Multi-view Architecting

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Abstract

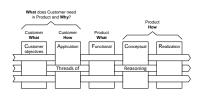
The development of large SW-intensive products needs to take requirements of multiple stakeholders into account. A design of such a system has to address functional and quality requirements adequately. However, for most of the required qualities no straight-forward design method exists even for a single quality.

A multi-view architecting model is described based upon a decomposition of an architecture in 5 architectural views, ranging from customer objectives to realization. It is the task of the architect to keep these views consistent and to balance design decisions in the perspective of the stakeholder needs.

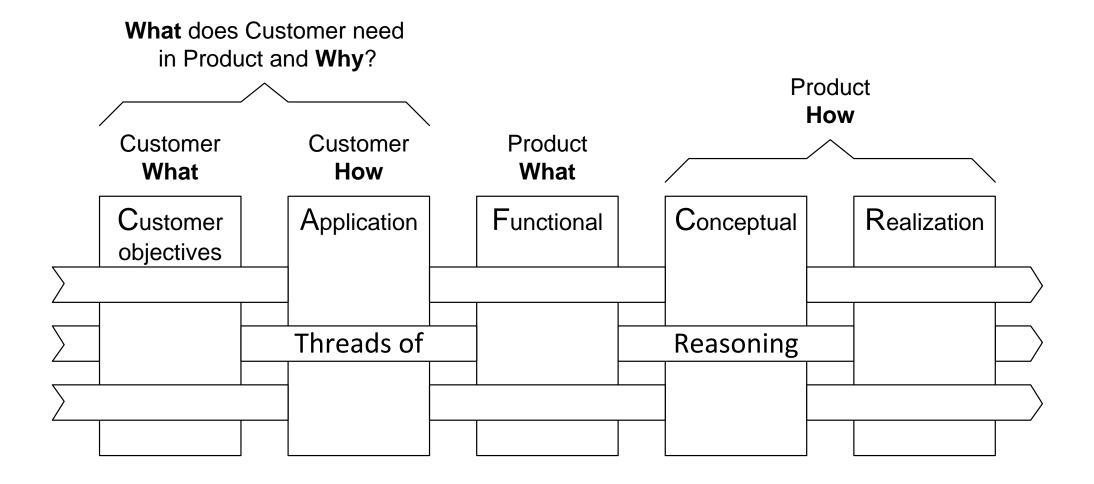
We derived this model from our experience in developing software intensive industrial products, 2 cases are described from the medical domain.

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Integrating 5 System Architecture Views



