

# Domain Software Engineering

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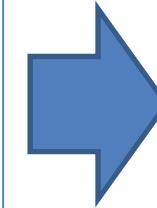
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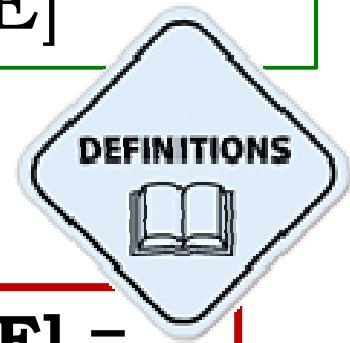
**DSE**

# Introduction

Domain-Driven Design [DDD]  
Domain Engineering [DE]  
Domain-Specific Languages [DSL]  
Domain Language Engineering [DLE]  
Domain-Specific Modeling [DSM]



Domain  
Software  
Engineering  
[DSE]



**Domain Software Engineering [DSE] =**

an architectural ***methodology***

for evolving a *software* system

that closely aligns to *business* domains



There are different ways to approach software development.

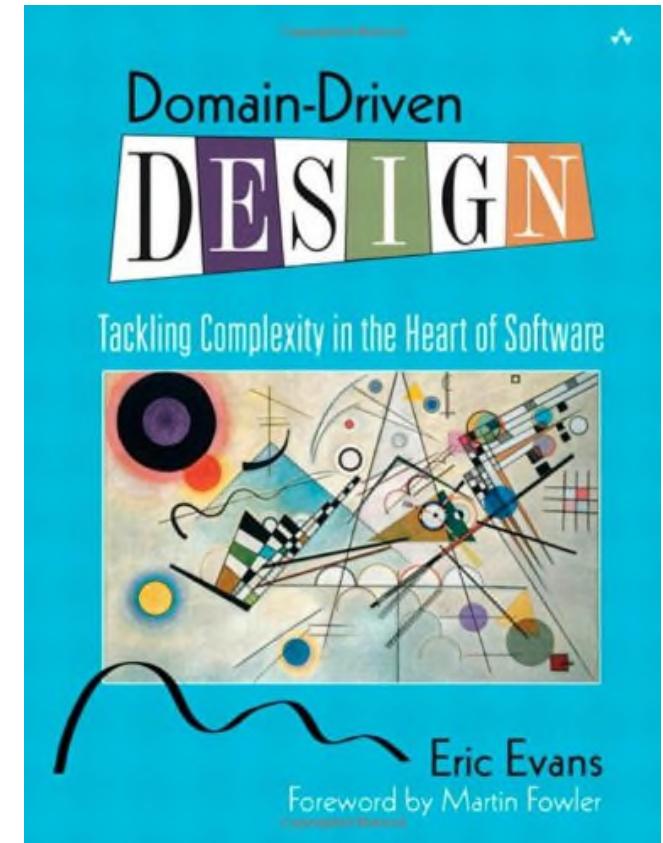
For the last 20 years, the software industry has known and used many methods to create its products – each with its advantages and shortcomings.

Here we investigate the method which started as «**Domain-Driven Design**».

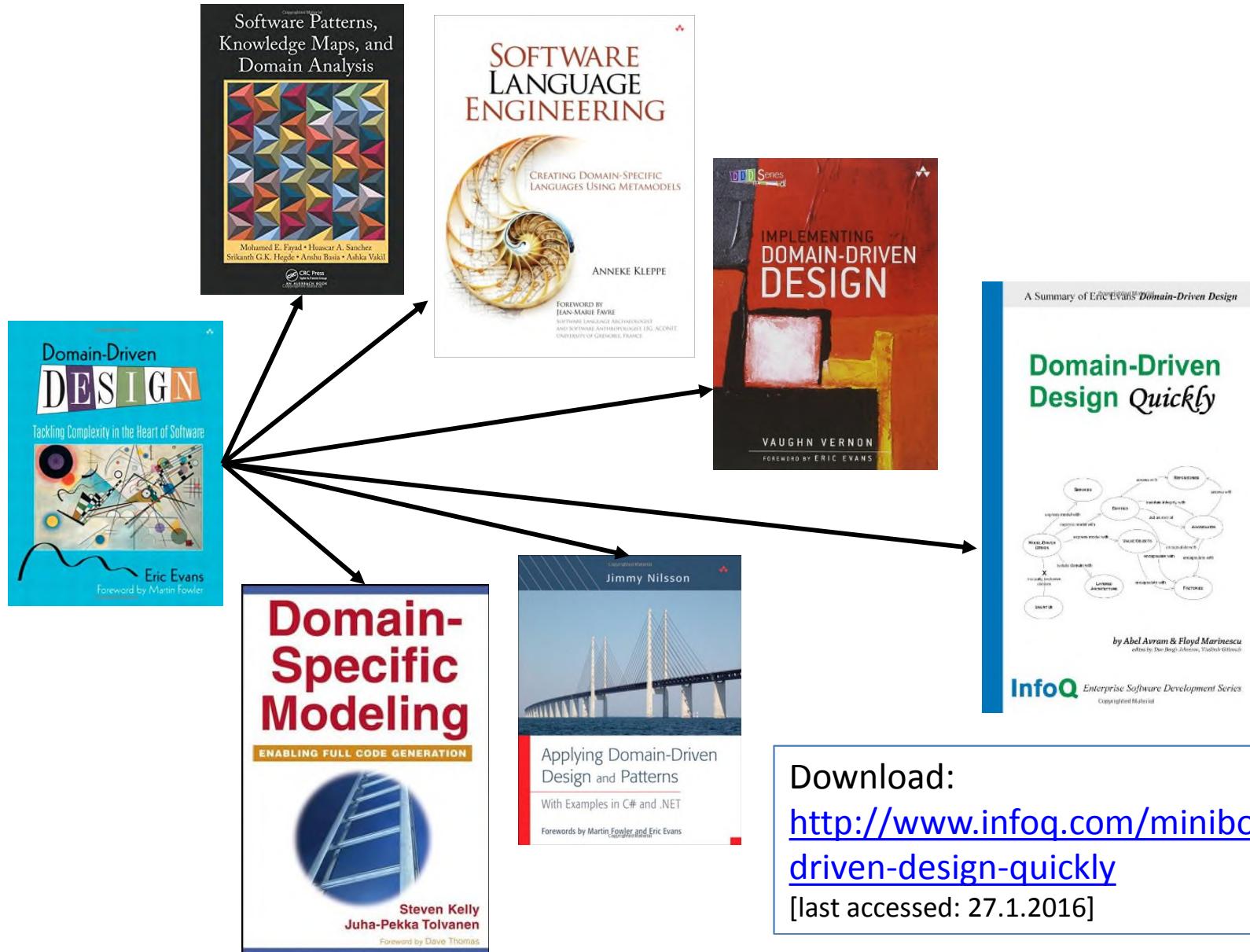
1990 ... today:

Various Software Development  
Methodologies

2004:

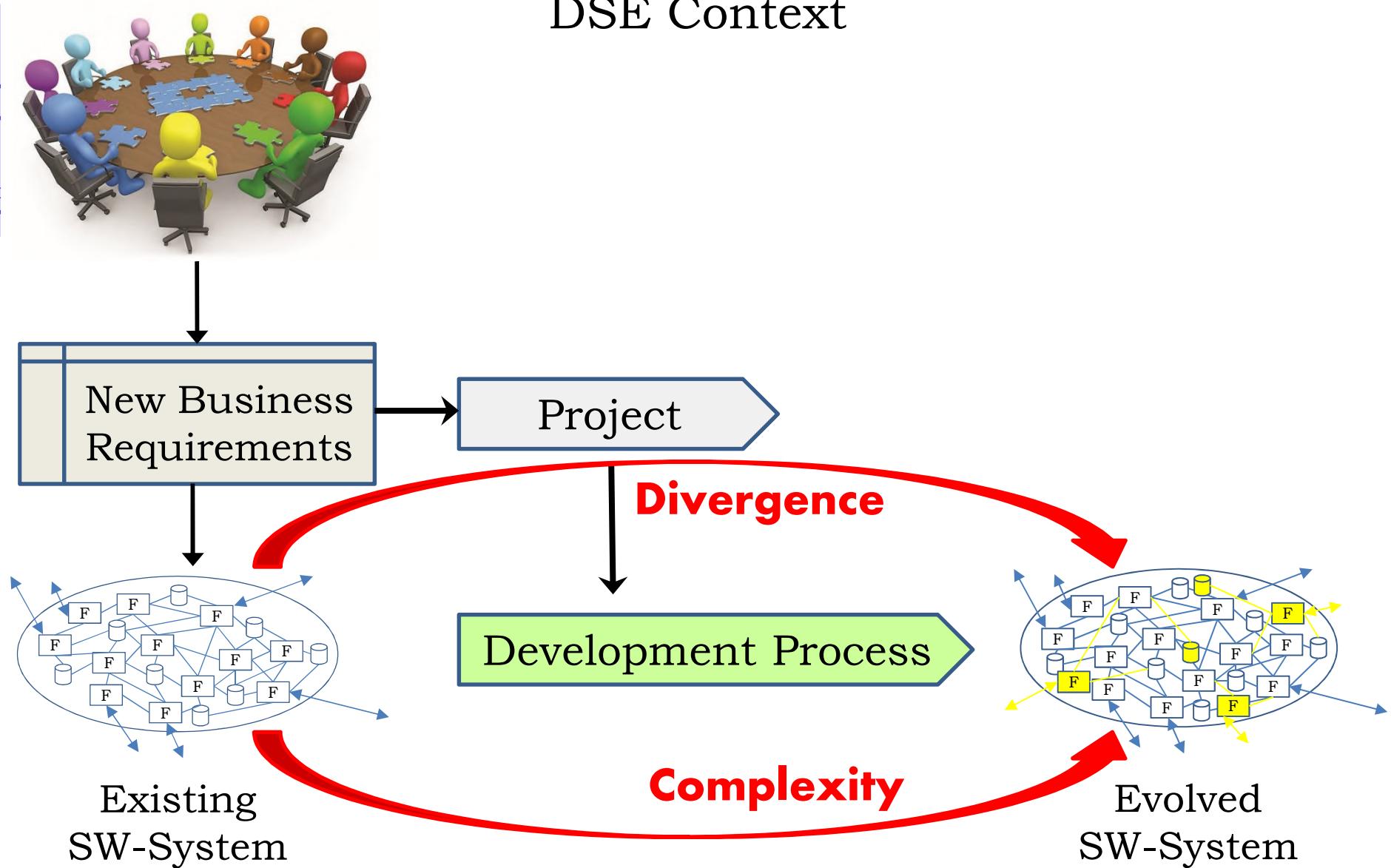


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<http://www.infoq.com/minibooks/domain-driven-design-quickly>  
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## Divergence

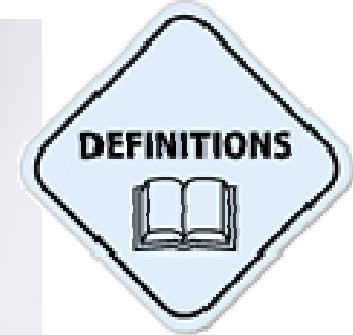


## Complexity



Serious  
***obstructions***  
introduced  
by many  
software  
development  
processes

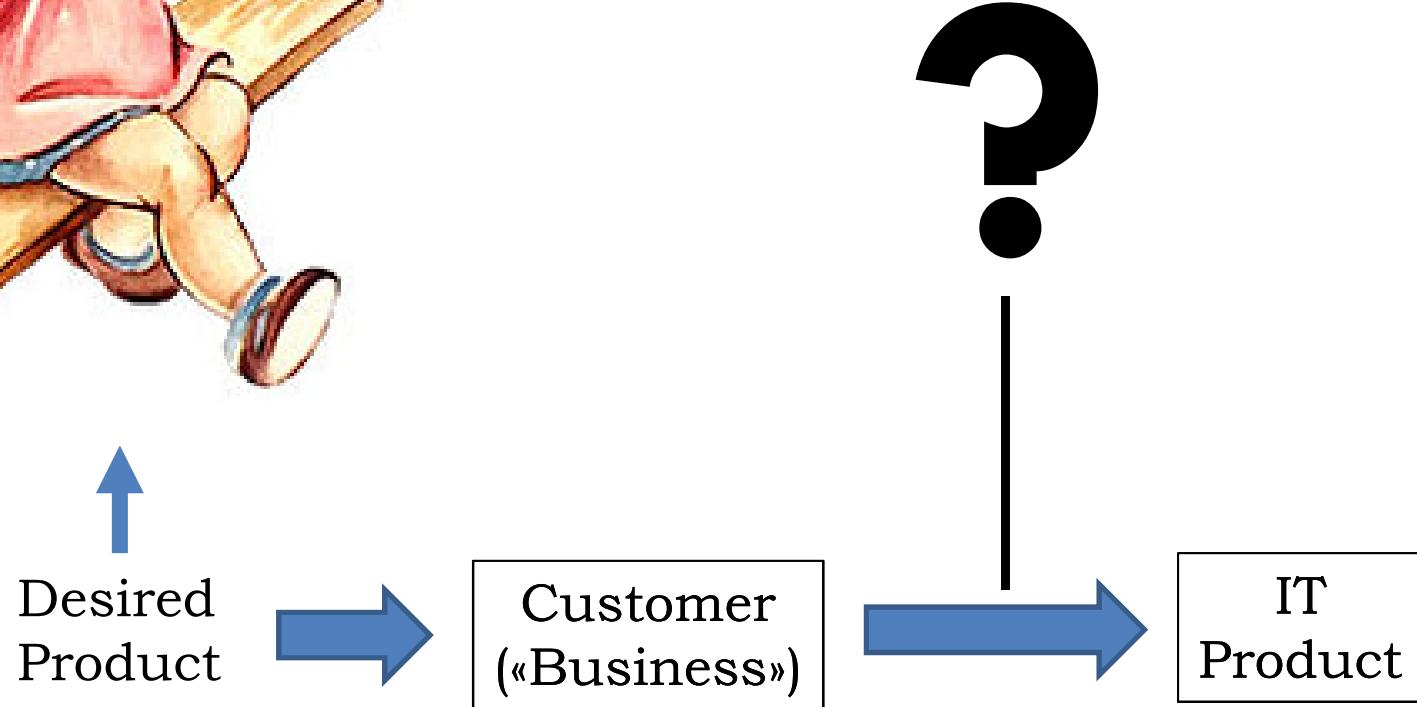




**Divergence** =  
Mismatch between *Business Needs*  
and *IT-Implementation*



**Example:** «Please build a swing  
for my little daughter»



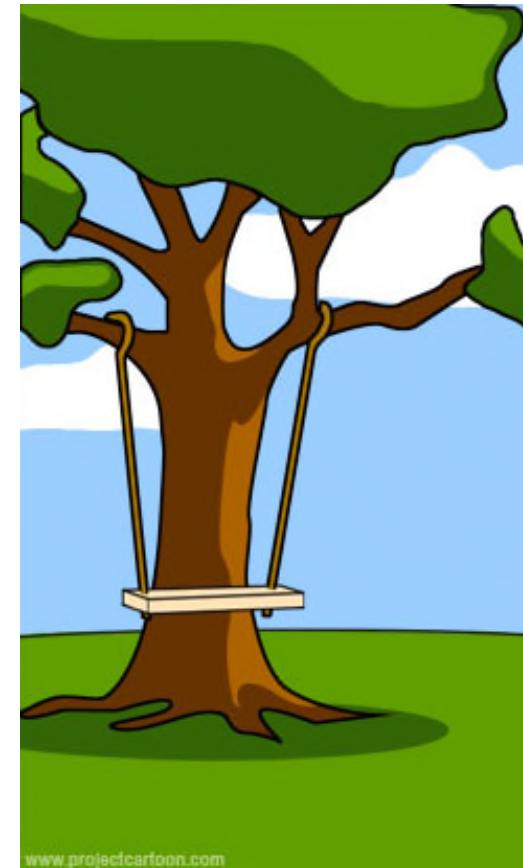
## Requirements



<http://projectcartoon.com/create/>



## Specifications



How the customer explained it

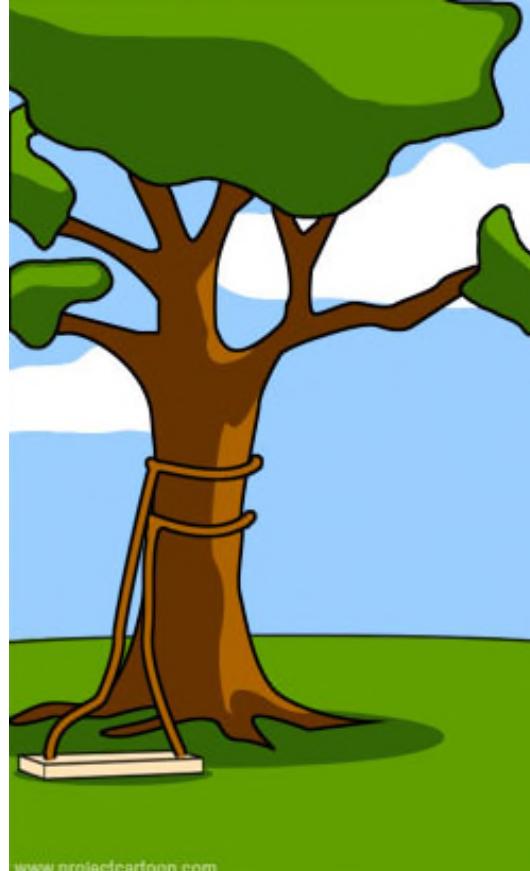
How the business consultant described it

How the project leader understood it

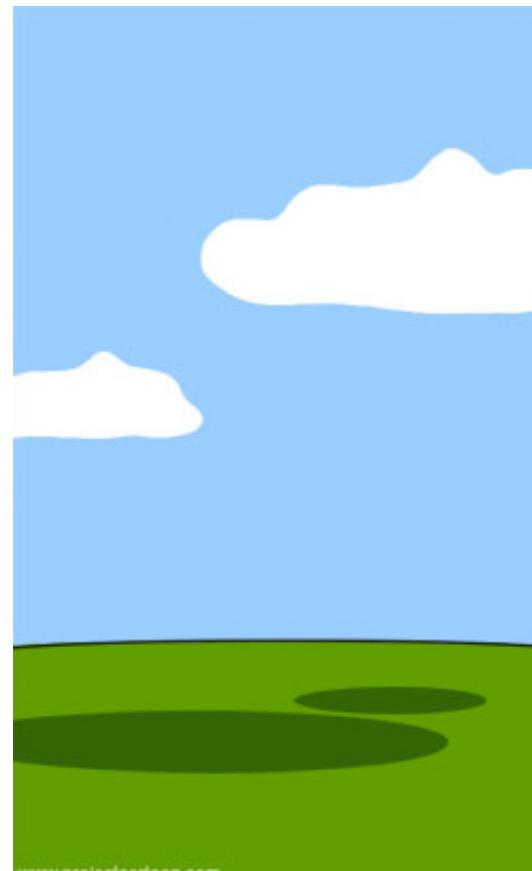
## Implementation



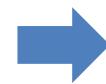
How the analyst  
designed it



How the  
programmers  
implemented it



How the project  
was documented



Deployment



Operation



[www.projectcartoon.com](http://projectcartoon.com/create/)

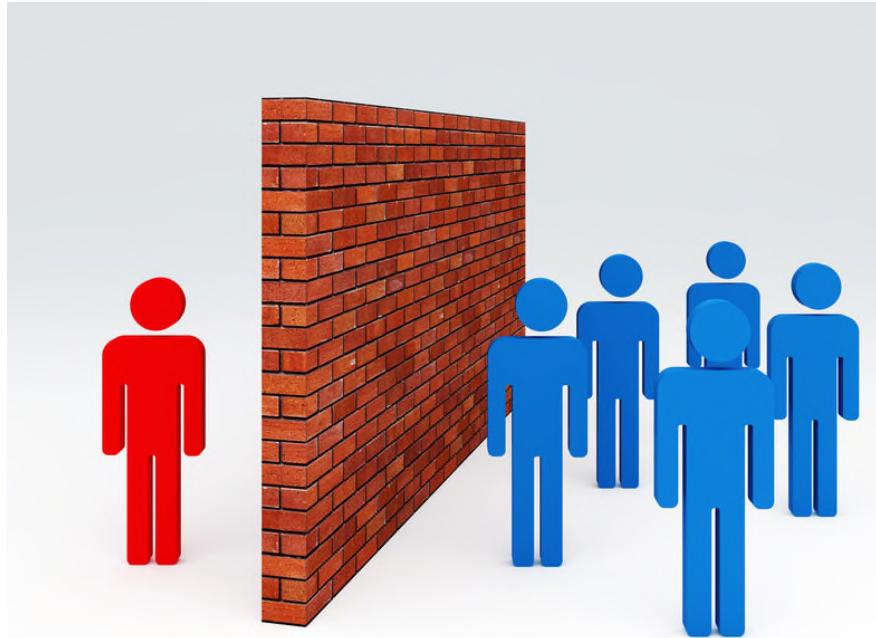
When the project  
was delivered



What the customer  
really wanted

What is the reason?

