

SWVE3002-42: Introduction to Software Engineering

Lecture 6 – Architectural Design

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Architectural design

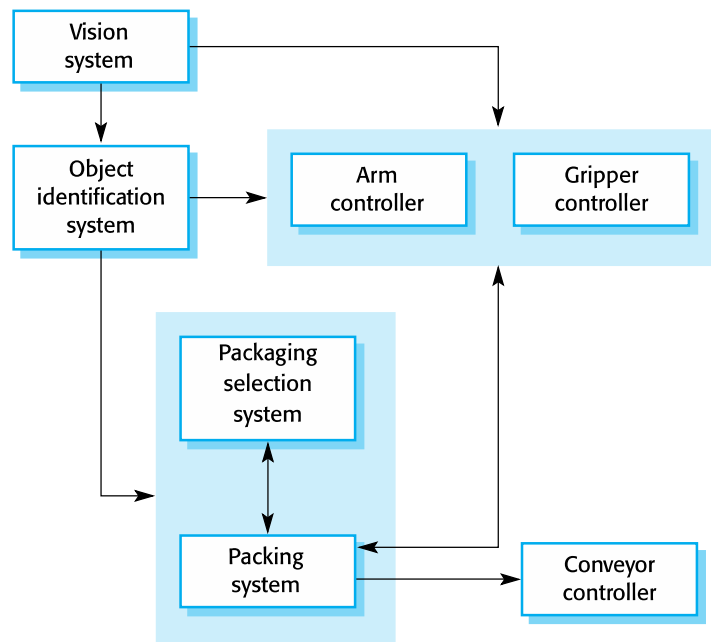
[About architectural design]

- Designing the overall structure of a SW system.
- Identifying the main structural components in a system and the relationships between them.
- Designing a system organization that will satisfy the functional and non-functional requirements of a system.
- Depending on the system type, the background and experience of the system architect, and the specific requirements for the system.

[The architecture of a packing robot control system]

■ Block diagram

- **Box** (Boxes within boxes): A component (or sub-components)
- **Arrow**: The flow of data or control signals from component to component.



Architectural design

[SW architectures at two levels of abstraction]

- Architecture *in the small* (Today's topic)

- The architecture of *individual programs*.



- Architecture *in the large*

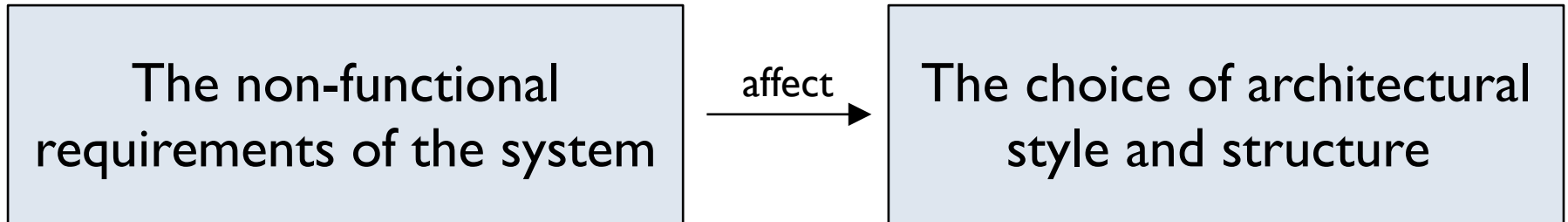
- The architecture of *complex enterprise systems* that include other systems, programs, and program components.

Architectural design

[Three advantages for designing SW architecture]

- Stakeholder communication
 - The architecture can be used as a focus for discussion by different stakeholders.
- System analysis
 - Architectural design decisions can affect whether the system can meet critical requirements such as performance, reliability, and maintainability.
- Large-scale reuse
 - The system architecture can support large-scale software reuse.
(The system architecture is often the same for systems with similar requirements.)

Architectural design decisions



- Non-functional requirements.
 - **Constraints on the services** offered by the system.



Architectural design decisions

[The five non-functional requirements]

■ Performance

- Localize critical operations within a small number of components.
(The same computer > distributed across the network)
- Reduce the number of component communications by using large components.

■ Security

- Use a layered structure for the architecture.
(= Protecting the most critical assets in the innermost layers.)

■ Safety

- Reduce the costs and problems of safety validation.
(e.g., Putting safety-related operations together in a single component.)

Architectural design decisions

[The five non-functional requirements]

- Availability

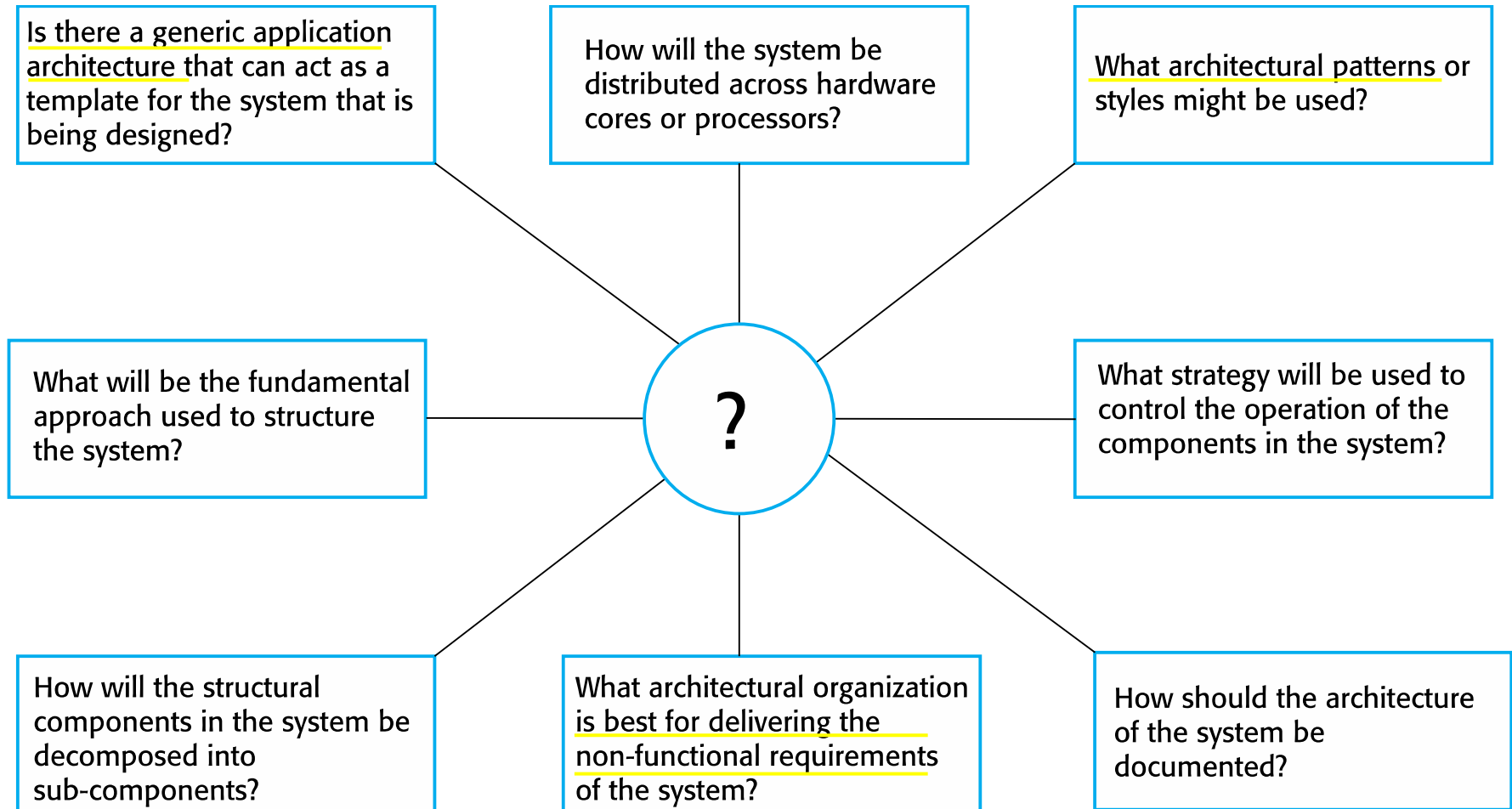
- Include **redundant components** to replace and update components without stopping the system.