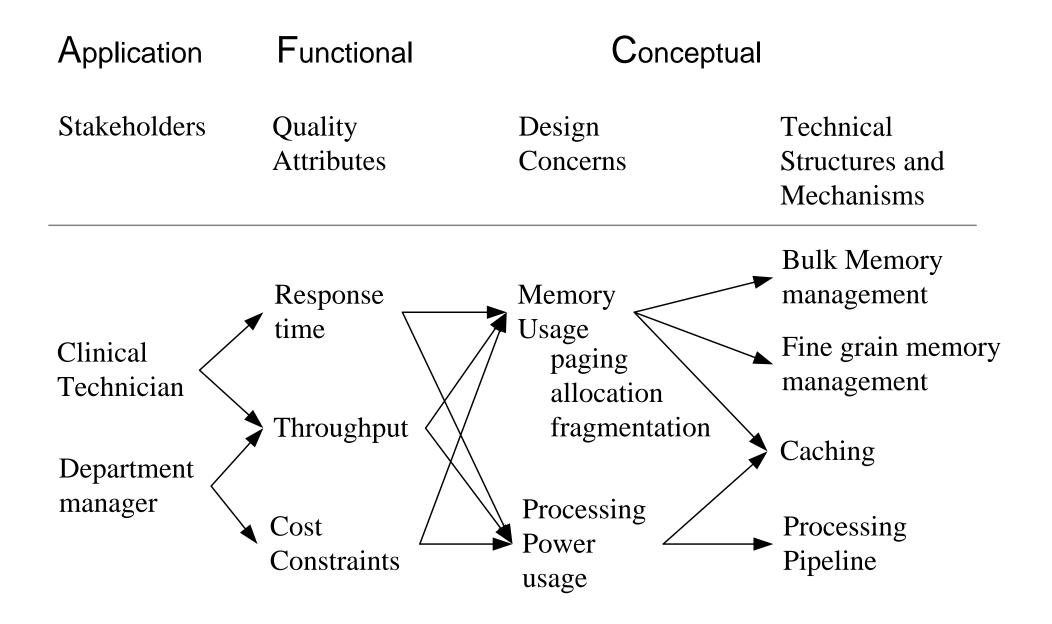


Toplevel documentation structure Medical Imaging Workstation

FS **Functional** FS cardio FS dental vascular specifications design design design Design dental cardio specifications vascular Memory Resource Usage **Typical** cases Requirement **CPU** Resource **Aspect** analysis Usage designs documents Hazard Safety Design analysis

