.NET Component-Oriented Development

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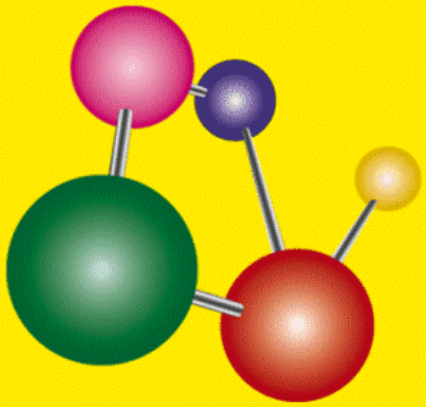
Agenda

- Component-oriented programming
  - What, why, how of components
  - Component-oriented vs. object-oriented
- Core principles of component-oriented development
  - Definition
  - Using .NET
- Component-oriented development process

Agenda

- .NET future trends
  - Return of the rich clients
  - Speculated timelines
  - ClickOnce
  - Indigo
- Q&A panel

The Vision:



Why Components

- Maintenance
  - Decoupling clients from objects
- Reusability
- Extensibility
- Robustness
- Scalability
- Time to market
  - Product is a particular way of composing a set of generic components

MS Component Technology Evolution

- Static libraries - 1981
  - .lib file
- Dynamically loaded libraries - 1985
  - Functions exported as ordinal numbers in .dll
- DDE - 1990
- DLL with extensions - 1992
  - Exporting C++ classes in MFC

MS Component Technology Evolution

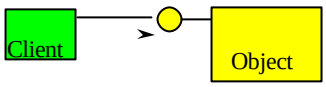
- OLE 1.0 - 1993
  - Oriented towards Office applications
- OLE 2.0 - 1994
  - AKA COM
- DCOM - 1995
  - Distribution
  - Multithreading
  - Security
- .NET - 2002

What is A .NET Component?

- A single class
  - .NET classes are binary components
  - Unlike traditional OO classes or COM objects
- Assembly is only packaging unit
  - Typically contains related interacting components
  - Treated often as single logical component
- An object is an instance of a component
  - Similar to OO
  - Sometimes referred to as 'server' (C/S model)

What is Component Client?

- Client is any entity uses the component
  - Typically other components
- Client can be in:
  - Same logical and physical unit
  - Same logical but not physical unit
  - Separate logical and physical unit
- Client code should not assume anything about packaging



Perspectives

- Component library vendor
  - Develops class libraries and frameworks
  - Machine-oriented
- Application vendor
  - Develops applications
  - Uses frameworks
  - Application-oriented

Component-Oriented vs. Object-Oriented

- Building blocks vs. monolithic applications
  - OO focuses on relationship between classes
  - CO focuses on interchangeable code modules
    - Modules work independently
    - Developer not required to know module internals
- Fundamental difference in final application view

Component-Oriented vs. Object-Oriented

- Traditional object-oriented
  - Logic factored to many fine-grained classes
  - Once compiled, result is monolithic binary
  - All classes share same physical deployment unit
  - All classes share same process
    - Same address space
    - Same security privileges
  - Shared source files
    - Single implementation language
  - Change made to one class can trigger massive re-linking
    - Retesting
    - Redeployment

Component-Oriented vs. Object-Oriented

- Component-oriented
  - Application comprises a collection of interacting ***binary*** components
- Particular binary component may not do much
  - Can be general-purpose component
  - Can be highly specialized
- Requirements implemented by gluing individual components
  - Component-enabling technologies provide infrastructure to connect binary components
    - COM, J2EE, CORBA, .NET
  - Distinct in ease of use

Component-Oriented vs. Object-Oriented

- OO provides little support for run-time aspects
  - Multithreading and concurrency management
  - Security
  - Distribution
  - Deployment
  - Version control
- CO technologies support run time aspects
  - Developers focus on business problem instead of infrastructure

Interfaces vs. Inheritance

- OO analysis and design
  - Model applications as complex class hierarchies
  - Approximate reality via specialization
  - Reuse via inheritance
- Inheritance is white-box reuse
  - Changing members
  - Overriding
  - Synchronization
- White-box reuse doesn't allow economy of scale
- Limits adoption of third-party frameworks

Interfaces vs. Inheritance

- CO analysis and design
  - Components interact via interfaces
  - Interfaces are contracts between components and clients
  - Interface is the basic unit of reuse
- CO programming promotes black-box reuse
  - Absolute encapsulation

Why Binary Components

- Treat components like Legos
  - Adding and removing
- Containing changes
  - No recompilation or redeployment
  - Available immediately
  - Even while client is running
- Reduce cost of long-term maintenance
- Component libraries

Core Principles of CO Development

- Separation of interface and implementation
- Binary compatibility
- Language independence
- Location transparency
- Concurrency management
- Version control
- Component-based security

Core Principles of CO Development

- Evolving principles
- Genuine principle or feature of the component technology
- Finer principles are possible
  - Events and callbacks
  - Serialization
  - Transaction management
  - Extensible component-services
- Adherence is key for maintainability, quality, TTM

Separation of Interface from Implementation

- Basic unit of use is binary-compatible interface
- Interface provides abstract service definition
  - OO places object at center
- Interface is grouping of logically related method
- Interface are contract between client and service provide
- Vendors free to provide own interpretation of interface
- Interface is implemented by black box binary component

Separation of Interface from Implementation

- Client only needs interface definition and binary component implementing it
  - Indirection allows replacing implementation
  - Minimizing changes to client
  - Objects can evolve
- Can implement interface using traditional OO
  - Resulting class hierarchies usually simpler
- Interfaces enable reuse
  - Generic engineering principle
  - Why OO failed on its promise of reuse

Interfaces Vs. Abstract Classes

- Interfaces are not the same as abstract classes
  - Abstract class can still have implementation
  - Class can derive from only one base class
  - Class can derive from multiple interfaces
  - Abstract class can derive from any other class or interface(s)
  - Interface can only derive from other interfaces
  - Abstract class can have non-public members
  - Abstract class can have constructors static members and constants
- Differences are deliberate to provide for a formal public contract

.NET Interfaces

- Interfaces can only derive from other interfaces
- Interface can derive from multiple other interfaces
  - Unlike COM
- All interface methods are public
  - Contract semantics

.NET Interfaces

- Subclass implementation must be public
- Must implement all methods in interface derivation chain

```
public interface IMyInterface
{
   void Method1();
   void Method2();
   void Method3();
}

public class MyClass : IMyInterface
{
   public MyClass(){}
   public void Method1(){}
   public void Method2(){}
   public void Method3(){}
}
```

.NET Interfaces

- Can derive from multiple interfaces

```
public interface IMyInterface1
{
   void Method1();
}
public interface IMyInterface2
{
   void Method2();
}

public class MyClass : IMyInterface1,IMyInterface2
{
   public MyClass(){}
   public void Method1(){}
   public void Method2(){}
}
```

.NET Interfaces

- Can still derive from one concrete class, in addition to interfaces
  - Must be first in derivation chain

```
public interface IMyInterface
{}
public interface IMyOtherInterface
{}
public class MyBaseClass
{}
public class MySubClass : MyBaseClass,IMyInterface,IMyOtherInterface
{}
```

.NET Interfaces

- Declare interface type and instantiate it with a class instance:

```
//Implicit cast
IMyInterface obj = new MyClass();
obj.Method1();
```

- Client can program directly against the object:

```
MyClass obj = new MyClass();
obj.Method1();
```

  - Not recommended: should separate interface from implementation

.NET Interface-Based Programming

- Client-side programming:
  - Program against interface, not object
  - Never assume the object support an interface
    - Use **`try/catch`** or **`as`**

```
SomeType obj1;
IMyInterface obj2;

/* Some code to initialize obj1 */
obj2 = obj1 as IMyInterface;
if(obj2 != null)
{
   obj2.Method1();
}
else
{
   //Handle error in expected interface
}
```

.NET Interface-Based Programming

- Server-side programming:
  - Provide explicit interface member implementation
- Explicit implementation cannot be public
  - Or have any visibility modifier at all

```
public interface IMyInterface
{
   void Method1();
   void Method2();
}

public class MyClass : IMyInterface
{
   public MyClass(){}
   void IMyInterface.Method1(){}//explicit implementation
   void IMyInterface.Method2(){}//explicit implementation
}
```

.NET Interface-Based Programming

- Explicit implementation forces client to program against interface, not object

```
IMyInterface obj1 = new MyClass();
obj1.Method1();

//This does not compile:
MyClass obj2 = new MyClass();
obj2.Method1();
```

.NET Interfaces and Subclasses

- Can mix class hierarchy and interfaces

```
public interface ITrace
{
   void TraceSelf();
}
public class A : ITrace
{
   public virtual void TraceSelf(){Trace.WriteLine("A");}
}
public class B : A
{
   public override void TraceSelf(){Trace.WriteLine("B");}
}
public class C : B
{
   public override void TraceSelf(){Trace.WriteLine("C");}
}

ITrace trace  = new B();
trace.TraceSelf();
//output: "B"
```

Interfaces Factoring and Design

- When factoring interface, think always in terms of reusable elements
- Example: a dog interface
- Requirements
  - Bark
  - Fetch
  - Veterinarian clinic registration number
  - A property for having received shots

Interfaces Factoring and Design

- Could define **`IDog`**

```
public interface IDog
{
   void  Fetch();
   void  Bark();
   long  VetClinicNumber{ get; set; }
   bool  HasShots{ get; set; }
}
public class Poodle : IDog
{…}
public class GermanShepherd : IDog
{…}
```

- This interface is not well factored
  - **`Bark()`** and **`Fetch()`** are more logically related to each other than to **`VetClinicNumber`** and **`HasShots`**

Interfaces Factoring and Design

- Better factoring:

```
public interface IPet
{
   long  VetClinicNumber{ get; set; }
   bool  HasShots{ get; set; }
}
public interface IDog
{
   void  Fetch();
   void  Bark();
}
public interface ICat
{
   void  Purr();
   void  CatchMouse();
}
public class Poodle : IDog,IPet
{…}
public class Siamese : ICat,IPet
{…}
```

Interfaces Factoring and Design

- If operations are logically related, but repeated, factor to hierarchy of interfaces

```
public interface IMammal
{
   void ShedFur();
   void Lactate();
}
public interface IDog : IMammal
{
   void  Fetch();
   void  Bark();
}
public interface ICat : IMammal
{
   void  Purr();
   void  CatchMouse();
}
```

