EARLY SIZING OF REQUIREMENTS FOR ESTIMATION PURPOSES

MODULE 3: EARLY SIZING & NON-FUNCTIONAL REQUIREMENTS (NFR)

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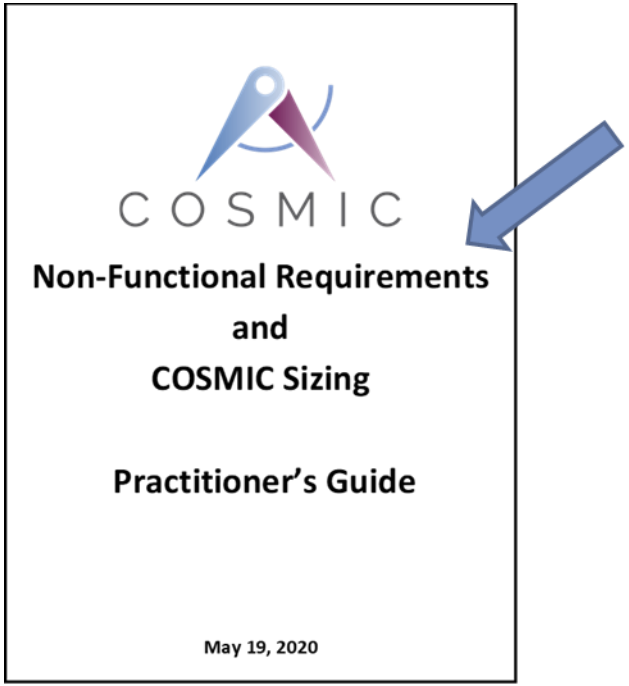
A Tutorial with COSMIC Sizing – ISO 19761

Introduction

- Presents Early Sizing of software functions derived from System NFR (Non functional requirements)
  - This tutorial **does not** include **effort estimation**.



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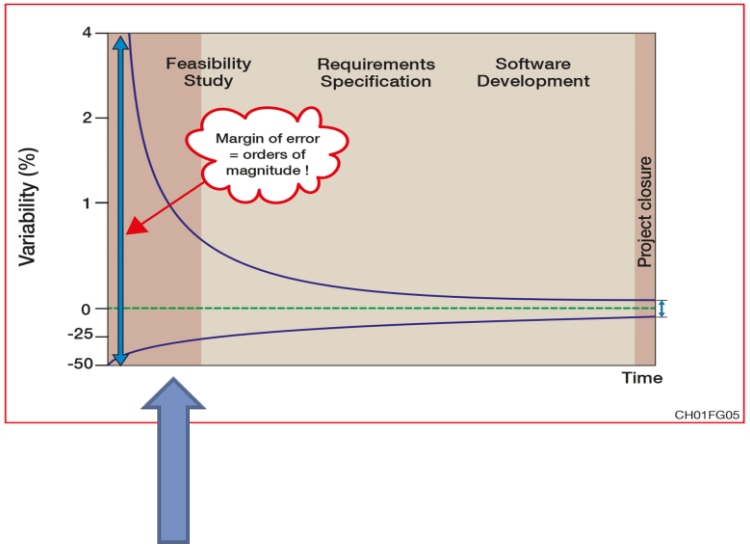
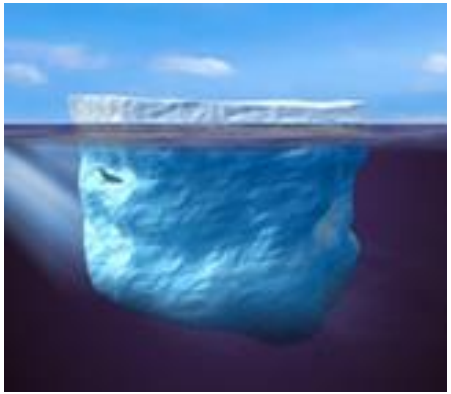
Key concepts

Early in the lifecycle:

- Requirements do not describe the full scope of functionality of the software with all the necessary functional details.
  - Most of the time: requirements will be detailed & changed as the project moves through the life cycle.



Key Concept: from Simple to Complex Software



What is visible at Early requirements Phase

Contextual

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2. Scope
3. Product perspective
4. Product functions
5. User characteristics
6. Limitations
7. Assumptions & dependencies
8. Apportioning of requirements
9. Specified requirements

1. Verification
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External Interfaces

Functions

Non-Functional & Quality

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3. Logical database requirements
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Non-functional requirements (distinctions)

- There are types of requirements that cannot become functional:
  - Organizational constraints (location of operations, equipment used, compliance with standards)
  - Certain environmental constraints (e.g. interoperability)
  - Implementation constraints (development language, delivery date)

- There are types of requirements that can be non-functional and become operational:
  - Quality constraints (reliability, efficiency)
  - Environmental constraints (safety)

Non-Functional Requirements (NFR)

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Non-Functional Requirements and COSMIC Sizing

