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- I've heard this exact same question twice (to my surprise) discussing two completely different development projects with two different people having two completely different Roles
- After letting it sink in, both times were about how Architecture Decisions are made and I, in fact, had hit a wall each time
- After some research, it turns out that this is not an uncommon experience when trying to talk with Teams about Architecture Stacks and just trying to offer some personal expertise and opinions.
- It feels like emotions get involved or at least strong opinions and “black & white thinking”; it's a bit jarring and unexpected

Wanting to Contribute

- I believe it's natural for any Software Developer who has any kind of passion for their work to want to contribute to Architecture Decisions.
- But many disagree.
- Some people feel that Software Developers and Coders do not belong in the decision making process even though it may profoundly affect their work and their future experience on a project.

The Software Architect

- One approach to Architecture Design is to hire the Software Architect
- They may have an advanced degree from MIT or TU Delft and they often sit on a lonely pedestal, handing their design documents down to the Developers.
- They can also come under other titles such as Data Architect or Cloud Architect.
- I have run into people that believe this is part of the DevOps Role. (That is to say that DevOps dictates to Developers what the Architecture Stack is.)
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Links & References

- How the Agile Mindset is Integral to Achitecting Modern Systems