



Future-Proof Software-Systems (FPSS)

Part 3B: Architecting for Changeability

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Horizontal Architecture Layer Principles:

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Patterns

Architecture Pattern:

An architectural pattern is a concept that solves and delineates *some essential cohesive elements of a software architecture*

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architectural_pattern

Origin of Patterns: *Christopher Alexander*, **1977**

Structure!

Locate each room so that it has outdoor space outside it on at least two sides, and then place windows in these outdoor walls so that natural light falls into every room from more than one direction.





Application to Software Architecture: Erich Gamma, Richard Helm, Ralph Johnson, John Vlissides, **1995** ("Gang of Four")



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Example: Security Pattern "RBAC" [Role-Based Access Control]

(Fernandez: Security Patterns in Practice, 2013, ISBN 978-1-119-99894-5)



ROLE-BASED ACCESS CONTROL PATTERN:

The User and Role classes describe registered users and their predefined roles. Users are assigned to roles, roles are given rights according to their functions. The association class Right defines the access types that a user within a role is authorized to apply to the ProtectionObject.



Example: Broker Pattern

(Buschmann et. al.: A System of Patterns, 1996, ISBN 0-471-95869-7)



BROKER PATTERN:

This pattern is used to structure distributed systems with decoupled components that interact by remote service invocations.



Patterns

Patterns are recorded **architecture and design wisdom** in "canonical" form. Patterns help you build on the collective experience of skilled architects and software engineers (Buschmann et. al. ISBN 0-471-95869-7)

Patterns are not final, directly applicable solutions! Patterns are **intellectual building blocks** which must be intelligently integrated into your work

Patterns are excellent documentation and communications instruments. They are formal, clear and focussed

There is a *rich literature* about patterns. The future-proof software-system engineer needs to *continuously familiarize* himself with this trove of architecture knowledge!



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Architecture Frameworks

Architecture Framework:

An architecture framework establishes a common practice for creating, interpreting, analyzing and using architecture descriptions within a particular application domain [ISO/IEC/IEEE 42010]







Example: TOGAF (2/2)

[The Open Group Architecture Framework] <u>http://www.togaf.org/</u>



TOGAF III-RM **Reference Architecture** (High level)

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Reference Architecture

Reference Architecture:

A reference architecture provides a template solution for a *generic architecture* for a particular application domain

- such as financial systems, automotive, aerospace etc.



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AUTOSAR provides a set of specifications that describes basic software modules, defines application interfaces and builds a common development methodology based on standardized exchange format [Currently: 1'200 pages]

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Example: AUTOSAR (2/2)

http://www.autosar.org

AUTOSAR is well documented in a number of interesting documents (some only for members)

AUTOSAR Modeling Guidelines of Basic Software EA UML Model V1.3.1 R4.1 Rev 1		Technical Safety Concept Status Report V1.2.0 R4.1 Rev 1
Document Title Modeling Guidelines of Basic Software EA UML Model Document Owner AUTOSAR Document Responsibility AUTOSAR	AUTOSAR:	Document Title Technical Safety Concept Status Report AUTOSAR Document Responsibility AUTOSAR Document Identification No 233 233 233 233
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18.01.2013 1.3.1 AUTOSAR Administration • Finalized for Release 4.1 03.12.2009 1.3.0 AUTOSAR Administration • Modeling of header files has been revised 0.3.12.2009 1.3.0 AUTOSAR Administration • Modeling of header files has been revised 0.3.12.2009 1.3.0 AUTOSAR Administration • Modeling of header files has been revised	_	Administration Complex Drivers 13.10.2010 1.1.0 AUTOSAR Minor changes in [RS_BRF_00120], Administration 30.11.2009 1.0.0 AUTOSAR Initial release
23.06.2008 1.2.1 AUTOSAR Administration • Legal disclaimer revised 12.11.2007 1.2.0 AUTOSAR Administration • Added description for range stereotype • Change Requirements for function parameter and structure attributes • Change Requirements for function	<i>Compete</i> on	Administration
Ocument meta information extended Small layout adaptations made Small layout adaptations made Sequence diagram modeling clarified Legal disclaimer revised	Implementations"	
Administration		
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Example: BIAN

