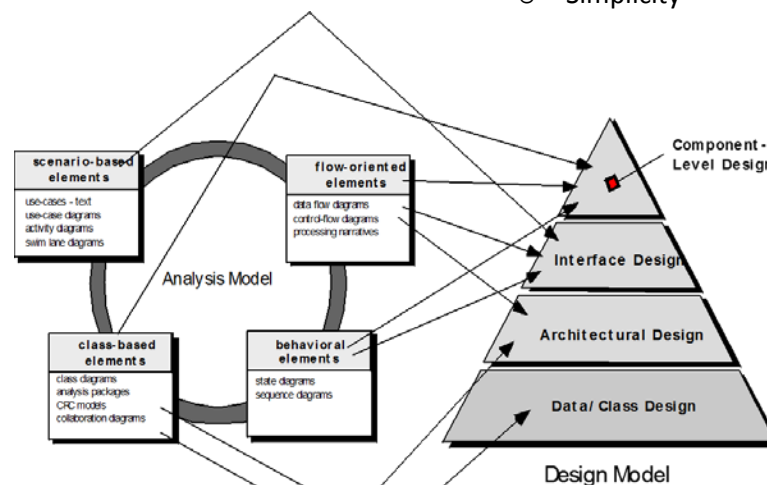


Figure 2

Translating the analysis model into a software design

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• Architectural Design Process

- System Structuring
- Control Modelling
- Modular Decomposition

- **Key Architectural Concepts**

- Three (3) canonical building blocks
 - Components
 - Connector
 - Configuration
- Subsystem
- Module

- **Abstraction**

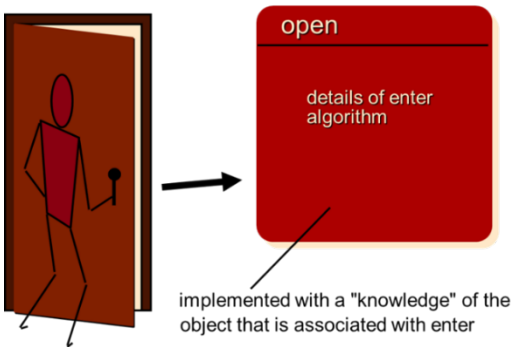


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Procedural/functional abstraction

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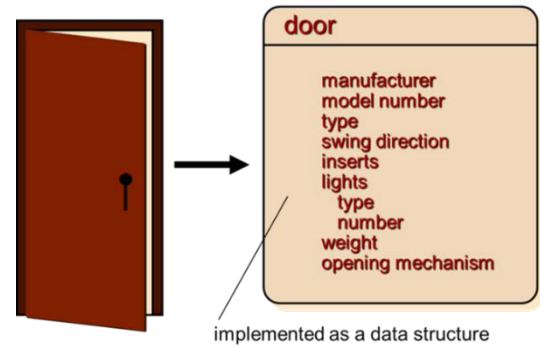


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Data abstraction

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- **Modularization**

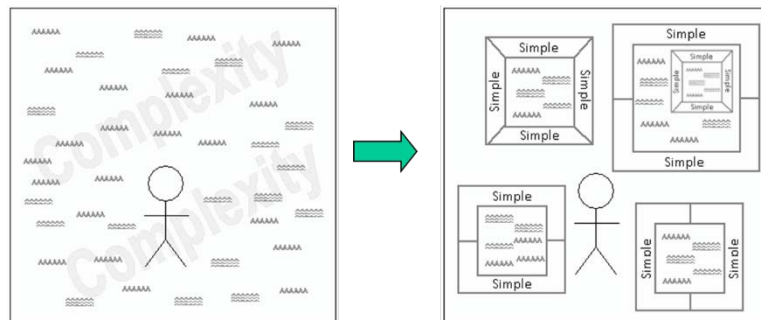


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- **Advantages of Modularization**

- Modular systems are easier to understand and explain
- Modular systems are easier to document
- Programming individual modules is easier
- Testing and debugging individual modules is easier
- Bugs are easier to isolate and understand
- Well-composed modules are more reusable; also, a good module should be easy to extract from one program and insert into another

- **Information Hiding**

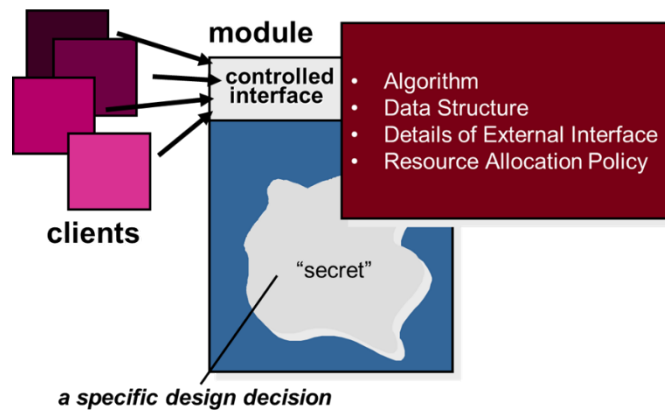


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- **Functional Independence**

