

Analysis Principles: Modeling

Software Development Team first check the type of entity for which model has to make is either

Physical Entity OR Software Entity

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Physical Entity :

Physical thing like **a building, a plane, a machine**, engineers has to make a functional model that is **Identical** in form and shape but **smaller in scale**.

Software Entity :

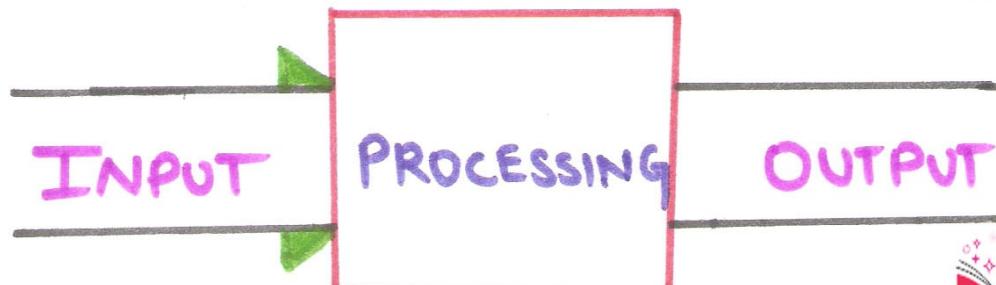
In this model must be capable of representing the information that software **Transforms**, the **functions (and sub functions)** that enable the transformation to occur, and the **behaviors of the System** as the transformation taking place.

The Second and third Operational Analysis principles require that we build models of function and behaviour.

Functional Models:

Software transforms information, and it needs to perform 3 generic functions

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The functional model begins with a Single Context level model (ie name of the SW to be built). Over a series of iterations, more and more functional detail is provided, until a **thorough delineation** of all system functionality is represented.

Behavioral Models:

Most SW responds to events from outside world. This **stimulus/response** characteristic forms the basis of the behavioral model.

A Computer program always exists in Some State - An externally Observable mode of behaviour (Eg. Computing, printing)

Polling, waiting) that is changed only when some event occurs.

For Ex:-

Software will remain in the wait state until

- An internal clock indicates that some time interval has passed
- An External Event (e.g. mouse movement) cause an interrupt,
- An external system signals the software to act the same manner.

A behavioral model creates a representation of the states of the software and the events that causes a software to change state.



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