

UML Diagram Templates and Examples

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From all the software engineers we've talked to, we've found a common theme: no one likes to create documentation. UML diagrams (<https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/what-is-UML-unified-modeling-language>) can be incredibly helpful when you need to onboard employees or reference source code during implementation, but they become outdated quickly and take hours to build—unless you use a UML diagram tool (https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/examples/uml_diagram_tool) like Lucidchart.

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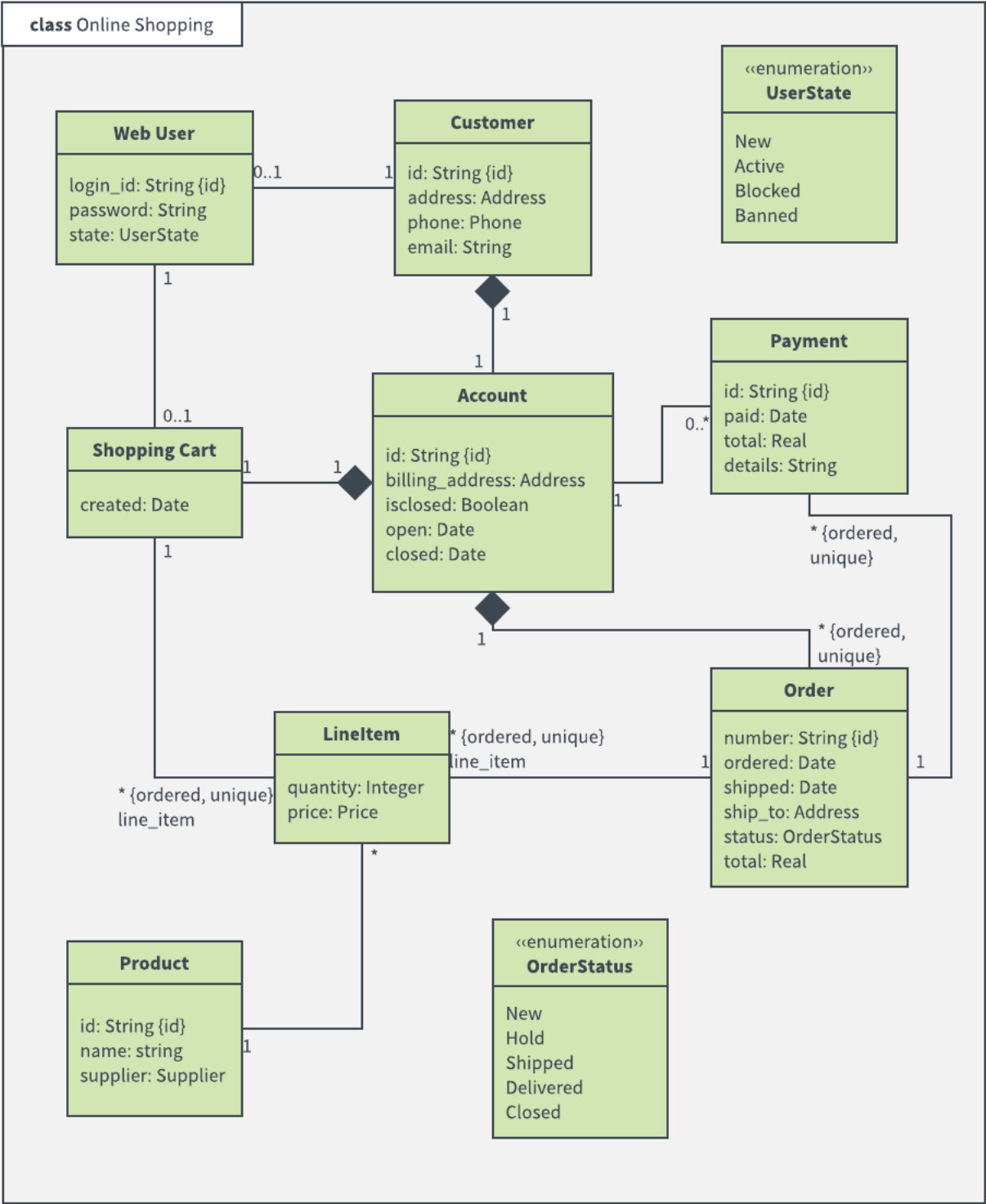
The class diagram is one of the most commonly used diagrams in UML, as explained in depth in our guide on class diagrams (<https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/uml-class-diagram>). Software engineers and business professionals often choose class diagrams to map the structure of particular systems because they clearly display the various classes, attributes, operations, and relationships between objects.

