

MAP-I Joint Doctoral Program 2008/09

“Architecture and Design of Large-Scale Software Systems”

Course Proposal

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A. Course Description

1. Theme, importance and contextualization

[scientific areas, similar courses in equivalent international teaching programmes]

The architecture of a software system describes the global structure in terms of its components, external properties and its interrelations. As software systems grow in scale and complexity, it becomes increasingly more important to understand them at many abstraction levels other than algorithms, functions, objects or components, and by different kinds of people, such as procurers, acquirers, producers, integrators, trainers, and users.

Defining the right architecture at its different perspectives (logical, physical and technological) is crucial for the successful development, operation, and evolution of medium and large-scale software systems, but it will be even more important in the future with the advent of ultra-large systems.

In addition to the scale factor, the complexity due to the wide variety of computing platforms and software technologies that can be used to create applications also raises the difficulties and importance of designing software systems. This diversity is increasingly introducing new challenges due mainly to the physical integration and spontaneous interoperation, quantity and heterogeneity of computing devices, services and applications that may be part at any moment of a large-scale software system. The complexity lies not in the individual components but in the integration of those components to create a functioning system that ensures certain non-functional requirements, not only at the moment of its initial design but also during all the expected lifetime of the system, whose control is typically no more centralized. Examples of related application domains include ambient intelligence, e-Applications, and mobile services. Global markets and world-wide actuation also demands the deployment of large-scale enterprise (software) architectures as technological solutions to support business information systems.

Architectural models for such large-scale systems must be tailored to allow the dynamic construction and allocation of customized applications to heterogeneous computing devices, with different computational or interface capabilities. Therefore, for highly complex and large-scale software systems, many design and architectural challenges must be addressed. Many of these are software engineering challenges that must take into consideration aspects not only related with individual computing devices, but also with the entire system obtained from the cooperation of diverse, dispersed, integrated or mobile computing devices that in conjunction contribute to the achievement of the overall system objectives.

General purpose of the proposed course

This course aims to provide students with an appreciation of current research issues on architecture and design of software systems and give them hands-on design experience. The course features a group project that reinforces the readings and lectures on seminal work and current research topics. The project also teaches students about the design process in general, including refining a specification, partitioning functionality, creating interfaces between subsystems, working in teams, and planning.

Considering the methodological emphasis of the course, it is intended that it will be classified as an UCPC curricular unit within the PhD MAP-I curriculum, since it promotes a methodological insight into aspects of software engineering directed at developing large, complex applications in a manner that reduces development costs, increases the potential for commonality among different members of a closely related product family, and facilitates evolution, possibly at system runtime, instead of a particular approach to a well defined computing technology or set of tangible tools.

In addition, it is important to mention that this course proposal is basically the same as last year's course on the same name, certified by CMU, with only a few refinements, namely to address better the main theme of MAP-i 2008/09's edition.

Scientific areas

This course is compliant with the following categories of the ACM Computing Classification System:

- D.2.11 [Software Engineering]: Software Architectures
- D.2.13 [Software Engineering]: Reusable Software --- Domain engineering
- D.2.13 [Software Engineering]: Reusable Software --- Reuse models
- K.6.3 [Computing Milieux]: Software Management --- Software development
- K.6.3 [Computing Milieux]: Software Management --- Software process
- D.2.2 [Software Engineering]: Design Tools and Techniques.
- General Terms: Design, Languages, Standardization.

References to similar courses

Other courses also addressing the issues of software architecture and design with a focus on large-scale/complex software systems are listed next. These courses are, generally, part of both Master and Doctoral programs thus having some concern with open research topics. Despite the specific differences, as discussed later, they address essentially the same core topic covered by the proposed course, corroborating its importance and timeliness.

CMU “Architectures for Software Systems” (CMU/ASS)¹ deserves a particular reference in this proposal since it was used as a starting point for the development of this course and another one with the same name “Arquitetura de Sistemas de Software” (FEUP/ASS²) being offered at the Master of Sciences in Informatics Engineering, FEUP, University of Porto, since 2003. This course now being proposed aims to leverage the experience gained with FEUP/ASS by adding new and more advanced parts, both to CMU/ASS and FEUP/ASS courses, namely the large variety of adopted topics and the case study selected, with the goal of addressing new issues related with the design and architecture of software systems, and therefore to motivate and promote advanced research work and doctoral theses on the field.

