

Software Architecture

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Decomposition and (Design) Patterns

- Đông Hồ painting
(Đông Hồ folk woodcut painting)



- Materials: Giấy điệp paper
- Colors: Nature-made, 3-4 colors
- Woodblocks: to apply colors



- How?

Decomposition
strategy: using colors

- Decompose
- Make patterns (woodblocks)
- Apply colors



Schedule

We are
HERE!

Week		Date	Time	Lecture	
3	L1	Wed, 20 Jan	10:15 – 12:00	Introduction & Organization	Ho
3	L2	Thu, 21 Jan	13:15 – 15:00	Architecting Process & Views	Ho
4		Tue, 26 Jan	10:15 – 12:00	Skip	
4	S1	Wed, 27 Jan	10:15 – 12:00	<< Supervision: Launch Assignment 1>>	TAs
4	L3	Thu, 28 Jan	13:15 - 15:00	Roles/Responsibilities & Functional Decomposition	Truong Ho
5	L4	Mon, 1 Feb	10:15 – 12:00	Architectural Styles P1	Truong Ho
5	S2	Wed, 3 Jan	10:15 – 12:00	<< Supervision/Assignment>>	TAs
5	L5	Thu, 4 Jan	13:15 – 15:00	Architectural Styles P2	Truong Ho
6	L6	Mon, 8 Feb	10:15 – 12:00	Architectural Styles P3	Sam Jobara
6	S3	Wed, 10 Feb	13:15 – 15:00	<< Supervision/Assignment>>	TAs
6	L7	Thu, 11 Feb	13:15 – 15:00	Design Principles (Maintainability, Modifiability)	Truong Ho
7	L8	Mon, 15 Feb	10:15 – 12:00	Performance – Analysis & Tactics	Truong Ho
7	S4	Wed, 17 Feb	13:15 – 15:00	<< Supervision/Assignment>>	TAs
7	L9	Thu, 18 Feb	10:15 – 12:00	Tactics: Reliability, Availability, Fault Tolerance	TBD
8	L10	Mon, 22 Feb	13:15 – 15:00	Guest Lecture 1	TBD
8	S5	Wed, 24 Feb	13:15 – 15:00	<< Supervision/Assignment>>	TAs
8	L11	Thu, 25 Feb	10:15 – 12:00	Guest Lecture 2	TBD
9	L12	Mon, 1 Mar	13:15 – 15:00	Reverse Engineering & Correspondence	Truong Ho
9	S6	Wed, 3 Mar	10:15 – 12:00	<< Supervision/Assignment>>	TAs
9	L13	Thu, 4 Mar	13:15 – 15:00	To be determined (exam practice?)	Truong Ho
9		Fri, 5 Mar	Whole day	Group presentation of Assignment (TBD)	Teachers
11	Exam				3

Voluntary student representatives

- 5 students (Chalmers and GU)
- Randomly generated
- Will be contacted shortly

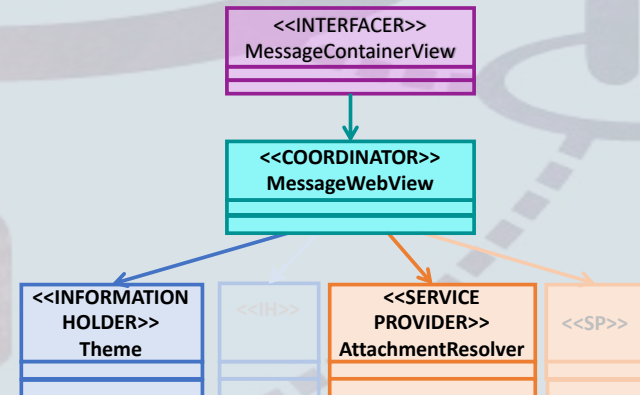
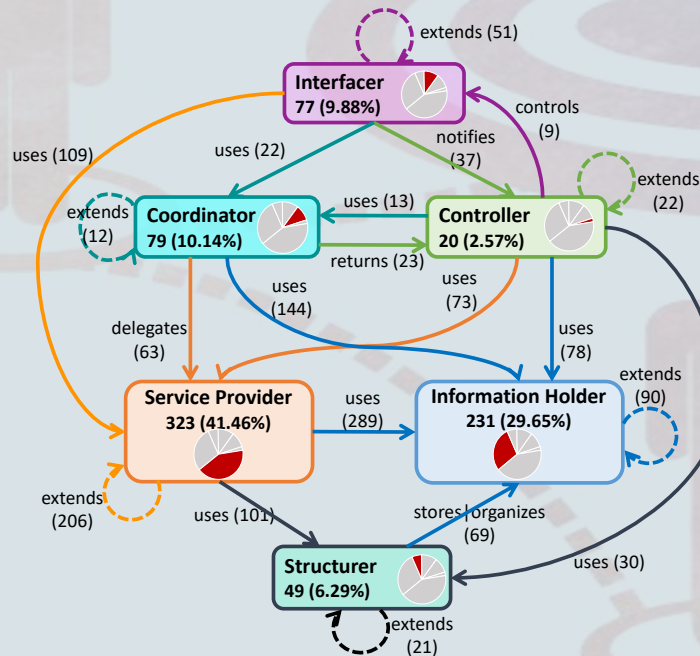
Recap of previous lectures

- L1: What, Why, How? SW Architecture
- L2: Architecting process, stakeholders, views

Goals of this lecture

- Understand notion of Role, Responsibilities in Software Architecture
- Understand functional decomposition and common way of doing that (via examples)
- Understand the difference and transition between analysis and design

Part I: Roles & Responsibilities



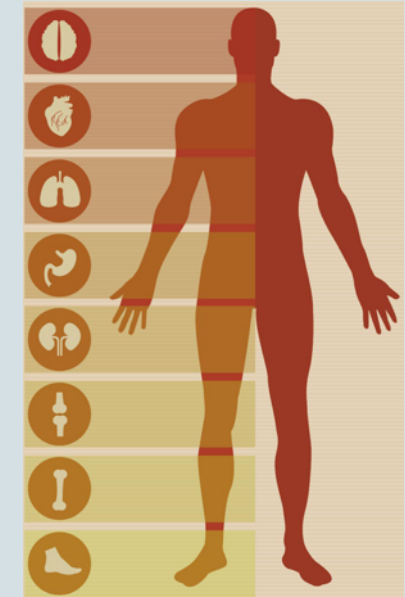
Theme/Objective of this part

- Understand the importance of being aware of role when designing software.
- Build vocabulary for characterizing role/responsibility
 - a set of six(6) common roles (role stereotypes)
 - collaborations between role stereotypes
- Exploring impacts of role/stereotype in design quality metrics in two realistic cases

What is role & responsibility?



Where to find role/responsibility?



Why defining role is so important?

- To establish working scope
- To seek agreement
- To facilitate communication/collaboration when performing tasks
- Less waste

Role & Responsibility in Software Design

- Software is a set of components that
 - carry different roles
 - collaborate with different components
- Being aware of component's role when designing would help to:
 - achieve better distribution of responsibility
 - manage complexity/communication
 - avoid redundancy
 - increase maintainability

Role Stereotypes

- Definition
- Relationships between role stereotypes



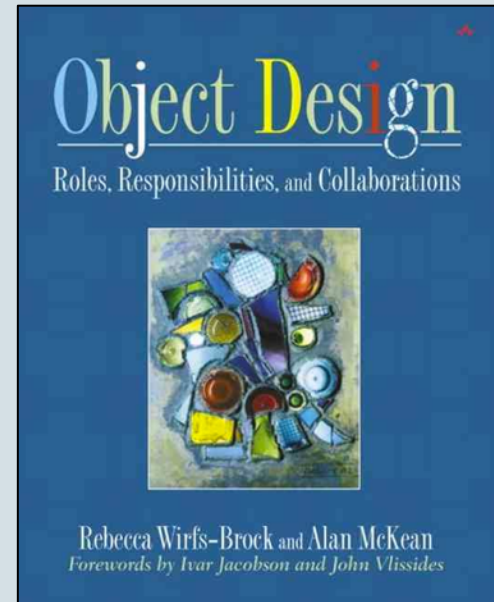
Stereotype

A conventional, formulaic, and oversimplified conception, opinion, or image

(www.thefreedictionary.com)

Role Stereotypes

- The concept “role stereotype” was introduced by Rebecca Wirfs-Brock.
- The concept indicates generic roles that an software object plays in the design.
- It is recommended that each object carries a single role/responsibility.



Object Design: Roles, Responsibilities and Collaborations,
Rebecca Wirfs-Brock and Alan McKean, Addison-Wesley,
2003

- Service providers do things
- Interfacers translate requests and convert from one level of abstraction to another
- Information holders know things
- Controllers direct activities
- Coordinators delegate work
- Structurers manage object relations or organize large numbers of similar objects

Role stereotypes

Service Provider (SP)



- performs specific work
 - offers services
- '-er', '-or'; public static methods; might contains some logics to do specific tasks.

Information Holder (IH)



- knows/keeps information
 - provides information
- data encapsulation; get/set methods; private/internal methods

Interfacer (IF)



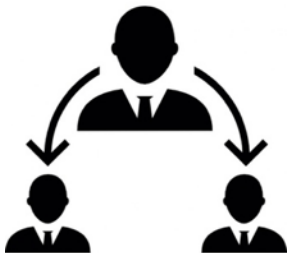
- transforms/converts information and requests between SW layers
- GUI-related; storefront; API; extension points

Controller (CT)



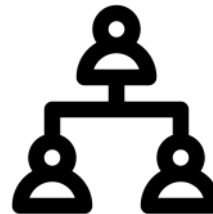
- makes decision
 - control complex tasks
- 'controller', 'manager'; logic statements; knows IH, SP, CO

Coordinator (CO)



- delegates works
 - forwards information requests
- no/simple logic; knows requester & requestee

Structurer (ST)



- keeps/maintains relationship
 - pool, collects, arranges objects
- Collection; sort(); compare(); validate(); add(); remove(); ...

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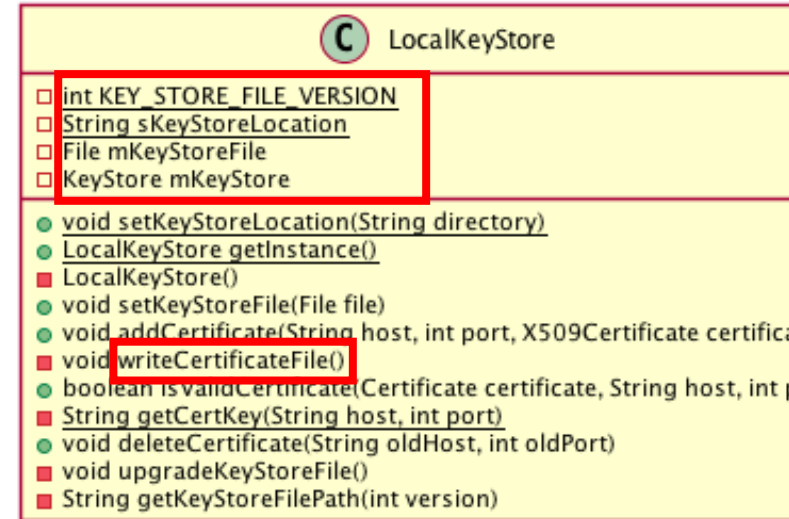


is a software element that

- keeps/knows information
- provides information to other elements

Example: An IH *class* might be characterized by:

- The class may just contains attributes
- Methods, if any, could be
 - Getters and setter
 - Persistence methods, eg. saving to database or implements Java's Serializable interface
 - Methods that are only used within the class



Service Provider (SP)



is a software element that


- performs specific works
- offers services to other elements on demand

A SP class can be characterized by:

- having name ended with “-er” (eg. *Provider*) or “-or” (eg. *Creator*, *Detector*)
- has methods and attributes are easily accessed by other classes (often static and public, or protected, not private)
- could be realization of a Interface
- decision making in methods should be at basic level, only to support specific work

Service Provider Class - Example



 **MimePartStreamParser**

- **MimeBodyPart parse(FileFactory fileFactory, InputStream inputStream)**
- **Body createBody(InputStream inputStream, String transferEncoding, FileFactory fileFactory)**

```
public static MimeBodyPart parse(FileFactory fileFactory, InputStream inputStream)
    throws MessagingException, IOException {
    MimeBodyPart parsedRootPart = new MimeBodyPart();

    MimeConfig parserConfig = new MimeConfig();
    parserConfig.setMaxHeaderLen(-1);
    parserConfig.setMaxLineLen(-1);
    parserConfig.setMaxHeaderCount(-1);

    MimeStreamParser parser = new MimeStreamParser(parserConfig);
    parser.setContentHandler(new PartBuilder(fileFactory, parsedRootPart));
    parser.setRecurse();

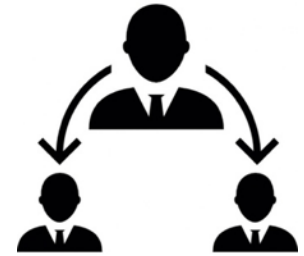
    try {
        parser.parse(new EOLConvertingInputStream(inputStream));
    } catch (MimeException e) {
        throw new MessagingException("Failed to parse decrypted content", e);
    }

    return parsedRootPart;
}
```

```
public MimeBodyPart processData(InputStream is) throws IOException {
    try {
        FileFactory fileFactory =
            DecryptedFileProvider.getFileFactory(content);
        return MimePartStreamParser.parse(fileFactory, is);
    } catch (MessagingException e) {
        Timber.e(e, "Something went wrong while parsing the decrypted MIME part");
        //TODO: pass error to main thread and display error message to user
        return null;
    }
}
```

calls service

Coordinator (CO)



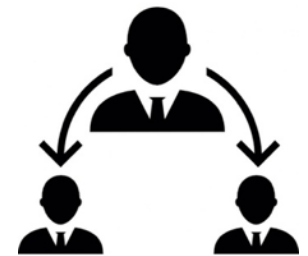
is a software element that

- does not make decisions
- delegates work to other objects
- forwards info/requests

Signs of a CO class:

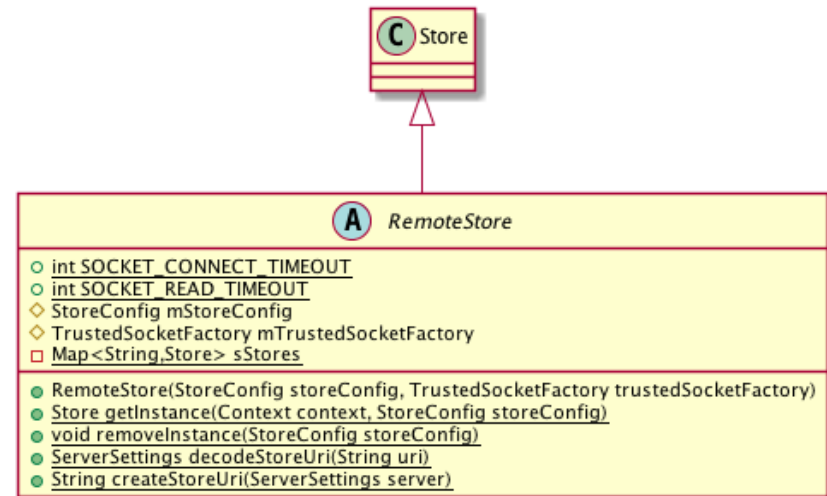
- Holding connection between working objects (SP, CT)
- Forwarding information and requests
 - it is important to define which classes are **requester** and **requestee**
 - information: method parameters; variables ...
- When a Service Provider becomes too big, it evolves into Coordinator
 - Results of refactoring god classes

Coordinator Class - Example



```
public static String createStoreUri(ServerSettings server) {  
    if (Type.IMAP == server.type) {  
        return ImapStore.createUri(server);  
    } else if (Type.POP3 == server.type) {  
        return Pop3Store.createUri(server);  
    } else if (Type.WebDAV == server.type) {  
        return WebDavStore.createUri(server);  
    } else {  
        throw new IllegalArgumentException("Not a valid store URI");  
    }  
}
```

coordinates the works to
ImapStore, Pop3Store,
WebDavStore



Controller (CT)



is a software element that

- make decisions
- control complex tasks

A CT class might be characterized by:

- having class name ended with “Controller”, “Manager”
- Should have access to information holders, coordinators, or service provider
- Its main responsibility is to make decision to control the flow of the application
 - Should contain condition statements (e.g. IF, IF ELSE, SWITCH CASE, x : ?)
 - The decision should be at the higher level than decision made at SP/CO.

Controller Class - Example



```
public boolean checkRecipientsOkForSending() {
    recipientMvpView.recipientToTryPerformCompletion();
    recipientMvpView.recipientCcTryPerformCompletion();
    recipientMvpView.recipientBccTryPerformCompletion();

    if (recipientMvpView.recipientToHasUncompletedText()) {
        recipientMvpView.showToUncompletedError();
        return true;
    }

    if (recipientMvpView.recipientCcHasUncompletedText()) {
        recipientMvpView.showCcUncompletedError();
        return true;
    }

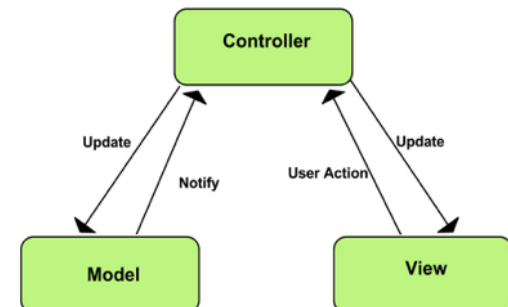
    if (recipientMvpView.recipientBccHasUncompletedText()) {
        recipientMvpView.showBccUncompletedError();
        return true;
    }

    if (getToAddresses().isEmpty() && getCcAddresses().isEmpty() && getBccAddresses().isEmpty()) {
        recipientMvpView.showNoRecipientsError();
        return true;
    }

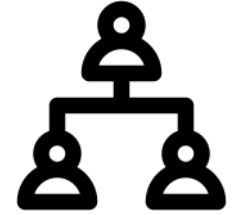
    return false;
}
```



Delegating the work



Structurer (ST)



is a software element that

- maintains relationships between software components
- pools/collects/arranges a set of elements

A ST class might be characterized by:

- extends Java's Collections framework
- contains a collection of objects (of other classes)
- has methods that maintaining relationships between objects in the collection
 - methods that manipulate the collection such as `sort()`, `compare()`, `validate()`, `remove()`, `updates()`, `add()`, `delete()` ...
 - methods that give access to the objects such as `get(index)`, `next()`, `hasNext()` ...

