Structural Modelling

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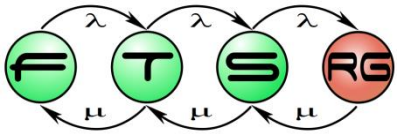


Topics of the Lecture

- Goals and Applications of Structural Modelling
- Decomposition
- Description of the Model Elements by Graphs
- Property Modelling

STATIC MODELLING

How can the structure of complex systems be clearly modelled?

Examples:

- Architecture – Building
- Corporate network

Definition: Structural Model

Structural models are static. Their basis are (sub-)systems that are divided into their ingredients by the relation „**Part of**”.

The **ingredients** can be the followings:

- further divided **subsystems** or
- further not divided (*elementary*) **components**.

The structural model represents the structure of the system according

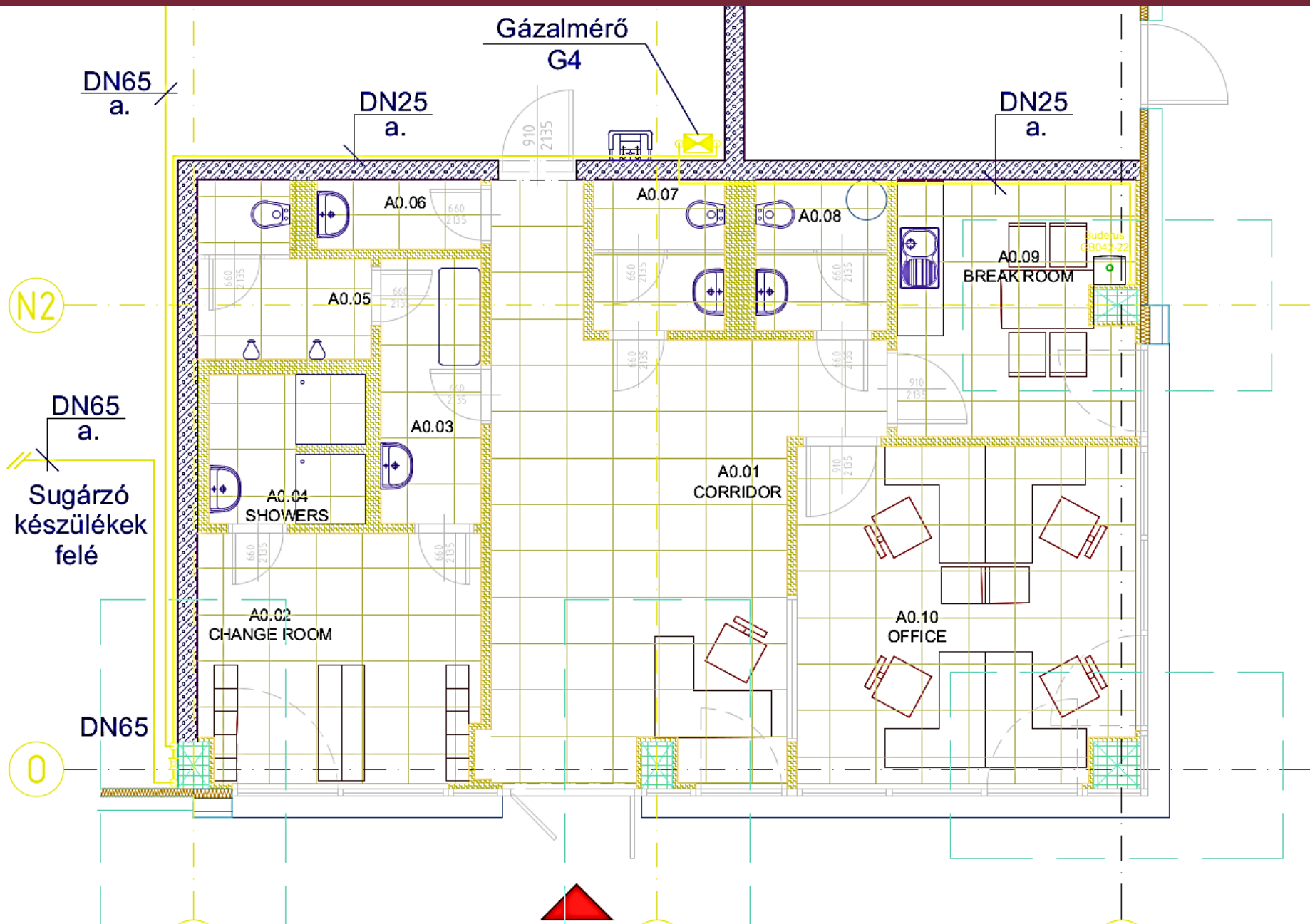
- its ingredients,
- the **properties** of the ingredients and
- their **relationships** among each other.

Example: Architecture Models

- BIM (Building Information Model)
- Modelling the whole building in a single model
- Views
  - Gas pipe system
  - Isolation
  - Water pipe and sewerage system
  - Electric installation plan
  - etc.

Office in a Production Hall

Gas Pipe System



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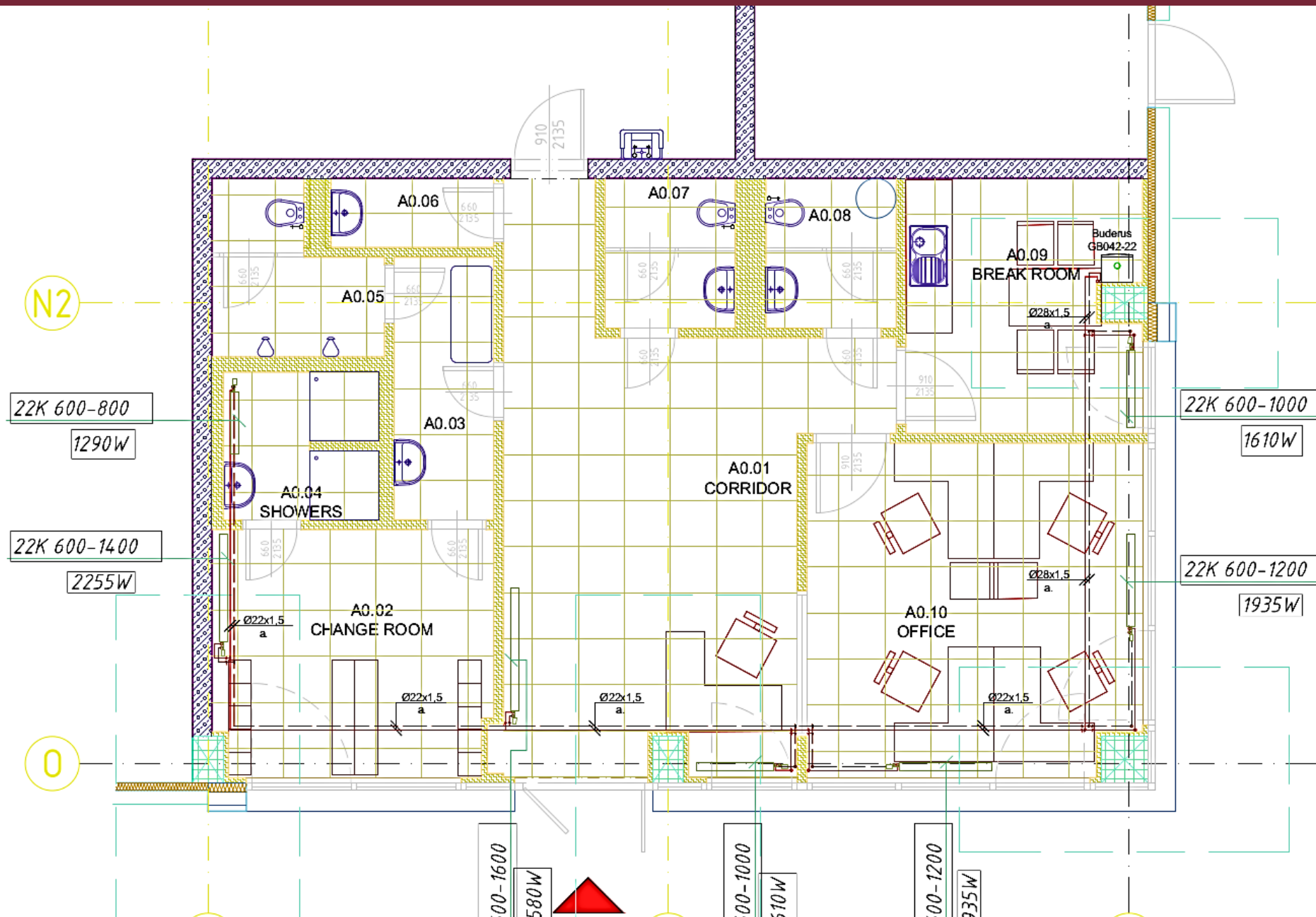
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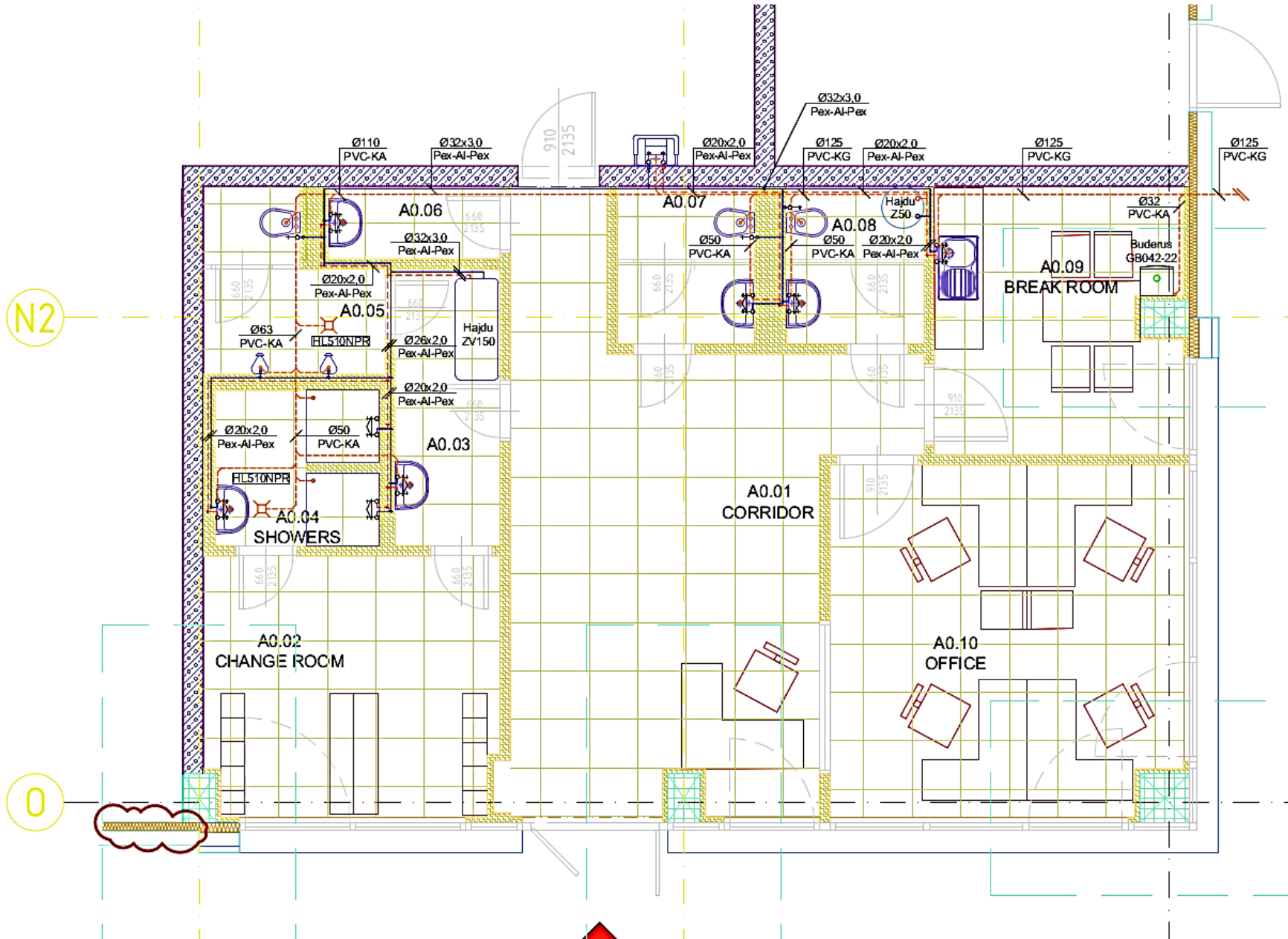
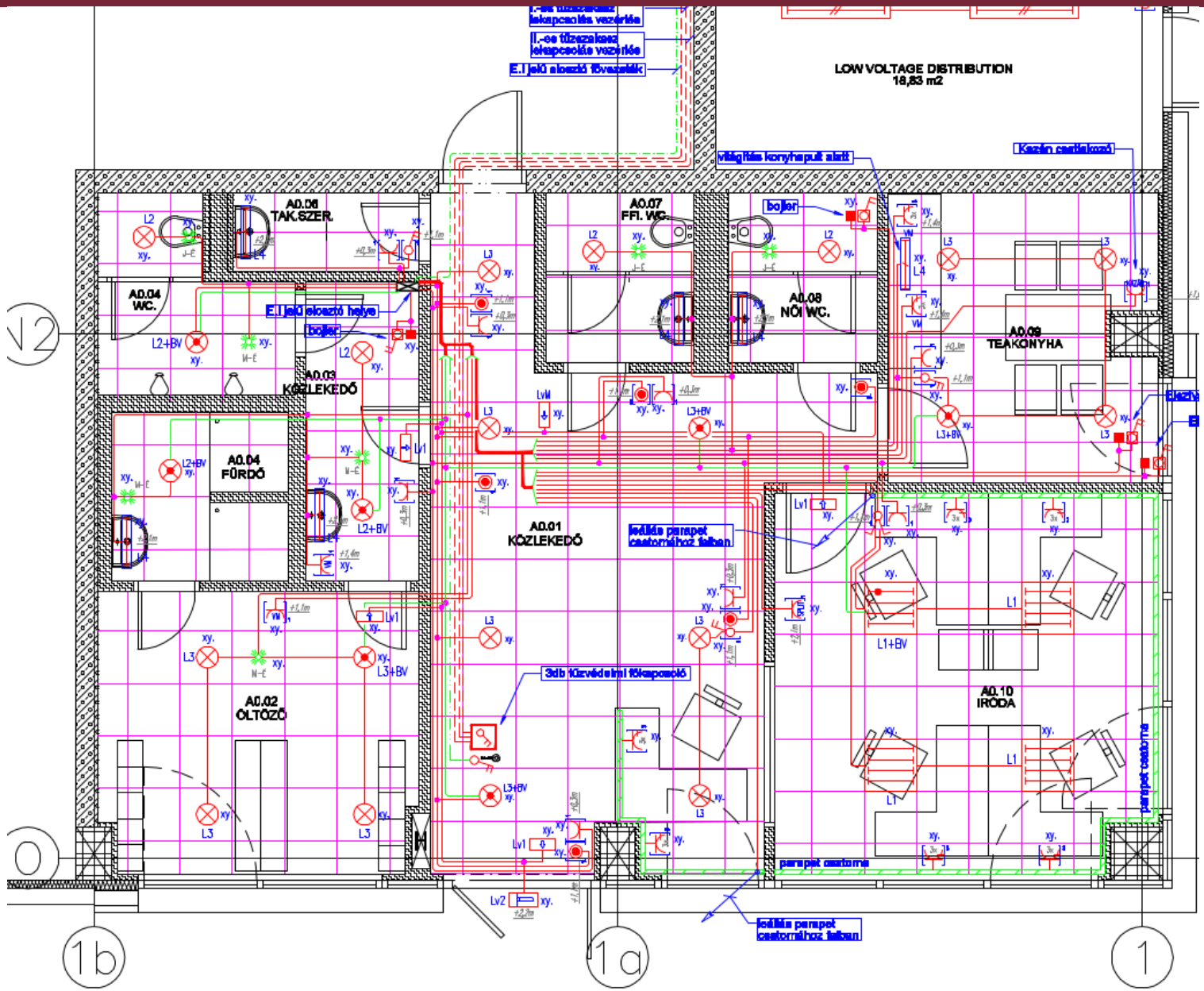
Water and Sewerage System



