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### **Functional Aspect**

Version 6.0



#### **Module outline**



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The functional aspect of IT architecture

Component modeling

Building a component model

- Identifying components
- Specifying components
- Implementing components

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### **Learning objectives**



At the end of this module, you should be able to:

- Describe what is meant by the functional aspect of IT architecture and how it can be modeled in a variety of ways
  - Component modeling
  - Data modeling
  - Service modeling
- Describe in detail one way of modeling the functional aspect through component modeling
  - Describe what makes a "good" component
  - Describe some of the key principles used in building component models

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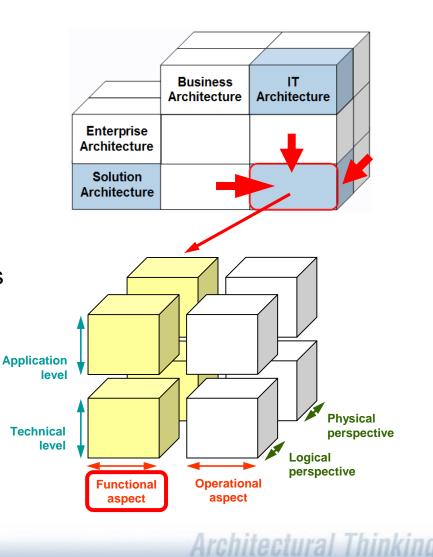




### What is the functional aspect of IT architecture?



- It is one of the basic viewpoints of an IT architecture.
- It describes and captures the system's functional behaviour.
- It can be described in a variety of ways:
  - Component modeling
  - Data modeling
  - Service modeling
- It can be created by Enterprise Architects "in outline" before a program is funded, and/or "completely" by IT Architects within programs.
- It is influenced by the business architecture, solution requirements.
- It can be influenced by the enterprise architecture, architecture guidelines and constraints.



# The functional aspect of an IT system can be modeled in a variety of ways



#### Component modeling

- Reasoning about the structure and behavior of the system as a set of interrelated and interacting *lumps of functionality*: components
  - Components' capabilities are modeled in terms of what they can do, the activities they can perform, and the information they are responsible for.
  - Components work together through the exchange of messages sent and received via interfaces.

#### Data modeling

- Reasoning about the structure and relationships between the system's information entities
  - Data modeling is a key part of information architecture, which also considers the informational parts of the other three basic viewpoints such as requirements, operational, and viability aspects

#### Service modeling

- Reasoning about the structure and behavior of the system as a set of interrelated and interacting offers and requests for service
  - While often implied, that is, abstracted away, in the service model, services are offered and requested by components; a service may be thought of as a \*component's interface with a contract.

#### This module focuses on modeling the functional aspect via component modeling.

- Data modeling is addressed in the "Information Architecture" module.
- Service modeling is addressed in Service Oriented Modeling and Architecture (SOMA).

## Data modeling and component modeling are strongly interrelated



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Information must be considered across all four basic viewpoints:

Requirements, functional, operational, and validation aspects

Data modeling provides the required informational insights in the functional aspect.

 Operational modeling's data deployment units enable modeling of data distribution and management in the operational aspect.

Data modeling is separate from, but significantly related to, component modeling.

- Components must be able to:
  - Manage, that is, create, read, update, delete persistent data
  - Manipulate transient data

Component models and data models must be developed alongside each other, identifying relationships and behaviours between data, whether transient or persistent.

 Whereas data models document the relationships between data entities, component models show how components own, use, and request access or changes to these data entities.

Data modeling is a significant part of information architecture.

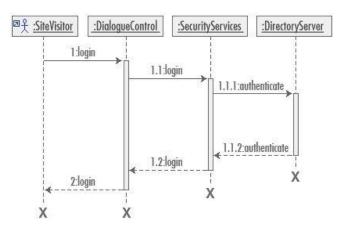
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### The functional aspect can also be modeled using services

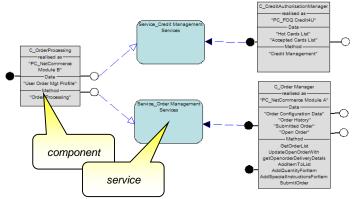


- Components use each other, offering and requesting information via messages that flow between interfaces.
- Rather than focusing on active components, it may be appropriate to focus on what the components' interfaces offer, or request.
- Reasoning about active interfaces elevates them to the notion of services.



Component-centric view

- Thinking about what is offered and requested, instead of what is doing the offering and requesting, is at the heart of SOA.
- But service is not a synonym for component.
  - Component-centric: Components offer and request services
  - Service-centric: Services are satisfied by components, which, if necessary, request services from other components.



Service-centric view

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### What is component modeling?



- Component modeling is the technique used to identify and specify components and their interfaces.
- Component modeling is primarily concerned with the functional aspect of IT architecture.
- The technique is complementary to, and sits alongside, that of operational modeling which incorporates the non functional aspects of IT architecture.



### Why build a component model?



- Bridges the gap between the functional requirements like the what and the how, the solution.
- Helps us visualize and understand the system. Today's complex, software-intensive systems cannot be comprehended without models.
- Specifies the structure and behavior of the system and documents decisions made.
- Provides the necessary input for the operational model to make proper placement decisions about the components' various aspects:
  - Where should the components run?
  - Where should the components' data be?
  - Where should the components be installed?



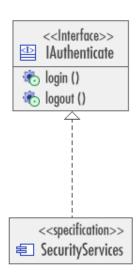
# The component is a primary concept used for describing the functional aspect of the IT architecture



- A component is a modular unit of functionality.
- A component makes its functionality and state available through one or more interfaces.

"State" – the information managed by the component

- Examples of components are:
  - At the application level of the component model:
    - Business processing components such as the Customer Processing component
    - Business service components such as the Account Manager component
  - □ At the *technical level* of the component model:
    - Technical components, middleware such as messaging or transaction software
    - System software components such as an operating system
    - Hardware components such as an encryption device
- A component is not just a programming-level concept such as an Oracle® EJB or .NET component.



### Components may be grouped into subsystems



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Subsystem: An interesting group of model elements of any number or model.

- Security subsystem, printing subsystem, order management subsystem, data distribution subsystem.
- Model elements can be simultaneously in any number of subsystems.
- A subsystem has no intrinsic capabilities; it is simply an identifier.

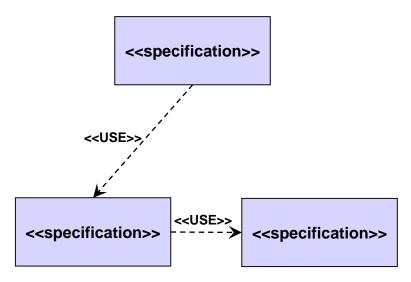
Subsystems are commonly found in component models, where they enable the modeler to:

- Label major parts of an IT system, such as the accounting subsystem.
- Identify a commercial software product or package, such as CICS or SAP.
- Allocate work to development groups such as platform teams.

In the context of component modeling, since it is *just a label*, a subsystem does not have its own interfaces. Interfaces *to the subsystem* are actually interfaces on components in the subsystem.

