

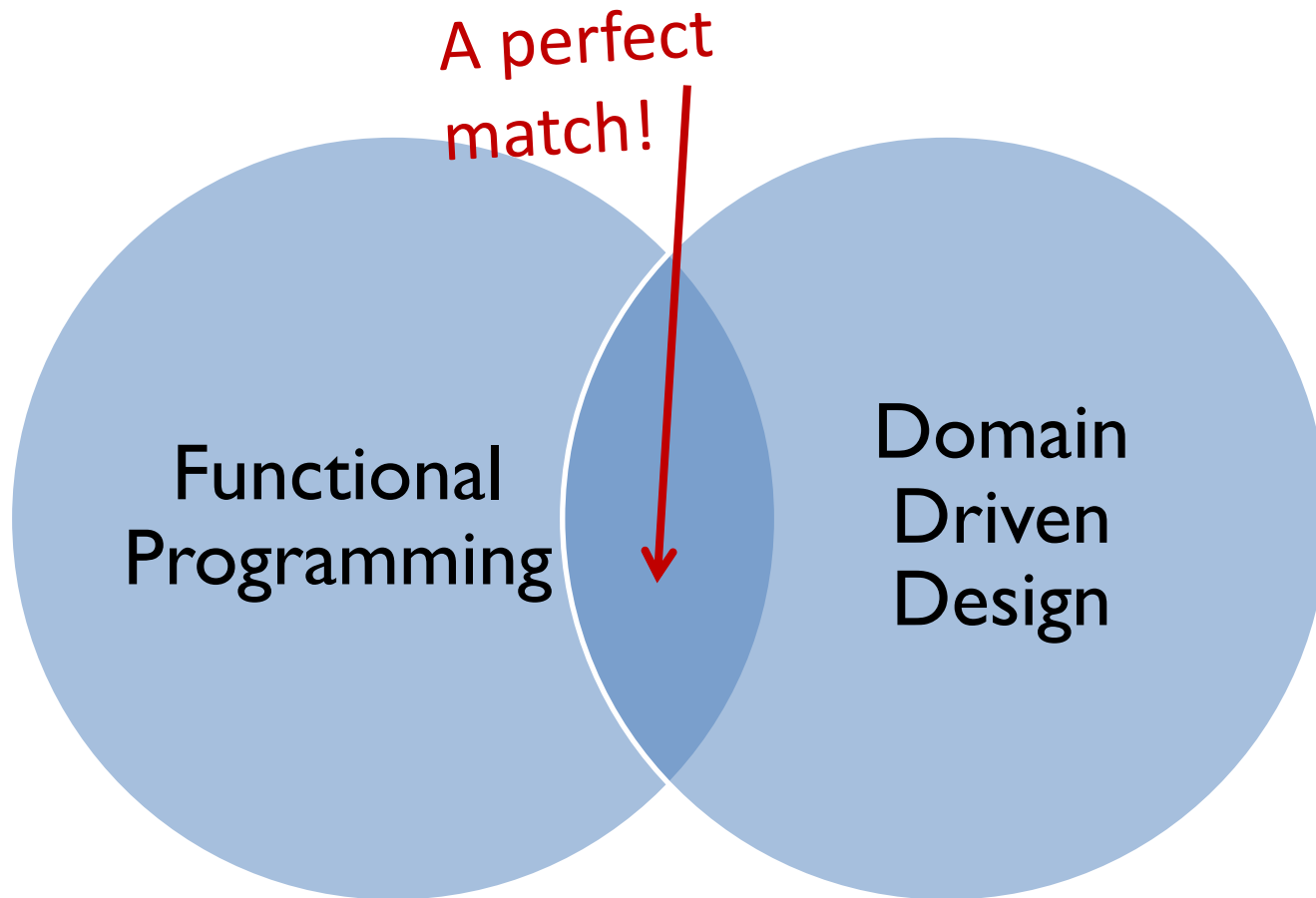
# **Domain Modeling Made Functional**

# Functional programming: what is it good for?

- Mathematical things only

# Functional programming: what is it good for?

- ~~Mathematical things only~~
- Interactive & collaborative domain modeling
- Representing a domain model accurately



# Part I

## Communication & Feedback

*This isn't about coding,  
so why should you care?*

# What's the problem?

1. Misunderstanding the requirements
2. Acting on the requirements without getting feedback first

Most romantic comedies are based on the same premise.

Pro Tip: we don't want real life to be funny like this.

# A café example

- Customer: "Can I have some eggs?"
- Waiter to chef: "Some eggs, please"
- Russian chef: "Here you go..."



# A café example

- Waiter to chef: "Not fish eggs, chicken eggs "
- Chef: "Ok, here you go..."





# A café example

- Waiter to chef: " No, *cooked* chicken eggs"
- Chef: "Ok, this time I understand..."



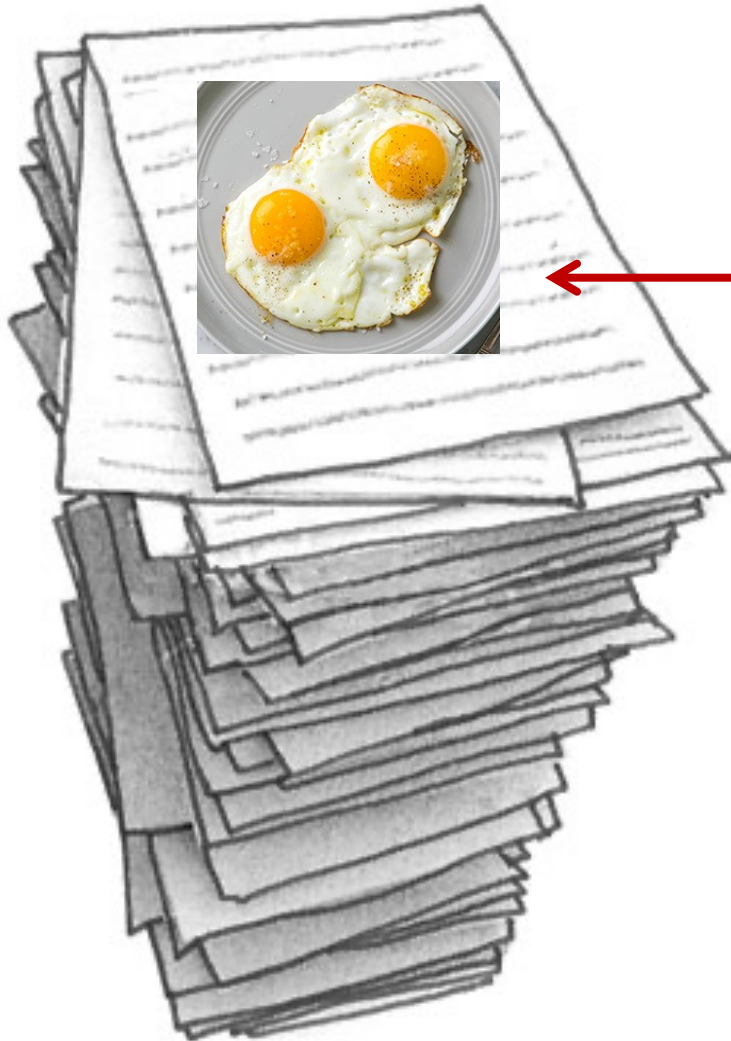
# A café example

- Waiter to customer: "Here are your eggs"
- Customer: "I wanted fried eggs"



Miscommunication

# What's the solution?



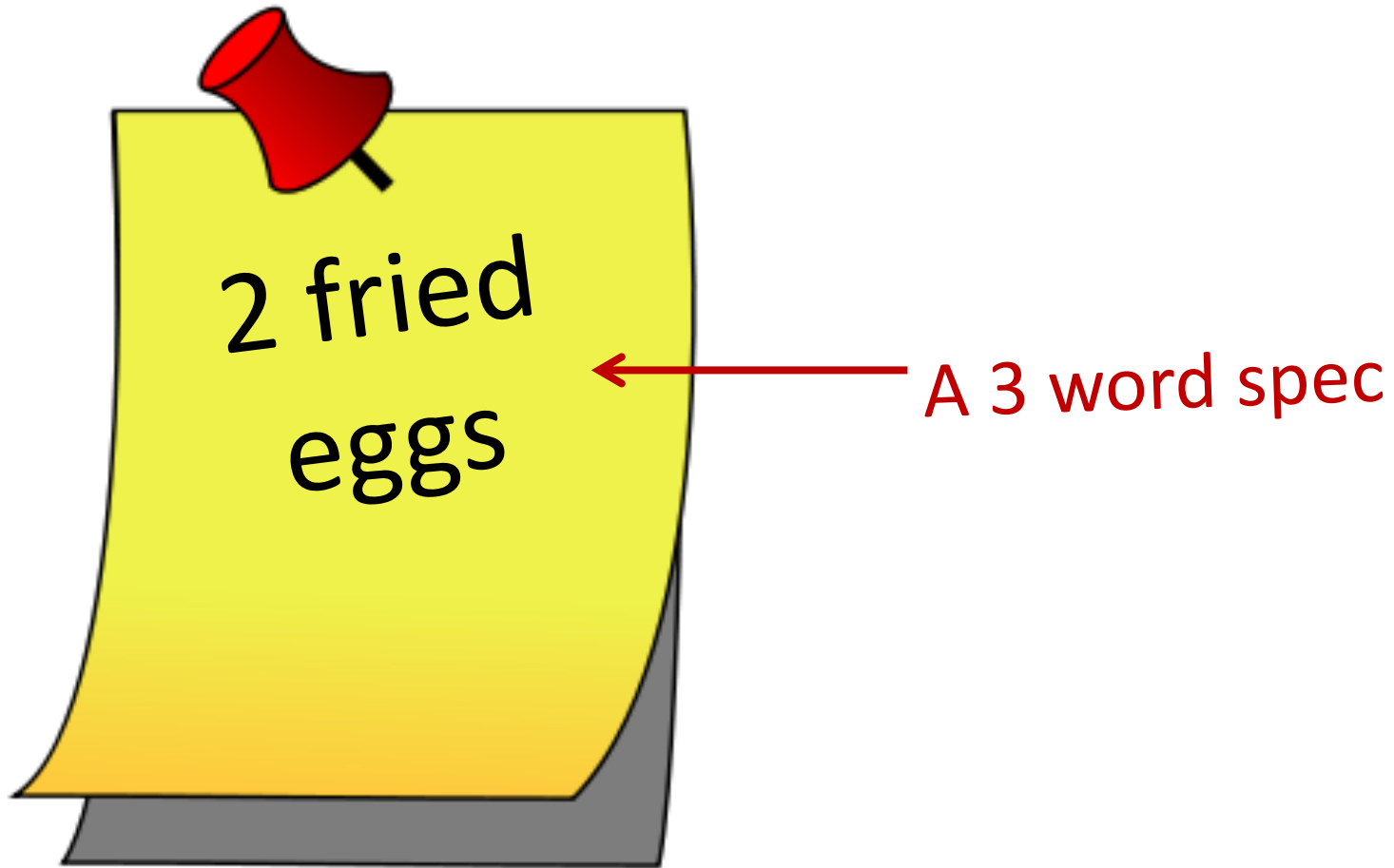
A 200 page spec on  
how to cook a fried  
egg

Who thinks this will work?

# This is not the solution!

- We expect the chef to be a subject matter expert – an expert on making breakfast
- A 200 page spec should not be needed!

