# Managing Complex Domains and Data Models



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#### Overview



What is Domain Driven Design?

What is a Bounded Context?

Walk Through Refactored Solution

Building Focused Data Models From an Existing Database

Challenges and Solutions with Multiple DbContexts

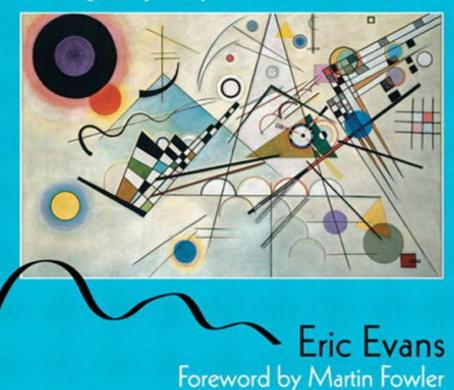
Mapping the Multiple DbContexts

**Code First Migrations** 





Tackling Complexity in the Heart of Software



History of success

Large, complex problems

Architecture & coding patterns

**Emphasis on communication** 

### Language that Both User & Dev Understand



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Right. There's no need to instantiate create a new cart object. If we have no items to persist keep track of, so that's when we should build up the aggregate cart and put that selected product into it at the same time.





If that person leaves the web page, how do we show them that cart when they return?

We can put a cookie on their computer and at the same time, persist that into the data store store it on our end along with any critical properties of the aggregate we built info. Then when they return, we read the cookie and execute a query to use it to retrieve that data and populate the cart in memory.





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#### Define Boundaries Around Problems





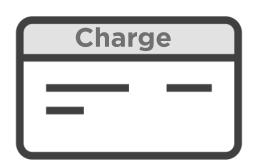
# Bounded Context

Delimits the applicability of a particular model.

BOUNDING CONTEXTS gives team members a clear and shared understanding of what has to be consistent and what can develop independently