In our examples below, you'll find that each class shape is labeled with its name in the first row, the second row displays each attribute of the class on a separate line, and the third row displays each operation on a separate line. From there, additional UML symbols are used to model the various interactions and objects involved within the process.

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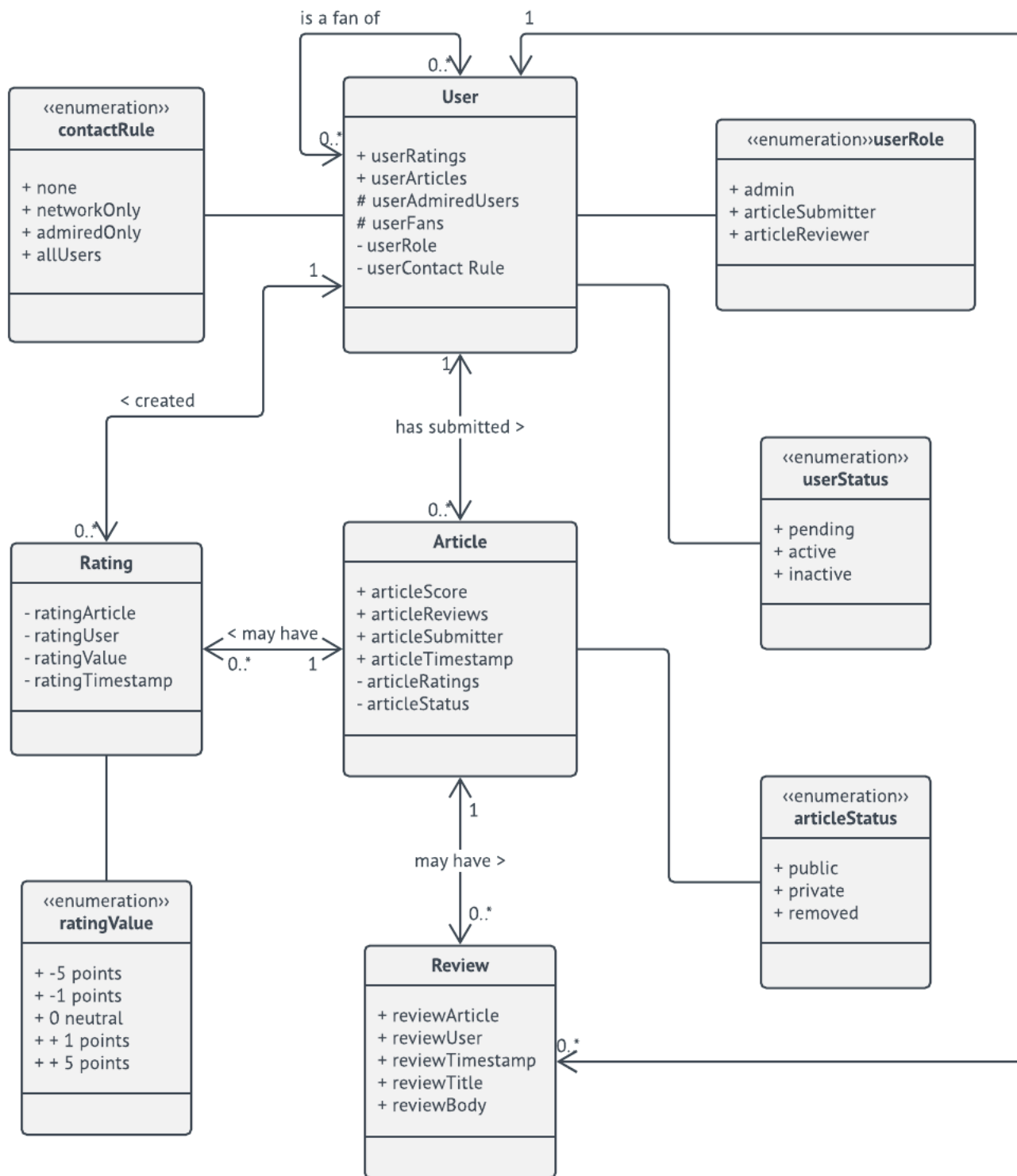
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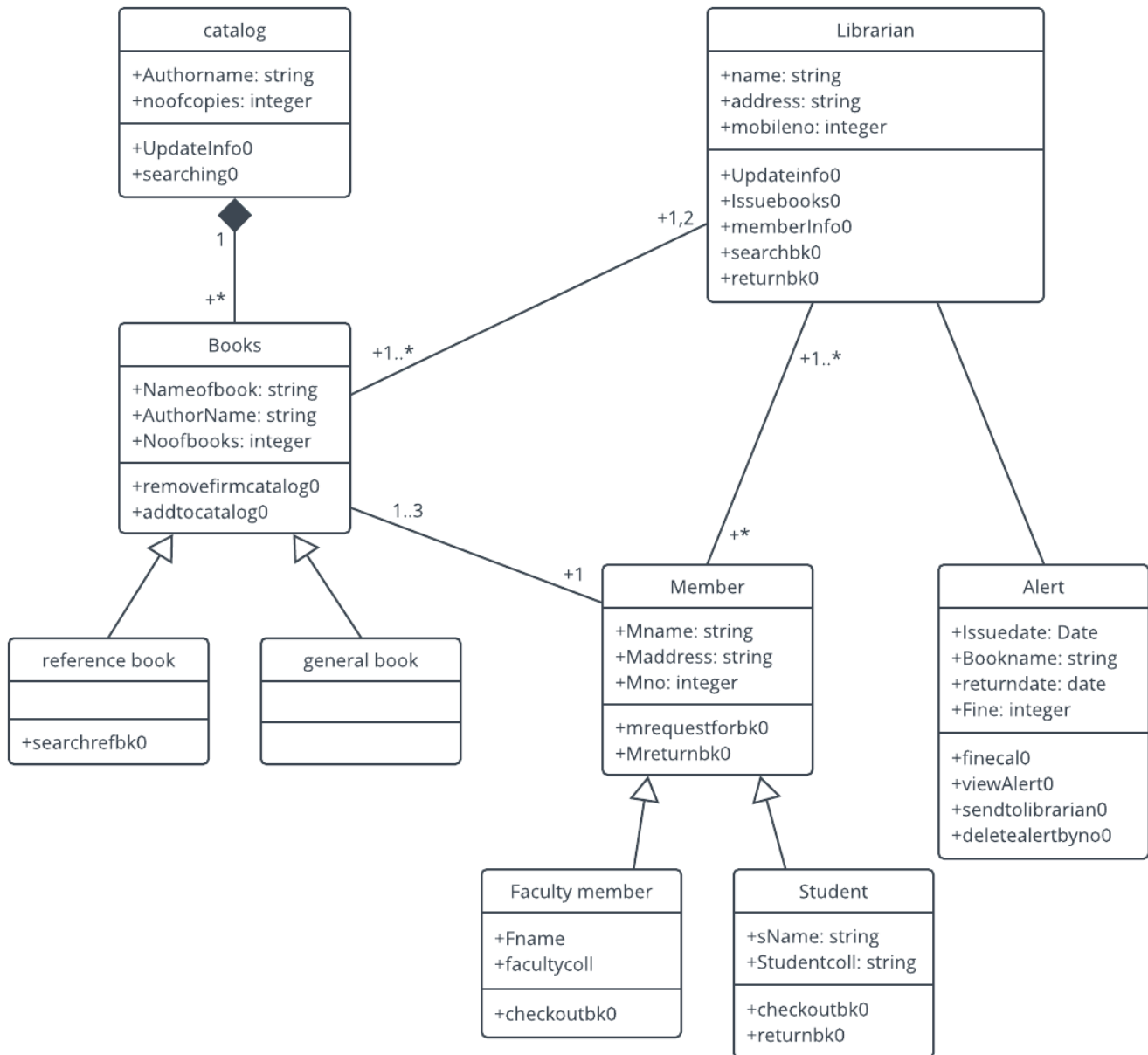
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Component diagrams in UML are very similar to class diagrams. Both component and class diagrams display the structural relationship of software systems and their elements; however, component diagrams generally simplify the interactions within more complex systems. The components that make up this type of diagram are modular parts of the system that are inherently replaceable. Diagrams are structured this way so that the components can be easily replaced when needed.

The component diagram examples below show the structural relations between components in an online shopping system, library management system, and an ATM system. The connected circles, or "lollipop" symbols, represent realization relationships within the systems. Take a look at our examples below, and dive into our component diagram guide (<https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/uml-component-diagram>) to become more familiar with component diagrams.