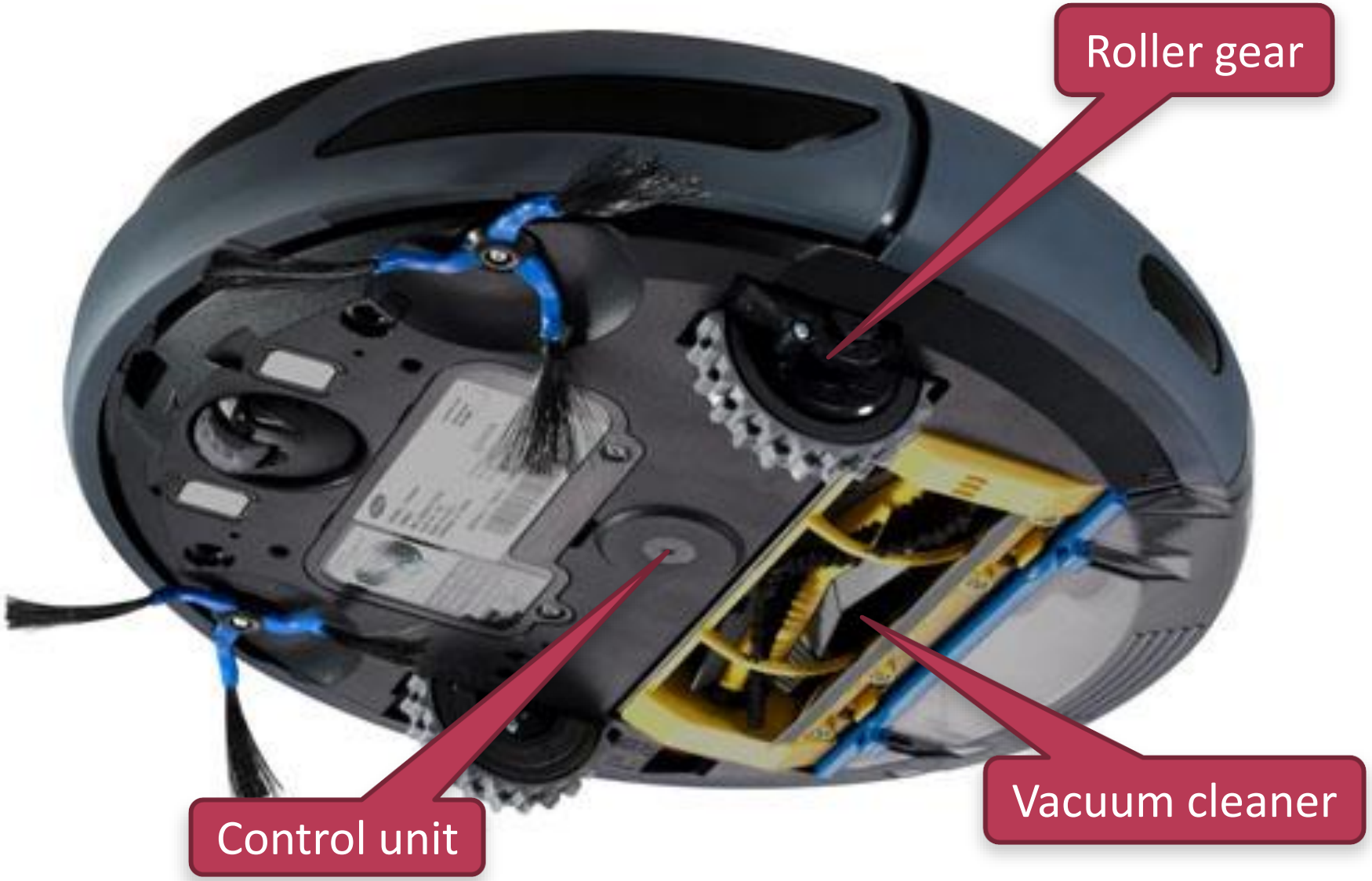
Electric Installation Plan



Goal of Structural Modelling

- Dividing a system
  - It is simpler to design smaller units
  - Usage of already existing parts
  - Usage of commercial components (COTS - Commercial off-the-shelf)
- Documentation of an existing system
  - „System overview”
- Defining data structures
  - What pieces of information should be there?
  - Relationships of the pieces

Example: Robot Vacuum Cleaner



Structural and Behavioural Modelling

- Structural
  - static
  - whole and part, components
  - connections
- Behavioural
  - dynamic
  - timeliness
  - states, processes
  - reactions to the environment (context)
- This categorization is neither full nor disjoint ...

The main components of the robot vacuum cleaner are the control unit, the roller gear and the vacuum cleaner.

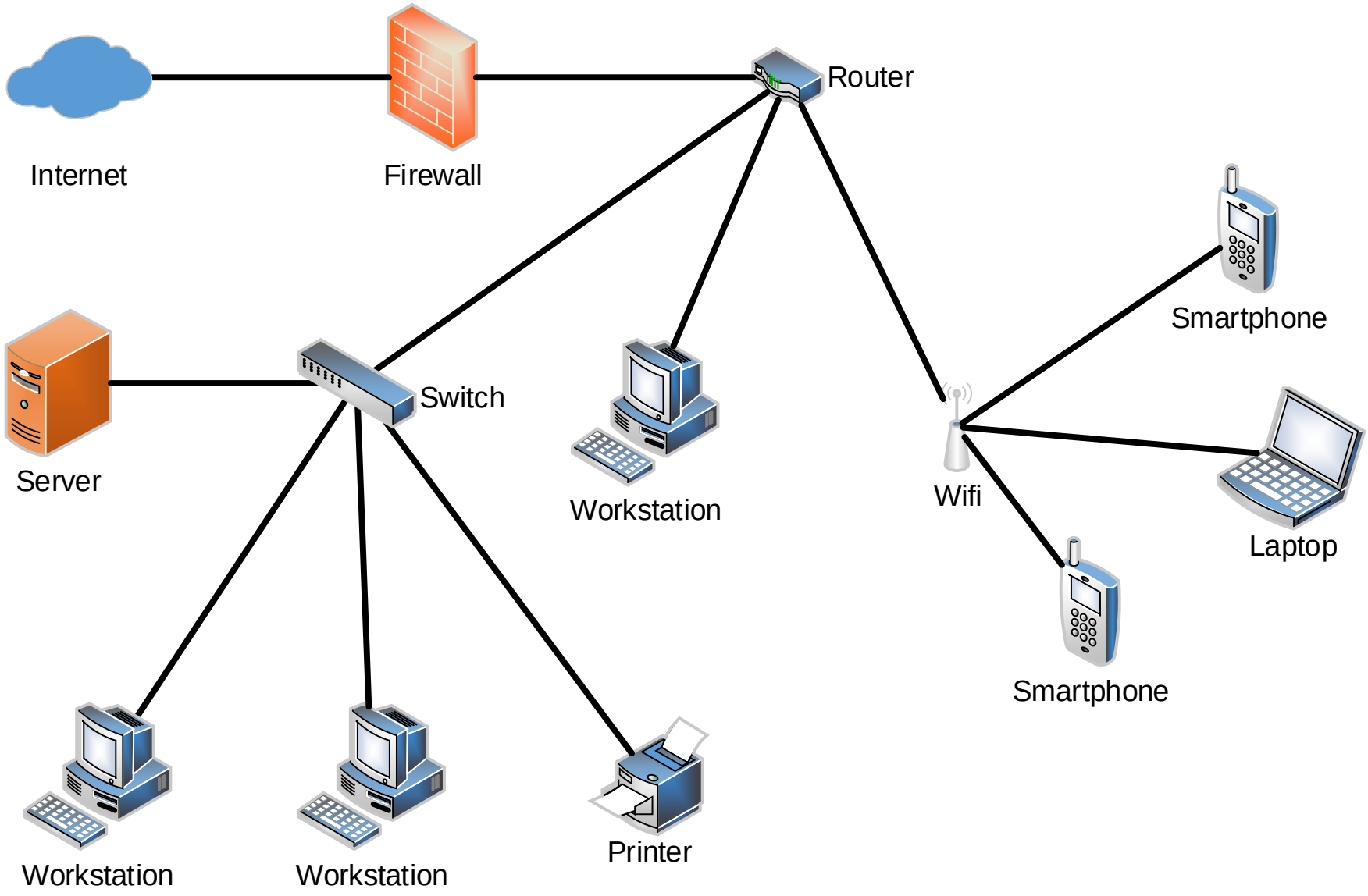
For the command „to right” changes the roller gear its operational mode to „turn”.

The roller gear of the robot intervenes when signals of the sensors are received. (When, how?)

Structural Model

- The knowledge about the structure of the system
  - What parts consists the system of?
  - How are they connected?
  - What kind of properties do the elements have?

Example: Corporate Network



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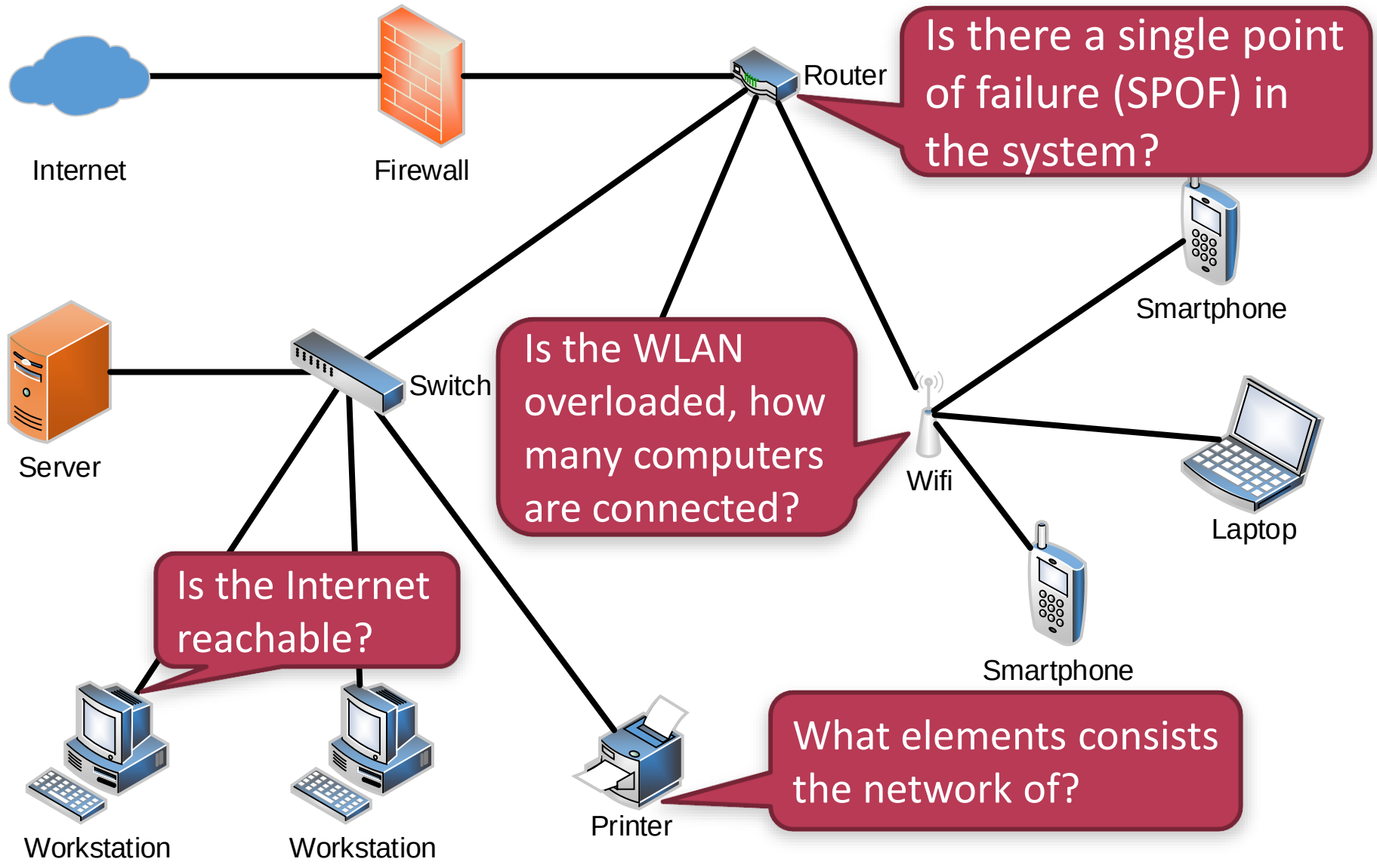

STRUCTURAL DECOMPOSITION

What containedness relationships are there among the subsystems?

