

# 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 Modeling



Automotive Focus



Strategic Design

# What is Domain-Driven Design?

## Strategic Approach

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

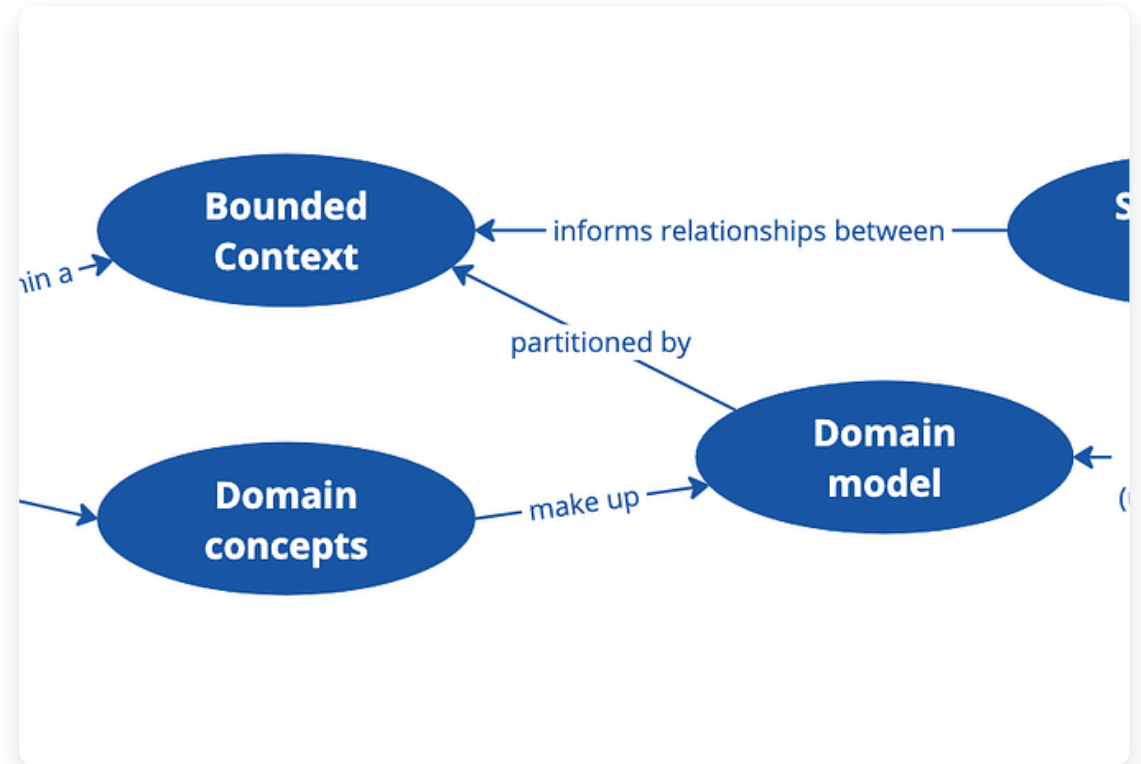
## Shared Understanding

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

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Methodical Competence

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Communicative Competence

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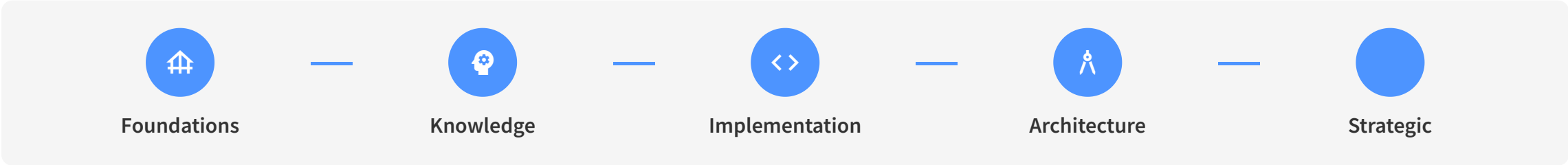
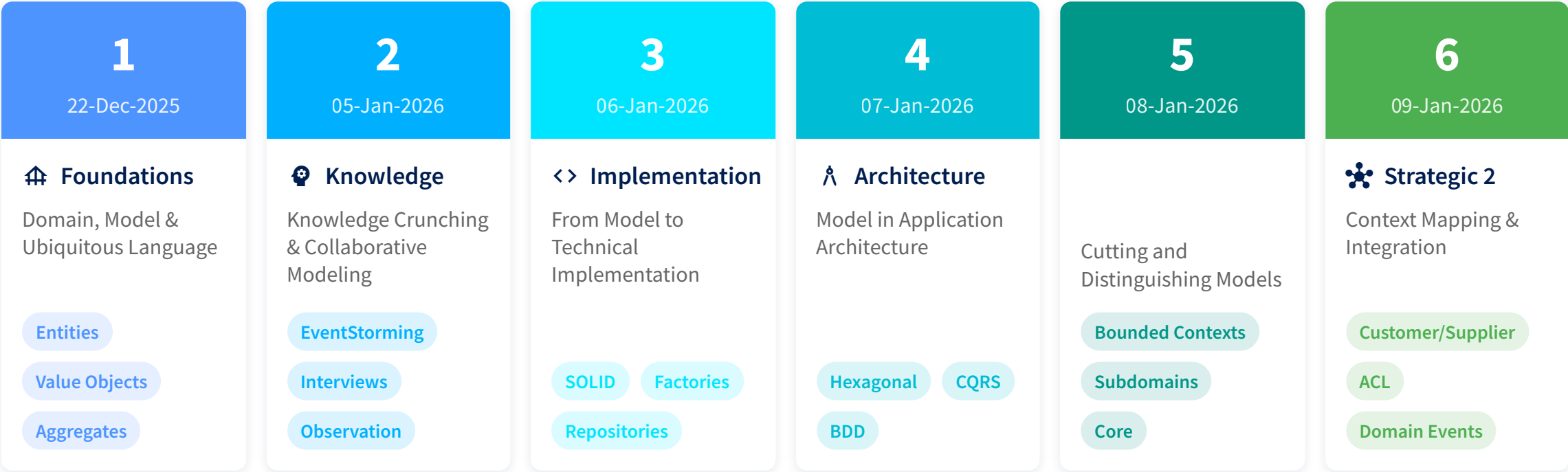
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# Training Journey Overview

## 6-Day Progressive Learning Path

🕒 24 hours of instruction (4 hours/day)



# 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

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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

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06-Jan-2026

## 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

## 4 07-Jan-2026 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

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08-Jan-2026

## 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

## 6 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

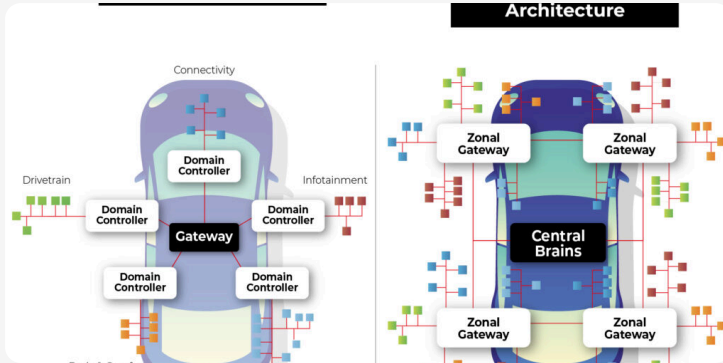
##### Diagnostics System

Open Host Service for multiple clients

##### Manufacturing Events

Domain Events across systems

# Connecting DDD to Automotive Domain



### ↗ Growing Complexity

Modern vehicles contain **100+ million lines of code** across multiple domains

### 🏠 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

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Fleet Management




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### ⚙️ Benefits

Reduced complexity, better maintainability, improved collaboration between teams

# End Outcomes & Next Steps

## Skills Acquired

-  **Strategic Design**  
Decompose complex systems into manageable contexts
-  **Tactical Implementation**  
Translate domain models into technical solutions
-  **Collaboration**  
Bridge communication between domain experts and developers





Domain Modeling

Context Mapping

Event-Driven Design


Hexagonal Architecture

## Value for Volkswagen Projects

-  **Automotive Software Excellence**  
Design complex vehicle systems with clear boundaries
-  **Faster Development**  
Reduce integration complexity between vehicle subsystems
-  **Better Decision Making**  
Strategic approach to system architecture decisions
-  **Cross-Team Collaboration**  
Effective communication between specialized teams

## Next Steps

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# Course Overview: Domain-Driven Design

