



STATE CHART DIAGRAM

TITLE

- State diagrams (also called State Chart diagrams) are used to help the developer better understand any complex/unusual functionalities or business flows of specialized areas of the system.
- In short, State diagrams depict the dynamic behavior of the entire system, or a sub-system, or even a single object in a system. This is done with the help of ***Behavioral elements***.

Statechart

Statechart diagrams describe the behavior of dynamic model elements

- Systems and entities within a system, such as objects, can be viewed as moving from state to state...events trigger some activity that change the state of the system

- They are closely related to activity diagrams

- Activity diagrams describe flow between areas of work

- Statechart diagrams describe the changes between the states of instances

- examples: a telephon is hung up, dialling, engaged in a call, or disconnected

- Statechart diagrams can be used to model workflow (as activity, sequence or collaborative diagrams)...but statechart diagram models behavior from the perspective of a single entity (such as a class), whereas other diagrams can model the behavior of many entities in a single diagram

- Statechart diagrams are used mostly to describe the behavior of classes

- **Initial State:** This shows the starting point or first activity of the flow. Denoted by a solid circle. This is also called as a "**pseudo state**," where the state has no variables describing it further and no activities.
- Each state diagram should have only one initial state.
- **Final State:**
- Each **final state** is the ending state of the object with reference to the behaviour that the diagram explains. There may be multiple final states for an object.

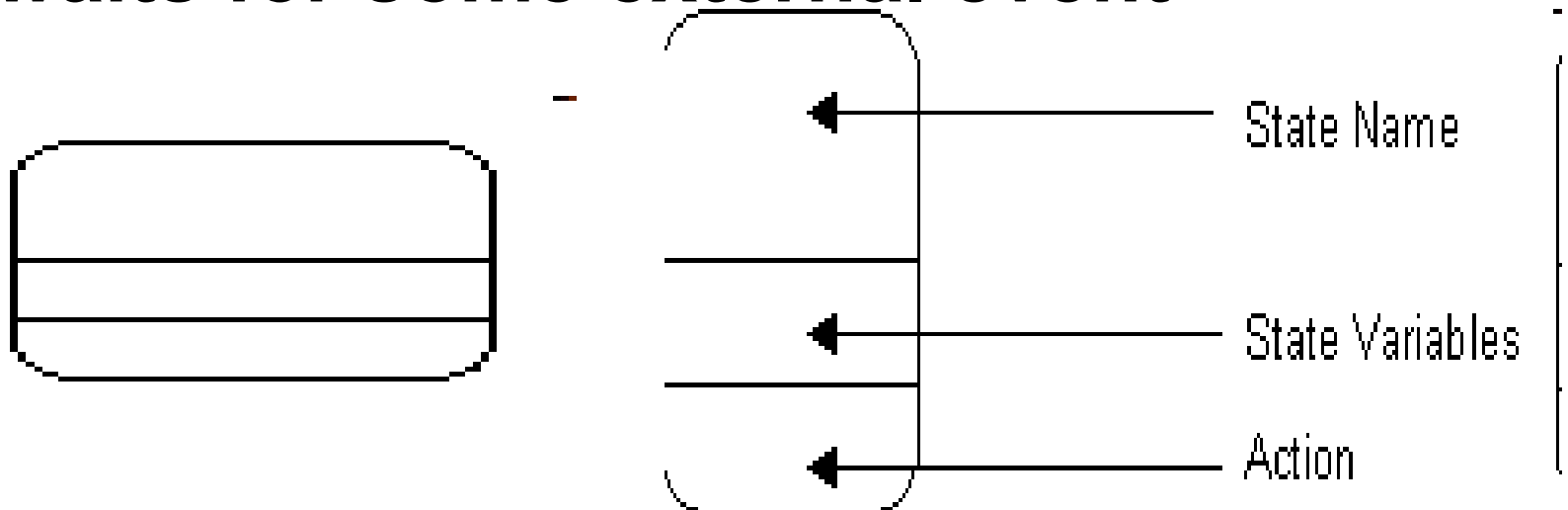


- **State Machine**

A state machine is a behavior which specifies the sequence of states an object visits during its lifetime in response to events, together with its responses to those events

State

A state is a condition during the life of an object during which it satisfies some condition, performs some activity, or waits for some external event



Event

An event is the specification of a significant occurrence. For a state machine, an event is the occurrence of a stimulus that can trigger a state transition



