

# Mastering the Basics of DDD

Domain-Driven Design with Java

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# Technology as strategic resource

Everything is around software!

**“Every business is a software business”** CMMI

**“Every Company is a Data Company”** CIO Network

**“Every Company is a Software Company”** Forbes



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# Software Development

## Failure?



Hyper-Focused Planning  
And Design



Unclear Or Undefined Client  
Expectations



Unexpected Complexities



Poor Collaboration Between The  
Product And Engineering Teams



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# The Complexity Paradox

The More Answers We Find, the More Questions We Have



Developer experience is a market



Trade-offs



The hype effect

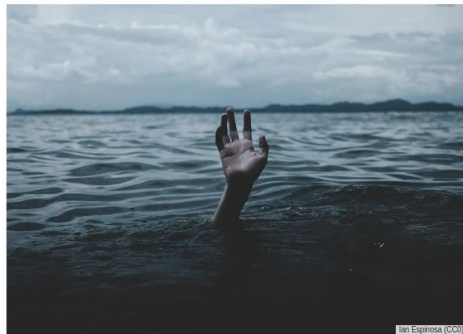
## Complexity is killing software developers

The growing complexity of modern software systems is slowly killing software developers. How can you regain control, without losing out on the best these technologies have to offer?



By **Scott Carey**

Managing Editor, News, InfoWorld | NOV 1, 2021 3:00 AM PDT



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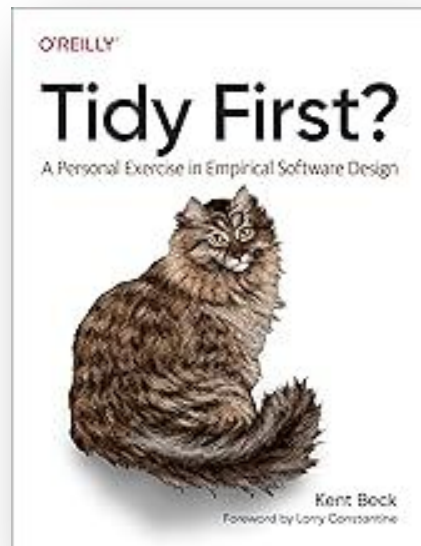
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# Evolutionary Software?

No ready to change anything!

“To prepare to write their classic text **Structure Design**, Ed Yourdon and Larry Constantine examined programs to find out what made them so **expensive**. They noticed that the expensive programs all had one property in common: **changing one element required changing other elements.**”



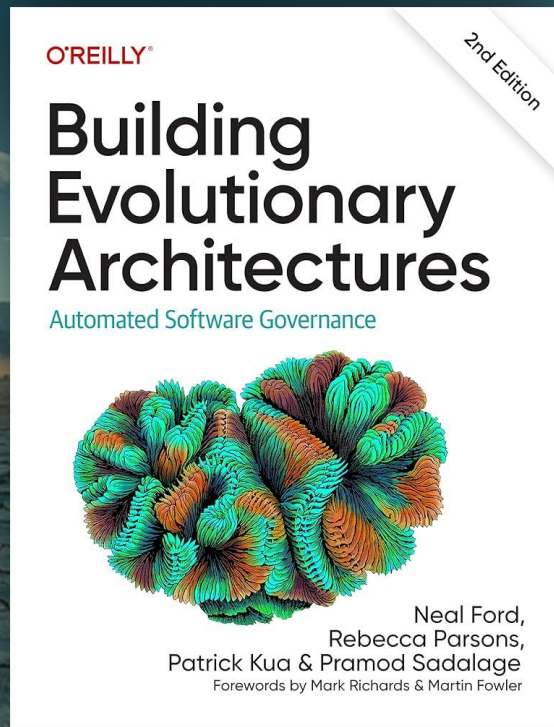
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# Software Erosion

## Continuous development

“Also known as software rot, code rot, software decay, or software entropy, software rot is either a **slow deterioration** of software quality **over time** or its **diminishing responsiveness** that will eventually lead to software **becoming faulty**.”



# Software Engineering?

A super inefficient way to build something



We waste time in meetings



Create complexity



Not ready for change



Premature legacy



No achieve client goals



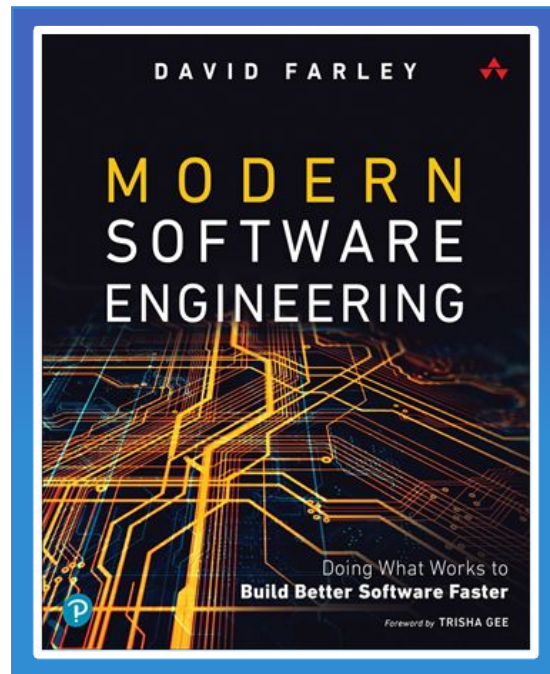
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# Software Engineer

