Working with Domain Events

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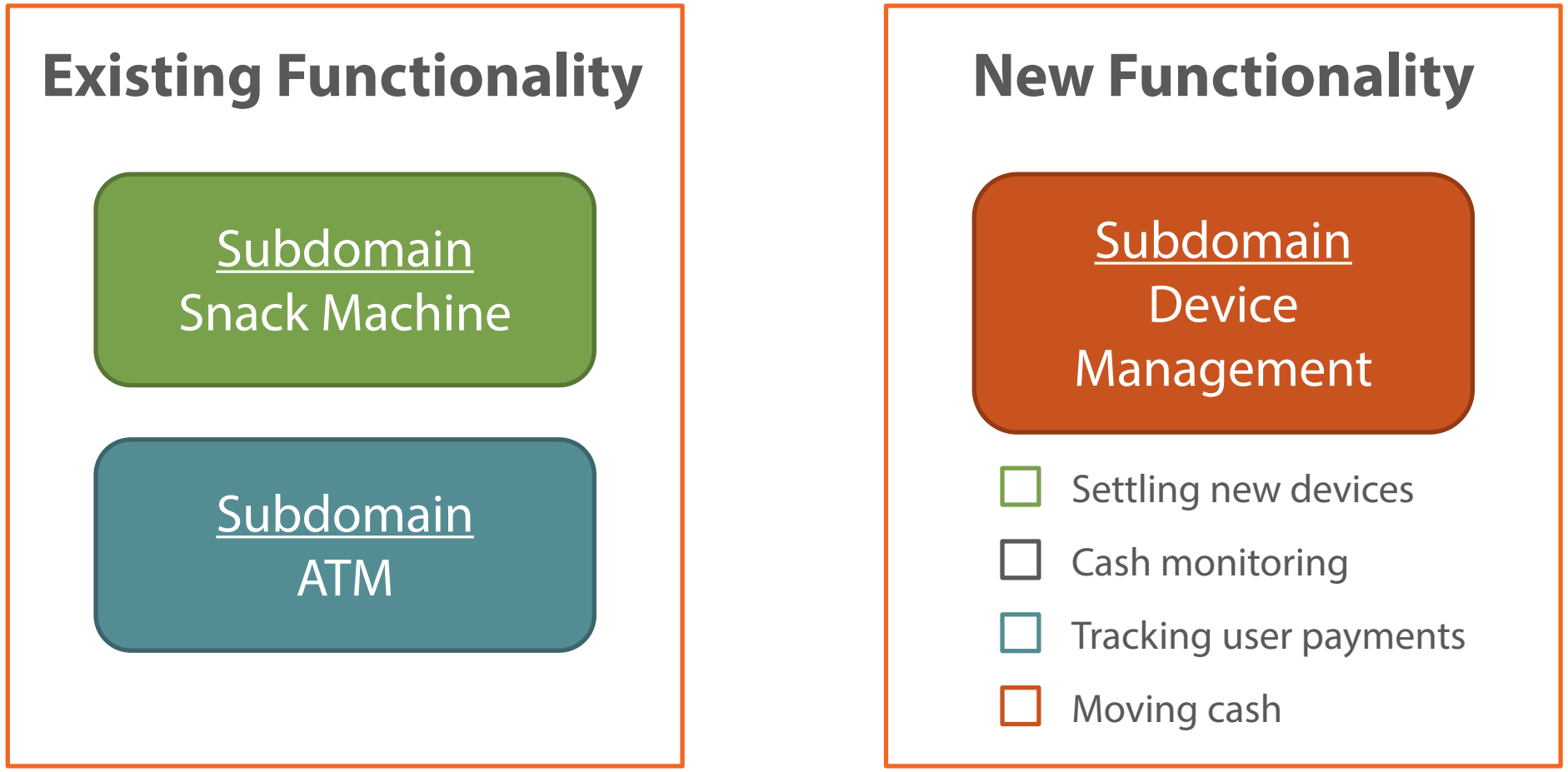
Domain Events

