



# *Design Patterns 102*

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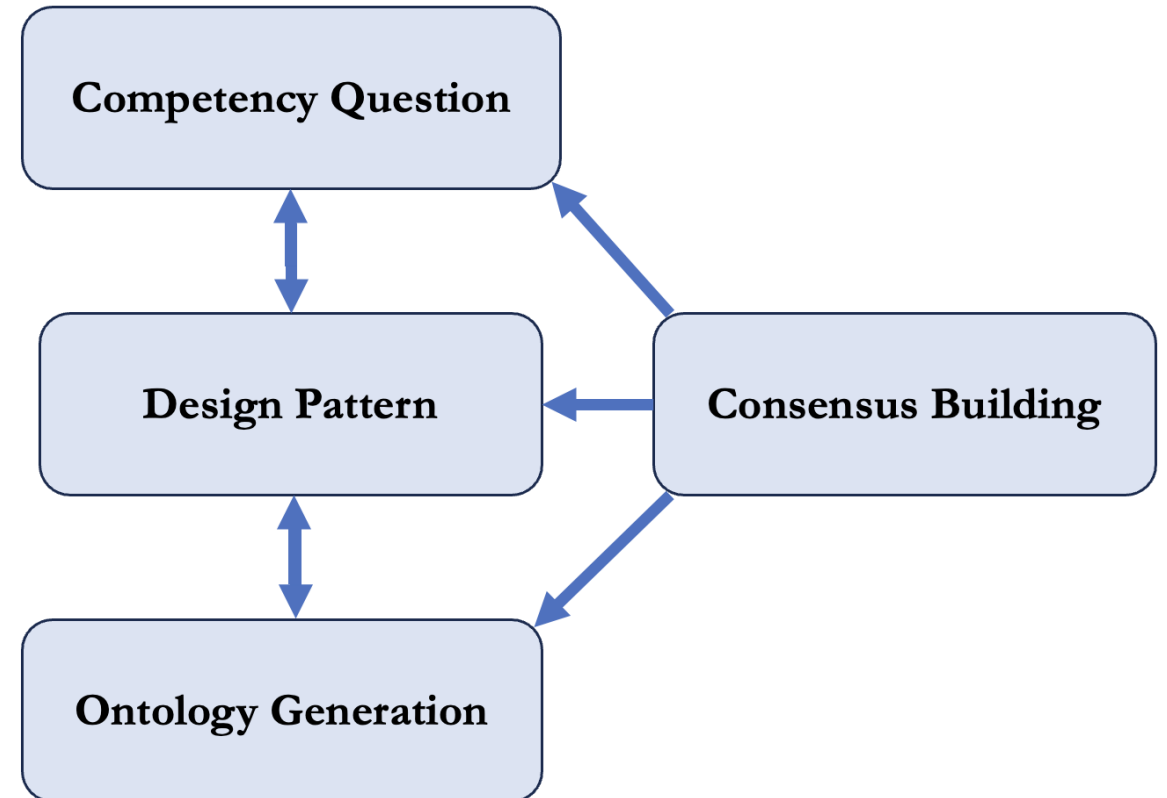
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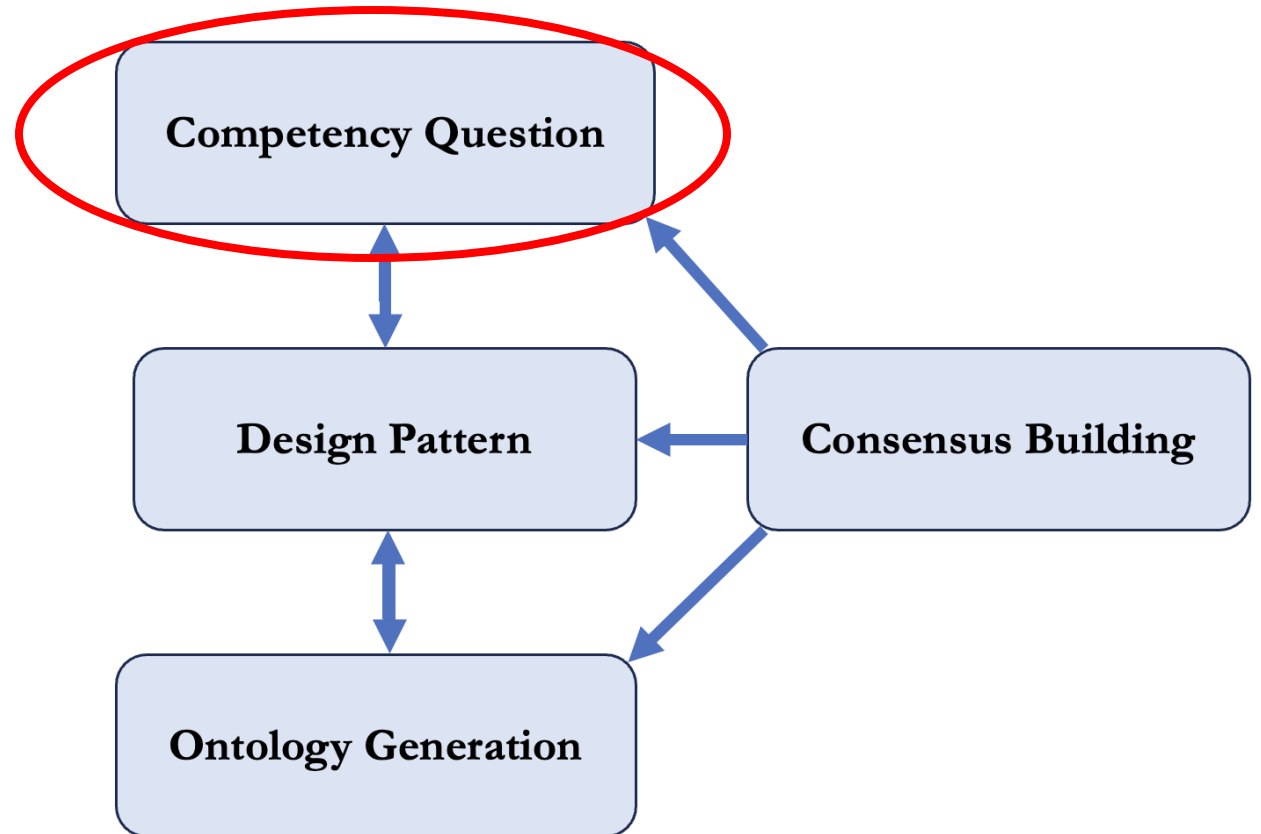
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- Identify competency questions