## Failed Communications!



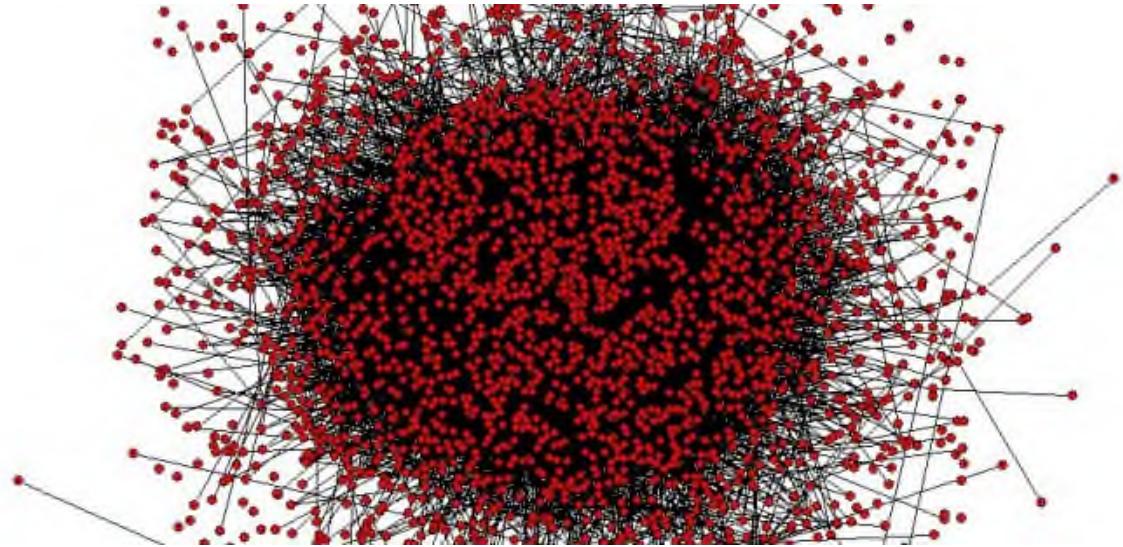
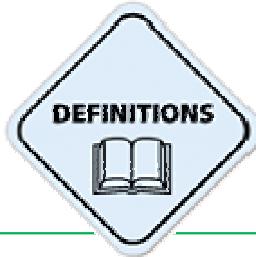
- Different *vocabulary* between business and IT
- Lots of *implicit* knowledge and assumptions
- No common *model*



**DSE**

**Complexity**

# Complexity



<http://blog.digital.telefonica.com>

“**Complexity** is that property of an IT-system which makes it difficult to formulate its overall behaviour, even when given *complete* information about its parts and their relationships“

**Complexity = (IT-) Risk**

**Essential** complexity

2 types of complexity

**Accidental** Complexity



## Essential complexity

... is the *inherent* complexity of the system to be built.

Essential complexity for a given problem *cannot* be reduced.

It can only be lessened by *simplifying* the requirements for the system extension.



**Manage** essential complexity

## Accidental Complexity

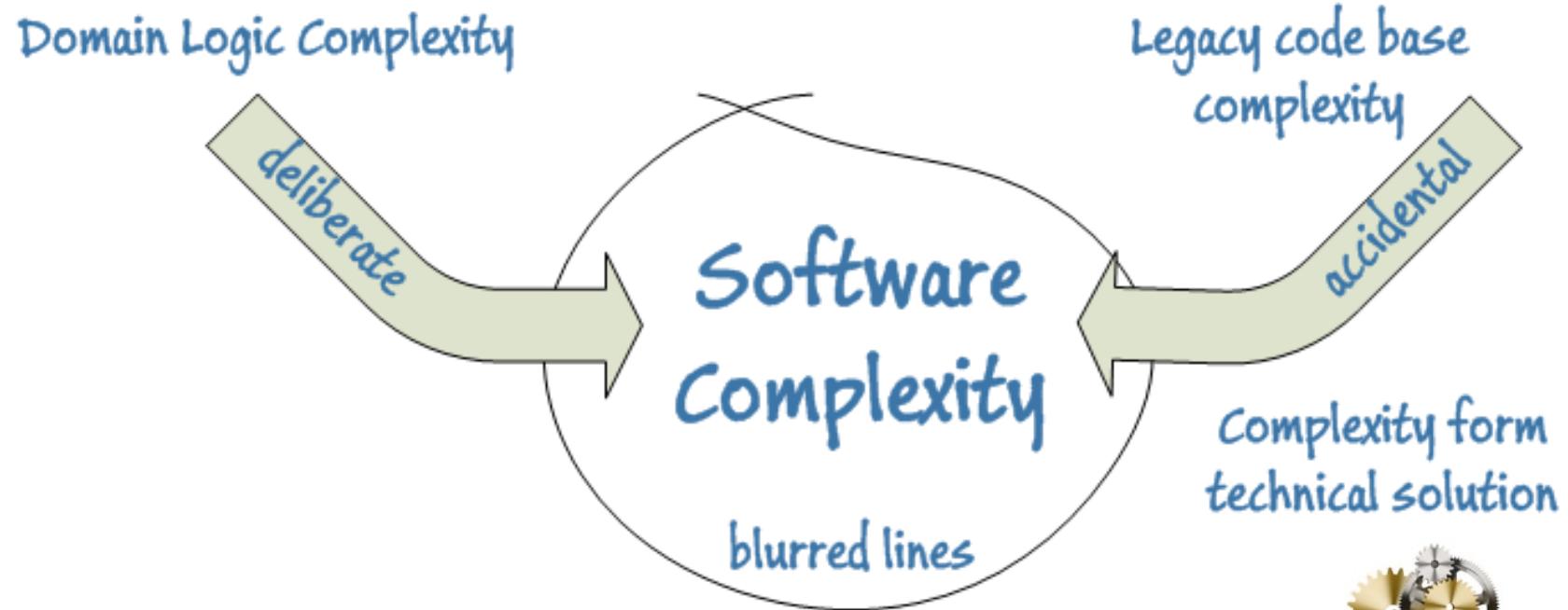
... is *introduced* by our development activities or by constraints from our environment.

This is unnecessary and can be *reduced* or eliminated.

⇒ Development methodology!



**Combat**  
accidental  
complexity

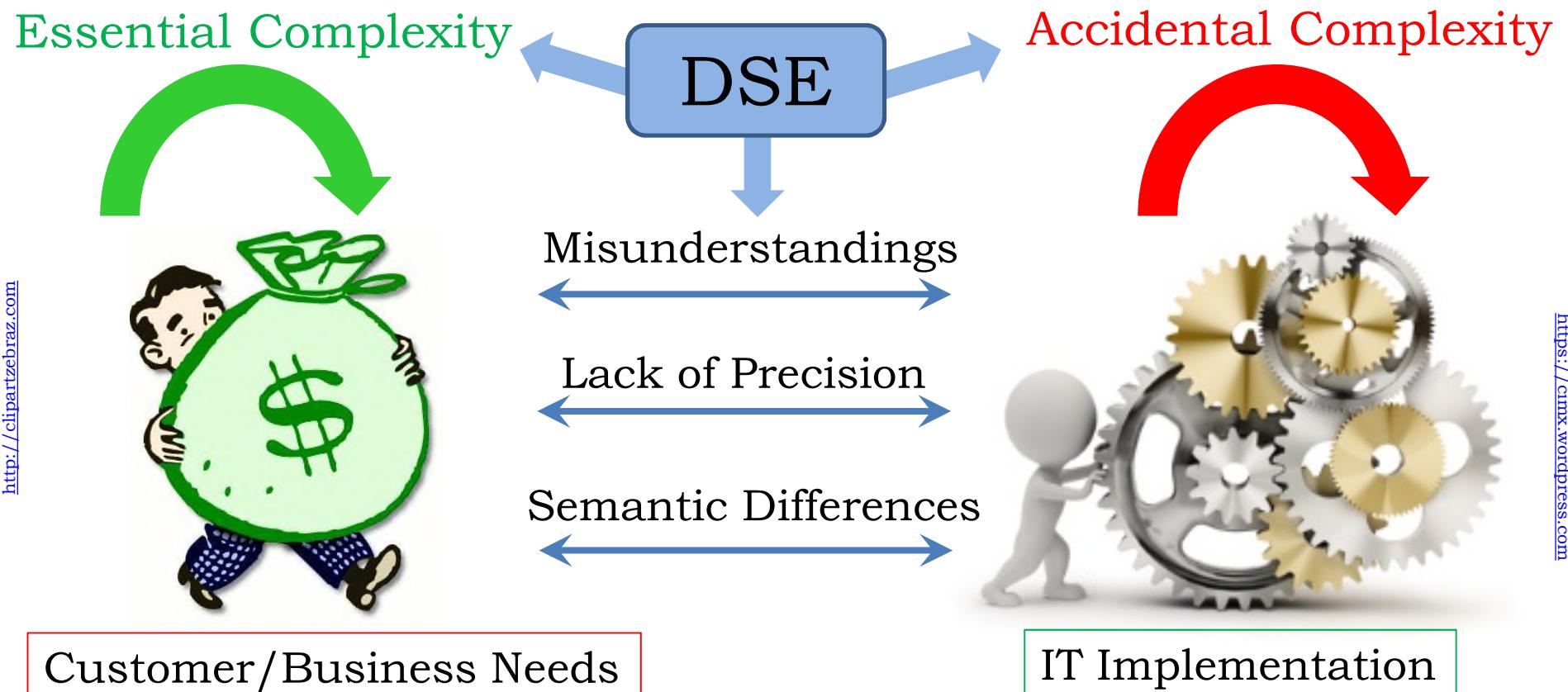


**DSE**

Fundamentals (1 / 2)

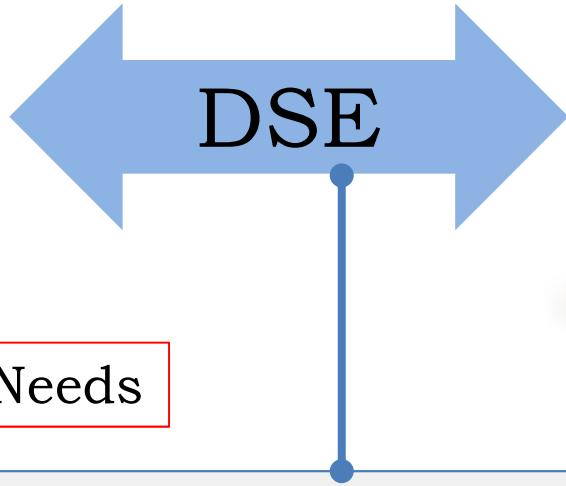
Frustration!

Divergence =  
Mismatch between:  
Business Needs  $\leftrightarrow$  IT-Implementation





Customer/Business Needs



IT Implementation

Which are the key elements of DSE (Domain Software Engineering?)

1. Understanding the Business/Application Domain in terms of the business  
( $\Rightarrow$  Domain Model)
2. Use of an ubiquitous language  
(Business  $\Leftrightarrow$  IT alignment)
3. Software: Implementation of Business Domain concepts  
(Concepts  $\Rightarrow$  Business objects  $\Rightarrow$  Programm objects)

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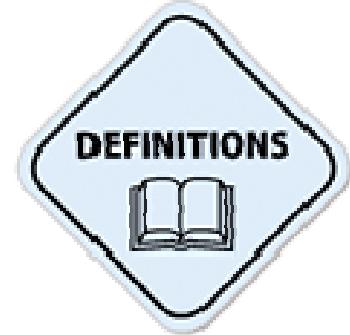
## The DSE concepts:

Business/Application Domain

Bounded Context

Domain Model

Anticorruption Layer



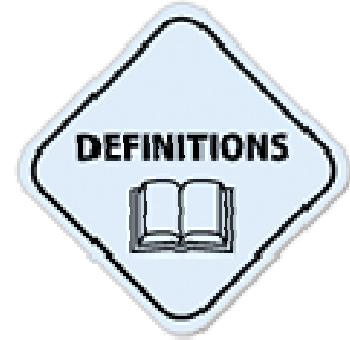
## **Business/Application Domain =**

A Domain is a Sphere of Knowledge, Influence or Activity.

A Domain lives within a Bounded Context.

A Domain represents a well-defined Part of the Real World.

A Domain encapsulates a Domain Model.

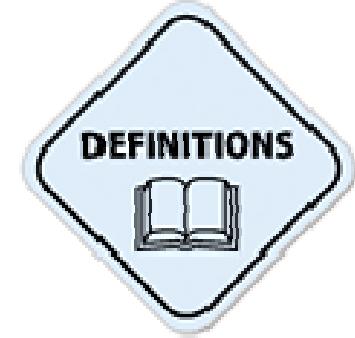


## Bounded Context =

The Bounded Context is the Boundary of a Model.

When you have multiple Models you should define  
Bounded Contexts.

To map between Bounded Contexts you use a Context  
Map.

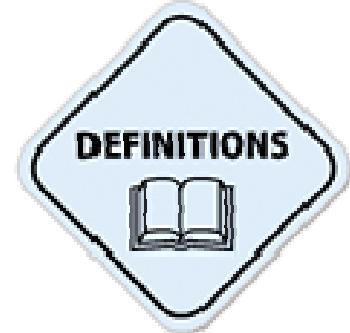


## Domain Model =

A Domain Model is a representation of the Entities, Relationships and their Properties in your Domain

The Domain Model should be recognizable and understandable by the business *and* IT

The domain model has sufficient essential details



## **Anticorruption Layer =**

An Anti-Corruption Layer is a method to isolate two domains or systems, allowing systems to be integrated without knowledge of each other

An Anti-Corruption Layer presents a Facade to both systems, defined in terms of their specific models

Anti-Corruption Layers maintain the integrity of differing systems and models

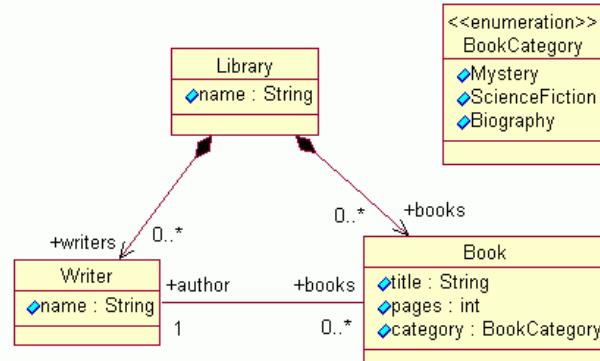
## Definitions: Summary



Bounded Context «B»

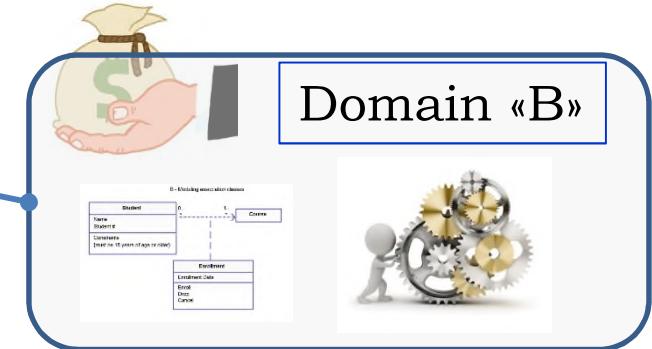
Bounded Context «A»

Business/Application Domain «A»



Domain Model «A»

IT Implementation «A»



