



Clean Architecture

Sebastian Buczyński

- 
- conference tourist
 - develops & leads a team in STX Next Łódź
 - runs Python Łódź meetup
 - blogs under breadcrumbscollector.tech



**SOFTWARE
ENGINEERING?**



**PIP
INSTALL**

Clean Architecture

1. Independence of frameworks
2. Testability
3. Independence of UI or database

Clean Architecture

Robert C Martin's original post from 2012

Hexagonal Architecture (Ports and Adapters), Onion Architecture

Clean Architecture

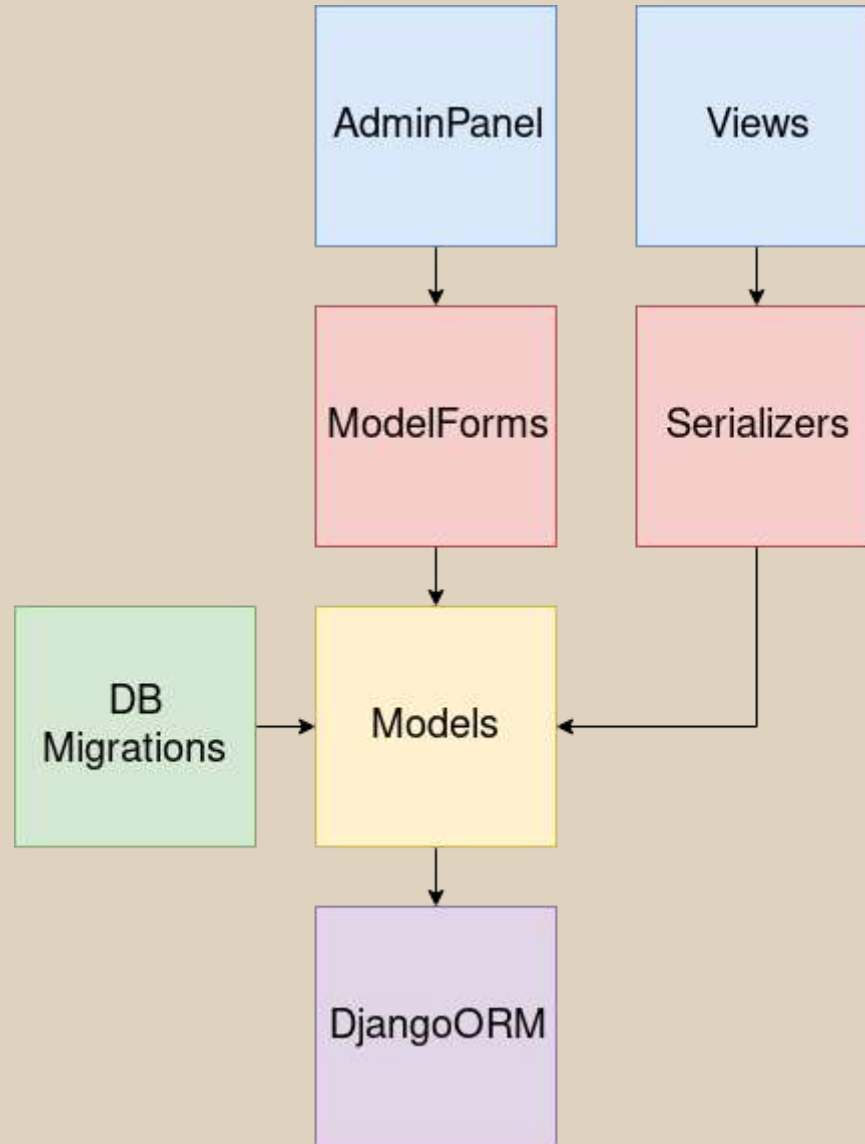
Separates complexity of business logic

Project: Auctions online

User stories

- As a bidder I want to make a bid to win an auction
- As a bidder I want to be notified by e-mail when my bid is a winning one
- As an administrator I want to be able to withdraw a bid

Django + Rest Framework!