Structurer - Example



holds a collection

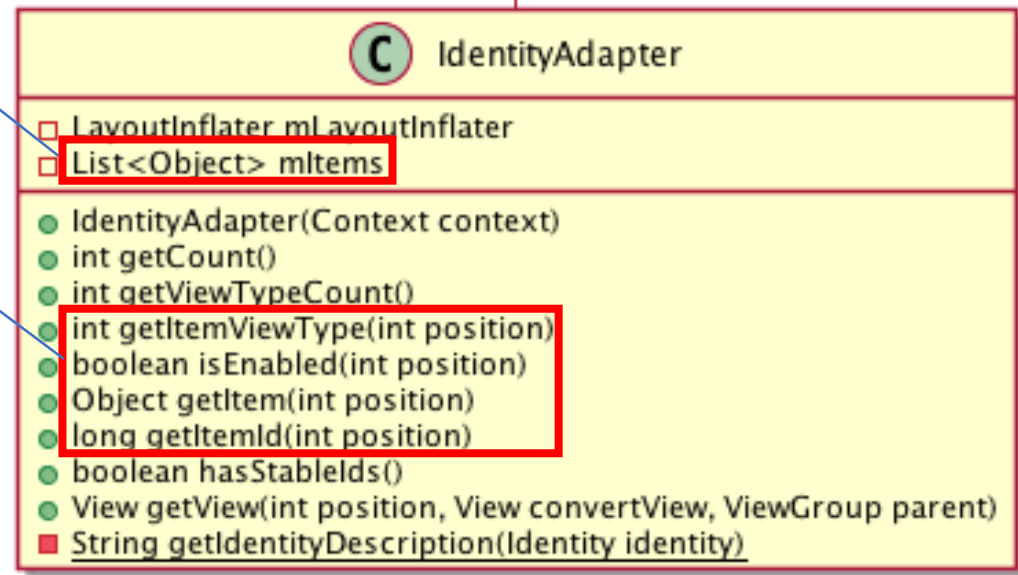
accessing to the
collection

```
@Override
public int getItemViewType(int position) {
    return (mItems.get(position) instanceof Account) ? 0 : 1;
}

@Override
public boolean isEnabled(int position) {
    return (mItems.get(position) instanceof IdentityContainer);
}

@Override
public Object getItem(int position) {
    return mItems.get(position);
}

@Override
public long getItemId(int position) {
    return position;
}
```



Interfacer

is a software element that

- transforms information or requests between distinct parts of the system
 - User interfacer interacts with the users of the system, e.g. GUI components
 - Internal interfacer exists between sub parts of the system, e.g. Data Management Tier
 - External interfacer communicates with external systems, e.g. API, extension points of the system

A ST class can be characterized by:

- Contains Java Swing, AWT, and other UI components
- Manage user interface and handle user interaction
 - In Android apps, this extends Activity classes
- Encapsulates functions or objects in the system by providing an Interface or an abstract class that can be used outside of the system
- If an interface is created but never implemented: may be this serves as an extension point for the system

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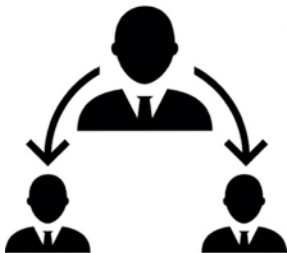
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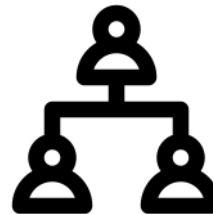
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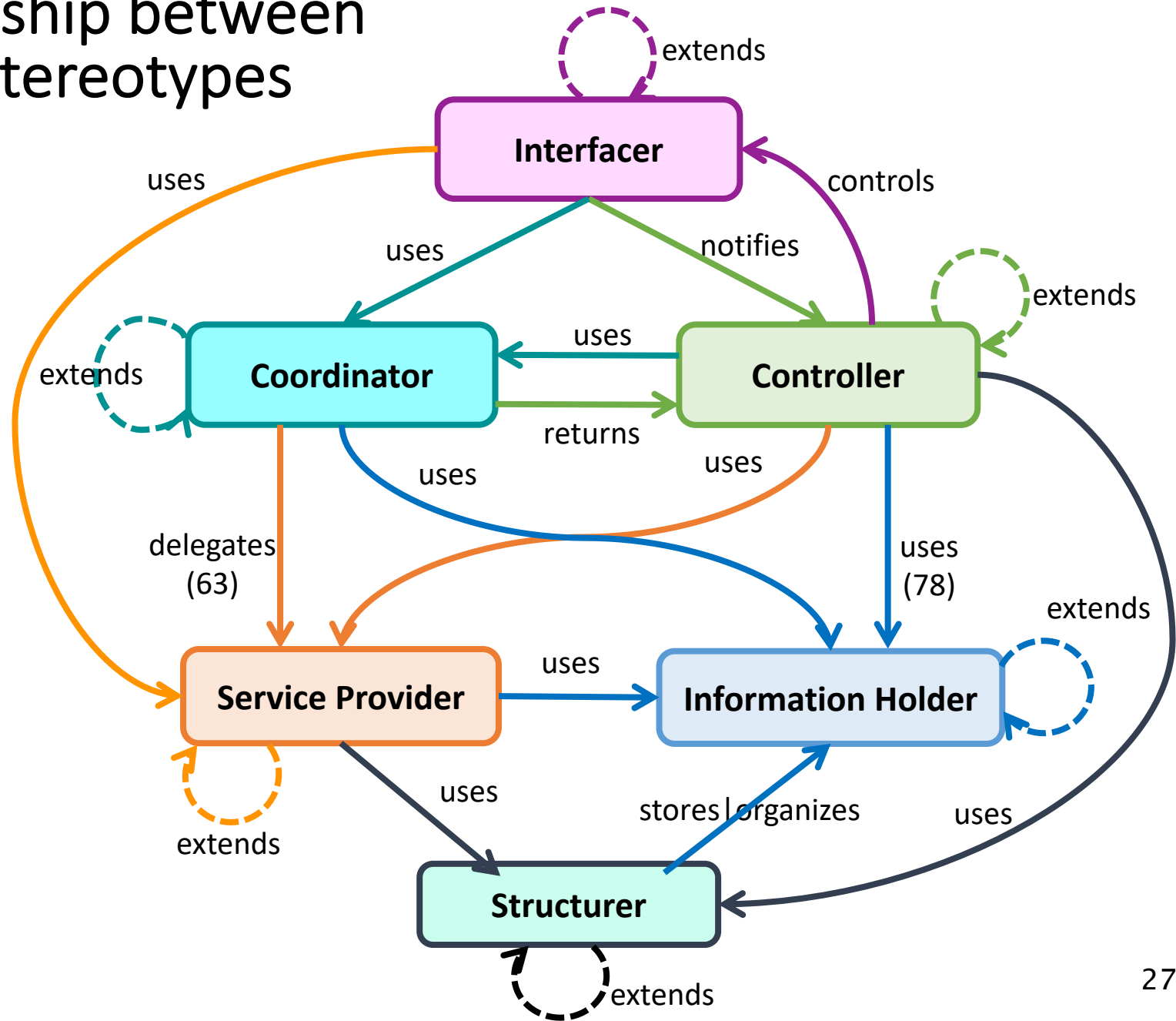


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Relationship between role stereotypes



Analysing Responsibility and Collaborations of Objects using CRC Card

CRC Cards

Candidate, Responsibilities, Collaborators

MessageBuilder

Builds message from selections

Presents guesses to user

Controls the pacing

Message

Presenter

MessageBuilder

Purpose: The MessageBuilder is a hub of activity in the application. It coordinates the timing, the presentation of guesses, the message construction. It centralizes control and is a core element of the control architecture.

CRC Card

Candidate:

Name of the object
(component)

Message Builder

Builds message from selection

Message

Presents guesses to users

Presenter

Controls the pacing

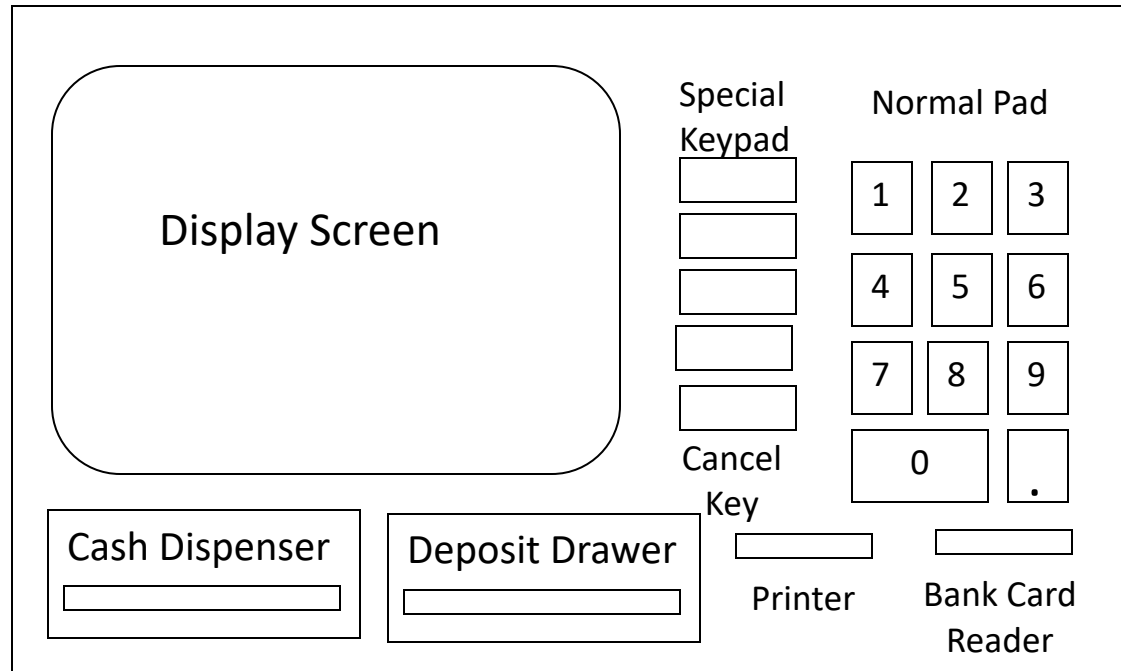
Responsibility

Corresponding
collaborator

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An automated teller machine (ATM) is a machine through which bank customers can perform a number of financial transactions. The machine consists of a display screen, a bank card reader, input keys, a money dispenser slot, a deposit slot and a receipt printer. The main menu contains a list of the transactions that can be performed. These transactions include:

- deposit funds to an account
- withdraw funds from an account
- transfer funds from one account to the other
- query the balance of an account.

ATM class

The ATM class represents the teller machine. Its main operations are to create and initiate transactions. This class acts the following roles:

- a **Controller** role to both the Financial Subsystem and the User Interface Subsystem.

ATM Class	
Initiate Transaction	User Interface
Execute Transaction	User Interface

Financial Subsystem

- The `Financial Subsystem` implements the financial aspects of a customer's interaction with the `ATM`. Its main operations are to execute the following financial transactions; `deposit()`, `withdraw()`, `transfer()`, and `balance()` on customer accounts. There is one `Financial Subsystem` contract that must execute all the transactions. This subsystem acts as a **Service Provider** which provides banking services for `ATM Class`.

Financial Subsystem	
Deposit	ATM Class
Withdraw	ATM Class
Transfer	ATM Class
Balance	ATM Class

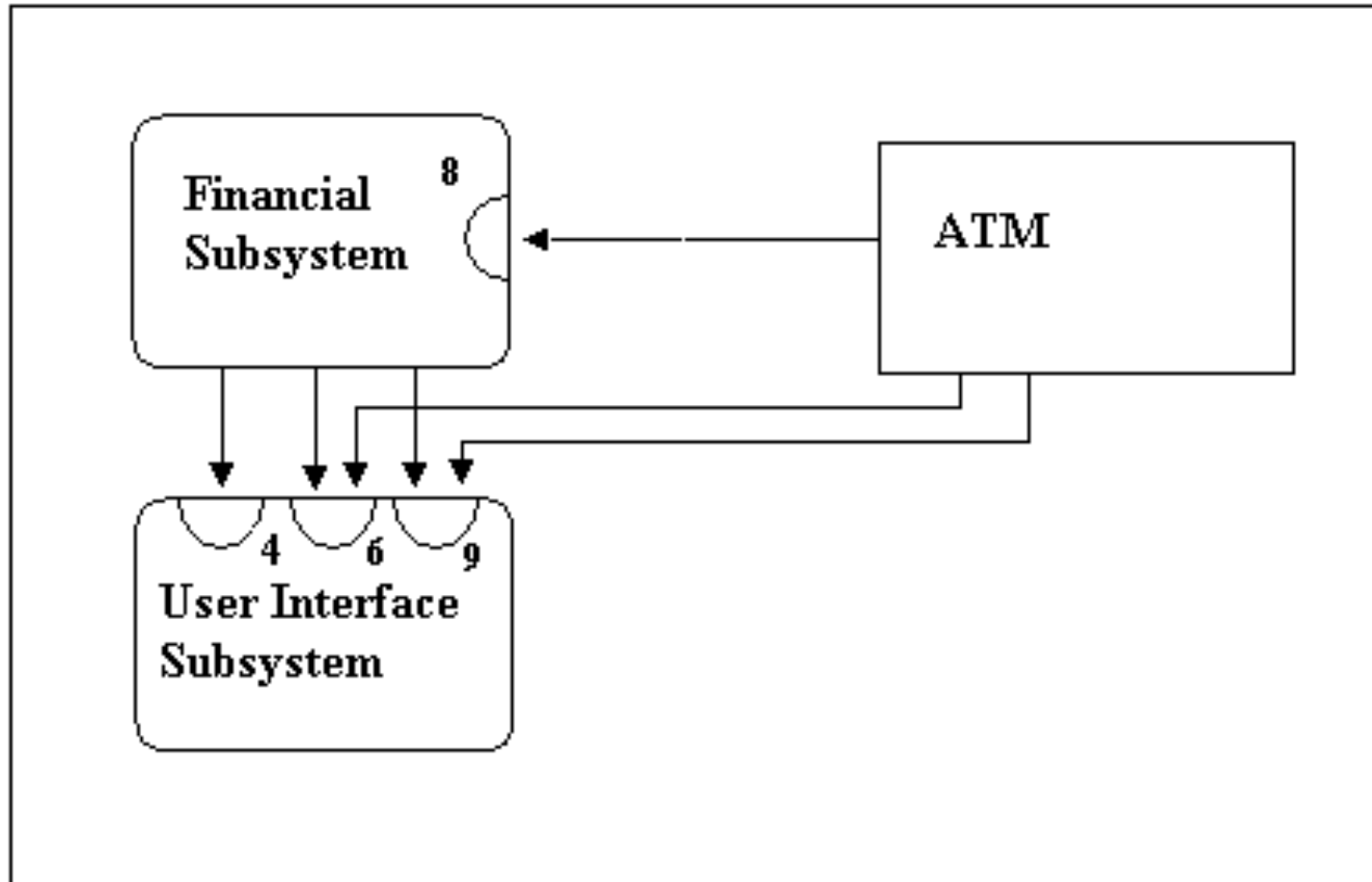
User Interface Subsystem

The User Interface Subsystem implements the interface between the ATM and the bank customer. The User Interface Subsystem has three responsibilities 1) To get numeric values from users. 2) Get users selection from menu. 3) To display messages and wait for events.

This subsystem acts as an **Interfacer** role to receive and transform requests from users to the system.

User Interface Subsystem	
Get numeric values	ATM Class, Financial Subsystem
Get users selection	ATM Class, Financial Subsystem
Display messages	ATM Class, Financial Subsystem

ATM collaboration graph



Does using role stereotype help
in improving design quality?

Boeing Brewery Case (1)

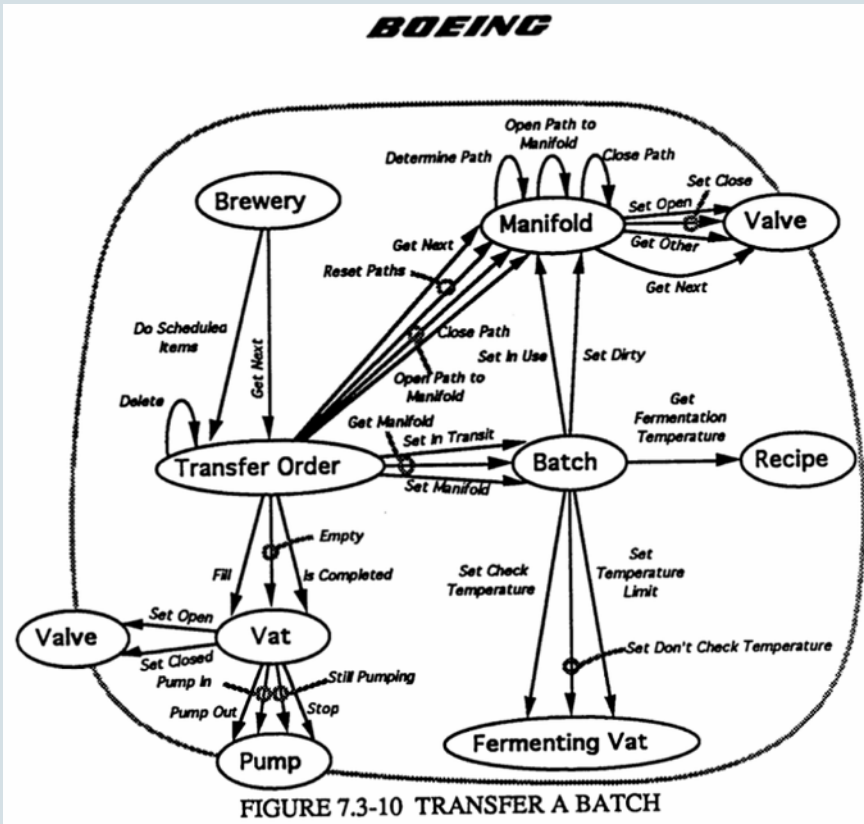


FIGURE 7.3-10 TRANSFER A BATCH

System 1: Responsibility-Focus

Case description: R. Sharble and S. Cohen “The Object–Oriented Brewery: A Comparison of Two ObjectOriented Development Methods” Boeing Technical Report no. BC2–G4059, October, 1992.