## Examples:

Business/Application Domain

Bounded Context

Domain Model

Anticorruption Layer

## Example: Business/Application Domain

<http://www.skyguide.ch>



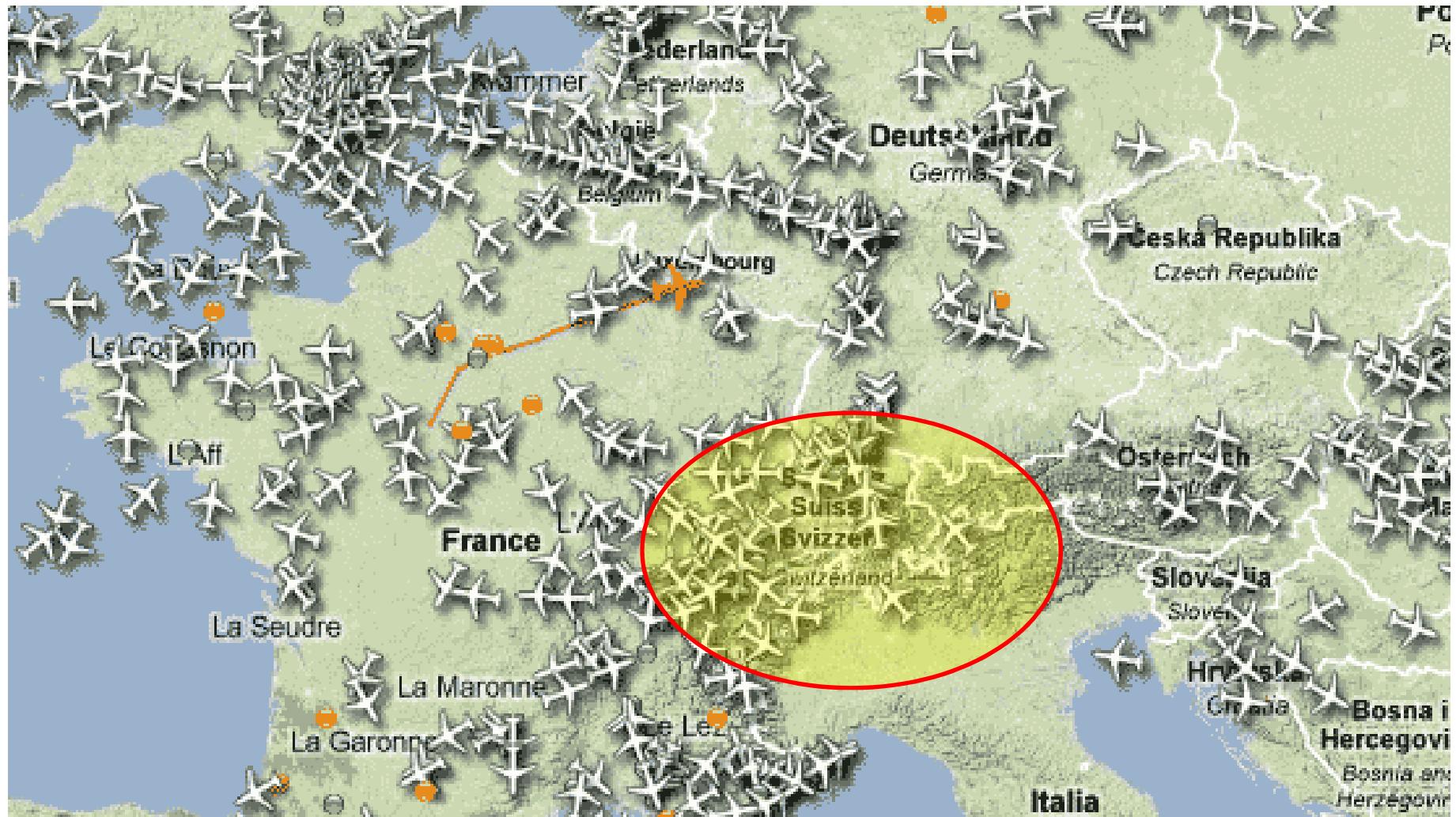
**Domain** = Flight Monitoring

### Context:

Thousands of planes are in the air all over the planet. The flight monitoring systems track every flight and avoid collisions

## Example: Bounded Context $\leftrightarrow$ SKYGUIDE Switzerland

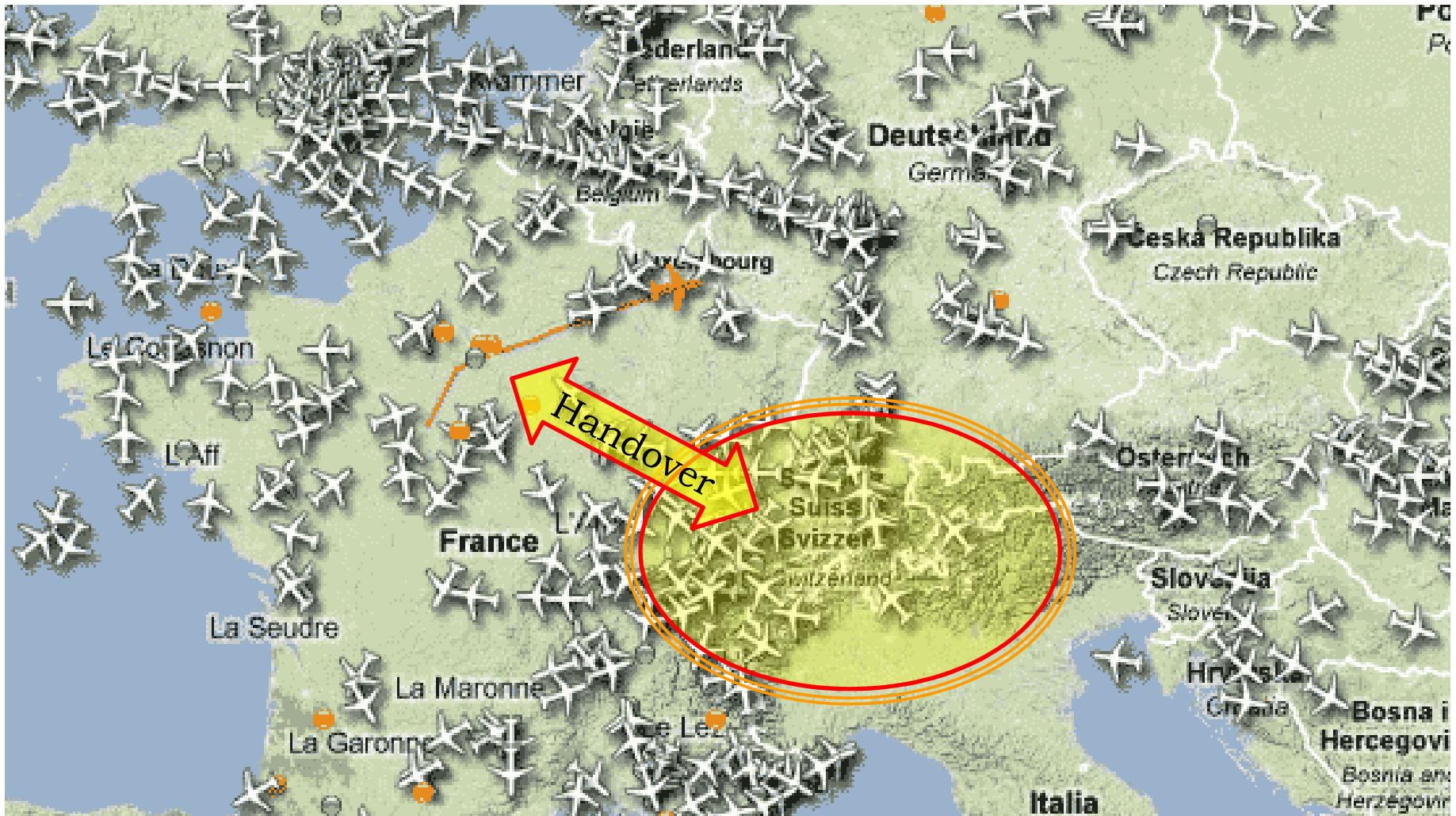
<https://www.flightradar24.com>



**Boundary** = Contractual Responsibility within the European System

## Example: Bounded Context

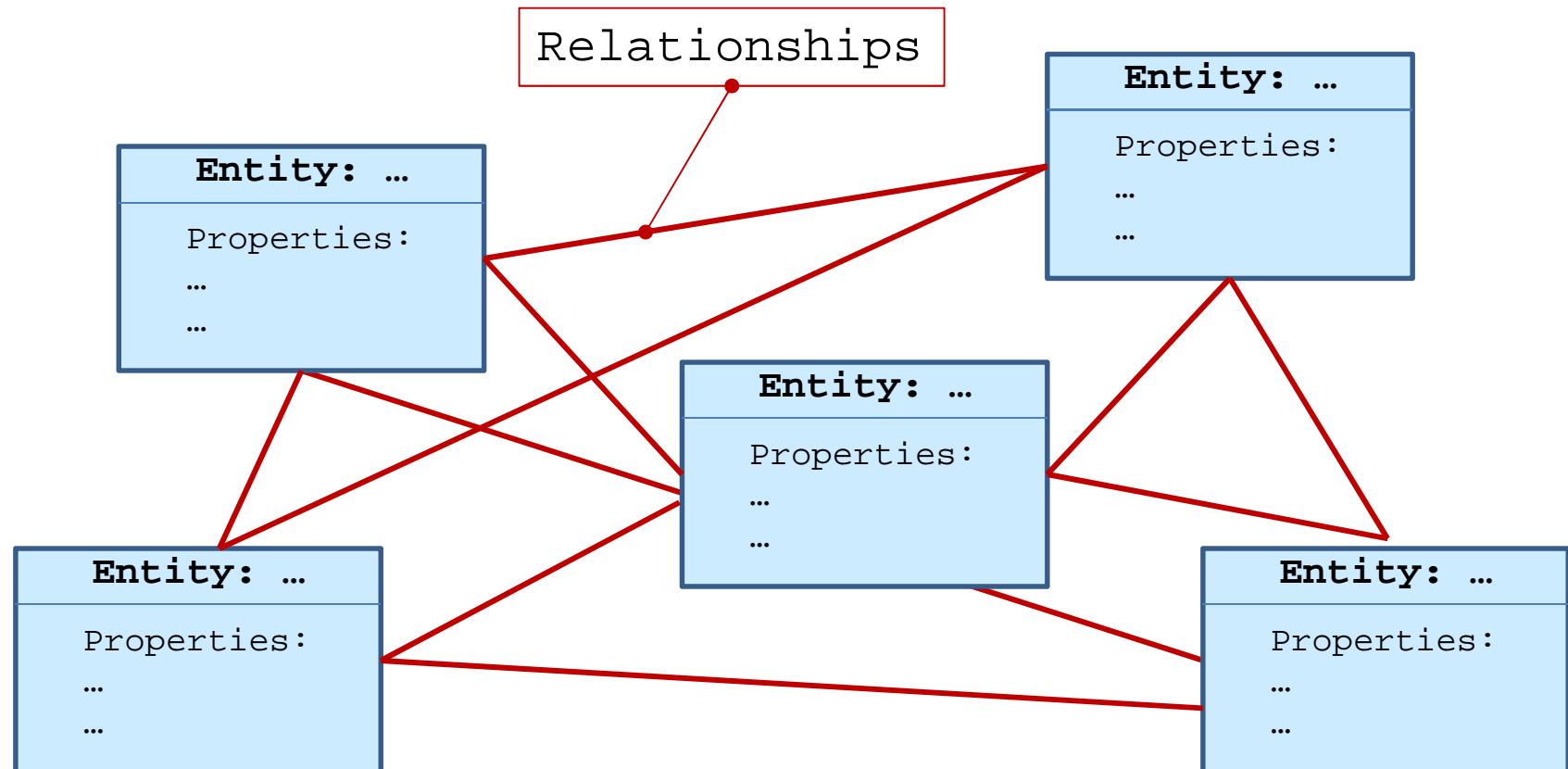
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Anticorruption Layer = X-Compatibility Layer

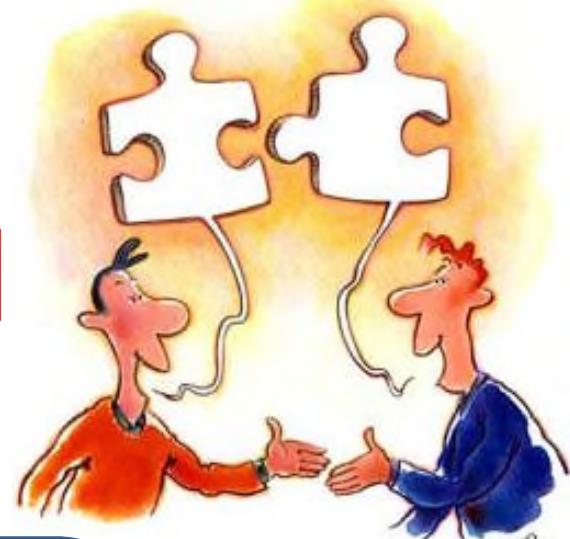
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Reminder: A Domain Model is a representation of the Entities, Relationships and their Properties in your Domain

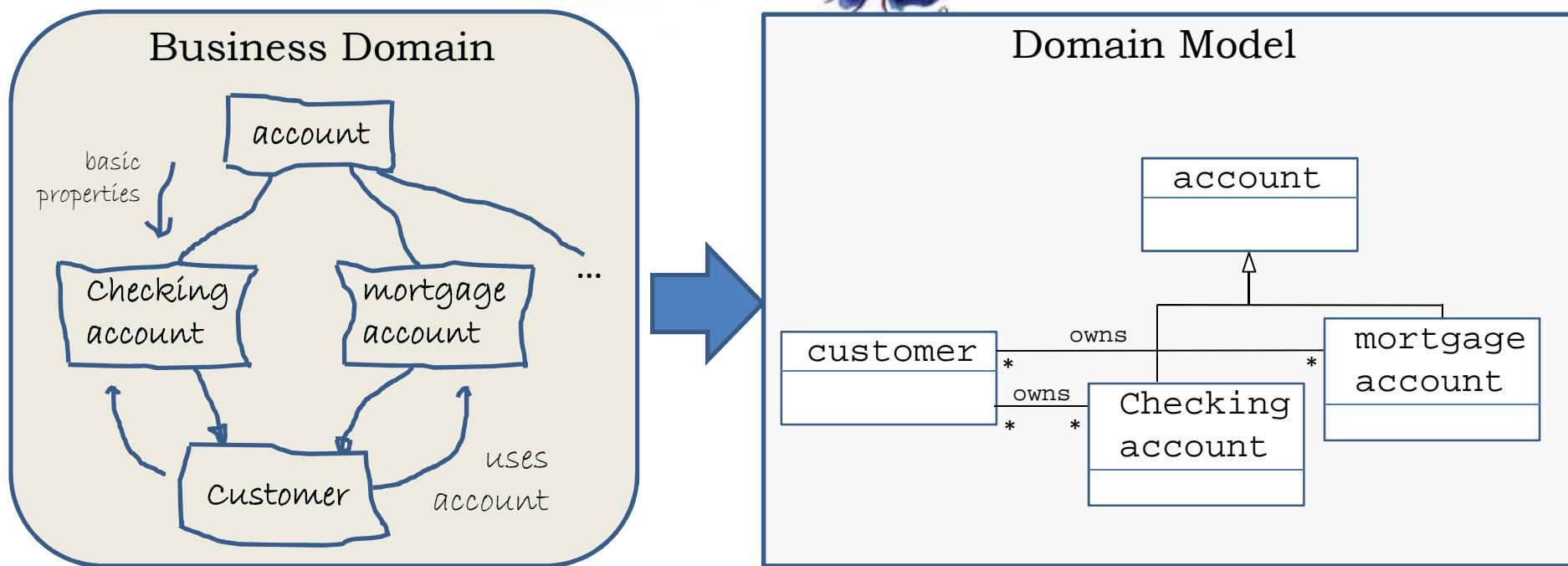


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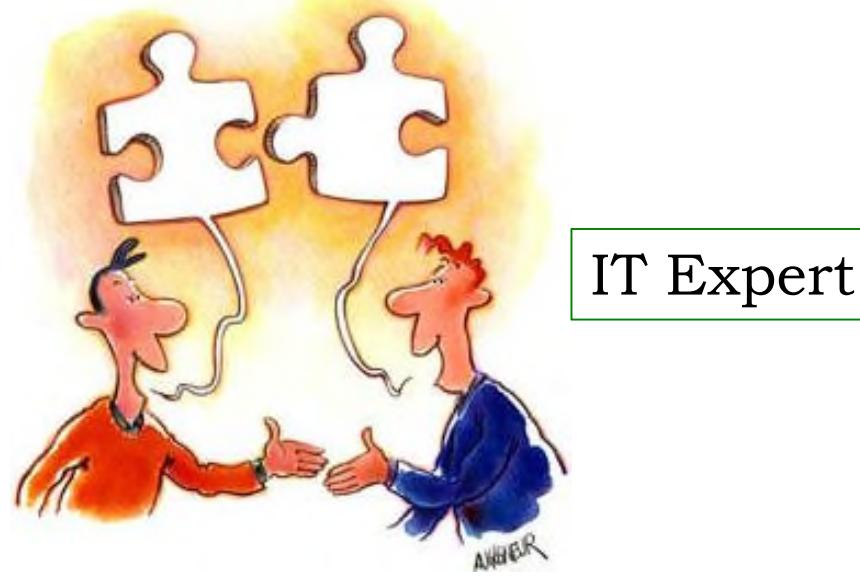
Domain Expert



IT Expert



Domain Expert



IT Expert

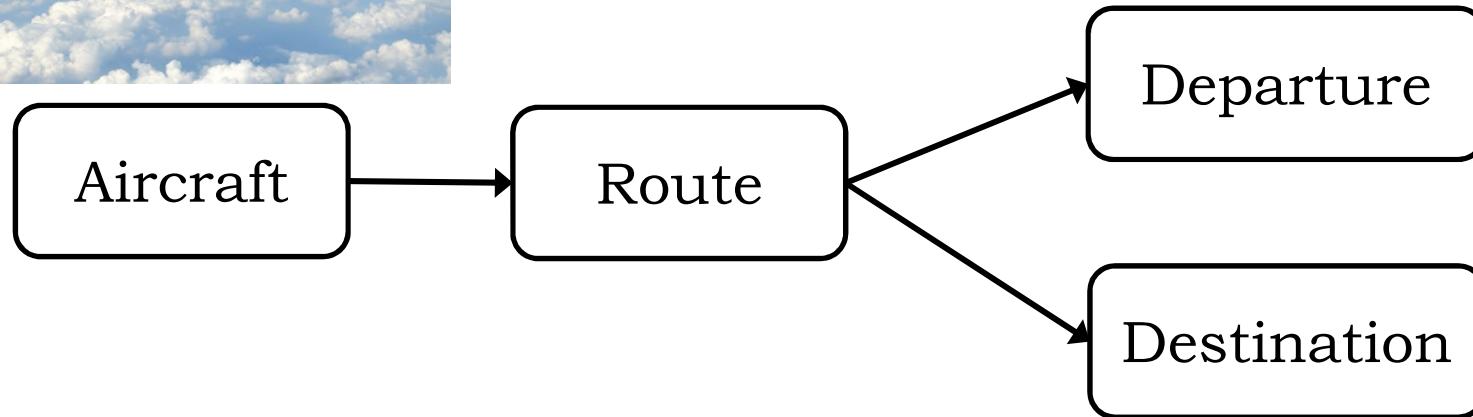
«A domain model is not just the knowledge in a domain expert's head -  
... it is a rigorously organized and selective abstraction of  
that knowledge»

