

Understanding Service Layers

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Outlines



1. Introduction to Service Layers
2. Breaking Down the Business Problem
3. Building Up the Service-Oriented Solution

5.1 Introduction to Service Layers

Service model



- A service model is a classification used to indicate that a service belongs to one of several pre-defined types
- Classification based on
 - The type of logic it contains
 - The reuse potential of the logic
 - How the service may relate to elements of the actual business logic

Common Service Model



- **Task Service**

- Non-agnostic functional context, compose several other services to complete its task
- Single-purpose

- **Microservice**

- A non-agnostic service in small functional scope
- Have single-purpose with specific requirements
- Typically not reusable

- **Entity Service**

- Agnostic functional context associated with one or more related **business entities**
- A reusable service

- **Utility Service**

- Agnostic functional context encapsulates low-level technology-centric functions
- A reusable service

service layer



- A given service inventory will usually contain multiple services that are grouped based on each of these service models
- Each of these groupings is referred to as a service layer

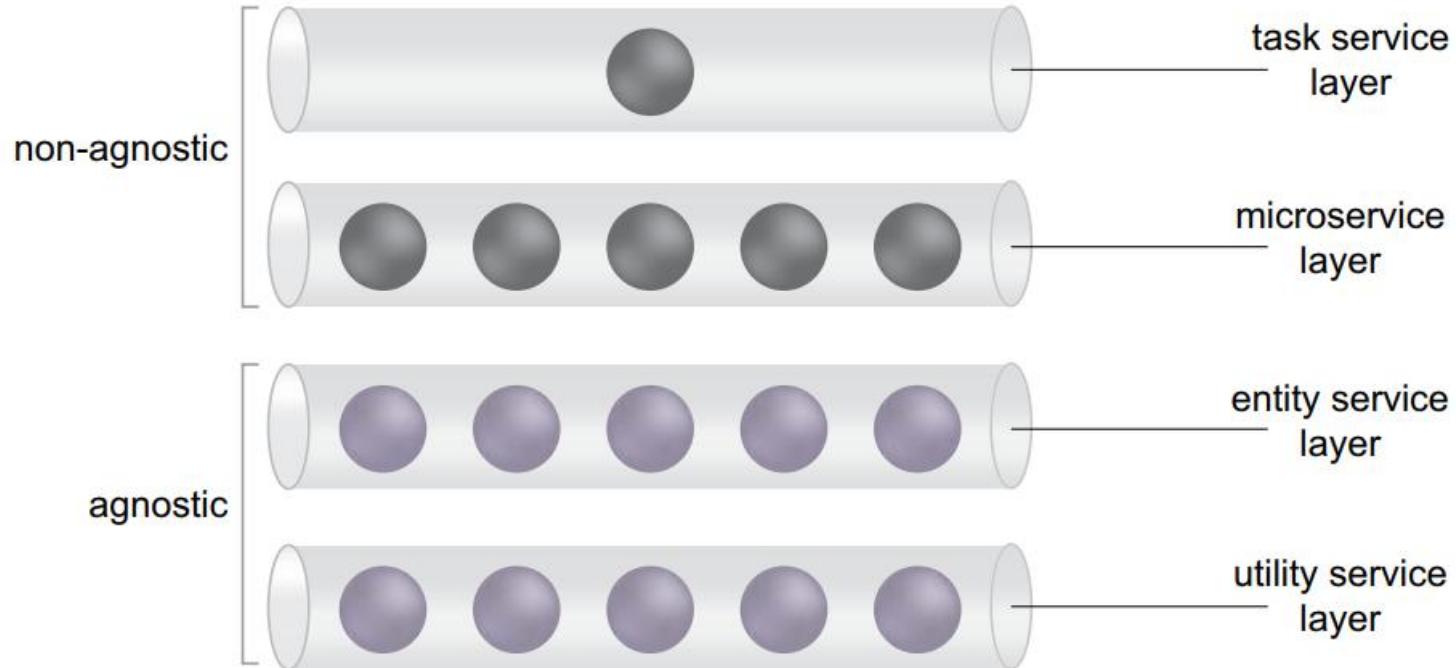


Figure 5.2

The common service layers, each of which is based on a service model.

Service and Service Capability Candidates

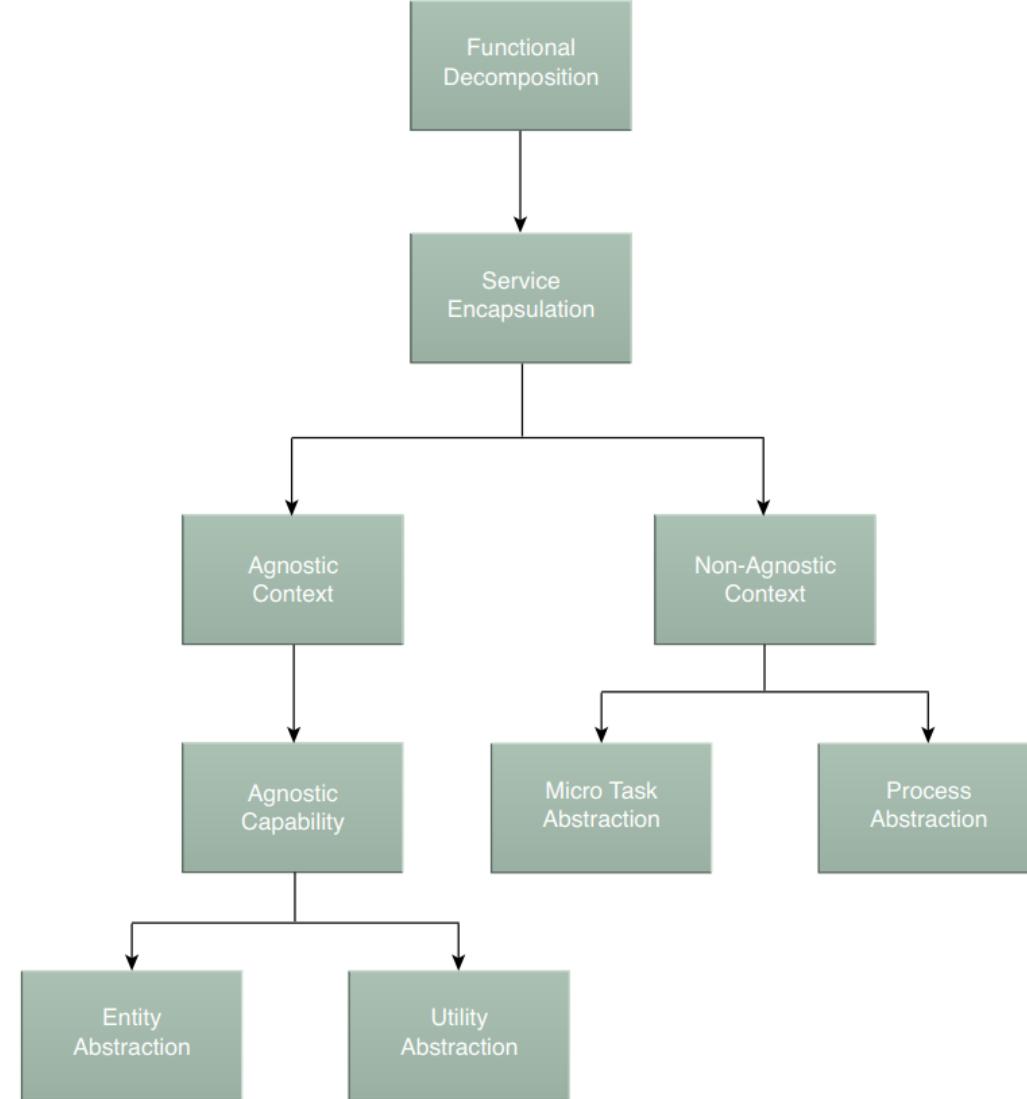


- The terms “service candidate” and “service capability candidate” are used to distinguish conceptualized service logic from service logic that has already been implemented.

