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# Software architecture: Architectural Styles

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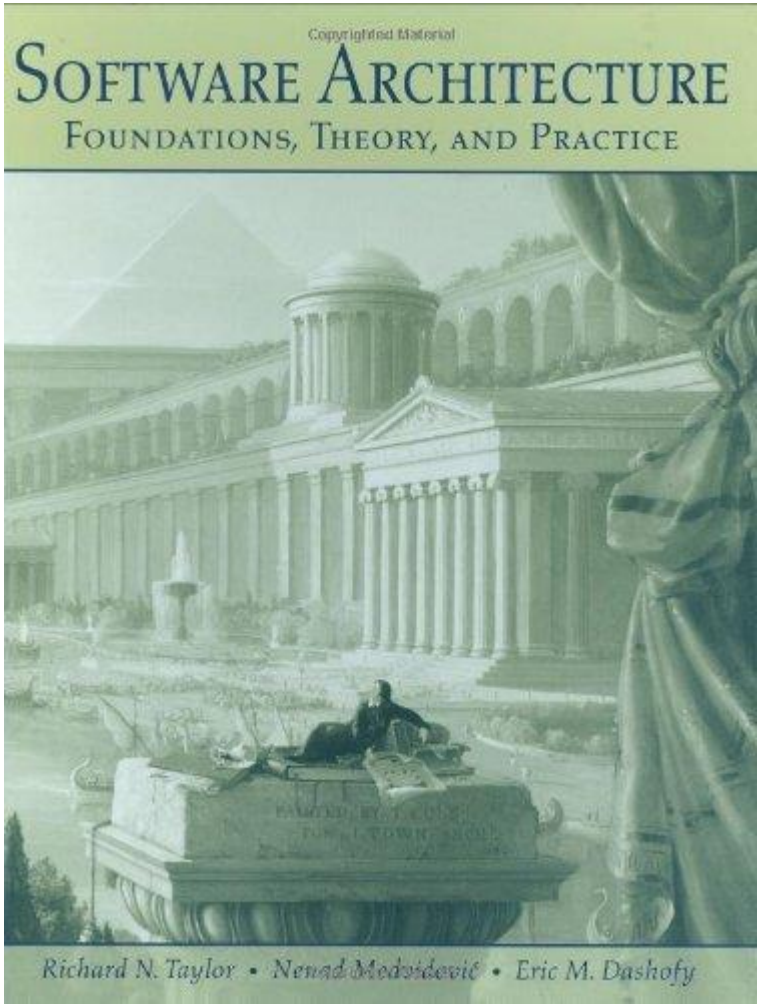


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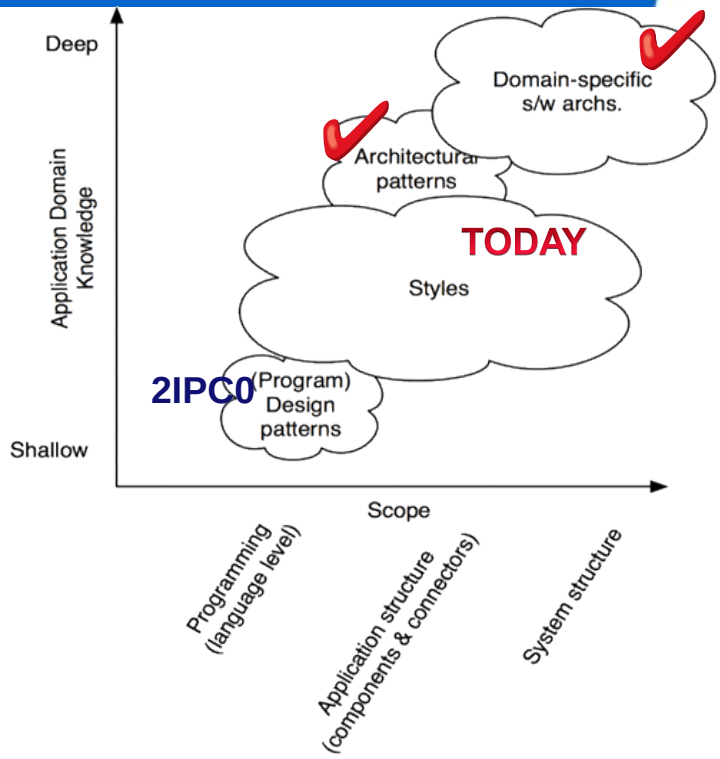
# Recall: Architectural patterns vs. Architectural styles vs. Design patterns

- **Architectural patterns** define the implementation strategies of those components and connectors (‘how?’)
  - More domain specific
- **Architectural styles** define the components and connectors (‘what?’)
  - Less domain specific
- Good architecture makes use of **design patterns** (on a more fine-granular level)
  - We’ll see examples later on
  - Usually domain independent



# Architectural Styles

- An **architectural style** is a named collection of architectural design decisions that
  - are applicable in a given development context
  - constrain architectural design decisions that are specific to a particular system within that context
  - elicit beneficial qualities in each resulting system

- Reflect **less domain specificity** than architectural patterns

- Useful in determining everything from subroutine structure to top-level application structure

- Many styles exist and we will discuss them in detail in the next lecture

# Benefits of Using Styles

- **Reuse**
  - Design: Well-understood solutions applied to new problems
  - Code: Shared implementations of invariant aspects of a style
- **Understandability** of system organization
  - A phrase such as “client-server” conveys a lot of information
- **Interoperability**
  - Supported by style standardization
- **Style-specificity**
  - Analyses: enabled by the constrained design space
  - Visualizations: depictions matching engineers’ mental models

# Basic Properties of Styles

- A vocabulary of **design elements**
  - Component and connector types; data elements
    - e.g., pipes, filters, objects, servers

# Recap: Connectors

- **“Architectural styles** define the components and connectors”

- A **software connector** is an architectural building block tasked with effecting and regulating interactions among components (Taylor, Medvidovic, Dashofy)
  - Procedure call connectors
  - Shared memory connectors
  - Message passing connectors
  - Streaming connectors
  - Distribution connectors
  - Wrapper/adaptor connectors
  - …

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- A set of **configuration rules**
  - Topological constraints that determine allowed compositions of elements
    - e.g., a component may be connected to at most two other components
- A **semantic interpretation**
  - Compositions of design elements have well-defined meanings
- Possible **analyses** of systems built in a style

# Some Common Styles

- **Traditional, language-influenced** styles
  - Main program and subroutines
  - Object-oriented
- **Layered**
  - Virtual machines
  - Client-server
- **Data-flow** styles
  - Batch sequential
  - Pipe and filter
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- **Implicit invocation**
  - Event-based
  - Publish-subscribe
- **Peer-to-peer**
- **“Derived” styles**
  - C2
  - CORBA

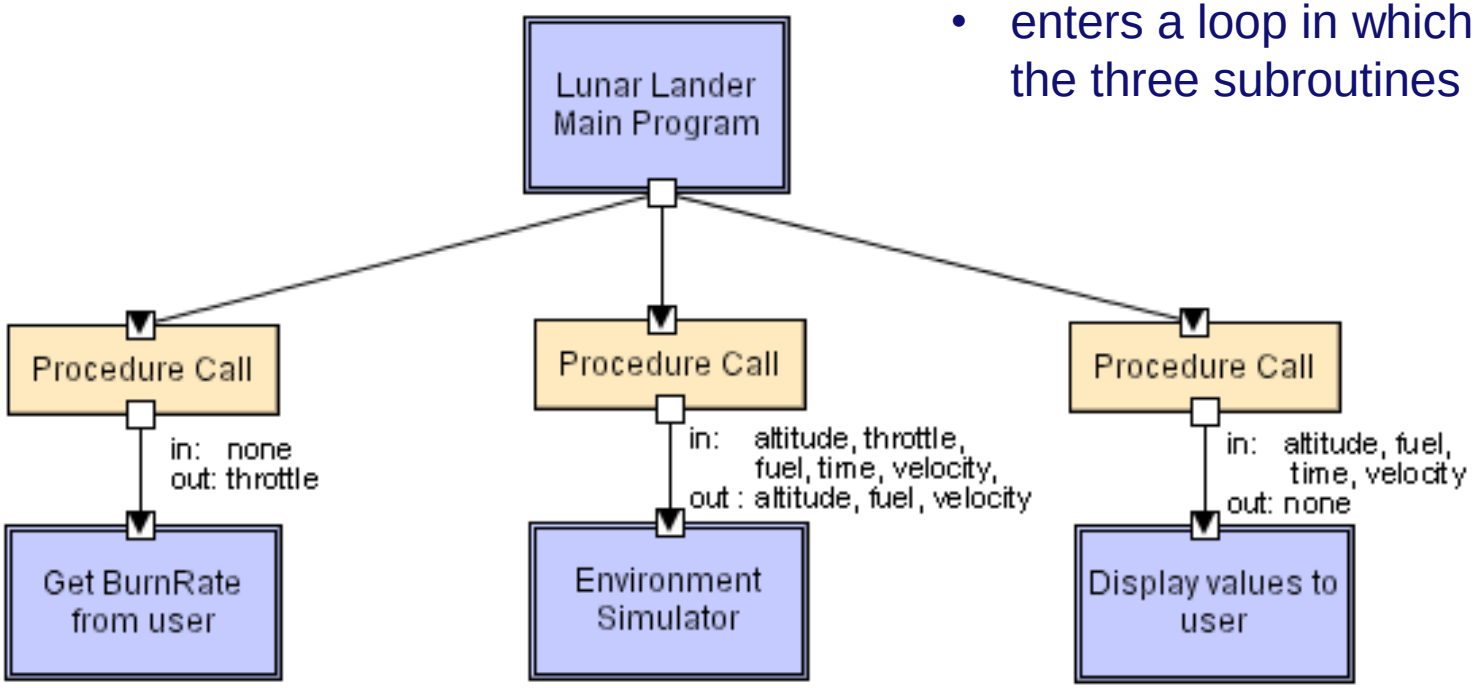
# Architecture Style Analysis

- Summary
- Design elements (components, connectors, data)
- Topology
- Examples of use
- Advantages/disadvantages
- Relation to programming languages/environments

# Main program and subroutines

- You should be familiar with this style from a basic programming course

Main program:
- displays greetings and instructions
- enters a loop in which it calls the three subroutines in turn.