Two ways to handle domain events in code

New Requirements



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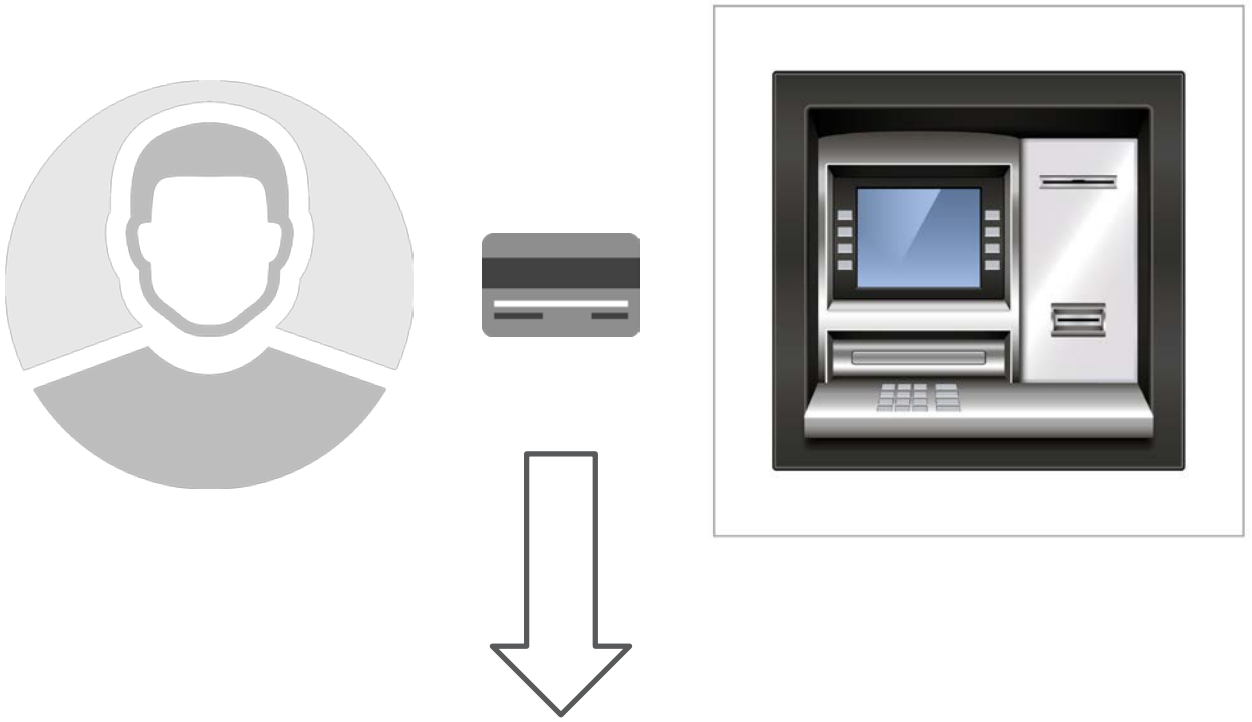

Total amount of all users payments

New Requirements

Cash producer

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Cash consumer

Introducing a New Bounded Context

New sub-domain

Management

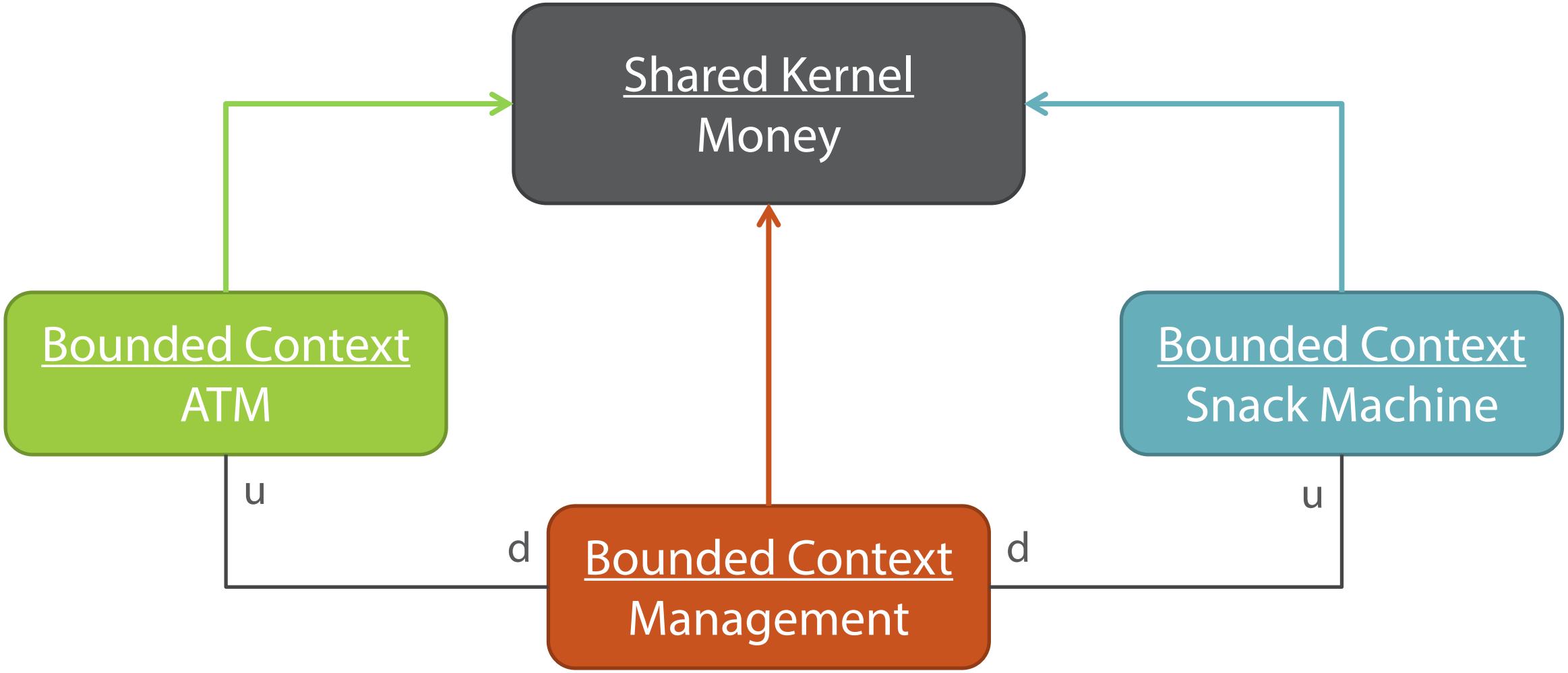
New bounded context

Management

Where the payments go?

How cash flows from snack machines to ATMs?

