

Building Rich Domain Models with DDD and TDD

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How to shoot yourself in the foot:

1. Design your application starting from the data model.
2. Create your domain model by reverse engineering.
3. Pretend that you're doing TDD and start testing your domain classes.
 - Particularly getters and setters.
4. Now start testing the logic with Integration Tests and get stuck by test data and related issues.
5. Declare that TDD provides no benefit and only slows you down.
6. Comment tests in your Continuous Integration proccess.
7. Keep on whining.

Alberto Brandolini

Domain-Driven Design

Tiny Domain Objects

Frequent Rewriting

Exploratory Coding

Quick Feedback

Self Explanatory Coding

Test-Driven Development

Focus on Unit Tests

Frequent Short Cycles

Freedom to Change

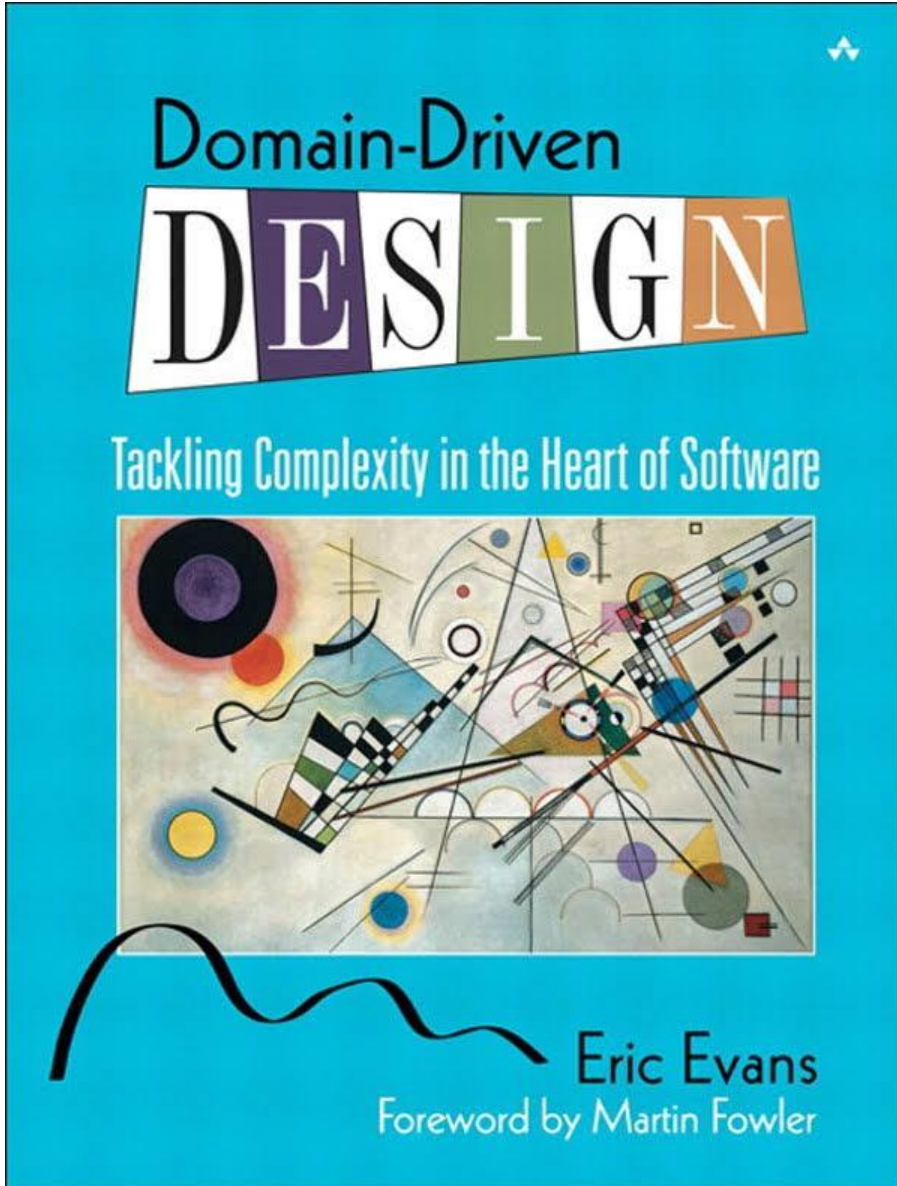
A Customer Entity with Primitive Obsession...

```
public class Customer : IEntity
{
    public int Id { get; set; }
    public string FirstName { get; set; }
    public string LastName { get; set; }
    public string Personnummer { get; set; }
    public string Email { get; set; }
    public string MobilePhoneNumber { get; set; }
}
```

Leads to Services Like..

```
public class RegisterCustomerUseCase
{
    public RegisterOutput Execute(
        string firstName,
        string lastName,
        string personnummer,
        string email,
        string mobilePhoneNumber)
    { ... }
}
```


- Needs to verify for required parameters, Data Format and Data Range.
- Services are Big and Fat.
- Easy to confuse one parameter with the another.



- Not a technology.
- Not a methodology.
- Set of principles and patterns for focusing the design effort where it matters most.

An Customer Entity Using Value Objects..

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    public int Id { get; set; }
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    public LastName LastName { get; set; }
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Business Rules Enforced Through Value Objects

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- The simple existence of a Value Object means that it is valid.
- No need to verify parameters values on every method.
- **Services are thinner and smaller when using Value Objects.**

DDD express the Model with
Value Objects, Entities and Services.

Some Entities act as root of Aggregates.

An Example with Some Use Cases

- A customer can register a new account using its personal details.
- Allow a customer to deposit funds into an existing account.
- Allow to withdraw from an existing account.
- Do not allow to withdraw more than the existing funds.

Customer 5557-8

Account Number 4444-6 (Day-to-Day)

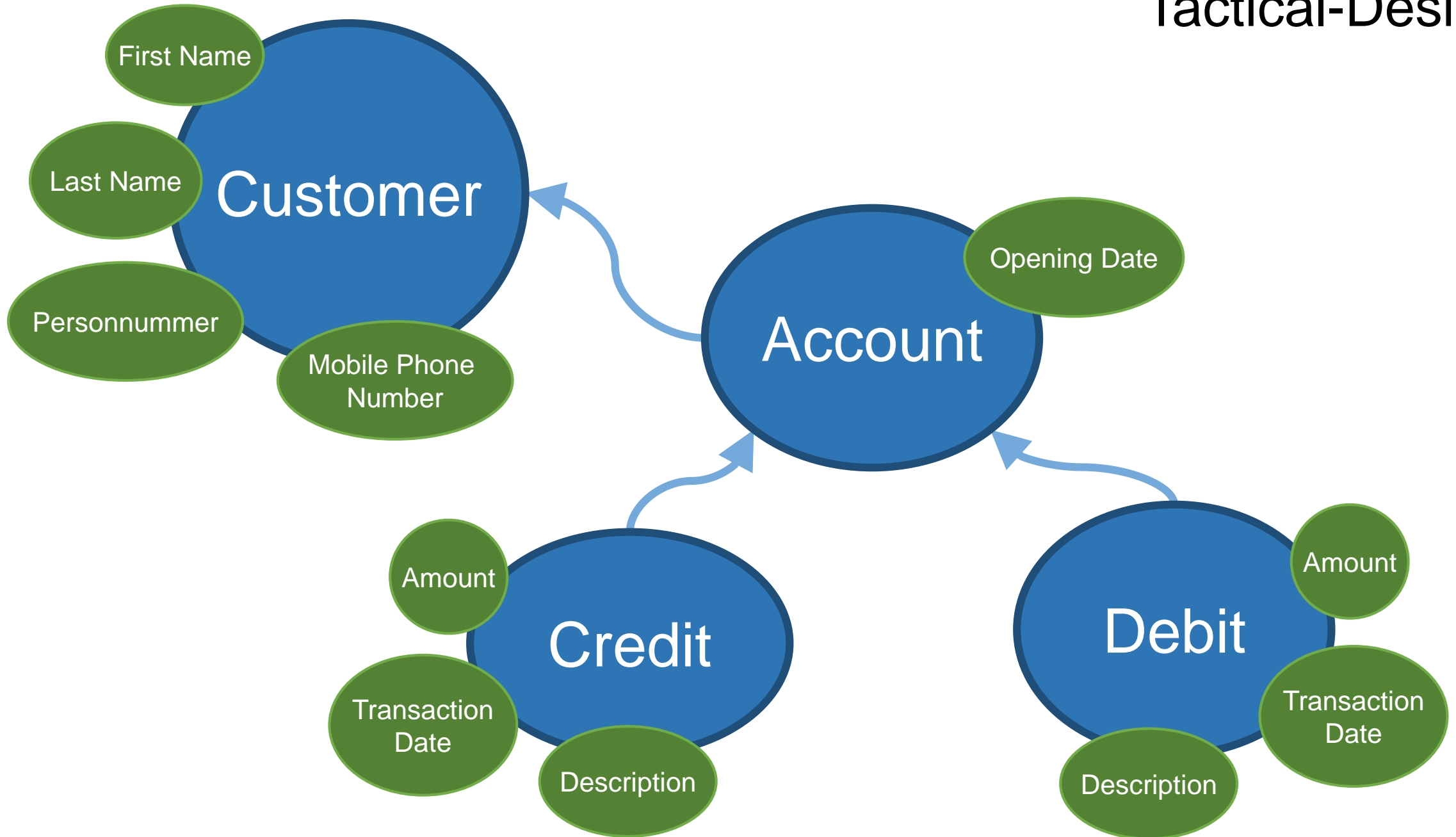
Date	Description	Debit (SEK)	Credit (SEK)	Balance (SEK)
01-08-2018	Initial Balance			50,000
03-08-2018	Withdrawn	10,000		40,000
07-08-2018	Withdrawn	5,000		35,000
17-09-2018	Deposited		7,000	42,000

