

Data Flow Diagram
State Transition Diagram

DFD introduction

- **DFD Introduction**

- Data Flow Diagrams (DFDs) are **a graphical/representation** of systems and systems components.
- They show the **functional relationships** of the values computed by a system, including **input values, output values, and internal data stores**.
- It's a graph showing the flow of data values from their sources in objects through processes/functions that transform them to their destinations in other objects.

Data Flow Diagramming Rules

Data Flow

- **Unidirectional flows** – Data moves in one direction only
- **Forking allowed** – Same data can go to multiple destinations
- **Joining allowed *only if identical*** – Data must be exactly the same
- **No recursion** – A process cannot send data to itself
- **Use noun phrases** – For naming data flows, stores, and sources/sinks (like **Customer Order**) – **(Send Order)**

Data Flow Diagramming Rules

Data Stores & Sources/Sinks – Key Rules

- **No direct flow between two data stores**
 - Must use a process in between
- **No direct flow between a data store and a source/sink**
 - A process must handle the data
- **No flow between two sources/sinks**
 - It's either not useful, or a process is missing
- **Always show a process** to read from or write to a data store
- **Processes represent system work – without them, nothing is happening**

Data Flow Diagramming Rules

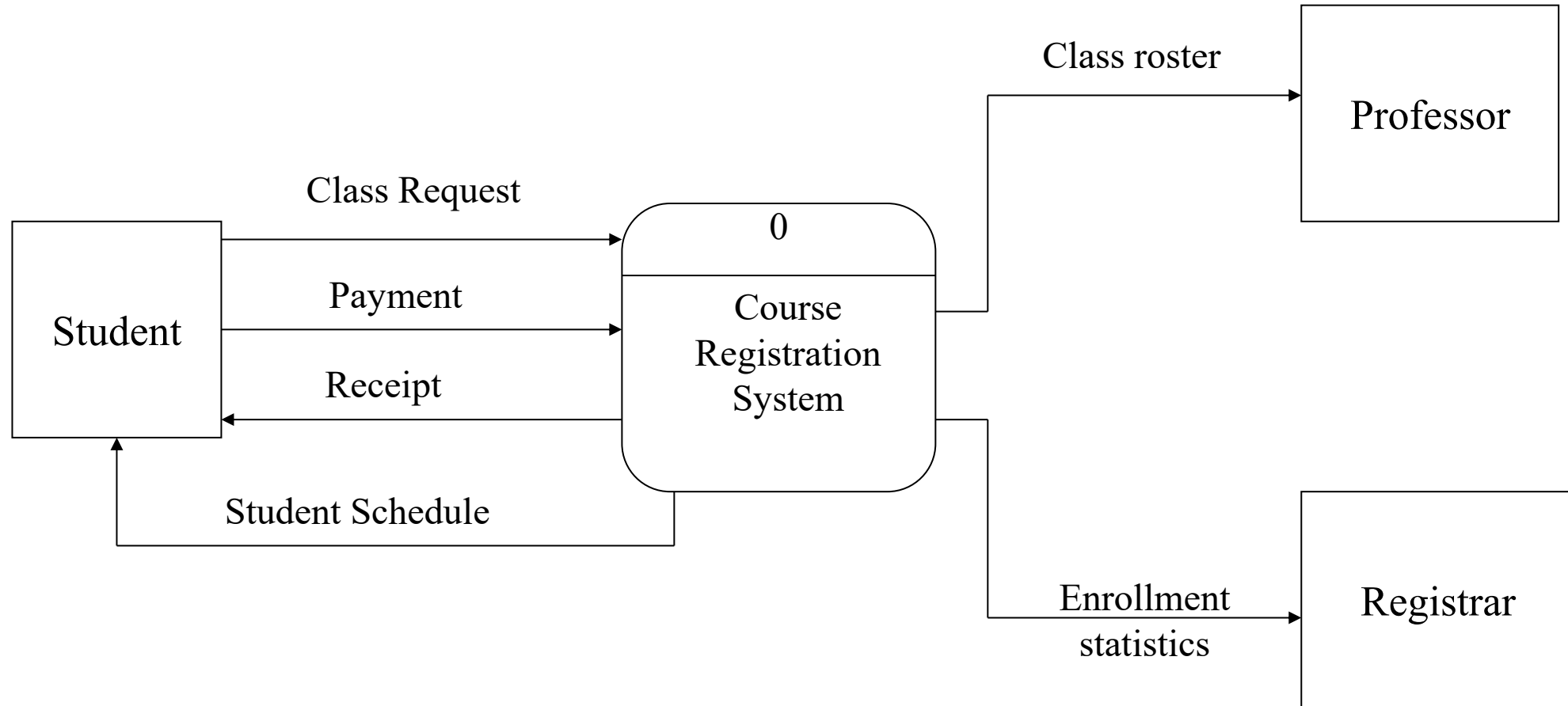
- **Processes**

- a process must have at least one input
- a process must have at least one output
- Context level process → Just the system name (no verb needed)
- Lower-level process → Should describe the action (verb phrase: “Update Customer Record”)
- Physical DFD → **Can use longer phrases for more detail.**
- “Send email to finance department”
- “Print student registration confirmation form”

