

# Transactuations: Where Transactions Meet the Physical World

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“... this system imo is a *hobby for Samsung* and has never been consistent since day one. There is *no way I would trust this system* to do anything beyond monitoring under sink leaks.”

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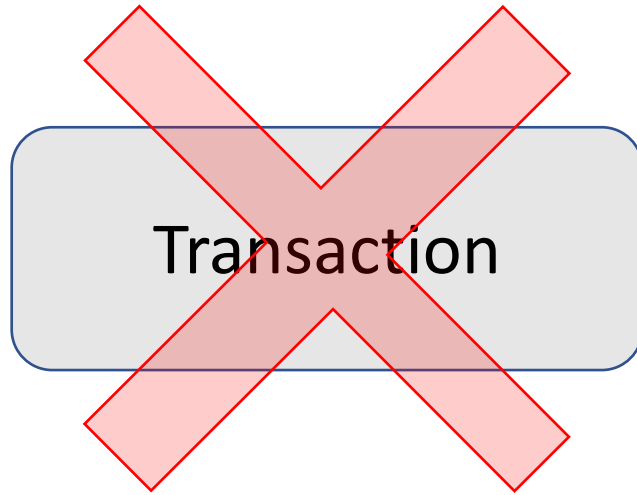
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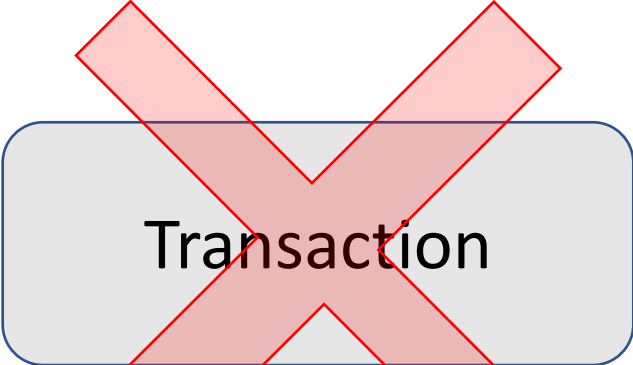


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