# *Competency Questions*

- Competency questions are **used to guide ontology development** and **generate automated checks** to ensure answers are sufficient
- In our drone tracking example we needed to represent:

border/boundary

geographic region

drone

speed

latitude

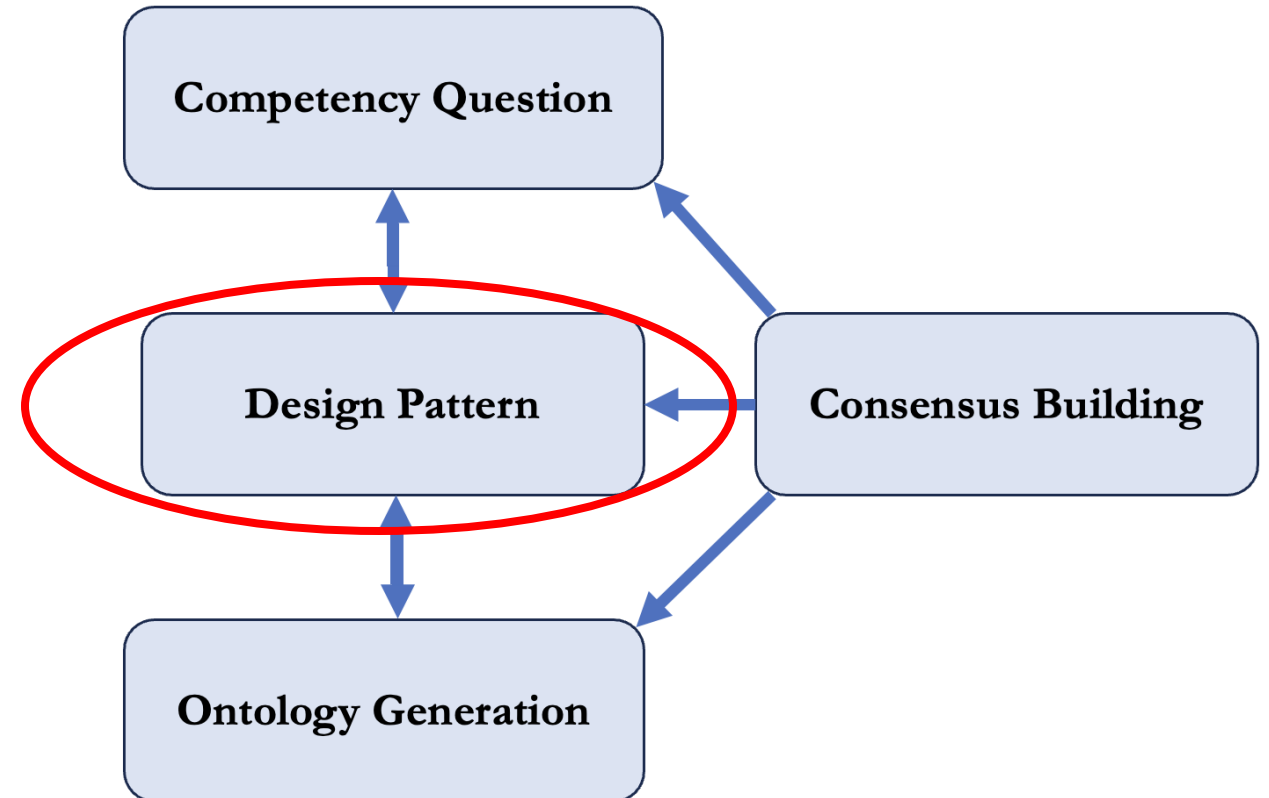
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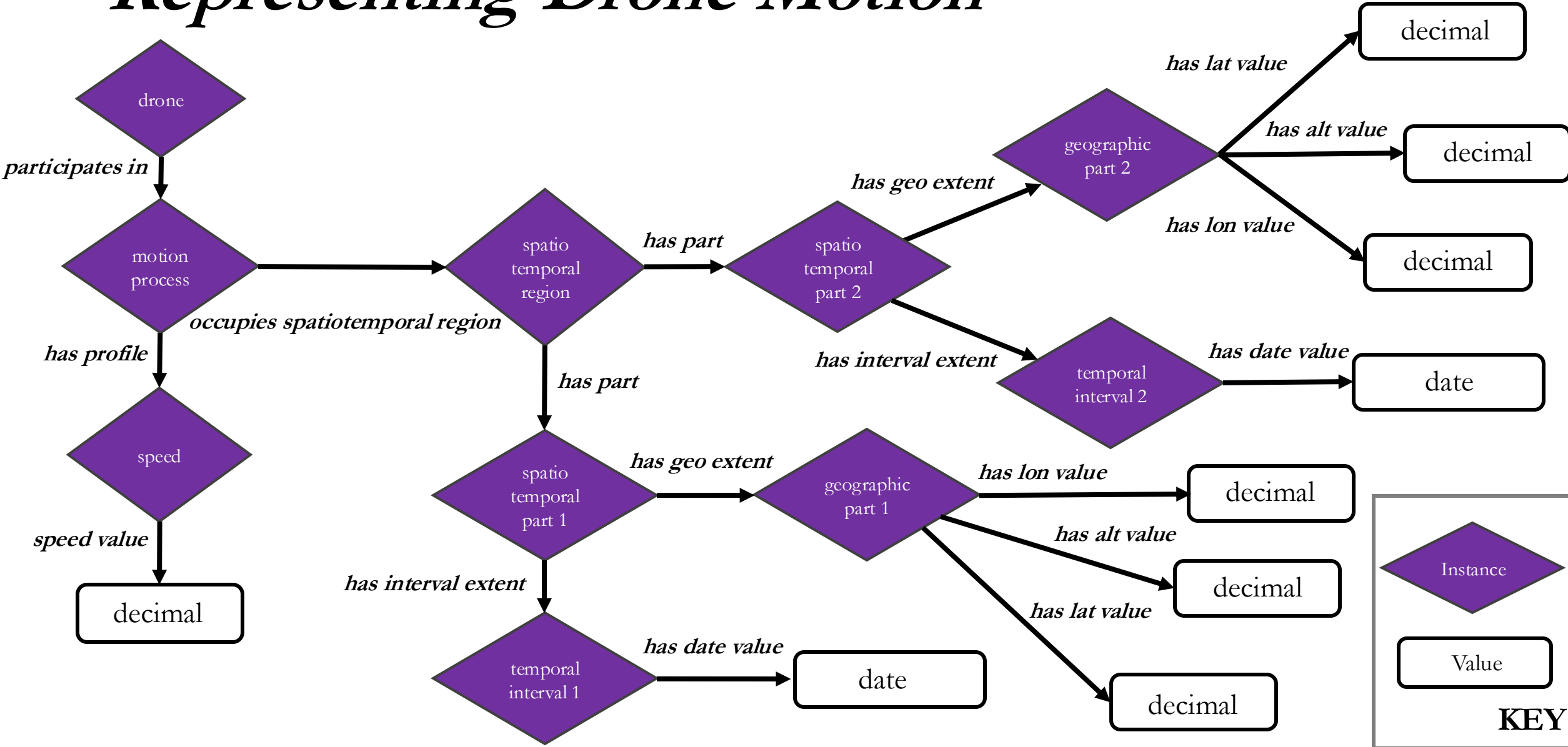
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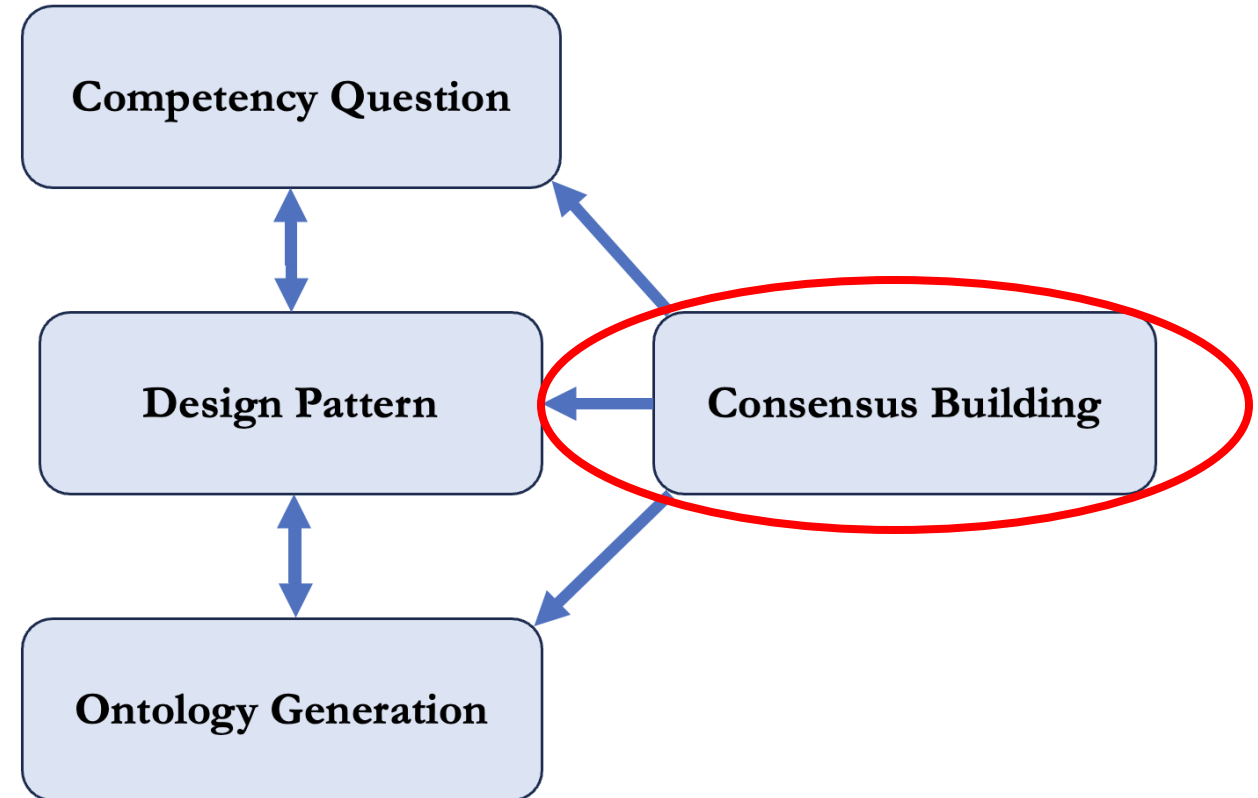
# Representing Drone Motion





