

Software Engineering

Unit 3

Q.4) Explain design concepts with examples.

i) Abstraction

ii) Modularity

→ i) Abstraction:

- is a principle that simplifies complex systems by hiding detailed implementation and exposing only essential features.

- It allows developers to use functions, objects or data types without needing to understand their inner workings.

• Types of abstraction:

(i) Data Abstraction:

- This involves creating "data models" that hide the specifics of data representation.

(ii) Procedural Abstraction:

- This involves defining functions or procedures to perform tasks, allowing the details of the task's implementation to be hidden.

(ii) Modularity:

- is the design principle that divides a system into distinct modules,

- each with a specific responsibility.



- These modules can be developed, tested & maintained independently.

- These modules can interact with each other through well-defined interfaces.

Advantages:-

- Separation of concerns.

- Reusability

- maintainability.

- Parallel development.

Q.2) Write note on User Interface Design.

→ User Interface (UI) design focuses on creating visually appealing & easy-to-use interfaces for software & devices.

→ UI clearly conveys functions & actions.

- UI maintain uniform visual elements & interaction patterns, making it intuitive & predictable.

- UI provides immediate responses to user actions.

- UI minimize effort needed to complete tasks.

- It ensures the design is visually appealing.

- make the interface usable for all abilities.

- organize elements logically.

- Use readable & appropriate fonts.

- Use intuitive symbols.

- Ensure easy movement through the application.

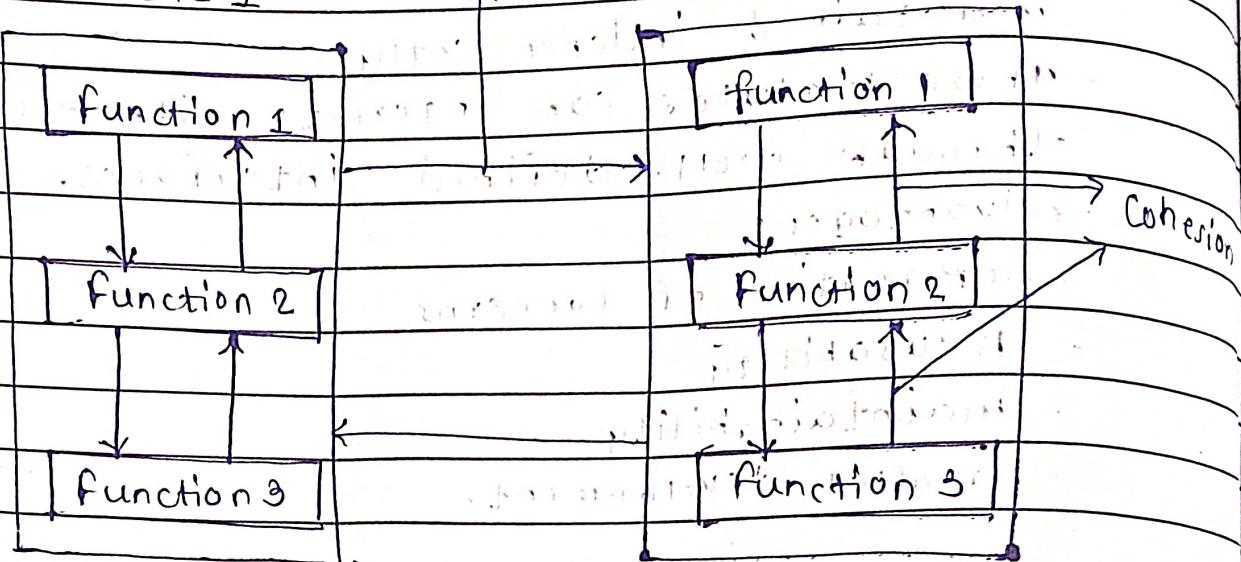
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Explain effective module design with neat diagram.

→ Each module focuses on a single task or related tasks, ensuring all components within the module are highly related.

Coupling

Module 1 interacts with module 2



Modules interact with each other through well-defined interfaces, minimizing dependencies & reducing the impact of changes.

Internal details of each module are hidden from others.

Modules are designed to be reused across different parts of the system, or in different projects.

- saving time & effort in maintenance
- making the system easier to maintain.

Q.4) **① Define Usability** **and its characteristics**
Explain different characteristics of Usability **of ISO Characteristics**.

→ **Usability** is the measure of how easy & efficient it is for users to interact with their goals satisfactorily.

Characteristics of usability:
- User friendly
- User efficient
- User safe
- User effective
- User reliable



• Characteristics of Usability

① Effectiveness & Accuracy & completeness with which users achieve their goals.

② Efficiency.

③ Satisfaction: User's comfort and positive attitudes towards the system.