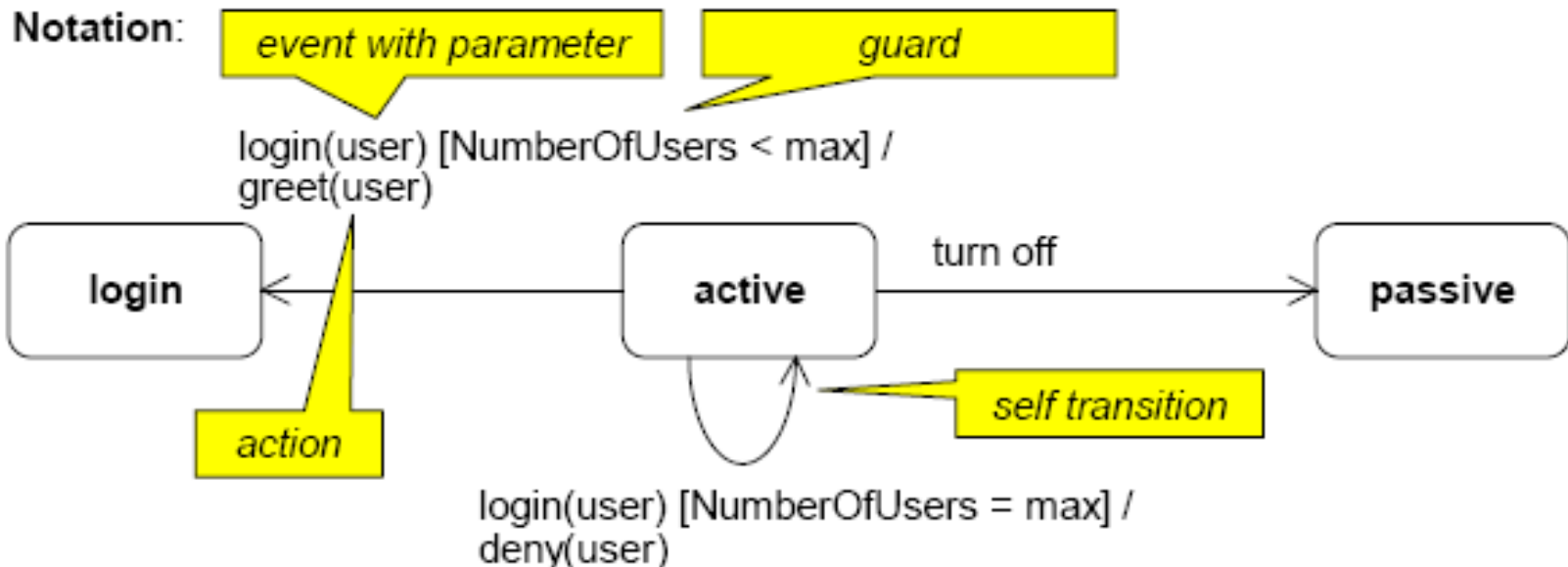
Transition

A transition is a relationship between two states indicating that an object in the first state will, when a specified set of events and conditions are satisfied, perform certain actions and enter the second state.

A transition connects two states and shows the flow of control.

A transition can include a **triggering event**, a **guard** and **actions** to be executed.

Transitions without event and guard are executed **immediately** when an activity is finished respectively all sub states were passed through.



Self-Transition

A self-transition is a transition whose source and target states are the same

Action

- . An action is best described as a task that takes place within a state.**
- An action is an executable, atomic (with reference to the state machine) computation.**
- Actions may include operations, the creation or destruction of other objects, or the sending of signals to other objects (events).**
- There are four possible actions within a state:**
 - On entry**
 - On exit**
 - Do**
 - On event**

