

Beyond Source Code

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- Central Local Office
- Supreme Court
- Treasury Building
- Governor's Mansion
- Court House

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- City Hall & Market House
- Steam Fire Engine House Washington St
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- Christian Church
- Presbyterian Church
- Cumberland Presbyterian Church

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AUSTIN
TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

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- Methodist Church
- Catholic Church
- Methodist Episcopal Church
- First Methodist Church

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- Military Institution
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Get an overview of what an API is and what it does, to help you realize the business value of APIs



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Understand the API architecture process and learn basic design and implementation best practices



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Get a detailed overview of the main architectural styles for Web and mobile API design



Choosing a Solution

Choose between the various solutions that offer the basic components for enterprise API Management

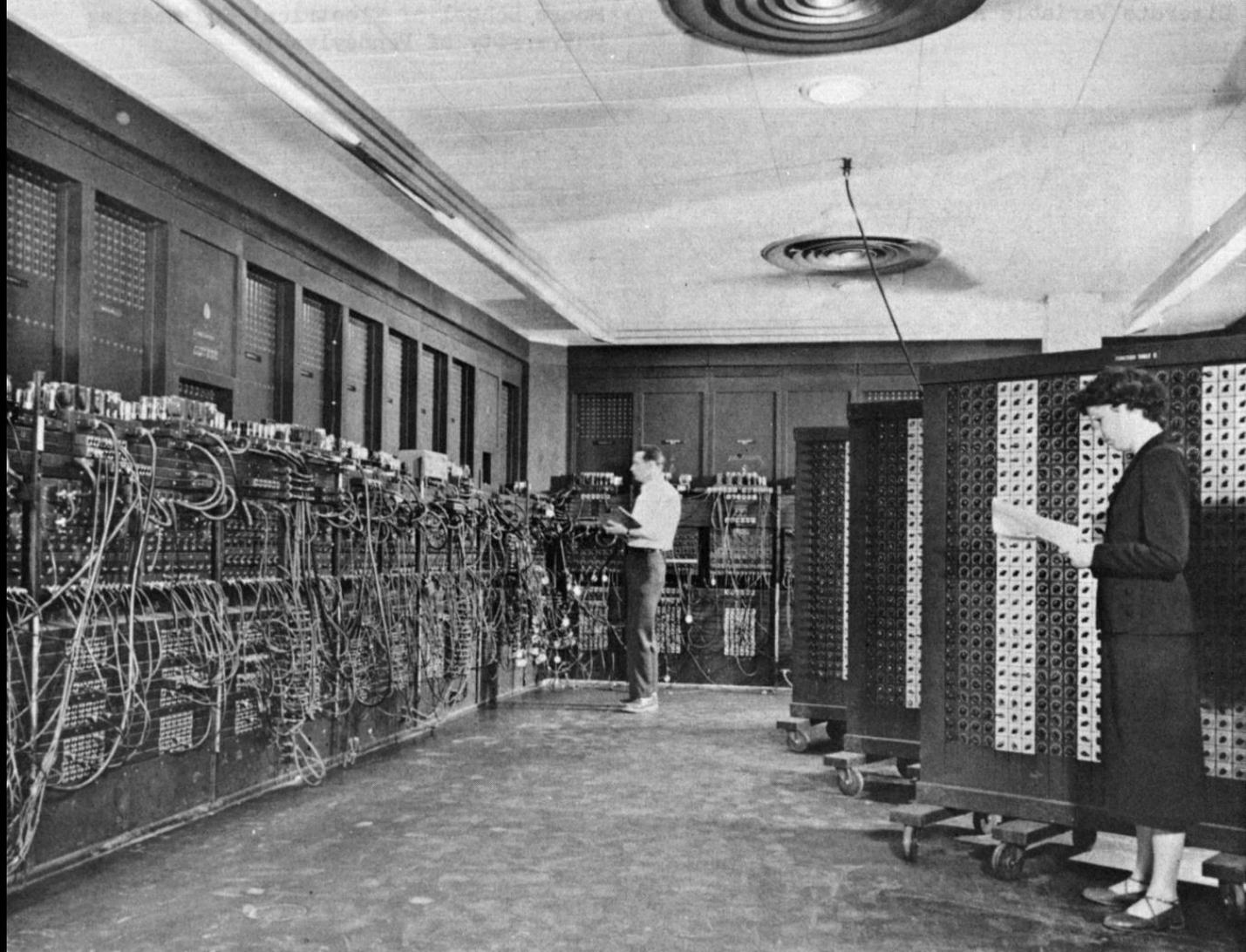
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Computing

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“Figure out how the machine works and then figure out how to program it.”

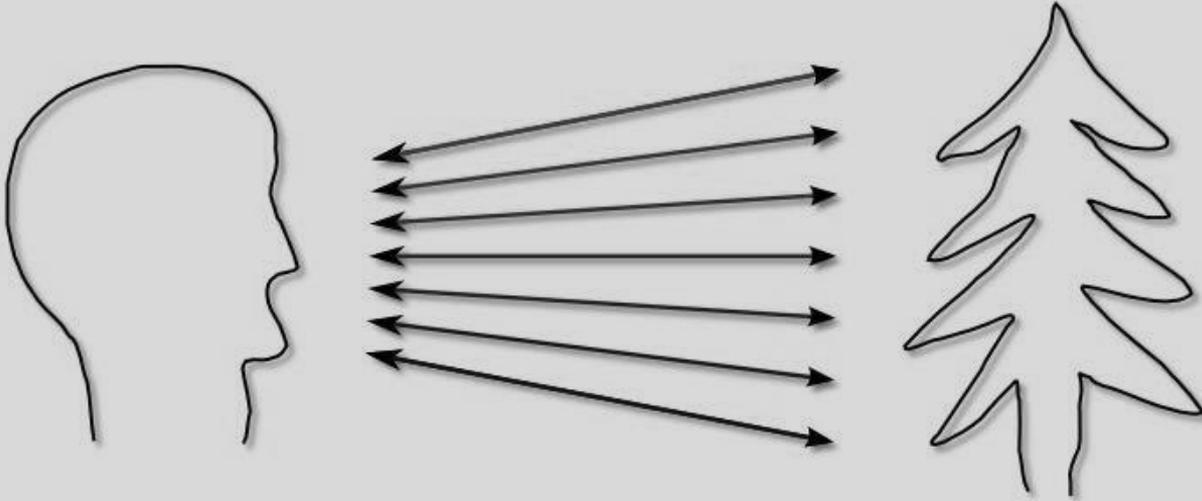
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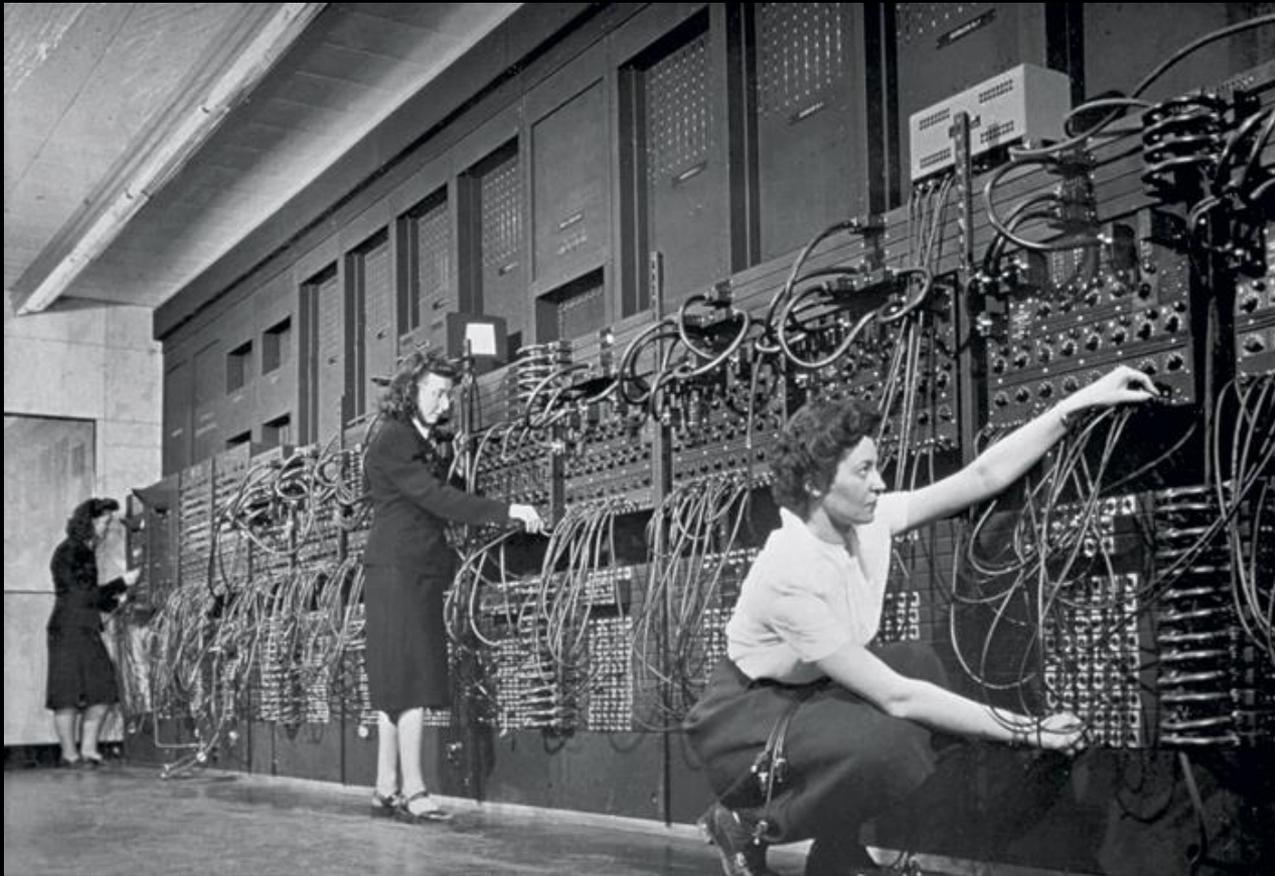
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Mental Models

Reality



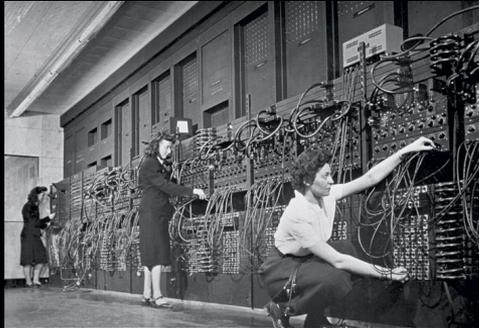
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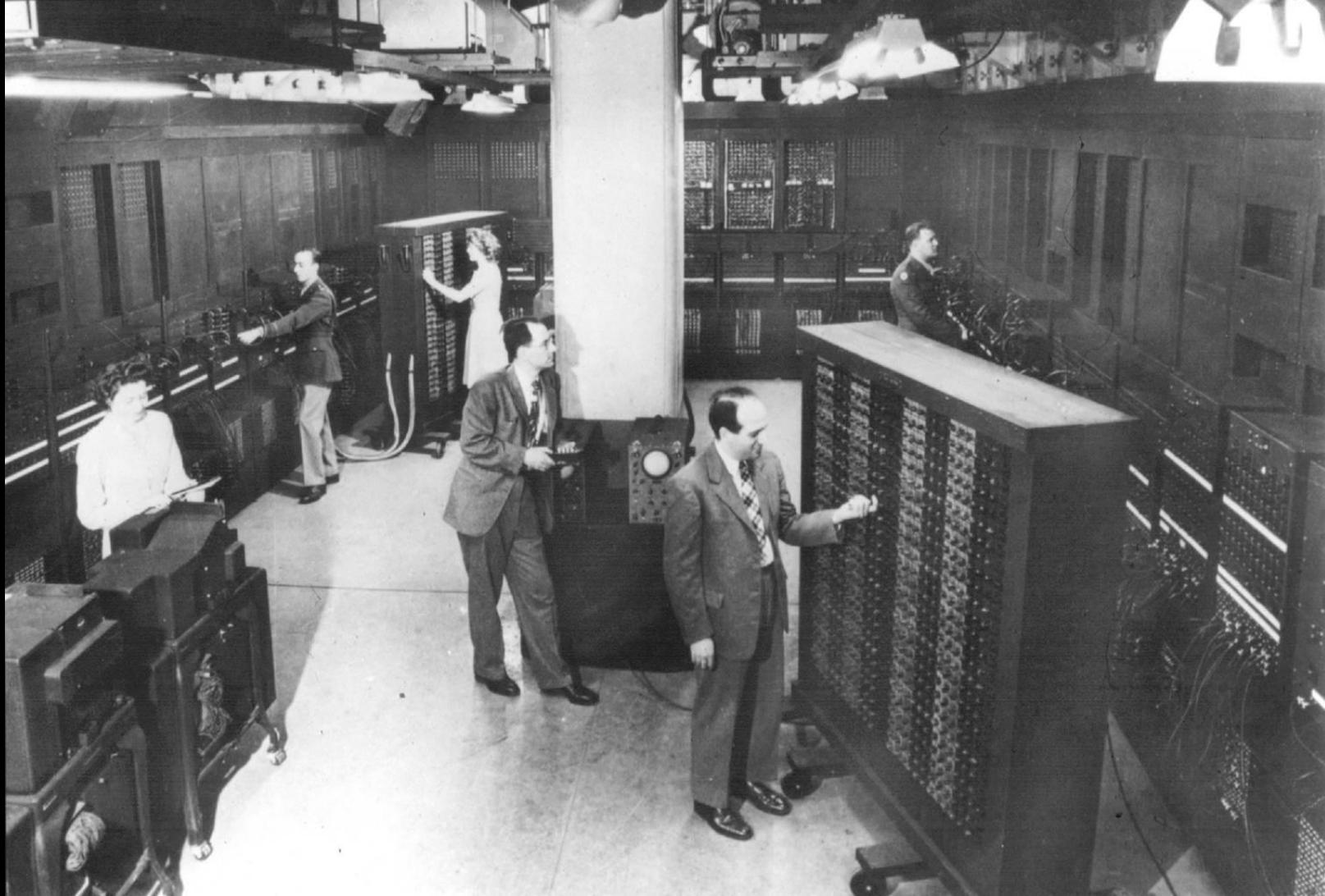