Introducing a New Bounded Context



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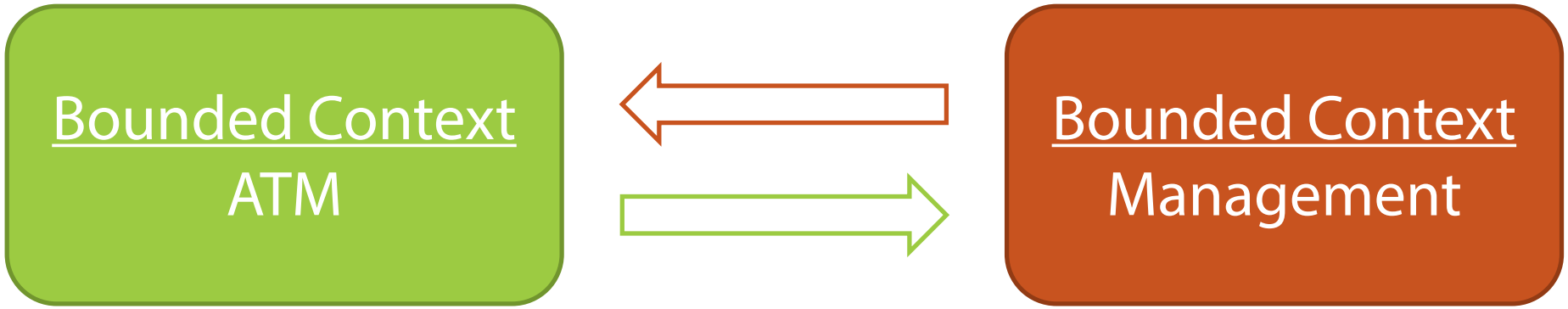

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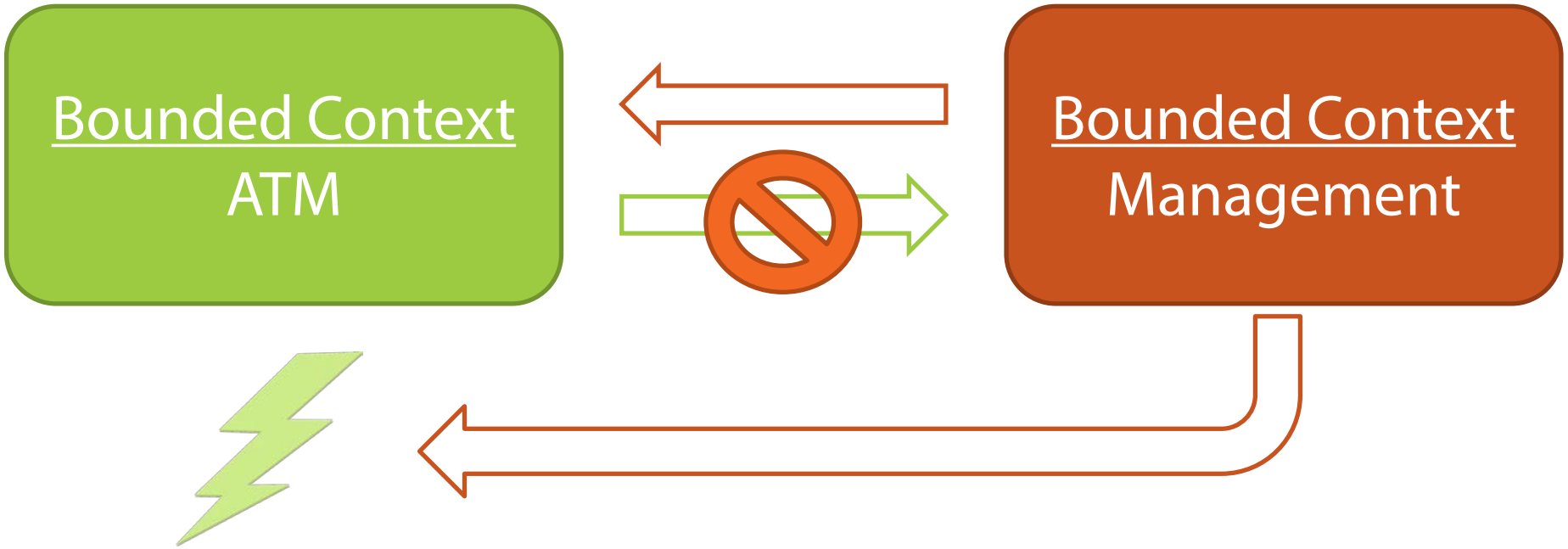