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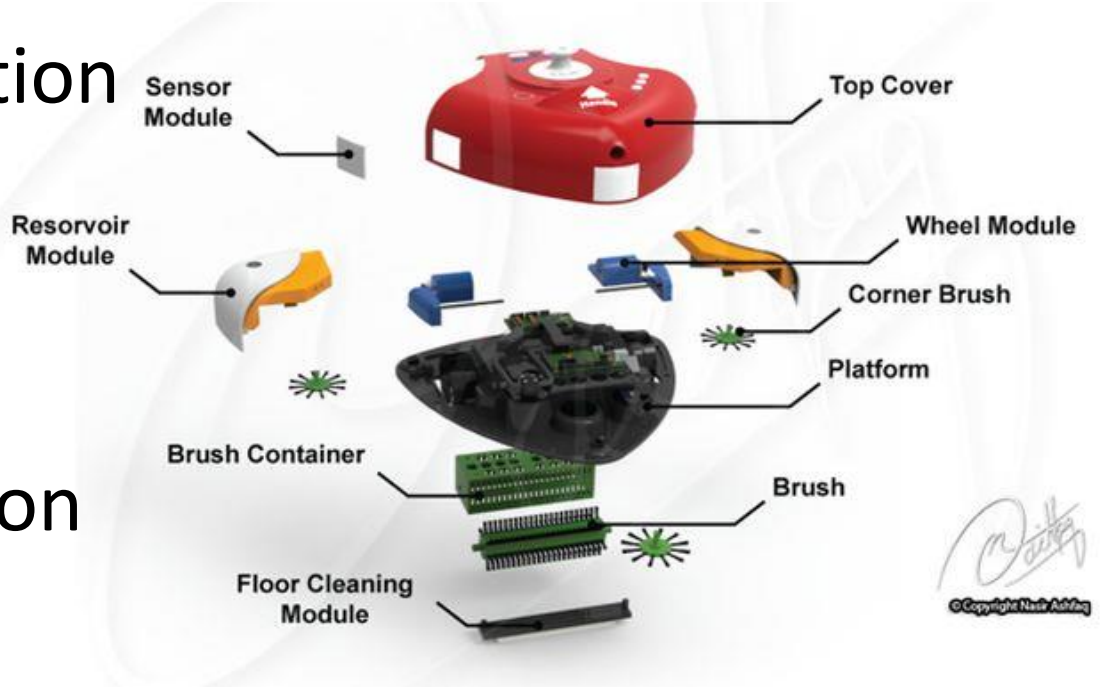
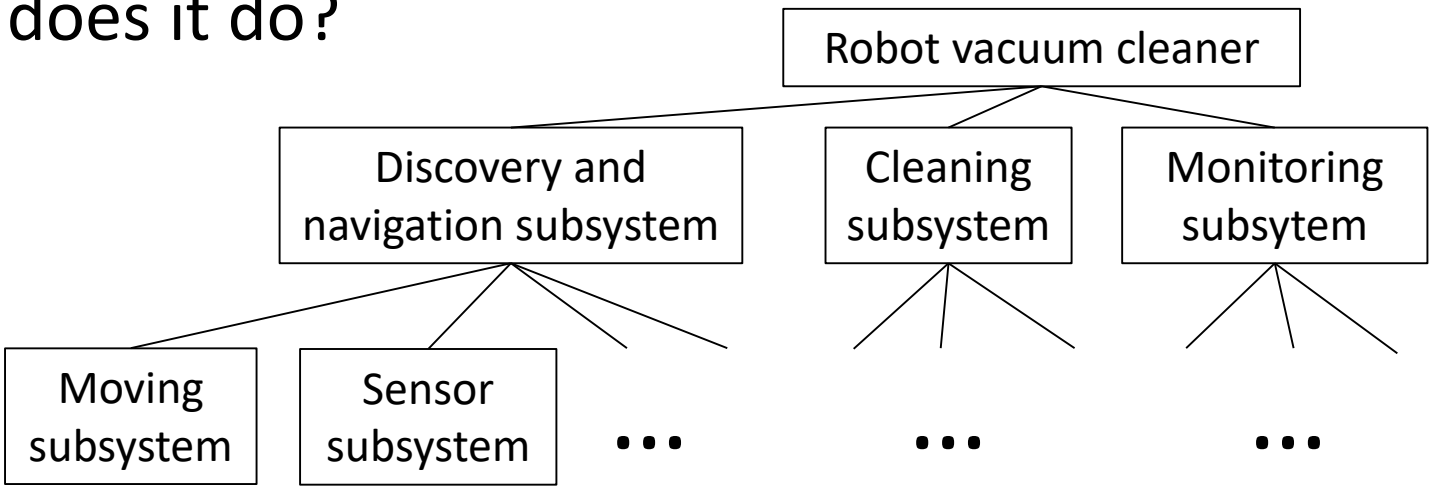
Types of Decomposition

- Physical decomposition
  - What pieces does it consists of?



- Logical decomposition by functions
  - What does it do?



Definition: Correctness of Decomposition

A decomposition is **correct**, if

- each element of the system resulting from the decomposition corresponds to an element of the original system, and
- each element of the original system corresponds to some elements of the system resulting from the decomposition.

Top-down and Bottom-up

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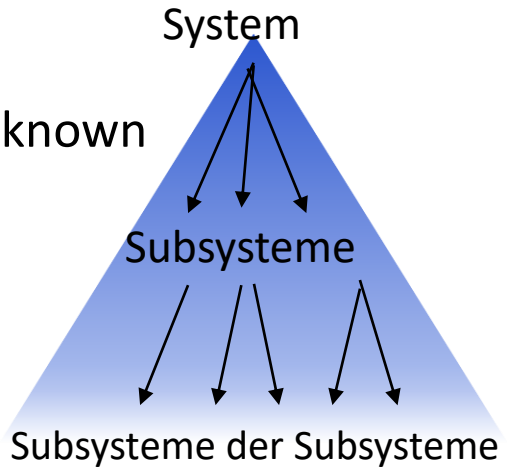

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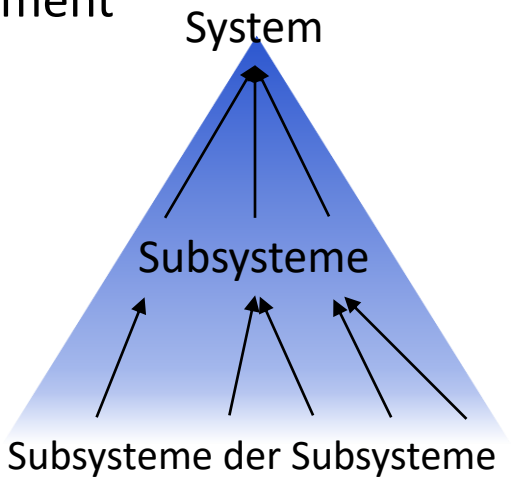


- Not only in structural modelling
- Mixed approaches, iterative Development

STRUCTURAL MODELS

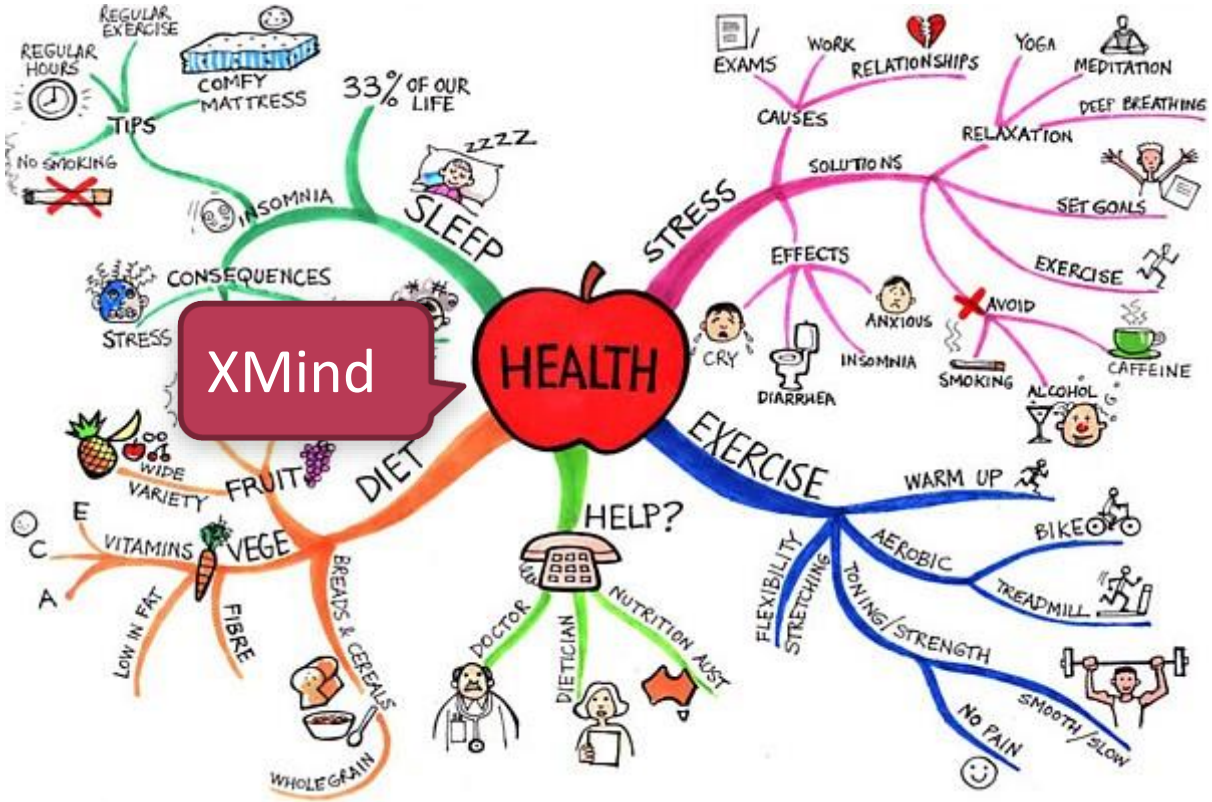
What kind of relationships are there among the subsystems?

Examples

- Transport network
- File system

Graph Representation

- Human way of thinking: ,,Connections of Things”
  - **Things:** persons, airports, areas
  - **Connections:** dependency, acquaintance, flights, containment
- Mathematical Formalism:
  Graph
  - Nodes
  - Edges
  - (Properties)



Definitions in Computer Engineering

- In the computer engineering everything has several, often contradicting definitions
  - System = ?
  - Model = ?
- The same term is often named with different names
  - node, vertex, object, concept
  - edge, link, arc, connection, relationship

Always pick one!

Budapest – Rail-bound Transport Network

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M3
M4
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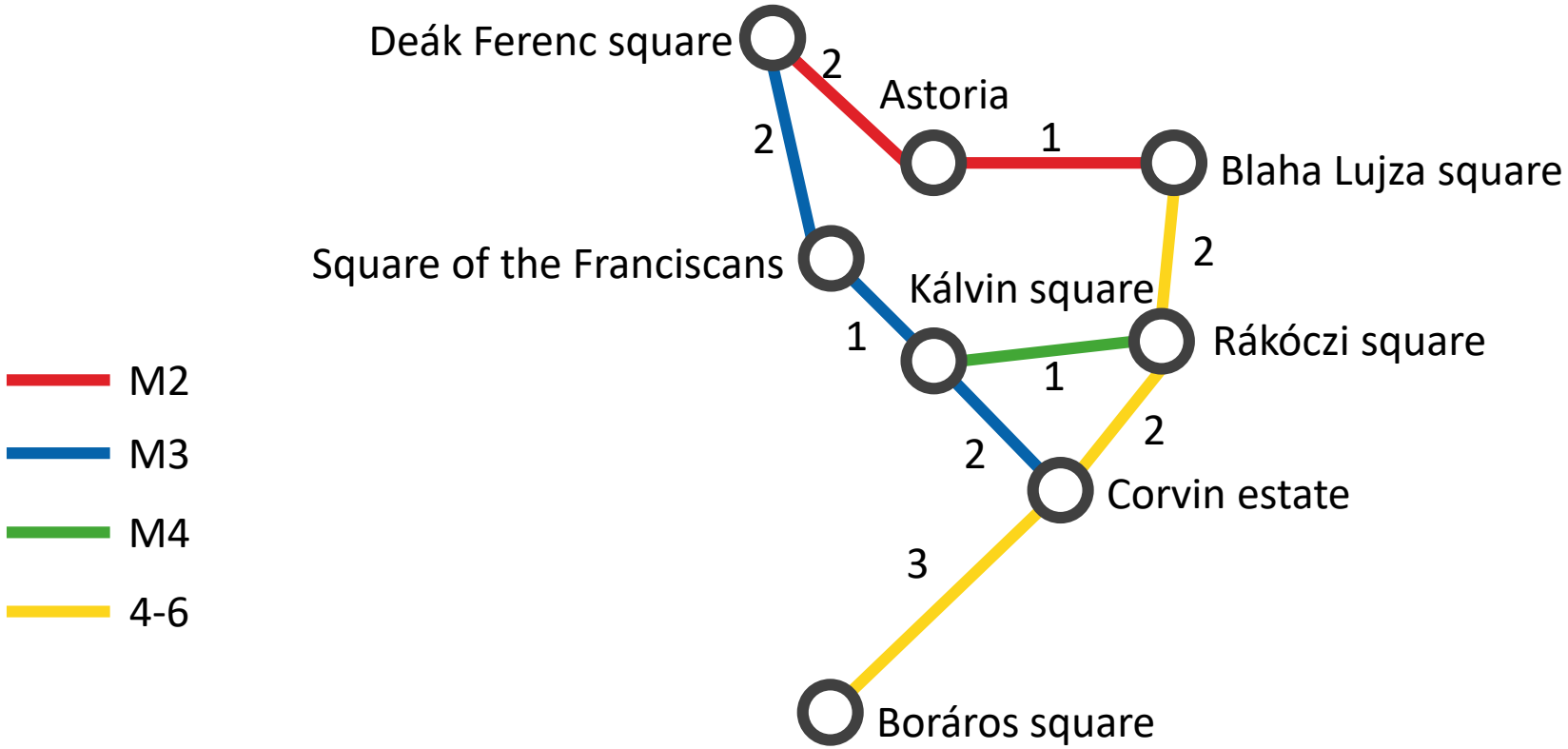
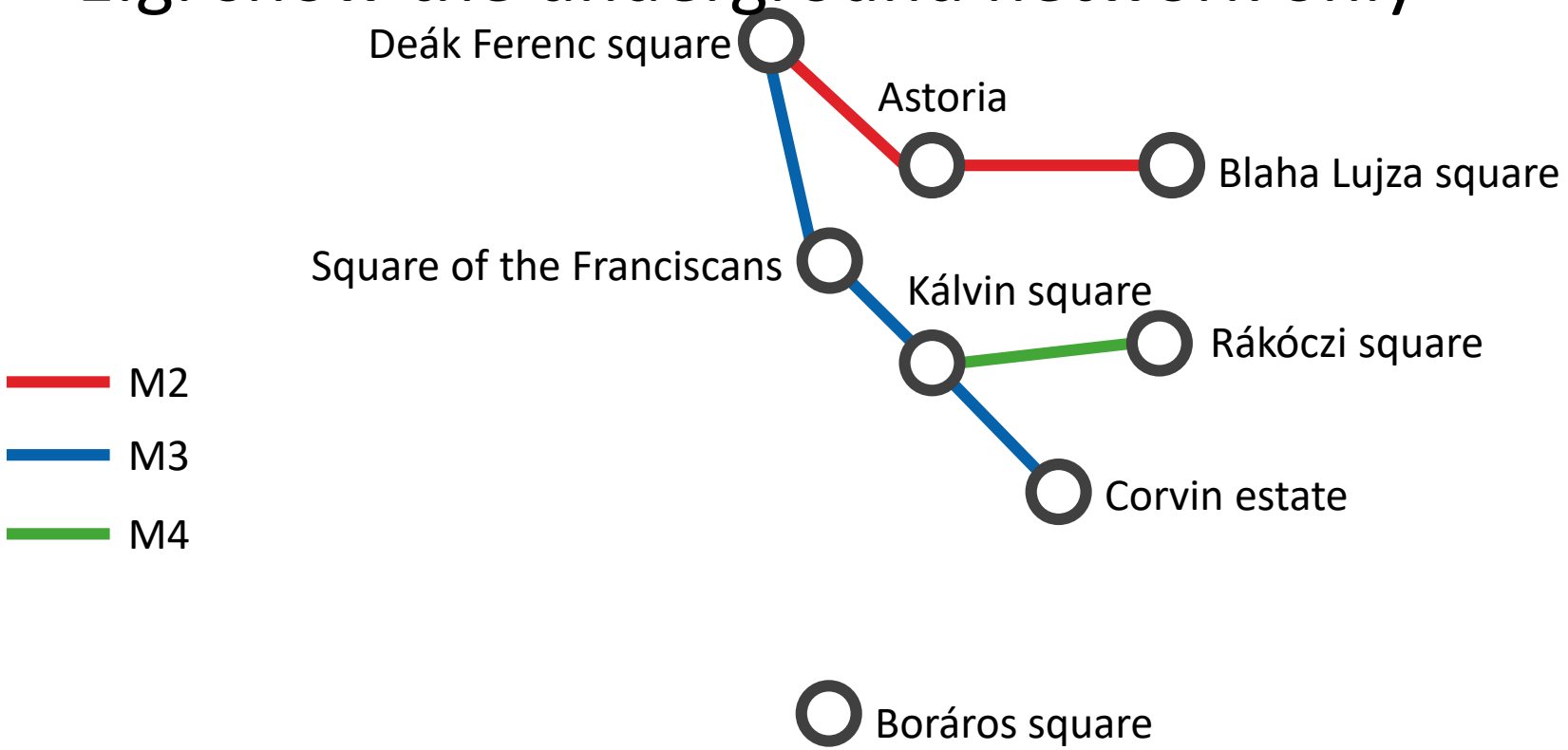


Shortest path?