# Main program and subroutines: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - Decomposition based upon separation of functional processing steps
- **Design elements**
  - Components: main program and subroutines
  - Connectors: function/procedure calls
  - Data: Values passed in/out subroutines
- **Topology**
  - Static organization is hierarchical
  - Full structure: a directed graph

# Main program and subroutines: Style Analysis

- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - Small programs, pedagogical uses
- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Modularity: subroutines can be replaced as long as interface semantics are unaffected
- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - Usually fails to scale
  - Inadequate attention to data structures
  - Effort to accommodate new requirements: unpredictable
- Relation to **programming languages/environments**
  - Traditional programming languages: BASIC, Pascal, C…

# Object-Oriented Lunar Lander

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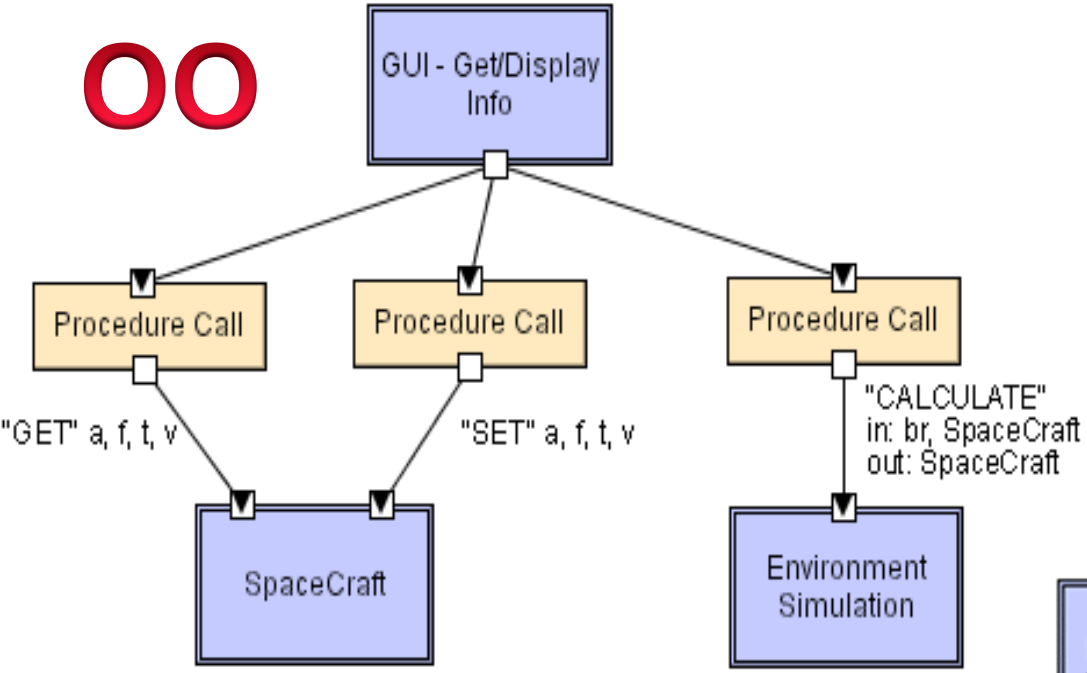
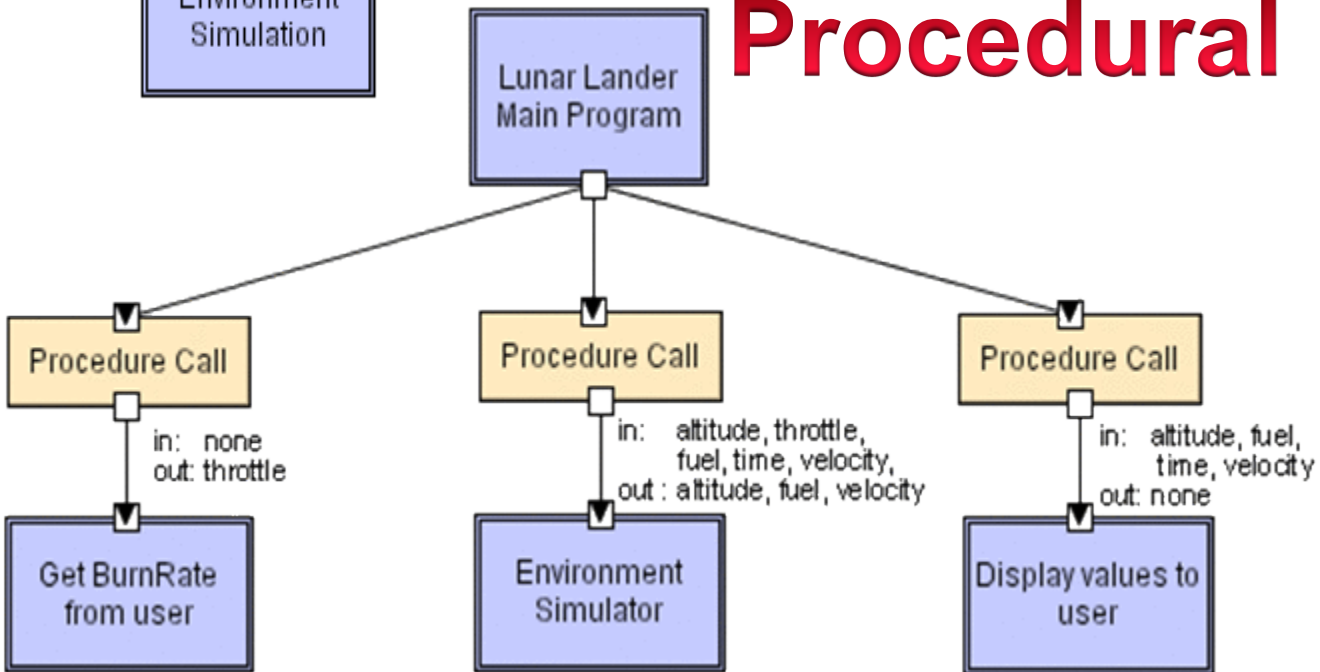



You should be familiar with this style from an OO-programming course.

**Identify similarities and differences between the styles.**

Procedural



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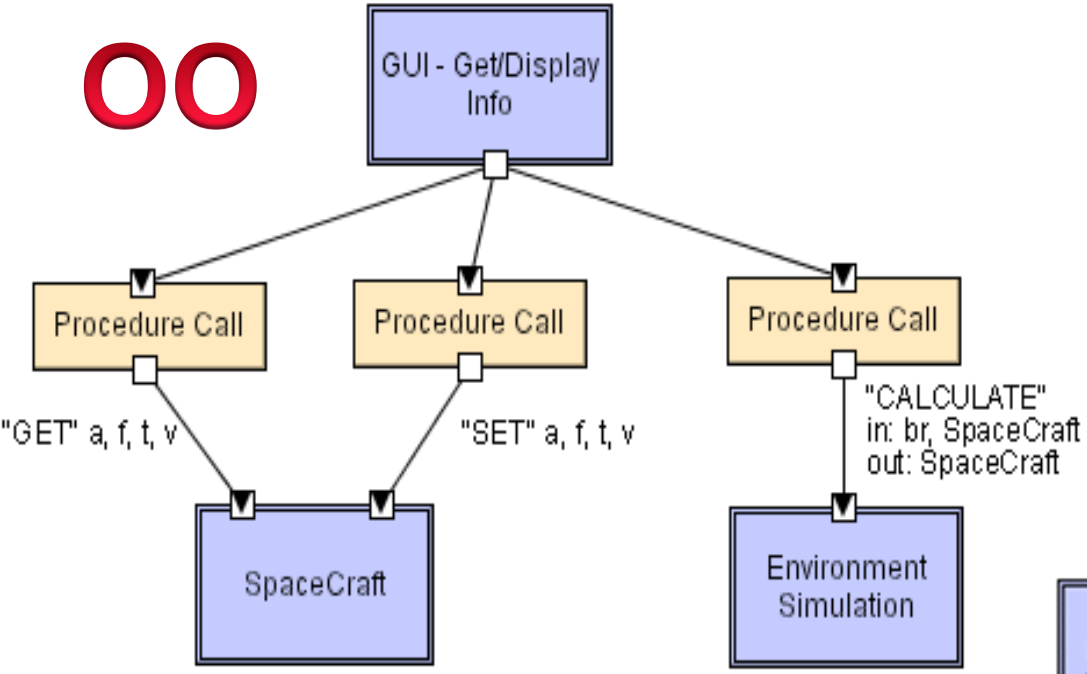


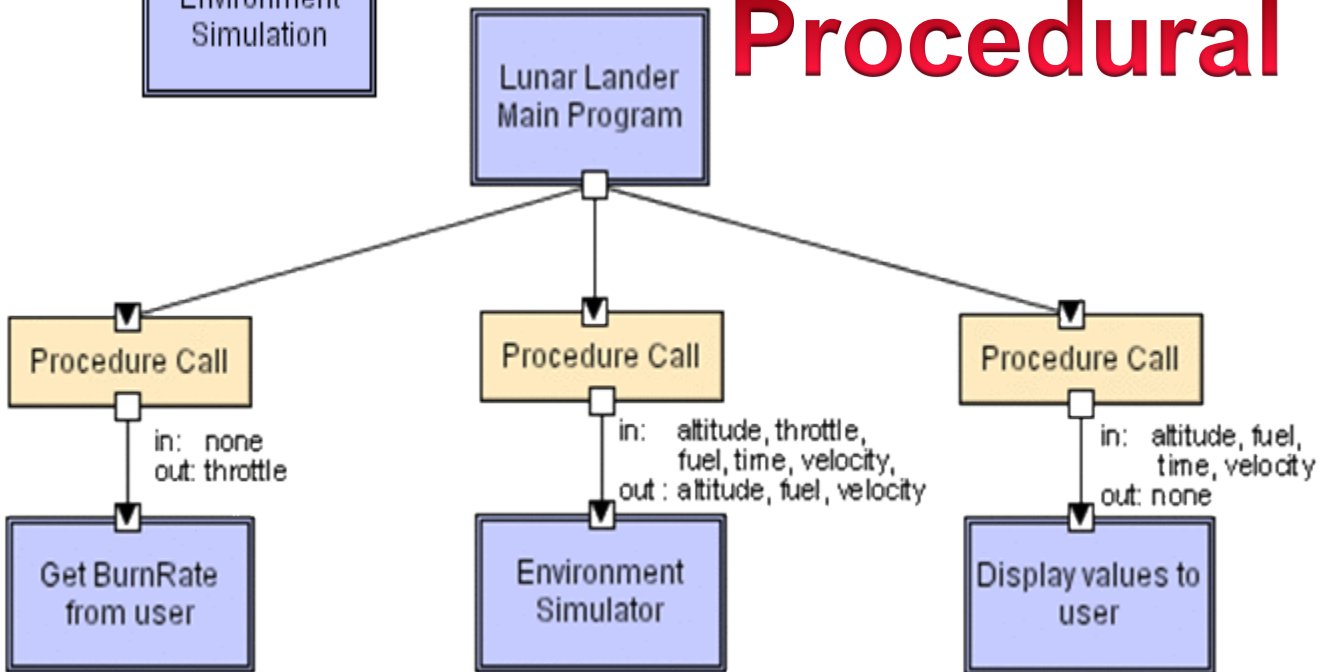


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connectors (procedure calls) + data (arguments)

