ECEN 478: Senior Design

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Outline

Motivation

- Functional Design Appropriate for function-oriented systems: inputs, outputs, and some transformation between them.
- There are various types of system behavior that designers need to be able to understand.
  - State behavior
  - Logic and flow
  - Data flow
  - Database relationships
  - Unified Modeling Language
  - ...

Learning Objectives

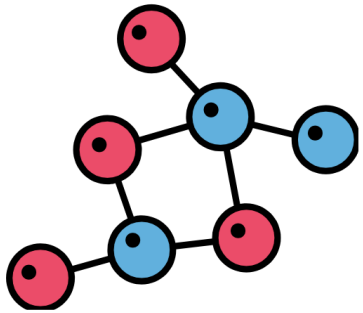
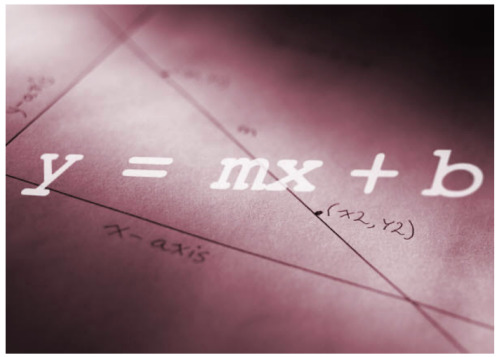
By the end of this chapter, you should:

- Have a familiarity with the following modeling tools for describing ECE system behavior:
  - state diagrams,
  - flowcharts,
  - data flow diagrams,
  - entity relationship diagrams,
  - the Unified Modeling Language.
- Understand the intention and expressive power of the different models.
- Understand the domains in which the models apply.
- Be able to conduct analysis and design with the models.
- Understand what model types to choose for a given design problem.

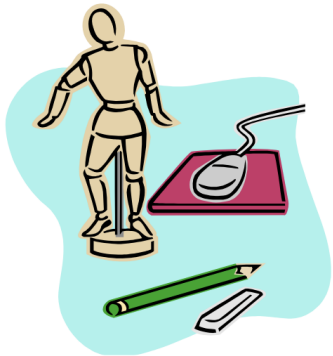
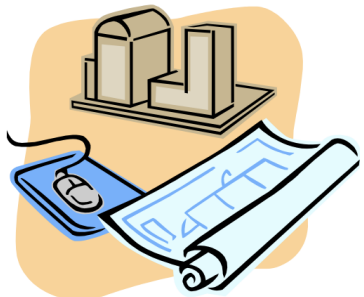
Models

Models - what do you think of?





Defanations

Model

A Standardized representation of a system process, or object that capture the essential details without specifing the physical implementation.

Modeling Language

A collection of symbols graphical and/or numeric used for modeling within specific domain.

Intention (of model)

The class of behaviours the model is intended describe

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- **Assist in validation** Customer Acceptance

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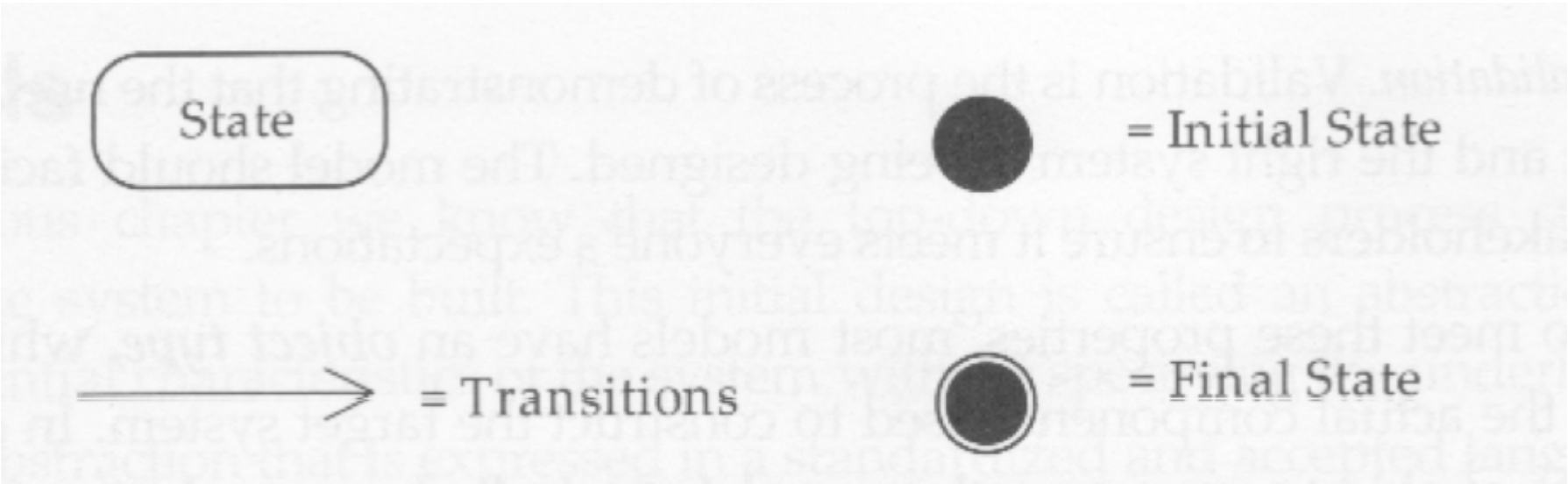
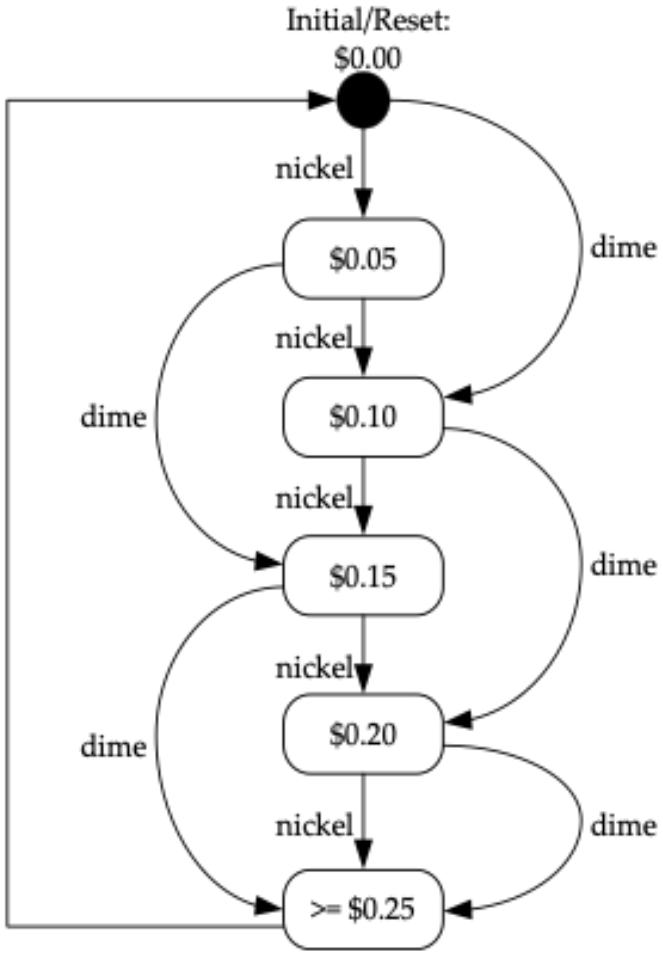
How to determine if a system has memory?

