ES Software Engineering

Lecture 6

Implementation and testing

In the previous lecture

1. Deployment diagram
2. Modeling Use Cases
3. Application logic design
4. Data Interfaces

Plan of the lecture

1. Use case modeling:
   - application logic design
   - user interface design
   - testing
2. From design to implementation
   - implementation
   - framework
   - documentation
   - reverse engineering

User interface

Main rules of user interface design:

- **Consistency –** intuitive and user friendly
  - Interface similar to other application interfaces
  - Separate parts of interface similar to each other
  - All forms and reports with the same glossary, format and navigation
- **Awareness of content –** user should know what is seen and what can be done
  - Title of each window identifies its content
  - Visible path to any place (i.e. menu)
  - Clear icons and buttons, clear messages in windows
  - Different format (fonts, colors)

User interface

Main rules of user interface design:

- **Aesthetics** – balance between functionality and visual attractiveness
  - White space amount fitted to user's experience (50% for new, 10% for experienced)
  - Not to much fields to fill
  - Form size fitted to user processing ability
  - 8-10 pts fonts; sanserif fonts forms and serif fonts reports; max 2 different fonts
  - Mild colors in graphics (contrasts make it hard to stay in focus)
  - Color-blind users

User interface

Main rules of user interface design:

- **User experience** –ease to learn for new users and operational for experienced users
  - Ease for a new user and should offer automation for experiences users
  - Up to 3 levels of main menu and 2 levels of submenus
  - Up to 7 menu items (otherwise grouped items)
  - Fast access to frequently used items
  - Configurable menus and toolbox
  - Tooltips and application help

User interface

Main rules of user interface design:

- **Effort minimization** – as little steps for a user to complete a task as possible
  - Mouse click counts minimized to 3
  - As little keyboard usage as possible
  - Automation of repeating frequently used functions
  - Simple operations grouped to a single one

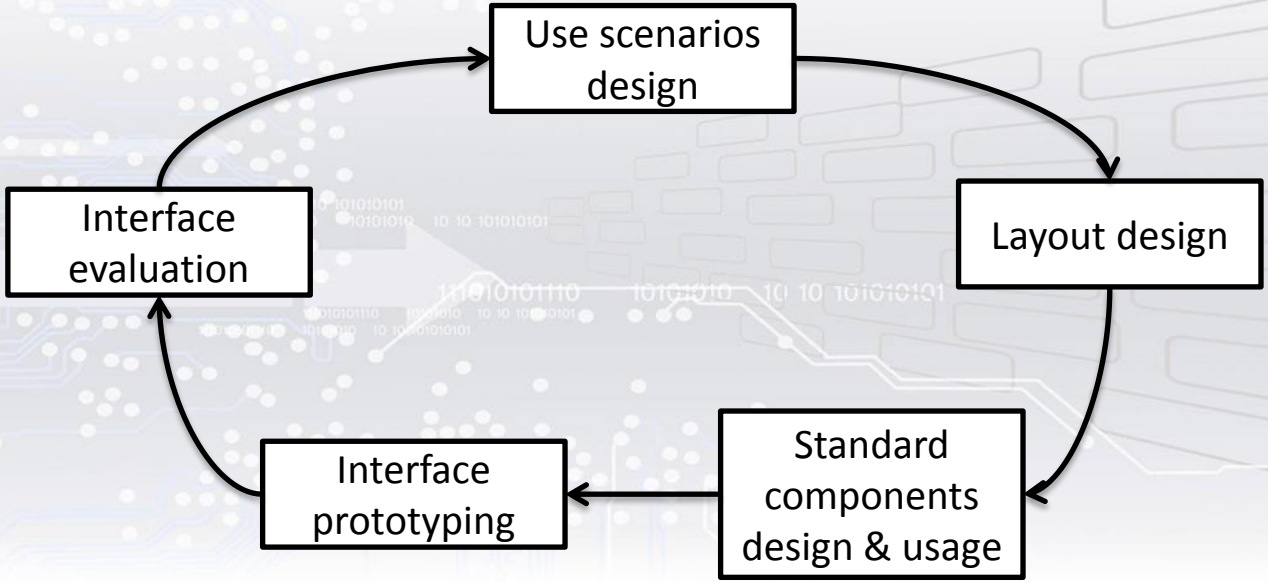
User interface

User characteristics:

- User role
- Objectives
- Properties
  - organization position
  - ability to decide
  - experience and skills
  - age
  - level of education
  - constraints
- Critical success factors
  - needs and opportunities
  - preferences and exclusions

User interface

Process of user interface design:



User interface

Use scenario (a description of steps that a user should go to complete a task):

- Foundation: use case model, sequence diagrams
- Only main scenarios considered
- Presentation: text description with numbered steps

User interface

Standard user interface components:

- Standard components are used in many forms and reports
- Standard components are taken from some framework library
- Missing components are designed by developers

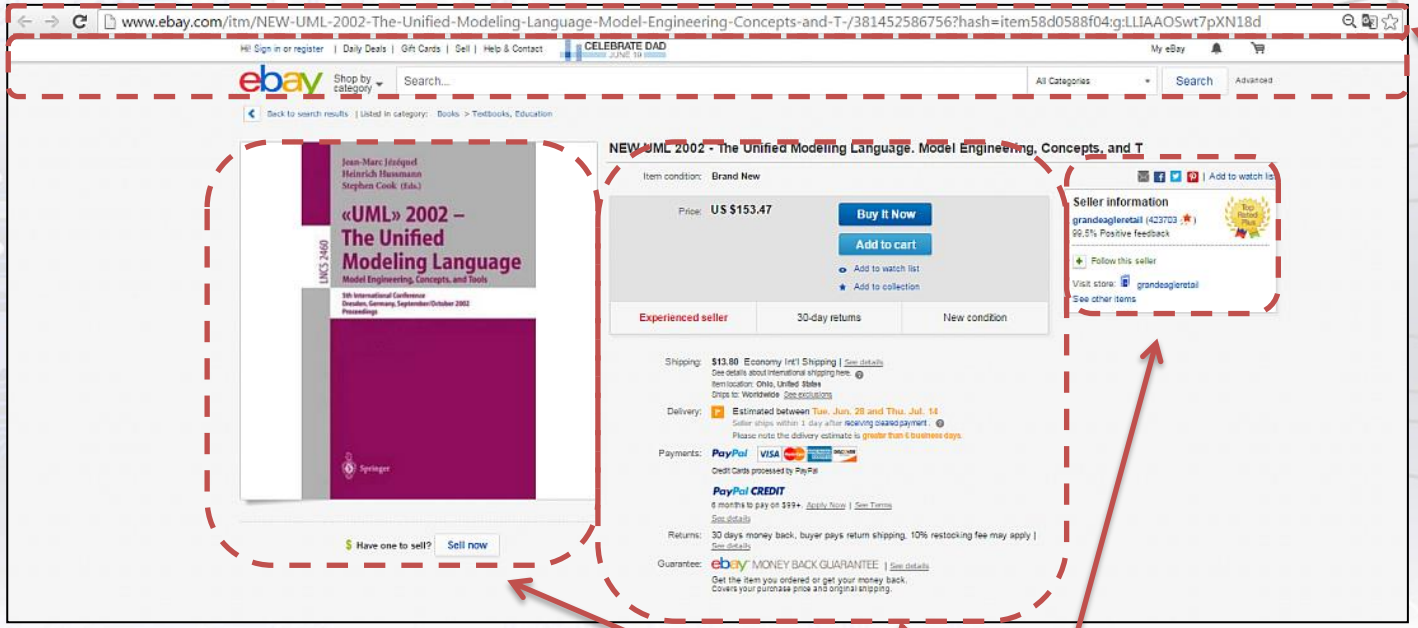
User interface

User interface evaluation:

- Heuristic evaluation
  - check guidelines
  - expert evaluation
- Evaluation by a developer and a user together
- User observation

User interface

Layout – interface visual organization



User interface

Layout guidelines

- information and navigation area with clear frontiers
- each area with clear purpose
- each area with only such information that is within its purpose
- User processing order (area importance):
  - from top do bottom
  - from left to right

