

# Transparent Object Persistence (with FLOW3)

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# Old school persistence DDD persistence FLOW3 persistence



## An example to use...

- Let's use a Blog
- A Blog projects has
  - a Blog
  - some Posts,
  - Comments and
  - Tags
- Easy enough, eh?

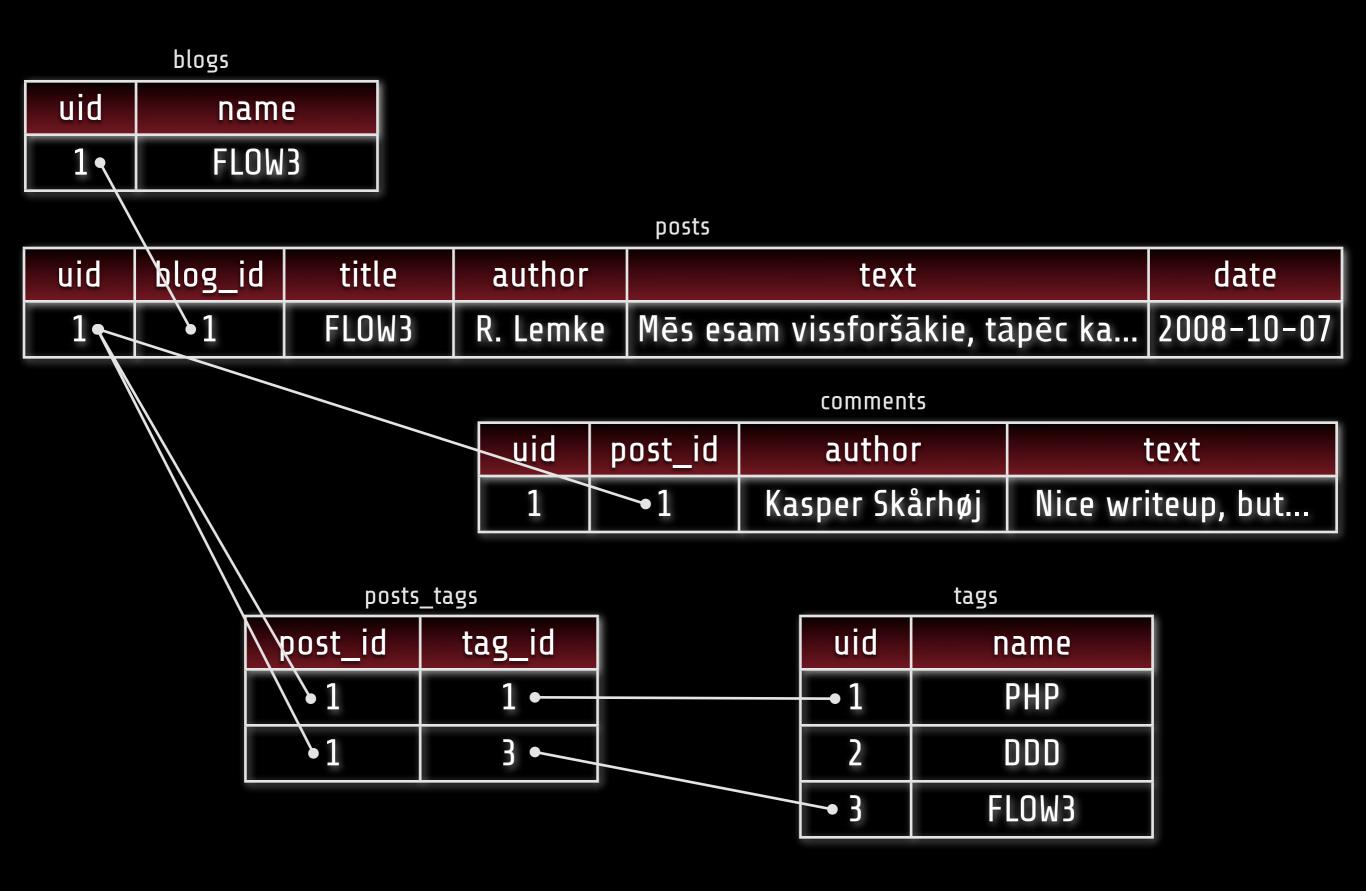


## Setting the stage

- A blog is requested
- We want to show posts
- We have data somewhere
- We use MVC and have a view waiting
- We only need to hand over the posts