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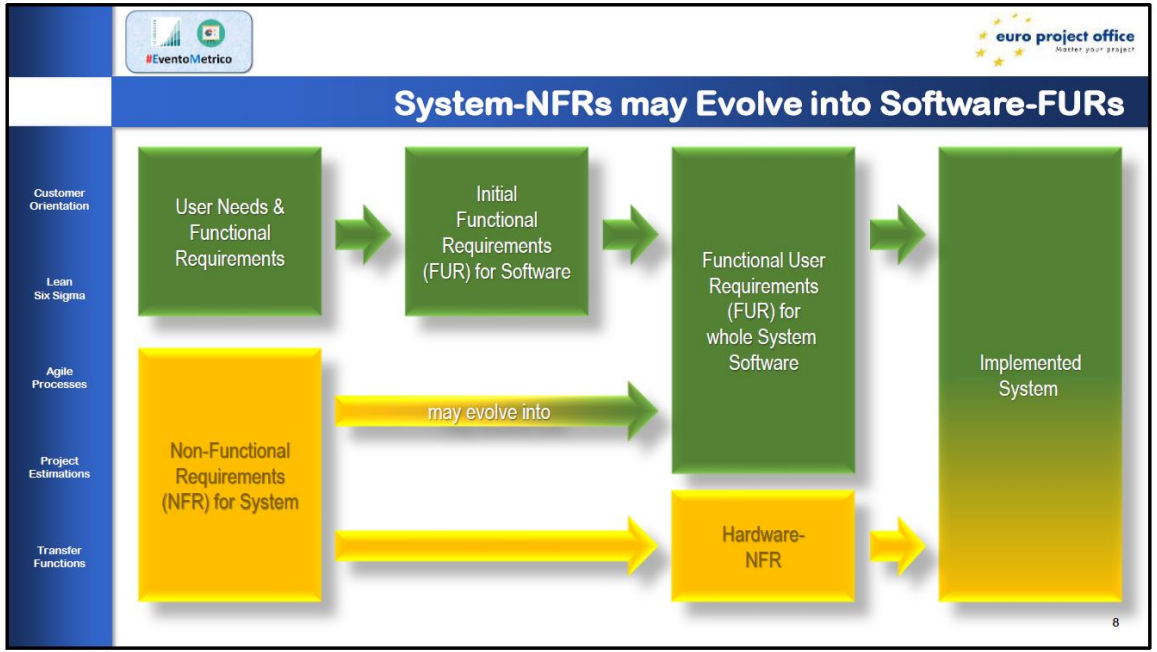

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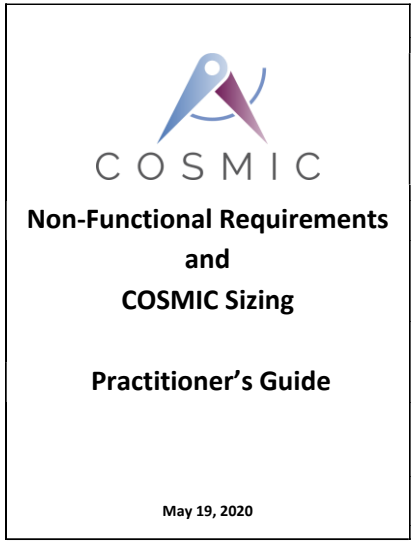
NFR in Systems Standards



A- List of System-NFRs

Id.	NFR	Standards used
1	Performance	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
2	Maintainability	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
3	Portability	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
4	Security	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
5	Reliability	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
6	Interfaces	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
7	Operations	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
8	Adaptation & Installation	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
9	Safety	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
10	Resources	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
11	Human Factors	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
12	Data Definition & Data Bases	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
13	Configuration	ECSS-ISO-IEEE
14	Design	ECSS-ISO-IEEE

Some System NFR can be allocated to software & sized

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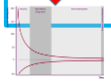
External Interfaces → **Software Functions**

Functions → **Detailed Software Functions**



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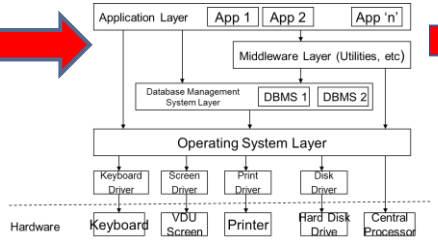
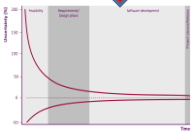


Software Functions



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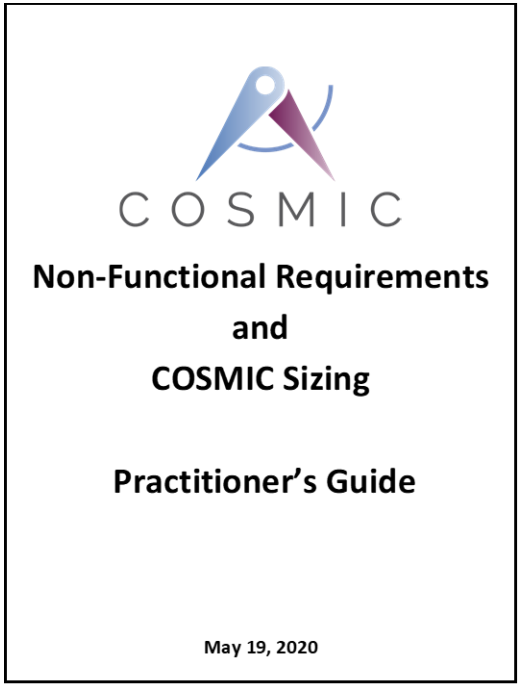
NFR Example: System Security Requirements



