



# Bounded Context is not Enough!

Bounded Context & Microservices: a long story of heroic achievement



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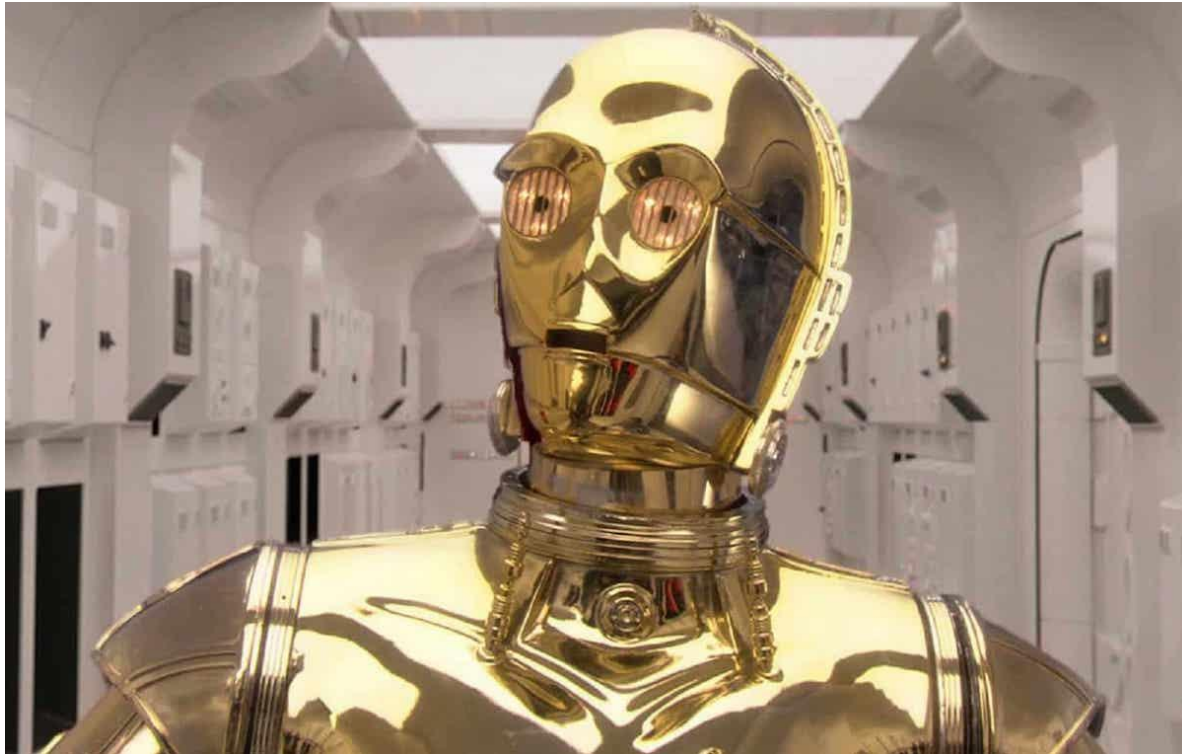


But the speaker has the right to question you

*What do you mean by  
«Bounded Context»?*



It is the focus of DDD's strategic design section which is all about dealing with large models and teams





It is a **boundary** that defines the scope and meaning of a **Ubiquitous Language** for a specific **subdomain** or **module**



The delimited applicability of a particular model. **BOUNDING CONTEXTS** gives team members a clear and shared understanding of what has to be **consistent** and what can **develop independently**.





*What do you mean with  
«Microservice»?*





Componentization via Services

Organized around Business Capabilities

Products not Projects

Smart endpoints and dump pipes

Decentralized Data Management

Infrastructure Automation

Design for Failure

Evolutionary Design

[Martin Fowler](#)



*Is there any connection  
between Bounded Context  
and Microservices?*





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Evolutionary Design	Match

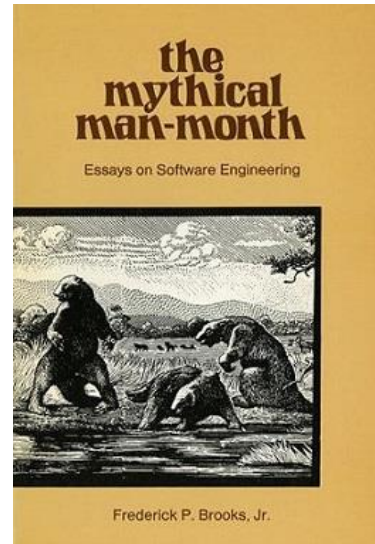


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Infrastructure Automation	No Problem (?!?!?)
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Evolutionary Design	Match (?!?!?)





When you fight under distributed systems you need to consider multiple drivers, not just the services that handle specific business functions.