# *Guidance*

- Identify competency questions
- Generate design patterns to address competency questions and inform ontology creation
- Revise competency questions, design patterns, and ontology through consensus-building exercises



# *Consensus-Building Exercises*

- Consensus-building exercises are where ontologists and domain experts work towards an agreed understanding of ontology terms, definitions, etc.

- Importantly, whatever agreement is reached is **meant to be added to the ontology**; domain experts can **continue speaking as they need**

## **3.1.2 Consensus-Building Exercises**

We understand ontology development as requiring **consensus-building** among stakeholders<sup>70</sup> and our team has an established record of reaching such consensus, e.g. coordinating coronavirus terms across distinct ontology communities and subject-matter experts.<sup>50</sup> Accordingly, **we will hold regular meetings for consensus-building exercises, aimed at generating agreement over the appropriateness of ontology terms, definitions, appropriateness, relationships to nearby terms, etc.** For example, if 80% or more stakeholders agree on the relevance/definition/etc. of a term, then the term exhibits *strong* agreement. If a term exhibits 50% agreement or less, then it exhibits *weak* agreement. Terms in between exhibit *moderate* agreement. Meetings will begin by reminding participants of items on which we strongly agree. Items for which there is weak agreement will then be discussed. At the halfway mark of the meeting, attention will turn to the list of moderate items. After each meeting, stakeholders will be given a 3-point Likert Scale vote reflecting levels of agreement for each term discussed in the meeting. If a term exhibits *strong* agreement over three consecutive votes, then it will be included into the ontology or final CQ list and not be voted on again unless a strong case is made for doing so. Importantly, our goal is not that all stakeholders must agree on all CQs and key content, but that we reach some agreement as to what CQs and key content to include, how it is defined, labeled, and related to other content.