Interface Factoring Metrics

- Interface factoring results in interfaces with fewer members
- Balance out two counter forces
  - Too many granular interfaces Vs few complex, poorly factored interfaces
- Just one member is possible, but avoid it
  - Dull facet
  - Too many parameters
  - Too coarse: should be factored into several methods
  - Refactor into an existing interface
- Optimal number 3 to 5
- No more than 20 (12)

Interface Factoring Metrics

- Ratio of methods, properties and events
  - Interfaces should have more methods than properties
  - Just-enough-encapsulation
  - Ratio of at least 2:1
  - Exception is interfaces with properties only
    - Should have no methods
  - Avoid defining events

.NET Factoring Metrics

- 300+ interfaces examined
- On average, 3.75 members per interface
- Methods to properties ratio of 3.5:1
- Less than 3 percent of the members are events
- On average, .NET interfaces are well factored

.NET and The Separation

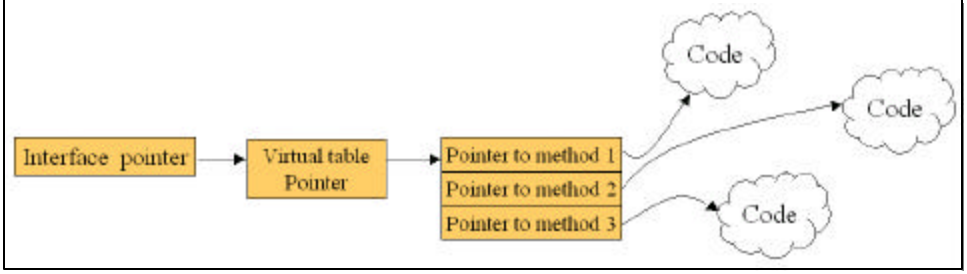
- .NET enables the separation of interface from implementation
  - But doesn't enforce it
  - Unlike COM
  - Cope with the skill gap
- Disciplined developers should **ALWAYS** enforce separation
  - Explicit interface implementation
  - Never program directly against the object
  - Defensive interface querying

Binary Compatibility

- Traditional OO requires clients and servers to be in one monolithic application
  - Compiler bakes into client code address of server entry points
- CO packages code into binary building blocks
  - Replace and plug new binary versions of server
  - Implies binary compatibility between client and server
  - Client must interact at run time with exactly what it expects in binary layout in memory

Binary Compatibility

- Binary compatibility is the basis for the contract
- Client compiled once against interface or class definition
  - As long as contract maintained, server-side implementation can change
- COM binary compatibility is based on V-Tables
  - Memory layout



.NET Binary Compatibility

- .NET binary compatibility is based on Metadata
  - Compilation-time type safety
  - Memory layout is determined at JIT-Compilation time
  - Late-binding benefits

.NET Binary Compatibility

- Can remove un-used methods
- Can add methods
- Can change order of methods
- Cannot change parameters
- Cannot remove methods that clients expect
- “Late-Binding” behavior lost if use pre-JIT
  - Native Image Generator (Ngen.exe)

Language Independence

- In OO client and server must use same language
- In CO server is developed independently of client
- Client interacts with server only at runtime
  - Bounded by binary compatibility
  - Programming languages should not matter
- Language independence promotes
  - Interchangeability
  - Adoption
  - Reuse

.NET Language Independence

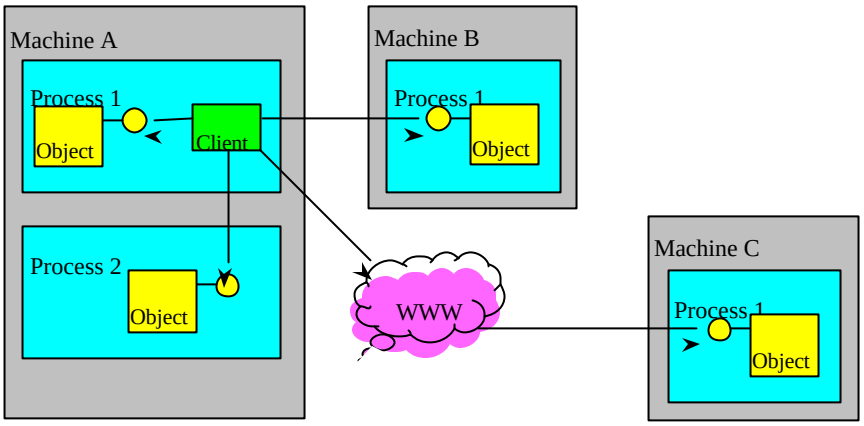
- .NET achieves language independence through CLR
  - Intermediate language
  - JIT compiler
  - Core set of constructs every compilers must support (CLS)
- Some constructs are optional, and reduce language independence
  - Unsigned types
  - Generics
  - Case sensitivity

Location Transparency

- Client and component can be
  - In same process
  - Different processes on same machine
  - Different machines on network
  - Across the Internet
- Client code should be independent of actual location of object
  - Nothing pertaining to where the object executes
  - Same client code should handle all cases of object location
- Client should be able to insist on a specific location
- Ultimately, server-side location transparency is impossible

Location Transparency

- Same client code handles all locations



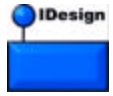
Location Transparency

- Provides ability to develop locally but deploy remotely
  - Easier and productive debugging
- Server location affects performance, scalability, security, manageability
  - Different customers have different preferences
  - Same customer changes over time

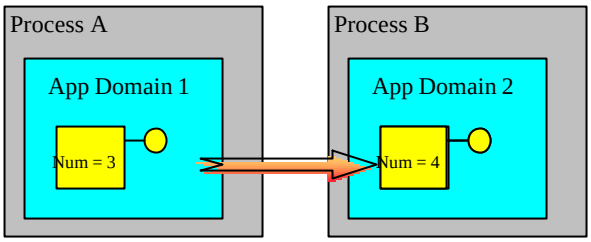
.NET Remoting

- Accessing an object across app domain
  - Same process different app domain
  - Same machine, different process
  - Different machines
- Intra-process calls optimized
  - Uses light weight mechanism
- Marshal by ref
  - Involves proxies
- Marshaling by value
  - Requires serialization

Marshal by Value

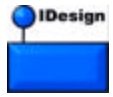


- Once marshaled, the two copies are distinct, and change state independently



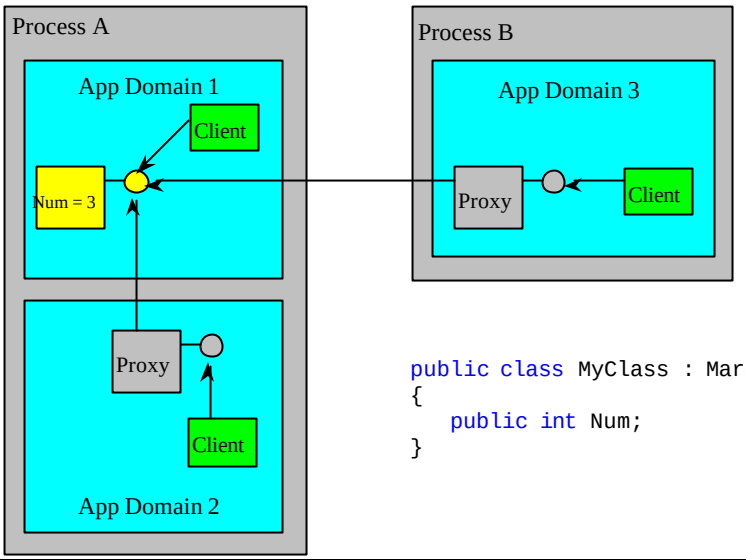

```
[Serializable]
public class MyClass
{
   public int Num;
}
```

Marshal by Reference



- All access to object across app domain done via proxies
  - MBR across process and machine boundary as well
- All references point to same object
- Class must derive directly or indirectly from **`MarshalByRefObject`**
- If object is serializable as well, still marshaled by ref
- Intra-app domain calls use direct access

Marshal by Reference




```
public class MyClass : MarshalByRefObject
{
   public int Num;
}
```

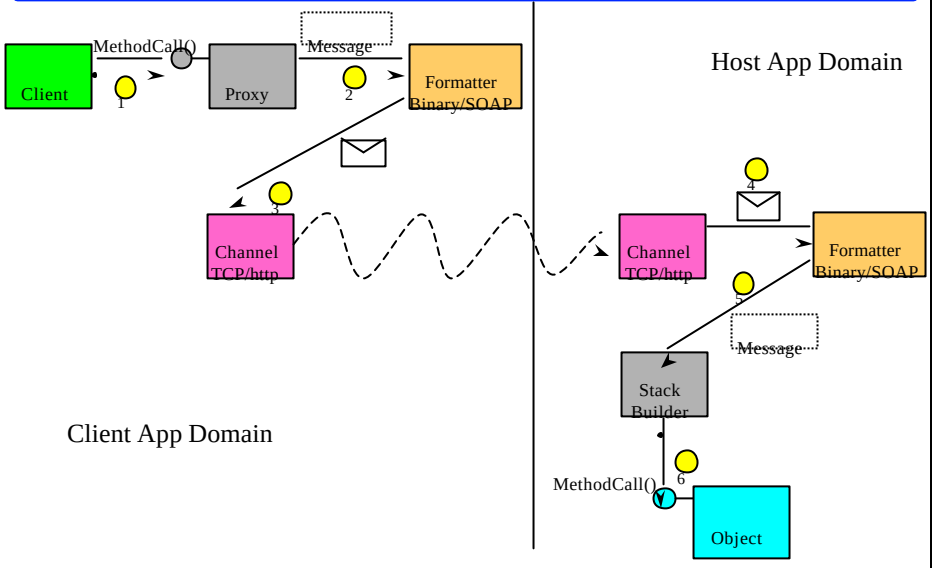
Remoting Architecture

- Interceptors
  - Proxy serialize stack frame to message
  - Stack builder turns message into stack frame and calls object
- Formatters
  - Turn message into binary or SOAP format
    - Binary is like DCOM
    - SOAP is like web services
  - Can provide custom format

Remoting Architecture

- Channels
  - Dispatch message using TCP/HTTP transport protocols
  - Can provide custom channel
  - Object can accept calls on multiple registered channels
- Can combine any format with any channel
- Almost all points in the architecture provide hooks and sinks
  - Extensibility
  - Security
  - Proprietary

