

# Course Overview: Part 1

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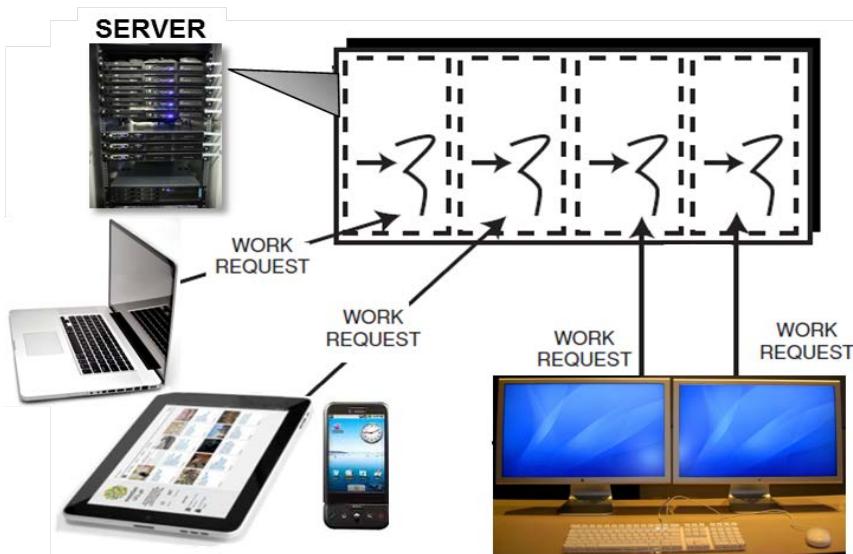
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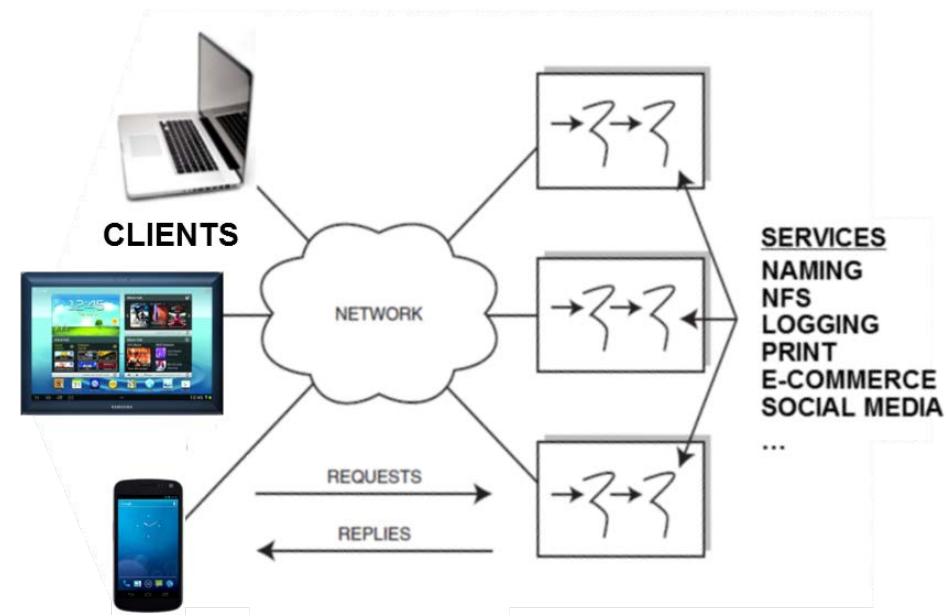
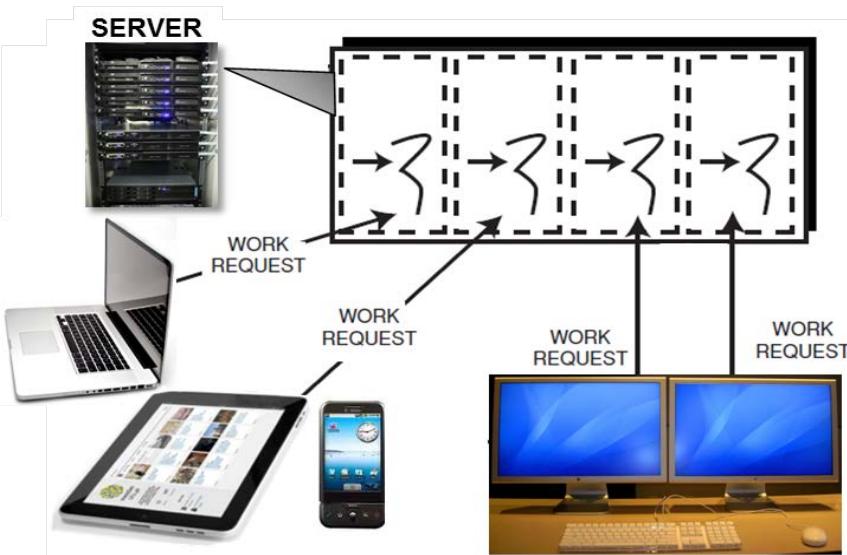
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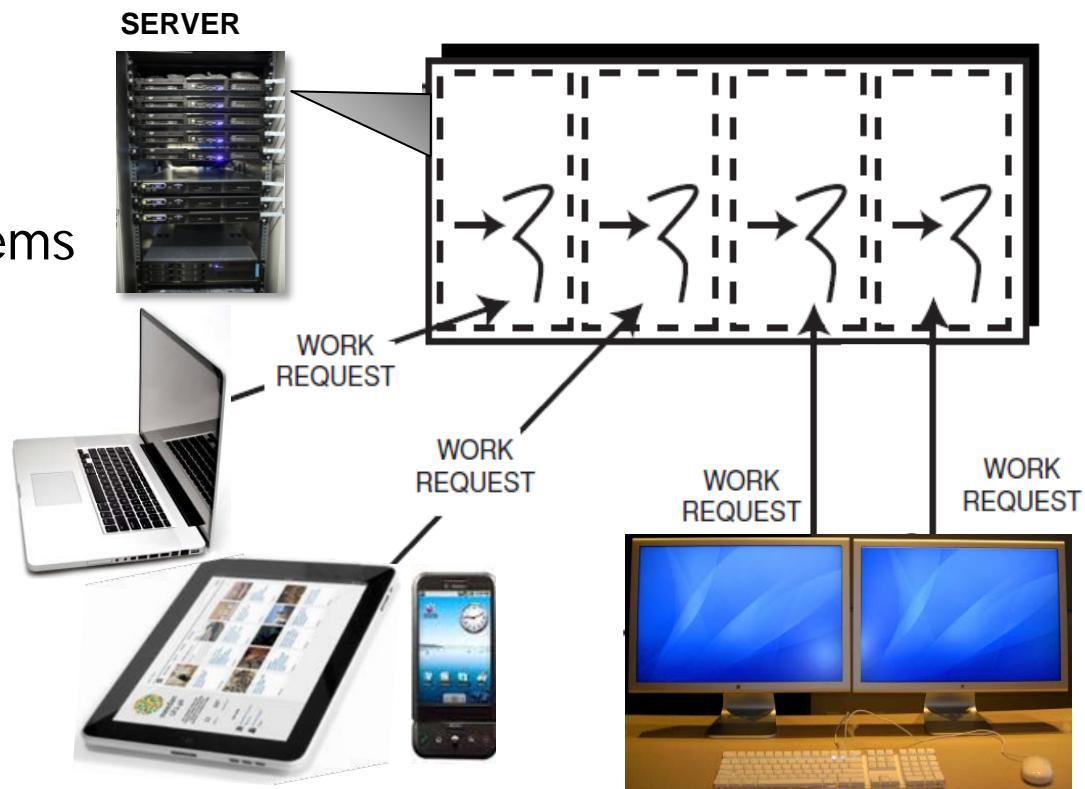
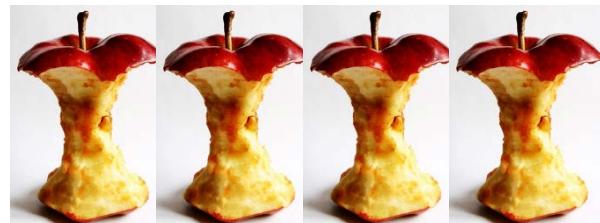
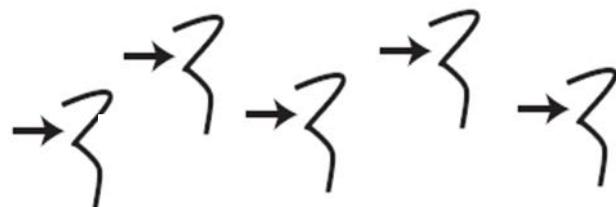


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- Networked software* defines protocols that enable computing devices to exchange messages & perform services remotely

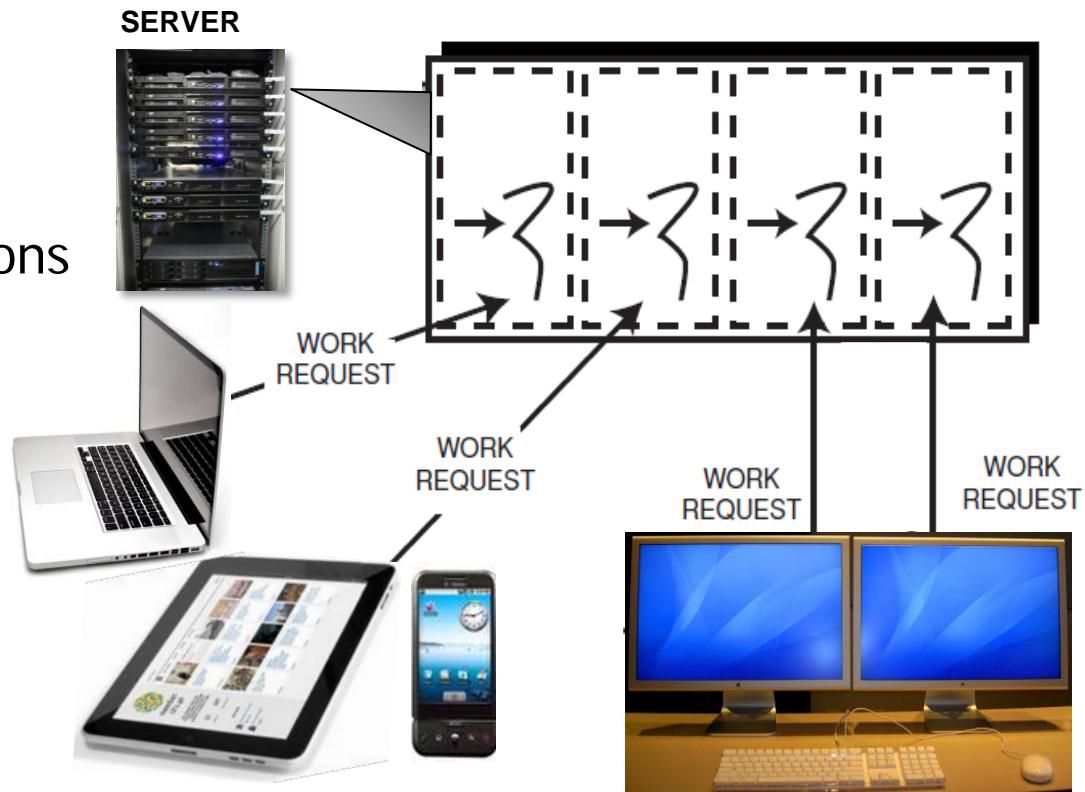
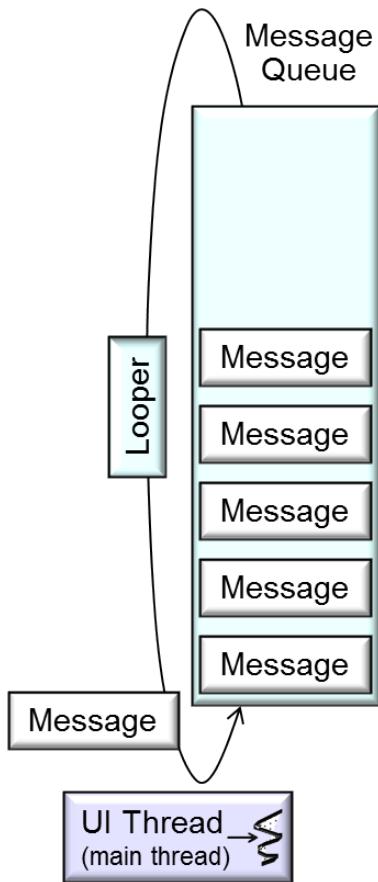
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  - e.g., multi-core processors & multi-threaded operating systems



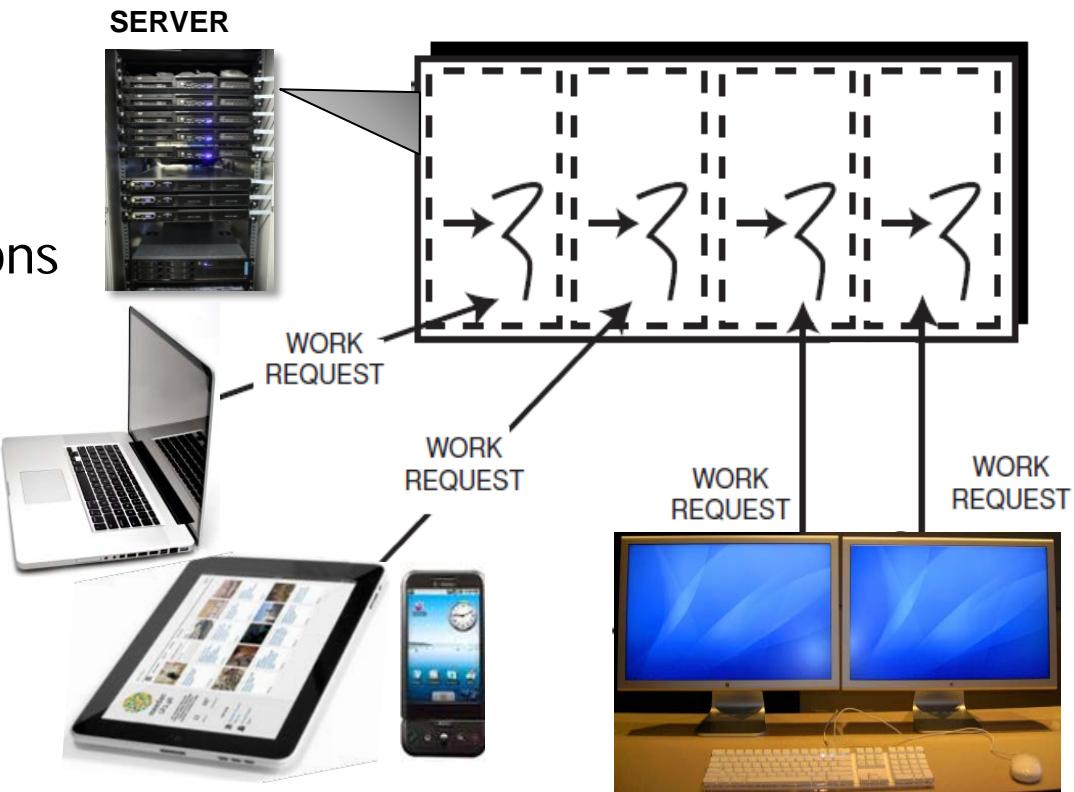
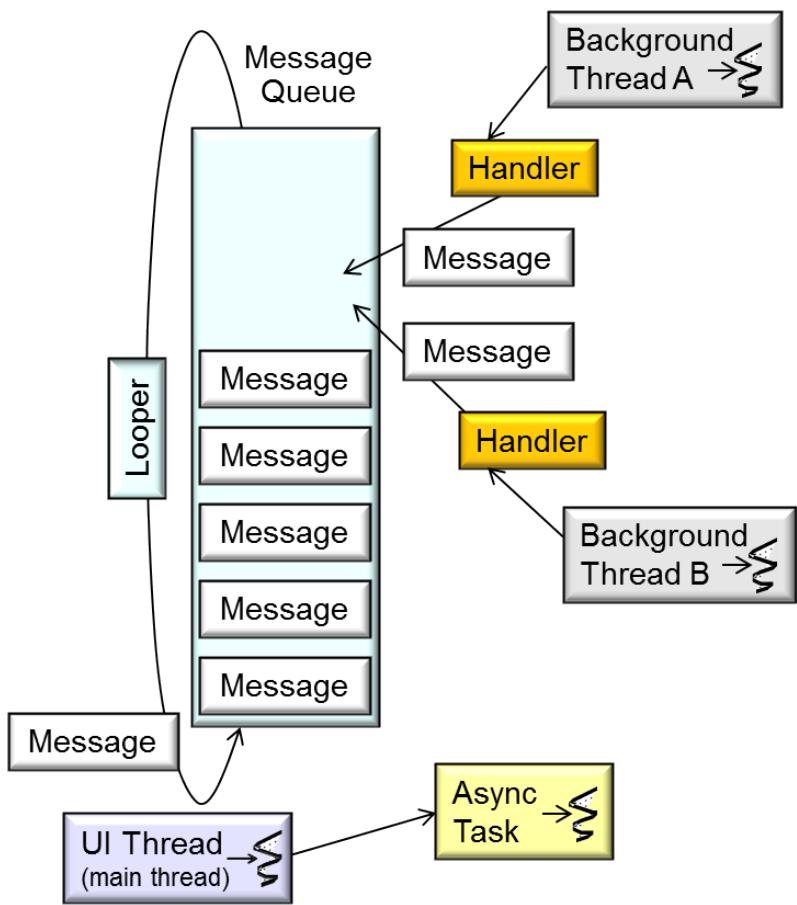
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private Bitmap bitmap;  
final ImageView iview = ...  
final Button button = ...  
