

# System Diagrams

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A VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF THE SYSTEM

# Model

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- A model is a description from which detail has been removed in a systematic manner and for a particular purpose
- A simplification of reality intended to promote understanding
- Models are the most important engineering tool, they allow us to understand and analyze large and complex problems
- A model can be:
  - A picture
  - A visual flow (sequence, flowchart, relationship)
  - A formula that approximates a metric related to an attribute of the system (performance, complexity, usability, ...)

A model can describe different views of the system

# Views and Models

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## User Model

- How a user interacts with the software
  - Flowcharts; process maps; ...

## Interface view

- How different APIs are used
  - Sequence diagrams;

## System View

- How components interact with each other
  - Main components; connections; operations; ...

## Performance Model

- How you can calculate the performance of an operation or operations within certain scenarios
  - Spreadsheets; formulas; ...

# Types of Views

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- **System Diagram** – Abstract description of the system whose requirements are being modeled
- **Module View** – Define the structure of the code base
- **Component and Connector Views** – Specify the structure and behavior of runtime elements in the system
- **Allocation Views** – The mapping of software units to elements of an environment
- **Quality Views** – A view created by extracting relevant pieces of structural views and packaging them together
- **Behavior Views** – Describe interactions between components while the system is a specific state

# Which Views? The Ones You Need!

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**Different views** support **different goals and uses**

The **views** you document **depend** on the **stakeholders** and **uses** of the documentation.

Each view has **a cost and a benefit**; the benefits of maintaining a view should outweigh its costs

At a minimum, at least one module view and one component and connector view

# System Diagram

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- Abstract Description of the system whose requirements are being modeled

## Components of a System Diagram:

- Boundaries of the overall system
- Inputs to and outputs from the system
- Subsystems of the system
- Identification of the interfaces between the subsystems

A System Diagram is a high-level model of the system.

It also describes decisions made on the overall high level design

# Why Create a System Diagram?

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- To help explain the proposed requirements to other system stakeholders.
- To discuss design proposals with engineers and to document the system for implementation.
- To show the organization and architecture of the system.

# Type of System Diagrams

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System Diagrams are variable in their view of the system