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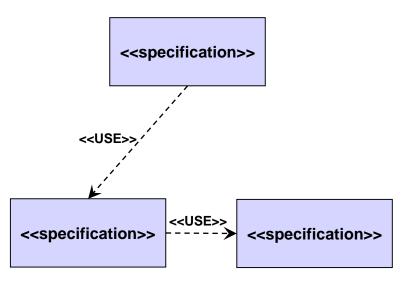




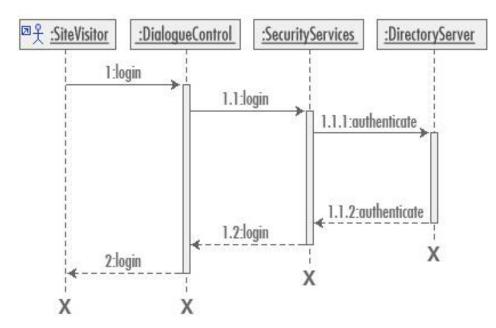
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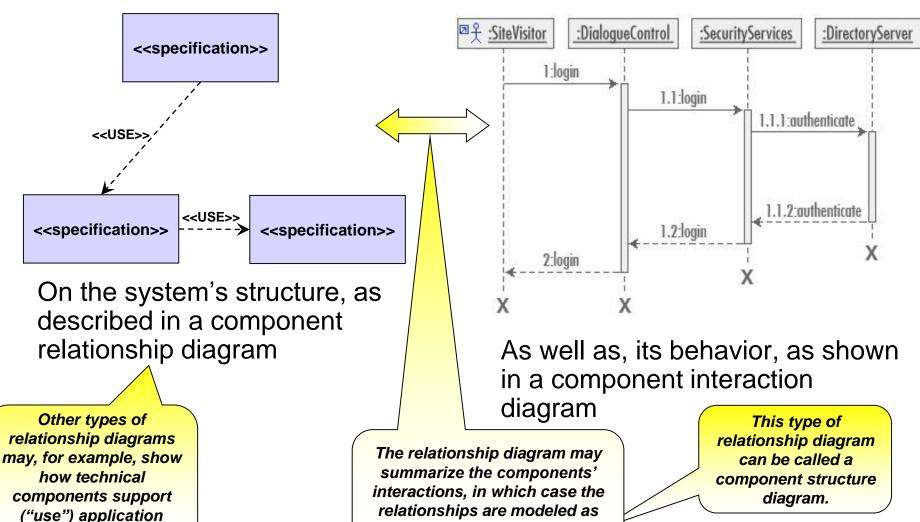


As well as, its behavior, as shown in a component interaction diagram.

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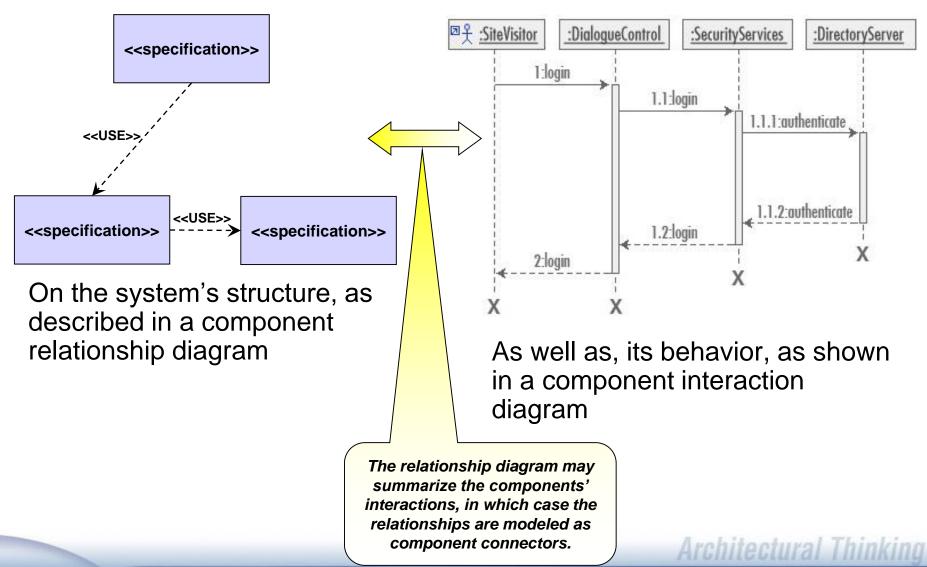


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# Component modeling enables the functional aspect to focus (4 of 4)





# Component modeling makes extensive use of the Unified Modeling Language

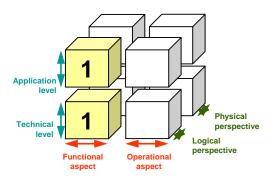


#### Unified Modeling Language (UML) is:

- A graphical notation, supported by a single metamodel, for describing software systems.
- An open standard controlled by the Object Management Group (OMG); Version 2 was released in July 2005.
- Based on a unification of the modeling work of Grady Booch, Jim Rumbaugh, and Ivar Jacobson.
- Supported by a number of tool providers.

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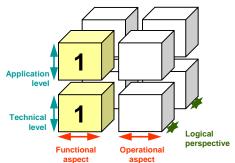


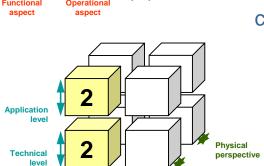
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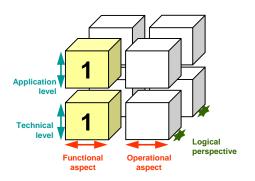
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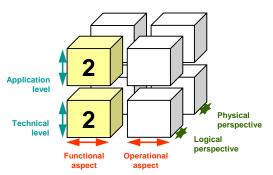
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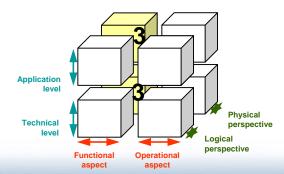
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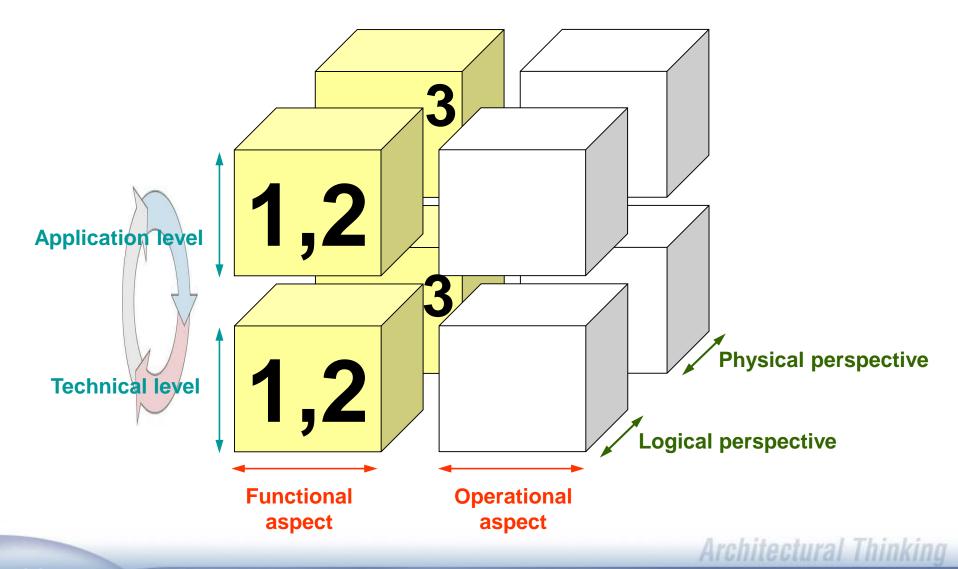