button.setOnClickListener  
(new OnClickListener() {
```



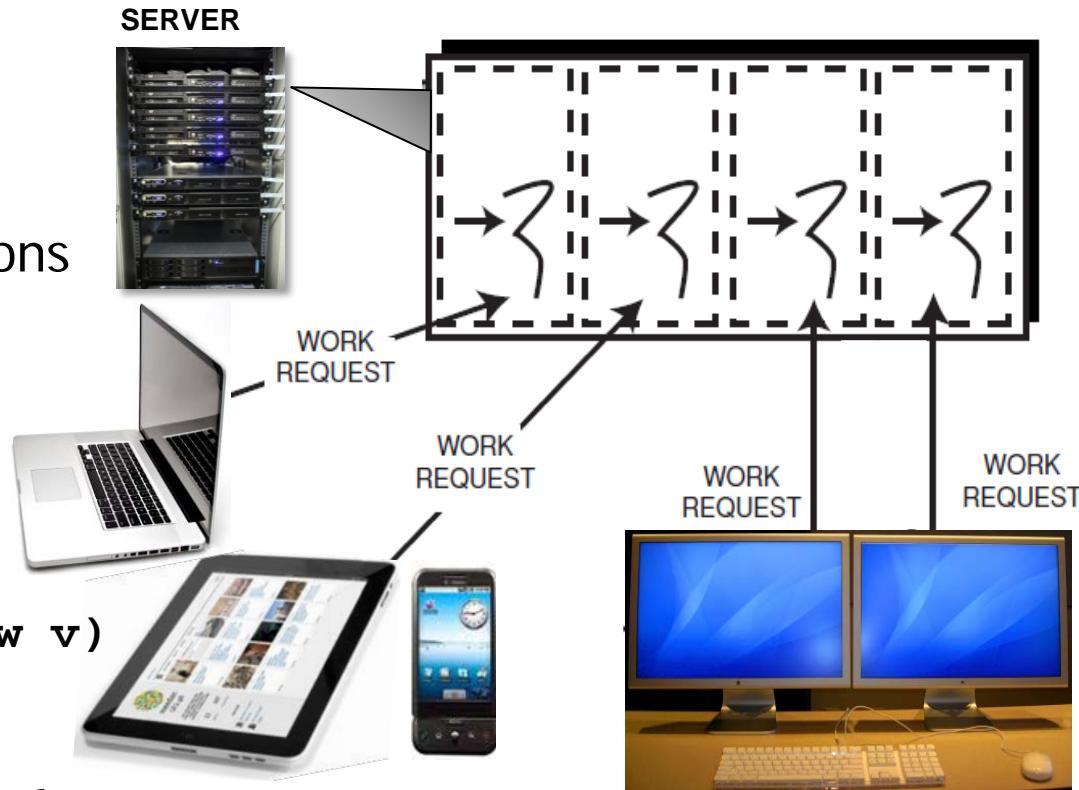
Handles  
button  
clicks

```
    public void onClick(View v)  
    { new Thread(  
        new Runnable() {  
            public void run() {  
                bitmap = downloadImage(URI);  
                iview.post(new Runnable() {  
                    public void run() { iview.setImageBitmap(bitmap); }  
                });  
            }  
        }).start(); }
```

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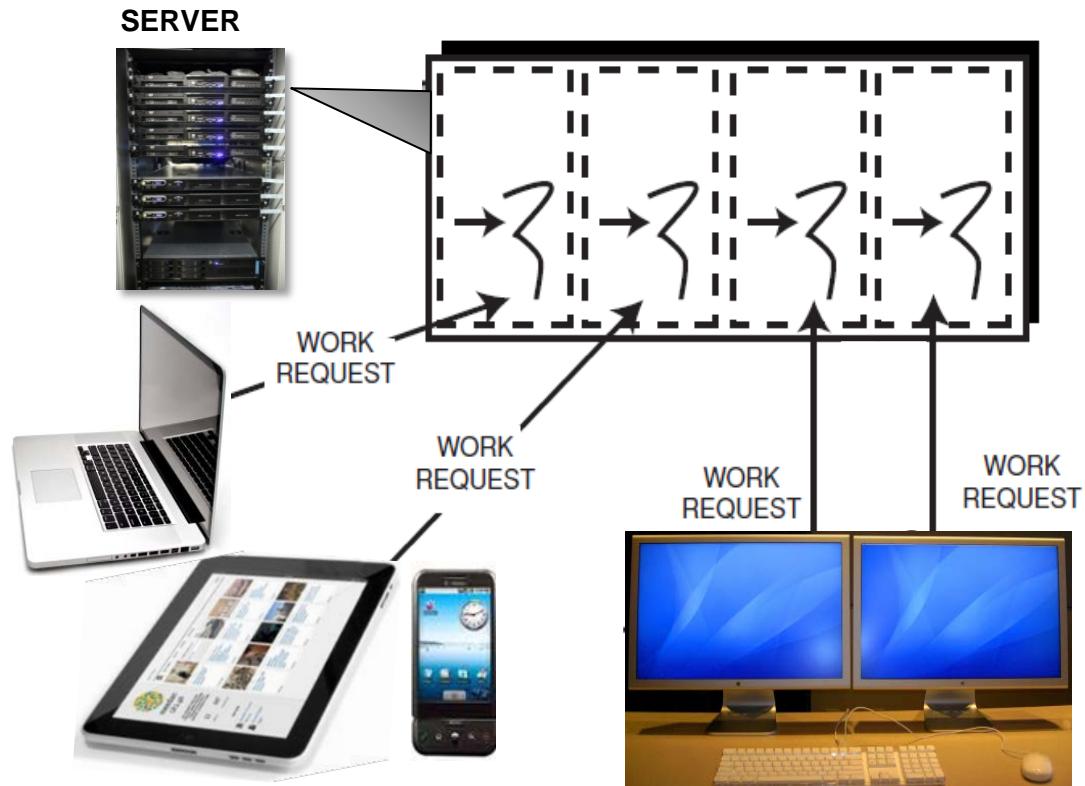
Display bitmap in the UI thread

Start a new thread



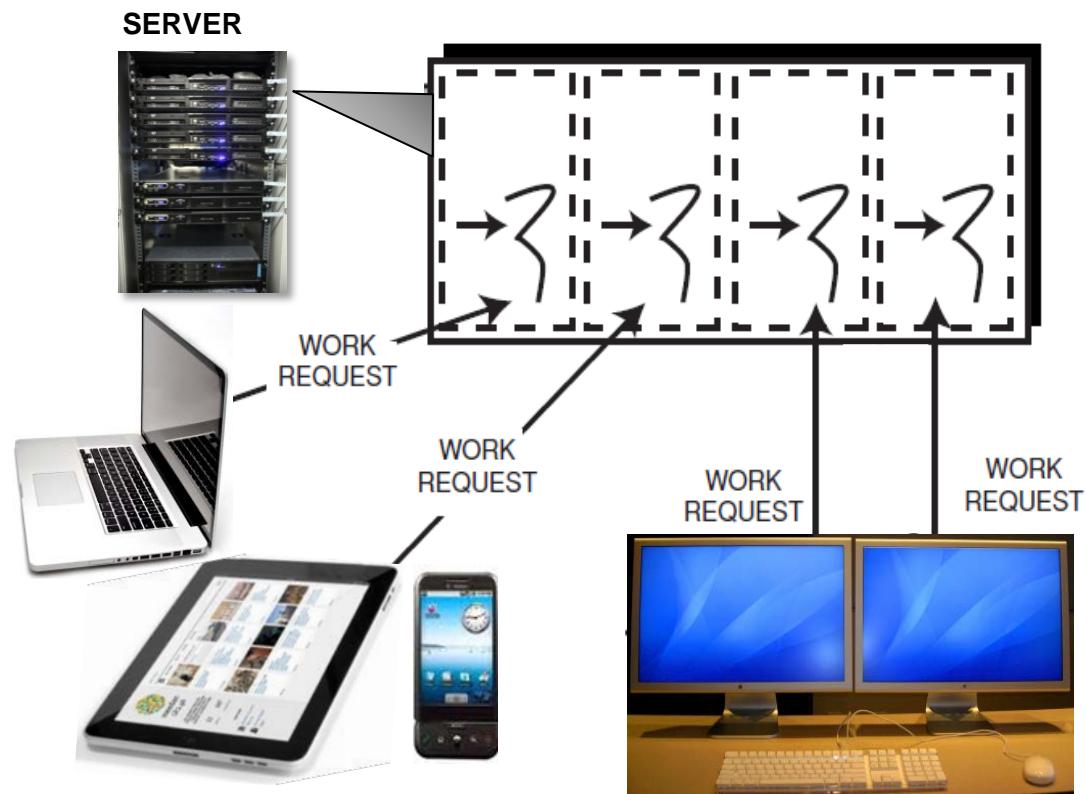
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- Improve response-time
  - e.g., don't starve the UI thread



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Stem from limitations with development tools & techniques



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  - Tedious, error-prone, & non-portable



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{ char message_[20]; int thread_id_; } PARAMS;

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    printf ("%s from thread %d\n",
            params->message_, params->thread_id_);
}

int main (void) {
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    params.thread_id_ = 1; strcpy (params.message_, "Hello World");
```

Cast  