User stories -> code

- As a bidder I want to make a bid to win an auction
- As a bidder I want to be notified by e-mail when my bid is a winning one
- As an administrator I want to be able to withdraw a bid

Models first

```
class Auction(models.Model):
    title = models.CharField(...)
    initial_price = models.DecimalField(...)
    current_price = models.DecimalField(...)

class Bid(models.Model):
    amount = models.DecimalField(...)
    bidder = models.ForeignKey(...)
    auction = models.ForeignKey(Auction, on_delete=PROTECT)
```

User stories

- ~~As a bidder I want to make a bid to win an auction ✓~~
- ~~As a bidder I want to be notified by e mail when my offer is a winning one ✓~~
- As an administrator I want to be able to withdraw a bid

Change auction

HISTORY

Title:

Example 1

Initial price:

15



Current price:

31.00

BIDS

AMOUNT

BIDDER

DELETE?

30.00

user1

☐

31.00

user2

☐

Delete

Save and add another

Save and continue editing

SAVE


```
def save_related(self, request, form, formsets, *args, **kwargs):  
    ids_of_deleted_bids = self._get_ids_of_deleted_bids(formsets)  
    bids_to_withdraw = Bid.objects.filter(  
        pk__in=ids_of_deleted_bids)  
  
    auction = form.instance  
    old_winners = set(auction.winners)  
    auction.withdraw_bids(bids_to_withdraw)  
    new_winners = set(auction.winners)  
  
    self._notify_winners(new_winners - old_winners)  
  
    super().save_related(request, _form, formsets, *args, **kwarg
```

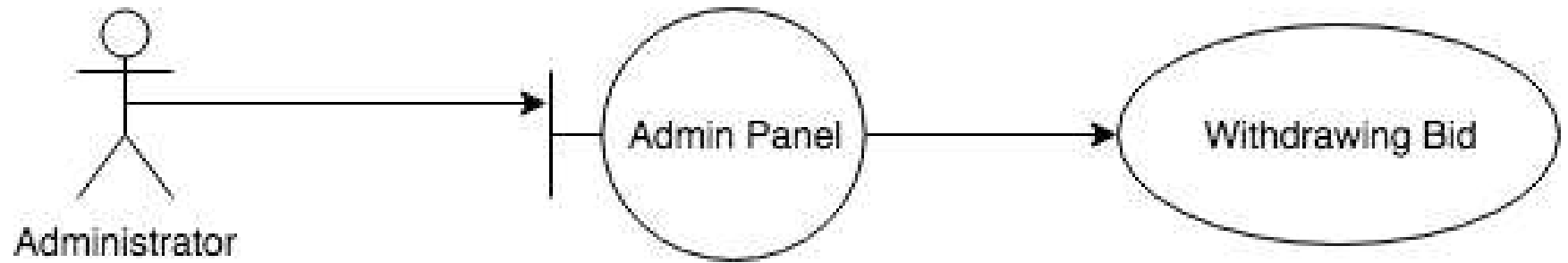
```
def save_related(self, request, form, formsets, *args, **kwargs):  
    ids_of_deleted_bids = self._get_ids_of_deleted_bids(formsets)  
    bids_to_withdraw = Bid.objects.filter(  
        pk__in=ids_of_deleted_bids)  
  
    auction = form.instance  
    old_winners = set(auction.winners)  
    auction.withdraw_bids(bids_to_withdraw)  
    new_winners = set(auction.winners)  
  
    self._notify_winners(new_winners - old_winners)  
  
    super().save_related(request, _form, formsets, *args, **kwargs)
```

```
def save_related(self, request, form, formsets, *args, **kwargs):
    ids_of_deleted_bids = self._get_ids_of_deleted_bids(formsets)
    bids_to_withdraw = Bid.objects.filter(
        pk__in=ids_of_deleted_bids)

    auction = form.instance
    old_winners = set(auction.winners)
    auction.withdraw_bids(bids_to_withdraw)
    new_winners = set(auction.winners)

    self._notify_winners(new_winners - old_winners)

    super().save_related(request, _form, formsets, *args, **kwargs)
```



Clean Arch - building block #1

```
class WithdrawingBid:
    def withdraw_bids(self, auction_id, bids_ids):
        auction = Auction.objects.get(pk=auction_id)
        bids_to_withdraw = Bid.objects.filter(
            pk__in=ids_of_deleted_bids)

        old_winners = set(auction.winners)
        auction.withdraw_bids(bids_to_withdraw)
        new_winners = set(auction.winners)

        self._notify_winners(new_winners - old_winners)
```

UseCase OR Interactor

A photograph of a male conductor with grey hair, wearing a dark blue tuxedo jacket over a white shirt and white bow tie. He is holding a baton in his right hand and gesturing with his left. He is standing in front of an orchestra, with the backs of several musicians' heads visible in the foreground. The background is a blurred audience in a large hall. Overlaid on the image is the text "UseCase - Orchestrates a particular process" in a bold, white, sans-serif font.

