

Mobile architecture



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What is *architecture*?

Software architecture is the set of structures needed to **reason** about a software system and the **discipline** of creating such structures and systems. Each structure comprises software elements, relations among them, and properties of both elements and relations.^{[1][2]}

What is *architecture*?

“the shared understanding that the expert developers have of the system design”

“the decisions you wish you could get right early in a project”

“Architecture is about the important stuff. Whatever that is.”

~Ralph Johnson

Step 1 - everything in a widget

```
1 class _MyHomePageState extends State<MyHomePage> {
2   List<HomeItem> homeItems = [];
3
4   @override
5   void initState() {
6     super.initState();
7
8     () async {
9       final res = await http.get(Uri.parse('myapi.com/home'));
10      homeItems = (jsonDecode(res.body)['items'] as List<Map>)
11        .map((e) => HomeItem(name: e['name']))
12        .toList();
13    }();
14  }
15
16  @override
17  Widget build(BuildContext context) {
18    return Scaffold(
19      body: ListView.builder(
20        itemCount: homeItems.length,
21        itemBuilder: (context, i) => ListTile(
22          title: Text(homeItems[i].name),
23        ),
24      ),
25    );
26  }
27 }
```

Step 2 - UI in widget + everything else in Bloc

```
1 class _MyHomePageState extends State<MyHomePage> {
2   List<HomeItem> homeItems = [];
3
4   @override
5   void initState() {
6     super.initState();
7
8     bloc.fetch();
9   }
10  ...
11 }
```

```
1 class MyHomeCubit extends Cubit<MyHomeState> {
2   MyHomeCubit() : super(MyHomeState(items: []));
3
4   Future<void> fetch() async {
5     final res = await http.get(Uri.parse('myapi.com/home'));
6     final items = (jsonDecode(res.body)['items'] as List<Map>))
7       .map((e) => HomeItem(name: e['name']))
8       .toList();
9
10    emit(MyHomeState(items: items));
11  }
```

Step 3 - Let's add another layer for data

```
1 class MyHomeDataSource {  
2     Future<List<HomeItem>> fetch() async {  
3         final res = await http.get(Uri.parse('myapi.com/home'));  
4         final items = (jsonDecode(res.body)['items'] as List<Map>)  
5             .map((e) => HomeItem(name: e['name']))  
6             .toList();  
7  
8         return items;  
9     }  
10 }
```

Step N - Let's extract this responsibility

```
1 class MyHomeDataSource {  
2     Future<List<HomeItem>> fetch() async {  
3         final res = await api.getHomeItems();  
4         final items = (jsonDecode(res.body)['items'] as List<Map>)  
5             .map((e) => HomeItem(name: e['name']))  
6             .toList();  
7  
8         return items;  
9     }  
10 }
```

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SRP - Single Responsibility Principle

"A module should be responsible to one, and only one, actor."^[1]

"A class should have one, and only one, reason to change."

```
1 class Product {  
2   Product({  
3     required this.title,  
4     required this.price,  
5     required this.taxRate,  
6   });  
7  
8   final String title;  
9   final double price;  
10  final double taxRate;  
11  
12  double calculateTax() ⇒ price * taxRate;  
13 }
```

OCP - Open-Closed Principle

"software entities (classes, modules, functions, etc.) should be open for extension, but closed for modification"[\[1\]](#)

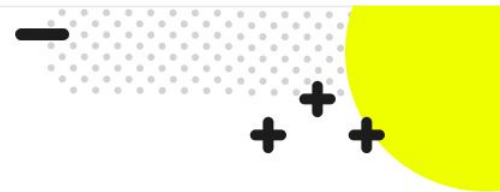
```
1 sealed class Shape {  
2     double get area {  
3         return switch (this) {  
4             Rectangle r => r.width * r.height,  
5             Circle c => c.radius * c.radius * pi,  
6         };  
7     }  
8 }  
9  
10 class Rectangle extends Shape {  
11     Rectangle({required this.width, required this.height});  
12  
13     final double width;  
14     final double height;  
15 }  
16  
17 class Circle extends Shape {  
18     Circle({required this.radius});  
19  
20     final double radius;  
21 }
```

LSP - Liskov Substitution Principle

“objects of a superclass shall be replaceable with objects of its subclasses without breaking the application”

This is kind of an informal rule.

It's not always wrong to have a different behavior in a subclass.



