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- Is a hierarchy chart that graphically represents the program's control structure and describes the functions (or processes) performed by each module on the system.

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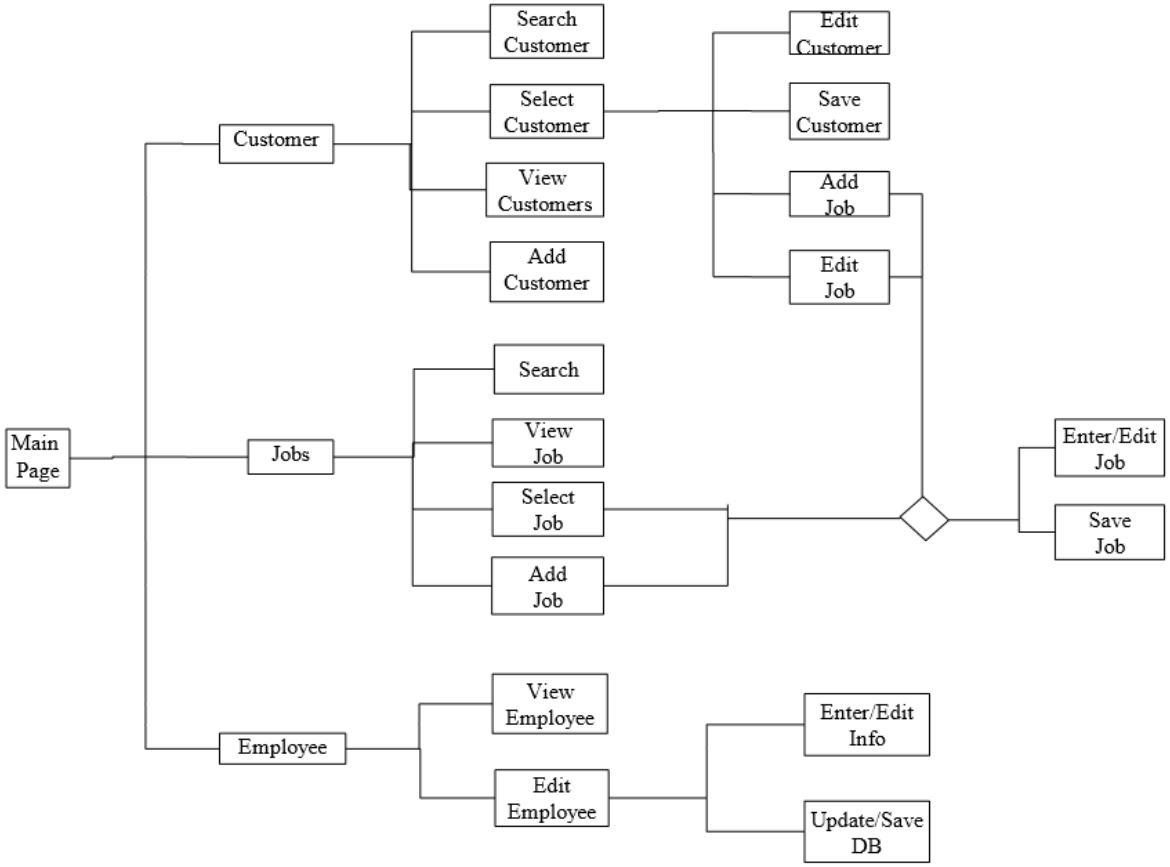

Functions' Examples

Function: Add Customer
Inputs: @FName, @MInit, @LName, @PhNum1, @PhNum2, @Address, @Note
Outputs: None
Pseudocode:
Connect to the database
Query = INSERT INTO Customer(@Fname, @MInit, @Lname, @PhNum1, @PhNum2, @Address,
@Note);
Parse Query
Execute Query
Close connection to the database

Functions' Examples (Cont…)

Function: Edit Customer
Inputs: @FName, @Minit, @Lname
Outputs: None
Pseudocode:

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Connect to the database
Query = UPDATE Customer
        SET "attribute"
        WHERE (FName = @FName) AND
              (MInit = @MInit) AND
              (LName = @LName);
Parse Query
Execute Query
Close connection to the database
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Functions' Examples (Cont…)