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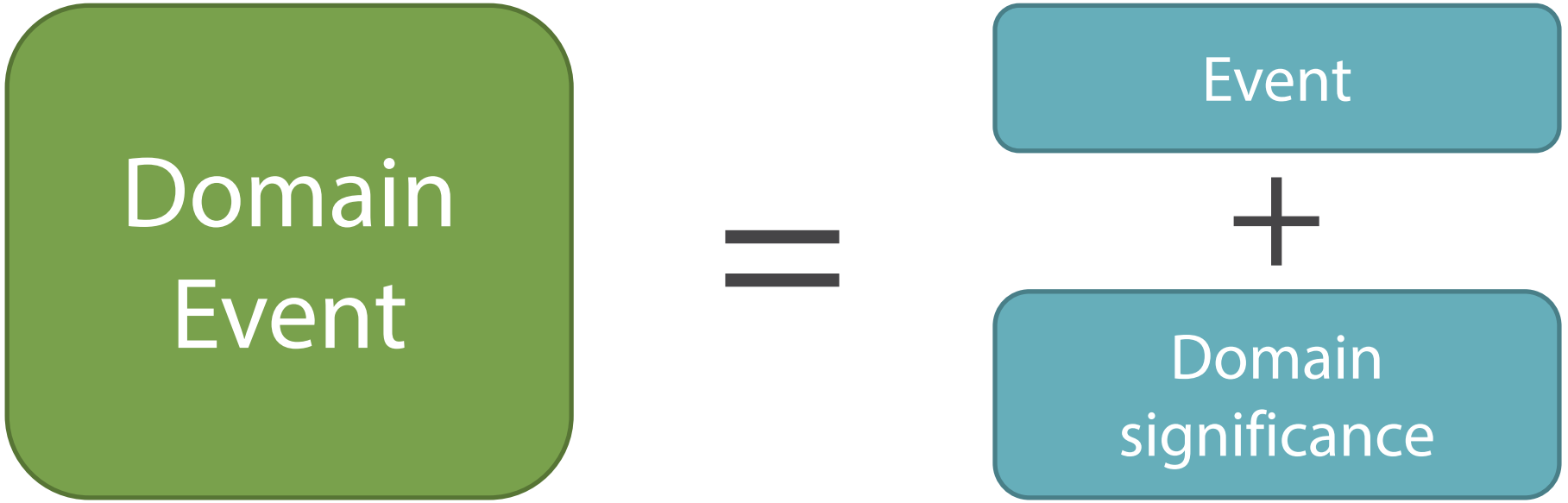


Domain Events

Domain Event

- Important for the domain

System Event

- Infrastructure

Domain Events

- Decouple Bounded Contexts
- Facilitate communication between Bounded Contexts
- Decouple entities within a single Bounded Context

Introducing a Domain Event

Domain event definition:

```
public class BalanceChangedEvent {
    public decimal Delta { get; private set; }

    public BalanceChangedEvent(decimal delta) {
        Delta = delta;
    }
}
```

Domain event generation:

```
public virtual void TakeMoney(decimal amount) {
    if (CanTakeMoney(amount) != string.Empty)
        throw new InvalidOperationException();

    Money output = MoneyInside.Allocate(amount);
    MoneyInside -= output;

    decimal amountWithCommission = CaluculateAmountWithCommission(amount);
    MoneyCharged += amountWithCommission;

    var ev = new BalanceChangedEvent(amountWithCommission);
    // Raise the event
}
```

Domain Events Guidelines

Naming

- Past tense
- BalanceChangedEvent

Data

- Include as little data as possible

Domain Events Guidelines

What data structures should be used to represent data in domain events?

```
public class Person : Entity
{
    public string FirstName { get; set; }
    public string LastName { get; set; }
    public string MiddleName { get; set; }
}
```

```
public class PersonChangedEvent
{
    public Person Person { get; set; }

    public PersonChangedEvent(Person person)
    {
        Person = person;
    }
}
```

Include more information than needed

Additional point of coupling

Domain Events Guidelines

Naming

- Past tense
- BalanceChangedEvent

Data

- Include as little data as possible

Domain classes

- Don't use domain classes to represent data in events
- Use primitive types instead

Domain Events Guidelines

Id of the entity or full information about it?

