

# Middleware Architectures 1

## Lecture 1: Information System Architectures

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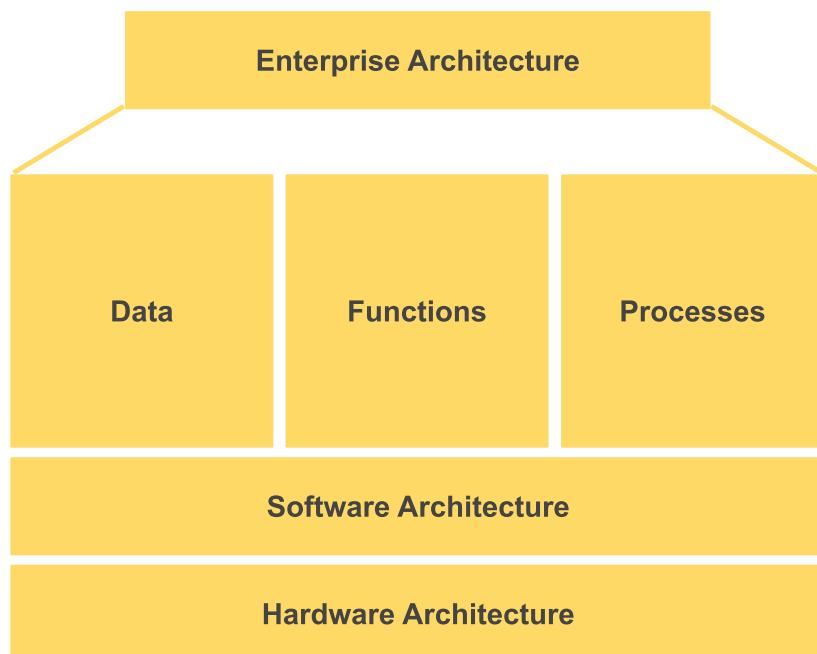
## Overview

- Architecture Overview
- Software Architecture

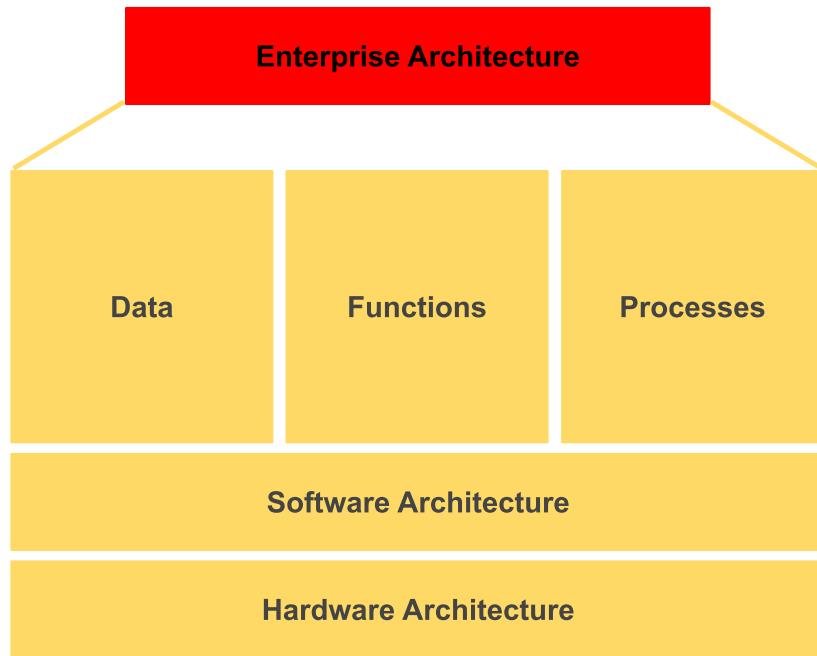
# Global Architecture

- A **structure** and a **behavior** of system's parts
- Complexity – views on the global architecture
  - *basic architectural views (also called dimensions): enterprise, data, functional, process, software, hardware.*
- Development
  - *basic methodology and actors:*
    - ~ analysis, design, implementation, testing, maintenance
    - ~ end-user, architect, developer, administrator
  - *basic architectural development levels:*
    - ~ conceptual, logical, physical.
- Global architecture and cloud computing
  - *data, functions, processes are application (domain) specific*
  - *software architecture defines a software platform*
  - *hardware architecture defines an infrastructure*

