# Introduction to Event Storming

#eventstorming
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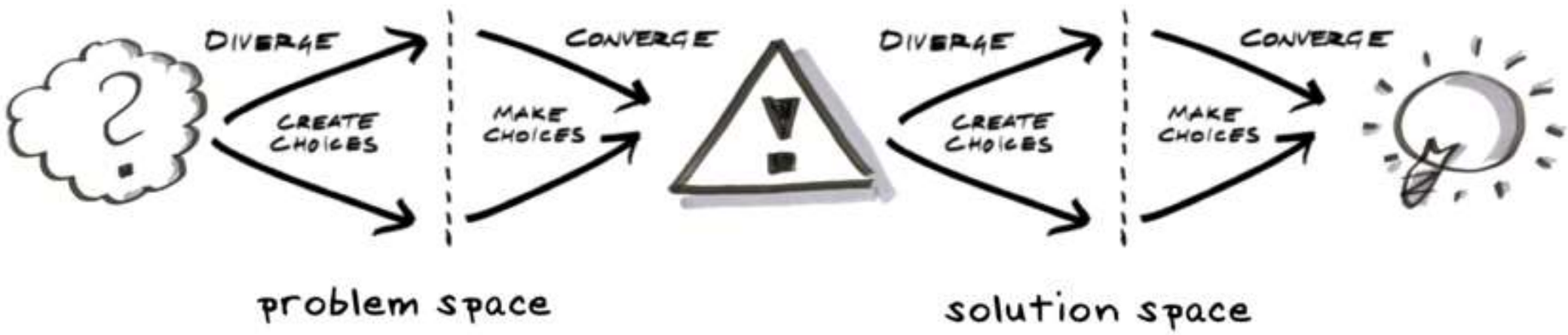
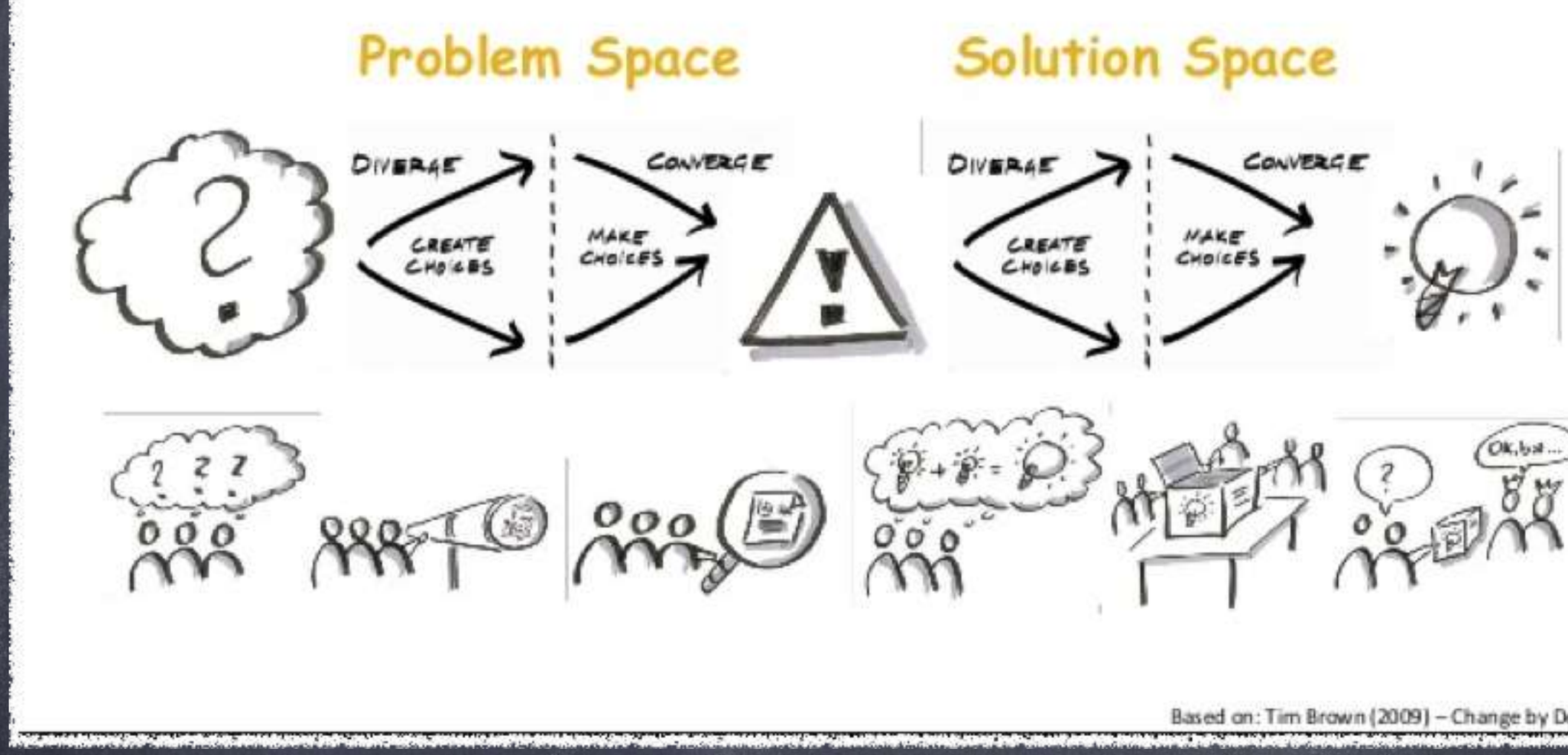



# Ideal flow

This is how it should work, right?