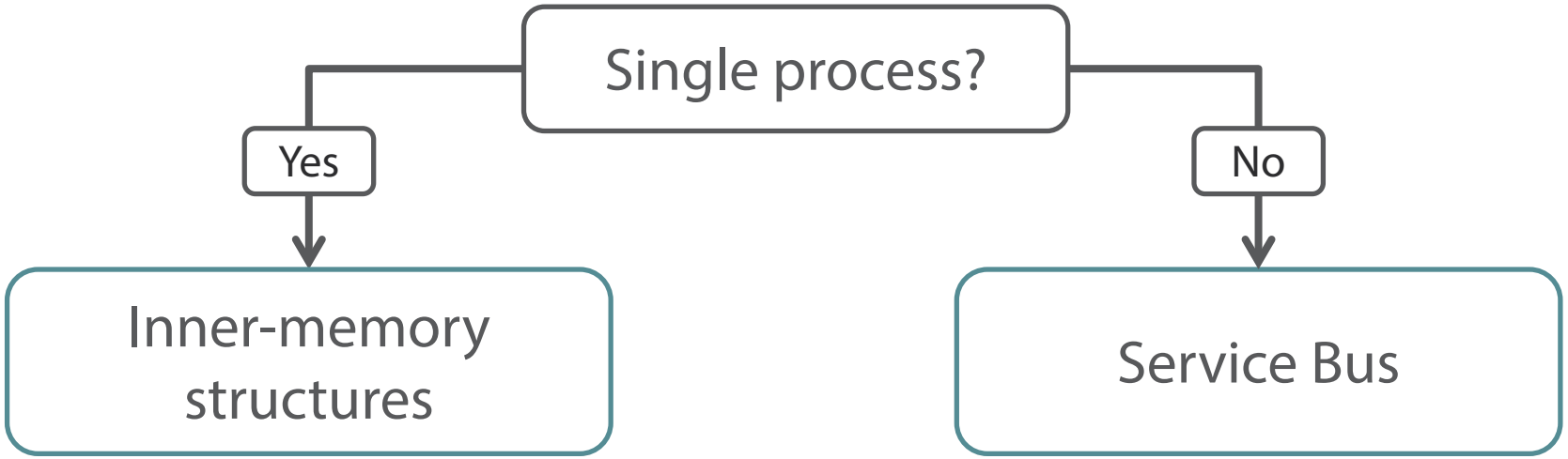
Ids

- When consuming BC knows about producing BC

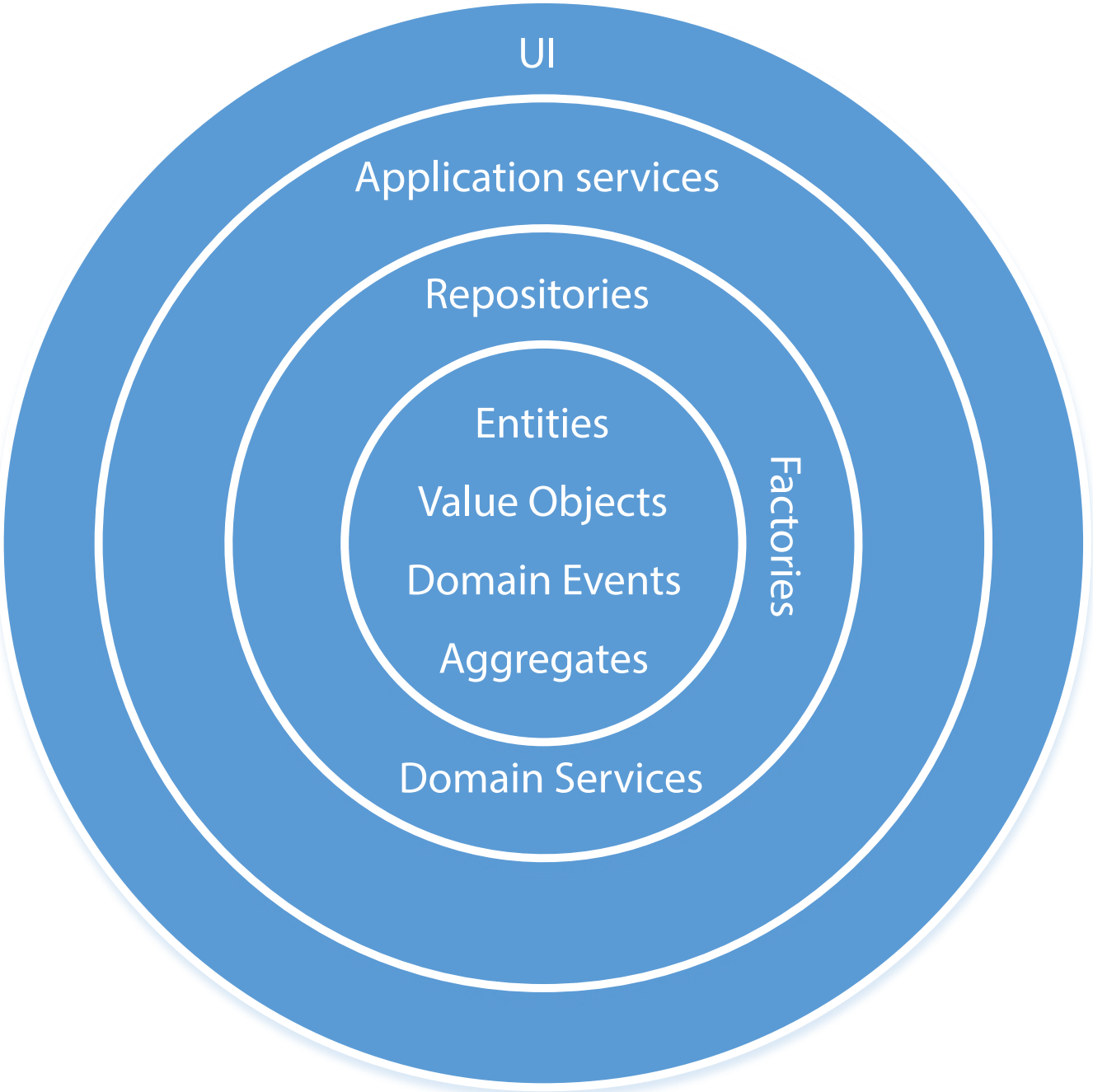
Full information

- When consuming BC doesn't know about producing BC

Physical Delivery

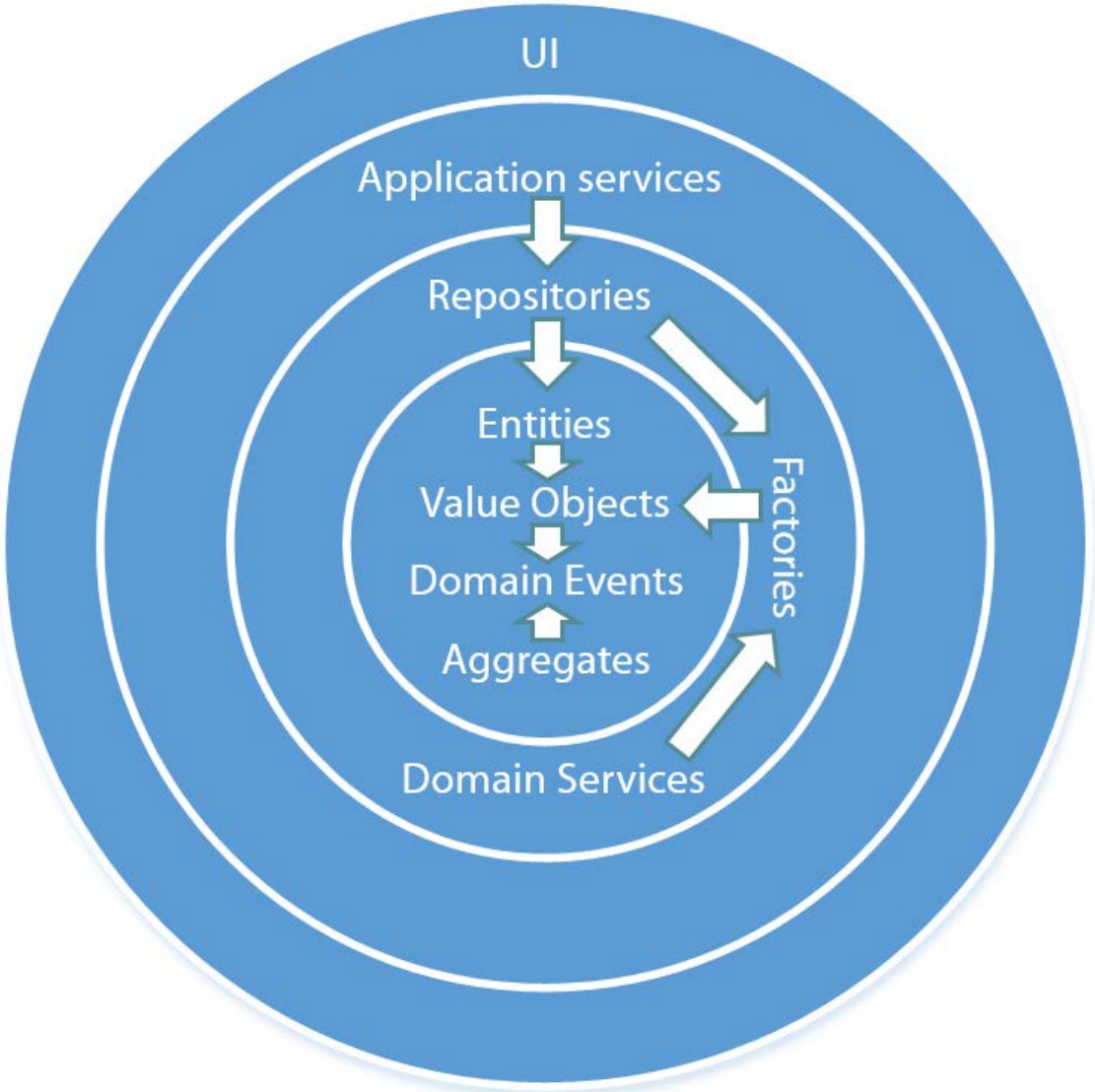


Physical delivery is orthogonal
to the notion of domain events



Recap: Classic Approach

Damages domain model isolation

