

# LESSON TITLE

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## Activity Diagram

1. Activity Diagram Essentials
2. Activities and Actions
3. Decisions and Merges
4. Doing Multiple Tasks at the Same Time
5. Time Event

**Please provide the introduction / overview on this lesson**

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## Overview

In this chapter, you are going to learn about

- Definition of Activity and Action
- Know different Activity and Action
- Know how to use Decisions and Merges
- Know how to show multi-tasking in Activity diagram
- Know how to use Time Event in Activity diagram

# 1. Introduction > 1.2 Learning Content

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Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
1. Activity Diagram Essentials	1.1 Nodes and Actions	
	1.2. Edge or Path	
	1.3. Simple Example	
2. Activities and Actions	2.1. Activities	
	2.2. Action	
	2.3. Example	
3. Decisions and Merges	3.1. Decisions	
	3.2. Merges	
	3.3. Example	

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4. 4. Doing Multiple Tasks at the Same Time	4.1. Forks	
	4.2. Joins	
	4.3. Computer assembly workflow	
5. Time Event	5.1. Time wait	
	5.2. Recurring Time Event	
	5.3. Example	

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## Objective

Upon completion of this chapter, you will be able to

- Define elements in Activity Diagram
- Identify different between Activity and Action
- Use conditions in diagram and merge 2 control flows into one
- Use Multi-tasking in Activity Diagram
- Use Time delay and wait in Activity Diagram

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Keywords	Description
<b>Workflow</b>	the sequence of industrial, administrative, or other processes through which a piece of work passes from initiation to completion.
Node	a point in a diagram at which lines or pathways intersect.
<b>Decision</b>	the action or process of deciding something or of resolving a question.
<b>Fork</b>	the point where something divides into two parts.
<b>Merge</b>	Opposite of fork. Merge combines to form a single entity.

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- Feedback type
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Pre-Test

Question	Possible answers	Correct Answer	Feedback of the question
Which sentence express an action?	<div>1. This student is very clever.</div> <div>2. My lovely mother is preparing meal to pagoda.</div> <div>3. Books are in library right now.</div>	<div>2. My lovely mother is preparing meal to pagoda.</div>	“Very clever” is an adjective represents characteristic of a person, so it is not an action.



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Pre-Test

Question	Possible answers	Correct Answer	Feedback of the question
Choose the correct order of Activity of making frying egg?	<div>1. Warm the pan with frying oil</div> <div>2. Take off the shell and put the egg into the pan</div> <div>3. Buy the eggs from the market</div>	3, 1, 2	

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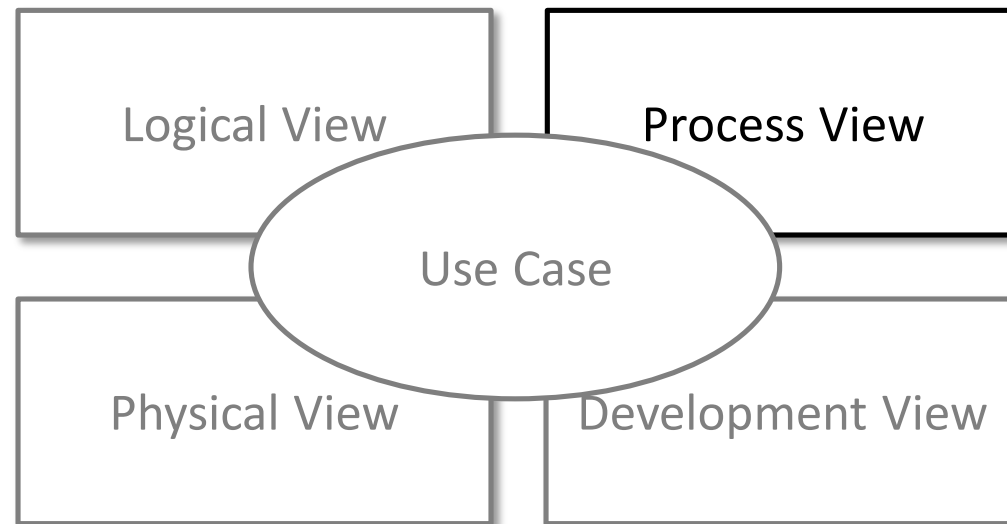
Question	Possible answers	Correct Answer	Feedback of the question
A Requirement said "System should be able to make a cup of hot coffee 3 in 1.", Which order of actions is correct?	<div>1. Boil water in a kettle, take a cup, pour water, put coffee 3 in 1, mix it well.</div> <div>2. Take a cup, put coffee 3 in 1, pour water, mix it well, boil water in a kettle.</div> <div>3. Boil water in a kettle, put coffee 3 in 1, mix it well, pour water, take a cup.</div>	1	<div>2, is not correct because the coffee is mixed well in the cup with cold water</div> <div>3, is not correct because the coffee is mixed well in the kettle, then pour it out without the cup.</div>

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- Use cases show what your system should do. Activity diagrams allow you to specify how your system will accomplish its goals
- Activity diagrams are particularly good at modeling business processes
- Activity diagrams are the only UML diagram in the process view



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#### ▪ Initial node

- Notation: **filled circle**
- It marks the **start of the activity**



#### ▪ Activity **final node**

- Notation: two concentric circles with a filled inner circle
- It marks the **end of the activity**



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#### ▪ Action

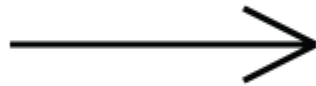
- Notation: **rounded rectangle**
- Actions are the **important steps** that take place **in the overall activity**
- An action could be:
  - a **behavior** performed,
  - a **computation**,
  - or any **key step** in the process



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- Notation: **arrowed line**
- It shows the **direction of flow** from one action to the next
- Incoming edge: a line going into a node
- Outgoing edge: a line exiting a node