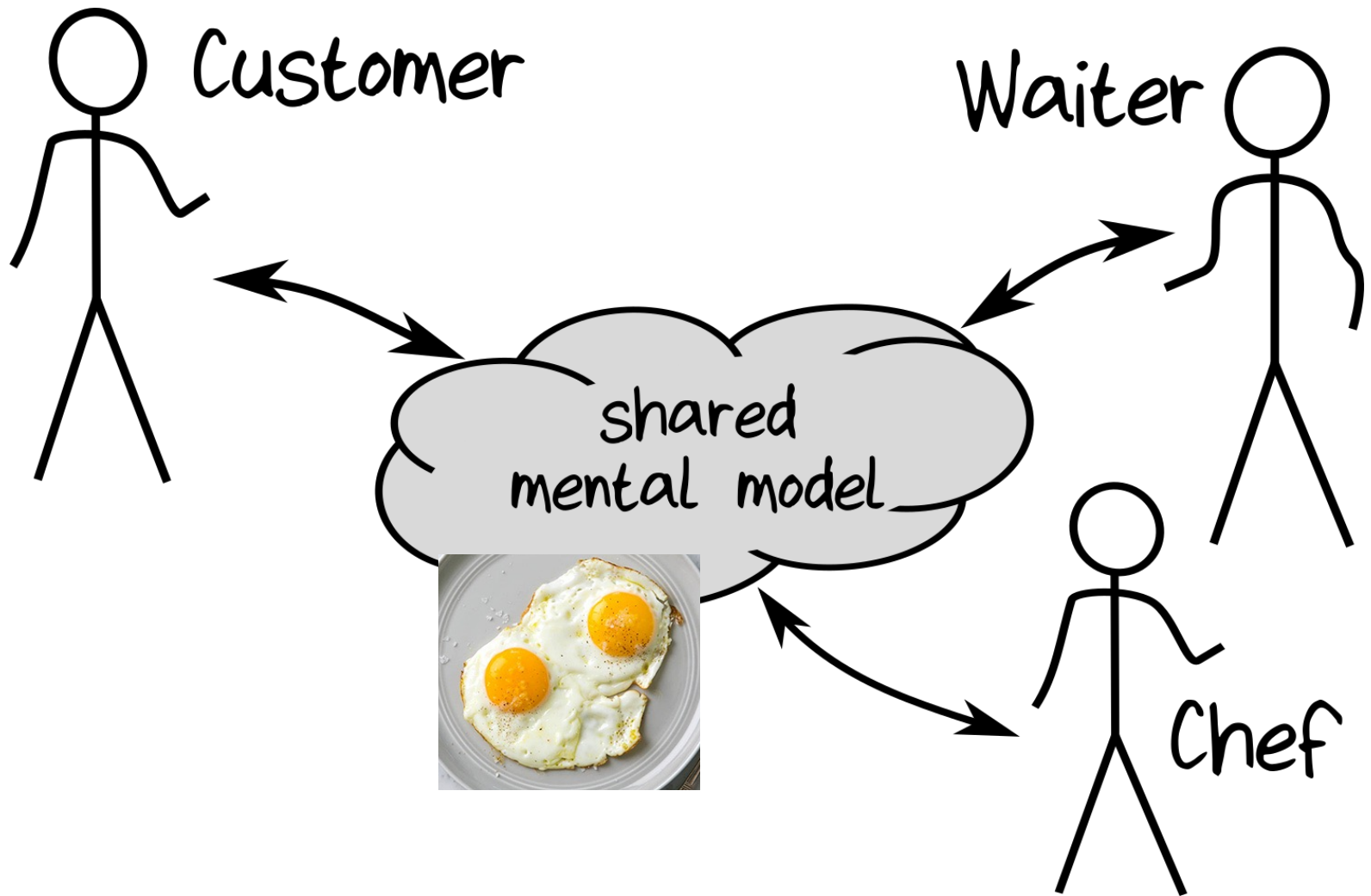
# What happens in real life?



# Why does this tiny spec work?

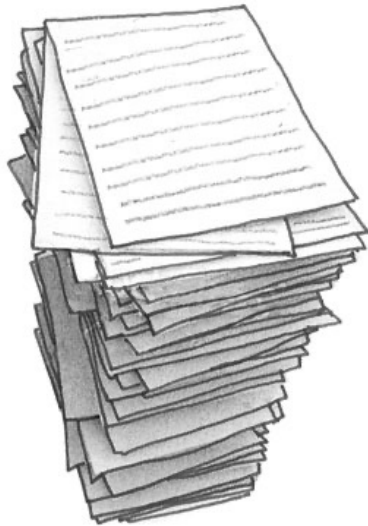
- **Shared knowledge** of the domain
  - *Everyone* is a "breakfast" expert!
- **Shared vocabulary**
  - Everyone knows what "fried eggs" means.



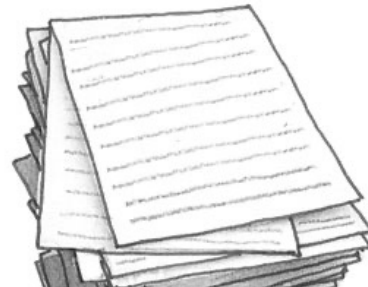


# How long must a spec be?

- Who here has a specialized hobby/interest?
- If I asked **you (an expert)** to write an app for me, how big a spec would I need? Why?



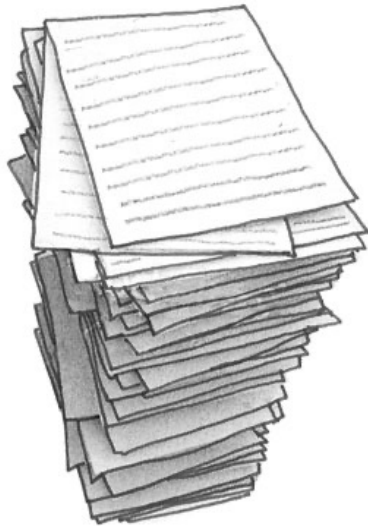
or?



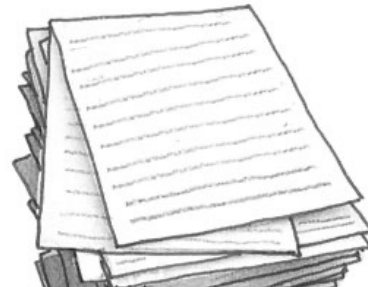


# How long must a spec be?

- If I asked a **non-expert** to write **the same app** for me, how big a spec would I need? Why?



or?

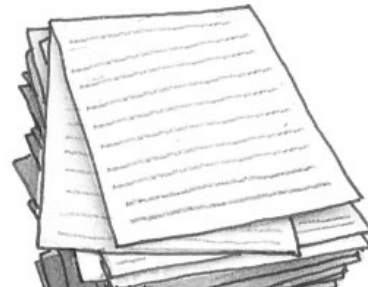


# How long must a spec be?

- Which of these two projects is more likely to succeed?
  - Written by the **expert** or **non-expert**?



or?



# Why are experts better?

- An expert will build the app better
  - And faster
  - With a smaller spec
  - And less confusion

Because...

- **Shared knowledge** of the domain
- **Shared vocabulary**

# Part II

## Domain Driven Design

# What does all this have to do with software projects?

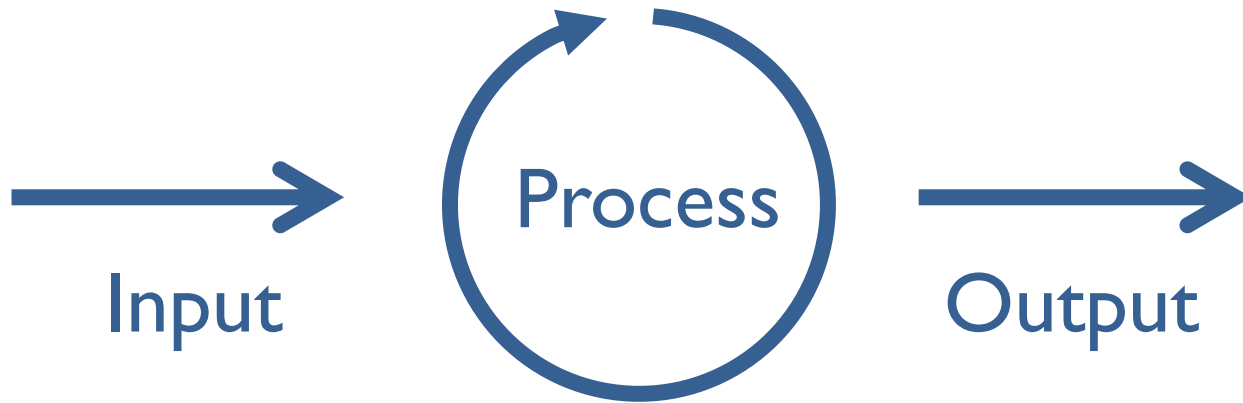
In my experience, most projects fail because:

- Misunderstanding requirements, or
- Going in the wrong direction, or
- Starting off in the right direction but veering off course

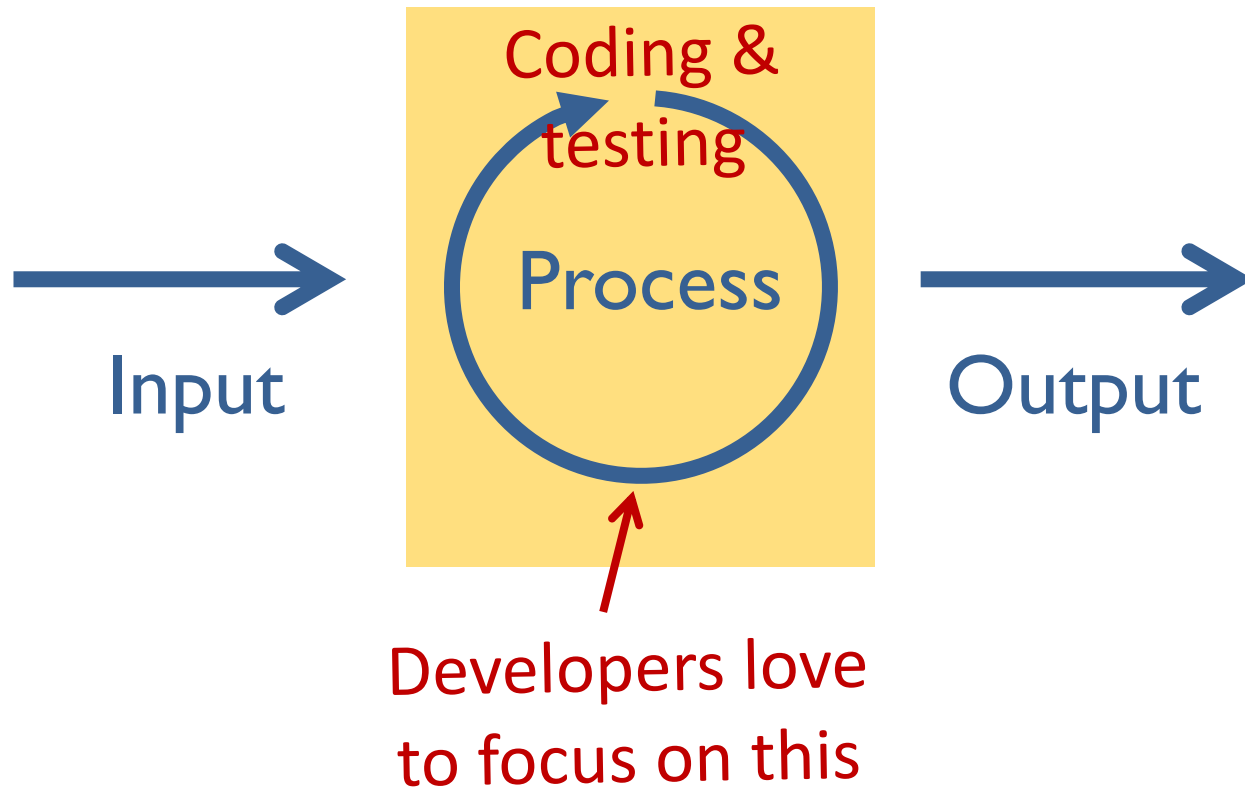
# What's the ideal software development process?