Eric Evans, 2004

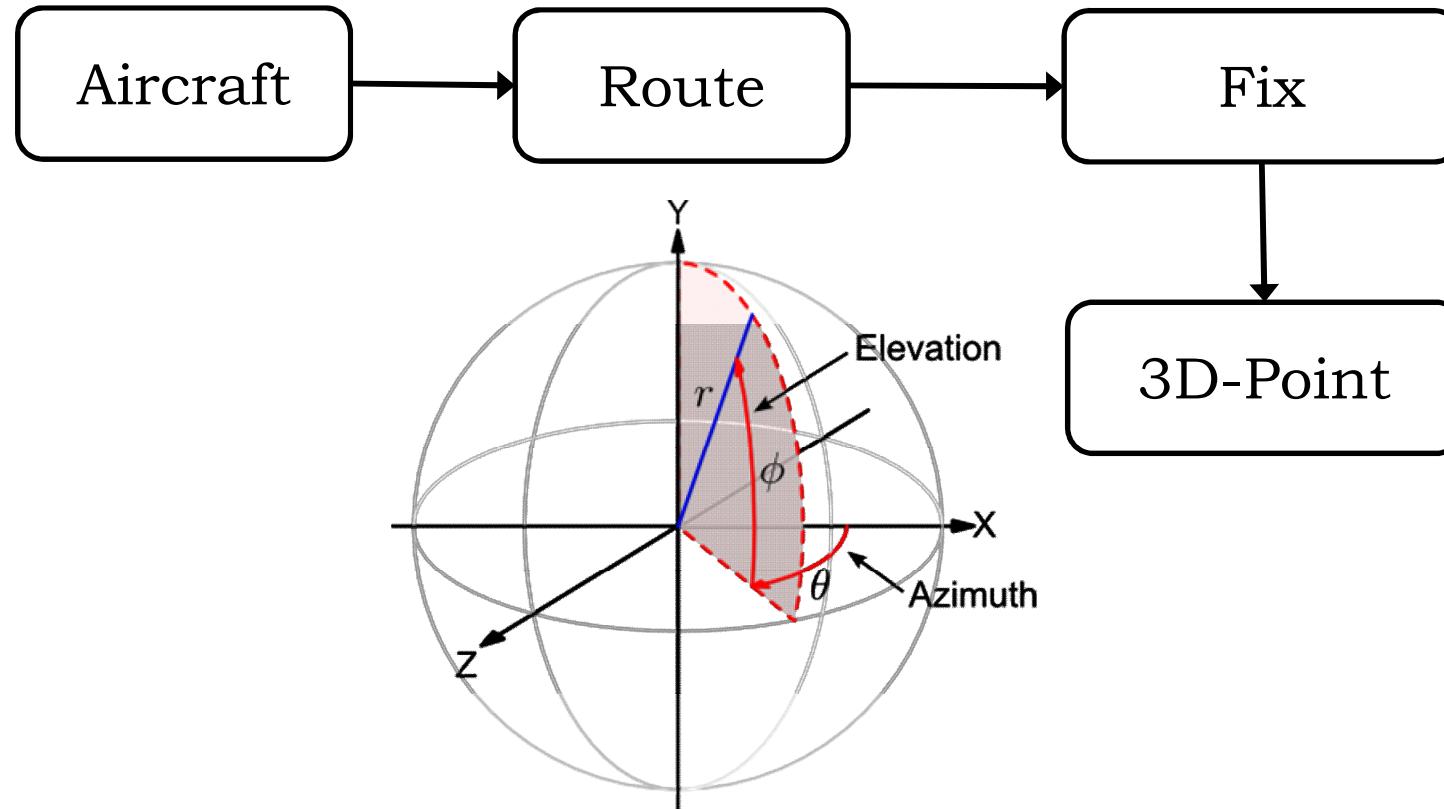
## Example 1: Flight Monitoring **Domain Model**



... Development of the Domain Model  
⇒ Search & Definition of **Key Concepts**



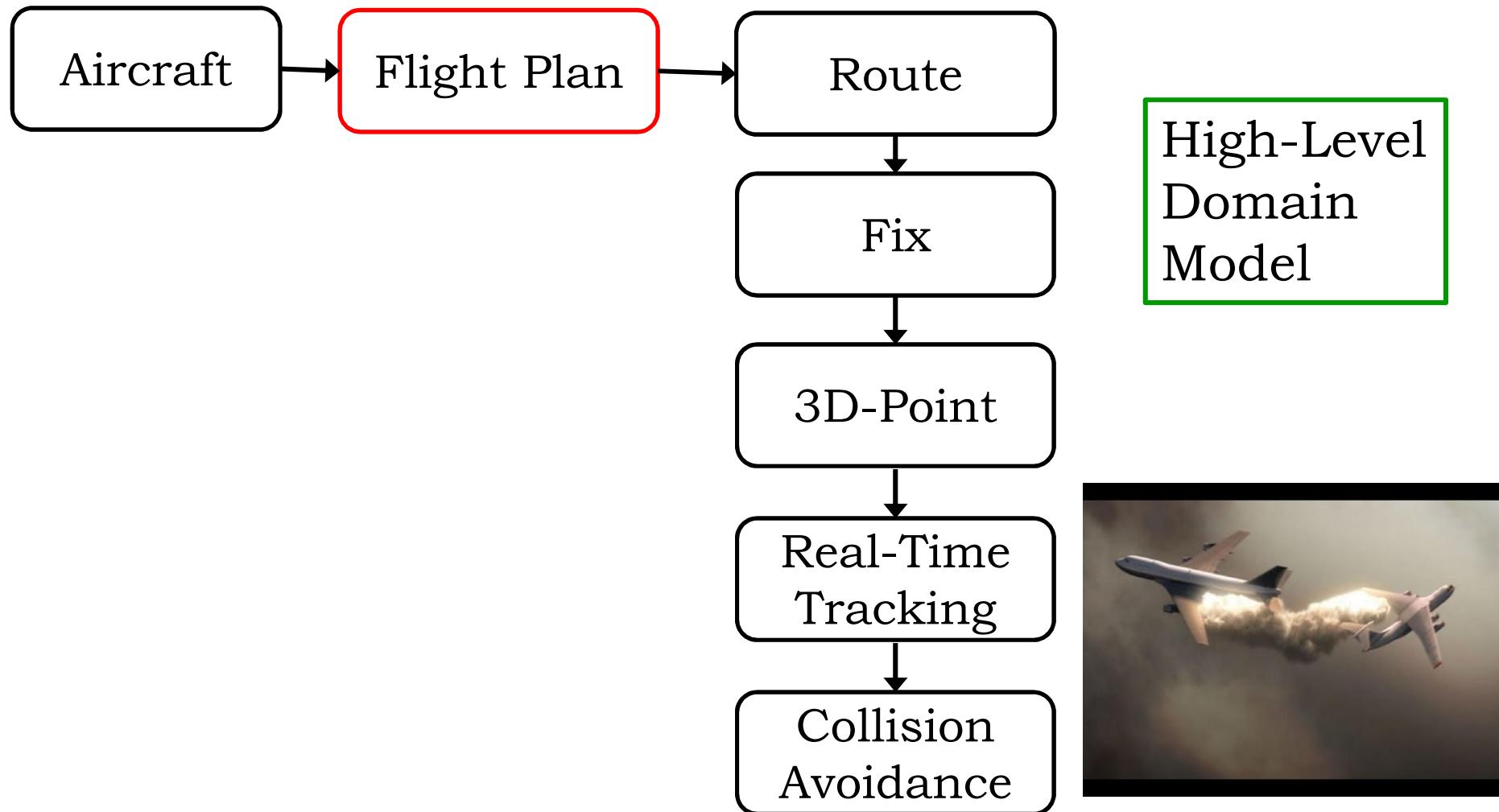
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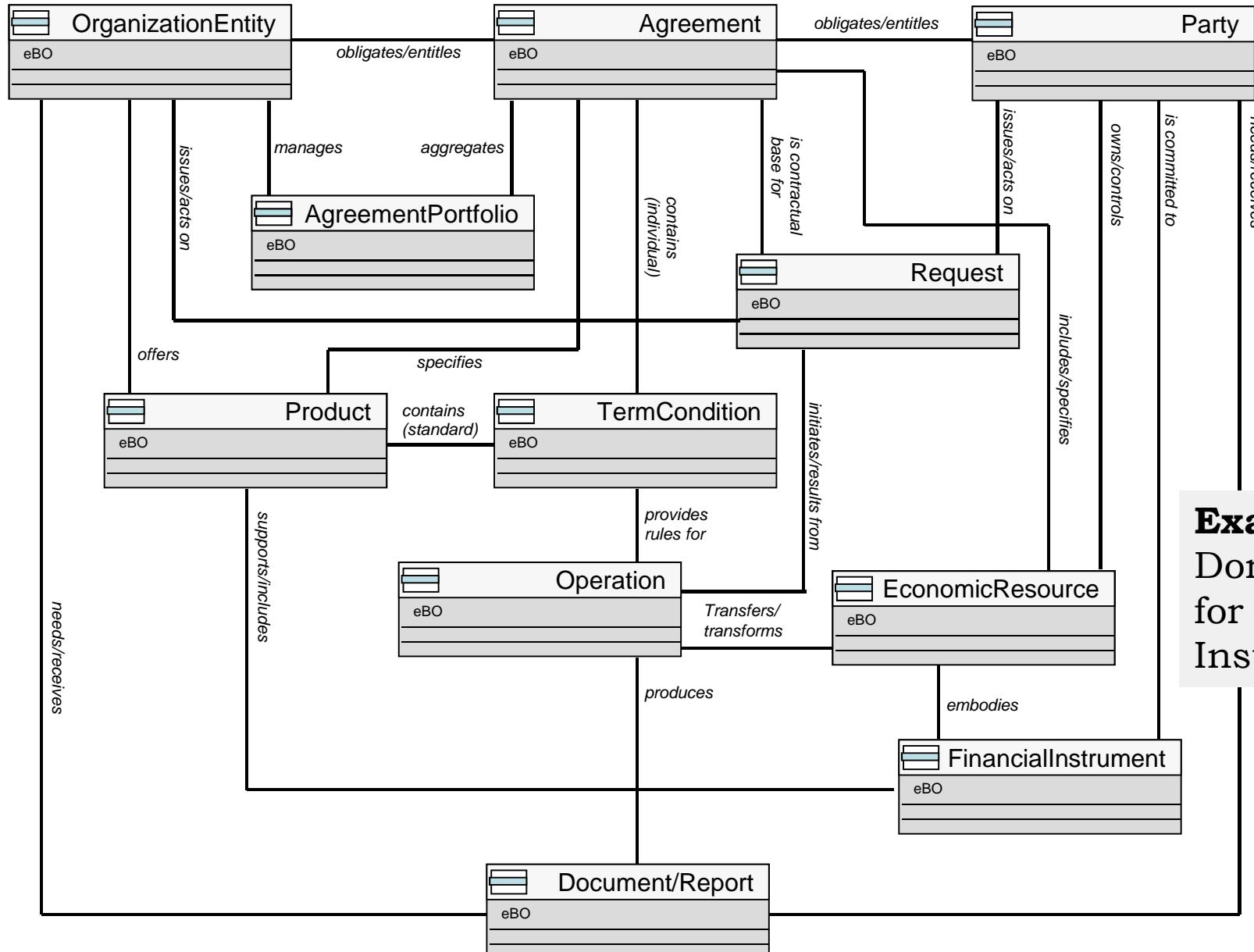


## Example 1: Flight Monitoring **Domain Model**



## Example 1: Flight Monitoring **Domain Model**





**Example 2:**  
*Domain Model  
for a Financial  
Institution*



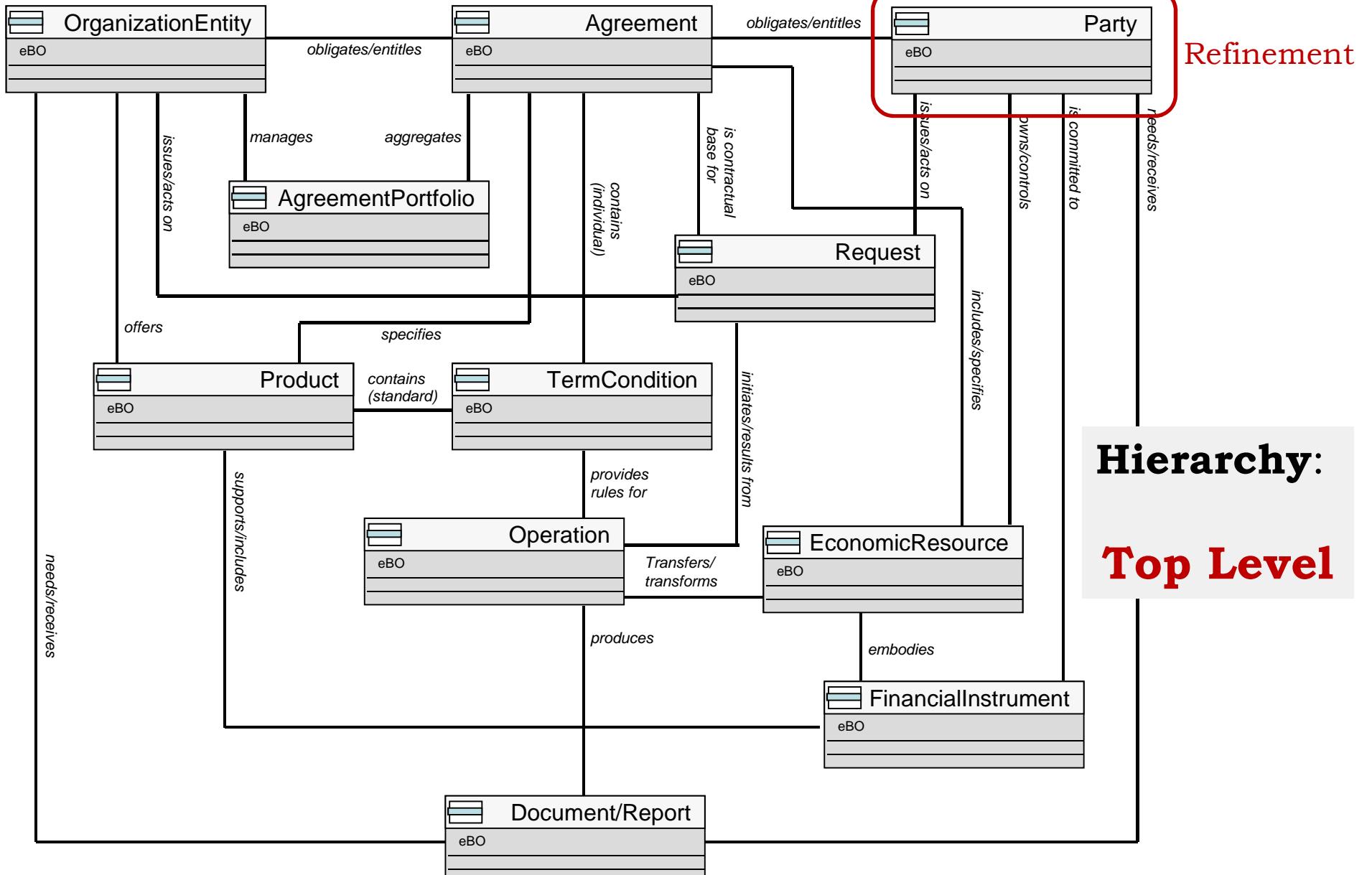
<http://knowhow.visual-paradigm.com>

**Problem:**

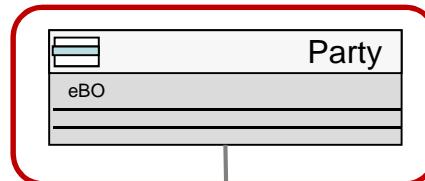
Model-Explosion.  
⇒ Size of the  
models grows!