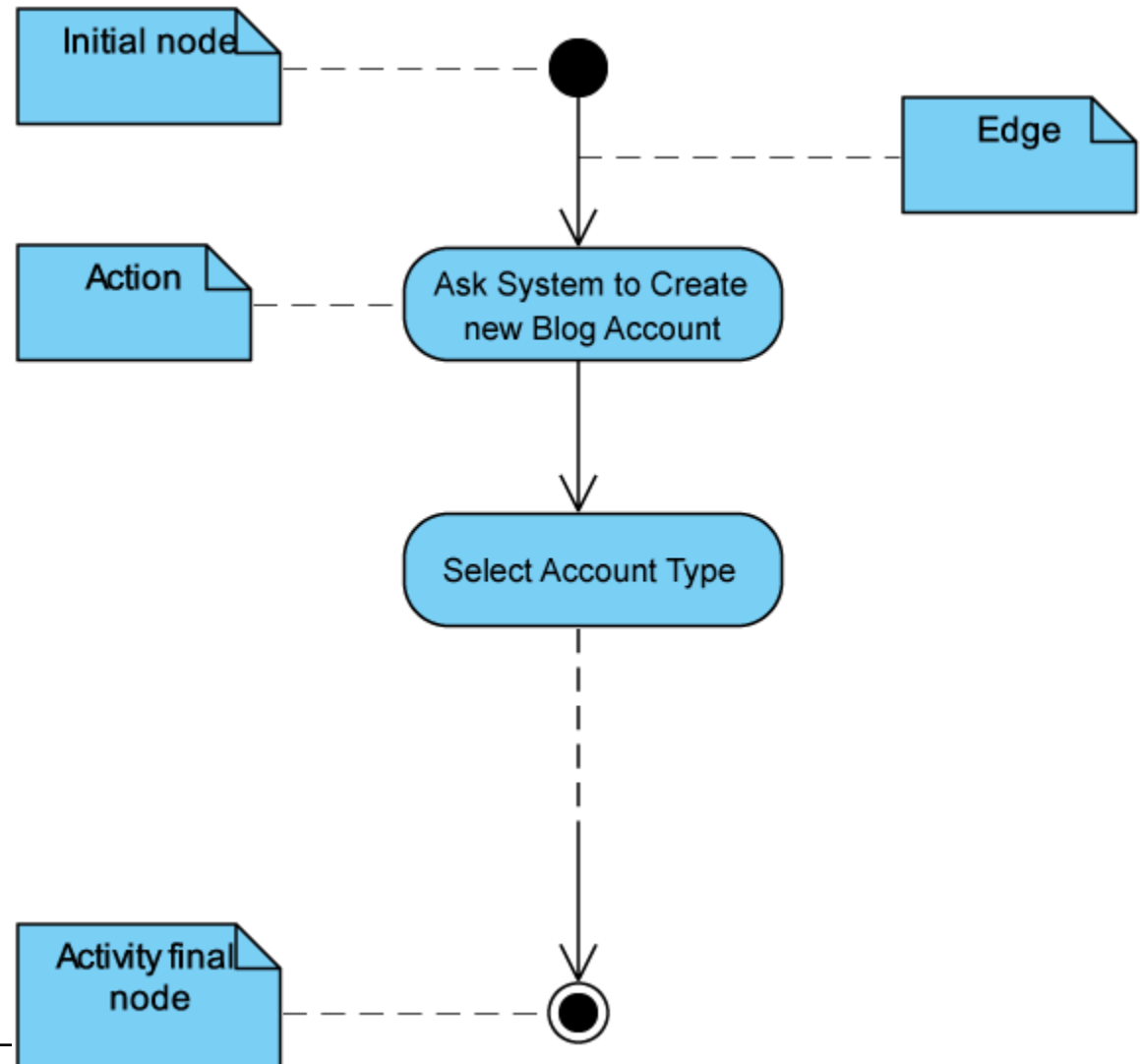


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- The word "**activity**" is often **mistakenly** used **instead of** "**action**" to describe a step in an activity diagram, but they are **not the same**
  - An **activity is the process** being modeled, such as
    - washing a car
    - booking a guesthouse
    - making coffee
  - An **action is a step** in the overall activity, such as
    1. Lather,
    2. Rinse, and then
    3. Dry



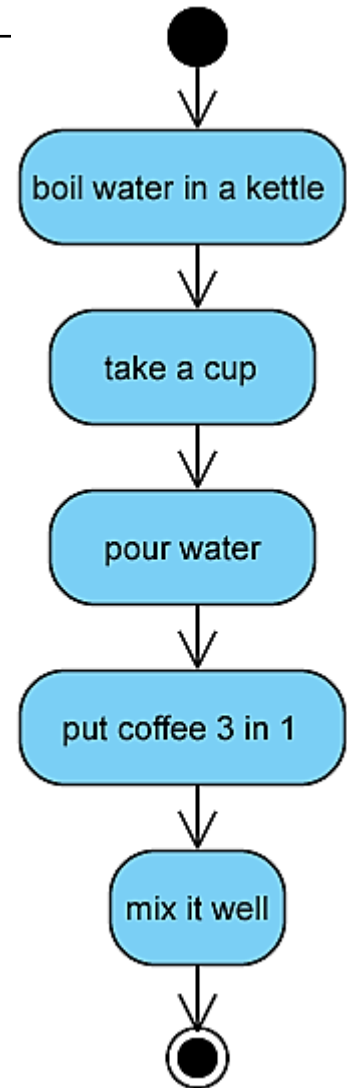
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- Activity presents a **process or workflow** being **modeled**

Example: Making Coffee activity:

1. First, boil water in a kettle,
2. take a cup,
3. pour water,
4. put coffee 3 in 1,
5. mix it well

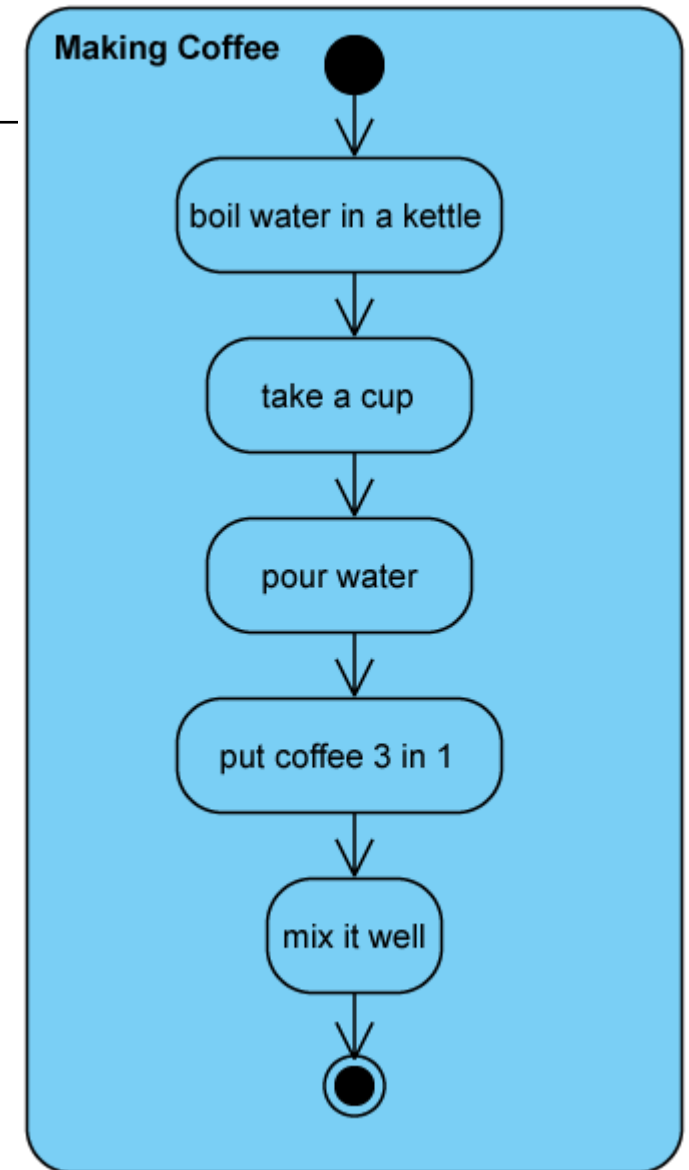


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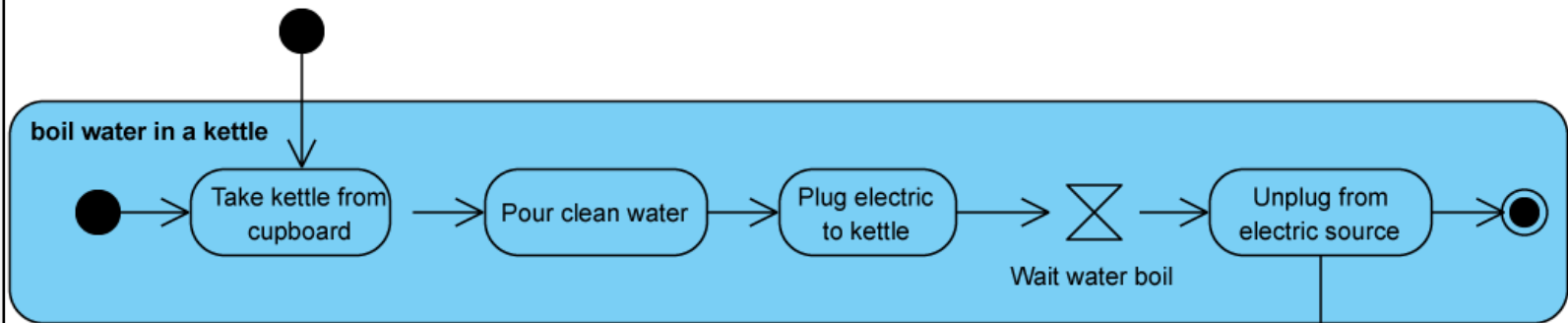
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#### ■ Activity Frame

- Notation: rounded rectangle
- It encloses the entire activity
- The name of the activity is put in the upper left corner

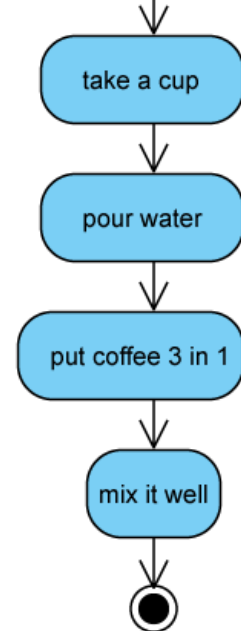


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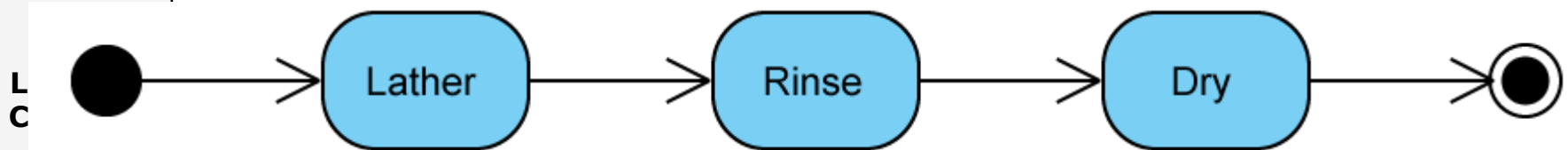
- **Action is a step in overall Activity**  
Each step of making coffee Activity is an action.  
An action can become activity when that action contains more actions to do (it becomes Activity Frame).  
Example: Boil water in a kettle:
  1. Take the kettle from the cupboard
  2. Pour clean water from a tap into the kettle
  3. Plug the electric to kettle and heat the kettle (Suppose that the kettle is electric kettle)
  4. Wait until the water boil
  5. Unplug the kettle from electric source



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- Washing car workflow:
  1. Lather,
  2. Rinse, and then
  3. Dry



