

Day 5: Strategic Design 1

Cutting and Distinguishing Models

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- ❖ Module: Strategic Design

Today's Focus

- **Problem Space**
Understanding business domains
- **Solution Space**
Designing bounded contexts
- **Cutting Models**
Strategic separation techniques
- **Distinguishing Models**
Context mapping strategies



Industry Case Studies

BMW, Toyota, Ford, Mercedes-Benz software architecture implementations

Implementation



Learning Goals

Strategic Design 1: Cutting and Distinguishing Models

1 Identify System Symptoms

Recognize signs of monolithic or distributed monolith systems

2 Evaluate Model Coherence

Assess cross-team model alignment and consistency

3 Apply Strategic Thinking

Use strategic methods to cut and separate domains

4 Design Problem/Solution Space

Create clear separation between problem and solution domains

5 Classify Subdomains

Distinguish between Core, Supporting, and Generic subdomains

6 Create Bounded Contexts

Design context boundaries with consistent ubiquitous language

7 Map Context Relationships

Visualize and define interactions between bounded contexts

By End of Day

- Analyze existing systems
- Apply cutting techniques
- Design bounded contexts
- Map relationships

Practical Skills

Hands-on exercises with real-world automotive industry examples

What is Cutting and Distinguishing Models?

❖ Strategic Design Phase

The first stage of DDD where we separate the business problem from the technical solution

▲ When to Apply

- Monolithic symptoms: slow deployments, tight coupling
- Distributed monolith: distributed but coupled
- Team scaling: communication overhead, bottlenecks
- Complex domain: business rule complexity

❖ Key Benefits



Maintainability

Isolated changes, reduced coupling



Team Autonomy

Independent teams, clear boundaries



Reduced Complexity

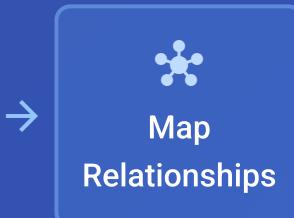
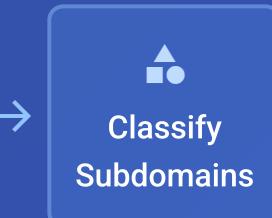
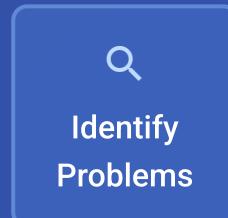
Focused subdomains, simpler code



Business Alignment

Model reflects domain expertise

Strategic Design Process Flow



Problem Space vs. Solution Space

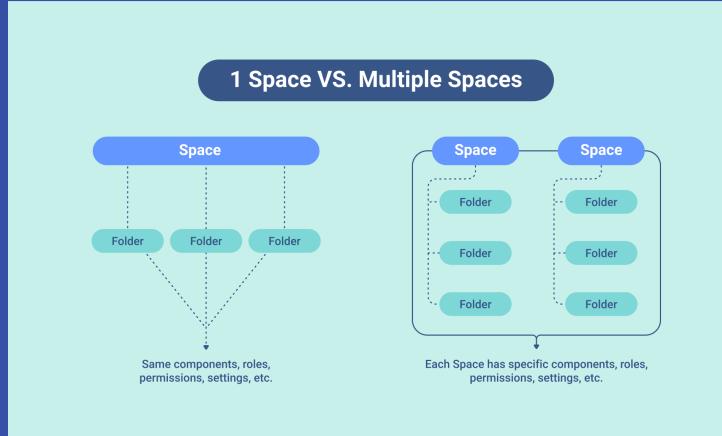
① Problem Space

- **What:** Business problem being solved
- **Focus:** User needs and requirements
- **Question:** WHY we build this
- **Key:** Domain knowledge and business rules
- **Example:** "Vehicle needs autonomous driving"

⚙️ Solution Space

- **What:** Technical implementation details
- **Focus:** Architecture and technology choices
- **Question:** HOW we build this
- **Key:** Code structure and components
- **Example:** "Implement sensor fusion with neural networks"

📍 Visual Comparison



🚗 Automotive Domain Example

Problem Space

Enable vehicle to navigate autonomously in urban environments

Solution Space

Design perception, planning, and control microservices using AI/ML

Understanding Domains and Subdomains

Domain

Area of knowledge or activity - broad scope of business operations

Subdomain

Specific, specialized area within a domain - narrower focus

Bounded Context

Boundary of a model with consistent ubiquitous language

Hierarchy Visualization

Vehicle Domain

Powertrain Subdomain

Battery Management
BC

Industry Examples

E-commerce

Inventory

Subdomain

Healthcare

Patient Care

Subdomain

Finance

Trading

Subdomain

Inventory

Stock Level BC

Patient Care

Treatment BC

Trading

Order Book BC

★ Core Subdomain

- Competitive advantage
- Invest heavily here
- Unique business value
- Key differentiator

Example: BMW's autonomous driving algorithm, Tesla's battery management system

⌚ Supporting Subdomain

- Supports core domain
- Can be outsourced
- Not differentiator
- Still important

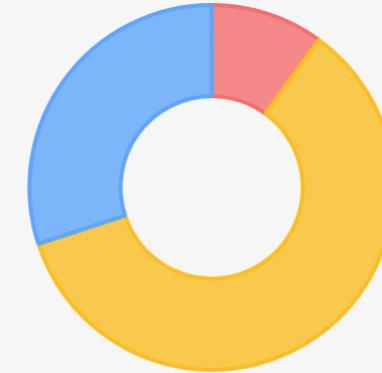
Example: Billing systems, customer support platforms, inventory management

