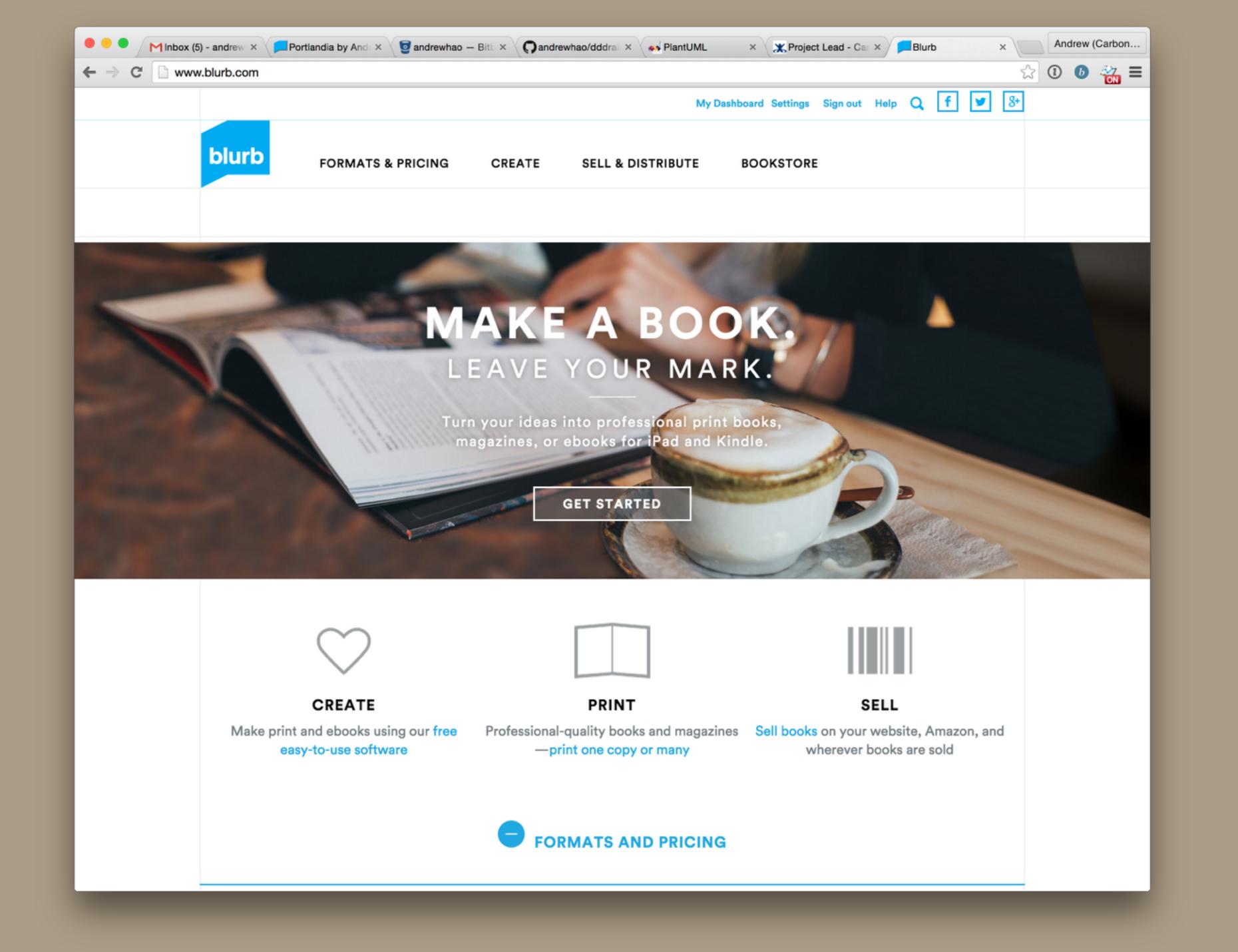
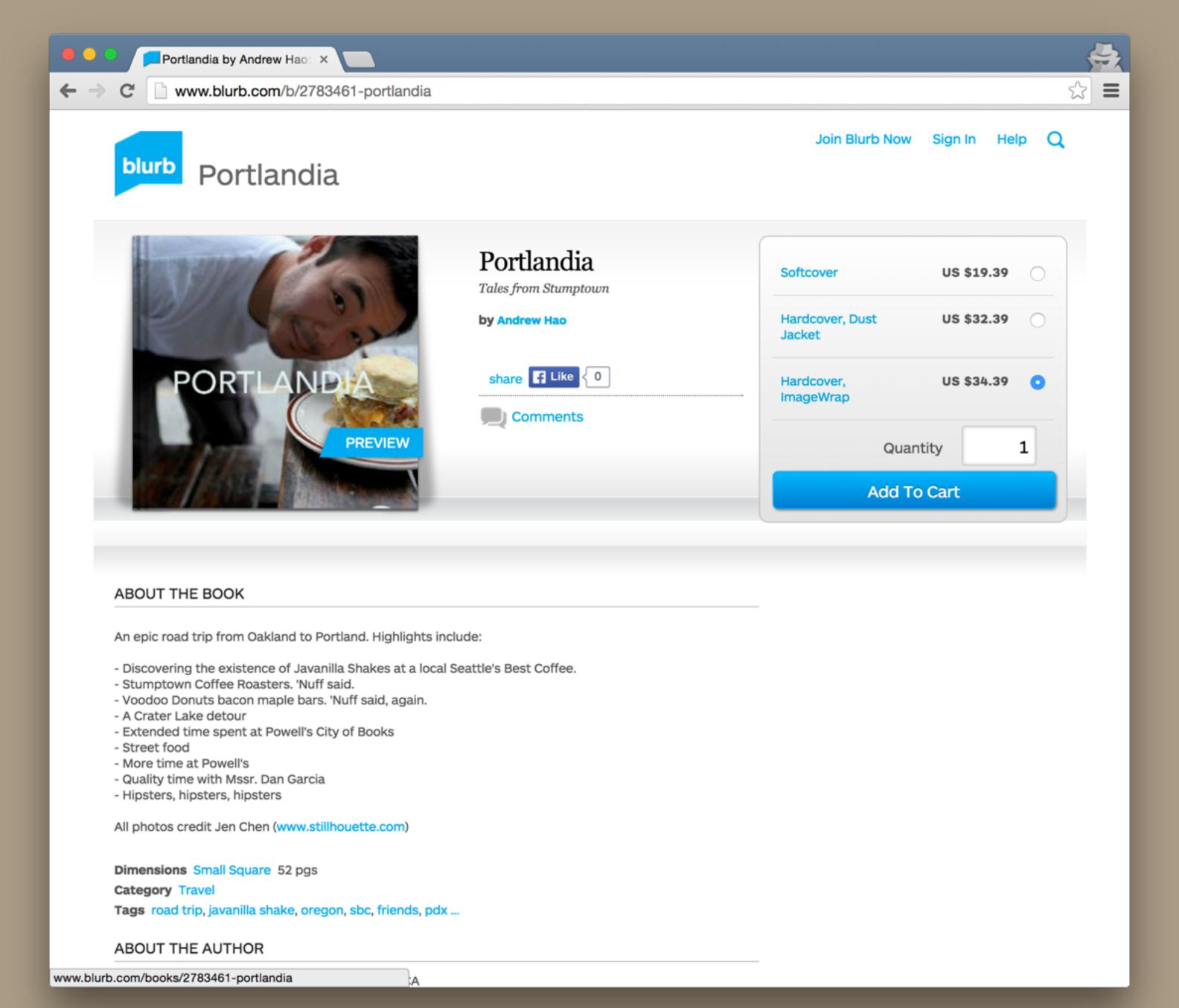
DDD-rail Your Monorail

