

# Domain-Driven Design

The CPSA® Advanced Level Module DDD – iSAQB® Training Course

For Volkswagen Group - India

22-Dec-2025 to 09-Jan-2026 (6 Days, 4 Hours/Day)

Domain  
Controller

Strategic Design

Domain Modeling

Automotive Focus



Body & Comfort

ADAS → Autonomy

# What is Domain-Driven Design?

## 💡 Strategic Approach

Design software as a **precise, transparent, and transformable** representation of a business domain

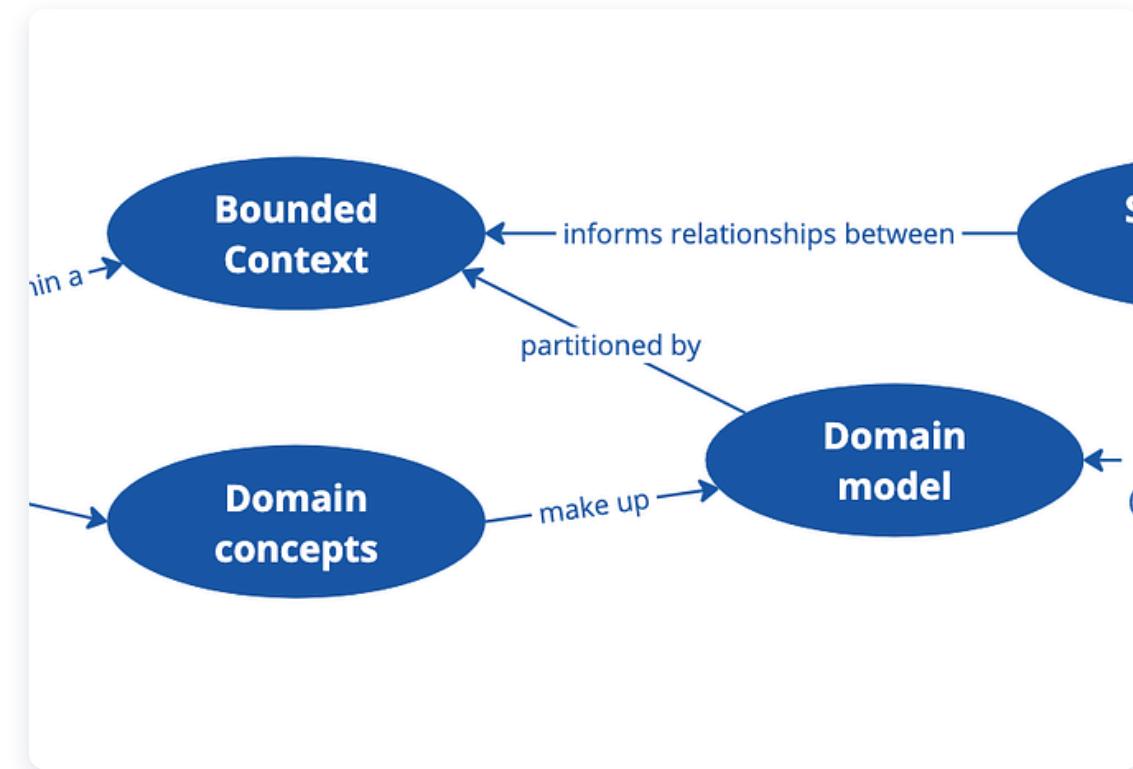
## 💡 Shared Understanding

Creates **common language** between domain experts and developers

## 🚗 Why for Automotive?

Modern vehicles contain **100+ million lines of code** across multiple domains (infotainment, safety, powertrain)

*"Domain-Driven Design tackles complexity at the heart of software, focusing on the core domain and its logic."*



# iSAQB Certification Pathway

## Foundation Level

**Completed ✓**

Fundamental knowledge of software architecture principles, methods, and techniques