Function: Search/View Customers:
Inputs: @FName, @Lname, @Make, @Model, @Year
Outputs: Fname, Minit, LName, Make, Model, Year
Pseudocode:
Connect to the database
Query = SELECT c.FName, c.MInit, c.LName, v.Make, v.Model, v.Year
FROM Vehicle as v, Customer as c
WHERE c.FName = @FName AND c.MInit = @MInit AND c.LName = @LName AND
v.Make = @Make AND v.Model = @Model AND v.Year = @Year
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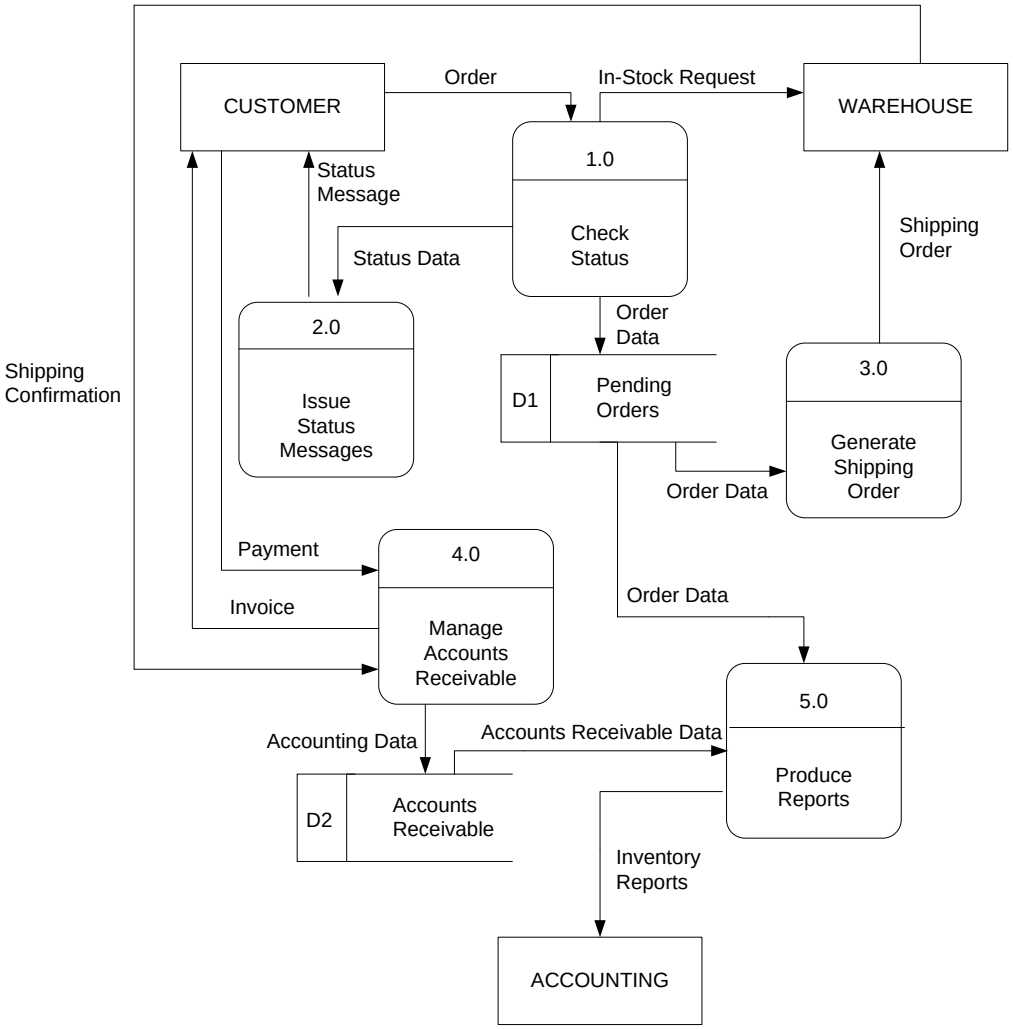
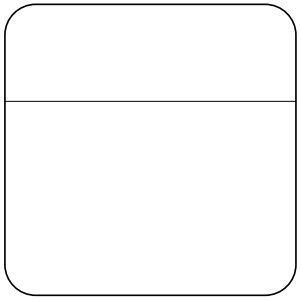
Data Flow Diagram (DFD)

Data Flow Diagrams (DFDs)

- Is a picture of the movement of data between external entities and the processes and data stores within a system

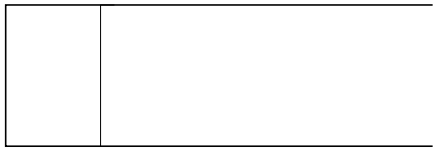


DFD Symbols (Gane & Sarson)



Process

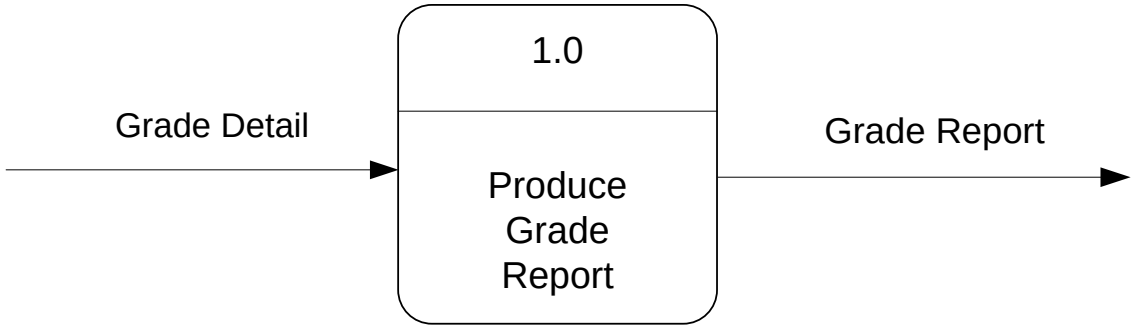
Data Flow



Data Store

Source/Sink (External Entity)

