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# Unit IV- Software Design & Coding

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# Principle of Software Design

Software design principles are concerned with providing means to handle the complexity of the design process effectively.

Effectively managing the complexity will not only reduce the effort required for design but can also reduce the scope of introducing errors during design.

Developing design is a cumbersome process as most expansive errors are often introduced in this phase.

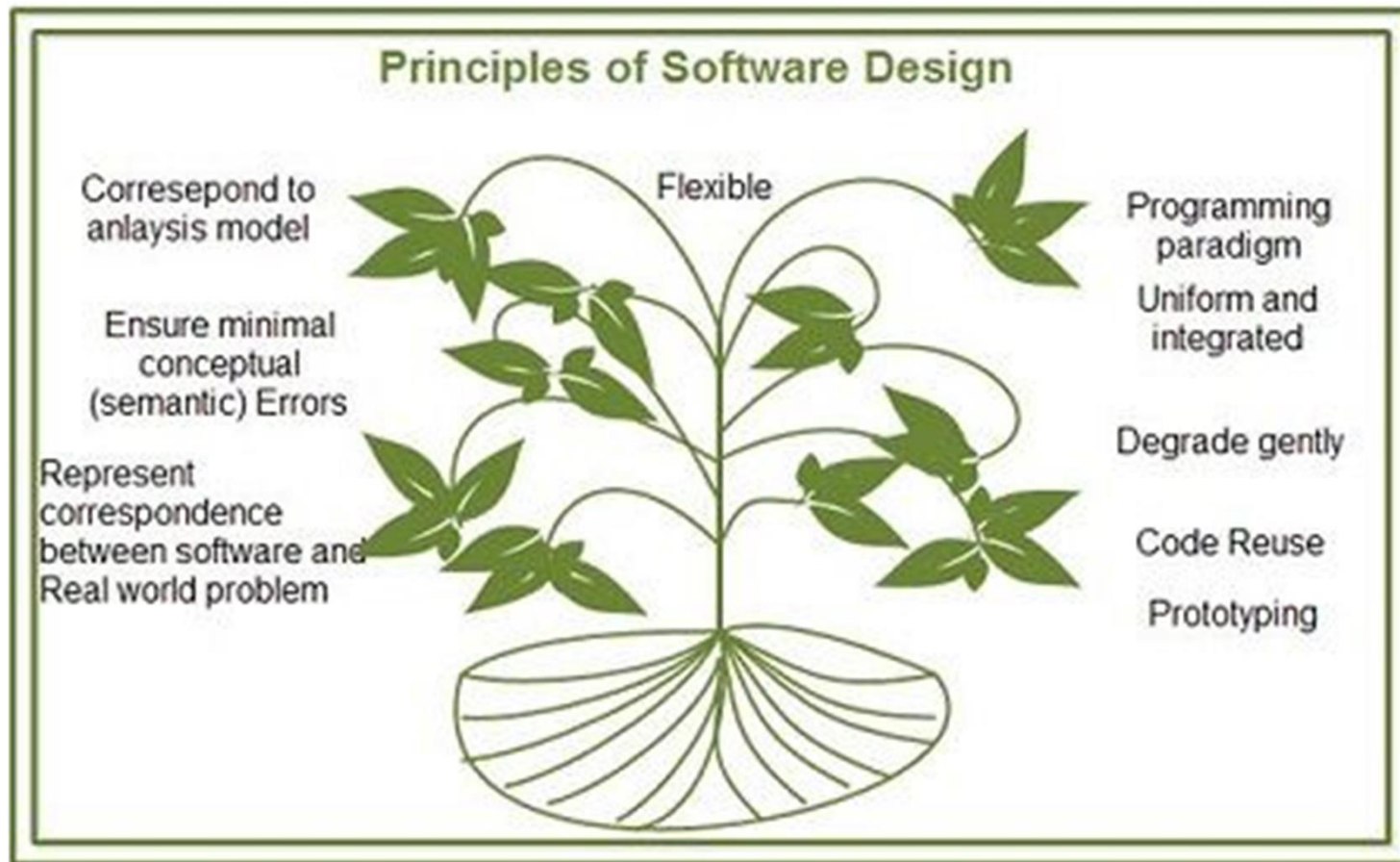
Moreover, if these errors get unnoticed till later phases, it becomes very difficult to correct them.