## Definitions?

“Software engineering is the application of an empirical, scientific approach to **finding efficient, economical solutions** to practical problems in **software.**”

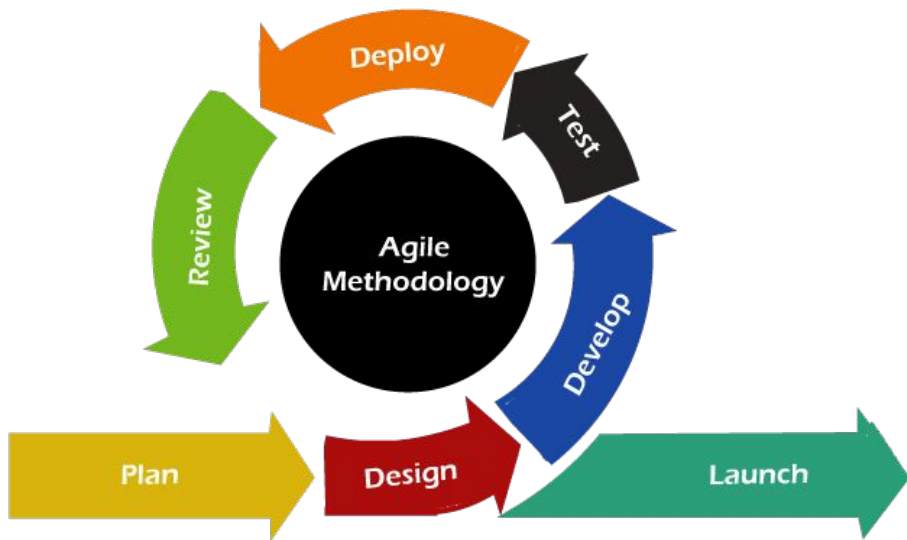


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# Agile

Agile is dead. Long live agility



Digital.ai 2023

- 40% reported organizational resistance to change.
- 33% pointed to lack of leadership support.
- only ~31% of Agile projects are considered “successful”

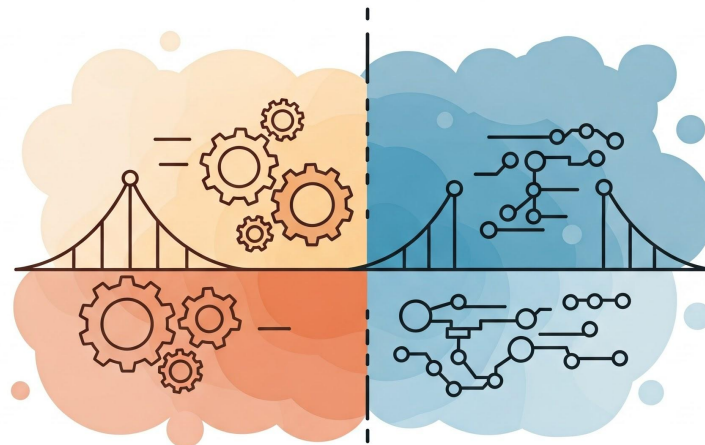


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# Domain Driven Design

Designing software to meet business goals with less rework



**Domain-Driven  
Design**



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# DDD?

The biggest misunderstanding in the software industry!



It is a framework!



