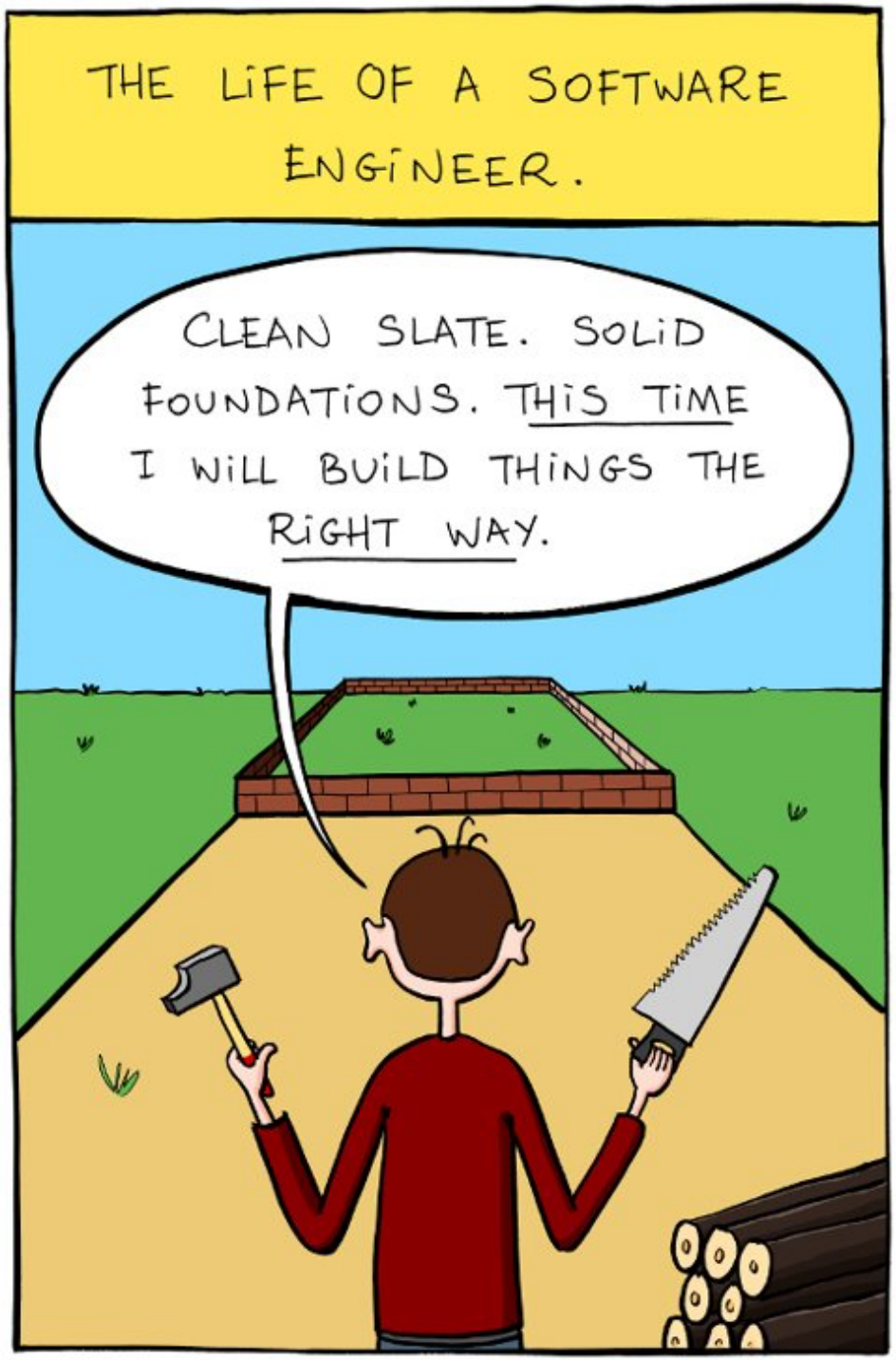
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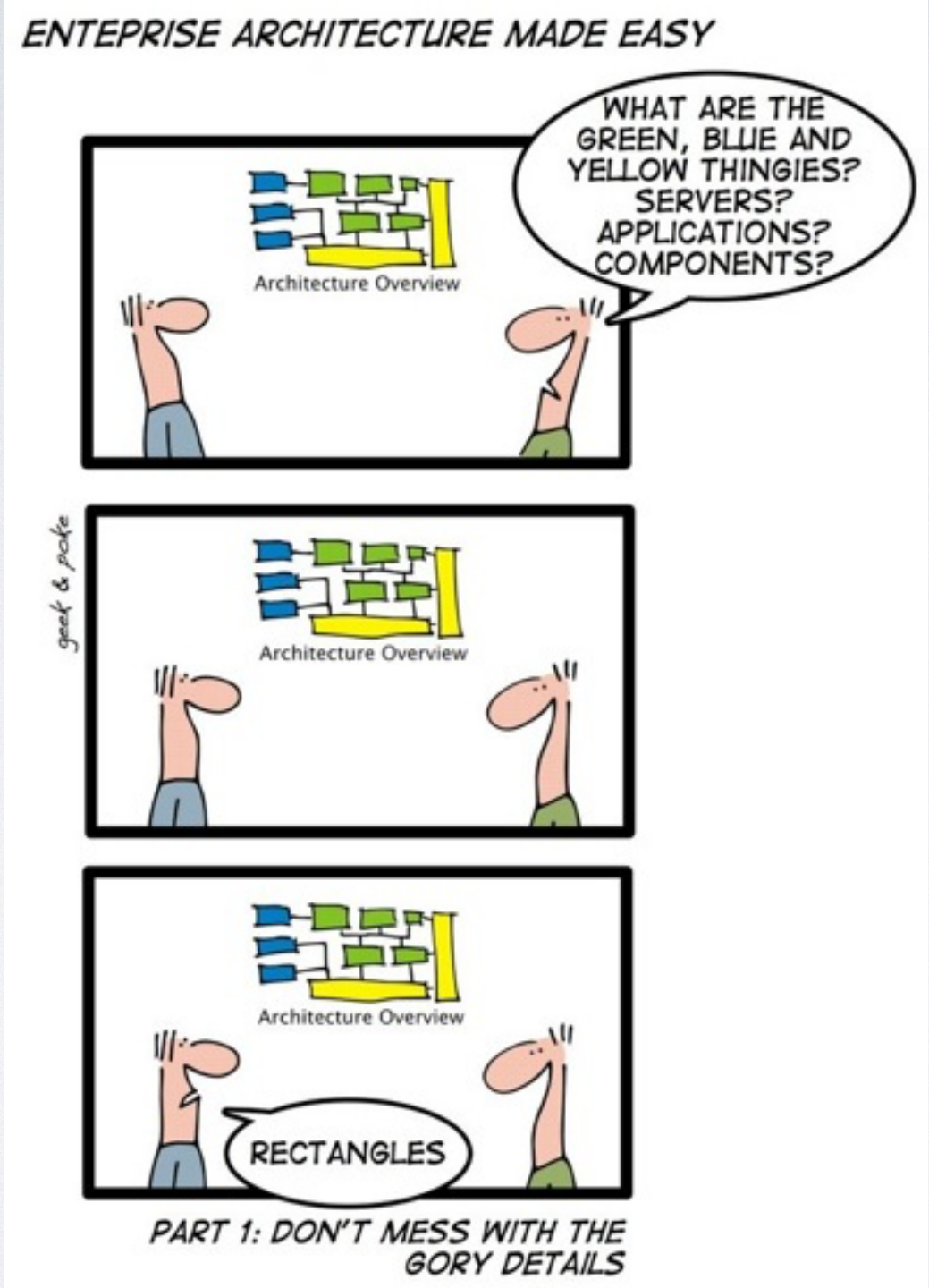
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PART 1: DON'T MESS WITH THE GORY DETAILS

