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The modular monolith architecture emerged in recent years as the harmonization of the monolithic

and microservices architectures. The paradigm offers a compromise between modularity, flexibil-

ity, and scalability. Many monolithic applications are being migrated to modular monoliths or mi-

croservices entirely, to satisfy increasingly complex and volatile business requirements. This process

is labour-intensive, slow, and may take months to years for larger codebases. Modularization of a

codebase typically requires the developer to have an intimate knowledge of both the application

code and domain.

In this thesis, we investigate the modular monolith software architecture, and how modules are typ-

ically determined as part of the modularization efforts. We propose an automated solution based on

dependency analysis and machine learning algorithms to aid in the identification of module bound-

aries, and evaluate its effectiveness using a case study. We discuss the results and draw conclusions

about the propsed solution.

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API Application Programming Interface

UI User Interface

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