5.2 Breaking Down the Business Problem

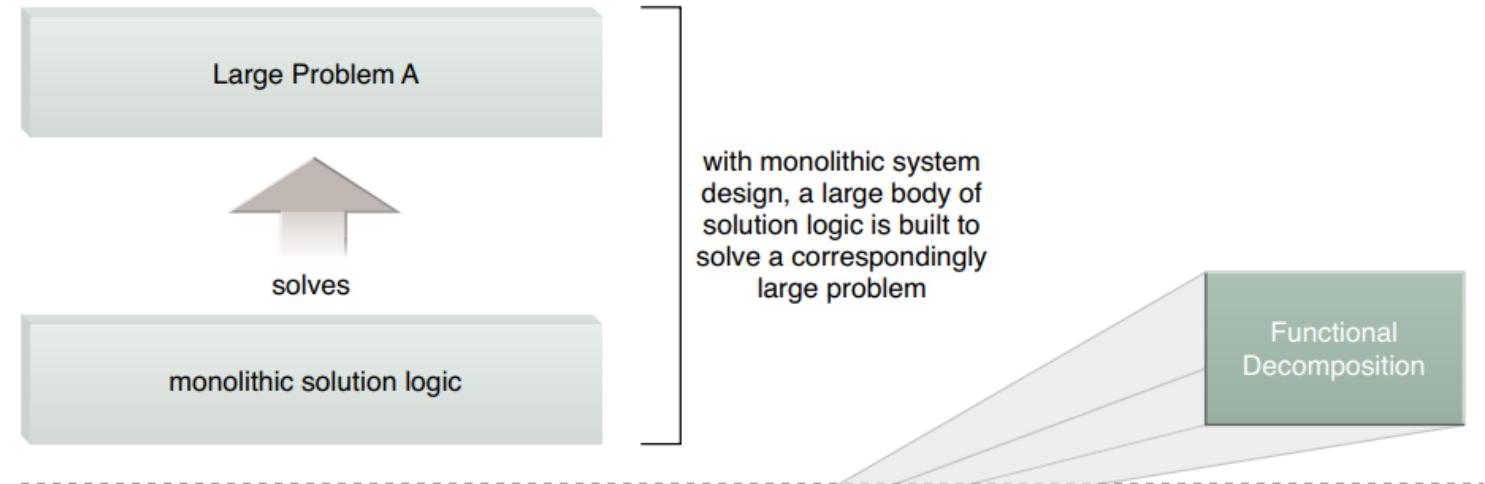
Introduction

- A primitive service modeling process aim to the definition of candidate services and capabilities.
- Applied to the early stages of service modeling and service design

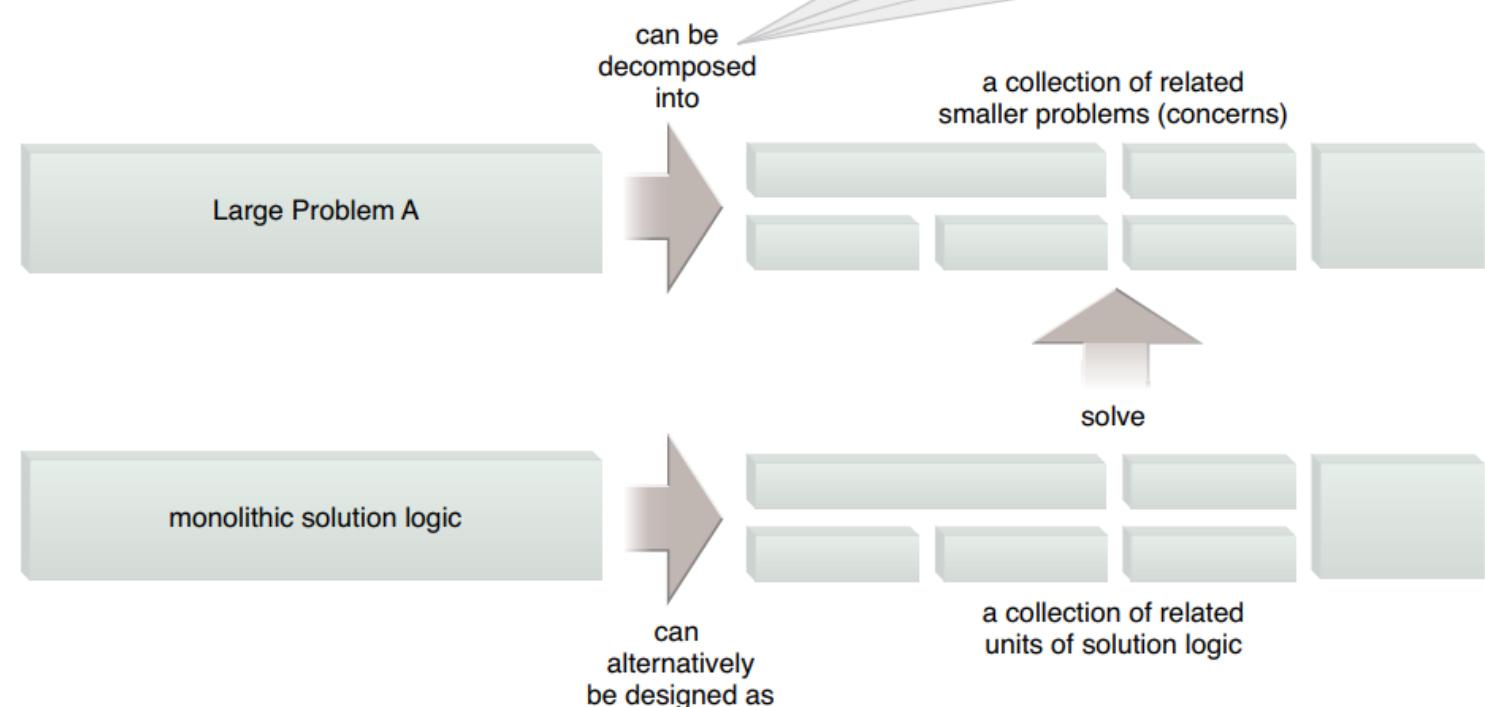


Functional Decomposition

- The **decomposition** of a larger problem into smaller problems, called “concerns” - a unit of solution logic can be built

