Seminar Software Architecture
About the Seminar

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ACES – Architecture-Centric Engineering Solutions

The Fraunhofer Approach for Modeling Software and System Architectures

Compiled Best Practices from literature, scaled and tailored for effective architecting in practice

More than 20 years of architecting experiences across domains: Embedded Systems, Information Systems, Smart Ecosystems
In this Seminar, We Show You...

- ... the “big picture” of architecture
- ... and how to:
  - Elicit architecturally-significant requirements
  - Design architectures
  - Document architectures
  - Evaluate architectures
  - Reconstruct architectures
  - Communicate architectural decisions
  - Benefit from architectures
  - Successfully work as a software architect 😊!

- But...
The Seminar

What it is

- Real world questions
- For practitioners
- Interactive
- Paradigm-spanning
- Using technologies
- Integrated method → the big picture

What it is NOT

- Out-of-touch architecture
- Academic and formal
- One-way lecture
- OOD/OOP course
- Technology course
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Day 1 – Fundamentals of Software Architecture

- Motivation of software architecture
  - What is software architecture?
  - Why do we need it?
  - How can we make use of it?
  - The big picture of software architecture … (Definitions and Landscape)

- Project examples – success factor architecture

- Stakeholders of architecture
  - Which stakeholders are there and what do they want?
  - The role of the architect

- Stakeholder analysis and architectural scenarios
  - What are architecturally-significant requirements?
  - How to capture architecturally-significant requirements?
Day 2 – Design (Construction of Architecture Views)

- Design process overview
- Architecture decomposition framework (ADF)
  - Which aspects about architecture are there?
  - How to document them in architecture views?
  - Which views do I need for my purposes?
- Scenario-driven design
  - Designing for quality attributes
  - Design with patterns
- Connecting architecture and implementation
- Context factors affecting architecture in real projects
Day 3 – Evaluation of Architecture

- Motivation of architecture evaluation
  - Practical example
  - Which decisions can we support with architecture evaluation?
- Overview on architecture evaluation
  - Concern elicitation check
  - Architecture adequacy assessment
  - Sound documentation assessment
  - Distance investigation (Compliance checking)
  - Code quality assessment
  - Sustainability check
- Techniques for architecture evaluation
- Audit experiences
Day 4 – Tool-based Modeling

- Introduction to architecture modeling
  - Overview on available tools
  - Limitations
  - How to use UML modeling tools as architecture modeling tools
  - In the seminar, we use Enterprise Architect as our modeling tool

- Enterprise Architect (Sparx) Basics
  - Profiles, Toolboxes, Addins

- View modeling
  - Instantiating the architecture decomposition framework (views)
  - Practical modeling exercises

- Documentation generation
Day 5 – Architecture Design in more Depth

- More guidelines for architecture design
  - Further opportunities to exercise architecture design
- Transforming whiteboard architecture sketches into architecture models
  - Further opportunities to exercise modelling with enterprise architect
Feedback of Participants
What I liked best ...

“The quality and credibility of the content taught”

“The switching between theory and practical exercises”

“The substantial conversations with the seminar leaders and the participants outside the official meetings”

“The fact that the participants came from various domains and thus opened up different/new perspectives”
How would you summarize the seminar in one sentence?

“At the seminar, a comprehensive proposal was made regarding how to design the role of the architect.”

“Well organized, very helpful. Thank you!”

“Provided a sensible summary of the complex issue of software architecture to create a good basis on which to build further.”

“A comprehensive overview of this topic and with practical in-depth information/applications; good exchange with colleagues from other companies.”

“Enriching”
Overall, my opinion regarding the seminar is that I am ...

My expectations regarding the seminar were ...

[Bar chart showing percentages for fully satisfied and not satisfied]

[Bar chart showing percentages for fully fulfilled and not fulfilled]
The lecturers presented the topic in an understandable manner.

The lecturers created a relaxed Learning atmosphere.

The lecturers paid attention to the needs of the participants.

The lecturers are professionally competent.
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