Breaking up the Rails monolith with domain driven design

Once upon a time



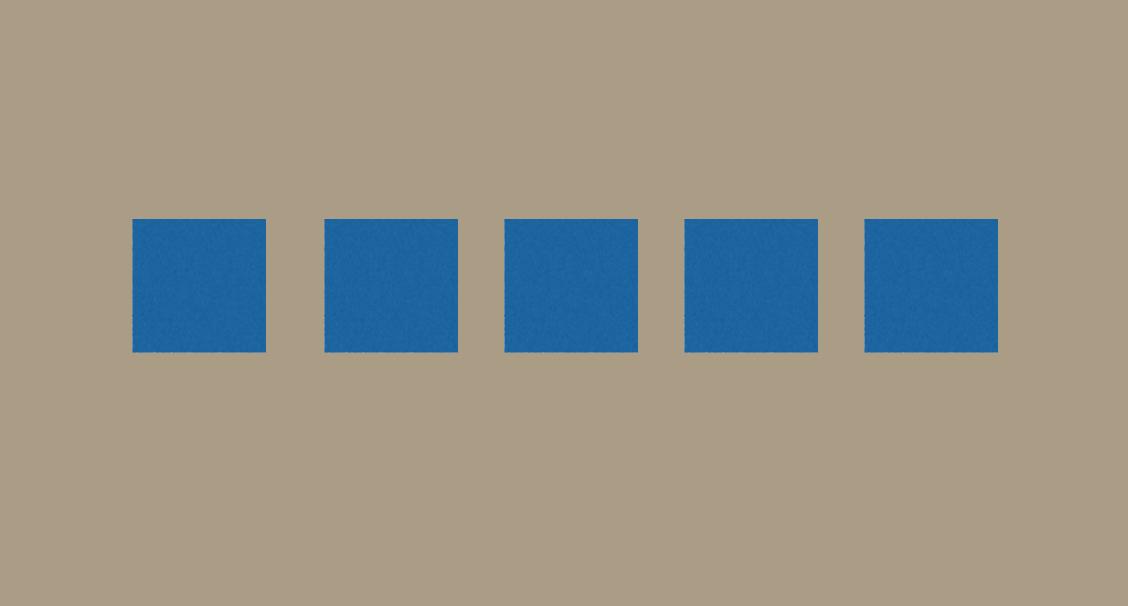
Blurb: self publishing platform

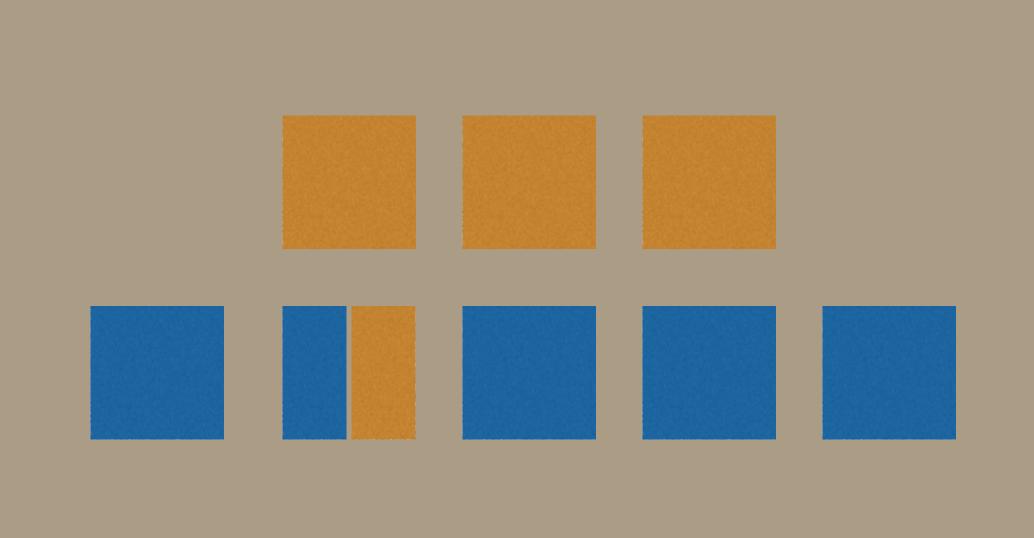


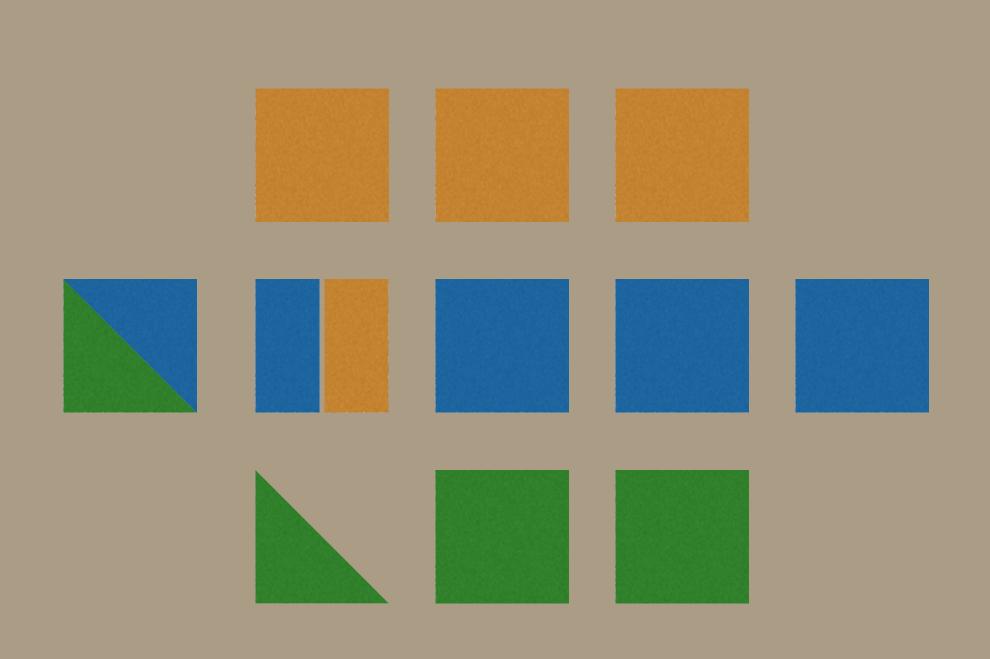
create, publish, sell

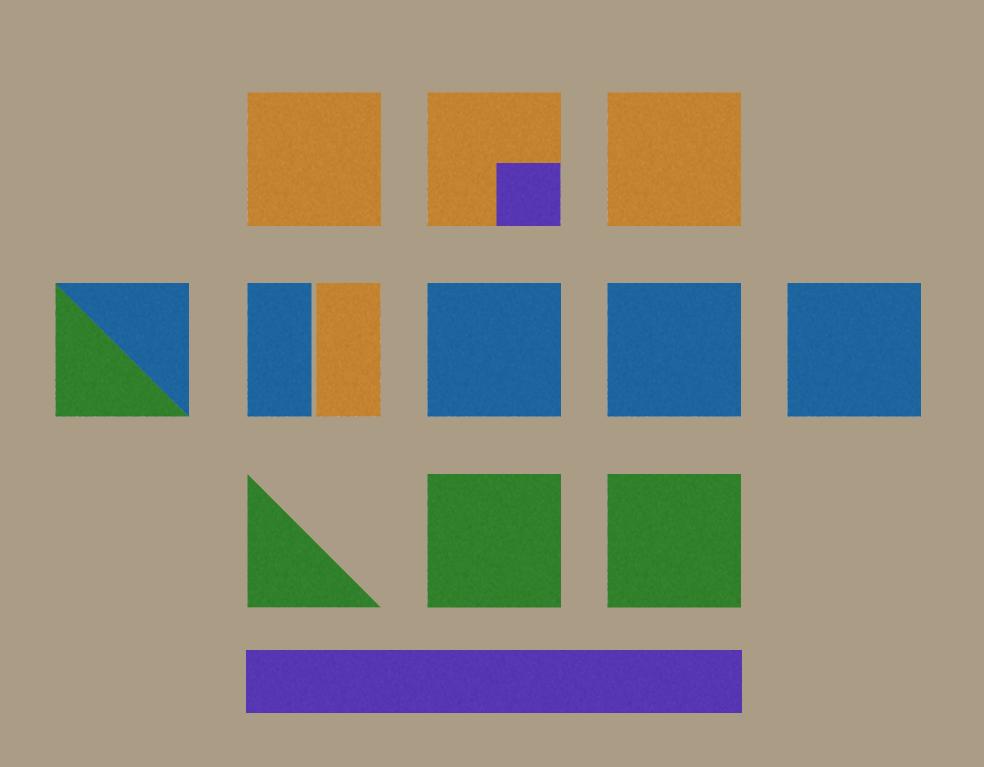
create, publish, sell books & ebooks

There was a Rails app

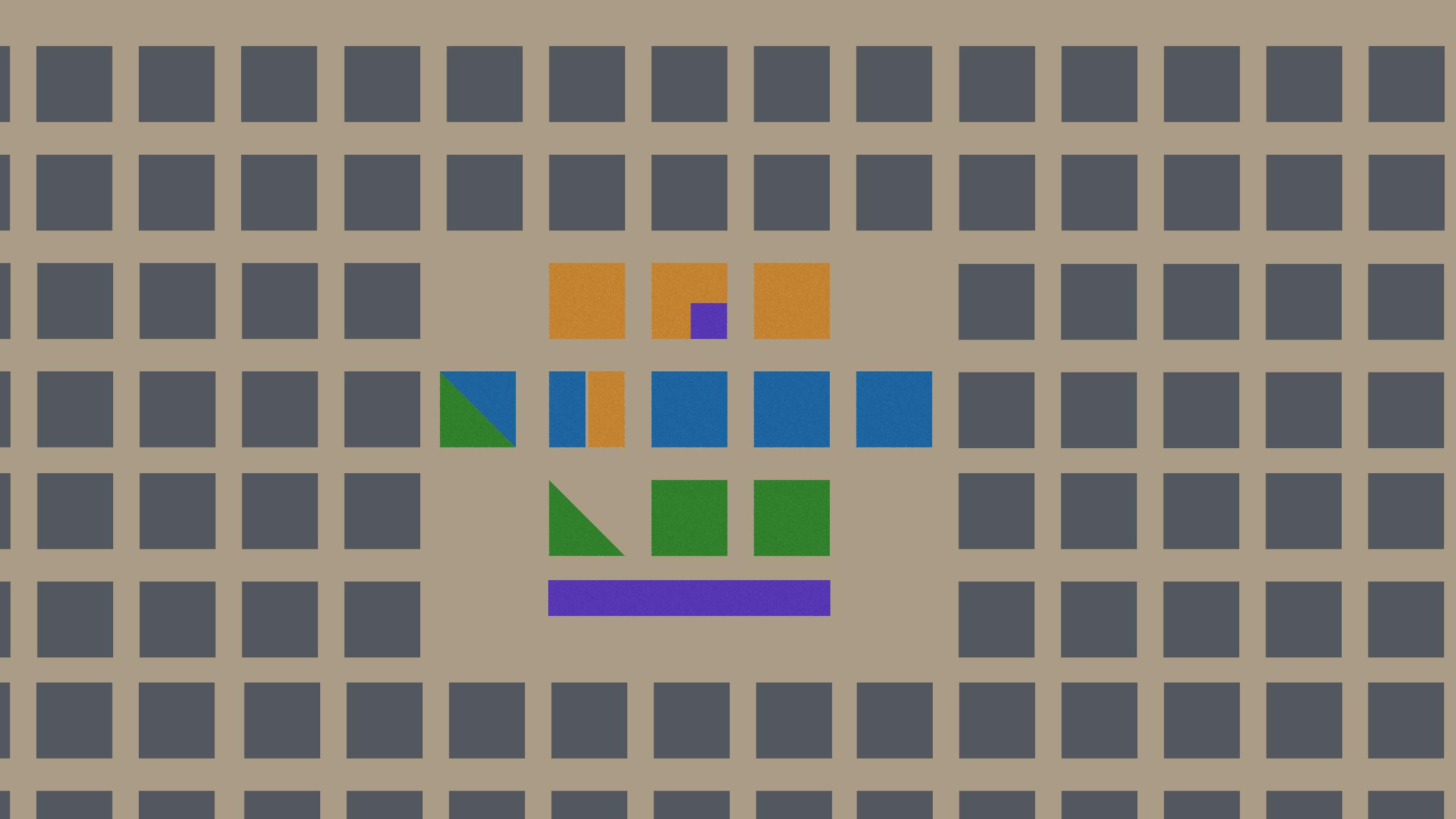








Over 8 years



@#%!