Remoting Architecture

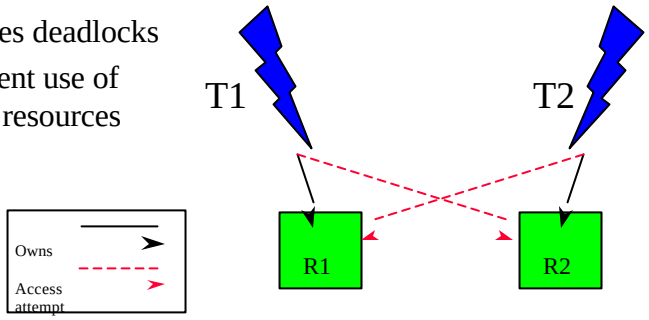


Location Transparency in .NET Remoting

- True location transparency only with **`new`**
  - Config file required
  - Registration sets up channels and identifies types to load remotely
- **`GetObject()`** does not require object registration
  - Only server activation
  - No location transparency
- Leasing and sponsorship requires client programming

Concurrency Management

- Component can be used by multiple threads
  - Vendor must assume it will
  - Vendor must provide synchronization
- Component can contain its own lock
  - Promotes deadlocks
  - Inefficient use of system resources

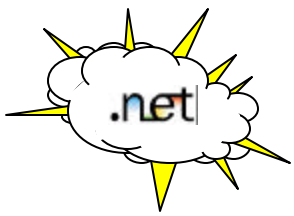


Concurrency Management

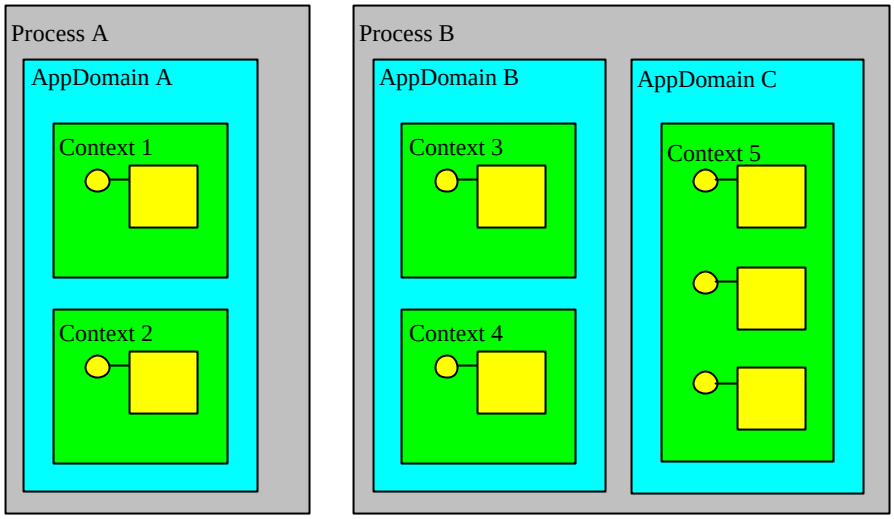
- The component technology must provide concurrency management service
  - Participate in application-wide synchronization mechanism
  - Even when components developed separately

.NET Concurrency Management

- .NET provides concurrency management via synchronization domains
  - Only for context-bound objects
  - Undocumented/poorly documented out of the box
- .NET supports manual synchronization



App Domain & Context



Context Synchronization

- **`[Synchronization]`** attribute
  - **`System.Runtime.Remoting.Contexts`**
  - Only for context-bound objects
- .NET associates object with a lock
  - Locks whole object during access
- Easiest synchronization mechanism to use
- A modern synchronization option that formally eliminate synchronization problems and the developer's need to code around them

Context Synchronization

- .NET intercepts calls coming into context
  - Tries to acquire lock (blocks if own by another thread)
  - Unlocks on the way out of context
  - Queue pending callers
- Only for context bound objects or a derivative

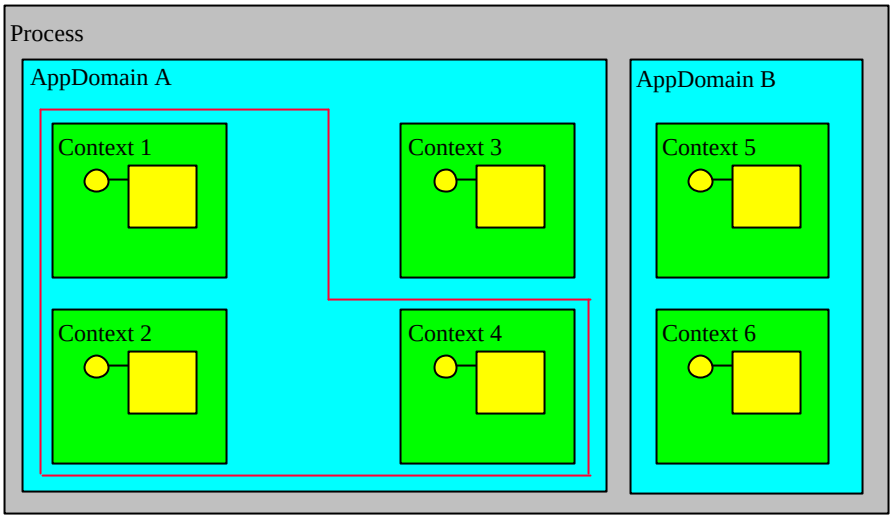
```
using System.Runtime.Remoting.Contexts;

[Synchronization]
public class MyClass : ContextBoundObject
{
  public MyClass(){}
  public void DoSomething(){}
  //other methods and data members
}
```

Synchronization Domain

- .NET could have allocated a lock per object, but that is inefficient
  - Often, objects can share lock
  - Shared locks reduce deadlocks likelihood
- Objects that share a lock are said to be in a Synchronization Domain
  - Each SD has one lock
  - All objects in same context share SD
  - Within SD, concurrent calls from multiple threads are not allowed
- SD is orthogonal to context, but limited to App Domain

Synchronization Domain



Configuring Synchronization

- Configures SD for object using **`Synchronization`** attribute constructor

```
public class SynchronizationAttribute :  ContextAttribute,
                                          IContextAttribute,
                                          IContextProperty,
                                          IContributeServerContextSink,
                                          IContributeClientContextSink
{
   public static const int NOT_SUPPORTED;
   public static const int REQUIRED;
   public static const int REQUIRES_NEW;
   public static const int SUPPORTED;

   // Constructors
   public SynchronizationAttribute();
   public SynchronizationAttribute(int flag);
   public SynchronizationAttribute(int flag, bool reentrant);
   public SynchronizationAttribute(bool reentrant);
   //Other methods and properties
}
```

Configuring Synchronization

- Example:

```
[Synchronization(SynchronizationAttribute.REQUIRED)]
public class MyClass : ContextBoundObject
{}
```

- Default is **REQUIRED**, so these are equivalent:

```
[Synchronization]
[Synchronization(SynchronizationAttribute.REQUIRED)]
[Synchronization(SynchronizationAttribute.REQUIRED,reentrant)]
[Synchronization(reentrant)]
```

Configuring Synchronization

- Objects reside in SD of:
  - Creating client (shares lock with creator)
  - New SD (has its own lock)
  - No SD (no lock, concurrent access allowed)
- SD determined at creation time based on configuration and client SD

Object SD Support	Creator is in SD	The object will take part in
NOT_SUPPORTED	No	No SD
SUPPORTED	No	No SD
REQUIRED	No	New SD
REQUIRES_NEW	No	New SD
NOT_SUPPORTED	Yes	No SD
SUPPORTED	Yes	Creator's SD
REQUIRED	Yes	Creator's SD
REQUIRES_NEW	Yes	New SD

Configuring Synchronization

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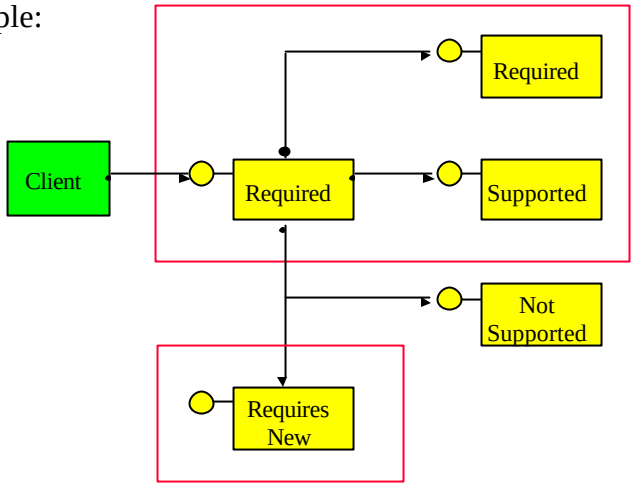


Synchronization Attribute Values

- Not Supported
  - Object never participates in synchronization, regardless of status of creator
  - Object must provide synchronization
  - Avoid it
- Supported
  - Object participates in SD if it exists
  - More difficult to code (have to handle case of concurrent access with no synchronization)
  - Used when need to propagate SD

Synchronization Attribute Values

- Required
  - All calls to object are synchronized
  - If creator is synchronized, object shares creator's lock
  - If the creator is not synchronized, .NET assigns new lock
- Requires New
  - Object must participate in a new SD, distinct from creator's SD
  - Makes calls between your object and creator synchronized

[Synchronization] Pros/Cons

- Pros:
  - Very easy to use
  - Formal way of reducing synchronization issues
  - Productivity oriented
- Cons
  - Only for context-bound objects
  - Not throughput oriented
    - Macro lock
  - No synchronization for static fields and methods
  - Not remoted

Versioning Support

- Clients and components must evolve separately
  - Vendor should deploy new versions (or just fixes) without affecting existing clients
  - Client developers should deploy new versions and interact with older components
- The component technology should support versioning
  - Allow components to evolve along different paths
  - Allow for side-by-side deployment
  - Should detect incompatibility as soon as possible

.NET Versioning Support

- Assemblies can be private or shared
- A private assembly resides in the app directory
- A shared assembly is in a known location, called the global assembly cache (GAC)
- Shared assembly used for:
  - Sharing
  - Side-by-side execution

.NET Versioning Support

- Shared assemblies must have a unique name
  - Called **Strong Name**
- Strong name authenticates assembly's origin and identity
  - Shared assembly implies trust
- Strong name cannot be generated by a party other than the original publisher
- Strong name is based on public/private keys pair

.NET Versioning Support

- Digitally signs the assembly to verify origin
  - Encrypt manifest using the private key
  - Append signature to manifest
  - Incorporated public key into the assembly
- To verify authenticity
  - .NET loader generates the hash
  - Decrypts the manifest-stored hash
  - Compare
- Can only call signed assembly from within signed assemblies
  - Friendly name assemblies can call both

Resolving Version

- When trying to use a shared assembly
  - Possible many versions of the same assembly in the GAC
- Client always gets assembly with exact version match
  - Can provide custom policy
- Developers must be disciplined
  - Release procedures

