



# Modeling and Assurance Engineering

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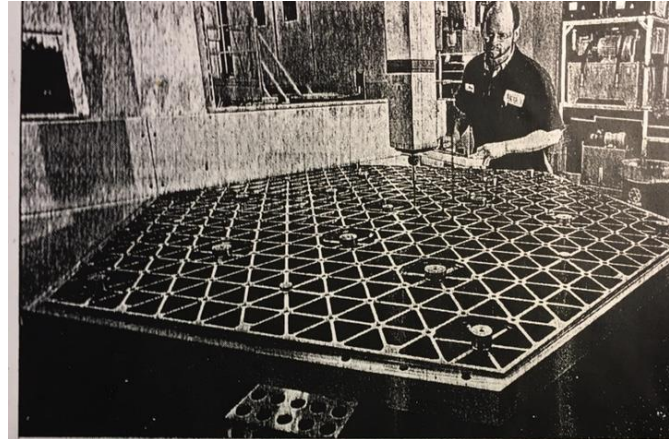
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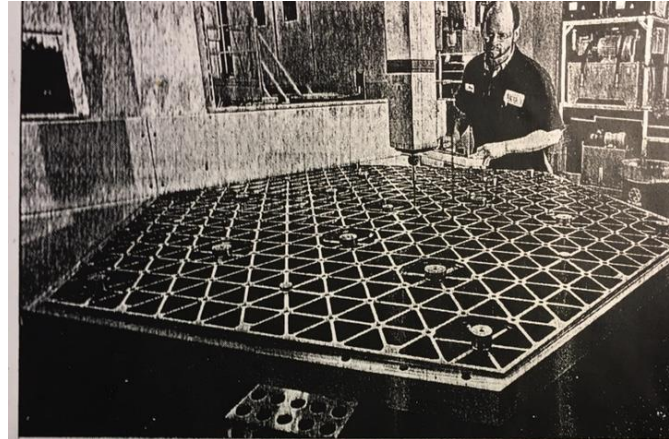
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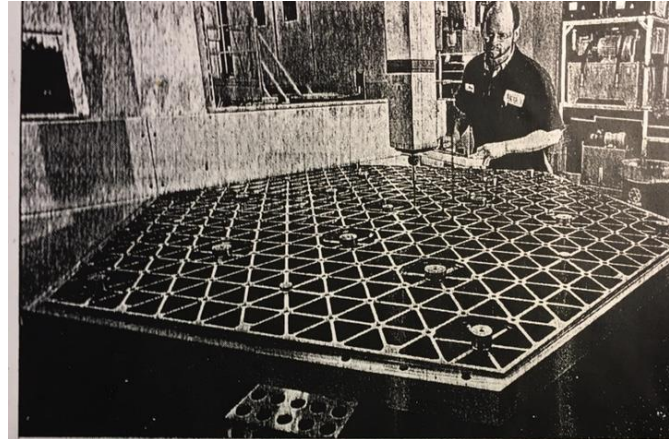
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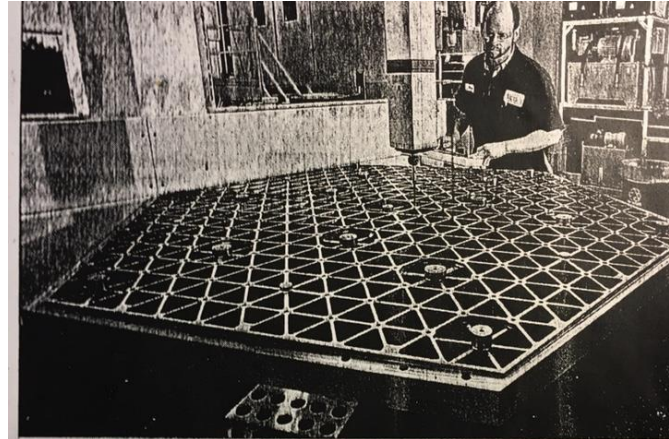
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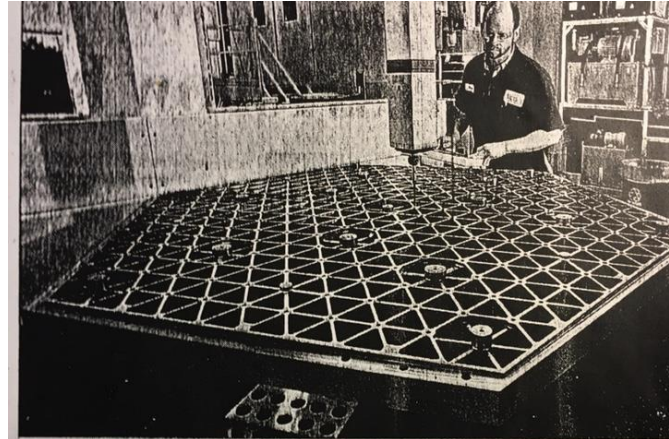
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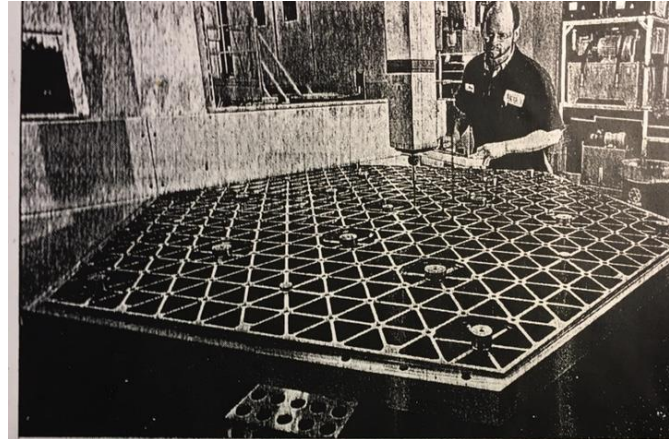
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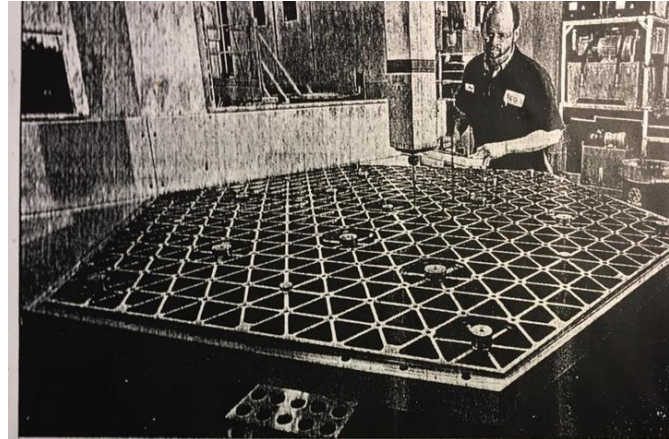
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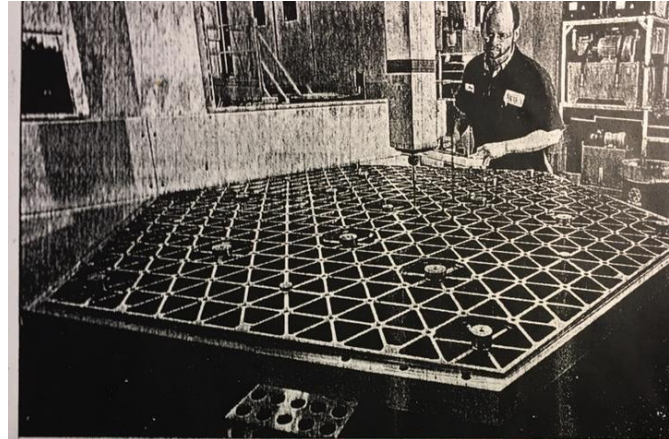
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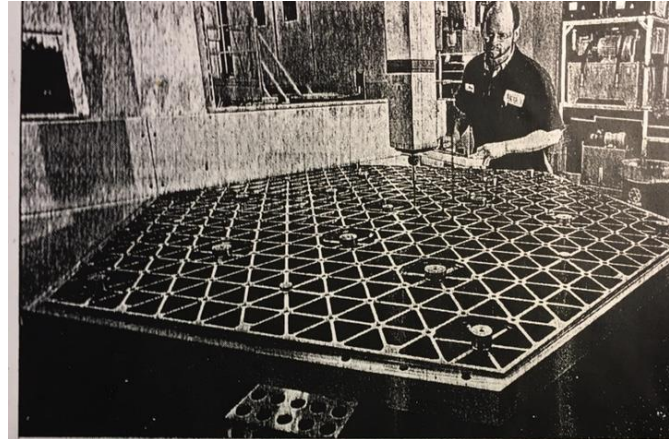
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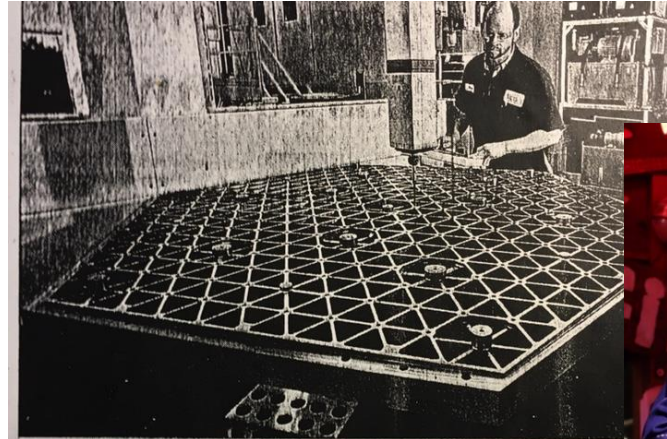
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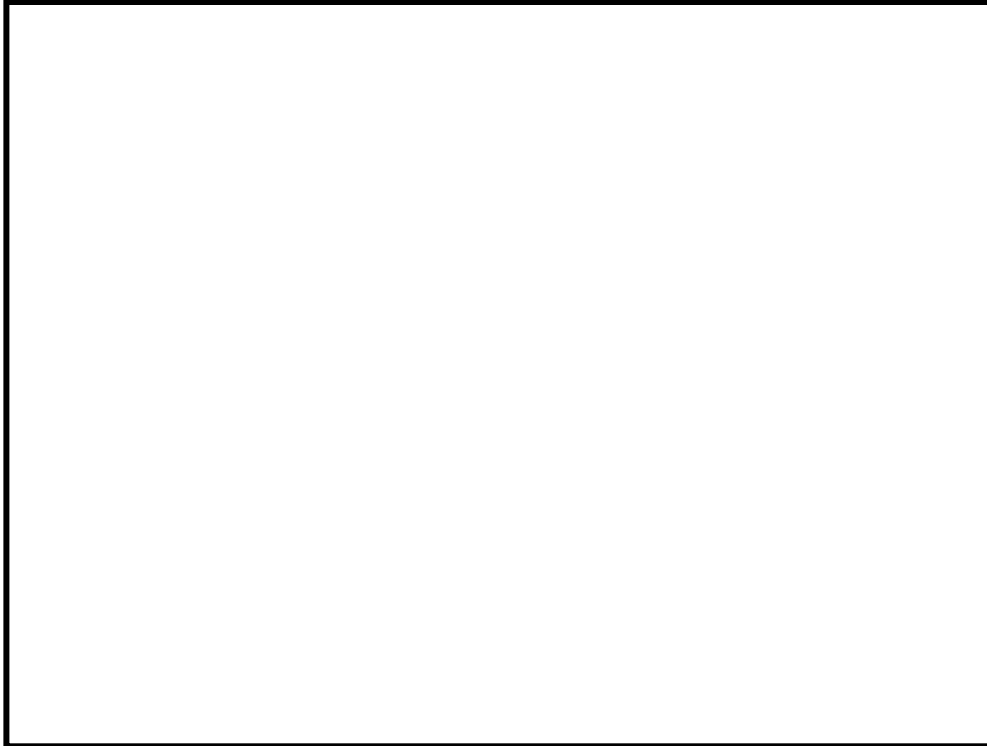
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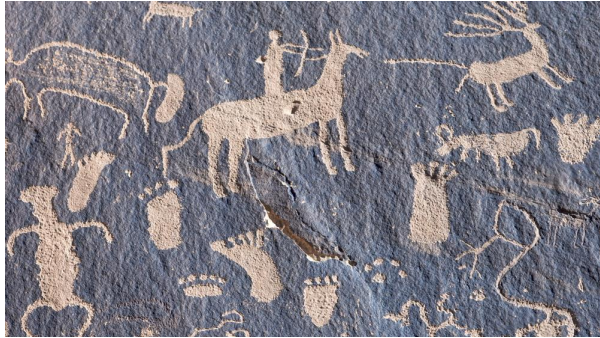