Practice

- Develop a context diagram for a course registration system

Course Registration: Context level Diagram

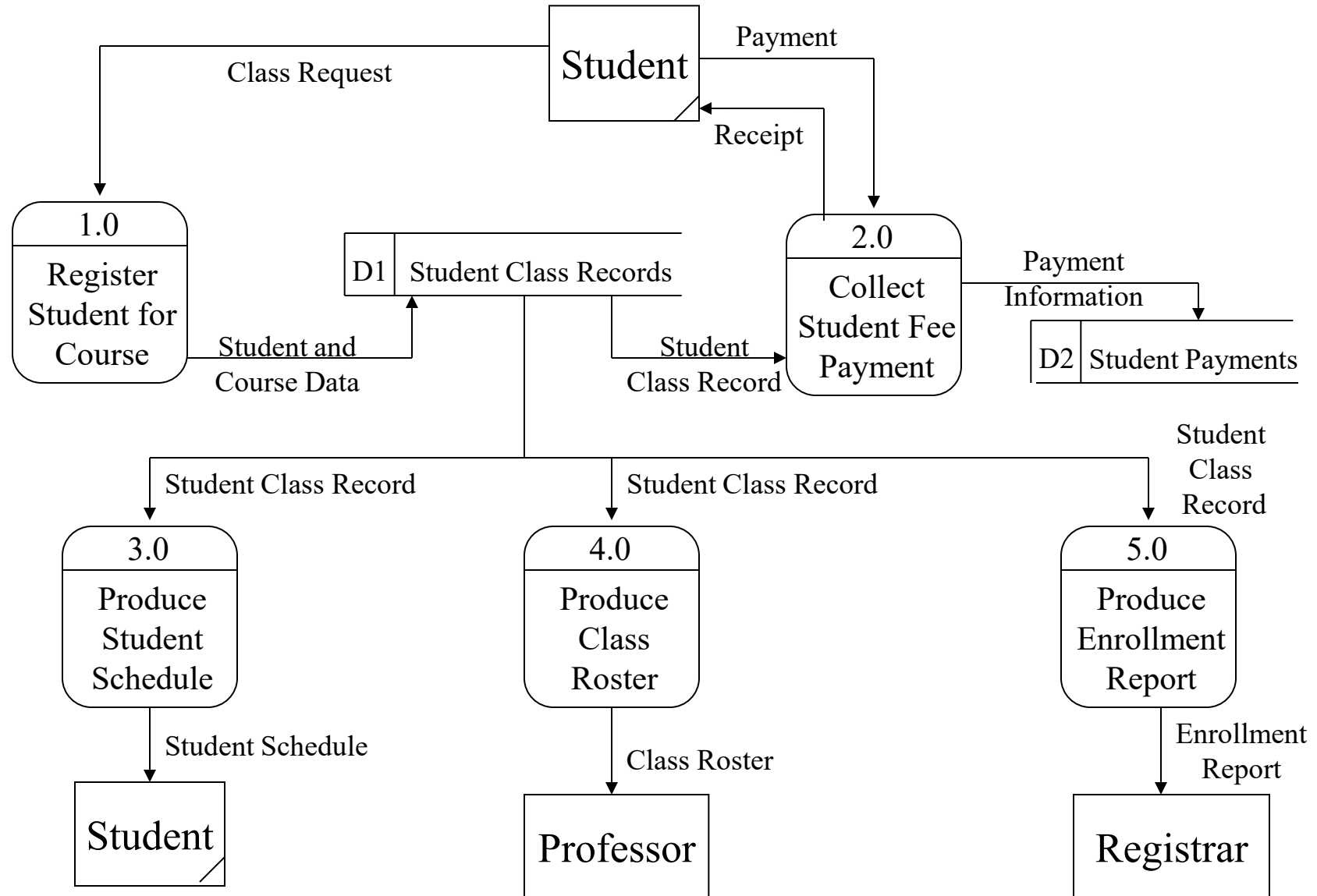


Level 0 Diagram

Exploding a Process (DFD Decomposition)

- **Process is “exploded”**
 - Break one big process into smaller sub-processes
- **Sources, sinks, and data flows are repeated**
 - Keep external entities and flows from the context diagram
- **Process is broken down into sub-processes**
 - Label sub-processes like 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, etc.
- **Lower-level data flows and data stores are added**
 - Show internal data movement and storage not shown before
- **Gives more detail**
 - Helps understand how the system really works inside