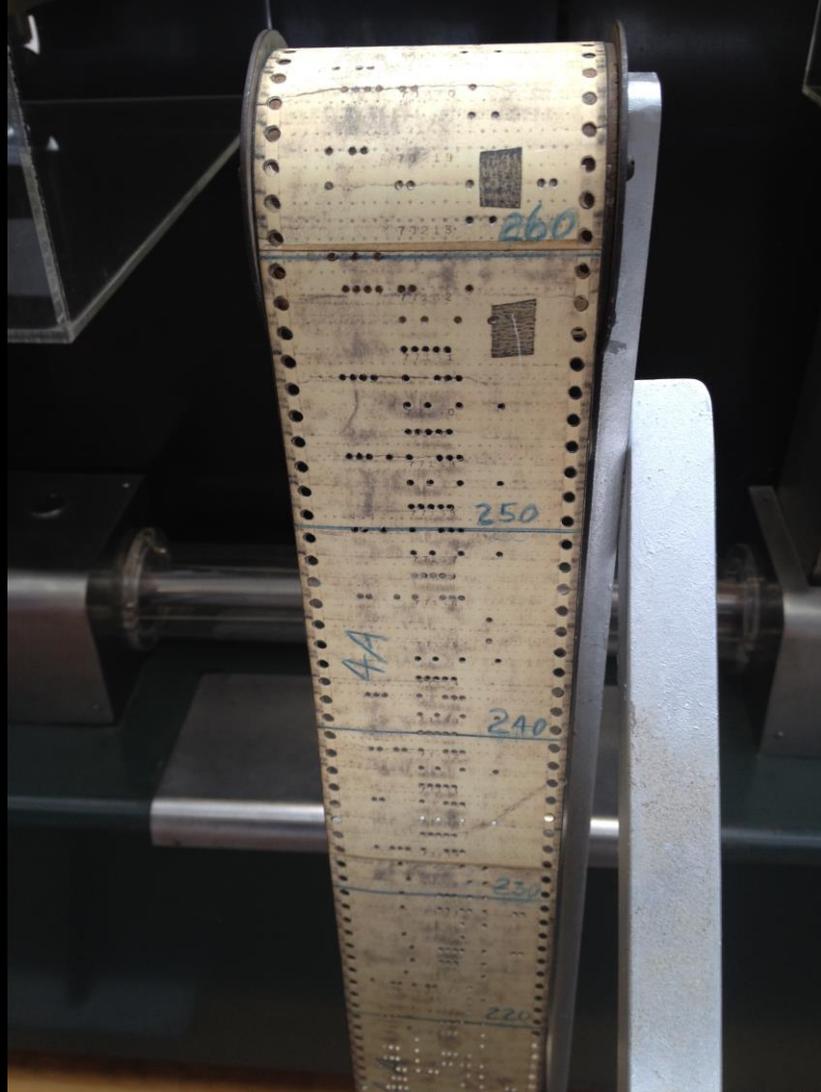
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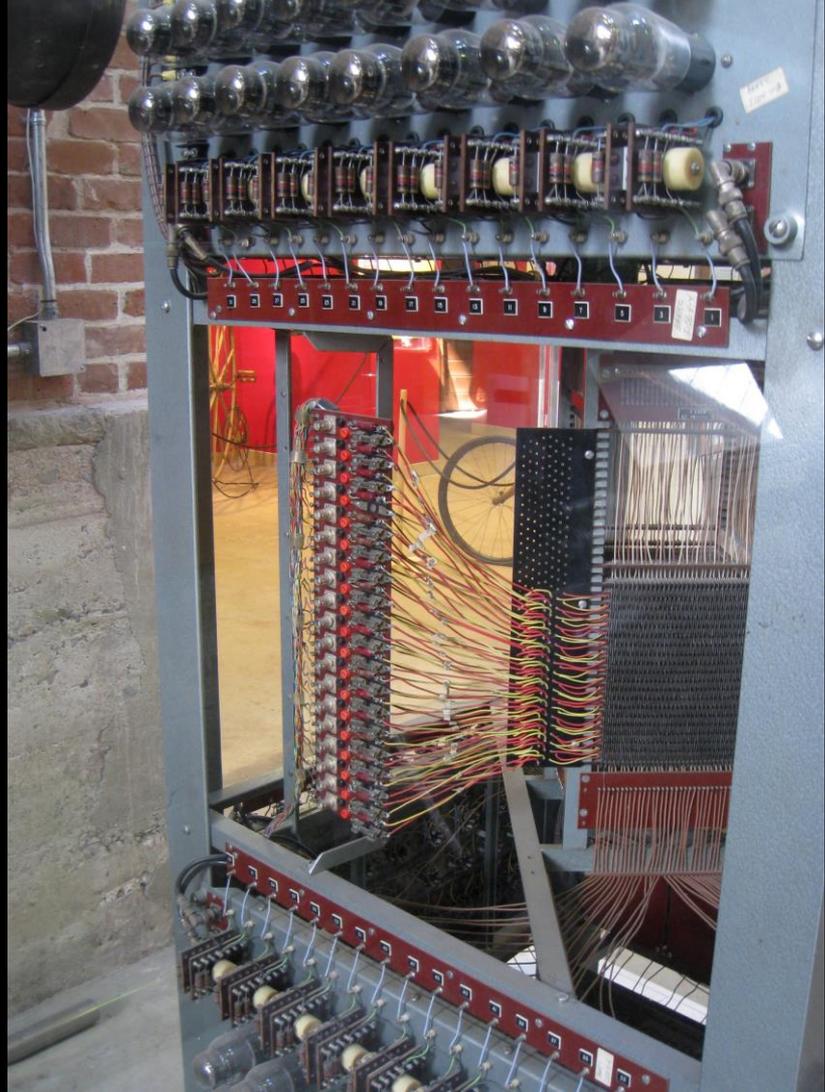
There was no source code...

*There was no source code...
The program was the **machine**.*









TYPICAL COBOL.

000100 IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.
000200 PROGRAM ID. PAYROLL.
000300 AUTHOR. JOHN DOE.
000600 DATE. APRIL 5TH 1960.
001100 REMARKS.
001101 INPUT FROM RUN 4 AND OUTPUT TO RUN 25.
THIS PROGRAM PROCESSES SALARIED
EMPLOYEES ONLY.

002000 ENVIRONMENT DIVISION.
002100 CONFIGURATION SECTION.
002200 SOURCE COMPUTER. COMPUTER NAME.
002300 OBJECT COMPUTER. COMPUTER NAME.
002400 SPECIAL NAMES. HARDWARE NAME.
003000 INPUT-OUTPUT SECTION.
003100 FILE CONTROL. SELECT FILE-NAME 1
003200 SELECT FILE-NAME 2 SELECT
003300 I-O CONTROL. APPLY
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004000 DATA DIVISION.
004100 RD MASTER-PAYROLL, LABEL RECORDS ARE
004200 STANDARD, DATA RECORDS ARE MASTER-
004300 PAY, SEQUENCED ON BADGE-NUMBER.
004400 01 MASTER-PAY SIZE IS 180 CHAR-
004500 ACTERS. CLASS IS ALPHAMERIC.
004600 02 BADGE-NUMBER SIZE IS 12
004700 CHARACTERS, PICTURE IS
004800 AAAXXX999999.
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006000 PROCEDURE DIVISION.
006100 COMPUTATIONS SECTION.
006200 UPDATE-MASTER. MOVE ADJUSTED-PAY TO
006300 NET-PAY. ADD GROSS-PAY TO GROSS-
006400 YEAR-TO-DATE. WRITE UPDATED-
006500 MASTER-PAY. READ MASTER-PAYROLL
006600 RECORD.
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U1 Social Organization and Work



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U2 Application Areas

Human

H1 Human Information Processing

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C3 Dialogue Genre



C4 Computer Graphics



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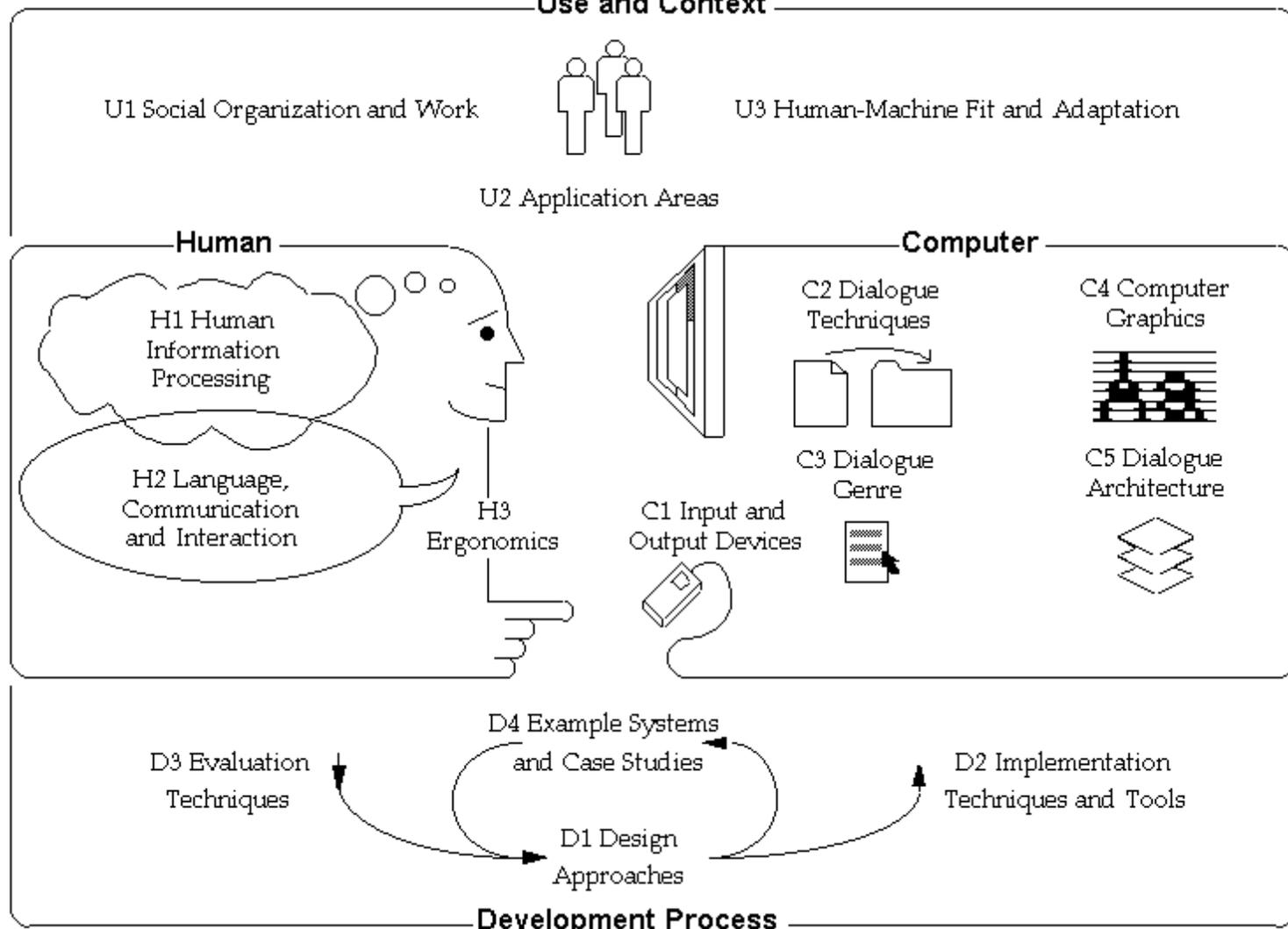
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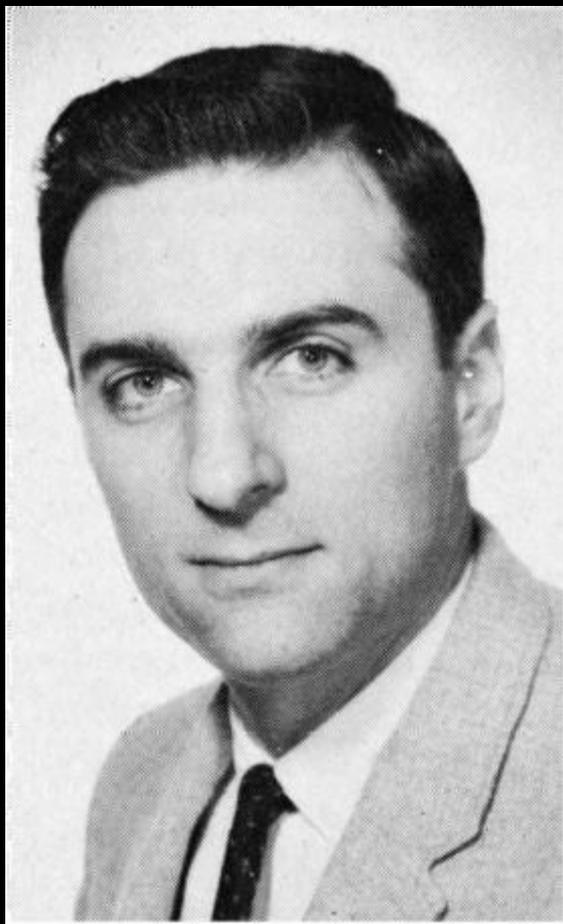
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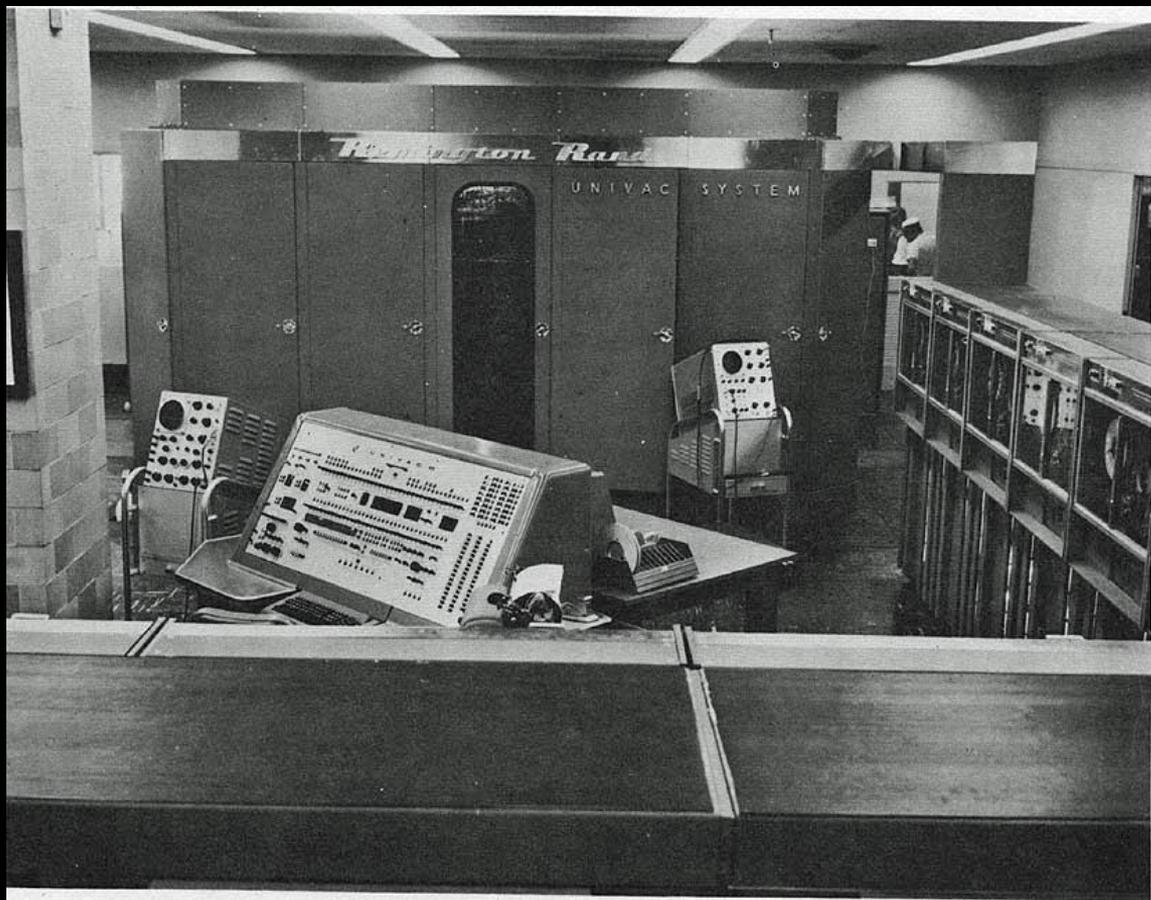
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“Project-based organizations revolve around the concept that a group of individuals or firms join together with the explicit purpose of producing a tangible set of outputs”

-- Paul Chinowsky, EPOJ 2011

“How Do Committees Invent?”



