

More **9.3.2 Architecture**

Also see 10.3.1 A Brief Taxonomy of Architectural Styles

**DB-Centered Arch** (AKA Data-Centered)

DB Major Data Parts (**RDB** – no Objects – **SQL**)

RDB from “**Relational Algebra**”, by Edgar Codd 1970 [nox]  
 o- **Tremendously simpler** than prior DB kinds  
 o- Took over by late 1970s  
 o- Initial RDB “languages”, mostly gone: Sequel, SQL, Postgres  
 SQL Today (pronounced S.Q.L or “Sequel”)

o-many **CRUD** clients (Create, Read, Update, and Delete data)

RDB must be Reliable/Resilient

RDB typically Distributed – DB is split up = diff parts of data in diff PU (Processing Unit) locations

Issues:

Redundancy == duplicate data copies on diff PUs, but local copy changes **must be mirrored** on other PUs

**Consistency** == all local copy changes **are mirrored** on other PUs

**Consistency time delay** == how long does it take to get a local data change mirrored?

**Atomic (multi-part) transactions (all parts win or all parts lose)** = complicates Redundancy,

Consistency

Single-computer, multiple-disks (Redundancy) – typically uses “RAID-5” tech

o- Destroy any one (of 5 disks) and no loss of data – similar to doing parity-based Error Correction

EX: MySQL, SQLite (freeware)

**Giant DB/Cloud**

o- Too much for single-CPU processing – only Distributed or Parallel or both

**NoSQL** (generic term) for Giant (non-RDB) DBs – cuz it simplifies scaling up – (but scales down, too)

o- **Key-Val DB** (AKA Map/Dictionary)

EX: [Redis](#), [Memcached](#)

o- **Document DB** – Hierarchical Structured Data: JSON, XML docs – large and small docs

EX: MongoDB

o- **Graph DB** – directed-edge/arrow relationships between data-objects (no methods)

EX: [Neo4j](#)

Issues:

**ACID**: Atomicity, Consistency, Isolation, Durability

**Atomicity**: all or nothing rule (parts of transaction) – needed for multi-part transactions

**Consistency**: only valid data in DB (w.r.t. Constraints) with diff data parts in diff PU locations

**Isolation**: seq of overlapping xtns can't interfere w each other – regardless of time-order of their sub-parts

o- Diff parts of each transaction can overlap in timing

**Durability**: DB atomicity even if crash during transaction (during its several sub-tasks)

o- you can pull the power plug & the DB is still safe – all the atomic transactions that completed on reboot

**BASE**: [Nox] (Wordplay on “ACID” from Chemistry)

**Basic Availability** (AKA local availability) – when can you get (completed) data?

**Soft-state** (AKA inconsistent for newest local changes – until they are all duplicated properly)

**Eventual consistency** (AKA consistent for older local changes – cuz they've been duplicated)

o- Badly chosen expressions (hard to remember)

**CAP 'theorem':** can't have **Consistency**, **Availability**, and **Partition** tolerance (in the cloud),  
→ **you have to settle for two out of three.**

(Eric Brewer) [Nox]

**Partition:** split up == distributed data parts on diff PUs

**Consistency:** == all processors see/know same thing: How?

By no (immediate) **Availability:** (by delaying local access till remote data change is here too)

By no **Partition:** (by having no remote data & PUs) – IE, no cloud – just local data processing

**Availability:** distant changes are available “immediately”

By delaying local access till remote stuff is visible

**o9.2.1 Software Quality Guidelines and Attributes p312**

- o- **Non-Fcnl Reqts** (AKA **Quality Reqts**) (AKA the "ilities") – not Doing it, but How it gets done
  - o- NB, Fcnl Reqts are actions your program takes; Non-Fcnl Reqts are how it gets the job done
- There have been a lot of Quality Reqts Checklists – over the last 5 decades

**FURPS** (learn the acronym)

- o- **F-unctionality** (Actually, NOT a **Non-Fcnl** Req; included by “committee”)
- o- **U-sability** (Doesn't make the user work hard [UI Rule #1])
- o- **R-eliability** (~ always works when the user needs it)
- o- **P-erformance** (AKA Efficiency) (**fast**, small, frugal)
- o- **S-upportability** (AKA Maintainability) (easy to **find/fix/extend**)