Other courses also analysed by the authors of this proposal are next identified:

- TCSS 360: Software Development and Quality Assurance Techniques, University of Washington, USA, <http://faculty.washington.edu/hanks/Courses/360/a06/>.
- SWE 621: Software Modelling and Architectural Design, George Mason University, USA, <http://mason.gmu.edu/~hgomaa/swe621/SWE621home.htm>.
- SWE 641/SYST 621 Systems Architecture for Large-Scale Systems, George Mason University, USA, <http://www.gmu.edu/departments/seor/syllabi/02B/syst621.htm>.
- 6.170: Laboratory in Software Engineering, MIT, USA, <http://www.mit.edu/~6.170/>
- INFOSWA: Software Architecture, Utrecht University, Netherlands, <http://www.cs.uu.nl/wiki/Swa/EducationPage>.

Most courses involve hands-on experience with some of the technologies and applications of software engineering. There are concerns on how to structure projects to ensure successful learning outcomes for the students. As some critical technologies become more mainstream (meta-CASE tools, frameworks, integrated development environments and automated code generators), it is easier to provide relevant infrastructures for students to build projects.

The extent to which students are left to design as well as implementation varies. Some courses consider the methodological-centered design and prototyping as a critical component of a project,

¹ CMU, Master, 17-655: Architectures for Software Systems

² FEUP, Master, ASS: Arquitetura de Sistemas de Software

even more important than building a real system. This kind of project encourages creative application of methodologies, even when some technologies are not available. Other courses emphasize the construction with real technologies, to the extent that methodological design is partially ignored. While these projects often may not provide compelling uses of technology, they teach students the importance of integration. We are not judging which is right or wrong. Both approaches have strengths and limitations, and the choice of the kind of project is based on the students' background. However, our perspective is to favor a more methodological approach although with some technological insight.

2. Objectives

Large-scale software systems impose several challenges in terms of design and evolution, namely:

- how to economically align requirements with design architectures and industry structures;
- how to introduce agility (or, flexibility, auto-adaptability) to respond effectively to changes in requirements, system configuration, system environment;
- how to minimize the effort needed to integrate components built independently by different teams, vendors, with different goals, and at different times;
- how to design a system that is easy to be evolved by users in order to provide them unplanned capabilities;
- how to organize development to yield high-quality designs.

In order to help cope with these and other challenges of software systems in terms of design and evolution, especially large-scale ones, this course sets the following objectives:

- to introduce the fundamental concepts underlying the fields of architecture, design, construction and integration of large-software systems;
- to teach how to specify architectural non-functional requirements and quality attributes;
- to teach how to design, understand and evaluate software systems architectures both at the macro-architecture and micro-architecture levels of abstraction to satisfy a set of requirements;
- to present the best practices and best solutions known to design and build high-quality large-scale software systems;
- to familiarize the students with the fundamental concepts of software architecture, the properties and applicability of the different architecture styles, the most popular architectural and design patterns, software components, reusable architectures and the relations of all these concepts with software reuse.

3. Learning results

Pre-requisites for this course include:

- programming ability in an object-oriented programming language such as C++ or Java;
- a basic understanding of software engineering principles;
- and maturity to undertake substantial design projects in a team.

Students are expected to have previously taken undergraduate courses on classical programming paradigms and fundamentals of software design.

Several development challenges should be considered to master the design and architecture of large-scale software systems. After completing this course, students will be able:

- to describe the main architecture styles of software systems;
- to make a precise description of an architecture;

- to idealize different alternative architectures to solve the same problem and evaluate (justifying) which is the best one in terms of design quality;
- to recognize and understand several architectural and design patterns;
- to understand and apply several techniques for reuse of design and architecture knowledge;
- to adopt improved accuracy specifications and notation capabilities to semantically manipulate architectural models towards model execution or model centric development;
- to instantiate patterns and adopt separation of concerns techniques to enhance reuse of architectural models and codifying best practices;
- to configure best practices of software referential design processes to support the development of large-scale software solutions;
- to use development tools to make the previous tasks more efficient;
- to know some technologies to help realize the architectures specified.