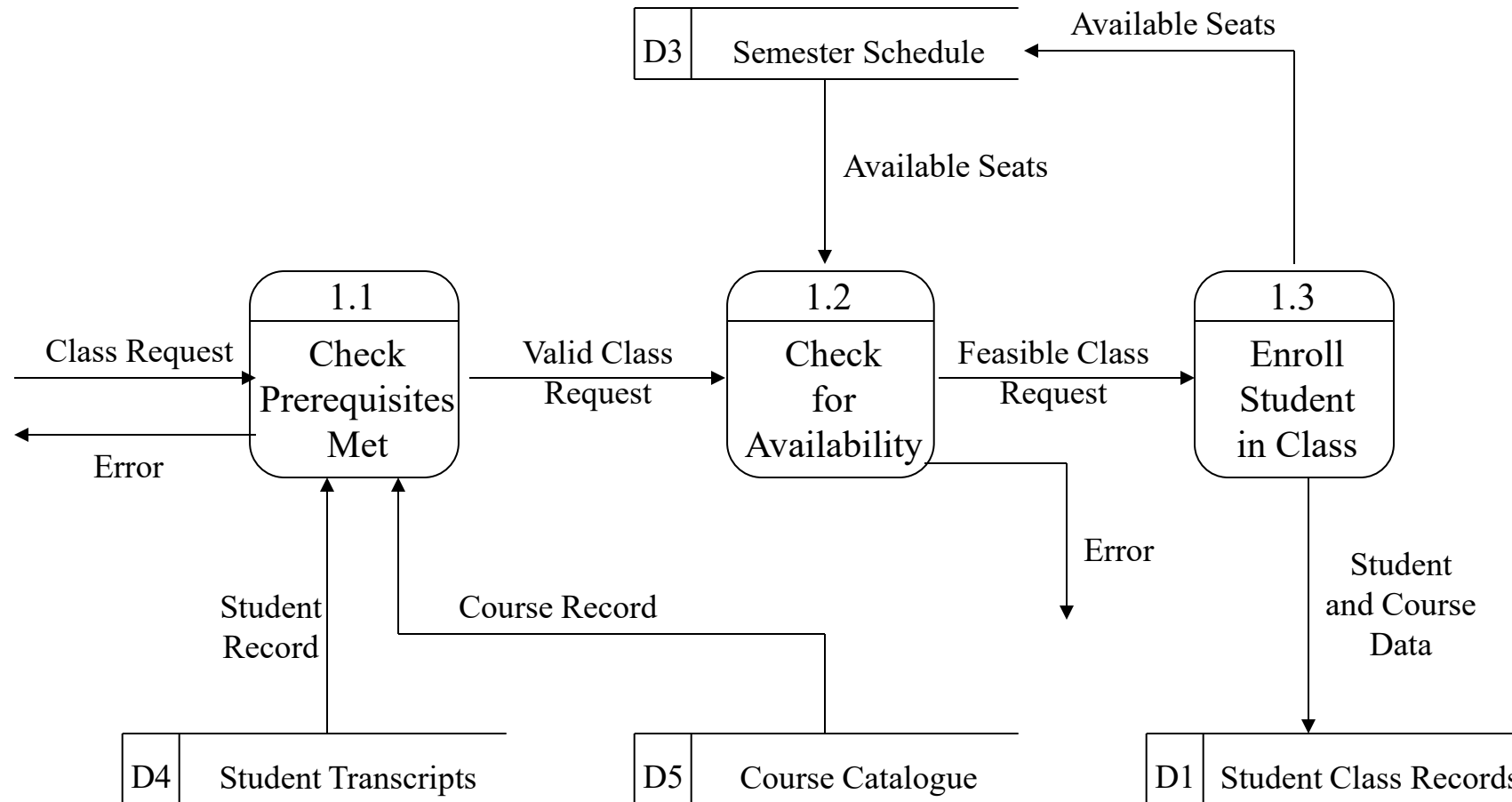
Course Registration: Current Logical Level 0 Diagram



Child Diagrams

- “Explode” one process in level 0 diagram
- Break down into lower-level processes, using numbering scheme
- Must include all data flow into and out of “parent” process in level 0 diagram
- Don’t include sources and sinks
- May add lower-level data flows and data stores

Course Registration: Current Logical Child Diagram



Class Activity: "Draw a DFD for a Student Attendance System"

Scenario:

- Teachers record student attendance daily.
- The system stores attendance data and generates reports for each student.
- Students and parents can view their attendance records online.
- Admin staff can generate monthly or yearly attendance summaries.

Step-by-Step Breakdown:

Part 1: Identify DFD Elements

- **External Entities:**

- Teacher
- Student
- Parent
- Admin Staff

Step-by-Step Breakdown:

- **Processes:**

- Record Attendance
- View Attendance
- Generate Reports

- **Data Stores:**

- Student Database
- Attendance Records

Step-by-Step Breakdown:

- **Data Flows:**

- Attendance Sheet
- Attendance Report
- Student Info
- Summary Request

- **Part 2: Level 0 DFD**

- Single process: “Attendance Management System”
- Connect all external entities with relevant data flows

Step-by-Step Breakdown:

Part 3: Level 1 DFD

- Expand the main process into sub-processes:
- Record Daily Attendance
- Store Attendance Data
- View Student Attendance
- Generate Admin Reports

Include:

- How each process interacts with data stores
- How external users interact with specific processes

