# An Introduction to Software Architecture Case Studies

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#### **KWIC**

#### Key Word In Context (KWIC)

- Search index
  - searching for keywords with context sensitive display
  - provides the user with more information

#### Harry Potter

About 49,700,000 results (0.25 seconds)

#### Harry Potter - The Official Site A

The Official **Harry Potter** Website offers content, games and activities which seamlessly extend the magical world of **Harry Potter** beyond the big screen.

harrypotter.warnerbros.com/ - Cached - Similar

#### Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince :

**Harry Potter** and the Half-Blood Prince. Voldemort is tightening his grip on both the Muggle and wizarding worlds and Hogwarts is no longer the safe haven it ...

harrypotter.warnerbros.com/harrypotterandthehalf.../index.html - Cached - Similar

#### Harry Potter - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia 🏗

**Harry Potter** is a series of seven fantasy novels written by the British author J. K. Rowling. The books chronicle the adventures of the adolescent wizard ...

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry Potter - Cached - Similar

#### Harry Potter (film series) - Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

The **Harry Potter** film series is based on the seven **Harry Potter** novels by British author J. K. Rowling and, when complete, will consist of eight ...

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Harry\_Potter\_(film\_series) - Cached - Similar

♣ Show more results from en.wikipedia.org



# Example

#### Input: Titles

- Clouds are white
- Ottawa is beautiful

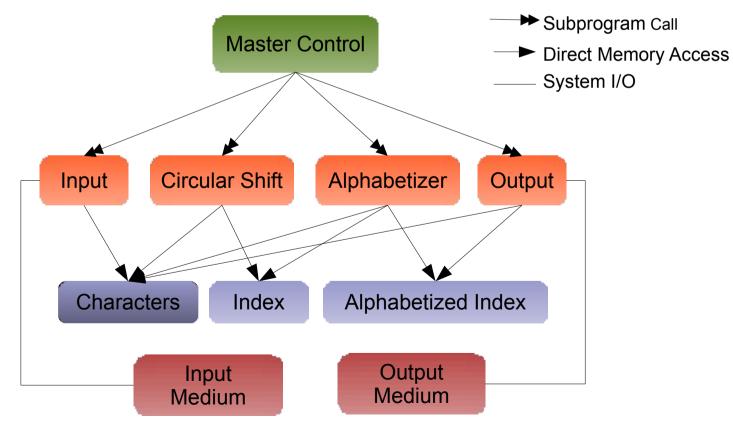
#### Output: Index

- are white Clouds
- beautiful Ottawa is
- Clouds are white
- is beautiful Ottawa
- Ottawa is beautiful
- white Clouds are



#### Main Program/Subroutine with Shared Data

- Functional decomposition
- Components are subroutines





#### Strengths

- Centralized data
  - efficient representation of data
- Modular decomposition

#### Weaknesses

- Resistant to change
  - consider the impact of data storage format
  - difficult to enhance the overall functionality
  - reuse of component is difficult

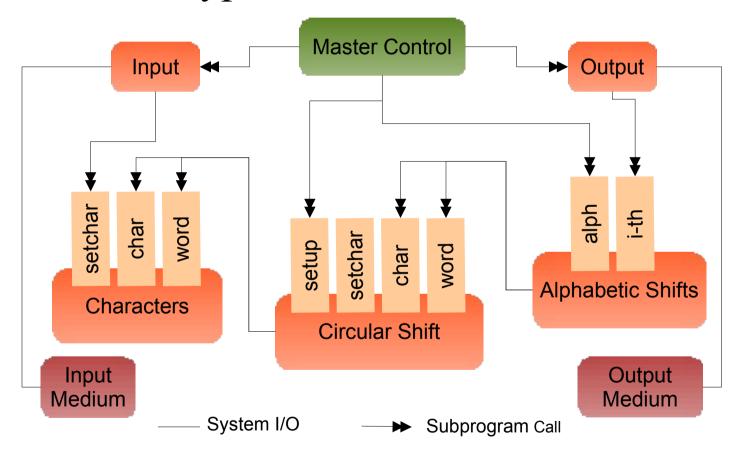


#### Abstract Data Types

- Similar to one with data encapsulation
  - data access via component interface invocation
  - no direct data access
- Components similar to solution 1