⌚ Generic Subdomain

- Commodity solution
- Buy or build simply
- Standard requirements
- Minimal investment

Example: Authentication, logging, file storage, email services

典型分布



Core Supporting Generic

💡 Key Insight

- Focus 80% of investment on Core + Supporting
- Identify true Core domains to maximize ROI
- Minimize Generic domain effort with off-the-shelf

Bounded Contexts

Definition

Boundary within which a model is consistent and self-contained, with its own ubiquitous language

Purpose

Separate Concerns

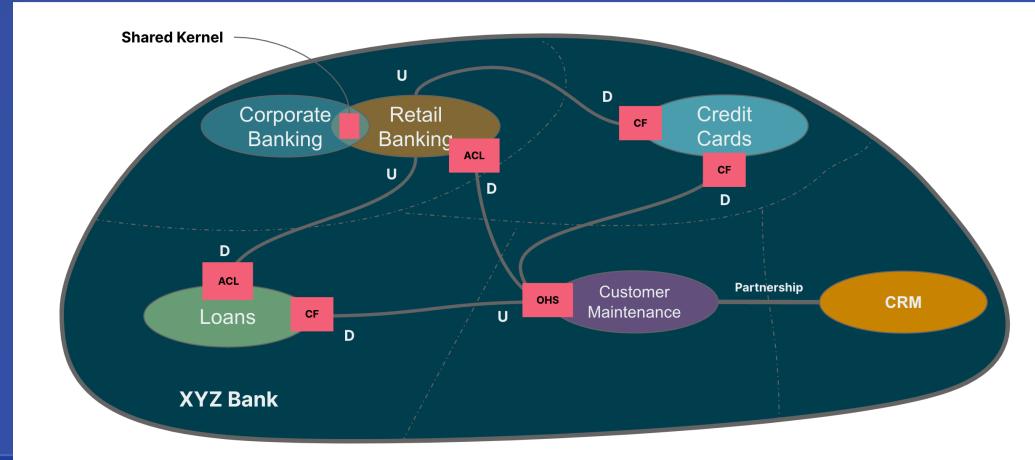
Team Autonomy

Integration Points

Identification

- Ubiquitous language consistency
- Business process boundaries
- Team responsibilities
- Data ownership

Banking System Example



Automotive Domain Examples

Vehicle Control

Engine control, brake system, transmission management

Infotainment

Navigation, multimedia, user interface

Telematics

Remote diagnostics, OTA updates, fleet management

Security

Access control, data encryption, safety systems

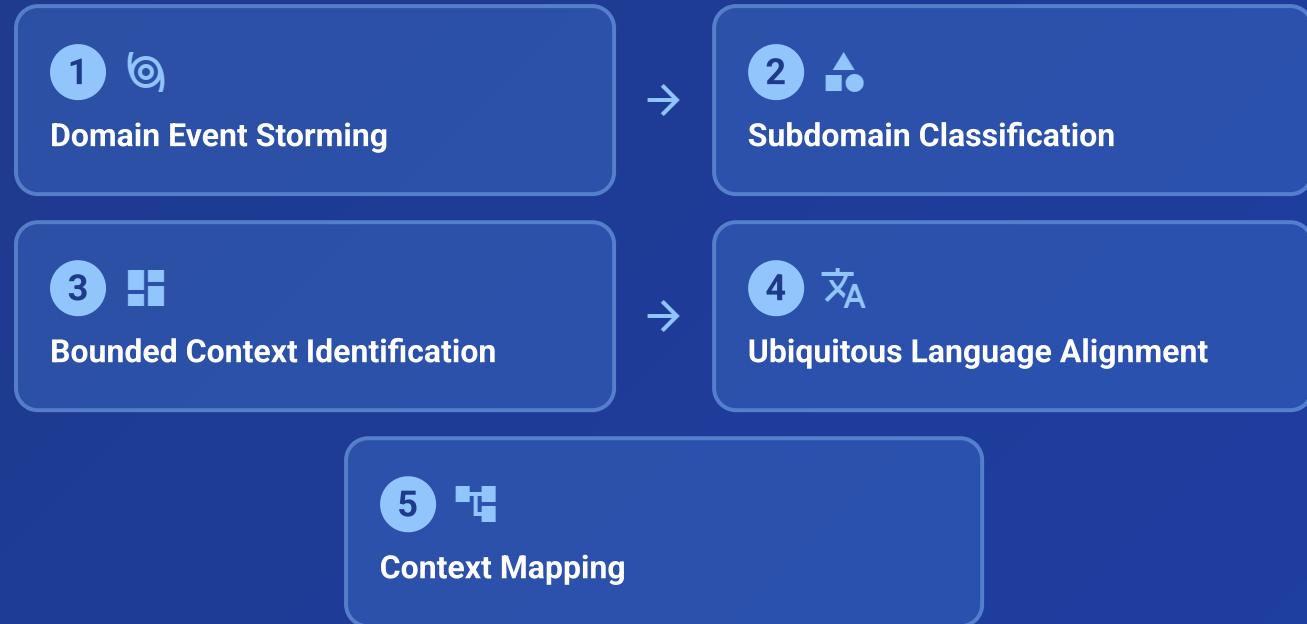
Powertrain

Battery management, motor control, energy distribution

Navigation

Route planning, traffic updates, location services

Cutting Models: Strategies and Techniques



Automotive Domain Example

Event Storm

VehicleStart, BatteryLow,
NavigationUpdate

Subdomain

Powertrain (Core),
Infotainment (Supporting)

Contexts

BatteryMgmt, EngineCtrl,
Multimedia

Do's

- Involve domain experts in storming
- Start with domain events, not UI
- Focus on business value proposition
- Align contexts with team boundaries
- Document ubiquitous language clearly

Don'ts

- Don't cut by technology boundaries
- Avoid monolithic thinking
- Don't ignore cross-cutting concerns
- Never skip the classification step
- Don't assume 1 subdomain = 1 BC

Distinguishing Models: How to Identify Boundaries

☒ Practical Identification Methods



1. Language Analysis

Different terms for same concept? Different meaning for same term?