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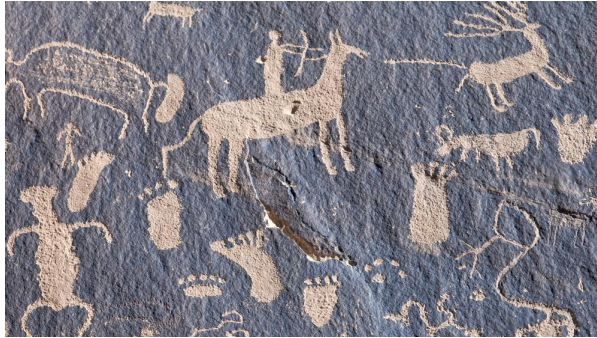
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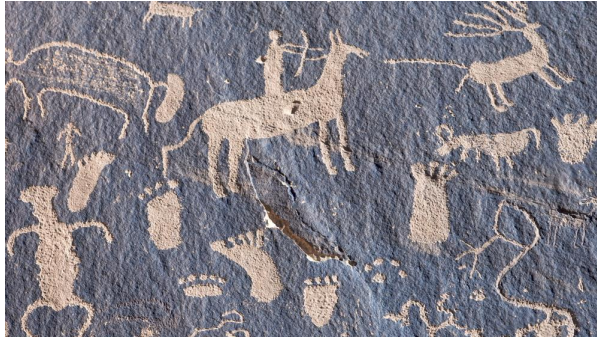
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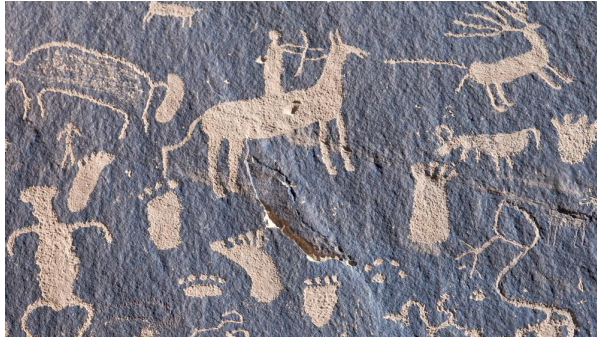
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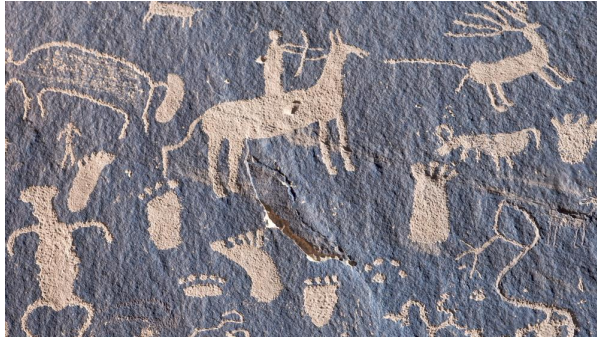
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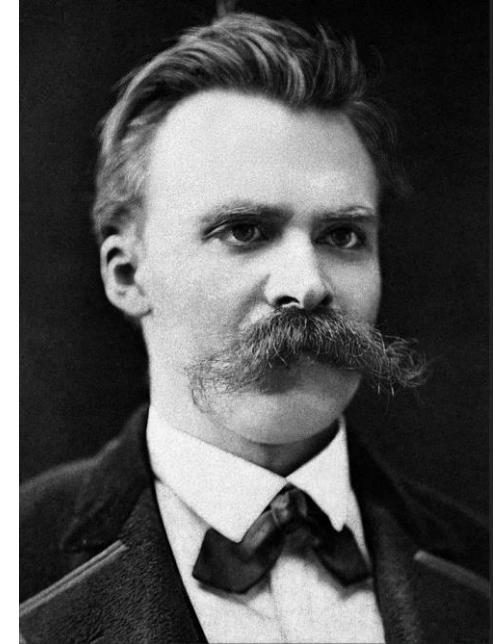


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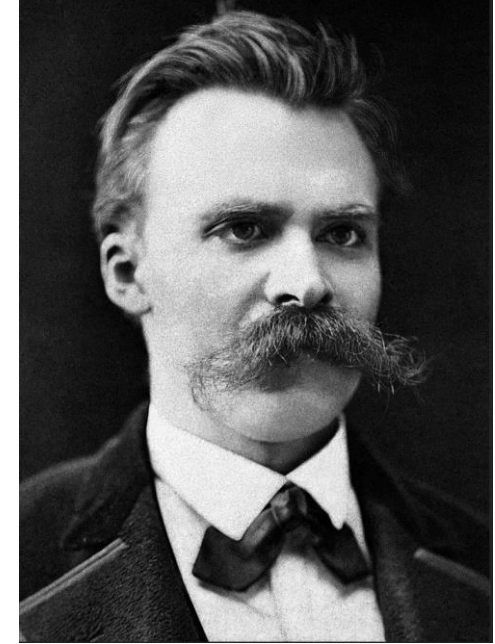


