

CSSE 374: Operations Contracts



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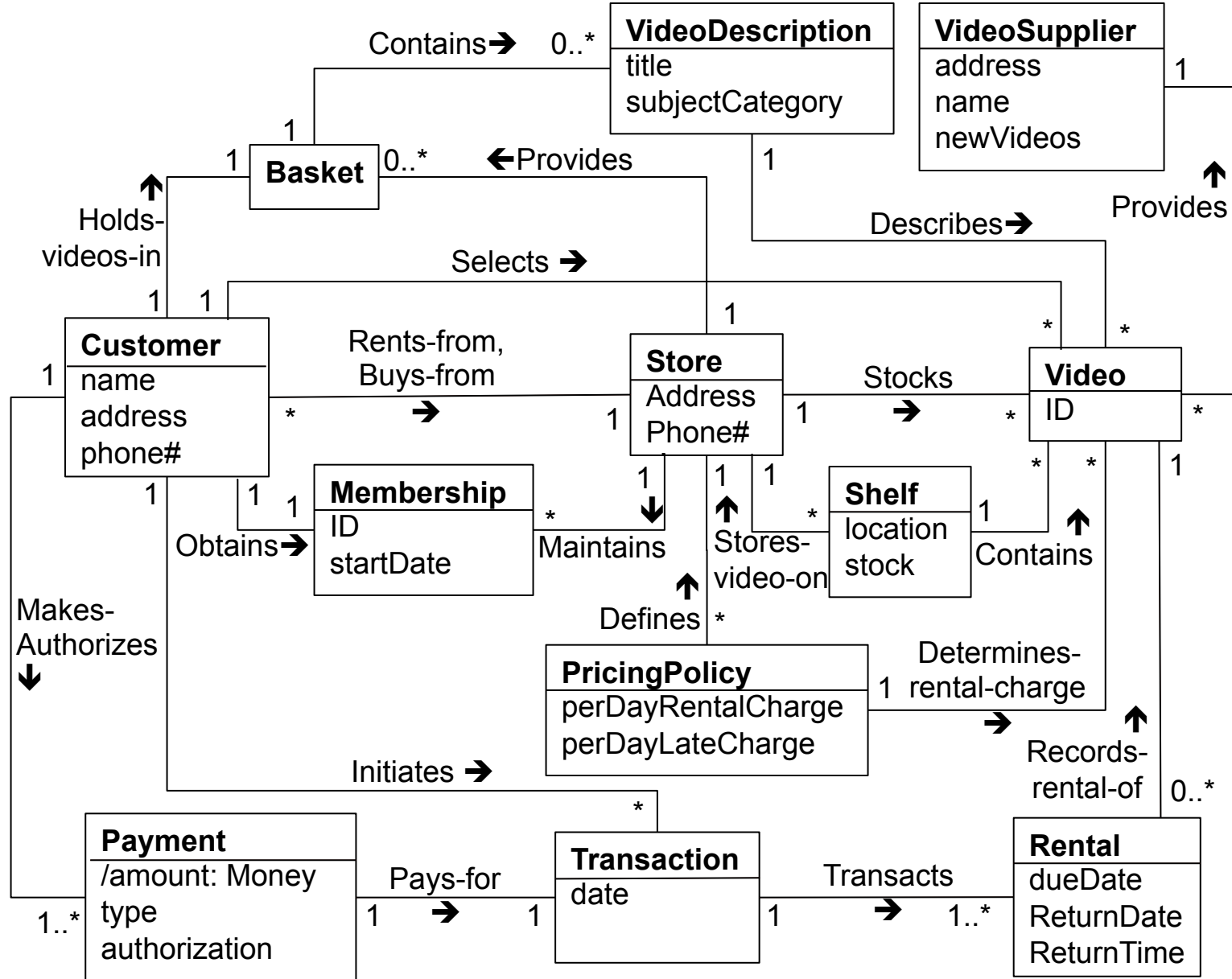
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Learning Outcomes: O-O Design

Demonstrate object-oriented design basics like domain models, class diagrams, and interaction (sequence and communication) diagrams.

