13. Architecture Systems

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The Ladder of Component and Composition **Systems Software Aspect Systems View Systems** Composition Systems Composition Composition **Aspect Separation** Operators Language **Composition Filters Invasive Composition** Aspect/J Hyperslices Metaclass Composition Piccola COSY Darwin **Architecture Systems Architecture as Aspect ACME** Classical .NET CORBA **Standard Components Component Systems** Beans EJB Objects as **Object-Oriented Systems** Java **Run-Time Components** Modules as Compile-



A Basic Rule for Design

... is to focus at one problem at a time and to forget about others

Time Components

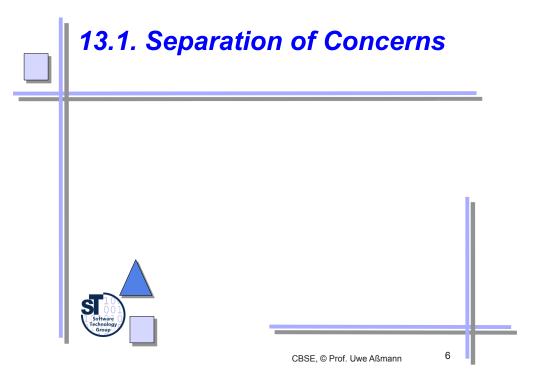
- Abstraction is neglecting unnecessary detail
- Display and consider only essential information
- Heuristic Separation of Concerns (SoC)
 - Different concepts should be separated so that they can be specified independently
 - Every separated concept neglects unnecessary details
 - Dimensional specification: Specify a system from different viewpoints and abstract for every viewpoint from unnecessary details
- ▶ An Example of SoC: Separate Policy and Mechanism
 - Mechanism:
 - . The way how to technically realize a solution
 - Policy:

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- . The way how to parameterize the realization of a solution
- Objective: vary policy independently from mechanism

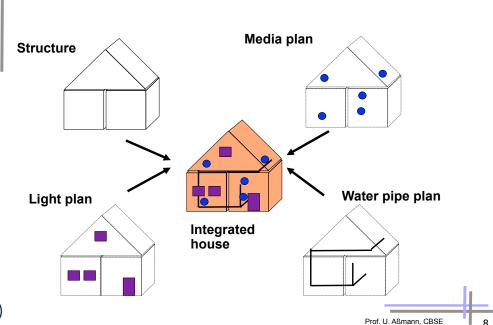


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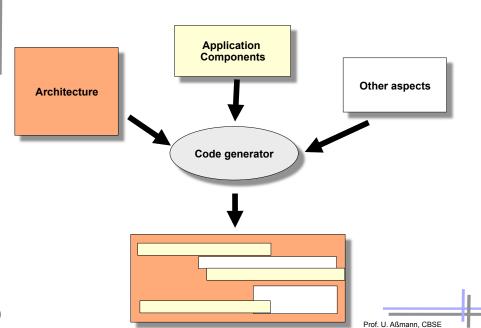
Aspects in Architecture as an Example of SoC







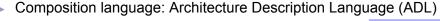








- Architecture Systems advance in all three criteria groups for composition systems
- Component model
 - Binding points: Ports
 - Transfer (carrier) of the communication is transparent
 - Hierarchical components by encapsulation
- Composition technique
 - Adaptation and glue code by connectors
 - Aspect separation: application and communication are separated
 - . Topology (with whom?)
 - . Carrier (how?)
 - Scalability (distribution, binding time with dynamic architectures)
 - Architectural skeletons as composition operators







The 4-View to Software Architecture

- ► Hofmeister/Sony/Nord [Applied Software Architecture]
- Software architecture consists of 4 views
 - logical view (conceptual view)
 - specifies the functional requirements and structure, in a component-connector ADL, metamodelled in UML
 - process view
 - specifies non-functional features as performance, reliability, fault tolerance, parallelism, division in processes.
 - development view
 - specifies the file organisation the modules, libraries, subsystems, the static structure the software in the development environment
 - physical view (run-time view)
 - specifies the mapping of the software to the hardware, distribution, processes, etc., and the runtime execution structure
- For all these views, architecture diagrams can be made in different modelling languages



But until now, no architecture system supports these 4 levels; most of them support 1

13.2 Elements of Architecture Description Languages

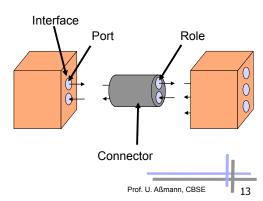


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Component Model in Architecture Systems

- Ports abstract interface points (event channels, methods)
 - Ports specify the data-flow into and out of a component .in(data) .out(data)
 - Ports abstract from the concrete carrier
- Connectors are special communication components
 - Connectors are attached to ports
 - Can be binary or n-ary
 - Connector end is called a role
 - A role fits only to certain types of ports (typing)







Composite Ports (Services)

- Ports can be atomic or composite (structured)
 - ▶ A *service* is a structured port (groups of ports)
- A data service is a tuple of atomic ports:

```
[in(data), ..., in(data), out(data), ..., out(data)]
```

A call port is a synchronous input/output composite, singular port with one out-port, the return

```
[in(data), ..., in(data), out(data)]
```

[in(data), out(data)]

A property service is a synchronous singular data service to access component attributes, i.e., a simple tuple of in and out ports









- Ports are
 - **Synchronous** or **asynchronous** (partner has to wait or not)
 - **Singular** or **continuous** (communication can take place once or many times)
 - Atomic or composite
 - Provided or required
- **Input data ports** are synchronous or asynchronous: in(data)
 - get(data) aka receive(data): Synchronous in-port, taking in one data
 - testAndGet(data): Asynchronous in-port, taking in one data, if it is available
- Output data ports are synchronous or asynchronous: out(data)
 - set(data): Synchronous out-port, putting out one data, waiting until acknowledge
 - put(data) aka send(data): Asynchronous out port, putting out one data, not waiting until acknowledge
- Stream ports (channels): continuous data port (Design Pattern Iterator)
- **Event port**: asynchronous continuous data port





Required and Provided Ports

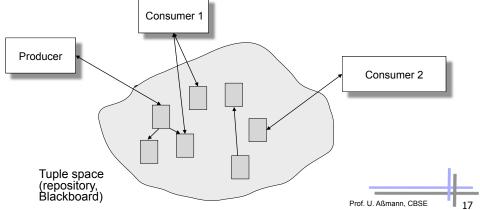
- A port is **provided**, if the component offers its implementation for external use
- A port is **required**, if the component needs an implementation for it from another component in the external world





Tuple Space Architectures

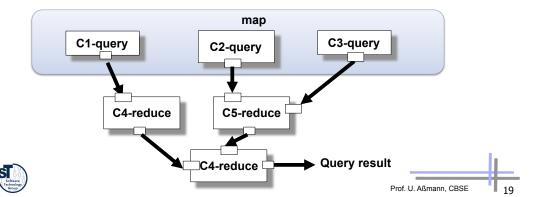
- Based on data ports, components can communicate via tuples of data, emitting and receiving from a tuple space
 - Repository offers data objects (material) with data ports
 - Active components work (tools) on the material
- Data in tuple spaces can be untyped, or typed by a data definition language (DDL) (see course "Softwarewerkzeuge")





Composition Operators

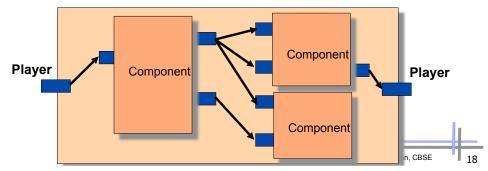
- An architectural skeleton is a coordination scheme for a set of components superimposing
 - a topology of connectors
 - their encapsulation to a new component
- Example: the Map-Reduce Skeleton (Google) for searching
 - Divide-and-conquer, partition, zip, serialize, ...





