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Visualizing Concepts with a Domain Model

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Overview

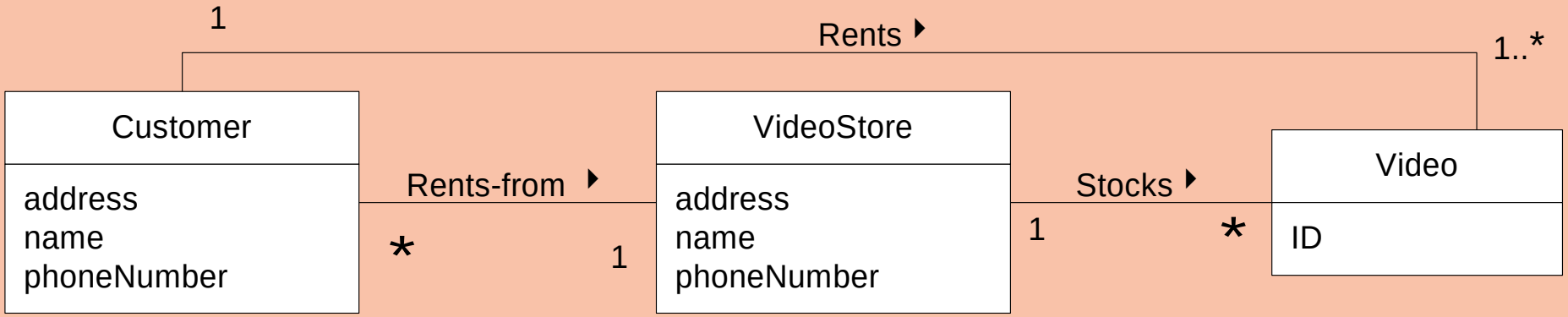
- A Domain Model visualizes noteworthy concepts or objects in the domain.

- You will be able to:
  - Read and write the UML class diagram notation for a Domain Model
  - Create a Domain Model
  - Apply guidelines
  - Relate it to other artifacts

DEFINITION & MOTIVATION: Domain Model

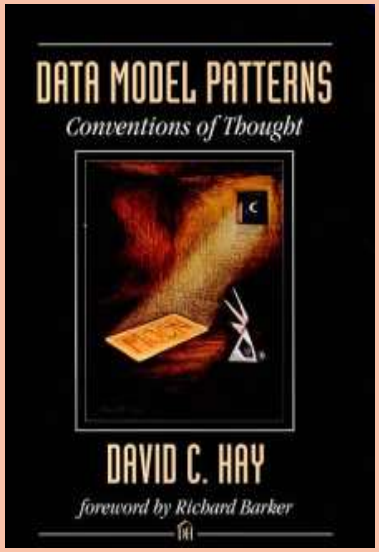
- A *Domain Model* visualizes, using UML class diagram notation, noteworthy concepts or objects.
  - It is a kind of “visual dictionary.”
  - *Not* a picture of software classes.
- It helps us identify, relate and visualize important information.
- It provides inspiration for later creation of software design classes, to reduce “representational gap.”

