

Software Specifications

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- Why do we need software specification?
- Software specification in an agile context
- Software – then and now
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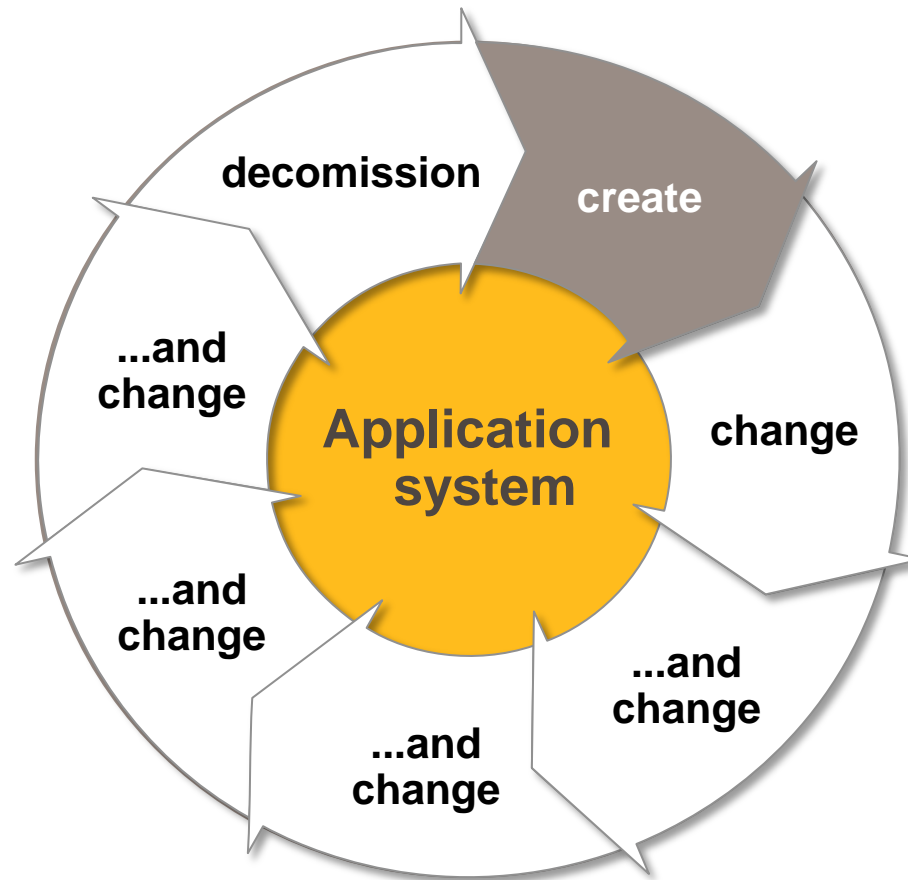


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Business-critical application systems are operated and maintained for a long time



Specifications enable good system design and maintenance

New systems and changes can be described prior to implementation

- Basis for customer communications
- customer "sees" his system, even before it is built
- Reduces the risk of "building the wrong system"
- Reduces the risk of incomplete changes during maintenance

Goals of the software specification

The software specification describes an application system ...

**Comprehensive
enough for
customer**

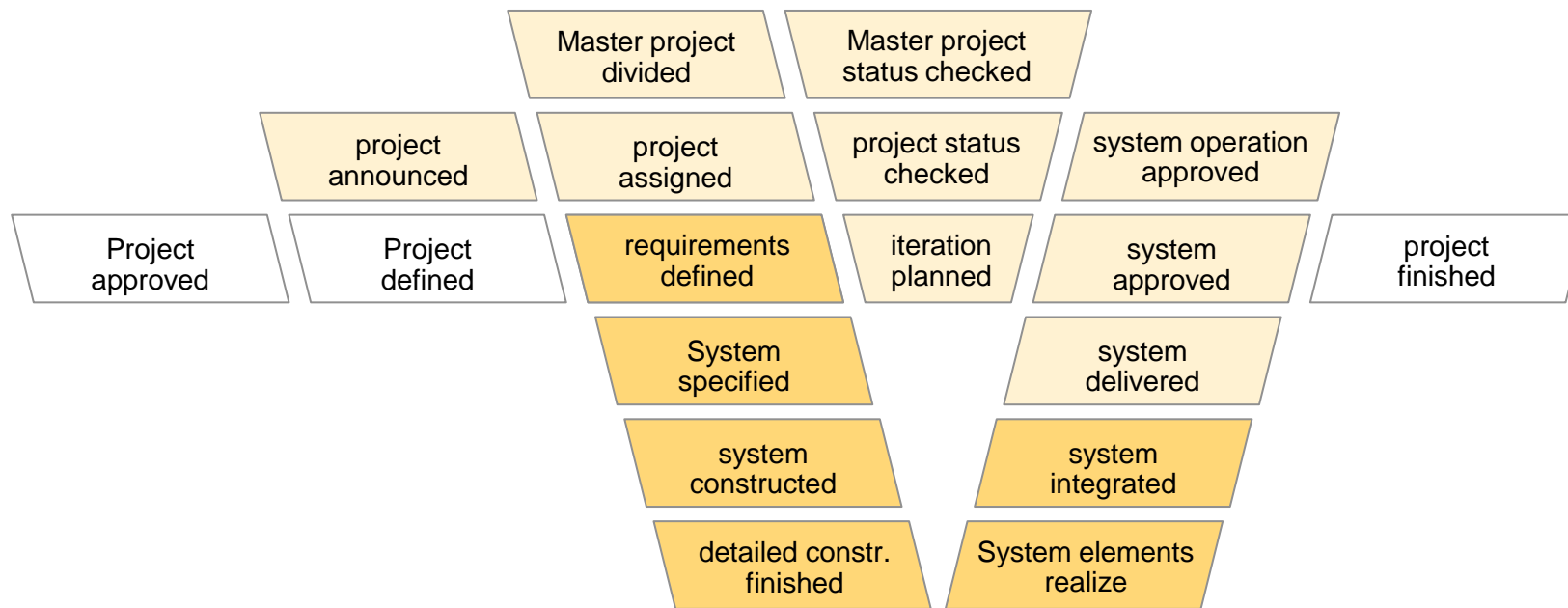


**Detailed enough
for developer**

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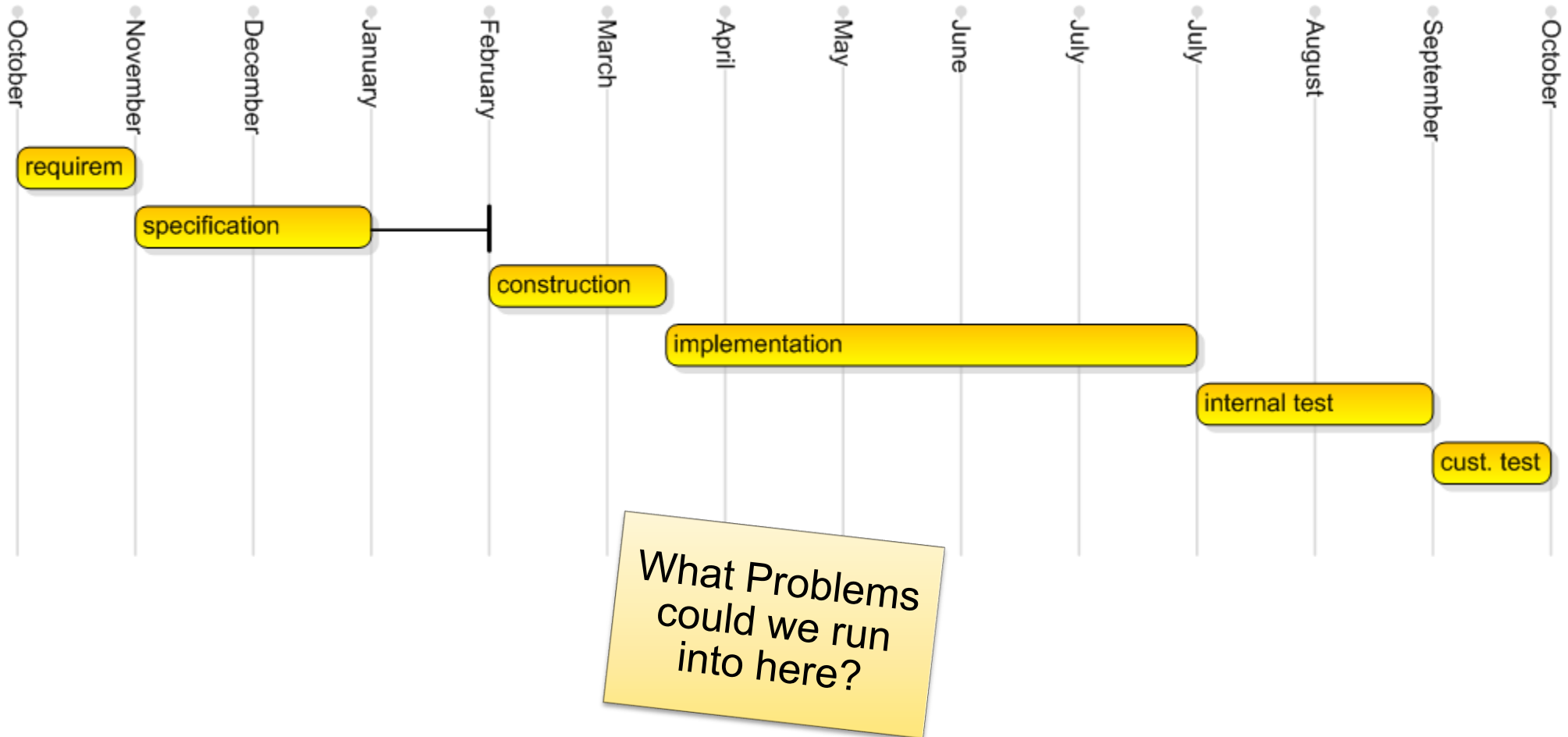
V-Modell XT: for waterfall projects AND iterative projects



