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Behaviour Modelling: UML State Machine Diagrams and Models

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Behavoiur Modeling

- A behavior Modeling is intended to provide clarity, for example, about internal processes, business processes or the interaction of different systems.
- UML Behavioral Diagrams depict the elements of a system that are dependent on time and that convey the dynamic concepts of the system and how they relate to each other.
- The elements in these diagrams resemble the verbs in a natural language and the relationships that connect them typically convey the passage of time.



State Diagram

- State machine diagram typically are used to describe state-dependent behavior for an object.
- An object responds differently to the same event depending on what state it is in.
- The state model is a reductionist view of behaviour that examines each object individually.



State Diagram Vs Flowchart

- A flowchart illustrates processes that are executed in the system that change the state of objects.
- A state diagram shows the actual changes in state, not the processes or commands that created those changes.



How to Draw State Diagram

- Before you begin your drawing find the initial and final state of the object in question.
- Next, think of the states the object might undergo. For example, in e-commerce a product will have a release or available date, a sold out state, a restocked state, placed in cart state, a saved on wish list state, a purchased state, and so on.
- Certain transitions will not be applicable when an object is in a particular state, for example a product can be in a purchased state or a saved in cart state if its previous state is sold out.



State Diagram: Notations and Symbols

activities/methods



States

States represent situations during the life of an object. A state is represented by using a rectangle with rounded corners.



A state with internal activities

State Diagram: Notations and Symbols



Transition

A solid arrow represents the path between different states of an object. Label the transition with the event that triggered it and the action that results from it. A state can have a transition that points back to itself.



State Diagram: Notations and Symbols



Initial State

A filled circle followed by an arrow represents the object's initial state.



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Final State

An arrow pointing to a filled circle nested inside another circle represents the object's final state



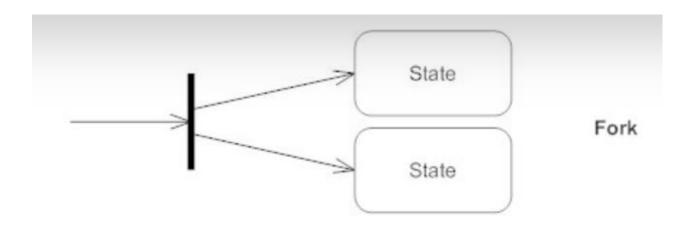
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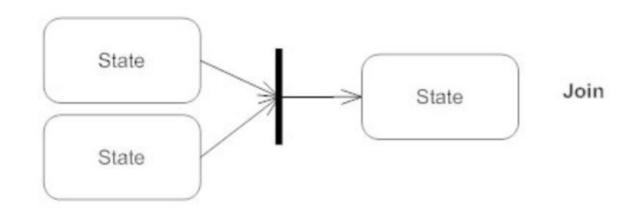
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Synchronization and Splitting of Control

- A short heavy bar with two transitions entering it represents a synchronization of control.
- The first bar is often called a fork where a single transition splits into concurrent multiple transitions.
- The second bar is called a join, where the concurrent transitions reduce back to one.

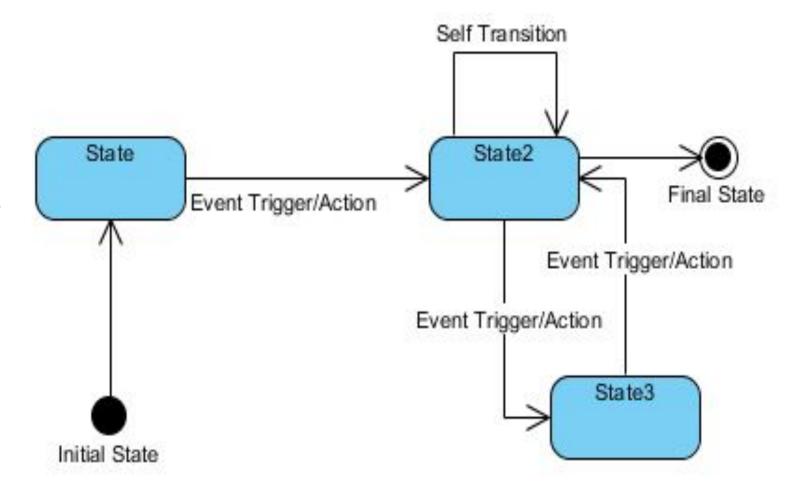




Triggers Event, Action and Guard Condiction



- A trigger is an **event** that initiates a transition from one state to another.
- A **guard condition** is a Boolean condition that must be satisfied for a transition to occur.
- An effect is the **action** or activity that happens when a transition occurs.



Adding triggers to state machine diagrams



•Adding call events to state machine diagrams

A call event is an event that represents the receipt of a request to invoke an operation. A transition with a call event initiates when the called operation is invoked.

Adding change events to state machine diagrams

A change event is an event that represents a condition. The condition is defined by a Boolean-valued expression that triggers a transition when its value changes from false to true.

Adding signal events to state machine diagrams

A signal event represents a specific message that initiates a transition when an object receives it.

Adding triggers to state machine diagrams



•Adding time events to state machine diagrams

A time event is an event that represents the passage of a defined period of time or an absolute time. A transition with a time event trigger initiates when the time value is satisfied.

Adding any received event triggers to state machine diagrams

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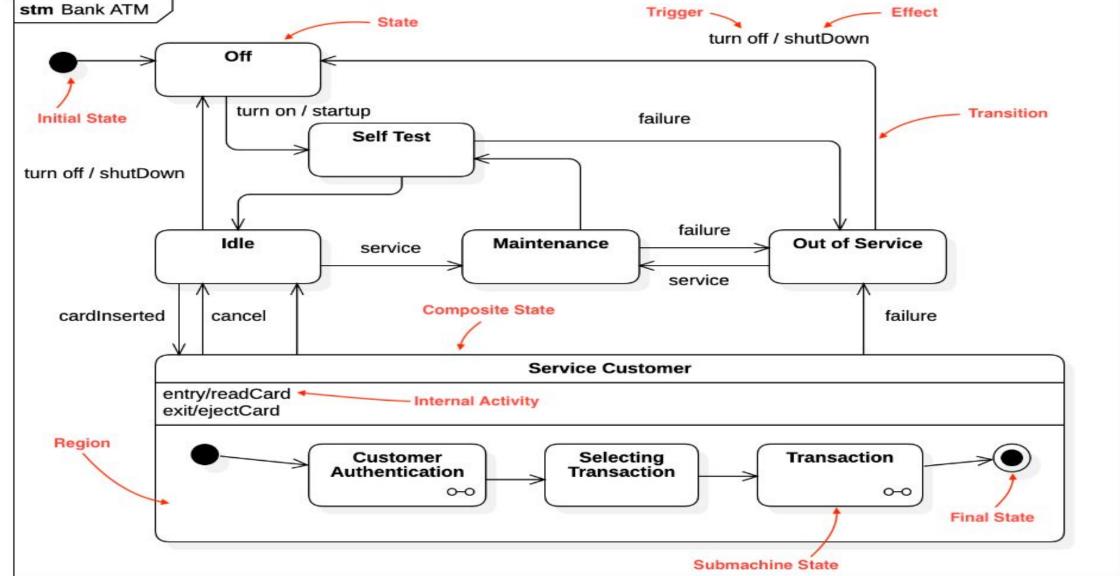
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