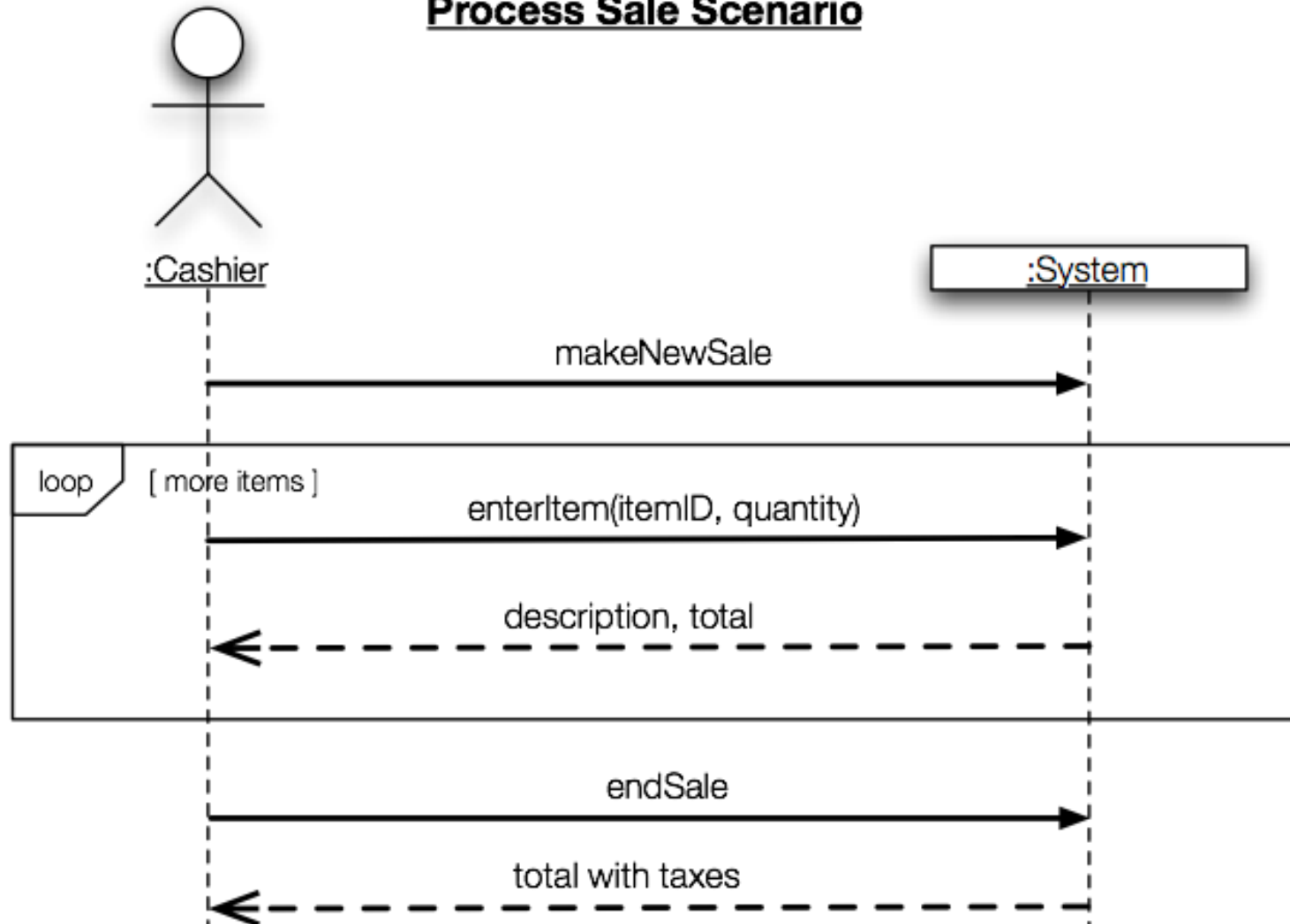


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- **Introduce Operations Contracts (OCs)**
- **Do an Operations Contracts Exercise**
- **Transitioning from Requirements to Design**
- **Introduce Logical Architecture**

Where are the Operations in the SSD?