2. Business Process Boundaries

Where do handoffs occur? Who triggers processes?



3. Data Ownership

Who owns the data? Who creates/updates/deletes?



4. Team Responsibilities

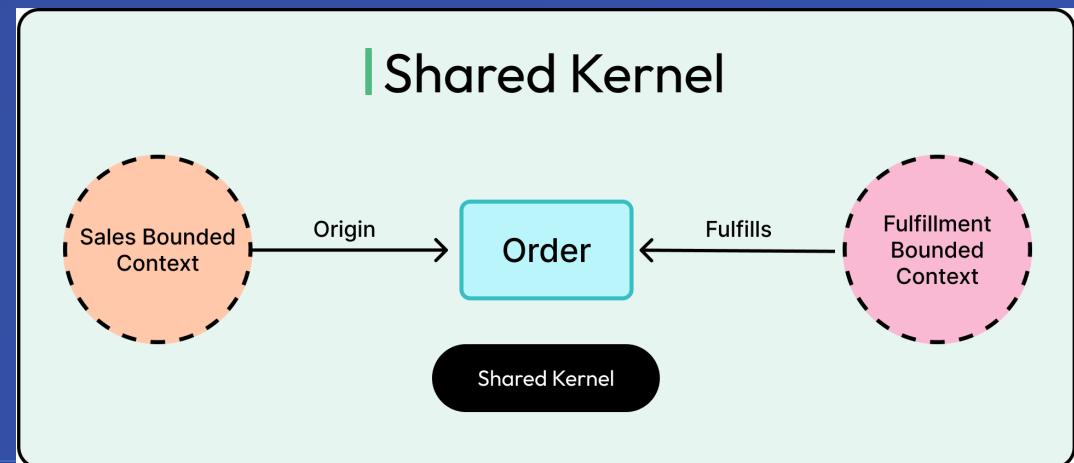
Different teams? Different priorities?



5. Technology Constraints

Different tech stack? Different constraints?

❖ Shared Kernel Example



☒ Boundary Decision Matrix

✓ Separate Context

Different language, data ownership, or team

⚠ Shared Kernel

Core shared model with limited coupling

→ Anticorruption

Translation layer between contexts

✗ Separate Models

Same term, different meaning = different BC

Checklist:

- ✓ Domain terms differ? ✓ Business processes separate? ✓ Data owner differs? ✓ Team boundaries exist? ✓ Tech constraints differ?

The Strategic Design Process

1

Explore & Analyze

- ⌚ Domain Event Storming
Identify key events
- 👤 Stakeholder Interviews
Gather domain knowledge
- ➡ Business Process Analysis
Map flows and handoffs

2

Classify & Cut

- ⬆ Subdomain Classification
Core/Supporting/Generic
- ⬇ Bounded Contexts
Find natural boundaries
- ⤓ Ubiquitous Language
Define per context

3

Map & Integrate

- ⭐ Context Mapping
Visualize relationships
- 🔗 Relationship Definition
Patterns and integration
- ↔ Integration Patterns
API/Event/Messaging

4

Validate & Refine

- 👥 Team Alignment
Ensure buy-in
- ⚙️ Technical Validation
Test boundaries
- ⟳ Iterative Refinement
Continuous improvement

⌚ Timeline

- Phase 1: 1-2 weeks
- Phase 2: 1-2 weeks
- Phase 3: 1-2 weeks
- Phase 4: 1-2 weeks

➲ Key Deliverables

- ✓ Domain Event Catalog
- ✓ Subdomain Classification
- ✓ Bounded Context Map
- ✓ Ubiquitous Language Glossary

ℹ Success Criteria

- Clear context boundaries
- Team ownership defined
- Integration points clear
- Stakeholder alignment

↗ Shared Kernel

Common model, limited coupling between contexts

Example:

Shared Customer Data

🔄 Conformist

Downstream adapts to upstream model

Example:

Legacy System Integration

🌐 Open Host Service

Published API for external consumption

Example:

VW Open API Platform

👉 Separate Ways

Independent systems with minimal coupling

Customer-Supplier

Downstream context depends on upstream

Example:

Order Service → Inventory

🛡 Anti-Corruption Layer

Protects core from external systems

Example:

SAP Integration Gateway

🤝 Partnership

Collaborative relationship between teams

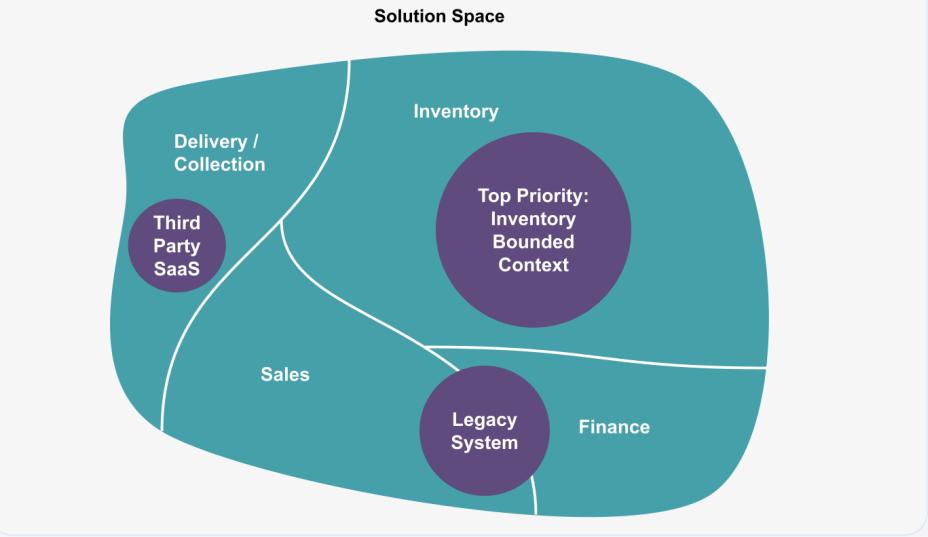
Example:

Joint Development Projects

Example:

Mobile App → Web Platform

Context Map Visualization



💡 Key Selection Criteria

- Assess relationship direction and dependency
- Evaluate coupling levels and impact
- Consider team structure and autonomy
- Plan for evolution and change

Pro Tip:

Start simple, evolve patterns as contexts mature and relationships clarify

EventStorming as a Strategic Design Tool

What is EventStorming?

Collaborative workshop format for exploring complex business domains using sticky notes on a wall. Teams discover events, commands, aggregates, and policies through real-time discussion and visualization.

When to Use

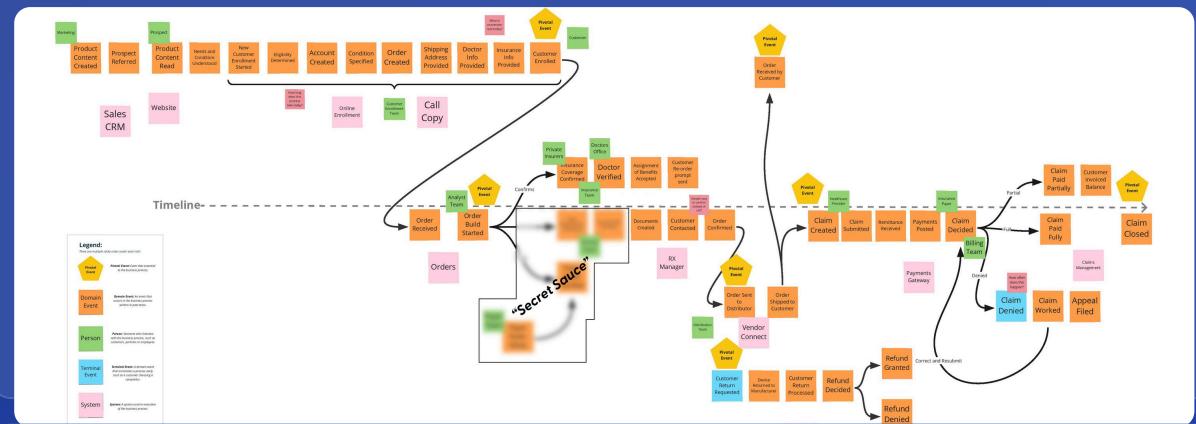
- 🧭 Domain exploration
 - 📋 Requirements gathering
 - 🧠 Problem space analysis
 - 👥 Team alignment

Key Elements

- The diagram illustrates the five core components of CQRS:

 - Domain Events (Orange square)
 - Commands (Blue square)
 - Policies (Purple square)
 - Aggregates (Yellow square)
 - Read Models (Green square)

EventStorming Example



↗ 5-Step Process

- 1 Setup**
Prepare space, gather stakeholders, define scope
 - 2 Event Mapping**
Identify domain events chronologically
 - 3 Command Identification**
Discover commands that trigger events
 - 4 Aggregate Definition**
Group events into aggregates
 - 5 Policy Discovery**
Identify policies governing state changes

Automotive Industry Overview: Software Architecture Trends

Software-Defined Vehicles (SDVs)

Key Challenges

100+ million LOC, OTA updates, cybersecurity, autonomous systems

Innovation Impact

60% of car innovation is software-driven

Major Trends

Centralized Architecture

Microservices

Cloud-Native

DevOps/CI/CD

API-First Design

Impact Metrics

60%

Software Innovation

40%

Code Reduction

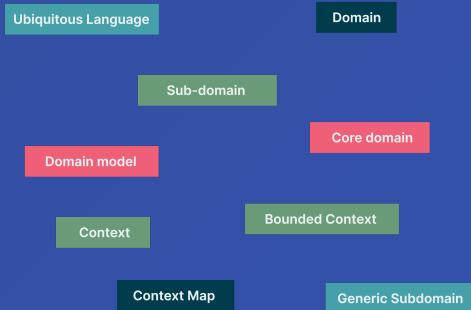
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Faster Time-to-Market

