

APP ARCHITECTURE OVERVIEW

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- Give an overview of currently prominent app architectures in relation to each other

- What is a software app?
 - A system designed to automate specific tasks in a logical manner to satisfy a set of requirements
- Basic design principles
 - Interface > Implementation
 - Modularization
- Design views
 - Conceptual -> Logical -> Physical

What is app architecture?

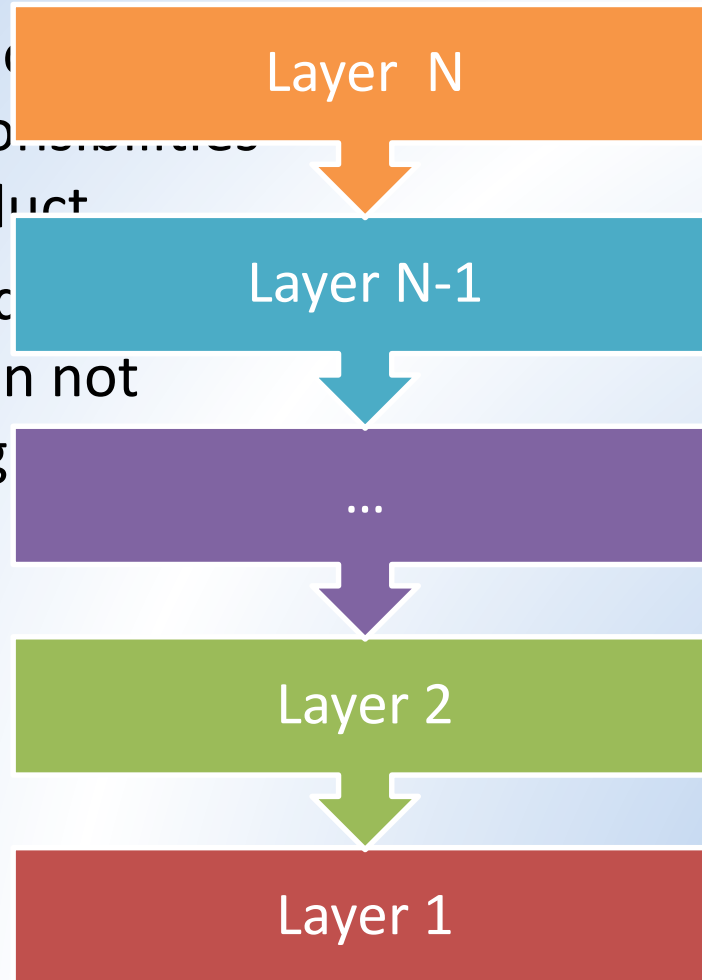
- Organizational design of an entire software application, including all sub-components and external applications interchanges
- Goals:
 - Complete the necessary business processes as defined in the system requirements
 - Support future growth

What will we look at?

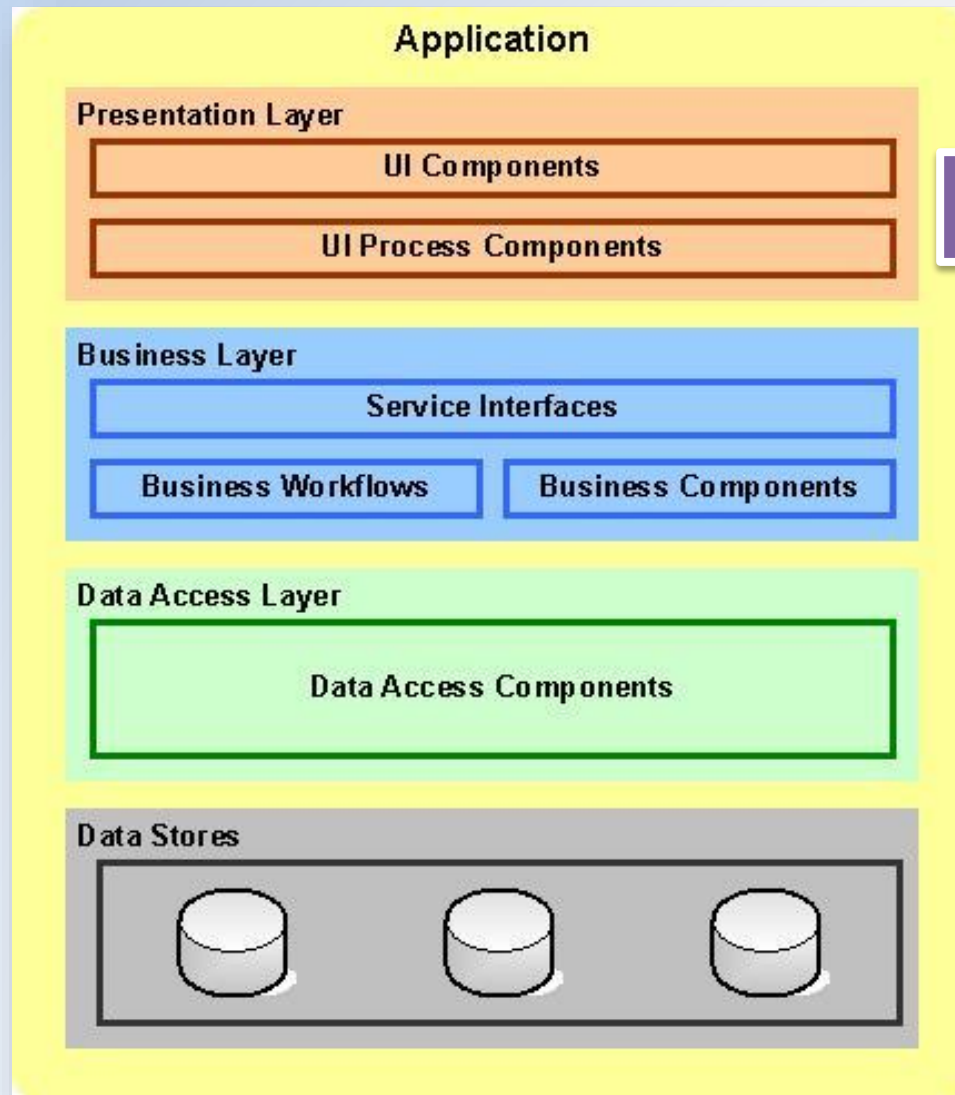
- Layered architecture
- DDD (**D**omain-**D**riven **D**esign)
- Clean architecture
- SOA (**S**ervice-**O**riented **A**rchitecture)
- Cloud-based architecture

Layered architecture

- Use n layers for all the different responsibilities of a software product
- A layer can depend on a lower layer, but can not depend on any higher layer
- Layer vs. tier