Repository, Entity



Java



Microservices



Code only



Complex



# DDD!

## Handling and focus to the Business



Domains



Transfer  
Knowledge



Tactics



Strategy

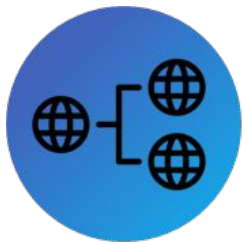


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# Strategic DDD

## The biggest mistake when implementing DDD



Domains and  
Subdomains



Context  
Mapping



Ubiquitous  
language



Bounded Contexts



# Domains

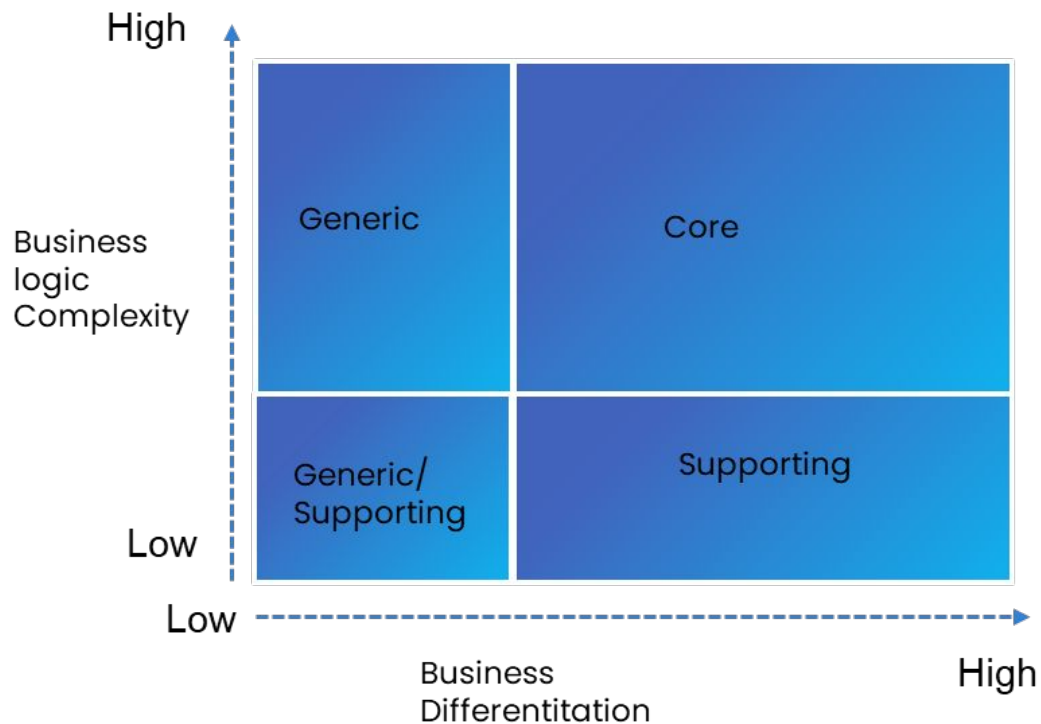
Central area of a company's operations

Subdomain Type	Role	Business Differentiation	Complexity of Business Logic
Core Subdomain	Unique to the company, defining its identity and competitive advantage	High	High
Generic Subdomain	Common across all companies, standard business activities	Low	High
Supporting Subdomain	Supports core business activities without providing direct competitive advantage	Medium	Varies



# Domains

## The subdomains types



# Ubiquitous Language

## The core's communication

Define common terminology

The same word can vary from context



The common language between experts and the engineering team.