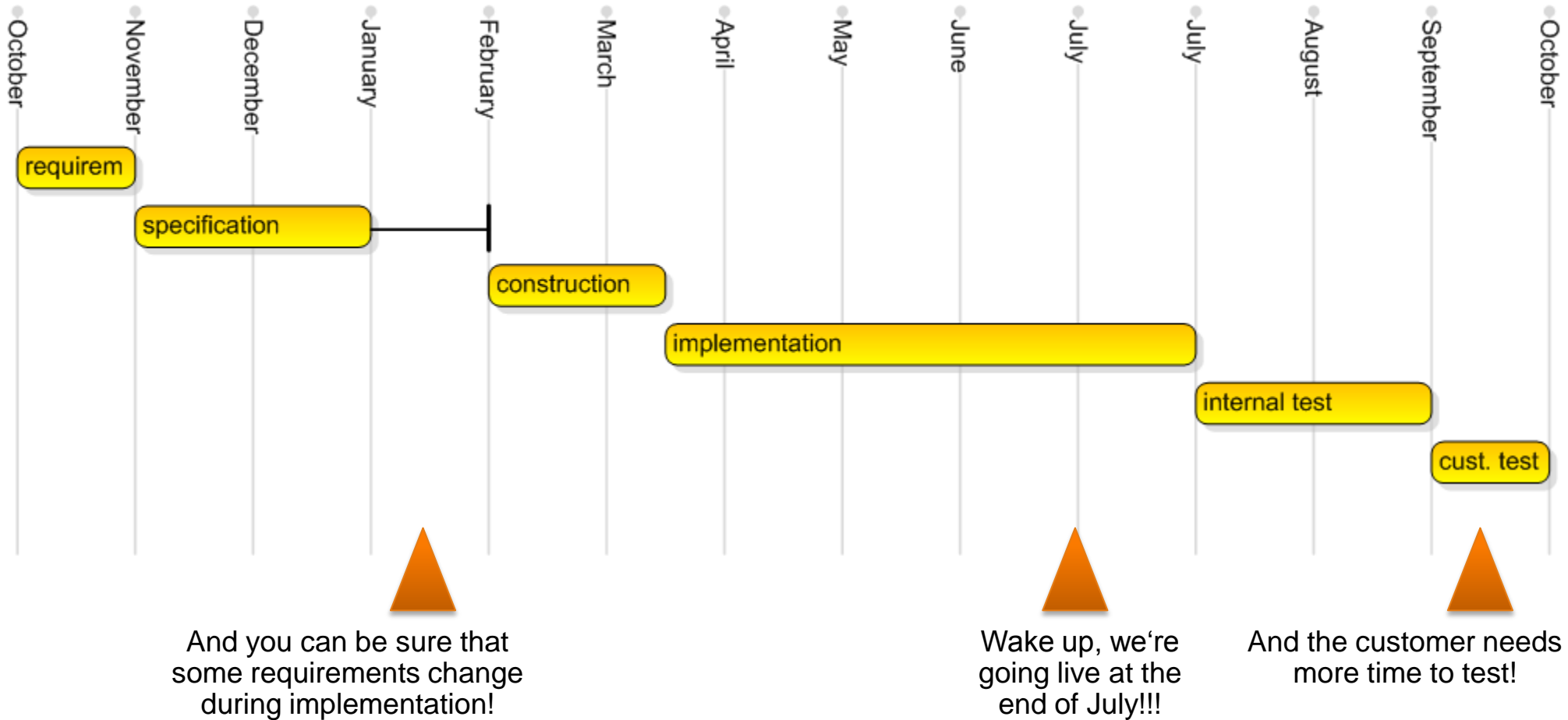
Legende:

general management
project management
software development

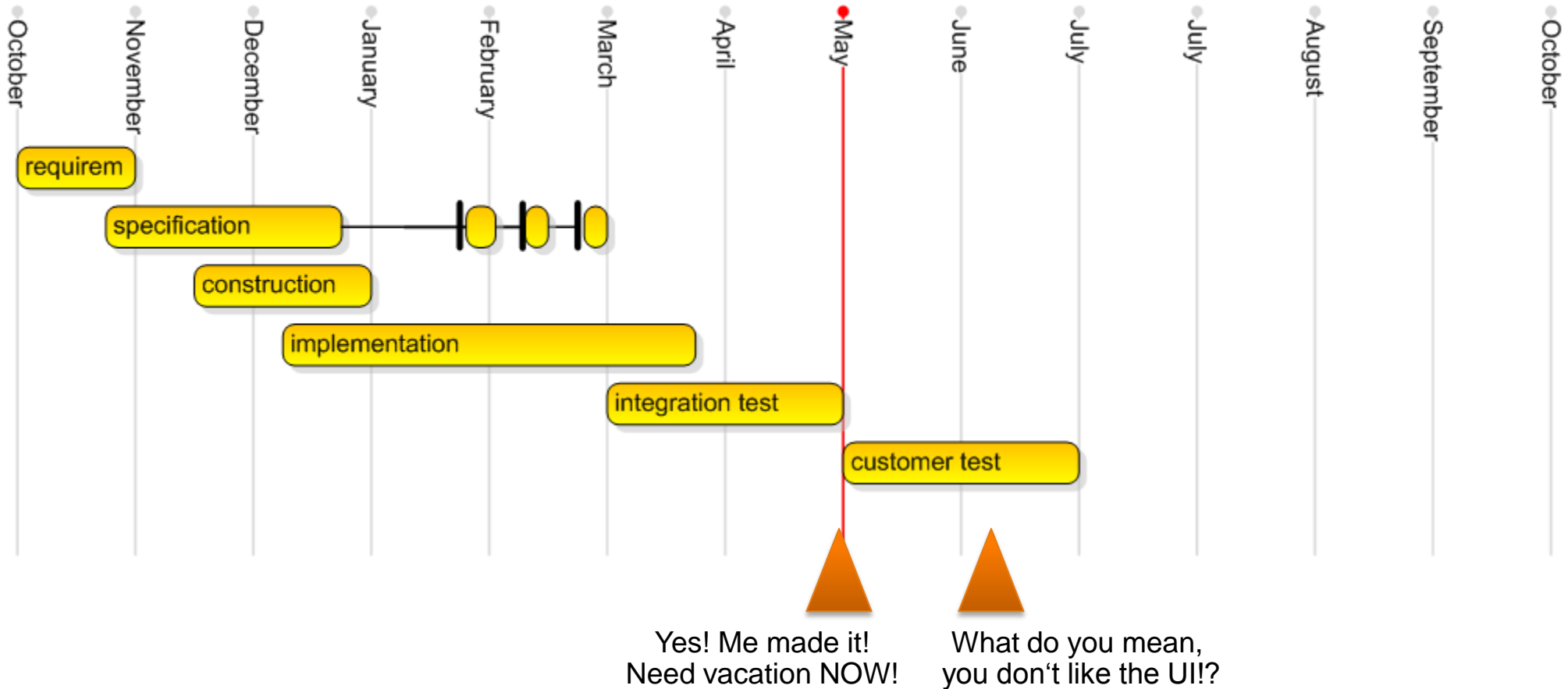
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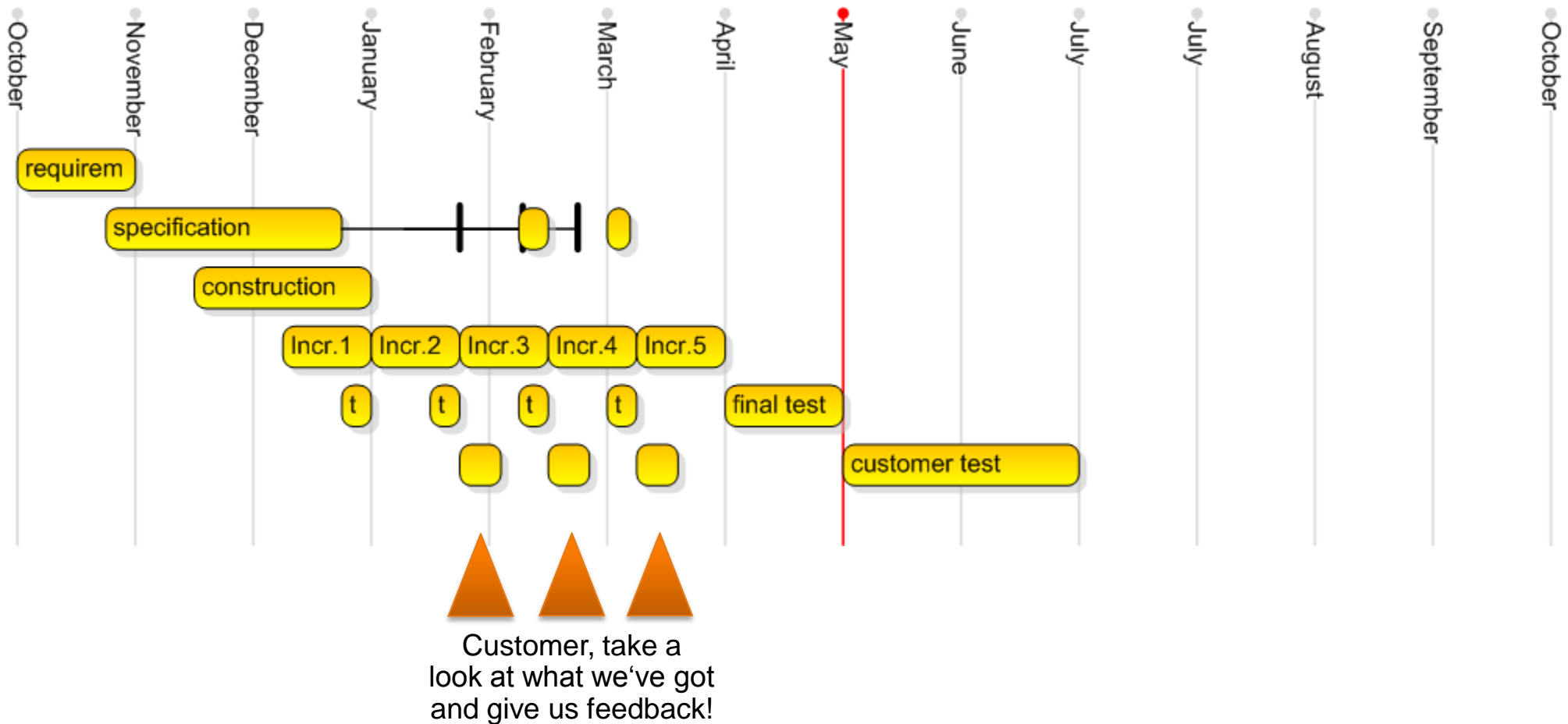
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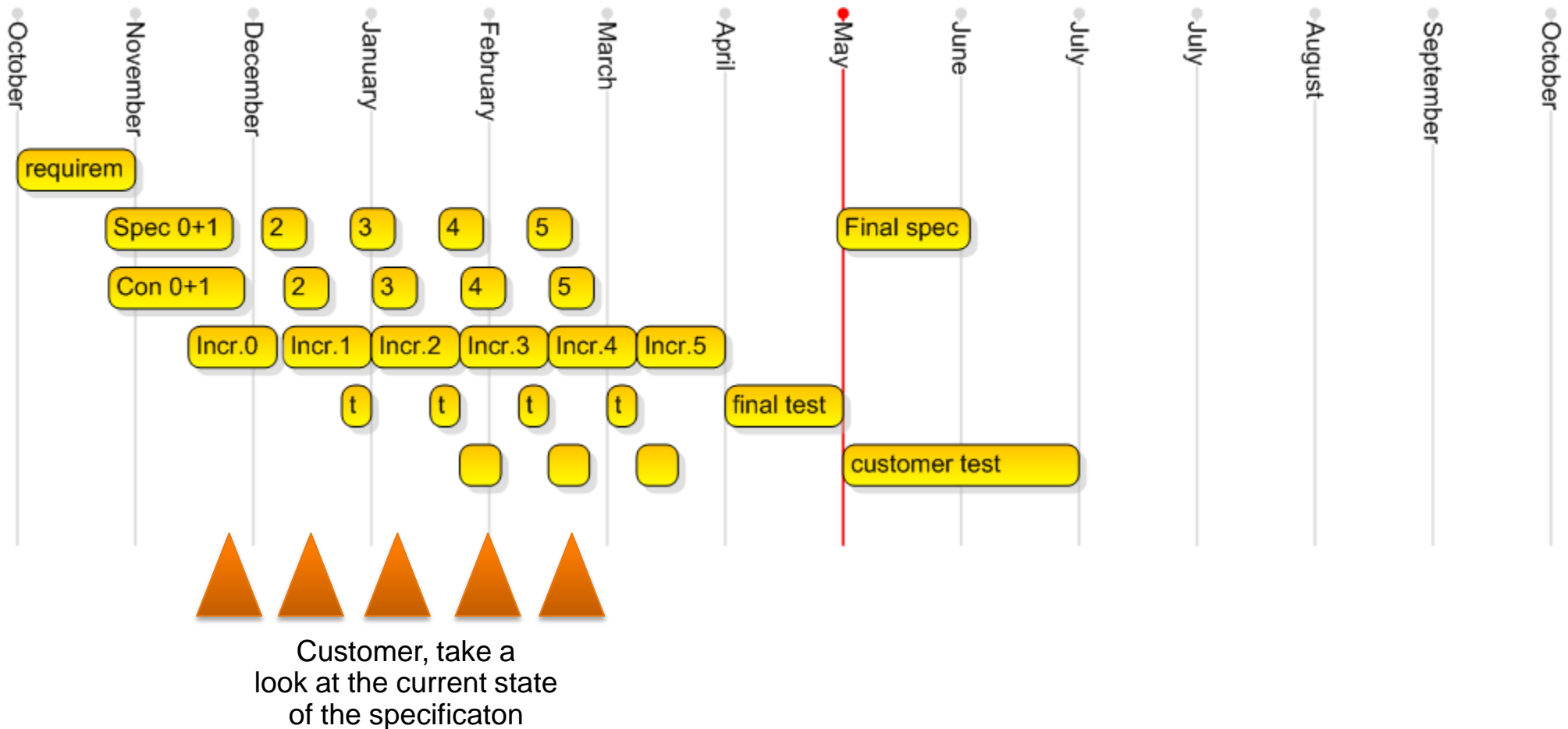
The usual project plan in a waterfall model