Process Sale Scenario




System Events => System Operations




Operation Contracts (OC)

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



Parts of the Operation Contract

Operation: Name Of operation, and parameters.

Cross-

References: (optional) Use cases this can occur within.

Preconditions: Noteworthy assumptions about the state of the system or objects in the Domain Model before execution of the operation.

Postconditions: The state of objects in the Domain Model after completion of the operation.

(At most) one OC per System Operation

Example OC:

Contract C02: enterItem

Operation:	enterItem(itemID: ItemID, quantity: Integer)
Cross Refs:	Use Cases: Process Sale
Preconditions :	There is a sale underway
Post-conditions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ a SalesLineItem instance, sli, was created❖ sli was associated with the current Sale❖ sli.quantity became quantity (attribute modification)❖ sli was associated with ProductDescription based on itemID match

Any uses cases where this operation appears

Noteworthy assumptions

Most important section



Pre & Post-Conditions in Your Mind's Eye

- Envision the system and its objects on an **Extreme Makeover set...**
- Before the operation, take a picture of the set
- The lights go out, and apply the system operation
- Lights on and take the after picture
- **Compare the before and after pictures,** and describe **state changes** as post-conditions

Pre- and Post-Conditions

- **Pre-Conditions** are what must be in place to invoke the operation



- **Post-conditions** are declarations about the Domain Model objects that are true when the operation has finished





Postconditions

- Describe changes in the state of objects in the Domain Model

- Typical sorts of changes:
 - Created instances
 - Deleted instances
 - Form associations
 - Break associations
 - Change attributes

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

Postconditions (continued)

- Express **post-conditions in the past tense** to emphasize they are declarations about a state change in the past
- Give **names to instances**
- Capture information from system operation by **noting changes** to domain objects
- Can be informal (somewhat)

- ❖ a *SalesLineItem* instance, *sli*, **was** created
- ❖ *sli* **was** associated with the current *Sale*
- ❖ *sli.quantity* **became** *quantity*
- ❖ *sli* **was** associated with a *ProductDescription* based on *itemID* match

Why OC Post-Conditions?

- Domain model
=>objects attributes and associations
- OC links a system operation to specific objects in the domain model
- Indicates which objects are affected by the operation
- Will help with assignment of responsibilities



Contracts Lead to Domain Model Updates

New Domain Model classes, attributes, and associations are often discovered while writing contracts



Elaborate Domain Model as you think through the operation contracts



Use Operation Contracts 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)**

**OCs help to validate
the domain model**



Creating Operation Contracts

- Identify System Operations from SSDs
- Make contracts for System Operations that are:
 - Complex and perhaps subtle in their own results
 - Not clear in the use case
- Again, in describing post-conditions use:
 - Instance creation and deletion
 - Attribute modification
 - Associations formed and broken