- Build a shared mental model
  - Become an "expert"
  - Means a smaller spec
  - Less misunderstanding
- *And* have frequent feedback
  - Make sure you are going in the right direction
    - No point going fast in the wrong direction!
  - Do a course correction if goals change

# The software development process

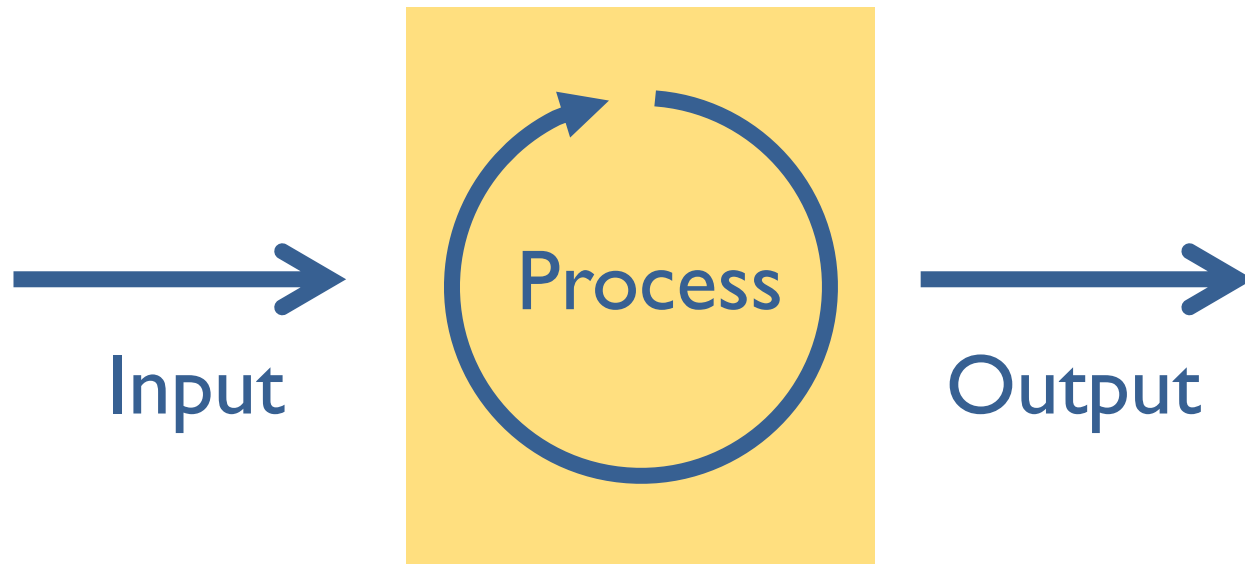


# The software development process





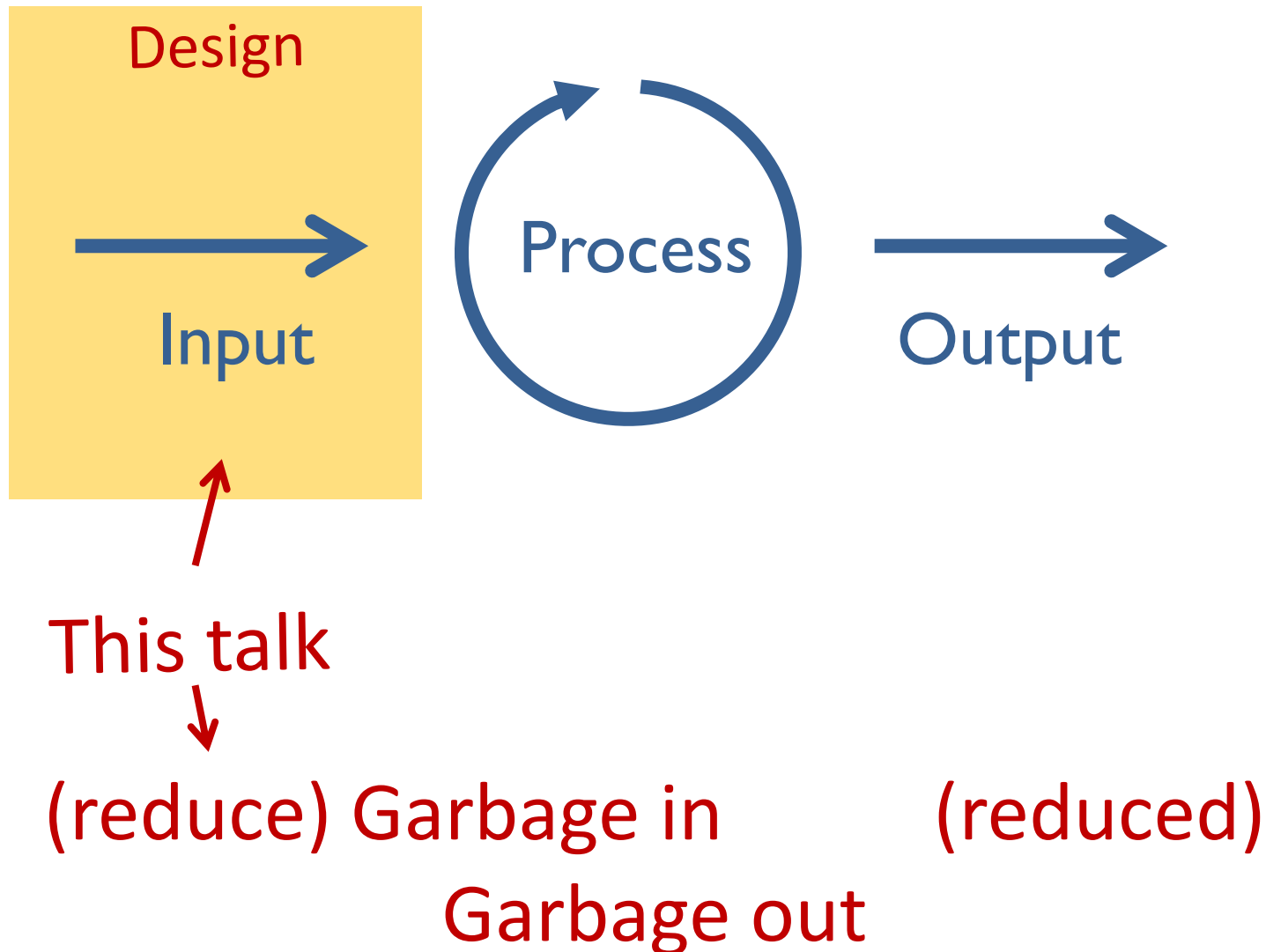
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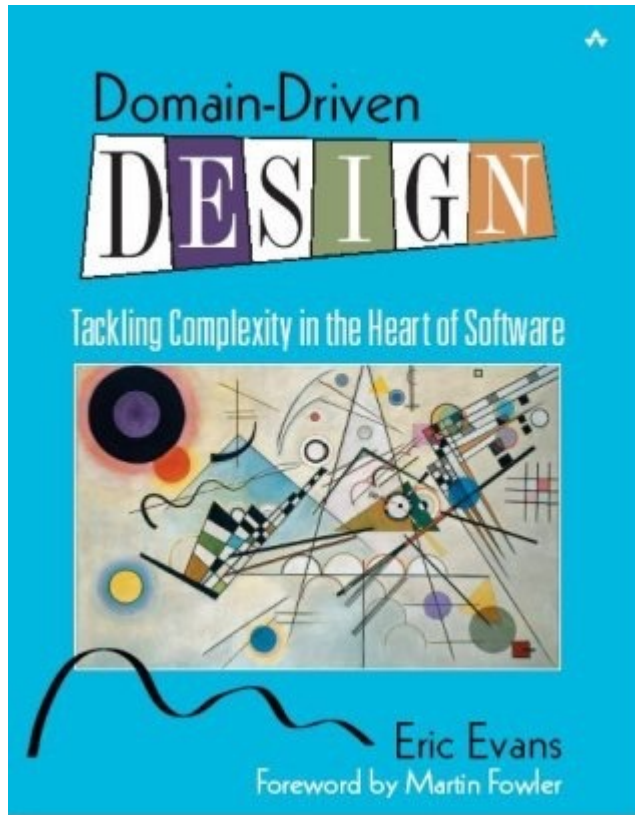


Garbage in

Garbage out

# The software development process





"Focus on the domain  
and domain logic rather  
than technology"  
-- Eric Evans

The  
Pragmatic  
Programmers

# Domain Modeling Made Functional

Tackle Software Complexity with  
Domain-Driven Design and F#

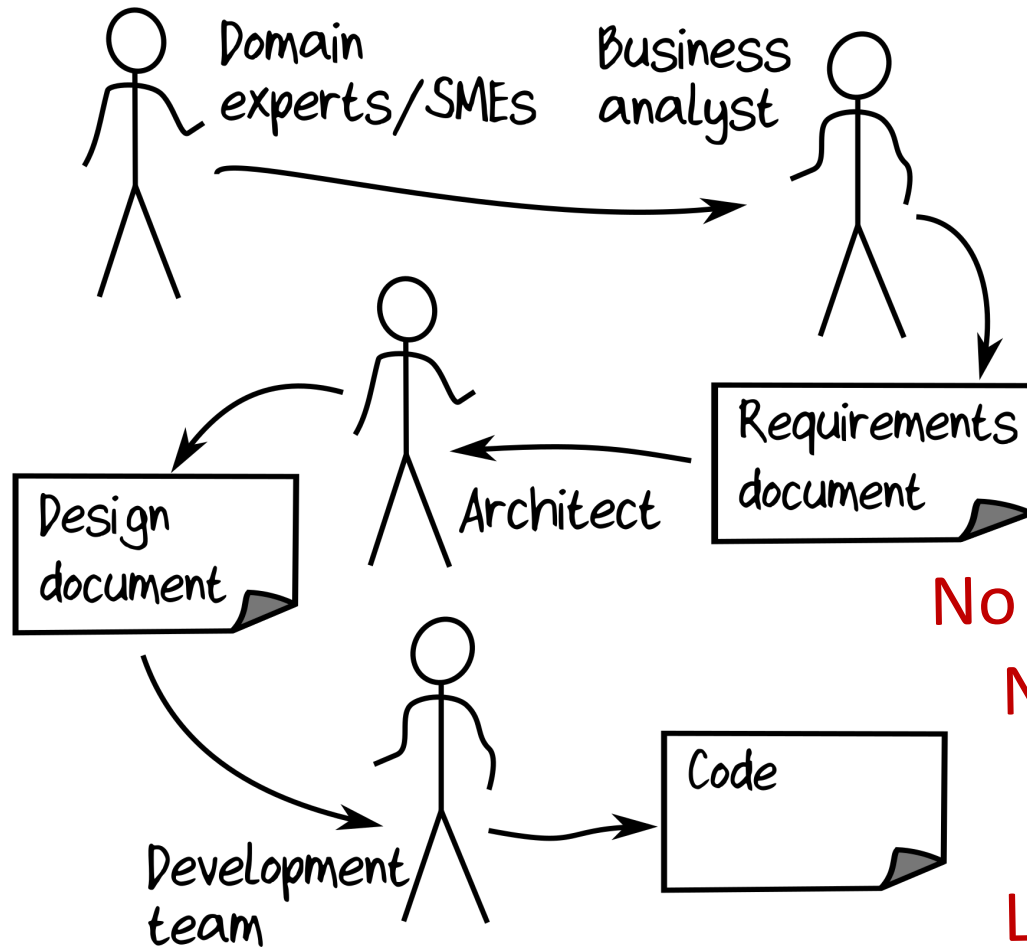


Scott Wlaschin  
*edited by Brian MacDonald*

Or read the first 2  
chapters of this book!