- Maintainability

- Use **fine-grain, self-contained components** that may readily be changed.



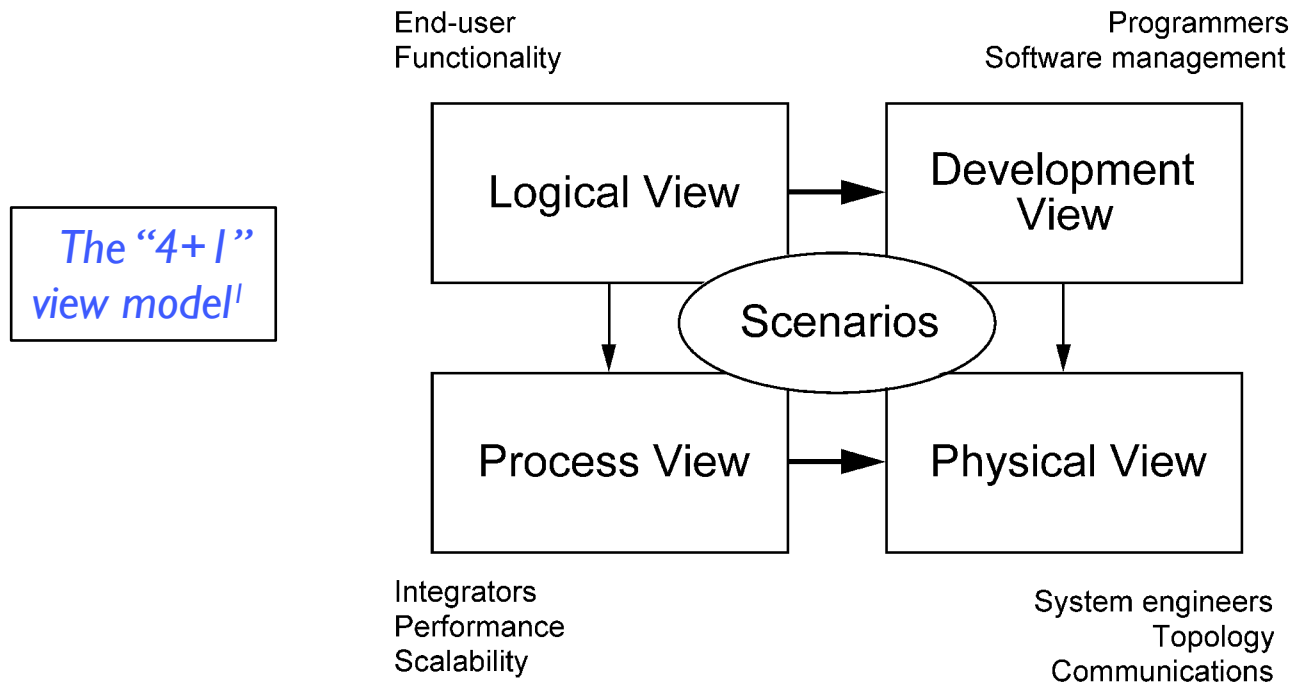
Architectural design decisions



Architectural views

[Architectural views]

- What views or perspectives are useful when designing and documenting a system's architecture?



4+1 view model of software architecture

[4+1 view model of software architecture]

A logical view

which shows **the key abstractions in the system** as objects.
(functional requirements).

A process view

which shows **how, at run-time, the system is composed of interacting processes**. (non-functional requirements: performance)

A development view

which shows **how the software is decomposed** for development.
(Useful for software managers and programmers)

A physical view

which shows **how the system HW and SW components are distributed** across the processors in the system. (systems engineers)

Scenarios

which shows **the sequences of interactions** between objects or between processes.

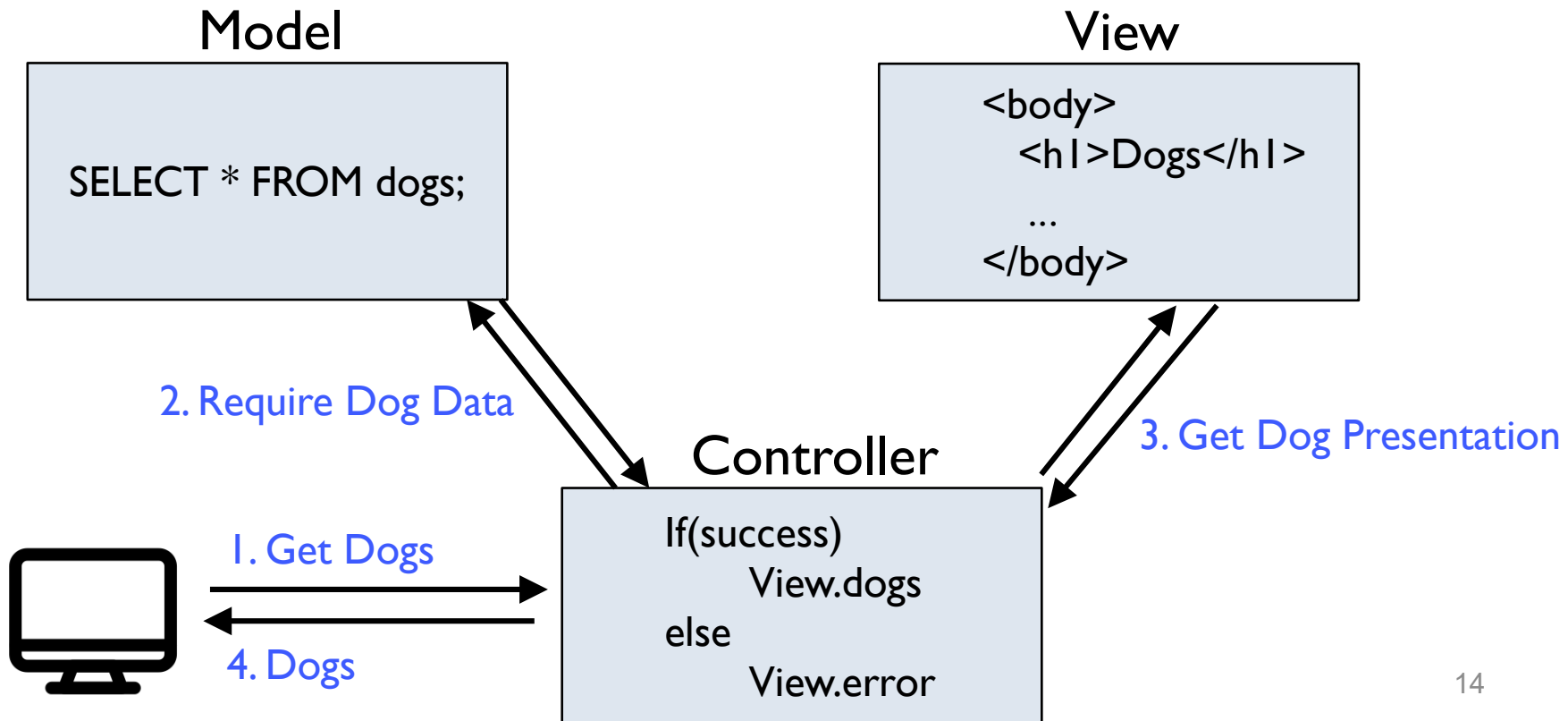
Architectural patterns

[Architectural patterns]

- A stylized, **abstract description of good practice**, which has been tried and tested in different systems and environments.
- Describing a system organization that has been **successful in previous systems**.
- Including information on **when it is and is not appropriate to use that pattern**, and details on the pattern's **strengths** and **weaknesses**.