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- Decision

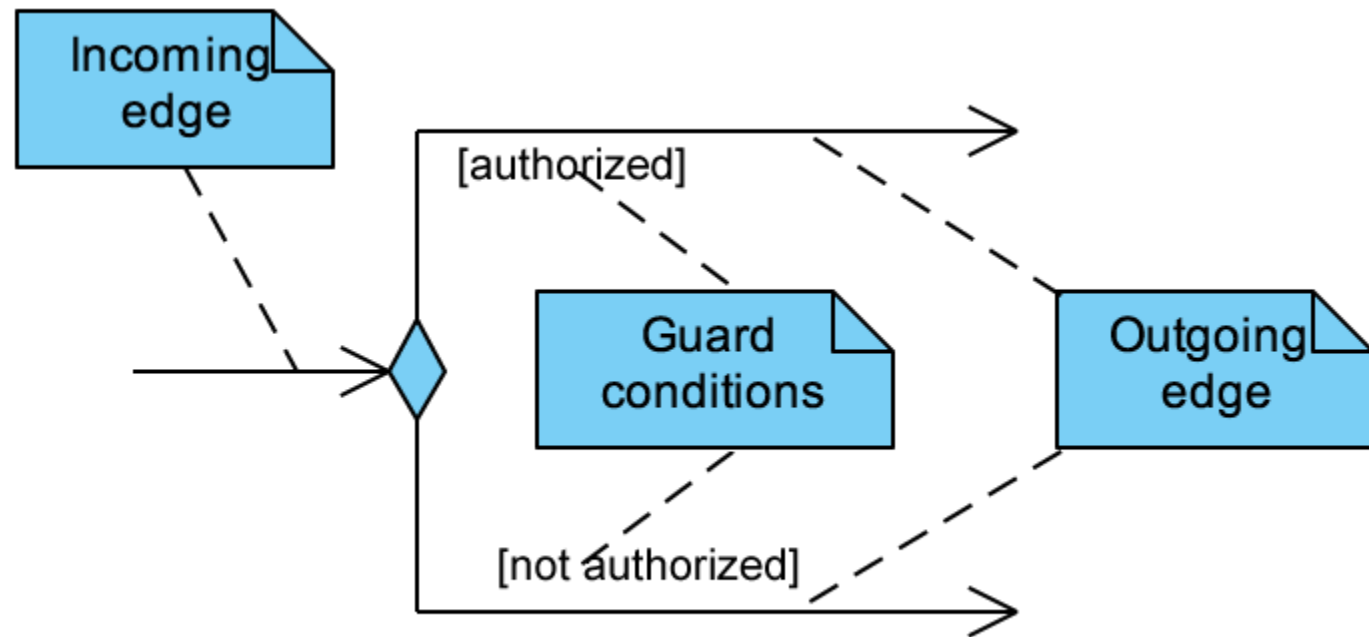
**Decisions** are used when you want to  
execute a different sequence of actions depending on a condition

- Merge

The **branched flows join together** at a merge node,  
which **marks the end** of the **conditional behavior** started  
at the decision node

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- Notation: **diamond-shaped node** with one incoming edge and **multiple outgoing edges**
- Each **branched edge** contains a **guard condition** written in **brackets**
- **Guard conditions** determine **which edge is taken** after a decision node
- Guard conditions are **statements that evaluate to true or false**

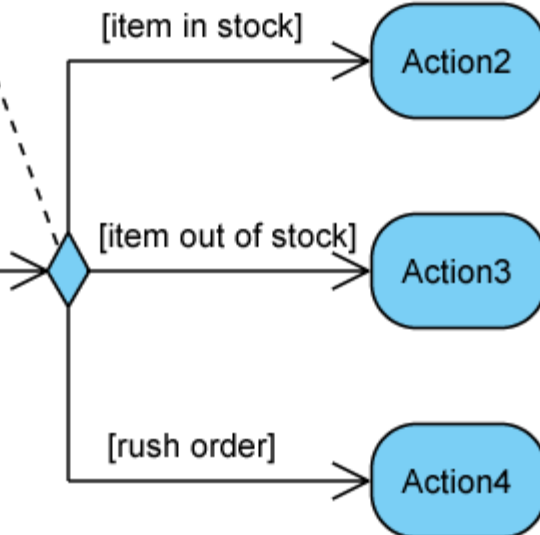


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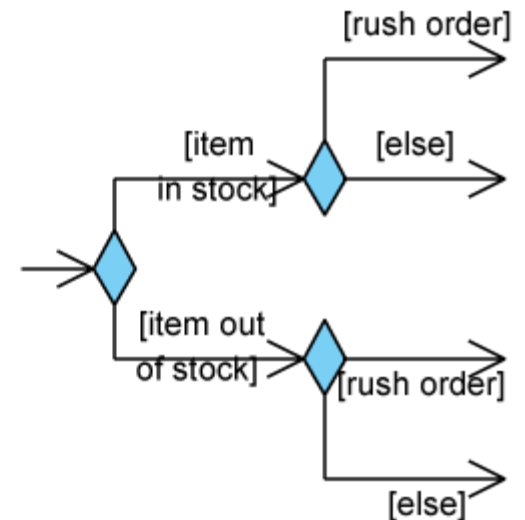
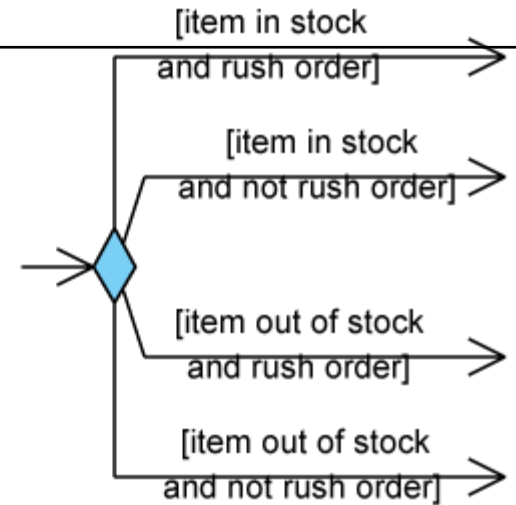
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**BAD!** two guard may evaluates to true

