Drawing UML with PlantUML



PlantUML Language Reference Guide (Version 1.2019.3)

PlantUML is a component that allows to quickly write:

- · Sequence diagram
- Usecase diagram
- · Class diagram
- · Activity diagram
- · Component diagram
- State diagram
- Object diagram
- · Deployment diagram
- Timing diagram

The following non-UML diagrams are also supported:

- Wireframe graphical interface
- Archimate diagram
- Specification and Description Language (SDL)
- · Ditaa diagram
- · Gantt diagram
- · Mathematic with AsciiMath or JLaTeXMath notation

Diagrams are defined using a simple and intuitive language.

1 Sequence Diagram

1.1 Basic examples

The sequence -> is used to draw a message between two participants. Participants do not have to be explicitly declared.

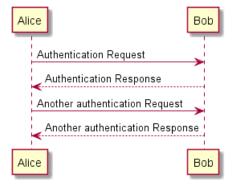
To have a dotted arrow, you use -->

It is also possible to use <- and <--. That does not change the drawing, but may improve readability. Note that this is only true for sequence diagrams, rules are different for the other diagrams.

@startuml

```
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response
```

```
Alice -> Bob: Another authentication Request Alice <-- Bob: Another authentication Response @enduml
```



1.2 Declaring participant

It is possible to change participant order using the participant keyword.

It is also possible to use other keywords to declare a participant:

- actor
- boundary
- control
- entity
- database
- collections

@startuml

actor Foo1

boundary Foo2

control Foo3

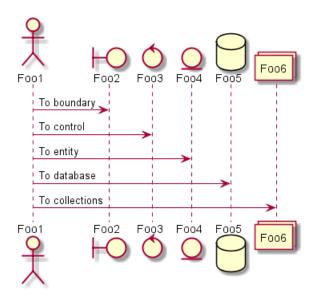
entity Foo4

database Foo5

collections Foo6

Foo1 -> Foo2 : To boundary
Foo1 -> Foo3 : To control
Foo1 -> Foo4 : To entity
Foo1 -> Foo5 : To database
Foo1 -> Foo6 : To collections





You can rename a participant using the as keyword.

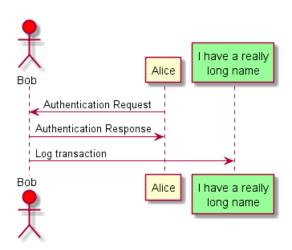
You can also change the background color of actor or participant.

```
@startuml
actor Bob #red
' The only difference between actor
'and participant is the drawing
participant Alice
participant "I have a really\nlong name" as L #99FF99
/' You can also declare:
   participant L as "I have a really\nlong name" #99FF99
'/
```

Alice->Bob: Authentication Request Bob->Alice: Authentication Response

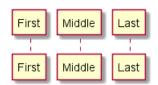
Bob->L: Log transaction

@enduml



You can use the order keyword to custom the print order of participant.

Ostartuml
participant Last order 30
participant Middle order 20
participant First order 10
Oenduml

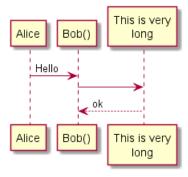


1.3 Use non-letters in participants

You can use quotes to define participants. And you can use the as keyword to give an alias to those participants.

@startuml

```
Alice -> "Bob()" : Hello
"Bob()" -> "This is very\nlong" as Long
' You can also declare:
' "Bob()" -> Long as "This is very\nlong"
Long --> "Bob()" : ok
@enduml
```



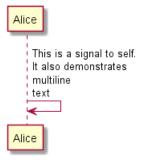
1.4 Message to Self

A participant can send a message to itself.

It is also possible to have multi-line using \n.

0startum1

Alice->Alice: This is a signal to self.\nIt also demonstrates\nmultiline \ntext @enduml



1.5 Change arrow style

You can change arrow style by several ways:

- add a final x to denote a lost message
- use \ or / instead of < or > to
- have only the bottom or top part of the arrow
- repeat the arrow head (for example, >> or //) head to have a thin drawing

- use -- instead of to have a dotted arrow
- add a final "o" at arrow head
- use bidirectional arrow <->

@startuml

Bob ->x Alice

Bob -> Alice

Bob ->> Alice

Bob -\ Alice

Bob \\- Alice

Bob //-- Alice

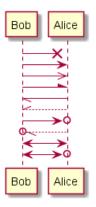
Bob ->o Alice

Bob o\\-- Alice

Bob <-> Alice

Bob <->o Alice

@enduml



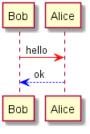
1.6 Change arrow color

You can change the color of individual arrows using the following notation:

@startuml

Bob -[#red]> Alice : hello
Alice -[#0000FF]->Bob : ok

@enduml



1.7 Message sequence numbering

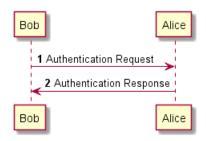
The keyword autonumber is used to automatically add number to messages.

@startuml

autonumber

Bob -> Alice : Authentication Request Bob <- Alice : Authentication Response





You can specify a startnumber with autonumber start, and also an increment with autonumber start increment.

@startuml

autonumber

Bob -> Alice : Authentication Request Bob <- Alice : Authentication Response

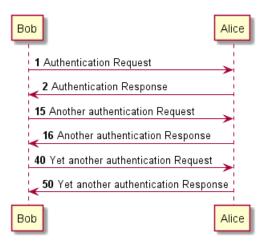
autonumber 15

Bob -> Alice : Another authentication Request Bob <- Alice : Another authentication Response

autonumber 40 10

Bob -> Alice : Yet another authentication Request Bob <- Alice : Yet another authentication Response

@enduml



You can specify a format for your number by using between double-quote.

The formatting is done with the Java class DecimalFormat (0 means digit, # means digit and zero if absent).

You can use some html tag in the format.

@startuml

autonumber "[000]"

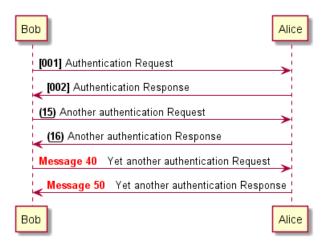
Bob -> Alice : Authentication Request Bob <- Alice : Authentication Response

autonumber 15 "(<u>##</u>)"

Bob -> Alice : Another authentication Request Bob <- Alice : Another authentication Response

autonumber 40 10 "Message 0 "
Bob -> Alice : Yet another authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Yet another authentication Response</pre>





You can also use autonumber stop and autonumber resume *increment format* to respectively pause and resume automatic numbering.

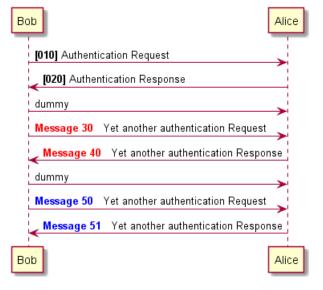
```
@startuml
autonumber 10 10 "<b>[000]"
Bob -> Alice : Authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Authentication Response

autonumber stop
Bob -> Alice : dummy

autonumber resume "<font color=red><b>Message 0 "
Bob -> Alice : Yet another authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Yet another authentication Response

autonumber stop
Bob -> Alice : dummy

autonumber resume 1 "<font color=blue><b>Message 0 "
Bob -> Alice : Yet another authentication Response 0 "
Bob -> Alice : Yet another authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Yet another authentication Response
@enduml</pre>
```



1.8 Page Title, Header and Footer

The title keyword is used to add a title to the page.

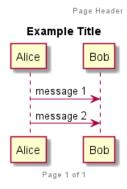


Pages can display headers and footers using header and footer.

@startuml

```
header Page Header
footer Page %page% of %lastpage%
title Example Title
Alice -> Bob : message 1
Alice -> Bob : message 2
```

@enduml



1.9 Splitting diagrams

The newpage keyword is used to split a diagram into several images.

You can put a title for the new page just after the newpage keyword. This title overrides the previously specified title if any.

This is very handy with Word to print long diagram on several pages.

(Note: this really does work. Only the first page is shown below, but it is a display artifact.)

@startuml

```
Alice -> Bob : message 1
Alice -> Bob : message 2

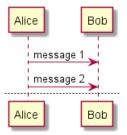
newpage

Alice -> Bob : message 3
Alice -> Bob : message 4

newpage A title for the\nlast page

Alice -> Bob : message 5
Alice -> Bob : message 6

@enduml
```



Grouping message 1.10

It is possible to group messages together using the following keywords:

- alt/else
- opt
- loop
- par
- break
- critical
- group, followed by a text to be displayed

It is possible a add a text that will be displayed into the header (except for group).

The end keyword is used to close the group.

Note that it is possible to nest groups.

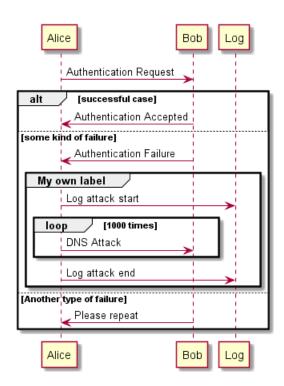
```
@startuml
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
alt successful case
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Accepted
else some kind of failure
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Failure
group My own label
```

Alice -> Log : Log attack start loop 1000 times Alice -> Bob: DNS Attack Alice -> Log : Log attack end end

else Another type of failure

```
Bob -> Alice: Please repeat
```

end



Notes on messages

It is possible to put notes on message using the note left or note right keywords just after the message.

You can have a multi-line note using the end note keywords.

@startuml

Alice->Bob : hello

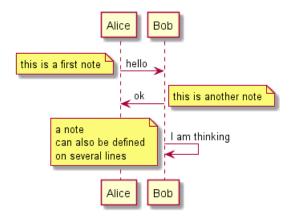
note left: this is a first note

Bob->Alice : ok

note right: this is another note

Bob->Bob : I am thinking

note left a note can also be defined on several lines end note @enduml



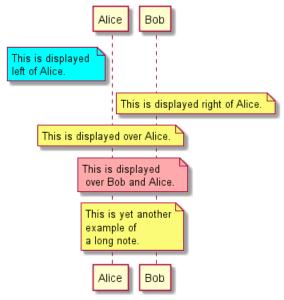
1.12 Some other notes

It is also possible to place notes relative to participant with note left of, note right of or note over keywords.

It is possible to highlight a note by changing its background color.

You can also have a multi-line note using the end note keywords.

```
@startuml
participant Alice
participant Bob
note left of Alice #aqua
This is displayed
left of Alice.
end note
note right of Alice: This is displayed right of Alice.
note over Alice: This is displayed over Alice.
note over Alice, Bob #FFAAAA: This is displayed\n over Bob and Alice.
note over Bob, Alice
This is yet another
example of
a long note.
end note
@enduml
```



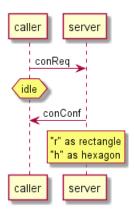
1.13 Changing notes shape

You can use hnote and rnote keywords to change note shapes.

```
@startuml
caller -> server : conReq
hnote over caller : idle
caller <- server : conConf
rnote over server
  "r" as rectangle
  "h" as hexagon</pre>
```



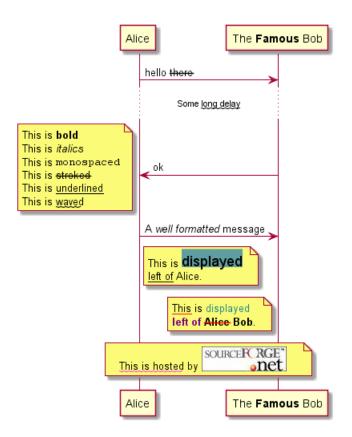
endrnote @enduml



1.14 Creole and HTML

It is also possible to use creole formatting:

```
@startuml
participant Alice
participant "The **Famous** Bob" as Bob
Alice -> Bob : hello --there--
... Some ~~long delay~~ ...
Bob -> Alice : ok
note left
  This is **bold**
  This is //italics//
  This is ""monospaced""
  This is --stroked--
  This is __underlined__
  This is ~~waved~~
end note
Alice -> Bob : A //well formatted// message
note right of Alice
 This is <back:cadetblue><size:18>displayed</size></back>
 __left of__ Alice.
end note
note left of Bob
 <u:red>This</u> is <color #118888>displayed</color>
 **<color purple>left of</color> <s:red>Alice</strike> Bob**.
end note
note over Alice, Bob
 <w:#FF33FF>This is hosted</w> by <img sourceforge.jpg>
end note
```

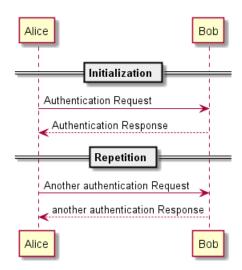


1.15 Divider

If you want, you can split a diagram using == separator to divide your diagram into logical steps. @startuml

```
== Initialization ==
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response
== Repetition ==
Alice -> Bob: Another authentication Request
```

Alice <-- Bob: another authentication Response



1.16 Reference

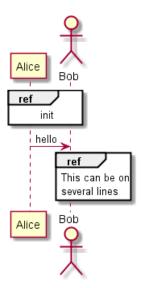
You can use reference in a diagram, using the keyword ref over.

@startuml
participant Alice
actor Bob

ref over Alice, Bob : init

Alice -> Bob : hello

ref over Bob
This can be on
several lines
end ref
@enduml



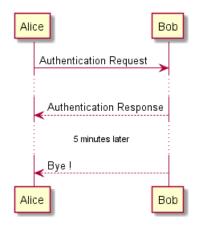
1.17 Delay

You can use . . . to indicate a delay in the diagram. And it is also possible to put a message with this delay.

@startuml

```
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
...
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response
...5 minutes later...
Bob --> Alice: Bye !
```

@enduml



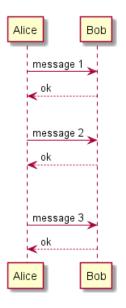
1.18 Space

You can use | | | to indicate some spacing in the diagram.

It is also possible to specify a number of pixel to be used.

@startuml

```
Alice -> Bob: message 1
Bob --> Alice: ok
|||
Alice -> Bob: message 2
Bob --> Alice: ok
||45||
Alice -> Bob: message 3
Bob --> Alice: ok
```



1.19 Lifeline Activation and Destruction

The activate and deactivate are used to denote participant activation.

Once a participant is activated, its lifeline appears.

The activate and deactivate apply on the previous message.

The destroy denote the end of the lifeline of a participant.

@startuml
participant User

User -> A: DoWork

activate A

A -> B: << createRequest >>

activate B

B -> C: DoWork
activate C

C --> B: WorkDone

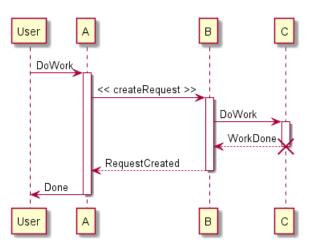
destroy C

B --> A: RequestCreated

deactivate B

A -> User: Done deactivate A

@enduml



Nested lifeline can be used, and it is possible to add a color on the lifeline.

@startuml

participant User

User -> A: DoWork activate A #FFBBBB

A -> A: Internal call activate A #DarkSalmon

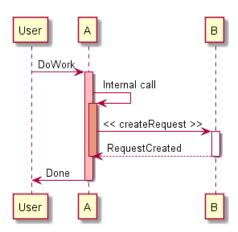
A -> B: << createRequest >> activate B

B --> A: RequestCreated



deactivate B
deactivate A
A -> User: Done
deactivate A

@enduml



Autoactivation is possible and works with the return keywords:

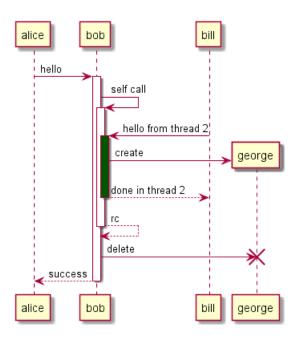
@startuml
autoactivate on
alice -> bob : hello
bob -> bob : self call
bill -> bob #005500 : hello from thread 2
bob -> george ** : create
return done in thread 2

return rc

bob -> george !! : delete

return success

@enduml



1.20 Return

A new command return for generating a return message with optional text label. The point returned to is the point that cause the most recently activated life-line. The syntax is simply return label where label, if provided, can be

any string acceptable on conventional messages.

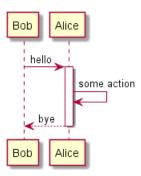
@startuml

Bob -> Alice : hello

activate Alice

Alice -> Alice : some action

return bye @enduml



1.21 **Participant creation**

You can use the create keyword just before the first reception of a message to emphasize the fact that this message is actually creating this new object.

@startuml

Bob -> Alice : hello

create Other

Alice -> Other : new

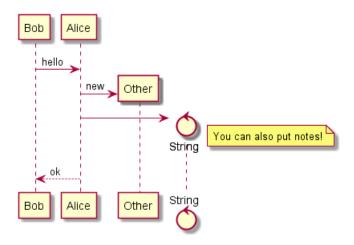
create control String

Alice -> String

note right : You can also put notes!

Alice --> Bob : ok

@enduml



Shortcut syntax for activation, deactivation, creation

Immediately after specifying the target participant, the following syntax can be used:

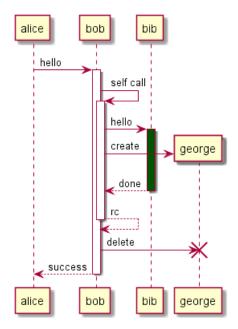
• ++ Activate the target (optionally a #color may follow this)



- -- Deactivate the source
- ** Create an instance of the target
- !! Destroy an instance of the target

```
0startum1
```

```
alice -> bob ++ : hello
bob -> bob ++ : self call
bob -> bib ++ #005500 : hello
bob -> george ** : create
return done
return rc
bob -> george !! : delete
return success
@enduml
```



1.23 Incoming and outgoing messages

You can use incoming or outgoing arrows if you want to focus on a part of the diagram.

Use square brackets to denote the left "[" or the right "]" side of the diagram.

```
@startuml
```

[-> A: DoWork

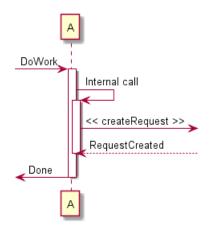
activate A

A -> A: Internal call activate A

A ->] : << createRequest >>

A<--] : RequestCreated deactivate A

deactivate A
[<- A: Done
deactivate A
@enduml</pre>



You can also have the following syntax:

@startuml

[-> Bob

[o-> Bob

[o->o Bob

[x-> Bob

[<- Bob

[x<- Bob

Bob ->]

Bob ->o]

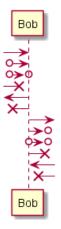
Bob o->o]

Bob ->x]

Bob <-]

Bob x<-]

@enduml



1.24 Stereotypes and Spots

It is possible to add stereotypes to participants using << and >>.

