# Software Engineering 2
## A practical course in software engineering

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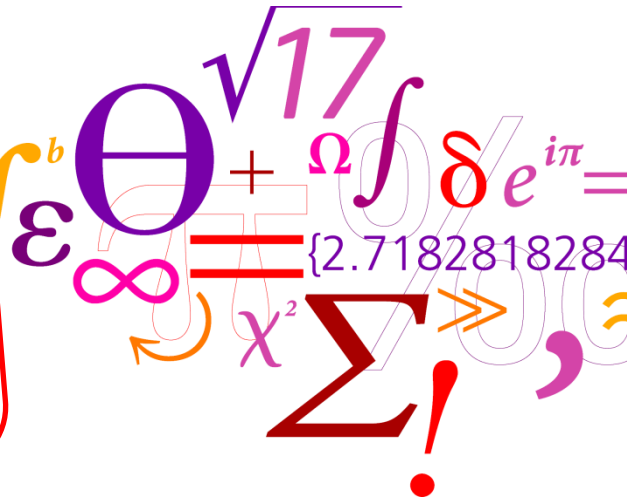

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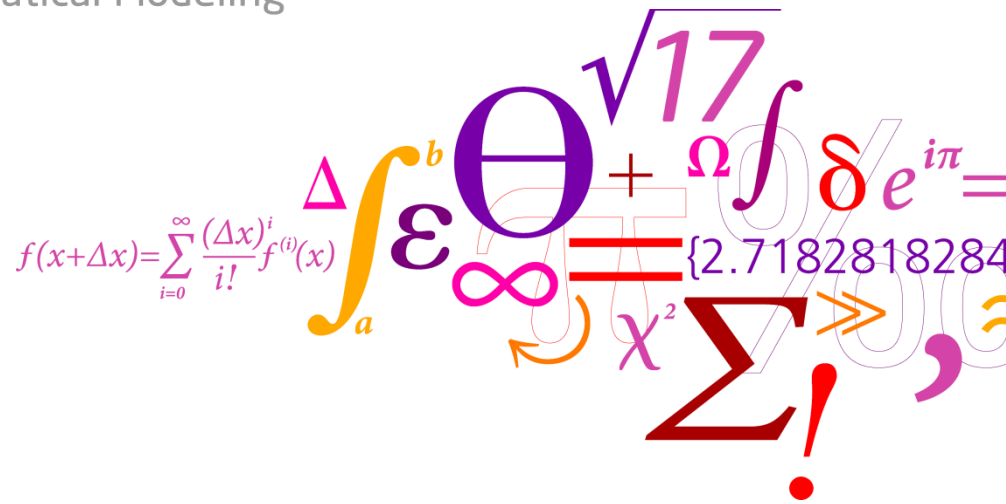

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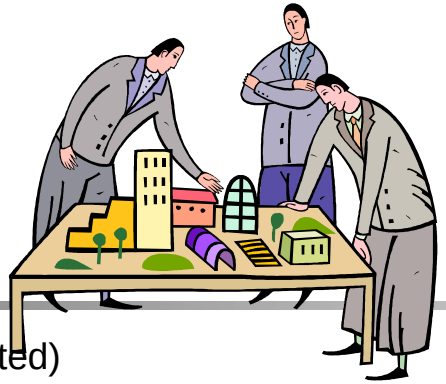

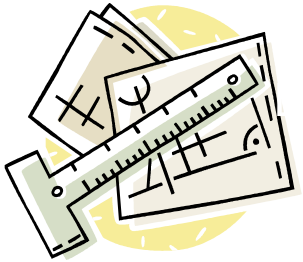

# Specifying Software

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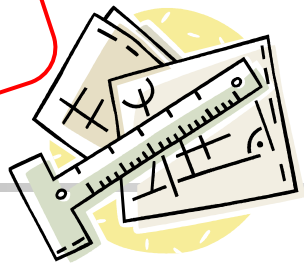
what

- Project Definition
- Requirements Specification
  - rough
  - detailed
- Systems specification
- Complete Models
- Implementation, Documentation
  Handbook

how

Actually, handbook is "what";
it could be part of the
requirements specification.