# The reality

Not so nice, no, no, no :(

# Domain-Driven Design

- Knowledge crunching
- Talking to domain experts
- Figuring out the language
- Linking problem space to solution space

# Effectiveness

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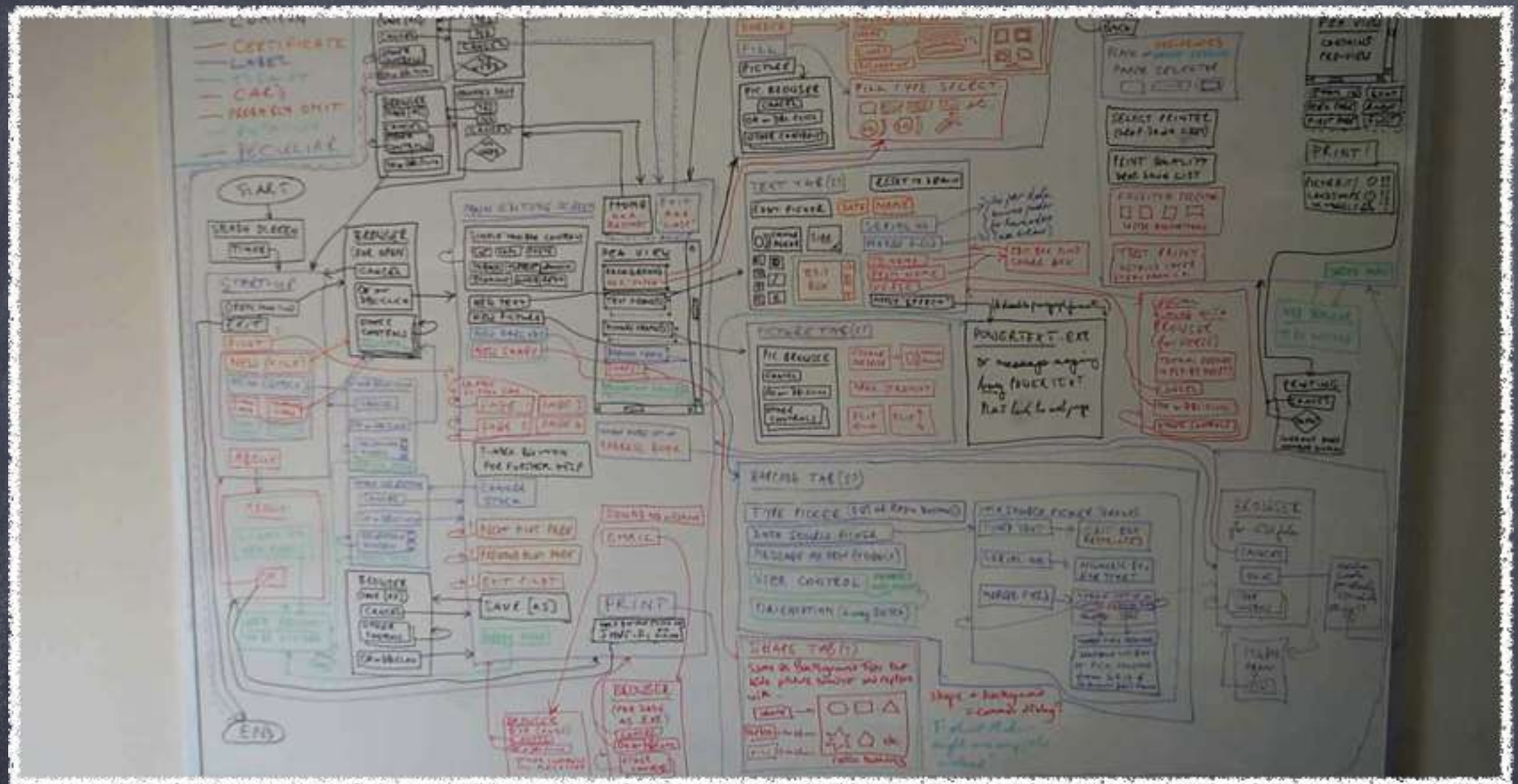
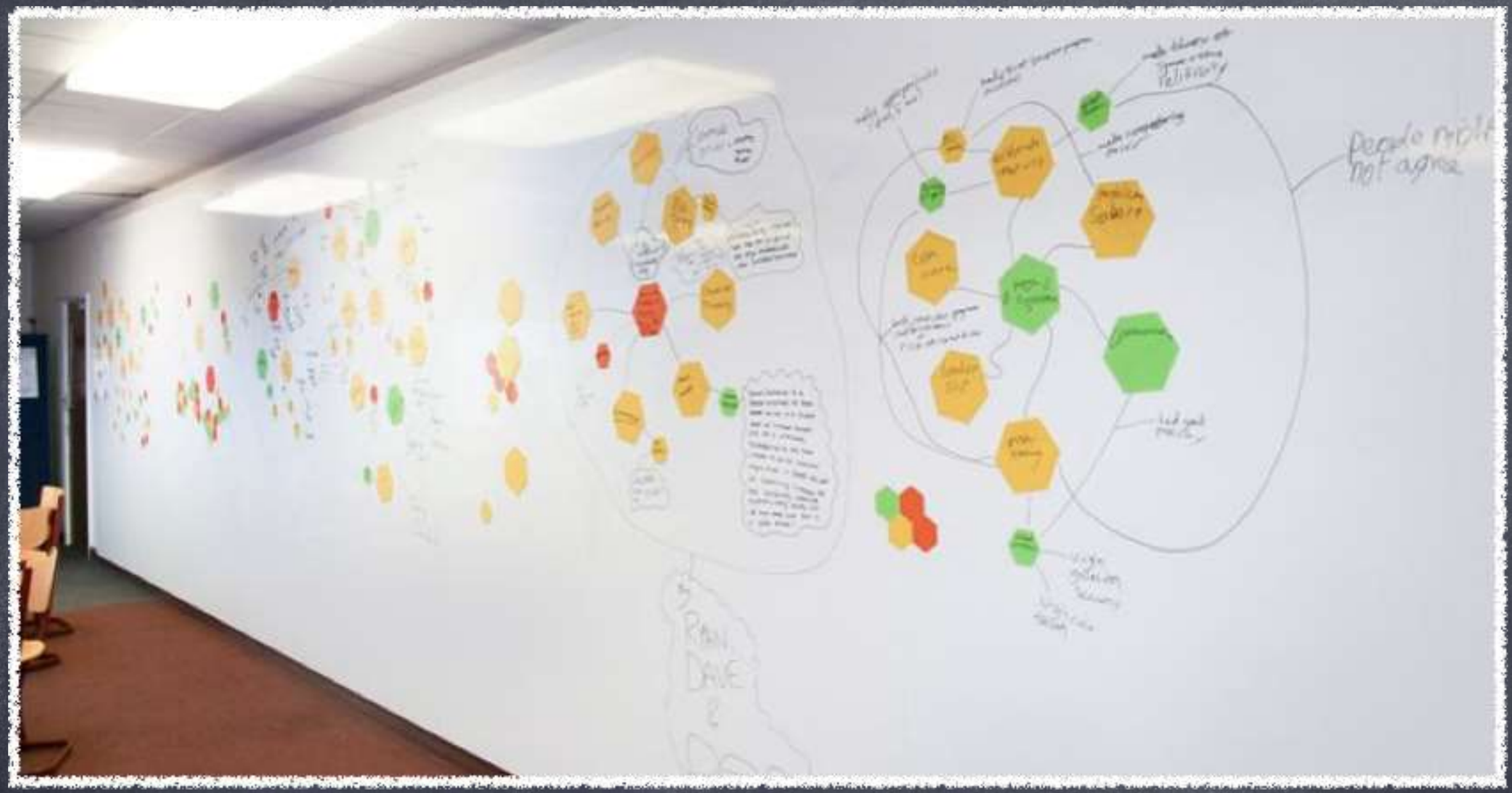
# EventStorming

