

Services: when specification meets implementation

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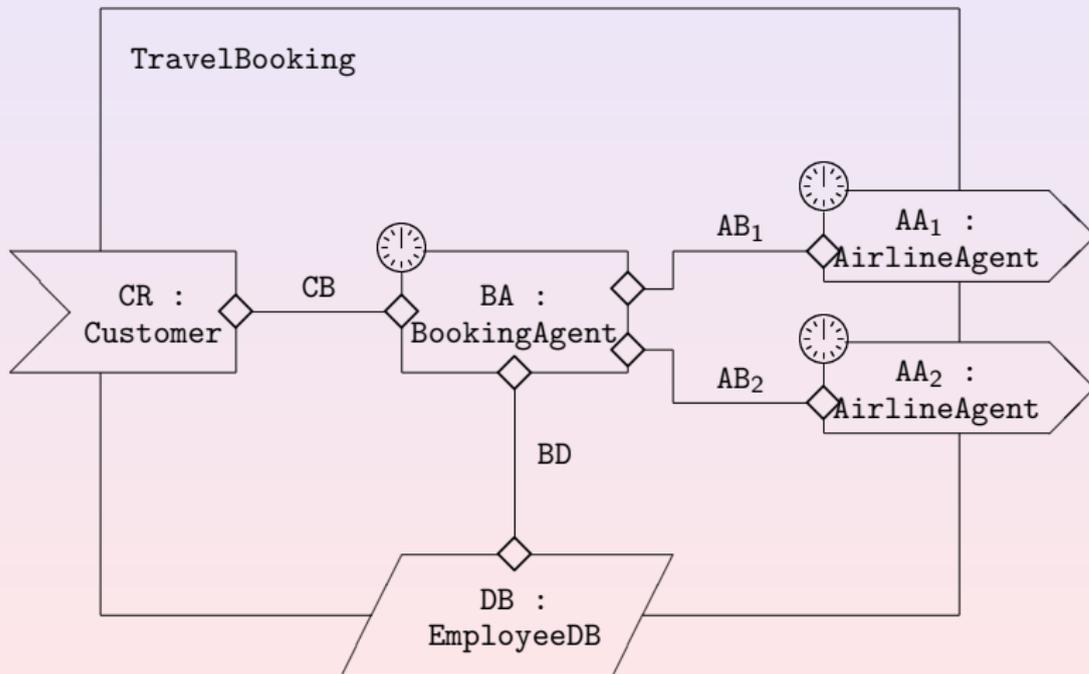
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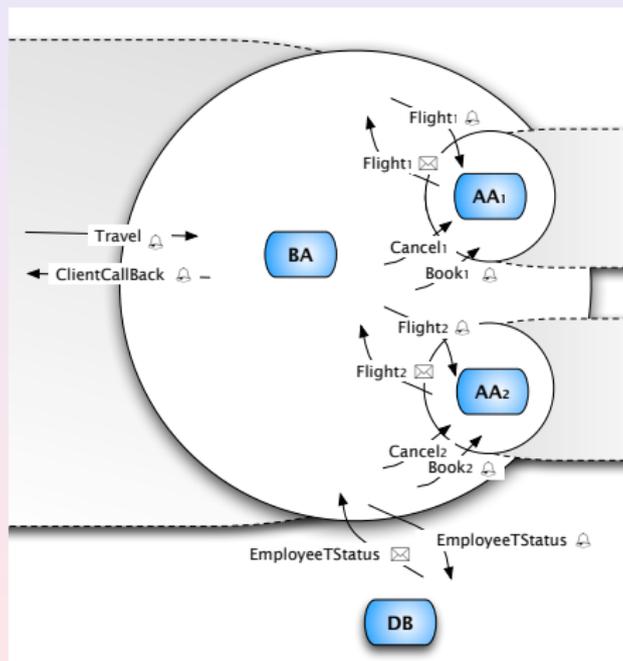
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Specification: diagram



Implementation: diagram



Insight #1

There's a clear structural correspondence between specification and implementation!