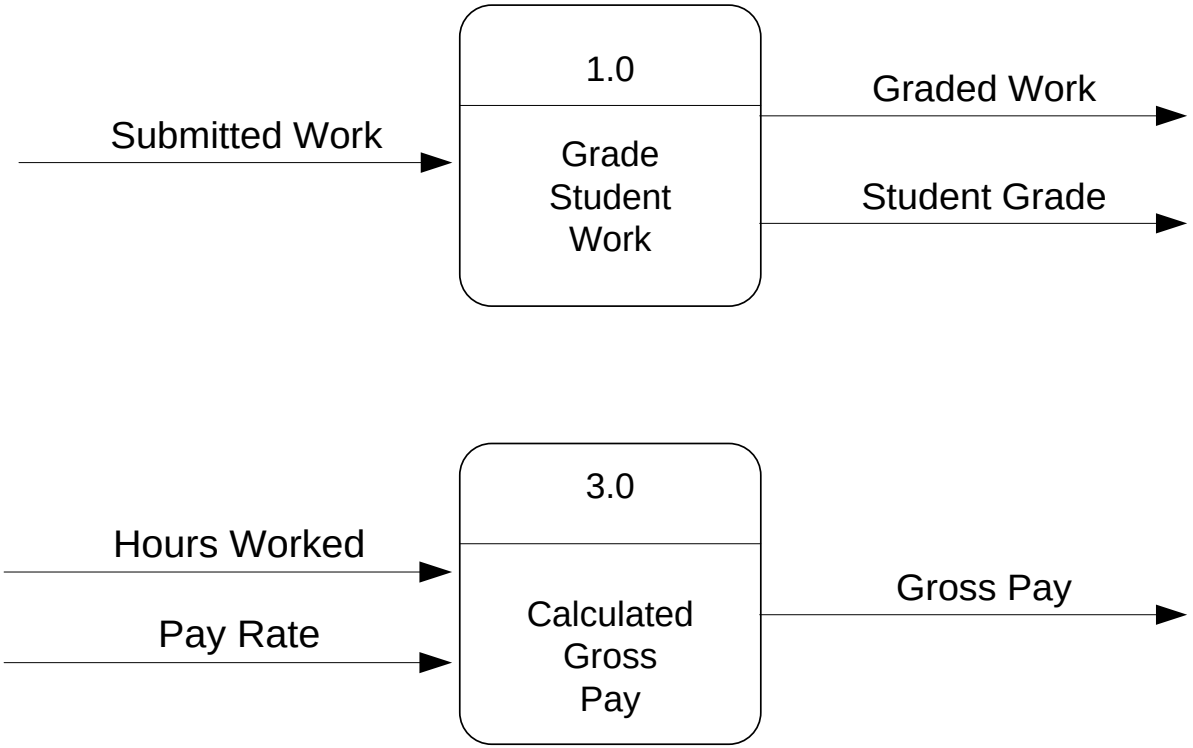
Process



- Work or actions performed on data (inside the system)
- Labels should be verb phrases
- Receives input data and produces output

Rule 1: Process

- Can have more than one outgoing data flow or more than one incoming data flow

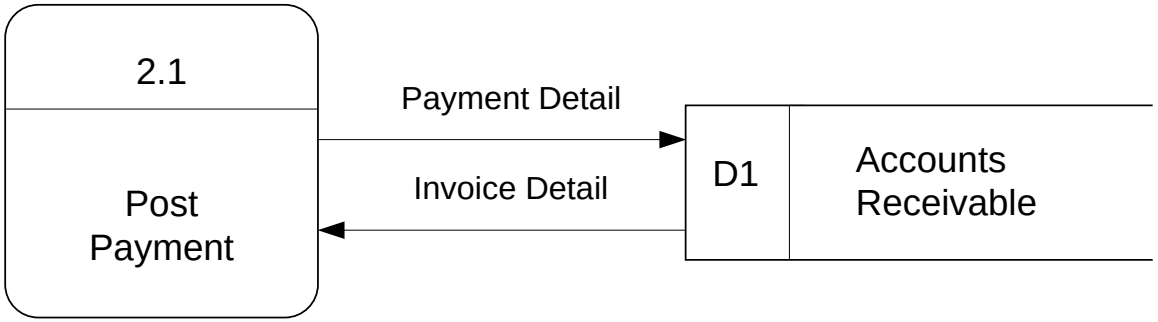


Rule 2: Process

- Can connect to any other symbol (including another process symbol)

Data Flow

- Is a path for data to move from one part to another
- Arrows depicting movement of data
- Can represent flow between process and data store by two separate arrows