Therefore, a number of principles are followed while designing the software.

These principles act as a framework for the designers to follow a good design practice.

# Principle of Software Design

## COMMONLY FOLLOWED DESIGN PRINCIPLES



# Principle of Software Design

**Software design should correspond to the analysis model:** A design element corresponds to many requirements, so, we must know how the design model satisfies all the requirements represented by the analysis model.

**Select the right programming paradigm:** The paradigm should be chosen keeping constraints in mind such as time, availability of resources and nature of user's requirements.

**Software design should be uniform and integrated:** For this, rules, format, and styles are established before the design team starts designing the software.

# Principle of Software Design

**Software design should be flexible:** Software design should be flexible enough to adapt changes easily.

To achieve the flexibility, the basic design concepts such as abstraction, refinement, and modularity should be applied effectively.

**Software design should ensure minimal conceptual (semantic) errors:** such as ambiguousness and inconsistency are addressed in advance before dealing with the syntactical errors present in the design model.

**Software design should be structured to degrade gently:** Software should be designed to handle unusual changes and circumstances, and if the need arises for termination, it must do so in a proper manner so that functionality of the software is not affected.

# Principle of Software Design

**Software design should represent correspondence between the software and real-world problem:** In such a way that it always relates to the real-world problem.

**Software reuse:** Software engineers believe on the phrase: 'do not reinvent the wheel'. So, software components should be designed in such a way that they can be effectively reused to increase the productivity.

**Designing for testability:** A common practice that has been followed to keep the testing phase separate from the design and implementation phases.

That is, first the software is developed (designed and implemented) and then handed over to the testers who subsequently determine whether the software is fit for distribution and subsequent use by the customer.



# Principle of Software Design

**Prototyping:** Prototyping should be used when the requirements are not completely defined in the beginning.

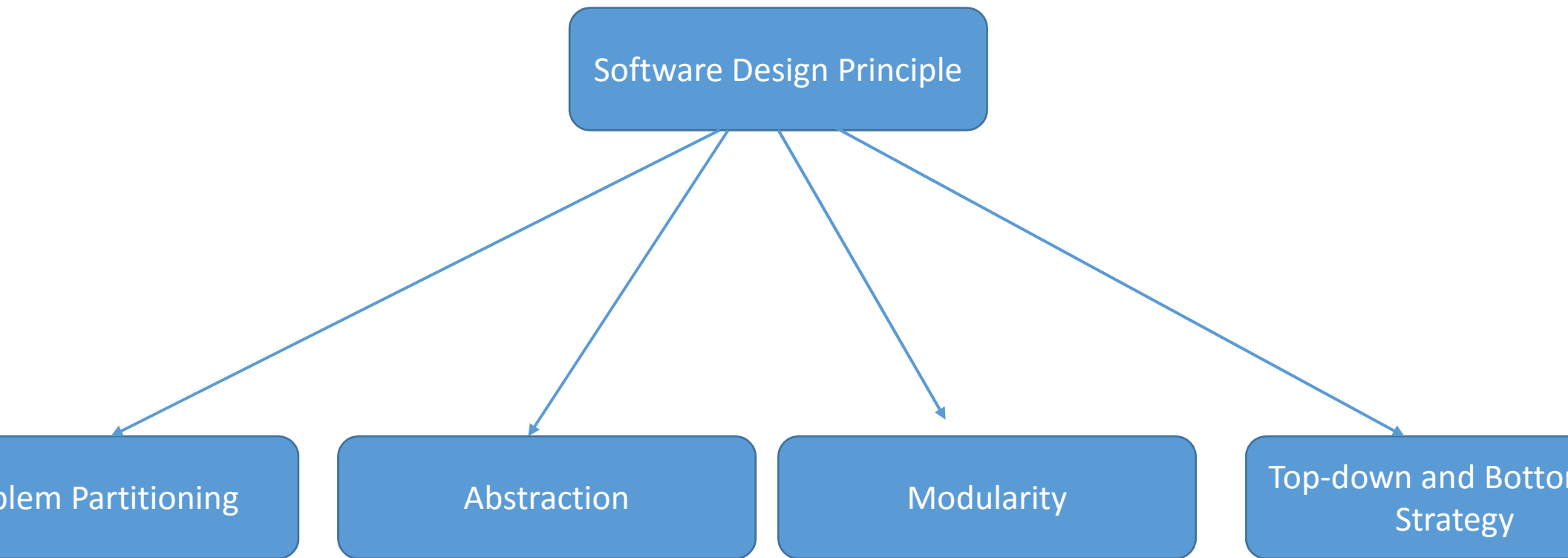
The user interacts with the developer to expand and refine the requirements as the development proceeds.