## Views



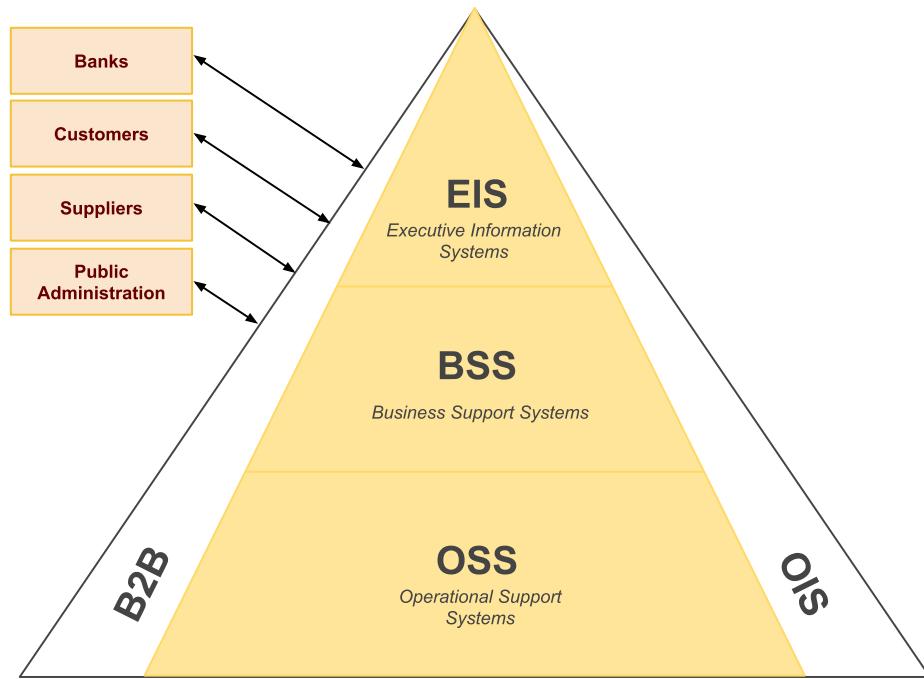
# Enterprise Architecture



## Enterprise Architecture Levels

- Defines a structure of an enterprise system
  - Abstracts from data, functions, processes, software, hardware
  - divides enterprise system into functional blocks – **applications**
    - Order Management System (*OMS*)
    - Customer Relationship System (*CRM*)
    - Billing and Revenue Management (*BRM*)
  - applications correspond to **domains** such as sales, finance, procurement, production, etc.
- Enterprise architecture levels
  - Operational Support Systems (*OSS*)
  - Business Support System (*BSS*)
  - Executive Information Systems (*EIS*)
  - Office Information Systems (*OIS*)
  - Integration
    - Business-to-Business (*B2B*)
    - Enterprise Application Integration (*EAI*)

# Enterprise Architecture Representation



## Organization Types in Enterprise Systems

- **Customer Organization**
  - **Primary need:** Business process automation and optimization
  - **Responsibilities:** Define business requirements, acceptance criteria, change management
  - **Key roles:** Enterprise architect, business analysts, end users, IT administrators
  - **Example:** Bank implementing new CRM system for customer management
- **Supplier Organization (System Integrator)**
  - **Primary need:** Deliver tailored solutions meeting customer requirements
  - **Responsibilities:** Solution design, customization, implementation, support
  - **Key roles:** Solution architects, technical architects, developers, project managers
  - **Example:** Accenture implementing SAP for manufacturing company
- **Vendor Organization (Technology Provider)**
  - **Primary need:** Develop market-driven products and platforms
  - **Responsibilities:** Product roadmap, R&D, platform maintenance, market analysis
  - **Key roles:** Product managers, platform architects, developers, DevOps engineers
  - **Example:** Microsoft developing Azure cloud services

# Architect Roles and Responsibilities

- **Enterprise Architect**
  - **Scope:** Organization-wide architecture strategy and governance
  - **Focus:** Business-IT alignment, application portfolio, data architecture
  - **Deliverables:** Enterprise architecture blueprints, technology roadmaps
  - **Standards:** TOGAF, industry-specific (eTOM for telecom)
- **Solution Architect**
  - **Scope:** End-to-end solution design for specific business problems
  - **Focus:** Requirements analysis, system integration, functional design
  - **Deliverables:** Solution design documents, integration patterns, data flows
  - **Skills:** Business analysis, system design, stakeholder management
- **Technical Architect**
  - **Scope:** Technology implementation and infrastructure design
  - **Focus:** Performance, scalability, security, technology selection
  - **Deliverables:** Technical specifications, deployment guides, performance benchmarks
  - **Skills:** Deep technical expertise, cloud platforms, DevOps practices