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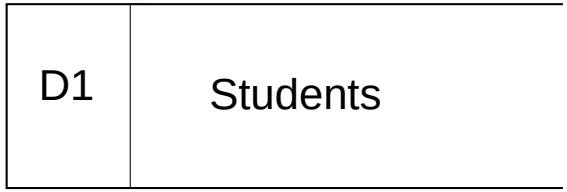
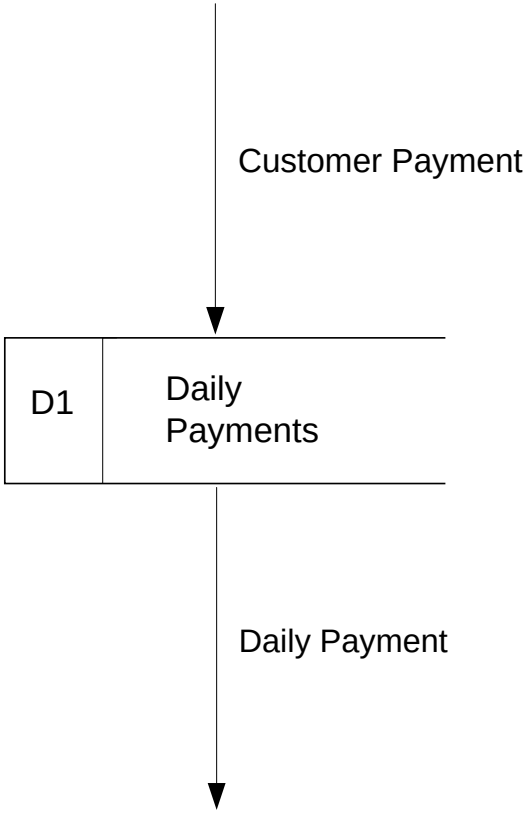


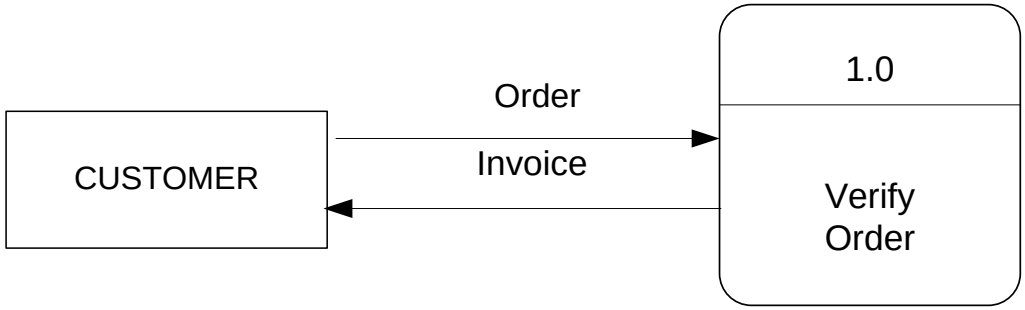
- Is used in a DFD to represent data that the system stores
- Labels should be noun phrases

Rule: Data Store

- Must have at least one incoming and one outgoing data flow



Source/Sink (External Entity)