Bad example

```
public class Bird{
    public void fly(){}
}
public class Duck extends Bird{}
```

The duck can fly because it is a bird, but what about this:

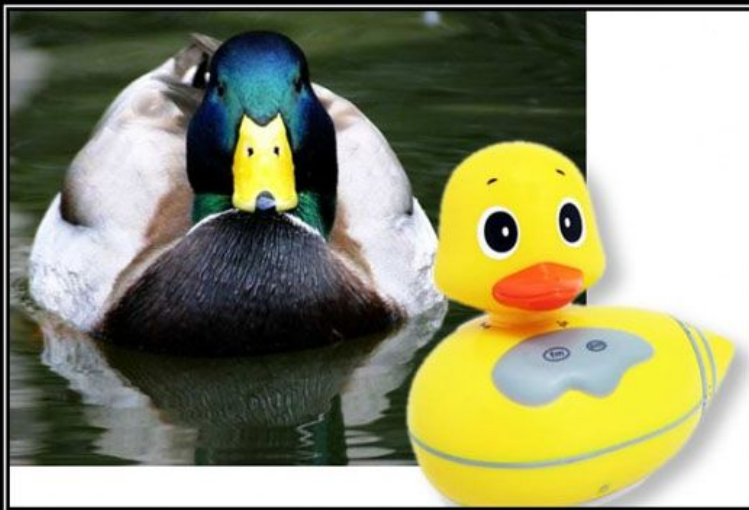
```
public class Ostrich extends Bird{}
```

Ostrich is a bird, but it can't fly, Ostrich class is a subtype of class Bird, but it shouldn't be able to use the fly method, that means we are breaking the LSP principle.

Good example

```
public class Bird{}
public class FlyingBirds extends Bird{
    public void fly(){}
}
public class Duck extends FlyingBirds{}
public class Ostrich extends Bird{}
```

Source: <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/56860/what-is-an-example-of-the-liskov-substitution-principle>



LISKOV SUBSTITUTION PRINCIPLE

If It Looks Like A Duck, Quacks Like A Duck, But Needs Batteries - You Probably Have The Wrong Abstraction

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ISP - Interface Segregation Principle

“no code should be forced to depend on methods it does not use.”^[1]

```
1 abstract class Reader {
2     String readLine();
3 }
4
5 abstract class Writer {
6     bool writeLine(String line);
7 }
8
9 abstract class Stdio implements Reader, Writer {}
10
11 class Logger {
12     Logger({required this.writer});
13
14     final Stdio writer;
15 }
16
17 class Logger {
18     Logger({required this.writer});
19
20     final Writer writer;
21 }
```

DIP - Dependency Inversion Principle

“high level modules should not depend on low level modules; both should depend on abstractions”

```
1 class StdioWriter implements Writer {
2     // low-level stuff related to OS standard output
3 }
4
5 // BAD - we depend on the concrete implementation
6 class Logger {
7     Logger({required this.writer});
8
9     final StdioWriter writer;
10 }
11
12 // GOOD - we depend on the abstraction
13 class Logger {
14     Logger({required this.writer});
15
16     final Writer writer;
17 }
```

