

Clean Architecture

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Scenario: Telecom Service Provider - Modernizing their System

Introduction: Your telecom service provider company, *TelStar*, operates across various regions. The company is looking to upgrade its system for scalability, and flexibility in its operations, from managing customer network data efficiently. This will also help in launching new services. Let's see how various architectural concepts help achieve this mission.

1. Domain-Centric Architecture: TelStar realizes that their current monolithic fashion, making it hard to manage changes. They decide to move into **domains**:

- **Customer Management** (Handling subscribers and their details)
- **Billing System** (Tracking customer payments and bills)
- **Network Operations** (Managing signal quality, usage, etc.)
- **Support Services** (Handling customer queries, complaints)

Each domain is an independent unit but works together to make the system run smoothly. This separation brings focus and simplifies both maintenance and development.

Analogy: Think of it as dividing the telecom company into specific departments like Customer Care, Billing, and Network Services. Each department works in harmony to provide the service.

2. Application Layers: Each domain needs its own structure to manage data and logic. TelStar decides to organize their codebase using **layers**:

- **Presentation Layer:** How users (customers or employees) interact with the system (Mobile apps, websites)

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- **Service Layer:** Logic that processes requests, such as activating a plan.
- **Data Layer:** The database where all the information like customer records are stored.

Example: When a customer wants to upgrade their mobile plan, the presentation layer (app), the service layer checks eligibility, and the data layer updates the customer records.

3. CQRS (Command-Query Responsibility Separation): TelStar' issues when managing simultaneous actions like viewing network status and updating customer profiles. To solve this, they implemented **CQRS**:

- **Command:** Handles actions that change data (e.g., adding a new customer plan).
- **Query:** Handles actions that only read data (e.g., checking network history).

Example: When a user checks their current data usage (query), the system separates this from the process of adding new users (command), ensuring fast response times.

4. Event Sourcing: In TelStar, every action—like a customer upgrading their plan or checking data usage—is tracked as an **event**. Rather than just updating records, the system stores every event that occurred over time, allowing them to track all changes and reconstruct the state of the system.

Example: If a customer upgraded their plan multiple times, TelStar stores each upgrade as an event. This allows the system to track plan changes and track data usage during each period, helping with billing and analytics.

5. Functional Cohesion: Each domain within TelStar has its own set of responsibilities. To ensure **functional cohesion**, the company makes sure that related functions are grouped together within the same domain, without unnecessary dependencies.

Example: The **Billing System** handles everything related to customer billing, while the **Network Operations** handle network management. This separation ensures that billing is not mixed with network operations, maintaining clarity and efficiency.

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6. Bounded Contexts: Each domain in TelStar (Customer Management, Network Operations, etc.) has its own **bounded context**, meaning the data and rules in one domain do not overlap with another. This keeps operations clear and prevents confusion.

Example: The **Billing** domain may have a different definition of “active” compared to the **Network Operations** domain, where “active” refers to data status.

Conclusion: By adopting these architectural patterns, TelStar can deliver services like 5G faster, and handle millions of customers with improved security. This also allows them to manage specific business processes more efficiently, giving them a competitive edge in the telecom market.

1. Domain-Centric Architecture:

- **Framework:**
 - **DDD (Domain-Driven Design)** by Eric Evans is the core framework for domain-centric architecture.
- **Supporting Technologies:**
 - **Spring Framework (Java)** – The Spring ecosystem provides robust tools for implementing domain-driven design with modularity and scalability.
 - **NestJS (Node.js)** – A progressive Node.js framework that enforces a clean, modular architecture, especially when building scalable server-side applications.

2. Application Layers:

- **Frameworks:**
 - **Layered (N-Tier) Architecture** – This is one of the most common architectural patterns, with separation into layers like presentation, business logic, and data access.

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- **ASP.NET Core (C#/.NET)** – ASP.NET Core MVC offers a good pattern for building applications with distinct layers for presentation, business logic, and data access.
- **Angular / React (Frontend)** – These JavaScript frameworks are commonly used for the Presentation layer in enterprise applications.

3. CQRS (Command-Query Responsibility Separation):

- **Frameworks:**

- **Axon Framework (Java)** – A popular CQRS and Event Sourcing framework for Java applications. It helps separate command handling from query handling.
- **MediateR (C#)** – A simple in-process messaging library that separates commands/queries from the handlers in .NET applications.

- **Supporting Technologies:**

- **EventStore (Database)** – A specialized database that supports CQRS, helping to store and retrieve events efficiently.
- **Apache Kafka** – Can be used to implement asynchronous command and query events through distributed messaging.

4. Event Sourcing:

- **Frameworks:**

- **Eventuate (Java)** – Provides libraries for building applications using Event Sourcing and CQRS.
- **Lagom Framework (Java/Scala)** – A microservice framework that supports Event Sourcing and CQRS, with a focus on reactive architecture.

- **Supporting Technologies:**

- **EventStore** – This open-source database is specialized in storing streams of immutable events.
- **Couchbase / Cassandra** – NoSQL databases are often used in Event Sourcing architectures to store events efficiently.

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- **Frameworks:**

- **Functional Programming Languages** – Languages like **Scala** and **F#** naturally support functional cohesion and help build cohesive systems.

- **Supporting Technologies:**

- **Akka (Scala)** – A toolkit for building highly concurrent, distributed applications, allowing strong cohesion between related components.
- **Kotlin (Coroutines)** – Kotlin's coroutine feature allows building concurrent applications in an elegant way.

6. Bounded Contexts (DDD):

- **Frameworks:**

- **Axon Framework (Java)** – Besides supporting CQRS and Event Sourcing, it encourages the implementation of bounded contexts, partitioning domains.
- **Microsoft Orleans (C#)** – This virtual actor framework helps in defining isolated bounded contexts.

- **Supporting Technologies:**

- **Microservice Architecture** – Often, bounded contexts are implemented as microservices, where each service is responsible for a specific business capability.
- **Kubernetes** – Used for deploying bounded context microservices, ensuring isolation and independence between services.

7. Event-Driven Architecture:

- **Frameworks:**

- **Apache Kafka** – A distributed messaging platform that is central to event-driven architectures, processing millions of events per second.
- **NATS** – A lightweight messaging system for event-driven architectures, designed to work in multi-cloud environments.

- **Supporting Technologies:**

Scala (with Akka), **Haskell**,
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- **RabbitMQ** – Message broker software that implements pub/sub or task queues.
- **AWS SNS/SQS** – Managed services for message broker applications, allowing you to send, store, and receive messages from multiple systems.

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- **Frameworks:**

- **Spring Boot with Spring Cloud (Java)** – Supports microservices with integrated features for service discovery, load balancing, and resilience.
- **Micronaut (Java)** – A JVM-based framework that supports building reactive applications and integrates well with CQRS and event sourcing.

- **Supporting Technologies:**

- **Docker** – Containerization helps isolate microservices and simplifies easy deployment and scaling.
- **Kubernetes** – Orchestrates microservices deployed in containers for high availability, tolerance, and scalability.

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