

Towards a taxonomy of Software Project Debts  
through abstracting the definition of

Technical Debt in Software Intensive Systems

Based on all the discussions during the week and  
the 16162 Definition

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# The 16162 Definition

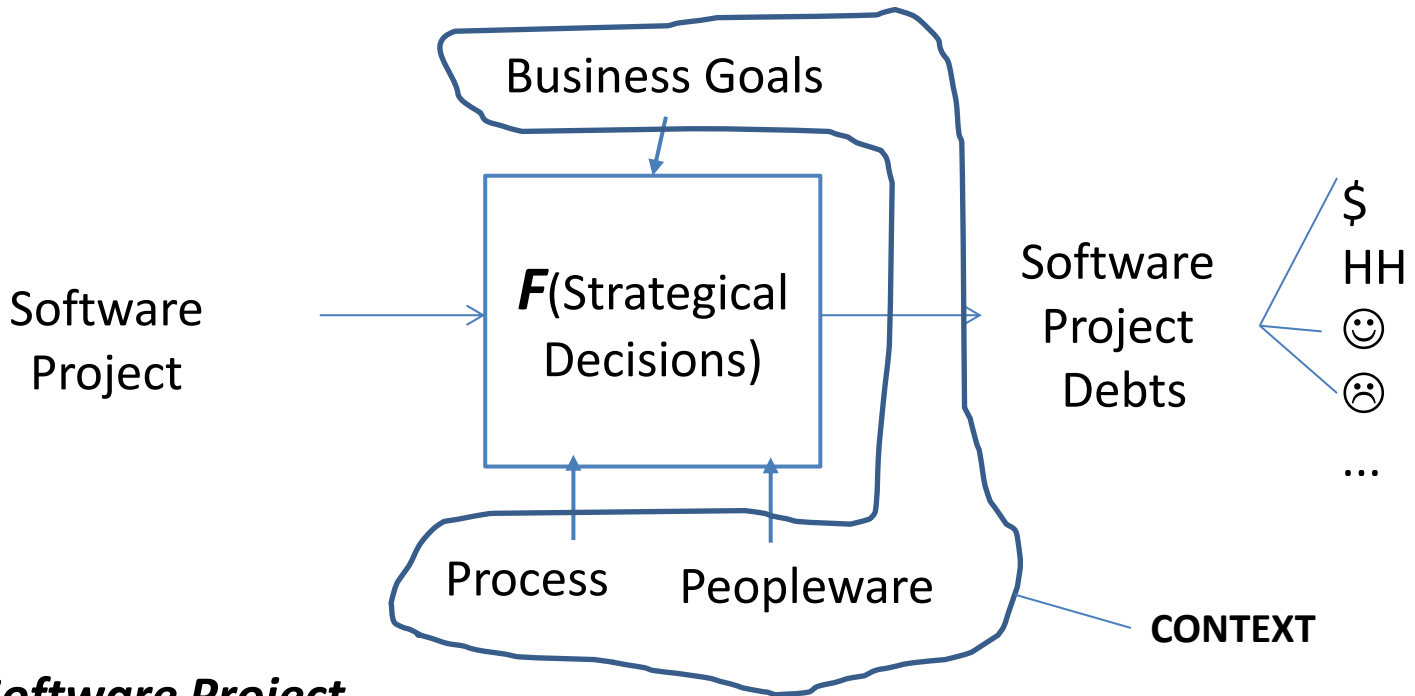
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# *Software Project Debt*

- *Software Project Debts* are contingent liabilities in software intensive systems. They are materialized through:
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  - Social Debt is ...
  - Process Debt is ..

# Software Project Debt

## Perspectives and Taxonomy



### *Software Project Debt*

### Taxonomy