Banking Industry Architecture Network: http://www.bian.org

BIAN standardizes the full functional landscape of a *financial institution*















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Reuse in Software-Systems Engineering

Reuse:

Utilization of Software-Artefacts in another Context or Application

«Good» reuse can have a strong *reward* (in quality, time and money)

CAUTION:

Reuse can be a *danger* for the consistency and integrity of an architecture

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Successful reuse can be done with:

- Requirements
- Specifications
- Reference architectures
- Patterns
- Code (Functionality)
- Data (Information)
- Algorithms
- Configurations
- Documentation
- Models

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Successful Reuse requires:

- a company-wide *reuse strategy*
- a strong *reuse organization*
- a *dedicated*, *committed* management
- Adequate development & evolution *processes*







Levels of Reuse











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Reuse-strategy



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Reuse-strategy





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Grey Box Modification \Rightarrow Divergence (Unmanaged Redundancy)



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Parametrization: Selection of a predefined behaviour of the black box by parameters stored *outside* of the black box (<u>Not</u> part of the black box functionality or data). The parameters are loaded at run-time. New versions of the black box interpret the parameters correctly.

Business Rules: Business rules are specified in BR-languages and define processing logic – instead of having the processing logic implemented in code within the black box (<u>Not</u> part of the black box functionality or data). The business rules are loaded at run-time. New versions of the black box interpret the business rules correctly







Parametrization Example: Different Account Number Formats







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http://troopscout.com



Measuring the Reuse-Factor:





Why should we work with Reuse?



Because of:

- The **benefits** (in development cost and time-to-market) are considerable
- The **quality** of the software is higher (mature components, managed evolution and maintenance)
- Use of proven **3rd party** components and services
- Optimization: reusable components \Leftrightarrow one-time components



Which are the risks of reuse?



Risks:

- Quality of reusable software not sufficient
- Reuse-factor too low
- Reuse-strategy not complete or adequate
- Creation of unmanged redundancy (both functional and data)
- Development and maintenance process more complicated
- Management not sufficiently supportive of reuse-strategy



Architecture Principle A8:

Reuse and Parametrization

1. Use only the black-box concept to build reusable software

- 2. Whenever possible, configure the reusable modules via parameters or business rules (loaded or initiated at run-time)
 - 3. Install and consequently use a configuration management system to control the distribution of reusable software modules
- 4. Provide the 4 elements of successful reuse: Committed management, reuse-strategy, reuse-organization and competent software architects
 - 5. Adapt your software development process to produce reusable software

Justification: If done *correctly*, reuseable components have a significant positive effect on the agility of the IT-system.







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A **standard** is:

- a formal, established norm for (technical) systems
- a document which establishes uniform (engineering or technical) criteria, principles, methods, processes and practices







Why being constrained and restricted by industry standards?

- Slow
- Overkilled
- Behind technology
- ...

Respected **standards** are powerful *interoperability* and *productivity* concepts







In early pre-Napoleonic times the artillery cannons were *individually different* and required matched cannon balls \rightarrow *difficult logistics*

Manufacturing *tolerances* greatly reduced the accuracy and firing power of the artillery cannons \rightarrow *reduced military impact*



Example: Napoleonic Guns



1776: The **de Gribeauval standard** revolutionized artillery.

1715-1789



de Gribeauval Standard:

- reduced and standardized the calibers
- \rightarrow complexity reduction
- introduced normalized parts for the cannons

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- \rightarrow component technology
- set manufacturing processes & tolerances
 → reuse



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> What is the impact of standards ?

> Why are standards important ?



Impact:

- Forcing uniform, interoperable solutions in the industry
- Providing proven, widely accepted and mature solutions
- Enabling exchangeable products (mostly)
- Facilitates reuse
- Foundation for validation & certification

Importance:

- Provides long term stability with managed change
- Forces vendors to comply to interoperable solutions
- Advances industries as a whole
- Provides confidence in technical solutions (e.g. safety or security)

Negative: Standards-setting process is quite slow (Wide consensus required)



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Example: Web Standards (2/3)



Example: Authentication:

How can we establish trust in the identity of an electronic partner?



