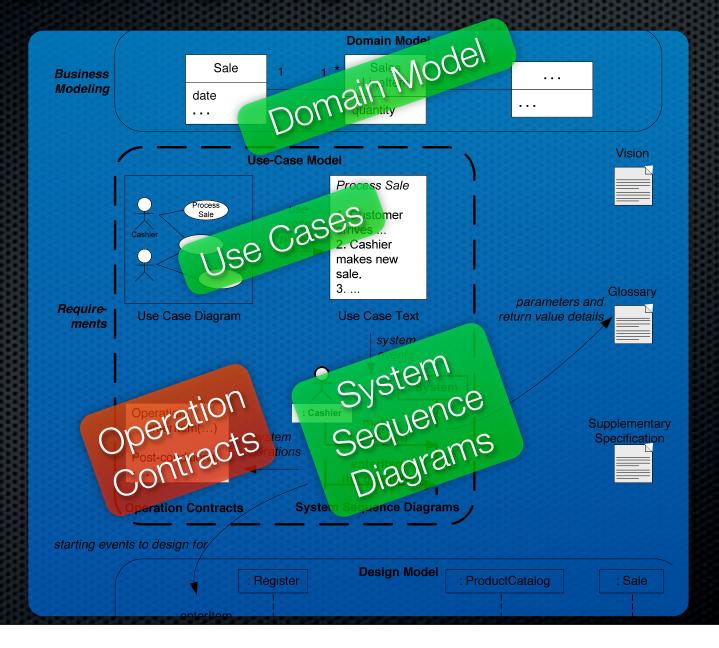
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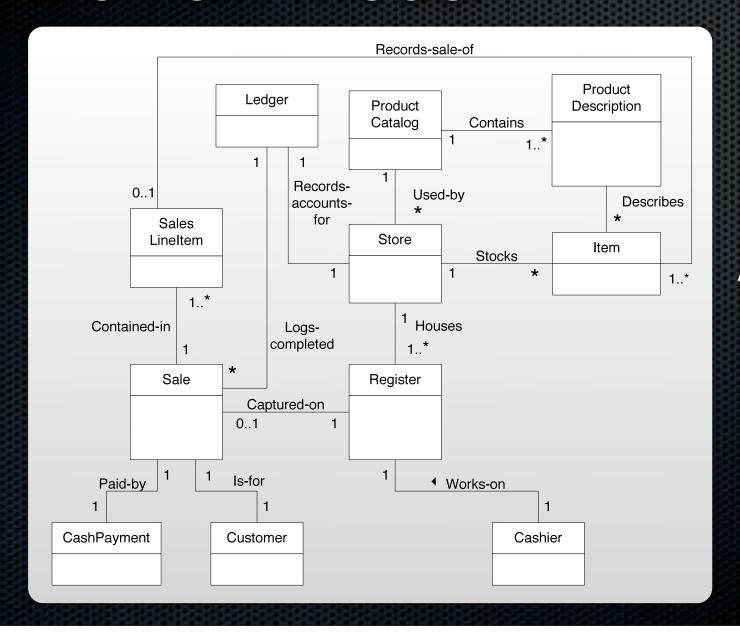
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Where Are We?



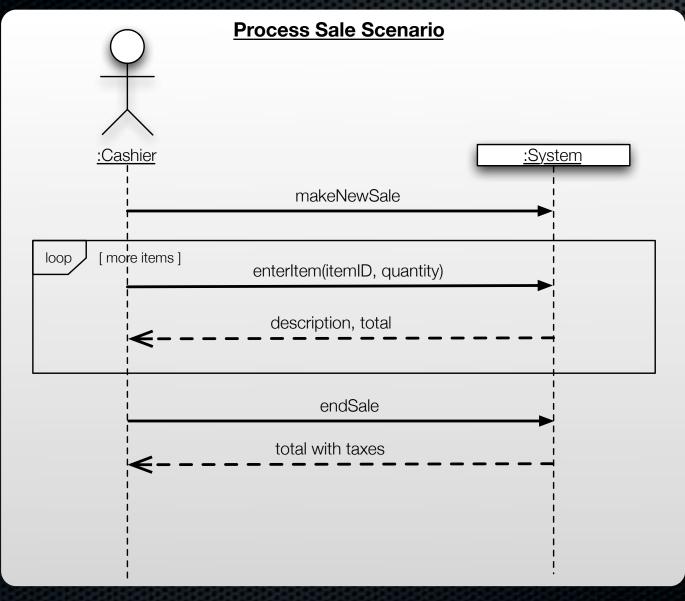
From Functional Use Cases to Object-Oriented System

Domain Model



Conceptual
Classes
Associations
Attributes

System Sequence Diagrams



System Events

Operation Contracts

From SSDs, messages coming into the system

- Used to give more details for system operations
- Together, all the system operations from all the use cases give the public system interface

Conceptually, it's like the whole system is a single object and the system operations are its public methods

Example

(At most) one OC per System Operation

Contract CO2: enterItem

Any uses cases where this operation appears

Operation: enterItem(itemID: ItemID, quantity: Integer)

Cross Refs: Use Cases: Process Sale

Preconditions: There is a sale underway

Noteworthy assumptions

- Postconditions: a SalesLineItem instance, sli, was created
 - sli was associated with the current Sale
 - sli.quantity became quantity
- Most important section
 - sli was associated with a ProductDescription based on itemID match

Details

Postconditions

- Describe changes in the state of objects in the domain model
- Typical sorts of changes:
 - Created instances
 - Form associations
 - Break associations
 - Change attributes

Not actions performed during the operation.
Rather, observations about what is true after the operation.