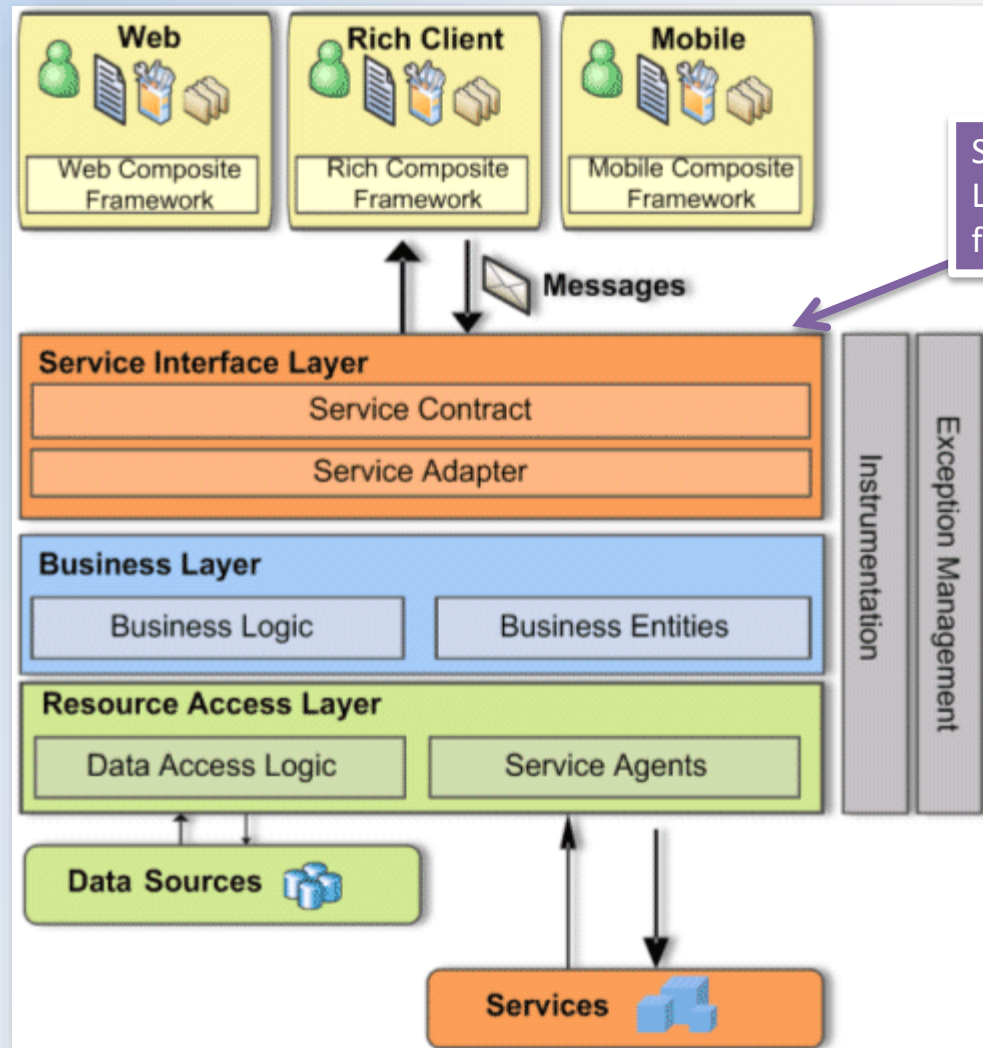


Traditional examples



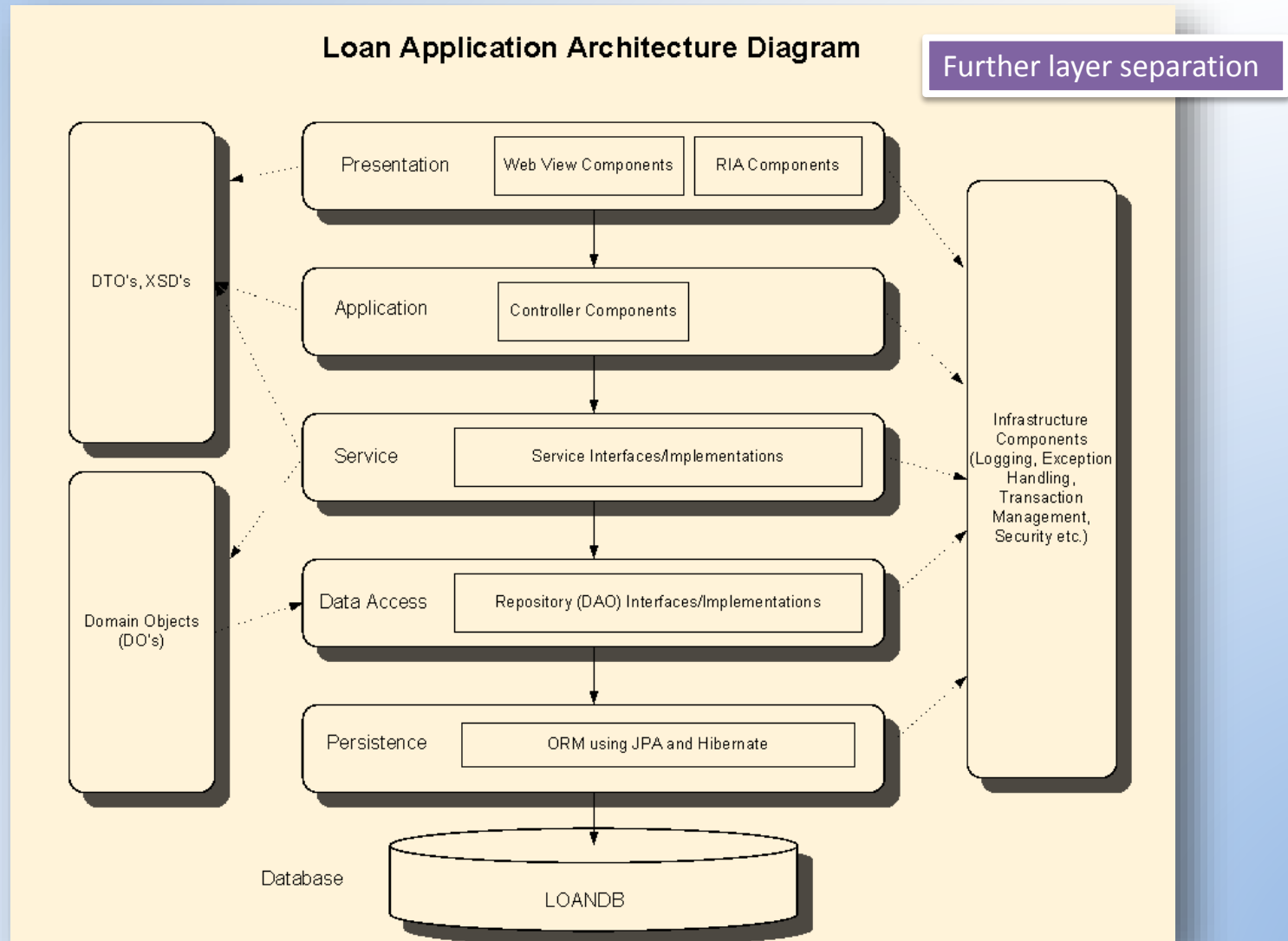
A simple, typical example

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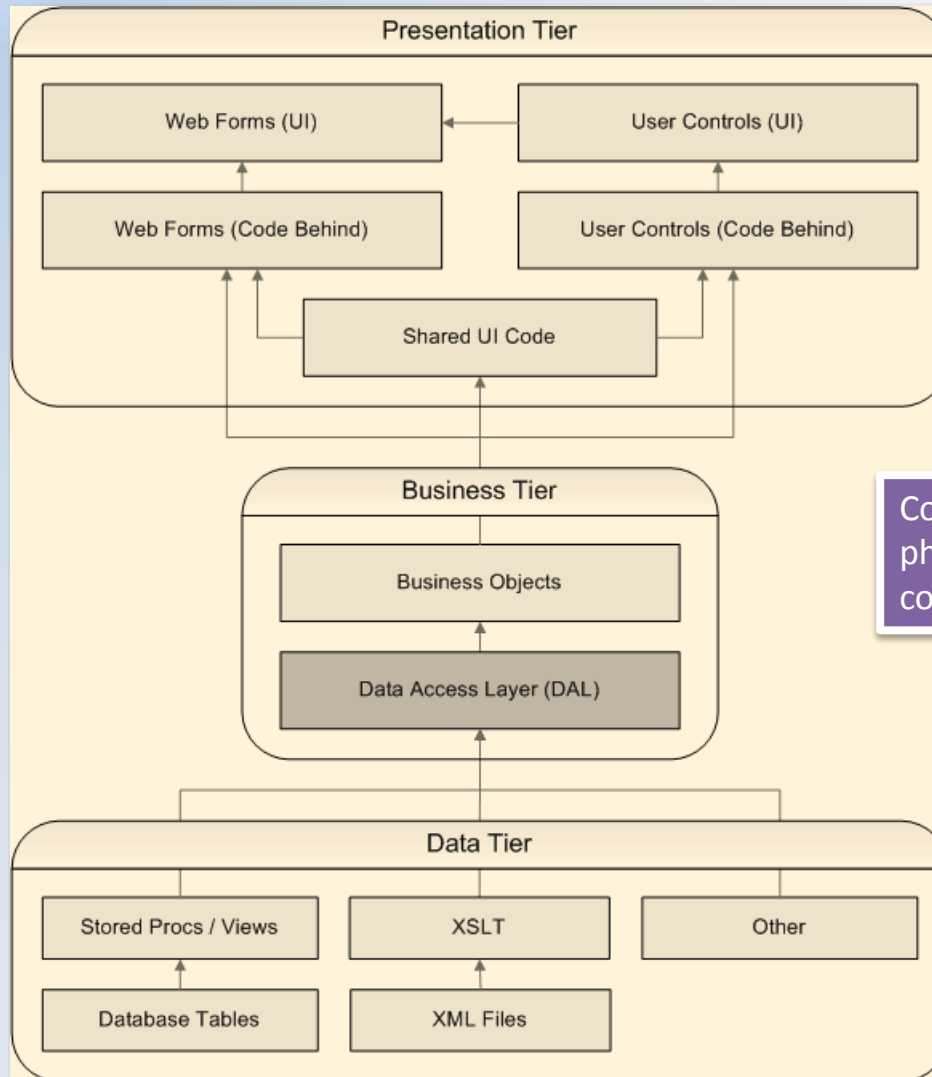