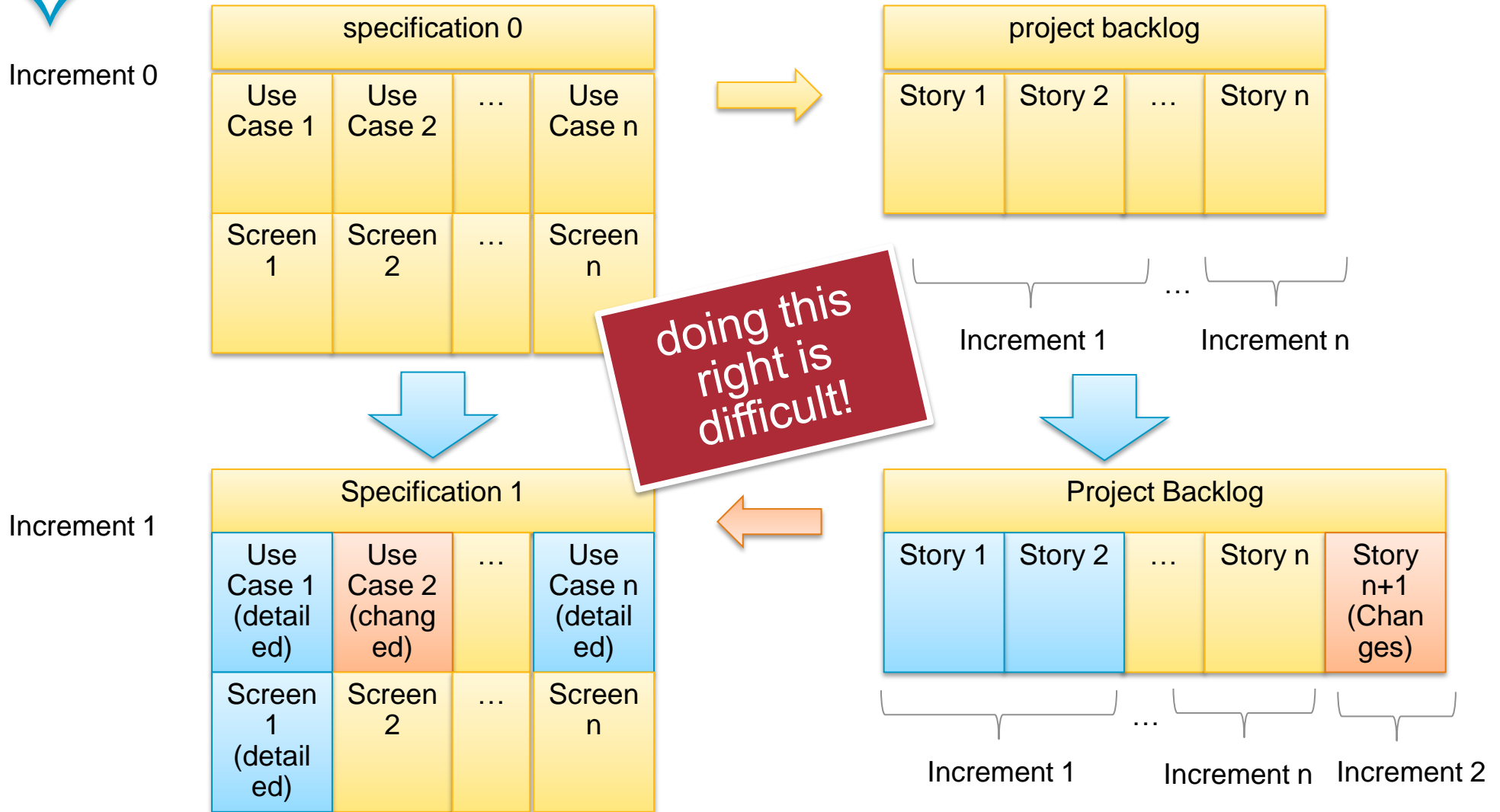
Incremental implementation



Incremental specification, construction and implementation



specification vs. project backlog



specification vs. project backlog

Typical agile
projects don't do
specification

But we need to
enable long-
term
maintenance

Microsoft Word
as a tool feels
outdated here!

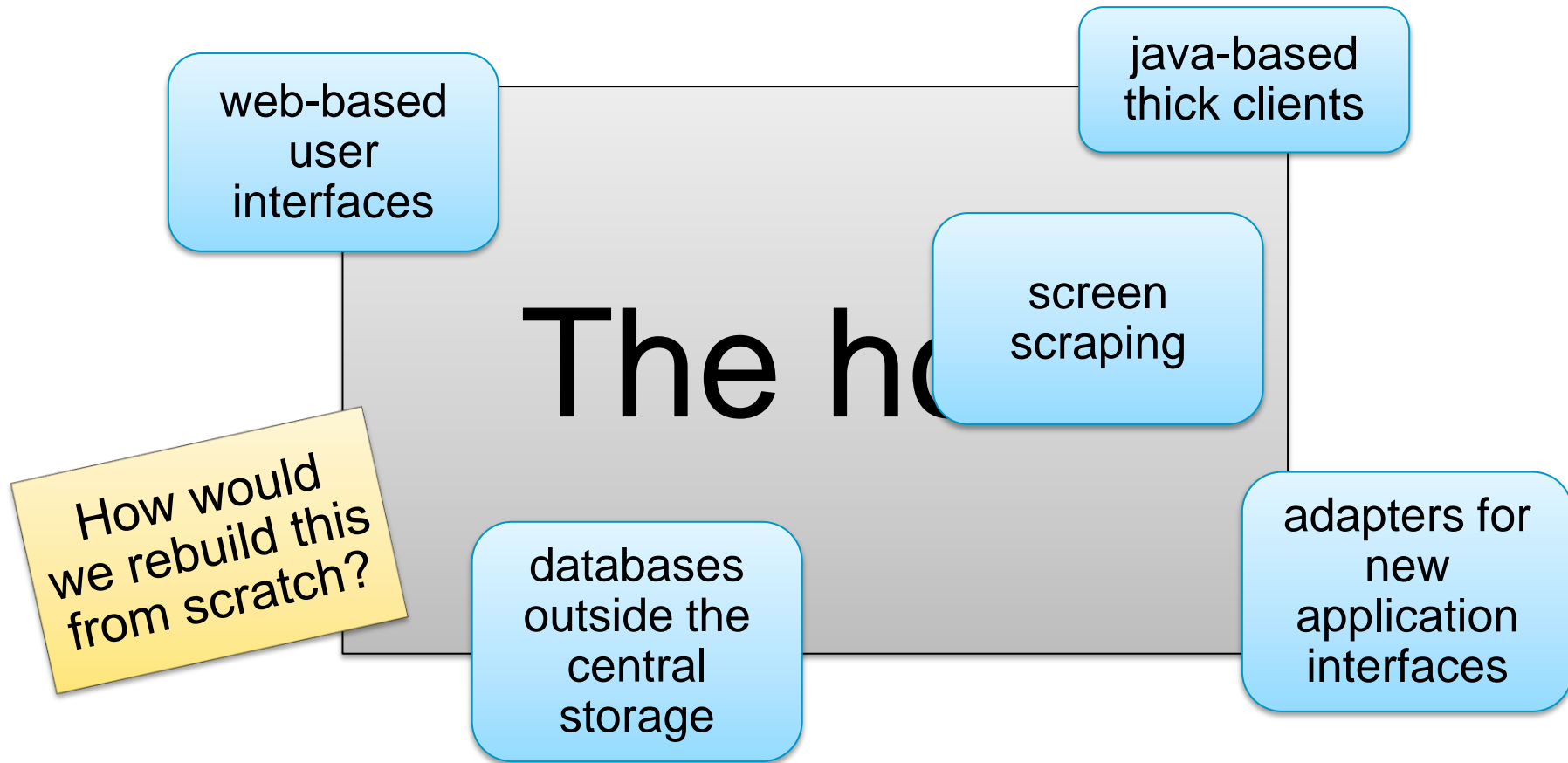
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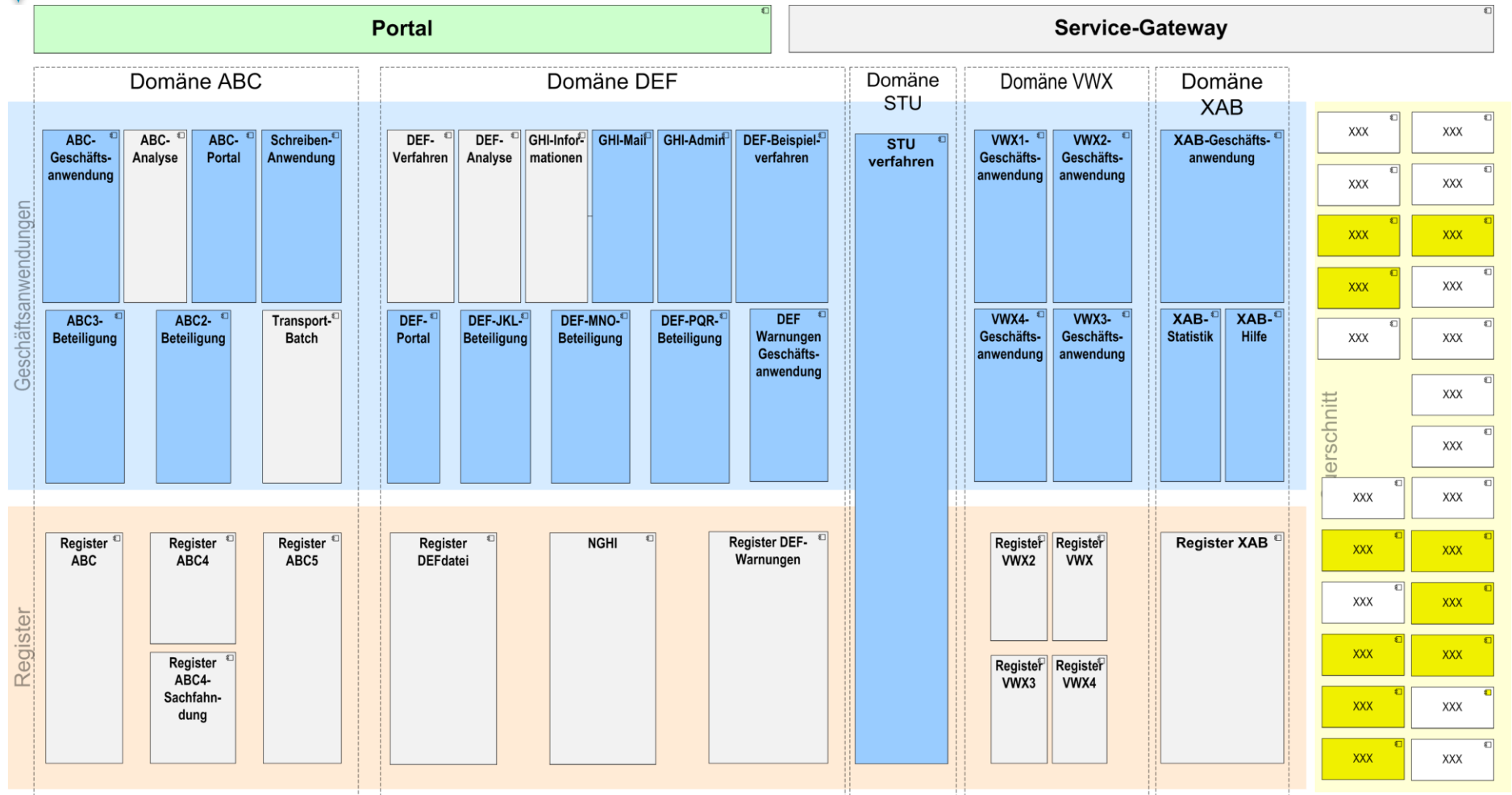
What software looked like in the 80s

