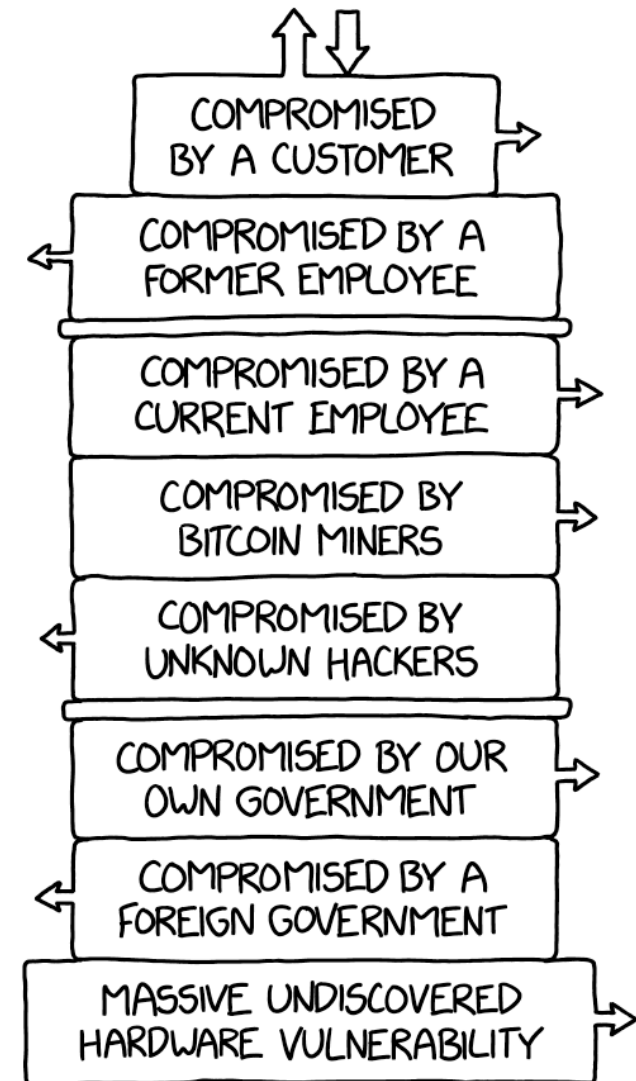


# DDD

## Domain Driven Design

### THE MODERN TECH STACK





# Domain-Driven DESIGN

Tackling Complexity in the Heart of Software



Eric Evans  
Foreword by Martin Fowler



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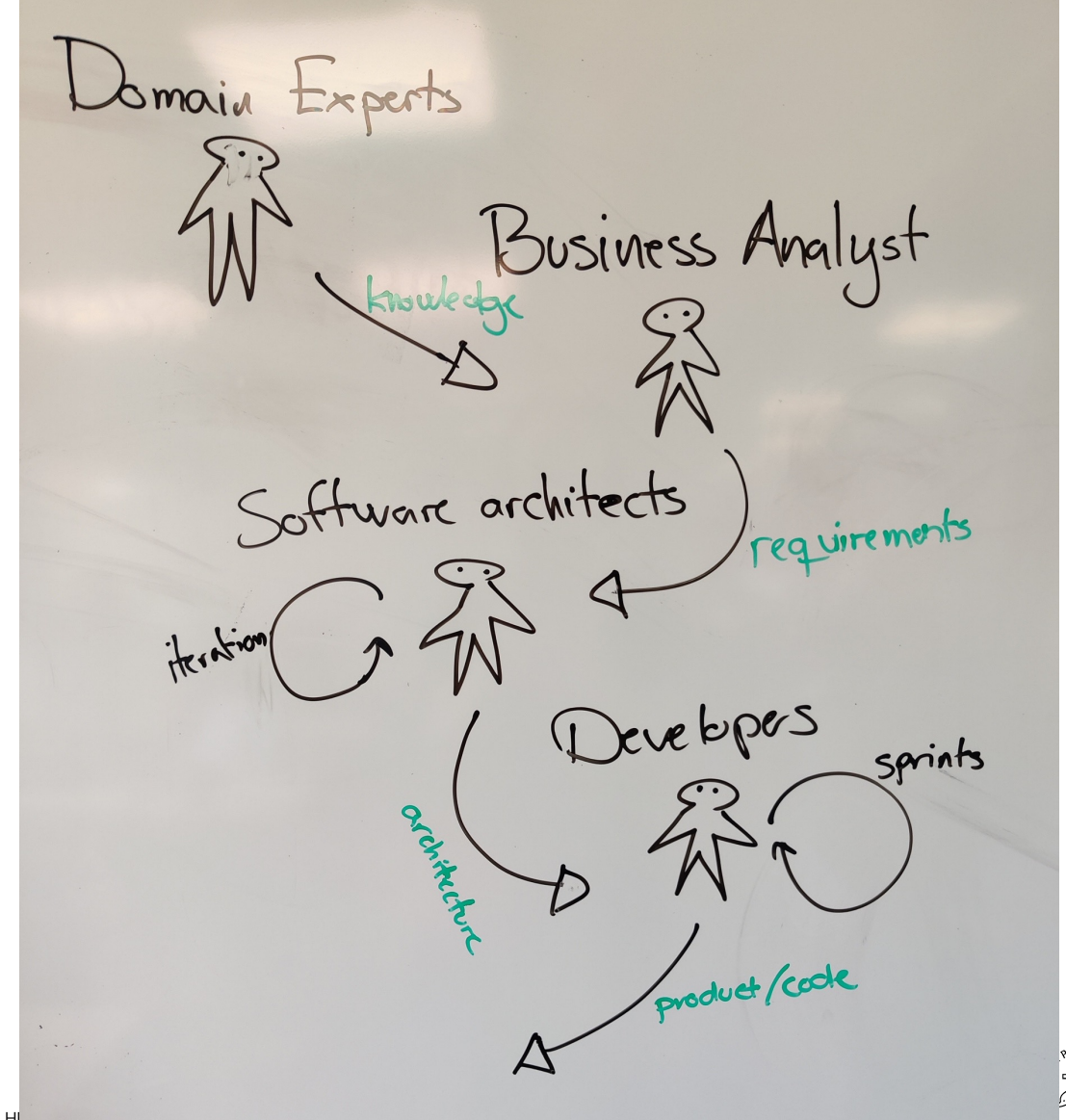
# DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE

Developers don't know/talk to domain expert – architects and salespersons do.

- Requirements are just given in a document
- Misunderstandings can occur

It is important to

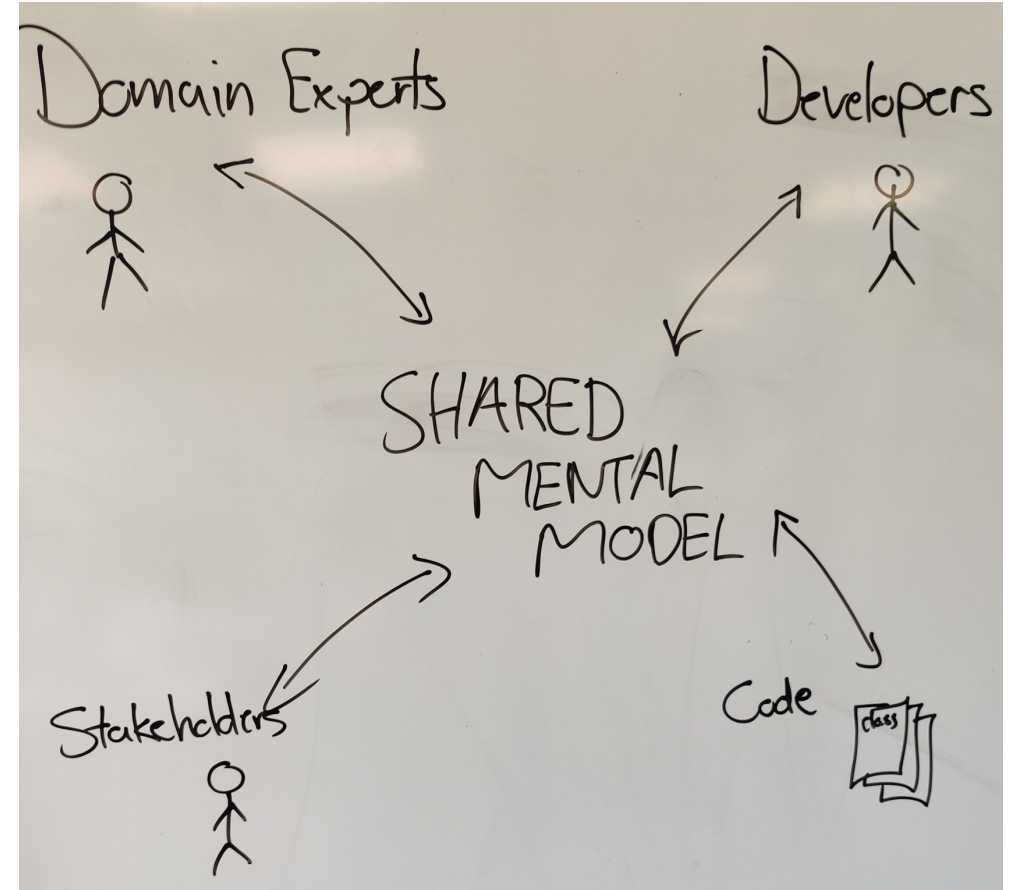
- Understand the domain
- Have a shared knowledge about the domain



# WHAT IS DOMAIN DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT

- The primary focus should be on the core and domain logic
- Collaboration between technical and domain experts
  - Build a common understanding of domain problems
- Domain experts, developers, stakeholders, and (most importantly) code
  - Must share the same model

**Align domain and software**





# EXERCISE (10 MINUTES)

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## WasteNoFood

We will try to model a domain for an application that helps save food from being thrown out.