 Architecture Fundamentals

## ✓ Quality Attributes

## ✓ Design Patterns



## Advanced Level

## Current Focus

Specialized modules for in-depth knowledge in specific areas of software architecture

● DDD (Current)

Cloud Architecture

## Security

Embedded Systems

Technical Competence	Methodical Competence	Communicative Competence	Total Credits
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# Training Journey Overview

## 6-Day Progressive Learning Path

⌚ 24 hours of instruction (4 hours/day)

**1**

22-Dec-2025

### ↳ Foundations

Domain, Model & Ubiquitous Language

Entities

Value Objects

Aggregates

**2**

05-Jan-2026

### 💡 Knowledge

Knowledge Crunching & Collaborative Modeling

EventStorming

Interviews

Observation

**3**

06-Jan-2026

### ↔ Implementation

From Model to Technical Implementation

SOLID

Factories

Repositories

**4**

07-Jan-2026

### 📐 Architecture

Model in Application Architecture

Hexagonal

CQRS

BDD

**5**

08-Jan-2026

Cutting and Distinguishing Models

Bounded Contexts

Subdomains

Core

**6**

09-Jan-2026

### ✳️ Strategic 2

Context Mapping & Integration

Customer/Supplier

ACL

Domain Events



Foundations



Knowledge



Implementation



Architecture



Strategic

# DDD Building Blocks

Core components that form the foundation of [Domain-Driven Design](#)



## Entity

Objects with distinct identity that track state over time

[Example:](#) Vehicle, Customer, Order



## Value Object

Immutable objects defined by attributes, not identity

[Example:](#) VIN, Speed, Temperature



## Aggregate

Cluster of related objects treated as a single unit

[Example:](#) Vehicle with Components



## Service

Stateless operations that don't naturally fit entities

[Example:](#) PaymentProcessor, DiagnosticService



## Repository

Mediates between domain and data mapping layers

[Example:](#) VehicleRepository, CustomerRepository



## Factory

Encapsulates complex object creation logic

[Example:](#) VehicleFactory, OrderFactory

## Key Relationships

→ Aggregates contain Entities and Value Objects

→ Repositories manage Aggregates

→ Factories create complex Entities

# Day 1: Foundations - Domain, Model & Ubiquitous Language

22-Dec-2025

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## Foundations: Domain, Model & Ubiquitous Language



### Learning Goals

**LG 1-1**

Explain connections between **domains, software, and models**

**LG 1-2**

Understand role of **ubiquitous language** in domain modeling

**LG 1-3**

Explain DDD building blocks (Entities, Value Objects, Aggregates)

**LG 1-4**

Explain connections between building blocks



### Concepts & Activities

**Domain & Domain Model**

Software as representation of expert knowledge

**Ubiquitous Language**

Common terminology for experts and developers

**Activities**

- Define automotive domain boundaries
- Create ubiquitous language for vehicle systems
- Model domain concepts using class diagrams



### Skills & Automotive Application

**Skills Being Built**

DDD Foundations

Domain Modeling

Communication

Technical Translation



### Automotive Applications

**Powertrain Domain**

Common terminology for engine components

**Infotainment System**

Shared language for media interfaces

**Safety Systems**

Consistent terms for safety features

# Day 2: Knowledge Crunching - The Path to the Model

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05-Jan-2026

## Knowledge Crunching: The Path to the Model



### Learning Goals

#### ✓ LG 2-1 to 2-3

Empower **domain experts**, select suitable contacts, communicate effectively

#### ✓ LG 2-4 to 2-6

Use **modeling techniques**, conduct interviews, apply observation

#### ✓ LG 2-7 to 2-9

Overview of **Collaborative Modeling**, conduct workshops

#### ✓ LG 2-10

Understand **agility** as foundation of DDD



### Concepts & Activities

#### ➡ Domain Expert Empowerment

Leveraging expert knowledge effectively

#### ➡ Collaborative Modeling

EventStorming, Domain Storytelling, User Story Mapping

#### 📋 Activities

- Workshop-style collaborative modeling
- Role-playing interviews with experts
- Analyzing automotive domain through observation