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# Markdown

- Markdown is a popular **markup language** (that is, a text encoding system, such as HTML)
- You'll be using markdown in GitHub to format issues, posts, responses, etc.



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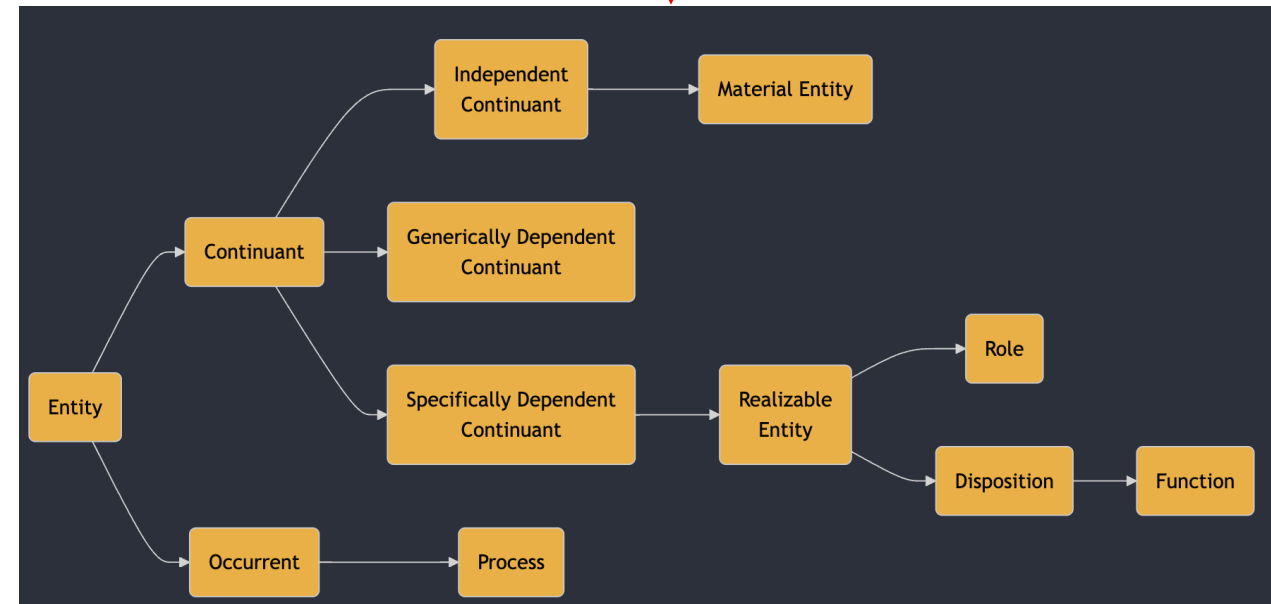
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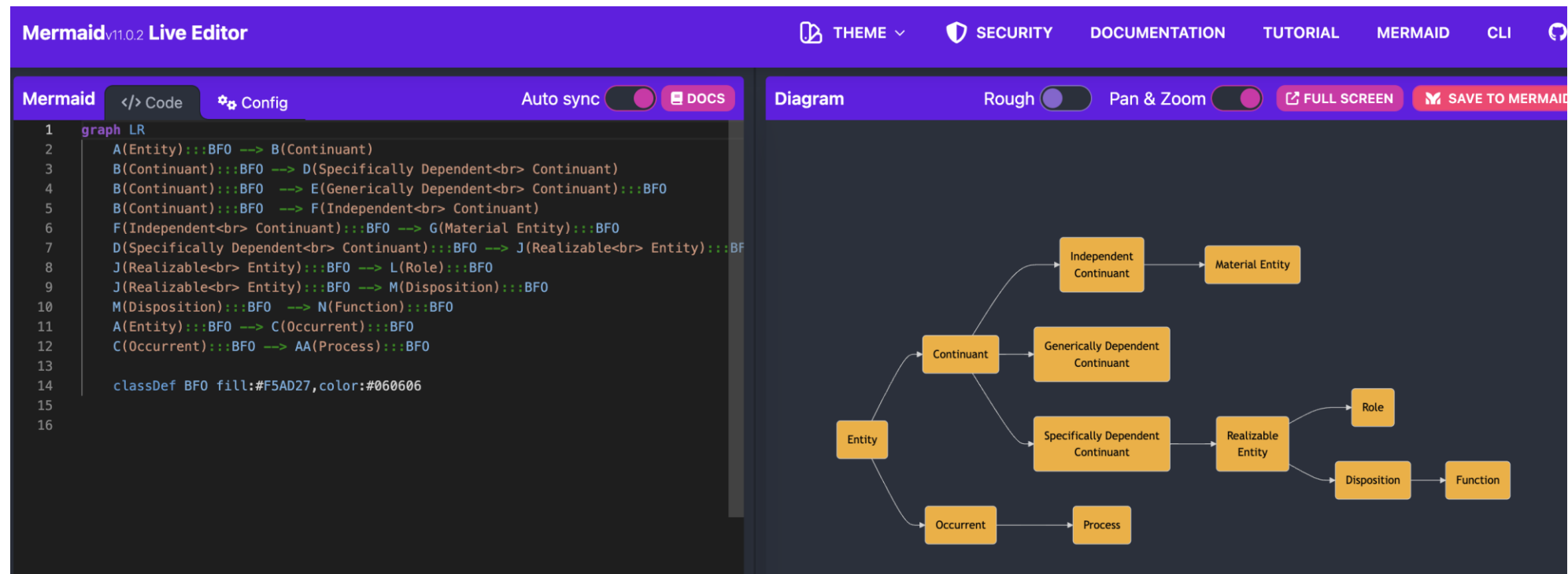
- Mermaid is a flavor of Markdown specialized for representing diagrams
- You'll be using mermaid to represent design patterns in this course



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    B(Continuant)::BF0 --> F(Independent<br> Continuant)
    F(Independent<br> Continuant)::BF0 --> G(Material Entity)::BF0
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    C(Occurrent)::BF0 --> AA(Process)::BF0