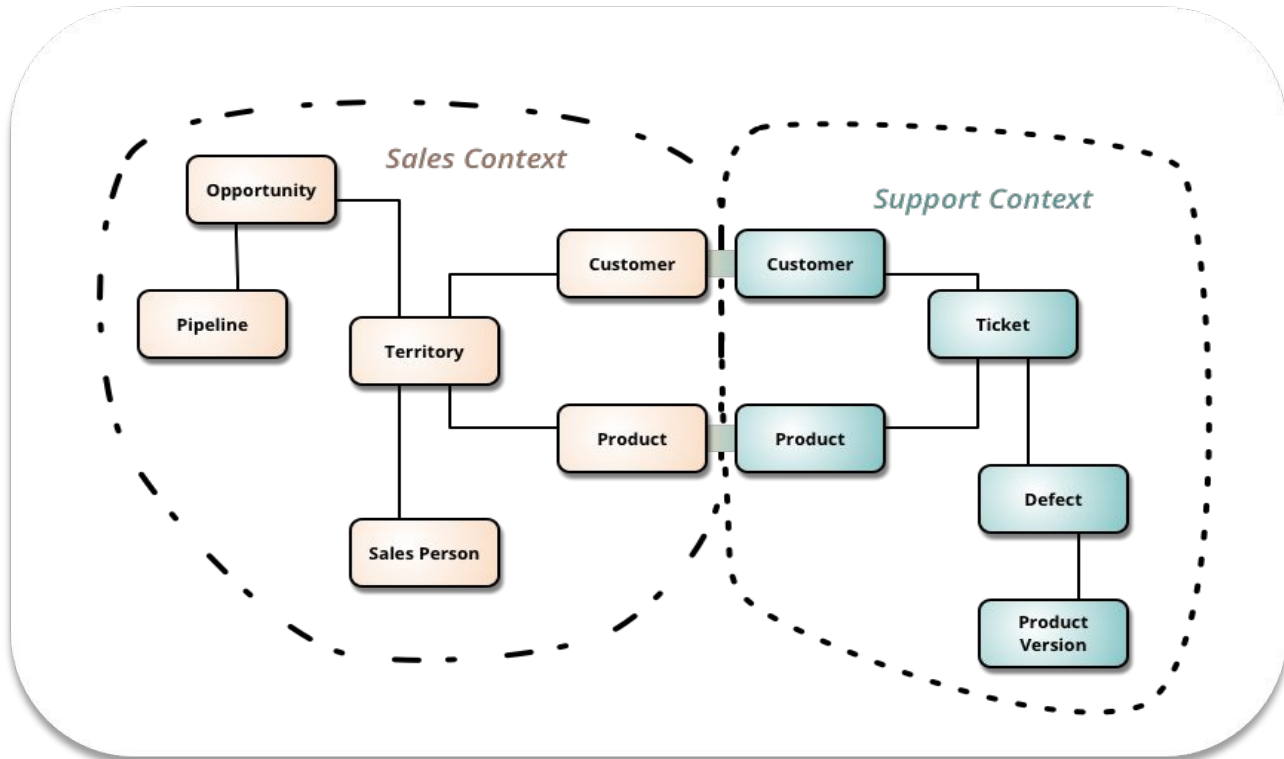


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# Bounded Contexts

Subset of the ubiquitous language



# Context Mapping

The relationships between these contexts



Shared Kernel



Customer-Supplier



Conformist



Open Host Service



Anticorruption Layer



Published Language

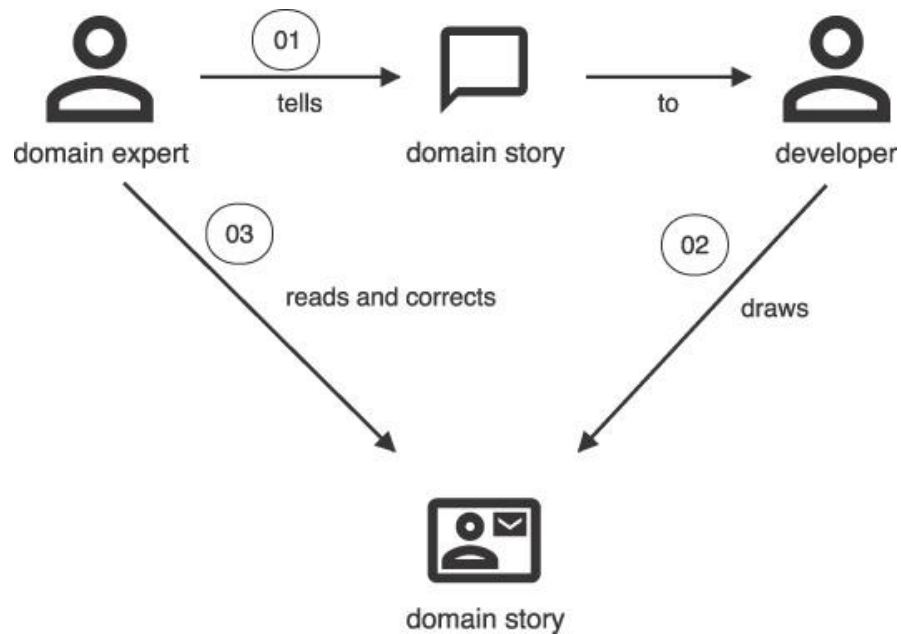


Separate Ways



# Domain Storytelling

## A Collaborative, and Visual Way to Build DDD



# Tactic DDD

## The second step



Entity



Service



Repository



Aggregates



Value Object



Factories



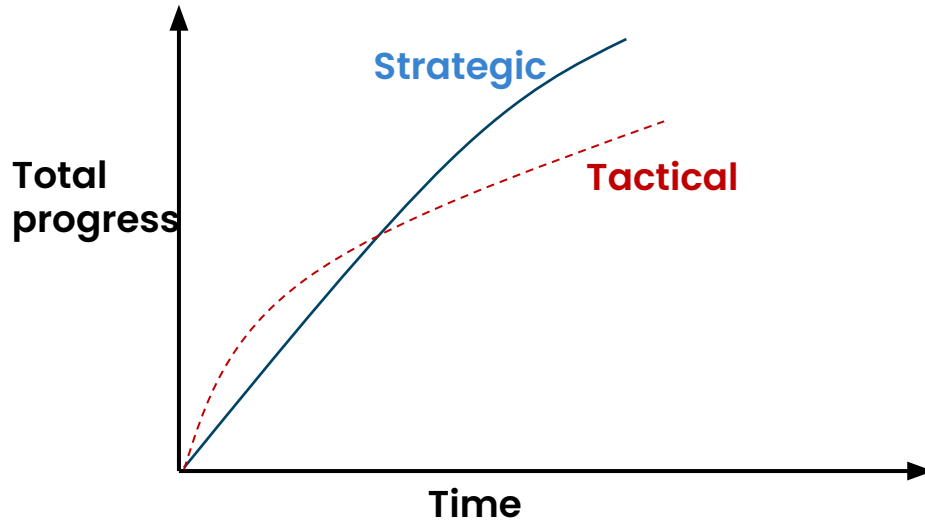
Events



# Strategic and Tactical

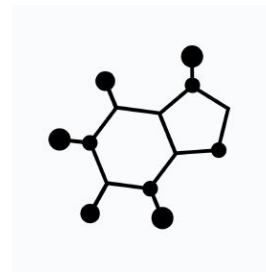
Focus on tactics is the start of a huge mistake

**Get something  
done  
Working code isn't  
enough  
Tactical tornado**



# Governance

Automating processes and good practice rules



# Using Annotations

## Getting architecture evidences

```
@Entity
public class CreditCard {

    @Identity
    private BigInteger id;

    private String number;

    private String name;

    private YearMonth expiry;
}
```



# Governance

## Automating processes and good practice rules

```
@AnalyzeClasses(packages = "expert.os.examples")
public class IntegrationSampleTest {

    @ArchTest
    private ArchRule dddRules = JMoleculesDddRules.all();

    @ArchTest
    private ArchRule layering = JMoleculesArchitectureRules.ensureLayering();

}
```





Bugs



Dead  
code



Security



Over Complicated  
expressions



Suboptimal  
code



Classes with high  
Cyclomatic



Complexity  
measurements.