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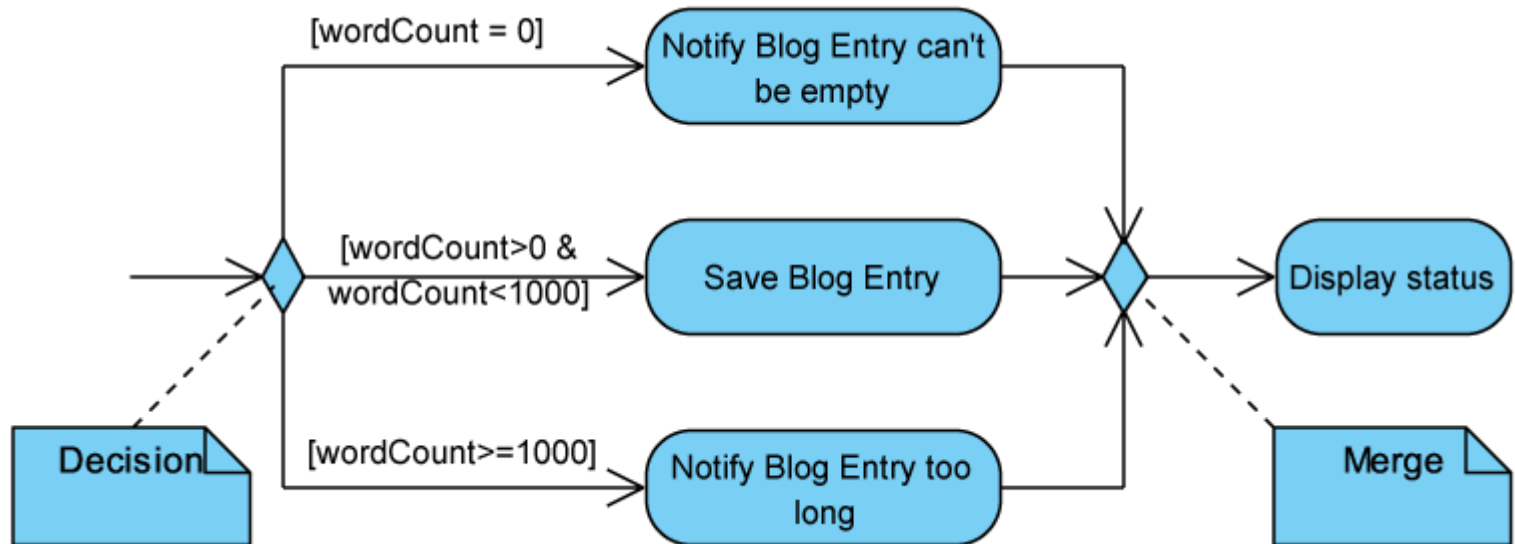
Modify so that **only one** outgoing guard evaluates to **true**, as in these diagrams



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▪ Notation: **diamond-shaped node** with **multiple incoming edges** and **one outgoing edge**





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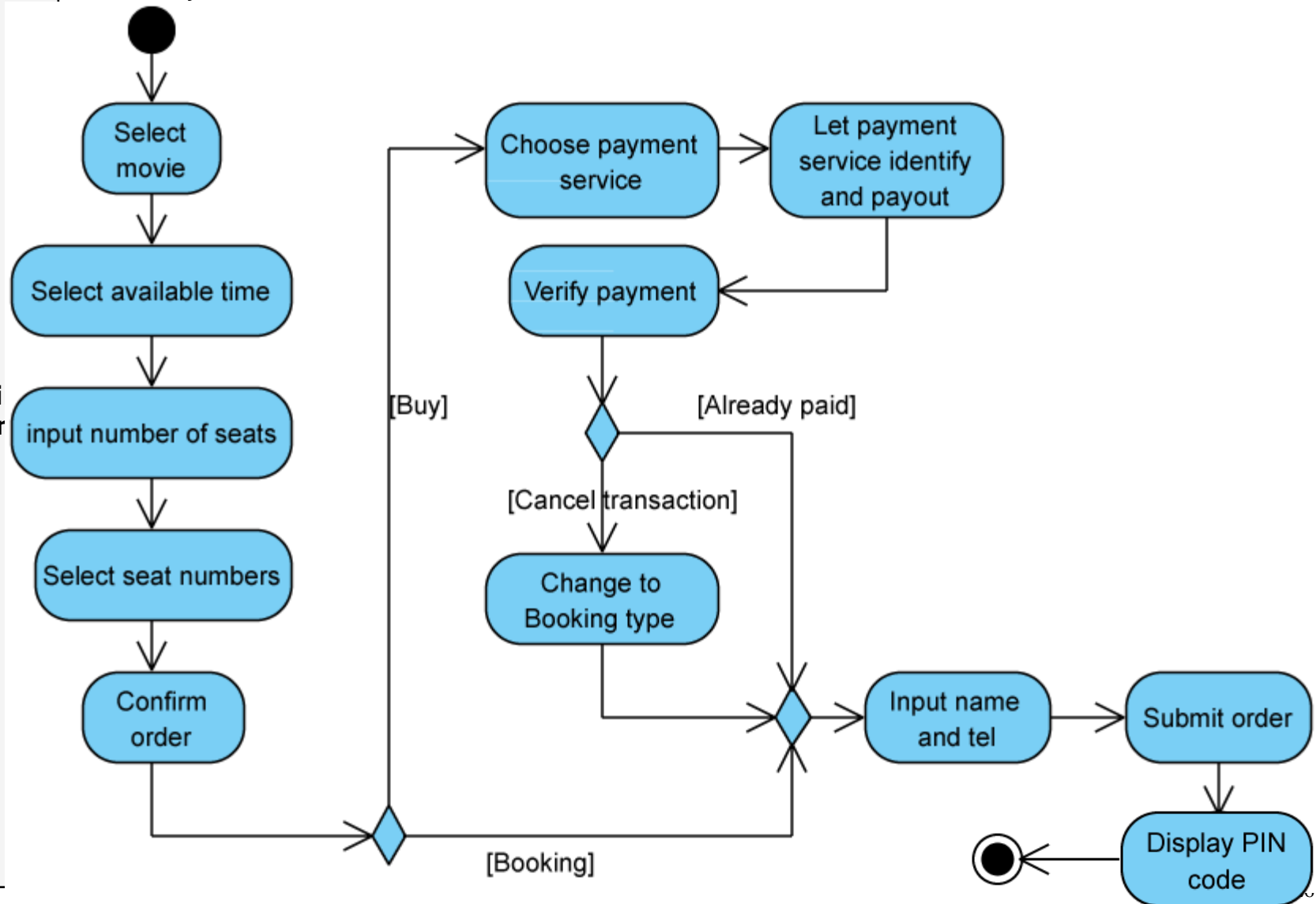
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- Movie ticket buying and reservation system, user can:
  - **select a movie**
  - **select available time**
  - **input number of seats**
  - choose the **available seat** number (s)
  - **confirm order**
  - choose between **book or buy** the ticket directly
  - In case booking:
    - **input** detail information including **name and tel**
  - In case buying:
    - choose **payment service** (PayPal, Wing, Amk, TrueMoney, etc.)
    - let payment service **identify user account and payment**
    - verify payment service to make sure that user has **already been paid**
    - If user **cancel transaction**, let user **make booking**
    - otherwise, let user **input** detail information including **name and tel**
  - **submit order**