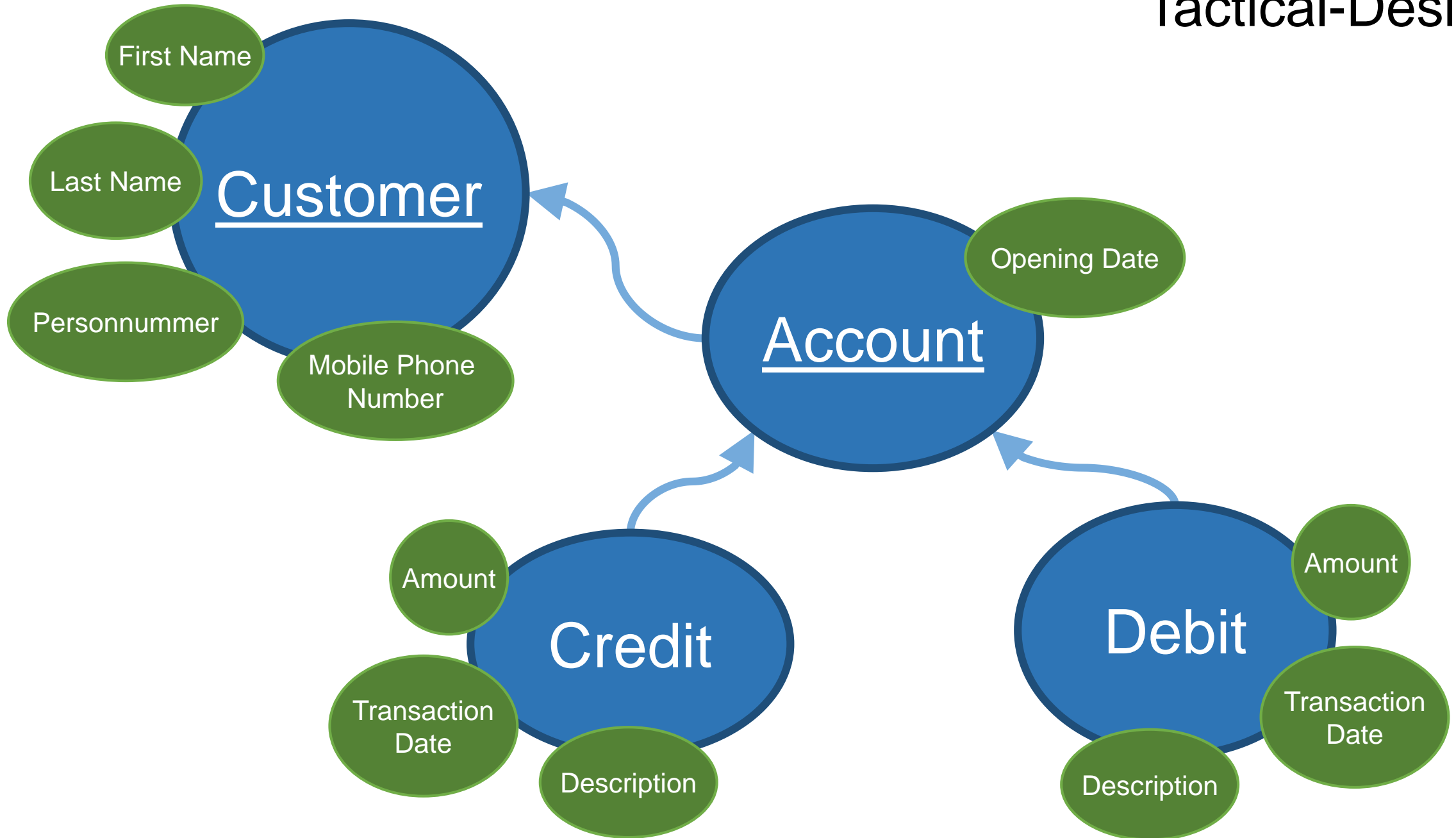
Account Number 7777-0 (Savings)

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01-09-2018	Initial Balance			10,000

Some Nouns and Verbs are Useful

- A **customer** can **register** a new account using its personal details.
- Allow a **customer** to **deposit** funds into an existing account.
- Allow to **withdraw** from an existing **account**.
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Personal Expenses Bounded Context

Customer

First Name

Last Name

Personnummer

Mobile Phone
Number

Account

Opening Date

Credit

Amount

Transaction
Date

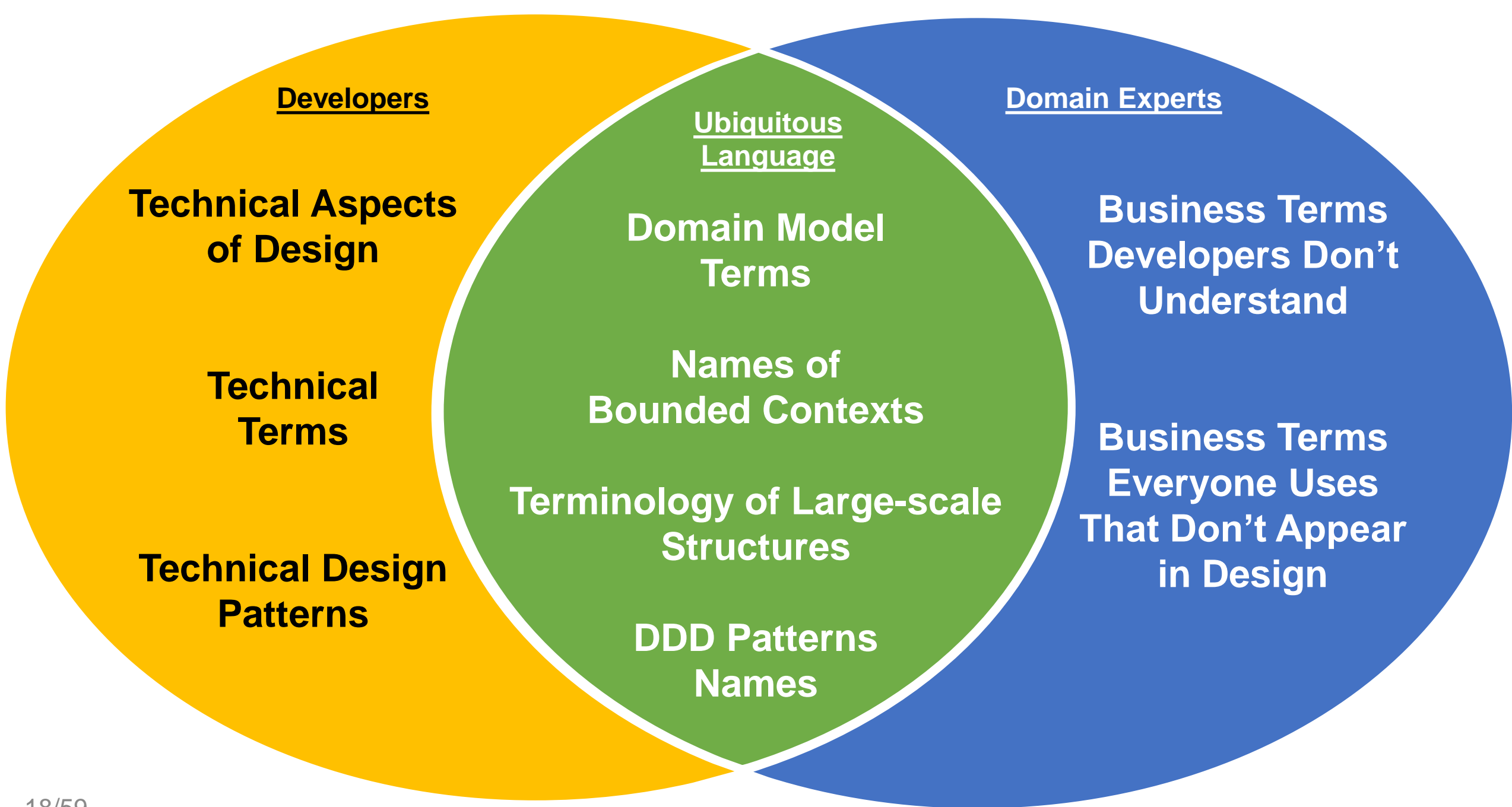
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Debit

Amount

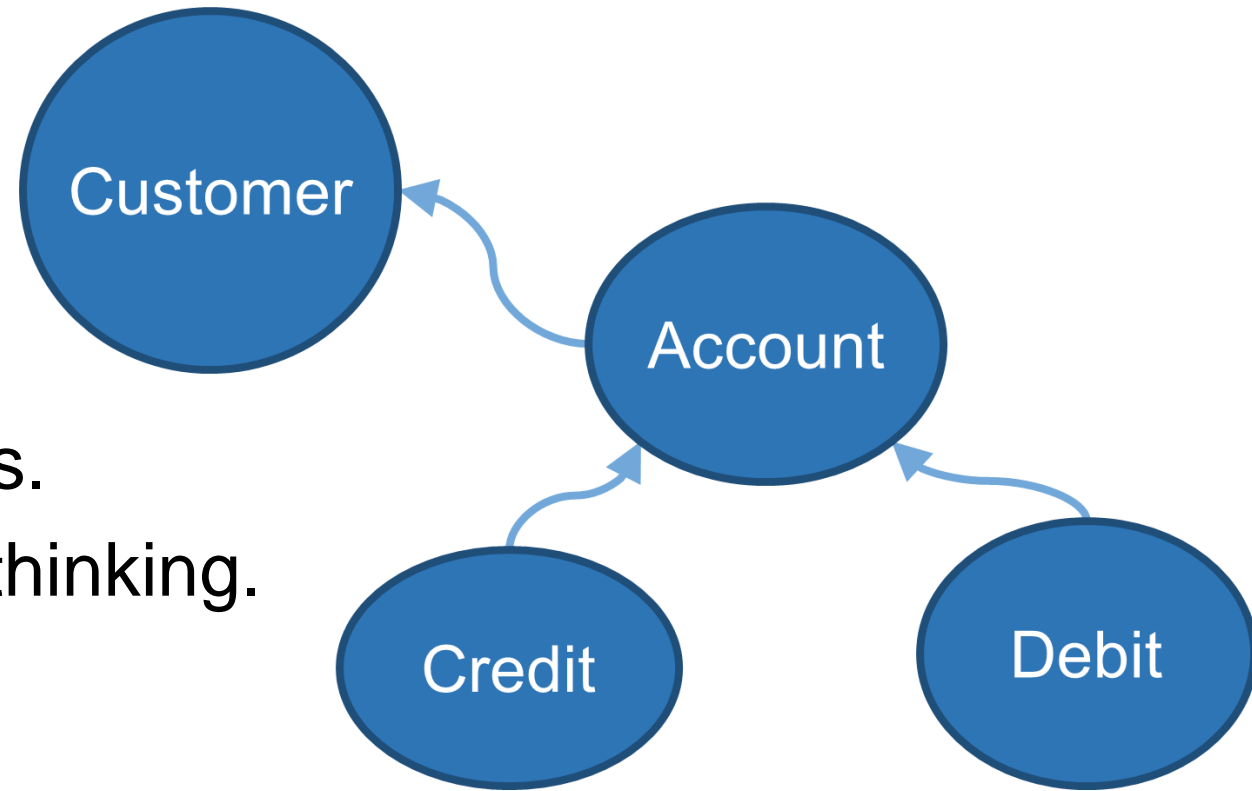
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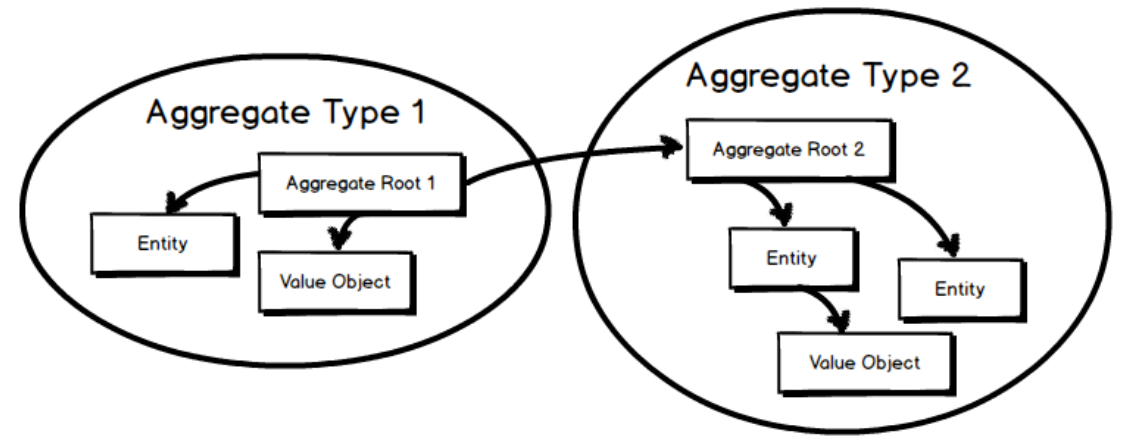
Entities

- Have a unique identity.
- Are mutable or not.
- Refer others entities by their IDs.
- Don't get trapped by datastore thinking.