In the stereotype, you can add a spotted character in a colored circle using the syntax (X,color).

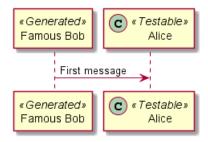
0startum1

```
participant "Famous Bob" as Bob << Generated >>
participant Alice << (C,#ADD1B2) Testable >>
```

Bob->Alice: First message



@enduml



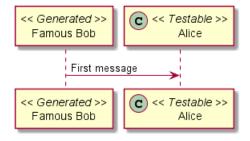
By default, the *guillemet* character is used to display the stereotype. You can change this behavious using the skinparam guillemet:

@startuml

```
skinparam guillemet false
participant "Famous Bob" as Bob << Generated >>
participant Alice << (C,#ADD1B2) Testable >>
```

Bob->Alice: First message

@enduml

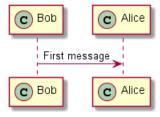


@startuml

```
participant Bob << (C,#ADD1B2) >>
participant Alice << (C,#ADD1B2) >>
```

Bob->Alice: First message

@enduml



1.25 More information on titles

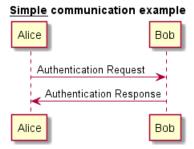
You can use creole formatting in the title.

@startuml

```
title __Simple__ **communication** example
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Response
```



@enduml



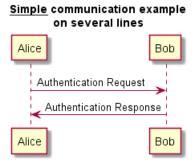
You can add newline using \n in the title description.

@startuml

```
title __Simple__ communication example\non several lines
```

Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request Bob -> Alice: Authentication Response

@enduml



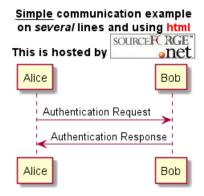
You can also define title on several lines using title and end title keywords.

@startuml

title

<u>Simple</u> communication example on <i>several</i> lines and using html This is hosted by <img:sourceforge.jpg> end title

Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request Bob -> Alice: Authentication Response



1.26 Participants encompass

It is possible to draw a box around some participants, using box and end box commands.

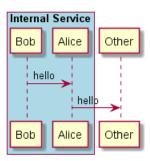
You can add an optional title or a optional background color, after the box keyword.

@startuml

box "Internal Service" #LightBlue
participant Bob
participant Alice
end box
participant Other

Bob -> Alice : hello
Alice -> Other : hello

@enduml



1.27 Removing Foot Boxes

You can use the hide footbox keywords to remove the foot boxes of the diagram.

@startuml

hide footbox title Foot Box removed

Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response



1.28 Skinparam

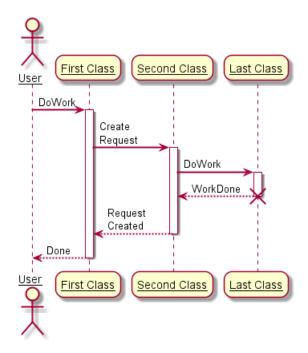
You can use the skinparam command to change colors and fonts for the drawing.

You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

You can also change other rendering parameter, as seen in the following examples:

```
@startuml
skinparam sequenceArrowThickness 2
skinparam roundcorner 20
skinparam maxmessagesize 60
skinparam sequenceParticipant underline
actor User
participant "First Class" as A
participant "Second Class" as B
participant "Last Class" as C
User -> A: DoWork
activate A
A -> B: Create Request
activate B
B -> C: DoWork
activate C
C --> B: WorkDone
destroy C
B --> A: Request Created
deactivate B
A --> User: Done
deactivate A
```



@startuml
skinparam backgroundColor #EEEBDC
skinparam handwritten true

skinparam sequence {
ArrowColor DeepSkyBlue
ActorBorderColor DeepSkyBlue
LifeLineBorderColor blue
LifeLineBackgroundColor #A9DCDF

ParticipantBorderColor DeepSkyBlue
ParticipantBackgroundColor DodgerBlue
ParticipantFontName Impact
ParticipantFontSize 17
ParticipantFontColor #A9DCDF

ActorBackgroundColor aqua ActorFontColor DeepSkyBlue ActorFontSize 17 ActorFontName Aapex }

actor User
participant "First Class" as A
participant "Second Class" as B
participant "Last Class" as C

User -> A: DoWork
activate A

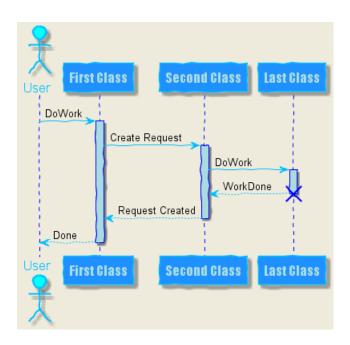
A -> B: Create Request activate B

B -> C: DoWork
activate C
C --> B: WorkDone
destroy C

B --> A: Request Created deactivate B

A --> User: Done deactivate A

@enduml



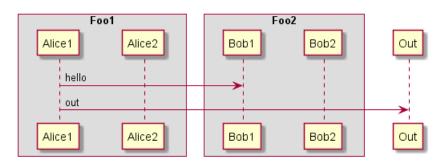
1.29 **Changing padding**

It is possible to tune some padding settings.

@startuml skinparam ParticipantPadding 20 skinparam BoxPadding 10

box "Foo1" participant Alice1 participant Alice2 end box box "Foo2" participant Bob1 participant Bob2 end box

Alice1 -> Bob1 : hello Alice1 -> Out : out



2 **Use Case Diagram**

Let's have few examples:

Note that you can disable the shadowing using the skinparam shadowing false command.

Usecases

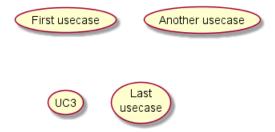
Use cases are enclosed using between parentheses (because two parentheses looks like an oval).

You can also use the usecase keyword to define a usecase. And you can define an alias, using the as keyword. This alias will be used latter, when defining relations.

@startuml

(First usecase) (Another usecase) as (UC2) usecase UC3 usecase (Last\nusecase) as UC4

@enduml



2.2 Actors

Actor are enclosed using between two points.

You can also use the actor keyword to define an actor. And you can define an alias, using the as keyword. This alias will be used latter, when defining relations.

We will see later that the actor definitions are optional.

@startuml

:First Actor:

:Another\nactor: as Men2

actor Men3

actor: Last actor: as Men4







Usecases description

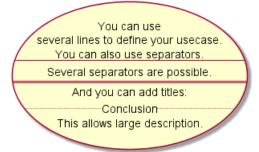
If you want to have description on several lines, you can use quotes.

You can also use the following separators: -- . . == __. And you can put titles within the separators.

@startuml

```
usecase UC1 as "You can use
several lines to define your usecase.
You can also use separators.
Several separators are possible.
And you can add titles:
..Conclusion..
This allows large description."
```

@enduml



Basic example

To link actors and use cases, the arrow --> is used.

The more dashes - in the arrow, the longer the arrow. You can add a label on the arrow, by adding a: character in the arrow definition.

In this example, you see that *User* has not been defined before, and is used as an actor.

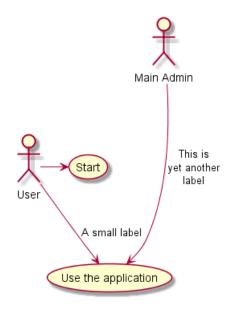
@startuml

```
User -> (Start)
User --> (Use the application) : A small label
:Main Admin: ---> (Use the application) : This is\nyet another\nlabel
```



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@enduml



2.5 Extension

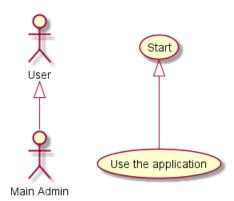
If one actor/use case extends another one, you can use the symbol < | --.

@startuml

:Main Admin: as Admin (Use the application) as (Use)

User < |-- Admin (Start) < |-- (Use)

@enduml



2.6 Using notes

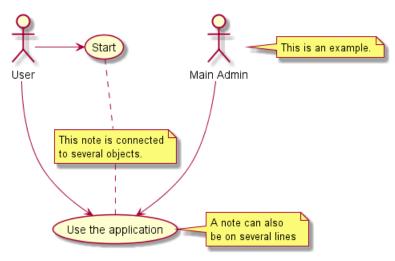
You can use the note left of, note right of, note top of, note bottom of keywords to define notes related to a single object.

A note can be also define alone with the note keywords, then linked to other objects using the . . symbol.

@startuml

:Main Admin: as Admin (Use the application) as (Use) 2.7 Stereotypes 2 USE CASE DIAGRAM

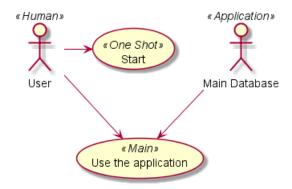
```
User -> (Start)
User --> (Use)
Admin ---> (Use)
note right of Admin : This is an example.
note right of (Use)
  A note can also
  be on several lines
end note
note "This note is connected\nto several objects." as N2
(Start) .. N2
N2 .. (Use)
@enduml
```



2.7 Stereotypes

You can add stereotypes while defining actors and use cases using << and >>.

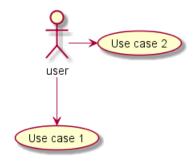
```
@startuml
User << Human >>
:Main Database: as MySql << Application >>
(Start) << One Shot >>
(Use the application) as (Use) << Main >>
User -> (Start)
User --> (Use)
MySql --> (Use)
```



2.8 Changing arrows direction

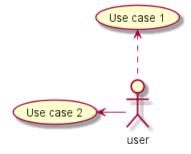
By default, links between classes have two dashes -- and are vertically oriented. It is possible to use horizontal link by putting a single dash (or dot) like this:

```
@startuml
:user: --> (Use case 1)
:user: -> (Use case 2)
@enduml
```



You can also change directions by reversing the link:

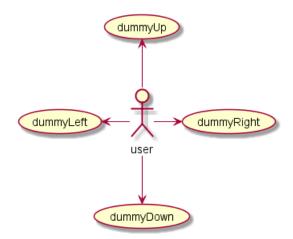
```
@startuml
(Use case 1) <..:user:
(Use case 2) <-:user:
@enduml</pre>
```



It is also possible to change arrow direction by adding left, right, up or down keywords inside the arrow:

```
@startuml
```

```
:user: -left-> (dummyLeft)
:user: -right-> (dummyRight)
:user: -up-> (dummyUp)
:user: -down-> (dummyDown)
@enduml
```



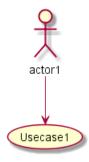
You can shorten the arrow by using only the first character of the direction (for example, -d- instead of -down-) or the two first characters (-do-).

Please note that you should not abuse this functionality: Graphviz gives usually good results without tweaking.

2.9 Splitting diagrams

The newpage keywords to split your diagram into several pages or images.

```
@startuml
:actor1: --> (Usecase1)
newpage
:actor2: --> (Usecase2)
@enduml
```

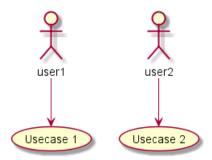


2.10 Left to right direction

The general default behavior when building diagram is top to bottom.

```
@startuml
'default
top to bottom direction
user1 --> (Usecase 1)
user2 --> (Usecase 2)
```

2.11 Skinparam 2 USE CASE DIAGRAM

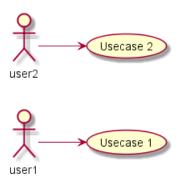


You may change to **left to right** using the left to right direction command. The result is often better with this direction.

@startuml

```
left to right direction
user1 --> (Usecase 1)
user2 --> (Usecase 2)
```

@enduml



2.11 Skinparam

You can use the skinparam command to change colors and fonts for the drawing.

You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- · In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped actors and usecases.

@startuml

skinparam handwritten true

skinparam usecase {
BackgroundColor DarkSeaGreen
BorderColor DarkSlateGray

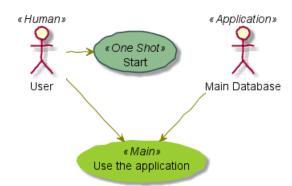
BackgroundColor<< Main >> YellowGreen
BorderColor<< Main >> YellowGreen

ArrowColor Olive ActorBorderColor black ActorFontName Courier

ActorBackgroundColor<< Human >> Gold

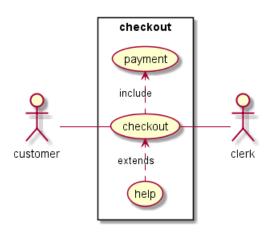


```
}
User << Human >>
:Main Database: as MySql << Application >>
(Start) << One Shot >>
(Use the application) as (Use) << Main >>
User -> (Start)
User --> (Use)
MySql --> (Use)
@enduml
```



2.12 Complete example

```
@startuml
left to right direction
skinparam packageStyle rectangle
actor customer
actor clerk
rectangle checkout {
  customer -- (checkout)
(checkout) .> (payment) : include
  (help) .> (checkout) : extends
  (checkout) -- clerk
}
@enduml
```



Class Diagram 3

Relations between classes

Relations between classes are defined using the following symbols:

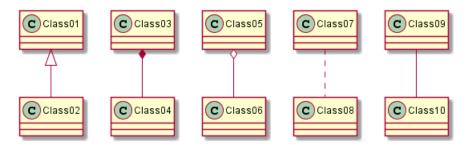
Type	Symbol	Drawing
Extension	<	\downarrow
Composition	*	• —
Aggregation	0	◇ —

It is possible to replace -- by . . to have a dotted line.

Knowing those rules, it is possible to draw the following drawings:

0startum1

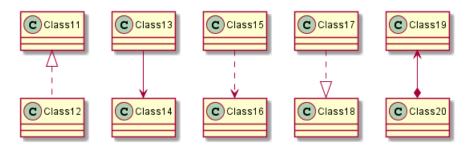
Class01 < | -- Class02 Class03 *-- Class04 Class05 o-- Class06 Class07 .. Class08 Class09 -- Class10 @enduml



@startuml

Class11 < | ... Class12 Class13 --> Class14 Class15 ..> Class16 Class17 ..|> Class18 Class19 <--* Class20

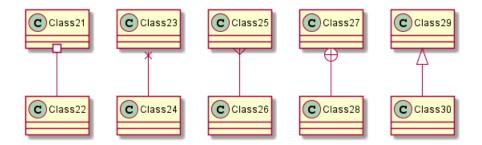
@enduml



@startuml

Class21 #-- Class22 Class23 x-- Class24 Class25 }-- Class26 Class27 +-- Class28 Class29 ^-- Class30 @enduml

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Label on relations 3.2

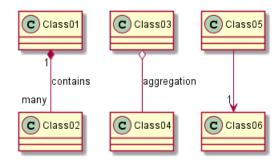
It is possible a add a label on the relation, using:, followed by the text of the label.

For cardinality, you can use double-quotes "" on each side of the relation.

@startuml

```
Class01 "1" *-- "many" Class02 : contains
ClassO3 o-- ClassO4 : aggregation
Class05 --> "1" Class06
```

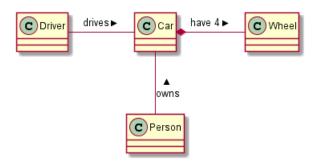
@enduml



You can add an extra arrow pointing at one object showing which object acts on the other object, using < or > at the begin or at the end of the label.

```
@startuml
class Car
```

```
Driver - Car : drives >
Car *- Wheel : have 4 >
Car -- Person : < owns
```



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3.3 Adding methods

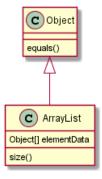
To declare fields and methods, you can use the symbol: followed by the field's or method's name.

The system checks for parenthesis to choose between methods and fields.

```
@startuml
Object <|-- ArrayList

Object : equals()
ArrayList : Object[] elementData
ArrayList : size()

@enduml</pre>
```



It is also possible to group between brackets {} all fields and methods.

Note that the syntax is highly flexible about type/name order.

```
@startuml
class Dummy {
   String data
   void methods()
}

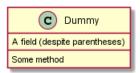
class Flight {
   flightNumber : Integer
   departureTime : Date
}
@enduml
```





You can use {field} and {method} modifiers to override default behaviour of the parser about fields and methods.

```
@startuml
class Dummy {
    {field} A field (despite parentheses)
    {method} Some method
}
```



3.4 Defining visibility

When you define methods or fields, you can use characters to define the visibility of the corresponding item:

Character	Icon for field	Icon for method	Visibility
-			private
#	♦	\langle	protected
~	Δ	_	package private
+	0	•	public

@startuml

```
class Dummy {
  -field1
  #field2
  ~method1()
  +method2()
}
```

@enduml



You can turn off this feature using the $skinparam\ classAttributeIconSize\ 0\ command$:

```
@startuml
skinparam classAttributeIconSize 0
class Dummy {
  -field1
  #field2
  ~method1()
  +method2()
}
```

@enduml



3.5 Abstract and Static

You can define static or abstract methods or fields using the {static} or {abstract} modifier.

These modifiers can be used at the start or at the end of the line. You can also use {classifier} instead of {static}.

```
@startuml
class Dummy {
    {static} String id
    {abstract} void methods()
}
@enduml
```



3.6 Advanced class body

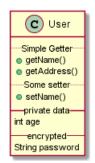
By default, methods and fields are automatically regrouped by PlantUML. You can use separators to define your own way of ordering fields and methods. The following separators are possible: -- .. == __.

You can also use titles within the separators:

```
@startuml
class Foo1 {
  You can use
  several lines
  as you want
  and group
  things together.
  You can have as many groups
  as you want
  End of class
class User {
  .. Simple Getter ..
  + getName()
  + getAddress()
  .. Some setter ..
  + setName()
  __ private data __
  int age
  -- encrypted --
  String password
}
```

@enduml





3.7 Notes and stereotypes

Stereotypes are defined with the class keyword, << and >>.

You can also define notes using note left of, note right of, note top of, note bottom of keywords.



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You can also define a note on the last defined class using note left, note right, note top, note bottom.

A note can be also define alone with the note keywords, then linked to other objects using the . . symbol.