UseCase - Orchestrates a particular process

What about tests?!

Business logic is coupled with a framework, so are tests...

Testing through views

```
from django.test import TestCase

class LoginTestCase(TestCase):

    def test_login(self):
        User.objects.create(...)

        response = self.client.get('/dashboard/')

        self.assertRedirects(response, '/accounts/login/')
```



FOLLOWED

CK

FOLLOWED

How much time wasted, exactly?



<https://breadcrumbscollector.tech/is-your-test-suite-wasting-your-time/>

How a textbook example looks like?

```
class MyTest(unittest.TestCase):  
    def test_add(self):  
        expected = 7  
  
        actual = add(3, 4)  
  
        self.assertEqual(actual, expected)
```

No side effects and dependencies makes code easier to test
PURE FUNCTION

Getting rid of dependencies: find them

```
class WithdrawingBidUseCase:
    def withdraw_bids(self, auction_id, bids_ids):
        auction = Auction.objects.get(pk=auction_id)
        bids_to_withdraw = Bid.objects.filter(
            pk__in=ids_of_deleted_bids)

        old_winners = set(auction.winners)
        auction.withdraw_bids(bids_to_withdraw)
        new_winners = set(auction.winners)

        self._notify_winners(new_winners - old_winners)
```


Getting rid of dependencies: hide them

```
class WithdrawingBidUseCase:
    def withdraw_bids(self, auction_id, bids_ids):
        auction = self.auctions_repository.get(auction_id)
        bids = self.bids_repository.get_by_ids(bids_ids)

        old_winners = set(auction.winners)
        auction.withdraw_bids(bids)
        new_winners = set(auction.winners)

        self.auctions_repository.save(auction)
        for bid in bids:
            self.bids_repository.save(bid)

        self._notify_winners(new_winners - old_winners)
```

Getting rid of dependencies: hide them

```
class WithdrawingBidUseCase:
    def withdraw_bids(self, auction_id, bids_ids):
        auction = self.auctions_repository.get(auction_id)
        bids = self.bids_repository.get_by_ids(bids_ids)

        old_winners = set(auction.winners)
        auction.withdraw_bids(bids)
        new_winners = set(auction.winners)

        self.auctions_repository.save(auction)
        for bid in bids:
            self.bids_repository.save(bid)

        self._notify_winners(new_winners - old_winners)
```

Clean Arch - building block #2

```
class AuctionsRepo(metaclass=ABCMeta):  
  
    @abstractmethod  
    def get(self, auction_id):  
        pass  
  
    @abstractmethod  
    def save(self, auction):  
        pass
```

Interface / Port

 **PayPal**

 Square

Authorize.Net[®]

 **DUE**

adyen

 **wepay**

stripe

2CHECKOUT

 **amazon pay**







Clean Arch - building block #2

```
class AuctionsRepo(metaclass=ABCMeta):  
  
    @abstractmethod  
    def get(self, auction_id):  
        pass  
  
    @abstractmethod  
    def save(self, auction):  
        pass
```

Interface / Port

Clean Arch - building block #3

```
class DjangoAuctionsRepo(AuctionsRepo):  
  
    def get(self, auction_id):  
        return Auction.objects.get(pk=auction_id)
```

Interface Adapter / Adapter

Combine together

```
class WithdrawingBidUseCase:  
    def __init__(self, auctions_repository: AuctionsRepo):  
        self.auctions_repository = auctions_repository
```

```
django_adapter = DjangoAuctionsRepo()  
withdrawing_bid_uc = WithdrawingBidUseCase(django_adapter)
```

Dependency Injection

```
import inject

def configure_inject(binder: inject.Binder):
    binder.bind(AuctionsRepo, DjangoAuctionsRepo())

inject.configure_once(configure_inject)
```

```
class WithdrawingBidUseCase:

    auctions_repo: AuctionsRepo = inject.attr(AuctionsRepo)
```

Benefits from another layer

- It is easier to reason about logic
- It is possible to write TRUE unit tests
- Work can be parallelized
- **Decision making can be deferred**
- OOP done right