### Skills & Automotive Application



#### Skills Being Built

Communication

Collaboration

Domain Analysis

Workshop Facilitation



#### Automotive Collaborative Modeling

##### EventStorming

Map vehicle manufacturing events

##### Domain Storytelling

Visualize customer ordering process

##### Expert Interviews

Extract powertrain domain knowledge

# Day 3: From Model to Implementation

06-Jan-2026

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## From Model to Implementation



### Learning Goals

✓ **LG 3-1**

Extend domain model with **technical building blocks**

✓ **LG 3-2**

Model **interfaces** for domain classes

✓ **LG 3-3**

Account for **interactions** between implementation and model

✓ **LG 3-4**

Argue why DDD is worthwhile for **complex business logic**



### Concepts & Activities

➡ **SOLID Principles**

Single Responsibility, Open/Closed, Liskov Substitution

➡ **Technical Building Blocks**

Repositories, Factories, Aggregates

📝 **Activities**

- Refactor domain model into technical components
- Design interfaces and technical layers
- Debate benefits of DDD for complex logic



### Skills & Automotive Application

💡 **Skills Being Built**

**Technical Implementation**

**Design Principles**

**Refactoring**

**DDD Justification**



### Automotive Implementation

**Vehicle Aggregate**

Implement with components and invariants

**Repository Pattern**

Vehicle and component data management

**Factory Pattern**

Complex vehicle configuration creation

# Day 4: The Model in Application Architecture

07-Jan-2026

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## The Model in Application Architecture



### Learning Goals

✓ **LG 4-1**

Design a **ports & adapter architecture** for domain model

✓ **LG 4-2**

Formulate correlations between **DDD and BDD**

↗ **Key Takeaway**

Integrate domain model into larger system architecture



### Concepts & Activities

➡ **Hexagonal Architecture**

Ports & Adapters pattern for isolation

➡ **CQRS**

Command-Query Responsibility Segregation

☰ **Activities**

- Design hexagonal architecture for domain model
- Compare DDD and BDD approaches
- Map domain model to architectural layers



### Skills & Automotive Application

💡 **Skills Being Built**

Architectural Design

System Integration

Pattern Application

DDD vs BDD



### Automotive Architecture

**Telematics System**

Hexagonal architecture for data isolation

**Infotainment**

CQRS for media playback vs. settings

**BDD Integration**

Behavior specs for safety features

# Day 5: Strategic Design 1 - Cutting and Distinguishing Models

08-Jan-2026

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## Strategic Design 1: Cutting and Distinguishing Models



### Learning Goals

✓ **LG 5-1 to 5-2**

Identify **symptoms** of large models, assess **cross-team models**

✓ **LG 5-3**

Move from **problem to solution space**

✓ **LG 5-4 to 5-5**

Distill **core**, describe **Bounded Contexts** in Context Map



### Concepts & Activities

➡ **Problem vs Solution Space**

Distinguishing domain problems from technical solutions

➡ **Subdomain Classification**

Core, Supporting, Generic subdomains

📝 **Activities**

- Analyze large system and identify problems
- Define Bounded Contexts and relationships
- Create Context Map for complex system



### Skills & Automotive Application

💡 **Skills Being Built**

Strategic Thinking

System Decomposition

Context Mapping

Architectural Vision



### Automotive Strategic Design

**Vehicle Platform**

Bounded contexts for powertrain, infotainment

**Core Domain**

Identify differentiating features for VW

**Context Map**

Visualize relationships between vehicle systems

# Day 6: Strategic Design 2 - Context Mapping

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09-Jan-2026

## Strategic Design 2: Context Mapping



### Learning Goals

#### LG 6-1 to 6-2

Use interfaces for **customer/supplier teams**, design **Open Host Service**

#### LG 6-3 to 6-4

Isolate model with **Anticorruption Layer**, reuse elements in **Shared Kernel**

#### LG 6-5 to 6-6

Understand **Separate Ways**, use **Domain Events** for communication



### Concepts & Activities

#### Customer/Supplier

Relationships between upstream and downstream contexts

#### Integration Patterns

OHS, ACL, Shared Kernel, Separate Ways

#### Activities

- Design inter-context communication strategies
- Map system integrations using context patterns
- Design Anticorruption Layer for external systems