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Not portable to non-POSIX platforms

```
pthread_create (&thread, 0, &print_hello_world,
               (void *) &params);
/* ... */
pthread_join(thread, 0);
return 0;
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Pointer-to-  
function

Cast to void \*

“Quasi-typed” thread handle

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Other C threading APIs have similar accidental complexities



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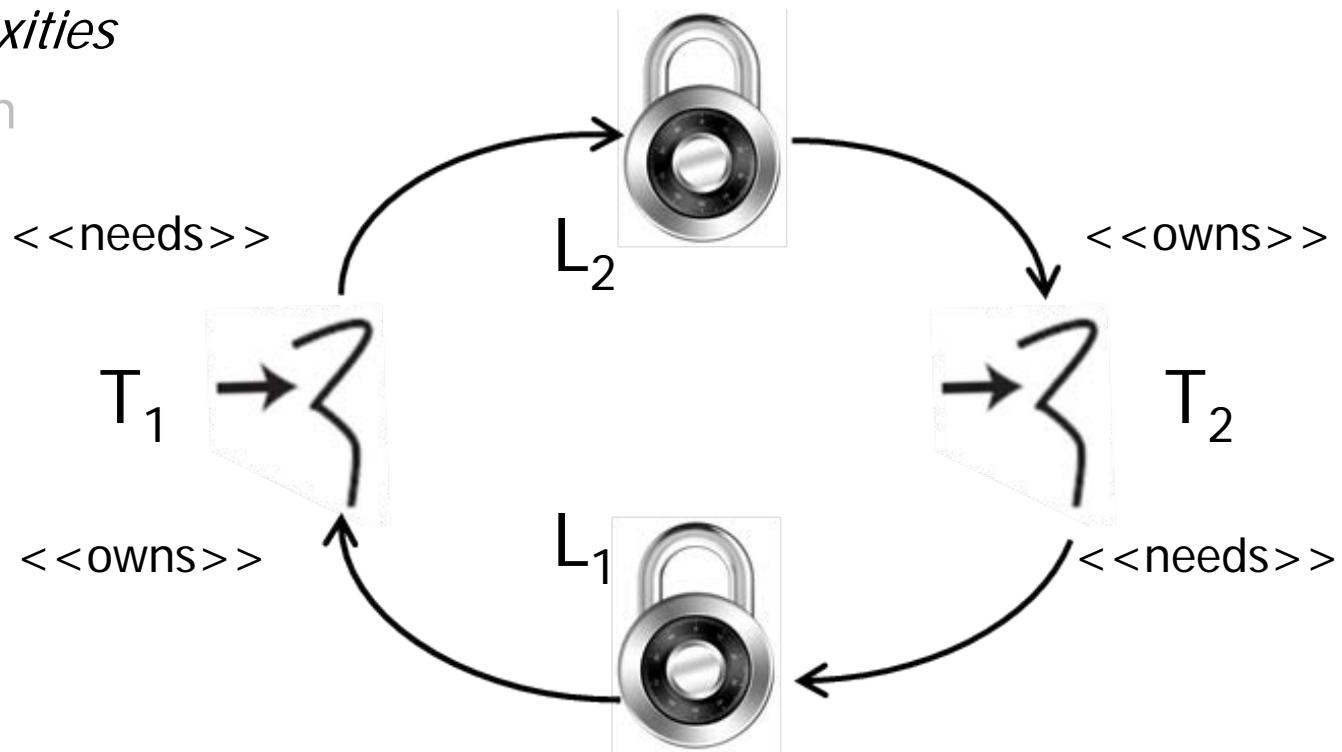
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  - e.g., file sharing, social media, e-commerce online transaction processing, B2B supply chain management, etc.



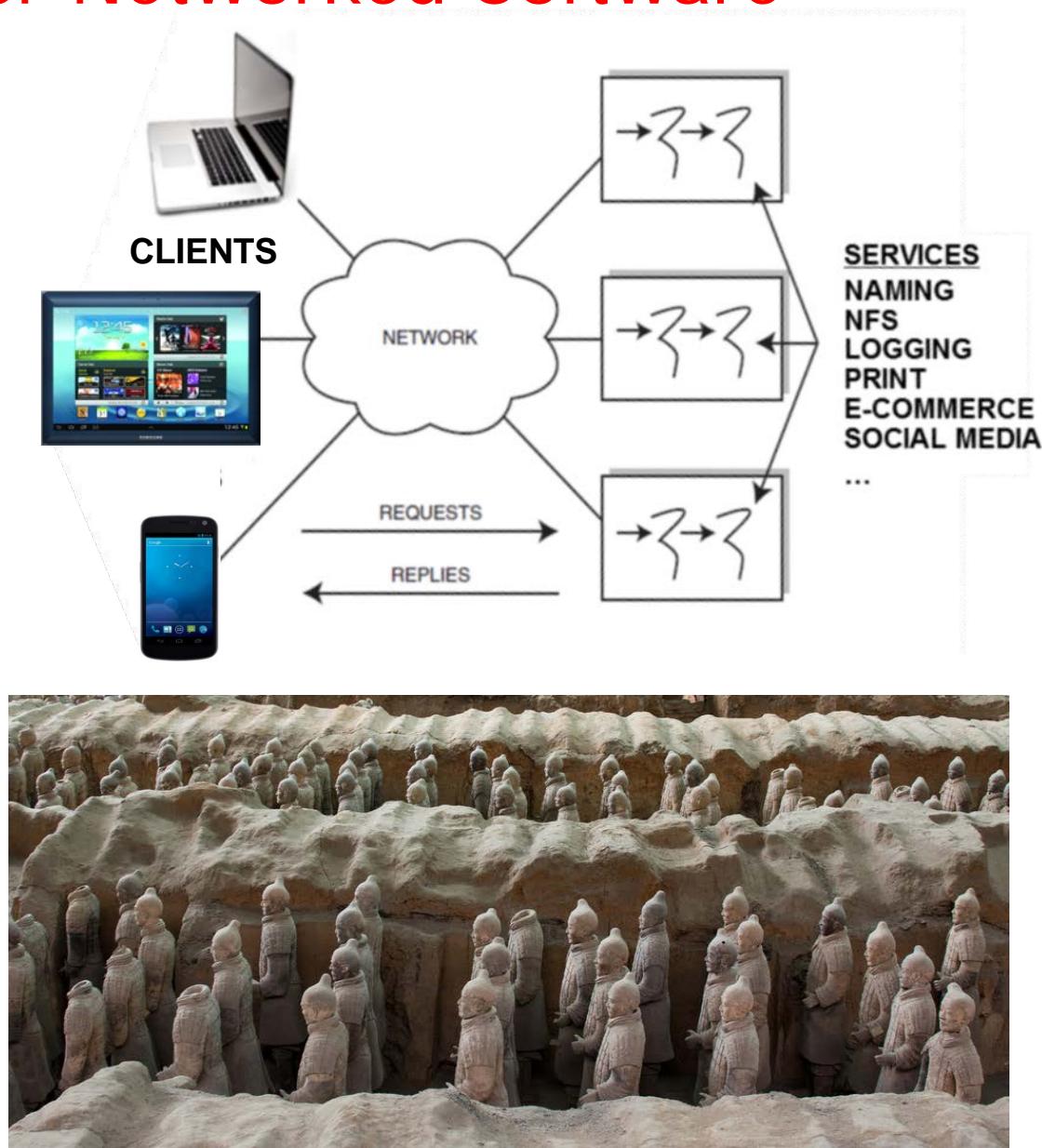
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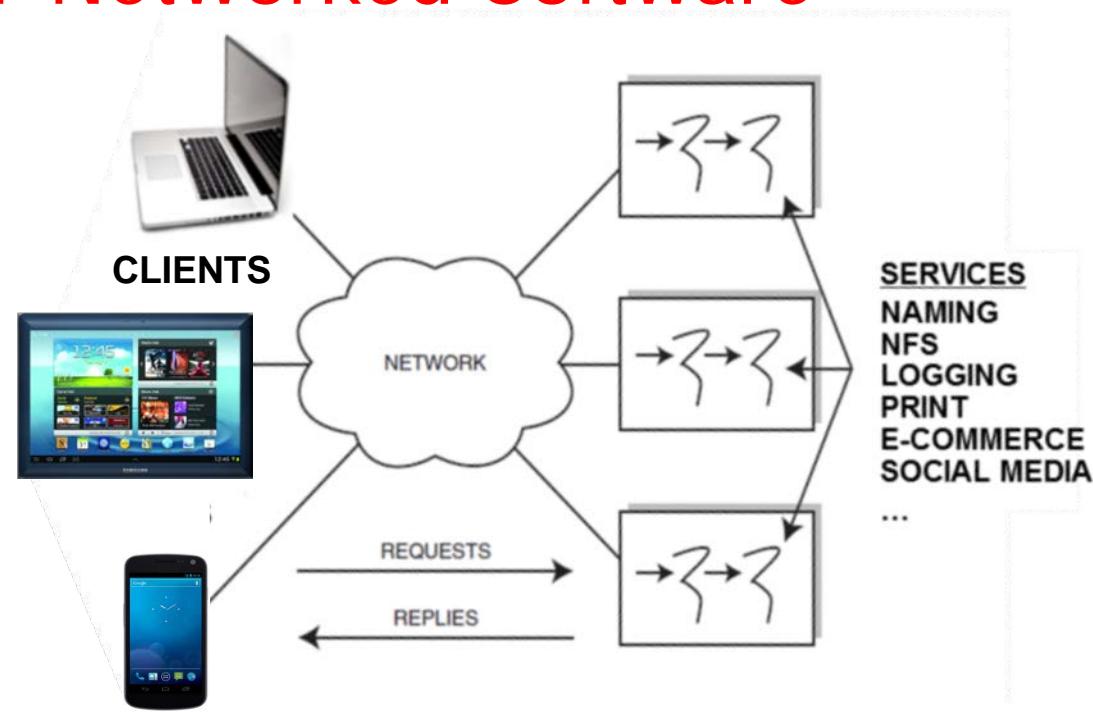
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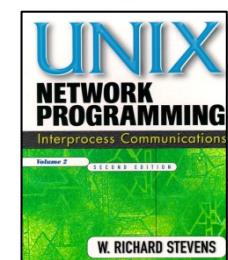
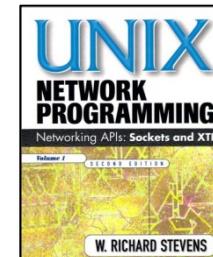
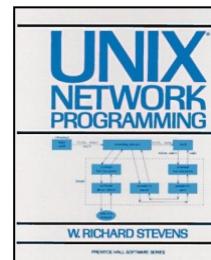
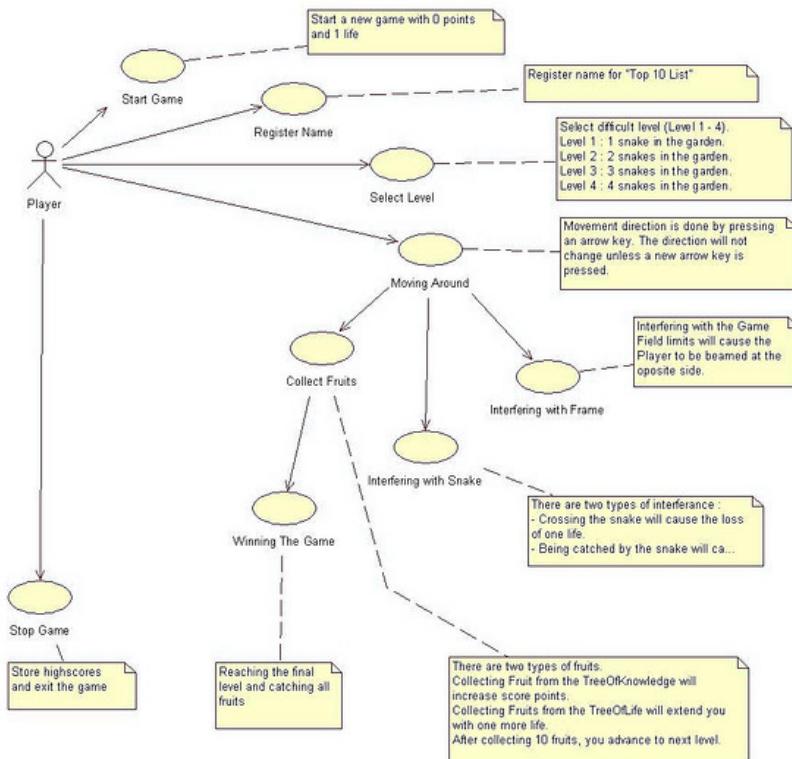
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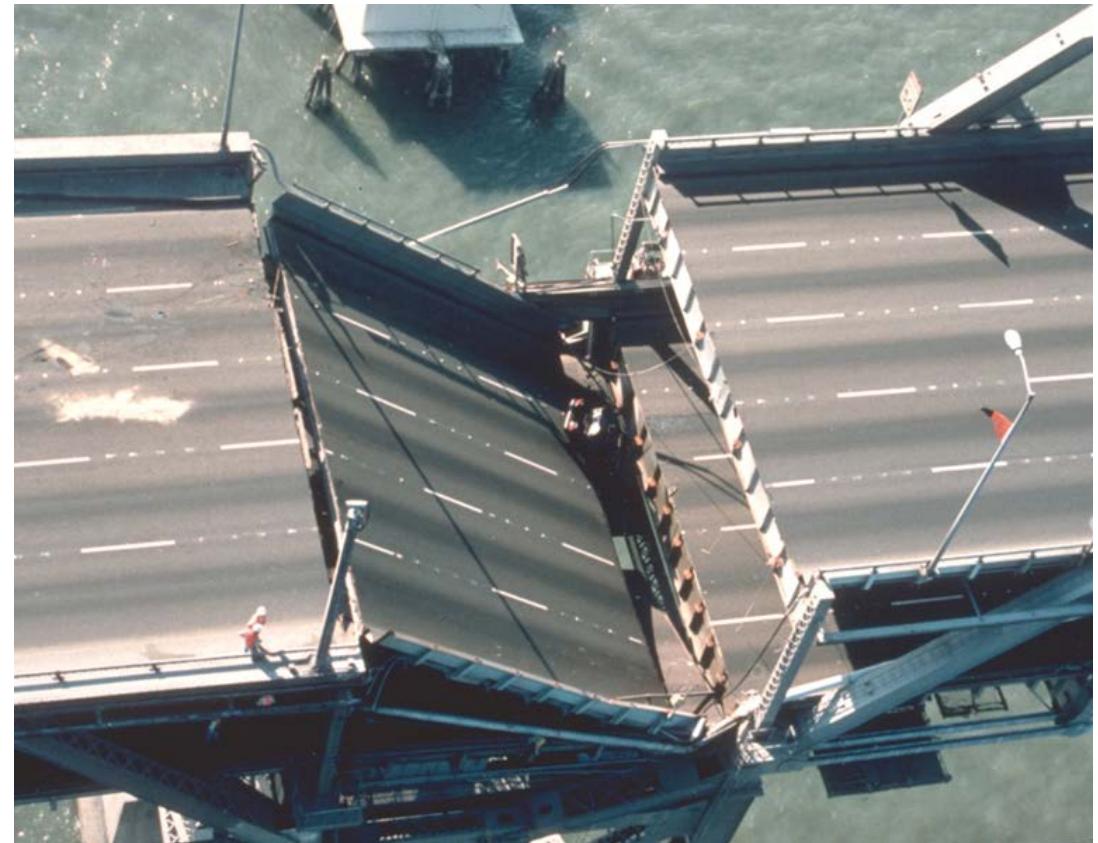
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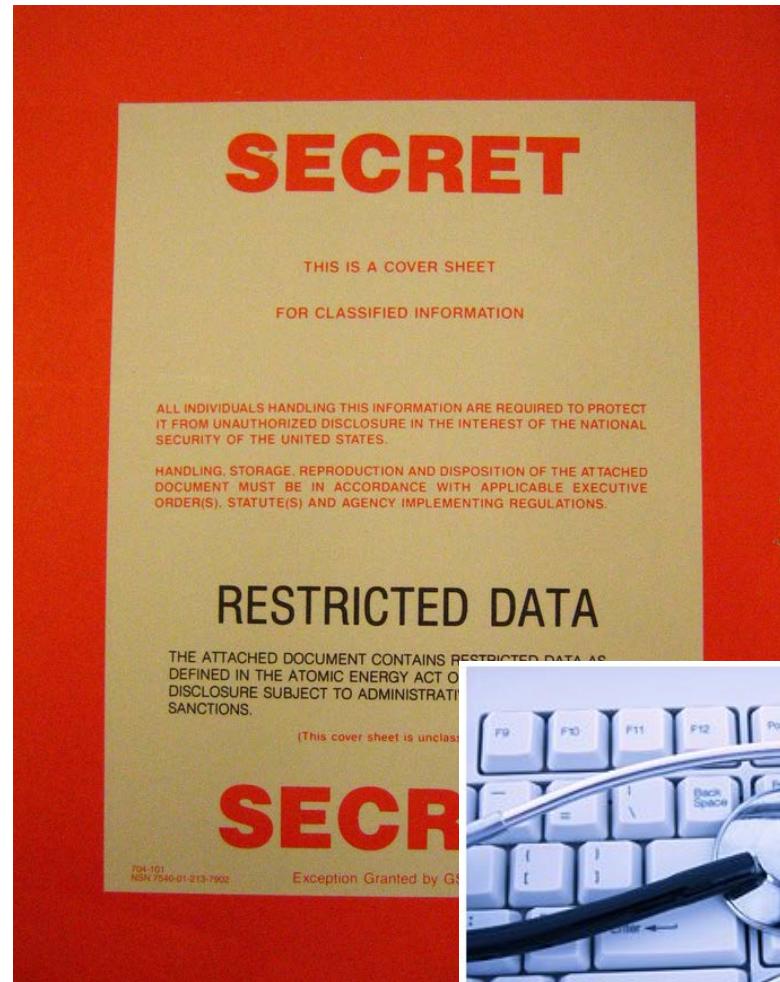
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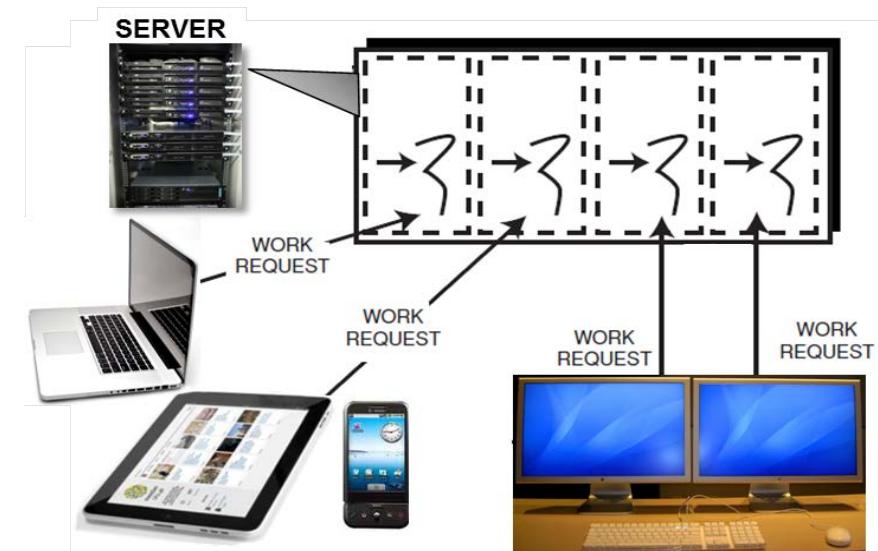
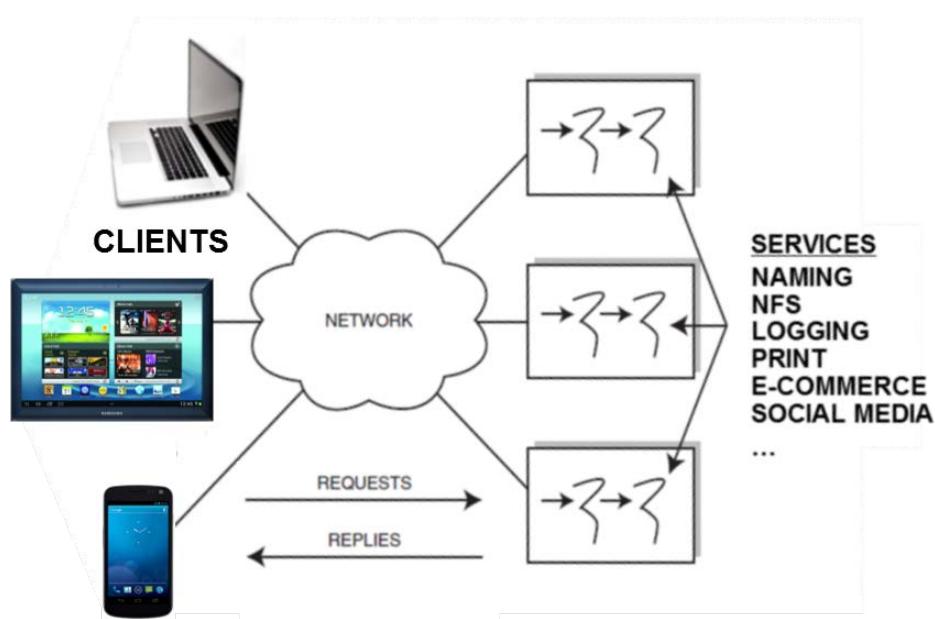
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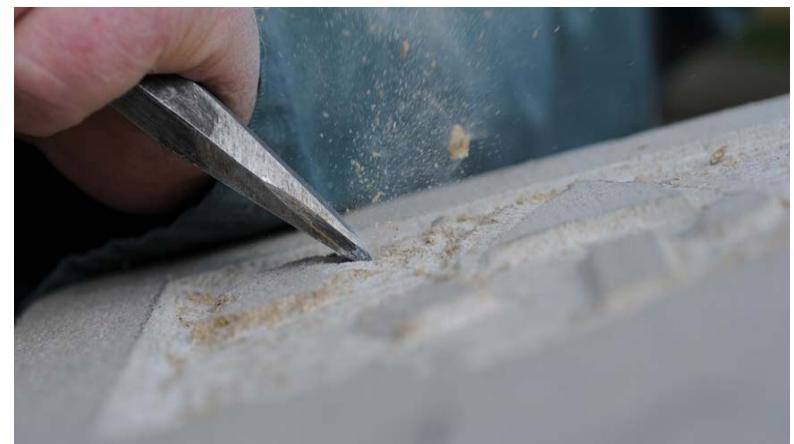
