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Oppgave 1 (13% av eksamenskarakter)

With reference to paper [1] and ¹ decide which of the following sentences are true and which are false².

- 1. The main inputs of the Software Architecture Analysis Method (SAAM) are problem description, requirements statement and scenario description. (false, scenarios are output)
- 2. According to SAAM, quantitative metrics represent the foundation for illuminating the properties of Software architecture (false, scenarios are not necessarily quantitatively. This means that the evaluation of a scenario does not return a value but an assessment of possible risks)
- 3. An existent taxonomy of each quality attribute is another base for SAAM method (false, this is true for ATAM)

Oppgave 2 (12% av eksamenskarakter)

Refer to paper [2] and decide which of the following sentences are true and which are false:

- 1. If we compare hardware and software architecture, hardware architecture is characterized by a large number of design elements and these elements have homogeneous type. On the other hand, software architeceture is characterized by a smaller number of design elements (true in the paper there is an explicit sentence that discusses this fact that hw consists of myriad of transistors but a software archi is complex in type of elements more than in number.
- 2. Architecture is concerned with the modularization and the interfaces of the design elements, their algorithms and procedures, and the data types (false, this is design)

Oppgave 3 (10% av eksamenskarakter)

Consider chapter [3]. Decide which of the following sentence are true and which are false:

- 1. Throughput is a measure of the ability of the system to process work. For example, the average number of sales orders, which can be dealt with by an e-commerce system, in an hour (true).
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Oppgave 4 (20% av eksamenskarakter)

Consider a system for document sharing like the one described in paper [4].

- 1. Which are the stakeholders of this system? (user, registered user, administrator)
- 2. For each stakeholder, list a set of concerns
- 3. Define the security attribute for the system
- 4. Describe the performance attribute for the system

Oppgave 5 (20% av eksamenskarakter)

¹ refer the reference section at the end of this document, here the numbering of papers is not the same as in the syllabus.

² For each false answer, give a motivation which preferably is not longer than one sentence.

Provide the software architecture for the system specified at the point above by giving:

- 1. logical view (the main one)
- 2. the process view (one diagram) here the process of the system and their interaction, not a flow chart that describes how the user interacts with the system.
- 3. physical view (one diagram)

Oppgave 6 (25% av eksamenskarakter)

Consider the software architecture specified above:

- 1. build an attribute taxonomy tree for performance
- 2. give five use scenarios and prioritize them
- 3. give four growth scenarios and prioritize them
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