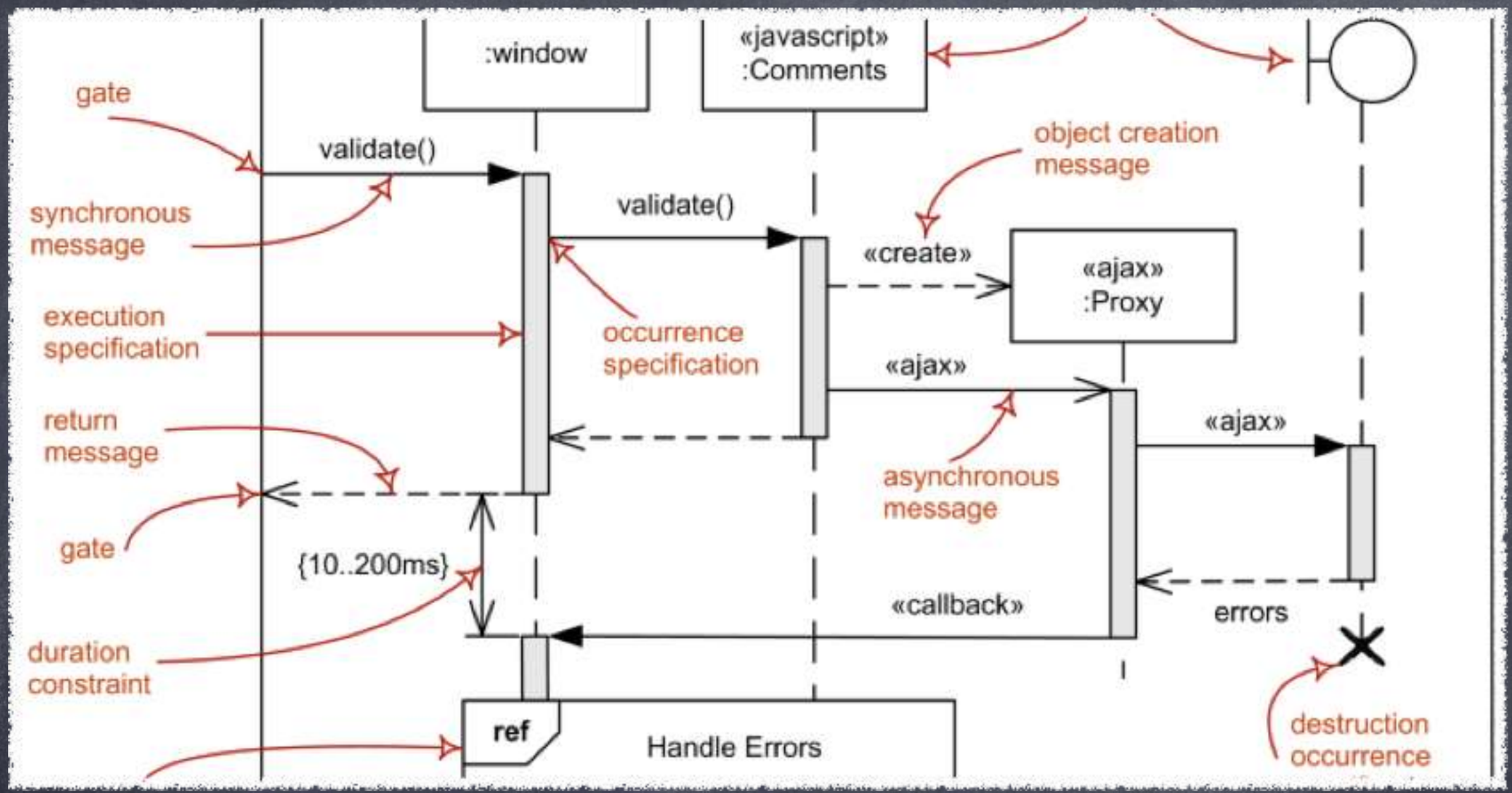
- People with questions
- Meeting people with answers
- In one room
- Plus…