Hierarchic Architectures

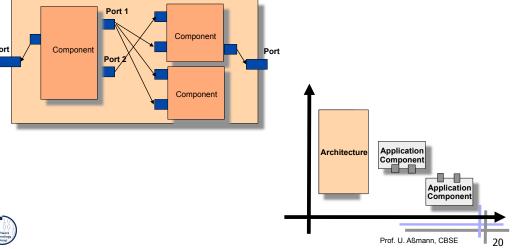
- Components can be connected by **connectors**
 - Then, the tuple space is split into communication channels, avoiding bottleneck
 - Protocols are hidden
- Components can be nested by an encapsulation operator so that architectures become reducible structures (fractal-like zoom-in/out)
 - The operation "encapsulate" hides encapsulated components in an outer component
 - Ports of outer components are called *players*
 - Connectors from players to ports of inner components are called *delegation connectors*
 - A topology is the network of connectors and ports within a component





Architecture can be Exchanged Independently of Components

- Reuse of components and architectures is fundamentally improved
- Two dimensions of reuse
 - Architecture and components can be reused independently of each other



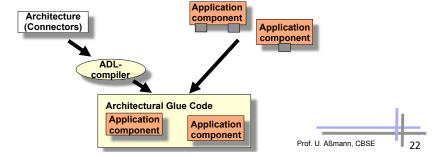


Connectors Provide Adaptation, Glueing and **Connection** Connectors can stack adapters onto each other Adaptation Adaptation and Connection Adaptation, Glueing and Connection **Connectors are Abstract Communication Buses** Server component Client **Port** component Port Port Role Role Connector Prof. U. Aßmann, CBSE



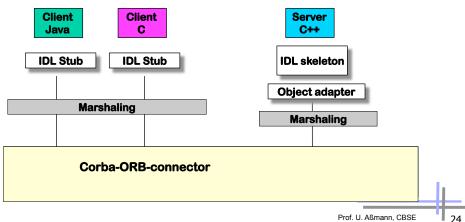
Connectors Generate Architectural Code

- Glue- and adapter code from connectors, skeletons, and ADLspecifications
 - Mapping of the protocols of the components to each other
- Simulations of architectures:
 - Test dummies and mocks (dummies with protocol machines)
 - The architecture can be created first and tested standalone
 - Analysis of run-time possible (if those of components are known)
- Test cases for architectures





But we know that already from Corba

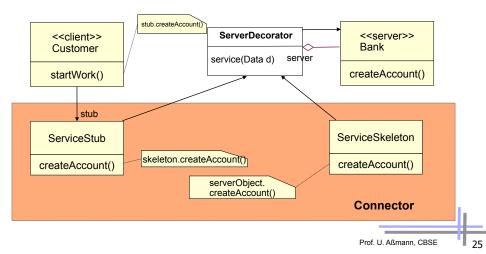






The Connector Pattern (Rept.)

- Client and server are connected via a layer of stubs and skeletons (the connector)
- ▶ The connector consists of two decorators of the server
- Decorator chain is inherited.







CORBA is a Simple Architecture System with Restricted Connectors

- Corba:
- Client and service components
- ORB client side, server side
- Marshalling, proxy, Stub, Skeleton,
 Object Adapter
- Interfaces in IDL (not abstracted to ports)
- static call
- dynamic call
- connectors always binary
- Events, callbacks, persistence as services (cannot be exchanged to other communications)

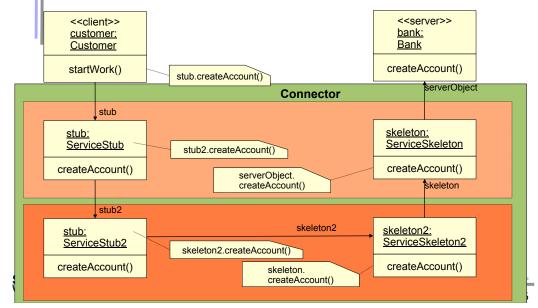
- > Architecture System:
- Components
- Connectors
- Roles
- Ports
- procedure call connector (also distributed)
- dynamic reconfigurable connectors (e.g., in Darwin)
- connectors n-ary
- All these as connectors (can be exchanged to other communications)





More Layers are Possible in a Decorator-Connector

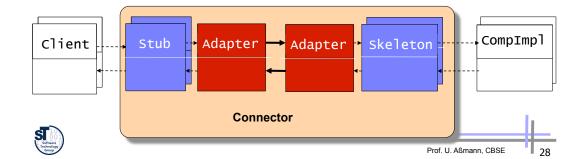
More decorators can be stuffed into the connector in additional layers:





Most Commercial Component Systems Provide Restricted Forms of Connectors

- It turns out that most commercial component systems do not offer connectors as explicit modelling concepts, but
 - offer communication mechanisms that can be encapsulated into a connector component
 - For instance, CORBA remote connections can be packed into connectors



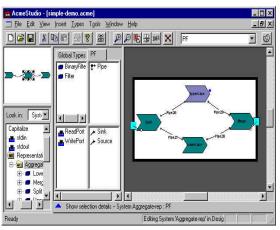


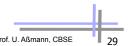


Architecture Systems

- Unicon [Shaw 95]
- Darwin [Kramer 92]
- Rapide [Luckham95]
- C2 [Medvedovic]
- Wright [Garlan/Allen]
- CoSy [Aßmann/Alt/ vanSomeren 94]
- Modelica <u>http://www.modelica.org</u>, equation-based connectors

- Aesop [Garlan95]
- ACME [Garlan97]:









Reference Architectures

- A reference architecture is a template or framework of an architecture, most often for a particular application domain.
 - It uses a predominant architectural style
 - Strong emphasis on architectural design rules
 - Can be instantiated or derived to a concrete architecture
 - Often used in product families
- ➤ Later, we will see how generic programming and view-based programming can be used to specify reference architectures