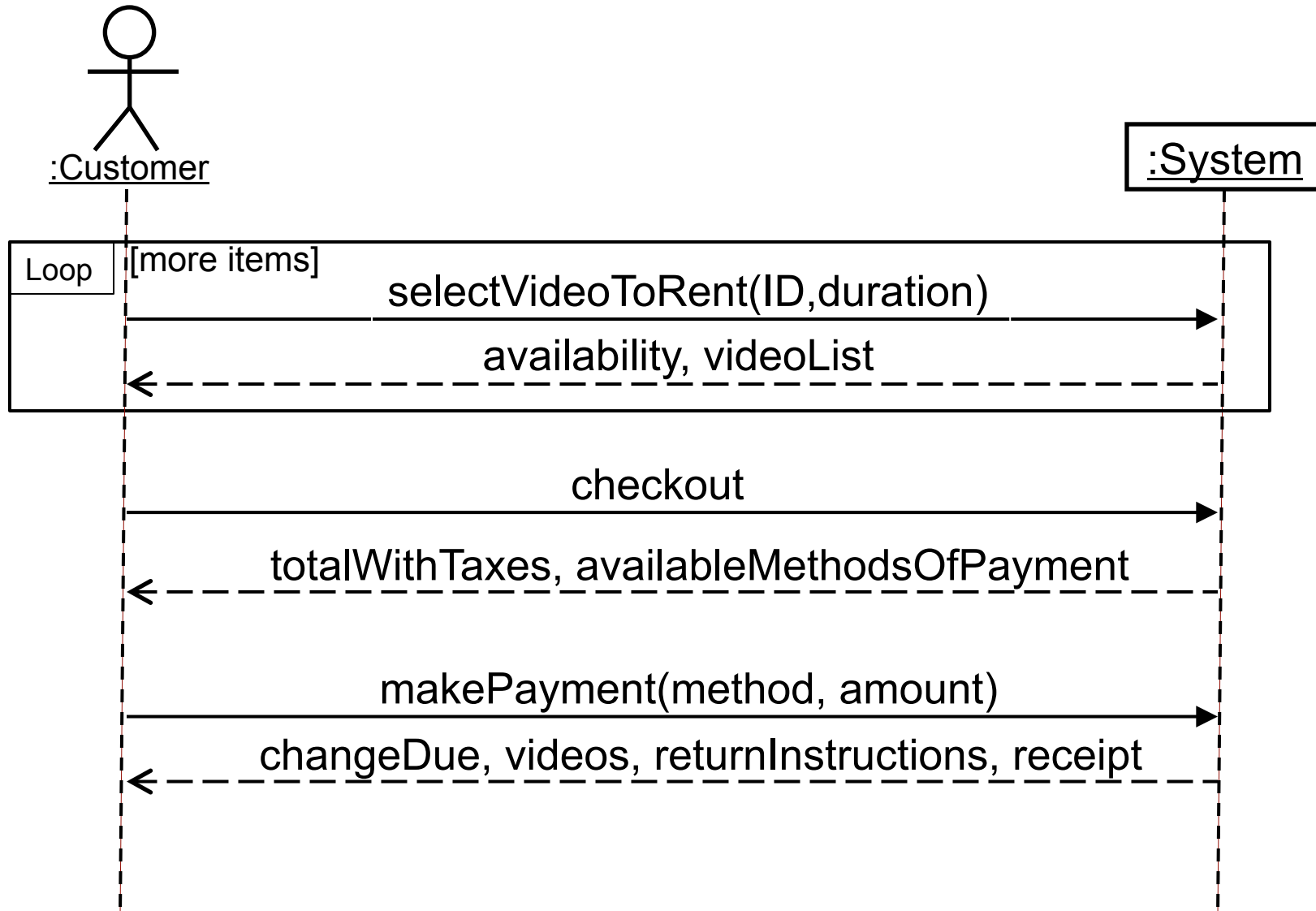
**Most frequent mistake in creating contracts:
Forgetting to include forming of associations**

Class Exercise on Domain Modeling

- Break up into your project teams
- Look over the SSD from Tuesday looking for system operations and Read the Use Case again referring to the Domain Model
- Write an Operations Contract for MakePayment (method, amount)



