

Executable Modeling: Retrospective and Prospective

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A short history of MDD



UML 2.0: Cast of thousands 2005

Executable UML: Mellor and Balcer 2002

UML 1.1: Three Amigos 1997

Object Lifecycles: Shlaer and Mellor

OMT: Rumbaugh et al 1992

OOA: Shlaer and Mellor 1988

OO Design: Booch 1988

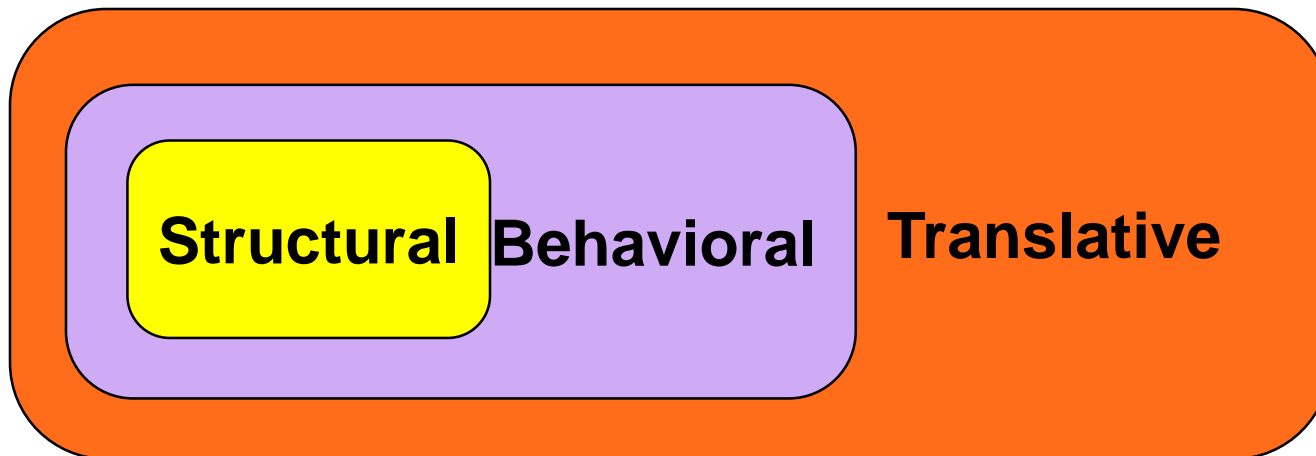
Structured Devt/RT: Ward and Mellor 1985

Structured Analysis: De Marco 1981

Structured Design: Yourdon and Constantine 1979

Types

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Embedded Systems Programming, March 1998.

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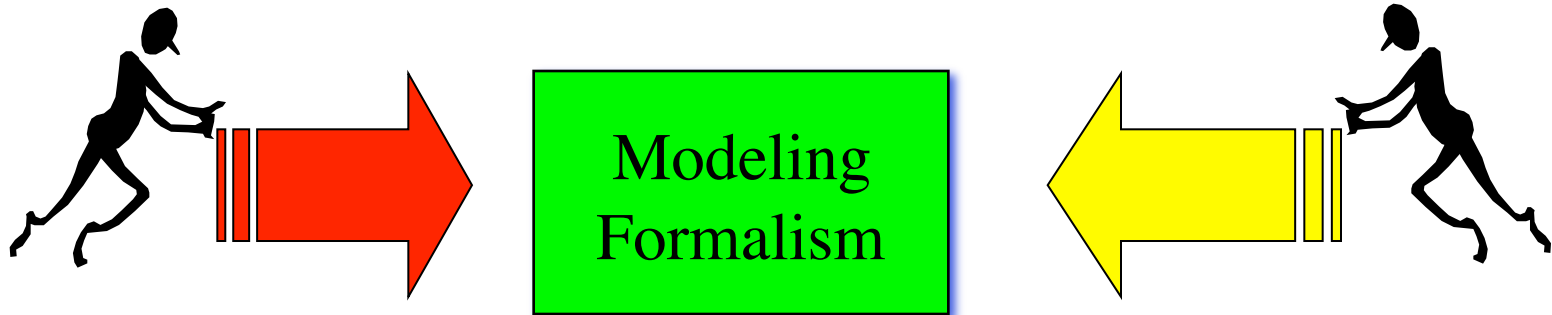


Big Mistake

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Two forces

Modeling formalism should be close to the knowledge we're capturing.