The general idea is:

- Supermarkets, restaurants, etc. (*Sellers*) can sign up to sell food to households
- Households (*Customers*) can buy food that would otherwise be thrown out

Create functional requirements for our new unicorn seen from different perspectives:

- Economy department, customers, sellers, PR (2-3 persons together)
- Fill in the requirements in Padlet:

<https://aarhusuni.padlet.org/henrikbitschkirk/leave-no-food-behind-8uisy08duunbumdo>

Idea based on:



# STRATEGIC DESIGN

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# BENEFITS OF SHARED MODEL

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Build a model – mental and in code – that is shared between developer, domain experts, architect, testers ...

- Faster time to market
- More business value
- Less waste
- Easier maintenance

# DOMAIN EVENTS

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- Focus on transforming data rather than static data
  - static data do not add value
- 'Every' piece of work is triggered by an event (outside or inside)
- *'Order placed', 'Flight booked', 'Patient arrived', etc.*



# EVENT STORMING

Workshop developer by Alberto Brandolini for DDD



Source: <https://deravesoftware.com/what-is-event-storming/>



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# EVENT STORMING

Workshop-based method to events in process

Steps:

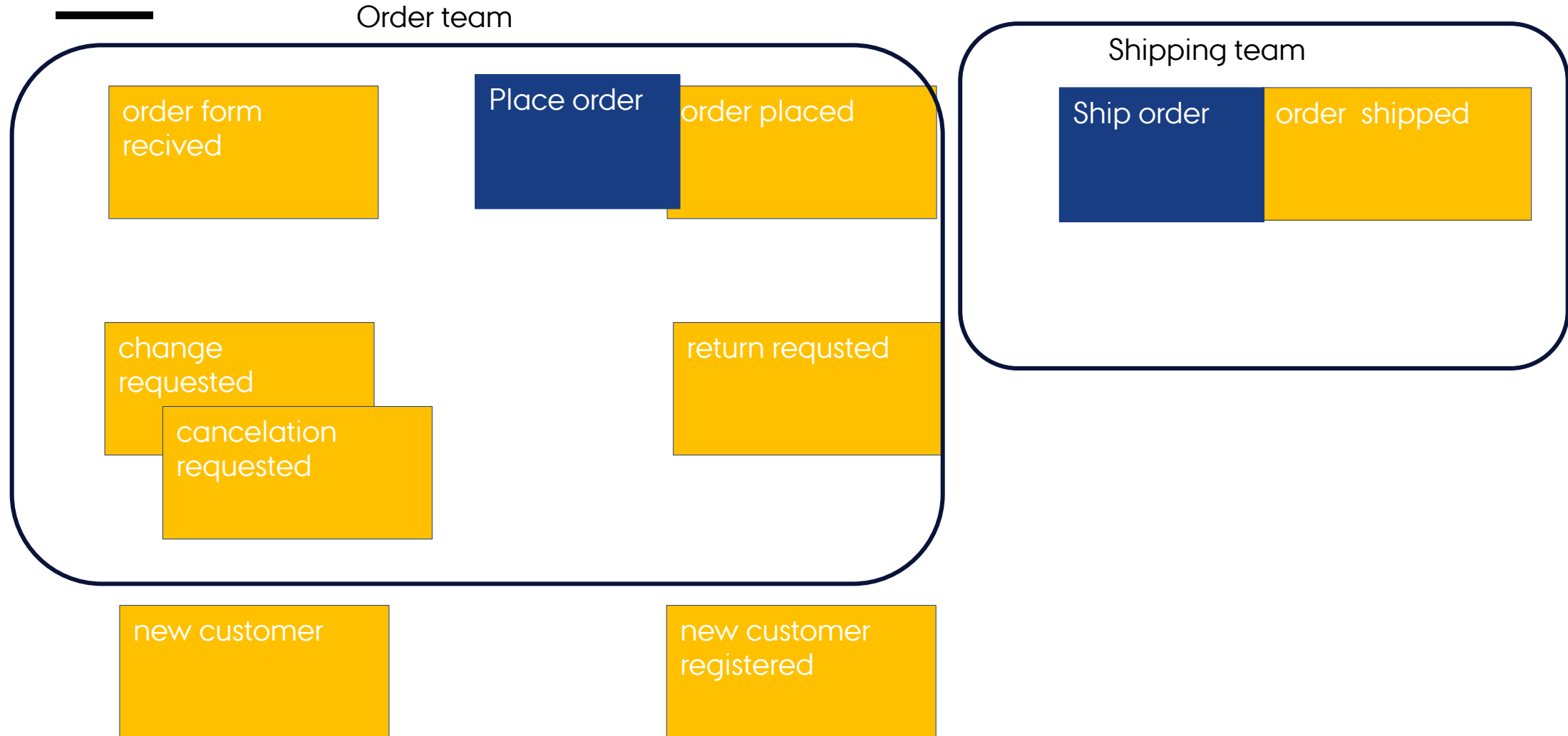
1. Create Domain events (orange)
2. Add commands that cause an event (blue with orange)
  1. Add an actor that executes the command (yellow)
3. Add corresponding aggregate (yellow)
4. Figure out Business processes (Purple)