On the Internet, nobody knows you're a dog

Answer:

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Use a Public Key Infrastructure (\mathbf{PKI})

PKI assigns **Digital Certificates** to entities (Persons, organizations)

A digital certificate is an unforgeable electronic **proof of** identity

Digital certificates are standardized in X.509 and are globally accepted and used

 \Rightarrow Global interoperability





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Architecture Principle A9:

Industry Standards

- 1. Strictly adhere to proven, accepted industry-standards in all 5 architecture layers and for all phases of the system lifecycle
- 2. Never allow any use of vendor-specific standards «extensions» (even if they look tempting and useful)

3. Keep the number of standards in use to a minimum

- 4. Introduce new standards only based on very good reasons
- 5. If for a certain field of your activity there is no industry standard, formulate and instantiate a company standard
 - 6. Enforce strict adherence to (pure) standards via regular reviews

Justification: A heterogenous industry (such as software-production) requires *clearly stated foundations* for technologies, products and processes – otherwise no interoperability, certification, reuse and vendor-independence is possible



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Information = Data that is

- 1. accurate and timely,
- 2. specific and organized for a purpose,
- 3. presented within a context that gives it meaning and relevance,
- 4. leads to an increase in understanding and decrease in uncertainty

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Information Architecture





Data/Information Architecture

Definition (1/2):

Information <u>Architecture</u> is a *engineering discipline* and a (resulting) *structure* that is focused on making information:

- dependable
- understandable
- findable

- correct (content- & time-wise)
- complete
- consistent & integer
- protected
- accountable
- semantics
- structured
- organized
- available
- unique (no unmanaged redundancy)

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Data/Information Architecture

Definition (2/2):

The Data/Information Architecture defines **principles** for:

- The *classification* of data/information
- The *structure* of data/information
- The *modeling* of data/information
- The *quality assurance* of data/information
- The *protection* of data/information
- The *deployment* of data/information
- The *disaster recovery* of data/information
- [The process for building and maintaining the architecture]







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The logical organization of the information universe of a company

Metadata is data providing information about aspects of the data (source, purpose, content, ...)



Definition and representation of meaning of the information



Semantics

Objectives, principles and processes for the information architecture



http://www.ams.org/publications/journals/sample-data-file









Data & Information Architecture

Classification of data/information

Structure of data/information

Semantics (Meaning) of information

Modeling of information

Quality assurance of data/information

Protection of data/information

Modeling of data (structure)

Deployment of data/information

Disaster recovery of data/information





Data/Information Architecture

The principles for building applications are the **same** in all application domains [sometimes with some tradeoffs]

Q: Is this also true for information/data architecture ?



Enterprise data/information architecture



Vehicle data/information Architecture [Embedded Systems]

... unfortunately NO!



What is *different* in embedded systems data & information?





timing relationships

between them

... sometimes very demanding and stringent!



What is *different* in embedded systems data & information?



Inconsistency !

Data items may have *inconsistencies* between them

... due to mechanical, communications or electronic glitches



a) Enterprise Data/Information Architecture





http://xn--80aqafcrtq.cc/de

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It is easy to change functionality - but very hard to change data/information

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http://www.theguardian.com



Data/Information Architecture Stack



Data/information architecture = A set of consistent, complete models



Example: Typical enterprise volumes (large bank)

Data	Criticality	Update/Access Rate	Mirroring- Interval	Save- Intervall	Remarks
Transaction Data	High	40 400 Million Transactions/day	Transaction Level	24 h	Mainframe
Control Table Data & Reference Data	Very high	14'000 accesses/sec	After each update	24 h	Mainframe
Application control data	Very high	2 5'000 accesses/sec	After each update	24 h	Mainframe
Accounting data	Very high	50 100 Million Transactions/day	24 h	24 h	After EOD (= End of Day) processing
Archive	Very high	High write, very low read rate	8 hrs	daily	
Application Data	High	0 10 Million updates/day	After each change	daily	After EOD (= End of Day) processing



Example: CERN storage volume 2015



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Data/Information Architecture Implementation





Enterprise Data/Information **Strategy**

APPROVED by CIO & CEO



No enterprise data strategy = Chaos

- bad data quality
- redundant data (inconsistent)
- inability to integrate
- low agility for changes
- bad performance
- ...

