

The COS 333 Project

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Agenda

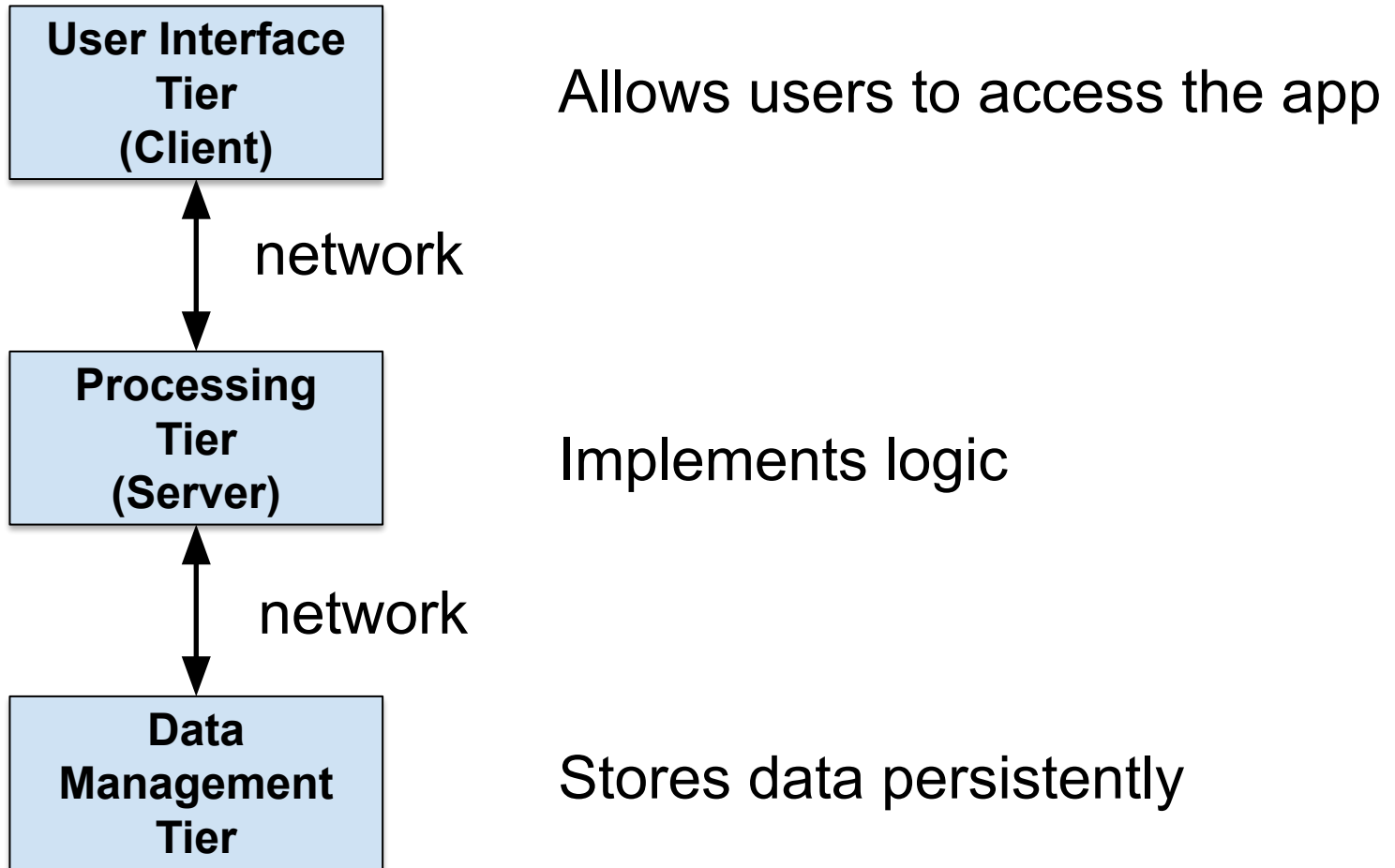
- **Overview**
- Process
- Deliverables

Overview

- A simulation of reality
- In teams of 3-5 people...

- Build a substantial networked *three tier* application

Overview



Overview

- Working with instructors
 - First-level adviser: your TA
 - Will monitor & help
 - Will not manage
 - Second-level adviser: the lead instructor
 - Will monitor & help, directly or through your TA
 - Will not manage

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Process

- This is **not** a process:
 - Chat about the app for an hour or so
 - Hack some code together
 - Test it a bit
 - Do some debugging
 - Fix the obvious bugs
 - Repeat until the semester ends

Process

- Formal software engineering process models
 - Waterfall, agile, extreme,...
- Recommended informal 7-step process...