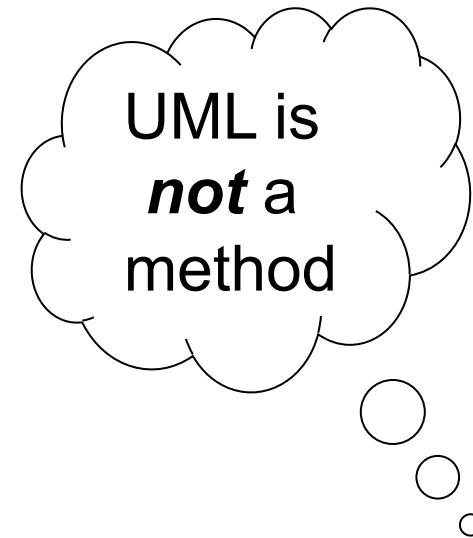


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Unified Modeling Language

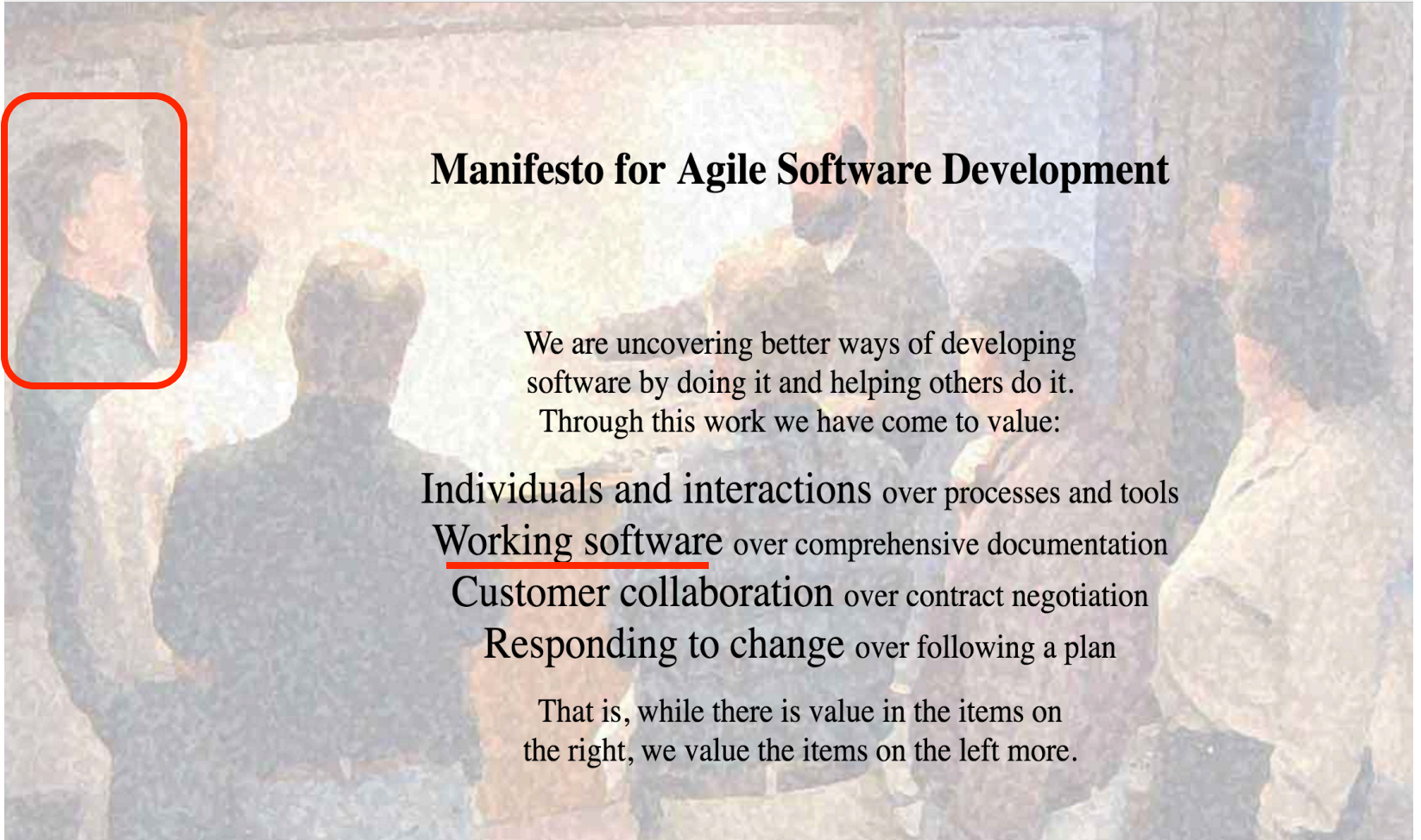
“The Unified Modeling Language is a language for specifying, constructing, visualizing, and documenting the artifacts of a software-intensive system.”

The UML Summary



® Object Management Group

Agile Manifesto



Manifesto for Agile Software Development

We are uncovering better ways of developing software by doing it and helping others do it.
Through this work we have come to value:

Individuals and interactions over processes and tools

Working software over comprehensive documentation

Customer collaboration over contract negotiation

Responding to change over following a plan

That is, while there is value in the items on the right, we value the items on the left more.

A Conversation

The reason code is so important is that it runs, right?

An executable model runs, so it can be verified, right?

So if a model can be executed, it is as good as code, right?

Argh!!!!!!!!!!

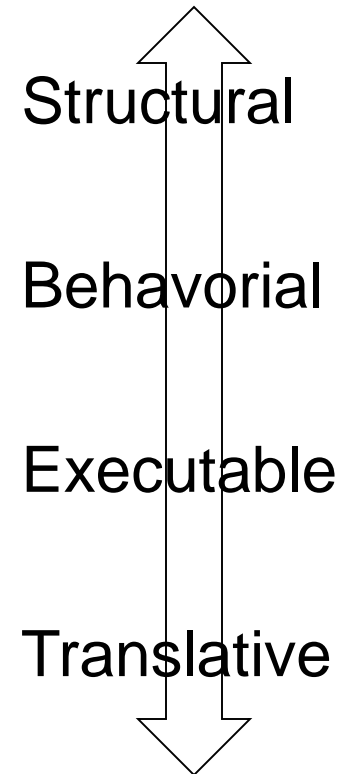
Yes!

Yes...

No. Code is the most important thing.