4. Course contents

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Software design: fundamental concepts and principles.
- 1.2. Software architecture: definitions, concepts, components, connectors, views, quality attributes.
- 1.3. Examples of architectures at micro- and macro- levels: design patterns, frameworks, and production lines.
- 1.4. Design flow for large-scale software systems.

2. ARCHITECTURE STYLES AND PATTERNS

- 2.1. Introduction to architectural styles, reference models and reference architectures.
- 2.2. Architectural styles: pipes and filters, data abstraction, object-orientation, event-based systems, layered systems, repositories, interpreters, process-control systems.
- 2.3. Software patterns: origins, notion of patterns and pattern languages, kinds of patterns (architectural, design, others).
- 2.4. Classic catalogs of patterns: POSA architectural patterns, Gang-of-Four design patterns.
- 2.5. Thematic catalogs of patterns: patterns of enterprise application architecture, patterns for enterprise integration.

3. QUALITY ASPECTS AND ATTRIBUTES

- 3.1. A quick look at software quality: a corporate perspective.
- 3.2. Software quality attributes (performance, dependability, interoperability, maintainability, usability...).
- 3.3. Quality attributes and software architectures.
- 3.4. Conflicting attributes and design trade-offs.

4. DESIGN AND REFINEMENT OF SOFTWARE ARCHITECTURES

- 4.1. UML 2.0 synthesis and meta-modeling capabilities relevant to represent architectural models: superstructure, infrastructure, OCL, MOF.
- 4.2. Representation and documentation of software architectures.
- 4.3. Variability analysis and software product lines: domain engineering, domain specific languages.
- 4.4. Software Process: RUP for Large Enterprises, EUP.
- 4.5. Enterprise Software Architectures: EABOK, TOGAF.

5. DEVELOPMENT TECHNOLOGIES?

- 5.1. Architectural composition with Eclipse.
- 5.2. Middleware for highly distributed (ubiquitous) systems.

5. Teaching methods

The best way to understand and master software design and software architecture is to experience it. In the educational setting, this means:

- learning the fundamental concepts and principles;
- knowing and understanding the solutions and practices proven to be the best, through the exploration of specific examples from the past, so-called case studies;
- and applying the knowledge acquired by imitating and adapting known solutions to a specific problem through hands-on development of a software system, in an individual project.

No textbook adequately covers the course's range of topics, so it will be used a diversity of bibliographic elements (books, journals and conference proceedings).

Readings

All reading assignments come from journals and conference proceedings. Each week, the students must read papers or some few supplemental readings provided. This exposes many students to extensive readings from the research literature for the first time. To help them with their reading, we require them to write a brief summary for each paper, submitted via email at the beginning of the week. We also ask them to submit a list of questions about the readings, which we try to work into the lecture if possible.

During the last few weeks of the course, we no longer require reading summaries, to give students more time to focus on the project.

Classes

The class meetings are meant to be conversational, and we encourage students to ask questions and make comments. Consequently, the discussion may follow tangents to the prepared lecture, but they should be fruitful, informative, and thought provoking.

Individual research project

For the individual research project, we base the grade on an oral presentation (for a more methodological project) or a demonstration (for a more technological project), and a final written report. A few weeks into the course, we hand out descriptions of possible projects. The students have a week to look over the project descriptions before choosing one of them. No two students can work on the same project. We make the project descriptions intentionally vague, since it gives them considerable leeway in making design decisions. Having too specific descriptions would force students down a design path that they might not choose on their own.

Once students complete their project, they must demonstrate it, make an oral presentation, and submit a final written report. The report has two major pieces: first, the discussion of the project's major design decisions and trade-offs; second, one section entitled "If I could do it all over again..." describing what they would do differently if they could have a second chance to start from the beginning.

