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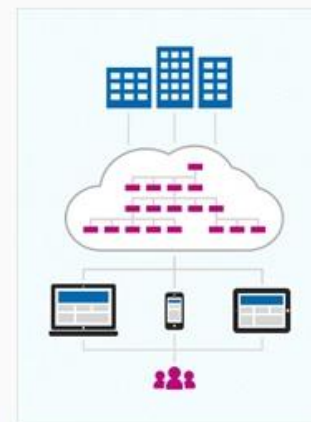
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Lab of Software Architectures and Information Systems

The lab is dedicated to research, development and teaching of topics related to various theoretical and practical problems related to the development of large software systems and employment of modern information technologies in practice. We address the issues and challenges related to the design and development of information systems, including process and data modeling, management of system development, and various technologies, incl. mobile technology. We are involved in research and development projects in the field of corporate and public information systems, complex event processing, and design of large-scale IT infrastructures, such as the smart energy networks (smart grids).

The lab was founded in September 2008 as a part of the Faculty of Informatics, Masaryk University in Brno. The core team of the Lab consists of regular faculty staff members and students of doctoral, master and bachelor study programmes. The lab cooperates with industrial partners and with the Institute of Computer Technology, Technology Transfer Office, associations and clusters of companies and non-university institutions supporting innovative business. The partners of the Lab include a number of foreign universities and research institutions, e.g. University of Vienna.

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Cybersecurity Innovation Hub

Coordinated by National Cyber Security Competence Centre (NC3)

Key initiatives

- Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) of MU https://csirt.muni.cz
- Lab of Software Architectures and Information Systems https://www.lasaris.cz
- Institute of Law and Technology at MU https://cyber.law.muni.cz
- CyberRange (Kybernetický polygon, KYPO) https://www.kypo.cz

Collaboration on

- Cybersecurity Education (**National CyberCzech Technical Exercise**, **Cybersecurity Qualification Framework**)
- Policy and Legislation in Cybersecurity (**Cyber Security Act**, Methodology)

Partners

- Masaryk University, Brno University of Technology
- **Czech National Cybersecurity Agency**, **Network Security Monitoring Cluster**
- Regional Chamber of Commerce, Industry Cluster 4.0

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DIGITALIZATION ADVANCEMENT

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Digitalization as the new Darwinism

— **Innovation** – All major companies evolve through digitalization (or go extinct)

— **Sustainability** – Smart resource utilization (e.g., transportation, power grids, buildings)

— **Response to global issues**

  — Population growth in developing world (access to food, water, education, housing, medical care)

  — Aging population in developed countries (healthcare, support, social inclusion)

  — Environmental quality (climate change, pollution, renewable energy sources)

  — Organized crime (terrorism, religious/ethnic/racial conflicts, disinformation, cybercrime)

— **Automation** – Critical processes being automated (autonomous driving, voting)

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The Dual-Use Dilemma

Technology facilitates and speeds up activities around us

— Can be used for the good, as well as to cause harm

— E.g. it helps people to organize for the good, as well as for the bad

If we want to boost the good, **opening up to its enormous potential**, we need to simultaneously boost the protection against the bad

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Digitalization meets Critical Infrastructures

What makes these infrastructures critical?

— The cyber and physical space merged into one

— If we stayed all digital, not much would be in danger, but we go into remote control of everything