The host

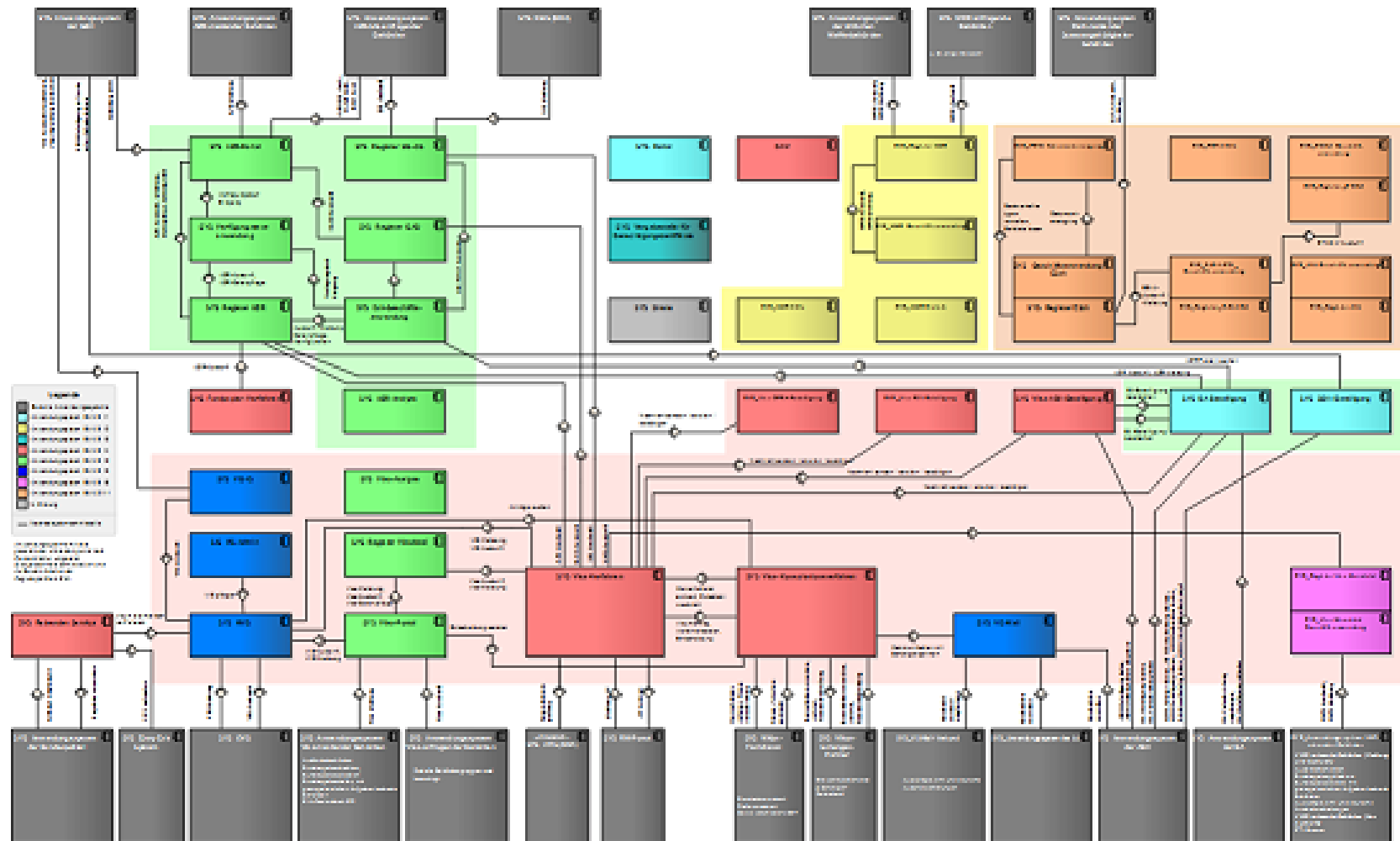
The same software 20 years later



a more modern approach: a network of independent applications



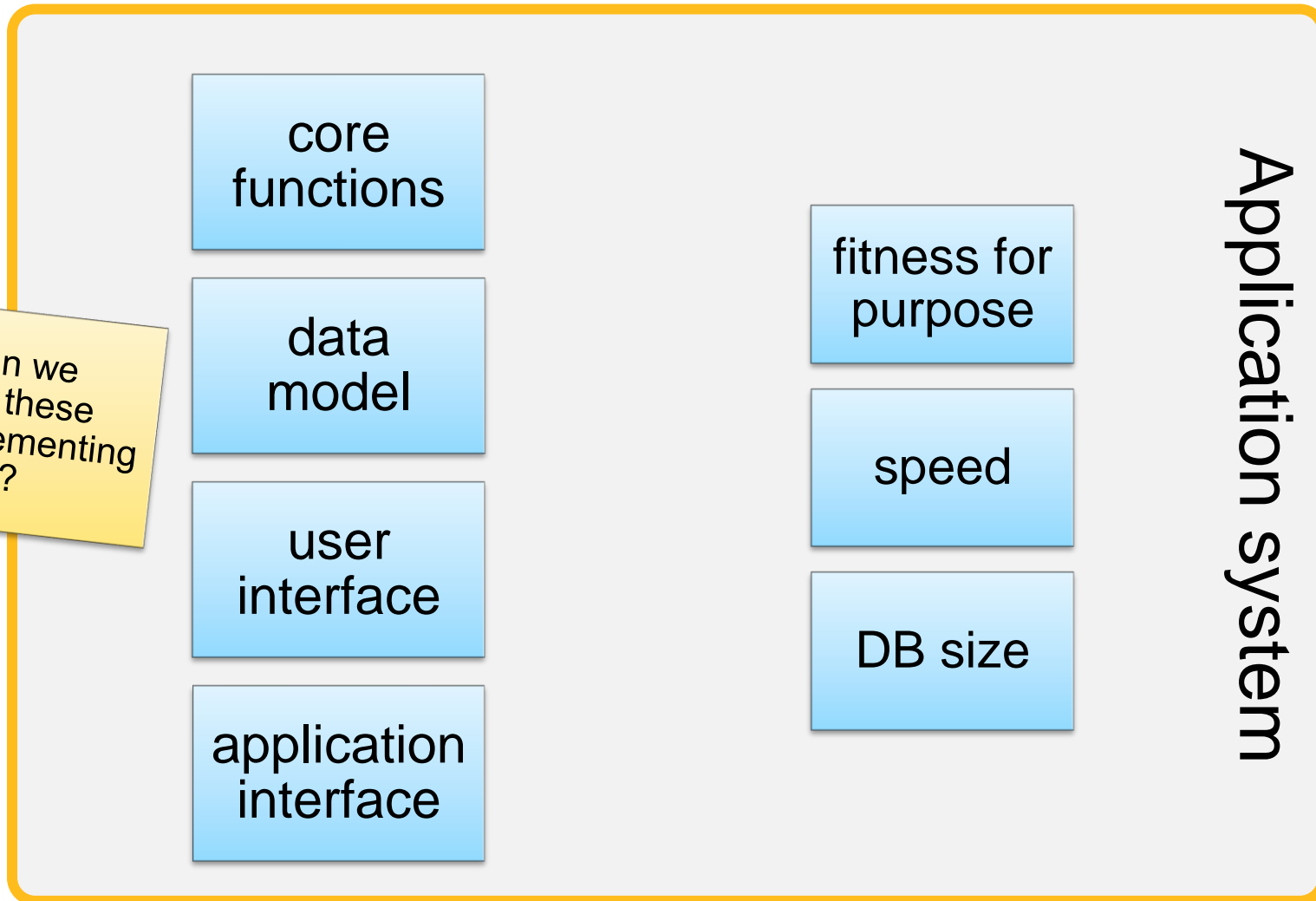
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Parts of an application system



How can we describe these?

Description using...	Methods	Focus
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pseudocode• unstructured Plaintext• Structured plaintext• UML-modelling• Screen prototyping	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Model-driven development• Rational unified process (use cases)• Agile / scrum (user stories)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• On core functions• On application interface• On user interface• On data?

Requirements + Specification in IBM Rational Doors

The screenshot displays the IBM Rational Doors application window. The title bar reads "'Car user reqts' current 0.2 in /car (Formal module) - DOORS". The menu bar includes File, Edit, View, Insert, Link, Analysis, Table, Tools, Discussions, User, Publish, Change Management, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations and analysis. The left pane shows a hierarchical tree view of the project structure:

- Car user reqts
 - 1 Introduction
 - 2 User types
 - 3 Requirements
 - 3.1 Capability Requirements
 - 3.1.1 Carrying Capacity
 - 3.1.1.1 Number of people
 - Four average size adults shall be able to travel in comfort for a period of...
 - Five average size adults shall be able to travel in comfort for a period of...
 - Two average size adults and 3 average size children shall be able to travel...
 - Users shall have easy entry and exit.
 - 3.1.1.2 Amount of luggage
 - Users shall be able to carry 200 Kilograms of luggage.
 - Users shall be able to carry a single piece of luggage of size 1.2 meters b...
 - Users shall be able to carry 2 cubic meters of luggage.
 - Users shall be able to increase luggage space by 40% by reducing passenger ...
 - Users shall be able to have easy loading and unloading facilities.
 - 3.1.2 Movement
 - 3.1.3 Fuel economy
 - 3.1.4 Safety
 - 3.1.5 Noise levels
 - 3.1.6 Ease of Access
 - 3.1.7 Visibility
 - 3.1.8 Equipment malfunction
 - 3.1.9 Entertainment
 - 3.1.10 Maintenance
 - 3.1.11 Servicing
 - 3.1.12 Indication requirements
 - 3.1.13 Terrain
 - 3.1.14 Re-fueling
 - 3.2 Constraint Requirements.