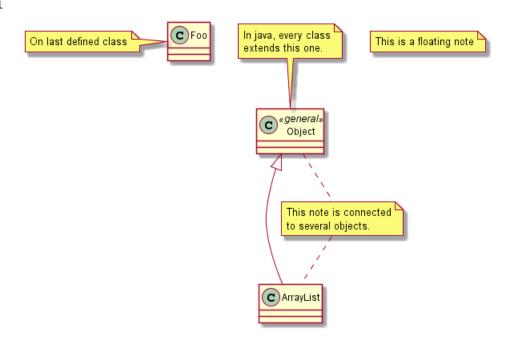
```
@startuml
class Object << general >>
Object <|--- ArrayList

note top of Object : In java, every class\nextends this one.

note "This is a floating note" as N1
note "This note is connected\nto several objects." as N2
Object .. N2
N2 .. ArrayList

class Foo
note left: On last defined class</pre>
```

@enduml



3.8 More on notes

It is also possible to use few html tags like:

-
- <u>
- <i>
- <s>, , <strike>
- or
- <color: #AAAAAA> or <color:colorName>
- <size:nn> to change font size
- or <img:file>: the file must be accessible by the filesystem

You can also have a note on several lines.

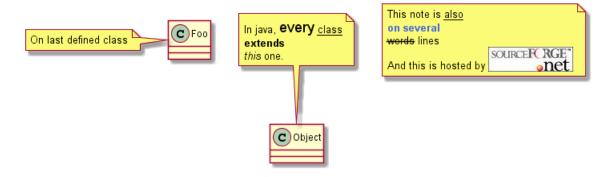
You can also define a note on the last defined class using note left, note right, note top, note bottom.

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@startuml

```
class Foo
note left: On last defined class
note top of Object
  In java, <size:18>every</size> <u>class</u>
  <b>extends</b>
  <i>this</i> one.
end note
note as N1
  This note is <u>also</u>
  <b><color:royalBlue>on several</color>
  <s>words</s> lines
  And this is hosted by <img:sourceforge.jpg>
end note
```

@enduml



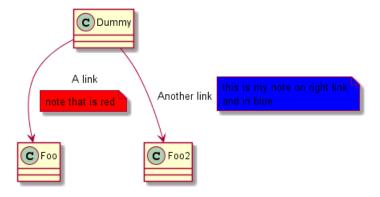
Note on links 3.9

It is possible to add a note on a link, just after the link definition, using note on link.

You can also use note left on link, note right on link, note top on link, note bottom on link if you want to change the relative position of the note with the label.

@startuml

class Dummy Dummy --> Foo : A link note on link #red: note that is red Dummy --> Foo2 : Another link note right on link #blue this is my note on right link and in blue end note



Abstract class and interface

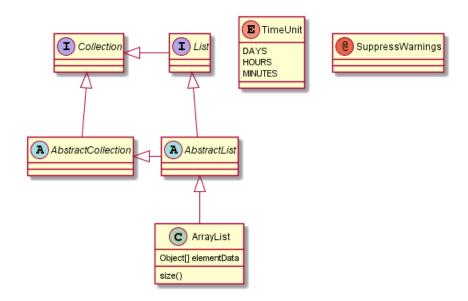
You can declare a class as abstract using abstract" or abstract class keywords.

The class will be printed in *italic*.

You can use the interface, annotation and enum keywords too.

@startuml

```
abstract class AbstractList
abstract AbstractCollection
interface List
interface Collection
List <|-- AbstractList</pre>
Collection <|-- AbstractCollection</pre>
Collection < | - List
AbstractCollection < | - AbstractList
AbstractList < | -- ArrayList
class ArrayList {
  Object[] elementData
  size()
}
enum TimeUnit {
  DAYS
  HOURS
  MINUTES
}
annotation SuppressWarnings
```



3.11 Using non-letters

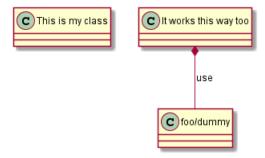
If you want to use non-letters in the class (or enum...) display, you can either:

- · Use the as keyword in the class definition
- Put quotes "" around the class name

@startuml

class "This is my class" as class1
class class2 as "It works this way too"

class2 *-- "foo/dummy" : use
@enduml



3.12 Hide attributes, methods...

You can parameterize the display of classes using the hide/show command.

The basic command is: hide empty members. This command will hide attributes or methods if they are empty. Instead of empty members, you can use:

- empty fields or empty attributes for empty fields,
- empty methods for empty methods,
- fields or attributes which will hide fields, even if they are described,
- methods which will hide methods, even if they are described,
- members which will hide fields and methods, even if they are described,
- circle for the circled character in front of class name,



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• stereotype for the stereotype.

You can also provide, just after the hide or show keyword:

- class for all classes,
- interface for all interfaces,
- · enum for all enums,
- <<foo1>> for classes which are stereotyped with *foo1*,
- an existing class name.

You can use several show/hide commands to define rules and exceptions.

```
@startuml
```

```
class Dummy1 {
    +myMethods()
}

class Dummy2 {
    +hiddenMethod()
}

class Dummy3 <<Serializable>> {
    String name
}

hide members
hide <<Serializable>> circle
show Dummy1 methods
show <<Serializable>> fields
```







3.13 Hide classes

You can also use the show/hide commands to hide classes.

This may be useful if you define a large !included file, and if you want to hide come classes after file inclusion.

@startuml

@enduml

```
class Foo1
class Foo2
Foo2 *-- Foo1
hide Foo2
```



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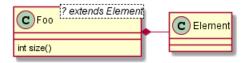
3.14 Use generics

You can also use bracket < and > to define generics usage in a class.

@startuml

```
class Foo<? extends Element> {
  int size()
}
Foo *- Element
```

@enduml



It is possible to disable this drawing using skinparam genericDisplay old command.

3.15 Specific Spot

Usually, a spotted character (C, I, E or A) is used for classes, interface, enum and abstract classes.

But you can define your own spot for a class when you define the stereotype, adding a single character and a color, like in this example:

@startuml

```
class System << (S,#FF7700) Singleton >>
class Date << (D,orchid) >>
@enduml
```





3.16 Packages

You can define a package using the package keyword, and optionally declare a background color for your package (Using a html color code or name).

Note that package definitions can be nested.

```
0startum1
```

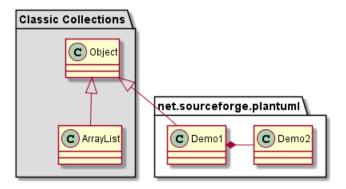
```
package "Classic Collections" #DDDDDD {
   Object < |-- ArrayList
}</pre>
```



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```
package net.sourceforge.plantuml {
  Object <|-- Demo1
  Demo1 *- Demo2
}</pre>
```

@enduml



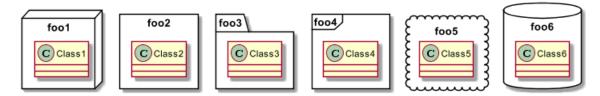
3.17 Packages style

There are different styles available for packages.

You can specify them either by setting a default style with the command: skinparam packageStyle, or by using a stereotype on the package:

```
@startuml
scale 750 width
package foo1 <<Node>> {
  class Class1
}
package foo2 <<Rectangle>> {
  class Class2
package foo3 <<Folder>> {
  class Class3
package foo4 <<Frame>> {
  class Class4
package foo5 <<Cloud>> {
  class Class5
}
package foo6 <<Database>> {
  class Class6
```

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You can also define links between packages, like in the following example:

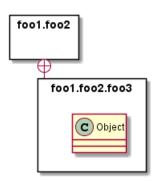
@startuml

```
skinparam packageStyle rectangle
package foo1.foo2 {
}

package foo1.foo2.foo3 {
   class Object
}

foo1.foo2 +-- foo1.foo2.foo3

@enduml
```



3.18 Namespaces

In packages, the name of a class is the unique identifier of this class. It means that you cannot have two classes with the very same name in different packages.

In that case, you should use namespaces instead of packages.

You can refer to classes from other namespaces by fully qualify them. Classes from the default namespace are qualified with a starting dot.

Note that you don't have to explicitly create namespace: a fully qualified class is automatically put in the right namespace.

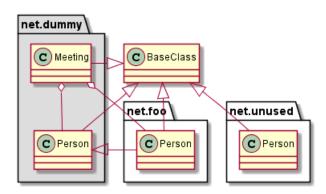
@startuml

```
class BaseClass
namespace net.dummy #DDDDDDD {
   .BaseClass <|-- Person
Meeting o-- Person
   .BaseClass <|- Meeting
}
namespace net.foo {</pre>
```



```
net.dummy.Person <|- Person</pre>
  .BaseClass < | -- Person
  net.dummy.Meeting o-- Person
}
BaseClass < | -- net.unused.Person
```

@enduml

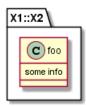


3.19 Automatic namespace creation

You can define another separator (other than the dot) using the command: set namespaceSeparator ???. @startuml

```
set namespaceSeparator ::
class X1::X2::foo {
  some info
}
```

@enduml



You can disable automatic package creation using the command set namespaceSeparator none.

@startuml

```
set namespaceSeparator none
class X1.X2.foo {
  some info
```





3.20 Lollipop interface

You can also define lollipops interface on classes, using the following syntax:

- bar () foo
- bar ()-- foo
- foo -() bar

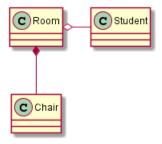
@startuml
class foo
bar ()- foo
@enduml



3.21 Changing arrows direction

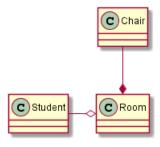
By default, links between classes have two dashes -- and are vertically oriented. It is possible to use horizontal link by putting a single dash (or dot) like this:

@startuml
Room o- Student
Room *-- Chair
@enduml



You can also change directions by reversing the link:

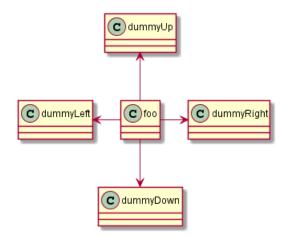
@startuml
Student -o Room
Chair --* Room
@enduml



It is also possible to change arrow direction by adding left, right, up or down keywords inside the arrow:

@startuml
foo -left-> dummyLeft
foo -right-> dummyRight
foo -up-> dummyUp
foo -down-> dummyDown
@enduml

3.22 Association classes 3 CLASS DIAGRAM



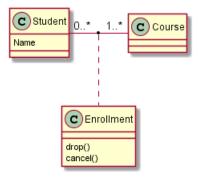
You can shorten the arrow by using only the first character of the direction (for example, -d- instead of -down-) or the two first characters (-do-).

Please note that you should not abuse this functionality: Graphviz gives usually good results without tweaking.

3.22 Association classes

You can define association class after that a relation has been defined between two classes, like in this example:

```
@startuml
class Student {
   Name
}
Student "0..*" - "1..*" Course
(Student, Course) .. Enrollment
class Enrollment {
   drop()
   cancel()
}
@enduml
```



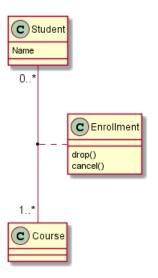
You can define it in another direction:

```
@startuml
class Student {
   Name
}
Student "0..*" -- "1..*" Course
(Student, Course) . Enrollment
class Enrollment {
  drop()
  cancel()
```



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}
@enduml



3.23 Skinparam

You can use the skinparam command to change colors and fonts for the drawing.

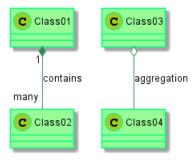
You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- · In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

@startuml

```
skinparam class {
BackgroundColor PaleGreen
ArrowColor SeaGreen
BorderColor SpringGreen
}
skinparam stereotypeCBackgroundColor YellowGreen
Class01 "1" *-- "many" Class02 : contains
Class03 o-- Class04 : aggregation
```

@enduml



3.24 Skinned Stereotypes

You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped classes.

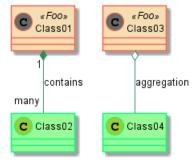


3.25 Color gradient 3 CLASS DIAGRAM

0startum1

@enduml

```
skinparam class {
BackgroundColor PaleGreen
ArrowColor SeaGreen
BorderColor SpringGreen
BackgroundColor<<Foo>> Wheat
BorderColor<<Foo>> Tomato
}
skinparam stereotypeCBackgroundColor YellowGreen
skinparam stereotypeCBackgroundColor
Class01 <<Foo>>
Class03 <<Foo>>
Class03 "1" *-- "many" Class02 : contains
Class03 o-- Class04 : aggregation
```



3.25 Color gradient

It's possible to declare individual color for classes or note using the # notation.

You can use either standard color name or RGB code.

You can also use color gradient in background, with the following syntax: two colors names separated either by:

- |,
- /,
- \,
- or -

depending the direction of the gradient.

For example, you could have:

@startuml

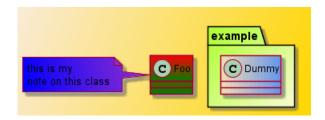
```
skinparam backgroundcolor AntiqueWhite/Gold
skinparam classBackgroundColor Wheat|CornflowerBlue

class Foo #red-green
note left of Foo #blue\9932CC
   this is my
   note on this class
end note

package example #GreenYellow/LightGoldenRodYellow {
```

```
class Dummy
}
```

@enduml



3.26 Help on layout

Sometimes, the default layout is not perfect...

You can use together keyword to group some classes together: the layout engine will try to group them (as if they were in the same package).

You can also use hidden links to force the layout.

```
@startuml
```

```
class Bar1
class Bar2
together {
   class Together1
   class Together2
   class Together3
}
Together1 - Together2
Together2 - Together3
Together2 - [hidden] --> Bar1
Bar1 - [hidden] > Bar2
```

@enduml





3.27 Splitting large files

Sometimes, you will get some very large image files.

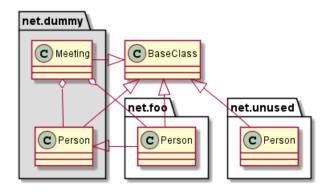
You can use the page (hpages)x(vpages) command to split the generated image into several files:

hpages is a number that indicated the number of horizontal pages, and vpages is a number that indicated the number of vertical pages.



You can also use some specific skinparam settings to put borders on splitted pages (see example).

```
@startuml
' Split into 4 pages
page 2x2
skinparam pageMargin 10
skinparam pageExternalColor gray
skinparam pageBorderColor black
class BaseClass
namespace net.dummy #DDDDDD {
.BaseClass < | -- Person
Meeting o-- Person
.BaseClass < | - Meeting
}
namespace net.foo {
  net.dummy.Person <|- Person</pre>
  .BaseClass < | -- Person
  net.dummy.Meeting o-- Person
BaseClass <|-- net.unused.Person</pre>
@enduml
```



4 Activity Diagram

4.1 Simple Activity

You can use (*) for the starting point and ending point of the activity diagram.

In some occasion, you may want to use (*top) to force the starting point to be at the top of the diagram.

Use --> for arrows.

@startuml

```
(*) --> "First Activity"
"First Activity" --> (*)
```

@enduml



4.2 Label on arrows

By default, an arrow starts at the last used activity.

You can put a label on an arrow using brackets [and] just after the arrow definition.

@startuml

```
(*) --> "First Activity"
-->[You can put also labels] "Second Activity"
--> (*)
```

@enduml



4.3 Changing arrow direction

You can use -> for horizontal arrows. It is possible to force arrow's direction using the following syntax:

- -down-> (default arrow)
- -right-> or ->



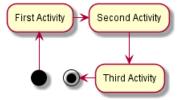
4.4 Branches 4 ACTIVITY DIAGRAM

- -left->
- -up->

@startuml

```
(*) -up-> "First Activity"
-right-> "Second Activity"
--> "Third Activity"
-left-> (*)
```

@enduml



4.4 Branches

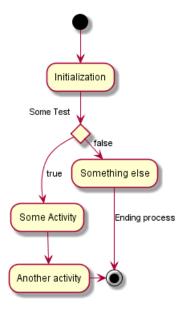
You can use if/then/else keywords to define branches.

@startuml

(*) --> "Initialization"

```
if "Some Test" then
   -->[true] "Some Activity"
   --> "Another activity"
   -right-> (*)
else
   ->[false] "Something else"
   -->[Ending process] (*)
endif
```

@enduml



Unfortunately, you will have to sometimes repeat the same activity in the diagram text:

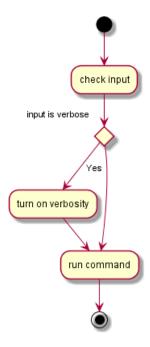
@startuml

(*) --> "check input"



4.5 More on Branches 4 ACTIVITY DIAGRAM

```
If "input is verbose" then
--> [Yes] "turn on verbosity"
--> "run command"
else
--> "run command"
Endif
-->(*)
@enduml
```



4.5 More on Branches

By default, a branch is connected to the last defined activity, but it is possible to override this and to define a link with the if keywords.

It is also possible to nest branches.

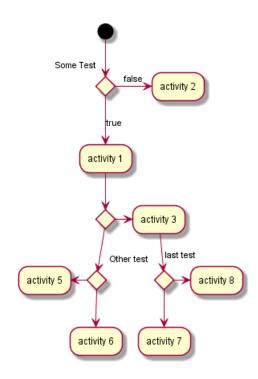
@startuml

```
(*) --> if "Some Test" then
    -->[true] "activity 1"
    if "" then
    -> "activity 3" as a3
    else
if "Other test" then
    -left-> "activity 5"
else
    --> "activity 6"
endif
    endif
    endif
else
    ->[false] "activity 2"
```

4.6 Synchronization 4 ACTIVITY DIAGRAM

```
a3 --> if "last test" then
  --> "activity 7"
else
  -> "activity 8"
{\tt endif}
```

@enduml

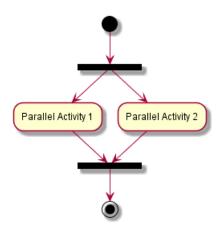


4.6 Synchronization

You can use === code === to display synchronization bars.

@startuml

```
(*) --> ===B1===
--> "Parallel Activity 1"
--> ===B2===
===B1=== --> "Parallel Activity 2"
--> ===B2===
--> (*)
```



4.7 Long activity description

When you declare activities, you can span on several lines the description text. You can also add \n in the description.

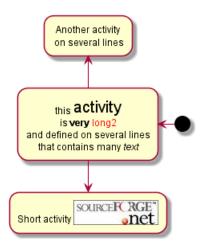
You can also give a short code to the activity with the as keyword. This code can be used latter in the diagram description.

@startuml

(*) -left-> "this <size:20>activity</size>
is very <color:red>long2</color>
and defined on several lines
that contains many <i>text</i>" as A1

-up-> "Another activity\n on several lines"

A1 --> "Short activity <img:sourceforge.jpg>" @enduml



4.8 Notes

You can add notes on a activity using the commands note left, note right, note top or note bottom, just after the description of the activity you want to note.

If you want to put a note on the starting point, define the note at the very beginning of the diagram description.

You can also have a note on several lines, using the endnote keywords.

@startuml

4.9 Partition 4 ACTIVITY DIAGRAM

```
(*) --> "Some Activity"
note right: This activity has to be defined
"Some Activity" --> (*)
note left
This note is on
several lines
end note

@enduml
```

This note is on several lines

4.9 Partition

You can define a partition using the partition keyword, and optionally declare a background color for your partition (Using a html color code or name)

This activity has to be defined

When you declare activities, they are automatically put in the last used partition.

Some Activity

You can close the partition definition using a closing bracket }.

@startuml

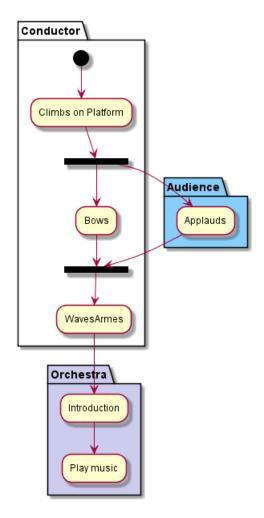
```
partition Conductor {
    (*) --> "Climbs on Platform"
    --> === S1 ===
    --> Bows
}

partition Audience #LightSkyBlue {
    === S1 === --> Applauds
}

partition Conductor {
    Bows --> === S2 ===
    --> WavesArmes
    Applauds --> === S2 ===
}

partition Orchestra #CCCCEE {
    WavesArmes --> Introduction
    --> "Play music"
}
```

4.10 Skinparam 4 ACTIVITY DIAGRAM



4.10 Skinparam

You can use the skinparam command to change colors and fonts for the drawing.

You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped activities.

@startuml

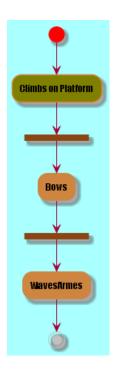
```
skinparam backgroundColor #AAFFFF
skinparam activity {
   StartColor red
   BarColor SaddleBrown
   EndColor Silver
   BackgroundColor Peru
   BackgroundColor<< Begin >> Olive
   BorderColor Peru
   FontName Impact
}

(*) --> "Climbs on Platform" << Begin >>
```

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```
--> === S1 ===
--> Bows
--> === S2 ===
--> WavesArmes
--> (*)
```

@enduml



4.11 Octagon

You can change the shape of activities to octagon using the skinparam activityShape octagon command.

