

Building Rich Domain Models with DDD and TDD

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How to shoot yourself in the foot:

1. Design your application starting from the data model.
2. Create your domain model by reverse engineering.
3. Pretend that you're doing TDD and start testing your domain classes.
 - Particularly getters and setters.
4. Now start testing the logic with Integration Tests and get stuck by test data and related issues.
5. Declare that TDD provides no benefit and only slows you down.
6. Comment tests in your Continuous Integration process.
7. Keep on whining.

Alberto Brandolini

DDD

Tiny Domain Objects

Exploratory Code

Self Explanatory Coding

TDD

Focus on Unit Tests

Frequent Rewriting

Frequent Short Cycles

Quick Feedback

Freedom to Change

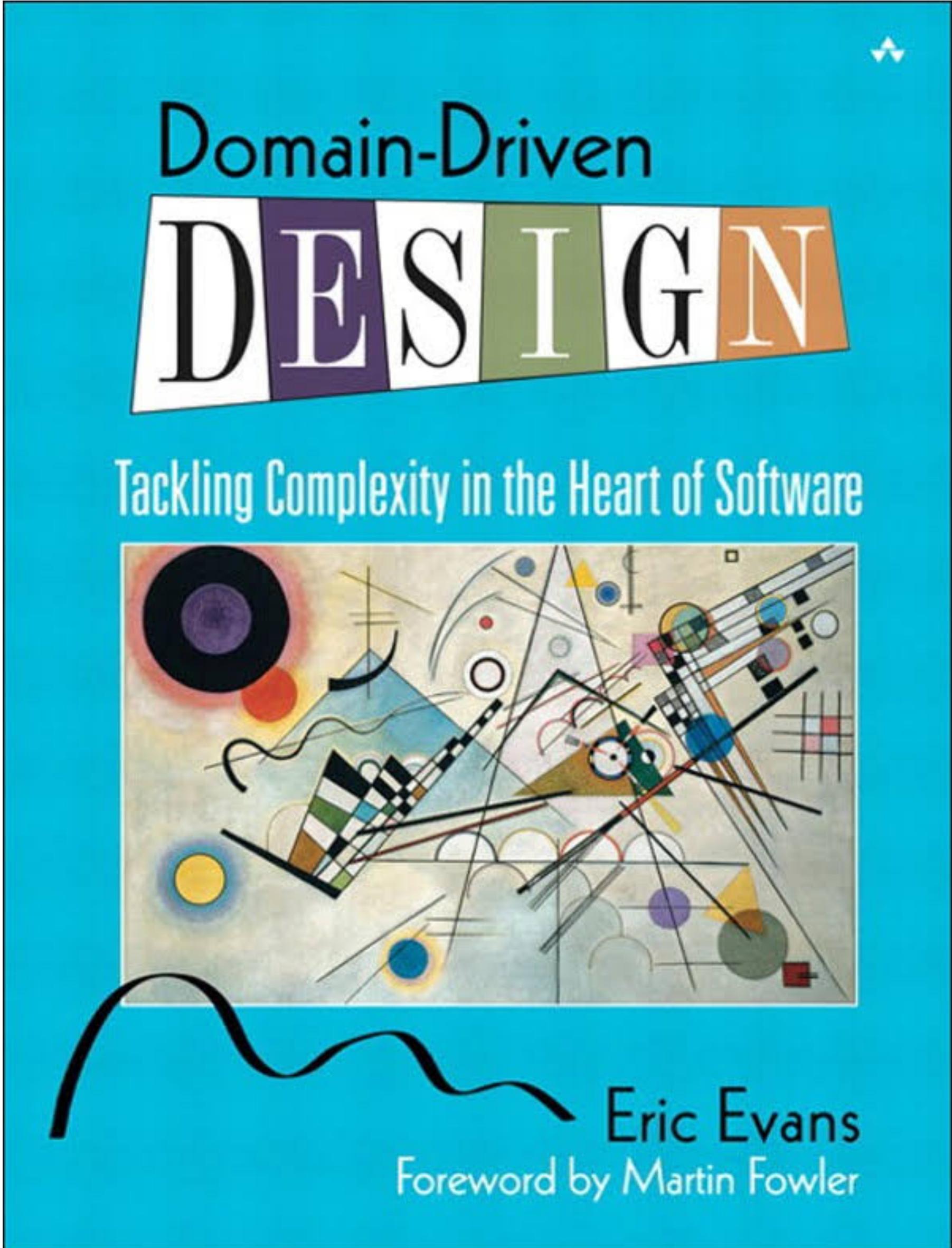
A Customer Entity with Primitive Obsession...

```
public class Customer : IEntity
{
    public int Id { get; set; }
    public string FirstName { get; set; }
    public string LastName { get; set; }
    public string Personnummer { get; set; }
    public string Email { get; set; }
    public string MobilePhoneNumber { get; set; }
}
```

Leads to Services Like..

```
public class RegisterCustomerUseCase  
{  
    public RegisterOutput Execute(  
        string firstName,  
        string lastName,  
        string personnummer,  
        string email,  
        string mobilePhoneNumber)  
    { ... }  
}
```

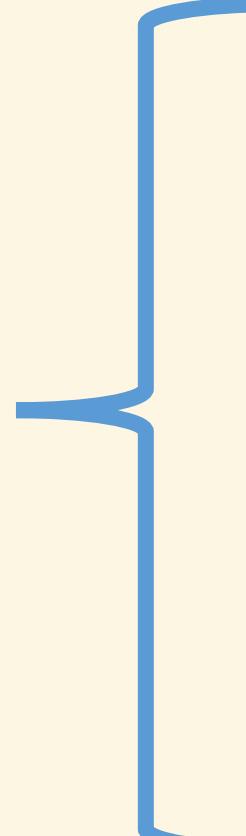
- Needs to verify for required parameters
- Needs to verify for Data Format
- Needs to verify for Data Range
- Services are Big and Fat
- Easy to confuse one parameter with the another.



- Not a technology.
- Not a methodology.
- Set of principles and patterns for focusing the design effort where it matters most.

An Customer Entity Using Value Objects..

```
public class Customer : IEntity
{
    public int Id { get; set; }
    public FirstName FirstName { get; set; }
    public LastName LastName { get; set; }
    public Personnummer Personnummer { get; set; }
    public Email Email { get; set; }
    public MobilePhoneNumber MobilePhoneNumber { get; set; }
}
```



Business Rules Enforced Through Value Objects

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- The simple existence of a Value Object means that it is valid.
- No need to verify for the data format on every method.
- **Services are thinner when using Value Objects.**

**DDD express the Model with
Value Objects, Entities and Services.**

Some Entities act as root of Aggregates.

An Example with Some Use Cases

- A customer can register a new account using its personal details.
- Allow a customer to deposit funds into an existing account.
- Allow to withdraw from an existing account.
- Do not allow to withdraw more than the existing funds.

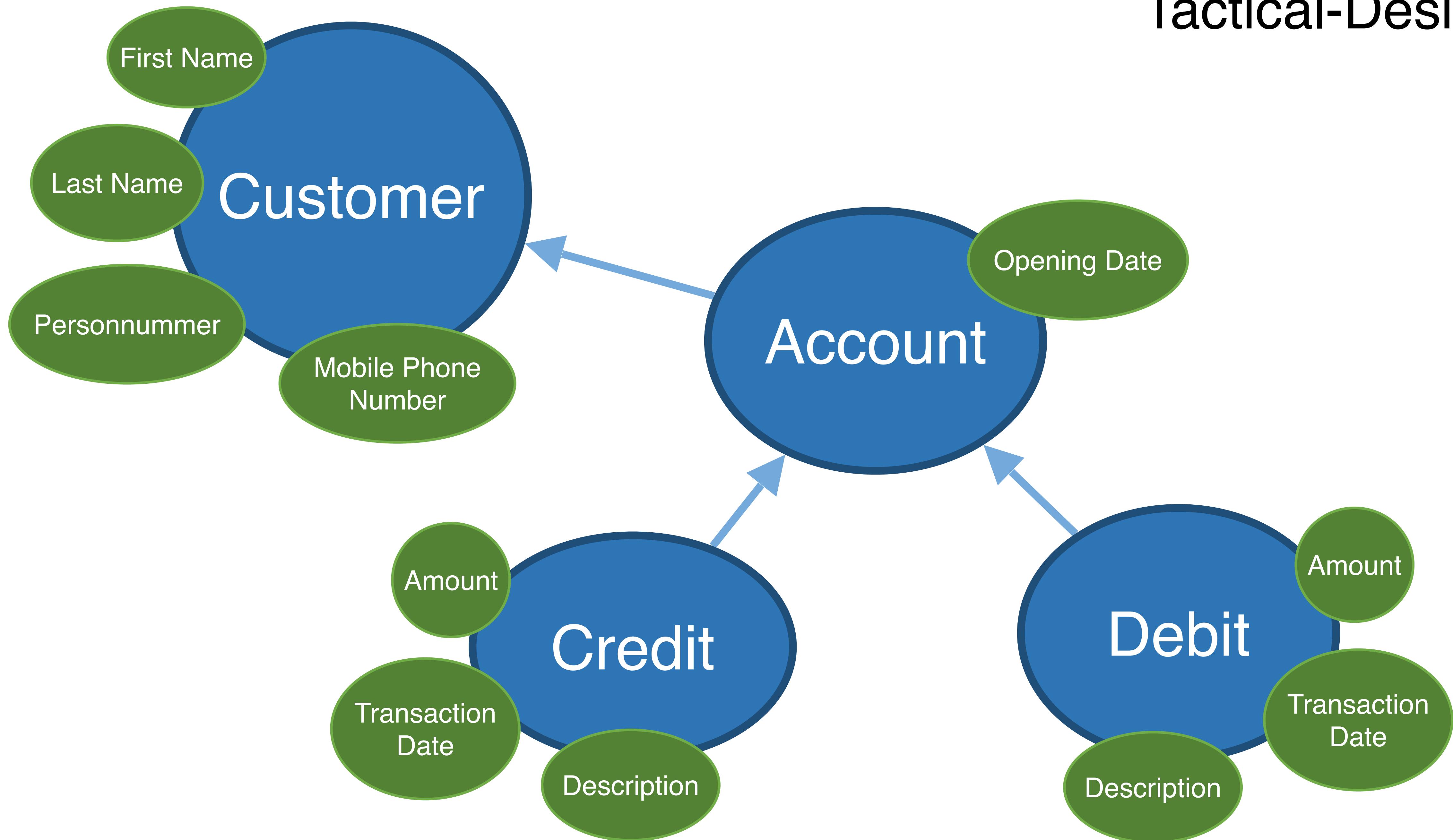
Customer 5557-8

Account Number 4444-6				
Date	Description	Debit (SEK)	Credit (SEK)	Balance (SEK)
08-01-2018	Initial Balance			50,000
08-03-2018	Withdrawal	10,000		40,000
08-06-2018	Withdrawal	5,000		35,000
08-17-2018	Deposited		7,000	42,000
Account Number 7777-0				
Date	Description	Debit (SEK)	Credit (SEK)	Balance (SEK)
08-01-2018	Initial Balance			10,000

