

Software Engineering

Software - It is a collection of programs that when executed provides desired functions & performance. Ex: Ms word, Bank Management Sys. etc.

Engineering - The process of using knowledge and principles to design, build and analyze objects.

Defⁿ - "Software engineering is the application of engineering principles to the design, development, maintenance and implementation of software."

Software Product - Software when made for a specific requirement is called Software product.

Software Process - It is the set of activities and associated result that produce a software product.
or

The process that deals with the technical and management issues of software development is called a software process.

Disadvantages -

- ① Only system that can be modularized can be built using RAD.
- ② Requires highly skilled developers / designers.
- ③ Inapplicable to cheaper projects as cost of modelling & automated code generation is high.
- ④ For larger system, RAD model require sufficient human resources.
- ⑤ The customer and developer ~~should~~ should be active because the laziness of any one may lead to failure.

When to use RAD model -

- When there is a model to create a system that can be modularized in 2-3 months of time.
- When there is high availability of designers for modeling.
- When budget is high enough to afford their cost along with the cost of automated code generating tools.

- Members of the managers group can enter or approve a requests but cannot delete requests.
- Members of the Administrators group cannot enter or approve requests but can delete requests.

How to identify the functional requirements?

It can be identified either from an informal problem description of the problem or a conceptual understanding of the problem.

- For this the different types of users of the system might be identified. and then the requirements from user's perspective.

Non-Functional Requirements.

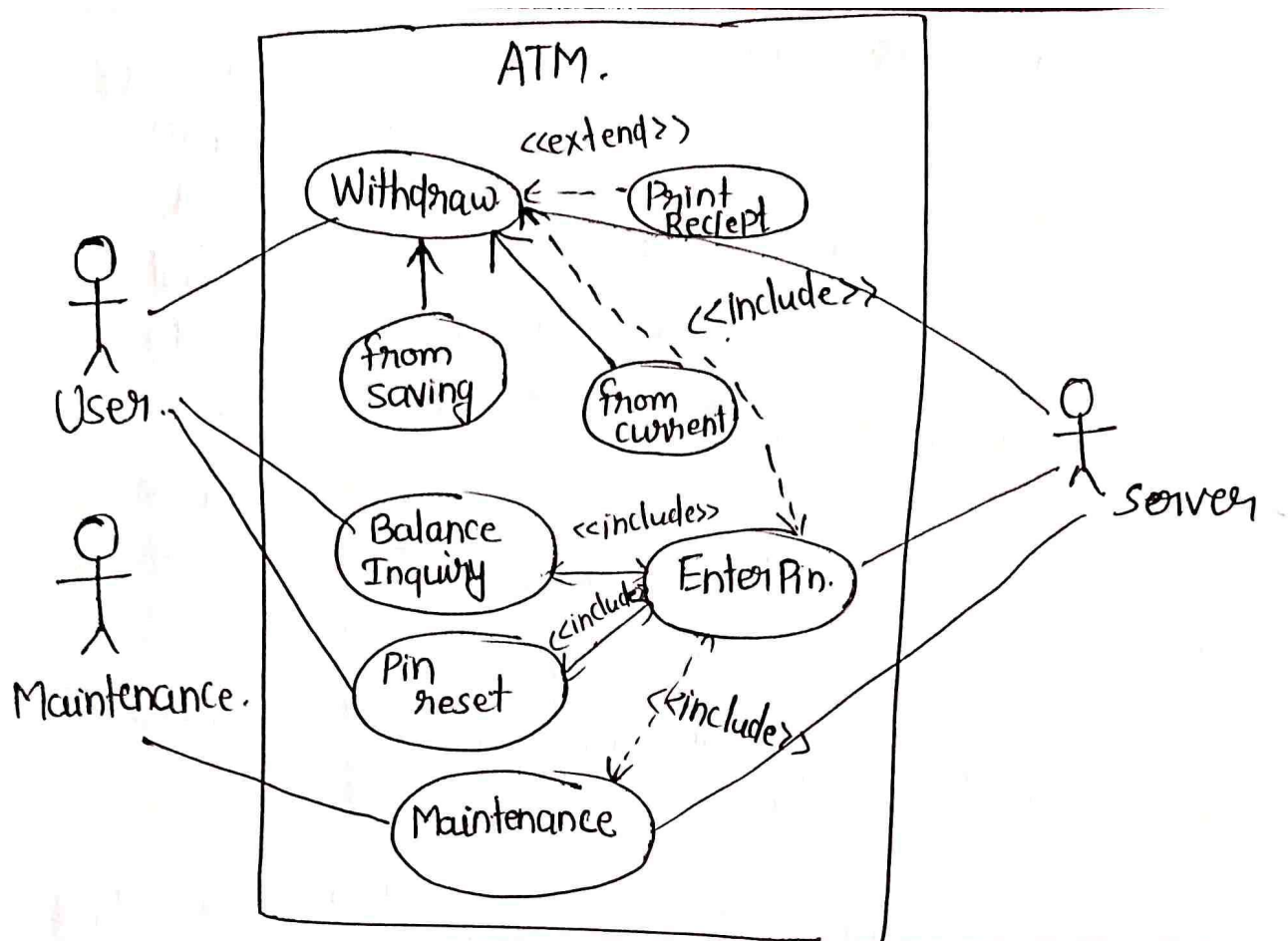
Requirement, which are not related to functional aspect of SW, fall into this category.