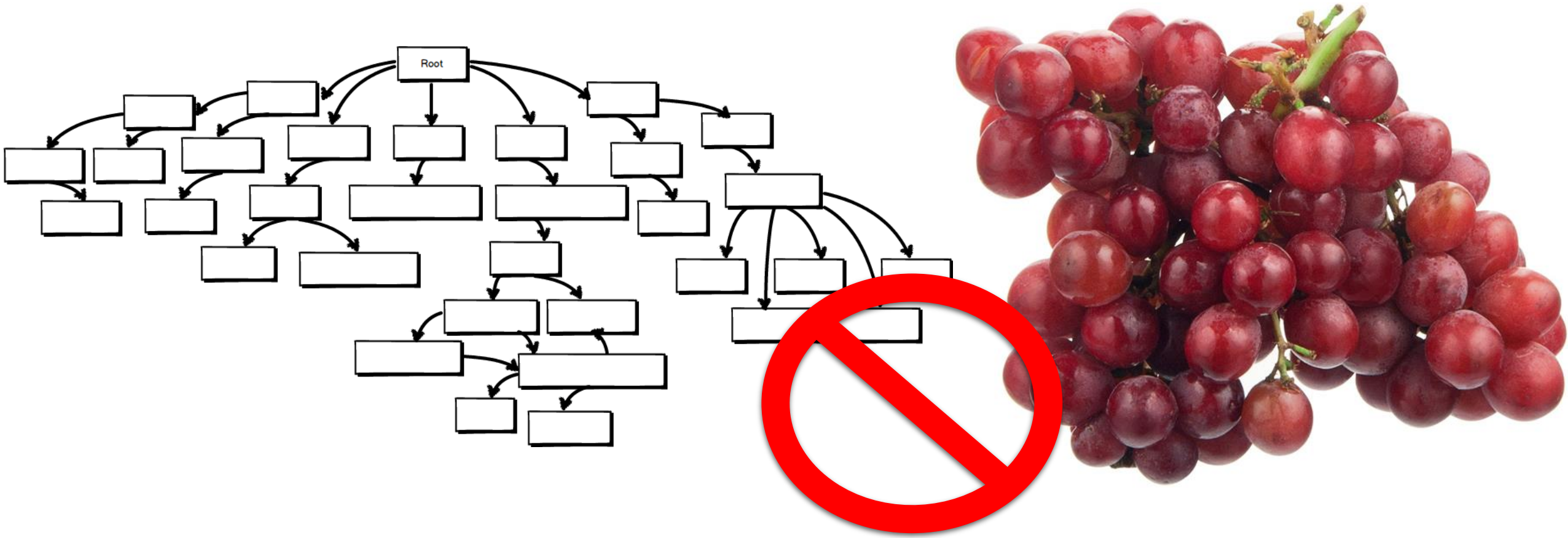
Aggregate Roots (Are Entities)

- Refer other aggregates by identity only.
- Scope of consistency inside the aggregate boundaries.
- Eventual consistency between aggregates.
- Aggregates **are small**.



- Aggregates implement behaviors.
- Entity + Repository ~ Aggregate
- One Aggregate Root for every Entity is a Code Smell.

An Aggregate Root is not your Entire Model



An Aggregate Root



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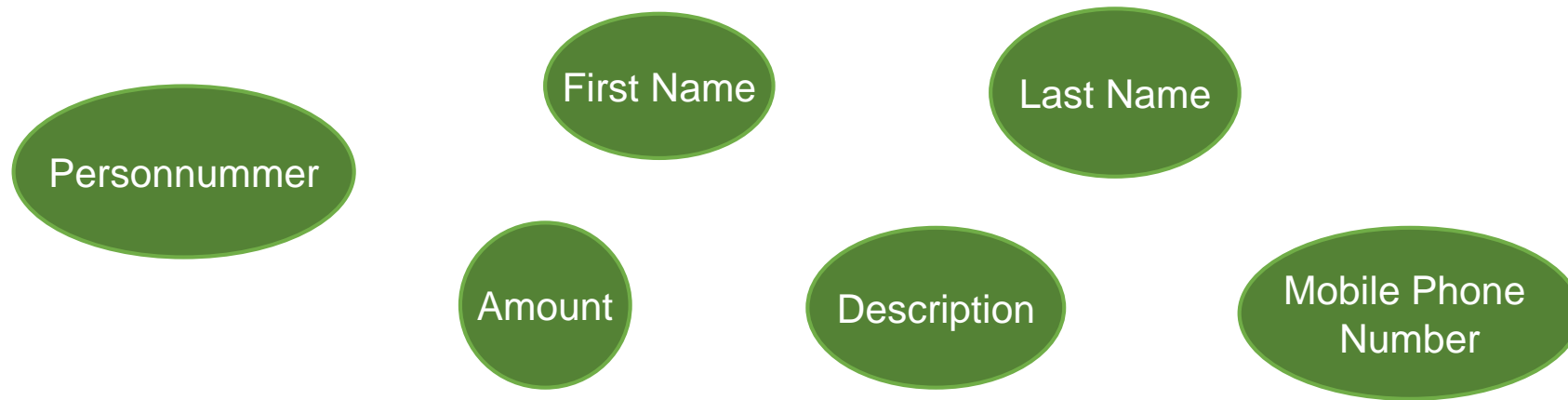
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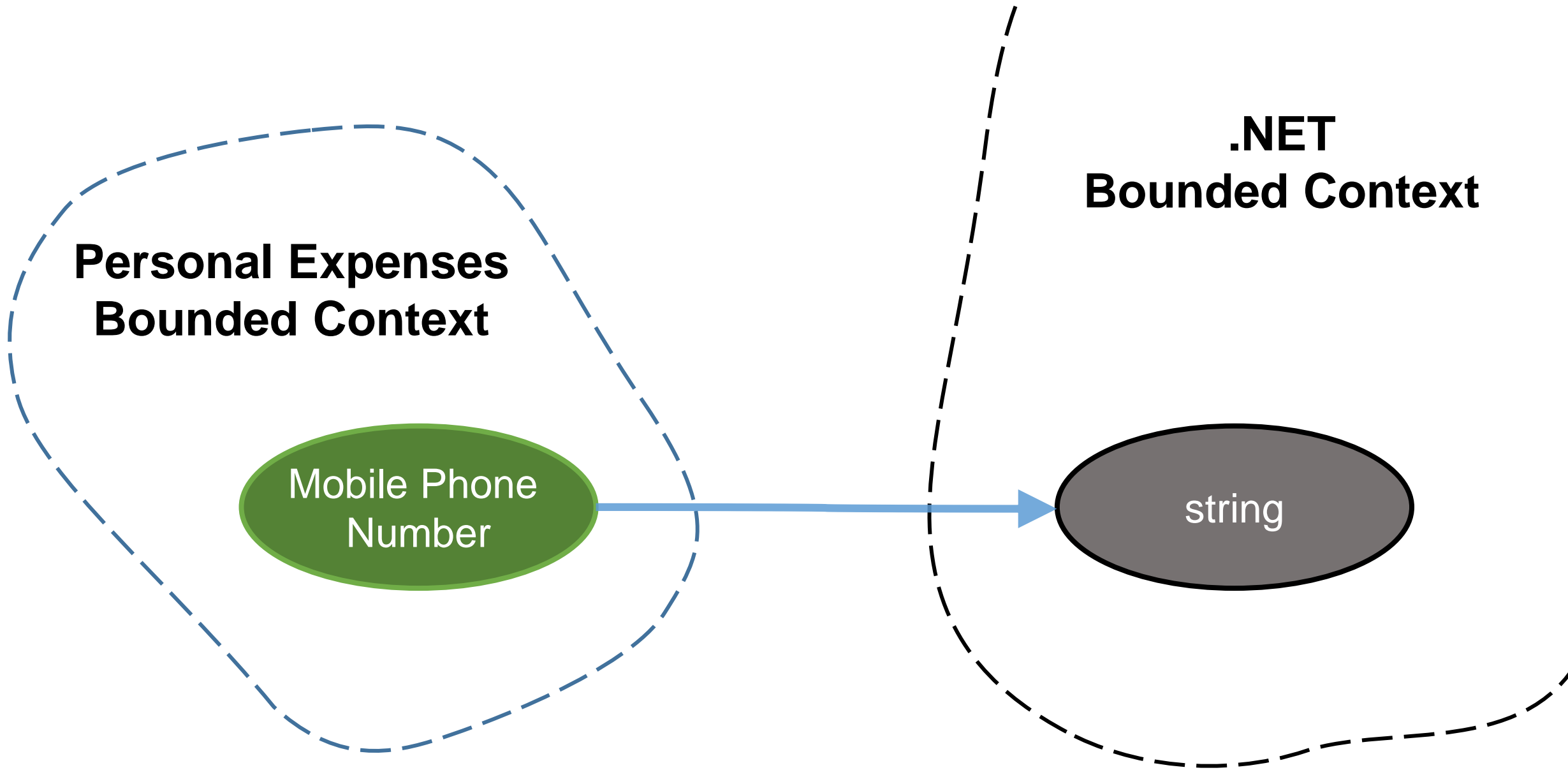
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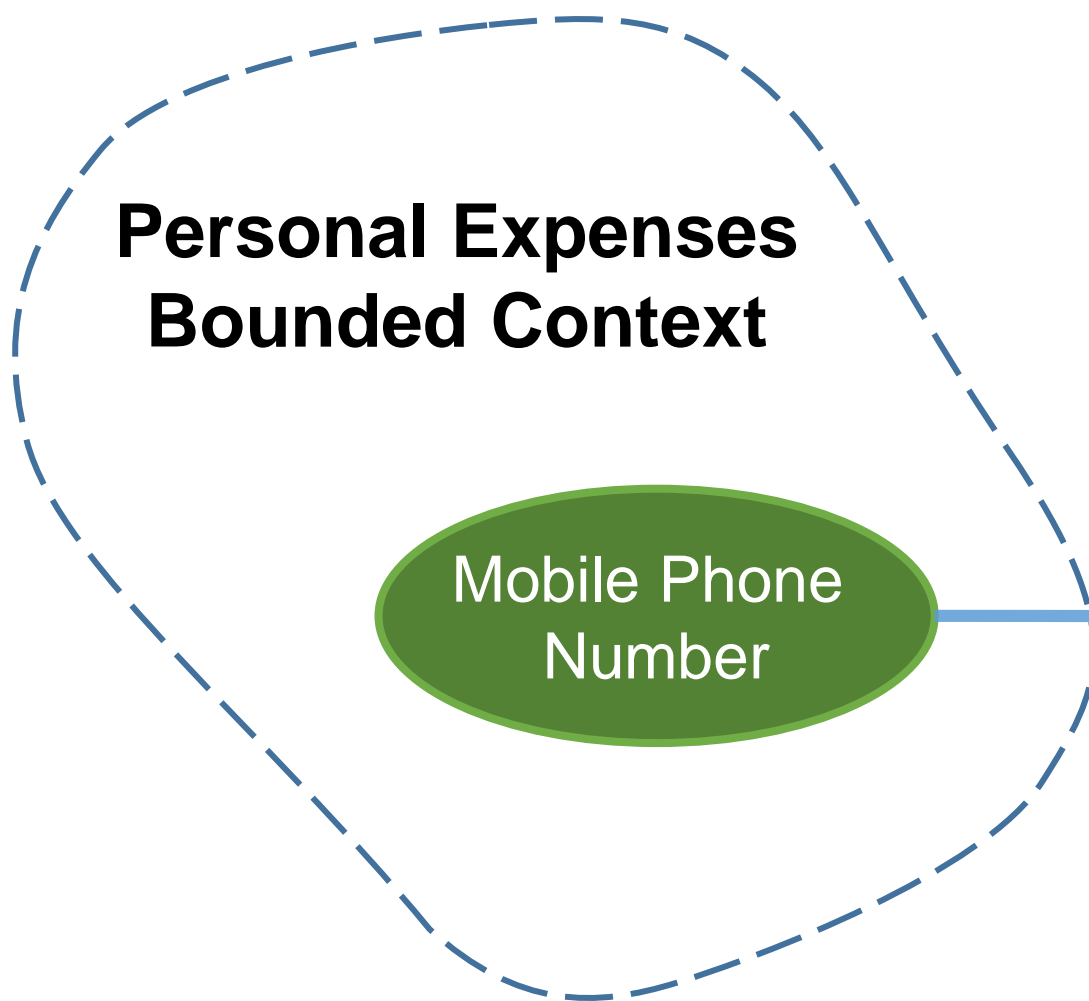
Factory method to restore state.