# No Silver Bullet

## Essence and Accidents of Software Engineering

Frederick P. Brooks, Jr.  
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Fashioning complex conceptual constructs is the essence; accidental tasks arise in representing the constructs in language. Past progress has so reduced the accidental tasks that future progress now depends upon addressing the essence.**

**O**f all the monsters that fill the nightmares of our folklore, none terrify more than werewolves, because they transform unexpectedly from the familiar into horrors. For these, one seeks bullets of silver that can magically lay them to rest.

The familiar software project, at least as seen by the nontechnical manager, has something of this character; it is usually innocent and straightforward, but is capable of becoming a monster of missed schedules, blown budgets, and flawed products. So we hear desperate cries for a silver bullet—something to make software costs drop as rapidly as computer hardware costs do.

But, as we look to the horizon of a decade hence, we see no silver bullet. There is no single development, in either technology or in management technique, that by itself promises even one order-of-magnitude improvement in productivity, in reliability, in simplicity. In this article, I shall try to show why, by examining both the nature of the software problem and the properties of the bullets proposed.

Skepticism is not pessimism, however. Although we see no startling break-

throughs—and indeed, I believe such to be inconsistent with the nature of software—many encouraging innovations are under way. A disciplined, consistent effort to develop, propagate, and exploit these innovations should indeed yield an order-of-magnitude improvement. There is no royal road, but there is a road.

The first step toward the management of disease was replacement of demon theories and humours theories by the germ theory. That very step, the beginning of hope, in itself dashed all hopes of magical solutions. It told workers that progress would be made stepwise, at great effort, and that a persistent, unremitting care would have to be paid to a discipline of cleanliness. So it is with software engineering today.

### Does it have to be hard?—Essential difficulties

Not only are there no silver bullets now in view, the very nature of software makes it unlikely that there will be any—no inventions that will do for software productivity, reliability, and simplicity what electronics, transistors, and large-scale integration did for computer hardware.

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## **Essence == Business**

That is the part that DDD solves

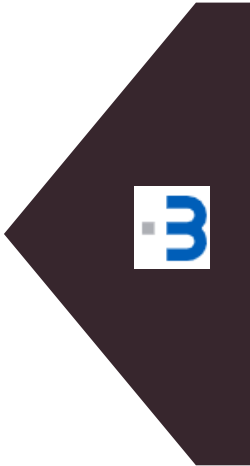
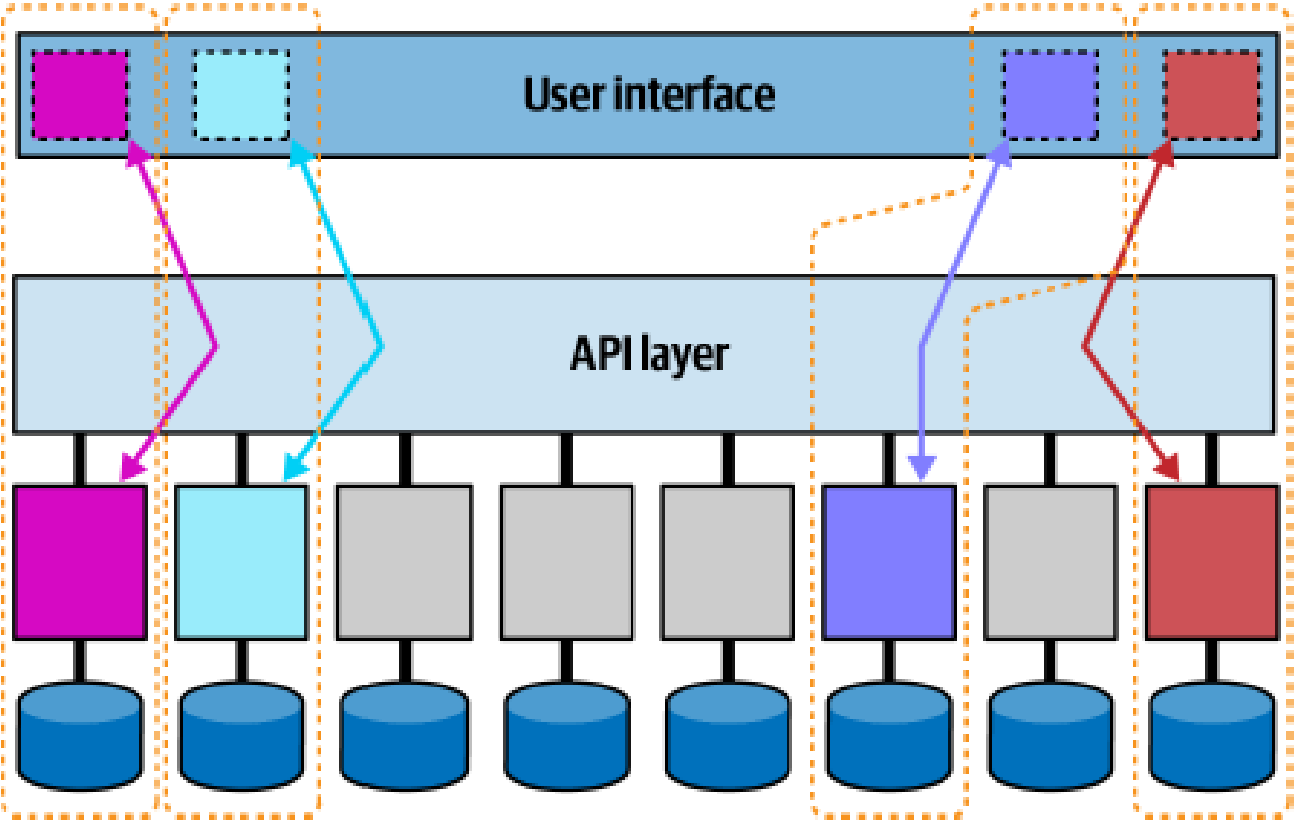
## **Accident == Operations**

