

# The Architecture of Web-based P-CAD Systems

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**Abstract:** This article shows the architecture of modern web-based based applications, which are a collection of website elements that perform certain programmed actions, and which are the core of the **modular web-based P-CAD**. Web-based applications are designed to operate on web servers and use web browsers as the user interface. Typically, web-based applications are developed as part of a "client-server" architecture. However, the server side can vary in terms of its architecture solutions, as this article demonstrates. In addition, we will also demonstrate an example of the architecture of a particular **modular web-based p-cad**.

**Keywords:** web-server, modular p-cad, application architecture, "client-server" architecture.

## I. INTRODUCTION

Currently, one of the P-CAD systems 'development lines is the development of distributed architectures and build on their basis module p-cad pcb based on Web. The implementation of such a distributed **P-CAD** architecture requires developing a special web-based application that would run and synchronize subsystems on the client and server sides, as well as transfer data between the client and server subsystems. Consider the basic methods for developing web-based applications. Initially, the World Wide Web (WWW) was considered by its creators as an information exchange space, in which people and computers would communicate with each other [1]. Therefore, the first web-based applications were simple file servers that returned static HTML pages to the requesting clients. That is, the Web was a document-oriented network at its early stage.

The next stage in the development of the Web was the emergence of the concept of applications that were based on interfaces such as CGI (or FastCGI), and later on ISAPI. The Common Gateway Interface (CGI) is a standard interface with servers, which allows executing server applications called via URL. The input information for such applications was the contents of the HTTP header (and the request body when using the POST protocol). CGI applications generated an HTML code that was returned to the browser. The main problem with CGI applications was that each client request resulted in the execution of a CGI program by the server in real time, loading it into a separate address space[2].

The emergence of the Internet Server API (ISAPI) allowed not only to solve performance issues typical of CGI-applications, but also to provide developers with a more functional software interface. ISAPI DLL could be associated with file name extensions through a special meta base. The two mechanisms (CGI and ISAPI) served as the basis for creating the first type of web-based applications, which executed the server code depending on any client-side actions. Thus, it became possible to dynamically generate the web pages 'content, which ceased to be purely static. The ISAPI interface is a peculiar feature of the Microsoft Internet Information Server. ISAPI applications are dynamic loadable libraries (DLLs) that are executed in the web server's address space. After a while, other web servers also learned to execute applications in the form of libraries [3]. In the case of Netscape web servers, this programming interface was called NSAPI (Netscape Server API). The fairly popular Apache web server also was able to run web-based applications implemented as libraries. Such libraries are called Apache DSO (Dynamic Shared Objects).

Note that as the amount of data used and the number of website visitors grows, the requirements for reliability, performance, and scalability of web-based applications also increase. The next stage in the evolution of such applications was the separation of business logic implemented in web-based applications, and often also separation of the data processing and transaction services from their interface. In this case, usually a web-based application itself only contains the so-called presentation section, while business logic, data processing, and transaction implementation are transferred to the application server as business objects. In addition to the access to corporate and partners 'data, the next step in the evolution of web-based applications was to gain access to corporate applications. This problem is solved through the integration of web-based applications, called corporate portals, with internal information systems of enterprises and with applications that provide interaction with customers and partners. Often, a portal solution includes website content management tools, as the amount of data available to users through the large companies 'websites is currently so huge that their manual management seems impossible [4].

Many of the above tasks arising in the development of modern web-based applications currently start being fulfilled by web services, i.e. software elements that do not depend on the platform, object model, and client software and can be called from client-side web-based applications (as well as from the web services themselves) through the SOAP protocol based on HTTP and XML. Web services are described using WSDL, an XML-like language, while the UDDI interface is used to organize web service registries, in which developers and companies can search for the services they

need, as well as publish information about their own services [5]. We have reviewed the possible architectures for building web-based applications and concluded that distributed P-CAD should be implemented based on the PHP technology. Consider using this technology in the development of a modular web-based PCB design P-CAD.