Value Objects

- Immutable.
- Have no explicit identity.
- Unique by the comparison of the attributes.
- Used to describe, measure or quantify an Entity.







Personal Expenses Bounded Context

Mobile Phone
Number

.NET Bounded Context

Clone	IndexOfAny	StartsWith
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Concat	IsNormalized	ToLowerInvariant
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Format	PadLeft	
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GetHashCode	Remove	
GetTypeCode	Replace	
IndexOf	Split	

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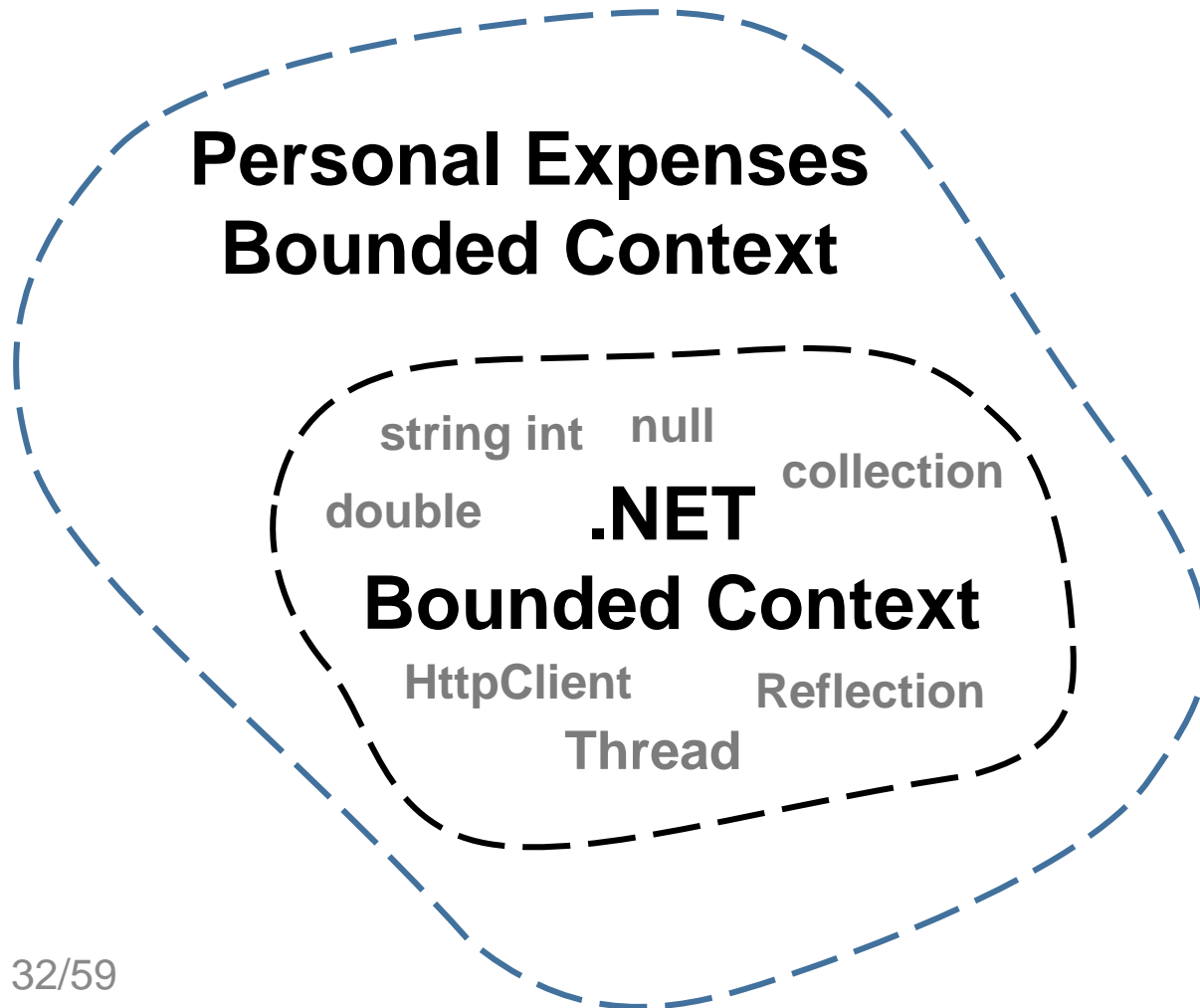
Create
GetAreaCode
GetLastFourDigits
ToString

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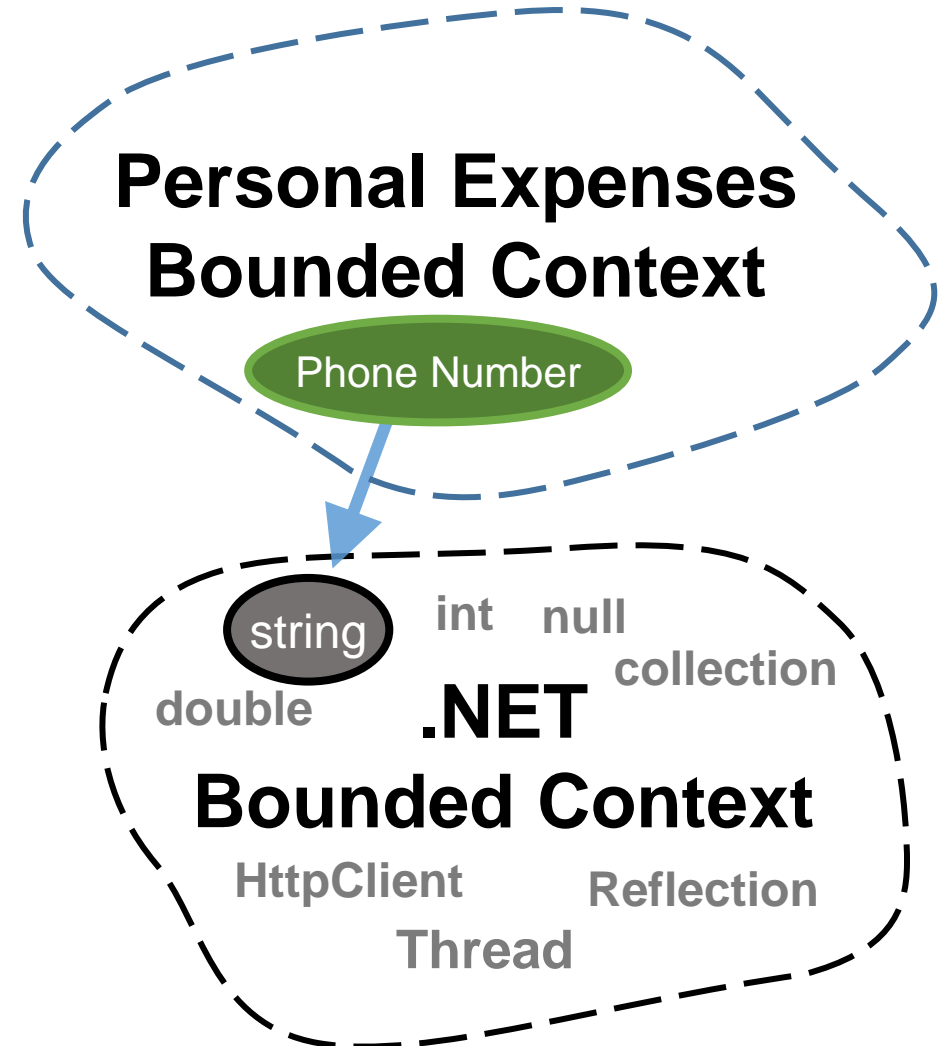
Without Value Objects

We bring the .NET Framework Complexity into our Bounded Context.



