Architectural Views

Software Architecture

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Interesting Software is Complex

Many aspects to the design of its architecture.

Architectural Design

Managing technical complexity.

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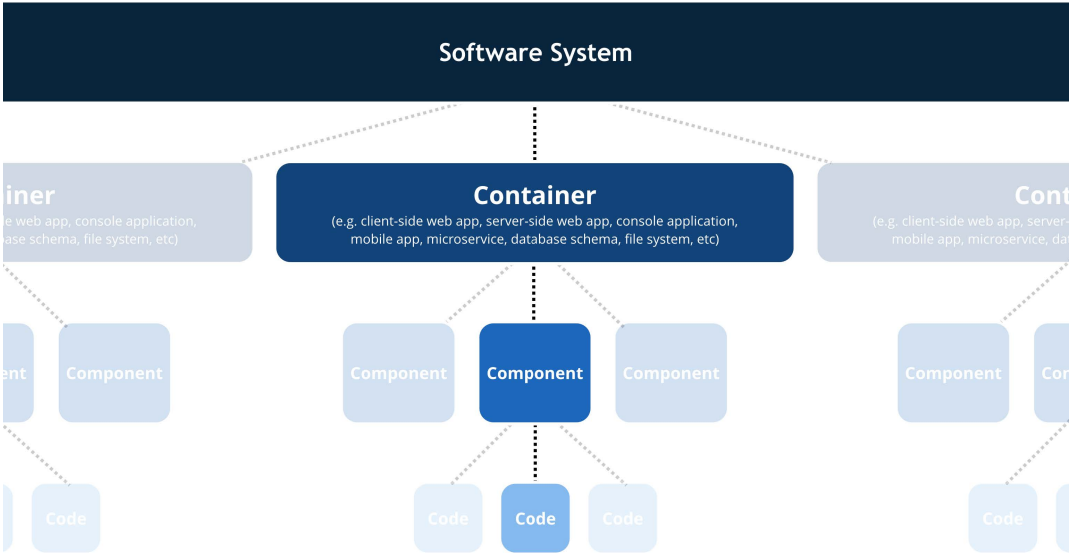
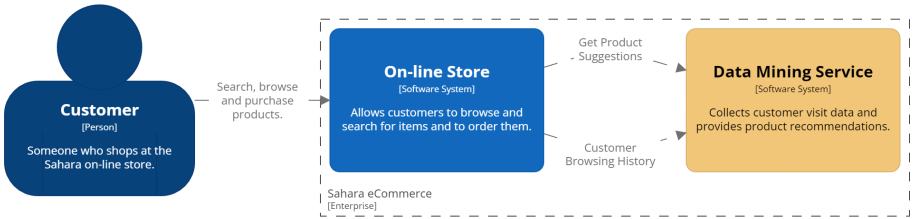
- C4 – informal, simple structure *[Brown, 2023]*
- UML – formal, well-defined language *[uml, 2017]*
- You probably don't want to know about alternatives

C4 Model: Levels

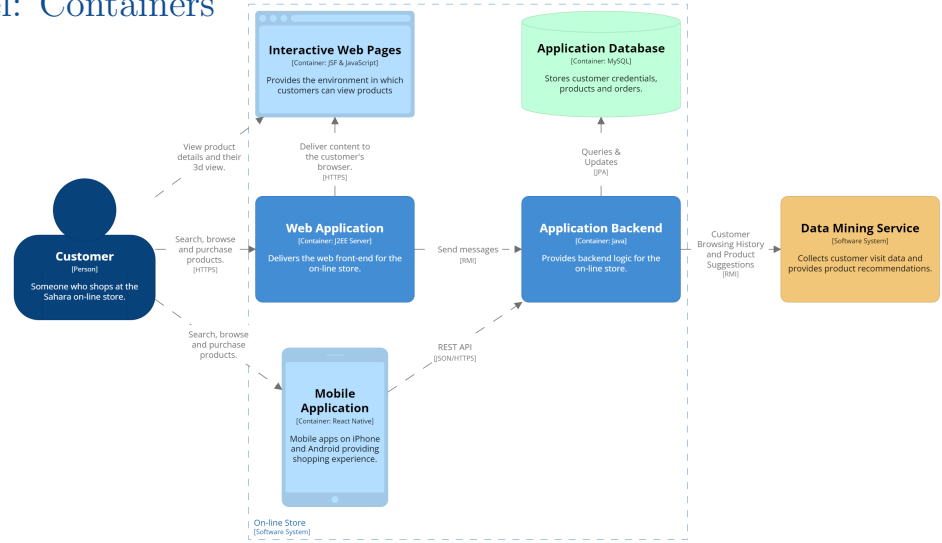


C4 Model: Context



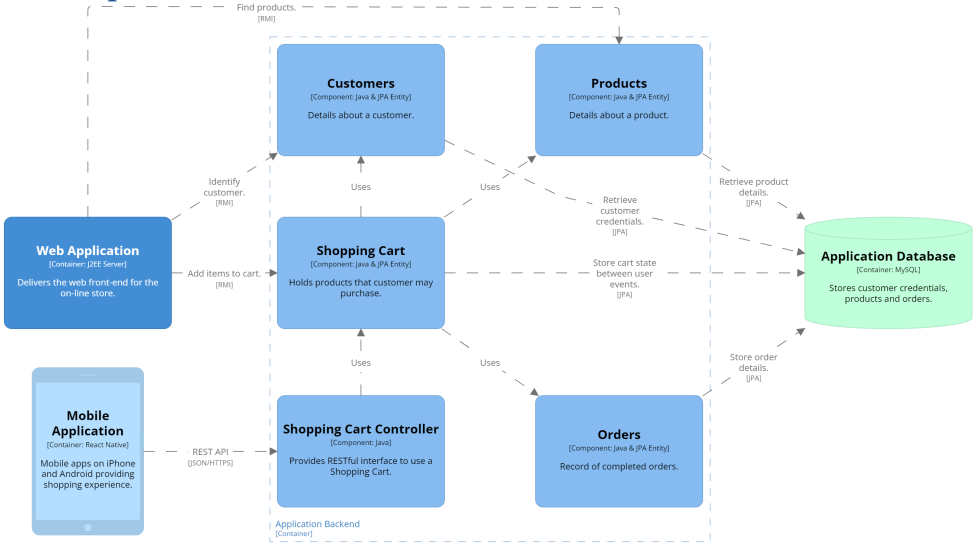
How software system fits into broader *environment*