Introduction to Software Architecture

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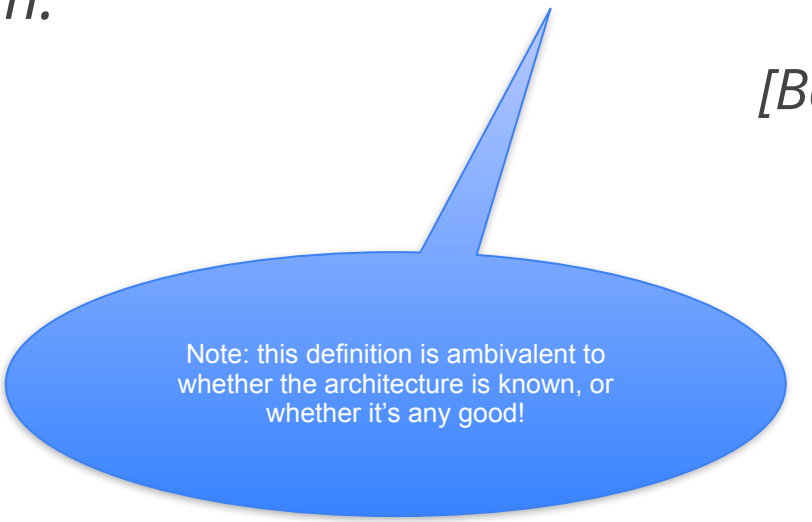
Learning Goals

- Understand the abstraction level of architectural reasoning
- Appreciate how software systems can be viewed at different abstraction levels
- Distinguish software architecture from (object-oriented) software design
- Use notation and views to describe the architecture suitable to the purpose
- Document architectures clearly, without ambiguity

Software Architecture

The software architecture of a program or computing system is the structure or structures of the system, which comprise software elements, the externally visible properties of those elements, and the relationships among them.

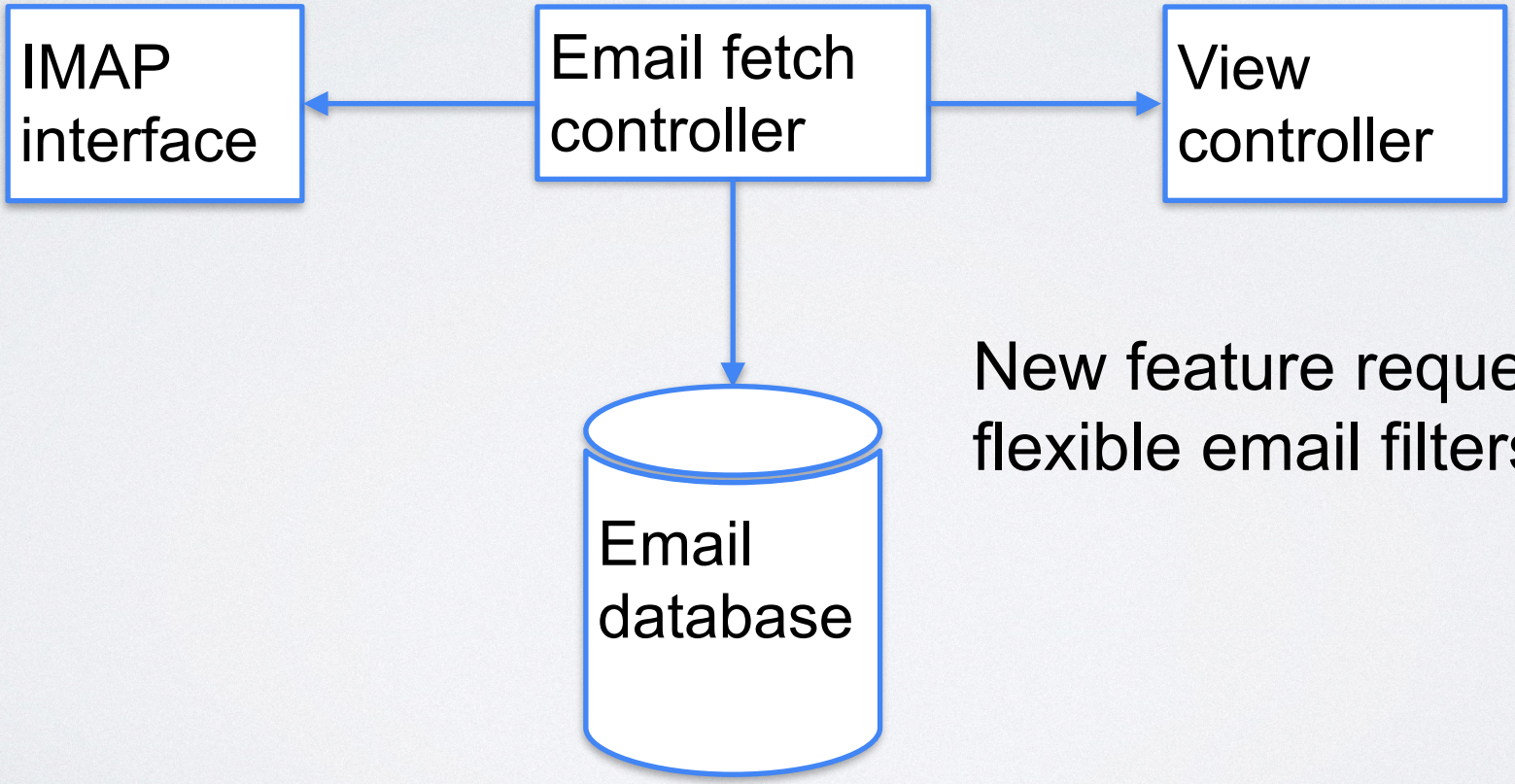
[Bass et al. 2003]



Why Understand Architecture?

- Every system has an architecture
- But if you design the architecture intentionally, it's likely to be better!
- Let's look at an example

Example: Email Client



New feature request: flexible email filters.

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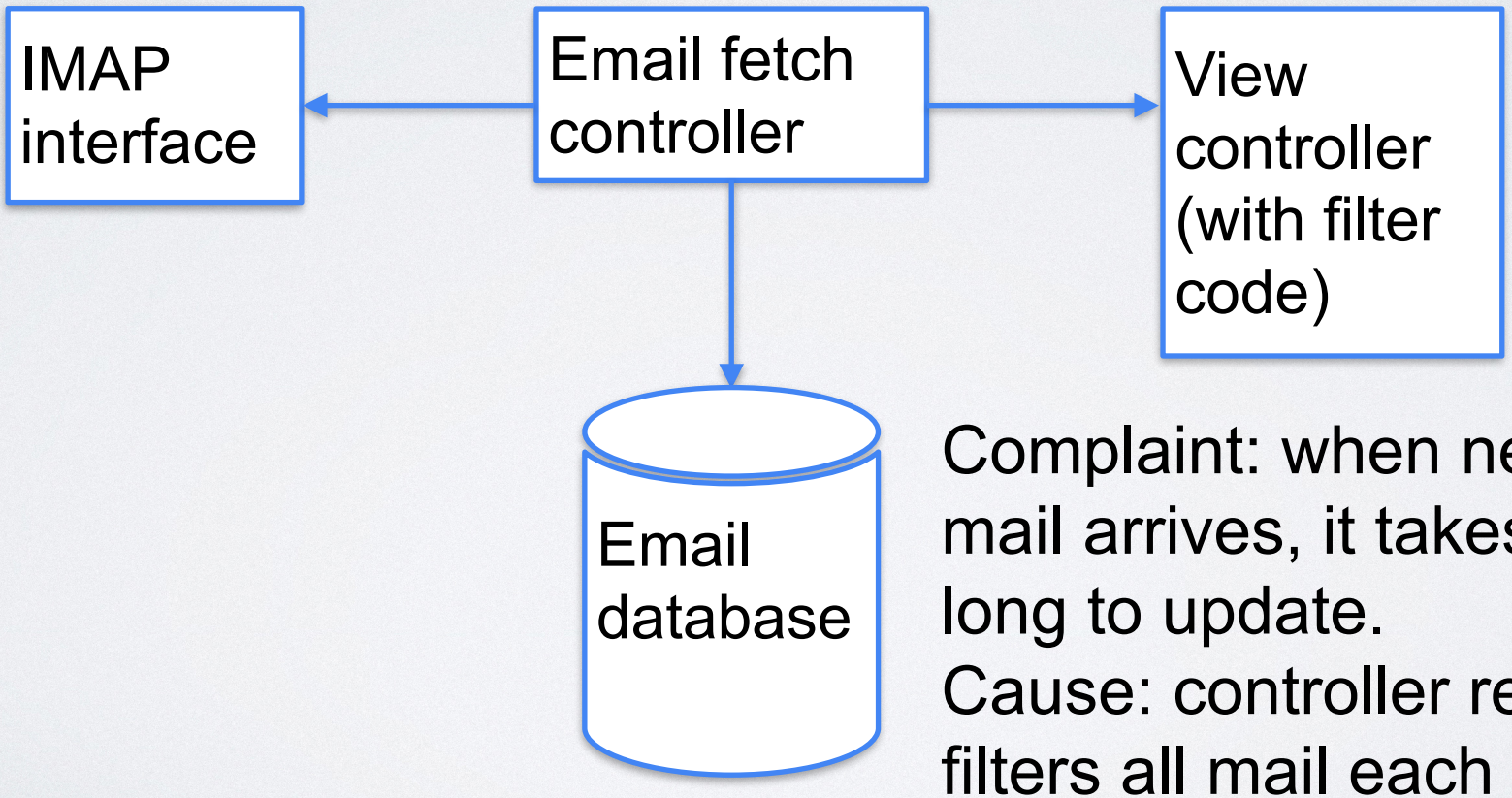