Regressions

Can't ship

"I quit"

Localized refactoring can only get you so far

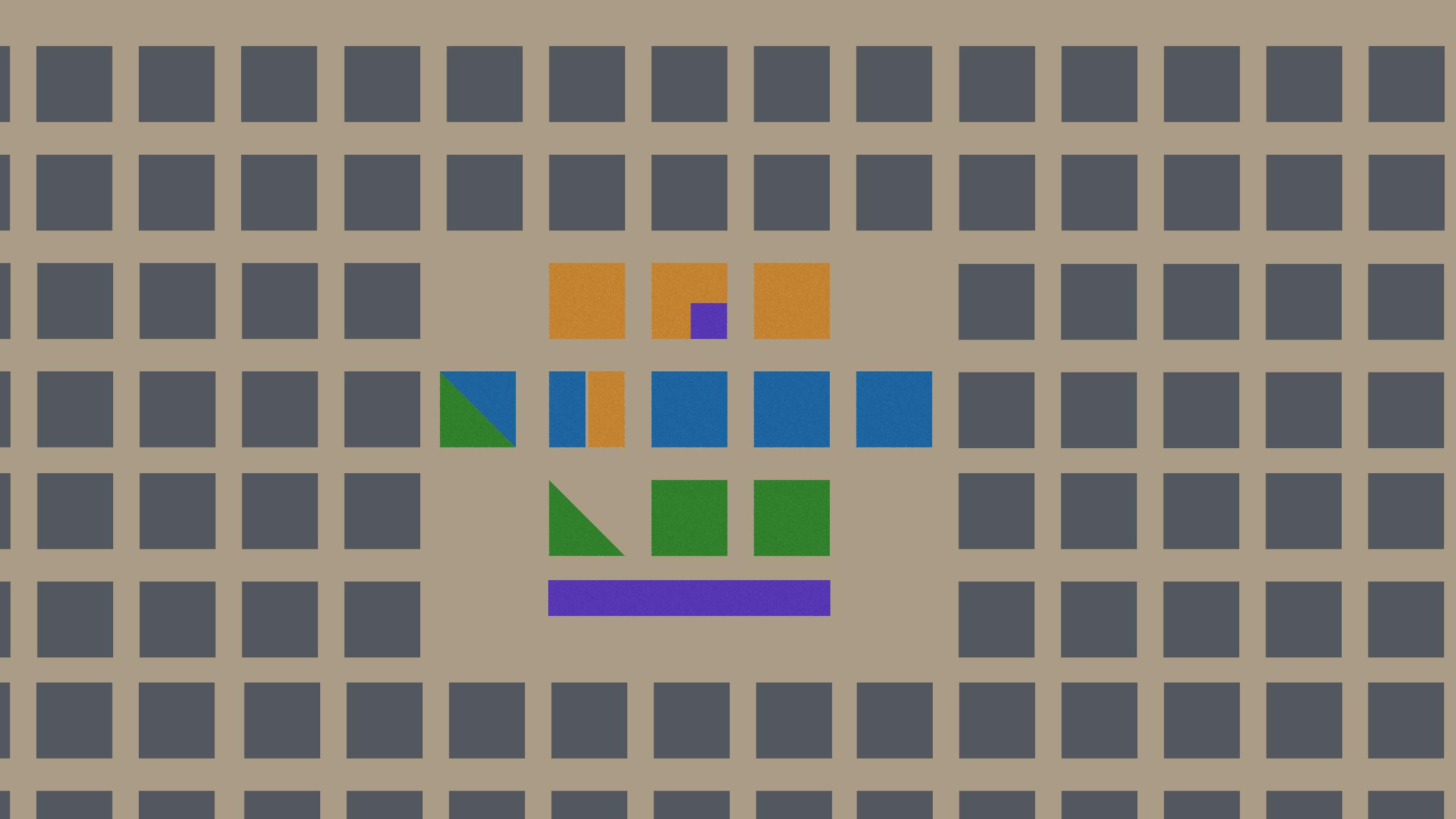
MVC, the Rails Way

ActiveRecord

Presenters, Decorators

Extract Method Object

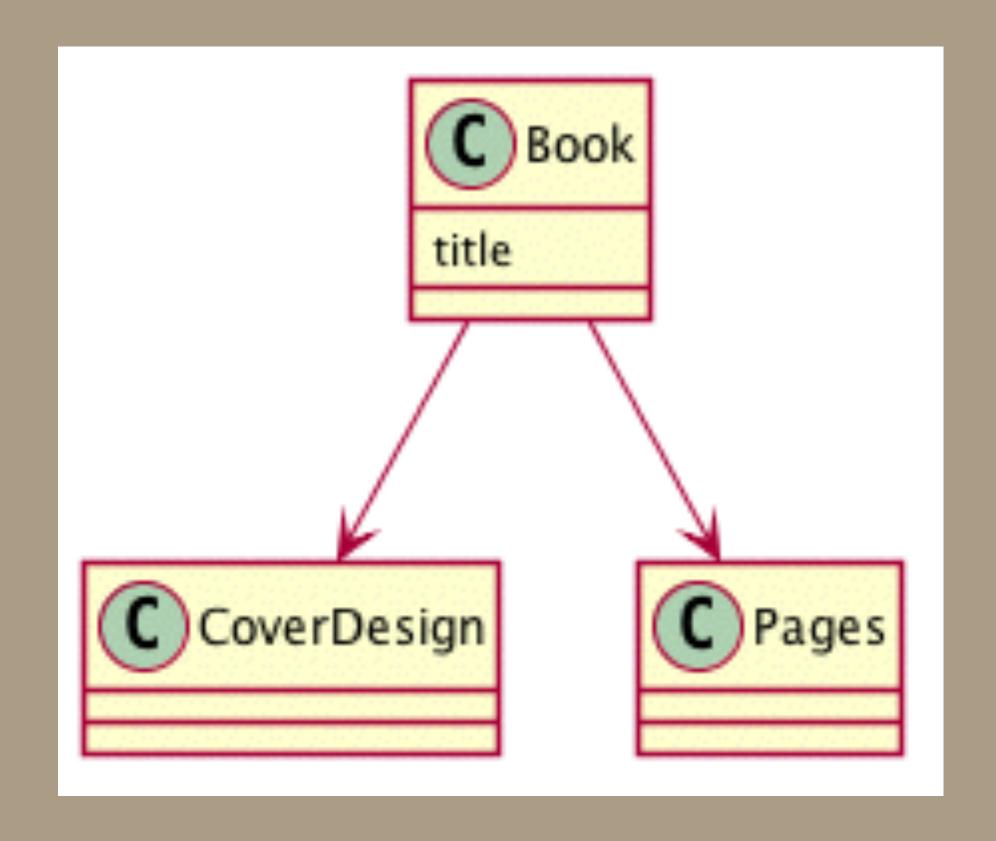
Service Objects



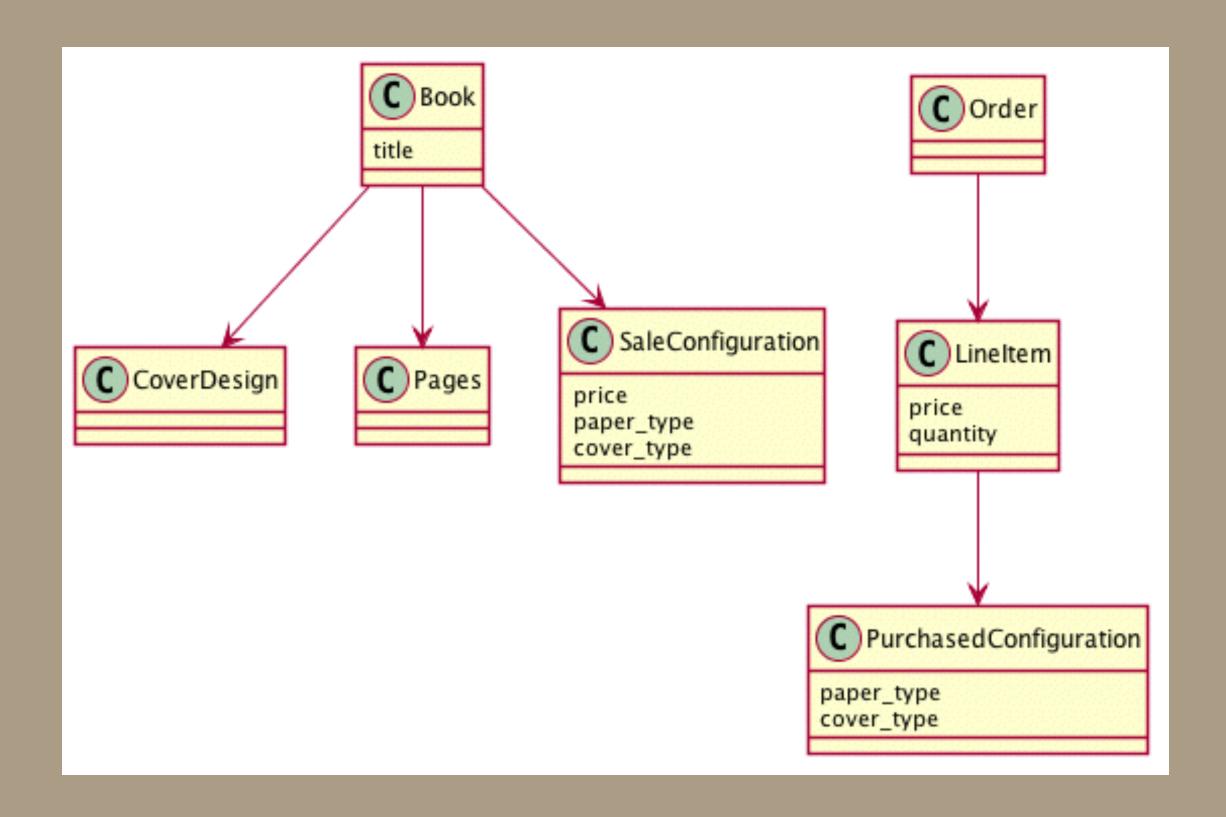
There are deeper insights to be had