C4 Model: Containers



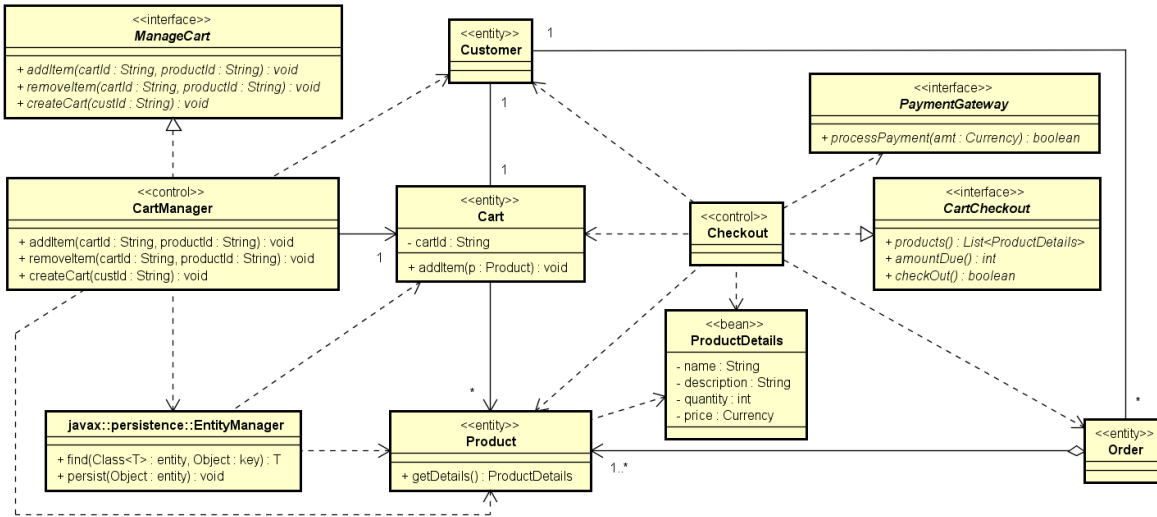
Structure of the software system

C4 Model: Components



Elements that implement a container

C4 Model: Code



Structure of code implementing a component

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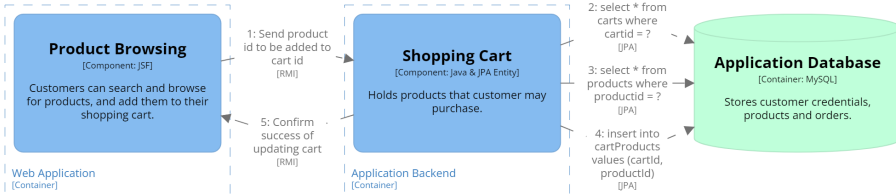
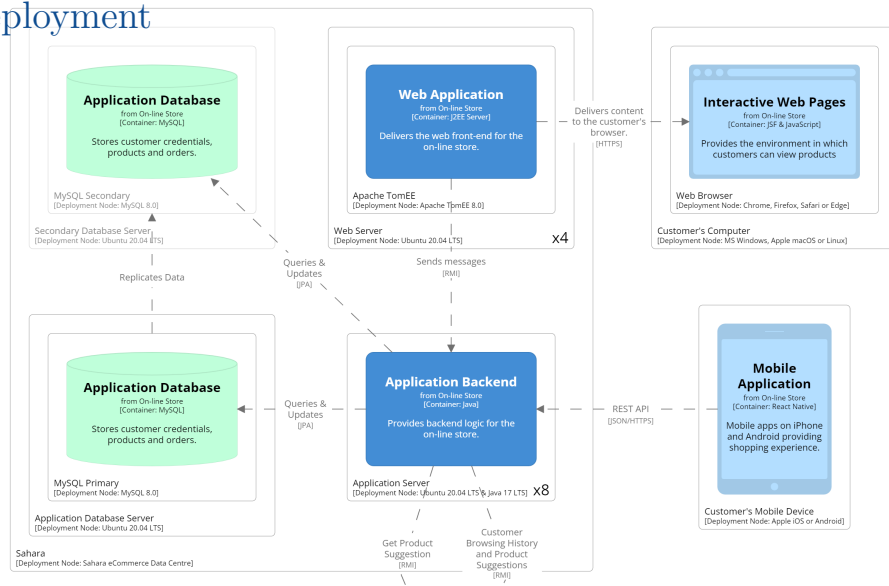


How parts of the model *collaborate* to deliver *behaviour*

C4 Model: Deployment



Infrastructure on which system will be deployed

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Scenario – *Demonstrate* functionality delivered by architecture
- use case details
  - *drive* functional design of architecture
  - *validate* design of architecture
  - *illustrate* purpose of architecture

Reading...

"Architectural Views" Notes[1] *[Thomas and Webb, 2023]*

[1] Remember, I said you had to read the notes.

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