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- **Some tasks** can be done in **parallel**.

Doing this to:

- **Shorten the time** we work
- Make an activity to be done by multiple persons (**share the work**)
- Reduce **time wait**

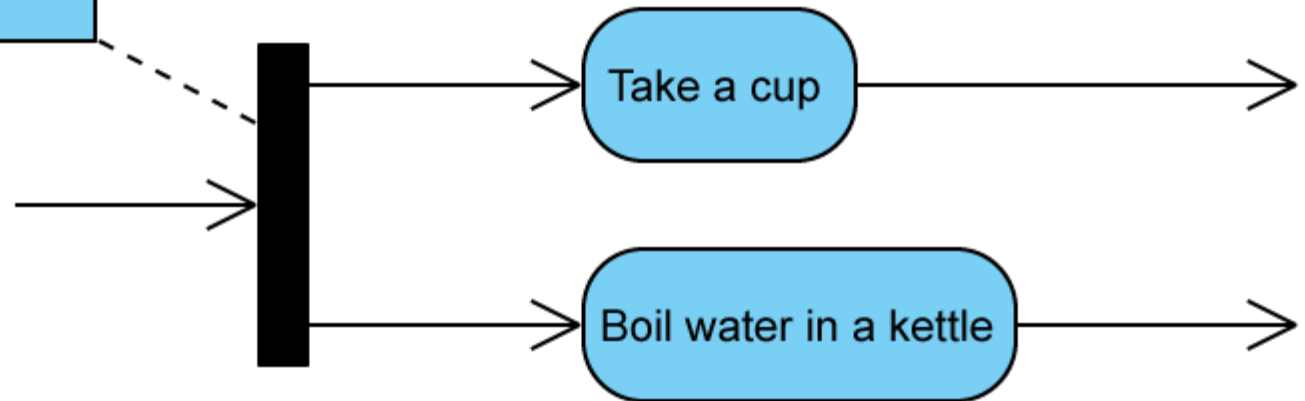
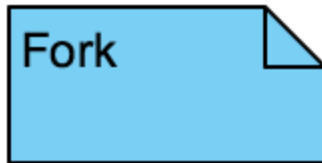
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- Fork is the point where **workflow divides into two or more parts**
- Notation: **thick bar**
- After a fork, the flow is broken up **into two or more simultaneous flows**
- the actions along **all forked flows execute**
- Forks have **multiple outgoing flows**
- For example, in making coffee workflow, we can **boil the water** and at the **same time**, we **take a cup** and **put coffee 3-in-1**.

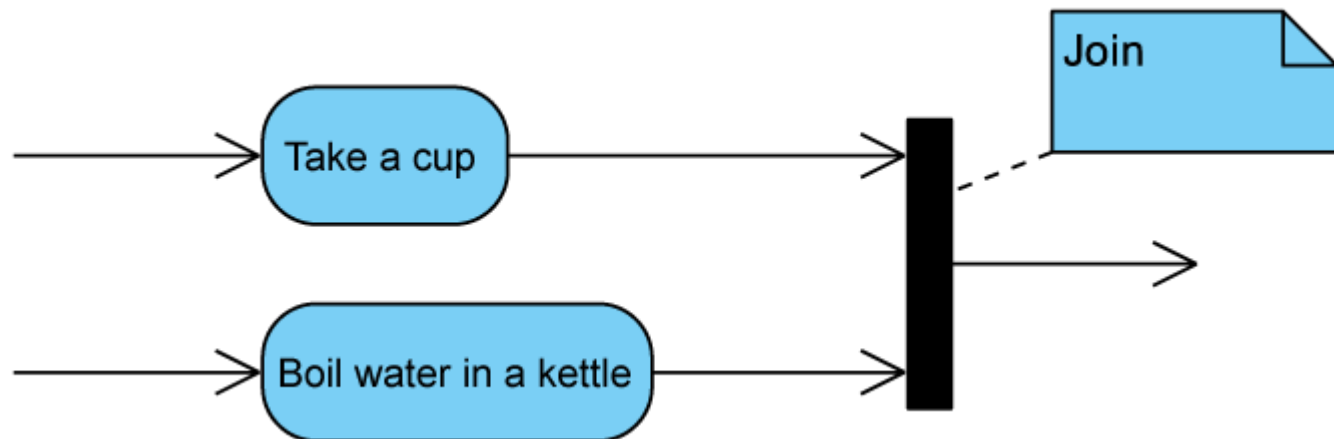
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- Join is to **connect many fork flows together into one flow**
- Notation: **thick bar**
- All **incoming actions must finish before the flow** can proceed past the join
- Join have **multiple incoming flows**