The Composition Language: ADL

- Architecture language (architectural description language, ADL)
- ADL-compiler generating code for connectors and skeletons
 - ADL graphic and textual editors: simple specification
 - The architecture is a reducible graph with all its advantages
 - The reducibility of the architecture allows for simple overview, evolution, and documentation
 - XML-Readers/Writers for ADL
- An **architecture style** employs for a system or a layer only particular architectural concepts [Garlan/Shaw: Software Architecture]:
 - particular composition operators (connectors, skeletons, ...)
 - particular communication carriers or topologies
 - Obeys specific architectural rules, often specified in logic
 - Ex.: Pipe-and-filter style, repository style, call-based style, event-driven architecture, 3-tier architecture, and many more



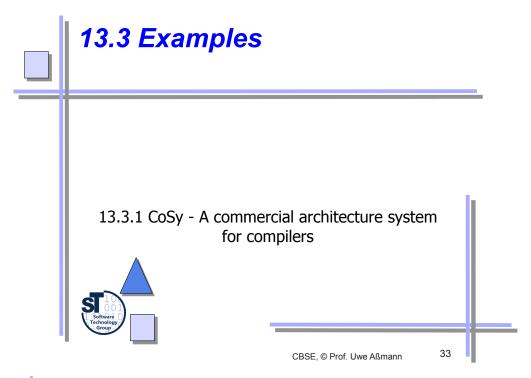


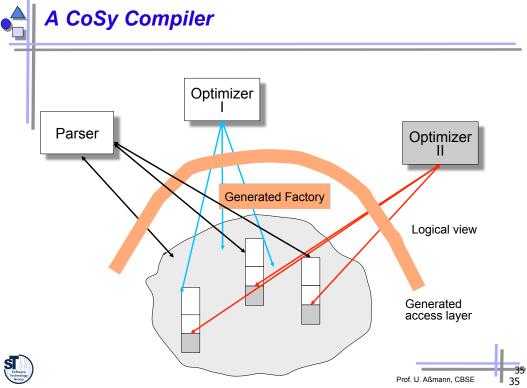
What ADL Offer for the Software Process

- Requirements specification
 - · Client can understand the architecture graphics well
 - Architectural styles classify the nature of a system (similar to design patterns)
- Design support
 - Visual and textual views to the software resp. the design
 - Refinement of architectures (stepwise design, design to several levels)
 - Design of product families
 - . A reference architecture fixes the commonalities of the product line
 - . The components express the variability
- Validation
 - Consistency checking tools for consistency of architectures
 - Type checking: are all ports bound? Do all protocols fit?
 - Does the architecture corresponds to a certain style ?
 - Does the architecture fit to a reference architecture?
 - Checking, analysing deadlock, liveness, fairness checking

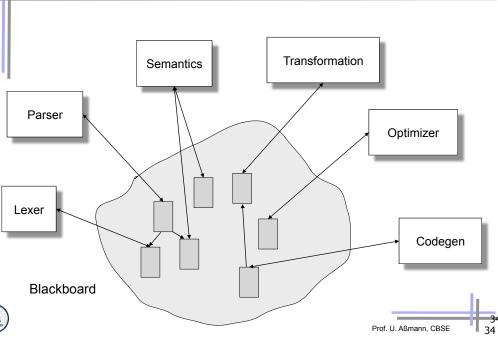




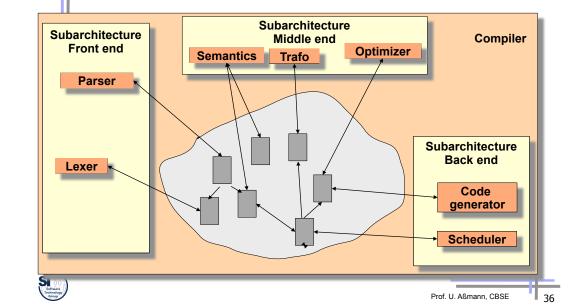








Hierarchical Components in the Repository
Style (CoSy)





Example from EDL (Engine Description Language)

- Component classes (engine class)
- Component instances (engines)
- Basic components are implemented in C
- Interaction schemes form complex connectors
 - SEQUENTIAL
 - PIPELINE
 - DATAPARALLEL
 - SPECULATIVE
- EDL can embed automatically
 - Single-call-components into pipes
 - p<> means a pipe p
 - EDL can map their protocols to each other (p vs p<>)

```
ENGINE CLASS compiler (file f) {
    .... Token token;
    Modules m;

PIPELINE
    // lexer takes file, delivers token pipe
    lexer(IN f, OUT token<>);
    // Parser delivers a module
    parser(IN token<>, OUT m);
    sema(m);
    decompose(m,p<>);
    // here comes a Pipe of procedures
    // from the module
    optimizer(p<>);
    backend(p<>);
```

ENGINE CLASS optimzer (procedure p) {

commonSubExprEliminator cse;

PIPELINE cfa(p); cse(p); lvs(p);

loopVariableSimplifier lvs;

controlflowAnalyser cfa;





Evaluation of CoSy

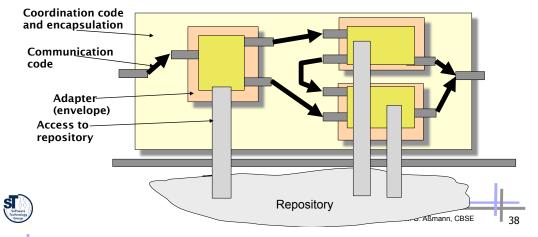


- CoSy realizes hierarchical repositories
- The outer call layers of the compiler are generated from the ADL
- Seguential and parallel implementation can be exchanged
- There is also a non-commercial prototype [Martin Alt: On Parallel Compilation. PhD Dissertation Universität Saarbrücken])
- Access layer to the repository is efficient (solved by generation of macros)
- Because of views a CoSy-compiler is very simply extensible
 - That's why it is expensive
 - Reconfiguration of a compiler within an hour



Hierarchical Repository Style

- CoSy generates for every component an adapter (envelope, container),
 - that maps the protocol of the component to that of the environment
 - Coordination, communication, encapsulation and access to the repository are generated





13.3.2 UNICON

UNICON supports

- Components in C
- Simple and user-defined connectors

Design Goals

- Uniform access to a large set of connections
- Check of architectures (connections) with analysis tools should be possible
- Both Graphics and Text
- Reuse of existing legacy components











Description of Components and Connectors in UNICON

- Name
- Interface (component) resp. protocol (connector)
- Type
 - component: modules, computation, SeqFile, Filter, process, general
 - connectors: Pipe, FileIO, procedureCall, DataAccess, PLBandler, RPC, RTScheduler
- Global assertions in form of a feature list (property list)
- Collection of
 - Players for components (for ports and port mappings for components of different nesting layers)
 - Roles for connectors
- The UNICON-compiler generates
 - Odin-Files from components and connectors. Odin is an extended Makefile
 - Connection code