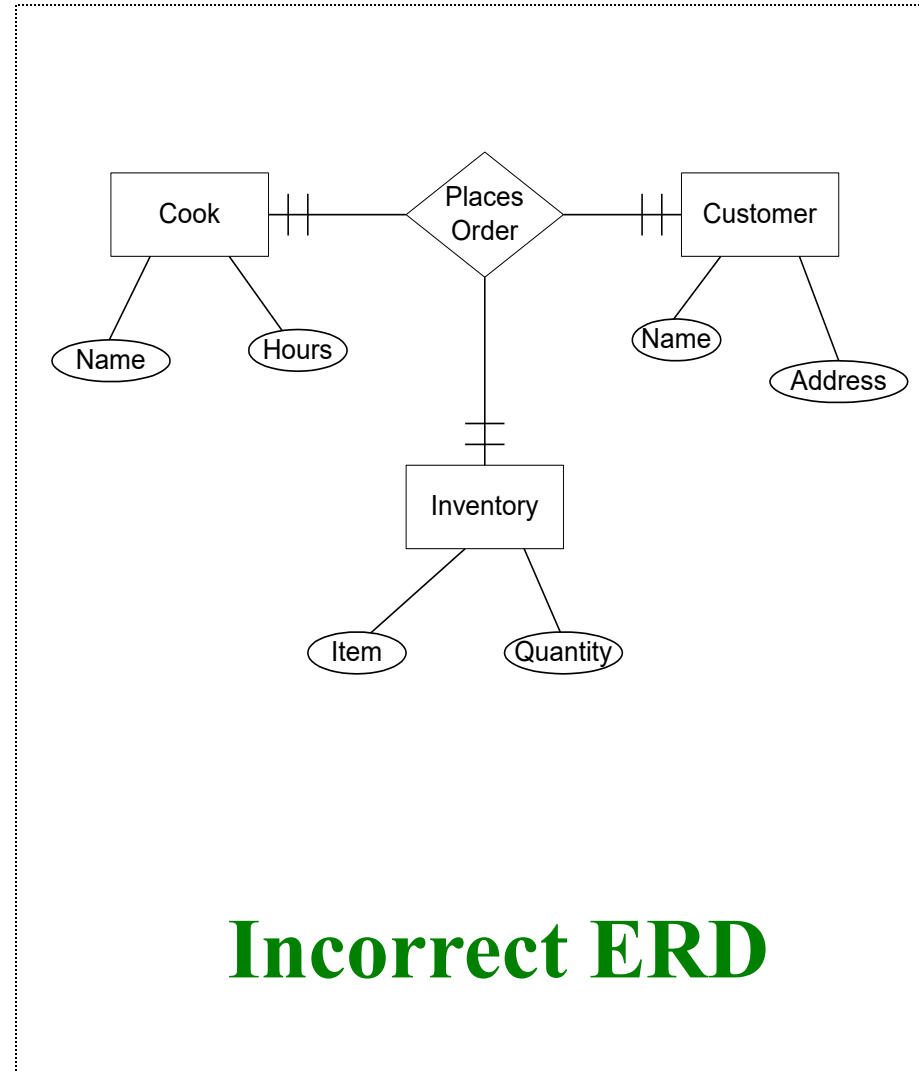
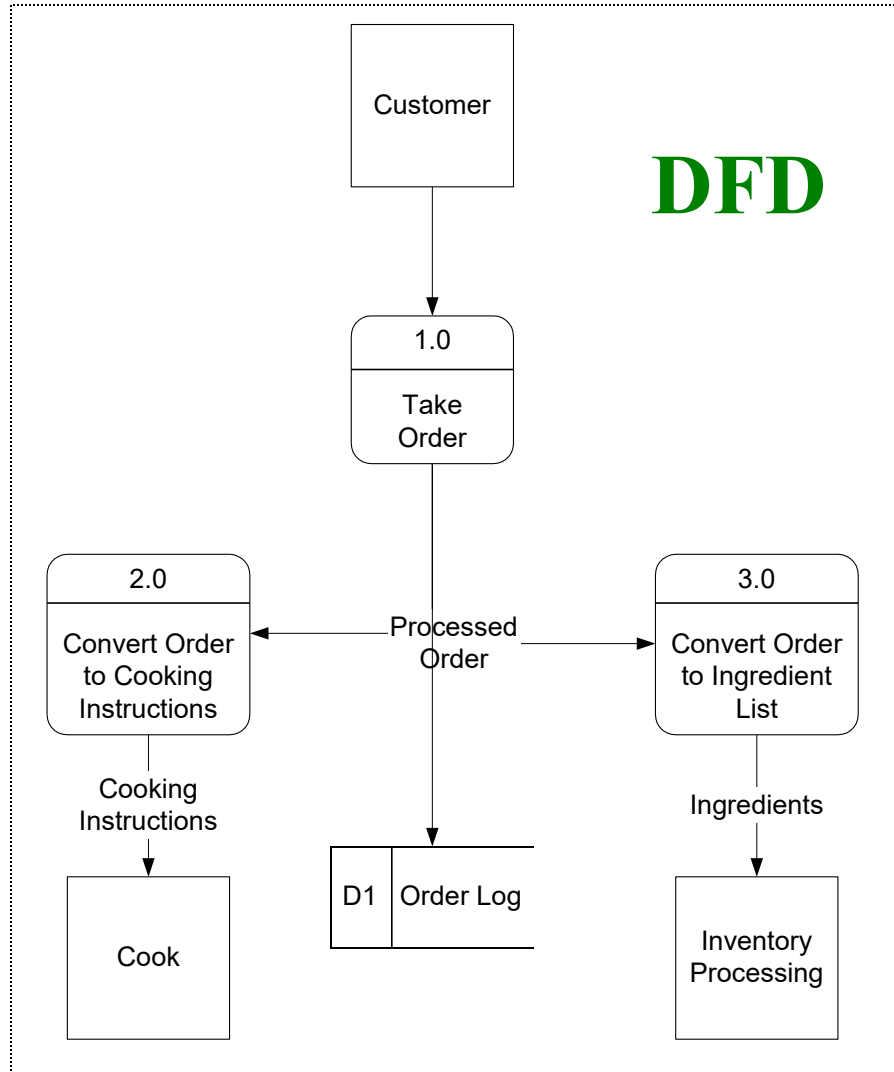
DFDs and ERDs