Service Interface Layer is separated from Business Layer

Traditional examples

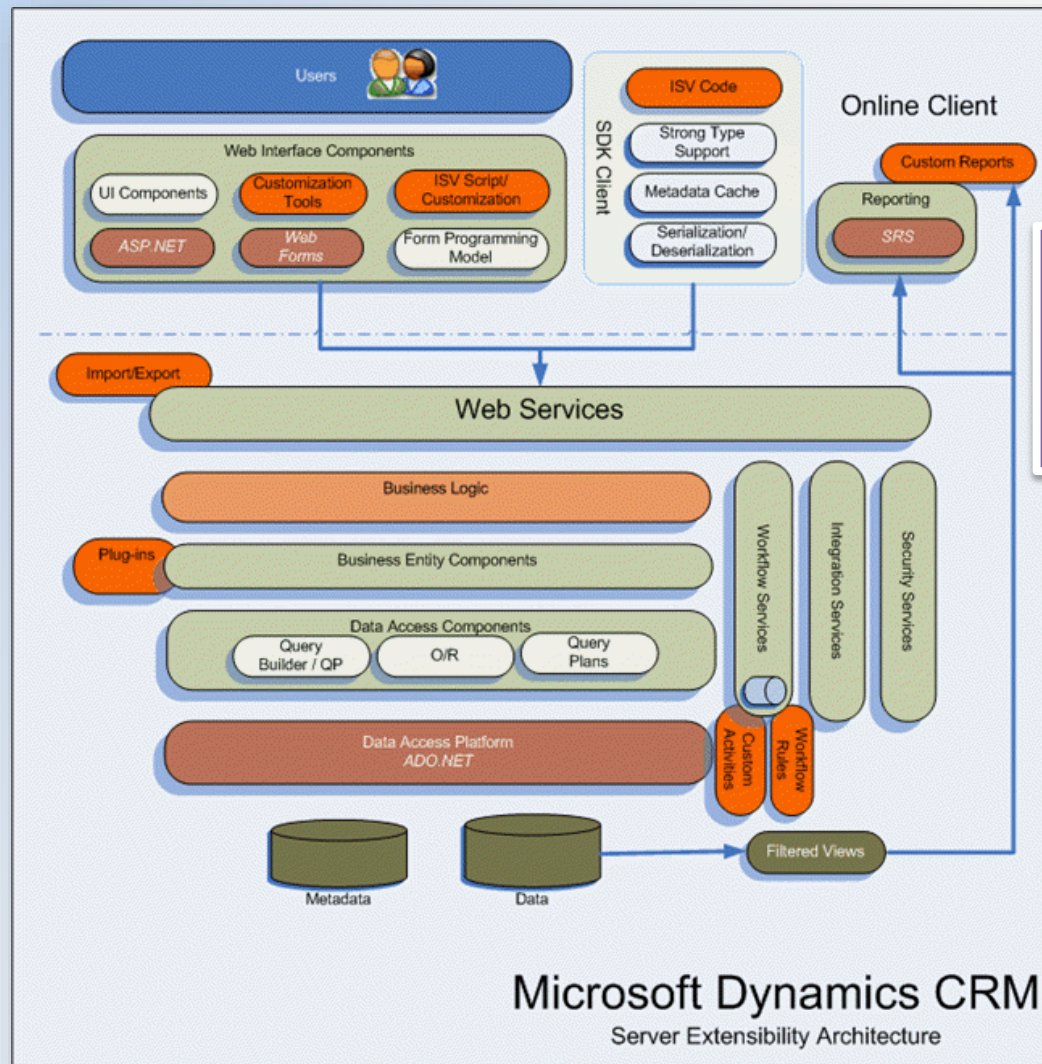


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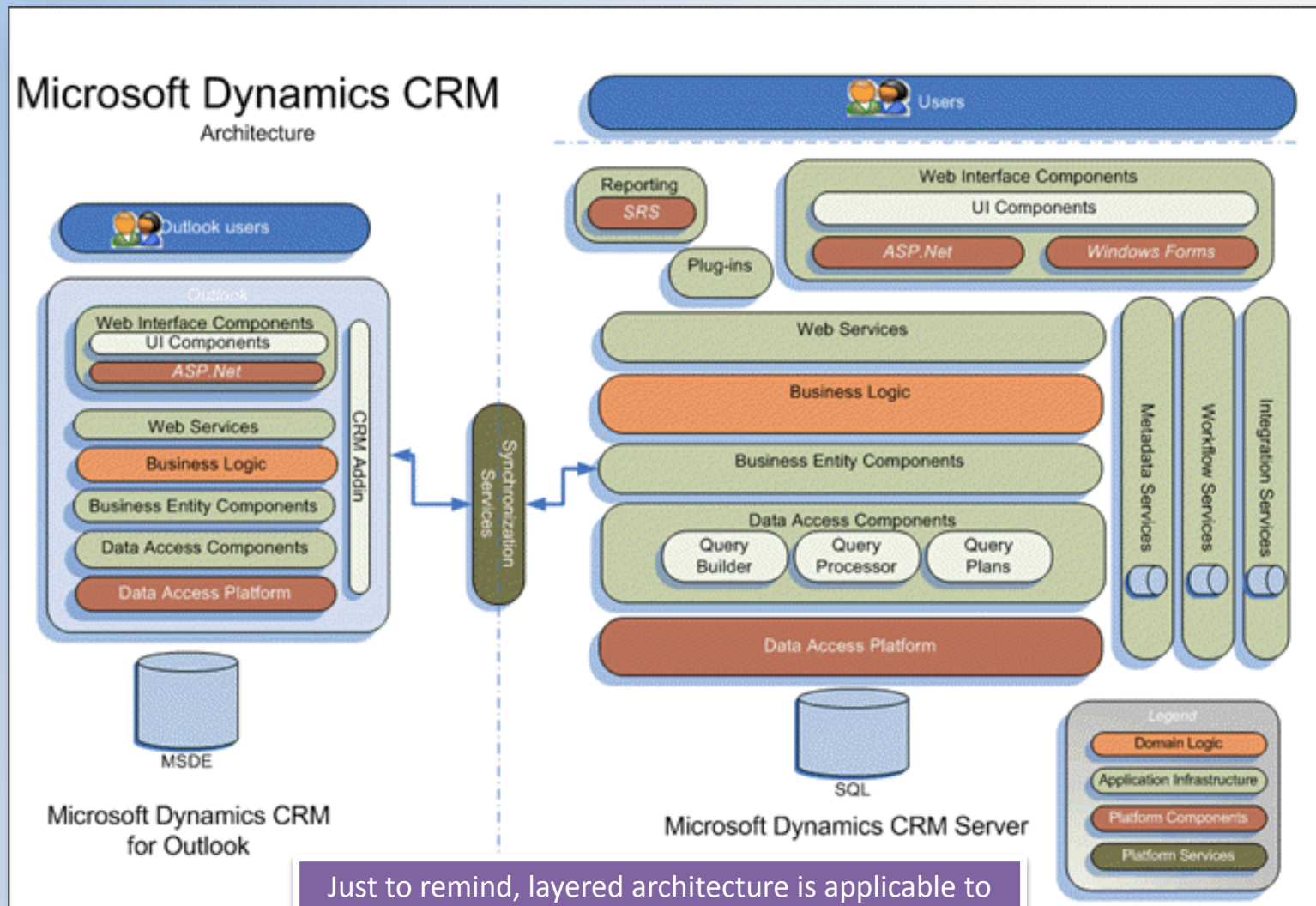
Conceptual and
physical views
combined

Traditional examples



So easy to understand something like this now, right 😊?

Traditional examples



Just to remind, layered architecture is applicable to any application: client-side, server-side, etc.

- What's wrong with the examples?
 - They are similar, but not standardized.
- How can we standardize them?
 - DDD.

What is D_{omain} D_{riven} D_{esign} ?

- A standardization of the best implementations of layered architecture
- An approach to software development for complex needs by connecting the implementation to an evolving model

DDD premises

- Primary focus = Domain layer
- Base complex designs on a model of the domain
- Initiate a creative collaboration between technical and domain experts to iteratively refine a conceptual model that addresses particular domain problems

DDD Vocabulary



Visit here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Domain-driven_design

DDD – Typical layers

User Interface
Layer

Accepts user commands and presents information back to the user

Application
Layer

Manages transactions, translates DTOs, coordinates application activities, creates and accesses domain objects

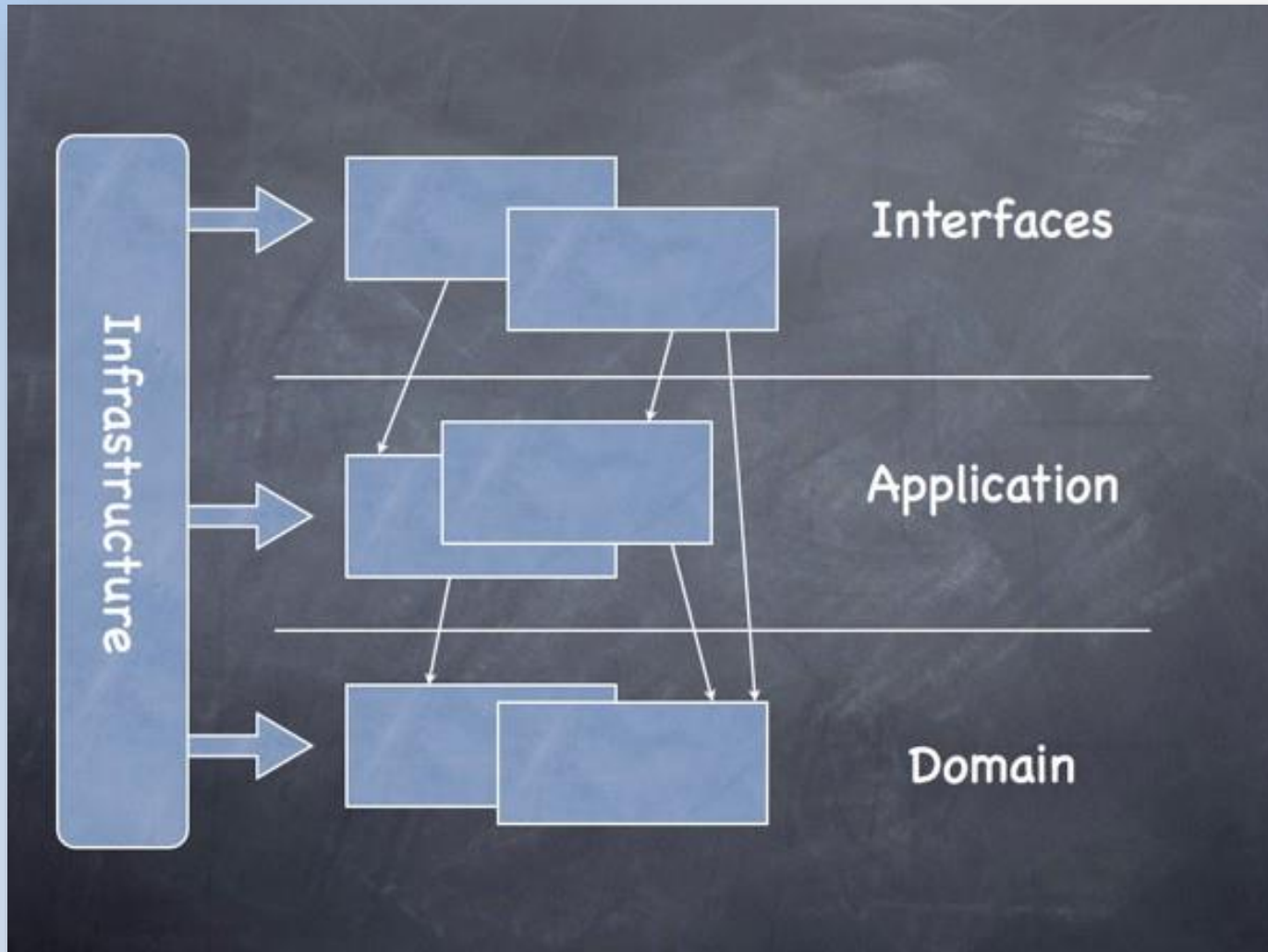
Domain
Layer

Contains the state and behavior of the domain

Infrastructure
Layer

Supports all other layers, includes repositories, adapters, frameworks etc.

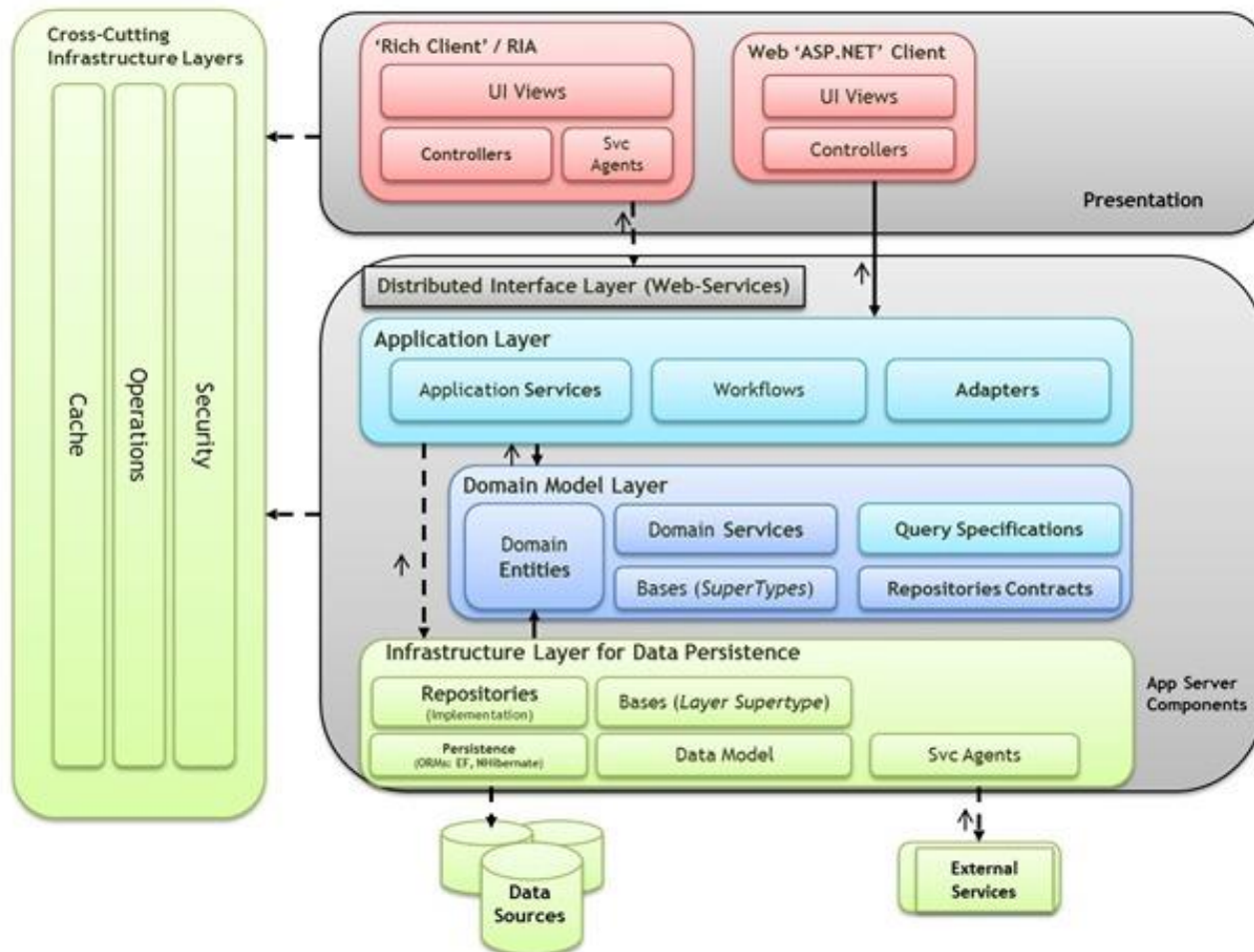
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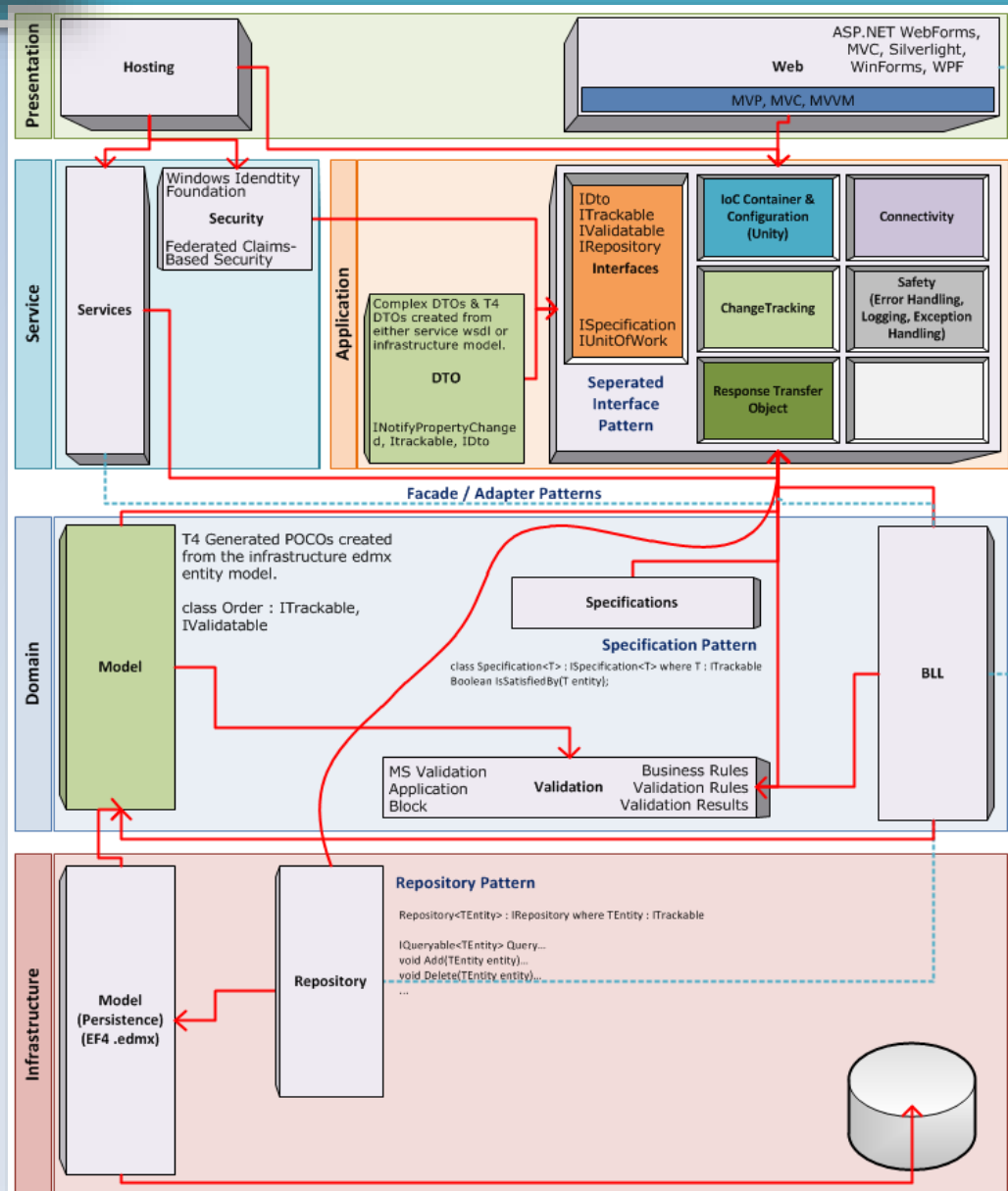
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DDD N-layer architecture