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- As concurrent & networked systems have grown in scale & functionality they must cope with a broader & more challenging set of complexities



# Course Overview: Part 2

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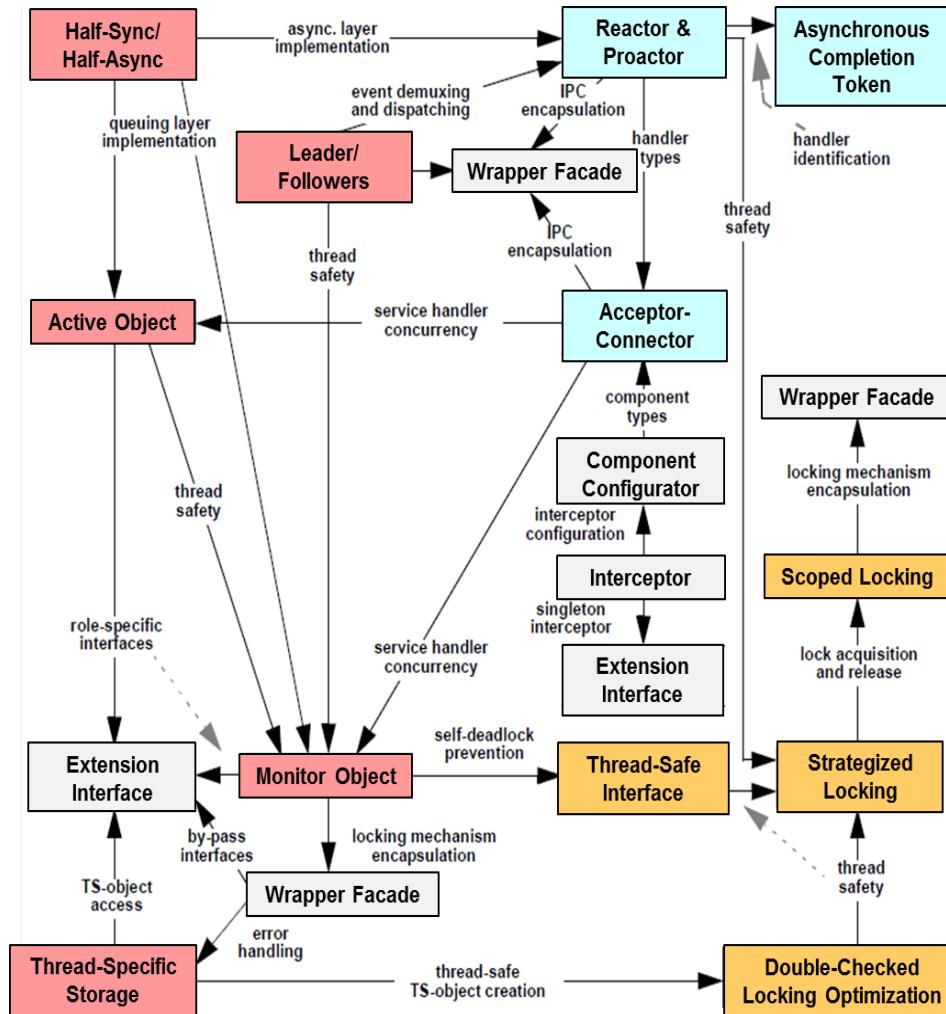
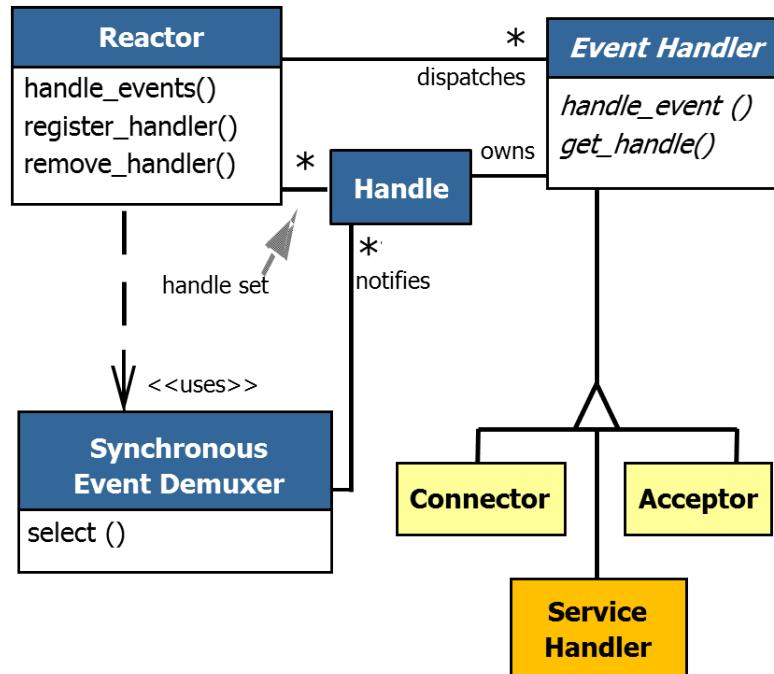
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# Topics Covered in this Part of the Module

- Explore the motivations for & challenges of concurrent & networked software
- Describe how *patterns & frameworks* help address challenges of concurrent & networked software



This section gives a high-level overview of patterns & frameworks



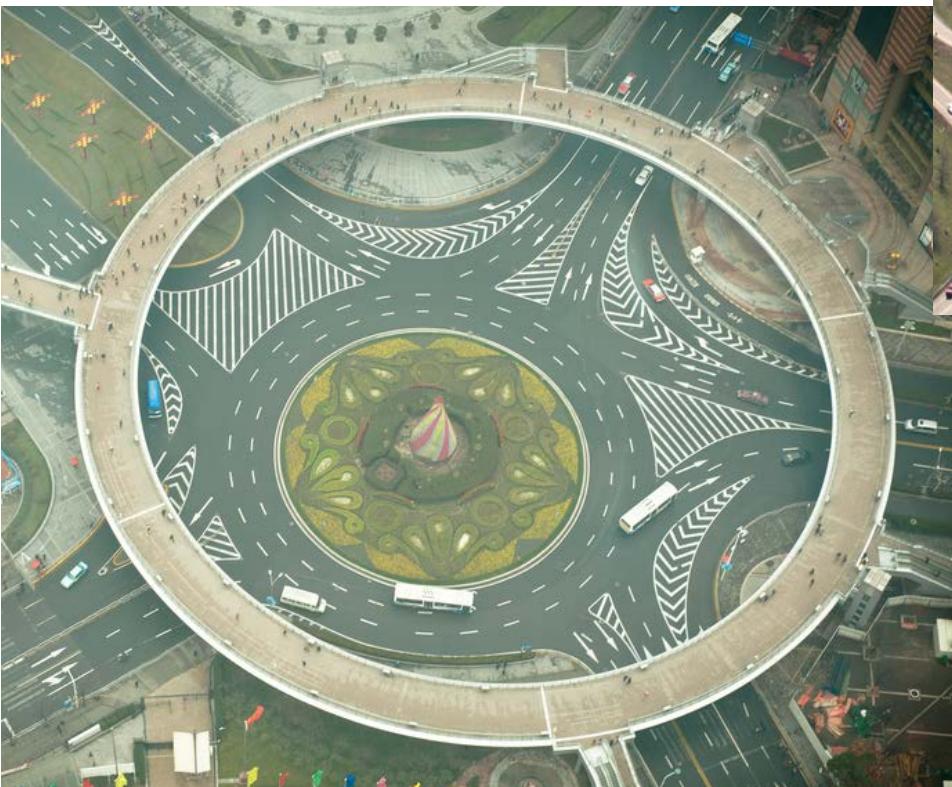
# Motivation



To slay the dragons of accidental & inherent complexity associated with concurrent & networked software we need to codify *proven software experience*

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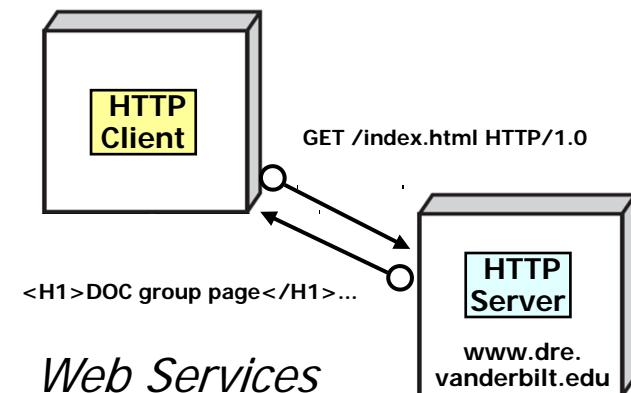


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*Automotive*

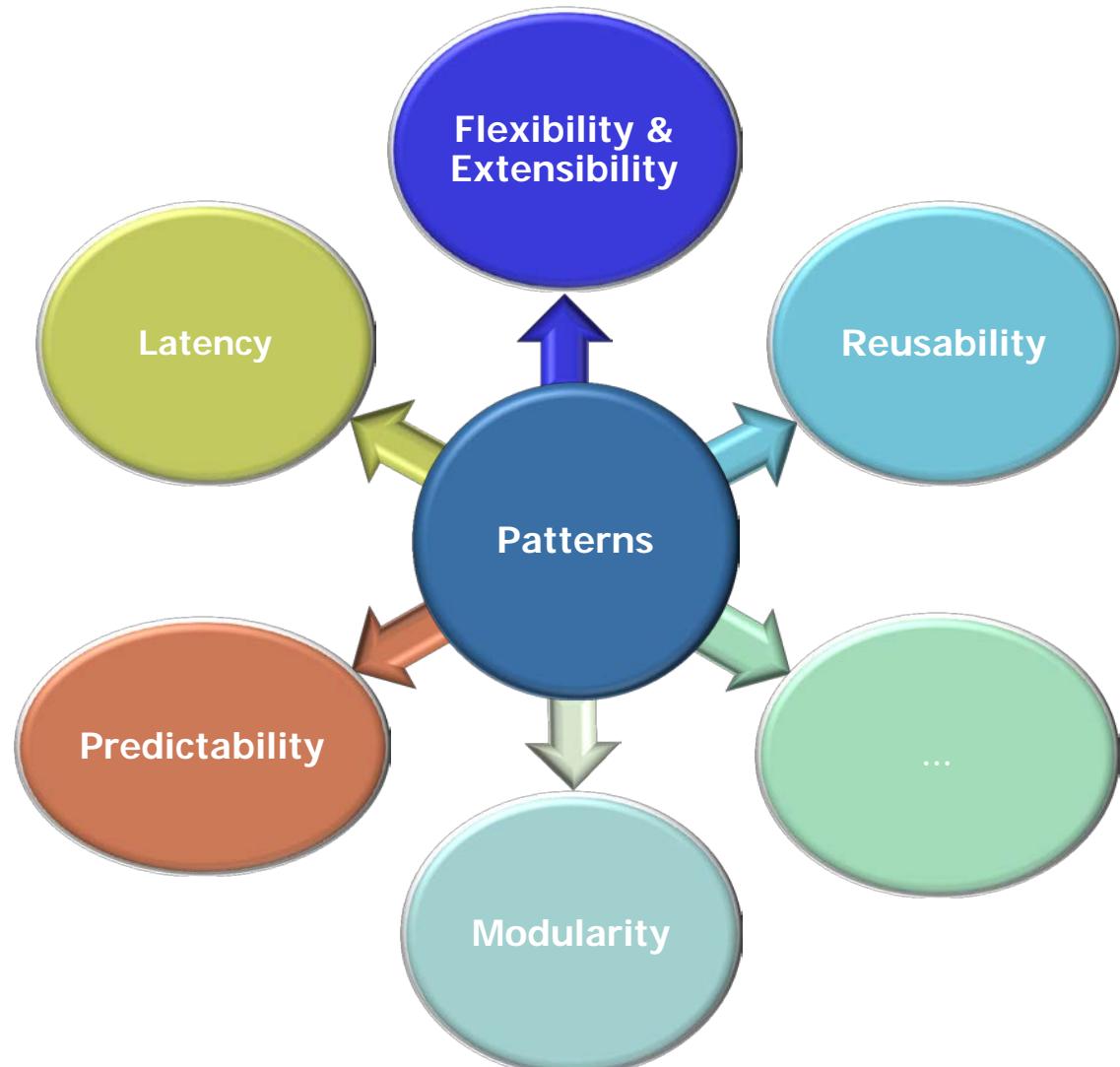
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*Web Services*

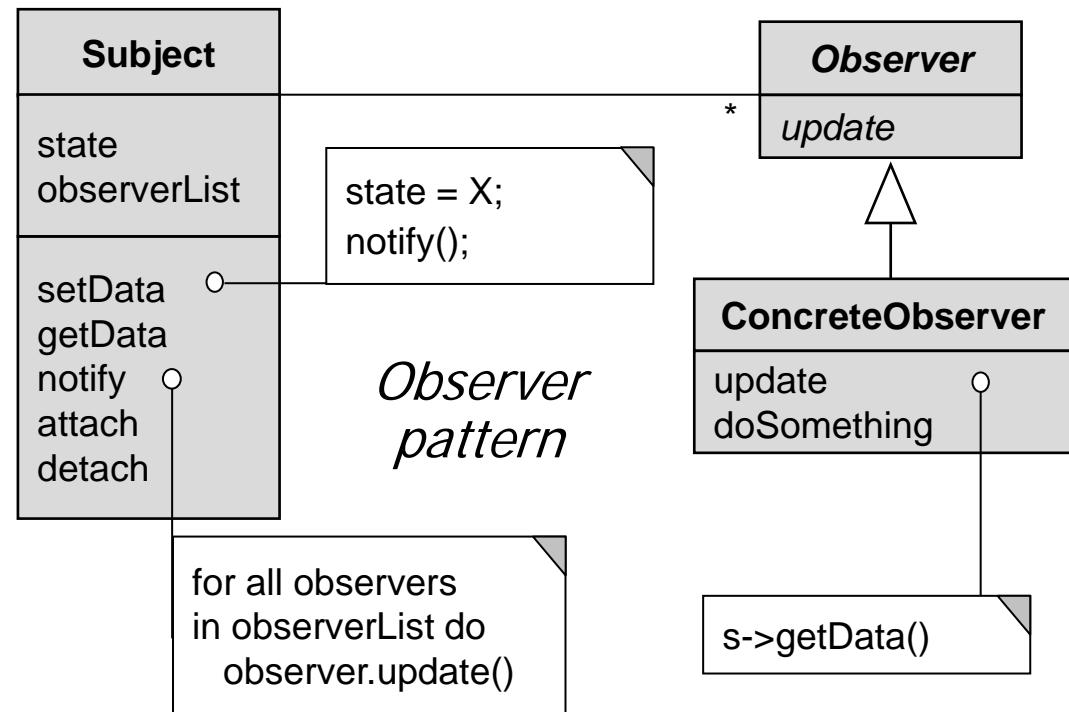
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**Intent:** “Define a one-to-many dependency between objects so that when one object changes state, all dependents are notified & updated”



