Event sourcing

Time is nature's way of keeping everything from happening at once.

John Archibald Wheeler

Design and implement a basic trading system using event sourcing. All system state — including orders, trades, and balances — must be reconstructed by replaying a sequence of immutable domain events. This approach mirrors real-world financial systems that prioritize auditability and historical accuracy.

To do

- 1. Event Types: Define 5 event types representing domain actions:
 - OrderPlaced represents a new buy or sell order submitted by a user. When replayed, it adds the order to the order book.
 - OrderCancelled indicates that a user has cancelled a pending order. When replayed, it marks the order as cancelled and removes it from the active order book.
 - TradeExecuted signals that a buy and a sell order have matched, and a trade has occurred.
 - FundsDebited records that a user's funds have been deducted (e.g. for buying shares). When replayed, it decreases the user's available balance.
 - FundsCredited records that a user's account has received funds (e.g. from selling shares). When replayed, it increases the user's available balance.
- 2. **Event Store**: Build an in-memory or file-backed event log that supports the following API:
 - append(event) , get_all_events()
- 3. Command Handlers: Accept commands (e.g., place_order , withdraw_funds) and emit appropriate events commands do not directly mutate state.
- 4. **Aggregate Reconstruction**: Implement one or more domain models (e.g., OrderBook, Account) that rebuild their state by replaying events.
- 5. **Replay Support**: Reconstruct the full application state from scratch using only the event log.

Assignment 3

Further reading

- 1. Martin Fowler's Article on Event Sourcing
- 2. Intro to Event Sourcing (Microsoft)
- 3. Intro to CQRS (Microsoft)