Our logic is still coupled to a database!

```
class WithdrawingBidUseCase:
    def withdraw_bids(self, auction_id, bids_ids):
        auction = self.auctions_repository.get(auction_id)
        bids = self.bids_repository.get_by_ids(bids_ids)

        old_winners = set(auction.winners)
        auction.withdraw_bids(bids)
        new_winners = set(auction.winners)

        self.auctions_repository.save(auction)
        for bid in bids:
            self.bids_repository.save(bid)

        self._notify_winners(new_winners - old_winners)
```

Clean Arch - building block #0

```
class Auction:
    def __init__(self, id: int, title: str, bids: List[Bid]):
        self.id = id
        self.title = title
        self.bids = bids

    def withdraw_bids(self, bids: List[Bid]):
        ...

    def make_a_bid(self, bid: Bid):
        ...

    @property
    def winners(self):
        ...
```

Entity

Clean Arch - building block #3

```
class DjangoAuctionsRepo(AuctionsRepo):
    def get(self, auction_id: int) -> Auction:
        auction_model = AuctionModel.objects.prefetch_related(
            'bids'
        ).get(pk=auction_id)

        bids = [
            self._bid_from_model(bid_model)
            for bid_model in auction_model.bids.all()
        ]

        return Auction(
            auction_model.id,
            auction_model.title,
            bids
        )
```

Interface Adapter / Adapter

Entity vs model #1

```
auction = Auction(id=1, title='Super auction', bids=[])
```

```
auction.bids.append(Bid())  ✗
```

```
auction.make_a_bid(Bid())  ✓
```

Entity = data & rules - adhere to Tell, don't ask principle

Entity vs model #2

Entity can represent graph of objects

Entity vs model #3

Entity can be built & tested without DB

Clean Arch building blocks altogether

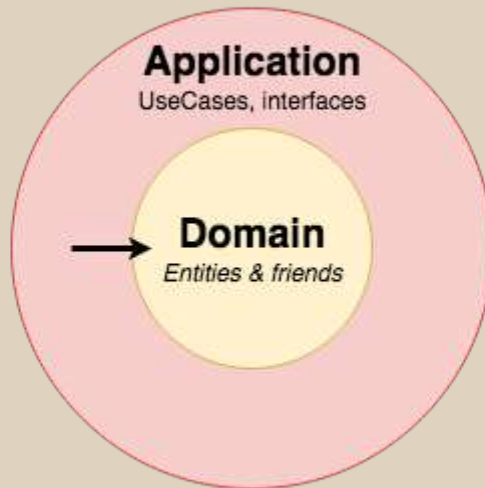
- Entity
- Interface / Port
- Interface Adapter / Adapter
- Use Case / Interactor
- Presenter*
- + space for more