@startuml

'Default is skinparam activityShape roundBox skinparam activityShape octagon

@enduml



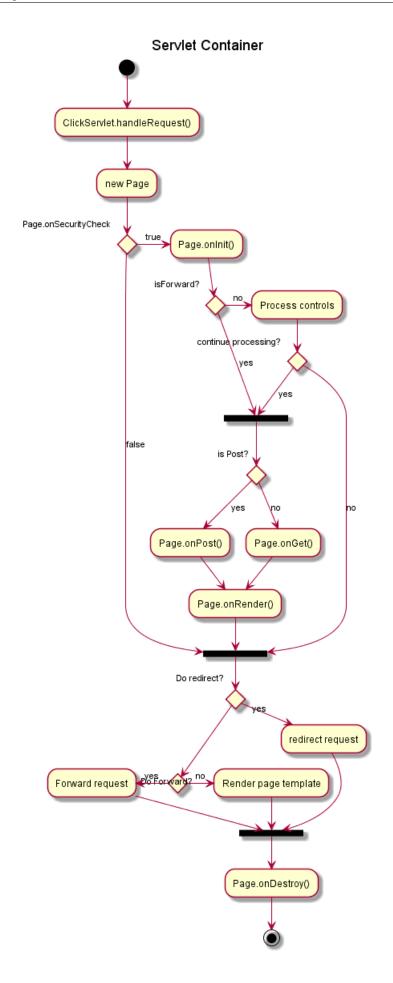
4.12 Complete example

@startuml title Servlet Container

(*) --> "ClickServlet.handleRequest()"



```
--> "new Page"
if "Page.onSecurityCheck" then
 ->[true] "Page.onInit()"
  if "isForward?" then
   ->[no] "Process controls"
   if "continue processing?" then
 -->[yes] ===RENDERING===
   else
 -->[no] ===REDIRECT_CHECK===
   endif
  else
  -->[yes] ===RENDERING===
  endif
 if "is Post?" then
-->[yes] "Page.onPost()"
--> "Page.onRender()" as render
--> ===REDIRECT_CHECK===
  else
-->[no] "Page.onGet()"
--> render
  endif
else
  -->[false] ===REDIRECT_CHECK===
endif
if "Do redirect?" then
 ->[yes] "redirect request"
 --> ==BEFORE_DESTROY===
else
 if "Do Forward?" then
 -left->[yes] "Forward request"
 --> ==BEFORE_DESTROY===
 -right->[no] "Render page template"
  --> ==BEFORE_DESTROY===
 endif
endif
--> "Page.onDestroy()"
-->(*)
```



5 Activity Diagram (beta)

Current syntax for activity diagram has several limitations and drawbacks (for example, it's difficult to maintain).

So a completely new syntax and implementation is proposed as **beta version** to users (starting with V7947), so that we could define a better format and syntax.

Another advantage of this new implementation is that it's done without the need of having Graphviz installed (as for sequence diagrams).

The new syntax will replace the old one. However, for compatibility reason, the old syntax will still be recognized, to ensure *ascending compatibility*.

Users are simply encouraged to migrate to the new syntax.

5.1 Simple Activity

Activities label starts with: and ends with;.

Text formatting can be done using creole wiki syntax.

They are implicitly linked in their definition order.

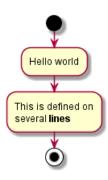
```
@startuml
:Hello world;
:This is defined on
several **lines**;
@enduml
```



5.2 Start/Stop

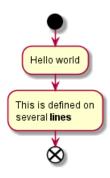
You can use start and stop keywords to denote the beginning and the end of a diagram.

```
@startuml
start
:Hello world;
:This is defined on
several **lines**;
stop
@enduml
```



You can also use the end keyword.

```
@startuml
start
:Hello world;
:This is defined on
several **lines**;
end
@enduml
```



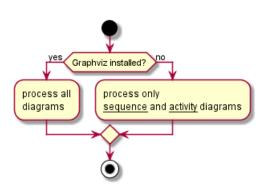
5.3 Conditional

You can use if, then and else keywords to put tests if your diagram. Labels can be provided using parentheses. @startuml

```
start
```

```
if (Graphviz installed?) then (yes)
  :process all\ndiagrams;
else (no)
  :process only
   __sequence__ and __activity__ diagrams;
endif
```

@enduml

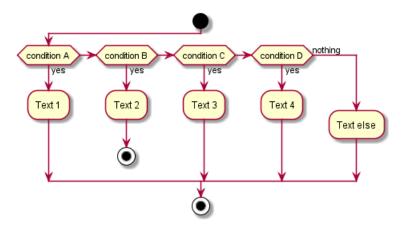


You can use the elseif keyword to have several tests:

```
@startuml
start
if (condition A) then (yes)
  :Text 1;
elseif (condition B) then (yes)
  :Text 2;
  stop
elseif (condition C) then (yes)
```



```
:Text 3;
elseif (condition D) then (yes)
  :Text 4;
else (nothing)
  :Text else;
endif
stop
@enduml
```

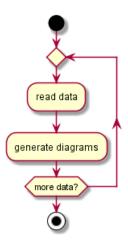


5.4 Repeat loop

You can use repeat and repeatwhile keywords to have repeat loops.

@startuml

```
start
repeat
  :read data;
  :generate diagrams;
repeat while (more data?)
stop
```



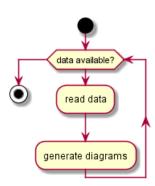
5.5 While loop

You can use while and end while keywords to have repeat loops.

```
@startuml
```

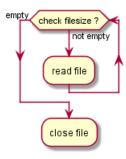
@enduml

```
start
while (data available?)
  :read data;
  :generate diagrams;
endwhile
stop
```



It is possible to provide a label after the endwhile keyword, or using the is keyword.

```
@startuml
while (check filesize ?) is (not empty)
   :read file;
endwhile (empty)
:close file;
@enduml
```



5.6 Parallel processing

You can use fork, fork again and end fork keywords to denote parallel processing.

```
@startuml
```

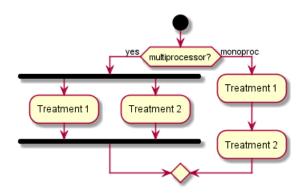
```
\operatorname{start}
```

```
if (multiprocessor?) then (yes)
  fork
:Treatment 1;
  fork again
```



```
:Treatment 2;
  end fork
else (monoproc)
  :Treatment 1;
  :Treatment 2;
endif
```

@enduml



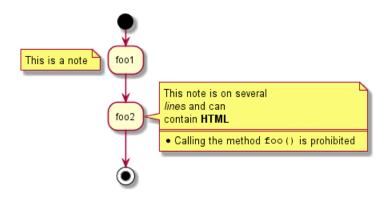
5.7 Notes

Text formatting can be done using creole wiki syntax.

A note can be floating, using floating keyword.

@startuml

```
start
:foo1;
floating note left: This is a note
:foo2;
note right
  This note is on several
  //lines// and can
  contain <b>HTML</b>
  * Calling the method ""foo()"" is prohibited
end note
stop
```



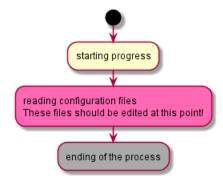
5.8 Colors

You can specify a color for some activities.

```
@startuml
```

```
start
:starting progress;
#HotPink:reading configuration files
These files should be edited at this point!;
#AAAAAA: ending of the process;
```

@enduml

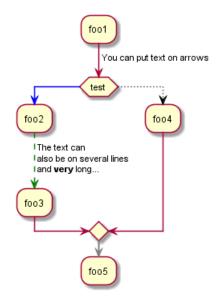


5.9 Arrows

Using the -> notation, you can add texts to arrow, and change their color.

It's also possible to have dotted, dashed, bold or hidden arrows.

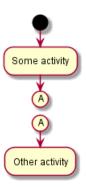
```
@startuml
:foo1;
-> You can put text on arrows;
if (test) then
  -[#blue]->
  :foo2;
  -[#green,dashed]-> The text can
  also be on several lines
  and **very** long...;
  :foo3;
else
  -[#black,dotted]->
  :foo4;
endif
-[#gray,bold]->
:foo5;
@enduml
```



5.10 Connector

You can use parentheses to denote connector.

```
@startuml
start
:Some activity;
(A)
detach
(A)
:Other activity;
@enduml
```



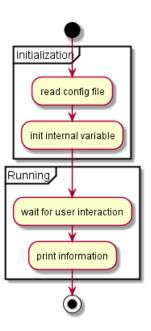
5.11 Grouping

You can group activity together by defining partition:

```
@startuml
start
partition Initialization {
  :read config file;
  :init internal variable;
}
partition Running {
  :wait for user interaction;
  :print information;
}
```



stop @enduml

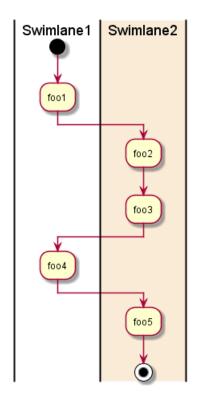


5.12 Swimlanes

Using pipe |, you can define swimlanes.

It's also possible to change swimlanes color.

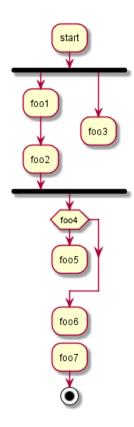
```
@startuml
|Swimlane1|
start
:foo1;
|#AntiqueWhite|Swimlane2|
:foo2;
:foo3;
|Swimlane1|
:foo4;
|Swimlane2|
:foo5;
stop
@enduml
```



5.13 Detach

It's possible to remove an arrow using the detach keyword.

```
@startuml
 :start;
 fork
   :foo1;
   :foo2;
 fork again
   :foo3;
   detach
 {\tt endfork}
 if (foo4) then
    :foo5;
   detach
 \verb"endif"
 :foo6;
 detach
 :foo7;
 stop
@enduml
```



5.14 SDL

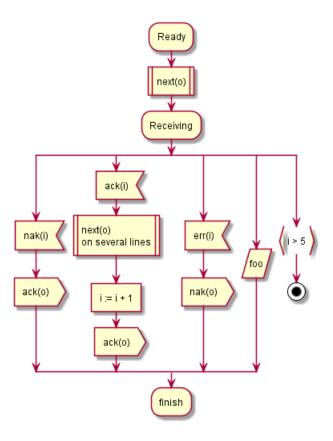
By changing the final; separator, you can set different rendering for the activity:

- •
- <
- >
- /
-]

@startuml

- :Ready;
- :next(o)|
- :Receiving;
- split
- :nak(i)<
- :ack(o)>
- split again
- :ack(i)<
- :next(o)
- on several lines|
- :i := i + 1]
- :ack(o)>
- split again
 - :err(i)<
- :nak(o)>
- split again
- :foo/
- split again
 - :i > 5

```
stop
end split
:finish;
@enduml
```

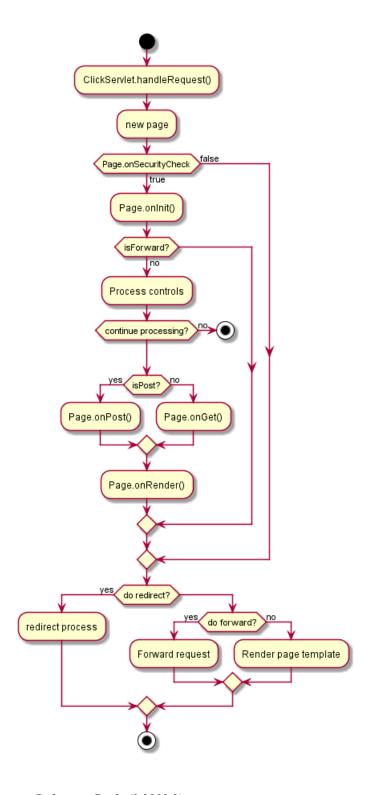


5.15 Complete example

@startuml

```
start
:ClickServlet.handleRequest();
:new page;
if (Page.onSecurityCheck) then (true)
  :Page.onInit();
  if (isForward?) then (no)
:Process controls;
if (continue processing?) then (no)
  stop
\verb"endif"
if (isPost?) then (yes)
  :Page.onPost();
else (no)
  :Page.onGet();
endif
:Page.onRender();
  endif
else (false)
endif
if (do redirect?) then (yes)
```

```
:redirect process;
  if (do forward?) then (yes)
:Forward request;
  else (no)
:Render page template;
  endif
endif
stop
```



6 Component Diagram

Let's have few examples:

6.1 Components

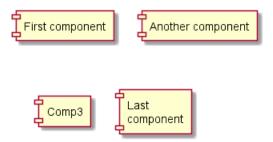
Components must be bracketed.

You can also use the component keyword to define a component. And you can define an alias, using the as keyword. This alias will be used latter, when defining relations.

@startuml

[First component]
[Another component] as Comp2
component Comp3
component [Last\ncomponent] as Comp4

@enduml



6.2 Interfaces

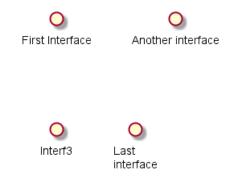
Interface can be defined using the () symbol (because this looks like a circle).

You can also use the interface keyword to define an interface. And you can define an alias, using the as keyword. This alias will be used latter, when defining relations.

We will see latter that interface definition is optional.

@startuml

- () "First Interface"
 () "Another interface" as Interf2
 interface Interf3
 interface "Last\ninterface" as Interf4
- @enduml





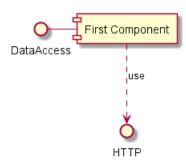
6.3 Basic example

Links between elements are made using combinations of dotted line (..), straight line (--), and arrows (-->) symbols.

@startuml

```
DataAccess - [First Component]
[First Component] ..> HTTP : use
```

@enduml



6.4 Using notes

You can use the note left of, note right of, note top of, note bottom of keywords to define notes related to a single object.

A note can be also define alone with the note keywords, then linked to other objects using the . . symbol.

@startuml

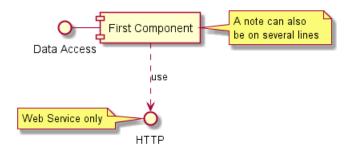
```
interface "Data Access" as DA
```

```
DA - [First Component]
[First Component] ..> HTTP : use
```

note left of HTTP: Web Service only

note right of [First Component]
 A note can also
 be on several lines
end note

@enduml



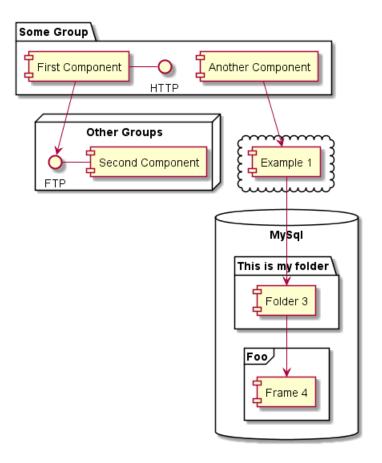
6.5 Grouping Components

You can use several keywords to group components and interfaces together:



```
• package
   • node
   • folder
   • frame
   • cloud
   • database
@startuml
package "Some Group" {
 HTTP - [First Component]
  [Another Component]
node "Other Groups" {
 FTP - [Second Component]
  [First Component] --> FTP
}
cloud {
  [Example 1]
database "MySql" {
  folder "This is my folder" {
[Folder 3]
  }
  frame "Foo" {
[Frame 4]
  }
[Another Component] --> [Example 1]
[Example 1] --> [Folder 3]
```

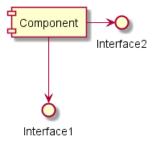
[Folder 3] --> [Frame 4]



6.6 **Changing arrows direction**

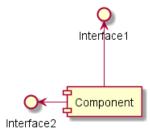
By default, links between classes have two dashes -- and are vertically oriented. It is possible to use horizontal link by putting a single dash (or dot) like this:

```
@startuml
[Component] --> Interface1
[Component] -> Interface2
@enduml
```



You can also change directions by reversing the link:

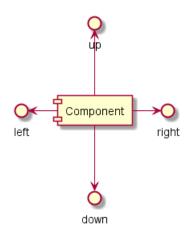
```
@startuml
Interface1 <-- [Component]</pre>
Interface2 <- [Component]</pre>
@enduml
```



It is also possible to change arrow direction by adding left, right, up or down keywords inside the arrow:

@startuml

[Component] -left-> left [Component] -right-> right [Component] -up-> up [Component] -down-> down @enduml



You can shorten the arrow by using only the first character of the direction (for example, -d- instead of -down-) or the two first characters (-do-).