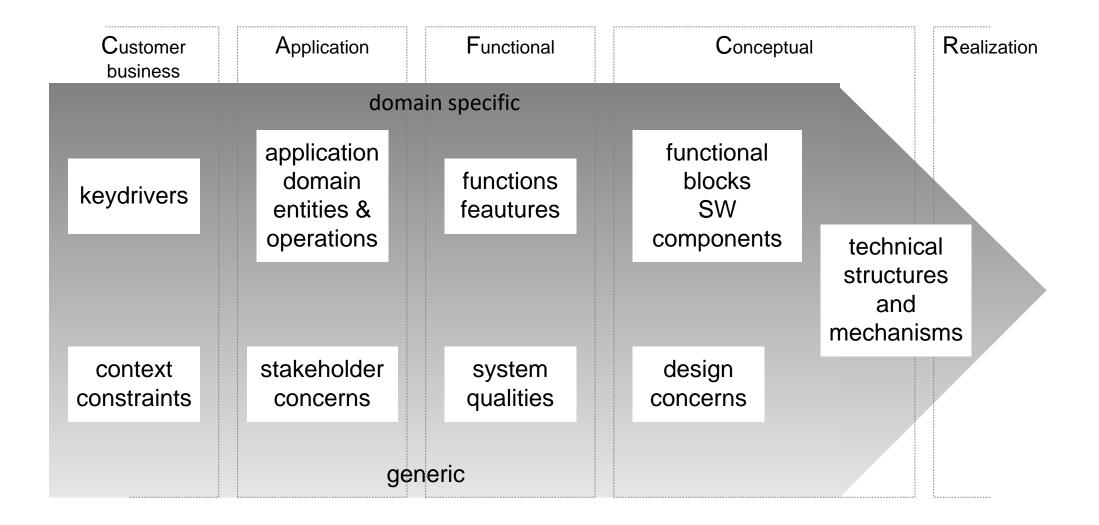


Memory usage aspect Medical Imaging Workstation



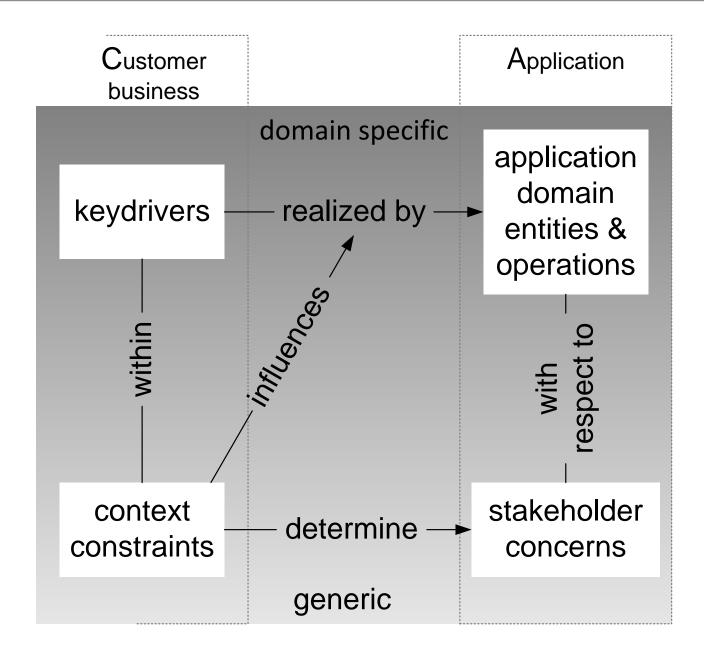


Issues per view



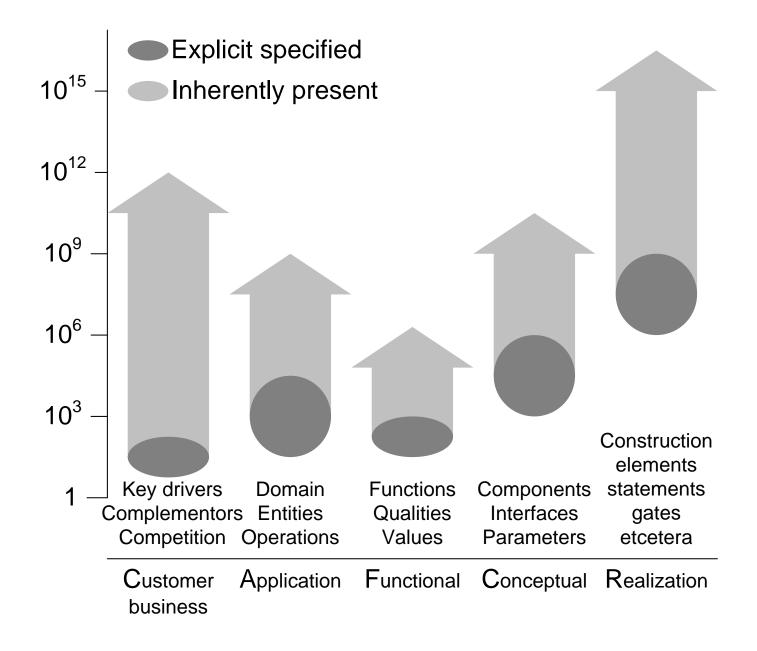


Zooming in on relations



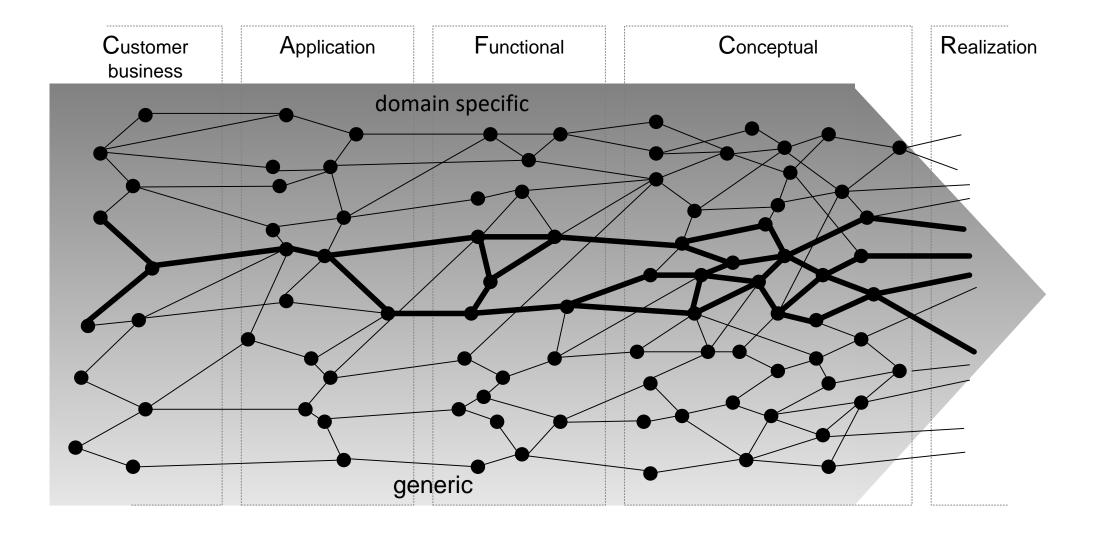


Explicit facts and inherent details per view