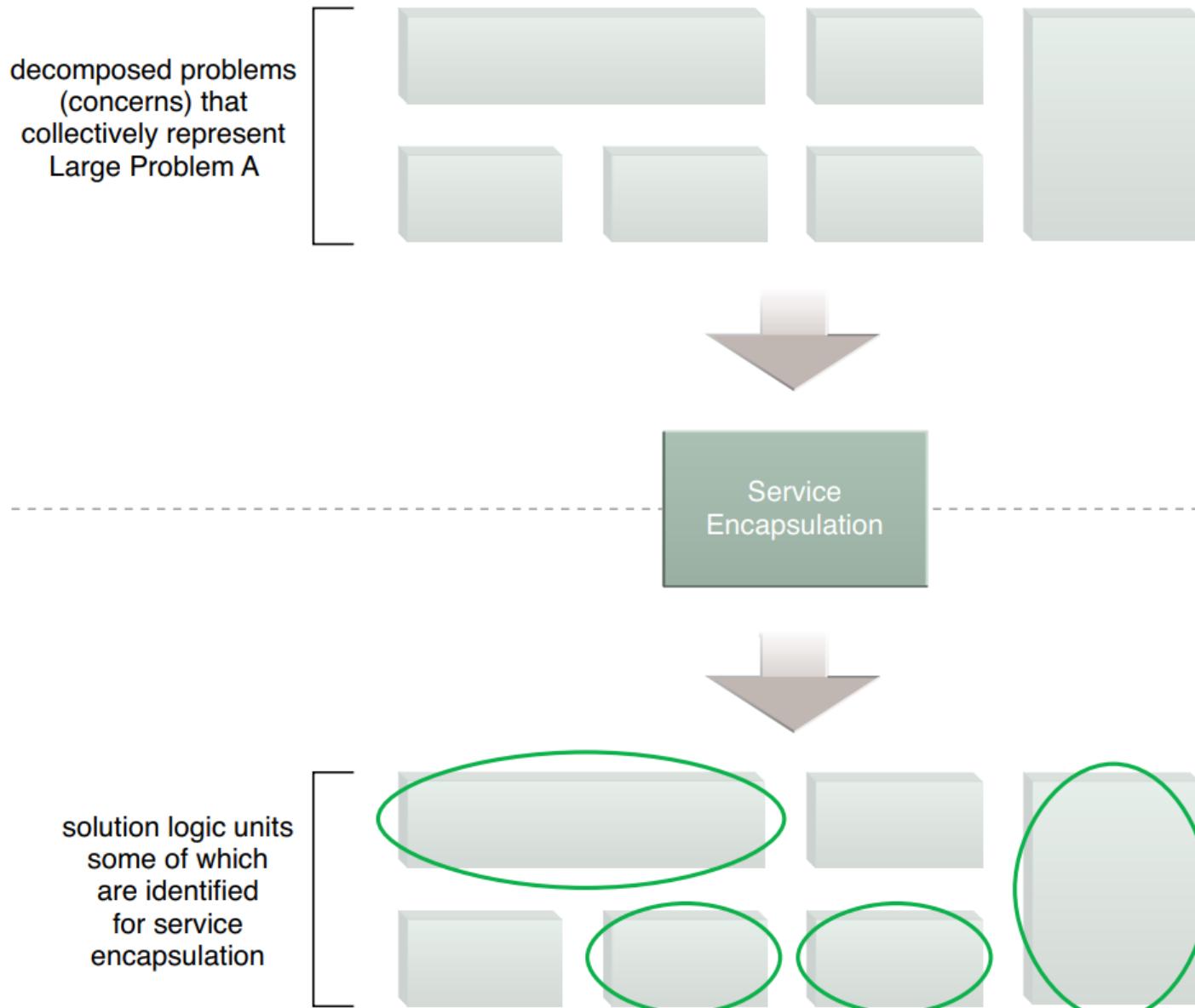


- **Functional decomposition**
 - First step in service modeling process (**Figure 5.1**)

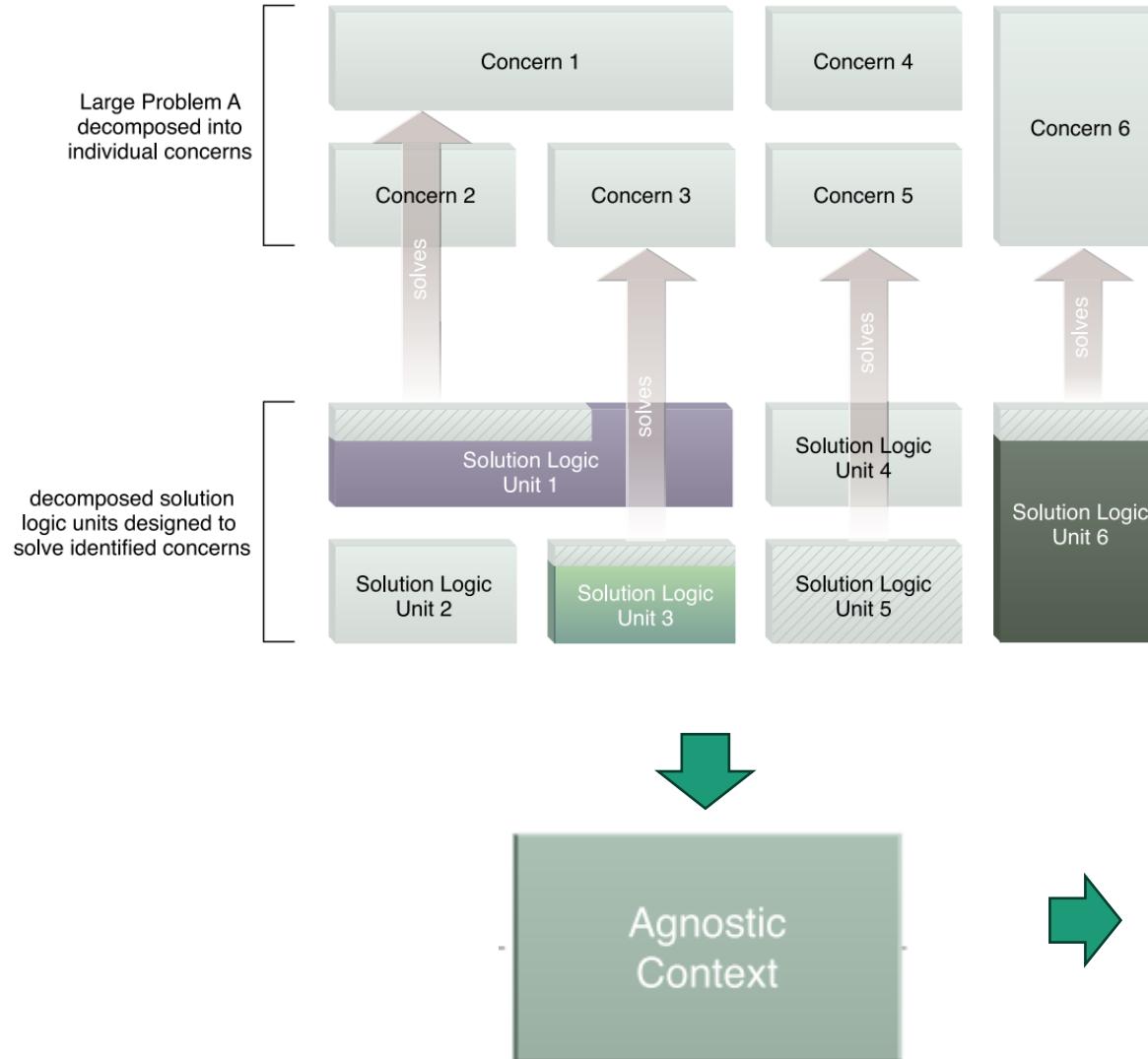


Service Encapsulation

- During the service encapsulation step, we identify the parts of the logic required that are suitable for encapsulation by services