Enterprise Data – & Information Strategy

- Enterprise Context
- Data/Information Modelling
- Metadata
- Data Integration
- Data Quality Standards
- Organizational roles & responsibilities
- Performance & Measurement
- Security & Privacy
- Business Continuity & Disaster Recovery
- Legal & Compliance Requirements
- Unstructured Data



Data/information architecture = A set of consistent, complete models



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Example: UML Data/Information Model



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Example: Entity Relationsship Diagram (ERD)









backbone for the enterprise. On the contrary, an unsuitable, inconsistent or badly implemented data/information architecture is a constant source of problems





Andrew Hinton: **Understanding Context –** *Environment, Language, and Information Architecture* O'Reilly and Associates, USA, 2015. ISBN 978-

1-449-32317-2



Maintainable Systems

O'Reilly UK Ltd., revised edition, 2017. ISBN 978-1-449-37332-0



b) Embedded Systems Data/Information Architecture



Example: Vehicle data/information Architecture [Embedded Systems]







Time & timing relationships are an integral part of an embedded data/information architecture



Example: Wheel rotation information in a brake-by-wire car







Inconsistency !

Data items may have *inconsistencies*

between them

... due to mechanical, communications or electronic glitches

Inconsistencies are an important part of an embedded data/information architecture



Example: *Inconsistent* wheel rotation rate information





How do we deal with data inconsistency?

- 1. Planned *redundancy* in acquisition (multiple sensors)
- 2. Algorithmic "cleaning" of data (Validation)





Redundancy & Fault Tolerance

Data is acquired multiple times \Leftarrow managed redundancy





• Spatial redundancy

• ...

Example: Triple wheel rotation sensor

http://www.designworldonline.com



Sensor data is captured by 3 *independent* sensors and transmitted to the computing unit





1. Define and adhere to a product data/information strategy

- 2. Model top-down with consistent, redundancy-free, complete models $[\Rightarrow$ Metadata & Semantics]
 - 3. Never allow unmanaged redundancy ("single version of truth")
- 4. Stronly validate data/information after acquisition and before use (correctness, timeliness possibly using acquisition redundancy)

Justification: A good data/information architecture (and implementation!) is necessary for all products based on embedded software.





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Example: Vasa (1/3)





On August 10th, 1628 the warship Vasa set sail in Stockholm harbor on its maiden voyage as the newest ship in the Royal Swedish Navy.

The country was at war with Poland and the ship Vasa was urgently needed for the war effort



Example: Vasa (2/3)

After sailing about 1'300 meters, a light gust of wind caused the Vasa to heel over on its side. Water poured in through the gun portals and the ship **sank**





Example: Vasa (3/3)



What happened?

Center of Gravity Waterline A simple **model** would have shown that the ship was not seaworthy!

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https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vasa_(Schiff


Modeling of IT-Systems





Motivation



"All models are wrong - but some are useful"



- \Rightarrow Models *simplify* the real world
- \Rightarrow Models *abstract* the real world
- \Rightarrow Models *focus* the real world

Why wrong? Why useful?





Why wrong?

- Oversimplified
- Distances very wrong
- Planet sizes completely wrong
- Movement circular (not elliptical)

Why useful?

- Basic movements understandable
- Important details shown
- Synchronized operation (rotation)
- Projections possible (e.g. distances)



Why models?



Adequate Models provide:









Clarity

The concepts, relationships, and their attributes are unambigously *defined* and *understood* by all stakeholders

Committment

All stakeholders have *accepted* the model, its representation and the consequences (agreement)

Communication

The model truly and sufficiently represents the key properties of the real world to be mapped into the IT-solution

Control

The model is used for the assessment of specifications, design, implementation, reviews and evolution





Before starting any modeling activity, clearly define:

Purpose of the Model

Which is the objective of the model? Which solutions shall the model facilitate? For what shall the model be used? How fine-granular shall the model be? Which is the modeling boundary?

