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Documenting a Software Architecture trong bộ slide Software Architecture Essential của GS. Ian Gorton
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Architecture Documentation

- Architecture documentation is a thorny issue
- Commonly there is no documentation covering the architecture.
 - If it is, it's out-of-date, inappropriate and basically not very useful.
- Also projects that have masses of architecture related information
 - Sometimes invaluable, but often it's out-of-date, inappropriate and not very useful!



Documenting an Architecture is good!

- Others can understand/evaluate the design.
- We can understand the design after a period of time.
- Others in the project team and development organization can learn from the architecture.
- We can do analysis on the design, perhaps to assess its likely performance, or to generate standard metrics.



But it's difficult ...

- No universally accepted architecture documentation standard.
- An architecture can be complex, and documenting it in a comprehensible manner is time consuming and non-trivial.
- An architecture has many possible views. Documenting all the potentially useful ones is time consuming and expensive.
 - An architecture design often evolves Keeping the architecture documents current is often forgotten, especially with time and schedule pressures in a project.

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Think carefully about what to document

- Project complexity
 - A small project may only need a 'marketecture'
- Project longevity
 - One-off stop gap software?
 - Strategic, long-term, will evolve?
- Needs of stakeholders
 - Small team, a whiteboard might be ok
 - Large, dislocated team needs more
 - Integrators? Testers? Programmers?
- Need to spend documentation dollars/euros wisely on high value products

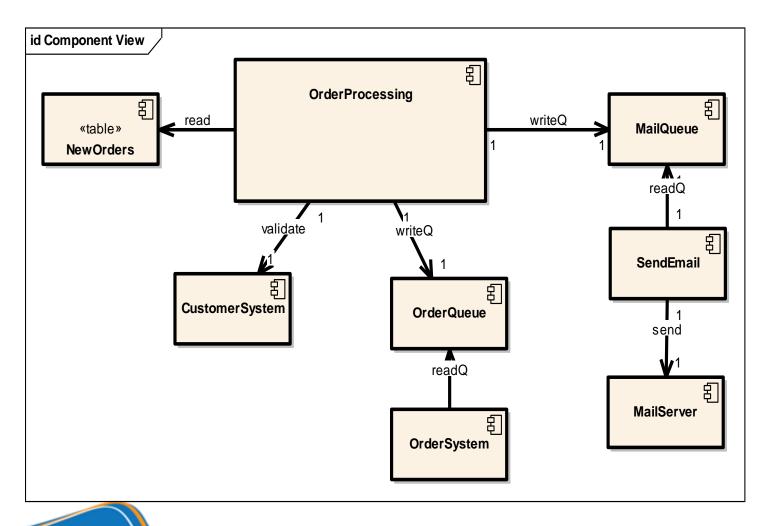


UML 2.0

- UML is a powerful way to document an architecture
- Provides a relatively formal, unambiguous description
- New features in UML 2.0 appropriate for architectures
- Good tools available, some free
- Can be used to depict various structural/behavioral architecture views



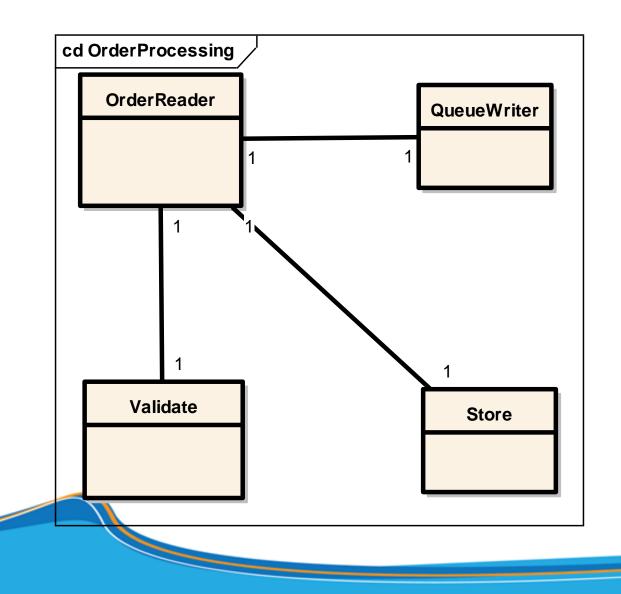
Component Diagram



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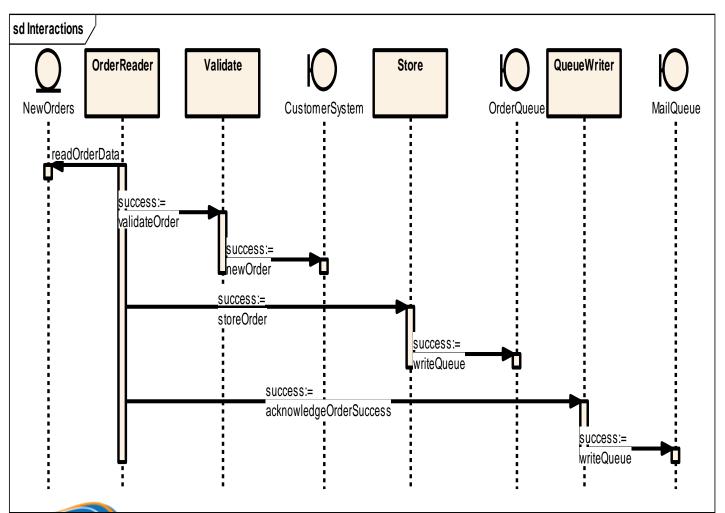
Class Diagram