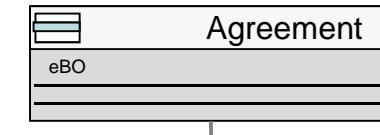
Build  
hierarchical  
models



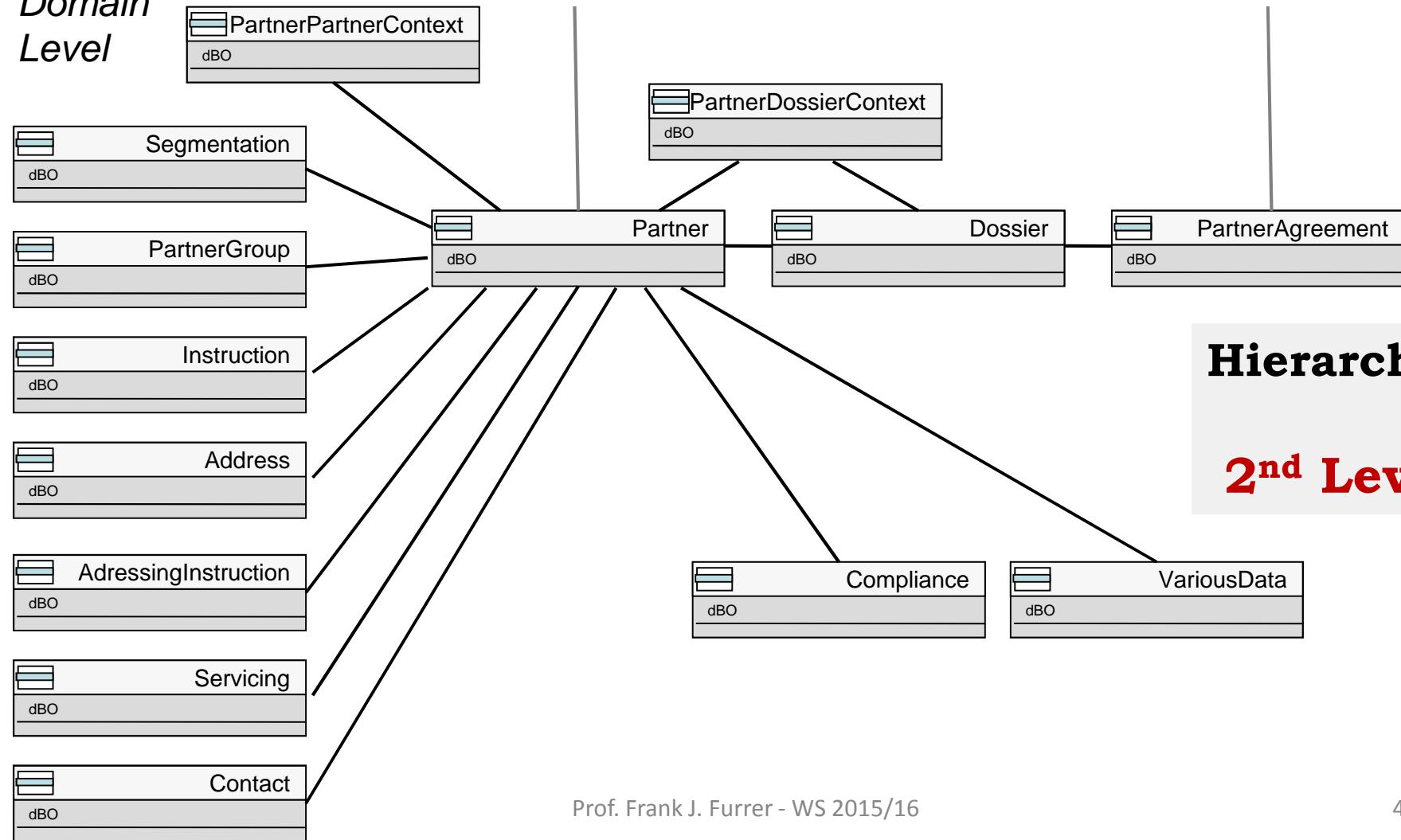
*Enterprise  
Level*



Refinement



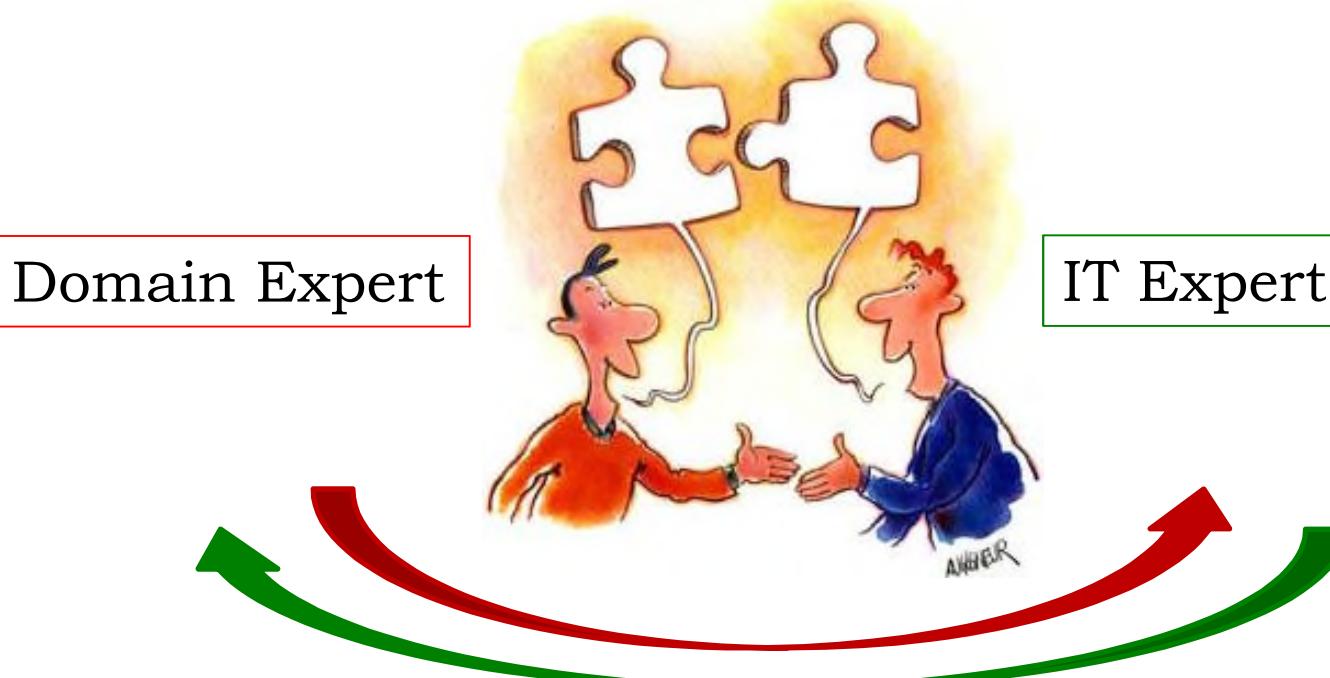
*Domain  
Level*



Hierarchy:  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Level**

## Building a successful Domain Model

<http://www.faire-schule.ch>



Fair, constructive and open dialog

### Identify and describe:

- Business concepts in the domain
- Relationships
- Attributes and constraints

## Is behaviour part of a Domain Model?

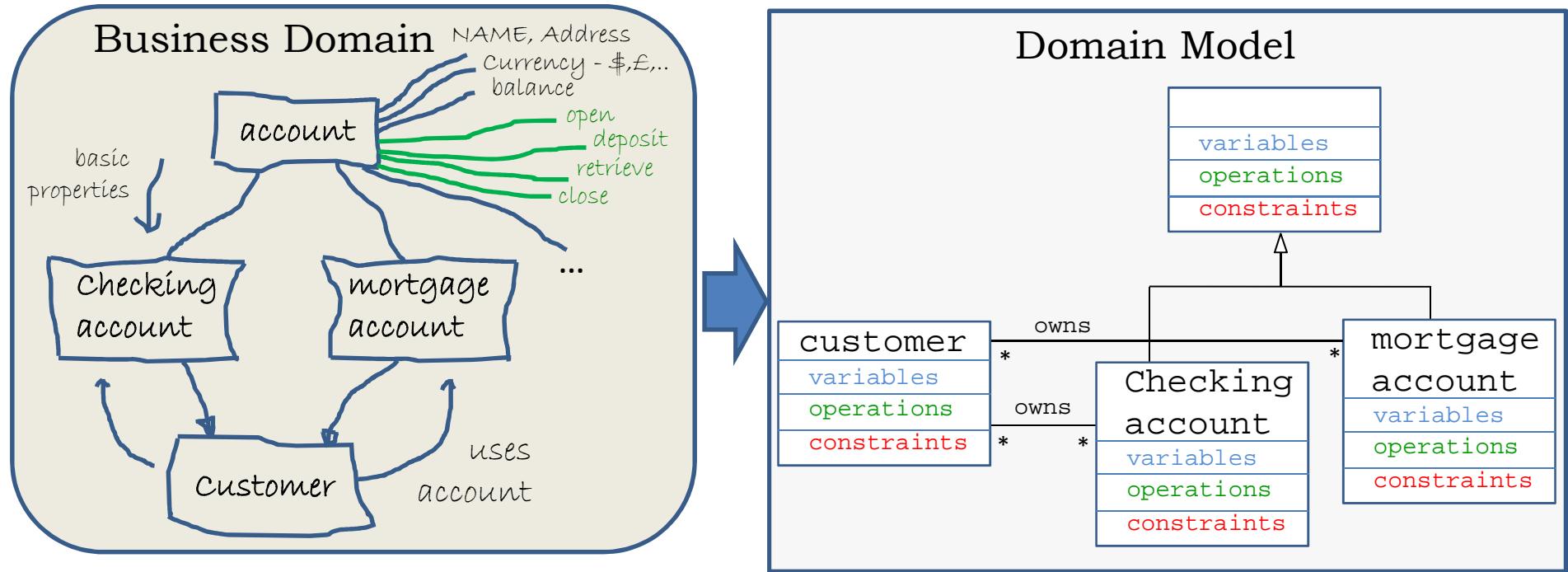
<http://www.healthandlife.com.au>



**Yes!**

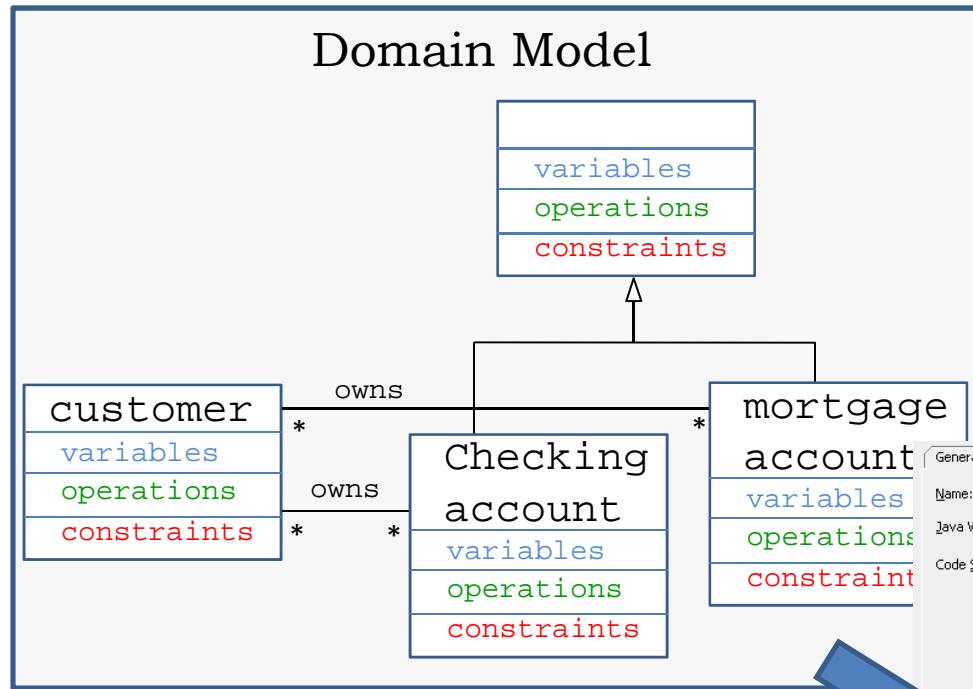
The variables, constraints and operations on domain concepts must be identified and specified

## Is behaviour part of a Domain Model?



⇒ Model enrichment

## Model ⇒ Code



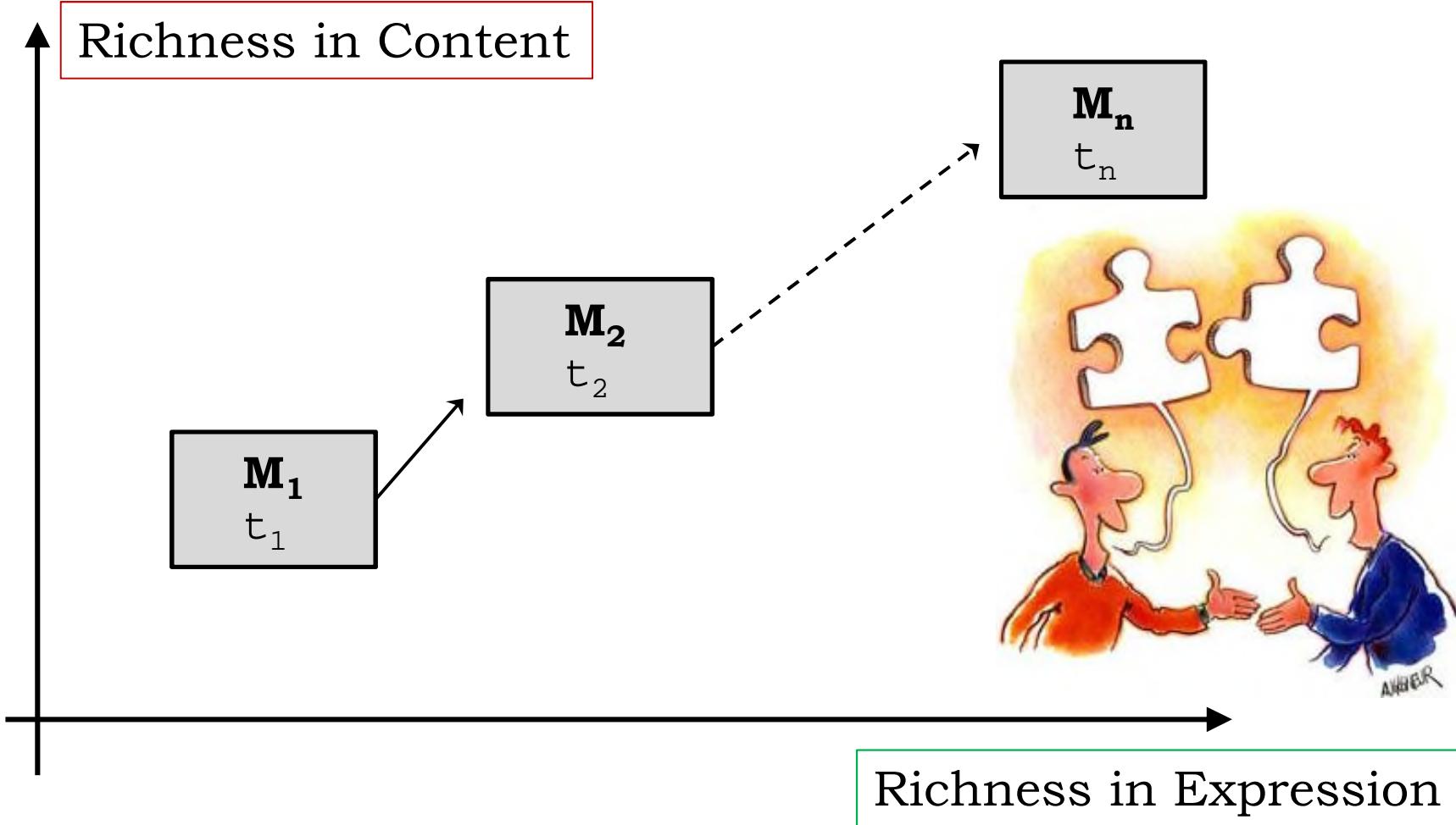
«Having created a great model, but failing to properly transfer it into code will end up in software of questionable quality»

Java Embedding dialog:

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Java Version:	1.5
Code Snippet:	<pre> try {     Object homeObj = lookup("ejb/session/CreditRating");     Class cls = Class.forName(         "com.oten.samples.sessionbean.CreditRatingServiceHome");     CreditRatingServiceHome ratingHome = (CreditRatingServiceHome)         PortableRemoteObject.narrow(homeObj,cls);     if (ratingHome == null) {         addAuditTrailEntry("Failed to lookup 'ejb.session.CreditRating'"             + ". Ensure that the bean has been"             + " successfully deployed");         return;     }     CreditRatingService ratingService = ratingHome.create();      // Retrieve ssn from scope     Element ssn =         (Element)getVariableData("input","payload","/ssn");      int rating = ratingService.getRating( ssn.getNodeValue() );     addAuditTrailEntry("Rating is: " + rating);      setVariableData("output", "payload",         "/tns:rating", new Integer(rating)); } catch (NamingException ne) {     </pre>

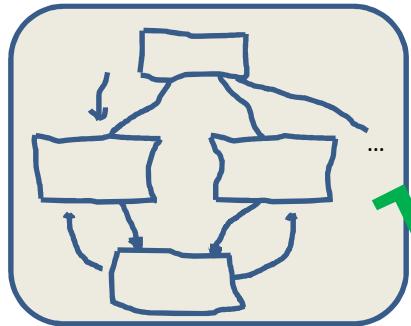
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## Continuous Evolution of the Domain Model

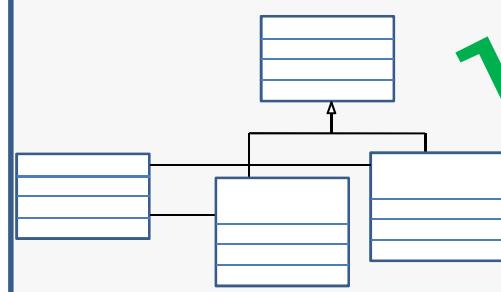


## DSE: Loss of Consistency

Time, Evolution



**Loss of Consistency**



**Loss of Consistency**

General Annotations

Name: Java\_EMBEDDING\_1

Java Version: 1.5

Code Snippet:

```

try {
    Object homeObj = lookup("ejb/session/CreditRating");
    Class cls = Class.forName(homeObj.toString());
    CreditRatingServiceHome ratingHome = (CreditRatingServiceHome)
        PortableRemoteObject.narrow(homeObj,cls);
    if (ratingHome == null) {
        addAuditTrailEntry("Failed to lookup 'ejb/session.CreditRating'" +
            ". Ensure that the Bean has been" +
            " successfully deployed");
        return;
    }
    CreditRatingService ratingService = ratingHome.create();
    // Retrieve smn from scope
    Element smn =
        (Element)getVariableData("input","payload","/smn");
    int rating = ratingService.getRating( smn.getNodeValue() );
    addAuditTrailEntry("Rating is: " + rating);

    setVariableData("output","payload",
        "tmp:rating", new Integer(rating));
} catch (NameNotFoundException ne) {
}

```

Help Apply OK Cancel

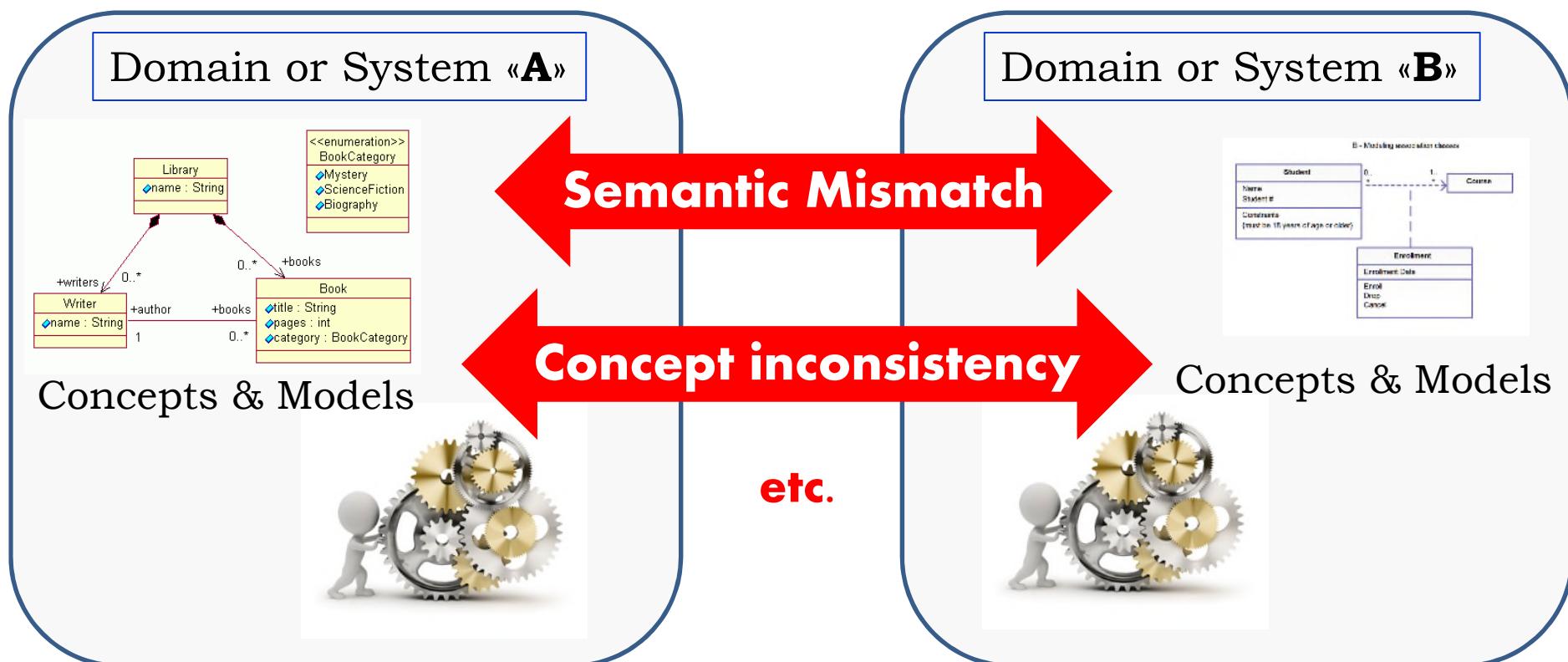
The code must be an expression of the model