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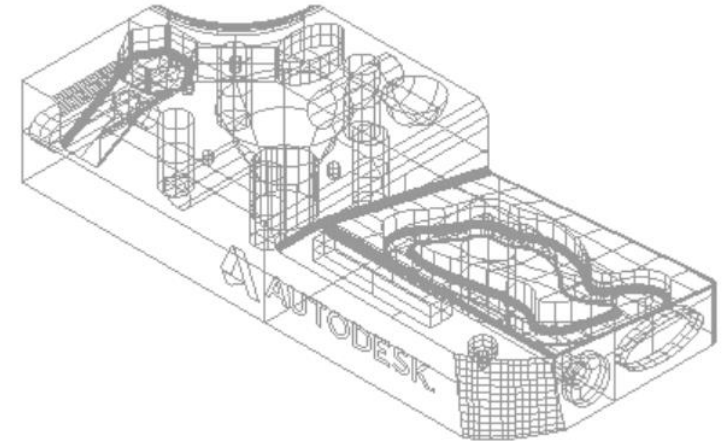
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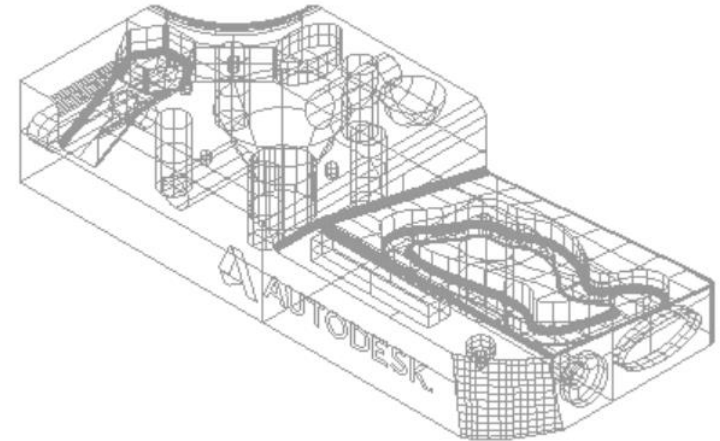
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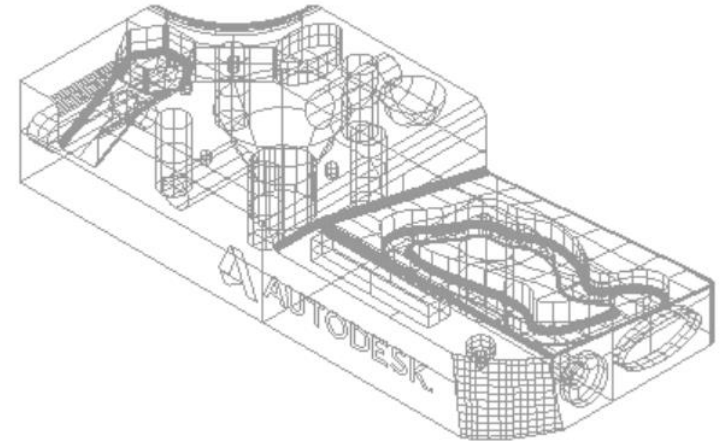
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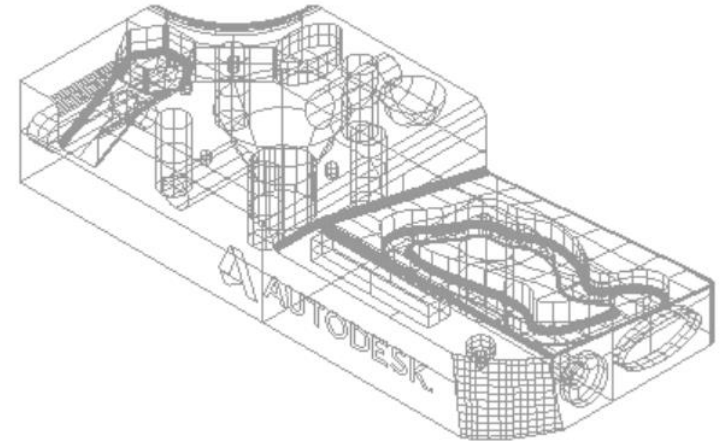
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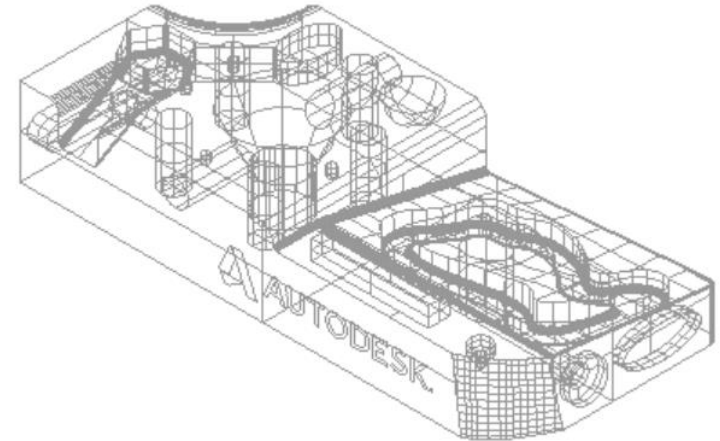
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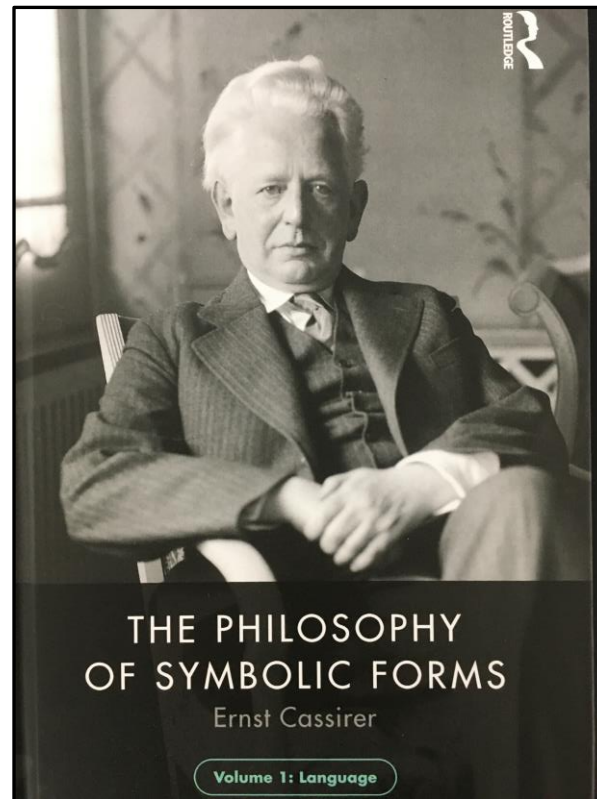
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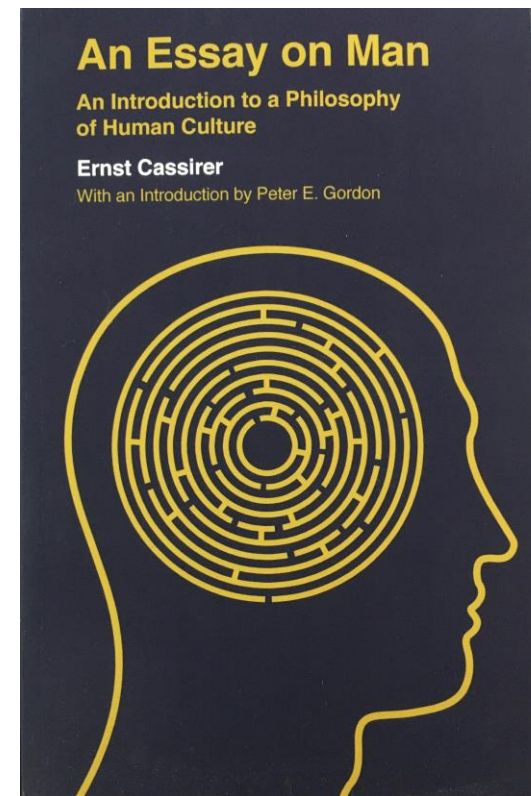
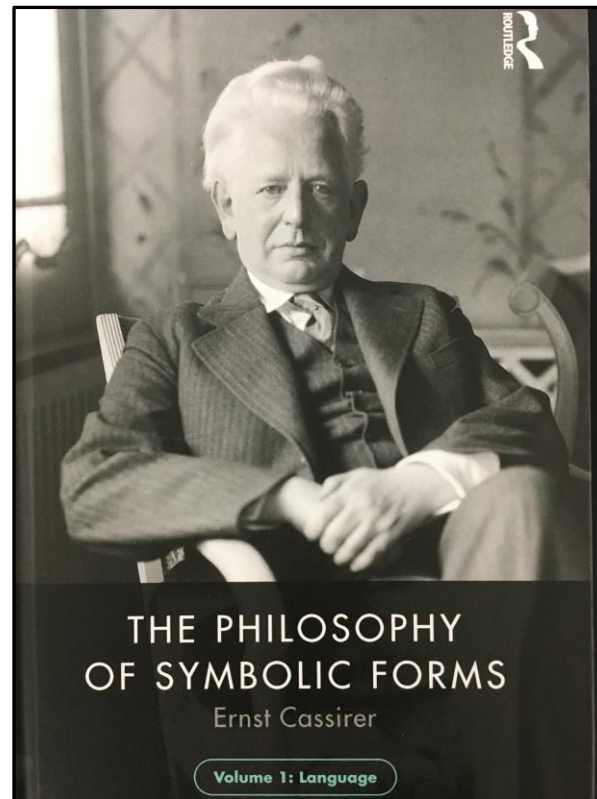
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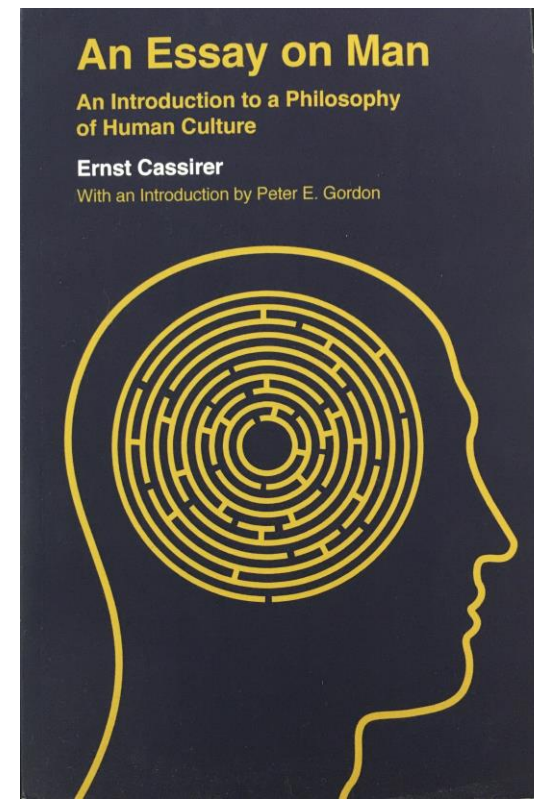
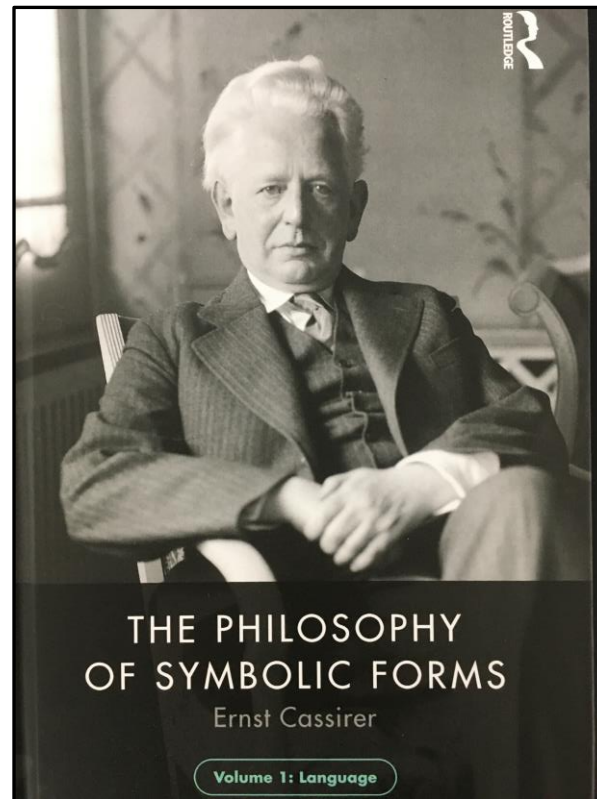
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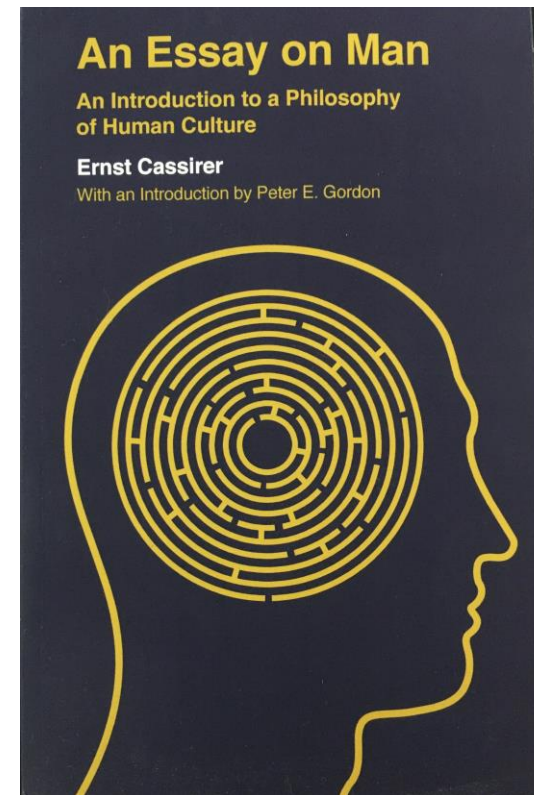
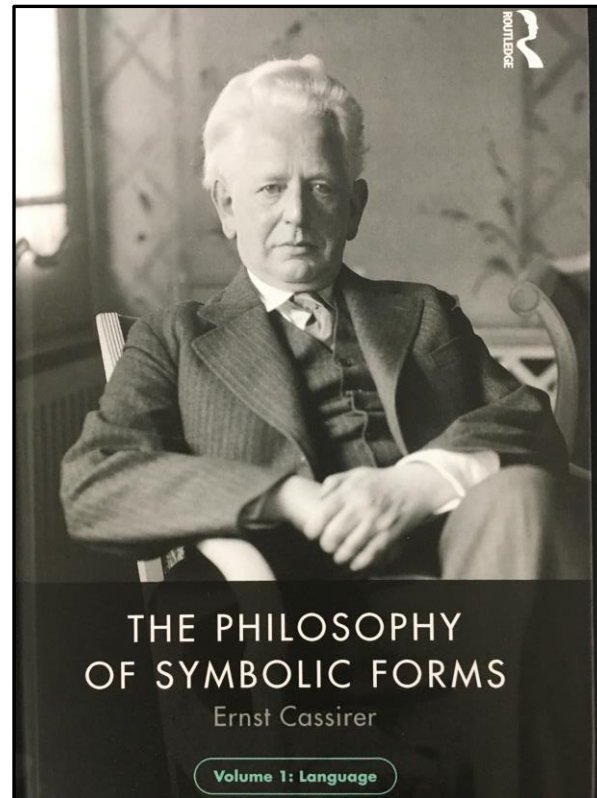
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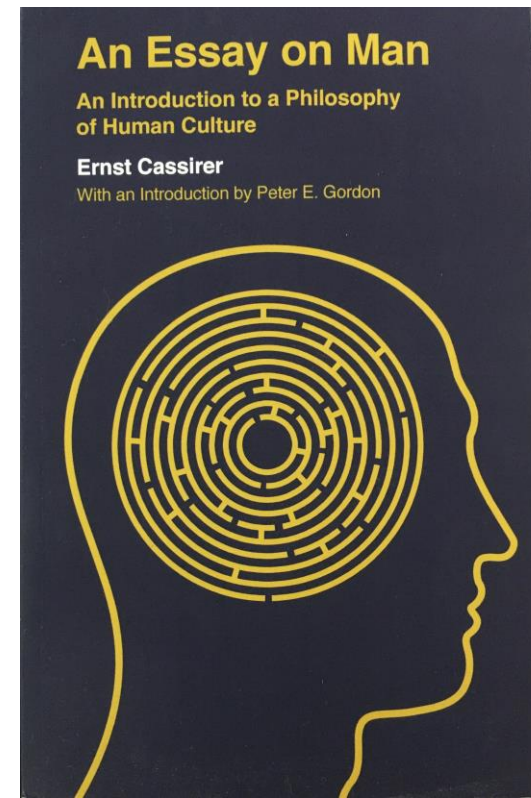
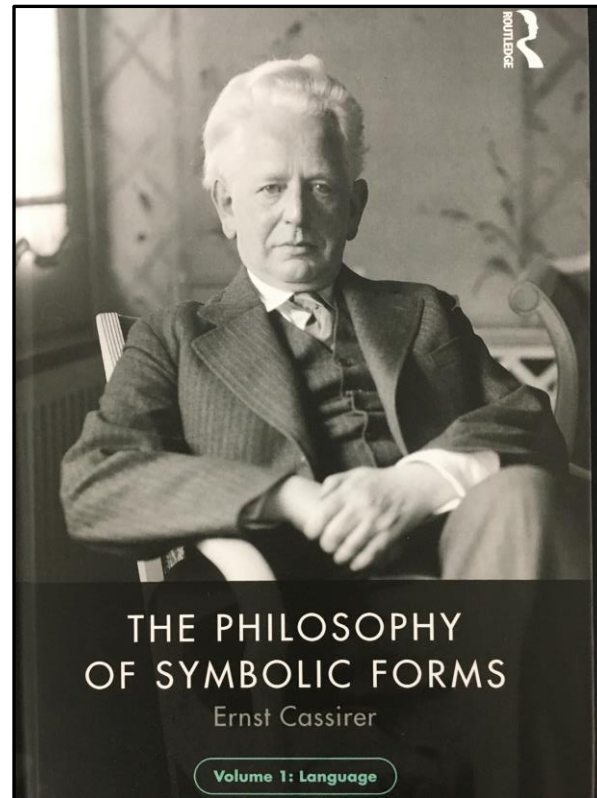
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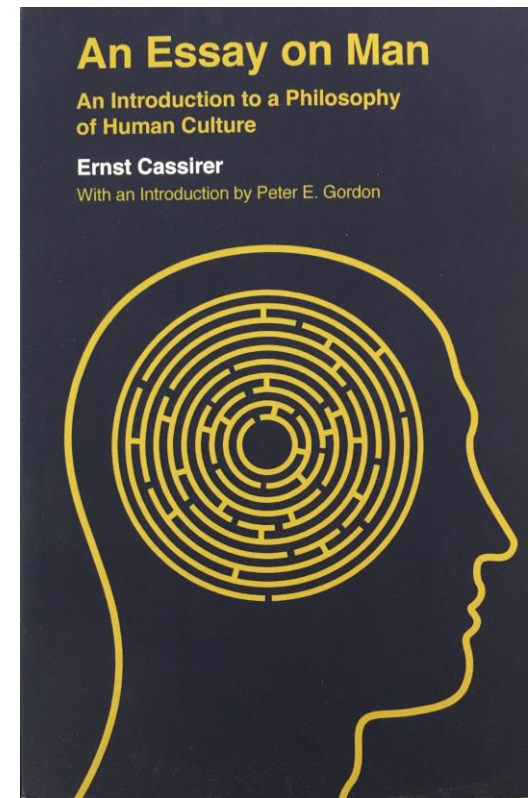
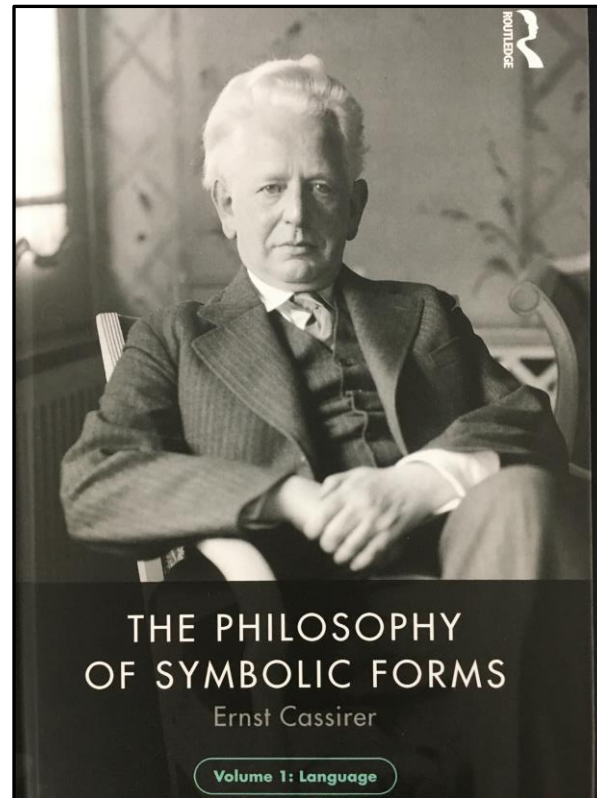
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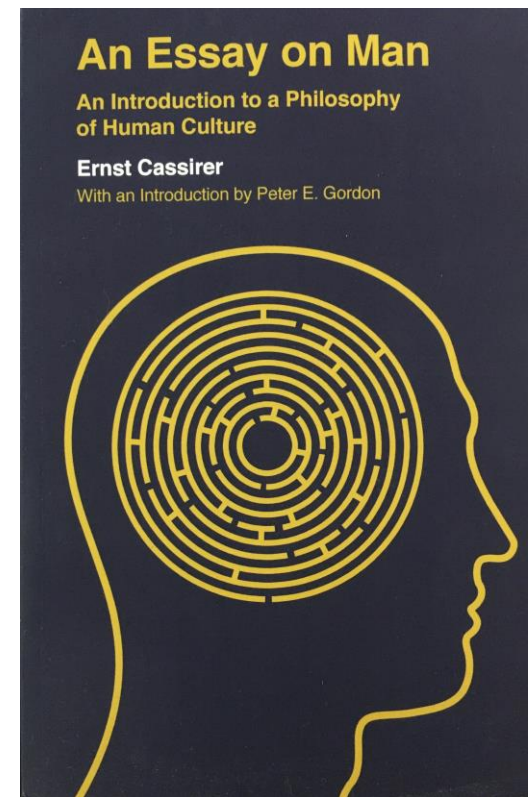
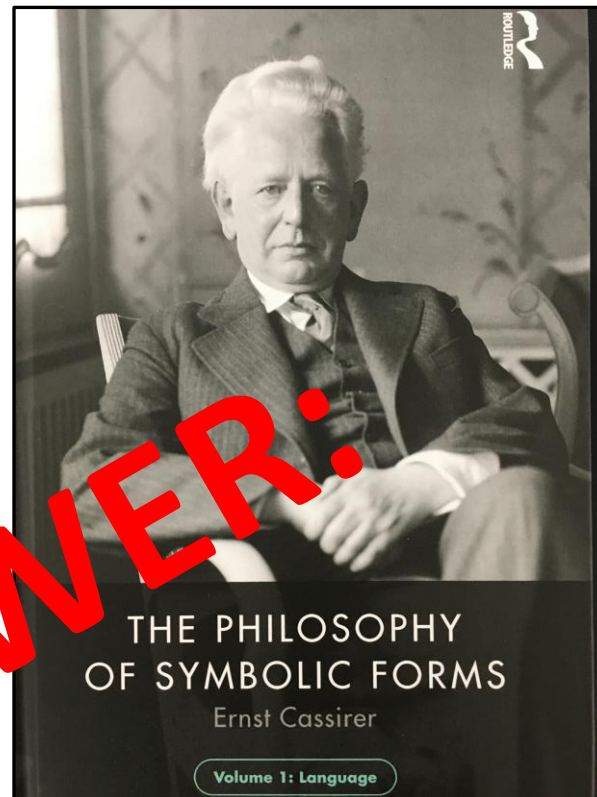


