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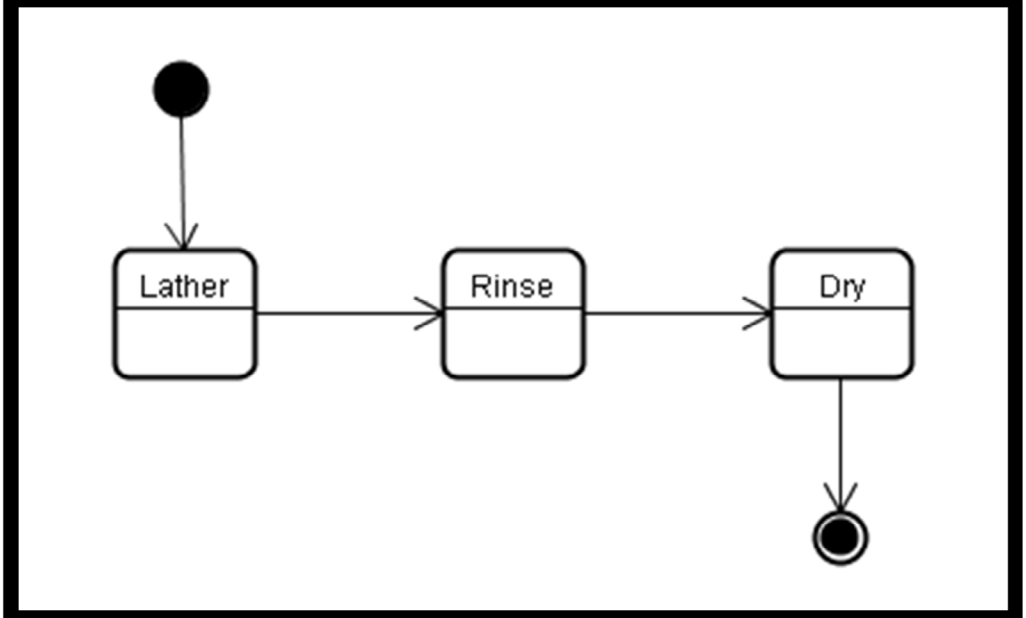
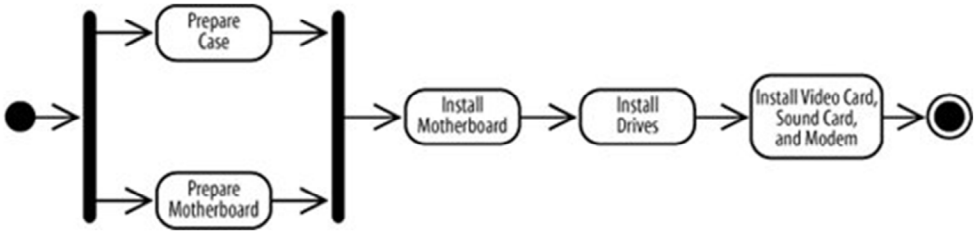
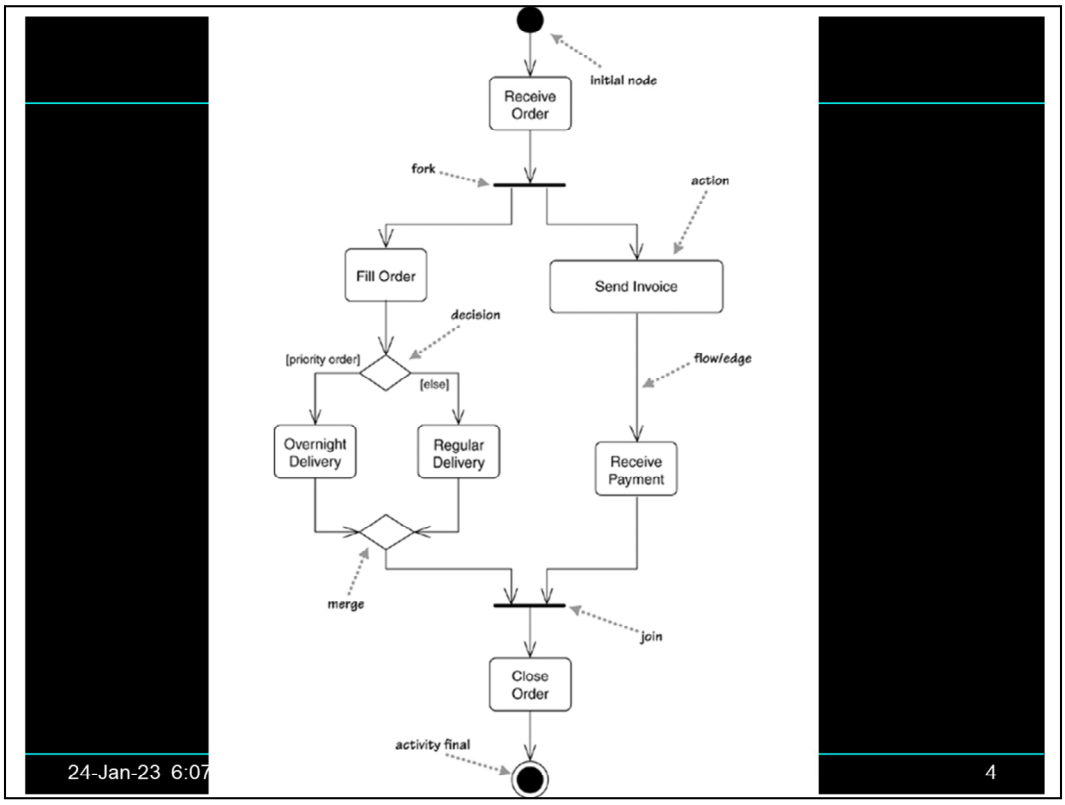
Activity Diagram

