

Rational Unified Process & Designing Software (LL Chapter 9)

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Agenda

- **Recap Architecture**
- **RUP**
- **Design heuristics & guidelines**

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- **Design**

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Multiple Purposes of Architecture

Understanding
+ Analyzing + Communicating + Constructing



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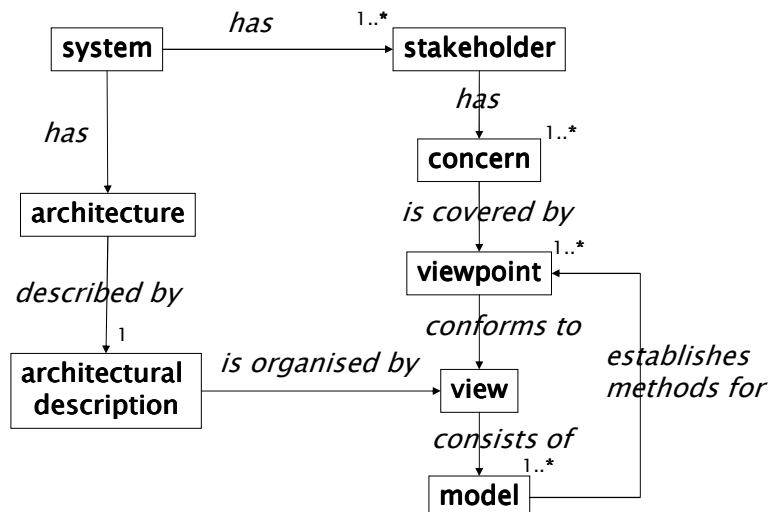
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Overview (According to IEEE 1471)



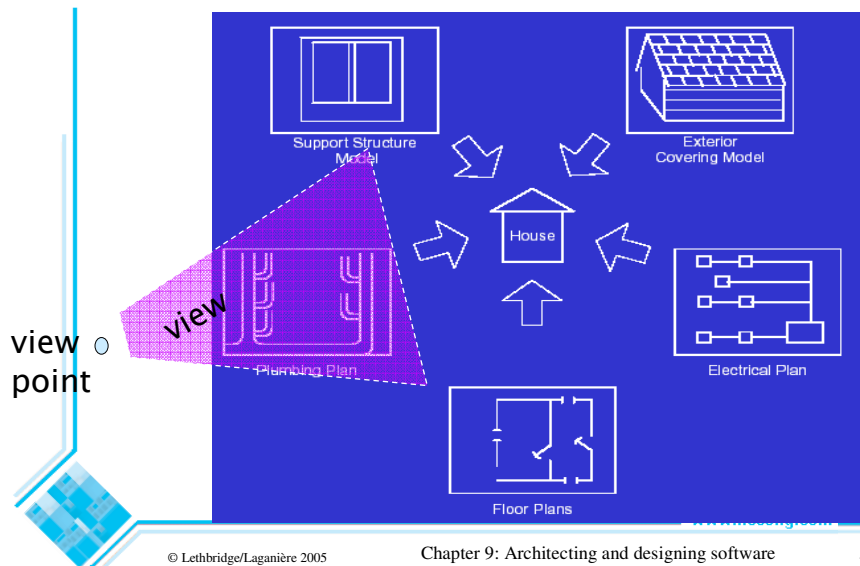
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Viewpoints & views



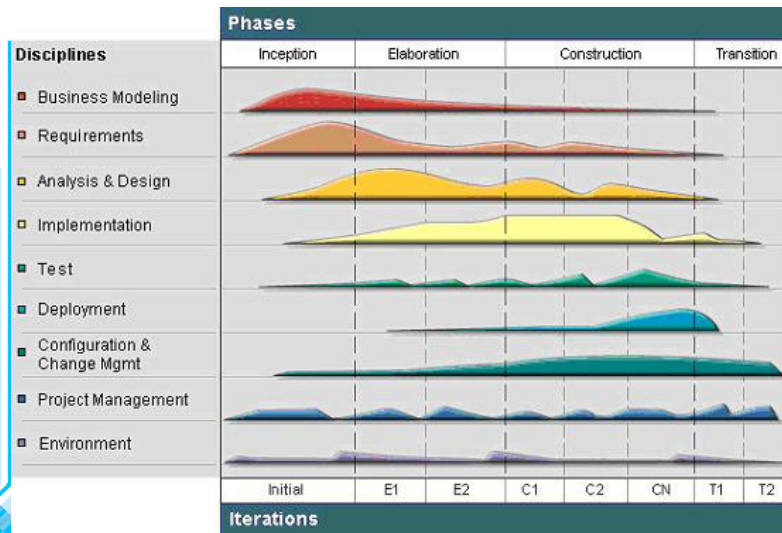
Recommendations for Architecture Description

