

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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- Only consider one aspect at a time.

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- The Open Group Architecture Framework (TOGAF) *[Forum, 2022]*
- ISO/IEC/IEEE 42010:2011 *[iso, 2022]*

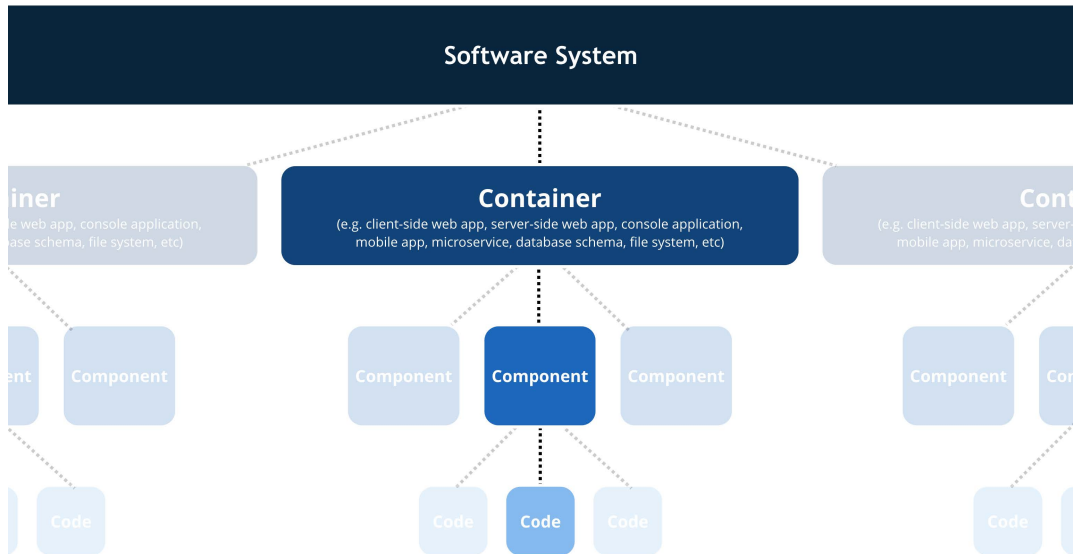
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- C4 – informal, simple structure *[Brown, 2023]*
- UML – formal, well-defined language *[uml, 2017]*
- You probably don't want to know about alternatives

C4 Model: Levels



C4 Model: Context



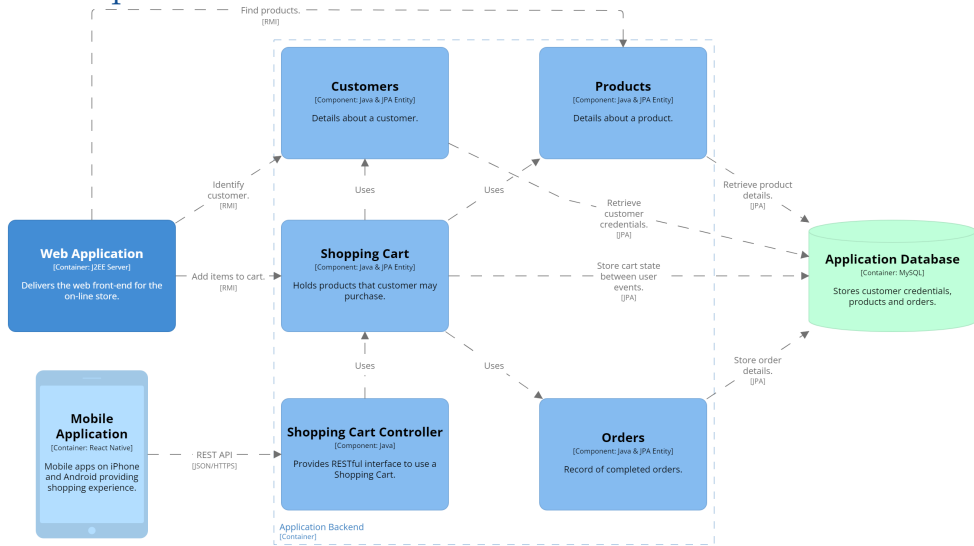
How software system fits into broader *environment*

C4 Model: Containers



Structure of the software system

C4 Model: Components



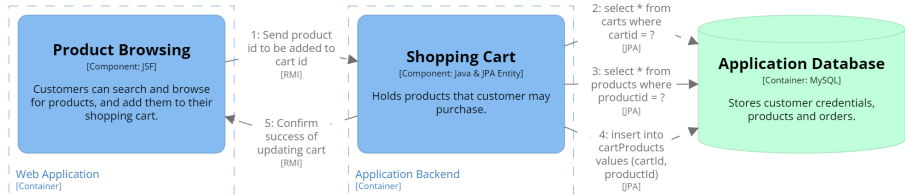
Elements that implement a container

C4 Model: Code



Structure of code implementing a component

C4 Model: Dynamic



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...

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

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