A change in the code may need a change in the model



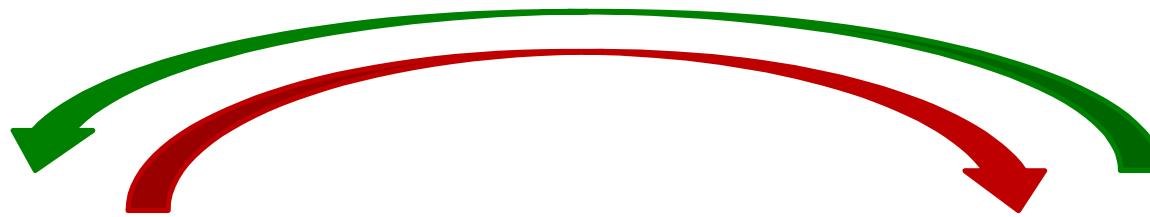
## Anticorruption Layer =

Anti-Corruption Layers maintain the **integrity** of differing systems and models

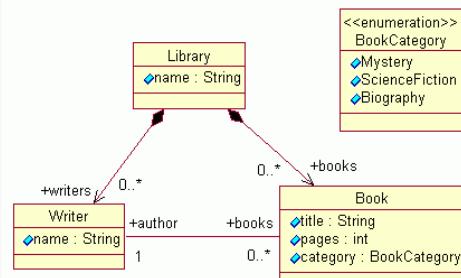


## Anticorruption Layer

Explicit Mapping between contexts and code



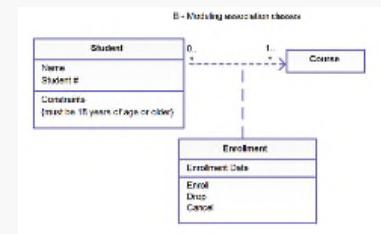
Domain or System «A»



Concepts & Models



Domain or System «B»



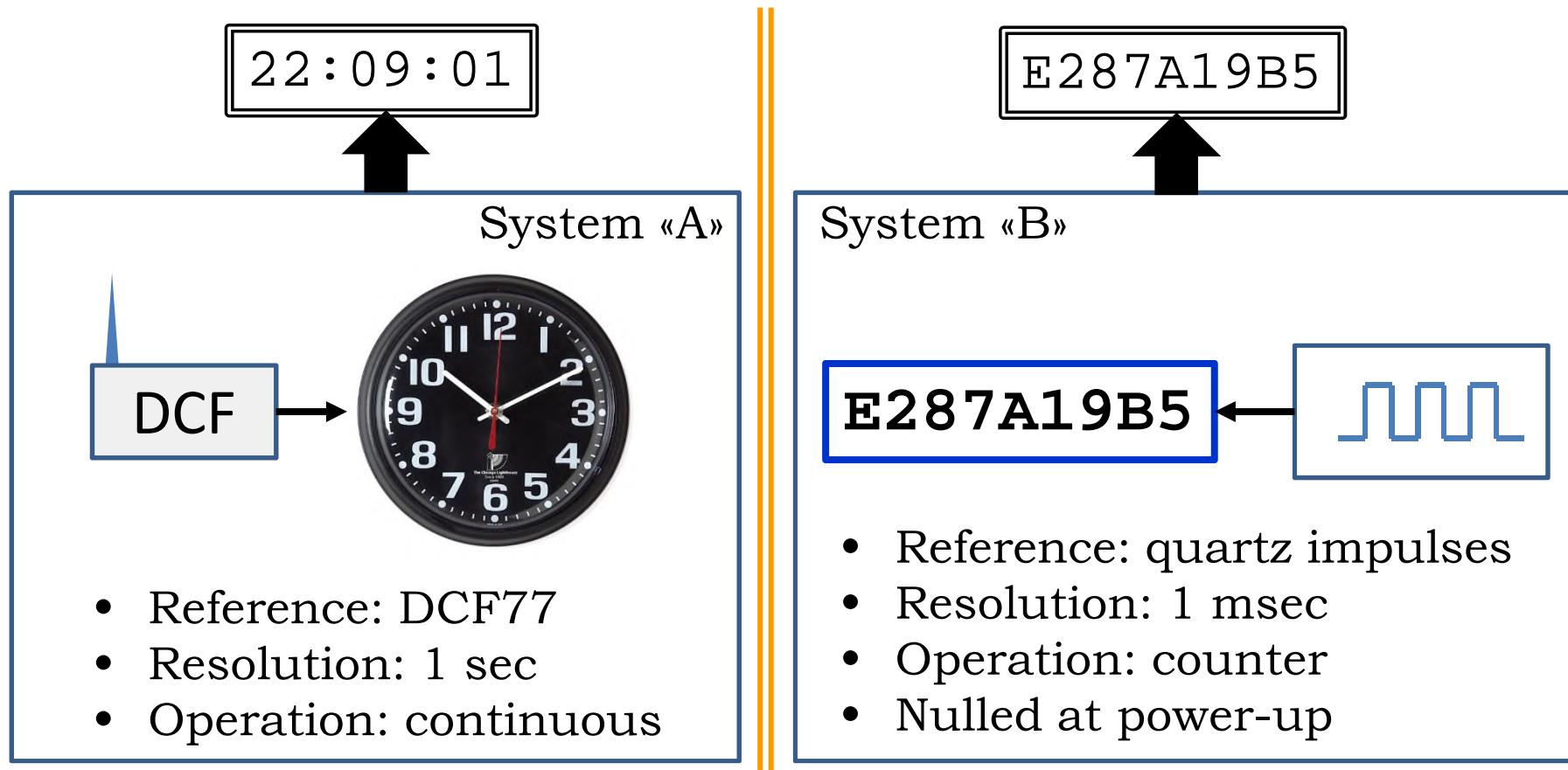
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## Example: Concept «Time»

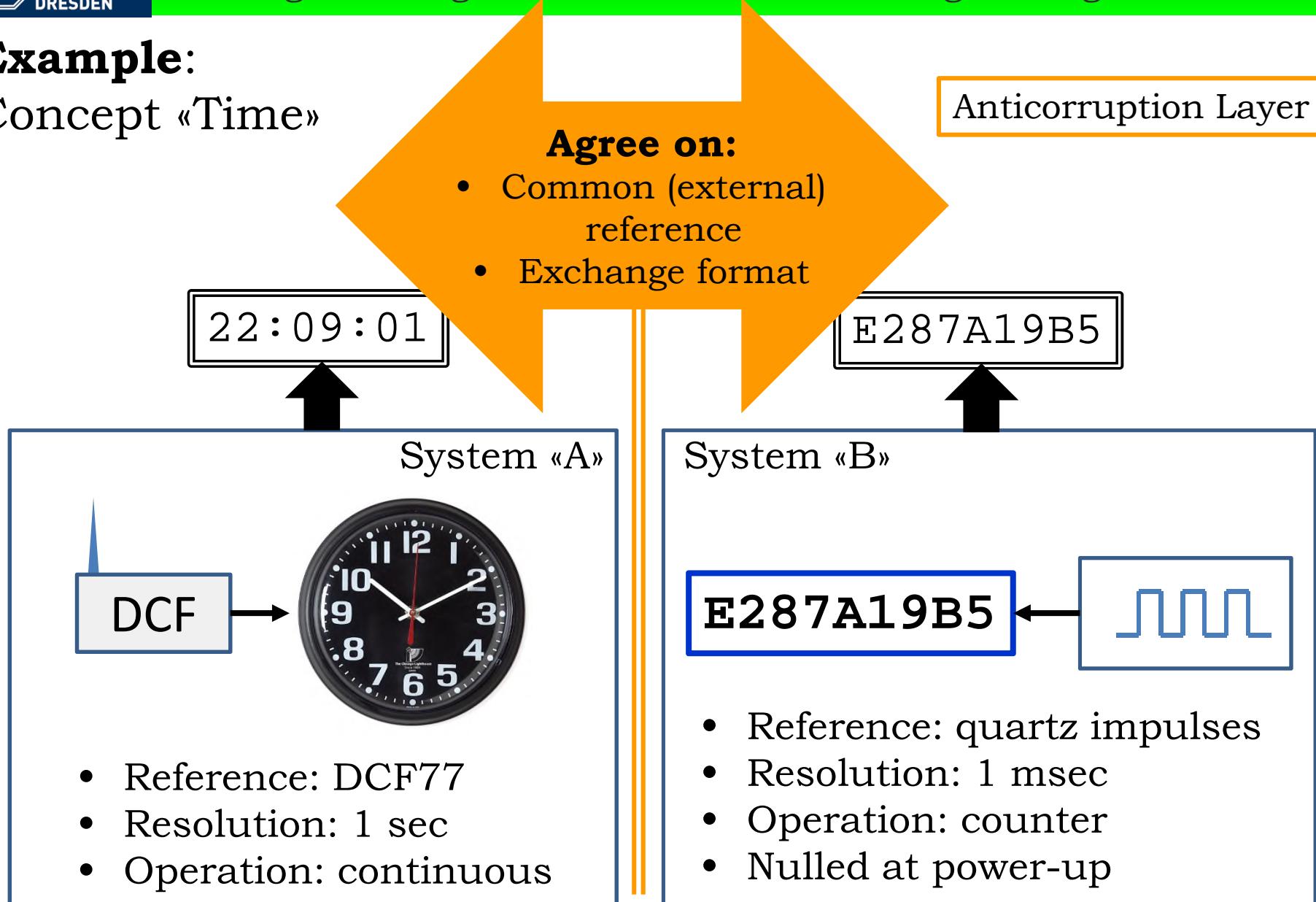
Anticorruption Layer

Get{time}



## Example:

### Concept «Time»





### Summary: The DSE concepts:

Business/Application Domain

Bounded Context

Domain Model

Anticorruption Layer

Sphere of Knowledge, Influence or Activity

The Bounded Context is the explicit Boundary of a Model

“Formal” representation of the Entities, Relationships and their Properties in your Domain

Maintains the integrity of differing systems and models

**DSE**

Fundamentals (2/2)

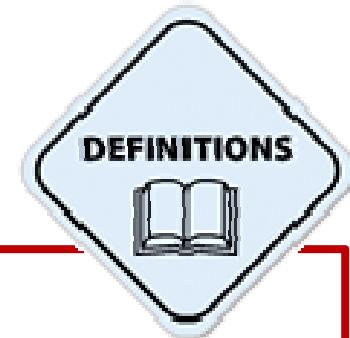
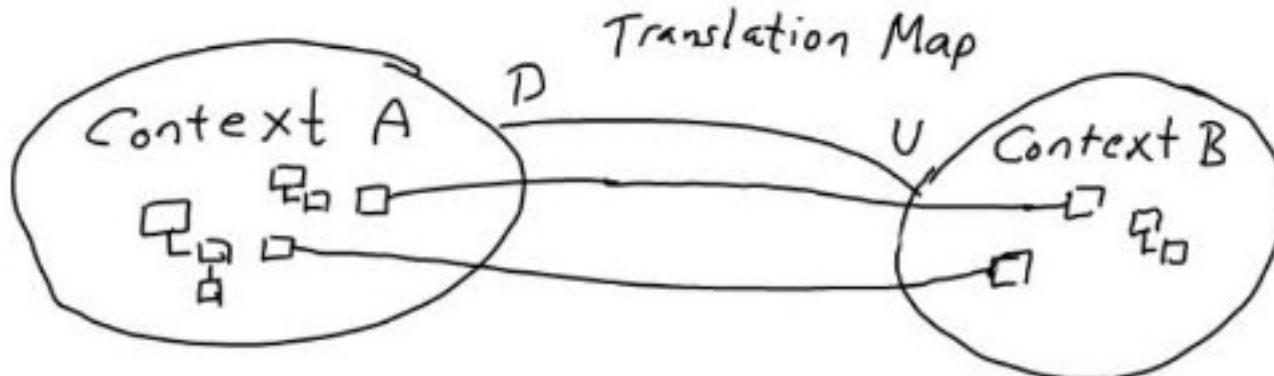
## The Tools:

Context Map

Ubiquitous Language

Domain-Specific Language

DSE Patterns



## Context Map =

A Context Map is a document which defines and delineates the different bounded contexts for systems/models and the relationships between them

Bounded Context =

Country

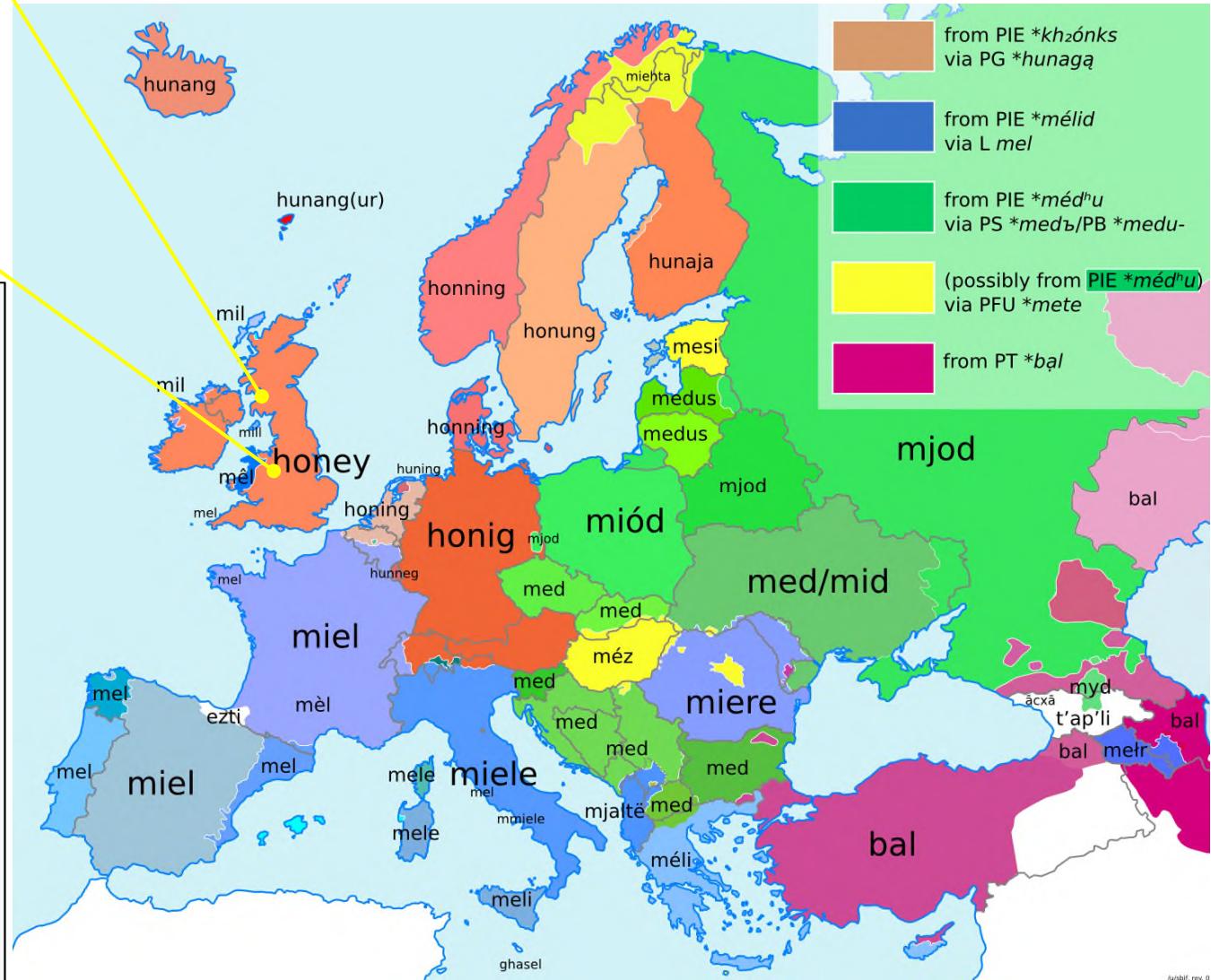
Concepts =

- Language
- Laws
- ...

**“Pool”** =

Schwimmbecken  
Fonds  
Poolbillard  
Bassin  
Tümpel  
Einsatz  
Fundus  
gemeinsame Spielkasse  
Grube  
Interessengemeinschaft  
Konsortium  
Reservoir  
Ring

## Example: Context = Country



## Context Map

<http://rotwarzone.boards.net>



Can we model  
the whole world  
in one model?



A complete  
Enterprise?



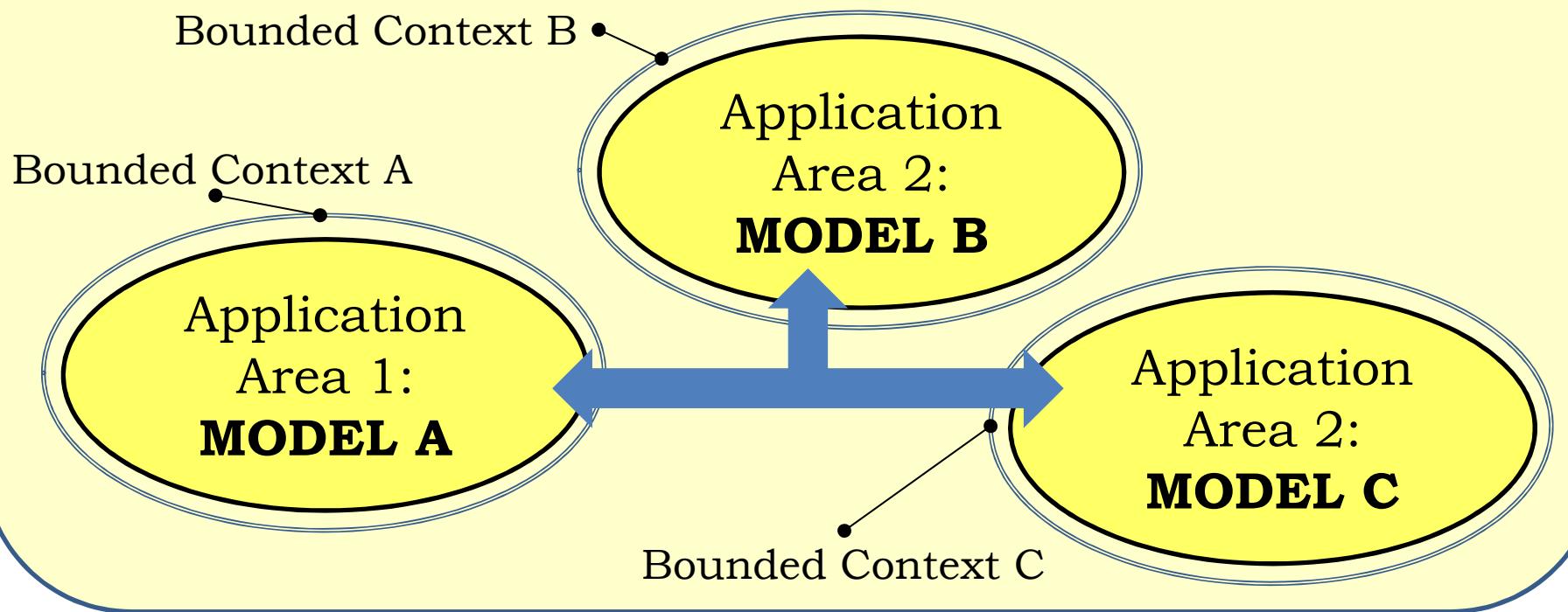
A department?