With Value Objects

We only pay for the complexity we really use



Personnummer Value Object

```
public sealed class Personnummer
{
    private string _text;
    const string RegexForValidation = @"^\d{6,8}[-|(\s)]{0,1}\d{4}$";

    public Personnummer(string text)
    {
        if (string.IsNullOrEmpty(text))
            throw new SSNShouldNotBeEmptyException("The 'Personnummer' field is required");

        Regex regex = new Regex(RegexForValidation);
        Match match = regex.Match(text);

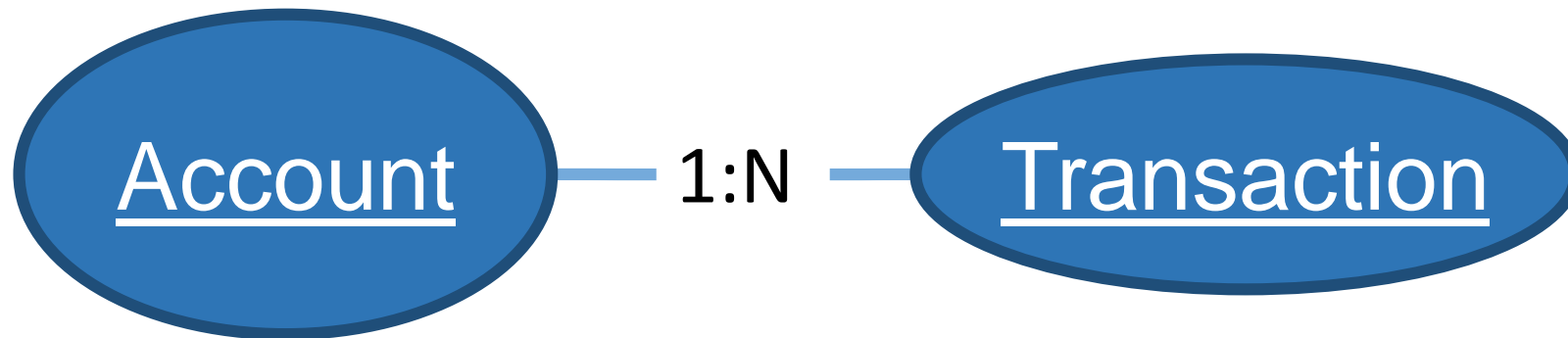
        if (!match.Success)
            throw new InvalidSSNException("Invalid Personnummer format. Use YYMMDDNNNN.");

        _text = text;
    }
}
```

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First-Class Collections

- Each collection should be wrapped in its own class¹.
- Classes that contains collections do not contains any other variable.
- Behaviors have a home.
- When necessary return immutable collection copies.



First-Class TransactionCollection

```
public sealed class TransactionCollection
{
    private readonly IList<ITransaction> _transactions;

    public TransactionCollection()
    {
        _transactions = new List<ITransaction>();
    }

    public void Add(ITransaction transaction) { ... }
    public void Add(IEnumerable<ITransaction> transactions) { ... }
    public Amount GetBalance() { ... }

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**Copy collections and mutable objects
when passing them between objects.¹**

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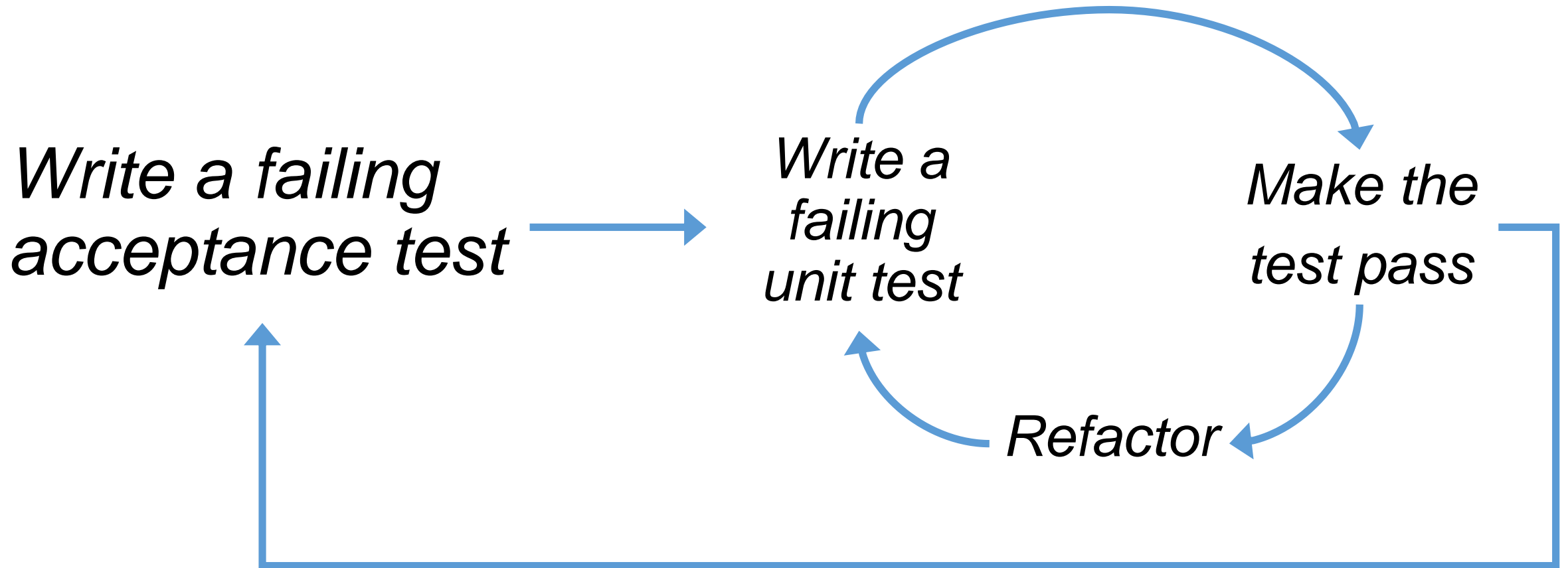
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**Composite simpler than
the sum of its parts**

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Inner and outer feedback loops in TDD



[Fact]

```
public void Deposit_Should_Change_Balance_When_Account_Is_New()
```

```
{
```

```
    //
```

```
    // Arrange
```

```
    Guid expectedCustomerId = Guid.Parse("ac608347-74ac-4607-abc2-7b95cdc8a122");
```

```
    Amount expectedAmount = new Amount(400m);
```

```
    //
```

```
    // Act
```

```
    Account sut = new Account(expectedCustomerId);
```

```
    sut.Deposit(expectedAmount);
```

```
    Amount balance = sut.GetCurrentBalance();
```

```
    //
```

```
    // Assert
```

```
    Assert.Equal(expectedCustomerId, sut.CustomerId);
```

```
    Assert.Equal(expectedAmount, balance);
```

```
    Assert.Single(sut.Transactions.ReadOnlyCollection());
```

```
}
```

**Write a failing
acceptance test**

Write a
failing
unit test

Make the
test pass

Refactor

[Fact]