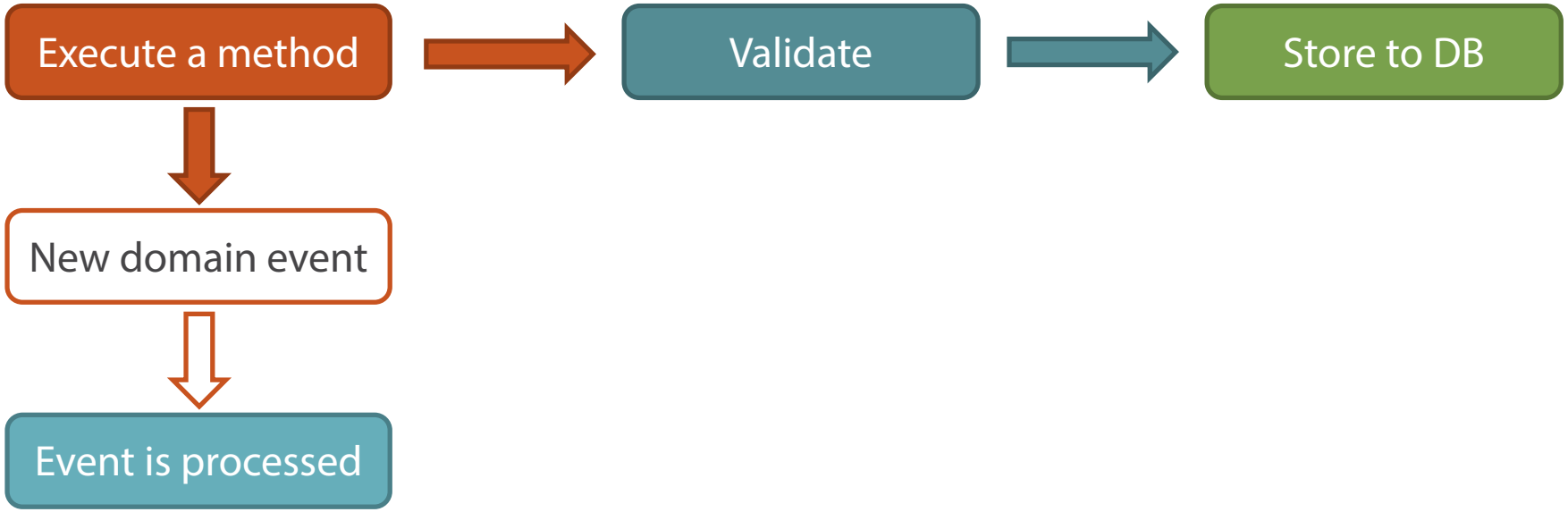


Recap: Classic Approach

```
[Fact]
public void Take_money_raises_an_event()
{
    Atm atm = new Atm();
    atm.LoadMoney(Dollar);
    BalanceChangedEvent balanceChangedEvent = null;
    DomainEvents.Register<BalanceChangedEvent>(ev => balanceChangedEvent = ev);

    atm.TakeMoney(1m);

    balanceChangedEvent.Should().NotBeNull();
    balanceChangedEvent.Delta.Should().Be(1.01m);