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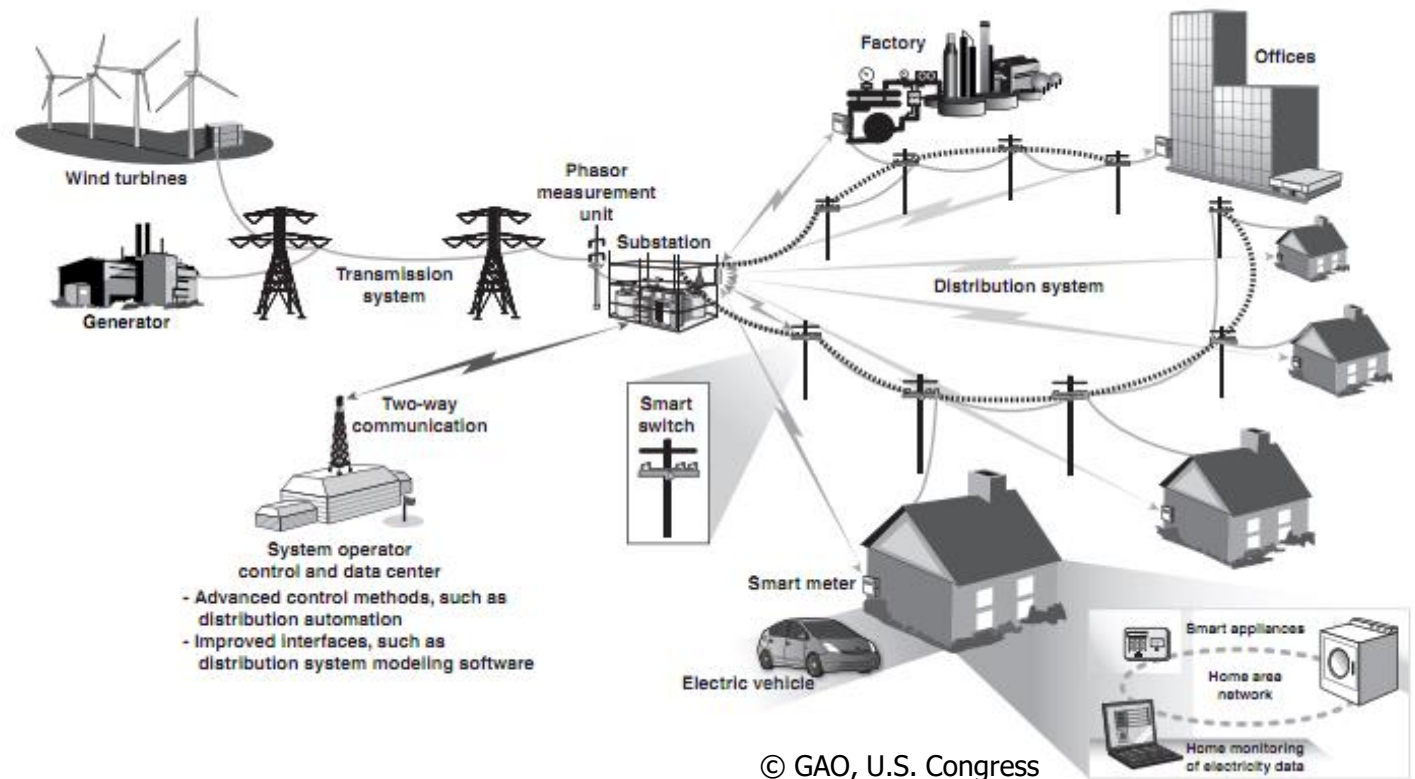
Context-related Challenges

— **Hyperconnected world** and business landscape, problem cascading, unpredictable impacts

— Uncertainty about the **trustability of connected devices**

— **Highly distributed environment**, entry points to secure, data inconsistency, unreliable sensors, partial failures

— Securing against **threats that are not existing yet**
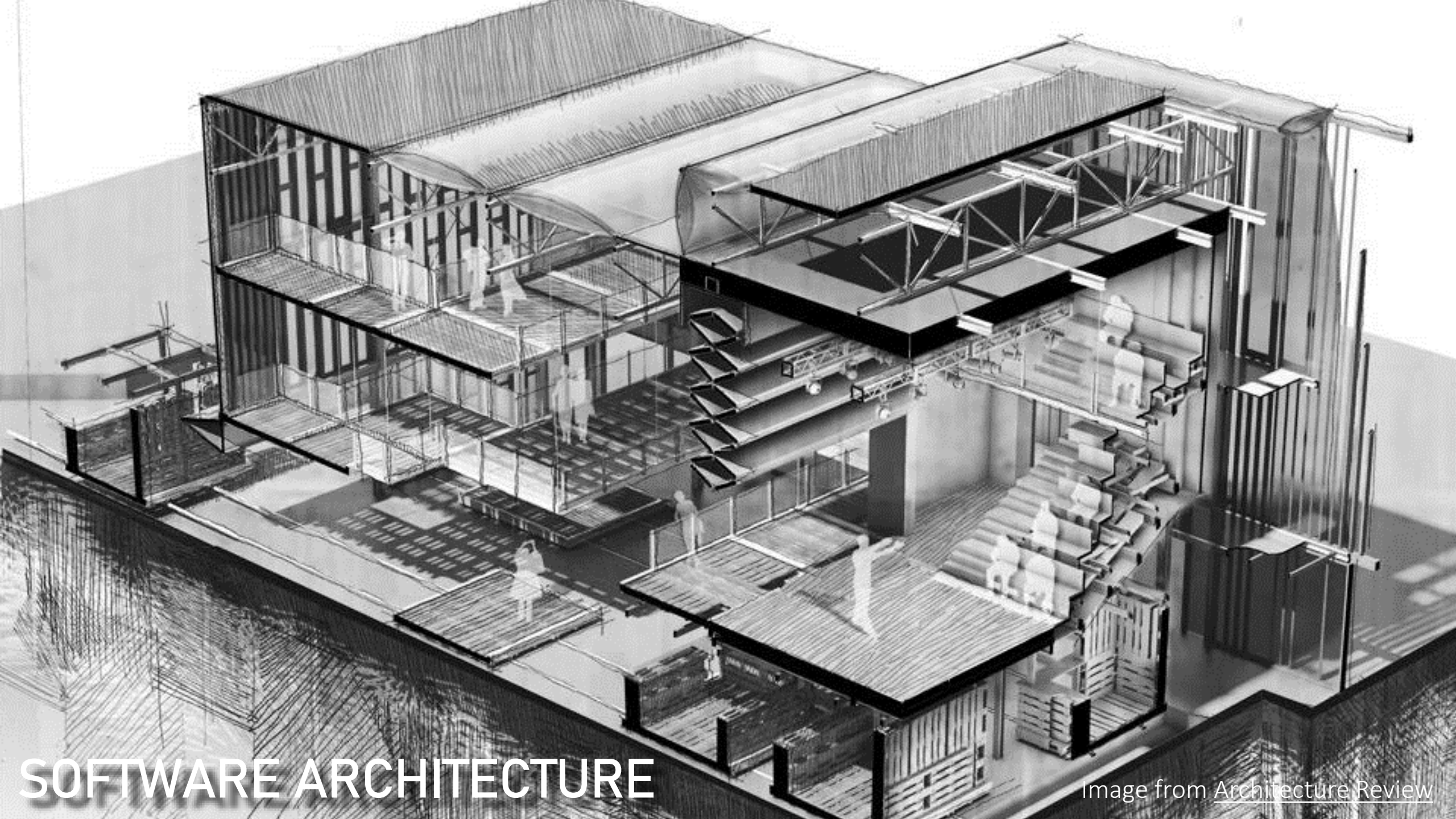
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Engineering for the Unknown

