

# **WELCOME!**

Please write your first name (in BIG letters!) on a name tag using a sharpie or one of the colored pens.

# Essential Domain-Driven Design



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# Design is Inevitable

*“Questions about whether design is necessary or affordable are quite beside the point...The alternative to good design is bad design, not no design at all.”*

— Douglas Martin

# Adaptive, not Predictive

“A good design is not the one that correctly predicts the future, it’s one that makes adapting to the future affordable.

— Venkat Subramaniam

# Extended Warranties



Technical staff learn to  
speak the business  
**(domain) language...**

John,

In the system for Client A, please tell me the source for populating the field Retail Price?

**Pam**

*Accountant*

Pam,

Retail Price = **ARRAMT** in **ARRTRXPF** ...

It comes out of the **BARCSTPF** ... either directly or as calculated percentage from **BARCSTPF**.

**John**

*Developer*

Claire <Business Analyst>,

**Can you please tell me what the @\*^# field  
John is referring to?**

I haven't memorized all of the column headers in the  
tables in the system that I never see . . . :-)

I'm guessing he means the product maintenance menu,  
and the screens 1 - 3 and the field marked "sale price" . .

.

**Pam**  
*Accountant*

# Reference Scenario

A business example  
that tells a story  
about the business  
need and what makes  
the software worth  
writing





Tell us a story...



# The Dishwasher



# Domain Model

It's about usefulness,  
not realism

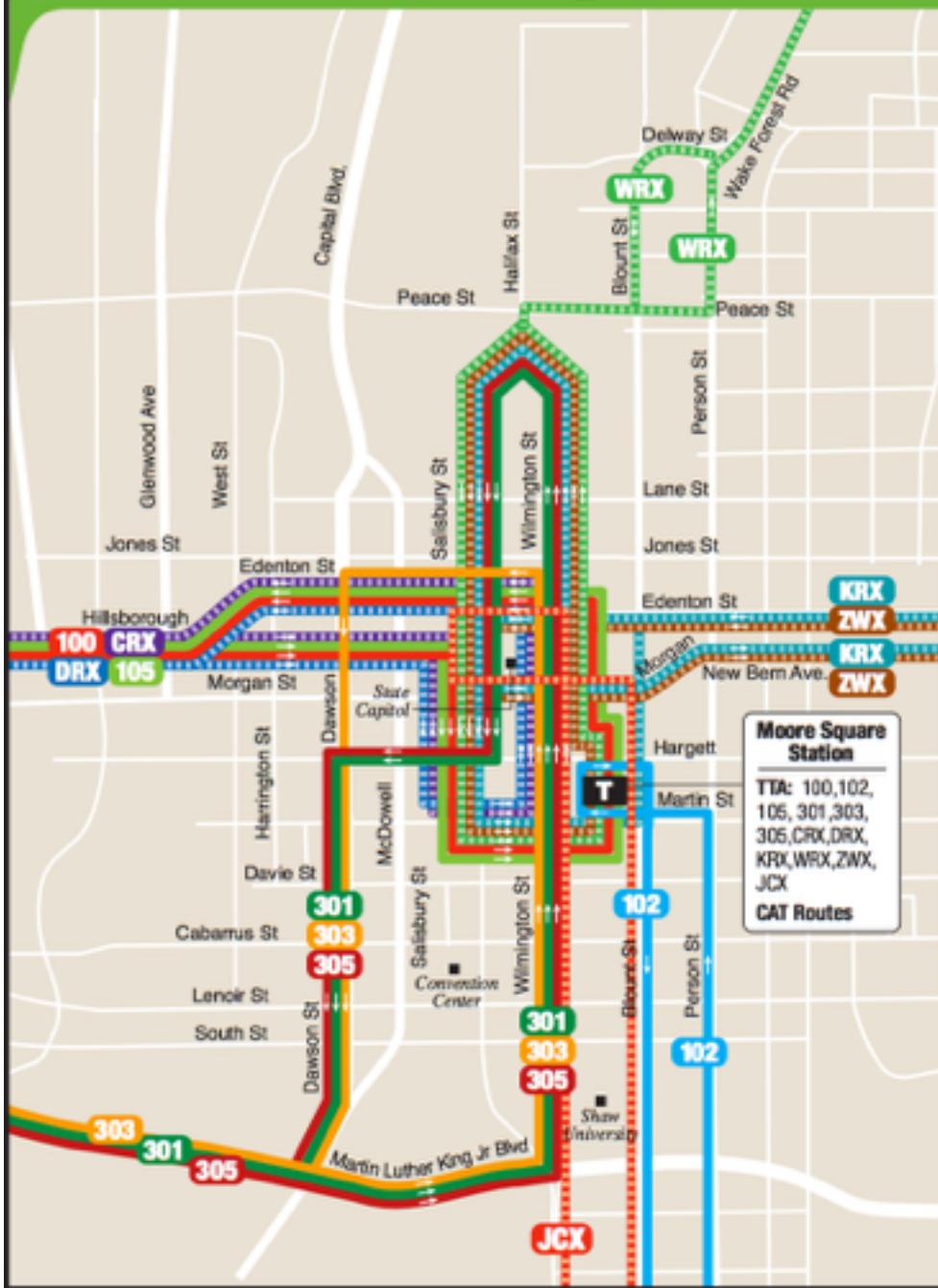
# Domain Model

A set of concepts  
expressing distilled  
knowledge, rules,  
assumptions, concepts  
about a business domain

# Assertions about this Model

- Passengers may only access transport at stations or stops
- Passenger transport follows transit lines
- Transit line length does not convey relative distance or direction
- Transit lines terminate at last station

# Downtown Raleigh





START POINT

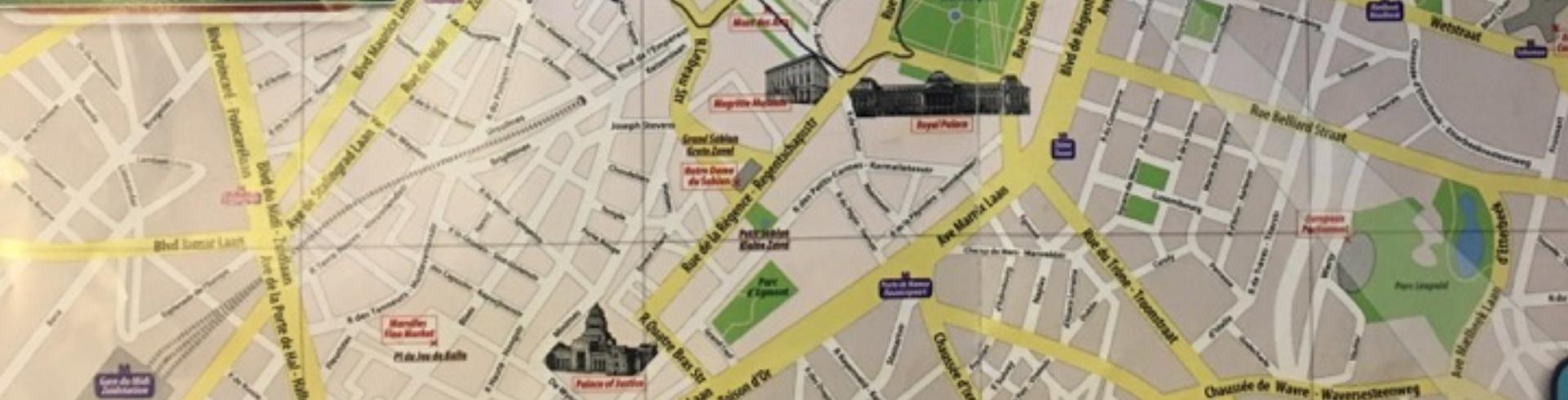
**Meet your guide in front of the tower of  
City Hall on Grand Place/Grote Markt.**