Duplicate  
code



# Checkstyle

Create your style validations



Naming  
conventions  
of attributes  
and methods



The presence  
of mandatory  
headers



The practices  
of class  
construction



Multiple  
complexity  
measurements



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# ArchUnit

Putting test at your Architecture and Design

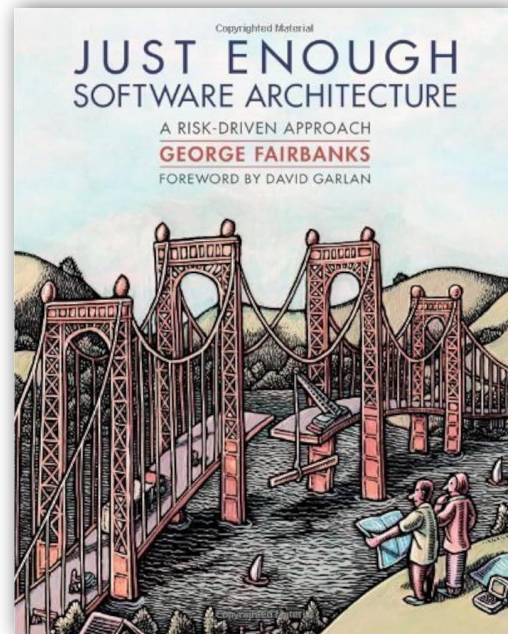


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**"There is always a leak between the language and the architecture you want to express. Language, like any other tool, shapes what you can do with it, and sometimes it doesn't allow you to express things the way you'd want from an architectural standpoint."**

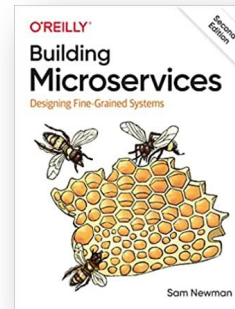
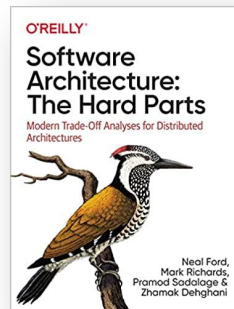
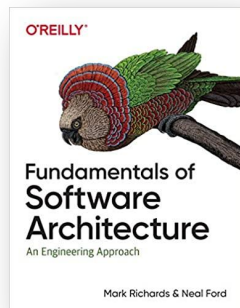
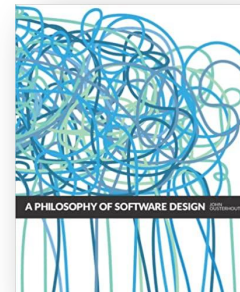
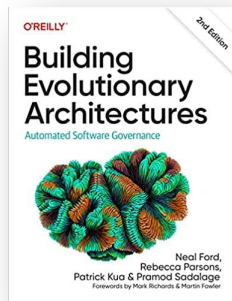
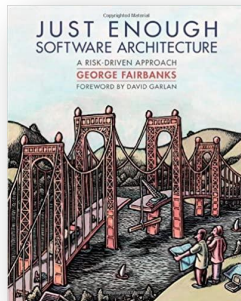
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<https://xmolecules.org/aea-paper.pdf>



# Software Architecture

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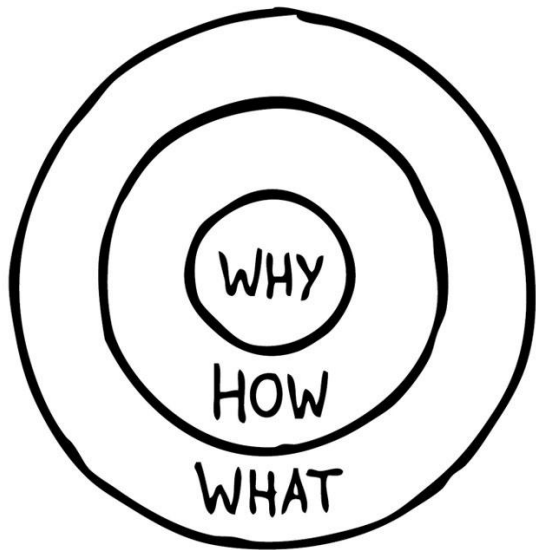


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# Architecture

## The laws



Everything in software architecture is a trade-off

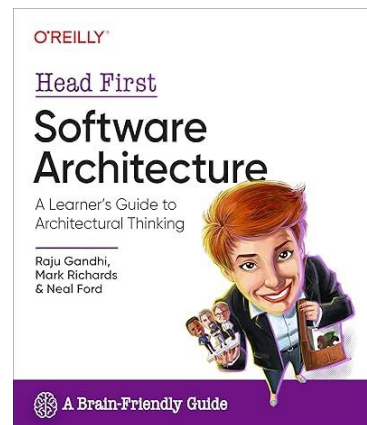
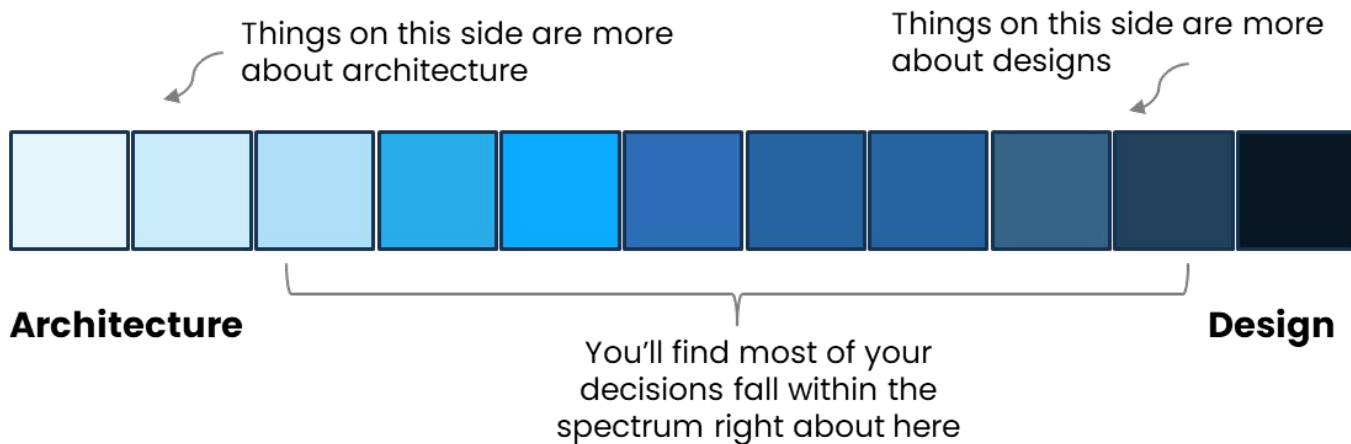