### **Blog tables^Wrelations**



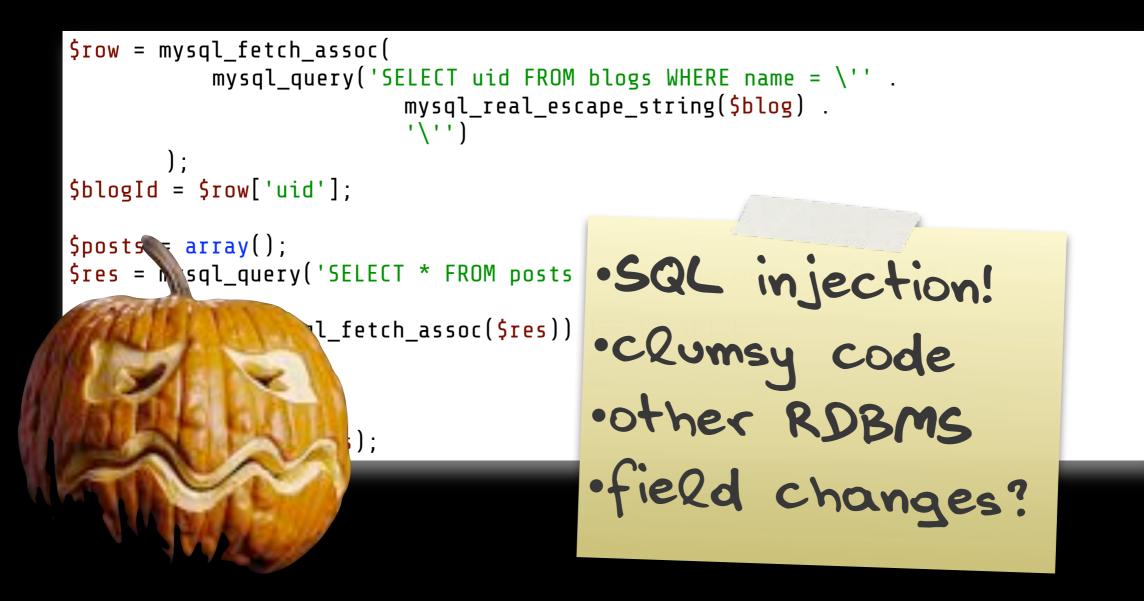




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SQL injection!
still clumsy...
field changes?



## ORM tools

- ORM means Object-Relational Mapping
- Objects represent a database row
- Most tools are rather ROM still focus on relational thinking
- Implementations differ
  - ORM base classes need to be extended
  - Schema is used to generate code

## Active Record

\$blog = new Blog(\$blog);

\$posts = \$blog->getPosts();

\$view->setPosts(\$posts);

very nice
dependency on
ORM tool?
save()/delete()



## Active Record



## "DDD persistence"

- Domain Models encapsulate behavior and data
- Concerned about the problem only
- Infrastructure is of no relevance



### Entities

- Identity is important
- Are not defined by their attributes
- Examples could be...
  - People
  - Blog posts



## Value objects

- Have no indentity
- Their value is of importance
- Are interchangeable
- Examples could be...
  - Colors
  - Numbers
  - Tags in a blog



# Aggregates

- Cluster associated objects
- Have a boundary and a root
- The root is a specific entity
- References from outside point to the root