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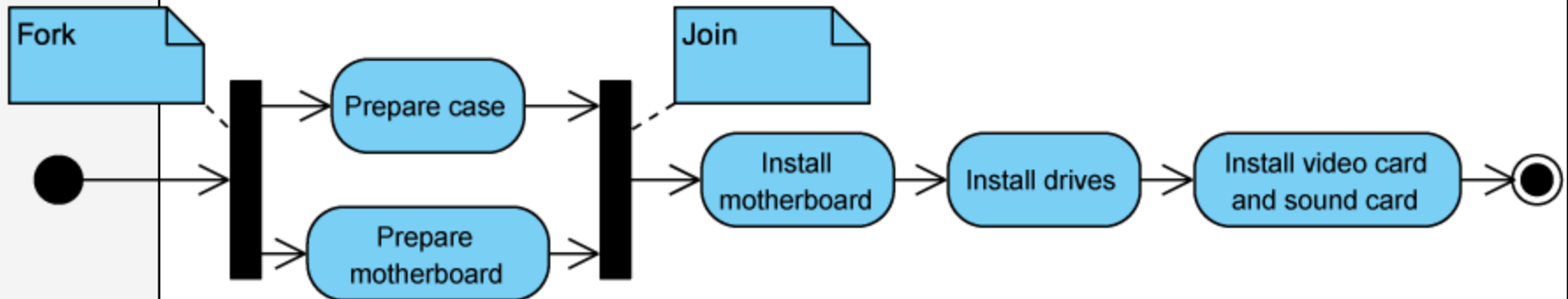
- Example: **computer assembly workflow**

1. **Prepare the case**
2. **Prepare the motherboard**
3. **Install the motherboard**
4. **Install the drives**
5. **Install the video card and sound card**

- This work flow is modeled **sequentially**

- But **Prepare case** and **prepare motherboard** can done in **parallel**.

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- Sometimes **time** is also a **factor in your activity**
  - Example in Making coffee workflow,  
**boiling water** action is **required to wait until water boil**.
  - Example in Online ordering products process,  
after buying, client **needs to wait** for transportation period of **3 days**.

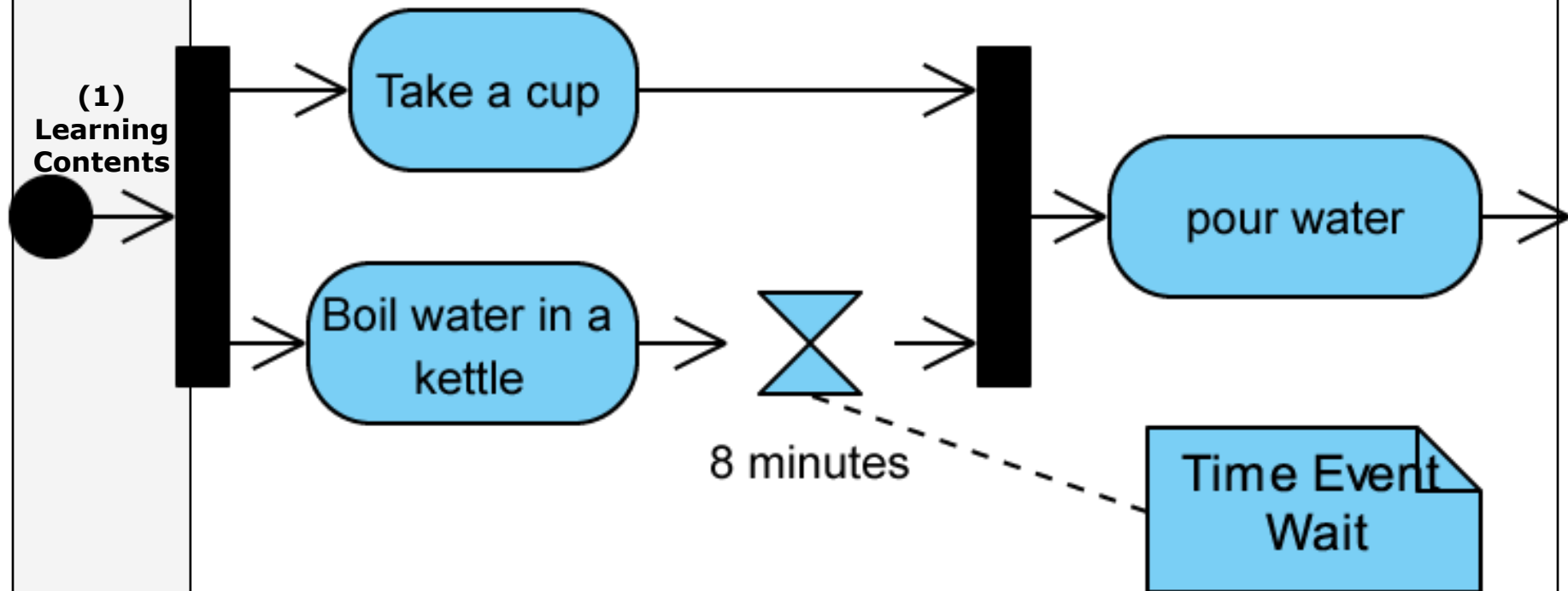


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- Time event is used to **model a wait period**
  - Notation: an **hour glass symbol** with the **amount of time** written next to it
  - The incoming edge to the time event indicates that the time event is activated once

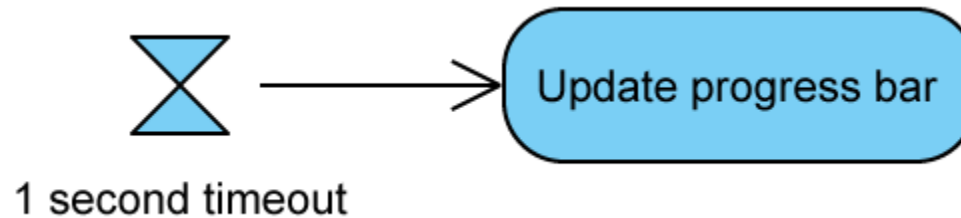




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- A **time event with no incoming flow** is a recurring time event
- It can be an alternative way to **start an activity** (which is launched periodically)



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This example is continued from previous ticket booking system. This system is to print the ticket, buy and check booking or buying (phone number and PIN code).