- DFDs and ERDs are both used to model systems, but they show two very different perspectives on the system
- A DFD shows what the system **does** as well as the **data** that the system manipulates
- An ERD shows **only** the **data** that the system manipulates.

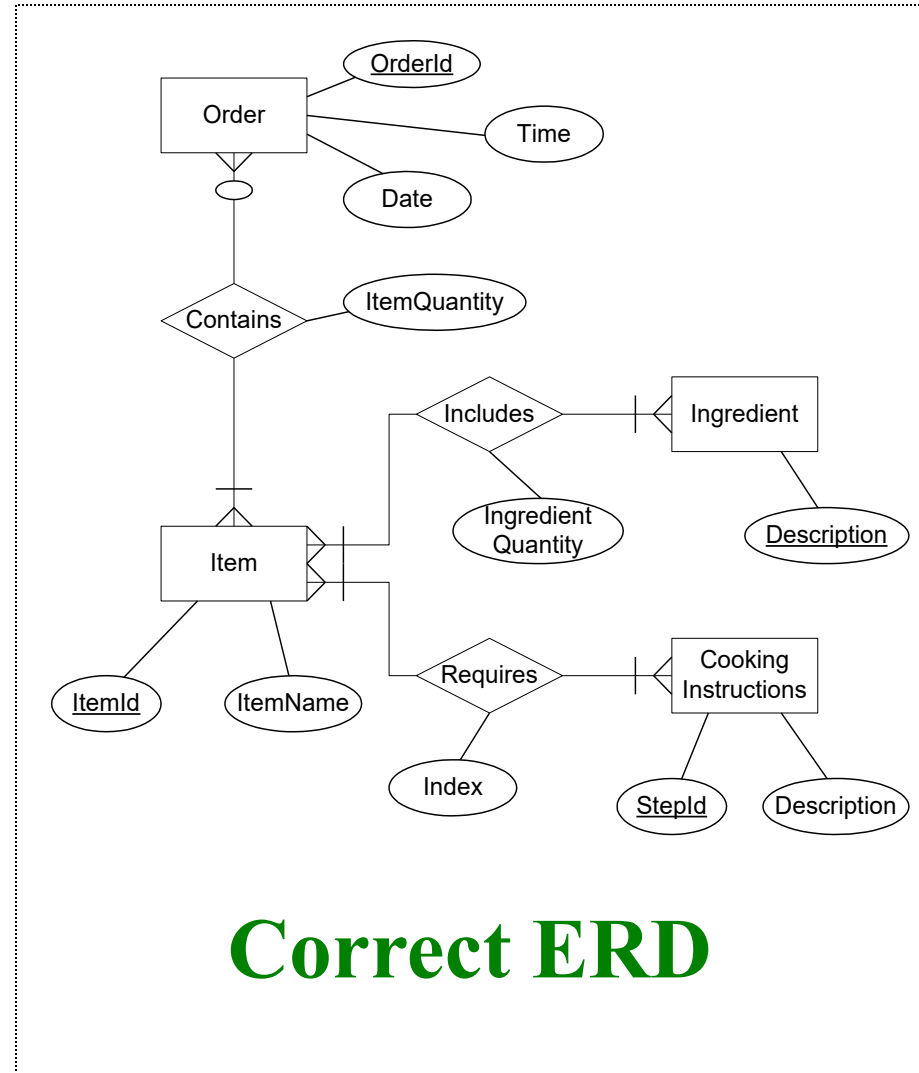
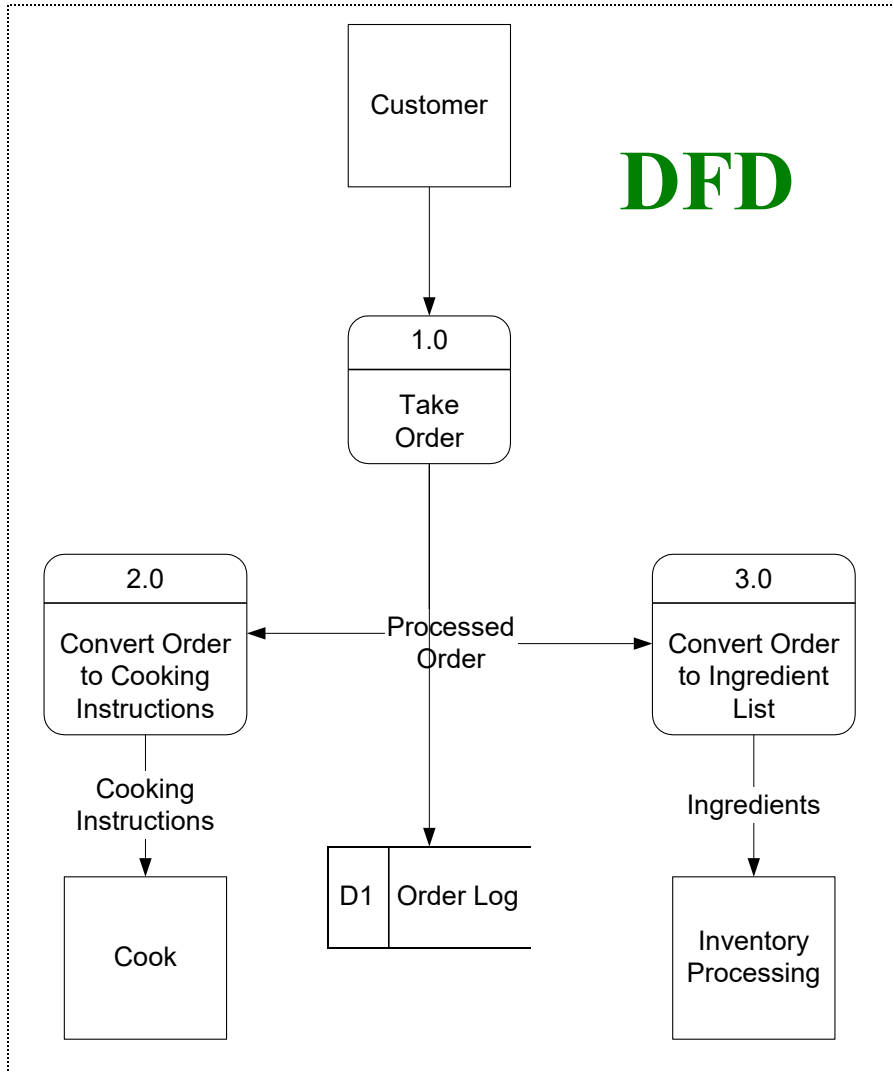
DFDs and ERDs (cont.)