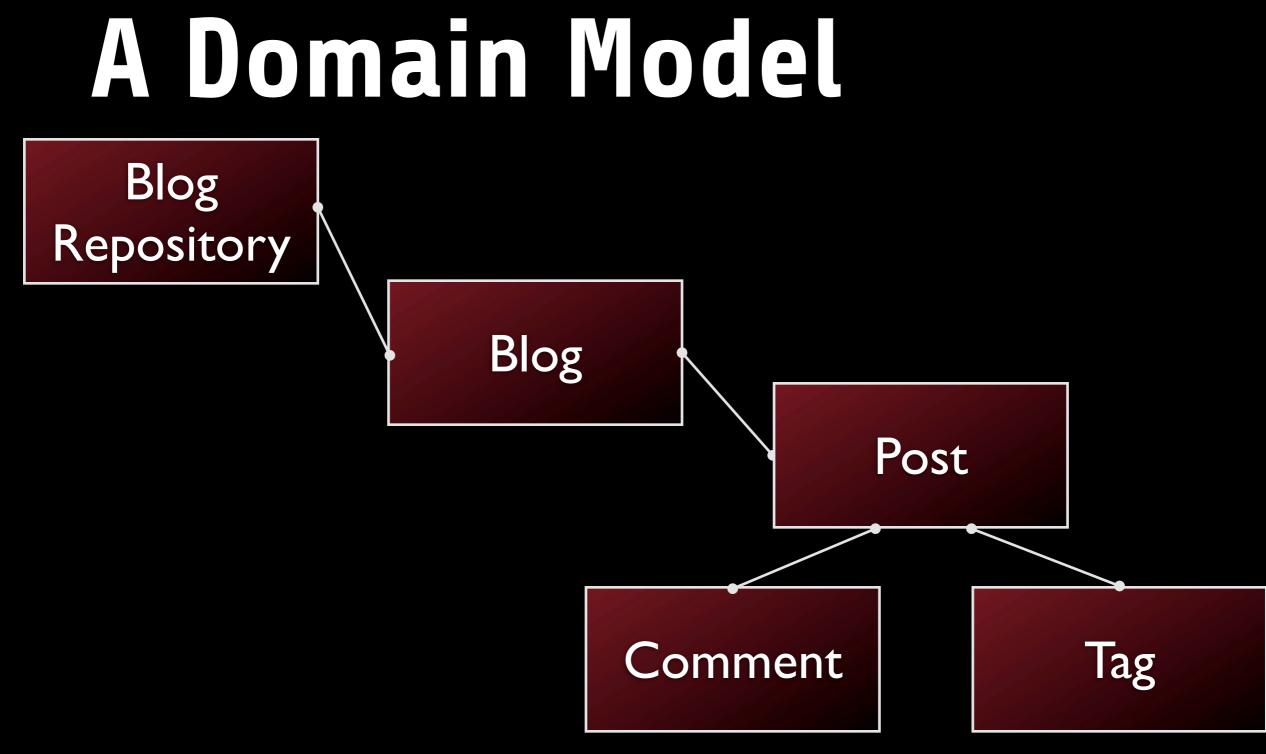
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## Repositories

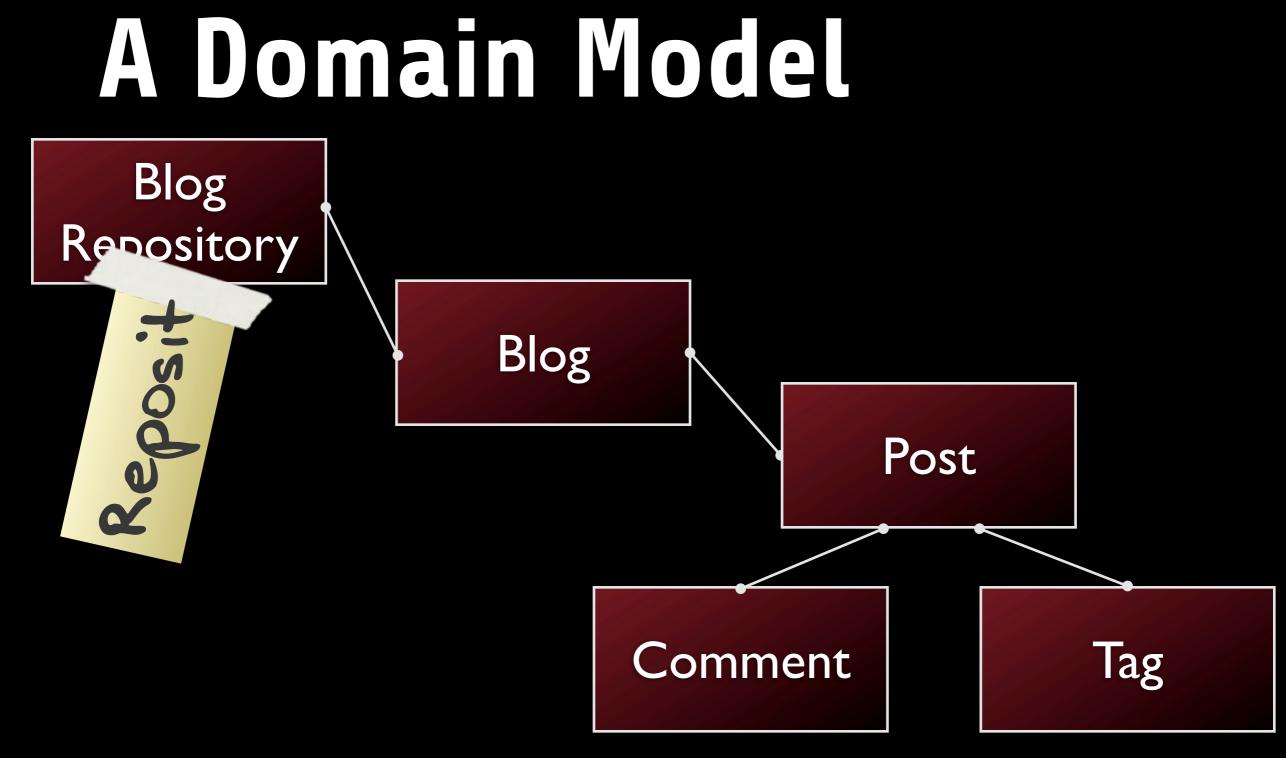
- Provide access to aggregates and entities
- Allow to find a starting point for traversal
- Persistent objects can be searched for
- Queries can be built in various ways
- Handle storage of additions and updates