# Why Domain-Driven Design?

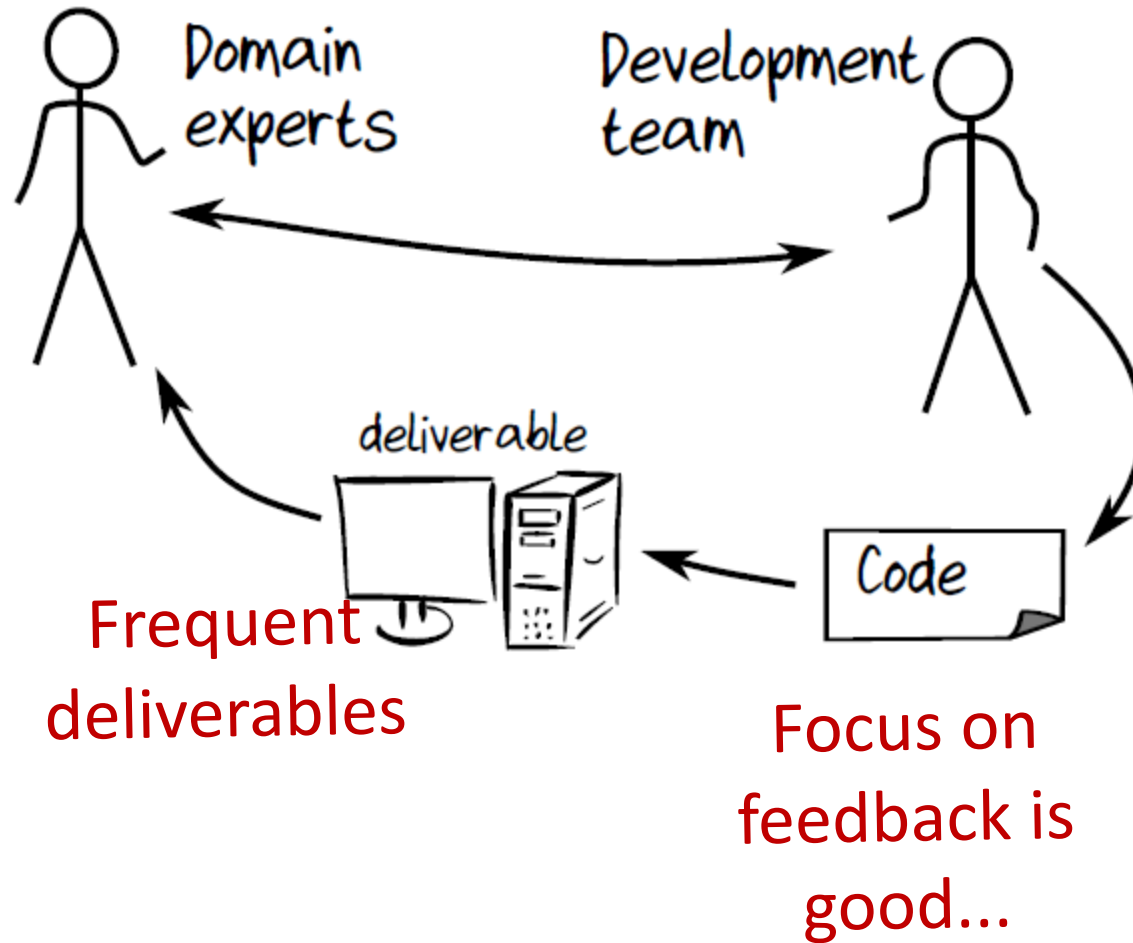
# Waterfall



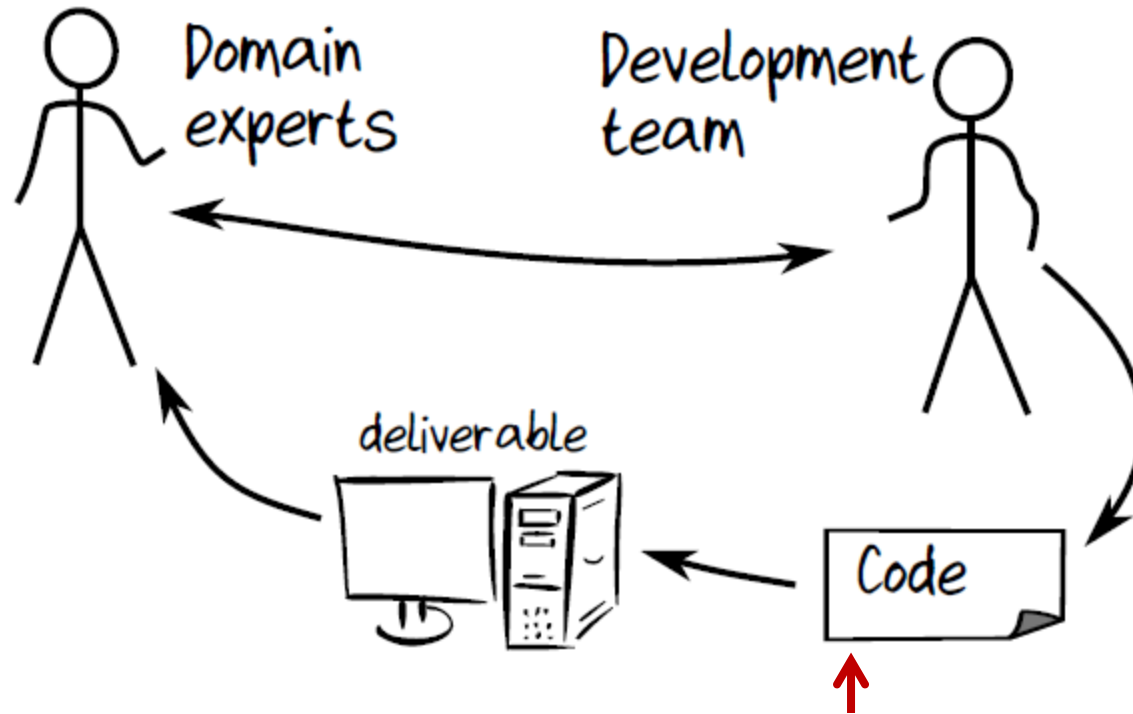
No shared model  
No feedback

Like a bad  
children's  
game...

# Agile



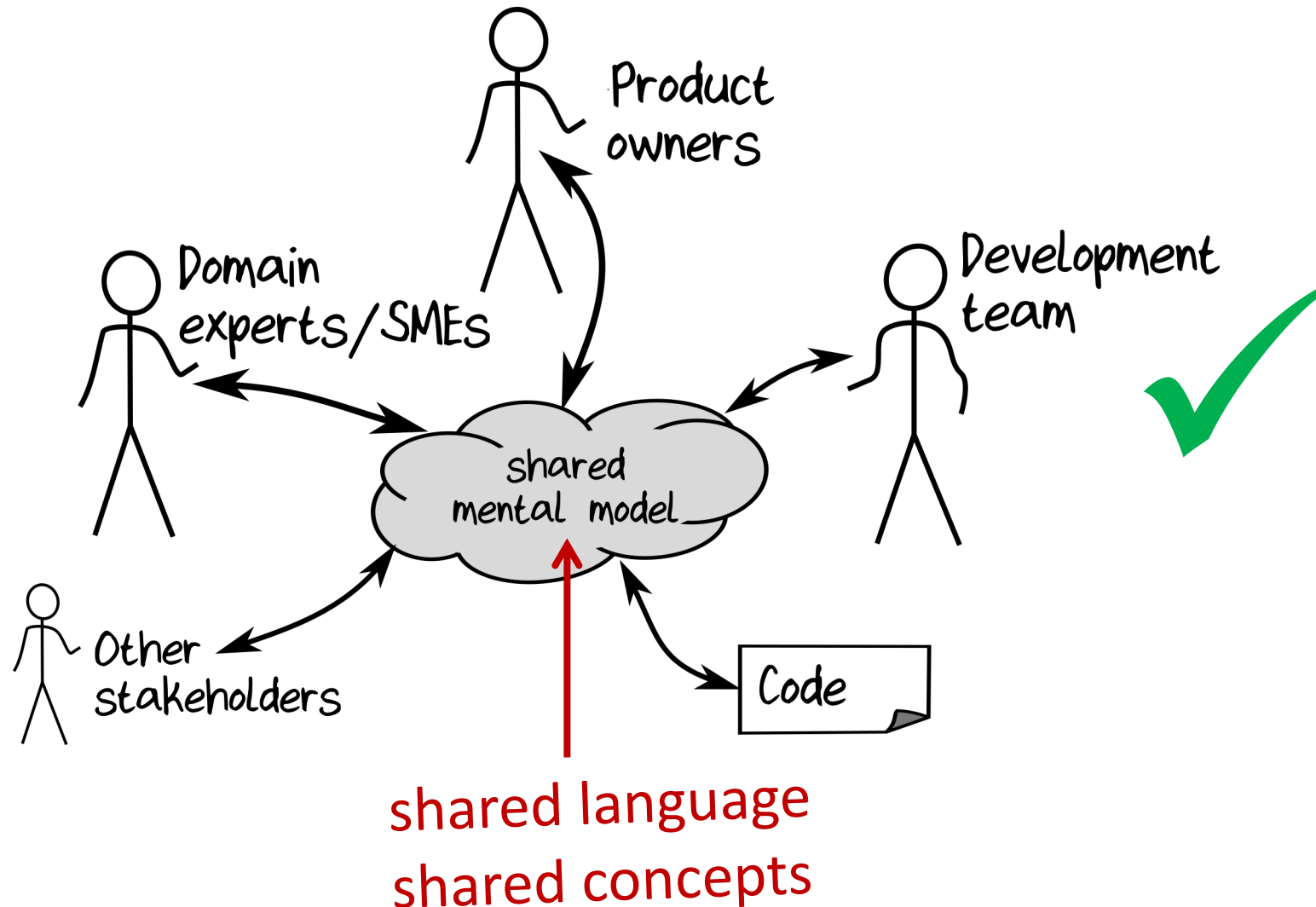
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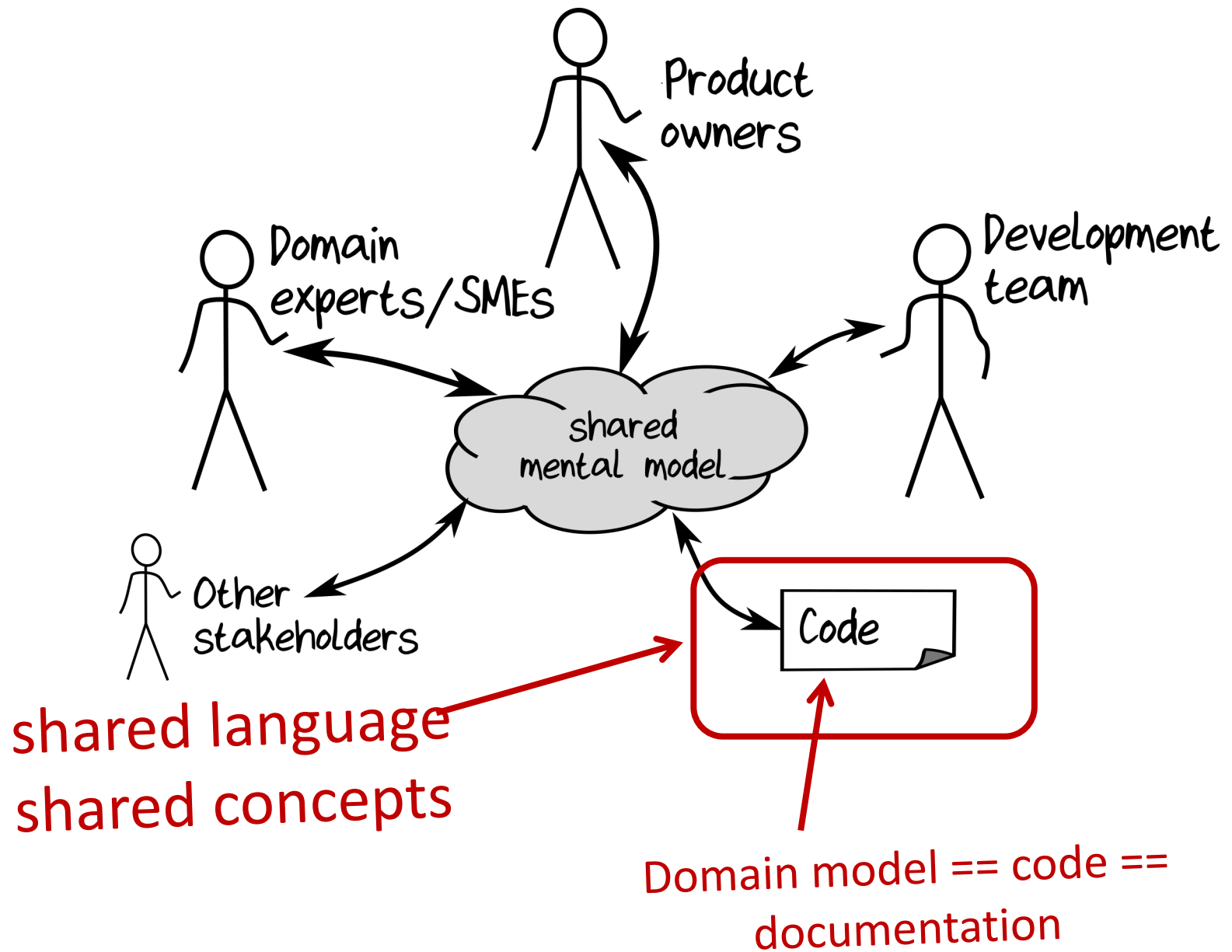


But code is still a  
"translation"



# Domain-Driven Design





# How can we do design right?

- Agile contribution:
  - **Rapid feedback** during design
- DDD contribution:
  - Stakeholders have a **shared mental model**
  - ...which is also represented in the **code**

Can you really make code  
represent the domain?

