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Testable Architecture

Designing for Testable Code

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I Can Help Your Team...

Write more Testable code
with more Effective tests

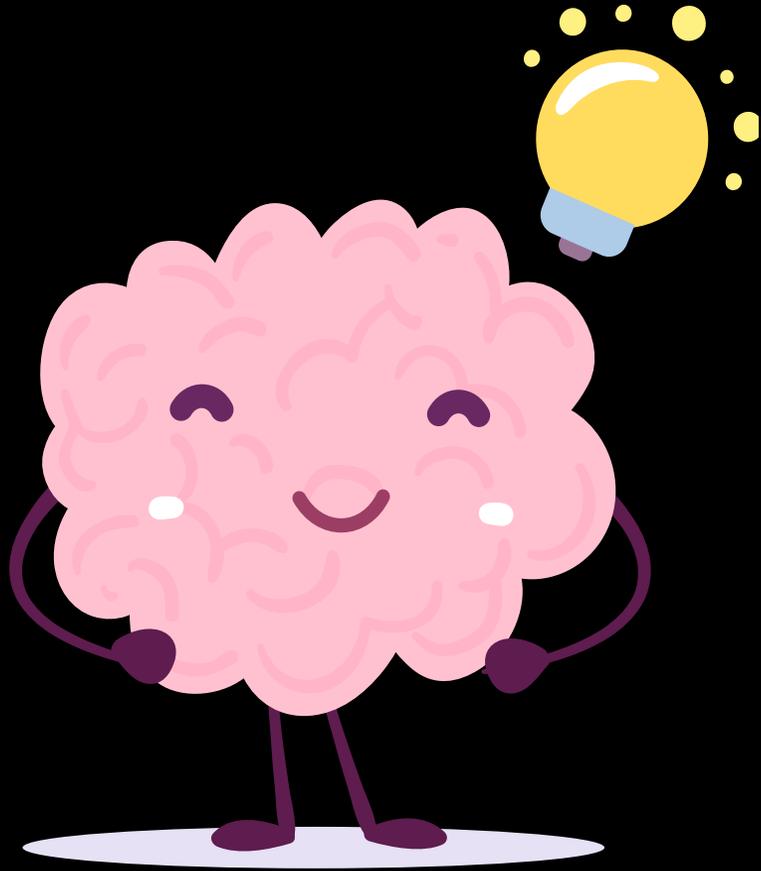
Be more productive in
Java & Spring

Effectively use
TDD

**Refactor
Messy
Code**



Ask Questions As You Need



I may defer the
answer if I'm going
to cover it later!



Tests...

What are they for?

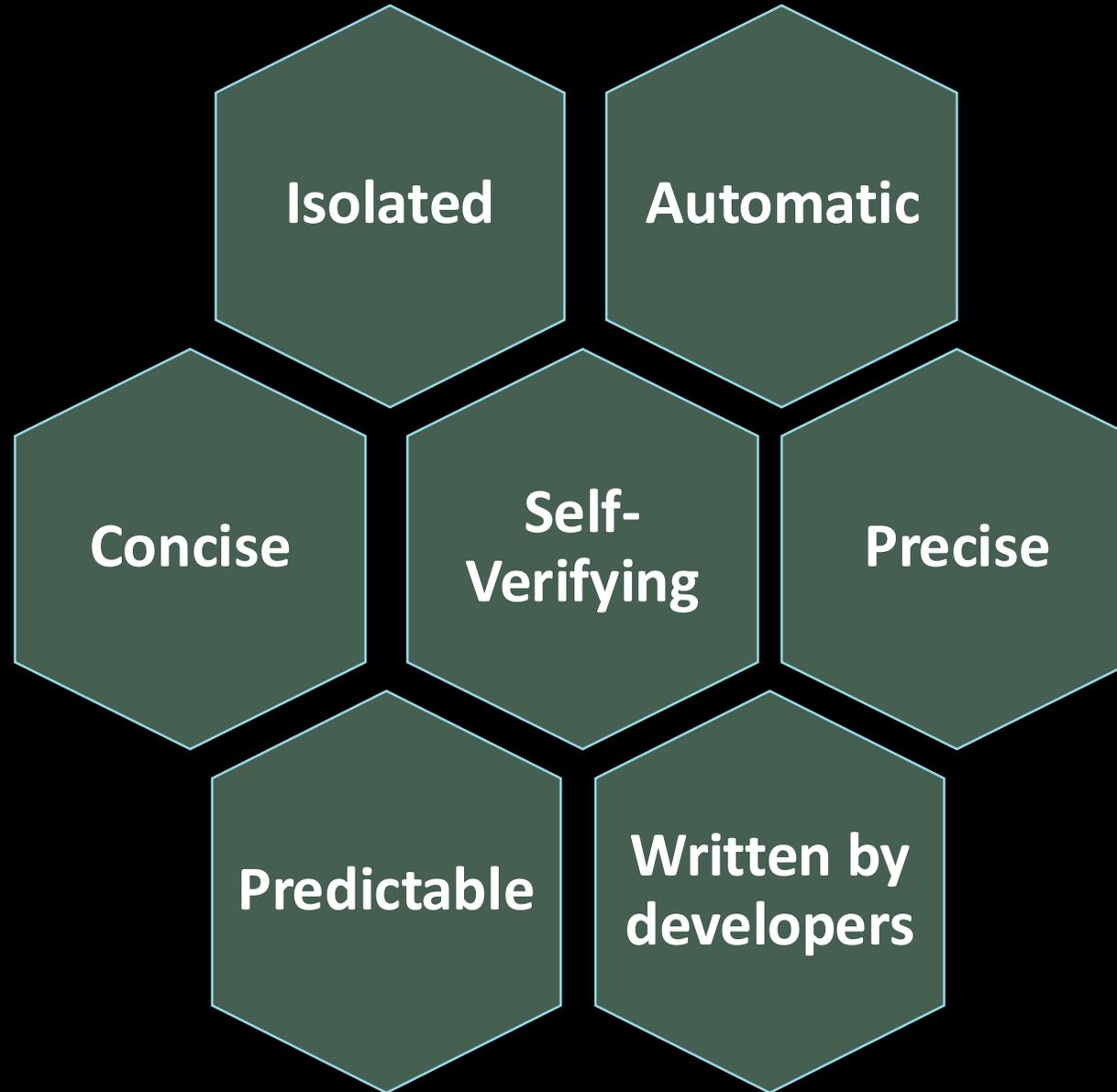
Define Desired Behavior

"Specification"

Verify Behavior is as Desired

aka "Validation"

Tests Are



Faster Test Feedback

Majority Fast, Some Slow, A Few Slowest

Why is writing tests so hard? 🤔



what do you think?



Writing tests is hard because...

Classes are poorly organized

Too much state
Too many responsibilities

Classes mix logic and I/O access

Infrastructure
Hardware
Framework



I/O is...

Anything outside of the current process

I/O includes...

- **Hardware**
 - System clock, Random number generator, Local files
- **Remote Services**
 - via HTTP, Queues, RPC
- **Databases**
 - Including "in-memory" databases (H2, SQLite, Redis)
- **Other Processes**
- **Frameworks (Spring, Quarkus, etc.)**



SCION-T 🤔

Separating
Concerns of
I/O and
Non-I/O for
Testability

*Testable
Architecture*



Why do tests care about dependencies on I/O?

**SPEED, EASE, &
PREDICTABILITY**

UNIT OR INTEGRATION?



HOW ABOUT NO

Two Kinds of Tests

I/O-Based

I/O-Free*

* These are practically "free"
to execute



Inside the Code

A Simple Example

Mixed Concerns

```
6 ▶ public class MixedMeal {
7     private static final NumberFormat CURRENCY_FORMATTER = NumberFormat.getCurrencyInstance();
8     private static final double SALES_TAX_PERCENT = 8.25;
9     private static final double SALES_TAX_RATE = SALES_TAX_PERCENT / 100;
10
11 ▶ public static void main(String[] args) {
12     System.out.println("""
13         Choose an item to purchase:
14         1) Burger      $11.95
15         2) Pizza       $ 8.95
16         3) Fried Chicken $ 9.95""");
17
18     Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
19     int choice = scanner.nextInt();
20
21     double price = switch (choice) {
22         case 1 -> 11.95;
23         case 2 -> 8.95;
24         case 3 -> 9.95;
25         default -> throw new IllegalArgumentException("Invalid choice: " + choice);
26     };
27
28     double taxAmount = price * SALES_TAX_RATE;
29     double total = price + taxAmount;
30
31     String receipt = """
32         Subtotal: %s
33         Tax: %s
34         Total: %s""".formatted(
35         CURRENCY_FORMATTER.format(price),
36         CURRENCY_FORMATTER.format(taxAmount),
37         CURRENCY_FORMATTER.format(total));
38     System.out.println(receipt);
39 }
40 }
```



Testing Mixed Concerns

```
18 class MixedMealTest {
19
20     ...
44
45     private static void sendChoiceOf(String simulatedInput) {
46         String simulatedInputWithNewline = simulatedInput + "\n";
47         System.setIn(new ByteArrayInputStream(
48             simulatedInputWithNewline.getBytes(StandardCharsets.UTF_8)));
49     }
50
51     private String outputString() {
52         return testOut.toString(StandardCharsets.UTF_8);
53     }
54
55     @Test
56     void burgerChoiceTaxedAtCorrectRateWithTotals() {
57         sendChoiceOf("1"); // choose Burger via injecting to System.in
58
59         MixedMeal.main(new String[0]);
60
61         String output = outputString(); // get captured System.out
62         assertThat(output)
63             .as("Receipt should include tax and totals for Burger choice")
64             .contains("Subtotal: $11.95",
65                 "    Tax: $0.99",
66                 "    Total: $12.94");
67     }
68 }
```



Refactor Out Calculations

aka Domain Logic

Separated Concerns

```
11 ▶ public static void main(String[] args) {
12     System.out.println("""
13         Choose an item to purchase:
14         1) Burger      $11.95
15         2) Pizza      $ 8.95
16         3) Fried Chicken $ 9.95""");
17
18     Scanner scanner = new Scanner(System.in);
19     int choice = scanner.nextInt();
20
21     String receipt = computeReceiptFor(choice);
22
23     System.out.println(receipt);
24 }
```

```
26 @ public static String computeReceiptFor(int choice) {
27     double price = switch (choice) {
28         case 1 -> 11.95;
29         case 2 -> 8.95;
30         case 3 -> 9.95;
31         default -> throw new IllegalArgumentException(
32             "Invalid choice: " + choice);
33     };
34
35     double taxAmount = price * SALES_TAX_RATE;
36     double total = price + taxAmount;
37
38     return """
39         Subtotal: %s
40         Tax: %s
41         Total: %s""".formatted(
42         CURRENCY_FORMATTER.format(price),
43         CURRENCY_FORMATTER.format(taxAmount),
44         CURRENCY_FORMATTER.format(total));
45     }
46 }
```



Testing **Separated** Concerns

```
7  ↻ class SeparatedMealTest {  
8  
9      @Test  
10 ↻ void burgerChoiceTaxedAtCorrectRateWithTotals() {  
11     String output = SeparatedMeal.computeReceiptFor(1); // choose Burger  
12  
13     assertThat(output)  
14         .as("Receipt should include tax and totals for Burger choice")  
15         .contains("Subtotal: $11.95",  
16                 "    Tax: $0.99",  
17                 "    Total: $12.94");  
18     }  
19 }
```



Using Separated Concerns

```
8  @RestController
9  public class ReceiptController {
10
11     @GetMapping("/receipt")
12     public ResponseEntity<String> receipt(@RequestParam("choice") String choice) {
13         try {
14
15             int choiceInt = Integer.parseInt(choice);
16             String receipt = SeparatedMeal.computeReceiptFor(choiceInt);
17             return ResponseEntity.ok(receipt);
18
19         } catch (NumberFormatException nfe) {
20             return ResponseEntity.badRequest().body("choice must be an integer");
21         } catch (IllegalArgumentException iae) {
22             return ResponseEntity.badRequest().body(iae.getMessage());
23         }
24     }
25 }
```



What is Architecture?

Some Folks Say Architecture...