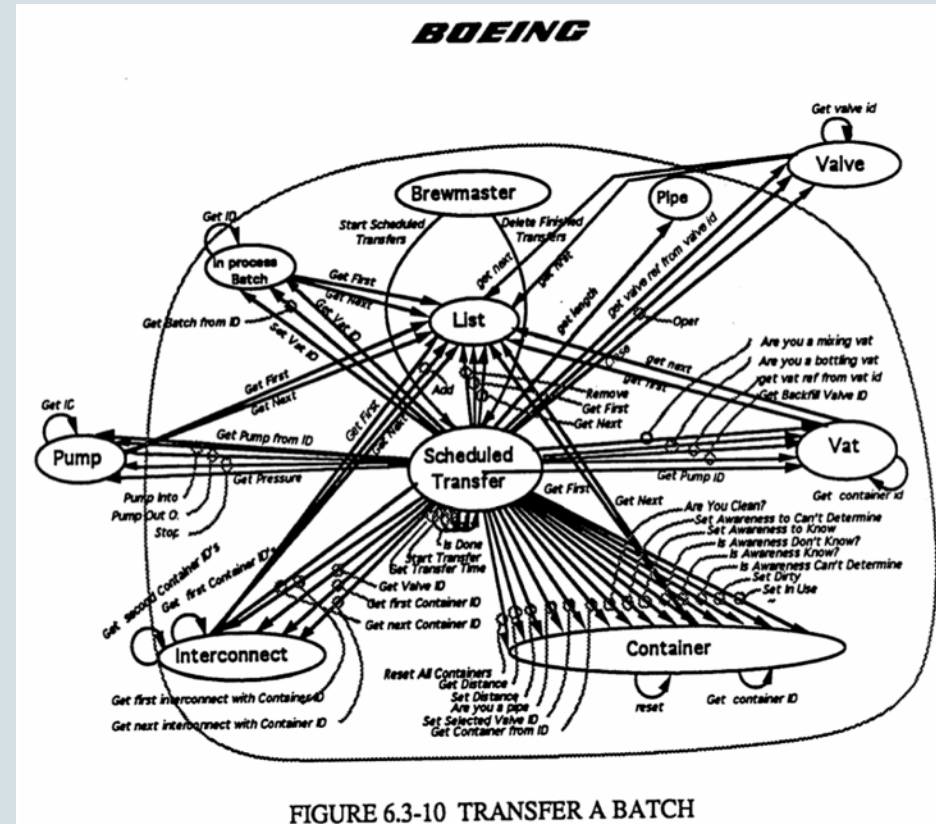
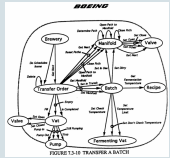


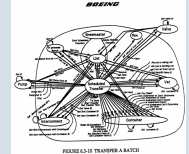
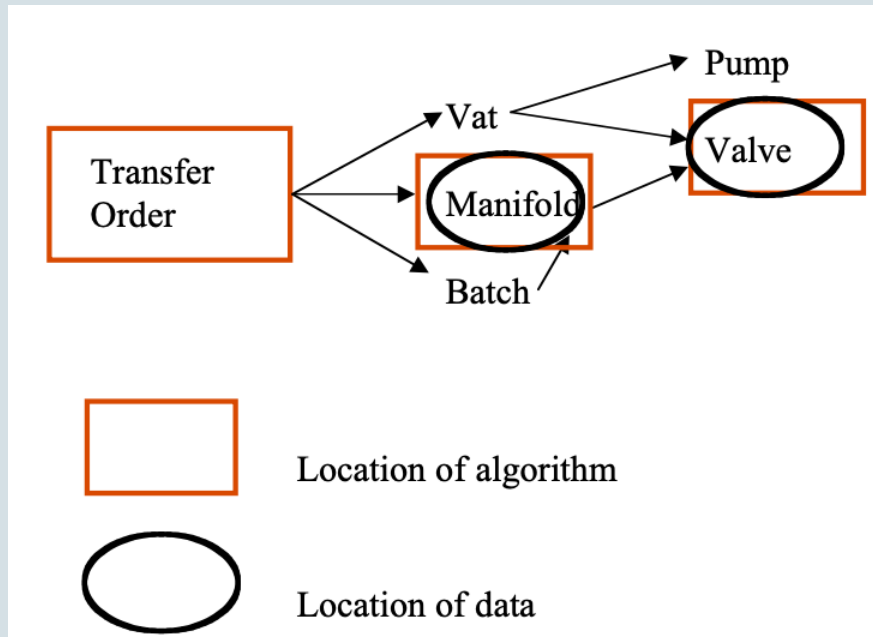
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System 2: Data-Focus

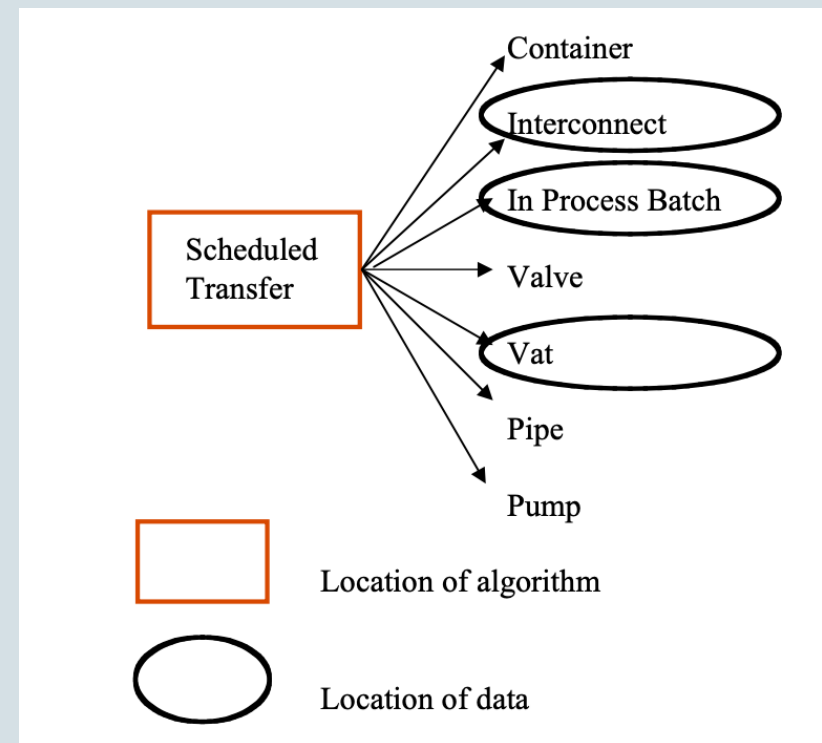
Boeing Brewery Case (2)



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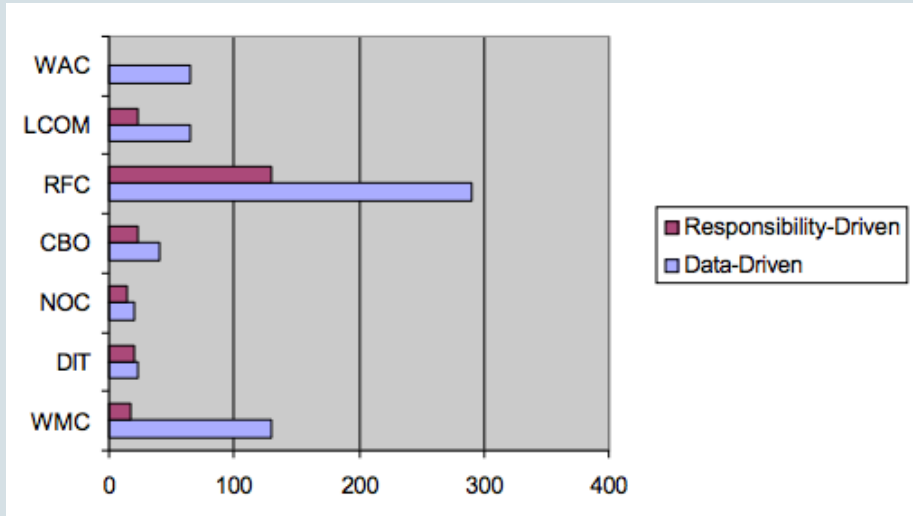


System 2: Data-Focus



In the figure objects that were used by another have an arrow pointing at them. Objects enclosed in a rectangle performed work, objects whose state was set or queried are encircled.

Boeing Brewery (3) – Design Quality Facts



C-K metrics

Weighted Methods per Class (WMC)

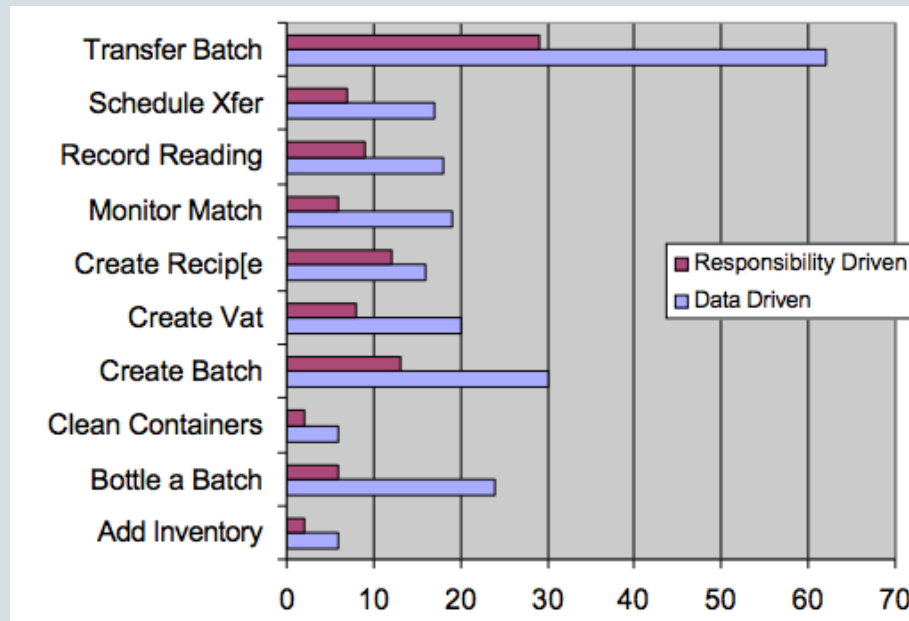
Depth of Inheritance (DIT)

Number of Children (NOC)

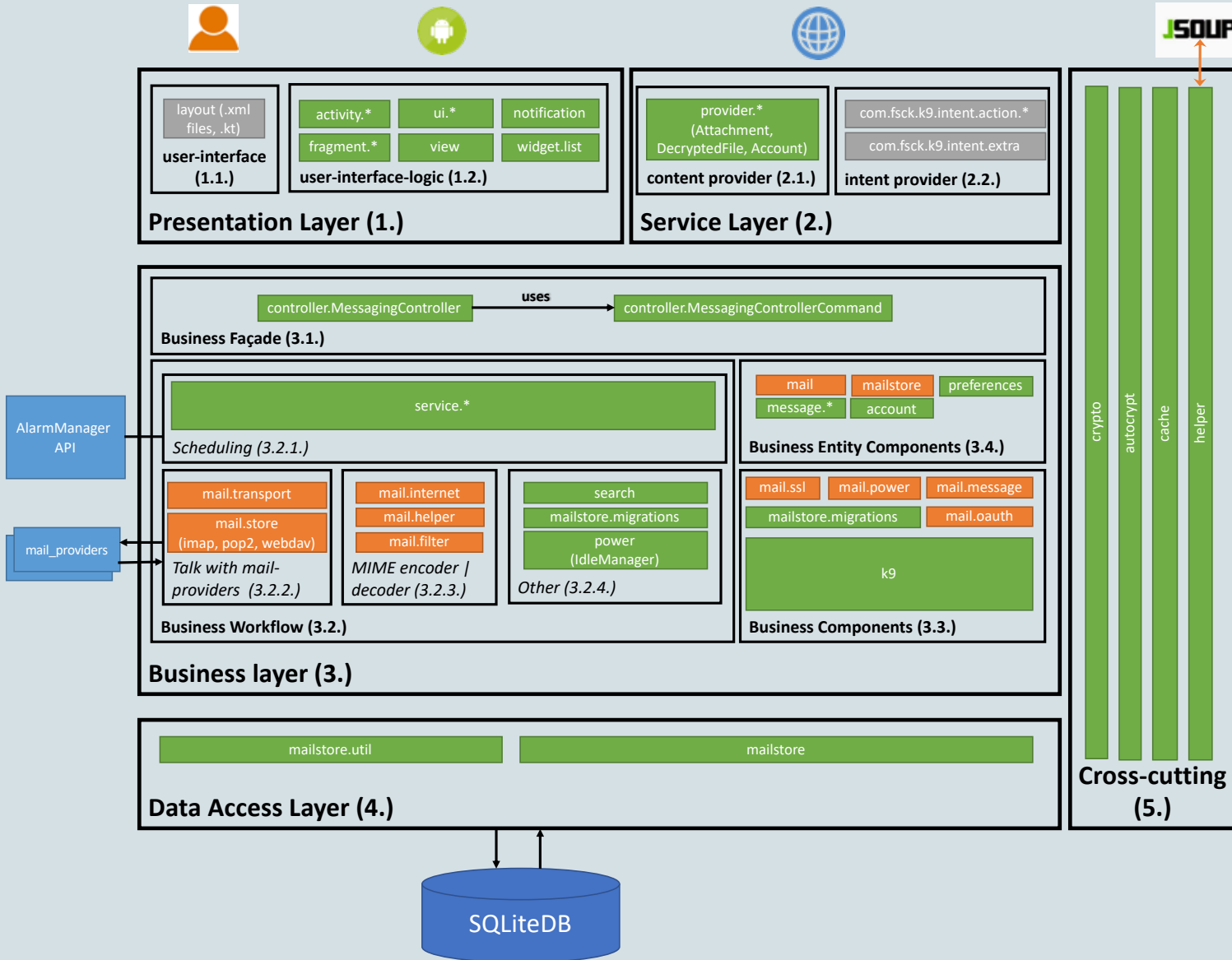
Coupling between Objects (CBO)

Response For a Class (RFC)

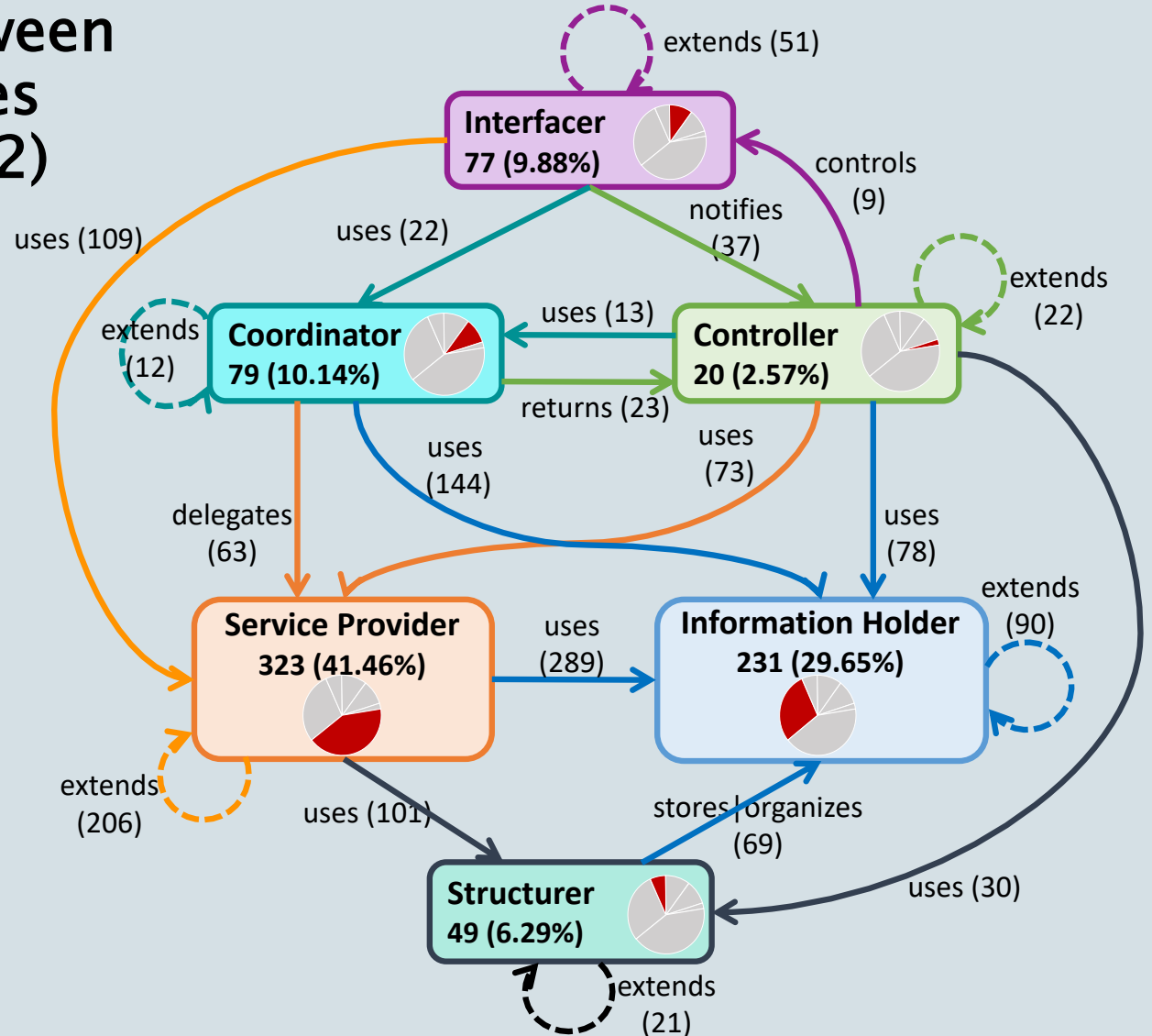
Lack of Cohesion in Methods (LCOM)



K9-Mail Case (1)