The right pane displays a table of requirements:

Object Identifier	Car user requirements parsed in	Number per da...	Absolute number
UR12	Four average size adults shall be able to travel in comfort for a period of 3 hours. This level of comfort is defined as being equivalent to the standard of comfort provided by the top 30% of cars produced in 1993. The top level of cars are those in the price range £13,000 to £30,000 at 1993 prices.	2000	UR12
UR14	Five average size adults shall be able to travel in comfort for a period of 3 hour.	2000	UR14
UR15	Two average size adults and 3 average size children shall be able to travel in comfort for a period of 3 hours.	2000	UR15
UR16	Users shall have easy entry and exit.	2000	UR16
UR18	3.1.1.2 Amount of luggage	2000	UR18
UR19	Users shall be able to carry 200 Kilograms of luggage.	2000	UR19
UR20	Users shall be able to carry a single piece of luggage of size 1.2 meters by 0.4 meters by 0.3 meters totally within the car.	2000	UR20
UR21	Users shall be able to carry 2 cubic meters of luggage.	2000	UR21
UR22	Users shall be able to increase luggage space by 40% by reducing passenger space.	2000	UR22
UR23	Users shall be able to have easy loading and unloading facilities.	2000	UR23
UR103	3.2 Constraint Requirements.	1800	UR103
UR104	3.2.1 Availability	1800	UR104
UR105	Users shall be able to travel 10,000 kilometers with a 99.9% chance of experiencing no breakdowns.	1800	UR105
UR106	Users shall be able to travel 10,000 kilometers with a 99.99% chance of experiencing no faults that do not result in breakdowns.	1800	UR106
UR107	Loss of use of car due to equipment failure shall not exceed 1 day in every 2 years.	1800	UR107
UR108	3.2.2 Lifetime	1800	UR108
UR109	Users shall be able to use the car to its designed standard for 200,000 kilometers.	1800	UR109
UR110	3.2.3 Security	1800	UR110

At the bottom of the window, the status bar shows "Username: milan" and "Exclusive edit mode".

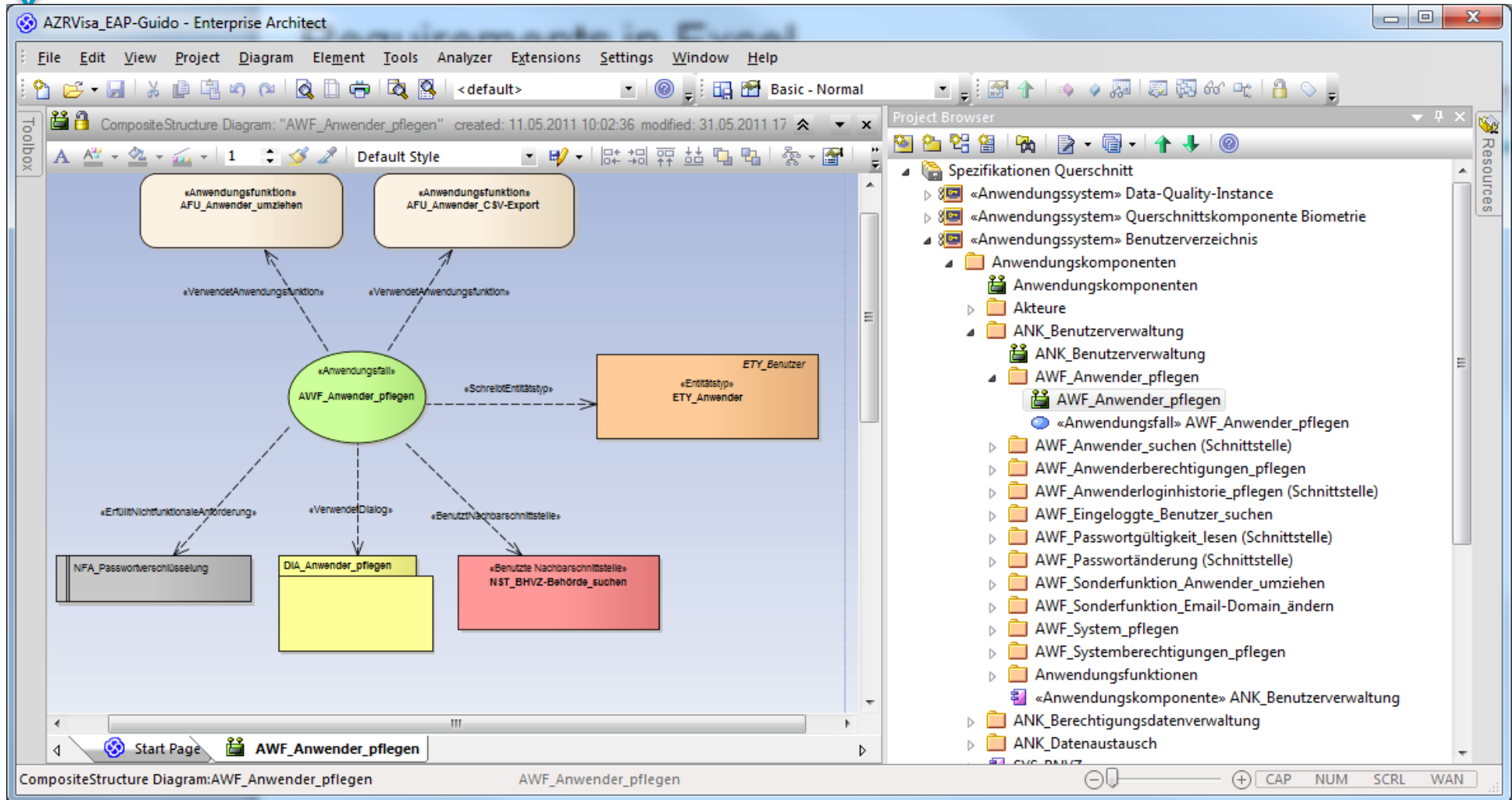
Requirements in Excel, Specification in Sparx Enterprise Architect and MS Word

Anforderungen_Bespiel.xls [Compatibility Mode] - Microsoft Excel

ID / Name	Anforderungs Ty	Beschreibung	Bemerkungen / offene Punkte	Gelös cf	Technische Anf	Versi	Anforderungsgsgruppe	Änderungsdatum	Quelle	Pr	Status
Kurs verwalten											
		AWF_Kurs_verwalten: - Ein Mitarbeiter kann die im System befindlichen Kurse beauskunften. - Er kann für einen existierenden Kurs Termine hinzufügen und entfernen sowie die Stammdaten des Kurses ändern. - Er kann einen neuen Kurs inklusive seiner Stammdaten und Termine anlegen. - Er kann die Zuordnung eines Kurstermins zu einem Lehrer verändern.				V1	ANVG010		Fachkonzept	hoch	Vorgeschlagen
4	ANV010	Anwendungsfall									
5	ANV020	Funktionale Anforderung	Kein Kurs ohne Termine Nach der Erfassung eines neuen Kurses oder der Änderung von Kursdaten muss die Geschäftsanwendung verhindern, dass ein Kurs ohne Kurstermine existiert.			V1	ANVG010		Fachkonzept	hoch	Vorgeschlagen
6	ANV030	Funktionale Anforderung	Im Rahmen der Kurspflege muss das System dem Mitarbeiter die Möglichkeit bieten, mehrere Lehrer einem Kurs zuzuordnen, und die einzelnen Termine jeweils einem von diesen Lehrern zuzuordnen. Nach der Pflege oder Anlage eines Kurses muss das System sicherstellen, dass jedem Kurstermin genau ein Skillehrer zugeordnet ist.			V1	ANVG010		Fachkonzept	hoch	Überprüft
7	ANV040	Funktionale Anforderung	Erfassen von Kursdaten Im Rahmen der Pflege muss das System einem Mitarbeiter die Möglichkeit bieten, alle Daten eines Kurses sowohl zu erfassen als auch zu verändern.			V1	ANVG010		Fachkonzept	hoch	Überprüft
8	ANV050	Funktionale Anforderung	Im Rahmen der Pflege muss das System einem Mitarbeiter die Möglichkeit geben, einen Kurs zu löschen. Dies darf das System nur dann tun, wenn es keine in der Zukunft liegenden Kurstermine gibt, welchen Kursteilnehmer zugeordnet sind.			V1	ANVG010		Fachkonzept	hoch	Überprüft
9	ANV060	Qualitäts Anforderung	Jährlich sind ca. 1.000 Kurstermine zu erfassen. Werden können. Hierzu gehört neben den Stammdaten der Kurse und Termine auch die Erfassung von 20 Kursteilnehmern.	CH 18.04.2011: Dies ist eine Information, keine x		V1	ANVG020	18.04.2011	TK 01	hoch	Vorgeschlagen
10	ANV070	Qualitäts Anforderung				V1	ANVG010		Fachkonzept	hoch	Überprüft

Versionierung Anforderungen an Anwendung Anforderungen an Organisation Verfolgbarkeit Glossar Risiko Status Report Rd

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Benutzerverzeichnis

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2.2.1 Anwendungsfall AWF_Anwender_pfleger

Kurzbeschreibung
Dieser Anwendungsfall dient einem Administrator dazu, Anwender zu suchen, anzuzeigen, zu erzeugen, zu ändern und ungültig zu machen.

Akteure
AKR_Kundenadministrator
AKR_BP-Administrator

Standardablauf
Anwender suchen, anzeigen und ändern
Der Ablauf Standardablauf wird im Dialog DIA_Anwender_pfleger beschrieben.

Alternative Abläufe
Passwortänderungsdatum zurücksetzen

1. ATT_Passwort_letzte_Aenderung auf aktuelles Datum setzen.

Anwender anlegen

1. Übernahme und Validierung aller Pflichtfelder und optionalen Felder
2. Generieren einer internen Kennung
3. Anwender anlegen und Behörde zuordnen
4. Gültigkeit setzen
5. Anlegedatum auf aktuelles Datum setzen
6. Passwort verschlüsseln und setzen
7. Passwort läuft ab auf „Wahr“ setzen
8. Passwort muss geändert werden setzen
9. Passwortänderungsdatum auf aktuelles Datum setzen
10. Behördenspezifische Nutzergruppen mit automatischer Zuordnung zuordnen
11. Zentral-administrierte Nutzergruppen der Behörde des Anwenders mit automatischer Zuordnung zuordnen.

Anwender deaktivieren

1. ATT_Gültigkeit auf „ungültig“ setzen
2. ATT_Deaktivierungsdatum auf aktuelles Datum setzen.

Deaktivierten Anwender aktivieren

1. ATT_Gültigkeit auf „gültig“ setzen
2. ATT_Deaktivierungsdatum löschen

Anwender entsperren

1. ATT_Gültigkeit auf „gültig“ setzen.

2. ATT_Fehlversuche auf 0 setzen

Anwender in andere Behörde umziehen

1. Zuordnung des Anwenders zu behörden-spezifischen Nutzergruppen entfernen
2. Nutzergruppen der neuen Behörde zuordnen, für die eine automatische Zuordnung aktiviert ist
3. Direkt zugeordnete Rollen entfernen, die sich nicht im Rollenverzeichnis der neuen Behörde befinden
4. Entzogene Rollen bereinigen
5. Neues Behördenkennzeichen zuordnen

Passwort ändern

1. Korrektheit des aktuellen Passwortes prüfen.
2. Passwortgültigkeit und -gleichheit der beiden übergebenen neuen Passwörter prüfen.
3. Passwort verschlüsseln
4. Passwort setzen
5. Passwort muss geändert werden auf „wahr“ setzen
6. Passwortänderungsdatum auf aktuelles Datum setzen.

Abbildung 4: ANK_Benutzerverwaltung

Abbildung 5: AWF_Anwender_pfleger

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Requirements, tests, bugs, user stories in Bugtracking tool, Specification in a powerful Wiki

Idea: web based solution

Enables deep linking btw. all kinds of artifacts

Needs explicit versioning and branches

Use changes btw. versions

Difficult: Longform text editing in wiki source

Difficult: UML design in same versioning system as wiki text!?