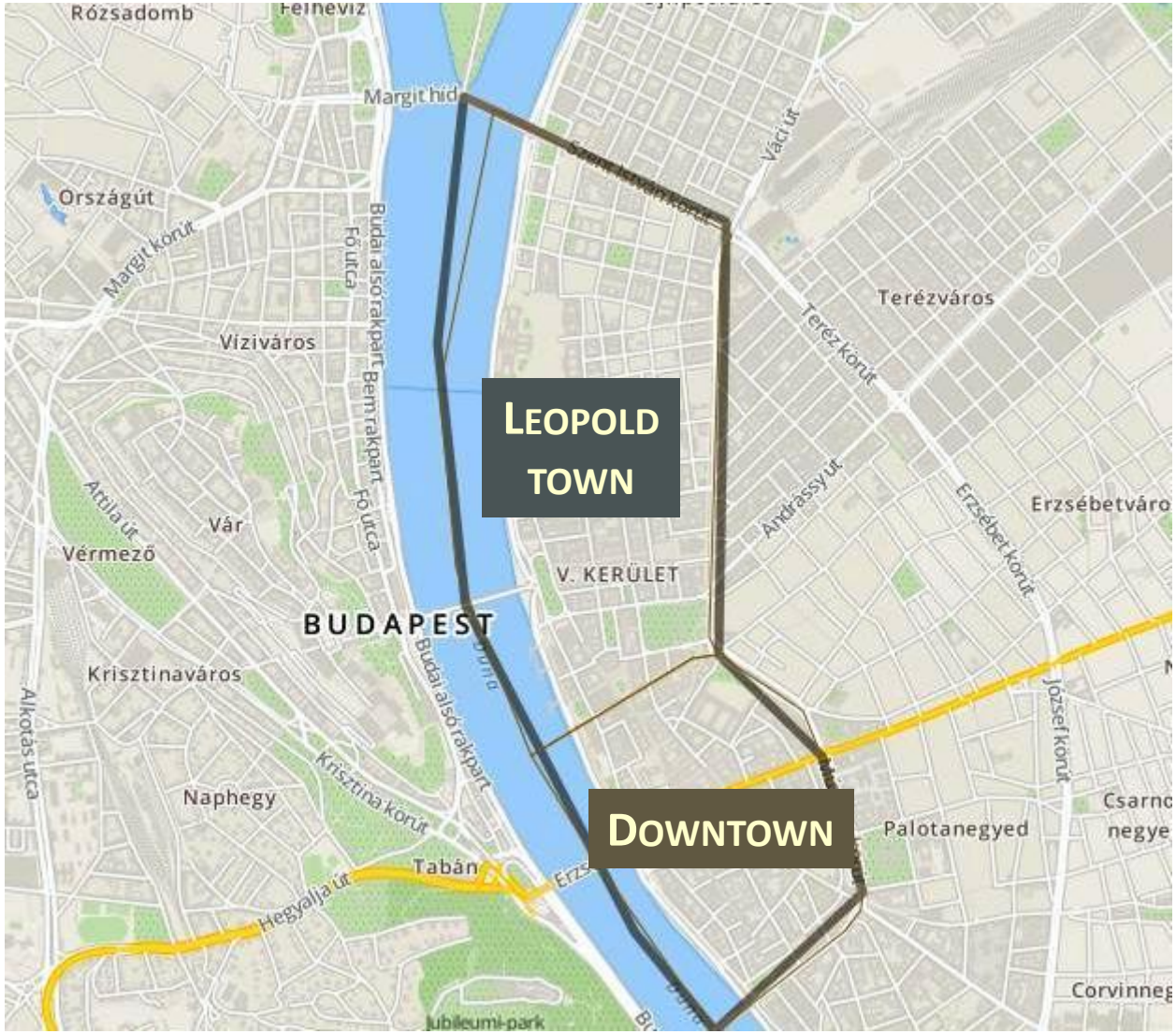
Filtering: by edge labels (Subgraphs)

- E.g. show the underground network only

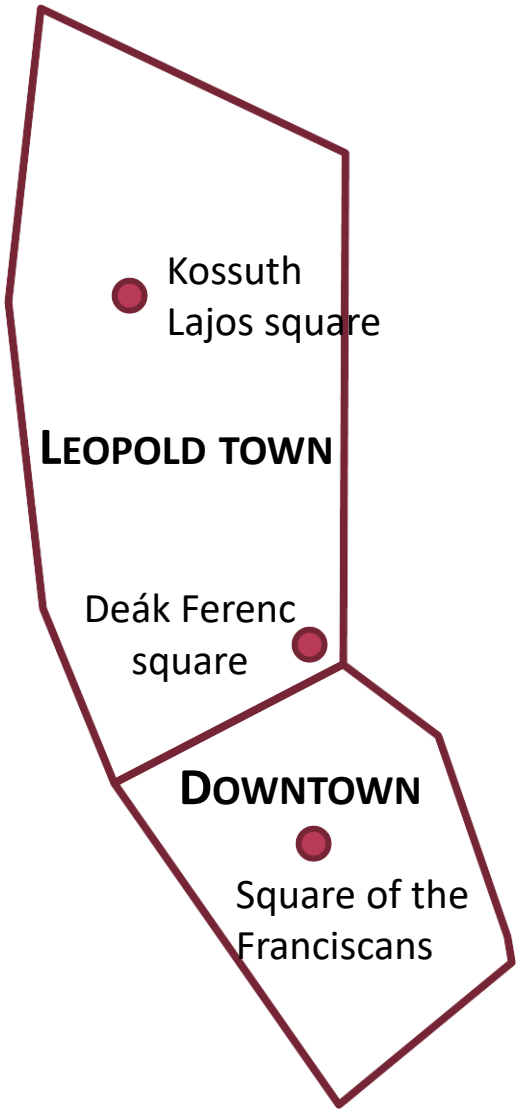


- Was is reachable by the underground only?

Budapest V. district



Budapest V. district – Hierarchical Model



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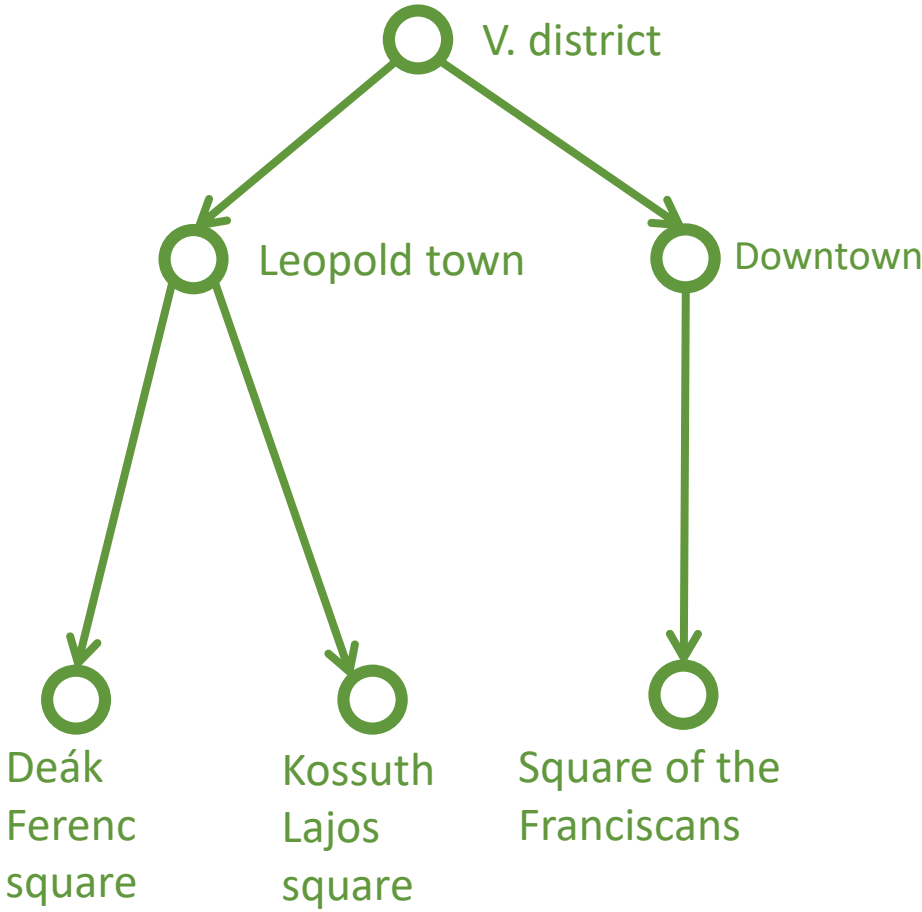
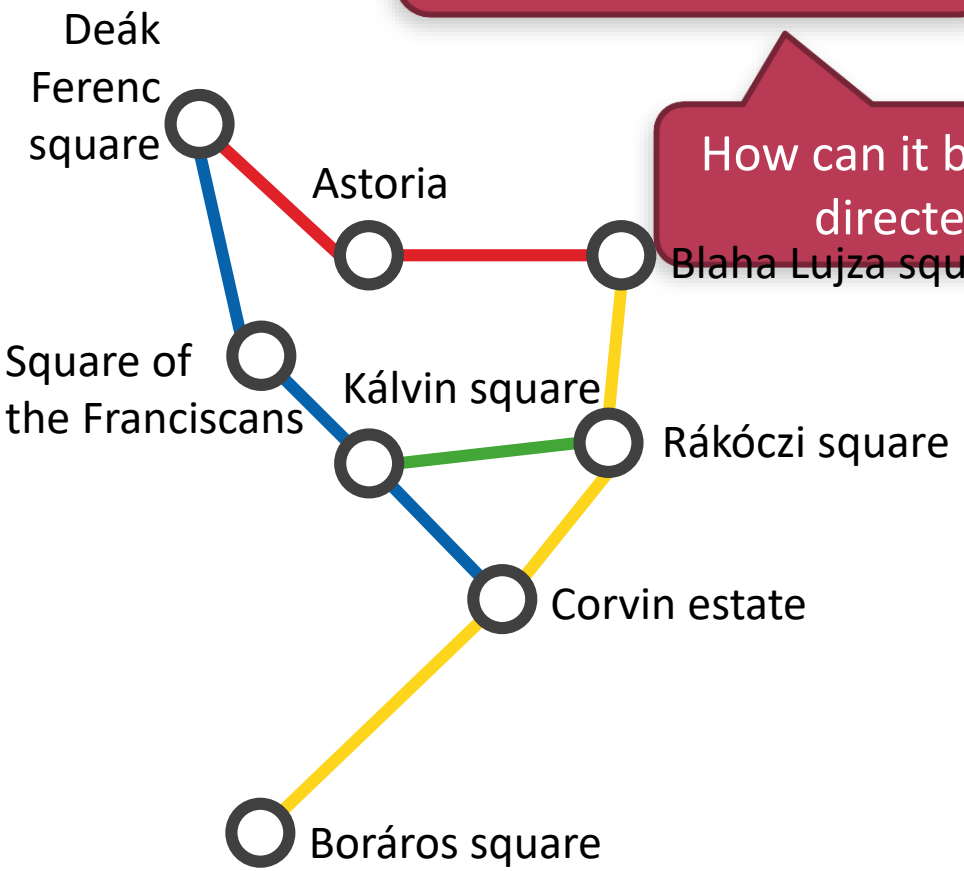


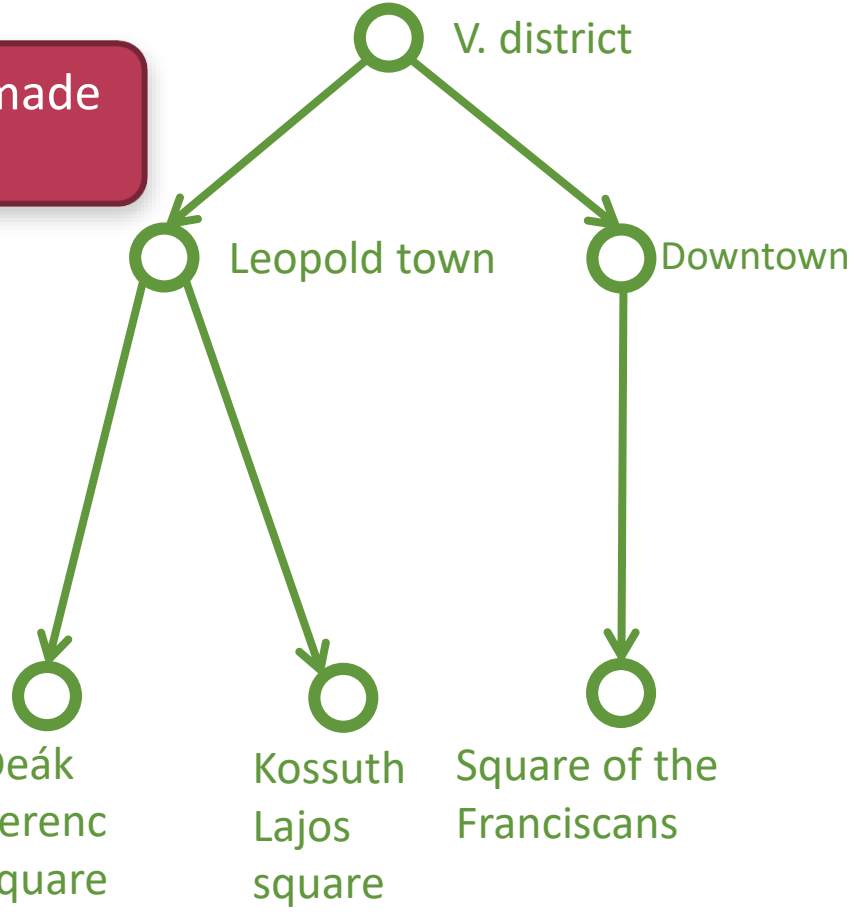
Simple Graphs

Transport network: undirected graph

Areas: directed graph



How can it be made directed?