DDD N-Layered Architecture



A bit deeper dive

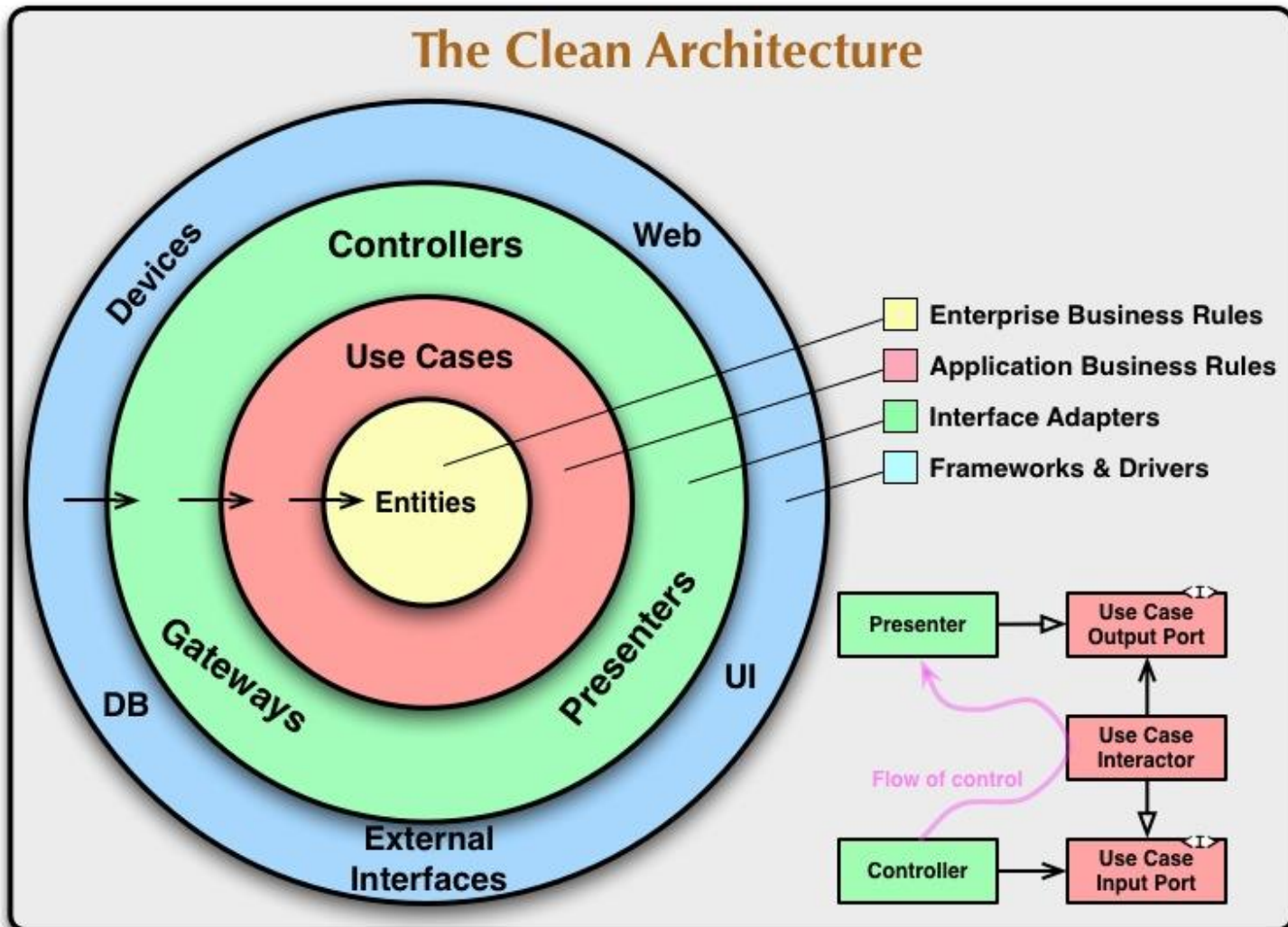


- What's wrong with that implementation?
 - Domain layer depends on Infrastructure layer.
- Why is such dependency wrong?
 - Because real-world domains do not.
- How to remove that dependency?
 - Clean architecture

What is clean architecture?

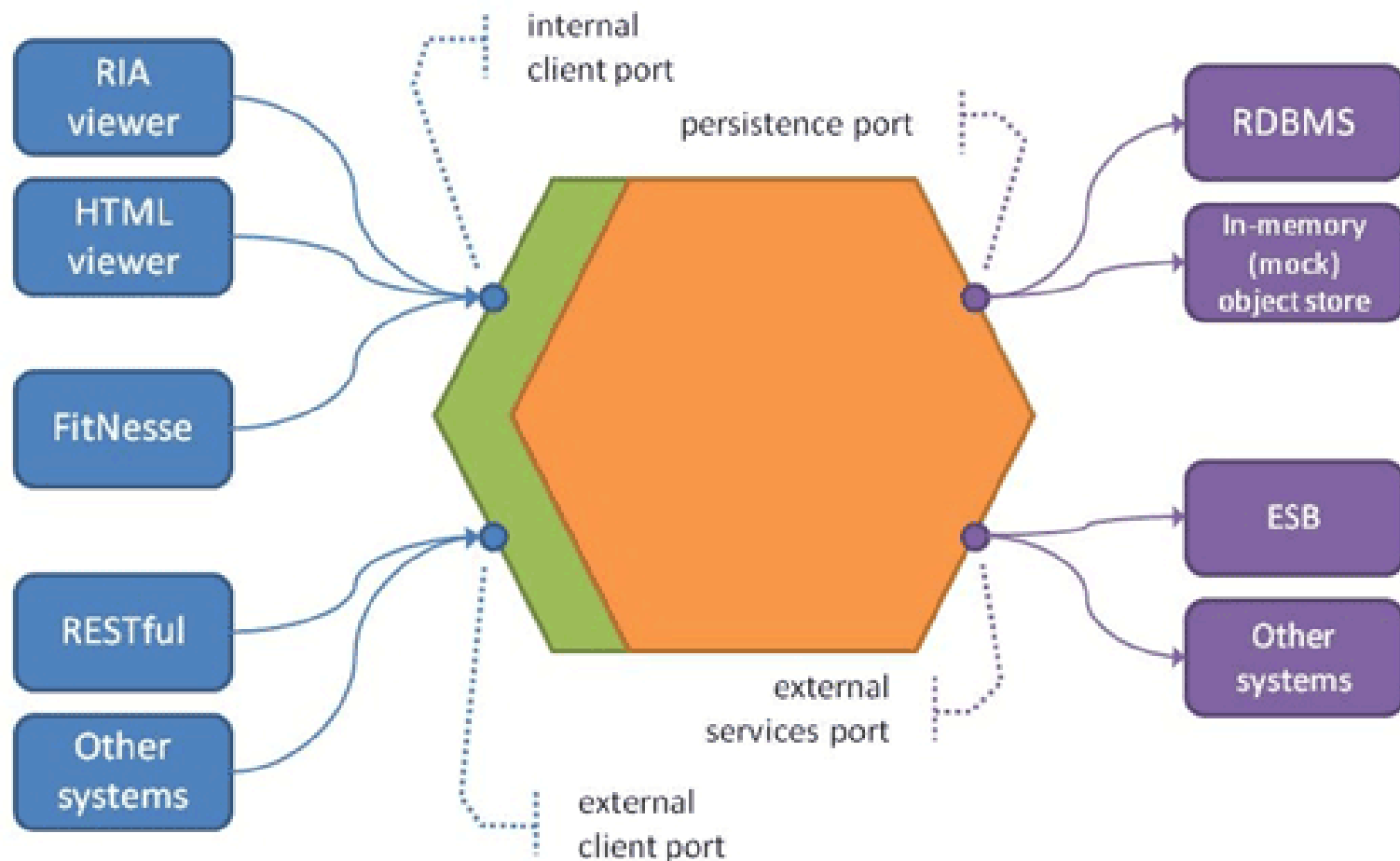
- Aim to produce systems:
 - Testable
 - Independent of
 - Frameworks
 - UI
 - Database
 - Any External Agency
- Dependency rule:
 - Source code dependencies can only point inwards