Complaint: when new mail arrives, it takes too long to update.
Cause: controller re-filters all mail each time.

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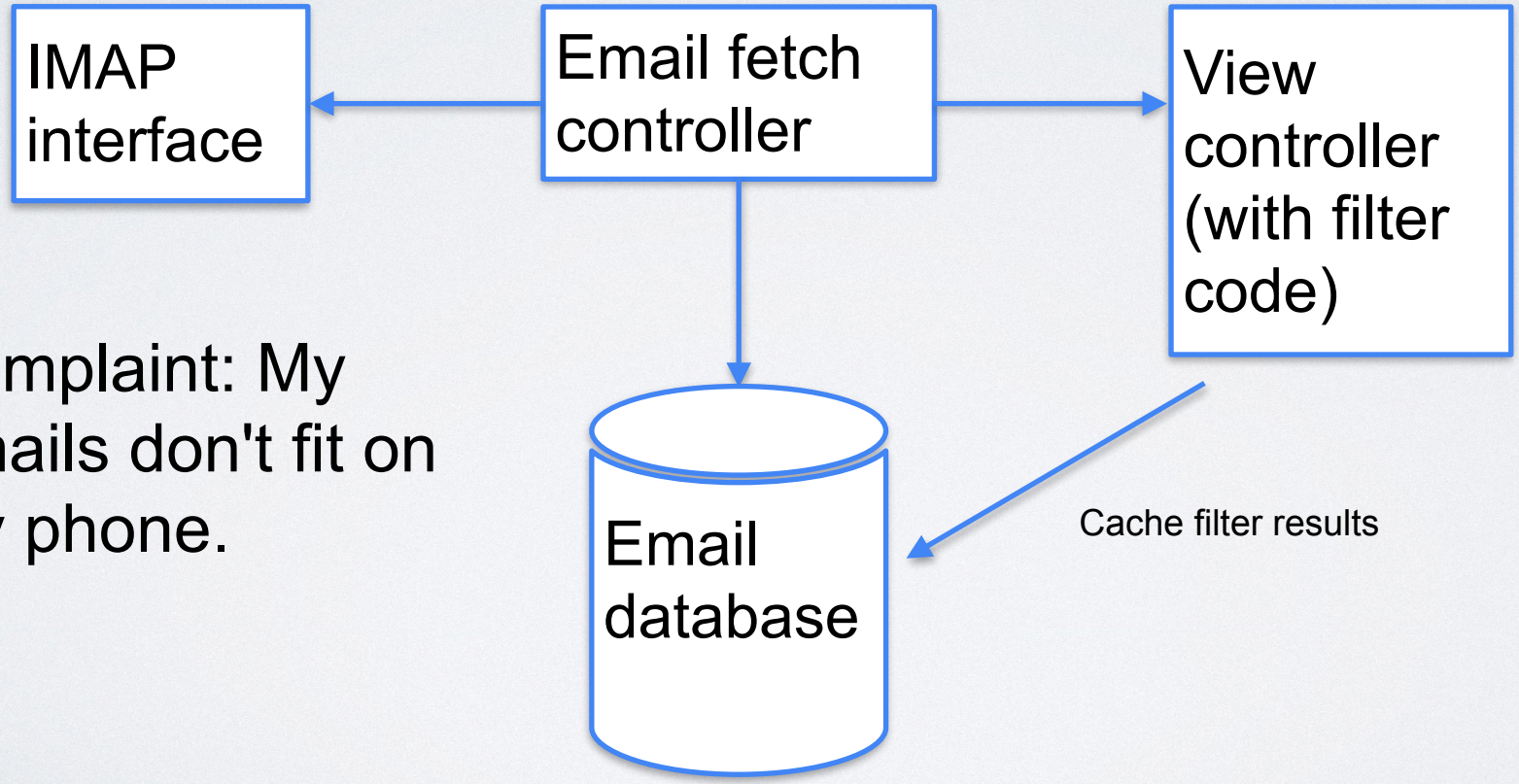


Complaint: My emails don't fit on my phone.

Two Kinds of Requirements

- Functional requirements: what the system should do
    - "The system shall enable the user to read email."
    - Generally, these are either met or not met (if not met, the system is unacceptable)
- Quality attributes: the degree to which the software works as needed
    - "The system shall fetch 1 GB of email in under 1 minute."
    - Sometimes called "non-functional requirements"
    - Maintainability, modifiability, performance, reliability, security
    - Generally, these can be achieved in degrees

Goal: Meet Quality Requirements

- Maintainability / Modifiability
- Performance
- Scalability
- Availability
- Usability

Key lesson: software architecture is about selecting a design that meets the desired quality attributes.

Software Design vs. Architecture

Levels of Abstraction

- Requirements
  - high-level “what” needs to be done
- Architecture (High-level design)
  - high-level “how”, mid-level “what”
- OO-Design (Low-level design, e.g. design patterns)
  - mid-level “how”, low-level “what”
- Code
  - low-level “how”

Design vs. Architecture

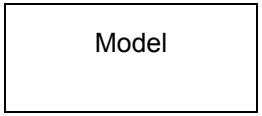
Design Questions

- How do I add a menu item in VSCode?
- How can I make it easy to add menu items in VSCode?
- What lock protects this data?
- How does Google rank pages?
- What encoder should I use for secure communication?
- What is the interface between objects?

Architectural Questions

- How do I extend VSCode with a plugin?
- What threads exist and how do they coordinate?
- How does Google scale to billions of hits per day?
- Where should I put my firewalls?
- What is the interface between subsystems?