It is no longer enough to engineer systems for **problem avoidance**

— We need to anticipate **intentional & unintentional** problems on all levels

Prebuilt mechanisms for:

— recognizing an attack/fault,

— stopping it from propagating,

— ensuring safety under attack/fault,

— recovering from an attack/failure,

— forensics after the attack/failure

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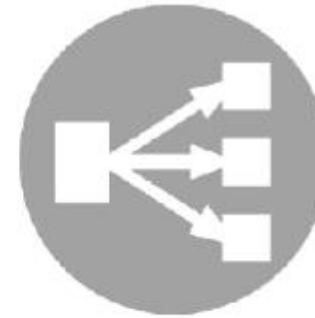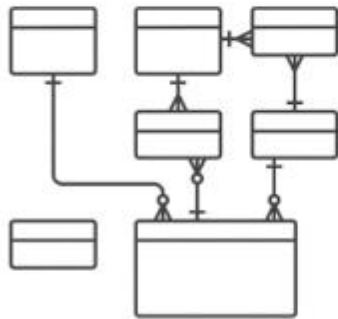
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Dimensions and Guidelines

Quality Criteria

Architectural Tactics

Architectural Patterns

Reference Architectures

Technologies

Risk Analysis and Policy

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Quality Criteria

- **Reliability** – The probability of correct/failure-free system operation.

- **Availability** – The degree to which a system is fully operational, i.e. up and running.

- **Security** – The ability of a system to prevent unauthorized access and protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of data.

- **Safety** – The ability of a system to operate without the danger of causing serious harm (e.g. human injury).

- **Robustness** – Degree to which a system is able to withstand an unexpected event without quality degradation.

- **Resilience** – The ability of a system to recover quickly after a disaster.

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Intentional vs. Unintentional Issues and Causes

– **Threat/Vulnerability/Incident** – Security, Safety

– **Fault/Failure** – Reliability, Availability

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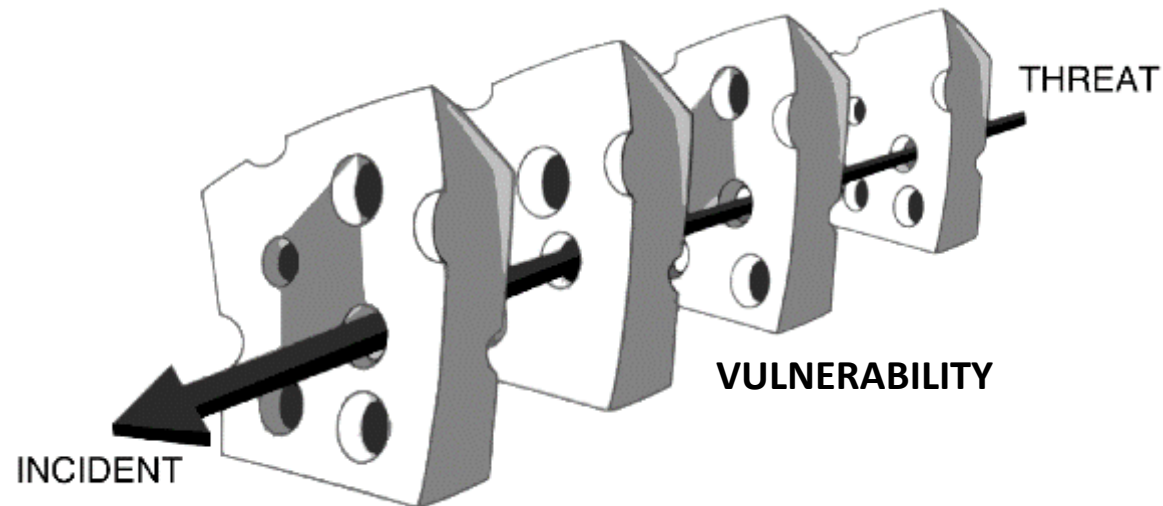
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