Can the same "set" of inputs" produce different outputs?"

State Diagram Modeling Language

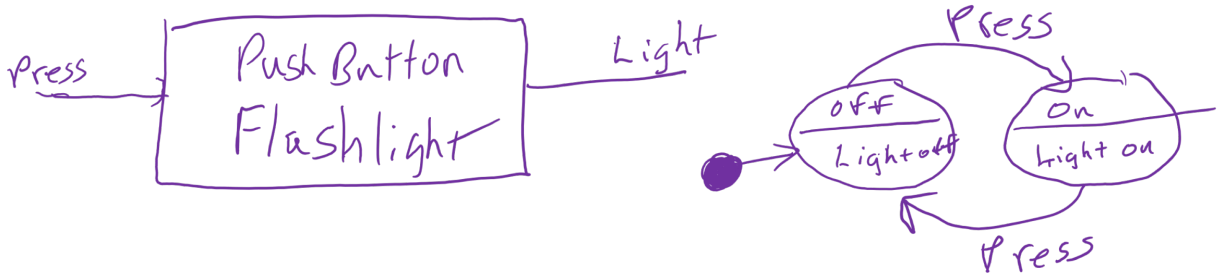


Example: Vending Machine

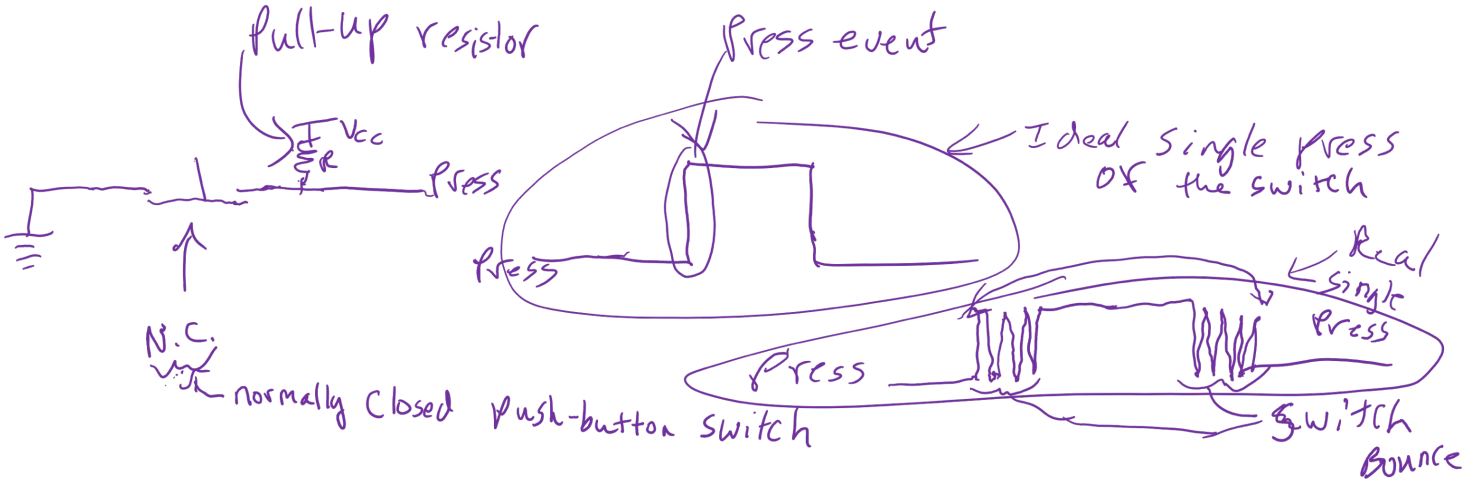


Example: Flashlight with Bouncing Push Button

- Level – 0 Block Diagram



- Description (Bouncing Pushbutton Switch)



