

# Converging Clean Architecture with Normalized Systems Theorems



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*“His journey as a software engineer has been driven by a quest for creating software that stands the test of time and adapts to change, from laying the first lines of maintainable code to architecting robust, portfolio-wide software ecosystems in his current endeavors.”*

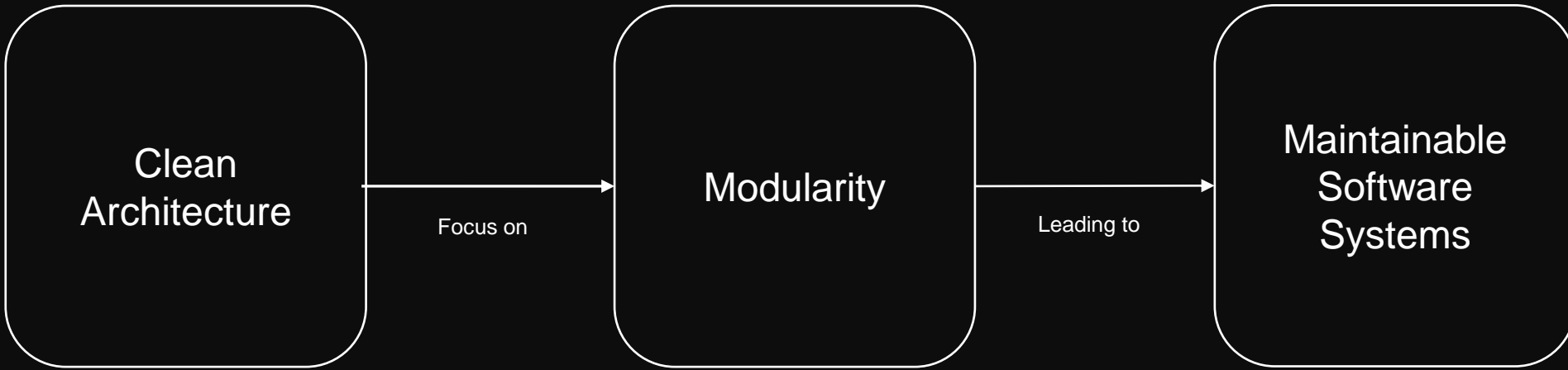


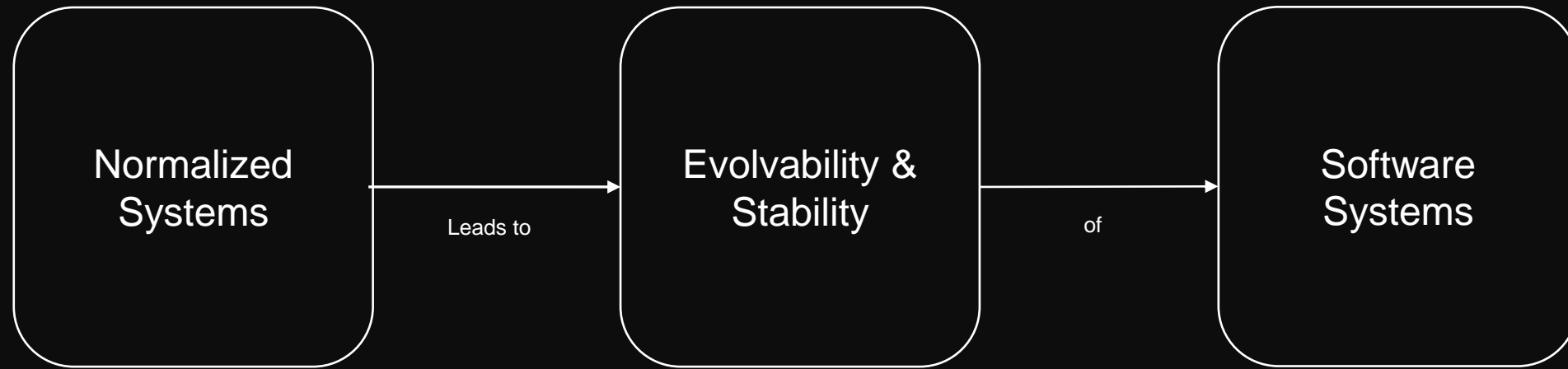
If I have seen further.  
It is by standing  
**ON THE SHOULDERS**  
**OF GIANTS**