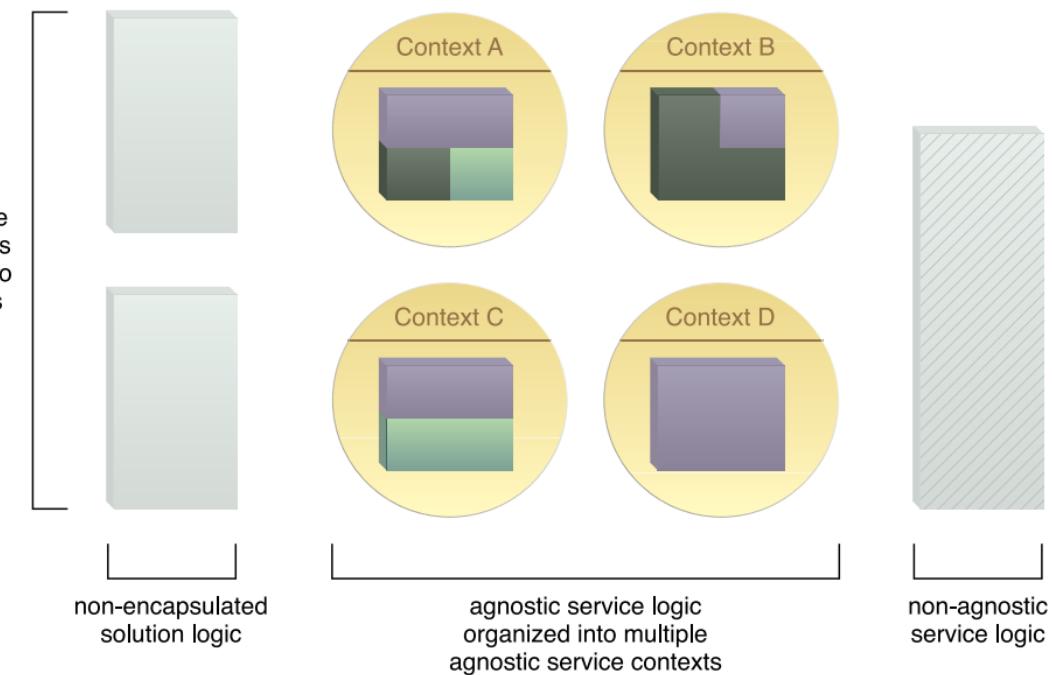


Agnostic Context



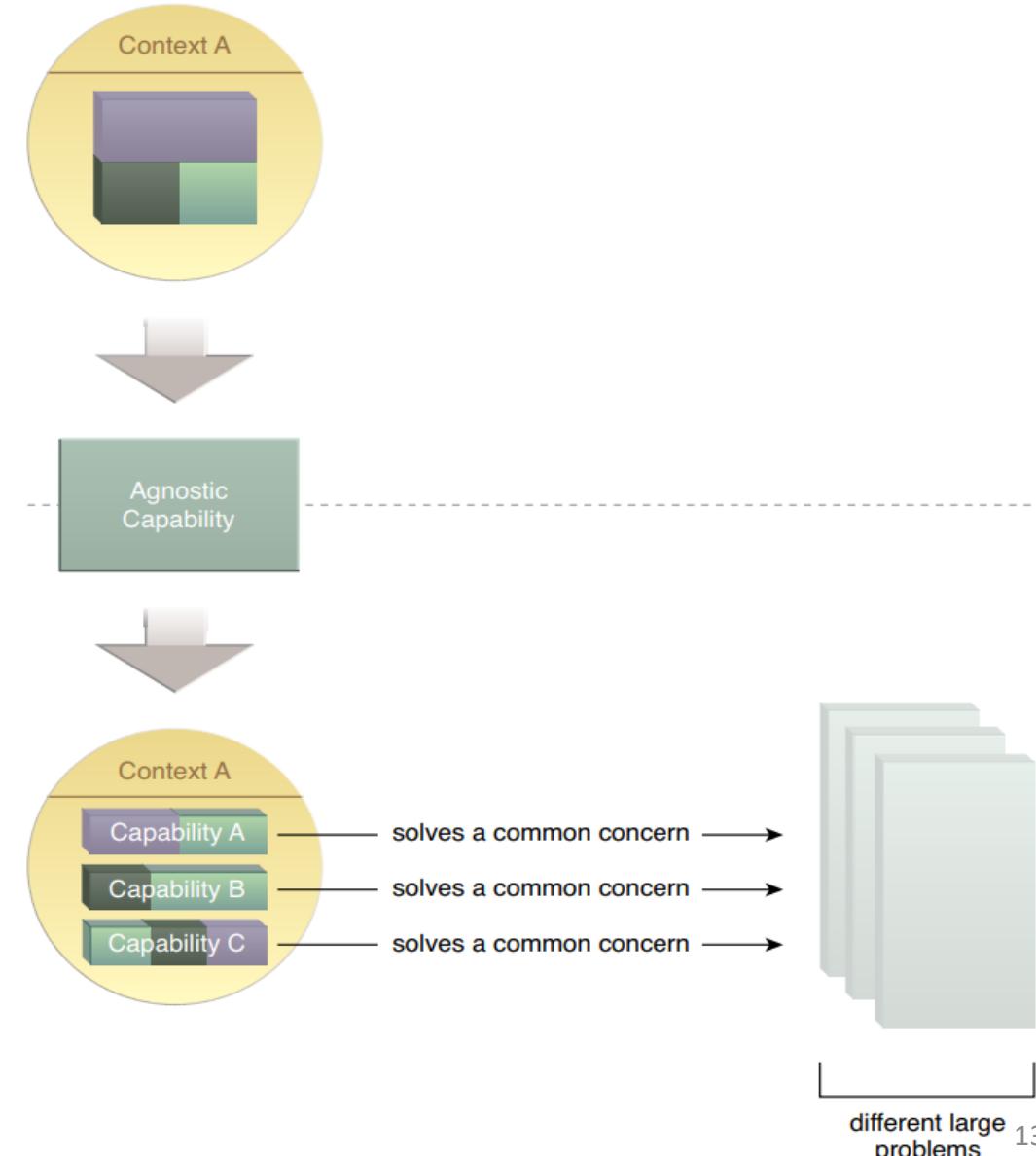
1. Identify the parts of logic that are not specific concerns
2. Separate and reorganize the appropriate logic into a set of agnostic contexts

a subset of the solution logic is reorganized into agnostic units



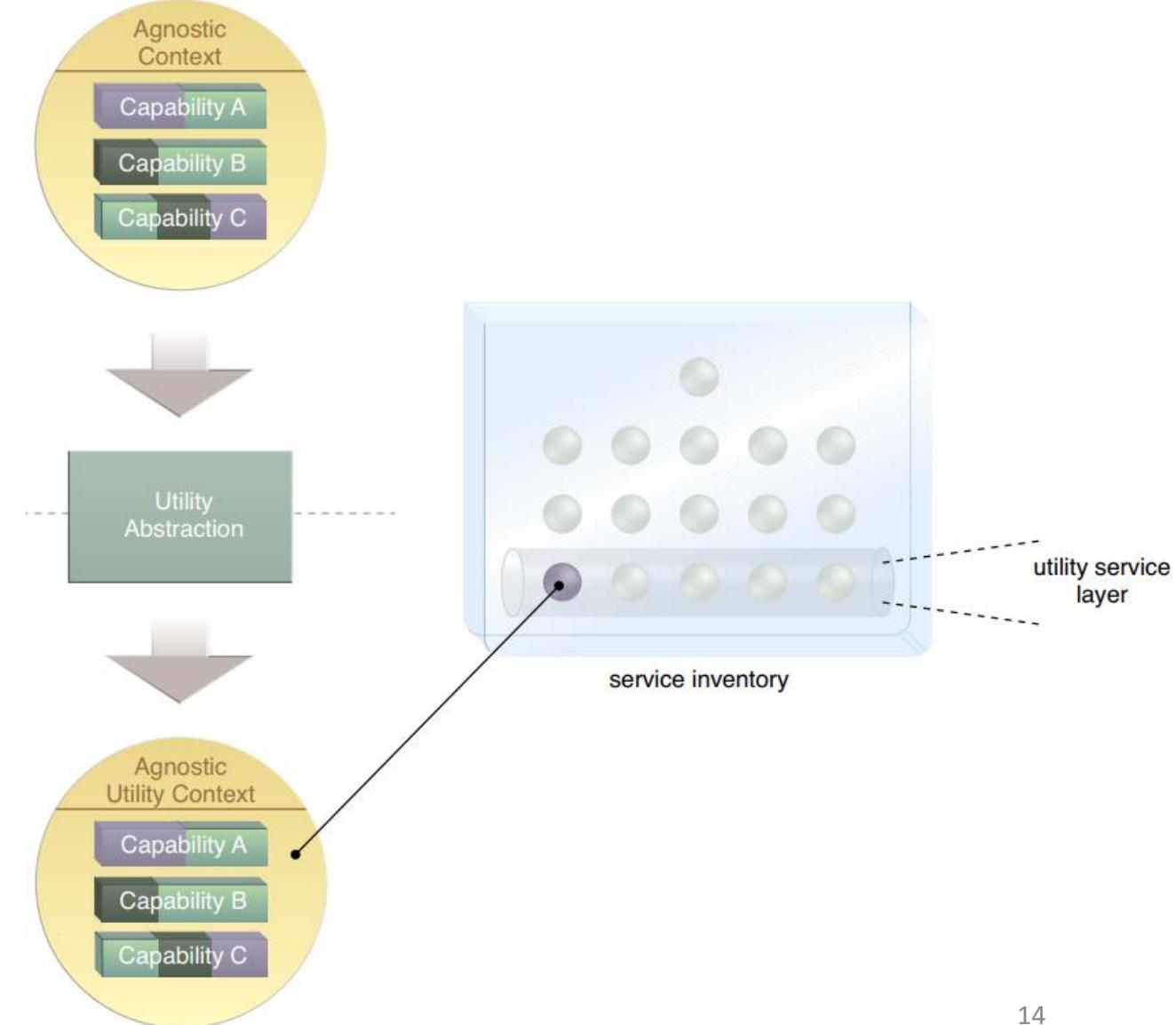
Agnostic Capability

- Within each agnostic service context, the logic is further organized into a set of agnostic service capabilities
- Because they are agnostic, the capabilities are multipurpose and can be reused to solve multiple concerns