- **Entities** on an ERD often (but not always) correspond to **data stores** on a DFD
- **Attributes** on an ERD usually correspond to **data elements** (listed in the data dictionary) that make up the data store and data flows on a DFD
- **Relationships** on an ERD **do not** correspond to **processes** on a DFD.
- **Sources and sinks** on a DFD usually **do not** show up as **entities** on an ERD

Example DFD and ERD



Example DFD and ERD



State Transition Diagram

State Transition Diagram

- *What is State Transition Diagram?*

- State transition diagrams are used to show how the system respond to the user.
- It indicates how the system moves from one state to another.
- It also show what actions are taken as a result of some event

State Transition Diagram

- A **State Transition Diagram (STD)** is a **behavioral diagram** used in software engineering and system design to **show how an object or system transitions from one state to another** in response to events.
- A State Transition Diagram shows:
- **States:** The different situations or conditions the system can be in.
- **Transitions:** How the system moves from one state to another based on events or actions.
- **Events:** Triggers that cause the change in state.

State Transition Diagram Elements

- *Elements of State Transition Diagram*

- **State**

- Is a set of functions and its needed data.
- At any time a particular STD can only be in one state.

- **Transition**

- A transition is a change in state caused by an event.
- The transition is a directed line between the old state and the new state.
- The line is labeled with the name of the event.

- **Start**

- The initial state.

- **Stop**

- The Final state

State Transition Diagram [State]

- *What is State?*

- A state is an observable mode of behavior(Function + Data).
- The state of the system determines the response to different events.



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State Transition Diagram[Transition]

- *What is Transition?*

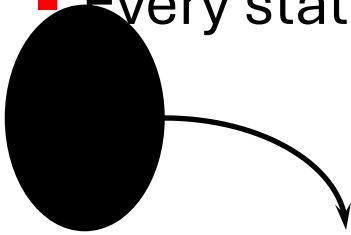
- The transition is an activity causing the system to move from one state to another
event/action



State Transition Diagram [Start]

- *What is Start state?*

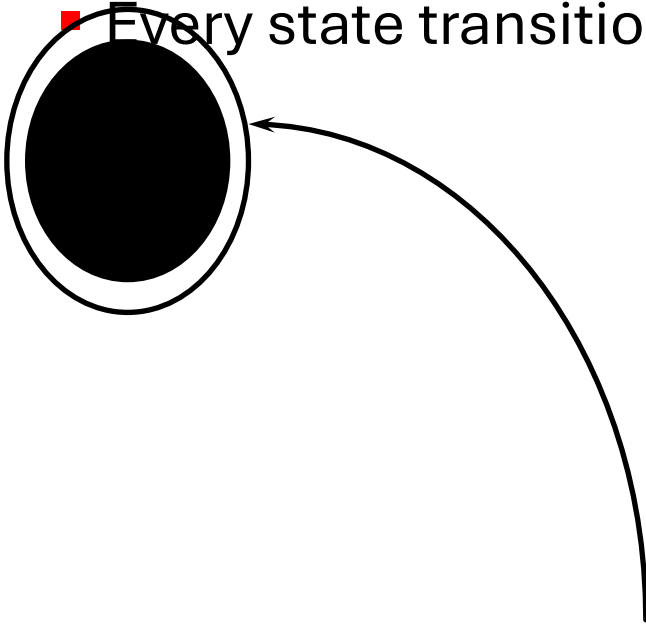
- Every state transition diagram must have a start symbol