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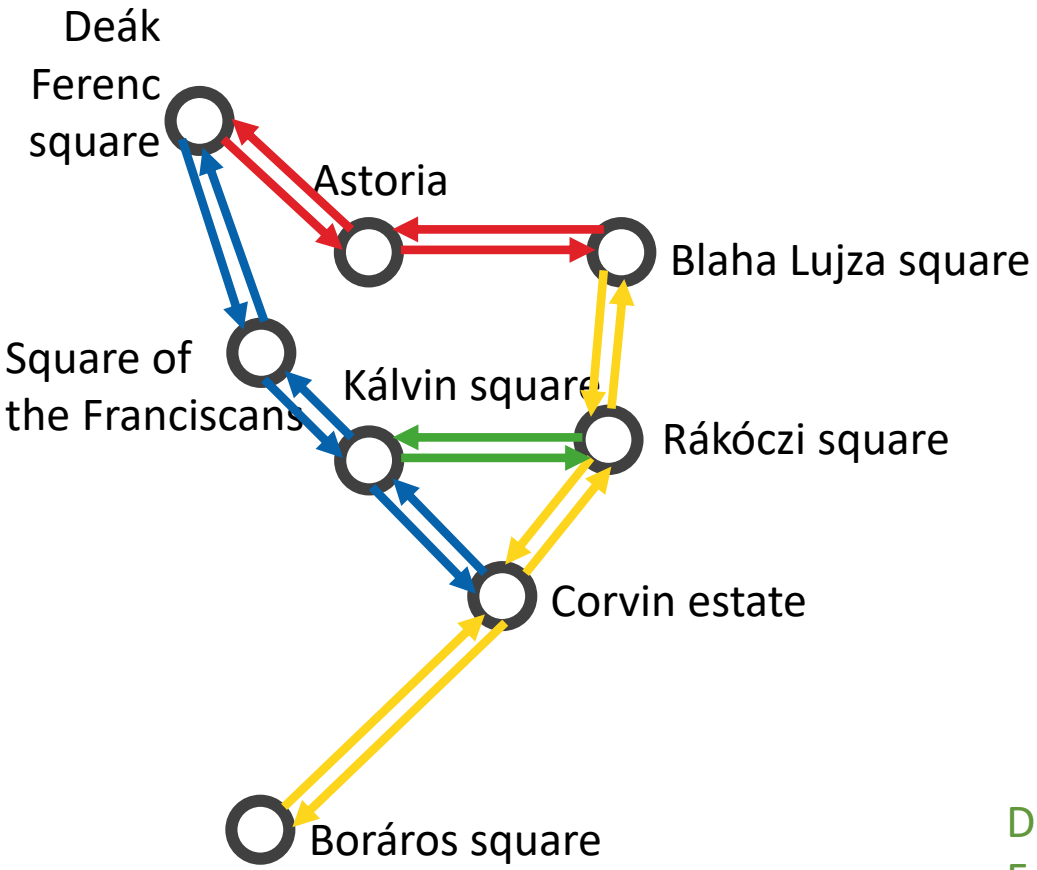
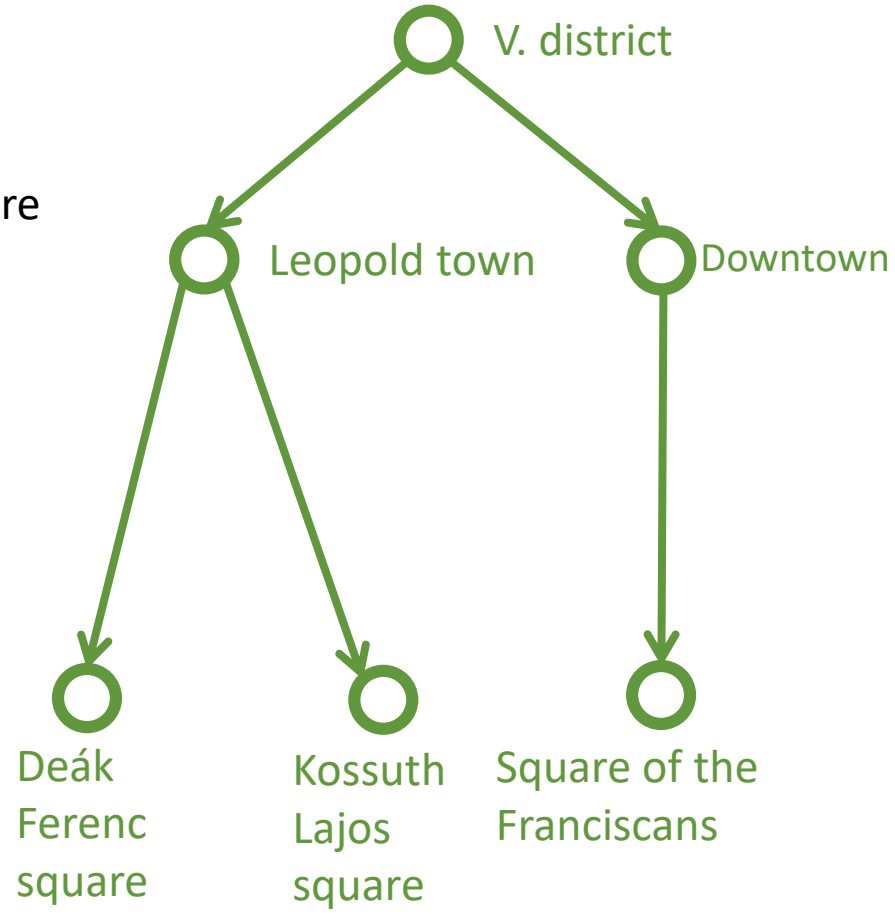
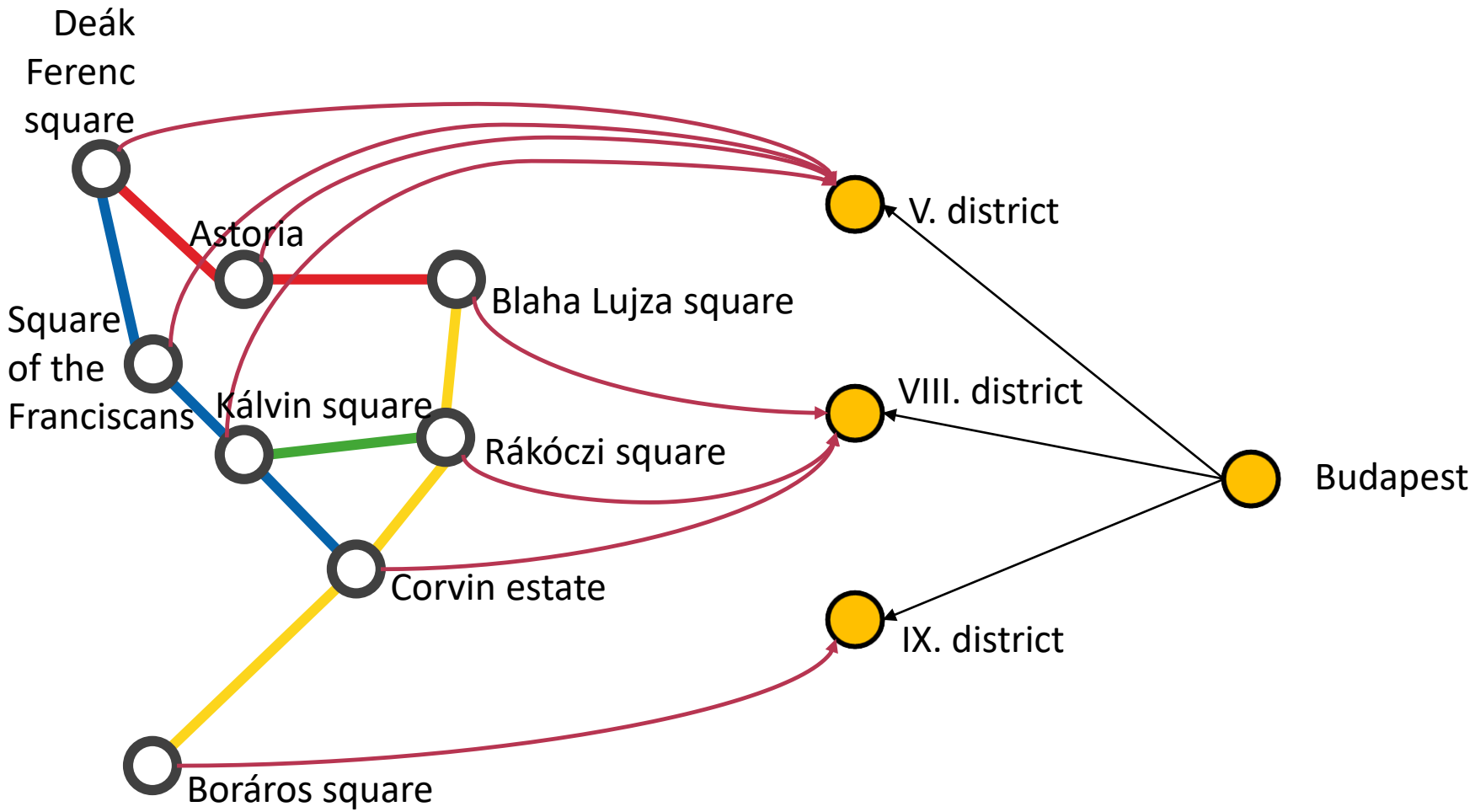




Typed Graph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V. district
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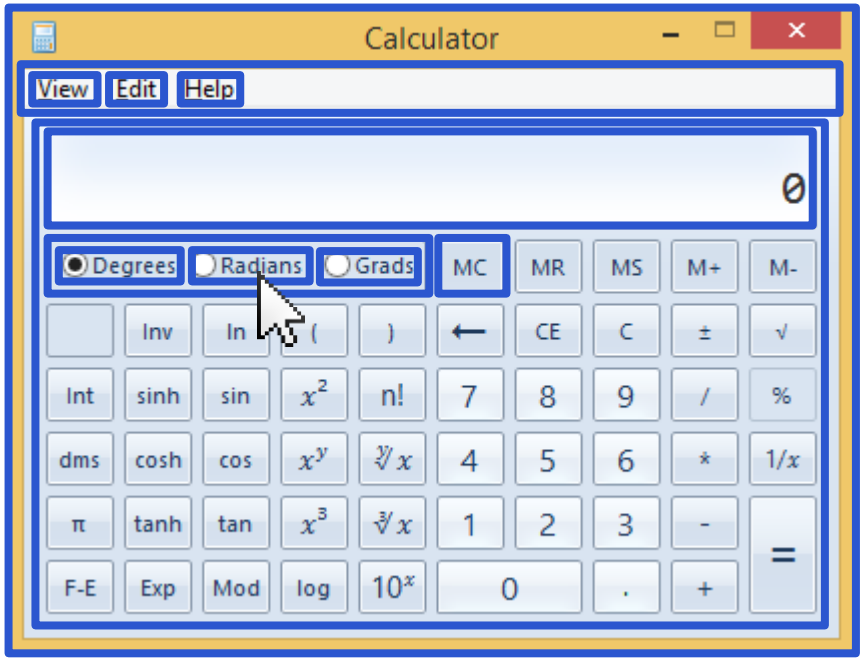
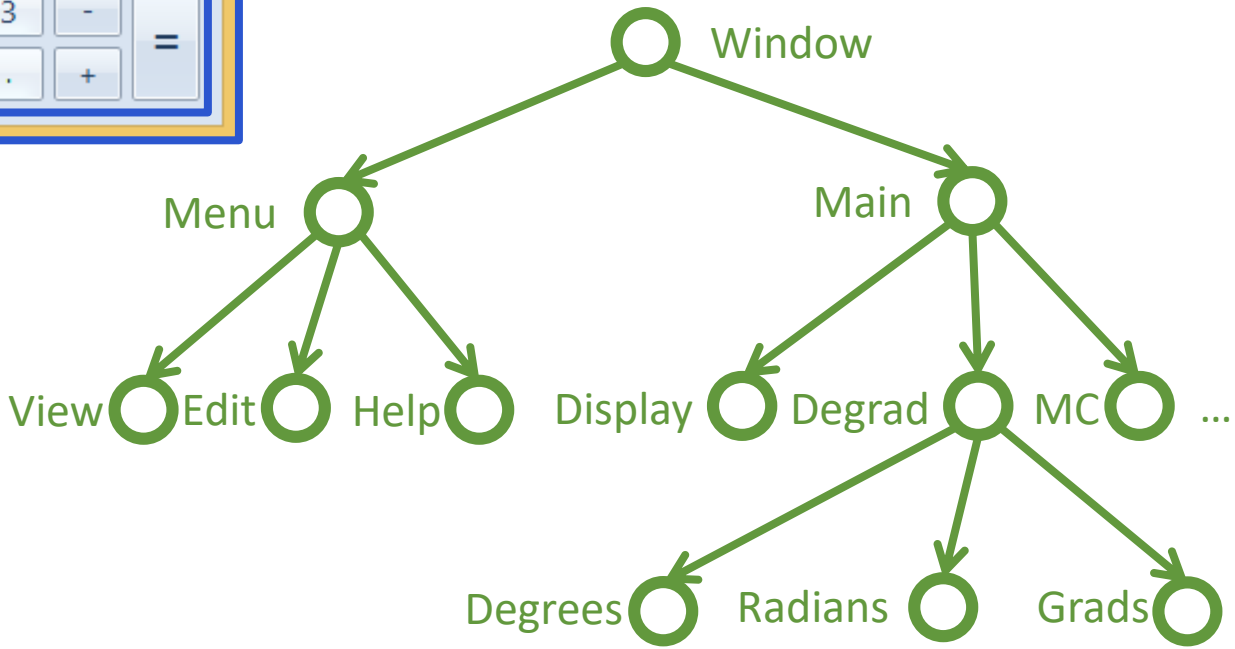
IX. district
Budapest

Graphical User Interface



- Representation of a tree structure
  - as graph
  - as containment relation



Representation of a Tree Structure

File system

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\Pictures

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\groundplot.jpg

\contracts.pdf

\Drivers

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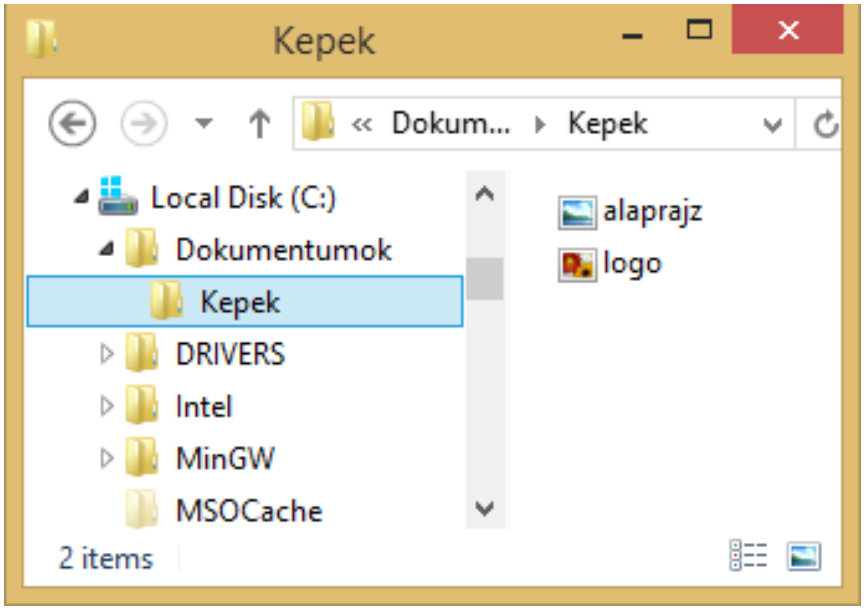

How much storage capacity can be gained by deleting the directory „Documents”?

