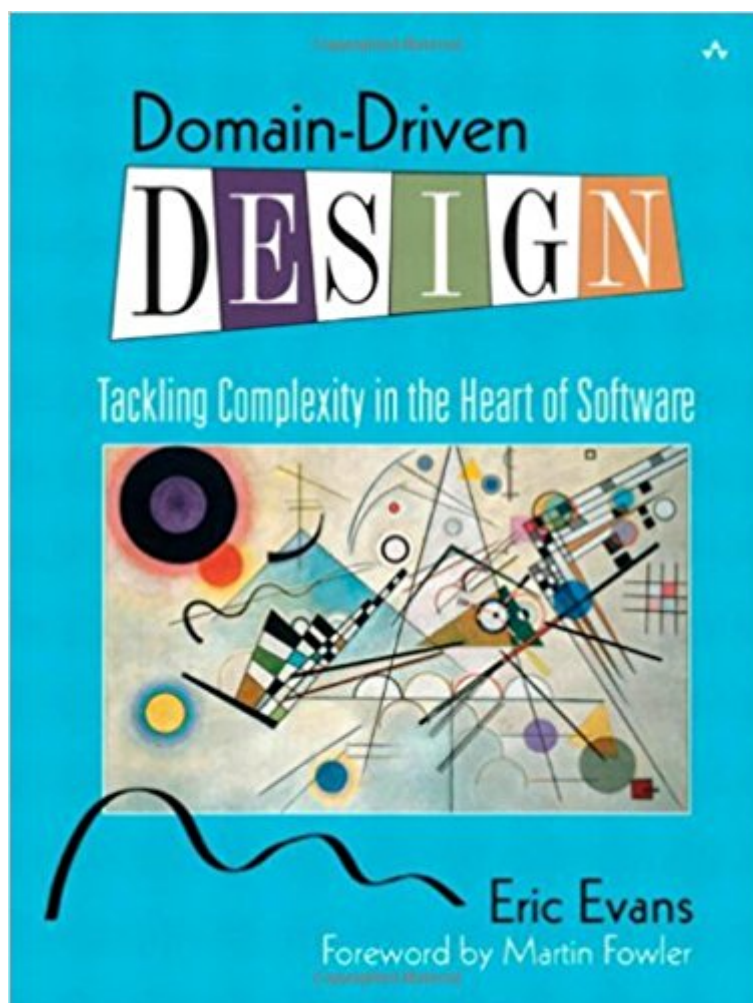


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# Domain-Driven Design: Tackling Complexity In The Heart Of Software



## Synopsis

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 The software development community widely acknowledges that domain modeling is central to software design. Through domain models, software developers are able to express rich functionality and translate it

into a software implementation that truly serves the needs of its users. But despite its obvious importance, there are few practical resources that explain how to incorporate effective domain modeling into the software development process. *Domain-Driven Design* fills that need. This is not a book about specific technologies. It offers readers a systematic approach to domain-driven design, presenting an extensive set of design best practices, experience-based techniques, and fundamental principles that facilitate the development of software projects facing complex domains. Intertwining design and development practice, this book incorporates numerous examples based on actual projects to illustrate the application of domain-driven design to real-world software development. Readers learn how to use a domain model to make a complex development effort more focused and dynamic. A core of best practices and standard patterns provides a common language for the development team. A shift in emphasis--refactoring not just the code but the model underlying the code--in combination with the frequent iterations of Agile development leads to deeper insight into domains and enhanced communication between domain expert and programmer. *Domain-Driven Design* then builds on this foundation, and addresses modeling and design for complex systems and larger organizations. Specific topics covered include: Getting all team members to speak the same language Connecting model and implementation more deeply Sharpening key distinctions in a model Managing the lifecycle of a domain object Writing domain code that is safe to combine in elaborate ways Making complex code obvious and predictable Formulating a domain vision statement Distilling the core of a complex domain Digging out implicit concepts needed in the model Applying analysis patterns Relating design patterns to the model Maintaining model integrity in a large system Dealing with coexisting models on the same project Organizing systems with large-scale structures Recognizing and responding to modeling breakthroughs With this book in hand, object-oriented developers, system analysts, and designers will have the guidance they need to organize and focus their work, create rich and useful domain models, and leverage those models into quality, long-lasting software implementations.

Eric Evans is the founder of Domain Language, a consulting group dedicated to helping companies build evolving software deeply connected to their businesses. Since the 1980s, Eric has worked as a designer and programmer on large object-oriented systems in several complex business and technical domains. He has also trained and coached development teams in Extreme Programming.

IMHO required reading for enterprise level developers, architects and IT Project Managers. The principles are sound and the writing style actually makes what would otherwise be a dry read quite

enjoyable.

Well, I'm still reading it, but it's a mandatory reading for those who want to deliver great software

Challenging but worthwhile.

The reference on domain-driven design. A good book, but at times difficult to read and really get involved in. Takes a very high-level approach to design and doesn't discuss some implementation details of going down the domain model path. It took me some time to get through this book.

This book gets longwinded and could have shed about 250 pages on the backend. However, I would recommend the first 200+ pages to every OO developer who is laboring with domain experts, stakeholders and users to match their requirements up with an object model. Like most development books I can't recommend everything the author writes, but that said I think this book's main message is very solid and offers plenty of good ideas to the OO developer writing common business applications.

If your process for writing an application is to start with the database, or to start designing UI, you should read this book. There is nothing new in this book -- but you really should read it. This book details the way many architects and analysts have been creating their applications for years, and for good reason. They start by creating domain classes that help represent data in a way that is understandable to both developer and customer. Then building out the application from there. Read this book.

I read this book in its draft form on a cross-country flight and was just blown away by it, enough so that I bought a bound version to make it easier to carry around and reread. I suppose what blew me away was that Evans crystallized and laid out quite clearly about a dozen ideas which were existing at the edge of my consciousness, but which I could not clearly verbalize. It fits quite nicely between the patterns books and the process books, but it's not a cookbook and it's not strictly a method. It's a must read for the multitude of Java/C#/C++ developers who continue to write procedural code while claiming they're OO developers because they're using an OO language and they've read Design Patterns.

Incredibly smart aggregation of existing patterns and practices, along with Evans' own ideas to tie everything together. Dogmatic implementation of DDD on every project is not recommended, but understanding how all of the concepts in this book tie together and being able to pragmatically apply them will make for more successful projects.

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