[Model-View-Controller (MVC) pattern]

- Separate presentation and interaction from the system data.



Architectural patterns

[Model-View-Controller (MVC) pattern]

- Separates presentation and interaction from the system data.
- The system is structured into three logical components that interact with each other.

Model component

manages the system data and associated operations on that data.

View component

defines and manages how the data is presented to the user.

Controller component

manages user interaction (e.g., key presses, mouse clicks, etc.) and passes these interactions to the View and the Model.

Architectural patterns

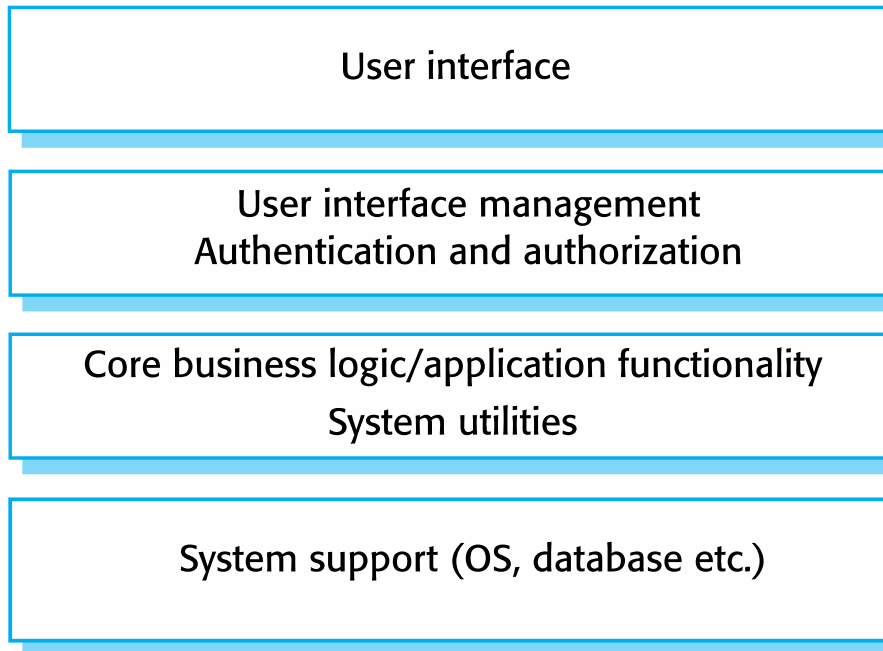
[Model-View-Controller (MVC) pattern]

- When used?
 - There are **multiple ways to view** and **interact** with data.
 - The future requirements for interaction and presentation of data **are unknown**.
- Advantages
 - Allow the data to **change independently** of its representation and vice versa.
 - Support **presentation** of the same data **in different ways**.
- Disadvantages
 - Involve **additional code and code complexity** when the data model and interactions are simple.

Layered Architecture

[Layered Architecture]

- Organizing the system into layers, where each layer provides services to the layer above it.



Layered Architecture

[Layered Architecture]

- Achieving **separation** and **independence**.
- Supporting **the incremental development** of systems.
 - Some of the services provided by each layer are **available to users**.
 - **Only the adjacent layer is affected** when layer interfaces change.
- When used?
 - When building new facilities **on top of existing systems**.
 - When **several teams develop** a system and **each team** is responsible for **a layer of functionality**.
 - When there is a requirement for **multi-level security**.

Layered Architecture

[Layered Architecture]

■ Advantages

- **Allowing replacement of entire layers** so long as the interface is maintained.
- **Redundant facilities** (e.g., authentication) **can be provided** in each layer to increase the dependability of the system.

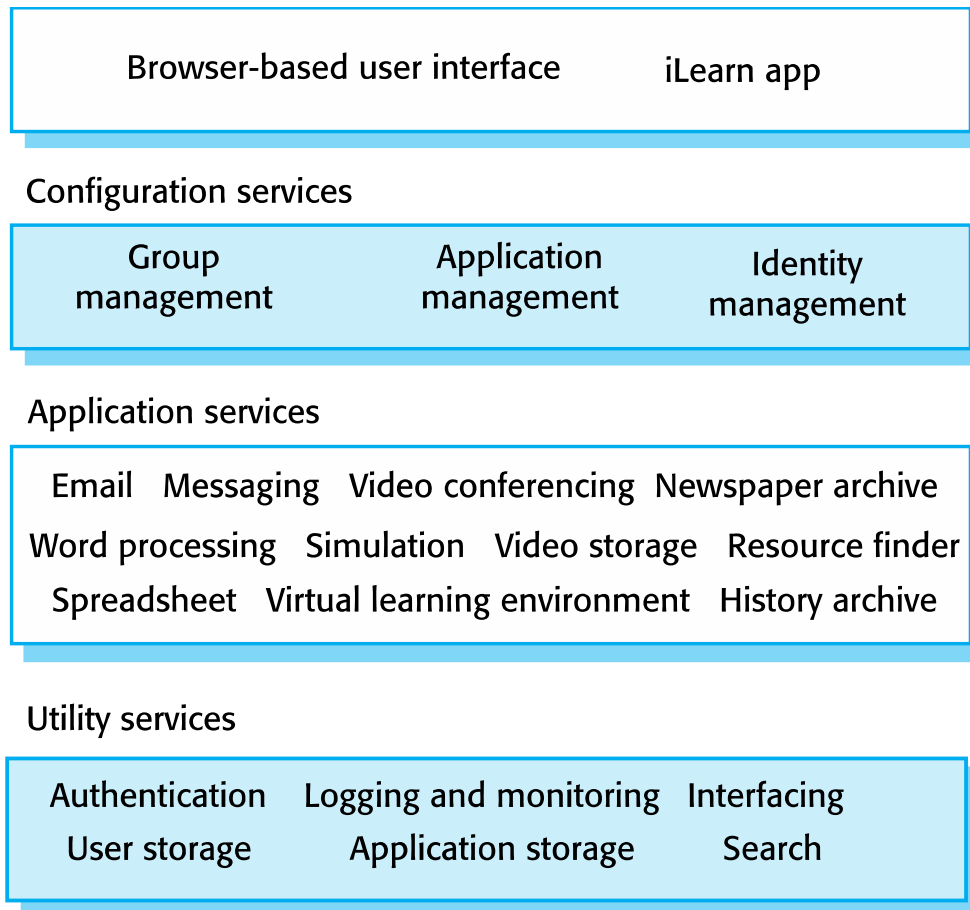
■ Disadvantages

- **Providing a clean separation** between layers is often **difficult**.
- **Not interacting** directly with lower-level layers rather than through the layer immediately below it.
- **Performance can be a problem** because of multiple levels of interpretation of a service request as it is processed at each layer.