User interface

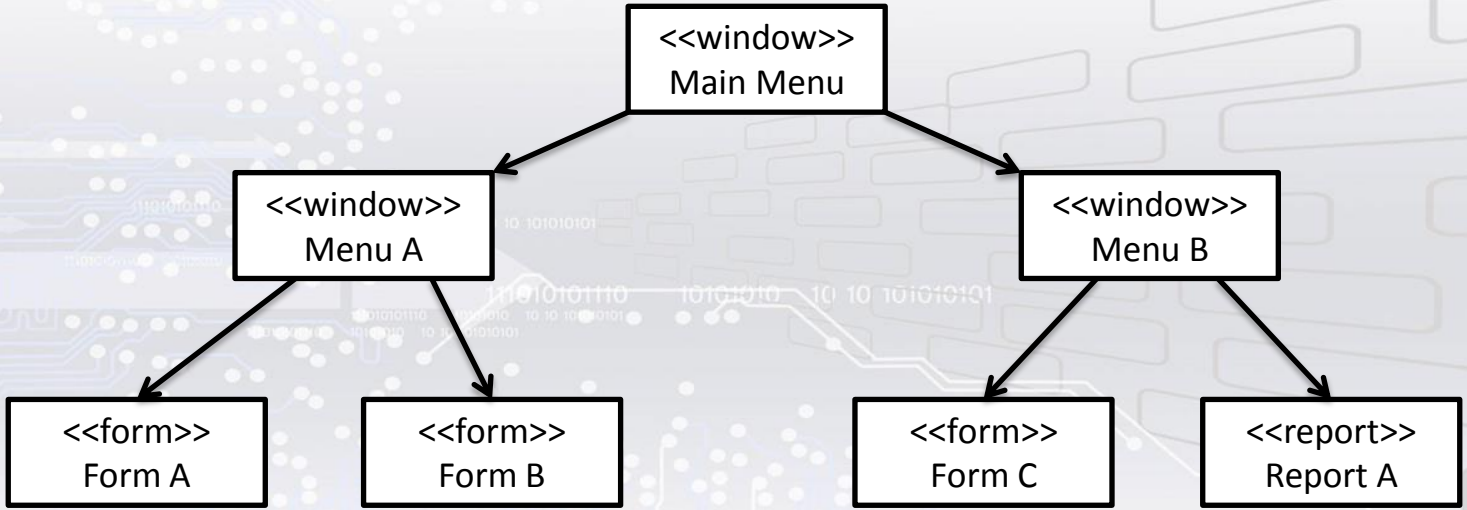
User interface design:

1. Window Navigation Diagram (NWD)
2. Mockup and Storyboard
3. HTML or target programming language prototyping:

- HTML
  - interactive prototype
  - fast to achieve
  - not precisely models a target interface
- Target language
  - interactive prototype
  - slow to achieve
  - precisely models a target interface

User interface

Window Navigation Diagram

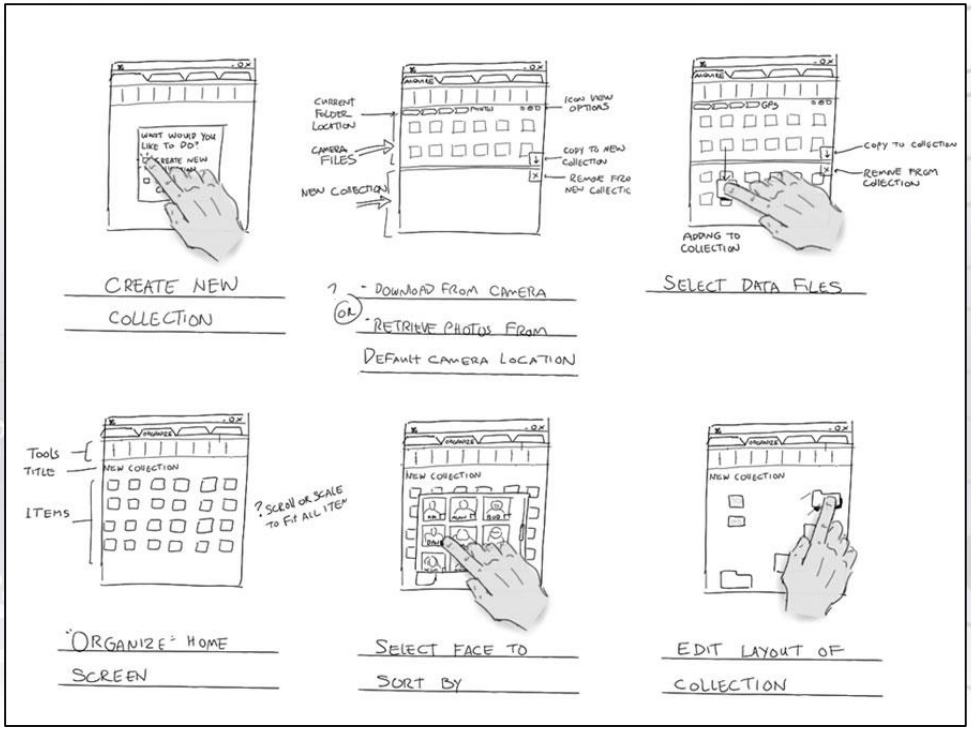


User interface

Storyboard – comes from film and multimedia industries and shows how does a user interface respond to user's actions.