Initial State



State 1

Event Trigger
Action

Event Trigger
Action



State 3

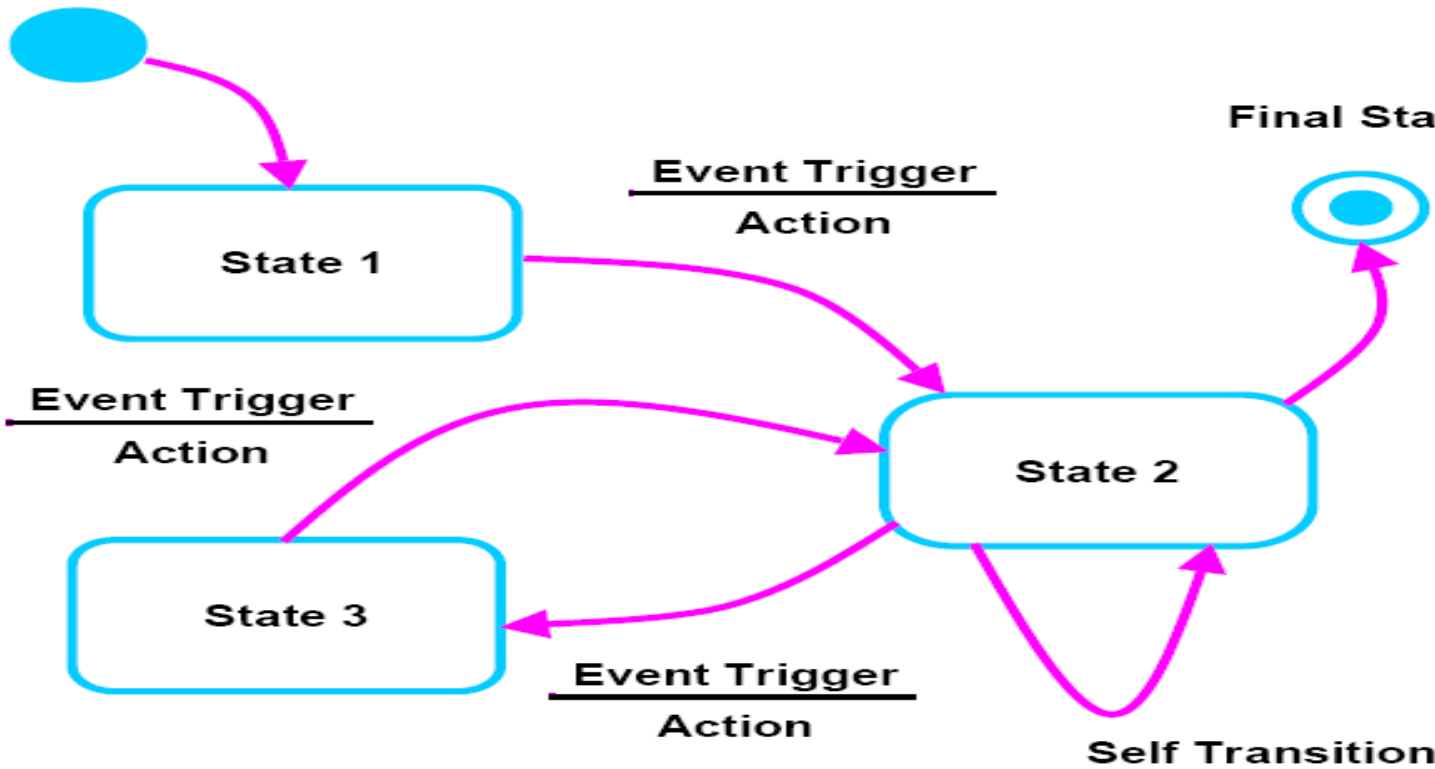
Event Trigger
Action



State 2

Self Transition

Final State