*see exemplary project

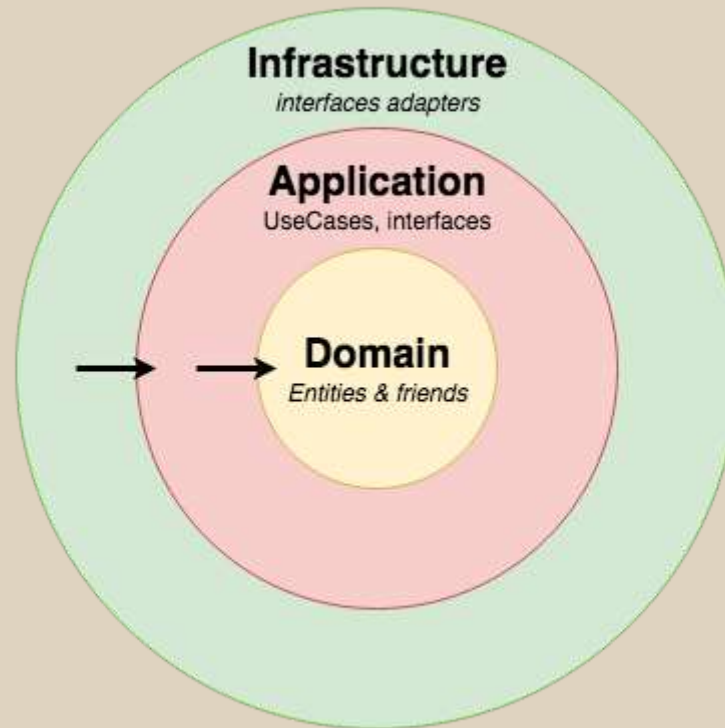
Clean Arch building blocks altogether



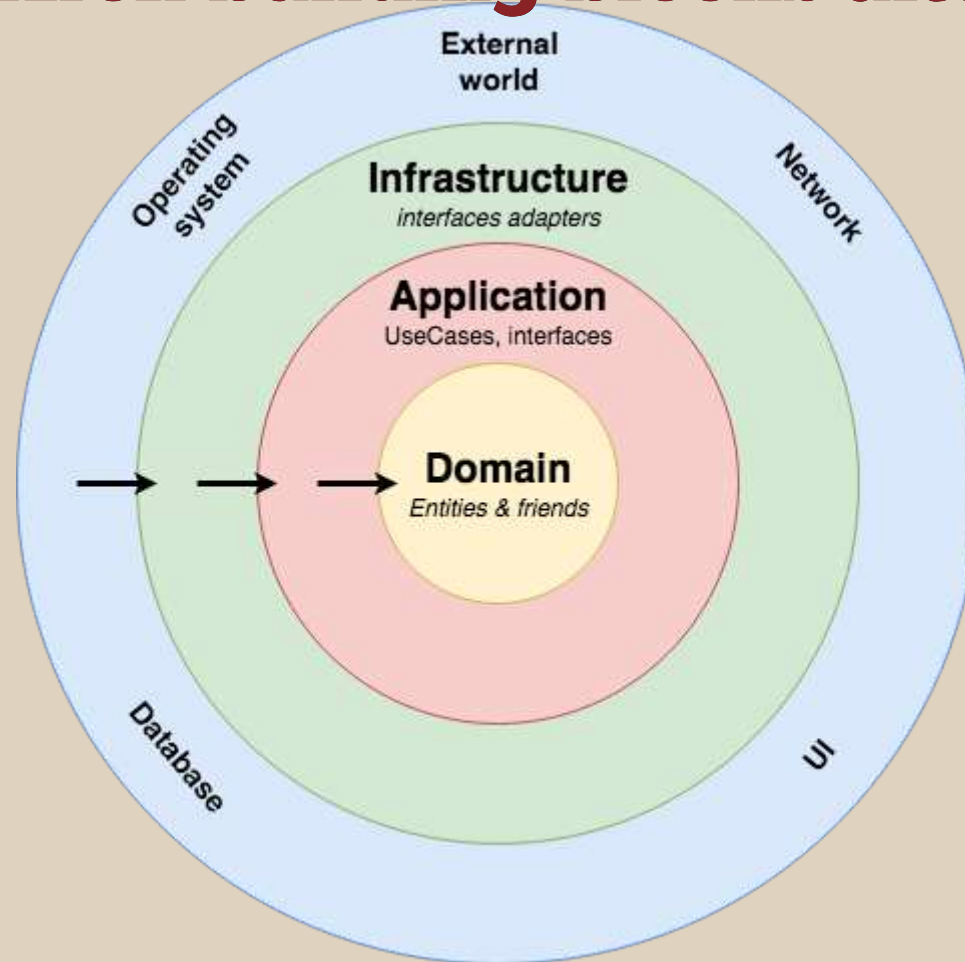
Clean Arch building blocks altogether



Clean Arch building blocks altogether

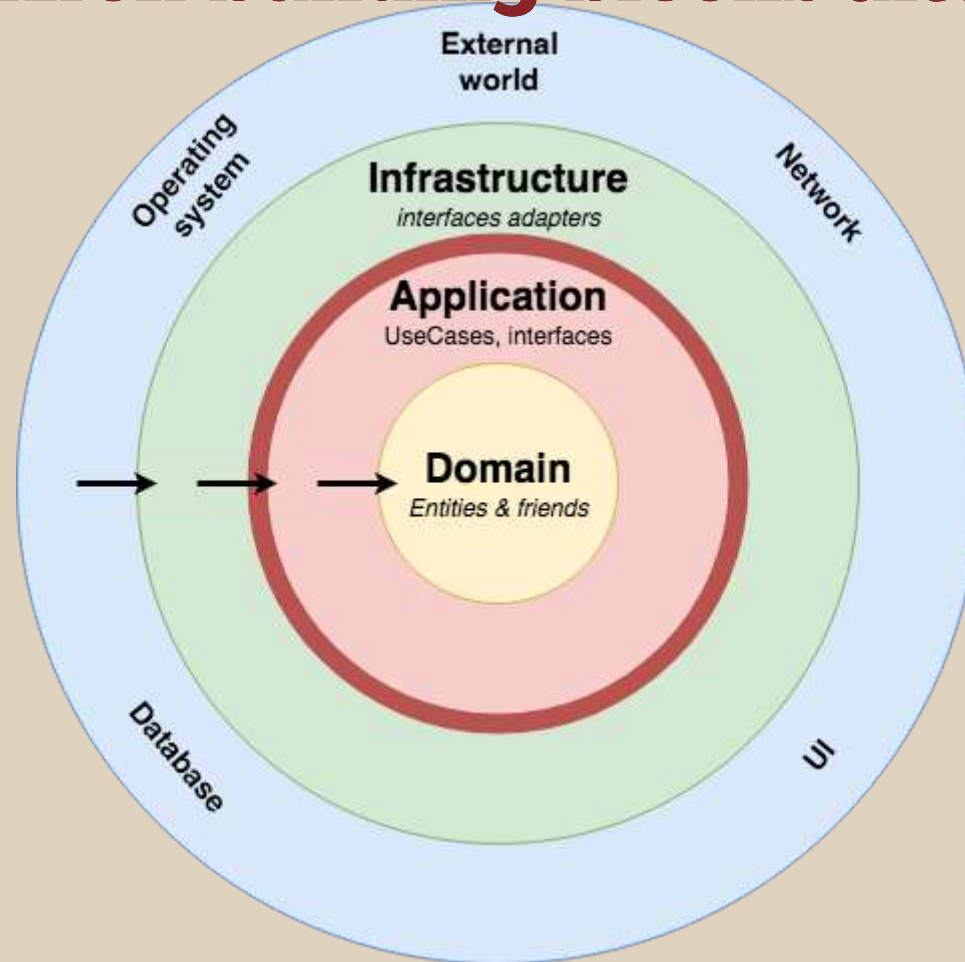


Clean Arch building blocks altogether



You MUST NOT use/import anything from a layer above!

Clean Arch building blocks altogether



Boundary

What crosses that boundary?

```
@dataclass
class WithdrawingBidRequest:
    auction_id: int
    bids_ids: List[int]
```

Only simple data structures (DTOs)

What to be careful of?

non-idiomatic framework use

Word on frameworks

- ✓ Pyramid
- ✓ Flask
- ✗ Django

more code (type hints help)

copying data between objects

validation?

**DRF serializers, colander, marshmallow,
typechecking**

value objects

```
money = Decimal('10.00') # meh
```

value objects

```
money = Money('10.00012') # raises ValueError  
money = Money('10.12$')  # yay!
```

overengineering

Modules/components to the rescue





When it pays off?

lots of cases - testability

Decision making vs layers

Layer	Paths
UI	1
Infrastructure	1
Application	1
Domain	many

Testing entities

```
def test_should_use_initial_price_as_current_price_when_no_bids():
    auction = create_auction()

    assert auction.current_price == auction.initial_price

def test_should_return_highest_bid_amount_for_current_price():
    auction = create_auction(bids=[