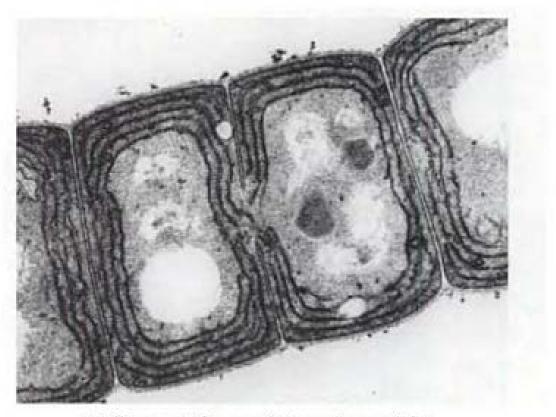
- Domain Driven Design, Eric Evans 2003



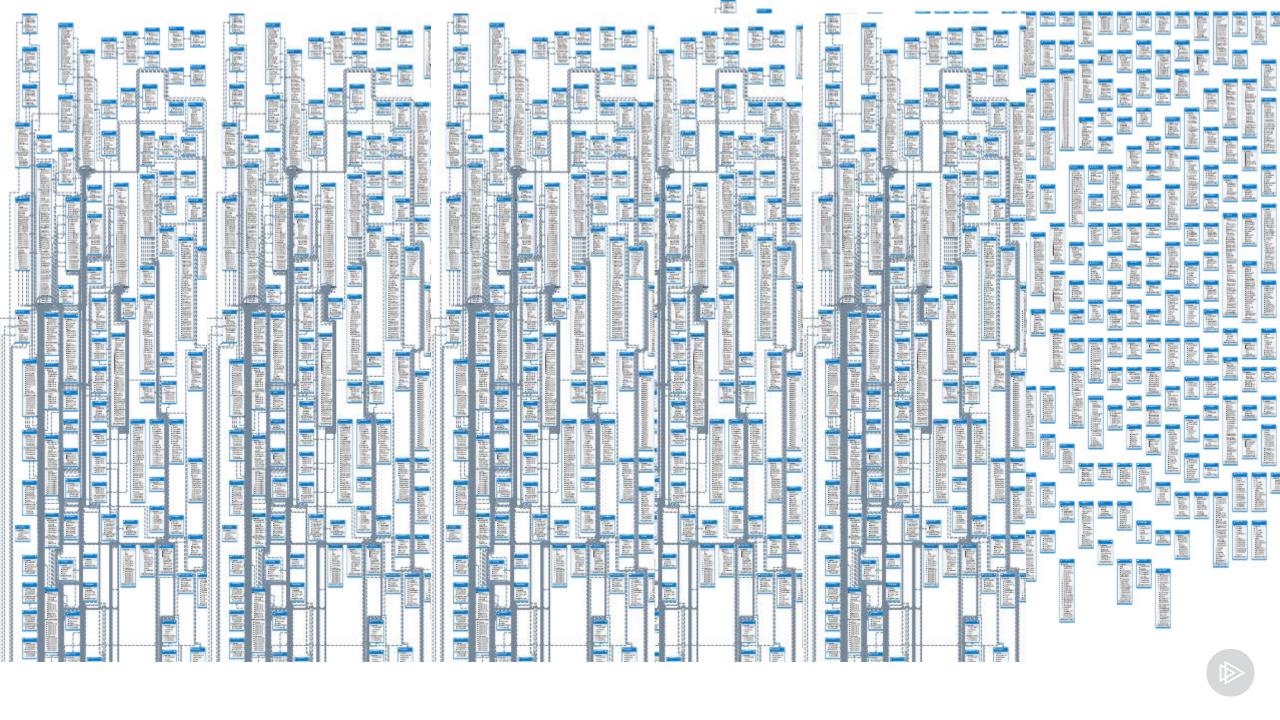




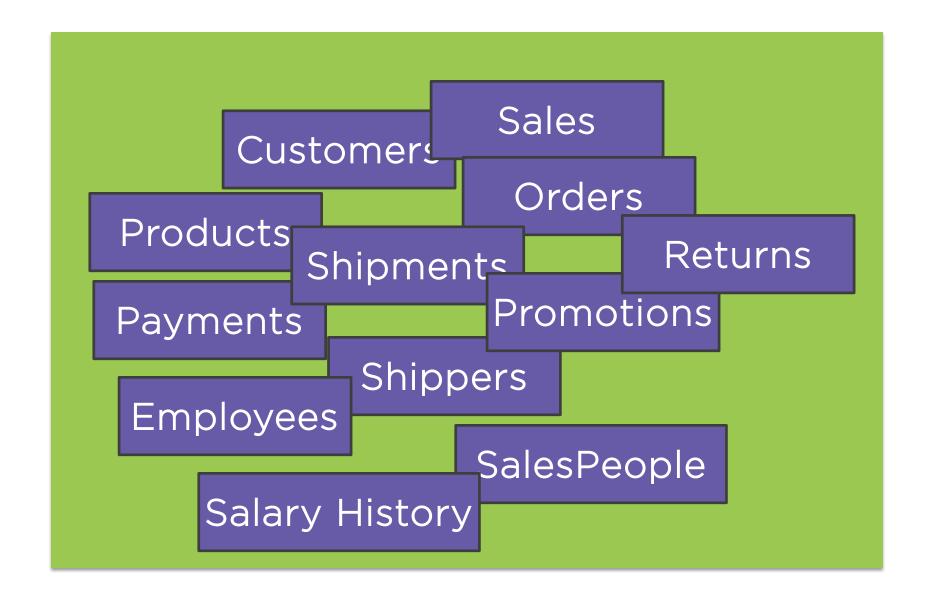
#### BOUNDED CONTEXT



Cells can exist because their membranes define what is in and out and determine what can pass.