Please note that you should not abuse this functionality: Graphviz gives usually good results without tweaking.

6.7 Use UML2 notation

The skinparam componentStyle uml2 command is used to switch to UML2 notation.

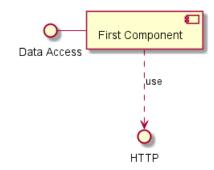
```
@startuml
```

 ${\tt skinparam} \ {\tt componentStyle} \ {\tt uml2}$

interface "Data Access" as DA

DA - [First Component]

[First Component] ..> HTTP : use



6.8 Long description

It is possible to put description on several lines using square brackets.

```
@startuml
component comp1 [
This component
has a long comment
on several lines
]
@enduml
```

This component has a long comment on several lines

6.9 Individual colors

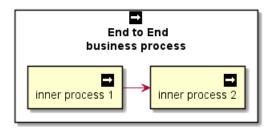
You can specify a color after component definition.

```
@startuml
component [Web Server] #Yellow
@enduml
```



6.10 Using Sprite in Stereotype

You can use sprites within stereotype components.



6.11 Skinparam

You can use the skinparam command to change colors and fonts for the drawing.

You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- · In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

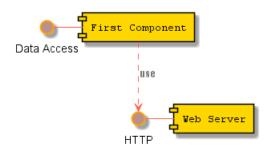
You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped components and interfaces.

@startuml

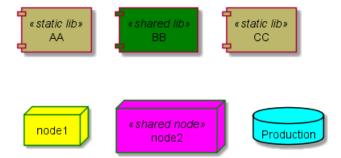
```
skinparam interface {
  backgroundColor RosyBrown
  borderColor orange
}
skinparam component {
  FontSize 13
  BackgroundColor<<Apache>> Red
  BorderColor<<Apache>> #FF6655
  FontName Courier
  BorderColor black
  BackgroundColor gold
  ArrowFontName Impact
  ArrowColor #FF6655
  ArrowFontColor #777777
() "Data Access" as DA
DA - [First Component]
[First Component] ..> () HTTP : use
```

HTTP - [Web Server] << Apache >>

@enduml



```
@startuml
[AA] <<static lib>>
[BB] <<shared lib>>
[CC] <<static lib>>
node node1
node node2 <<shared node>>
database Production
skinparam component {
backgroundColor<<static lib>> DarkKhaki
backgroundColor<<shared lib>> Green
}
skinparam node {
borderColor Green
backgroundColor Yellow
backgroundColor<<shared node>> Magenta
skinparam databaseBackgroundColor Aqua
```



State Diagram

Simple State

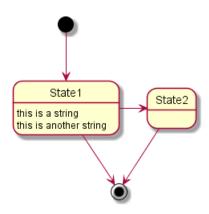
You can use [*] for the starting point and ending point of the state diagram.

Use --> for arrows.

@startuml

[*] --> State1 State1 --> [*] State1 : this is a string State1 : this is another string State1 -> State2 State2 --> [*]

@enduml

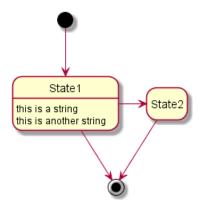


7.2 Change state rendering

You can use hide empty description to render state as simple box.

@startuml hide empty description [*] --> State1 State1 --> [*] State1 : this is a string State1 : this is another string State1 -> State2 State2 --> [*] @enduml

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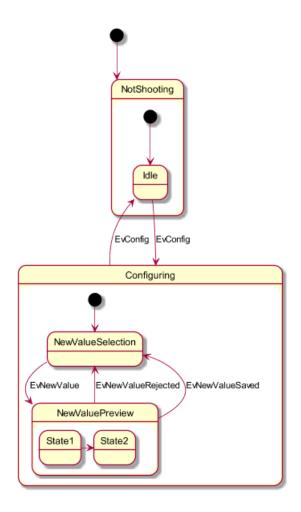


7.3 Composite state

A state can also be composite. You have to define it using the state keywords and brackets.

```
scale 350 width
[*] --> NotShooting
state NotShooting {
  [*] --> Idle
  Idle --> Configuring : EvConfig
  Configuring --> Idle : EvConfig
state Configuring {
  [*] --> NewValueSelection
  NewValueSelection --> NewValuePreview : EvNewValue
  NewValuePreview --> NewValueSelection : EvNewValueRejected
  NewValuePreview --> NewValueSelection : EvNewValueSaved
  state NewValuePreview {
 State1 -> State2
@enduml
```

7.4 Long name 7 STATE DIAGRAM



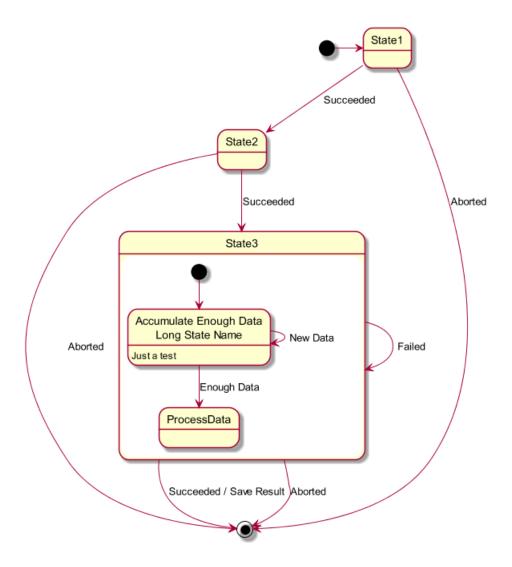
7.4 Long name

@startuml

You can also use the state keyword to use long description for states.

```
scale 600 width
[*] -> State1
State1 --> State2 : Succeeded
State1 --> [*] : Aborted
State2 --> State3 : Succeeded
State2 --> [*] : Aborted
state State3 {
  state "Accumulate Enough Data\nLong State Name" as long1
  long1 : Just a test
  [*] --> long1
  long1 --> long1 : New Data
  long1 --> ProcessData : Enough Data
State3 --> State3 : Failed
State3 --> [*] : Succeeded / Save Result
State3 --> [*] : Aborted
```

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7.5 Concurrent state

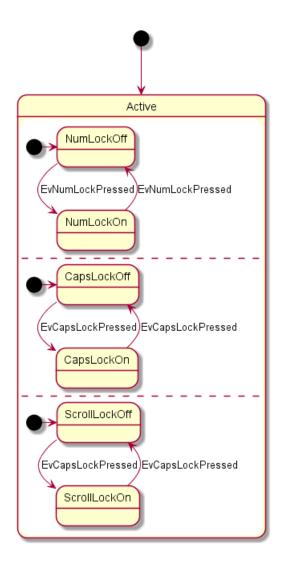
You can define concurrent state into a composite state using either -- or | | symbol as separator.

```
@startuml
```

```
[*] --> Active

state Active {
   [*] -> NumLockOff
   NumLockOff --> NumLockOn : EvNumLockPressed
   NumLockOn --> NumLockOff : EvNumLockPressed
   --
   [*] -> CapsLockOff
   CapsLockOff --> CapsLockOn : EvCapsLockPressed
   CapsLockOn --> CapsLockOff : EvCapsLockPressed
   --
   [*] -> ScrollLockOff
   ScrollLockOff --> ScrollLockOn : EvCapsLockPressed
   ScrollLockOff --> ScrollLockOff : EvCapsLockPressed
   ScrollLockOn --> ScrollLockOff : EvCapsLockPressed
}
```

7.6 Arrow direction 7 STATE DIAGRAM



7.6 Arrow direction

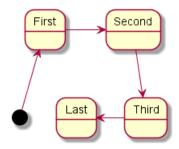
You can use -> for horizontal arrows. It is possible to force arrow's direction using the following syntax:

- -down-> (default arrow)
- -right-> or ->
- -left->
- -up->

@startuml

[*] -up-> First First -right-> Second Second --> Third Third -left-> Last

7.7 *Note* 7 STATE DIAGRAM



You can shorten the arrow by using only the first character of the direction (for example, -d- instead of -down-) or the two first characters (-do-).

Please note that you should not abuse this functionality: Graphviz gives usually good results without tweaking.

7.7 Note

You can also define notes using note left of, note right of, note top of, note bottom of keywords. You can also define notes on several lines.

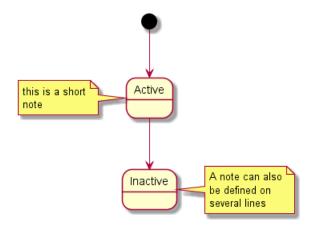
@startuml

[*] --> Active Active --> Inactive

note left of Active : this is a short\nnote

note right of Inactive A note can also be defined on several lines end note

@enduml



You can also have floating notes.

@startuml

state foo note "This is a floating note" as $\ensuremath{\text{N1}}$

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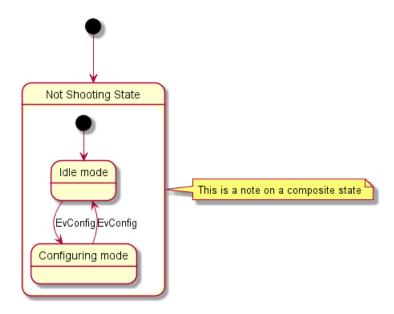
7.8 More in notes

You can put notes on composite states.

@startuml

```
[*] --> NotShooting
state "Not Shooting State" as NotShooting {
  state "Idle mode" as Idle
  state "Configuring mode" as Configuring
  [*] --> Idle
  Idle --> Configuring : EvConfig
  Configuring --> Idle : EvConfig
}
note right of NotShooting : This is a note on a composite state
```

@enduml



7.9 Skinparam

You can use the skinparam command to change colors and fonts for the drawing.

You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- · In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

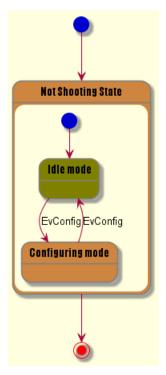
You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped states.

```
@startuml
skinparam backgroundColor LightYellow
skinparam state {
   StartColor MediumBlue
```



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```
EndColor Red
  BackgroundColor Peru
  BackgroundColor<<Warning>> Olive
  BorderColor Gray
  FontName Impact
}
[*] --> NotShooting
state "Not Shooting State" as NotShooting {
  state "Idle mode" as Idle <<Warning>>
  state "Configuring mode" as Configuring
  [*] --> Idle
 Idle --> Configuring : EvConfig
  Configuring --> Idle : EvConfig
NotShooting --> [*]
@enduml
```



8 Object Diagram

8.1 Definition of objects

You define instance of objects using the object keywords.

```
@startuml
object firstObject
object "My Second Object" as o2
@enduml
```



8.2 Relations between objects

Relations between objects are defined using the following symbols:

Type	Symbol	Image
Extension	<	\leftarrow
Composition	*	•
Aggregation	0	◇ —

It is possible to replace -- by . . to have a dotted line.

Knowing those rules, it is possible to draw the following drawings.

It is possible a add a label on the relation, using: followed by the text of the label.

For cardinality, you can use double-quotes "" on each side of the relation.

```
@startuml
```

object Object01

object Object02

object Object03

 ${\tt object\ Object04}$

object Object05

object Object06

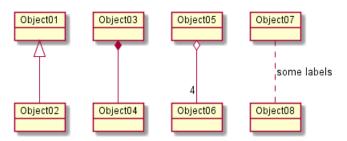
object Object07

object Object08

Object01 <|-- Object02
Object03 *-- Object04

Object05 o-- "4" Object06
Object07 .. Object08 : some labels

@enduml



8.3 Adding fields

To declare fields, you can use the symbol: followed by the field's name.



```
object user
user : name = "Dummy"
user : id = 123
```

@startuml

@enduml

@startuml

user name = "Dummy" id = 123

It is also possible to group all fields between brackets {}.

```
object user {
 name = "Dummy"
  id = 123
```

@enduml

user name = "Dummy" id = 123

8.4 Common features with class diagrams

- Hide attributes, methods...
- Defines notes
- Use packages
- Skin the output

9 Timing Diagram

This is only a proposal and subject to change.

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9.1 Declaring participant

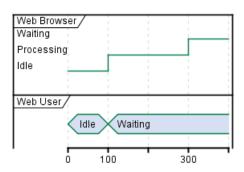
You declare participant using concise or robust keyword, depending on how you want them to be drawn.

You define state change using the @ notation, and the is verb.

```
@startuml
robust "Web Browser" as WB
concise "Web User" as WU

@0
WU is Idle
WB is Idle
@100
WU is Waiting
WB is Processing

@300
WB is Waiting
@enduml
```



9.2 Adding message

You can add message using the following syntax.

```
@startuml
robust "Web Browser" as WB
concise "Web User" as WU

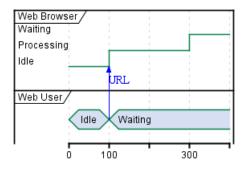
@0
WU is Idle
WB is Idle

@100
WU -> WB : URL
WU is Waiting
WB is Processing

@300
WB is Waiting
```

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@enduml



9.3 Relative time

It is possible to use relative time with @.

@startuml robust "DNS Resolver" as DNS robust "Web Browser" as WB concise "Web User" as WU

@0 WU is Idle WB is Idle DNS is Idle

@+100 WU -> WB : URL WU is Waiting

WB is Processing

@+200

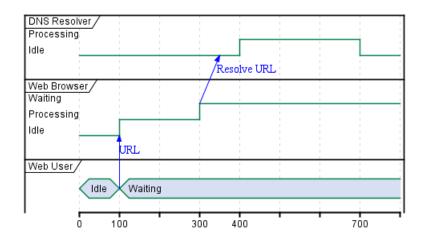
WB is Waiting

WB -> DNS@+50 : Resolve URL

@+100

DNS is Processing

@+300 DNS is Idle @enduml



9.4 Participant oriented

Rather than declare the diagram in chronological order, you can define it by participant.

@startuml
robust "Web Browser" as WB
concise "Web User" as WU

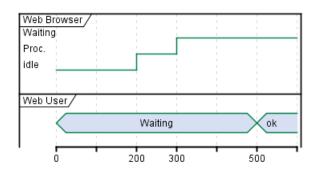
@WB O is

0 is idle +200 is Proc.

+100 is Waiting

@WU

0 is Waiting +500 is ok @enduml

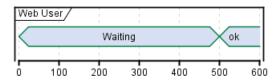


9.5 Setting scale

You can also set a specific scale.

@startuml
concise "Web User" as WU
scale 100 as 50 pixels

@WU
0 is Waiting
+500 is ok
@enduml



9.6 Initial state

You can also define an inital state.

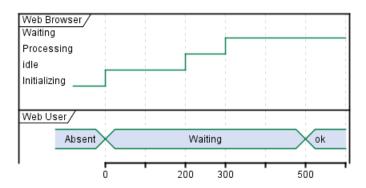
@startuml
robust "Web Browser" as WB
concise "Web User" as WU

WB is Initializing WU is Absent



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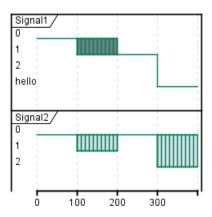
```
@WB
0 is idle
+200 is Processing
+100 is Waiting
@WU
0 is Waiting
+500 is ok
@enduml
```



9.7 Intricated state

A signal could be in some undefined state.

```
@startuml
robust "Signal1" as S1
\verb"robust "Signal2" as S2"
S1 has 0,1,2,hello
S2 has 0,1,2
@0
S1 is 0
S2 is 0
@100
S1 is {0,1} #SlateGrey
S2 is {0,1}
@200
S1 is 1
S2 is 0
@300
S1 is hello
S2 is \{0,2\}
@enduml
```

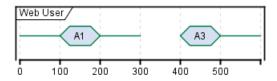


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9.8 Hidden state

```
It is also possible to hide some state.
```

```
@startuml
concise "Web User" as WU
@0
WU is {-}
@100
WU is A1
@200
WU is {-}
@300
WU is {hidden}
@400
WU is A3
@500
WU is {-}
@enduml
```

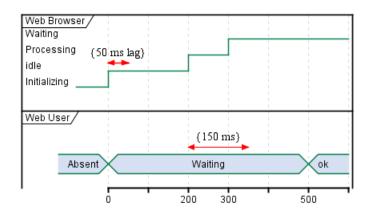


Adding constraint

It is possible to display time constraints on the diagrams.