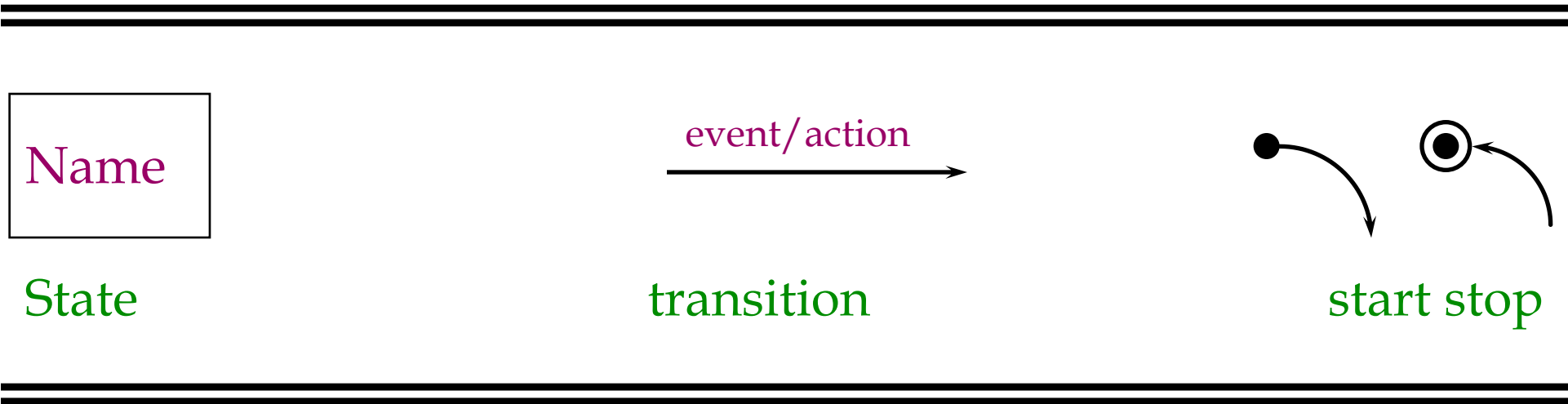
State Transition Diagram [stop]

- What is stop state?

- Every state transition diagram may have one or more stop symbols.