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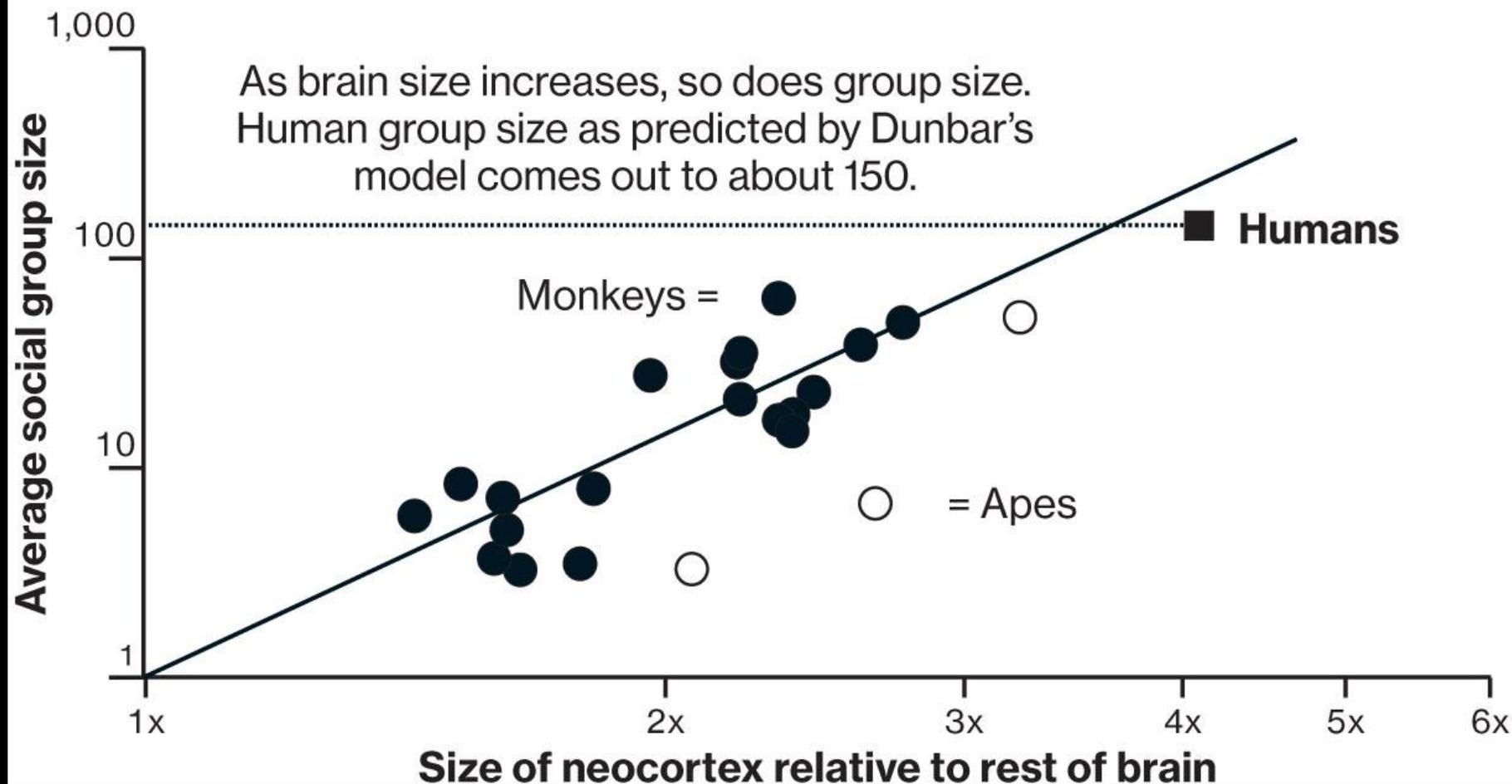


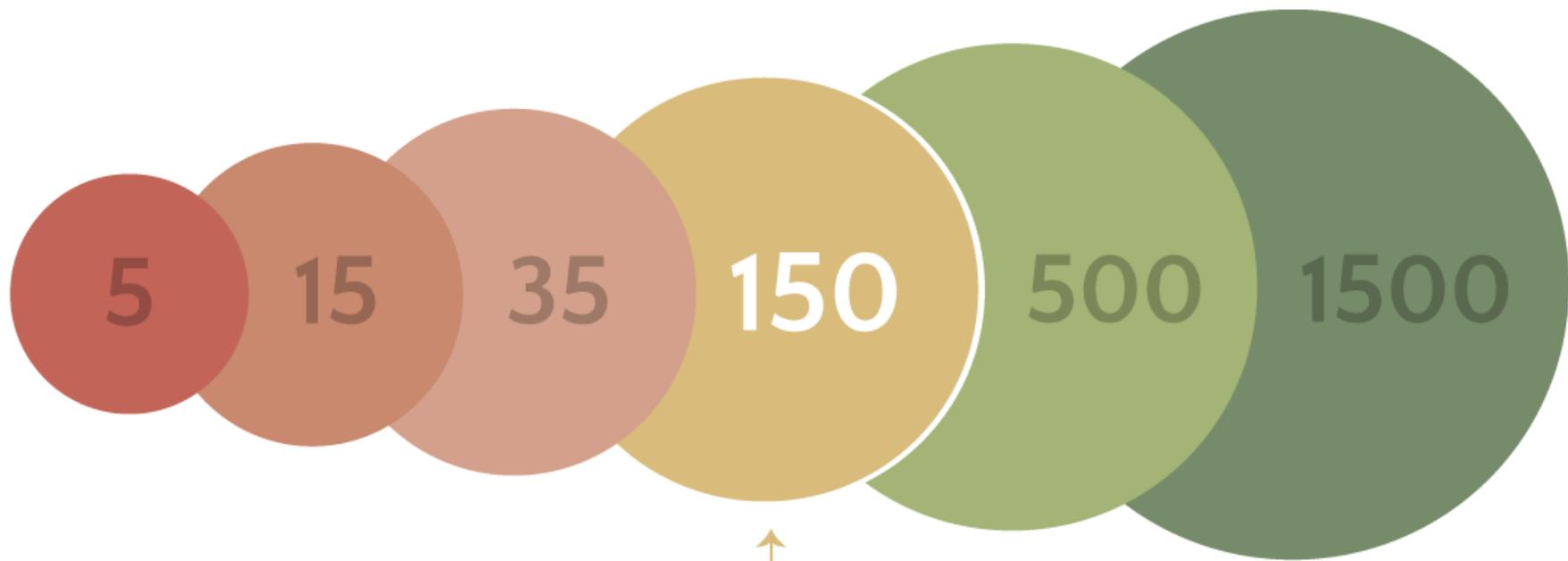
Dunbar's Number

A measurement of the “cognitive limit to the number of individuals with whom any one person can maintain stable relationships.”

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The Social Cortex





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the max number of relationships a person can maintain



Dunbar Groups

Intimate friends: 5

Trusted friends: 15

Close friends: 35

Casual friends: 150

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Conway's (first) Law

So... what about other Conway Laws?

Conway's Second Law

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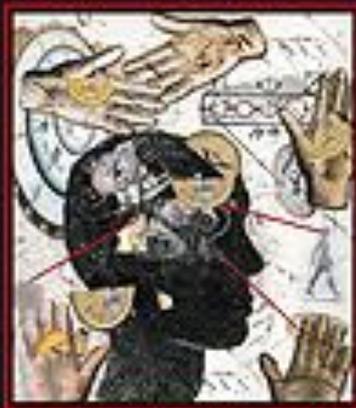
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Principle:

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“There is a homomorphism from the linear graph of a system to the linear graph of its design organization”

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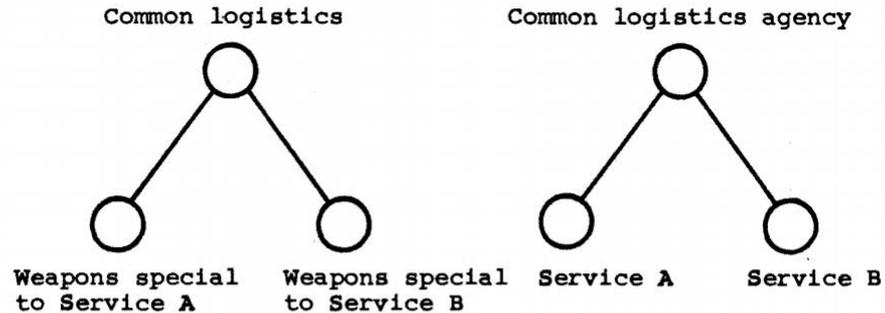
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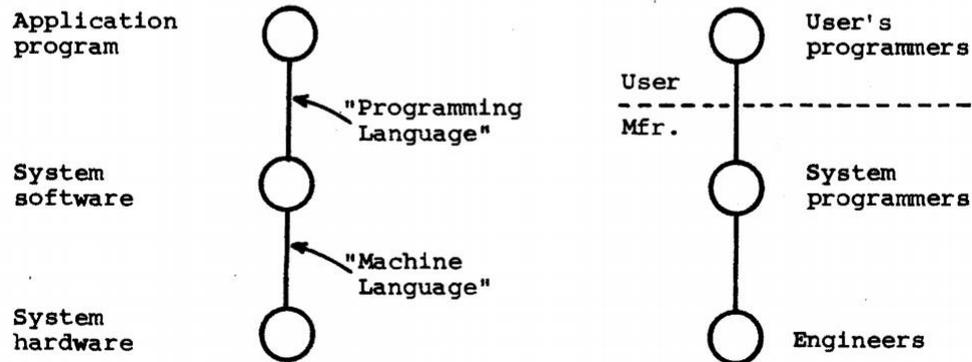
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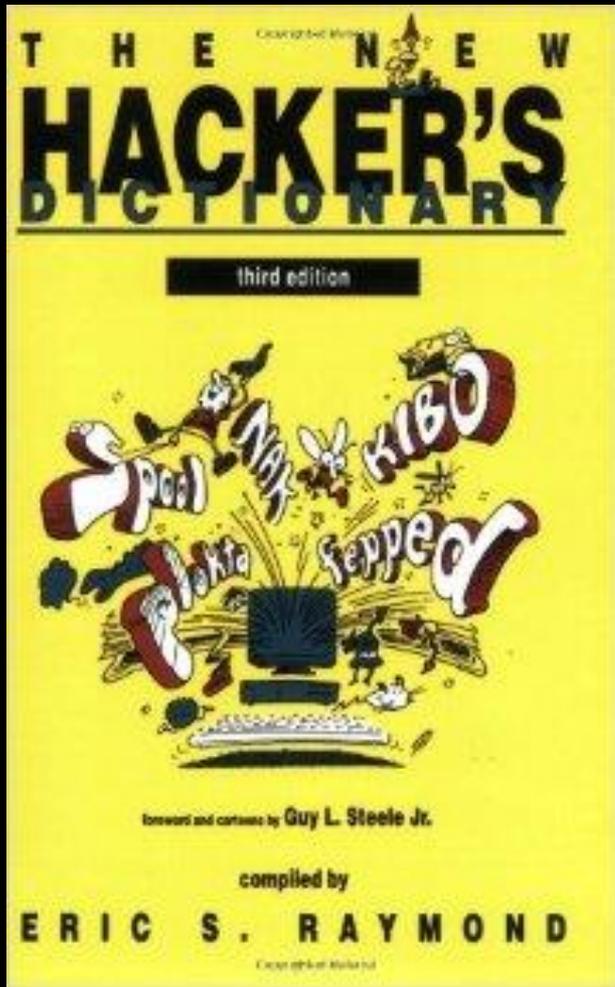


3a. A Weapon System



3b. A Computer System

Figure 3 Two examples of identity of structure between a system and its design organization.



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“If you have four groups working on a compiler, you'll get a 4-pass compiler.”

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Three reasons Disintegration occurs...

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Dunbar's Number

A measurement of the “cognitive limit to the number of individuals with whom any one person can maintain stable relationships.”

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Disintegration: Reason #3

“Homomorphism insures that the structure of the system will reflect the disintegration which has occurred in the design organization.”



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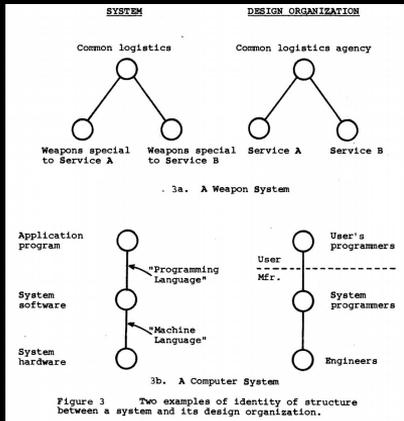
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The machine is the organization.



Scaling

“Free” as in “Scale-Free”

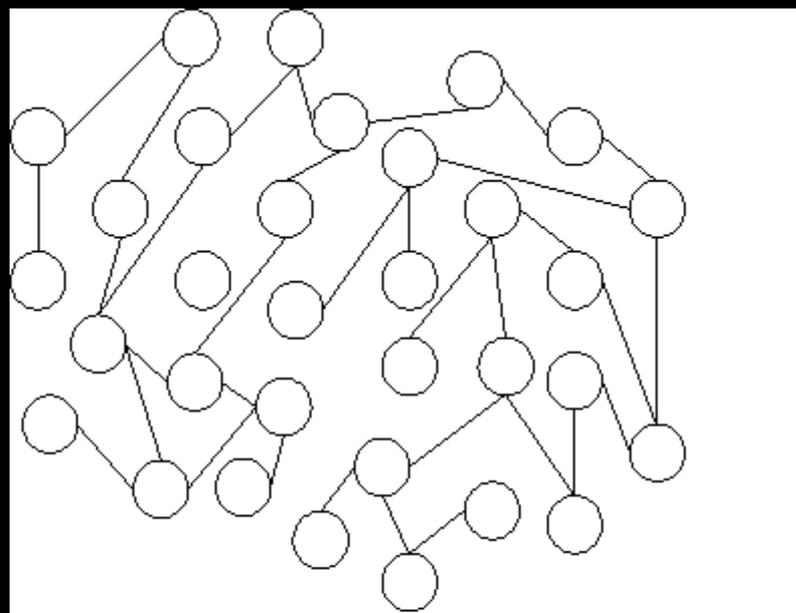
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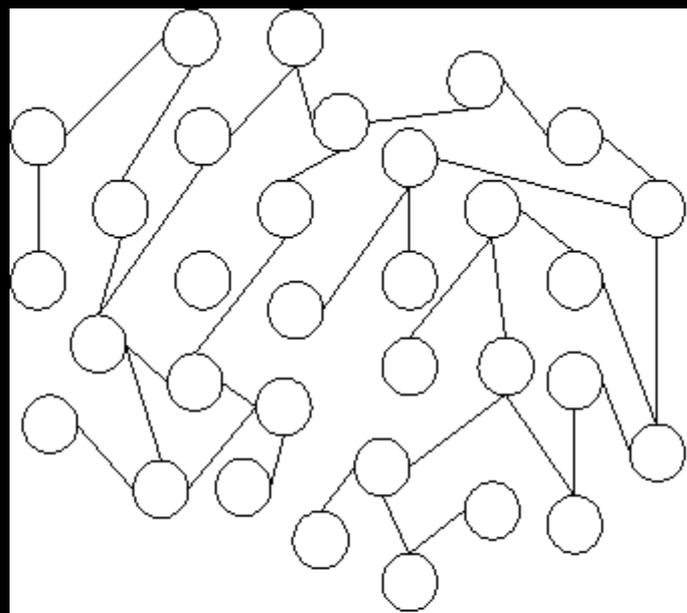
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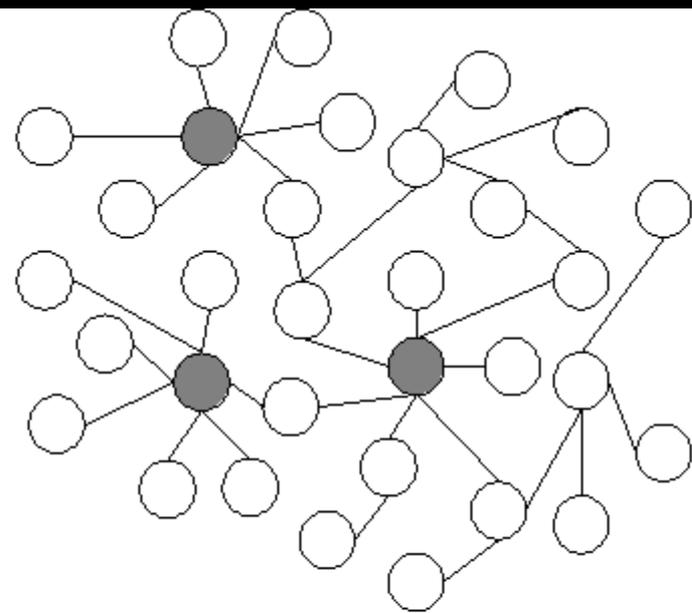