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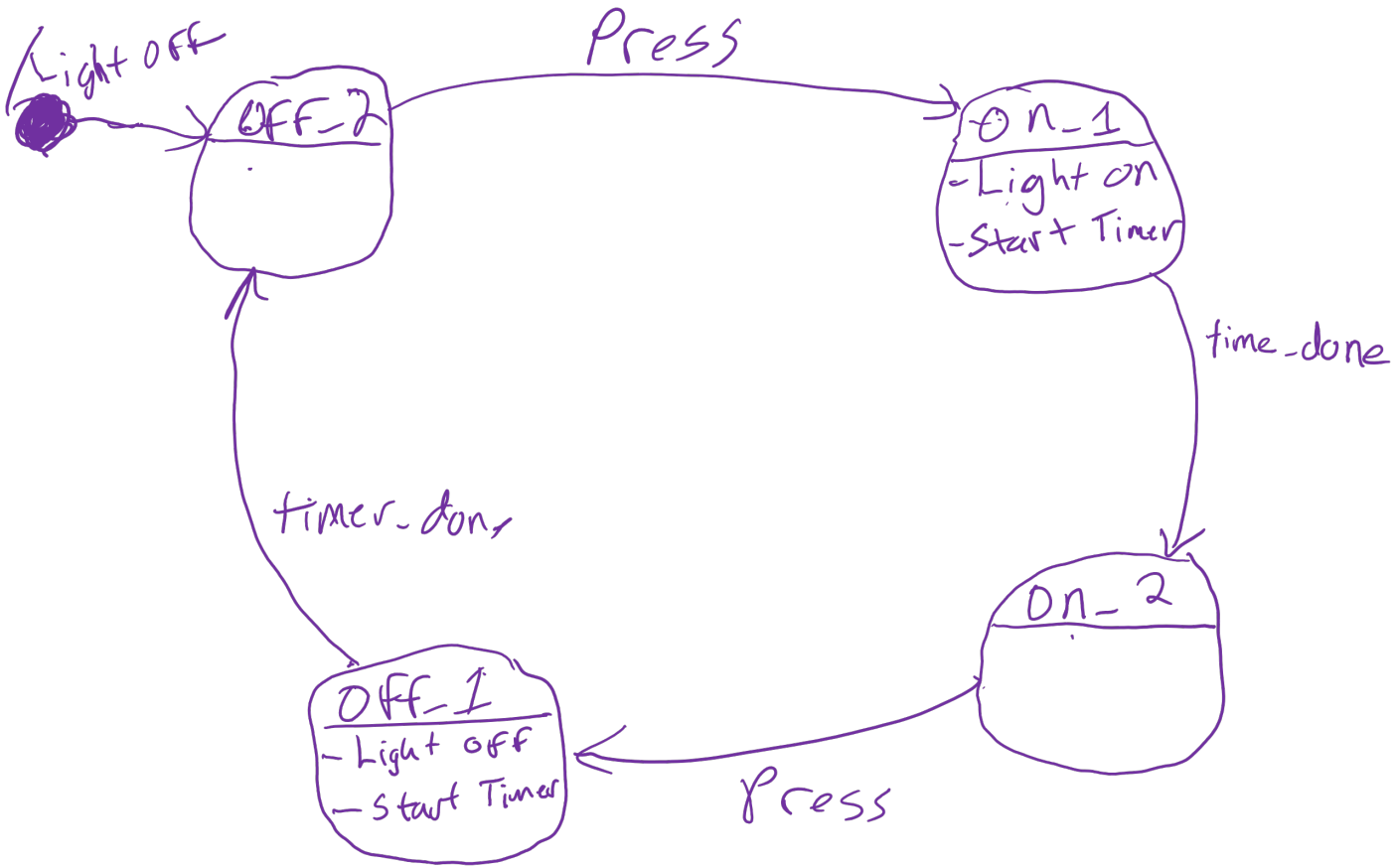

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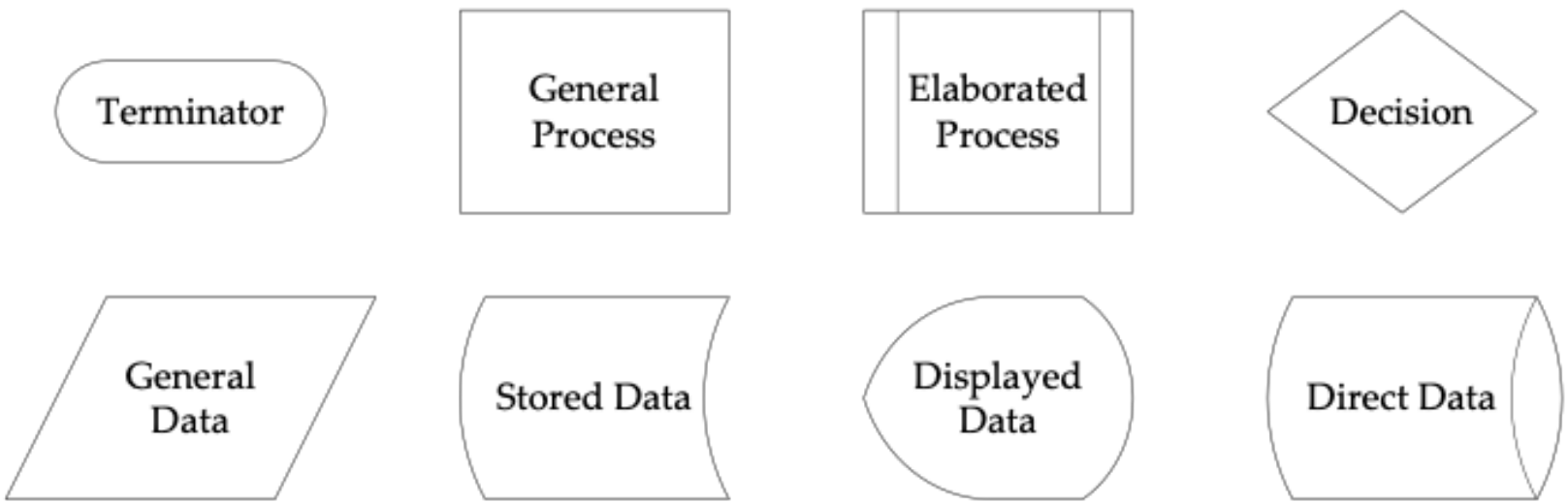
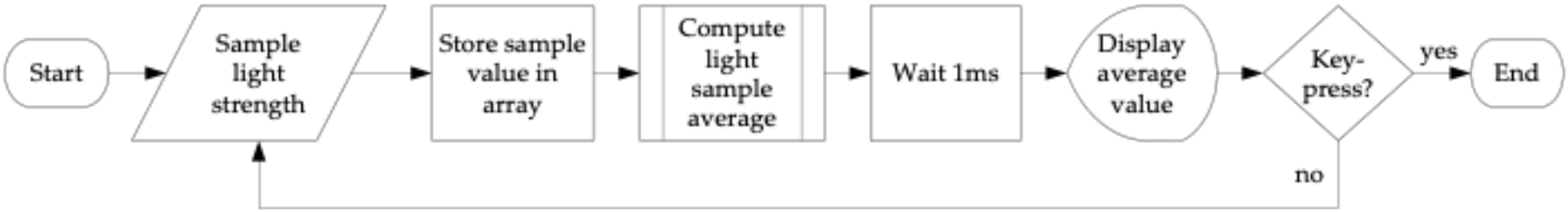
The "Lowly" Flowchart

Flowchart

The intention of a flowchart is to visually describe an algorithm, including its steps



Example: Light Monitoring System



- Can you figure out the operation of the system by looking at this?
- That is why the flowchart is elegant and not so lowly.