Process: Get Started

- **Step 1: Get started**
 - Find a topic
 - Check out *Previous Projects* web page
 - Check out *Project Ideas* web page
 - Look both inward and outward
 - Think both big and small

Process: Get Started

- **Step 1: Get started**
 - Form a team
 - Use ProjectFinder app (required)
 - Use Ed (optional)

Process: Get Started

- **Step 1: Get started**
 - Choose a leader
 - Goal: *conceptual integrity* (Brooks)

Process: Define Requirements

- **Step 2: Define requirements**
 - **Who** are the users?
 - Identify them by name
 - **What** should the app do?
 - Gather requirements
 - Interview users
 - Watch users work
 - Structure requirements
 - Compose scenarios
 - Compose wireframes, storyboards
 - **Involve the users!!!**

Process: Design

- **Step 3: Design**
 - **How** will the app work?

Process: Design

- **Step 3: Design**
 - Design “both ends toward the middle”
 - Early in the project: design your **UI**
 - Early in the project: design your **DB**
 - Rest of the project: connect the two

Process: Design

- **Step 3: Design**
 - Design module interfaces
 - Module = interface + implementation
 - Interface
 - The **public** part of a module
 - A module's **contract** with clients
 - Hides design decisions

Process: Design

- **Step 3: Design**
 - Choose technologies

Course goal	Use default technologies	Use non-default technologies
Learn many technologies	-	+
Learn software engineering	+	-

Process: Design

- **Step 3: Design**
 - Choose **user interface tier** technologies

Desktop app	Python**, PyQt5*, Java, Swing, ...
Web app	HTML**, CSS**, Bootstrap**, JavaScript**, AJAX**, jQuery**, React**, ...
Native mobile app	Java*, Kotlin, Android*, Objective-C, Swift*, iOS*, JavaScript**, ReactNative, ...

** Default technology (covered in lectures & asgts)

* Covered in lectures or lecture appendices or optional lectures

Aside: React

- **React is:**
 - (pro) Hot!
 - (pro) Good for large projects
 - (con) Overkill for small projects
 - (con) Harder to learn than jQuery

Process: Design

- **Step 3: Design**
 - Choose **processing tier** technologies

Language	Python**, Java, JavaScript*, ...
Framework	For Python: Flask**, Django*, ... For Java: Spring*, ... For JavaScript: Express*, ...
Hosting service	Render**, Heroku*, ...

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Process: Design

- **Step 3: Design**
 - Choose **data management tier** technologies

Data store	Relational DBMS: PostgreSQL**, MySQL, ... NoSQL DBMS: Redis, MongoDB, ... Don't use SQLite!
Hosting service	For PostgreSQL: Render**, Heroku* For MongoDB: Atlas

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Process: Design

- **Step 3: Design**
 - Suggestions for choosing technologies:
 - Talk with course instructors
 - Do many simple tech experiments early

Process: Implement

- **Step 4: Implement**
 - Compose module implementations
 - **Rule 1:** You need not compose all of the code, but the overall product must be your work
 - **Rule 2:** Every team member must compose a substantial amount of code

Process: Test

- **Step 5: Test**
 - Does the app work as **you** intend?
 - Integrated with Implementation step
 - Additional distinct step at the end

Process: Evaluate

- **Step 6: Evaluate**
 - Does the app work as its **users** intend?
 - Does the app fulfill the users' needs?

Process: Document

- **Step 7: Document**
 - Integrated with previous steps
 - Additional distinct step at the end
 - *Grader's Guide* document
 - *Product Eval* document
 - *Project Eval* document

Process: General Advice

- Iterate
 - Iterate between **Implement** and **Test** frequently
 - Revisit **Define Requirements** and **Design** less frequently

Process: General Advice

- Do *least-risk design*
 - Minimize risk
 - The module to develop next should be the one with maximal risk
 - The module to develop next should be the one which, if problematic, will have the largest negative impact on the app as a whole

Process: General Advice

- Use a version control system for all code
 - **Git** is mandatory
 - **GitHub** is mandatory

Process: General Advice

- Allocate time for “overhead” activities
 - Changing your mind
 - Disaster
 - Sickness
 - Health!
 - Deliverables...

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Deliverables

- Deliverables
 - See *Project* web page for details
 - See *Schedule* web page for due dates
 - All deliverables are graded

Deliverables

When	Deliverable
Pre-project	ProjectFinder entry
Pre-project	Project pre-approval meetings (optional)
Pre-project	<i>Project Approval Meeting</i>
Early project	<i>Team Directory</i>
Early project	<i>Project Overview</i> document

Deliverables

When	Deliverable
Mid-project	Weekly status meetings
Mid-project	<i>Timeline</i> document
Mid-project	<i>Wireframes</i>
Mid-project	Demo of <i>Prototype</i>
Mid-project	Demo of <i>Alpha version</i>
Mid-project	Demo of <i>Beta version</i>

Deliverables

When	Deliverable
Reading Period	<i>Presentation</i>
Submission deadline	<i>Grader's Guide</i> doc
Submission deadline	<i>Product Eval</i> doc
Submission deadline	<i>Project Eval</i> doc
Submission deadline	The application

Keys to Success

- Keys to success in COS 333:
 - Find a good project
 - Find good teammates