**TOURS  
START  
HERE**

**FREE TOUR starts EVERY DAY at 11 AM & 2 PM**

JUDGE'S TOUR 5:30-7:30 PM, WED, FRI - SUN 10:30 AM



“...the *most significant complexity* of many applications is *not technical*. It is in the domain *itself*, the activity or business of the user.”

# “A successful design

*must systematically deal with this business  
domain complexity*

as the

**central aspect of the software.”**

- Eric Evans

# Ubiquitous Language

A language structured around the domain model,  
used by all team members  
to connect all the activities of the team with the software

# Context

*The conditions under which a particular model is defined and applicable.*

# Bounded Context



# Ubiquitous Language

...within a  
Bounded  
Context

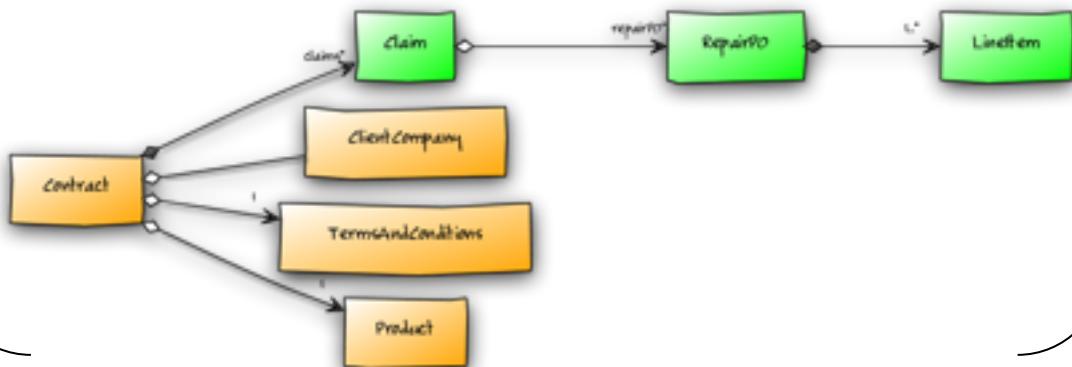
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The total amount that We will pay for repairs or replacement made in connection with all claims that You make pursuant to this Protection Plan shall not exceed the

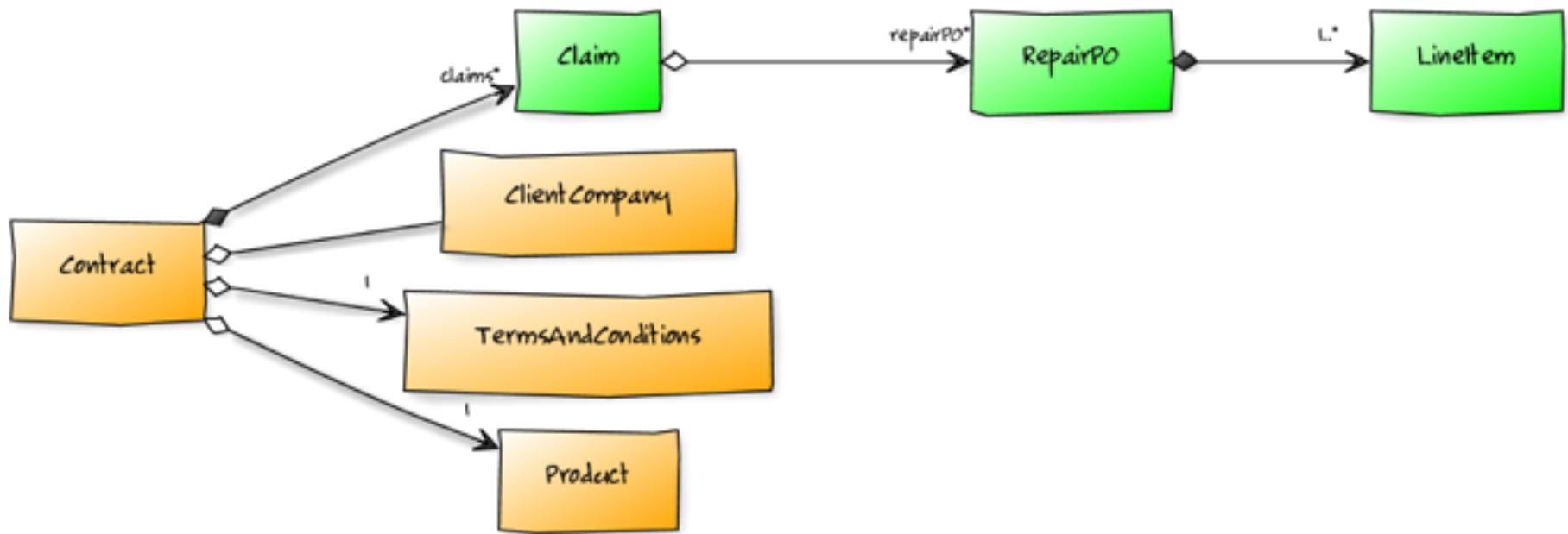
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public double limitOfLiability()
{
    double claimTotal = 0;
    List<Claim> claims = new ArrayList<Claim>();
    claims.addAll(this.getClaims());