I want this!



Which is the right toolchain for our project?

customer
standards

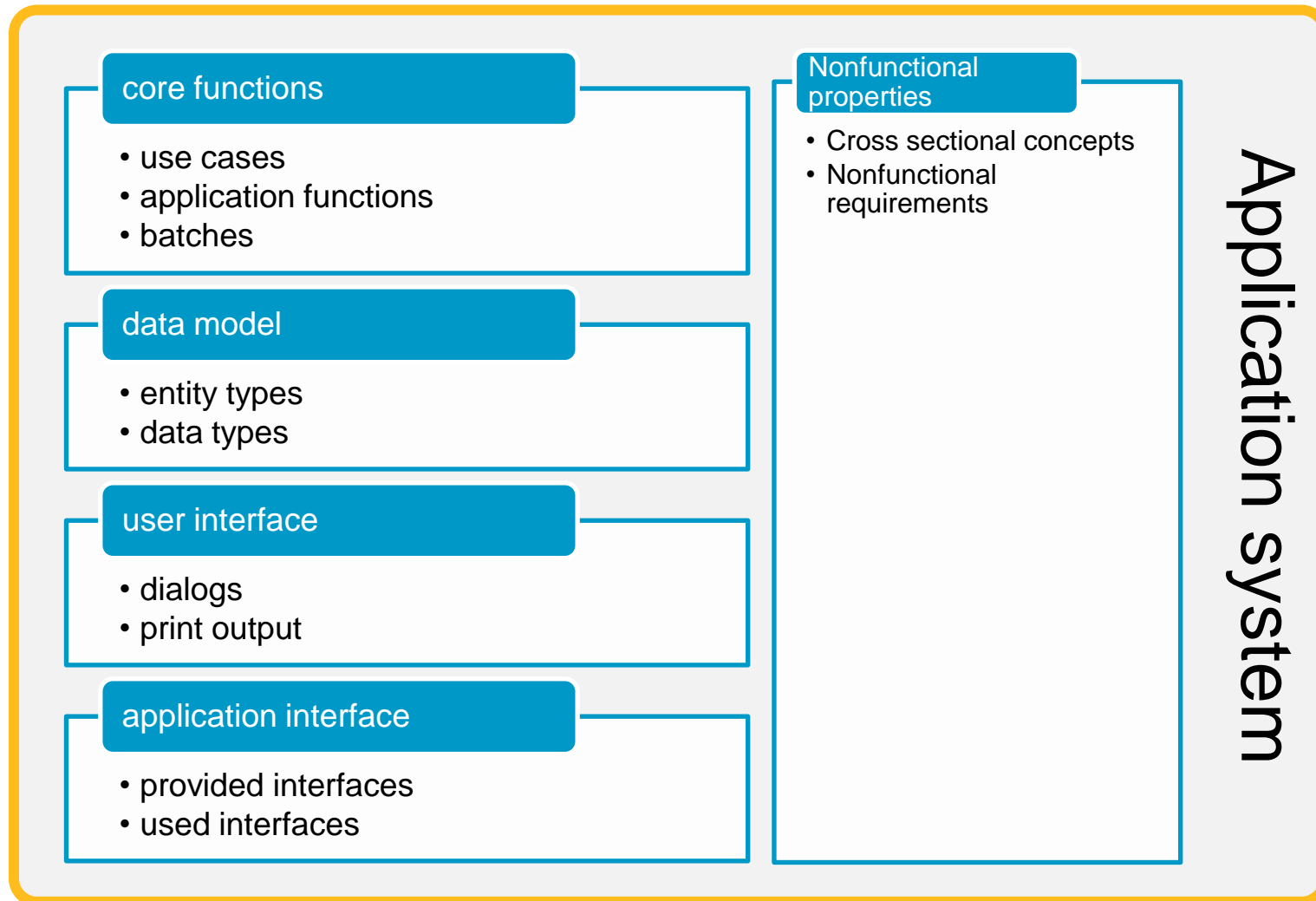
team
know how

project
size

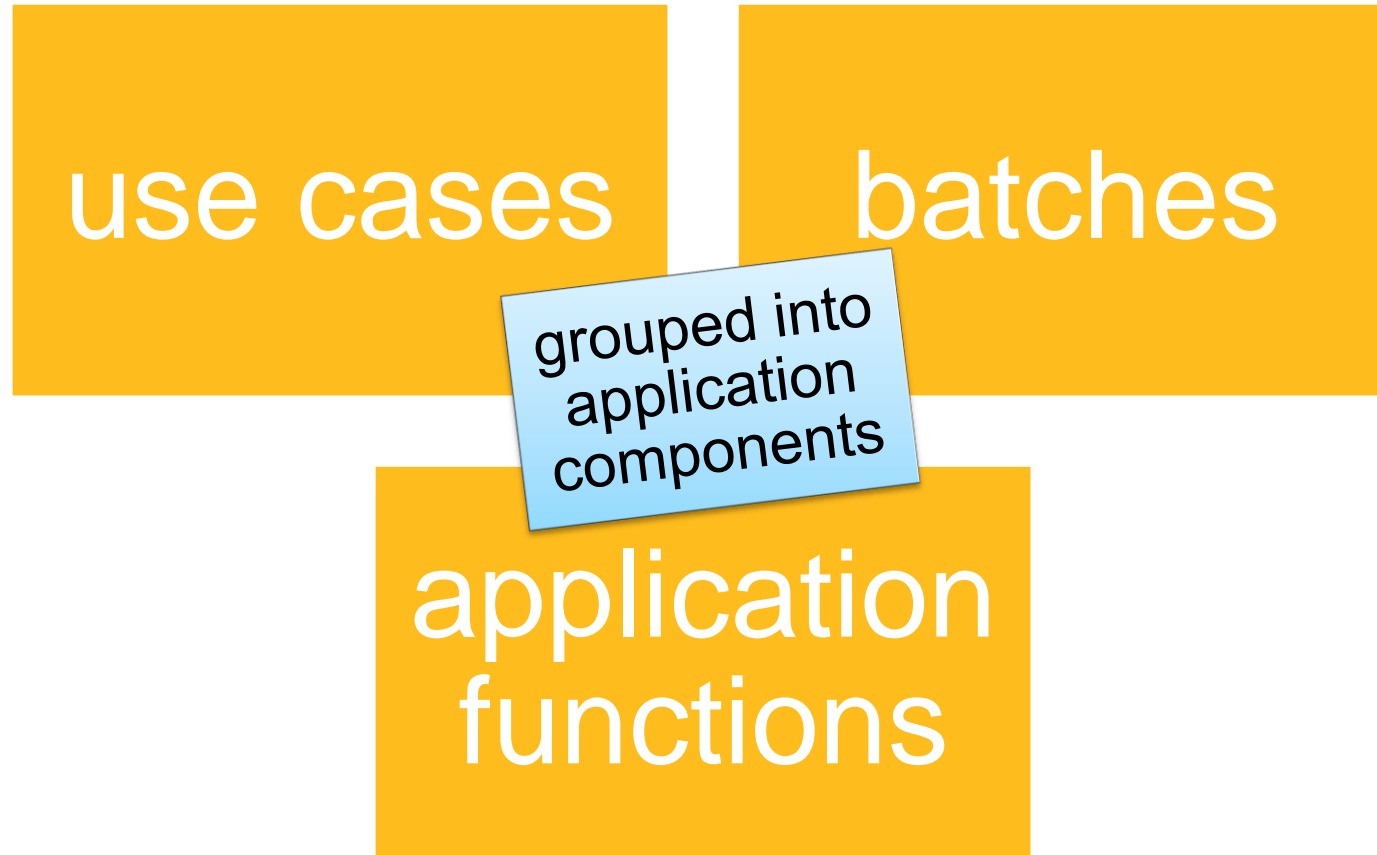
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...

Parts of an application system: Using the Capgemini specification method



The system's core functions

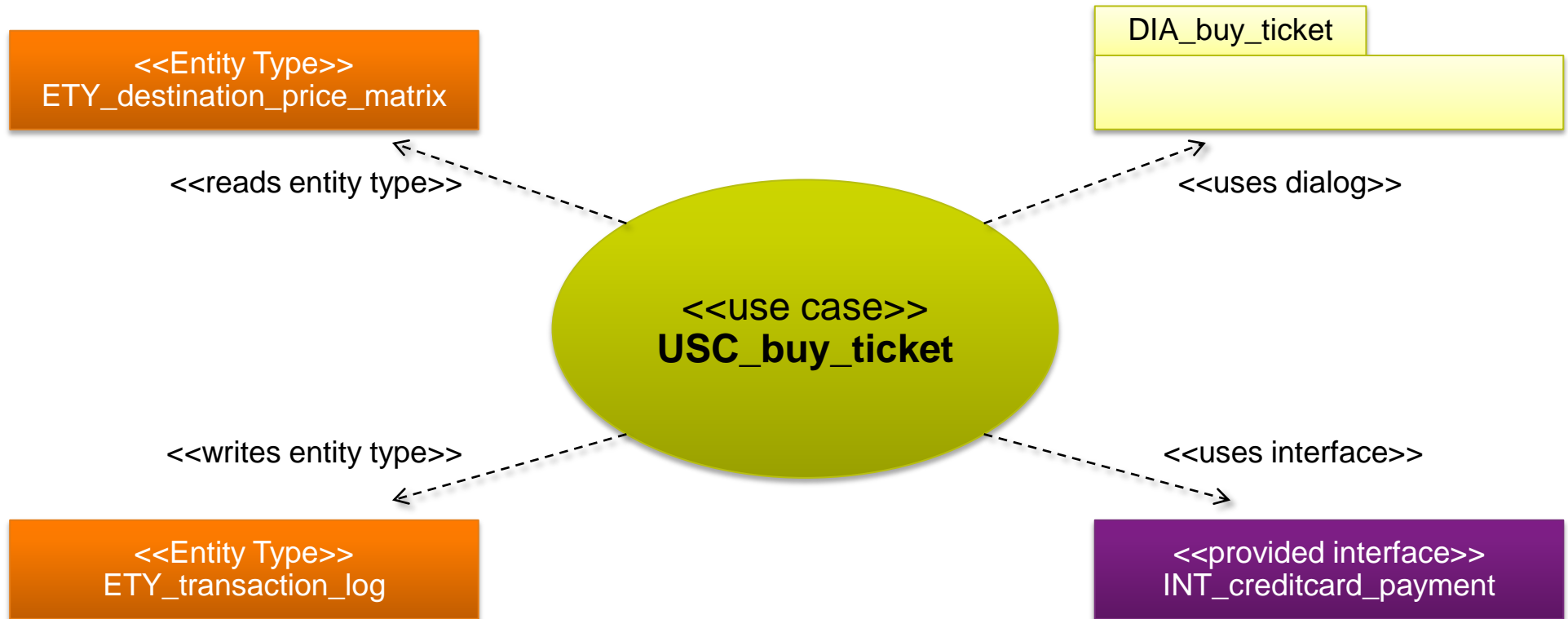


A use case describes a core functionality of the application system as a sequence of steps