- Reasons why functional independence is a key to any good design
 - Error isolation
 - Scope of reuse
 - Understandability

- Two Important Criteria

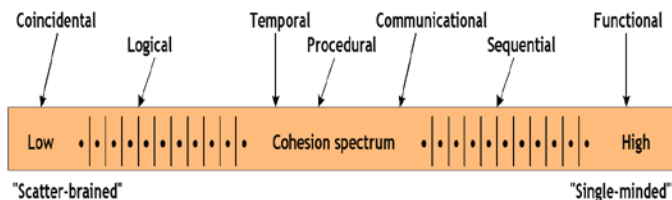


Figure 7

Cohesion and Its Classification

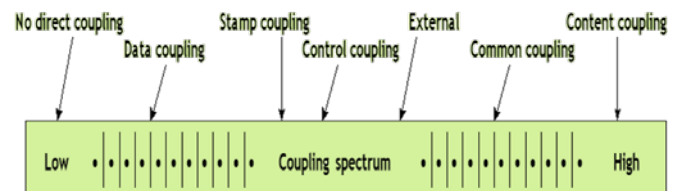


Figure 8

Coupling and Its Classification

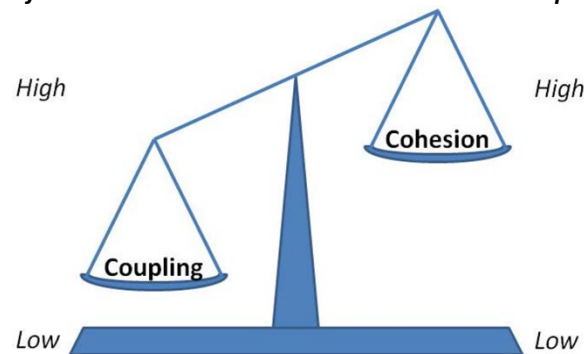


Figure 9

Relationship between Coupling and Cohesion

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- **Benefits of High Cohesion and Low Coupling**

- Modules are easier to read and understand
- Modules are easier to modify
- There is an increased potential for reuse
- Modules are easier to develop and test

- Stepwise Refinement

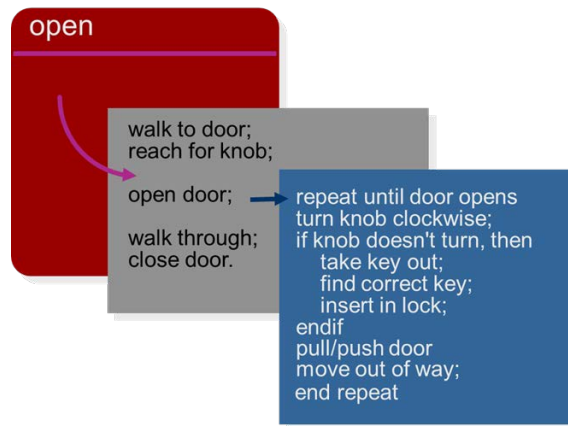


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Software Architecture

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- It is a description of how the subsystems and components of a software system is organized and the relationships between them

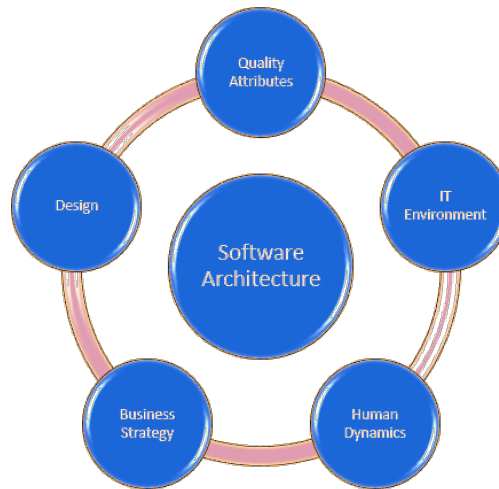


Figure 11

Software Architecture

- Advantages

- Stakeholder Communication
- System Analysis
- Large Scale Reuse

- Aspect of Architectural Design Representation

- Structural properties
- Extra-functional properties
- Families of related systems

- Aspect of Architectural Design Representation

- Structural Model
- Framework Model
- Dynamic Model
- Process Model
- Functional Model

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