#### Component implementation:

- a. Identify products and packages
- b. Define implementation approach

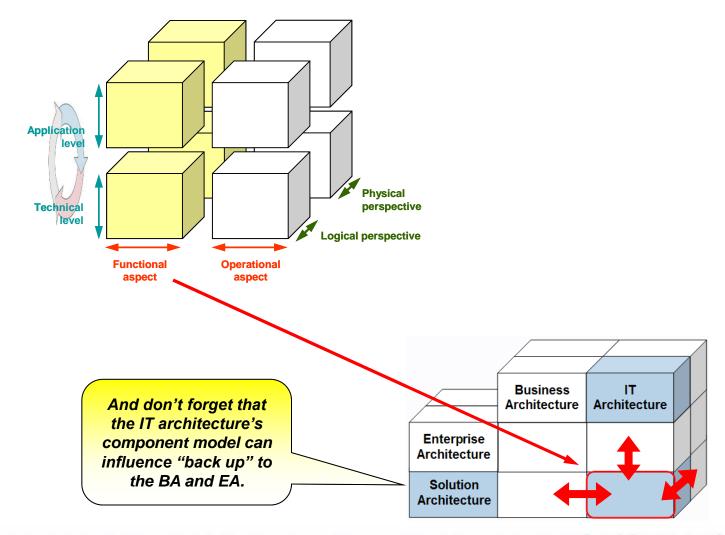
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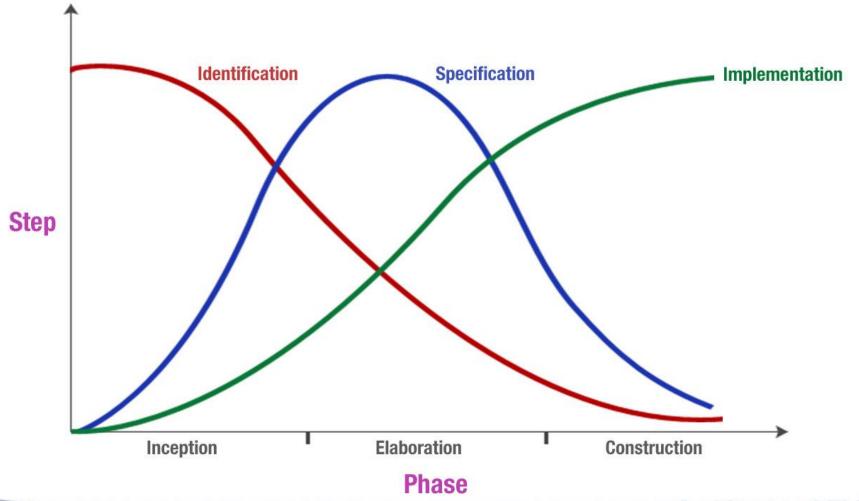
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# Each step is applied, to varying degrees, at different points in the delivery process





### The technique is based on industry best practices

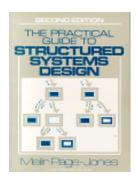
- Use-case-driven design, Jacobson
- Responsibility-driven design, Wirfs-Brock
- Design by contract, Meyer
- Cohesion and coupling, Yourdon, Page-Jones, and others
- Component architecture, Cheesman and **Daniels**
- Component granularity, Herzum and Sims











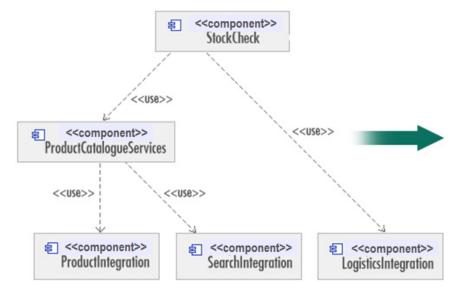


## The component model is used as input into a number of activities



#### In application development or customization:

- Work allocation
- Version control
- Design strategy
- Reuse
- Testing
- Project management
- Product or Package selection



#### In the operational aspect:

The things that have to be deployed

#### In operations:

Systems management and so on

## Component models have two major cross-cutting viewpoints (1 of 3)

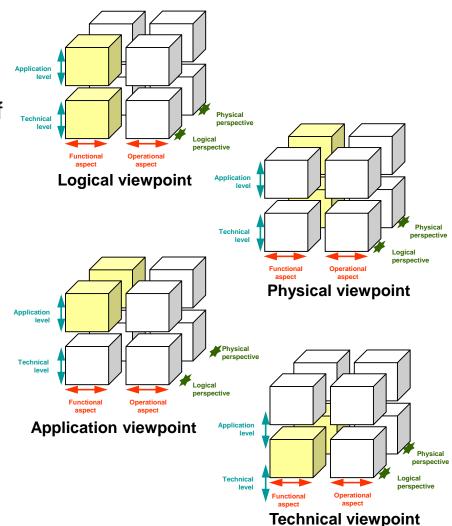


#### A logical or physical viewpoint

- Logical: Represents concepts in the domain being studied and is independent of the physical aspects of the software or hardware
- Physical: Represents actual software or hardware technology

### An application or technical viewpoint, sometimes called *levels*

- Application: Components and their interrelationships that provide the application-dependent behavior of the IT system
- Technical: Components and their interrelationships that provide the application-independent behavior of the IT system



## Component models have two major cross-cutting viewpoints (2 of 3)





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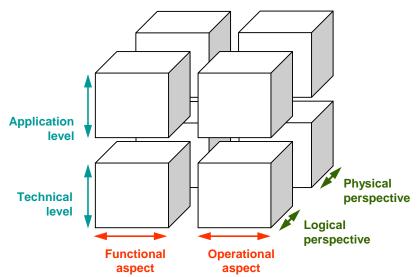
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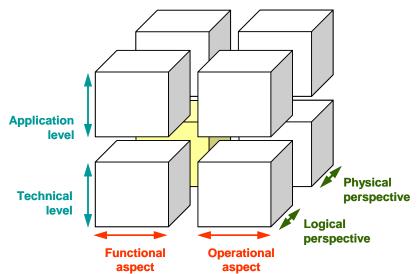
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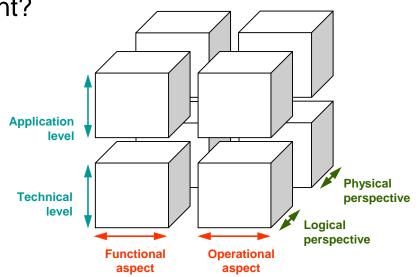
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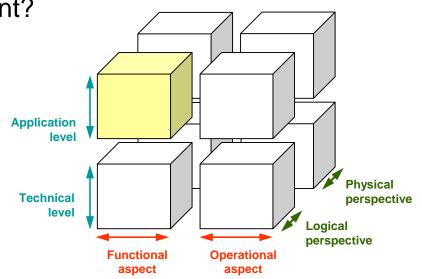


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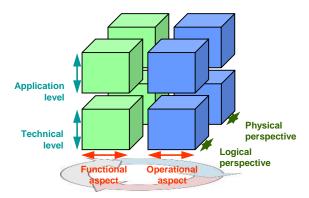
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#### Placement considerations

- Adding components that enable existing components to collaborate between nodes; for example, asynchronous messaging
- Adding responsibilities to handle different presentation types; for example, thin versus thick client
- Adding components that handle data and software distribution

#### Achieving observable qualities

- Aggregating components to achieve better performance
- Segregating components with different runtime qualities



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#### Availability

- What if individual components must be failure-resilient?
- What if the system is used by subsidiaries in other time zones?



#### Scalability

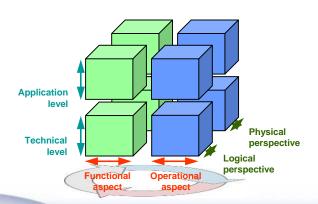
 What components are needed to support planned or unplanned growth?



#### Performance

How can long versus short running transactions be handled?





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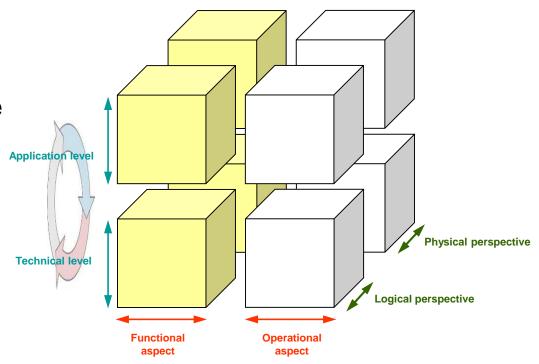




# A component model evolves during the course of a project in a number of ways



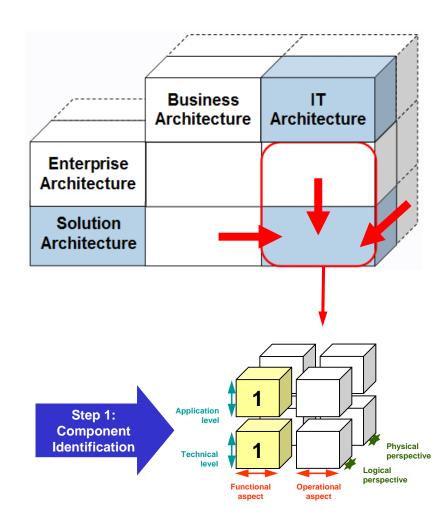
- Elaboration increases the level of completeness.
- Refinement increases the level of precision.
- Implementation takes place between the logical and physical levels:
  - Logical components are implemented by physical components.
  - Physical components are specified by logical components.