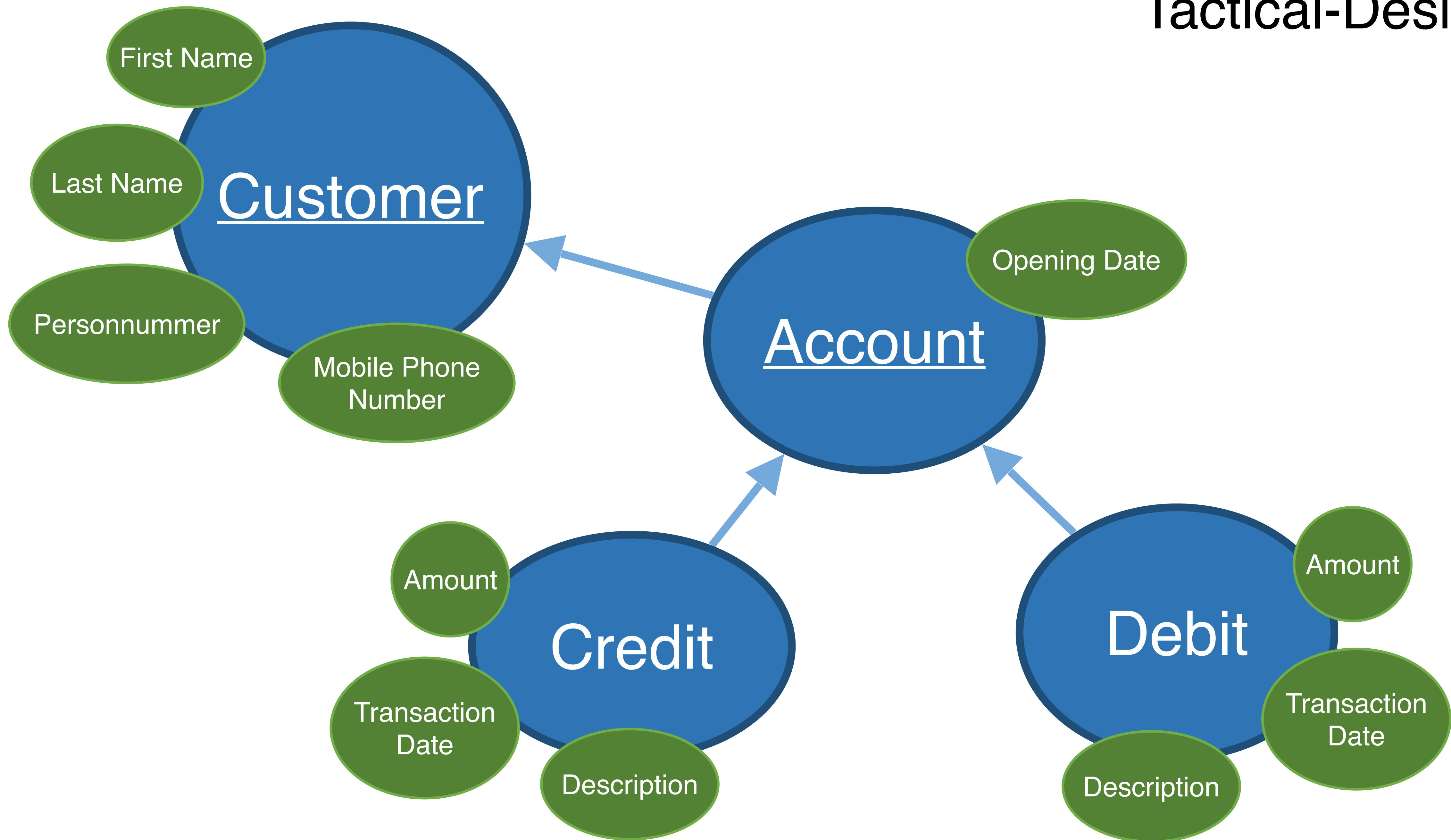
Some Names and Verbs are Useful

- A **customer** can **register** a new account using its personal details.
- Allow a **customer** to **deposit** funds into an existing account.
- Allow to **withdraw** from an existing **account**.
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Tactical-Design



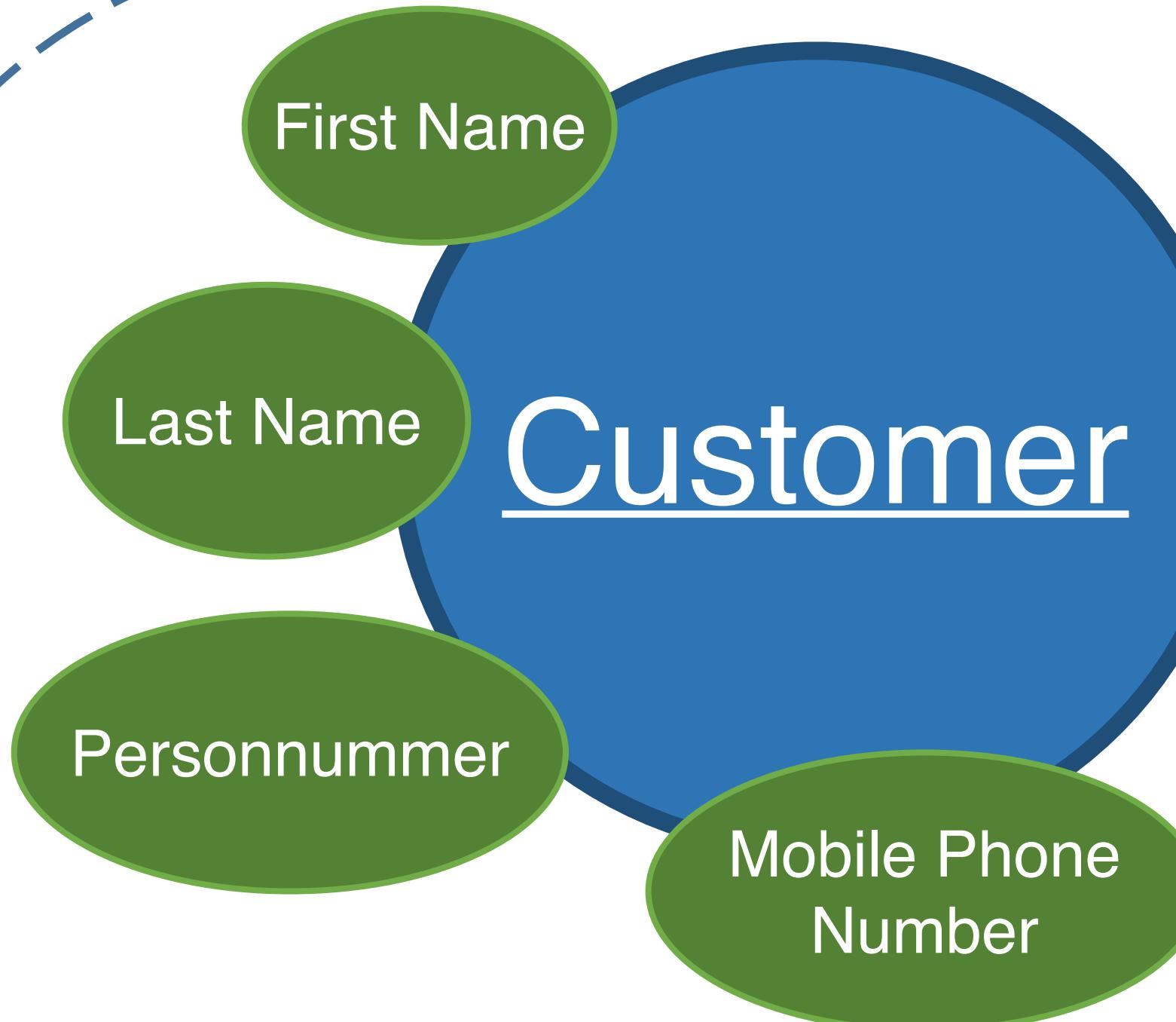
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Personal Expenses Bounded Context

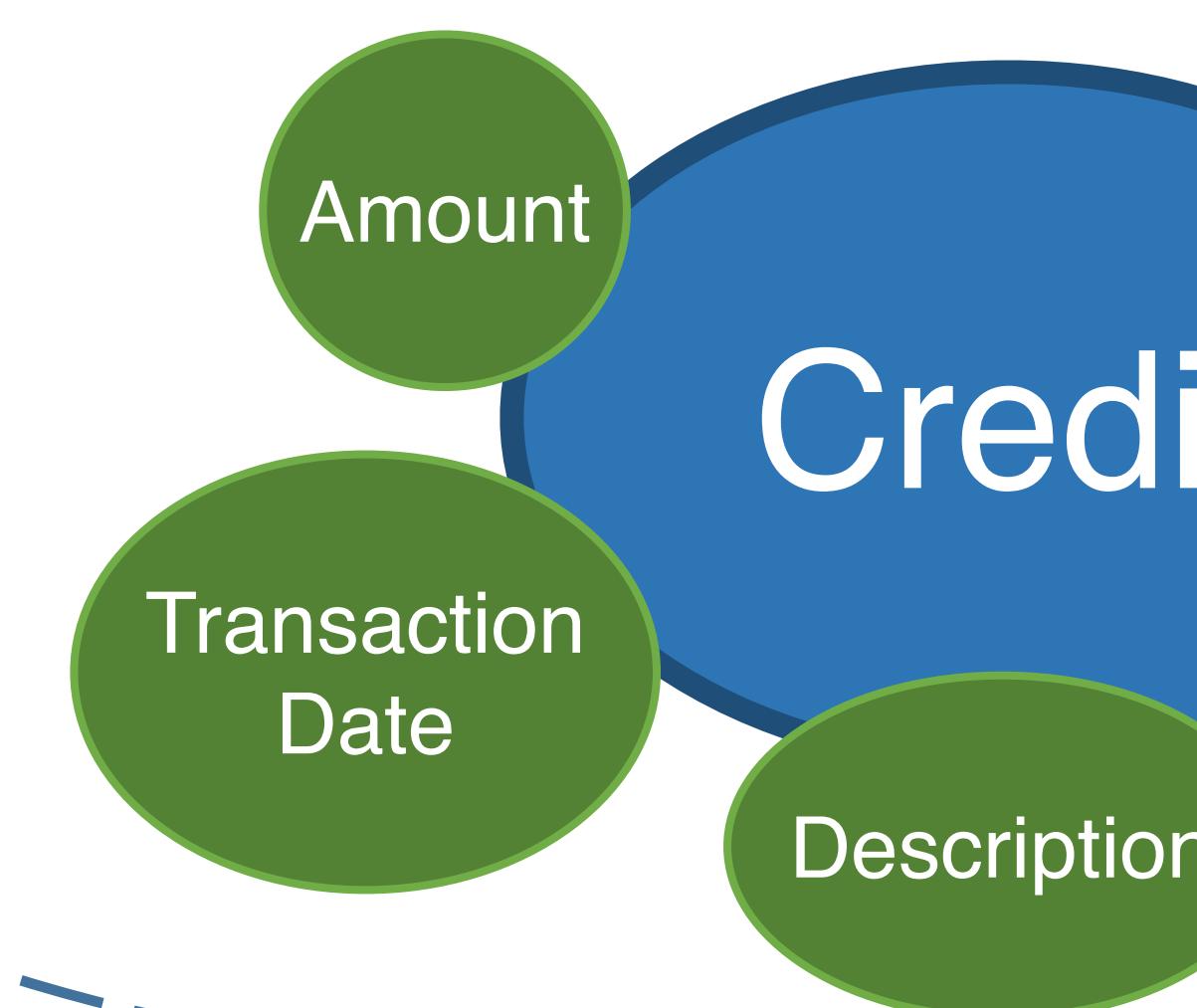
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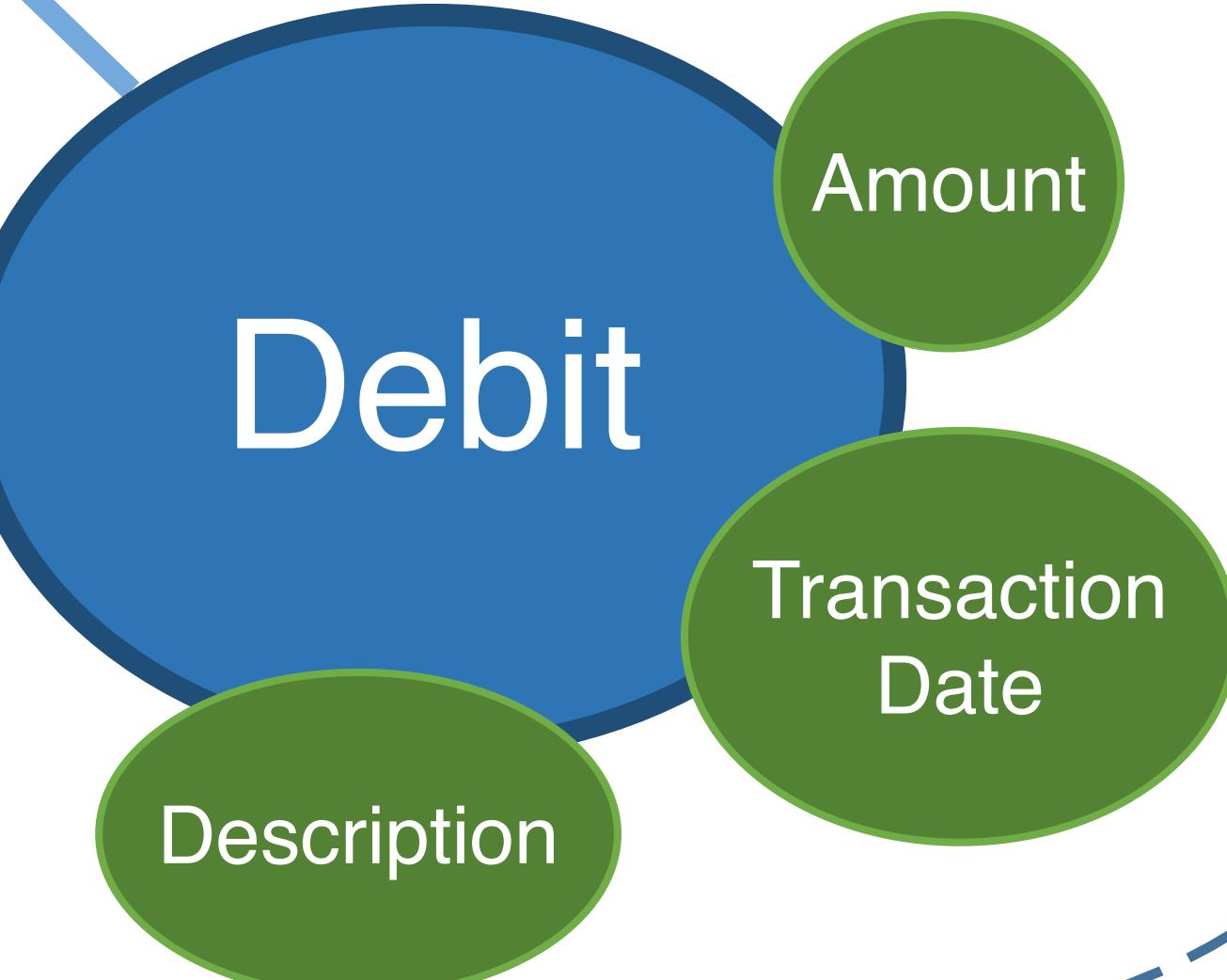
Account



