#20: SaaS and Software Architecture

Computer Systems

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Software as a Service (SaaS)

Q: What makes SaaS different from just software?

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Much like all of the other things talked about in the cloud, SaaS is a model of software that is **independent of programming** language and **independent of architectural design.**

Q: What features differentiate SaaS from PaaS?

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Some software tools have characteristics of both SaaS and PaaS – these are general terms to understand the level of abstraction that you, as a developer, are working with or providing.

Large Categories of SaaS Software

- Human Resource Management (HRM)
- Customer Relationship Management (CRM)
- Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
- Content Management Systems (CMS)
- Billing Platforms
- Project Management
- Bookkeeping/Accounting
- Ecomerence
- Communication

Examples of SaaS at Illinois

Advantages of SaaS

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Legend:

Abstracted by Cloud Provider Customer Managed Unit of Scale Customer Managed

| laaS Infrastructure as a Service | CaaS Containers as a Service | PaaS Platform as a Service | FaaS Functions as a Service | SaaS Software as a Service |
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| Data | Data | Data | Data | Data |
| Functions | Functions | Functions | Functions | Functions |
| Applications | Applications | Applications | Applications | Applications |
| Runtime | Runtime | Runtime | Runtime | Runtime |
| Containers* | Containers | Containers* | Containers* | Containers* |
| OS | OS | os | os | os |
| Virtualization | Virtualization | Virtualization | Virtualization | Virtualization |
| Hardware | Hardware | Hardware | Hardware | Hardware |

Architecture Layers of Software:

Software Architecture and Interaction Diagram

| Q: | What | defines | each | architectural | lla | ver | of | softwa | re? |
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| <u>Frontend</u> | \Leftrightarrow | <u>Middleware</u> | \Leftrightarrow | <u>Backend</u> |
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Software Study: Illini CoinFlip!

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$Concerns/Bottlenecks \ for \ each \ architectural \ layer:$

| Frontend | \Leftrightarrow | <u>Middleware</u> | \Leftrightarrow | Backend |
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Common Technologies:

| <u>Frontend</u> | \Leftrightarrow | <u>Middleware</u> | \Leftrightarrow | Backend |
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