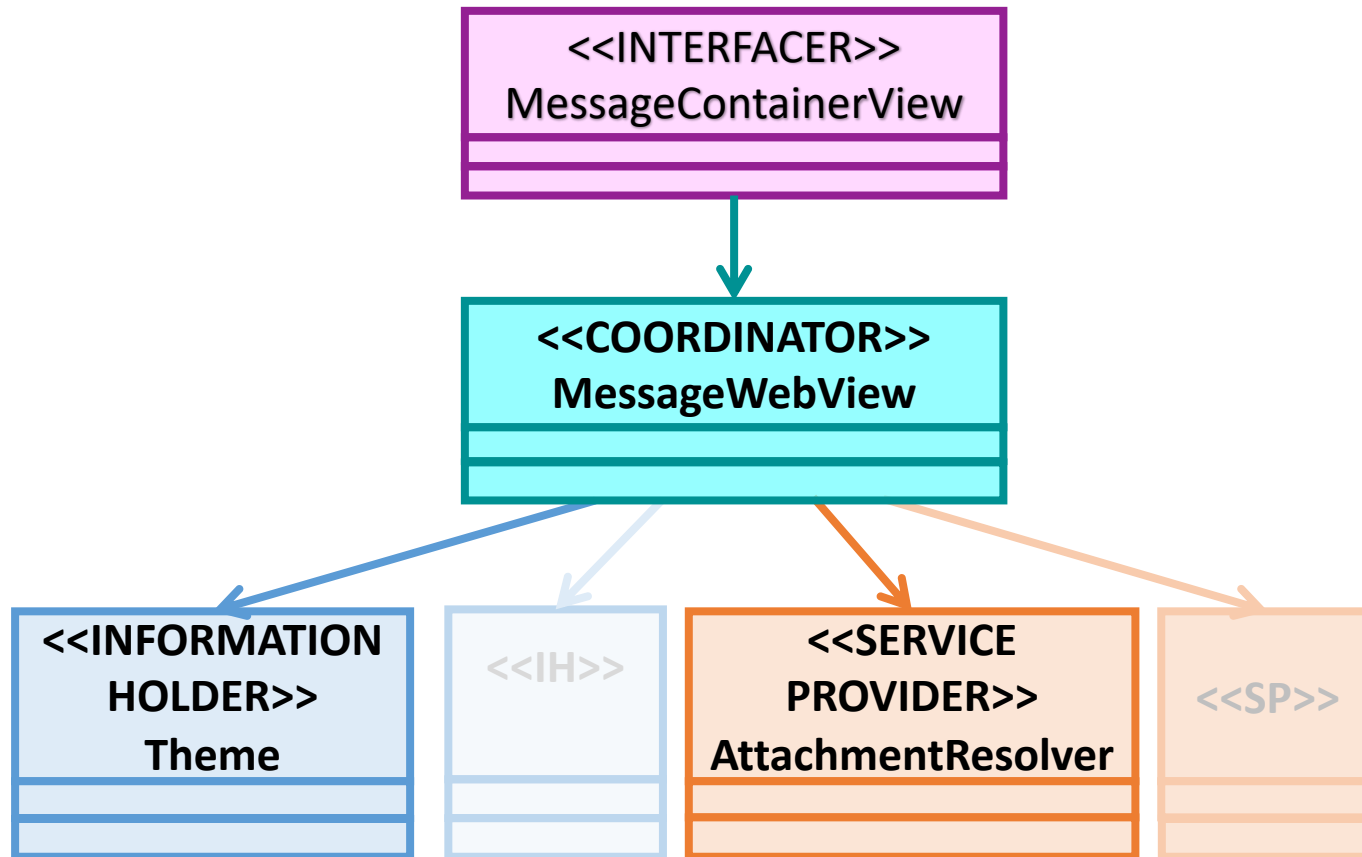


Relationship between role stereotypes K9-Mail Case (2)



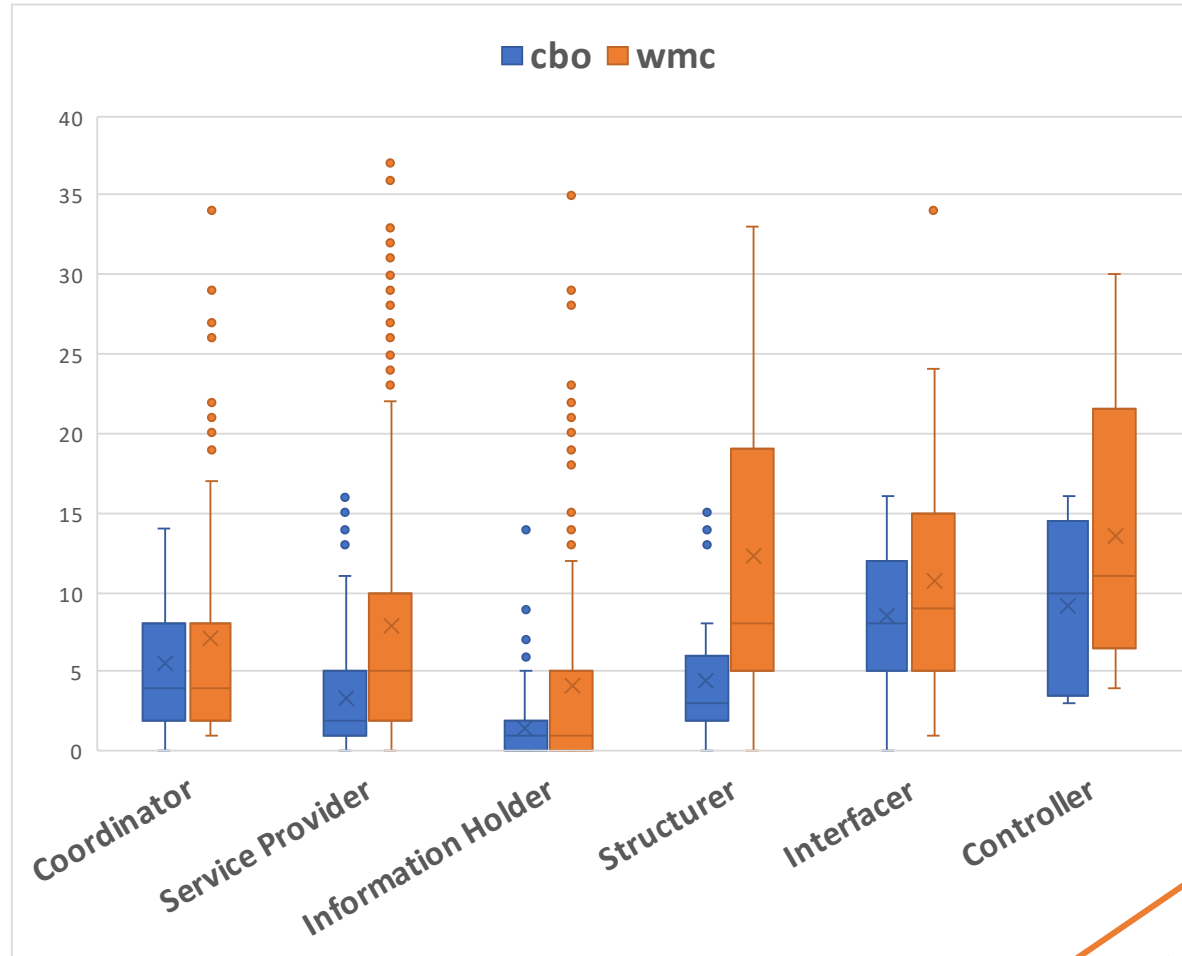
K9-Mail Case (3)

Collaboration Patterns between Role Stereotypes



K9-Mail Case (4)

Design Metrics of Role Stereotypes



Quality Assurance

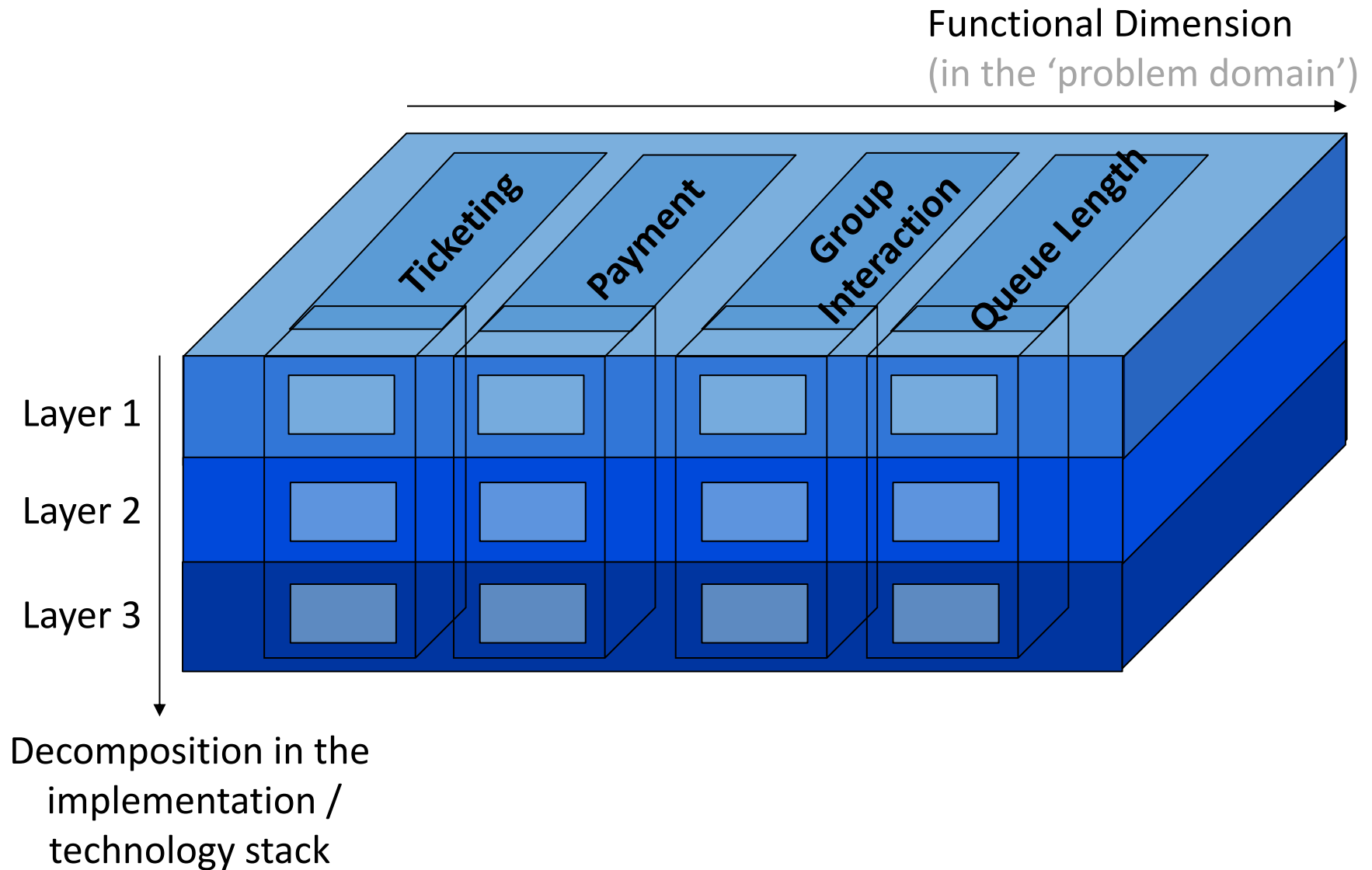
Summary Part I

- Having a concrete view on role/responsibility is vital to software design/quality.
- Role stereotypes can be used as a tool for:
 - assigning roles to software elements (in design phase)
 - comprehending work breakdown and collaboration patterns in existing system
- Using CRC card when discussing/thinking of responsibilities and collaborations of an object (can be a component/subsystem/class)

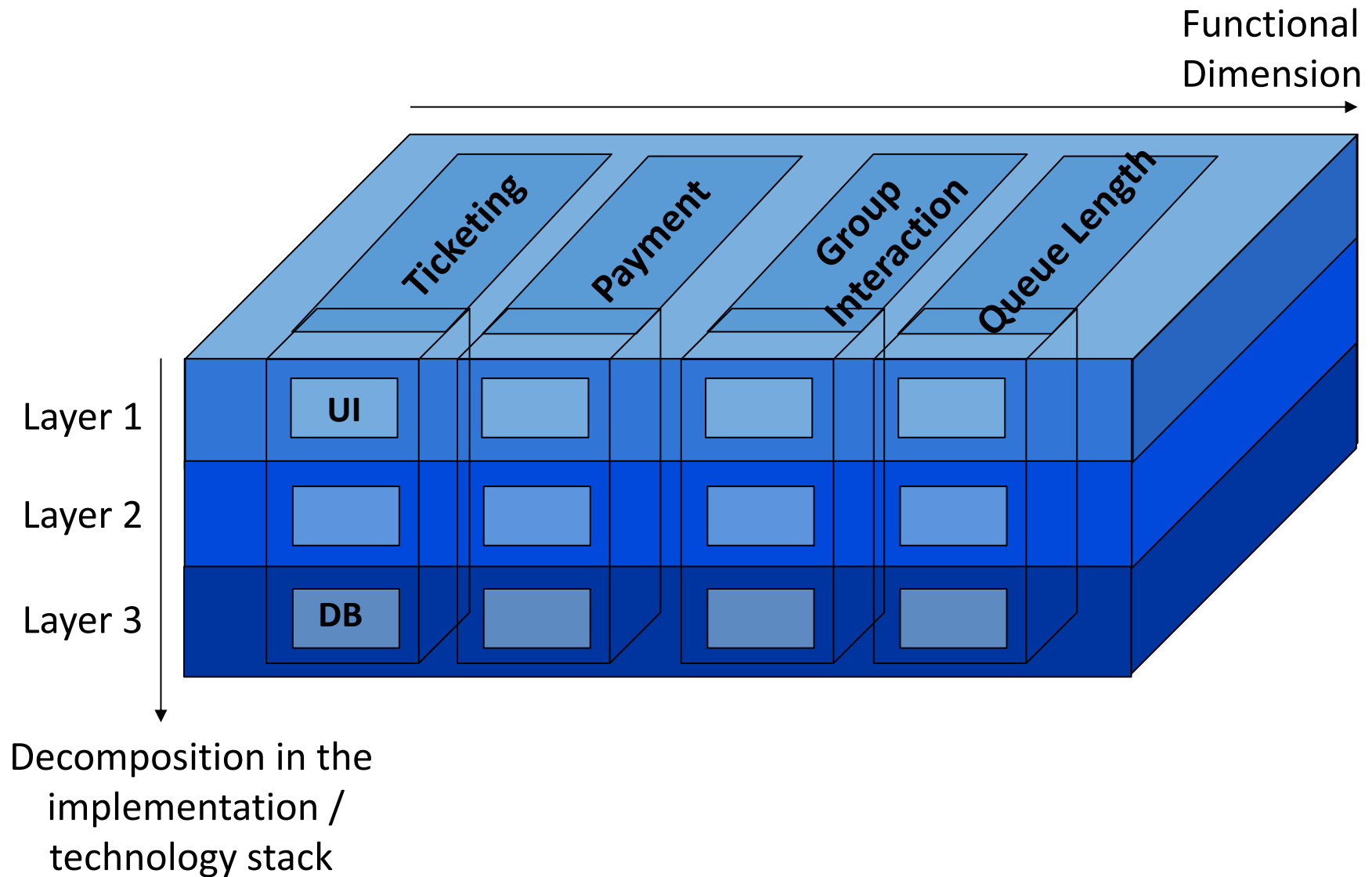
Decomposition of Functionality

- Functional decomposition answer the question: “What are the functions this software must provide?”
- Decomposing is needed to define fine-grain functions
- Functional requirements documents (FD) is a textual representation of functional decomposition. This can be used:
 - as the first step of development
 - as a base of contract with stakeholders

Subsystems vs Layering



Subsystems vs Layering

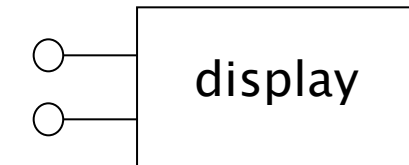
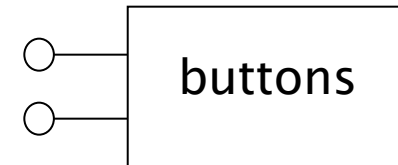
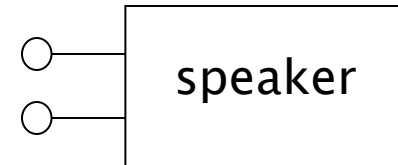
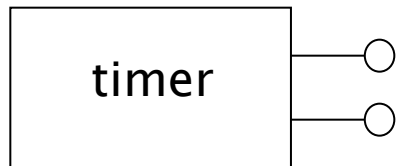
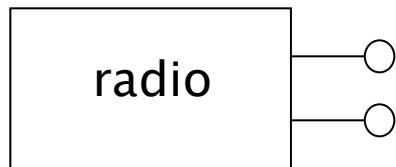