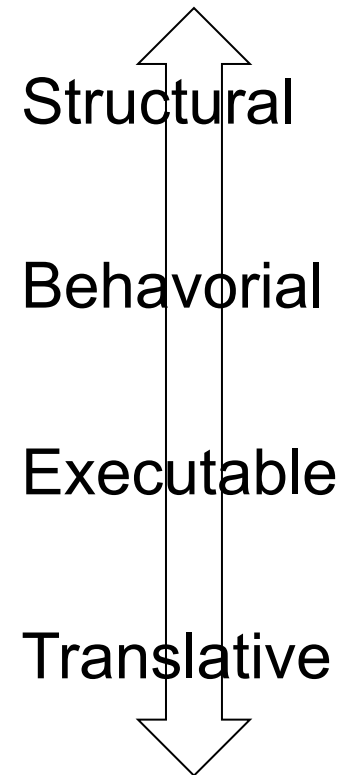
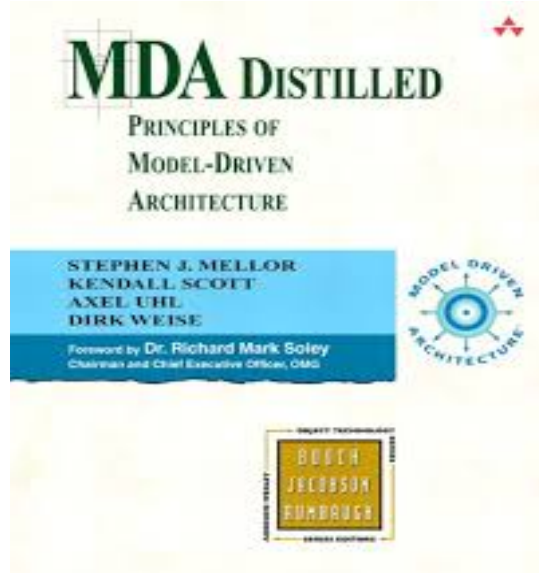
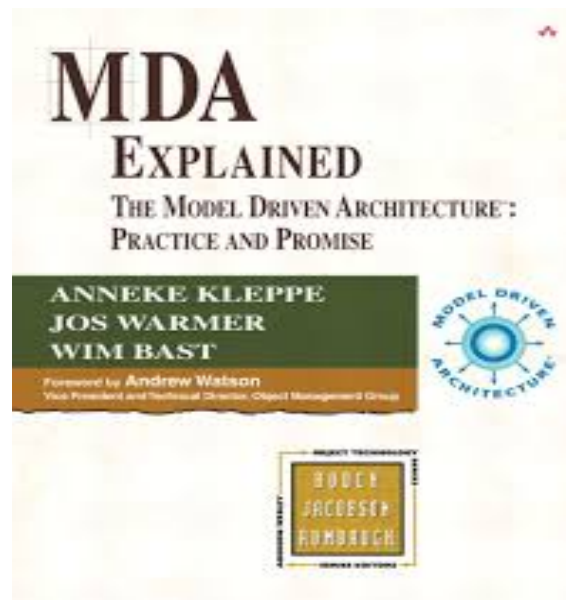
Action Language

- Add code progressively
- Add “model-aware” code progressively
- Add traditional model-aware code
- Add model-based code and translate it