Who is the owner of the model? Which process shall be used to evolve and maintain the model?

Audience of the Model

Who benefits from the model (stakeholders)? Who needs to agree to the model? Who needs to influence or accept the model? Who finances the modeling activity and what is the model's business case?



Definitions



Informal Modeling \Rightarrow

Model: ?

Semi-formal Modeling \Rightarrow



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Formal Modeling \Rightarrow



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cessCheck (checkToProcess : Check

Syntax: Intuitive Semantics: Intuitive Informal discussions

Syntax: Formalized Semantics: Semi-formal

Semi-formal discussions Model-exchange, Profiles Limited Model Checking

Syntax: Formalized Semantics: Formalized

Formal discussions Extensive Model Checking Reasoning



high

low



Model Typology



Models the concepts, their relationships and their behaviour of a *specific domain*







Models the elements and the structure of databases

Models the technology elements (servers, networks, busses, system software, backup and disaster recovery configurations etc.)



Example: "Customer"

Business area: Financial institution



Concept: Customer















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Example: Boolean Logic

Variables: $x \in [0,1]$

Operators: and, or, not

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Boolean logic allows the precise modeling of arbitrarily large digital computers





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Modeling is a powerful instrument.

It provides:

✓ Clarity
✓ Committment
✓ Communication
✓ Control

... during the whole life-cycle of an IT-system



However:

Models can become very large and complex!









Model Refinement «Domains»



Partitioning the system into «**domains**» and modeling each domain individually ⇒ massive complexity reduction

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Example: Domain & Hierarchy Model for a Financial Institution







Modeling Tools:



- Language Editor
- Syntax Check
- Composition
- Libraries
- Administration
- Exchange
- Graphics
- Profiles/Extensions
- Views







Modeling of IT-Systems

Business 5 ... need • Business • Data/Informatio • Future bus • External IT Stak ... need • IT syste • IT syste • IT syste • IT syste

Business Stakeholders ... need to model:

- Business processes
- Data/Information content & structure
 - Future business scenarios
 - External relationships
 - IT Stakeholders ... need to model:
 - *IT system structure*
 - IT system behaviour
- IT system interaction with the environment
 - IT system evolution
 - IS system operation

ceptual Integrity Consistency



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Modeling Instruments: Overview

State of the Art

Modeling Level	World	System-of-Systems (SoS)				System		
		Structure	Behaviour	Interaction with the environment	Application Domain	Structure	Behaviour	Interaction with the environment
Metamodel	Boundary Definition	SoS Metamodel	SoS Interaction Model	SoS Interaction Model	Domain Metamodel	OMG Meta- model & Profiles, Graphs	Component Model	Interface theories, Contract Models
Conceptual Model	Upper (World) Ontology	UML, SysML	System Black Box Model, Gover- nance Model	SoS-Model, UML, SysML, Contracts (Technical & Legal)	Domain Ontology, Business Object Model, Application Domain Model (DSL), Business Process Models	UML, SysML	Hybrid Compo- nents, Business Process Orchestra- tion	SoS-Model, UML, SysML, Contracts
Architecture Model	-	UML, SysML, Petri-Nets Frame- works,	Contracts, Web-Stds (e.g. WSDL)	Contracts, Web-Stds (e.g. WSDL)	Reference architecture, Architecture Framework	UML, SysML, Petri-Nets Frame- works, Contracts	State- machines, timed automata, Simulink, Contracts, Web-Stds (e.g. WSDL)	Contracts, Web-Stds (e.g. WSDL)
Implementa- tion Model	-	Annotated, directed Hyper- graphs	-	Annotated, directed Hypergraphs	-	Annotated, directed Hypergrap hs	-	Annotated, directed Hypergraphs
Run-Time Model	-	model@run -time	-	model@run- time	-	model@run -time	-	model@run- time



Modeling of IT-Systems: **State of the Art**



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Modeling of IT-Systems: State of the Art



Why the confusion?

- Modeling is an *evolving* science (Many papers/books published every year)
- Modeling instruments depend heavily on *purpose/audience*
- The standardization bodies (OMG, W3C, ietf, ISO, ...) are *slow*
- Strong and conflicting interest of major industry players (Divergence)





Which are today's engineering modeling solutions?