Example 1: Radio-Alarm Clock



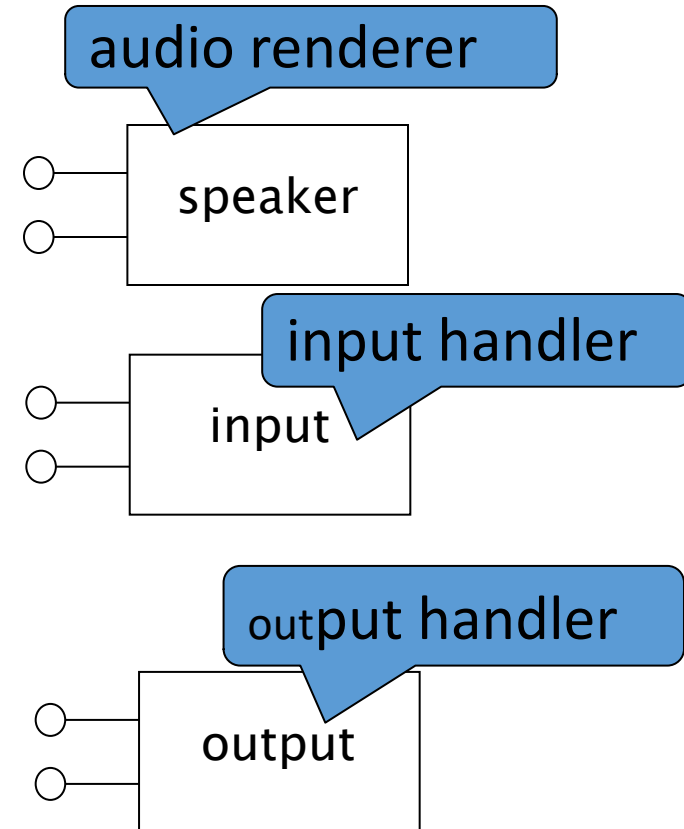
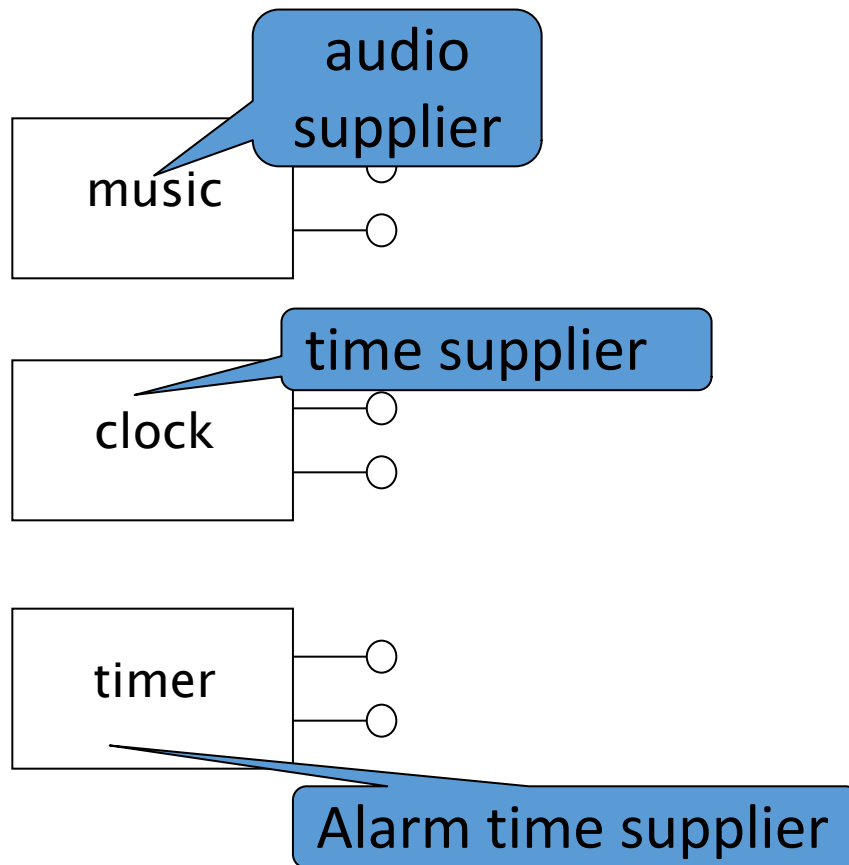
Radio Alarm Clock (initial)

Identify from subsystems the radio-alarm clock can be built?
What should be the responsibility of each component?

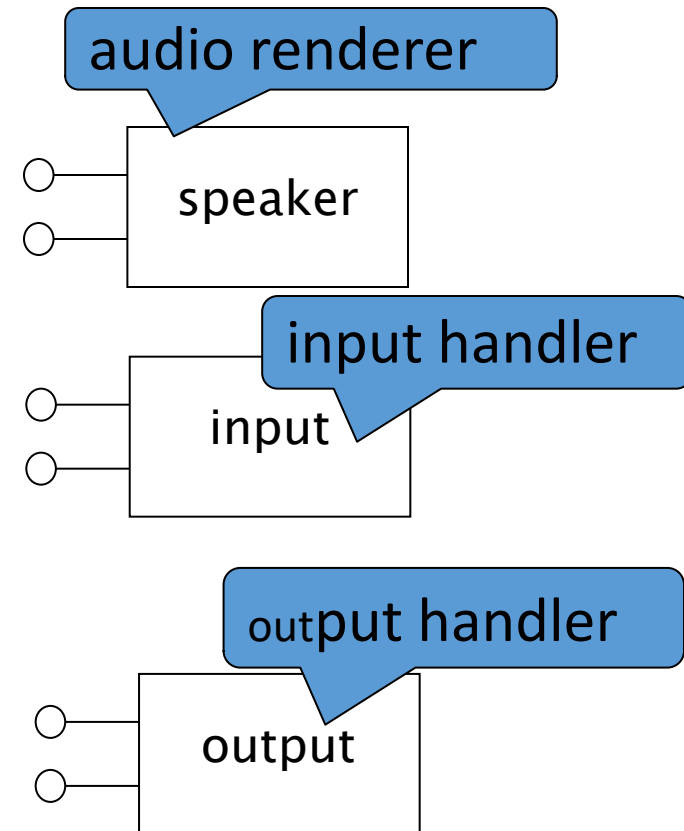
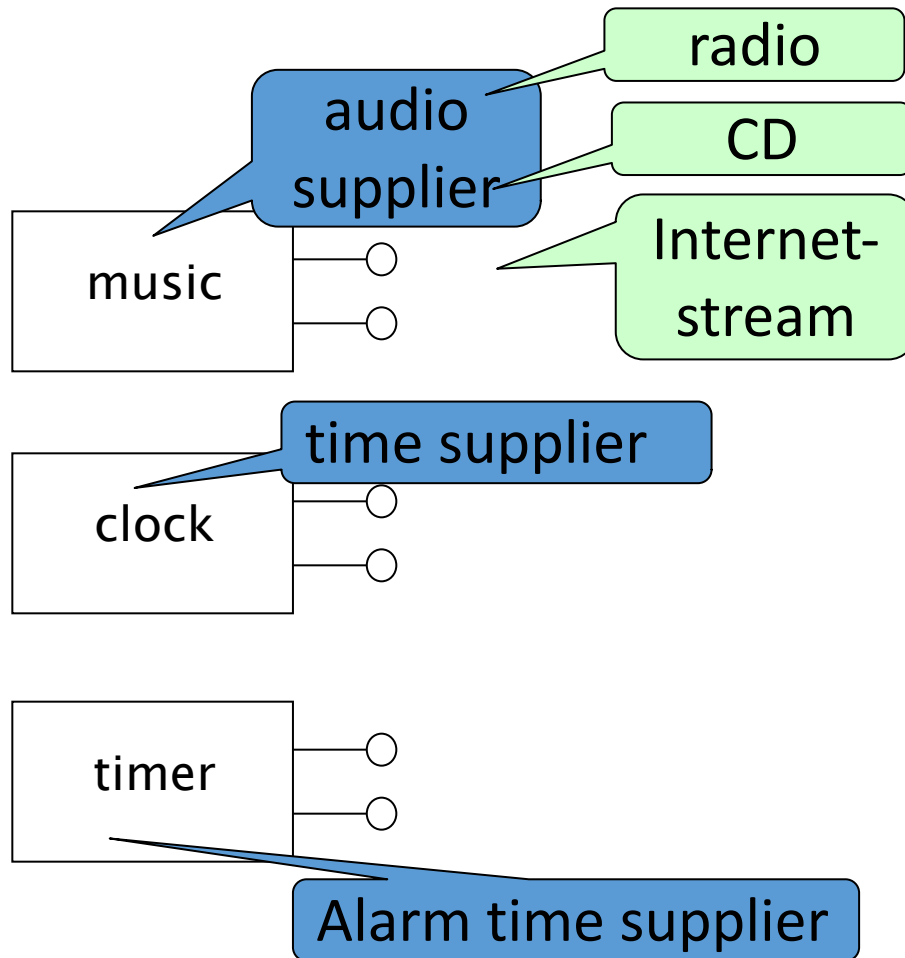


Radio Alarm Clock

Naming: aim for generality

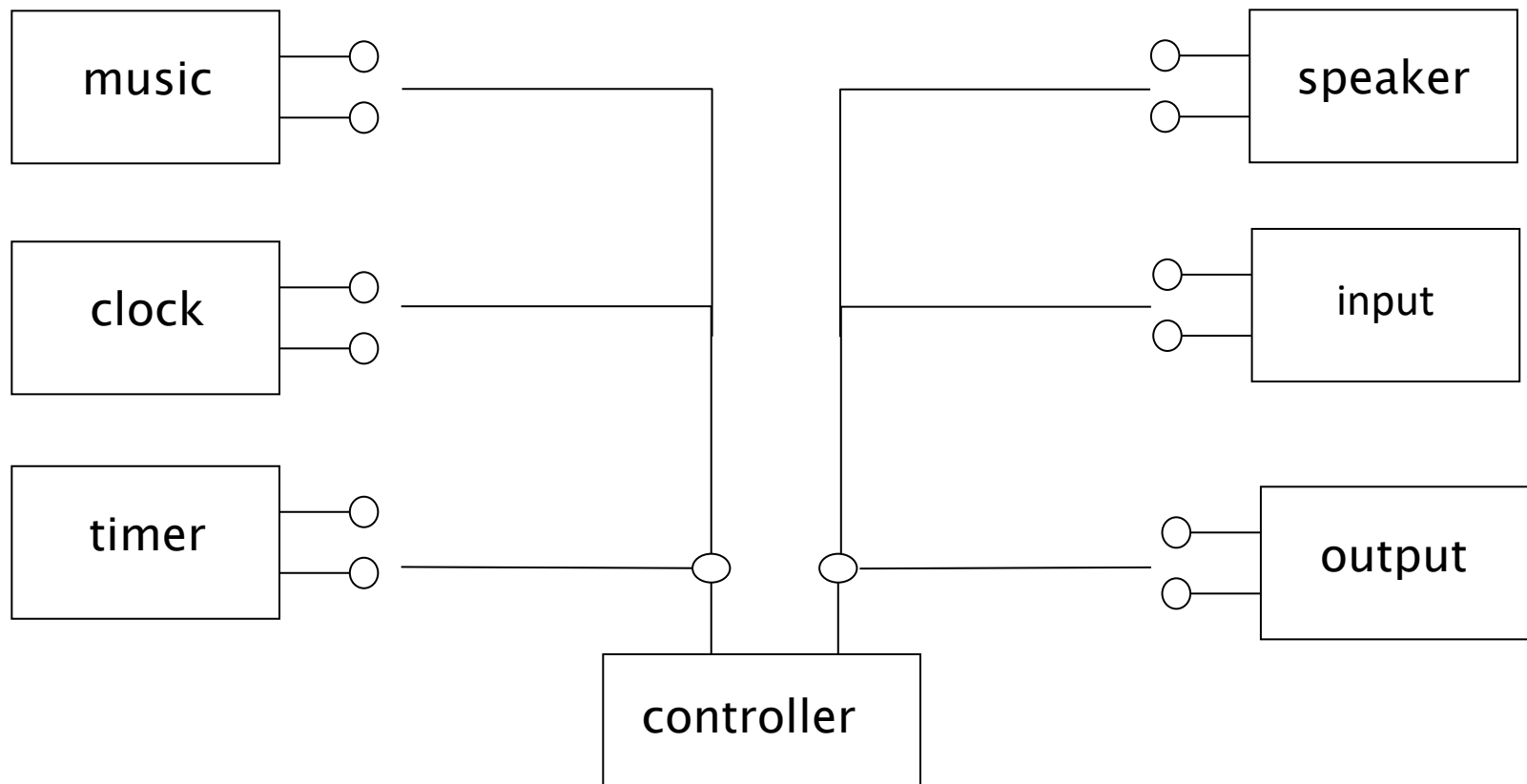


Radio Alarm Clock

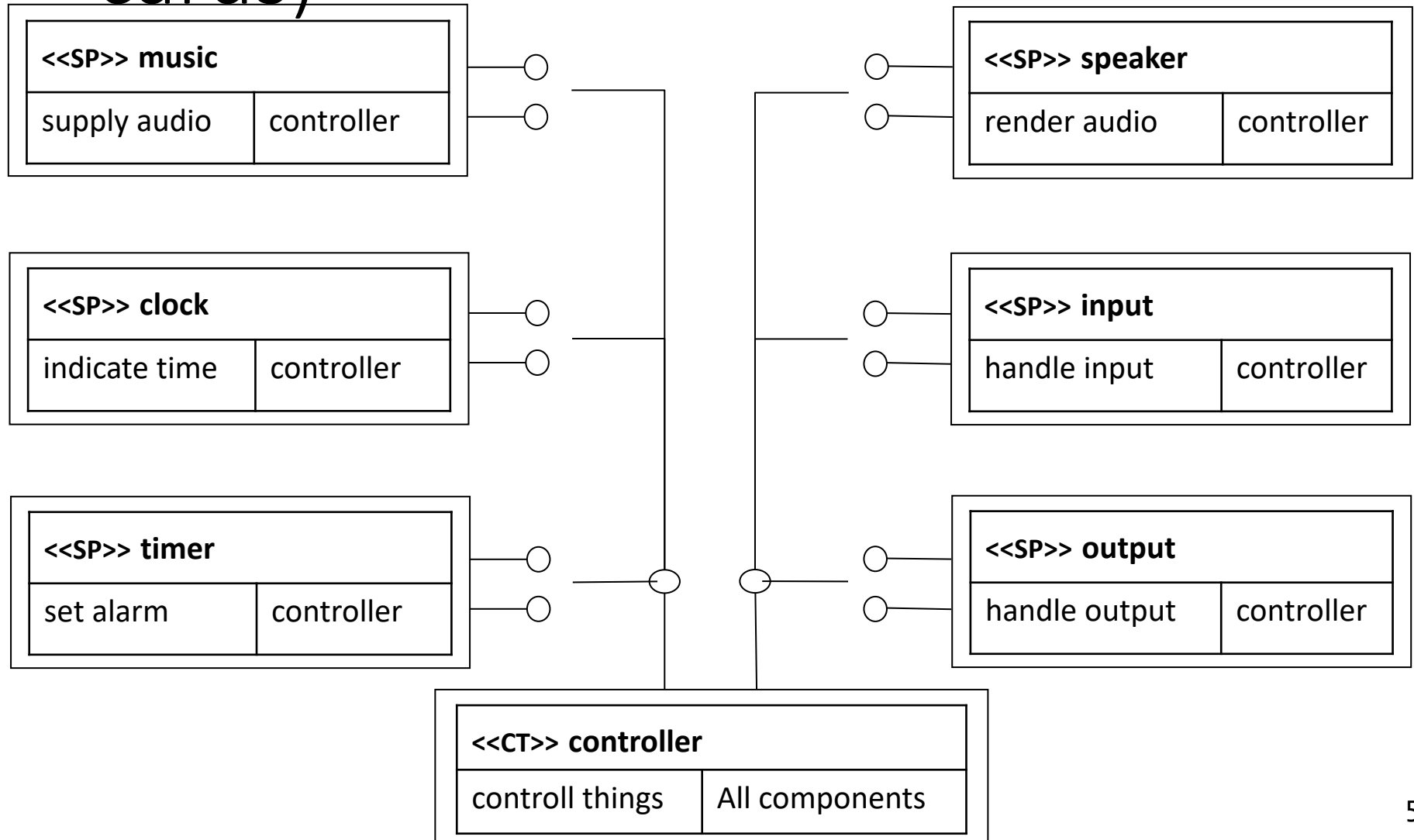


Radio Alarm Clock

A 'controller' is an 'integrator' of all functionalities



Radio Alarm Clock (with CRC cards)



Radio Alarm Clock

Can your design easily accommodate extensions?



lamp

(wireless) atomic clock



temperature

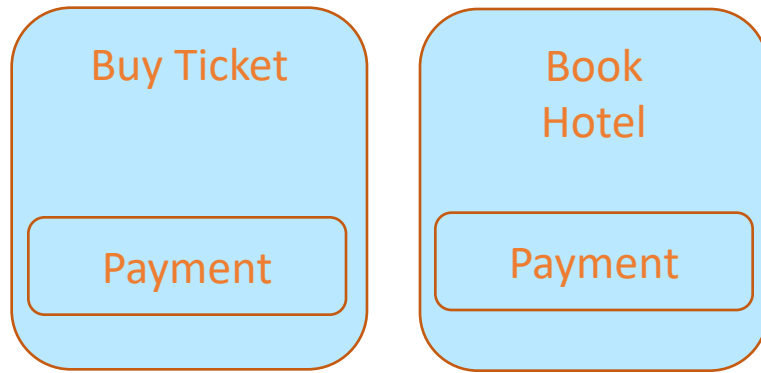
Train strike/traffic delays



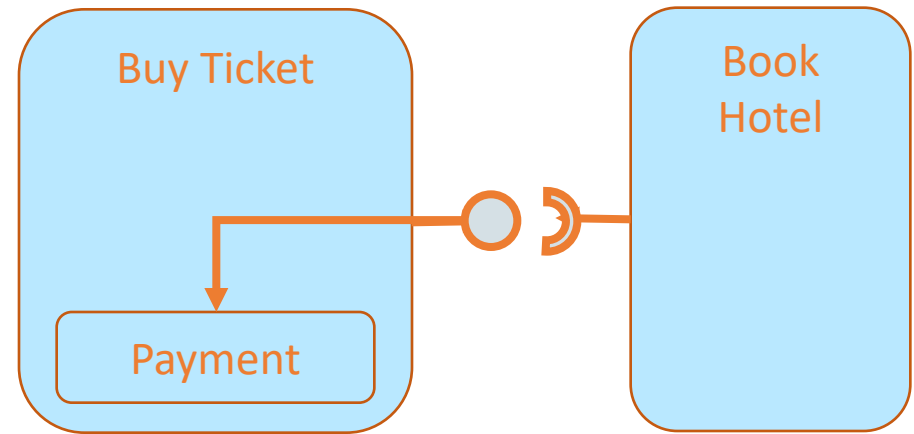
Alarm-time

Bat-alarm

Which Design and Why?