}


public static class DomainEvents
{
    private static Dictionary<Type, List<Delegate>> _dynamicHandlers;
    private static List<Type> _staticHandlers;
}
```

Recap: Classic Approach

Doesn't fit into the notion of Unit of Work



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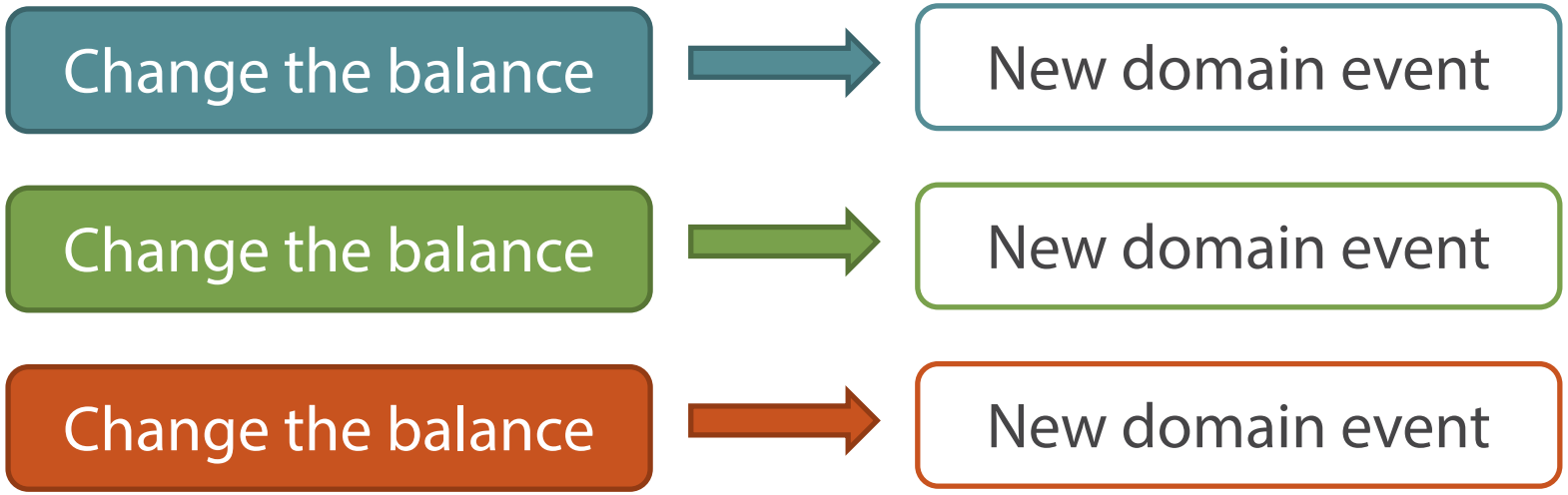
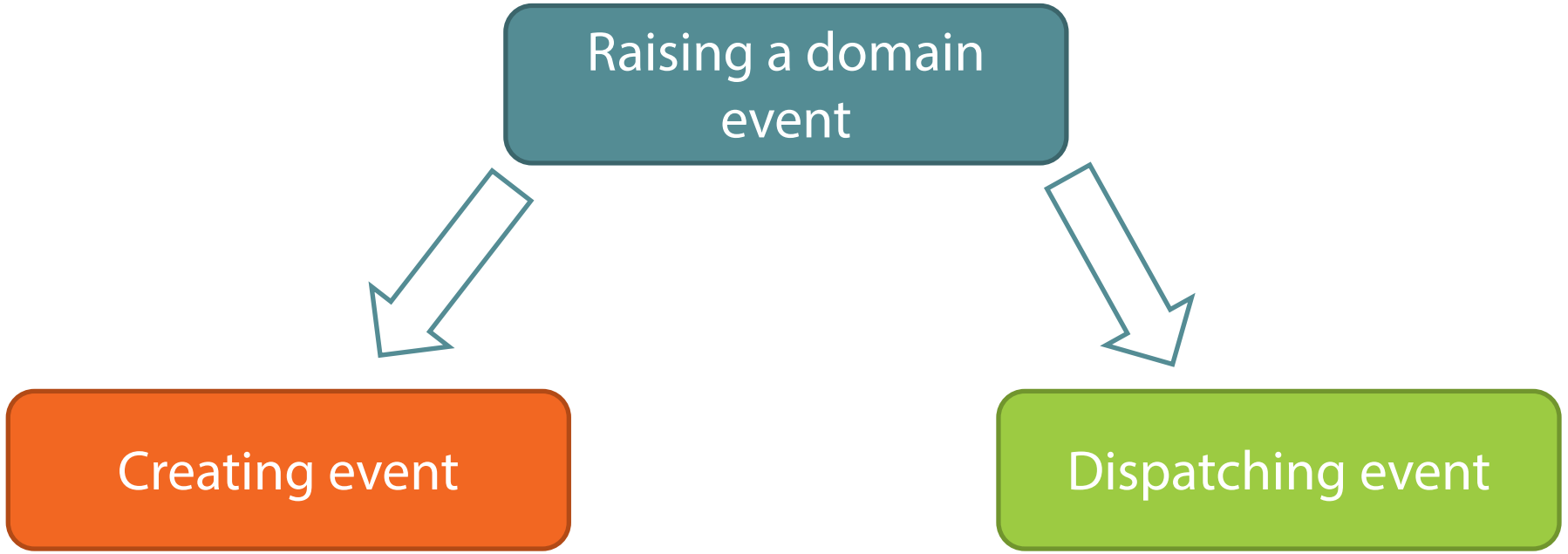