Using prototyping, a quick 'mock-up' of the system can be developed.

This mock-up can be used as an effective means to give the users a feel of what the system will look like and demonstrate functions that will be included in the developed system.

Prototyping also helps in reducing risks of designing software that is not in accordance with the customer's requirements.

# Principle of Software Design



# Problem Partitioning

For a small problem, we can handle the entire problem at once but for the significant problem, divide the problems and conquer the problem.

It means to divide the problem into smaller pieces so that each piece can be captured separately.

In software design, the goal is to divide the problem into manageable pieces.

Advantages of Problem Partitioning:

- Software is easy to understand

- Software becomes simple

- Software is easy to test

- Software is easy to modify

- Software is easy to maintain

- Software is easy to expand

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# Problem Partitioning

These pieces cannot be entirely independent of each other as they together form the system.

They have to cooperate and communicate to solve the problem. This communication adds complexity.

**Note:** As the number of partitions increases = Cost of partition and complexity increases

# Abstraction

Abstraction is a tool that enables a designer to consider a component at an abstract level without bothering about the internal details of the implementation.

Abstraction can be used for existing element as well as the component being designed.

There are two common abstraction mechanisms

- Functional Abstraction

- Data Abstraction

# Abstraction

## Functional Abstraction:

Module is specified by the method it performs.

Details of the algorithm to accomplish the functions are not visible to the user of the function.

Functional abstraction forms the basis for **Function oriented design approaches**.

## Data Abstraction:

Details of the data elements are not visible to the users of data. Data abstraction forms the basis for **Object Oriented design approaches**.

# Modularity

Modularity specifies to the division of software into separate modules which are differently named and addressed and are integrated later on in order to obtain the completely functional software.

Modularity is the only property that allows a program to be intellectually manageable.

Large programs are difficult to understand and read due to a large number of reference variables, control paths, global variables, etc.