Credit



Debit



Developers

**Technical Aspects
of Design**

**Technical
Terms**

**Technical Design
Patterns**

Ubiquitous
Language

Domain Model
Terms

Names of
Bounded Contexts

Terminology of Large-scale
Structures

DDD Patterns
Names

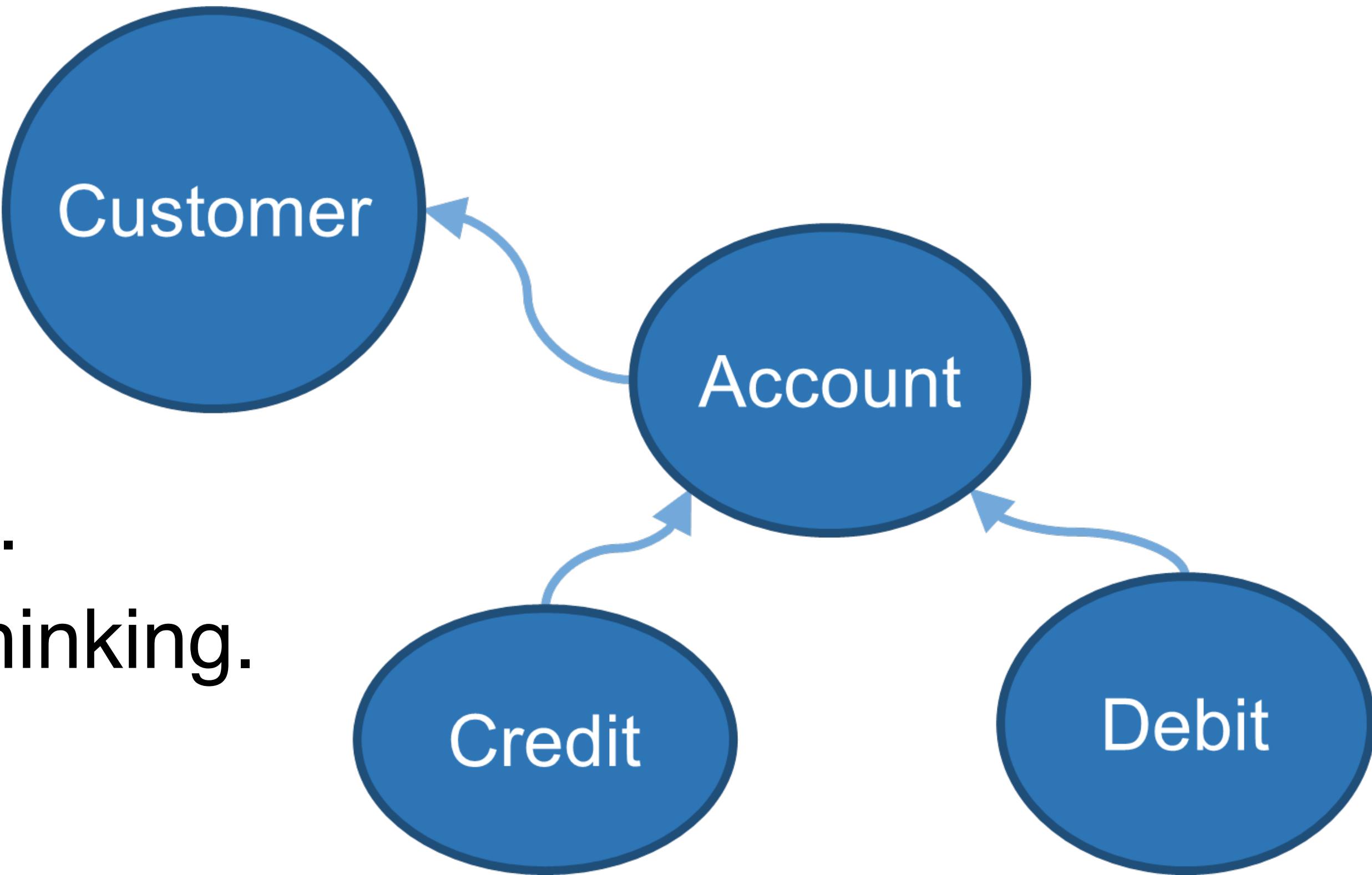
Domain Experts

**Business Terms
Developers Don't
Understand**

**Business Terms
Everyone Uses
That Don't Appear
in Design**

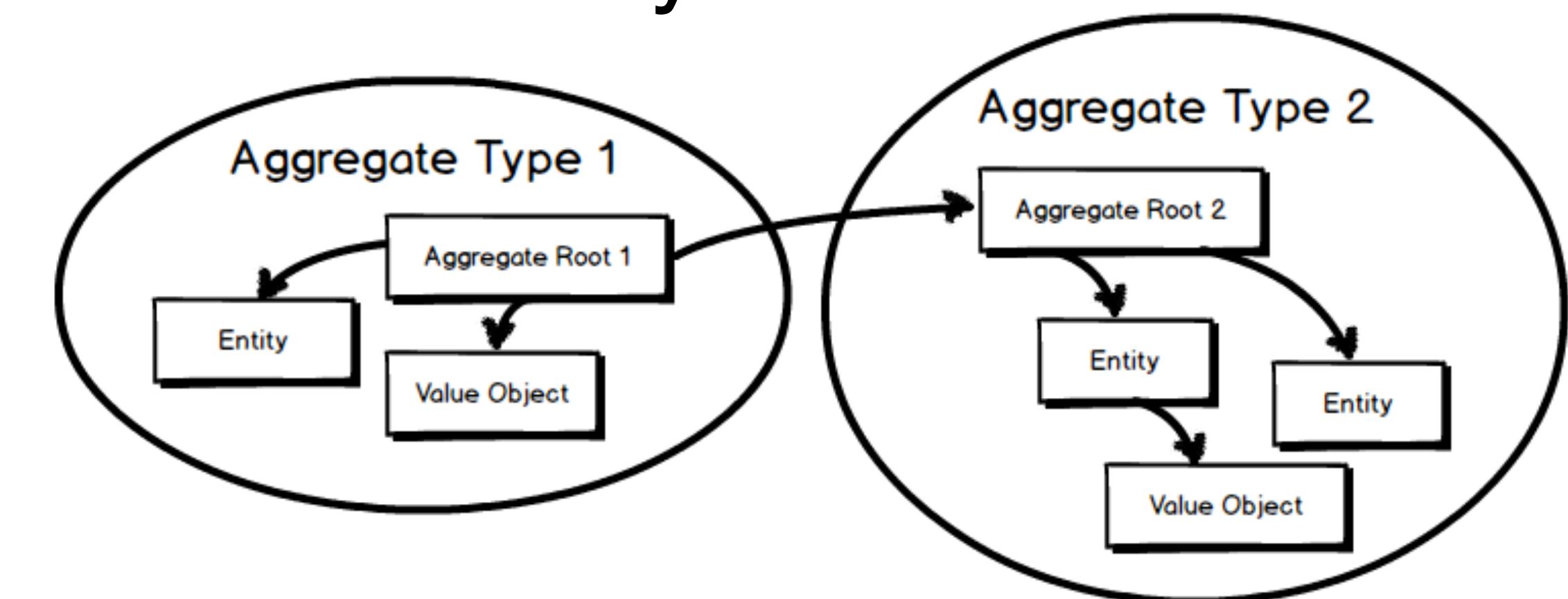
Entities

- Have a unique identity.
- Are mutable or not.
- Refer others entities by their IDs.
- Don't get trapped by datastore thinking.



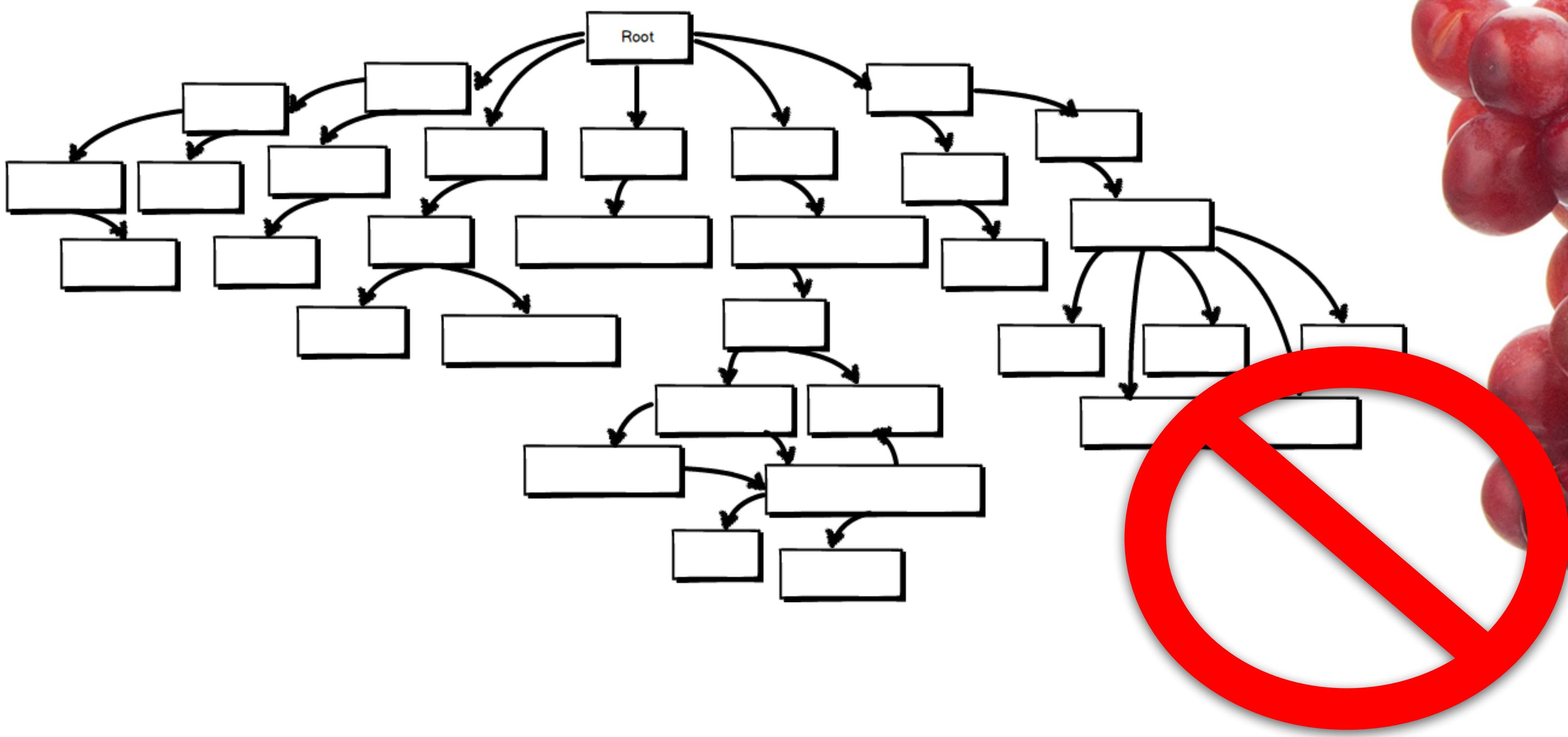
Aggregate Roots (Are Entities)

- Refer other aggregates by identity only.
- Scope of consistency inside the aggregate boundaries and update other aggregates through eventual consistency.
- Aggregates **are small**.