Example 1 (Microsoft [5])

„a storyboard showing a creation of a new collection of items":



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User interface

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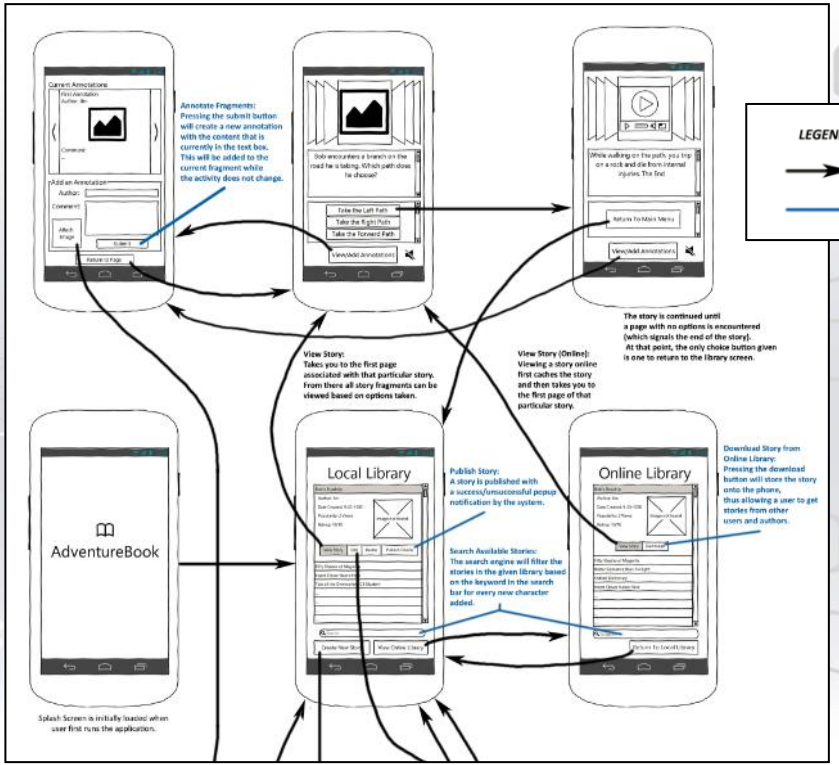
Example 2 (Github [6])

a part of „*Main UI Layout*”:



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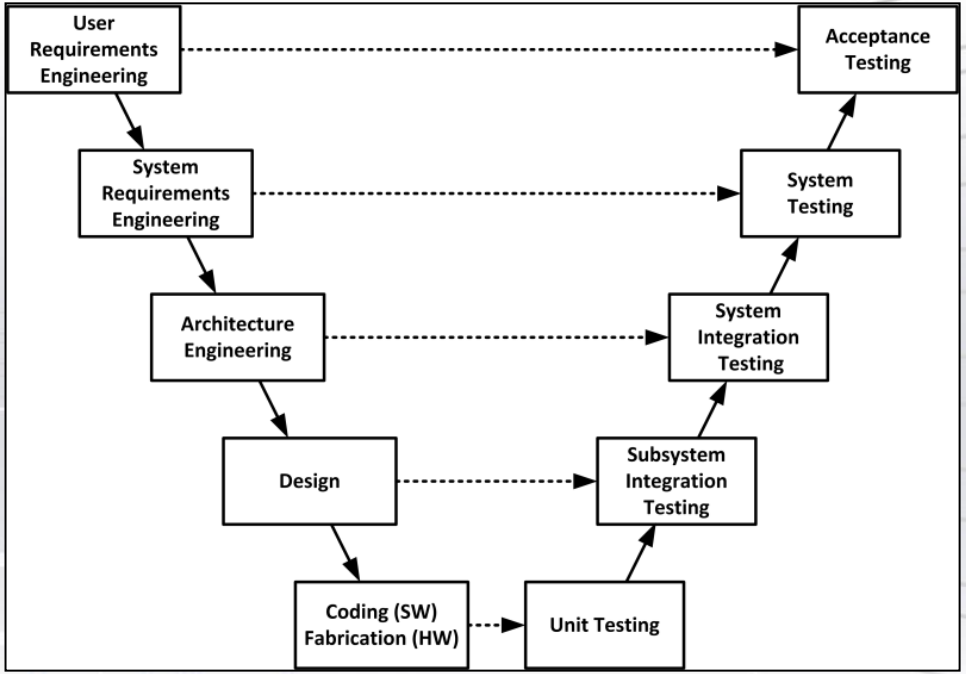
Testing and maintenance