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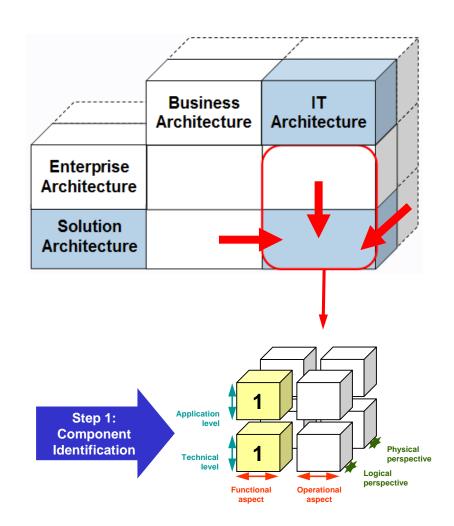
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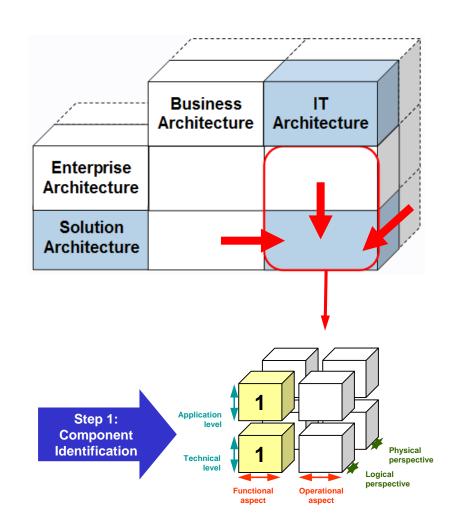
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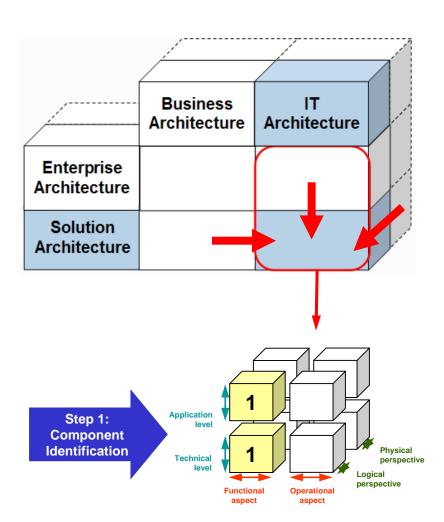
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- Use available reference architectures, architectural patterns, and other reusable assets
- Ensuring the components are well structured, so that they are:
  - Highly cohesive
  - Loosely coupled
  - Well isolated
  - Of the right granularity
  - Layered according to their generality



### Structure and refactor, ensuring loose coupling, high cohesion, and so on



- Do the responsibilities assigned to a component make sense?
   Cohesiveness
- Are two or more components too dependent on each other?
   Coupling
- Have product or technology dependencies been confined to a few places? Isolation
- Have sufficient responsibilities been allocated to the component?
   Granularity
- Are components layered according to their generality?
   Layering



# Cohesion is a measure of the strength of the dependencies within a component





### Strength of the dependencies within a component

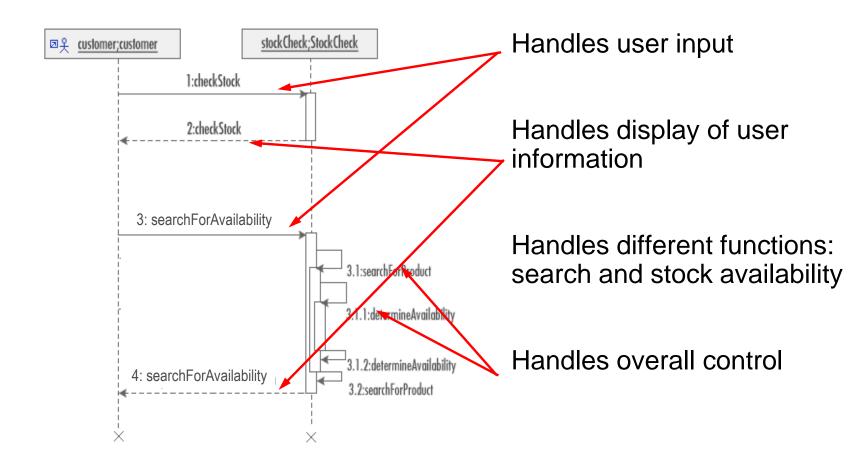


- Responsibilities have no meaningful relationship to each other.
- Responsibilities are related in time only.
- Responsibilities are of the same general category that is selected externally.

- Responsibilities contribute to a few related business activities only.
- Responsibilities are likely to use the same input or output data.
- Responsibilities are likely to be used together.

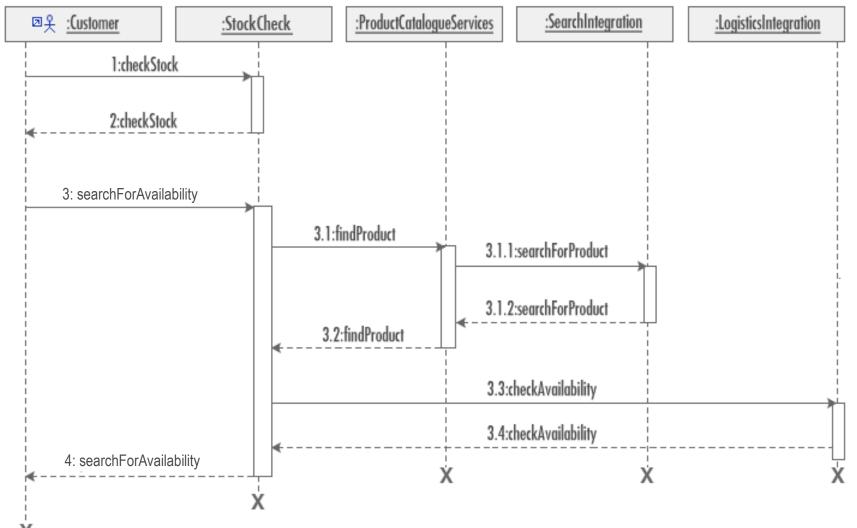
### Low or high cohesion? Good or bad





### An example of high cohesion: Good





### **Cohesion is a qualitative measure**

The types of cohesion, in order of the worst to the best type, are as follows:

#### **Coincidental cohesion (worst)**

 Coincidental cohesion is when parts of a component are grouped arbitrarily, at random; the parts have no significant relationship; for example, a component of frequently used mathematical functions.

#### **Logical cohesion**

 Logical cohesion is when parts of a component are grouped because they logically are categorized to do the same thing, even if they are different by nature; for example, grouping all I/O handling routines.

#### **Temporal cohesion**

• Temporal cohesion is when parts of a component are grouped by when they are processed; the parts are processed at a particular time in program execution; for example, a function that is called after catching an exception that closes open files, creates an error log, and notifies the user.

#### **Procedural cohesion**

 Procedural cohesion is when parts of a component are grouped because they always follow a certain sequence of execution; for example, a function that checks file permissions and then opens the file.

#### **Communicational cohesion**

• Communicational cohesion is when parts of a component are grouped because they operate on the same data; for example, a component that operates on the same record of information.