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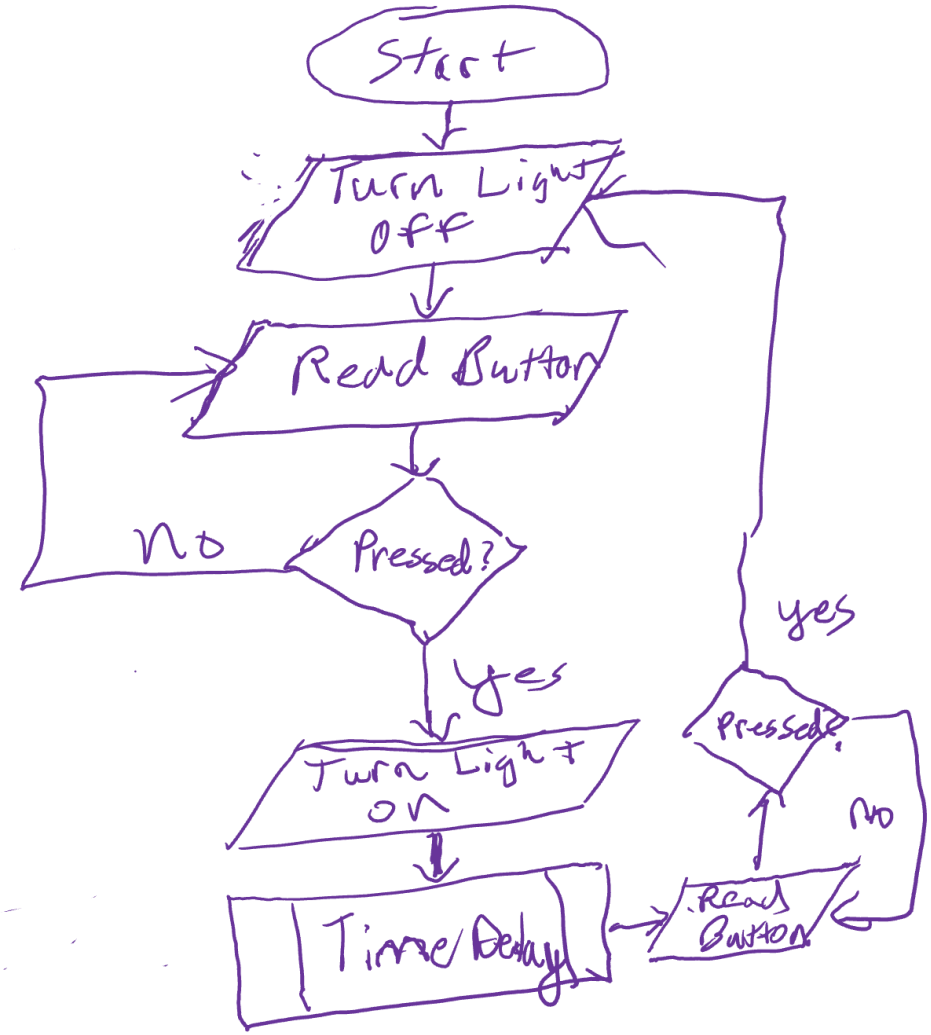

Example: Security Robot

Requirements (loosely)

- Must roam randomly around facility
- Detect intruders by recognizing sound
- Set-off an alarm if detects noise, transmit position, and wait.
- Must regularly conduct a self-test to determine if it is working properly.

Design Details

- Has the three ultrasonic sensors and can measure distance to objects to the left, forward, and right.
- Has a microphone that it uses to monitor sounds.

Problem: Develop a Flow Chart of its operation

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Data Flow Diagrams

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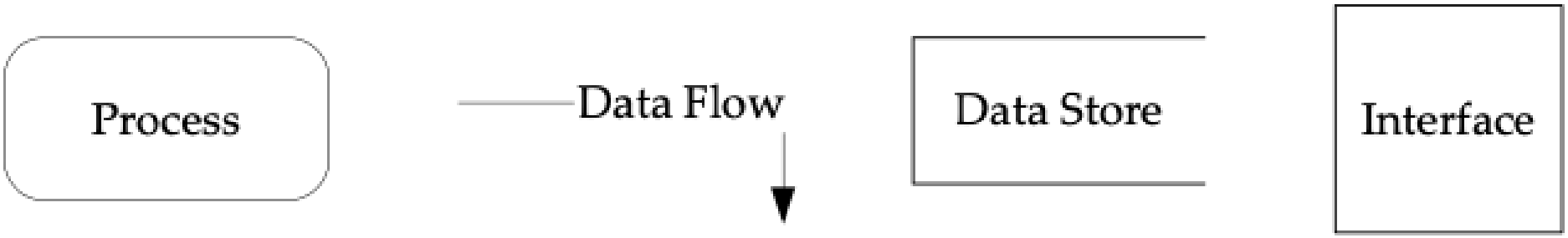
The main use is to model processing and flow of data within the system

- DFDs can have levels, just like functional block diagrams



Example: Video Browsing System

Inputs

- Video: Extemal video to the system that is entered into the video database.
- Browse Request: User request to browse a particular video.
- Shot Preview Request User request to preview a particular short from a video.

Outputs

- Storyboard: A sequence of frames Summarizing the entire Video.
- Shot: The complete video corresponding to the still image in the stor rhoard.