Entry and Exit Actions

State Name

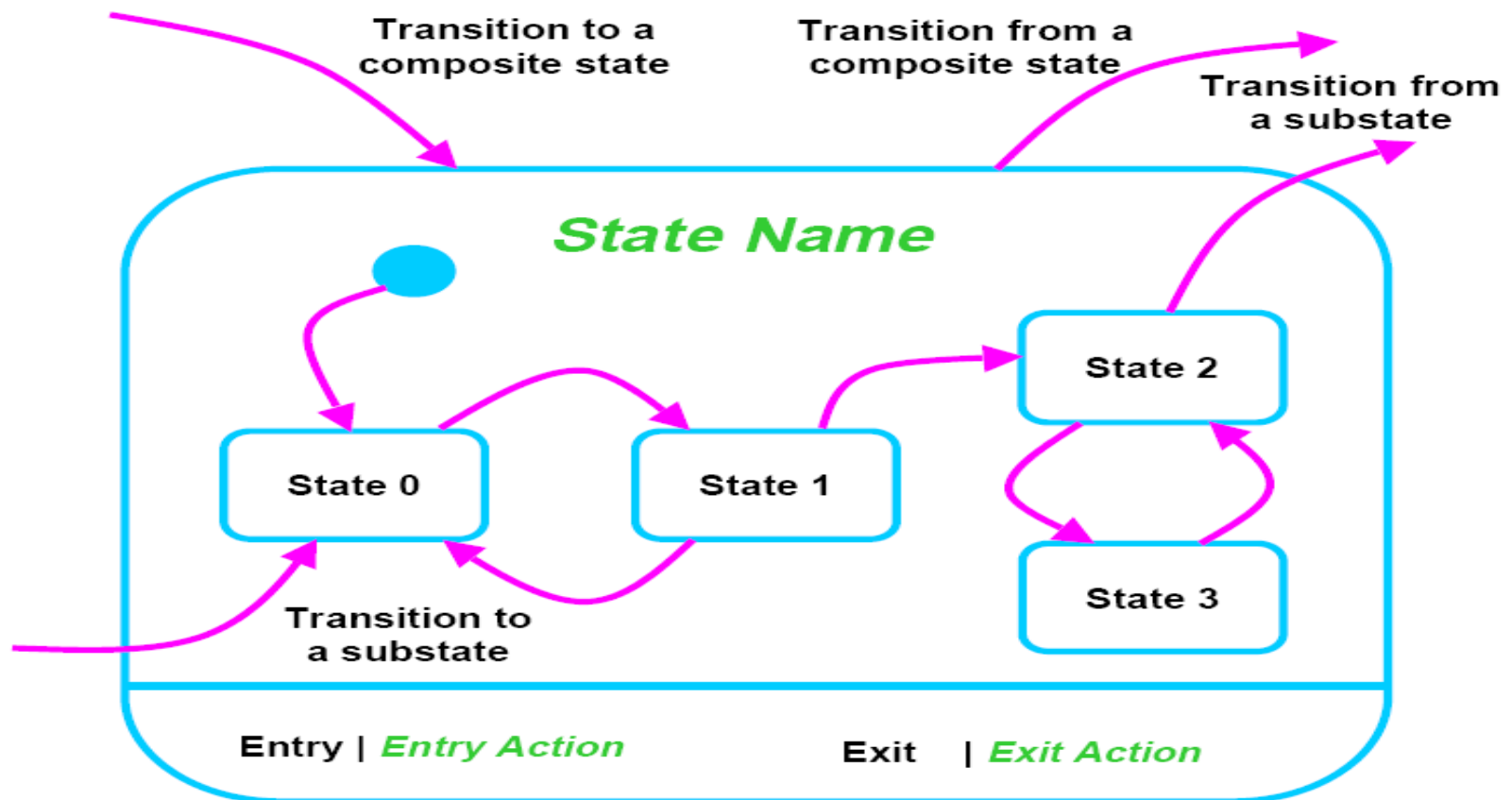
Entry | *Entry Action*

Exit | *Exit Action*

- **Substates**

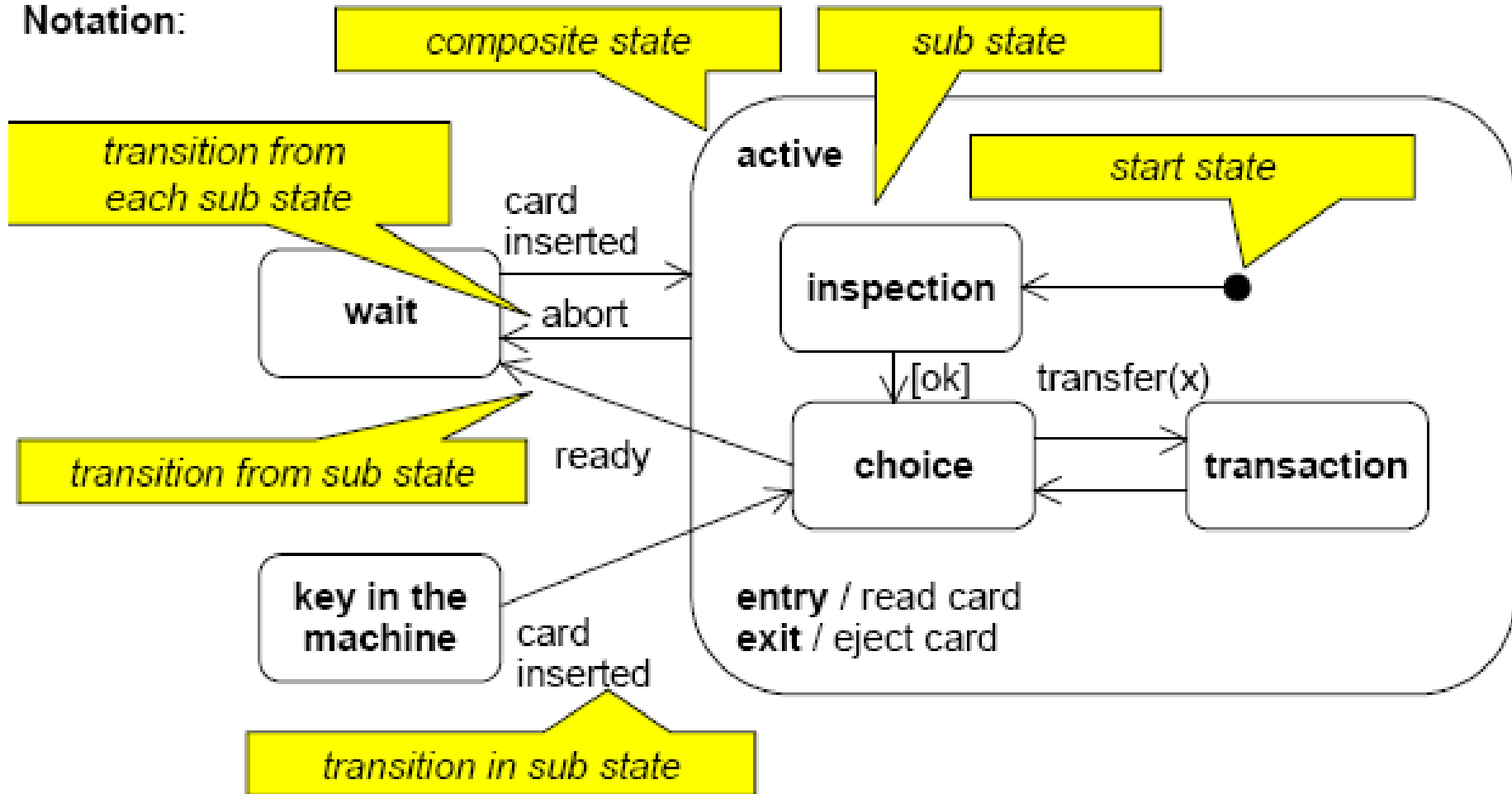
- ◆ A *substate* is a state that is nested in another state
- ◆ A state that has substates is called a *composite state*
- ◆ A state that has no substates is called a *simple state*
- ◆ Substates may be nested to any level

