Design Context and Principles

Apply recursively at all levels – from system level to subprogram. Spiral model and evolutionary development are variations

Needs analysis – requirements Specification – input/output Architectural design – framework Detailed design – data, algorithms Implementation – program text Maintenance – corrections, evolution



• What is produced at each level?



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- » At the Eiffel, C, Java level
 - > Assignment, arithmetic, read/write
 - > Routines from a Subprogram library, API (Application Program Interface)

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- At the end of the implementation stage
 - » All constraints have been specified, no choices remain, there is the complete program text defining a single executable system

Class–ADT Consistency Property



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Remember this?

Apply to design documentation

Level j –Level k Consistency Property



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Levels refer to waterfall levels with j < k

Impl–Spec Consistency Property



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Document the boxes at the appropriate level Document correspondence between specification and program text The blue arrows Do for every pair of levels

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Corollary: Should be easy to move information among different notations formal – program text and mathematics <--> informal – documentation text <--> informal – diagrams

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> *DSQ Design for Software Quality

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Primary purpose of design is to communicate with other people – even you are somebody else in the future, so you must communicate with yourself

DSQ – Works

- Complete Correct Usable
- Efficient as it needs to be
 - » Speed up where necessary after instrumentation

DSQ – Adaptable

- All programs evolve over time
- Make plausible modifications easy
 - » A sign of a good design is it is easy to modify and adapt to changing circumstances
 - » Could be used in unexpected ways

DSQ – On Time & Budget

- Time is money
 - » Pay back on investment
- Imbedded systems
 - » Programs are only a part of the system
 - » All systems are part of a larger system

DSQ – Correctness

- The ability of a system to perform according to specification
 - **»** First write correct programs
 - > Then worry about efficiency!!!
 - » A fast program that is wrong
 - > Is worse than useless

DSQ – Efficiency

- Use an appropriate amount of resources for the task
 - » Space for storing data and temporary results
 - » Execution time
 - » Space time tradeoff
 - » Communications bandwidth

DSQ – Robustness & Ease of Use

- Robustness
 - » The ability of a software system to react in a reasonable manner to cases not covered by the specification
 - > Works correctly for defined inputs
 - > Recover gracefully from unexpected inputs
 - > Recover gracefully from hardware and algorithm errors
- Ease of use
 - » Including installation

DSQ – Reuse

- Use variations in different software products
 - » Same as ... except ...

> I.e. make changes, then use

• The ability of a software system to react in a reasonable manner when reused

DSQ – Reuse – 2

- NOT just using
 - » A pot is not reused when boiling water

> It is meant to boil water on many different occasions

- Reuse
 - » Pot is used to bail a boat
 - > Maybe by bending it to fit the shape of the hull

Design Principle (DP) – Abstraction

- Extract fundamental parts
 - » Describe what is wanted
- Ignore the inessential
 - » Do not describe what is not wanted

Design Principle (DP) – Encapsulation

- Information Hiding
 - » Expose only what the user needs to know
 - > The interface
 - » Hide implementation details

DP – Modularity

- Handle complexity
 - » Use divide and conquer
- Minimize interaction between parts

OO Design Techniques (OODT)

- Basis consists of
 - » Classes
 - > Define abstract data types
 - » Objects
 - > Are instances of those types

OODT Interfaces & Strong Typing

- Interface
 - » Gives the user what they need to know to use objects from a given class

> API – Application Program Interface

- Strong typing
 - » Enforces objects are used correctly by type
 - > Do not take square root of a colour

OODT Inheritance and Polymorphism

- Inheritance
 - » Single and multiple
 - > Provides for reuse
- Polymorphism
 - » Invoke the proper method for an object depending upon its type

OODT Assertions

- Equip a class and its features with
 - » Pre and post conditions
 - » Class invariants
 - » Loop invariants
- Use tools to produce documentation from these assertions
- Monitor assertions at run time

OODT Information Hiding

- Specify what features are available
 - » To all clients
 - » Some clients
 - » No clients

OODT Exception Handling

 Support robustness with a mechanism too recover from abnormal situations

OODT Genericity

- Genericity
 - » Write classes with formal generic parameters representing arbitrary types
- Constrained genericity
 - » Arises from genericity and inheritance to constrain formal generic parameters to a specific type

OODT Feature Redefinition

- Reuse requires the ability to modify an object for a new environment so features can be redefined
- Some design decisions must be deferred so provide a means to specify the interface of a feature without defining how it does it.

Structural Design Aspects

- Tokenization
 - **»** What kinds of symbols are in the input and output
- Data structures
 - » How and what data structures should be selected
- Program structures
 - **»** How should a program be structured

Structural Design Aspects – 2

- Procedure partitioning
 - » How should one decide when a set of operations be made into a procedure
- Class partitioning
 - **>>** How to decide what goes into a class or module
- Correspondence
 - » When do structures correspond
 - » When to use communicating sequential processes