## II. TRADITIONAL P-CAD SYSTEM ARCHITECTURE

The traditional P-CAD architecture (Figure 1) includes separate subsystems written in procedural or object-oriented programming languages that have powerful tools for handling various data structures such as lists, queues, stacks, trees, graphs, etc. Data exchange between subsystems is provided in the following ways: through a common memory area; through a binary file system; by means of specialized description languages (text files)[ 6], (Figure 3 Drawing electronic circuit using the schematic model, which produces a text file figure 2)

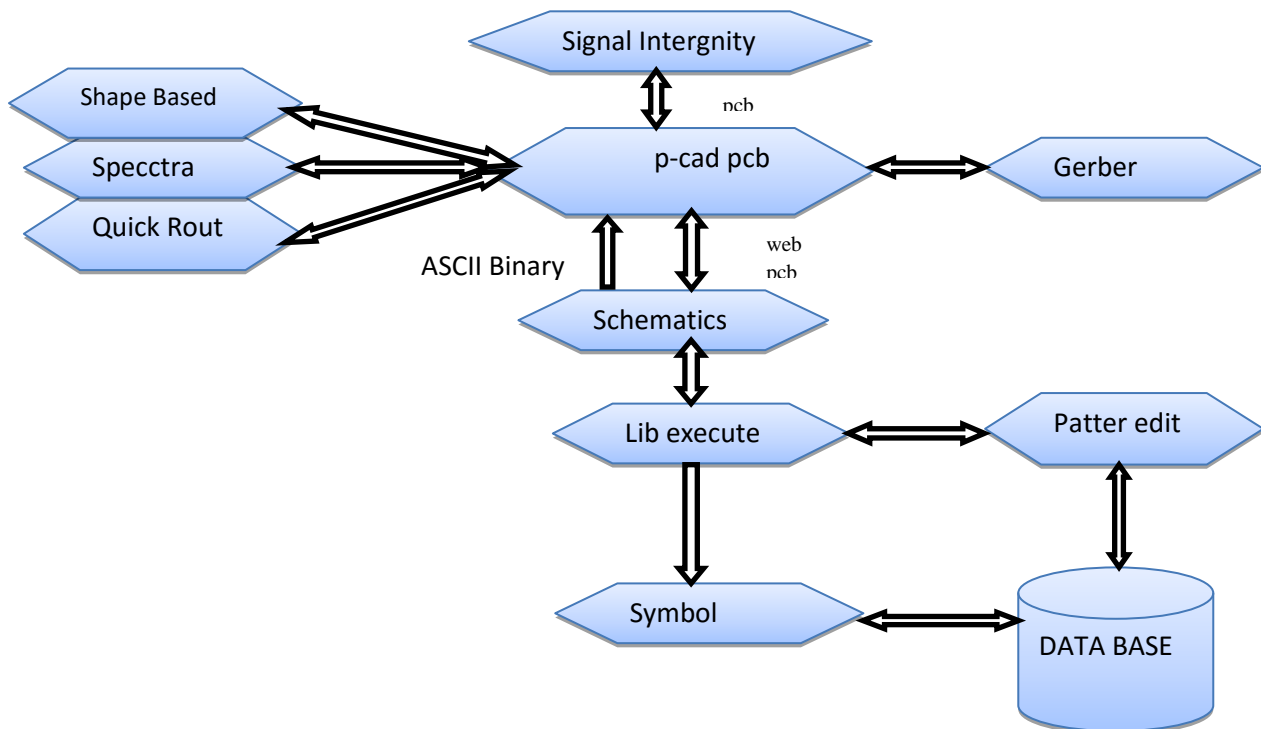


Fig1. Traditional P-CAD system architecture

Currently, the development and adaptation of special web-based versions of desktop P-CAD that would allow automating the process of designing objects of various physical nature on an enterprise scale, is relevant.

Consider the architecture of the web-based version of a similar P-CAD using the example of PCB P-CAD, which has become the most popular tool among electronic appliance developers [7].

The core of the P-CAD system is P-CAD PCB, the most well-known modification of SPECCTRA tracing, developed is an integrated software suite for the design of multi-layer printed circuit boards (PCBs) of radio electronic equipment (RE). It is adapted to the Windows operating environment and uses all the settings and features of the latter [8, 9].

