



COMP 3711

(OOA and OOD)

Domain Model
Conceptual Class Relationships

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UML And UP

Inception

Elaboration

Construction

Transition

User-Level Use Cases

Domain Class diagram

System Sequence diagram

Collaboration diagrams

Sequence diagram

Design Class diagram

State Transition diagrams

Component diagrams
Class Implementation

Deployment diagrams
Full Integration & Test

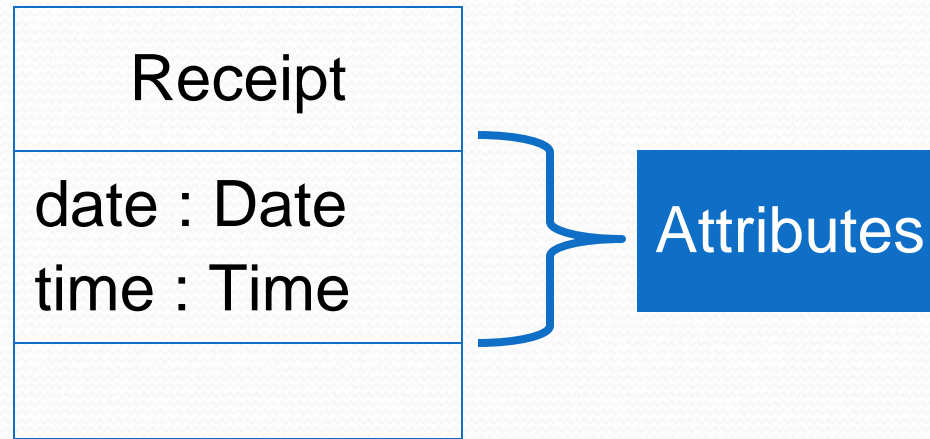
Domain Model - Conceptual Class Relationships

- In the Design Model, a software subclass inherits the attribute and operation definitions of its superclass through the inheritance hierarchies.
- The focus in the Domain model is the relationships between the conceptual classes, which may or may not be reflected in the Design Model.

Domain Model - Attributes

- An attribute is a data value which is part of an object
- Suggested or implied by requirements
- Collectively store the state of the object
- Attributes in Domain model preferably be simple attributes or data types (Boolean, Date, Number, Character, Sting, Time, Address, Colour, etc.)
- Attributes should not be used to relate conceptual classes in the Design Model

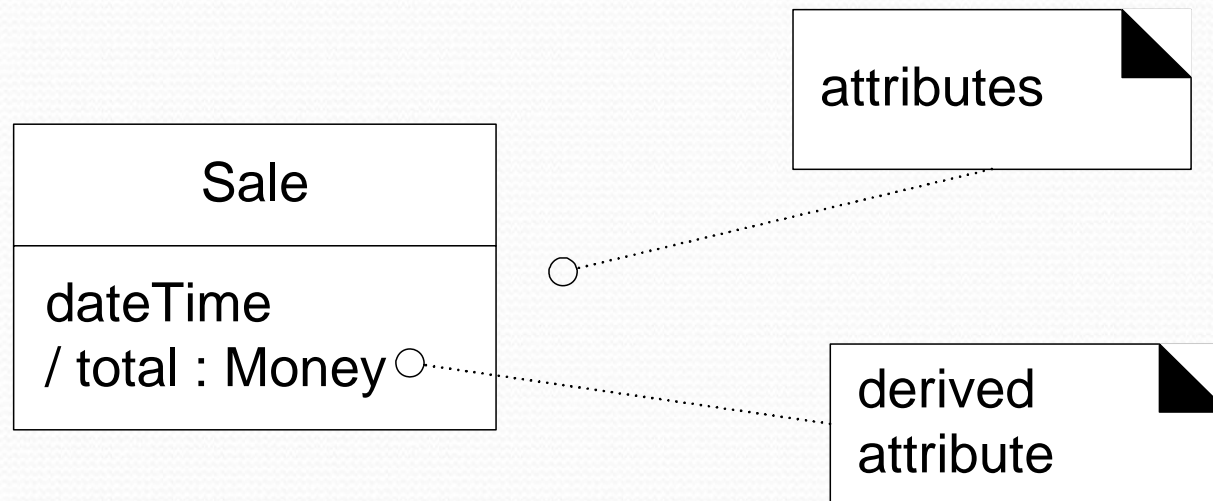
Domain Model - Attributes



- Class name starts with a Capital letter and attribute name start is lowercase
- Attributes are shown in the second compartment of the class box
- Attribute type may be optionally shown
- In Domain Modeling the type is not normally shown

Derived Attributes

- A Derived Attribute is calculated or derived from information in another attribute
- Derived Attribute is prefixed by a /



Domain Model Is Not

- An association in a Domain Model is not a statement about:
 - data flows
 - database foreign key relationships
 - instance variables
 - object connections in a software solution
- But about a relationship being meaningful in a purely conceptual perspective in the real domain.
- EG: Don't stop to wonder how one class will distinguish another (key relations)

Identifying Associations

- More difficult than finding classes
- A relationship that needs to be preserved for some duration (need-to-know associations)
- Ask the question:
 - *Between what objects do we need some memory of a relationship?*
- Look at verbs and verb phrases in problem statement

Identifying Associations (continued ..)

- Any message between classes on a sequence or collaboration diagram requires a relationship between the classes
- Don't worry about implementation details
- Consider deriving associations from the “Common Associations List”.

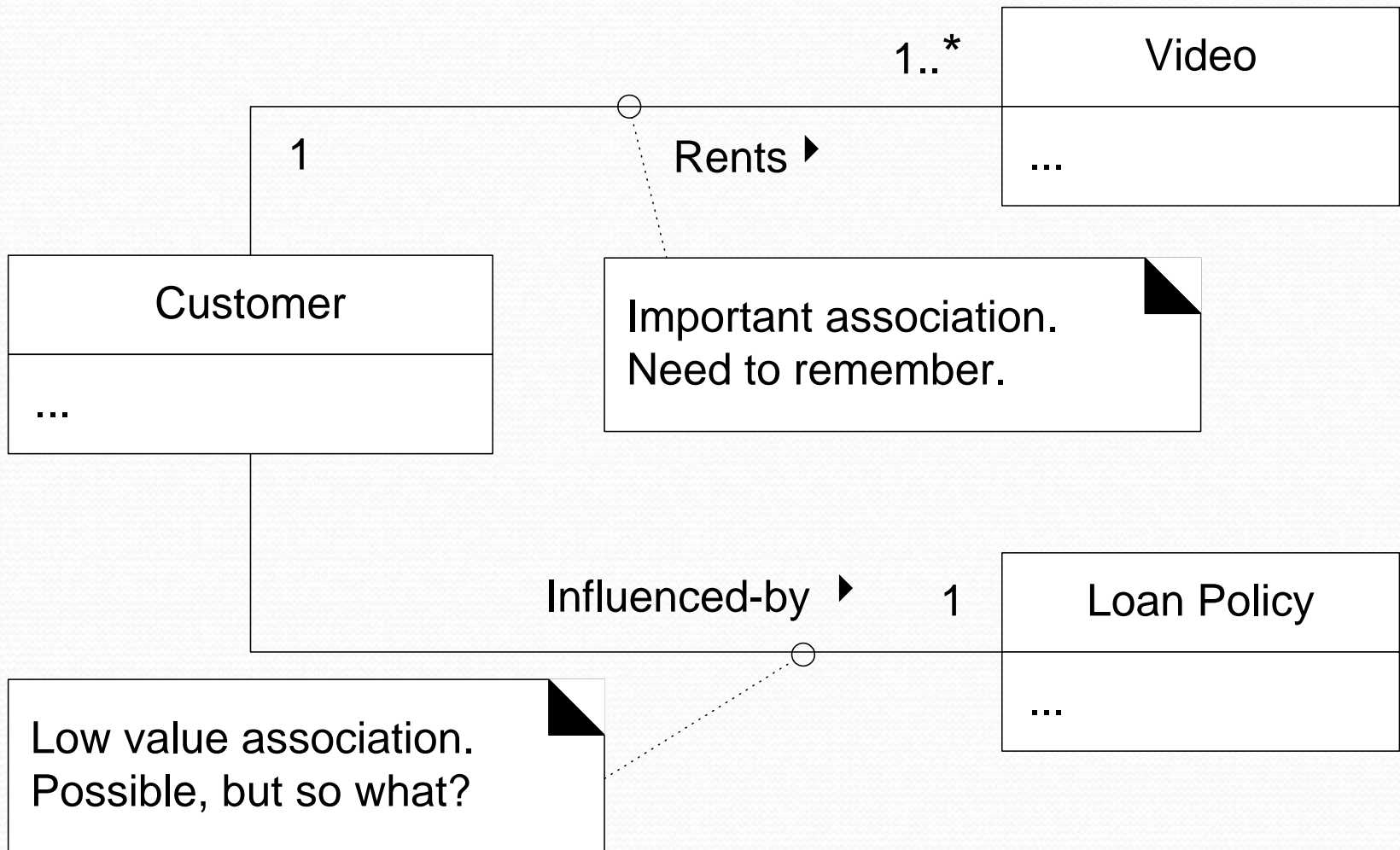
Common Association List - Example

Category	Examples
A is a physical part of B	Drawer \leftrightarrow Register; Wing \leftrightarrow Airplane
A is a logical part of B	SalesLineItem \leftrightarrow Sale; FlightLeg \leftrightarrow FlightRoute
A is physically contained in B	Register \leftrightarrow Store; Passenger \leftrightarrow Airplane
A is logically contained in B	ItemDescription \leftrightarrow Catalog; Flight \leftrightarrow FlightSchedule
A is a description for B	ItemDescription \leftrightarrow Item; FlightDescription \leftrightarrow Flight
A is a line item of a transaction or report in B	SalesLineItem \leftrightarrow Sale; MaintenanceJob \leftrightarrow MaintenanceLog
A is known/logged/recorded/reported/captured in B	Sale \leftrightarrow Register; Reservation \leftrightarrow FlightManifest
A is a member of B	Cashier \leftrightarrow Store; Pilot \leftrightarrow Airline
A is an organizational sub-unit of B	Department \leftrightarrow Store; Maintenance \leftrightarrow Airline
A uses or manages B	Cashier \leftrightarrow Register; Pilot \leftrightarrow Airplane
A communicates with B	Customer \leftrightarrow Cashier; ReservationAgent \leftrightarrow Passenger
A is related to a transaction B	Customer \leftrightarrow Payment; Passenger \leftrightarrow Ticket
A is a transaction related to another transaction B	Payment \leftrightarrow Sale; Reservation \leftrightarrow Cancellation
A is next to B	SalesLineItem \leftrightarrow SalesLineItem; City \leftrightarrow City
A is owned by B	Register \leftrightarrow Store; Plane \leftrightarrow Airline
A is an event related to B	Sale \leftrightarrow Customer; Departure \leftrightarrow Flight