Mature and in wide use:

- ✓ Domain Models
- ✓ Business Object Models
- ✓ Web-Standards (WSDL, ...)
- ✓ OCL
- ✓ Ontologies (OWL-DL)
- ✓ UML, SysML + Profiles
- \checkmark State machines
- \checkmark Timed automata
- ✓ Simulink Models
- \checkmark ERD for Databases

Emerging and in selected use:

- ✓ Domain Specific Languages
- ✓ Contracts (CSLs)
- ✓ (Coloured) Petri Nets
- ✓ Annotated, directed hypergraphs
- ✓ Graph rewriting



Model Checking & Verification



A formalized model based on a *formal logical foundation* allows automatic verification of:

- Syntactical correctness
- Semantic correctness
- Behavioural correctness







A formalized model based on a *formal* logical foundation allows reasoning:

- extracting implicit knowledge (reasoning)
- deciding statements (true/false)



Example: Reasoning in an Ontology

<u>Reasoning</u>: From the *explicitly* formulated knowledge in an Ontology (= model) *implicit* knowledge is extracted via defined rules

Nontrivial example (<u>http://owl.man.ac.uk/2003/why/latest</u>):

Content of the ontology:

- "Cat owners have cats as pets" \leftarrow Statement in the ontology
- "has pet" ← Subproperty of "loves pet" (Statement in the ontology)

<u>Reasoning</u> Conclusion:

• "Cat owners love their cats"

 \rightarrow deduction \rightarrow checking









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Engineering Solutions


Modeling of IT-Systems: **Engineering Solutions**

Which instruments can we use in today's SW-engineering work?



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- \checkmark Timed automata
- ✓ Simulink Models
- \checkmark ERD for Databases

Emerging and in selected use:

- ✓ Domain Specific Languages
- ✓ Contracts (CSLs)
- ✓ (Coloured) Petri Nets
- ✓ Annotated, directed hypergraphs
- ✓ Graph rewriting
- ✓ Role-based modeling (RoSI)

Waiting in the trenches:

- ✓ «Z»-Language
- ✓ «Event-B» Language
- ✓ Certified Code generators
- ✓ Correctness provers



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Domain-Model, Business Object Model Domain Ontology UML + Profile Model



Application Taxonomy UML + Profile(s) Model [Interface Contract Model]





Data Dictionary ERD-Model Graphs/Petri Nets

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Example: Domain Model for a Financial Institution



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Modeling of IT-Systems: **Engineering Solutions**

Mature and in wide use:

Domain Models $\sqrt{}$

Business Object Models √ Web-Standards (WSDL, ...) OCL

Ontologies (OWL-DL) $\sqrt{}$

UML, SysML + Profiles

State machines Timed automata

Simulink Models

ERD for Databases



The <u>Object Management Group</u> (OMG[®]) is an international computer industry standards consortium

Founded in 1989, OMG standards are driven by vendors, end-users, academic institutions and government agencies

OMG's modeling standards, including the <u>Unified Modeling Language</u> (UML) and <u>Model</u> <u>Driven Architecture</u> (MDA), enable powerful visual design, execution and maintenance of software and other processes

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UML and Semantics

How can we define semantics (**meaning**) in UML diagrams?



<u>a</u>) By building an **ontology** based on a **domainmodel** which formally defines the meaning of all concepts (classes), relationships (associations) and their attributes



<u>b</u>) By defining an **UML-profile**, extending UML with a domainspecific vocabulary (including relationships)





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UML and Semantics



Definition:

An **UML-profile** allows UML to model systems intended for use in a particular domain (for example medicine, financial services or specialized engineering fields, such as safety-critical embedded systems or systems-of-systems).

A profile extends the UML to allow user-defined *stereotypes*, *meta-attributes*, and *constraints*. The vocabulary of the UML is thus extended with a domain-specific vocabulary that allows more meaningful names to be assigned to model elements.

UML-profiles allow the formalized exchange of domain-knowledge between different users and enforce a standardization of UML models.