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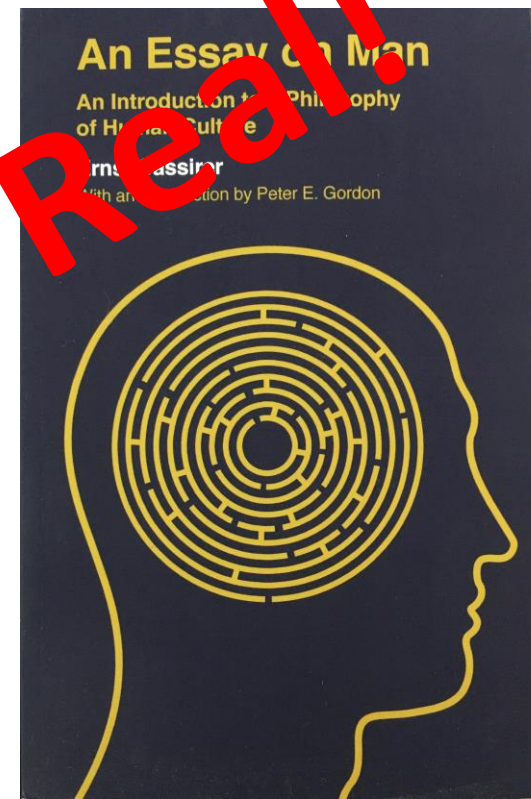
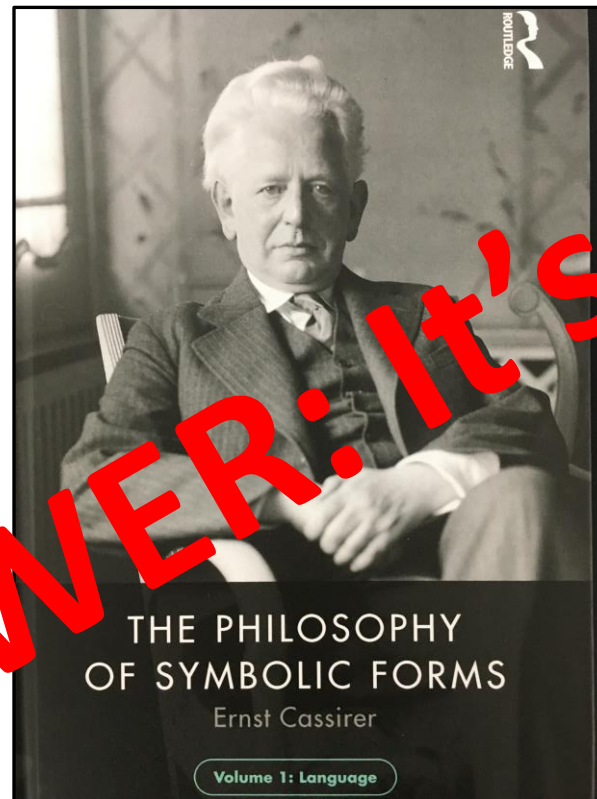
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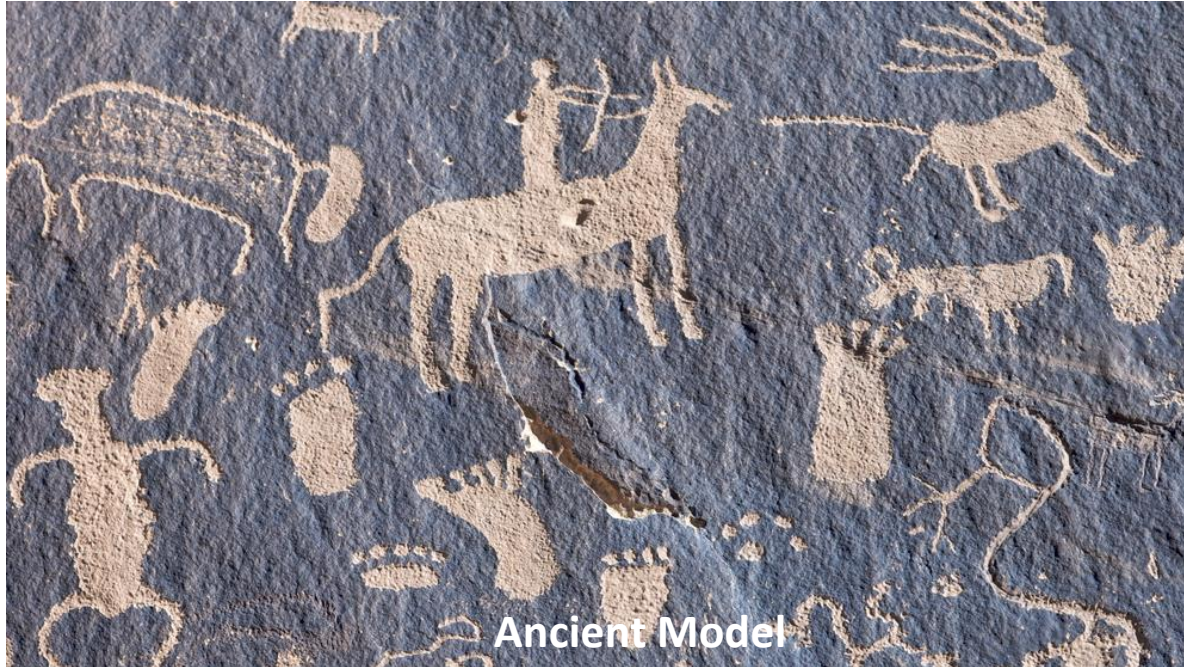