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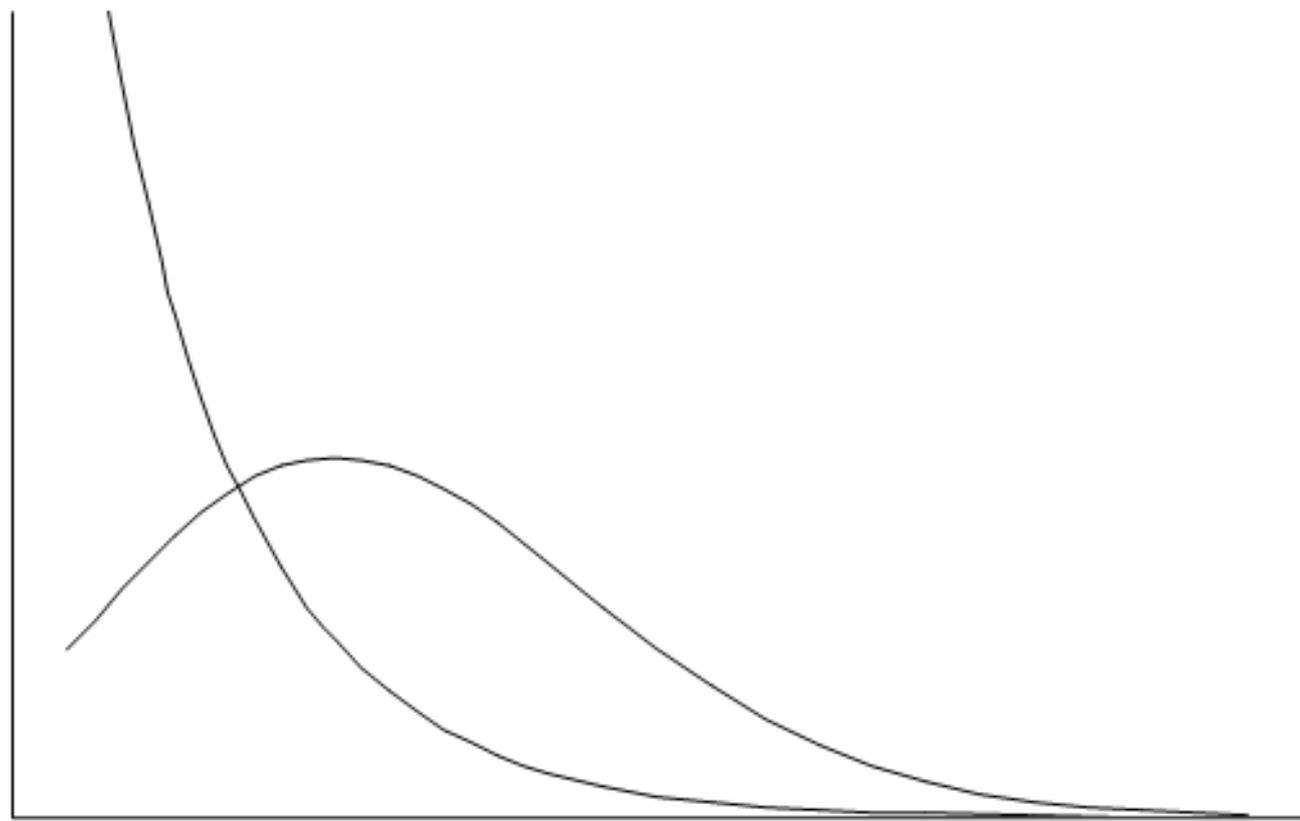


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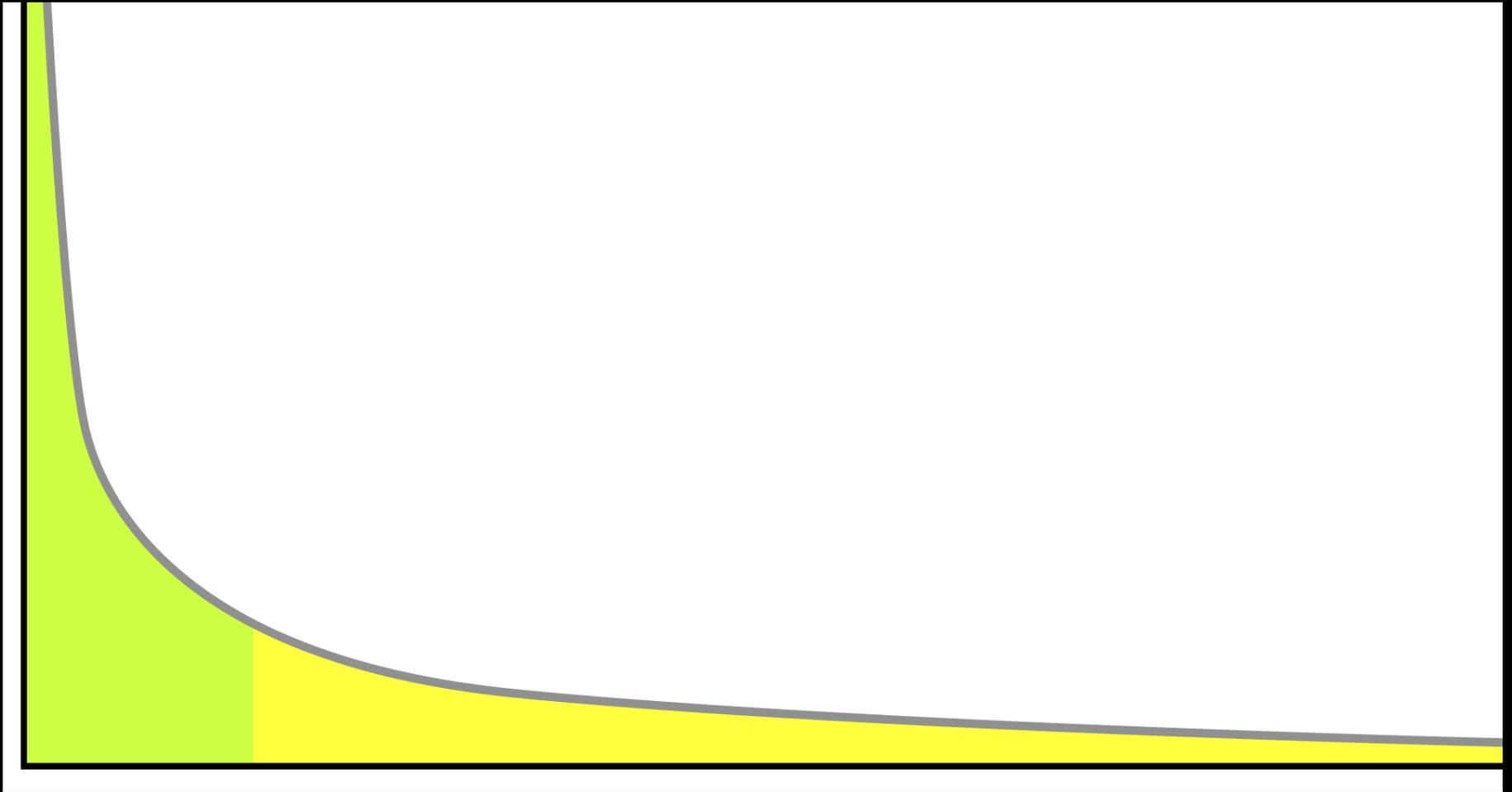


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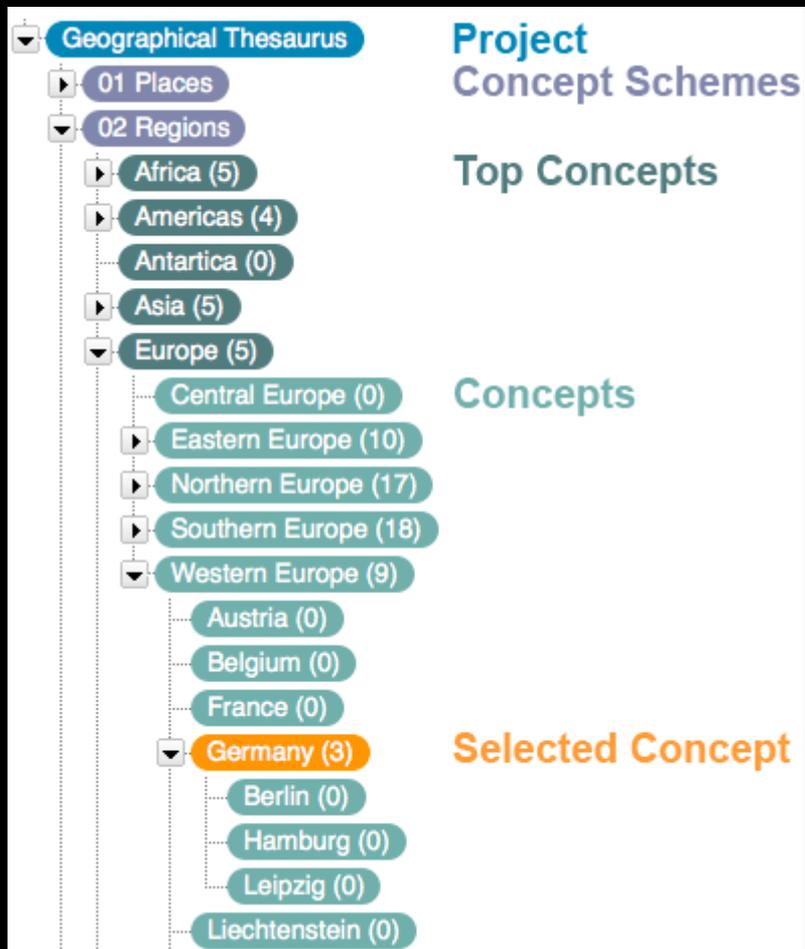


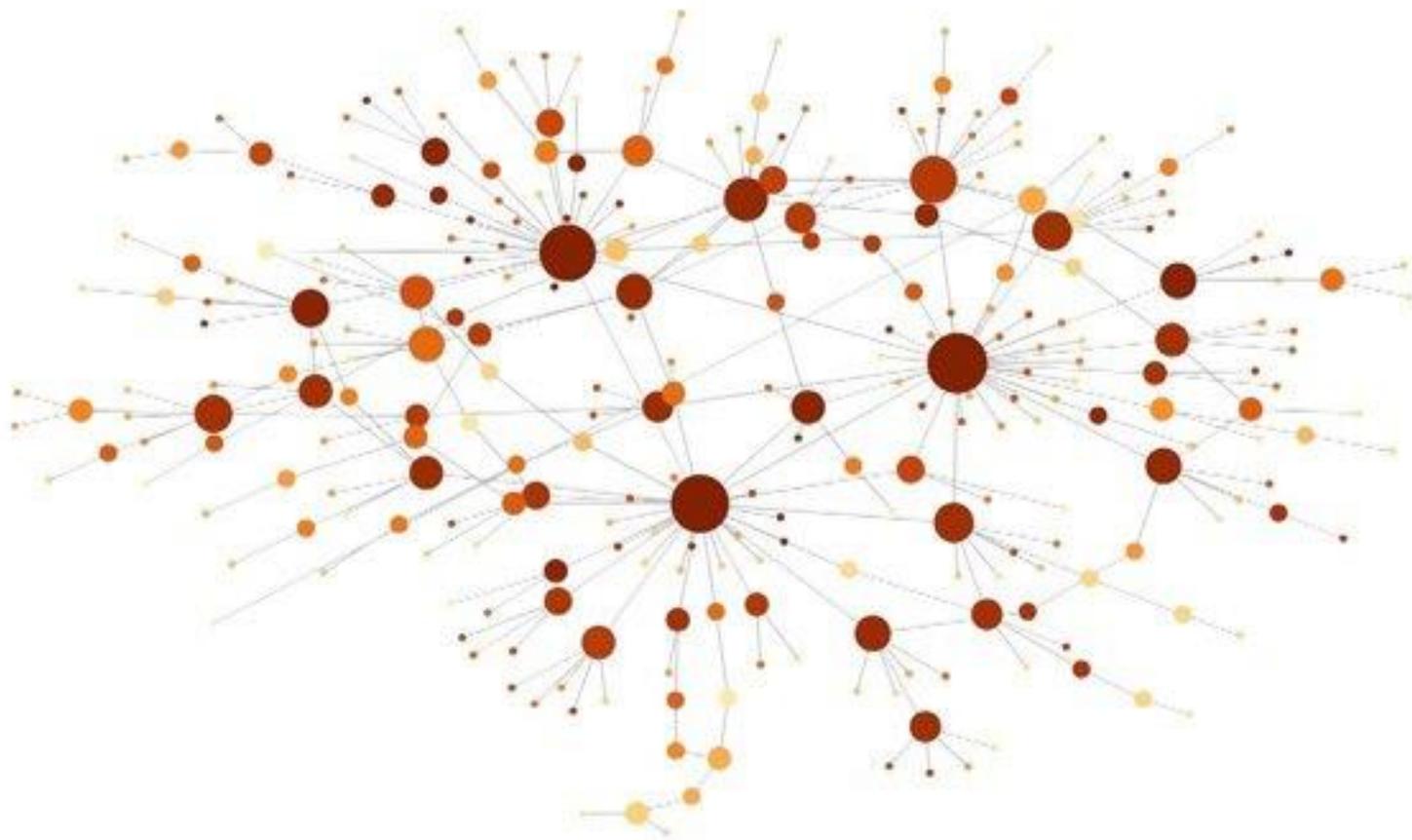
Emergence of Scaling in Random Networks

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Systems as diverse as genetic networks or the world wide web are best described as networks with complex topology. A common property of many large networks is that the vertex connectivities follow a scale-free power-law distribution. This feature is found to be a consequence of the two generic mechanisms that networks expand continuously by the addition of new vertices, and new vertices attach preferentially to already well connected





This applies to code, too...

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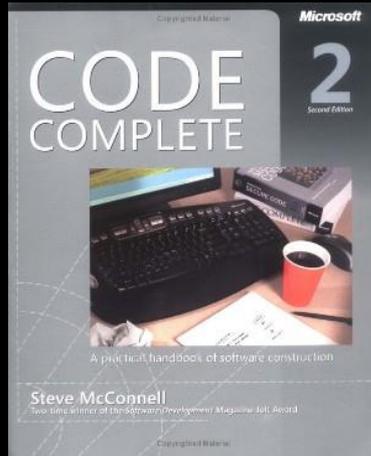
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TreeItem	JLayeredPane
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Code as hierarchy



The more code, the more bugs.

“The industry average is about 15 - 50 errors per 1000 lines of delivered code.”



- Steve McConnell

Code is not the solution, code is the problem.