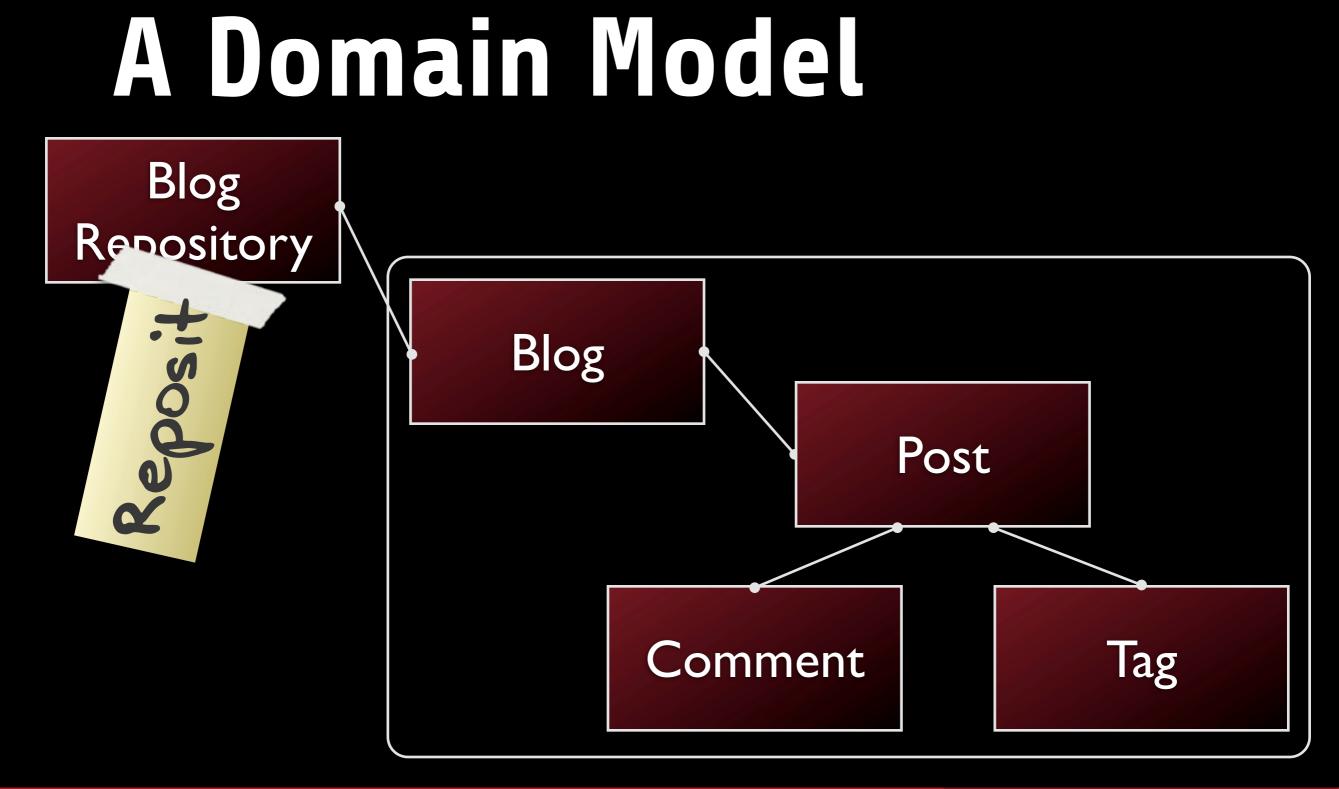




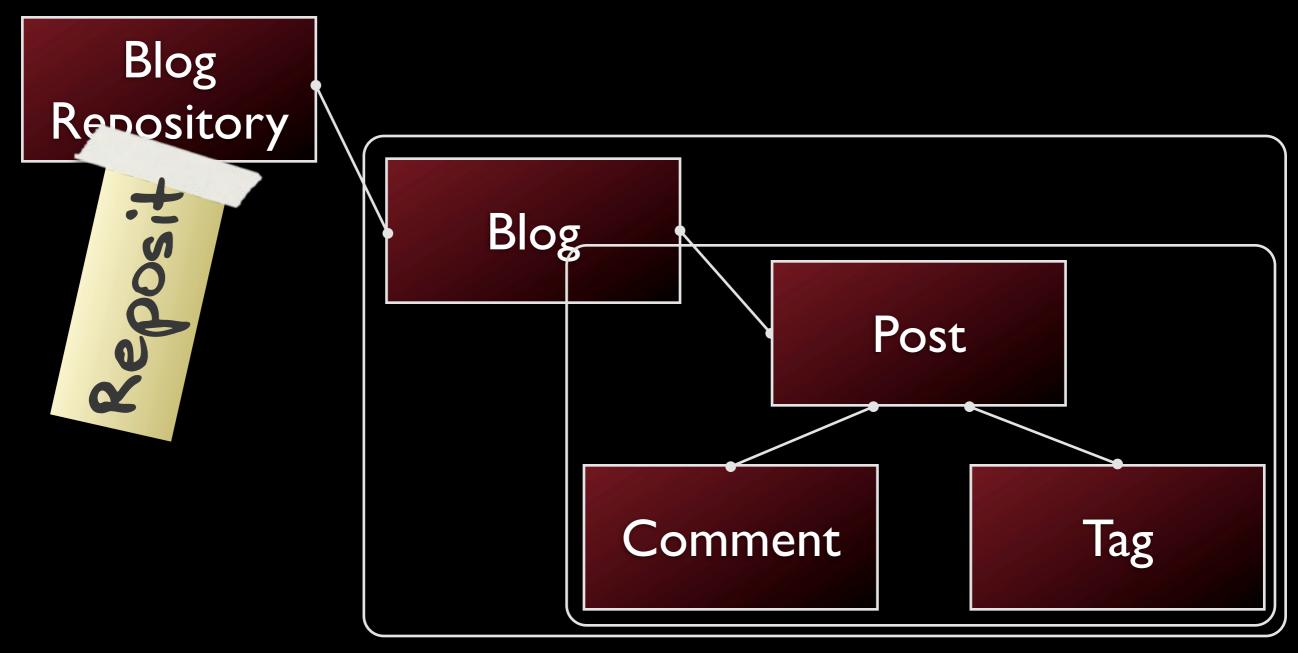




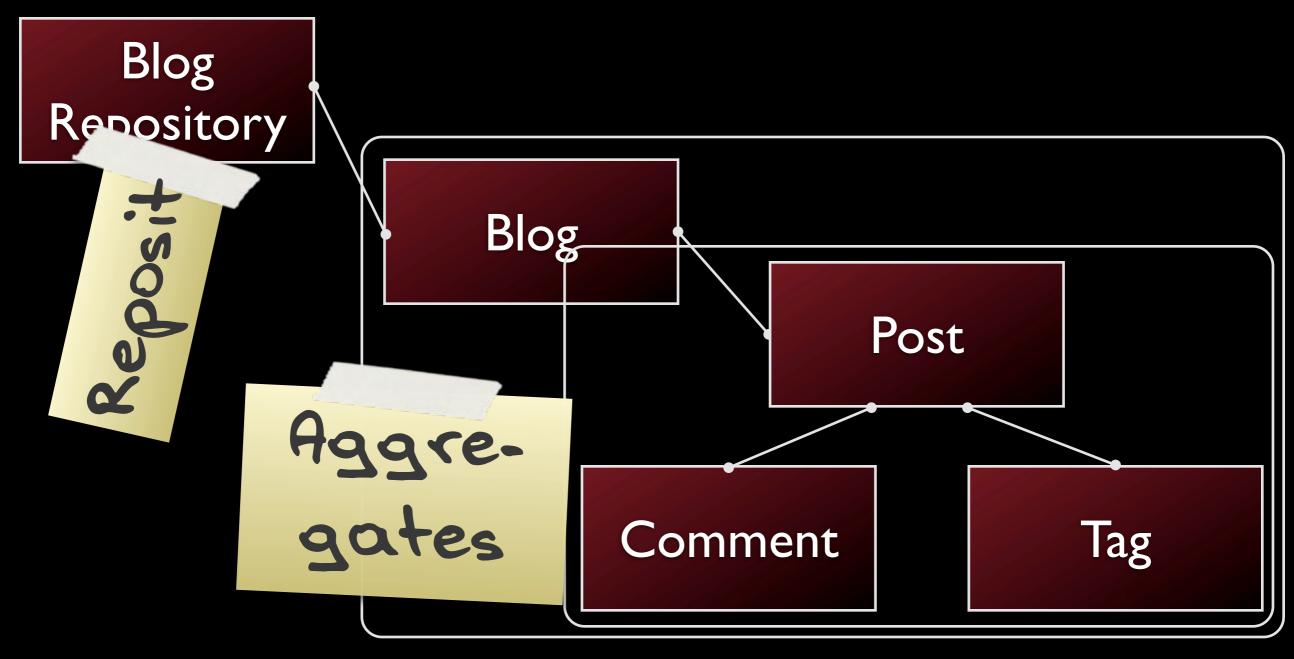




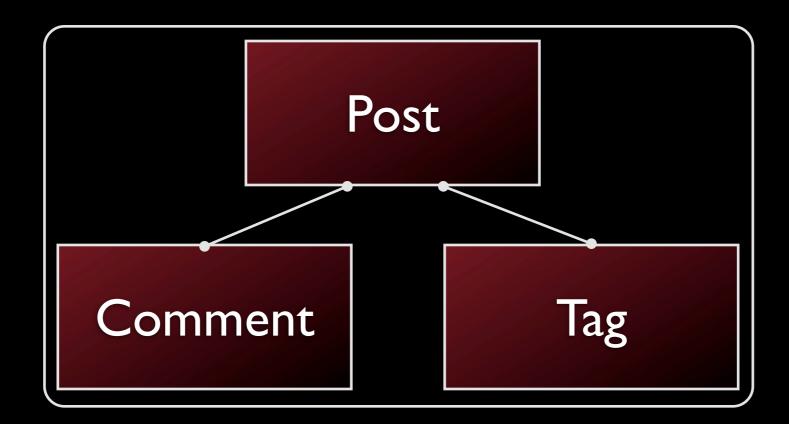




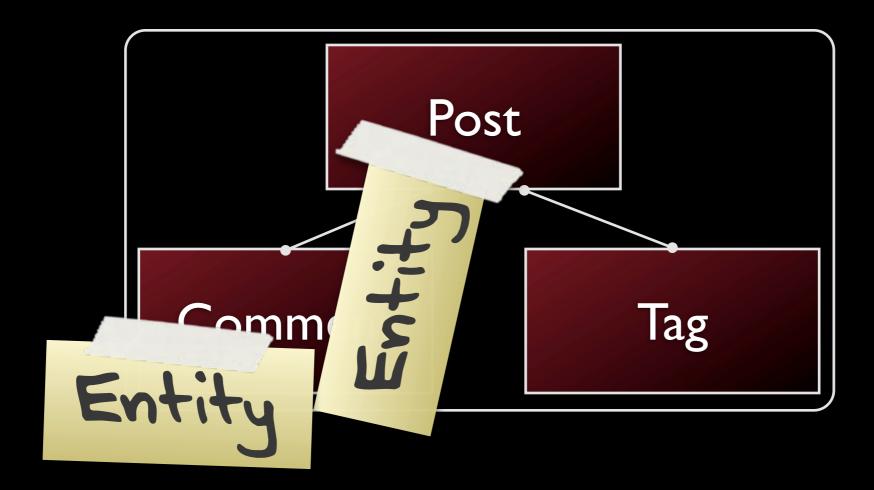




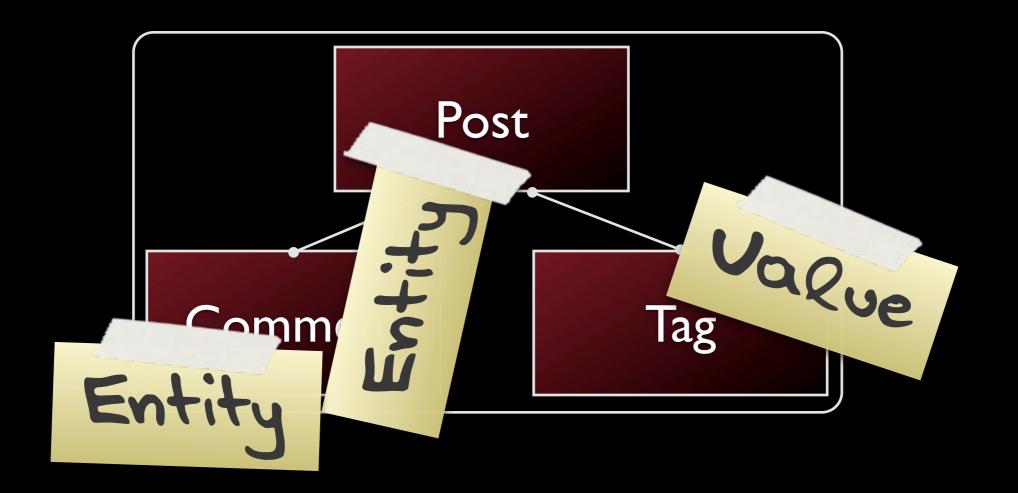














## Implementing this...

## must be a lot of work!



## Using FLOW3?



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# Using FLOW3...

- You just implement the model
- No need to care about persisting your model
- FLOW3 handles this for you transparently
- Even a Repository only needs little work
- Define relevant metadata in the source file



## The Blog class

#### class Blog {

```
/**
 * @var string
 */
protected $name;
```

```
/**
 * @var array
 * @reference
 */