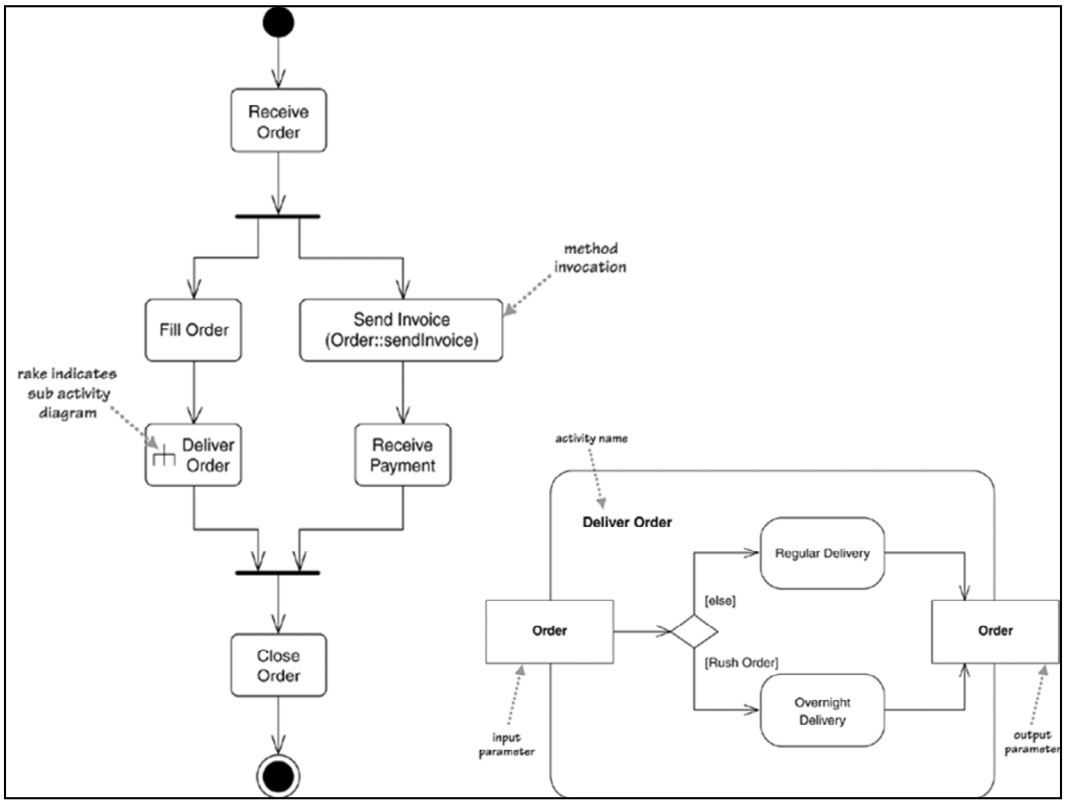
Washing a Car

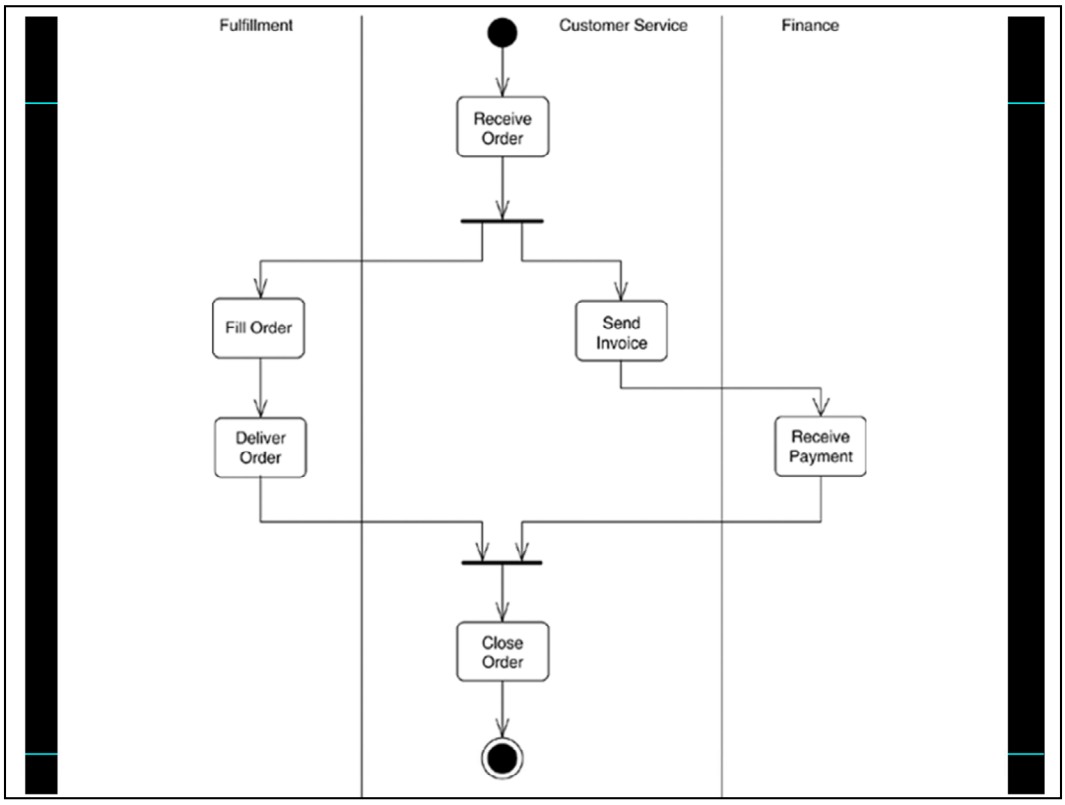


Building a PC

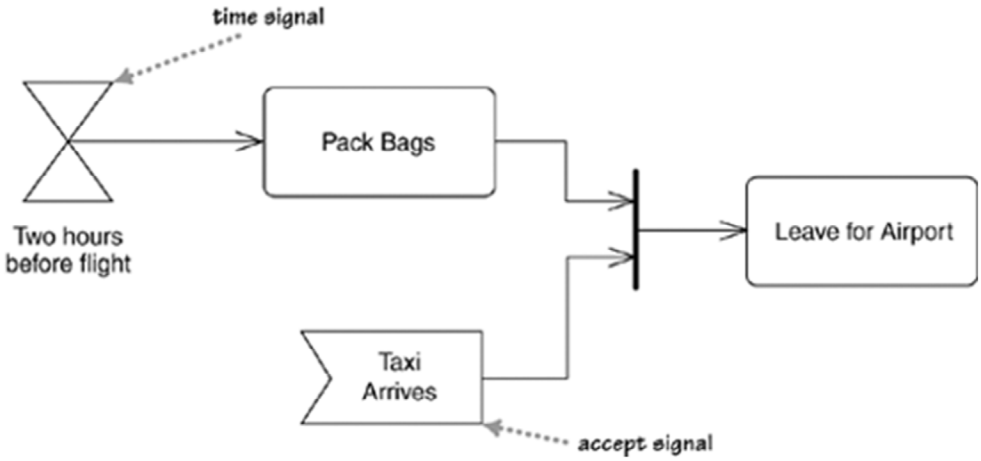



initial node
Receive Order
fork
action
Fill Order
Send Invoice
decision
[priority order]
[else]
flow/edge
Overnight Delivery
Regular Delivery
Receive Payment
merge
join
Close Order
activity final

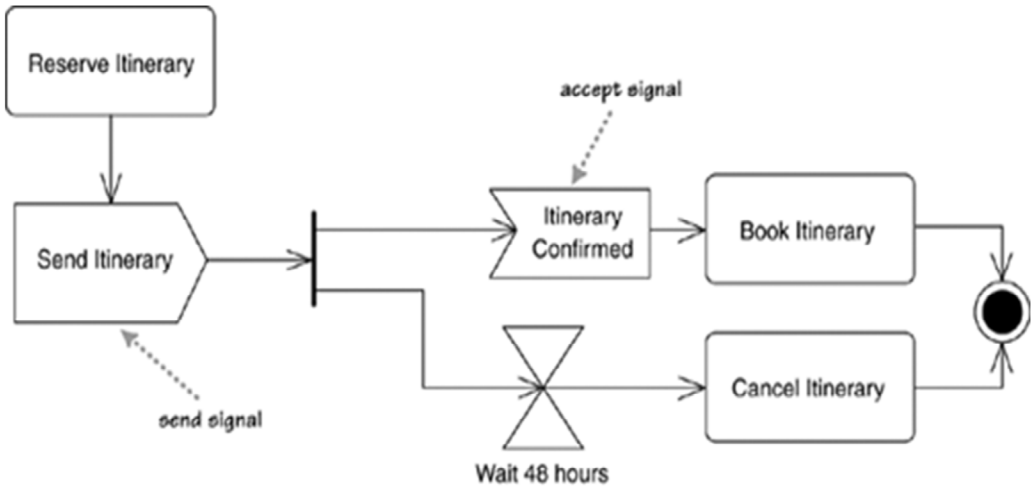

Receive Order
Fill Order
Send Invoice (Order::sendInvoice)
method invocation
rake indicates sub activity diagram
Deliver Order
Receive Payment
Close Order
activity name
Deliver Order
Order
[else]
Regular Delivery
[Rush Order]
Overnight Delivery
Order
input parameter
output parameter


Fulfillment
Customer Service
Finance
Receive Order
Fill Order
Send Invoice
Deliver Order
Receive Payment
Close Order