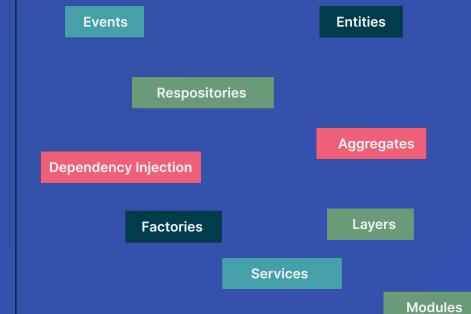
Strategic Design Patterns

Domain Driven Designs

Strategic design



Tactical patterns



Industry Insights

- OEMs investing \$50B+ annually in software development
- Autonomous driving systems require 500+ sensors and multiple AI models
- VW Group targeting 40% cost reduction with microservices architecture
- Tesla leads with 1000+ software updates per vehicle annually

Competitive Advantage:

Proper DDD implementation can reduce software development time by 30-40%

BMW Case Study: Software Architecture and DDD Implementation

Background & Challenges

■ Journey
Digital transformation since 2018

■ Coordination
Distributed team alignment

! Monolith
Legacy monolithic architecture

⌚ OTA Updates
Continuous deployment needs

DDD Solution

- 1 Domain-driven design adoption across all teams
- 2 Bounded Contexts: Vehicle Control, Infotainment, Telematics
- 3 Microservices: 100+ services with event-driven communication
- 4 Ubiquitous language defined per bounded context

Key Learnings

- ✓ Invest heavily in ubiquitous language development
- ✓ Continuous refinement of bounded context boundaries
- ✓ Enable team autonomy with clear context ownership

Results & Impact

40%

Faster Development Cycles

60%

Fewer Deployment Failures

100+

Microservices Deployed

⌚ Reduced time-to-market

✓ Higher code quality

🌐 Improved team collaboration

🛡 Better security posture

AWS Partnership

- Virtual ECUs for development and testing
- Automated OTA update pipelines
- Scalable microservices infrastructure
- Event-driven communication on AWS EventBridge

Reference: [AWS BMW Case Study](#)

Technical Highlights

■ 3 Core Bounded Contexts

⌚ Kafka Event Streaming

❖ REST + GraphQL APIs

⌚ CI/CD with GitLab

Toyota Case Study: Software-Defined Vehicle Architecture

Background & Challenges

Scale
80M+ vehicles globally

Legacy
Traditional ECU architecture

Regulations
Multi-regional compliance

Modernization
Connected car initiatives

DDD Solution

- 1 Strategic partitioning: Powertrain, Infotainment, Safety
- 2 Bounded context per vehicle function module
- 3 AUTOSAR compliance integrated with DDD principles
- 4 Service-oriented architecture with message-driven communication

Key Insights

- ✓ Balance AUTOSAR compliance with DDD flexibility
- ✓ Invest in cross-functional teams with domain expertise
- ✓ Implement shared kernel for common automotive patterns

Results & Impact

50%

ECU Reduction

35%

Faster OTA Updates

80%

Software Reuse

Reduced hardware costs

Unified platform

Continuous deployment

Enhanced safety

Domain Partitioning

- Powertrain Domain: Engine control, transmission, battery management
- Infotainment Domain: Navigation, multimedia, connectivity
- Safety Domain: ADAS, collision avoidance, emergency systems

Research: [MIT Thesis on Legacy OEM Transformation](#)

Technical Stack

AUTOSAR Adaptive

Message Queues

SOA + REST APIs

CI/CD Pipeline

Ford Case Study: Connected Vehicle Platform

Background & Challenges

- Cloud Platform**
Vehicle-as-a-Service initiative
- Real-time Data**
High-speed processing needs

- Legacy Networks**
Dealer integration challenges
- Fleet Scale**
10M+ vehicles globally

DDD Solution

- 1 Bounded Contexts: Vehicle Management, Telematics, Dealer Operations
- 2 Event-driven microservices for real-time vehicle data
- 3 Cloud-native architecture on Microsoft Azure
- 4 API Gateway for external partner integrations

Key Practices

- ✓ Event-driven architecture for real-time processing
- ✓ API-first design for seamless partner integration
- ✓ Cloud-native approach for scalability and elasticity

Results & Impact

45%

Faster Issue Resolution

70%

Fleet Efficiency

10M+

Scalable Vehicles

Reduced downtime

Predictive maintenance

Partner ecosystem

Continuous deployment

Domain Architecture

- Vehicle Management: Fleet tracking, health monitoring, remote diagnostics
- Telematics: Data streaming, analytics, driver behavior insights
- Dealer Operations: Inventory, service scheduling, customer support

Research: [Connected Vehicle Architecture Comparison](#)

Technical Stack

Microsoft Azure

Azure Event Hubs

REST + GraphQL

Azure Functions

Mercedes-Benz Case Study: Software Architecture Transformation

Background & Challenges

- MB.OS Initiative
CASE strategy transformation
- Legacy Systems
Infotainment modernization
- ECU Complexity
60+ electronic control units
- ADAS Integration
Autonomous driving complexity

DDD Solution

- Bounded Contexts: Navigation, Entertainment, Safety, Connectivity
- Centralized architecture with 3 core domains
- Microservices: 150+ services with domain ownership
- Hybrid cloud strategy: Azure + on-prem

Key Successes

- Strong executive sponsorship from board level
- Gradual migration approach with phased rollout
- Focus on developer experience and productivity

Results & Impact

55%

Faster Feature Delivery

40%

Integration Cost Reduction

150+

Microservices

OTA update capability

Reduced technical debt

Improved customer experience

Enhanced innovation speed

Domain Architecture

- Navigation: Route planning, traffic data, GPS positioning
- Entertainment: Multimedia, streaming, in-car services
- Safety: ADAS, collision avoidance, emergency braking
- Connectivity: V2X, 5G, remote diagnostics

Research: [AI Integration Case Study](#).