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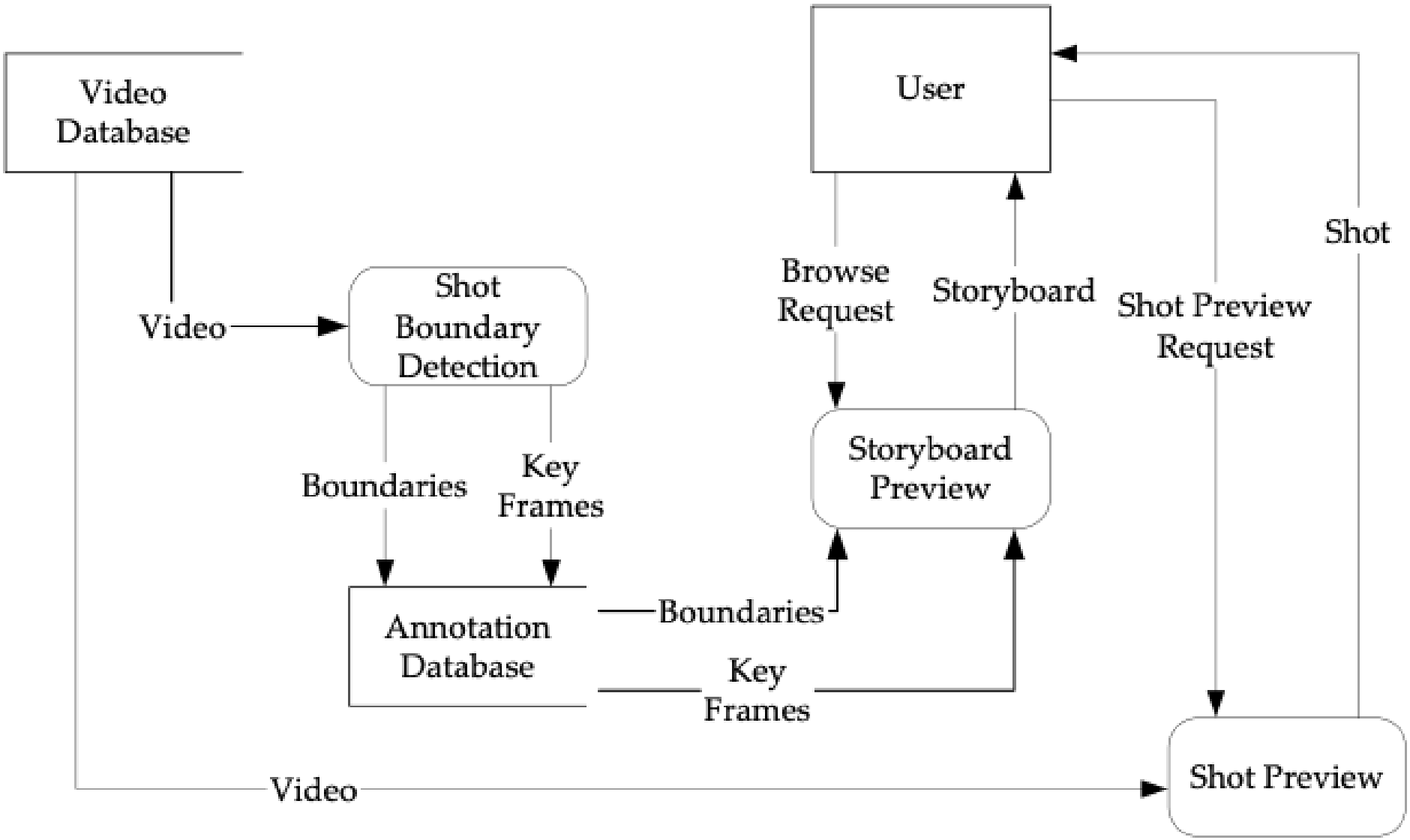

The DFD Event Table

Event	Trigger	Process	Source
Annotate Video	New Video Arrival	Shot Boundary Detection	System
View Storyboard	Browse Request	Storyboard Preview	User
View Shot	Shot Preview Request	Shot Preview	User

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- **Relationship** How the entities are related to one another

ERD Symbols

Entity

Relationship

Values on arcs represent the cardinality of the relashionship

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First we build entity relationship matrix

	Student	Course	Department
Student		takes many	majors in one
Course	has many	can require many / can be the prerequisite for many	is offered by one
Department	enrolls many	offers many	

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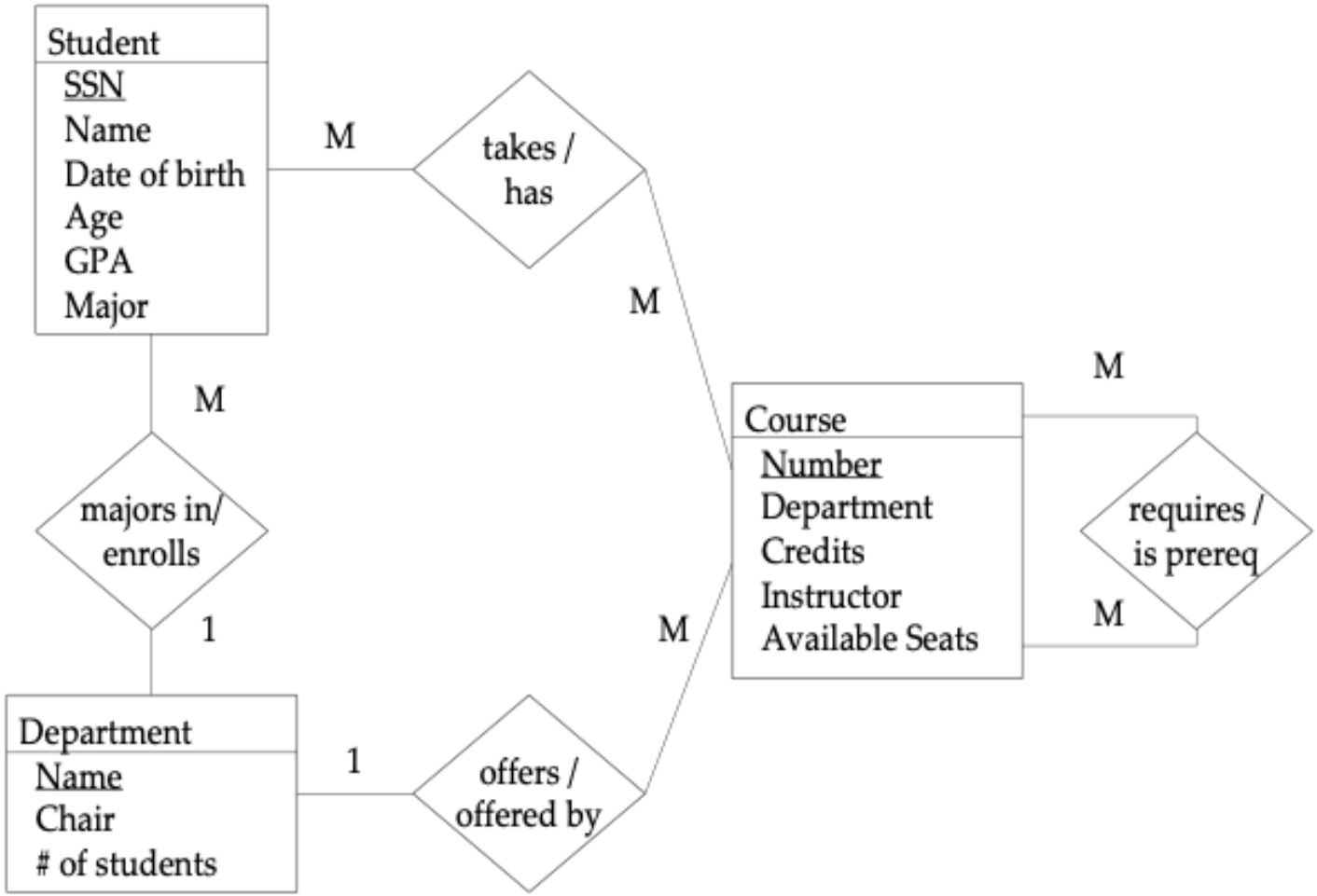
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SSN
Name
Date of birth
Age
GPA
Major
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takes / has
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Course
Number
Department
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Unified Modeling Language