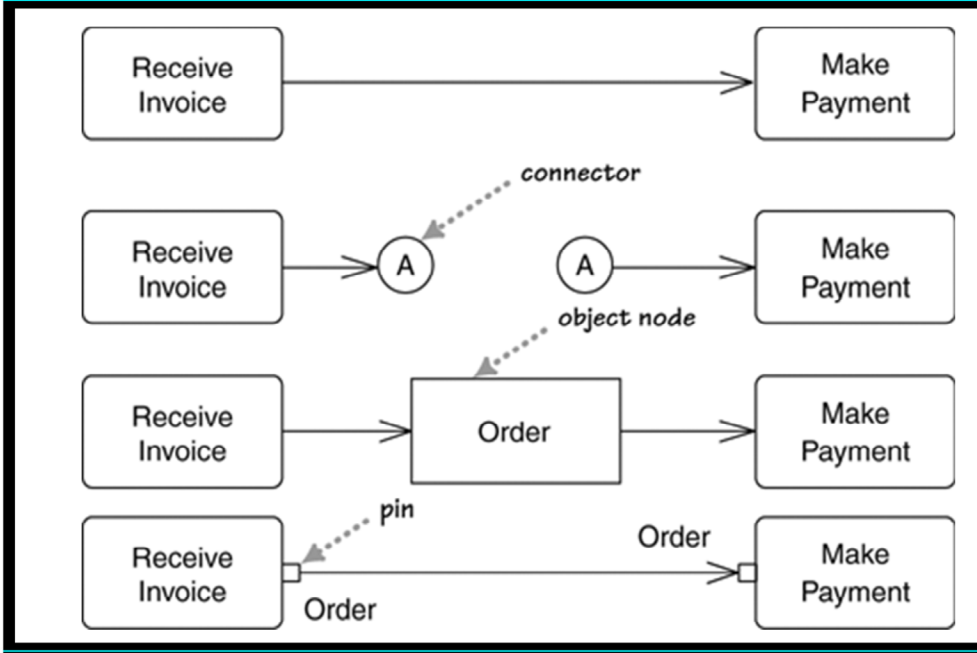
Time and Signal



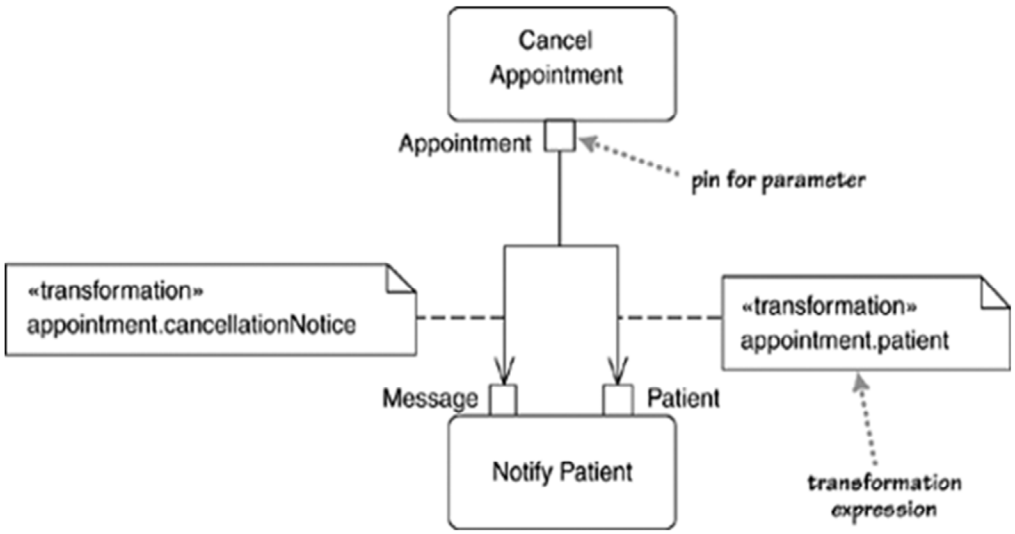
Sending / Receiving Signals



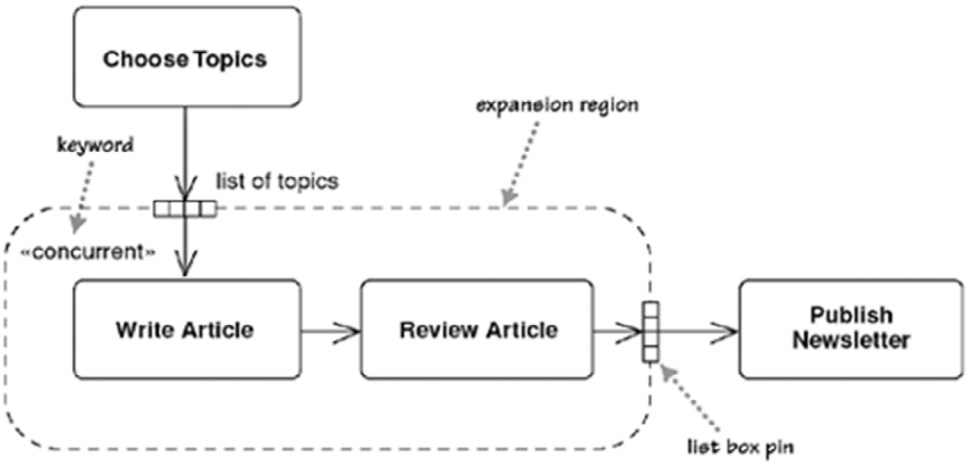
Equivalent Notations



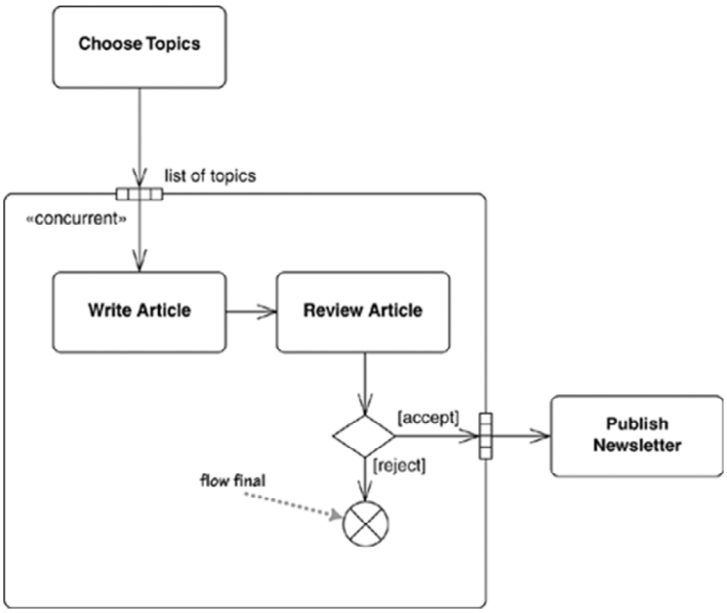
Transformation on a Flow



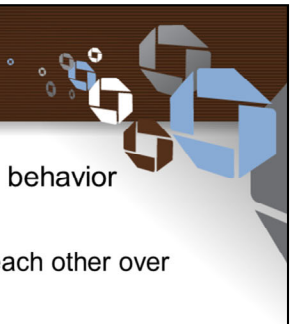
Expansion Region



Flow Final

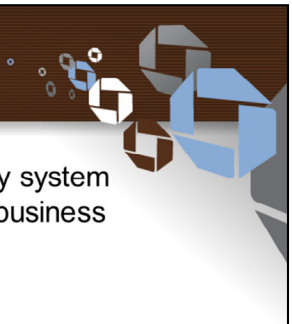

Choose Topics
list of topics
«concurrent»
Write Article
Review Article
[accept]
[reject]
Publish Newsletter
flow final

Introduction to Behavior Models



- How and when things happen in a system defines the behavior of the system. It refers to how:
  - The various objects in the domain model interact with each other over time
  - Their state changes during this interaction
- The events, message flows, and states of the objects during the interaction need to be modeled additionally to model the behavior of the system.
- The dynamic domain model consists of the following types of diagrams:
  - Activity diagrams
  - Interaction diagrams
  - State diagrams

Activity Diagrams



- The most intuitive way of modeling the behavior of any system is to show the workflow (data and control flow) of the business processes as a flowchart.