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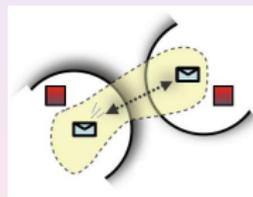
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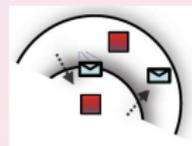
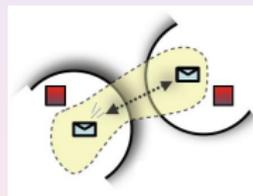
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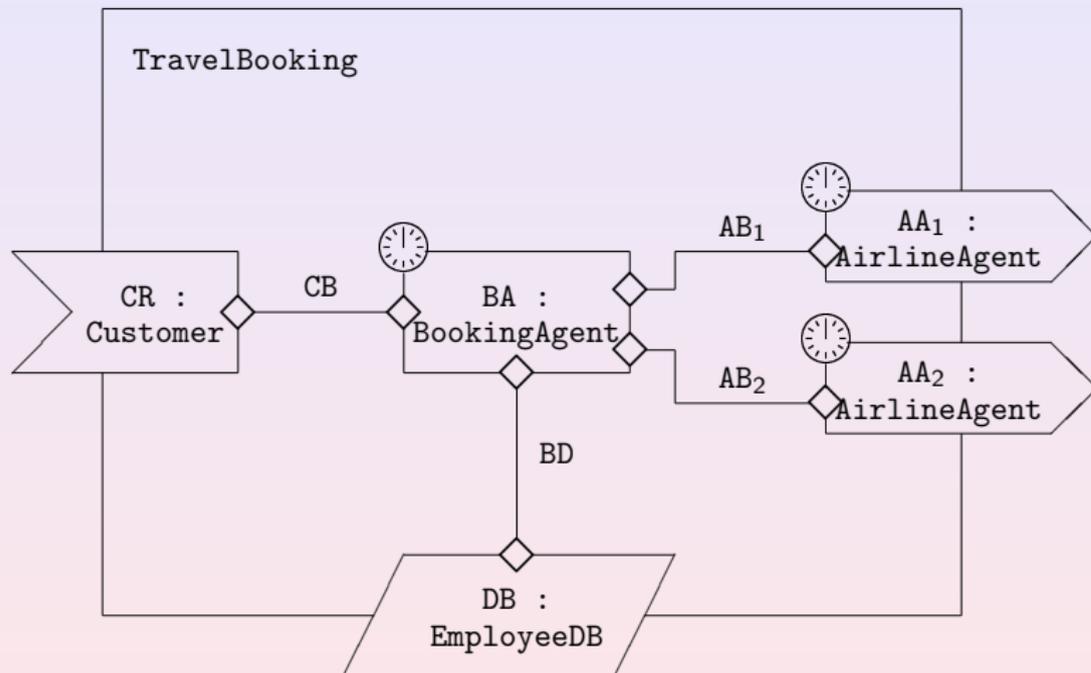