A Better Approach to Handling Domain Events



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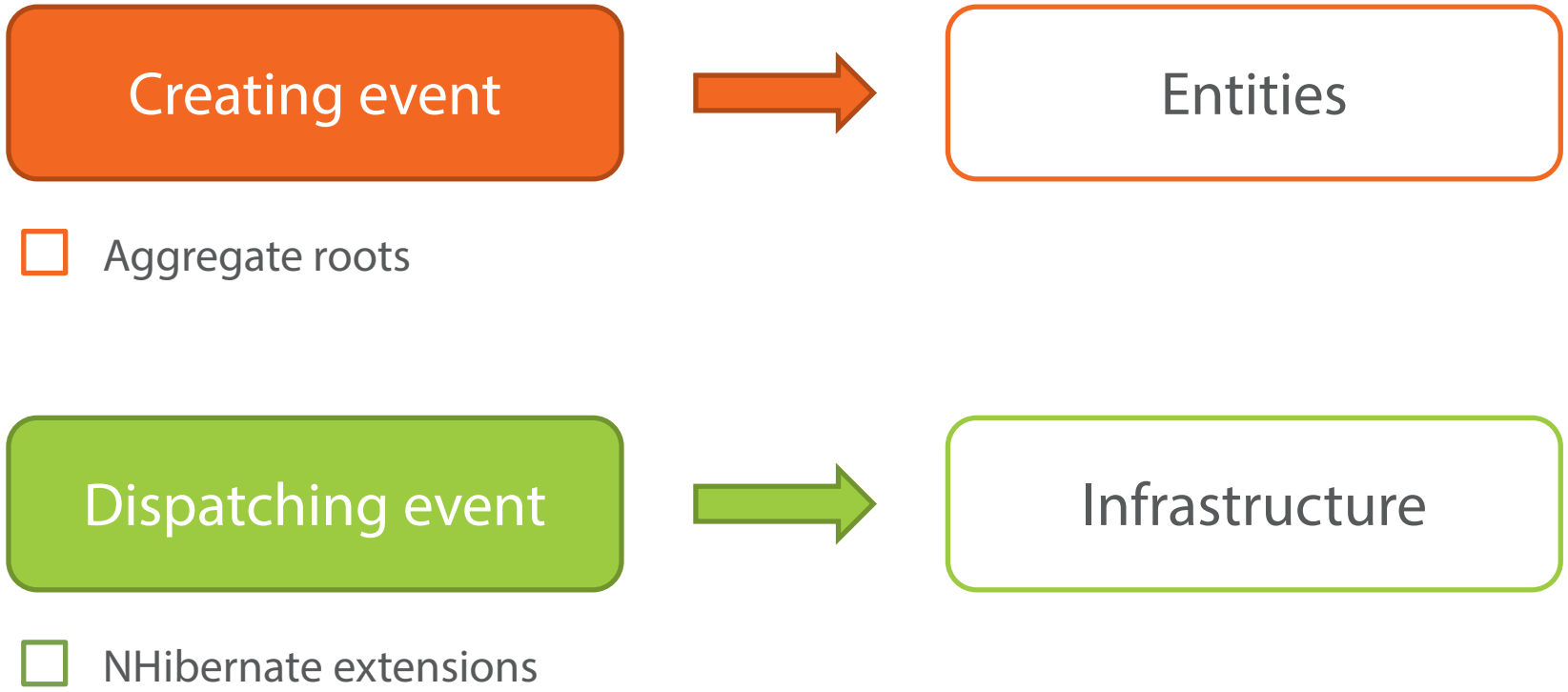

Summary

- Domain Events
- Best practices for defining a Domain Event
  - Naming in the past tense
  - Include as little data as possible
  - Don't include domain classes
  - Id vs full information
- Physical delivery of Domain Events is an orthogonal topic

Summary

- Two ways of handling domain events
  - Avoid use of the classic approach
- Working with lists of objects on the interface
  - Don't use domain entities to display data on the screen
- Source code: http://bit.ly/1OxbGEA

In the Next Module

Other DDD concepts

Further enhancements