#### Sequential cohesion

Sequential cohesion is when parts of a component are grouped because the output from one part is
the input to another part, as on an assembly line; for example, a function that reads data from a file
and processes the data.

#### Functional cohesion (best)

 Functional cohesion is when parts of a component are grouped because they all contribute to a single well-defined task of the module.

# Coupling is a measure of the strength of the dependencies between components





### Strength of the dependencies between components

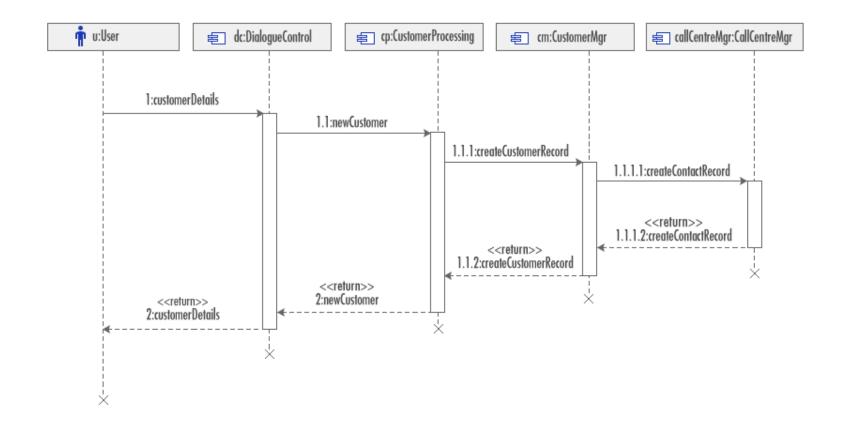


- Data that is intended to control the internal component logic is passed.
- Components refer to the same global data area.
- One component refers to the inside of another.
- Different meanings are assigned to different parts of a range of data.

- There is no unnecessary intercomponent communication: Don't Talk to Strangers.
- Communication is via fundamental data types.
- If communication is via composite data, then it is self-describing data, such as XML.

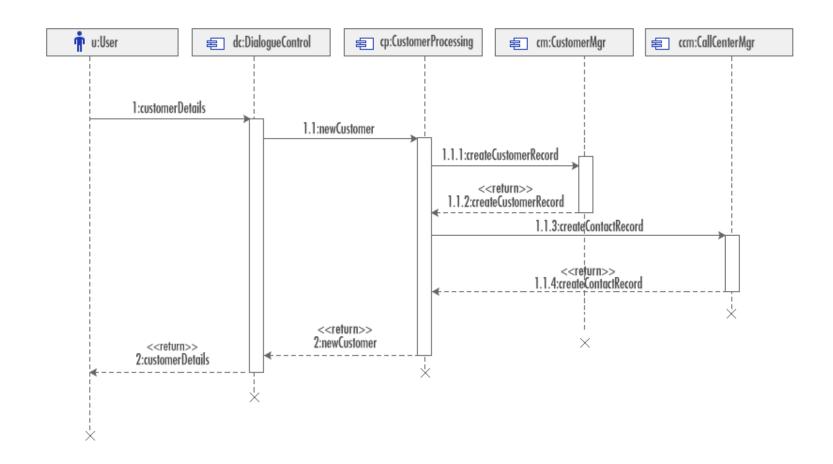
### An example of strong coupling: Bad





### An example of loose coupling: Good





### Coupling is also a qualitative measure



#### Content coupling, high

 Content coupling is when one component modifies or relies on the internal workings of another component; for example, accessing local data of another component.

#### **Common coupling**

 Common coupling is when two components share the same global data; for example, a global variable. Changing the shared resource implies changing all the components using it.

#### **External coupling**

 External coupling occurs when two components share an externally imposed data format, communication protocol, or device interface.

#### **Control coupling**

 Control coupling is one component controlling the logic of another, by passing its information on what to do; for example, passing a what-to-do flag.

#### Stamp coupling, data-structured coupling

 Stamp coupling is when components share a composite data structure and use only a part of it, possibly a different part; for example, passing a whole record to a function which only needs one field of it.

#### **Data coupling**

 Data coupling is when components share data through, for example, parameters. Each datum is an elementary piece, and these are the only data which are shared; for example, passing an integer to a function that computes a square root.

#### Message coupling, low

 Components are not dependent on each other; instead, they use a public interface to exchange parameter-less messages or events.

# Isolation is a measure of the degree to which product and technology dependencies are isolated





### Degree of isolation of product/technology dependencies



- Every component has a dependency on the productspecific or technology-specific aspects of other components.
- There is no use of patterns.

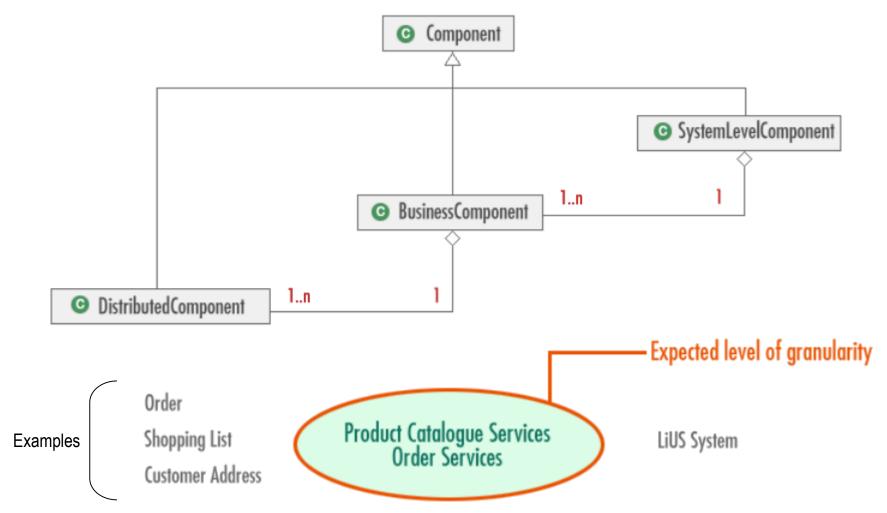
- Product and technology dependencies are decoupled.
- Patterns, such as the Gang of Four\* "Proxy," "Bridge," and "Mediator" or GRASP\*\* "Indirection" are used.

<sup>\*</sup>See [GAMMA95]

<sup>\*\*</sup>General Responsibility Assignment Software Patterns

### Some examples of components at the three levels of granularity





# Granularity is a measure of the size or amount of functionality assigned to a component (1 of 4)







### Level of functionality assigned to a component

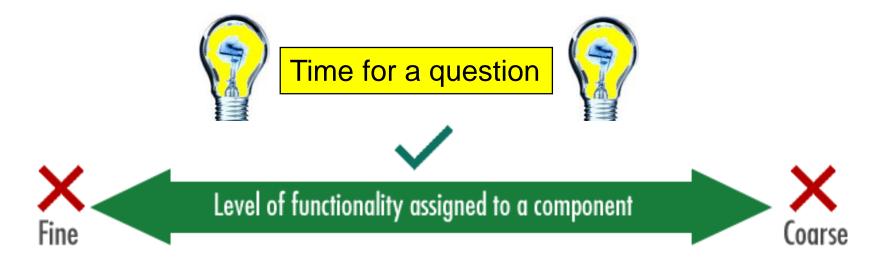
Coarse

- A software element called at run time with a clear interface and a separation between interface and implementation
- Also known as a distributed component

- An autonomous business concept or business process
- Also known as a business component
- A set of cooperating business components assembled to deliver a solution to a business problem
- Also known as a system-level component