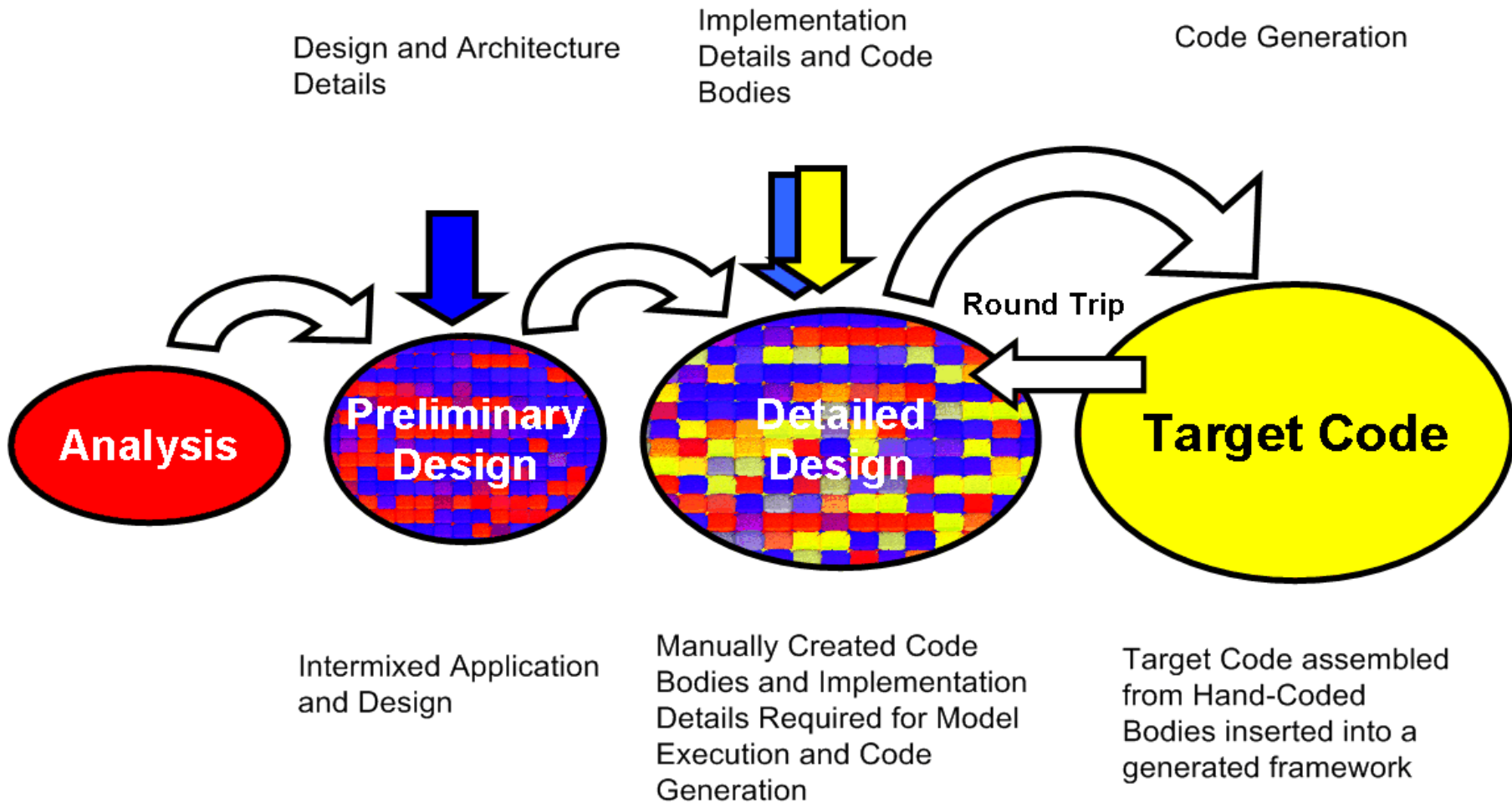
Action Language

Elaborative



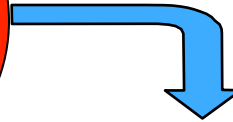
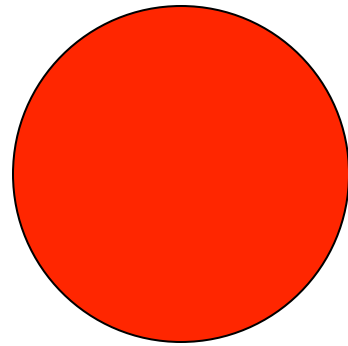
Executable and Translative

Elaborative development

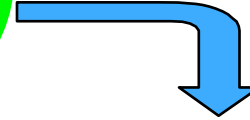
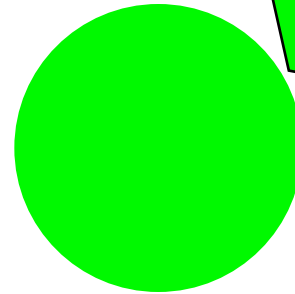


Change the assumptions....

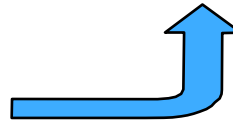
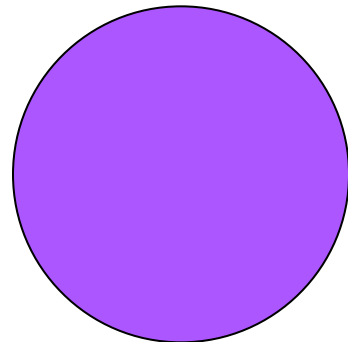
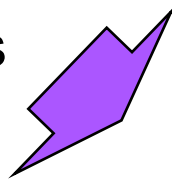
Fully detailed analysis



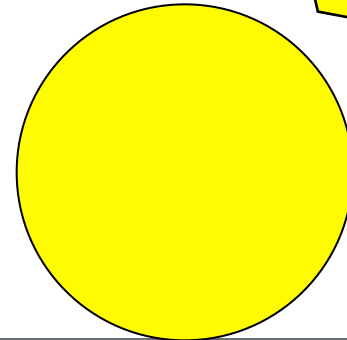
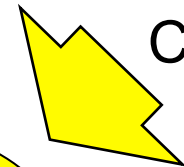
Translator