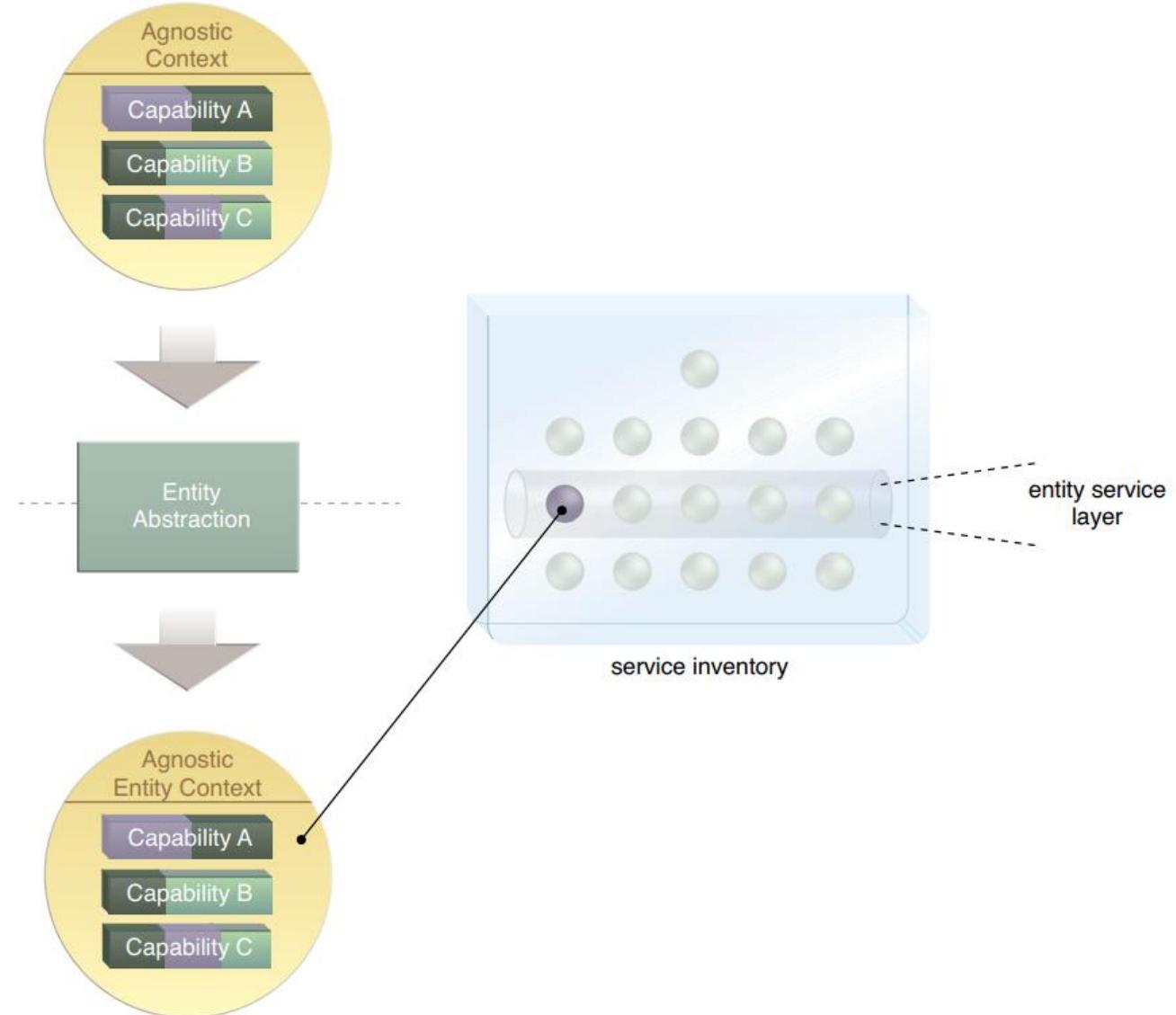
Utility Abstraction

- Utility Abstraction step to separate common, cross-cutting functionality that is neither specific to a business process nor a business entity
- Repeating this step can result in the creation of multiple utility service candidates for the utility service layer



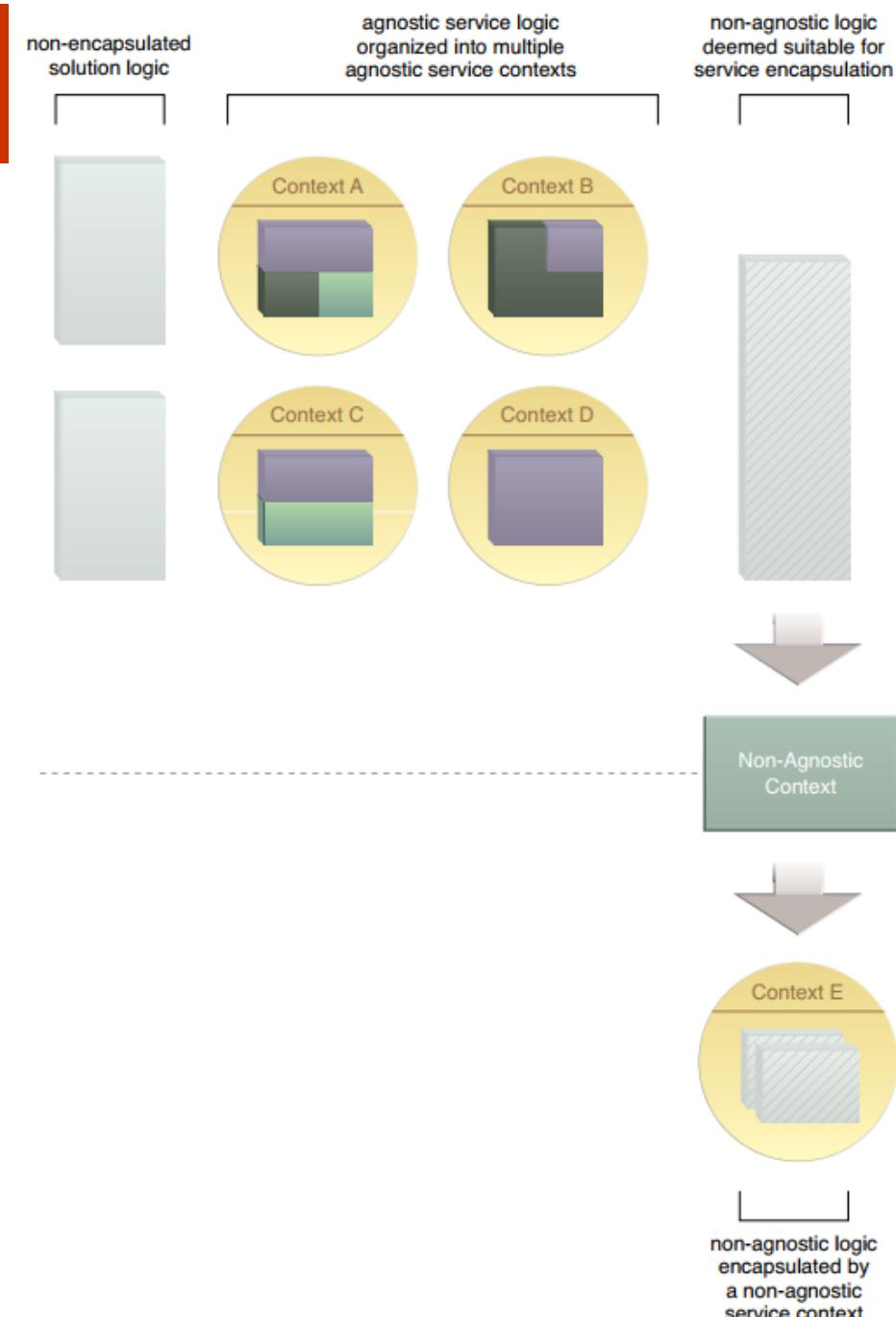
Entity Abstraction

- Entity Abstraction step is focused on shaping the functional context of a service so that it is limited to logic that relates to one or more business entities.
- As with utility abstraction, repeating this step can result in establishing entity service layer