Supported Role Types For Connector Types

- Pipe:
 - Source fits to Filter.StreamOut, SeqFile.ReadNext
 - Sink fits to Filter.StreamIn, SegFile.WriteNext
- FileIO:
 - Reader fits to modules.ReadFile
 - Readee fits to SeqFile.ReadNext
 - Writer fits to Modules.WriteFile
 - Writee fits to SegFile.WriteNext
- ProcedureCall:
 - Definer fits to (Computation) Modules).RoutineDef
 - User fits to (SharedData| Computation| Modules).GlobalDataUse

- PLBandler:
 - Participant fits to PLBandle, RoutineDef, RoutineCall, GlobalDataUse, GlobalDataDef
- RPC
 - Definer fits to (Process| Schedprocess).RPCDef
 - User fits to (Process| Schedprocess).RPCCall
- RTScheduler
 - Load fits to Schedprocess.RTLoad





- Modules:
 - RoutineDef, RoutineCall, GlobalDataDef, GlobalDataUse, PLBandle, ReadFile, WriteFile
- Computation:
 - RoutineDef, RoutineCall, GlobalDataUse, PLBandle
- SharedData:
 - GlobalDataDef, GlobalDataUse, PLBandle
- SeqFile:
 - ReadNext, WriteNext

- Filter:
 - StreamIn, StreamOut
- Process:
 - RPCDef, RPCCall
- Schedprocess:
 - RPCDef, RPCCall, RTLoad
- General:
 - All







A "Modules" Component

INTERFACE IS

TYPE modules

LIBRARY

PLAYER timeget IS RoutineDef SIGNATURE ("new_type"; "void") END timeget PLAYER timeshow IS RoutineDef SIGNATURE (; "void") END timeshow

END INTERFACE











A Filter

COMPONENT Reverser INTERFACE IS

TYPE Filter

PLAYER input IS StreamIn SIGNATURE ("line") PORTBINDING (stdin) END input PLAYER output IS StreamOut SIGNATURE ("line") PORTBINDING (stdout) END output PLAYER error IS StreamOut SIGNATURE ("line") PORTBINDING (stderr) END error END INTERFACE

IMPLEMENTATION IS

/* Component instantiations are declared below. */
USES reverse INTERFACE Reverse
USES stack INTERFACE Stack
USES libc INTERFACE Libc
USES datause protocol C-shared-data

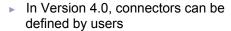
/* We will use <establish> statements for the procedure call connections (next page) */

/* Now for the configuration of connectors to players */
/* CONNECTs bind ports to roles */
CONNECT reverse._iob TO datause.user
CONNECT libc._iob TO datause.definer
END IMPLEMENTATION END Reverser









- However, the extension of the compilers is complex:
 - a delegation class has to be developed,
 - the semantic analysis,
 - and the architecture analysis must be supported.

CONNECTOR C-proc-call protocol IS
TYPE procedureCall
ROLE definer IS Definer
ROLE callr IS Callr
END protocol
IMPLEMENTATION IS BUILTIN
END IMPLEMENTATION
END C-proc-call

CONNECTOR C-shared-data protocol IS
TYPE DataAccess
ROLE definer IS Definer
ROLE user IS User
END protocol
IMPLEMENTATION IS BUILTIN
END IMPLEMENTATION
END C-shared-data

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/* Establish connections ESTABLISHs bind connectors to ports */

ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.stack_init AS caller stack.stack_init AS definer END C-proc-call ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.stack_is_empty AS caller stack.stack_is_empty AS definer END C-proc-call

ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.push AS callr stack.push AS definer END C-proc-call ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.pop AS callr stack.pop AS definer END C-proc-call ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.exit AS callr libc.exit AS definer END C-proc-call ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.fgets AS callr libc.fgets AS definer END C-proc-call ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.fprintf AS callr libc.fprintf AS definer END C-proc-call ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.malloc AS callr libc.malloc AS definer END C-proc-call ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.strtepy AS callr libc.strtepy AS definer END C-proc-call ESTABLISH C-proc-call WITH reverse.strten AS callr libc.strten AS definer END C-proc-call

/* Lastly, we bind the players in the interface

to players in the implementation. Remember, it is okay to omit the bind of player "error." */ BIND input TO ABSTRACTION MAPSTO (reverse fgets) END input

BIND output TO ABSTRACTION MAPSTO (reverse fprintf) END output

END IMPLEMENTATION

END Reverser







Attachment of External Libraries

COMPONENT Libc
INTERFACE IS
TYPE modules
LIBRARY PLAYER exit IS RoutineDef
SIGNATURE ("int"; "void") END exit PLAYER fgets IS RoutineDef
SIGNATURE ("int"; "void") END exit PLAYER fgets IS RoutineDef
SIGNATURE ("char *", "int", "struct _iobuf *"; "char *") END fgets PLAYER fprintf IS RoutineDef
SIGNATURE ("struct _iobuf *", "char *", "char *"; "int") END fprintf PLAYER malloc IS RoutineDef
SIGNATURE ("unsigned"; "char *") END malloc PLAYER strcpy IS RoutineDef
SIGNATURE ("char *", "char *"; "char *") END strcpy PLAYER strlen IS RoutineDef
SIGNATURE ("char *", "int") END strlen PLAYER _iwhether IS GlobalDataDef
SIGNATURE ("struct _iobuf *") END _iwhether END INTERFACE

IMPLEMENTATION IS
VARIANT libc IN "-lc"
IMPLTYPE (ObjectLibrary)
END libc
END IMPLEMENTATION
END Libc



A Component with GUI-Annotations

COMPONENT KWIC

INTERFACE IS

TYPE Filter PLAYER input IS StreamIn

SIGNATURE ("line") PORTBINDING (stdin) END input PLAYER output IS StreamOut SIGNATURE ("line") PORTBINDING (stdout) END output PLAYER error IS StreamOut

SIGNATURE ("line") PORTBINDING (stderr) END error

END INTERFACE

IMPLEMENTATION IS

GUI-SCREEN-SIZE ("(lis :real-width 800 :width-unit "" :real-height 350 :height-unit "")")

DIRECTORY ("(lis "/usr/examples/ upcase.uni" "/usr/examples/cshift.uni"

"/usr/examples/ data.uni" "/usr/examples/converge.uni"

"/usr/examples/ sort.uni" "/usr/examples/unix-pipe.uni"

"/usr/examples/ reverse-f.uni")")

USES caps INTERFACE upcase

GUI-SCREEN-POSITION ("(lis :position (@pos 68 123) :player-positions (lis

(cons "input" (cons `left 0.5)) (cons "error" (cons `right 0.6625)) (cons "output" (cons `right 0.3375))))")

END caps (remaining definition owithted)

END IMPLEMENTATION

END KWIC

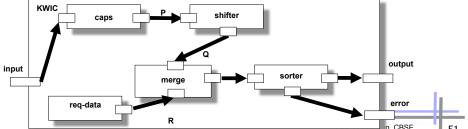






- KWIC is a compound component KWIC
 - Works in a pipe-and-filter style
 - PLAYER definitions define ports of the outer component
 - . stream input port input
 - and two output ports output and error
 - BIND statements connect ports from outer components to ports of inner components (delegation connectors)
 - USES definitions create instances of components and connectors
 - CONNECT statements connect connectors to ports at their roles