- describe the system **goals** & the **assumptions on the environment**
- describe the design **principles, decisions, guidelines**
 - and their **rationale**
- describe **several views** that can be combined in a consistent model
at least the following views should be given:
 - **functional/structural (decomposition) view**
 - include a description of the interfaces between (sub)systems
 - **process/dynamical/behaviour view**
 - **deployment view**
- prevent mixing of views
- address **non-functional** (*ilities) aspects
- use a well-defined notation and include its **key/legend**
 - this aids systematic use of notation/avoids inconsistent use
 - improves common understanding
 - prevents mixing of different levels of abstraction
- add explanation in **natural language**

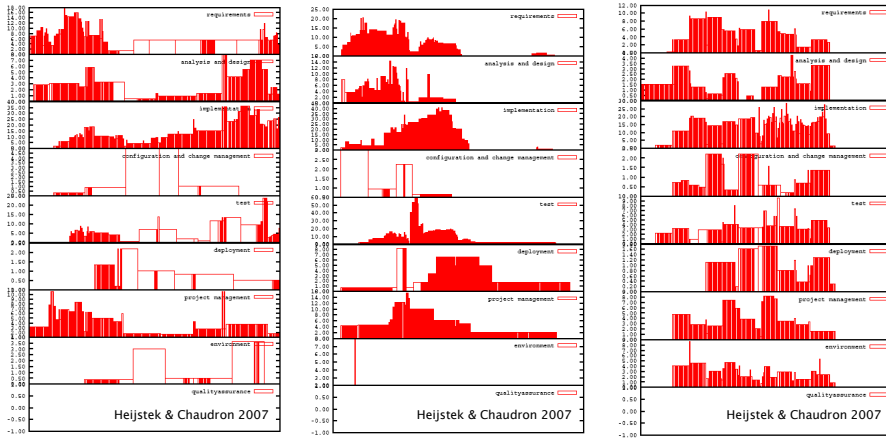
Rational Unified Process (RUP)