#### Abstract Data Types





#### Advantages

- Handles change well
  - algorithm and data are encapsulated in individual modules
- Reuse
  - modules interact via defined interfaces

#### Disadvantages

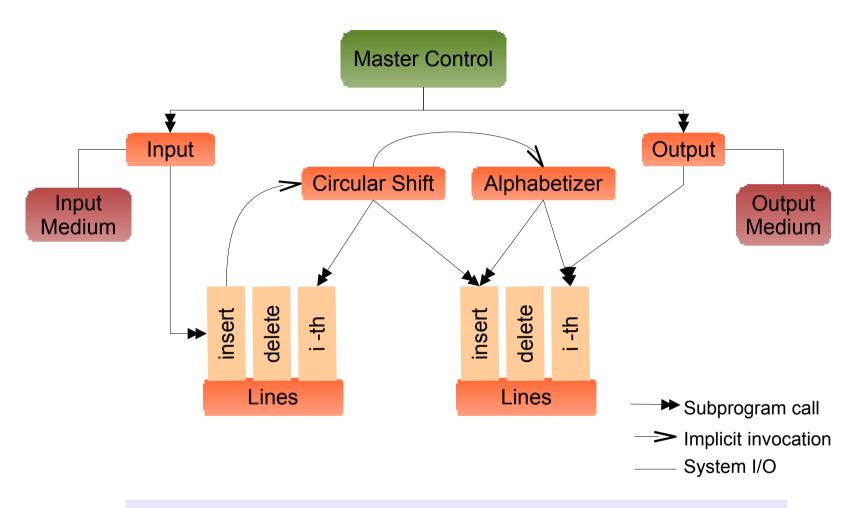
- Evolution still a problem
  - to add new features may require changes to existing or addition of new components



#### Implicit Invocation

- Similar to solution 1
  - shared data
- Two main differences
  - data is more abstract
    - underlying storage is not exposed to components
  - components are invoked implicitly
    - e.g. when a line is added





Calls to circular shift and alphabetizer are implicit, and are the result of inserting lines



#### Advantages

- Strong evolution path
  - functional enhancements are easy
  - new components can be attached and removed
  - components are shielded from data storage representation
    - REALLY WHY?
- Minimal component coupling/dependency
  - data events are the source of all interactions



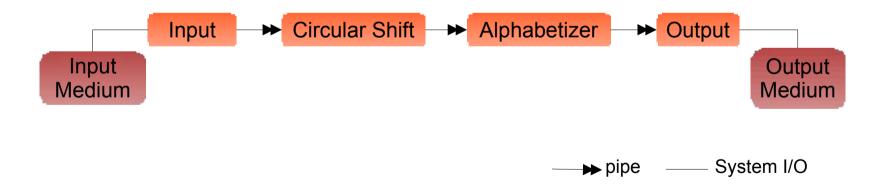
#### Disadvantages

- Difficult to control the ordering of processing
- Requires more storage capacity
  - IS THIS REALLY A DISADVANTAGE?



#### Pipes & Filters

- Four filters
  - input, shift, alphabetize, output
  - each filter can compute when data is available at the input
  - data sharing is restricted by pipes





#### Advantages

- Intuitive flow of processing
- Reuse
- Evolution
  - new filters can be easily added



#### Disadvantage

- Virtually impossible to support an interactive system
- Is this a true pipes & filters?
  - consider the data flow
- What is the LCD data unit?



# Comparison

	Shared Memory	ADT	Implicit Invocation	Pipe & Filter
change in algorithm	×	×	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
change in data representation	×	~	×	×
change in functionality	~	×	~	~
performance	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>	×	×
reuse	×	~	×	•



# Reading

#### Will be on exam

- Case Study 2: Instrumentation Software
- Case Study 3: A Fresh View of Compilers

#### Will not be on exam

- Case Study 4: A Layered Design with Different Styles for the Layers
- Case Study 5: An Interpreter Using Different Idioms for the Components