Technical Stack

Azure + On-Prem

Azure Service Bus

REST + gRPC

Kubernetes

Tools and Platforms for DDD Strategic Design

EventStorming

- Miro
- Mural
- Stormy
- Domo.robo.to

Context Mapping

- ContextMapper
- Context Canvas
- Bounded Context Canvas

Domain Modeling

- DDD-Toolbox
- Qlerify
- Archi

Integration & API

- Swagger
- AsyncAPI
- OpenAPI

Open Source Tools

- ContextMapper:** DSL for strategic DDD and context mapping
- DDD-Toolbox:** Modern web app for DDD practitioners
- Bounded Context Canvas:** Collaborative tool for designing contexts

Tool Comparison Matrix

Tool	Free Tier	Collaborative	OS
Miro	✓	✓	✗
ContextMapper	✓	—	✓
DDD-Toolbox	✓	✓	✓
Qlerify	✓	✓	✗
Bounded Context Canvas	✓	✓	✓

Collaboration

- Slack
- Teams
- Discord

Documentation

- Notion
- Confluence
- GitBook

Context Mapper Tool - Detailed Guide

Overview

- DSL and tools for strategic DDD and context mapping
- Open-source project with active community support
- Supports Bounded Context, CML, and multiple exports

Key Features

- | | |
|--|---|
|  CML DSL Language |  Context Mapping |
|  BC Design |  ACL Generation |
|  PlantUML Export |  Mermaid Export |

Getting Started

- 1 Install CLI or use web app at contextmapper.org
- 2 Define Bounded Contexts using CML syntax
- 3 Specify relationships (Customer-Supplier, etc.)
- 4 Generate artifacts: diagrams, code, documentation

CML Example

```
BoundedContext VehicleControl {  
    type = CORE_DOMAIN  
}  
BoundedContext Infotainment {  
    type = SUPPORTING  
}  
CustomerSupplier(VehicleControl -> Infotainment)
```

Build Pipeline Integration

Maven Integration

Add context-maven-plugin to pom.xml

```
<plugin>  
    <groupId>org.contextmapper</groupId>  
    <artifactId>context-maven-plugin</artifactId>  
</plugin>
```

Gradle Integration

Apply context-gradle plugin

```
plugins {  
    id 'org.contextmapper' version 'latest'
```

Key Benefits

- | | |
|---|---|
|  Version Control Support |  Automated Documentation |
|  Multiple Export Formats |  IDE Integration |

Resources & References

-  contextmapper.org - Official Website
-  [Bounded Context Canvas](https://github.com/contextmapper/Bounded-Context-Canvas) - GitHub
-  [Free DDD Learning Resources](#)

Practical Exercise 1: Subdomain Classification

Workshop

Exercise Objective

Practice identifying and classifying subdomains using real-world scenario from automotive industry

Scenario

- Automotive e-commerce platform
- Vehicle sales and inventory management
- Customer journey: browsing, purchasing, delivery

Time Allocation

60

Minutes

Materials

- Miro board
- Classification template

Task List

- List all business capabilities
- Group into subdomains
- Classify as Core/Supporting/Generic
- Justify your classification

Sample Solution

- Vehicle Inventory - Core
- Order Management - Supporting
- Payment Processing - Generic
- User Management - Generic
- Vehicle Recommendations - Core
- Customer Support - Supporting

Discussion Questions

- Why is this core subdomain?
- Could this be a generic subdomain?
- What competitive advantage does it provide?

Practical Exercise 2: Bounded Context Mapping

Exercise Objective

Define bounded contexts and their relationships using connected vehicle platform scenario

Scenario (Ford Case Study)

- Connected vehicle platform
- Real-time vehicle data processing
- Dealer network integration
- Scalable to 10M+ vehicles

Task List

- Identify bounded contexts
- Define ubiquitous language
- Choose mapping patterns
- Draw context map

Duration

90

Minutes

Tools

- ContextMapper
- Miro
- BC Canvas

Sample Bounded Contexts

- Vehicle Management - Core
- Telematics - Supporting
- Dealer Operations - Supporting
- Payment Processing - Generic
- User Management - Generic

Context Mapping Patterns

- Vehicle Management → Telematics
Customer-Supplier Pattern
- Vehicle Management → Dealer Operations
Partnership Pattern
- All Contexts → Payment Processing
Customer-Supplier Pattern

Key Considerations

- Define ubiquitous language per context
- Choose appropriate pattern for each relationship
- Consider data ownership and team boundaries

Mini-Project: Automotive Domain Strategic Design

Project Overview

End-to-end DDD strategic design for an automotive e-commerce platform

Team & Effort

Team Size
4-6

Duration
2-3 wks

Deliverables

- Context map document
- CML files
- Presentation deck

Tools & Tech Stack

- ContextMapper
- Miro (EventStorming)
- Git (Version Control)

Project Phases

1 Domain Discovery

Days 1-2

- ✓ EventStorming workshop
- ✓ Stakeholder interviews
- ✓ Business process mapping