**Quality Concepts****ISO 9126 S/W Quality Factors [nox]**

- o-- NB, **ISO** == Internation Stds Org; **ANSI** == American National Stds Institute
- FURPS + **Portability [nox]** (to another CPU, OS, Framework, Platform, Language)
- o- Was superseded a few years ago (now with 30+ ilities, and counting) (**ISO 25010**) [nox]

**oXX. (S/W) Review Techniques p 325**

- o- *“The later you find a mistake/defect, the costlier the fix.”*
- Kinds, reviews for coding: (usuallly by team mgmt, of junior coders)
- o- **desk check**: informal, **by yourself**, go over the code, try to find mistakes (design & code)
- o- **walk-through**: formal, go over the code w/ 3-6 onlookers, (“Action Items”) task issues to be fixed
  - o-- time-consuming (3-6 staff for, say, an hour), so expensive
- o- **inspection** (Gilb 1993 nox): formal, go over randomized (say ~ 20%) (statistical) sample of code, pass if no issues in sample – (\*) saves time
  - \*\* Some people use “walk-through” and “inspection” as **synonyms**
- \*- XP's (1993) **pair pgmg** has built-in "continuous review" (two heads at one desk/screen/kybd)
  - o-- Key Pbm with Pair Pgmg == Mgmt: paying two people to do the work of one?
- \*- **"Lessons Learned" after project** (AKA Post-mortem analysis)
  - o-- to improve processes for next project
- o- **Agile “retrospective”**, after each “sprint” (AKA devel period)
  - o-- “velocity” (Team feature dev “speed”, in story pts per time) & quality, stats
  - o-- story points, estim: (should have error bars), trend line
  - o-- workflow hiccups (what went wrong)
  - o-- umbrella/admin issues // outside S/W dev team
  - o-- big **tech debt** issues (**Tech debt** is stuff you saw that **needs to be cleanup**, but wasn't)

**oXX. SW Quality Assurance p 339**

SQA == **SW Quality Assurance** (often a dept in a big S/W organization)

**Goal**: that stds/policies/SW-Dev-procedures are actually followed

**Audits**: **Reviews** are called “Audits”

**Testing**: \*\* To find errors (Mindset: “**Break it**”)

SQA checks test planning, test execution processes, and test result docs, & coding stds being followed, ...

(\*) **Improve via measurement**

"To measure is to know." [nox]

"If you can not measure it, you can not improve it." [nox]

Q: What are you not measuring?

Q: Can your measurements **predict reliably**? (most S/W measurements don't)

o- We collect measurements to predict the future (with error bars)

Q: What % of devr time do your measurements **take away from productivity**? (a reason for doing less meas'g)

Q: Is it simple to measure, or costly?

Std things to measure:

**LOC/SLOC** (KLOC/KSLOC) = **Lines of Code**, or Source Lines of Code, K = thousand

(usually has big error bars – 3x?)

**Function Points** (> 4 params; need 100s of hours to learn to do it well; used for up-front BUFD estimates)

“With 4 parameters, I can model an elephant; with a 5<sup>th</sup> parameter, I can make the elephant dance.”

– John von Neumann (the Martian)

**Cyclomatic Complexity** (how many cycles/loops are in the program; done for a “unit” of code, or a fcn)

o-- “Unit” of code = one person, dev from 1 to 20 days (3 weeks)

o- Works for small fcns, mostly

o- Used as a measure of how complicated a Unit's design is – in a code review

**Cyclomatic Cplxty**

Created by McCabe, hence denoted “M”

o- Normal counting via “MEN2” →  **$M = E - N + 2$**

N = nodes (AKA straight-line code segments; AKA “Basic Blocks”)

o-- Node **ends** with A) a **branch** stmt (2+ ways out), or B) a “**return/exit**” stmt

