

## **Architecture Design**

# PV167 Project in Object-oriented Design of Information Systems





# **System Modularization**

Architecture Design/Part 1



## **Modularization of Software**



## ♦ Motivation

- Separation of concerns
- Break-down of system complexity
- Reuse

## ♦ Architecture design

- UML Package diagram (Analysis)
- UML Component diagram (Design/Implementation)
- UML Deployment diagram (Realisation)



## Implementation-oriented Modularization



## ♦ Motivation

- Reuse
- Architectural tactics
- Separation of concerns

## ♦ Implementation

- Service-oriented approach
- Data passing, i.e. we can no longer rely on shared knowledge

## ♦ Challenges

- Shared knowledge that is hard to pass along
- Crosscutting concerns

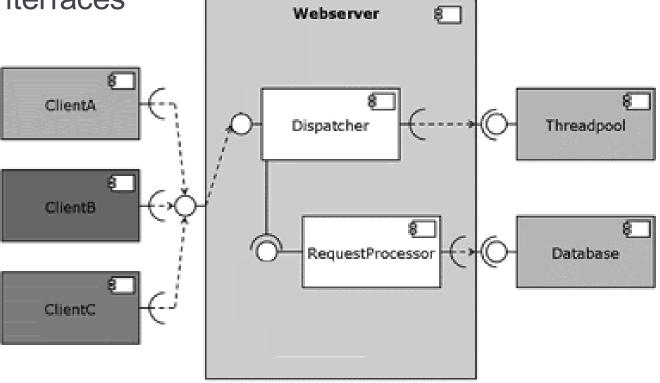


# **Components and Interfaces**



♦ Provided interfaces

♦ Required interfaces







## **Architectural Patterns and Tactics**

Architecture Design/Part 2



## **Architectural Patterns**



- ♦ The Model-View-Controller (MVC) pattern
  - Separates presentation and interaction from the system data.
- ♦ The Layered architecture pattern
  - System organised into layers with interfaces to other layers.
- ♦ The Repository architecture pattern
  - Interaction through a central repository.
- ♦ The Client-server architecture pattern
  - Distribution of data and processing across stand-alone serviceproviding servers and clients calling the services.
- ♦ The Pipe and filter architecture pattern
  - Functional transformations process their inputs to outputs.

## **Architectural Tactics for Dependability**



## ♦ Redundancy

- Keep more than 1 version of a critical component available so that if one fails then a backup is available.
- E.g. switch to backup servers automatically if failure occurs.

## ♦ Diversity

- Provide the same functionality in different ways so that they will not fail in the same way.
- E.g. different servers may be implemented using different operating systems (e.g. Windows and Linux).
- However, adding diversity and redundancy adds complexity and this can increase the chances of error.

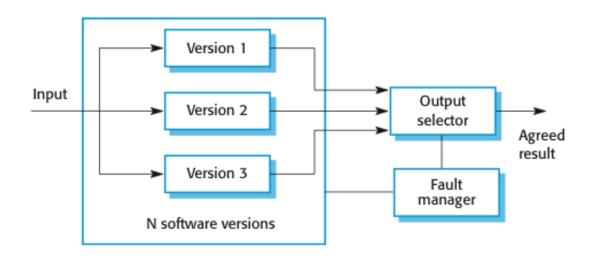


# N-version programming pattern



- ♦ Multiple versions of a software system carry out computations at the same time.
- The results are compared using a voting system and the majority result is taken to be the correct result.

Which of the tactics are involved here?





# **Architectural Tactics for Security**



- ♦ Use redundancy and diversity to reduce risk
  - Keep multiple copies of data and use diverse infrastructure so that an infrastructure vulnerability cannot be the single point of failure.
- ♦ Compartmentalize your assets
  - Organize the system so that assets are in separate areas and users only have access to the information that they need rather than all system information.
- ♦ Design for recoverability
  - Design the system to simplify recoverability after a successful attack.



## **Architectural Tactics for Performance**



- ♦ Introduce concurrency
  - If requests can be processed in parallel, the blocked time can be reduced.
- ♦ Maintain multiple copies of either data or computations
  - The purpose of replicas is to reduce the contention that would occur if all computations took place on a central server.
- ♦ Increase available resources
  - Faster processors, additional processors, additional memory, and faster networks all have the potential for reducing latency.





# **Architectural Quality and its Prediction**

Architecture Design/Part 3



## **Quality prediction**



- ♦ Palladio Component Model
  - Quality prediction and design simulation framework