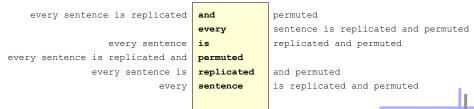
- Components
 - caps: replicates the sentences as necessary
 - shifter: permutes the generated sentences
- req-data: provides some data to the merge component
- merge: join, piping the generated data to the component
- sorter: sorts the shifted sentences







- Example from UniCon distribution:
- "Keyword in Context" problem (KWIC)
 - The KWIC problem is one of the 10 model problems of architecture systems
 - Proposed by Parnas to illustrate advantages of different designs [Parnas72]
 - For a text, a KWIC algorithm produces a permuted index
 - every sentence is replicated and permuted in its words, i.e., the words are shifted from left to right
 - every first word of a permutation is entered into an alphabetical index, the permuted index





KWIC in Text

COMPONENT KWIC /* This is the interface of KWIC with in- and output ports */ INTERFACE IS TYPE Filter PLAYER input IS StreamIn SIGNATURE ("line") PORTBINDING (stdin) END input PLAYER output IS StreamOut SIGNATURE ("line") PORTBINDING (stdout) END output **END INTERFACE** IMPLEMENTATION IS /* Here come the component definitions */ USES caps INTERFACE upcase END caps USES shifter INTERFACE cshift USES reg-data INTERFACE const-data END reg-data USES merge INTERFACE converge END merge USES sorter INTERFACE sort /* Here come the connector definitions */ USES P PROTOCOL Unix-pipe END P

USES Q PROTOCOL Unix-pipe END Q

USES R PROTOCOL Unix-pipe END R

Here come the connections */ BIND input TO caps.input TO P.source CONNECT caps.output CONNECT shifter.input CONNECT shifter.output TO Q.source CONNECT reg-data.read TO R.source CONNECT merge.in1 TO R.sink CONNECT merge.in2 TO Q.sink /* Syntactic sugar is provided for complete connections */ ESTABLISH Unix-pipe WITH merge.output AS source sorter.input AS sink END Unix-pipe BIND output TO sorter.output END IMPLEMENTATION END KWIC

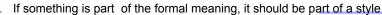
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Architectural Style Rules with Aesop and ACME

- Connectors are first class language elements, i.e., can be defined by users
 - Connectors are classes which can be refined by inheritance from system connectors
- Aesop supports the definition of architectural styles with fables
 - Architectural styles obey rules (logic constraints)
 - Editor for architectural styles edits design rules
 - . A design rule is a code fragment by which a class extends a method of a super class. Has:
 - A pre-check that helps control whether the method should be run or not.
 - A post-action
- Design Environments
 - A design environment tailored to a particular architectural style.
 - It includes a set of policies about the style
 - A set of tools that work in harmony with the style, visualization information

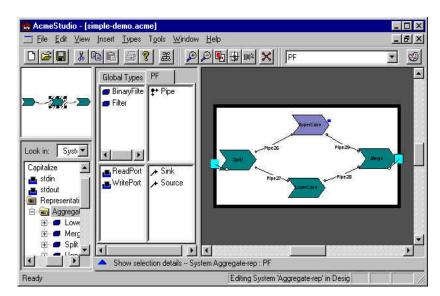








ACME Studio as Graphic Environment







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ACME (CMU)

- ACME is an exchange language (exchange format), to which different ADL can be mapped (UNICON, Aesop,..).
- It consists of abstract syntax specification
 - Similar to feature terms (terms with attributes).
 - With inheritance

```
Features
Template SystemIO (): Connector {
Connector {
  Roles: { source = SystemIORole();
          sink = SystemIORole()
  properties: { blockingtype = non-blocking;
              Aesop-style = subroutine-call
```



Example ACME Pipe/Filter-Family

```
// Extend the basic filter type with a subclass (inheritance)
// Describe a simple pipe-filter family. This family
                                                         // Instances of UnixFilterT will have all of the properties and
// definition demonstrates Acme's ability to specify
                                                         // ports of instances of FilterT, plus a port and an
// a family of architectures as well as individual
                                                         // implementationFile property
// architectural instances.
                                                          Component Type UnixFilterT extends FilterT with {
                                                              Port stther;
// An Acme family includes the a set of component,
                                                               property implementationFile: String;
// connector, port and
// role types that define the design vocabulary
// provided by the family.
                                                          // Declare the pipe connector type. Like component types,
                                                          // a connector type aso describes required structure.
Family PipeFilterFam = {
                                                           Connector Type PipeT = {
 // Declare component types
 // A component type definition in Acme allows you to
                                                              Roles { source; sink; };
                                                              property bufferSize : int;
 // to define the structure required by the type.
 // This structure
                                                           // Declare some property types that can be used by systems
 // is defined using the same syntax as an instance
                                                           // designed for the PipeFilterFam family
 // of a component.
                                                           property Type StringMsgFormatT = Record [ size:int; msg:String; ];
 Component Type FilterT = {
                                                           property Type TasksT = enin order to {sort, transform, split, merge};
     // All filters define at least two ports
     Ports { stdin; stdout; };
     property throughput : int;
```







Instance of an ACME System

```
// Declare non-family property types thas will be used by this system
property Type ShapeT = enum order to { rect, oval, roand-rect, line, arrow };
property Type ColorT = enum order to { black, blue, green, yellow, red, white };
property Type VisualizationT = Record [x, y, width, height : int;
                        shape : ShapeT; color : ColorT; ];
                                                                    // Associate a value with the implementationFile property
// Describe an instance of a system using the PipeFilterFam family.
                                                                    // that comes with the UnixFilterT type.
System simplePF : PipeFilterFam = {
                                                                       Component showTracks : UnixFilterT =
 // Declare the components to be used in this design.
                                                                             new UnixFilterT extended with {
  // the component smooth has a visualization added
  Component smooth : FilterT = new FilterT extended with {
                                                                          property viz : VisualizationT = [x = 400; y = 30; width = 100;
     property viz: VisualizationT = [x = 20; y = 30; width = 100;
                                                                                         height = 75; shape = rect; color = black ];
                         height = 75; shape = rect; color = black ];
                                                                          property implementationFile: String
                                                                                 = "IMPL HOME/showTracks.c";
  // detectErrors has a visualization added, as well as a
  // representation thas refers by name to a system that is
  // defined elsewhere
  Component detectErrors: FilterT = new FilterT extended with {
                                                                       // Declare the system's connectors.
     property viz: VisualizationT = [x = 200; y = 30; width = 100;
                                                                       Connector firstPipe : PipeT;
                   height = 75; shape = rect; color = black ];
                                                                       Connector secondPipe : PipeT;
     Representation r = {
      System showTracksSubsystem = {
                                                                       // Declare the system's attachments/topology.
         port stdout; port stdin;
                                                                       Attachment smooth.stdout to firstPipe.source;
         // ... the rest of the system description is ellided...
                                                                       Attachment detectErrors.stdin to firstPipe.sink;
      Bindings {
                                                                       Attachment detectErrors.stdout to secondPipe.source;
         stdout to showTracksSubsystem.stdout;
                                                                       Attachment showTracks.stdin to secondPipe.sink;
         stdin to showTracksSubsystem.stdin;
```