### Skills & Automotive Application

#### Skills Being Built

Inter-context Design

Integration Strategies

Communication Patterns

System Boundaries



#### Automotive Integration Patterns

##### Powertrain → Vehicle

Customer/Supplier relationship

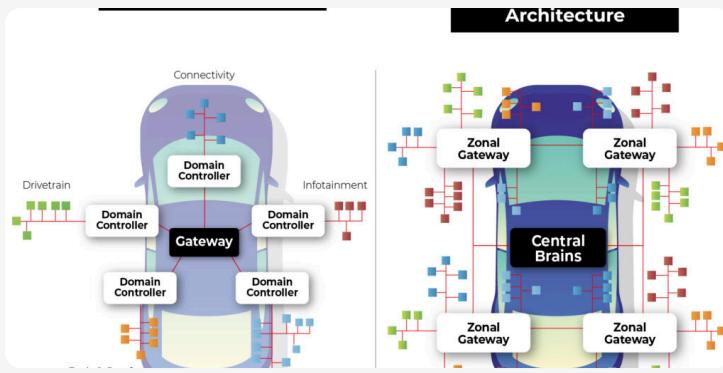
##### Diagnostics System

Open Host Service for multiple clients

##### Manufacturing Events

Domain Events across systems

# Connecting DDD to Automotive Domain



#### ↗ Growing Complexity

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#### ⬆ Multiple Domains

Infotainment, powertrain, safety, connectivity, autonomous driving

#### 👥 Cross-team Collaboration

Different teams work on different vehicle subsystems



#### █ Bounded Contexts

Separate contexts for **infotainment, powertrain, safety, connectivity**

#### ↔ Context Mapping

Customer/Supplier relationships between safety and powertrain

#### 📅 Domain Events

Event-driven communication between vehicle subsystems

#### 🌐 Ubiquitous Language

Common terminology for engineers, developers, and domain experts



#### ▷ Project Integration

Apply DDD to your specific Volkswagen projects

#### 💡 Key Applications

Infotainment Systems

EV Battery Management

Autonomous Driving

Connected Services

Fleet Management

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#### ⚙ Benefits

Reduced complexity, better maintainability, improved collaboration between teams

# End Outcomes & Next Steps

Skills Acquired	Value for Volkswagen Projects	Next Steps
<b>Strategic Design</b> Decompose complex systems into manageable contexts	<b>Automotive Software Excellence</b> Design complex vehicle systems with clear boundaries	<b>Apply Knowledge</b> Implement DDD concepts in your current Volkswagen projects
<b>Tactical Implementation</b> Translate domain models into technical solutions	<b>Faster Development</b> Reduce integration complexity between vehicle subsystems	<b>Share Learnings</b> Mentor colleagues and establish DDD practices in teams
<b>Collaboration</b> Bridge communication between domain experts and developers	<b>Better Decision Making</b> Strategic approach to system architecture decisions	<b>Continue Learning</b> Explore advanced DDD patterns and automotive case studies
 Domain Modeling  Context Mapping   Event-Driven Design   Hexagonal Architecture		 <b>Pursue CPSA-A Certification Exam</b>