Is a way of
organizing
thoughts

Provides the
structure of a
system

Defines
interactions
between
Components

Is the vision of
the application

Marks the
boundaries of
different parts

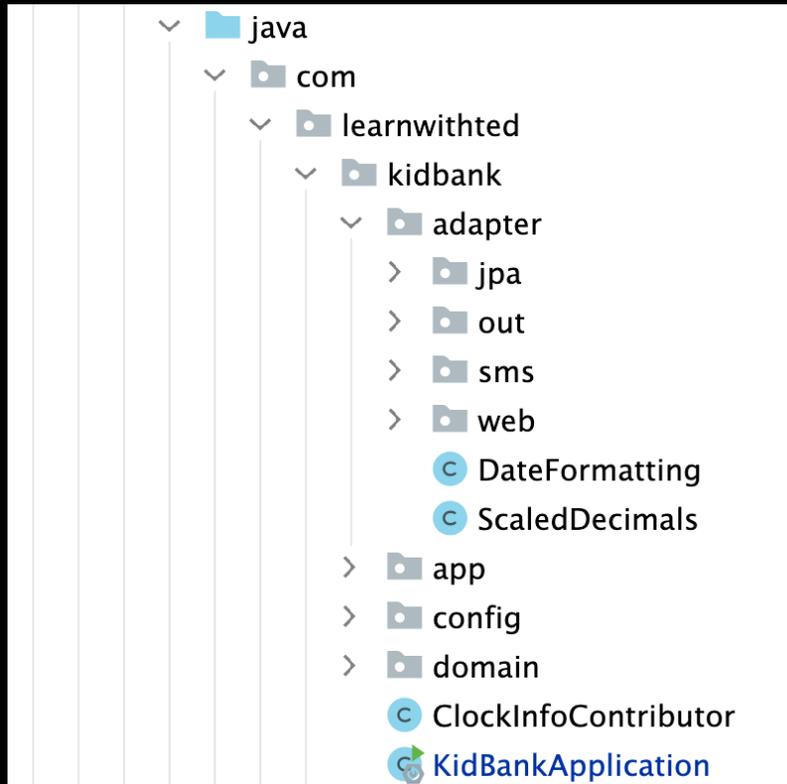
Defines scopes of
responsibilities
and technical
deployment

Are the decisions
that are
expensive to
change



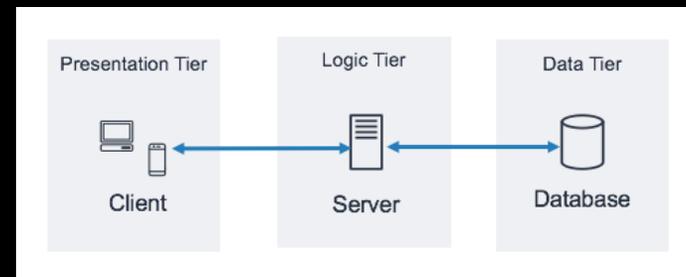
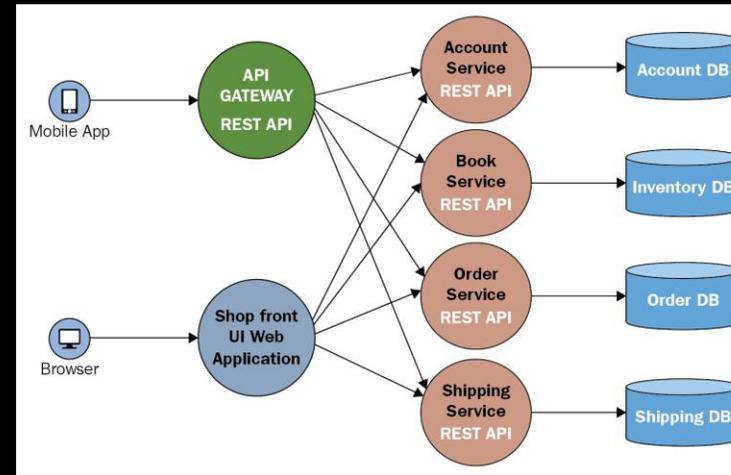
Architecture is...

Organization of Code



layers

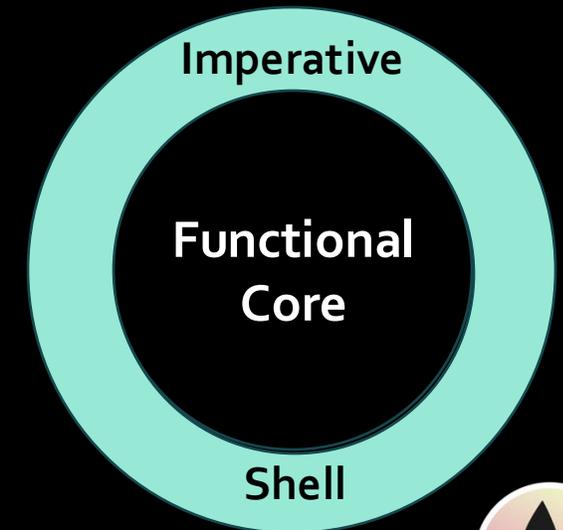
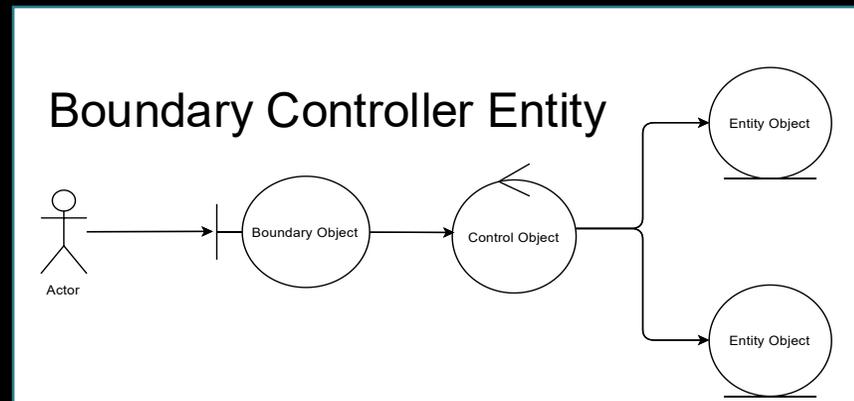
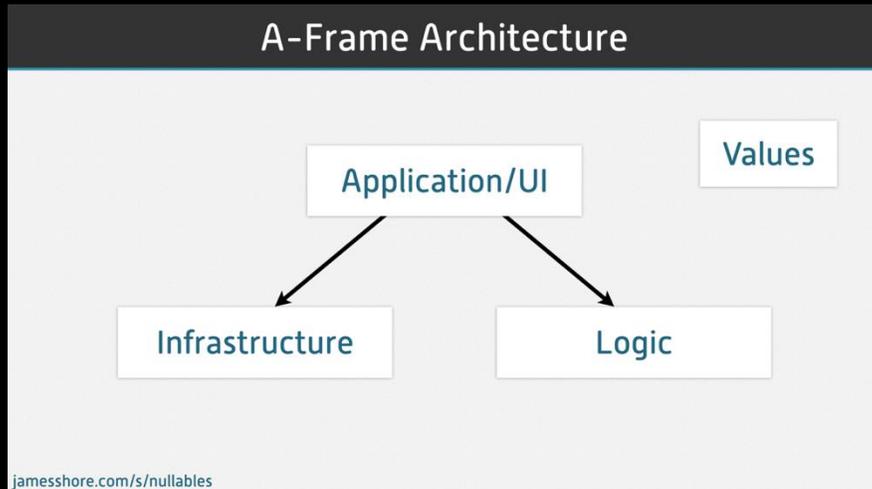
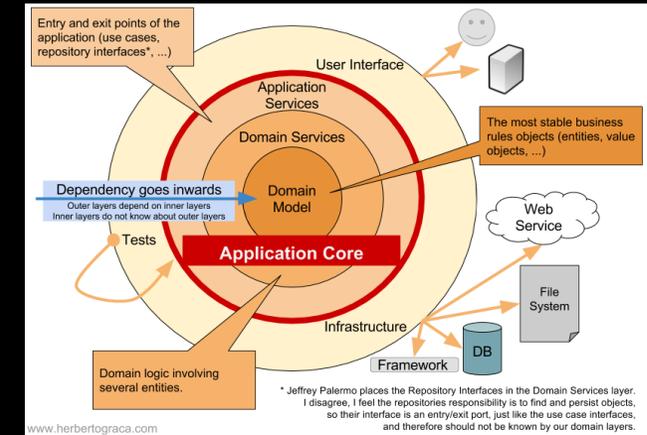
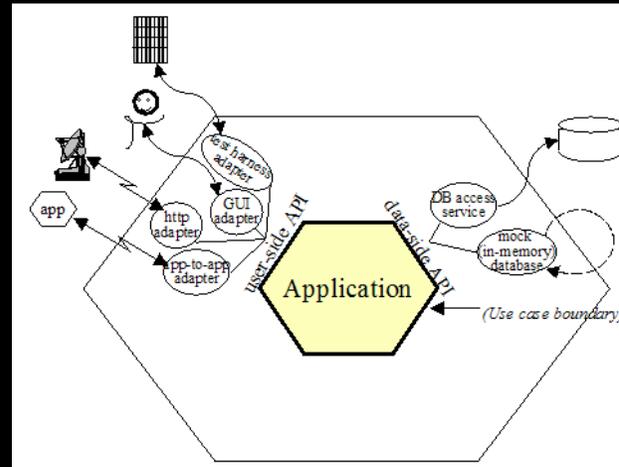
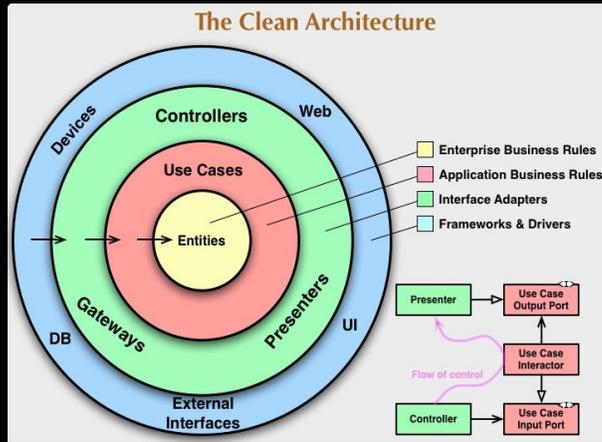
Deployment/Operational



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SCION-T (Testable) Architectures



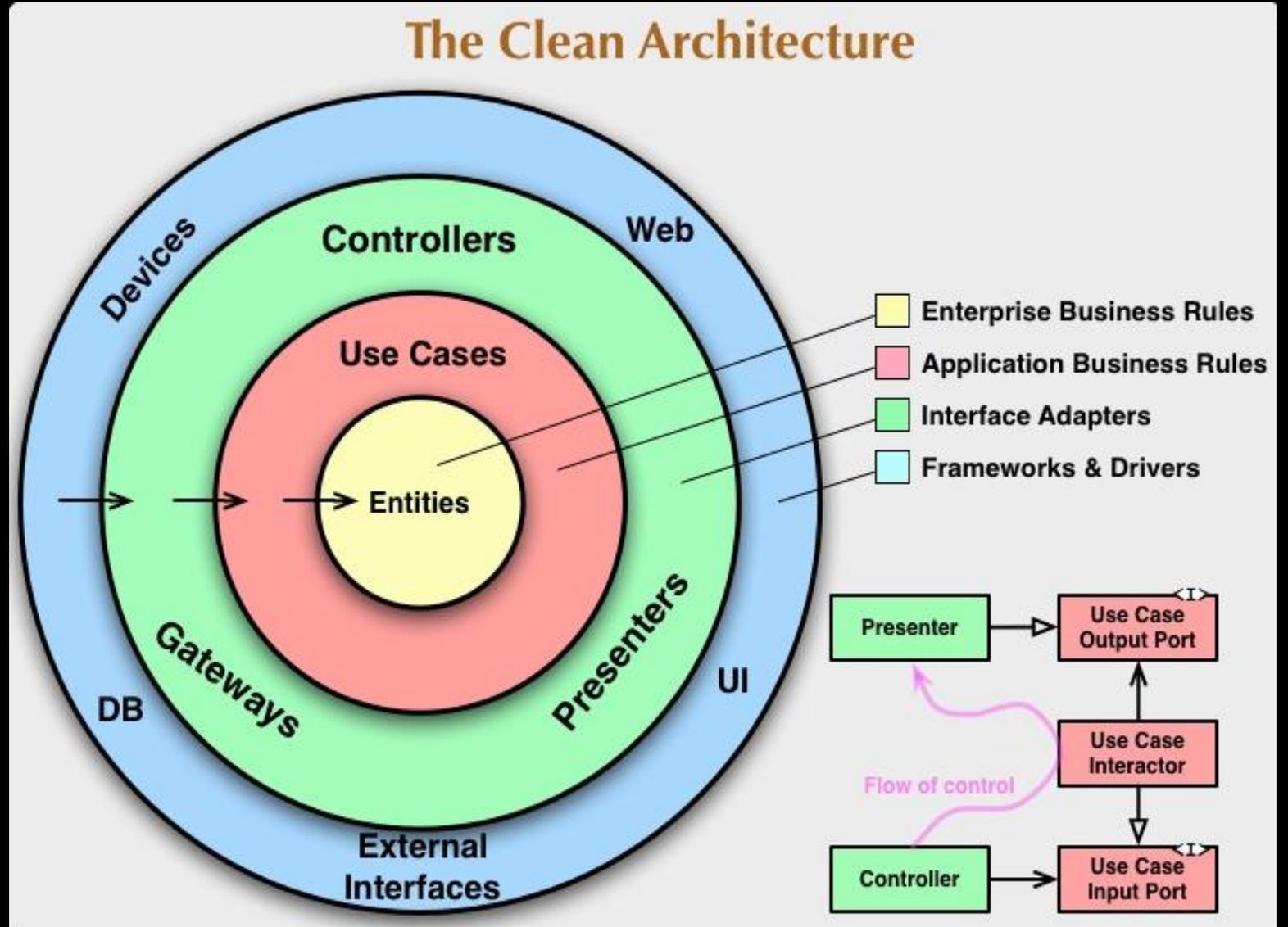
What About Clean Architecture?