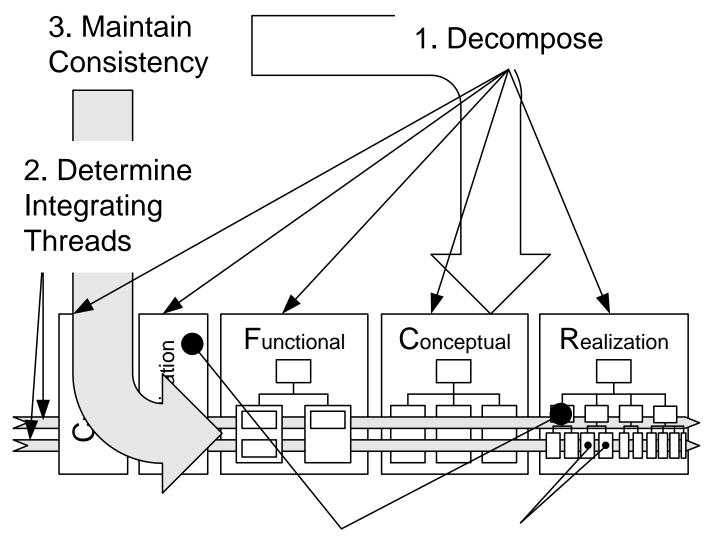


One thread of reasoning





Activities in multi-view architecting



4. Balance Macroscopic and Microscopic



Criteria for thread selection

- Important for customer and the business
- Critical with respect to technical realization