# Modelling Space




# Unlimited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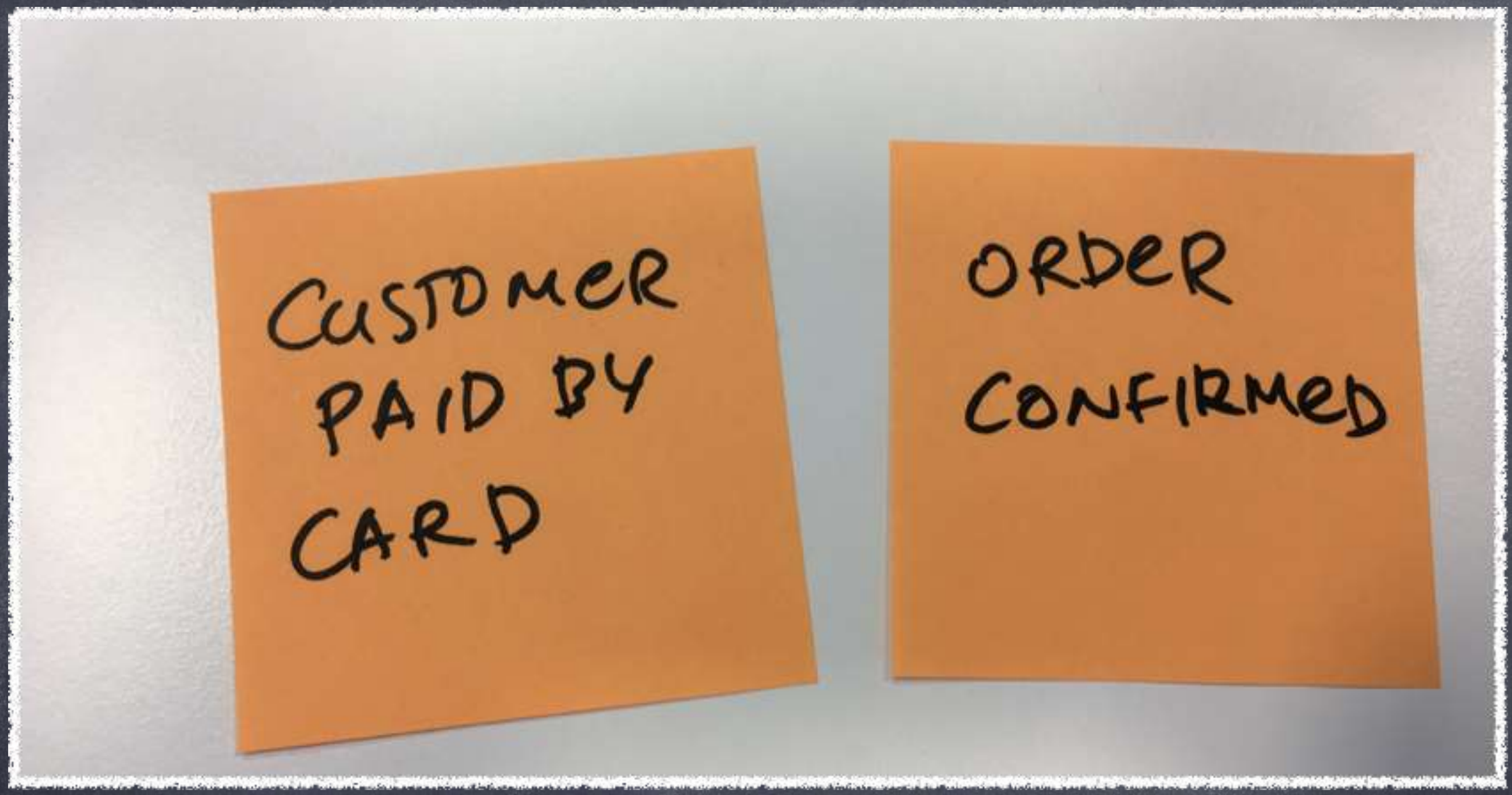
# Notation

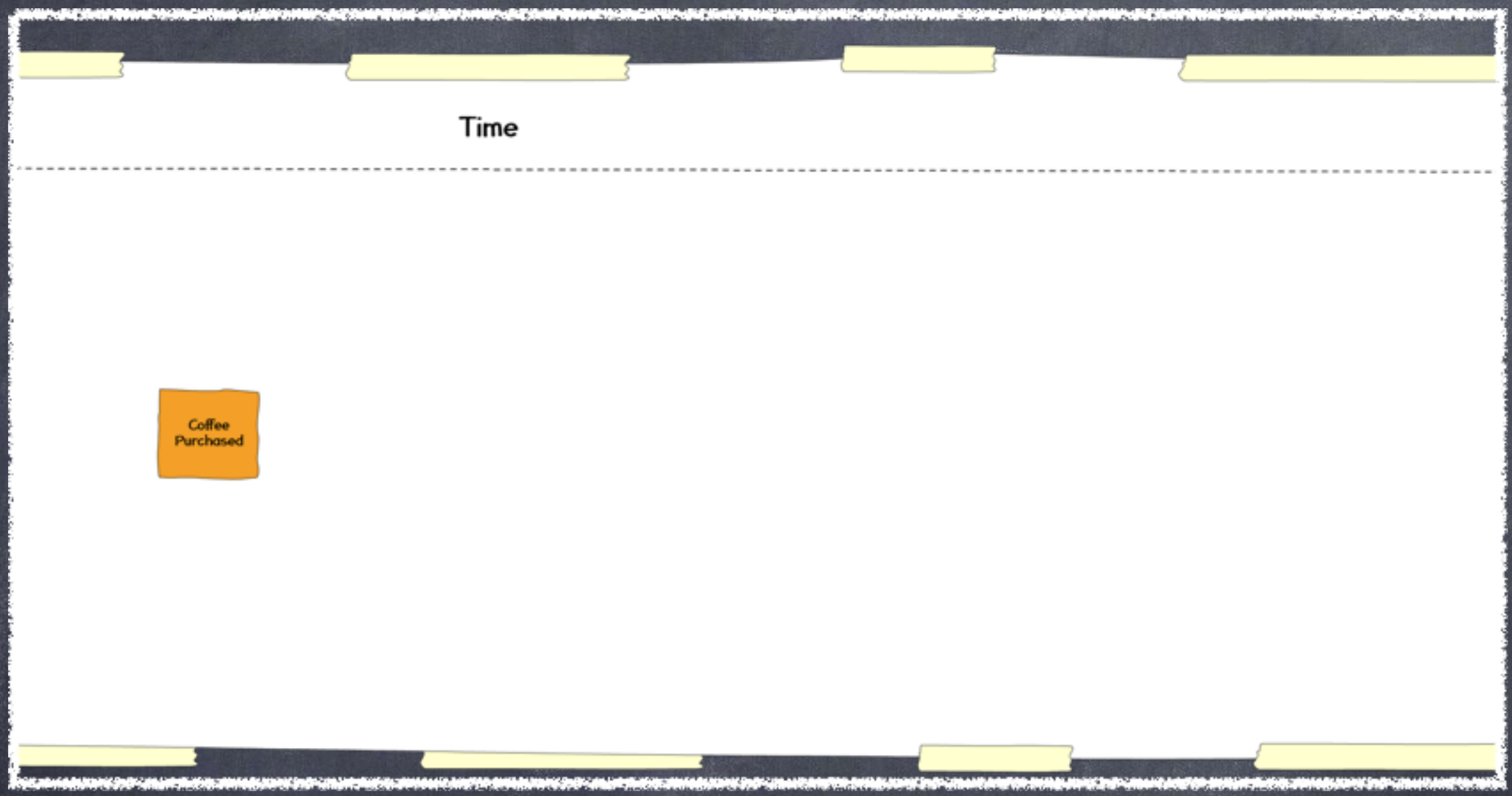



Simple

Enough stationary

# Domain Events

- Represent facts
- State transition
- Past tense
- Anyone can do it