✓ Dependency direction

✓ Layer separation

✗ No left-to-right asymmetry

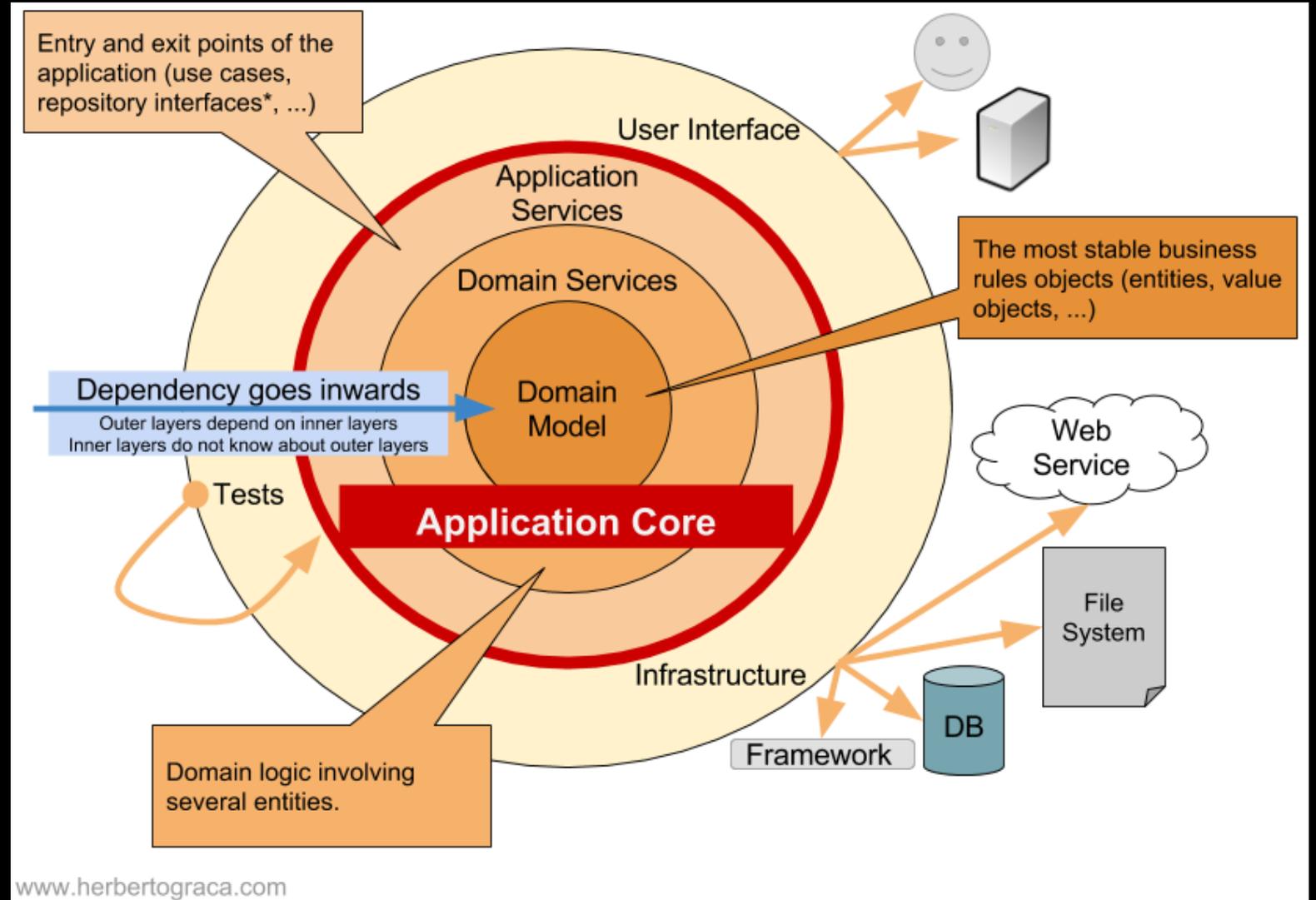
✗ No separation of adapters/drivers



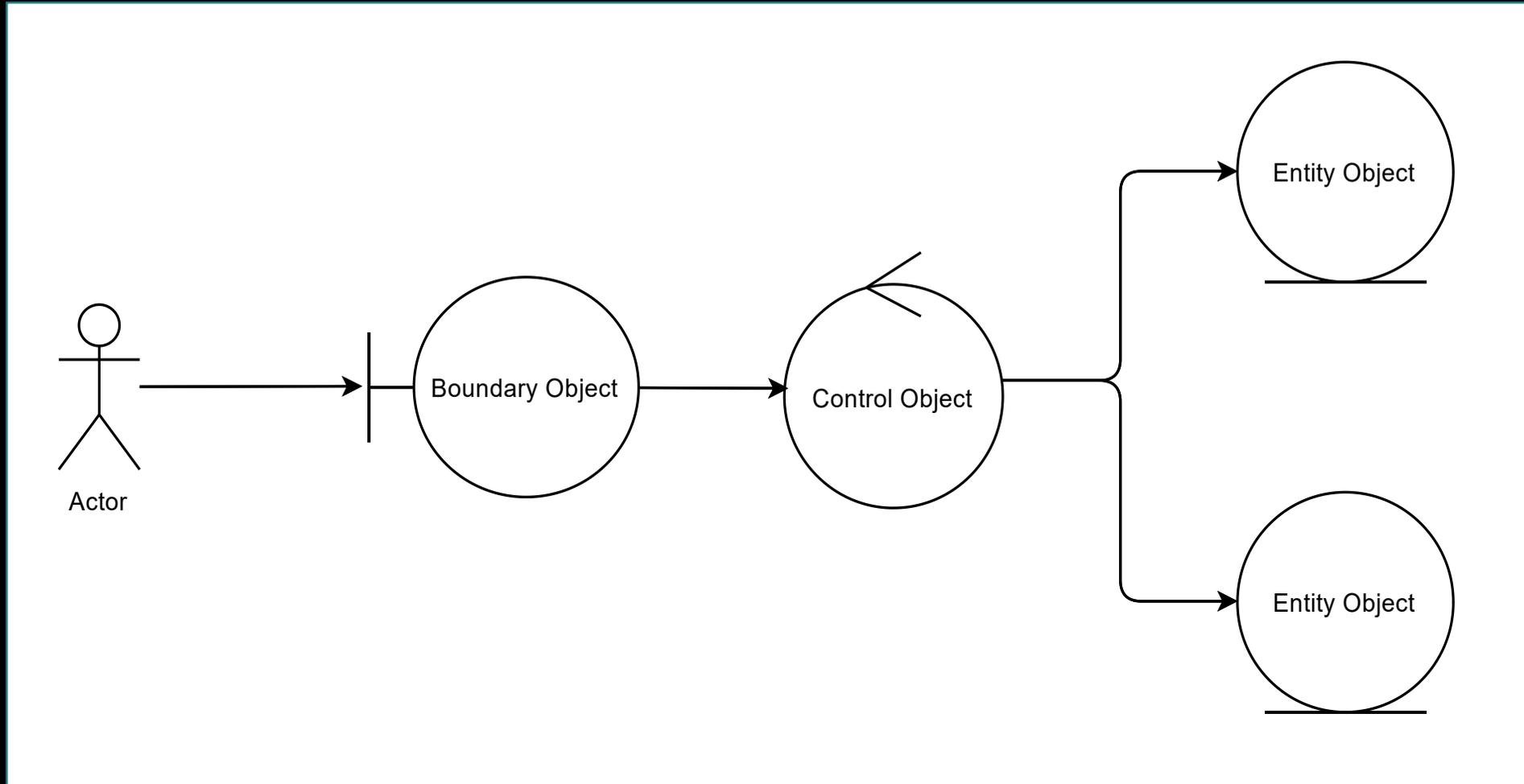
What About Onion Architecture?

- ✓ Dependency direction
- ✓ Layer separation
- ✓ Any outer layer can directly call any inner layer