```
@startuml
robust "Web Browser" as WB
concise "Web User" as WU
WB is Initializing
WU is Absent
@WB
0 is idle
+200 is Processing
+100 is Waiting
WB@0 <-> @50 : {50 ms lag}
@WU
0 is Waiting
+500 is ok
@200 <-> @+150 : {150 ms}
@enduml
```

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9.10 Adding texts

You can optionally add a title, a header, a footer, a legend and a caption:

@startuml

Title this is my title header: some header footer: some footer legend Some legend end legend

caption some caption

robust "Web Browser" as WB concise "Web User" as WU

@0

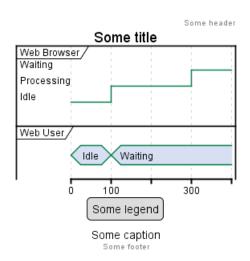
WU is Idle WB is Idle

@100

WU is Waiting WB is Processing

@300

WB is Waiting @enduml



10 Gantt Diagram

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The Gantt is described in *natural* language, using very simple sentences (subject-verb-complement).

10.1 Declaring tasks

Tasks defined using square bracket. Their durations are defined using the last verb:

@startgantt
[Prototype design] lasts 15 days
[Test prototype] lasts 10 days
@endgantt

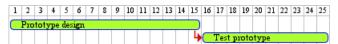


10.2 Adding constraints

It is possible to add constraints between task.

@startgantt

[Prototype design] lasts 15 days [Test prototype] lasts 10 days [Test prototype] starts at [Prototype design]'s end @endgantt



Ostartgantt

[Prototype design] lasts 10 days
[Code prototype] lasts 10 days
[Write tests] lasts 5 days
[Code prototype] starts at [Prototype design]'s end
[Write tests] starts at [Code prototype]'s start
Gendgantt



10.3 Short names

It is possible to define short name for tasks with the as keyword.

@startgantt

[Prototype design] as [D] lasts 15 days [Test prototype] as [T] lasts 10 days [T] starts at [D]'s end @endgantt



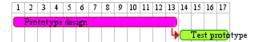
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10.4 Customize colors

It also possible to customize colors.

@startgantt

[Prototype design] lasts 13 days
[Test prototype] lasts 4 days
[Test prototype] starts at [Prototype design]'s end
[Prototype design] is colored in Fuchsia/FireBrick
[Test prototype] is colored in GreenYellow/Green
@endgantt



10.5 Milestone

You can define Milestones using the happens verb.

@startgantt

[Test prototype] lasts 10 days [Prototype completed] happens at [Test prototype]'s end [Setup assembly line] lasts 12 days [Setup assembly line] starts at [Test prototype]'s end @endgantt



10.6 Calendar

You can specify a starting date for the whole project. By default, the first task starts at this date.

@startgantt

Project starts the 20th of september 2017 [Prototype design] as [TASK1] lasts 13 days [TASK1] is colored in Lavender/LightBlue @endgantt



10.7 Close day

It is possible to close some day.

@startgantt
project starts the 2018/04/09
saturday are closed
sunday are closed
2018/05/01 is closed
2018/04/17 to 2018/04/19 is closed
[Prototype design] lasts 14 days
[Test prototype] lasts 4 days
[Test prototype] starts at [Prototype design]'s end
[Prototype design] is colored in Fuchsia/FireBrick
[Test prototype] is colored in GreenYellow/Green

@endgantt

Al	PRI	L										AP	RIL	M	ΑY					
Mo 9		We 11				Mo 16		Fr 20		We 25			Mo 30		We 2	Th 3	Fr 4		M/ 7	Ti 8
	Pro	tot	ype	des	ign										-	_	Ter	t pro	totv	ne.

10.8 Simplified task succession

It's possible to use the then keyword to denote consecutive tasks.

@startgantt

[Prototype design] lasts 14 days then [Test prototype] lasts 4 days then [Deploy prototype] lasts 6 days @endgantt



You can also use arrow ->

@startgantt

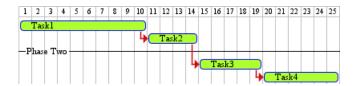
[Prototype design] lasts 14 days
[Build prototype] lasts 4 days
[Prepare test] lasts 6 days
[Prototype design] -> [Build prototype]
[Prototype design] -> [Prepare test]
@endgantt



10.9 Separator

You can use -- to separate sets of tasks.

@startgantt
[Task1] lasts 10 days
then [Task2] lasts 4 days
-- Phase Two -then [Task3] lasts 5 days
then [Task4] lasts 6 days
@endgantt



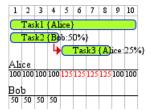
10.10 Working with resources

You can affect tasks on resources using the on keyword and brackets for resource name.

@startgantt

[Task1] on {Alice} lasts 10 days [Task2] on {Bob:50%} lasts 2 days

then [Task3] on {Alice:25%} lasts 1 days @endgantt



10.11 Complex example

It also possible to use the and conjunction.

You can also add delays in constraints.

@startgantt

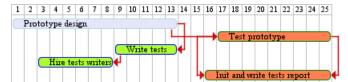
[Prototype design] lasts 13 days and is colored in Lavender/LightBlue

[Test prototype] lasts 9 days and is colored in Coral/Green and starts 3 days after [Prototype design] 's e [Write tests] lasts 5 days and ends at [Prototype design]'s end

[Hire tests writers] lasts 6 days and ends at [Write tests]'s start

[Init and write tests report] is colored in Coral/Green

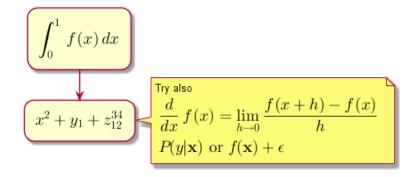
[Init and write tests report] starts 1 day before [Test prototype]'s start and ends at [Test prototype]'s @endgantt



11 Maths

You can use AsciiMath or JLaTeXMath notation within PlantUML:

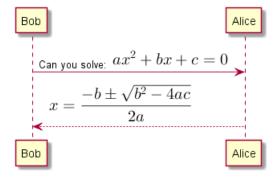
```
@startuml
:<math>int_0^1f(x)dx</math>;
:<math>x^2+y_1+z_12^34</math>;
note right
Try also
<math>d/dxf(x)=lim_(h->0)(f(x+h)-f(x))/h</math>
<latex>P(y|\mathbf{x}) \mbox{ or } f(\mathbf{x})+\epsilon</latex>end note
@enduml
```



or:

@startuml

Bob -> Alice : Can you solve: $\mbox{math} \mbox{ax}^2+\mbox{bx}+\mbox{c=0</math} \mbox{Alice --> Bob: } \mbox{math} \mbox{x = } (-\mbox{b+-sqrt}(\mbox{b}^2-\mbox{4ac}))/(2a)</math} \mbox{Qenduml}$



11.1 Standalone diagram

You can also use @startmath/@endmath to create standalone AsciiMath formula.

@startmath

 $f(t)=(a_0)/2 + sum_(n=1)^ooa_ncos((npit)/L) + sum_(n=1)^oo b_n \ sin((npit)/L) \\ @endmath$

$$f(t) = \frac{a_0}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n \cos\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right) + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n \sin\left(\frac{n\pi t}{L}\right)$$

Or use ${\tt @startlatex/@endlatex}$ to create standalone JLaTeXMath formula.

@startlatex
\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (a_i + b_i^2)
@endlatex

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (a_i + b_i^2)$$

11.2 How is this working?

To draw those formulas, PlantUML uses two OpenSource projects:

- AsciiMath that converts AsciiMath notation to LaTeX expression.
- · JLatexMath that displays mathematical formulas written in LaTeX. JLaTeXMath is the best Java library to display LaTeX code.

ASCIIMathTeXImg.js is small enough to be integrated into PlantUML standard distribution.

Since JLatexMath is bigger, you have to download it separately, then unzip the 4 jar files (batik-all-1.7.jar, jlatexmathminimal-1.0.3.jar, jlm cyrillic.jar and jlm greek.jar) in the same folder as PlantUML.jar.

12 Common commands

12.1 Comments

Everything that starts with simple quote ' is a comment.

You can also put comments on several lines using / ' to start and ' / to end.

12.2 Footer and header

You can use the commands header or footer to add a footer or a header on any generated diagram.

You can optionally specify if you want a center, left or right footer/header, by adding a keyword.

As for title, it is possible to define a header or a footer on several lines.

It is also possible to put some HTML into the header or footer.

0startum1

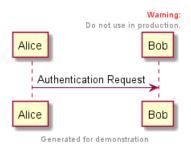
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request

header

Warning:
Do not use in production.
endheader

center footer Generated for demonstration

@enduml



12.3 **Zoom**

You can use the scale command to zoom the generated image.

You can use either a number or a fraction to define the scale factor. You can also specify either width or height (in pixel). And you can also give both width and height: the image is scaled to fit inside the specified dimension.

- scale 1.5
- scale 2/3
- scale 200 width
- scale 200 height
- scale 200*100
- scale max 300*200
- scale max 1024 width
- scale max 800 height

@startuml scale 180*90 Bob->Alice : hello @enduml



12.4 Title

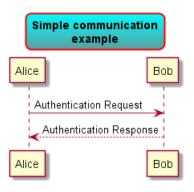
The title keywords is used to put a title. You can add newline using \n in the title description.

Some skinparam settings are available to put borders on the title.

```
@startuml
skinparam titleBorderRoundCorner 15
skinparam titleBorderThickness 2
skinparam titleBorderColor red
skinparam titleBackgroundColor Aqua-CadetBlue
title Simple communication\nexample
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
```

Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response

@enduml



You can use creole formatting in the title.

You can also define title on several lines using title and end title keywords.

@startuml

```
title
 <u>Simple</u> communication example
 on <i>several</i> lines and using <back:cadetblue>creole tags</back>
end title
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Response
```

Simple communication example on several lines and using creole tags Alice Bob Authentication Request Authentication Response

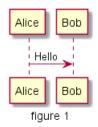
12.5 Caption

There is also a caption keyword to put a caption under the diagram.

@startuml

```
caption figure 1
Alice -> Bob: Hello
```

@enduml

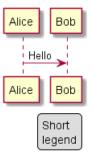


12.6 Legend the diagram

The legend and end legend are keywords is used to put a legend.

You can optionally specify to have left, right, top, bottom or center alignment for the legend.

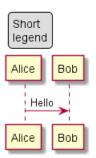
```
@startuml
Alice -> Bob : Hello
legend right
   Short
   legend
endlegend
@enduml
```



@startuml
Alice -> Bob : Hello
legend top left
 Short



legend ${\tt endlegend}$ @enduml



13 Salt (wireframe)

Salt is a subproject included in PlantUML that may help you to design graphical interface.

You can use either Ostartsalt keyword, or Ostartuml followed by a line with salt keyword.

13.1 Basic widgets

A window must start and end with brackets. You can then define:

- Button using [and].
- Radio button using (and).
- Checkbox using [and].
- User text area using ".



The goal of this tool is to discuss about simple and sample windows.

13.2 Using grid

A table is automatically created when you use an opening bracket {. And you have to use | to separate columns.

For example:

```
@startsalt
{
  Login | "MyName "
  Password | "**** "
  [Cancel] | [ OK ]
}
@endsalt
```



Just after the opening bracket, you can use a character to define if you want to draw lines or columns of the grid:

Symbol	Result
#	To display all vertical and horizontal lines
!	To display all vertical lines
_	To display all horizontal lines
+	To display external lines

```
@startsalt
{+
  Login | "MyName "
  Password | "**** "
  [Cancel] | [ OK ]
}
@endsalt
```



13.3 Group box

```
more info

@startsalt
{^"My group box"
   Login | "MyName '
   Password | "**** '
   [Cancel] | [ OK ]
}

@endsalt
```



13.4 Using separator

You can use several horizontal lines as separator.

```
@startsalt
{
    Text1
    ..
    "Some field"
    ==
    Note on usage
    ~~
    Another text
    --
    [Ok]
}
@endsalt
```



13.5 Tree widget

To have a Tree, you have to start with {T and to use + to denote hierarchy.

```
@startsalt
{
{T
 + World
 ++ America
 +++ Canada
 +++ USA
 ++++ New York
 ++++ Boston
 +++ Mexico
 ++ Europe
 +++ Italy
 +++ Germany
 ++++ Berlin
 ++ Africa
}
}
@endsalt
```

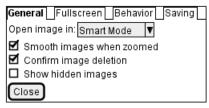


13.6 Enclosing brackets

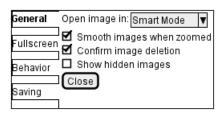
You can define subelements by opening a new opening bracket.

13.7 Adding tabs

You can add tabs using {/ notation. Note that you can use HTML code to have bold text.



Tab could also be vertically oriented:

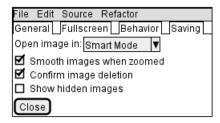


13.8 Using menu

You can add a menu by using {* notation.

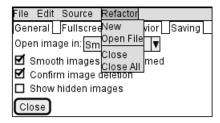
```
@startsalt
{+
{* File | Edit | Source | Refactor }
{/ General | Fullscreen | Behavior | Saving }
{
{ Open image in: | ^Smart Mode^ }
[X] Smooth images when zoomed
```

```
[X] Confirm image deletion
[ ] Show hidden images
[Close]
}
@endsalt
```



It is also possible to open a menu:

```
@startsalt
+}
{* File | Edit | Source | Refactor
Refactor | New | Open File | - | Close | Close All }
{/ General | Fullscreen | Behavior | Saving }
{ Open image in: | ^Smart Mode^ }
[X] Smooth images when zoomed
[X] Confirm image deletion
[] Show hidden images
}
[Close]
}
@endsalt
```



13.9 Advanced table

You can use two special notations for table:

- * to indicate that a cell with span with left
- · . to denotate an empty cell

```
@startsalt
{#
. | Column 2 | Column 3
Row header 1 | value 1 | value 2
Row header 2 | A long cell | *
@endsalt
```

	Column 2	Column 3
Row header 1	value 1	value 2
Row header 2	A long cell	

13.10 OpenIconic

OpenIconic is an very nice open source icon set. Those icons have been integrated into the creole parser, so you can use them out-of-the-box. You can use the following syntax: <&ICON_NAME>.

The complete list is available on OpenIconic Website, or you can use the following special diagram:

@startuml
listopeniconic
@enduml



13.11 Include Salt

see: http://forum.plantuml.net/2427/salt-with-minimum-flowchat-capabilities?show=2427#q2427

```
@startuml
(*) --> "
{{
  salt
{+
  <b>an example
  choose one option
() one
```

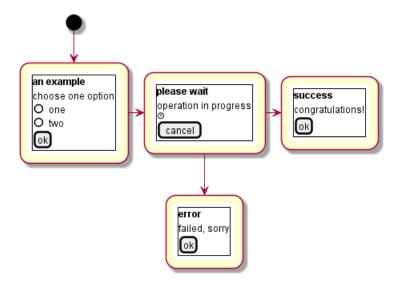
```
()two
[ok]
}
}}
" as choose
choose -right-> "
}}
salt
+}
<bpre><b>please wait
operation in progress
<&clock>
[cancel]
}
}}
" as wait
wait -right-> "
{{
salt
{+
<b>success
congratulations!
[ok]
}
}}
" as success
wait -down-> "
}}
salt
+}
<b>error
failed, sorry
[ok]
}
}}
@enduml
                      an example
                                            please wait
                       choose one option
                                                                   success
                                            operation in progress
                       O one
                                                                   congratulations!
                       O two
                                                                   (ok
                                             cancel
                       (ok)
```

еггог failed, sorry (ok)

It can also be combined with define macro.

```
@startuml
!definelong SALT(x)
"{{
salt
_##x
}}
" as x
!enddefinelong
!definelong _choose
+}
<br/>b>an example
choose one option
()one
()two
[ok]
!enddefinelong
!definelong _wait
<bpre><b>please wait
operation in progress
<&clock>
[cancel]
}
!enddefinelong
!definelong _success
{+
<b>success
congratulations!
[ok]
}
!enddefinelong
!definelong _error
+}
<b>error
failed, sorry
[ok]
}
!enddefinelong
(*) --> SALT(choose)
-right-> SALT(wait)
wait -right-> SALT(success)
wait -down-> SALT(error)
```

@enduml



13.12 Scroll Bars

You can use "S" as scroll bar like in following examples:

```
@startsalt
{S
Message
.
.
.
.
.
}
@endsalt
Message
```

@startsalt
{SI
Message
.
.
.

. }

@endsalt



@startsalt
{SMessage
.
.

} @endsalt



14 Creole

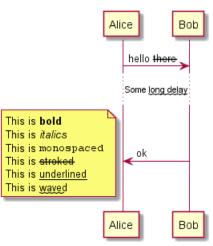
A light Creole engine has been integrated into PlantUML to have a standardized way of defining text style.

All diagrams are now supporting this syntax.

Note that ascending compatibility with HTML syntax is preserved.

14.1 Emphasized text

```
@startuml
Alice -> Bob : hello --there--
... Some ~~long delay~~ ...
Bob -> Alice : ok
note left
  This is **bold**
  This is //italics//
  This is ""monospaced""
  This is --stroked--
  This is __underlined__
  This is ~~waved~~
end note
@enduml
```

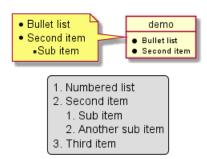


14.2 List

```
@startuml
object demo {
    * Bullet list
    * Second item
}
note left
    * Bullet list
    * Second item
    ** Sub item
end note

legend
    # Numbered list
    # Second item
    ## Sub item
    ## Another sub item
```

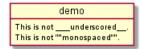
Third item end legend @enduml



Escape character

You can use the tilde ~ to escape special creole characters.

```
@startuml
object demo {
 This is not ~\_\_underscored\_\_.
 This is not ~""monospaced"".
}
@enduml
```

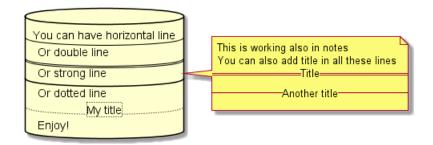


14.4 Horizontal lines

```
@startuml
database DB1 as "
You can have horizontal line
Or double line
====
Or strong line
Or dotted line
..My title..
Enjoy!
note right
  This is working also in notes
  You can also add title in all these lines
  ==Title==
  --Another title--
end note
```

@enduml

14.5 Headings 14 CREOLE



14.5 Headings

@startuml
usecase UC1 as "
= Extra-large heading
Some text
== Large heading
Other text
=== Medium heading
Information
....
==== Small heading"
@enduml



14.6 Legacy HTML

Some HTML tags are also working:

- for bold text
- <u> or <u: #AAAAAA> or <u: colorName> for underline
- <i> for italic
- <s> or <s:#AAAAAA> or <s:colorName> for strike text
- <w> or <w: #AAAAAA> or <w: colorName> for wave underline text
- <color: #AAAAAA> or <color: colorName>
- <back: #AAAAAA> or <back: colorName> for background color
- <size:nn> to change font size
- <img:file>: the file must be accessible by the filesystem
- <img:http://plantuml.com/logo3.png>: the URL must be available from the Internet

@startuml

- :* You can change <color:red>text color</color>
- * You can change <back:cadetblue>background color</back>
- * You can change <size:18>size</size>

14.7 Table 14 CREOLE

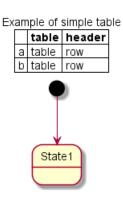
```
* You use <u>legacy</u> <b>HTML <i>tag</i></b>
* You use <u:red>color</u> <s:green>in HTML</s> <w:#0000FF>tag</w>
----
* Use image : <img:http://plantuml.com/logo3.png>
;
@enduml
```



14.7 Table

It is possible to build table.

```
@startuml
skinparam titleFontSize 14
title
   Example of simple table
   |= |= table |= header |
   | a | table | row |
   | b | table | row |
end title
[*] --> State1
@enduml
```

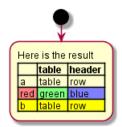


You can specify background colors for cells and lines.

