

Software Architecture in Practice

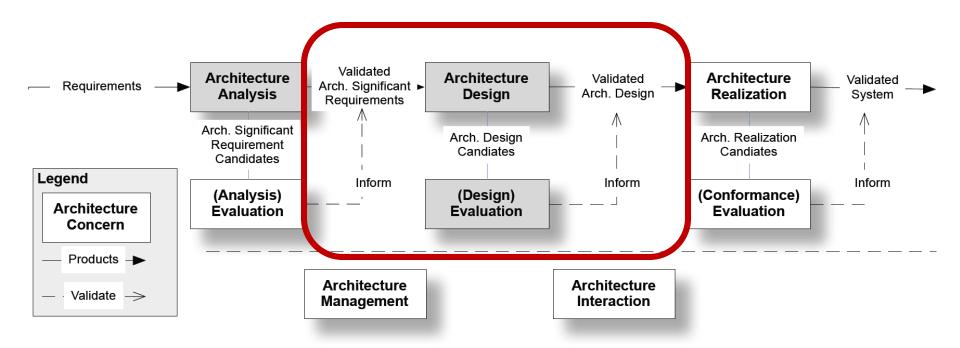
Attribute-Driven Design

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Design!

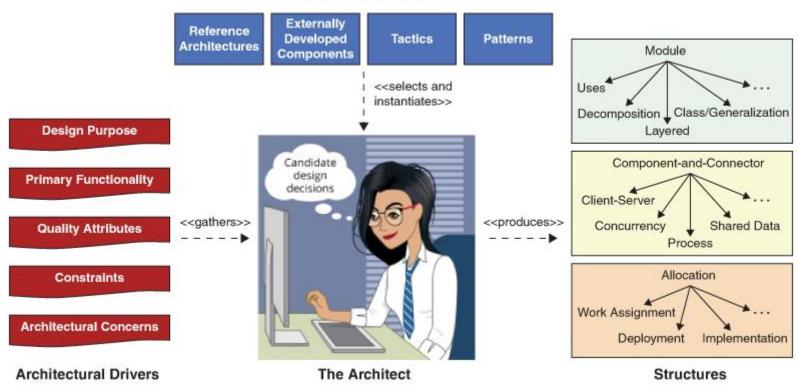
• A creative process...





Or...

Design Concepts





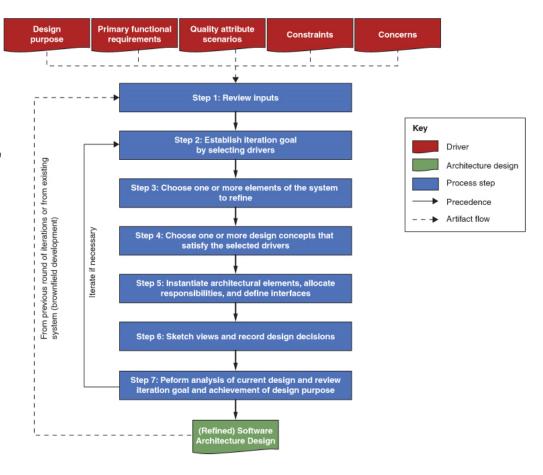
Assembling the Pieces

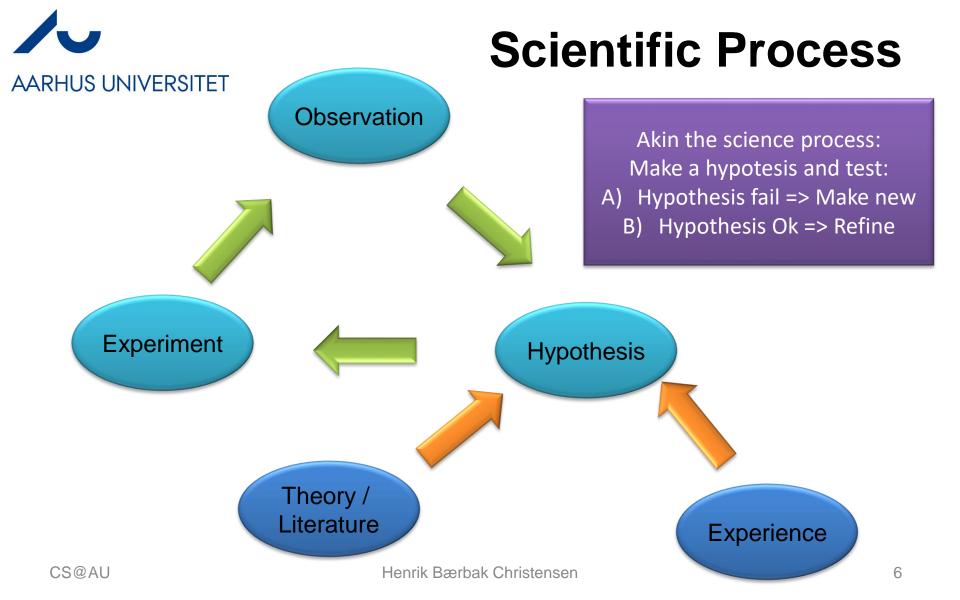
- Design is the process of getting all the pieces into place
 - ASR: Architectural significant requirements
 - QAS: Quality attribute scenarios
 - Tactics and Patterns: Mini-architectures to be reused



Or Graphically

- A well-defined iterative process
- Seven "steps"
 - "stepwise refinement"
 - "top-down"





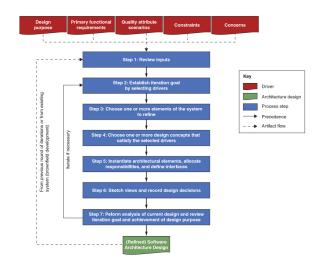


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 - Review inputs
 - From previous round + ASR, QAS, ...
 - Set Goal
 - What is the goal of this round?
 - Elements to Refine
 - Typically decomposition into more elements
 - Initially you have

System

Breath-first, depth-first, risk-based, staffing-based (timing)

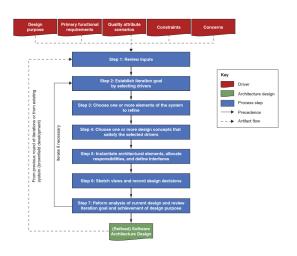




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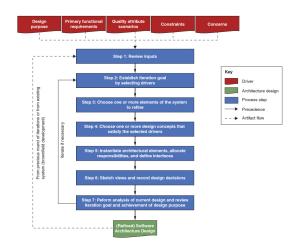
- Design tactics/patterns to apply
 - ... that satisfy drivers/ASR
- Instantiate elements
 - 'draw the boxes and lines'
 - Allocate responsibilities
 - Define "interfaces"*
 - » Relationships = 'Connectors' in CC view
- Sketch views + record design decisions
 - Get it down on paper in preliminary form @
- *) Interface as in The protocol we exchange control and data via; not as in C# interface





Steps

- Steps
 - Analyse current design
 - Go over the round and ensure you got it right by reviewing goals, and match them with your design



- Goto 1 until 'enough'
 - When do you stop?
 - Risk based covering the central top-voted QaS from the QAW…
 - The architectural drivers...



Summery

- Well not overly surprising? Generally makes sense…
 - Perhaps a bit 'top-down' and 'waterfallish'
 - But incorporates much more 'use prototyping' than earlier releases of the ADD model which I appreciate ⊕...