- ✗ No left-to-right asymmetry
- ✗ No separation of infrastructure

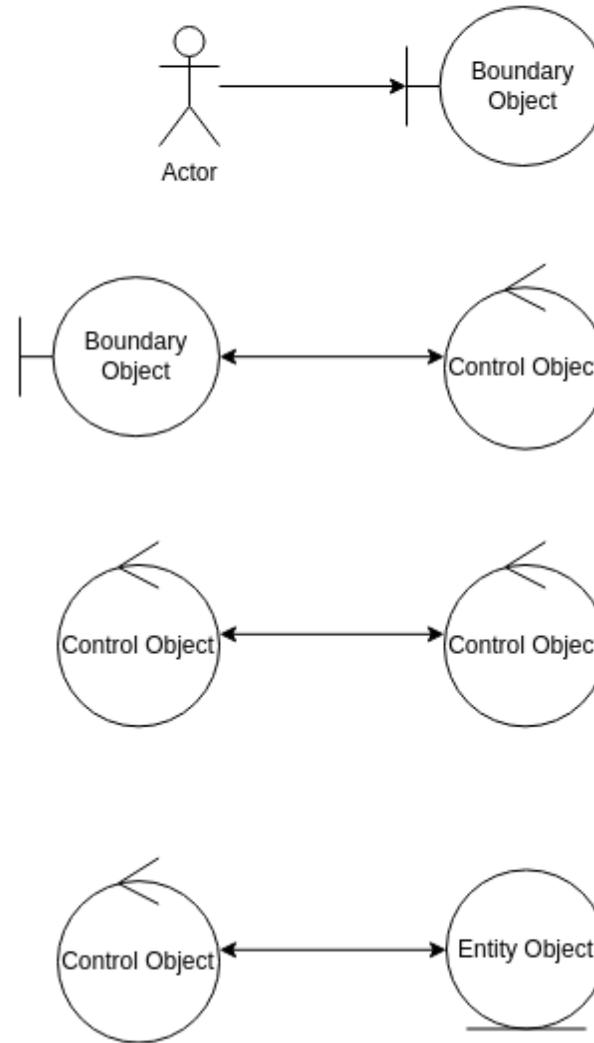


BCE has Similar Flavor

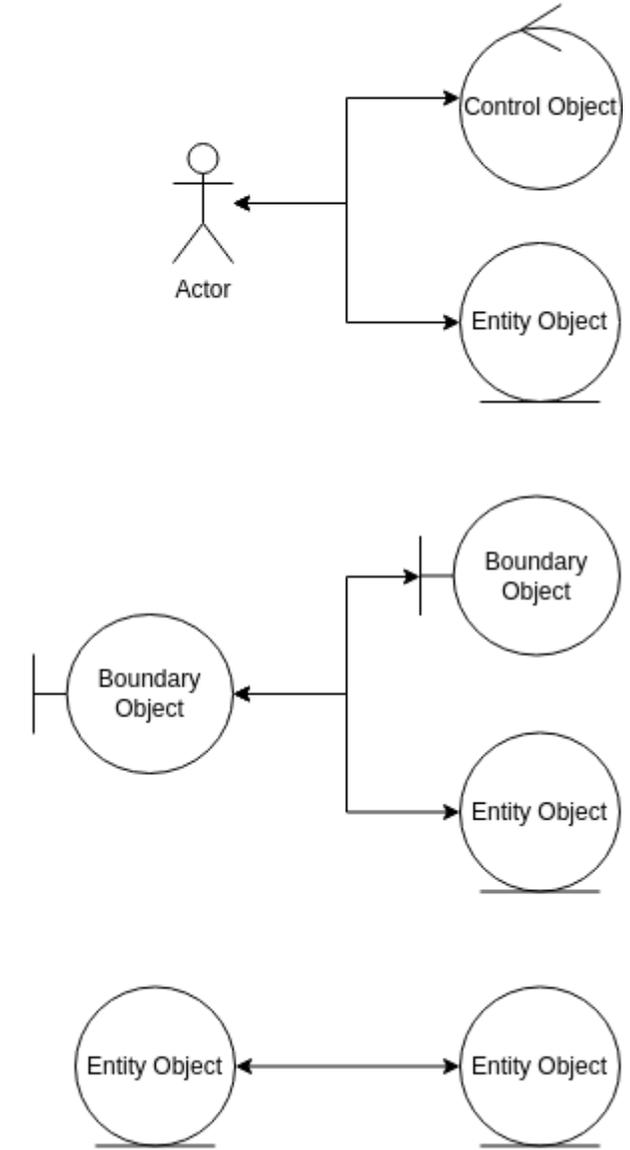


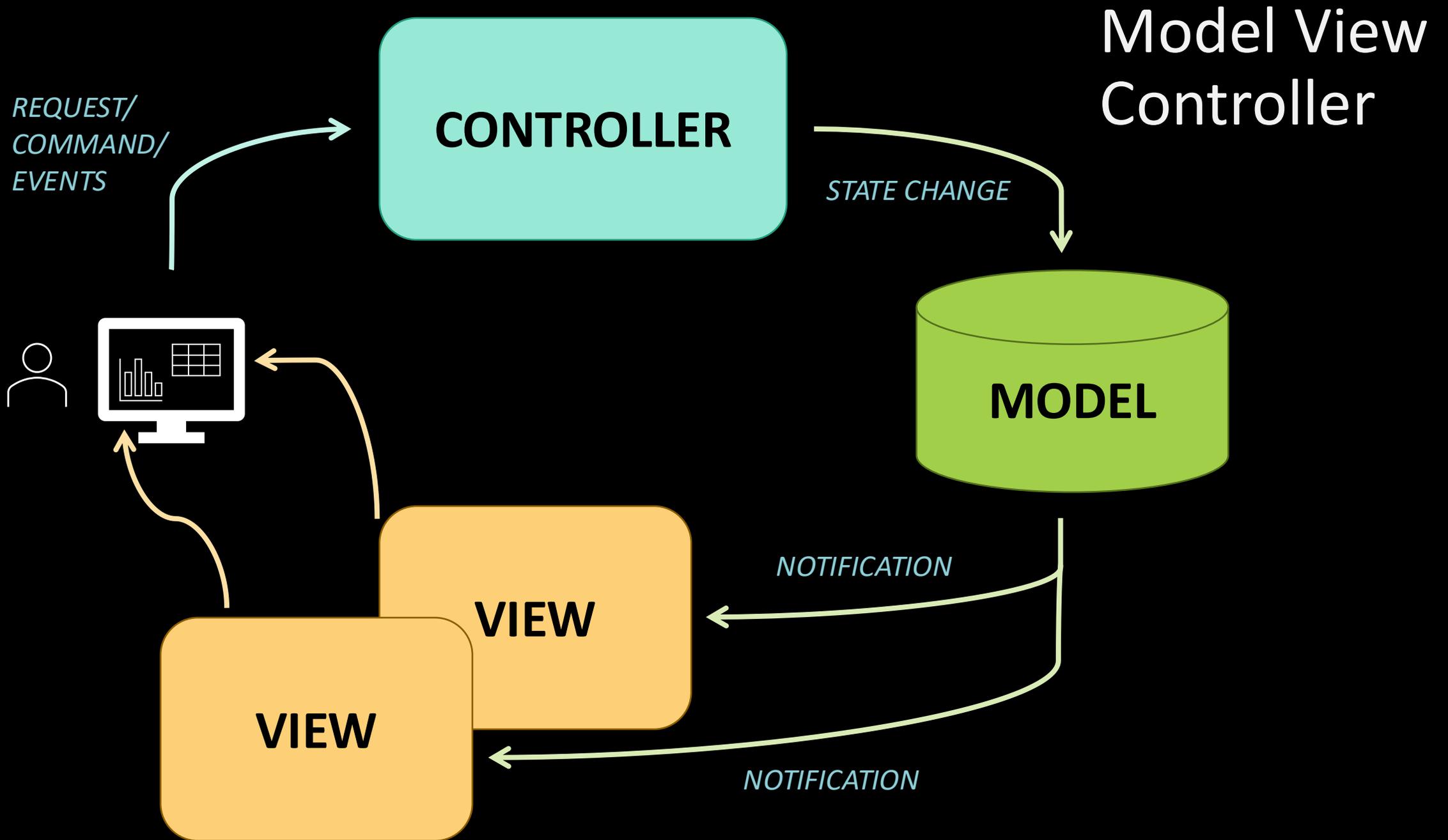
Robustness Diagram: Rules

Allowed



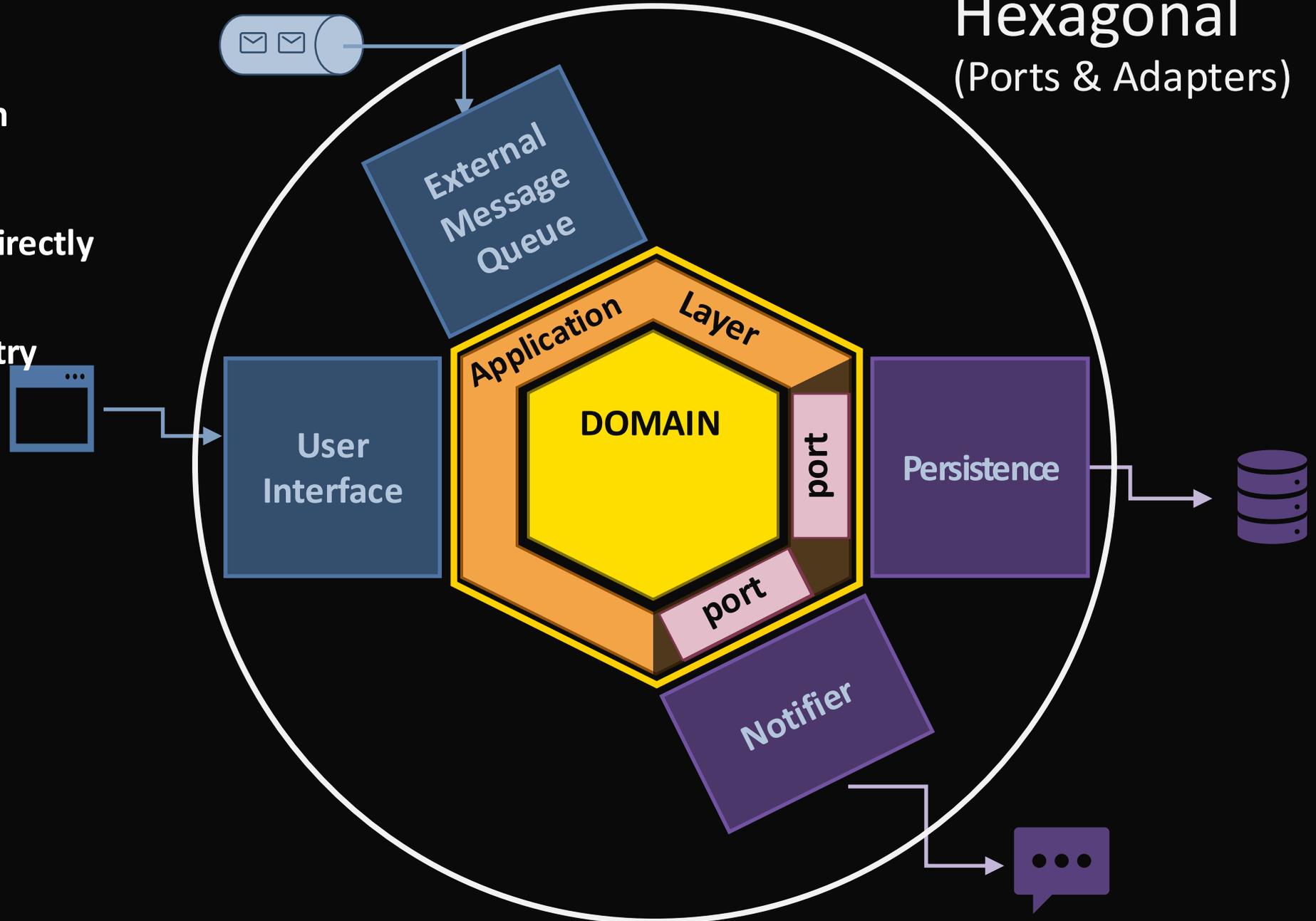
Not Allowed

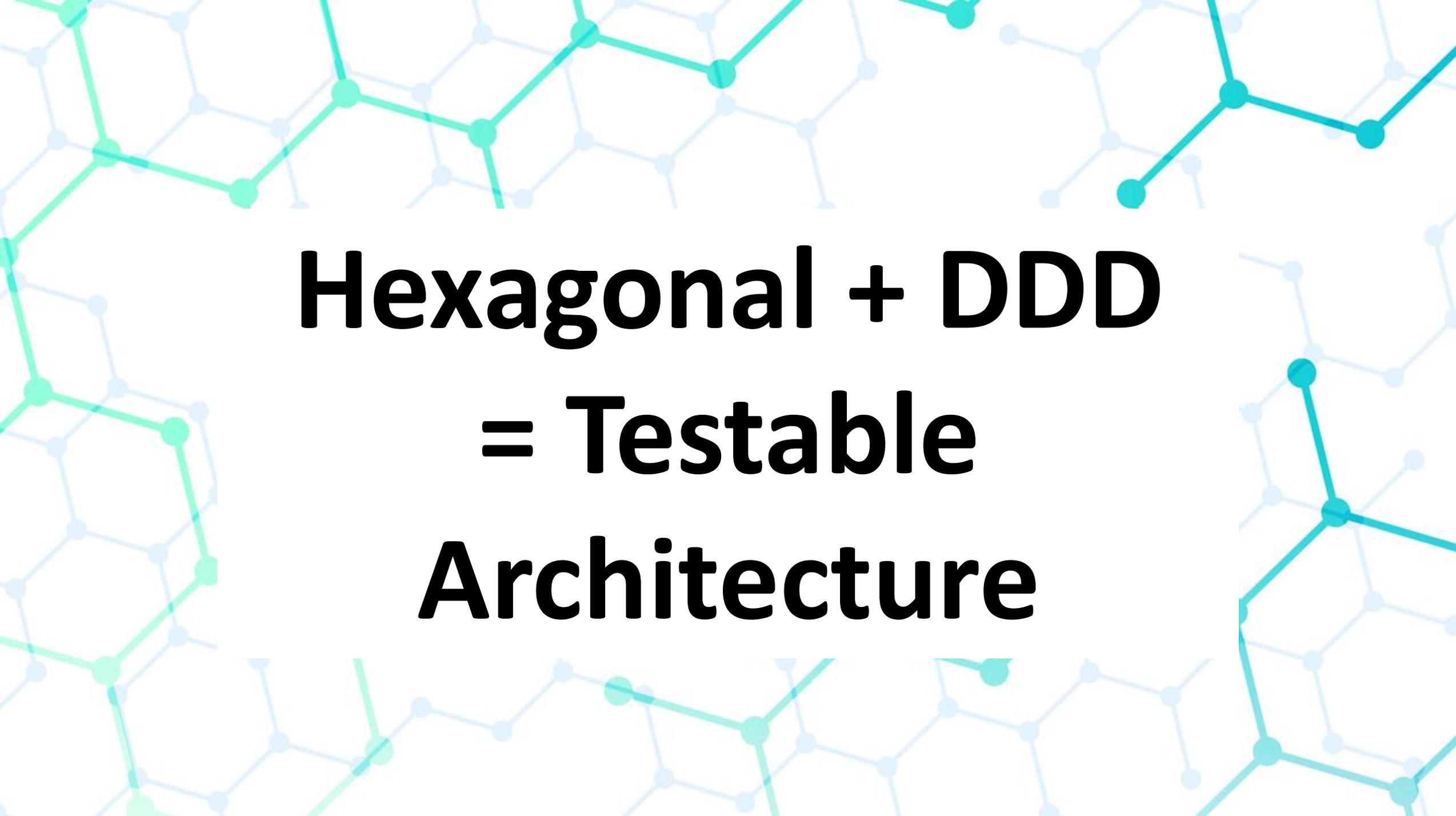




Hexagonal (Ports & Adapters)

- ✓ Dependency direction
- ✓ Layer separation
- ✓ Any outer layer can directly call any inner layer
- ✓ Left-to-right asymmetry
- ✓ Separation of infrastructure with dedicated Adapters





**Hexagonal + DDD
= Testable
Architecture**

also known as PORTS & ADAPTERS

Disclaimer...

Hexagonal Architecture is
not a Specification...

...it's a Pattern

“Allow an application to equally be driven by users, programs, [and] automated tests... and to be developed and tested in isolation from its eventual run-time devices and databases.”

Ports & Adapters Pattern
Alistair Cockburn

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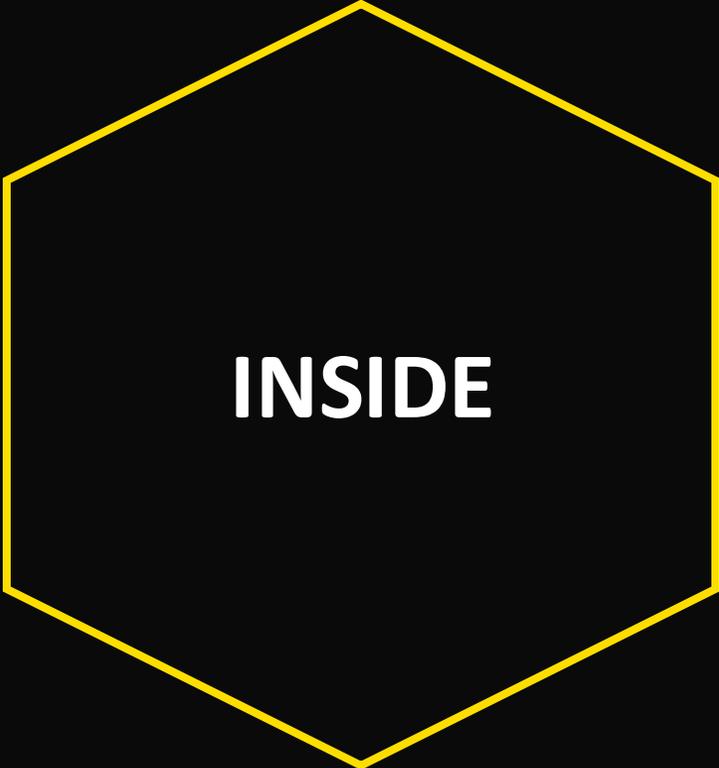
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OUTSIDE