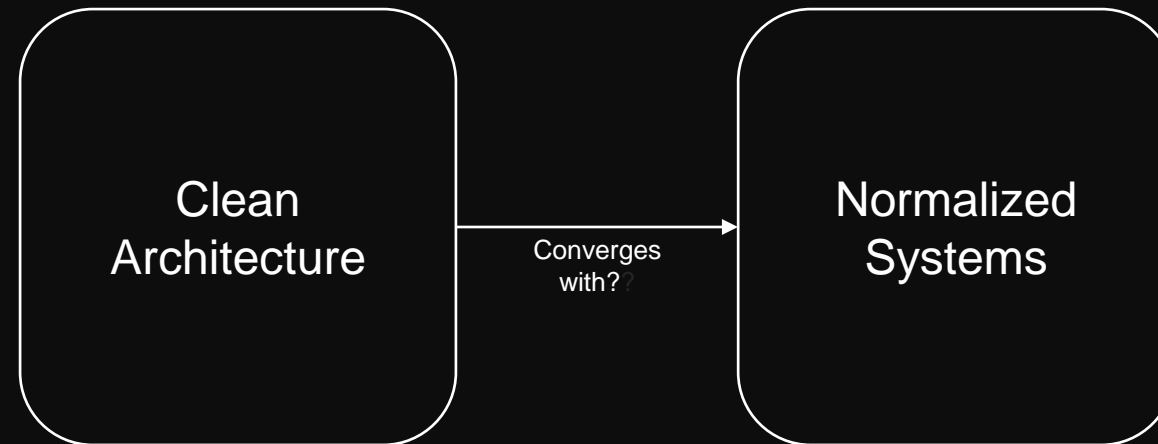
- Sir Isaac Newton

E. Dijkstra  
D.Parnas  
Robert C. Martin  
Herwig Mannaert  
Jan Verelst

...and many more







# Clean Architecture

## Principles

Single Responsibility Principle

Open/Closed Principle

Liskov Substitution Principle

Interface Segregation Principle

Dependency Inversion Principle

## Building blocks

Entities

Interactor

RequestModels

ViewModels

Controllers

Presenters

Gateways

Boundaries

# Normalized Systems

## Principles

Separation Of Concerns

Data Version Transparency

Action Version Transparency

Separation of State

## Building blocks

Data Element

Task Element

Workflow Element

Connector Element

Trigger Element



Strong Convergence ++

Supports Convergence +

No or weak convergence -

# Analysis of Principles

Clean Architecture	Normalized Systems				
	Separation of Concerns		Data version Transparency	Action version Transparency	Separation of State
Single Responsibility	++		+	+	-
Open / Closed	++		-	++	-
Liskov Substitution	++		-	+	-
Dependency Inversion	++		-	+	-

Strong Convergence    ++

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### Clean Architecture

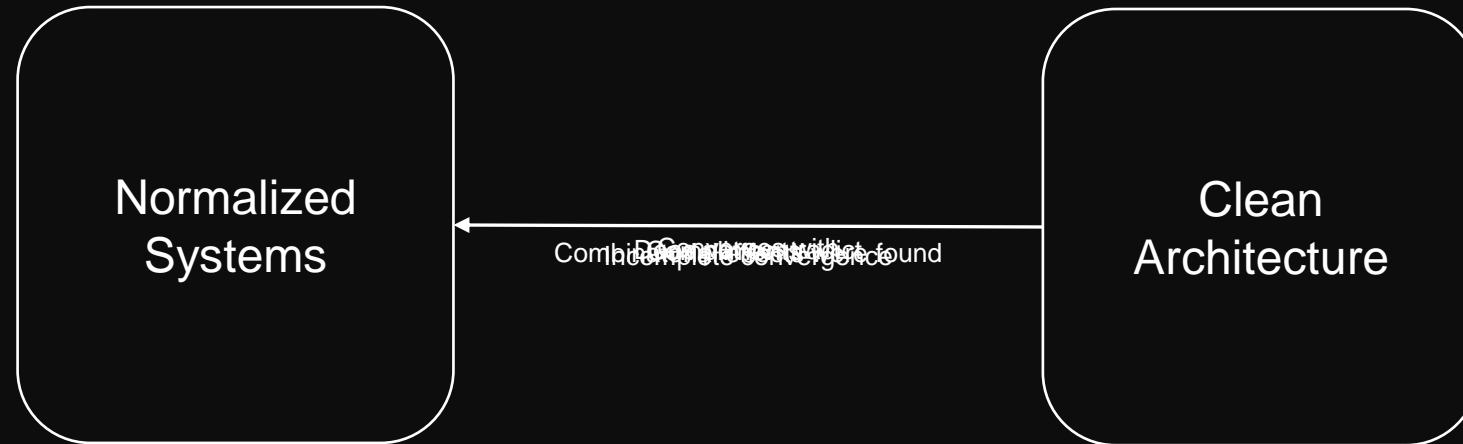
Normalized Systems	Data Elements	Task Element	Flow Element	Connector Element	Trigger Element
Entity Element	++	-	-	-	-
Interactor Element	-	++	++	-	-
RequestModel Element	++	-	-	-	-
ResponseModel Element	++	-	-	-	-
ViewModel Element	++	-	-	-	-
Controller Element	-	-	-	+	+
Gateway Element	-	-	-	++	-
Presenter Element	-	+	+	-	-
Boundary Element	-	-	-	++	-

## Analysis of Elements

## Summary

- Shared emphasis on Modularity
- Data version Transparency is underrepresented in Clean Architecture
- Clean Architecture lacks a strong foundation for receiving external triggers
- Clean Architecture does not explicitly address State Management.
- Clean Architecture has a strong emphasis on Dependency Management

Conclusions



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