- In OOAD, you can do this by using activity diagrams.
- Activity diagrams describe flow of control among steps (actions) in an activity.
- They model the logic behind an activity in the problem domain by showing various control flows, including:
  - Sequential
  - Parallel
  - Branched
  - Concurrent

Activity Diagrams (Cont'd)

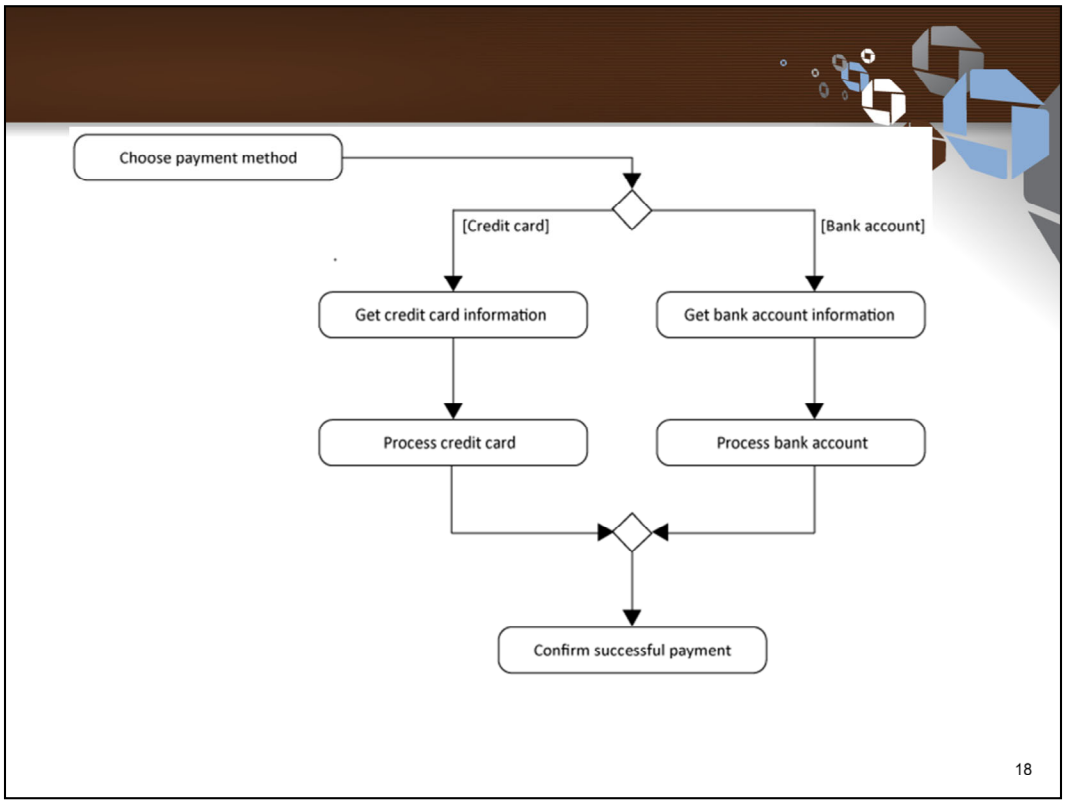
- The activity can be any of the following artifacts:
  - A single business rule
  - A business process
  - A single use case
  - Series of multiple use cases
- An activity diagram shows, the following aspects for the preceding artifacts:
  - Decision-making points
  - Actions that need to be executed repeatedly
  - Actions that need to be executed concurrently

Activity Diagrams (Cont'd)

- As part of domain modeling, you should create activity diagrams for all:
  - Primary use cases
  - Business processes/rules identified during requirements capturing
- The tasks involved in creating an activity diagram are:
  - Define the behavior that you are modeling.
  - Identify the steps comprising the activity.
  - Identify the control and data flow between steps.
  - Identify the expansion regions.
  - Group actions into partitions.
  - Identify exceptions in the workflow.