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ECU CPU  
Utilization

ECU Memory  
Load

Network  
Load



# Course Overview: Domain-Driven Design

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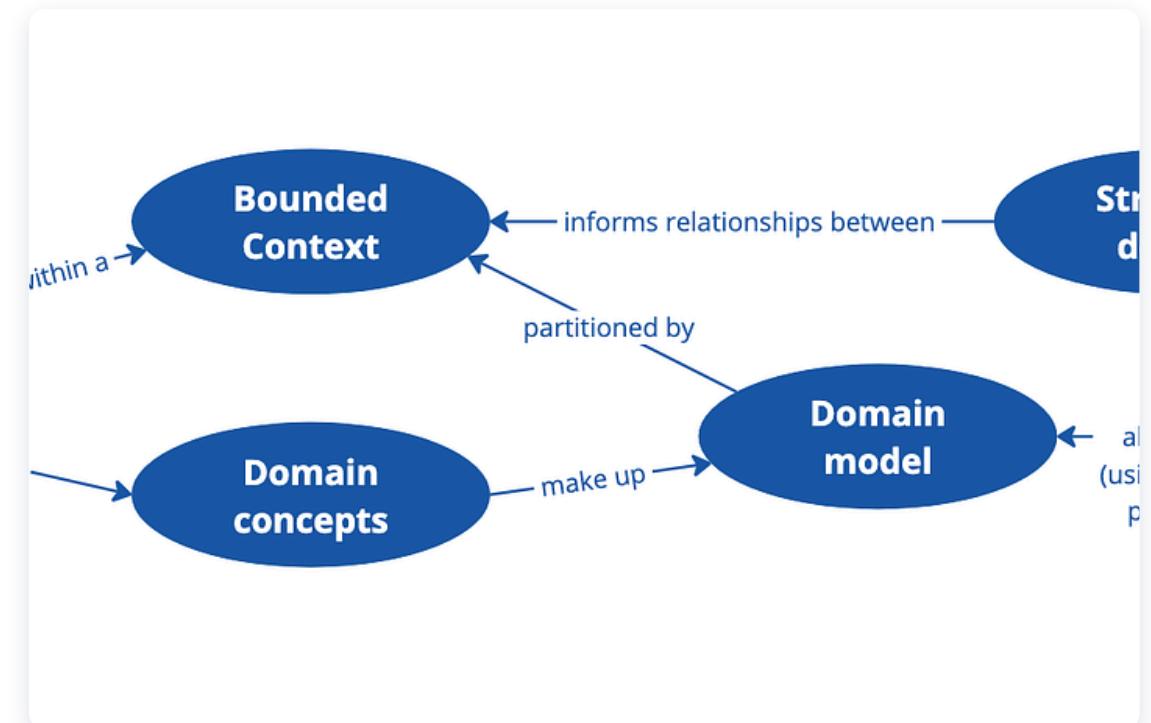
A strategic approach to software design that focuses on **complex business domains** and creates a shared understanding between technical teams and domain experts.

## Why for Automotive?

Modern vehicles contain **100+ million lines of code** across multiple domains (infotainment, safety, powertrain), requiring precise modeling of complex interactions.

## Value for Architecture

Creates **precise, transparent, and transformable** representations of domains, enabling better communication, reduced complexity, and more maintainable systems.



# iSAQB Certification Pathway

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 Architecture Fundamentals

## ✓ Quality Attributes

## ✓ Design Patterns

## Advanced Level

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★ DDD (Current)

Cloud Architecture

## Security

● Embedded Systems

And more...

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# Training Schedule and Flow

## 6-Day Training Journey

4 hours per day • Building from foundations to strategic design



This training provides **24 hours** of instruction, exceeding the recommended **17 hours** for deeper dives, more exercises, and comprehensive coverage.