Sub-States



Composite States

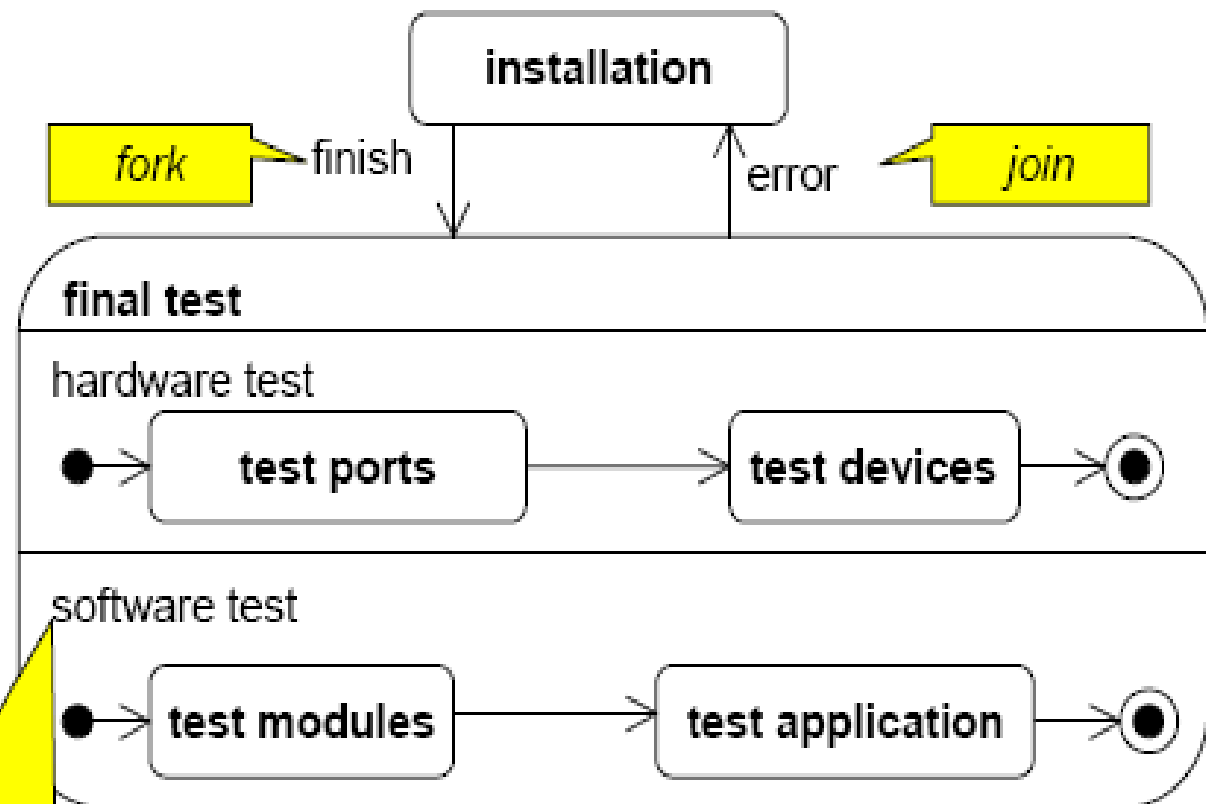
Notation:



Concurrent Sub States

In a state several sequences of sub states described by own state machines can be performed concurrently.