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Layered Architecture

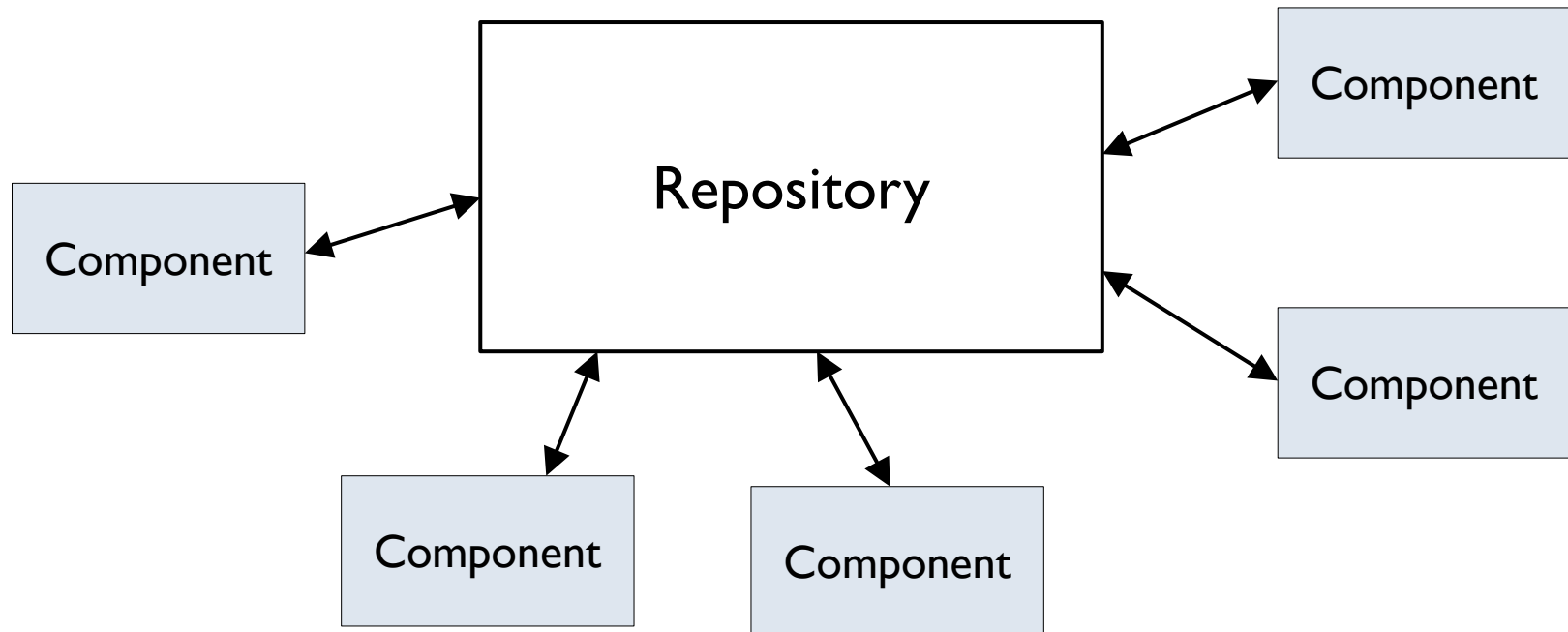
[The architecture of the iLearn system]



Repository Architecture

[Repository architecture]

- All data is managed in a repository accessible to all system components.
- Components do not interact directly, only through the repository.

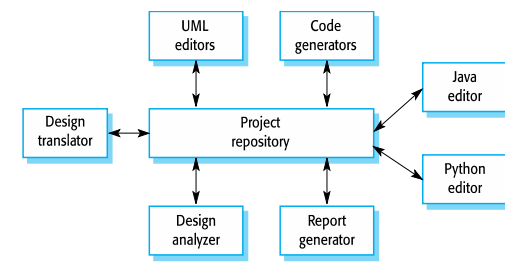


[Repository architecture]

- When used?
 - When having a system in which **large volumes of information** are generated that **has to be stored for a long time**.
 - Data-driven systems where **the inclusion of data in the repository** triggers an action or tool.
- Advantages
 - Components can **be independent**;
(**Don't need to know** of the existence of other components.)
 - **All data** can be **managed consistently** as it is all in one place.

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Repository Architecture



[Repository architecture]

■ Disadvantages

- The repository is a **single point of failure** so problems in the repository affect the whole system.
- May be inefficiencies in organizing **all communication through the repository**.
- **Distributing** the repository across several computers **may be difficult**.

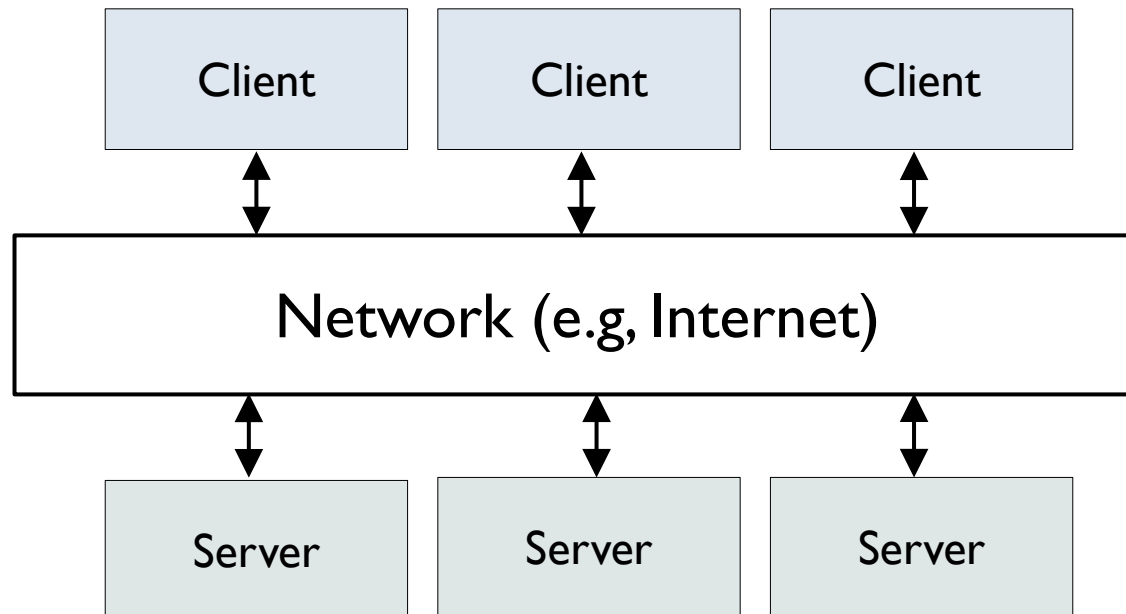
The Massive Mistake That Nearly Destroyed Toy Story 2



Client-Server Architecture

[Client-Server Architecture]

- The system is presented as **a set of services**, with **each service** delivered by **a separate server**.
- Clients (e.g., users of these services) access servers to make use of them.



[The major components of Client-Server Architecture]