④ Learnability:

⑤ Memorability: Ability to remember the system and its interface after a period of time.

• ISO Characteristics of Usability

① Effectiveness: Meets user's needs.

② Efficiency: Performance requirements.

③ Satisfaction: User satisfaction.

④ Context of Use.

Q.5) Explain the mechanisms applied in user interface design for fulfilling the ~~traditional~~ three golden rules, of UI design.

→ ① Place Users in Control: Situation

- Ensure intuitive & consistent menus & buttons.
- Provide immediate responses to user actions.
- Allow users to easily reverse actions.
- Enable personalization of their interface.

② Reduce User's Memory Load: Situation

- maintain uniformity in design elements.
- use visual aids like icons & labels.
- show only essential information initially, revealing more as needed.

③ Make the Interface Consistent

- Use consistent colors, fonts & icons.
- Implement familiar & standard UI elements.
- Ensure similar actions yield similar results.
- Use the same terms for similar functions throughout the interface.

Q.6) What is Software Architecture?

Explain Data Centered & Object oriented architectural style of the system.

⇒ - Software Architecture is the high-level structure of a software system defining its components, their relationships & interactions.

• Data-centered Architectural Style:

• Centralized Repository:

- A single source of truth for data accessed by multiple components.

• Loosely Coupling:

- Components interact primarily through their shared repository ensuring independence.

• Scalability:

- Easily scaled by adding more components.

• Data Integrity:

→ Centralized data management facilitates consistency.

• Consistency:

→ Ensures data consistency across all components.



Object-oriented Architectural Styles:-

- Encapsulation: Object encapsulation is the process where objects contain both data and behavior.
- Modularity: A system is divided into discrete, reusable objects or classes.
- Inheritance: Objects can inherit properties and behaviors, promoting reuse.

Q.7) Examines guidelines for Component-level design & principles for User-Interface design.

→ Guidelines for Component-level design:-

- ① Single responsibility principle:
 - Each component should have one responsibility.
 - Component should be extendable without modifying existing code.
 - Use specific, not general-purpose, interfaces for each component.
 - Ensure each component's elements are closely related.
 - Aim for low dependencies between components.
 - Design components to be used in multiple parts of the system.

Principles for User Interface Design:-

- maintain uniform design elements across the interface.
- Ensure the UI is understandable & intuitive.
- provide immediate responses to user actions.

- optimize form quickly & easy user interface interactions.
- make important information ^{info controls} easily accessible.
- minimize user errors & provide ways to recover from errors & limit the damage caused to system.

Advantages of Unity over Microsoft Word

Q.1) Write note on effort estimation & scheduling.

- effort estimation & scheduling are crucial aspects of project management.
- Effort estimation involves predicting the amount of time, resources & manpower needed to complete a project task or deliverable within a set time frame.
- this often requires breaking down the project into smaller, more manageable tasks.
- Scheduling involves creating a timeline that outlines when each task or deliverable will be completed and in what order.
- It considers dependencies between tasks, resource availability & project deadlines.
- Both effort estimation & scheduling require careful planning, communication & flexibility to account for unforeseen challenges or changes.



Q.2) Enumerate the 4 pillars of project management.

⇒ ① Plan:

- This involves defining project objectives, scope, timelines, resources & budget.
- Planning sets the foundation for the project & outlines how it will be executed.

② process:

- process refers to the methodologies, procedures & workflows used to execute the project.
- It includes tasks, activities & their sequence in which they are performed to achieve project goals efficiently.

③ People:

- people are the individuals involved in the project, including project managers, team members, stakeholders, clients, etc.

④ progress:

- progress involves monitoring & tracking project performance against the plan.
- It includes assessing milestones, identifying risks & resolving issues; for making necessary adjustments to keep the project track & ensure its successful completion.

Q.3) Explain in detail, Categories of software metrics with example.

→ ① Product Metrics

- measures the characteristics of quality of the software product itself, including its size, complexity, quality attributes of performance.

→ ② process metrics

- Evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness & resource utilization of the software development process, including productivity, time-related aspects, overall process efficiency.

→ ③ project metrics

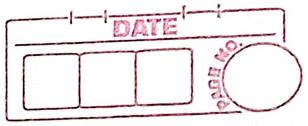
- Assess the financial, risk-related scheduling aspects of the software development project, including cost management, risk assessment & schedule monitoring.

Q.4) What is Cocomo II? Explain its parts.

What does Cocomo II addressing?

→ Cocomo (Constructive cost model) is a mathematical model used for estimating the cost, effort, & schedule of a software development project.

= It is an extension of the original Cocomo model developed by Barry Boehm in 1980s.



- cocomo ii provides methods for estimating the size of software projects based on lines of code, function points or project points.
- It helps to estimate the effort required to develop the software based on its size, complexity & other project attributes.