Why is more important than how



# Architecture vs Design

## The boundaries to DDD



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# Documentation

The reader is the user



**Code**



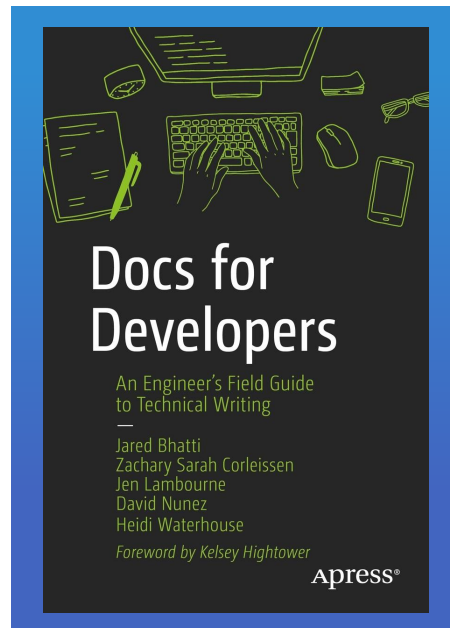
**Changelog**



**README**



**API**



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# Documentation

## Architectural perspective



**C4-model**  
Architecture's  
map



**Tech-radar**  
Technologies's  
view



**ADR**  
Don't repeat  
the error



**Communication**  
A clear direction



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# The Architecture styles

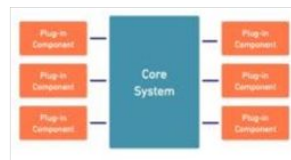
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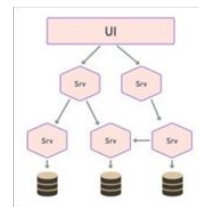
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**Layered (n-tier) Architecture**



**Microkernel Architecture**



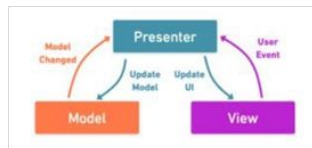
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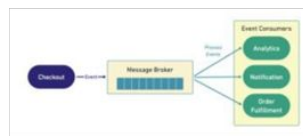
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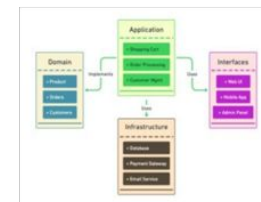
**Orchestration Architecture**