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# Quantum Architecture





## Traps

Database  
Refactoring

Choreography

Contract Testing

Continuos  
Delivery

Evolvability and  
Experimentation

Culture of  
Experimentation





## First Law

Everything in  
software  
architecture is a  
trade-off

## Corollary 1

If an architect  
thinks they have  
discovered  
something that  
isn't a trade-off,  
more likely they  
just haven't yet  
identified the  
trade-off

## Second Law

Why is more  
important than  
how



*Have you never heard of  
«Evolutionary  
Architecture»?*





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# Fitness Functions

An evolutionary computing fitness function characterizes how close a solution is to desired result

An architectural fitness function characterizes how close a system is to the desired architectural characteristics

The code must be maintainable!  
(What does that mean?)

Outcomes not  
Implementations



Risk comes from not knowing what  
you are doing  
(Warren Buffet)



Unknow Unknowns





# Principles

Last Responsible  
Moment

Architect and  
develop for  
evolvability

Postel's Law

Conway's Law

Take decisions  
at the last  
responsible  
moment,  
because you  
have the most  
information

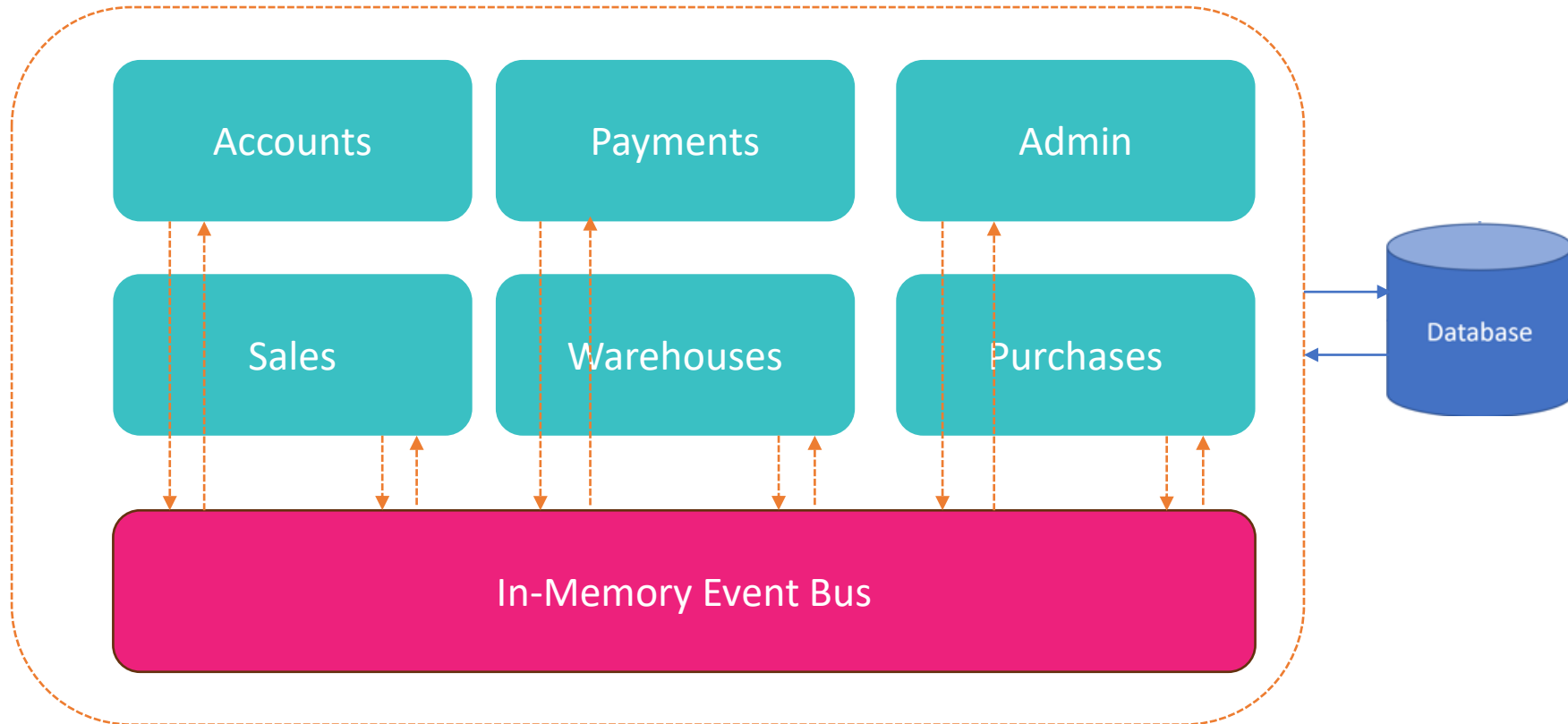
You cannot  
change a  
system you  
don't  
understand