# First one is hard

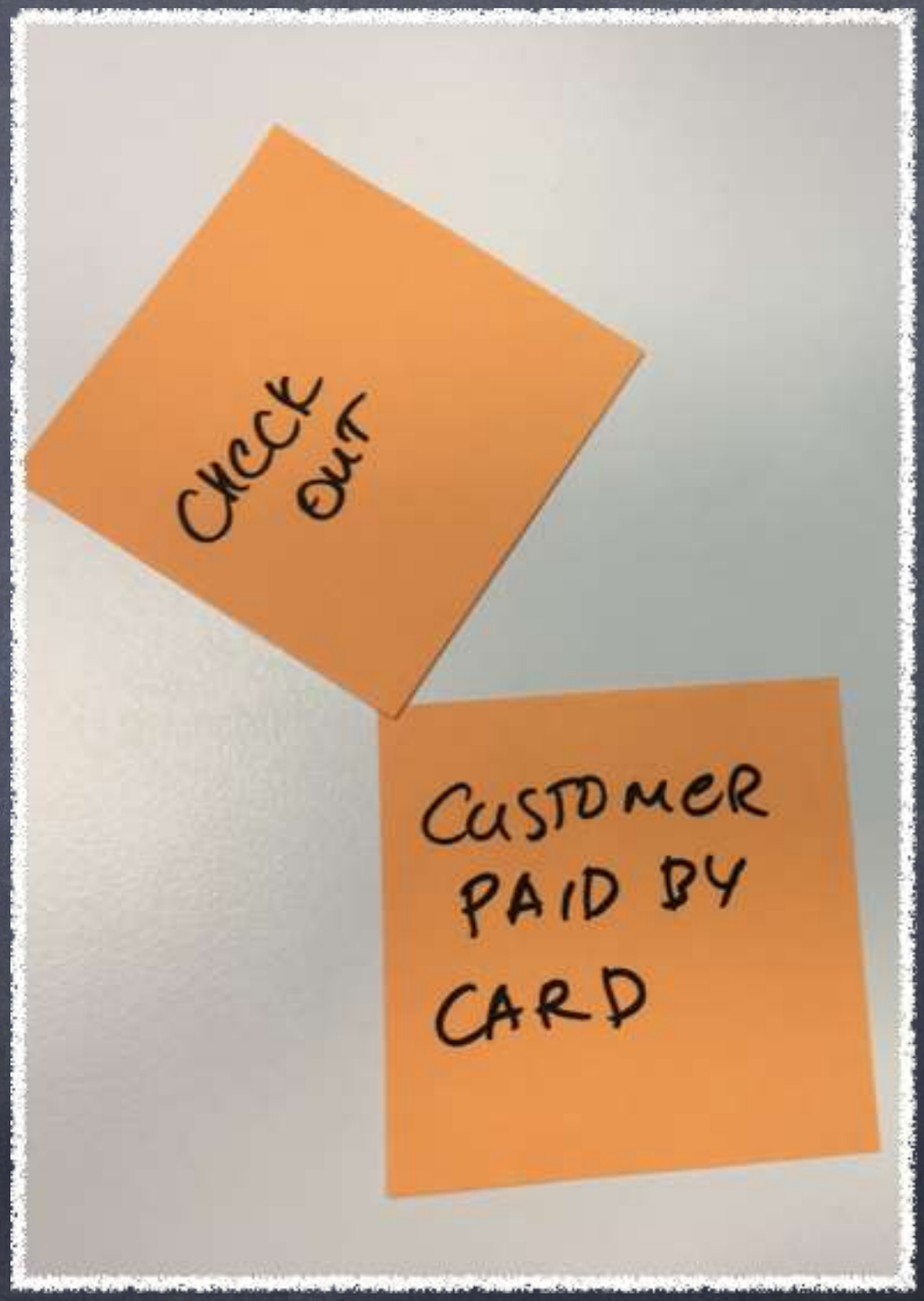
Do it yourself

# Let them go

There are no mistakes

# Observe the rules

But don't play boss



# Big Picture

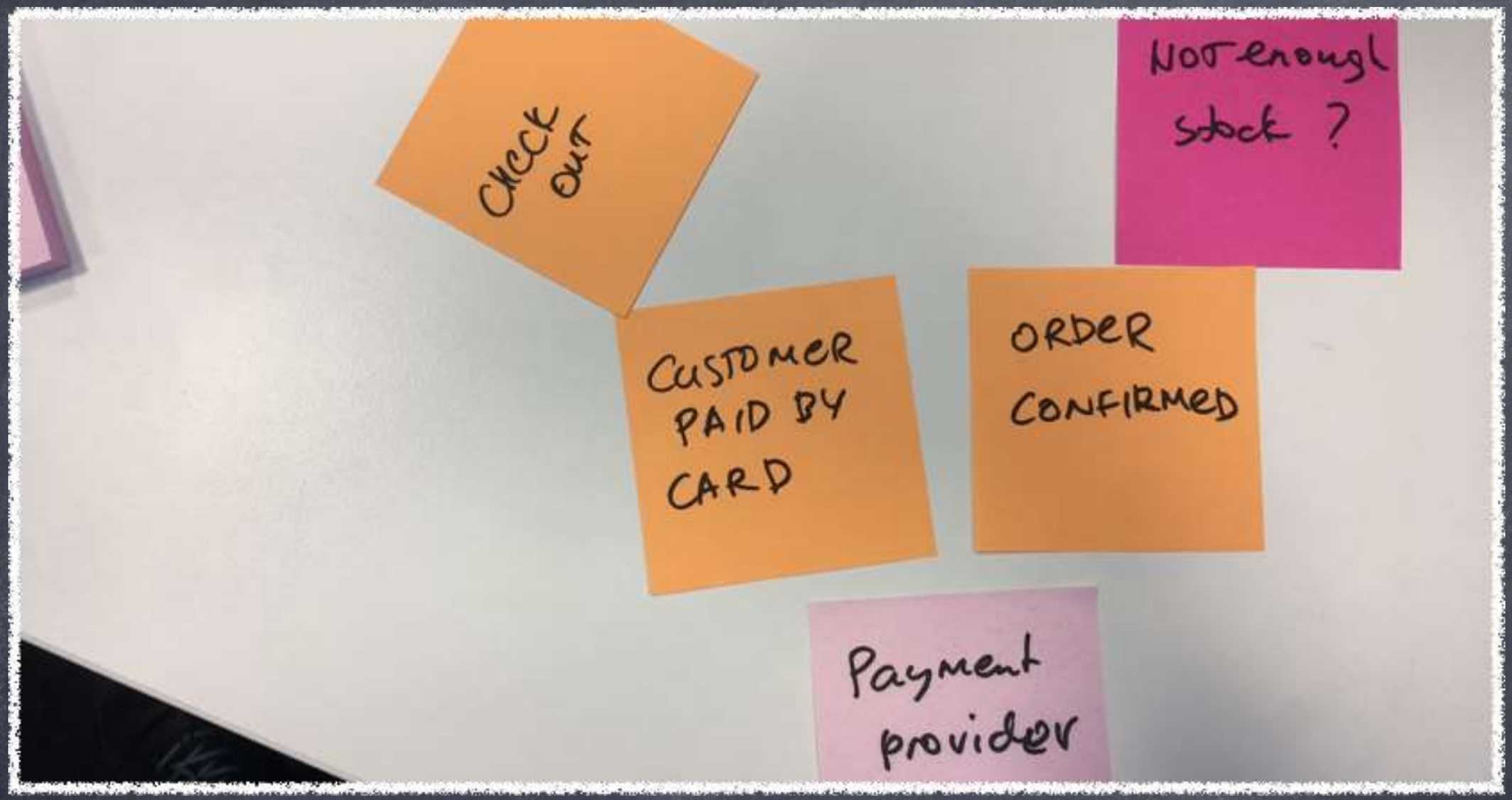
- People with questions
- People with answers
- In one room
- Unlimited modelling space
- Lots os stationary

# Prepare the space

- Remove chairs
- Remove tables
- At least try
- Bring fruits and drinks

# Be time keeper

- Time box the whole thing
- Plan breaks
- Cut too detailed discussions




# Mark hotspots

# Hotspot signs

- Not enough clarity
- Puzzled faces
- Heated discussions
- Gently burn the fire, put a pink sticky