The P-CAD includes the following subsystems:

- P-CAD includes the following software modules: P-CAD Library Executive, P-CAD Schematic, P-CAD PCB, P-CAD AutoRoute's, Symbol Editor, Pattern Editor, InterPlace PCS, Relay, Signal Integrity (Figure 1).
- The Library Executive utility consists of Library Manager, Symbol Editor, and Pattern Editor (to edit radio parts land patterns).
- P-CAD Schematic is a graphical electric circuit editor, designed for the development of electrical circuitry and used to create conditional graphic symbols of individual radio parts (.sch files).
- P-CAD PCB is the PCB graphic editor for developing the PCB design parameters, including: PCB size, conductor width, gap size, contact pad size, screen layer configuration, marking, radio part positioning, non-automatic tracing of conductors and forming processing equipment control files.
- P-CAD AutoRoute's is designed for automatic tracing of PCB conductors. It includes two AutoRoute's: Quick Route for designing the PCB pattern in not very complex electrical circuits and the grid less Shape-Based Router designed for multilayer PCBs with a high density of radio parts layout.

- Symbol Editor is an element symbol editor (.sym files), designed to create conditional graphic symbols of electrical circuit parts.
- Pattern Editor is the land pattern editor (.pat files), designed for the development of structural parts 'landing patterns on PCBs.
- Relay is the program for PCB viewing, radio part arrangement, basic attribute assignment, and processing limitation control.
- Signal Integrity is the PCB electrical parameter analysis software.
- SPECCTRA is the program for radio part arrangement on PCBs and manual, interactive, and automatic conductor tracing. Thanks to the grid less technology, it is a very efficient tracer for complex and high-density PCBs. Information about the PCB is transmitted to SPECCTRA using the PCB editor[10].

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Fig.2 Text file(.sch) for schematic model

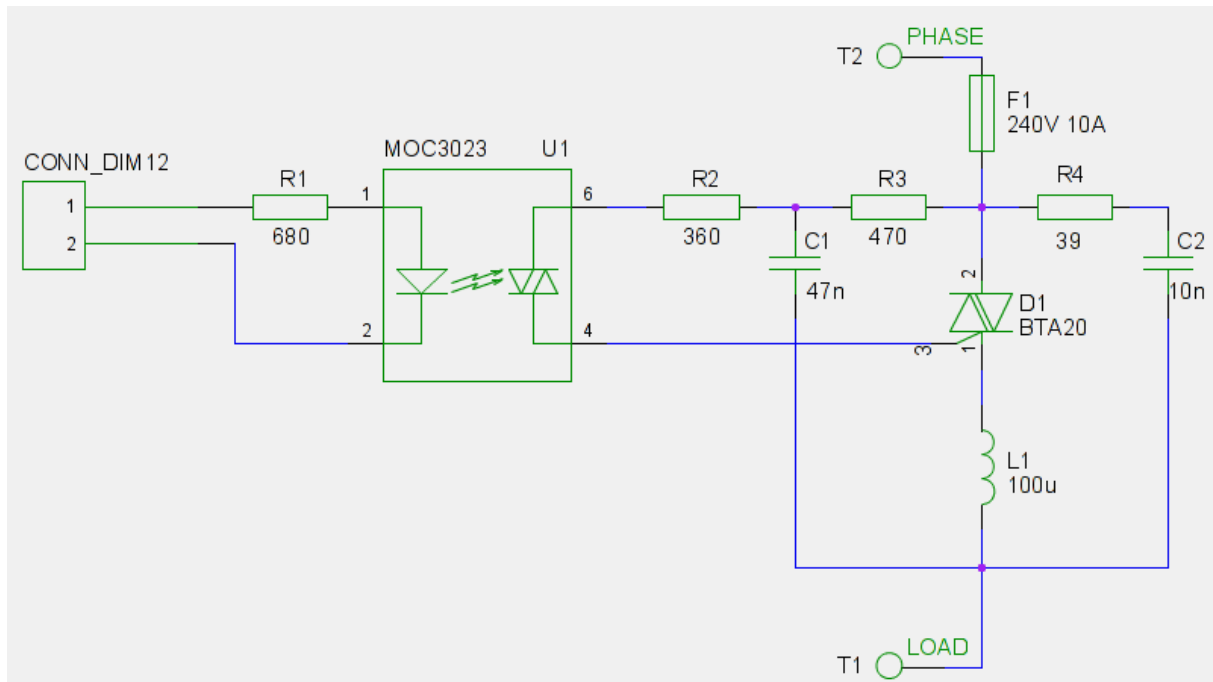


Fig. 3 Graphic file in p-cad schematic model

The process of designing a PCB for a device in P-CAD is divided into the following steps:

1. Creating a basic electrical circuit using the software package P-CAD Schematic. The result of the work is saved in a file with the extension .sch.
2. On the basis of the schematic diagram, information is generated about the connections between the elements and the types of components used. Therefore, the second stage in the creation of PES is the creation of a file of links describing the electrical connections of the elements and their types. After you complete this step, the output file format will be in .net format, which is saved in the connect list
3. Next in the P-CAD PCB based on the .net file. receive a drawing of the pcbs with the placed components, on which the lines of electrical connections between their terminals are indicated, (drawings of the component bodies are automatically loaded from the integrated .lib library). This operation is called packing the scheme on the pcbs, resulting in a file with the extension .pcb graphic file (fig5) and text file(In the link[43]),Which is the result of the .sch file.
- 4.After that you need to create a drawing of the overall dimensions of the printed circuit board. Actions are performed manually.
5. Next, automatic layout of the card's tracks using the P-CAD Quick Route auto-tracer is made, the routing strategy (rules) must first be set in the R-CAD PCB [11].
- 6.The P-CAD system uses integrated libraries that contain graphic and text information about components. Graphically, symbols and component bodies are represented, and text information, number of sections in the form, numbers and names of the conclusions. If there is no necessary element in the library when creating a schematic diagram, you can create it. For this, the programs included in the package of the P-CAD package (Library Manager (Library Executive, Symbol Editor-editor of the symbols of the component, Pattern Editor-packages editor) are used [12].

The data are transferred between theP-CAD Schematics and P-CAD PCB subsystems using a text file with a description of the circuit in the system's input language. The simulation data are transferred from PCAD to SPECCTRA using a binary file[13].The **P-CAD** actively uses libraries of the circuit component parameters, which are text files in the language of the model description specification and the circuit component parameters[14 ].