SSD for Use Case 1





Homework 1: Basic Use Case 1/2

■ UC1: Customer rents videos

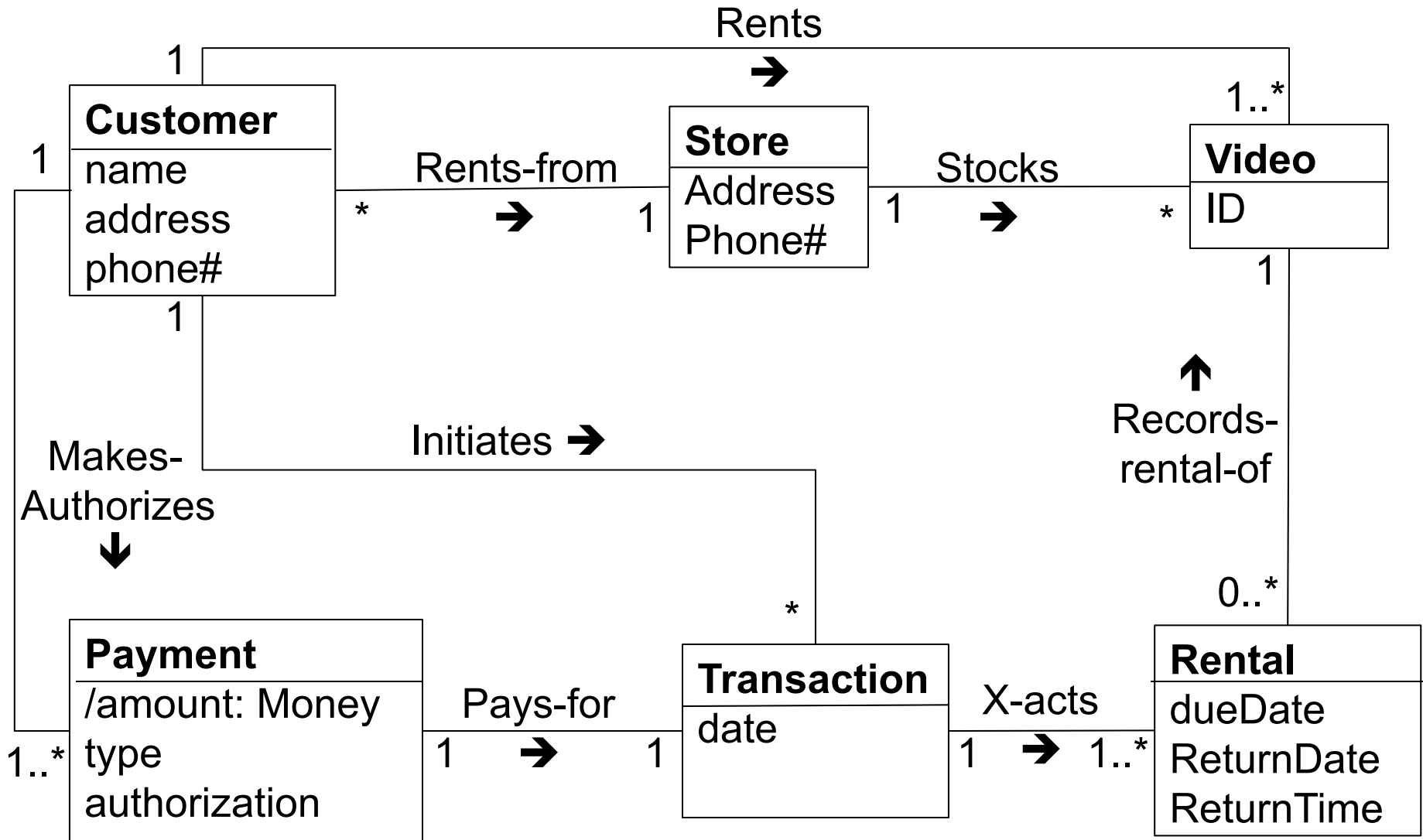
□ **Preconditions:** Customer has a membership, has selected videos they want, and made system aware of their choices.

■ Main flow:

1. Actor indicates to rent first item (e.g., clicking "rent" on a networked device, or scanning it physically in a store)
2. System verifies immediate availability, and waits to make next option
3. Actor indicates they are done selecting
4. System shows total, prompts for payment
5. Actor selects method of payment, entering additional data if needed (e.g., credit card number)
6. System verifies the payment has gone through, schedules the goods for rental (e.g., sets up a window to click on to view the video remotely, or tells the store clerk where to find the DVD)...