**NO** – We need clearly defined *boundaries* for our models



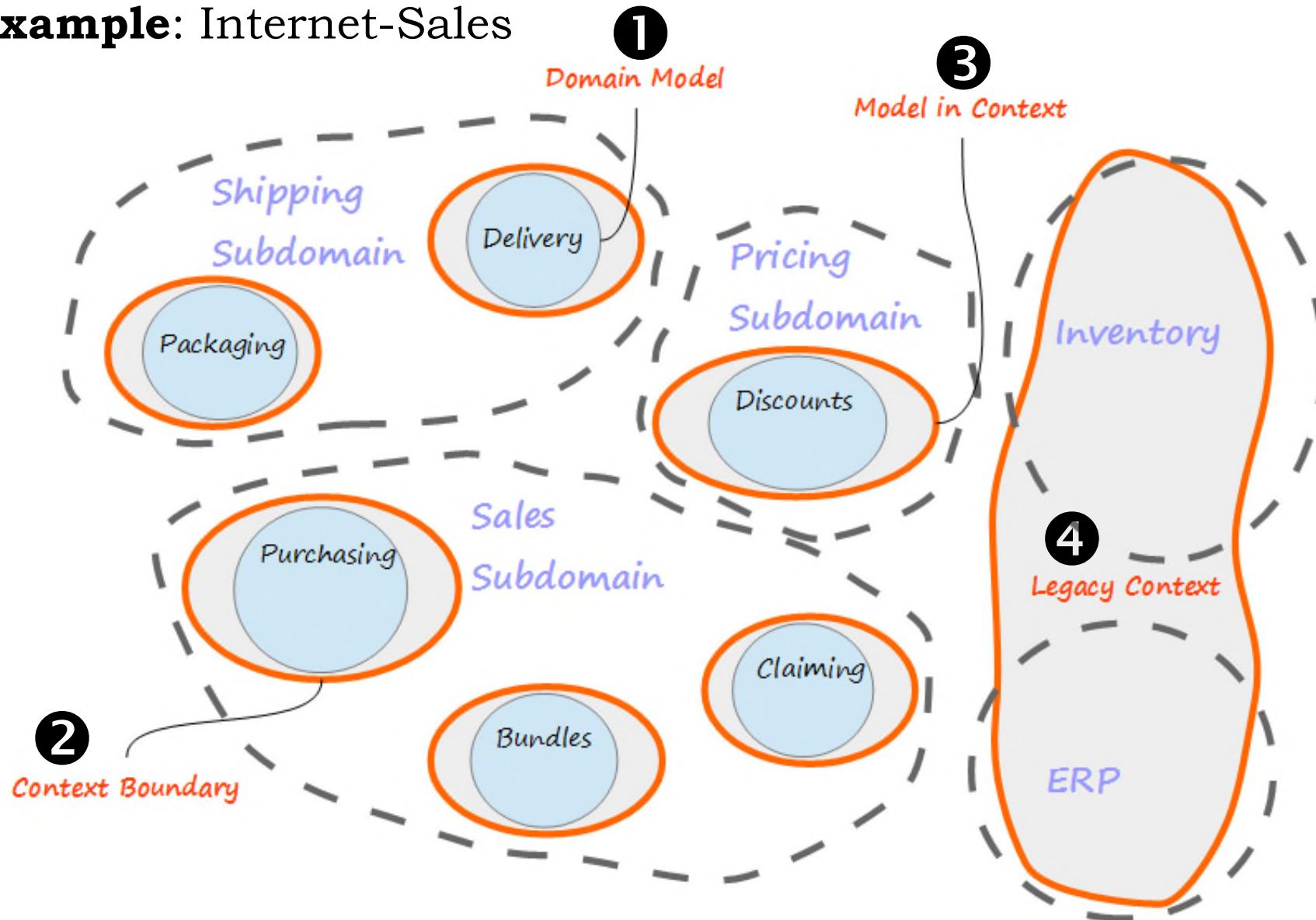
## Context Map

**Context Map** =  
Definition of different bounded contexts and the relationships between them



## Example: Internet-Sales

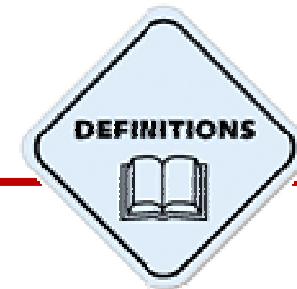
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## Ubiquitous Language

A major reason for failure of software projects is a failure of **people** = the failure to *communicate*



### Ubiquitous Language [UL] =

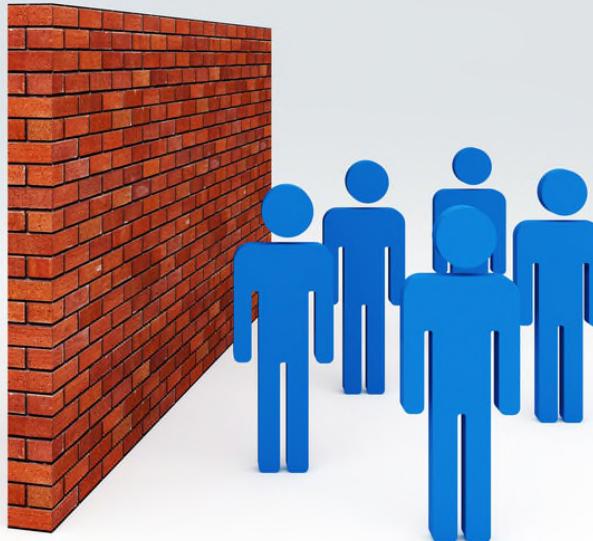
The Ubiquitous Language is a *shared* language between the business and the development teams

The Ubiquitous Language comes from the *business*, and is enriched by the development team

## Ubiquitous Language

<http://mayrsom.com>

**Business Customer**  
Needs,  
Requirements



**Information Systems Engineers**  
Specifications,  
Implementation

- Business *vocabulary*
- *Implicit knowledge*
- No *model*

**serious  
communications  
gap**

- IT *vocabulary*
- *Implicit knowledge*
- IT *models*

Customer/Business

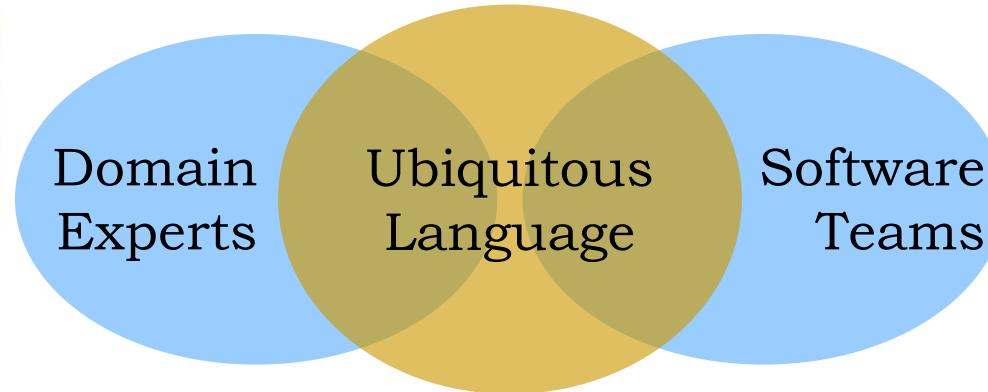
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**UL**

IT Organization

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**Formalization**



«Boxes & Lines»  
Text

Boxes & Lines  
with semantics

UML, SysML

Ontologies

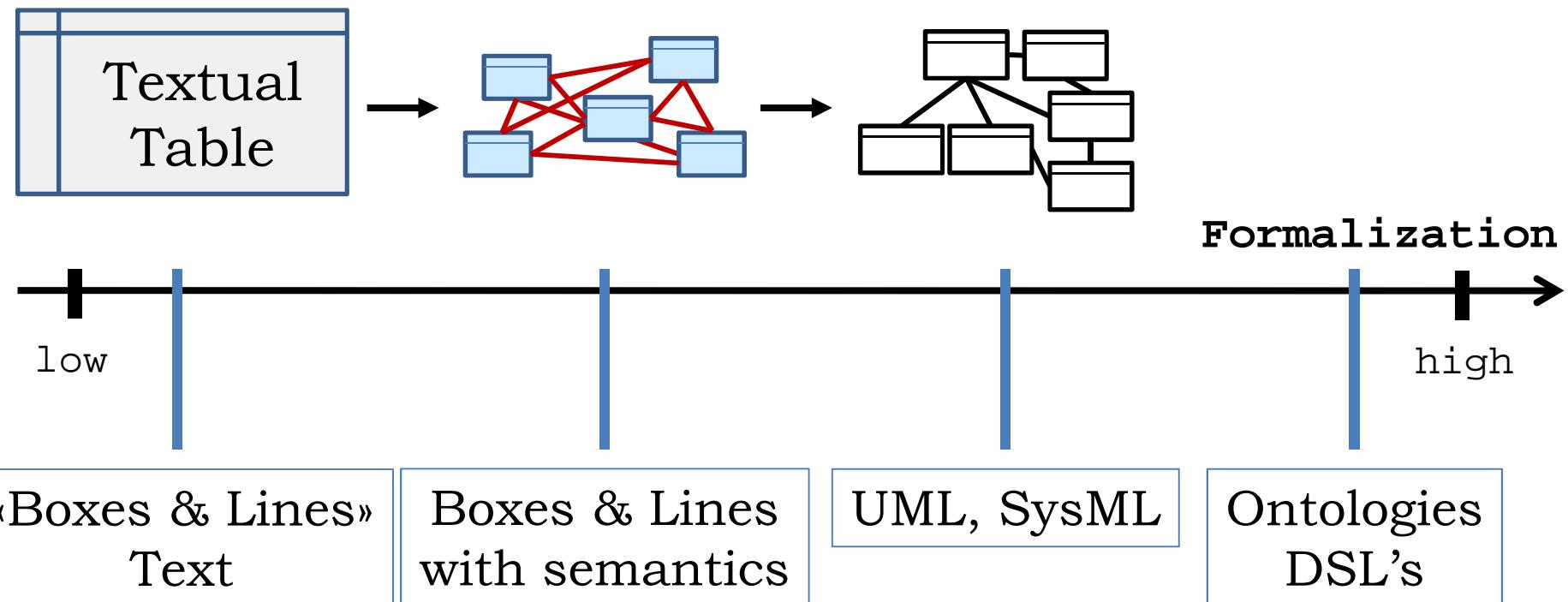
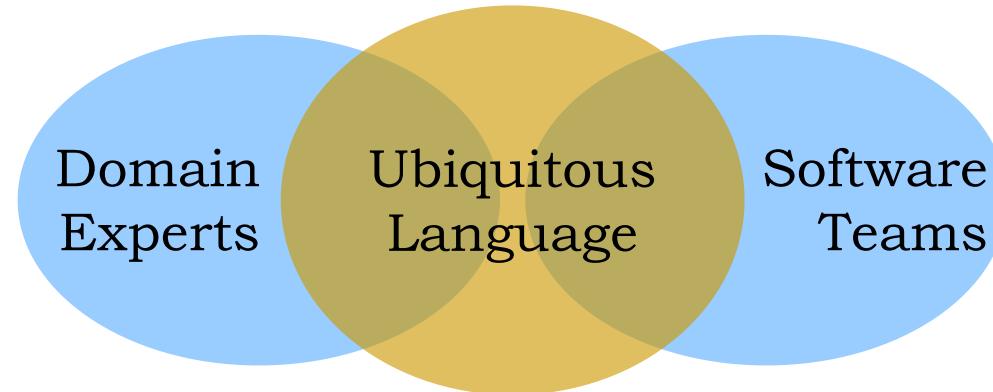
## How is an Ubiquitous Language developed?

... very often a good **start** is a textual table

High Level Domain Entities (Enterprise Level)		
Domain Concept	Description	Operations
Organization Entity	Legal Entity for executing business  <b>Definition</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create the entity</li><li>• Internal organization of the entity</li><li>• Agreements with other parties</li><li>• Creation of financial products</li><li>• Collaborate with other parties</li><li>• Create reports</li><li>• ...</li></ul>
Operation	Value-transferring activity with adherence to legal & regulatory requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Define parties</li><li>• Oblige parties</li><li>• Check legal &amp; regulatory requirements</li><li>• Execute operation</li><li>• Document &amp; archive operation</li><li>• ...</li></ul>
etc.		
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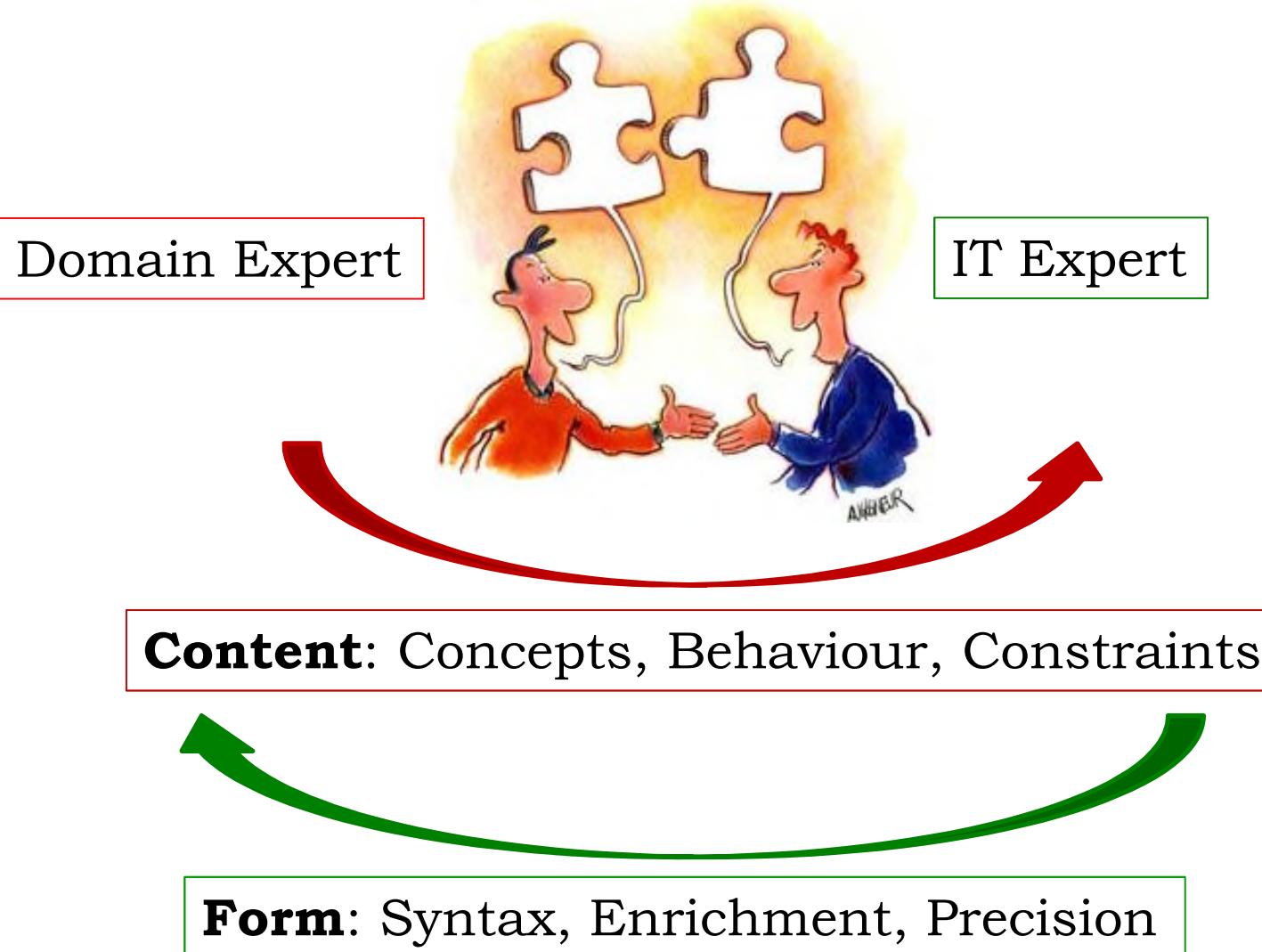
Concepts

Operations



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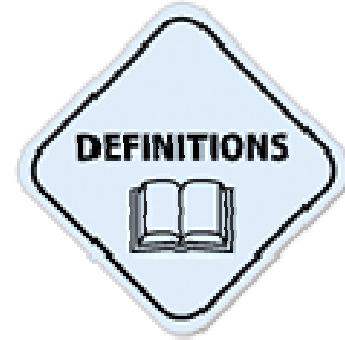
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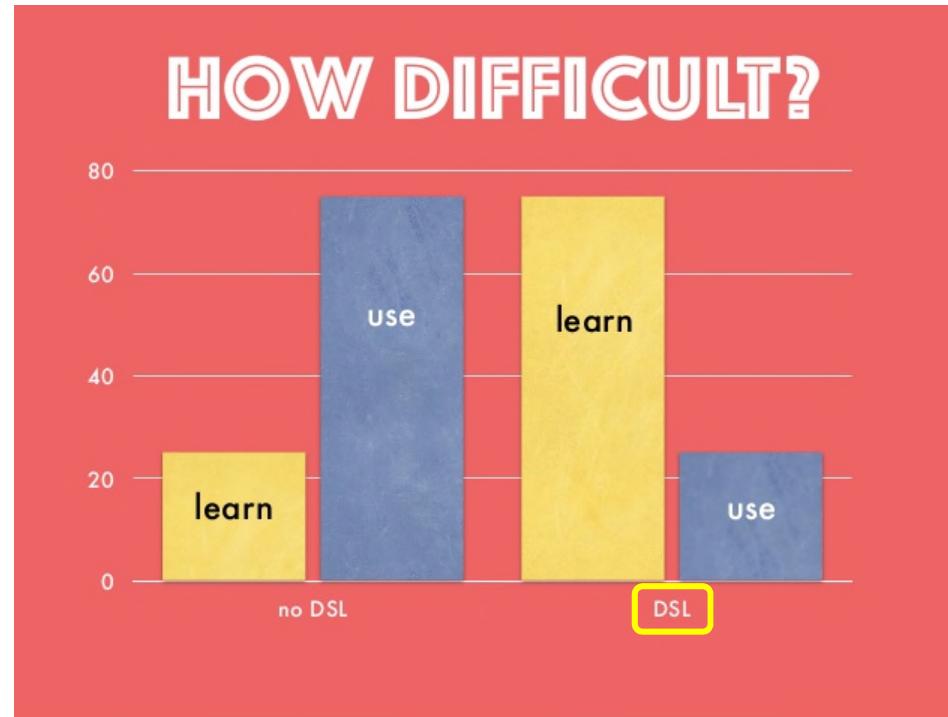
## **Domain Specific Language =**

A computer programming language of limited expressiveness focused on a particular domain.