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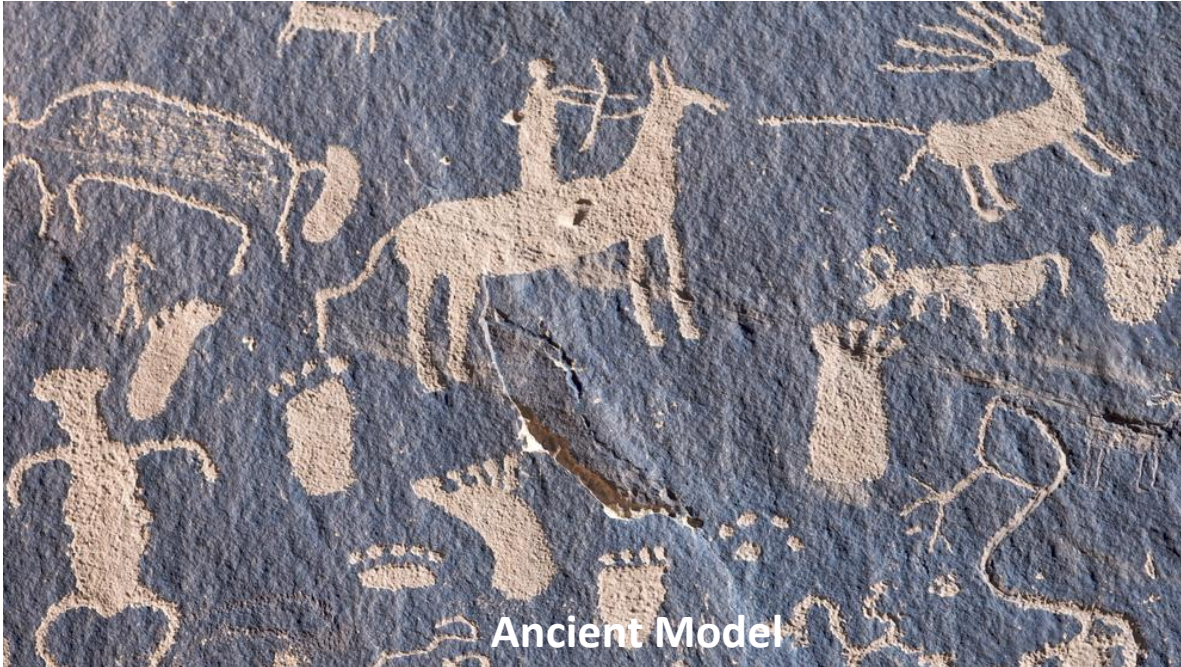