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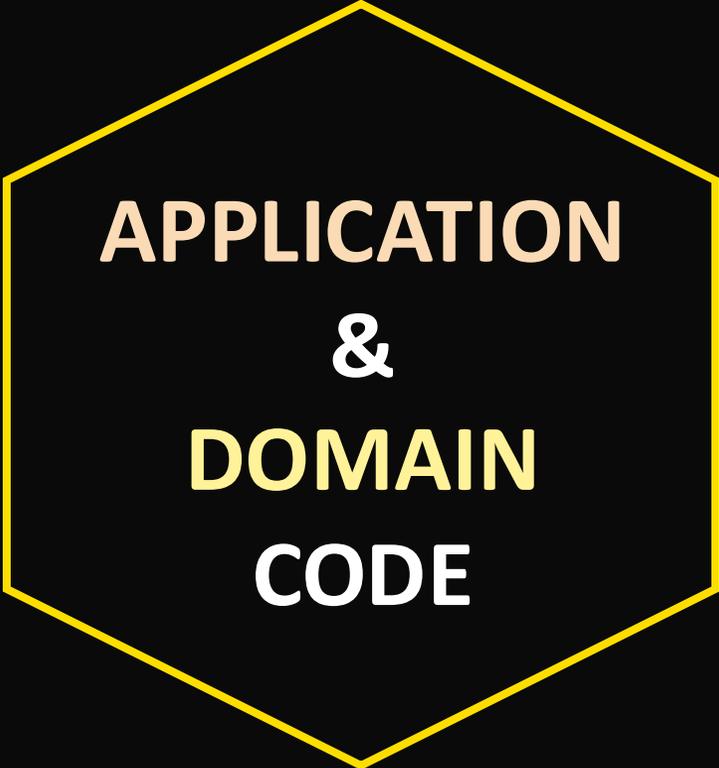
INSIDE

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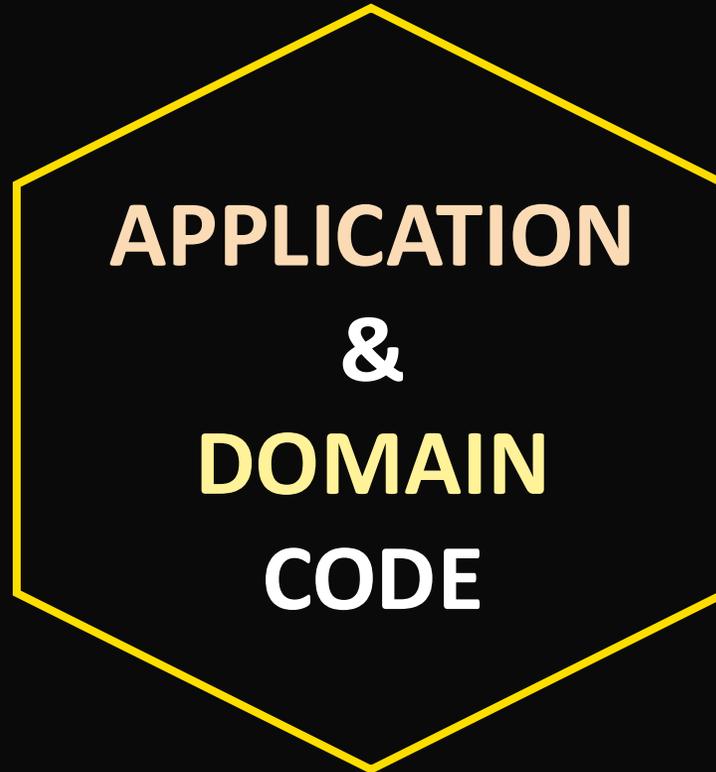


