

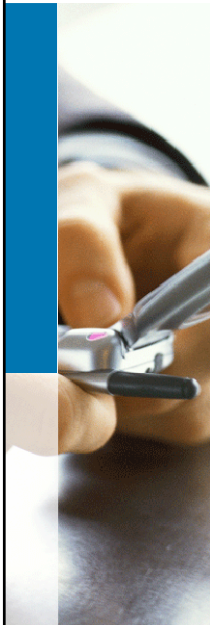


PROJECT LANDMARK
Lawson Pattern Language

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Nature of Applications

"Systems" Software (Tools, Database, Word Processors, Spreadsheets, etc.)	Business Applications (Financials, Supply Chain, Human Capital Management, Manufacturing, etc.)
Building a Car Low need for adaptation Quality is defined by static operation	Building a House High need for adaptation and change Quality is defined by dynamic fit
Mechanical Systems	Organic Systems
Decomposition Effects	Network Effects leading to emergent properties
Engineering Science	Complex Adaptive Systems Theory



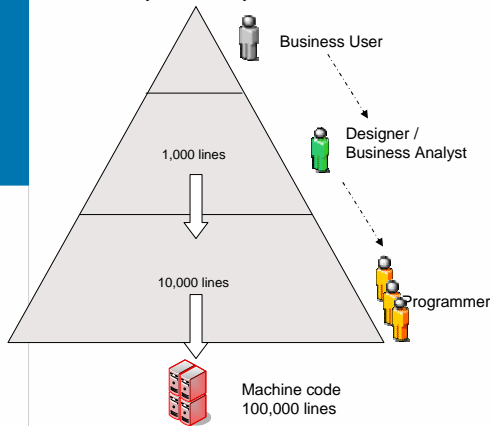
Business applications are about constant adaptation

- ▶ Causing problems with
 - Quality
 - ▶ Inability/Reluctance to make changes
 - 7 X 24 / Upgrades
 - ▶ The difficulty and downtime associated with upgrades
 - Training
 - ▶ The time and cost of training

Delivering Simplicity, Adaptability, Innovation Through a New Way of Constructing Applications

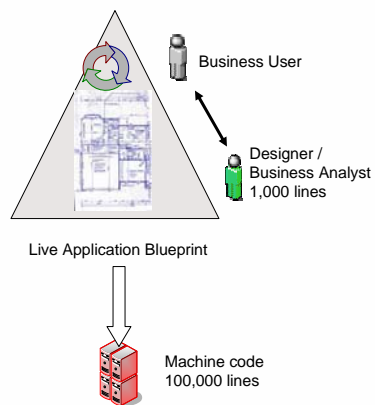
Traditional Application Construction Pipeline

One way, low-fidelity communication



Lawson Application Construction Pipeline

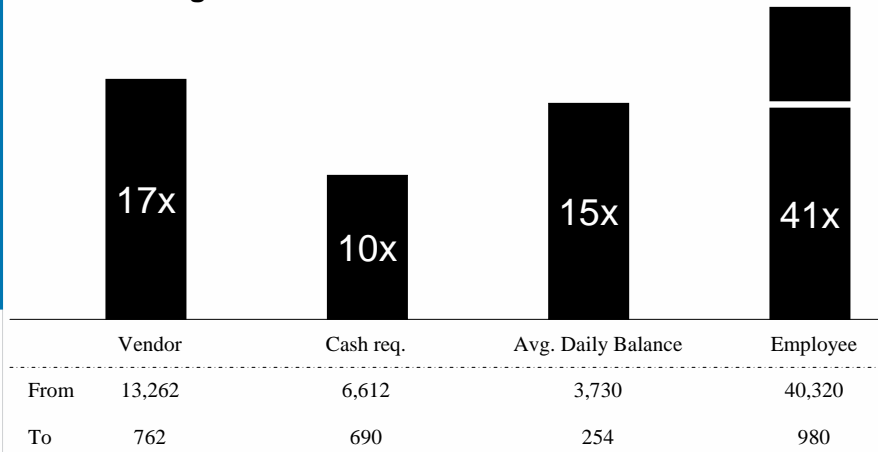
Short, two-way, high-fidelity communication



Lawson Pattern Language: Relates To The Domain Expert Instead Of The Programmer

- ▶ **Design Language versus Engineering Language**
 - Domain Specific versus General Purpose
 - Specifications based on Patterns
 - Built for adaptation and change
- ▶ **Language for the Domain Expert**
 - Uses terminology a domain expert can easily comprehend and use
 - Allows domain expert to fully model the system
 - Critical Innovation: solved the disconnect between the Domain Model and the Implementation. The Domain Model IS the implementation
- ▶ **Lawson's internal experience**
 - Less than a week for non-programmer to become proficient
 - Business analyst (with ZERO programming experience) can code complete application
 - Order of magnitude reduction in design instructions
 - Increased Quality and Productivity

Order of Magnitude Reduction in Lines of Code



- ▶ **Major New Module (larger than Requisitions): 5,260 lines**
- ▶ **Built entirely by Domain Experts**

Documents

- ▶ On <http://spec.lawson.com/twiki/bin/view/Spec/PatternLanguage>
 - ▶ LawsonPatterns.doc
 - ▶ LawsonPatternLanguageV3.rtf
 - ▶ Example documents
 - ▶ IDEConceptualDesign.doc
- Also see <http://jupiter.lawson.com/Landmark> for full documentation set

Books

Metaphysics:

- ▶ Chance Love and Logic: Philosophical Essay
 - By Charles Sanders Peirce
- ▶ Charles S. Peirce's Philosophy of Signs: Essays in Comparative Semiotics
 - By Gerald Deledalle
- ▶ Philosophy in the Flesh: The Embodied Mind and its Challenge to Western Thought
 - By Lakoff and Johnson

Books (cont.)

Complex Adaptive Systems Theory:

- ▶ Emergence: The Connected Lives of Ants, Brains, Cities and Software
 - By Steven Johnson
- ▶ Hidden Order: How Adaptation Builds Complexity
- ▶ Emergence: From Chaos to Order
 - By John Holland

Books (cont.)

Pattern Language Concepts:

- ▶ The Timeless Way of Building
- ▶ A Pattern Language
- ▶ The Nature of Order: The Phenomenon of Life
- ▶ The Nature of Order: The Process of Creating Life
- ▶ Notes on the Synthesis of Form
 - By Christopher Alexander
- ▶ Patterns of Software: Tales from the Software Community
 - By Richard Gabriel

Books (cont.)

Information Modeling:

- ▶ Semiotics in Information Systems Engineering
 - By Kecheng Liu
- ▶ Meta Pattern: Context and Time in Information Models
 - By Peter Wisse

Books (cont.)

Software Patterns:

- ▶ Pattern Languages of Program Design Vol: 1-4
 - Edited by Vlissides, Coplien and Kerth
- ▶ Analysis Pattern
 - By Gamma, Helm, Johnson and Vlissides
- ▶ Design Patterns
 - By Gamma, Helm, Johnson and Vlissides

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