22-Dec-2025

### Day 1

#### Foundations

Domain, Model & Ubiquitous Language

05-Jan-2026

### Day 2

#### Knowledge Crunching

Collaborative modeling with domain experts

06-Jan-2026

### Day 3

#### Implementation

From model to technical implementation

07-Jan-2026

### Day 4

#### Architecture

Model in application architecture

08-Jan-2026

### Day 5

#### Strategic Design 1

Cutting and distinguishing models

09-Jan-2026

### Day 6

#### Strategic Design 2

Context Mapping



Foundations



Knowledge



Implementation



Architecture



Strategic

# Day 1: Foundations - Domain, Model & Ubiquitous Language

22-Dec-2025

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## Foundations: Domain, Model & Ubiquitous Language



### Learning Goals

✓ **LG 1-1**

Explain connections between **domains, software, and models**

✓ **LG 1-2**

Understand role of domain-specific terminology in building **ubiquitous language**

✓ **LG 1-3**

Explain building blocks of DDD (Entities, Value Objects, Aggregates, etc.)

✓ **LG 1-4**

Explain connections between building blocks



### Concepts Covered

▶ **Domain & Domain Model**

Software as representation of expert knowledge

▶ **Ubiquitous Language**

Common terminology for experts and developers

▶ **Building Blocks**

Entities, Value Objects, Aggregates, Services

▶ **Technical Components**

Factories, Repositories, Domain Events



### Activities & Skills

☰ **Activities**

- Define a simple domain and its boundaries
- Create a ubiquitous language for a given domain
- Model basic domain concepts using class diagrams

↗ **Skills Being Built**

**DDD Foundations**

**Domain Modeling**

**Communication**

**Technical Translation**

# Day 2: Knowledge Crunching - The Path to the Model

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## Knowledge Crunching: The Path to the Model



### Learning Goals

✓ **LG 2-1 to 2-3**

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✓ **LG 2-7 to 2-9**

Overview of **Collaborative Modeling**, select approaches, conduct workshops

✓ **LG 2-10**

Understand **agility** as foundation of DDD



### Concepts Covered

▶ **Agile & Evolutionary Modeling**

Iterative refinement of domain models

▶ **Domain Expert Empowerment**

Leveraging expert knowledge effectively

▶ **Collaborative Modeling Methods**

EventStorming, Domain Storytelling, User Story Mapping

▶ **Knowledge Elicitation**

Interviewing, observation, field observation, apprenticing



### Activities & Skills

☰ **Activities**

- Workshop-style collaborative modeling sessions
- Role-playing interviews with domain experts
- Analyzing a domain through observation

↗ **Skills Being Built**

Communication

Collaboration

Domain Analysis

Workshop Facilitation

# Day 3: From Model to Implementation

06-Jan-2026

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## From Model to Implementation



### Learning Goals

✓ **LG 3-1**

Extend domain model with **technical building blocks** (Repositories, Factories)

✓ **LG 3-2**

Model **interfaces** for domain classes

✓ **LG 3-3**

Account for **interactions** between implementation and model

✓ **LG 3-4**

Argue why DDD is worthwhile for **complex business logic**



### Concepts Covered

▶ **Cohesion & Coupling**

Principles for maintainable software design

▶ **SOLID Principles**

Single Responsibility, Open/Closed, Liskov Substitution

▶ **Dependency Management**

Avoiding cyclical dependencies, Law of Demeter

▶ **Technical Building Blocks**

Repositories, Factories, Aggregates



### Activities & Skills

☰ **Activities**

- Refactoring domain model into technical components
- Designing interfaces and technical layers
- Debating benefits of DDD for complex logic

↗ **Skills Being Built**

**Technical Implementation**

**Design Principles**

**Refactoring**

**DDD Justification**

# Day 4: The Model in Application Architecture

07-Jan-2026

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## The Model in Application Architecture



### Learning Goals

**LG 4-1**

Design a **ports & adapter architecture** for the domain model

**LG 4-2**

Formulate correlations and distinctions between **DDD and BDD**

**Key Takeaway**

Integrate domain model into larger system architecture effectively



### Concepts Covered

**Hexagonal Architecture**

Ports & Adapters pattern for isolation

**CQRS**

Command-Query Responsibility Segregation

**Layered Architecture**

Traditional architectural approach

**Dependency Injection**

Inversion of Control for loose coupling



### Activities & Skills

**Activities**

- Design hexagonal architecture for domain model
- Compare and contrast DDD and BDD approaches
- Map domain model to architectural layers