# Do it now

# Design Level

- Extended notation
- Commands
- Users
- Read models

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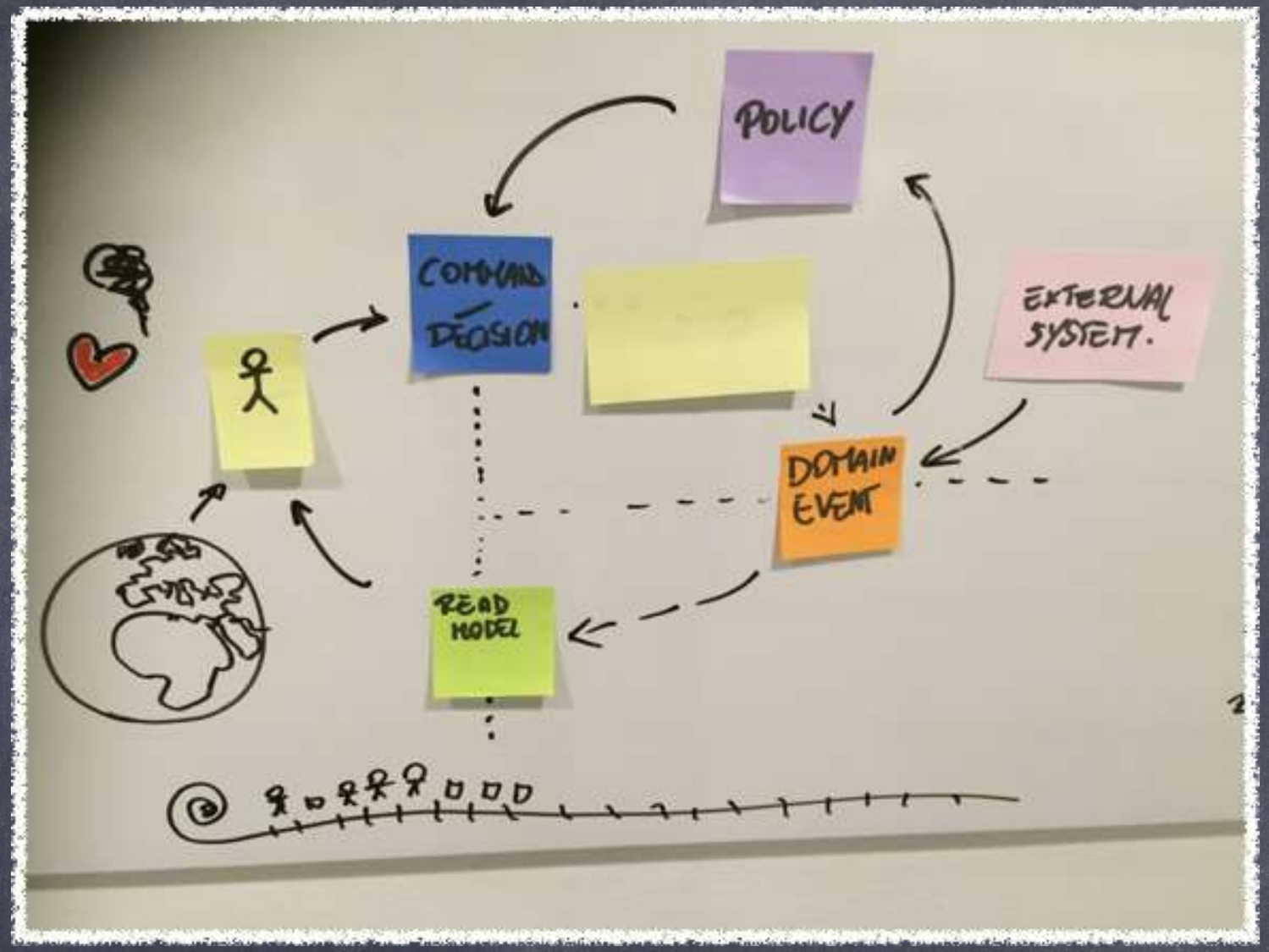