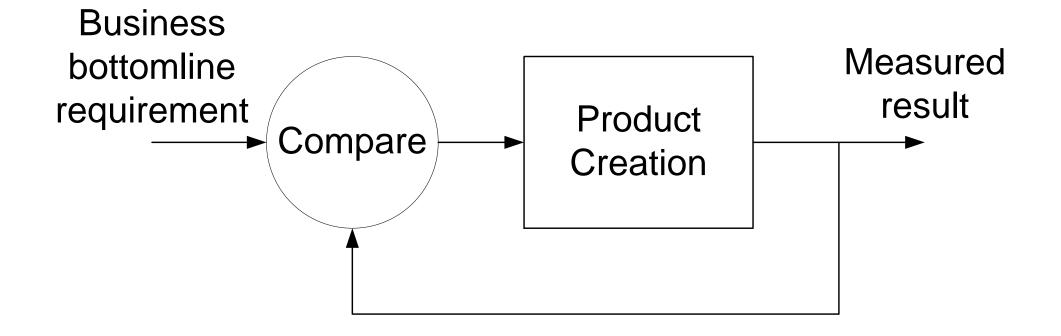


Pitfalls in multi-view architecting

- too few views
- completeness
- general formalization

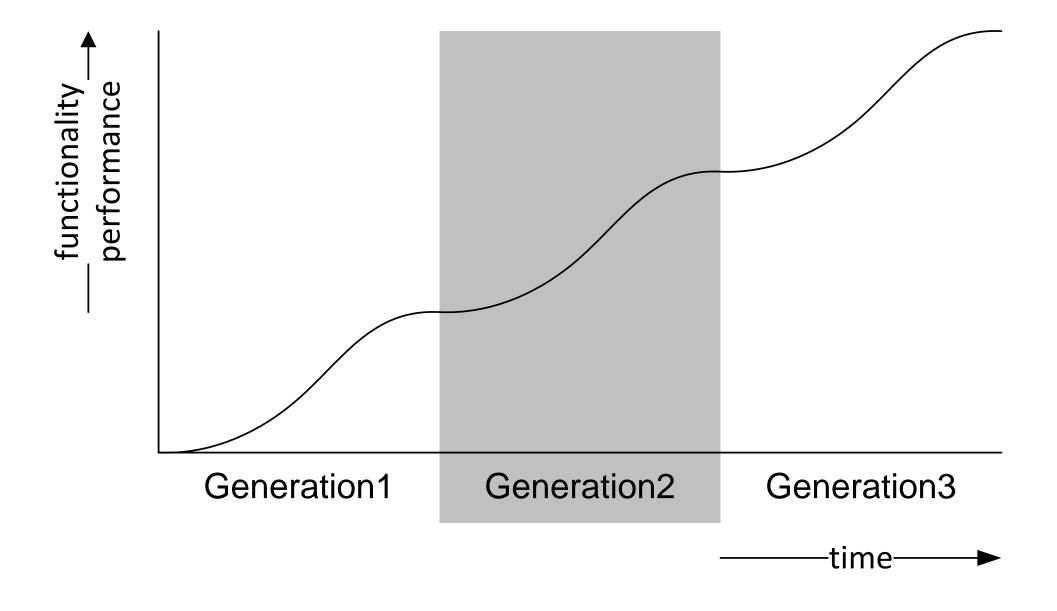


Continuous feedback during Product Creation





Stepwise evolution





Qualities checklist

Safety

Security

Reliability

Robustness

Useability

Appeal, Appearance

Throughput or

Productivity

Response Time

Image Quality

Reproduceability

Predicatability

Accuracy

Transportability

Wearability

Storability

Manufacturability

Testability

Serviceability

Configurability

Installability

Evolvability

Portability

Upgradeability

Extendability

Maintainability

Logistics flexibility

Lead time

Standards Compliance

Cost price

Cost of operation

Interaction with environment

Power consumption

Consumption rate (water, air,

chemicals, etcetera)