Let's get down and dirty

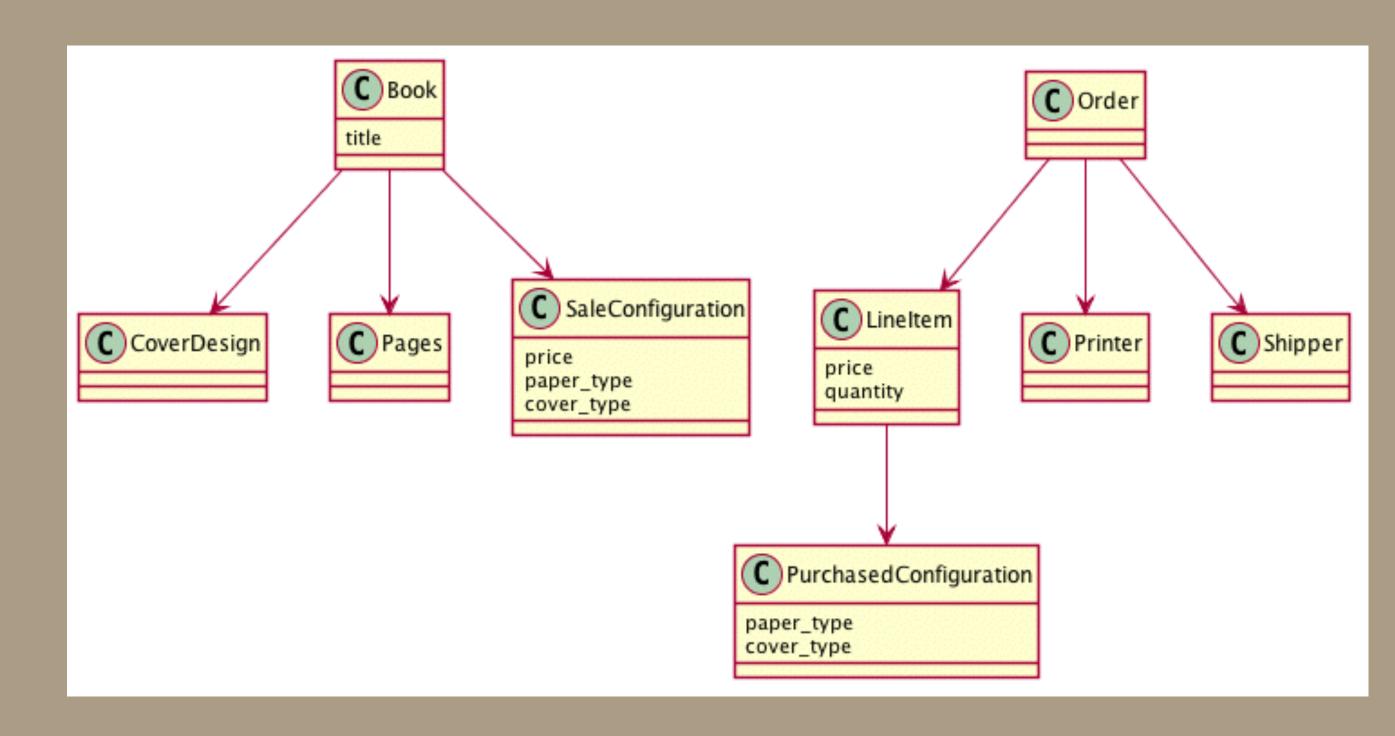
We make books



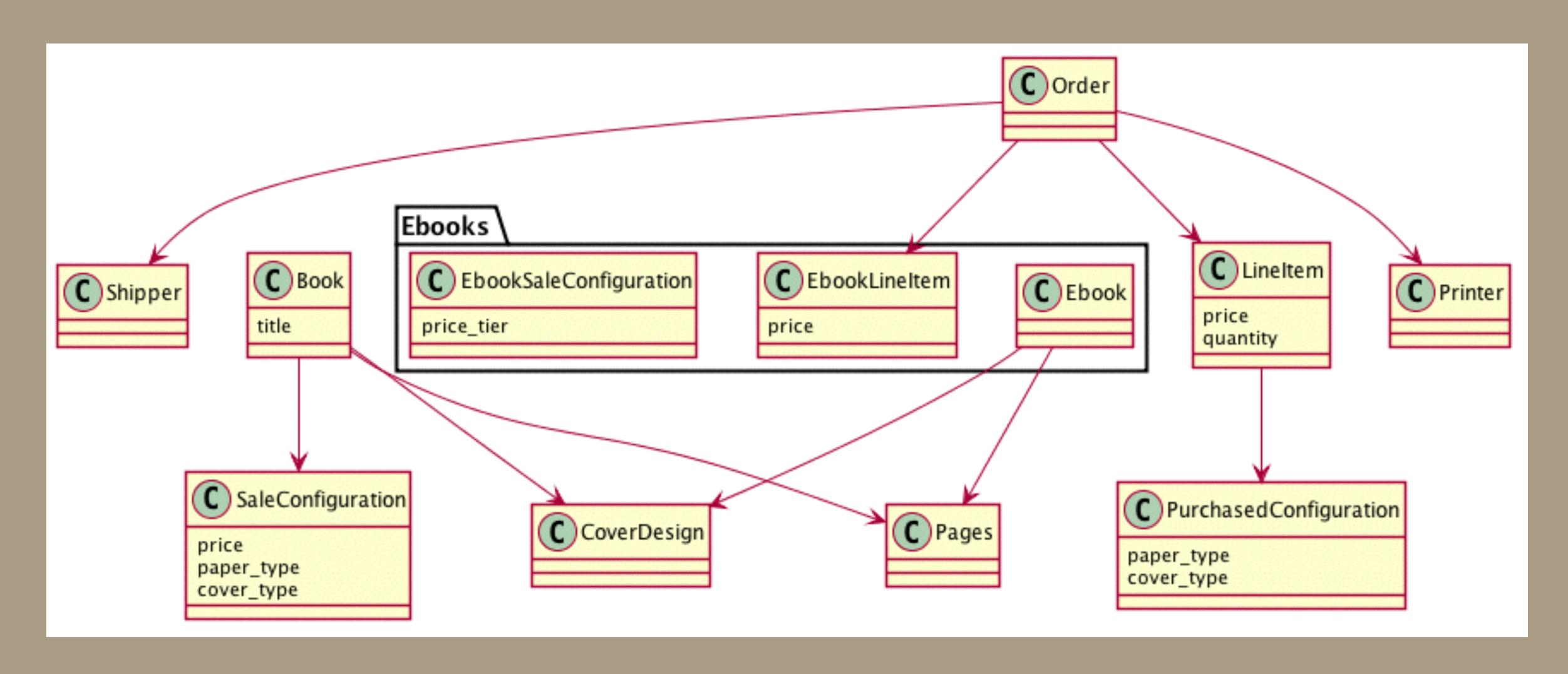
And we sell them



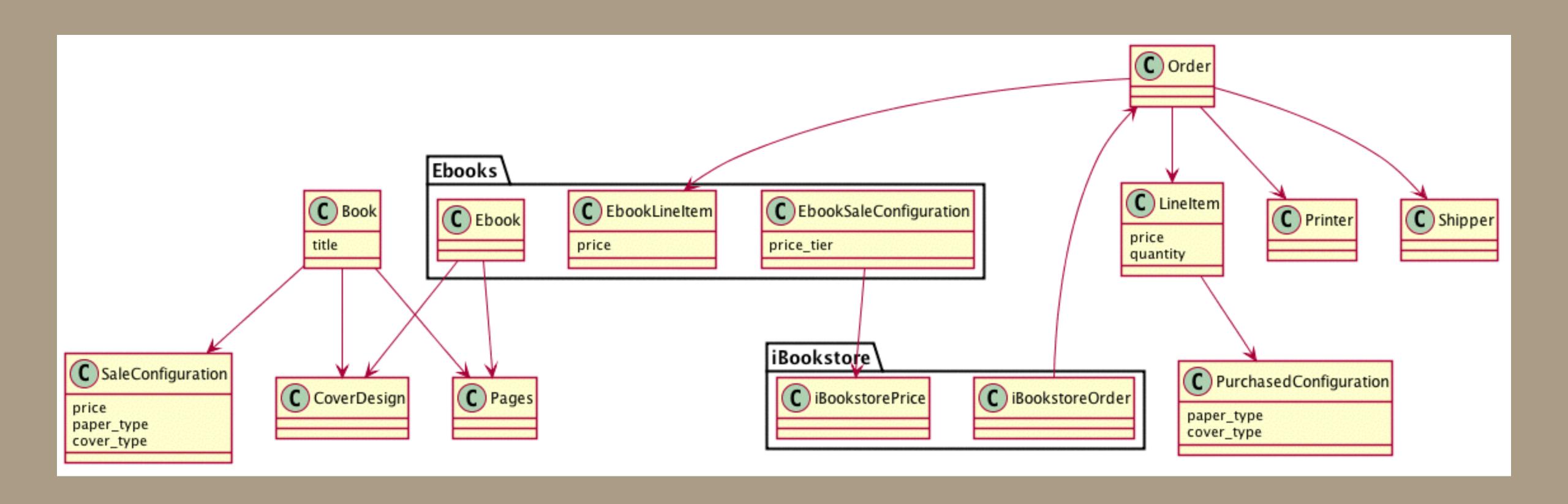
We also print and ship them



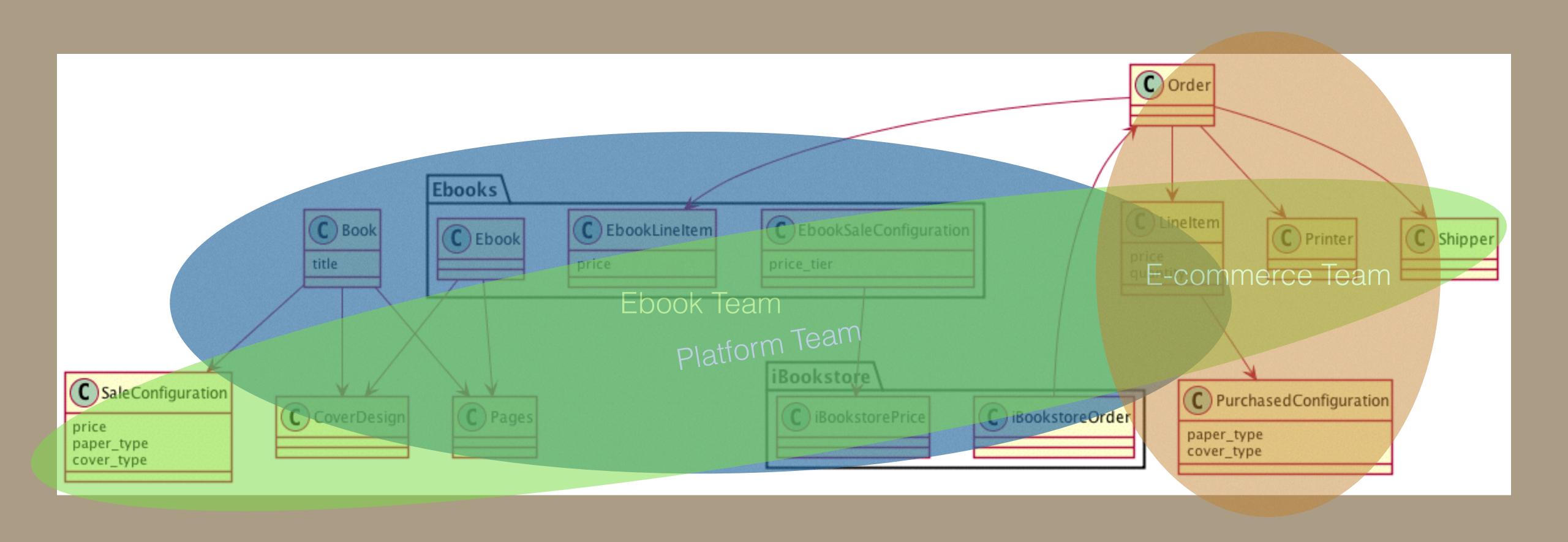
Don't forget ebooks



...now sell it on the iBookstore



Different teams touch different parts.

