## Introduction to Validation

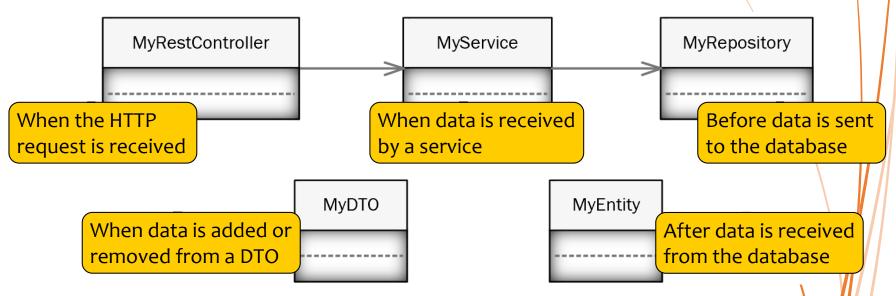
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## **Data validation**

- Validation is the process of verifying data quality to ensure the application does not use bad data
- Invalid data can come from:
  - User input
  - Hackers' intervention
  - Anywhere else
- Validation checks include verification of
  - Data type
  - Data values against business rules
  - etc.
- Invalid data should not be used

## When to validate data?

• The software architecture offers many opportunities to validate data



- Should validation be done at all these places?
  - Use judgement
  - Whenever data arrives from outside the application, perhaps

## Additional reading

- Do some background reading about the terms introduced in these notes
  - Different types of data validation