**MVP Architecture**



**Event-Driven Architecture**

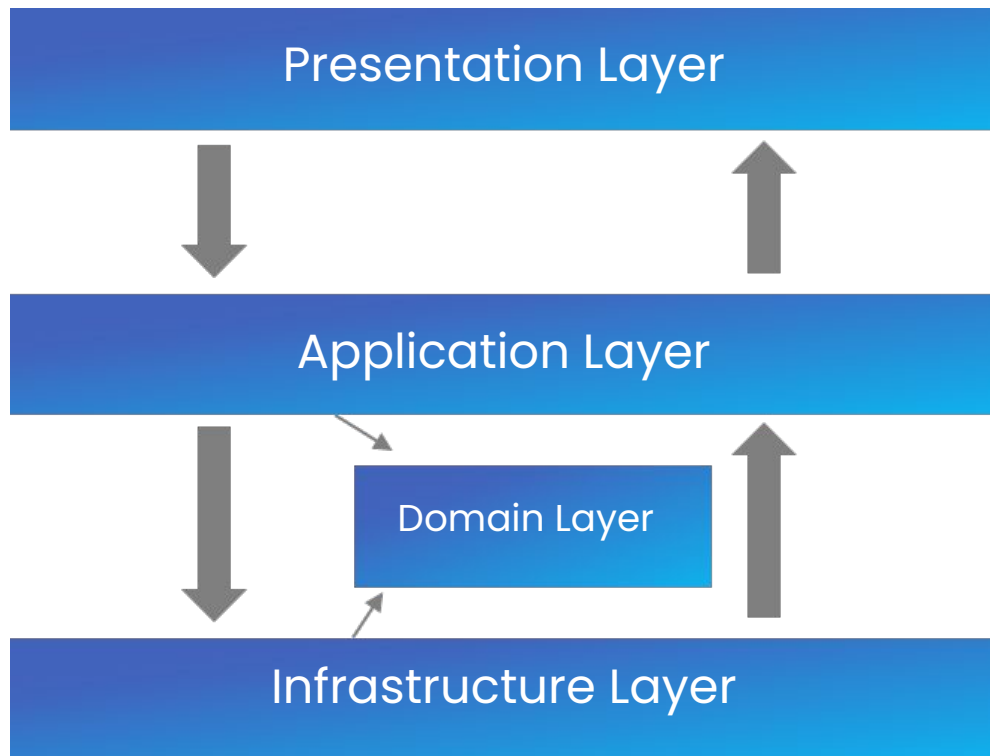


**DDD Architecture**



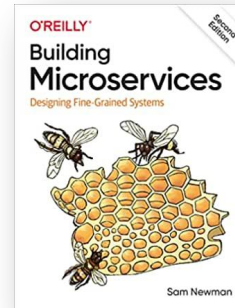
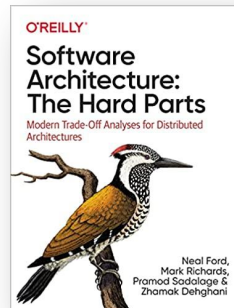
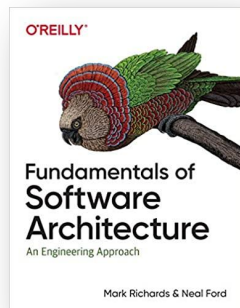
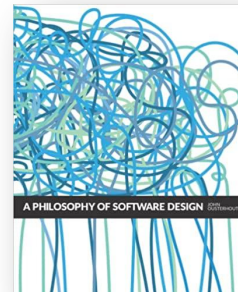
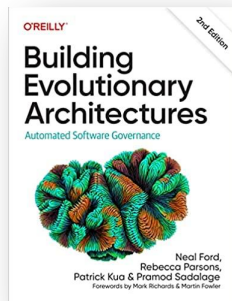
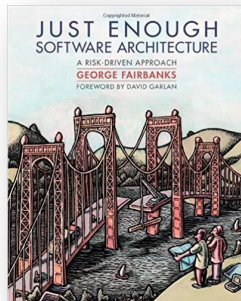
# Architecture DDD

## Using Layers to abstraction



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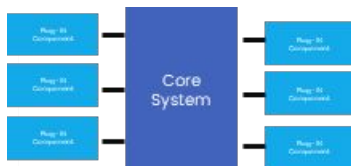
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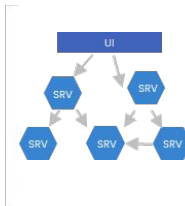
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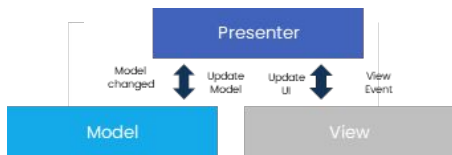
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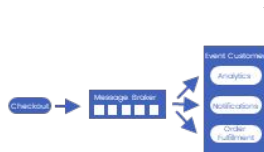
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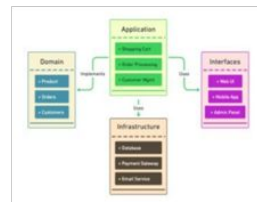
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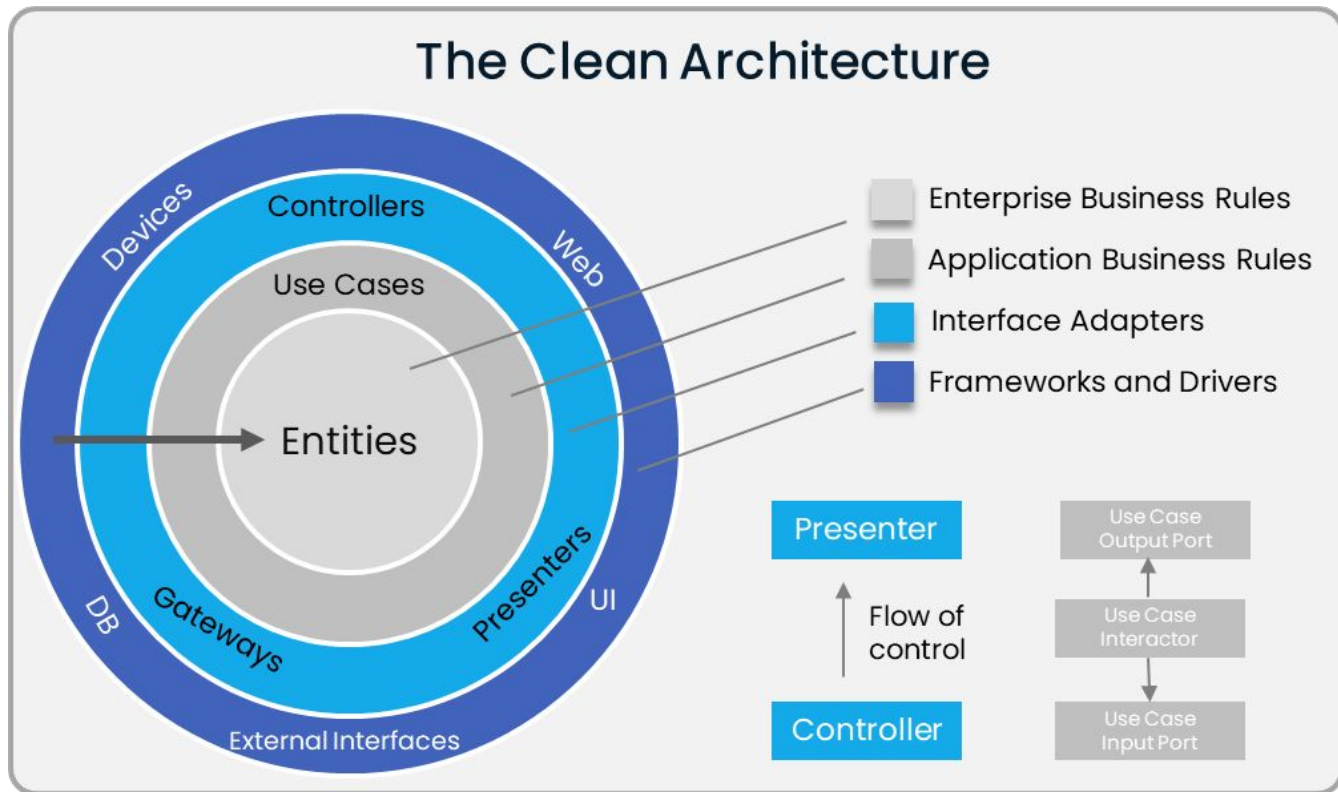