OUTSIDE

OUTSIDE

REST

OF



THE

WORLD

USER

DATA

INPUTS

OUTPUTS

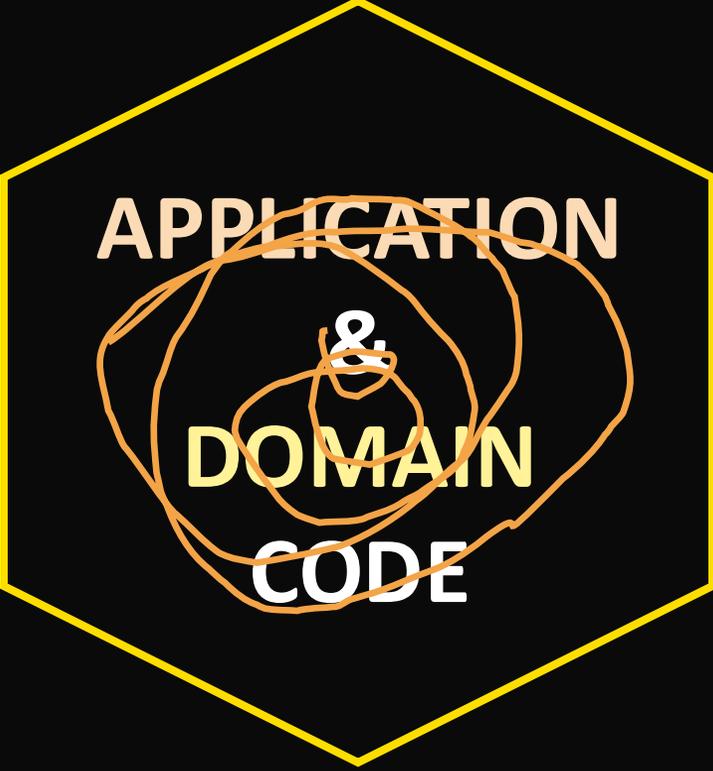
**APPLICATION
&
DOMAIN
CODE**

REQUESTS

EVENTS

INPUTS

OUTPUTS



REQUESTS

EVENTS

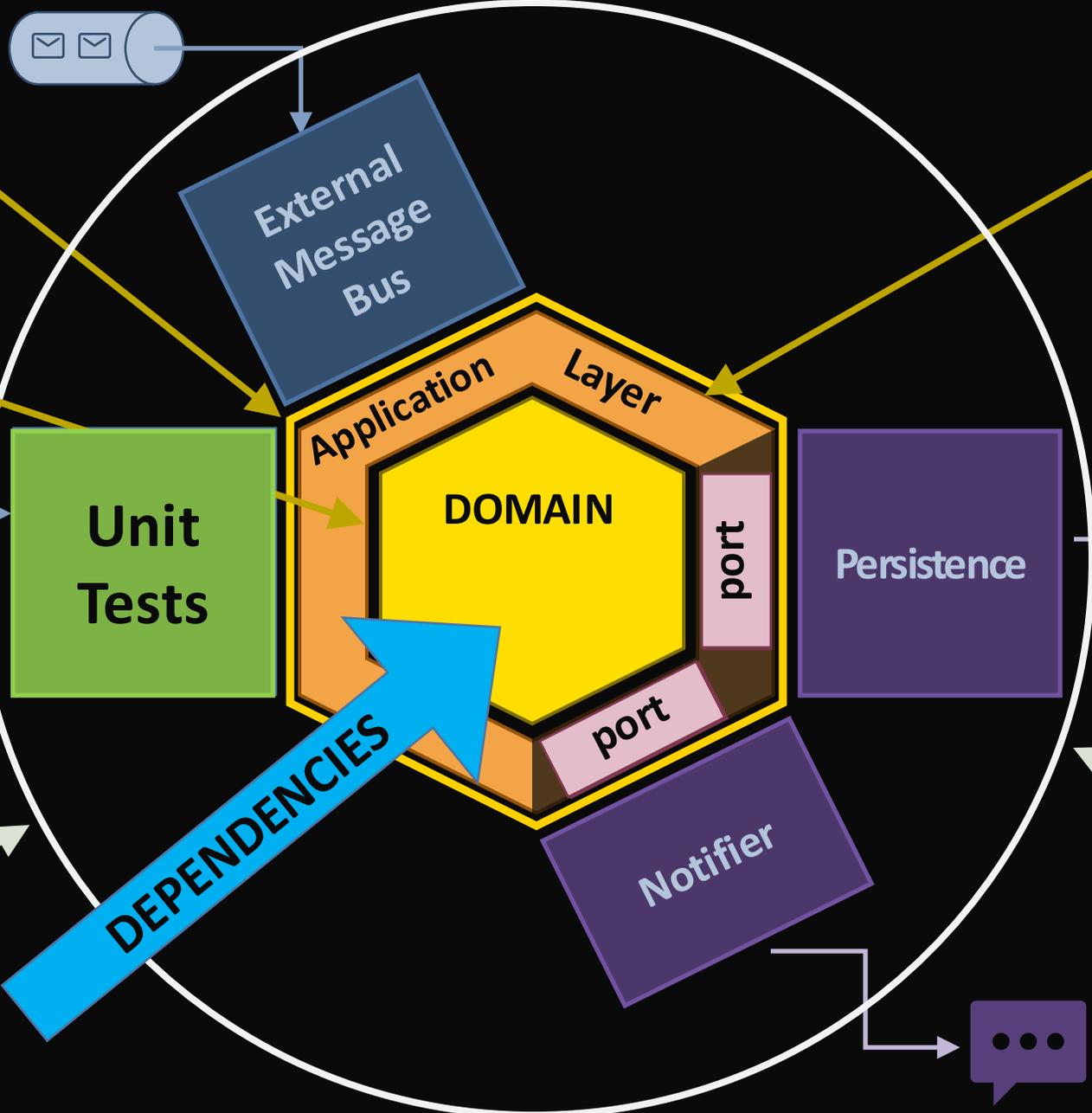
APPLICATION
(use case)
BOUNDARY

NO
AWARENESS
OF I/O

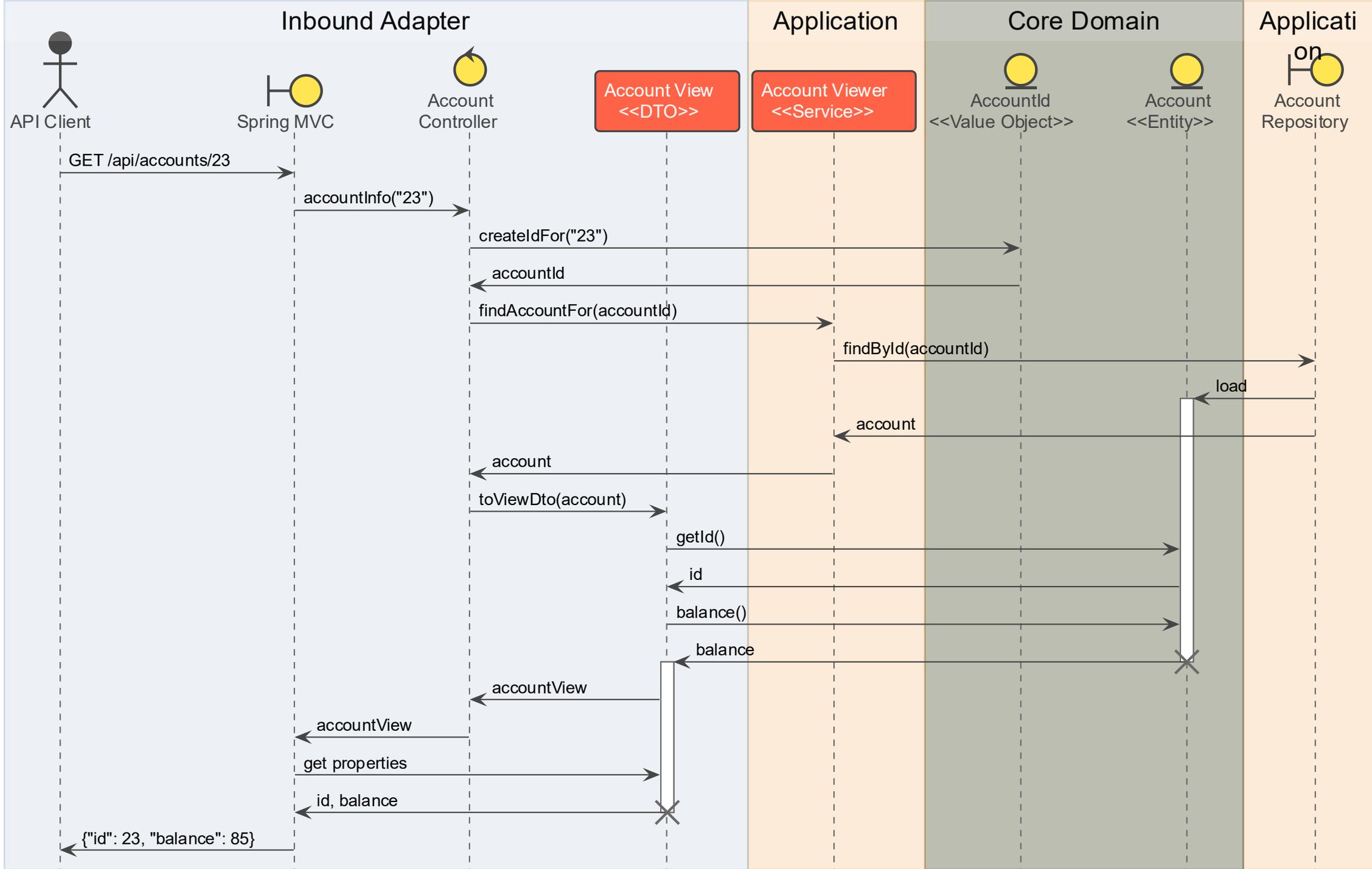
NO CONCRETE
I/O ONLY
ABSTRACTIONS

SYSTEM
BOUNDARY

NO
DOMAIN OBJECTS
OUTSIDE THIS
BOUNDARY



DEPENDENCIES

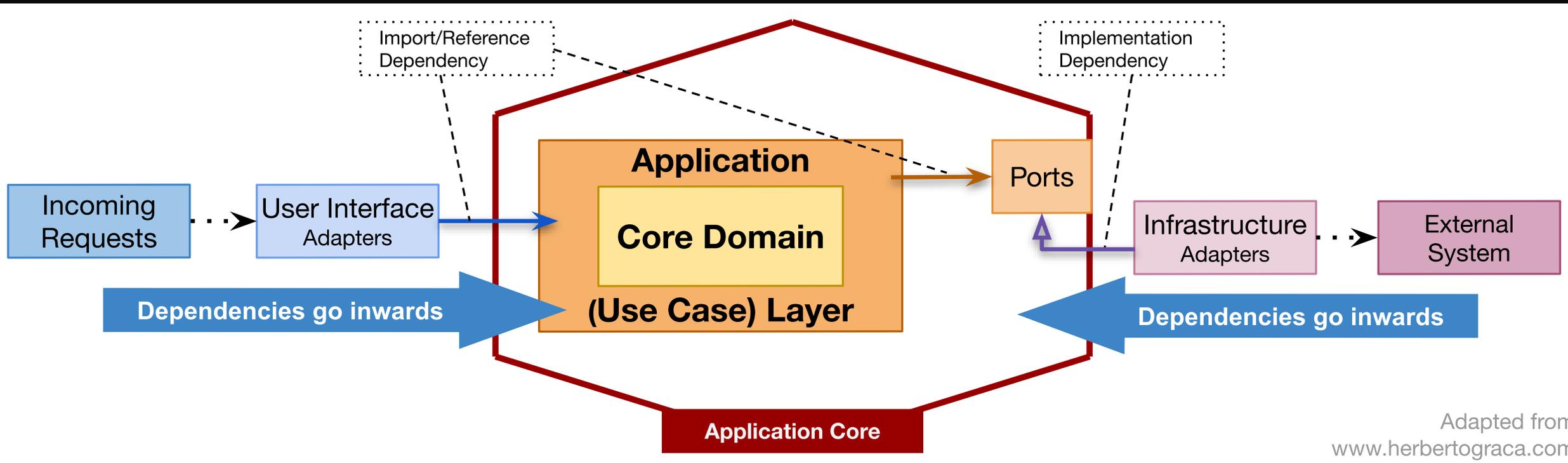


Dependency Rule

Dependencies

Point Inwards

Dependencies Point Inward



ENSEMBLER

managing ensemble events

Ted tedyoung Admin Member Logout

All Ensembles

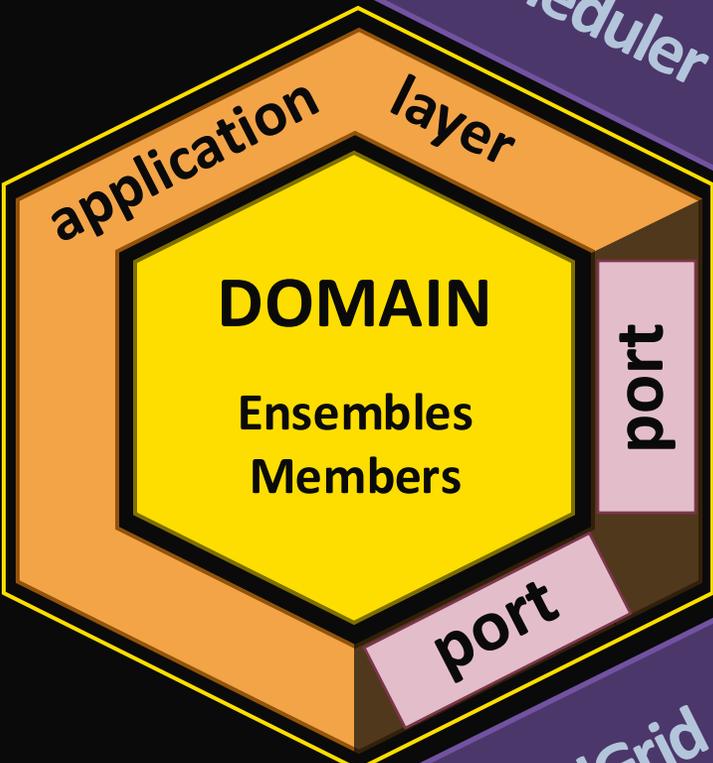
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Ensemble Blue #90	Fri, 2/17/2023, 9:00 AM PST	5/5	Full ⌵ Trigger
Ensemble Blue #89	Fri, 2/3/2023, 9:00 AM PST	5/5 ✖ 1	Full ⌵ Trigger
Ensemble Blue #88	Fri, 1/27/2023, 9:00 AM PST	5/5	Full ⌵ Trigger
Ensemble Blue #87	Fri, 1/20/2023, 9:00 AM PST	3/5	Available 📅 Trigger
Ensemble Blue #86	Fri, 1/13/2023, 9:00 AM PST	3/5 ✖ 1	Completed ⌵ Trigger

Source Code: <https://github.com/jitterted/enssembler>

*INBOUND
ADAPTER*

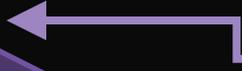


**Web
User
Interface**

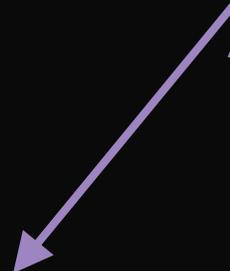


**Zoom
Scheduler**

*CONCRETE
OUTBOUND
ADAPTERS*



Persistence

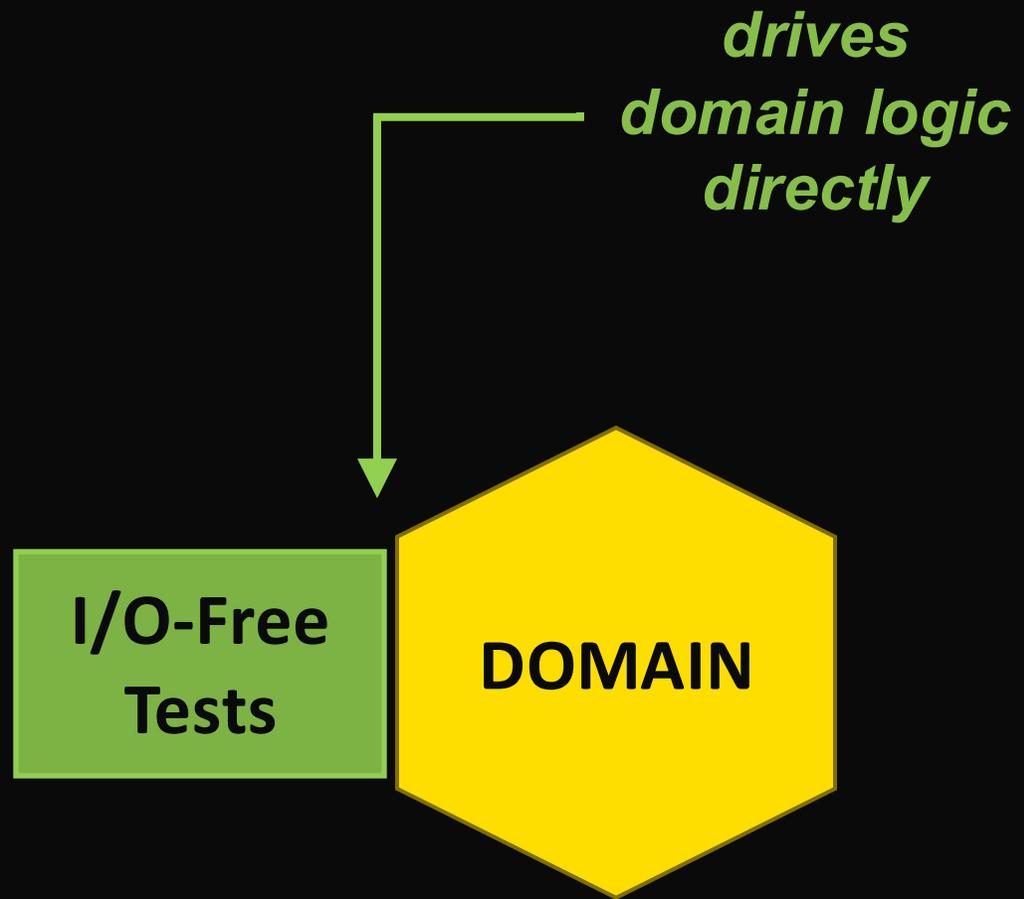


**SendGrid
Emailer**



Types of Tests

Hexagonal+Domain-Driven Design (HexADDD)



Testing Domain Directly

```
@Test
void newEnsembleIsNotCompleted() throws Exception {
    Ensemble ensemble = new Ensemble("not completed", ZonedDateTime.now());

    assertThat(ensemble.isCompleted())
        .assertFalse();
}

@Test
void whenCompletingEnsembleThenEnsembleIsCompleted() throws Exception {
    Ensemble ensemble = new Ensemble("completed", ZonedDateTime.now());

    ensemble.complete();

    assertThat(ensemble.isCompleted())
        .assertTrue();
}

@Test
void whenCancelingScheduledEnsembleThenEnsembleIsCanceled() throws Exception {
    Ensemble ensemble = EnsembleFactory.withStartTimeNow();

    ensemble.cancel();

    assertThat(ensemble.isCanceled())
        .assertTrue();
}
```



Test Doubles

aka "Mocks"

Collaborators

Code
Under
Test

Dependencies
(aka *Collaborators*)



