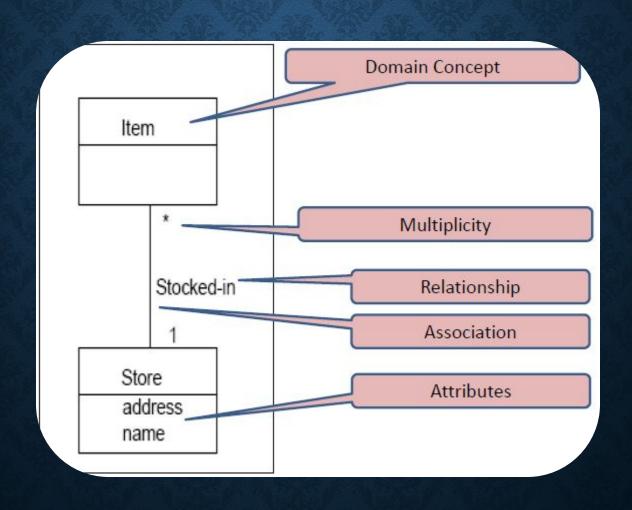
# DOMAIN MODEL



#### **DOMAIN MODEL:**

 A domain model is a visual representation of conceptual classes or real world objects in a domain of interest.

 In iterative development, Domain model is incrementally build in several iterations of elaboration

- In a domain model we identify
  - Conceptual classes
  - Associations
  - Attributes

## **CONCEPTUAL CLASS:**

- Domain model illustrates conceptual classes or vocabulary in the domain
- It is an idea, thing, or object.
- A conceptual class may be considered as a symbol, intension, and extension
  - Symbol: words or images representing a conceptual class
  - Intension: the definition of a conceptual class
  - Extension: the set of examples to which the conceptual class applies

### **CONCEPTUAL CLASS IDENTIFICATION:**

- Widely used techniques are
  - Use a conceptual class category list
  - Identify noun phrase from use cases text,
    scenario
- It is better to over specify a domain model

### **NOUNS AND NOUN PHRASES:**

A <u>customer</u> arrives at the <u>checkout</u> with a <u>basket of goods</u>. The <u>cashier</u> scans each <u>product</u>. The <u>price</u> of each <u>item</u> is determined by the <u>system</u>, and the <u>price</u> of each <u>transaction</u> is displayed to the <u>customer</u> and recorded on the <u>receipt</u>. The <u>total</u> is shown to the <u>customer</u>, who makes a <u>payment</u>, perhaps using a <u>credit card</u>.

- Use a small number of related Use Cases
- Identify all the nouns and noun phrases
  - -Highlight, Underline, Copy to whiteboard
- At this stage, don't do any other processing
  - Removal of duplicates, looking for synonyms, identifying hierarchy
- Provides a good list of candidate classes

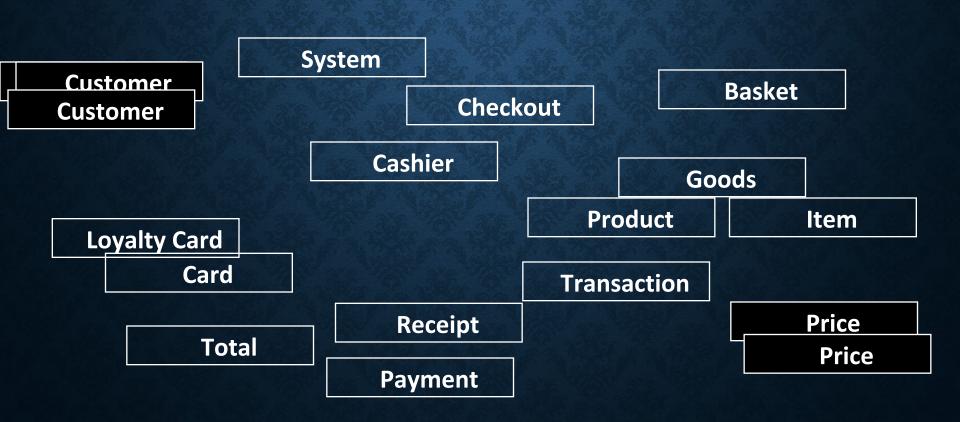
#### **MAP MAKER STRATEGY: WHITEBOARD**

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Customer	Checkout	Basket	Goods
Cashier	Product	Price	Item
System	Price	Transaction	Customer
Receipt	Total	Customer	Payment
credit Card	Basket of Goods	Card	

### **ORGANISE SPATIALLY:**

- Move related items closer, unrelated items further apart
- Enables removal of duplicates
- Identification of synonyms



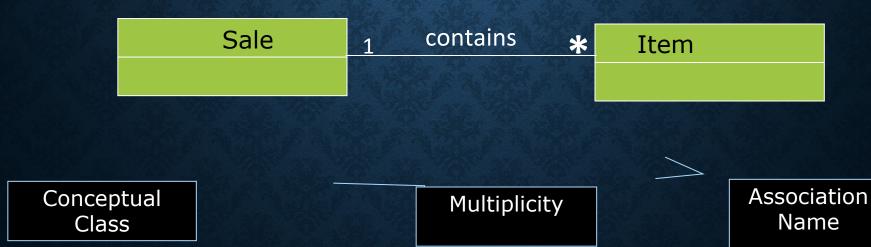
#### **REMOVE SYNONYMS:**

- Similar terms are often used to describe the same thing
  - Need to choose the most descriptive, least open to interpretation
- May require a more detailed description
  - Electrical product / frozen product . . .
  - Only if within scope of current Use Cases

Loyalty Card Product Item

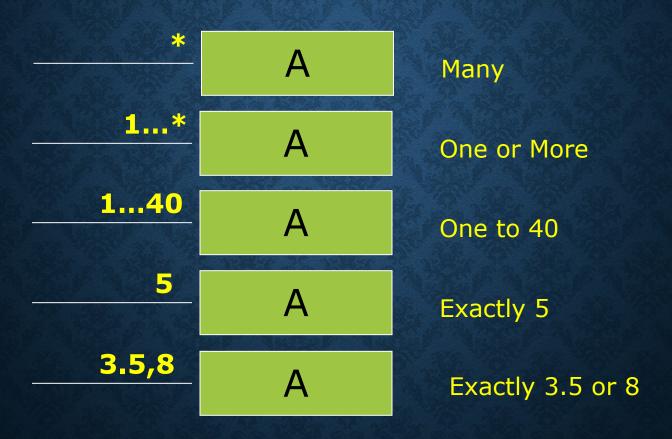
#### **ASSOCIATIONS:**

- The semantic relationship between two or more classifiers that involves connections among their instances
- Association can be found from
  - Association List
  - Include following High Priority Association
    - A is a Physical or Logical part of B
    - A is a Physically or Logically contained in B
    - A is recorded in B
- An association is represented as a line between classes with an association name



#### **Multiplicity:**

How many instances of a class A can be associated with the instance of a class
 B in a particular moment



#### **Association Name:**

- Should be a verb phrase that is readable and meaning full in model context
- Should start from a capital letter such as
  - Records
  - Houses
  - Paid by

Sale	Contains	Item

#### **ATTRIBUTES:**

- An attribute is a logical data value of an object
- An attribute is defined by
  - Name
  - Data Type
  - Initial value
- Type and initial value are optional

#### **BankAccount**

balance: Money = 0

#### **Flight**

source: Airport

destination: Airport

#### Age

years: integer

#### HotelRoom

roomnumber

**3D-Point** 

Position: Trio of coords

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