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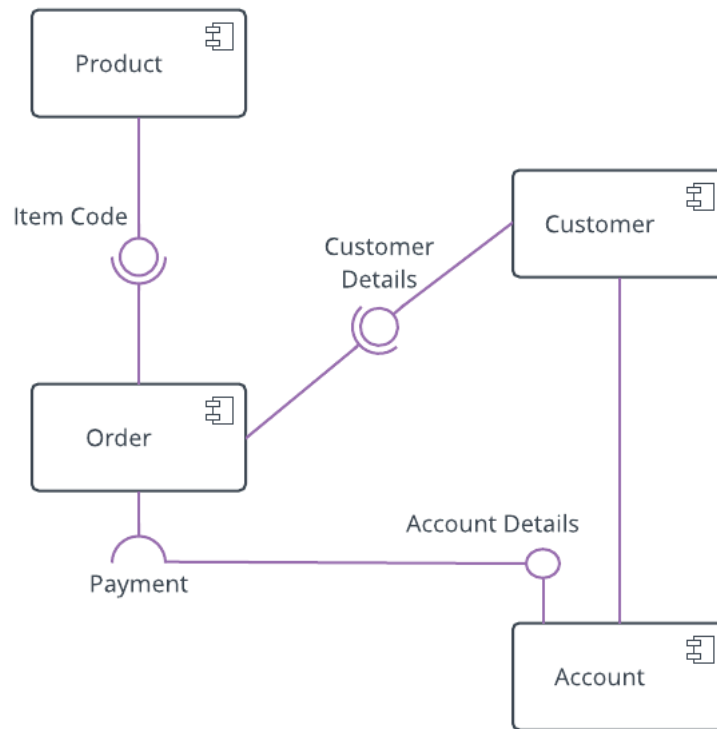
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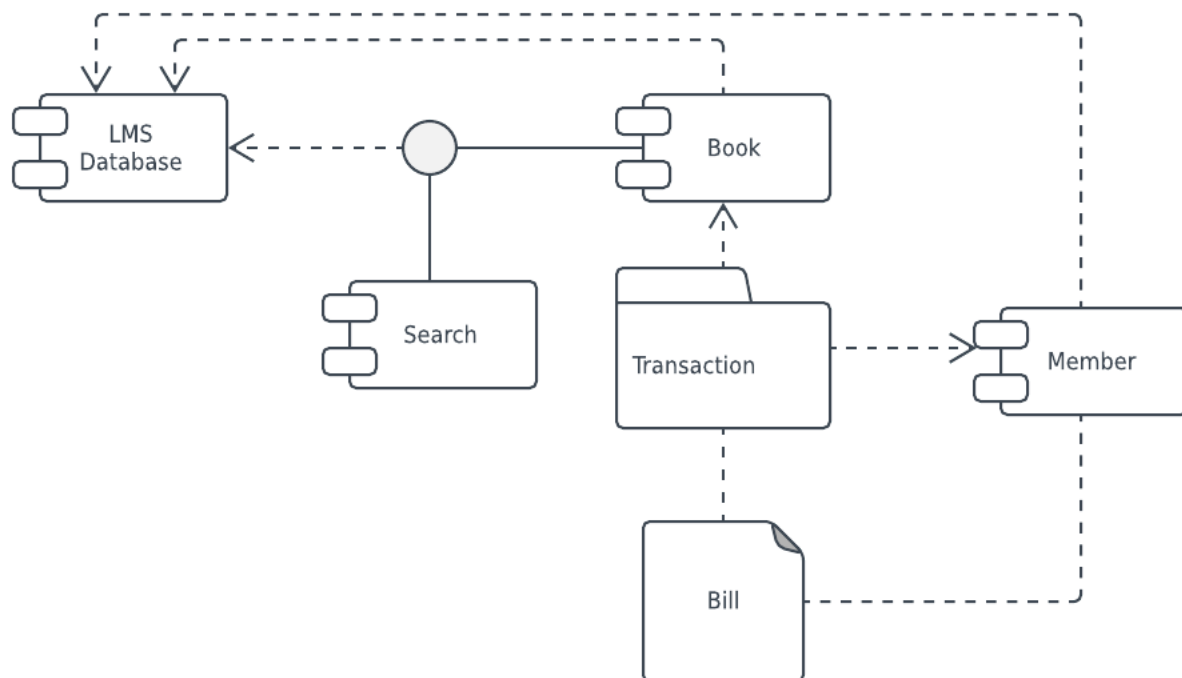
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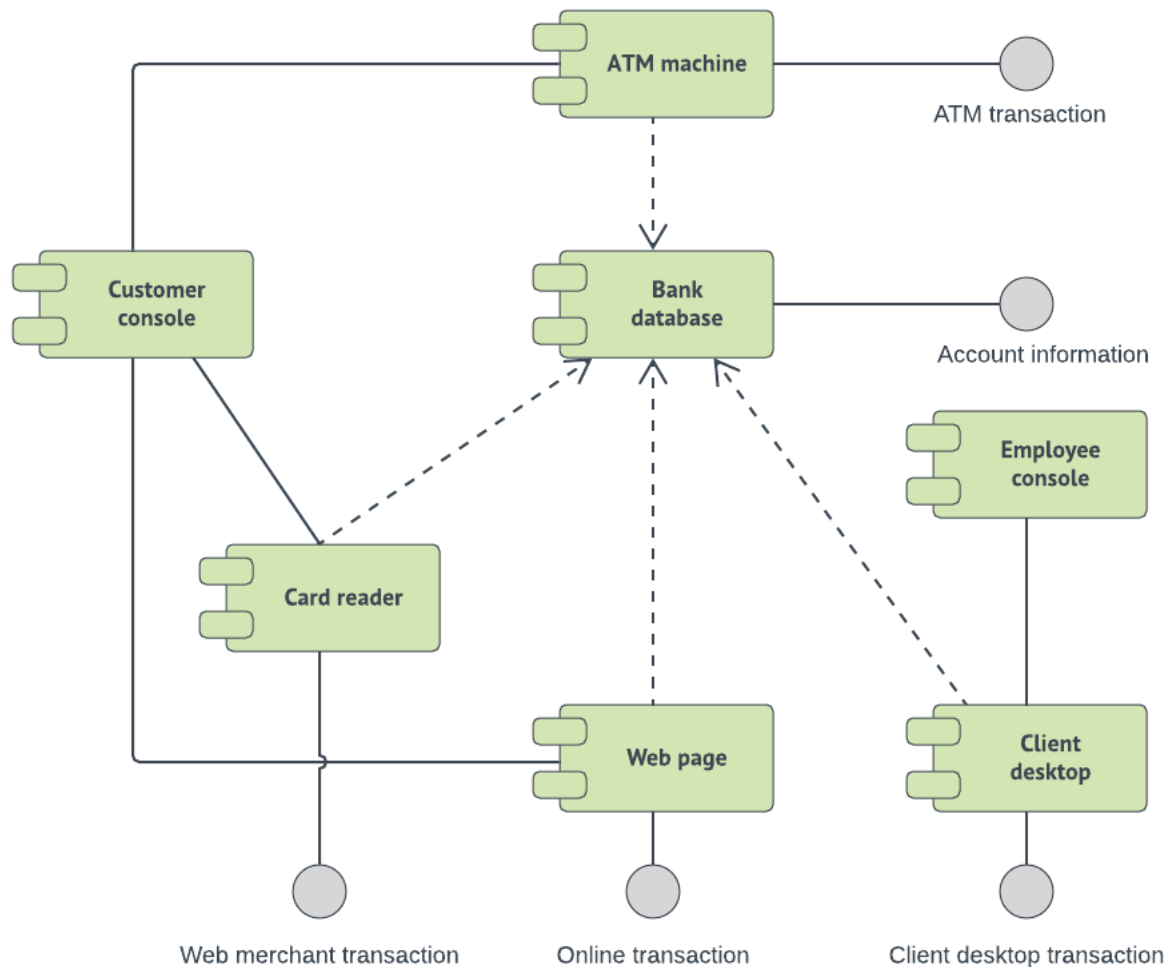