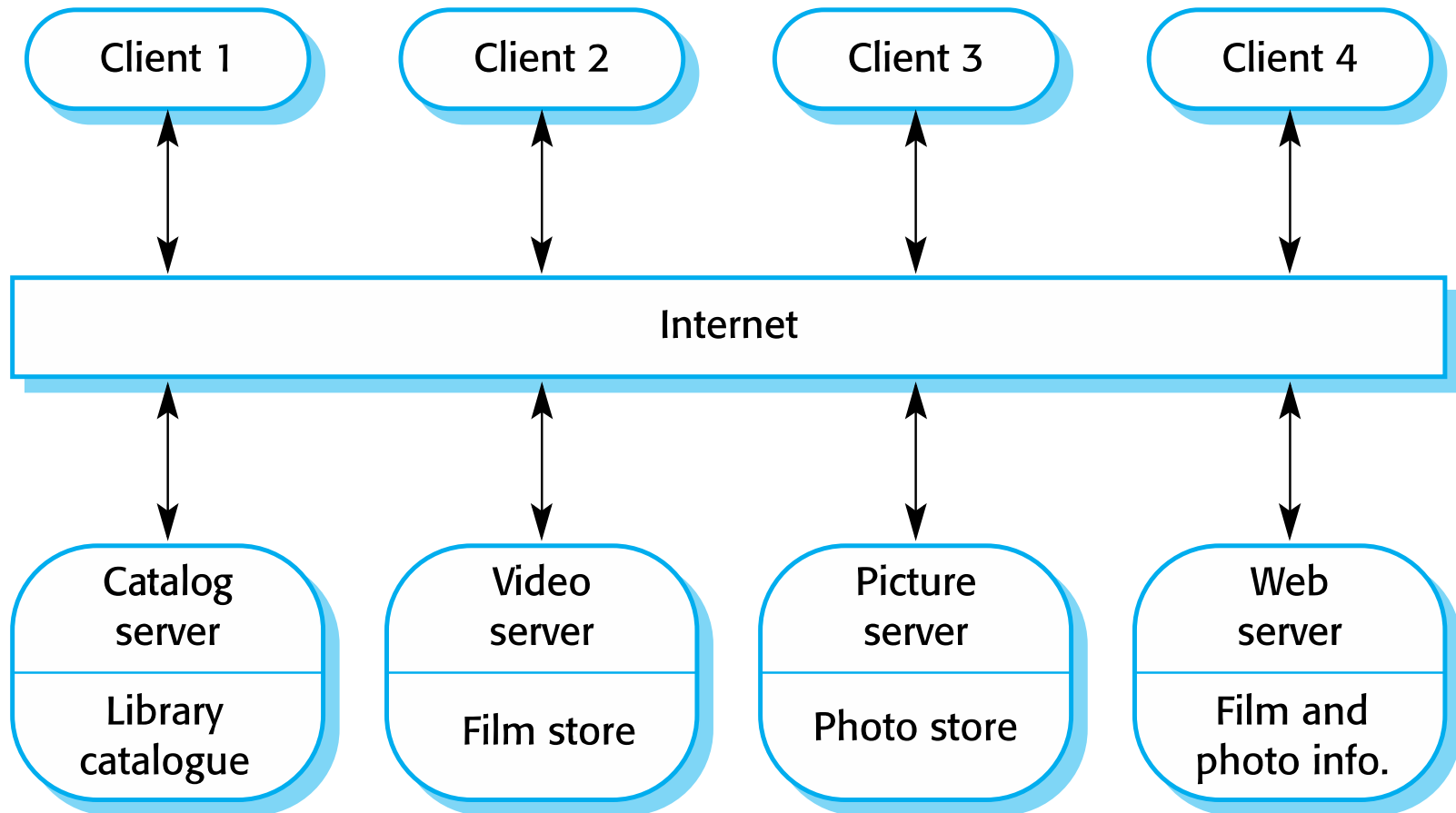
- A set of servers that offer services to other components.
 - ex) Print servers that offer printing services.
 - ex) File servers that offer file management services.
- A set of clients that call on the services offered by servers.
- A network that allows the clients to access these services.

[Client-Server Architecture]

- When used?
 - Used when data in a shared DB has to be accessed from a range of locations.
- Advantages
 - Servers can be distributed across a network.
 - General functionality (e.g., a printing service) can be available to all clients and does not need to be implemented by all services.
- Disadvantages
 - Each service is susceptible to denial of service (DoS) attacks or server failure.
 - Performance problems as it depends on the network.
 - Management problems if servers are owned by different organizations.

Client-Server Architecture

[A client-server architecture for a film library]



Pipe and filter Architecture

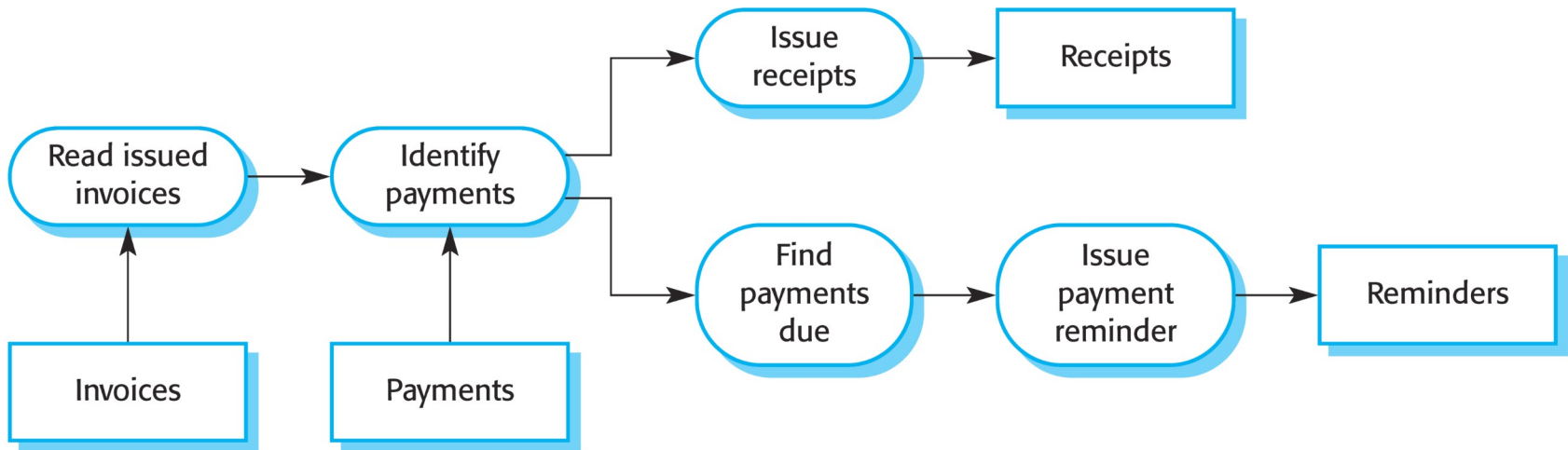
[Pipe and filter Architecture]

- The processing of the data is organized so that **each processing component (filter) is discrete** and **carries out one type of data transformation**.
- **The data flows** (as in a pipe) from one component to another for processing.
- When used?
 - Commonly used in **data-processing applications** where inputs are processed in separate stages to generate related outputs.

```
$cat test.c | grep 'cha'
```

Pipe and filter Architecture

[An example of the pipe and filter architecture]



Pipe and filter Architecture

[Pipe and filter Architecture]

- Advantages

- Easy to understand and supports transformation reuse.
- Workflow style matches the structure of many business processes.
- Evolution by adding transformations is straightforward.

- Disadvantages

- The format for data transfer has to be agreed between communicating transformations.
- It can not reuse architectural components that use incompatible data structures.

Application architectures

[Application architectures]

- Application systems used by the businesses **have much in common**.
- Application architectures **encapsulate** the principal characteristics of a class of systems.
 - Real-time system (e.g., data collection systems or monitoring systems)
- Use case of application architecture models.
 - As **a starting point** for architectural design process.
 - As **a design checklist**.
 - As a way of **organizing the work of the development team**.
 - As a vocabulary for talking about application types.
(Using the concepts identified in the generic architecture.)

Application architectures

[The architectures of two types of application]

- **Transaction processing applications**
 - **Database-centered applications** that process user requests for information and update the information in a database.
 - The most common types of interactive business systems.
ex) Interactive banking systems, e-commerce systems, booking systems.
- **Language processing systems**
 - Systems in which **the user's intentions are expressed in a formal language**, such as a programming language.
 - **Processing** the language into an internal format and **interpreting** this internal representation
ex) **Compilers** (high-level language programs → machine code).