Naïve implementation

```

def travelApp ⇒ (
  instance alphaAir ▷ flightAvails ← (
    in ↑ flightRequestAA(flightData,travelClass).
    out ← flightDetails(flightData,travelClass).
    in ← flightTicket(response,price).
    out ↑ flightResponseAA(response,price).
    (in ↑ bookAA().out ← bookFlight().
     +in ↑ cancelAA().out ← cancelFlight())
  ) | ... |
  in ← travelRequest(employee,flightData).
  out ↑ employeeTStatusRequest(employee).
  in ↑ employeeTStatusResponse(travelClass).
  out ↓ flightRequestAA(flightAA,travelClass).out ↓ flightRequestDA(flightDA,travelClass).
  ( (in ↓ flightResponseAA(priceAA,flightAA).out ↓ Done)|
    (in ↓ flightResponseDA(priceDA,flightDA).out ↓ Done)|
    (in ↓ Done.in ↓ Done.
     if (priceAA<priceDA) then
       (out ← travelResponse(flightAA).out ↓ bookAA().out ↓ cancelDA())
       else (out ← travelResponse(flightDA).out ↓ bookDA().out ↓ cancelAA())
    )))
)

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Insight #1 (rephrased)

An implementation will consist of several subprocesses running in parallel.

COMPONENTS

BA: BookingAgent