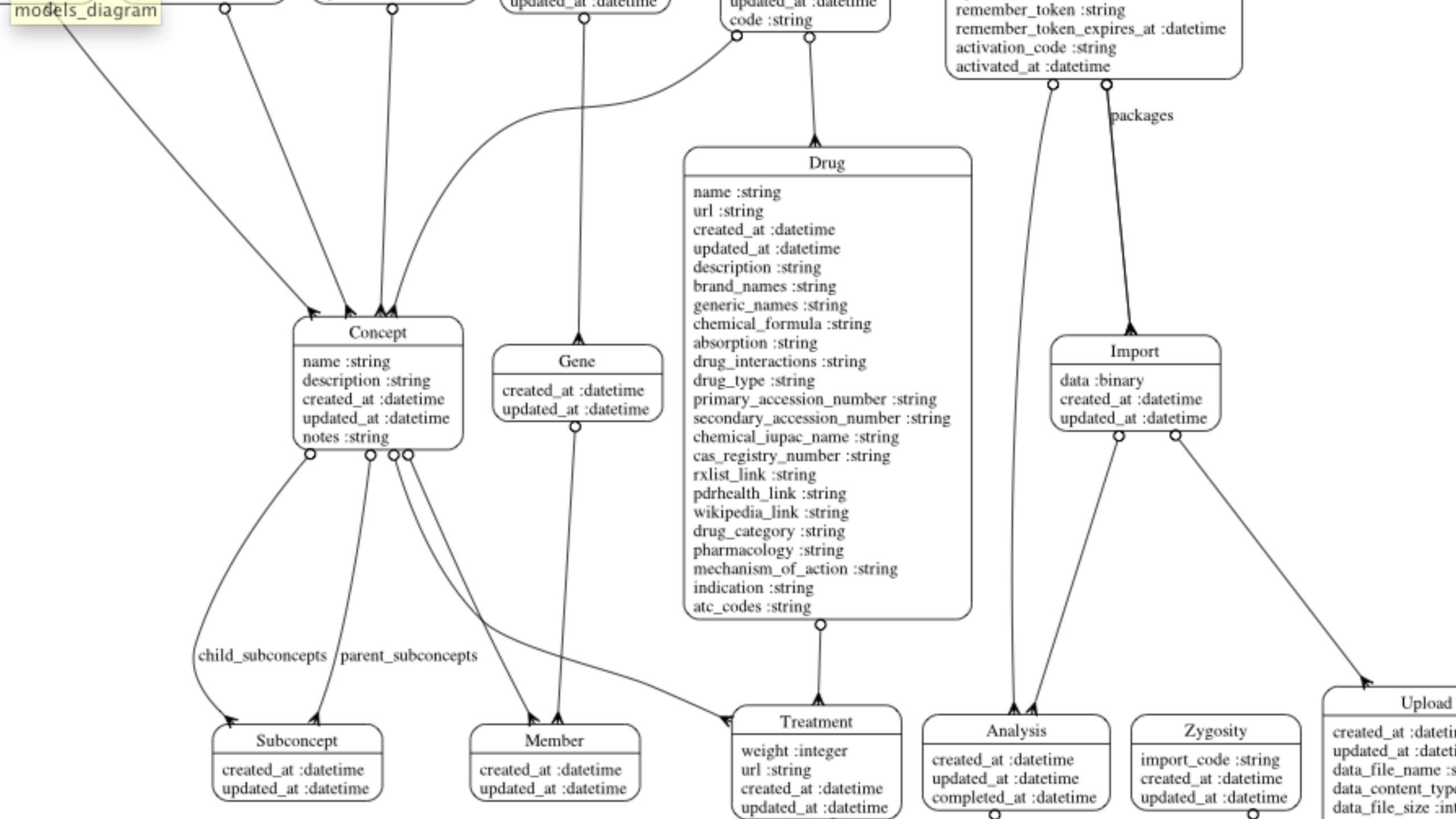


Argh!

Step 1: Visualize

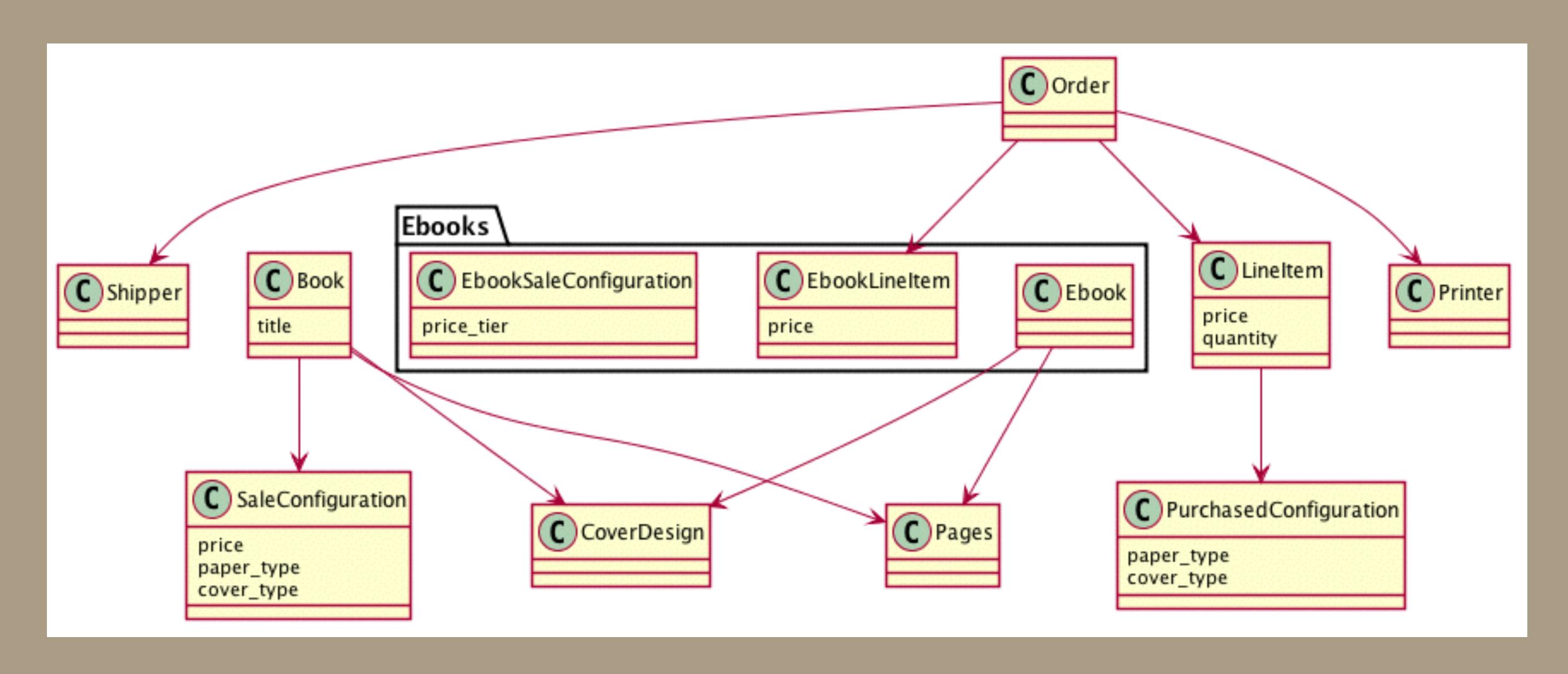
Railroady

Ruby gem to generate UML diagrams from your ActiveRecord models



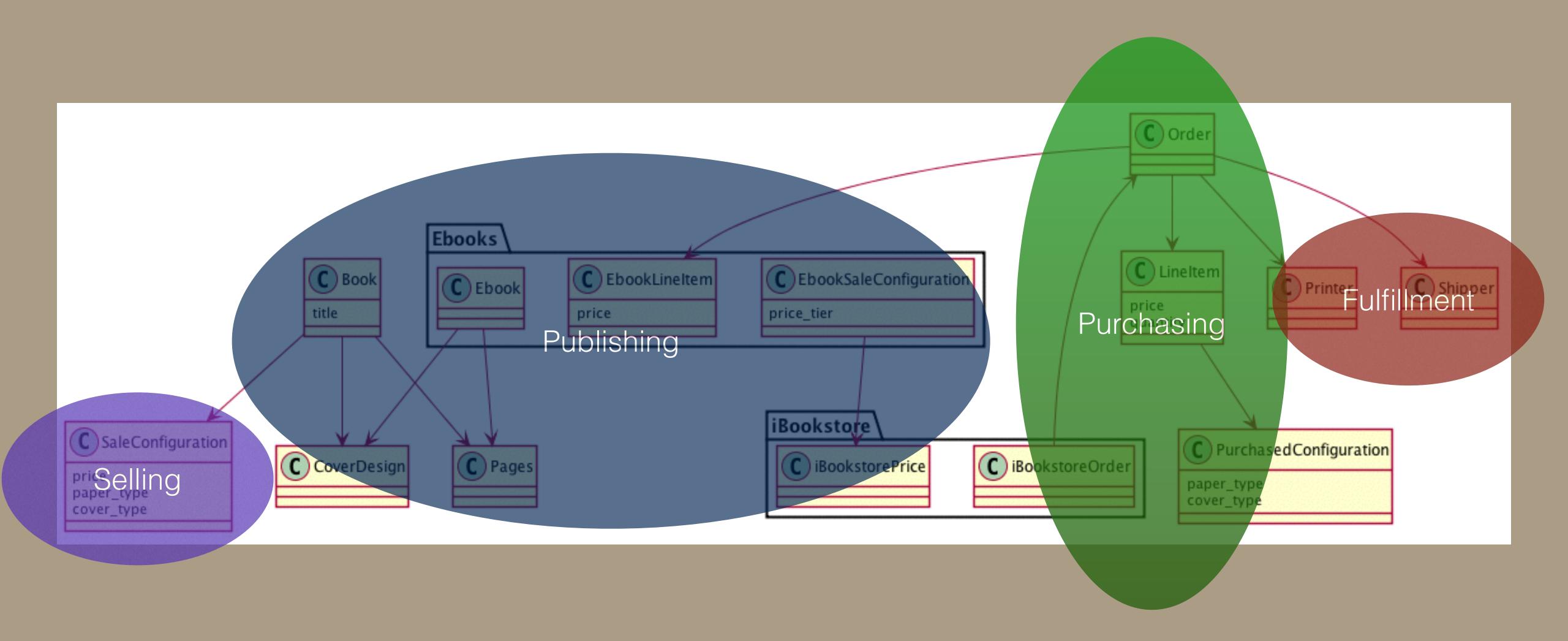
This helps you get the entire system into your mind.