4. Systems Security Requirements

ID	System Security Requirements		
	Model	**Sub-models**	**Functions**
4	System Security Environment (SSE)	System confidentiality	[1] Identification function [2] Authentication function [3] Authorization function
		System availability	[4] Network redundancy function [5] Power redundancy function [6] Automatic restart function
		System integrity	[7] Backup data function [8] Firewall function [9] Antivirus function [10]External PKI function [11]Encryption\decryption function

System Security NFR -Example

ATM System security requirements defined in Meridji *et al.* :

- Requirement 1: the customer must insert his bank card into the ATM, allowing the latter to identify the customer.
- Requirement 2: After the customer inserts the card, the system extracts the encrypted PIN and asks the user to enter their 8-digit PIN using the keypad to authenticate their identity.
- Requirement 3: If the customer is authenticated, the ATM system must ensure that the customer's daily withdrawals do not exceed $800. Once verified, the customer can access the system.

Security Identification of requirements & control plans

ATM Security Services has a number of control plans:

- User-plan **Authentication**: Determines at the start of the connection that the calling and/or called party identities are authentic.
- User-plan **Privacy**: Provides cryptographic mechanisms that protect "user" data on a VC (Virtual Channel) from unauthorized disclosure.
- User-plan **Data integrity**: Provides a mechanism to detect modification of data values or sequences of data values, even in the presence of malicious modification threats.
- User-plan **Access control**: Requires mechanisms to convey access control information used during connection establishment, as well as mechanisms within ATM components to use this information to determine whether access to the connection must be granted.

Measurement of requirements

- User-plan **Authentication**: Determines at the start of the connection that the calling and/or called party identities are authentic.
  - To identify the caller, we have an Entry, a Read and an Exit (*).
- User-plan **Privacy**: Provides cryptographic mechanisms that protect 'user' data on a VC from unauthorized disclosure.
  - To do this there is an Entry (user code), 2 Reads (user and VC) and an eXit (recognition/non-recognition of the user) (*)

(*) Actually more complex. Here we simplify a lot by considering only 1 or 2 data groups.

Safety (NFR)

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Example from: Khalid T. Al-Sarayreh

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Dependability Model for Decomposition and Allocation of System Safety Integrity Levels of Software Quality

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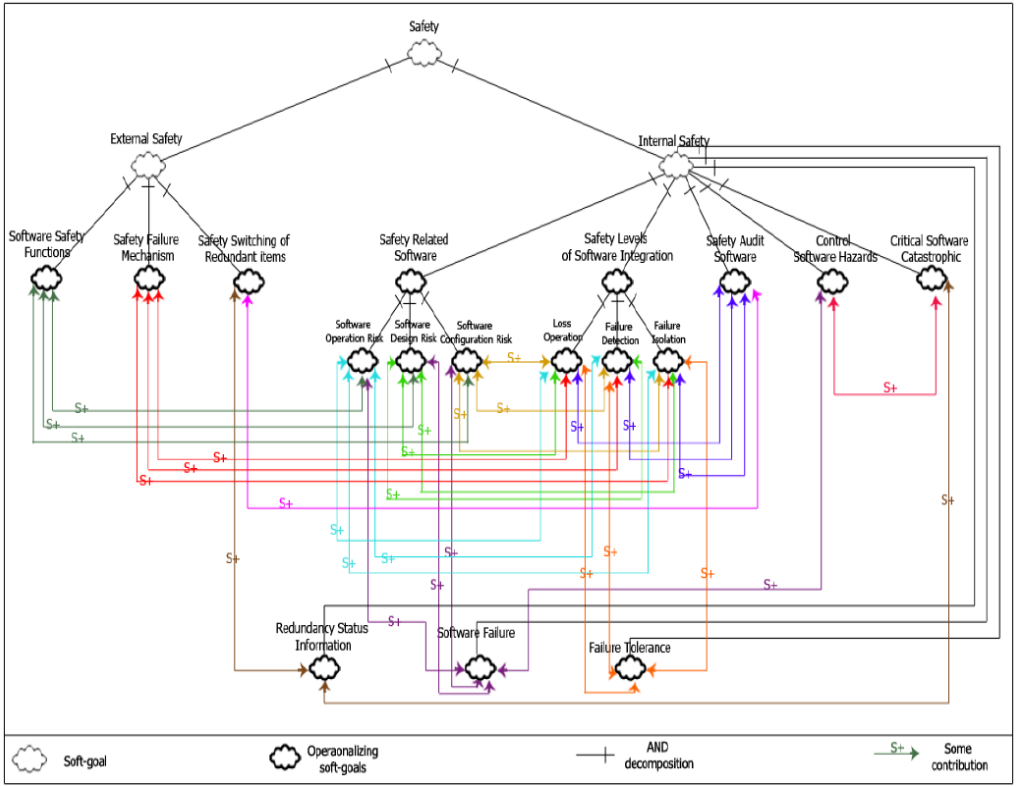
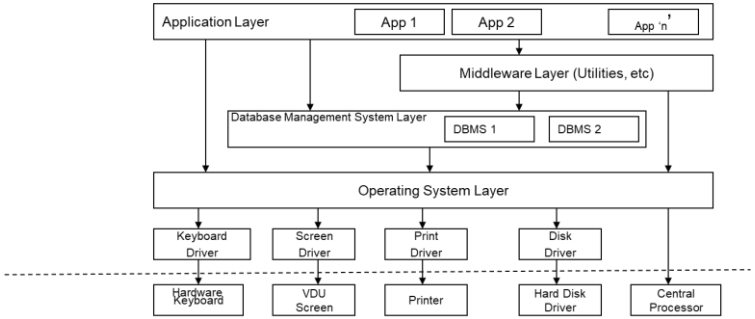