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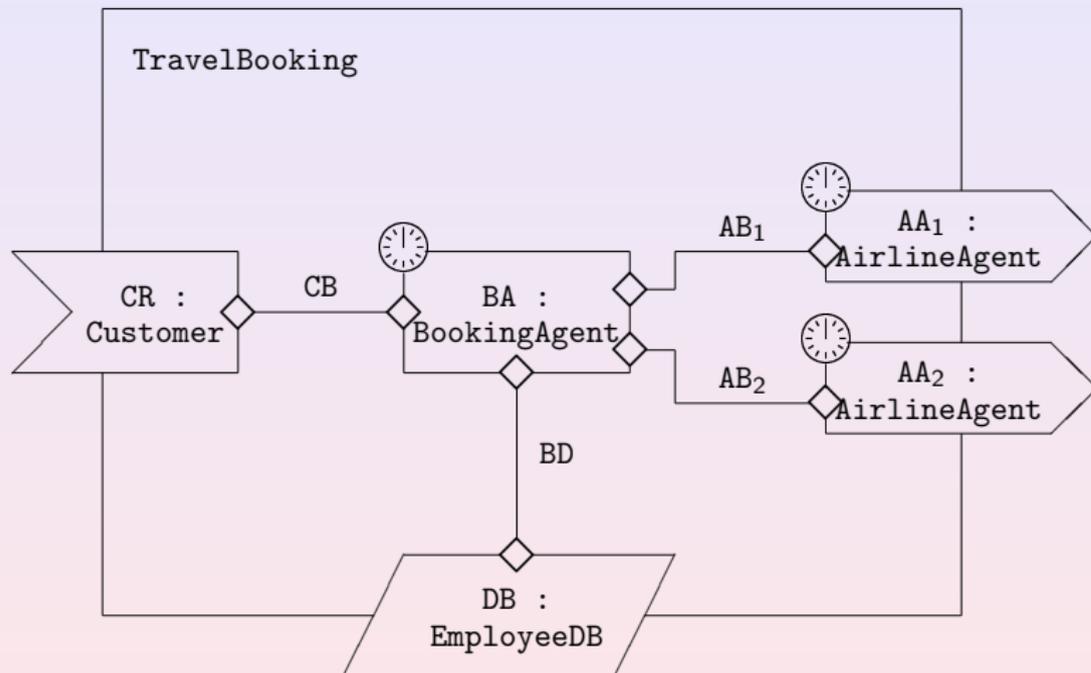
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INTERACTION

r&s EmployeeTStatus

 emp: employee

 cl: travelClass

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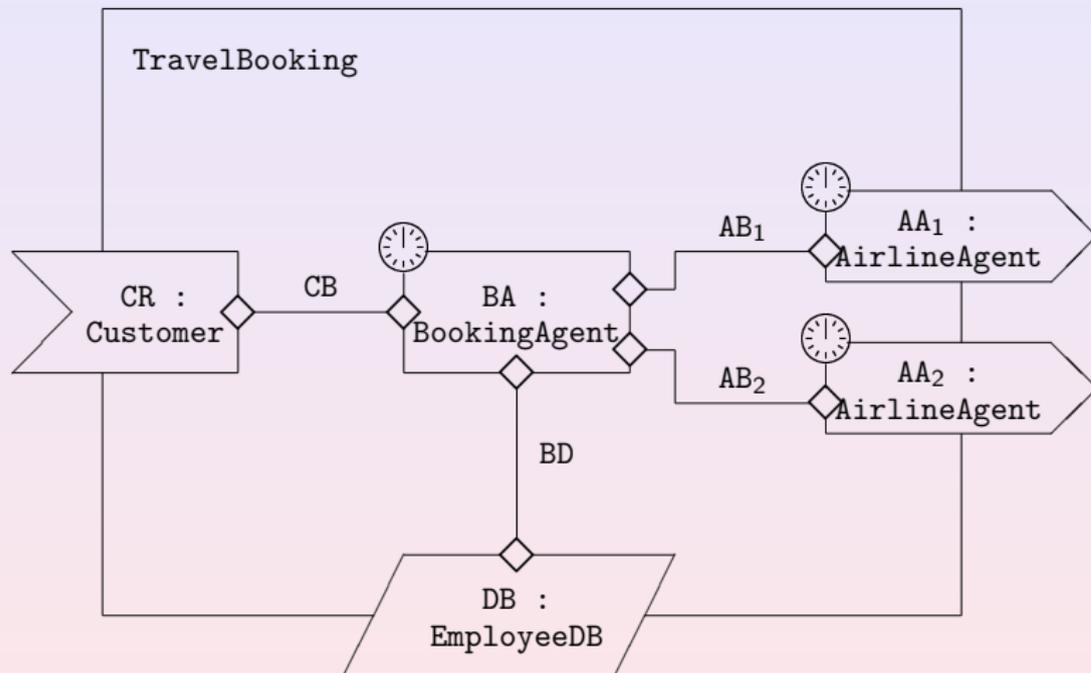
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BUSINESS PROTOCOL Customer is

INTERACTION

s&r TravelRequest

 emp: employee
fd: flightData
 fl: flight

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initiallyEnabled TravelRequest ?

BUSINESS PROTOCOL `AirlineAgent` is

INTERACTION

r&s `FlightDetails`

 `data: flightData`
`class: TravelClass`

 `resp: response`
`pr: price`

rcv `Book`

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initiallyEnabled `FlightDetails` ?

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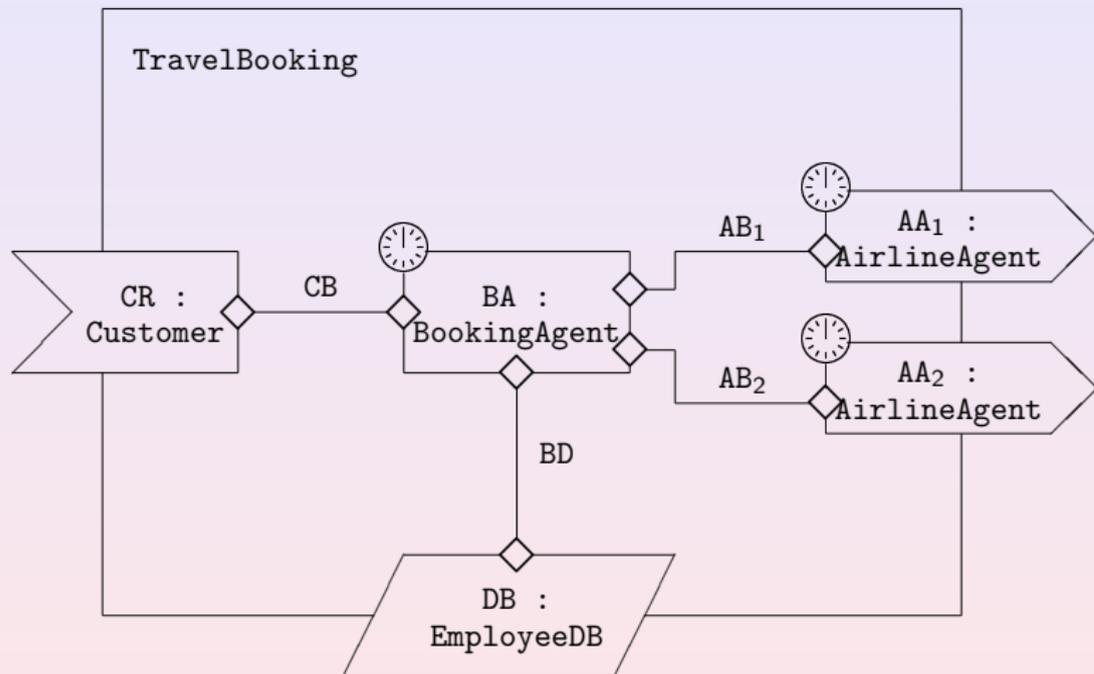
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BUSINESS ROLE BookingAgent is

INTERACTION

rcv Travel

 emp: employee
fl: flightData

s&r EmployeeTStatus

 emp: employee
 cl: travelClass

(...)

ORCHESTRATION