London Ambulance System in ACME

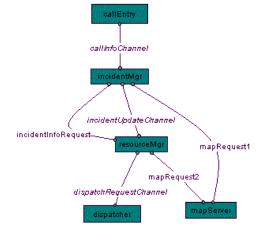
```
property Type FlowDirectionT = enin order to { from2to,
Connector Type MessagePassChannelT = {
                                                                Component dispatcher = { Port
    Roles { fromRole; toRole; };
    property msgFlow : FlowDirectionT;
                                                                receiveDispatchRequest; };
                                                                 Component mapServer = {
Connector Type RPC_T = { Roles { clientEnd; serverEnd; } };
                                                                    Ports { requestPort1; requestPort2; }
// Instance based example - simple LAS architecture:
                                                                 // declare system connectors
// declare system components (none of which are typed)
                                                                 // message passing connectors
System LAS = {
                                                                 Connector callInfoChannel: MessagePassChannelT = {
 Component calintry = { Port sendCallMsg; };
                                                                    Roles { fromRole; toRole; }
 Component incidentMgr = {
                                                                    property msqFlow: FlowDirectionT = from2to;
   Ports { mapRequest; incidentInfoRequests:
        sendIncidentInfo; receiveCallMsg; }
                                                                 Connector incidentUpdateChannel:
                                                                MessagePassChannelT = {
  Component resourceMgr = {
    Ports { mapRequest; incidentInfoRequest;
                                                                    Roles { fromRole; toRole; }
        receiveIncidentInfo; sendDispatchRequest; }
                                                                    property msgFlow: FlowDirectionT = from2to:
 // RPC connnectors
                                                                 Connector dispatchRequestChannel:
 Connector incidentInfoRequest : RPC T = {
                                                                MessagePassChannelT = {
    Roles { clientEnd; serverEnd; }
                                                                    Roles { fromRole: toRole: }
  Connector mapRequest1 : RPC T = {
                                                                    property msgFlow: FlowDirectionT = from2to;
    Roles { clientEnd; serverEnd; }
  Connector mapRequest2 : RPC T = {
    Roles { clientEnd: serverEnd: }
```



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// incidentInfoPath attachments Attachments { // calls to incident manager callntry.sendCallMsq to callInfoChannel.fromRole: incidentMgr.mapRequest to mapRequest1.clientEnd; incidentMgr.receiveCallMsg to callInfoChannel.toRole; // incident updates to resource manager incidentMgr.sendIncidentInfo to incidentUpdateChannel.fromRole: resourceMgr.receiveIncidentInfo to incidentUpdateChannel.toRole; // dispatch requests to dispatcher resourceMgr.sendDispatchRequest to dispatchRequestChannel.fromRole: dispatcher.receiveDispatchRequest

to dispatchRequestChannel.toRole;

// rpcRequests attachments Attachments {

// calls to map server

mapServer.requestPort1 to mapRequest1.serverEnd; resourceMar.mapRequest to mapRequest2.clientEnd: mapServer.requestPort2 to mapRequest2.serverEnd; // incident info from incident mgr resourceMgr.incidentInfoReguest to incidentInfoRequest.clientEnd; incidentMgr.incidentInfoReguests to incidentInfoRequest.serverEnd;





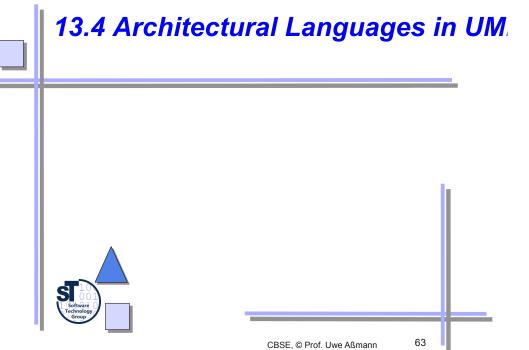


13.3.4 Darwin (Imperial College)

- Components
 - Primitive and composed
 - Components can be recursively specified or iterated by index range
 - Components can be parameterized
- Ports
 - In, out (required, provided)
 - Ports can be bound implicitly and in sets
- Several versions available (C++, Java)
- Graphic or textual edits

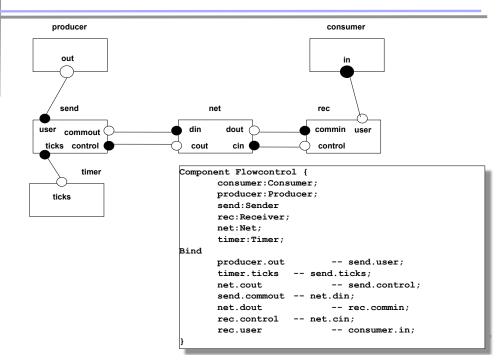








Simple Producer/Consumer





Architecture Languages in UML

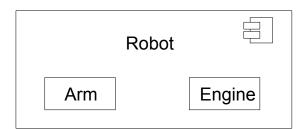
- "I have to learn UML, how should I also learn an ADL??"
 - Learning curve for the standard developer
 - Standard tools? Development environments?
- ▶ The Hofmeister Model of Architecture Description
 - [Soni/Nord/Hofmeister] is the first article that has propagated the idea of specifying and architecture language with UML
 - Conceptual level: Conceptual architecture (components, connectors)
 - Modules interconnection architecture (modules and their connections)
 - Execution architecture: runtime architecture
 - Code architecture level: division of systems onto files
- Describe every views in UML with profiles
 - UML allows the definition of stereotypes
 - Model connectors and ports, modules, runtime components with stereotypes
 - . Map them to icons, so that the UML specification looks similar to a specification in a architecture system





Components in UML 2.0

- Idea has been taken over by UML 2.0:
 - "a component is a self-contained unit that encapsulates the state and behavior of a number of classifiers.
 - ... A component specifies a formal contract of services
 - .. Has provided and required interfaces..."
 - Components can be nested
 - A delegation connector maps external interfaces to components
- Difference to UML classes:
 - The features of a component are provided and required interfaces