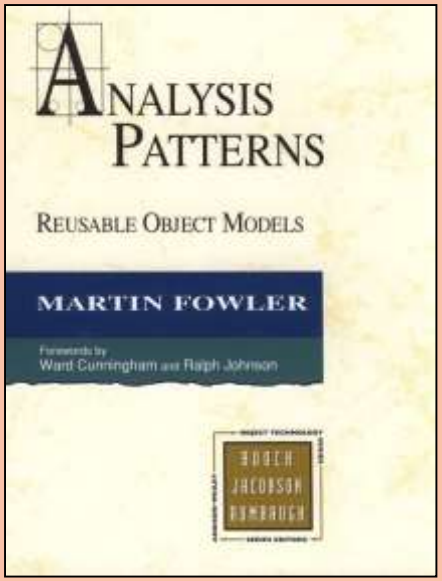
EXAMPLE: Partial Domain Model



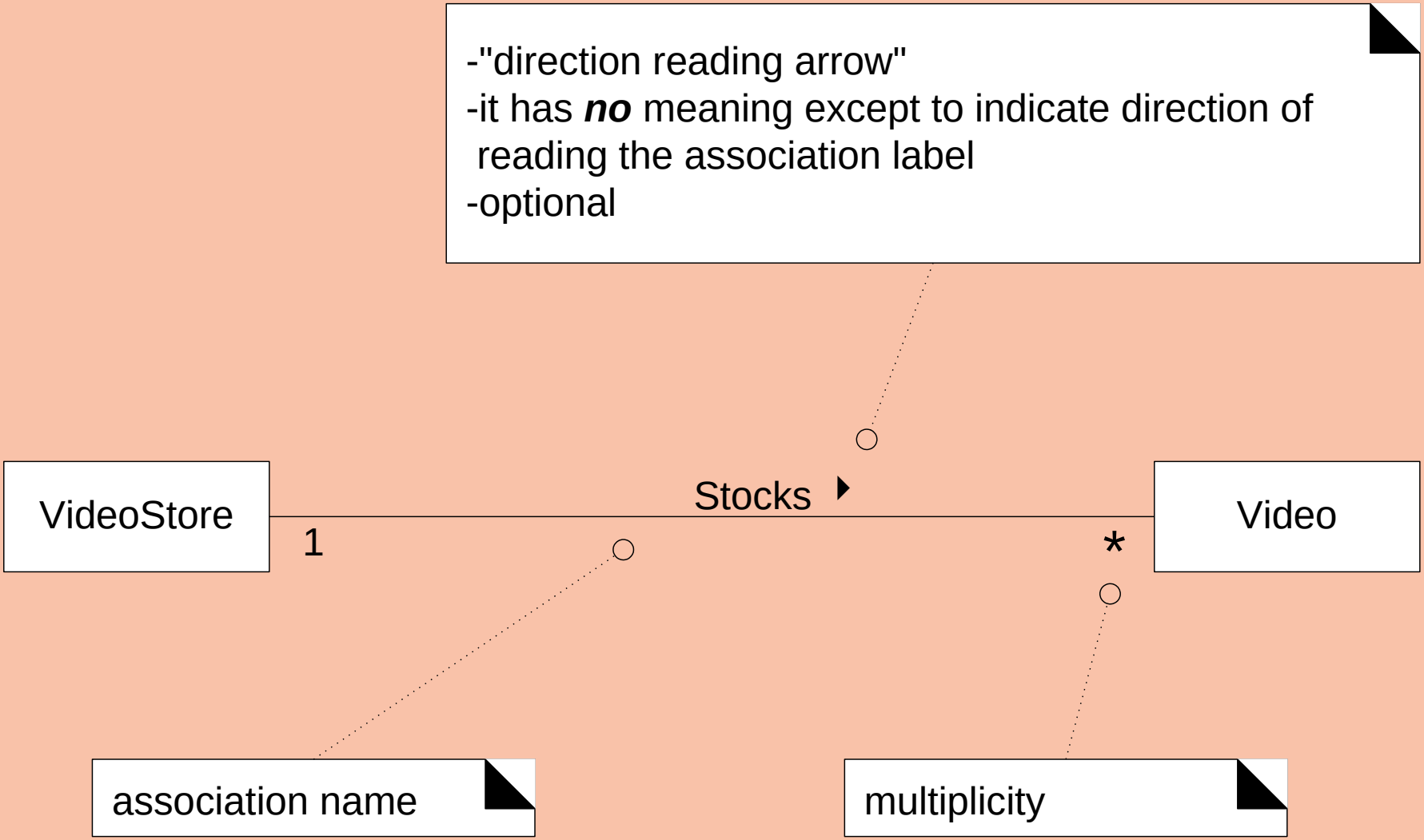
GUIDELINES: Finding Domain Concepts

- Candidate lists (see text, p. 134)
- "Abbott" Analysis; AKA Linguistic Analysis
  - Most simply, "pick out the nouns"
- Existing analysis patterns:

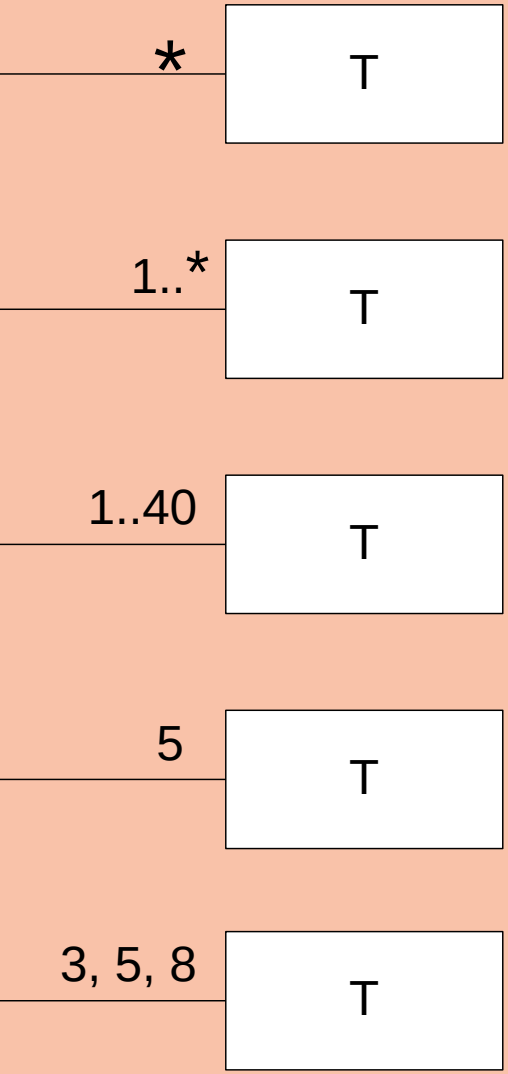


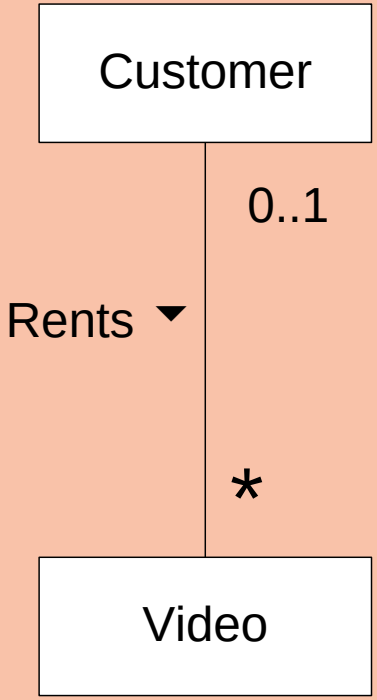


UML: Associations



UML: Multiplicity



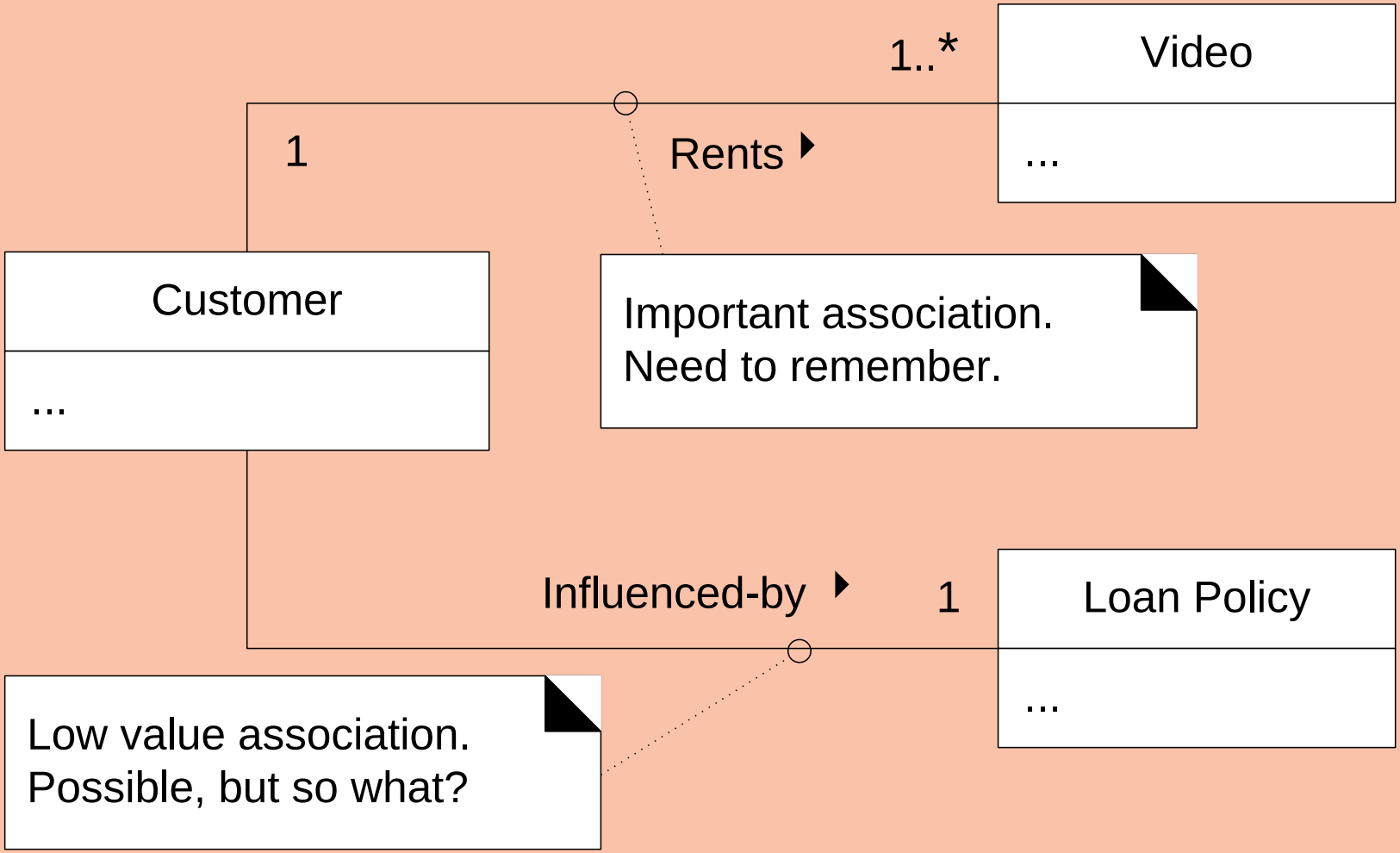


One instance of a Customer may be renting zero or more Videos.