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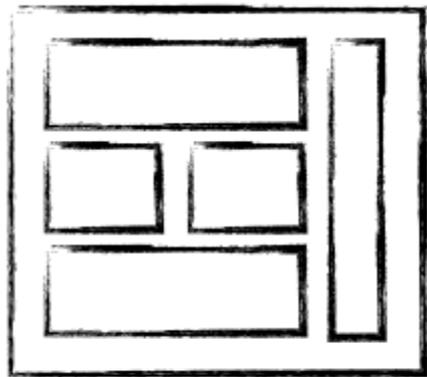
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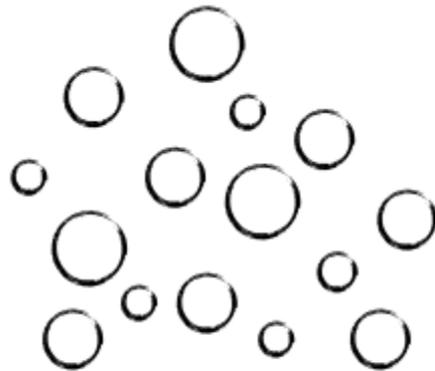
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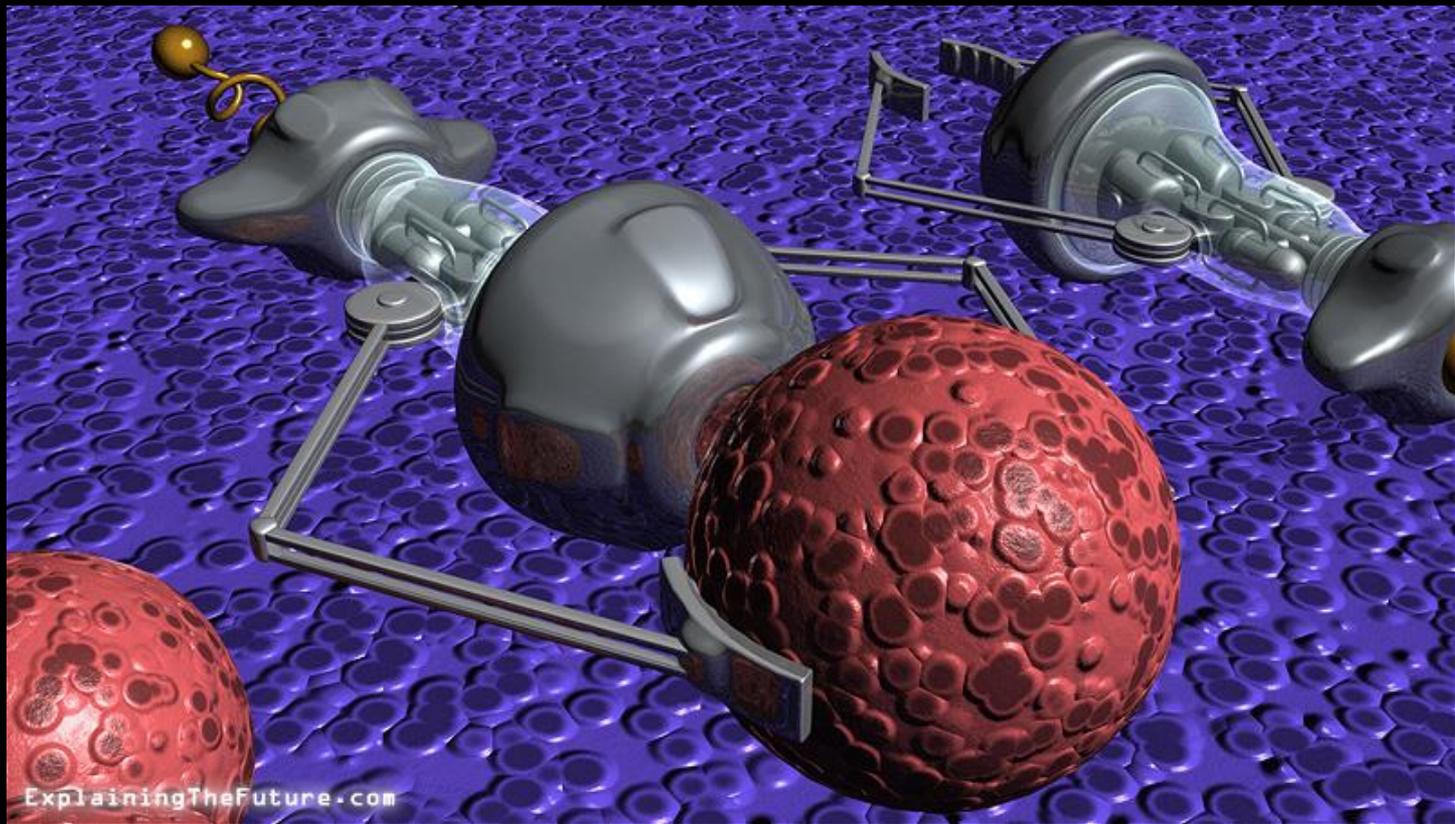


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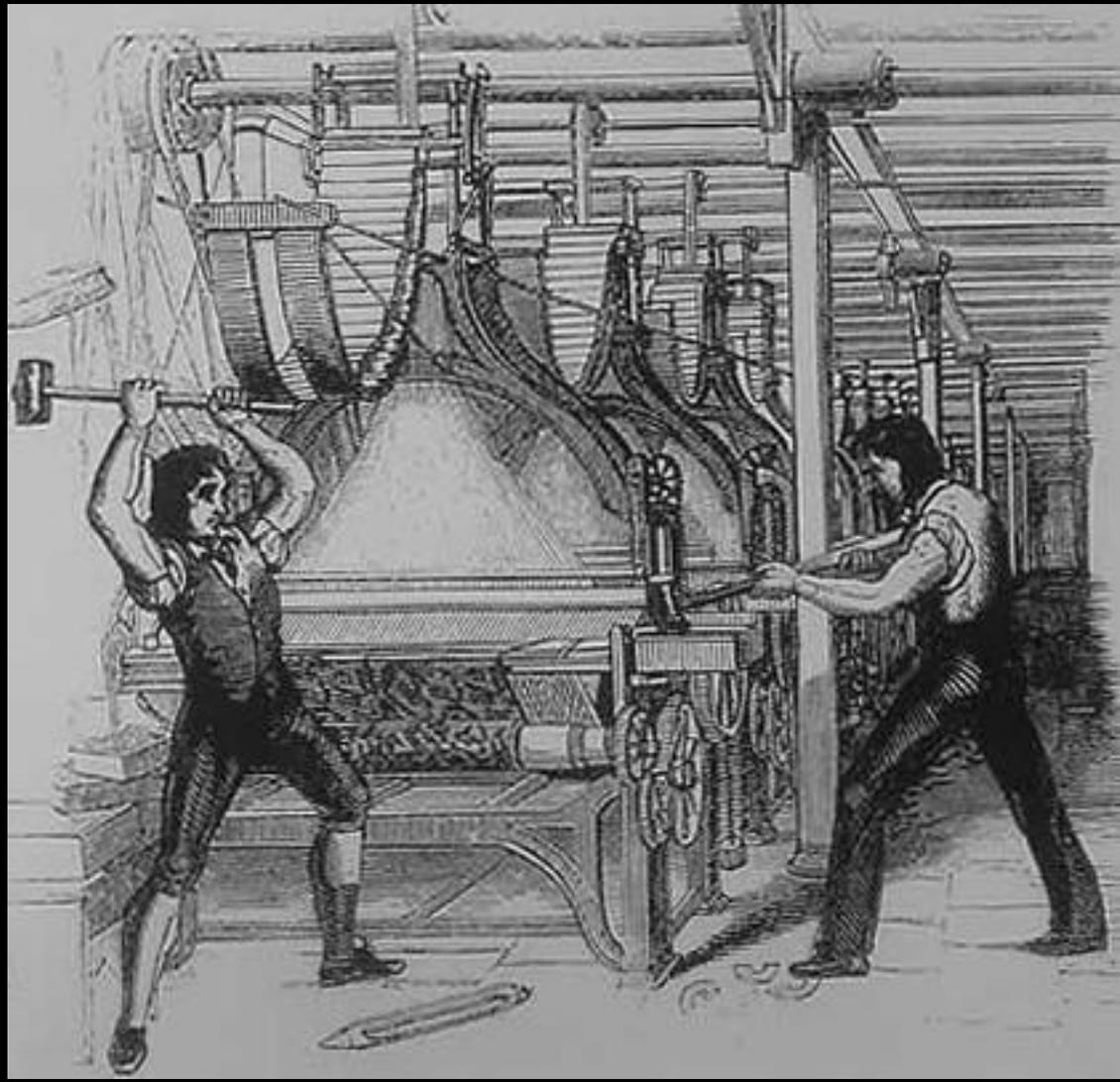
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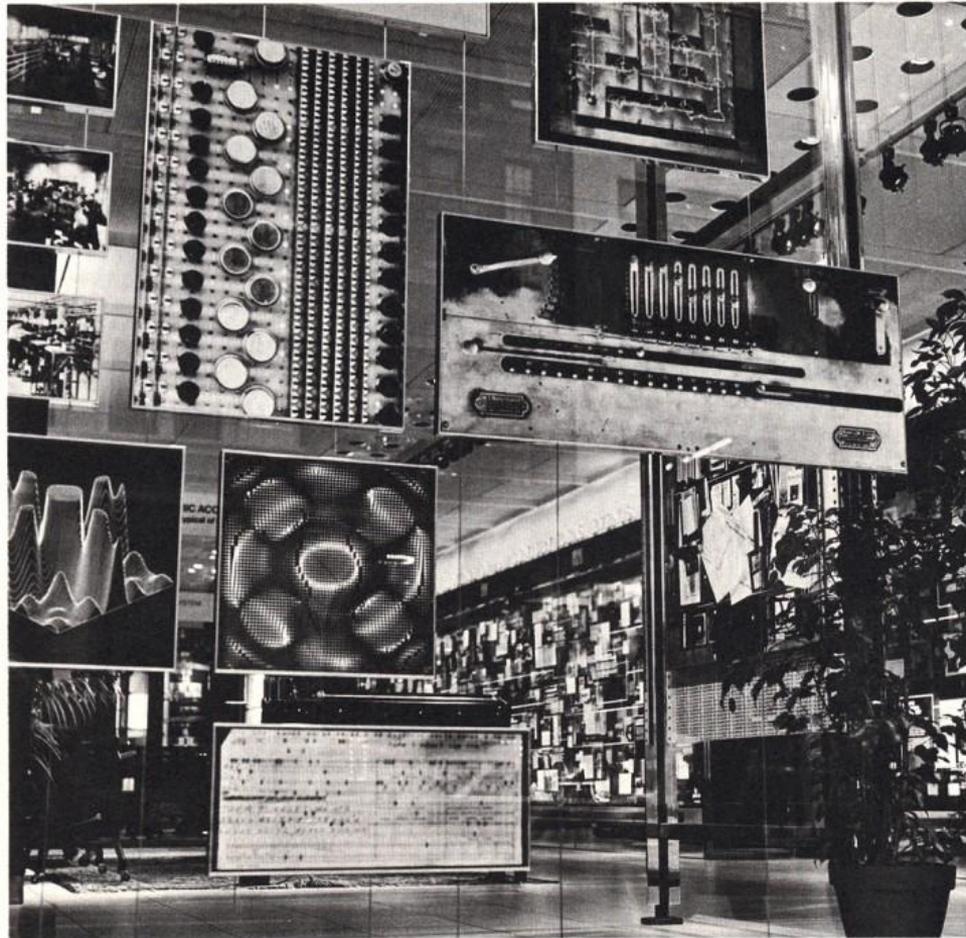
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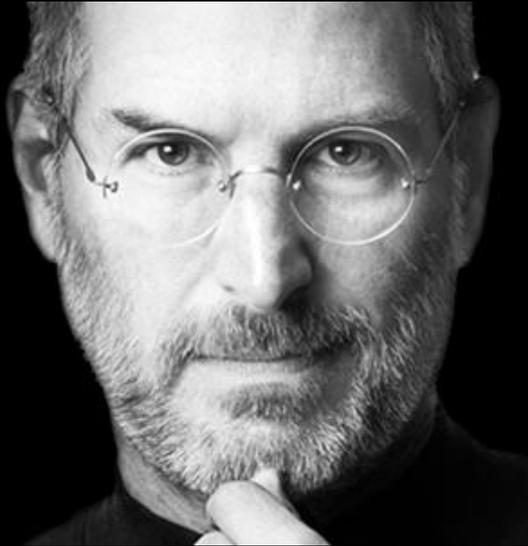
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“I think everybody in this country should learn how to program a computer because it teaches you how to think.”

- Steve Jobs









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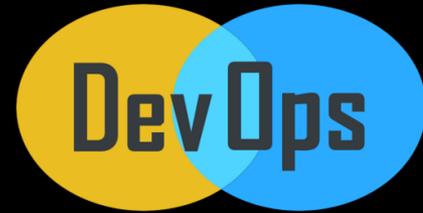
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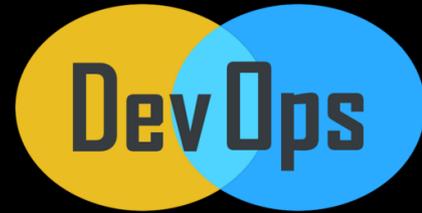
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Traditionally, IT organizations have run their development and operations functions separately, largely because the two groups have different missions that yield opposing behaviors. “App Dev”