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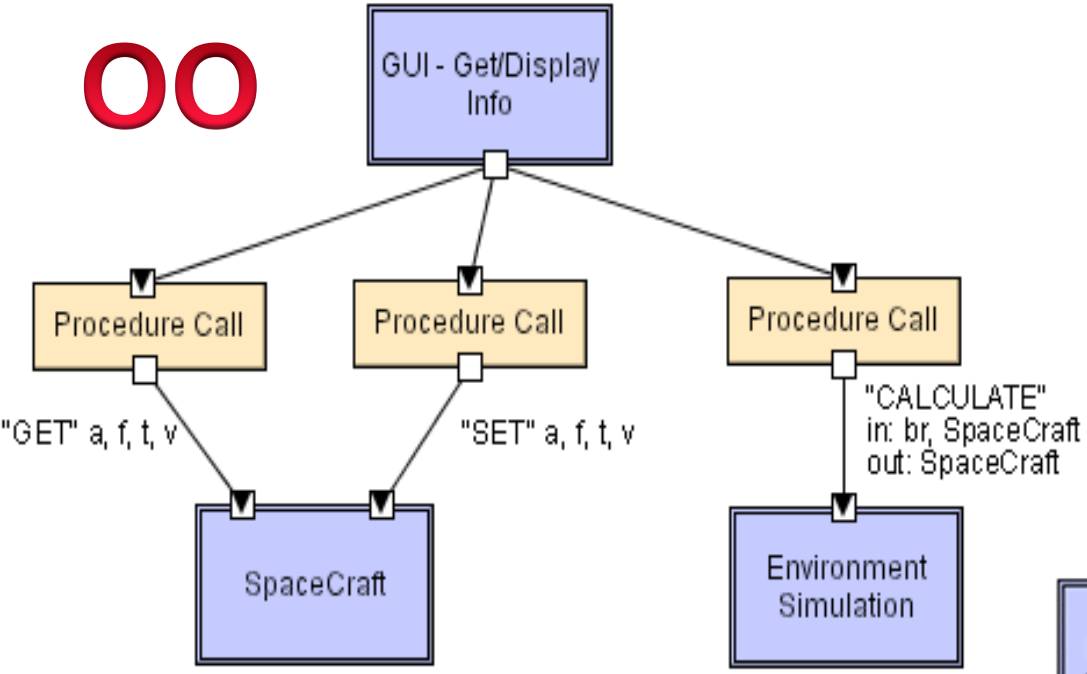


**Differences**: encapsulation (UI, SpaceCraft, Environment)

- Procedural: input & output are separated
- OO: input & output are together

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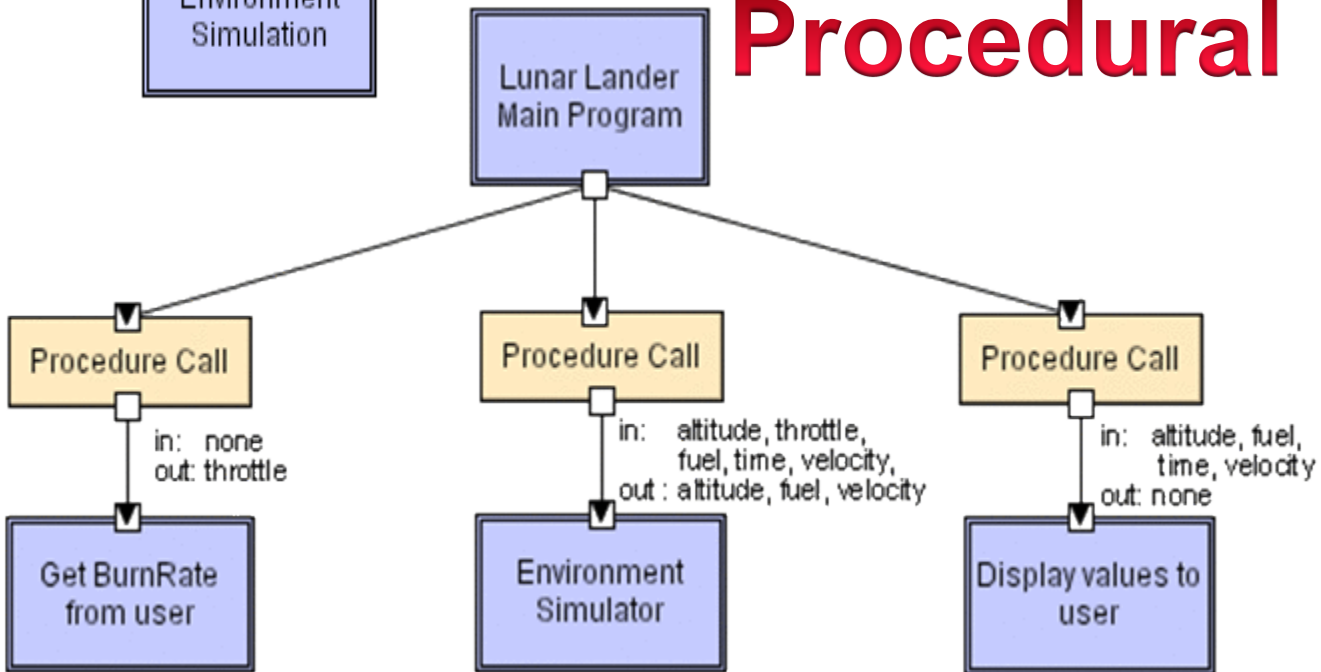
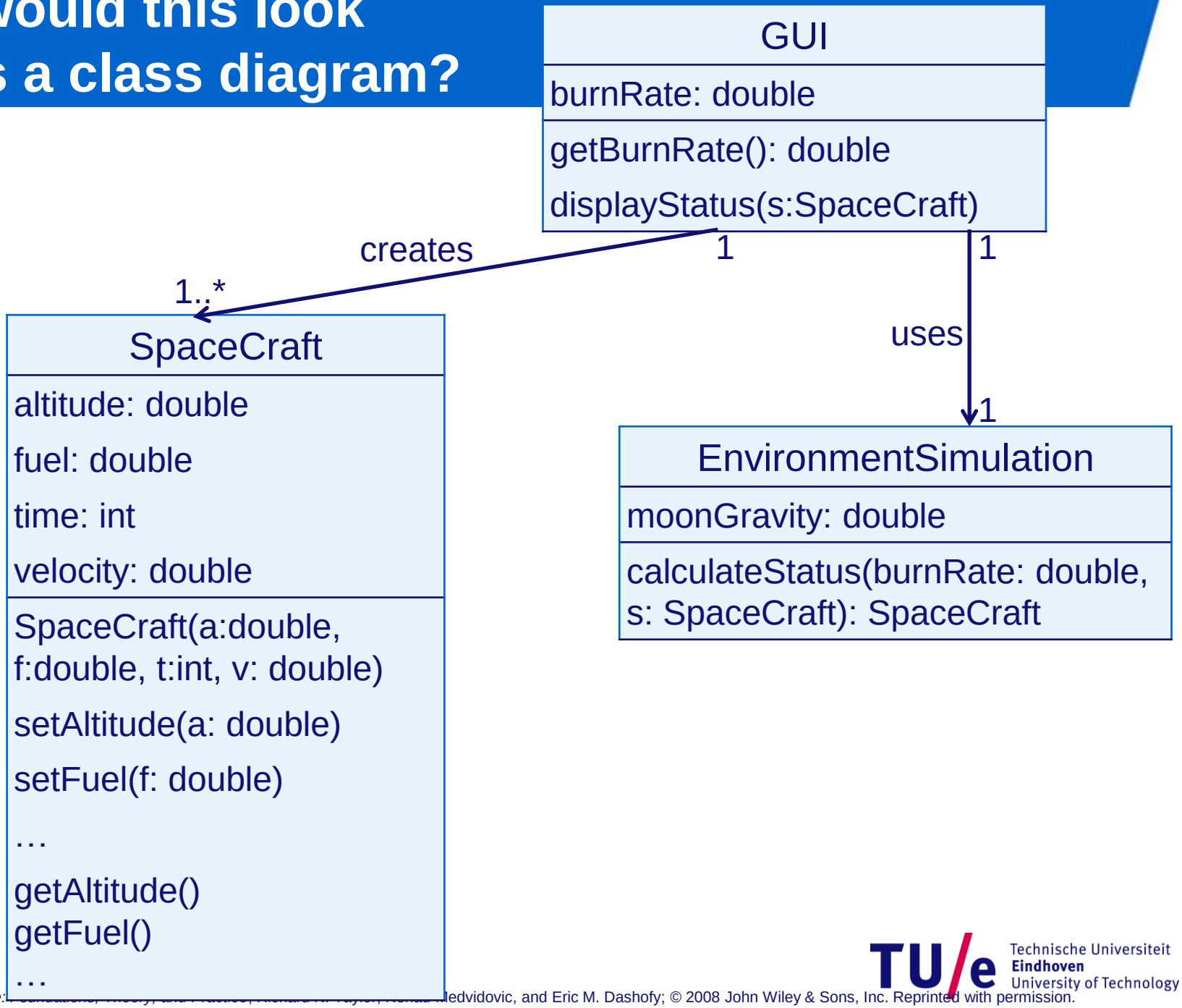


# How would this look like as a class diagram?



# Object-Oriented Style: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - State strongly encapsulated. Internal representation is hidden from other objects
  - Objects are responsible for their internal representation integrity
- **Design elements**
  - Components: objects (data and associated operations)
  - Connectors: method invocations
  - Data: arguments passed to methods
- **Topology**
  - Can vary arbitrarily: data and interfaces can be shared through inheritance

# Object-Oriented Style: Style Analysis

- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - pedagogy
  - complex, dynamic data structures
  - close correlation between physical world entities and entities in the program

- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Integrity: data is manipulated only by appropriate methods
  - Abstraction: internals are hidden

# Object-Oriented Style: Style Analysis

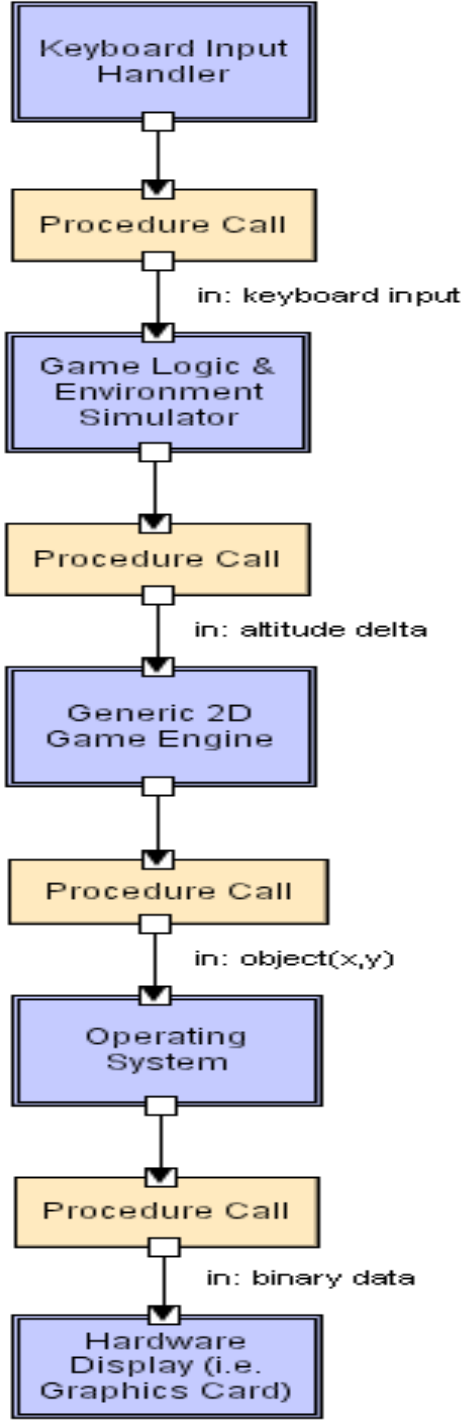
- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - Not efficient enough for high performance computing (e.g., scientific computing, data science)
  - Distributed applications require extensive middleware to provide access to remote objects
  - In absence of additional structural principles unrestricted OO can lead to highly complex applications

- Relation to **programming languages/environments**
  - OO-languages: Java, C++…

# Layered Style Lunar Lander

- **Basic idea:**
  - Each layer exposes an interface (API) to be used by the layer above it
  - Each layer acts as a
    - *Server:* service provider to layer “above”
    - *Client:* service consumer of the layer “below”

- Taylor et al call this style **“virtual machines”**
  - I do not like this name since these virtual machines are not related to simulation or program execution as in “Java Virtual Machine”, Python, etc.