One instance of a Video may be being rented by zero or one Customers.

GUIDELINES: Associations

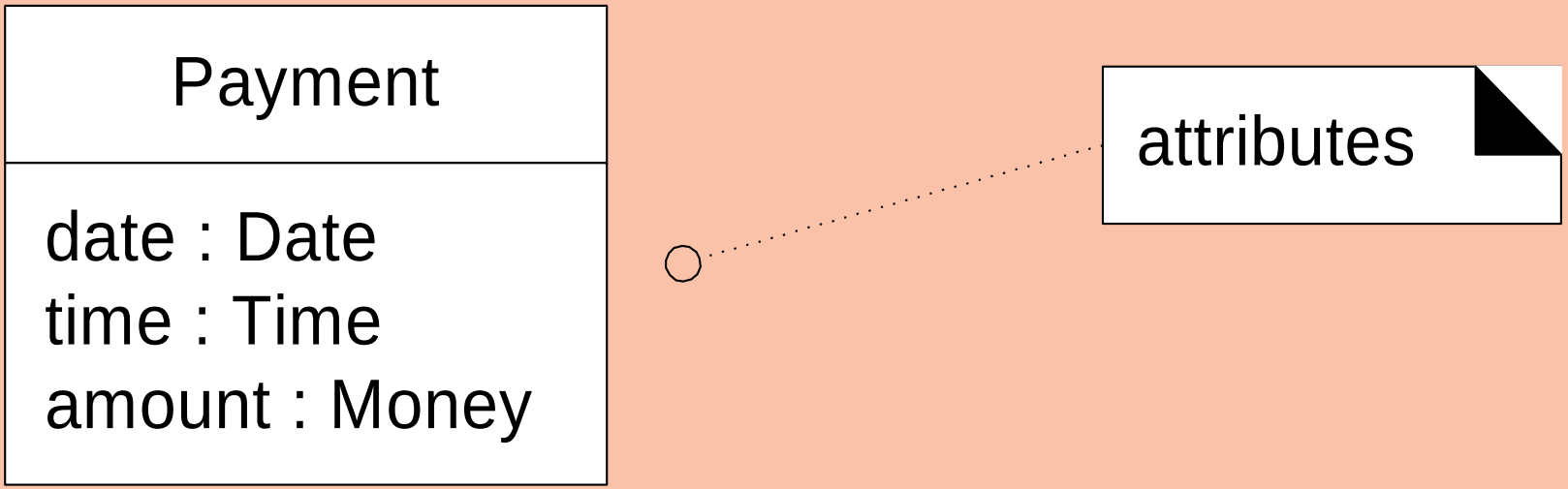
- Only add associations for *noteworthy* relationships. Literally, those for which making a “note” is worthy or business motivated.