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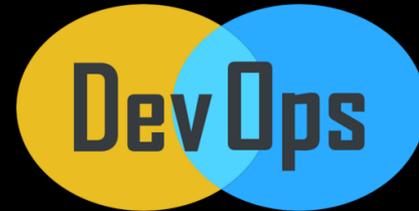
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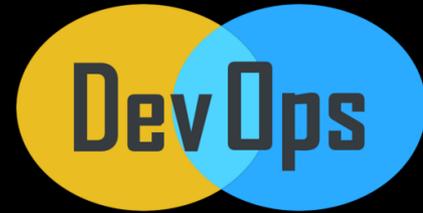
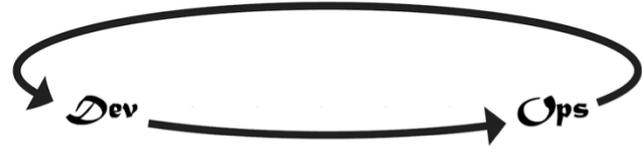
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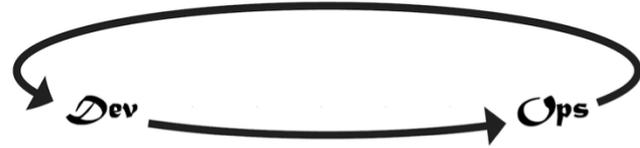
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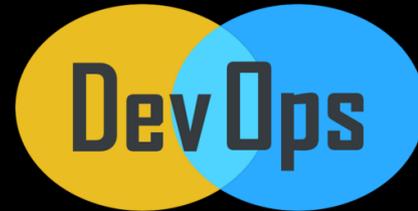
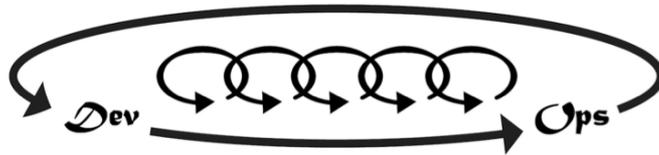
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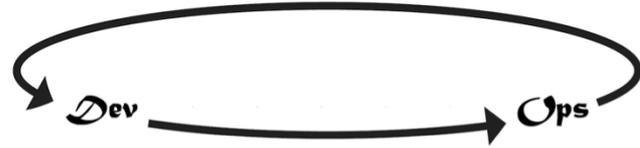
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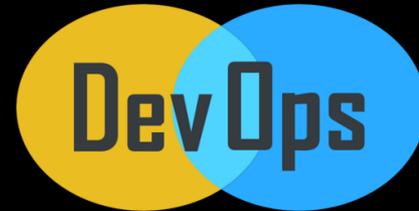
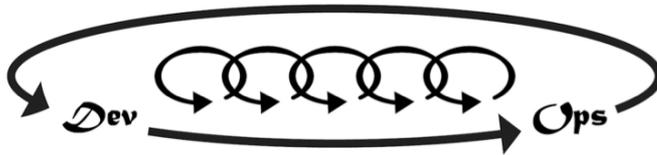
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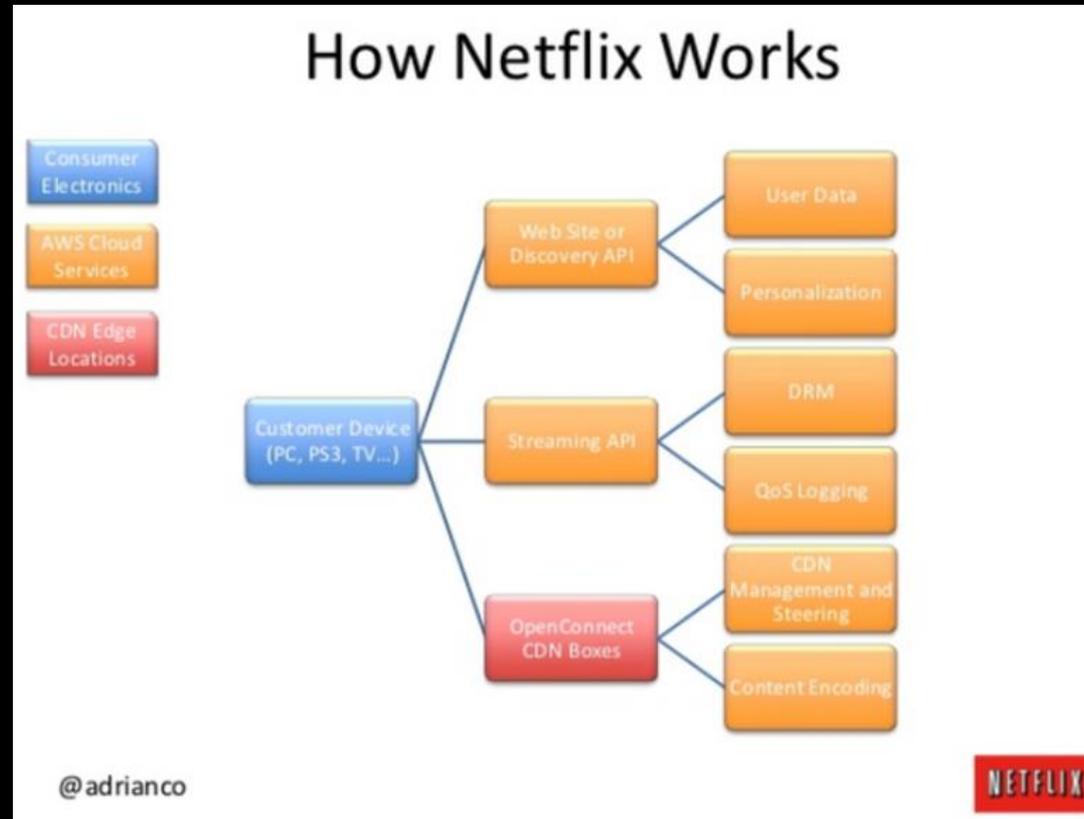
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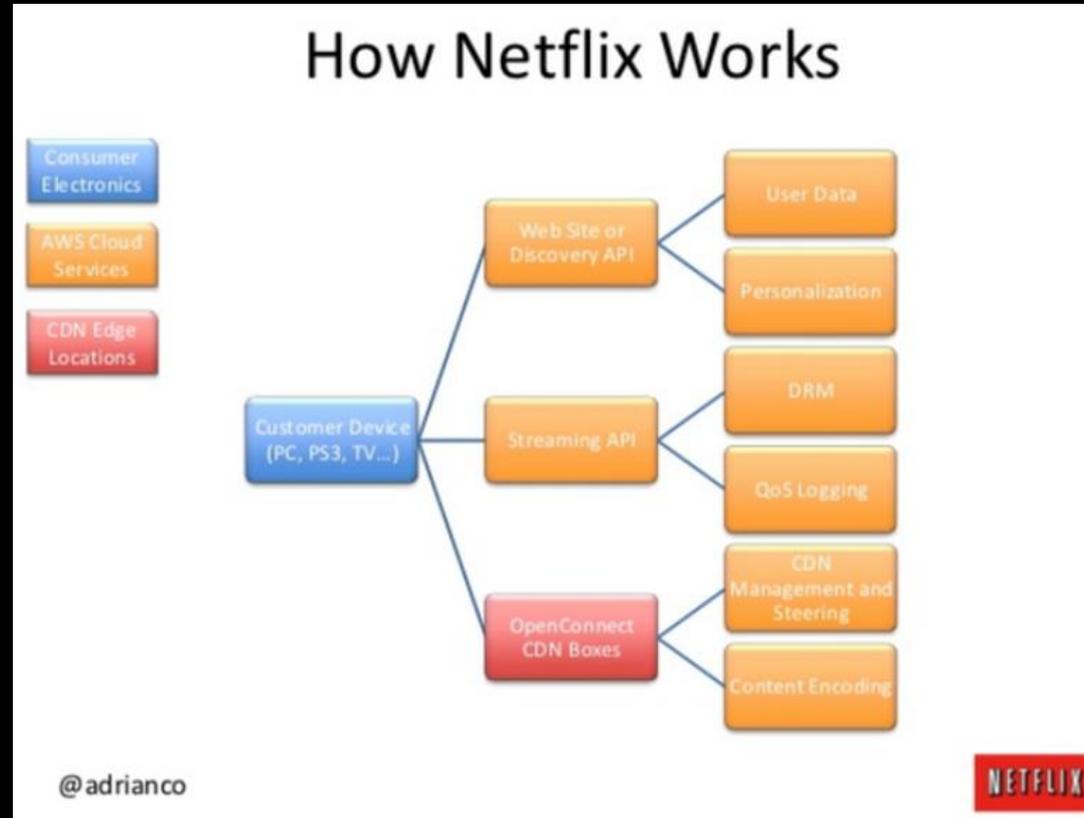
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- Increase Speed
- Improve Safety/Resiliency
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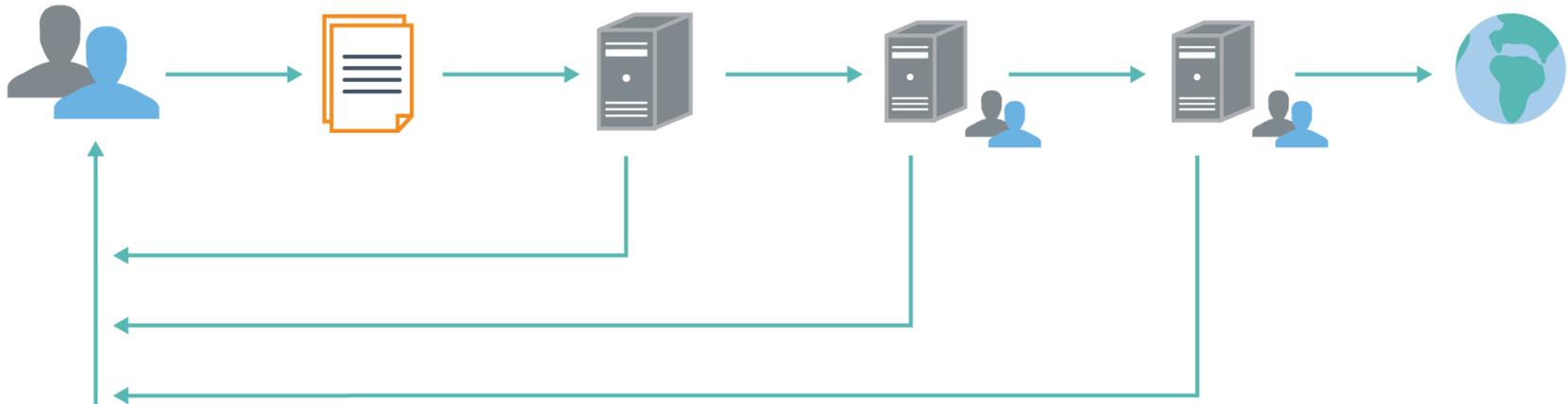
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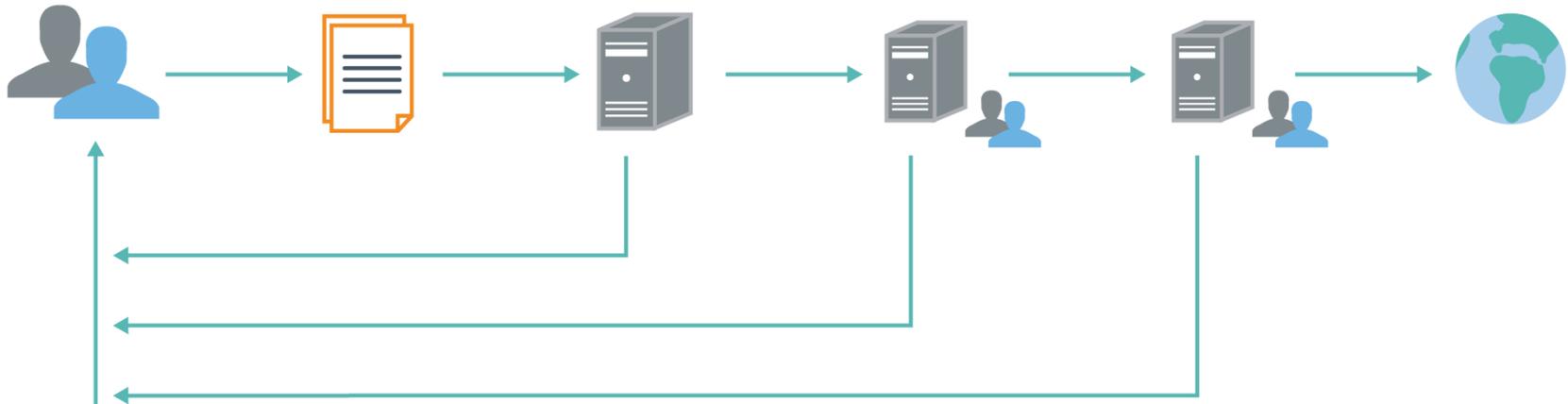
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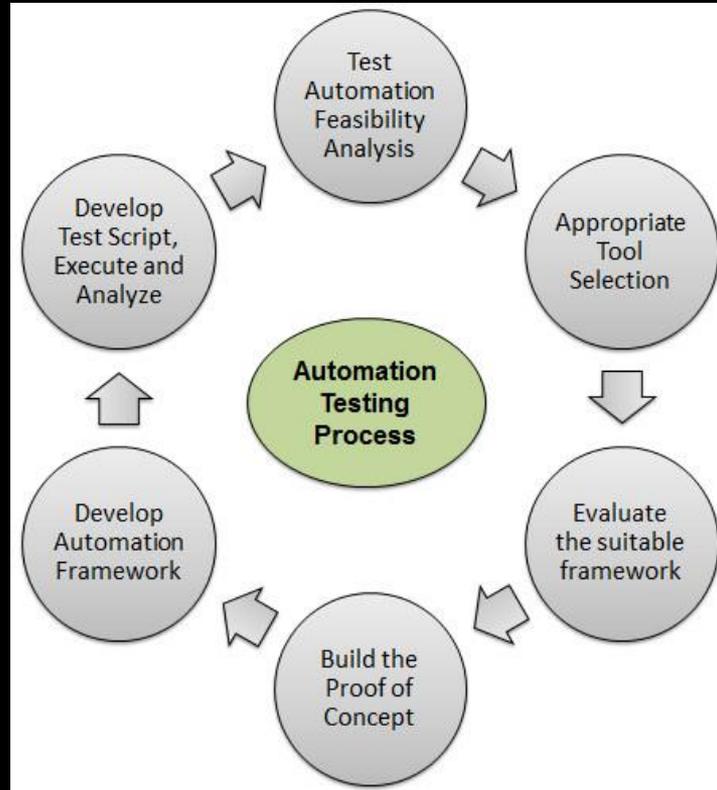
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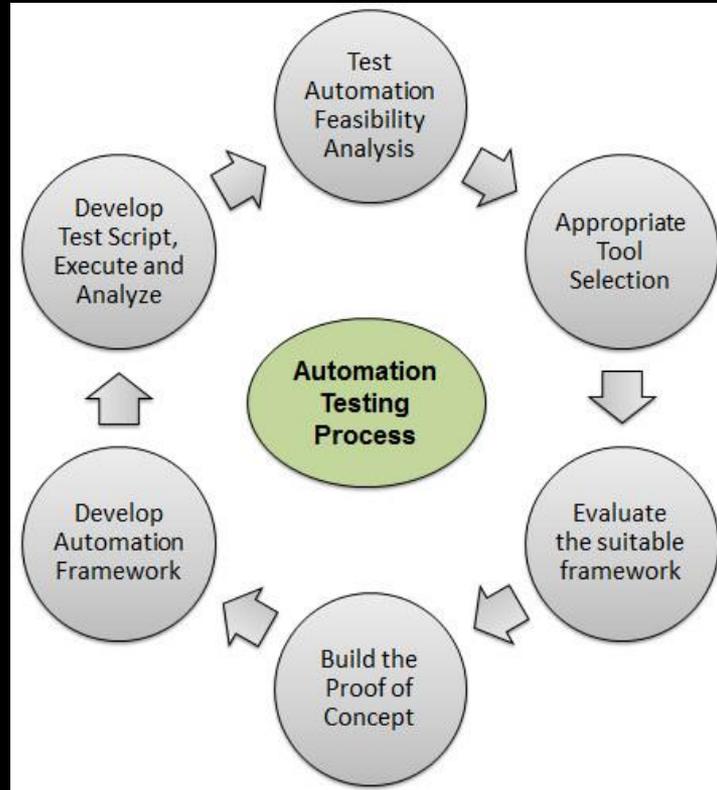
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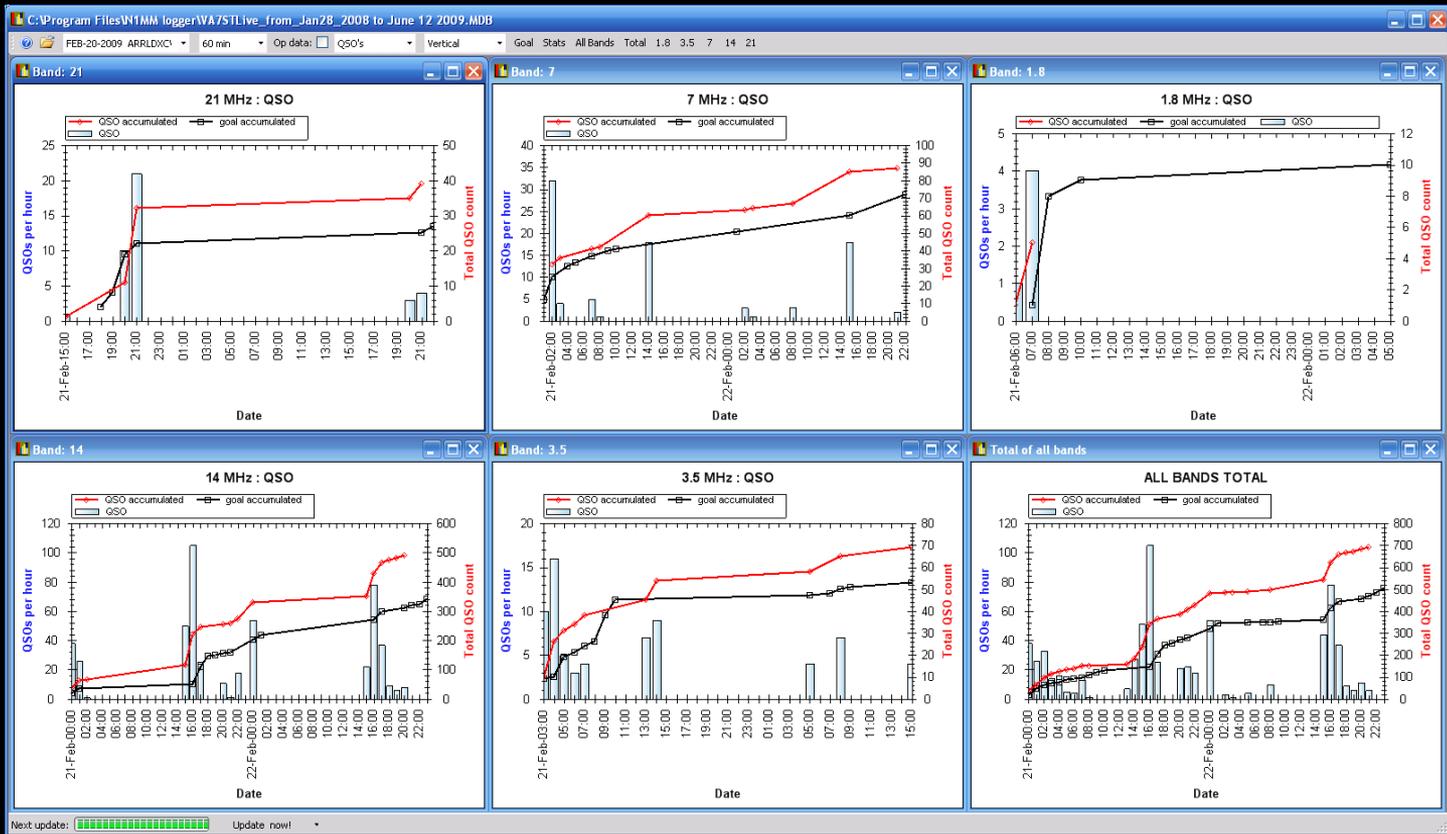
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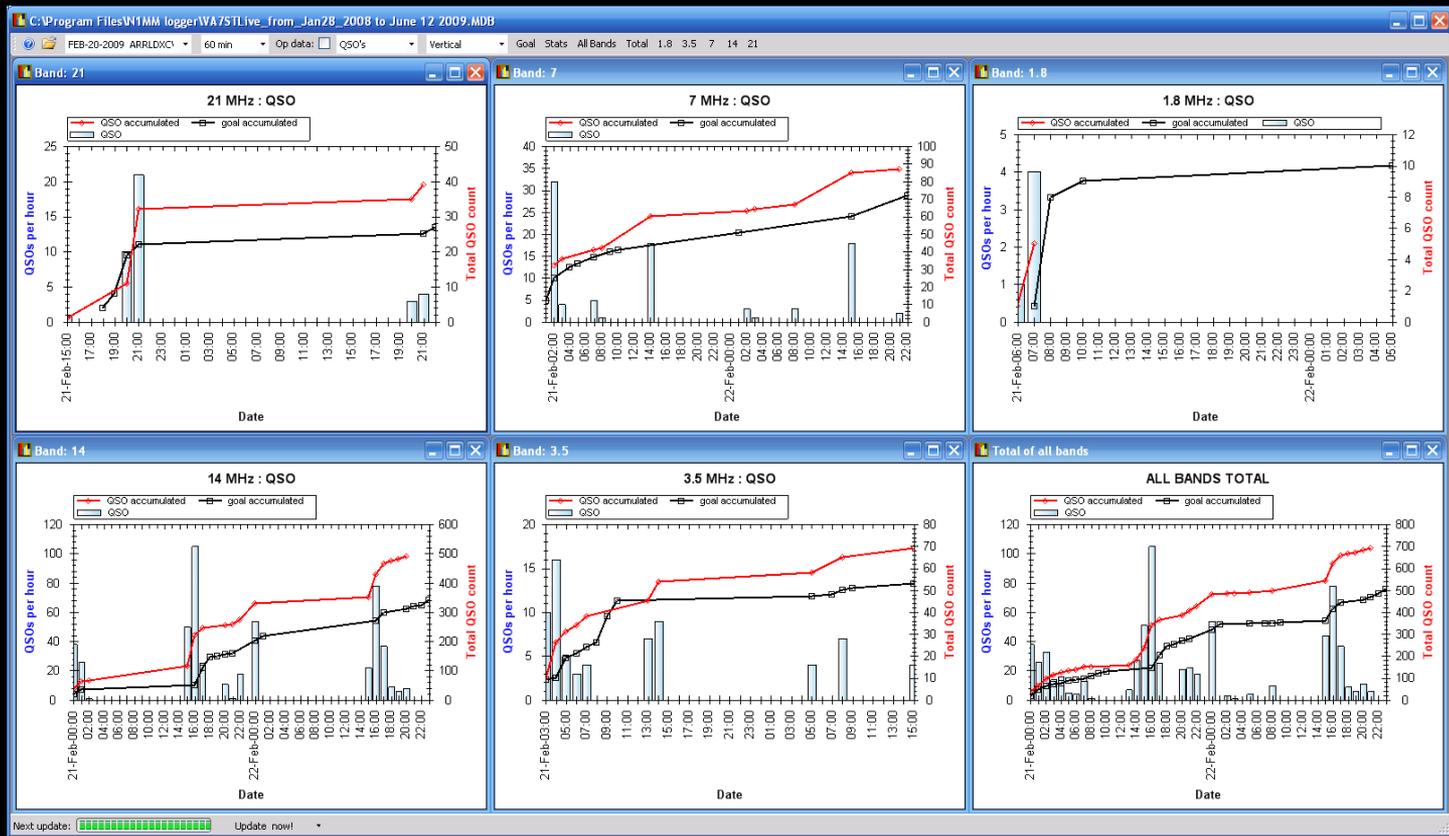
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Provide Visibility