Resolving Version

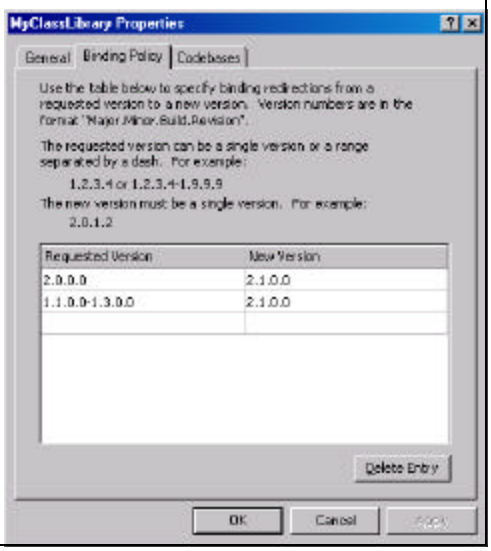
- Private assembly can be strongly named
- .NET ignores version of private assemblies with friendly name only
- .NET enforces version compatibility of private assembly with strong name

Custom Version Policy

- Application can provide version binding policy
  - Override default policy
  - For shared and private assemblies
- Can deploy machine-wide policy
- .NET configuration tool
  - MMC snap-in

Custom Version Binding

- Binding policy:



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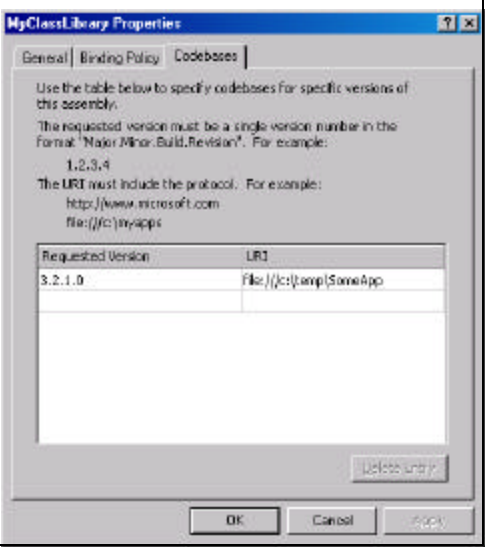


- Codebase policy:
  - Redirect to new location

.NET Versioning Support

- Versioning support only for strongly-named assemblies
- Side-by-side in the GAC
- Default policy enforces compatibility
- Can deploy custom application policy
  - Typically by application vendor
- Can deploy custom machine-wide policy
  - Typically by component vendor

Component-Based Security

- Windows security is user-oriented
  - OS viewed as one monolithic chunk
- A user can either do something or not at all
  - No granularity (do one thing, but not the other)
- Users vulnerable to attacks
  - Downloads
  - Email viruses
  - Worms
  - Spoofing
  - Luring attacks

Component-Based Security

- Today, applications and OS are component-based
- Need a component-oriented security model
  - What a component is allowed to do
  - No “all or nothing”
  - Component origin
- Without coupling components and client applications
- Compliments user-based security

.NET Code-Access Security

- Intricate administrative permissions schema
- Programmatic permissions support
- Role-base security
  - Optional – custom principal

Security Permission

- An individual grant
  - Grants access to a resource
  - Perform operation
- Examples
  - File I/O permission
    - Read, write append data to a **specific** file
  - UI Permission
    - Accessing windows, top level windows, clipboard access
  - Reflection

Permissions

- .NET defines 19 permission types
  - Environment variables
  - File dialog
  - File IO
  - Isolated storage
  - Reflection
  - Registry
  - UI
  - Security
  - DNS
  - Printing
  - Web access
  - Performance counter
  - Directory services
  - Message queue
  - Service controller
  - OLE DB
  - SQL client
  - Event log
  - Sockets access

Permission Sets

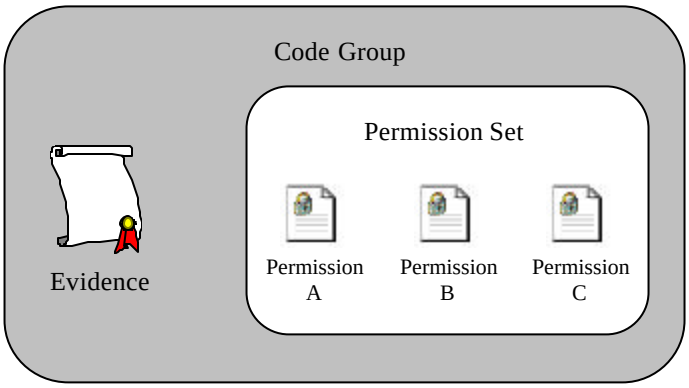
- Individual permission is specific
  - Access only C:\Temp
  - Access all files
  - Can display windows
- Permission set is grouping of permissions
  - Access read only to all of C:\ and can display windows
- Standard named permission sets
  - Nothing
  - Internet
  - Everything
  - Execution
  - LocalIntranet
  - Full Trust
  - SkipVerification
- Can define custom permission sets

Security Evidence

- Permissions granted based on evidence
- Evidence is some form of proof assembly provides to substantiate identity
  - Origin-based evidences
  - Content-based evidences
- Origin-based evidence
  - Application Directory, Site, URL, Zone
- Content-based evidence
  - Strong name, Publisher certificate, Hash

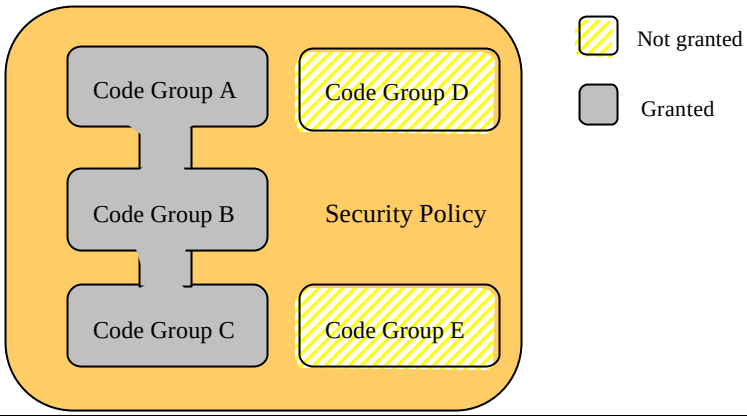
Code Groups

- Binding of a single permission set with a single evidence



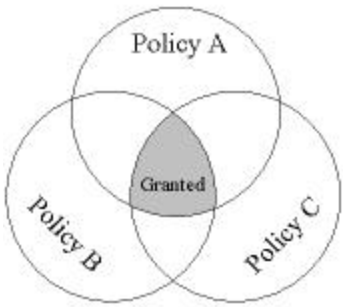
Security Policy

- Collection of code groups
- Permissions granted by a policy is the union of all the individual groups satisfied

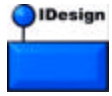


Security Policy

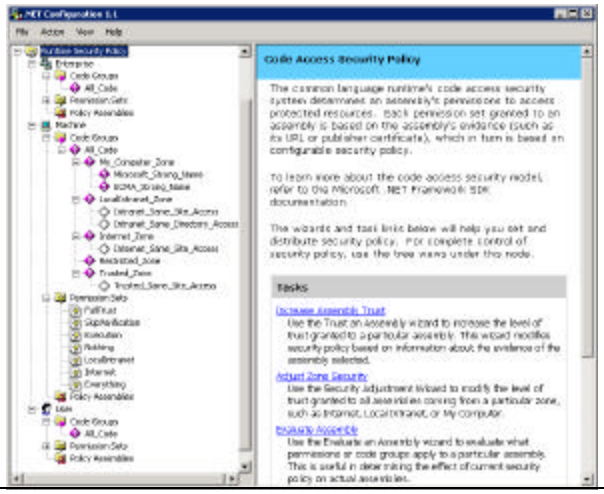
- All policies must concur on allowed permissions
  - Actual permissions granted is intersection of the permissions granted by all policies



Managing Security Policies



- Manage permission using .NET configuration tool



Security Policy

- .NET defines three policies
  - Enterprise
  - Machine
  - User
- Each policy defines code groups
- Each policy defines its own permission sets
- Can customize policies
  - Demo

.NET Security

- When assembly loaded
  - Assembly classified to code group in policies
  - Intersecting policy calculated
- Framework classes have built-in security demands
  - Indicate type of operation requested
  - Indicate security action and time
- When assembly tries to perform operation
  - Granted access to resource
    or
    Security exception

.NET Security

- CLR must verify permission of chain of callers
  - Not good enough if component has permission but not upstream caller
  - Verify using stack walk
- Resource demand for security permission verification triggers stack walk
  - If even one caller does not have permission -> security exception
- Administrative security is independent of actual component code

Security Architecture Benefits

- User gets consistent experience
  - Files, scripts, exe, controls…
  - No need for runtime user decision
- One place for policy administration
- Developer focuses on business logic
  - .NET provides security

.NET Adherence to CO Principles

- The software development crisis
  - Skill gap
  - Developers lack effective component-oriented design skills
  - Little or no formal resources
  - Aggressive deadlines
  - Tight budgets
  - Putting off fires
- Skill gap most apparent in adherence to component development principles
  - Object-oriented concepts are easier to understand and apply

.NET Adherence to CO Principles

- Primary goal of .NET to simplify development and use of binary components
- .NET does not enforce some of the core principles
  - Separation of interface from implementation
  - Allows binary inheritance of implementation
- .NET enforces few of the concepts and enables the rest
  - Catering to both ends of the skill spectrum

.NET Adherence to CO Principles

- Report card

Principle	Grade
Separation of interface from implementation	B
Binary compatibility	A
Language independence	A
Location transparency	B
Concurrency management	C
Version control	A
Component-based security	A

.NET Component-Oriented Development Process

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Outline

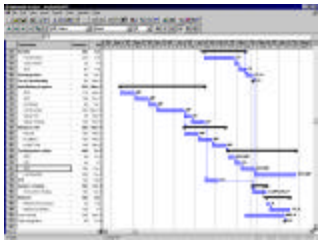
- Overview
- Project planning
- Estimation and tracking
- Documentation
- Requirement management and traceability
- Configuration management
- SQA
- Other issues

Objectives

- Describe only the way key process areas are affected by component oriented product
  - Each area has much more to it
- Process is compatible with CMM level 2-3
- Suitable for small teams (<7)
  - Scaleable ?
- Everything described is practiced in real life
- Metrics and the charts are normalized projects data