## **Properties of a modular system are:**

1. A module is a well-defined system that can be used with other modules.

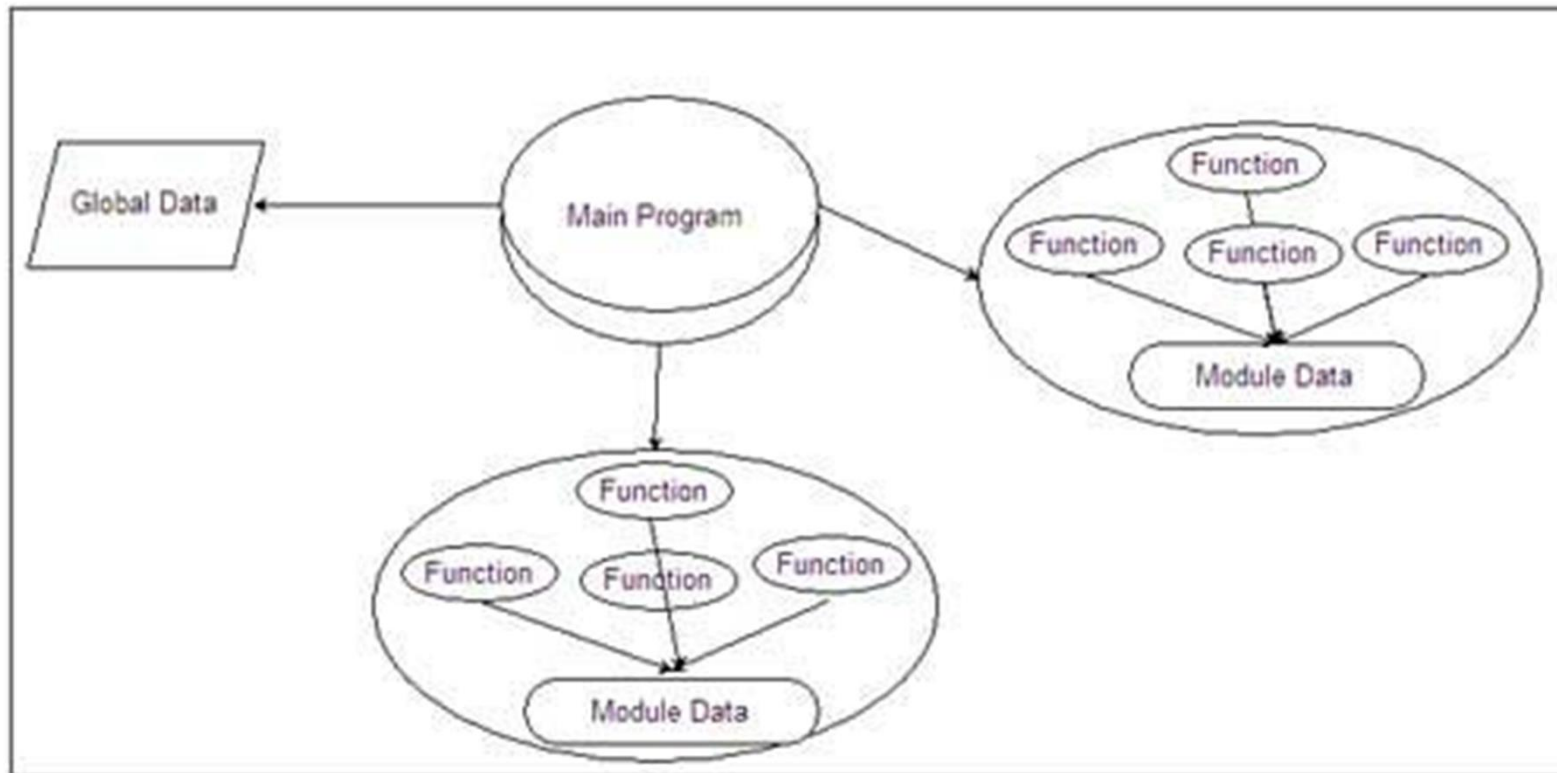
2. A module has single specified objectives.

3. Modules can be separately compiled and saved in the library.

4. Modules should be easier to use than to build.

5. Modules are simpler from outside than inside.

# Modularity





# Modularity

## Advantages of Modularity:

Allows large programs to be written by several or different people.  
Encourages the creation of commonly used routines to be placed in a library and used by other programs.

Simplifies the overlay procedure of loading a large program into memory storage.

Provides more checkpoints to measure progress.

Provides a framework for complete testing, more accessible to test and produces the well designed and more readable program.