#### The Universe



### Domain-Driven Design: "Bounded Contexts"











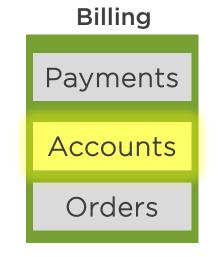




### Domain-Driven Design: "Bounded Contexts"











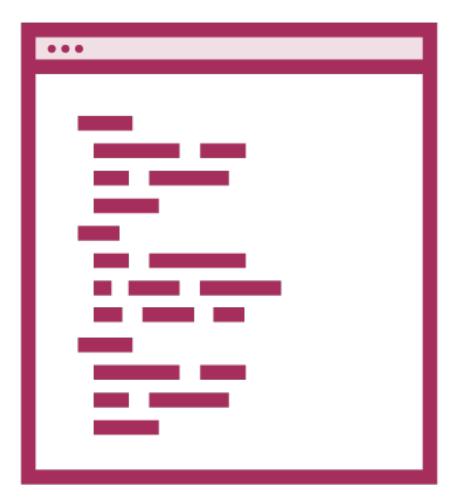




#### **Bounded Context**



#### **EF DbContext**

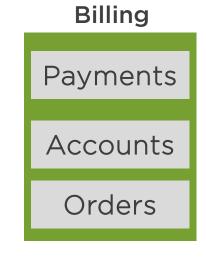




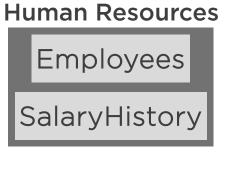
#### **Focused DbContexts**















Design your data model for the sake of your domain model, not your domain model for the sake of your data model.

Vaughn Vernon, Implementing Domain Driven Design



## Mapping Domain Objects to DB via EF

Returns Bounded Context

Return

Order

Items

Account

Entity
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Fluent API Mappings



# When Mapping Is Just Too Hard!

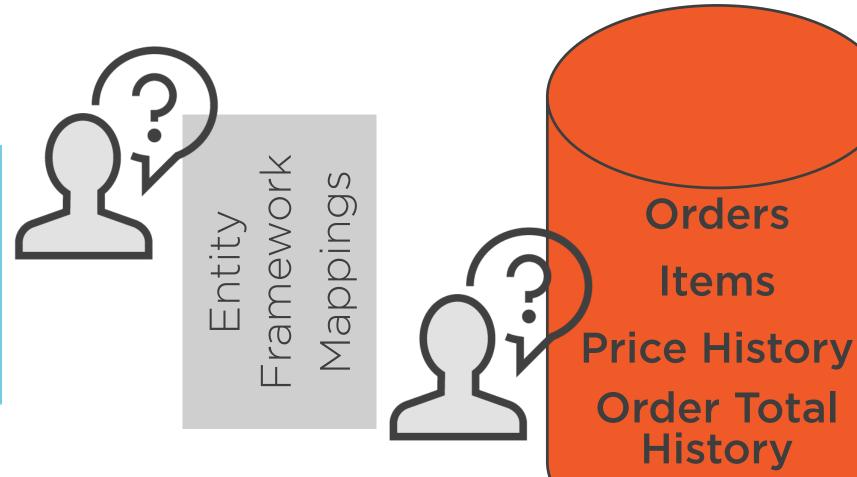
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**EF DbContext** 

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Price History

Order Total History

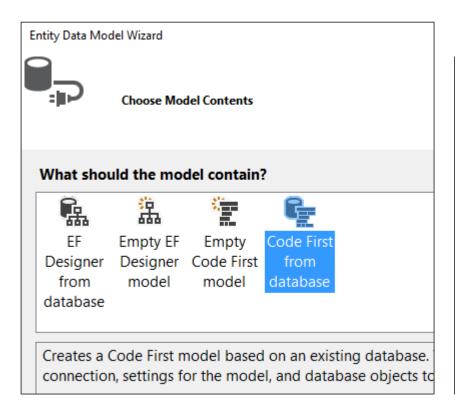
Entity Framework Mappings

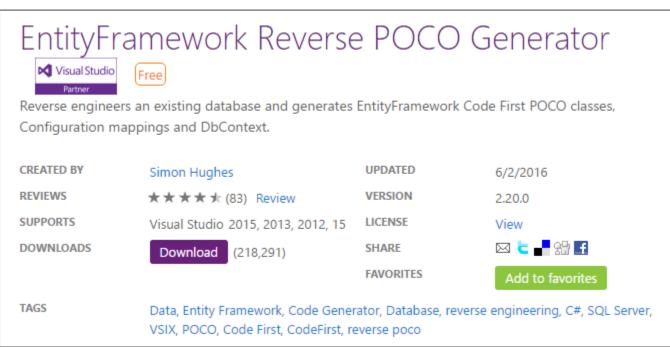
**Orders Items Price History Order Total History** 