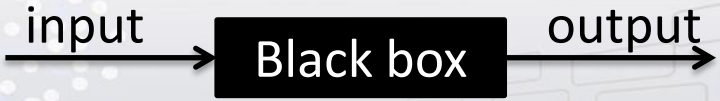
- V-model
- Unit testing
- Integration testing
- System testing
- Acceptance testing
- Maintenance strategy



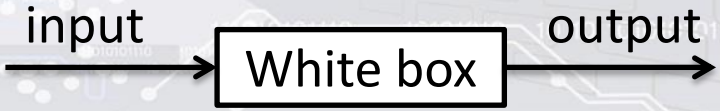
Testing and maintenance

Unit testing methods

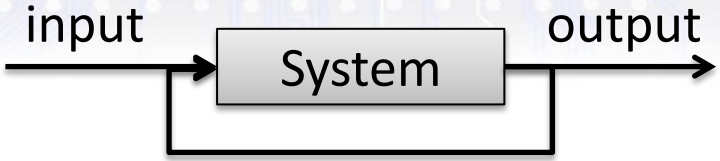
- „black-box” methods (Monte-Carlo, error seeding)



- „white-box” methods („transparent-box”)



- Test automation (test repeat)



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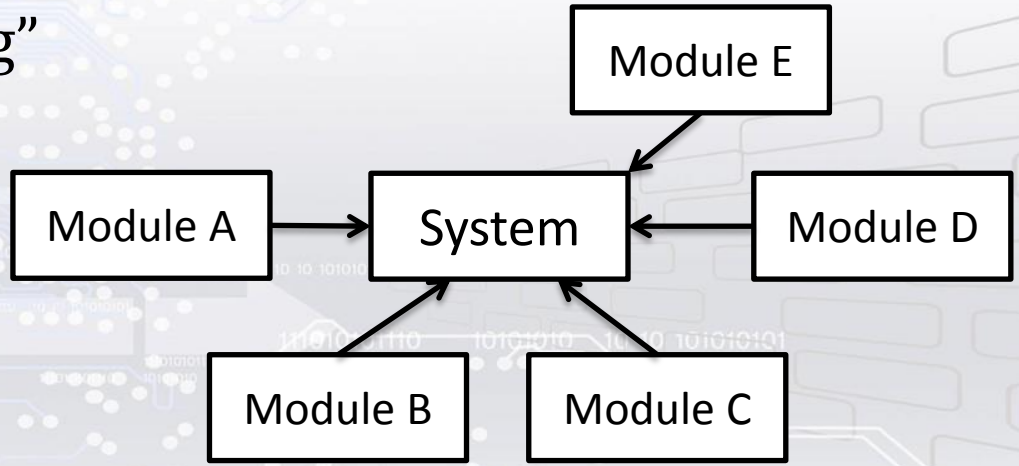
Integration methods

- „Big bang”



Advantage: Each module is finished before integration testing has started

Testing and maintenance

Integration methods

- „Big bang”

Disadvantages:

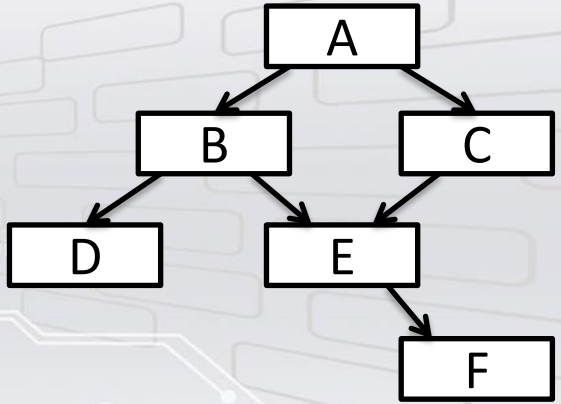
- Time
- Errors difficult to locate because of a late integration
- Integration of all modules at the same time increases risk of critical error