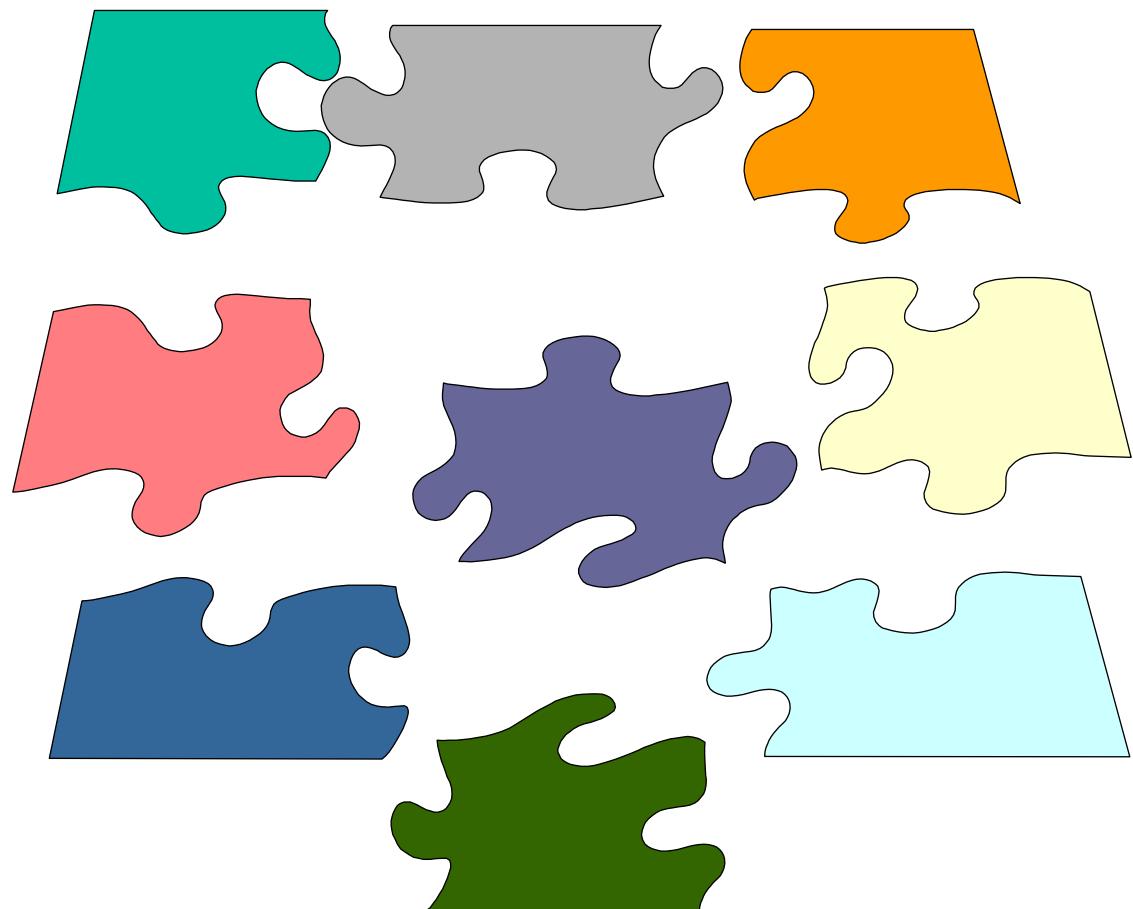
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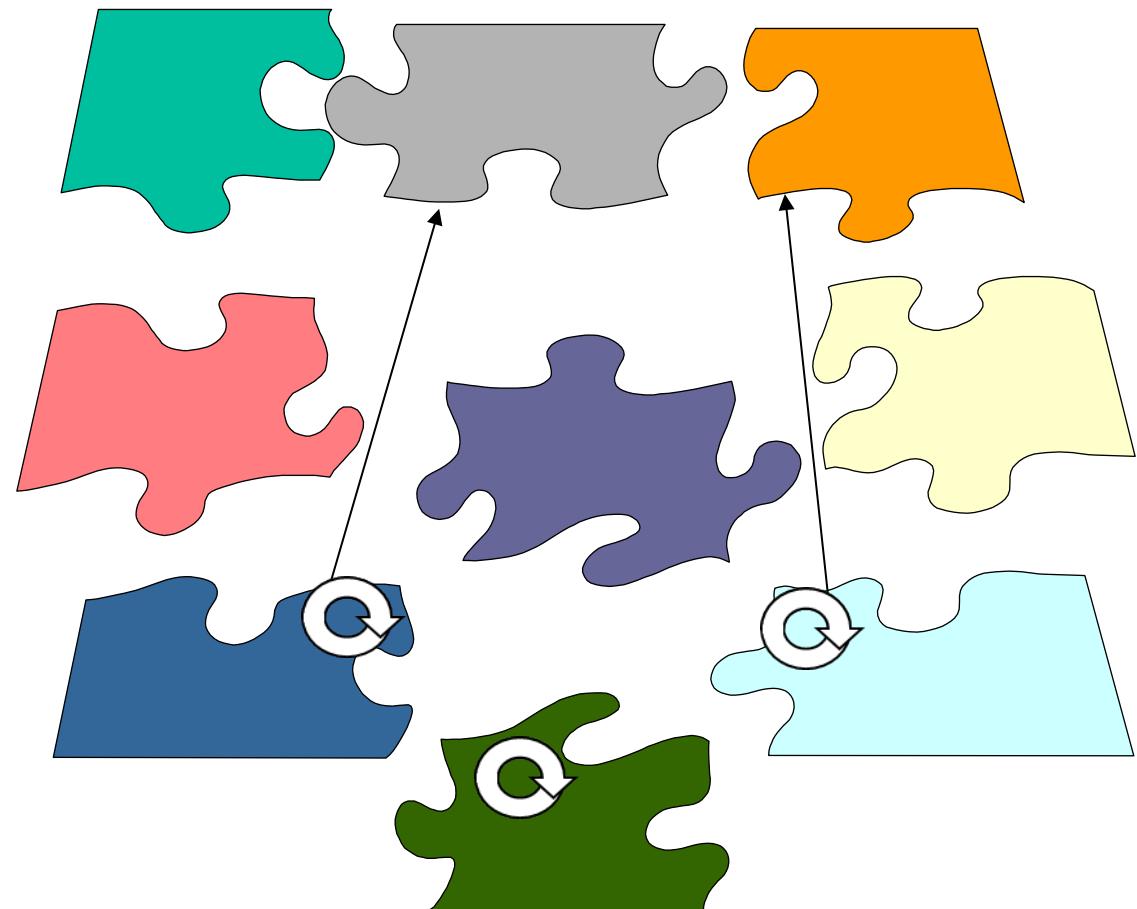
Frameworks are integrated sets of software components that collaborate to provide reusable architectures for families of related applications



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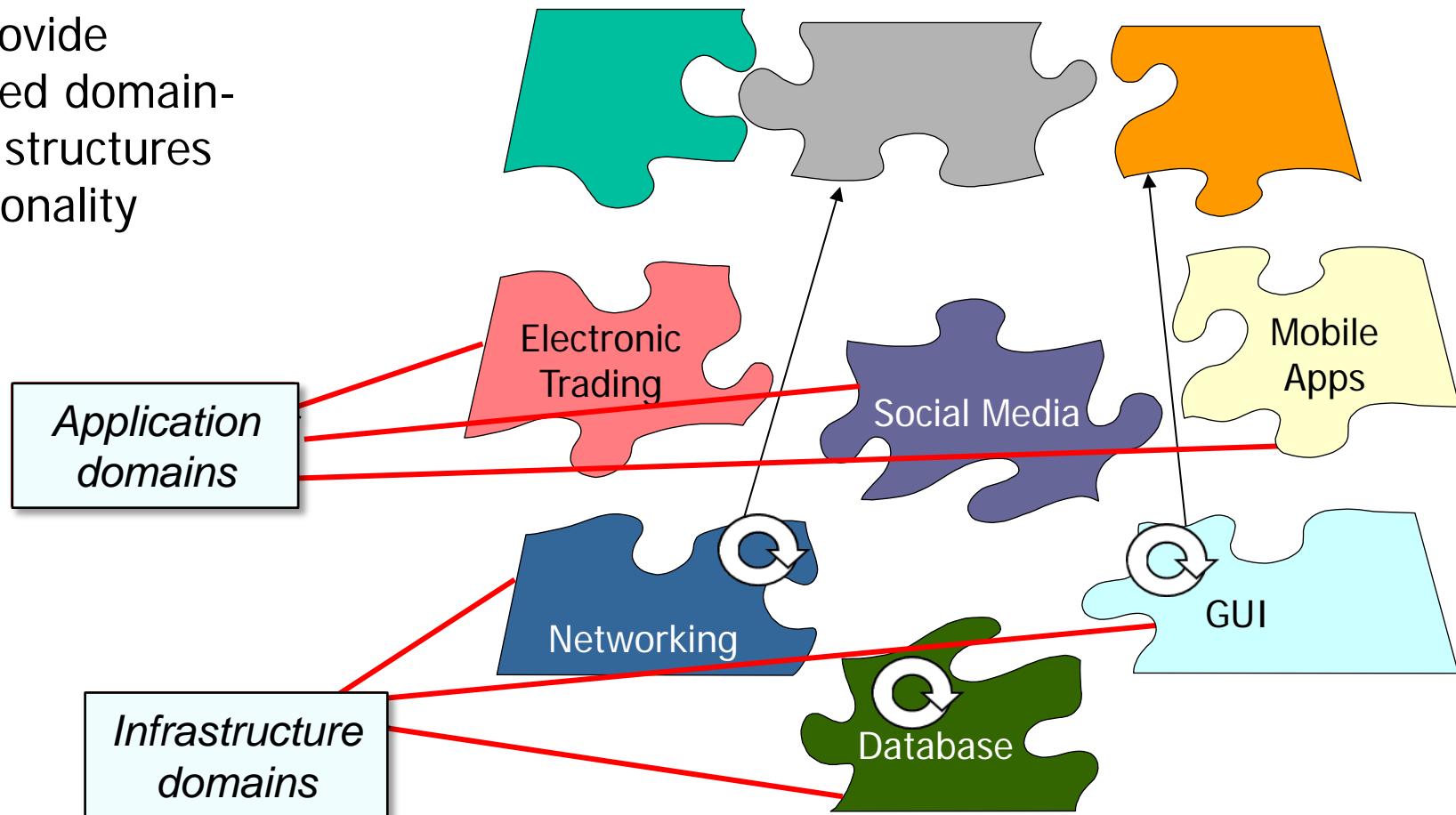
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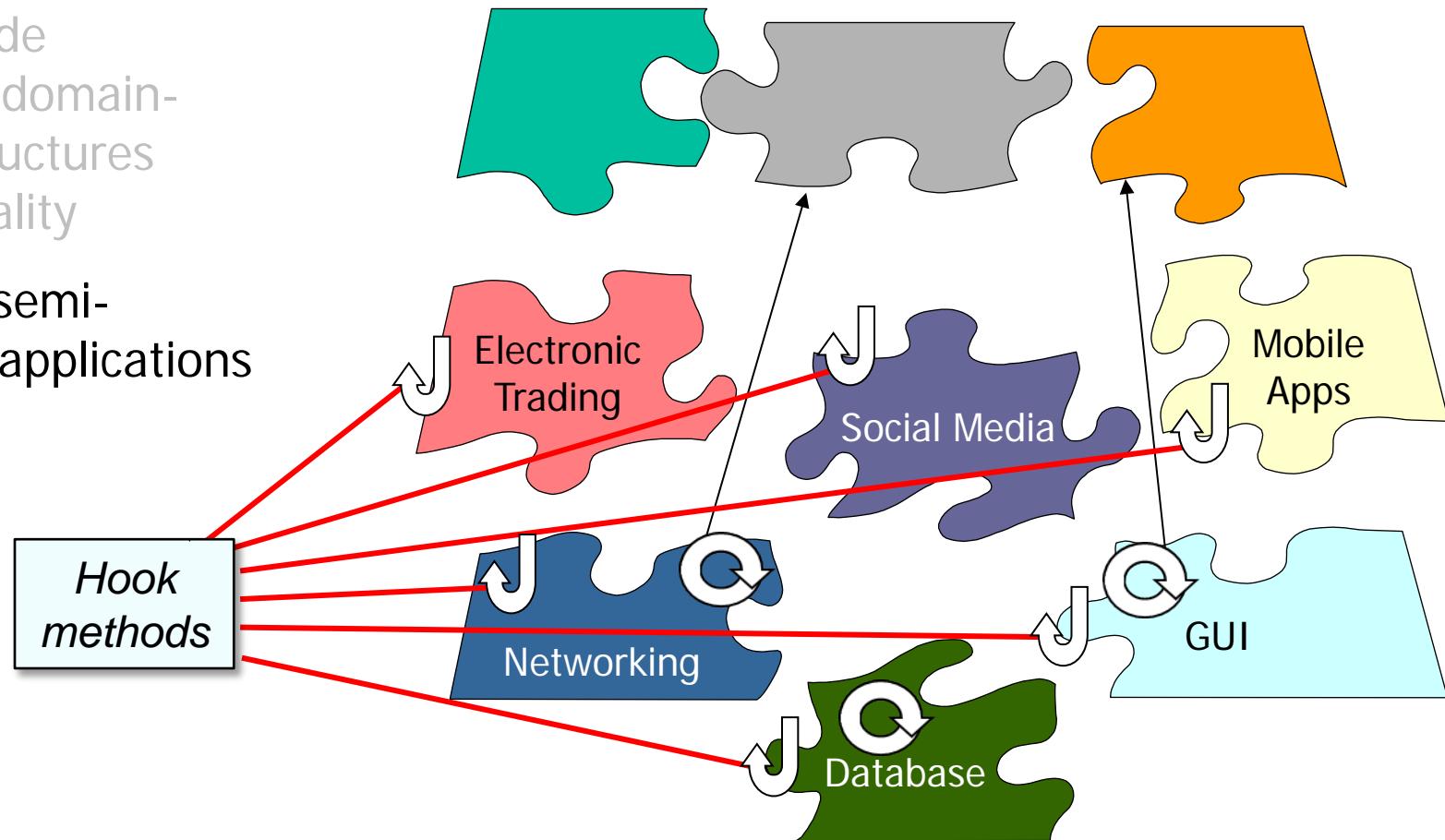
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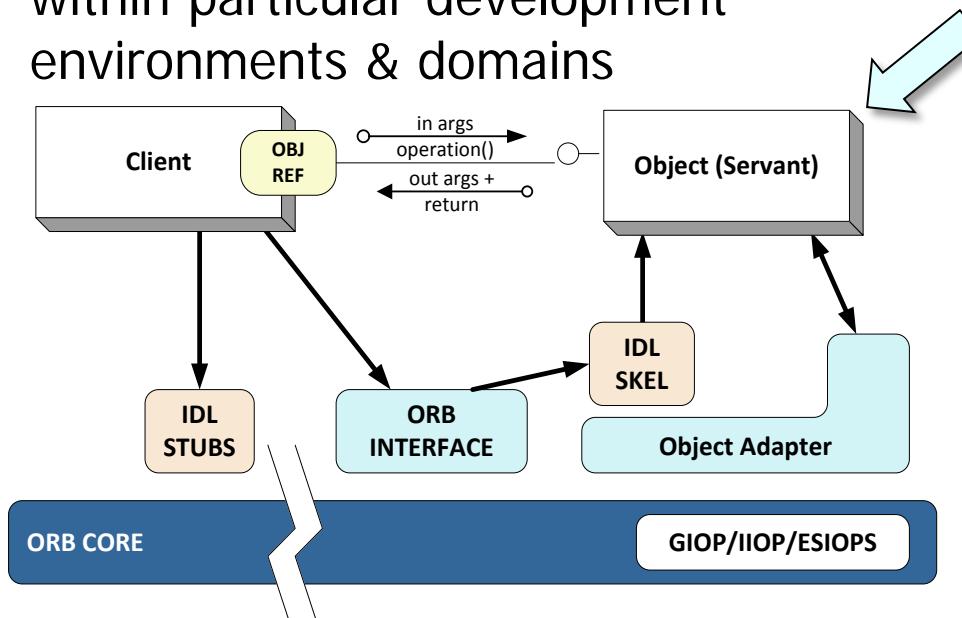
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Patterns & frameworks help avoid “reinventing the wheel” for many accidental & inherent complexities of concurrent & networked software

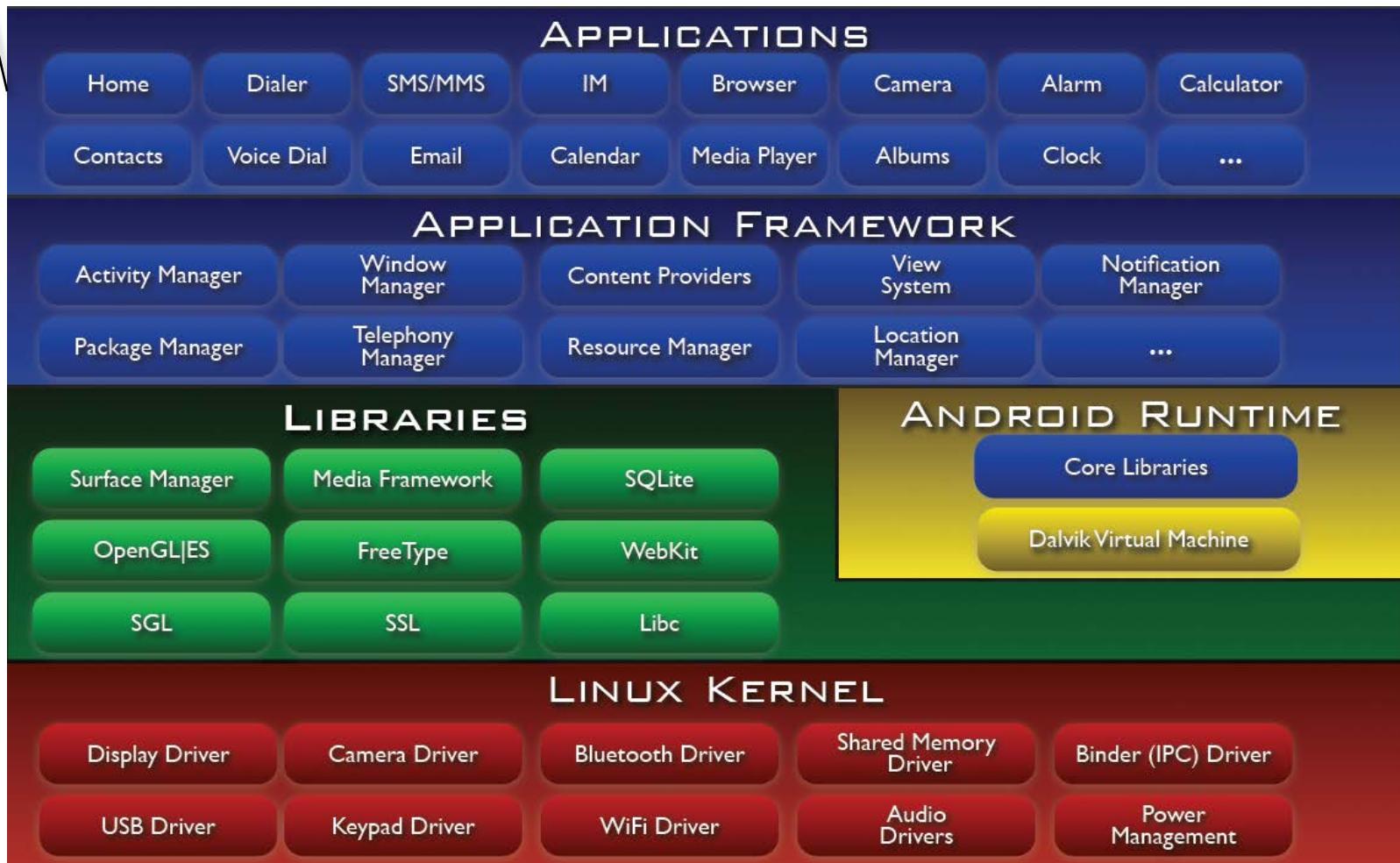
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Java/JNI

C++/C

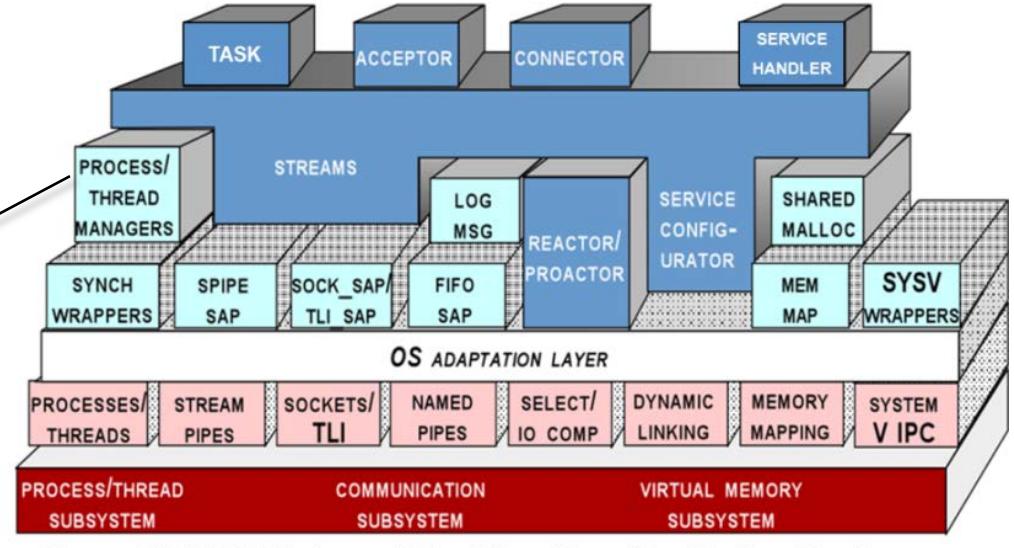
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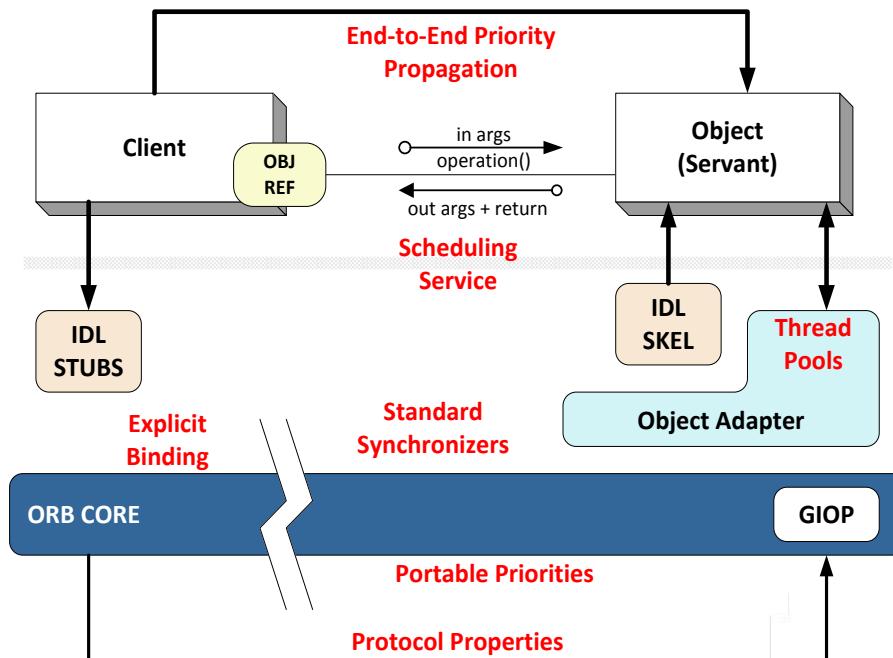
ACE is a pattern-oriented toolkit containing portable components & frameworks for concurrent & networked software

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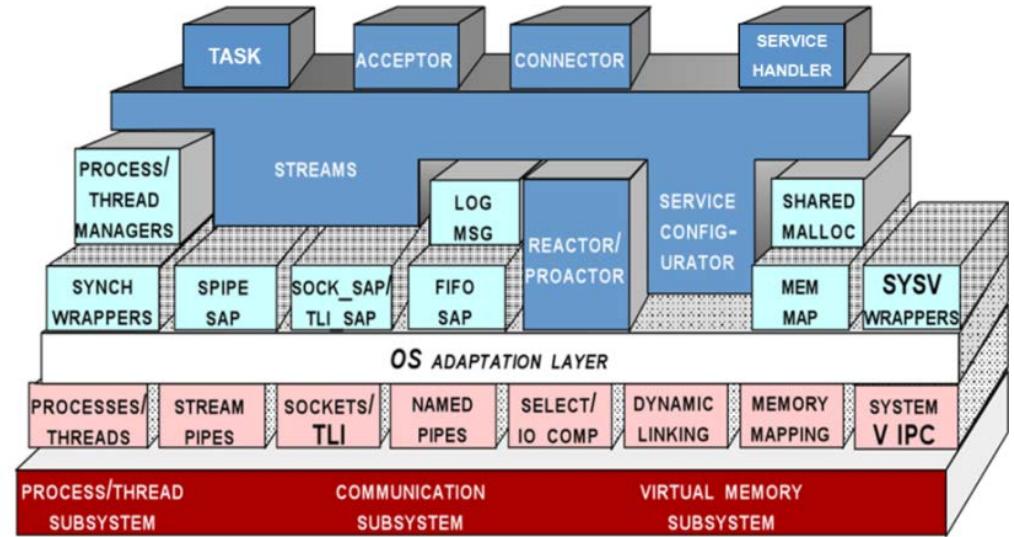
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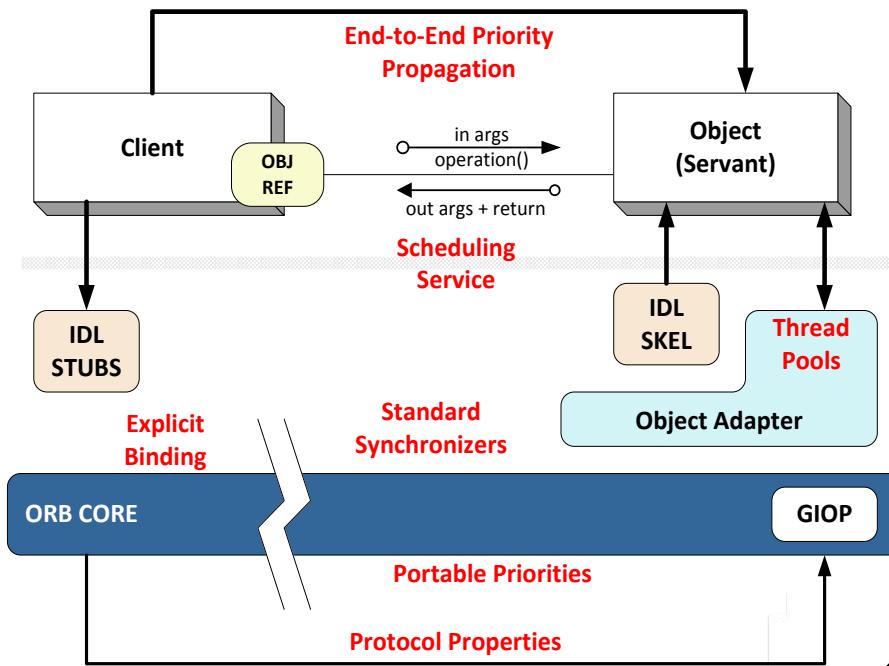
*The ACE ORB (TAO) is a pattern-oriented real-time object-request broker*