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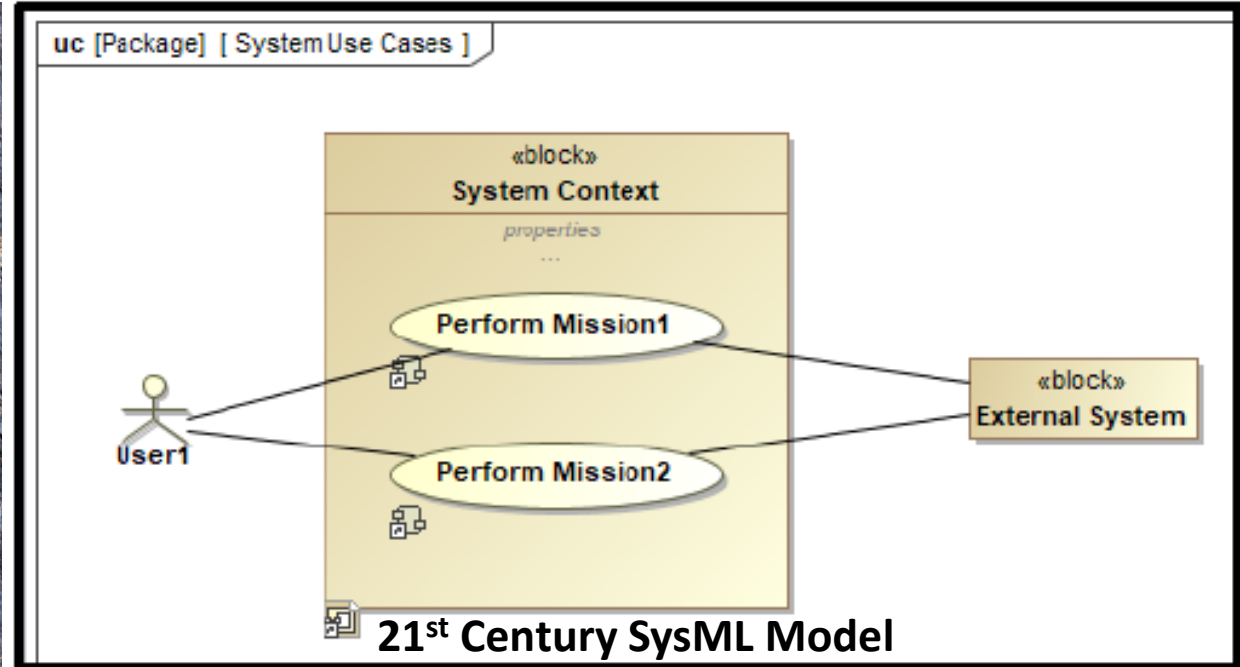
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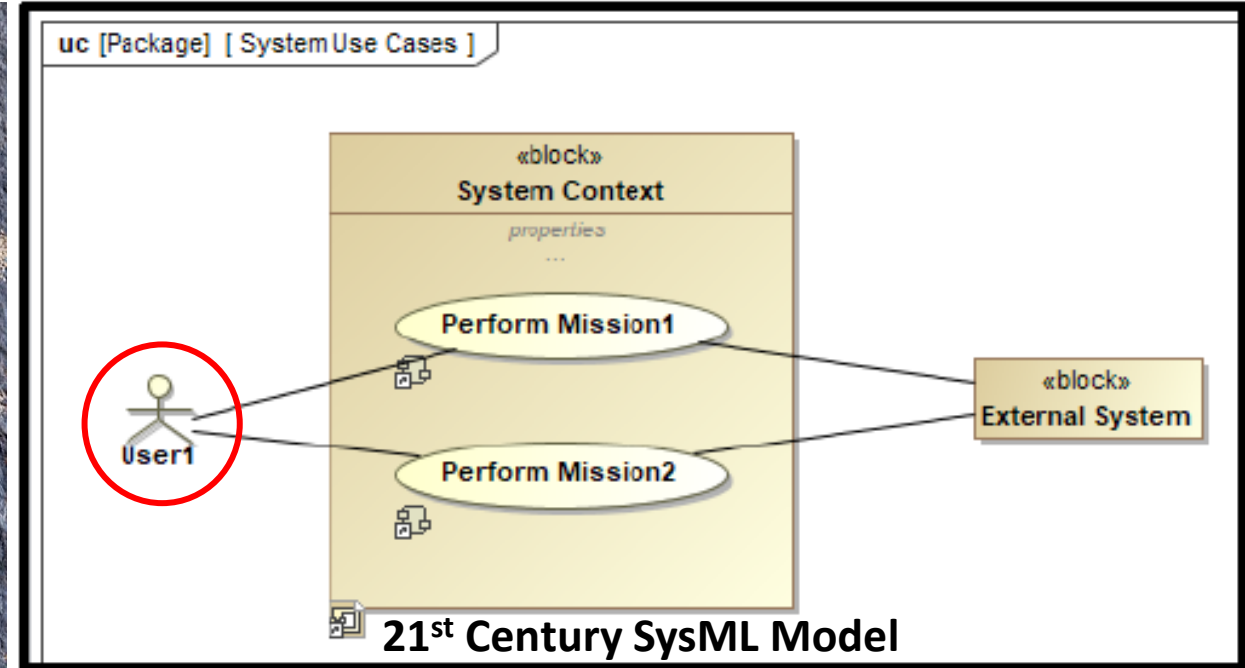
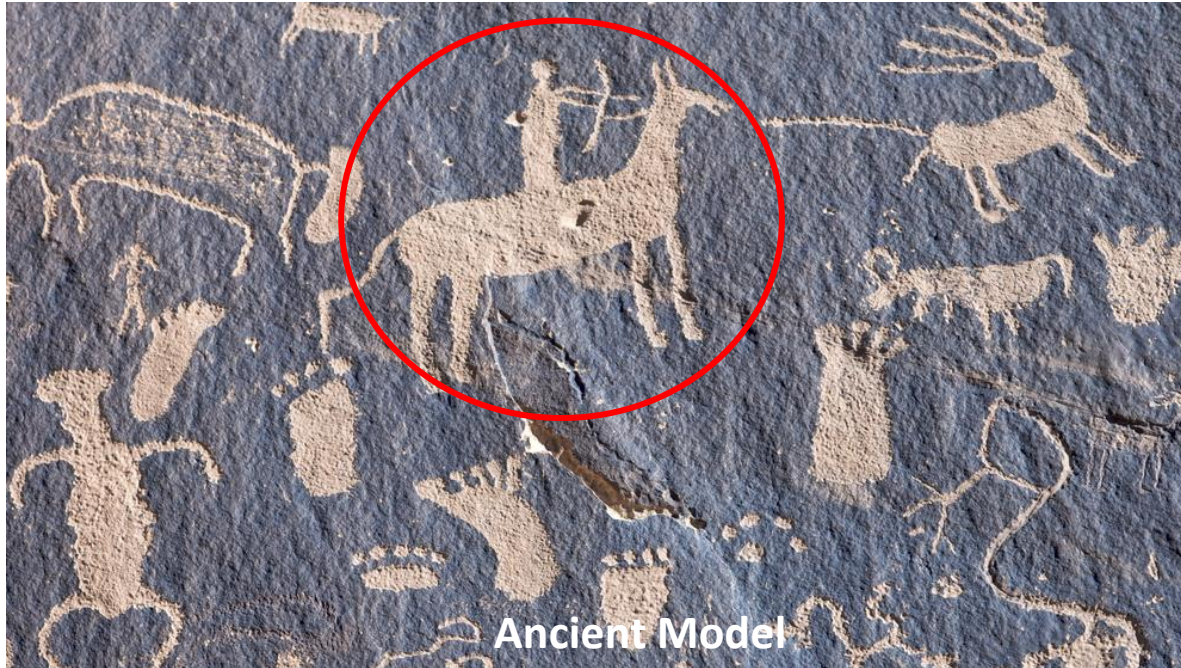
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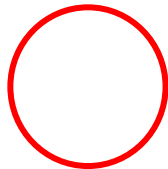


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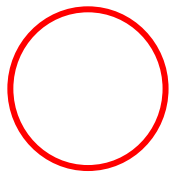
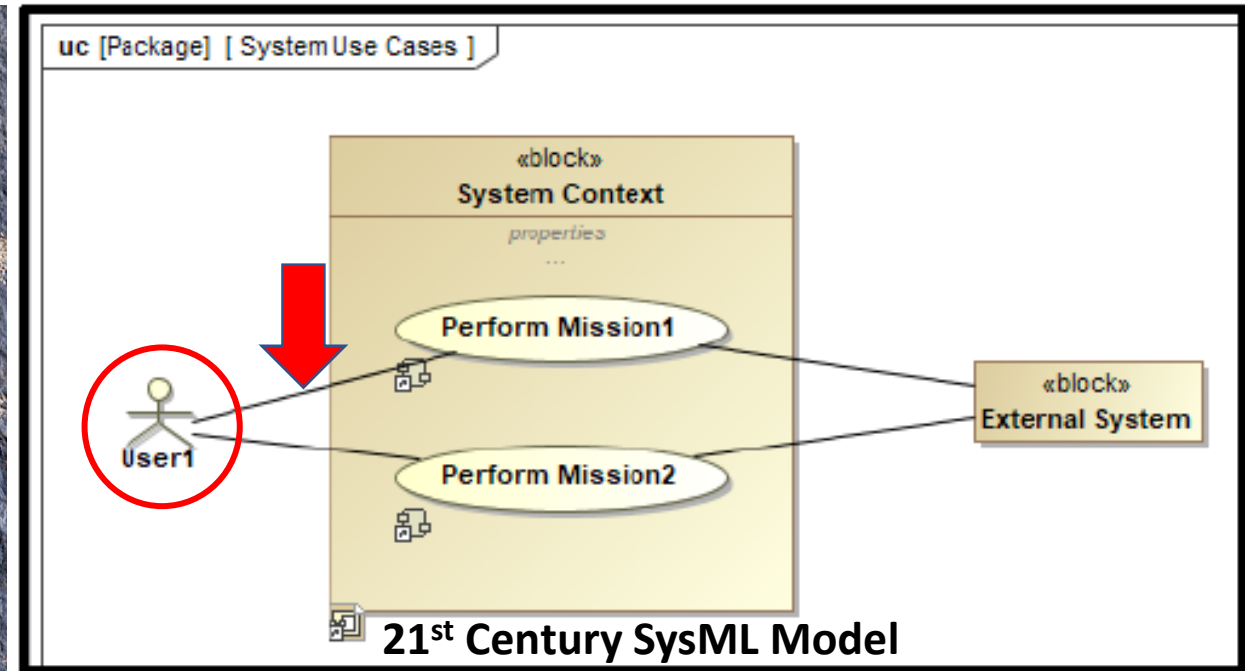
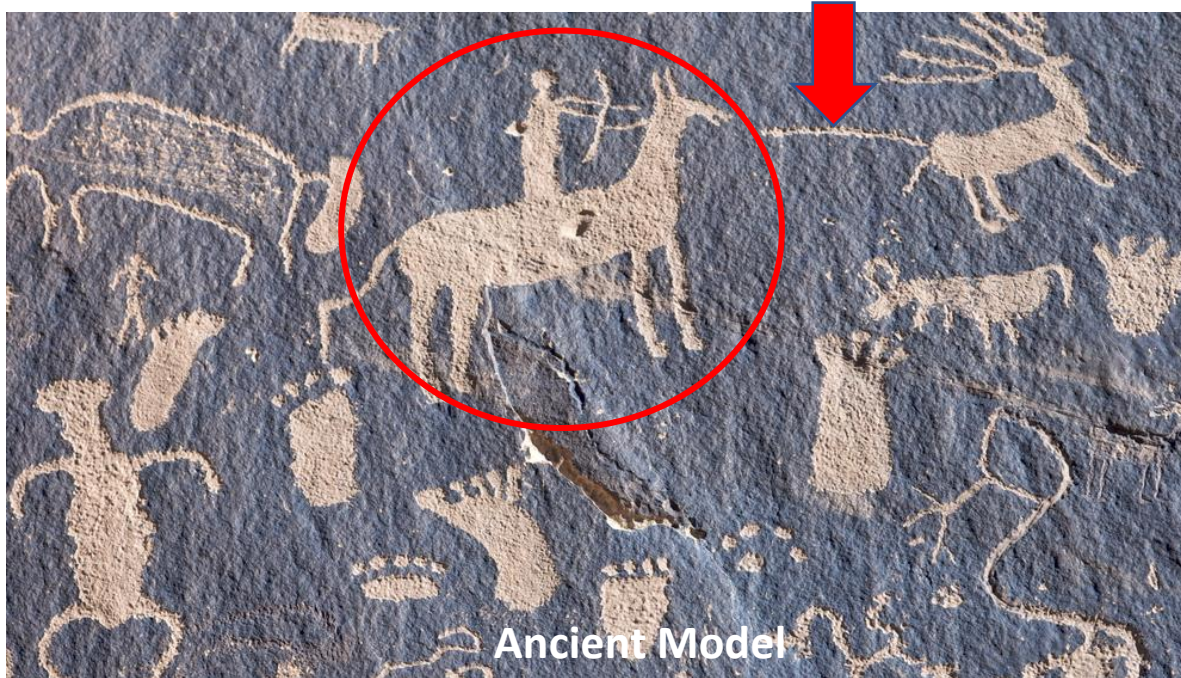