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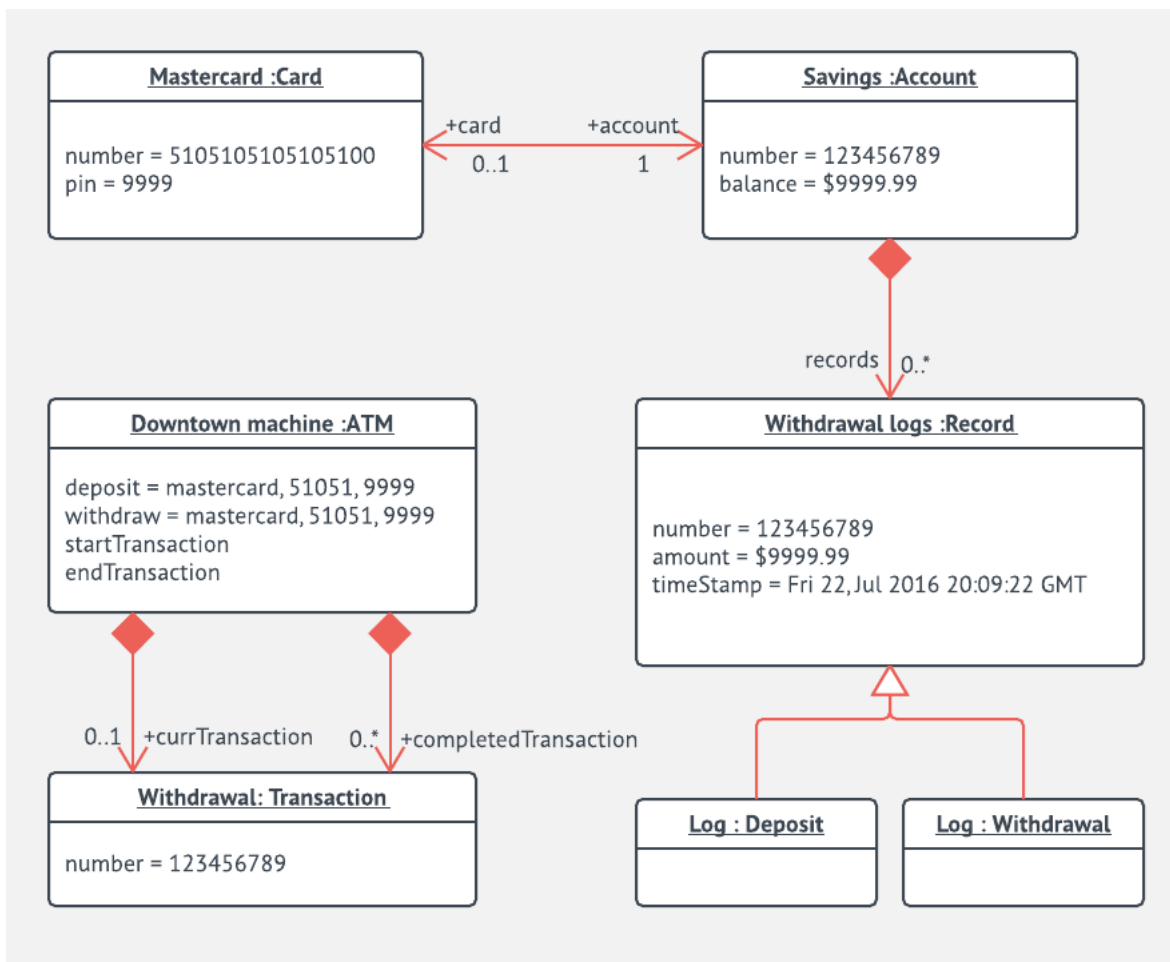
An object diagram in UML may look similar to a class diagram because it focuses on the attributes of a class diagram and how those objects relate to each other. For example, in the ATM template below, the class titles display