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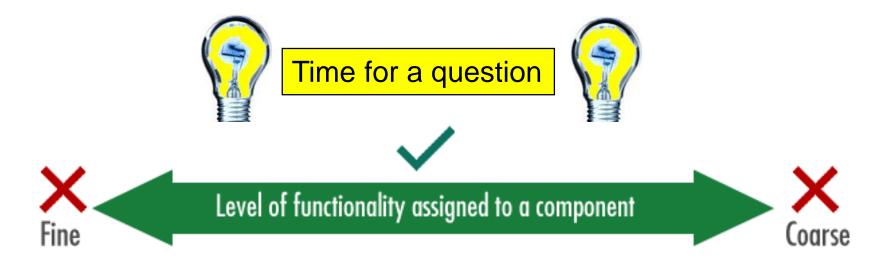


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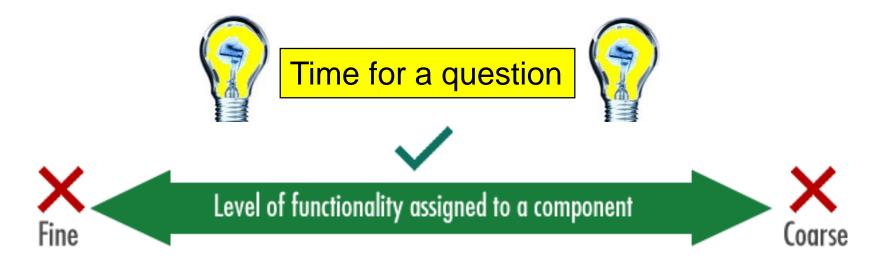


Interest calculator, account, and account rules are examples of a:

- A. Distributed component
- B. Business component
- C. System-level component

# Granularity is a measure of the size or amount of functionality assigned to a component (4 of 4)





An Internet bank system is an example of a:

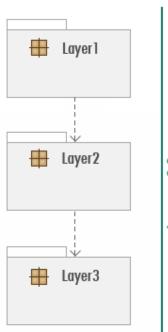
- A. Distributed component
- B. Business component
- C. System-level component

# Increasing generality

# Layering involves separating out components according to their generality



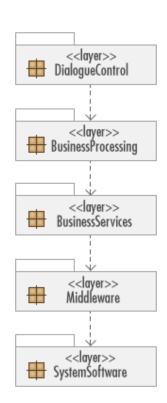
- Layering provides a logical partitioning of components into a number of sets or layers.
- Rules define relationships between layers:
  - Strict: Components only depend on components in the same layer or the one below.
  - Non-Strict: Components may depend on components in any lower layer.
- Layering provides a way to restrict inter-component dependencies.
- Well-layered systems are more loosely coupled and therefore more easily maintained.



### An example of layered architecture

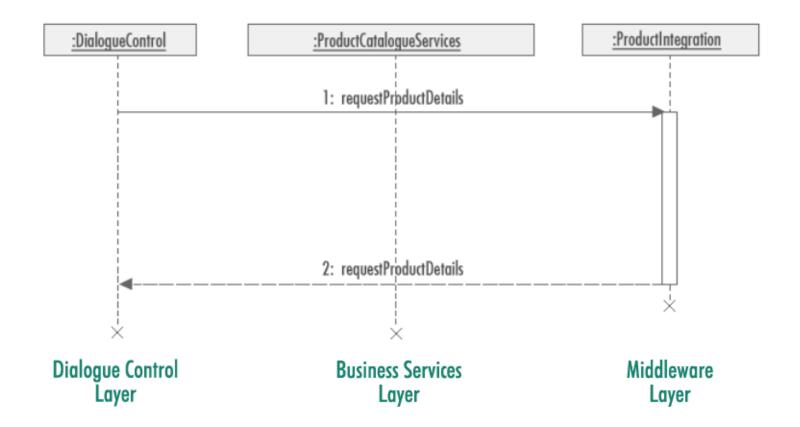


- The dialog control layer handles user-system interactions and uses case logic.
- The business processing layer contains applicationspecific services that handle use case step logic and choreography.
- The business services layer contains more general business components that may be used in several applications.
- The middleware layer contains components such as interfaces to databases and platform-independent operating system services.
- The system software layer contains components such as operating systems and databases.



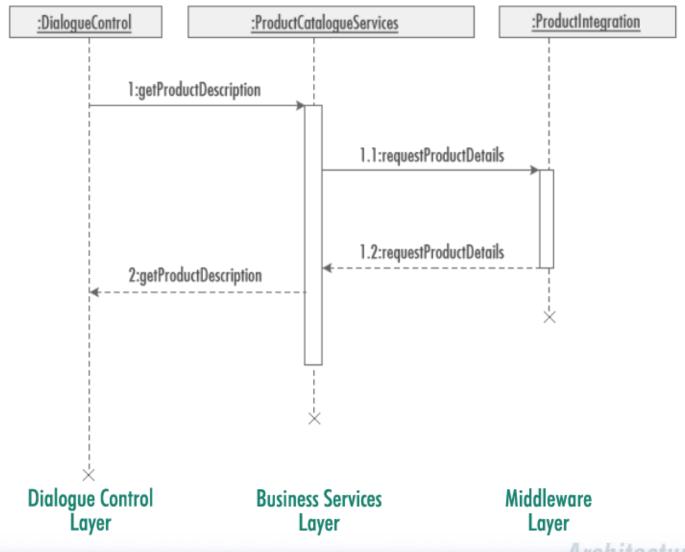
### Strict or non-strict layering? Good or bad





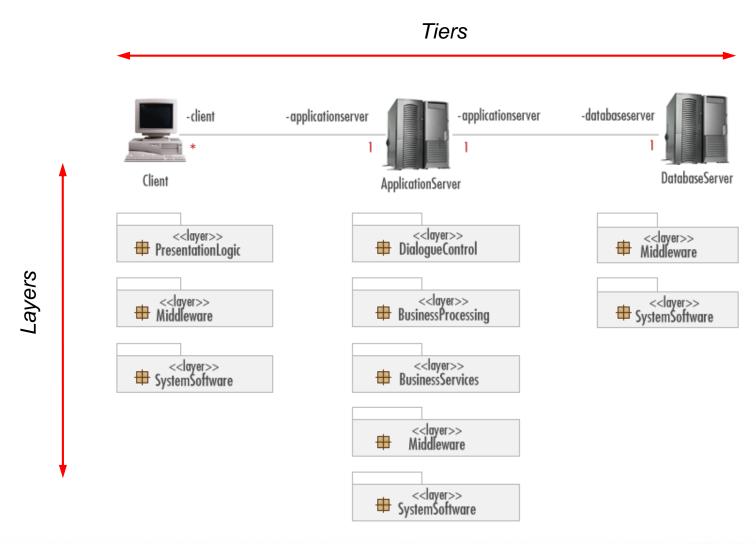
### An example of strict layering: Good





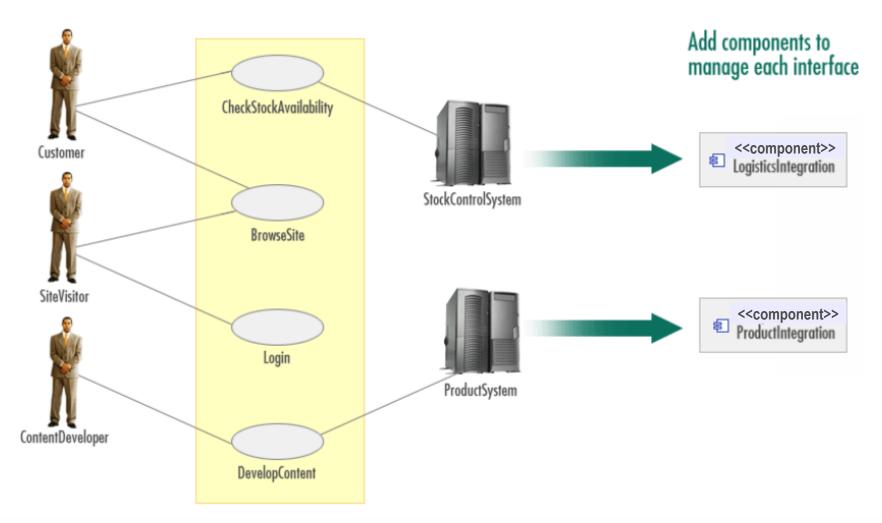
### Layers and tiers





# Partition into subsystems and components and assign responsibilities; identify interfaces to external systems



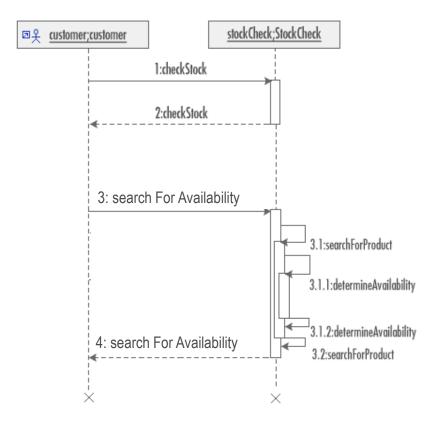


# Partition into subsystems and components and assign responsibilities; identifying components for architecturally significant use cases