A. *Flowchart for Traditional P-CAD system architecture*

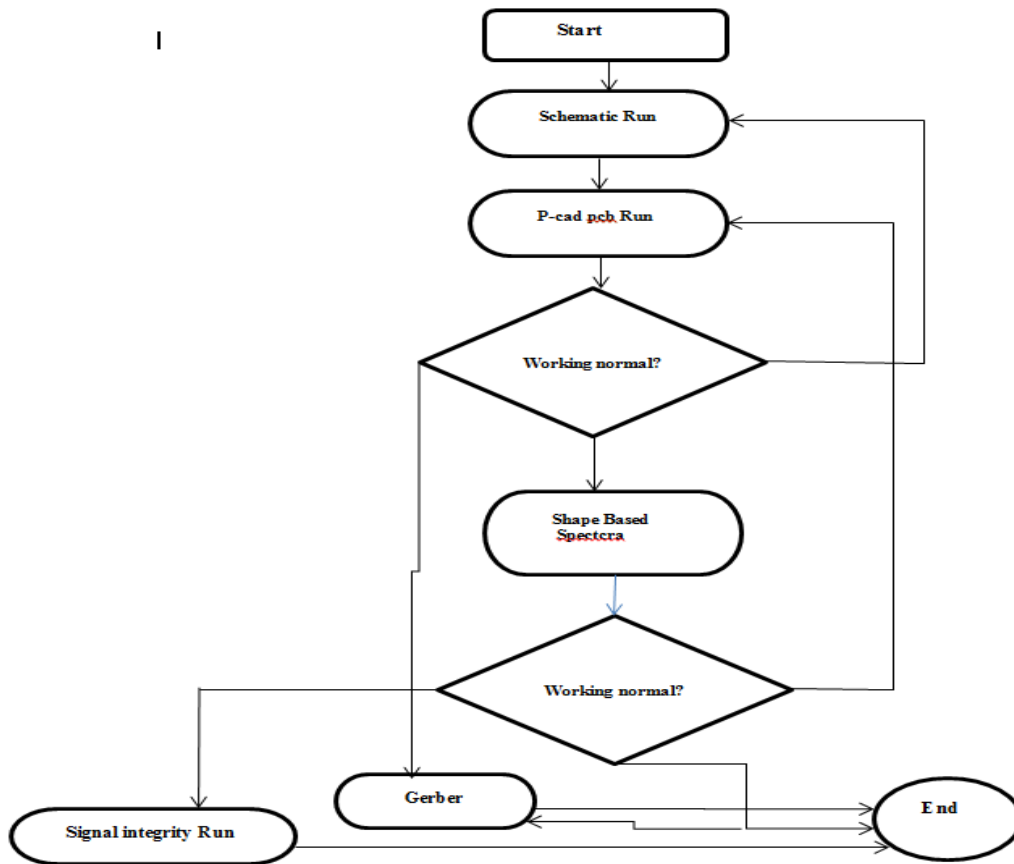


Fig. 4 Flowchart for Traditional P-CAD

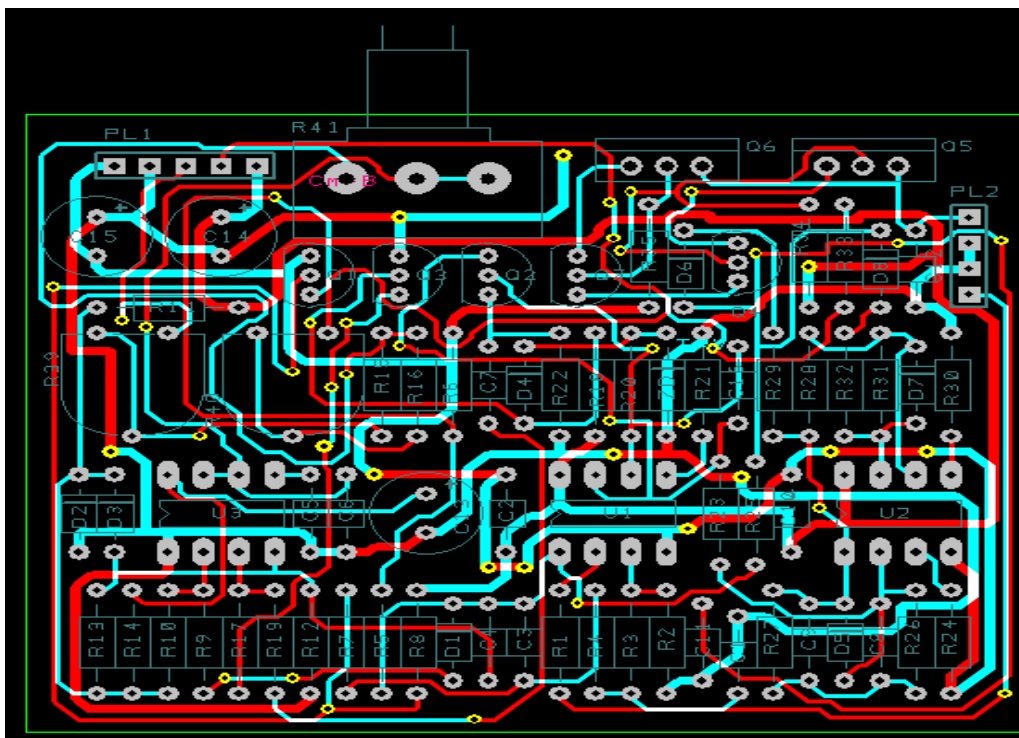


Fig. 5 File with the extension .pcb

**III. ARCHITECTURE OF A WEB-BASED ELECTRONIC CIRCUIT P-CAD SYSTEM**

To adapt the **P-CAD MODULE** system to online operation, it is necessary to develop a new distributed architecture of the **P-CAD**, differentiating functions between the client and the server sides to achieve optimal performance in the conditions of low Internet speed and limited web server resources [15]. For example, preprocessing and input of data sent to the server is reasonable to perform on the client side. This allows eliminating retransmissions of incorrectly drawn-up circuits. Graphical representation of the query results should also be performed on the client side, which significantly reduces the amount of data transmitted over the network [16]. Circuit simulation and access to circuit component parameter libraries is expedient to provide using the server resources. Note that Intranet is an excellent platform for processing information within the enterprise. The latest web browsers support any client-side systems [17].