Rational Unified Process



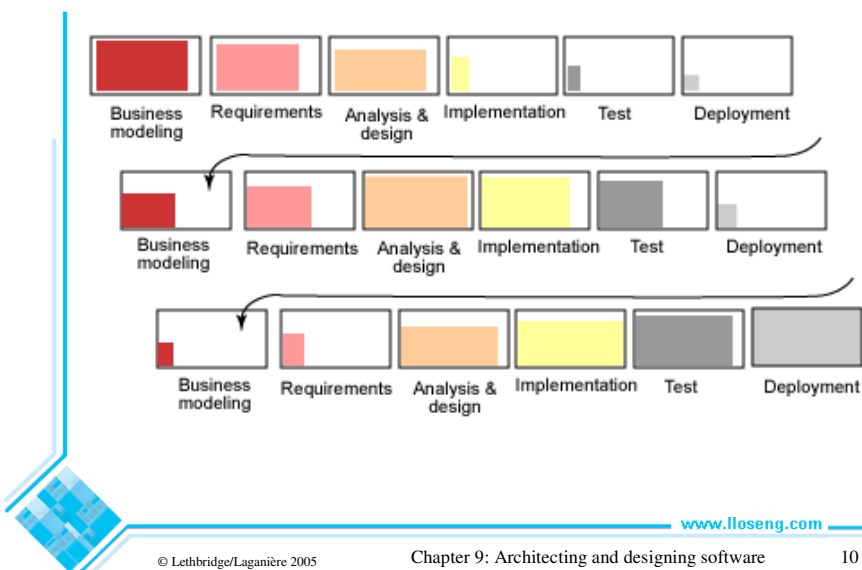
RUP Humps from 3 (largish) projects



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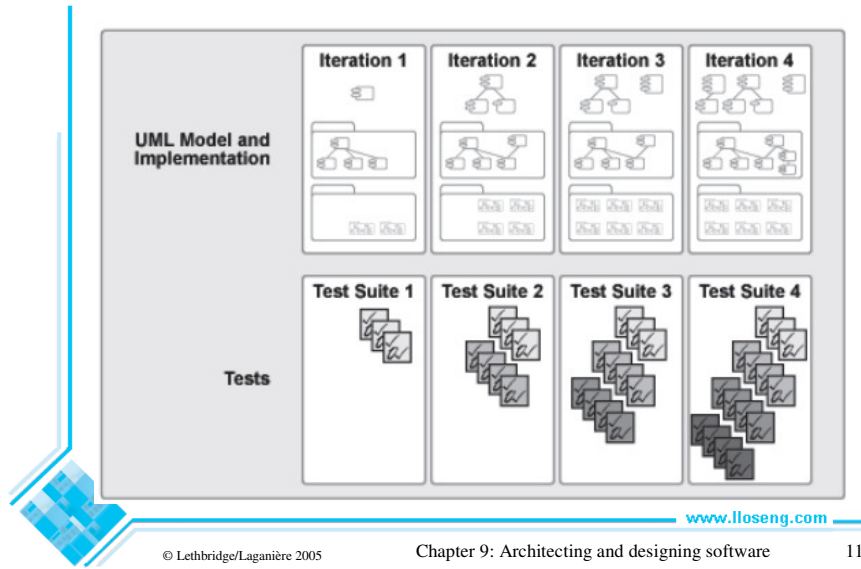
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Progress perspective

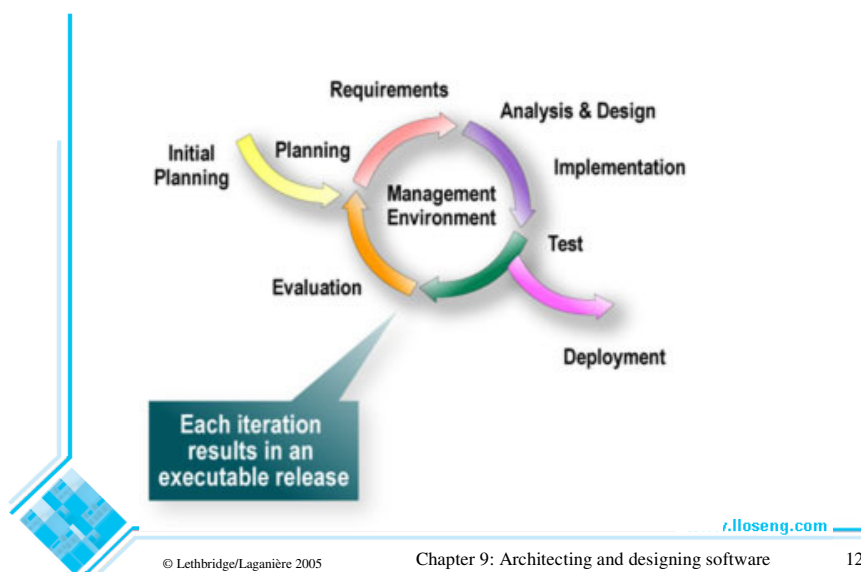


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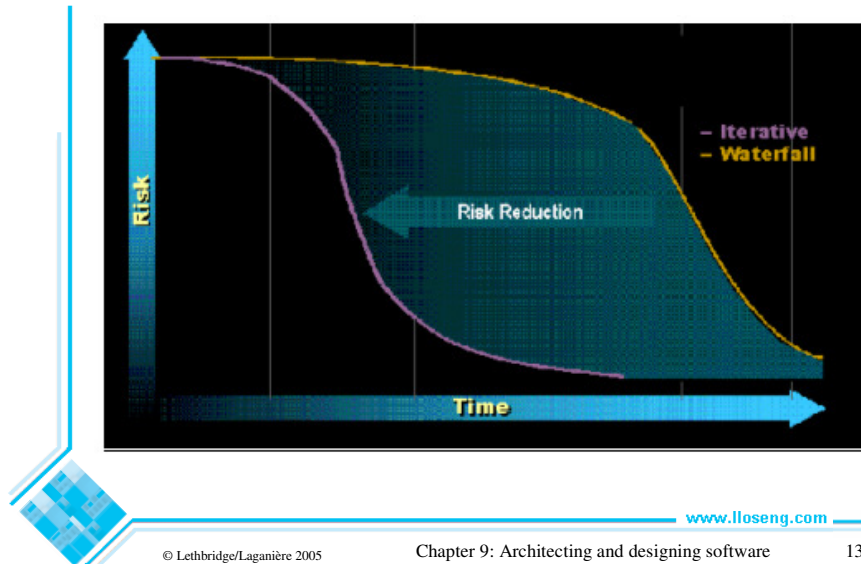
Progress perspective (alternative pic)



Iteration Perspective



Incremental → Risk reduction



Essentials of RUP

1. *Develop software iteratively; Incrementally build and test*
2. *Manage requirements*
3. *Use component-based architectures*
4. *Visually model software*
5. *Verify software quality*
6. *Control changes to software*

- **Develop a Vision**
- **Manage to the Plan**
- **Identify and Mitigate Risks Early and regularly**
- **Examine the Business Case**
- **Provide User Support**

How Much Process is Necessary?

