

Application architectures

Previous review



- describes the patterns and techniques used to design and build an application
- The architecture gives you a roadmap and best practices to follow when building an application, so that you end up with a well-structured application.
- Software design patterns can help you to build an effective application.

Application architectures



- **♦** Application systems are designed to meet an organizational need.
 - Somethings are common in all business like hiring people, invoice issuance, keep accounts etc.
 - That's why their system have much requirements in common
- ♦ For example, all phone companies need systems to connect & meter calls, manage network, issue bills to customers.
 - That's why multiple phone companies tend to have a generic architecture on which they add their customized requirements to make their product.
- ♦ A generic application architecture is an architecture for a type of software system that includes principle characteristics of a class of systems.
 - For e.g., real time systems might have generic arch. Models of different systems like data collection system, data monitoring system etc.
 - A system for supply chain management can be adapted for different suppliers, different goods, and contracts.

Use of application architectures



- ♦ As a starting point for architectural design.
 - If you are unfamiliar with the type of application you are developing then chose a baseline generic architecture and add your features into that to take it to final design.
- ♦ As a design checklist.
- ♦ As a way of organizing the work of the development team.
- As a means of assessing components for reuse.
- ♦ As a vocabulary for talking about application types.

Examples of application types



♦ Data processing applications

 Data driven applications that process data in batches without explicit user intervention during the processing.

Transaction processing applications

Data-centered applications that process user requests and update information in a system database.

Event processing systems

- Applications where system actions depend on interpreting events from the system's environment.
- E.g., trigger an alarm in system on some sensor input etc.

Language processing systems

 Applications where the users' intentions are specified in a formal language that is processed and interpreted by the system.

Application type examples



- Two very widely used generic application architectures are transaction processing systems and language processing systems.
- Transaction processing systems (web based business systems)
 - E.g., interactive banking systems, E-commerce systems, information systems & booking systems.
- ♦ Language processing systems (software development rely on these systems)
 - Users' intentions fed in as a formal language like any Programing Language.
 - They process the language into internal format and depicts as internal representation.
 - They are also used to interpret command languages like XML
 - E.g., Compilers (HLL to machine code)

Transaction processing systems



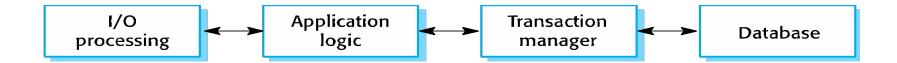
♦ Database centered applications

- ♦ Process user requests for information from a database or to update the database.
- It's the most common type of interactive business systems
- Technically, transaction is a sequence of operation treated as atomic operation to ensure consistency in case of failure of a transaction.
- All operations in a transaction must be completed before database changes are made permanent.
- ♦ From a user perspective a transaction is:
 - Any coherent sequence of operations that satisfies a goal;
 - For example find the times of flights from London to Paris.
- Users make asynchronous requests for service which are then processed by a transaction manager.





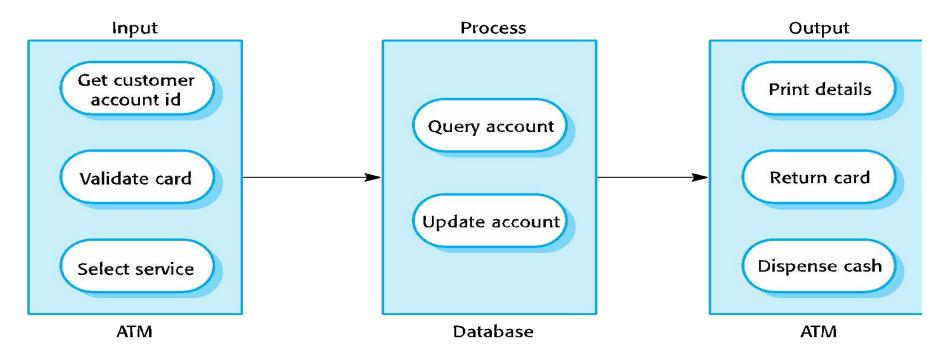
- User makes request using I/O component
- Request process by some application specific logic
- A transaction created and passed to transaction manager for processing.
- After successful transaction completion, a message is passed to application logic







- Transaction processing system could be modelled as pipe & filter architecture with system components responsible for input, processing & output.
- System composed of two cooperating software components: ATM and Processing logic
- Input output components are the installed software components in ATM whereas Process is the software component in Bank's database server.