Direct vs. Indirect Inputs

Predictable Tests

Direct

Passed in Directly as Arguments

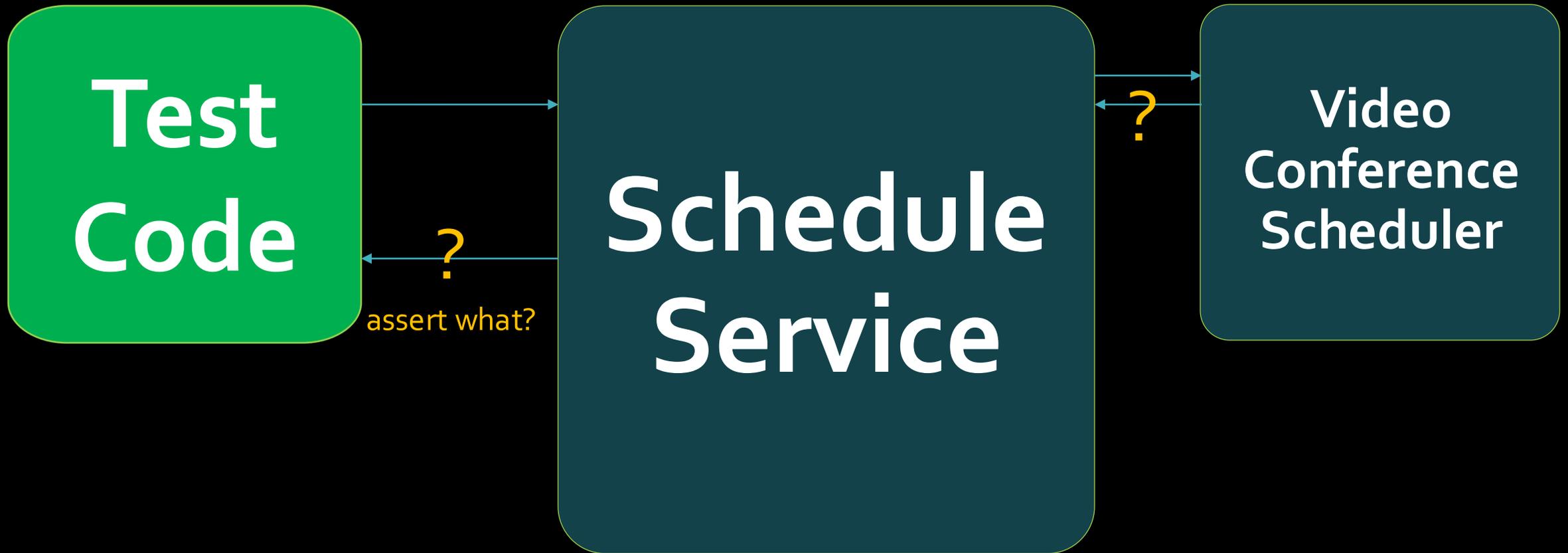
Direct vs. Indirect Inputs

Test
Code

Code
Under
Test



Indirect Input Provider



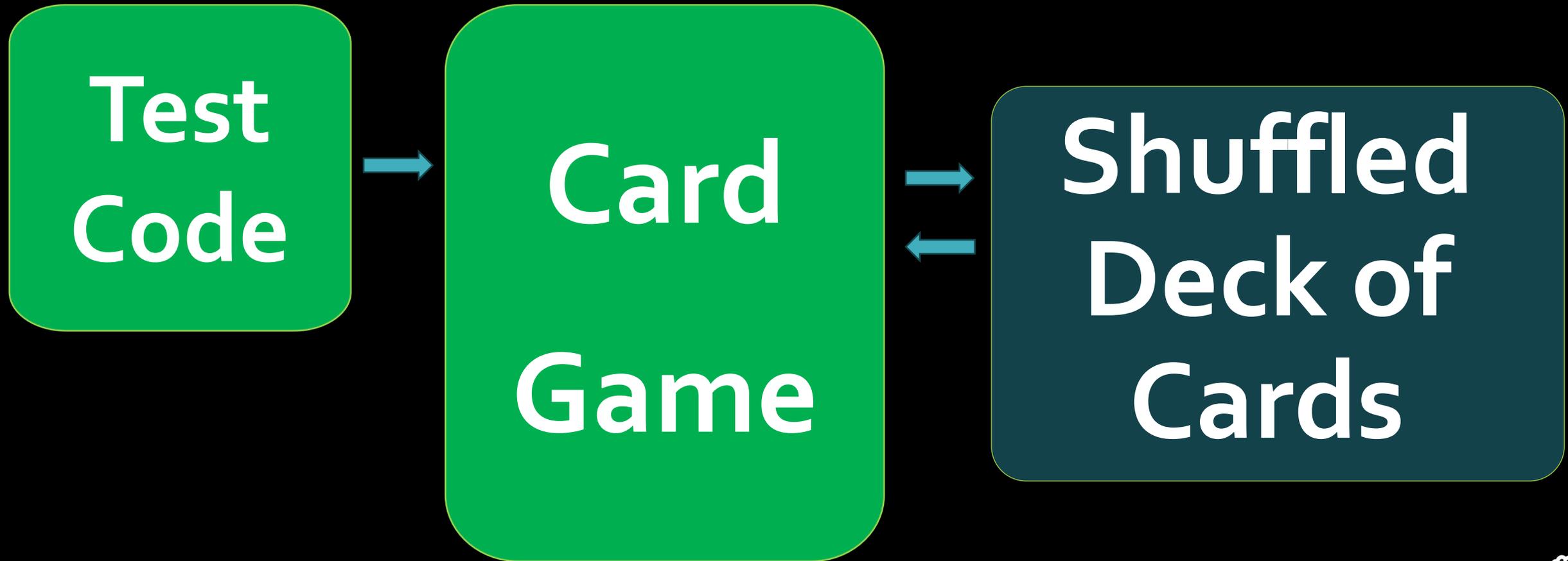
Collaborators

Card
Game

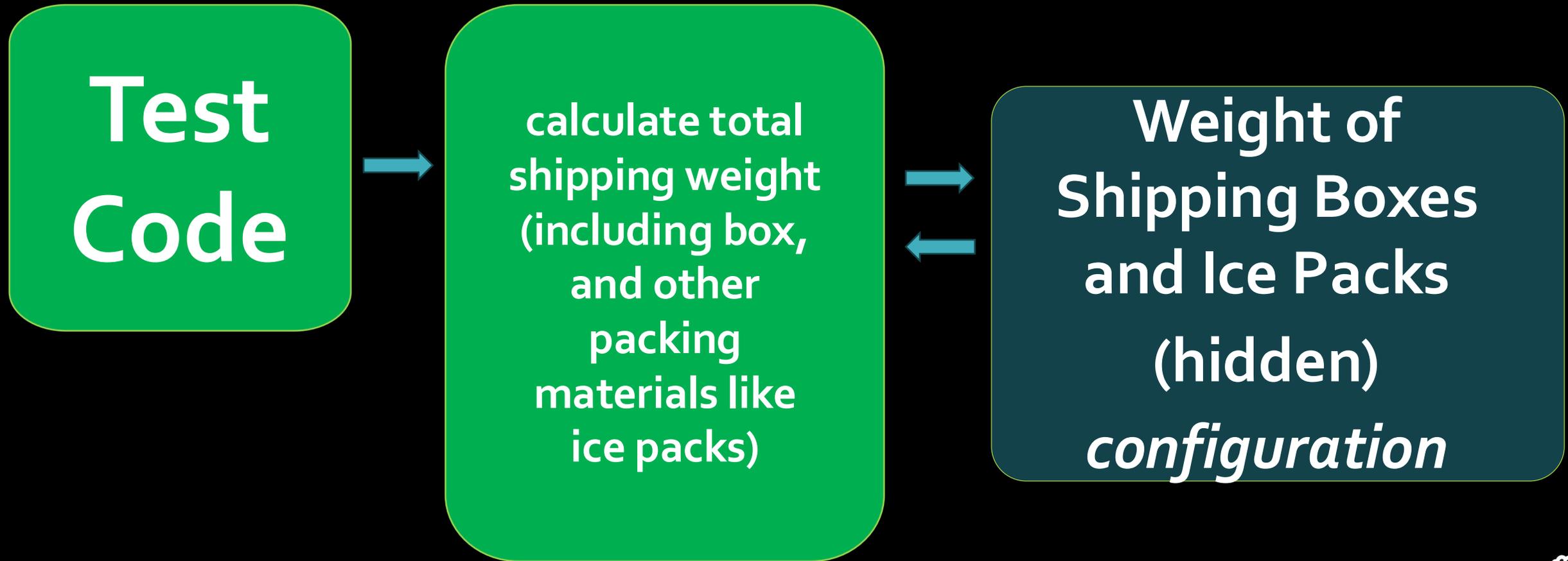
Shuffled Deck
of Cards



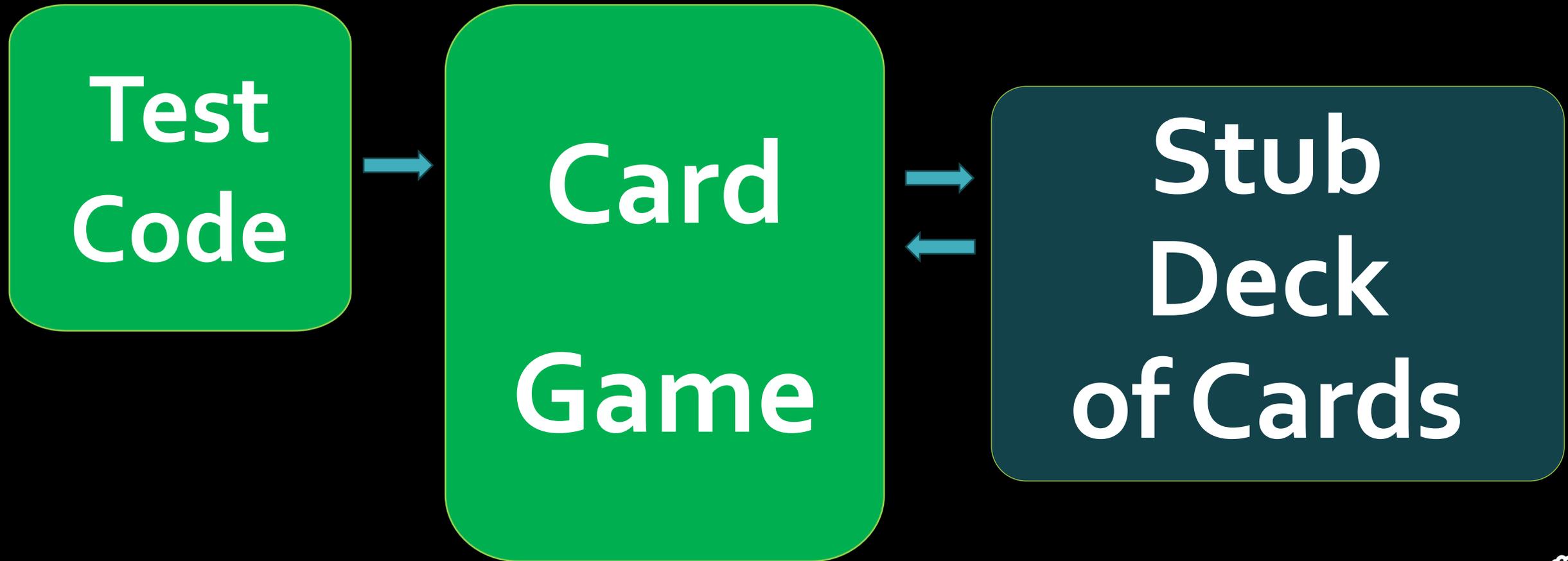
Unpredictable and Hidden Indirect Input Provider



Predictable, but Hidden Indirect Input Provider



Predictable Indirect Input Provider



Predictable Outcomes

- Can't control real collaborators?
 - They are external to your application
 - They are *Unreliable* or *Unpredictable*
- Need "stand-in" to control:
- **Test Doubles**
 - From "Stunt Doubles" in movies



Two Types of Test Doubles

Verify State



Dummy



Stub



Fake

Verify Behavior



Spy



Mock



Dummy

Unused Placeholder

State: not **Read** from or **Written** to

Dummy

naming: **Dummy**Suit

DummyMemberRepository

Testing App Layer Using a Dummy

```
@Test
void ensembleIdIsTranslatedFromDomainIntoView() {
    MemberService memberService = new DefaultMemberService(new DummyMemberRepository());
    Ensemble ensemble = new Ensemble("test", ZonedDateTime.now());
    ensemble.setId(EnsembleId.of(23));
    EnsembleDetailView ensembleDetailView = EnsembleDetailView.from(ensemble, memberService);

    assertThat(ensembleDetailView.id())
        .isEqualTo(23);
}
```

```
public class DummyMemberRepository implements MemberRepository {
    @Override
    public Member save(Member member) {
        return null;
    }

    @Override
    public Optional<Member> findByGithubUsername(String githubUsername) {
        return Optional.empty();
    }

    @Override
    public Optional<Member> findById(MemberId memberId) {
        return Optional.empty();
    }

    @Override
    public List<Member> findAll() {
        return Collections.emptyList();
    }
}
```

Stub

Hard-coded Return Values

State: Only **Read** from

Programmable Stub

Configure Return Values in Test

State: Only **Read** from

Stub

naming:

StubDeck

CardProvider

DateSupplier

Using a Programmable Stub

```
@Test
void ensembleScheduledThenZoomLinkFetchedFromApiHasConferenceDetails() {
    ConferenceDetails expectedConferenceDetails =
        new ConferenceDetails("123",
            URI.create("https://zoom.us/startUrl"),
            URI.create("https://zoom.us/joinUrl"));
    VideoConferenceScheduler stubScheduler =
        new StubConferenceScheduler(expectedConferenceDetails);
    EnsembleService ensembleService = EnsembleServiceFactory.with(stubScheduler);

    ensembleService.scheduleEnsembleWithVideoConference(
        "With Zoom", ZonedDateTime.now());

    assertThat(ensembleService.allEnsembles())
        .extracting(Ensemble::conferenceDetails)
        .containsOnly(expectedConferenceDetails);
}
```



```
private static class StubConferenceScheduler implements VideoConferenceScheduler {
    private final ConferenceDetails stubConferenceDetails;

    public StubConferenceScheduler(ConferenceDetails stubConferenceDetails) {
        this.stubConferenceDetails = stubConferenceDetails;
    }

    @Override
    public ConferenceDetails createMeeting(Ensemble ensemble) {
        return stubConferenceDetails;
    }

    @Override
    public boolean deleteMeeting(ConferenceDetails conferenceDetails) {
        throw new UnsupportedOperationException();
    }
}
```

Fake

A Behavioral Mimic

State: **Read** from & **Written** to

Fake

naming:

FakeGameRepository

InMemoryMemberRepository

Using a Fake

```
public class InMemoryEnsembleRepository implements EnsembleRepository {
    private final Map<EnsembleId, Ensemble> ensembles = new ConcurrentHashMap<>();
    private final AtomicLong sequence = new AtomicLong(0);

    @Override
    public Ensemble save(Ensemble ensemble) {
        if (ensemble.getId() == null) {
            ensemble.setId(EnsembleId.of(sequence.getAndIncrement()));
        }
        ensembles.put(ensemble.getId(), ensemble);
        return ensemble;
    }

    @Override
    public List<Ensemble> findAll() {
        return List.copyOf(ensembles.values());
    }

    @Override
    public Optional<Ensemble> findById(EnsembleId ensembleId) {
        return Optional.ofNullable(ensembles.get(ensembleId));
    }
}
```

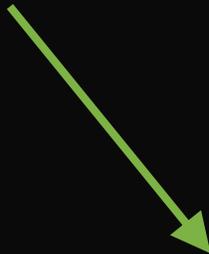


Spy

Records Method Calls

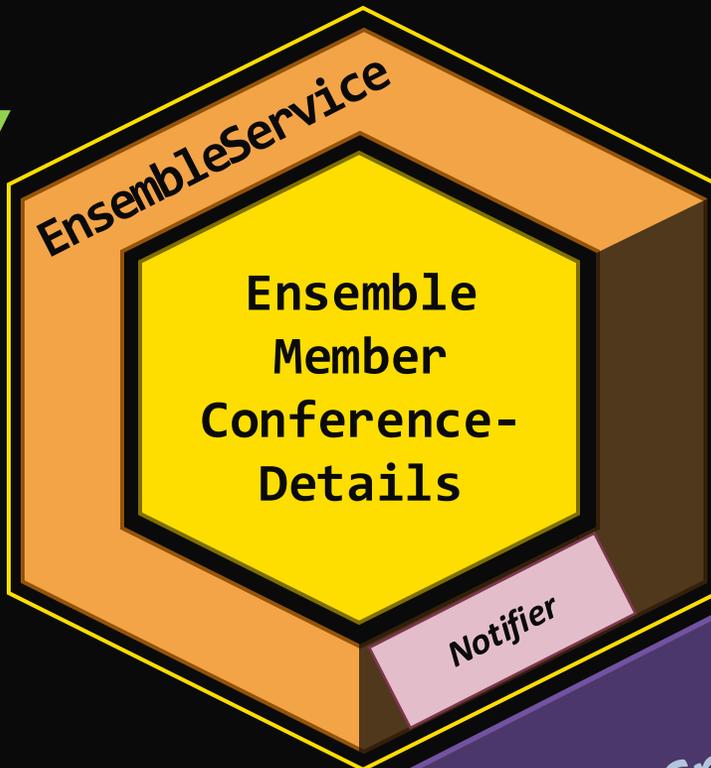
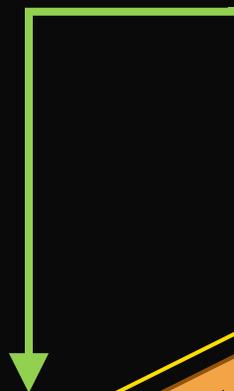
Behavior: **Reports** what happened