the type of card, account, or action that the customer uses. The class attributes are all unique—in this case, the card has a specific number and PIN, the accounts and machines have their own specific numbers and amounts, and actions have specific transaction numbers.

Refer to our object diagram guide (<https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/uml-object-diagram>) if you need more insight. With the rest of our object diagram examples, you'll see that these UML diagrams aren't just limited to banking systems. Try one out.

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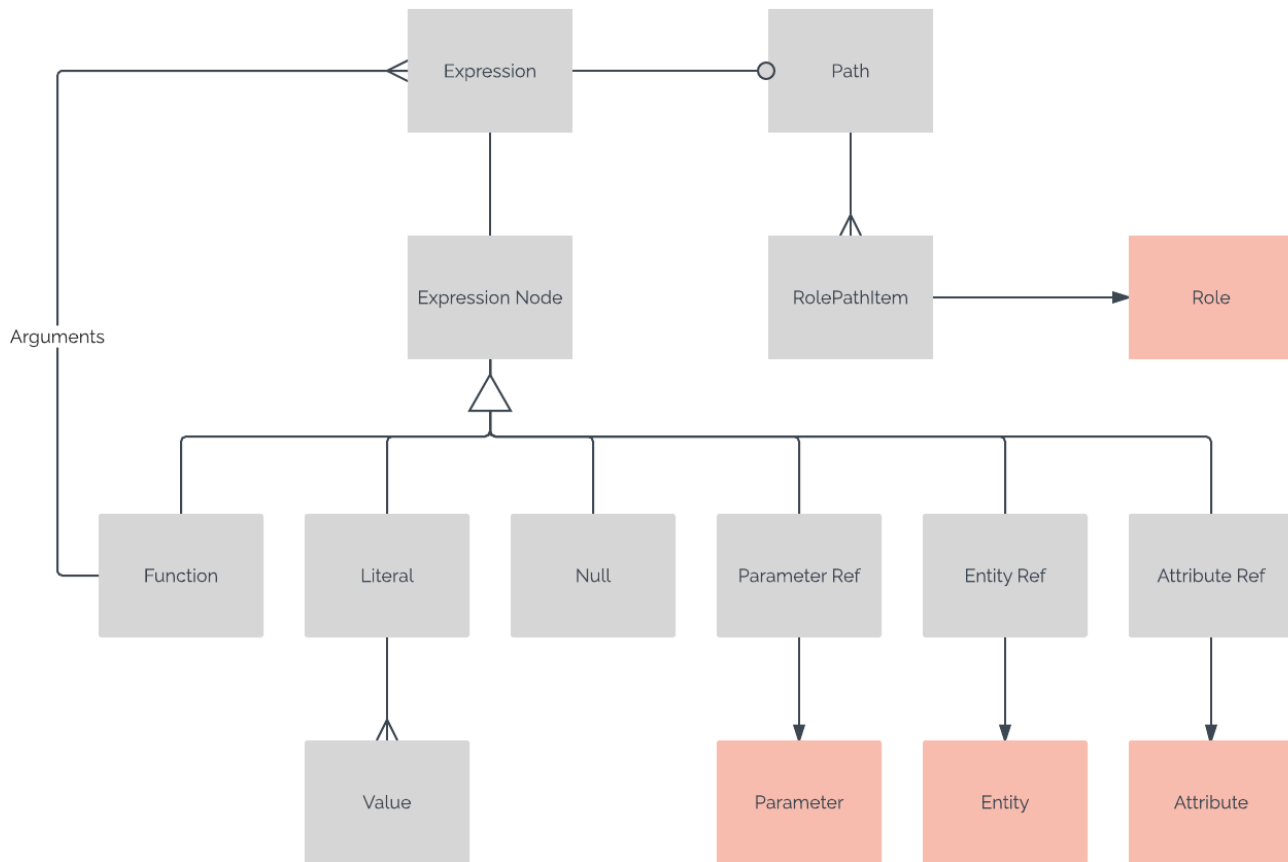