# Layering

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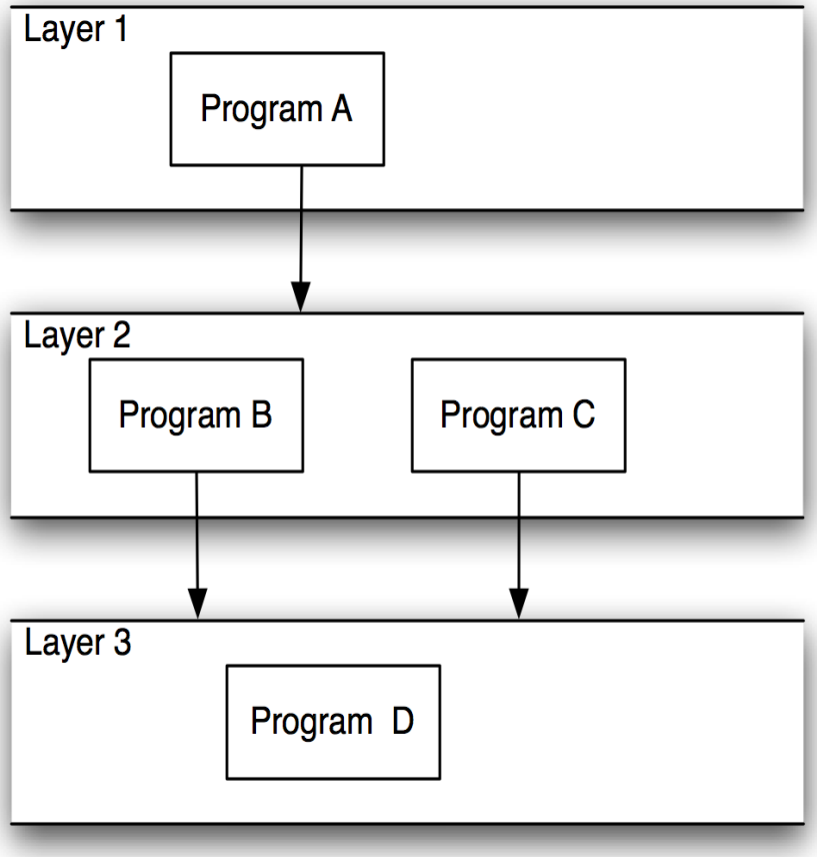


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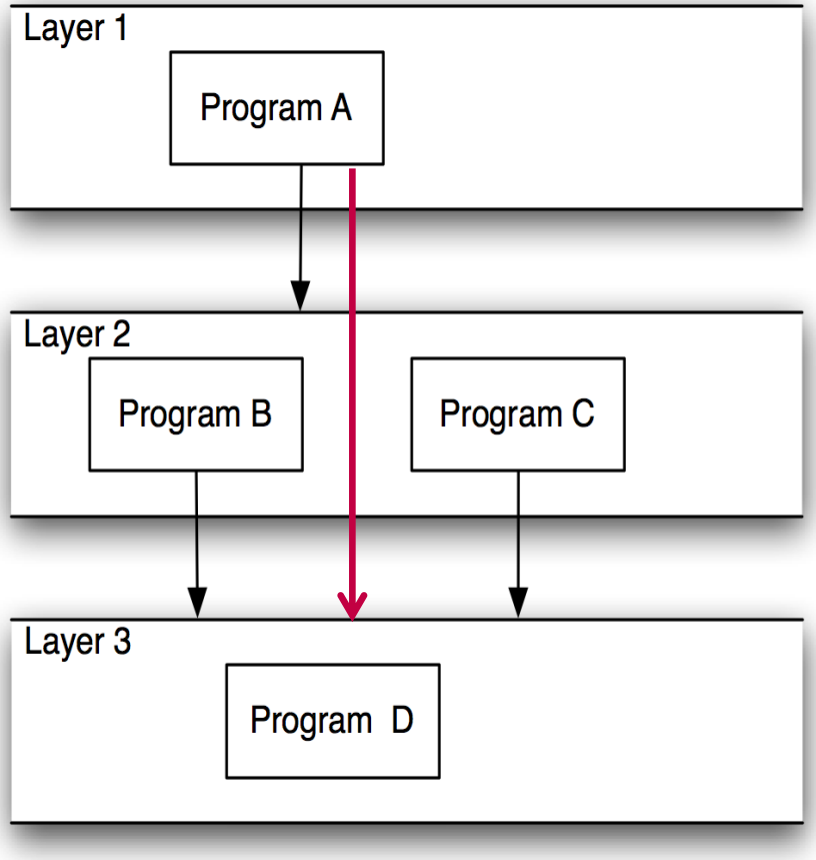
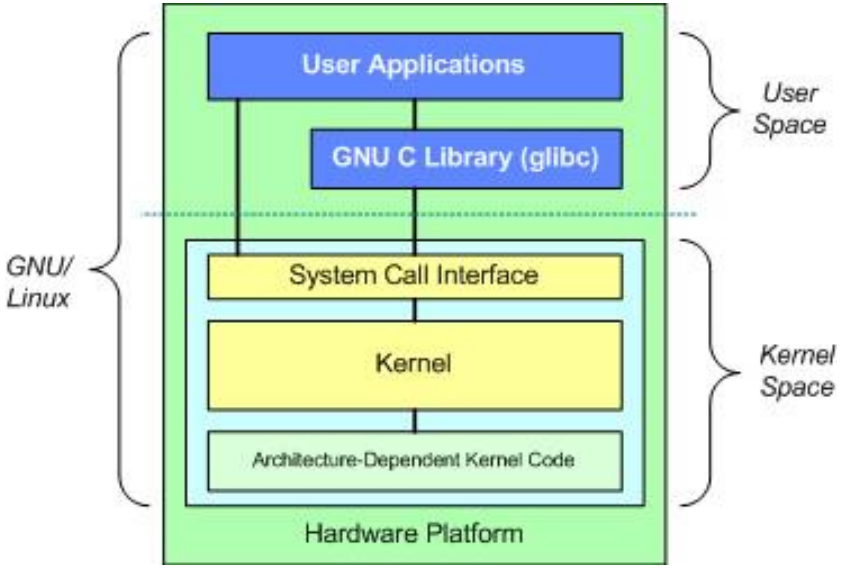


# Layered Style: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - An ordered sequence of layers, each layer offers services (interfaces) that can be used by programs (components) residing with the layer(s) above it
- **Design elements**
  - Components: layers, each layer usually several programs
  - Connectors: typically procedure calls
  - Data: parameters passed between layers
- **Topology**
  - Linear (strict layering), acyclic (non-strict layering)

# Layered Style: Style Analysis

- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - operating systems
    - 2INC0 “Operating systems” SfS:Y3Q1
  - network and protocol stacks
    - 2IC60 “Computer networks and security” SfS, WbS:Y2Q4

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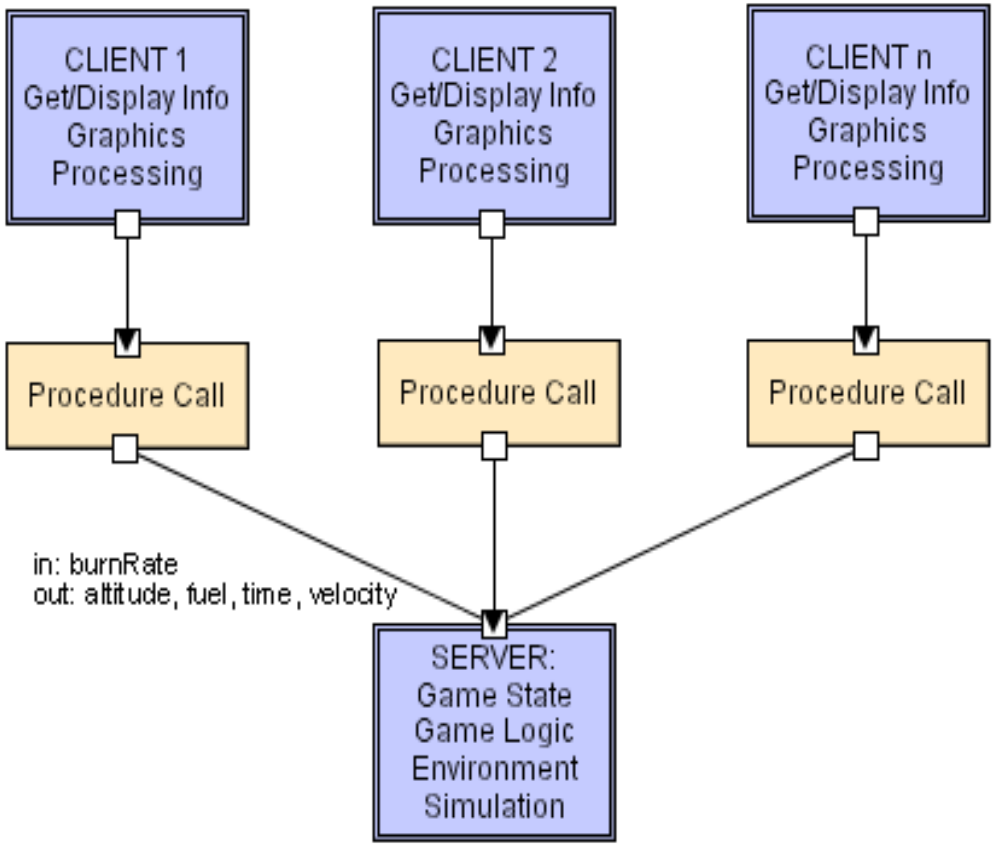
# Layered Style: Style Analysis

- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Clear dependence structure benefits evolution
    - Lower layers are independent from the upper layers
    - Upper layers can evolve independently from the lower layers as long as the **interface semantics is unchanged**
    - **Strict layering**: limits propagation of change
  - Reuse
    - e.g., standardized layer interfaces for libraries/frameworks

- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - Not universally applicable
  - Performance (mostly for strict layering and many layers)

# Client-Server Style

- Similar to the layered style
- **Differences**
  - Only two layers
    - Client(s)
    - Server
  - Network-based connection
- Clients
  - Thin – no processing beyond UI
  - Thick – otherwise



# Client-Server Style: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - Client initiates communication by sending server a request.
  - Server performs the requested action and replies.
- **Design elements**
  - Components: client(s) and server
  - Connectors: remote procedure call, network protocols
  - Data: parameters and return values
- **Topology**
  - Two-level, multiple clients making requests to server
  - No client-client communication

# Client-Server Style: Style Analysis

- What are common **examples** of its use?
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- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Data centralization, powerful server serving many clients
- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - Single point of failure
  - Network bandwidth / amount of requests

# Some Common Styles

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# Batch Sequential

- **Dataflow styles** focus on how data moves between processing elements

- **Batch-sequential**
  - "The Granddaddy of Styles"
  - Separate programs are executed in order
  - Aggregated data (on magnetic tape) transferred by the user from one program to another