```
public void Deposit_Should_Change_Balance_Equivalent_Amount()
```

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        balance = amount;
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public void Deposit_Should_Add_Single_Transaction()
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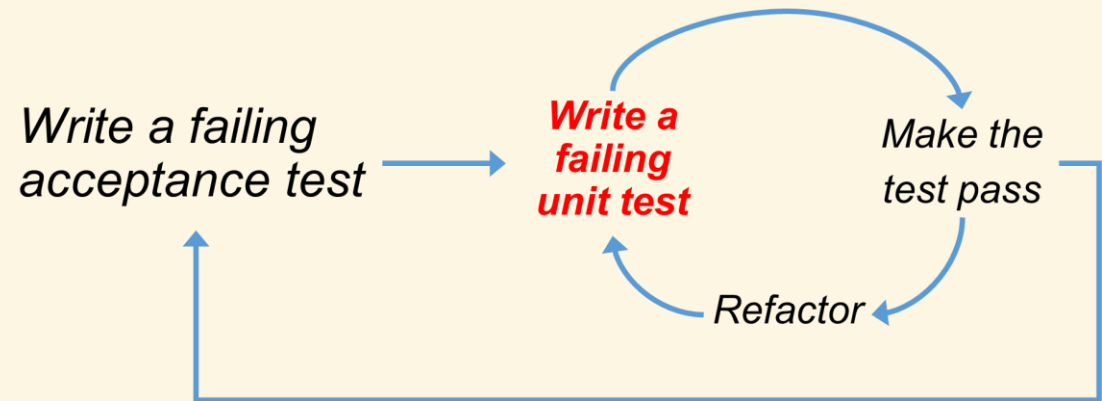
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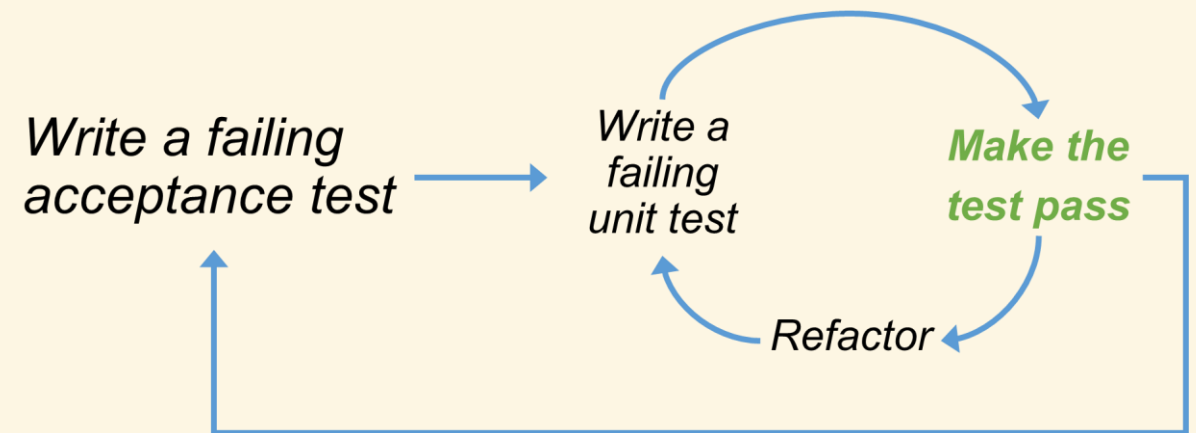
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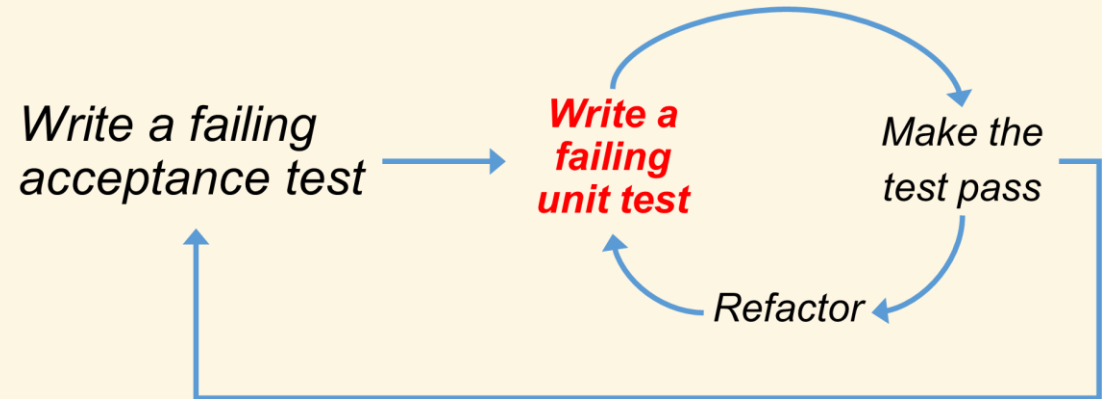
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}
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[Fact]
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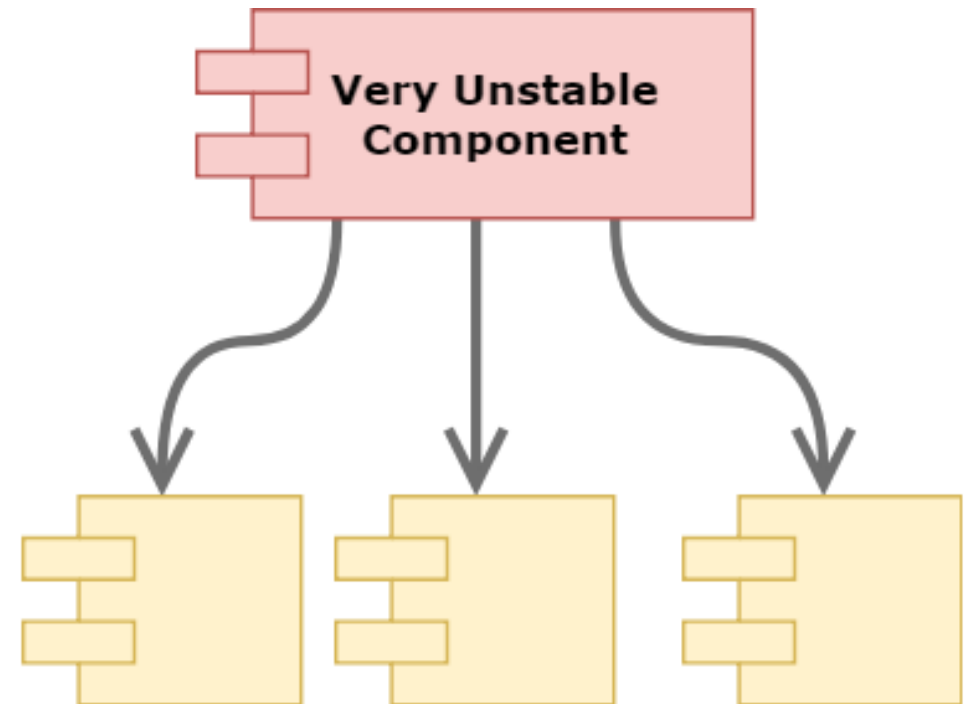
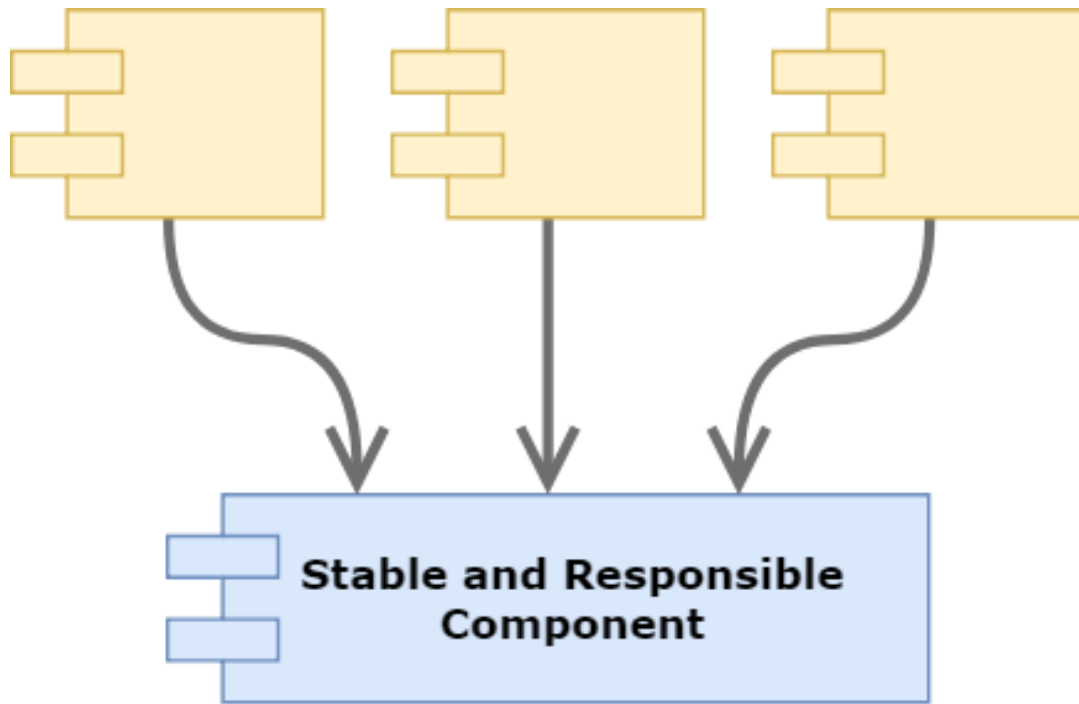
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Opinionated DDD/TDD

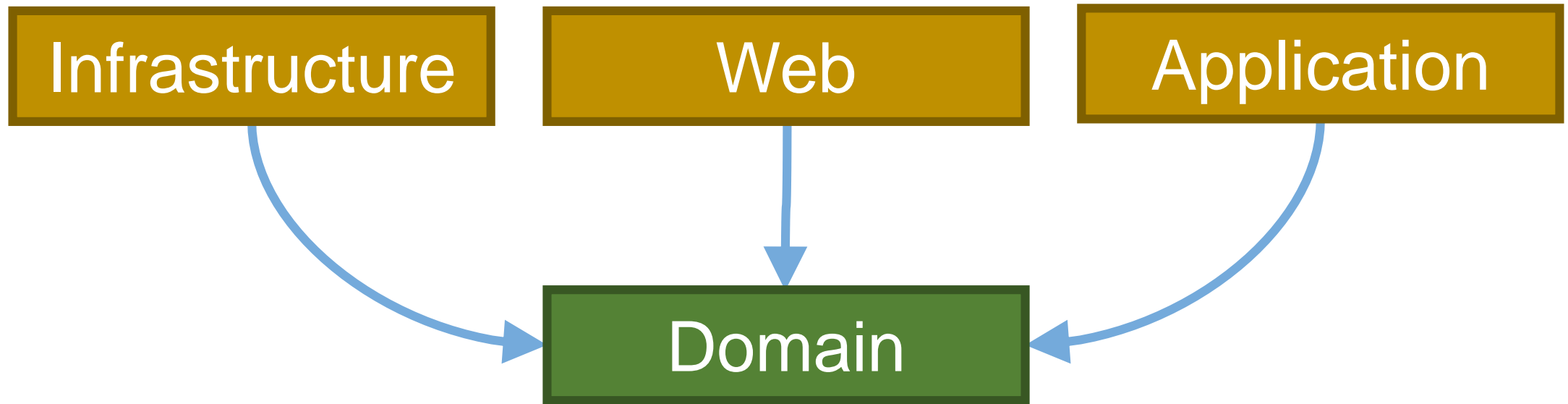
- Sometimes I implement too much of the Domain Model. Then return covering it with unit tests.
 - By knowing the DDD patterns I underestimate the TDD value then I'm slapped in the face.
- My goal is to maintain a high test coverage on the Domain Model.
- If testing is hard. It is an architectural issue!

*I won't reverse engineer my
data model to create a
domain model.*

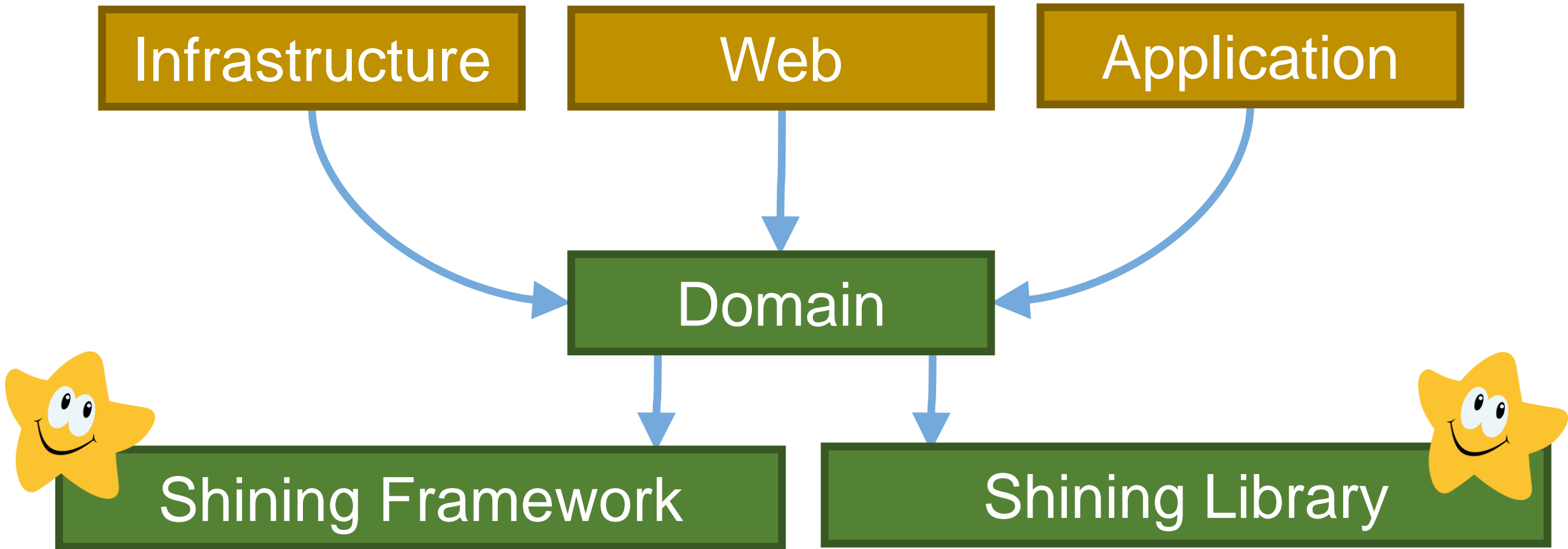