■ **Postcondition:** Rental transaction is complete

Concise DM For Video Store





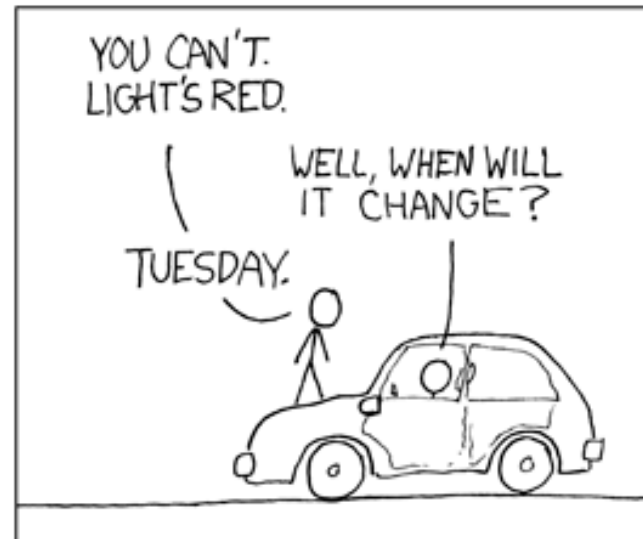
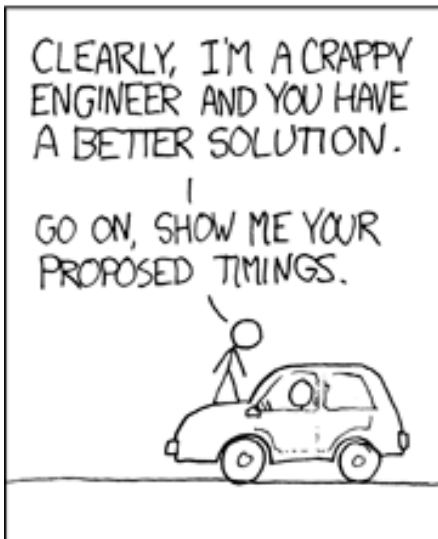
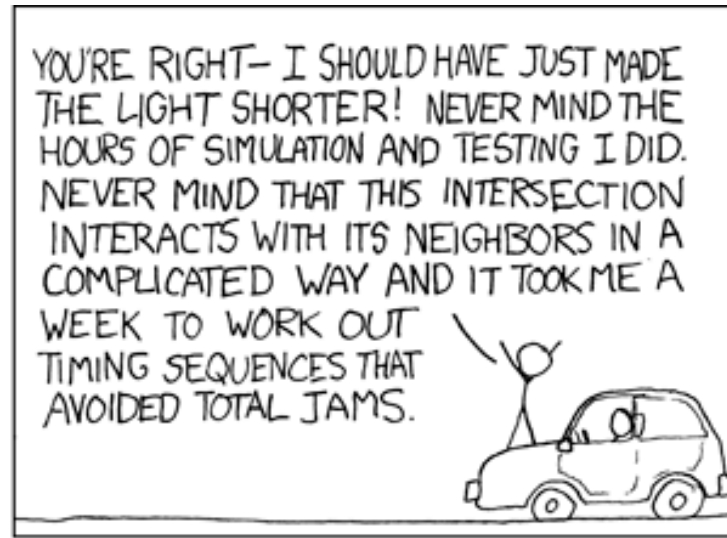
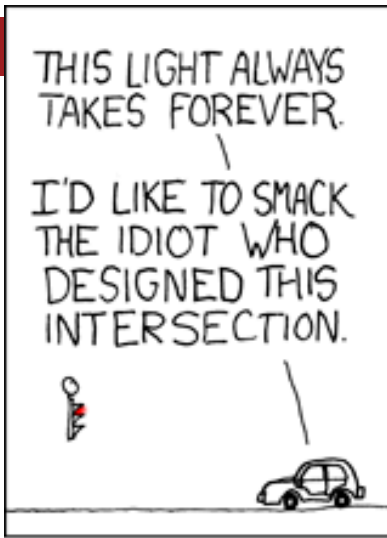
Exercise: Complete the OC

Operation: makePayment(method, amount)

Cross references:

Preconditions:

Postconditions:



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.



Leaving Analysis Behind?

Unknown/unusual activities are high risk

- Not really
- 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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Where Are We?

Domain Model

Use Case Model including System Sequence Diagrams and Operation Contracts

Business Modeling

Requirements

Use-Case Model

Vision

Supplementary Specification

Glossary

The logical architecture is influenced by the constraints and non-functional requirements captured in the Supp. Spec.