Defining the Behavior

- You can start creating an activity diagram by clearly defining the behavior for which you are creating the activity.
- The activity node in the activity diagram represents a behavior. It can contain other elements, including:
  - Actions (steps)
  - Control flow constructs
  - Objects in a particular state
- These are represented as rounded rectangles. The name of the activity is specified in the top-left corner of the rounded rectangle.


Choose payment method
[Credit card]
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Get credit card information
Get bank account information
Process credit card
Process bank account
Confirm successful payment
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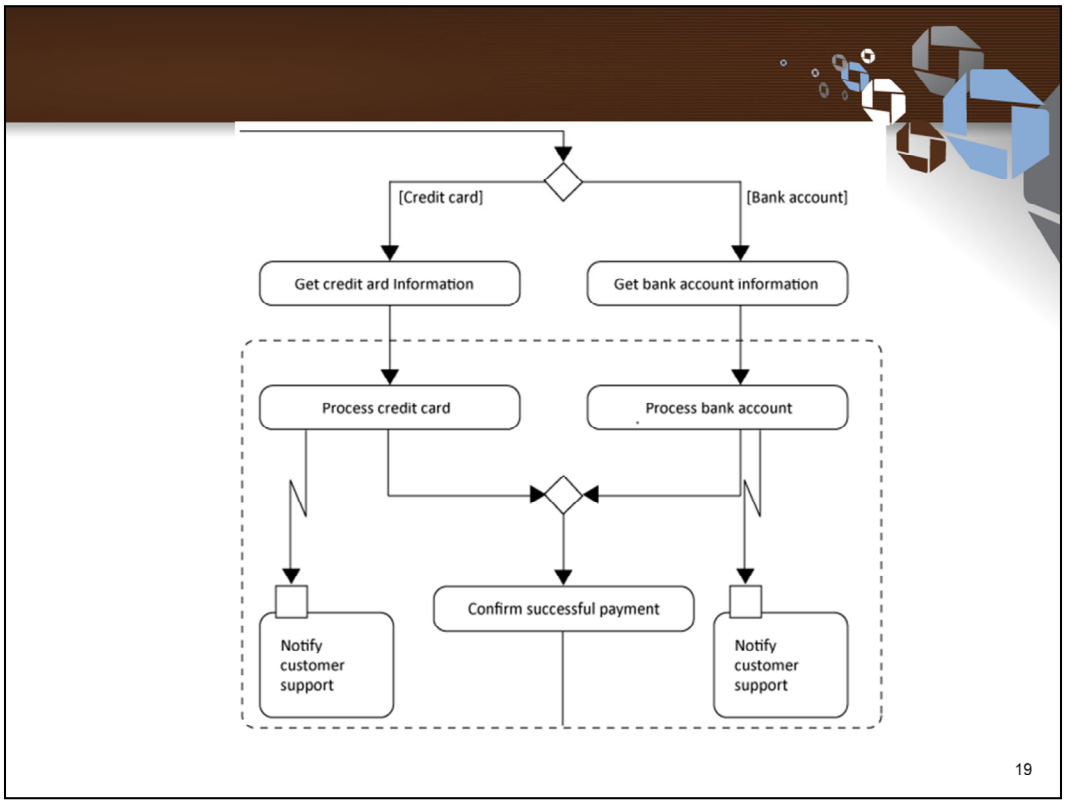
[Credit card]