    for (Claim claim:claims)
    {
        claimTotal += claim.amount;
    }

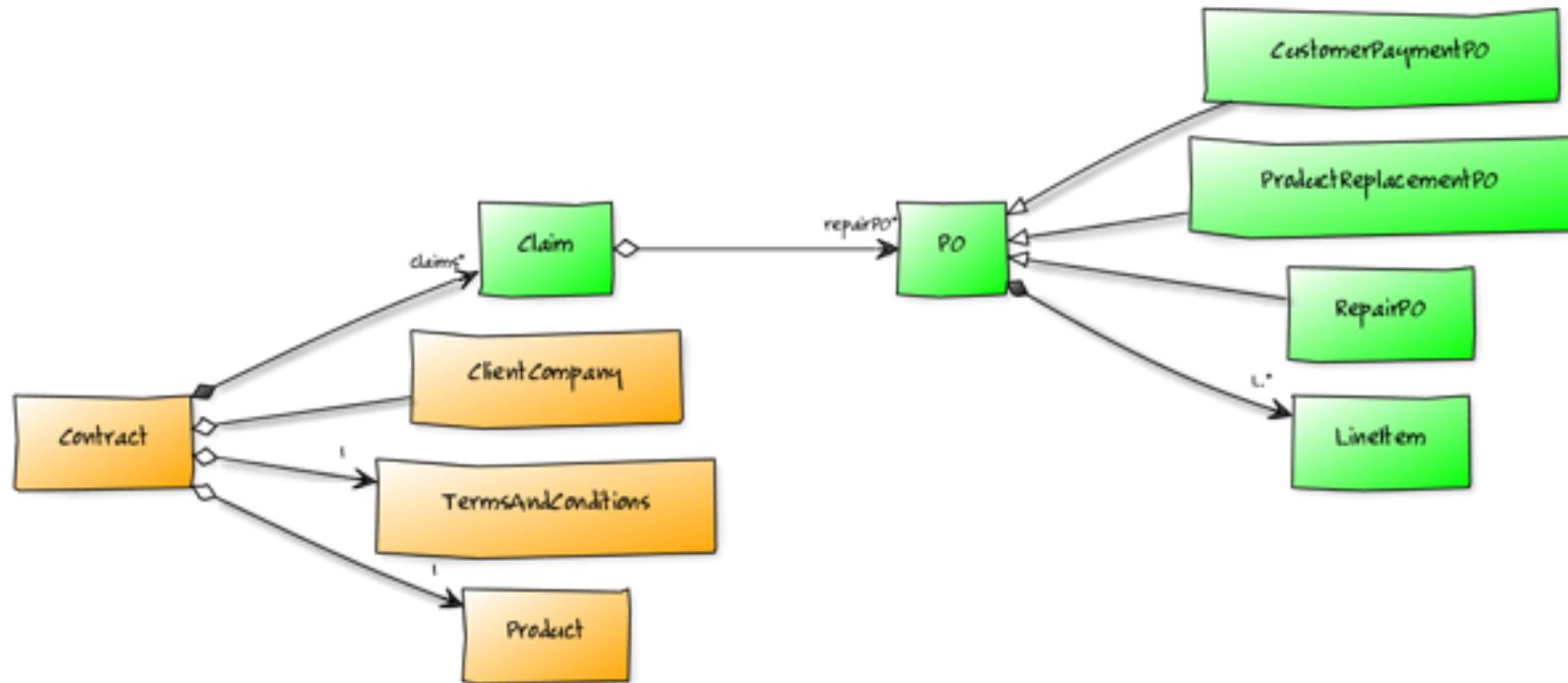
    return (this.purchasePrice - claimTotal) * 0.8;
}
```



# Incorporate Customer Payment and Product Replacement



# Proposed Model





Flesh out Customer Payment

Walk through  
the model  
together...

Technical and domain experts  
Be concrete  
Be specific  
Go broad if necessary

# Stress Points

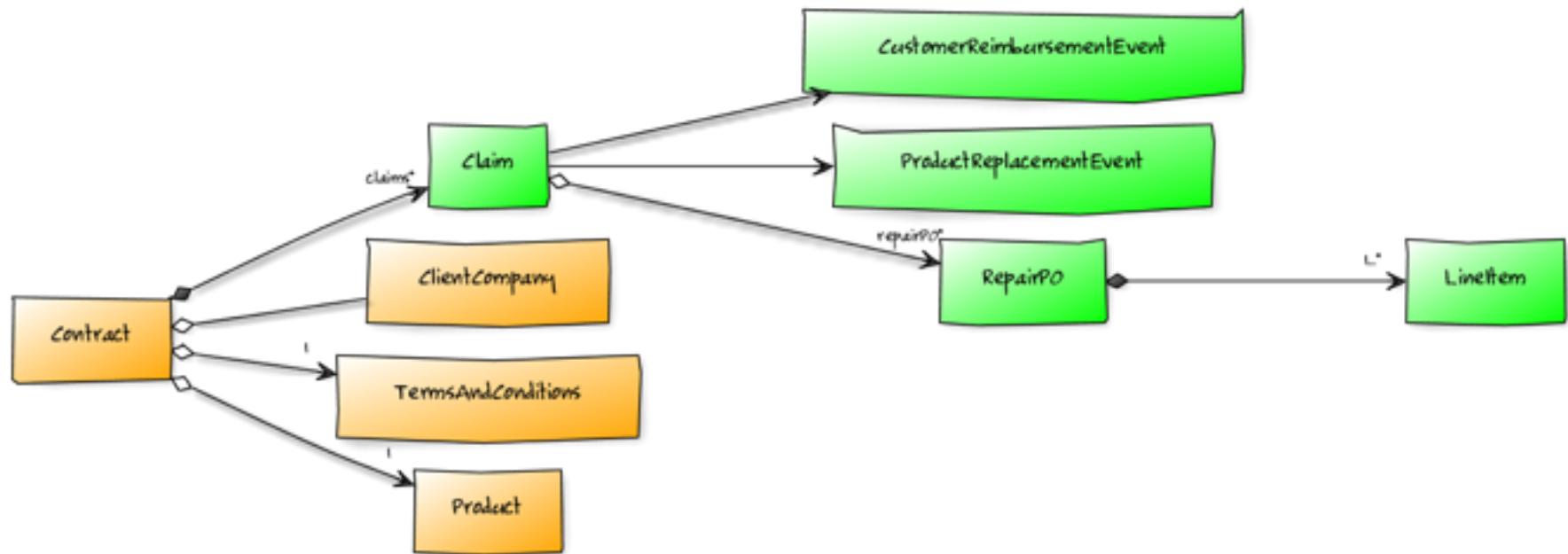
- “Reimbursement,” not “Payment”
- Creation of (unnecessary) Purchase Orders and Line Items
- Contract Fulfillment should be triggered by (one-time only) Customer Reimbursement/Product Replacement
