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# **Applying Normalized System Theorem on Restful APIs using the C#.NET programming language**

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# *Abstract*

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# List of Abbreviations

**LAH** List Abbreviations Here  
**WSF** What (it) Stands For



# Physical Constants

Speed of Light  $c_0 = 2.997\,924\,58 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1}$  (exact)



# List of Symbols

$a$	distance	m
$P$	power	W (J s <sup>-1</sup> )
$\omega$	angular frequency	rad



*For/Dedicated to/To my...*





# 1 Introduction

“*Pantha Rhei*” is, according to *Plato*, one of the famous philosophical statements first described by the Greek philosopher *Heraclitus*.<sup>1</sup> Translated as “everything flows” this statement is an unambiguous commitment to ubiquitous dynamics of everything that exists. “Life is flux”, one of the constants in life is change and its best we act accordingly.

In the realms of Software Engineering the “laws of software evolution” (Lehman, 1980) refers to a series of laws described by Lehman starting from 1974. With these Laws, he describes the balance between the forces driving new developments on the one hand (a change), and the forces that slow down progress on the other hand. Based on *Heraclitus* philosophical statement we assume a software engineering project frequently will be subjected to change, possibly due to changing functional requirements and technological progress. As these changes emerges, the complexity of these software projects will gradually increase over time. If the system is not adapted appropriately the combinatorial effects of these changes will result in ever-increasing complexity and render the software system eventually obsolete, according to Lehman (Lehman, 1980).

As the competitive environments of contemporary organizations are changing continuously, the speed at which changes follow each other is also increasing. IT organization are attempting to cope with this trend by adopting agility and maturing its agile practices (Kappelman et al., 2014). Agility is defined as a measure for contemporary organizations to adept to new environments and to cope with rapid change (Neumann, 1994).

The subjects discussed in previous paragraphs depict the current challenges of software evolvability

## 1.1 Problem statement

### 1.1.1 Normalized Systems Theorems

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<sup>1</sup><https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/process-philosophy/>

### 1.1.2 Clean Architecture

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### 1.1.3 Normalized Systems

Companies that apply the Normalized Systems Theory research into their products are primarily using Java EE as a programming language. The company NSX for example has implemented their generation tools, modelling suite (Prime Radiant) and expander using this programming language. Java EE is still a very popular programming language for enterprise-, and IT organizations. Many software solutions are created and maintained using this programming language. The Normalized Systems Theorem is not only applicable to Java EE. The principles and design patterns that derive from the Normalized Systems Theorem are in fact applicable for any object-oriented programming languages.

Another example of a popular programming language in enterprise-, and IT organizations is C#. There is however no documented research, or proof of experiences on C# software projects using Normalized Systems Theory with the aspects of integration, expansion and rejuvenation.

## 1.2 Research questions

The goal of this research is to determine if the design of

## 2 Theoretical background

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