Information systems architecture



- Transaction processing systems provide information to Information systems for decision making. IS usually generate reports
- ♦ These include transaction processing systems, as interaction with these systems generally involves database transactions.
- Layers include:
 - The user interface
 - User communications , Authentication & Authorization ~ pass all user queries & check validations
 - Information retrieval ~ application logic for accessing & updating data
 - System database

Generic Architecture of information system



- Generic architecture
- Often implemented using a distributed with multi tier client-server architecture
- Segregated to web server (top most layer), application server (mid 2 layers) and the Database server (for bottom layer)

User interface

User communications

Authentication and authorization

Information retrieval and modification

Transaction management

Database

The architecture of the a Mentcare application



Browser based UI

Web browser

Components that allow login, authorization, form to present data to user, validation to check data consistency

Role checking Login

Form and menu manager

Data validation

Implement core system functionalities

Security management Patient info. manager

Data import and export

Report generation

Data storage

Transaction management Patient database

Web-based information systems



- ❖ Information and resource management systems are now usually web-based systems where the UIs are implemented using a web browser.
- ♦ For example, E-commerce systems are Internet-based resource management systems that accept electronic orders for goods or services and then arrange delivery of these goods or services to the customer.
 - In an e-commerce system, the application-specific layer includes
 - additional functionality supporting a 'shopping cart', add multiple items in separate transactions but pay using 1 transaction at end.

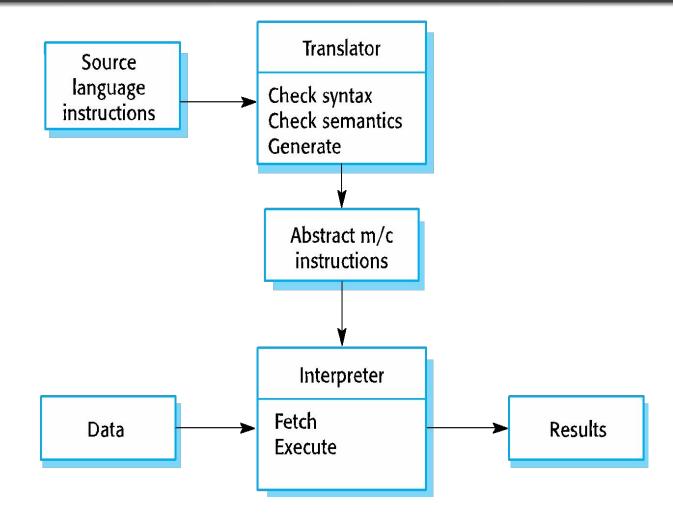
Language processing systems



- Language processing systems are used to translate texts from one language into another and to carry out the instructions specified in the input language.
- They include a translator and an abstract machine that executes the generated language.
- Used: in systems where the easiest way to solve a problem is to describe an algorithm or describe the system data







Compiler components



A lexical analyzer

• converts the High level input program into a sequence of Tokens...

A symbol table

• which holds information about the names of entities (variables, class names, object names, etc.) used in the text that is being translated.

A syntax analyzer

• check syntax if its correct

A syntax tree

• an internal structure to represent compiling program.

A semantic analyzer

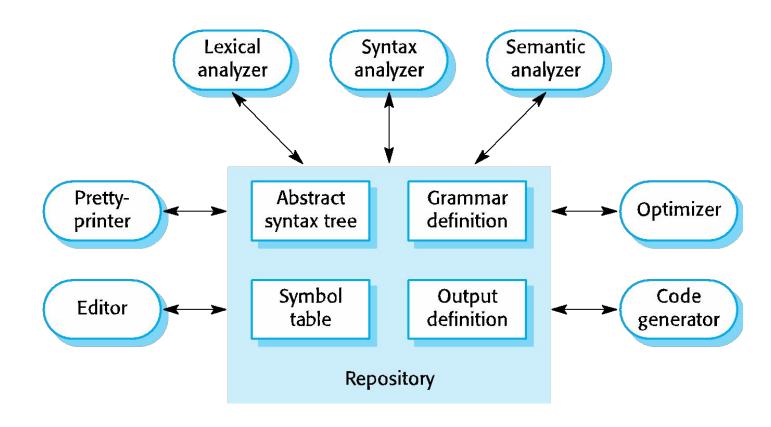
- use info from the syntax tree and the symbol table
- to validate the semantic correctness of input text.

A code generator

- traverse the syntax tree
- generates abstract machine code.

A repository architecture for a language processing system (integrated set of programming support tools)





Grammar definition & output definition might be sometimes embedded in tools.