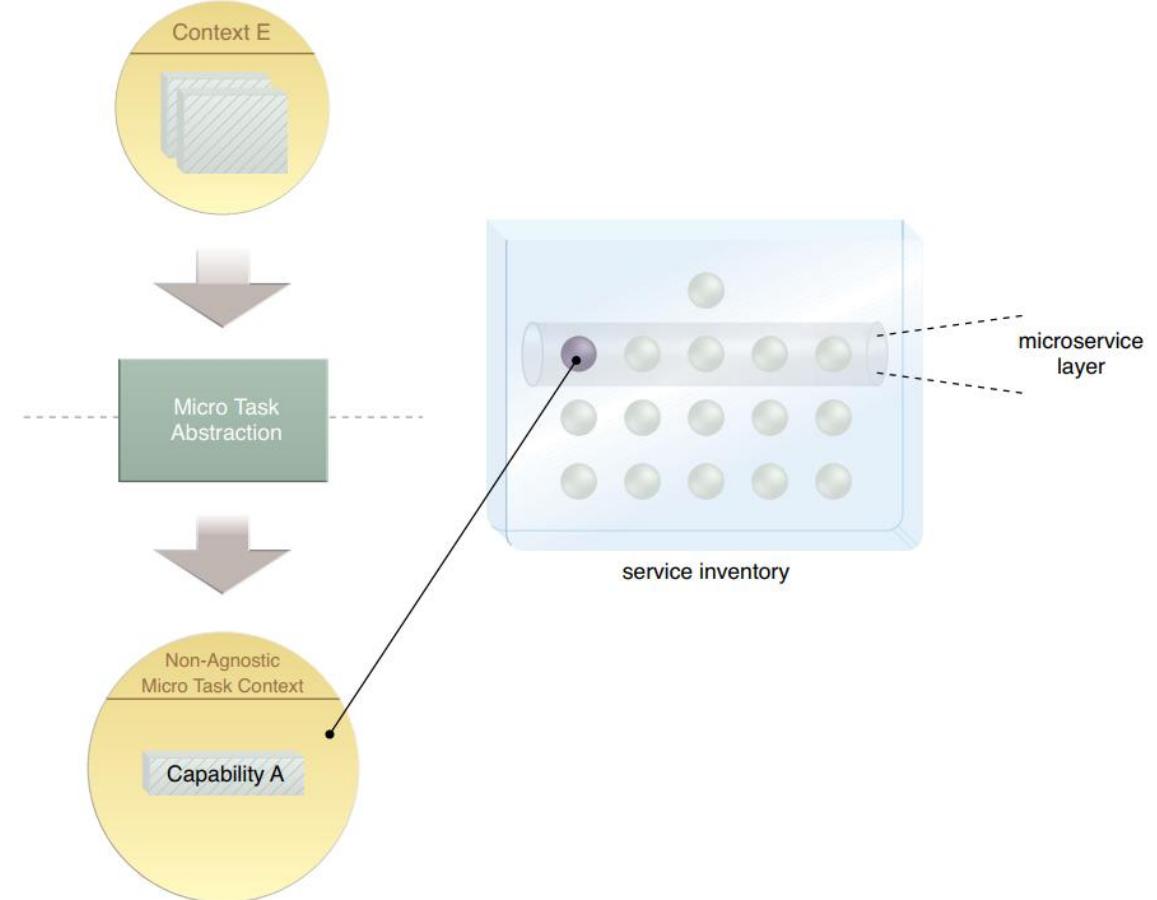
Non-Agnostic Context

- After the multi-purpose logic has been separated, the remaining logic is specific to the business process.
- These logic are considered single-purpose in nature, it is classified as non-agnostic



Micro Task Abstraction

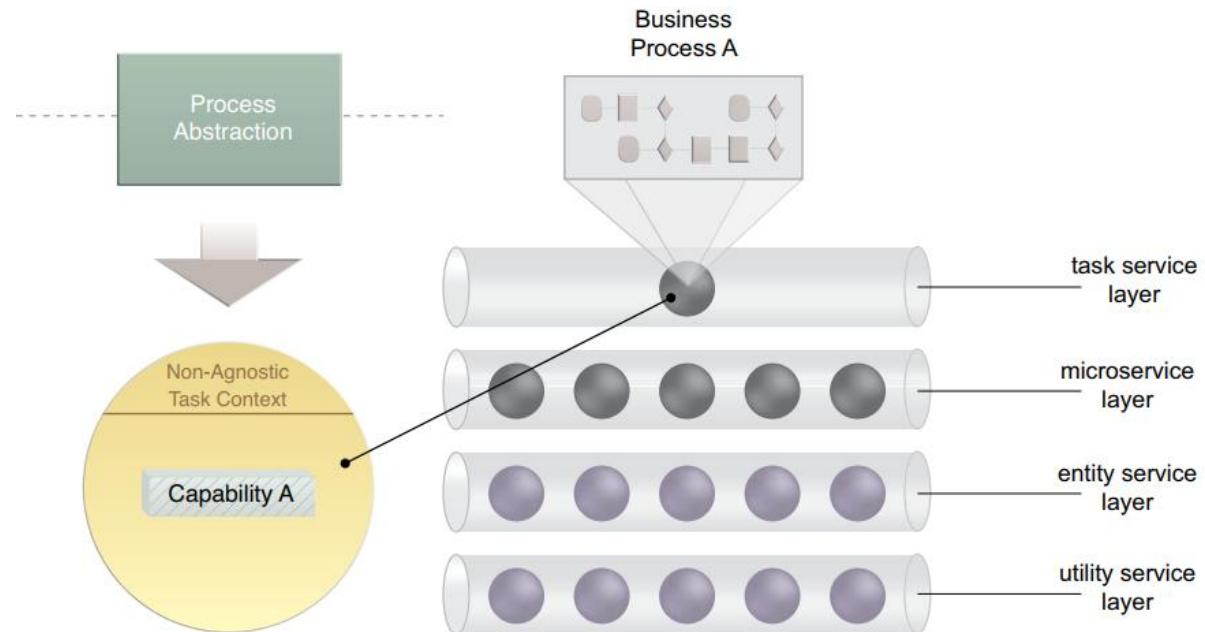
- The subsets of non-agnostic logic (or “micro tasks”) may have specific performance or reliability requirements.
- This type of processing logic can be abstracted into a separate service layer, called microservice.



Process Abstraction and Task Services



- Abstracting the remaining business process-specific logic will typically result in the creation of a task service
- Task services generally encapsulate composition logic or other forms of logic which responsible automate the business process.
 - As a role known as the composition controller