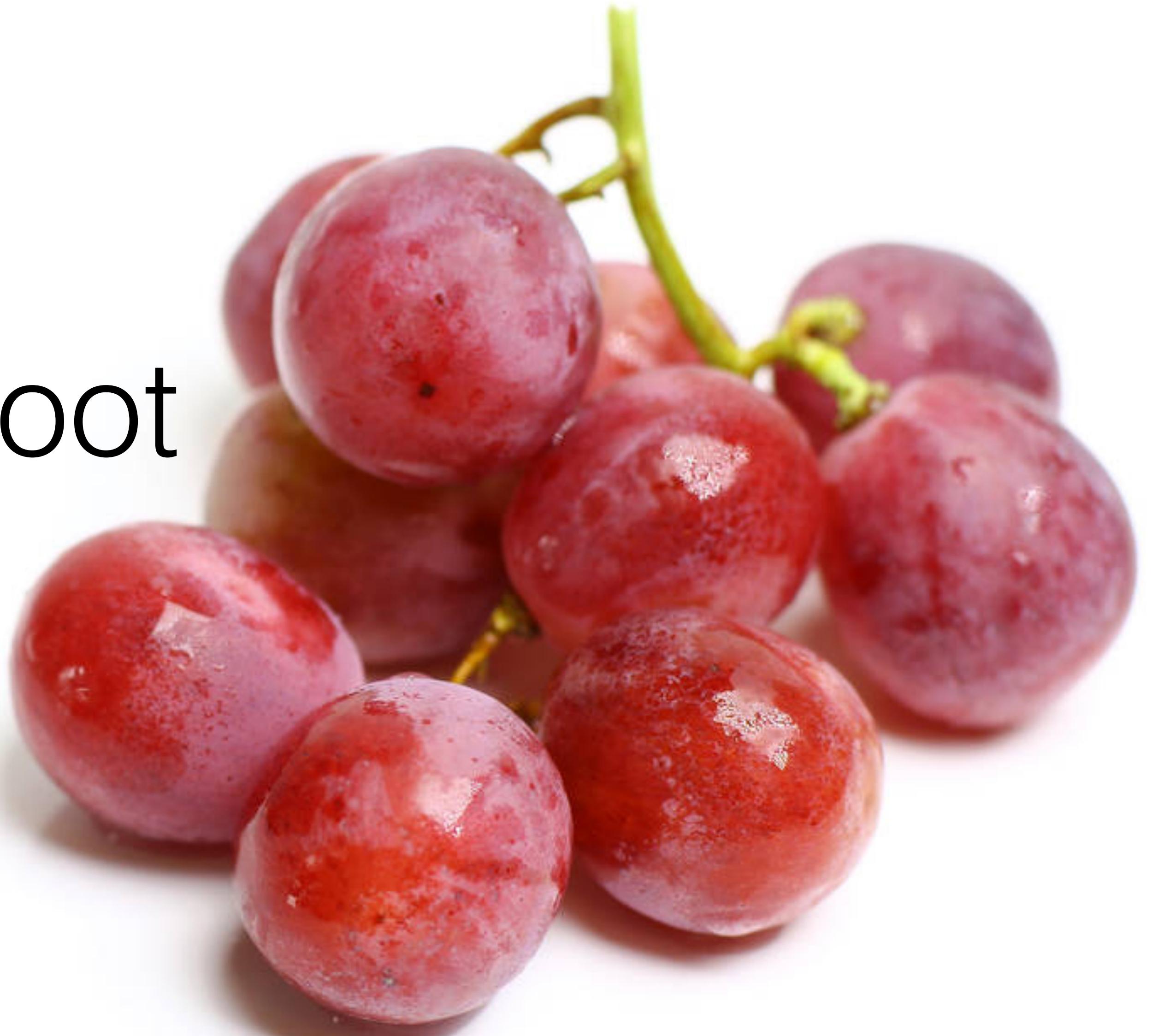


- Aggregates implement behaviors.
- One Aggregate Root for every Entity is a Code Smell.

An Aggregate Root is not your Entire Model



An Aggregate Root



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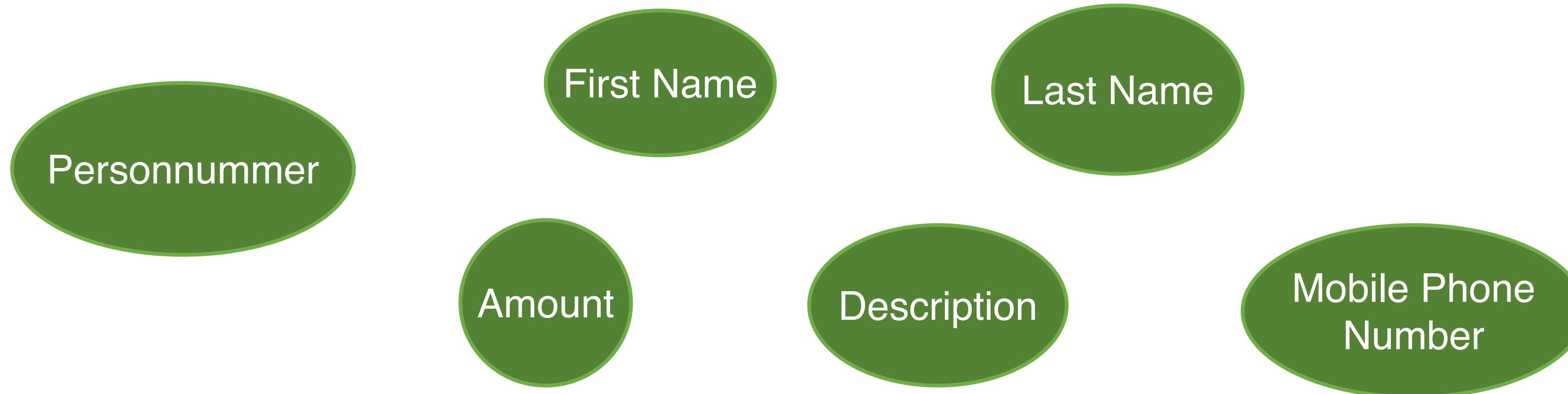
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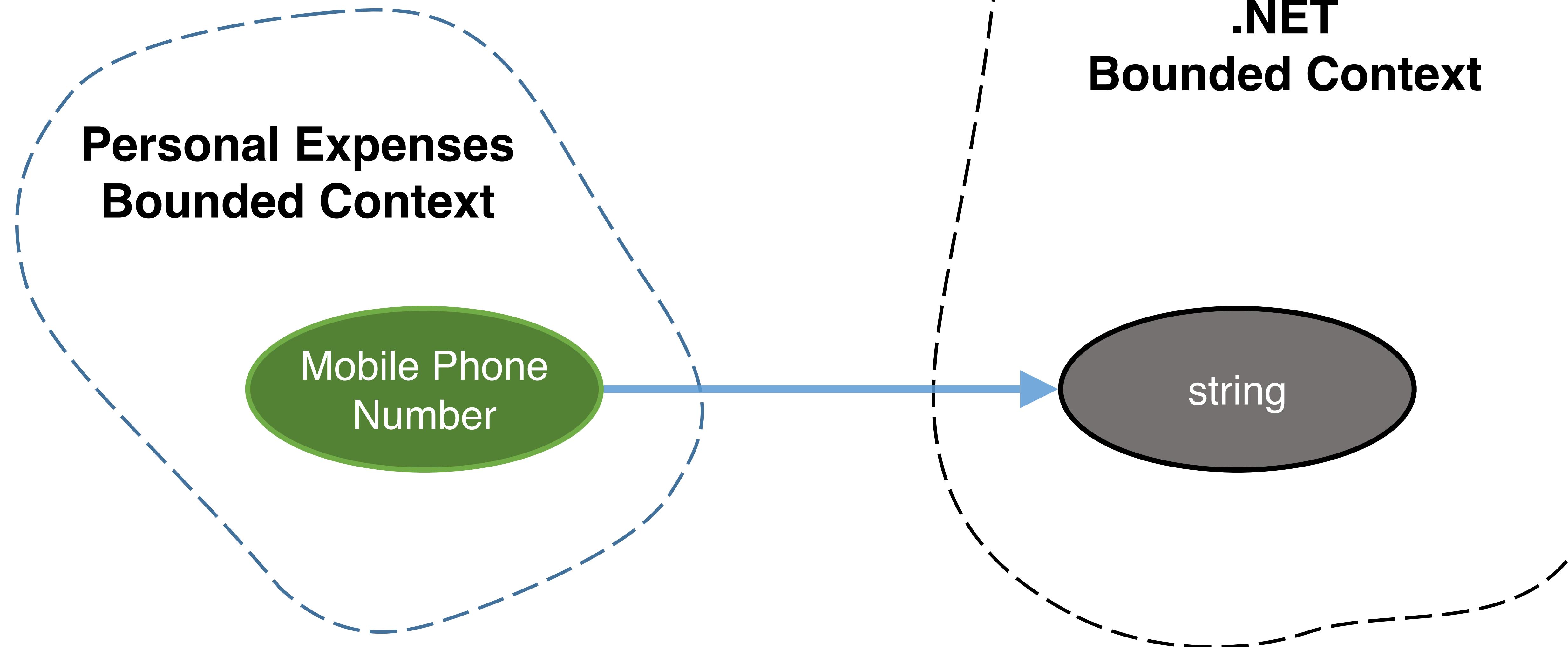
Factory method to restore state.

Value Objects

- Immutable.
- Have no explicit identity.
- Unique by the comparison of the attributes.
- Used to describe, measure or quantify an Entity.



.NET Bounded Context



Personal Expenses Bounded Context

Mobile Phone
Number

.NET Bounded Context

Clone	IndexOfAny	Split
Compare	Insert	StartsWith
CompareOrdinal	Intern	Substring
CompareTo	IsInterned	ToCharArray
Concat	IsNormalized	ToLower
Contains	IsNullOrEmpty	ToLowerInvariant
Copy	IsNullOrWhiteSpace	ToString
CopyTo	Join	ToUpper
Create	LastIndexOf	ToUpperInvariant
EndsWith	LastIndexOfAny	Trim
Equals	Normalize	TrimEnd
Format	PadLeft	TrimStart
GetEnumerator	PadRight	
GetHashCode	Remove	
GetTypeCode	Replace	
IndexOf		

.NET

Bounded Context

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Mobile Phone
Number

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GetAreaCode
GetLastFourDigits
ToString

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CompareOrdinal
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Concat
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Copy
CopyTo
Create
EndsWith
Equals
Format
GetEnumerator
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GetTypeCode
IndexOf
IndexOfAny
Insert
Intern
IsInterned
IsNormalized
IsNullOrEmpty
IsNullOrWhiteSpace
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Split
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Without Value Objects

We bring the .NET Framework Complexity into our Bounded Context.

Personal Expenses Bounded Context

string int null
double collection

.NET Bounded Context

HttpClient Reflection
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With Value Objects

We only pay for the complexity we really use

Personal Expenses Bounded Context

Phone Number

string

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Personnummer Value Object

```
public sealed class Personnummer
{
    private string _text;
    const string RegExForValidation = @"^[\d{6,8}[-|(\s)]{0,1}\d{4}$";

    public Personnummer(string text)
    {
        if (string.IsNullOrWhiteSpace(text))
            throw new SSNShouldNotBeEmptyException("The 'Personnummer' field is required");

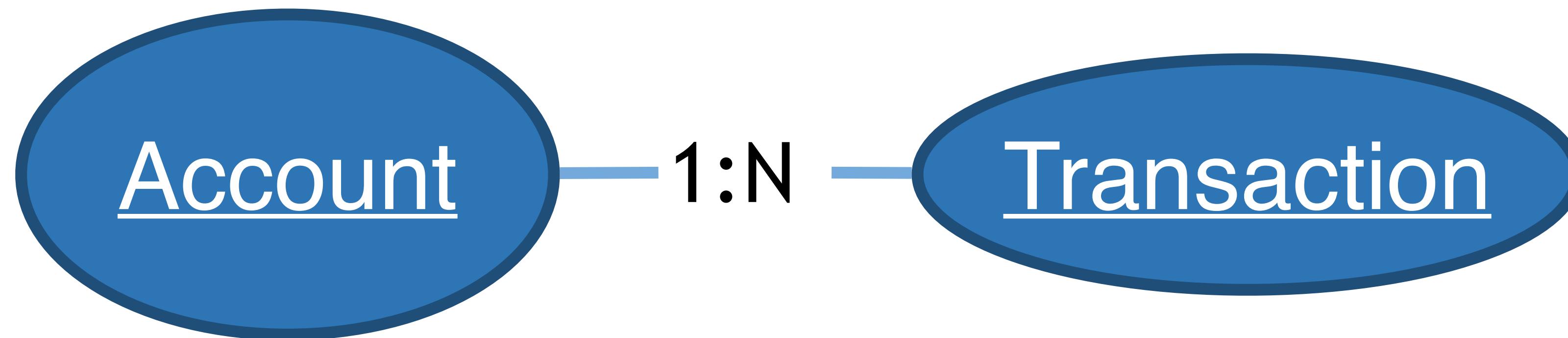
        Regex regex = new Regex(RegExForValidation);
        Match match = regex.Match(text);

        if (!match.Success)
            throw new InvalidSSNException("Invalid Personnummer format. Use YYMMDDNNNN.");

        _text = text;
    }
}
```

First-Class Collections

- Each collection should be wrapped in its own class¹.
- Classes that contains collections do not contains any other variable.
- Behaviors have a home.
- When necessary return immutable collection copies.