```
@startuml
start
:Here is the result
|= |= table |= header |
| a | table | row |
|<#FF8080> red |<#80FF80> green |<#8080FF> blue |
<#yellow>| b | table | row |;
@enduml
```



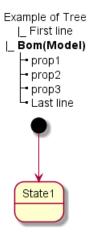
14.8 Tree 14 CREOLE



14.8 Tree

```
You can use | _ characters to build a tree.
```

```
@startuml
skinparam titleFontSize 14
title
   Example of Tree
   |_ First line
   |_ **Bom(Model)**
|_ prop1
|_ prop2
|_ prop3
   |_ Last line
end title
[*] --> State1
@enduml
```



14.9 Special characters

It's possible to use any unicode characters with &# syntax or <U+XXXX>

14.10 OpenIconic

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14.10 OpenIconic 14 CREOLE

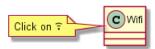
You can use the following syntax: <&ICON_NAME>.

@enduml

title: <size:20><&heart>Use of OpenIconic<&heart></size>

class Wifi note left Click on <&wifi> end note

♥Use of OpenIconic♥



The complete list is available on OpenIconic Website, or you can use the following special diagram:

@startuml listopeniconic @enduml

List Open Iconic	▲ bell	▲ cloud	≕ excerpt	≣ justify-right	₽ musical-note	★ star
Credit to	bluetooth	à cloudy	≖ expand-down	₽ kev	€ paperclip	* sun
https://useiconic.com/open		code	FI expand-left	□ laptop	pencil p	□ tablet
	+ bolt	o coq	I expand-right	Naptop Naptop	♣ people	∿ tag
-⊒ account-login	■ book	ヹ collapse-down	expand-up	≱ lightbulb	▲ person	* tags
-⊒ account-logout	■ bookmark	I collapse-left	☑ external-link	έ? link-broken	□ phone	⊚ target
action-redo	■ box	l•l collapse-right	eye	∂ link-intact	pie-chart	⊠ task
action-undo	≜ briefcase	collapse-up	Ø evedropper	∎ list-rich	₹ pin	■ terminal
≡ align-center	£ british-pound	# command	l file	≣ list	o play-circle	T text
≡ align-left	⊟browser	■ comment-square	♦ fire	✓ location	+ plus	r thumb-down
≡ align-right	∡ brush	Ø compass	l * flaα	■ lock-locked	ර power-standby	r thumb-up
o aperture	å bug	o contrast	‡ flash	a lock-unlocked	⊕ print	ø timer
arrow-bottom	♥ bullhorn	≣ copywriting	■ folder	↓ loop-circular	N project	≓ transfer
• arrow-circle-bottom	⊞ calculator	■ credit-card	₽ fork	☐ loop-square	+ pulse	or trash
• arrow-circle-left	≣ calendar	t⊈ crop	⁵ fullscreen-enter		♣ puzzle-piece	underline ⊔
arrow-circle-right	🗖 camera-sir	⊚ dashboard	* fullscreen-exit	Q magnifying-glass	? guestion-mark	■ vertical-align-bottom
• arrow-circle-top	▼ caret-bottom	± data-transfer-download	O globe	• map-marker	♣ rain	₩ vertical-align-center
← arrow-left	caret-left	∓ data-transfer-upload	∠ graph	■ map	× random	
→ arrow-right	▶ caret-right	☑ delete	III arid-four-up	■ media-pause	C reload	■ video
arrow-thick-bottom	▲ caret-top		III grid-three-up	► media-play	✓ resize-both	volume-high
← arrow-thick-left	r cart	B document	## grid-two-up	media-record	resize-height	volume-low
→ arrow-thick-right	• chat	\$ dollar	■ hard-drive	← media-skip-backward	++ resize-width	■ volume-off
f arrow-thick-top	✓ check	v double-quote-sans-left	H header	→ media-skip-forward	nss-alt	▲ warning
† arrow-top	✓ chevron-bottom	44 double-quote-sans-right	∩ headphones	■ media-step-backward	™ rss	⊋ wifi
⊕ audio-spectrum	< chevron-left	66 double-quote-serif-left	♥ heart	■ media-step-forward	■ script	⊁ wrench
o audio	> chevron-right	33 double-quote-serif-right	♠ home	■ media-stop	⊈ share-boxed	×x
• badge	↑ chevron-top	• droplet	■ image	• medical-cross	→ share	¥ ven
Ø ban	circle-check	▲ eject	□ inbox	≡ menu	◆ shield	@ zoom-in
≝ bar-chart	circle-x	elevator	∞ infinity	microphone	all signal	@ zoom-out
⊕ basket		··· ellipses	₁ info	- minus	+ signpost	
□ battery-empty	⊙ clock	■ envelope-closed	I italic	□ monitor	₽ sort-ascending	
■ battery-full	◆ cloud-download	envelope-open	≡ justify-center	€ moon	₽ sort-descending	
∆ beaker	◆ cloud-upload	€ euro	≡ justify-left	+ move	■ spreadsheet	
			- *			

Defining and using sprites 15

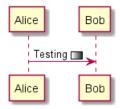
A Sprite is a small graphic element that can be used in diagrams.

In PlantUML, sprites are monochrome and can have either 4, 8 or 16 gray level.

To define a sprite, you have to use a hexadecimal digit between 0 and F per pixel.

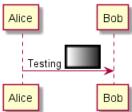
Then you can use the sprite using <\$XXX> where XXX is the name of the sprite.

```
@startuml
sprite $foo1 {
  FFFFFFFFFFFFF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  FFFFFFFFFFFF
}
Alice -> Bob : Testing <$foo1>
@enduml
```



You can scale the sprite.

```
@startuml
sprite $foo1 {
  FFFFFFFFFFFFF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  F0123456789ABCF
  FFFFFFFFFFFFF
Alice -> Bob : Testing <$foo1{scale=3}>
@enduml
```



15.1 Encoding Sprite

To encode sprite, you can use the command line like:

```
java -jar plantuml.jar -encodesprite 16z foo.png
```

where foo.png is the image file you want to use (it will be converted to gray automatically).

After -encodesprite, you have to specify a format: 4, 8, 16, 4z, 8z or 16z.

The number indicates the gray level and the optional z is used to enable compression in sprite definition.

15.2 Importing Sprite

You can also launch the GUI to generate a sprite from an existing image.

Click in the menubar then on File/Open Sprite Window.

After copying an image into you clipboard, several possible definitions of the corresponding sprite will be displayed : you will just have to pickup the one you want.

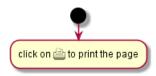
15.3 Examples

```
@startuml
```

sprite \$printer [15x15/8z] NOtH3WOW208HxFz_kMAhj7lHWpa1XC716sz0Pq4MVPEWfBHIuxP3L6kbTcizR8tAhzaqFvXwvF start

:click on <\$printer> to print the page:

```
:click on <$printer> to print the page;
@enduml
```



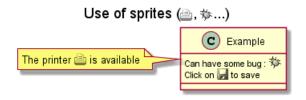
@startuml

sprite \$bug [15x15/16z] PKzR2i0m2BFMi15p__FEjQEqB1z27aeqCqixa8S40T7C53cKpsHpaYPDJY_12MHM-BLRyywPhrrlvsprite \$printer [15x15/8z] NOtH3WOW208HxFz_kMAhj7lHWpa1XC716sz0Pq4MVPEWfBHIuxP3L6kbTcizR8tAhzaqFvXwvH

```
sprite $disk {
   444445566677881
   436000000009991
   43600000000ACA1
   5370000001A7A1
   53700000012B8A1
   53800000123B8A1
   63800001233C9A1
   634999AABBC99B1
   744566778899AB1
   7456AAAAA99AAB1
   8566AFC228AABB1
   8567AC8118BBBB1
   867BD4433BBBBB1
   39AAAAABBBBBBC1
}
 title Use of sprites (<printer>, <pbug>...)
 class Example {
 Can have some bug : <$bug>
 Click on <$disk> to save
```

note left : The printer $\$ is available

@enduml



16 Skinparam command

You can change colors and font of the drawing using the skinparam command.

Example:

skinparam backgroundColor transparent

16.1 Usage

You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- · In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

16.2 Nested

To avoid repetition, it is possible to nest definition. So the following definition:

```
skinparam xxxxParam1 value1
skinparam xxxxParam2 value2
skinparam xxxxParam3 value3
skinparam xxxxParam4 value4
is strictly equivalent to:
skinparam xxxx {
    Param1 value1
    Param2 value2
    Param3 value3
    Param4 value4
}
```

16.3 List

Since the documentation is not always up to date, you can have the complete list of parameters using this command: java -jar plantuml.jar -language

16.4 Black and White

You can force the use of a black&white output using skinparam monochrome true command.

```
@startuml
```

```
skinparam monochrome true

actor User
participant "First Class" as A
participant "Second Class" as B
participant "Last Class" as C

User -> A: DoWork
activate A

A -> B: Create Request
activate B
```

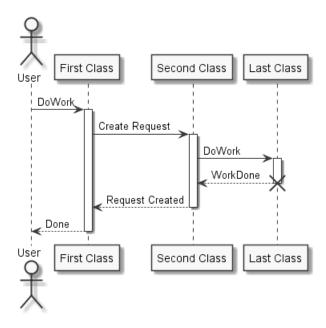


B -> C: DoWork activate C C --> B: WorkDone destroy C

B --> A: Request Created deactivate B

A --> User: Done deactivate A

@enduml



16.5 Reverse colors

You can force the use of a black&white output using skinparam monochrome reverse command. This can be useful for black background environment.

@startuml

skinparam monochrome reverse

actor User participant "First Class" as A participant "Second Class" as B participant "Last Class" as C

User -> A: DoWork activate A

A -> B: Create Request activate B

B -> C: DoWork activate C C --> B: WorkDone destroy C

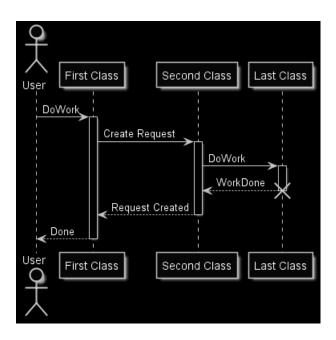
B --> A: Request Created



deactivate B

A --> User: Done deactivate A

@enduml



16.6 Colors

You can use either standard color name or RGB code.



transparent can only be used for background of the image.

16.7 Font color, name and size

You can change the font for the drawing using xxxFontColor, xxxFontSize and xxxFontName parameters. Example:

```
skinparam classFontSize 10
skinparam classFontName Aapex
```

You can also change the default font for all fonts using skinparam defaultFontName.

Example:

skinparam defaultFontName Aapex

Please note the fontname is highly system dependent, so do not over use it, if you look for portability. Helvetica and Courier should be available on all system.

A lot of parameters are available. You can list them using the following command:

```
java -jar plantuml.jar -language
```

16.8 Text Alignment

Text alignment can be set up to left, right or center. You can also use direction or reverseDirection values for sequenceMessageAlign which align text depending on arrow direction.

Param name	Default value	Comment
sequenceMessageAlign	left	Used for messages in sequence diagrams
sequenceReferenceAlign	center	Used for ref over in sequence diagrams

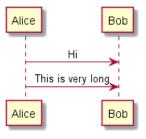
@startuml

skinparam sequenceMessageAlign center

Alice -> Bob : Hi

Alice -> Bob : This is very long

@enduml



16.9 Examples

0startum1

skinparam backgroundColor #EEEBDC
skinparam handwritten true

skinparam sequence {
ArrowColor DeepSkyBlue
ActorBorderColor DeepSkyBlue
LifeLineBorderColor blue
LifeLineBackgroundColor #A9DCDF

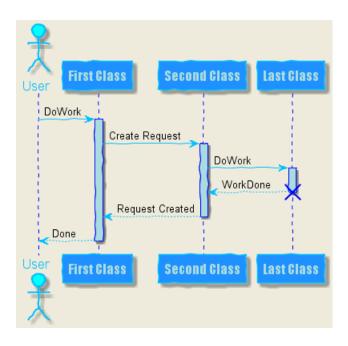
ParticipantBorderColor DeepSkyBlue
ParticipantBackgroundColor DodgerBlue
ParticipantFontName Impact
ParticipantFontSize 17
ParticipantFontColor #A9DCDF

ActorBackgroundColor aqua ActorFontColor DeepSkyBlue ActorFontSize 17



```
ActorFontName Aapex
actor User
participant "First Class" as A
participant "Second Class" as B
participant "Last Class" as C
User -> A: DoWork
activate A
A -> B: Create Request
activate B
B -> C: DoWork
activate C
C --> B: WorkDone
destroy C
B --> A: Request Created
deactivate B
A --> User: Done
{\tt deactivate}\ {\tt A}
```

@enduml



```
@startuml
skinparam handwritten true

skinparam actor {
BorderColor black
FontName Courier
    BackgroundColor<< Human >> Gold
}

skinparam usecase {
BackgroundColor DarkSeaGreen
BorderColor DarkSlateGray
```

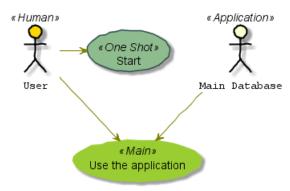
```
BackgroundColor<< Main >> YellowGreen
BorderColor<< Main >> YellowGreen

ArrowColor Olive
}

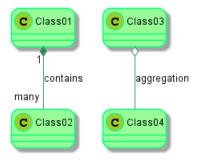
User << Human >>
:Main Database: as MySql << Application >>
(Start) << One Shot >>
(Use the application) as (Use) << Main >>

User -> (Start)
User -> (Use)

MySql --> (Use)
@enduml
```



```
@startuml
skinparam roundcorner 20
skinparam class {
BackgroundColor PaleGreen
ArrowColor SeaGreen
BorderColor SpringGreen
}
skinparam stereotypeCBackgroundColor YellowGreen
Class01 "1" *-- "many" Class02 : contains
Class03 o-- Class04 : aggregation
@enduml
```

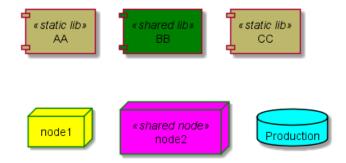


@startuml

skinparam interface {
 backgroundColor RosyBrown
 borderColor orange



```
}
skinparam component {
  FontSize 13
  BackgroundColor<<Apache>> Red
  BorderColor<<Apache>> #FF6655
  FontName Courier
  BorderColor black
  BackgroundColor gold
  ArrowFontName Impact
  ArrowColor #FF6655
  ArrowFontColor #777777
}
() "Data Access" as DA
DA - [First Component]
[First Component] ..> () HTTP : use
HTTP - [Web Server] << Apache >>
@enduml
                                      First Component
                           Data Access
                                             use
                                                   Web Server
                                           HTTP
@startuml
[AA] <<static lib>>
[BB] <<shared lib>>
[CC] <<static lib>>
node node1
node node2 <<shared node>>
database Production
skinparam component {
backgroundColor<<static lib>> DarkKhaki
backgroundColor<<shared lib>> Green
}
skinparam node {
borderColor Green
backgroundColor Yellow
backgroundColor<<shared node>> Magenta
skinparam databaseBackgroundColor Aqua
@enduml
```



17 Preprocessing

Some minor preprocessing capabilities are included in PlantUML, and available for all diagrams.

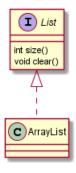
Those functionnalities are very similar to the C language preprocessor, except that the special character # has been changed to the exclamation mark!.

17.1 Including files

Use the !include directive to include file in your diagram.

Imagine you have the very same class that appears in many diagrams. Instead of duplicating the description of this class, you can define a file that contains the description.

@startuml
!include List.iuml
List <|.. ArrayList
@enduml</pre>



File List.iuml

interface List
List : int size()
List : void clear()

The file List.iuml can be included in many diagrams, and any modification in this file will change all diagrams that include it.

A file can be only be included once. If you want to include several times the very same file, you have to use the directive !include_many instead of !include.

You can also put several @startuml/@enduml text block in an included file and then specify which block you want to include adding !0 where 0 is the block number.

For example, if you use !include foo.txt!1, the second @startuml/@enduml block within foo.txt will be included.

You can also put an id to some @startuml/@enduml text block in an included file using @startuml(id=MY_OWN_ID) syntax and then include the block adding !MY_OWN_ID when including the file, so using something like !include foo.txt!MY_OWN_ID.

17.2 Including URL

Use the !includeurl directive to include file from Internet/Intranet in your diagram.

You can also use !includeurl http://someurl.com/mypath!0 to specify which @startuml/@enduml block from http://someurl.com/mypath you want to include.The !0 notation denotes the first diagram.

17.3 Constant definition

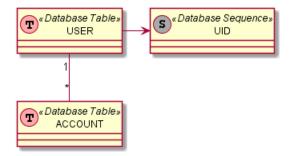
You can define constant using the !define directive. As in C language, a constant name can only use alphanumeric and underscore characters, and cannot start with a digit.



0startum1

```
!define SEQUENCE (S, #AAAAAA) Database Sequence !define TABLE (T, #FFAAAA) Database Table
```

```
class USER << TABLE >>
class ACCOUNT << TABLE >>
class UID << SEQUENCE >>
USER "1" -- "*" ACCOUNT
USER -> UID
@enduml
```



Of course, you can use the !include directive to define all your constants in a single file that you include in your diagram.

Constant can be undefined with the !undef XXX directive.

You can also specify constants within the command line, with the -D flags.

```
java -jar plantuml.jar -DTITLE="My title" atest1.txt
```

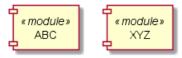
Note that the -D flag must be put after the "-jar plantuml.jar" section.

17.4 Macro definition

You can also define macro with arguments.

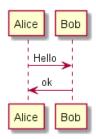
@startuml

```
!define module(x) component x <<module>>
module(ABC)
module(XYZ)
@endum1
```



Macro can have several arguments.

```
@startuml
!define send(a,b,c) a->b : c
send(Alice, Bob, Hello)
send(Bob, Alice, ok)
@enduml
```



17.5 Adding date and time

You can also expand current date and time using the special variable %date%.

Date format can be specified using format specified in SimpleDataFormat documentation.

@startuml

```
!define ANOTHER_DATE %date[yyyy.MM.dd 'at' HH:mm]%
Title Generated %date% or ANOTHER_DATE
alice -> bob
@enduml
```

Generated Sun Mar 10 12:14:18 CET 2019 or 2019.03.10 at 12:14



17.6 Other special variables

You can also use the following special variables:

Variable	Content
%dirpath%	Path of the current file
%filename%	Name of the current file

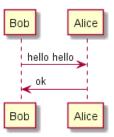
17.7 Macro on several lines

You can also define macro on several lines using !definelong and !enddefinelong.

```
@startuml
```

```
!define DOUBLE(x) x x
!definelong AUTHEN(x,y)
x -> y : DOUBLE(hello)
y -> x : ok
!enddefinelong
```

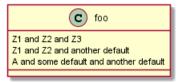
AUTHEN (Bob, Alice)
@enduml



17.8 Default values for macro parameters

It is possible to assign default values to macro parameters.

```
@startuml
!define some_macro(x, y = "some default" , z = 'another default' ) x and y and z
class foo {
   some_macro(Z1, Z2, Z3)
   some_macro(Z1, Z2)
   some_macro(A)
}
```



17.9 Conditions

You can use !ifdef XXX and !endif directives to have conditionnal drawings.

The lines between those two directives will be included only if the constant after the !ifdef directive has been defined before.

You can also provide a !else part which will be included if the constant has **not** been defined.