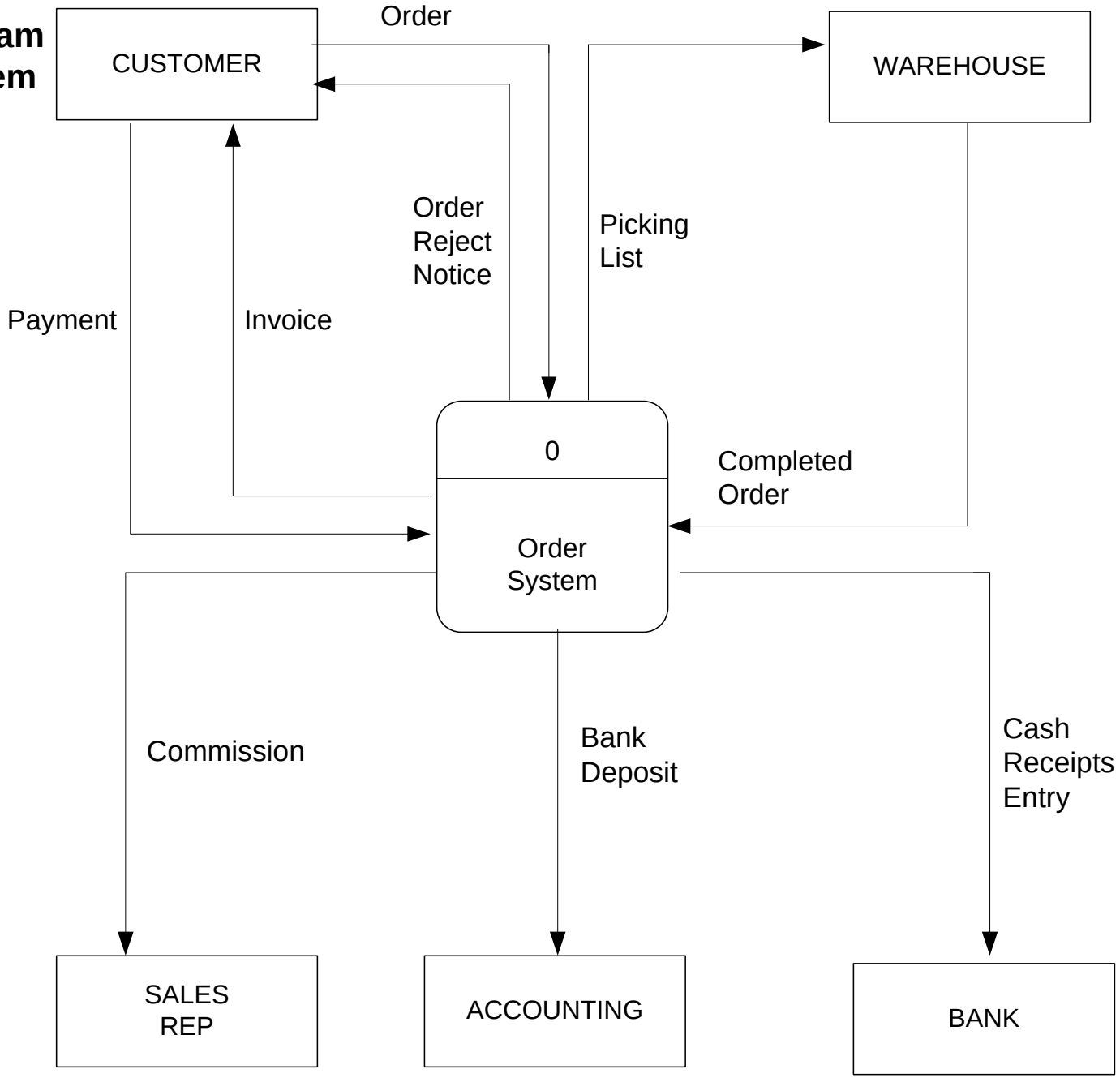


- External entity that is origin or destination of data (outside the system)
- Labels should be noun phrases
- Source – Entity that supplies data to the system
- Sink – Entity that receives data from the system

Context Diagram

- Top-level view
- Shows:
  - The system boundaries.
  - External entities that interact with the system.
  - Major information flows between entities and the system.
- Example: Order system that a company uses to enter orders and apply payments against a customer’s balance

Context Diagram of Order System



Level-0 DFD

- Shows:
  - The system’s major processes.
  - Data flows.
  - Data stores at a high level of abstraction.
- When the Context Diagram is expanded into DFD level-0, all the connections that flow into and out of process 0 needs to be retained.

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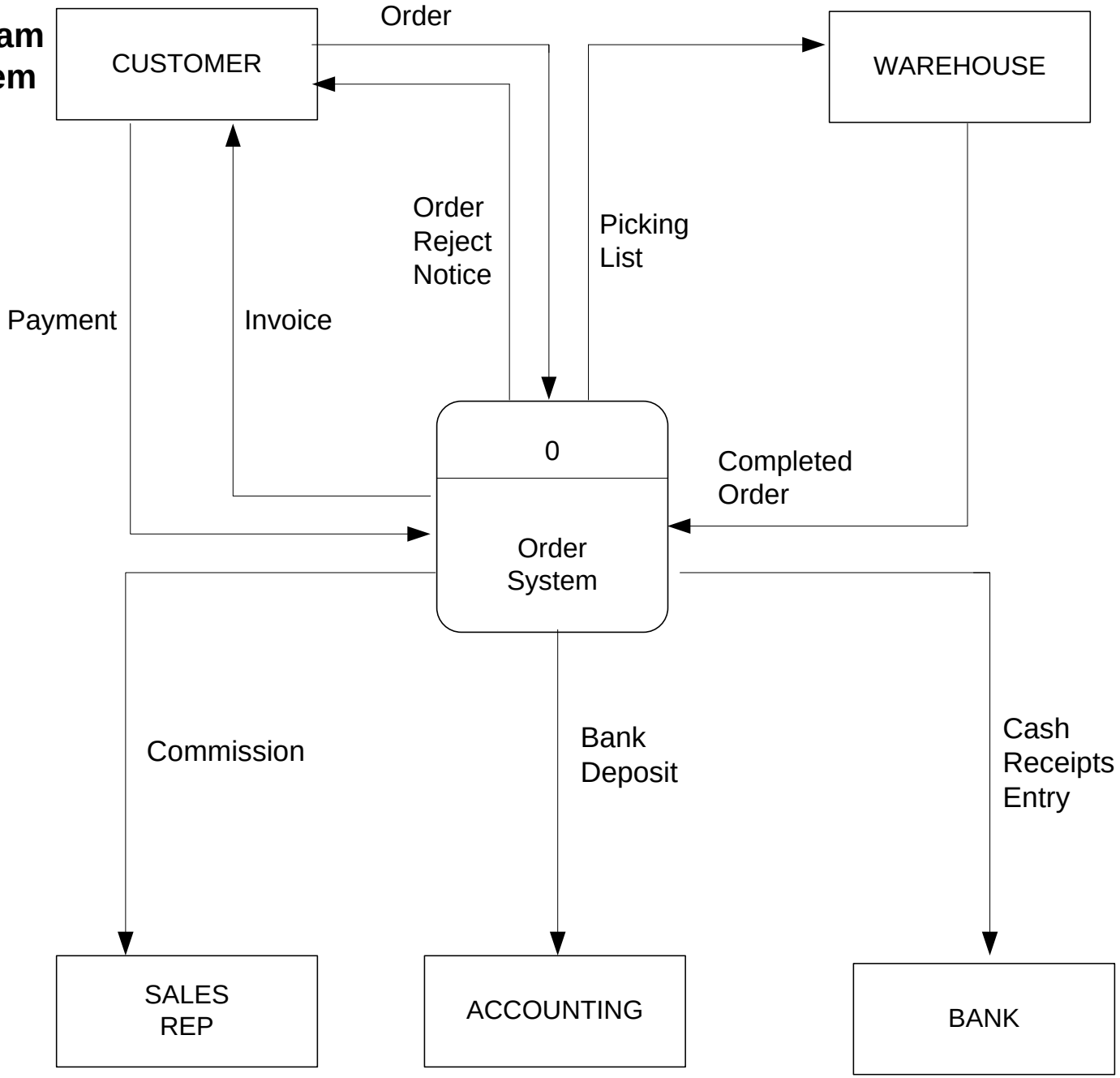

