

COMMON DIAGRAM PROBLEMS

- Notation (e.g. colour coding, shapes, etc) is not explained or is inconsistent.
- The purpose and meaning of elements is ambiguous.
- Relationships between elements are missing or ambiguous.
- Generic terms such as “business logic” are used.
- Technology choices (or options, if doing up front design) are omitted.
- Levels of abstraction are mixed.
- Too much or too little detail.
- No context or a logical starting point.

WHEN A COLLECTION OF DIAGRAMS ARE CREATED. THESE PROBLEMS ARISE:

- The notation (colour coding, line styles, etc) is not consistent between diagrams.
- The naming of elements is not consistent between diagrams.
- The logical order in which to read the diagrams isn't clear.
- There is no clear transition between one diagram and the next.