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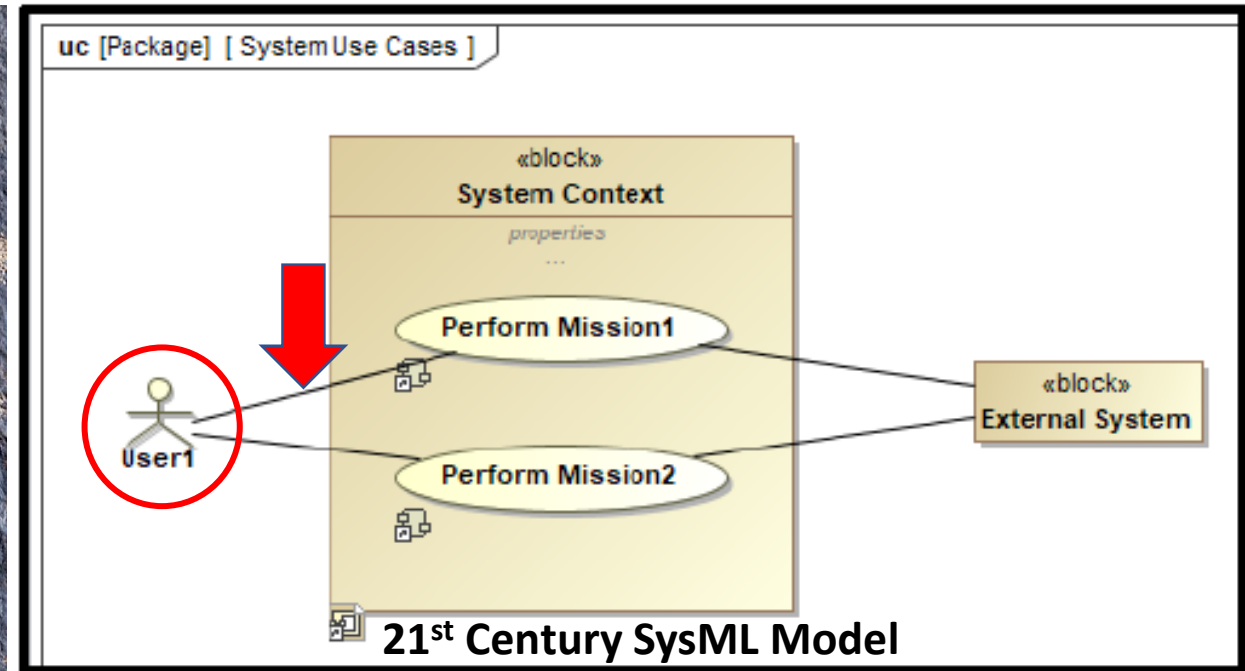
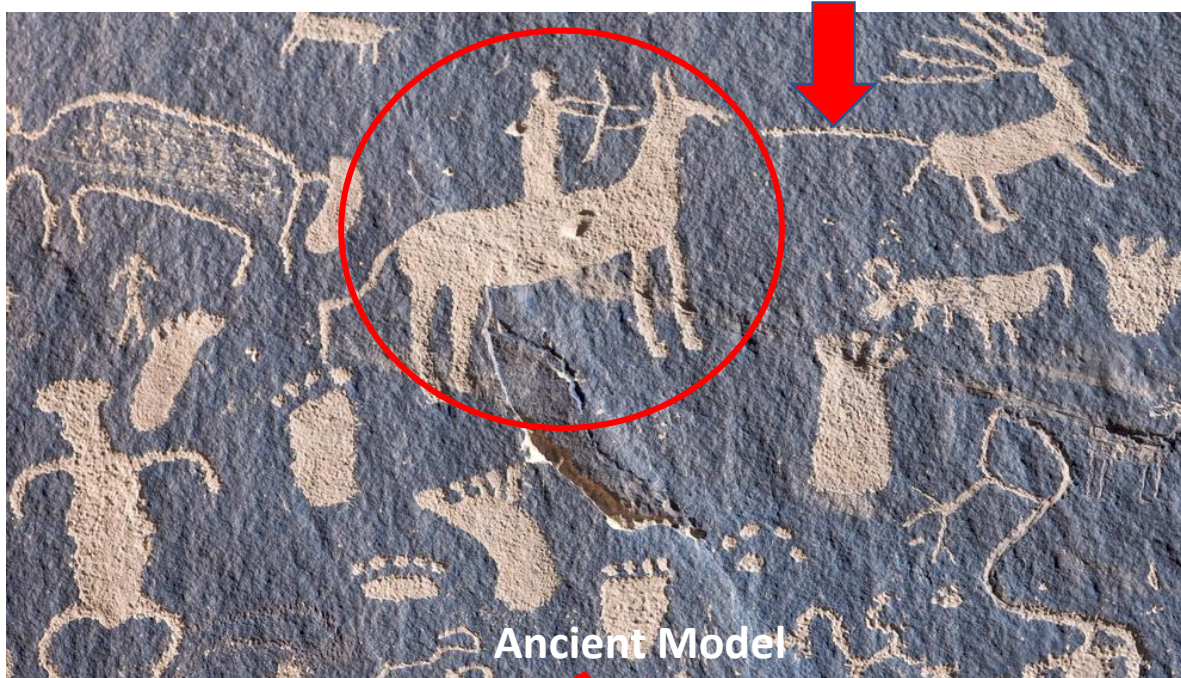


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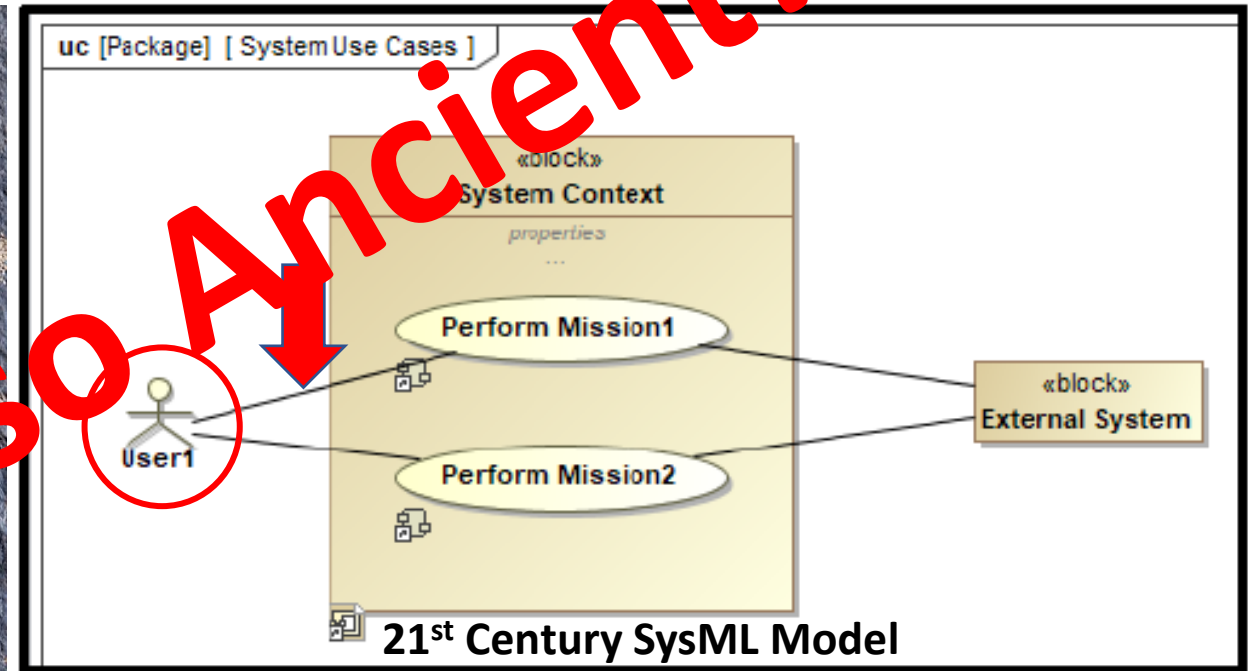


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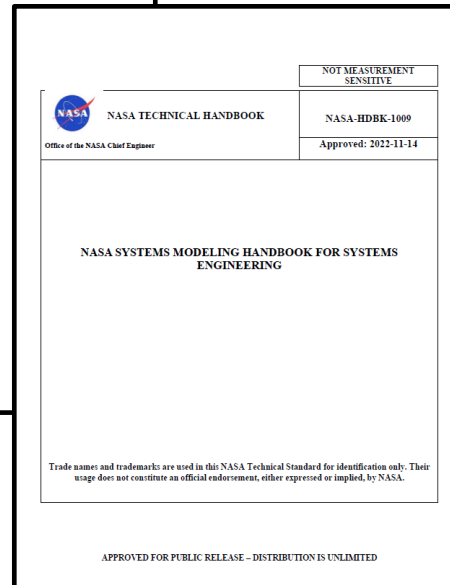


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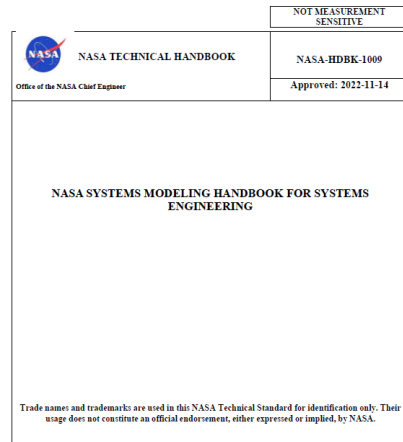


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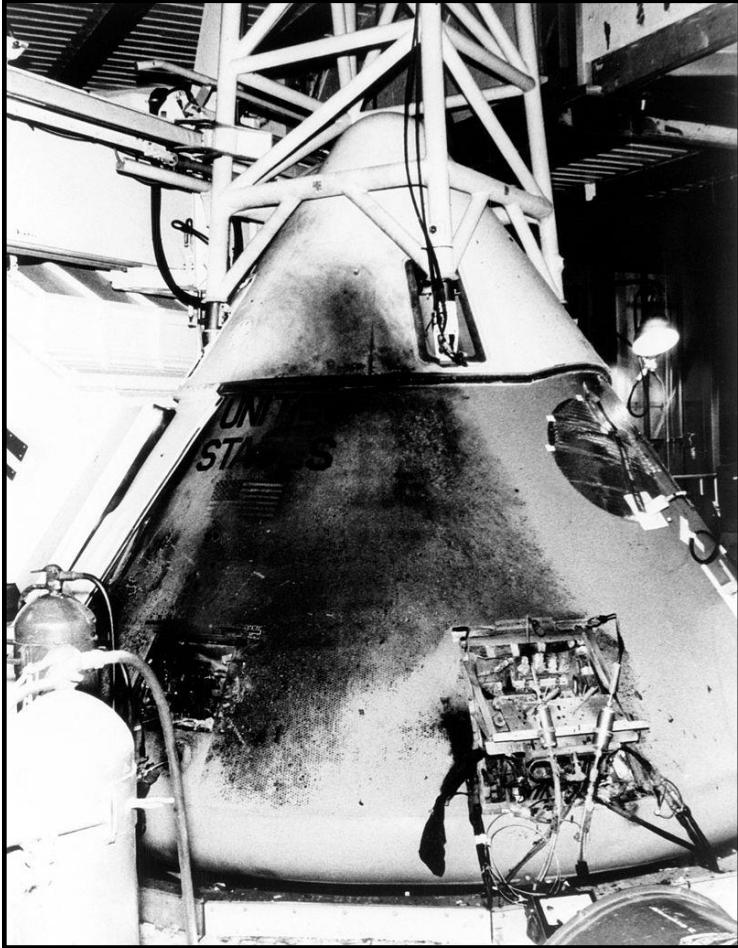