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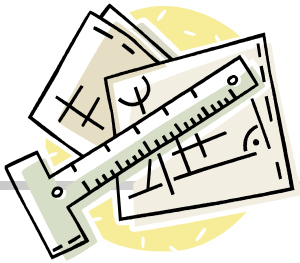
rough



detailed

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low cost

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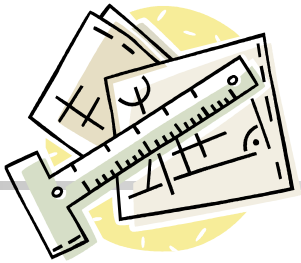

high cost

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On which kind of document will (can) the cost calculation and the contract be based?

Trade off:
earlier: lower cost / higher risk
later: higher cost / lower risk

# Project Definition: Contents

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what

rough

Use examples, how things could look like in the final product.

- Partners
- Context
- Objective
- Scope
  (in particular, what is NOT to be done)
- **Functionality** (from the end-users point of view)
  - Users
  - Use cases (as text, not necessarily as diagrams)
  - Main data (in our case ”modelling concepts”, ”extra 3D info”)
- Platform (HW/SW)
- Glossary of main terms

→ inductive vs deductive writing!

# 2. Requirements Specification

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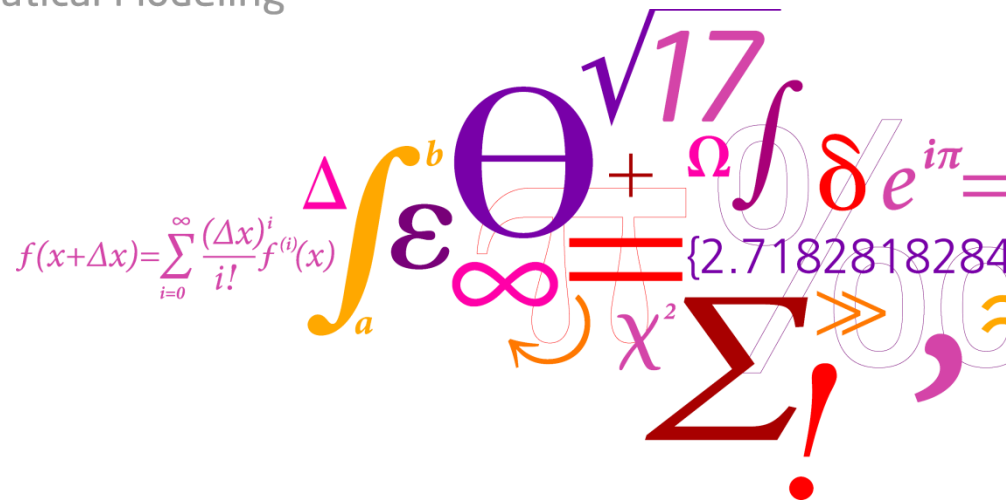

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# What do we need?

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"Why"

- What should be achieved by the product?

- How is it used?
- Which functions does it have?
- Which data are there?
- What interfaces should be there?

"What"

- In which quality?

- On which platform or technology?

"how"

# Requirements Spec



Partners: Customer & Developer

1. Objectives
2. Product use
3. Product functions
4. Product characteristics (non-functional req.)
   - Platform
   - Performance
   - Security
   - …
5. Glossary
   (could be included somewhere else)

This can be done on different levels of detail: Project proposal, requirements specification, systems specification, final documentation.

# Differences



- Project definition / idea
  - Text (possibly sketch of screen shots); not complete
- Requirements specification
  - Rough
  - detailed
  - Use cases (named), glossary, rough domain model
  - Use cases modelled and explained, complete domain model, GUI design (sketch), acceptance tests
- Systems specification
  - Architecture & design of Software, detailed models, software models

The exact definition of different specification types varies: structure, level of detail, models, …