¹The ThoughtWorks Anthology: Essays on Software Technology and Innovation (Pragmatic Programmers), 2008

First-Class TransactionCollection

```
public sealed class TransactionCollection
{
    private readonly IList<ITransaction> _transactions;

    public TransactionCollection()
    {
        _transactions = new List<ITransaction>();
    }

    public void Add(ITransaction transaction) { ... }
    public void Add(IEnumerable<ITransaction> transactions) { ... }
    public Amount GetBalance() { ... }

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Copy collections and mutable objects when passing them between objects.¹

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```

How to Use the TransactionCollection Class

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    public TransactionCollection Transactions { get; private set; }

    public Account(Guid customerId) { ... }

    public void Withdraw(Amount amount)
    {
        Amount balance = Transactions.GetBalance();

        if (balance < amount)
            throw new InsufficientFundsException(
                $"The account {Id} does not have enough funds to withdraw {amount}. Current Balance {balance}.");
    }

    Debit debit = new Debit(Id, amount);
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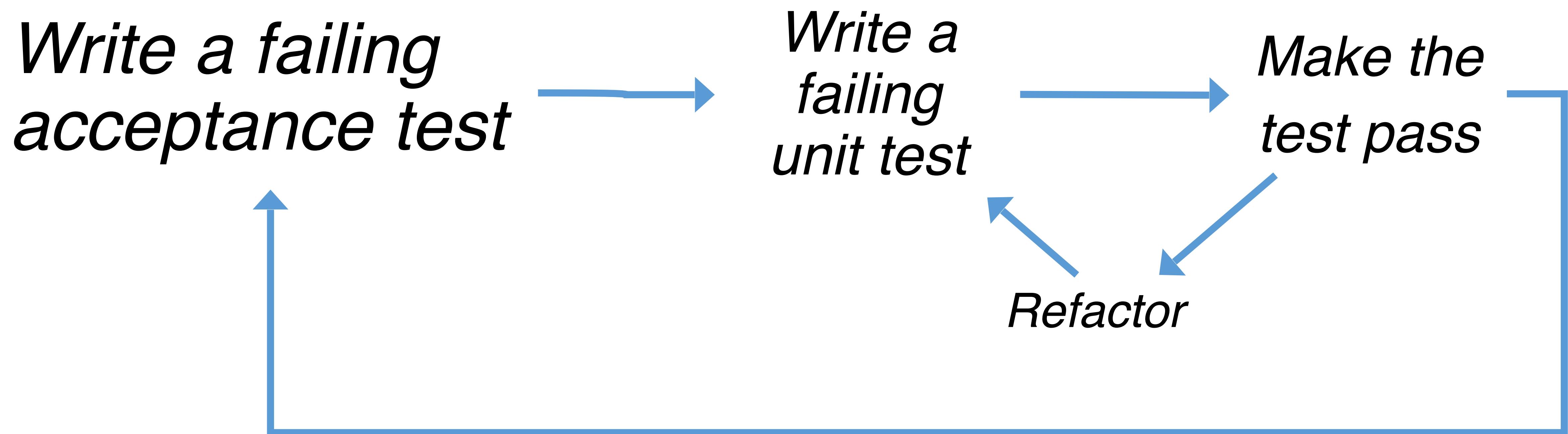
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Composite simpler than
the sum of its parts

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Inner and outer feedback loops in TDD



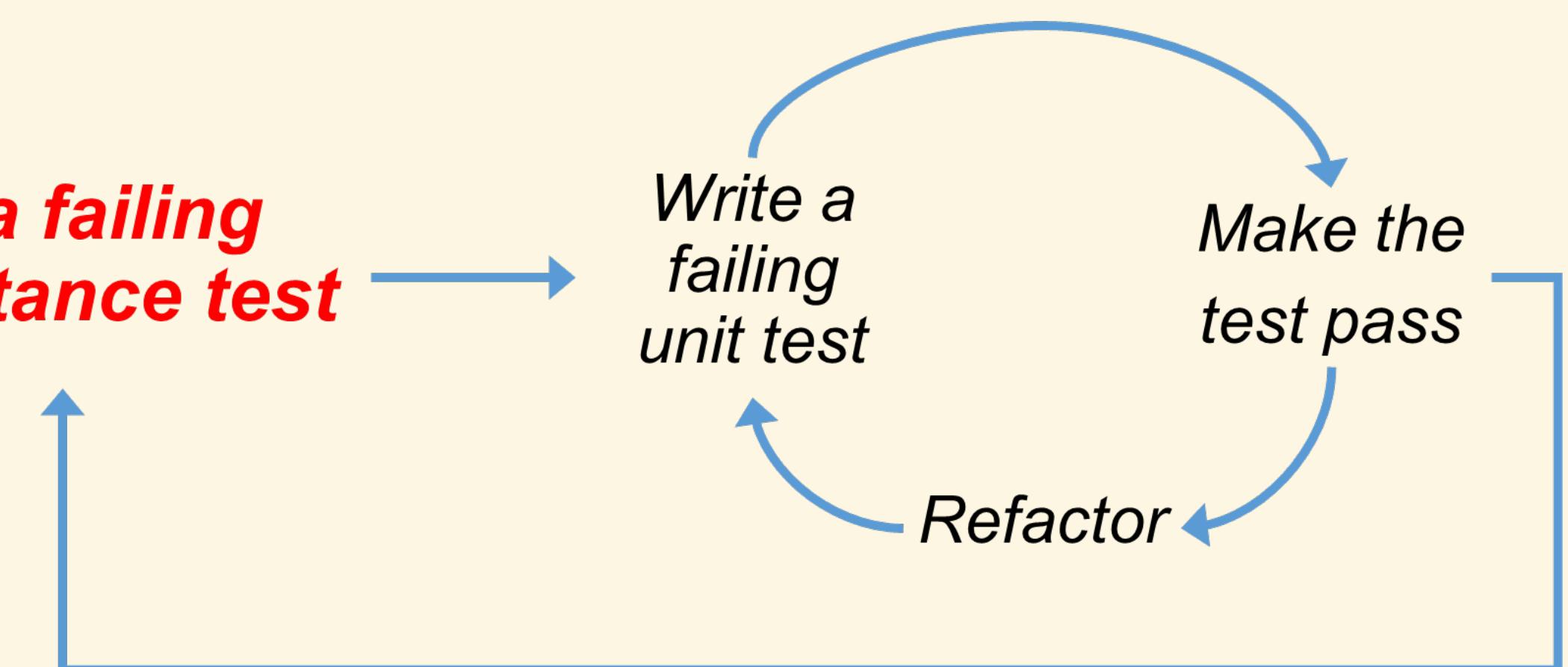
[Fact]

```
public void Deposit_Should_Change_Balance_When_Account_Is_New()
{
    //
    // Arrange
    Guid expectedCustomerId = Guid.Parse("ac608347-74ac-4607-abc2-7b95cdc8a122");
    Amount expectedAmount = new Amount(400m);

    //
    // Act
    Account sut = new Account(expectedCustomerId);
    sut.Deposit(expectedAmount);
    Amount balance = sut.GetCurrentBalance();

    //
    // Assert
    Assert.Equal(expectedCustomerId, sut.CustomerId);
    Assert.Equal(expectedAmount, balance);
    Assert.Single(sut.Transactions.ToReadOnlyCollection());
}
```

Write a failing acceptance test



[Fact]

```
public void Deposit_Should_Change_Balance_Equivalent_Amount()
{
    //
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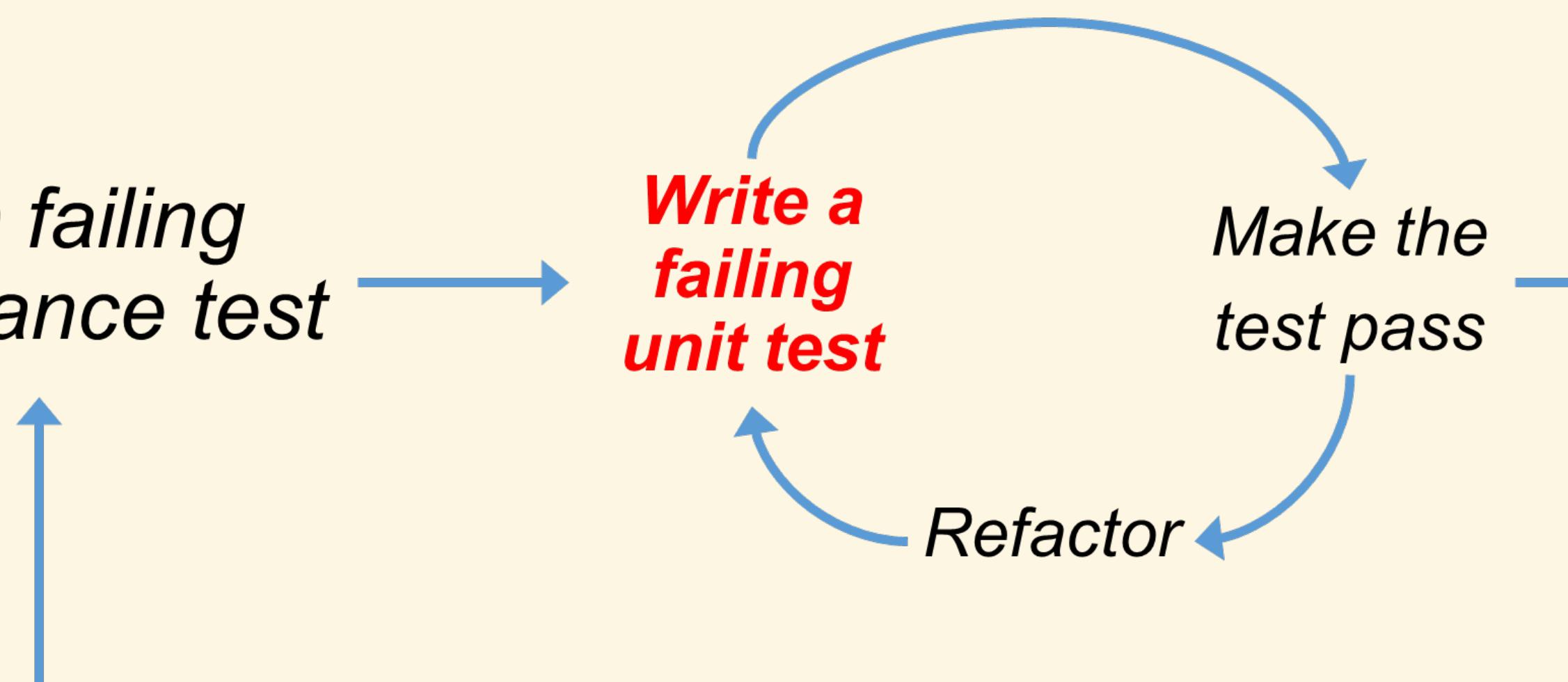
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*Write a failing
acceptance test*