Now we've got UML.

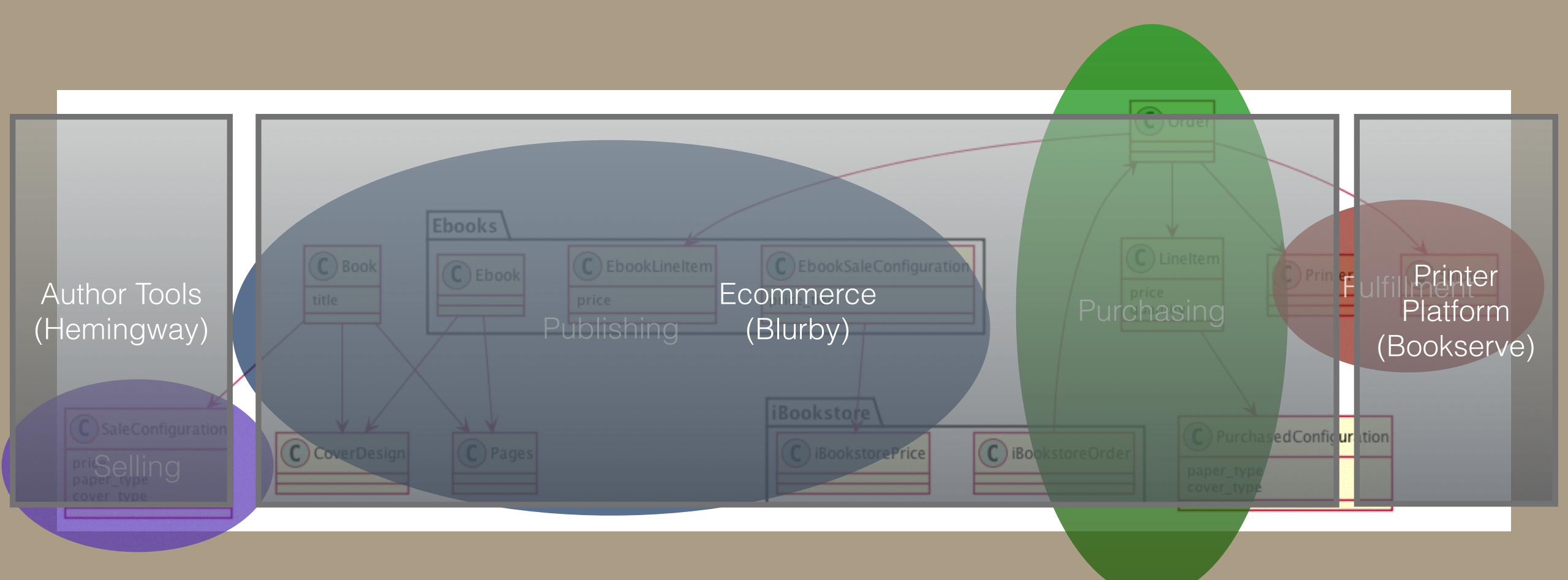


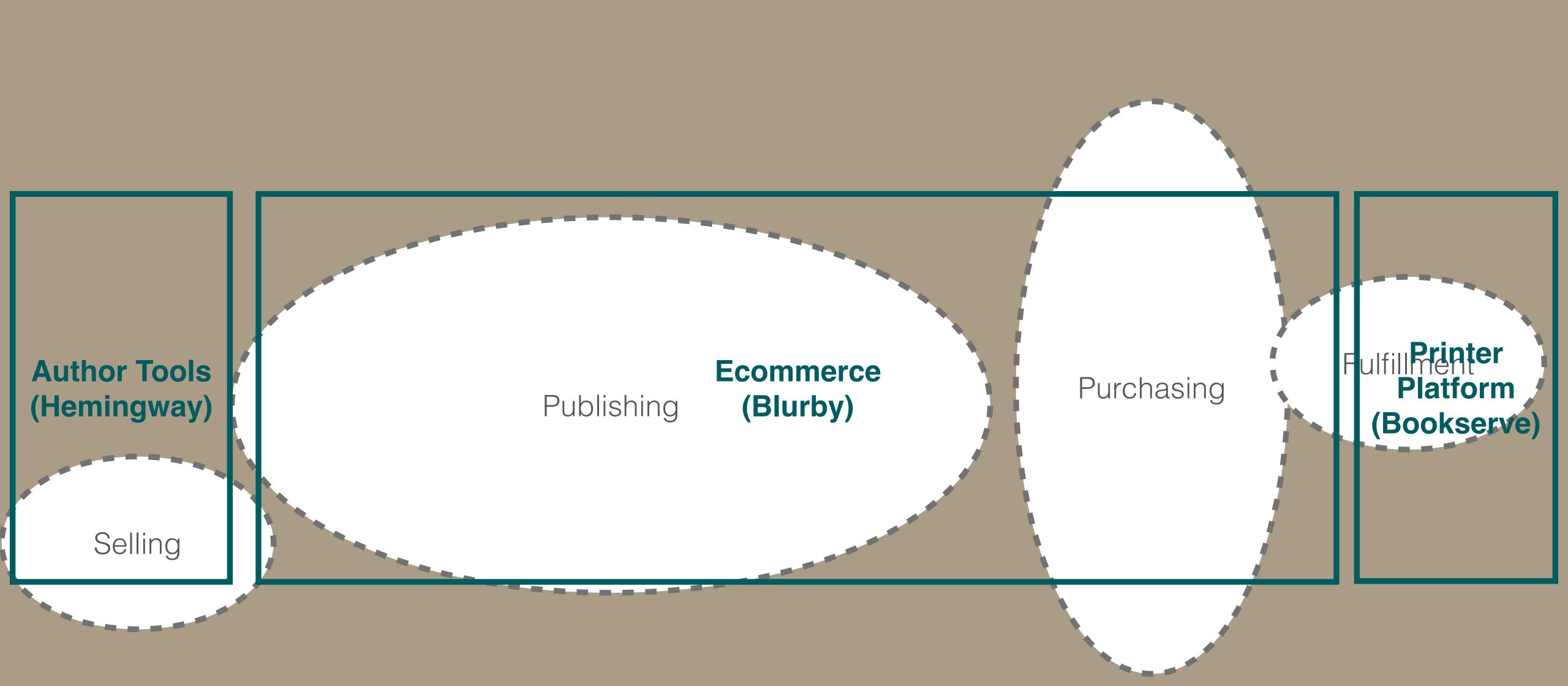
Domain Mapping

Domain: A set of related features that accomplish something for the business.

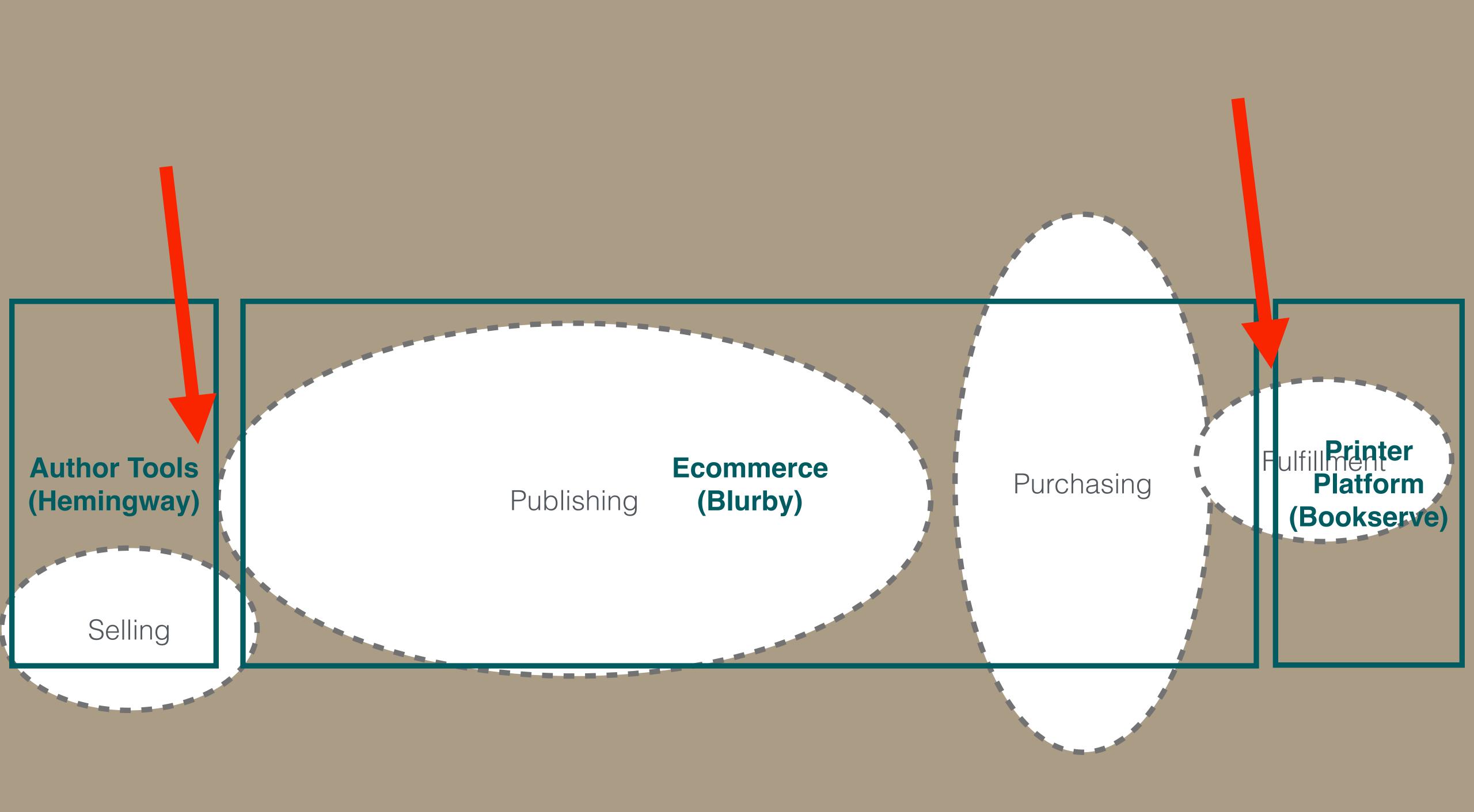


Bounded Context: A software system that accomplishes some set of features.