Lectures Plan

WEEK	TOPIC	SUBTOPIC	READINGS	LECTURER
1	Introduction		[Garlan and Shaw, 1994]	AMA, LDA, RJM
2	Architecture Styles and Patterns	Architectural styles: pipes and filters, data abstraction, object-orientation, event-based systems, layered systems, repositories, interpreters, process-control systems	[Shaw and Garlan, 1996]	AMA
3	Architecture Styles and Patterns	Software patterns: origins, essentials, concepts and terminology. Classic examples of patterns: POSA and GoF catalogues.	[Buschmann et al., 1996] [Gamma et al., 1995]	AMA
4	Architecture Styles and Patterns	Thematic examples of patterns: Patterns of Enterprise Application Architecture, Patterns for Enterprise Integration	[Fowler, 2002] [Hohpe et al, 2003]	AMA
5	Quality Aspects and Attributes	Identification of quality attributes, evaluation of software architectures.	[Reagan, 2002]	LDA
6	Quality Aspects and Attributes	Non-functional attributes, conflicting attributes, general taxonomy.	[Barbaci et al., 1995] [Clements et al., 1995]	LDA
7	Design and Refinement of Software Architectures	UML 2.0 synthesis and meta-modelling capabilities. Variability Analysis and Software Product Lines.	[Gomaa, 2005] [Medvidovic et al., 2002]	RJM
8	Design and Refinement of Software Architectures	Software Process	[Leffingwell, 2008] [Ambler et al., 2008]	RJM
9	Design and Refinement of Software Architectures	Representation and Documentation of software architectures. Paradigms for composing highly flexible software systems	[Smith and Williams, 2002] [D'Souza et al., 1999]	AMA
10	Design and Refinement of Software Architectures	Enterprise Software Architectures	[EABOK] [TOGAF]	RJM
11	Development Technologies	Architectural composition with Eclipse.		AMA
12	Development Technologies	Middleware for highly distributed (ubiquitous) systems.	[RUNE, S2005]	LDA

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6. Evaluation system

The student's grade for the course is based on an individual research project (65%), an examination (20%), and homework and reading summaries (15%). The individual research report is a survey paper that targets the class as its audience. We encourage students to find a topic related to their own research; for example, some students can use it to find background material for an eventual thesis, if they want to develop one in this field of research.

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B. Lecturers

1. Teaching staff and respective expertise

The course proposed in this document results from the integration of the complementary research interests and expertise of the three authors. It benefits from their individual scientific contributions, making available to the students their research experience in well defined topics within the area of architecture and design of software systems, namely:

- software patterns and frameworks (Ademar Aguiar);
- modelling and refinement of software architectures (Ricardo J. Machado);
- non-functional aspects in software architectures (Luís Almeida).

Such a cooperation in lecturing this course is, to the authors opinion, the most adequate way of coping with the diversity of methods and techniques needed to allow a proper approach to the architecture and design of large-scale software systems. All the three authors present a considerable research achievement at international level, as demonstrated by their short CVs, which is a guarantee of adequate research orientation, a fundamental aspect for a cutting-edge course in a Doctoral program.

2. Short CVs

In the following we include the short CVs of the authors of this course proposal, as of March 2007.

Ademar Aguiar

Education:

- PhD and MSc degrees in Informatics and Computer Engineering (FEUP, 2004 and 1994).
- DEng degree in Electronics and Computer Engineering (FEUP, 1989).

Research interests:

- Software architecture: application frameworks (object-oriented and aspect-oriented); patterns of software; component-based software development.
- Software engineering: agile processes, agile documentation, wiki-based software documentation, object-oriented analysis and design, aspect-oriented software development, software engineering tools.