Characteristics of a File System

- How much storage capacity can be gained by deleting the directory „Documents”?
- Some further Parameter are required

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Pictures	directory		2016.02.02
Logo.png	file	92	2015.03.06
Groundplot.jpg	file	1226	2016.02.02

- Knowing these pieces of information and the file hierarchy the question can be answered.

MODELLING THE PROPERTIES

What properties do have the individual components?

Examples

- Tables
- Databases

Definition: Property

- Properties of the elements of a model can also be described.

A **property** is a **function** that is
- defined **over the elements of a model** and
- **partial** (values may be undefined), and
- the **value set** of which is the set of the possible values of the given property.

Tabular Representation

- **Rows of the table** = Model elements
- **Columns of the table** = Properties

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NULL / NA Attributes

Definition: Filtering

- During **filtering** a **filtering condition** is **evaluated** over the elements of the model, and
- the **submodel** is kept that consists exactly of the elements **satisfying the condition**.

- `Type = „file"`

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Definition: Projection

During **projection** some **parameters** of the model are chosen, others are omitted.

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Projection:

{Name, Size}

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Example: Filtering and Projection

- SELECT „Name”, „Size”
- FROM „Dataset”
- WHERE „Type = file” AND „ Size > 1000 kB”
- SQL: Structured Query Language
  - Data query (and manipulation)
  - Basics of relational databases
  - Here: Description lang. (Filtering, Projection, Derivation)
  - In more details: Databases

https://portal.vik.bme.hu/kepzes/targyak/VITMAB04/

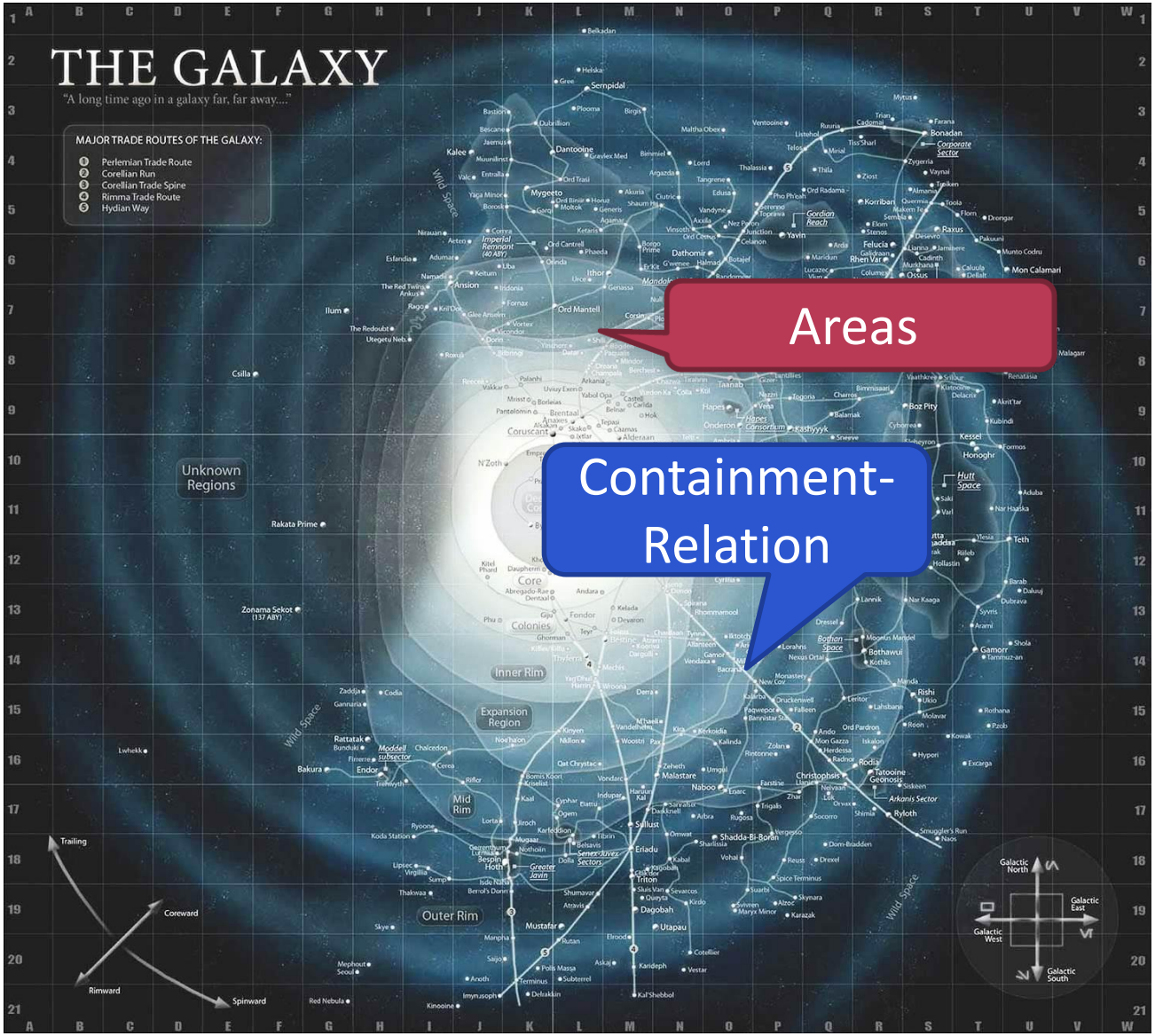
Projection

Data source

Filtering

MODELLING TYPES

Example: The Galaxis



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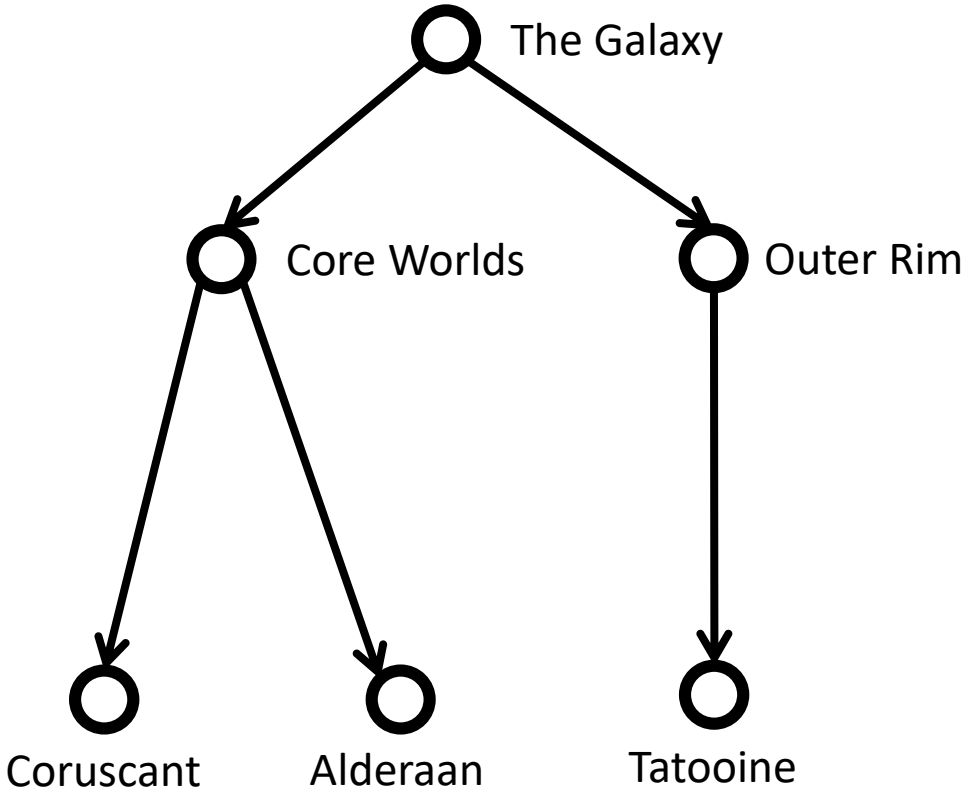


Categorisation of Model Elements in Types

- Example: Can the „Colour of Lightsaber” of Yoda change?
  - No
    Yoda – an entity with green lightsaber
    Important/relevant attribute?
  - Yes
    „Colour of Lightsaber” no characteristic attribute

- Type: Entirety of elements that are distinguished by similar attributes

Type and Attributes

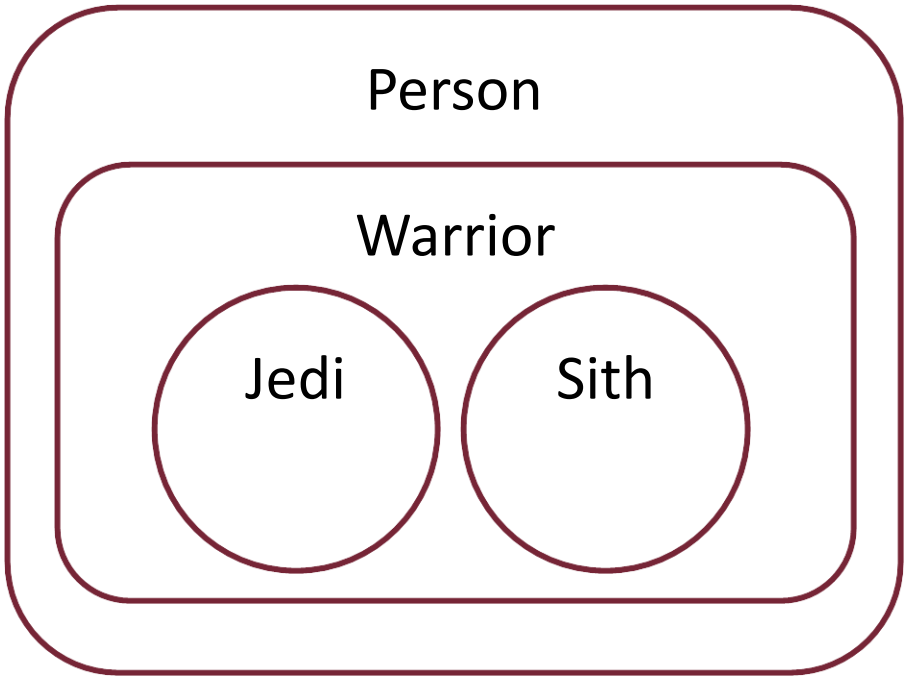
- Type is a part of the knowledge, implicitly expressed in the label
  - *Type* is a special property
  - Other properties: *attributes*

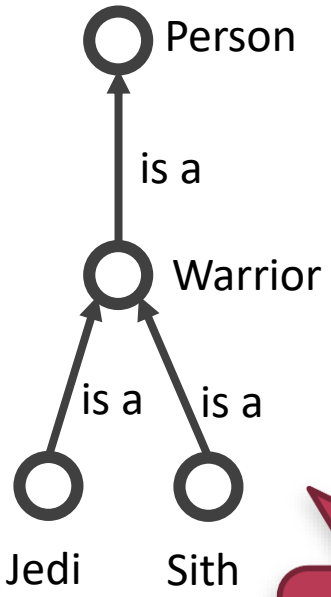
- Widely used Convention:
  - Attributes may sometimes change (but they do not have to)
  - Type is permanent (forever)

Type Graph

- A *type node* for each node type
- A *type edge* for each edge type
- …

Metamodell





Hierarchic Decomposition

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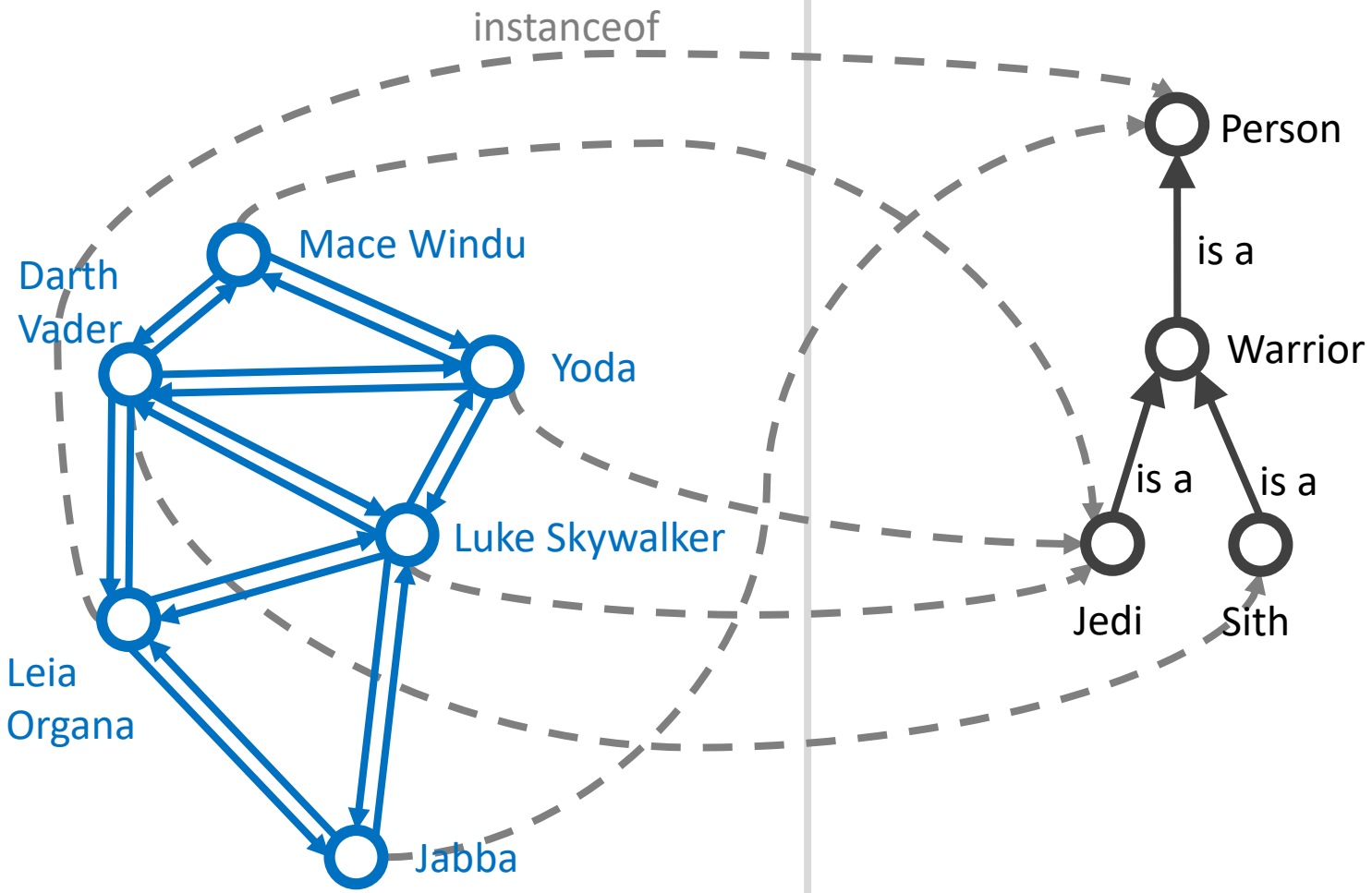