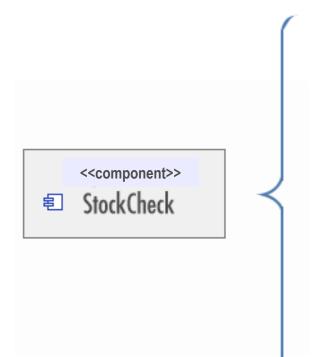
- The actor requests a stock query.
- The system prompts the actor to select a store name and enter an article or product name or number.
- The actor selects a store name and enters an article or product name. If a product name is entered, the user may also be required to specify further selection criteria, such as selecting color and so on, for that product.
- The system searches for the entered article or product in the selected store and checks its availability.
- The system determines that the article or product is available.
- The system returns the availability information for the article or product.
- The use case ends successfully.

Use Case: Check stock availability



# Partition into subsystems and components and assign responsibilities to component

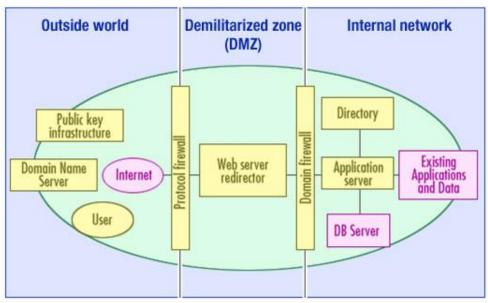




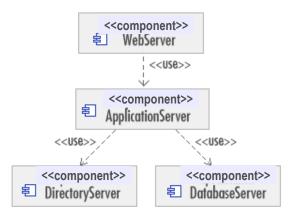
- Handle stock requests
- Request product information
- Perform search
- Determine availability
- Provide availability information







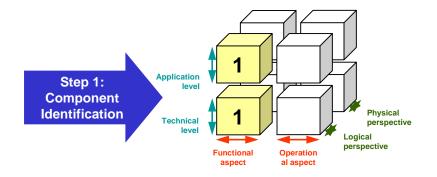




# At the completion of the component identification step, there should be



- An initial set of components with associated responsibilities
- One or more component relationship diagrams showing dependencies between components
- One or more component interaction diagrams showing collaborations between components
- Subsequent steps will:
  - Specify components: interfaces, operations, and signatures
  - Show how logical components are implemented into physical components



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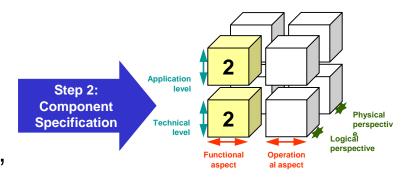




# Component specification is the second step of the component modeling technique and involves

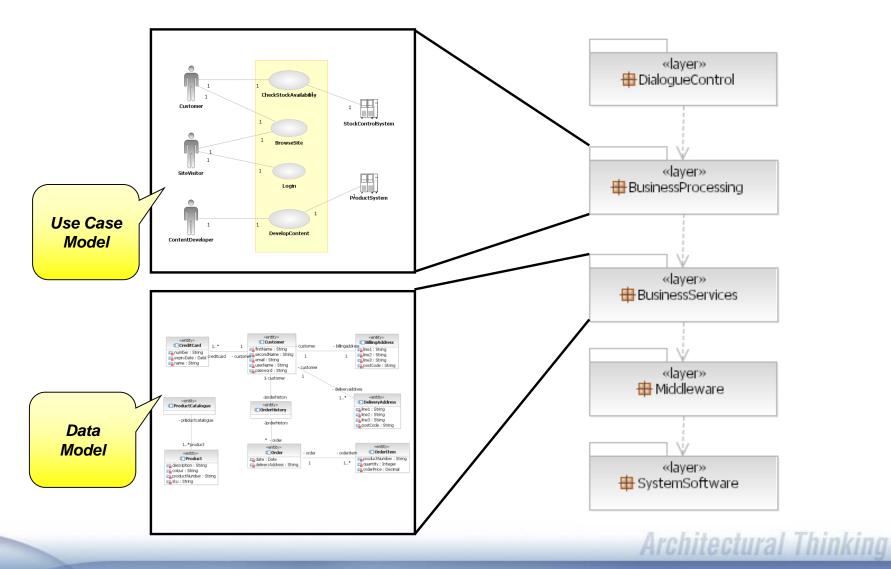


- Defining component interfaces by separating out the responsibilities placed on the components
- For each interface, specifying the operations and their signatures, that is, parameters passed and return values
- For each operation, specifying its contract of behavior or pre- and postconditions







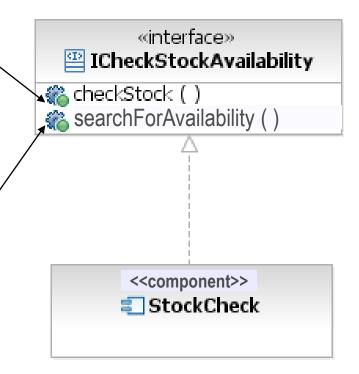


# Identifying business processing component interfaces from use cases





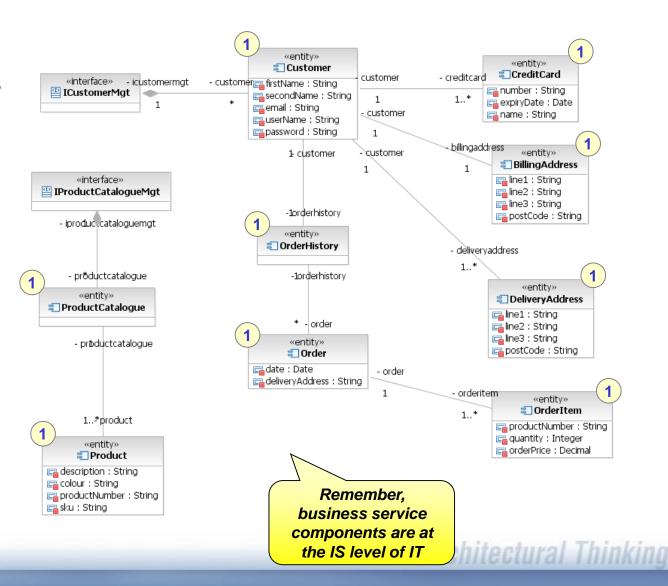
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# Identifying business service component interfaces from business entities (1 of 3)



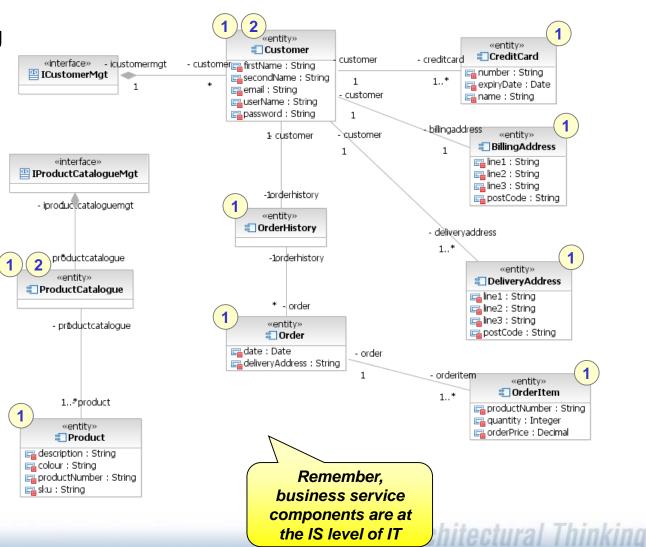
 Produce a logical data model showing business entities.