Clean architecture



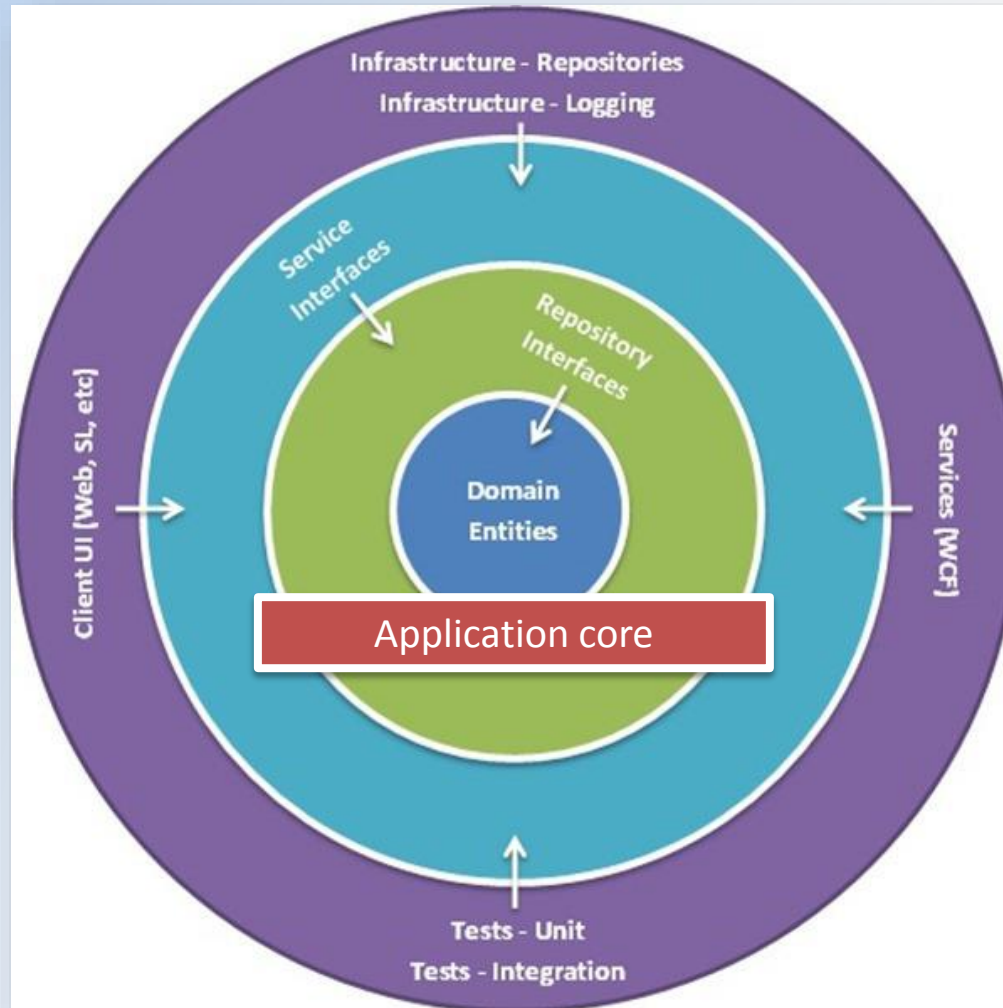
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Examples



Hexagonal architecture: <http://alistair.cockburn.us/Hexagonal+architecture>

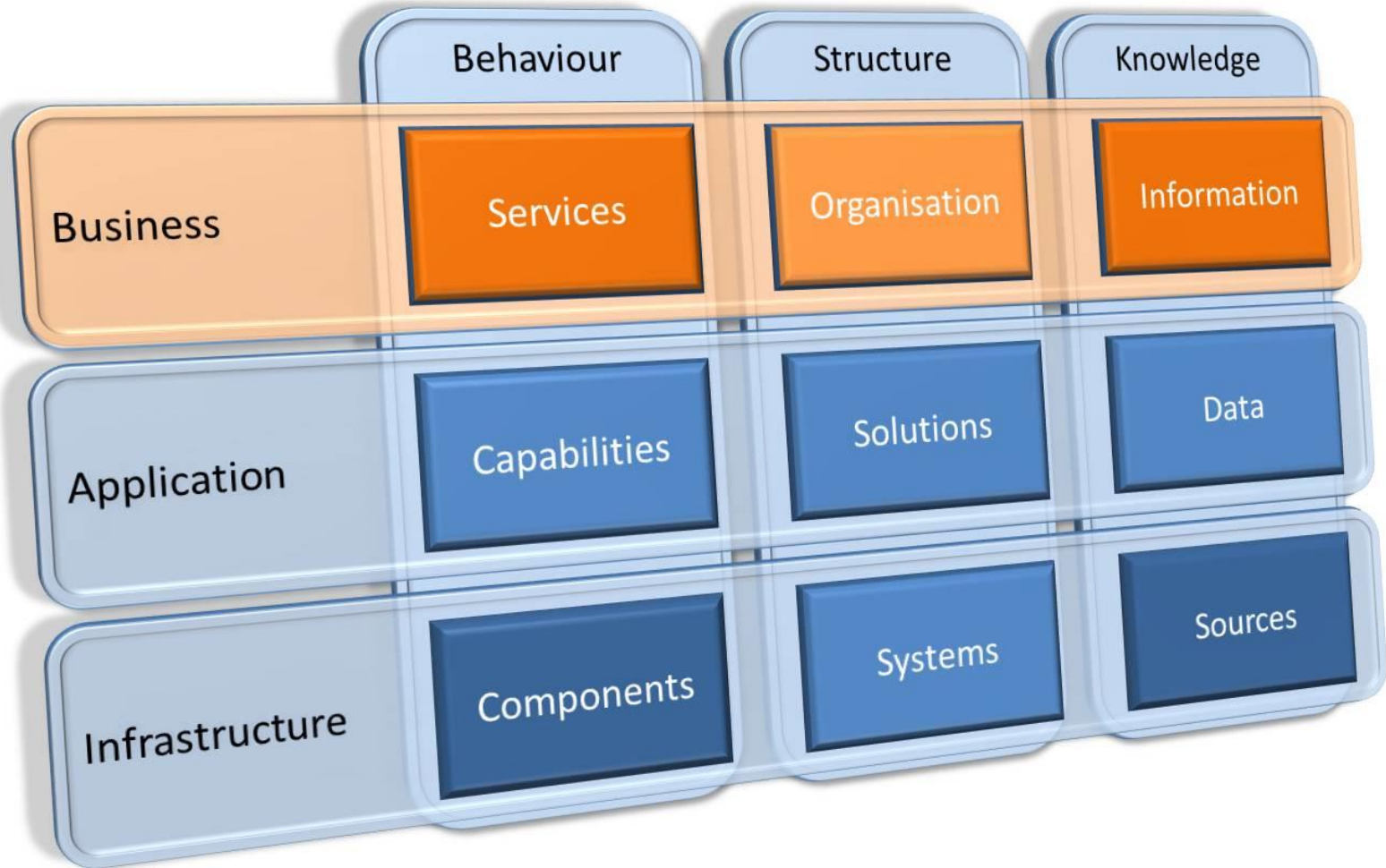
Onion architecture



Onion architecture: <http://jeffreypalermo.com/blog/the-onion-architecture-part-1/>

- What's wrong with all aforementioned stuffs?
 - They have not focused on delivering sets of functionality independently as well as flexibly integrating with other apps.
- But they can, using components / modules.
 - Not as well as SOA services.
- How better?
 - They help to maximize the business values. You can deliver smaller parts at cheaper costs, and you can deliver more by better integrating with other apps.

From business view



Needs for SOA

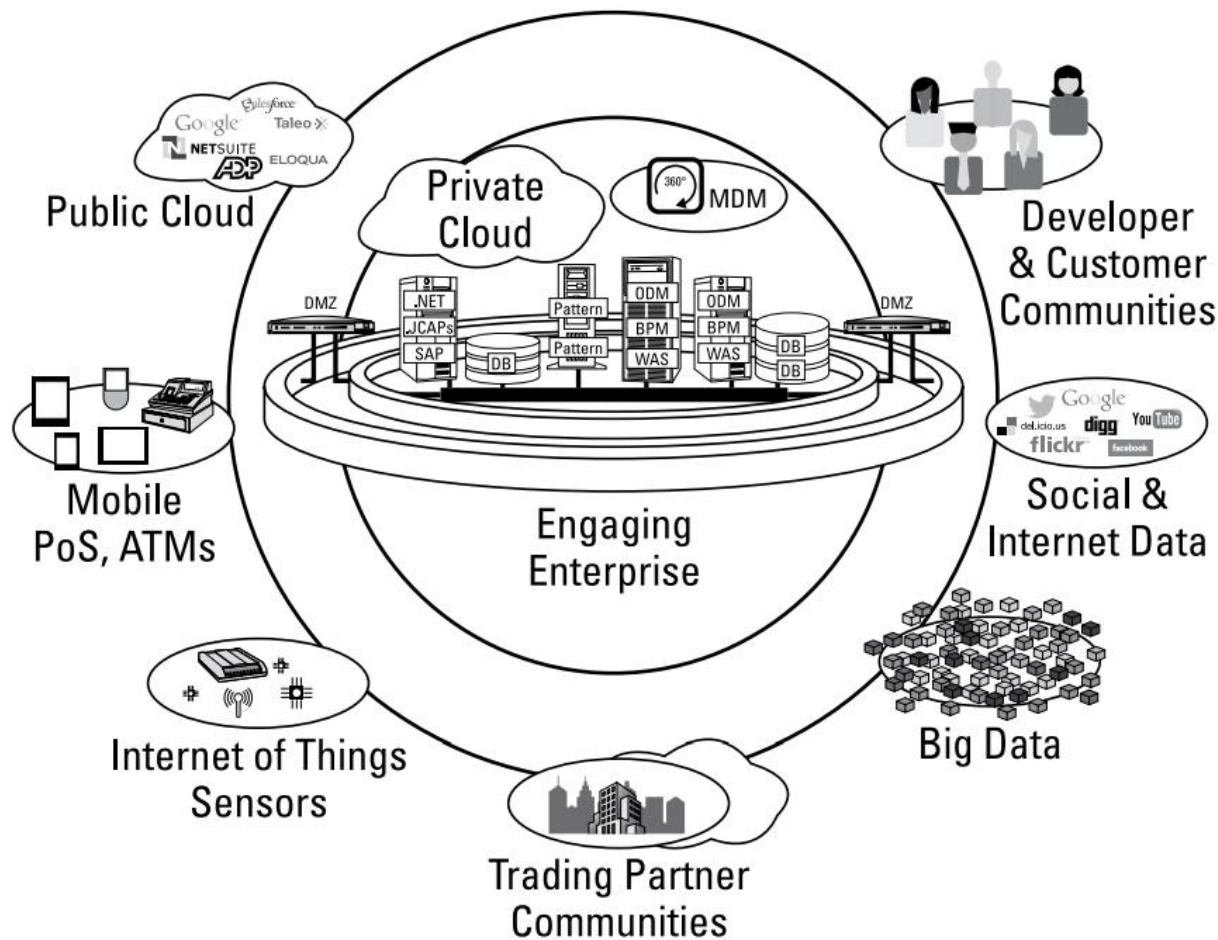


Figure 1-2: An engaging enterprise is interaction-centric.