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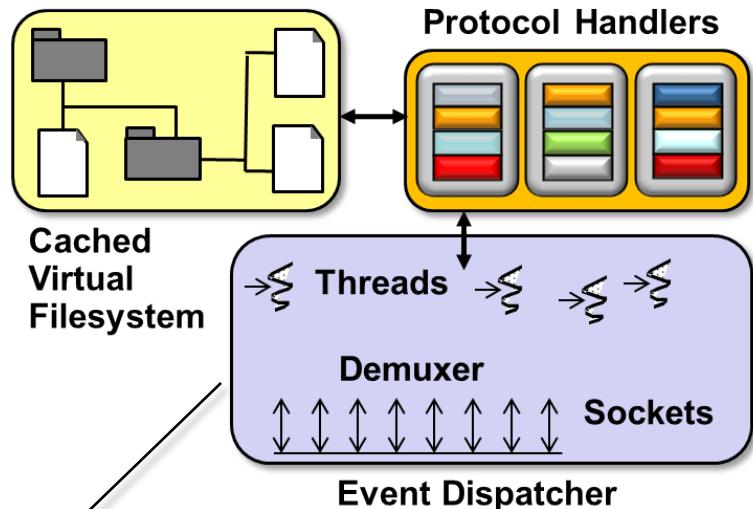


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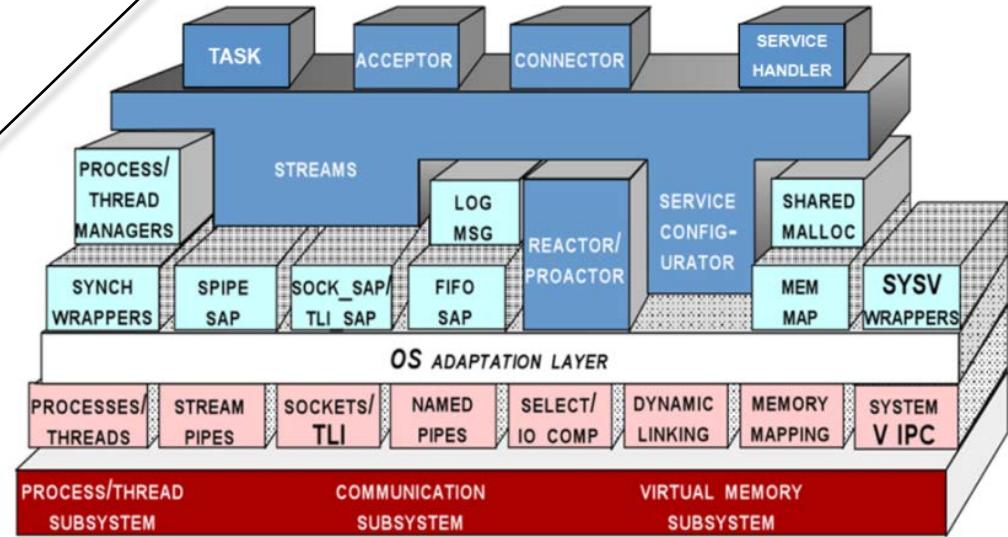


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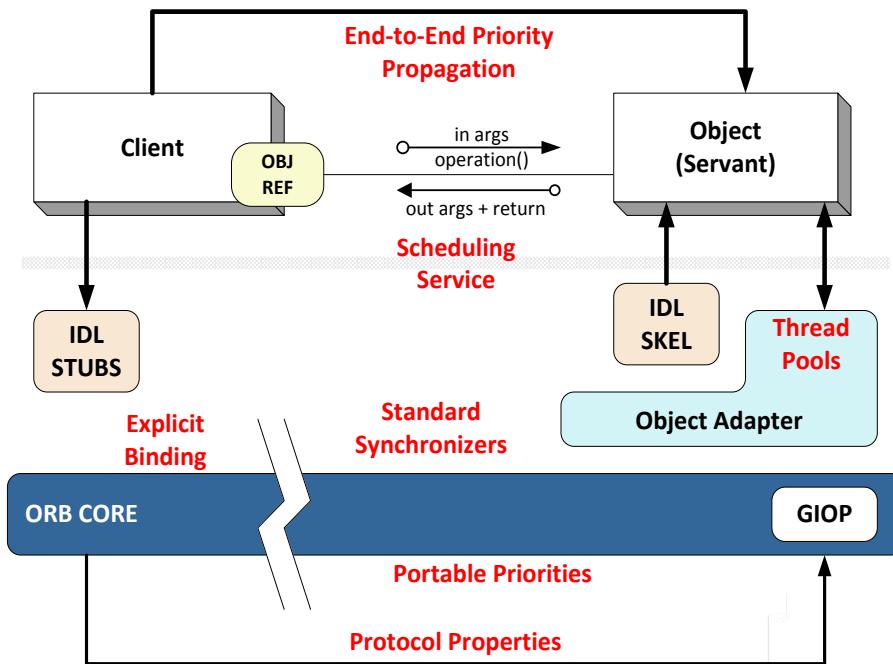
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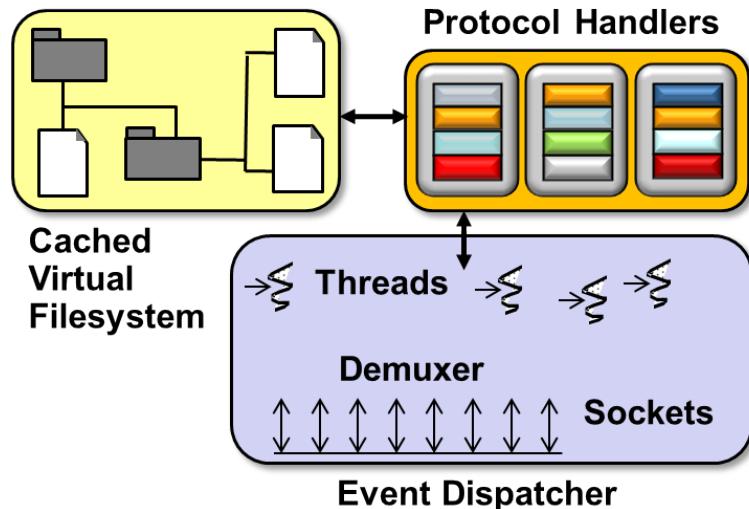


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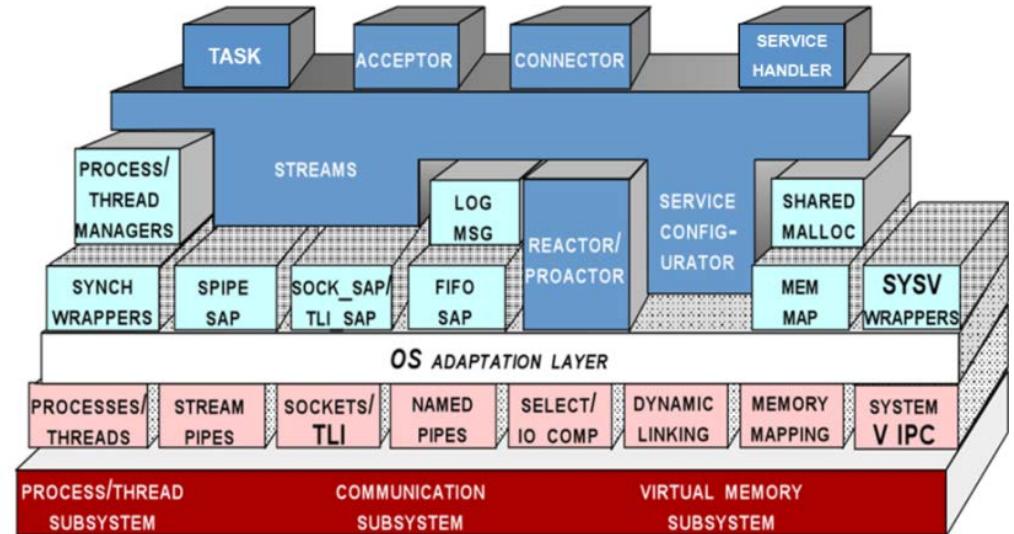
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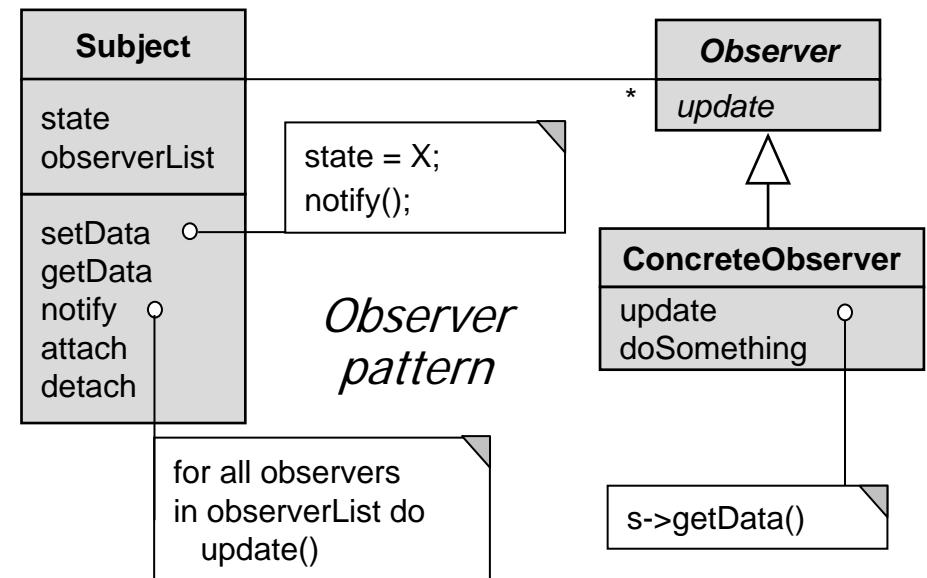
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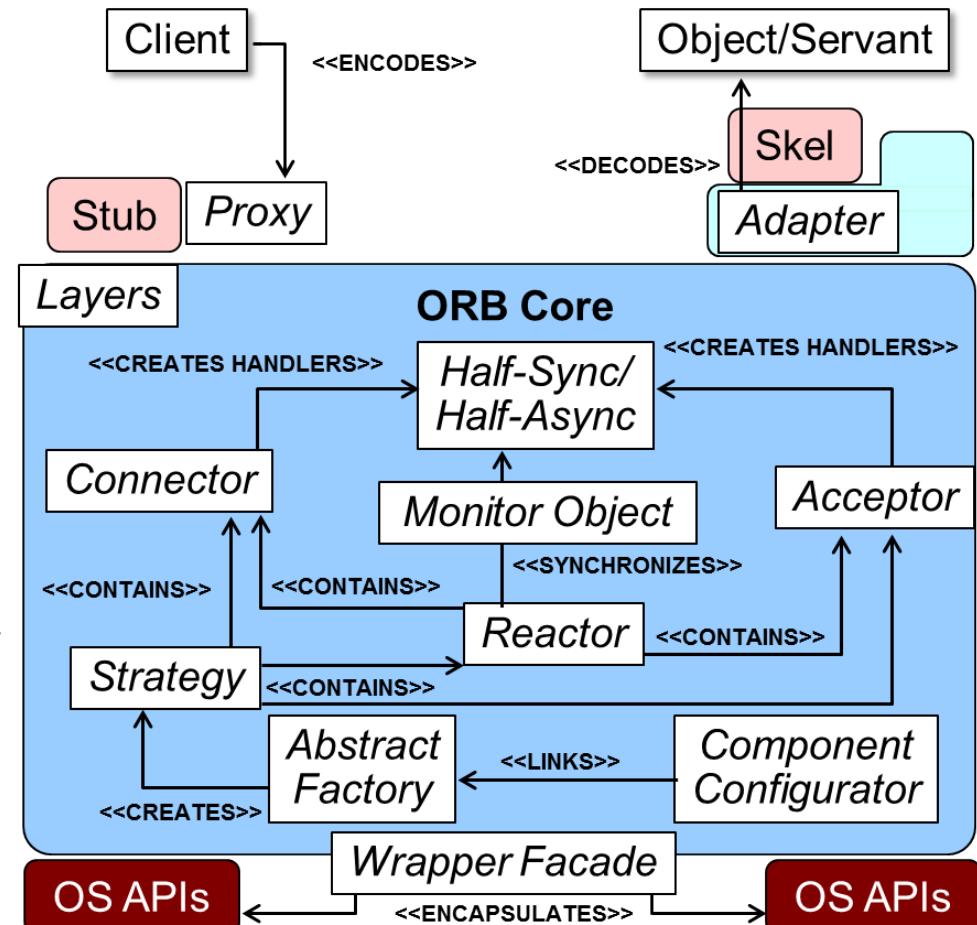
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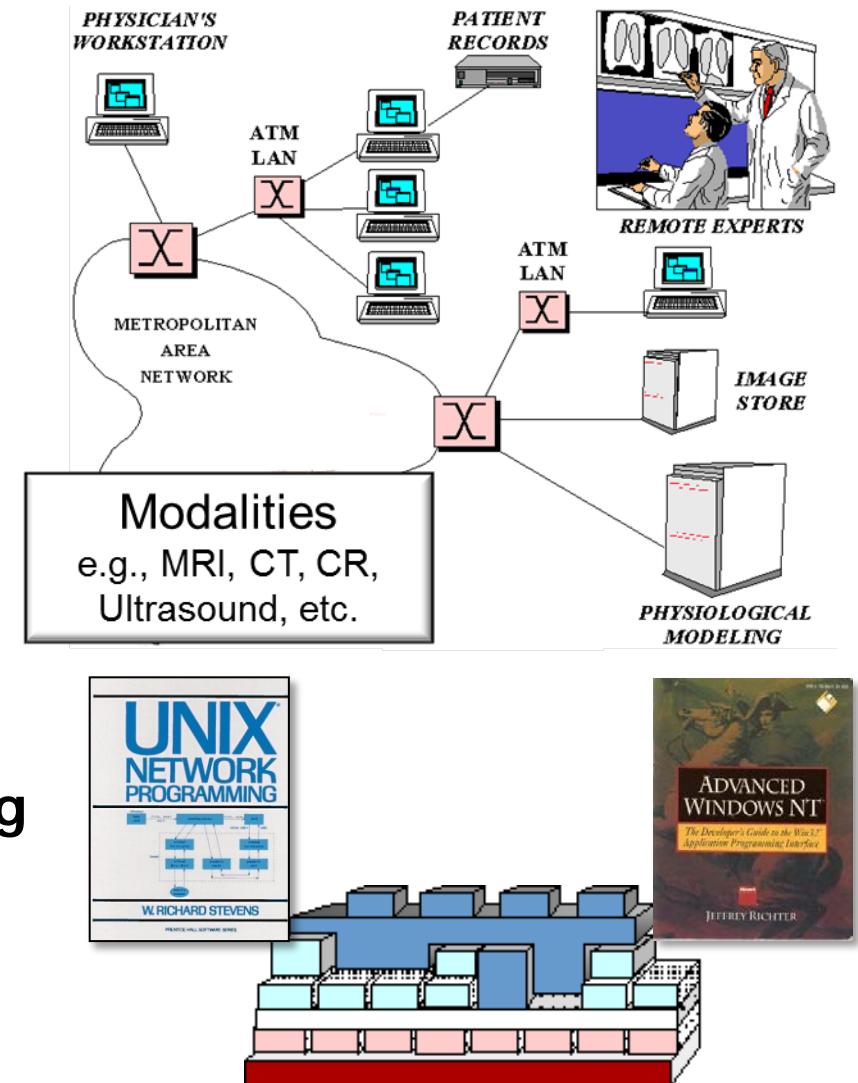
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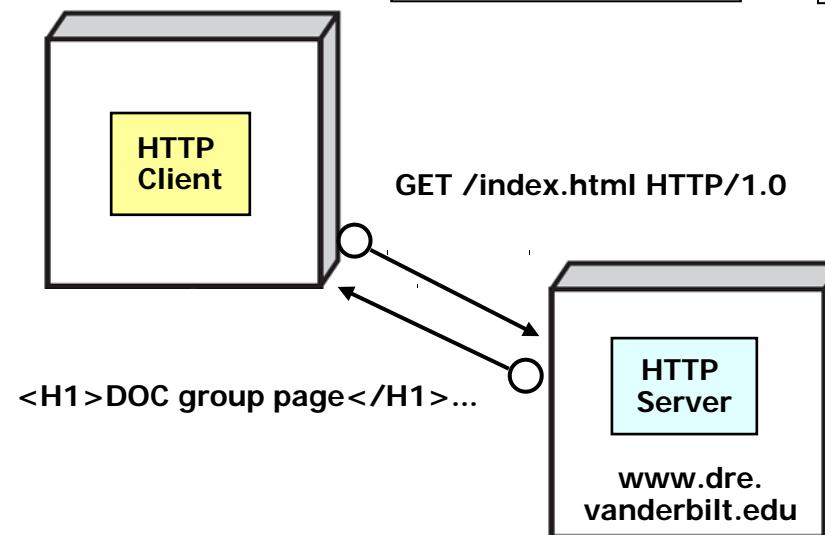
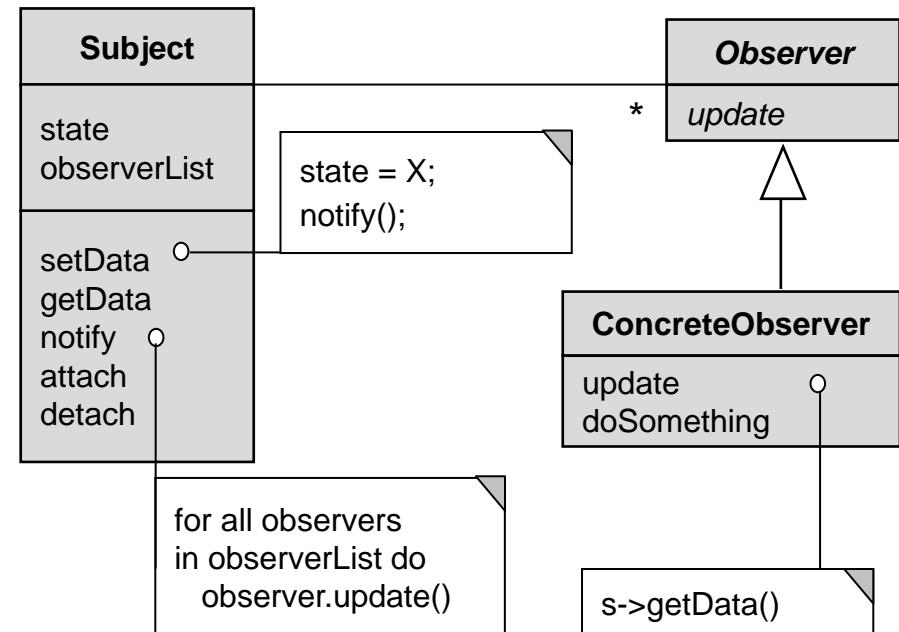
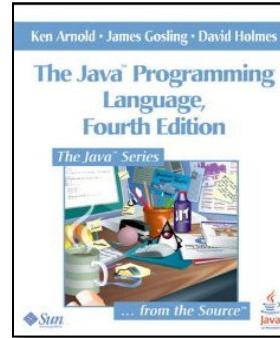
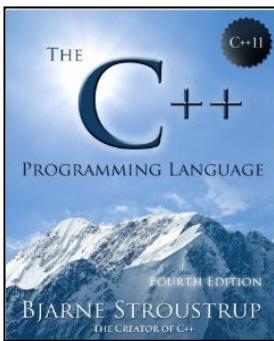
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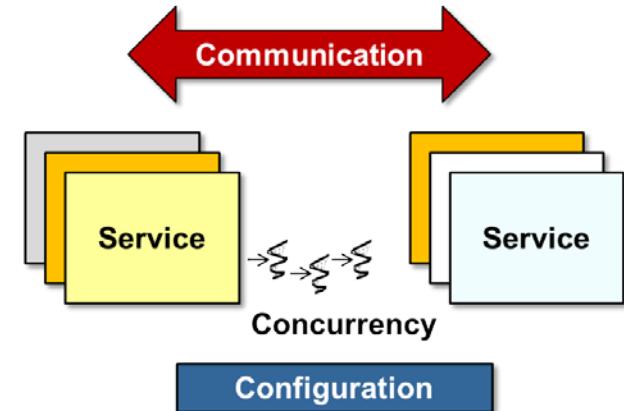
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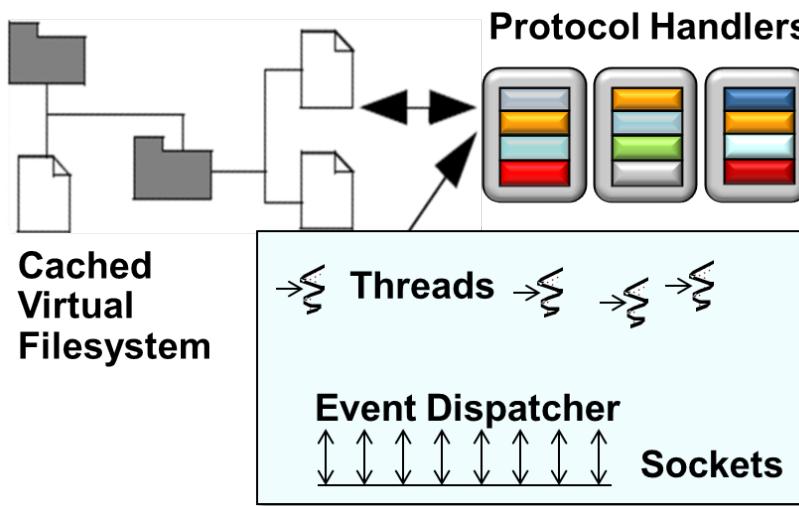
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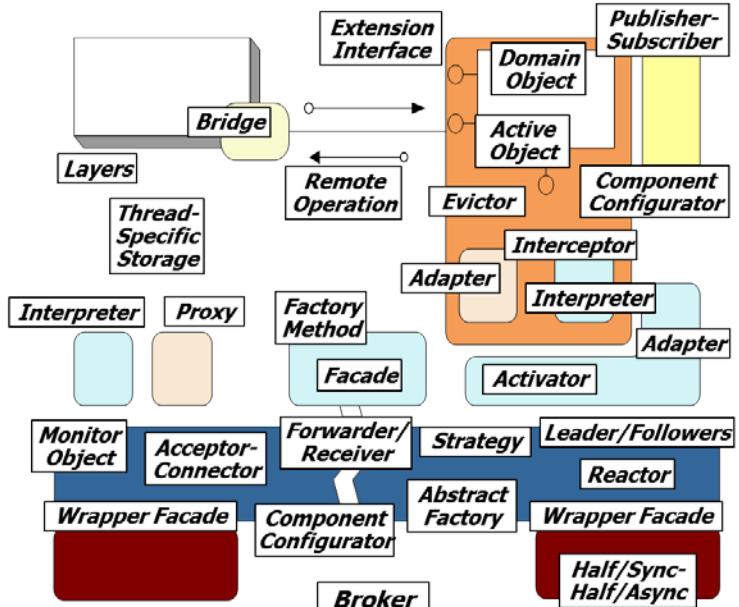
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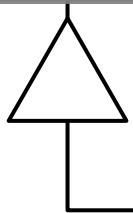
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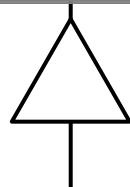