Fig. 9. System Safety Quality Model Allocated to Software Safety Requirements

Portability (NFR)



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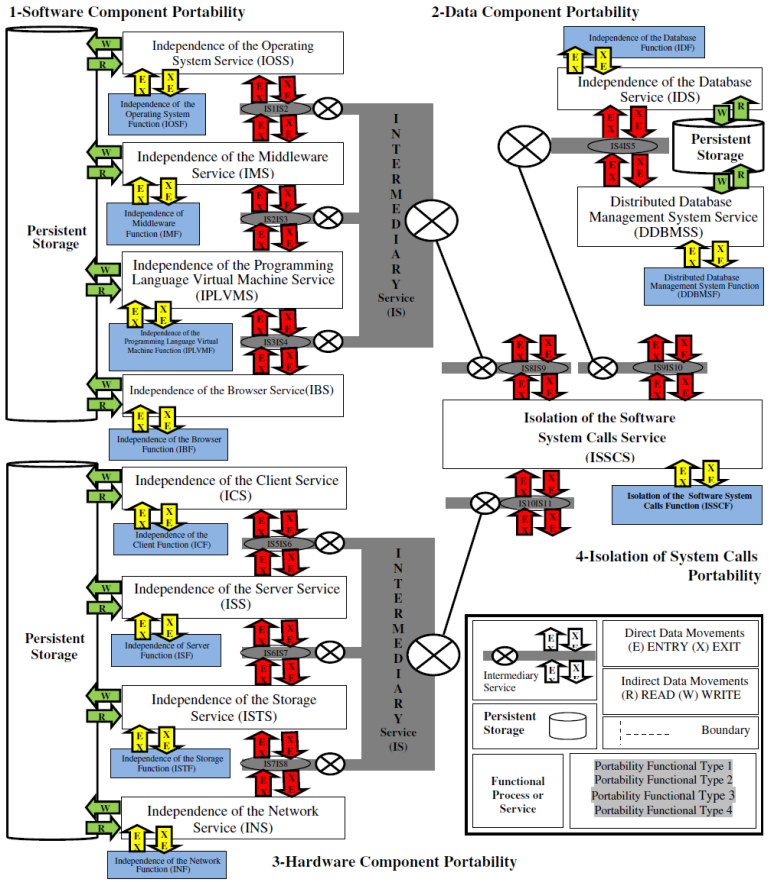


Fig. 11. COSMIC-SOA reference architectural model of system portability requirement.

Performance (NFR)