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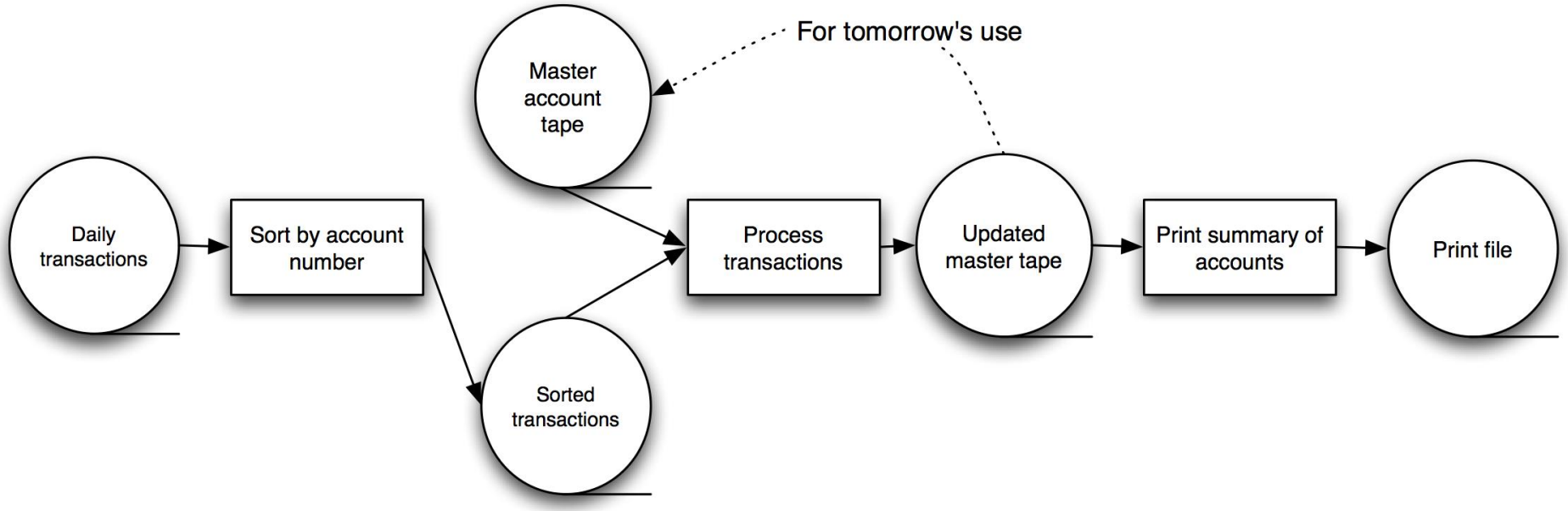


What about the Lunar Lander?

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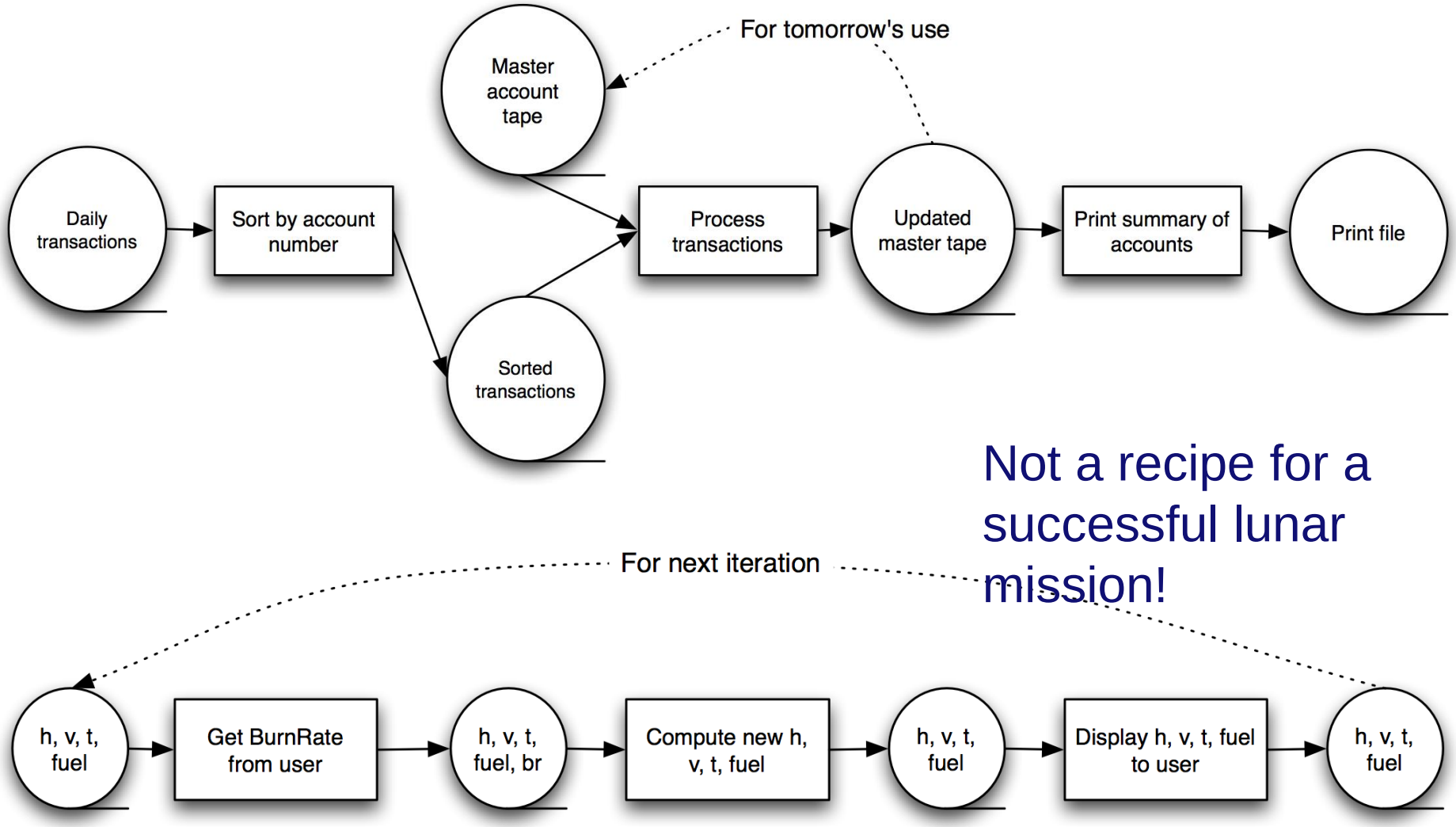

# Batch Sequential: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - Separate programs executed one at a time, till completion
- **Design elements**
  - Components: independent programs
  - Connectors: “the human hand” carrying tapes between the programs, a.k.a. “sneaker-net”
  - Data: aggregated on tapes
- **Topology**
  - Linear
- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - Transaction processing in financial systems

# Batch Sequential: Style Analysis

- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Simplicity
  - Severable executions
- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - No concurrency
  - No interaction between components

# Pipe and Filter

- In Batch Sequential the next program waits till the preceding one has finished processing data completely.

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- **Summary**:
  - Separate programs executed, potentially concurrently
- **Design elements**
  - Components: independent programs, a.k.a. **filters**
  - Connectors: routers of data streams (**pipes**), provided by an operating system
    - Variations
      - *Pipelines* — linear sequences of filters
      - *Bounded pipes* — limited amount of data on a pipe
      - *Typed pipes* — data strongly typed
  - Data: linear data streams, traditionally – text

# Pipe and Filter: Style Analysis

- **Topology**
  - Usually linear pipelines, sometimes T-joins are possible

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  - Operating systems applications, shells
  - Massive data processing applications
    - Results of the processing are more important than the process itself

# Pipes and Filters: Style Analysis

- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Simplicity
  - Filters are independent
  - New combinations can be easily constructed

- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - Data structures to be exchanged should be relatively simple
    - Usually text tables
  - No interaction between components

- Relation to **programming languages**
  - Unix shells

# Blackboard Style

- **Two kinds** of components
  - Central data structure — blackboard
  - Components operating on the blackboard
- System control is entirely driven by the blackboard state

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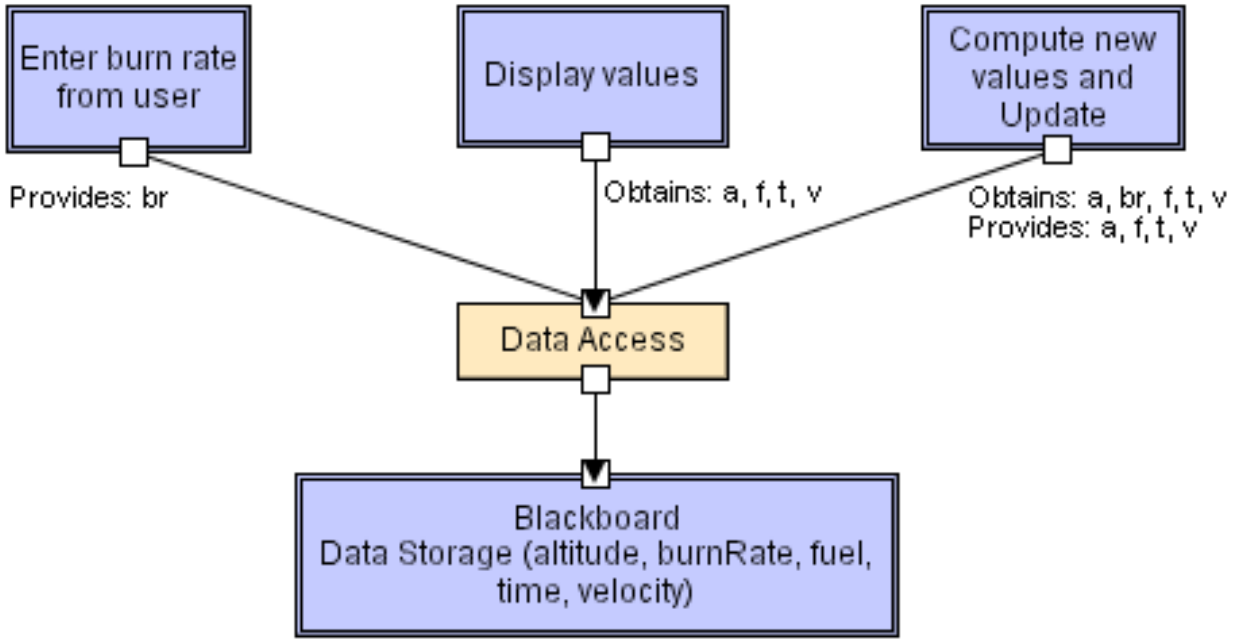
- Shared blackboard: problem description
- Multiple experts
  - identify a (sub)problem they can solve,
  - work on it
  - post the solution on the blackboard
  - enable other experts to solve their problem