Testing and maintenance

Integration methods

- Bottom-Up Incremental

Step	Tested module	Additional module needed
1	F	F controller
2	E, F	E controller
3	D	D controller
4	B, D, E, F	B controller
5	C, D, E, F	C controller
6	Whole	-



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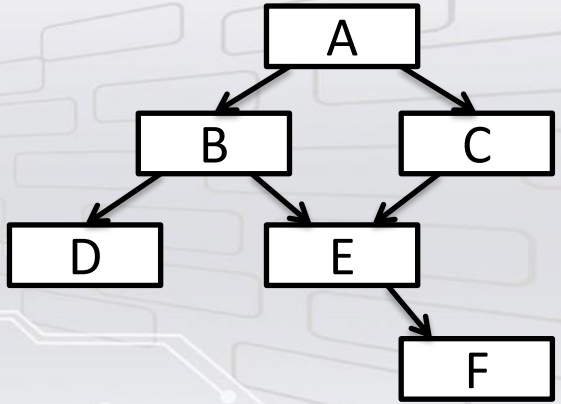
Integration methods

- Top-Down Incremental

Step	Tested module	Additional module needed
1	A	Stub for B, C
2	A, B	Stub for C, D, E
3	A, B, C	Stub for D, E
4	A, B, C, D	Stub for E
5	A, B, C, D, E	Stub for F
6	Whole	-



Testing and maintenance

System testing

System category	Test for	Activity
Rich functionality system	usability	Functionality check
Data processing system	data size	Large data processing
Real time system	speed	Time measure
	capability	High data frequency
Interactive system	usage	Learnability and operability check
High security system	security	Security break trial
High memory usage system	memory consumption	Memory consumption measurement

Testing and maintenance

System testing

System category	Test for	Activity
Configurable system	configuration	Various configuration trial
New system version	compatibility	Testing after each release
Installable system	installation	Installation trial
High-reliability system	reliability	Reliability statistics measurement
High error-tolerance system	recovery	Error simulations
Administration needed system	usability	Personnel observation
	documentation	Documentation evaluation
Decision making system	procedures	Checking procedures executed by people