- Not a check, a *store credit*. But would like to support at check later on.

**Update the ubiquitous  
language**

**Make concepts explicit**

**It's *exploration*, so be  
humble and make  
mistakes**

# Incorporate the Learning



# Contracts Software Ecosystem Background Information

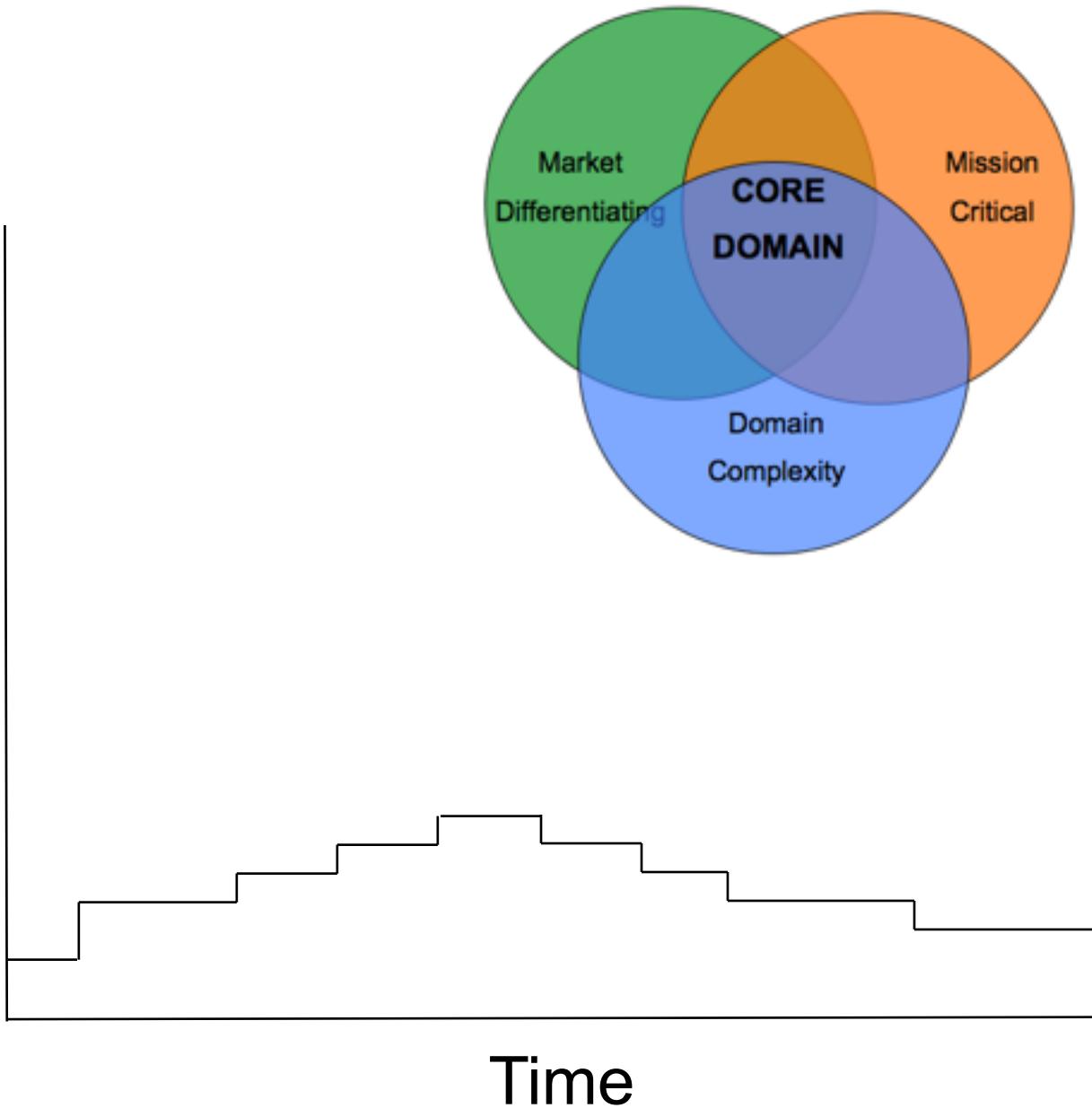
- All contracts and claims created prior to 2012 are still managed in Confluence (legacy AS400 system). We avoid touching this system for fear of breaking something. We manage POs for these legacy contracts using our current system.
- Each client company provides us with point-of-sale (POS) data that we translate and validate before using it to create contracts.