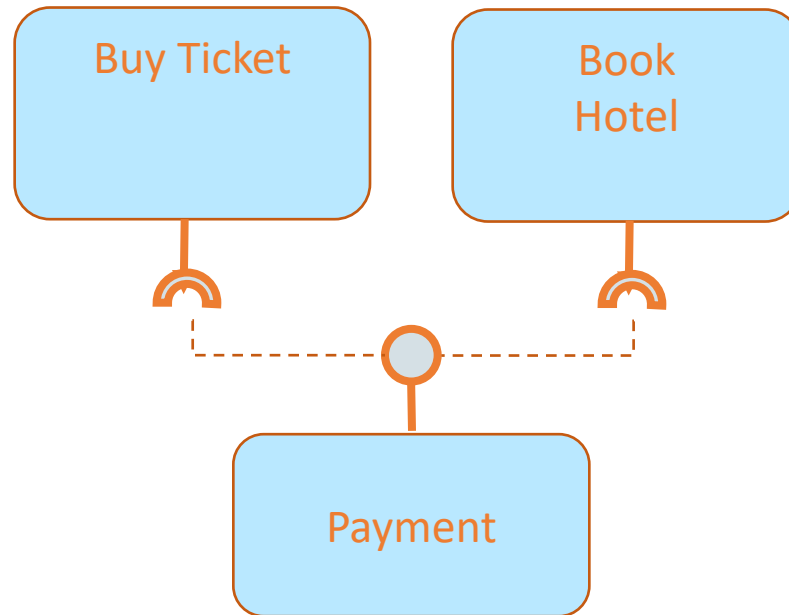


A



B

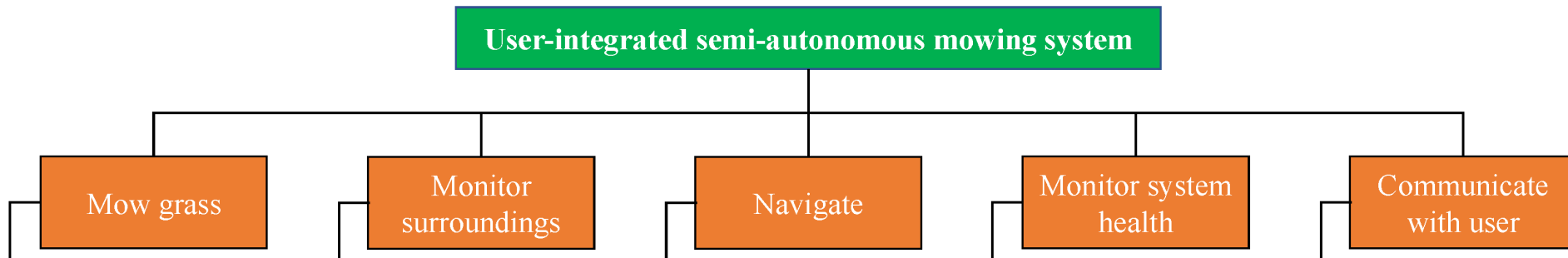
Factor out what is common



Payment-functionality is

- 1) a common, generic service
- 2) a clear cohesive responsibility
- 3) a unit of change

Example 2: User-integrated semi-autonomous mowing system



Shows:

- Decomposition into main functions of the system

Alt: responsibilities / tasks

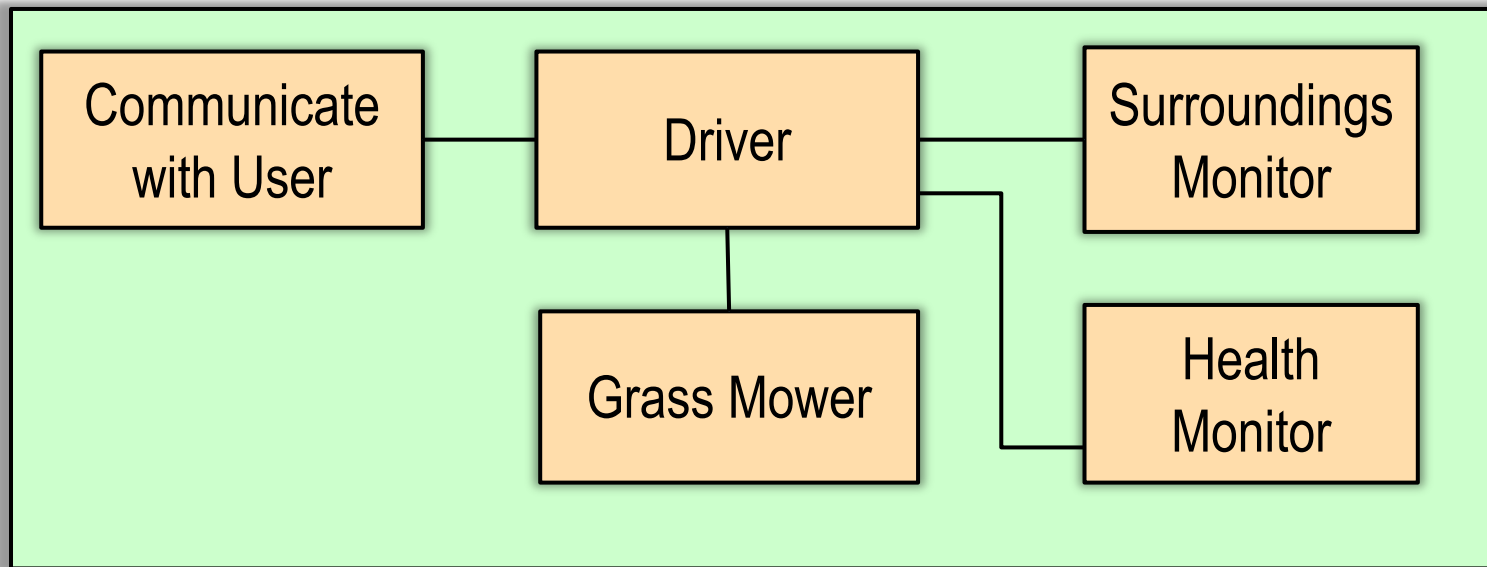
Does not show:

- How components are implemented
- IT does not show 'power' or 'memory'!

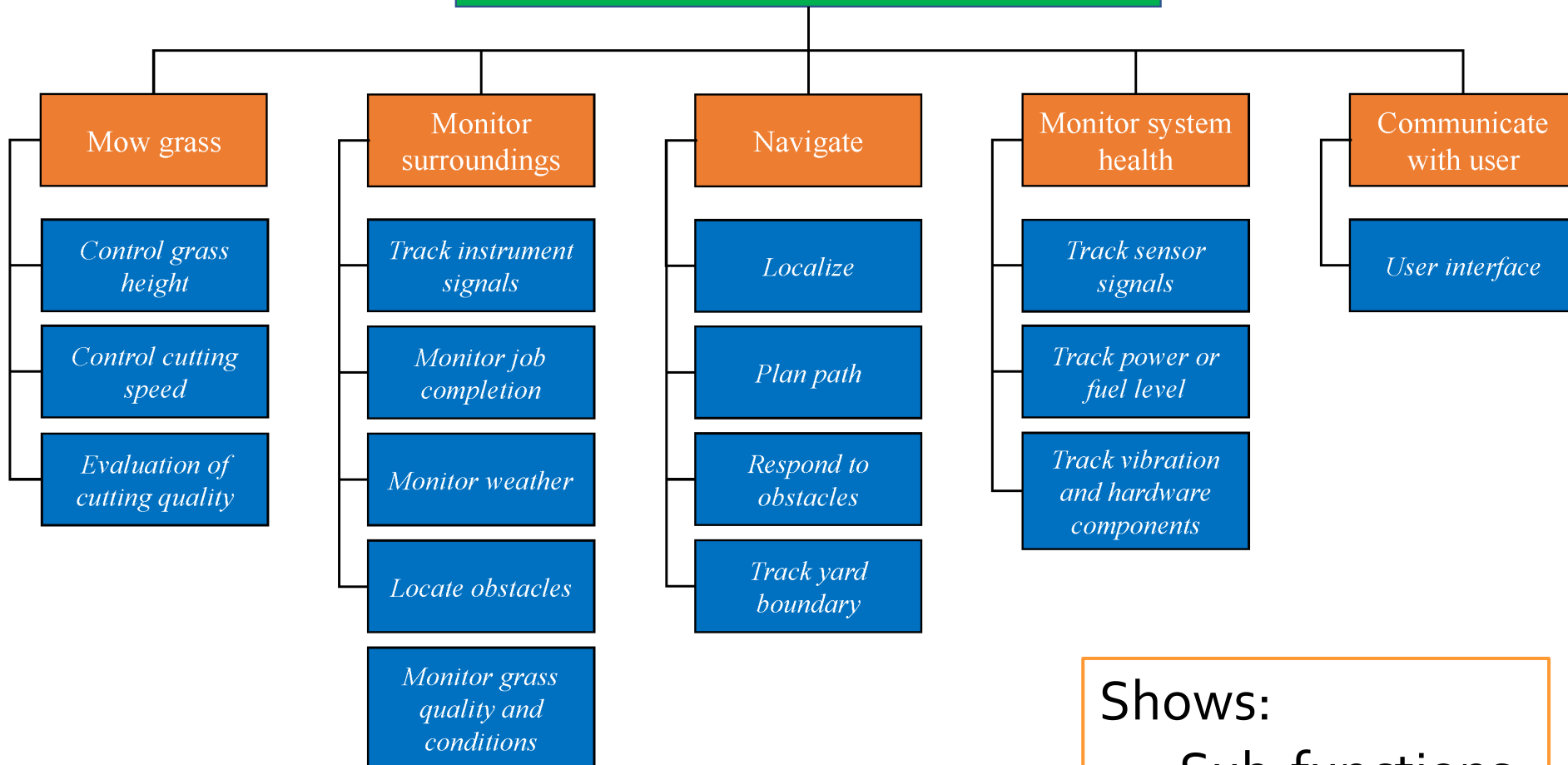
Not at this 'perspective'/abstraction

Autonomous Grass Mower

Subsystem decomposition



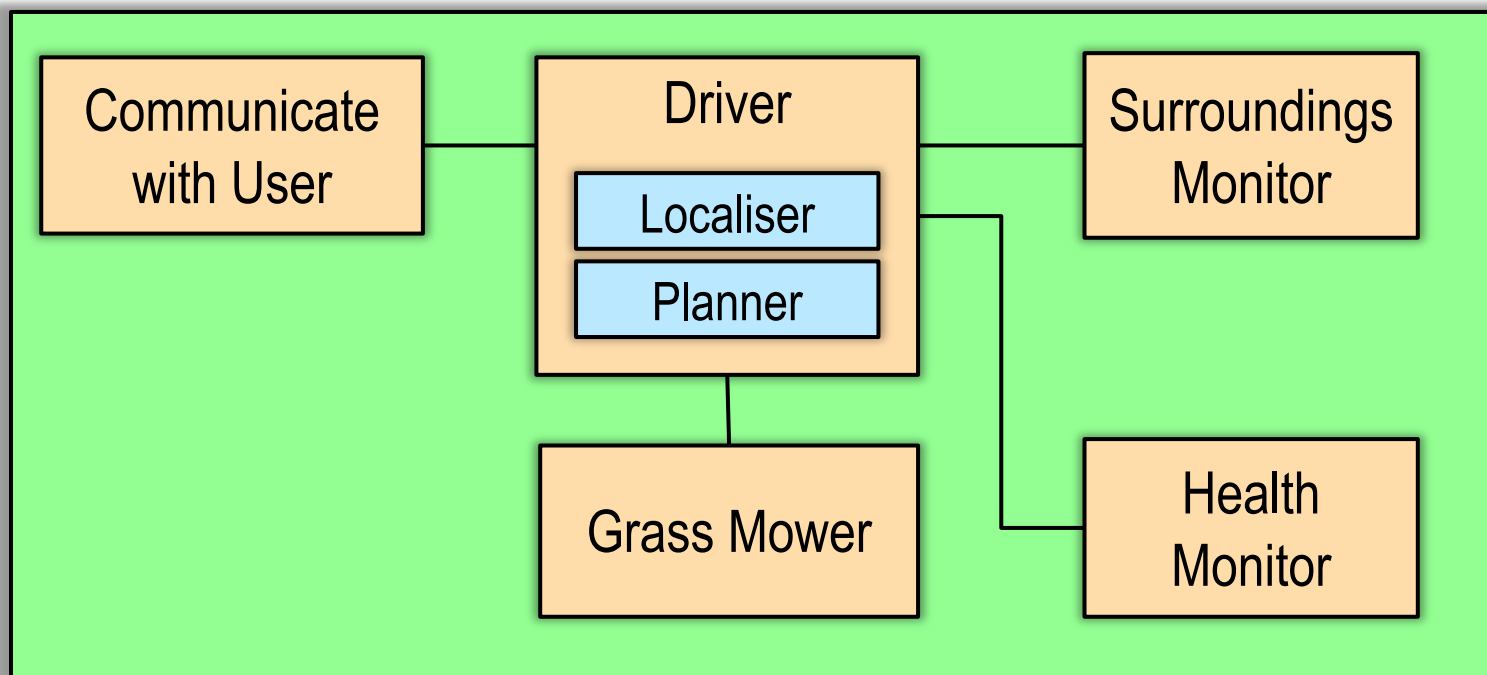
User-integrated semi-autonomous mowing system



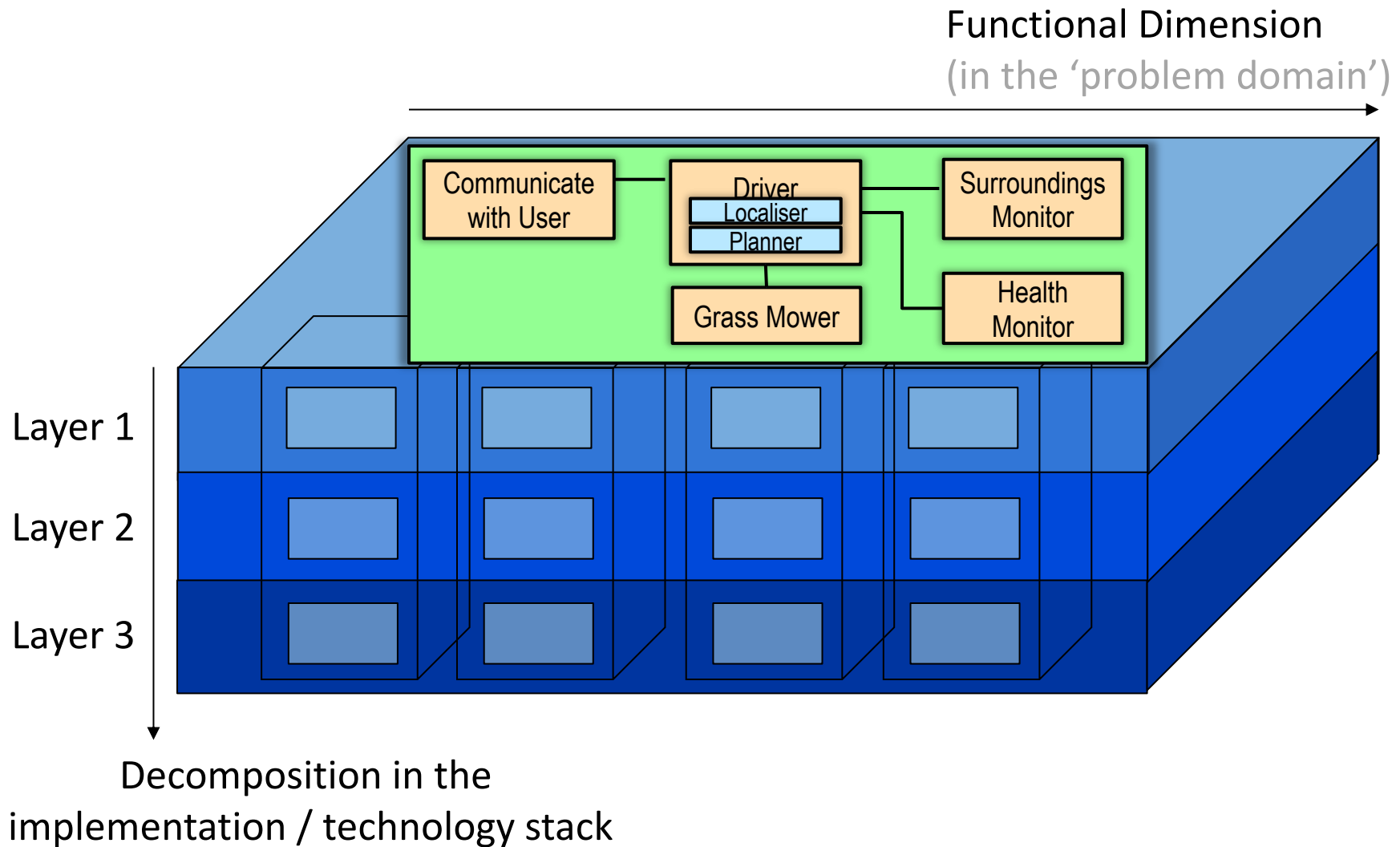
Shows:
- Sub-functions

Autonomous Grass Mower

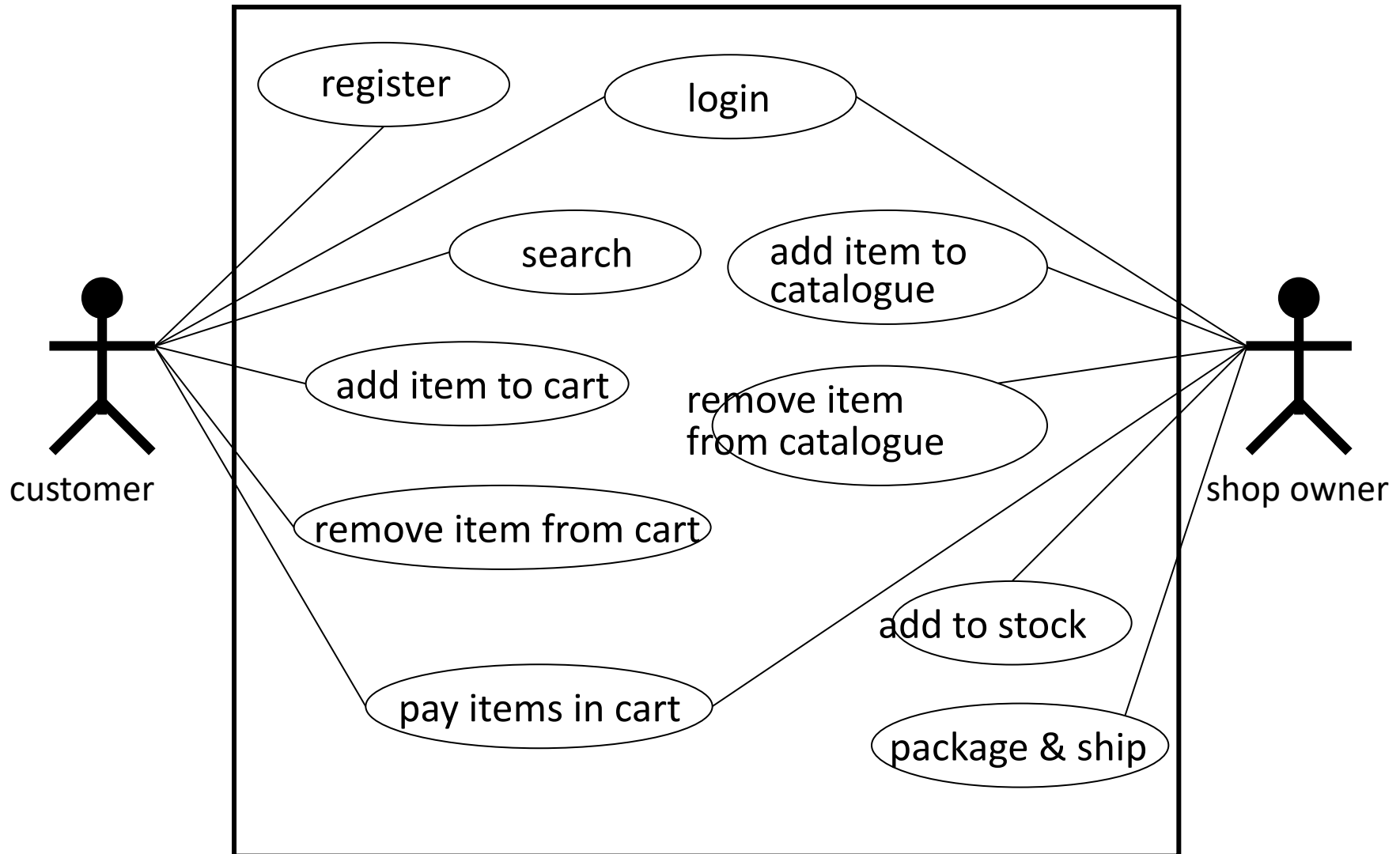
Sub-subsystem decomposition



Subsystems vs Layering



Example Design Case 3: Web Shop



Structure/Group Functionality

- Defines subsystems of functionality
- Purpose
 - Define decomposition into subsystems
 - Provide support for use-cases
- Think in terms of responsibilities
- Use Component diagram