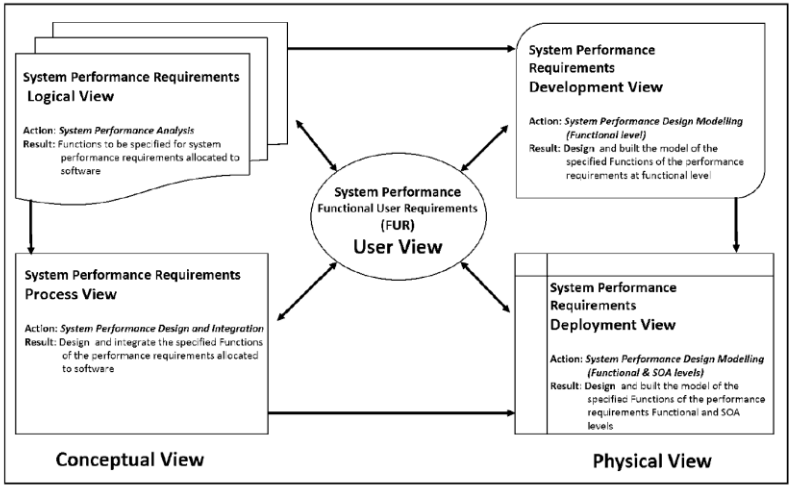
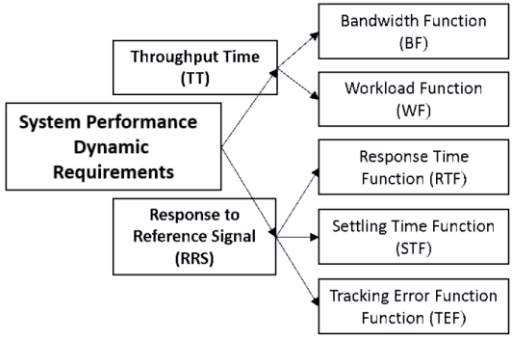
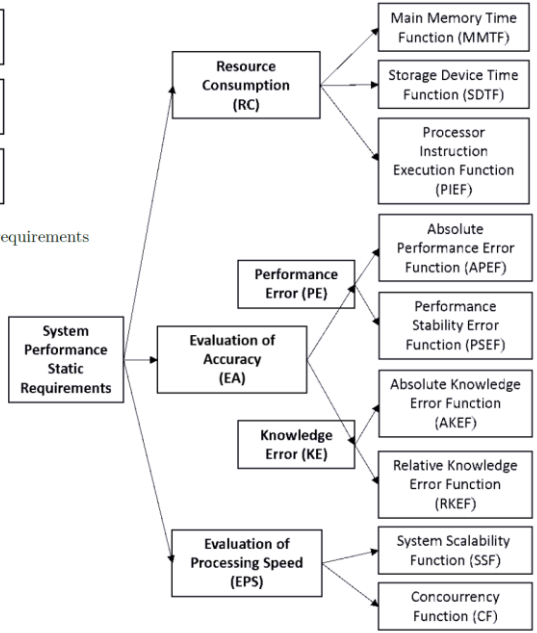


Figure 4. System performance requirements from four different views



Integrated model of ECSS and IEEE system performance dynamic requirements and related functions



Performance Example

System requirement: 7-day software **availability** level - Target = 95%

- The data is in a log. Develop a weekly report from the log data on the WEB site.
- Detailed requirements (& data movements):
  - an Entry for the information coming from the log
  - an eXit for the information presented to the user
  - a Read and an Exit for the error message
  - ➢ Functional = 4 CFP (COSMIC Function Points)

Exercise: What if availability and date belong to two different data groups? Could you do the CFP calculation.

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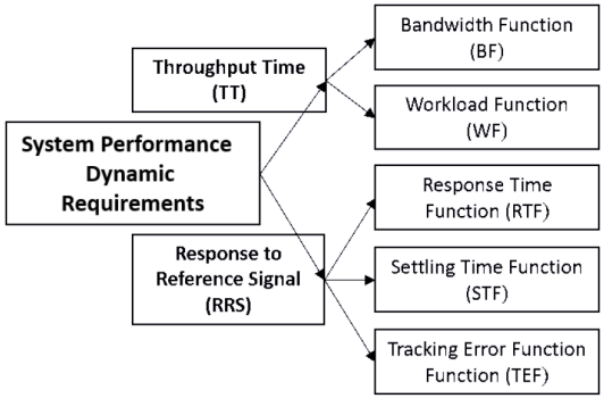

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Example 2: Performance NFR that can be translated into different functional requirements:

- Bandwidth Function:
  - Bandwidth history log to be created.
- Workload Function: A history of the workload.
- Response time: A log of the response time.
- Setting the time function:
  - an interface to set the time function and
  - a process to show the results
- Tracking Error Function: A log of tracking errors

We identify at least 6 functional processes.
Exercise: How many CFP?

Exercise

- This exercise is about defining four quality standards and showing how you can measure them as a functional process.
  - If this is not possible, explain why.
  - Use a document you know.

Note: it is always important to keep traceability.

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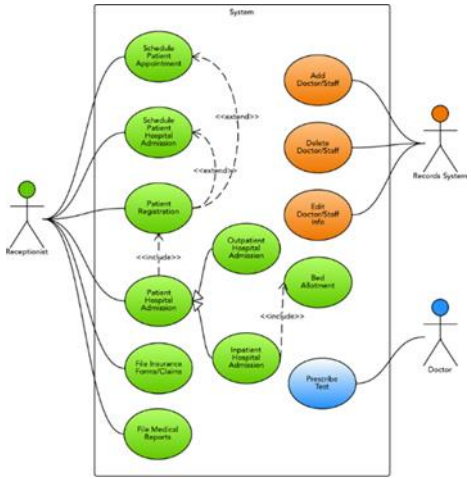
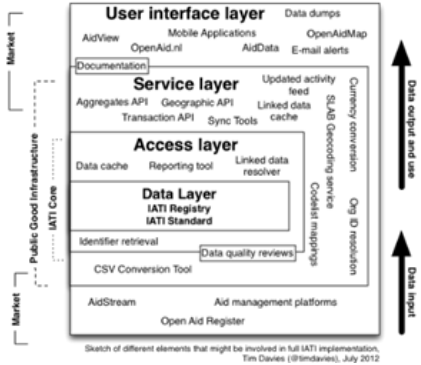