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Get credit ard Information
Get bank account information
Process credit card
Process bank account
Confirm successful payment
Notify customer support
Notify customer support
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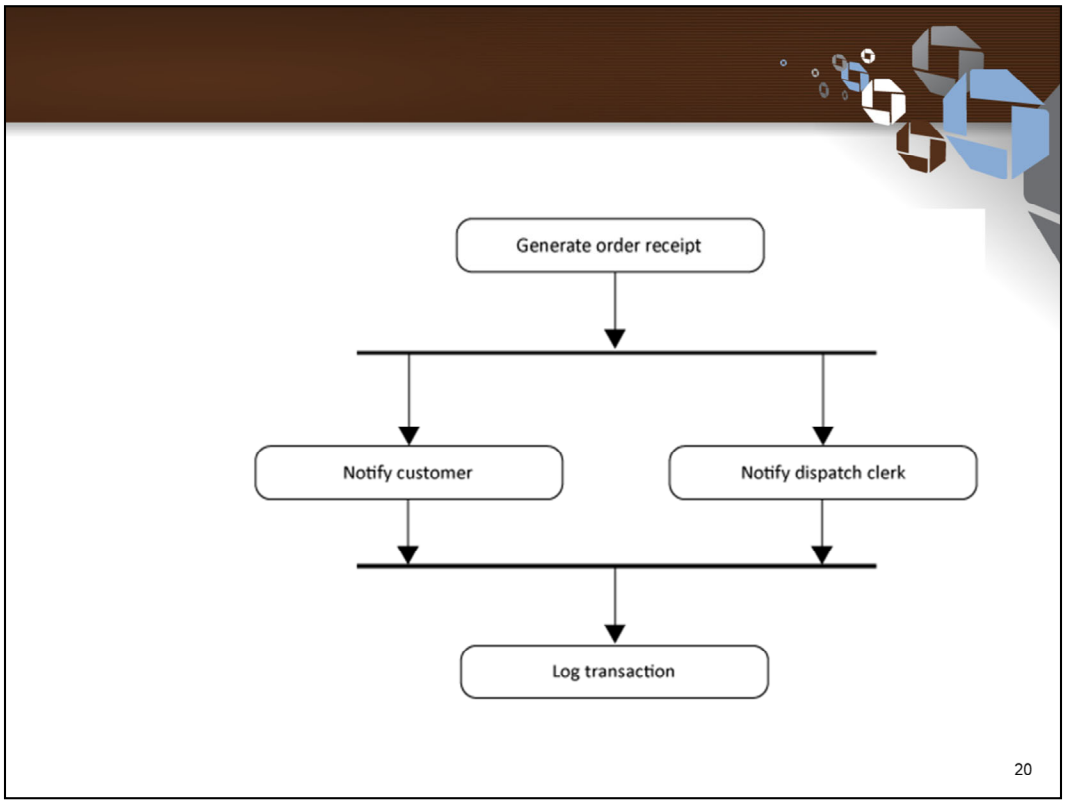
Generate order receipt
Notify customer
Notify dispatch clerk
Log transaction
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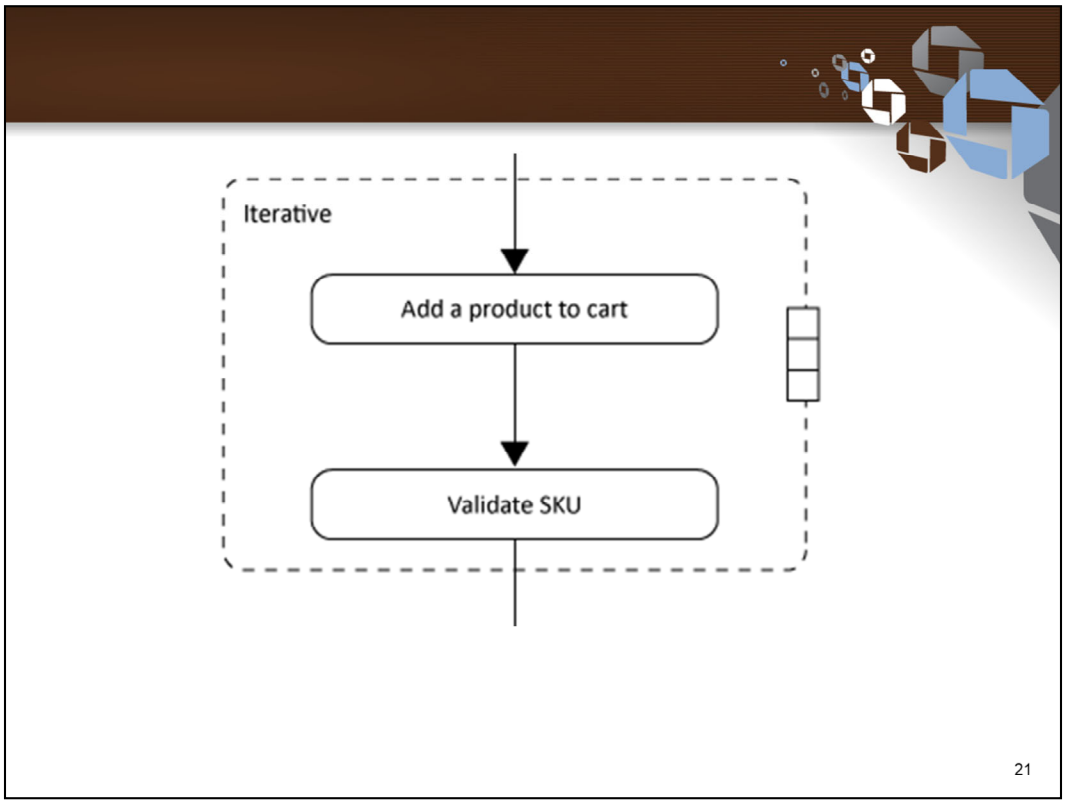
Iterative
Add a product to cart
Validate SKU
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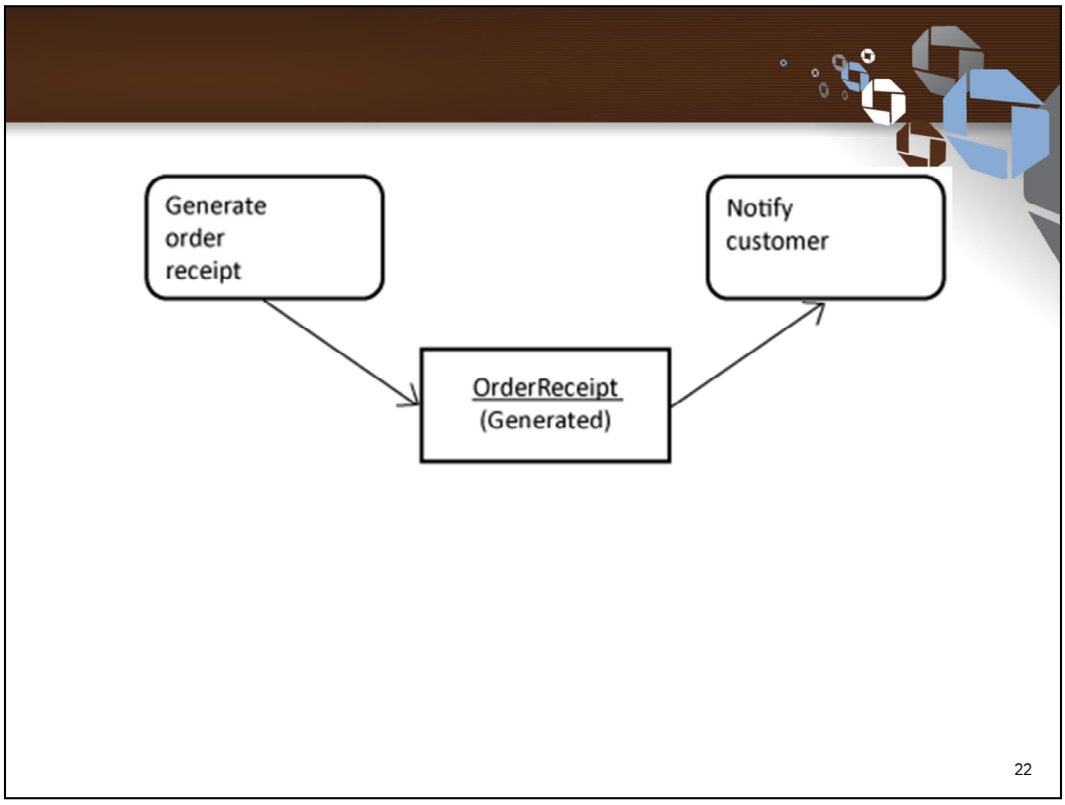
Generate order receipt
Notify customer
OrderReceipt
(Generated)
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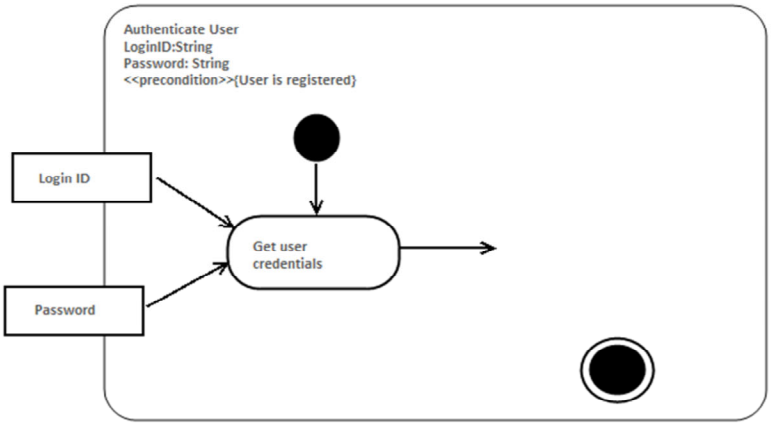
Defining the Behavior (Cont'd)