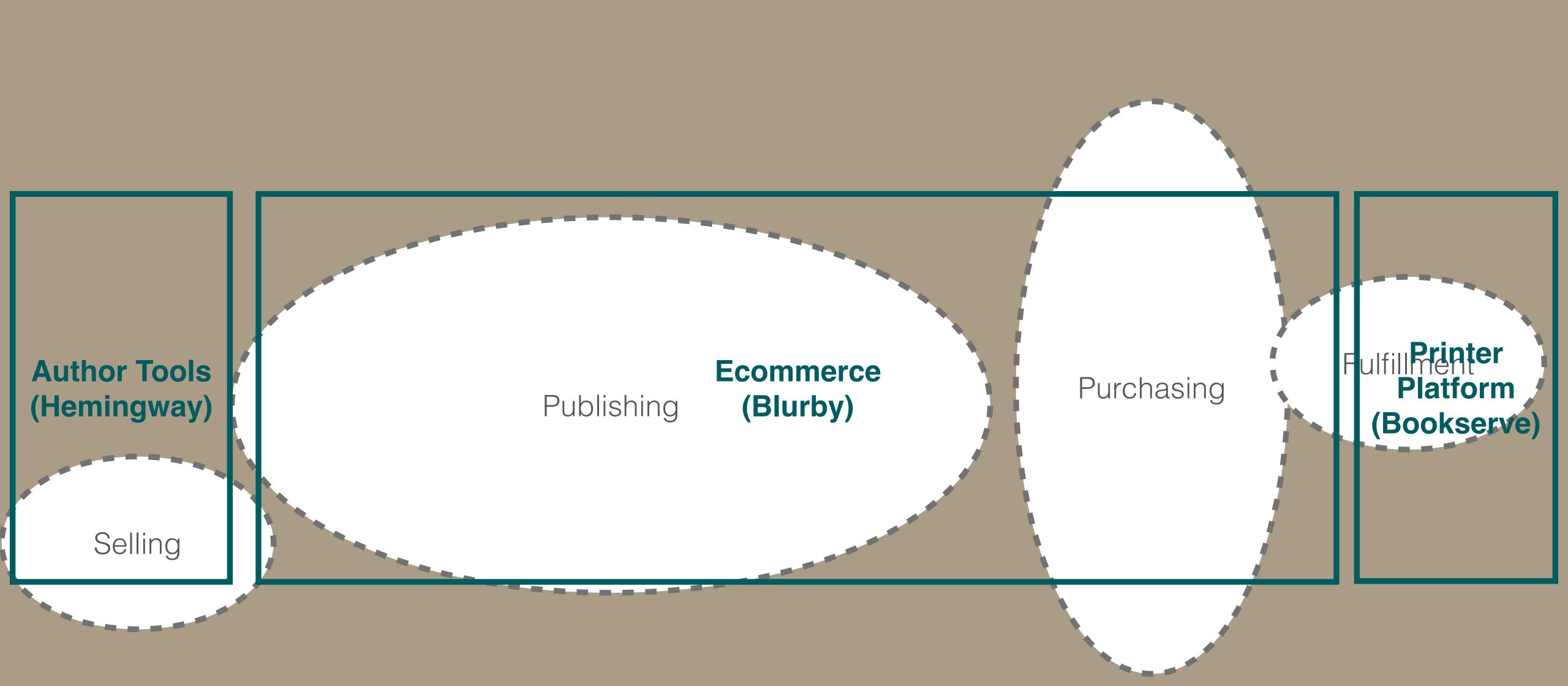




Ideally, your bounded contexts map 1:1 to your domains.