Sketch of different elements that might be involved in full IATI implementation, Tim Davies (@timdavies), July 2012

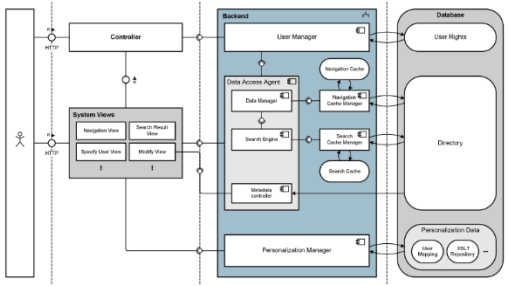
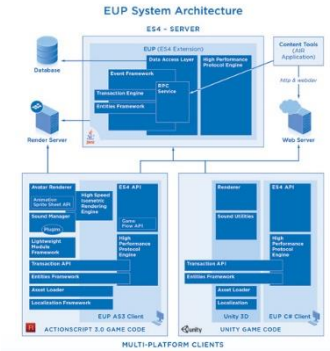
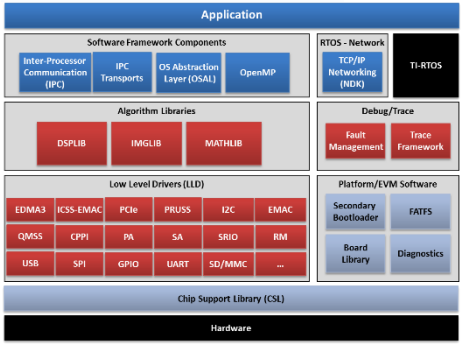
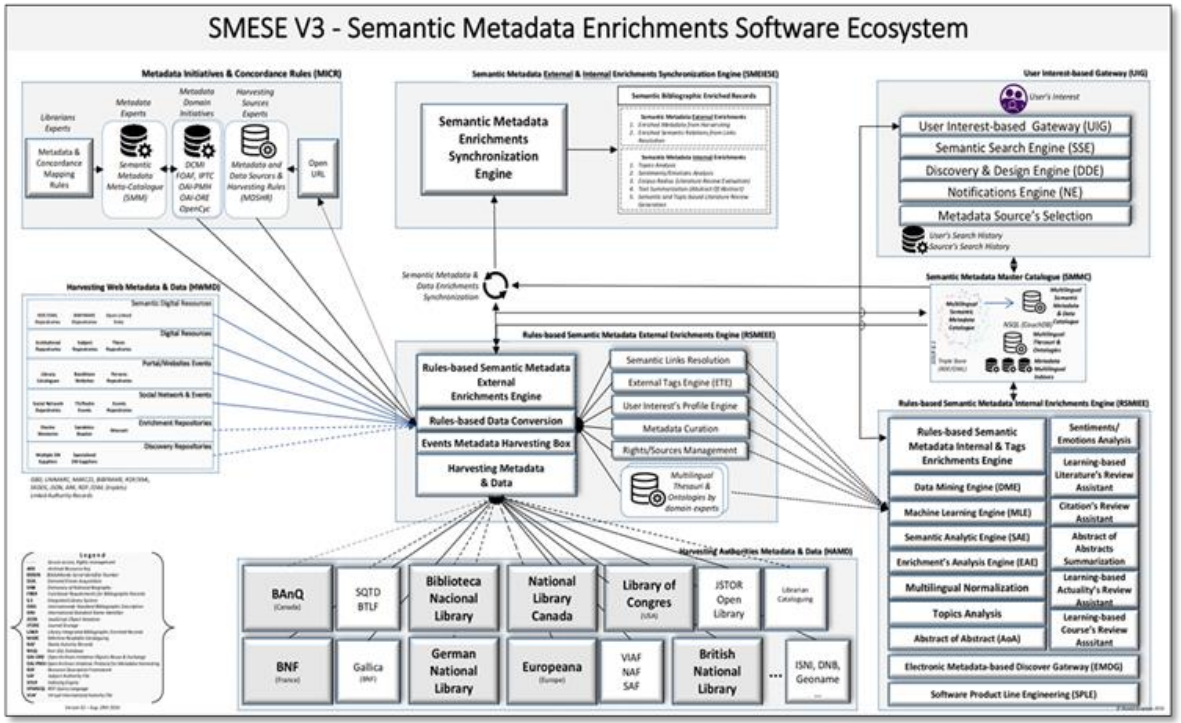


