SE202 Introduction to Software Engineering

Lecture 5-2 **Architecture patterns**

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Last class

- What is design?
- High level design
 - What to specify
- Parts of a system
- Top-down versus bottom-up design
- Principles Leading to Good Design

Today

- Software architecture
- Architecture patterns

Software Architecture (SWA)

- Software architecture is the process of designing the global organization of a software system, including dividing software into subsystems, deciding how these will interact, and determining their interfaces.
- Four main reasons to develop an architecture model
 - To enable everyone to better understand the system
 - To allow people to work on individual pieces of the system in isolation
 - To prepare for extension of the system
 - To facilitate reuse and reusability

Prescriptive vs Descriptive Architecture



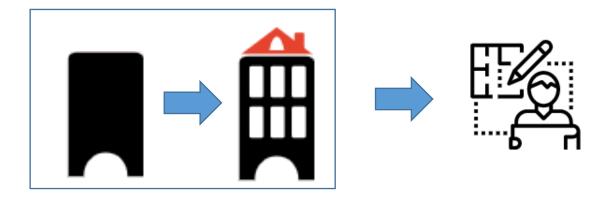
- A prescriptive architecture captures the design decisions make prior the system's construction
 - As conceived SWA



- A descriptive architecture describes how the system has actually been built
 - As implemented SWA

Architectural evolution

• When a system evolves, ideally its prescriptive architecture should be modified first



- In practice, this rarely happens
 - Developer's sloppiness
 - Short deadlines
 - Lack of documented prescriptive architecture
 - ...

Architectural degradation



- Architectural drift
 - Introduction of architectural design decision to a system's prescriptive architecture, but do not conflict with it



- Architectural erosion
 - Introduction of architectural design decisions that violate a system's prescriptive architecture

Architectural Recovery

- Drift and erosion --> degraded architecture
- Two solution
 - Keep solving the code
 - Architectural recovery
 - Determine SWA from implementation and fix it



How to develop an architecture model

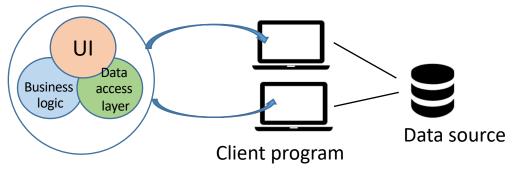
- 1. Start by sketching an outline of the architecture, based on the principal requirements, including the domain model and use cases.
- 2. Refine the architecture by identifying the main ways in which the components will interact, and by identifying the interfaces among them.
- 3. Consider each use case, adjusting the architecture to make it realizable.
- 4. Mature the architecture as you define the final class diagrams and interaction diagrams.

Common architecture styles

- Monolithic
- Client/Server
- Multi-Layer architectural pattern
- Model–View–Controller (MVC) architectural
- Serverless Architecture
- Event-Driven Architecture
- Microservices Architecture

Monolithic

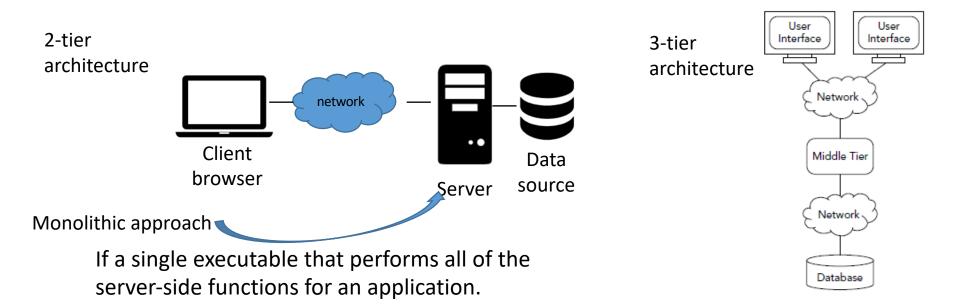
A single executable that performs all functions for an application.



- The pieces of the system are tied closely together, so it doesn't give you a lot of flexibility.
- Good for small applications where a single programmer or team is working on the code.