The domain focus is what makes a limited language worthwhile.

**Domain-specific languages** (DSLs) are currently being developed for many application domains, e.g. insurance, banking, robotics, ...

⇒ They *may* prove useful in specific fields of application (Risk: Dilution)



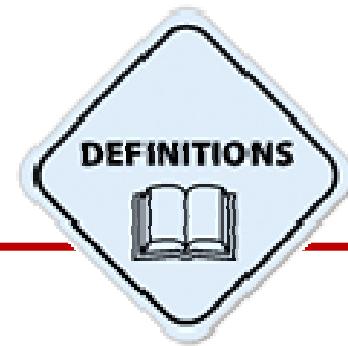
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## A Pattern Language

Towns · Buildings · Construction



Christopher Alexander  
Sara Ishikawa · Murray Silverstein  
WITH  
Max Jacobson · Ingrid Fiksdahl-King  
Shlomo Angel



<http://www.iconshut.com>

## DSE Patterns =

Tried and true design and development reference  
solutions for Domain-Driven Design (& Domain  
Software Engineering)

## Eric Evans DDD Pattern Diagram:

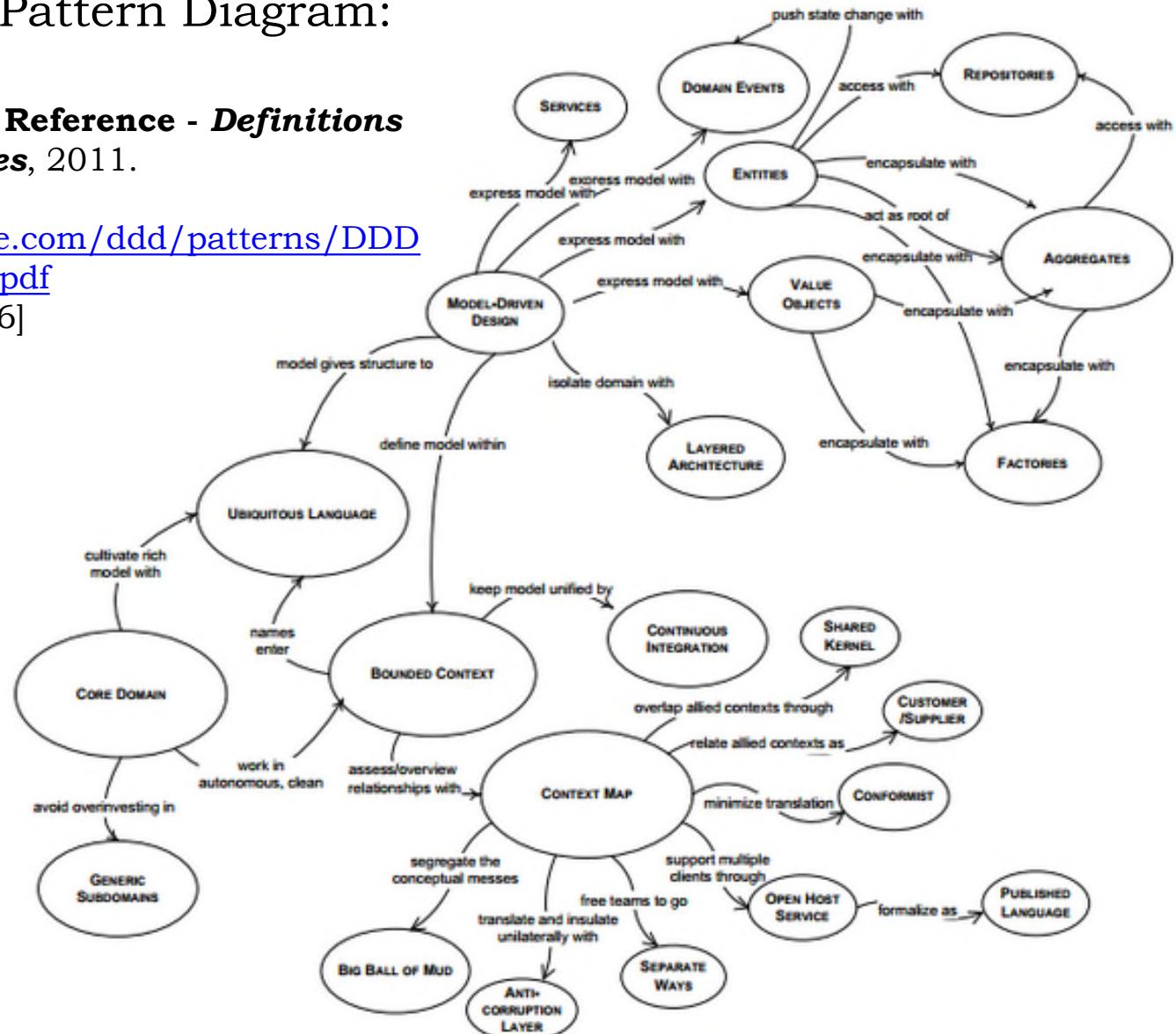
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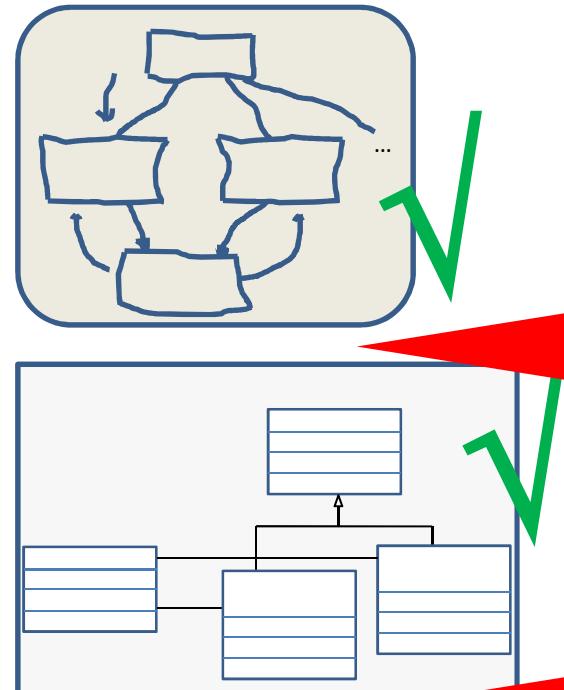
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DSE

# Alignment & Continuous Integration

# Loss of Consistency: Continuous Alignment

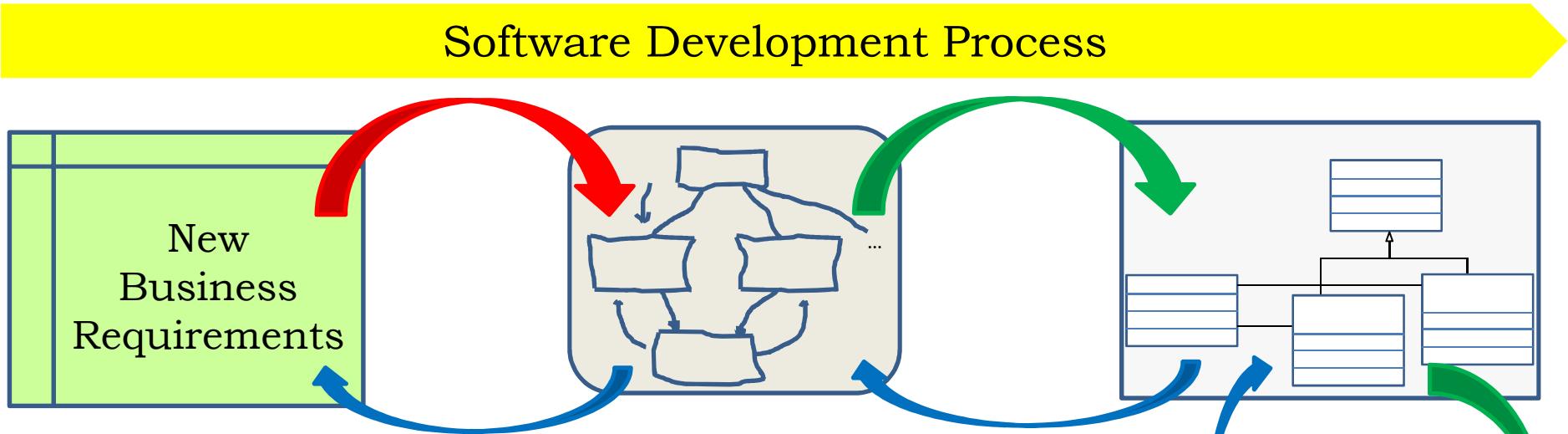


Time, Evolution

Business Model  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Domain Model  $\Leftrightarrow$   
Code  
**must be in sync at all times**

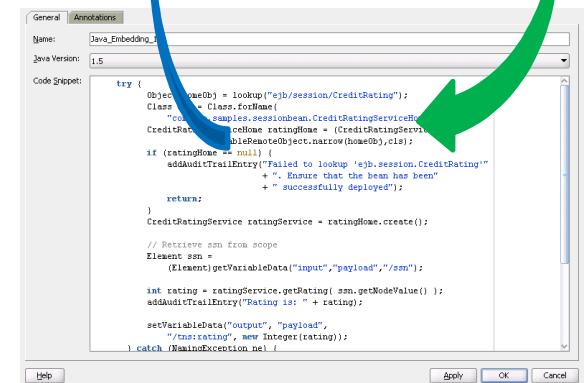


## Continuous Alignment

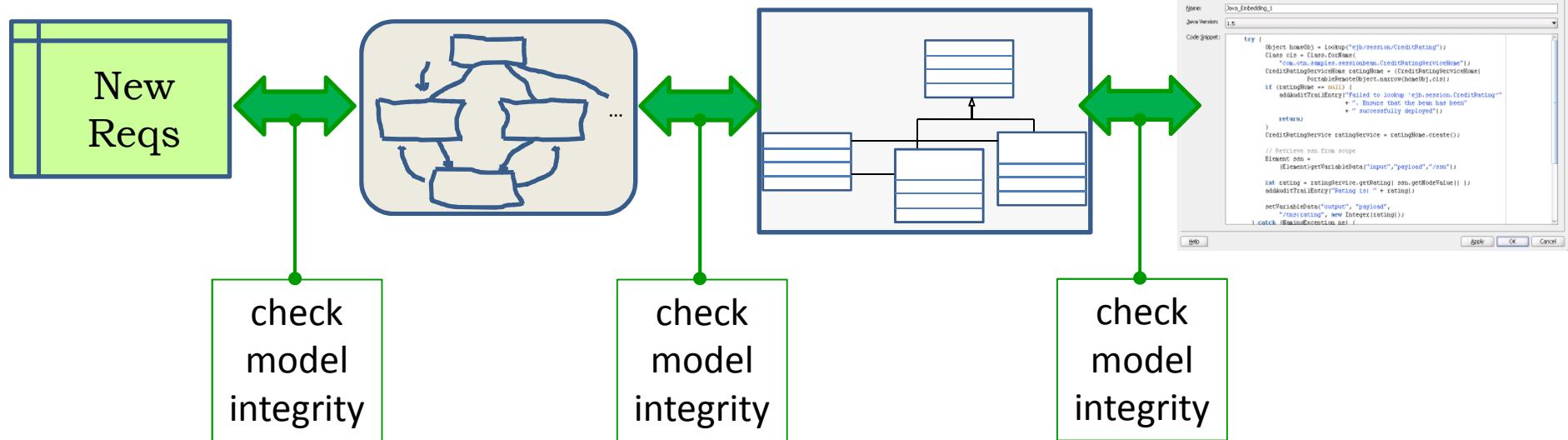


### Model Integrity:

«It is so easy to start from a good model  
and progress towards an inconsistent one»  
*... and the correctness of the software  
becomes suspect and its agility is damaged*



# Continuous Integration



«It is easy to make mistakes when we do not focus 100% on the purity, integrity and consistency of the model»

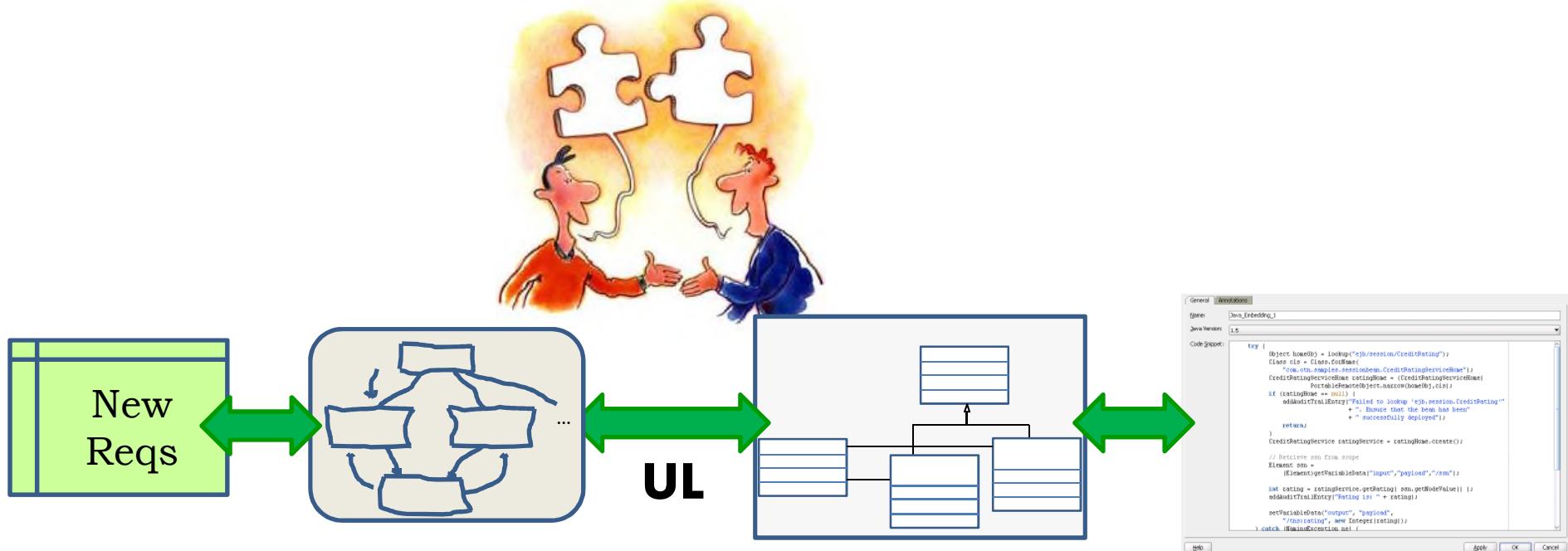
**Continuous integration** is based on integration of concepts in the model, then finding its way into the implementation where it is tested

**DSE**

# Consequences for Industrial Software Development

## Domain Software Engineering (DSE)

is an *architectural methodology* for evolving a software system  
that closely aligns to *business domains*



- Massively business-oriented
- Strongly model-based/model-driven
- Continuous integration



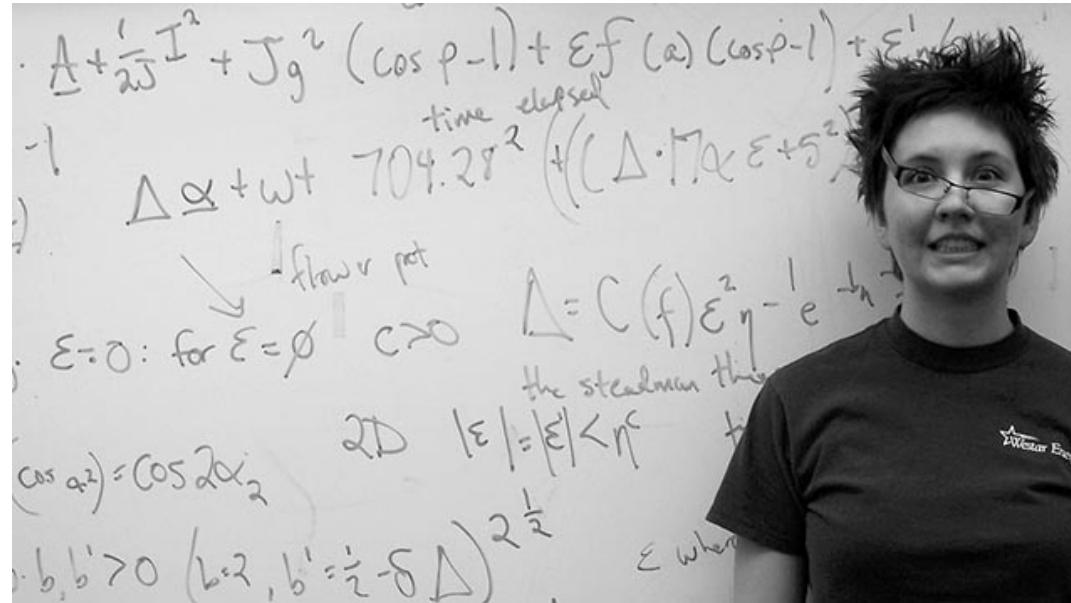
## DSE Expected Benefits:

- ✓ Precise requirements
- ✓ Minimal divergence business reqs  $\Leftrightarrow$  IT implementation
- ✓ Reduction of accidental complexity
- ✓ Significant increase in software quality
- ✓ Optimum agility/maintainability of the software
- ✓ Excellent understandability



## DSE Obstacles:

- ❖ Strict discipline needed
- ❖ Willing business partners
- ❖ Adequate development process & governance
- ❖ Very competent people
- ❖ Continuous refactoring
- ❖ Up-front investments (for each project)



Is DSE difficult?

**YES**



Is DSE worthwhile?

**YES** – but needs a strong commitment and much company discipline

**DSE**

# Conclusions



## What have we learned?

- ✓ The Software Domain Engineering Concepts
- ✓ The Software Domain Engineering Tools
- ✓ The Pro's and Con's of DSE

## Why is this knowledge good for you?

- ✓ DSE is becoming an important methodology in the (near?) future
- ✓ DSE has a number of wonderful concepts
- ✓ Introduction of DSE needs time/effort

**DSE**

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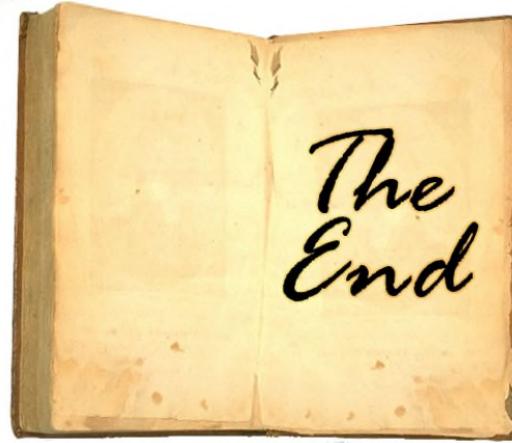
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