Objects



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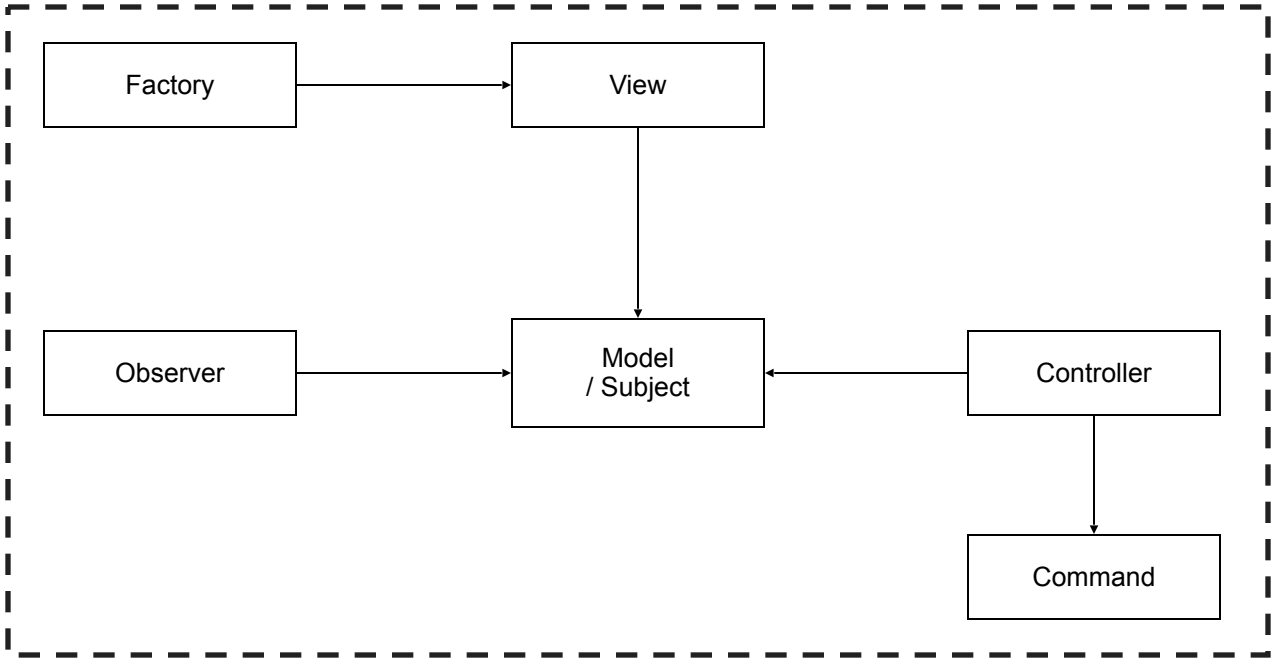

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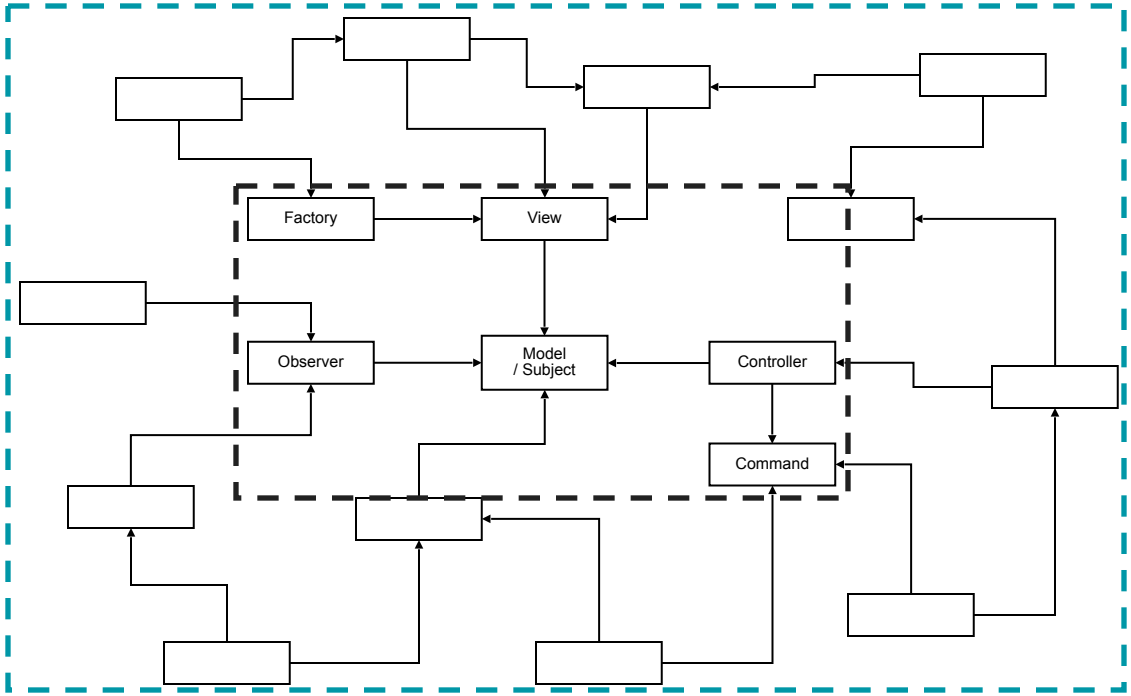

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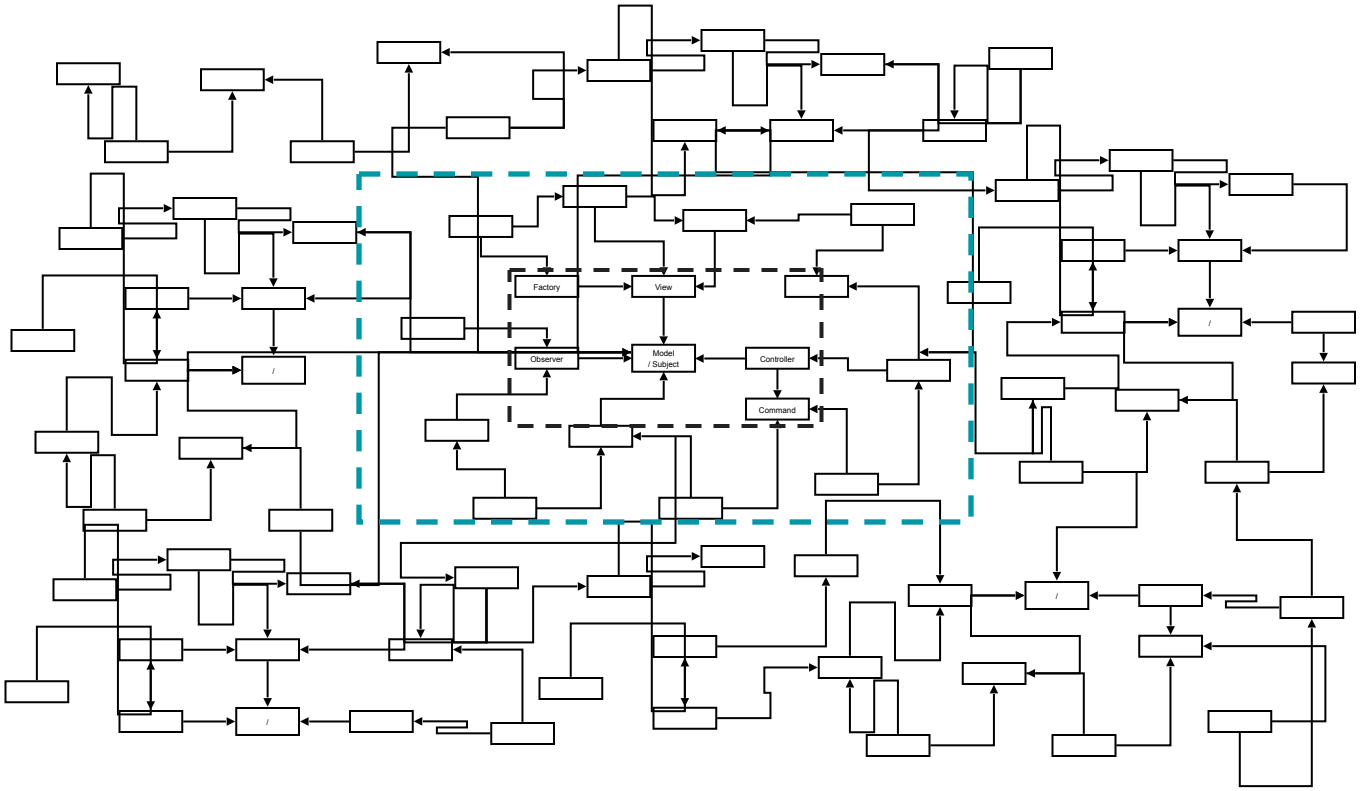