2 Subdomain Classification

Days 3-4

- ✓ Identify core/supporting/generic
- ✓ Create classification matrix
- ✓ Define investment priorities



3 Bounded Context Design

Days 5-6

- ✓ Define bounded contexts
- ✓ Ubiquitous language
- ✓ Context map creation



4 Integration Planning

Days 7-8

- ✓ Choose mapping patterns
- ✓ Define API contracts
- ✓ Plan implementation



Common Patterns and Anti-Patterns in Strategic Design

Common Patterns

1. Shared Kernel

Common model across contexts with limited coupling

⚠ Careful with scope - can become anti-pattern if too large

2. Anti-Corruption Layer

Protects core from external system influences

⚠ Adds complexity - use when integration risk is high

3. Open Host Service

Published APIs for external consumption

⚠ Requires robust version management and documentation

4. Conformist

Downstream adapts to upstream model

⚠ Reduces autonomy - use when upstream is stable and aligned

Common Anti-Patterns

1. Distributed Monolith

Distributed architecture but tightly coupled

⚠ No team autonomy, single point of failure, deployment issues

Solution: Strong bounded contexts, autonomous teams, clear ownership

2. Big Ball of Mud

No clear boundaries, everything depends on everything

⚠ Unmaintainable, fragile, slow development cycles

Solution: Identify contexts, establish clear boundaries, refactor gradually

3. Microservice Hell

Too many services creating orchestration complexity

⚠ Operational overhead, distributed transactions, debugging nightmares

Solution: Coarse-grained services, domain events, embrace eventual consistency

4. Generic Over-engineering

Investing heavily in commodity generic subdomains

⚠ Wasted resources, opportunity cost, slow innovation

Solution: Use off-the-shelf solutions, focus on core domains

Best Practices for Cutting and Distinguishing Models

Strategic Thinking

1 Problem Space First

Start with business challenges, not technology constraints

2 Domain Experts

Involve business stakeholders early and continuously

3 Business Value

Focus on competitive advantage, not technical elegance

4 Iterative Refinement

Embrace continuous evolution of boundaries

Priority: MUST-HAVE

Foundation for all DDD initiatives

Implementation

1 EventStorming Workshops

Use collaborative discovery for domain exploration

2 Ubiquitous Language

Document and maintain consistent terminology per context

3 Focused Cohesion

Keep bounded contexts cohesive and single-purpose

4 Plan Evolution

Design for inevitable changes and growth

Priority: SHOULD-HAVE

Critical for successful execution

Team Considerations

1 Team-Context Alignment

Align bounded contexts with team boundaries

2 Team Autonomy

Enable independent development and deployment

3 Knowledge Sharing

Share learnings and patterns across contexts

4 Regular Retrospectives

Continuous improvement of boundaries and practices

Priority: NICE-TO-HAVE

Enhances team effectiveness and morale

Metrics and Evaluation

Evaluation Categories

Domain-Level Metrics

- Subdomain Clarity
- Cross-Context Coupling
- Bounded Context Cohesion
- Team Autonomy

Team Metrics

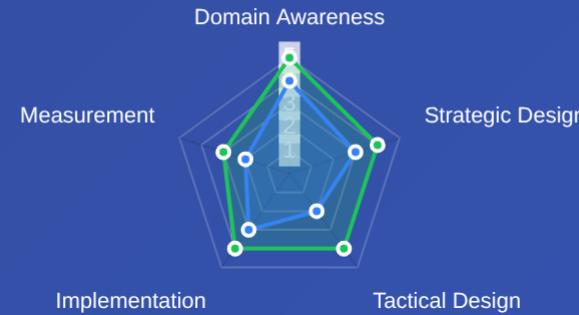
- Cycle Time
- Deployment Frequency
- Lead Time
- Change Failure Rate

Business Metrics

- Time-to-Market
- Cost of Change
- Feature Delivery Speed
- Customer Satisfaction

DDD Maturity Model

Current Maturity Target Maturity



Target Metrics

- ✓ Cross-Context Coupling < 20%
- ✓ Team Autonomy > 80%
- ✓ Cycle Time < 2 weeks
- ✓ Subdomain Clarity > 85%

Challenges and Solutions

⚠ Common Pitfalls

1. Analysis Paralysis

Overthinking, excessive theory, slow decision-making

2. Team Resistance

Fear of change, ownership concerns, pushback

3. Legacy Integration

Tight coupling, monolith dependencies, technical debt

4. Context Creep

Blurred boundaries, context expansion over time

5. Testing Complexity

Complex dependencies, end-to-end testing challenges

✓ Practical Solutions

1. Time-Boxed Workshops

Focus on MVP, iterate frequently, limit analysis phase

2. Team Involvement

Involve teams early, demonstrate benefits, provide training

3. Anti-Corruption Layer

Strangler pattern, gradual migration, protect core domain

4. Regular Reviews

Context guardians, automated validation, continuous alignment

5. Contract Testing

Consumer-driven contracts, mock services, integration testing

Connecting to Tactical Design

Bridge Between Layers



Strategic Design

WHAT - Domain Modeling, Bounded Contexts, Context Mapping



Tactical Design

HOW - Aggregates, Entities, Value Objects, Repositories

Key Transitions

- Bounded Contexts → Aggregates
- Ubiquitous Language → Domain Models
- Context Maps → Integration Patterns
- Subdomain Classification → Tactical Patterns



Practical Guidance

1

Start with Strategic

Begin by understanding the domain and identifying bounded contexts

2

Validate with Tactical

Apply tactical patterns to implement strategic decisions

3

Iterate Continuously

Refine boundaries and models based on feedback and learning



Remember

Strategic design provides the "what" and "why", while tactical design provides the "how". Both layers are essential for successful DDD implementation.