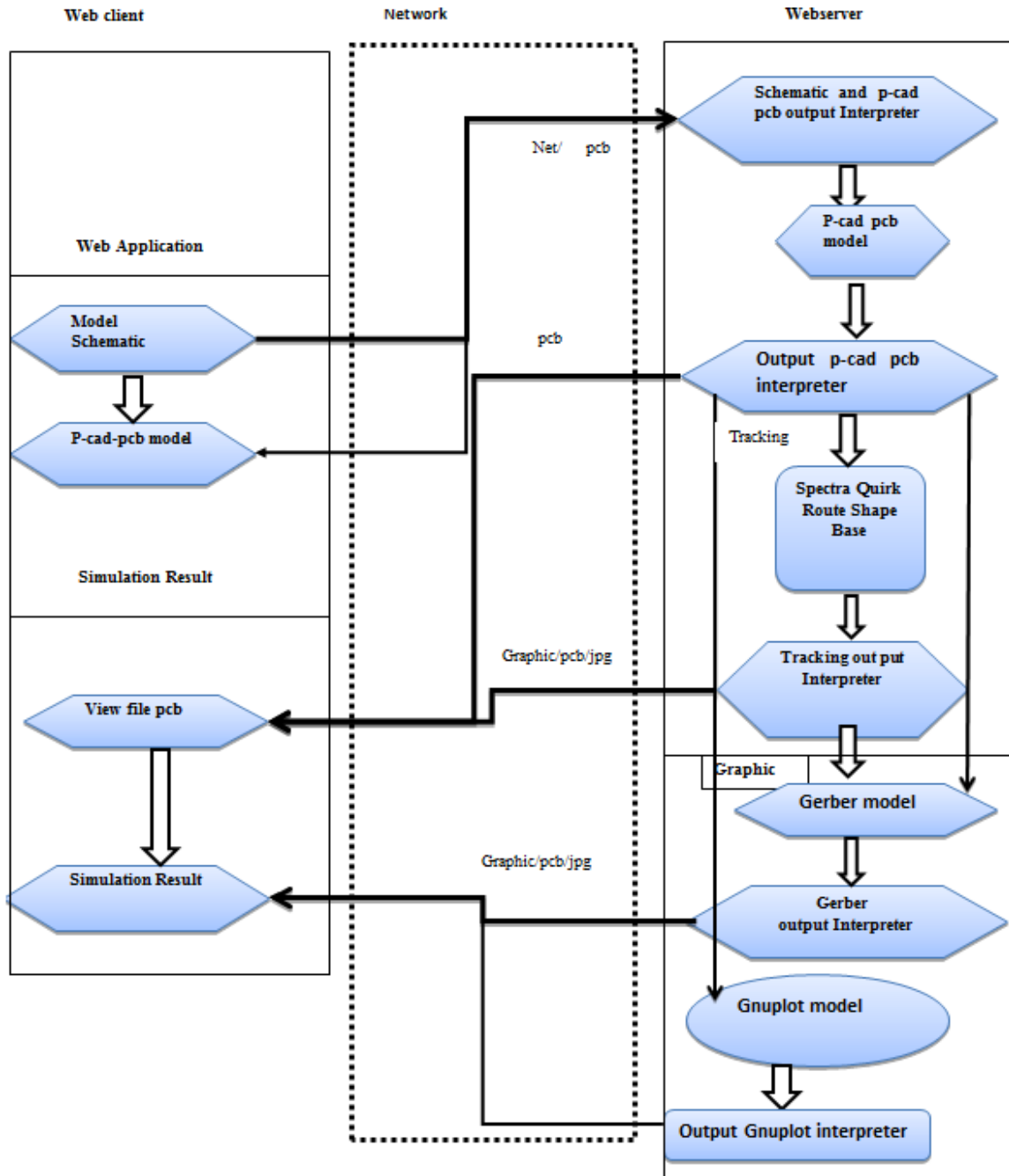


Fig.6 The architecture of a web-based P-CAD system



Currently, **modular web-based P-CAD** have begun to be developed. They are applications that consist of three blocks: the client-side, service, and design modules. The client-side module operates on the user's computer and generates data for their transfer to the server[18]. The service module launches parts of the client-side module via web pages. The design module running on the server processes the incoming data(Figure 7). Intranet is usually designed to be operated within a single compact or distributed enterprise and provides high security and performance. It is used to automate the workflow, provide information support for business processes, search and share data and documents of the company, and has gateways for connection to the Internet.