SOA principles

- Service orientation at the core
- Process integrity at Internet scale
- Integration with enterprise capabilities and backend systems
- A basis in industry standards
- Leveraging and extending open-source techs
- Providing the platform for a growing ecosystem

SOA platform

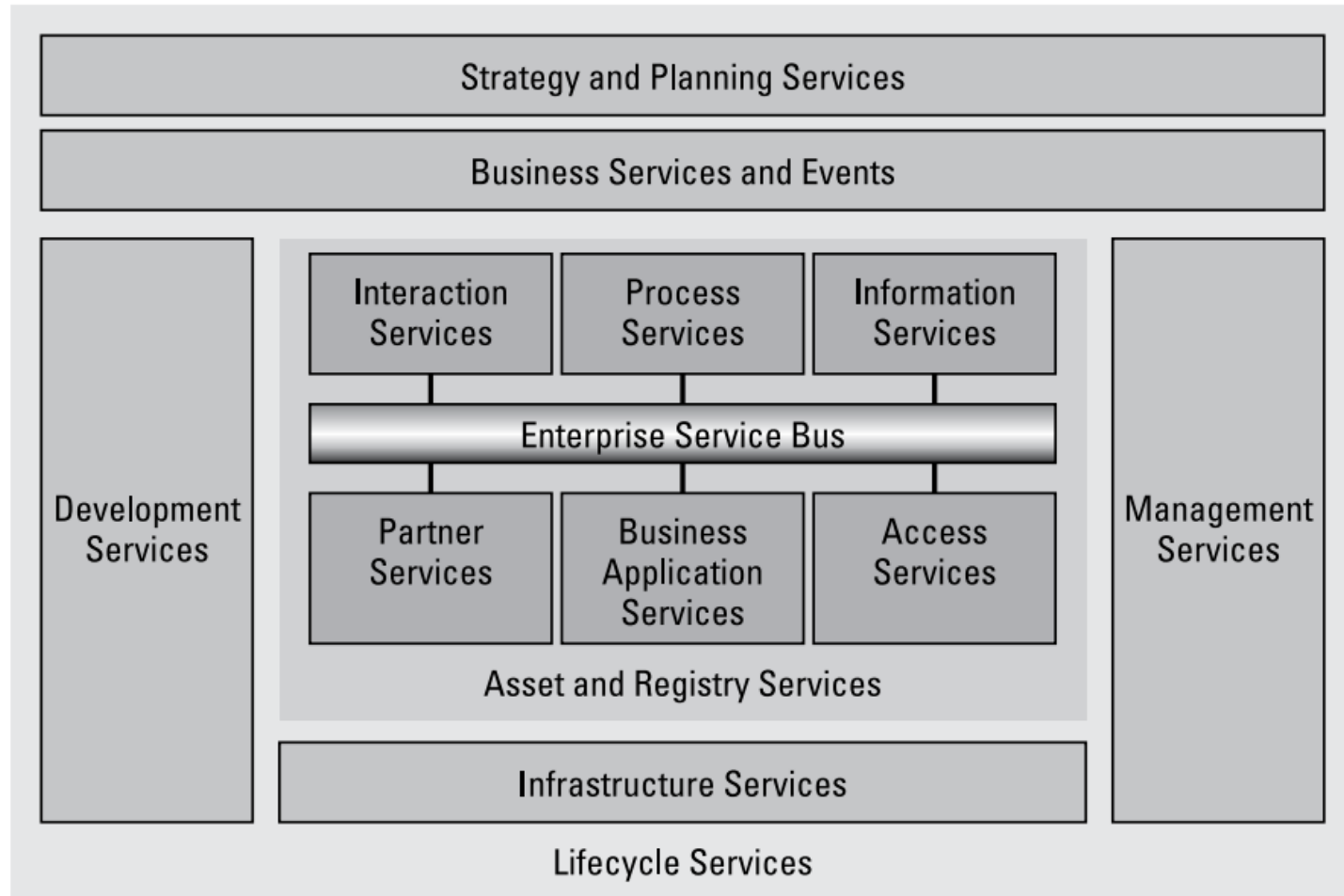
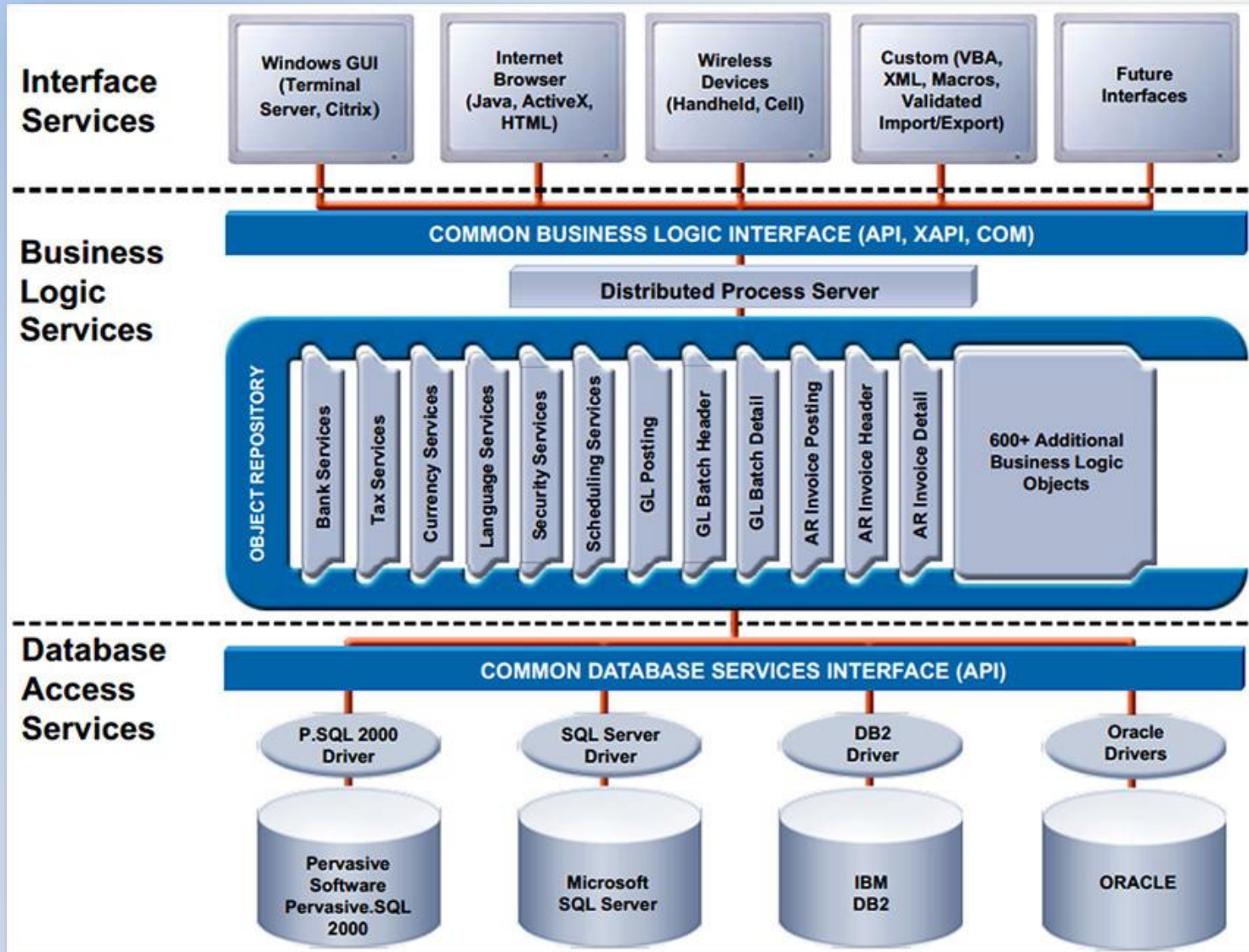


Figure 2-1: The IBM SOA Reference Model defines a good SOA platform.

Example



- What's wrong with SOA?
 - It's just one side of a coin
- What coin?
 - Cloud computing
- What's the other side?
 - Dynamic infrastructure
- Oh, my god! What are they all about?