**DDD Architecture**



# Clean Architecture

## How to Combine it with DDD?



# Refactoring

Be ready for change



Better  
Readability



Reduced  
Complexity



Improved  
Maintainability



Reduced  
Technical Debt



Enhance  
Performance



Effortless  
Extensibility



Fight against  
Software Erosion



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# Show me the code

Let's show the code structure

```
java
```

```
public class HelloWorld {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        System.out.println("Hello, World!");  
        int sum = 4 + 5;  
        System.out.println("Sum: " + sum);  
    }  
}
```



# Software Engineering

The principle of the ultimate sophistication Engineer



Documentation



Persistence



Code Design



Software Architecture



Leadership



Test



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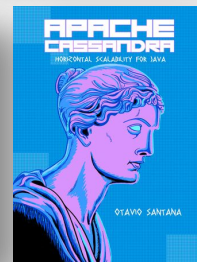
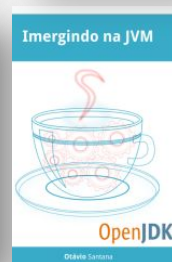
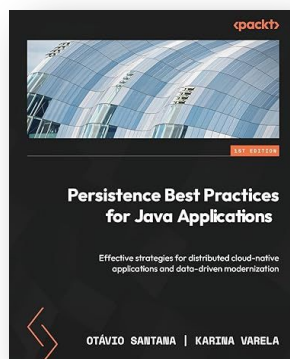


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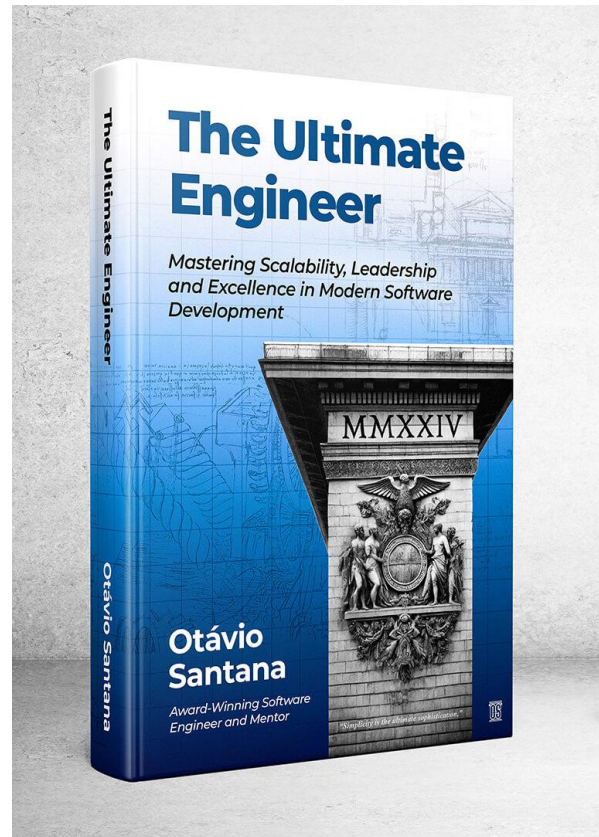
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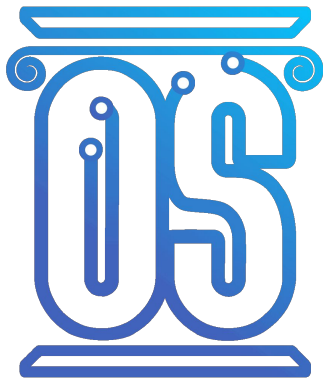


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