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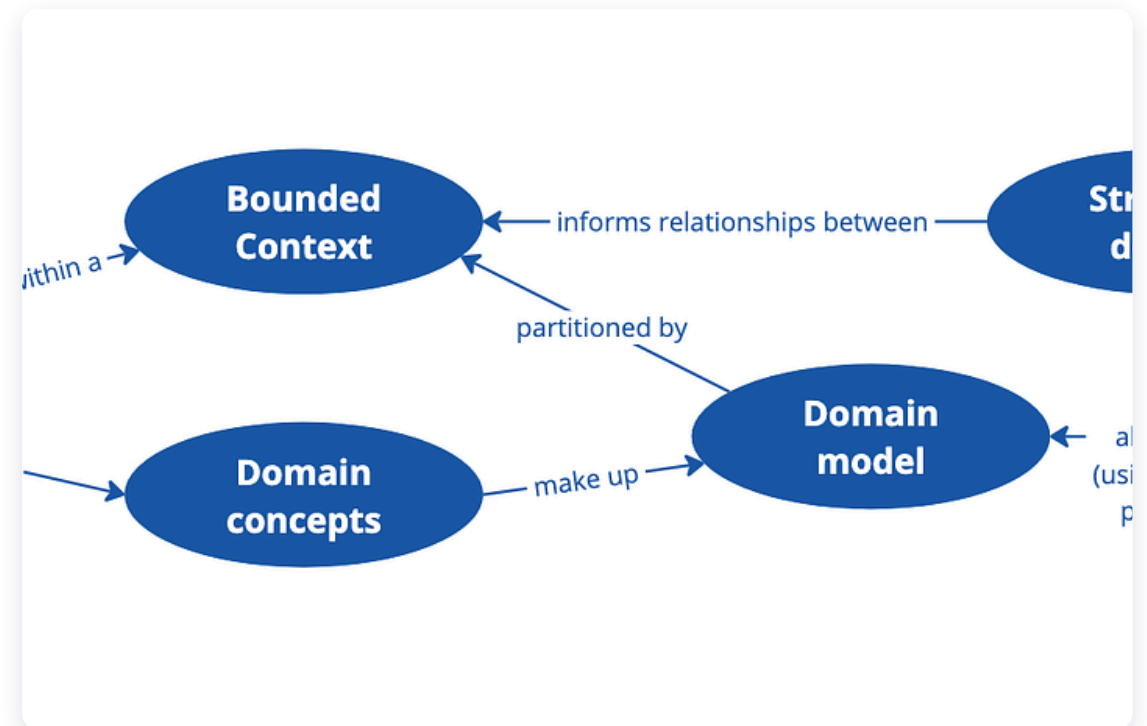
A strategic approach to software design that focuses on **complex business domains** and creates a shared understanding between technical teams and domain experts.

## 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.





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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

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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



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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

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06-Jan-2026

## 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
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- ✓ **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

## 4 07-Jan-2026 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

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### Learning Goals

- ✓ LG 5-1 to 5-2  
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- ✓ 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
  - System Decomposition
  - Context Mapping
  - Architectural Vision

# 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**  
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



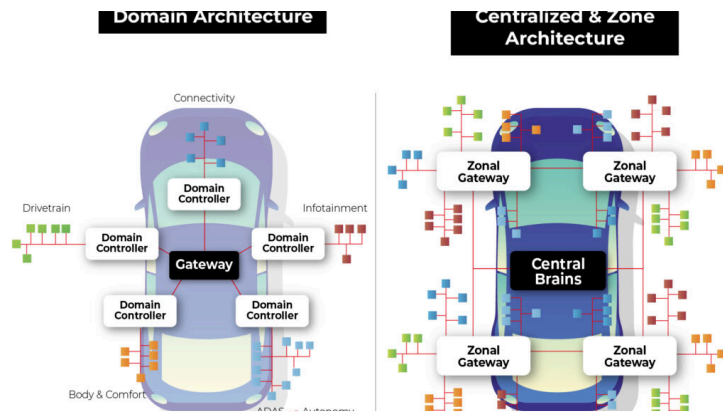
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- ↗️ **Skills Being Built**
  - Inter-context Design
  - Integration Strategies
  - Communication Patterns
  - System Boundaries



# Connecting DDD to the Automotive Domain and Volkswagen Projects

## Automotive Software Complexity



### Growing Complexity

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### Multiple Domains

Infotainment, powertrain, safety, connectivity, autonomous driving

### 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

Common terminology for engineers, developers, and domain experts

## Applying to Volkswagen Projects

### Project Integration

Apply DDD to your specific Volkswagen projects

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Bridge communication between domain experts and developers





Domain Modeling

Context Mapping

Event-Driven Design


Hexagonal Architecture

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