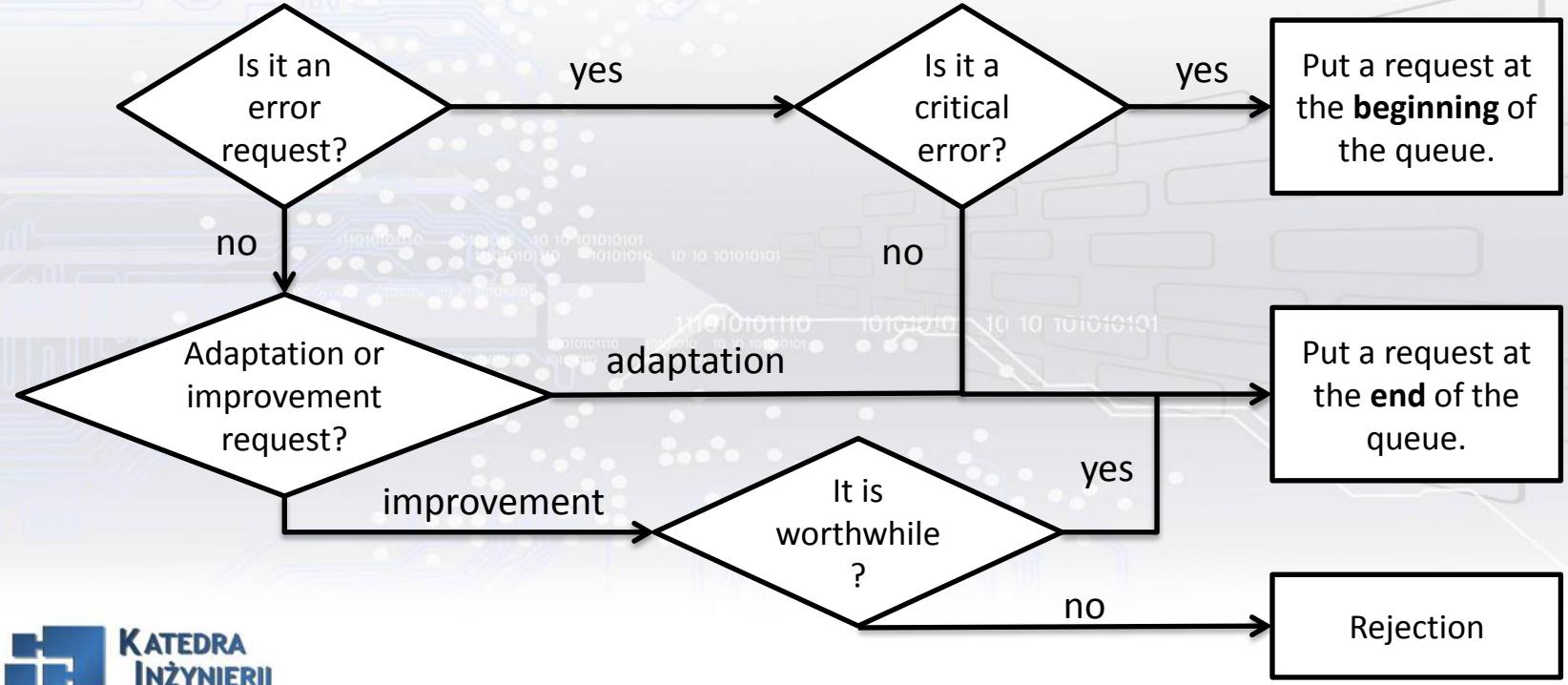
Testing and maintenance

Acceptation testing

Alpha testing	Beta testing
Performed by developers	Performed by customers
Sometimes performed by Independent Testing Team	Never performed by Independent Testing Team
Not open to the market and public	Always open to the market and public
Performed in virtual environment	Performed in real environment
Kind of White Box and Black Box Testing	Kind of Black Box Testing only

Testing and maintenance

Maintenance



From design to implementation

Passing from design to implementation

- Choosing the technology
- Choosing the framework
- Programming vs. script language
- Automatic code generation
- Method implementation
- Mapping abstract components to concrete classes
- Code documentation
- Reverse engineering

From design to implementation

Choosing the technology

- Programming language
- Programming environment
- User interface technology
- Database technology
- Target execution environment

From design to implementation

Technology constraints

- Price
- License
- Knowledge (of language and tools)
- Existing parts of systems
- User requirements
- other requirements

From design to implementation

Choosing language

Object-oriented programming languages:

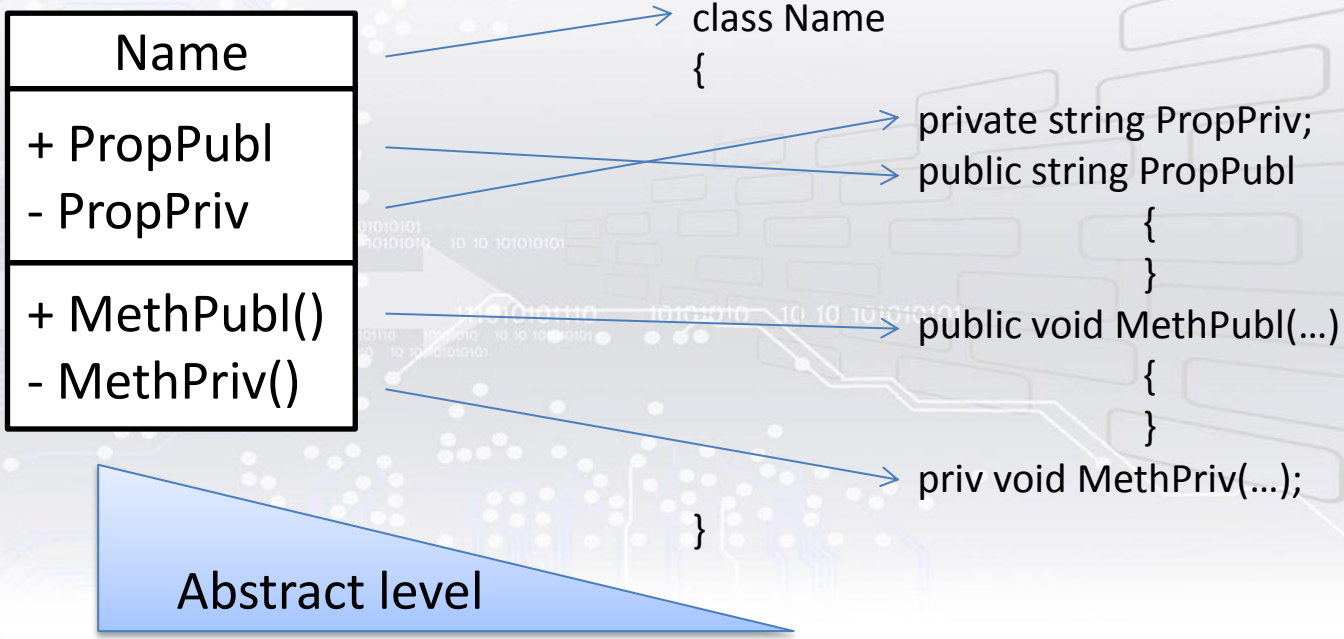
- data abstraction
- encapsulation
- modularity
- polymorphism
- inheritance