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- When I teach courses on patterns & frameworks at Vanderbilt University, I can rely on the students having taken the prerequisites

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public:
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        (Observable<T> obs,
         const T &arg)
    { /* ... */ }
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template <typename T> class Event_Source :
public Observable<T>, public ACE_Task_Base { public:
    virtual void svc () { /* ... */ notify_observers /* ... */; }
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Event_Task<Data_Block> task (event_source);
task->activate ();
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If you don't know Java or C++ you'll struggle with later sections of the course

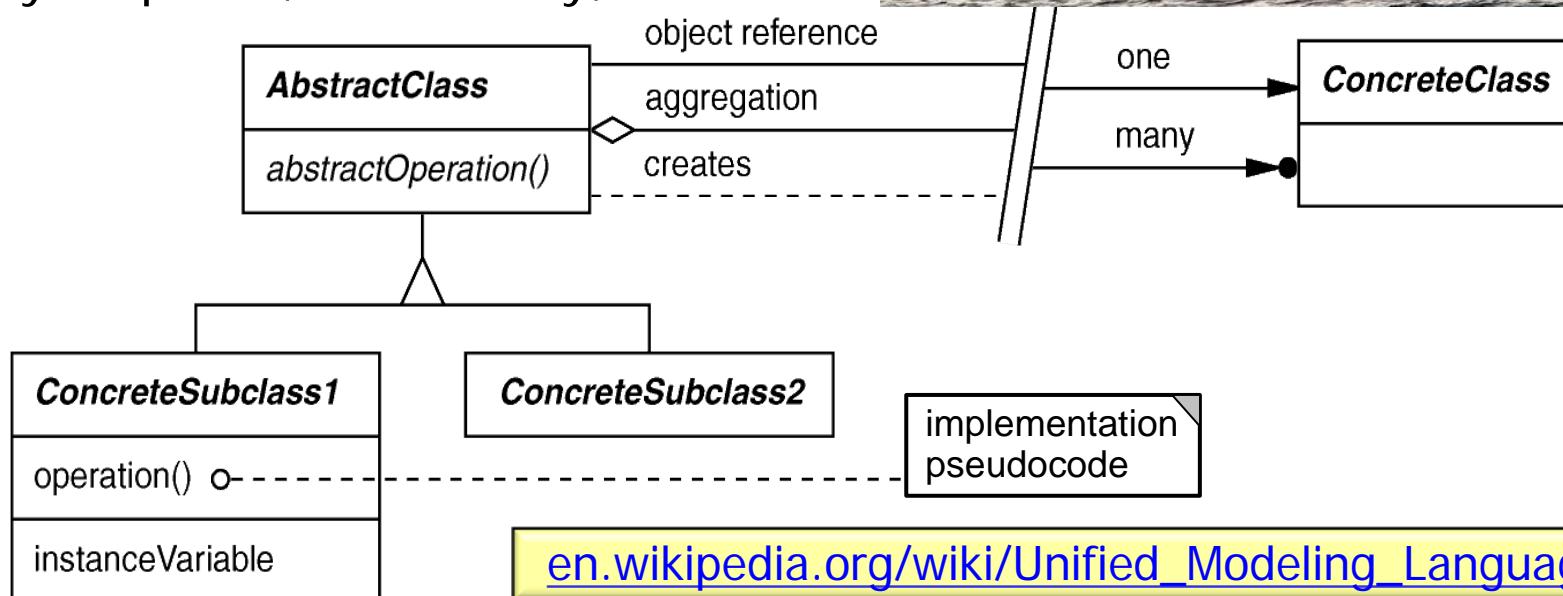
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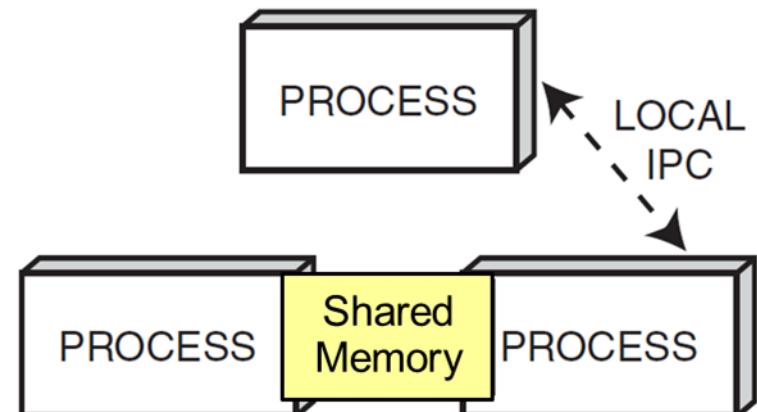
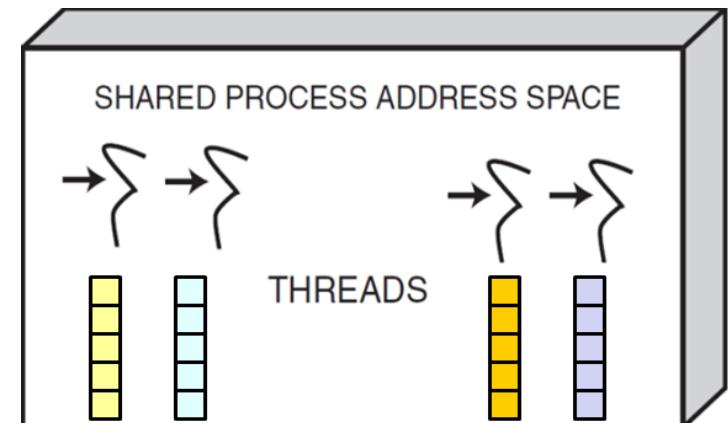
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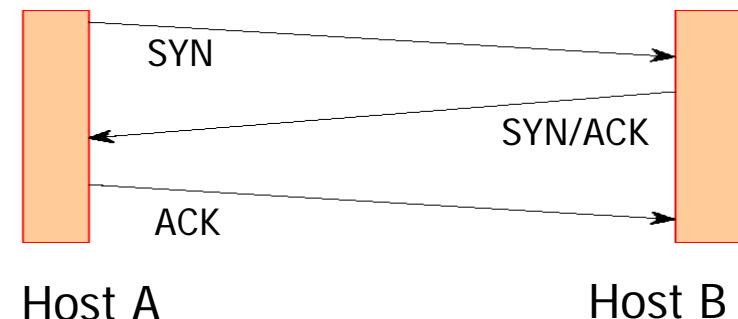
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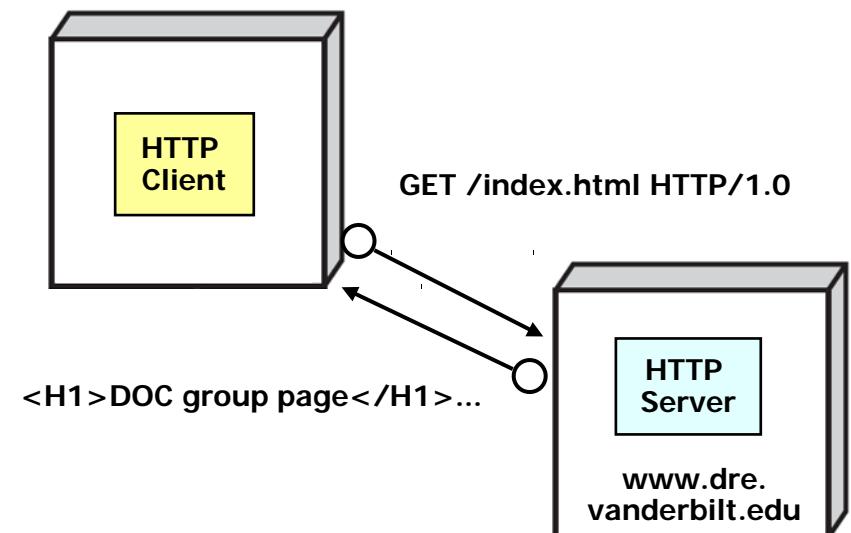


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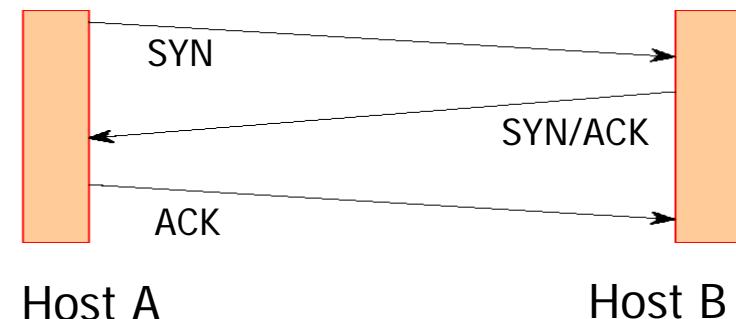


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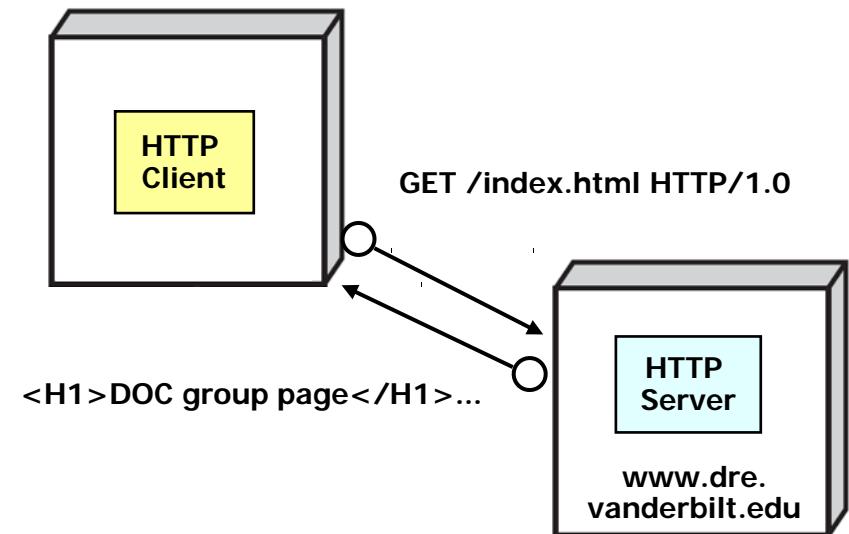