Simple upgrades
R&D Prototypes
Static web apps

Dynamic web apps
Packaged applications
Component based (J2, .Net)

Legacy upgrades
Systems of systems
Real-time, embedded
Certifiable quality



When is Less Appropriate?

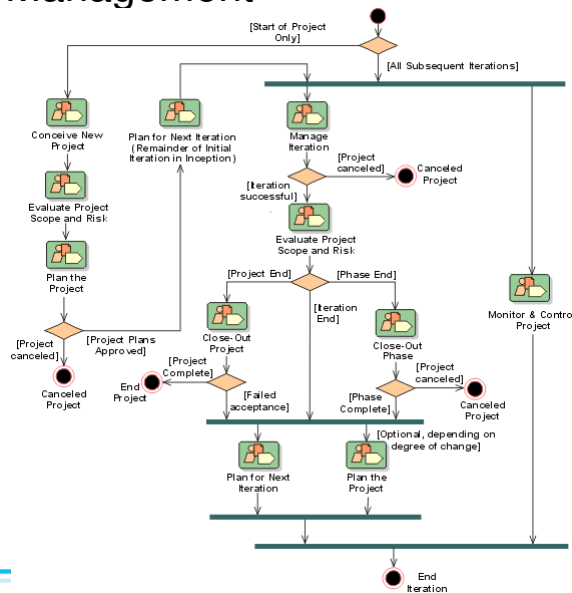
- Co-located teams
- Smaller, simpler projects
- Few stakeholders
- *Early life-cycle phases*
- Internally imposed constraints

When is More Appropriate?

- Distributed teams
- Large projects (teams of teams)
- Many stakeholders
- *Later life-cycle phases*
- Externally imposed constraints
 - Standards
 - Contractual requirements
 - Legal requirements

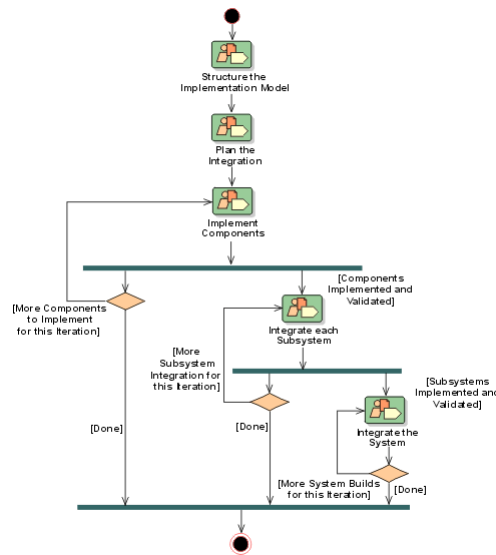
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Implementation



RUP Tooling

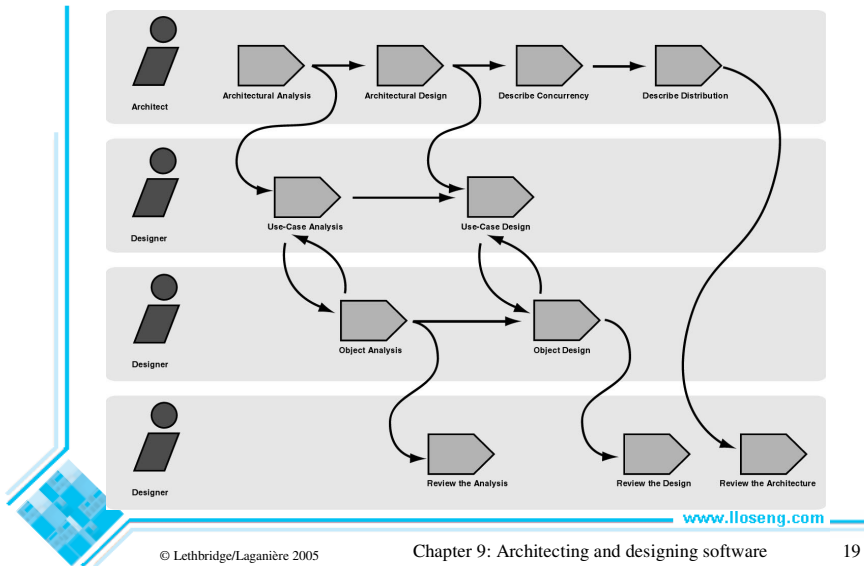
Describes processes in terms of:

- workflows
- roles
- artifacts

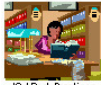



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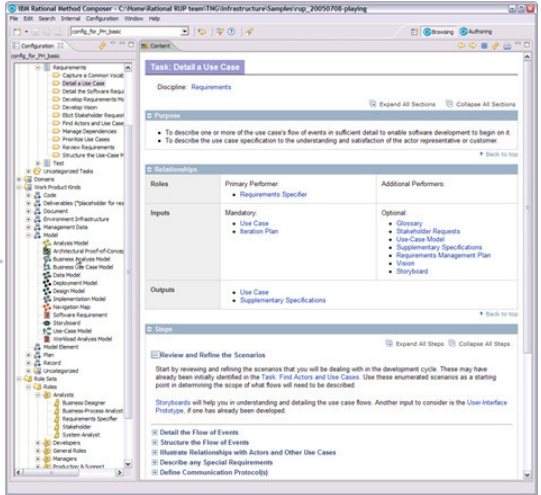
- templates for deliverables

RUP workflow



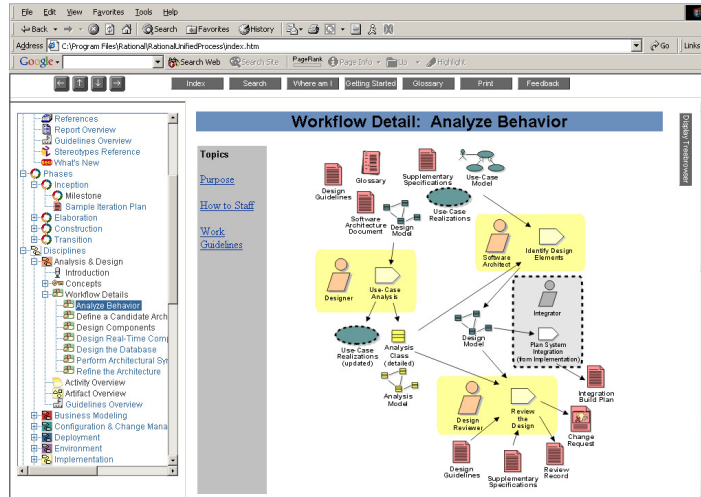
Tooling

-  IC / Best Practices
-  Books / Publications
-  Standards / Regulations
-  Homegrown Methods

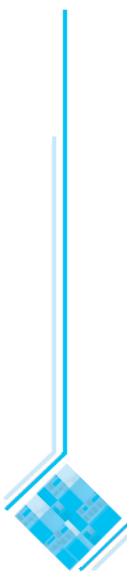


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Tooling



Design



9.1 The Process of Design

Definition:

- *Design* is a problem-solving process whose objective is to find and describe a way:
 - To implement the system's *functional requirements*...
 - While respecting the constraints imposed by the *quality, platform and process requirements*...
 - including the budget
 - And while adhering to general principles of *good quality*

Design as a series of decisions

A designer is faced with a series of *design issues*

- These are sub-problems of the overall design problem.
- Each issue normally has several alternative solutions:
 - design options*.
- The designer makes a *design decision* to resolve each issue.
 - This process involves choosing the best option from among the alternatives.

Making decisions

To make each design decision, the software engineer uses:

- Knowledge of
 - the requirements
 - the design as created so far
 - the technology available
 - software design principles and ‘best practices’
 - what has worked well in the past

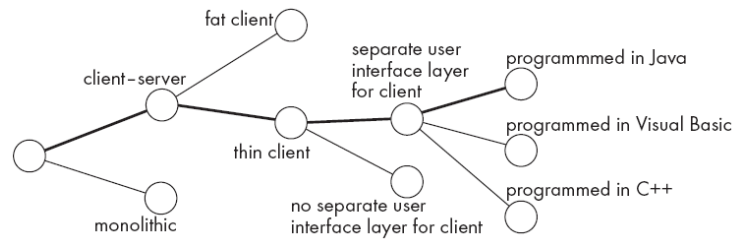
Document decisions

- **Record the decision**
- **Record the motivation**
- **Record rejected alternatives**

Design space

The space of possible designs that could be achieved by choosing different sets of alternatives is often called the *design space*

- For example:



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Features

According to

FODA: A prominent and user-visible aspect, quality or characteristic of a system.