Script languages:

- weak typing
- easy fitting to external components
- portability
- slower execution

From design to implementation

Synthesis – automatic code generation



From design to implementation

Method implementation

- parameter list completion
- overloaded methods vs. default parameter values
- virtual vs. abstract methods
- data type and size
- optimization (final, sealed, const)

From design to implementation

Framework – a set of libraries and components which are the backbone to build an application.

Framework is not a library:

- Components of a framework are extendable with new user functionalities
- The default configuration of a framework is already useful, it is not merely a set of methods
- The structure of the framework is immutable – the default configuration cannot be modified
- Framework controls the operation of an application (*"Hollywood Principle"*)– in case of libraries – user manages the application

From design to implementation

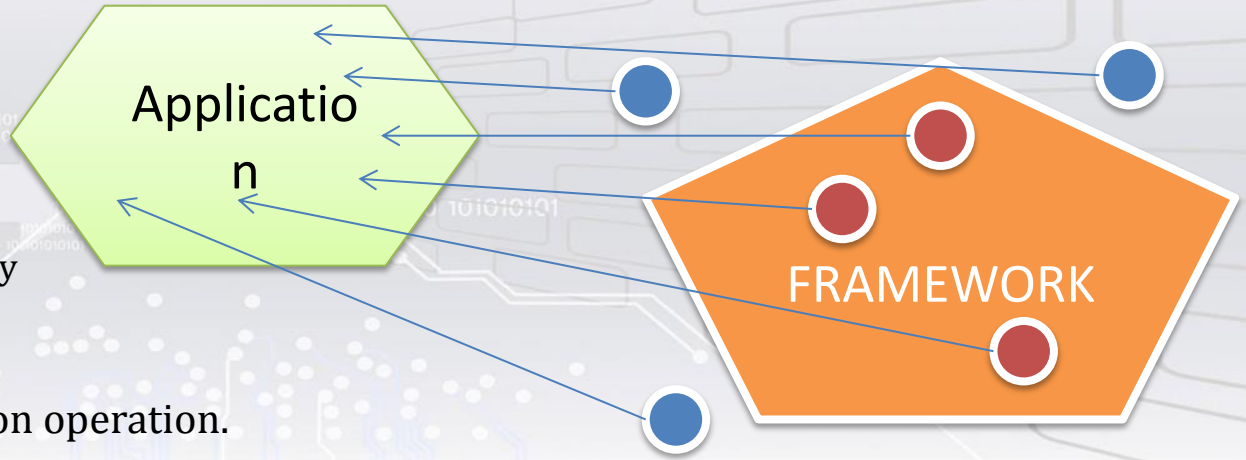
Framework – operating principle

"Hollywood Principle" – "Don't call us, we'll call you."

cold point – immutable
a point of the framework
not changed by a developer

hot point – extendable
concerning additional functionality
point of the framework

Both points manage application operation.



From design to implementation

Framework – features:

+ Reliability
+ Less code to write
+ Impose better quality of code
- Large work input (frameworks are complex)
- Lower application performance
- Weak documentation
- Lack of source code
- Unknown internal framework mechanism

From design to implementation

Code documentation

- Self-documentation – meaningful names
- Special documentation comments (documentation generation)
- Code structure overview description:
- files and folders hierarchy
- component list
- class reference

From design to implementation

Reverse engineering:

- Support of undocumented peripherals
- Security audit
- Copyright and patent issues
- Decompilation
- Analysis of messages
- Adapting to a multilingual version

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