UML and GUIDELINES: Attributes

- Show only “simple” relatively primitive types as attributes.

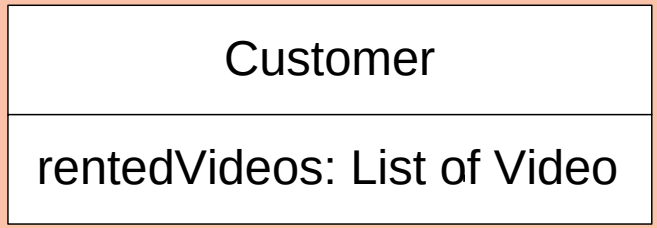
- Connections to other concepts are to be represented as associations, not attributes.



GUIDELINES: Attributes

- Why??

Worse



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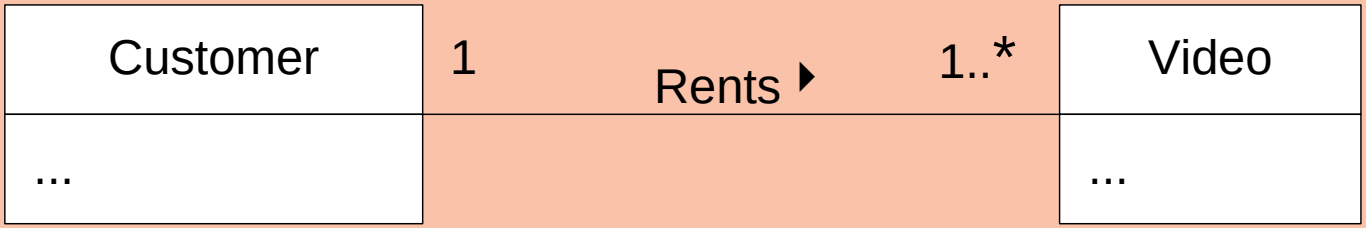
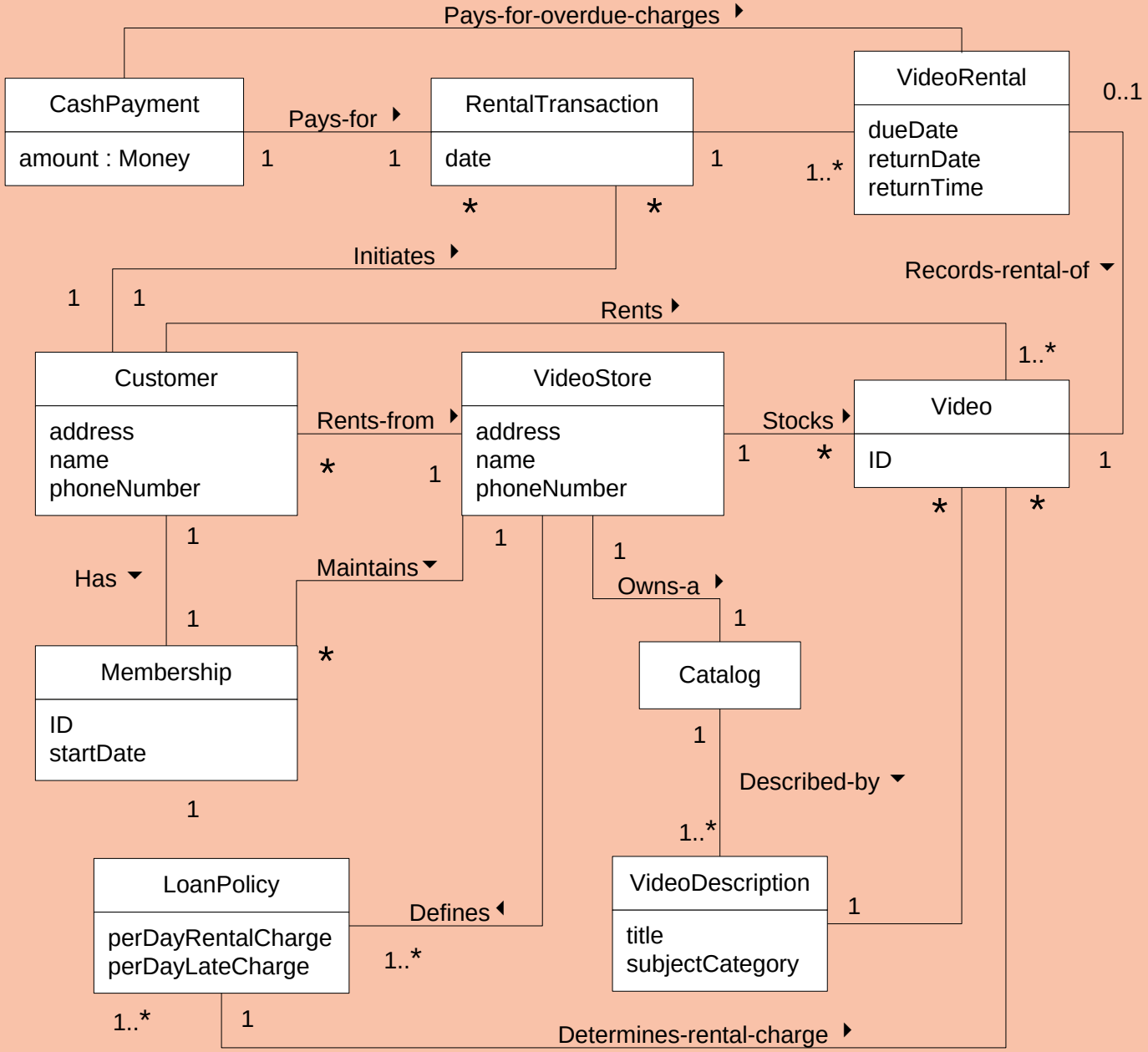


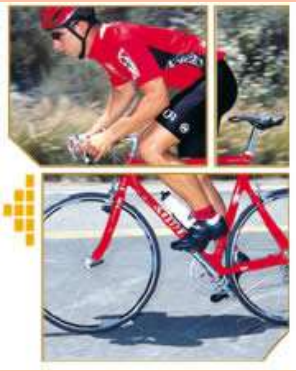
EXAMPLE: Domain Model



Notice how this can be viewed as a "visual dictionary." It *illustrates* concepts, words, things in a domain.

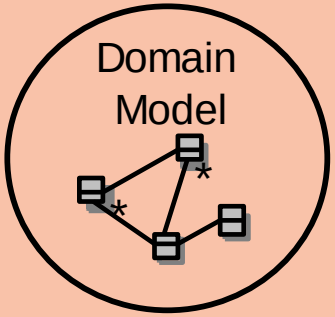
1. In small teams at the whiteboard, draw a partial Domain Model, limited to the Main Success Scenario of the *Process Sale* use case, and assuming iteration 1 simplifications.