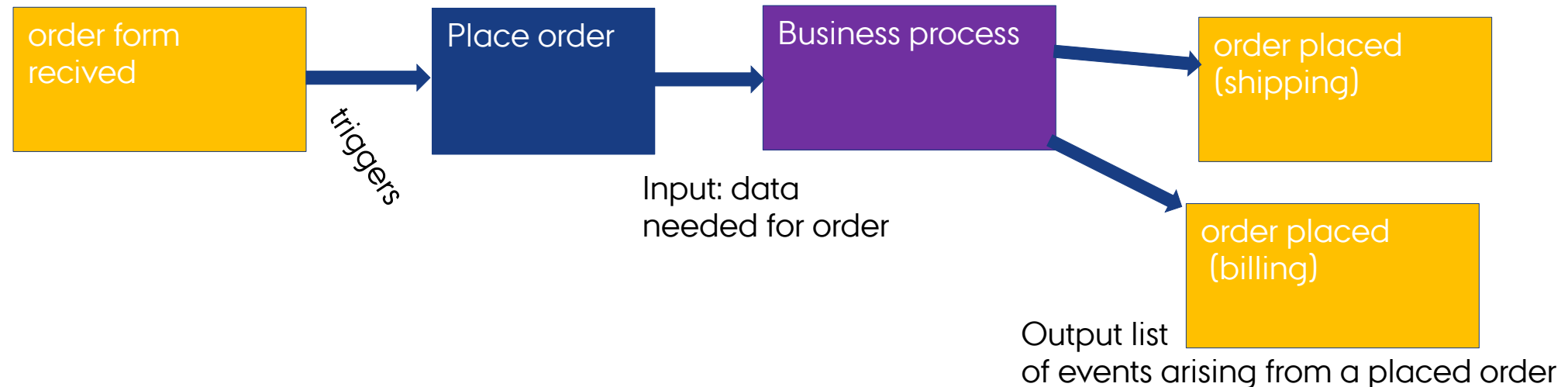
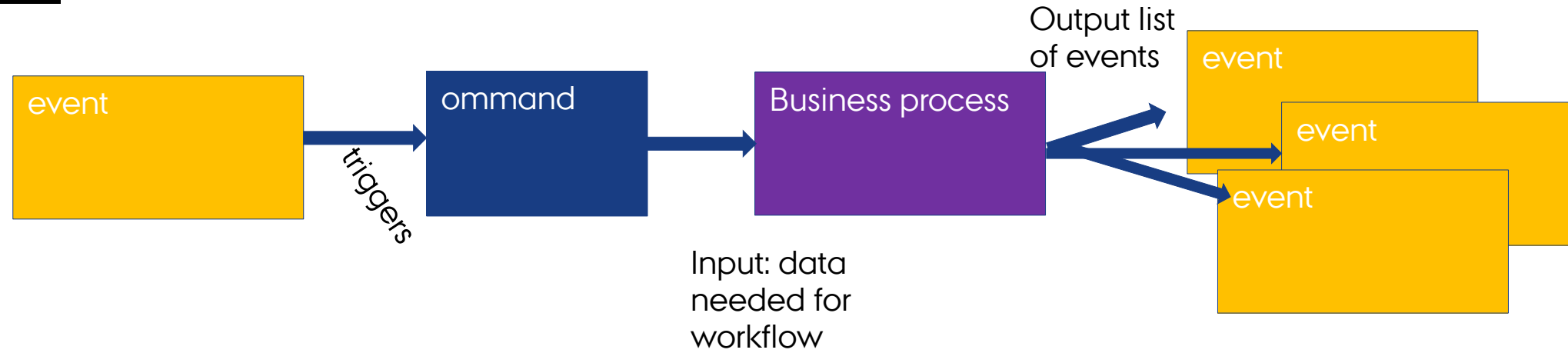
Participants: Domain experts, developers, and other stakeholders

- Event storming contains more elements; 'External systems', 'Views', and 'Errors'

# EXAMPLES



# DOCUMENTING COMMANDS



# EXERCISE 20 MINUTES

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In the same groups

- 1) Fill in as many events as you can – try putting them in order (**7 minutes**)
  - Use functional requirements as input
- 2) Refine events (Find missing events, remove duplicates, look for order) (**5 min**)
- 3) What triggers an event and who (actor) with what (command) – or other domain events (**8 min**)
  - Add Commands in blue and actors in pale yellow