Association Guidelines

- Too many lines on a Domain Diagram will clutter it (visual noise)
- Diagram with n different conceptual classes can possibly have $n(n-1)/2$ associations
- Do not include associations that are not useful in the context of the requirements
- Focus on need-to-know associations
- It is more important to identify **conceptual classes** than to identify associations

Association Guidelines - Example

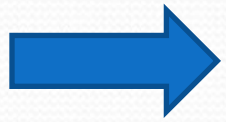


Conceptual Class Relationships

- Four types of relationships:
 - Association
 - Aggregation (Composition)
 - Dependency
 - Generalization (Specialization)

Relationships

- Types of relationships:



- Association
- Dependency
- Aggregation (Composition)
- Generalization (Specialization)

Relationship Association

- A bi-directional connection between classes
- An association is shown as a line connecting the related classes
- It means there is a relationship between classes



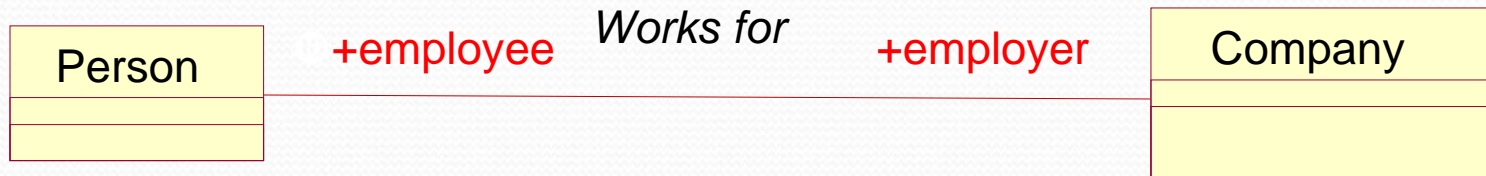
Naming Association



- Describes nature of relationship
- Association may or may not have name, and generally don't have names.
- Association names should start with a *capital* letter.
- Name is read from left to right, top to bottom
- Name an association based on *TypeName-VerbPhrase-TypeName* format.
 - Example: *Person-Works for-Company*

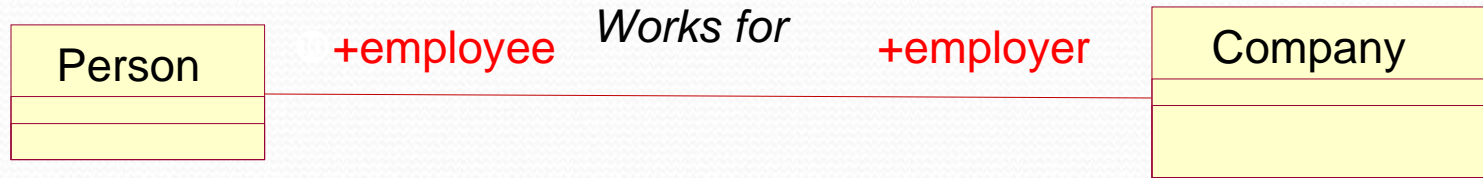
Roles

Each end of an association is called a Role.



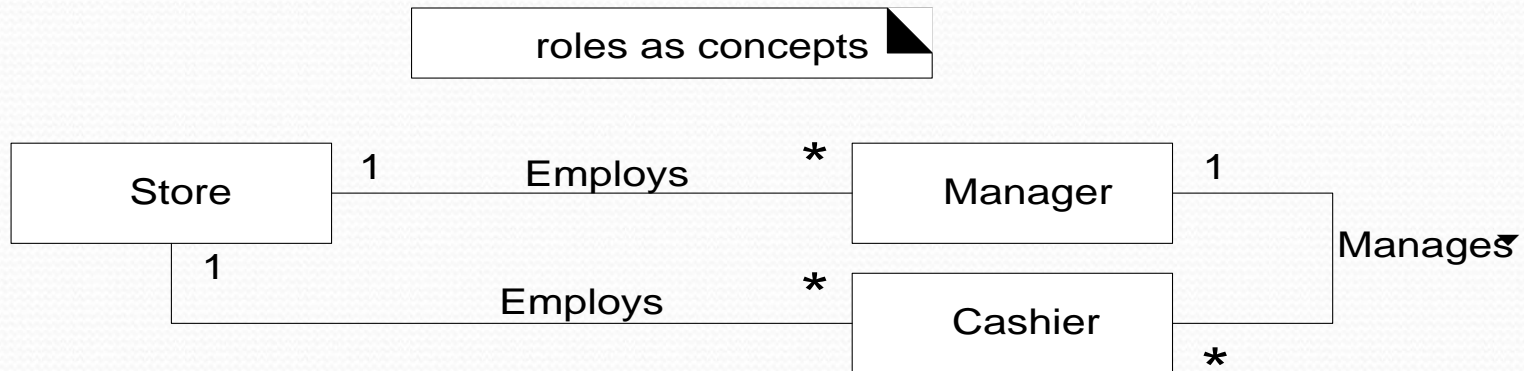
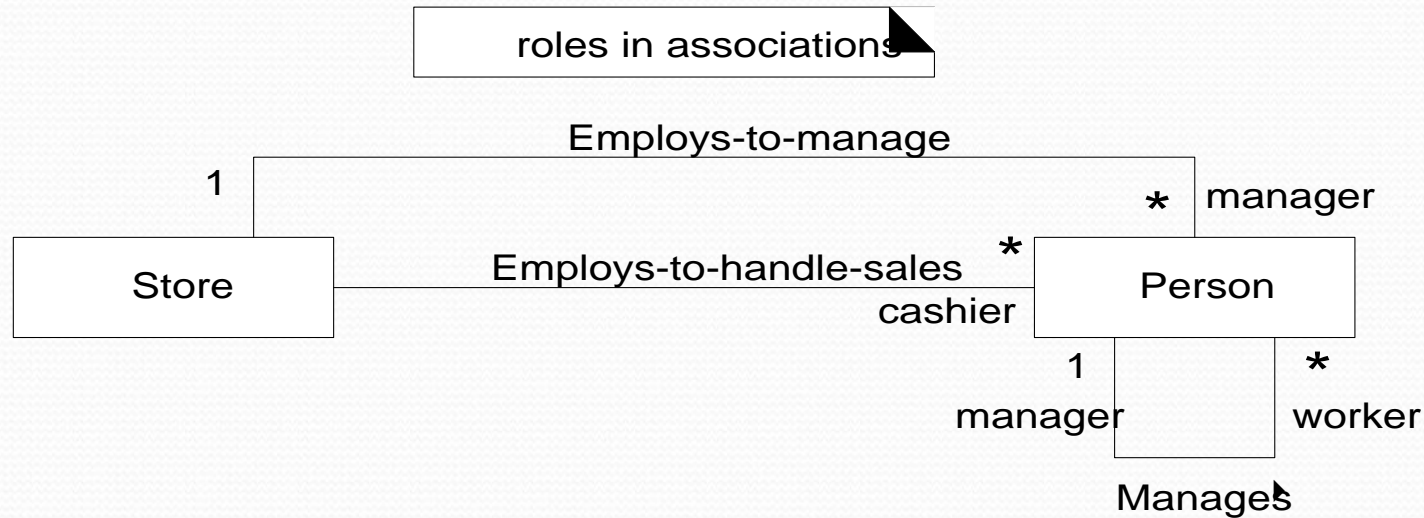
- Roles may optionally have:
 - Name
 - Multiplicity
 - Navigability
 - Type

Role Name



- Role name identifies an end of an association
- Describes the role played by objects in the association
- It is optional to indicate a role name
- Use it when the role of the object is not clear
- Plus sign on role indicates that they are public