Project Planning

- Staffing
- Product life cycle
- Components integration plan
- Component life cycle



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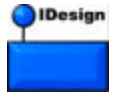

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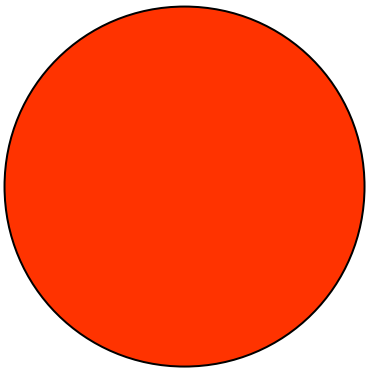

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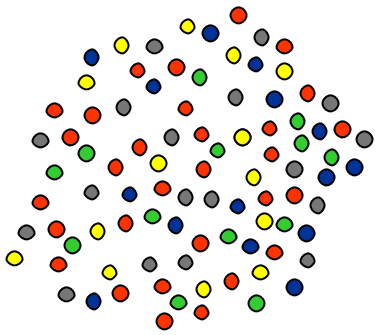

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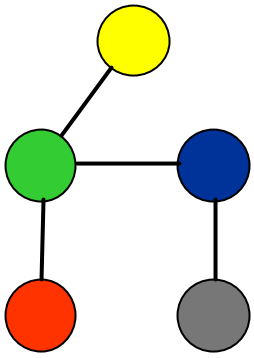

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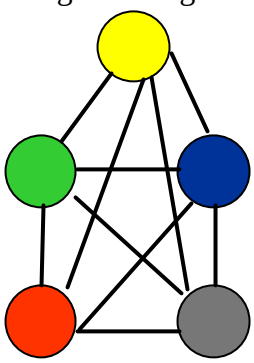
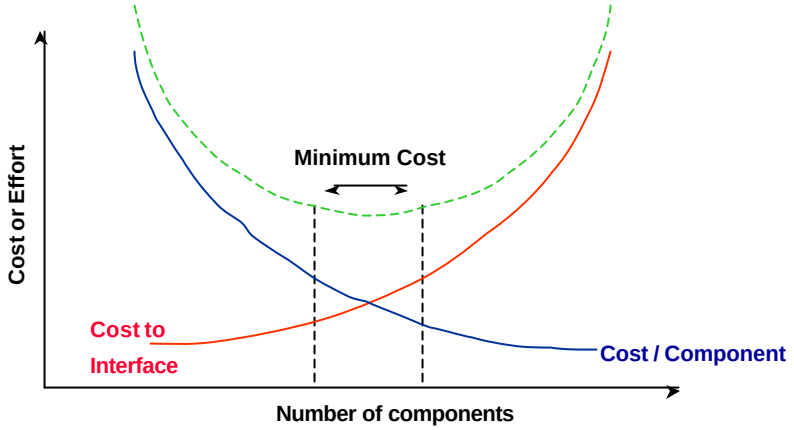


Staffing

- Balance number of components with development effort

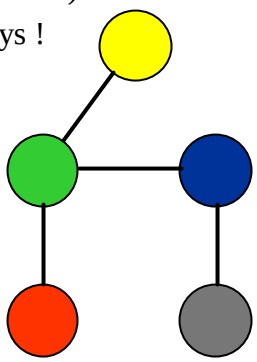


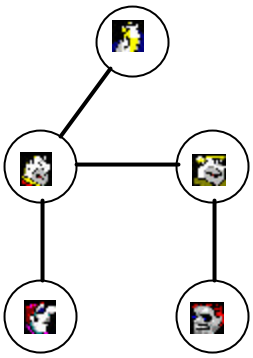
Staffing

- Not having a skilled architect is the #1 technology risk
  - Rather than the technology itself !
- Requirements analysis and architecture are contemplative time consuming activates
  - More firepower does not expedite
  - Single architect usually suffices
  - In large projects, have a senior architect and a junior/apprentice
- Assign a component to individual developer (1:1)
- Assembly boundary is team boundary

Staffing

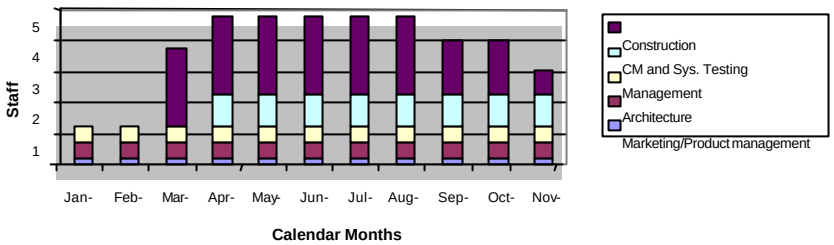
- Interaction between team members is isomorphic to interaction between components
- A good design (minimized interactions, loose coupling, encapsulation) minimizes communication overhead
- Both ways !





Staffing Distribution

- Get an architect
- Architect breaks product into components
- Avoid up-front staffing, crude decomposition and assignment



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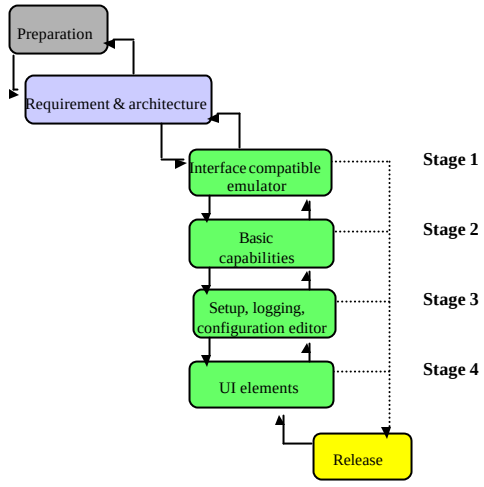

Components Integration Plan

- Derived from components dependency graph
- Start bottom-up
- Avoids “big-bang” syndrome
- Risk reduction oriented
  - Incompatibility discovered early
- Daily builds and smoke tests to test evolving system
  - Regression if needed
- Incrementally build a system
  - Provide a tested working system at each functional increment

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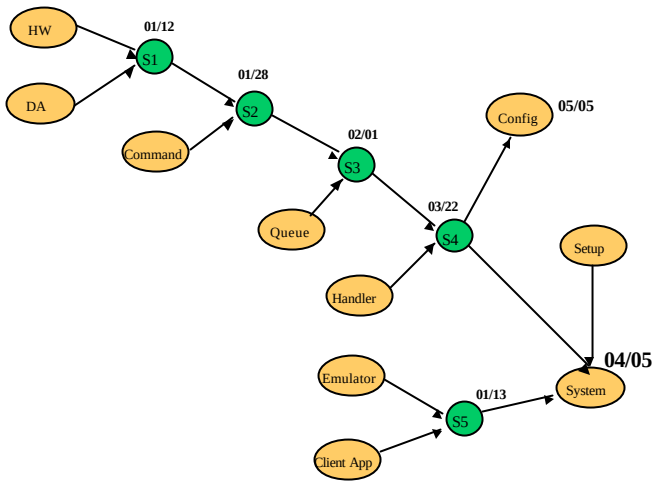

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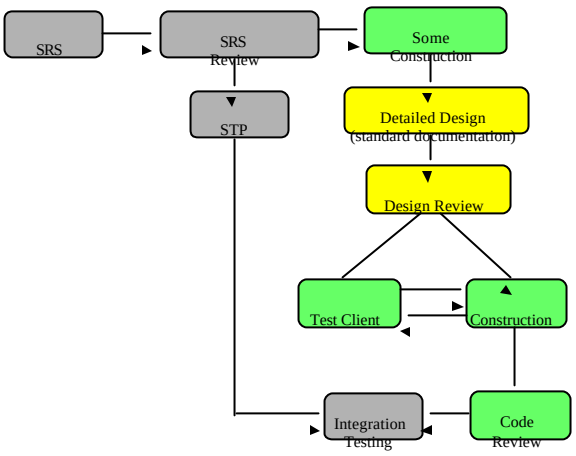

Component Testing

- EVERY component has its own testing environment
- Visible signs of progress to management
- Spice up “boring” testing
- Test all method calls, call backs and errors (white box)
- Fall back to isolate problems
- Assumption - no need to test the ***test*** SW
- System level test SW is provided to customer as well

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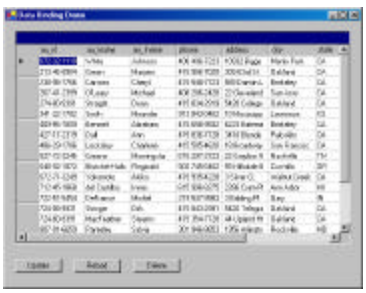
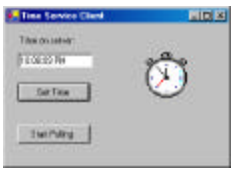
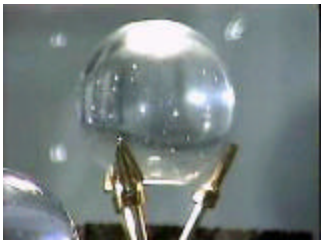




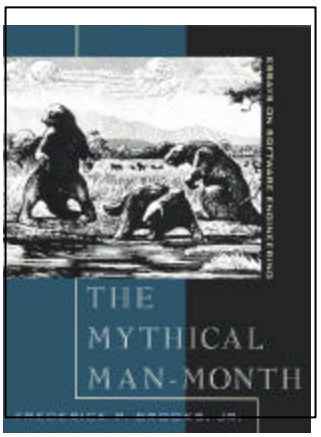
Estimation and Tracking

- Component-based effort estimation
- Component-based earned value tracking

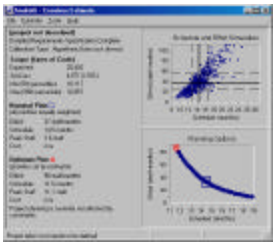


There is No Silver Bullet

- .NET projects do not take less than Windows DNA projects
  - Marginal overall improvement in time to market
  - Applications are more complex



Component-Based Effort Estimation



- Use estimation tools
- Team members participate in estimation
- Itemize lifecycle of all components
  - Do not omit:
    - Learning curves
    - Test clients
    - Installation
    - Integration points
    - Peer reviews
    - Documentation