**SIMULATES
INBOUND
ADAPTER**



**I/O-Free
Tests**

**drives scenarios
through the
application layer**



**SIMULATES
OUTBOUND
ADAPTERS**



Notifier Spy

"SPY On" Notifiers

```
20 @Test
21 void whenEnsembleScheduledEnsembleOpenNotificationIsSent() throws Exception {
22     MockEnsembleScheduledNotifier mockEnsembleScheduledNotifier =
23         new MockEnsembleScheduledNotifier();
24     EnsembleService ensembleService = new EnsembleService(
25         new InMemoryEnsembleRepository(),
26         new InMemoryMemberRepository(),
27         mockEnsembleScheduledNotifier,
28         new DummyVideoConferenceScheduler());
29
30     ensembleService.scheduleEnsemble("Notifying Ensemble",
31         ZonedDateTime.of(2021, 11, 10, 17, 0, 0, 0, ZoneOffset.UTC));
32
33     mockEnsembleScheduledNotifier.verify();
34 }
```

Testing App Layer: Notifier

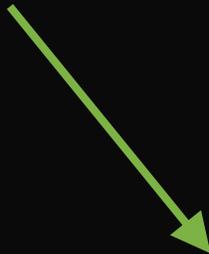


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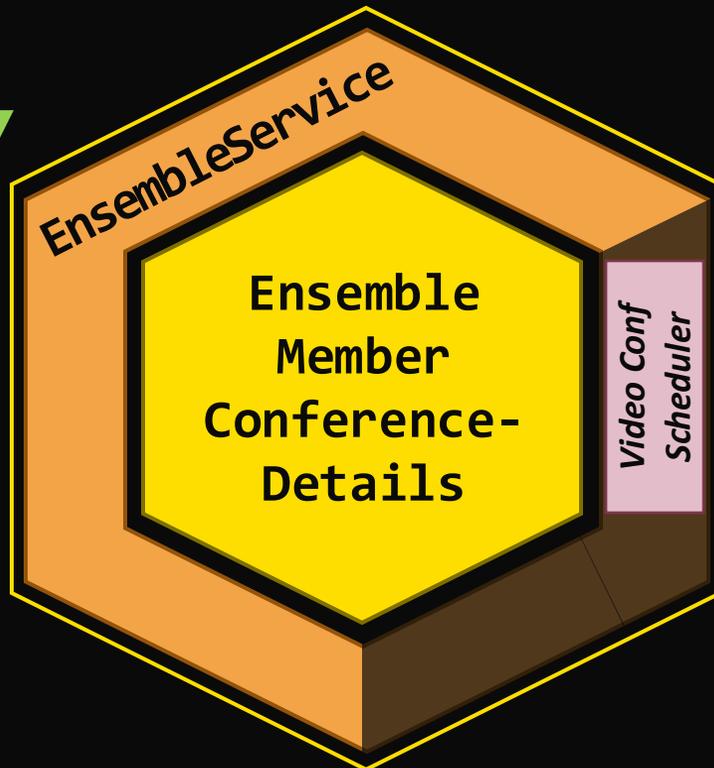
A Spy That Verifies the Behavior

Behavior: **Asserts** What Happened

**SIMULATES
INBOUND
ADAPTER**



**drives scenarios
through the
application layer**



**SIMULATES
OUTBOUND
ADAPTERS**



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31 @Test
32 void canceledEnsembleDeletesVideoConferenceMeeting() throws Exception {
33     Ensemble ensemble = new EnsembleBuilder()
34         .withConferenceDetails("meetingId", "https://start.link", "https://join.link")
35         .build();
36     VideoConferenceScheduler succeedsIfMeetingIdMatchesEnsemble =
37         new ZoomConferenceSchedulerDeletesExpectedMeetingId("meetingId");
38     TestEnsembleServiceBuilder ensembleServiceBuilder =
39         new TestEnsembleServiceBuilder()
40             .withVideoConferenceScheduler(succeedsIfMeetingIdMatchesEnsemble)
41             .saveEnsemble(ensemble);
42     EnsembleId ensembleId = ensembleServiceBuilder.lastSavedEnsembleId();
43     EnsembleService ensembleService = ensembleServiceBuilder.build();
44
45     ensembleService.cancel(ensembleId);
46
47     assertThat(ensemble.conferenceDetails())
48         .isEqualTo(ConferenceDetails.DELETED);
49 }
```

Testing App Layer: Conferenc e Scheduler



When You Need Test Doubles

Testing Domain Code?

Never!

Testing With Infra?

Yes.

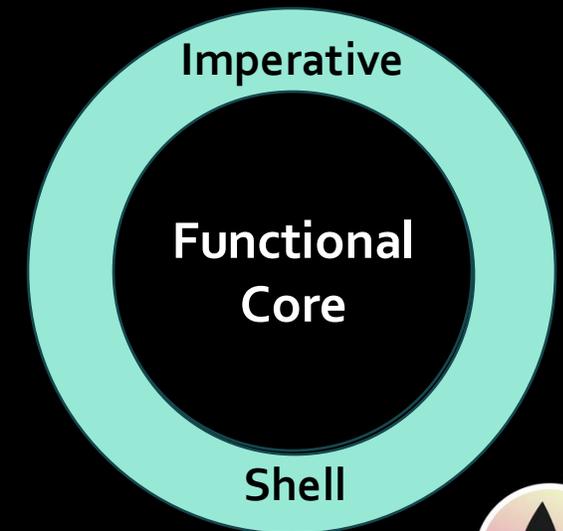
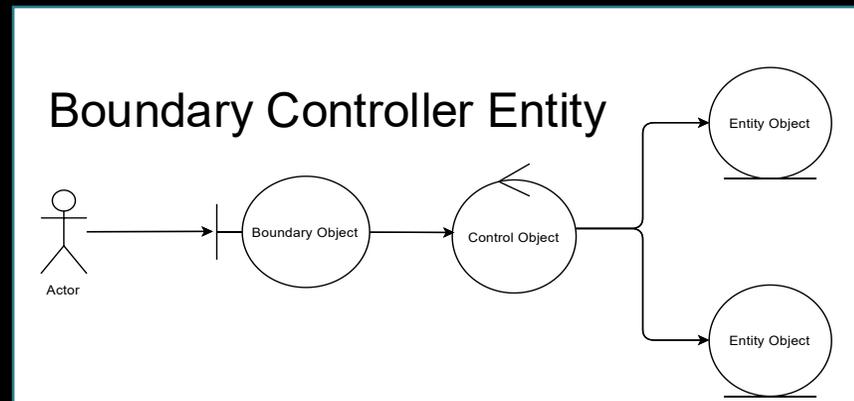
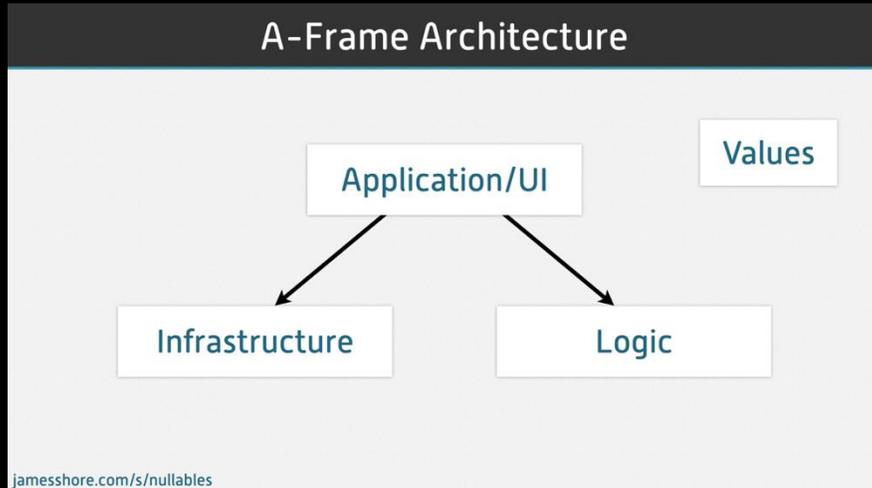
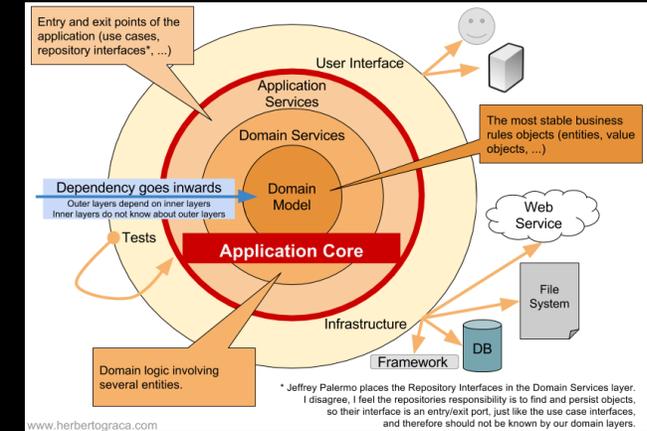
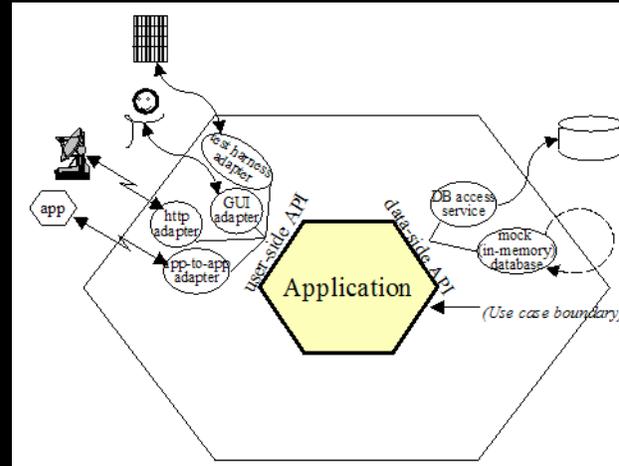
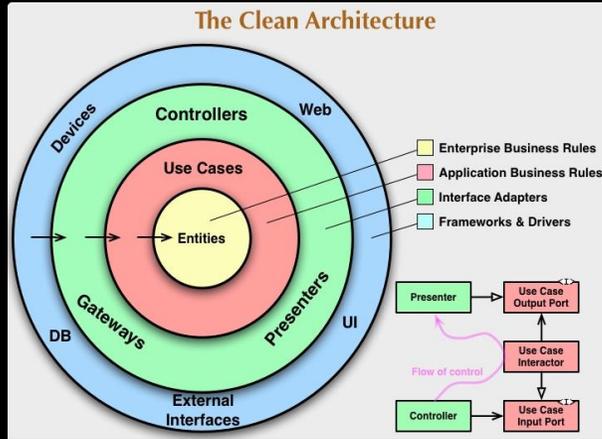
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It's All Trade-offs

Increase Testability → Lose Simplicity

Use a Testable Architecture ...



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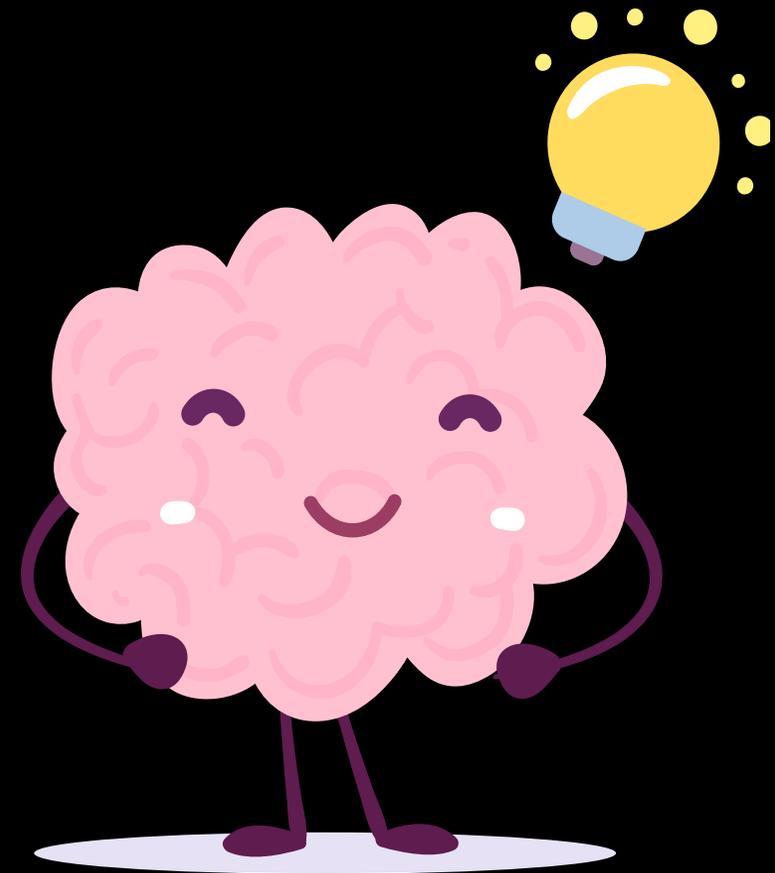
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