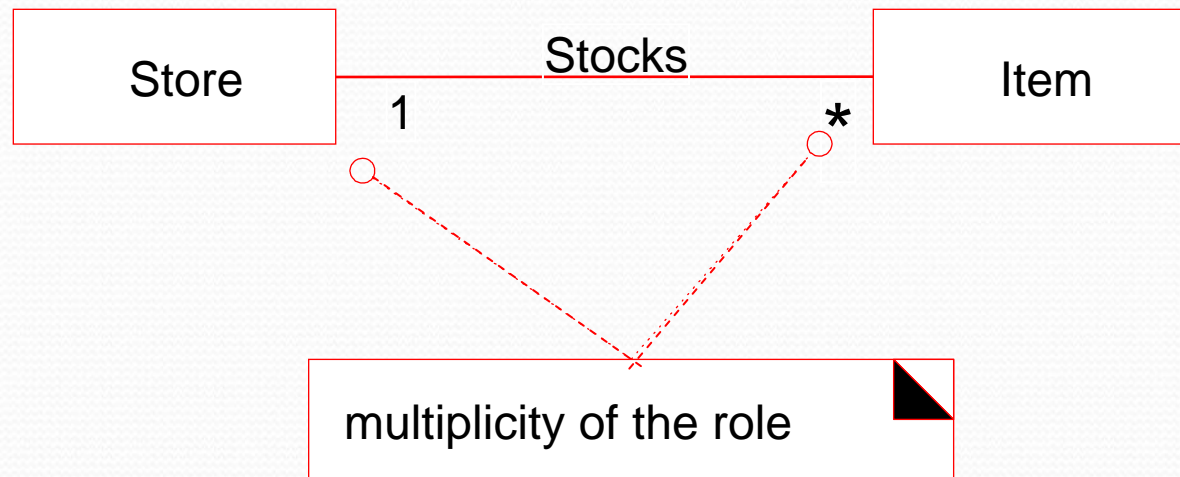
Role Name – Another Examples



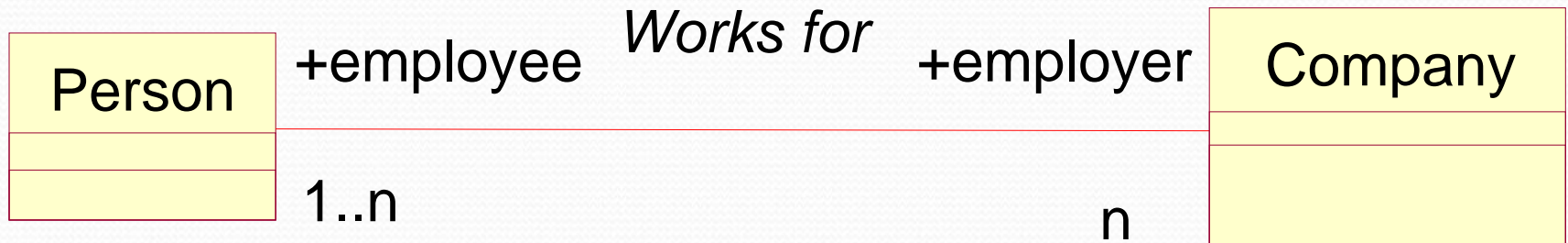
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Flexibility as separate classes

Multiplicity

- Multiplicity defines how many objects participate in a relationship
 - Multiplicity is the number of instances of one class related to ONE instance of the other class



Example of Multiplicities



- Be aware that the UML uses * for many but the Rational Rose implementation uses n
- You can use n or put the * in yourself

Example of Multiplicities

Diagram illustrating the Kleene star operator: a box labeled **T** with an asterisk ***** to its left, representing "zero or more; 'many'".

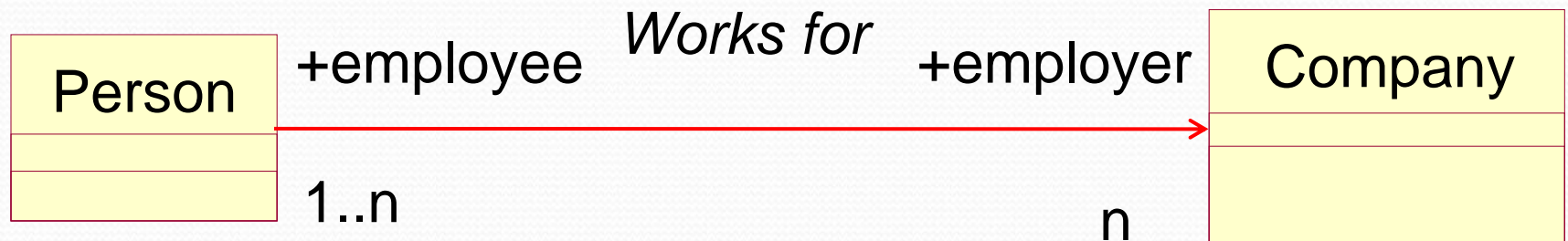
1..* T one or more

5 T exactly 5

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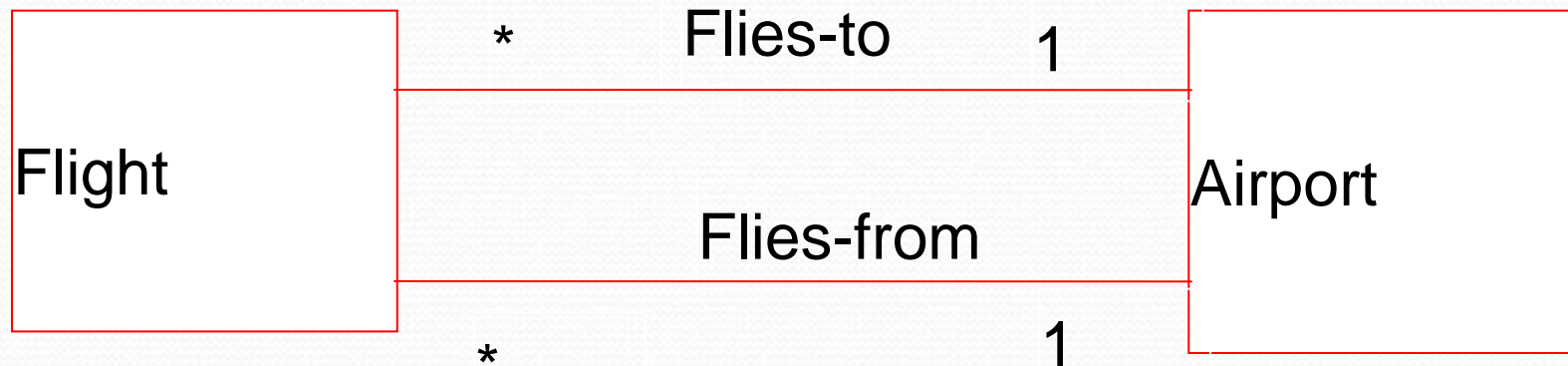
Navigability

- Although associations and aggregations are bi-directional by default, it is often desirable to restrict navigation to one direction
- If navigation is restricted, an arrowhead is added to indicate the direction of the navigation

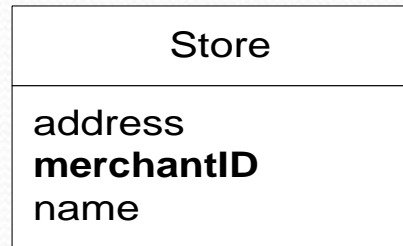


Multiple Associations

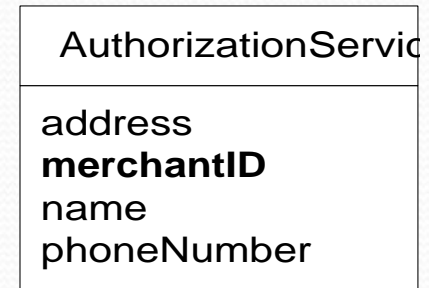
- It is not uncommon for two types to have multiple associations between them



Modeling Association As Class

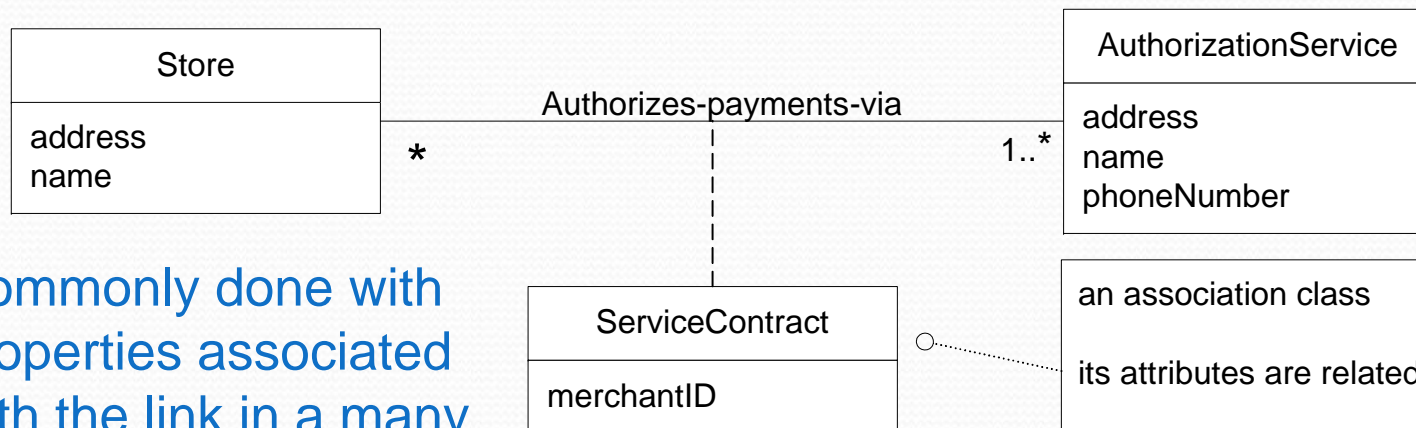
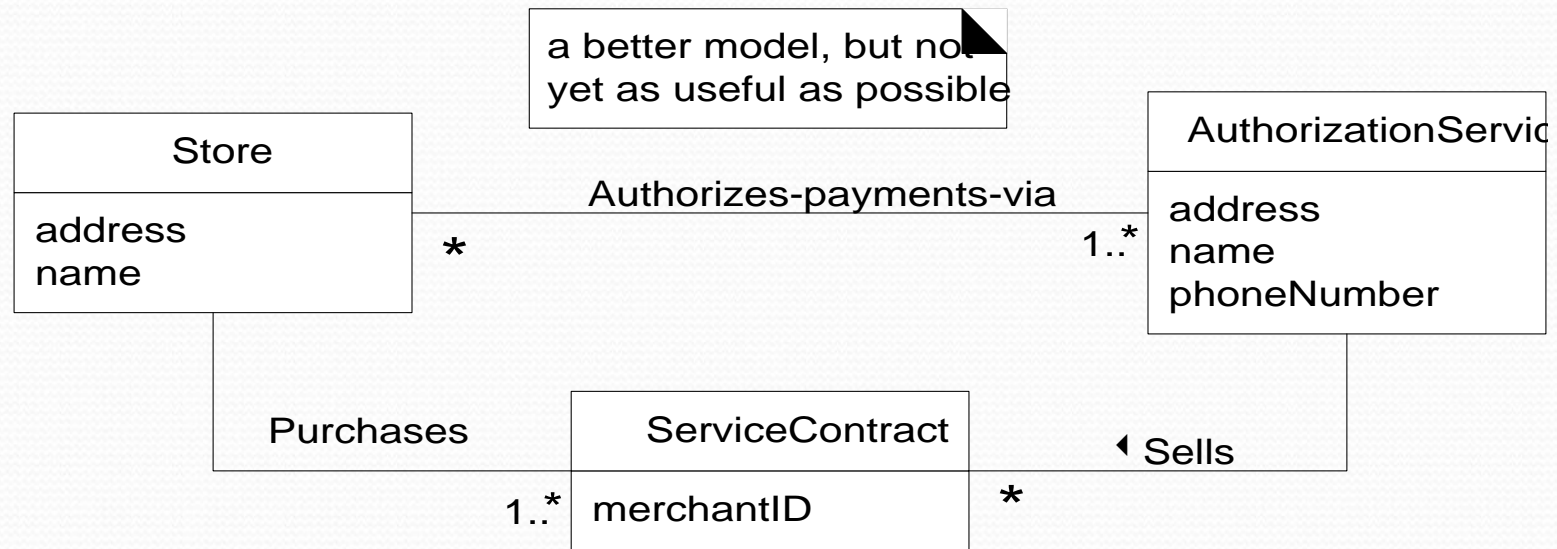


both placements of
merchantID are incorrect
because there may be more
than one merchantID



- If a class C can simultaneously have many values for the same kind of attribute A, do not place attribute A in class C. Place A in another class associated with C.