- For object-oriented software design. Value in applying it to ECE Systems.
- Has 6 (at least) different views of systems (unified!).
- Only an overview is provided here

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- Place the order and groceries delivered at scheduled time.

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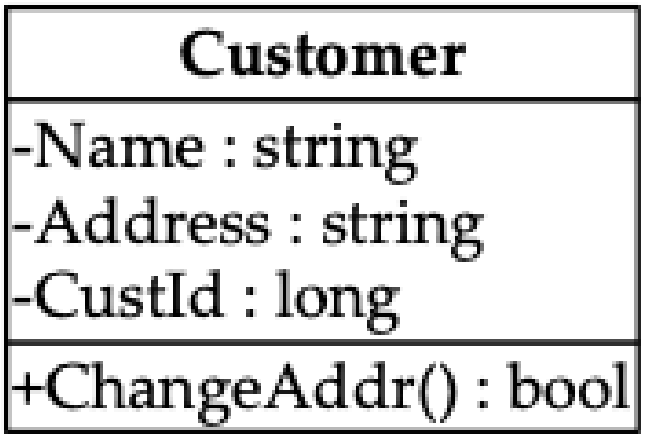
- Object view of software.
- **Classes** represent
  - Data Methods (functions) that operate on the data

Objects are



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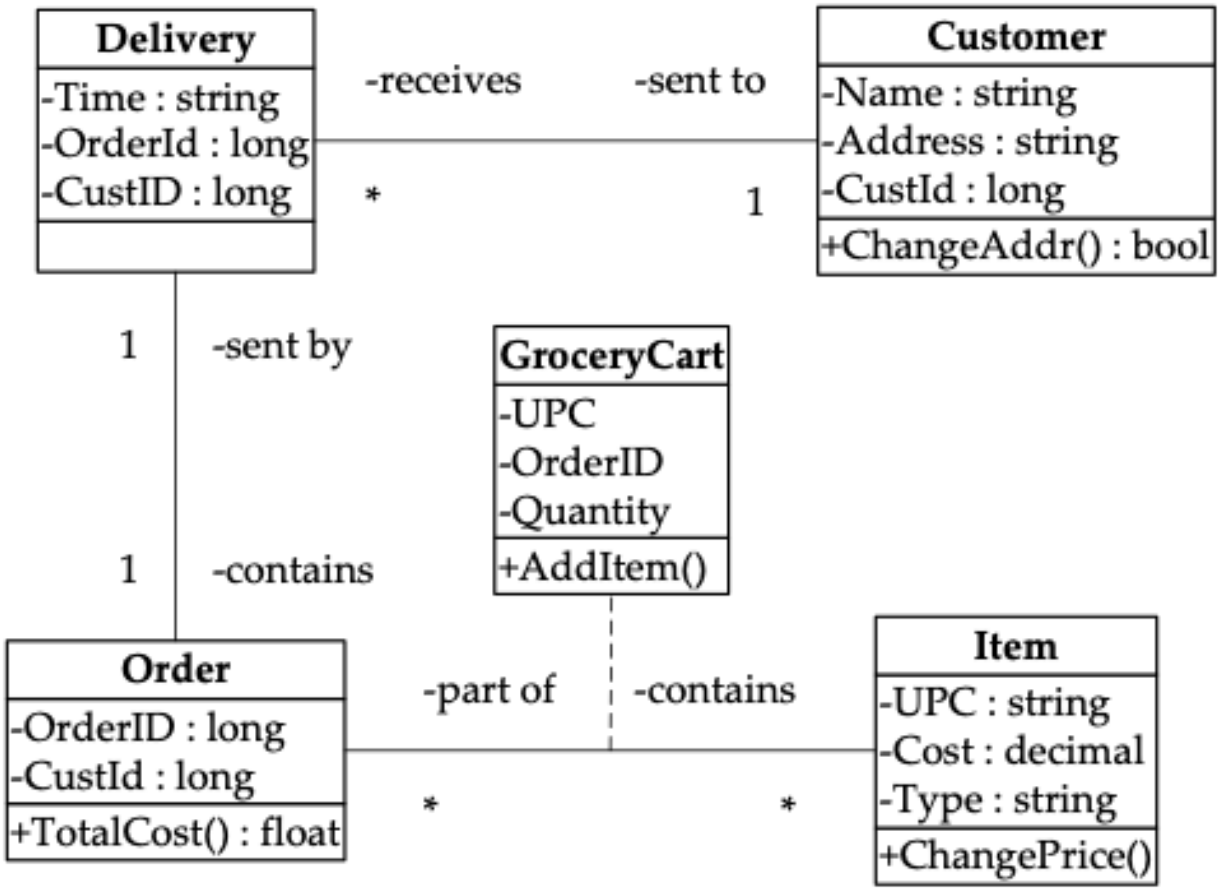
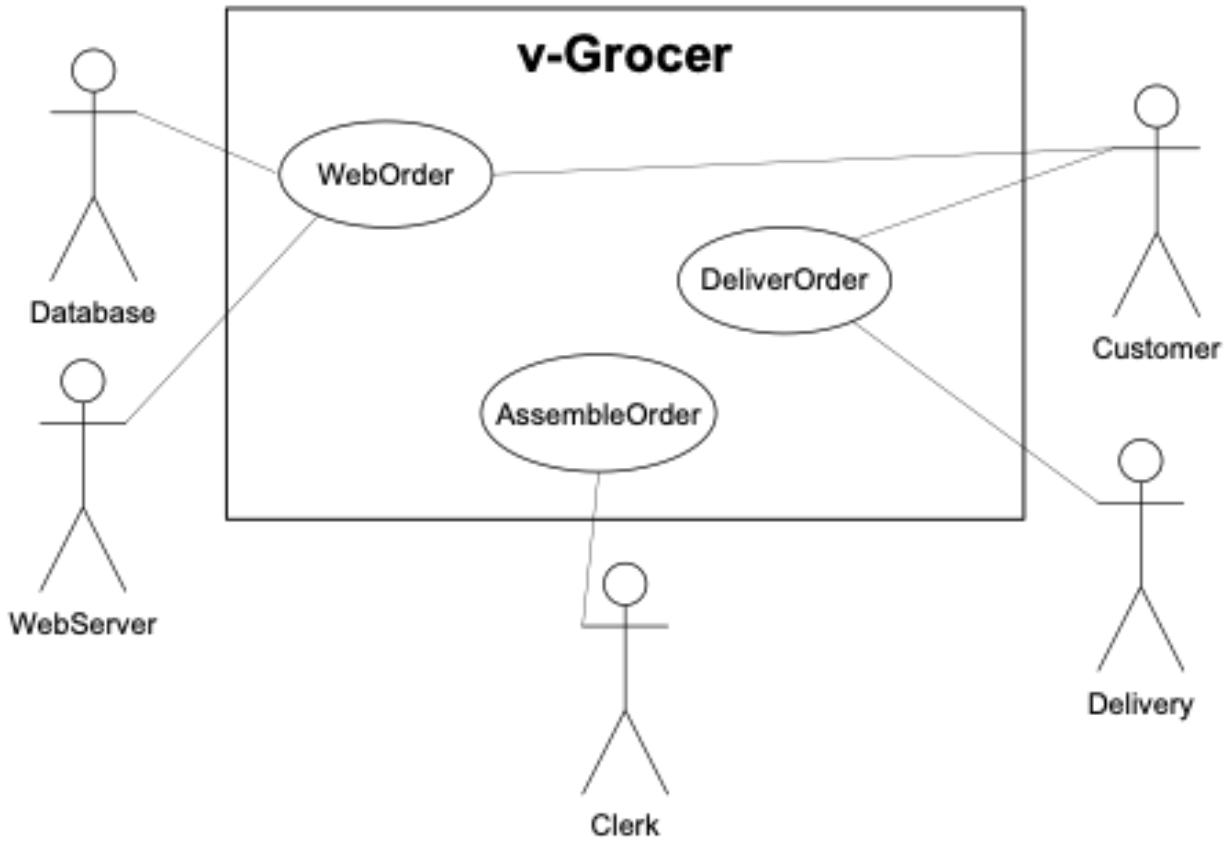