Sample need: Socializing with SOA

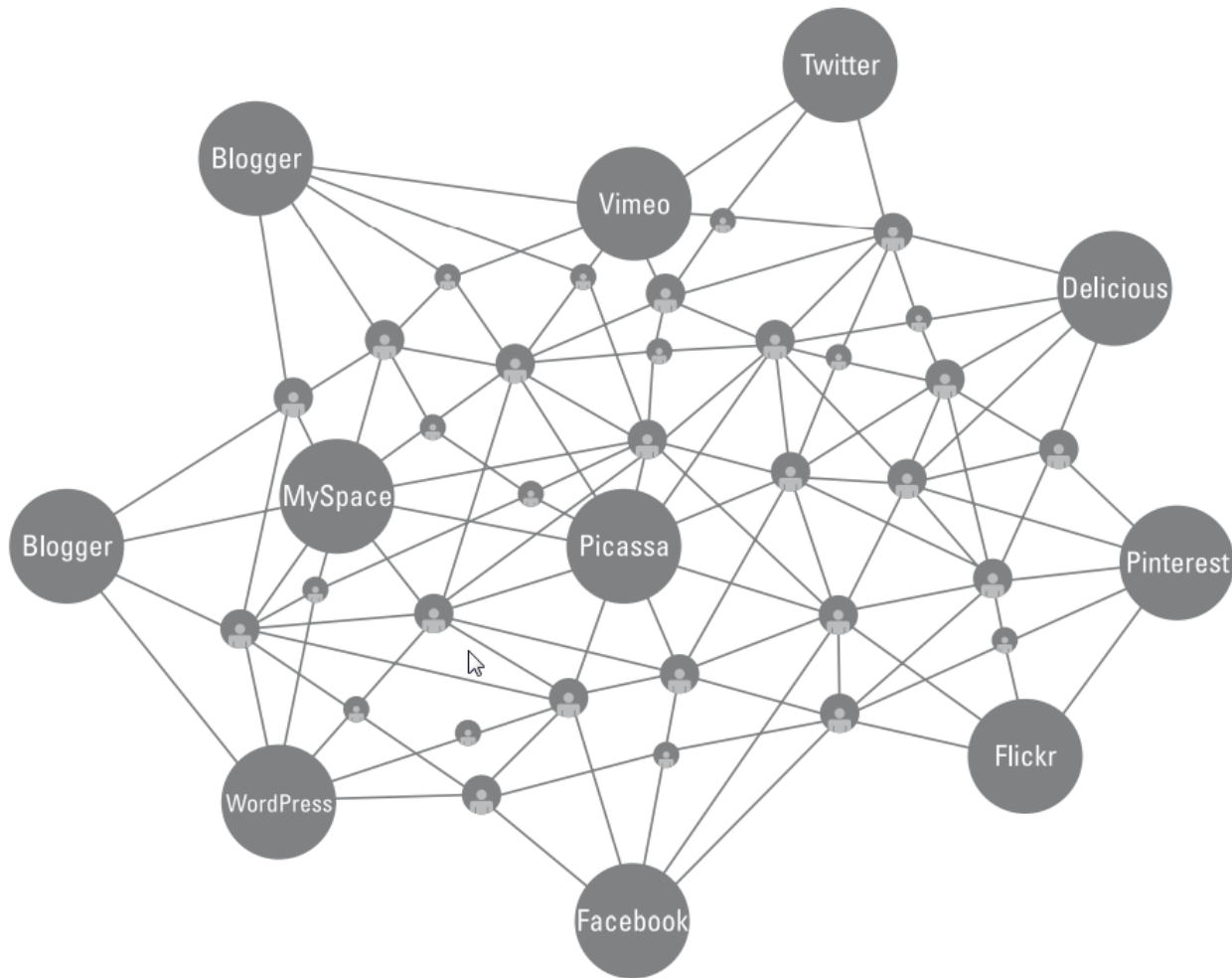
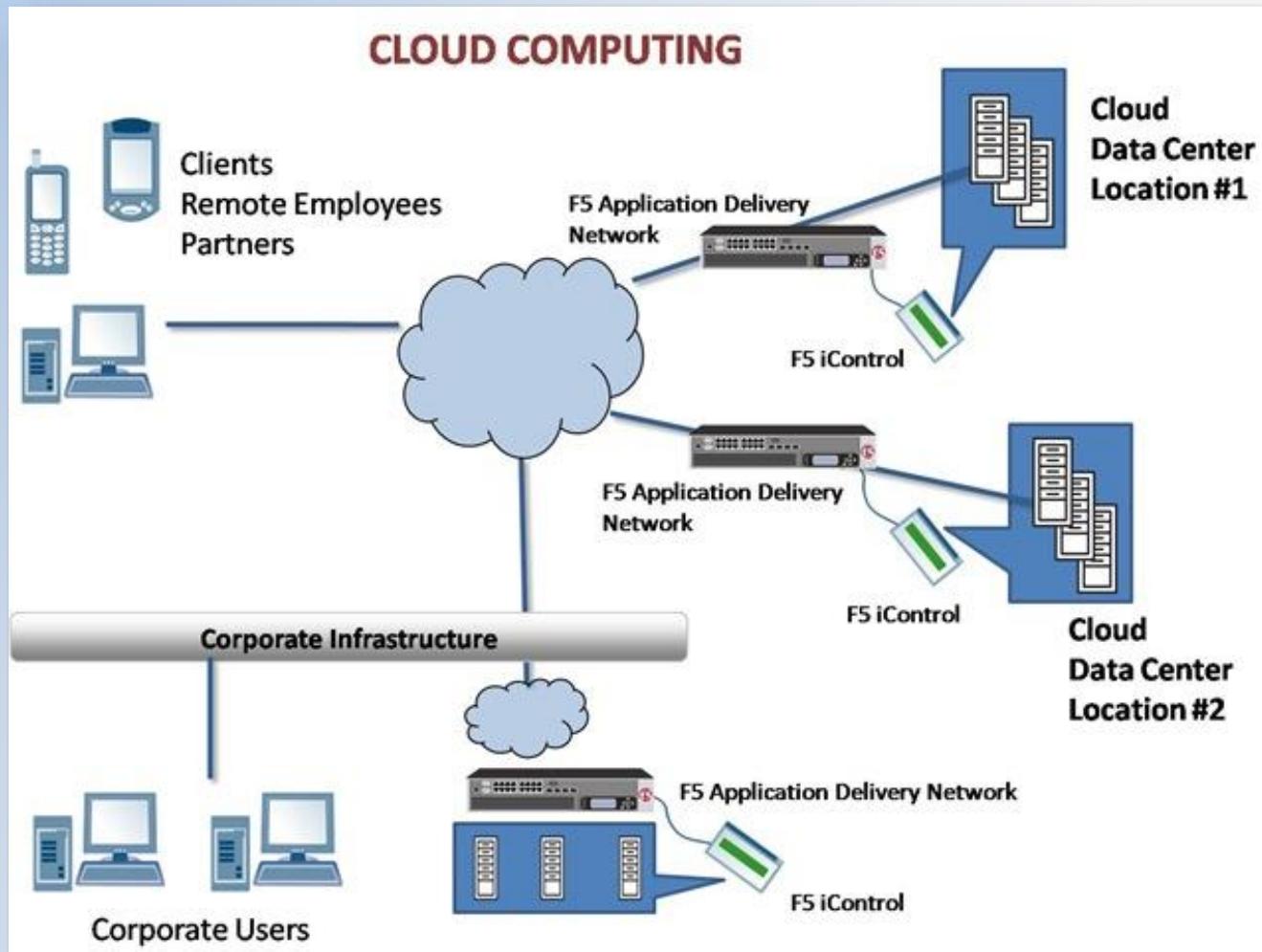


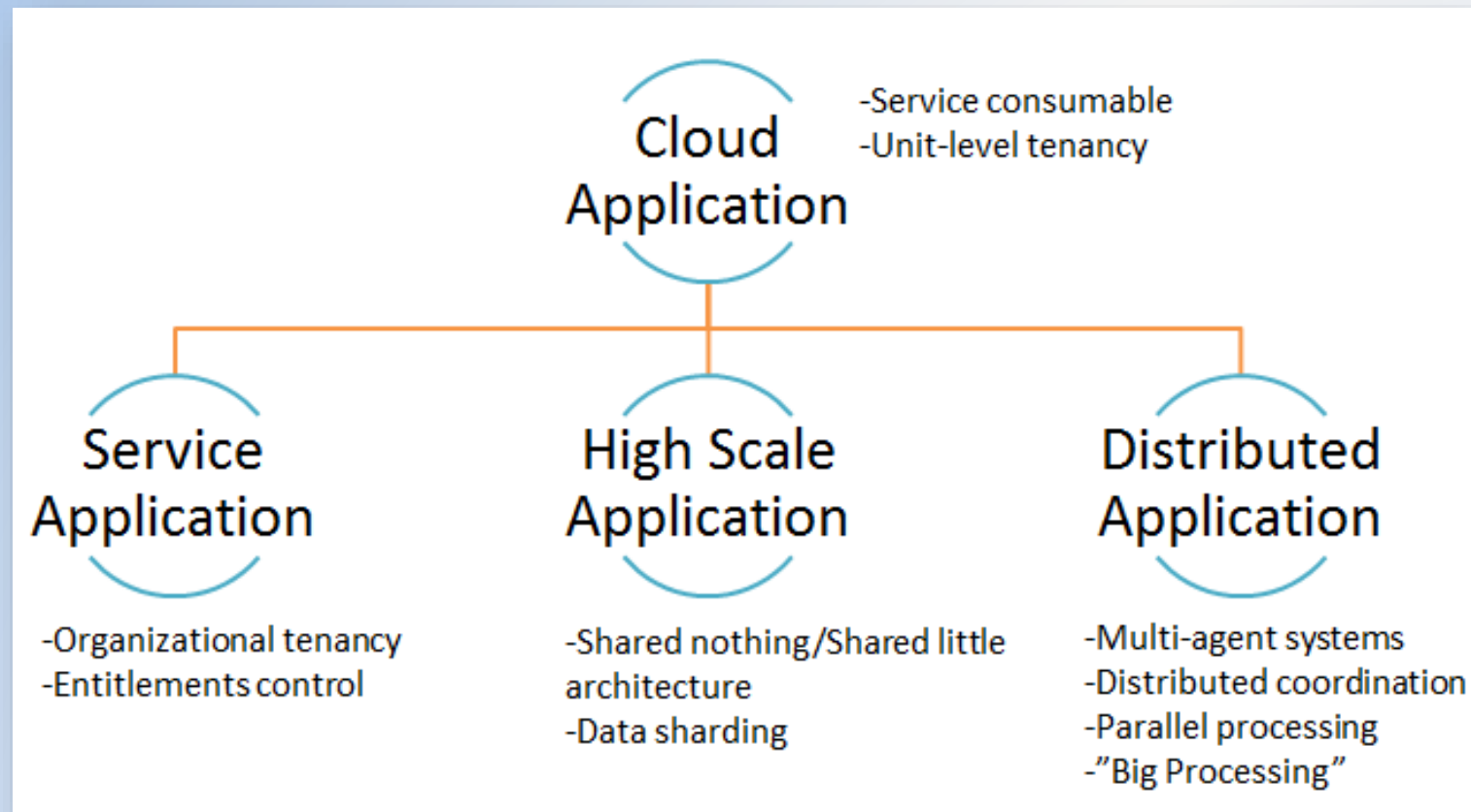
Figure 4-1: Interacting through the social graph.