Provide Visibility – Ubiquitous Logging



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Reduce Cost

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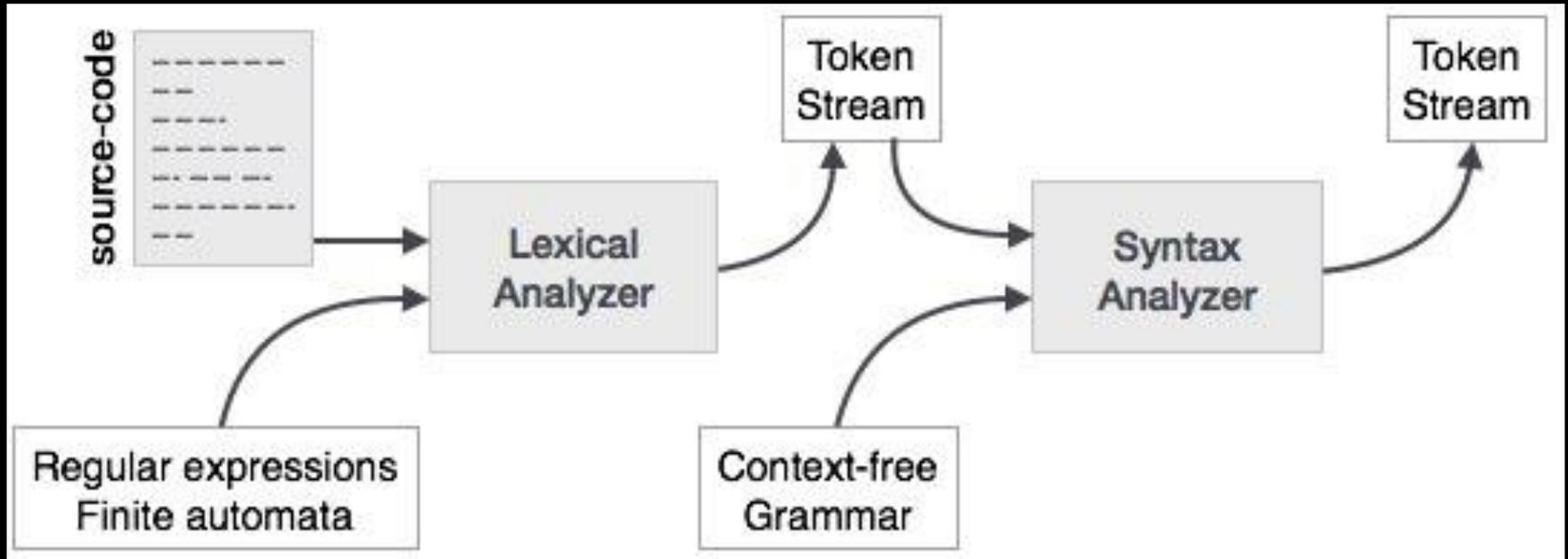
Increase Speed

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18     var claim_code = [];  
19  
20     //This is where the Issuer Gadget is hosted  
21     var baseUrl = "https://sites.google.com/site/<<YOUR SITE>>";  
22  
23     // The claim code holds the row number and the type of badge, which for now is  
24     var claim_code_base = "row=" + lastrow;  
25     claim_code.push(Utilities.base64Encode(claim_code_base + "&type=openbadge"));  
26  
27     // Build the URL to send  
28     var url = baseUrl + "?claim_code=" + claim_code;  
29  
30     // Compose text for the email  
31     var emailText = "Hi " + name + ", \n\nCongratulations on obtaining the " + badgenam + "  
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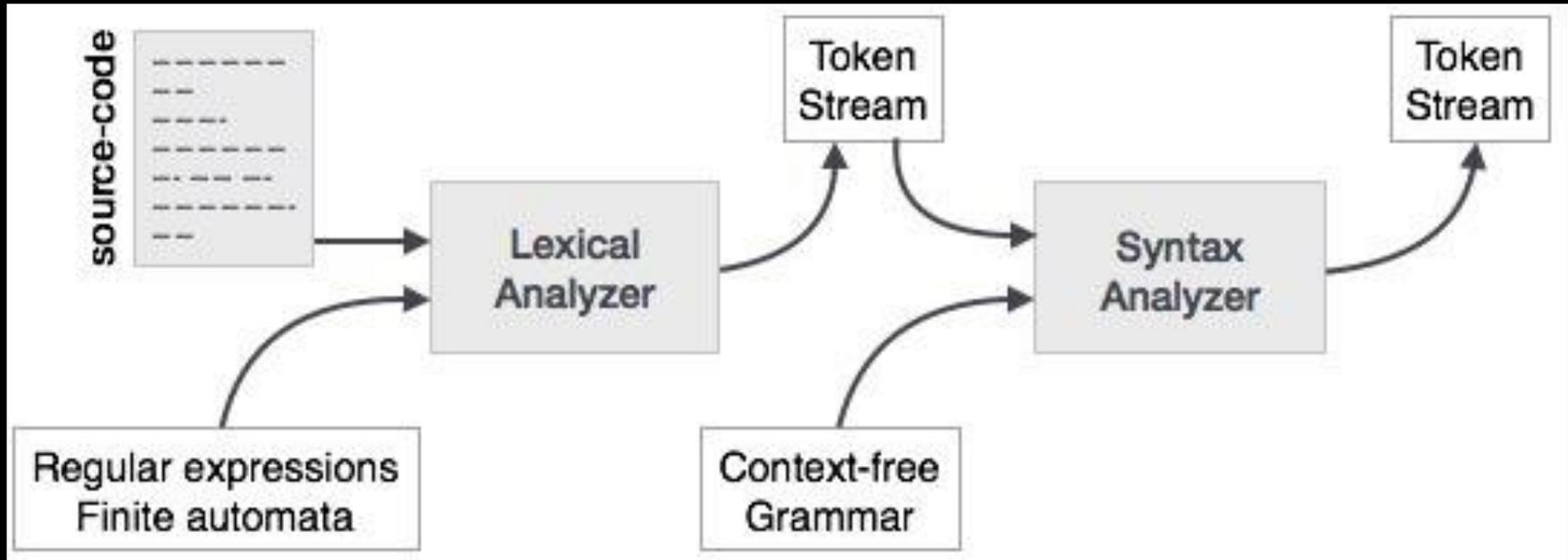
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21 var baseUrl = "https://sites.google.com/site/<<YOUR SITE>>";  
22  
23 // The claim code holds the row number and the type pf badge, which for now is  
24 var claim_code_base = "row=" + lastrow;  
25 claim_code.push(Utilities.base64Encode(claim_code_base + "&type=openbadge"));  
26  
27 // Build the URL to send  
28 var url = baseUrl + "?claim_code=" + claim_code;  
29  
30 // Compose text for the email  
31 var emailText = "Hi " + name + ", \n\nCongratulations on obtaining the " + badgenam + "  
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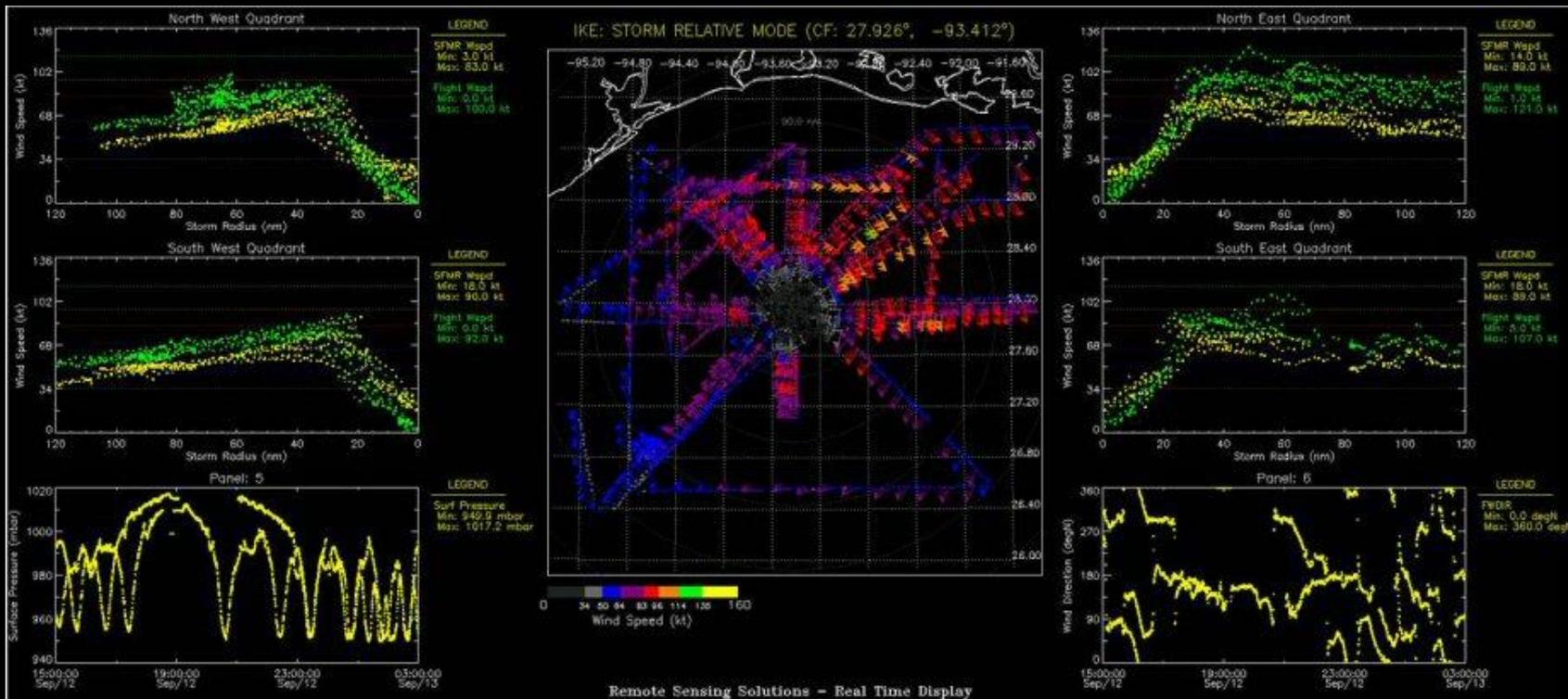
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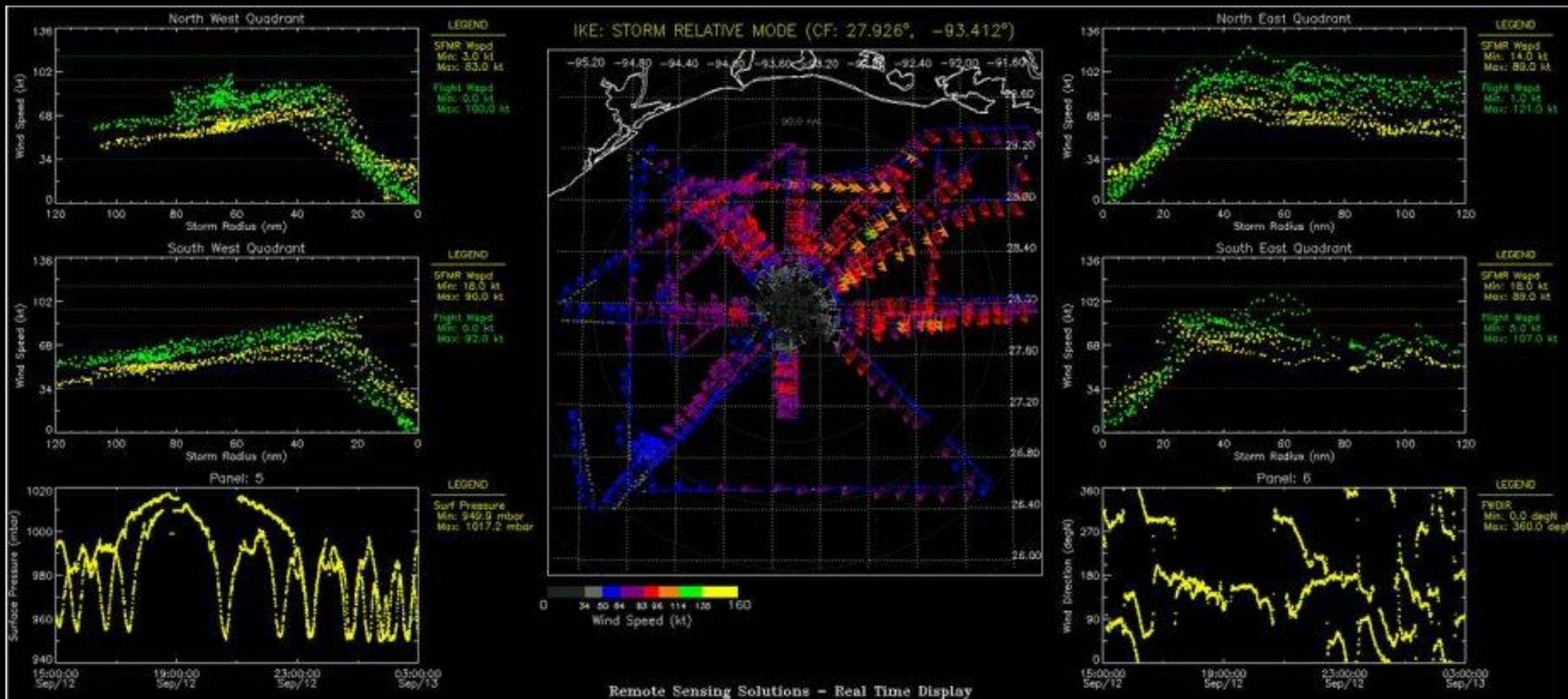