# Blackboard Lunar Lander




Experts perform independent tasks

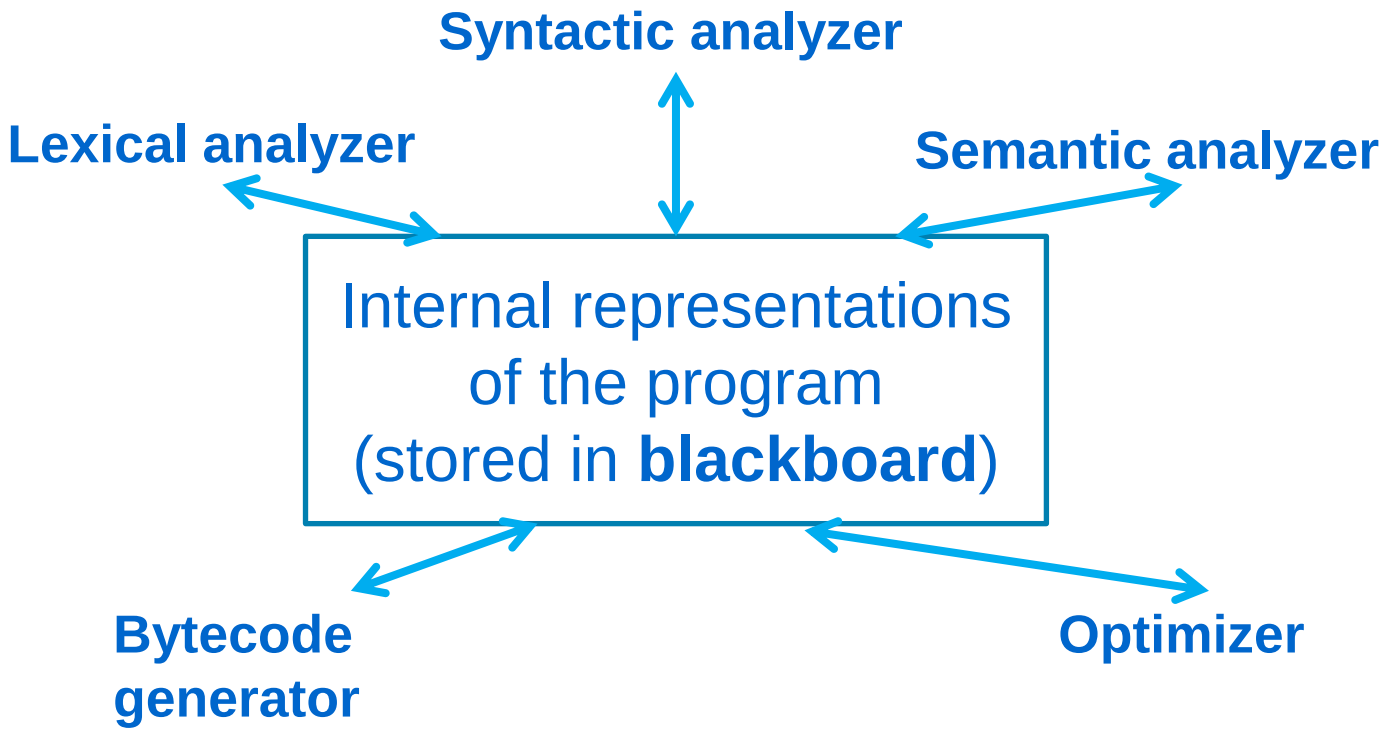
Blackboard maintains the game state

# Blackboard: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - Separate programs communicate through the shared repository, known as the blackboard
- **Design elements**
  - Components:
    - shared blackboard
    - independent programs, a.k.a. *knowledge sources*
  - Connectors: depending on the context
    - procedure calls, database queries, direct references…
  - Data: stored on the blackboard
- **Topology**: star, the blackboard as the central node

# Blackboard: Style Analysis

- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - Heuristic problem solving in artificial intelligence
  - Compiler!



# Blackboard: Style Analysis

- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Solution strategies should not be preplanned
  - Data/problem determine the solutions!

- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - Overhead when
    - a straight-forward solution strategy is available
    - interaction between “independent” programs need a complex regulation
    - data on the blackboard is a subject to frequent change (and requires propagation to all other components)

# Interpreter Style

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**Python**

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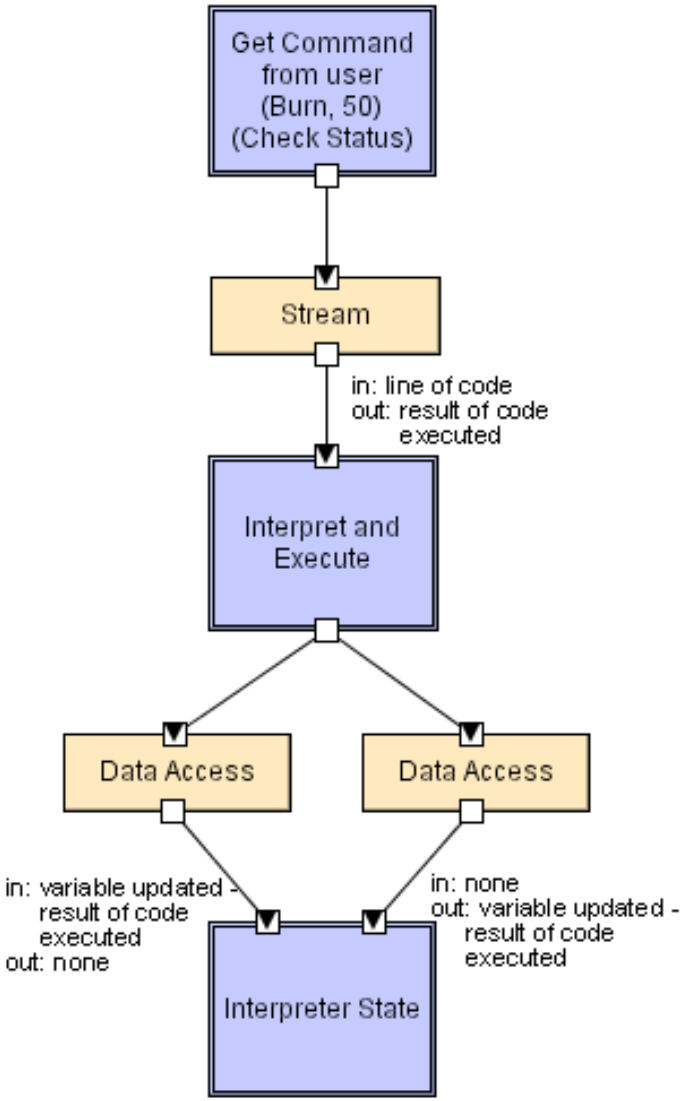
**Both!**

# How is this related to architecture? Interpreter Lunar Lander

- User commands constitute a ***language***
  - "Burn 50" – set the burnrate to 50
  - "Check status"
  - …
- Example of a domain-specific language (DSL)
  - Do you recall Domain-Specific Software Architectures?
  - Active research topic in Eindhoven
    - 2IS15 Generic language technology
- This language is being interpreted by the rest of the implementation



# Interpreter Style: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - Interpreter parses and executes input commands, updating the state maintained by the interpreter
- **Design elements**
  - Components:
    - command **interpreter**
    - program/interpreter **state**
    - user interface.
  - Connectors: typically very closely bound with direct procedure calls and shared state.
  - Data: commands

# Interpreter Style: Style Analysis

- **Topology**
  - Tightly-coupled three-tier, state can be separate

- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - Great when the user should be able to program herself
    - e.g., Excel formulas
    - domain-specific languages become more and more popular
      - Not all of them are interpreted, but many of them are…

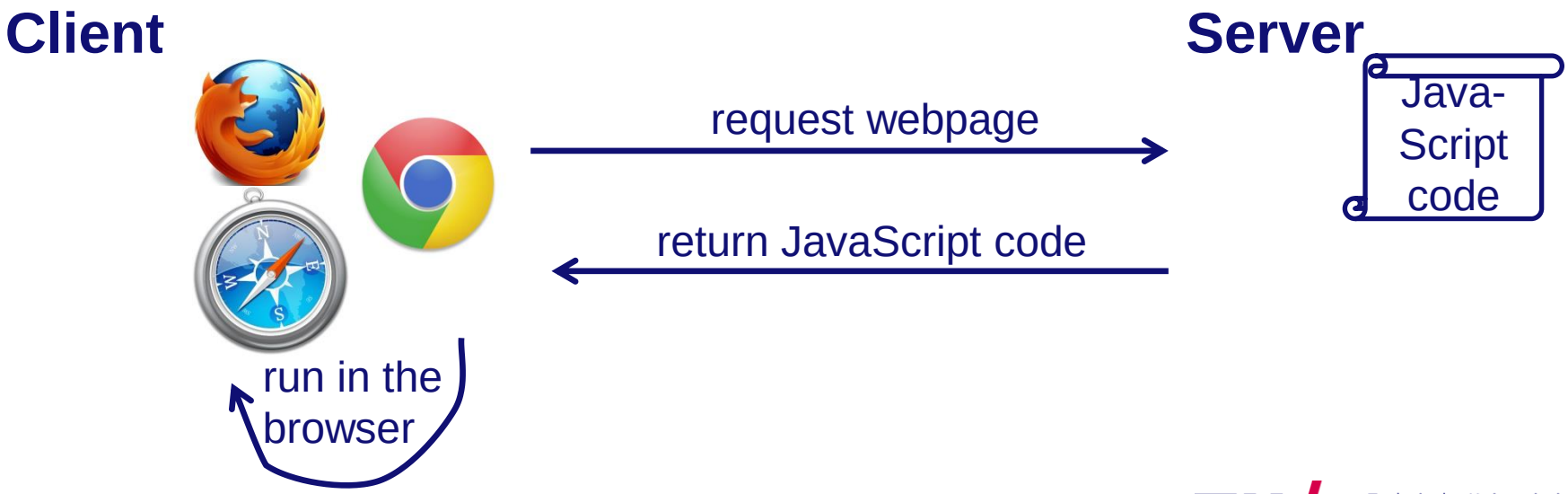
# Interpreter Style: Style Analysis

- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Highly dynamic behavior possible, where the set of commands is dynamically modified.
  - System architecture may remain constant while new capabilities are created based upon existing primitives.

- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - Performance
    - it takes longer to execute the interpreted code
    - but many optimizations might be possible
  - Memory management
    - when multiple interpreters are invoked simultaneously

# Mobile Code Style

- Sometimes interpretation cannot be performed locally
  - **Code-on-demand**
    - Client has resources and processing power
    - Server has code to be executed
    - Client requests the code, obtains it and runs it locally



# Mobile Code Style

- Sometimes interpretation cannot be performed locally
  - Code-on-demand
  - **Remote execution/evaluation**
    - client has code but does not have resources to execute it
      - software resources (e.g., interpreter)
      - or hardware resources (e.g., processing power)
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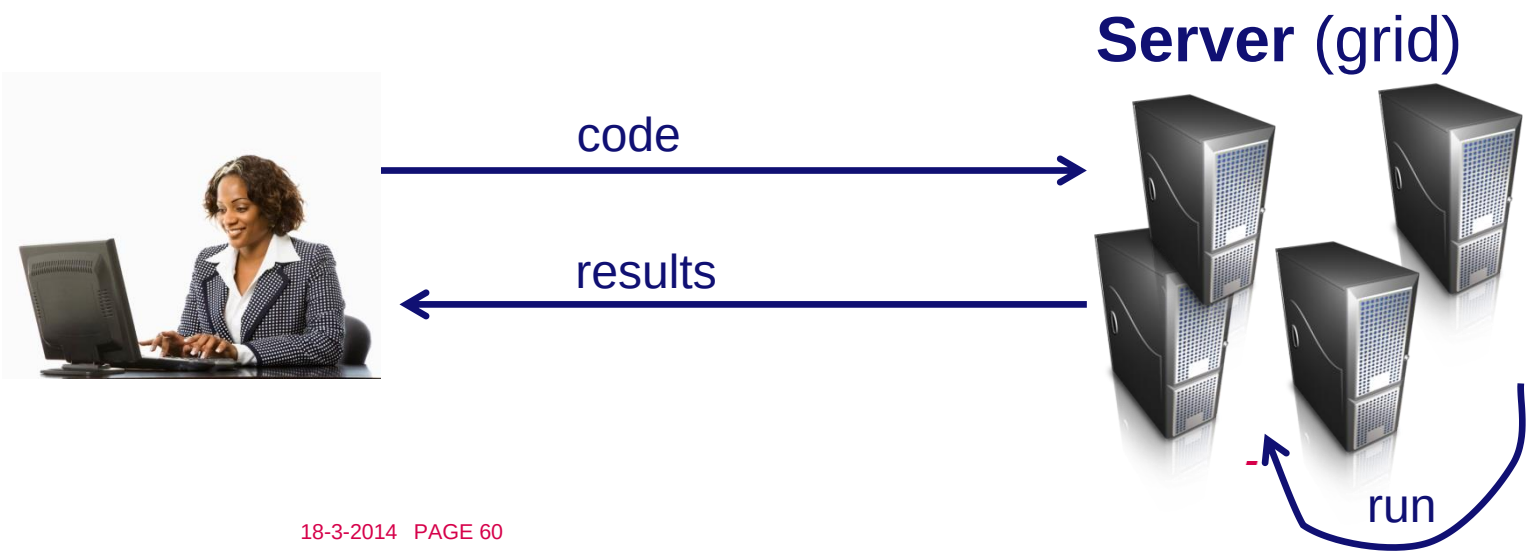