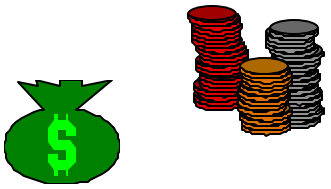
Component Based Effort Estimation

Requirements List and Resouces Allocation

	Owner	Status % Completed	% Remainder	Planning and Design	Construction (code, test)	System testing		Size by LOC
Perform market research	JL	100%	0%	30				
SW development plan	JL	75%	25%	12				
Prototype SW interfaces	JL	100%	0%	7				
SRS	JL	75%	25%	15				
Test plan	QA	0%	0%	10				
Configuration management plan	JL	50%	50%	5				
Build environment	JL	100%	0%	10				
Requirements management	JL	25%	75%	15				
detailed estimation	JL,FN	25%	75%	2				
User manual	MW	25%	75%		30			
Architecture	JL	75%	25%	35				
SW Detailed design	JL	25%	75%		20			
Serial communication	JL	75%	25%		30	10		1355
Emulator	CP	0%	100%		10	5		810
Commands queue	JL	25%	75%		20	10		1236
Modular handler	CP	0%	100%		20	10		2300
Error handling	CP,JL	0%	100%		15	5		500
Error logging	CP	0%	100%		10	3		500
Installation program	KD	0%	100%	15	30	20		2500
Configuration editor	KD	0%	100%	15	30	15		3500
Integration and testing	QA, KD, CP, JL	0%	100%		60	140		
Client application	KD	0%	100%	15	30	10		2000
Commands	CP	0%	100%	5	10	5		820
Save Type	CP	0%	100%		3			2000
Release activities	QA, KD, CP, JL	0%	100%		60	60		
Project Management	FN, JL	5%	95%	81				
Total by Category (man day)				272	378	293	943	
Total by category (man month)				13.6	18.9	24.4	56.9	
Total (man month)								
Total - Zise								17521.0
Training				40				
C++				120				
NT				20				
MFC				120				
Win32 Interface				120				
COM				240				
Advance COM				240				
Domain Knowledge				120				
Total Training				1020				
Total Training (man-month)				51				
Stage 3								
UI Elements				30	40	20		
Wafer ID				10	15	10		
Carted ID				10	15	10		
Wafer Management				30	40	20		
Advanced error logging				10	20	5		
Total				4.3	6.2	3.1		

Earned Value Tracking

- Assign value of work item for the completion of component
- Compare earned value (sum of all accomplished activities across components) against effort spent
- Can predict completion date and costs



Earned Value - Example

Activity	Effort Estimated	Earned Value
Architecture	40 days	20 %
DB Comp.	30 days	15 %
UI Comp.	40 days	20 %
Control comp.	20 days	10%
Queue Comp.	40 days	20 %
System Testing	30 days	15 %
Total	200 days	100 %

Earned Value - Example

- When requirements, DD and test plan completed, the component is 45% done

Activity Phase	% Completed
Detailed Requirement	15
Detailed Design	20
Test Plan	10
Construction	40
Documentation	15

Earned Value - Example

- Finding accumulated earned value:

Activity	Effort Estimated	Accomplished	Earned Value
Architecture	20 %	100 %	20 %
DB Comp.	15 %	75 %	11.25 %
UI Comp.	20 %	45 %	9 %
Control Comp	10 %	0 %	0 %
Queue	20 %	0 %	0 %
Sys. Testing	15 %	0 %	0 %
Total			40.25 %

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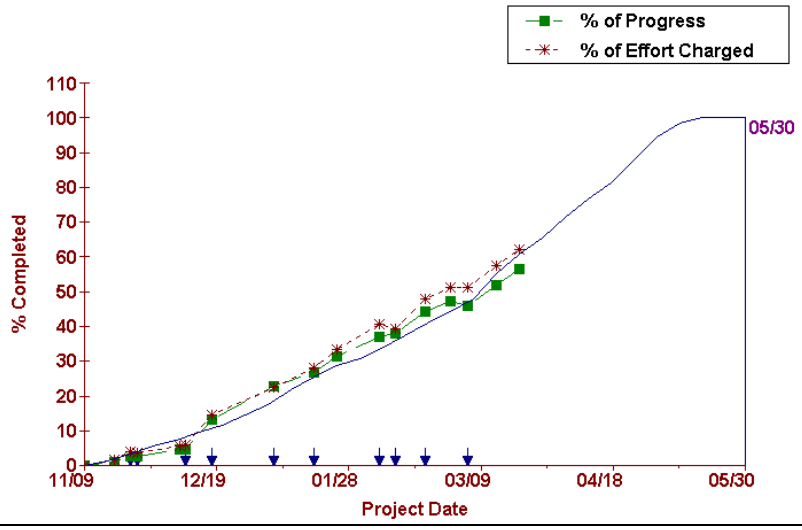

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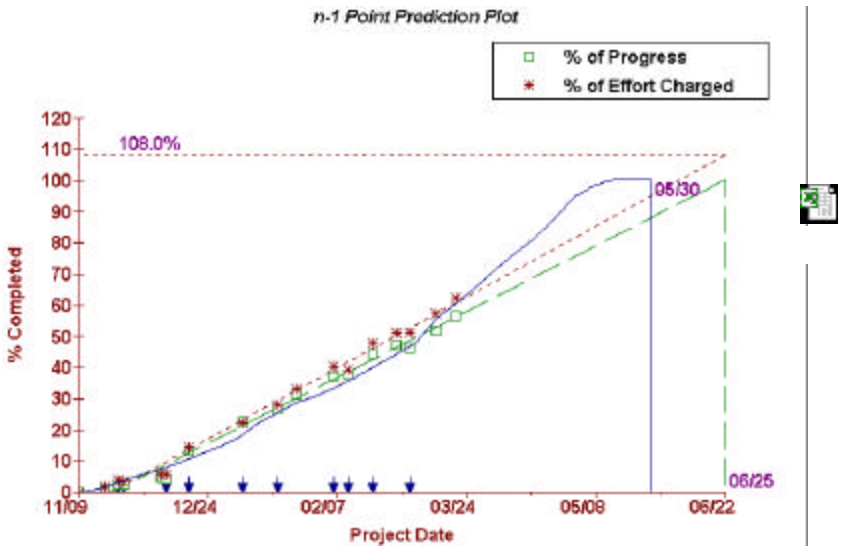
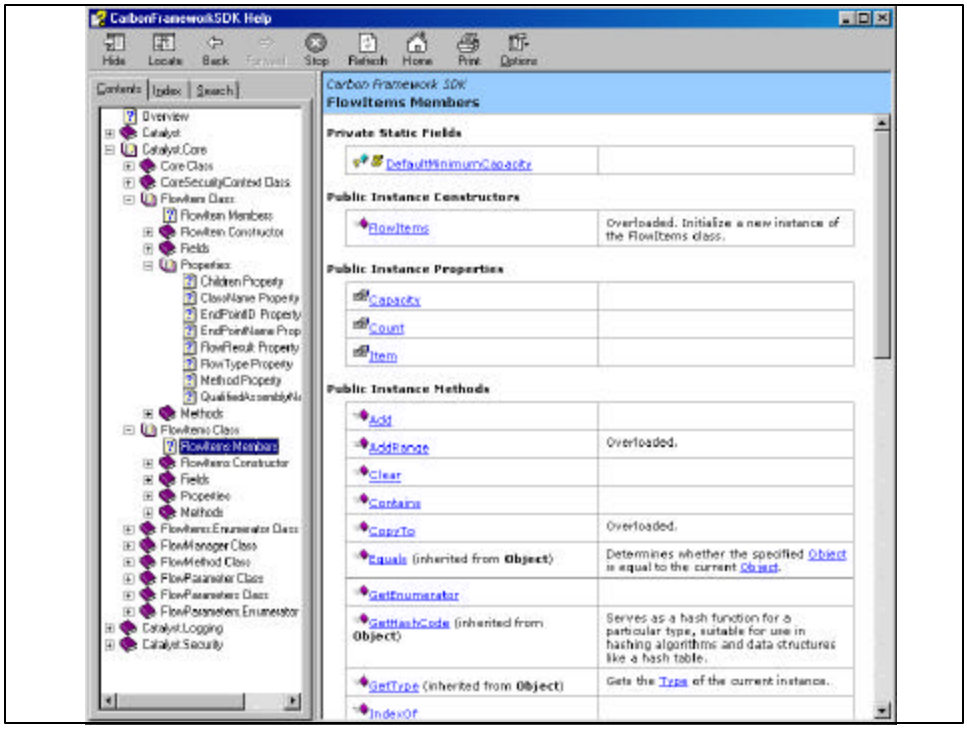


Documentation

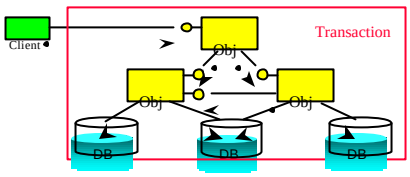
The SDD

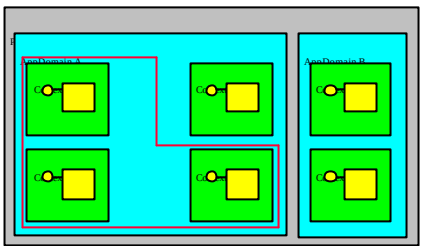
- External documentation
- Contains
  - Project overview
  - Operational concept
  - Assumptions, sequence of executions
  - All components and interfaces
  - Scenarios and interactions
  - Sample code
- Available on project web site
- Uses framework standard format



The SDD

- SDD should contain context maps
  - Concurrency
  - Security
  - Transaction
- Context maps are some of the most important items you will design and document

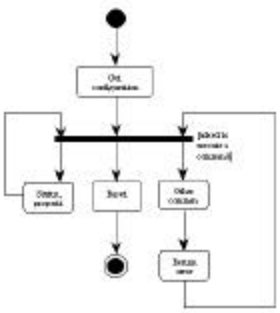




Requirement Management and Traceability

Requirement Management and Traceability

- Base Software Requirement Spec (SRS) on use cases
- Describe use cases graphically in UML activities diagrams
  - The required dynamic behavior of the system



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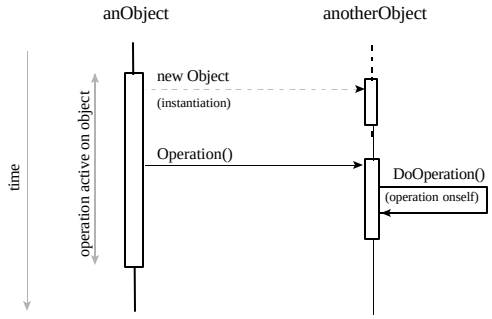
- After breaking the product to components, factor interfaces using UML interaction diagrams:



- Interaction diagram per use case/activity diagram

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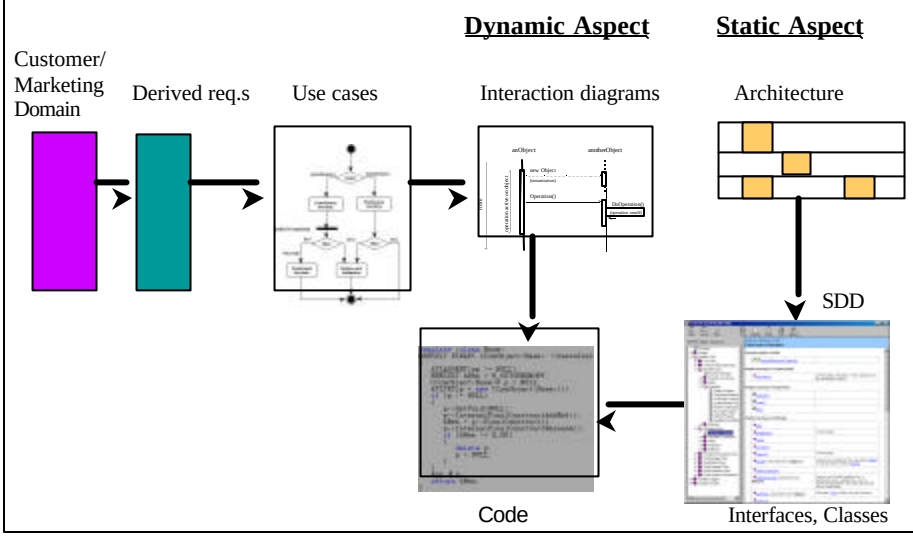
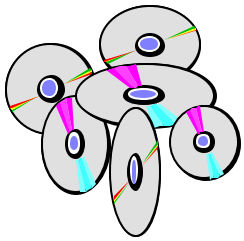
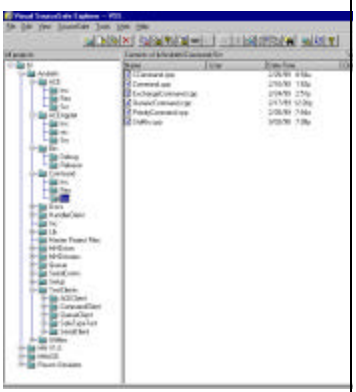


Configuration Management and Source Control



Source Control

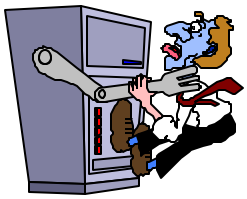
- Each assembly kept separate
  - Standard folders structure
  - History, branches
  - Component documents
  - Client and test software
- Daily builds (automated) and daily smoke test
- Integrated with VS.NET
- Connected to project web site
  - Some component are available separately



Build Environment

- Customize it !
- One container solution, grouping many sub projects
- Automate activities:
  - COM export and registration
  - Installing in the GAC
  - Setup projects
- One click to build, set up, deploy, test

SQC



SQC

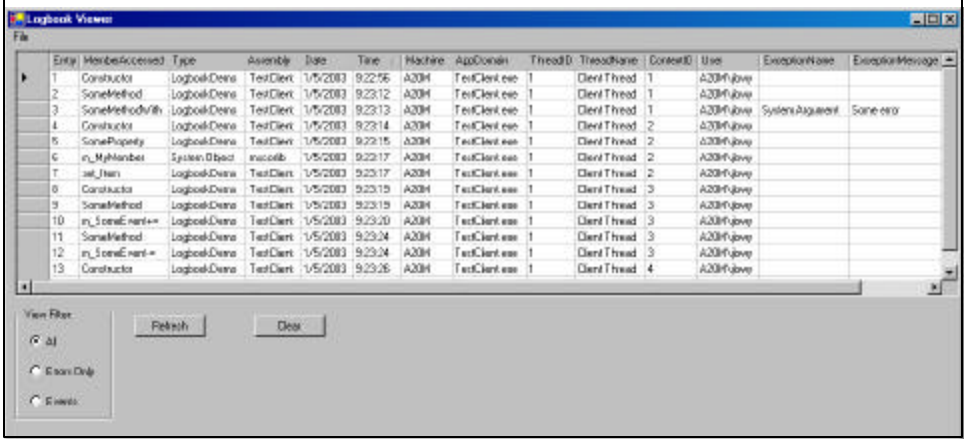
- Test plan per component and for the system
  - Based on the component SRS and use cases
- EVERY component has its own testing environment
  - Invoke all methods, call backs and error handlers (white box)
  - Fall back to isolate problems
  - Testing performed by the developers
- SQC performs
  - System level testing only
  - Daily builds and smoke test (automated)

0 Tolerance to Defects

- At any given time, a component has zero bugs <Period>
  - Components must be rock solid
  - Added inherit complexity in component-based application
- Defensive programming
  - Assert every assumption
- Component is stand alone
- Log files
  - Interleaved entries
- Average lifespan of a bug is a few minutes

Logbook

- Logbook/flight recorder
  - Verbosity levels



Other Issues

- Simulation and Emulation
- Training
- Peer Reviews
- Metrics
- Visibility to Management

Simulation and Emulation

- Every component has both simulator and emulator
  - Emulation returns “success” on every call, easy to develop
  - Simulator is as real as the component
    - Manages state
- Both are useful
  - Development - give your client the interfaces early
  - Debugging
  - Demo
  - Not changing the DB, access the HW, etc.
  - Trigger rare conditions, errors
  - Automate smoke tests
- Should be able to switch modes programmatically

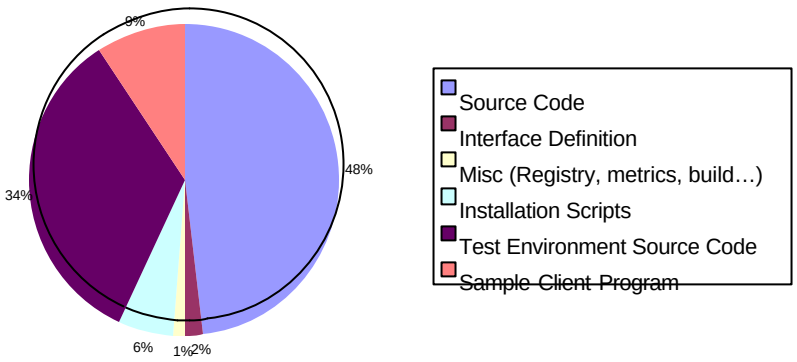
Training

- Internal training sessions
- External courses
- Staff mentoring
- Each SW engineers should have:
  - A pile of books to read (7”)
  - Articles
- Emphasis on deductive knowledge sharing

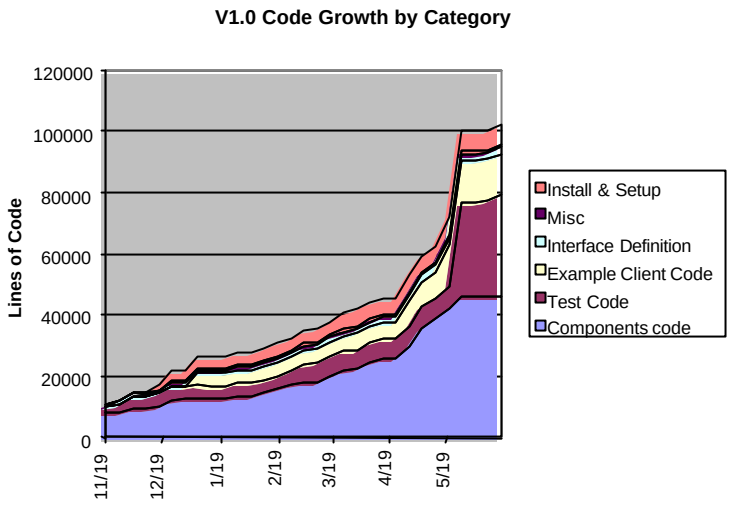
Peer Reviews

- What to review
  - Component requirement reviews
  - Component test plan reviews
  - Component design reviews
  - Code reviews (ALL the core code is reviewed)
- Techniques
  - Formal review
  - Walk through
  - Buddy programming
- High degree of mutual involvement
  - Strict coding standards are a necessity
  - Team spirit and vision for producing highest quality work

Metrics - Code Categories



Metrics - Code Growth



Management Visibility

- Risk management
- Frequent "push" status reports
  - Components integration points are your mile stones
  - Earned value charts
- Frequent demos (component testers)

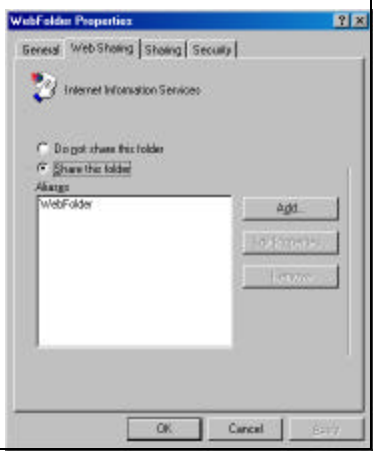
Summary

- You cannot successfully apply .NET without a mature process supporting you
- Process is not time consuming or difficult
- Your team will be highly productive
- High degree of discipline is required
  - Be a “believer”
- Quality leads to productivity - you do not spend time debugging !

.NET Current and Future Trends

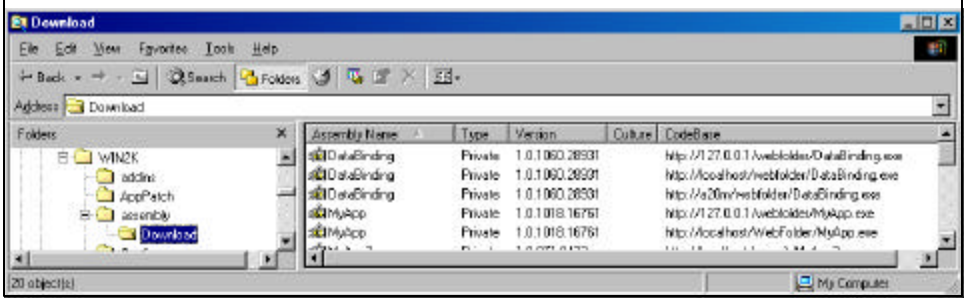
Streaming Windows Forms

- Apply web share on a folder
- Send the link!



