



IT ARCHITECTURE IS NOT ALWAYS SIMPLE



Software Architecture

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RULE 2: AND NOT REALISTIC !!!

CODERS ARE HUMBLE

Software Architecture



2-Tier

Network/Software Architecture **Presentation Laver** Layer Architecture **Client/Server Architecture 3 Layer Architecture** SOA Architecture **Business Logic Layer** Data Access Layer Mac OS X Virtualization! Windows[®] 8 iOS VMware HyperV Data Source Port 8080 amazon webservices HTTP 🛜 Windows[.] Azure ASP.net **Clients** php Web The Cloud Server Network **RDC/TeamViewer** IIS Hardware + Software Apache Port 1433 Internet, Ethernet, TCP/IP, HTTP, VPN, **OPC** Tunneller Routers, Switches, Computers, Protocols, SQL Server **Stored Procedures** Software OSI, XML, SOAP, etc. MySQL **Database RDC/TeamViewer** MariaDB OPC Server Server ORACLE Windows Server 2012

3-tier+WebService Architecture - Example



Software Architecture

- Client-Server
- N-tier/3-tier
- SOA Service Oriented Architecture
 Web Services

- APIs
- etc.



.NET vs. Java

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Px-GHPxB4I



API

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HOW TO CREATE A STABLE API

API



API

- API Aplication Programming Interface
- A specification of how some software components should interact with each other.
- A library with functions, etc. you can use in your code
- Examples:
 - Windows API
 - Java API
- But you can also create your own API that you use internally in the team or expose to others

Software Design without APIs

Pros

- Fast to implement in small projects.
- Agile can serve as a starting point for API design.
- No need to consider how code interfaces with other software.
- Can be appropriate for small "dead end" projects.

Cons

- Inappropriate for large projects.
- Code has a limited (as opposed to general) functionality.
- Code is not reusable.
- Code is hard to maintain/modify.
- Prone to errors and bugs.

Why a Good API is hard to Design

- Forces designer to anticipate future usage of code.
- Requirements are incomplete (may never be complete).
- Requires abstraction.
- Requires modularization.
- Requires skills in programming languages.
- Requires code rewrites time consuming and labor intensive.

The Benefits of API Driven Design

When an API is used in a project, it

- Allows to focus on the project.
- Saves development time.
- Reduces errors and debugging.
- Facilitates modular design.
- Provides a consistent development platform.

➔ API driven design requires planning and programming skills. API driven design is costly initially, but it pays in the long run. So, obviously, creating APIs is good software practice in most cases.



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Client-Server



Client-Server Example





3-layer Architecture

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ABSTRACTION



3 Layer Network/Software Architecture



3-tier Architecture



Example of 3 Layer Architecture





Client/Presentation Layer/Tier

Business/Logic Layer/Tier

Data Layer/Tier

Note! The different layers can be on the same computer (Logic Layers) or on different Computers in a network (Physical Layers)



Web Services



S. Adams. Dilbert. Available: http://dilbert.com

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Problem

How to Share Data between Devices in a Network?



Problem

How to Share Data between Devices in a Network?



Direct Connection between the Database and the Clients that need the Data is normally not possible, due to security, compatibility issues, etc. (Firewalls, Hacker Attacks, etc.)

Direct Connection in a Local Network (behind the Firewall) is normally OK – but not over the Internet

Solution: Web Service



Web Services uses standard web protocols like HTTP, etc. HTTP is supported by all Web Browser, Servers and many Programming Languages



Web Services

- A Web service is a method of communications between two devices over the World Wide Web.
- Web API
- Standard defined by W3C
- Cross-platform
- Web Services can be implemented and used in most Programming Languages (C#/ASP.NET, PHP, LabVIEW, Objective-C, Java, ...)
- Uses standard Web technology (Web protocols)
 HTTP, REST, SOAP, XML, WSDL, JSON, ...

Why Web Service?

- Today Web Services have been very popular
- Easy Data sharing over Internet
- Platform-independent Communication
- Makes it possible of integration of different systems and platforms
- Distributed Application Development



Web Services

- Web Services 1.0: Uses SOAP
 - "Complex"
- Web Services 2.0: Uses REST
 - Less Complex than using SOAP
 - Lightwight and Flexible
 - The prefered model today



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