Problems the Onion architecture solves:

- * Encourages loose coupling
- * Makes unit testing easier
- * Encapsulates business domain logic

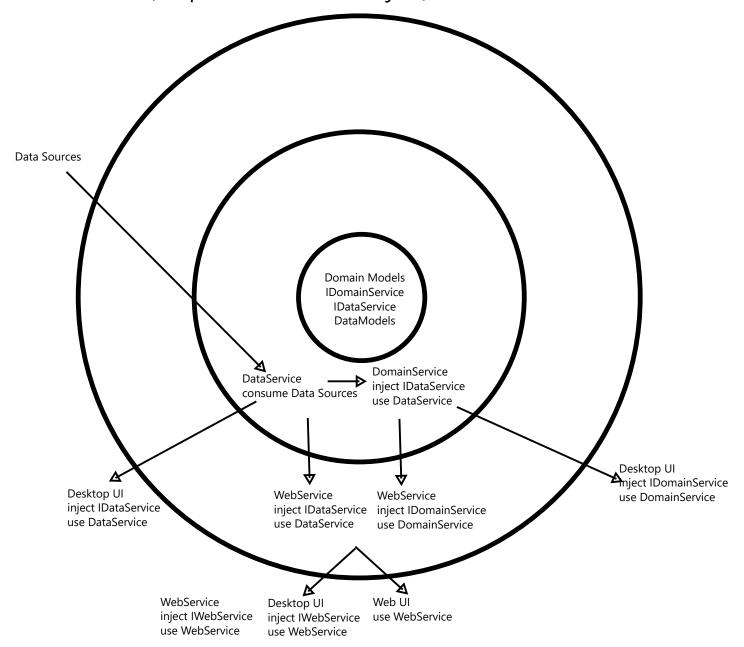
The key techniques involved are

- * Abstract > Concrete (Interfaces)
- * Dependency Injection
- * Data Passing (DTOs)
- * Data Mapping

- * Which services make the most changes? These are where dependency injection matter most for unit testing.
 - * Domain
 - * UI

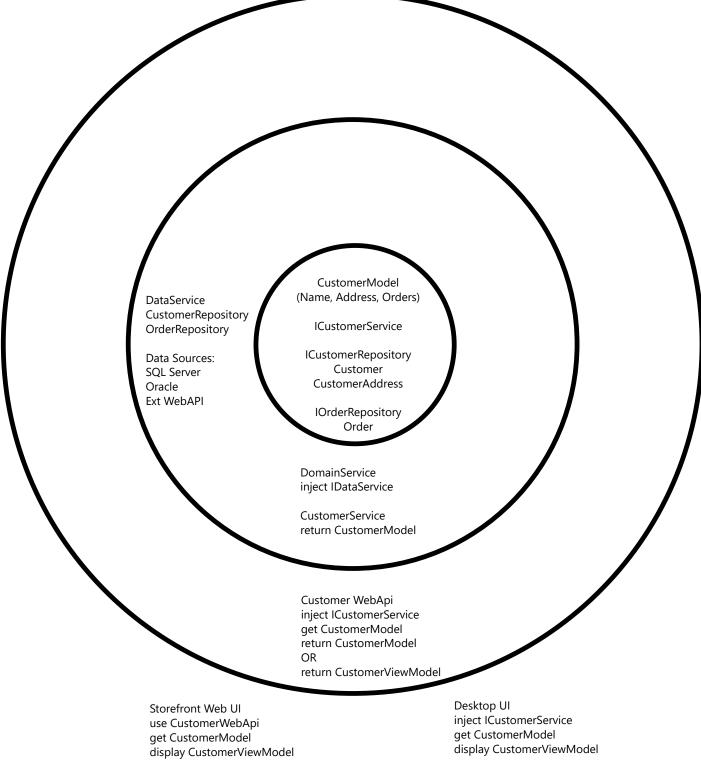
There are two kinds of models

- * Domain (rich, could validate, business rules, etc)
- * Data (simple, data transfer object)



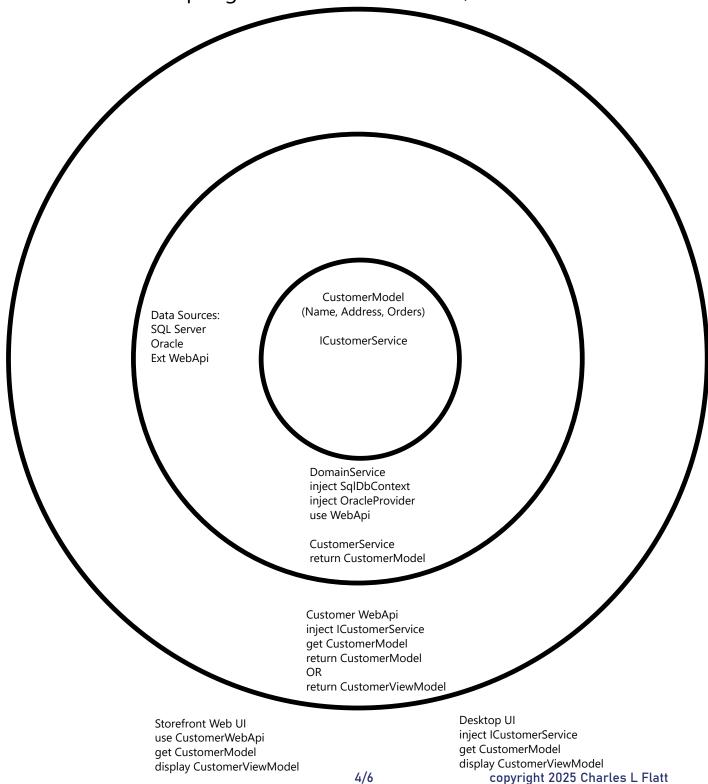
Less flexible, easier to unit test

- * Easy to mock in domain service
- * Tempting to make data models match domain models
- * Tempting to make just like DbContext



More flexible, harder to unit test

- * No mocking, inject in-memory or local database
- * Unit tests worry about database state
- * Tempting to over-seed database, or use real data



How the data is stored

SQL Server

Customers CustomerAddress Addresses Orders Oracle

Vendors ApprovedCustomerVendors Customers WebApi

Shipment Details

Customer Data Service

How the domain uses the data

Customer (Name, Vendors) CustomerAddress Orders (ShipTo, ship details)

Customer Domain Service

How the business sees the data

Name Vendors Orders

Customer

Customer Web Service

How the users see the data

CustomerLatestOrders

Name
Orders (3 months)

Customers

Name
Open Orders

Customer UI

How the users use the data

Ajax Co
Marlon Inc
Ferris LLC

Customer Details

DbContext ADO.NET (Other)	Data (tables) Physical Data Table Models - DTO	
Data Service	Domain Data Models - DTO	
Domain Service	Domain Models - Rich	
API/MVC Controller Win App Method	View Models - DTO	
Web UI (Javascript) Win App Method	Local/UI Models - Rich	