The Project Architecture Report

Why CI?

So that you present your ideas with the same **professionalism** and **excellence** with which you develop them.

First, some context.
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Next, the content.
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Who?

Why?

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Why?
Who? Profs CI team Teammates Classmates Yourself

What information?

Why? To get you thinking To scope out the problem To discover assumptions To discover unknowns

And now…

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…the part you’ve all been waiting for!

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Components: Inputs, Outputs, Internal Operation

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- Make them happy.
- Make your document easy to read:
  - Efficiently!
  - Accurately!

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- **Reader Expectations**
  - Clear introduction, context
  - Transitions throughout
  - Simple, precise language

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- **Paragraphs**
  - One idea per
  - Begin with main point
  - Include sufficient detail
  - Use explicit transitions
  - Arrange in a meaningful order

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- **Intentional Redundancy**
  - Tie all parts to the main point
  - Reinforce main points with informative headings
  - Write explanatory captions
  - Make links explicit

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- **Figures and Tables**
  - Self-contained, with captions
  - Explained in detail in the text
  - Clearly and thoroughly labeled
  - Necessary and sufficient

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- **Document Format**
  - Make title and headings informative
  - Call out lists where helpful
  - Shorter rather than longer paragraphs
  - Plenty of white space
  - Call out equations, centered, with white space above and below