protected $posts = array();
/**
 * Constructs this blog
 *
 * @param string $name Name of this blog
 * @return
 */
public function __construct($name) {
    $this->name = $name;
}
```

## The Blog class

```
/**
 * Adds a post to this blog
 *
 * @param F3::Blog::Domain::Post $post
 * @return void
 * @author Karsten Dambekalns <karsten@typo3.org>
*/
public function addPost(F3::Blog::Domain::Post $post) {
    $this->posts[] = $post;
}
/**
 * Returns all posts in this blog
 *
 * @return array of F3::Blog::Domain::Post
 * @author Karsten Dambekalns <karsten@typo3.org>
 */
public function getPosts() {
    return $this->posts;
}
```

## The Blog class

```
/**
 * Returns the latest $count posts from the blog
 *
 * @param integer $count
 * @return array of F3::Blog::Domain::Post
 * @author Karsten Dambekalns <karsten@typo3.org>
*/
public function getLatestPosts($count = 5) {
    return array_slice($this->posts, -$count, $count, TRUE);
}
/**
 * Returns posts posts by tag
 *
 * @param string $tag
 * @return array of F3::Blog::Domain::Post
 * @author Bastian Waidelich <bastian@typo3.org>
*/
public function findPostsByTag($tag) {
    . . .
```



## The Post class

```
class Post {
```

```
/**
 * @var string UUID
 * @identifier
 */
protected $identifier;
```

```
/**

* @var string

*/

protected $title;

/**

* @var array

* @reference

*/
```

```
protected $tags = array();
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## The Post class

```
/**
 * Constructs this post
 *
 * @author Robert Lemke <robert@typo3.org>
 * @author Bastian Waidelich <bastian@typo3.org>
*/
public function __construct() {
    $this->date = new DateTime();
    $this->identifier = F3::FLOW3::Utility::Algorithms::generateUUID();
}
/**
 * Adds a comment to this post
 *
 * @param F3::Blog::Domain::Comment $comment
 * @return void
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public function addComment(F3::Blog::Domain::Comment $comment) {
    $this->comments[] = $comment;
}
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## The Comment class

class Comment {

}

```
/**
 * @var string
 */
protected $author;
```

```
/**
 * @var string
 */
protected $content;

/**
 * Constructs this comment
 *
 * @author Karsten Dambekalns <karsten@typo3.org>
 */
public function __construct() {
    $this->date = new DateTime();
}
```