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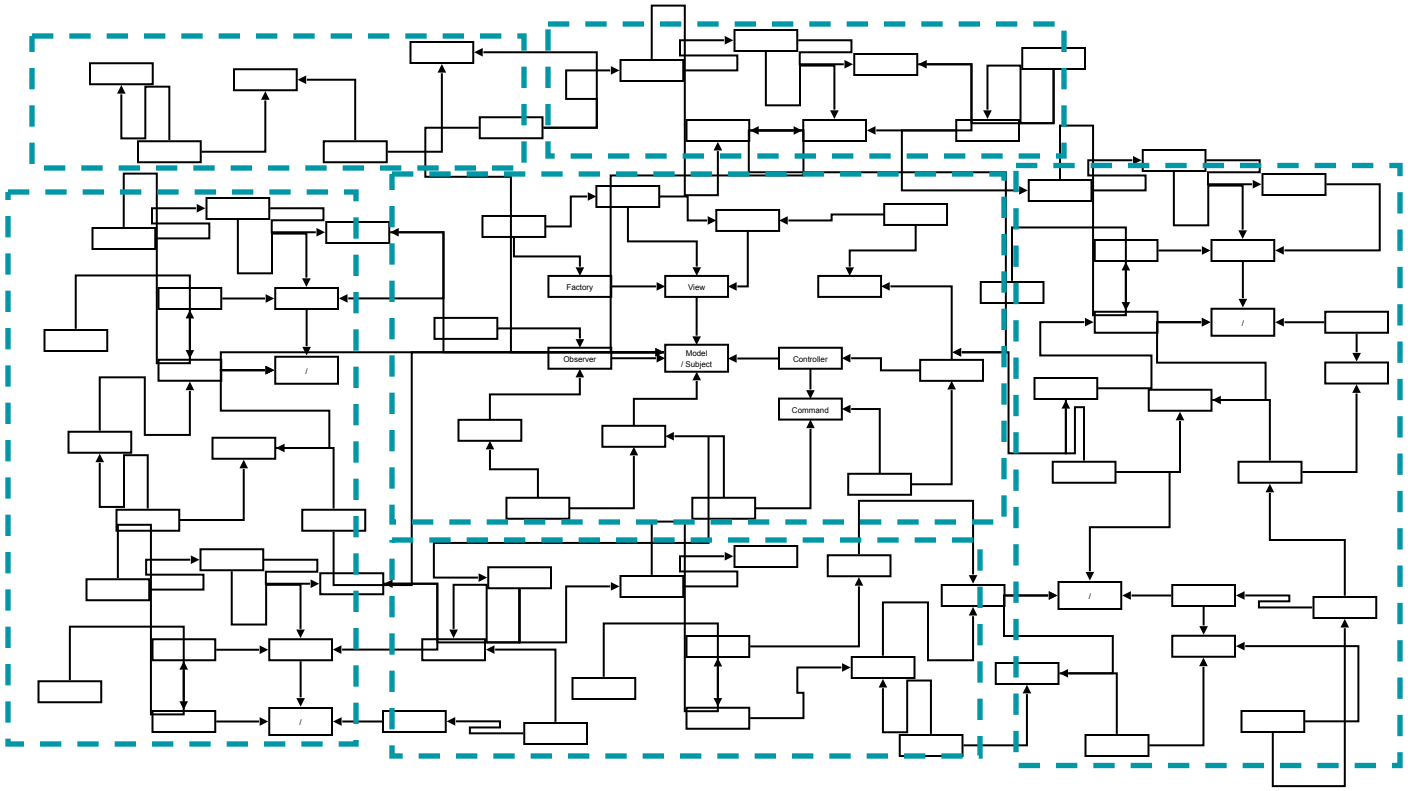

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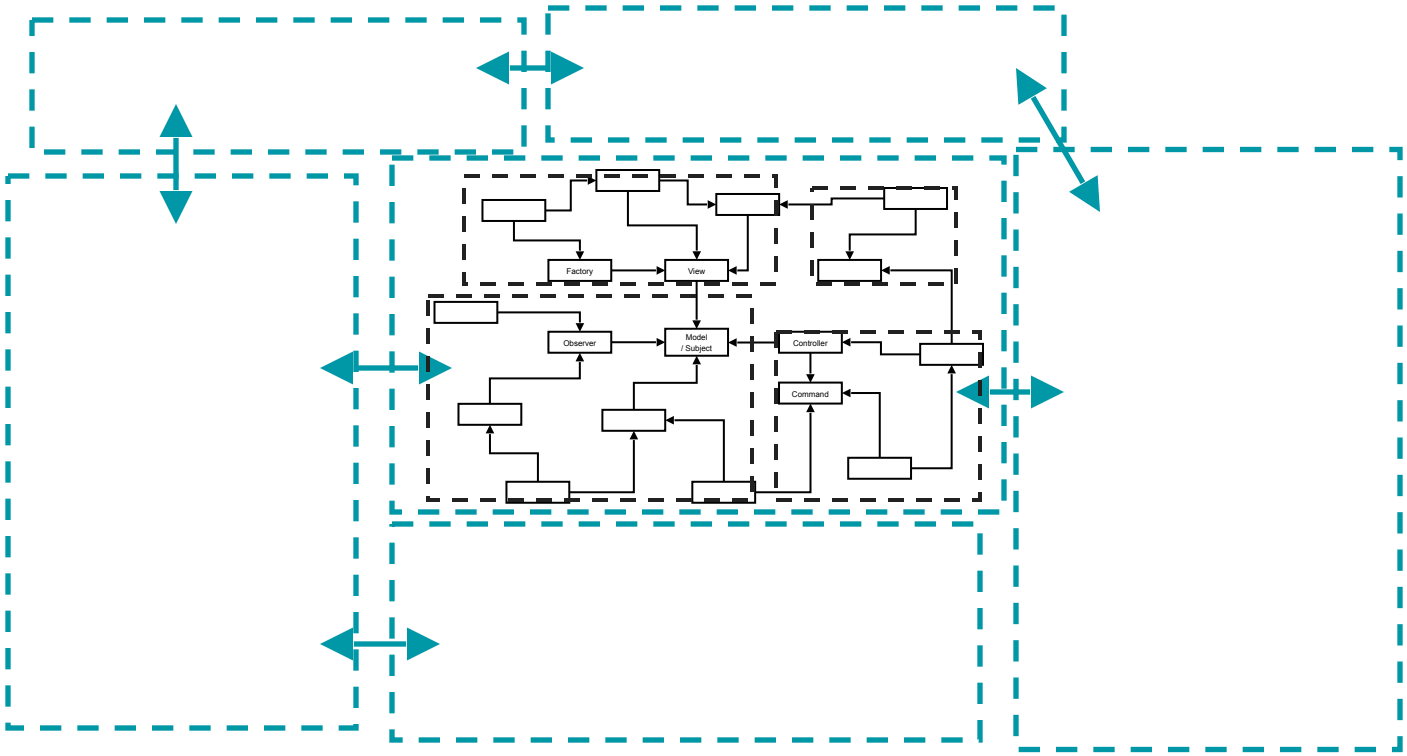