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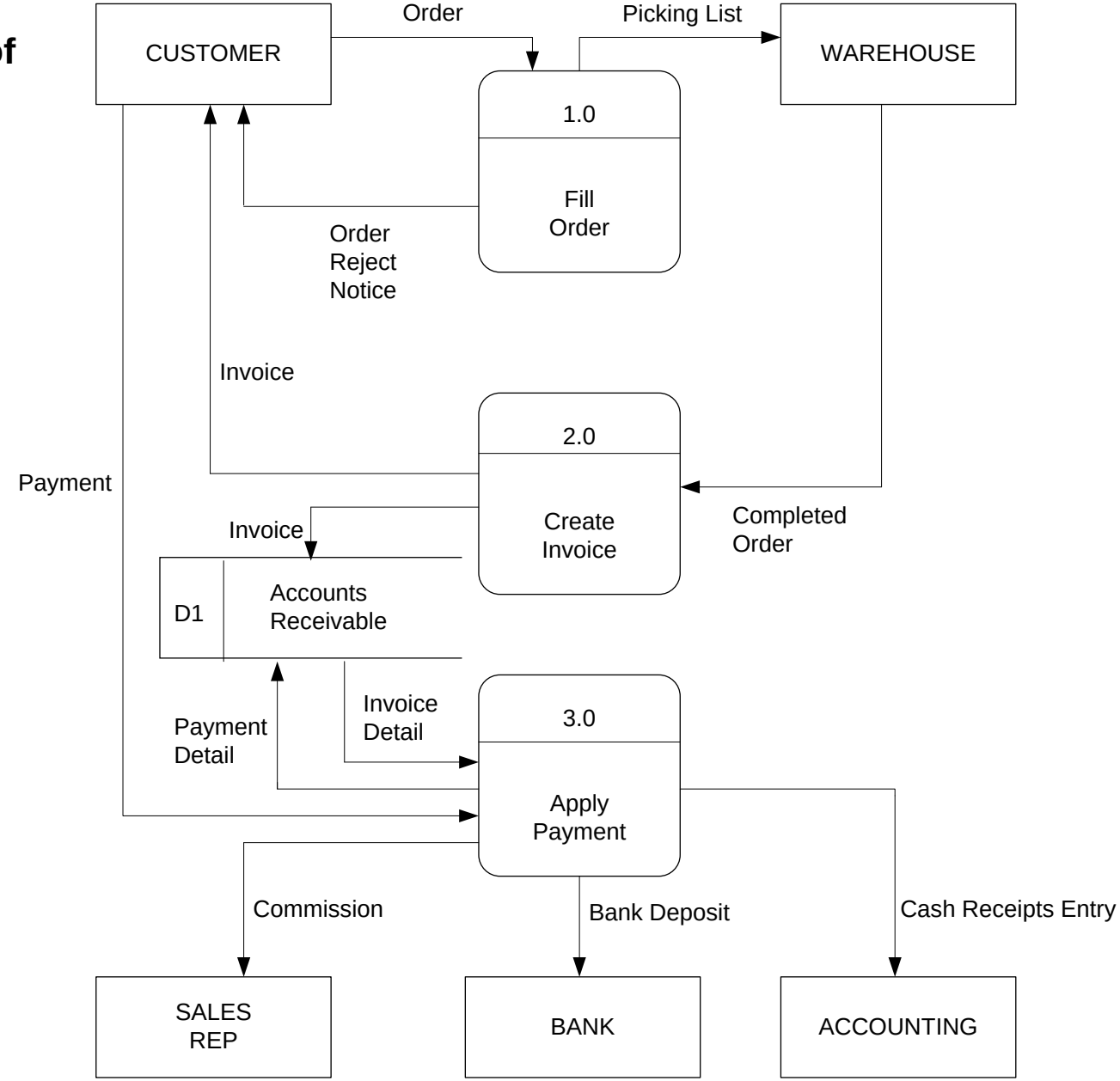