- We provide a REST API for other 3rd-party extended warranty partner companies to manage their own claims using our system.
- We export our contracts and claims data via a nightly ETL process to a reporting database.
- Two different teams work on the contracts and claims system

# New feature requests...

- Provide warranties for product bundles (e.g. LCD TV/Bluray player/Sound bar).
- Track performance of servicer management company.
- Switch to a new (better!) servicer management company (will need to integrate with whatever system they have).
- Rewrite AS400 system for legacy contracts.

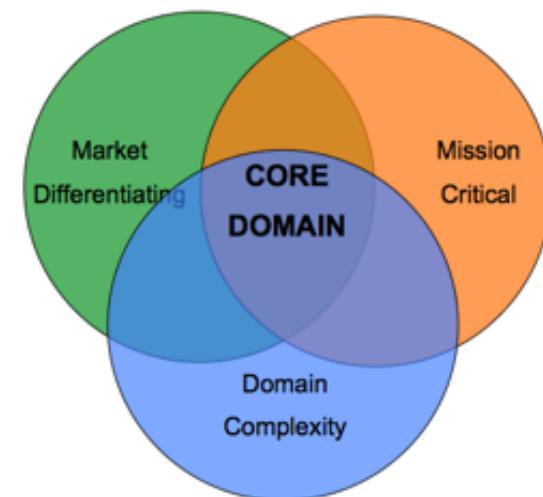
# Appropriate Core Domain Strategies

- *Isolate in a clean bounded context, speak a ubiquitous language, explore models in collaboration with domain experts.*
- Utilize the skills of your most experienced developers and skilled domain modelers.
- Avoid churn in the staff to encourage deep domain knowledge acquisition over a period of time.
- Innovate and excel.
- Iterate and experiment.
- Maximize learning - by making (small) mistakes early and often.



# Domain-Driven Design (DDD)

A set of principles and patterns for focusing design effort where it matters most, particularly in complex business domains.