Current professional situation:

- Assistant Professor at the Faculdade de Engenharia da Universidade do Porto
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Current teaching responsibilities:

- Research Topics in Software Engineering, ProDEI – Doctoral Programme on Informatics Engineering, FEUP
- Architecture of Software Systems, MEI and MIEIC Masters on Informatics Engineering, FEUP
- Agile Methods, MEI and MIEIC Masters on Informatics Engineering, FEUP
- Software Engineering Laboratory, MIEIC Master on Informatics Engineering, FEUP
- Software Engineering, MIEEC Master on Electrical and Computer Engineering, FEUP

Current scientific responsibilities:

- Scientific coordinator of project “Doc-It!“, FEUP/DEEC
- Supervisor of 3 PhD and 9 MSc students (3 MSc students already concluded)

PhD students:

- Artur Jorge da Silva Rocha, Enabling Cooperative Distributed Support for GI-based Decision Making, since 2005
- André Oliveira Restivo, A Disciplined Approach to Composition of Aspects, since 2006
- Nuno Honório Flores, Improving Framework Understanding: a Reverse Engineering Approach, since 2006

Selection of publications:

- Paulo Santos, Ademar Aguiar, "Drag-and-Dock Design Pattern", PLoP'2006, Portland, USA, October de 2006.
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Education:

- PhD and MSc degrees in Informatics and Computer Engineering (UMinho, 2001 and 1996).
- DEng degree in Electronics and Computer Engineering (FEUP, 1994).

Research interests:

- Software Engineering (model-driven development, requirements engineering, software quality)
- Embedded Software (behavioral specification with Petri nets, design automation, simulation & validation)
- Pervasive Information Systems (pervasive workflows, mobility scenarios, technology integration)

Current professional situation:

- Assistant Professor with Tenure at the Information Systems Dept. of University of Minho
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Current teaching responsibilities:

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- Quality in Software Process and Product, MSc degree in Information Systems, UMinho
- Programming Methods, DEng degree in Communications Engineering, UMinho

- Development of Software Systems, DEng degree in Information Systems, UMinho

Current scientific responsibilities:

- Scientific coordinator of Software Engineering and Management research Group (SEMAG) at Univ. Minho
- Supervisor of 4 PhD and 12 MSc students (5 MSc students already concluded)
- Scientific coordinator of the following on-going financed research projects: STACOS: Standard based Cooperative Software (FCT/POSI/CHS/48875/2002), uPAIN: Ubiquitous Solutions for Pain Monitoring and Control in Post Surgery Patients (AdI/IDEIA/70/2004/3.1B/00364/007), SOFTAS: Software Development with Aspects (FCT/POSI/EIA/60189/2004; coordinator of T2)
- Founder of the international workshop series MOMPES (International Workshops on Model-Driven Methodologies for Pervasive and Embedded Software); proceedings published by IEEE Computer Society Press; the next edition, the 4th, will be held in cooperation with ETAPS'07
- Currently, PC Chair of QUATIC 2007, PC member of ICSEA 2007, SPAC 2007, ACSD 2007, SIES 2007, WER'07, MOMPES'07, DEST 2007

PhD students:

- Alexandre Manuel Tavares Bragança, A Model-Driven Methodology for Software Product Lines Definition Based on UML-F, since 2002
- José Eduardo Moreira Fernandes, Software Development for Pervasive Information Systems: Orientation to Models, since 2003
- Francisco José Monteiro Duarte, Automated Information Systems Generation for Process Oriented Organizations, since 2006
- Paula Alexandra Fernandes Monteiro, Rigorous Model-Driven Transformations for Data-Oriented Software Architectures, since 2006

Responsibilities in technical & scientific institutions:

- R8 Coordinator (Europe, Middle East and Africa) of IEEE Computer Society, by nomination of IEEE CS Board of Governors
- President of the Portuguese representation in the IFIP Technical Committee in Computer Systems Technology (TC10)
- President of CT128, the Portuguese technical committee responsible for analysing the documents produced by JTC1/SC7 from ISO/IEC and by TC311 from CEN/CENELEC in the software and system engineering domain
- Member and responsible for the international affairs of CS03, the Portuguese Information Technologies and Telecommunications Quality Commission of the National Council for Quality (CNQ)
- Member of the Project Control Committee of CCG/UM (within the INI-GraphicsNet)
- Member of the Steering Committee of the Informatics Engineering Society (North Region) of the Portuguese Engineering Association
- Scientific reviewer of Agência de Inovação (within the Portuguese Science Foundation)
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