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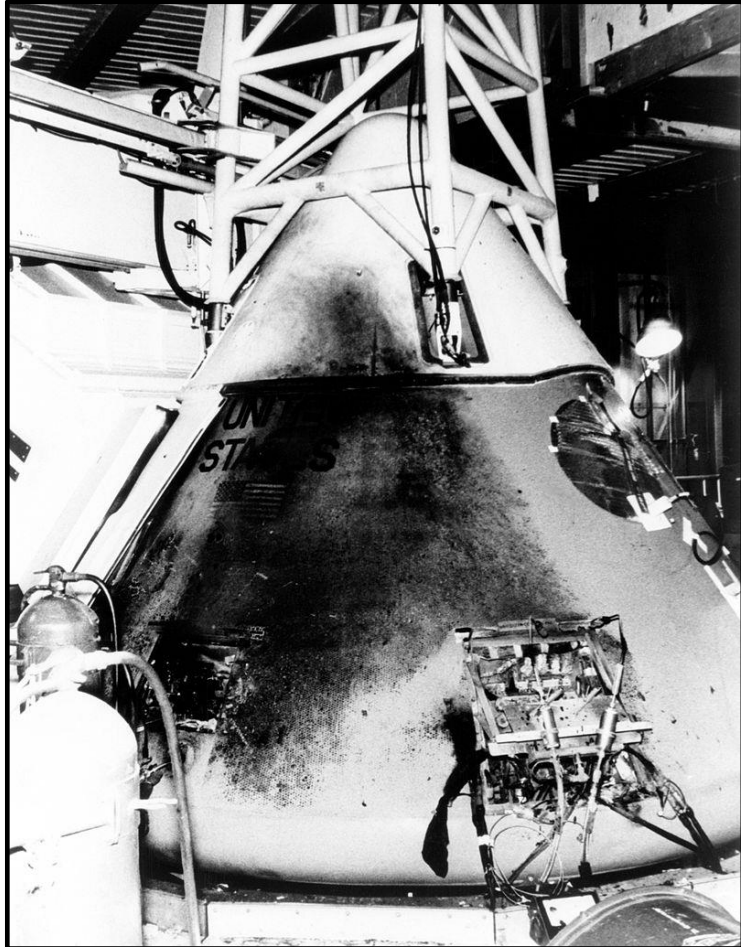
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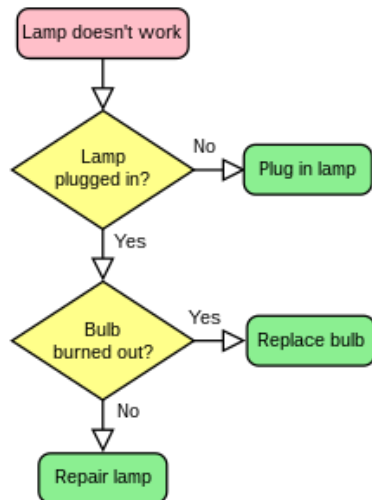


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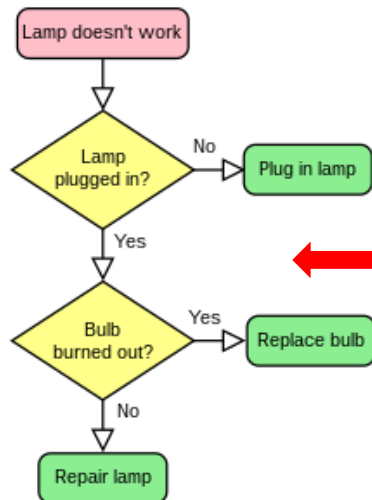


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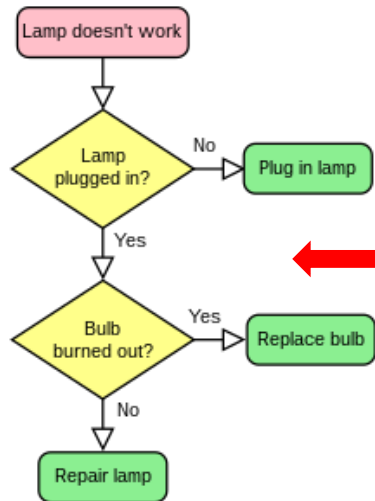
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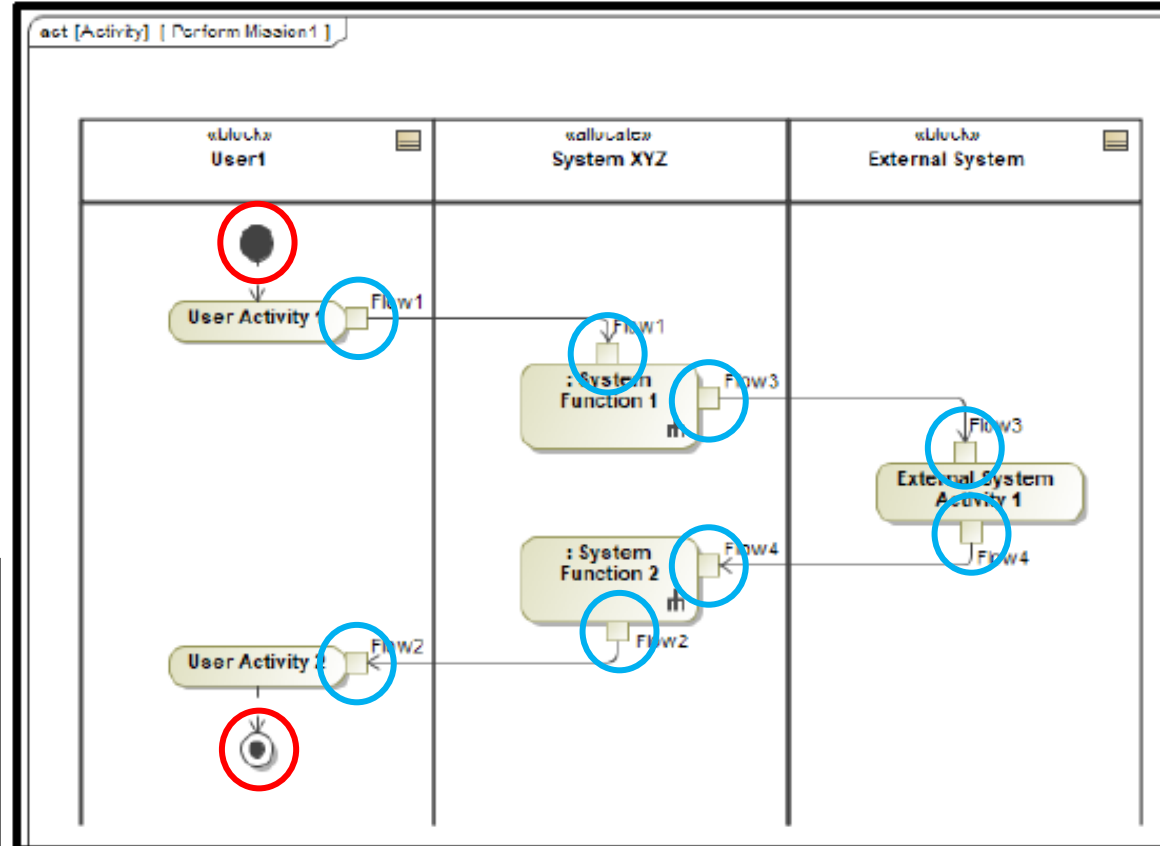


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




















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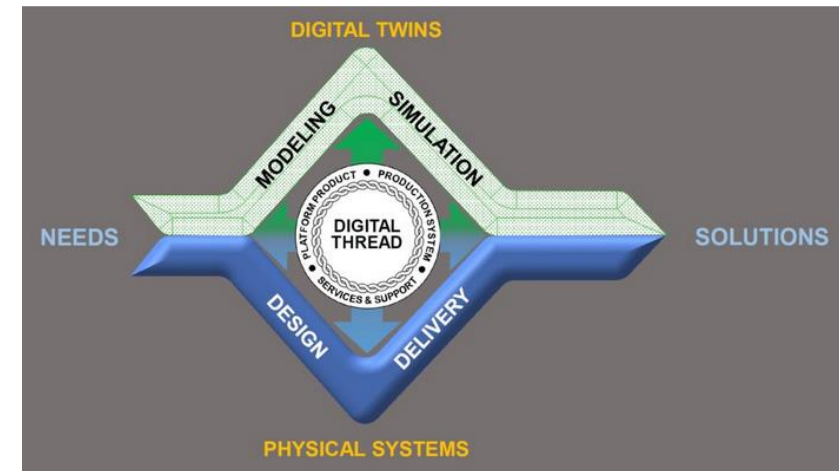


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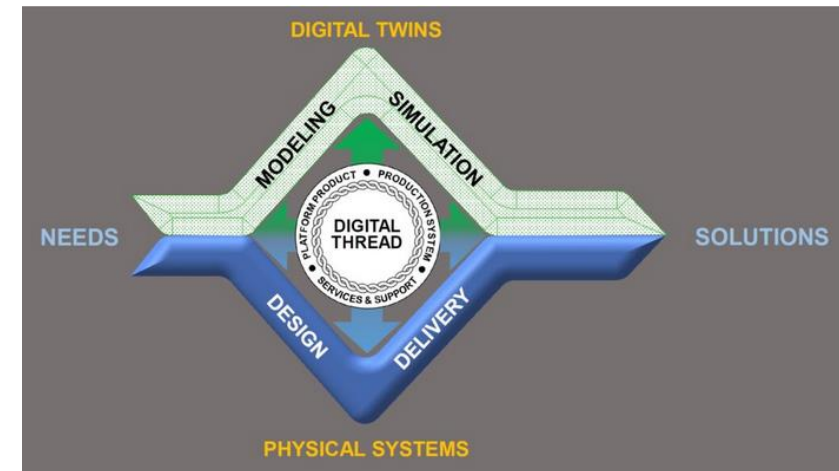


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**As Morris Day would say: Fini!**

**Open Floor for Hecklers!**  
**Quick! Somebody Tell Me a Question!**



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