# Modularity

## Advantages of Modularity:

Execution time maybe, but not certainly, longer  
Program size perhaps, but is not certainly, increased  
Compilation and loading time may be longer  
Inter-module communication problems may be increased  
The linkage required, run-time may be longer, more source lines  
to be written, and more documentation has to be done

# Modularity: Modular Design

Modular design reduces the design complexity and results in easier and faster implementation by allowing parallel development of various parts of a system. There are two ways to implement Modular design:

Functional Independence

Information Hiding

**Functional Independence:** Functional independence is achieved by developing modules that perform only one kind of task and do not excessively interact with other modules.

Functional independence is important because it makes implementation more accessible and faster.

These independent modules are easier to maintain, test, and reduce error propagation and can be reused in other programs as well.

Thus, functional independence is a good design feature which ensures software quality.

**Measured using two criteria:**

**Cohesion:** It measures the relative function strength of a module.

**Coupling:** It measures the relative interdependence among modules.

# Modularity: Modular Design

**Information hiding:** Modules should be specified that data included in a module is inaccessible to other modules that do not need for that information.

One benefit of information hiding is that when modifications are required during testing's and later during software maintenance.

This is because as most data and procedures are hidden from other parts of the software, inadvertent errors introduced during modifications are less likely to propagate to different locations within the software.

# Strategy of Design

A good system design strategy is to organize the program modules in a method that are easy to develop and later too, change.

Structured design methods help developers to deal with the size and complexity of programs.

To design a system, there are two possible approaches:

- Top-down Approach

- Bottom-up Approach

# Top-down Approach

A system is divided into several subsystems and components. Each subsystem is further divided into set of subsystems and components.

The process of division facilitates in forming a system hierarchy structure.

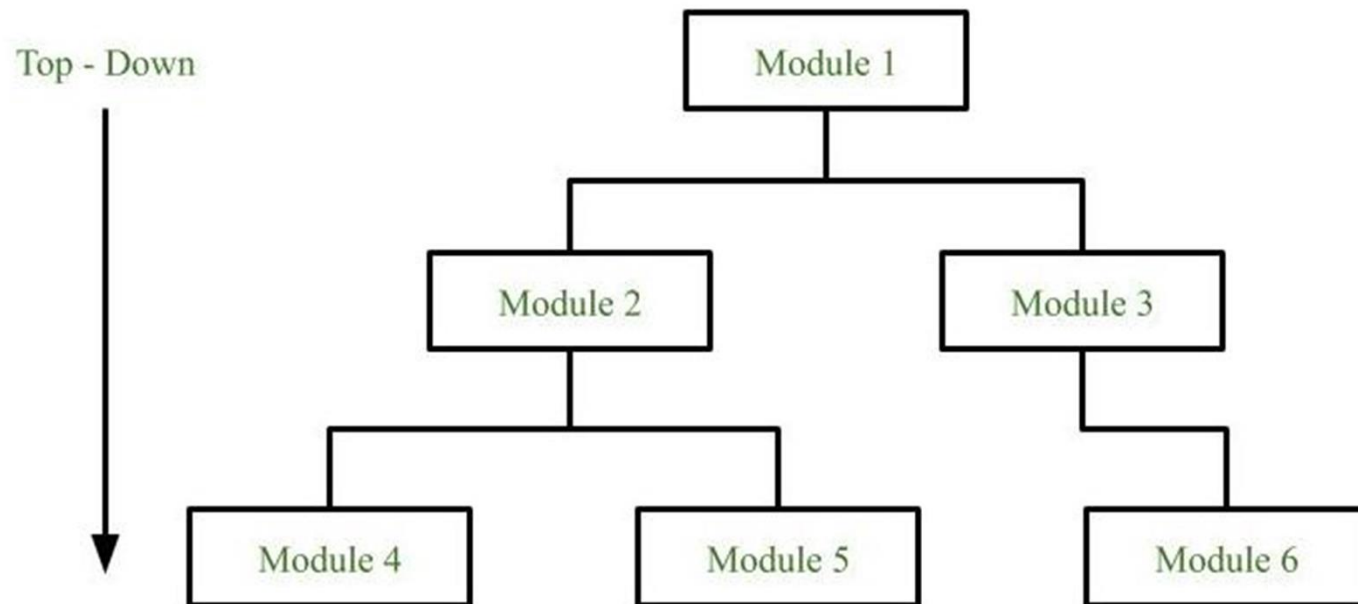
The complete software system is considered as a single entity and in relation to the characteristics, the system is split into sub-system and component.