2- Use-Case View

- Used to capture the overall behavior from the user point of view
- Characterized by a Use-Case Diagram



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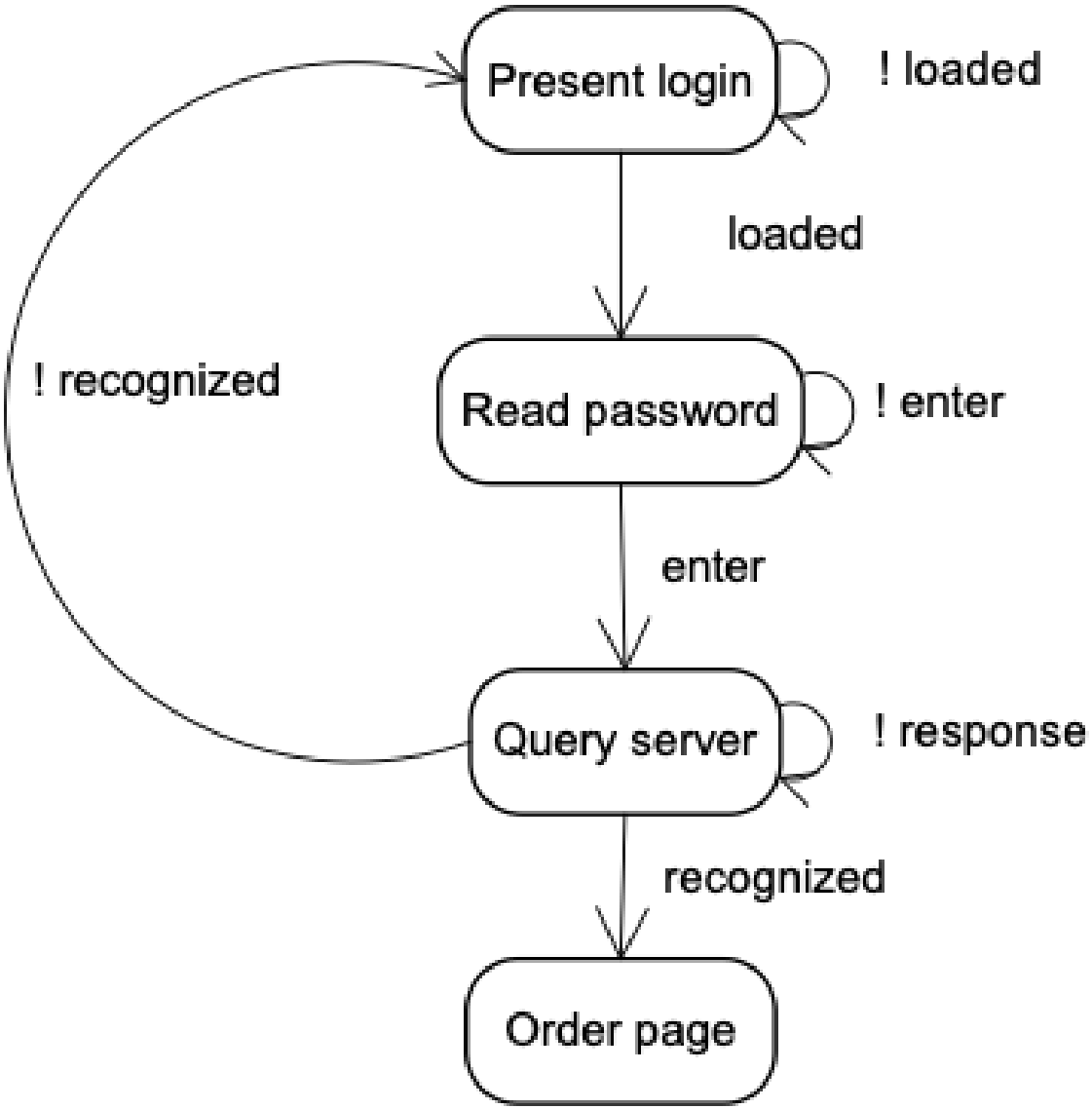
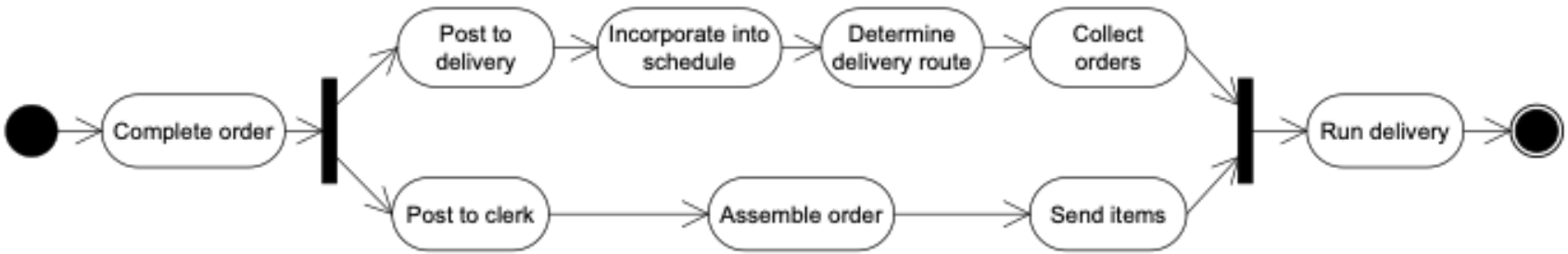
Use-Case	`WebOrder`
Actors	`Customer`, `Database`, and `WebServer`
Description	This use-case occurs when a customer submits an order via the `WebServer`. If it is a new customer, the `WebServer` prompts them to establish an account and their customer information is stored in the `Database` as a new entry. If they are an existing customer, they have the opportunity to update their personal information.
Stimulus	Customer order via the `GroceryCart`.
Response	Verify payment, availability of order items, and if successful trigger the `AssembleOrder` use-case.