- An activity can have the following information associated with it:
  - Parameter –
    - Is the data that an activity requires to exhibit the desired behavior
    - Is specified below the activity name in the format, **Parameter name: Parameter type**
  - Pre-conditions –
    - Are pre-conditions associated with the use case or business rule/process being modeled through the activity diagram
    - Are specified under the activity name with the stereotype <<precondition>>
  - Post-conditions –
    - Are the post-conditions associated with the use case or business rule/process being modeled through the activity diagram
    - Are specified under the activity name with the stereotype <<postcondition>>

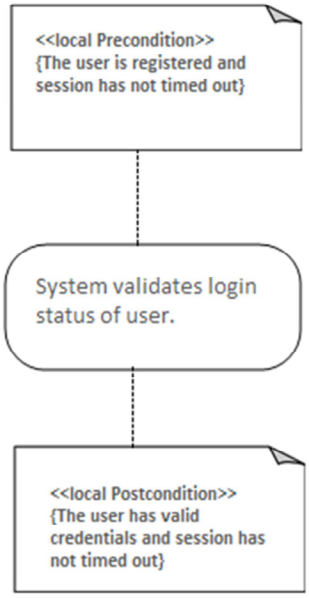
Defining the Behavior (Cont'd)



Identifying Steps

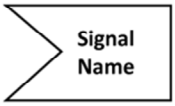
- After defining the activity node, you need to identify the individual steps that comprise the activity.
- An action represents an atomic step in the activity and is represented as a rounded rectangle with the name of the action written inside it.
- An action can also have pre-conditions and post-conditions associated with it. These conditions:
  - Have a local scope
  - Are limited to the action
  - Do not impact other actions or elements of an activity diagram

Identifying Steps (Cont'd)



Identifying Steps (Cont'd)

- Some crucial types of actions and their notations are shown in the following table.

Input signal action	A step can be created to receive a signal or message. Such a step is shown as a concave polygon instead of a rounded rectangle.	
Output signal action	A step can be created to send a signal or message. Such a step is shown as a convex polygon instead of a rounded rectangle.	
Call Activity action	A step can cause another activity to be started. This is represented by placing a hierarchy symbol at the top-right corner of the action rectangle.