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Flowchart

Sequence Diagram

Class Diagram

State Diagram

Entity Relationship Diagram

User Journey

Gantt

Pie Chart

Quadrant Chart

Requirement Diagram

Play around in the live editor:

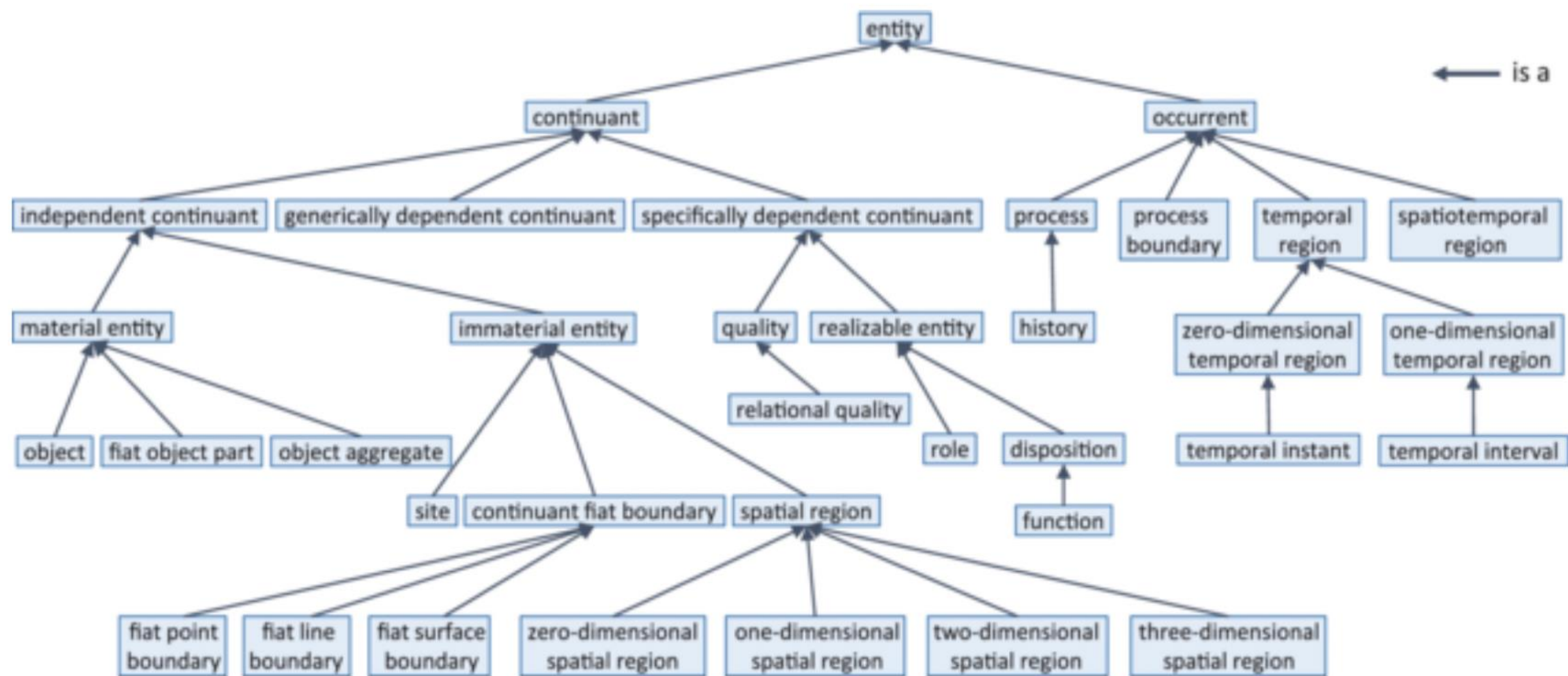
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Navigate to the helpful tutorials:

<https://mermaid.js.org/ecosystem/tutorials.html>

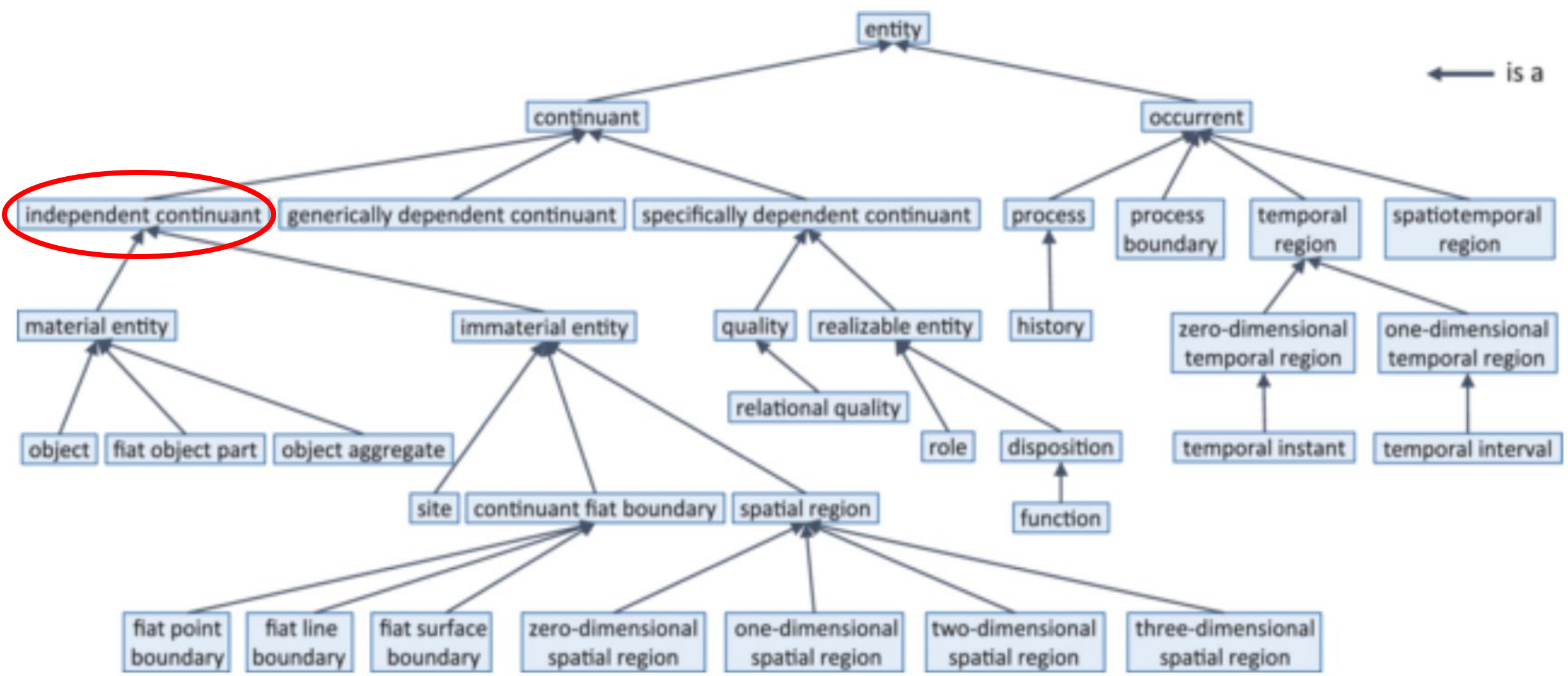
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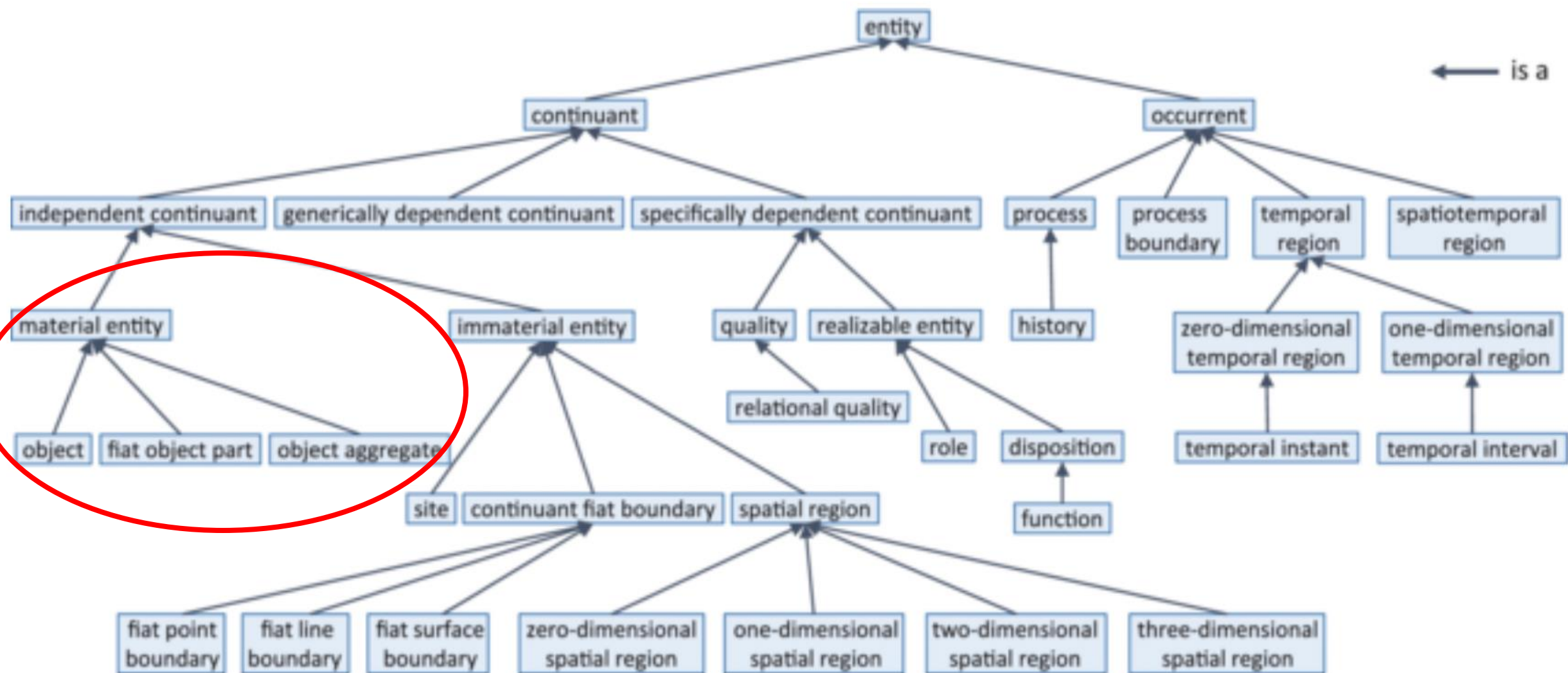
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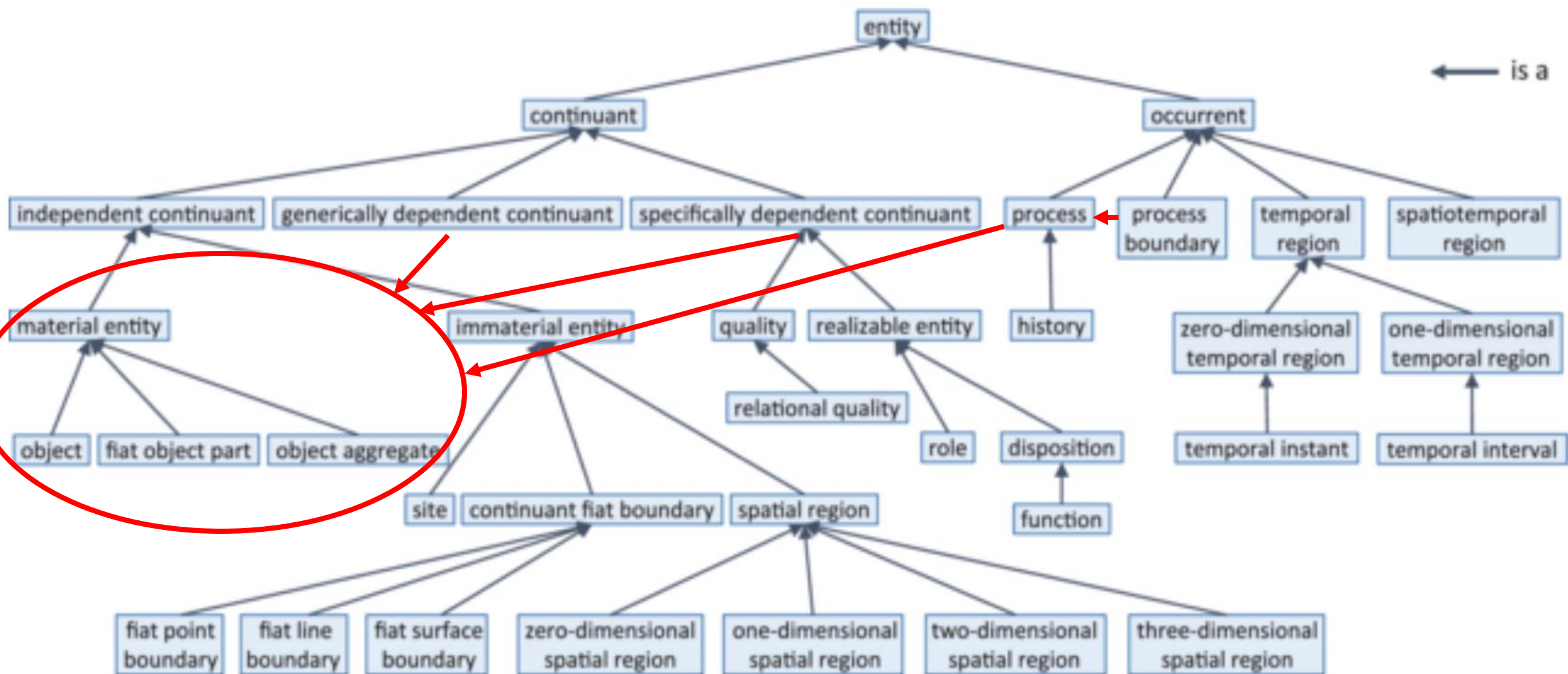
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# *Eleatic Principle*