Transaction processing systems

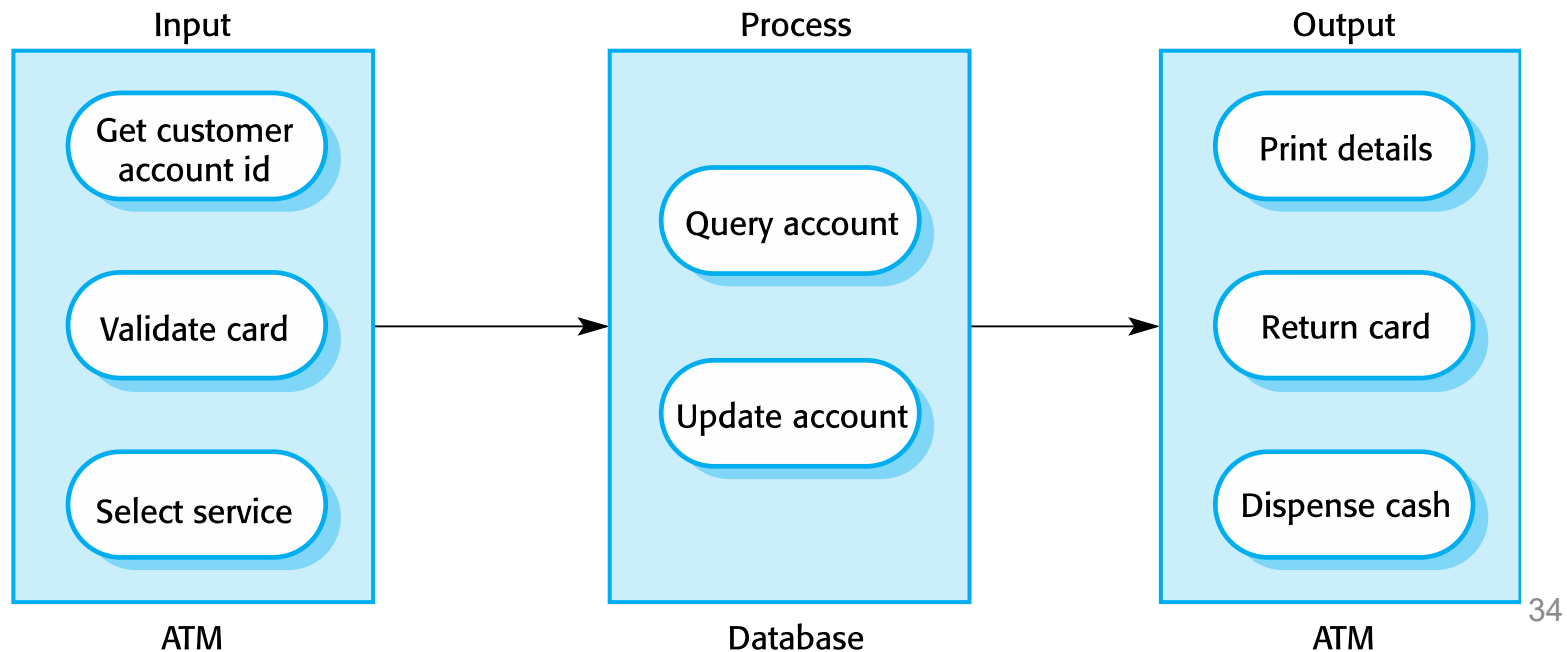
[Transaction processing systems]

- **Processing user requests** for information from a database, or requesting to update a database.
- **A transaction**
 - Any coherent sequence of operations that satisfies a goal.
 - ex) “find the times of flights from Seoul to **Pittsburgh** :)”
 - ex) “a customer request to withdraw money from a bank account using an ATM”

Transaction processing systems

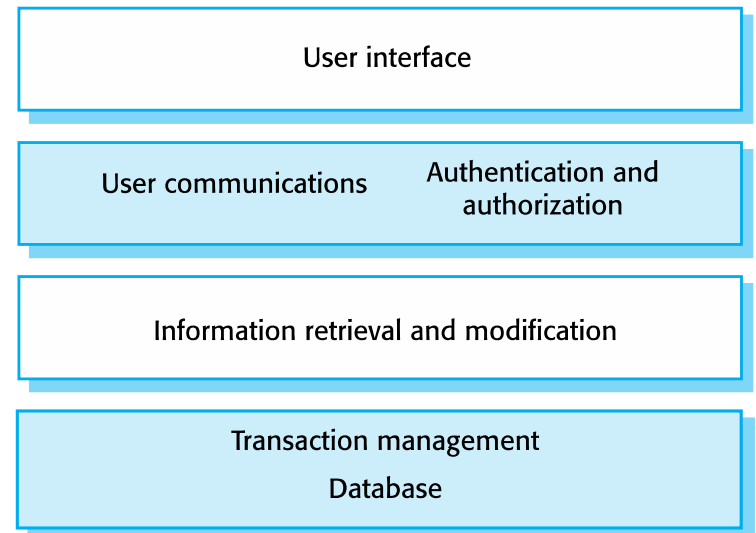
[The software architecture of an ATM system]

- Transaction processing systems can be organized as a “pipe and filter architecture”, with system components.
 - Two components: ATM software and the account processing software.

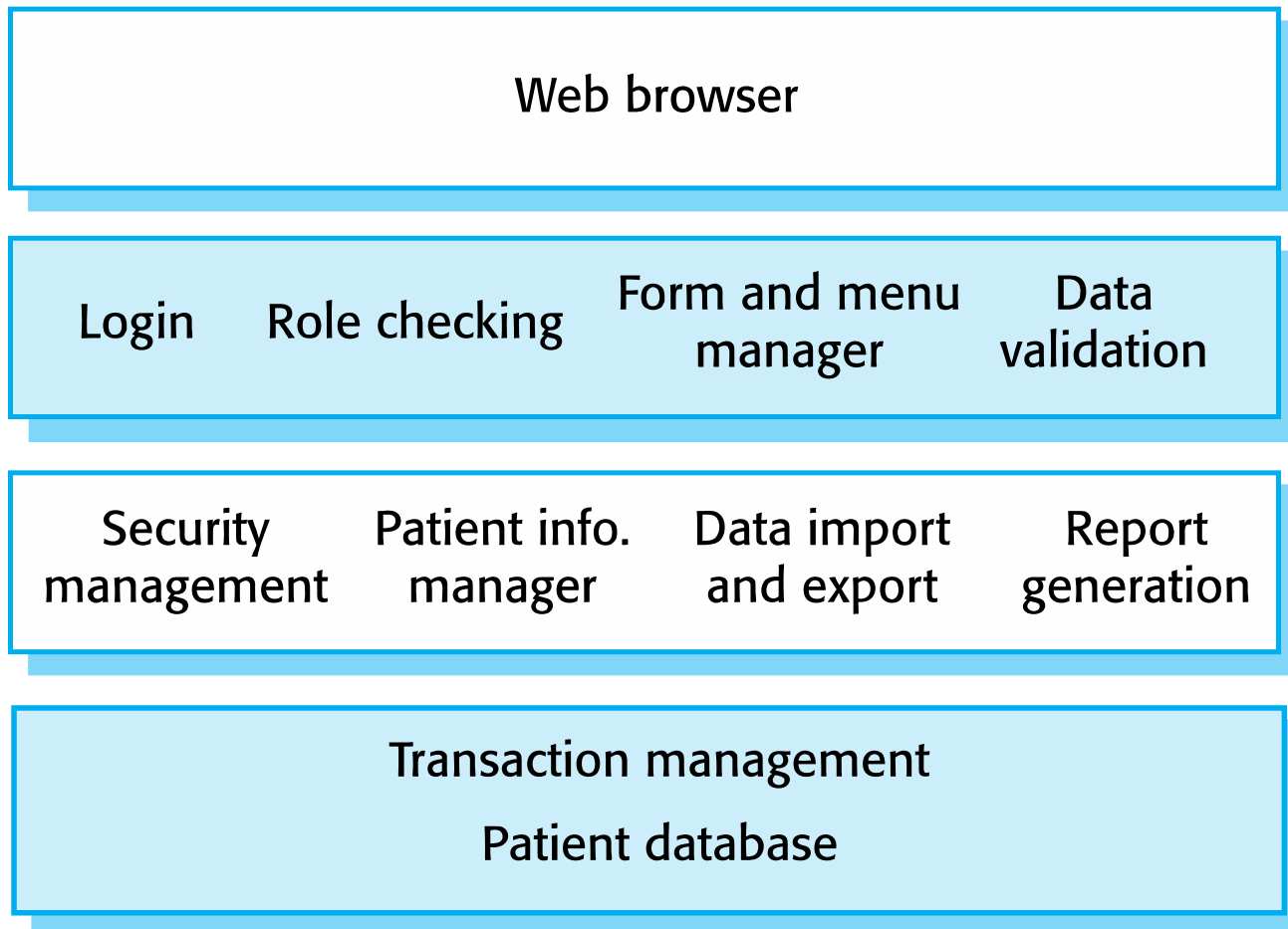


[About Information systems]