# What non-developers think source code looks like and some C developers!

```
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What DDD source code  
should look like

Shared language

module **CardGame** =

type **Suit** = Club | Diamond | Spade | Heart

type **Rank** = Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven | Eight  
| Nine | Ten | Jack | Queen | King

type **Card** = Suit \* Rank

type **Hand** = Card list

type **Deck** = Card list

type **Player** = {Name:string; Hand:Hand}

type **Game** = {Deck:Deck; Players: Player list}

type **Deal** = Deck → (Deck \* Card)

type **PickupCard** = (Hand \* Card) → Hand

Even if you don't  
know F#, you have an  
idea of what the  
important concepts  
are

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'|' means a choice --  
pick one from the list

\* means a pair. Choose one from each  
type  
list type is built in

X → Y means a  
workflow  
- input of X  
- output of Y

## Modeling an action with a function



```
type Deal = Deck -> (Deck * Card)
```

↑  
Input

↑  
Output



## Modeling an action with a function



```
type PickupCard = (Hand * Card) -> Hand
```

↑  
Input

↑  
Output

module **CardGame** =

Do you think this is a reasonable  
amount of code to write for this  
domain?

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The whole domain  
fits on one page!

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Do you think a non-  
programmer could  
understand this?

Real comment I heard:  
"Where's the code?"

module **CardGame** =

Can non-programmers  
provide useful feedback?

type **Suit** = Club | Diamond | Spade | Heart

type **Rank** = Two | Three | Four | Five | Six | Seven | Eight  
| Nine | Ten | Jack | Queen | King | Ace

type **Card** = Suit \* Rank

type **Hand** = Card list

Anyone spot the mistake?

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# Rapid feedback during the design stage

Get feedback in minutes  
rather than days!

...

type **Deck** = Card list

type **Deal** = **Deck**  $\rightarrow$  (Deck \* Card)

Domain Expert: "This is not right.  
We use a shuffled deck to deal"

...

Me: "So like this? "

type **Deck** = Card list

type **Deal** = **ShuffledDeck**  $\rightarrow$  (**ShuffledDeck** \* Card)

Expert: "Yes, just like that"

Me: "What's a shuffled deck?"

Expert: "It's a list of cards"

...

type **Deck** = Card list

type **Deal** = ShuffledDeck → (ShuffledDeck \* Card)

type **ShuffledDeck** = Card list



Me: "How do you make a shuffled

Expert: <sup>deck?</sup> "You do a shuffle, duh"

...

type **Deck** = Card list

type **Deal** = ShuffledDeck → (ShuffledDeck \* Card)

type **ShuffledDeck** = Card list

type **Shuffle** = Deck → ShuffledDeck

...

type **Deck** = Card list

type **Deal** = ShuffledDeck → (ShuffledDeck \* Card)

type **ShuffledDeck** = Card list

type **Shuffle** = Deck → ShuffledDeck

The design process can happen  
fast and interactively without

writing "code"

A side effect is that everyone shares  
knowledge, and everyone becomes more  
expert in the domain

**Final version of the domain**

module **CardGame** =

type **Suit** = Club | Diamond | Spade | Heart

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It's domain-driven,  
not database-driven

Nothing about FKs etc  
"Persistence ignorance"

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It's not OO-driven

No base classes, managers, factories,  
etc.

type **Player** = { Name:string; Hand:Hand }

type **Game** = { Deck:Deck; Players:Player list }

type **Deal** = ShuffledDeck → (ShuffledDeck \* Card)

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## In the real world

Suit

Rank

Card

Hand

Deck

Player

Deal

## In the code

Suit

Rank

Card

Hand

Deck

Player

Deal

The domain code  
should  
be in sync with the  
real world vocabulary

## In the real world

Suit

Rank

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**ShuffledDeck**

**Shuffle**

## In the code

Suit

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Card

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**Shuffle**

If we learn new  
things about the  
domain, the code  
should reflect  
that



## In the real world

Suit

Rank

Card

Hand

Deck

Player

Deal

## In the code

Suit

Rank

Card

Hand

Deck

Player

Deal

PlayerController

DeckBase

AbstractCardProxyFactoryBean

The "domain" code  
should not use  
programmer jargon





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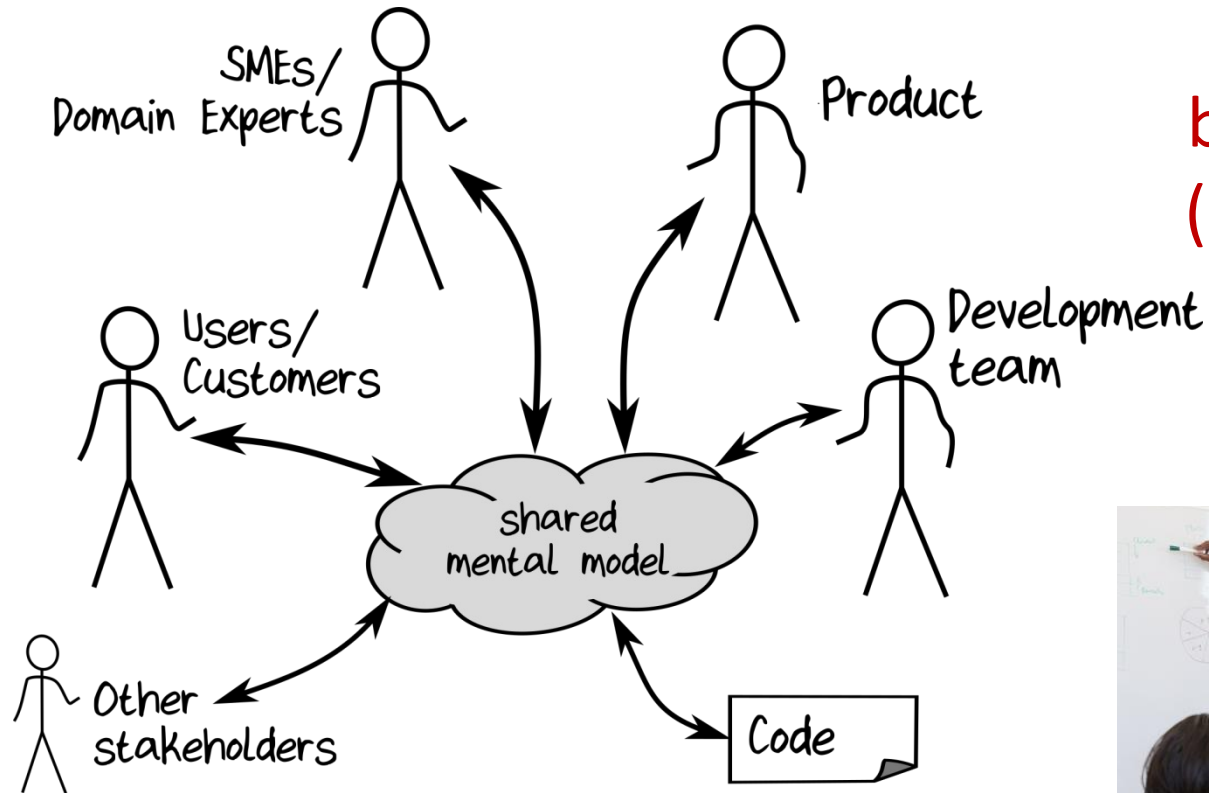
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"The design is the code,  
and the code is the  
design." This is not pseudocode –  
this is executable code!

## It's not just about creating a document



The process of becoming an expert (building the shared mental model) is important!

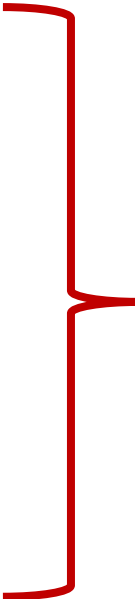


*Key DDD principle:*

Communicate the design  
in the code

**A domain modeling challenge!**

```
type Contact = {  
  
    FirstName: string  
    MiddleInitial: string  
    LastName: string  
  
    EmailAddress: string  
    IsEmailVerified: bool  
}    // true if ownership of  
    // email address is confirmed
```



Is the design  
communicat  
ed in this  
code?

```
type Contact = {  
  
    FirstName: string  
    MiddleInitial: string  
    LastName: string  
  
    EmailAddress: string  
    IsEmailVerified: bool  
}
```

Which  
values are  
optional?

```
type Contact = {
```

*Must not be more than 50 chars*

```
  FirstName: string
```

```
  MiddleInitial: string
```

```
  LastName: string
```

```
  EmailAddress: string
```

```
  IsEmailVerified: bool
```

```
}
```

What are  
the  
constraints?

```
type Contact = {  
  
    FirstName: string  
    MiddleInitial: string  
    LastName: string  
  
    EmailAddress: string  
    IsEmailVerified: bool  
}
```

Must be reset if email is changed

What is the  
domain  
logic?



```
type Contact = {  
  
    FirstName: string  
    MiddleInitial: string  
    LastName: string  
  
    EmailAddress: string  
    IsEmailVerified: bool  
}
```

Which values  
are optional?

What are the  
constraints?

Any domain  
logic?

Not communicating  
the design in the code



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Which values  
are optional?

What are the  
constraints?

Any domain  
logic?

Functional domain modeling  
CAN communicate all these  
decisions!

# Part III

## Understanding FP type systems

Why \*functional\* domain modeling instead of OO domain modeling?

*FP principle:*  
Composition everywhere

Composable  
~~Algebraic~~ type system

New types are built from smaller types by:

Composing with “AND”

Composing with “OR”

# Compose with “AND”

FruitSalad = One each of  and  and 

A record type




```
type FruitSalad = {  
  Apple: AppleVariety  
  Banana: BananaVariety  
  Cherry: CherryVariety  
}
```

Another type, the set of  
all possible apples

All languages have this.  
Example: pairs, tuples, records



# Compose with “OR”

Snack =  or  or 

A choice type

type **Snack** =

| Apple of AppleVariety  
| Banana of BananaVariety  
| Cherry of CherryVariety

Again, the set of all possible apples

Not generally available  
in non-FP languages

# A real world example of composing types

*Some requirements:*

We accept three forms of payment:  
Cash, PayPal, or Card.

For Cash we don't need any extra information

For PayPal we need a email address

For Cards we need a card type and card number

How would you implement this?

In OO design you would probably implement it as an interface and a set of subclasses, like this:

```
interface IPaymentMethod  
{..}
```


```
class Cash() : IPaymentMethod  
{..}
```

```
class PayPal(string emailAddress): IPaymentMethod  
{..}
```

```
class Card(string cardType, string cardNo) : IPaymentMethod  
{..}
```

In FP you would probably implement by  
composing types, like this:

```
type EmailAddress = string  
type CardNumber = string
```



Primitive  
types

```
type EmailAddress = ...
```

```
type CardNumber = ...
```

Choice type  
(using OR)



```
type CardType = Visa | Mastercard
```


```
type CreditCardInfo = {  
    CardType : CardType  
    CardNumber : CardNumber  
}
```

Record type (using AND)



```
type EmailAddress = ...  
type CardNumber = ...  
type CardType = ...  
type CreditCardInfo = ...
```

```
type PaymentMethod =  
  | Cash  
  | PayPal of EmailAddress  
  | Card of CreditCardInfo
```



Choice type