Modeling Association As Class



Commonly done with properties associated with the link in a many to many relationship

an association class
its attributes are related to the association
its lifetime is dependent on the association

Association Class Guideline

- If an attribute is related to an association
- Instance of the association class have a lifetime dependency on the association
- Many-to-many association between two concepts and information associated with the association itself

Relationships

- Four types of relationships:

- Association



- Dependency

- Aggregation (Composition)

- Generalization (Specialization)

Dependency

- If a class is depended on another class, its relationship is a dependent relationship
- Dependency relationship is represented by dashed line between the classes
- Example: relationship is a weaker form of relationship showing an interest between a client and a supplier
 - A dependency is shown as a dashed line pointing from the client to the supplier

Relationships

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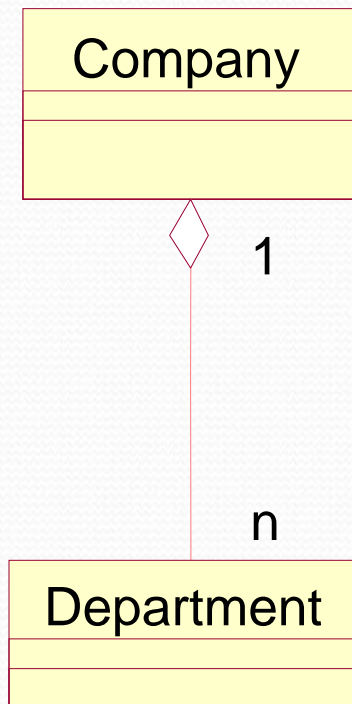
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- Aggregation (Composition)

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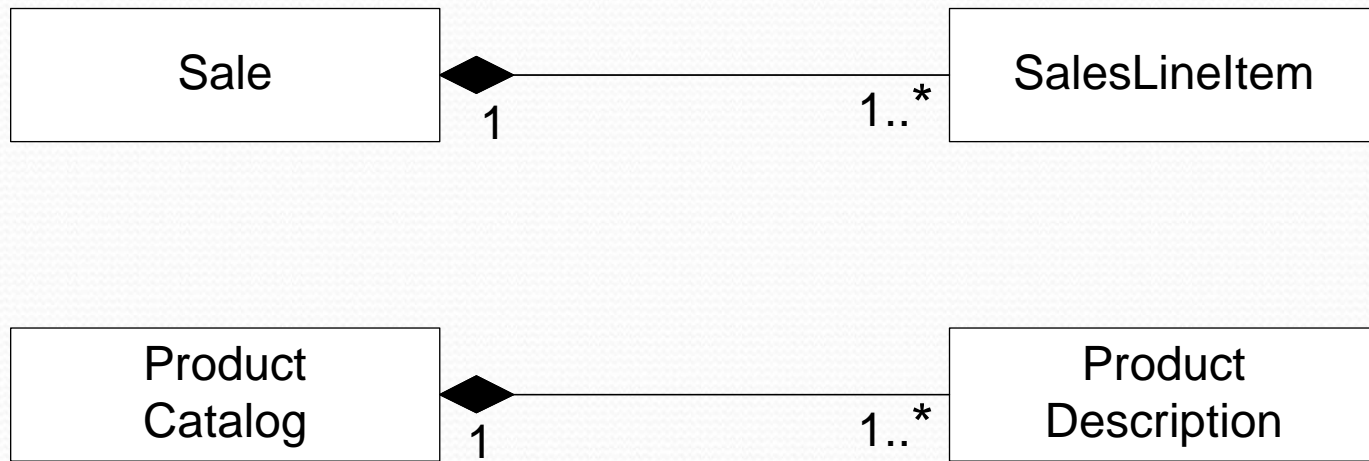
Aggregation



- Model a whole / part relationship
- Has-a relationship
- One class (the whole) consists of another class (the parts)
- An aggregation is represented as an open diamond with diamond on the aggregate end

Composition

- The lifetime of the part is bound within the lifetime of the composite – a stronger term
- Not that significant for domain modeling



Relationships

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Generalization

- Defines relationships between superclass (general concept) and subclasse(specialized concept)
- All members of a conceptual subclass set are members of their superclass set

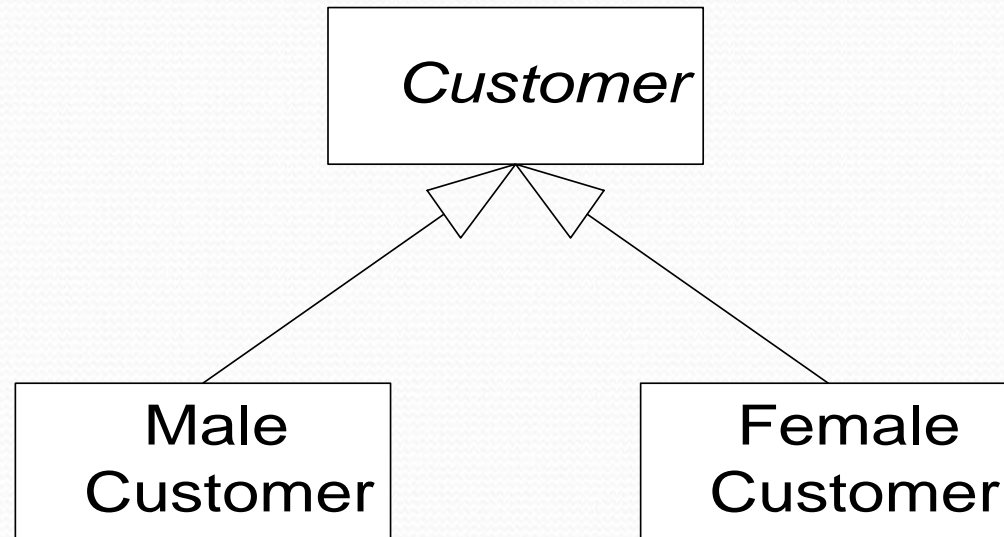
Generalization

- The conceptual subclass must conform to 100% of the superclasses attributes and associations , thus termed the **100% rule**
- The conceptual subclass **is-a-kind of** the superclass. Often is called the **is-a rule**

Specialization

- When is it appropriate to define a conceptual subclass?
- When is it useful to show conceptual class partition?

Generalization / Specialization



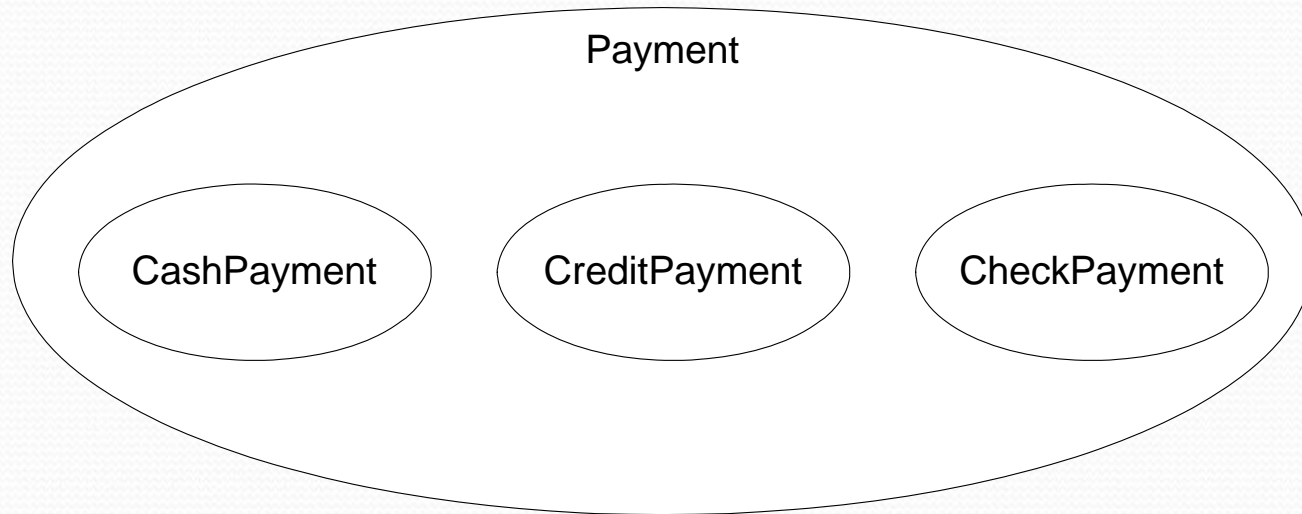
Correct subclasses
But useful?