Be  
conservative in  
what you  
send, be  
liberal in what  
you accept

Communication  
patterns

*Have you never heard of  
«Modular Architecture»?*





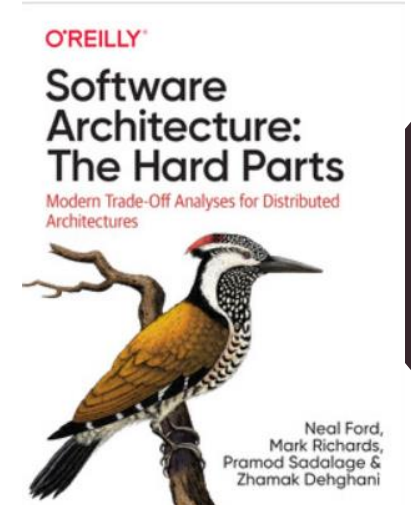
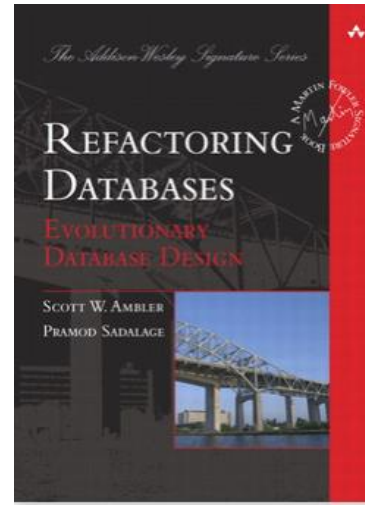
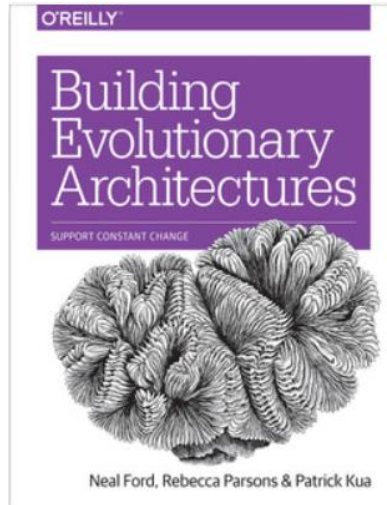
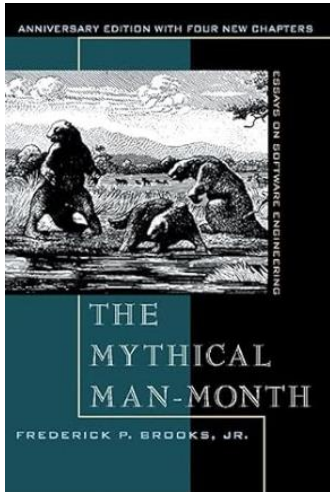


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# I Sacri Testi



[No Silver Bullet - Essence and Accident in Software Engineering](#)

[Fitness function-driven development](#)

[Five Level of Ignorance](#)



Grazie!!!



IL CORSO

# Introduzione a DDD, CQRS ed i loro pattern

Costruire un'applicazione completa  
(a microservizi) applicando DDD.

Prenota il tuo posto



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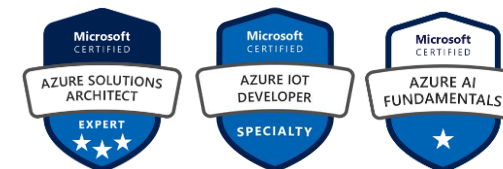
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