***Write a
failing
unit test***

*Make the
test pass*

Refactor

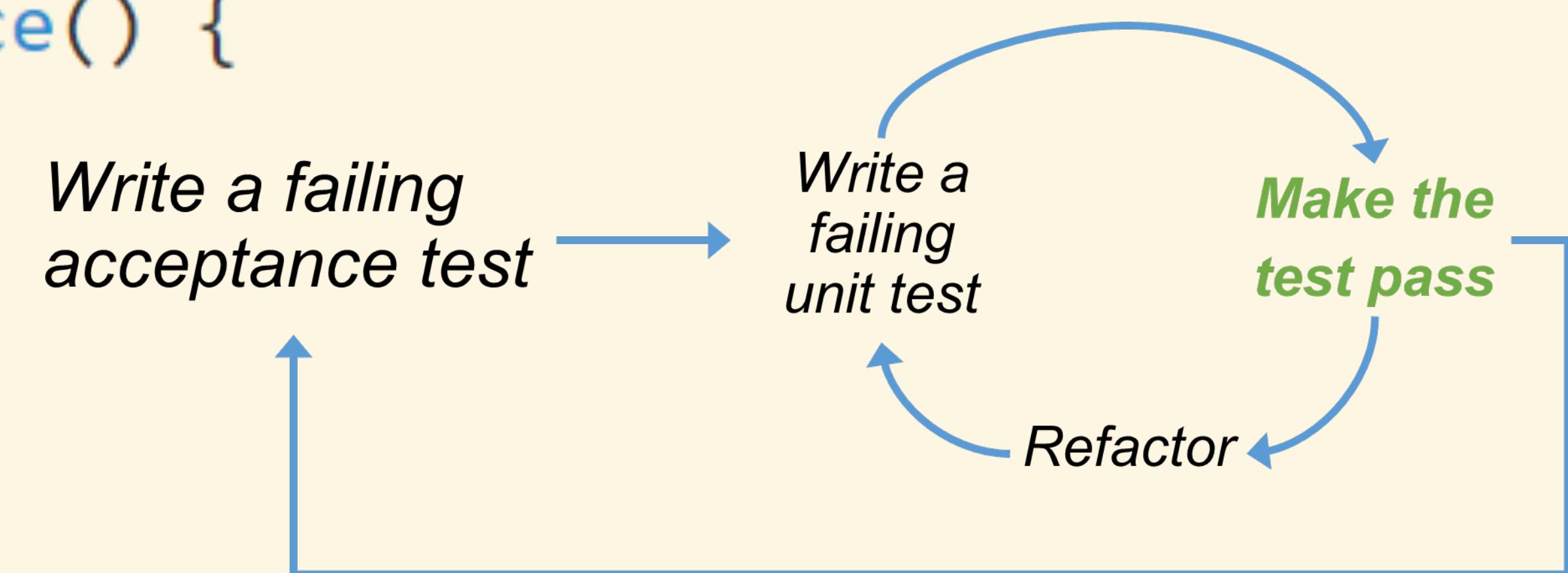


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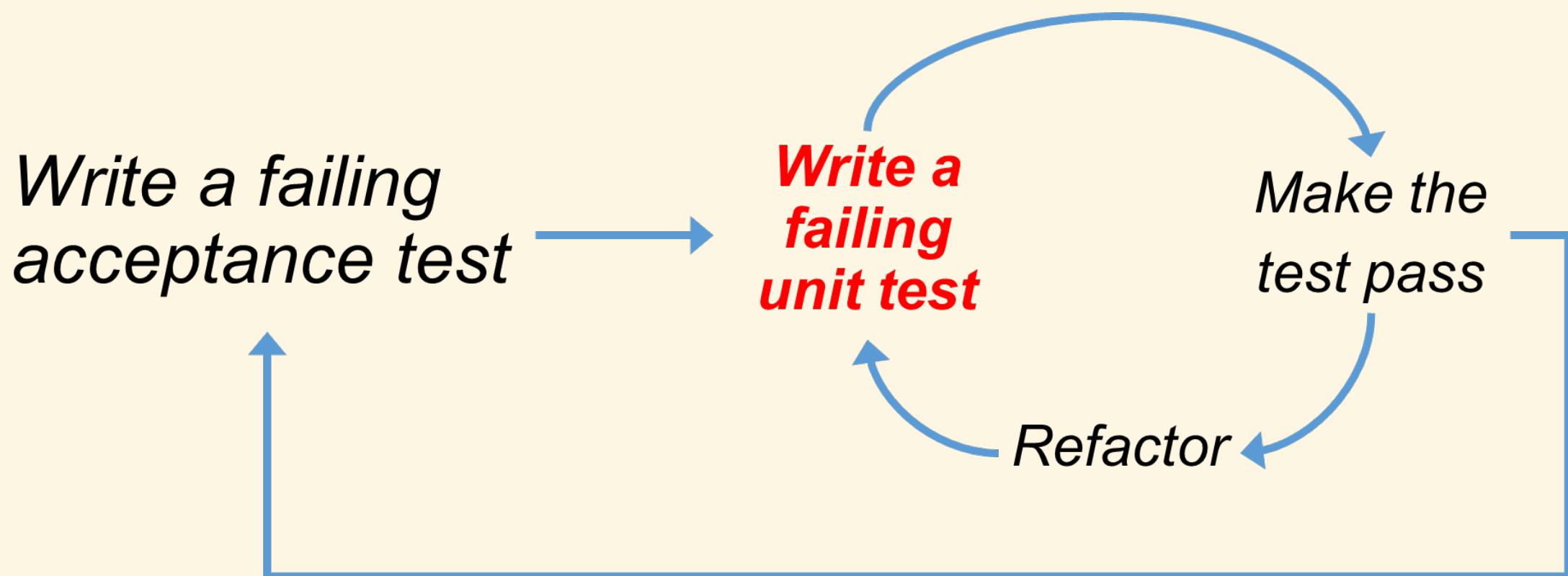
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        return balance;
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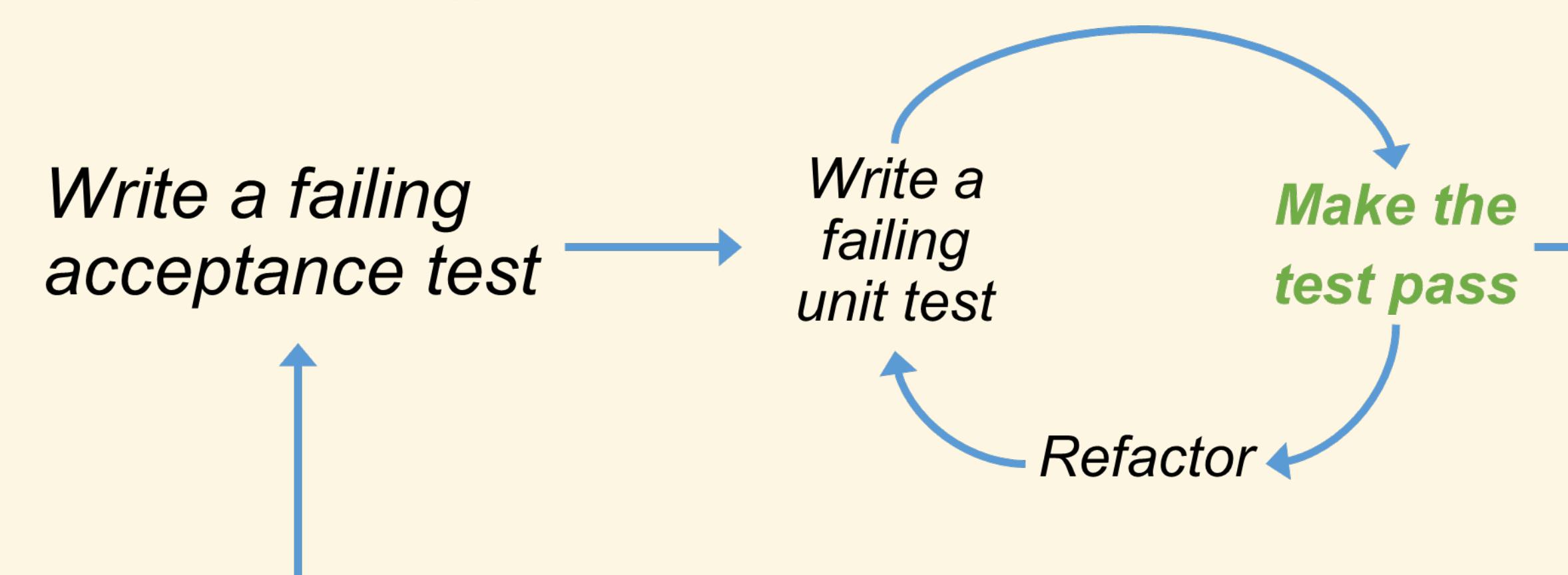
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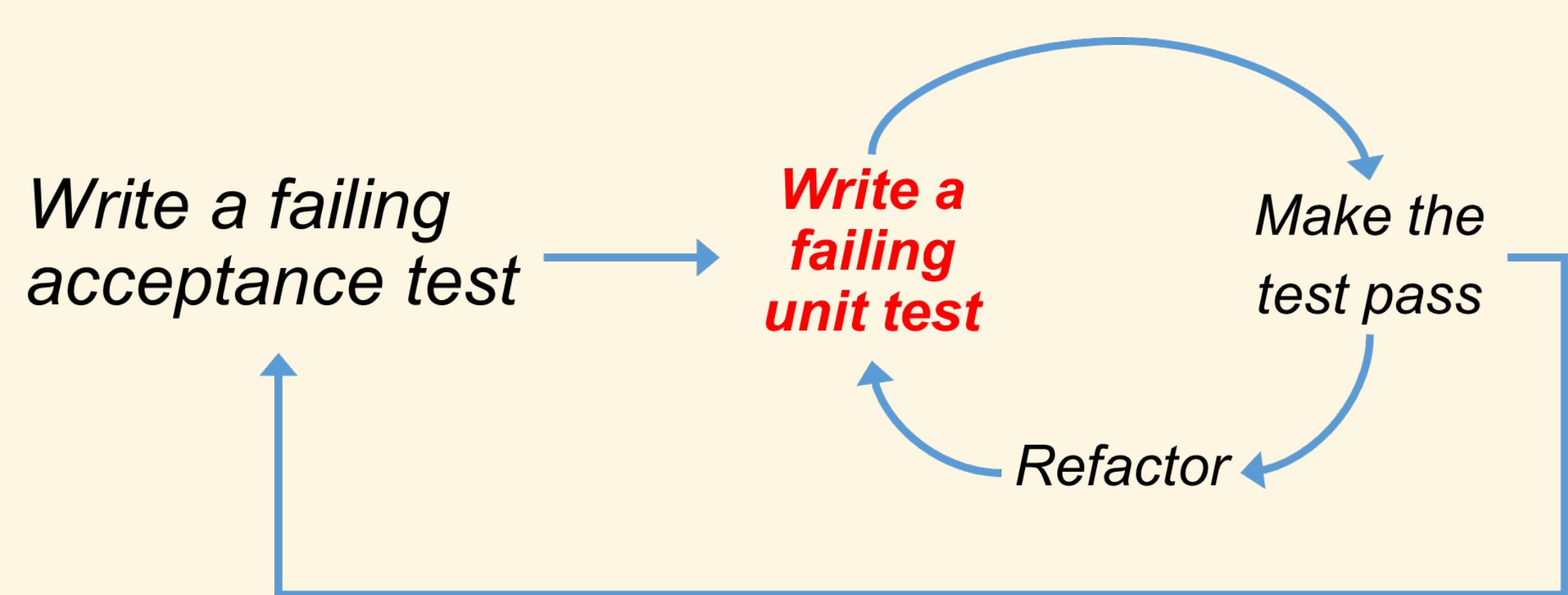
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Make the test pass

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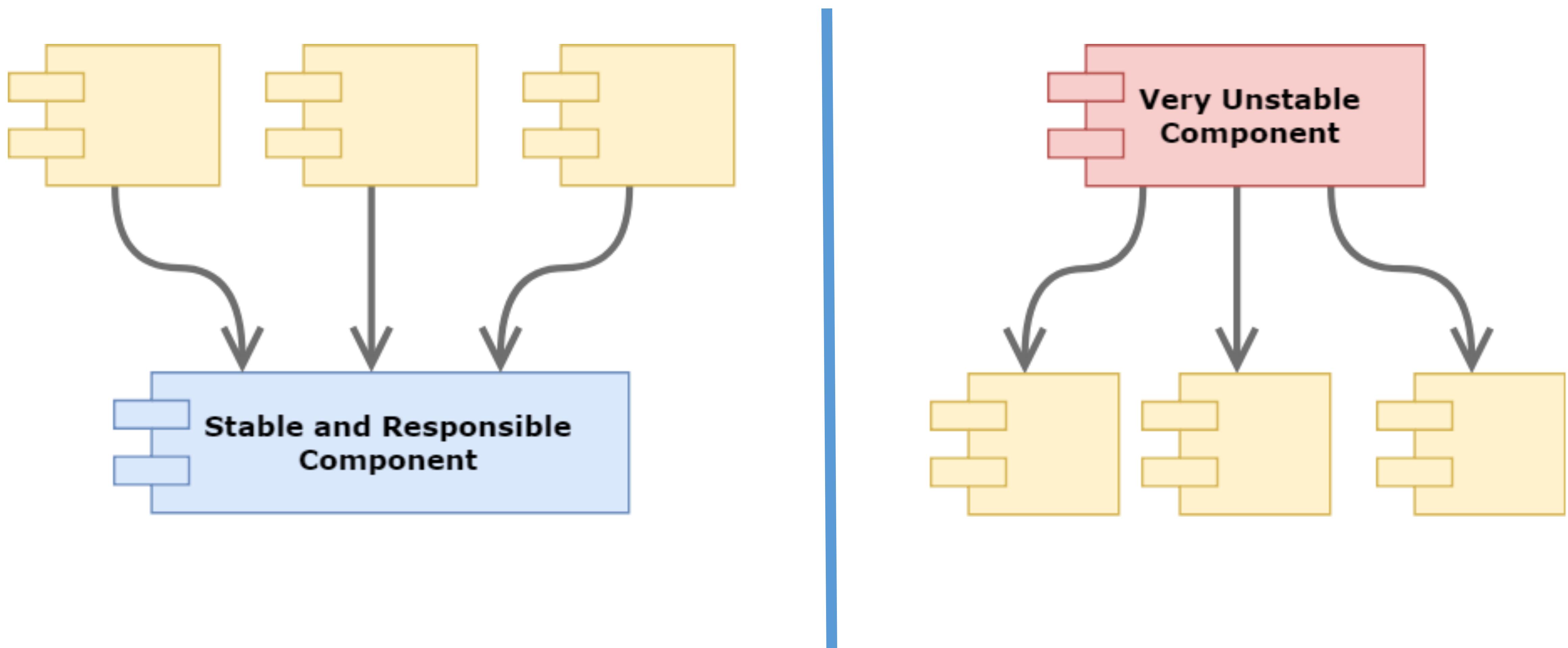