- The scope of BFO is space, time, and anything in space and time
- As a litmus test, anything in space and time must have some causal impact on other entities in space and time
- Material entities are paradigmatically in space
- Nearly everything in BFO traces its dependence back to material entities



# *Eleatic Principle*

- Generically dependent continuants are **concretized in** specifically dependent continuants
- Processes realize certain specifically dependent continuants
- Specifically dependent continuants are **borne by** independent continuants, such as material entities

# *Rules of Thumb*

- When building a design pattern, describe:
  1. Material entities within scope, i.e. **Material Entity**
  2. Qualities these material entities have, i.e. **Quality**
  3. What these material entities can do, i.e. **Process**
  4. What properties underwrite what they can do, i.e. **Realizable Entity**
  5. Information we use to talk about 1-4, i.e. **Generically Dependent Continuant**

# *Exercise*

- Suppose you've been given the following competency question to answer:

**How quickly are shipping containers transported by Wal-Mart's truck fleet over a given fiscal quarter?**

- Leveraging the BFO hierarchy, work in groups to provide a design pattern that aims to answer this question

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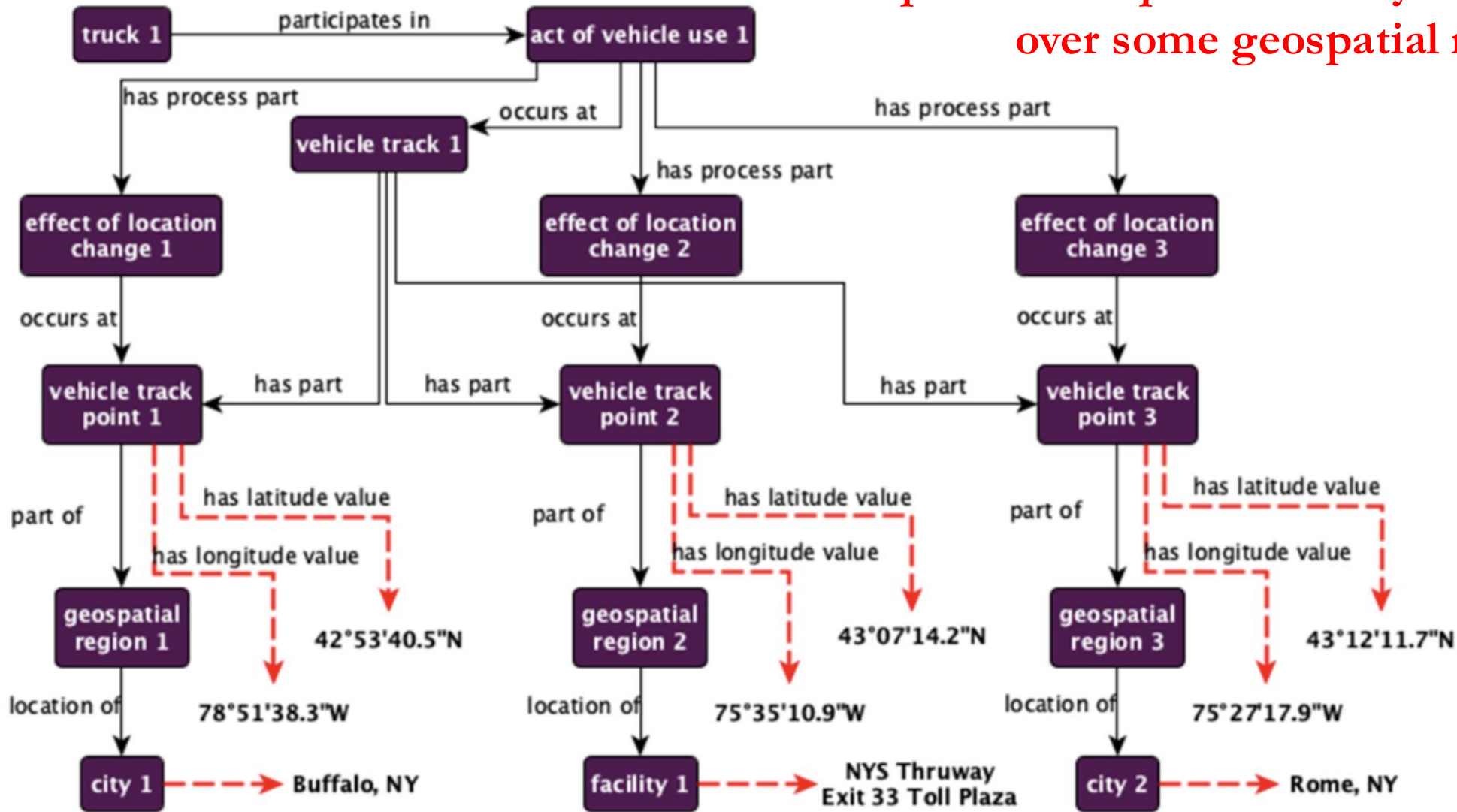
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- Ontology engineers must often work with developers who need to deploy our work
- Developers do not always need the full ontology design patterns or ontologies that we create
- We of course create full patterns where we can as a way to future-proof our projects
- In the short-term however, we must be able to give developers what they need