Specialization

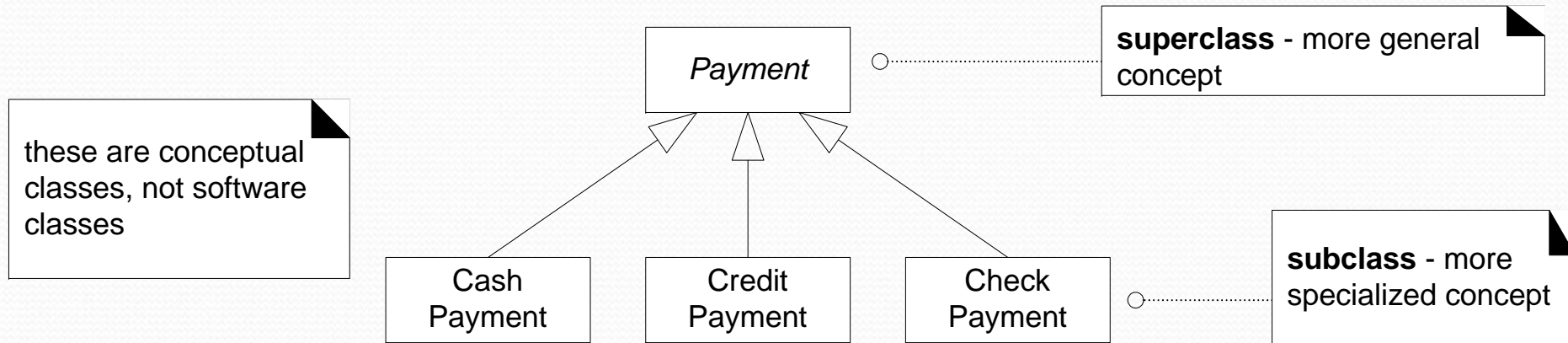
- When the subclass has additional attributes of interest.
- When the subclass has additional associations of interest.
- Adhere to setting :
 - Definition conformance - *100% rule*
 - Membership conformance - *is-a rule*.

Specialization

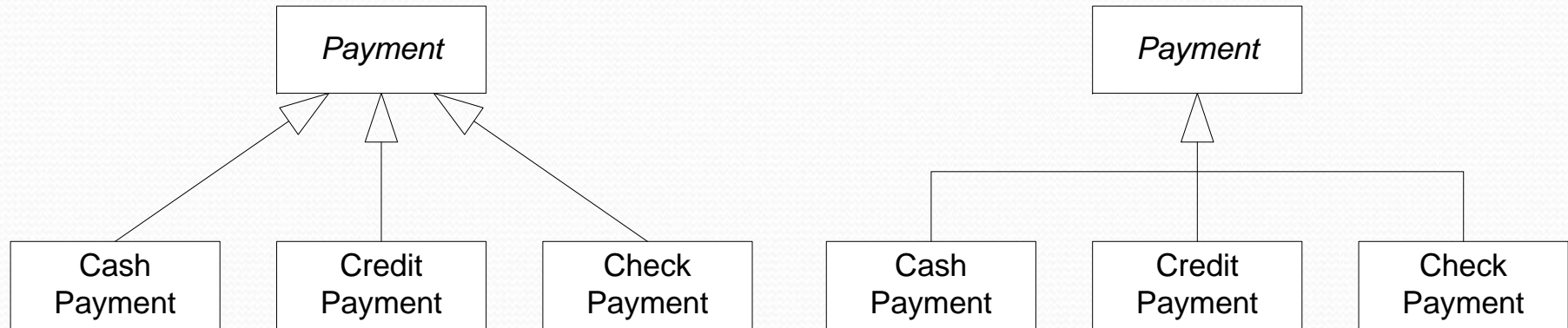
- What would be an appropriate Conceptual Diagram for a POS system that accepts the following three types of payments: cash payment, credit payment, cheque payment?



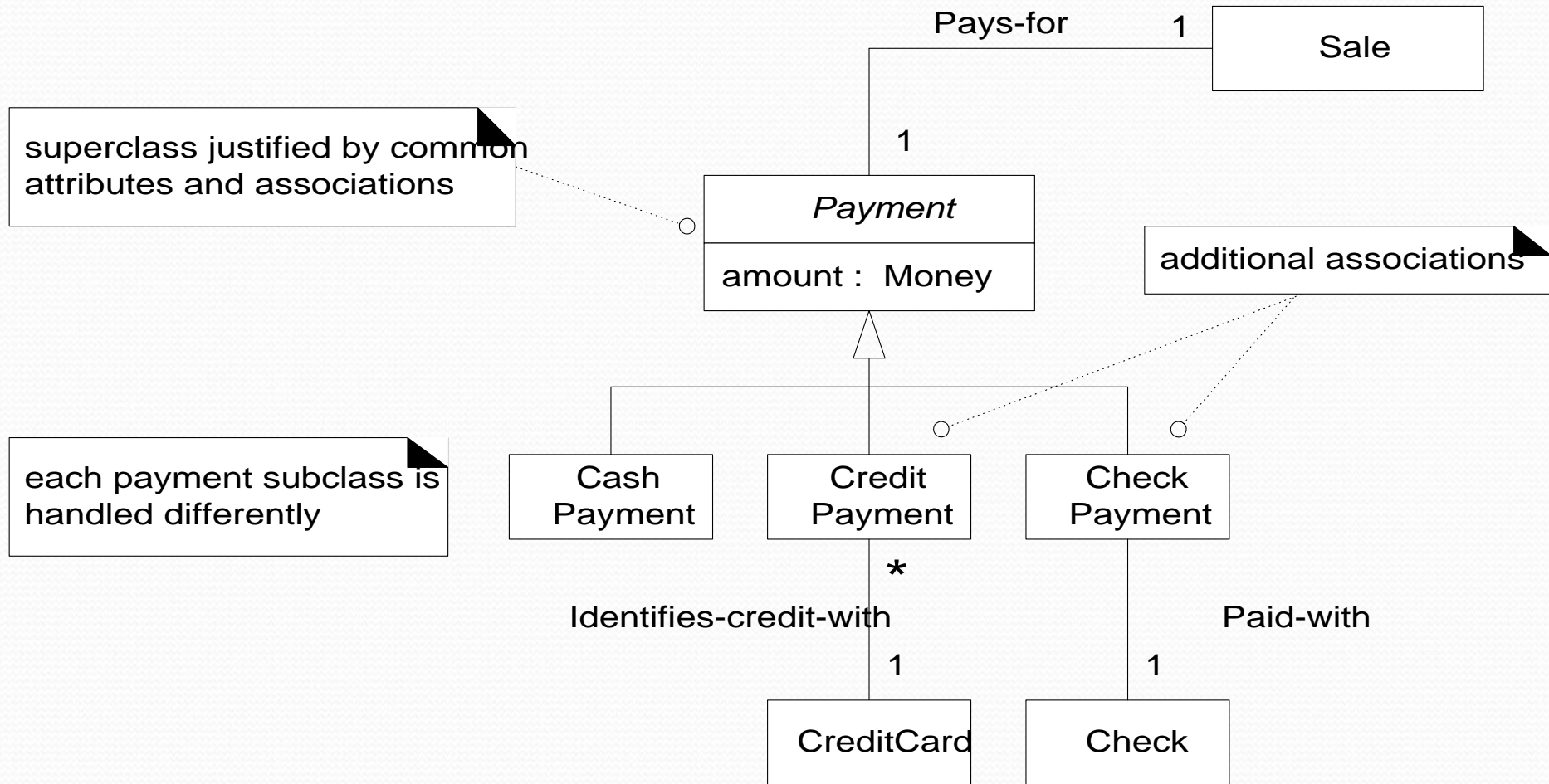
Generalization / Specialization



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Generalization Justified



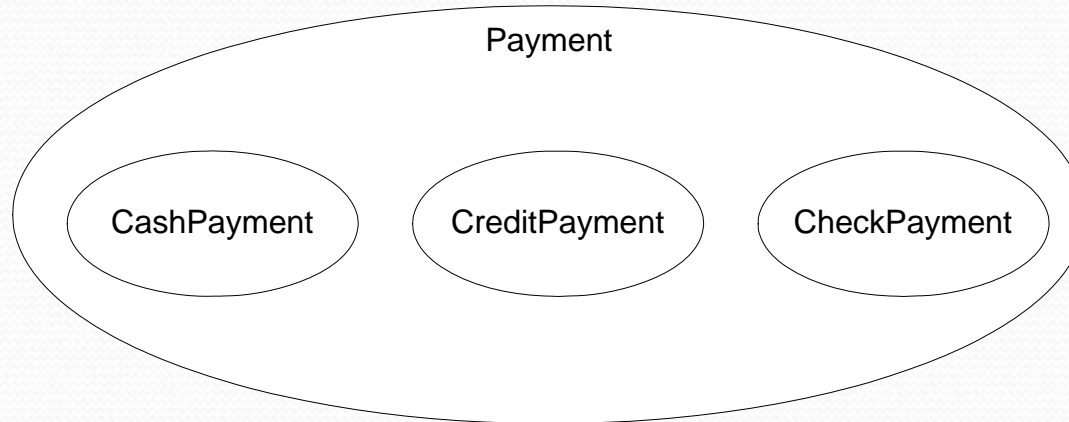
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Abstract Superclass

- It is useful to identify abstract classes in the domain model
- Every member of a class C must also be a member of a subclass, then class C is an abstract conceptual class.