Use **Draw.io** or **paper**

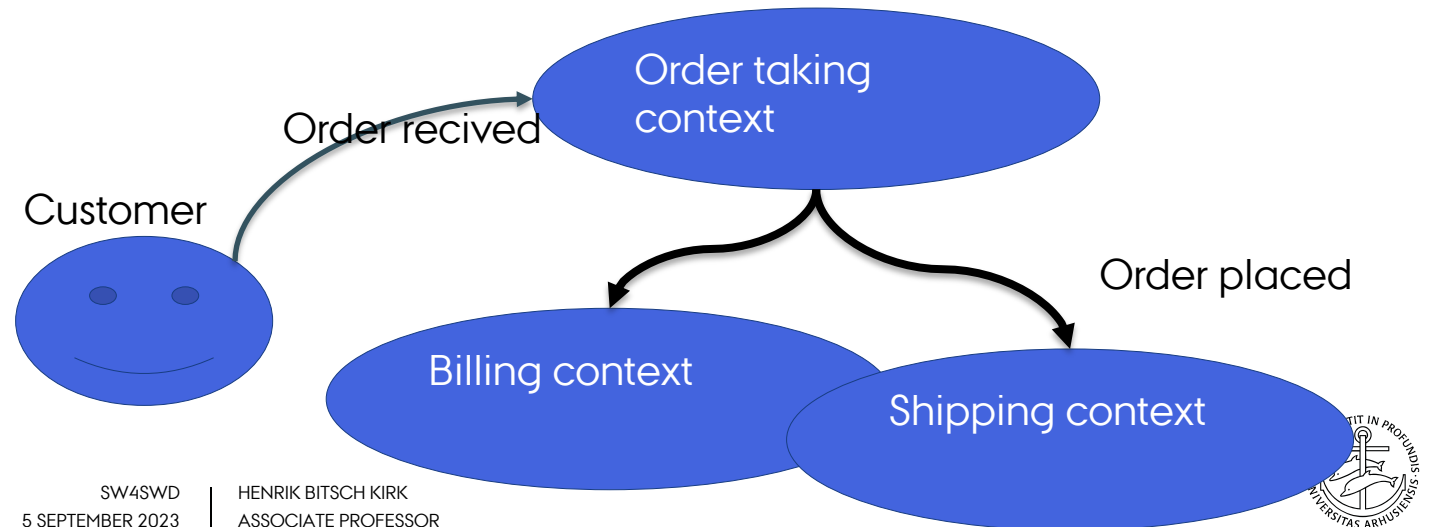
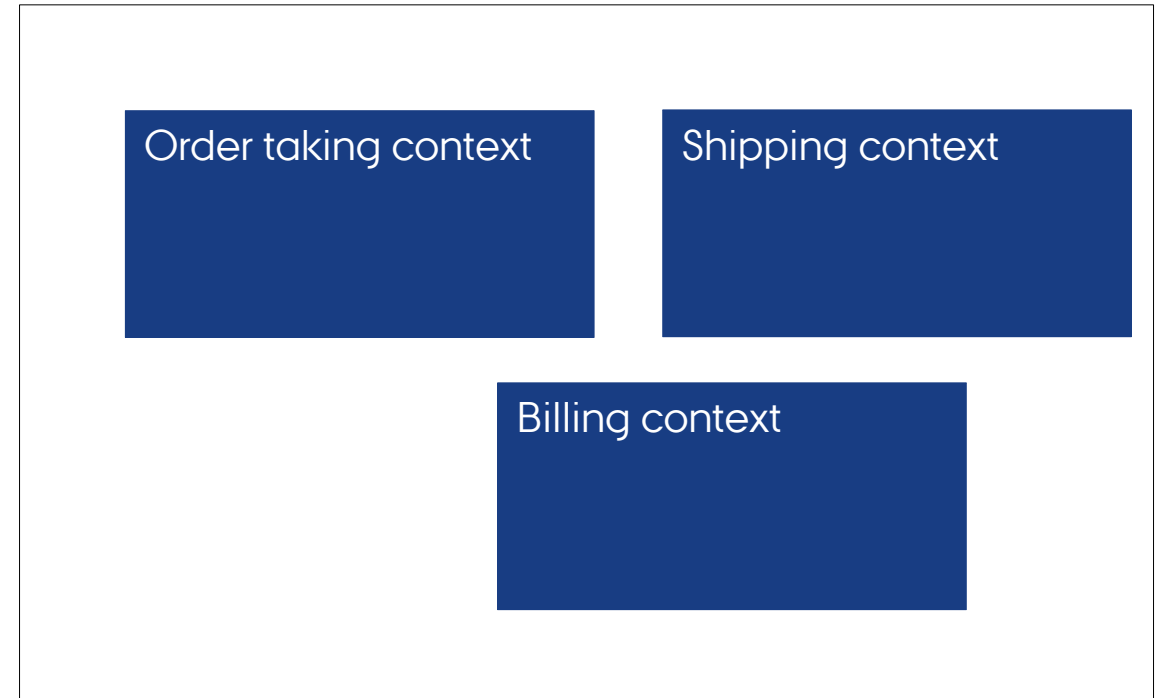
# UBIQUITOUS LANGUAGE