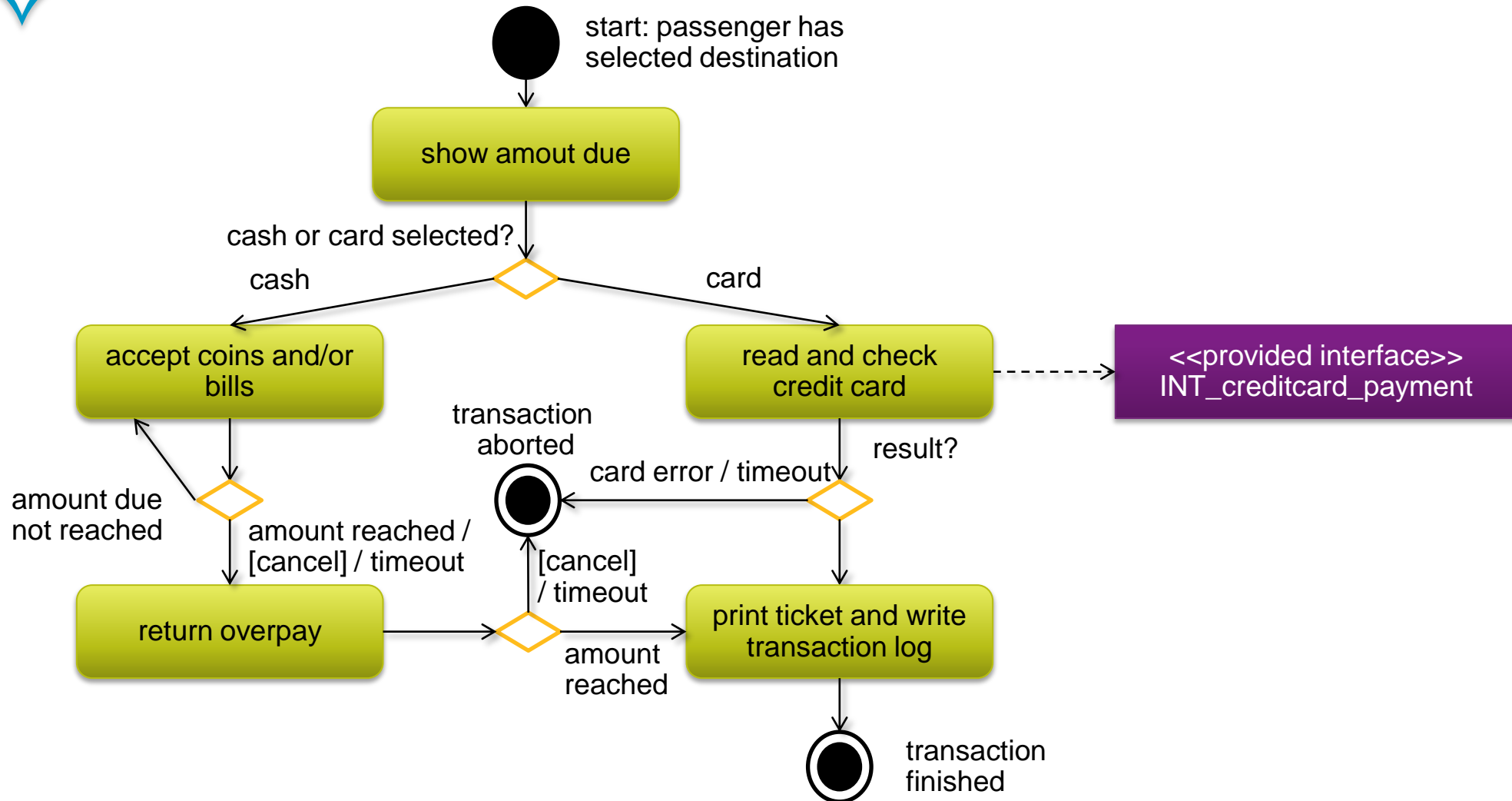
Use Case USC_pay_ticket

description	The passenger pays his public transport ticket using money or a credit card.
actor	ACR_passenger
precondition	The passenger has selected his destination.
standard sequence	<u>Buy ticket with cash</u> 1. Vending machine shows the amount due. 2. Passenger inserts at least the amount due in coins and/or bills. If he cancels the transaction or a timeout occurs before enough money is inserted, the machine returns his money and the use case ends. 3. Vending machine prints the ticket with current date and destination (print output PRO_ticket)
alternative sequences	<u>Buy ticket with credit card</u> ...

The use case diagram shows all artefacts connected to the use case



the activity diagram shows flow of steps for all sequences and interface usage



Use case functions encapsulate actions...

...that are
needed by
many use cases

or

...that cannot be
described in a
single sentence

Batches...

are like use cases

but called on
command line or
via timers by
operations people

The system's data model

entity
types

grouped into
model
components

data
types

defined
globally

Example: Data model of a ticket vending machine

<<Entity type>> ETY_destination

- ATT_Name: DTY_Text
- ATT_Location: DTY_Geolocation

<<Entity type>> ETY_transaction_log

- ATT_timestamp: DTY_timestamp
- ATT_successful: DTY_boolean
- ATT_amount_due: DTY_amount
- ATT_payment_method: DTY_payment_method
- ATT_error: DTY_text
- ATT_error_id: DTY_error_id

1 0..*

<<Entity type>> ETY_destination_price_matrix

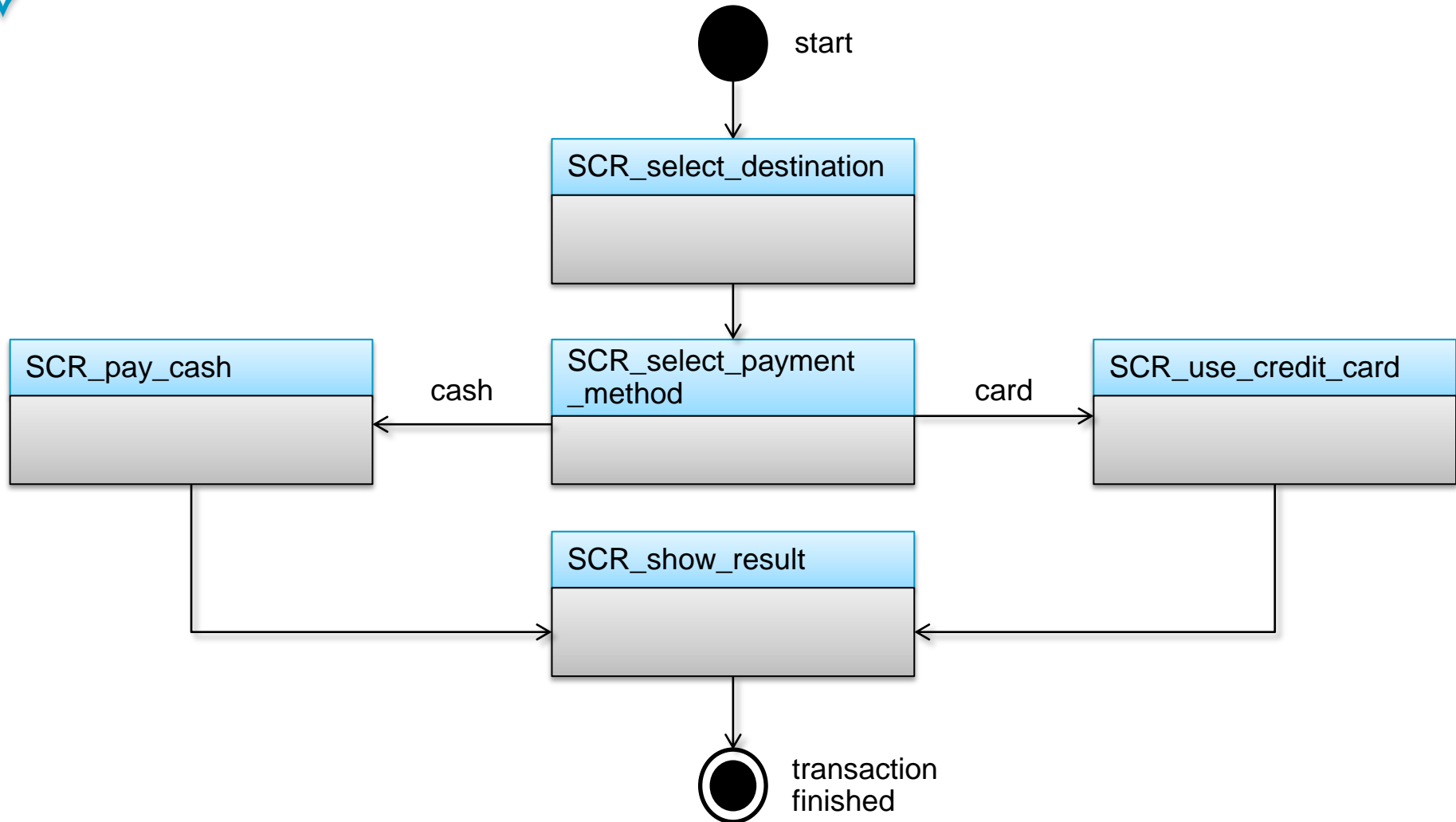
- ATT_destination_price_grownup
- ATT_destination_price_child

The system's user interface

dialogs

print
outputs

A dialog describes a sequence of screens. Example: DIA_buy_ticket



Screen mockups show a typical representation of the screen

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Google-Suche

Auf gut Glück!

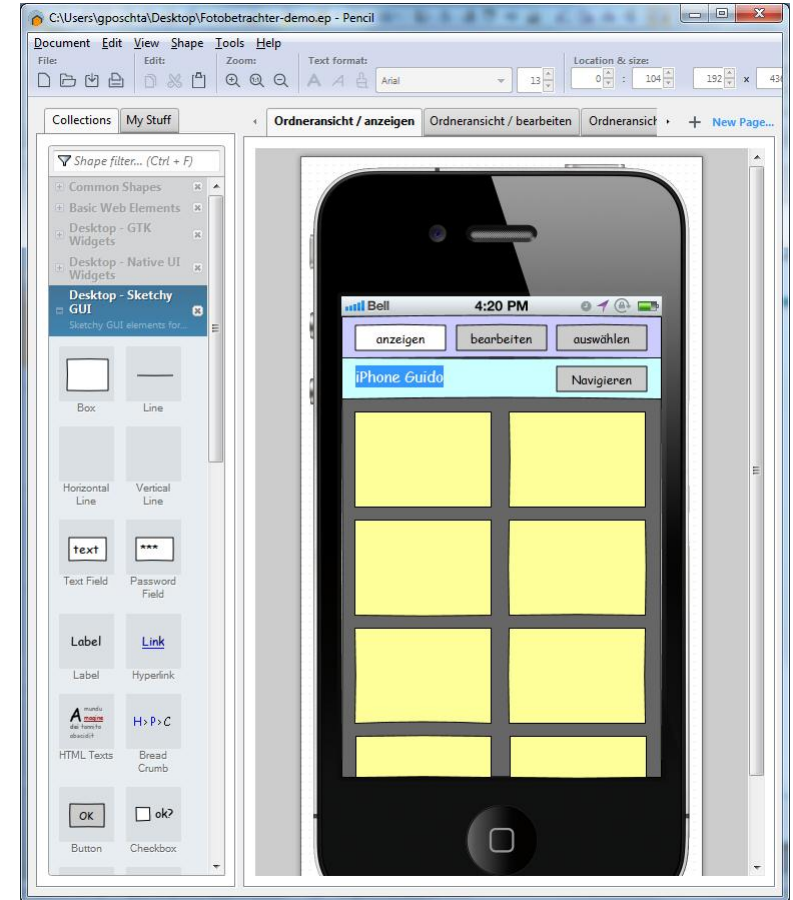
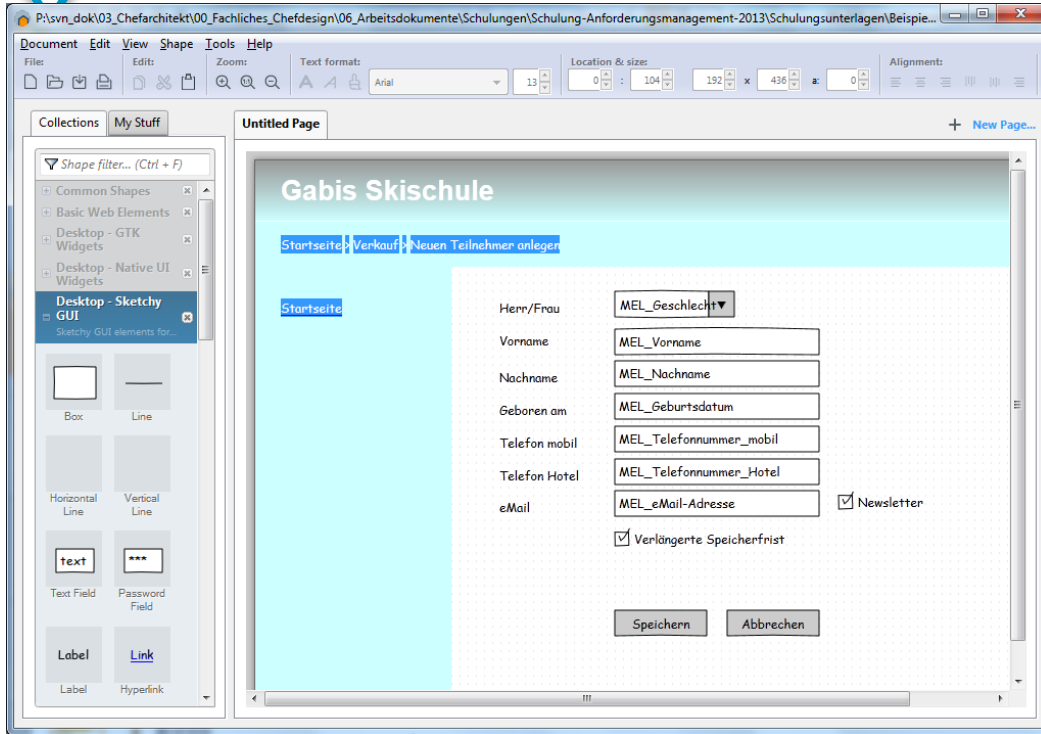
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Auf gut Glück!