The same is done with each of the sub-system.

The process is continued until the lowest level of the system is reached.

# Top-down Approach

The design is started initially by defining the system as a whole and then keeps on adding definitions of the subsystems and components. When all the definitions are combined together, it turns out to be a complete system.



# Top-down Approach

## Advantages:

The main advantage of top down approach is that its strong focus on requirements helps to make a design responsive according to its requirements.

## Disadvantages:

The object and system boundaries tends to be application specification oriented. Thus it is more likely that advantages of component reuse will be missed.

The system is likely to miss, the benefits of a well-structured, simple architecture.



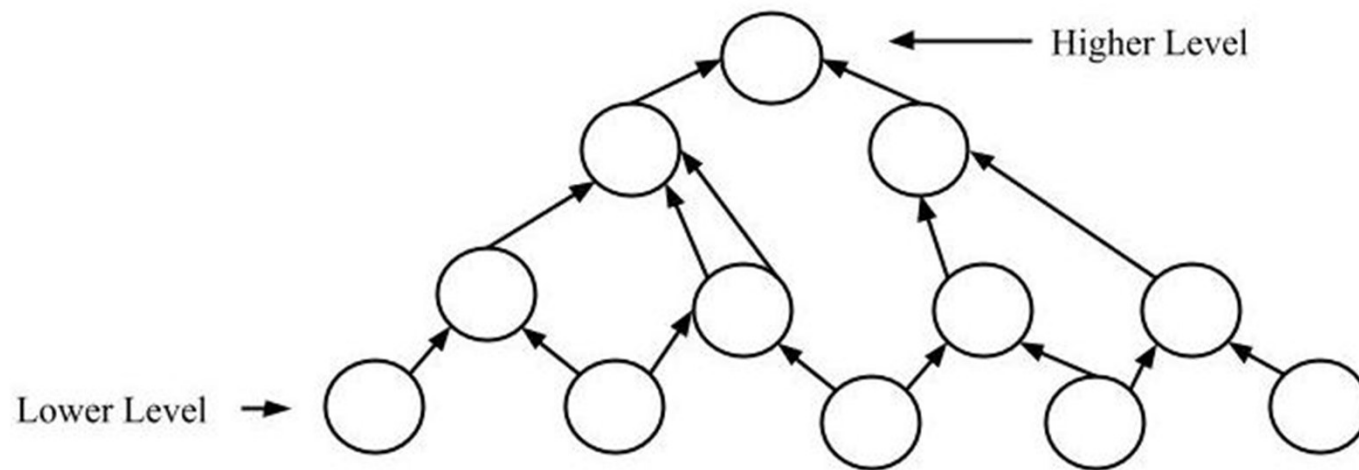


# Bottom-up Approach

Design starts with the lowest level components and subsystems. Using these components, the next immediate higher level components and subsystems are created or composed. The process is continued till all the components and subsystems are composed into a single component, which is considered as the complete system..

When the basic information existing system, when a new system is to be created, the bottom up strategy suits the purpose.

# Bottom-up Approach



# Bottom-up Approach

## Advantages:

Economies can result when general solutions can be reused.

Can be used to hide the low-level details of implementation and be merged with top-down technique.

## Disadvantages:

Not so closely related to the structure of the problem.

High quality bottom-up solutions are very hard to construct.

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