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- Building a common language between domain experts and developers
  - Only contain things represented in the domain
  - Technical terms (factory, helper, manager, controller, etc.) should not be part of the design
- Defines the shared mental model
- All stakeholders collaborate on creating the ubiquitous language
- Does not necessarily exist **one** ubiquitous language
  - Dialect for each bounded context

# BOUNDED CONTEXT

- Bounded Contexts (DDD for subsystem)
  - "Mini" domains
- Why Context
  - specialized knowledge
- Why Bounded
  - in software we need subsystems to be decoupled
  - Evolve independently
- Context map
  - Interaction between contexts





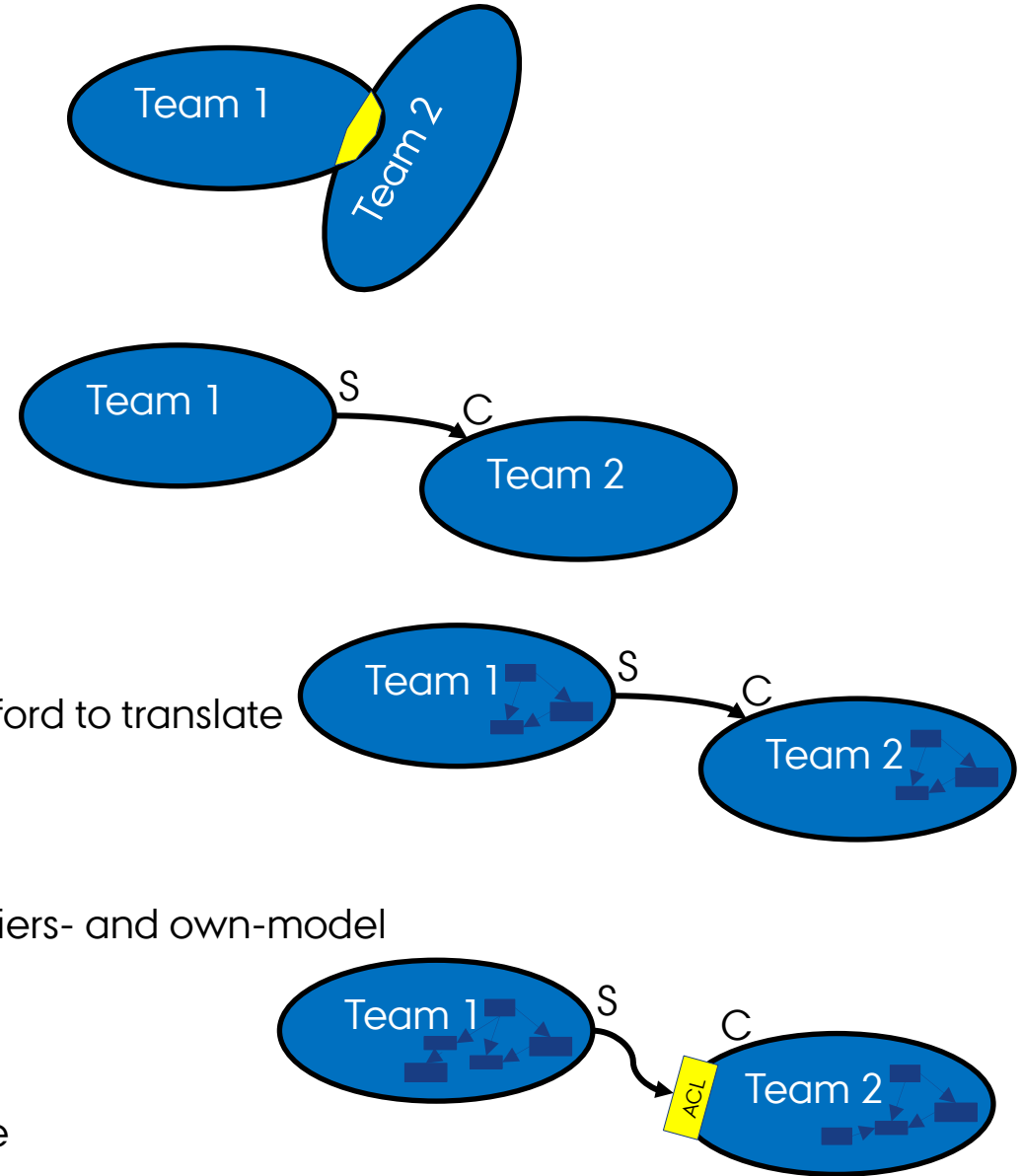
# CHOOSING THE RIGHT CONTEXTS

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- Domain experts
  - Same language and same problems – properly same domain
- Existing teams and department
- "Bounded"
- Autonomy
  - Two teams/groups working on the same bounded context – is properly slower than working on two
- Friction-free business workflows
  - Interaction with 'many' different bounded contexts