Design and architecture details



Code

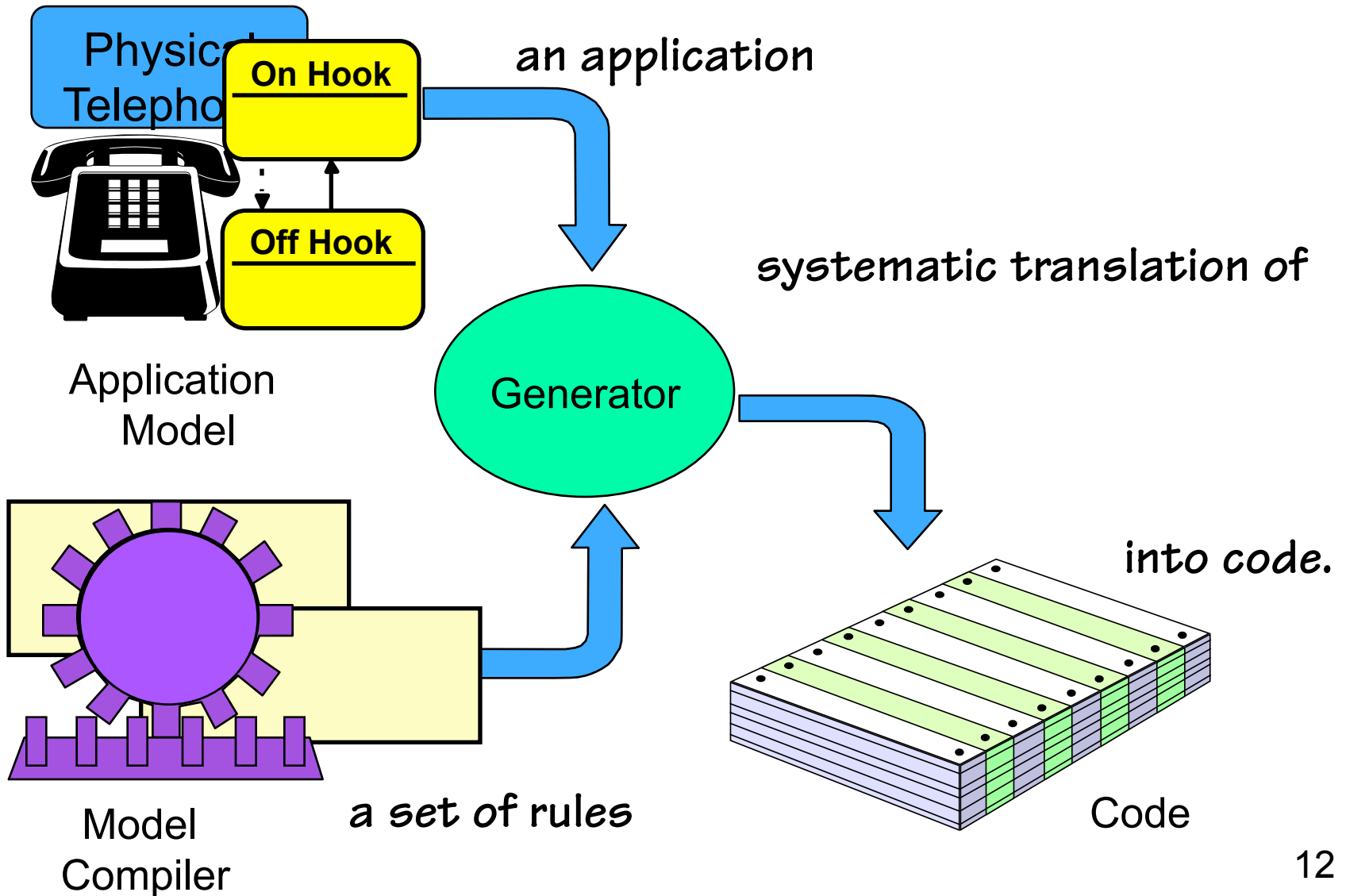


“Recursive Design”

Recursive Design views system design as

- **a process of *systematic translation* of**
- **an application**
- **according to a set of rules**
- **into code.**

Recursive Design...

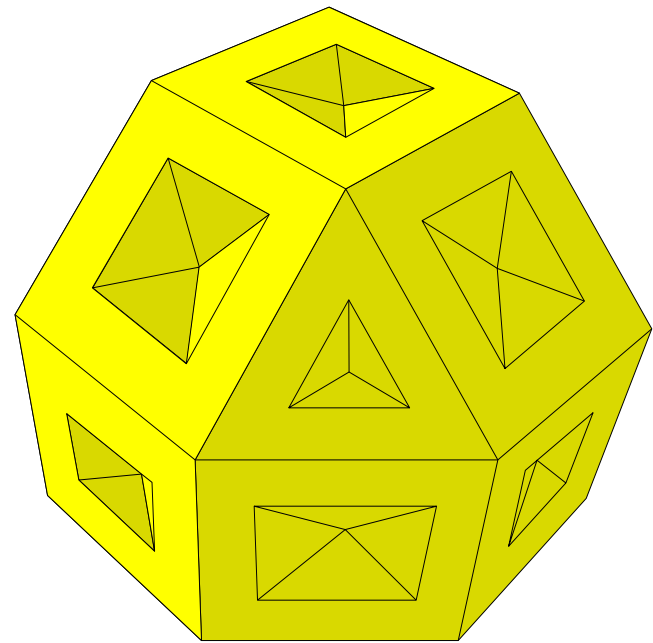


Uniformity

A **minimal, uniform** set of organization rules:

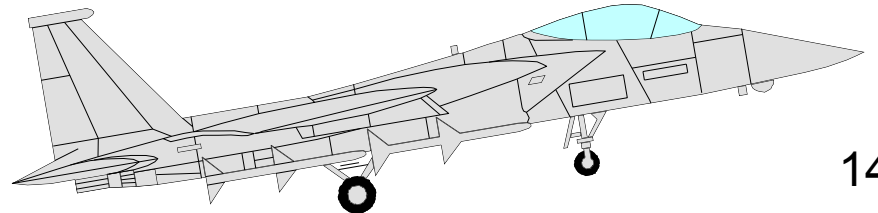
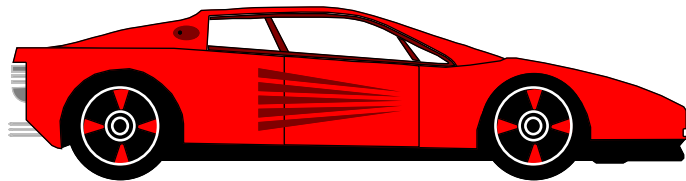
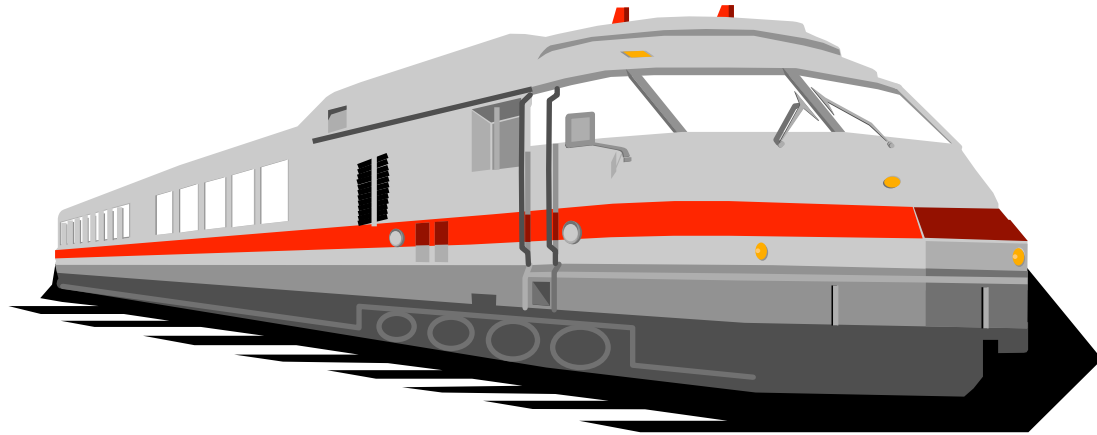
- reduces cost of understanding, building, and maintaining the software
- decreases integration effort
- leads to smaller, more robust code

This uniform set of organization rules is a *software architecture*.



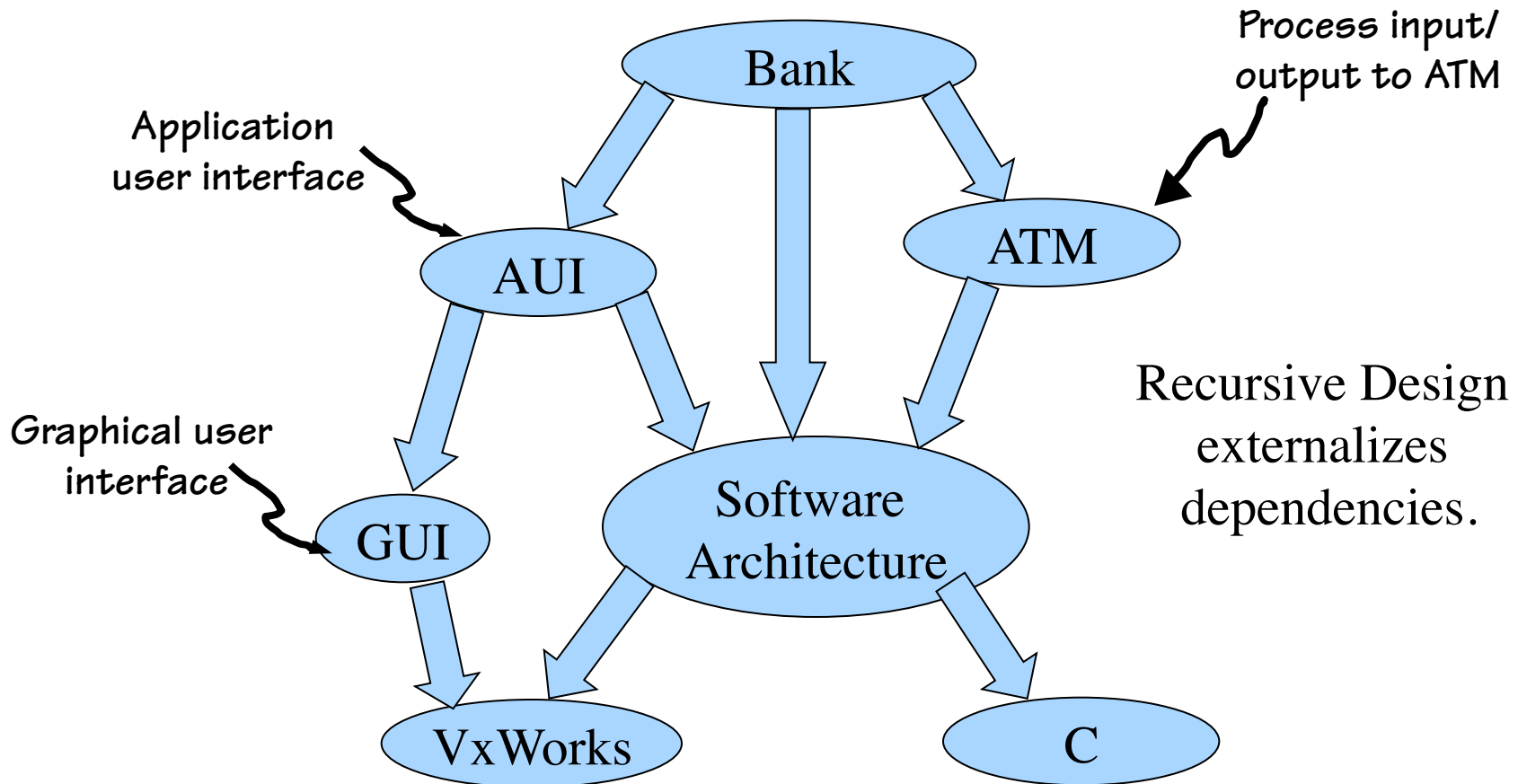
Multiple Architectures

There may be several implementations with different performance properties.