A. *Flowchart for The architecture of a web-based electronic circuit P-CAD system*

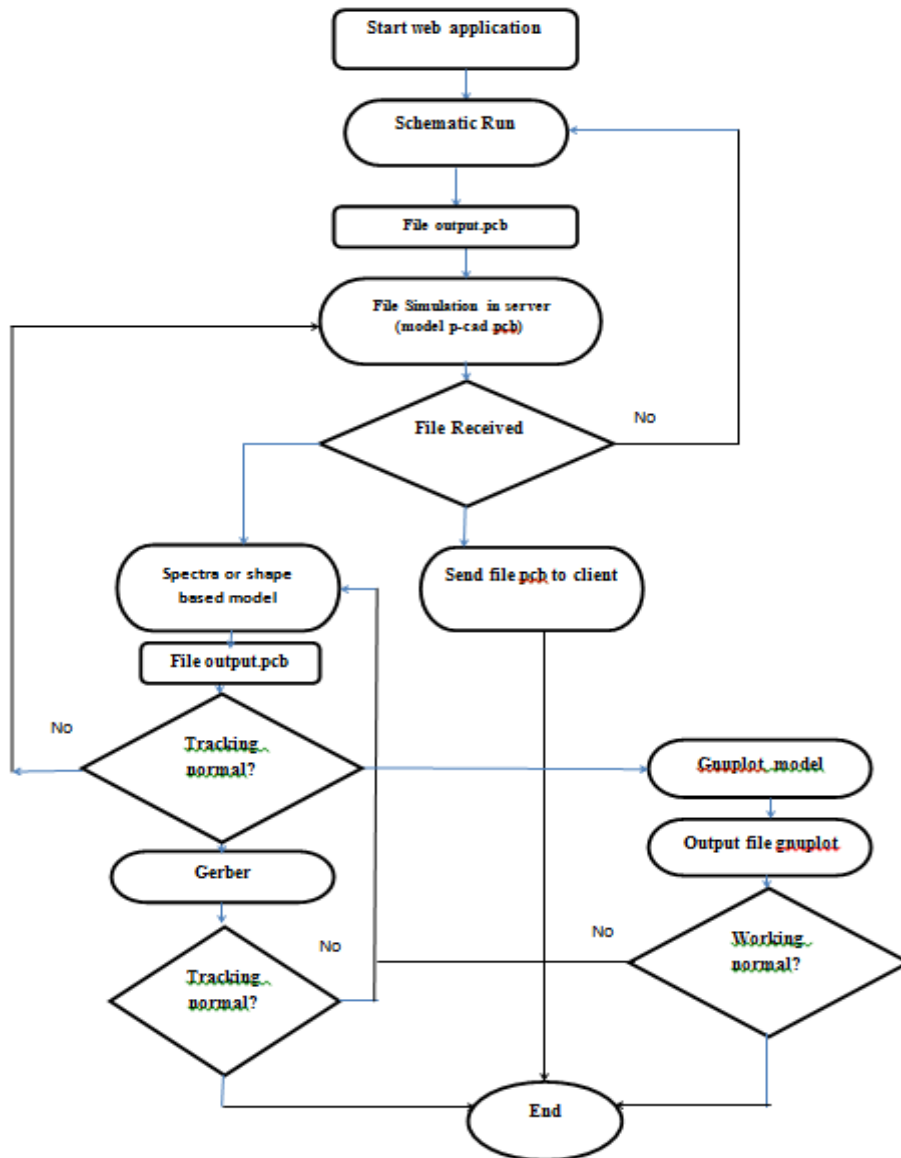


Fig 7 Flow chart for overall process.

IV. CONCLUSION

In this article, we have studied the evolution of the web-based solutions ‘architecture, from the simplest repositories of HTML pages to modern corporate solutions integrated with corporate information and partner information systems. At the same time, we have considered the problems that arise at each stage of development of web-based applications and technologies that solve such problems, including PHP, CGI, interaction with application servers and databases, creation and application of XML-based web services. We have shown the architecture of a specific **modular web-based P-CAD**.

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