Recap of Learning Goals

Learning Goals Checklist

- ✓ Identify symptoms of monolithic or distributed monolith systems
- ✓ Evaluate cross-team model coherence
- ✓ Apply strategic thinking to cut domains
- ✓ Design problem/solution space separation
- ✓ Classify subdomains (core, supporting, generic)
- ✓ Create bounded contexts
- ✓ Map context relationships

✓ 100% Coverage Achieved

Self-Assessment

Understanding Rating

4.5/5

Key Strengths

Strategic Thinking Domain Analysis Context Mapping

Next Steps

- Review key concepts and case studies
- Practice with mini-project exercises
- Complete self-study resources
- Prepare for Day 6: Context Mapping

Action Items: Reflect on automotive case studies, experiment with ContextMapper tool, practice subdomain classification

Self-Study Resources

Recommended Reading

Domain-Driven Design

by Eric Evans

Implementing Domain-Driven Design

by Vaughn Vernon

Patterns, Principles, and Practices of DDD

by Scott Millett

Online Articles

🔗 Nick Tune's Strategic DDD articles

🔗 Microsoft Learn DDD documentation

🔗 ThoughtWorks DDD guides

Video Learning

DDD Crew YouTube channel

 Context Mapper tutorials

 EventStorming workshops

Community & Support

 Reddit r/DomainDrivenDesign

 StackOverflow DDD tag

 DDD Slack community

Connection to Day 6: Context Mapping

Day 6 Preview

Strategic Design 2: Context Mapping

Deep dive into context mapping patterns and integration strategies

Key Topics

- Detailed context mapping patterns
- Integration strategies
- Relationship management
- Evolution strategies
- Conflict resolution

Preparation Checklist

- ✓ Review today's context mapping section
- ✓ Practice with ContextMapper tool
- ✓ Read automotive context mapping case study
- ✓ Prepare questions for Day 6

Bridge to Next Day

Context mapping builds directly on strategic design foundations established today.

Recommended Preparation

2 hours of focused review and practice

Additional Resources

Expert Insights

Nick Tune

Strategic DDD blog, microservices and DDD patterns

Martin Fowler

DDD patterns, practices, and architectural guidance

Alberto Brandolini

EventStorming creator, collaborative domain exploration

Eric Evans

DDD founder, strategic design pioneer

Case Studies

-  BMW microservices transformation
-  Toyota connected vehicle architecture
-  Ford cloud platform integration
-  Mercedes software architecture transformation

Research & Discussions

-  MIT automotive software transformation research
-  IEEE autonomous vehicle architecture papers
-  Connected vehicle architecture comparison study
-  Reddit r/DomainDrivenDesign community
-  StackOverflow strategic design discussions

Summary

Key Takeaways

-  Strategic Design 1 is about cutting and distinguishing models
-  Problem space ≠ Solution space
-  Subdomain classification guides investment decisions
-  Bounded contexts define model boundaries
-  Context mapping relationships are crucial
-  EventStorming is a powerful exploration tool
-  DDD is being adopted by automotive leaders

Remember

-  Start with problem space
-  Involve domain experts
-  Iterate continuously
-  Embrace team autonomy

Progress Tracker

-  Day 5: Strategic Design 1 Complete
-  Day 6: Context Mapping (Next)

Preparation: 2 hours review recommended

Next Steps

! Immediate Actions

1 Review all Day 5 slides

Revisit concepts, case studies, and exercises

2 Complete mini-project

Apply DDD to automotive domain scenario

3 Practice with ContextMapper

Create bounded contexts and relationships

4 Prepare for Day 6

Draft questions on context mapping

Timeline: Within 24 hours

Estimated time: 2-3 hours total

Short-term (1-2 weeks)

- Apply DDD to current project
- Organize EventStorming workshop
- Create context map with team
- Share learnings with team

Long-term (1-3 months)

- Attend DDD conference or meetup
- Write and share a case study
- Mentor colleagues on DDD
- Contribute to open-source tools

Resource Pack Index

Quick Reference



Tools

ContextMapper, DDD-Toolbox, Miro, Context Canvas



Case Studies

BMW, Toyota, Ford, Mercedes-Benz



Exercises

Subdomain Classification, Bounded Context Mapping, Mini-Project



Resources

Books, Articles, Videos, Communities

Download Links

GitHub repo for templates

ContextMapper official site

DDD Crew resources

Miro community templates

Full Resource Directory

Strategic Tools

EventStorming, ContextMapper

Modeling Tools

DDD-Toolbox, Context Canvas

Documentation

Books, Articles, Papers

Learning

Videos, Tutorials, Courses

Support Channels

Email Questions

ddd-training@example.com

Slack Community

#ddd-training workspace

Twitter Updates

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Thank You & Questions

❤️ Thank You!

Thank you for participating in Day 5 of the iSAQB-DDD training!

We've covered the fundamentals of Strategic Design 1: Cutting and Distinguishing Models.

💡 Remember

DDD is not about technology - it's about understanding and modeling the domain.

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📅 Next Session
Day 6: Context Mapping

💬 Q&A Session

👤 Open floor for questions

💬 Discussion on mini-project

👤 Sharing of insights