# Modern Technical Architect Roles

- **Cloud Architect**
  - Cloud-native solutions, migration strategies, multi-cloud designs
  - AWS, Azure, GCP certifications and expertise
- **Security Architect**
  - Zero-trust architecture, compliance frameworks (GDPR, SOX)
  - Identity management, encryption, threat modeling
- **Data Architect**
  - Data lakes, data warehouses, real-time analytics
  - Data governance, privacy, master data management
- **API Architect**
  - API strategy, microservices design, API governance
  - REST, GraphQL, event-driven architectures
- **DevOps Architect**
  - CI/CD pipelines, infrastructure as code, monitoring
  - Kubernetes, containerization, observability platforms

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  - *Types, Separation of Concerns, Interface*
  - *Client/Server Architectures*

# Software Architecture Types

- Centralized – Client/Server (C/S)
  - *Central server; a bunch of clients*
  - *monolithic, two-, three-, multi-tier architectures*
  - *Single point of failure!*
    - *when a server fails the whole system fails*
    - *need for a scalable and **highly reliable** server-side solutions*
  - *Enterprise systems (mostly) use centralized solutions*
    - *But, enhanced with peer-to-peer principles*
- Decentralized – Peer-to-Peer (P2P)
  - *Reliability*
    - *when a node fails, other nodes take up its function*
  - *Scalability*
    - *multiple nodes can share the load*
    - *such as messaging systems in enterprise systems*

# Separation of Concerns

- Separation of Concerns
  - also called Separation of Layers
  - Concern – any piece of interest (part) in the application
    - concerns should overlap in functionality as little as possible
  - Basic application concerns: data manipulation, data integrity, application logic, user-interactions
  - Software architecture separates concerns into layers
    - presentation, application, data
- Interface
  - ~ agreement on "how layers should communicate"
  - most important artifact in Separation of Concerns
  - If an interface is in place, application development and innovation can happen **independently** at each layer

# Interface

- Definition
  - Agreement (contract) between two or more layers during communication
- May be achieved by
  - Through standards (accepted or enforced),
  - Through a social agreement during design
  - A dominant position of a technology on the market
- Interface includes subsets of domain architectures
  - Subsets that are subject to communication between layers
  - **data** – defines communication language (syntax, semantics),
  - **functions** – defines entry points (operations),
  - **processes** – defines valid states and transitions between them
  - **technical details** – protocols, ports, IP addresses, etc.

## Interface Example: REST API

- **Data** interface: JSON format
- **Function** interface: HTTP methods
  - *GET /customers/{id}* - retrieve customer
  - *POST /customers* - create customer
  - *PUT /customers/{id}* - update customer
- **Process** interface: state transitions
- **Technical** interface: HTTPS, port 443, authentication

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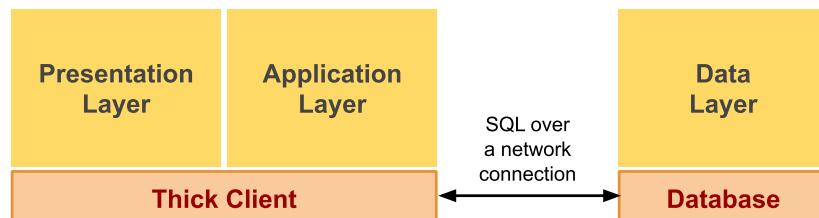
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# Monolithic Architecture