# Pros & Cons of Reverse Engineering from an Existing Database







Note: EF Core has the Migrations Scaffold command



# Building Migrations for Multiple DbContexts

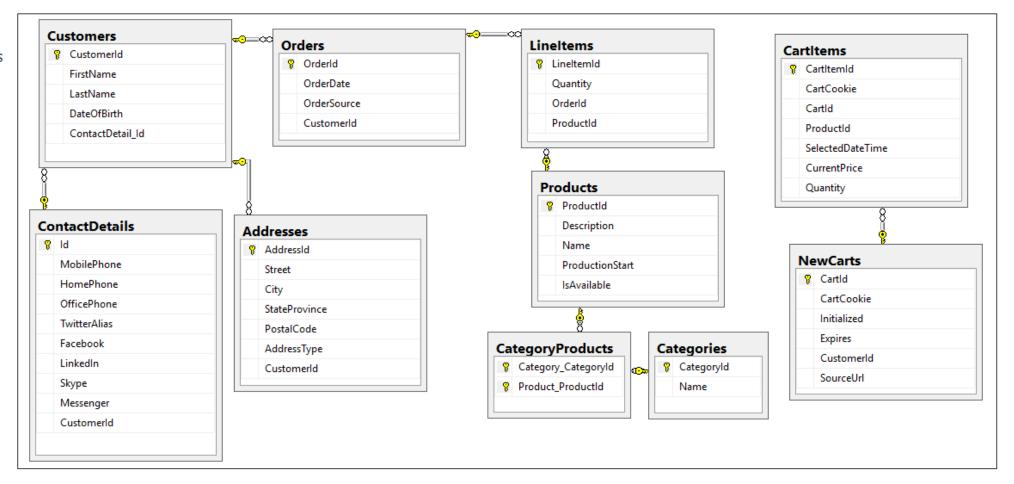


#### ■ OrderSystemContextShoppingCart

## Original Database

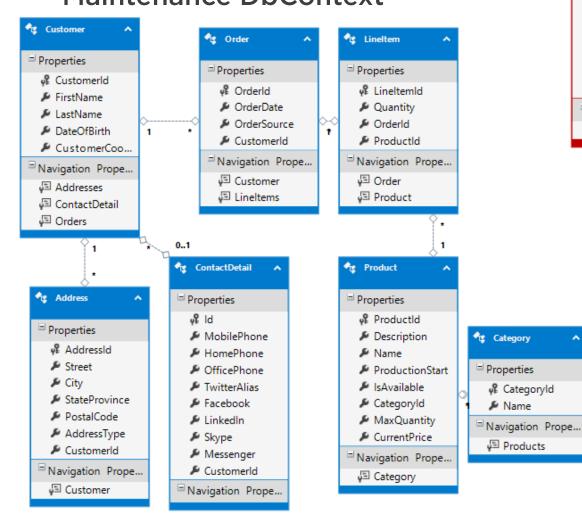
#### Tables

- System Tables
- ▶ dbo.\_MigrationHistory
- ▶ dbo.Addresses
- ▶ dbo.Categories
- ▶ dbo.CategoryProducts
- ▶ dbo.ContactDetails
- ▶ dbo.LineItems
- ▶ dbo.NewCarts
- ▶ **■** dbo.Products