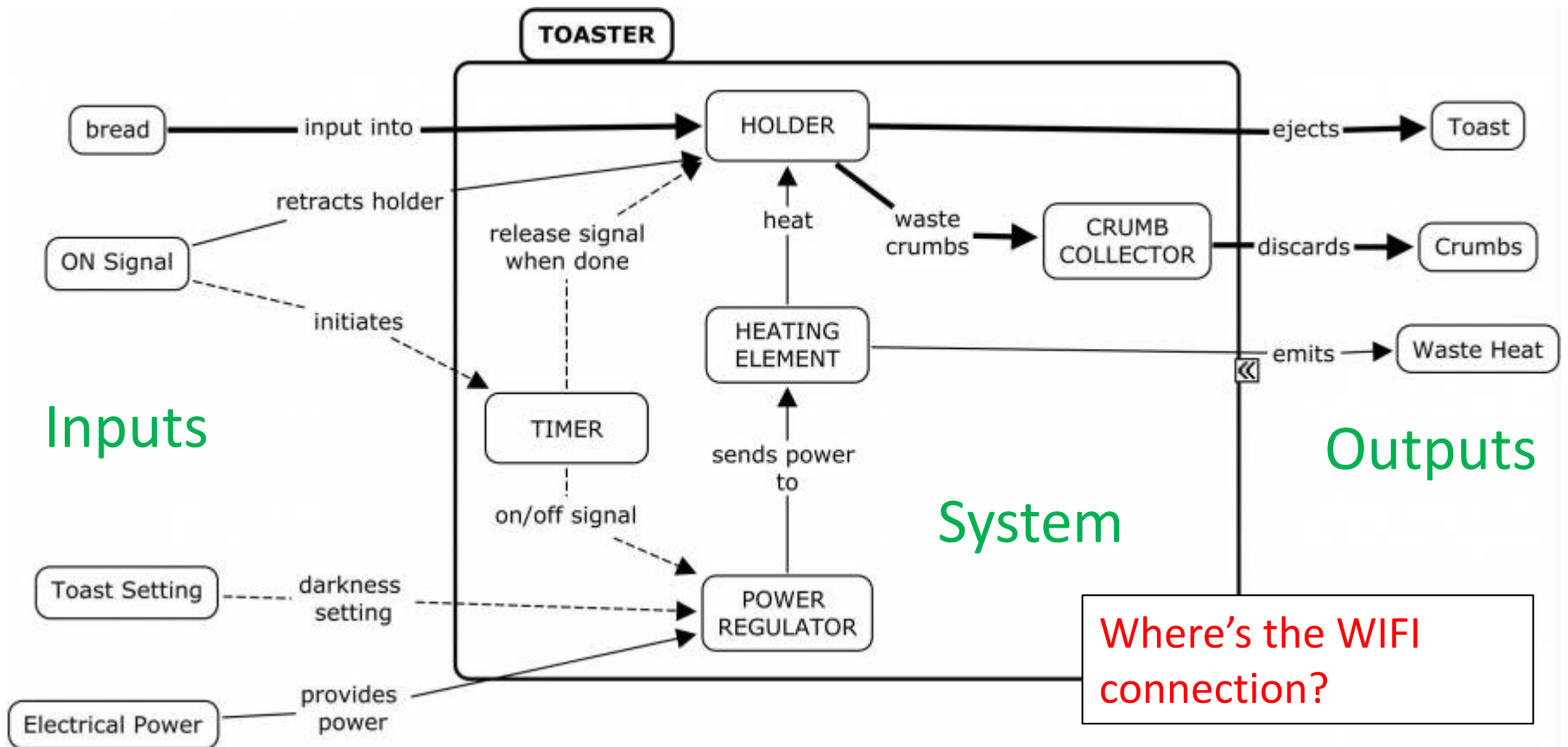
A system diagram can show

- Components
- Interactions
- Boundaries
- ...

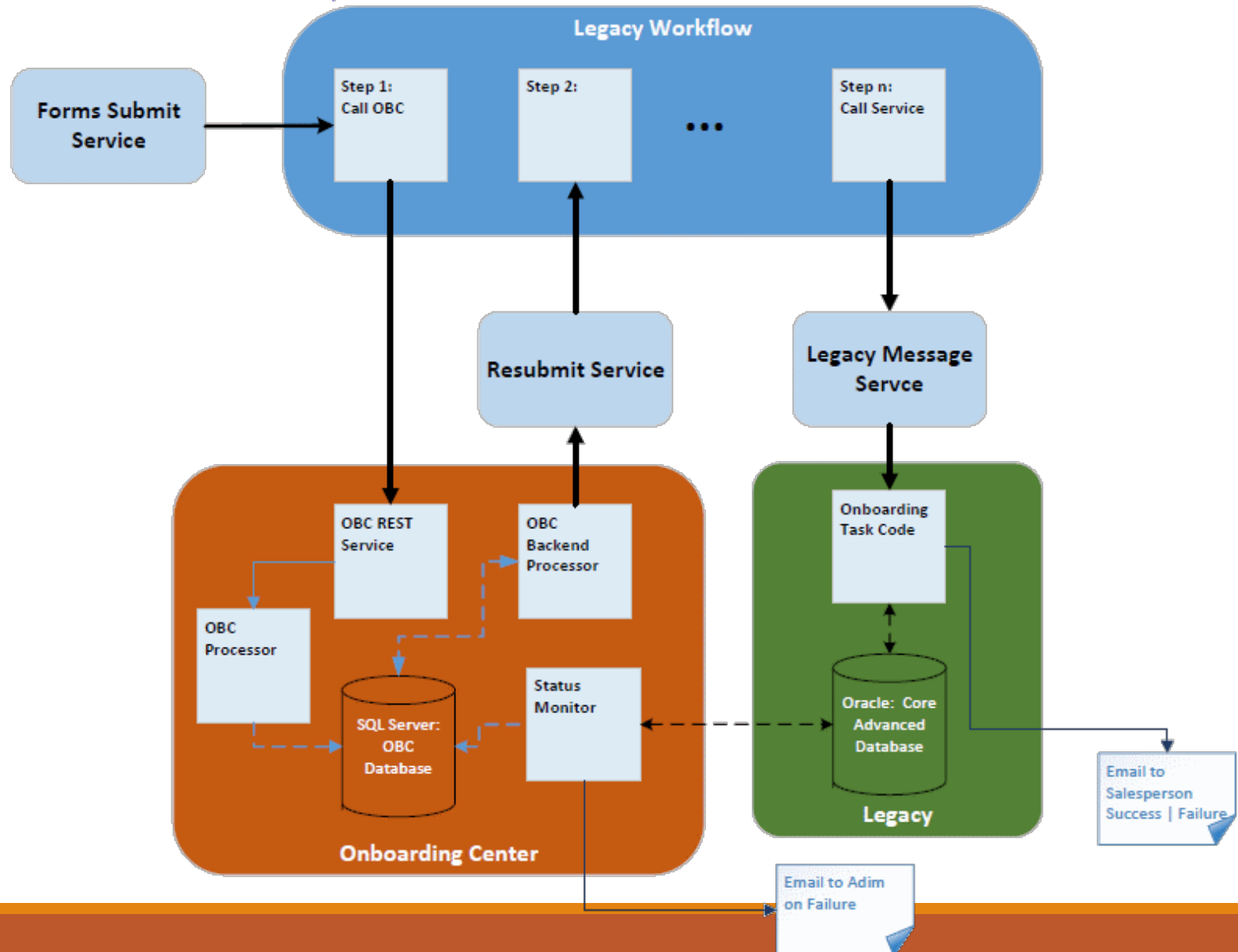
- Choose the type of information you want to convey AND what questions you are trying to answer
  - Big blocks
  - APIs
  - Physical assets
  - Data or communications
  - ...
- Then select HOW you will show it
- Components & Interactions tend to be the most common