Strategies for Developing DFDs

- Top-down strategy
  - Create the high-level diagrams (Context Diagram), then low-level diagrams (Level-0 diagram), and so on
- Bottom-up strategy
  - Create the low-level diagrams, then higher-level diagrams

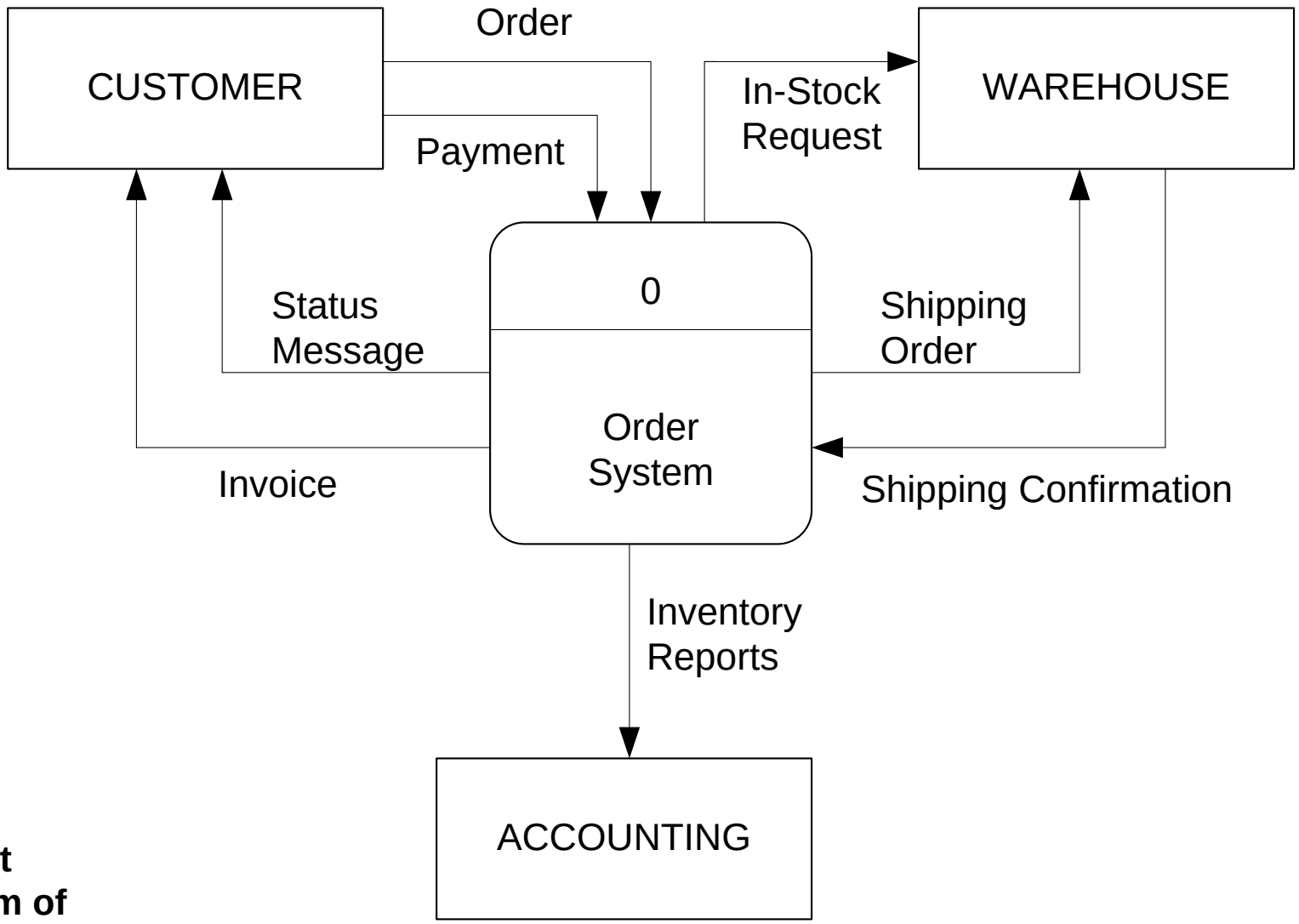
Exercise:

Precision Tools sells a line of high-quality woodworking tools. When customers place orders on the company's Web site, the system checks to see if the items are in stock, issues a status message to the customer, and generates a shipping order to the warehouse, which fills the order. When the order is shipped, the customer is billed. The system also produces various reports.