Breaking Down the Business Problem



1. Functional Decomposition

2. Service Encapsulation

3. Agnostic Context

3.1. Agnostic Capability

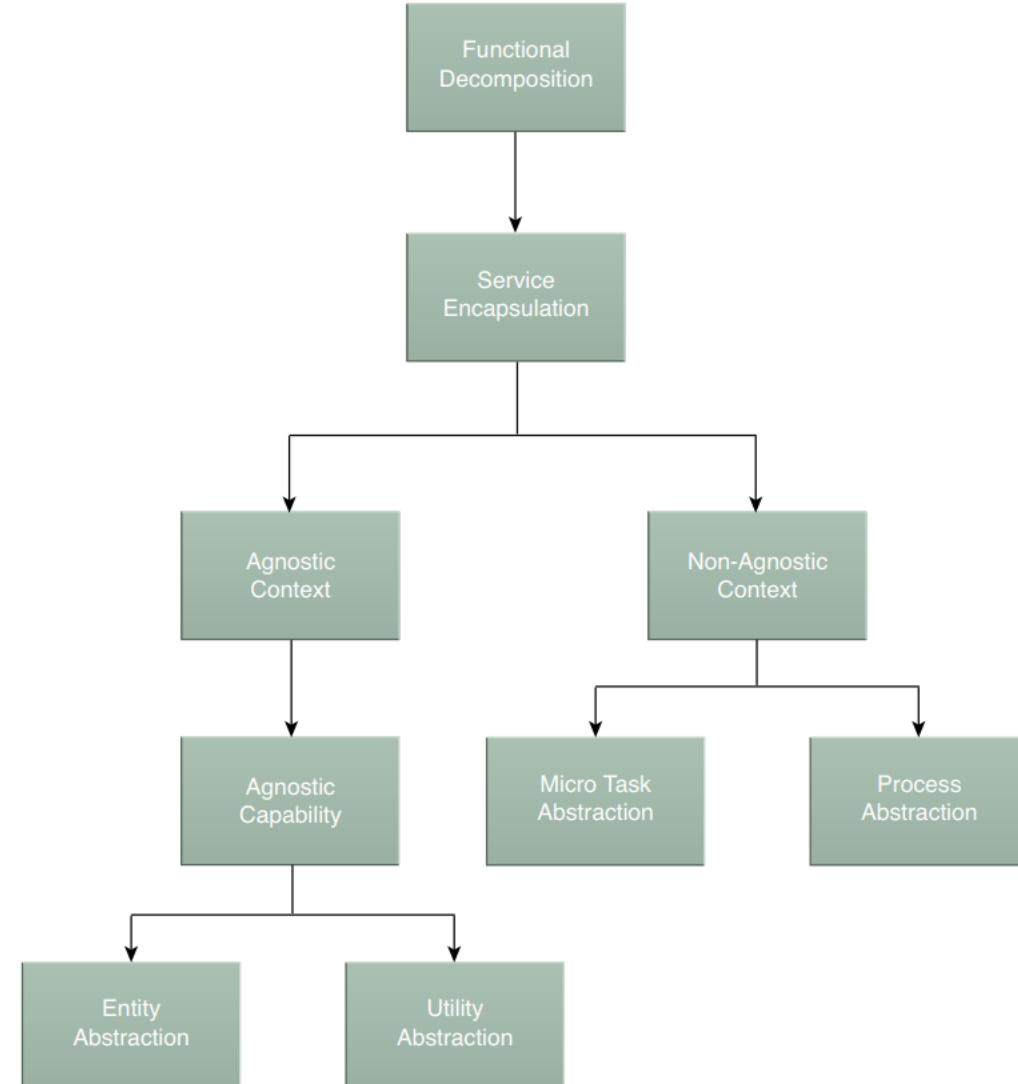
3.2 Entity Abstraction

3.3 Utility Abstraction

4. Non-Agnostic Context

4.1 Micro task Abstraction

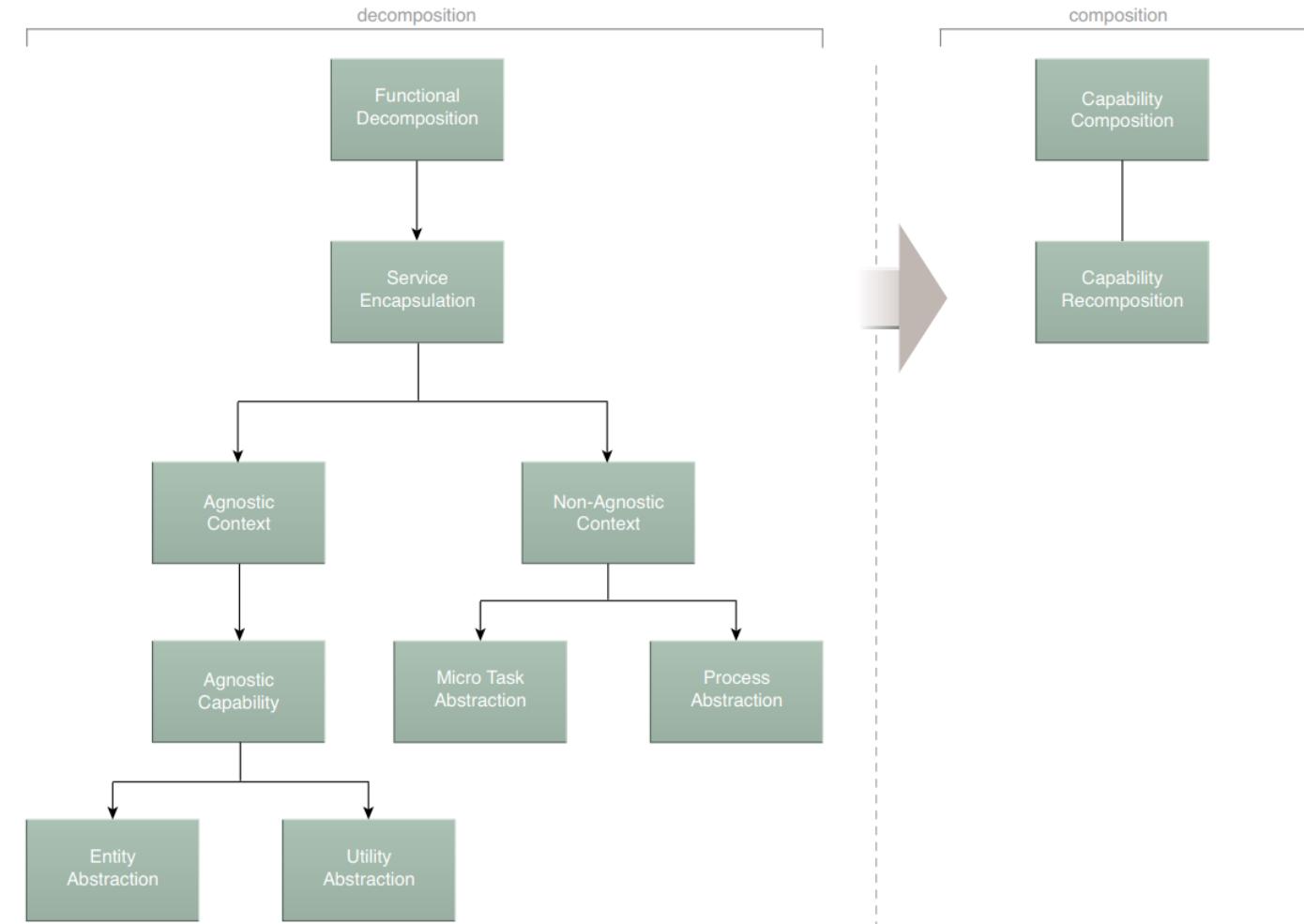
4.2 Process/Task Abstraction



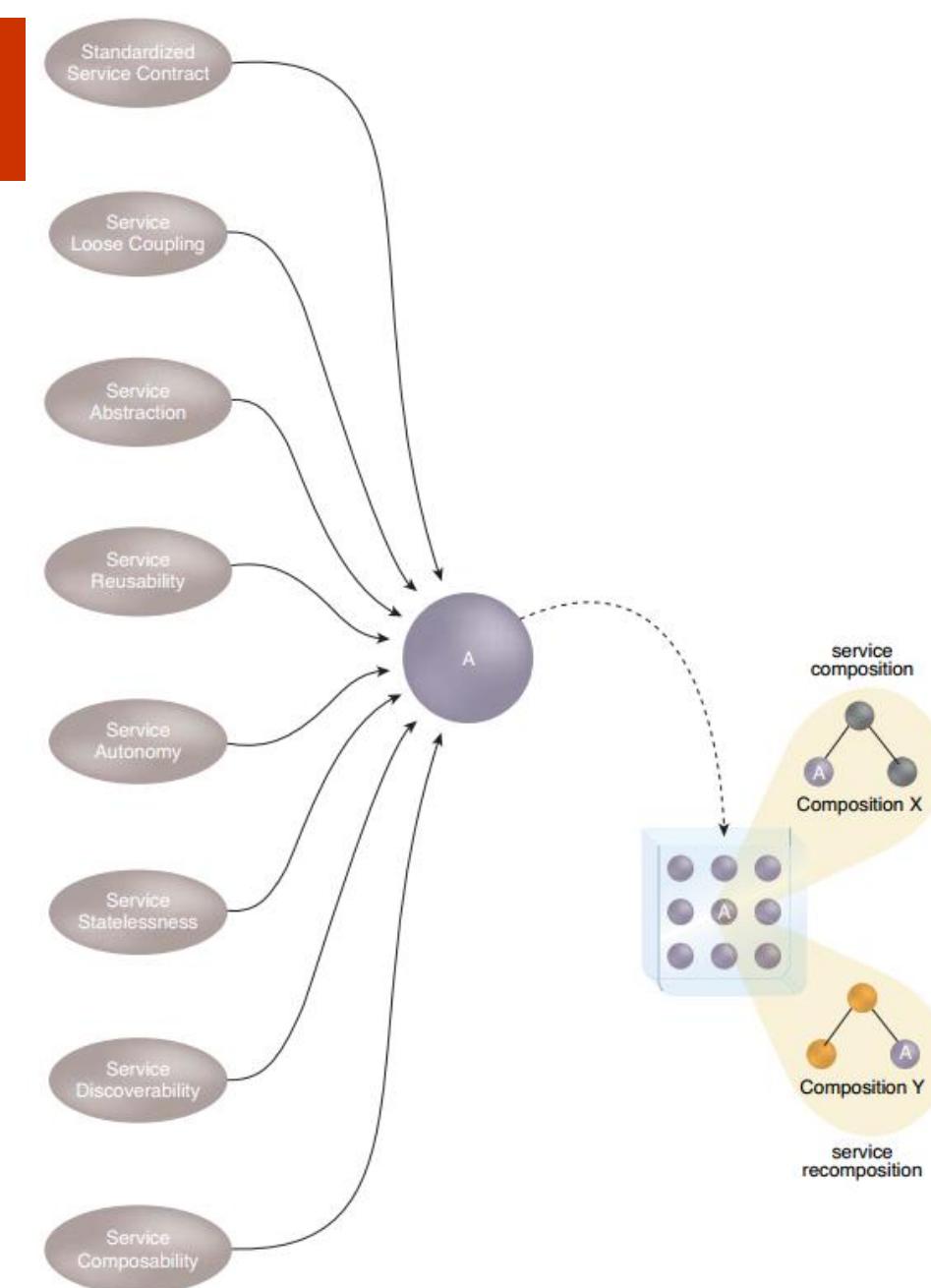
5.3 Building Up the Service-Oriented Solution