- They are implicit or expected characteristics of the software, which users make assumption of.

- Non functional requirements mostly define the overall attributes of the resulting system.

It defines the constraints on how (functional) requirements are to be met.

Eg:- Response time must be \leq 1 second per screen.



Object oriented models (diagram) to define
Classes of objects & their states

- CLASS DIAGRAM. - A class diagram is the Unified Modeling language (UML) is a type of static structure diagram that describes the structure ~~diagram~~ of a system by the system's classes, their attributes, operations/methods and the relationship among objects.
- The main purpose of class diagram is to model/Analysis/design of the static view of an application, ~~diagram~~
 - Class diagram are the only diagram which can be directly mapped with object oriented language and thus widely used at the time of software construction.

Bottom up Integration - It is also based on incremental approach & starts from lower level modules, moving upwards to the higher level modules.

Again the higher level modules might not have been developed by the time lower modules are tested. So in those cases Drivers are used. These drivers simulate the functionality of higher level modules in order to test lower level modules.

Advantage - We don't have to wait for all the modules to get developed before start testing

In bottom-up Integration, several disjoint subsystems can be tested simultaneously.

But complexity arises when there are large numbers of small subsystems.

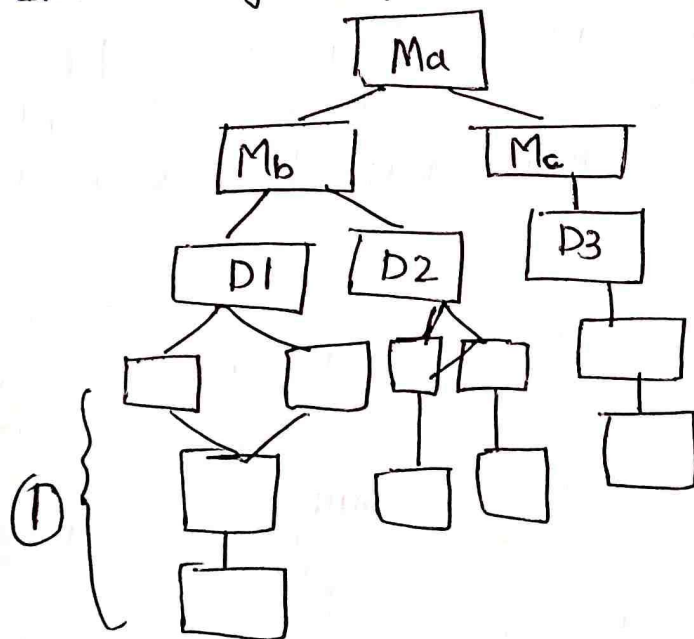


Fig - Bottom up Integration

System Testing - System testing is the level of testing where the complete integrated application is tested as a whole.

- It aims at determining if the application conforms to its business requirements.

(9) Object oriented design programming done concurrently with other phases

(10) It is suitable for most business applications, game development projects, which are expected to customize or extended -

(11) Class diagram, Sequence diagram, state chart diagram & use cases are used

(12) Message passing is used

(13) Object oriented approach uses iterative & bottom up processes rather than step by step. All life cycle activities are performed in each project iteration

(14) Requires more technically skilled analysts & designers

(15) Suitable for in house development

(16) Not so clear transition from design to implementation

(9) Structured design programming usually left until end phases.

(10) It is suitable for a real time system, embedded system & projects where objects are not the most useful level of abstraction.

(11) DFD & ER diagram model the data.

(12) Function call is used.

(13) Structural approach uses traditional, waterfall, incrementals model of SDLC.

[Planning - Analysis - Design - Implement - Maintenance]

(14) Requires less technically skilled as compared to object oriented approach

(15) more suitable for off shoring.

(16) clear transition from design to implementation.

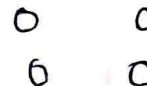
- Each ~~mem~~ member function of the object should perform unique action/operation/function.

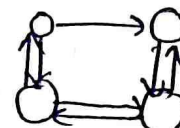
Conclusion/Summary - cohesion measures relatedness of the elements encapsulated in one module.

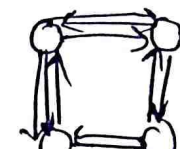
- Each element in a module should be necessary & essential part of one & only task.

COUPLING

Coupling is the measure of the degree of interdependence between modules.


 uncouple modules
 - no dependencies


 Loosely coupled
 - some dependency


 Highly coupled
 many dependency.

- Coupling is a measure of the extent of information interchange between modules.

- Tight coupling implies large dependence on the structure of one module by another because higher number of connections, more paths along which errors can extend into other parts of the program.

- Tight coupling makes modifying parts of the system difficult e.g. ~~mod~~ modifying a component affects all the components to which the component is connected.

∴ Modules should have low coupling
 Loose coupling makes it possible to.

- Understand one class without reading others.
- change one class without affecting others.
- Thus improves as maintainability.