```
type EmailAddress = ...
type CardNumber = ...
type CardType = ...
type CreditCardInfo = ...
```

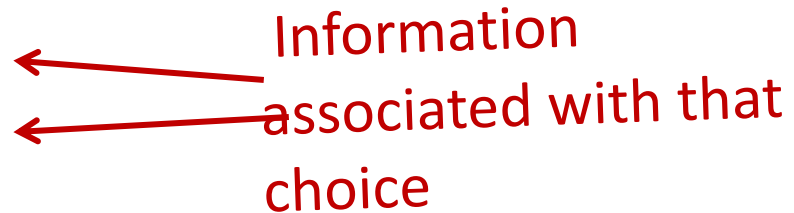
```
type PaymentMethod =
```

```
| Cash
```

```
| PayPal of EmailAddress
```

```
| Card of CreditCardInfo
```

Information  
← associated with that  
choice





```
type EmailAddress = ...
type CardNumber = ...
type CardType = ...
type CreditCardInfo = ...
type PaymentMethod =
  | Cash
  | PayPal of EmailAddress
  | Card of CreditCardInfo
```

```
type PaymentAmount = decimal
```

```
type Currency = EUR | USD
```

Another primitive  
type



Another choice type



```
type EmailAddress = ...
type CardNumber = ...
type CardType = ...
type CreditCardInfo = ...
type PaymentMethod =
  | Cash
  | PayPal of EmailAddress
  | Card of CreditCardInfo
type PaymentAmount = decimal
type Currency = EUR | USD
```

```
type Payment = {  
  Amount : PaymentAmount  
  Currency : Currency  
  Method : PaymentMethod }  
← Record type
```

```
type EmailAddress = ...
type CardNumber = ...
type CardType = ...
type CreditCardInfo = ...
type PaymentMethod =
  | Cash
  | PayPal of EmailAddress
  | Card of CreditCardInfo
type PaymentAmount = decimal
type Currency = EUR | USD

type Payment = {
  Amount : PaymentAmount
  Currency : Currency
  Method : PaymentMethod }
```

Final type built from  
many smaller types:

Composition ftw!



# Part IV

## Domain modeling with composable types

Let's apply this  
approach to the  
"contact" challenge

```
type Contact = {  
    FirstName: string  
    MiddleInitial: string  
    LastName: string  
  
    EmailAddress: string  
    IsEmailVerified: bool  
}    // true if ownership of  
    // email address is confirmed
```

This looks suspiciously like  
database-driven design...

Let's refactor it to  
make it domain-  
driven!

"A contact has a name AND email info"

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: PersonalName  
  Email: EmailContactInfo }
```

"Like this?..."

"A contact has a name AND email info"

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: PersonalName  
  Email: EmailContactInfo }
```

We have two new concepts already!

# "What's a personal name?"

```
type PersonalName = {  
    FirstName: string  
    MiddleInitial: string  
    LastName: string  
}
```



# "What's required or optional?"

```
type PersonalName = {  
    FirstName: string  
    MiddleInitial: string  
    LastName: string  
}
```

A diagram with three red lines pointing from text labels to fields in the struct definition. The first line points from 'required' to 'FirstName'. The second line points from 'optional' to 'MiddleInitial'. The third line points from 'required' to 'LastName'.

How can we represent optional values?

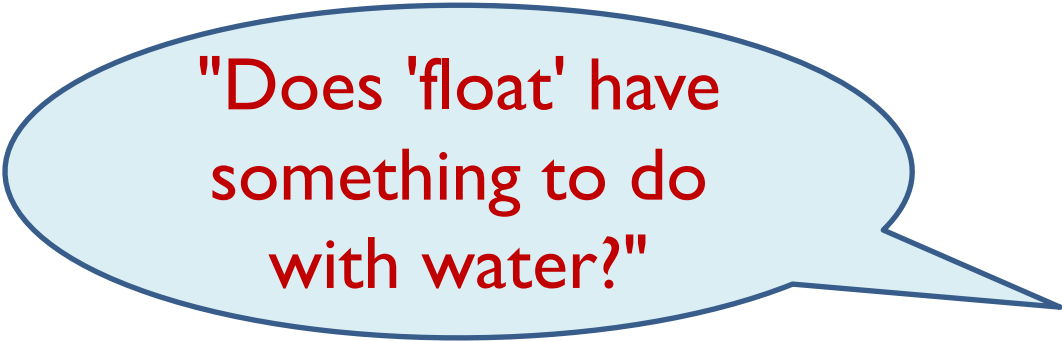
```
type PersonalName = {  
    FirstName: string  
    MiddleInitial: string option  
    LastName: string  
}
```

nice and  
readable!

# Modeling simple values and constrained values

# Modeling simple values

- Avoid "Primitive Obsession"
- Simple values should not be modelled with primitive types like "int" or "string" or "float"



"Does 'float' have something to do with water?"

# Modeling constrained values

- It's rare to have an unconstrained int or string:
  - An EmailAddress must not be empty, it must match a pattern
  - A PhoneNumber must not be empty, it must match a pattern
  - A CustomerId must be a positive integer

Is an EmailAddress just a string? No!


Is a CustomerId just a int? No!


Can you concat two EmailAddresses  
to make another valid EmailAddress?

Can you multiply a CustomerId by 42?

Use wrapper types to keep domain concepts distinct from their representation

`type EmailAddress = EmailAddress of string`  Wrap a string

`type CustomerId = CustomerId of int`  Wrap an int

`type String50 = String50 of string`  A constrained string

```
type EmailAddress = EmailAddress of string
type PhoneNumber = PhoneNumber of string
```

Distinct types



```
type CustomerId = CustomerId of int
type OrderId = OrderId of int
```

Also distinct types



Two benefits:

- Clearer domain modelling
- Can't mix them up accidentally



# Implementing constructors for constrained types

```
let createEmailAddress (s:string) =  
    if s.Contains("@")  
        then (EmailAddress s)  
        else ?
```

```
createEmailAddress:  
    string -> EmailAddress
```

  
This is a lie!

```
let createEmailAddress (s:string) =  
    if s.Contains("@")  
        then Some (EmailAddress s)  
        else None
```

```
createEmailAddress:  
    string -> EmailAddress option
```



This is more explicit

```
type String50 = String50 of string
```

```
let createString50 (s:string) =  
    if s.Length <= 50  
    then Some (String50 s)  
    else None
```

```
createString50 :  
    string -> String50 option
```

What's wrong with this picture?


Qty:

How could this happen?

How many people ever do  
this?



New wrapper type just for this  
domain



```
type OrderLineQty = OrderLineQty of int
```

```
let createOrderLineQty qty =  
  if qty > 0 && qty <= 99  
  then Some (OrderLineQty qty)  
  else None
```

```
createOrderLineQty:  
  int -> OrderLineQty option
```

# The "Contact" challenge, after first refactor

```
type Contact = {  
  
    FirstName: string  
    MiddleInitial: string  
    LastName: string  
  
    EmailAddress: string  
    IsEmailVerified: bool  
}
```



```
type Contact = {
```

Use option type for  
potentially missing  
values

```
  FirstName: string
```

```
  MiddleInitial: string option
```

```
  LastName: string
```

```
  EmailAddress: string
```

```
  IsEmailVerified: bool
```

```
}
```

```
type Contact = {
```

Use wrapper types  
instead of primitives

```
  FirstName: String50
```

```
  MiddleInitial: String1 option
```

```
  LastName: String50
```

```
  EmailAddress: EmailAddress
```

```
  IsEmailVerified: bool
```

```
}
```

```
type PersonalName = {  
  FirstName : String50  
  MiddleInitial : String1 option  
  LastName : String50 }
```

```
type EmailContactInfo = {  
  EmailAddress : EmailAddress  
  IsEmailVerified : bool }
```

2 different  
domain  
concepts



Aggregates a.k.a. "consistency  
boundaries"

# Replacing flags with choices

```
type EmailContactInfo = {  
    EmailAddress : EmailAddress  
    IsEmailVerified : bool }  
}
```



What about this?


```
type EmailContactInfo = {  
  EmailAddress : EmailAddress  
  IsEmailVerified : bool }
```



But anyone can set this to  
true

- *Rule 1: If the email is changed, the verified flag must be reset to false.*
- *Rule 2: The verified flag can only be set by a special verification service*

Listen closely to what the domain expert  
says...



"An email address is either  
Verified OR Unverified"

So model it as a choice

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of ???
```

"Email contact info is either Verified OR Unverified"

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of ???
```

Use a normal email address





"Email contact info is either Verified OR Unverified"

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of ???
```



Let's ask a domain expert!

Q: Is a verified email different from an unverified email? Are there different business rules?

A: Yes, it must not be mixed up with unverified.

```
type VerifiedEmail = VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

↪ Create a wrapper for a verified email address

"there is no problem that can't be solved by wrapping it in another type"

"Email contact info is either Verified OR  
Unverified"

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```



A different  
type!

Q: Where do we get  
Verified emails  
from?

A: A special  
verification  
process

So model it as a function

type **VerificationService** =

(EmailAddress \* VerificationHash) -> VerifiedEmail option

↑  
You give me  
this

↑  
And I *\*might\** give you  
this

Q: Are the business rules clear now?

```
type VerifiedEmail =  
  VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

```
type VerificationService =  
  (EmailAddress * VerificationHash) -> VerifiedEmail option
```


```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```

Q: Are the business rules clear now?

```
type VerifiedEmail =  
    VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

```
type VerificationService =  
    (EmailAddress * VerificationHash) -> VerifiedEmail option
```

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
    | Unverified of EmailAddress  
    | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```




To create the  
unverified case, you  
can use any email  
address

Q: Are the business rules clear now?

```
type VerifiedEmail =  
    VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

```
type VerificationService =  
    (EmailAddress * VerificationHash) -> VerifiedEmail option
```

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
    | Unverified of EmailAddress  
    | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```



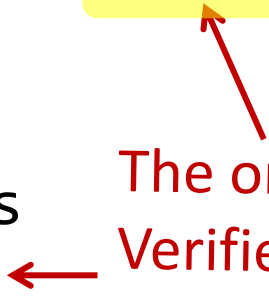
To create this case, you need to have a  
VerifiedEmail

```
type VerifiedEmail =  
    VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

```
type VerificationService =  
    (EmailAddress * VerificationHash) -> VerifiedEmail option
```

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
    | Unverified of EmailAddress  
    | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```

The only way to get a  
VerifiedEmail is to use  
the verification  
service!



Those business rules are automatically enforced by the design!



# The "Contact" challenge, completed

# Before redesign

```
type Contact = {  
  
    FirstName : string  
    MiddleInitial : string  
    LastName : string  
  
    EmailAddress : string  
    IsEmailVerified: bool  
}    // true if ownership of  
    // email address is confirmed
```

Looks suspiciously like  
database-driven design

# After redesign

```
type EmailAddress = ...
```

```
type VerifiedEmail =  
  VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```

```
type PersonalName = {  
  FirstName: String50  
  MiddleInitial: String1 option  
  LastName: String50 }
```

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: PersonalName  
  Email: EmailContactInfo }
```

```

type EmailAddress = ...

type VerifiedEmail =
  VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress

type EmailContactInfo =
  | Unverified of EmailAddress
  | Verified of VerifiedEmail

type PersonalName = {
  FirstName: String50
  MiddleInitial: String1 option
  LastName: String50 }

type Contact = {
  Name: PersonalName
  Email: EmailContactInfo }

```

Which values  
are optional?

What are the  
constraints?

Which fields are  
linked?