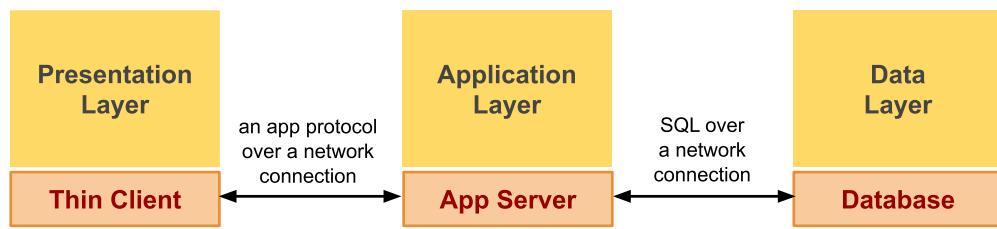
- All layers on a single machine
  - usually non-portable apps; specific OS
  - first types of computer systems, typical for 90-ties
  - single-user only; standalone apps, minimal integration
  - technologies: third-gen programming languages, local storage systems
- Drawbacks
  - hard to maintain (updates, distribution of new versions)
  - data security issues
  - performance and scalability issues

# Two-tier Client/Server Architecture



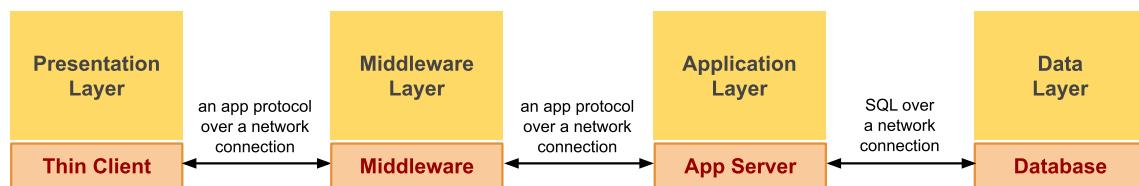
- Presentation and app layers separated with data
  - Thick client – desktop application, OS-dependent
  - Data on a separate server (DBMS)
  - Multi-user system, all sharing a database
  - Storage system of high performance, transactions support
  - SQL technology; native OS desktop application
- Drawbacks
  - Thick client hard to maintain (reinstallation with every update)
  - No app logic sharing (only through copies)
  - Data-oriented integration (integrity in the app logic!)

## Three-tier Client/Server Architecture



- All layers on separated machines
  - *Thin client – desktop application or interpreted code*
  - *Multi-user system, all sharing app logic and a database*
  - *App server of high performance, scalability*
- Drawbacks
  - *Spaghetti integration*
  - *Limited, single app server scalability*

## Multi-tier Client/Server Architecture



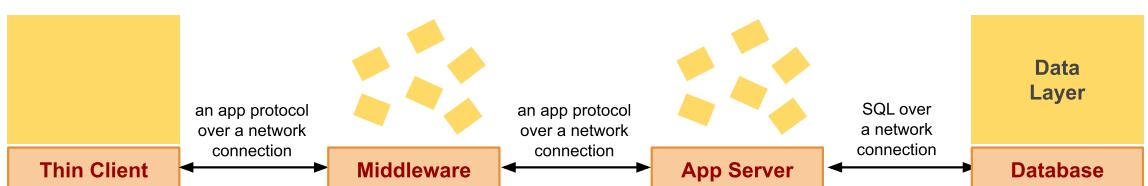
- Additional middleware layer
  - *provides value-added services for communications*
  - *individual servers or a compact solution (e.g., Enterprise Service Bus)*
- Drawbacks
  - *Monolithic apps are difficult to scale as a whole*
  - *Deployment overhead*
  - *A single technological environment for all app functions in the monolith*

# Client/Server Architecture (microservices)



- Microservice architecture
  - *Middleware, app and DB monoliths are microservice architecture*
  - *Improved scalability and technology neutrality of app components*
- Service orchestration layer
  - *Kubernetes (K8s)*
  - *Large K8s cluster for all, middleware, app, DB*
  - *Separate K8s cluster*

# Client/Server Architecture (microservices)



- Not-a-microservice Architecture
  - *Monoliths deployed to Kubernetes cluster*
  - *Improved Deployments (via container images)*
  - *Improved fail-over*
  - *Not cheaper (Kubernetes costs come into play)*

# Types of Middleware

- Scalability
  - They help to achieve high performance through better scalability
  - Messaging Servers (message queues, publish/subscribe)
  - Load Balancers
  - Proxy servers, reverse proxy
- Functional
  - They help to achieve more flexible integration
  - Process servers
  - Repositories, registries of services/components
  - Mediators – data interoperability, process interoperability, technical interoperability (SOAP server)
  - Monitors for analytics of apps usages
- Security
  - Firewalls, Gateways, ...