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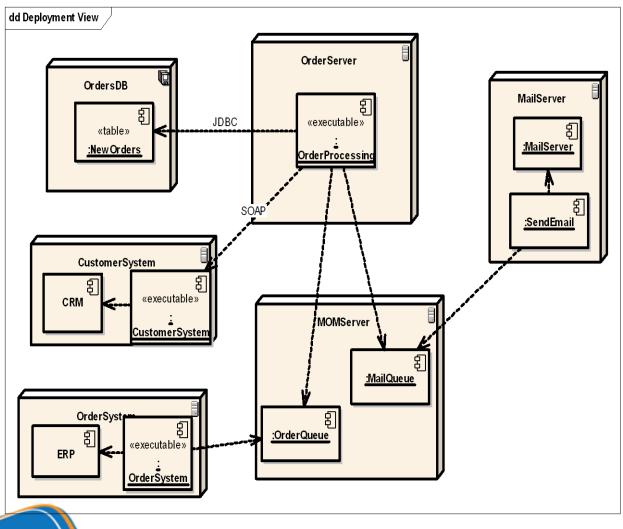
Sequence Diagram



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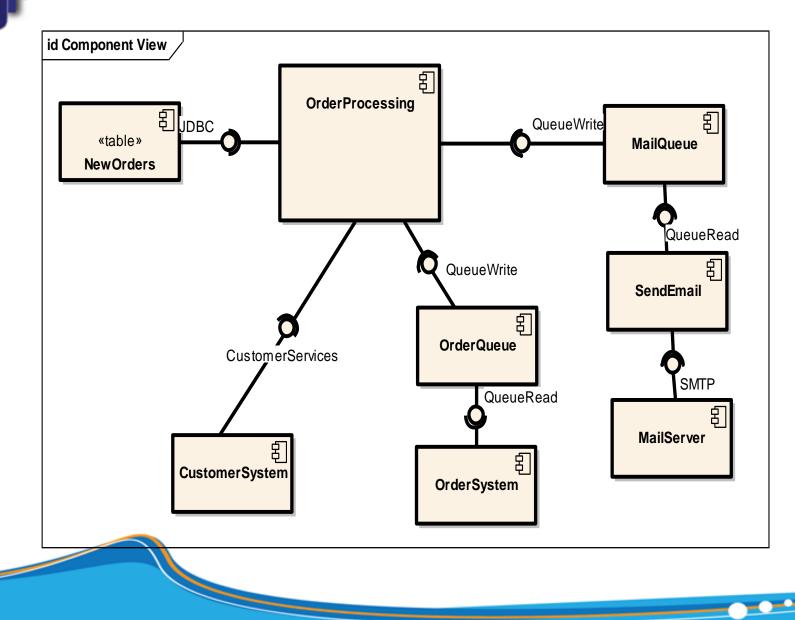


Deployment Diagram



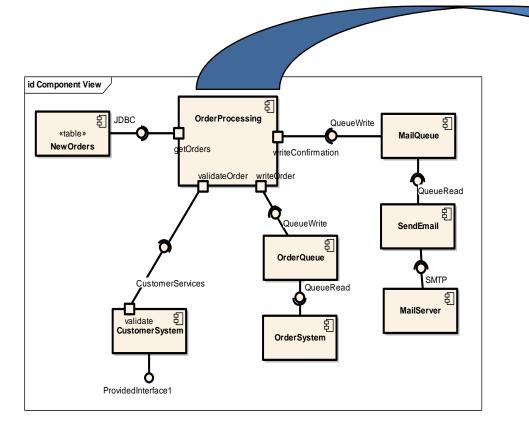
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Component Interfaces

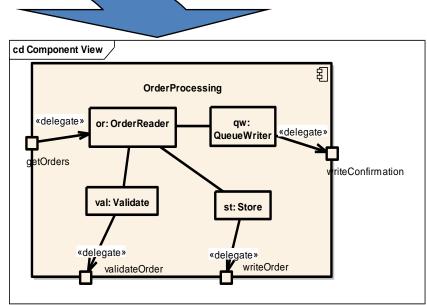


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Component Decomposition



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Document Template

- Documentation is easier if there's a template to use
 - Reduces start-up time for projects by providing ready-made document structures
 - familiarity gained with the document structure aids in the efficient capture of project design details.
 - help with the training of new staff



Template Headings

Architecture Documentation Template Project Name: XXX

- 1 Project Context
- 2 Architecture Requirements
- 2.1 Overview of Key Objectives
- 2.2 Architecture Use Cases
- 2.3 Stakeholder Architectural Requirements
- 2.4 Constraints
- 2.5 Non-functional Requirements
- 2.6 Risks
- 3 Solution
- 3.1 Relevant Architectural Patterns
- 3.2 Architecture Overview
- 3.3 Structural Views
- 3.4 Behavioral Views
- 3.5 Implementation Issues
- 4 Architecture Analysis
- 4.1 Scenario analysis
- 4.2 Risks



Summary

- Some documentation is nearly always a good idea
- Trick is to produce 'just enough' and no more
 - requires upfront planning and thinking
 - Commitment to keeps docs current
- UML 2.0 makes architecture documentation easier
- Some good UML 2.0 tools, try 'em out.