UI Prototyping tool “Evolus pencil”



Great tool
for simple
prototypes



Not powerful
enough for detailed
description of
modern UI



Shape filter... (Ctrl + F)

- Common Shapes
- Basic Web Elements
- Desktop - GTK Widgets
- Desktop - Native UI Widgets
- Desktop - Sketchy GUI**
 - Sketchy GUI elements for...

Box

Line

Horizontal Line

Vertical Line

Text Field

Password Field

Label

Hyperlink

Gabis Skischule

Startseite > Verkauf > Neuen Teilnehmer anlegen

Startseite

Herr/Frau	MEL_Geschlecht
Vorname	MEL_Vorname
Nachname	MEL_Nachname
Geboren am	MEL_Geburtsdatum
Telefon mobil	MEL_Telefonnummer_mobil
Telefon Hotel	MEL_Telefonnummer_Hotel
eMail	MEL_eMail-Adresse

☒ Newsletter

☒ Verlängerte Speicherfrist

Speichern Abbrechen

Print outputs

Dear Mr. Jones,

Please find attached the statistical information regarding the month of November 2014.

Regards,
Guido Schuh

Comment [GS1]:

If (TBS_recipient_gender == male): "Mr."
Else: "Mrs."

Comment [GS2]: TBS_recipient_suma
me

Comment [GS3]: TBS_current_month
and_year

Comment [GS4]: TBS_sender_name

The system's application interface

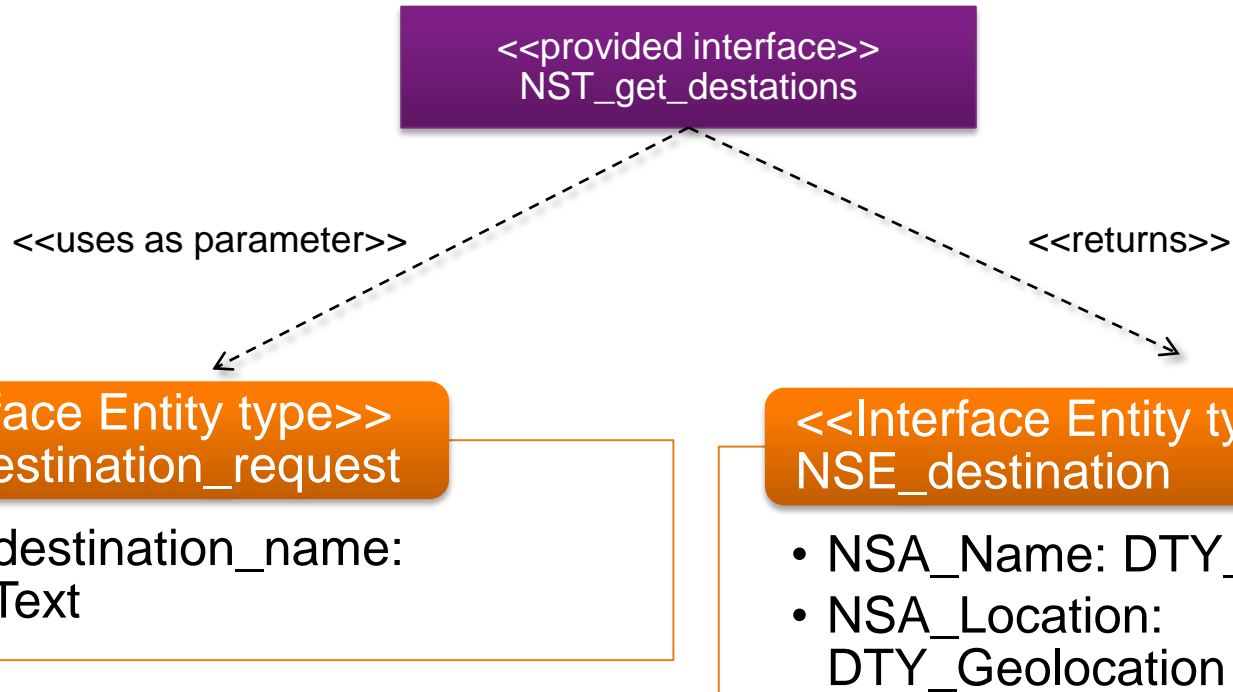
provided
interfaces

Described
in detail

used
interfaces

reference to
other system

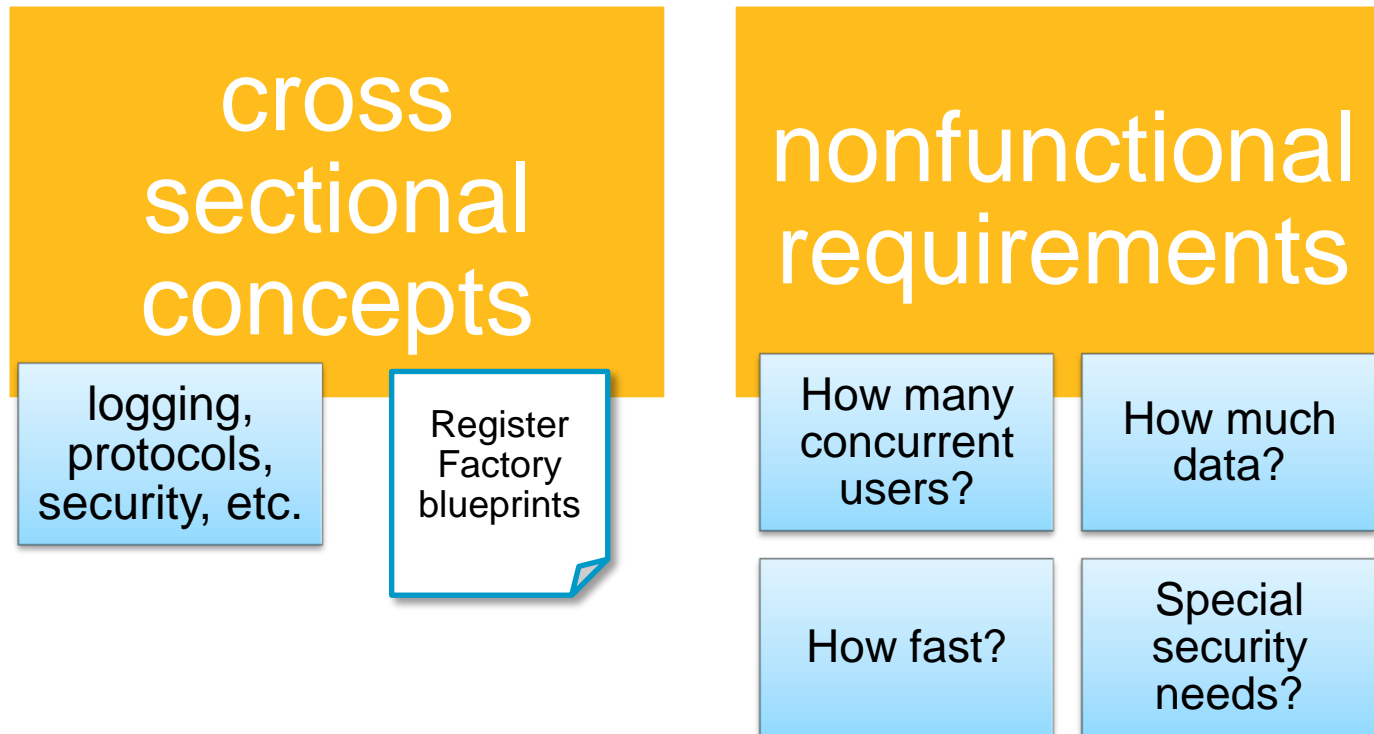
provided interfaces



Plus text description:
Which use cases are
called depending on
given parameters

Typically,
entities are returned
in a tree structure,
designed like data
model

The system's nonfunctional properties



Summary

Choose your weapons

- Depending on project context
- Describe only what you need
- Describe it in the way that works for you and the customer

Divide and conquer

- From system landscape down to application function
- Keep every level straightforward

Track your changes

- From requirements
- To specification
- To implementation
- To test
- To delivery

Questions?

Feel free to ask!

People matter, results count.

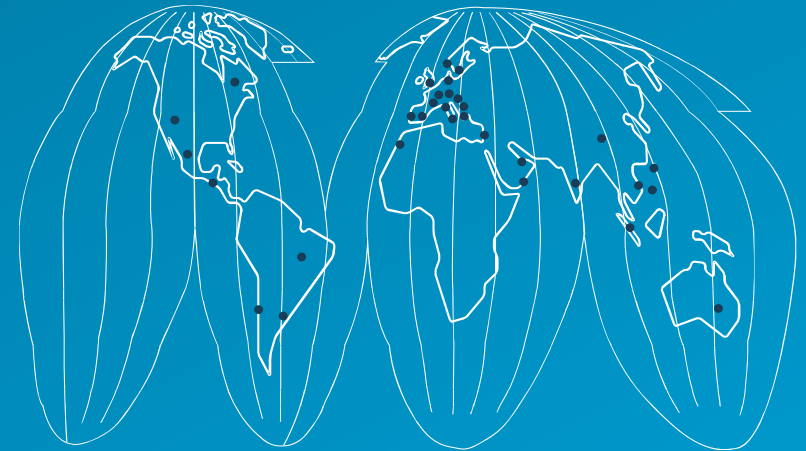


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