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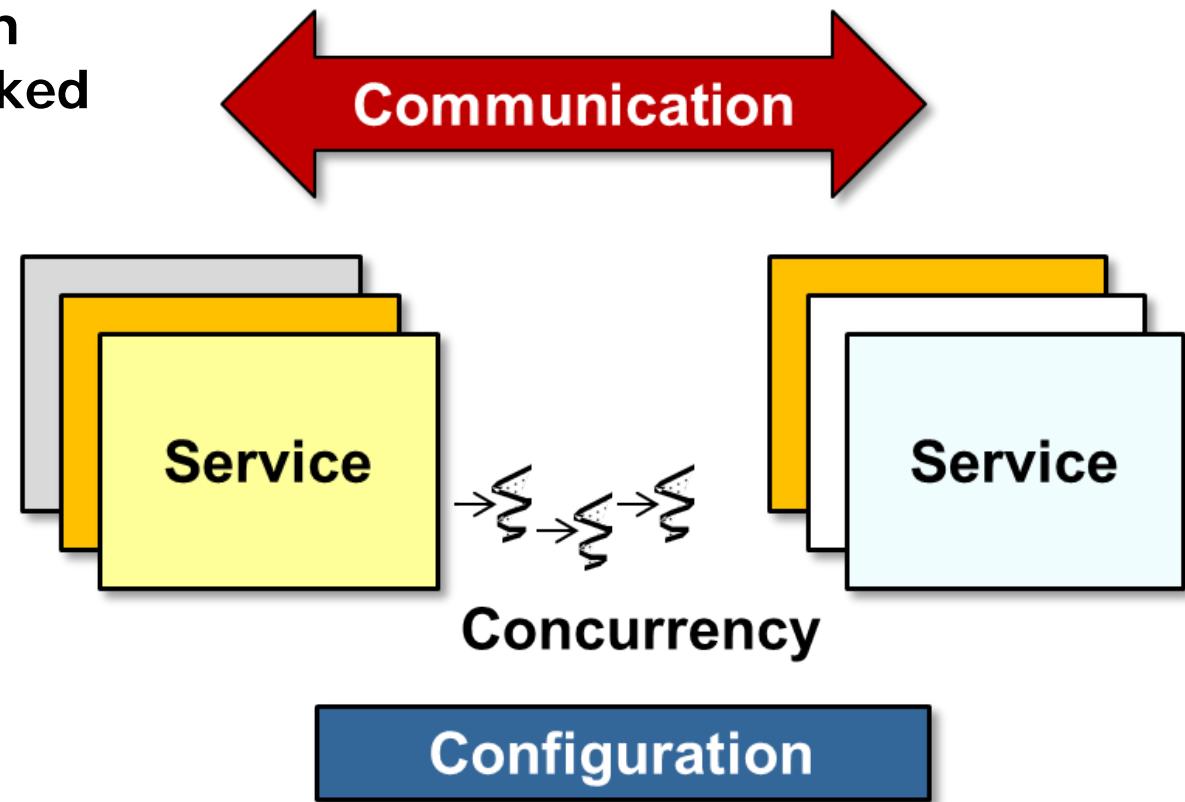
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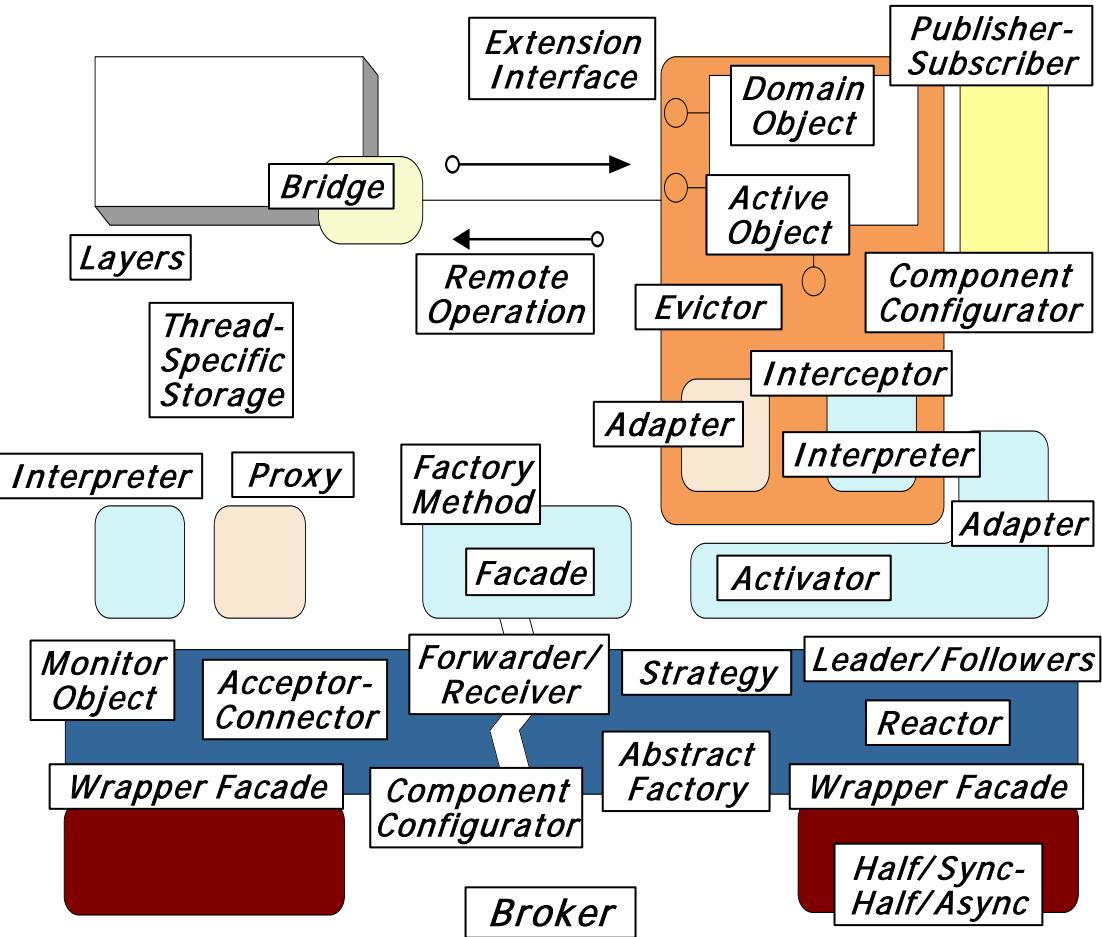
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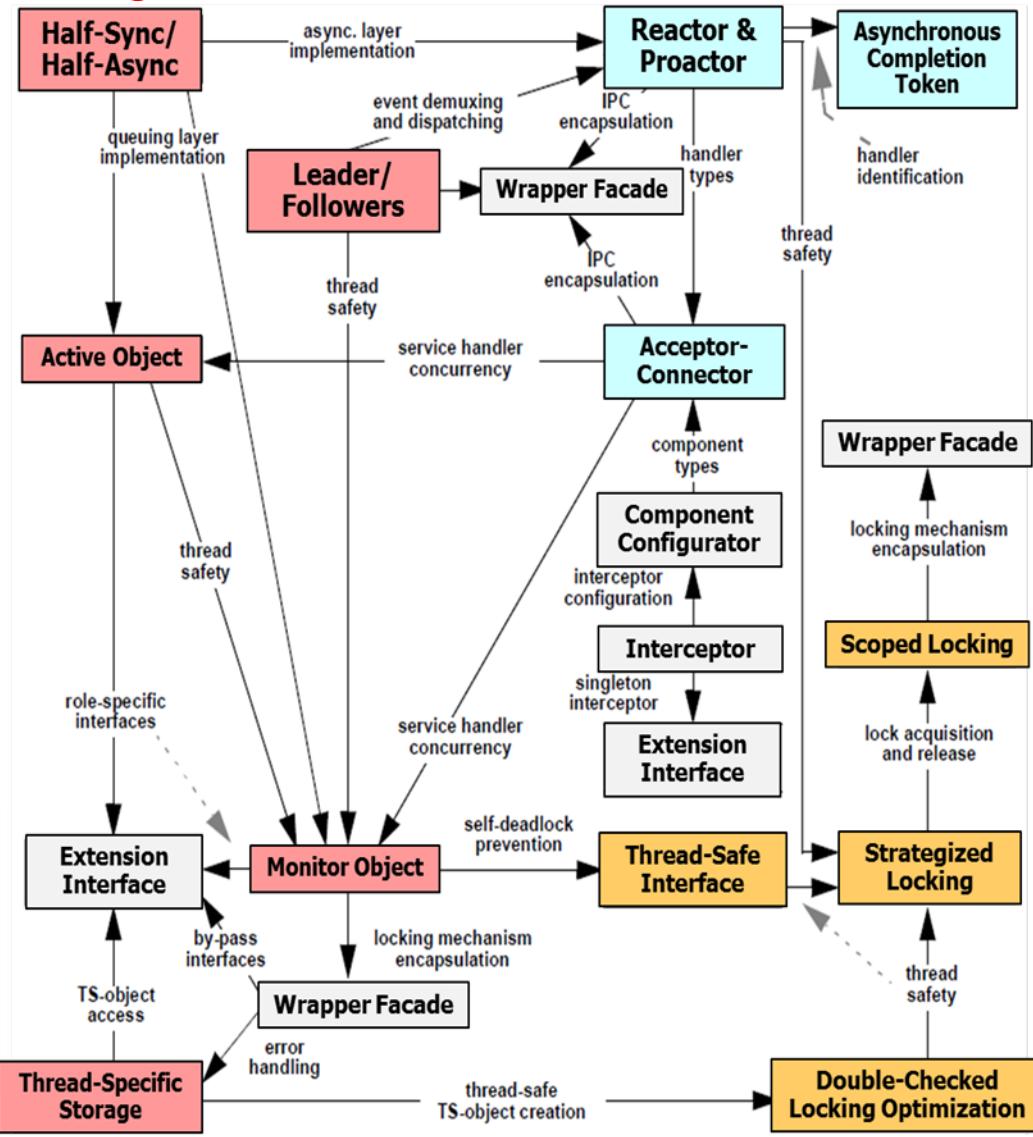
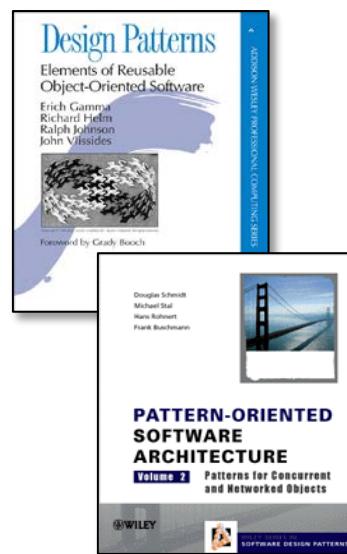
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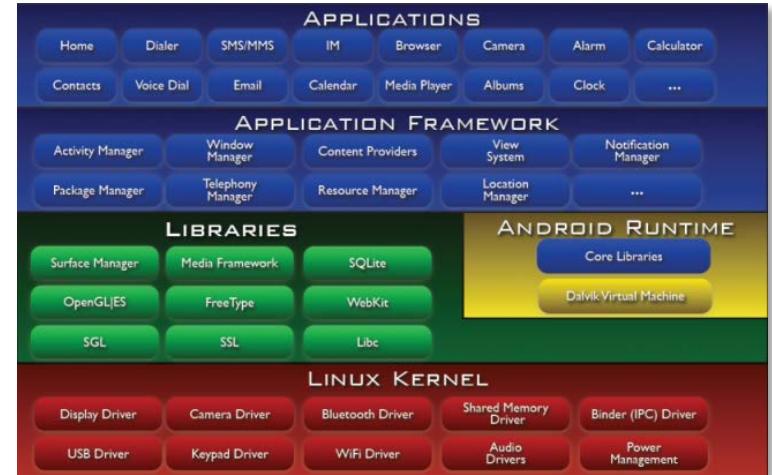
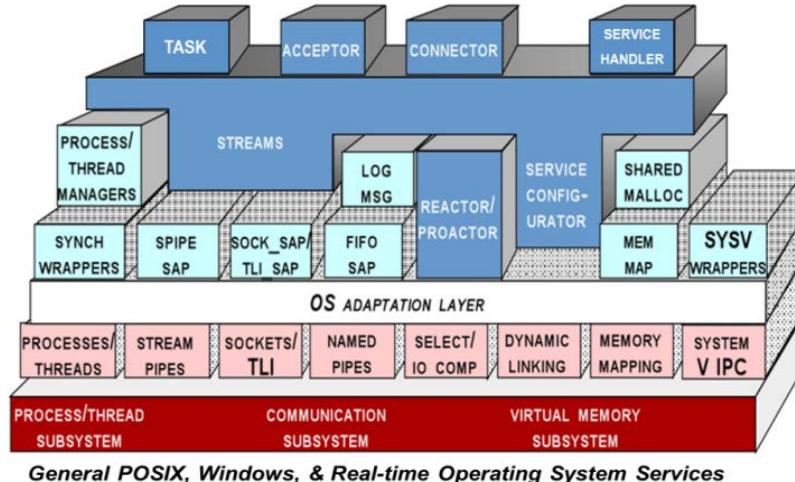
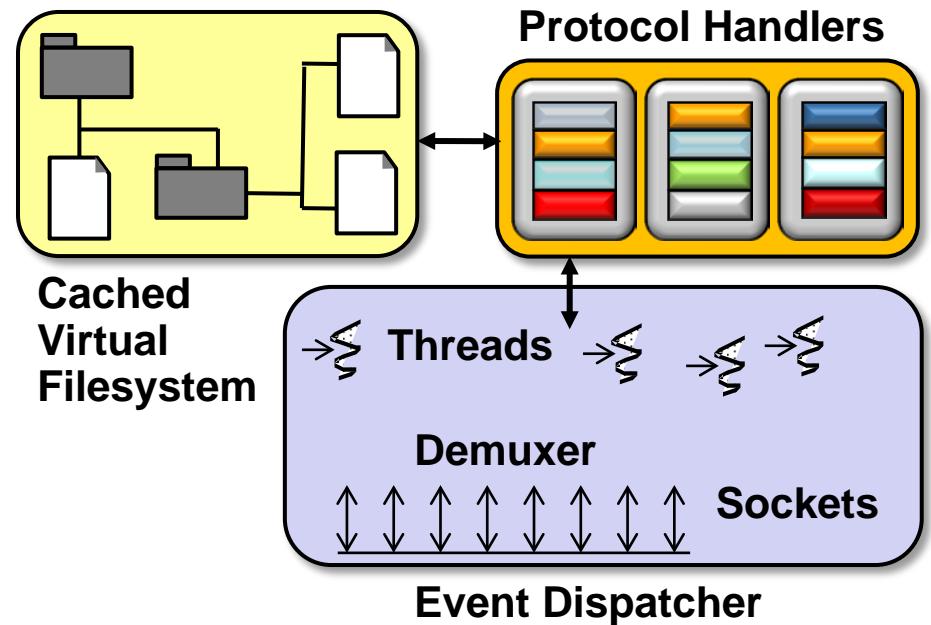
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Focus is on applying POSA2 & GoF patterns – lots of C++/Java code examples

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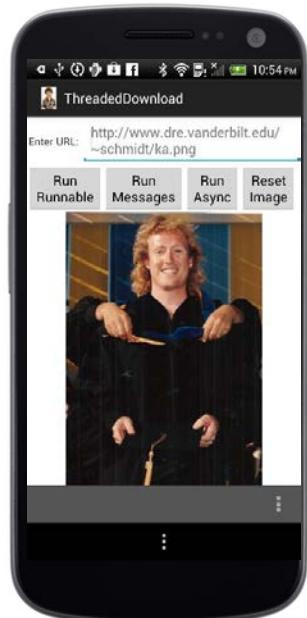
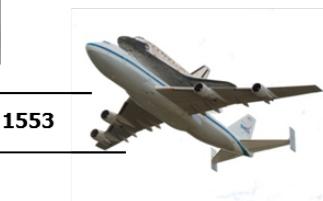
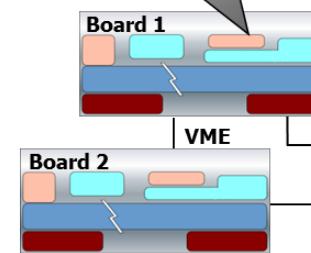
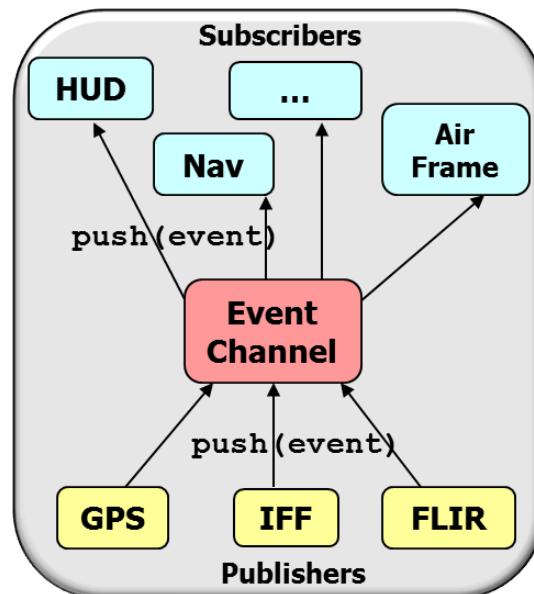
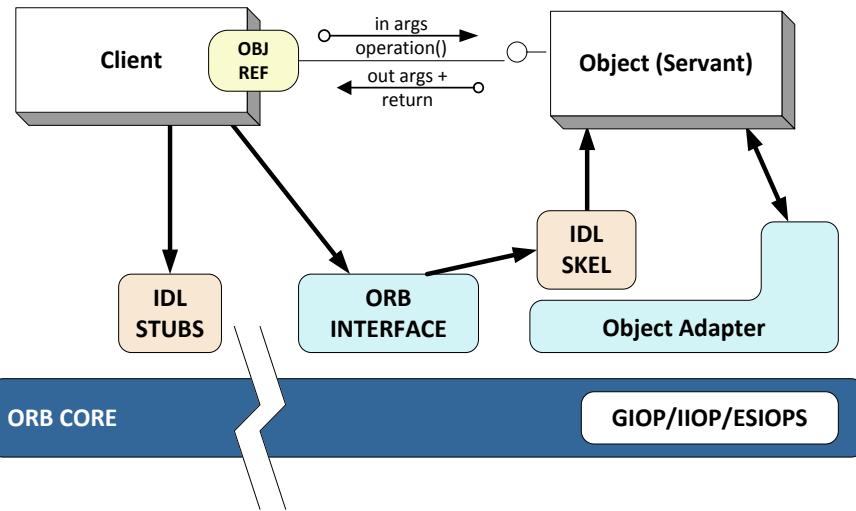
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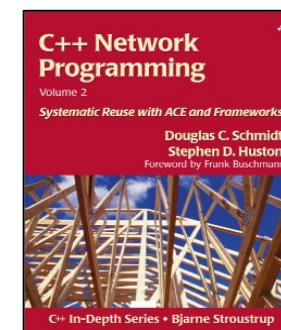
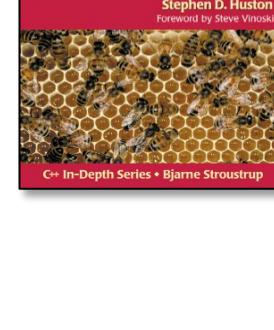
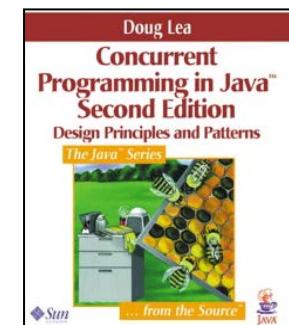
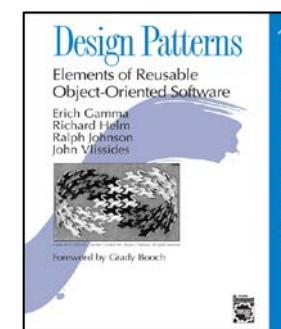
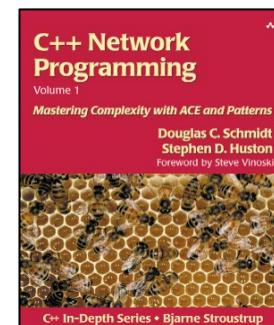
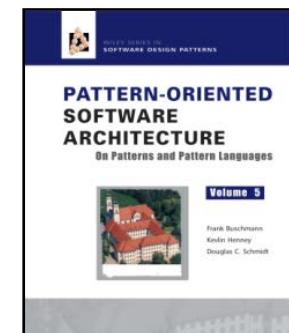
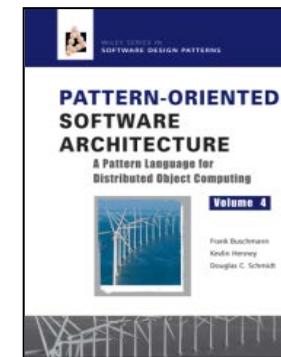
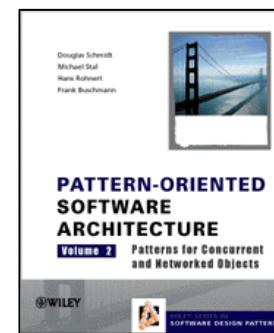
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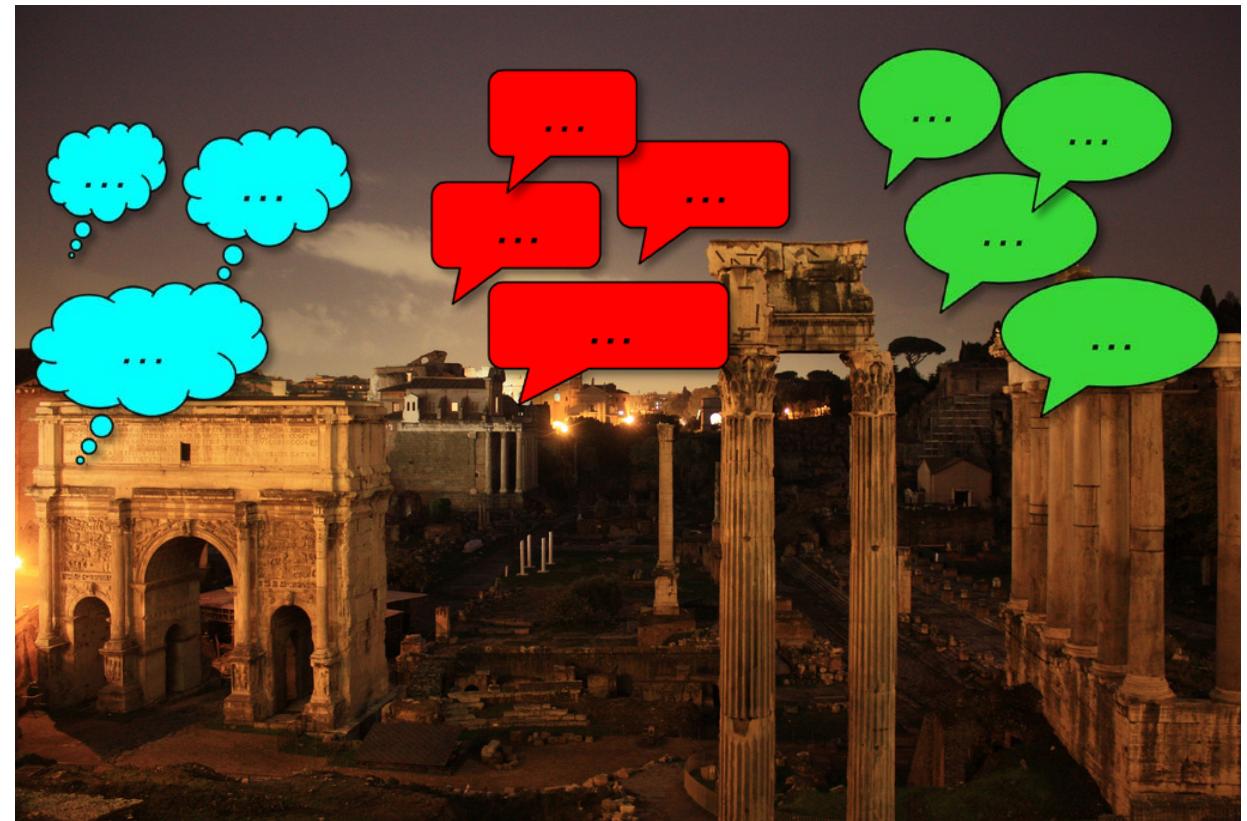
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