# 3. Software Specification

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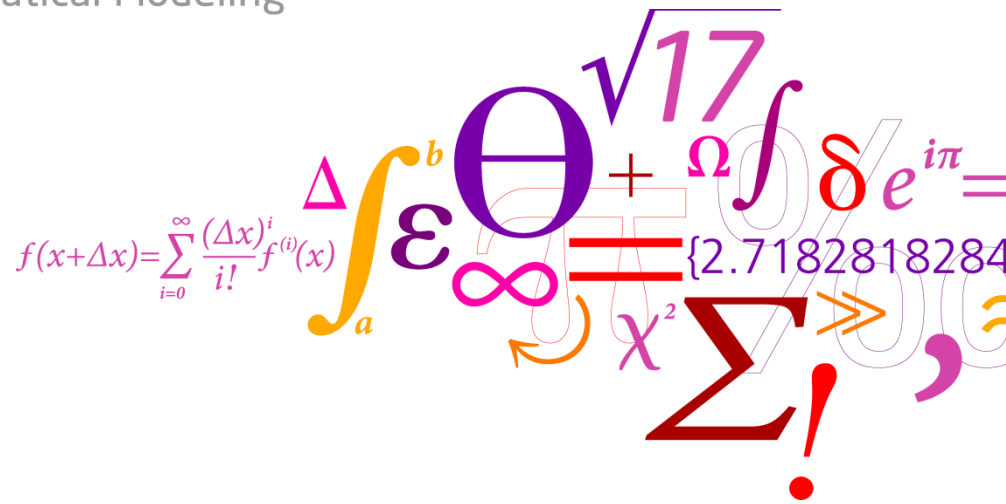
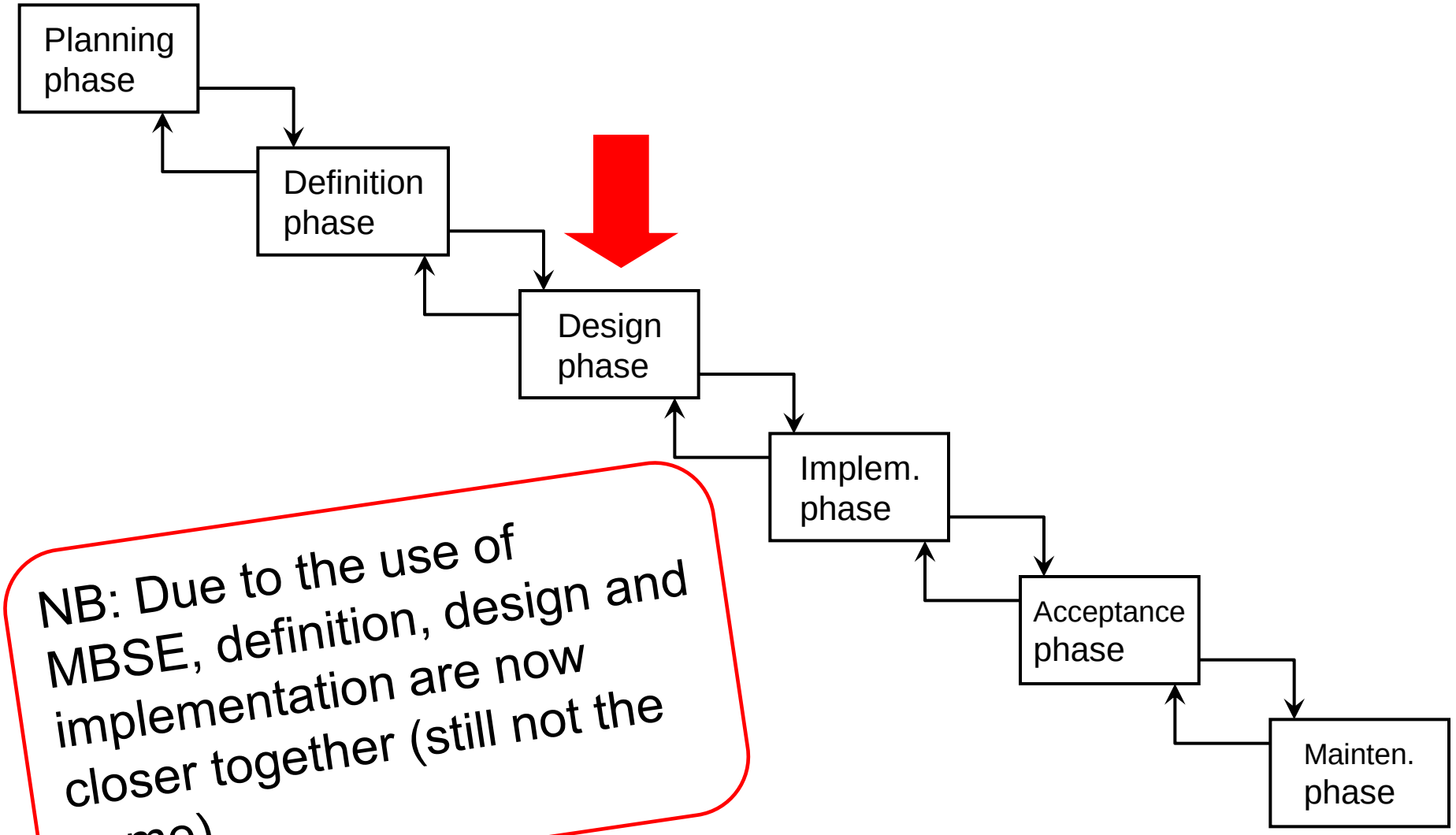