# Collaborative Modeling

A photograph of a man in a military uniform, specifically a flight suit, looking thoughtfully at a wall covered in colorful sticky notes. He is holding a red marker in his hand. The image serves as the background for the slide.

Pragmatic

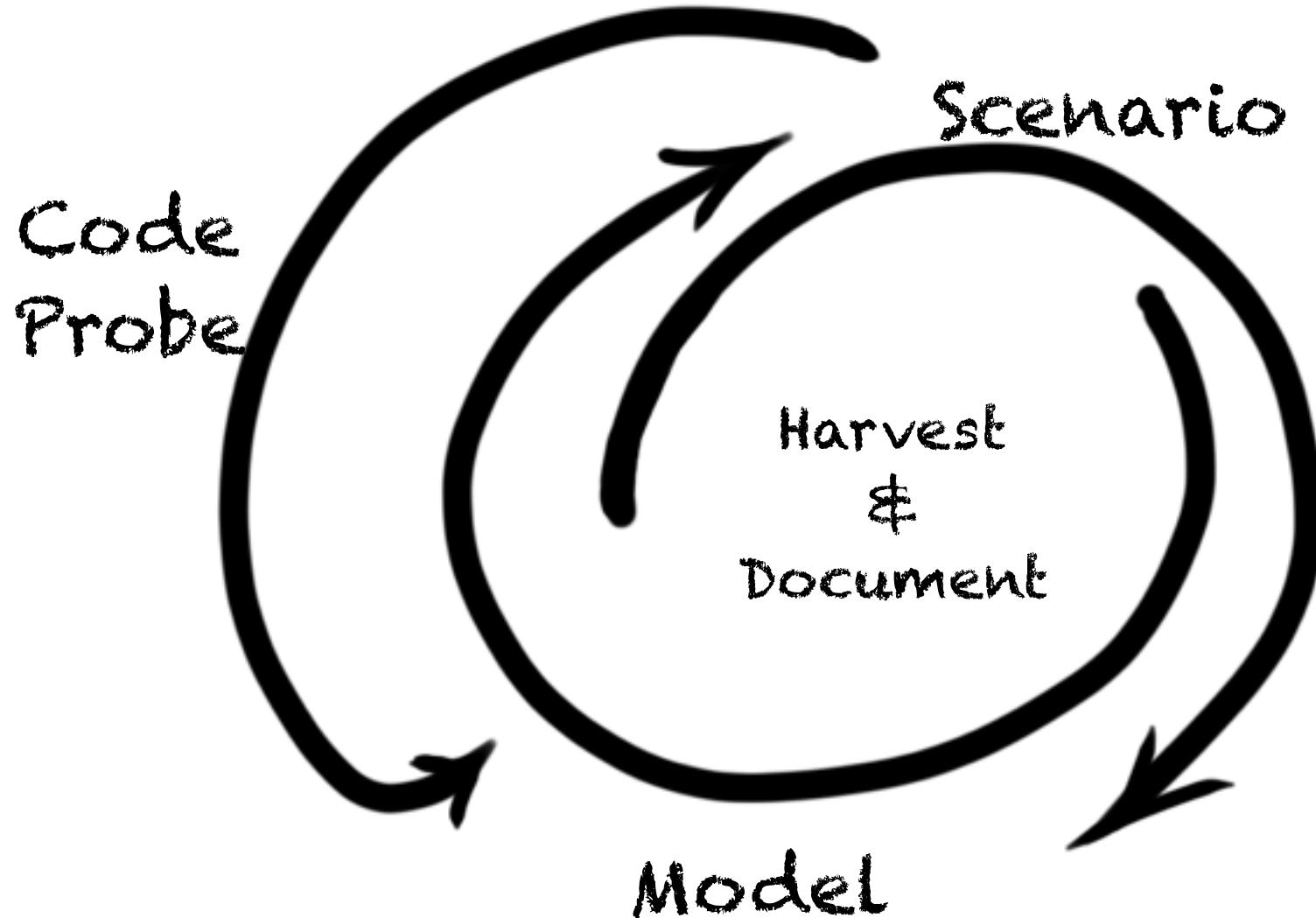
Rigorous

Creative

Hard!!!

# Model Exploration Whirlpool

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# CORE DOMAIN

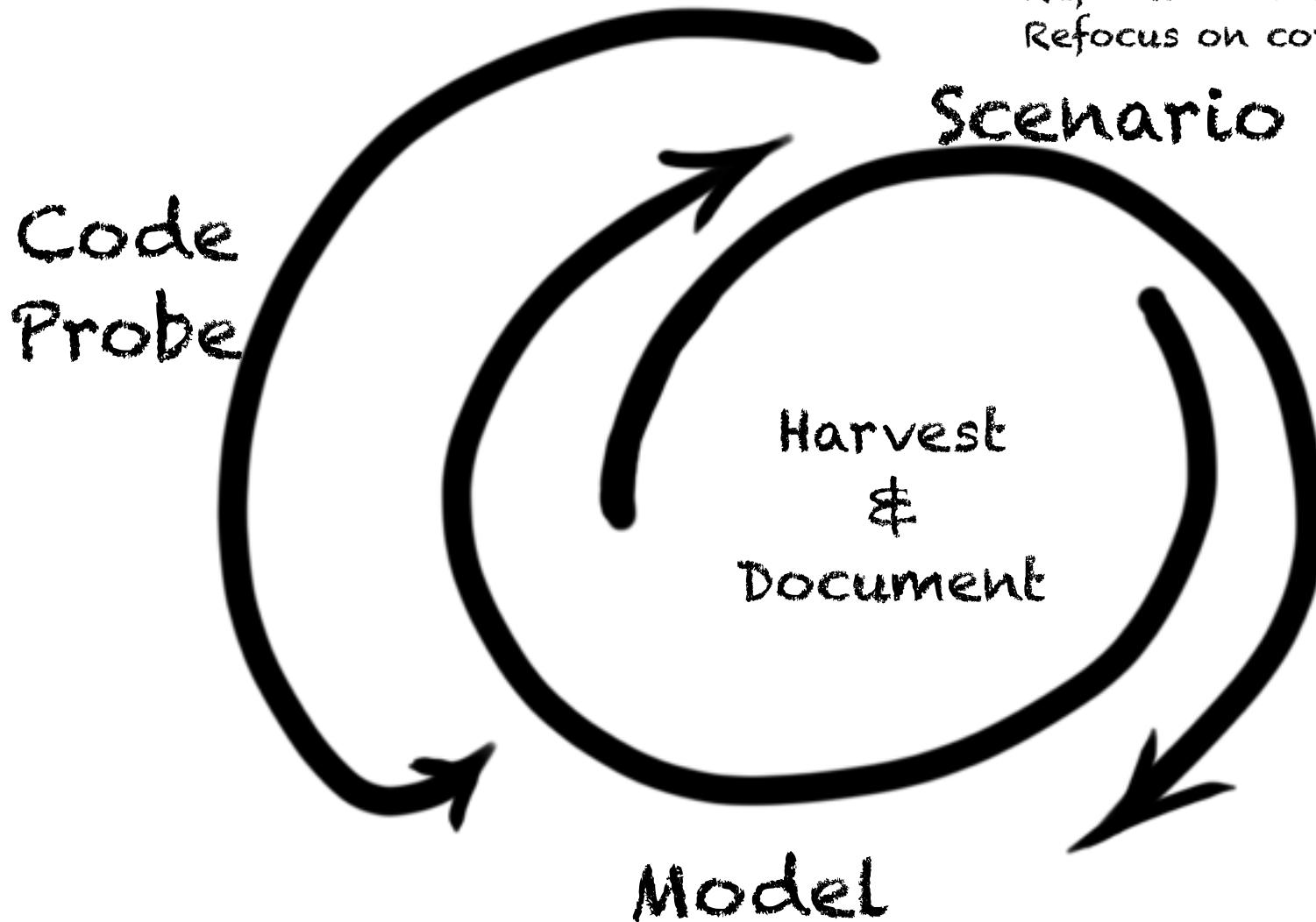
Focused on business goals and business capabilities

*“How will this solution contribute to your company’s competitive edge?”*

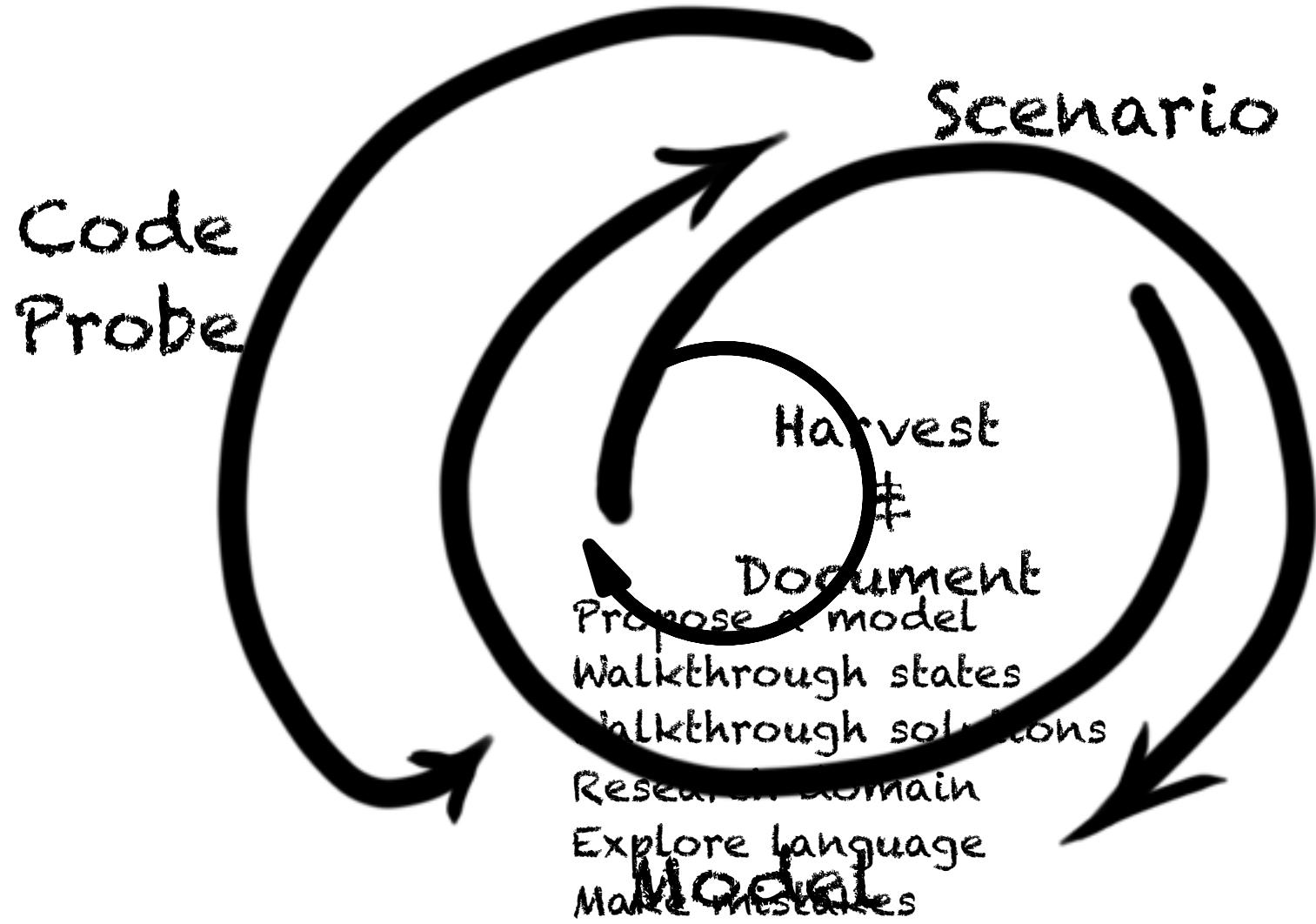