# One picture

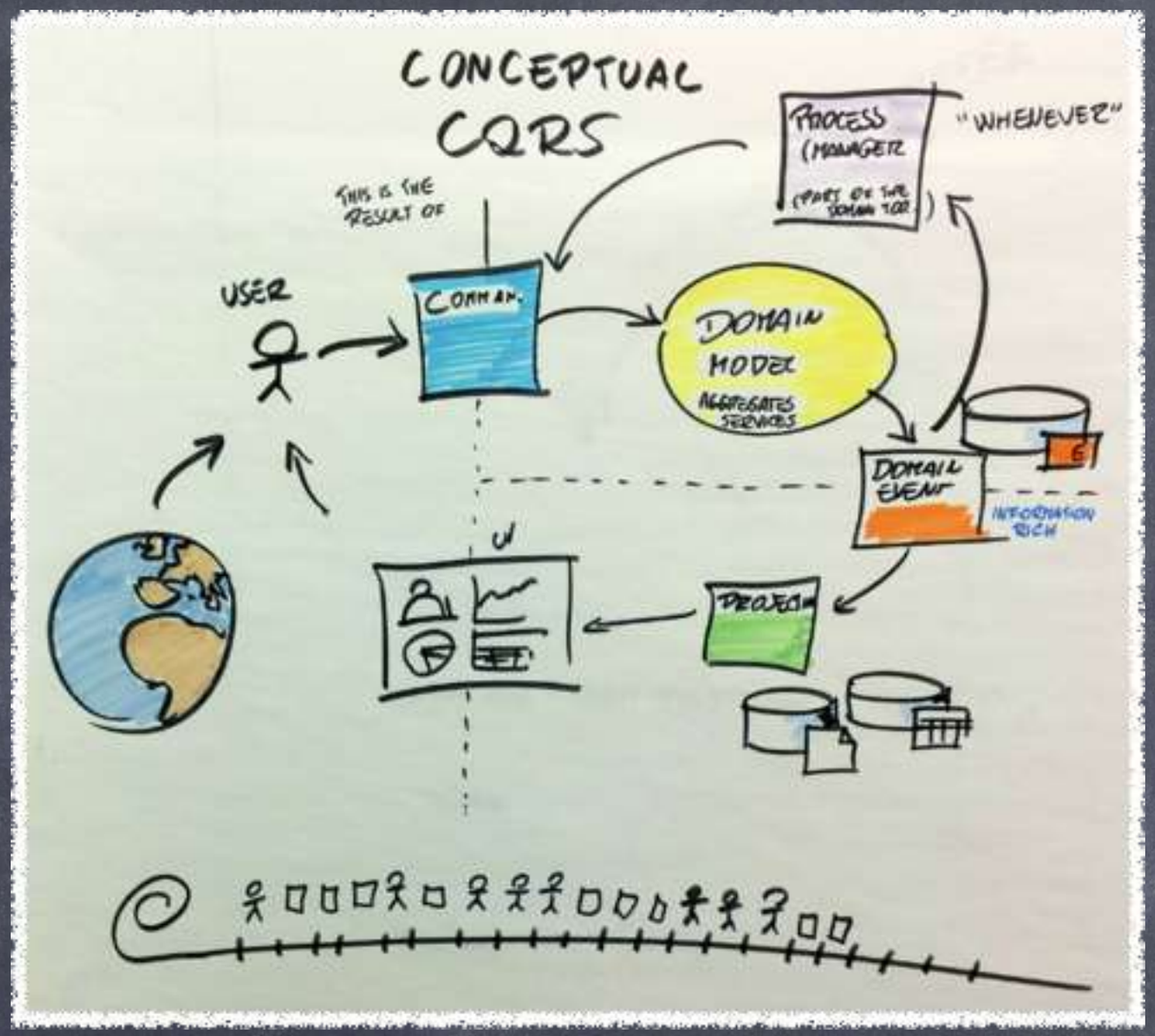
That explains it all

# Start small

Increment

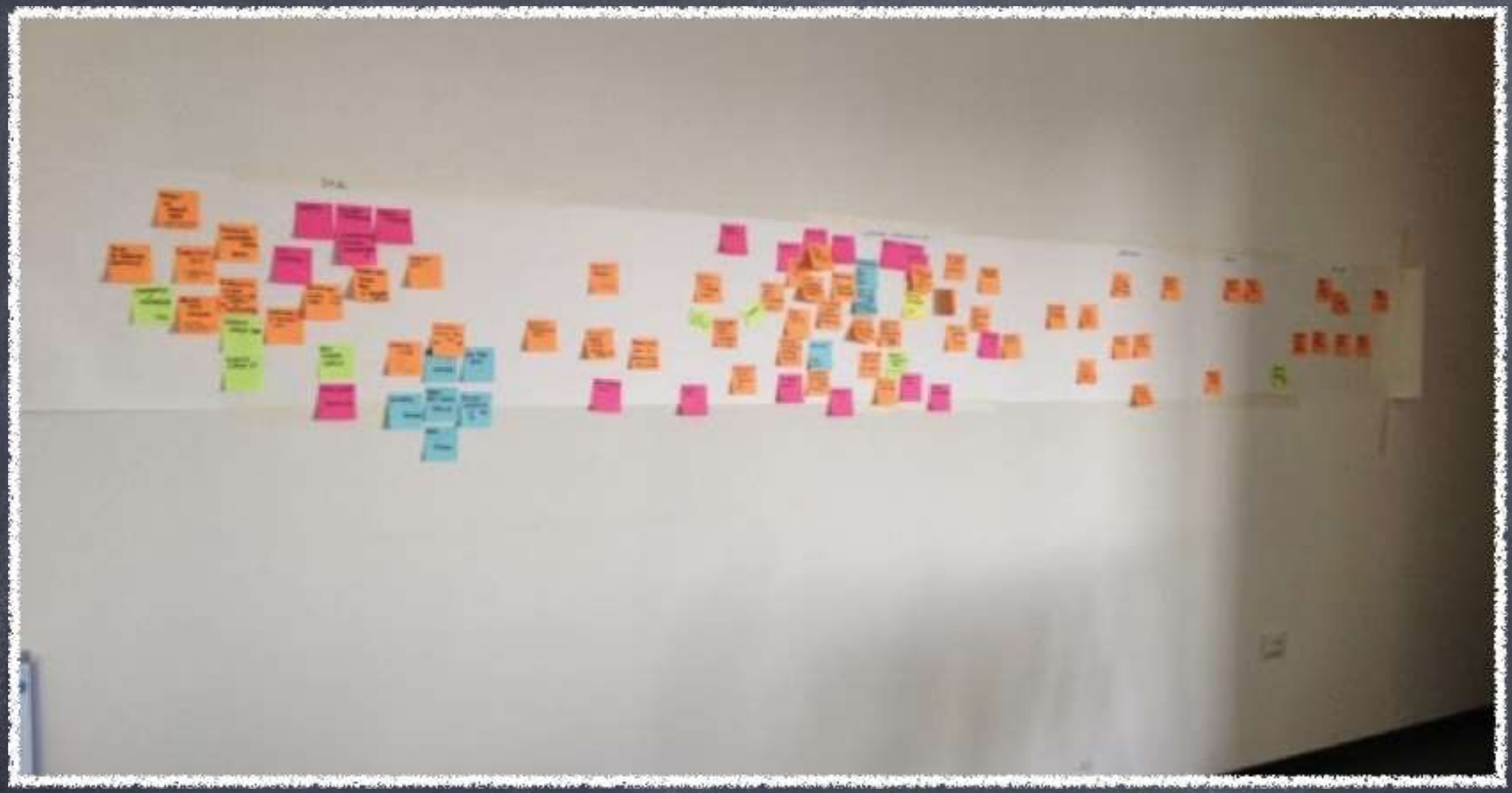
# There is something

in between your stickies




# Whiteboard

That compiles



# Notice islands

They might be bounded contexts

Do it now again

# Enrich

- Let people tell their story
- Encourage asking questions
- Reverse narrative
- Follow the money
- Add modelling space

# Tips

- Short kick-off
- Make notation visible
- Put first sticky yourself
- Keep your mouth shut
- Guide, not rule
- Listen and observe

# More tips

- Cut off fights with hotspots
- Attach a problem, not a person
- Make alternatives visible
- Concur now, divide later

# Throw away

Your outcome is the knowledge, not paper roll

“Software development is a learning process, working code is a side effect”

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