Web Shop: Functional Areas (V0.1)

**Customer
Registration**

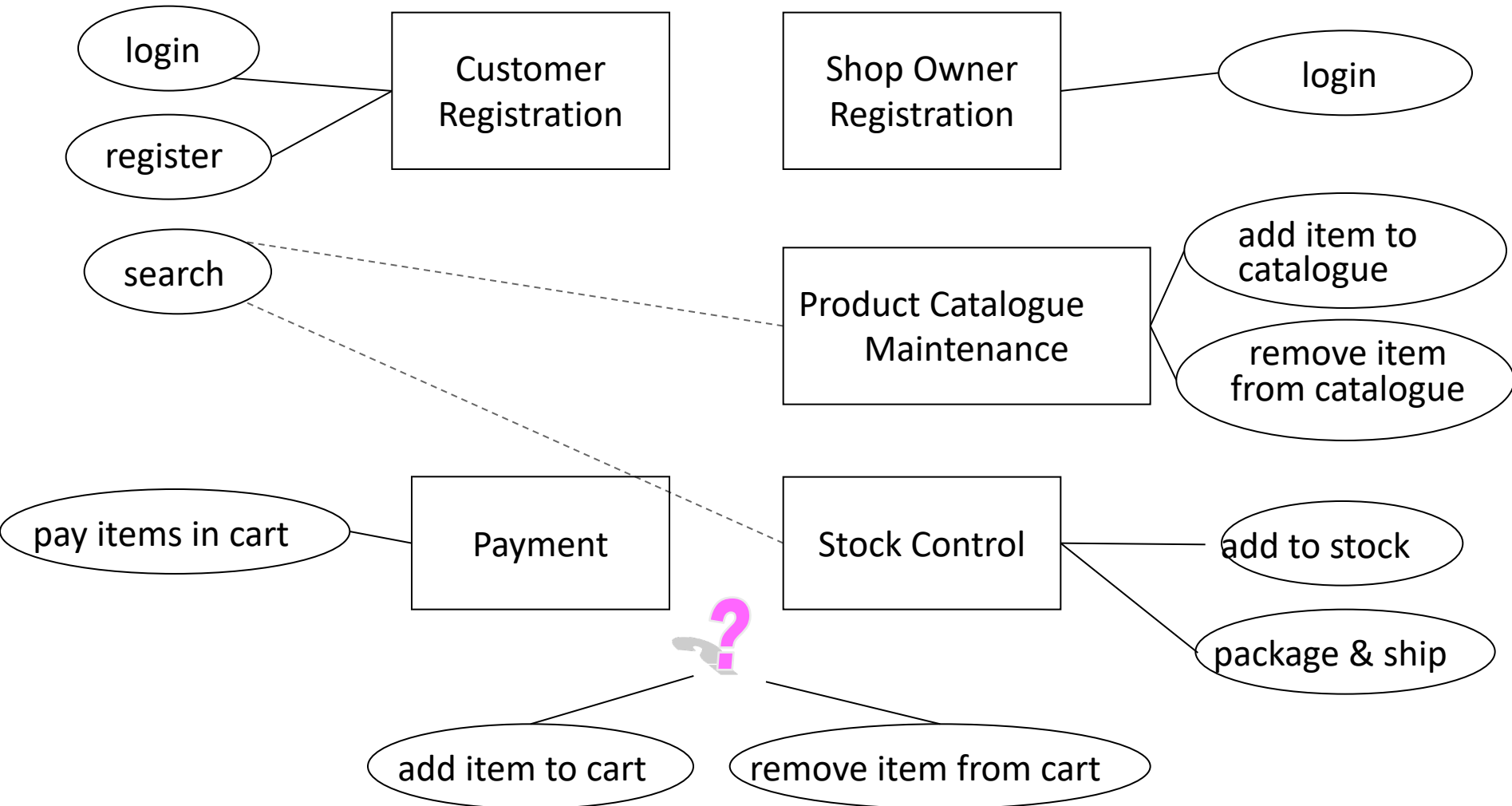
**Shop Owner
Registration**

**Product Catalogue
Maintenance**

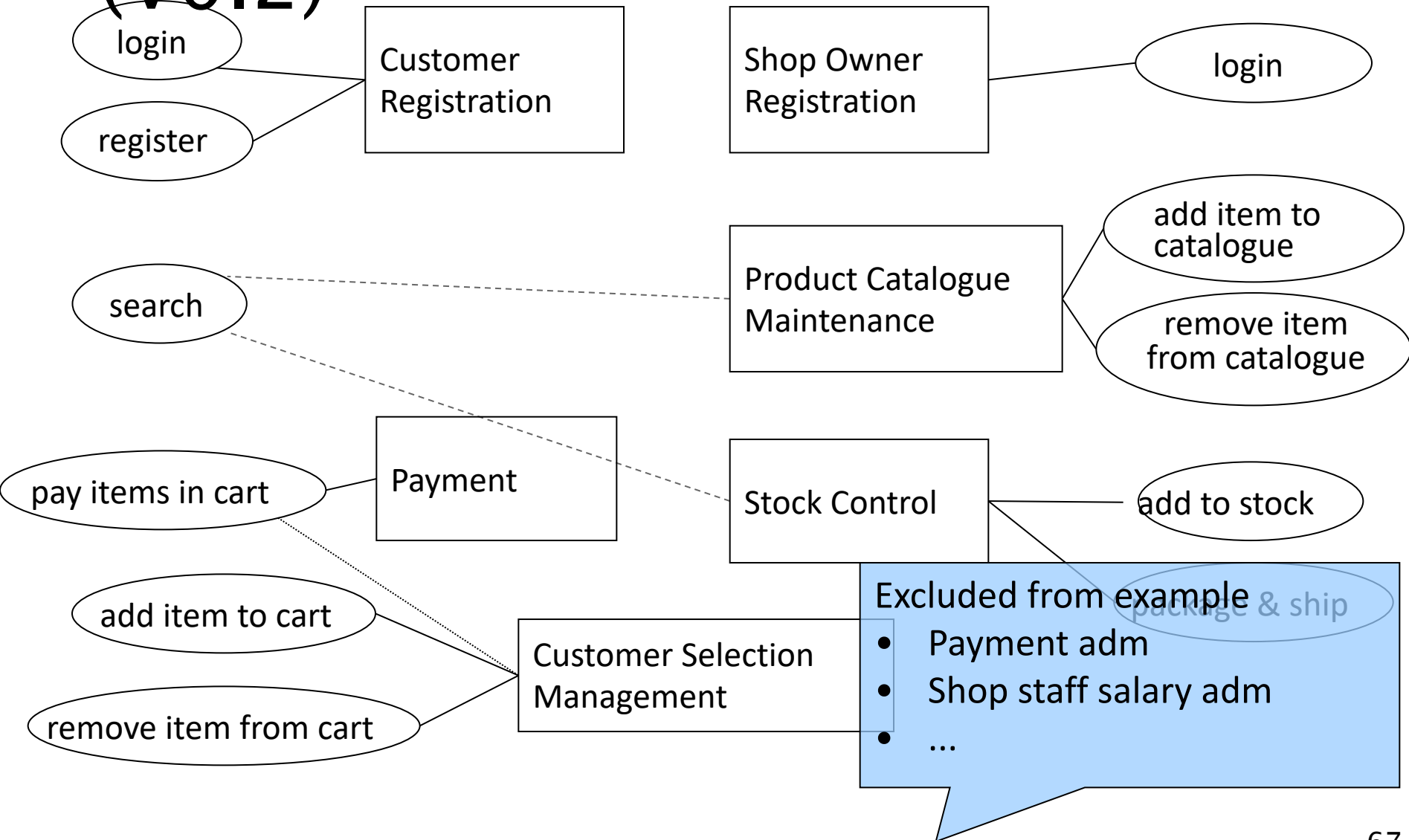
Payment

Stock Control

Check Use Cases Against Functional Areas



Web Shop: Functional Areas (V0.2)



Web Shop: Responsibilities

Customer Registration

Maintain customer accounts

Shop Owner Registration

Maintain staff accounts

Product Catalog Maint.

Maintain product data

Cust. Selection Mngmt.

Maintain customer product selection

Payment

Handle payment between customer, shop & bank

Stock Control

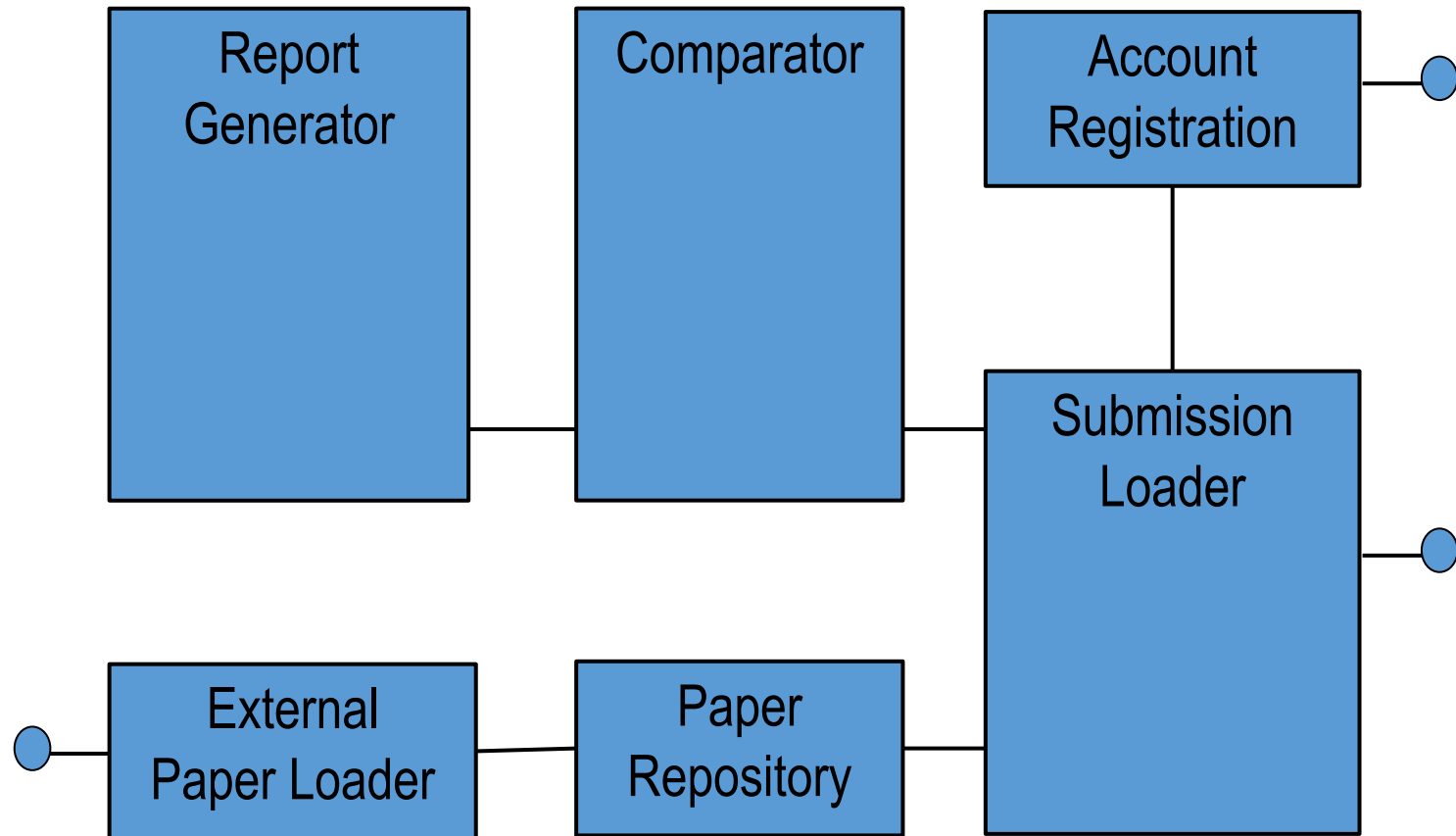
Maintain availability of products in stock

Example 4:

Automated Plagiarism Checking System

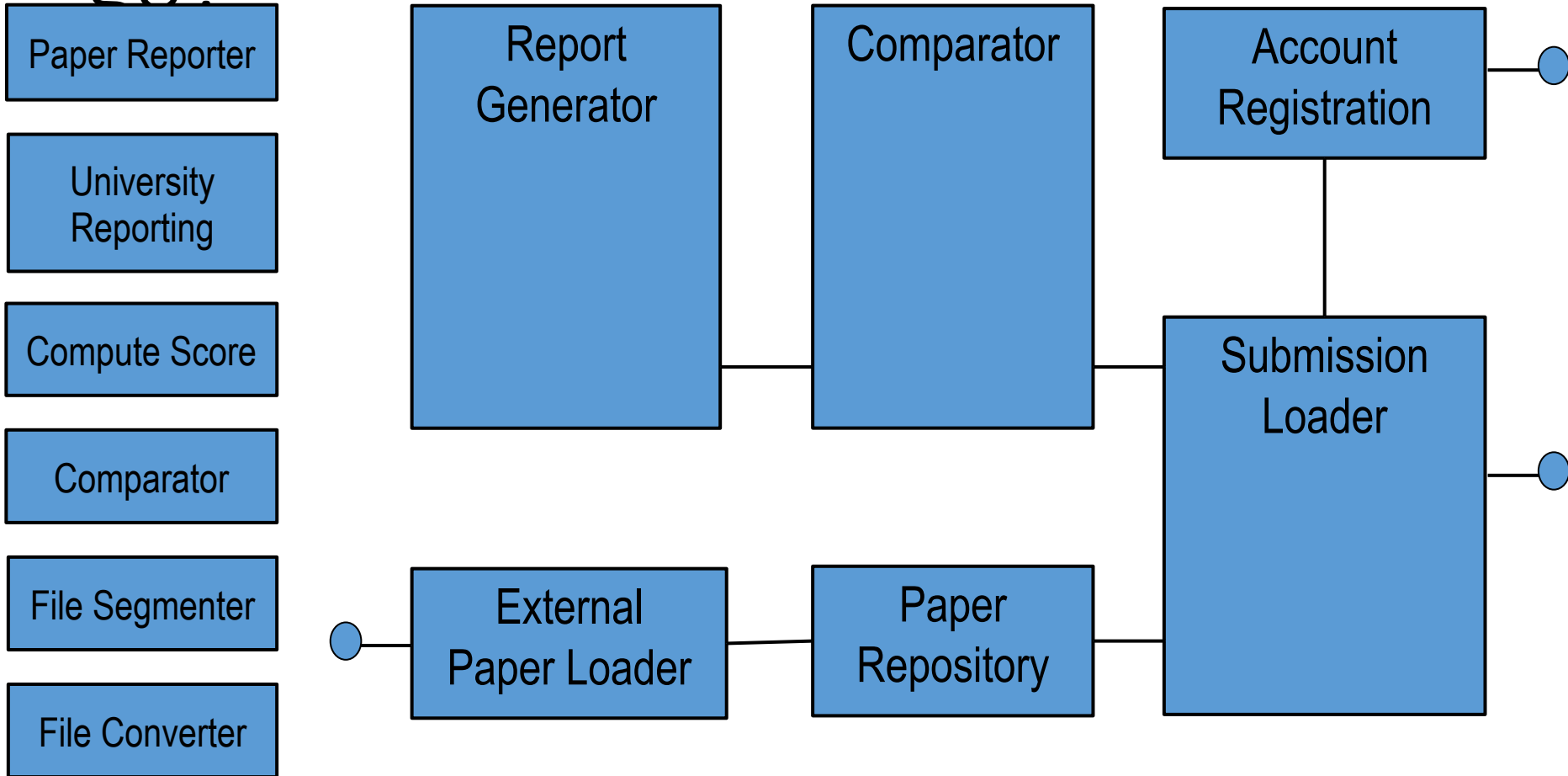
- University can have subscriptions
- University-faculty can make accounts
- Faculty can send in documents for checking
 - Documents are turned into a standard internal format
 - The document is segmented (chapters, section, sentences, ...)
 - Document is compared on a sentence by sentence basis.
 - A plagiarism score is produced
 - A report is sent to the person that sent in the document
- The system keeps records of use for producing yearly accounting reports