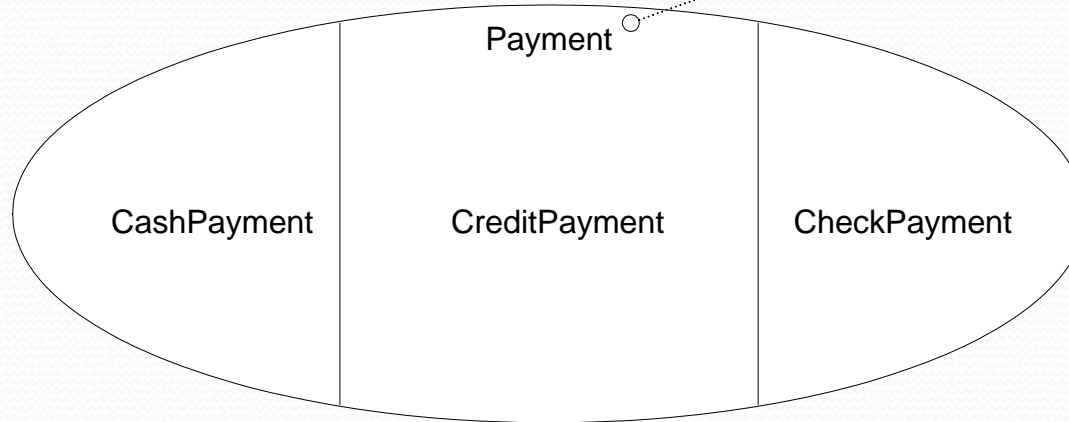
Abstract Conceptual Class

(a)



If a `Payment` instance may exist which is not a `CashPayment`, `CreditPayment` or `CheckPayment`, then `Payment` is not an abstract conceptual class.

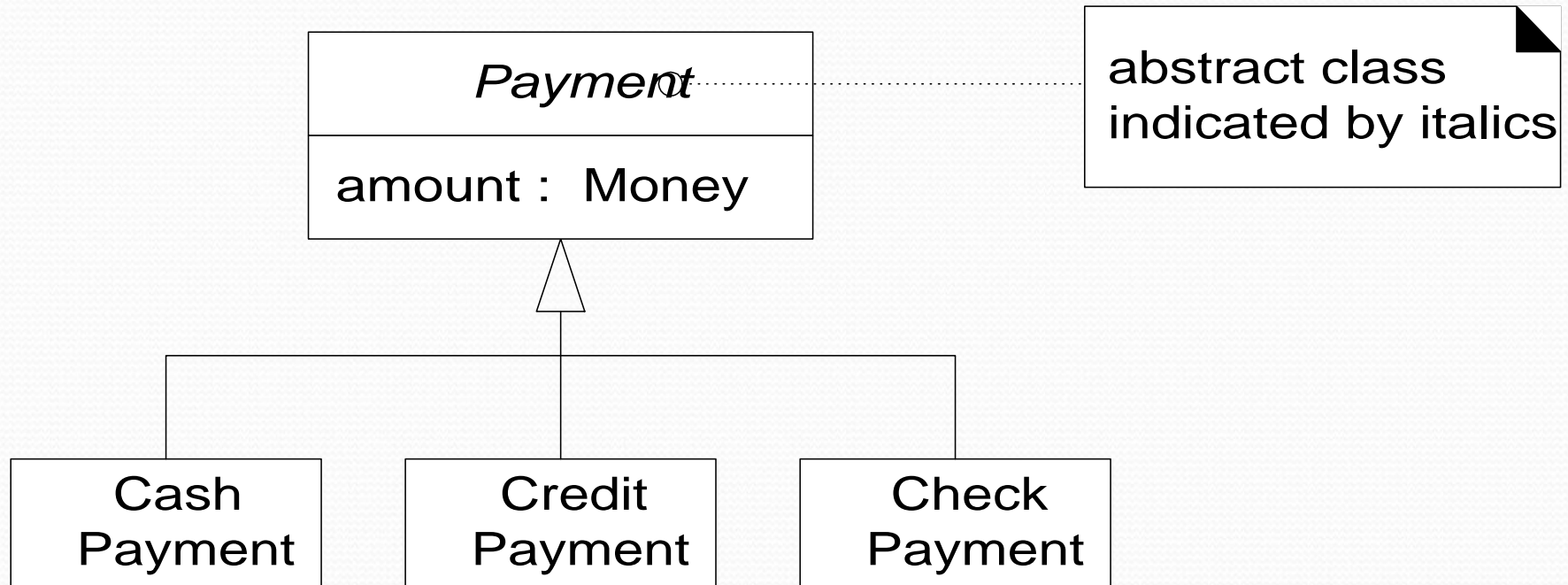
(b)



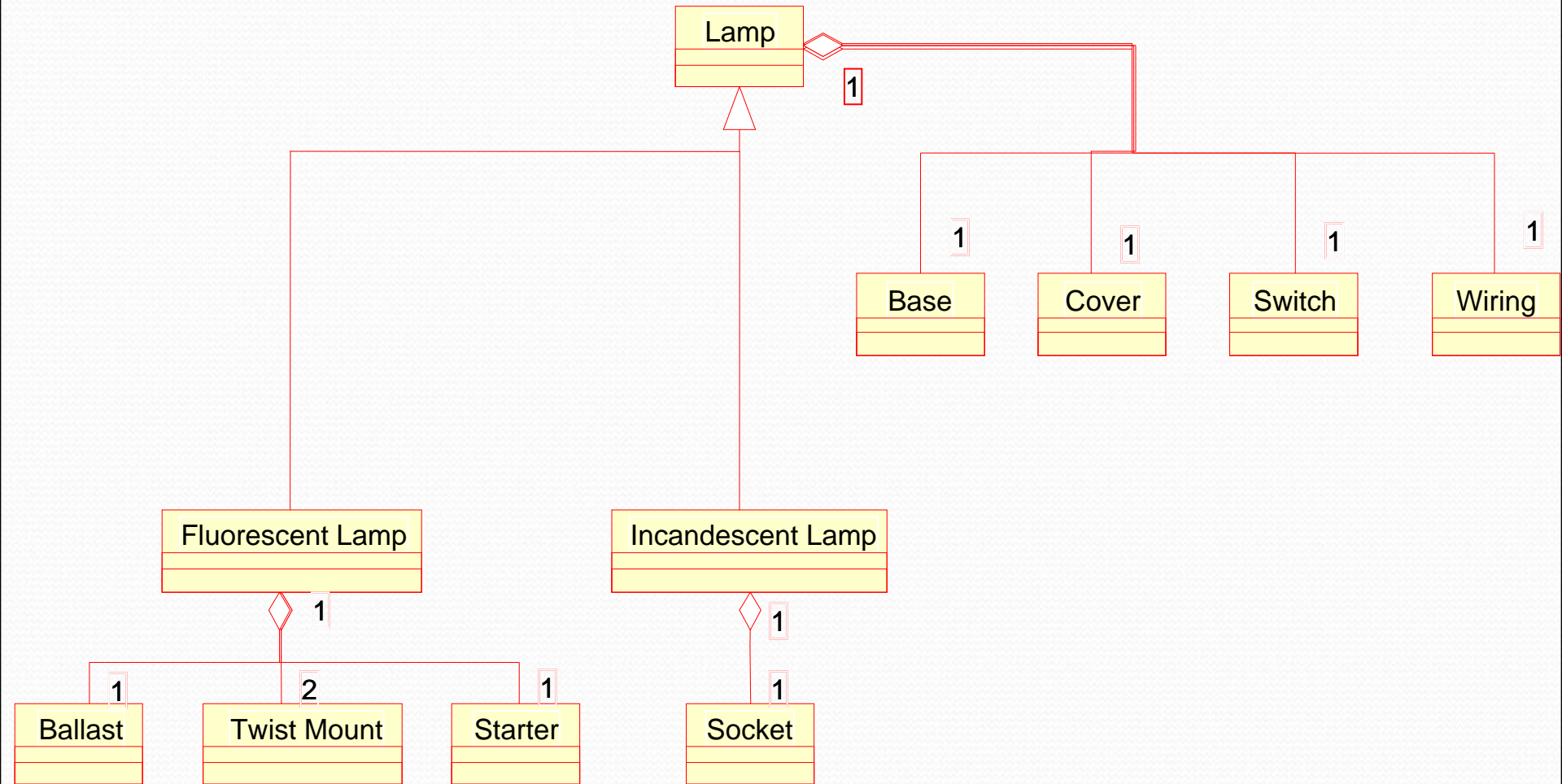
abstract conceptual class

`Payment` is an abstract conceptual class. A `Payment` instance must conform to one of the subclasses: `CashPayment`, `CreditPayment` or `CheckPayment`.

Abstract Conceptual Class



Aggregation vs Generalization

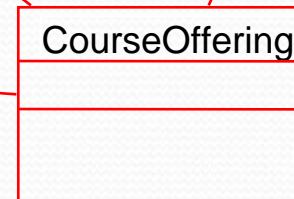
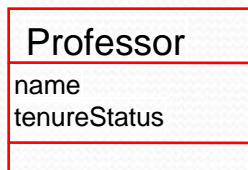
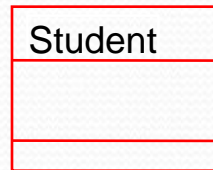
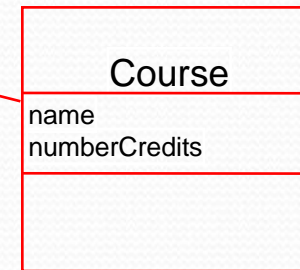
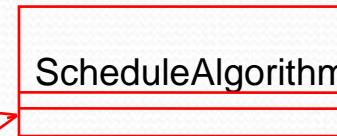
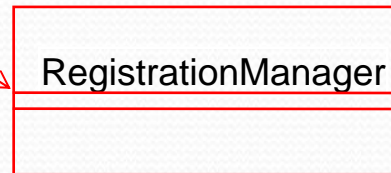
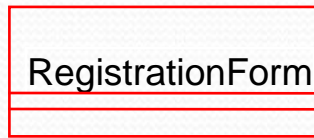


Summary

- **Association:** a bi-directional connection between classes
 - An association is shown as a line connecting the related classes
- **Aggregation:** a stronger form of relationship where the relationship is between a whole and its parts
 - An aggregation is shown as a line connecting the related classes with a diamond next to the class representing the whole
- **Dependency:** a weaker form of relationship showing an interest between two classes, shown as a dashed line
- **Generalization:** relationship in which one model element (the child) is based on another model element (the parent).