```

local s: [INIT, DBQUERY, WAIT, DONE]
    e:employee, f:flightData, tc:travelClass
    p1:price, rec1:boolean, f1:flight
    p2:price, rec2:boolean, f2:flight
    
```

transition GetData

```

triggeredBy Travel🔔
guardedBy s=INIT
effects e=Travel.emp  $\wedge$  f=Travel.fl  $\wedge$ 
    s'=DBQUERY
sends EmployeeTStatus🔔  $\wedge$ 
    EmployeeTStatus.emp=e
    
```

transition BookFlight

```

triggeredBy EmployeeTStatus✉
guardedBy s=DBQUERY
effects tc=EmployeeTStatus.trav  $\wedge$  s'=WAIT
sends Flight1🔔  $\wedge$  Flight2🔔  $\wedge$ 
        Flight1.flD=f  $\wedge$  Flight1.cl=tc  $\wedge$ 
        Flight2.flD=f  $\wedge$  Flight2.cl=tc
    
```

transition FlightAnswer_i (*i* = 1,2)

```

triggeredBy Flighti✉
guardedBy s=WAIT  $\wedge$   $\neg$ reci;
effects reci=true  $\wedge$  pi=Flighti.pr  $\wedge$ 
        fi=Flighti.fl
    
```

transition ClientCallback_{*i*}; (*i* = 1,2)

triggeredBy

guardedBy $s = \text{WAIT} \wedge \text{rec}_1 \wedge \text{rec}_2 \wedge p_i < p_{3-i}$

effects $S = \text{DONE}$

sends $\text{Cancel}_{3-i} \wedge \text{ClientCallback} \wedge$
 $\text{ClientCallback.fl} = f_i \wedge \text{Book}_i$

Insight #4

A correct implementation of a component allows as semantics the transition system specifying its behaviour.

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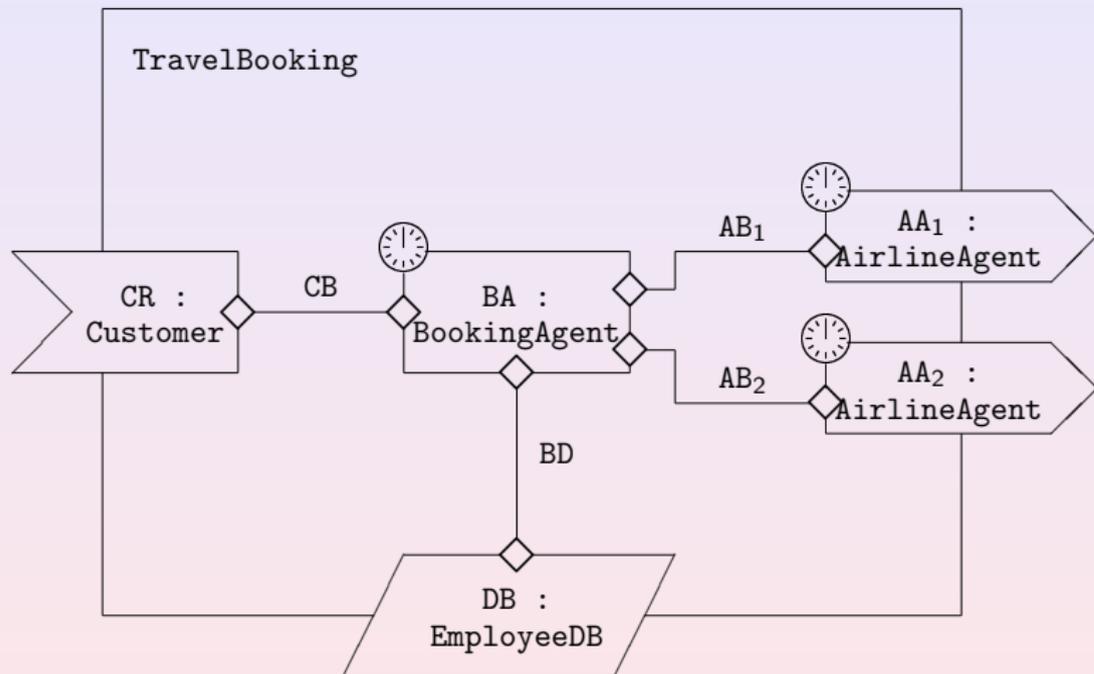
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out ↓ EmployeeTStatus1 (e).
in ↓ EmployeeTStatus2 (tc).
out ↓ Flight1 (f,tc).
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| CR: Customer | c_1 | CB | d_1 | BA: BookingAgent |
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| s&r EmployeeTStatus | S_1 | \equiv | R_1 | r&s EmployeeTStatus |
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