- Draw a context diagram for the order system
- Draw DFD diagram 0 for the order system

Identify Entities,Process,Data Stores & Data Flow

- Entities
  - Customer
  - Warehouse
  - Accounting
- Processes
  - 1.0 Check Status
  - 2.0 Issue Status Messages
  - 3.0 Generate Shipping Order
  - 4.0 Manage Accounts Receivable
  - 5.0 Produce Reports
- Data Stores
  - D1 Pending Orders
  - D2 Accounts Receivable
- Data Flows
  - Order
  - In-Stock Request
  - Order Data (1.0)
  - Status Data
  - Status Message (2.0)
  - Shipping Order
  - Order Data (3.0)
  - Invoice
  - Shipping Confirmation
  - Payment
  - Accounting Data (4.0)
  - Accounts Receivable Data
  - Order Data
  - Inventory Reports (5.0)



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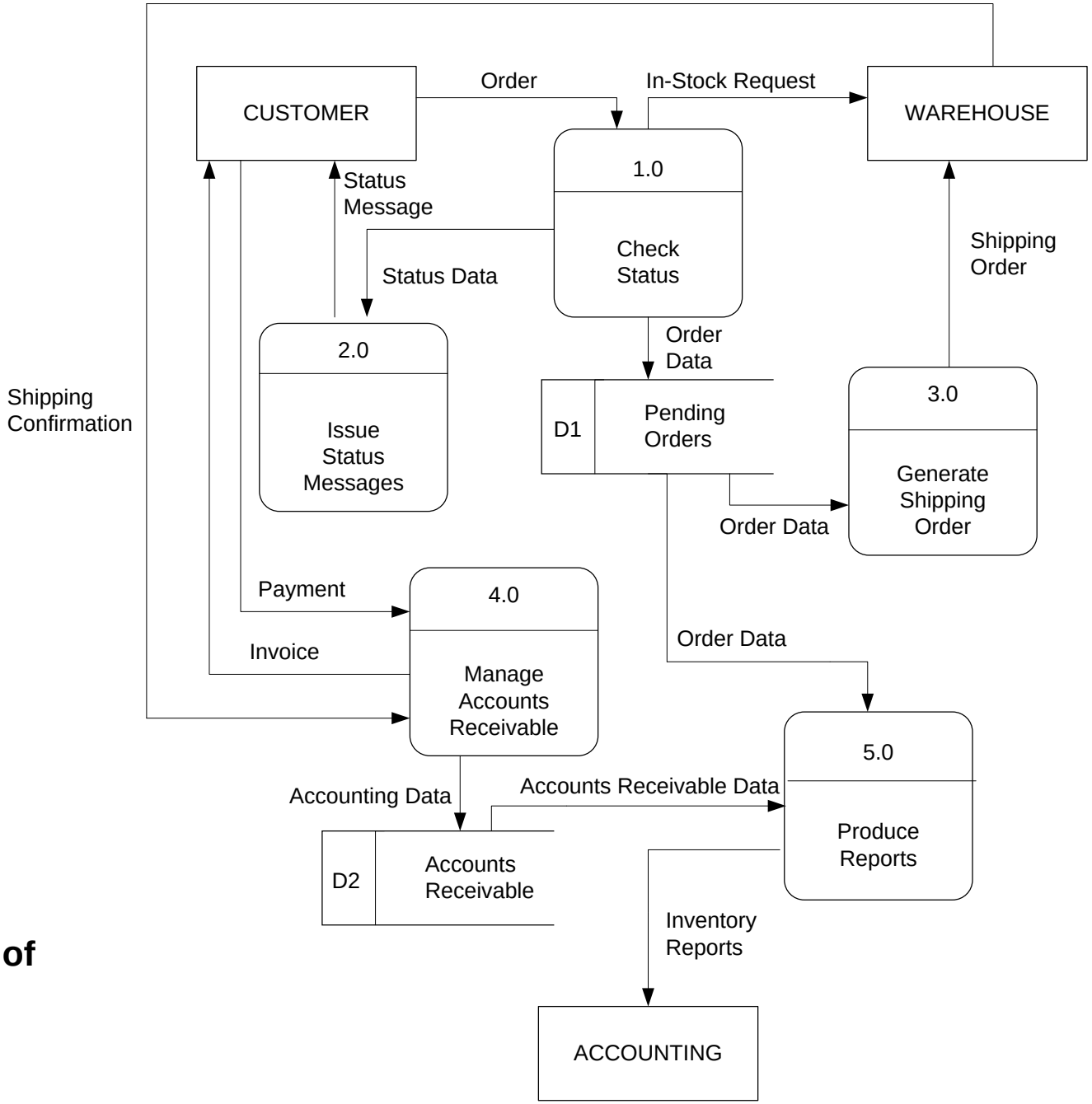

Level-0 of Order System