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Postconditions

- Use past tense
- Give names to instances
- Capture the information from the system operation parameters by noting changes to domain objects
- Can be (somewhat) informal

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When to Use Operation Contracts

- Not always!
- When detail and precision are important:
 - When details would make use cases too verbose
 - When we don't know the domain and want a deeper analysis (while deferring design)
- To help validate the domain model
- To associate system operations with particular objects

Informs our Assignment of Responsibility

Creating Operation Contracts

- Identify system operations from SSDs
- Identify system operations that warrant OCs
 - Complex, subtle, or unclear from use case

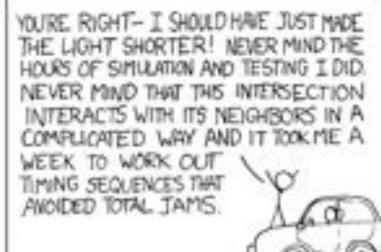
- Make sure postconditions consider:
 - Created instances
 - Formed associations
 - Broken associations
 - Changed attributes

Most common omission

Example...













You can look at practically any part of anything manmade around you and think 'some engineer was frustrated while designing this.' It's a little human connection.

From Requirements to Design

Recall...

- Analysis: Do the right thing
- **Design**: Do the thing right

Leaving Analysis Behind?

Not really

Unknown/unusual activities are high risk

- We'll learn more about the problem while designing (and implementing) a solution
 - Refine the requirements when that happens
 - Choose high risk activities for early iterations to provoke changes to the requirements
- "Just enough" analysis is often useful

Logical Architecture

A very short introduction



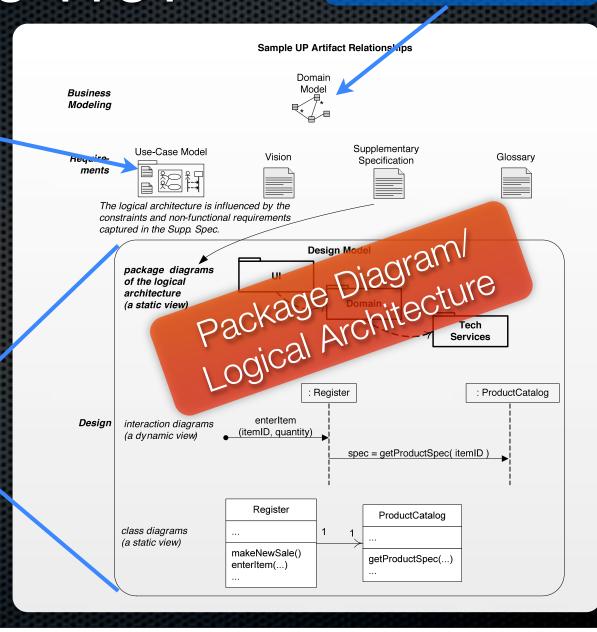
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Domain Model

Use Case Model including System Sequence Diagrams and Operation Contracts

Design Model



Logical Architecture

- Large-scale organization of the **software** classes into:
 - Packages (a.k.a., namespaces)
 - Subsystems
 - Layers
- Logical, since implementation/deployment decisions are deferred

Layered Architectures

- Very common for object-oriented systems
- Coarse-grained grouping of components based on shared responsibility for major aspects of system
- Typically higher layers call lower ones, but not vice-versa

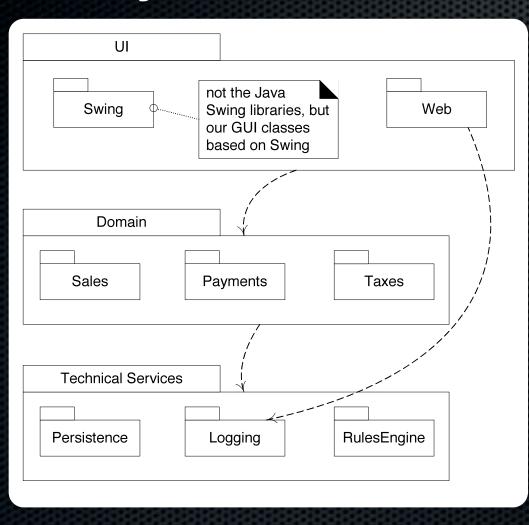
Three Typical Layers

- User Interface
- Application Domain Layer
- Technical Services:
 - Persistence
 - Logging
 - Rules Engine

Heavily influenced by domain model

Reusable across systems

Strict vs. Relaxed Layered Architectures



- Strict: only calls next layer down
- Relaxed: can call any layer below