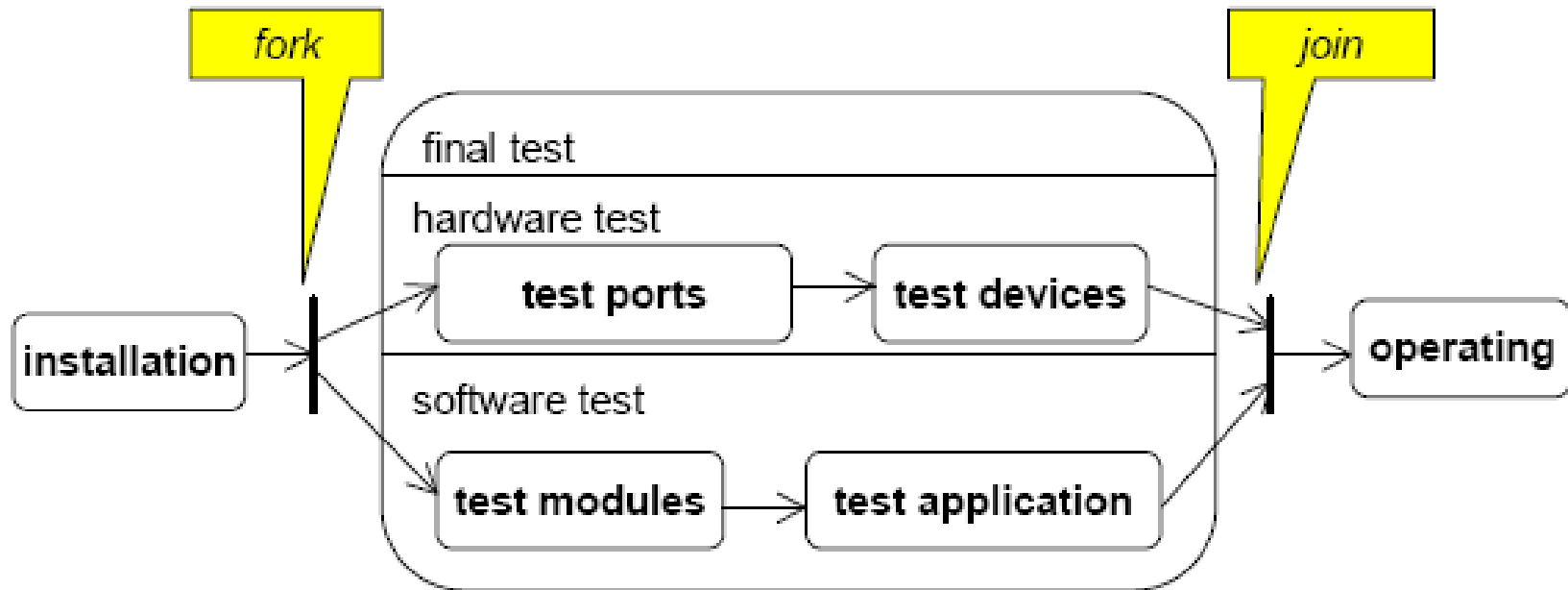
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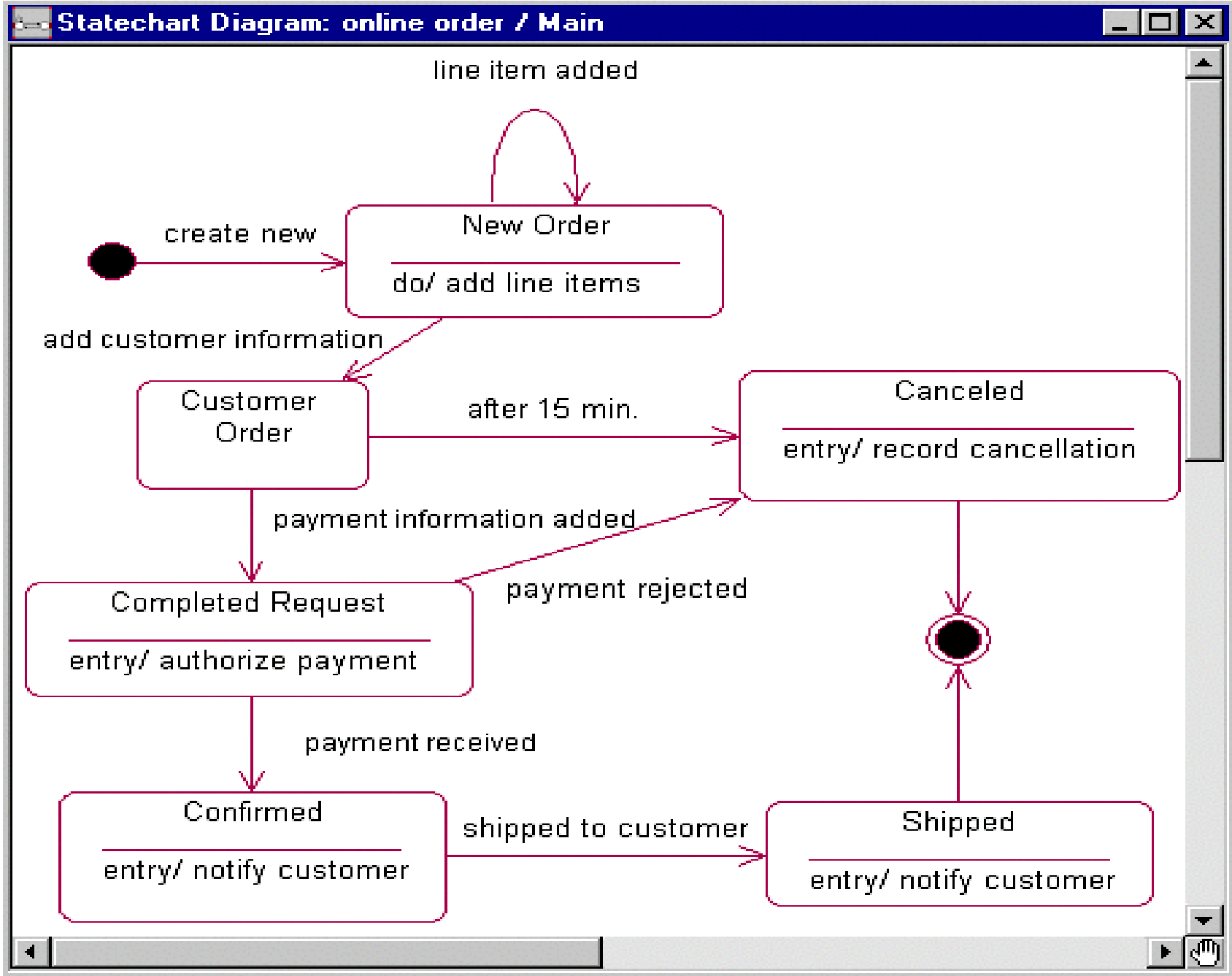