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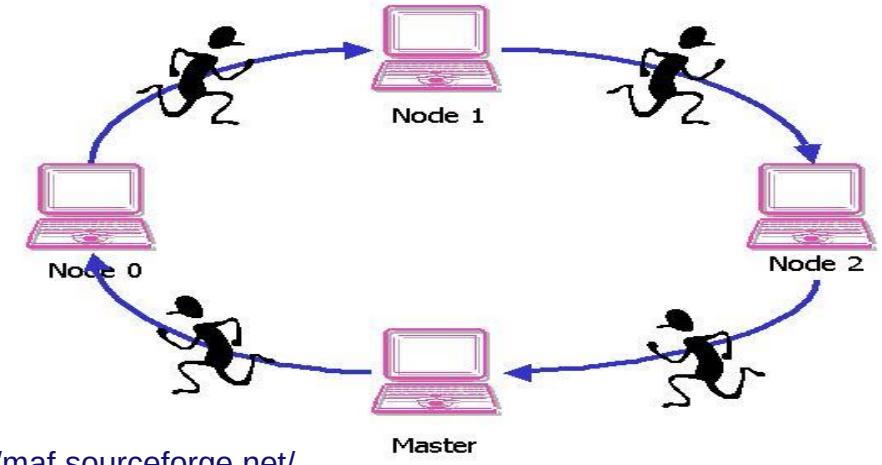
  - Remote execution/evaluation
  - **Mobile agent**
    - initiator has code and some resources but not all
    - can autonomously decide to migrate to a different node to obtain additional resources




http://maf.sourceforge.net/

# Mobile Code Style: Major challenge – Security

- Code being executed might be **malicious**!
  - privacy invasion
  - denial of service
- Solutions:
  - Sandboxing
    - Mobile code runs only in a restricted environment, “sandbox”, and does not have access to vital parts of the system
  - Signing
    - Only mobile code signed by a trusted party can be executed
  - Responsibility: **execution dock** handling receipt and execution of code and state

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# Mobile Code Style: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - Code moves to be interpreted on another host
  - Variants: code on demand, remote execution, mobile agent
- **Design elements**
  - Components:  code interpreter, execution dock
  - Connectors:
    - network protocols
    - code/data packaging for transmission
  - Data: code, program state, data for the code
- **Topology**: network

# Mobile Code Style: Style Analysis

- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - processing large amounts of distributed data
  - dynamic behavior / customization
- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - dynamic adaptability
  - performance (resources)
- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - security challenges
  - network/transmission costs

# Some Common Styles

- **Traditional, language-influenced** styles
  - Main program and subroutines ✔
  - Object-oriented ✔
- **Layered**
  - (Virtual machines) ✔
  - Client-server ✔
- **Data-flow** styles
  - Batch sequential ✔
  - Pipe and filter ✔
- **Shared memory**
  - Blackboard ✔
  - Rule based
- **Interpreter**
  - Interpreter ✔
  - Mobile code ✔
- **Implicit invocation**
  - Event-based
  - Publish-subscribe
- **Peer-to-peer**
- **"Derived" styles**
  - C2
  - CORBA

# Implicit Invocation Styles

- **Basic idea**
  - Event announcement instead of method invocation
  - “Listeners” register interest in and associate methods with events
  - System invokes all registered methods implicitly

- **Style invariants**
  - “Announcers” are unaware of their events’ effects
  - No assumption about processing in response to events

# Publish-Subscribe

- **Subscribers** register/deregister to receive specific messages or specific content.
- **Publishers** broadcast messages to subscribers.

- **Analogy**: newspaper subscription
  - Subscriber chooses the newspaper
  - Publisher delivers only to subscribers
  - *Ergo*, publisher has to maintain a list of subscribers

  - Sometimes we'll need proxies to manage distribution.


http://israel21c.org/israel-in-the-spotlight/going-on-vacation-dont-stop-your-newspaper-subscription-donate-it/

# Publish-Subscriber Lunar Lander

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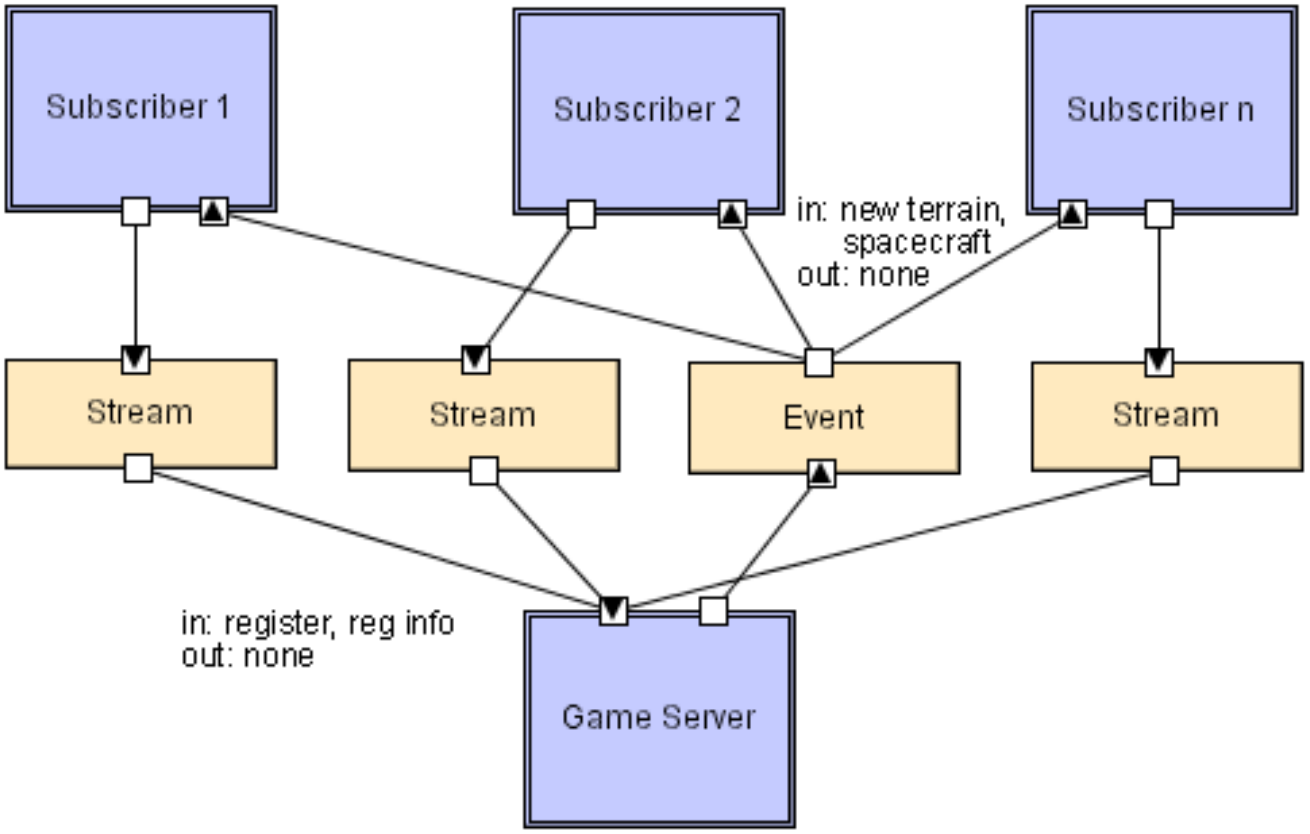


# Publish-Subscribe Style: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - Subscribers register/deregister to receive specific messages or specific content.
  - Publishers broadcast messages to subscribers synchronously or asynchronously.
- **Design elements**
  - Components: publishers, subscribers
  - Connectors: procedure calls/network protocols
  - Data: subscriptions, notifications, published information
- **Topology**:
  - Either subscribers directly connected to publishers
  - Or via intermediaries

# Publish-Subscribe Style: Style Analysis

- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - Social media “friending”
  - GUI
  - Multi-player network-based games
- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Subscribers are independent from each other
  - Very efficient one-way information dissemination
- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - When a number of subscribers is very high, special protocols are needed

# Event-Based Style

- In **Publish-Subscribe** the publisher is responsible for maintaining the list of subscribers

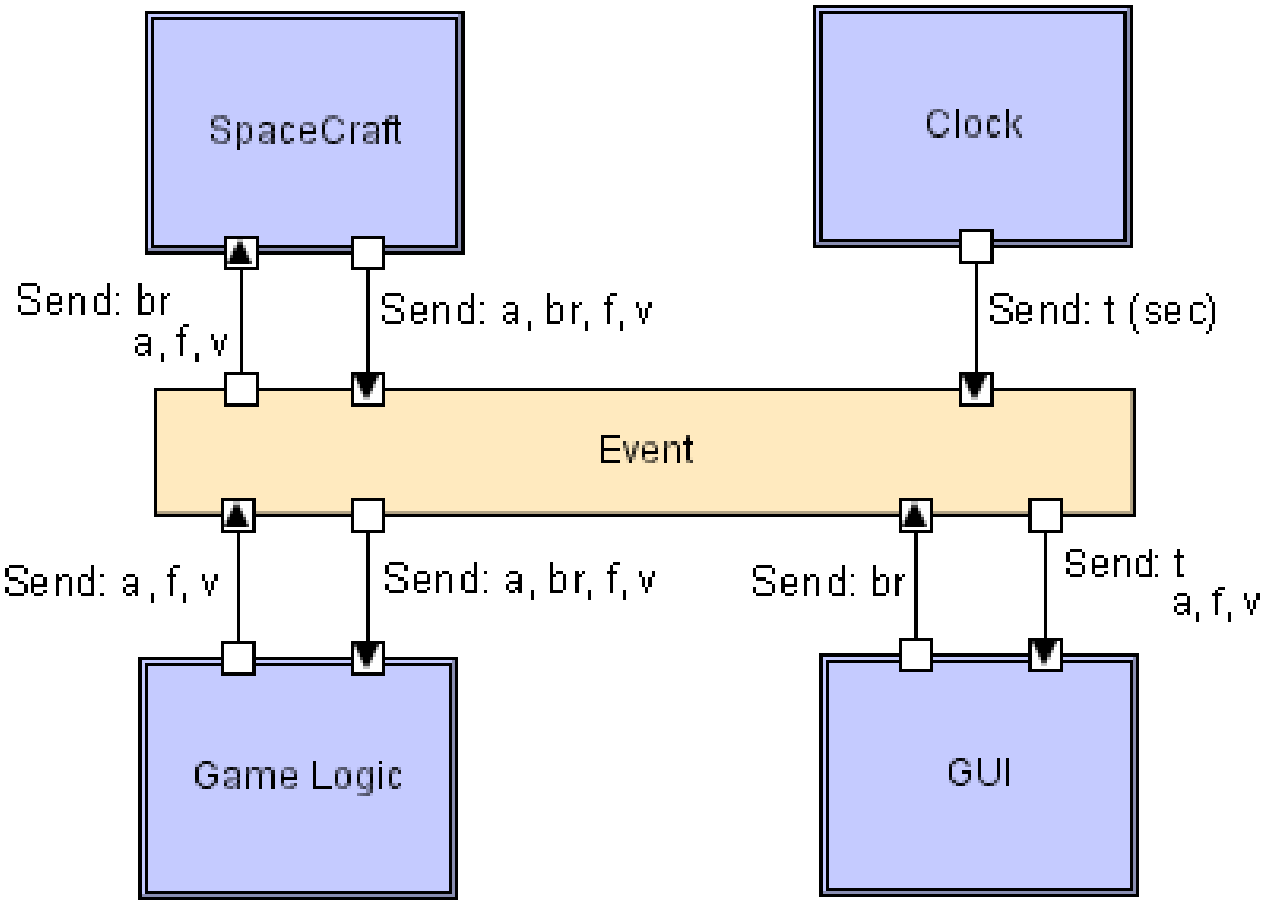
- What if the subscribers were responsible for knowing their publishers?