Example: Important UML-profiles (Standardized by the OMG)

MARTE (Modeling and Analysis of Real-Time and Embedded Systems): MARTE is an UML profile intended for model-based development of real-time and embedded systems

UDMP (**U**nified Profile for **D**oDAF and **M**ODAF **P**rofile): Profile for enterprise and system of systems (SoS) architecture modeling



The **quality of a model** can be expressed as follows:

Syntactic Quality: The model does not violate any syntactic rules of the modeling language

Semantic Quality: All the elements in the model have a unambigously specified and agreed meaning

Pragmatic Quality: The interpretation by the human stakeholders is correct with respect to what is meant to be expressed by the model. The interpretation by the tool(s) is correct with respect to the intended functionality

Social Quality: The model has sufficient agreement by all stakeholders

Completeness Quality: The model contains sufficient information to fullfill its role "clarity, committment, communication, control" for the intended goal



A good *system modeller* needs:

- A strong theoretical background of the choosen modeling instrument
- •An excellent fluency in the modelling language and the modeling tools
- Good skills to extract the knowledge from the stakeholders in the domain
- Mediation skills to reach agreement for the model between the stakeholders
- A "touch of art" to make simple and beautiful, rich models
- A good and reliable memory to have the full model present at all times



The Future: Contract-Based Systems Engineering





Definition:

Contracts are formal, binding agreements between a service provider and a service consumer.

They cover the *functional* interface specifications (functionality and data), the *non-functional* properties (timing, security etc.) and in some cases also the commercial conditions (terms of use, guarantees, liability etc.)



The Future: Contract-Based Systems Engineering



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The Future: Contract-Based Systems Engineering

Example: Emergency Services

"All FireStation host at least one Fire Fighting Car" SoS.itsFireStations->forAll(fstation | fstation.hostedFireFightingCars->size() >= 1)

"Any district cannot have more than 1 fire station, except if all districts have at least 1" SoS.itsDistricts->exists(district | district.containedFireStations->size() > 1) implies SoS.itsDistricts->forAll(containedFireStations->size() >= 1)

"The fire fighting cars hosted by a fire station shall be used all simultaneously at least once in 6 months" SoS.itsFireStations->forAll(fireStation |

Whenever [fireStation.hostedFireFightingCars->exists(isAtFireStation)] occurs, [fireStation.hostedFireFightingCars->forall(isAtFireStation = false)] occurs within [6 months])

red = identifiers from the model / blue = OCL constraints / **bold black** = temporal operators



Granularity (Size) of Services



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Micro-Services

"The *microservice architectural* style is an approach to developing a single application as a suite of small services, each running in its own process and communicating with lightweight mechanisms, often an HTTP resource API."

Martin Fowler:

http://martinfowler.com/articles/microservices.html

Microservices have emerged from:

- Domain-driven design
- Continuous delivery
- On-demand virtualization
- Infrastructure automation
- Small autonomous teams
- Systems at scale

Sam Newman: Building Microservices, 2015

DEFINITIONS





«The glamour lies in software»

«The future lies in modeling»



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Horizontal Architecture Layer Principles:

- A1: Architecture Layer Isolation
- A2: Partitioning, Encapsulation and Coupling
- A3: Conceptual Integrity
- A4: Redundancy
- A5: Interoperability
- A6: Common Functions
- A7: Reference Architectures, Frameworks and Patterns
- A8: Reuse and Parametrization
- A9: Industry Standards
- A10: Information Architecture
- A11: Formal Modeling
- A12: Complexity and Simplification







Complexity

- Biology
- Sociology
- Astronomy
- Physics
- Information Technology (IT)



"Complexity is that property of an IT-system which makes it difficult to formulate its overall behaviour, even when given complete information about its parts and their relationships"







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http://www.informationweek.com/664/64iufaa.htm

Future-Proof Software-Systems [Part 3B]

Example: U.S. FAA Air Traffic Control System

1995: The FAA (US Federal Aviation Agency) admits the colossal modernization failure of the Advanced Automation System (AAS). That effort took *16 years* of effort and cost taxpayers *\$23 billion*



p://clarioncontentmedia.c

"FAA did <u>not</u> recognize the *technical complexity* of the effort, realistically estimate the resources required, adequately oversee its contractors' activities, or effectively control system requirements"



Complexity must be managed !

