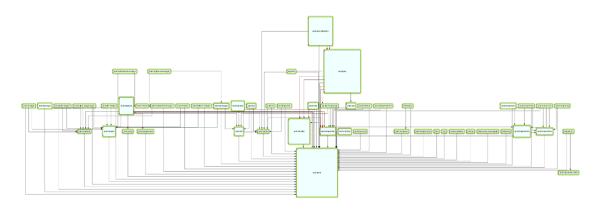


What is Quality Software Architecture?

Do you understand the architecture of your software? The words "architecture documentation" often conjure images of whiteboards full of circles and arrows or dusty documents that have been neglected over years of development. While once useful, both are likely lacking in consistency and correctness. As the structure of modern codebases becomes more complex, it becomes similarly more important for the modern technical leader to not only understand the architecture of their software but actively manage its growth over time.

Understanding the componentization of your software is critical, and complexity can grow out of control if mismanaged. As developers work making software, it is natural to group similarly functioning files together into single logical pieces or components – this is a healthy practice that helps control the complexity of individual portions of software. However, in most cases, this is where the story ends. Without management, these emergent components can grow too large, begin to lack consistent APIs, lose their private/public separation of concern, or become tangled haphazardly together. This sort of component mismanagement increases development costs and increases the likelihood of serious defects both in development and in the field.



Effectively and continuously managing software architecture does not need to be a costly exercise. Here are the **5 keys to effective component management**:

- Ensure each file is owned by one, and only one, component.
- Ensure each component separates public APIs from private details.
- Ensure the incoming and outgoing dependencies for each component are well understood and only exercise public APIs.
- Ensure components are structured in a hierarchy with a top (like a UI), middle (like business logic), and bottom (like database access).
- Ensure your componentization evolves with your software and can be regularly audited over time.

Silverthread CodeMRI® Blueprint makes component management simple.

Blueprint provides an intuitive interface to not only specify components and their structure but also manage component evolution. Blueprint allows modern technology leaders a way to understand where the actual structure of their software differs from the specification by quickly auditing the entire codebase for common mistakes such as API circumvention, or component misuse. Graphical diagrams and a robust query interface make continuous and accurate component management a reality.

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