3- State Machine View



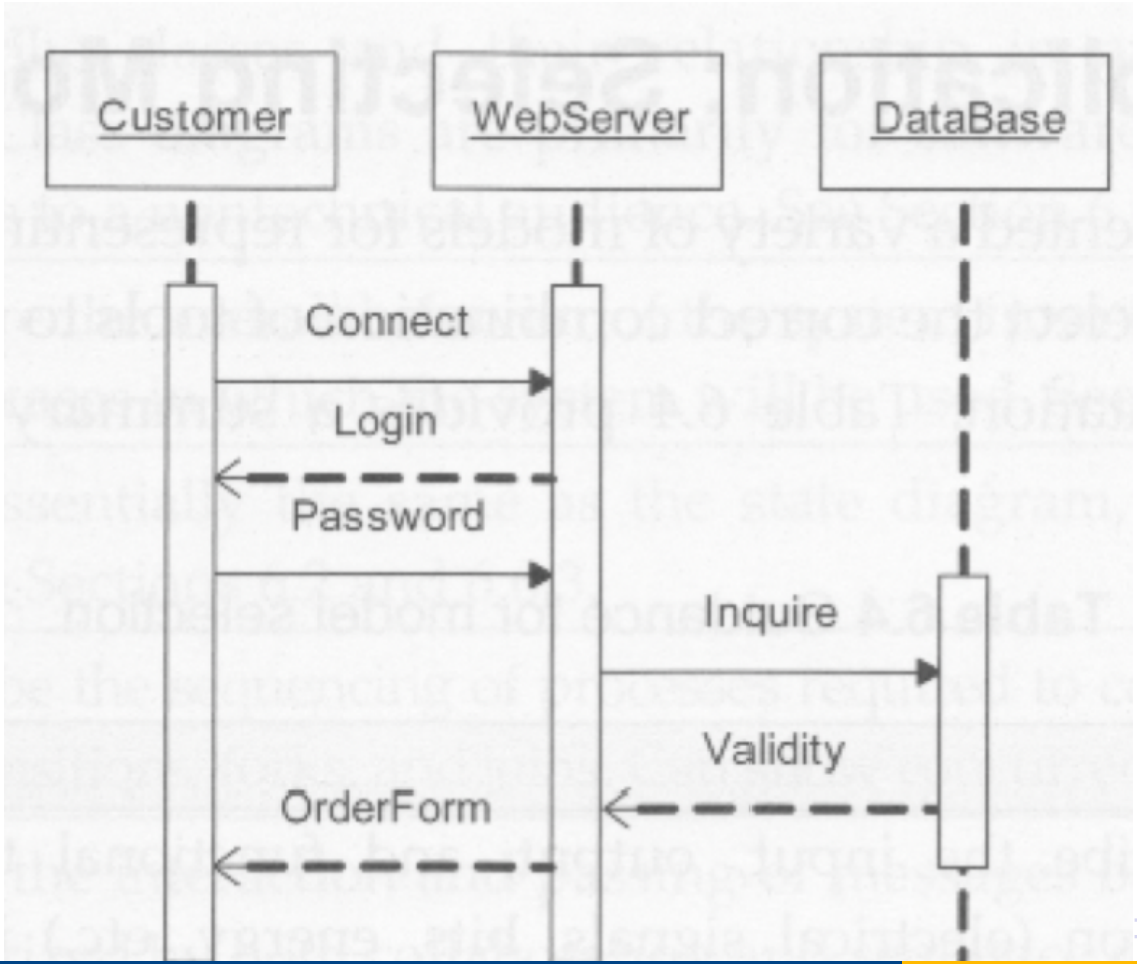
4- Activity View

- Intention = describe a sequence of activities needed to complete a task.



5- Interaction View

- Intention = to show interaction between objects (when they must cooperate to do something useful)
- Example is sequence diagram



6- Physical View

- Show the physical components that constitute the system.
- Can think of this much more generally than presentation in UML.

Summary

- Models are an abstraction of system.
- Models can be thought of as a design specification.
- Models have different intentions for describing behavior.
- Models should encourage innovation and provide for clear documentation.

Questions