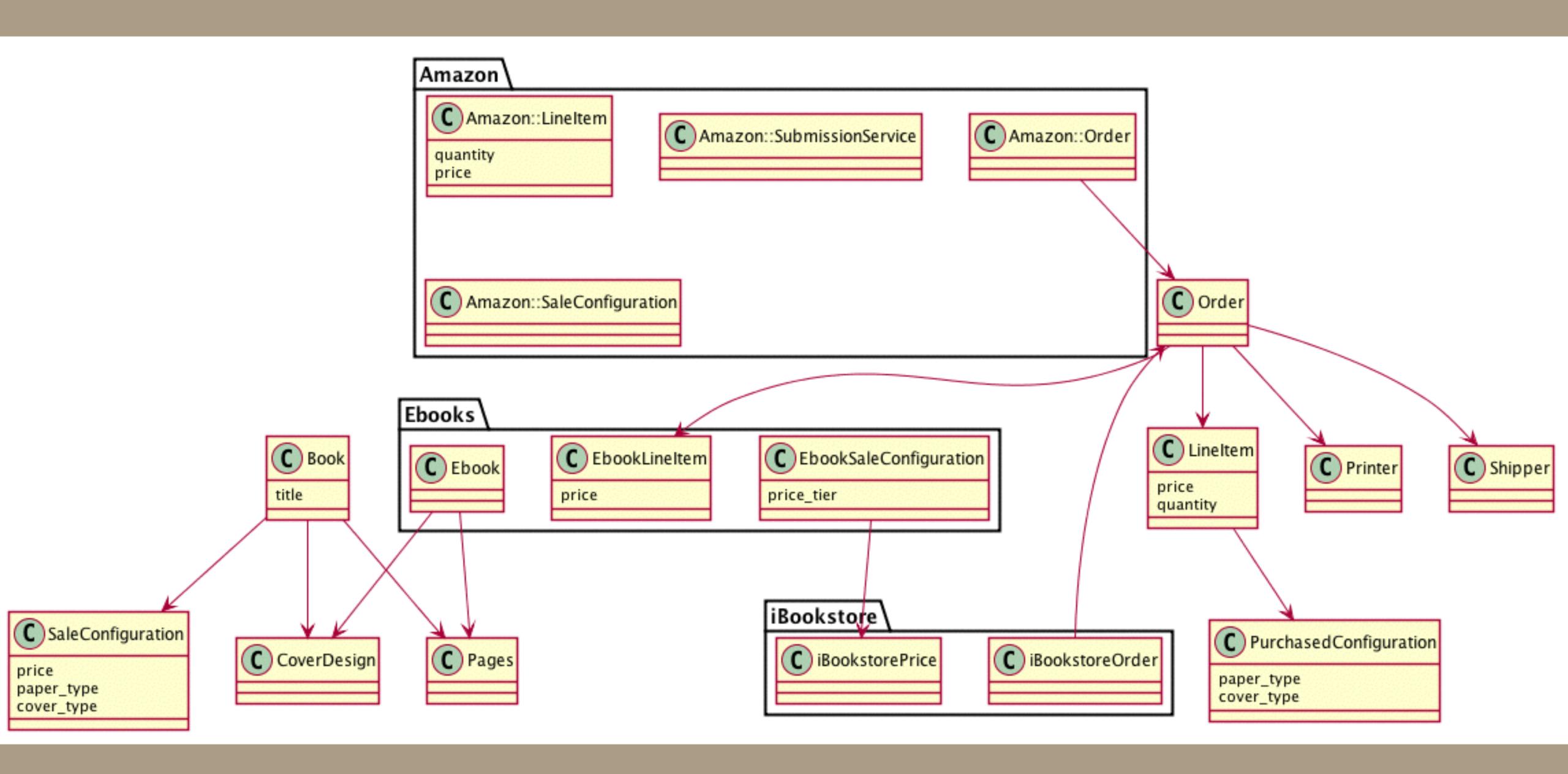
Now add directional dependencies

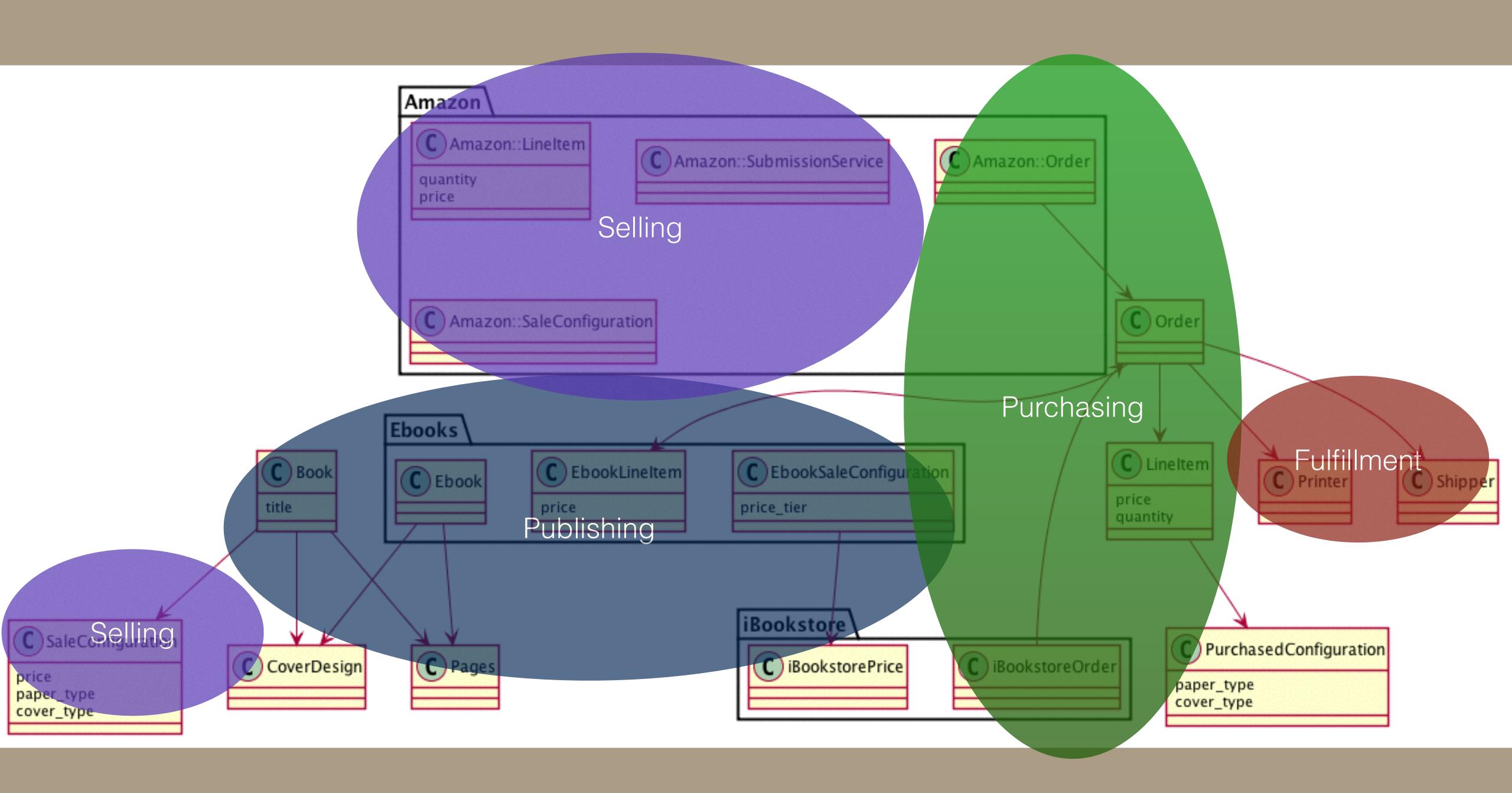


This helps you see dependencies between teams, where communication will be most important.

Step 2: Use a business driver to make a change.

Hey! Let's sell our books on Amazon!





Slim down your core domain objects

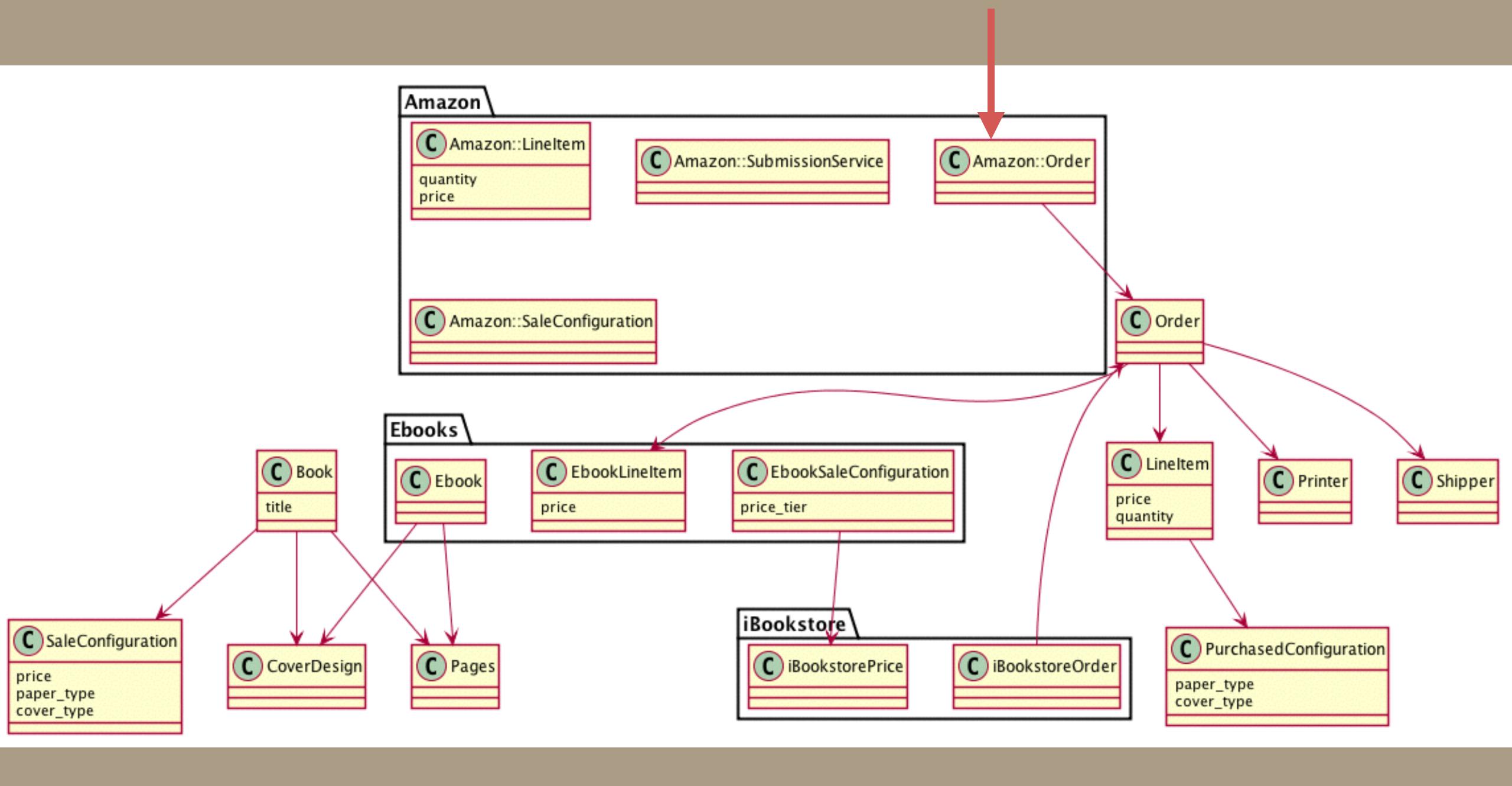
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SaleConfiguration
EbookSaleAttributes
AmazonSaleAttributes
BlurbSaleAttributes

Enforce Domain Purity

No joins between domains

Use aggregate roots to enforce a single entry point

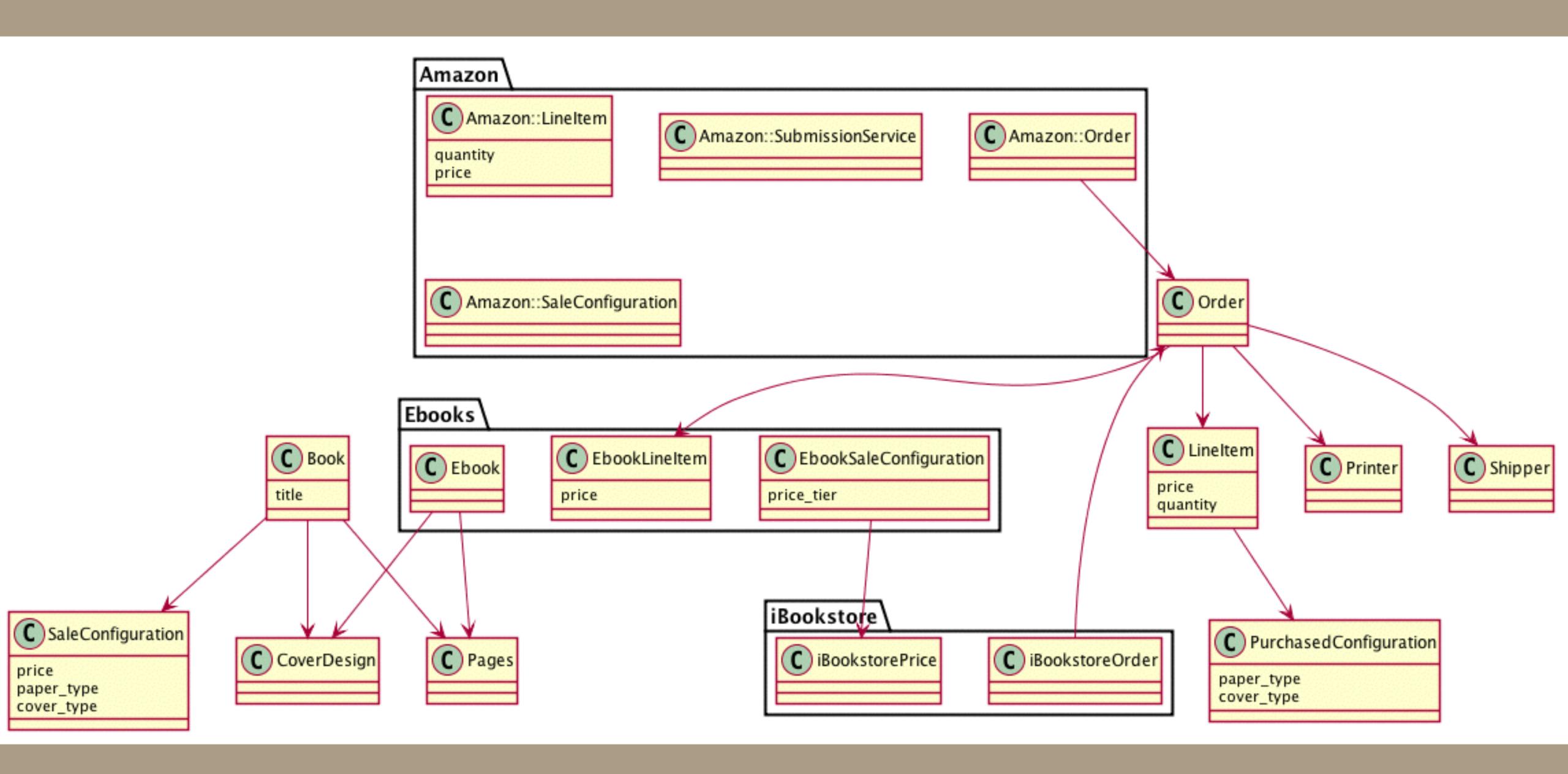


Namespace the Domain

app/services/amazon/...

Amazon::Foo

Use a domain events to communicate between contexts



You can do this all in small steps!

Step 3: Toward Maturity

Toward SOA

Namespaced Classes -> Rails Engine -> Separate Rails Service

Introduce a pub/sub mechanism

Shared Kernel - models in a gem

So what happened?

Launched new features

Iterative refactoring - still shipping features

Domain insights

Longer-term SOA efforts

Thanks!