   - Use the text's use case as the basis. p. 50
   - Apply the guidelines



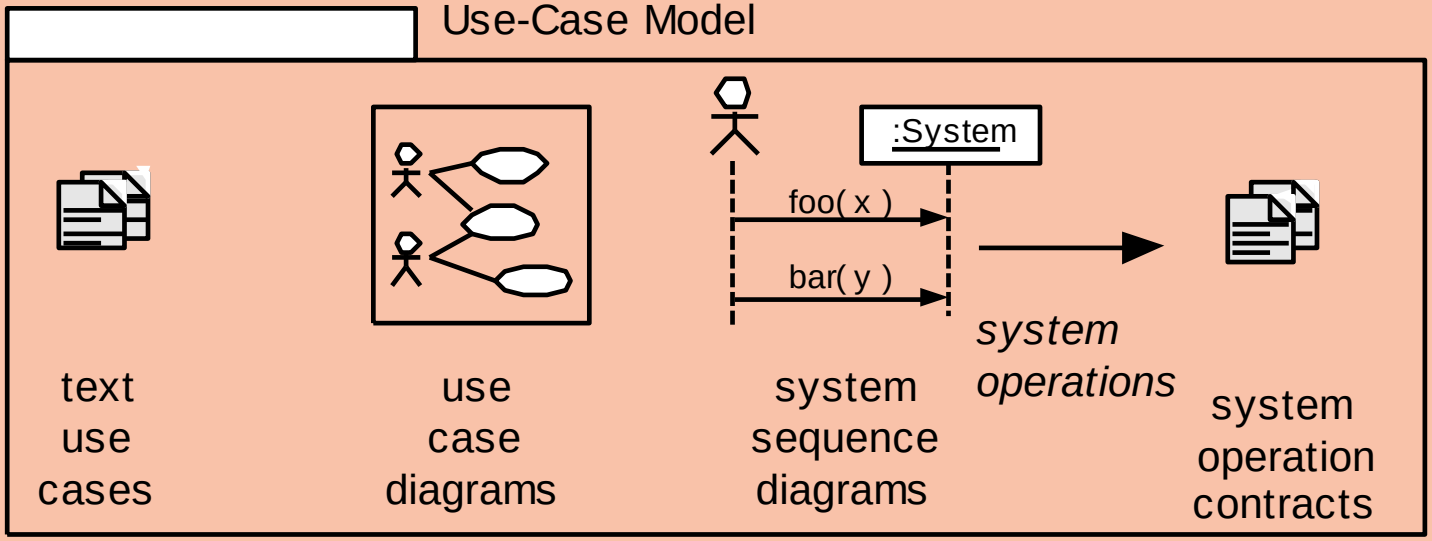
Artifacts in the UP Use-Case Model

Business Modeling



Partial artifacts, refined in each iteration.

Requirements



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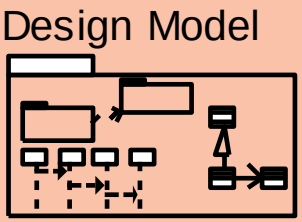

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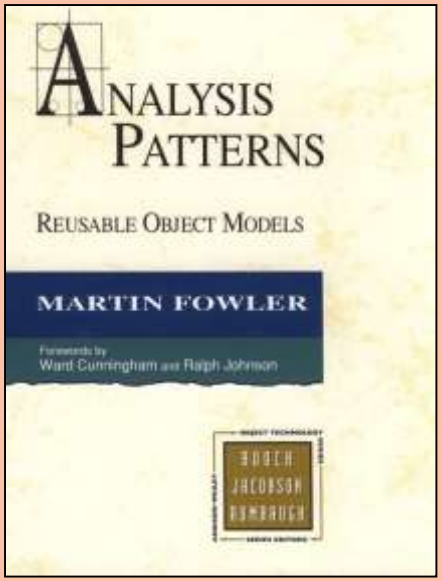