Domain logic  
clear?

```
type EmailAddress = ...
```

```
type VerifiedEmail =  
  VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```

```
type PersonalName = {  
  FirstName: String50  
  MiddleInitial: String1 option  
  LastName: String50 }
```

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: PersonalName  
  Email: EmailContactInfo }
```

Which values  
are optional?

```
type EmailAddress = ...
```

```
type VerifiedEmail =  
  VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```

```
type PersonalName = {  
  FirstName: String50  
  MiddleInitial: String1 option  
  LastName: String50 }
```

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: PersonalName  
  Email: EmailContactInfo }
```

What are the  
constraints?

```
type EmailAddress = ...
```

```
type VerifiedEmail =  
  VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```

```
type PersonalName = {  
  FirstName: String50  
  MiddleInitial: String1 option  
  LastName: String50 }
```

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: PersonalName  
  Email: EmailContactInfo }
```

Which fields are  
linked?

```
type EmailAddress = ...
```

```
type VerifiedEmail =  
  VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress
```

```
type EmailContactInfo =  
  | Unverified of EmailAddress  
  | Verified of VerifiedEmail
```

```
type PersonalName = {  
  FirstName: String50  
  MiddleInitial: String1 option  
  LastName: String50 }
```

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: PersonalName  
  Email: EmailContactInfo }
```

Domain logic  
clear?



```

type EmailAddress = ...
type VerifiedEmail =
  VerifiedEmail of EmailAddress

type EmailContactInfo =
  | Unverified of EmailAddress
  | Verified of VerifiedEmail

type PersonalName = {
  FirstName: String50
  MiddleInitial: String1 option
  LastName: String50 }

type Contact = {
  Name: PersonalName
  Email: EmailContactInfo }

```

The domain language is  
evolving along with the  
design

And all this is compilable code, of course

# Refactoring towards deeper insight

# Refactoring towards deeper insight

*Business rule: Only send password resets to verified emails*

```
let sendPasswordReset (info: EmailContactInfo) =  
  // if EmailContactInfo.IsVerified then  
  //   logic to send password reset  
  // else  
  //   error
```

Unclear what the logic is.  
We need to look at the  
documentation

# Refactoring towards deeper insight

*Business rule: Only send password resets to verified emails*

type **VerifiedEmail** = ... We learned a new concept which  
is applicable to other workflows

# Refactoring towards deeper insight

*Business rule: Only send password resets to verified emails*

```
type VerifiedEmail = ...
```

```
let sendPasswordReset (email:VerifiedEmail) =  
    // logic to send password reset  
    //    (boolean test no longer needed)
```



Better  
documentation  
and safer too!

# Part V

## Encoding business rules with types

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: Name  
  Email: EmailContactInfo  
  Address: PostalContactInfo  
}
```

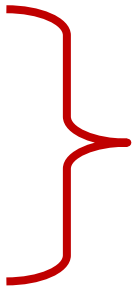


New! Added as the design evolves.

New rule:

*“A contact must have an email or a postal address”*

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: Name  
  Email: EmailContactInfo  
  Address: PostalContactInfo  
}
```



Doesn't meet  
new  
requirements



New rule:

*“A contact must have an email or a postal address”*

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: Name  
  Email: EmailContactInfo  
  Address: PostalContactInfo  
}
```

option

option

Doesn't meet  
new  
requirements  
either

Could both be  
missing?

**"Make illegal states unrepresentable!"**  
– Yaron Minsky

*“A contact must have an email or a postal address”*

implies:

- email address only, or
- postal address only, or
- both email address and postal address

only three  
possibilities  
and note the use of  
"OR"

*“A contact must have an email or a postal address”*

type ContactInfo =

 | EmailOnly of EmailContactInfo  
| AddrOnly of PostalContactInfo  
| EmailAndAddr of EmailContactInfo \* PostalContactInfo

requirements are  
now encoded in the  
type!

type Contact = {

  Name: Name

  ContactInfo : ContactInfo }

Only three possibilities.  
You cannot make a  
mistake.

Collaboration is two-way.  
It's OK to push back

*“A contact must have an email or a postal address”*

Is this really what the business  
wants?  
This implementation is too rigid

*“A contact must have at least one way of being contacted”*

Better

*“A contact must have at least one way of being contacted”*

```
type ContactInfo =  
  | Email of EmailContactInfo  
  | Addr of PostalContactInfo
```



Way of being contacted

```
type Contact = {  
  Name: Name  
  PrimaryContactInfo: ContactInfo  
  SecondaryContactInfo: ContactInfo option }
```



One way of being contacted is required

This design is better because  
it can evolve more easily

```
type ContactInfo =  
  | Email of EmailContactInfo  
  | Addr of PostalContactInfo  
  | Facebook of FacebookInfo  
  | SMS of PhoneNumber  
  | Twitter of TwitterId  
  | Skype of Skypeld
```

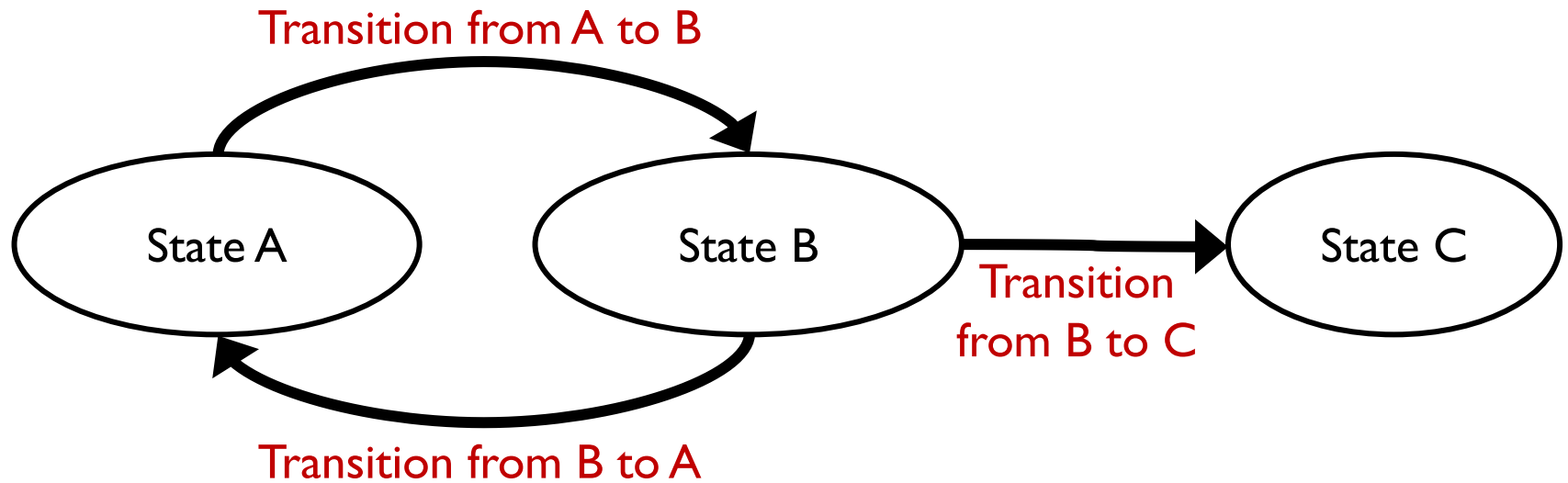


# Part VI:

## States and Transitions

Modelling a common scenario

# States and transitions



# States and transitions for **email address**

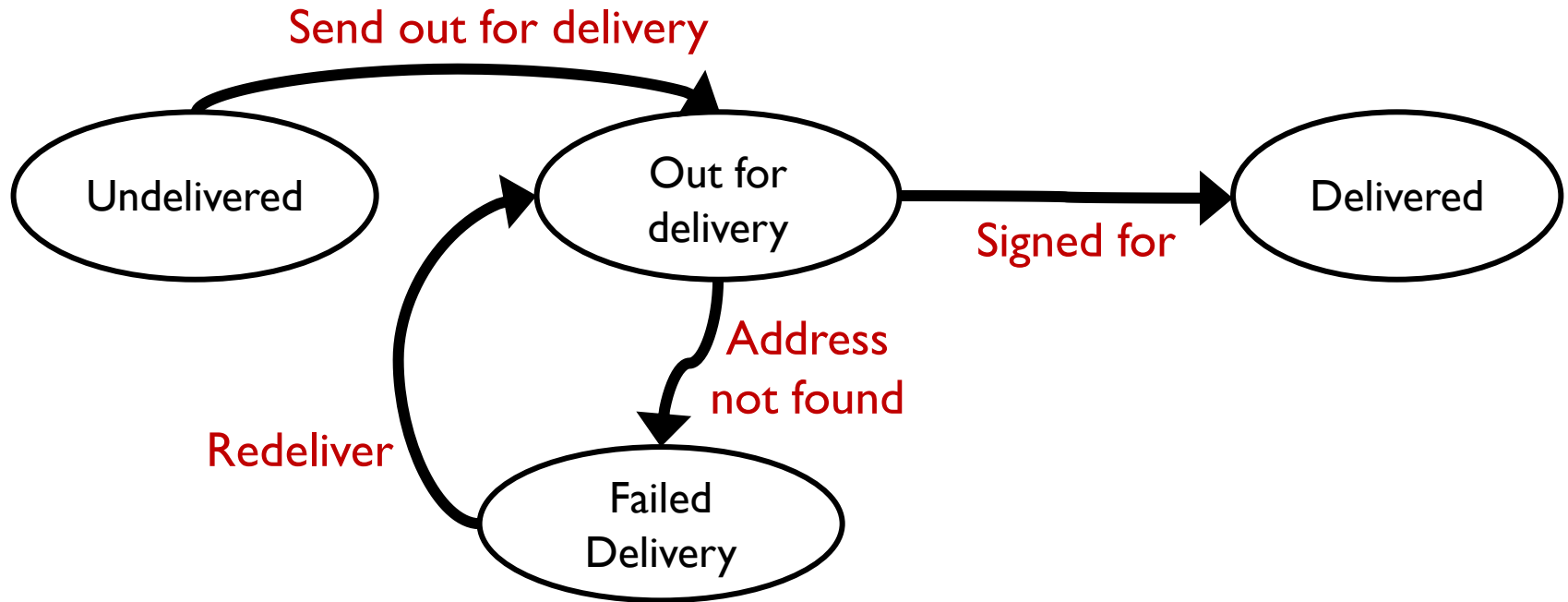


**Each state can have different behavior**

Rule: "You can only send a verification message to an unverified email"

Rule: "You can only send a password reset message to a verified email "

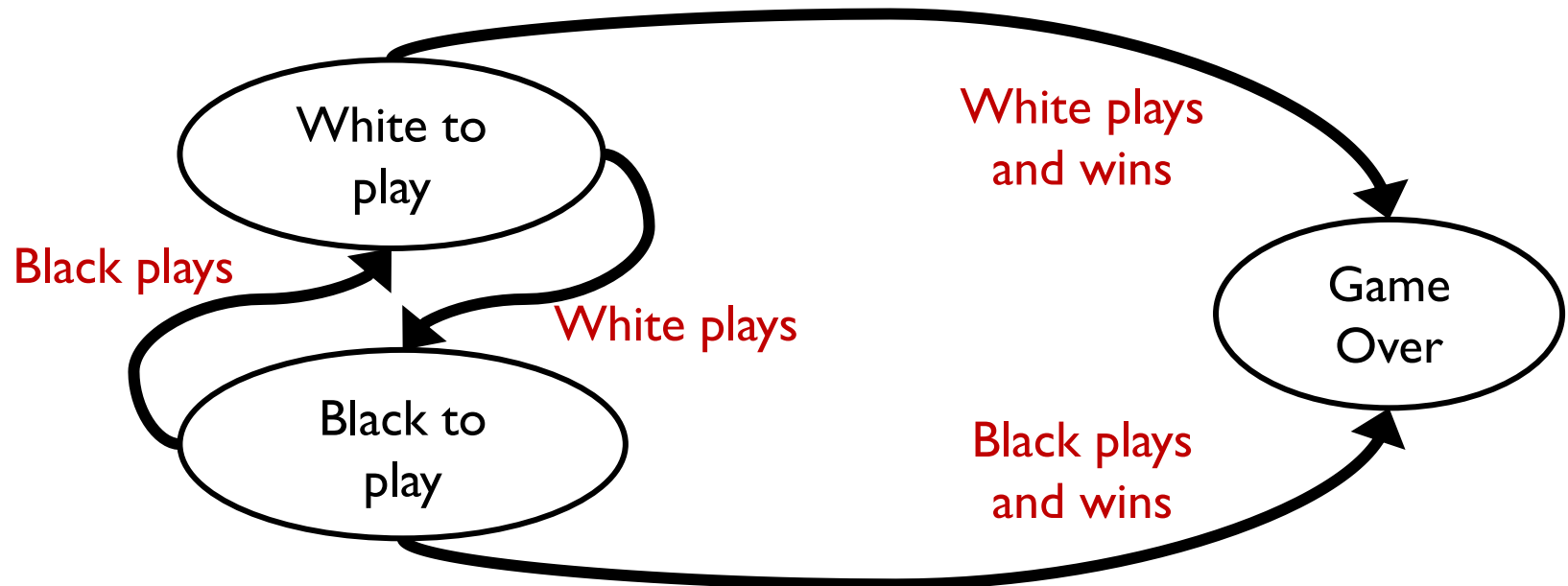
# States and transitions for deliveries



Rule: "You can't put a package on a truck if it is already out for delivery"