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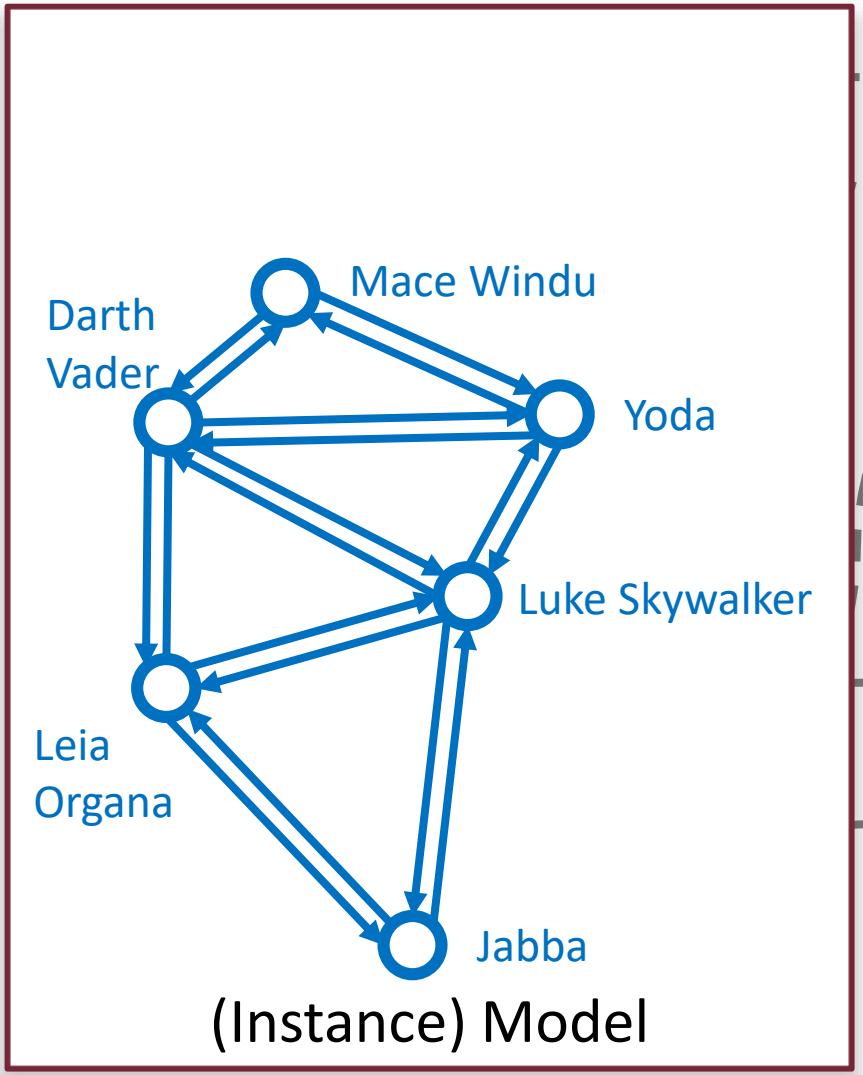

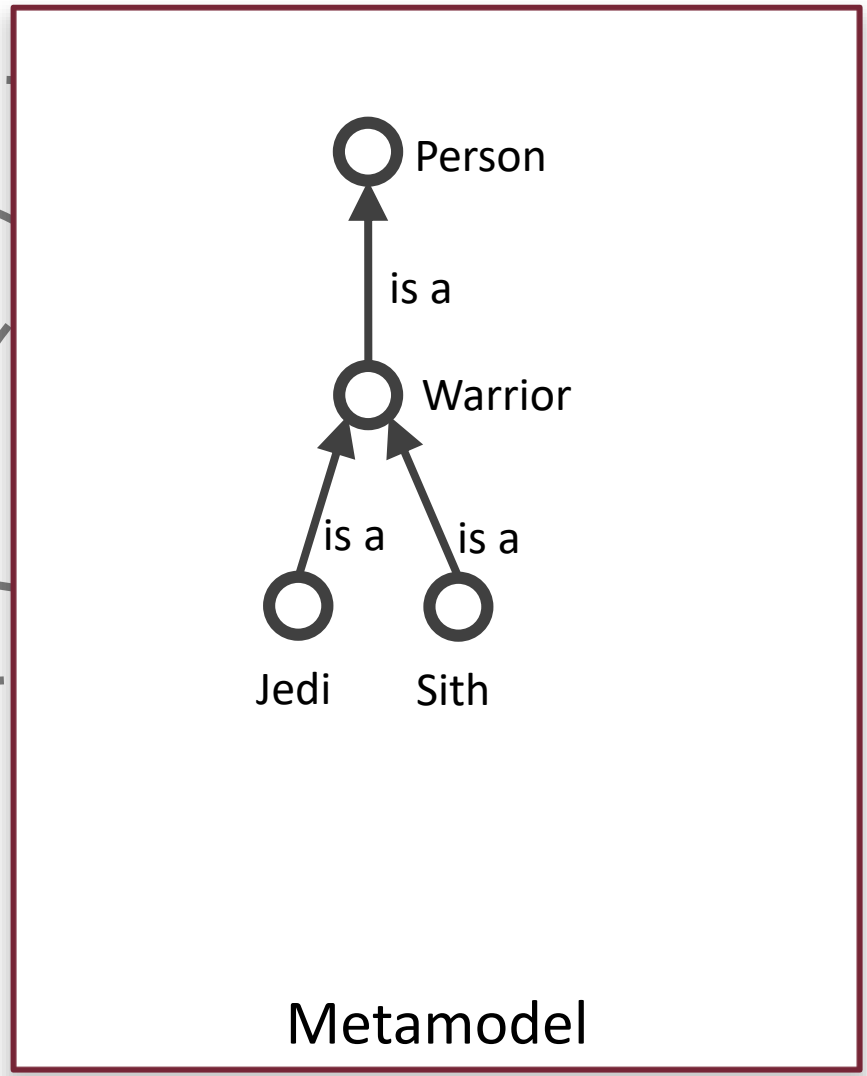

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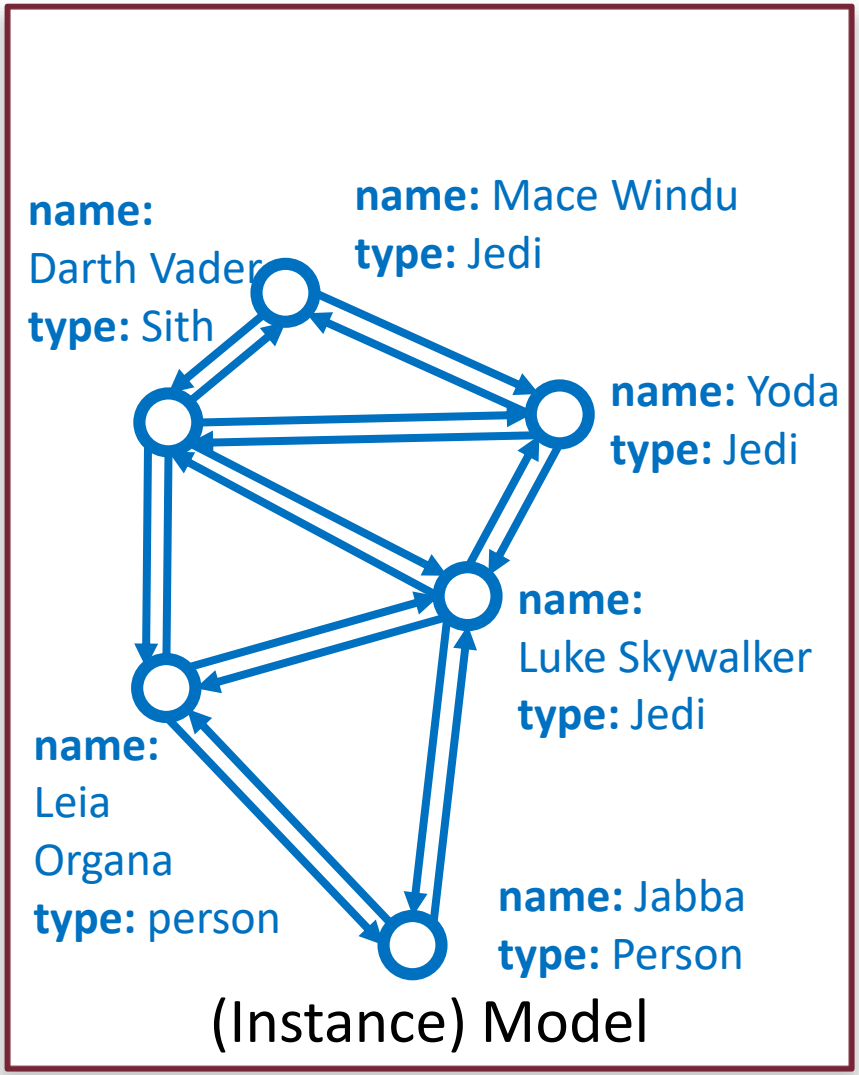
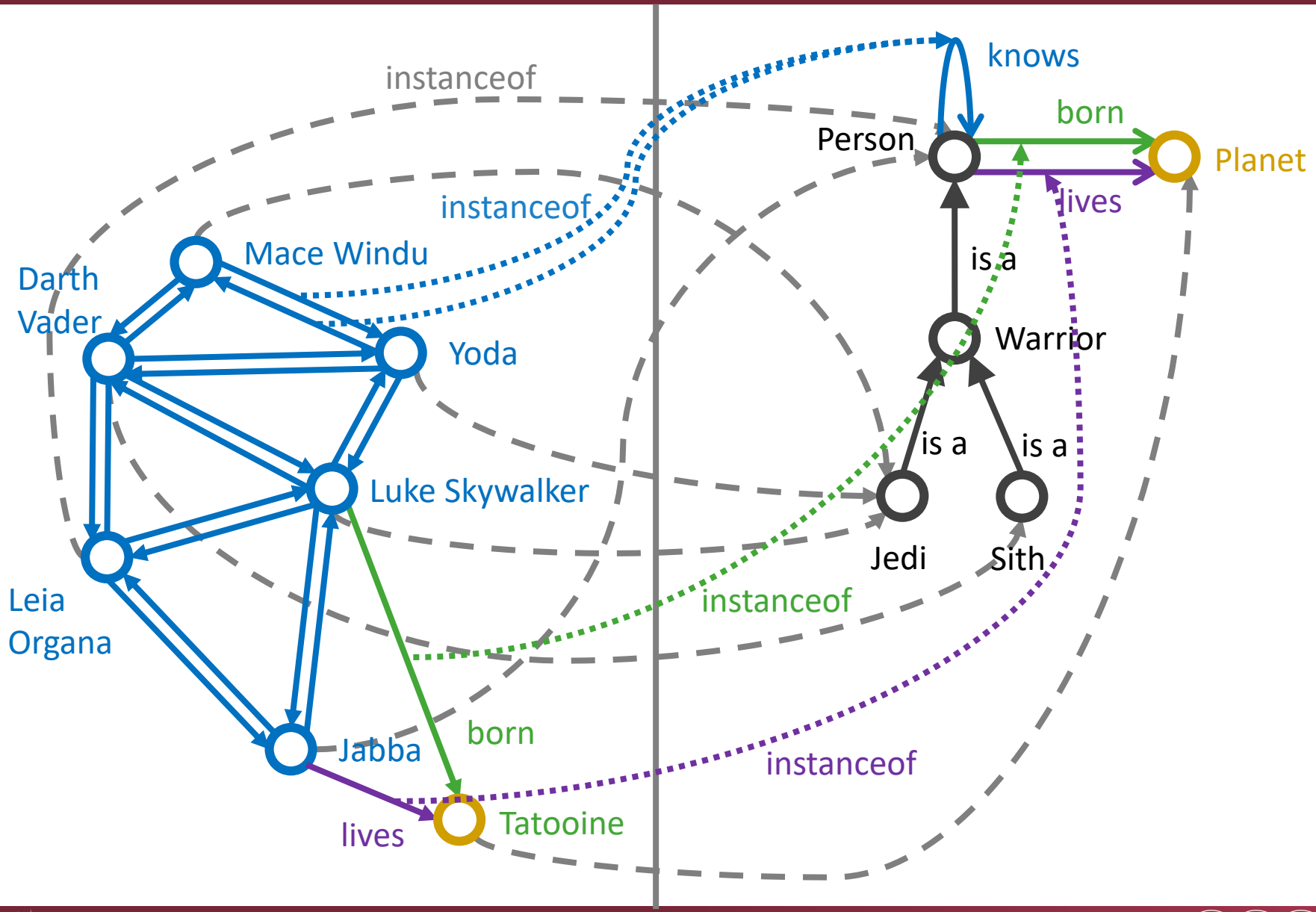


(Instance) Model

Edges with Different Edge Types



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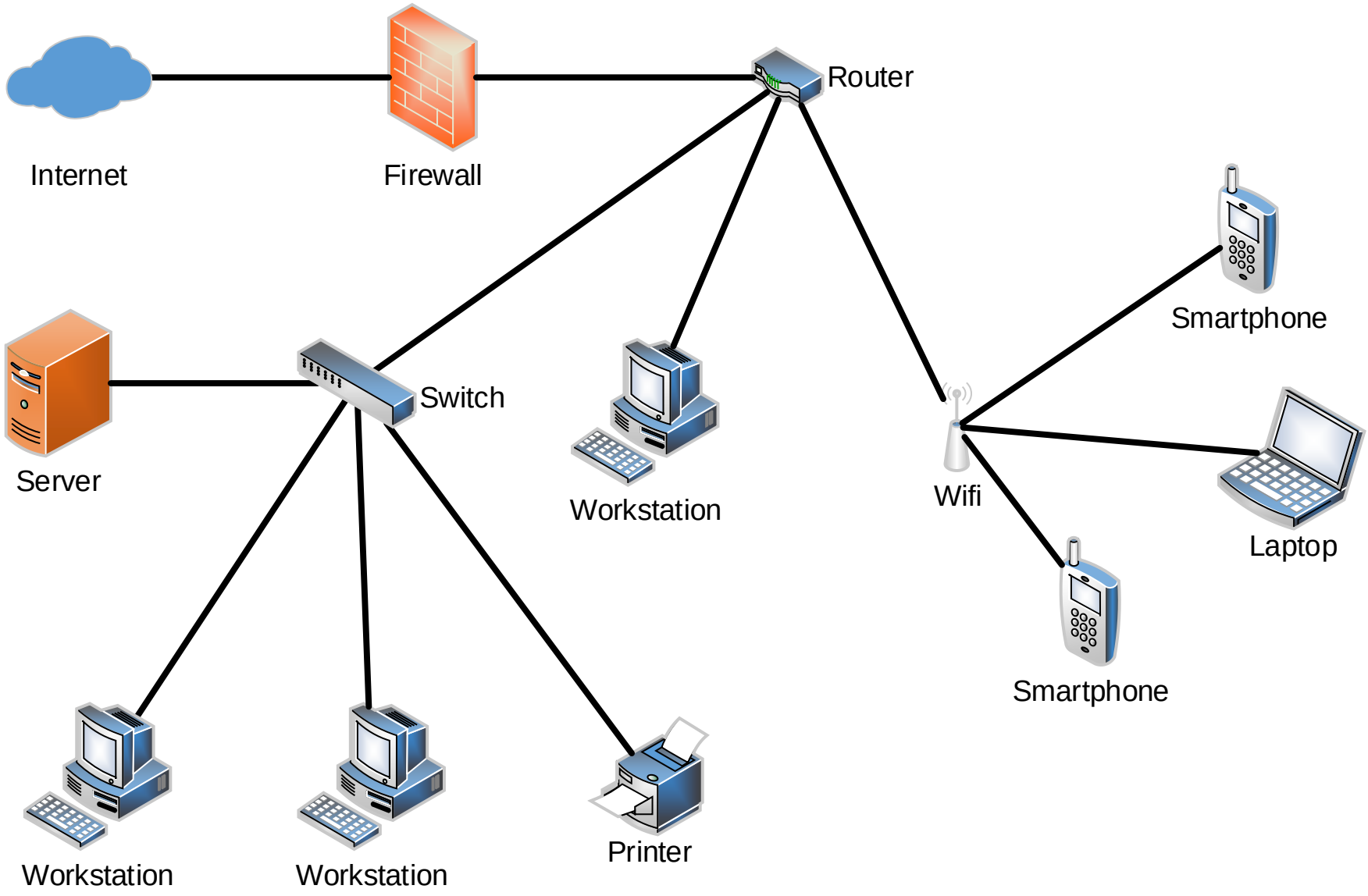