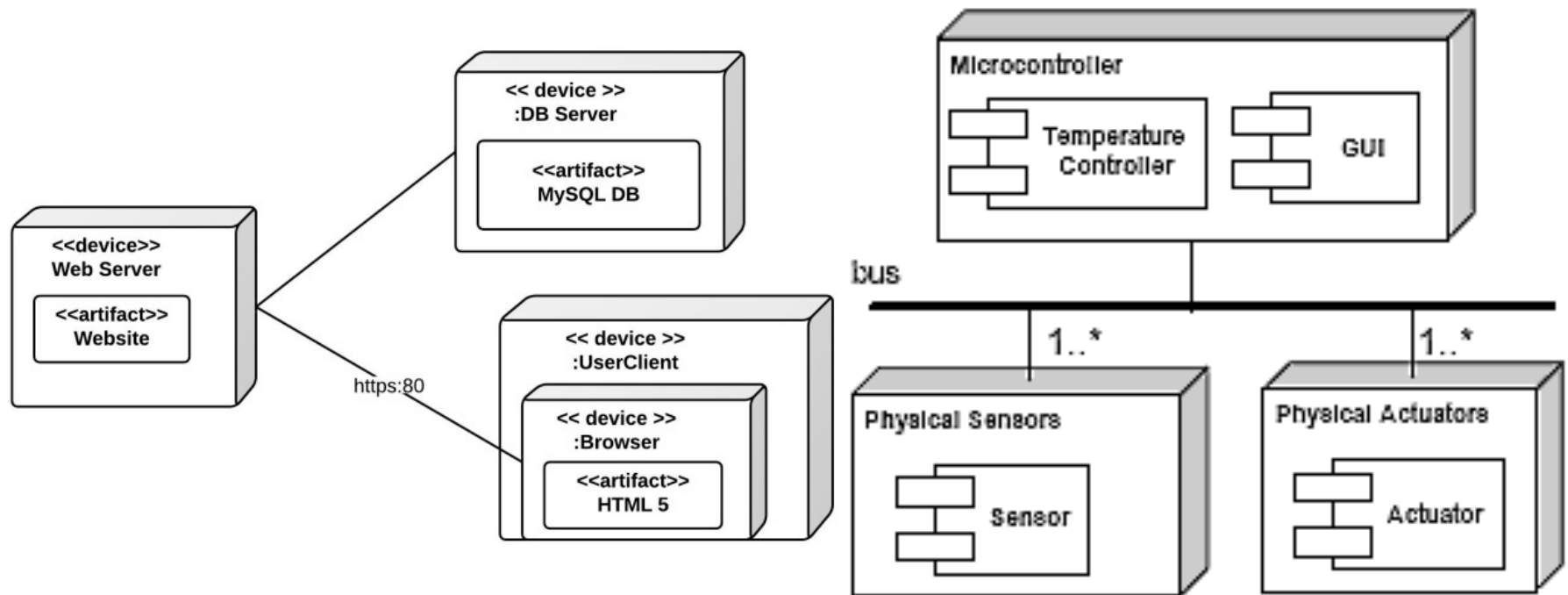
# Toaster System Diagram:



# Onboarding System

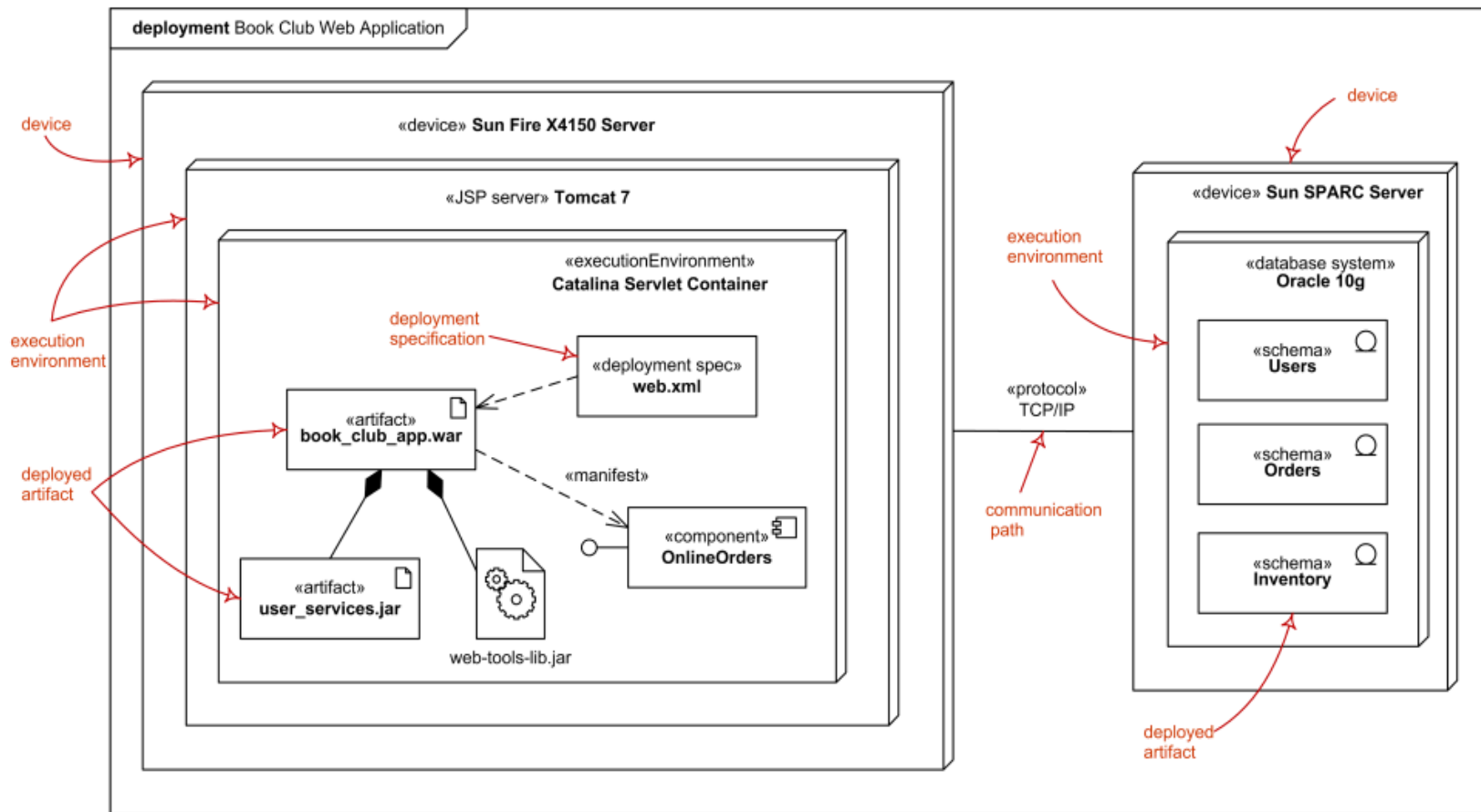


# Allocation View Example



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## UML Deployment Diagram Example



# Usage of Allocation Views

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Specify **structure and behavior of runtime elements** such as processes, objects, servers, data stores

Reasoning and decisions about ...

- What hardware and software is needed
- Distributed development and allocation of work to teams.
- Builds, integration testing, version control
- System installation
- Deployment

Elements

- **Software element**
  - Some runtime packaging of logical modules and components (e.g., processes)
- **Environmental element** - **execution** (hardware, runtime operation) or **development** (file structure, deployment, development organization)
  - Properties that are provided to the software; e.g., bandwidth

Relations

- **Allocated to** - a **software element** is mapped (allocated to) an **environmental element**
- Static or dynamic (e.g., resource allocation)

# Metrics & Performance: Allocation to the system

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Database usage:

- Average query: 2Kbytes
  - Queries/ Day: 20,000
  - Transactional load: Queries/ Day x Query size
- Retail
  - Size of item: 1k
  - # of items: 5000
  - Size of DB Storage:  $5000 \times 1,000 = 5\text{MB}$
- Performance:
  - Image recognition system
    - 10 seconds per operation
    - 10,000 request per minute
    - 100,000 seconds CPU time required per minute\*\*

\*\* Will that work?