concurrent sub state

Alternative: active objects

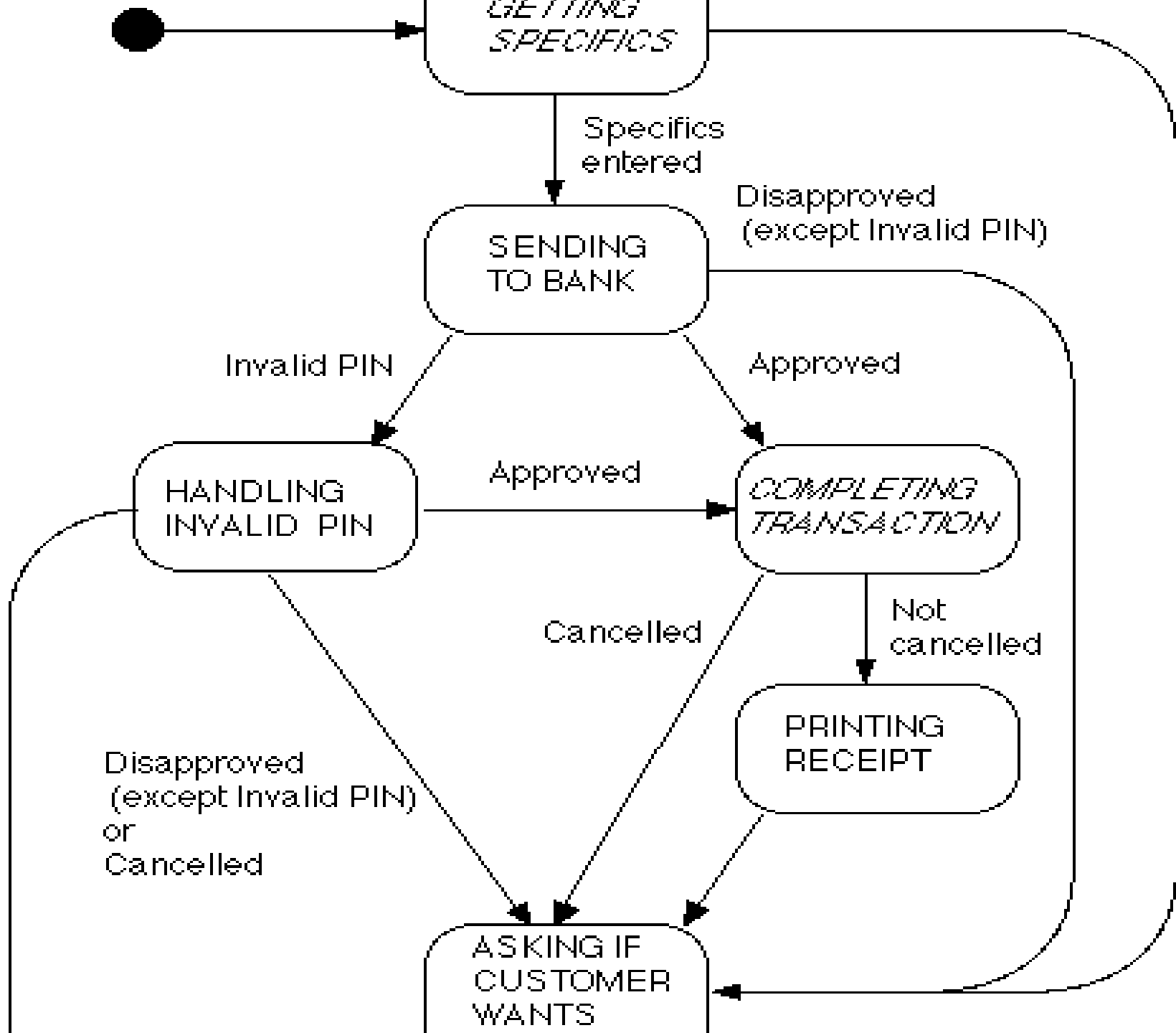
Concurrent Sub States: Alternative





Main purposes of using State chart diagrams:

- To model dynamic aspect of a system.
- To model life time of a reactive system.
- To describe different states of an object during its life time.
- Define a state machine to model states of an object



State Transition Diagram for One Session