Figure 2–2 Design Level Component/Block diagram





Software Ecosystem



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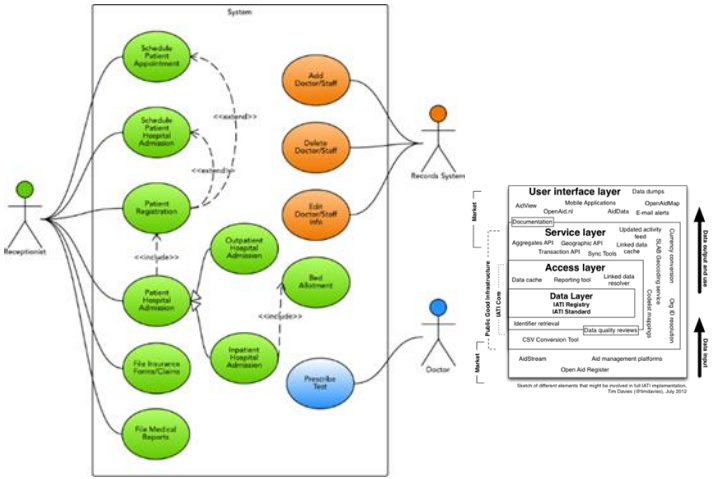

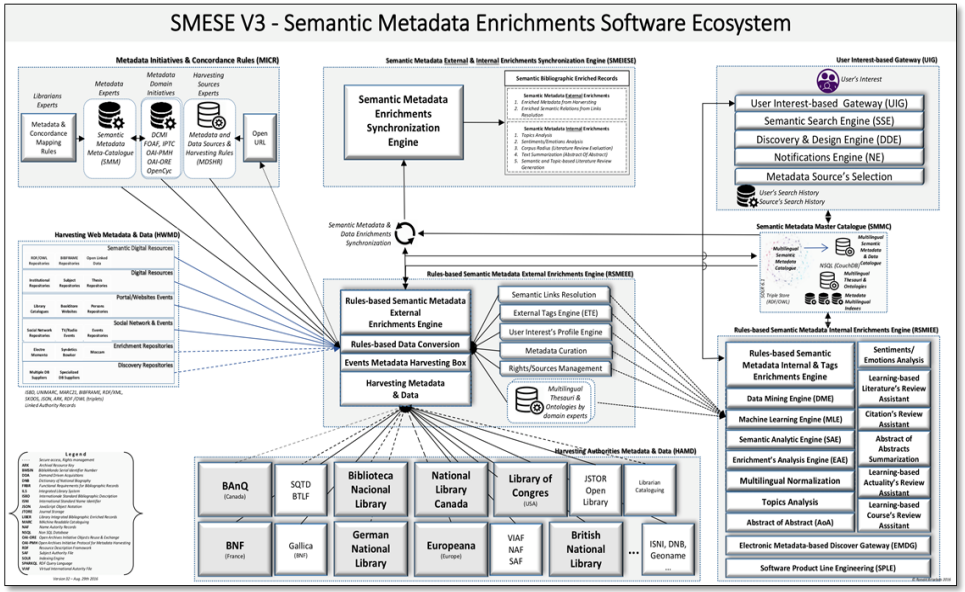

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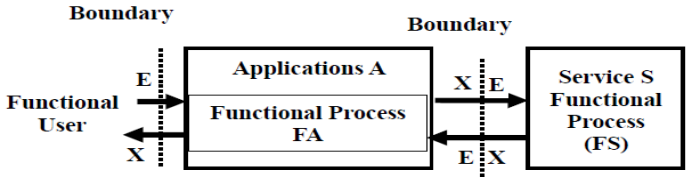
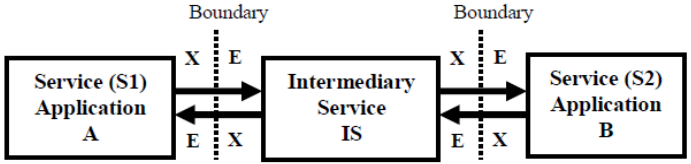
Service Oriented Architecture Sizing with COSMIC

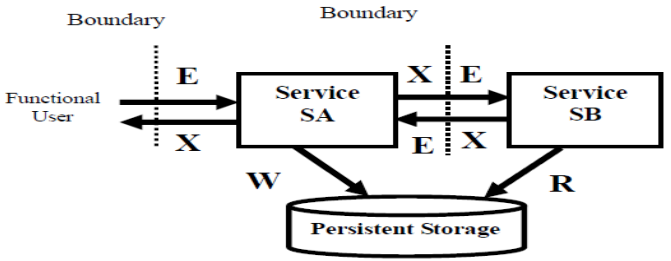
- COSMIC-SOA Exchange Messages



- COSMIC-SOA Intermediary Services



- COSMIC-SOA Exchange Data



Impact on functional size of centralized versus distributed functionality

Abbreviations: FP = functional process, E = Entry data movement, X = Exit data movement.
Dotted line = boundary between the software being measured and its functional users

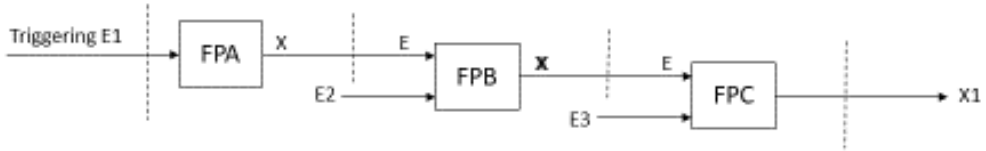
Case 1: Centralized functionality

Assume a single functional process whose functional requirements are:
Triggering Entry E1 is a clock tick (or the E1 could come from a sensor; it makes no difference to the size measurement)
Obtain data from two other dumb* sensors via E2 and E3 (* see page 2)
Compute result and send it via an Exit X1 to an actuator (or wherever)