# Design Phase






NB: Due to the use of MBSE, definition, design and implementation are now closer together (still not the same).

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Recapitulation
(→ p. 3)

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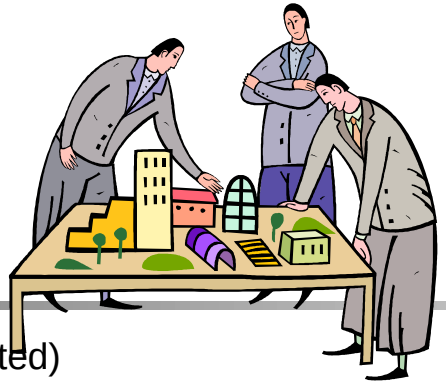

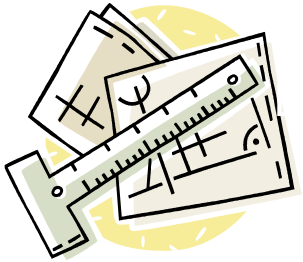

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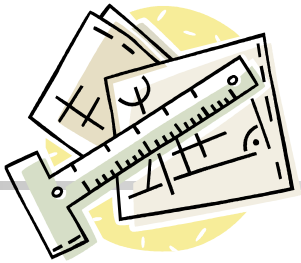

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# Now: Software Specification

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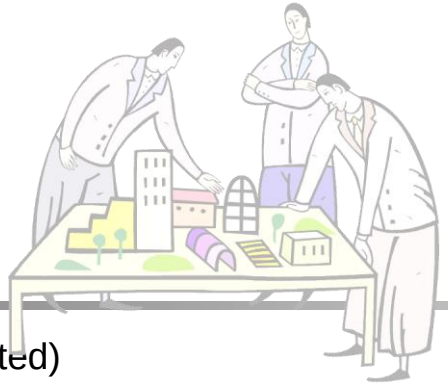
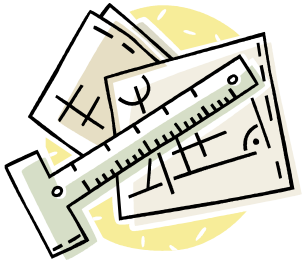
**Goals**:

- Defining **how** the software should be technically realized
- In such detail that the implementation is "details only"

C-requirements





**D-requirements**

# Main issues



"programming in the large"

- Software architecture / implementation architecture
- auxiliary systems and infrastructure persistent storage of data (→DB and DAL)
- GUI

With EMF, much of the auxiliary structure comes for free. As do a simple form of "persistence" (e.g. XMI serialisation) and some parts of the GUI.

- and the relation between them (and the domain model).

# Architecture



- Software architecture:
  - Main components and sub-components of the system
  - Interfaces (provided and required) of the components
- Implementation architecture:
  - Software architecture +
  - Platform, technology, and language specific details

# Architecture



Use cases (refined) + activity diagrams should also be contained in the systems specification.

- Notations:
  - Component diagrams
  - Class diagrams (refined)
  - Design patterns & their terminology
  - Sequence diagrams + state machines