Opinionated DDD/TDD

- Sometimes I implement too much of the Domain Model. Then return to covering it with unit tests.
 - By knowing the DDD patterns I underestimate the TDD value then I'm slapped in the face.
- My goal is to maintain a high test coverage on the Domain Model.
- If testing is hard. It is an architectural issue!

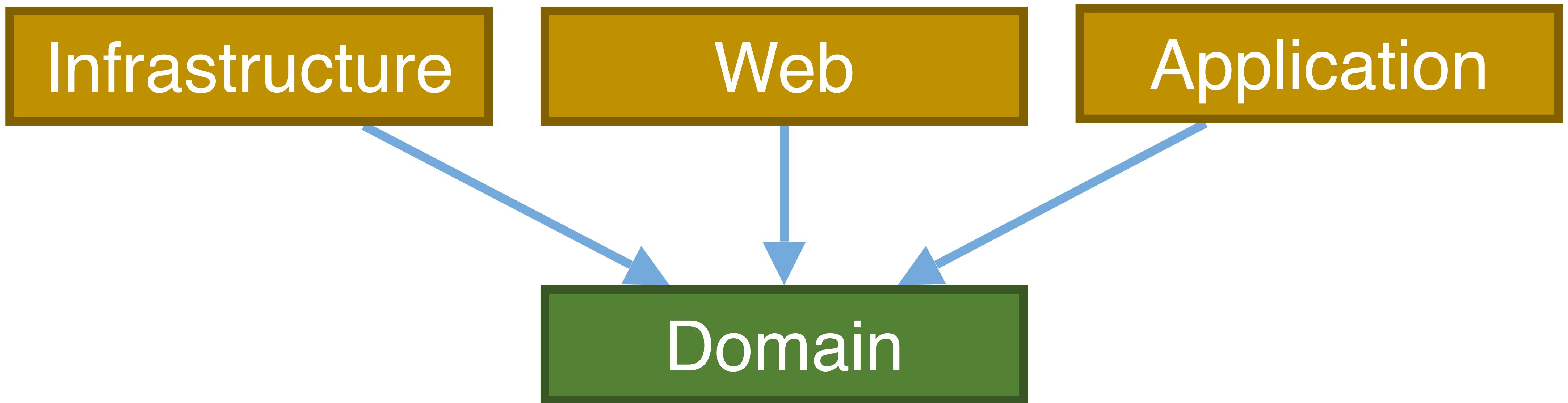
*I won't reverse engineer my
data model to create a
domain model.*

The Stable Dependencies Principle¹

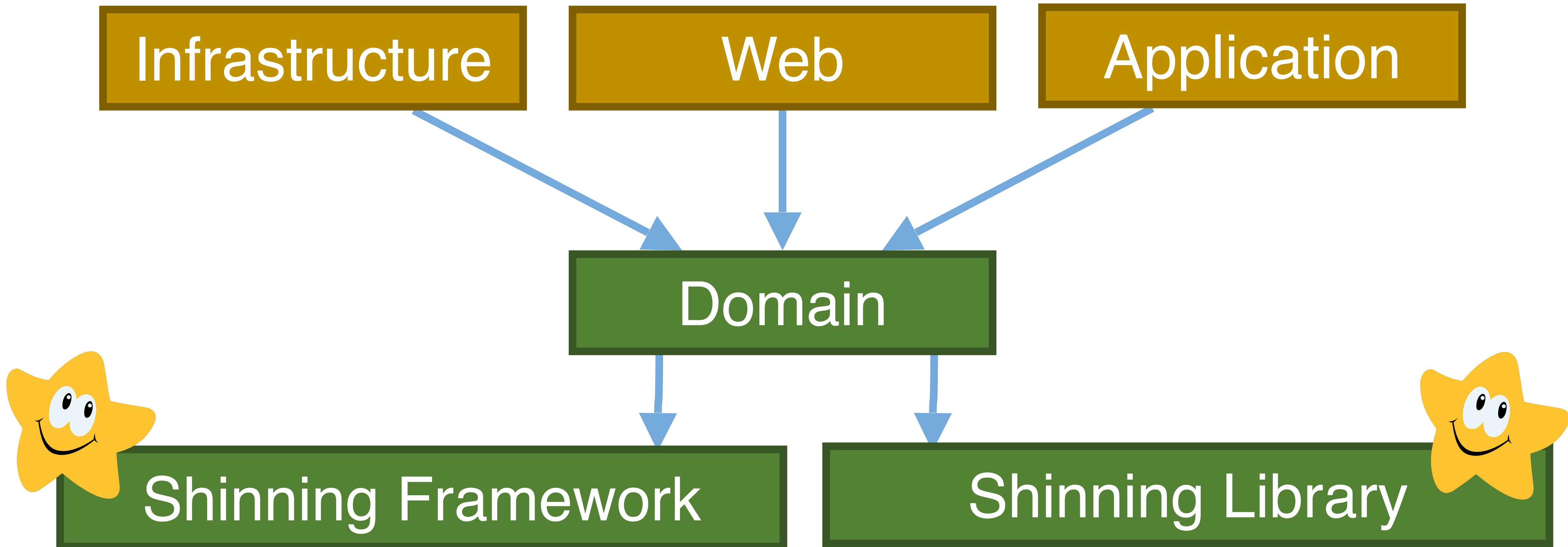


¹Clean Architecture, Robert C. Martin, 2017

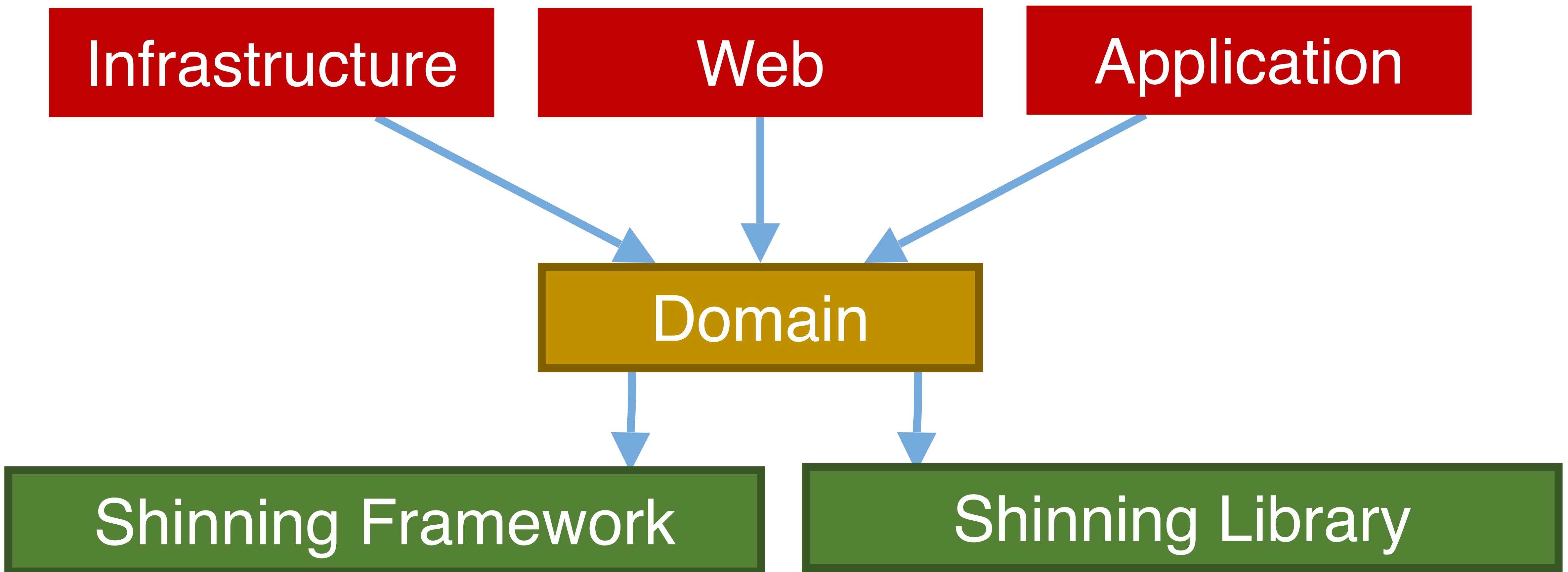
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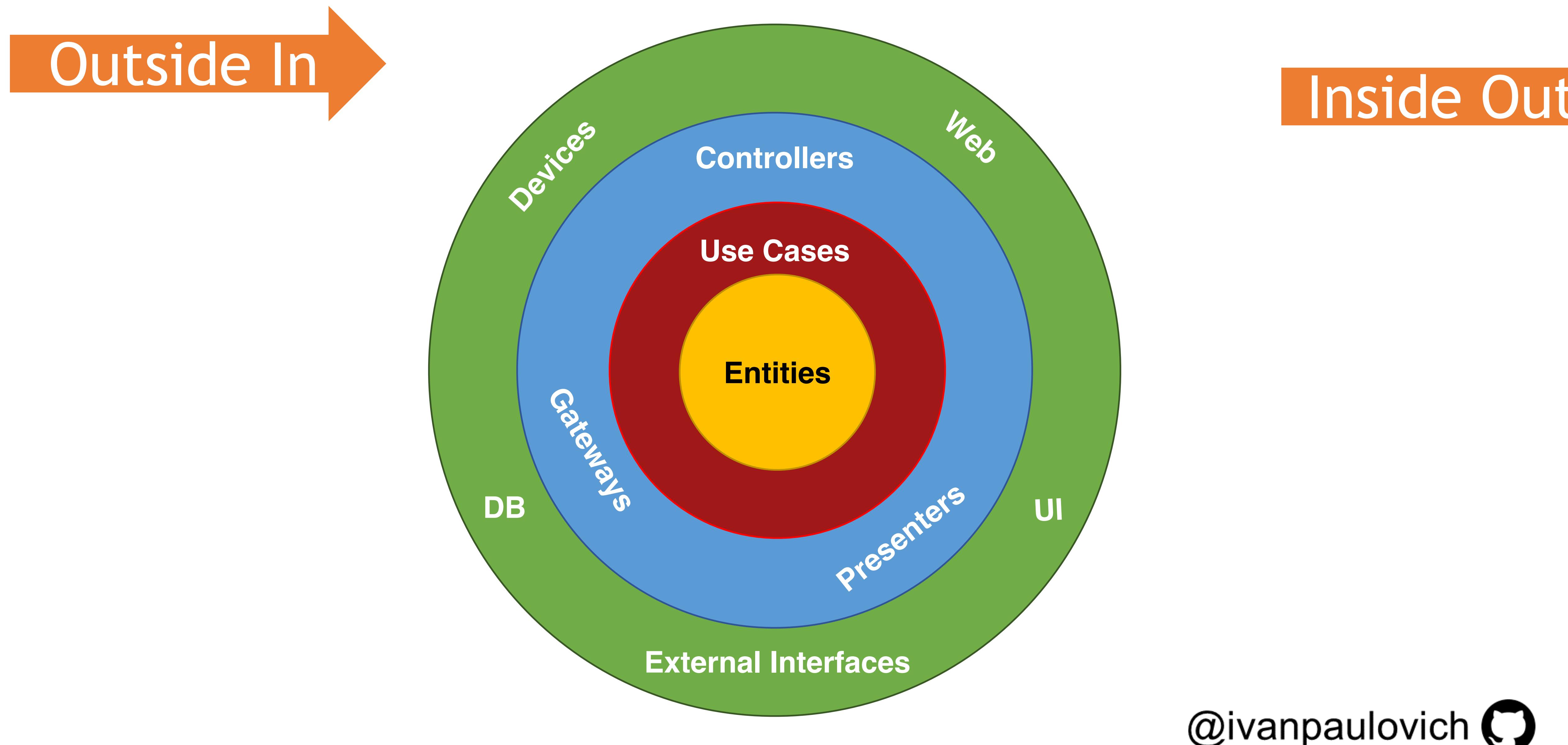
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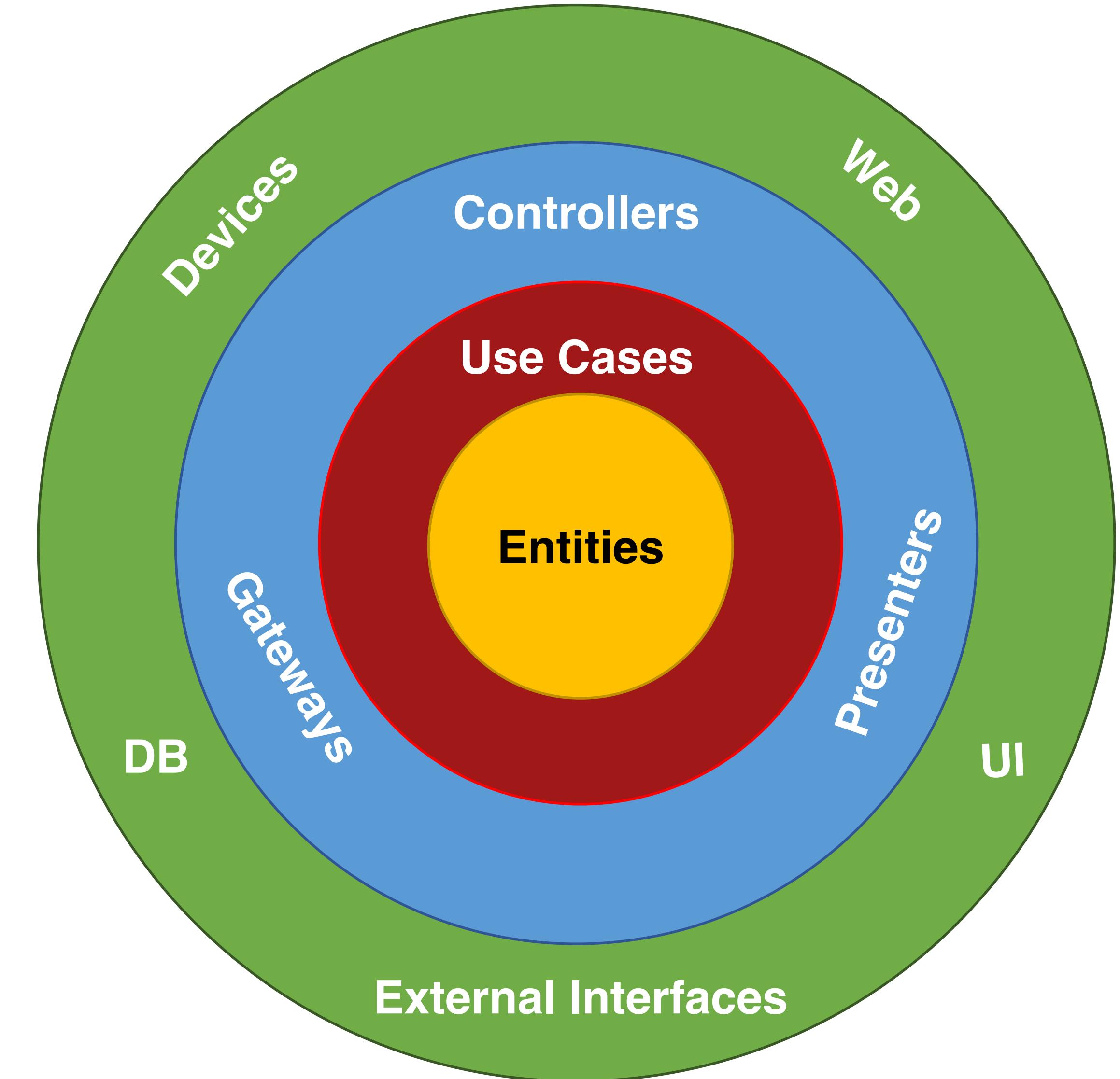