**Skills Being Built**

Architectural Design

System Integration

Pattern Application

DDD vs BDD

# Day 5: Strategic Design 1 - Cutting and Distinguishing Models

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## Strategic Design 1: Cutting and Distinguishing Models



### Learning Goals

✓ **LG 5-1 to 5-2**

Identify **symptoms** of large models, assess **cross-team models**

✓ **LG 5-3**

Move from **problem to solution space**

✓ **LG 5-4**

Distill the **core** of a system

✓ **LG 5-5**

Describe **Bounded Contexts** in a Context Map



### Concepts Covered

➡ **Problem Space vs Solution Space**

Distinguishing domain problems from technical solutions

➡ **Subdomain Classification**

Core, Supporting, Generic subdomains

➡ **Bounded Context**

Explicit boundaries for domain models

➡ **Context Map**

Visualizing relationships between contexts



### Activities & Skills

☰ **Activities**

- Analyze large system and identify problems
- Define Bounded Contexts and relationships
- Create Context Map for complex system

↗ **Skills Being Built**

Strategic Thinking

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Context Mapping

Architectural Vision

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## Strategic Design 2: Context Mapping



### Learning Goals

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✓ **LG 6-3 to 6-4**

Isolate model with **Anticorruption Layer**, reuse elements in **Shared Kernel**

✓ **LG 6-5**

Understand when to divide models with **Separate Ways**

✓ **LG 6-6**

Use **Domain Events** for communication between contexts



### Concepts Covered

▶ **Customer/Supplier**

Relationships between upstream and downstream contexts

▶ **Open Host Service (OHS)**

Public API for multiple client contexts

▶ **Anticorruption Layer**

Translation layer between contexts

▶ **Domain Events**

Asynchronous communication between contexts



### Activities & Skills

☰ **Activities**

- Design inter-context communication strategies
- Map system integrations using context patterns
- Design Anticorruption Layer for external systems

↗ **Skills Being Built**

Inter-context Design

Integration Strategies

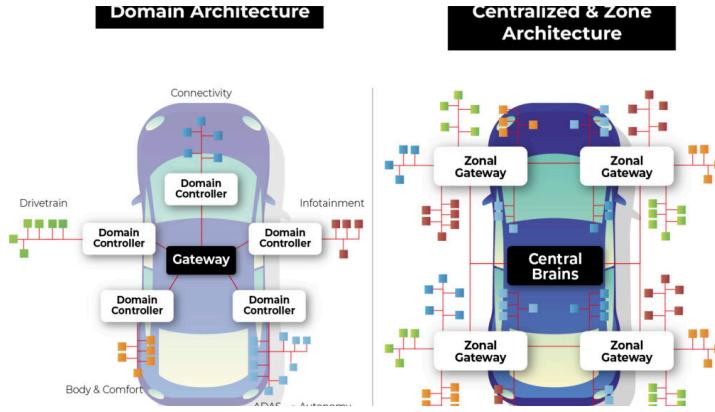
Communication Patterns

System Boundaries

# Connecting DDD to the Automotive Domain and Volkswagen Projects



## Automotive Software Complexity



### Growing Complexity

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### Cross-team Collaboration

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## DDD Applications in Automotive

### Bounded Contexts

Separate contexts for **infotainment, powertrain, safety, connectivity**

### Context Mapping

Customer/Supplier relationships between safety and powertrain

### Domain Events

Event-driven communication between vehicle subsystems

### Ubiquitous Language

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## Applying to Volkswagen Projects

### Project Integration

Apply DDD to your specific Volkswagen projects

### Key Applications

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