Design Model

package diagrams of the logical architecture (a static view)

Package Diagram/
Logical Architecture

Tech Services

Design

interaction diagrams (a dynamic view)



class diagrams (a static view)



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 Architectural Layers

1. **User Interface**

Heavily influenced
by domain model



2. **Application Domain Layer**

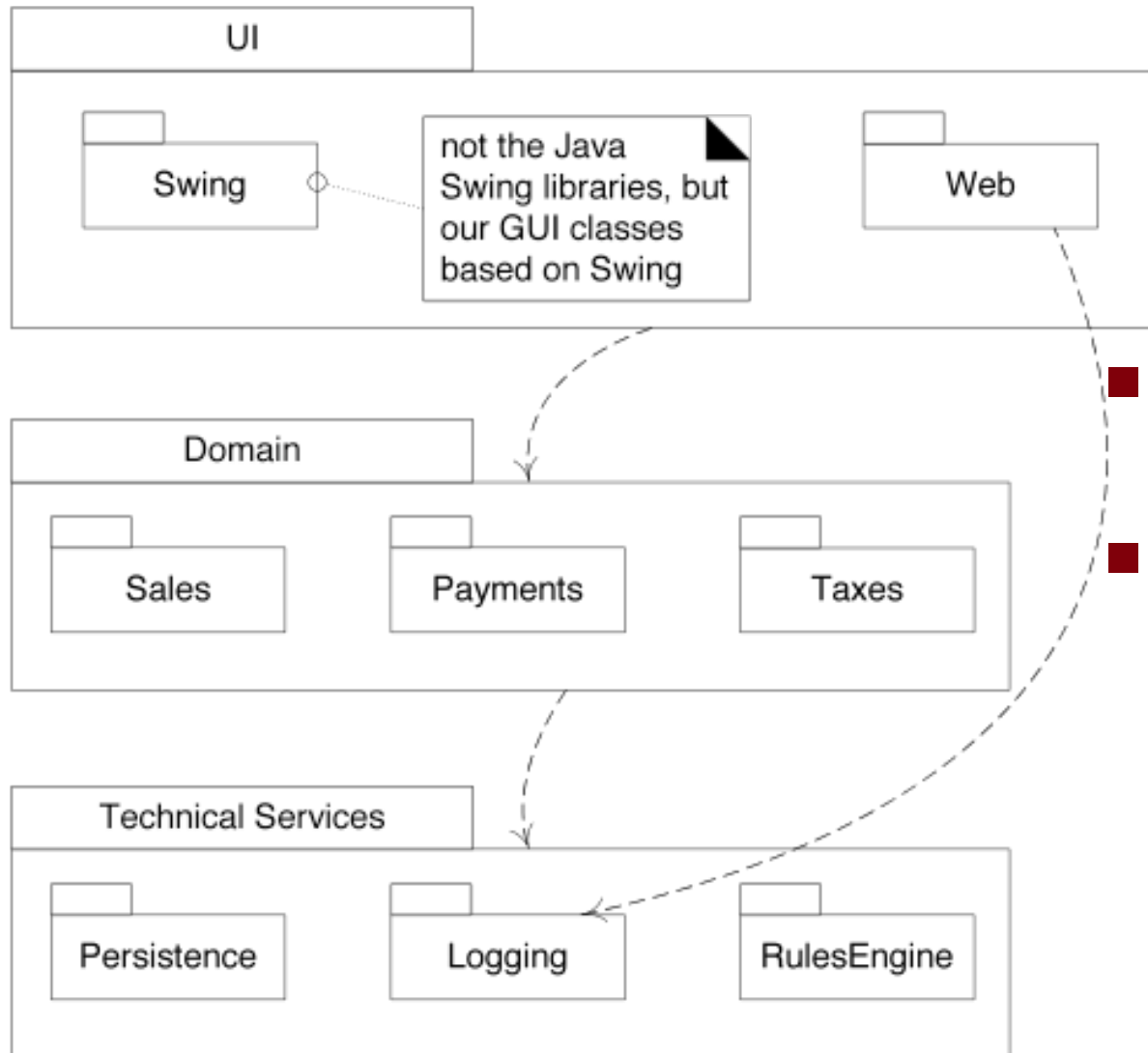
3. **Technical Services:**

- Persistence
- Logging
- Rules Engine

Reusable across
systems



Strict vs. Relaxed Layered Architectures