# Identifying business service component interfaces from business entities (2 of 3)



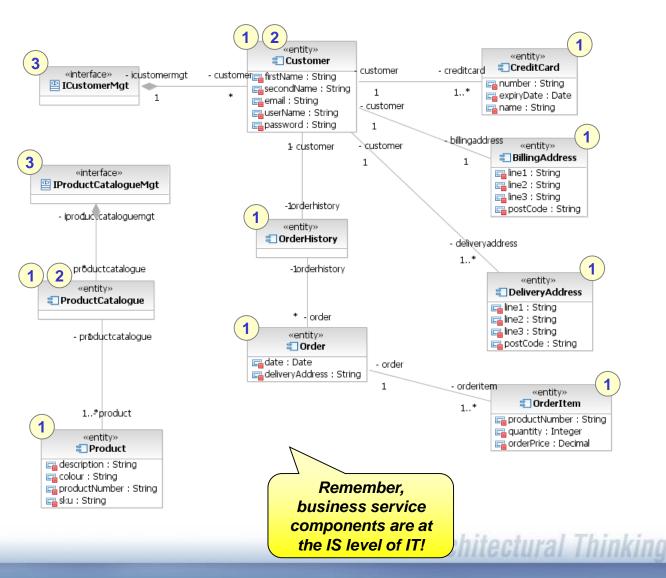
- Produce a logical data model showing business entities.
- Identify core business entities.



# Identifying business service component interfaces from business entities (3 of 3)



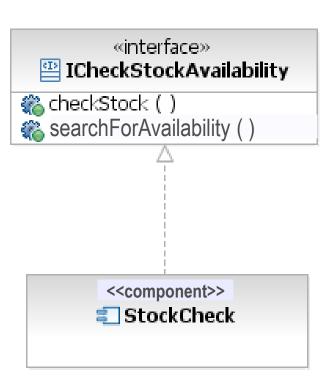
- Produce a logical data model showing business entities.
- Identify core business entities.
- Create interfaces and operations to manage core business entities.



### **Assigning operation signatures to operations**



- For each operation identified, decide what data flows in and out.
- Look at the collaborations between components in component interaction diagrams.
- Make decisions about what data is required to provide the required functionality.
- Create structured data types as appropriate

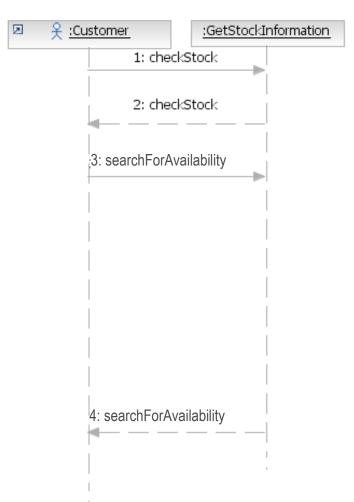


### Let's look at the interaction searchForAvailability



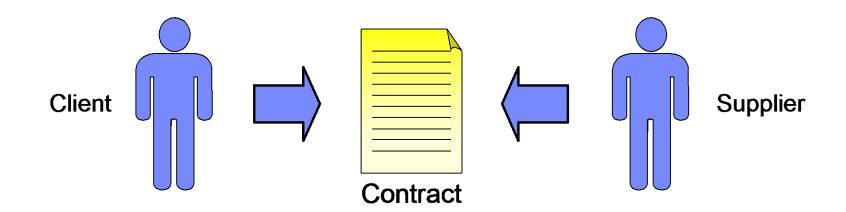
- A store name and a product name, both strings, are required as input.
- The quantity available in the store will be returned.
- Alternately, a simple true for "available" or false for "not available" might be acceptable as a return, depending on the stakeholders for the use case.
- The signature then becomes:

searchForAvailability(storeName:String, product:String):Integer



# Pre- and post-conditions are contracts on how an operation will work between a client and a supplier





#### **Pre-condition**

- What must be true for the operation to succeed
- An obligation for the client and a benefit for the supplier
- A pre-condition violation means a "bug" in the client

#### **Post-condition**

- What the operation will guarantee to do if the pre-condition is true
- A benefit for the client and an obligation for the supplier
- A post-condition violation means a "bug" in the supplier

# Considering pre- and post-conditions for the operation searchForAvailability



searchForAvailability(storeName:String, product:String):Integer

Pre-condition: what must be true for the operation to succeed

- storeName must be a valid store name
- product must be a valid product identifier

Post-condition: what the operation will guarantee to do if the pre-condition is true

 System will provide product availability; for example, quantity, at the specified store

### At the completion of the component specification step,



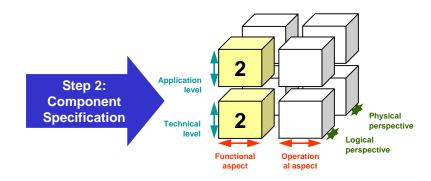
There should be a refined component model with:

# Defined component interfaces by separating out the responsibilities placed on the components:

- For each interface, specifying the operations and their signatures, that is, parameters passed and return values
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#### Subsequent steps will:

- Map the specified components to the appropriate products, packages, and custombuilt applications; an architecture decision needs to be taken
- Identify implementation approach of physical components



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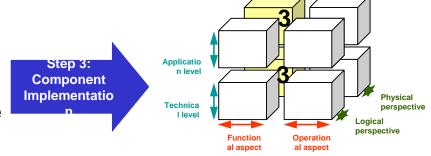




# Component Implementation is the third step of the component modeling technique and involves



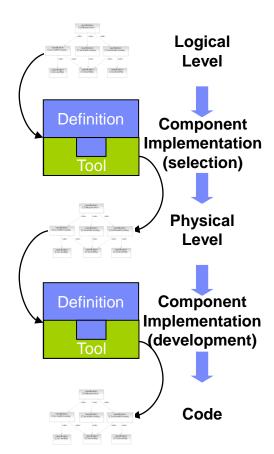
- For those components that are to be implemented using commercial-off-the-shelf (COTS) products, map the specifiedlevel components to the appropriate products or packages.
- For those components that are to be built, identify the approach to implementation by defining the physical-level components. Use patterns or other assets to help in this definition.
- And don't forget that many components will be realized as standard technologies defined with selection criteria in the EA.
  - Whether at the IS level of IT business functionality
  - Or the technology level of IT middleware and so on



# During component implementation, the logical-level model is transformed into a physical-level model



- Decisions must be made as to what technology best realizes the specified-level components.
- Implementing a specified-level component model into a physical-level component model involves:
  - Selecting products and packages
  - Identifying frameworks and patterns
  - Deciding what components have to be developed
  - Making choices about what technology should be used to realize the components
- There can be more than one physical component model for each specified-level model.
- Strictly speaking, this notion of component implementation is implementation selection, to be followed by application development or package customization.



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The functional aspect of a system's IT architecture can be described in various ways:

- Components
- Data
- Services

Component modeling describes the functional structure and behavior of the system's IT architecture via components.

- Components' capabilities are modeled in terms of what they can do, the activities they can perform and the information they are responsible for.
- Components work together through the exchange of messages sent and received via interfaces.

#### Component models can include:

- Static, structural views and dynamic, behavioral views
- Application and technical cross-cutting viewpoints
- Logical and physical cross-cutting viewpoints

#### Component modeling consists of:

- Identifying components
- Specifying components
- Transforming components

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