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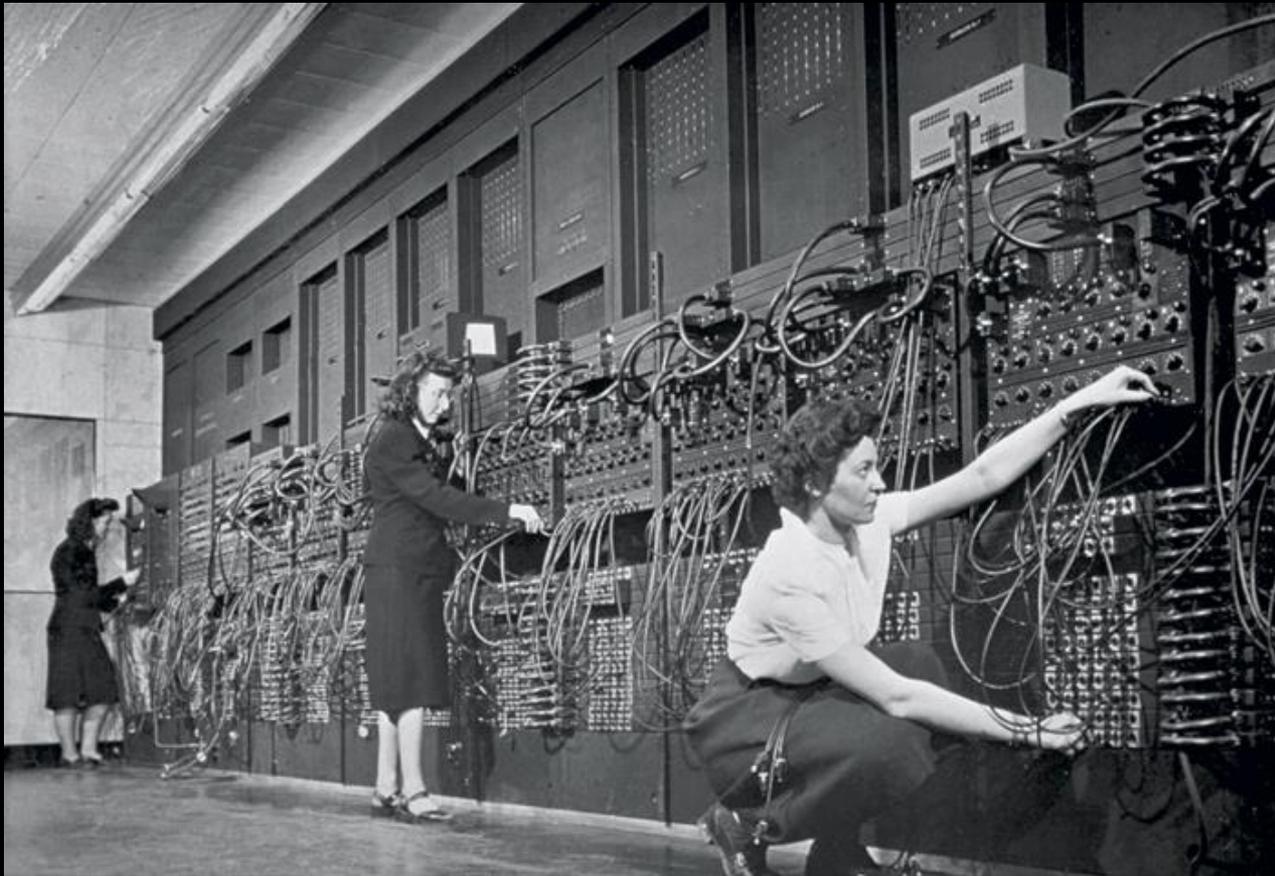
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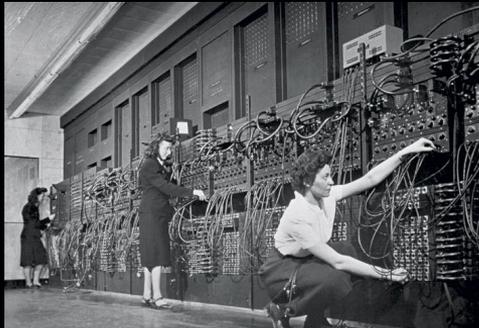
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Summary



Jennings, Wescoff, & Lichterman, 1946

The program was the machine.





HOW DO COMMITTEES INVENT?

by MELVIN E. CONWAY

That kind of intellectual activity which creates a useful whole from its diverse parts may be called the *design* of a system. Whether the particular activity is the creation of specifications for a major weapon system, the formation of a recommendation to meet a social challenge, or the programming of a computer, the general activity is largely the same.

Typically, the objective of a design organization is the creation and assembly of a document containing a coherent but structured body of information. We may name this information the *system design*. It is typically produced for a sponsor who usually desires to carry out some activity guided by the system design. For example, a public official may wish to propose legislation to avert a recurrence of a recent disaster, so he appoints a team to explain the catastrophe. Or a manufacturer needs a new product and designates a product planning activity to specify what should be introduced.

The design organization may or may not be involved in the construction of the system it designs. Frequently, in public affairs, there are policies which discourage a group's acting upon its own recommendations; whereas, in private industry, quite the opposite situation often prevails.

It seems reasonable to suppose that the knowledge that one will have to carry out one's own recommendations or that this task will fall in others, probably affects some design choices which the individual designer is called upon to make. Most design activity requires continually making choices. Many of these choices may be more than design decisions; they may also be personal decisions the designer makes about his own future. As we shall see later, the incentives which exist in a conventional management environment can motivate choices which subvert the intent of the sponsor.¹

stages of design

The initial stages of a design effort are concerned more with structuring of the design activity than with the system itself.² The full-blown design activity cannot proceed until certain preliminary milestones are passed. These include:

1. Understanding of the boundaries, both on the design activity and on the system to be designed, placed by the sponsor and by the world's realities.
2. Achievement of a preliminary notion of the system's organization so that design task groups can be meaningfully assigned.

We shall see in detail later that the very act of organiz-

design organization criteria

ing a design team means that certain design decisions have already been made, explicitly or otherwise. Given any design team organization, there is a class of design alternatives which cannot be effectively pursued by such an organization because the necessary communication paths do not exist. Therefore, there is no such thing as a design group which is both organized and unbiased.

Once the organization of the design team is chosen, it is possible to delegate activities to the subgroups of the organization. Every time a delegation is made and somebody's scope of inquiry is narrowed, the class of design alternatives which can be effectively pursued is also narrowed.

Once scopes of activity are defined, a coordination problem is created. Coordination among task groups, although it appears to lower the productivity of the individual in the small group, provides the only possibility that the separate task groups will be able to consolidate their efforts into a unified system design.

Thus the life cycle of a system design effort proceeds through the following general stages:

1. Drawing of boundaries according to the general rules.
2. Choice of a preliminary system concept.
3. Organization of the design activity and delegation of tasks according to that concept.
4. Coordination among delegated tasks.
5. Consolidation of substeps into a single design.

It is possible that a given design activity will not proceed straight through this list. It might conceivably reorganize upon discovery of a new, and obviously superior, design concept, but such an appearance of uncertainty is unflattering, and the very act of voluntarily abandoning a creation is painful and expensive. Of course, from the

Communication dictates design.



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-- Mel Conway, 1967

¹A related, but much more comprehensive discussion of the behavior of task-designing organizations is found in John Kenneth Galbraith's, *The New Industrial State* (Boston, Houghton Mifflin, 1967). See especially Chapter VI, "The Technocracy."

²For a discussion of the problems, which may arise when the design activity takes the form of a project in a functional environment, see C. J. Hildreth, "How to Set Up a Project Organization," *Harvard Business Review*, March-April, 1967, p. 73.

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Brooks' Law

“Adding manpower to a late software project makes it later.”

-- Fred Brooks, 1975



Dunbar Groups

Intimate friends: 5

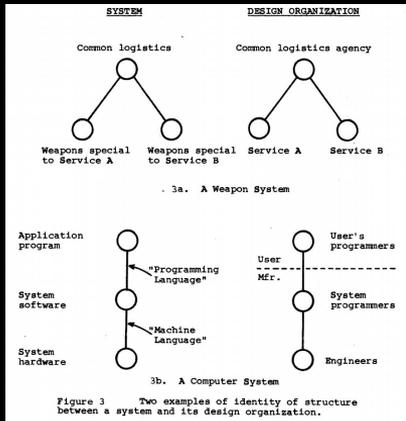
Trusted friends: 15

Close friends: 35

Casual friends: 150

-- *Robin Dunbar, 1992*

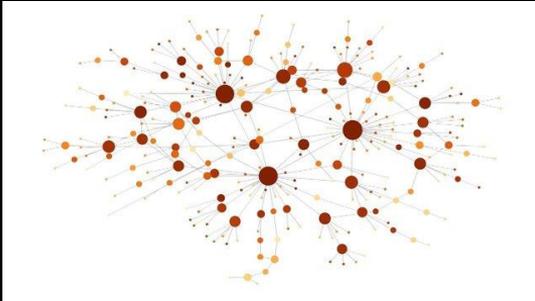
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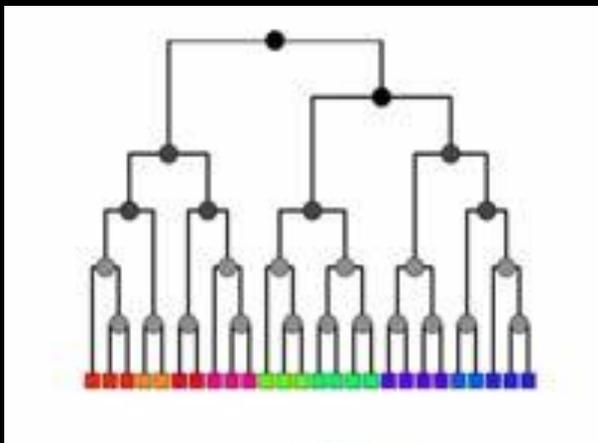


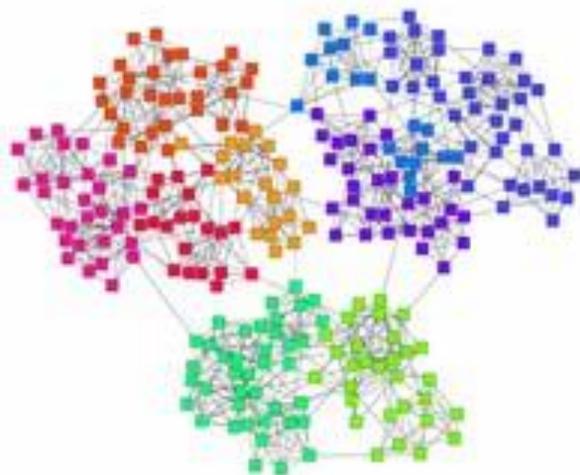
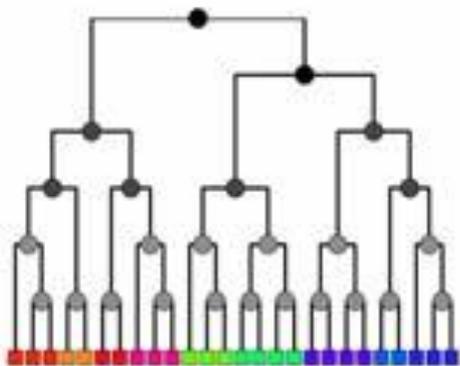


$$P(k) \sim k^\Gamma$$

*The machine is the **network**.*







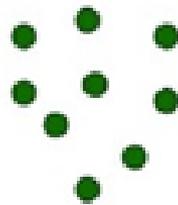
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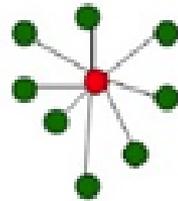
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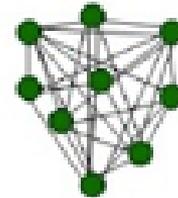
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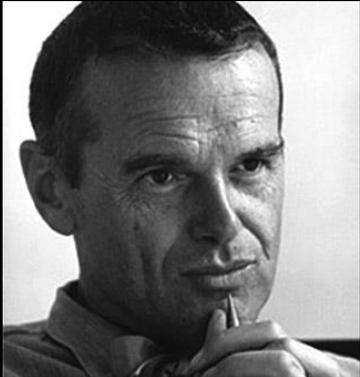
“We must break away from the sequential. We must state definitions and provide for priorities and descriptions of data. We must state relationships, not procedures.”



- Grace Hopper, 1962

*“Recognizing the need is the primary
condition for design.”*

– Charles Eames



Those who ignore the mistakes of the future are bound to make them.”
– *Dr. Joseph Miller*



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