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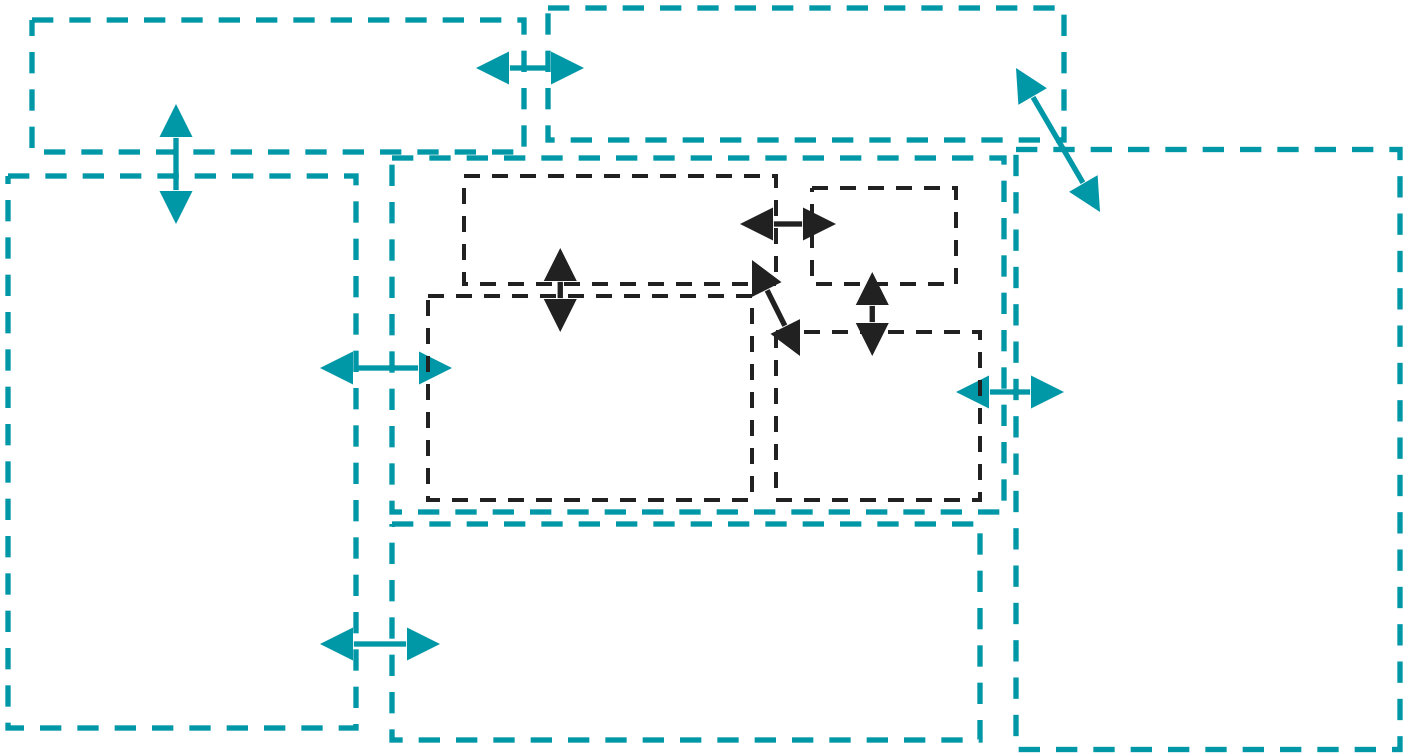
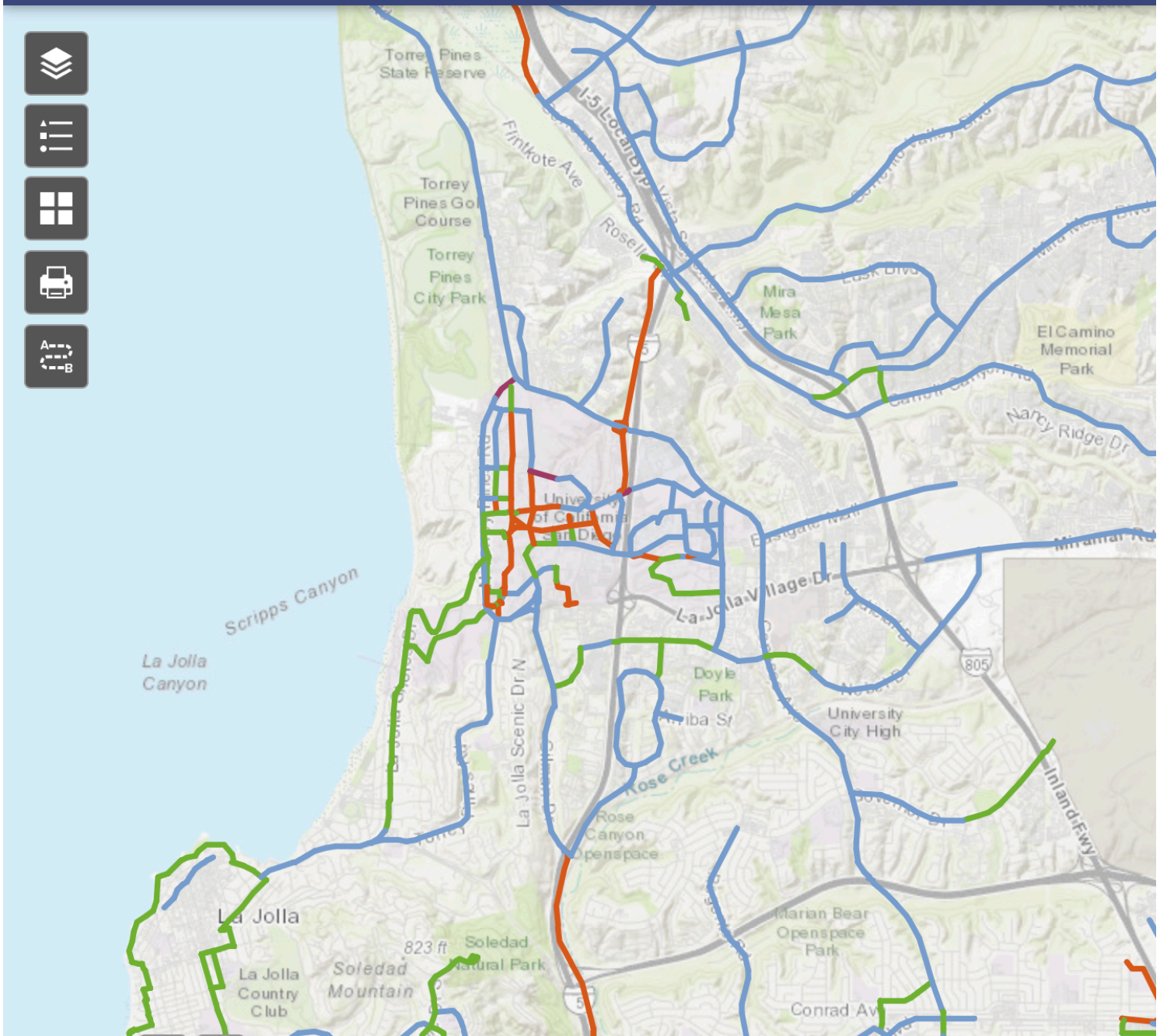
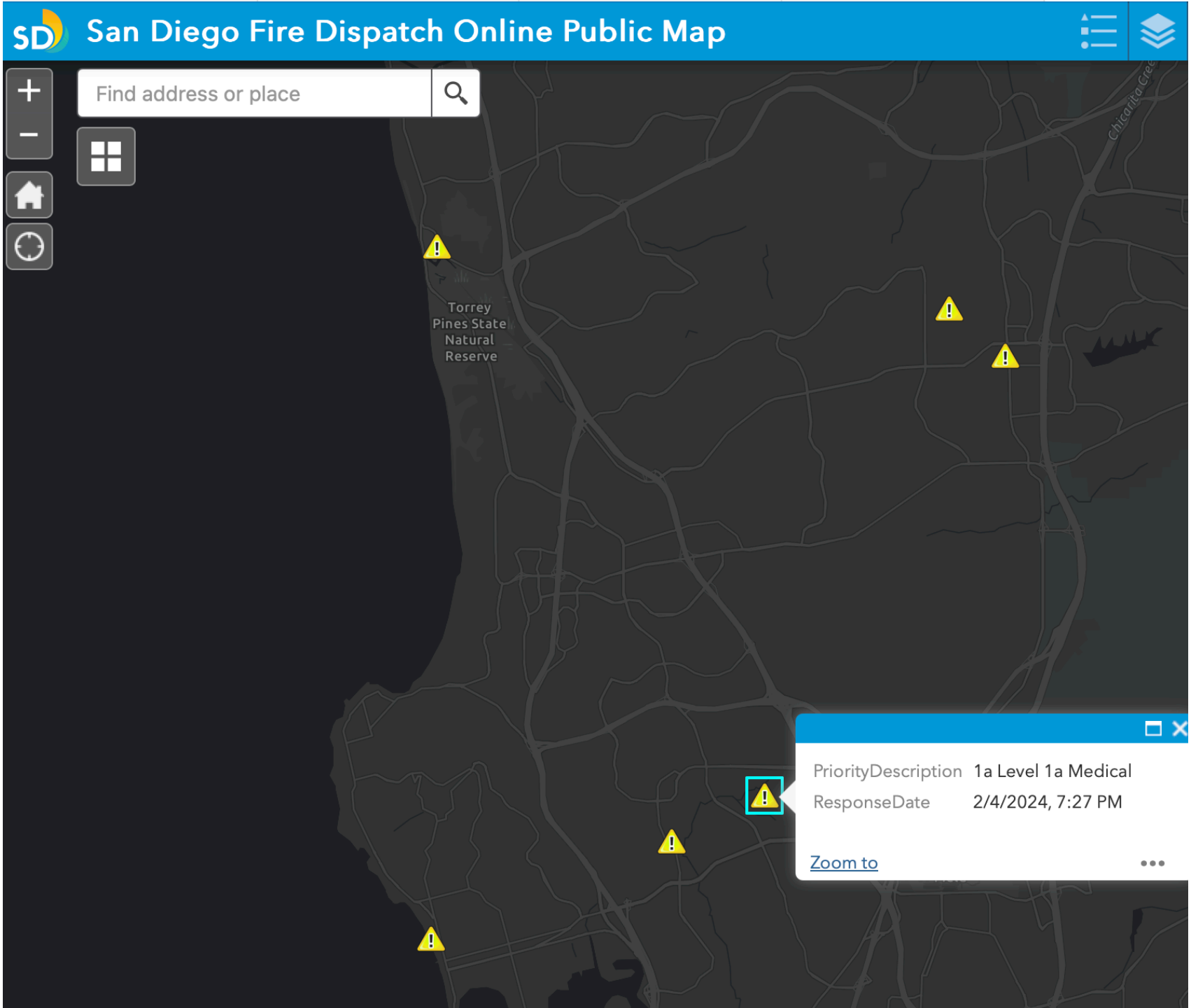