We no longer need to distinguish publishers and subscribers!

# Event-based Lunar Lander

Frequently called "**event bus**"

Commercial middleware



# Event-Based Style: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - Independent components asynchronously emit and receive events communicated over event buses
- **Design elements**
  - Components: concurrent event generators/consumers
  - Connectors: event bus (may be more than one)
  - Data: events
- **Topology**:
  - Communication via the event bus only

# Event-Based Style: Style Analysis

- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - User interface software
  - Enterprise information systems with many independent components (financial, HR, production, …)
- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Scalable
  - Easy to evolve (just add another component!)
  - Heterogeneous (as long as components can communicate with the bus they can be implemented in any possible way)
- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - No guarantee when the event will be processed

# Peer-to-Peer Style

- In the Event-Based approach we no longer distinguish between publishers and subscribers
  - “Every component can act as publisher and/or subscriber”

- What if we try to do the same for **“client-server”**?
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Peers:
- independent components
- can act as either clients or servers

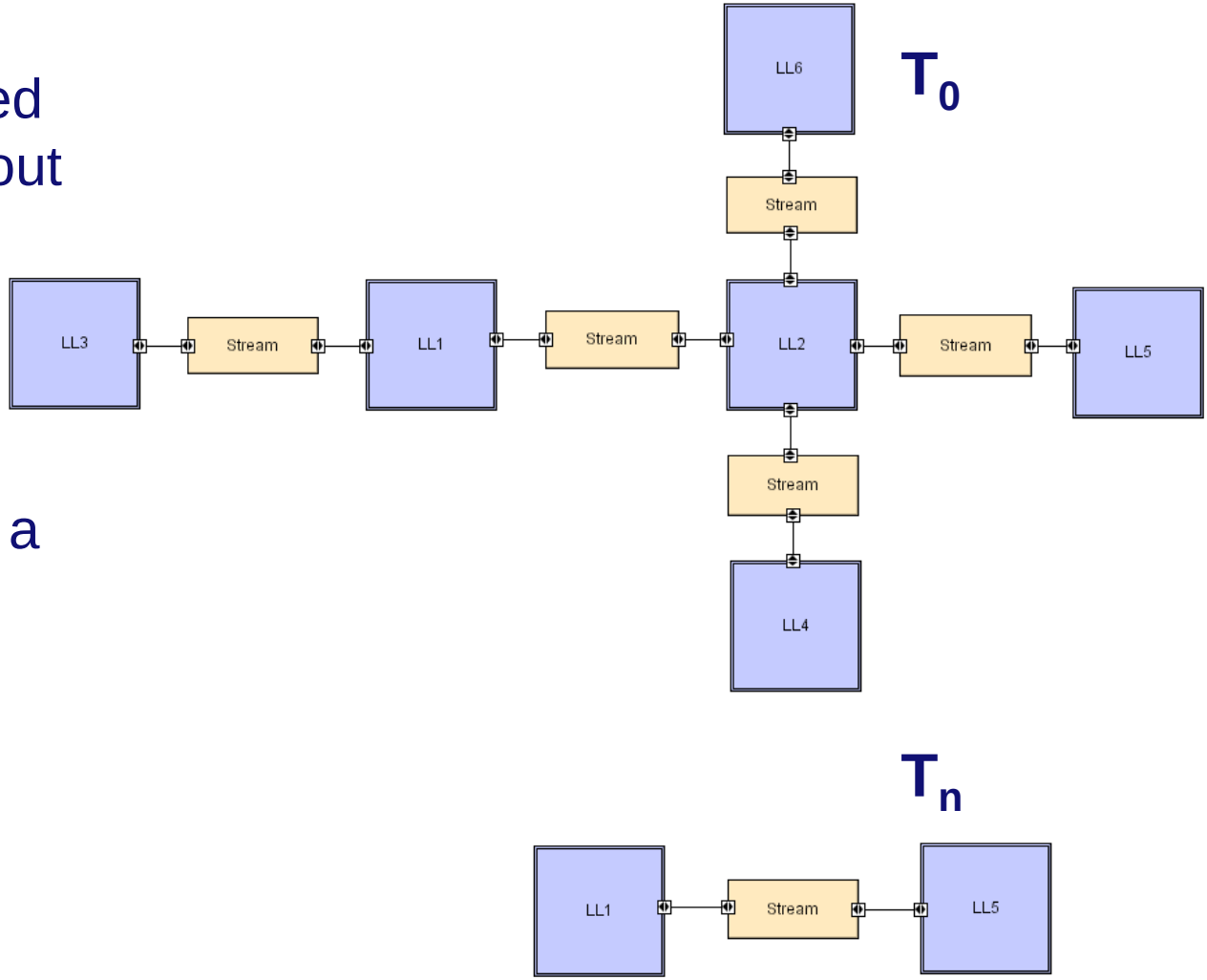
*Client-Server*

*Peer-to-Peer*

# Peer-to-Peer Lunar Lander

## Adapted version:

- multiple landers need to communicate about the landing area to avoid collisions
- communication is possible only within a certain range.



# Peer-to-Peer: Style Analysis

- **Summary**:
  - State and behavior are distributed among peers which can act as either clients or servers.
- **Design elements**
  - Components: peers
  - Connectors: network protocols, often custom
  - Data: network messages
- **Topology**:
  - Network, usually dynamically and arbitrarily varying

# Publish-Subscribe Style: Style Analysis

- What are common **examples** of its use?
  - sources of information are distributed
  - network is ad-hoc





# Peer-to-Peer Style: Style Analysis

- What are the **advantages** of using the style?
  - Robustness (if a node is not available the functionality is taken over)
  - Scalability
  - Decentralization

- What are the **disadvantages** of using the style?
  - Security (peers might be malicious or egoistic)
  - Latency (when information retrieval time is crucial)

# Heterogeneous Styles

- More complex styles created through composition of simpler styles
  - **REST**
  - **C2**
    - Implicit invocation + Layering + other constraints
  - **Distributed objects**
    - OO + client-server network style
    - CORBA
    - **2II45 Architecture of Distributed Systems**

# Style Summary (1/4)

| Style Category & Name | Summary | Use It When | Avoid It When |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Language-influenced styles*** | | | |
| Main Program and Subroutines | Main program controls program execution, calling multiple subroutines. | Application is small and simple. | Complex data structures needed.<br>Future modifications likely. |
| Object-oriented | Objects encapsulate state and accessing functions | Close mapping between external entities and internal objects is sensible.<br>Many complex and interrelated data structures. | Application is distributed in a heterogeneous network.<br>Strong independence between components necessary.<br>High performance required. |
| ***Layered*** | | | |
| Virtual Machines | Virtual machine, or a layer, offers services to layers above it | Many applications can be based upon a single, common layer of services.<br>Interface service specification resilient when implementation of a layer must change. | Many levels are required (causes inefficiency).<br>Data structures must be accessed from multiple layers. |
| Client-server | Clients request service from a server | Centralization of computation and data at a single location (the server) promotes manageability and scalability; end-user processing limited to data entry and presentation. | Centrality presents a single-point-of-failure risk; Network bandwidth limited; Client machine capabilities rival or exceed the server's. |

# Style Summary, continued (2/4)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Data-flow styles*** | | | |
| Batch sequential | Separate programs executed sequentially, with batched input | Problem easily formulated as a set of sequential, severable steps. | Interactivity or concurrency between components necessary or desirable.<br>Random-access to data required. |
| Pipe-and-filter | Separate programs, a.k.a. filters, executed, potentially concurrently. Pipes route data streams between filters | [As with batch-sequential] Filters are useful in more than one application. Data structures easily serializable. | Interaction between components required. Exchange of complex data structures between components required. |
| ***Shared memory*** | | | |
| Blackboard | Independent programs, access and communicate exclusively through a global repository known as blackboard | All calculation centers on a common, changing data structure;<br>Order of processing dynamically determined and data-driven. | Programs deal with independent parts of the common data. Interface to common data susceptible to change. When interactions between the independent programs require complex regulation. |

# Style Summary, continued (3/4)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Interpreter*** | | | |
| Interpreter | Interpreter parses and executes the input stream, updating the state maintained by the interpreter | Highly dynamic behavior required. High degree of end-user customizability. | High performance required. |
| Mobile Code | Code is mobile, that is, it is executed in a remote host | When it is more efficient to move processing to a data set than the data set to processing.<br>When it is desirous to dynamically customize a local processing node through inclusion of external code | Security of mobile code cannot be assured, or sandboxed.<br>When tight control of versions of deployed software is required. |

# Style Summary, continued (4/4)

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| ***Implicit Invocation*** | | | |
| Publish-subscribe | Publishers broadcast messages to subscribers | Components are very loosely coupled. Subscription data is small and efficiently transported. | When middleware to support high-volume data is unavailable. |
| Event-based | Independent components asynchronously emit and receive events communicated over event buses | Components are concurrent and independent.<br>Components heterogeneous and network-distributed. | Guarantees on real-time processing of events is required. |
| ***Peer-to-peer*** | Peers hold state and behavior and can act as both clients and servers | Peers are distributed in a network, can be heterogeneous, and mutually independent.<br>Robust in face of independent failures.<br>Highly scalable. | Trustworthiness of independent peers cannot be assured or managed.<br>Resource discovery inefficient without designated nodes. |

# Summary

- Different styles result in
  - Different architectures
  - Architectures with greatly differing properties
- A style does not fully determine resulting architecture
  - A single style can result in different architectures
  - Considerable room for
    - Individual judgment
    - Variations among architects
- A style defines domain of discourse
  - About problem (domain)
  - About resulting system