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Lecture Notes

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Enterprise Architecture Observations

Continual squeeze on funds, staffing, and time available for IT resources

- Demand for rapid development and deployment of applications
- ► Demand for greater ROI (RETURN ON INVESTMENT)
- Essential tension
 - Need to empower users and suborganizations to ensure satisfaction of their local and of organizational needs
 - Ad hoc approaches with each user or each suborganization doing its own IT cause failure of interoperability



Enterprise Architecture Principles

Business processes should drive the technical architecture

- Define dependencies and other relationships among stakeholders (including users) and suborganizations of an organization
- Message-driven approaches are desirable because they decouple system components
- Event-driven approaches are desirable because they help make a system responsive to events that are potentially visible and significant to users

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Architecture Modules: Applications



- Often directly visible to users
 - Application deployment
 - Data modeling and integrity
 - Business intelligence: decision support and analytics
- ► More technical but indirectly visible to users
 - Interoperation and cooperation
 - Ontologies: representations of domain knowledge
 - Component and model repositories
 - Business process management

Architecture Modules: Systems

Functionality used by multiple applications

- ► Middleware: enabling interoperation, e.g., via messaging
- Identity management, e.g., ID across a system to support Single Sign On
- Security and audit
- Accessibility
- Policy repositories and engines

Architecture Modules: Infrastructure

- Connectivity
- ► Platform: hardware and operating systems
- Storage
- System management

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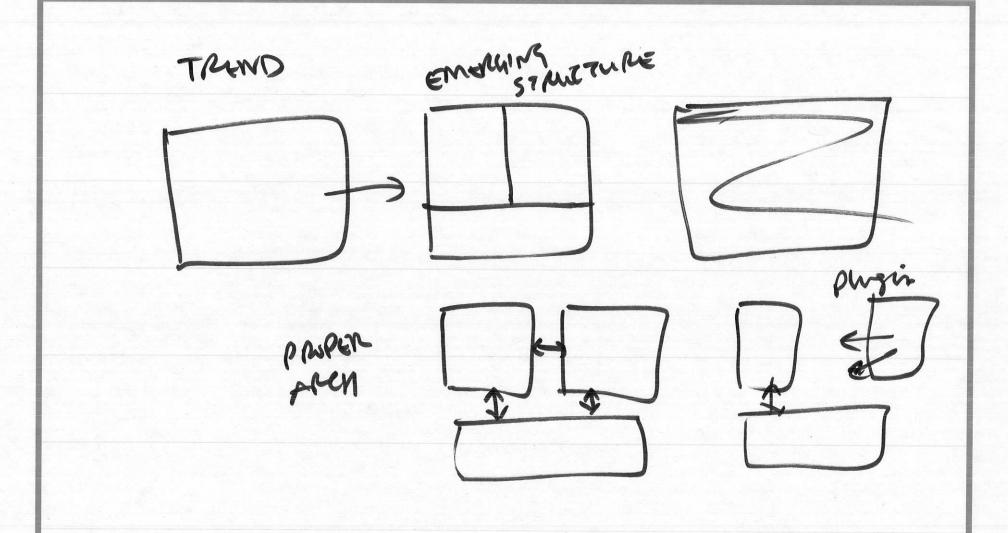
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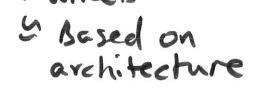
- Presentation: user interaction
 - A large variety of concerns about device constraints and usage scenarios
- Business logic
 - Application-specific reasoning
 - General rules
- Data management
 - Ensuring integrity, e.g., entity and referential integrity (richer than storage-level integrity)
 - Enabling access under various kinds of problems, e.g., network partitions
 - Supporting recovery, e.g., application, operating system, or hardware failures

Enterprise Functionalities

Bases for choosing the above three-way partitioning as opposed to some other

- Size of implementations
- Organizational structure: who owns what and who needs what
- Staff skill sets

- ability and design Markets
- User Interface: usability and design
- Programming
- Database
- Policy tools
- Products available in the marketplace



Outline

Challenges of Electronic Business

Architecture in IT

Enterprise Architecture

Tiered Architecture

Web Architecture

Middleware

Deployment Architecture

Contracts and Governance

XML Concepts and Techniques

XML Modeling and Storage

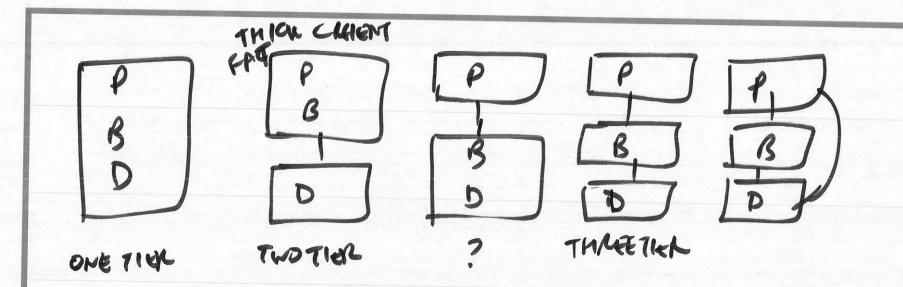
Summary and Directions

One-Tier and Two-Tier Architectures

- ▶ One tier: monolithic systems; intertwined in the code base
 - ► Historically the first (usually the case)
 - Common in legacy systems
 - Difficult to staff, maintain, and scale up
- ► Two-tier: separate data from presentation and business logic
 - ► Classical client-server (or fat client) approaches
 - Mix presentation with application business rules
 - Change management

Three-Tier Architecture

- Presentation tier or frontend
 - Provides a view to user and takes inputs
 - ▶ Invokes the same business logic regardless of interface modalities: voice, Web, small screen, . . .
- Business logic tier or middle tier
 - Specifies application logic
 - Specifies business rules
 - Application-level policies
 - Inspectable
 - Modifiable
- Data tier or backend
 - Stores and provides access to data
 - Protects integrity of data via concurrency control and recovery







Also known as n-tier



- Best understood as a componentized version of three-tier architecture where
 - Functionality is assembled from parts, which may themselves be assembled
 - Supports greater reuse and enables greater dynamism
 - But only if the semantics is characterized properly
- ► Famous subclass: service-oriented architecture