Next concept: *views*

- Often, there's too much information for you to show it all at once.

SANDAG San Diego Regional Bike Map

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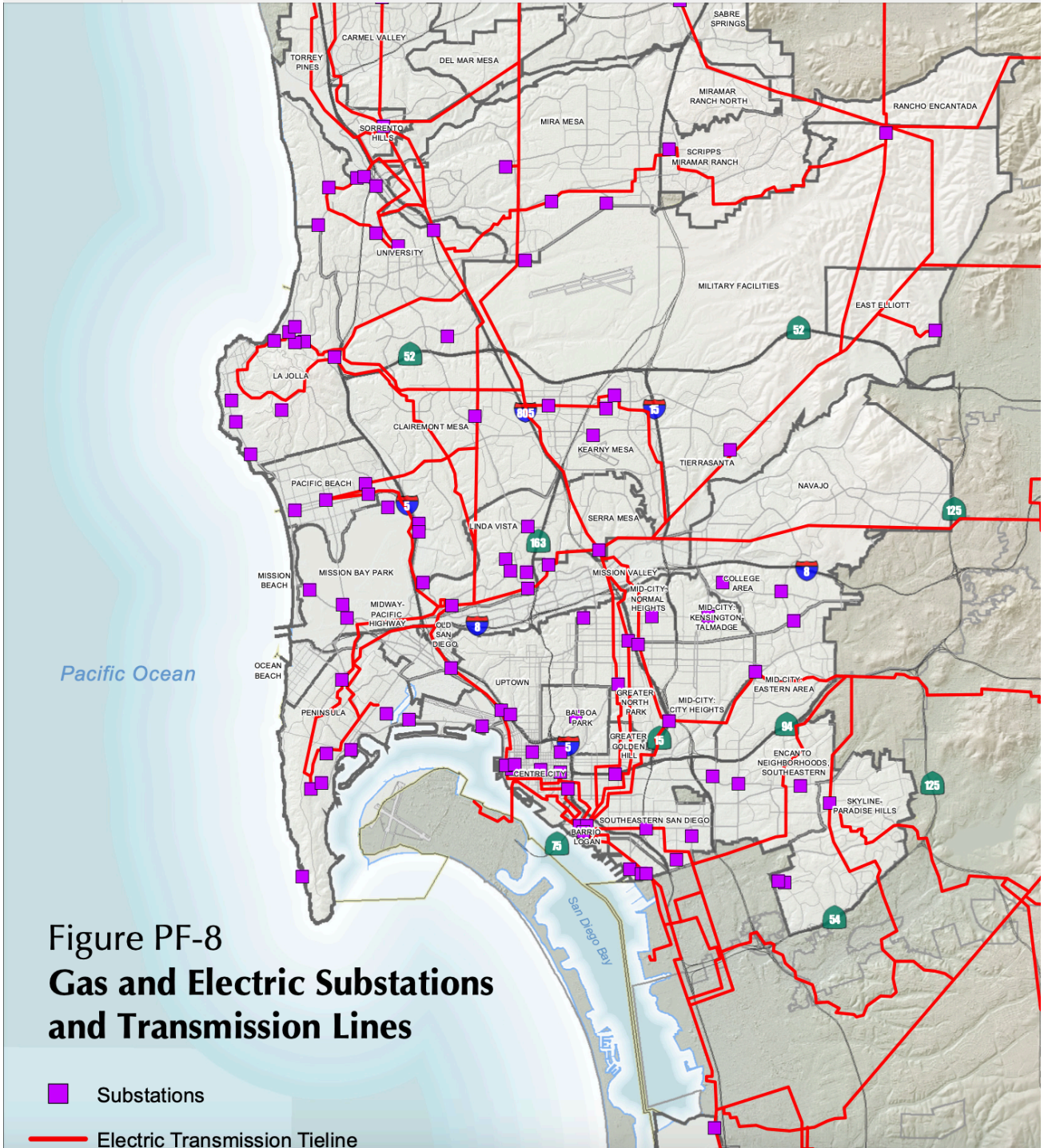


Figure PF-8

Gas and Electric Substations and Transmission Lines

Why Document Architecture?

- Blueprint for the system
  - Artifact for early analysis
  - Primary carrier of quality attributes
  - Key to post-deployment maintenance and enhancement
- Documentation speaks for the architect, today and 20 years from today
  - As long as the system is built, maintained, and evolved according to its documented architecture
- Support traceability.

Views and Purposes

- Every view should align with a purpose
- Views should only represent information relevant to that purpose
  - Abstract away other details
  - Annotate view to guide understanding where needed
- Different views are suitable for different reasoning aspects (different quality goals), e.g.,
  - Performance
  - Extensibility
  - Security
  - Scalability
  - ...