Relationships

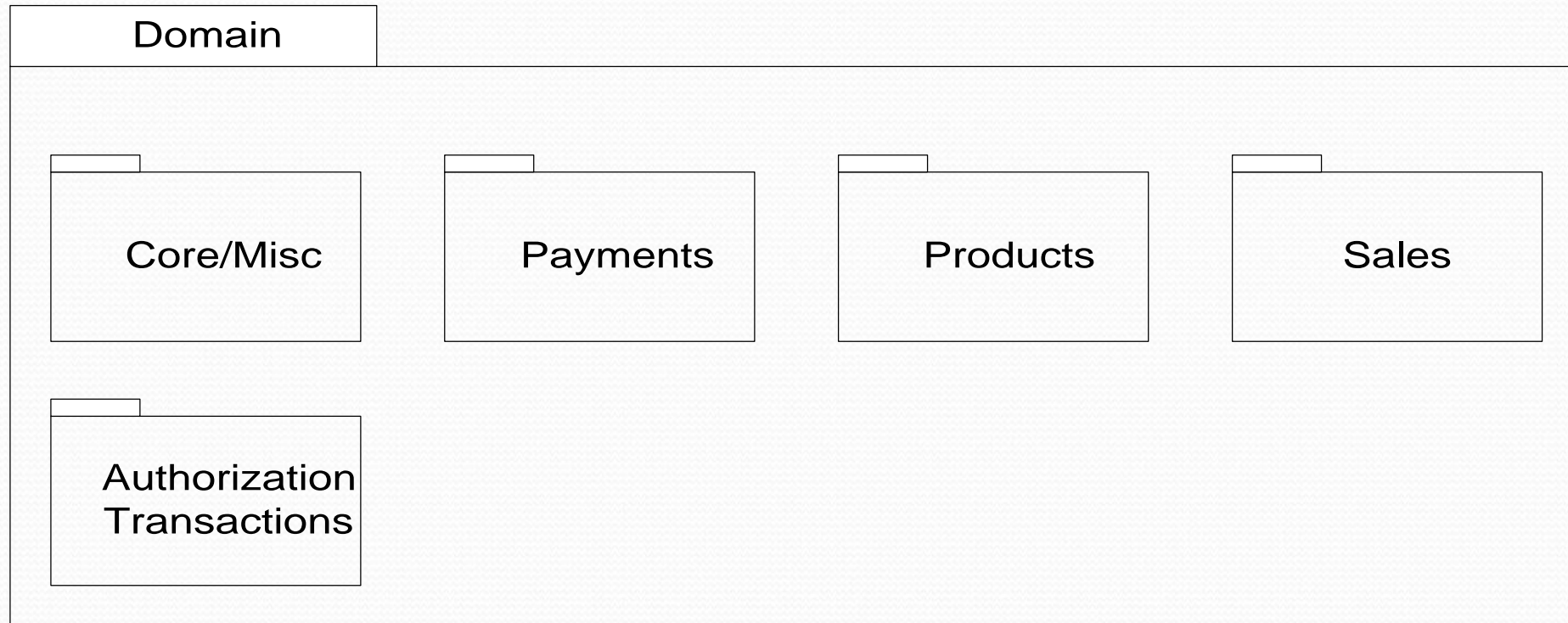
Dependency



Association

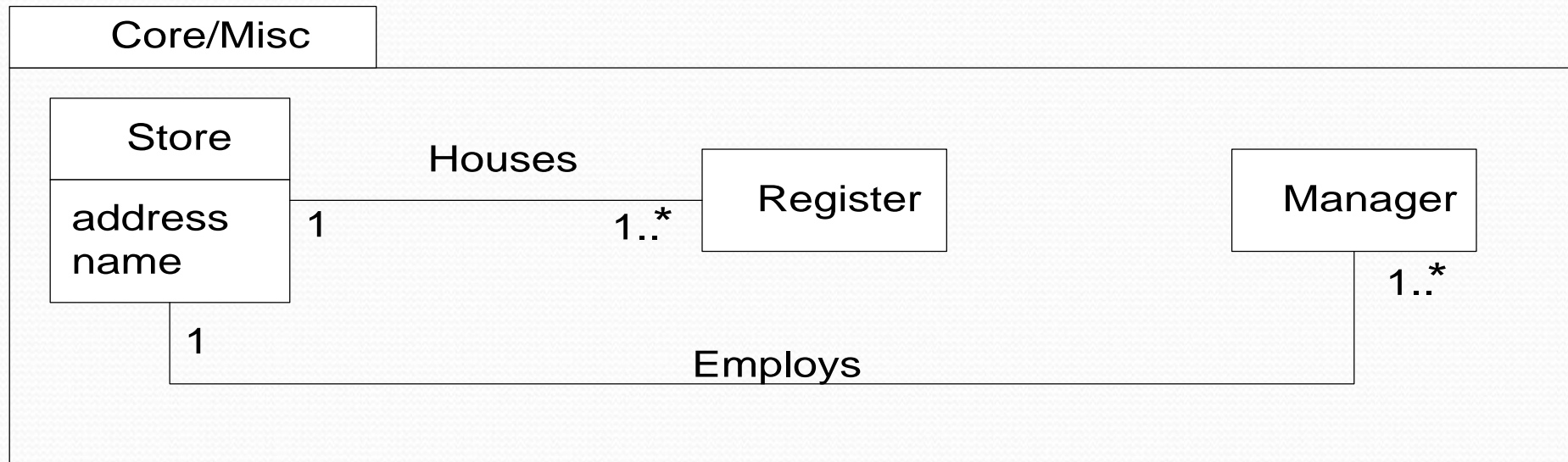
Aggregation

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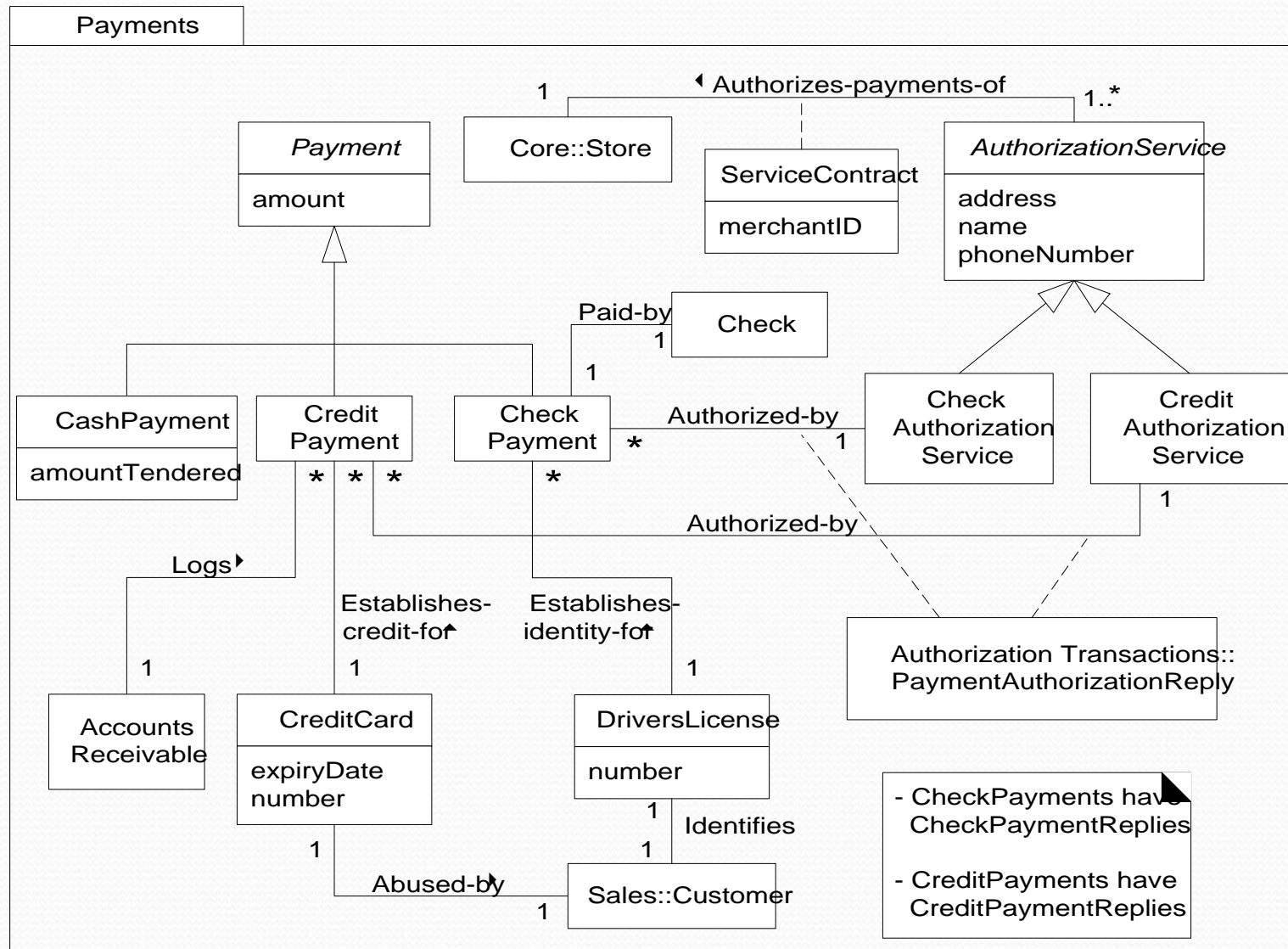