Behaviour at interfaces

Behaviour of important components or classes

# Reminder: Component Diagrams

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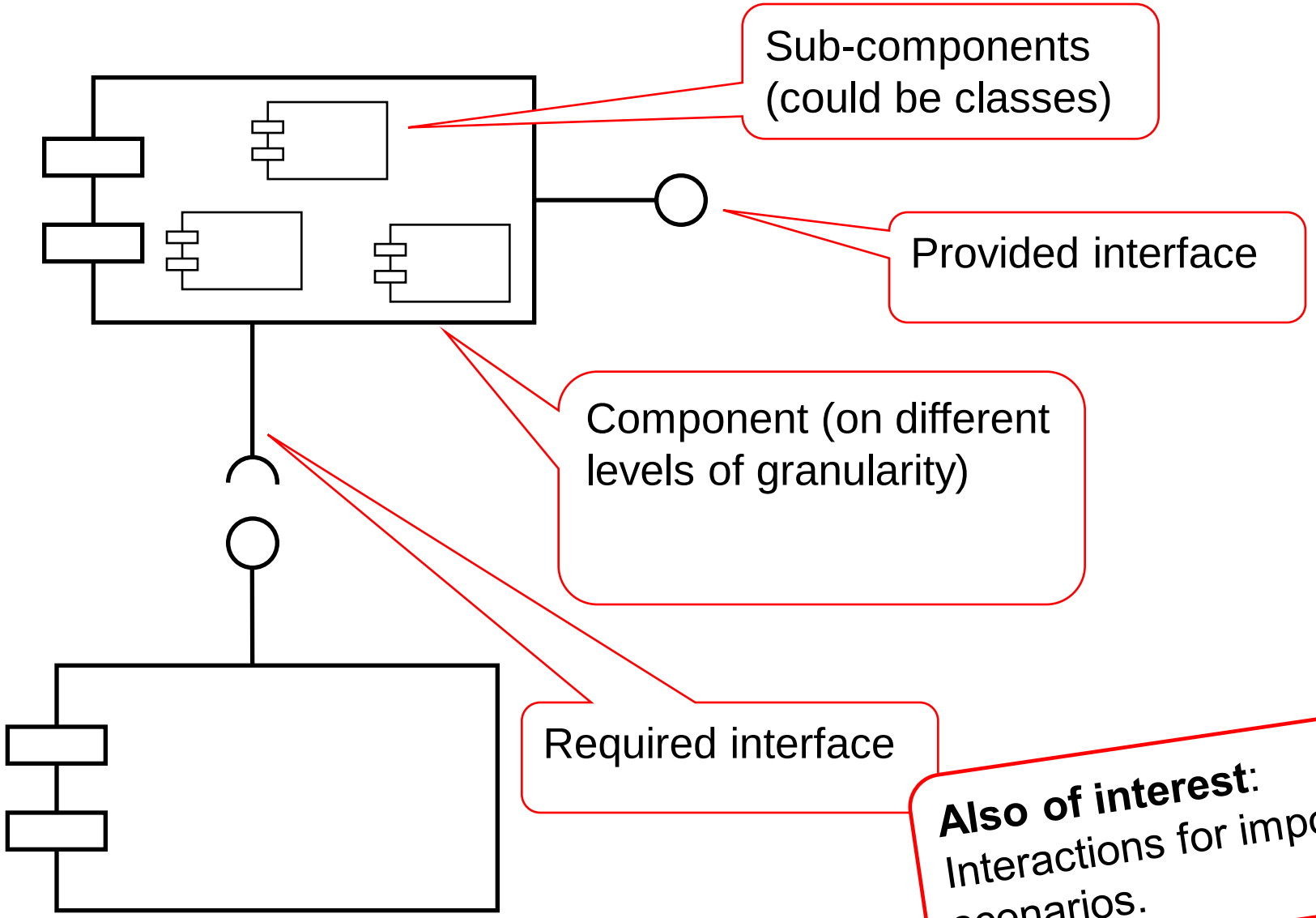

# Design principles

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- Clearly identified functionality
- Simplicity of interfaces
- Loose coupling between different components
- Performance / efficiency

# Model refinements



- Naming conventions
- Directions of associations
- Relaxed cardinalities
- Proper containments (→ serialization)
- Visibilities of attributes and references
- “Characteristics” (→ EMF generation)
- Auxiliary attributes, classes, and associations (in EMF often generated automatically)
- DB Schema

# Excursion / Discussion

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## (OO) Analysis vs. (OO) Design

# GUI



Screenshots (or mock-up screenshots) help writing a readable text on the functionality from a user point of view.

- Sketch GUI visually
- Associate GUI elements with model elements
- Discuss main use cases in terms of GUI (hand book)

# Req Spec vs. Swt Spec

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**Systems spec =**
**Requirements Spec +**
- Database Schema
- GUI
  (more detailed → Handbook)
- Architecture
- Refined models (from technical perspective)