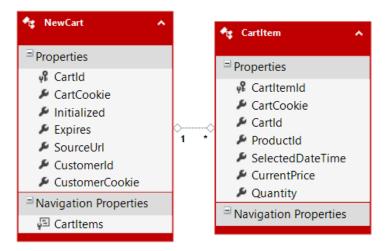


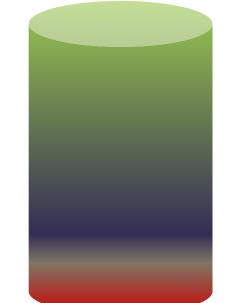


#### **Maintenance DbContext**

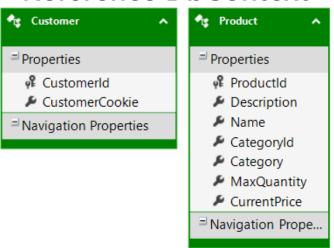


#### **ShoppingCart DbContext**

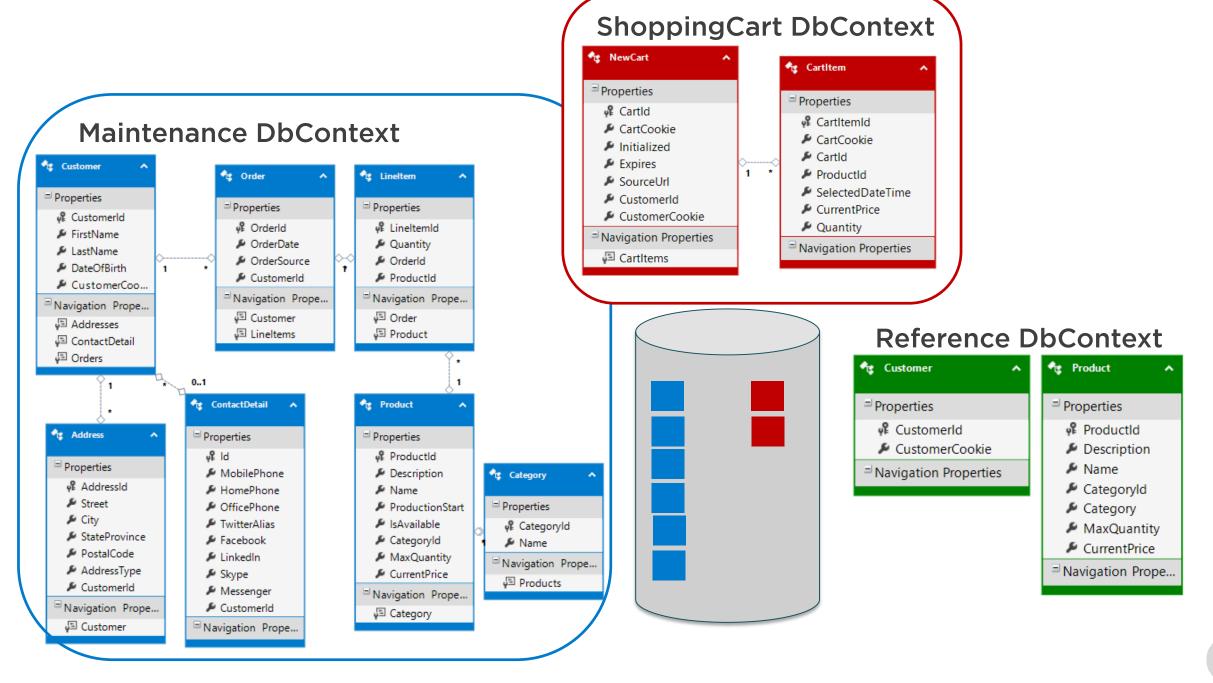




#### Reference DbContext









# Code First Migrations for DbContext #1



## Migrations, Compiling & Connection Strings

- Migrations will attempt to build the Target project and Startup project
- Migrations wants to find a connection string
  - □ Looks in *Startup* project
  - □ Will not look in *Target* project
  - ☐ You could use -StartUpProjectName parameter to specify project containing app/web.config
    - □ enable-migrations StartUpProjectName MvcSalesApp.Web
    - ☐ Specified project must build
- Tricking Migrations with a "Fake" Startup Project
  - □ Design-Time project with single app.config
- Shared Database == Shared Connection String



# More DbContext Migrations & a View into the Same Database



# Module Review



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#### Resources

#### Helpful Pluralsight Courses

- EF6 Ninja Edition: What's New in EF6 <a href="mailto:bit.ly/PS-EF6">bit.ly/PS-EF6</a>

- Domain-Driven Design Fundamentals <u>bit.ly/PS-DDD</u>

Domain-Driven Design: Tackling Complexity in the Heart of Software Eric Evans, 2003, Addison-Wesley Press

Implementing Domain-Driven Design Vaughn Vernon, 2013, Addison-Wesley Press



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