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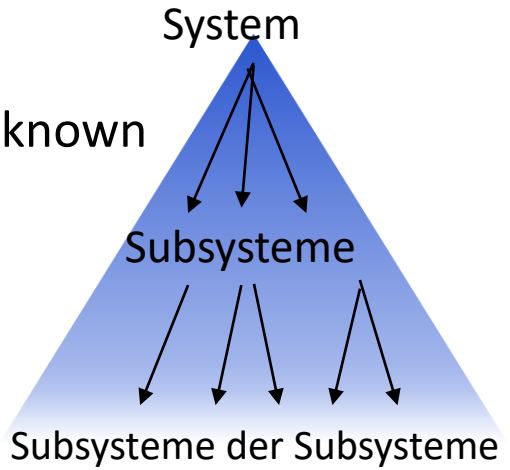

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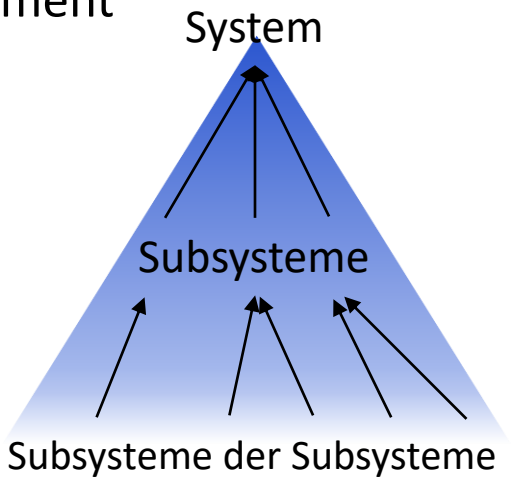
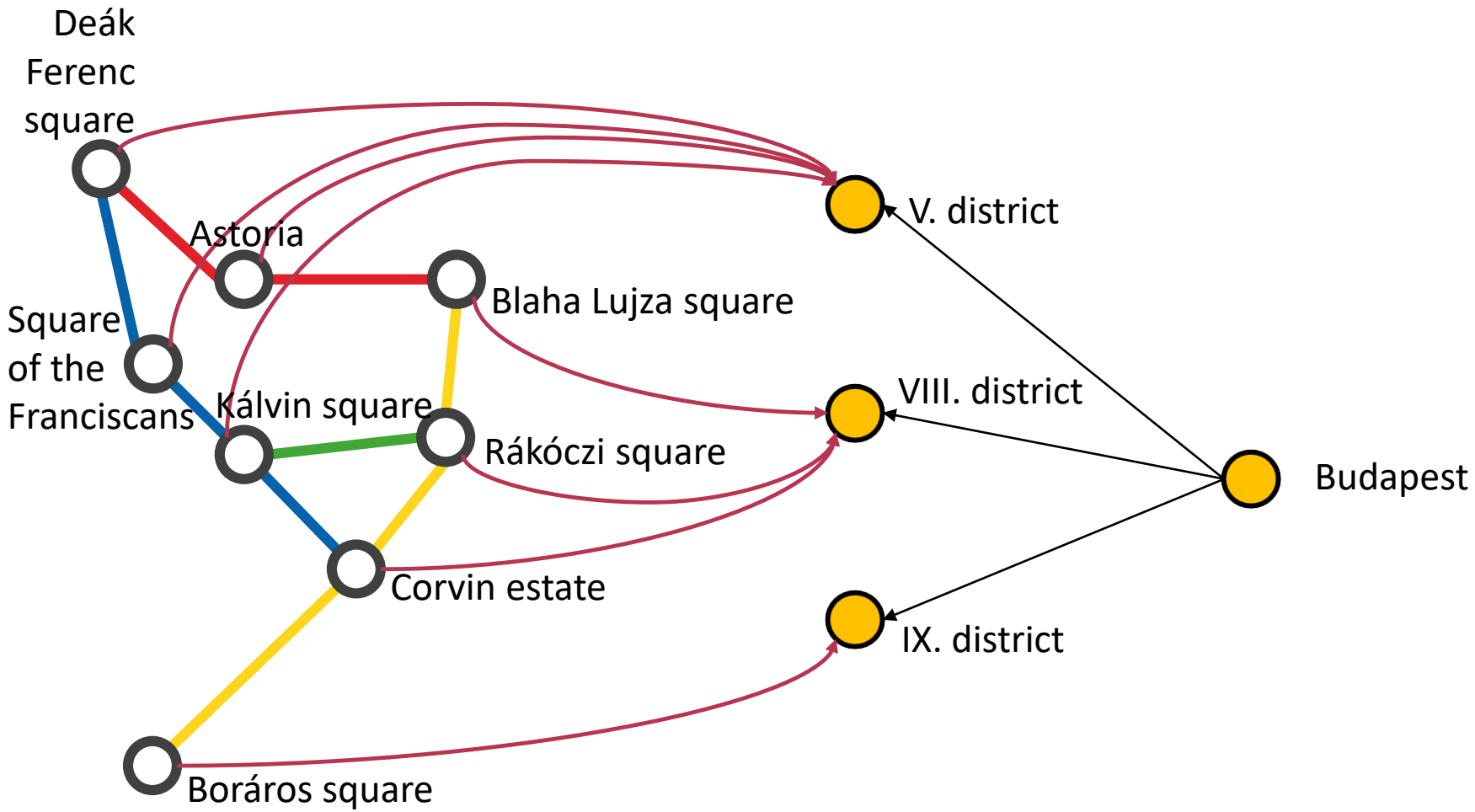


- Not only in structural modelling
- Mixed approaches, iterative Development

Typed Graph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Blaha Lujza square
Square of the Franciscans
Kálvin square
Rákóczi square
Corvin estate
Boráros square
V. district
VIII. district
IX. district
Budapest

Tabular Representation

- **Rows of the table** = Model elements
- **Columns of the table** = Properties

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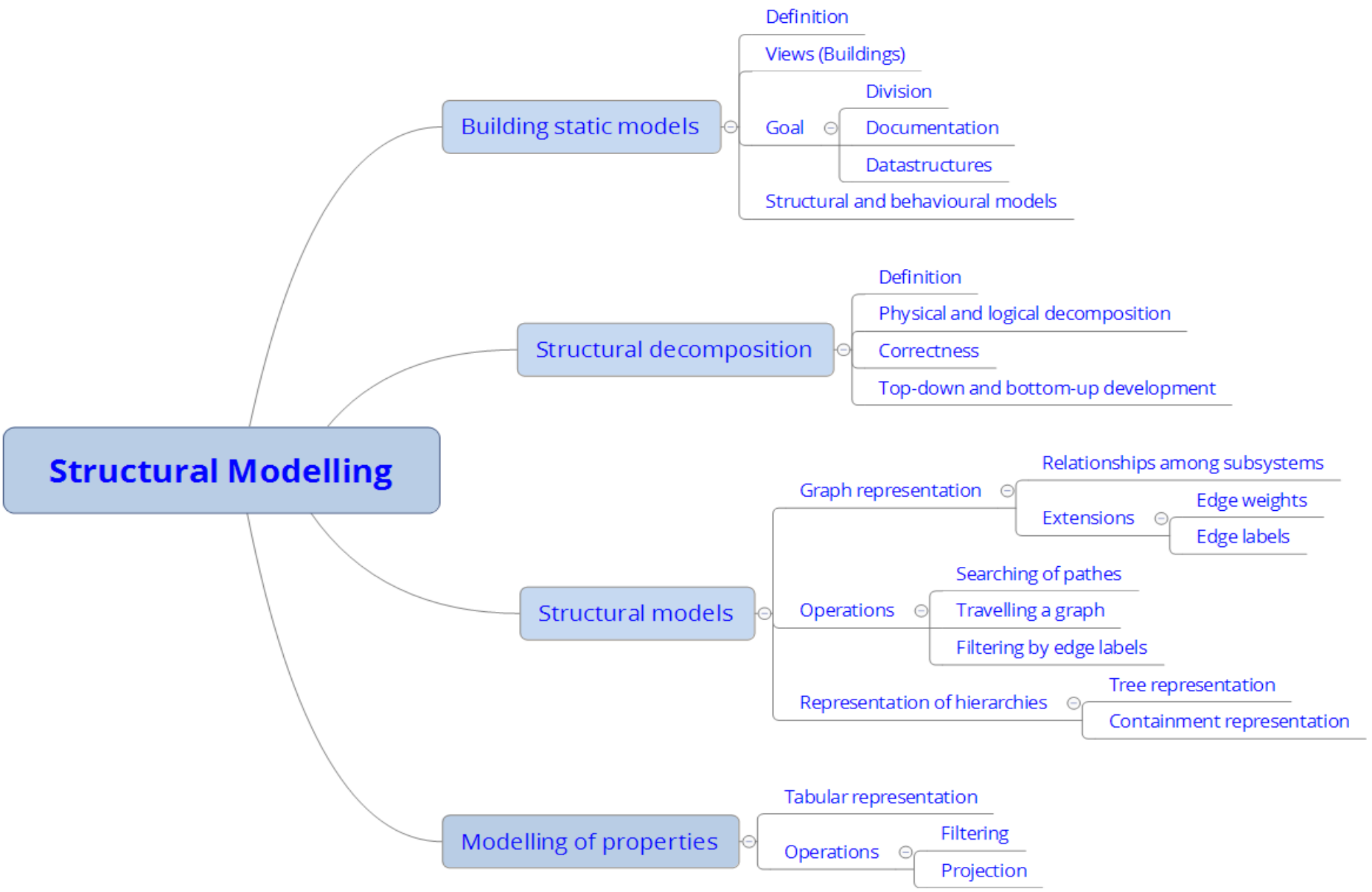
NULL / NA Attributes

Summary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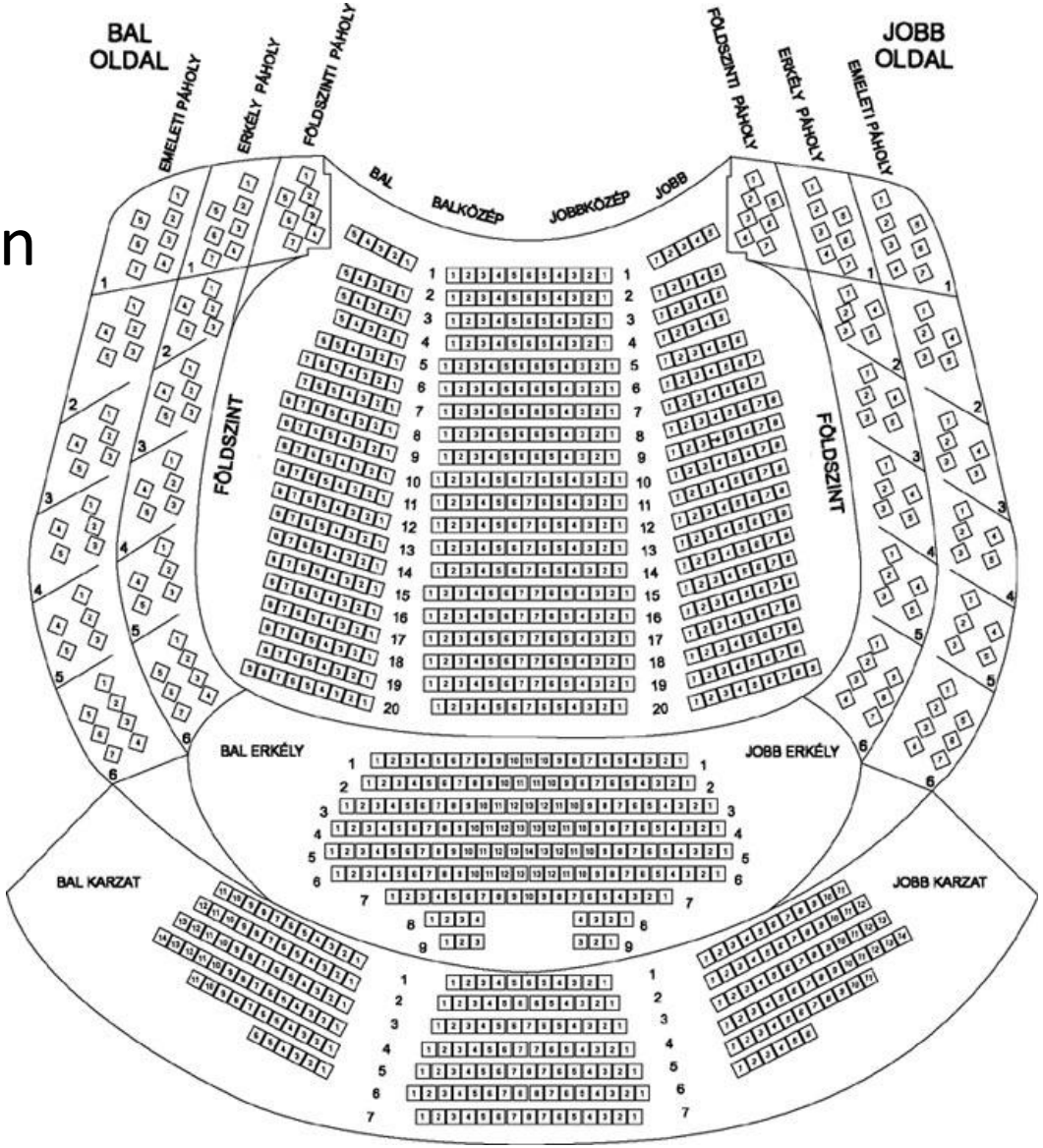
FURTHER ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

Illustration – Structural Models

Nested representation



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Frame structure