ODM: A distinguishable characteristic of a system that is relevant to a stakeholder of the system

In mobile telephones:

- polyphonic ringtones
- SMS, MMS
- dual, tri-band,

In cars:

- airco
- power-steering
- remote key-lock



Feature models

Types of features

Mandatory: All systems must have it
 e.g. A car must have an engine

Alternative:
 A system must have one out of multiple options
 e.g. Transmission may be manual or automatic

Optional: A system may have a feature
 e.g. A car may have air-conditioning



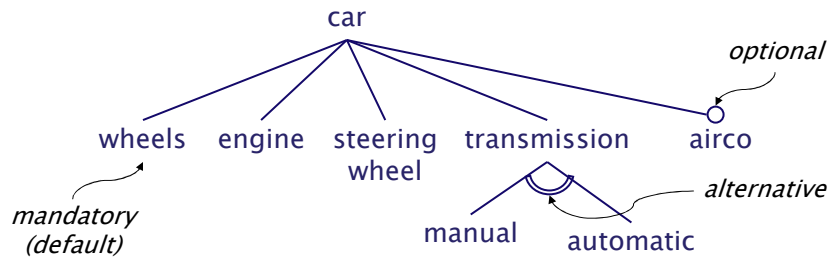
Table 1
 Explanation of feature diagram elements

Feature type	Graphical representation
<p>Mandatory Mandatory feature B has to be included if its parent feature A is selected</p>	
<p>Optional Optional feature B may be included if its parent feature A is selected.</p>	
<p>Alternative Alternative features are organized in <i>alternative groups</i>. Exactly one feature of such a group B, C, D has to be selected if the group's parent feature A is selected.</p>	
<p>Or Or features are organized in <i>or groups</i>. At least one feature of such a group B, C, D has to be selected if the group's parent feature A is selected.</p>	



Feature Diagram

A hierarchical decomposition of features.
 A concept higher in the tree *consists of* its children



Additional annotations that may be used in the feature diagram:

- mutually exclusive features
- rationale for choosing between alternatives
- composition rules: airco may be used if horsepower > 100



Feature Solution Diagrams

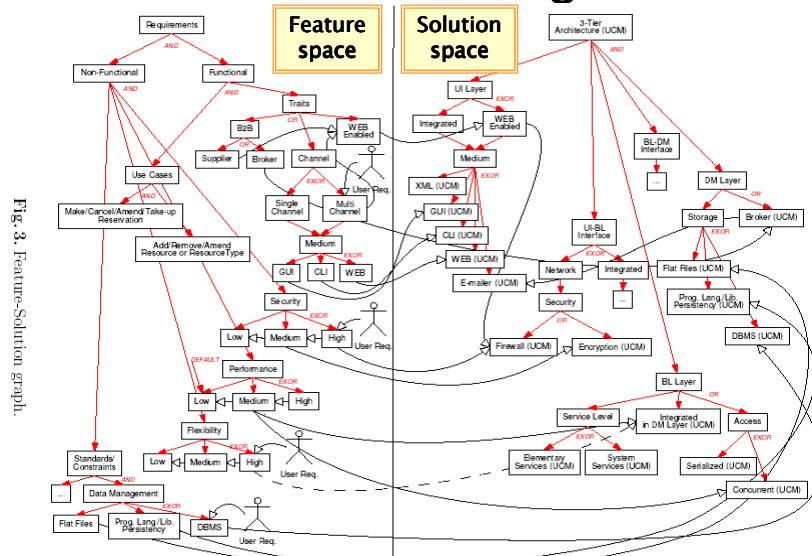


Fig. 3: Feature-Solution graph.

Different aspects of design

- *Architecture design:*
 - The division into subsystems and components,
 - How these will be connected.
 - How they will interact.
 - *Interface design*
- *Class design:*
 - The various features of classes.
- *User interface design*
- *Algorithm design:*
 - The design of computational mechanisms.
- *Protocol design:*
 - The design of communications protocol.

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Architecture is making decisions

The life of a software architect is a long (and sometimes painful) succession of suboptimal decisions made partly in the dark.

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- You will not have all information available
- You will make mistakes, but you should learn from them
- There is no objective measure for 'goodness'

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Design of Software Architecture