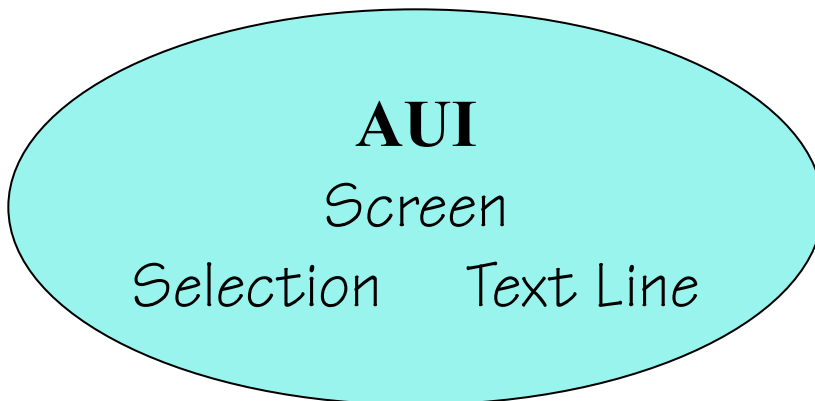
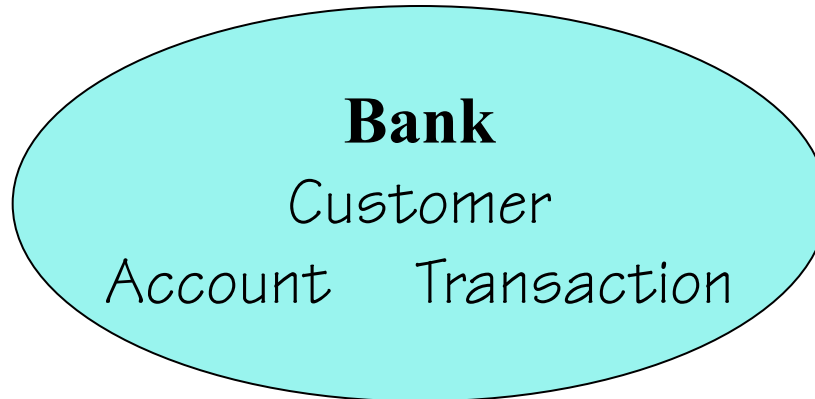
Separation of Subject Matter

A system comprises several different subject matters.



Domains

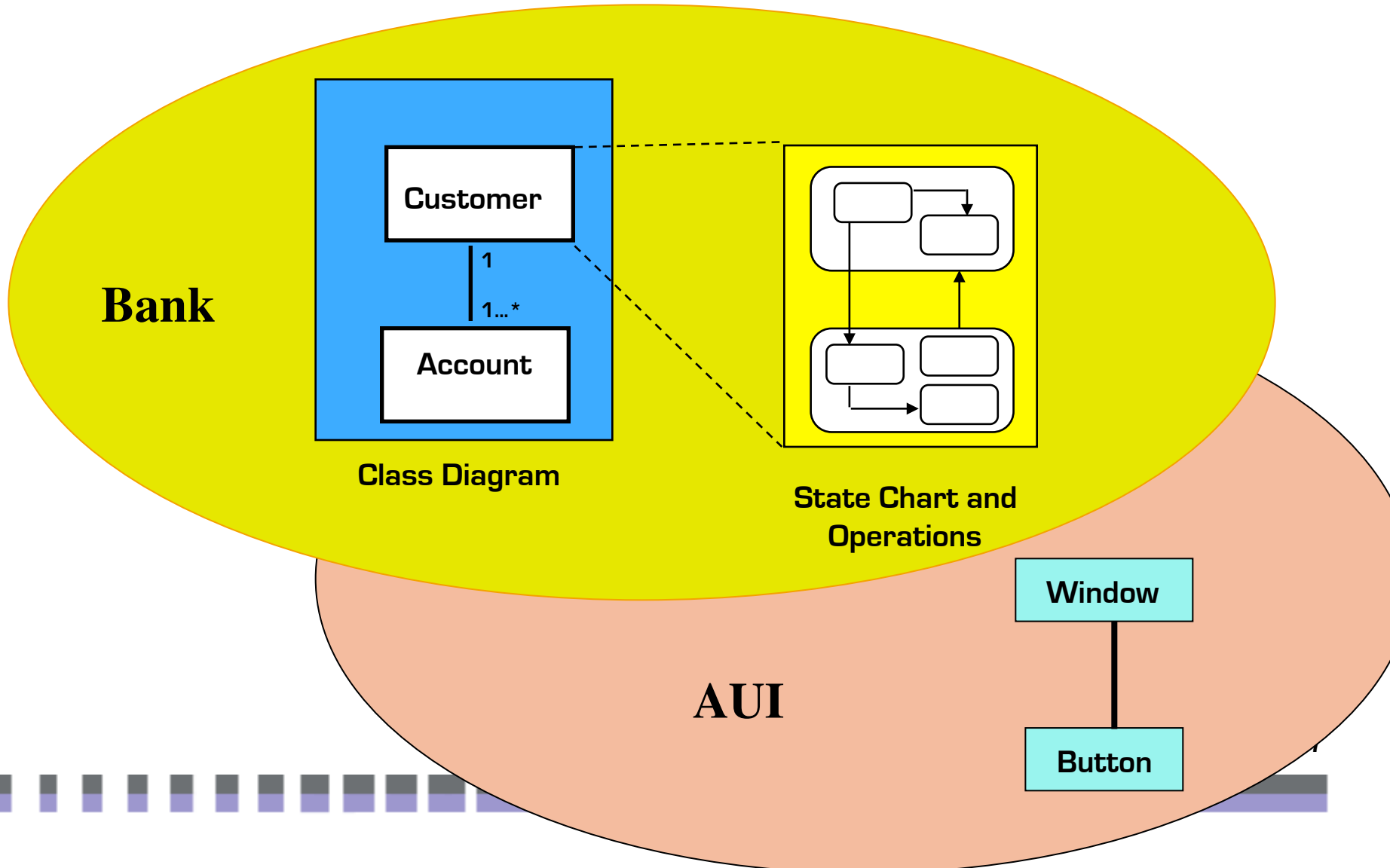
Each subject matter is a problem domain.