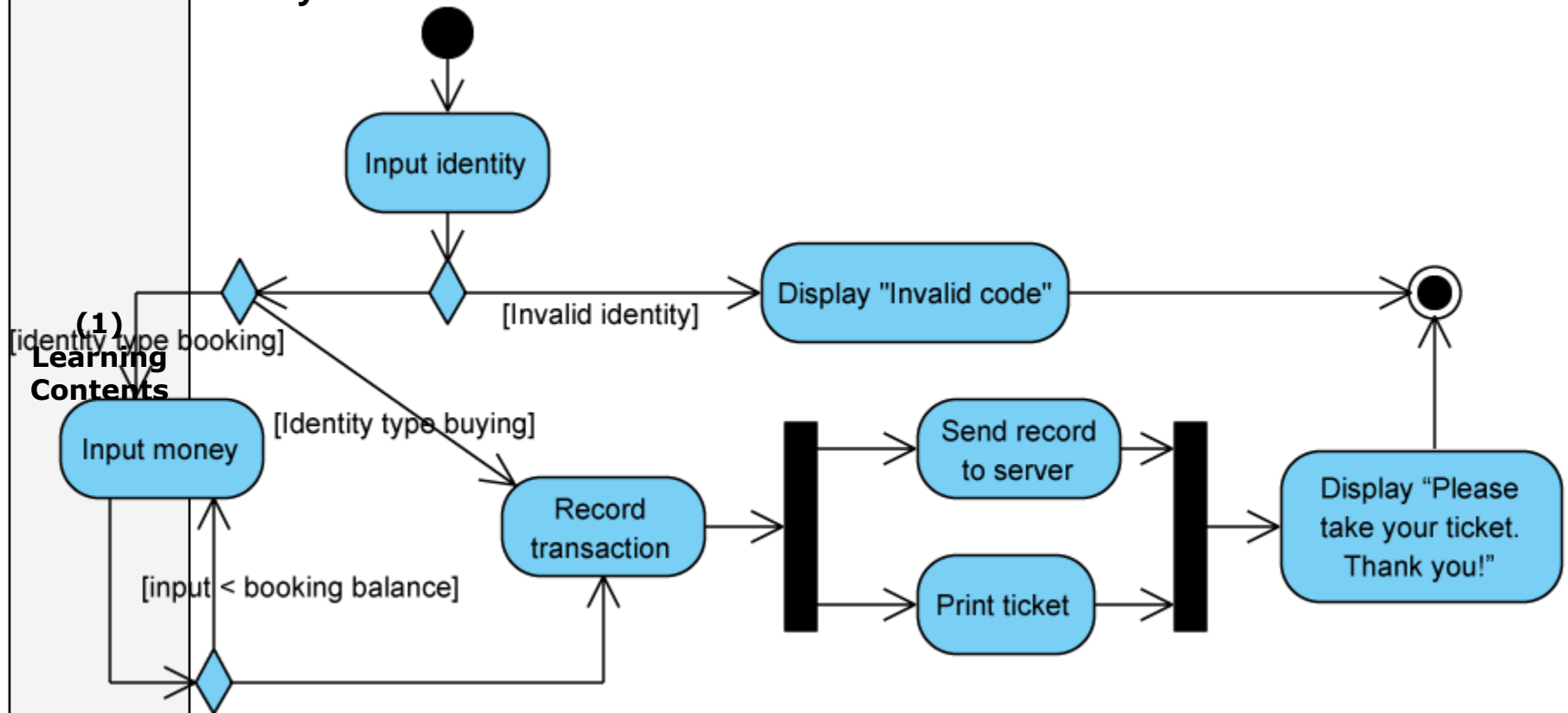
The system:

- Let user input the identity (phone number and PIN code)
- In case invalid identity, reject it with message “invalid code”
- Otherwise,
  - In case booking, ask user to pay in place, wait until user input enough money
  - Send information server to store as history and accounting
  - At the same Print ticket
  - And also display message “Please take your ticket. Thank you!”

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### Lobby of the theater



### 3. Test

Question	Possible answers	Correct Answer
1. Activity diagram describes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Activities of development process</li><li>b) how your system will accomplish its goal</li><li>c) Process of making an activity</li><li>d) All features in project</li></ul>	b) how your system will accomplish its goal
2. Completing blank field:	Activity diagrams are particularly good at modeling.....	business processes
3. Choose a name that is <b>not</b> Activity Diagram Element:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Time Event</li><li>b) Action</li><li>c) Association</li><li>d) Activity</li><li>e) Decision</li></ul>	c) Association
4. Activity Frame is used to:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Name and activity</li><li>b) Group actions perform a specific goal</li><li>c) Represent an action that has name</li><li>d) Sub System</li><li>e) Represent optional actions</li></ul>	b) Group actions that has the same goal
5. What are different between Fork and Decision?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Incoming flow is only one</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>b) Has many Outgoing flows</li><li>c) Execution flow</li></ul>

## 4. Practice

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Practice

No.	Exercise	Solution
1.	Draw Activity diagram of ATM system (see detail i n Moodle)	
2,	Draw Activity diagram of Insurance System	
3,	Draw Activity diagram of Check-in-system	

## 5. Outro > 5.1 Summarize

**Please give a lesson summary.**

**Each topic can be summarized into a sentence, diagram, or even a word.**

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### **Summarize**

- Activity diagram shows the process of the system.
- Activity diagram components include Initial node, final node, action, activity, control flow, decision, merge, fork and join.
- Control IF...ELSE is represented with Decision node, then Merge node to merge back.
- Forks are used to enable us do multiple tasks at the same time, and Joins are used to eliminate multi-tasking.
- Time Event has 2 types including waiting time and event trigger time.

**Provide references if you think the students need.**

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