Size of FP = 4 CFP

Case 2: Distributed functionality

Suppose the functionality of FP in Case 1 must be distributed over three separate processors A, B and C, each with their own separate processes FPA, FPB and FPC, obtaining their respective separate Entries. The model is then:



Sizes **2 CFP** + **3 CFP** + **3 CFP** = **a total of 8 CFP**

Source: Charles Symons – Sept. 2018

Conclusion

- A certain number of system requirements, which appear at first glance without measurable software functions, can be translated into software functional requirements and be measured with the COSMIC method.

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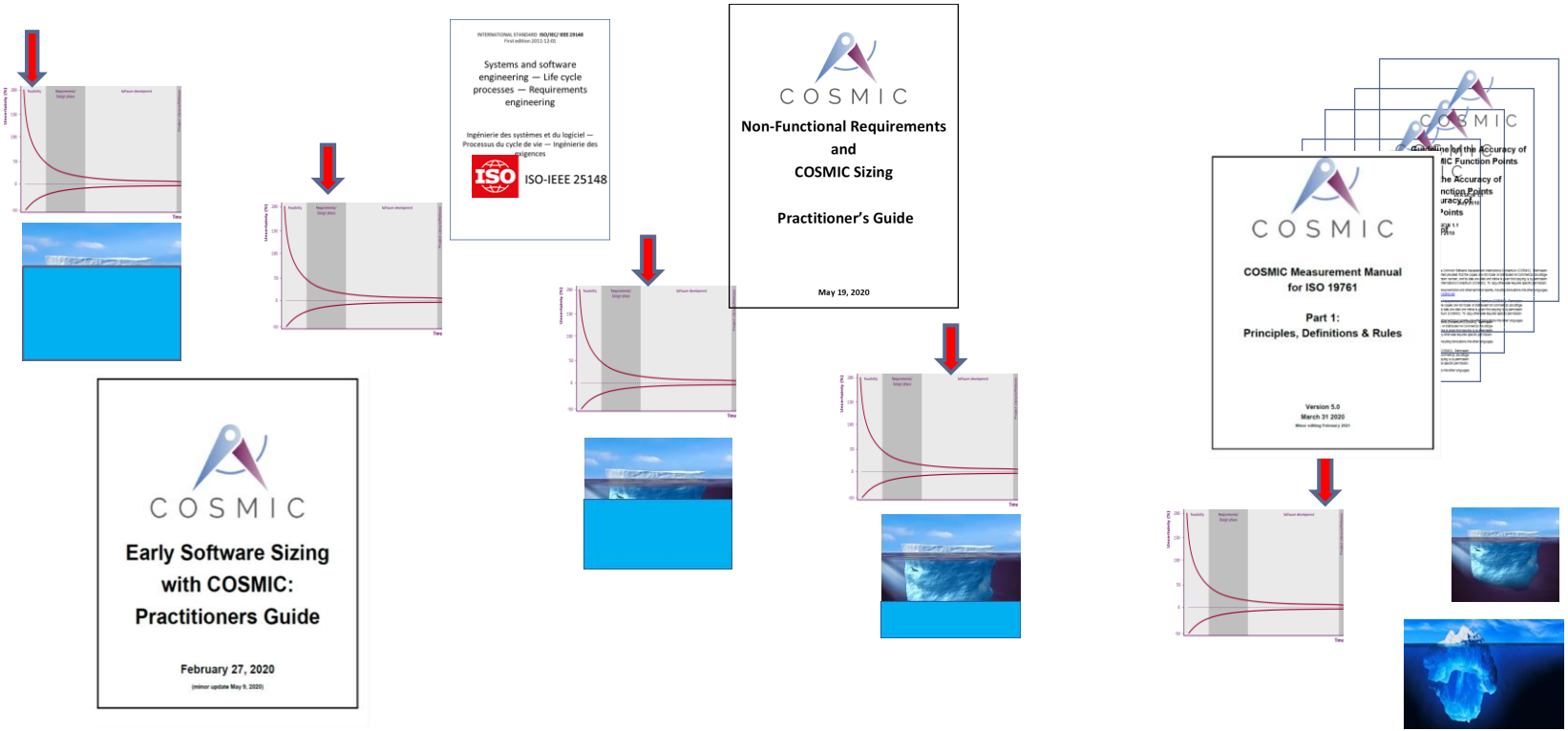

COSMIC Key Resources Available

- ✓ Sizing with accuracy : ISO rules in ISO 19761
- ✓ Early sizing techniques
- ✓ System non-functional req^{mts} (NFR) allocated to software functions
- ✓ Case studies
- ✓ Industry examples

Free www.cosmic-sizing.org

QUESTIONS?