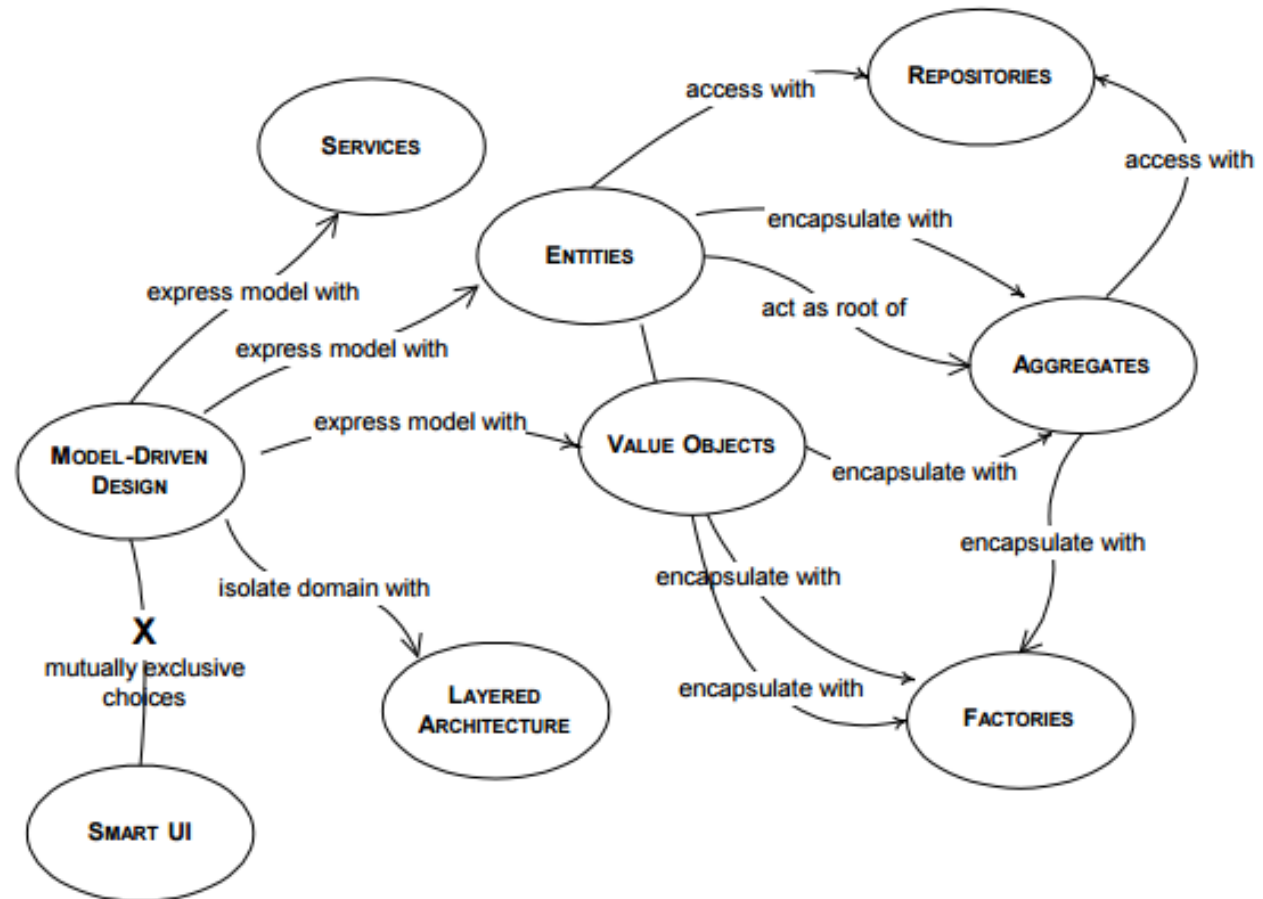
# PARTNERSHIPS

- Shared kernel
  - Share a small common model
- Customer-supplier
  - Supplier provides what customer needs
- Conformist
  - Customer-supplier – but customer cannot ‘afford’ afford to translate
- Anticorruption layer
  - Customer create a translation layer between suppliers- and own-model
- Other
  - Partnership, Open host service, published language



# TACTICAL PATTERNS

Key element from OOP from an DDD perspective



# VALUE OBJECTS VS ENTITIES

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## Value object

- Models a value
- No unique ID
- Immutable
- Comparison is done by attributes/value
- Examples
  - Address
  - PhoneNumber
  - Money

## Entity

- Model an individual think
- Has unique ID
- Mutable
- Examples:
  - OrderItem
  - Customer
  - Invoice