Cloud computing



We already have Internet as the backbone

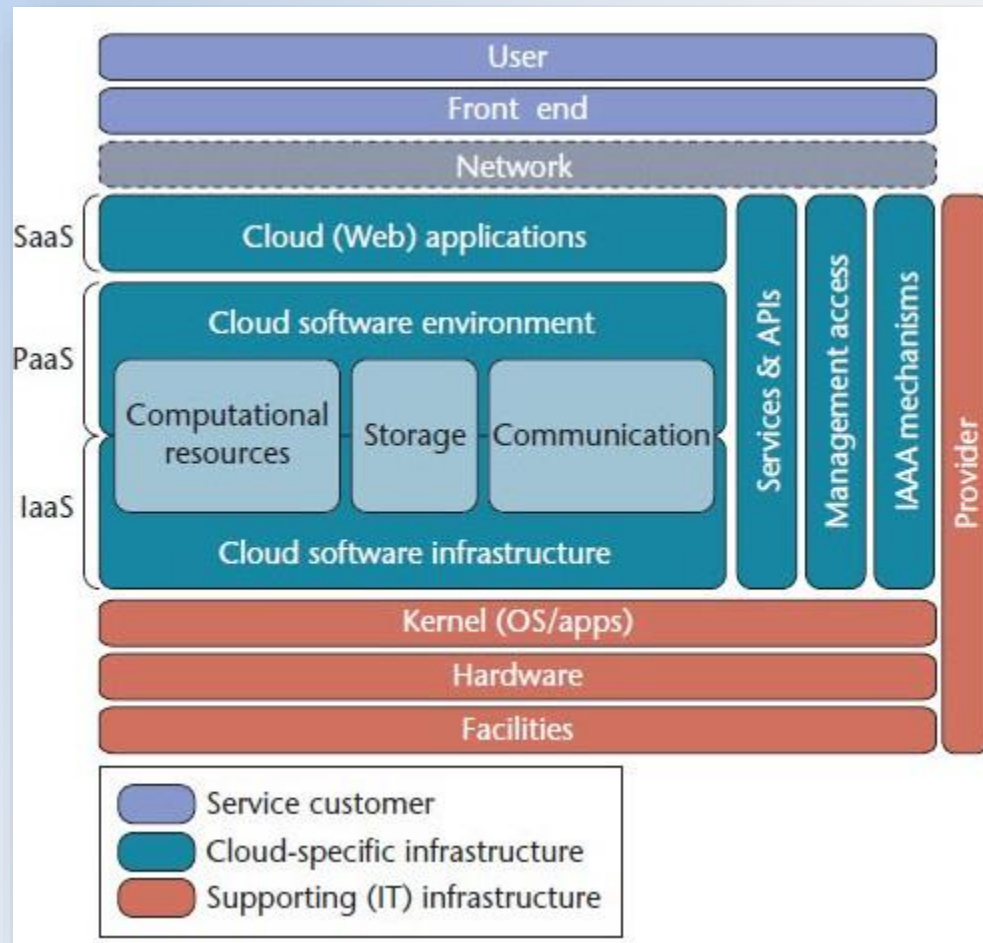
Cloud application



What remain are our applications need to be cloud-ready

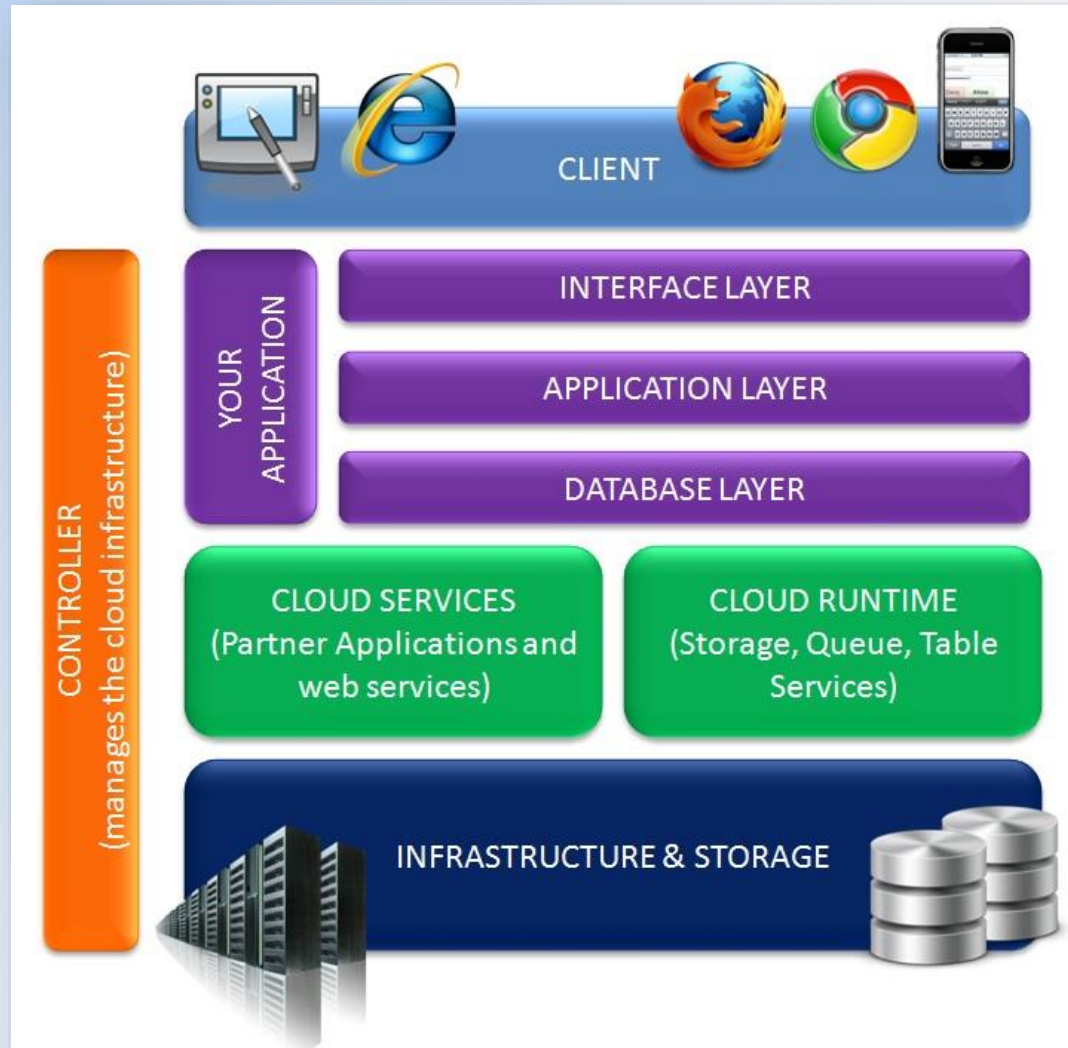
<http://apprenda.com/blog/answer-this-what-is-a-cloud-application-to-you/>

Dynamic infrastructure



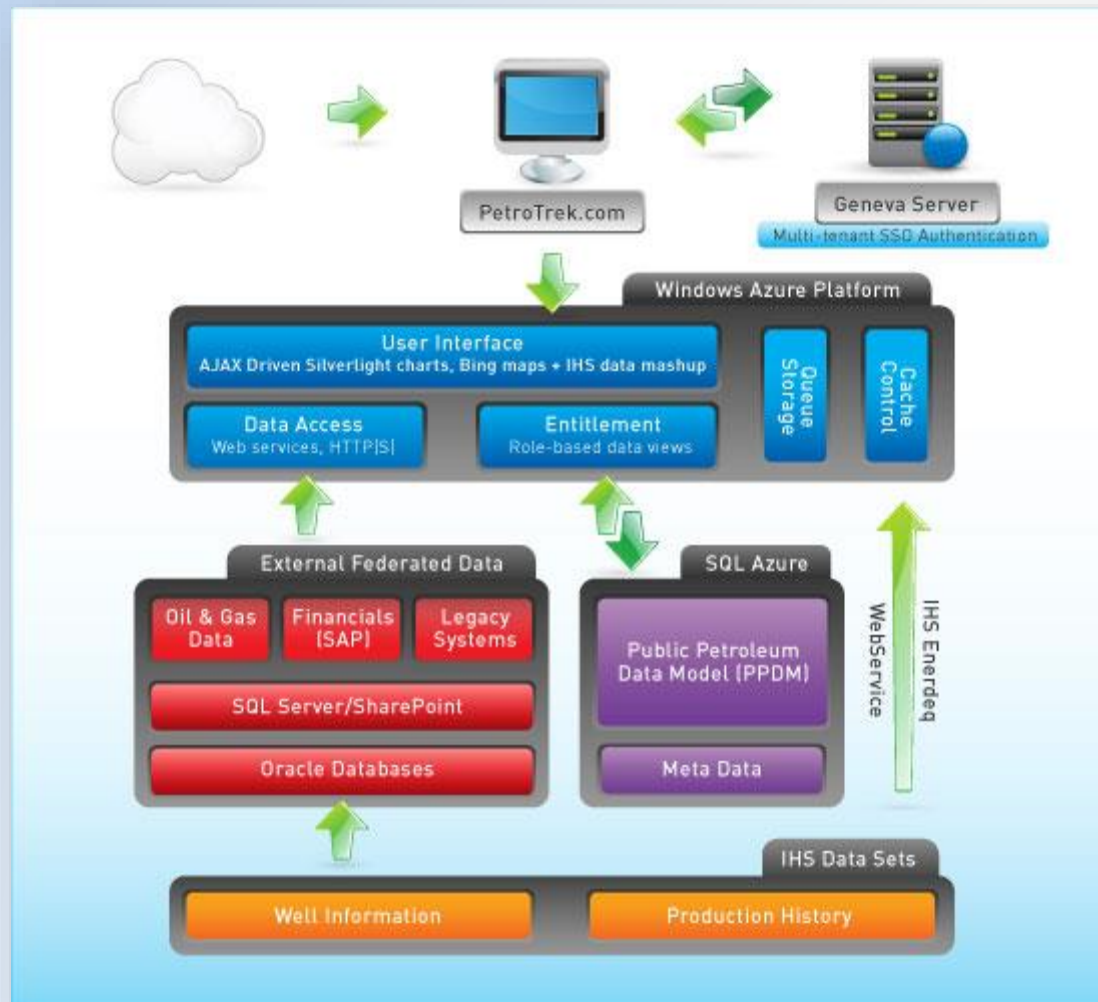
... and dynamic infrastructure has to be available via Internet
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dynamic_infrastructure

Cloud-based architecture is simple



Then our app architecture is as simple as we used to see

Example with Azure platform



- What's wrong with the cloud?
 - Well, it is the current and future trend of software development. The cloud has changed medicine, real estate, small business, enterprise IT and a whole lot more. Engaging businesses will stick to the cloud. More [here](#).
- What's after the cloud?
 - I've answered so far. It's your turn now (tip in references) 😊.

As a summary

- **Layered Architecture** solves biz requirements
- **DDD** focuses on the Domain layer, thus increases biz semantics
- **Clean Architecture** adds more technical value by making the app core technical-independent
- **SOA** maximizes biz values by delivering functionality in industry-compliant units
- **Cloud-based Architecture** maximizes technical values all over the Internet to deliver SOA services
- ... (You know what **the next** will do 😊?)

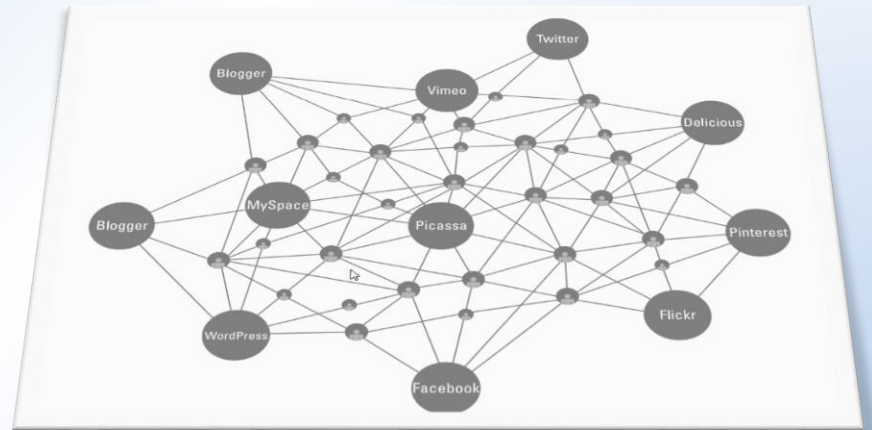
Q & A



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