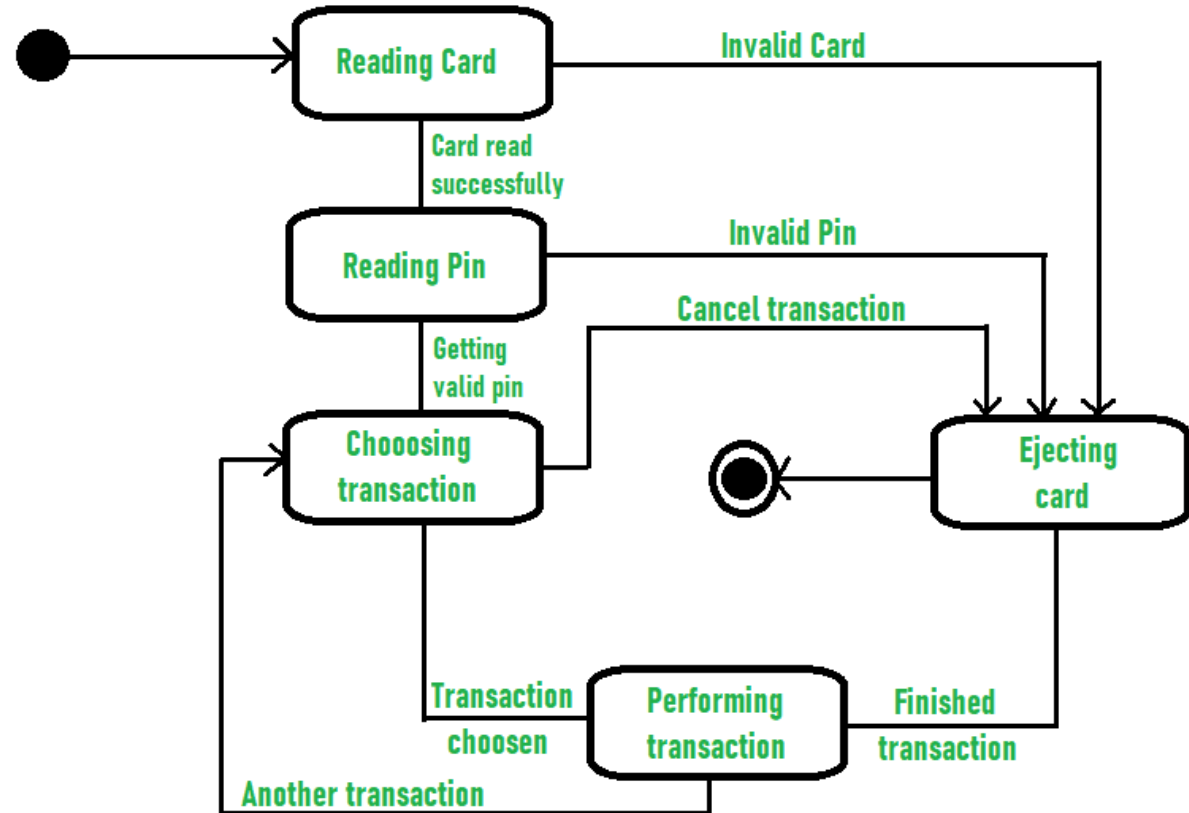
State Transition Diagram



State Transition Diagram Example

- **Example?**

- ATM state machine example



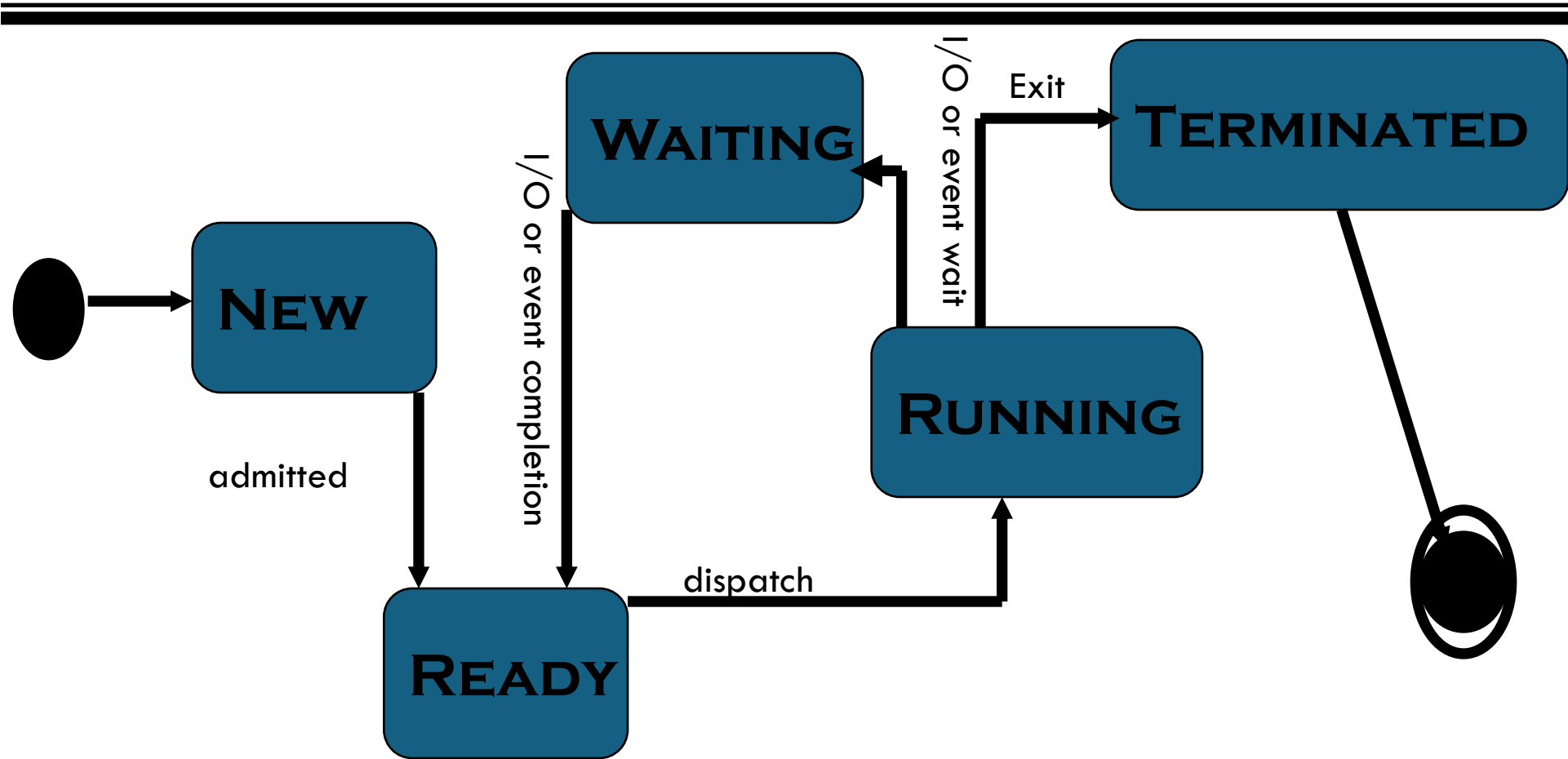
State Transition Diagram for ATM System

[Process execution][windows] Example

- **Possible states are**

- New
- Ready
- Running
- Waiting
- Terminated

Process execution[windows]



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