# AGGREGATES

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- Composed of one or more entities and value objects
- Forms a transactional consistent boundary
- One entity is called **aggregate root**
  - Owns all other elements in aggregate
  - Access to aggregate *must* go through this entity
- Examples:
  - Customer
  - Invoice

# AGGREGATE DESIGN CONSIDARATIONS

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1. Protect business invariants inside aggregate
2. Design small aggregates
3. Reference other aggregates only by identity
4. Update referenced aggregates using eventual consistency

# SERVICES

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- Contain domain operations that do not belong to an entity or value object
- Is stateless
- Examples
  - `PriceCalculation(...)`
  - `CurrencyConversion(...)`





# REPOSITORIES

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- Retrieve domain objects (aggregates) from data storage or (DAL)
- You will see (have seen) this in SW4BED (Backend development)



# FACTORIES

- Create domain objects
- Encapsulates the creation of objects



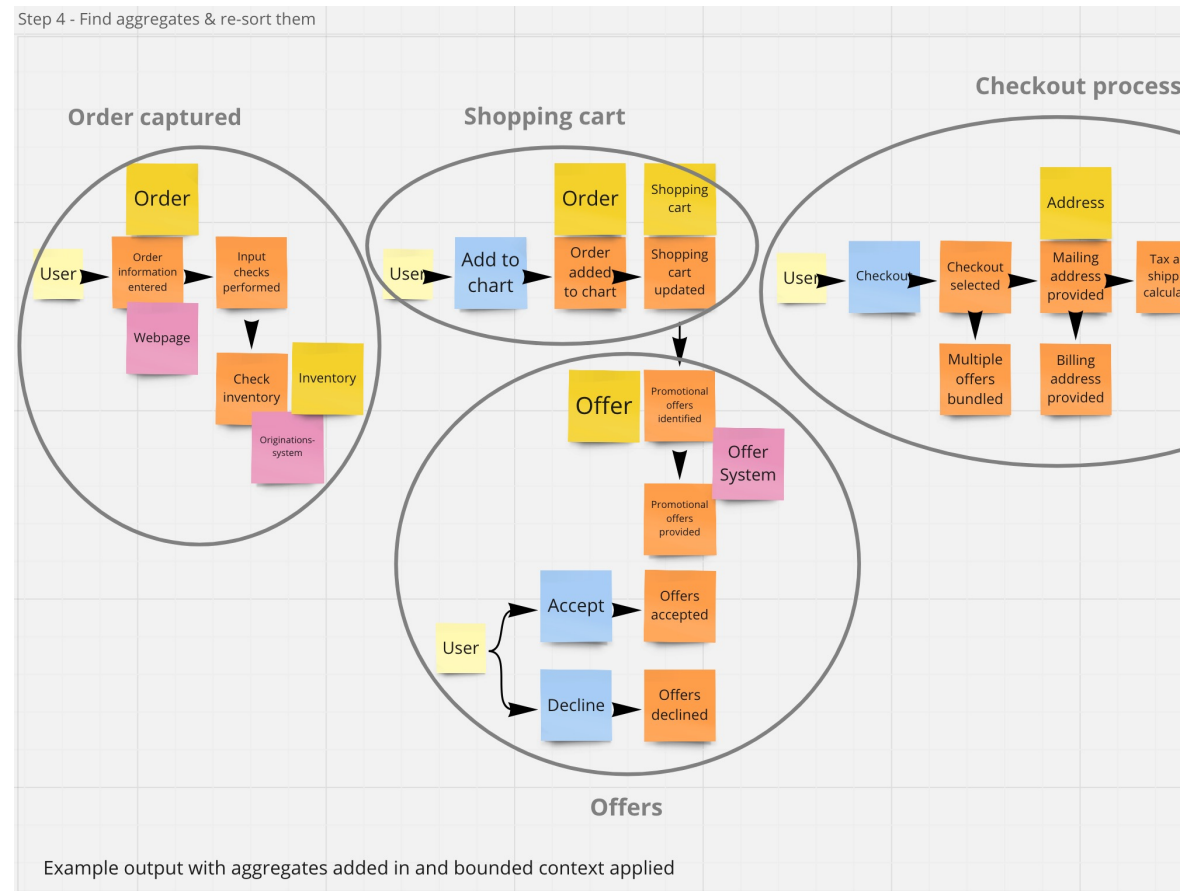
# DOMAIN EVENTS

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- Represent some business-significant occurrence in a bounded context
- Immutable facts
- Naming: Passed tense – using the ubiquitous language
- Can be used for inter-service communication
- Example
  - OrderReviewed
  - NewCustomerRegistered

# EXERCISE – BOUNDED CONTEXT

- Find Aggregates and Bounded Contexts (5-10 min)
- Using the elements from the Tactical Patterns to try and describe a design for 1-2 of the aggregates you found.





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