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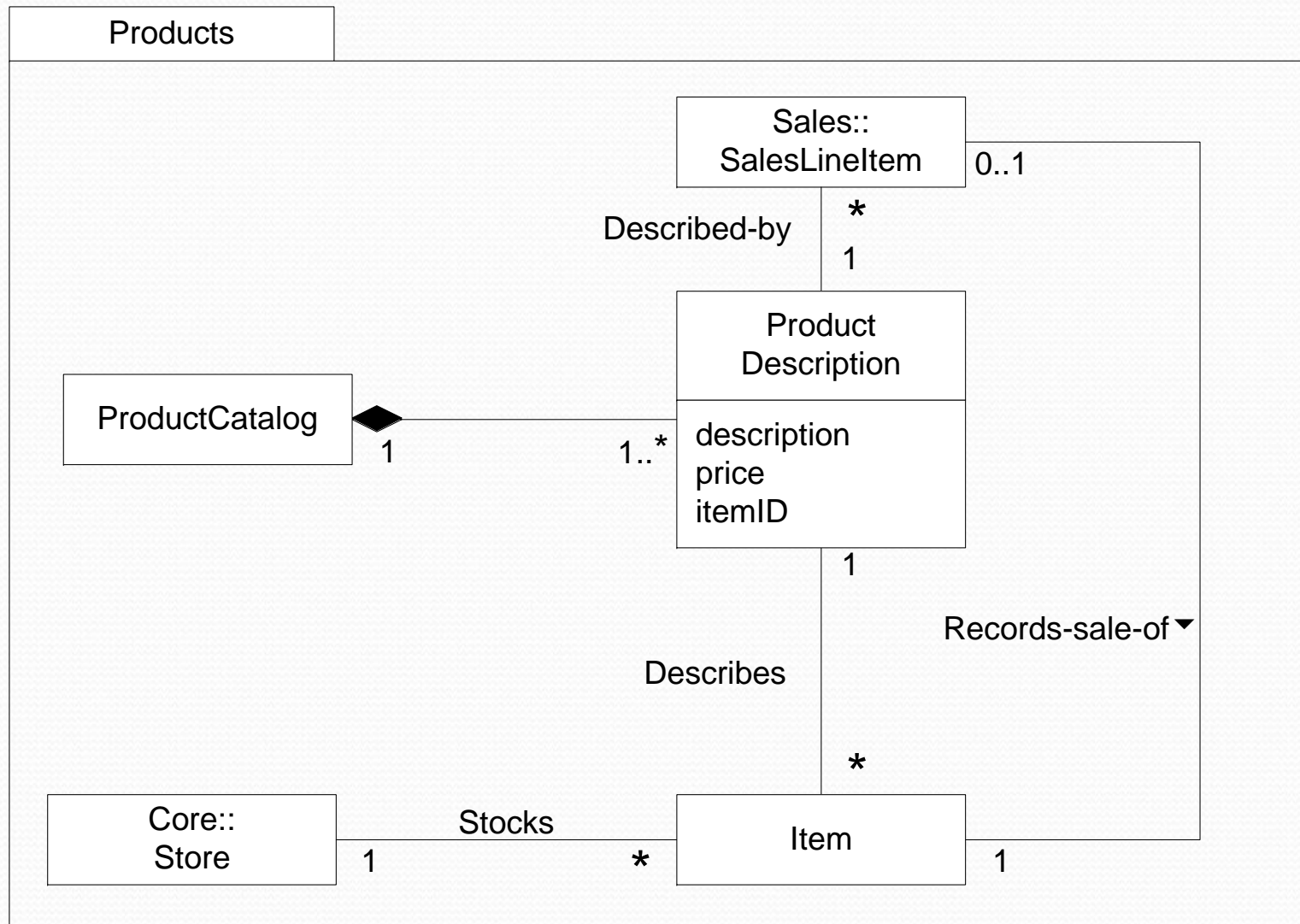


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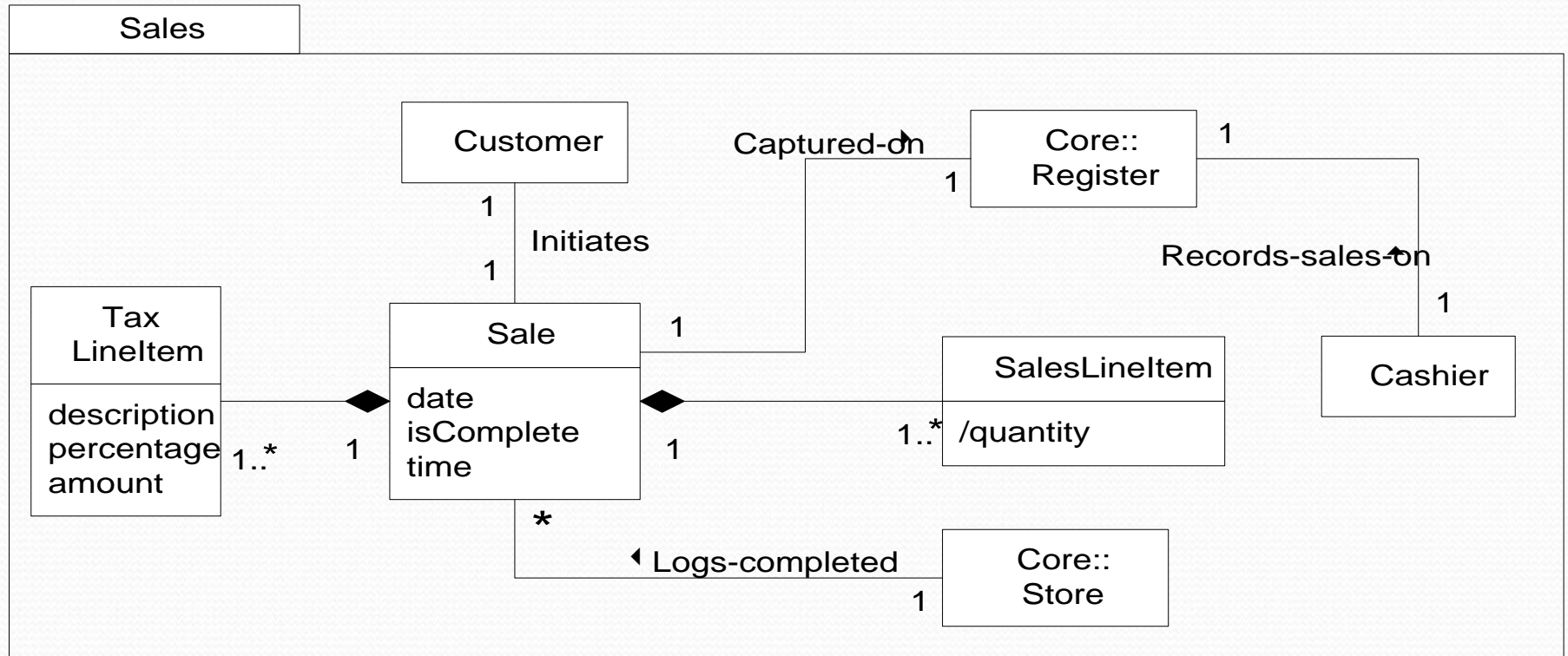
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Domain Model Packages



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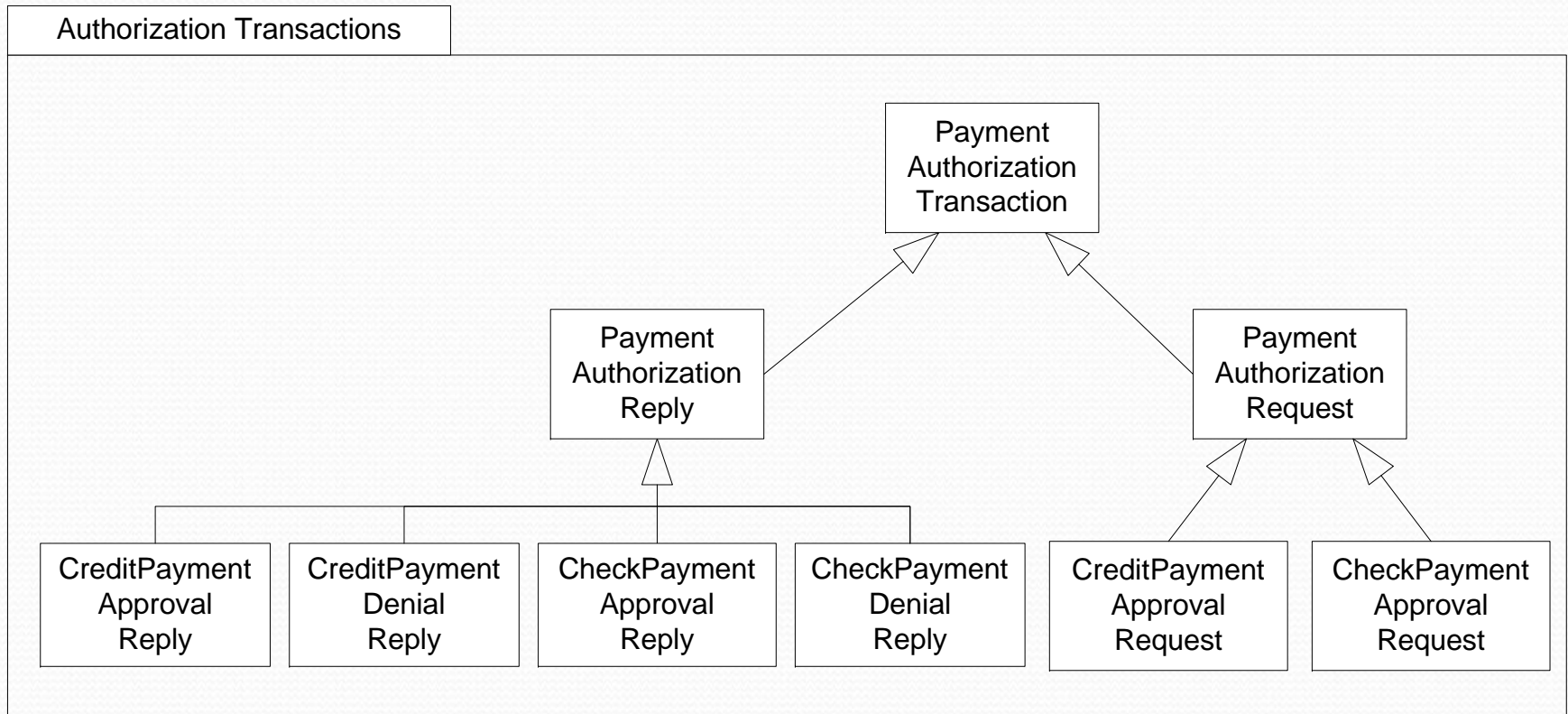


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