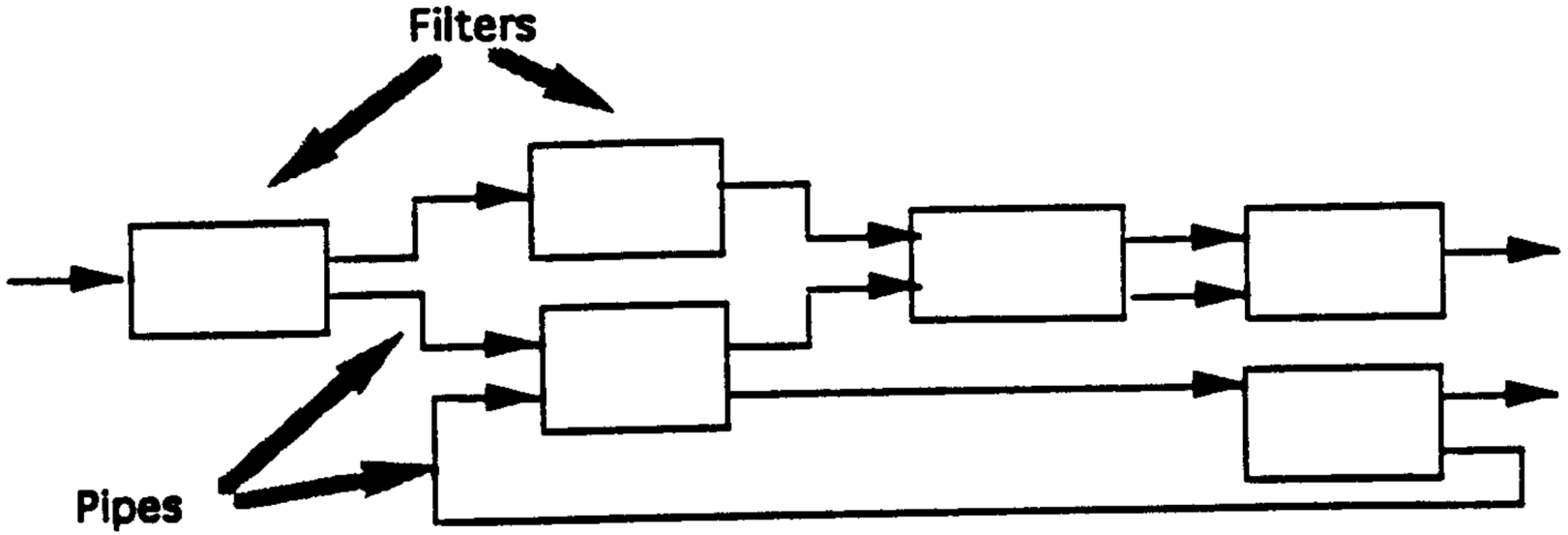
Common Views in Documenting Software Architecture

- Static View
  - Modules (subsystems, structures)
    and their relations (dependencies, ...)
- Dynamic View
  - Components (processes, runnable entities) and connectors (messages, data flow, ...)
- Physical View (Deployment)
  - Hardware structures and their connections

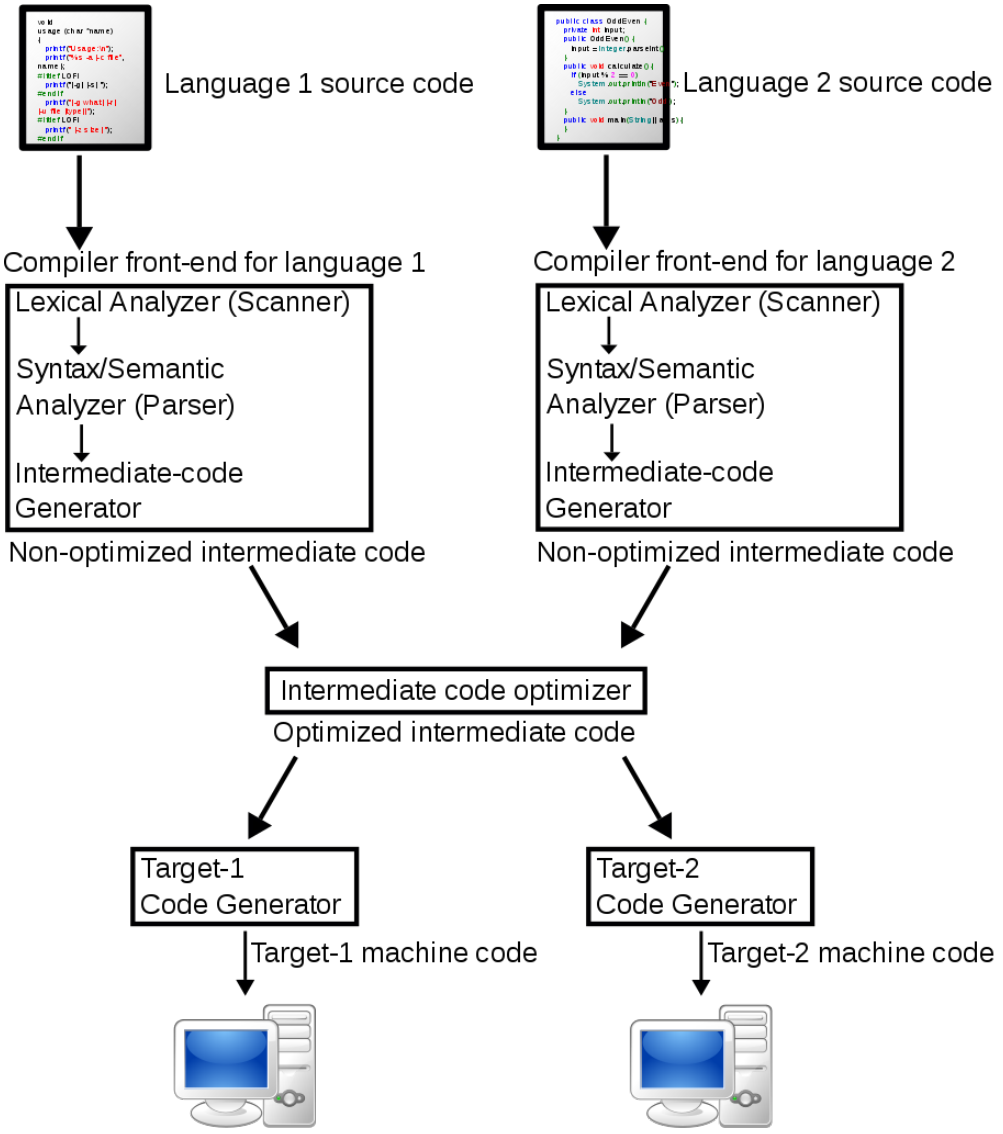
Software Architectural Styles

- A style describes a family of architectures
- Each style promotes some quality attributes and inhibits others
- Learning these patterns can enable you to make good architectural choices
- Important: "pure" styles rarely occur in practice
- But I will teach them as pure so we can study them individually
- Each style includes:
  - **Components**
  - **Connectors** that describe relationships between components

1. Pipes and Filters (one style in the "data flow" family of styles)



Example: Compilers



Example: UNIX pipes

- Filters: processes
  - Ports: stdin, stdout, stderr
- Pipes: buffered streams
  - Pipes carry byte streams (usually assume: UTF-8 strings)

Pipes vs. Procedures

	Pipes	Procedures
Arity	Binary	Binary
Control	Asynchronous, data-driven	Synchronous, blocking
Semantics	Functional	Hierarchical
Data	Streamed	Parameter/return value
Variations	Buffering, end-of-file behavior	Binding time, exception handling, polymorphism

Table from David Garlan

Analysis

- Quality attributes promoted:
  - Modifiability: can insert or remove filters
  - Modifiability: can redirect pipes
  - Reuse
  - Performance: enables parallel computation
- Quality attributes inhibited:
  - Usability: hard to build interactive applications this way
  - Performance: may have to translate data to be sent on pipes
  - Cost: writing filters may be complex due to common pipe data format
  - In some cases, correctness, if need to synchronize across pipes