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



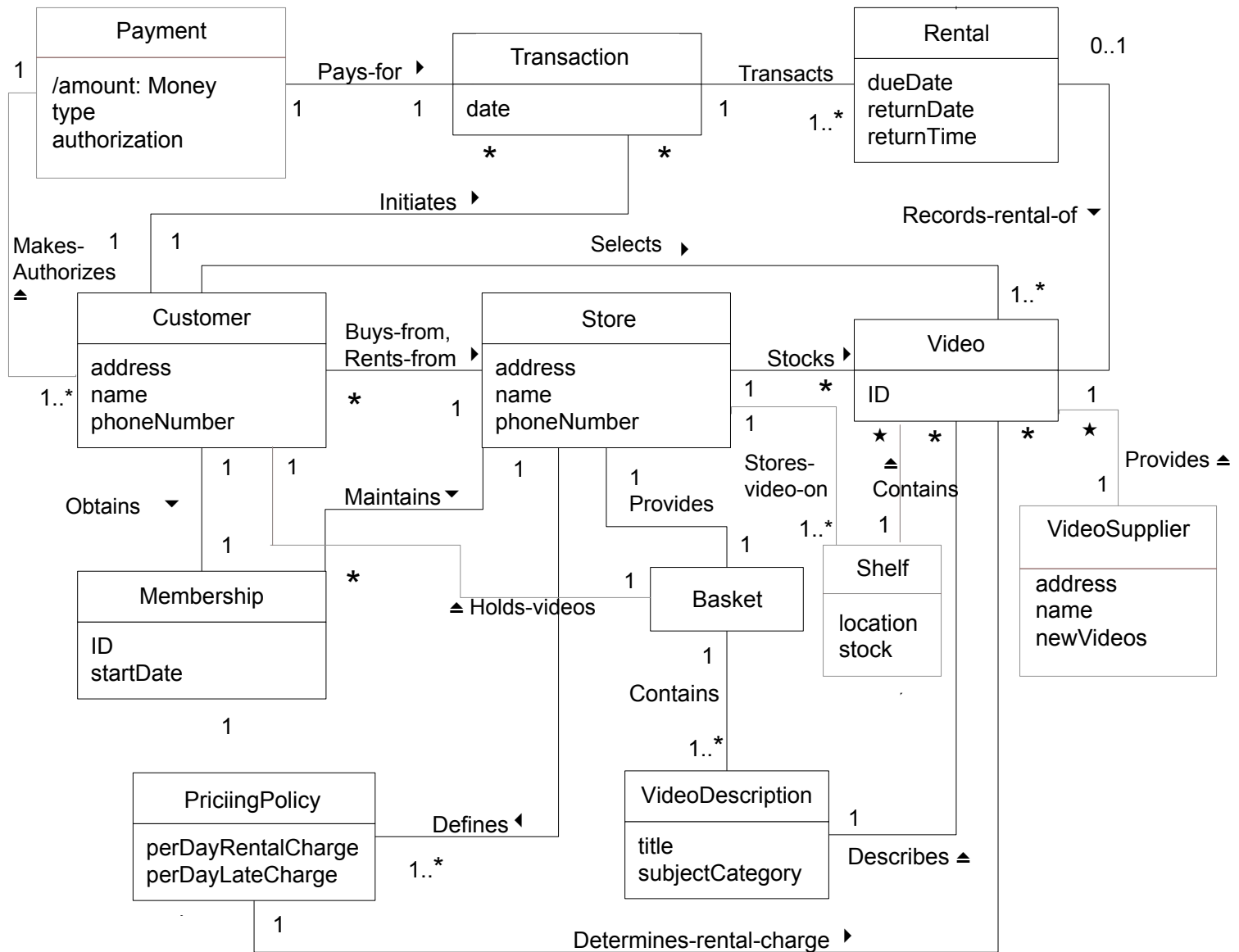
Homework and Milestone Reminders

- Read Chapters 12, 13, and 14 on Early Design

- Milestone 2 – Junior Project Domain Model
 - Due by 11:55pm on Friday, December 10th, 2010

- Homework 2 – Video Store SSDs and Operations Contracts
 - Due by 5:00pm on Tuesday, December 14th, 2010

- Milestone 3 – Junior Project SSDs, OCs, and Logical Architecture – Coming!
 - Due by 11:59pm on Friday, January 7th, 2010



System Operation Contracts