- All systems that involve **interaction with a shared database**.
- **Web-based systems**, where the user interface is implemented in a web browser.
- The Information system is modeled using **a layered approach**.
 - The top layer (e.g., user interface)
 - The bottom layer (e.g., system database)

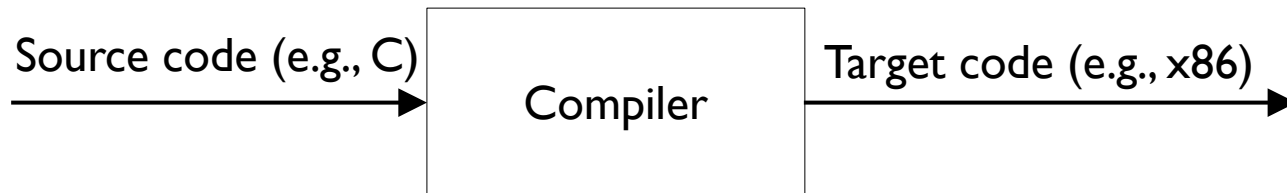


[The architecture of the Mentcare system]

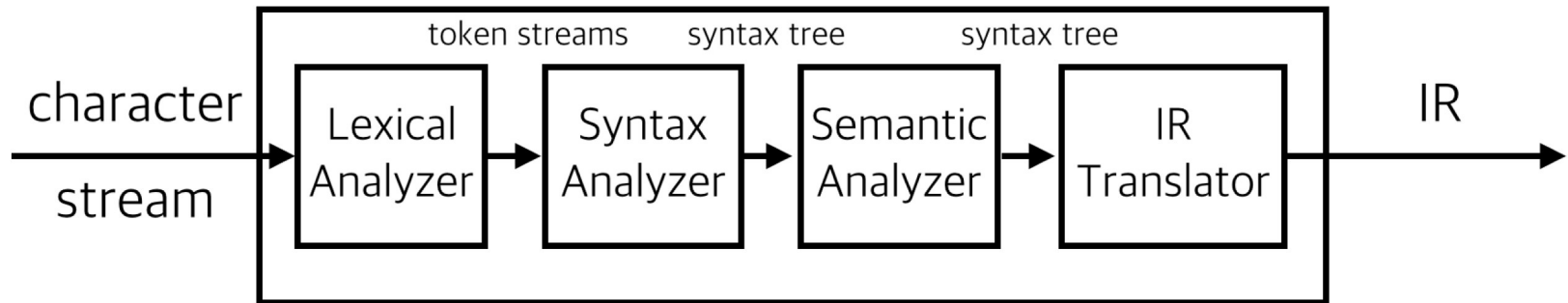


[Language processing systems]

- **Translate** one language into an alternative representation of that language.
- **Compiler**
 - Translate a program written in one language (“source language”) into a program written in another language (“target language”).

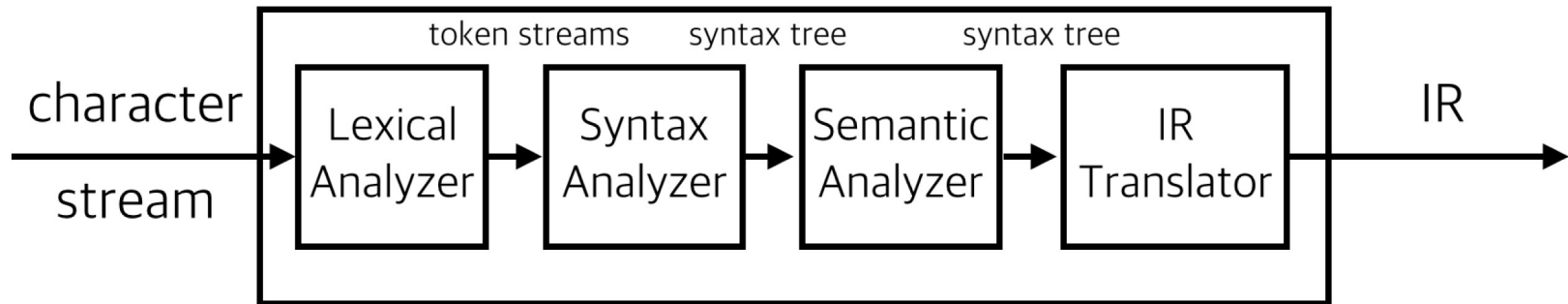


[Front End of Modern Compilers]



- The lexical analyzer **transforms** the character stream into **a stream of tokens**.
- The syntax analyzer **transforms** the stream of tokens into **a syntax tree**.
- The semantic analyzer **checks** if the program is **semantically well-formed**.
- The IR translator **translates** the syntax tree into **IR**.

[Lexical Analyzer]



- The lexical analyzer transforms the character stream

$$\text{pos} = \text{init} + \text{rate} * 10$$

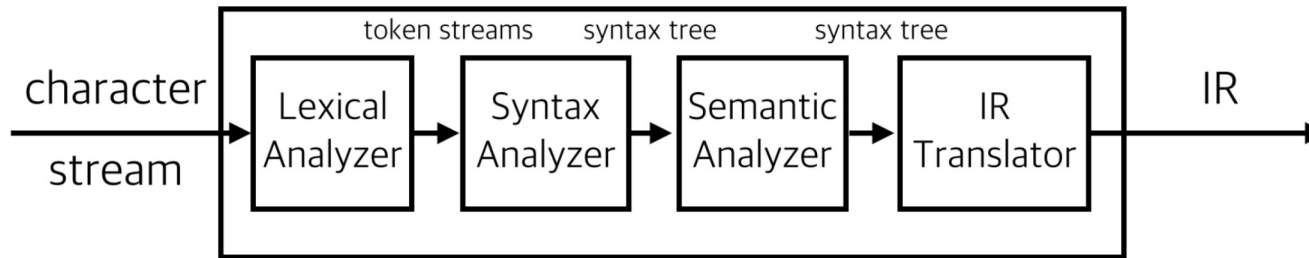
into a sequence of lexemes

`“pos”, “=”, “init”, “+”, “rate”, “*”, “10”`

and then produces a token sequence.