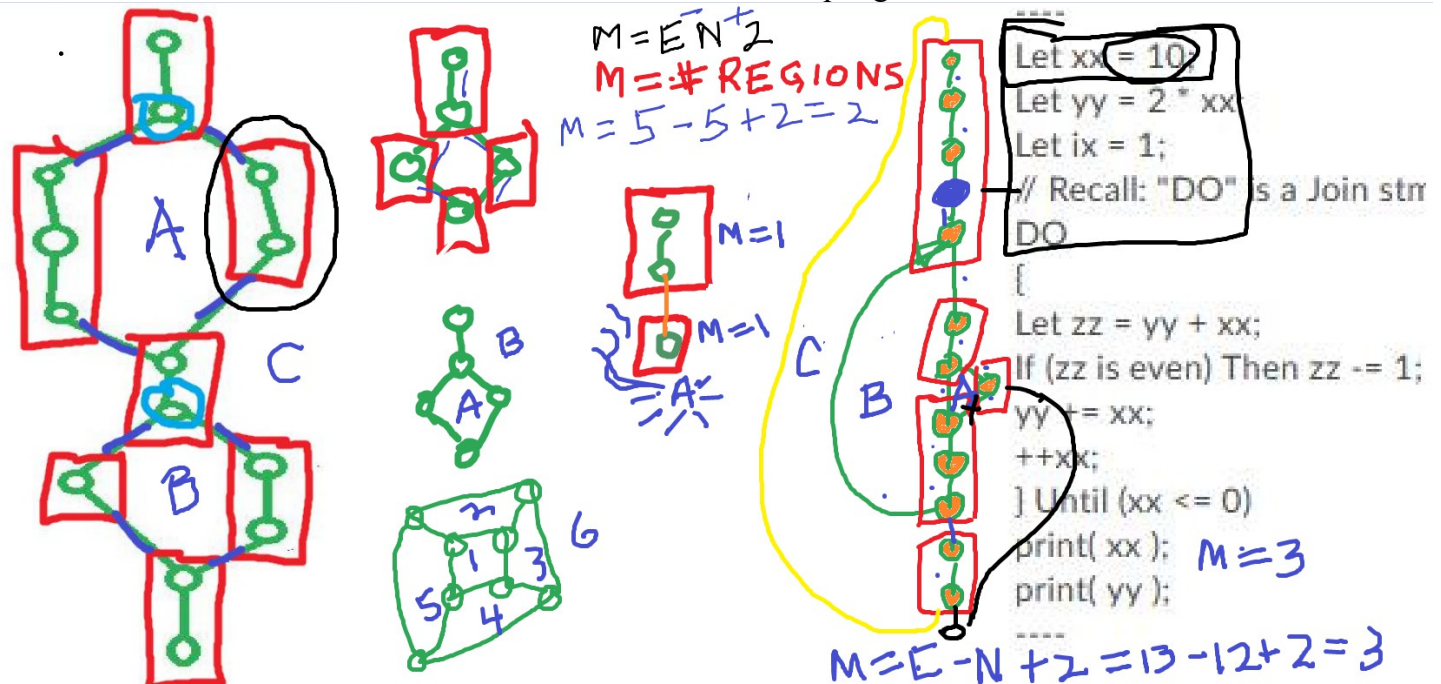
o-- Node **starts** with A) an “**entry point**” (first) stmt or B) a “**fan-in**” or “**join**” stmt

E = edges between “nodes”

o- Alt: [what I use] Count the number of planar graph regions – you can “eyeball” it

o- Loop back up to a node is just an edge splitting at the loop bottom and joining at the loop top

o- Personal variation – Allow well-formed switches as one loop/region



Q: What's the Cyclomatic Complexity of this piece of code?

```
if (edges == 0 || subsets == 0) print("Warn Conga #1");
gInsertions += np;
if (hms == 0) {
  ..hms = 1;
  ..unsigned long n = np;
  ..while (n > 2) {
    ....n /= 2;
    ....hms++;
    ....}
  ..}
if (hms == 1) print("Warn Conga #2");
if (hms > MaxCongaSubsets) print("Warn Conga #3");
how_many_subsets = hms;
subset_sizes.Allocate(hms);
```