Streaming Windows Forms

- At client machine, application placed in Download Assembly Cache
  - .NET remembers origin
  - Assembly executes with appropriate security policy

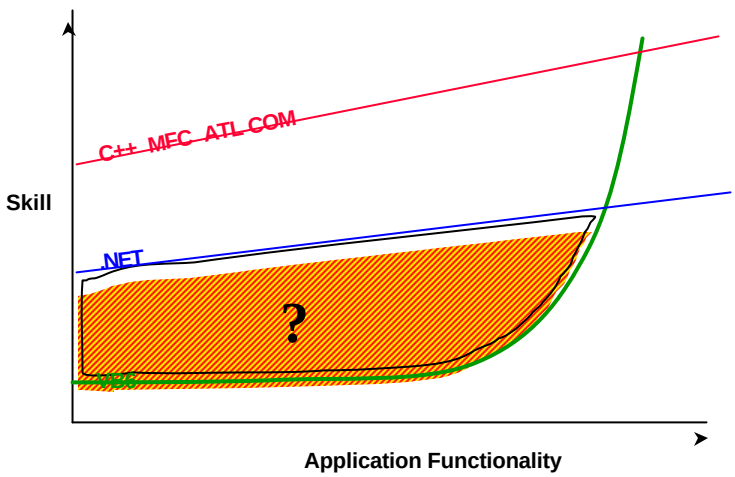


Streaming Windows Forms

- Death of the browser as front-end
- Can still be a web application
  - Use web services to connect to remote server

Feature	Windows Forms	ASP.NET
Rich UI	+	-
Ease of development	+	-
Easy deployment	+	+
Web access to server	+	+
Multi platform support	-	-

C# and VB.NET Future Trends



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C# and VB.NET Future Trends

- C# will evolve to best serve the Enterprise market
  - Amortized over 5 or 7 years of lifecycle, time saved using RAD tool is insignificant
  - Real question is cost of long-term maintenance
    - Proper design and architecture
    - Quality of components
    - Overall quality and extensibility
    - Abstractions
    - Component and interface factoring
  - Generics, iterators, tools

.NET Future Roadmap

- .NET 1.0 timeline
  - Alpha - 07/00
  - Beta 1 - 11/00
  - Release - 02/02
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  - Beta 1 - 11/06
  - Release - 02/08

Wild Speculation

.NET Future Roadmap

- .NET 2.0 (2005)
  - Streaming applications
  - Native WSE support
    - Security, transactions, messaging, concurrency
  - C# 2.0
    - Generics, iterators, partial classes, anonymous methods
  - VB.NET 2.0
    - RAD-ness, VB6 like tool
  - Facelift for the application frameworks
  - SQL Server as a host
    - Yukon

.NET Future Roadmap

- .NET 3.0 (2006-2008)
  - Grand unification theory
  - Managed OS
    - Longhorn client/server OS
  - Operation system for the Web
    - GXA (2006/2008)

.NET 2.0 ClickOnce

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The Challenge

- Conflicting goals:
  - Delivering richest possible experience for users
  - Delivering applications and components to user's desktop with minimal effort and cost
  - Keeping applications and components up to date
  - Supporting disconnected / mobile scenarios
- Deployment and maintenance are significant cost factors in every application lifecycle

The Solution

- ClickOnce
  - Windows rich client deployment technology
  - .NET Framework 2.0 Feature
  - Addresses all conflicting goals

ClickOnce Concept

- Single action to execute an application
  - Clicking a link or shortcut
- If application not on user's machine, download
- Once application is on user's machine, run in security sandbox
- If new version placed on server, automatically or manually updates
- Allow offline/disconnected use

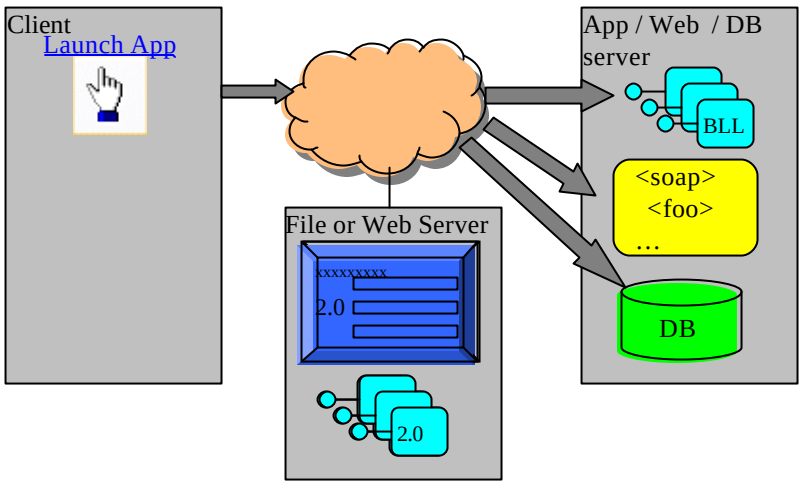
ClickOnce Features

- Application and components deployment via
  - Web
  - Network file share
  - Removable media (i.e. CD)
- Simple end-user installation
- Trustworthy deployment and execution
  - Code-access security protected
  - Security policy deployment
- Updates and versioning
- Disconnected mode support
- Bootstrap installation

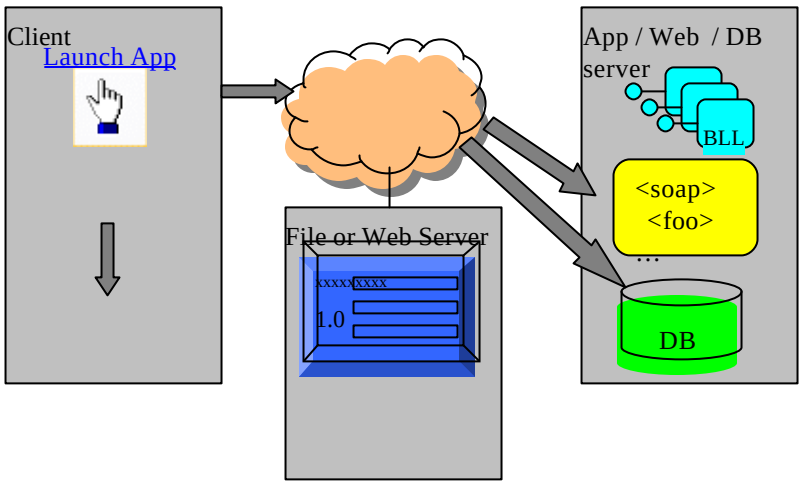
Designing for ClickOnce

- Line-of-business rich client application
  - Including logic/resource components
  - Client machine requires .NET 2.0
- Connecting to business or data services:
  - Web Services
  - Database connection
  - Remoting
  - Enterprise Services
  - Indigo
- Application deployment and updates
  - Can be any web platform - .NET not required
    - But easiest with .NET

ClickOnce in Action



Scaling Out with ClickOnce



ClickOnce Summary

- Enables rich client replacement of web apps in most cases of distributed applications
  - Better user experience
  - Faster time to market
  - Easier maintenance and TCO
  - Secure installation and execution
  - Web access to server
  - Flexible deployment / update options
- Consider ClickOnce capabilities for future Intranet applications

Indigo

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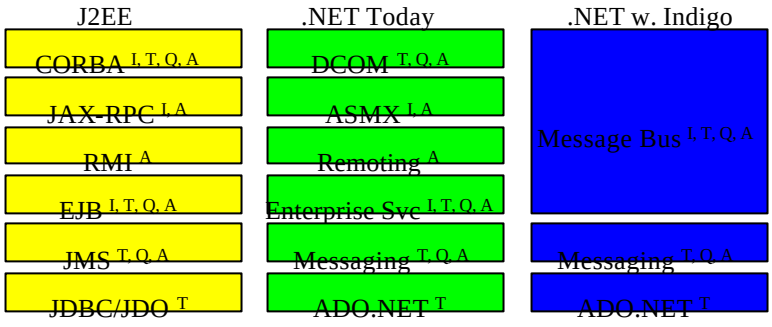
Indigo Goals

- Unify remoting component technologies
  - .NET Remoting
  - Enterprise services
  - Web services (including WSE)
  - Messaging (MSMQ, WS-Conversation)
- Provide for all components (including local)
  - Efficient, easy atomic transactions
  - Unified serialization architecture
- Compliance with WS-Standards and GXA

Distributed Component Stack



I= interop, T=transaction, Q=queuing, A=async

Indigo Reliable Messaging

- Datagram
  - No reliability
- Request/response
  - Remoting
- Dialog
  - Complex and reliable
  - Transient
  - Persistent with transaction
  - Persistent without transaction

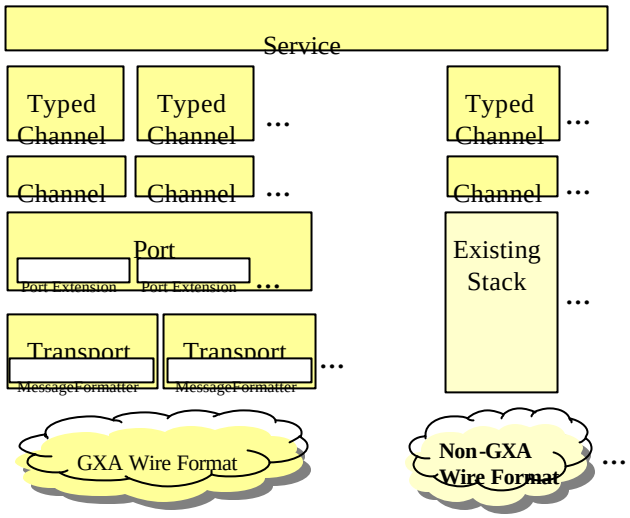
Indigo Transaction Support

- Local transaction
  - On demand promoted to distributed
  - Supports WS-AT
- Distributed transaction
  - Local or wide area

Indigo Security

- Security
- Policy
- Trust
- Secure conversation
- Privacy
- Federation
- Authorization

Indigo Programming



Indigo Programming

- Server Code

```
[DatagramPortType(Name="Hello"),Options=DialogPortTypeOptions.InOrder]
public class Hello
{
    [ServiceMethod]
    [Transacted(AutoBegin.Required)]
    [SecureMethod(Role="HelloServiceClient",Encryption=true)]
    public string Greeting(string str)
    {
       return "Hello" + str;
    }
}
```

- Client Code

```
HelloService service = new HelloService();
service.Greeting("IDesign");
```

Indigo Benefits

- Simple, productive programming model
  - Attributes
  - XML configuration
  - Select model
    - Server client model (similar to remoting)
    - Message oriented model (similar to queuing)
- Extensible
- Interoperable
- Better serialization architecture

Q&A

Resources

- Programming .NET components
  - By Juval Lowy, O'Reilly 2003
- www.idesign.net
  - Code library
  - Coding standard
- .NET Master Class
  - 3-4 annually
  - Upcoming events on www.idesign.net