- Identify it
- Understand it
- Avoid and reduce it as much as possible



Essential complexity

- ... is the *inherent* complexity of the system to be built.
- Essential complexity for a given problem *cannot* be reduced.
- It can only be lessened by *simplifying* the requirements for the system extension.

⇒ However, essential complexity can be *managed* and its negative effects can be *minimized* by good architecture



Accidental Complexity

... is introduced in addition to the essential complexity by our development activities or by constraints from our environment.

This is unnecessary and threatening complexity!

⇒ Avoiding and eliminating accidental complexity is a continuous task in the development process – from requirements to deployment!



Classification of Complexity

Necessary or desired complexity: **Essential** complexity

... is caused by the problem to be solved. Nothing can remove it. Represents the inherent difficulty



Unnecessary or undesired complexity: **Accidental** Complexity

... is caused by solutions that we create on our own or by impacts from our environment [(27/3)/3] - 1= 1 + 1 = 2





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Managing Complexity

			• OS • DBMS
Complexity	<i>Known</i> (identified) Complexity	<i>Unknown</i> (hidden) Complexity	• TCP/IP Stack • etc.
<i>Necessary</i> (desired) Complexity [<i>Essential</i> Complexity]	manage it	use it carefully	
<i>Unnecessary</i> (undesired) Complexity [<i>Accidental</i> Complexity]	avoid it eliminate it	attack it	 Technical debt Architecture erosion




Complexity Contributors:

Contributor	Metric
• Number of Parts (<i>Structural</i> complexity)	Integer number ($\rm N_{\rm p}$)
Number internal dependencies (Structural complexity)	Integer number (N_{iD})
• Number external dependencies (<i>Structural</i> complexity)	Integer number (N_{eD})
Functional complexity of internal interfaces	# of FP, UCP (Fi _{Ij})
• Functional complexity of external interfaces	# of FP, UCP (Fe_ $_{\rm Ik}$)

Complexity Metric:

SysCompl =
$$f[N_p, N_{iD}, N_{eD}, \Sigma Fi_{ij}, \Sigma Fe_{ik}]$$

A number of *complexity metrics* exist in the literature.

However, none of them is satisfactory for engineering system complexity

 \rightarrow Interesting open research question (PhD-Level) !

No distinction between essential complexity and accidental complexity



Sources accidental IT-complexity:

- **Specifications**: overlaps, duplication
- **Redundancy**: functional, data & interface redundancy
- Lack of conceptual integrity: diverging concepts, misunderstandings
- Disregard of (industry) standards: technology explosion
- **3rd party software**: forced, incompatible concepts, redundancy
- Inconsistent housekeeping: "dead" code & data
- **Diversity in vertical architectures**: proliferation of solutions
- Neglected legacy systems: old technology, out-of-use components

If you don't properly manage complexity, it may kill your system (... most probably: it <u>will</u>)

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The nasty ways of complexity:

- Complexity creeps up, incrementally growing over long time
- Complexity occurs locally in many different specifications, programs and interfaces, but its impact is global
- Complexity may grow to such a state, that the IT-ystem becomes unmanageable or commercially unviable
- Containing complexity growth requires continuous and substantial architectural intervention and strong management committment

How can we manage complexity ?

a) Implement a process step *"simplification"* in your development process

b) Periodically carry out re-architecture programs "complexity reduction"





Implement a process step *"simplification"* in your development process



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Complexity Reduction → Simplification Process → Architecture Exploration





4. Periodically execute *re-architeture programs* with the objective to reduce the complexity of

your IT-system

Justification: Complexity is the largest single risk in IT-systems. By managing complexity, the unwanted or unnecessary complexity can be reduced – thus making the IT-system more changeable, manageable and dependable.







Diomidis Spinellis, Georgios Gousios: Beautiful Architecture – Leading Thinkers Reveal the Hidden Beauty in Software Design O'Reilly and Associates, USA, 2009. ISBN 978-0-596-51798-4







Architecture Quality





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