        Bid(id=1, bidder_id=1, amount=Decimal('20')),
        Bid(id=2, bidder_id=2, amount=Decimal('15')),
    ])

    assert auction.current_price == Decimal('20')
```

Layer	Paths
UI	1
Infrastructure	1
Application	many
Domain	many

Testing use cases

```
def test_saves_auction(  
    auctions_repo_mock: Mock,  
    auction_mock: Mock,  
    input_dto: PlacingBidInputDto  
) -> None:  
    PlacingBidUseCase().execute(input_dto)  
  
    auctions_repo_mock.save.assert_called_once_with(auction_mock)
```

deferring decision making - stay lean

Wait... this is not Pythonic!

Envy of C#/Java?



not at all.

It's all about complexity

Two types of complexity

- accidental
- essential

Two types of complexity

- accidental
- essential

No Silver Bullet – Essence and Accident in Software Engineering

Further reading

<https://8thlight.com/blog/uncle-bob/2012/08/13/the-clean-architecture.html>

Clean Architecture: A Craftsman's Guide to Software Structure and Design

Clean Architecture Python (web) apps - Przemek Lewandowski

Software architecture chronicles - blog posts series

Boundaries - Gary Bernhardt

Exemplary project in PHP (blog post)

Exemplary project in PHP (repo)

Exemplary project in C# (repo)

Exemplary project in Python (repo)

Czysta Architektura: Jak stworzyć testowalny i elastyczny kod (justjoin.it)

«shameless plug»

I'm writing a book!

cleanarchitecture.io

«/shameless plug»

That's all, folks!

Questions?



cleanarchitecture.io/talk