`(ID, pos), ASSIGN, (ID, init), PLUS, (ID, rate), MULT, (NUM, 10)`

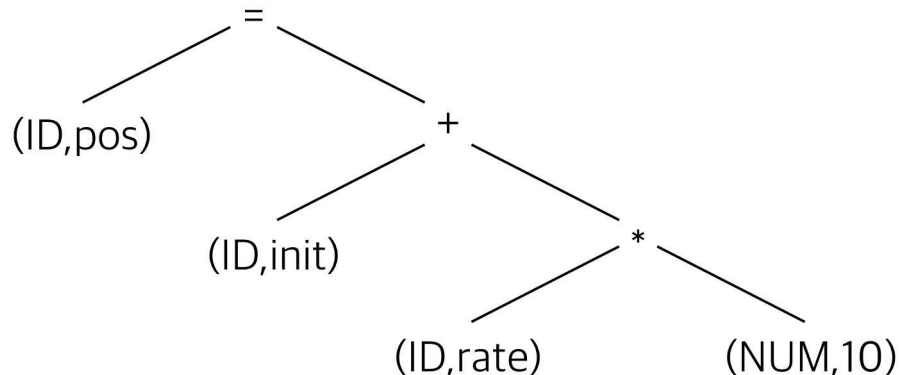
[Syntax Analyzer]



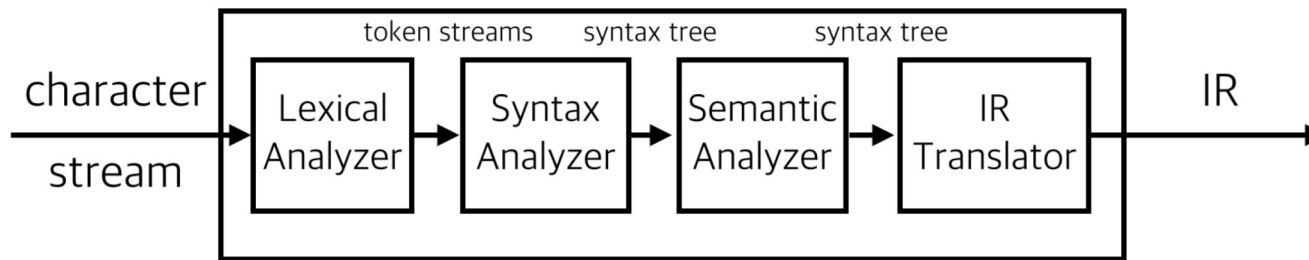
- The parser transforms the sequence of tokens

(ID, pos), ASSIGN, (ID, init), PLUS, (ID, rate), MULT, (NUM, 10)

into the syntax tree:



[Semantic Analyzer]



- ex) Type errors:

`int x = l;`

`string y = "hello";`

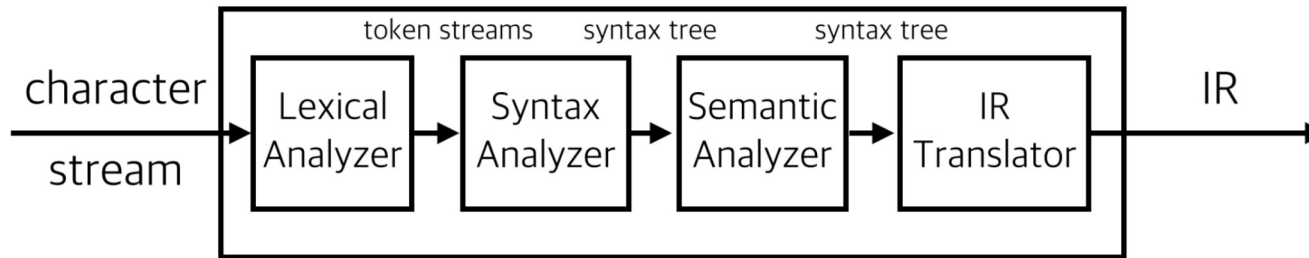
`int z = x + y;`

- Other semantic errors:

- array out of bounds
- null-dereference
- divide-by-zero

Language processing systems

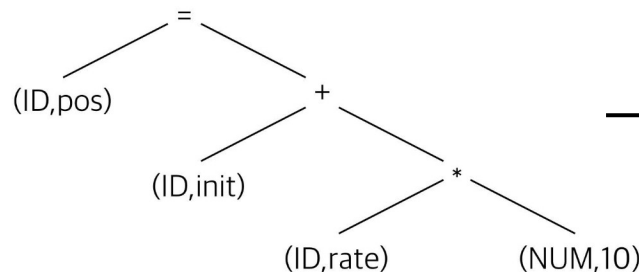
[IR Translator]



■ Intermediate Representation (IR):

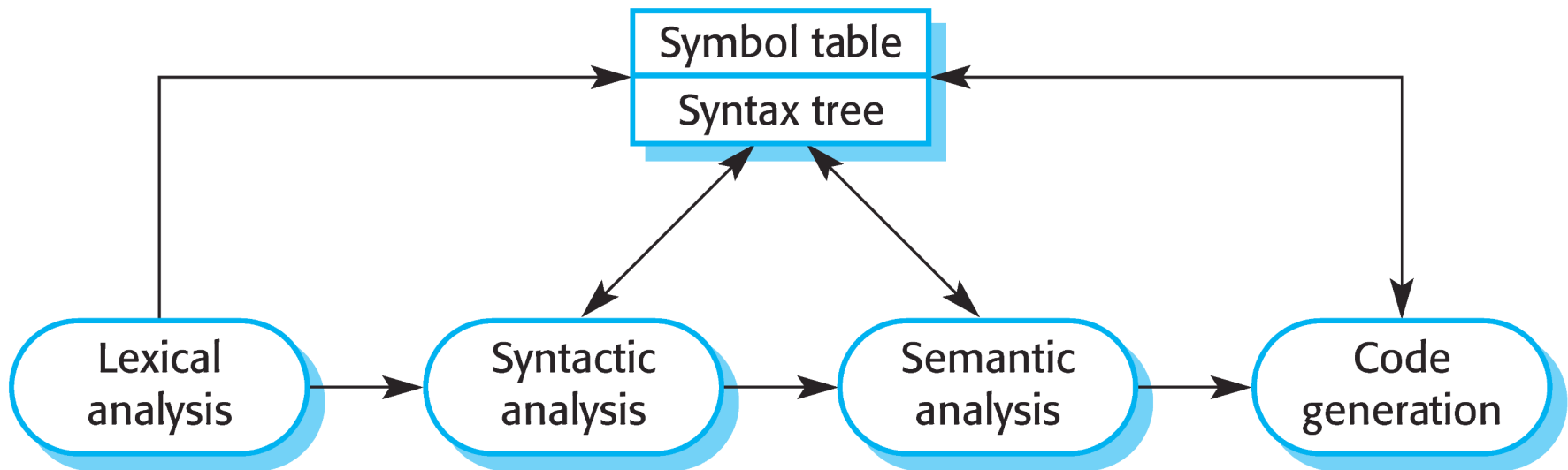
- lower-level than the source language
- higher-level than the target language

■ ex) translate the syntax tree into three-address code:



```
t1 = 10
t2 = rate * t1
t3 = init + t2
pos = t3
```

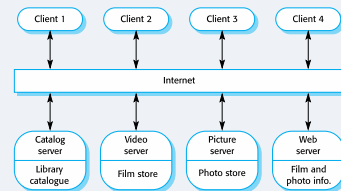
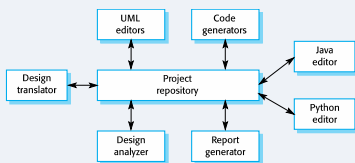
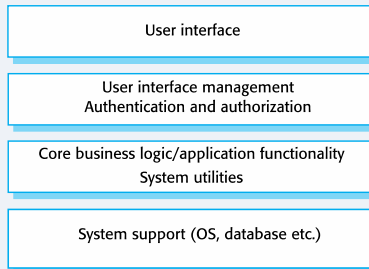
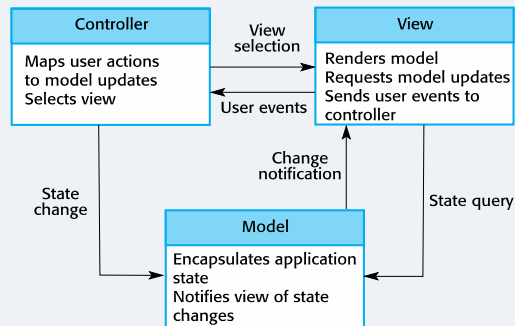
[A pipe and filter compiler architecture]



Chapter 6. Architectural design

Summary

Architectural patterns



Application architectures