Minimum Viable Architecture

Architecture is **never** final

UI

MyProductsPage

Presentation

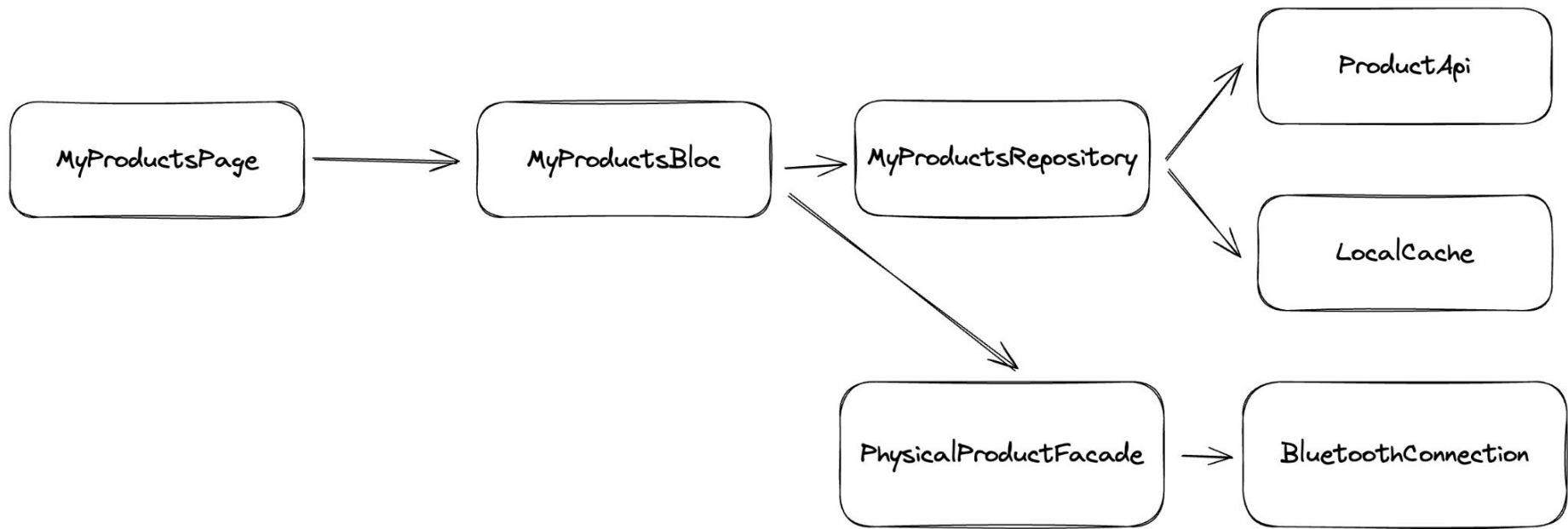
MyProductsBloc

Data

MyProductsRepository

ProductApi

LocalCache



Tips and Tricks

Easier To Change (ETC)

“Good Design Is Easier to Change Than Bad Design”

~”The Pragmatic Programmer” by Dave Thomas and Andy Hunt

If you have to make a choice between two possible solutions, pick the one that is easier to change.

Don't Repeat Yourself (DRY)

“Every piece of knowledge must have a single, unambiguous, authoritative representation within a system.”

~”The Pragmatic Programmer” by Dave Thomas and Andy Hunt

Practical application: if you have to use the same code again, you can just copy it, but if it's a third or more time - you most likely should extract it.

You Ain't Gonna Need It (YAGNI)

“Always implement things when you actually need them, never when you just foresee that you [will] need them.”

~Ron Jeffries, co-author of eXtreme Programming

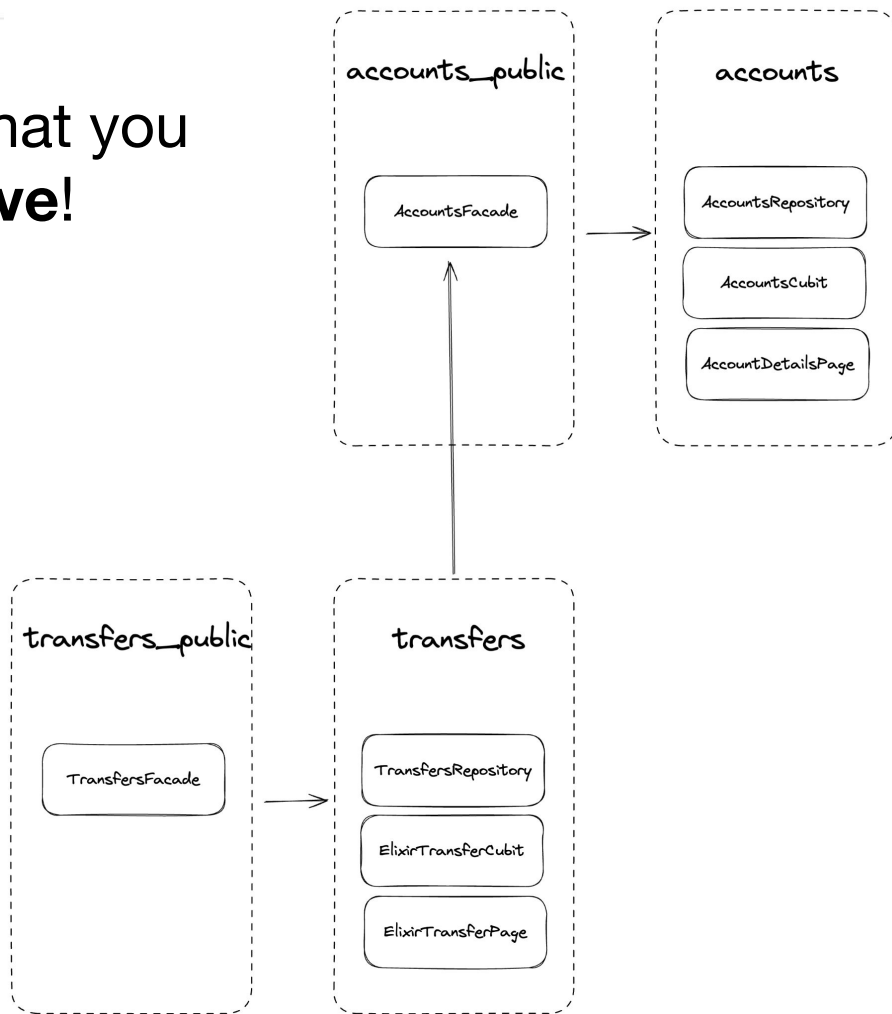
“It is hard for less experienced developers to appreciate how rarely architecting for future requirements / applications turns out net-positive.”

~John Carmack, co-founder of id Software (Quake, Doom, Wolfenstein)

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Real-world example

Think about what you
want to achieve!



Questions?