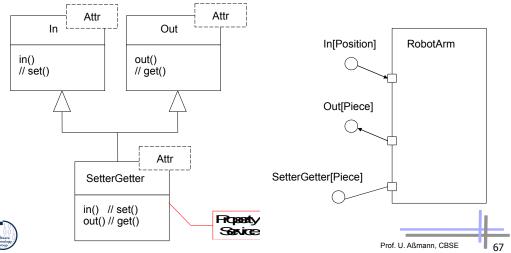






Ports in UML 2.0

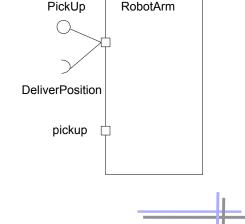
We use the following conventions





Ports in UML 2.0

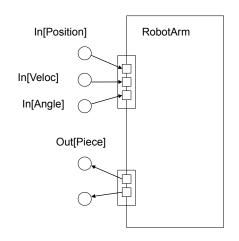
- Ports in UML 2.0 are port objects (gates, interaction points) that govern the communication of a component
- Ports may be simple (only dataflow, data service)
 - in or out
- Ports may be complex services
 - Then, they implement a provided or required interface







Ports can be grouped to Services





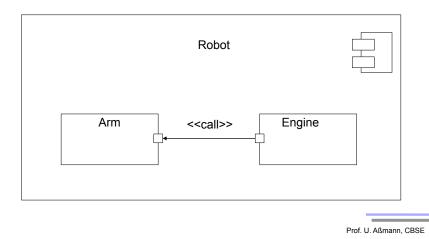






Connectors in UML 2.0

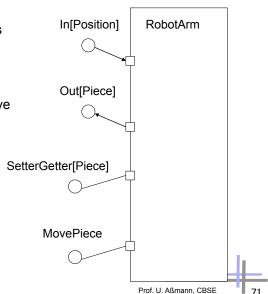
 Connectors become special associations, marked up by stereotypes, that link ports





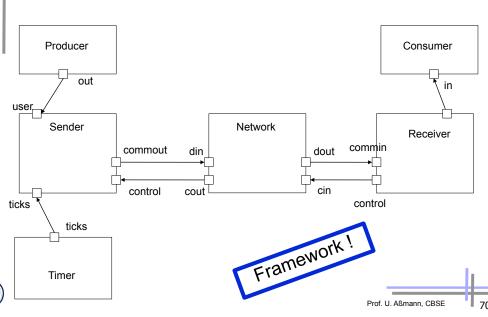
Exchange of Connectors

- The more complex the interface of the port, the more difficult it is to exchange the connectors
- Data-flow ports and data services abstract from many details
- Complex ports fix more details
- Only with data services and property services, connectors have best exchangeability



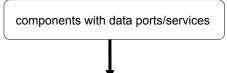


Simple Producer/Consumer in UML 2.0





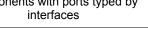
- Start the design with data ports and services
- Develop connectors
- In a second step, fix control flow
 - push-pull
 - Refine connectors
- In a third step, intorduce synchronization
 - Parallel/sequential
 - Refine connectors



▶ In MDA levels:

components push/pull ports

components with ports typed by









Components and Frameworks

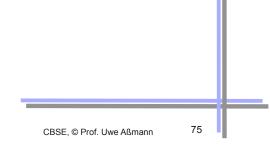
- In UML 2.0 frameworks can be defined by components and connectors
 - The classes in a specification can be held abstract, by abstract classes or genericity
- Whitebox framework:
 - Construct an application by subclassing
- Blackbox framework:
 - Construct an application by delegation
- Generic framework:
 - Construct an application by parameterization





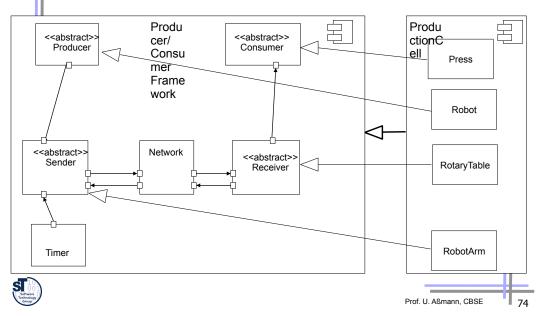
13.5 Refinement of UML Connectors in Model-Driven Development







Whitebox Framework in UML 2.0 with Components and Connectors



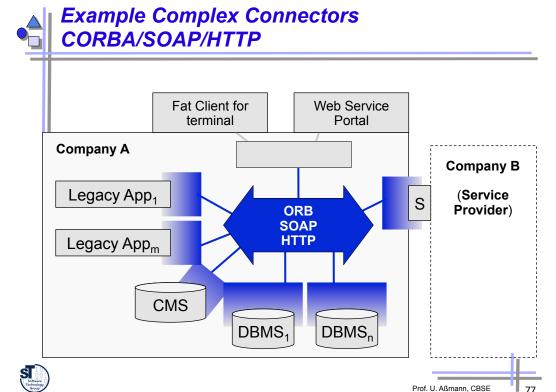


Idea: Use UML to Create Connectors for all Classical Component Systems

- Since classical component systems do not provide connectors, introduce them via stereotypes in UML
- ▶ The connection mechanisms are available
 - however, the encapsulation to connectors is missing
- Use the connectors in design
- Implementation
 - Generate the implementation
 - Refine to languages, such as ArchJava or COMPOST (see later)
 - or implement by hand, as usual.



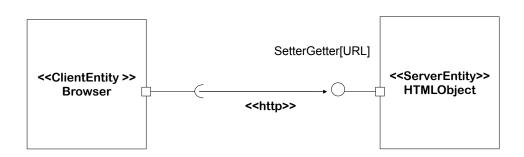




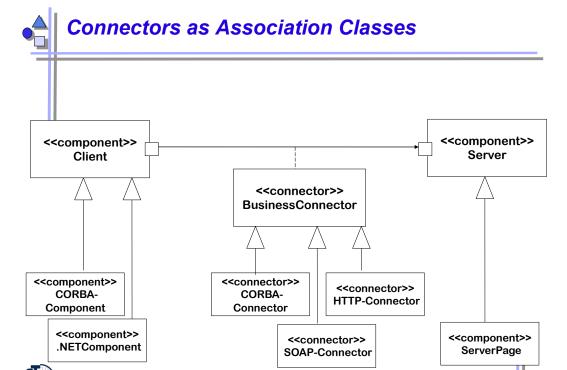


Example: Web Design with Connectors

We can use a connector to express the relationship between web server and web client





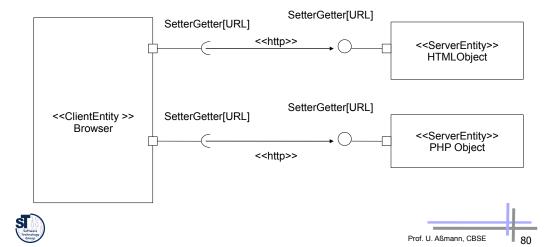




What are WebSites in UML?