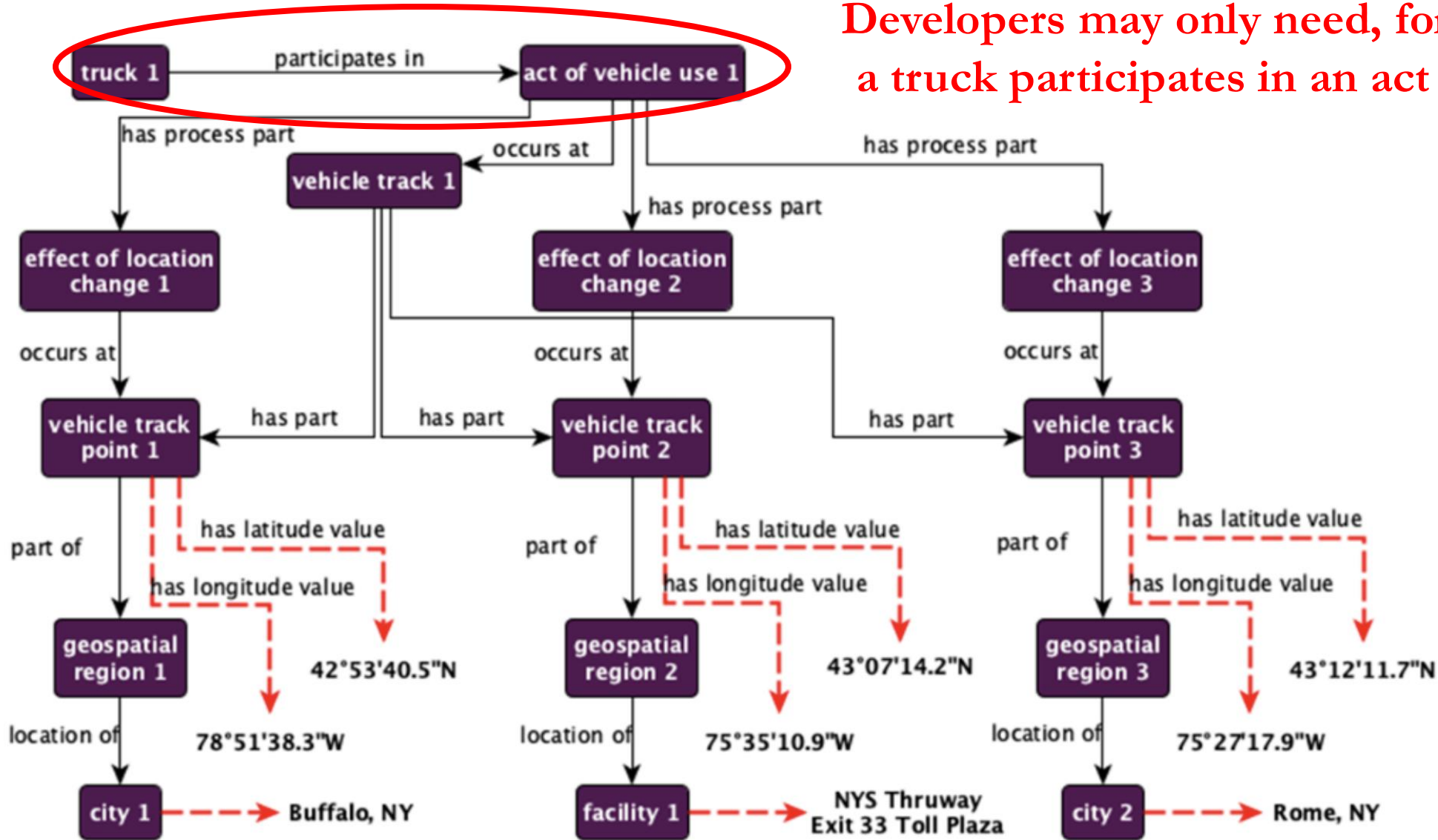
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- Call the full pattern ontology engineers are trained to generate a **Complex Design Pattern (CDPs)**
- Call sub-graphs of Complex Design patterns that aim to addressing specific user needs **Simplified Design Patterns (SDPs)**
- Our task is to show how to construct SDPs from CDPs, so we maintain a connection from what developer's need now to what they might need in the future

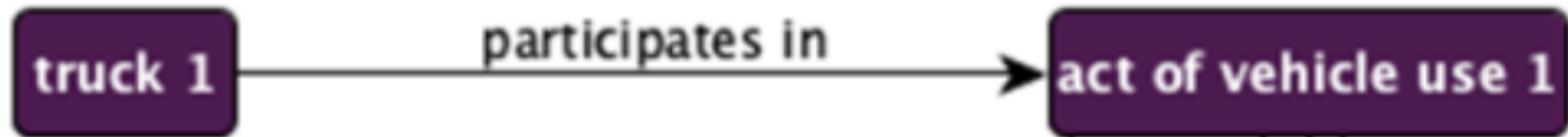
Represent the path taken by a ground vehicle over some geospatial region.



Developers may only need, for example, that  
a truck participates in an act of vehicle use



If so, then that is what you give them...



This is acceptable because – in the actual ontology artifact on a given computing system – we can cut this part of the graph from the larger graph represented in the preceding design pattern

The rest is simply adopting configuration management strategies to ensure you SPCs remain aligned with CDPs

# *Exercise*

- Suppose you've been given the following competency question to answer:

**Are shipping containers transported by Wal-Mart's truck fleet?**

- Leveraging the design pattern emerging from your previous exercise, extract a simplified design pattern that addresses this question