## The Tag class

#### class Tag {

```
/**
* @var string
*/
```

#### protected \$name;

```
/**
 * Setter for name
 *
 * @param string $name
 * @return void
 * @author Karsten Dambekalns <karsten@typo3.org>
 */
public function setName($name) {
    $this->name = $name;
}
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#### **Onnotations used**

- @repository
- @entity
- @valueobject
- V @var
- @transient
- @reference
- @identifier

#### Persistence Manager

- Mostly invisible to developers
- Manages additions of and updates to objects
- Concerned only about objects in repositories
- Collects objects and hands over to backend
- Allows for objects being persisted at any time
- Automatically called to persist at end of script run

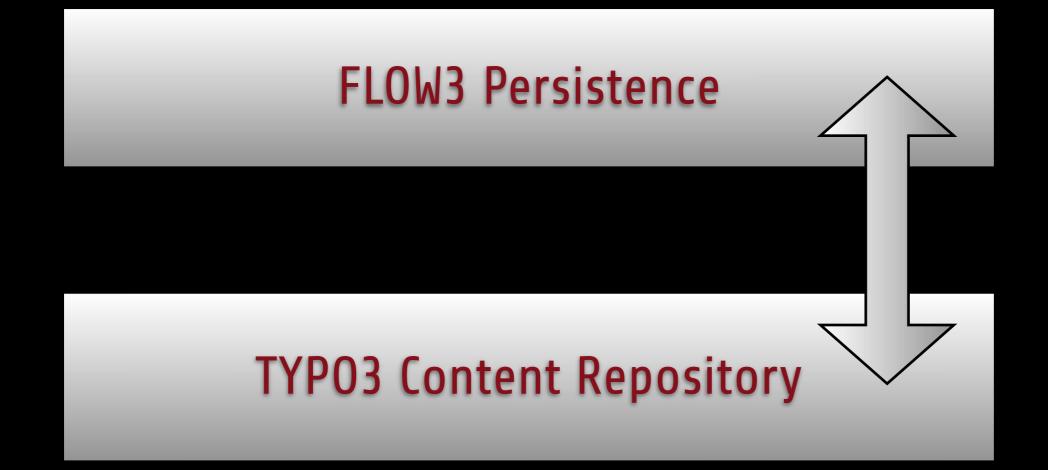


#### Simplified stack

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FLOW3 Persistence			
TYP03 Content Repository			
PDO		•••	
SQLite	PgSQL	MySQL	



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#### FLOW3 V Transparent persistence

- Explicit support for Domain-Driven Design
- Class Schemata are defined by the Domain Model class
  - No need to write an XML or YAML schema definition
  - No need to define the database model and object model multiple times at different places
- Automatic persistence in the JSR-283 based Content Repository
- Legacy data sources can be mounted

### JSR-283 Repository

- Defines a uniform API for accessing content repositories
- A Content Repository
  - is a kind of object database for storage, search and retrieval of hierarchical data
  - provides methods for versioning, transactions and monitoring
- TYP03CR is the first working port of JSR-170 / JSR-283
- Karsten Dambekalns is member of the JSR-283 expert group



#### Legacy databases

- Often you...
  - still need to access some existing RDBMS
  - need to put data somewhere for other systems to access
- The Content Repository will allow "mounting" of RDBMS tables
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### Query Factory

- Creates a query for you
- Decouples persistence layer from backend
- Must be implemented by backend
- API with one method:
  - public function create(\$className);

### Query objects

- Represent a query for an object type
- Allow criteria to be attached
- Must be implemented by backend
- Simple API
  - execute()
  - matching()
  - equals(), lessThan(), ...

- ...



## **Client code ignores** Repository implementation; Developers do not!

Eric Evans

#### Usability

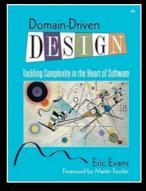
- Repositories extending FLOW3's base Repository
  - have basic methods already
  - only need to implement custom find methods
  - already have a query object set up for "their" class
- No tables, no schema, no XML, no hassle
- No save calls, no fiddling with hierarchies
- Ready-to-use objects returned



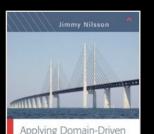
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#### Literature



Domain-Driven Design Eric Evans, Addison-Wesley



Design and Patterns With Examples in C# and .NET Applying Domain-Driven Design and Patterns Jimmy Nilsson, Addison-Wesley



Patterns of Enterprise Application Architecture Martin Fowler, Addison-Wesley



#### Links



FLOW3 http://flow3.typo3.org/



TYP03CR http://forge.typo3.org/projects/show/package-typo3cr



JSR-283 http://jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=283



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