Nets of connections; every link, every cgi-call a connector

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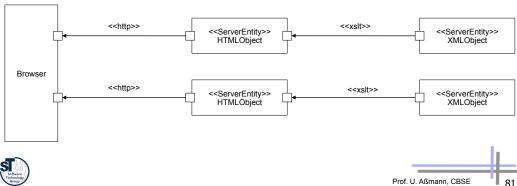






Consequences for Web Development

- With UML 2.0 and the connector concept, it is possible to describe the architecture of web sites
 - Frameworks for web sites become possible
 - A Content Management System (CMS) is a net of connections
 - Every transformation script a pipe connector





Example: The Thin/Thick Client – Problem in MDA

- Clients and servers become scalable
- Where should the computation go on?
 - Server?
 - . Costly with large data sets
 - Client?
 - . Costly with weak client
- Should be scalable
 - Thin Client / thick Server
 - Thick Client / thin Server
 - Dynamically exchangeable
- Solution: connectors on different abstraction levels in the MDA

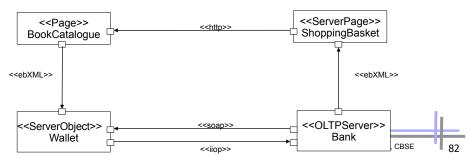






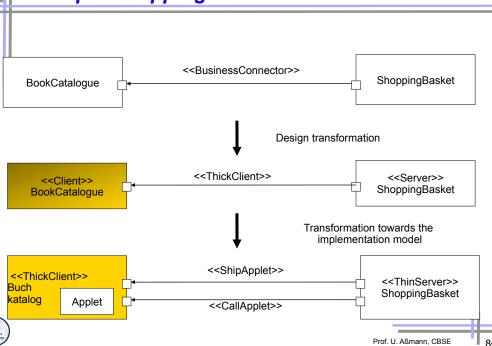
Architecture of Web Sites

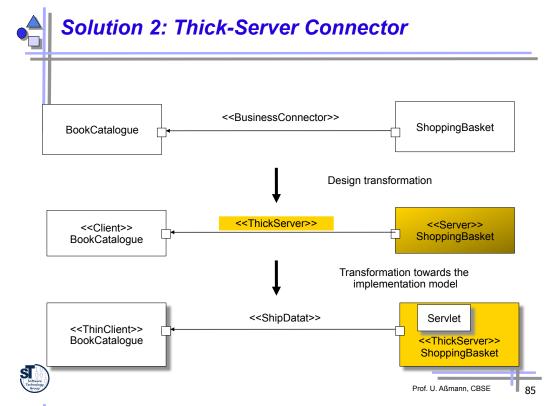
- Using connectors, web sites get an architecture
- Connectors abstract from the transfer mechanism
 - http, CORBA, IIOP, DCOM, SOAP, ebXML, XSLT-scripts via pipes and Sockets,
- With connectors, everything can be represented as connection nets
 - Uniform representation of links, scripts, protocols
 - Servers can no longer be distinguished from client browsers
 - Transfer mechanisms can be exchanged
- Clients and servers become scalable





Solution: Connectors in the MDA Example Shopping Basket







13.5 Architecture Systems: Evaluation

- How to evaluate architecture systems as composition systems?
 - Component model
 - Composition technique
 - Composition language





- Transform to a language with ports and connectors
 - ArchJava
- Transform to a connector library
 - Use Invasive composition with the COMPOST library
 - Write new connectors as metaprograms
- Tools for UML 2.0 will offer template-based code generation for connectors
 - Connectors are just special stereotypes
- UML-Profile editors will enable the construction of UML connector libraries







ADL: Mechanisms for Modularization

- Component concepts
 - Clean language-, interfaces and component concepts
 - New type of component: connectors
 - Clean documentation
 - Secrets: Connectors hide
 - Communication transfer
 - Partner of the communication
 - . Distribution
- Parameterisation: depends on language
- Standardization: still pending

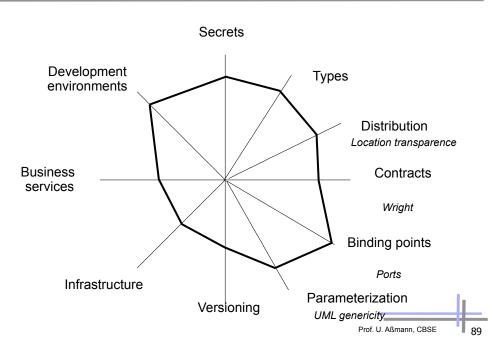






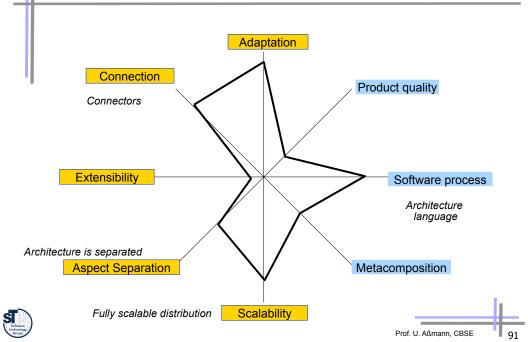


Architecture Systems - Component Model





Architecture Systems – Composition Technique and Language





ADL: Mechanisms for Adaptation

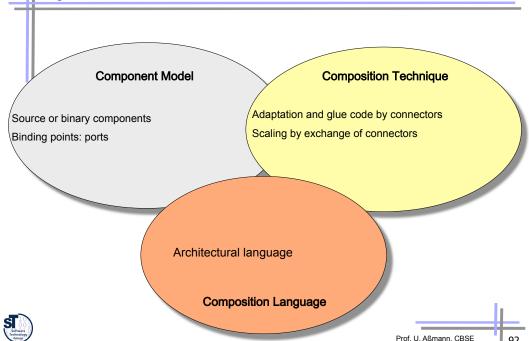
- Connectors generate glue code: very good!
 - Many types of glue code possible
 - User definable connectors allow for specific glue
 - Tools analyze the interfaces and find about the necessary adaptation code automatically
- Mechanisms for aspect separation. At least 3 aspects are distinguished:
 - Architecture (topology and hierarchy)
 - Communication carrier
 - Application
- No weaving
 - The aspects are not weaved, but encapsulated in glue
- An ADL-compiler is only a rudimentary weaver







Architecture Systems as Composition **Systems**





What Have We Learned?

- Architecture systems provide an important step forward in software engineering
 - For the first time, architecture becomes visible
- Concepts can be applied in UML already today
- Architectural languages are the most advanced form of blackbox composition technology so far





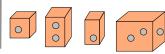


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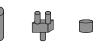
- Metamodels of architecture concepts (with MOF in UML) will replace architecture languages
 - The attempts are promising which describe architecture concepts with UML
 - Example: EAST-ADL, an ADL for the automotive domain:
 - http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EAST-ADL
- Web service languages have taken over the role of ADL in practice
- More aspects can be distinguished (see later)
 - Leading to more MOF-based extensions of UML
 - We should think more about general software composition mechanisms
 - Adaptation by glue is only a simple way of composing components (... see invasive composition)







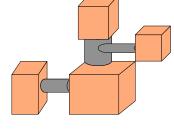
Components







Composition recipe



Component-based applications







The End