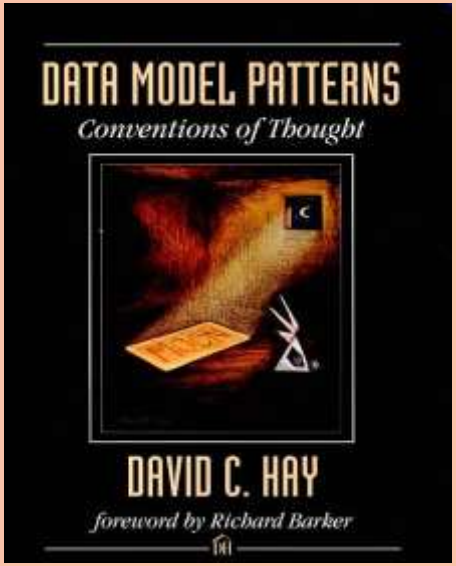

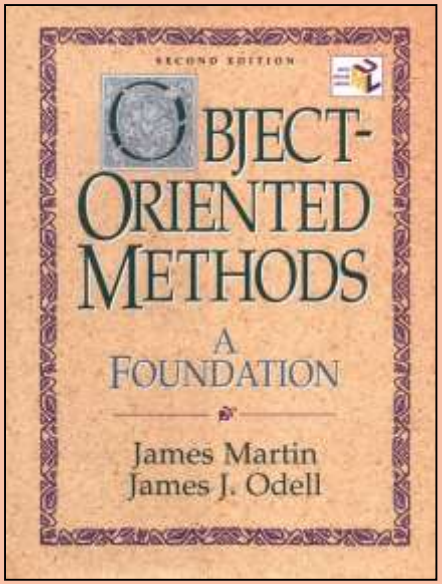

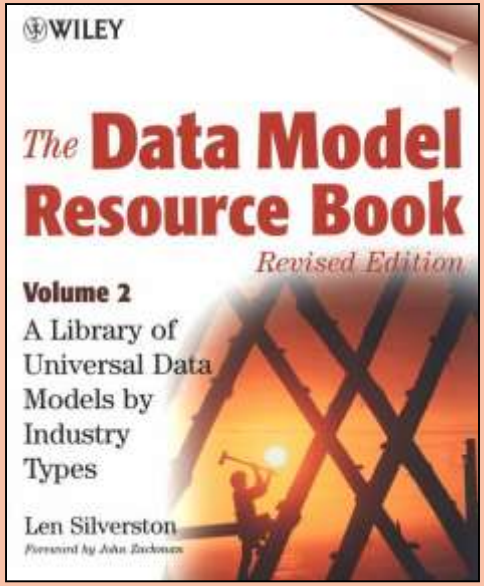

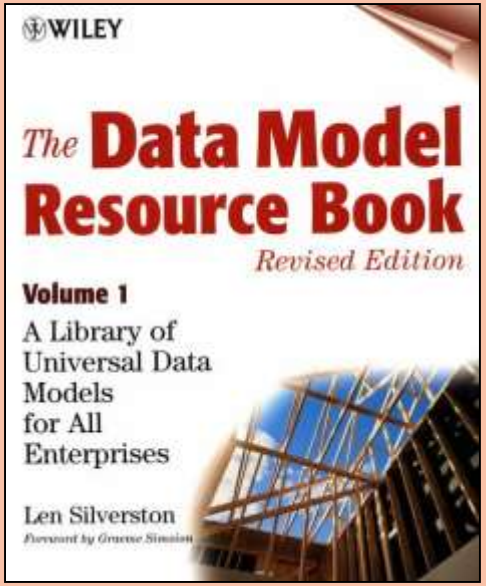

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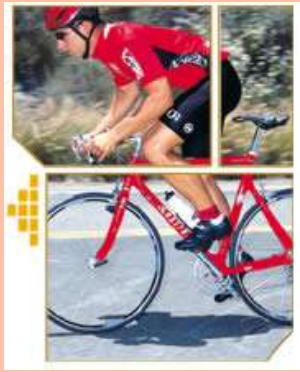
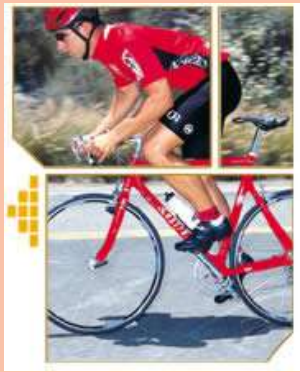
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