**Write as little code as possible to meet the business need.**

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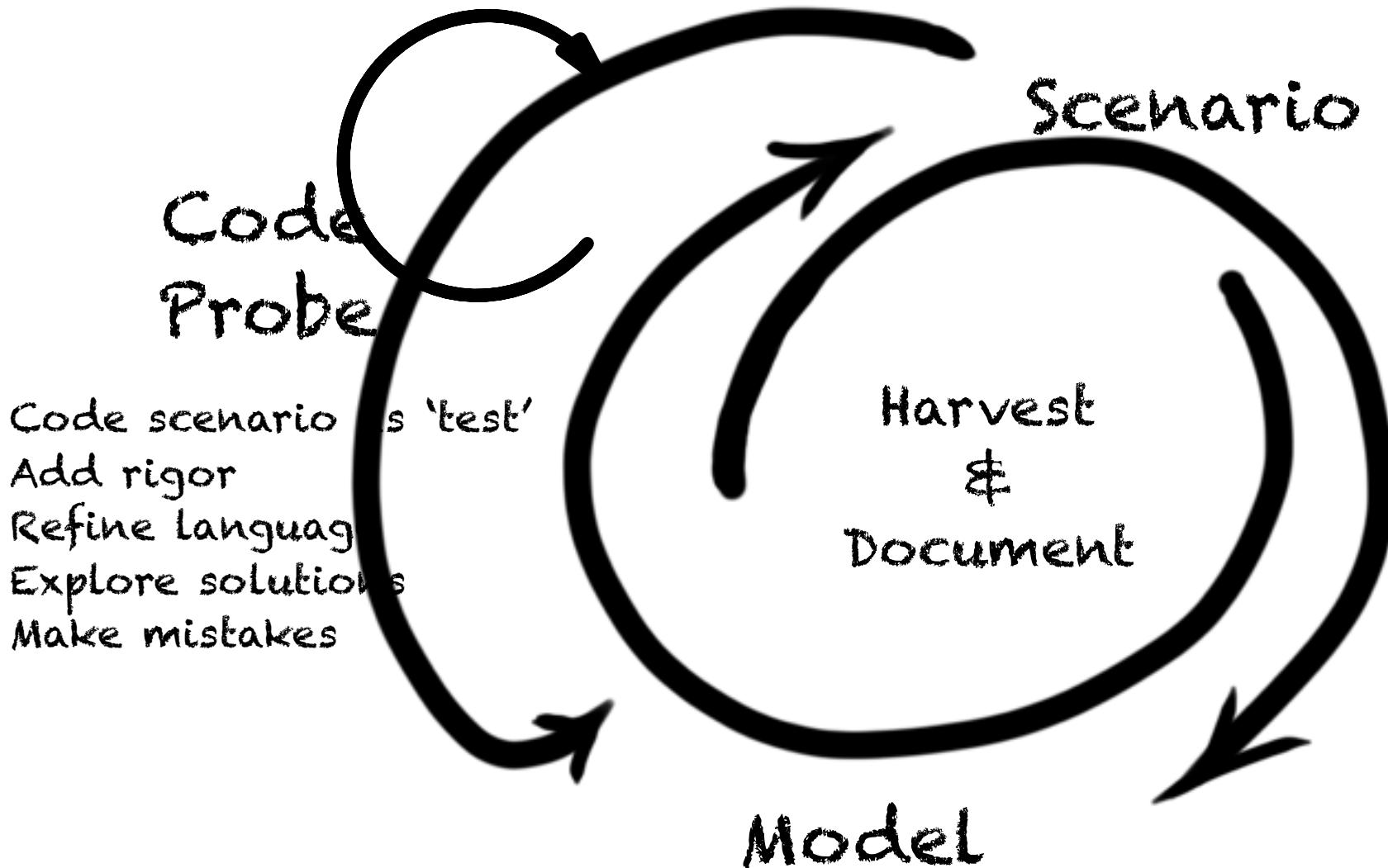
Tell us a story  
Flesh it out  
Refocus on the hard part  
Refocus on core domain



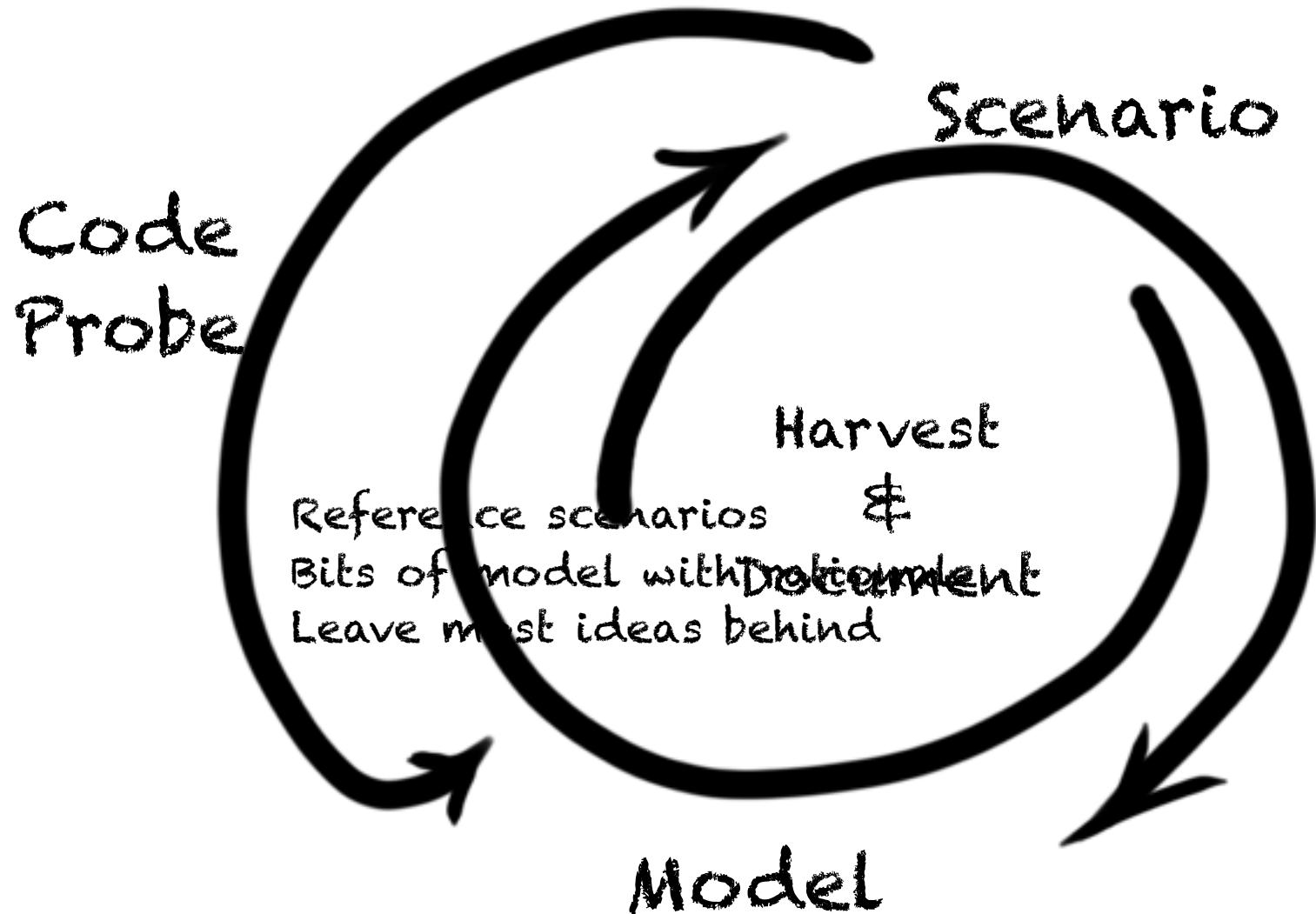
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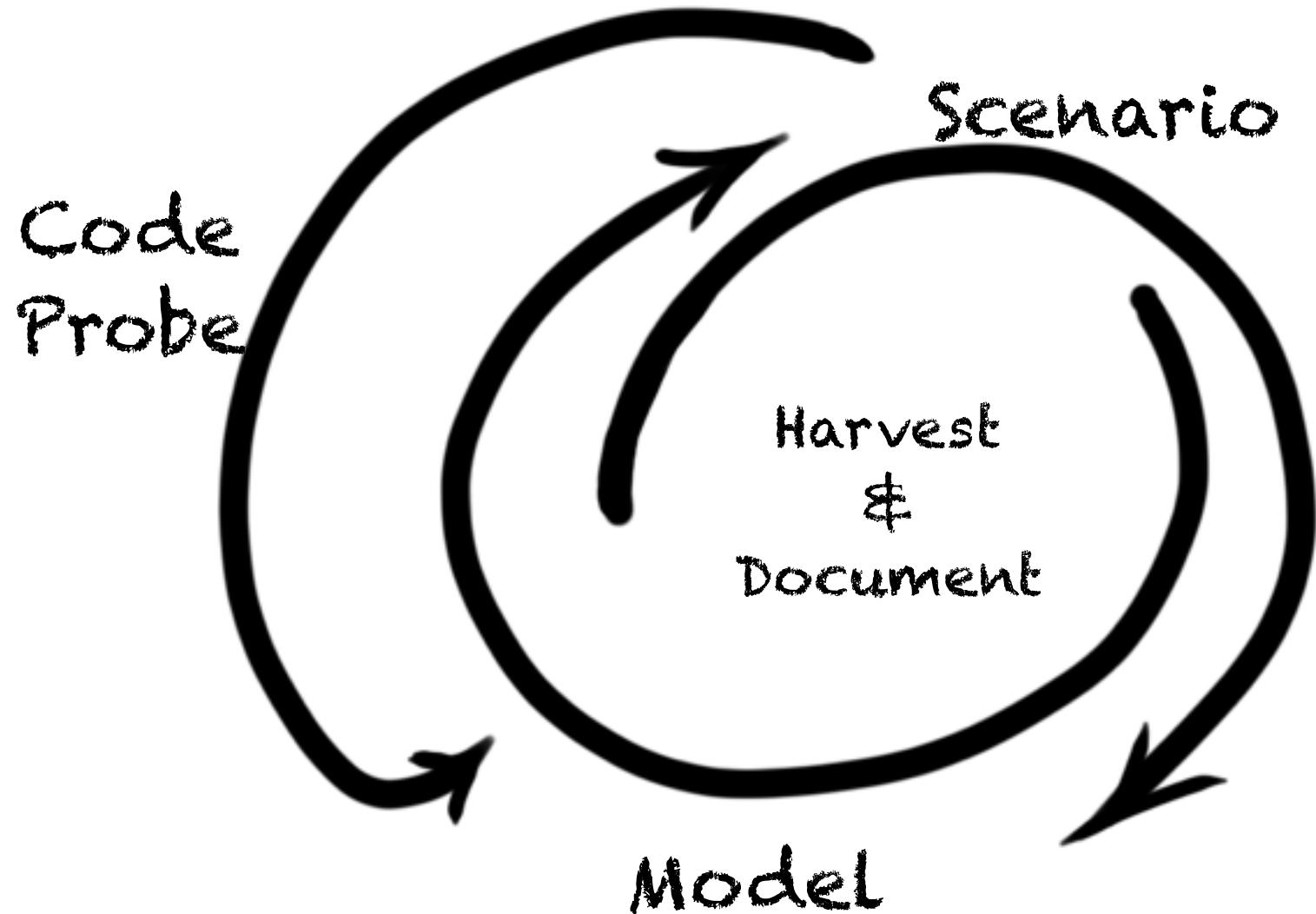
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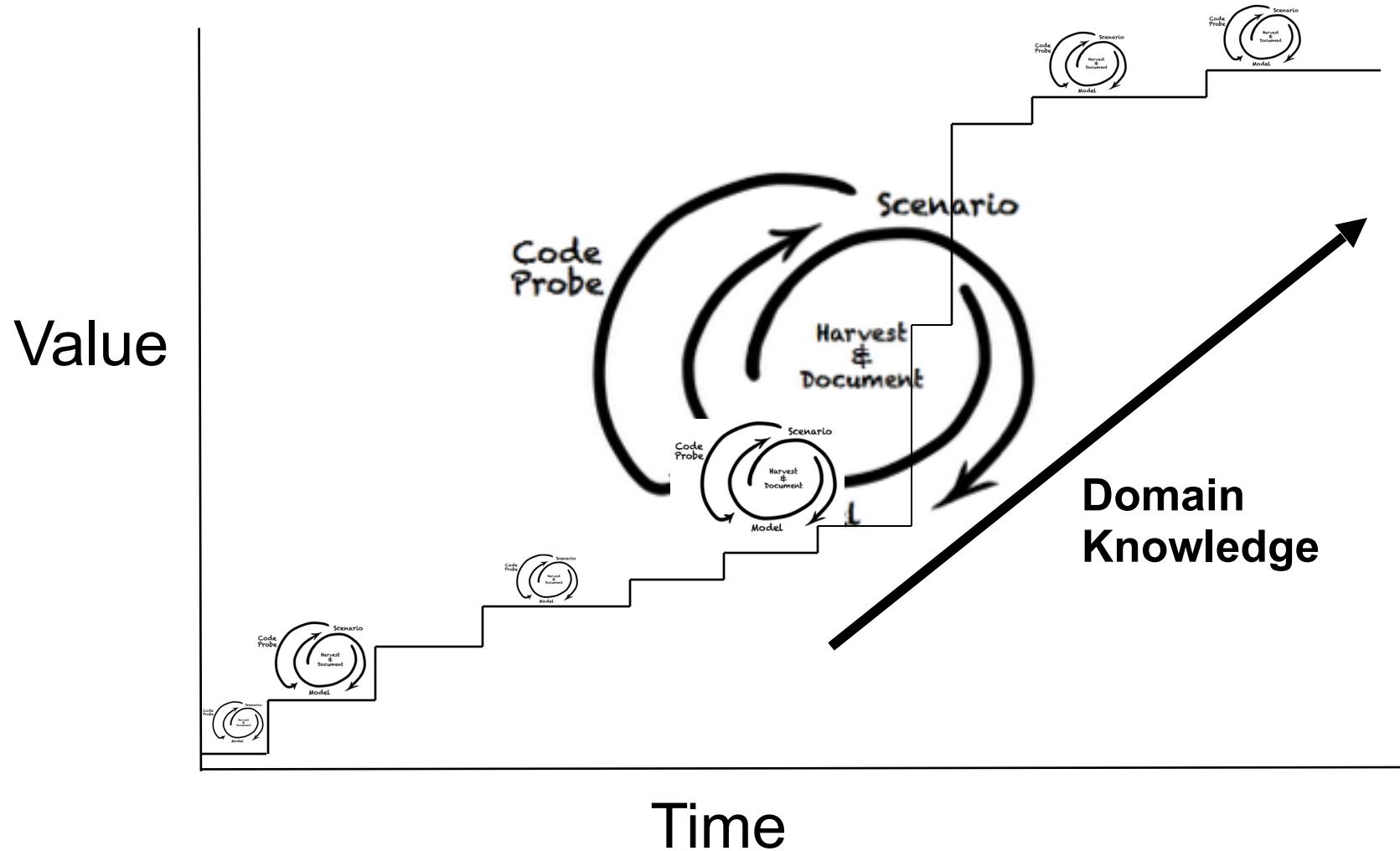
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# Iterative Design + Incremental Development = Accelerated Product Delivery



# Refactoring to a Deeper Model