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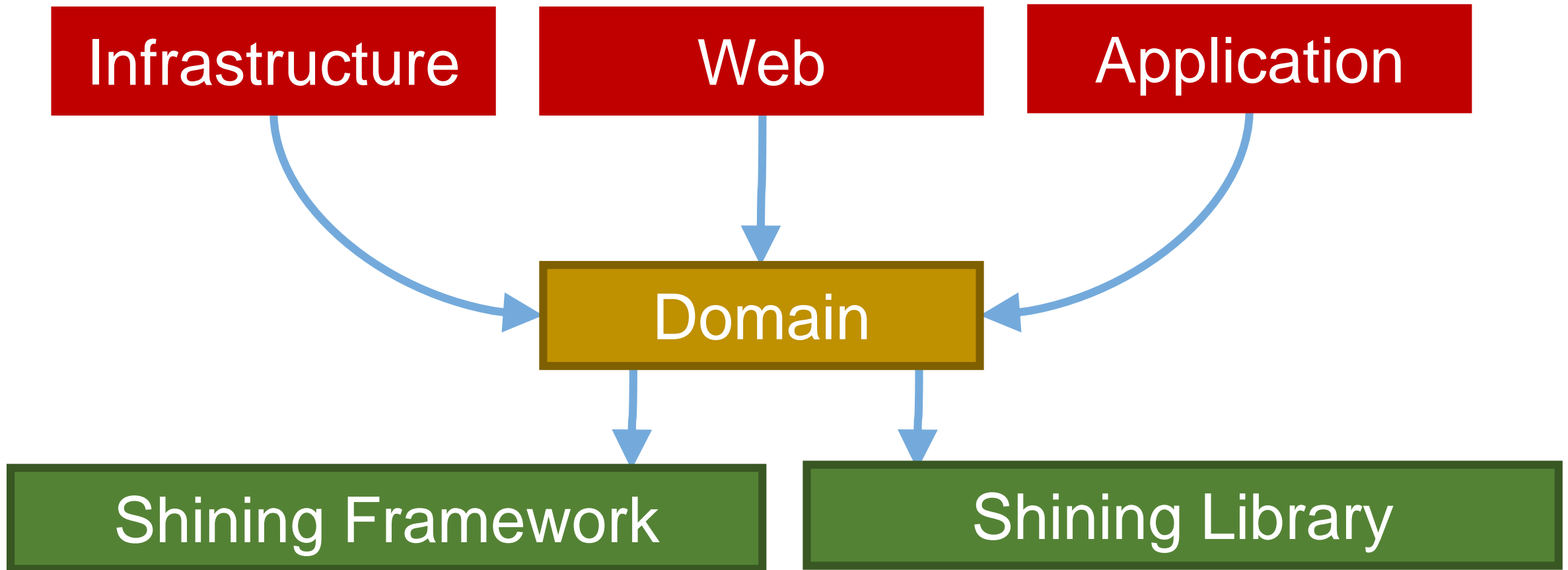
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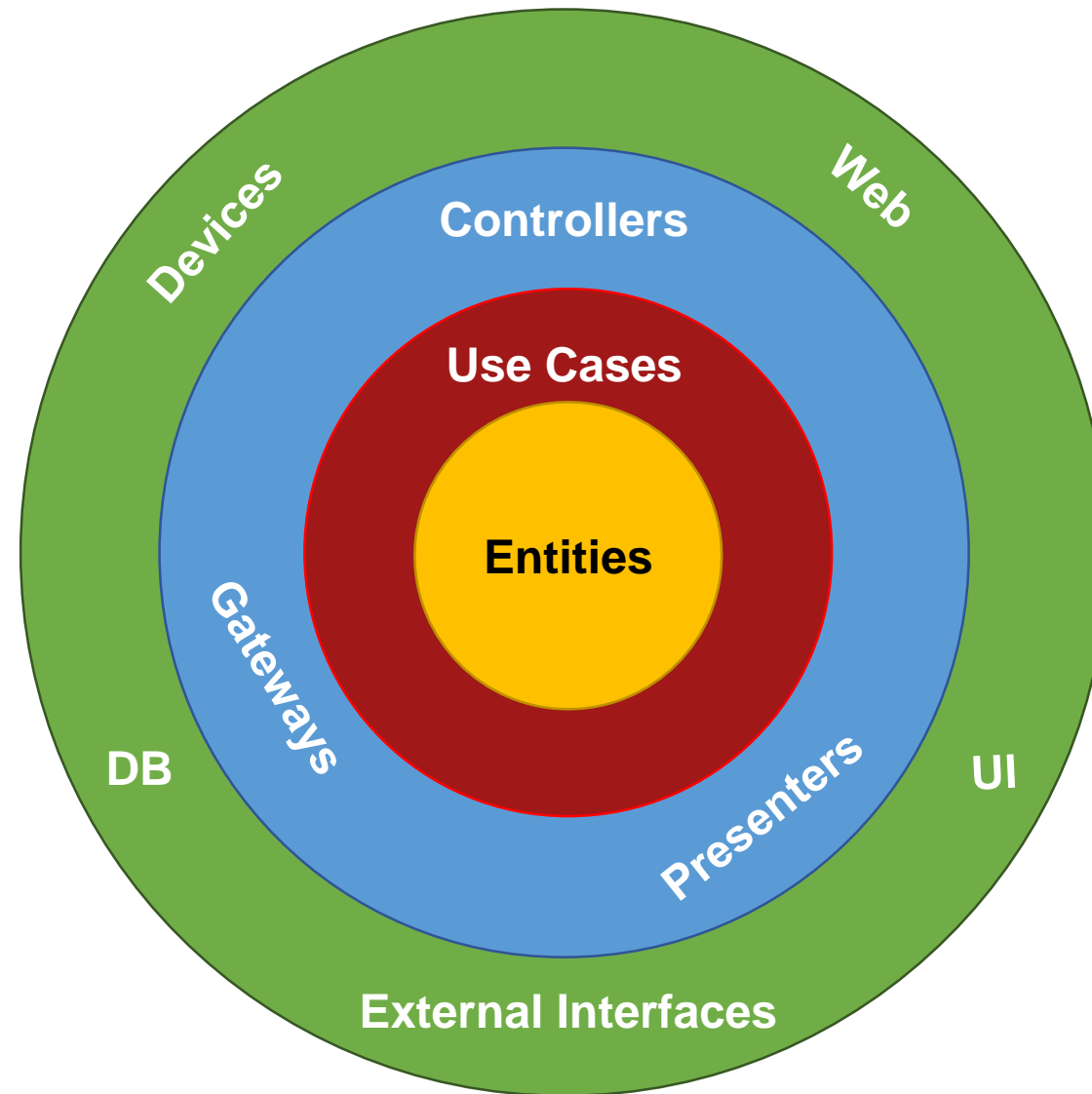
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Isolate the Domain with a Layered Architecture



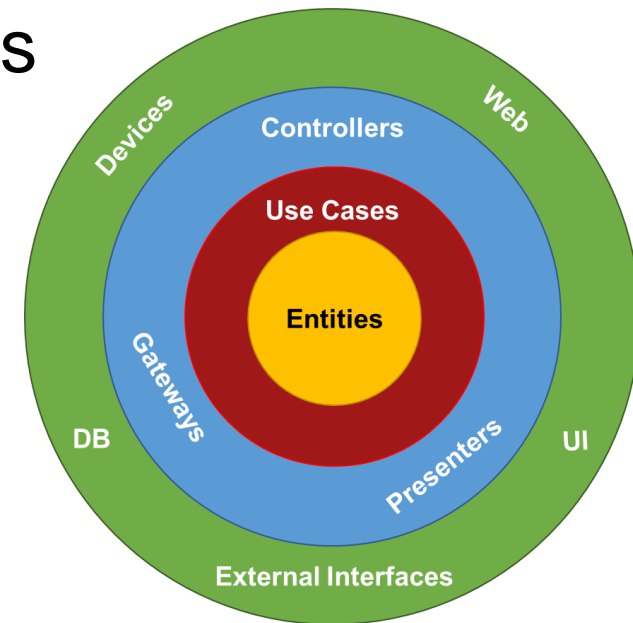
Testing Strategies

Outside In

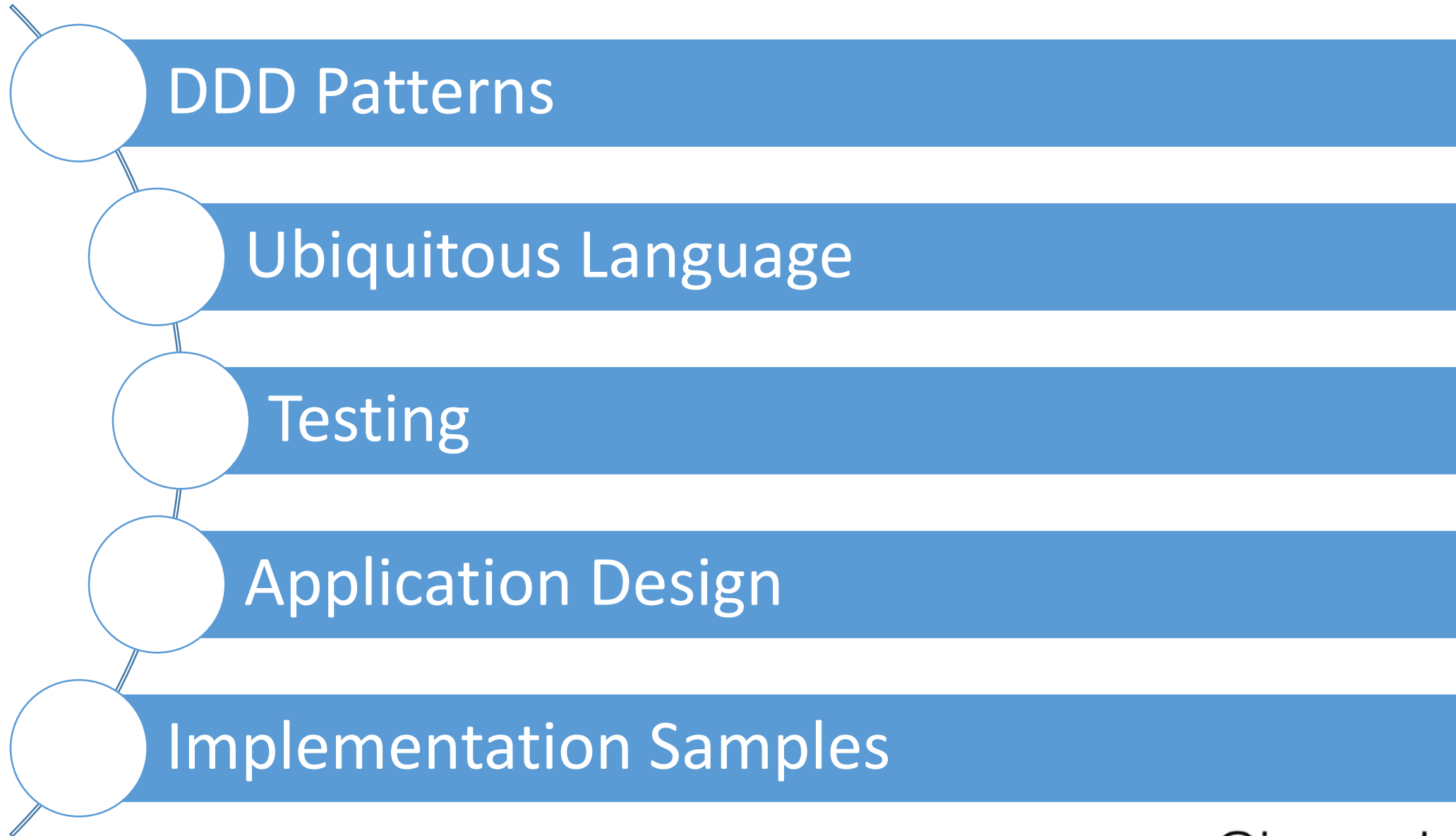
Controllers > Use Cases > Aggregates > Value Objects

Inside Out

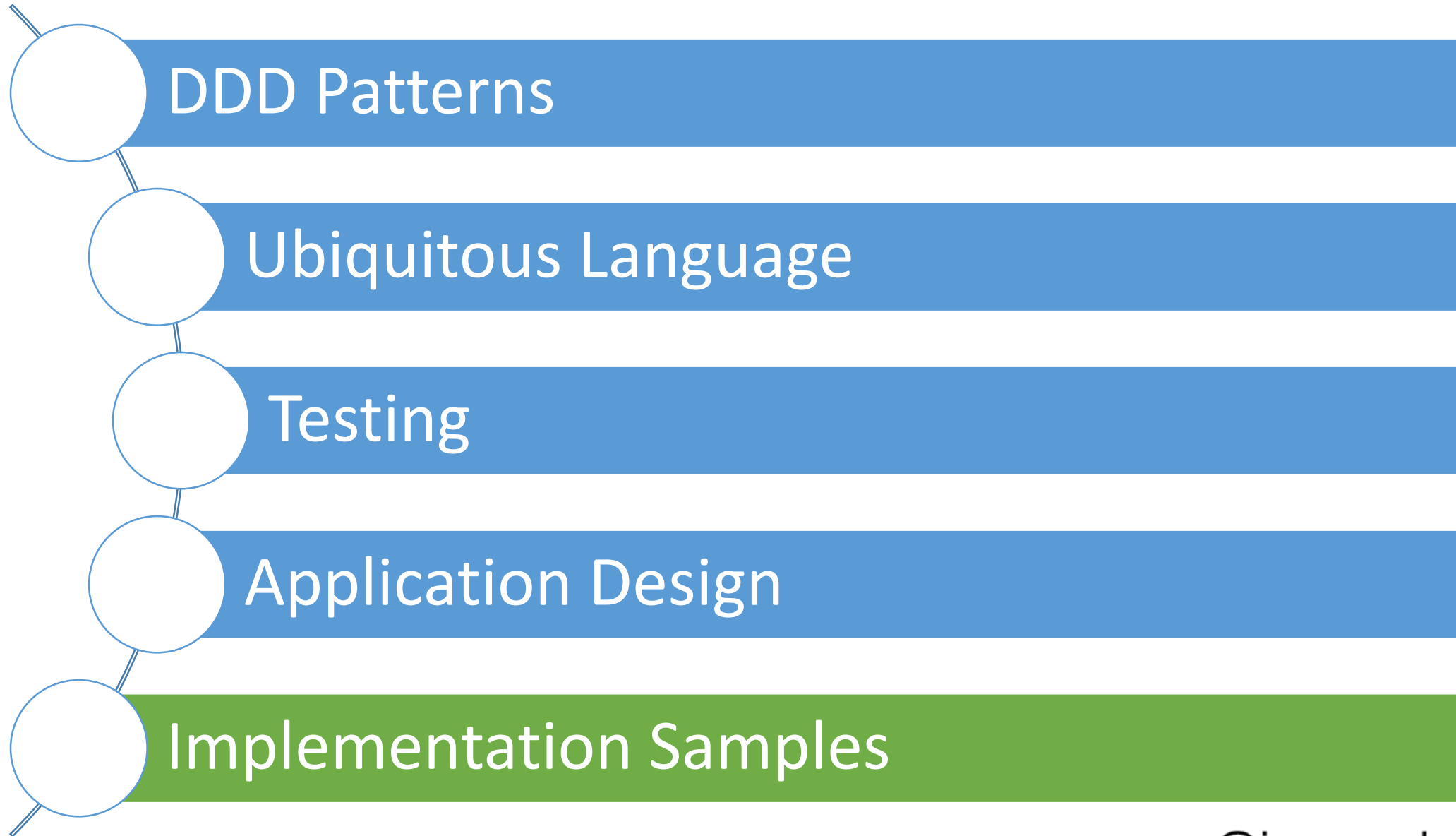
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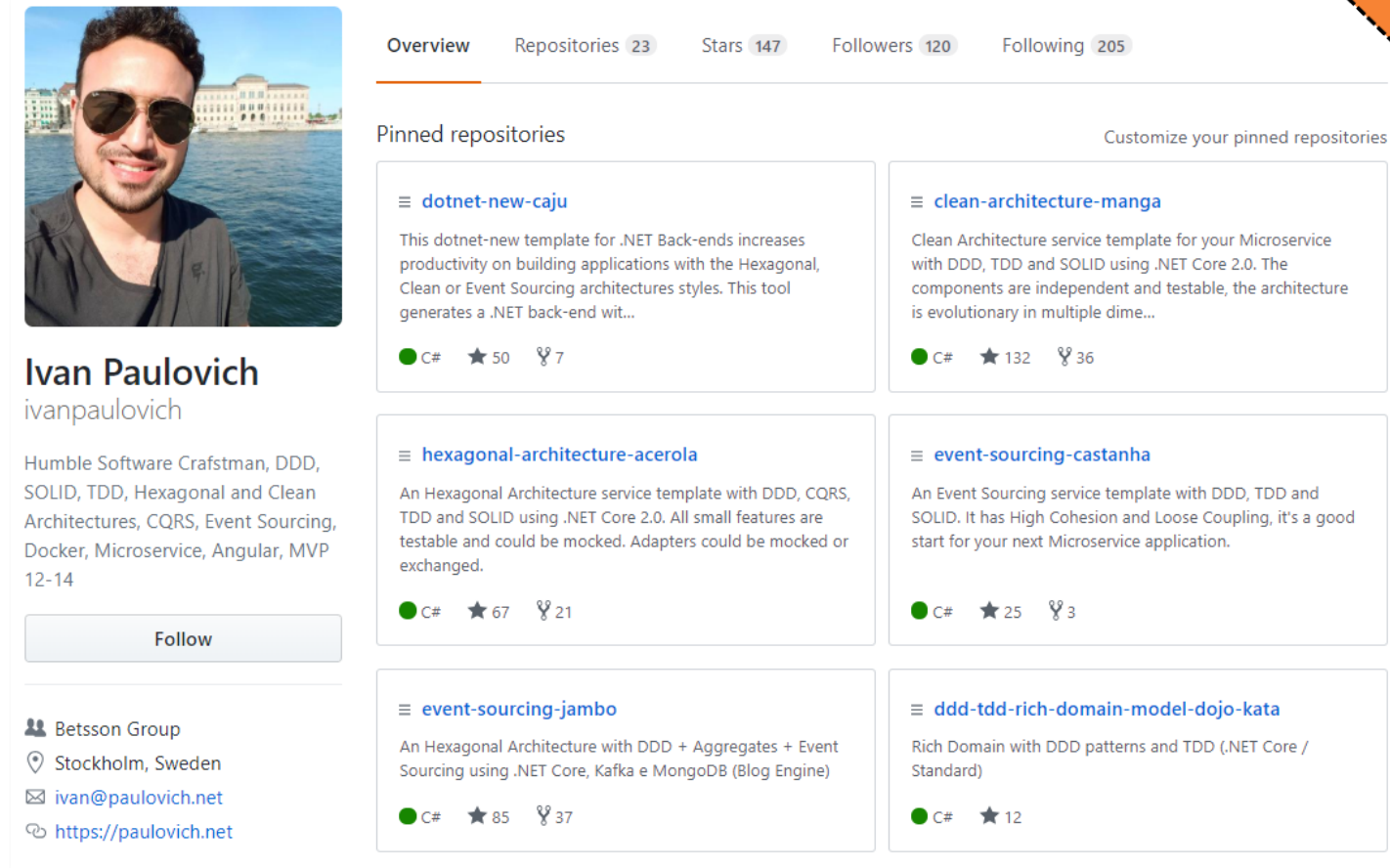


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Implementation Samples

- Clean Architecture
- Hexagonal Architecture
- Event Sourcing
- DDD
- TDD
- Microservices



The screenshot shows the GitHub profile of Ivan Paulovich. The profile includes a profile picture of a man with sunglasses, a bio stating he is a 'Humble Software Craftman' with expertise in DDD, SOLID, TDD, Hexagonal and Clean Architectures, CQRS, Event Sourcing, Docker, Microservice, Angular, and MVP, and a 'Follow' button. Below the bio, it lists his affiliation with 'Betsson Group' in 'Stockholm, Sweden', his email 'ivan@paulovich.net', and his website 'https://paulovich.net'. The 'Pinned repositories' section displays six repositories, each with a brief description, language (C#), stars, and forks.

Repository	Description	Language	Stars	Forks
dotnet-new-caju	This dotnet-new template for .NET Back-ends increases productivity on building applications with the Hexagonal, Clean or Event Sourcing architectures styles. This tool generates a .NET back-end wit...	C#	50	7
clean-architecture-manga	Clean Architecture service template for your Microservice with DDD, TDD and SOLID using .NET Core 2.0. The components are independent and testable, the architecture is evolutionary in multiple dime...	C#	132	36
hexagonal-architecture-acerola	An Hexagonal Architecture service template with DDD, CQRS, TDD and SOLID using .NET Core 2.0. All small features are testable and could be mocked. Adapters could be mocked or exchanged.	C#	67	21
event-sourcing-castanha	An Event Sourcing service template with DDD, TDD and SOLID. It has High Cohesion and Loose Coupling, it's a good start for your next Microservice application.	C#	25	3
event-sourcing-jambo	An Hexagonal Architecture with DDD + Aggregates + Event Sourcing using .NET Core, Kafka e MongoDB (Blog Engine)	C#	85	37
ddd-tdd-rich-domain-model-dojo-kata	Rich Domain with DDD patterns and TDD (.NET Core / Standard)	C#	12	

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Resources

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