Each domain has
its own
vocabulary.

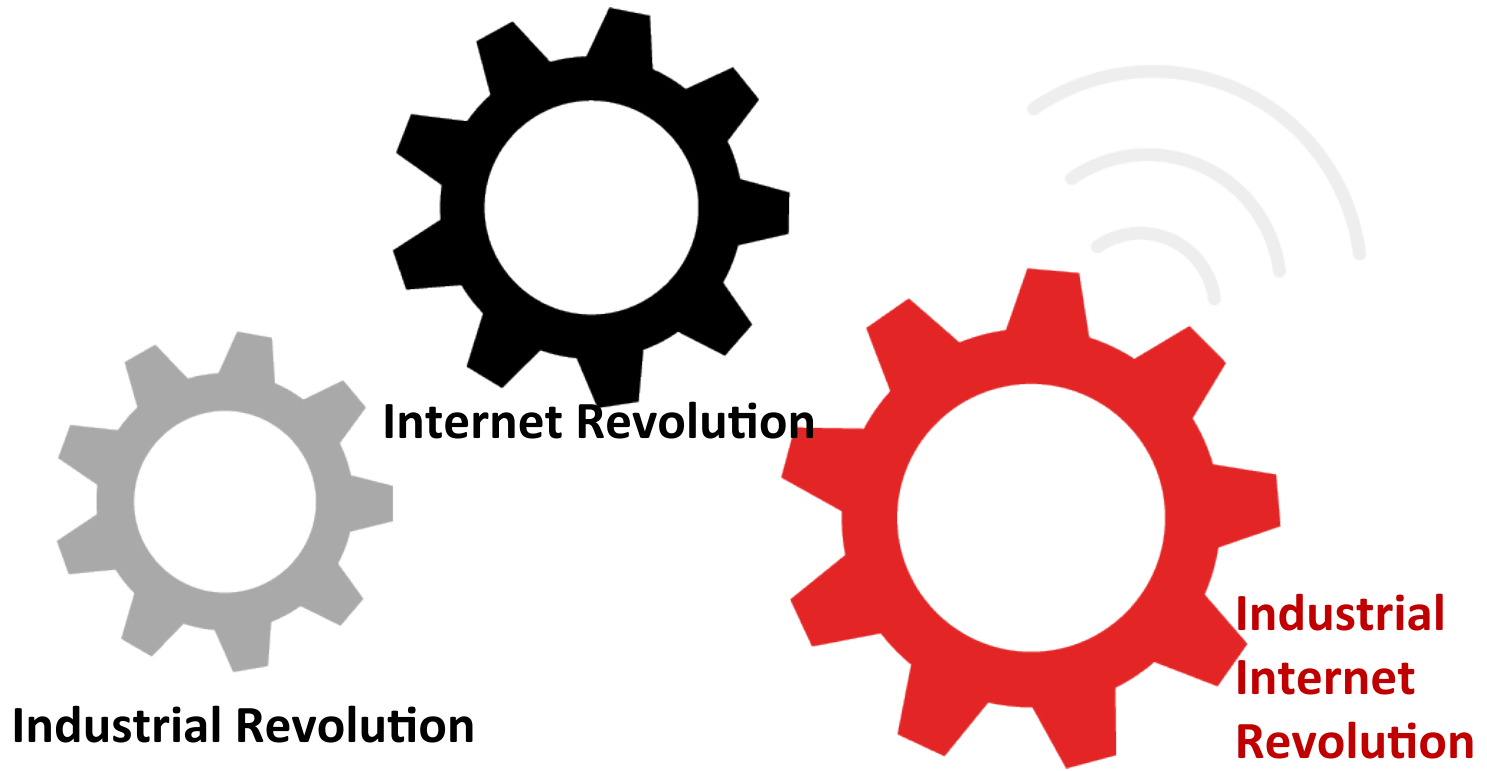
Composable Domains

Model each domain, then connect them.



The Industrial Internet

It's an internet of things, machines, computers and people, enabling intelligent industrial operations using advanced data analytics for transformational business outcomes.



The Future

“Industrial Internet of Things: Unleashing the Potential of Connected Products and Services”
by the World Economic Forum, with Accenture

- Continuous demand-sensing
- End-to-end automation
- Resource optimization and waste reduction

Make specific operations more efficient:

- Asset utilization
- Operation cost reduction
- Worker productivity

1. Operational Efficiency

2. New Products and Services

- Pay per use
- Software-based services
- Data monetization

3. Outcome Economy

4. Autonomous, pull economy

Shift from selling assets to selling outcomes:

- Pay per outcome
- Connected ecosystems
- Platform-enabled marketplace

When will be Executable Models be Commonplace?

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Thank you

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