```
@startuml
!include ArrayList.iuml
@enduml
```



File ArrayList.iuml:

```
class ArrayList
!ifdef SHOW_METHODS
class ArrayList {
  int size()
  void clear()
}
!endif
```

You can then use the !define directive to activate the conditionnal part of the diagram.

```
@startuml
!define SHOW_METHODS
!include ArrayList.iuml
@enduml
```



You can also use the !ifndef directive that includes lines if the provided constant has NOT been defined.

You can use boolean expression with parenthesis, operators && and | | in the test.

```
@startuml
!define SHOW FIELDS
```



```
!undef SHOW_METHODS
class foo {
!ifdef SHOW_FIELDS || SHOW_METHODS
This is shown
!endif
!ifdef SHOW_FIELDS && SHOW_METHODS
This is NOT shown
!endif
}
@enduml
```



17.10 Building custom library

It's possible to package a set of included files into a single .zip or .jar archive. This single zip/jar can then be imported into your diagram using !import directive.

Once the library has been imported, you can !include file from this single zip/jar.

Example:

```
@startuml
!import /path/to/customLibrary.zip
' This just adds "customLibrary.zip" in the search path
!include myFolder/myFile.iuml
' Assuming that myFolder/myFile.iuml is located somewhere
' either inside "customLibrary.zip" or on the local filesystem
...
```

17.11 Search path

You can specify the java property plantuml.include.path in the command line.

For example:

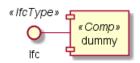
```
java -Dplantuml.include.path="c:/mydir" -jar plantuml.jar atest1.txt
```

Note the this -D option has to put before the -jar option. -D options after the -jar option will be used to define constants within plantuml preprocessor.

17.12 Advanced features

It is possible to append text to a macro argument using the ## syntax.

```
@startuml
!definelong COMP_TEXTGENCOMP(name)
[name] << Comp >>
interface Ifc << IfcType >> AS name##Ifc
name##Ifc - [name]
!enddefinelong
COMP_TEXTGENCOMP(dummy)
@enduml
```

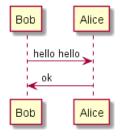


A macro can be defined by another macro.

@startuml !define DOUBLE(x) x x!definelong AUTHEN(x,y) $x \rightarrow y : DOUBLE(hello)$ $y \rightarrow x : ok$

!enddefinelong AUTHEN (Bob, Alice)

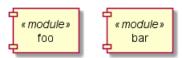
@enduml



A macro can be polymorphic with argument count.

@startuml

!define module(x) component x <<module>> !define module(x,y) component x as y <<module>> module(foo) module(bar, barcode) @enduml



You can use system environment variable or constant definition when using include:

!include %windir%/test1.txt !define PLANTUML_HOME /home/foo !include PLANTUML_HOME/test1.txt

18 Unicode

The PlantUML language use letters to define actor, usecase and soon.

But letters are not only A-Z latin characters, it could be any kind of letter from any language.

18.1 Examples

@startuml
skinparam handwritten true
skinparam backgroundColor #EEEBDC

actor 使用者
participant "頭等艙" as A
participant "第二類" as B
participant "最後一堂課" as 別的東西

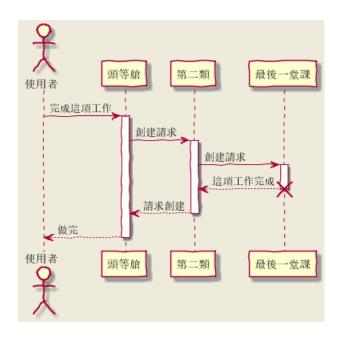
使用者 -> A: 完成這項工作 activate A

A -> B: 創建請求 activate B

B -> 別的東西: 創建請求 activate 別的東西 別的東西 --> B: 這項工作完成 destroy 別的東西

B --> A: 請求創建 deactivate B

A --> 使用者: 做完 deactivate A @enduml

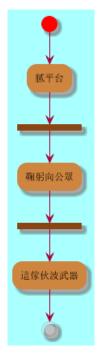


@startuml

(*) --> "膩平台" --> === S1 === 18.1 Examples 18 UNICODE

- --> 鞠躬向公眾
- --> === S2 ===
- --> 這傢伙波武器
- --> (*)

skinparam backgroundColor #AAFFFF skinparam activityStartColor red skinparam activityBarColor SaddleBrown skinparam activityEndColor Silver skinparam activityBackgroundColor Peru skinparam activityBorderColor Peru @enduml



@startuml

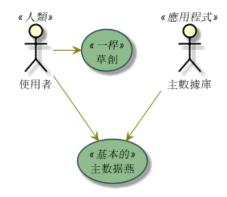
 $skinparam\ usecaseBackgroundColor\ DarkSeaGreen$ skinparam usecaseArrowColor Olive skinparam actorBorderColor black skinparam usecaseBorderColor DarkSlateGray

使用者 << 人類 >> "主數據庫" as 數據庫 << 應用程式 >> (草創) << 一桿 >> "主数据燕" as (贏余) << 基本的 >>

使用者 -> (草創) 使用者 --> (贏余)

數據庫 --> (贏余) @enduml

18.2 Charset 18 UNICODE



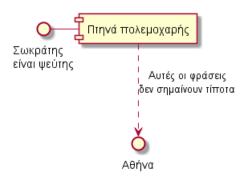
@startuml

() "Σωκράτηςψεύτης" as Σωκράτης

Σωκράτης - [Πτηνά πολεμοχαρής]

[Πτηνά πολεμοχαρής] ..> () Αθήνα : Αυτές οι φράσειςσημαίνουν τίποτα

@enduml



18.2 Charset

The default charset used when reading the text files containing the UML text description is system dependent.

Normally, it should just be fine, but in some case, you may want to the use another charset. For example, with the command line:

```
java -jar plantuml.jar -charset UTF-8 files.txt
Or, with the ant task:
<!-- Put images in c:/images directory -->
<target name="main">
<plantuml dir="./src" charset="UTF-8" />
```

Depending of your Java installation, the following charset should be available: ISO-8859-1, UTF-16BE, UTF-16LE, UTF-16.

19 Standard Library

This page explains the official Standard Library for PlantUML This Standard Library is now included in official releases of PlantUML. Including files follows the C convention for "C standard library" (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C standard library)

Contents of the library come from third party contributors. We thank them for their usefull contribution!

19.1 AWS library

https://github.com/milo-minderbinder/AWS-PlantUML

The AWS library consists of Amazon AWS icons, it provides icons of two different sizes.

Use it by including the file that contains the sprite, eg: !include <aws/Storage/AmazonS3/AmazonS3>. When imported, you can use the sprite as normally you would, using \$sprite_name>.

You may also include the common.puml file, eg: !include <aws/common>, which contains helper macros defined. With the common.puml imported, you can use the NAME_OF_SPRITE(parameters...) macro.

Example of usage:

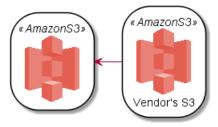
```
@startuml
```

```
!include <aws/common>
```

!include <aws/Storage/AmazonS3/AmazonS3>

!include <aws/Storage/AmazonS3/bucket/bucket>

```
AMAZONS3(s3_internal)
AMAZONS3(s3_partner,"Vendor's S3")
s3_internal <- s3_partner
@endum1
```



19.2 Cloud Insight

https://github.com/rabelenda/cicon-plantuml-sprites

This repository contains PlantUML sprites generated from Cloudinsight icons, which can easily be used in PlantUML diagrams for nice visual representation of popular technologies.

@startuml

```
!include <cloudinsight/tomcat>
```

!include <cloudinsight/kafka>

!include <cloudinsight/java>

!include <cloudinsight/cassandra>

title Cloudinsight sprites example

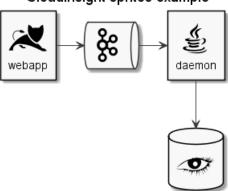
skinparam monochrome true

```
rectangle "<$tomcat>\nwebapp" as webapp
queue "<$kafka>" as kafka
rectangle "<$java>\ndaemon" as daemon
database "<$cassandra>" as cassandra
```



webapp -> kafka kafka -> daemon daemon --> cassandra @enduml

Cloudinsight sprites example



19.3 Devicons and Font Awesome library

https://github.com/tupadr3/plantuml-icon-font-sprites

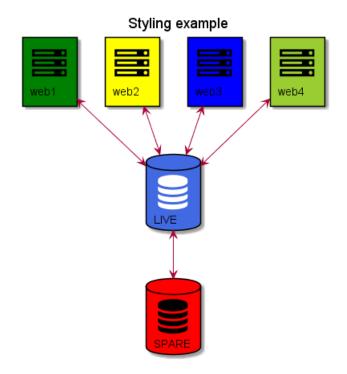
These two library consists respectively of Devicons and Font Awesome libraries of icons.

Use it by including the file that contains the sprite, eg: !include <font-awesome/align_center>. When imported, you can use the sprite as normally you would, using \$sprite_name>.

You may also include the common.puml file, eg: !include <font-awesome/common>, which contains helper macros defined. With the common.puml imported, you can use the NAME_OF_SPRITE(parameters...) macro.

Example of usage:

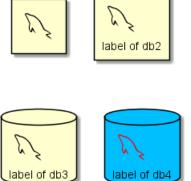
```
@startuml
!include <tupadr3/common>
!include <tupadr3/font-awesome/server>
!include <tupadr3/font-awesome/database>
title Styling example
FA_SERVER(web1,web1) #Green
FA_SERVER(web2,web2) #Yellow
FA_SERVER(web3,web3) #Blue
FA_SERVER(web4,web4) #YellowGreen
FA_DATABASE(db1,LIVE,database,white) #RoyalBlue
FA_DATABASE(db2,SPARE,database) #Red
db1 <--> db2
web1 <--> db1
web2 <--> db1
web3 <--> db1
web4 <--> db1
@enduml
```



@startuml

!include <tupadr3/common>
!include <tupadr3/devicons/mysql>

DEV_MYSQL(db1)
DEV_MYSQL(db2,label of db2)
DEV_MYSQL(db3,label of db3,database)
DEV_MYSQL(db4,label of db4,database,red) #DeepSkyBlue
@enduml



19.4 Google Material Icons

https://github.com/Templarian/MaterialDesign

This library consists of a free Material style icons from Google and other artists.

Use it by including the file that contains the sprite, eg: !include <material/ma_folder_move>. When imported, you can use the sprite as normally you would, using <ma_sprite_name>. Notice that this library requires an ma_ preffix on sprites names, this is to avoid clash of names if multiple sprites have the same name on different libraries.

You may also include the common.puml file, eg: !include <material/common>, which contains helper macros defined. With the common.puml imported, you can use the MA_NAME_OF_SPRITE(parameters...) macro, note

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again the use of the prefix MA_.

Example of usage:

```
@startuml
!include <material/common>
' To import the sprite file you DON'T need to place a prefix!
!include <material/folder_move>

MA_FOLDER_MOVE(Red, 1, dir, rectangle, "A label")
@enduml
```



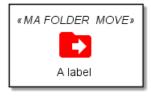
Notes

When mixing sprites macros with other elements you may get a syntax error if, for example, trying to add a rectangle along with classes. In those cases, add { and } after the macro to create the empty rectangle.

Example of usage:

```
@startuml
!include <material/common>
' To import the sprite file you DON'T need to place a prefix!
!include <material/folder_move>

MA_FOLDER_MOVE(Red, 1, dir, rectangle, "A label") {
}
class foo {
bar
}
@enduml
```





19.5 Office

https://github.com/Roemer/plantuml-office

There are sprites (*.puml) and colored png icons available. Be aware that the sprites are all only monchrome even if they have a color in their name (due to automatically generating the files). You can either color the sprites with the macro (see examples below) or directly use the fully colored pngs. See the following examples on how to use the sprites, the pngs and the macros.

Example of usage:

```
@startuml
!include <tupadr3/common>
!include <office/Servers/database_server>
!include <office/Servers/application_server>
!include <office/Concepts/firewall_orange>
!include <office/Clouds/cloud_disaster_red>
```



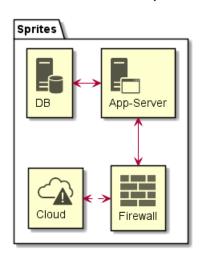
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```
title Office Icons Example

package "Sprites" {
    OFF_DATABASE_SERVER(db,DB)
    OFF_APPLICATION_SERVER(app,App-Server)
    OFF_FIREWALL_ORANGE(fw,Firewall)
    OFF_CLOUD_DISASTER_RED(cloud,Cloud)
    db <-> app
    app <--> fw
    fw <.left.> cloud
}
```

@enduml

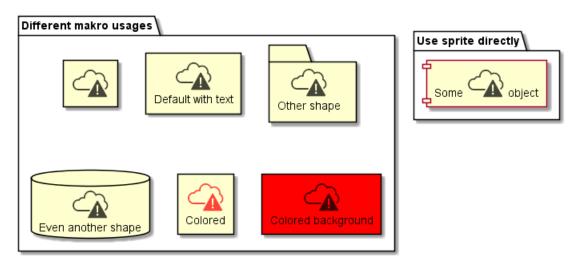
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```
@startuml
!include <tupadr3/common>
!include <office/servers/database_server>
!include <office/servers/application_server>
!include <office/Concepts/firewall_orange>
!include <office/Clouds/cloud_disaster_red>
' Used to center the label under the images
skinparam defaultTextAlignment center
title Extended Office Icons Example
package "Use sprite directly" {
[Some <$cloud_disaster_red> object]
}
package "Different makro usages" {
OFF_CLOUD_DISASTER_RED(cloud1)
OFF_CLOUD_DISASTER_RED(cloud2, Default with text)
OFF_CLOUD_DISASTER_RED(cloud3,Other shape,Folder)
OFF_CLOUD_DISASTER_RED(cloud4,Even another shape,Database)
OFF_CLOUD_DISASTER_RED(cloud5, Colored, Rectangle, red)
OFF_CLOUD_DISASTER_RED(cloud6,Colored background) #red
}
@enduml
```

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Extended Office Icons Example



19.6 ArchiMate

https://github.com/ebbypeter/Archimate-PlantUML

This repository contains ArchiMate PlantUML macros and other includes for creating Archimate Diagrams easily and consistanly.

Ostartuml Internet Browser Example !includeurl https://raw.githubusercontent.com/ebbypeter/Archimate-PlantUML/master/Archimate.puml title Archimate Sample - Internet Browser ' Elements Business_Object(businessObject, "A Business Object") Business_Process(someBusinessProcess,"Some Business Process") Business_Service(itSupportService, "IT Support for Business (Application Service)")

Application_DataObject(dataObject, "Web Page Data \n 'on the fly'") Application_Function(webpageBehaviour, "Web page behaviour") Application_Component(ActivePartWebPage, "Active Part of the web page \n 'on the fly'")

Technology_Artifact(inMemoryItem,"in memory / 'on the fly' html/javascript") Technology_Service(internetBrowser, "Internet Browser Generic & Plugin") Technology_Service(internetBrowserPlugin, "Some Internet Browser Plugin") Technology_Service(webServer, "Some web server")

'Relationships

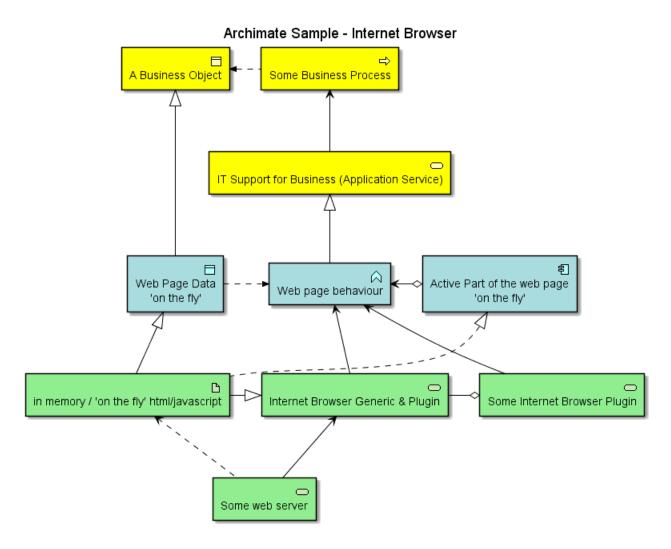
Rel_Flow_Left(someBusinessProcess, businessObject, "") Rel_Serving_Up(itSupportService, someBusinessProcess, "") Rel_Specilization_Up(webpageBehaviour, itSupportService, "") Rel_Flow_Right(dataObject, webpageBehaviour, "") Rel_Specilization_Up(dataObject, businessObject, "") Rel_Assignment_Left(ActivePartWebPage, webpageBehaviour, "") Rel_Specilization_Up(inMemoryItem, dataObject, "") Rel_Realization_Up(inMemoryItem, ActivePartWebPage, "") Rel_Specilization_Right(inMemoryItem,internetBrowser, "") Rel_Serving_Up(internetBrowser, webpageBehaviour, "") Rel_Serving_Up(internetBrowserPlugin, webpageBehaviour, "") Rel_Aggregation_Right(internetBrowser, internetBrowserPlugin, "")

Rel_Access_Up(webServer, inMemoryItem, "")

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Rel_Serving_Up(webServer, internetBrowser, "")

@enduml



19.7 Miscellaneous

You can list standard library folders using the special diagram:

@startuml
stdlib
@enduml

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aws

Version 18.02.22

Delivered by https://github.com/milo-minderbinder/AWS-PlantUML

azure

Version 0.0.1

Delivered by https://github.com/RicardoNiepel/Azure-PlantUML

Version 1.0.0

Delivered by https://github.com/RicardoNiepel/C4-PlantUML

cloudinsight

Version 0.0.1

Delivered by https://github.com/rabelenda/cicon-plantuml-sprites/

cloudogu

Version 0.0.1

Delivered by https://github.com/cloudogu/plantuml-cloudogu-sprites

material

Version 0.0.1

Delivered by https://github.com/Templarian/MaterialDesign

office

Version 0.0.1

Delivered by https://github.com/Roemer/plantuml-office

Version 2.0.0

Delivered by https://github.com/tupadr3/plantuml-icon-font-sprites



It is also possible to use the command line java -jar plantuml.jar -stdlib to display the same list.

Finally, you can extract the full standard library sources using java -jar plantuml.jar -extractstdlib. All files will be extracted in the folder stdlib.

Sources used to build official PlantUML releases are hosted here https://github.com/plantuml/plantuml-stdlib.You can create Pull Request to update or add some library if you find it relevant.

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