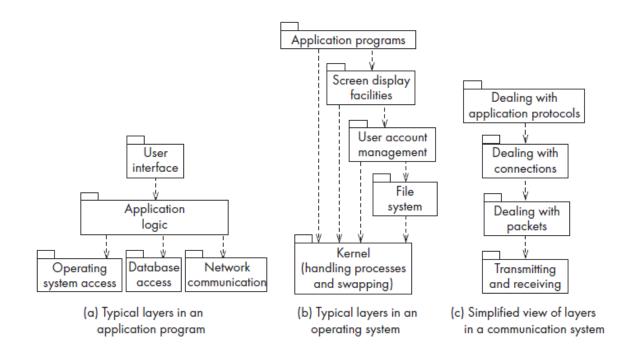
Client/Server

- A *client/server architecture* separates pieces of the system that need to use a particular function (clients) from parts of the system that provide those functions (servers).
- That decouples the client and server pieces of the system so that developers can work on them separately.



The Multi-Layer architectural pattern

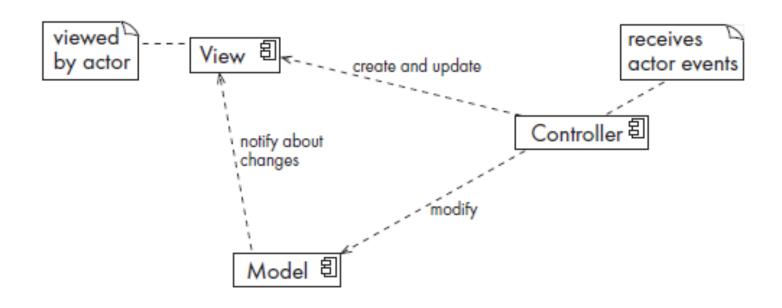
 This pattern can be used to structure programs that can be decomposed into groups of subtasks, each of which is at a particular level of abstraction. Each layer provides services to the next higher layer.



Model-View-Controller (MVC) architectural

- Model-View-Controller, or MVC, is an architectural pattern used to help separate the user interface layer from other parts of the system.
- The model contains the underlying classes whose instances are to be viewed and manipulated.
- The *view* contains objects used to render the appearance of the data from the model in the user interface. The view also displays the various controls with which the user can interact.
- The *controller* contains the objects that control and handle the user's interaction with the view and the model. It has the logic that responds when the user types into a field or clicks the mouse on a control.

The Model–View–Controller (MVC) architectural pattern for user interfaces



Serverless Architecture

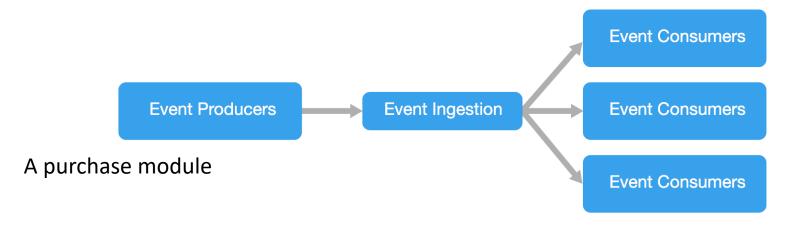
- Serverless Architecture depends on third-party services (on the cloud) to manage the complexity of the servers and backend management.
- 2 types
 - Backend as a service (BaaS)
 - Functions as a Service (FaaS)
- Save a lot of time taking care and fixing bugs of deployment and servers regular tasks
- E.g



Event-Driven Architecture

- Event-Driven Architecture depends on Event Producers and Event Consumers.
- The main idea is to decouple your system's parts and each part will be triggered when an interesting event from another part has got triggered.

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Microservices Architecture

- Microservices architecture has become the most popular architecture in the last few years.
- It depends on developing small, independent modular services where each service solves a specific problem or performs a unique task and these modules communicate with each other through well-defined API to serve the business goal.
- The microservice architectural pattern is an approach to developing a single application as a suite of small services, each running in its own process and communicating with lightweight mechanisms, often an HTTP resource API.