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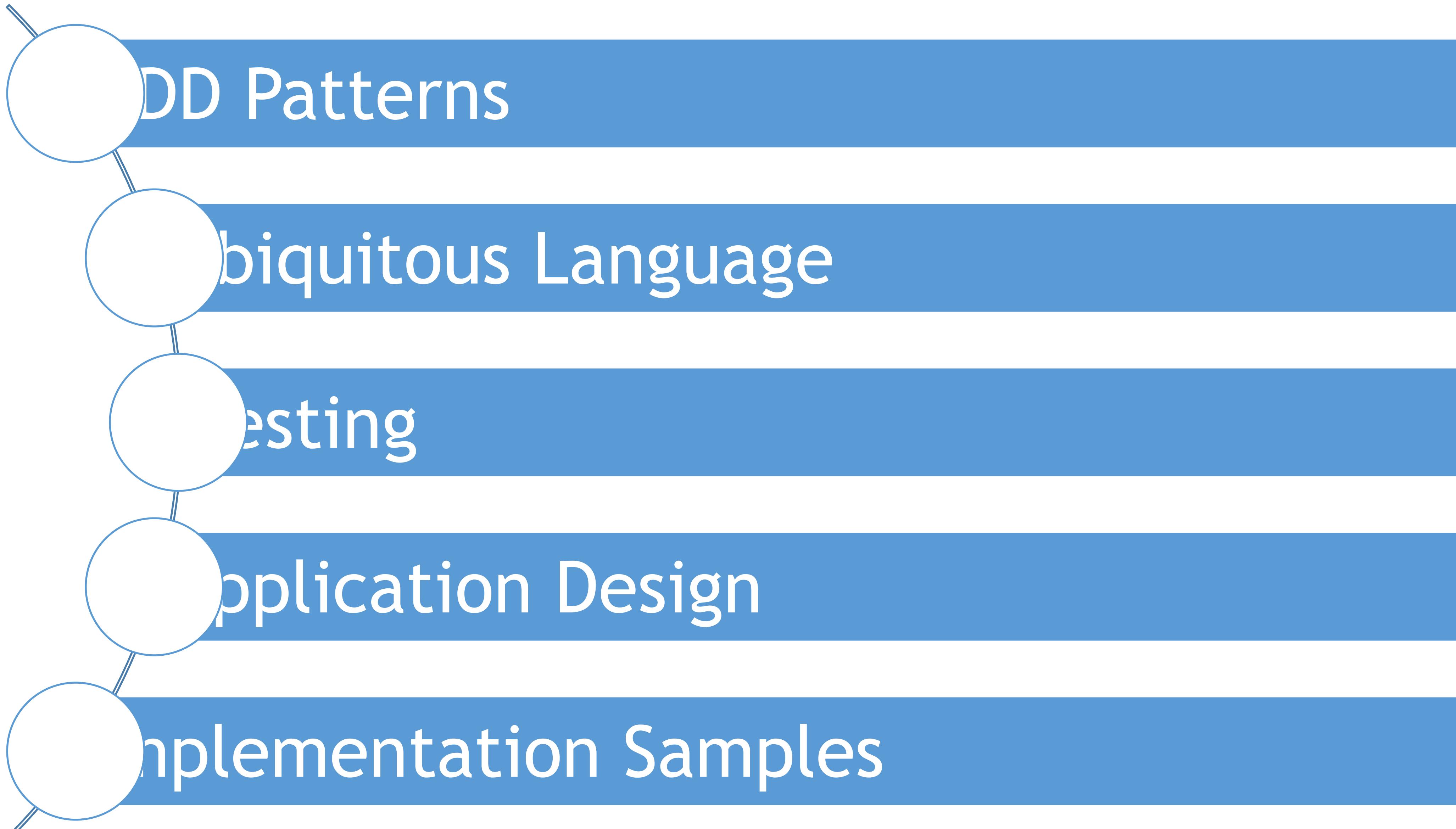


Isolate the Domain with a Layered Architecture

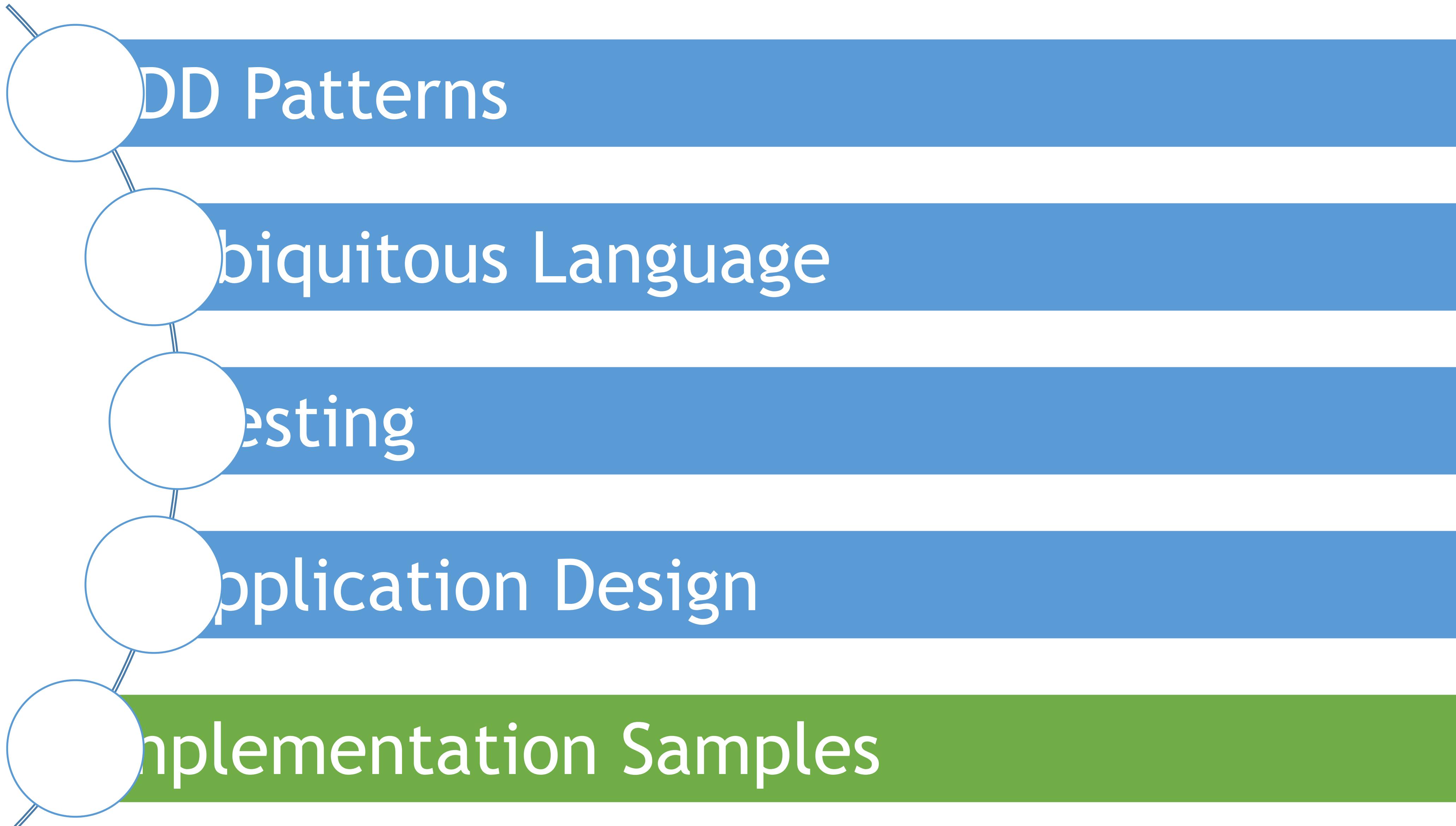
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- Use Cases as First-Class
- Decoupled



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Implementation Samples

- Clean Architecture
- Hexagonal Architecture
- Event Sourcing
- DDD
- TDD
- Microservices



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