Visualizing Dynamic Behavior

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Abstract

Dynamic behavior manifests itself in many ways. Architects need multiple complementary visualizations to capture dynamic behavior effectively. Examples are capturing information, material, or energy flow, state, time, interaction, or communication.

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Overview of Visualizations of Dynamic Behavior



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Example Functional Model of Information Flow



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"Cartoon" Workflow





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Workflow as Functional Model



Workflow as Timeline







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Example Signal Waveforms





Example Time Line with Functional Model



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Information Centric Processing Diagram



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Flow of Light (Physics)





Dynamic Behavior is Multi-Dimensional

How does the system work and operate? Functions describe *what* rather than *how*. Functions are verbs. Input-Process-Output paradigm. Multiple kinds of flows: physical (e.g. hydrocarbons, goods, energy) multi-dimensional information (e.g. measurements, signals) information and dynamic behavior control Time, events, cause and effect Concurrency, synchronization, communication