Rule: "You can't sign for a package that is already delivered"

# States and transitions for **chess game**

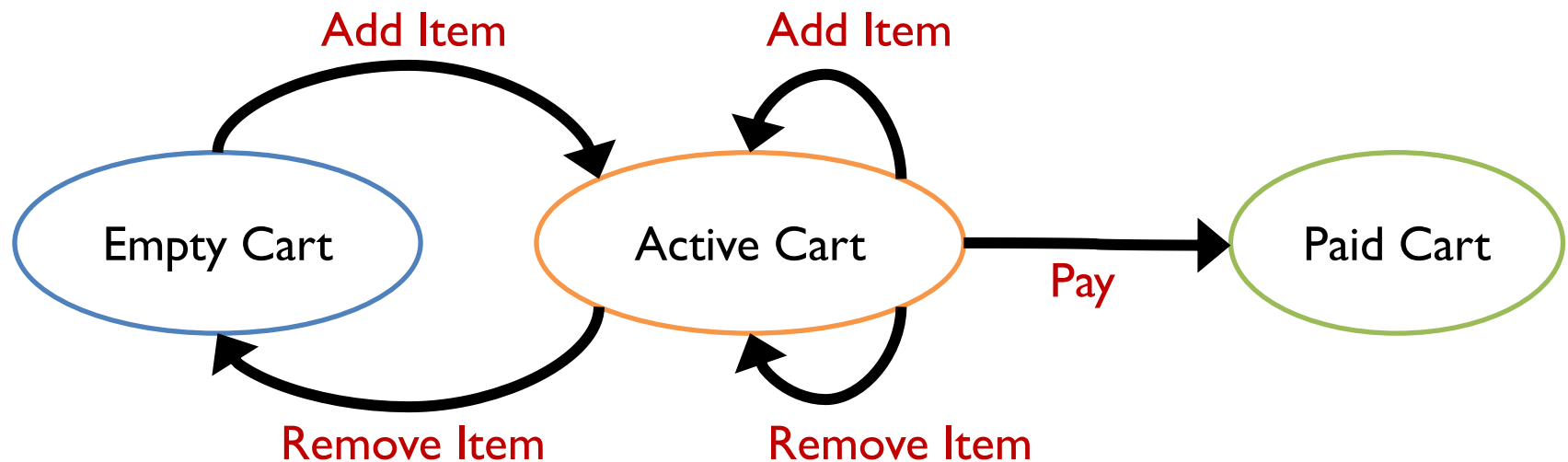


Rule: "White and Black take turns playing.

White can't play if it is Black's turn and vice versa"

Rule: "No one can play when the game is over"

# States and transitions for shopping cart

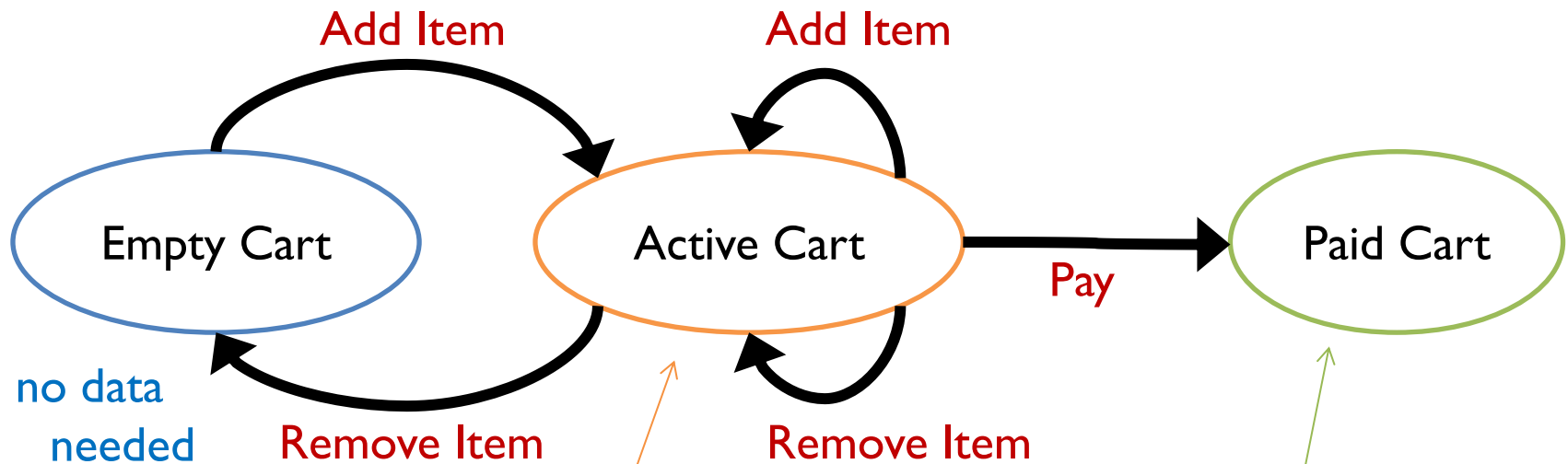


Rule: "You can't remove an item from an empty cart"

Rule: "You can't change a paid cart"

Rule: "You can't pay for a cart twice"

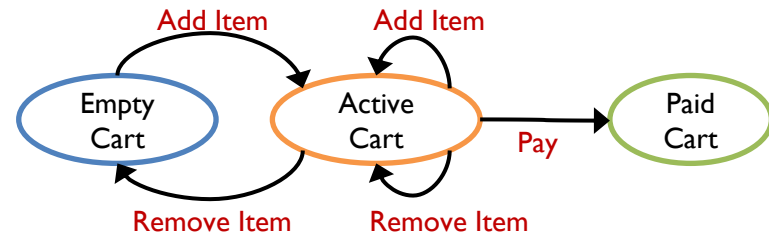
# States and transitions for shopping cart



type **ActiveCartData** =  
 { UnpaidItems: Item list }

type **PaidCartData** =  
 { PaidItems: Item list;  
 Payment: Payment }

What data do we  
need to store?



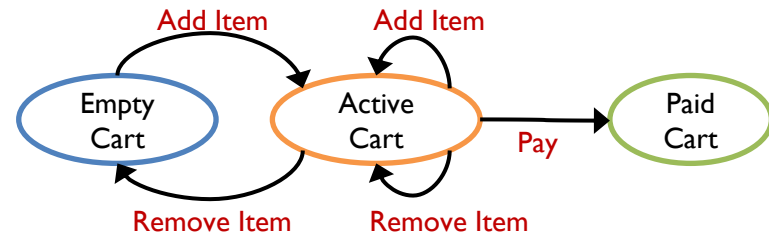
```
type ActiveCartData =
  { UnpaidItems: Item list }
```

```
type PaidCartData =
  { PaidItems: Item list; Payment: Payment }
```

```
type ShoppingCart = ← One of three states
  | EmptyCart // no data ← No data needed for empty cart state
  | ActiveCart of ActiveCartData
  | PaidCart of PaidCartData
```



## Shopping Cart API



**initCart :**

Item  $\rightarrow$  ShoppingCart

**addToActive:**

(ActiveCartData \* Item)  $\rightarrow$  ShoppingCart

**removeFromActive:**

(ActiveCartData \* Item)  $\rightarrow$  ShoppingCart

might be empty  
or active – can't  
tell

**pay:**

(ActiveCartData \* Payment)  $\rightarrow$  ShoppingCart

## Client code to add an item using the API

```
let addItem cart item =  
  match cart with  
  | EmptyCart ->  
    Api.initCart item  
  | ActiveCart activeData ->  
    Api.addToActive(activeData,item)  
  | PaidCart paidData ->  
    Api.???
```

Cannot accidentally alter a paid  
cart! "make illegal operations impossible"

## Client code to remove an item using the API

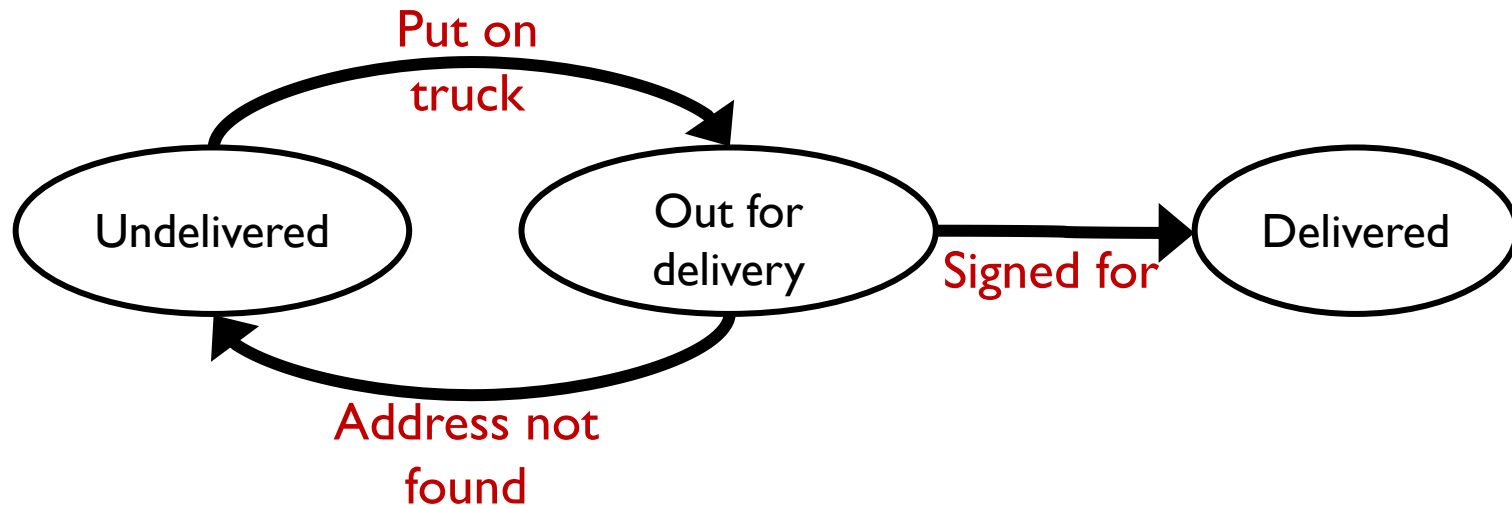
```
let removeItem cart item =  
  match cart with  
  | EmptyCart ->  
    ???  
  | ActiveCart activeData ->  
    Api.removeFromActive(activeData,item)  
  | PaidCart paidData ->  
    ???
```

Compiler will not let  
you remove from an  
empty cart!

"make illegal operations impossible"

# Why design with state transitions?

- Each state can have different allowable data.
- All states are explicitly documented.
- All transitions are explicitly documented.
- It is a design tool that forces you to think about every possibility that could occur.



# Summary and Conclusion

# Domain-driven design

- Represent the shared mental model in code
  - The developers should become domain experts too
  - Write code collaboratively to build the shared mental model
- Designs will evolve
  - Embrace change. This is not Big Design Up Front
  - Refactor towards deeper insight
  - Static types give you confidence to make changes

# Coding Guidelines

- Build a domain model with composable types
- Use choices rather than inheritance
- Use constrained types
- Avoid boolean flags
- Make illegal states unrepresentable
- Use state machines
- Use total functions and explicit contracts

All these approaches improve  
documentation and make it harder to  
have errors