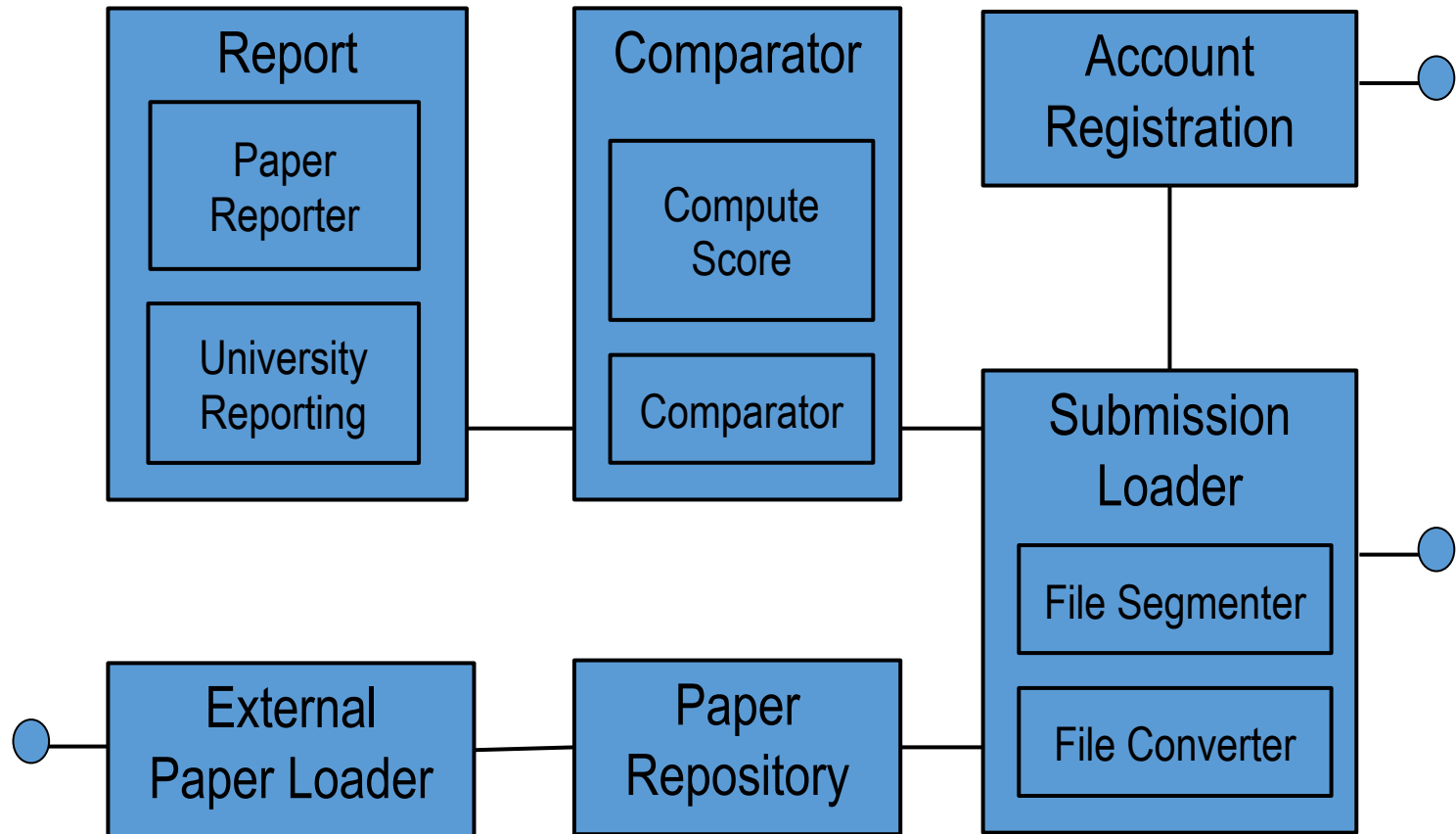
Decomposition into Subsystems



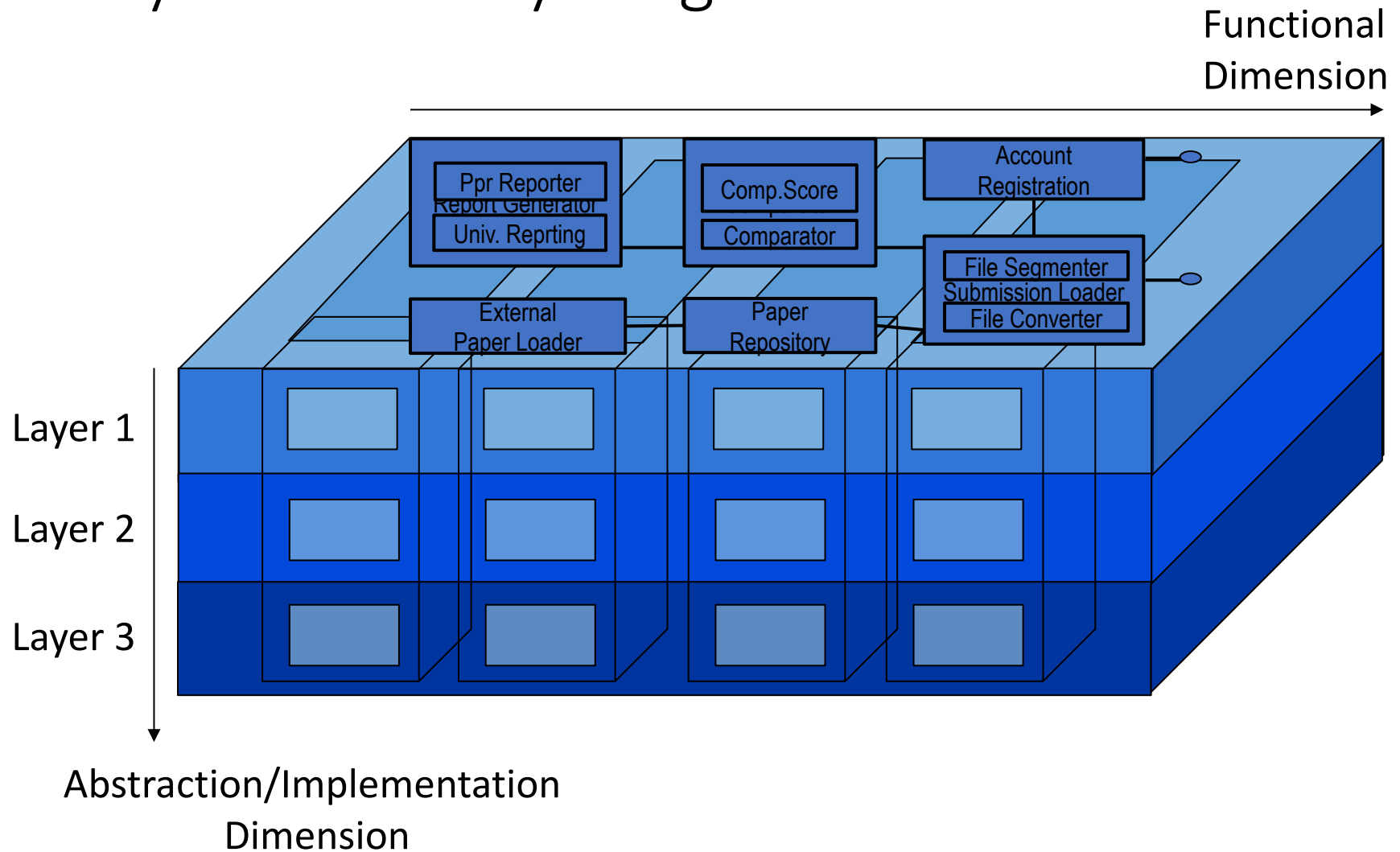
Where do these sub-subsystems

go?





Subsystems vs Layering



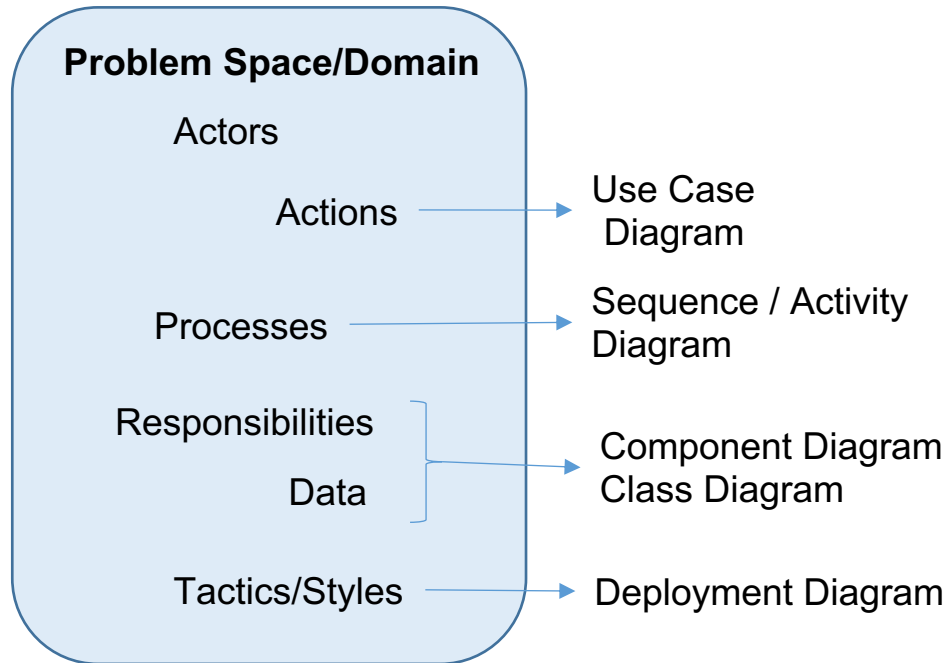
Analysis & Design

In this course

Analysis is for: understanding & describing the domain
describes **what** : main concept & their relations

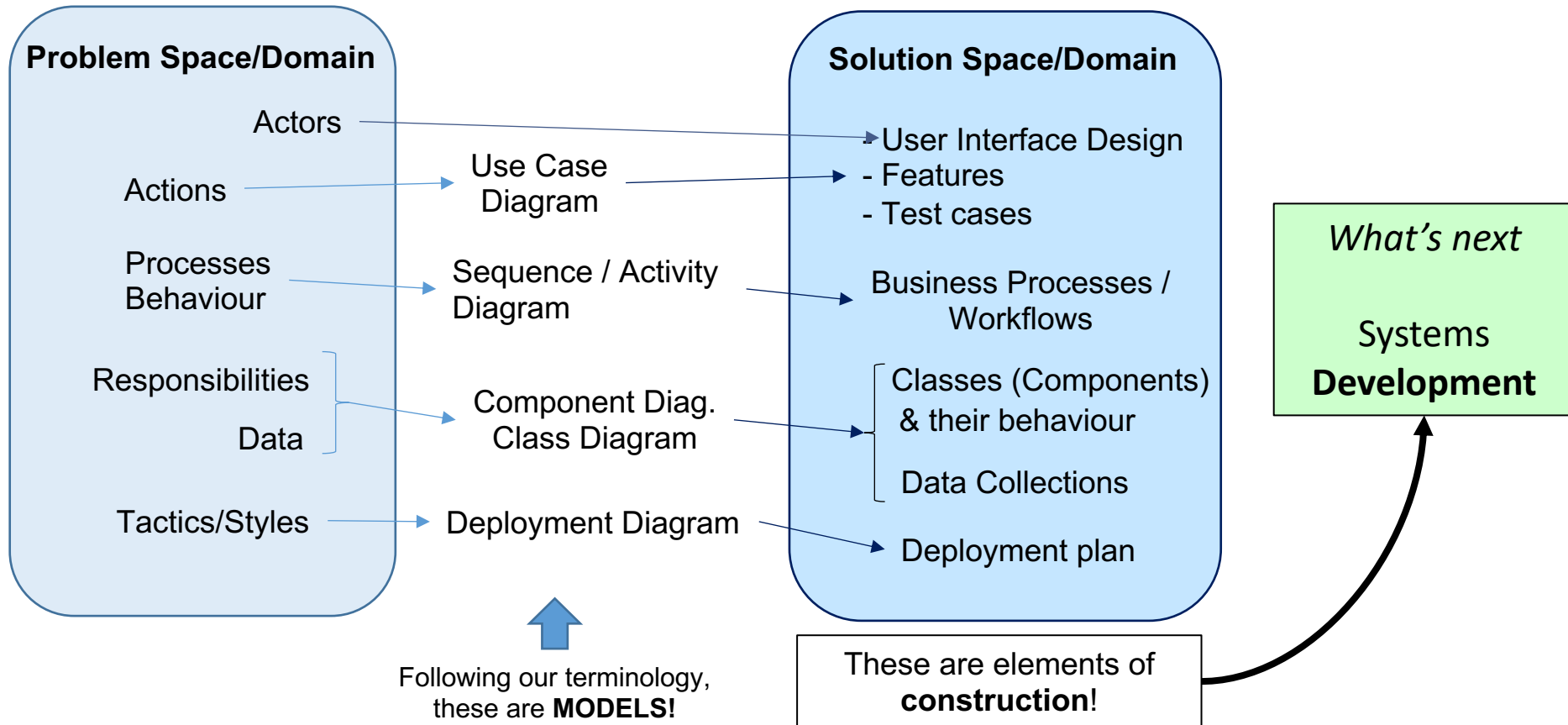
Design is for: synthesis of executable solution
describes **how** a construction of a solution should work

From Analysis to Design



These are elements of **analysis**:
What is there?

From Analysis to Design



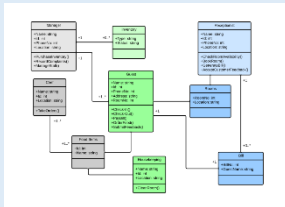
From Analysis to Initial Design

The OO paradigm has been designed such that Analysis and Design models look 'alike':
Classes that appear in a domain model, can also appear in a design model

Descriptive Models

Problem Space/Domain

Component/Class Diagram

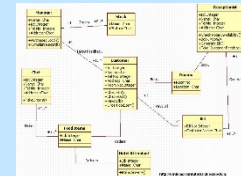


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Prescriptive Models

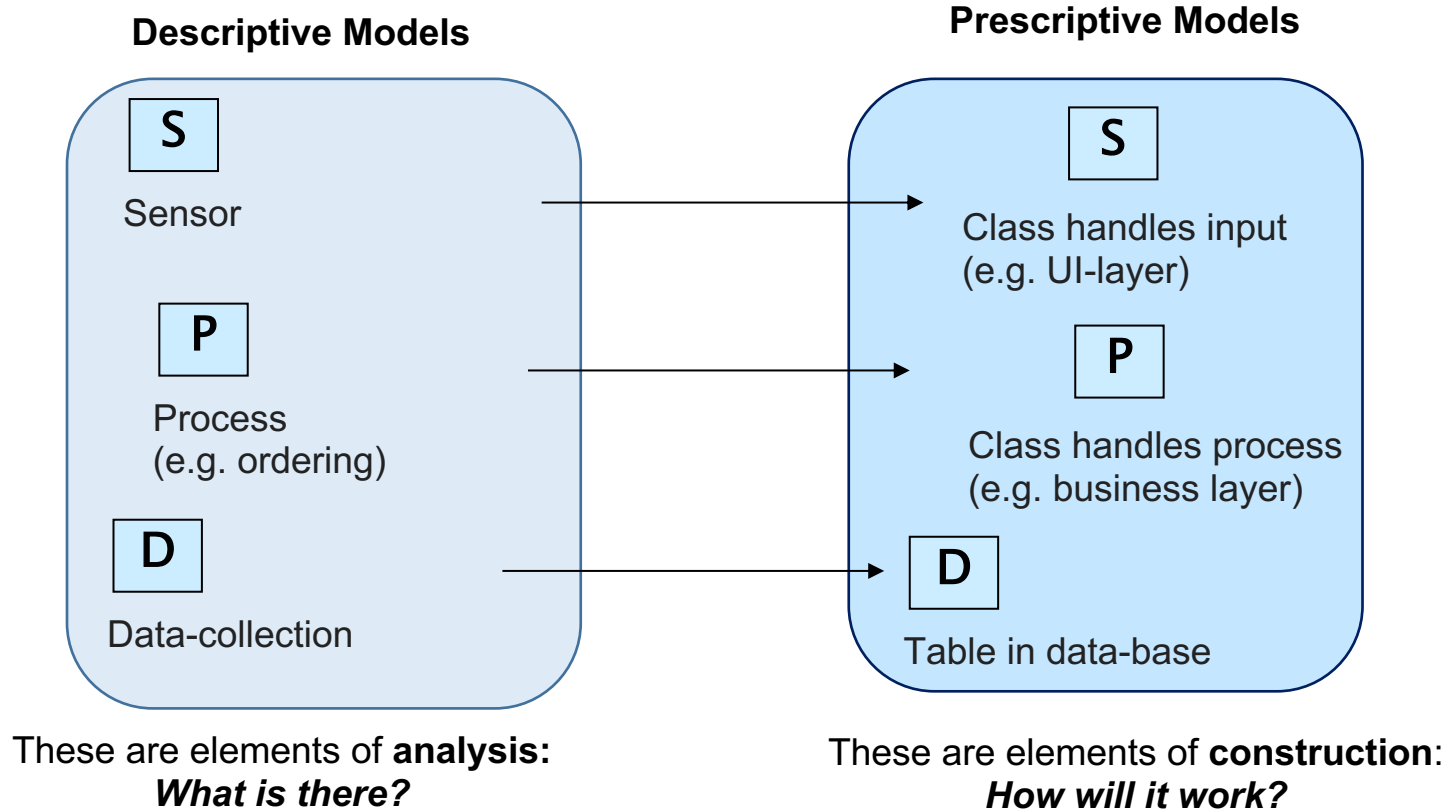
Solution Space/Domain

Components/Classes & their behaviour



These are elements of **construction**:
How will it work?

From Analysis to Design



Summary Part II

- Functional Decomposition vs Implementation Decomposition
- Functional Decomposition as the first step to analyse the system from the problem spaces
- Transition from Analysis (Problem Domain/Space) to Design (Solution Domain/Space)