Capability Composition and Capability Recomposition

- In previous process steps, logic has only been separated into individual functional contexts and capabilities.
- The next process steps are focused on building process via the composition and recomposition of service capability candidates

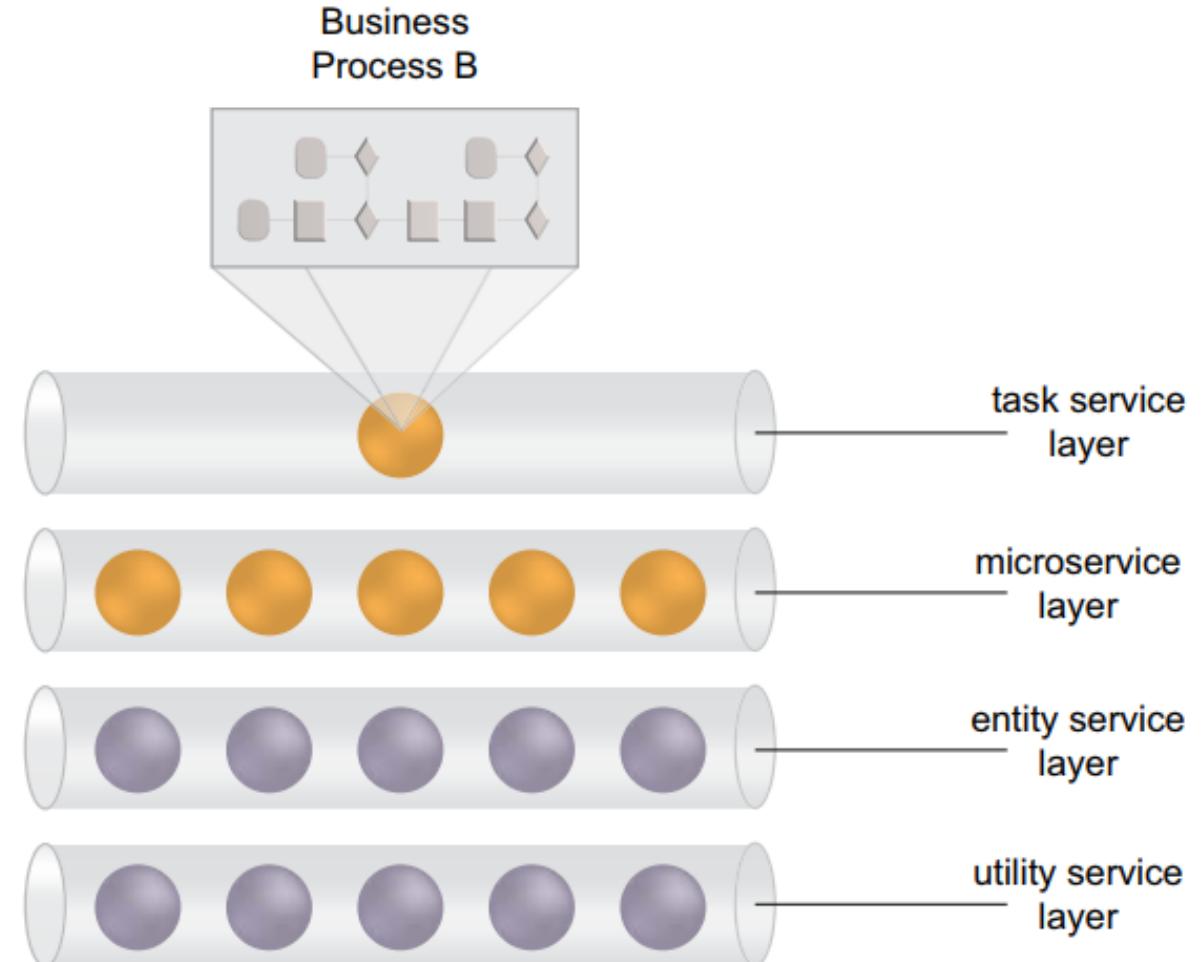


- The service-orientation design paradigm is naturally focused on enabling flexible composition
- The difference between SOA with another distributed technology architecture is how it positions agnostic services in the way they are repeatedly composable



Service-Orientation and Service Composition

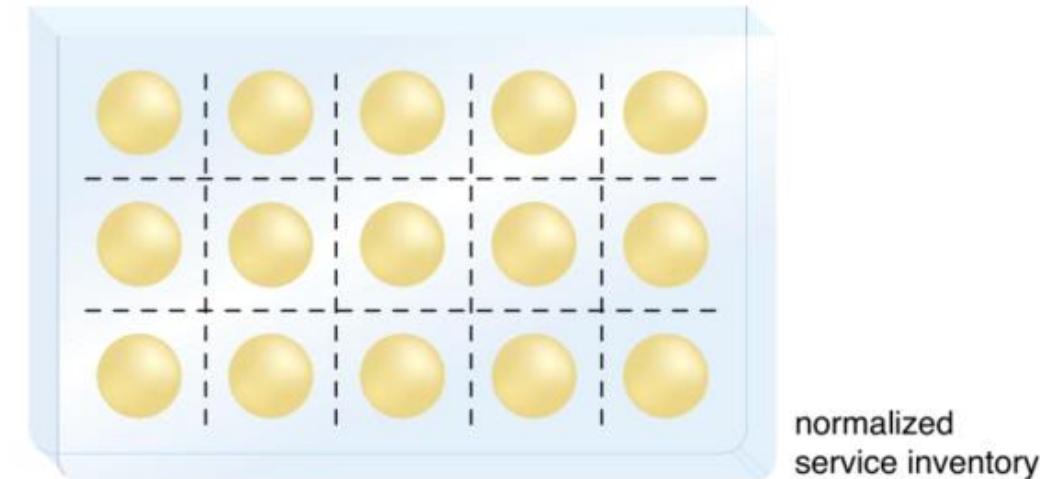
- **Service-Orientation ensures Services are naturally interoperable and designed for participation in complex service compositions**
- **Enabling them to fulfill new business requirements and automate new business processes**



Logic Centralization and Service Normalization



- The less functional overlap that is allowed in a service inventory, the less redundant logic exists
-> The more normalized the service inventory becomes
- Logic centralization is a technique that supports service inventory normalization





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