Disposability

Size, weight

Resource utilization

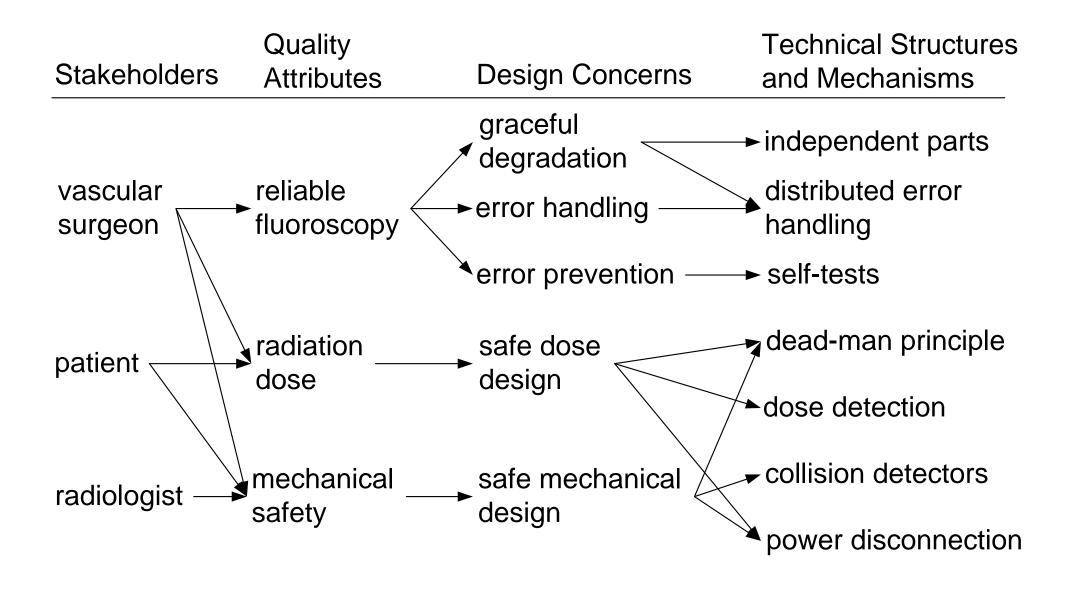


SW aspects checklist

granularity scoping containment cohesion coupling interfaces allocation budgets information mod entities relations operations characteristics	fault handling exceptions logs traces diagnostics	supply chain outsource co-design buy interoperate source vs binary technology choice lifecycle obsolesence core, key, base SW development environment repository tools	locking semaphores transactions checkpoints	identification uniqueness naming data model, registry scoping configuration database inheritance resource management allocation anti-fragmentation garbage collection
static dynamic	configuration handling data replication	feedback tools monitoring	processes	distribution
configuration mapackages components files objects modules interfaces	performance observation an.capability query testing automation special methods harness suites off-line guidance	on statistics analysis call graphs message tracing object tracing licensing SW keys	tasks threads persistence caching versioning, prefetching lazy evaluation	allocation, transparency component, client/Server multi-tier model

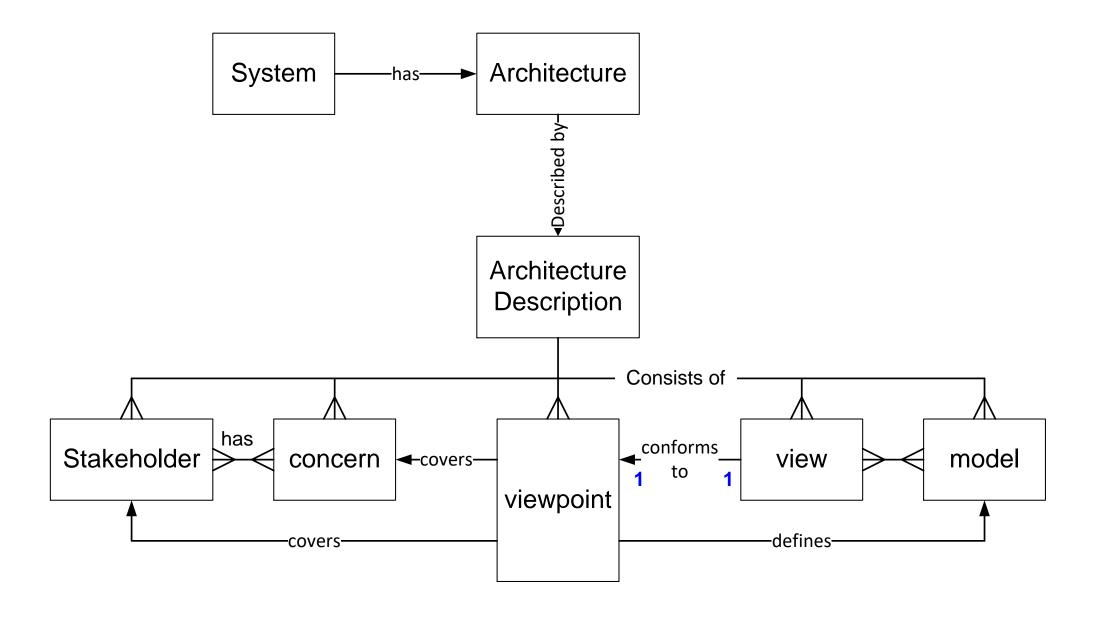


Medical Safety





IEEE 1471 model





ISO 9126 quality framework

- Functionality suitability, accuracy, interoperability, compliance, security, traceability
- Reliability maturity, fault tolerance, recoverability, availability, degradability
- Usability understandability, learnability, operability, explicitness, customisability, attractivity, clarity, helpfullness, user-friendliness
- Efficiency time behaviour, resource behaviour
- Maintainability
- Portability

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