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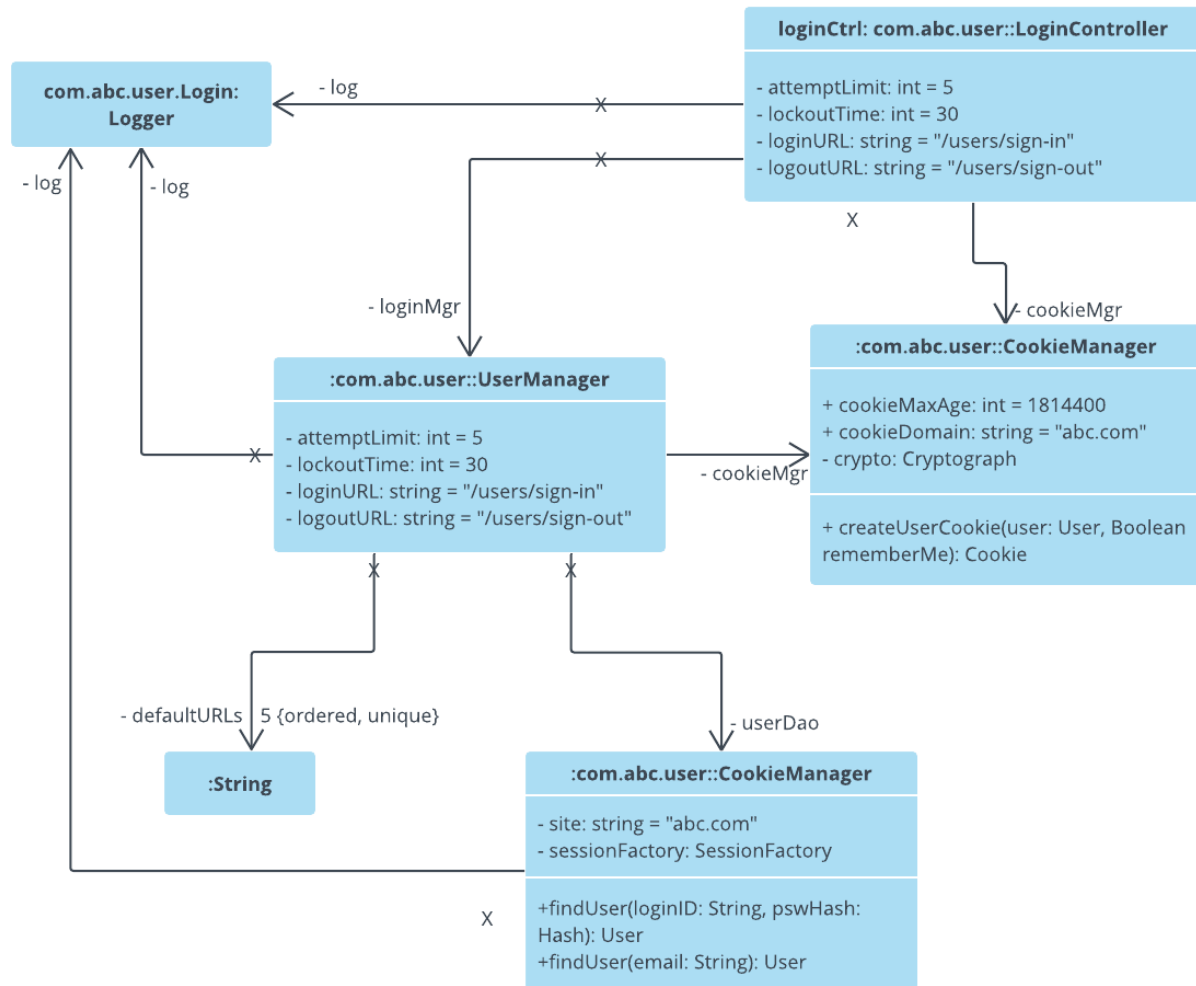
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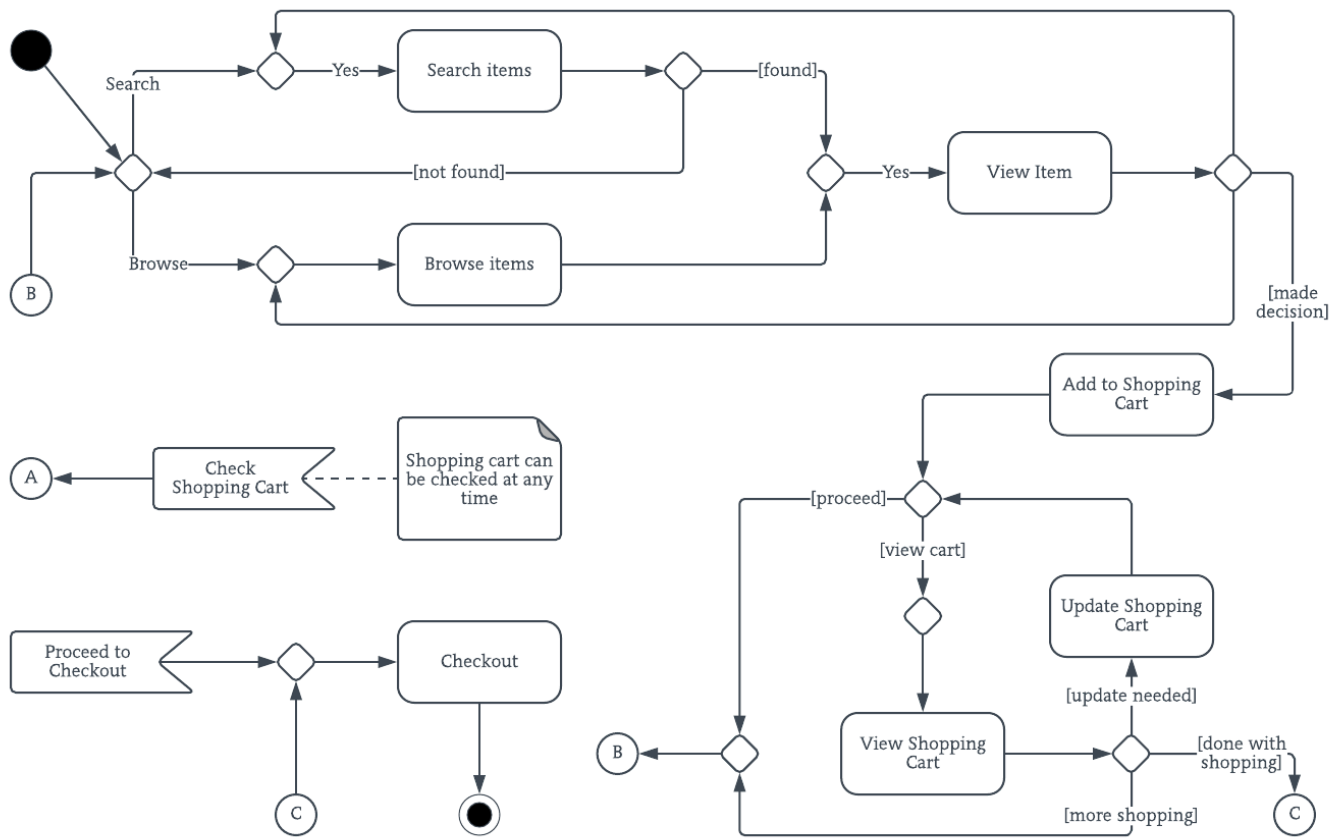
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Activity diagrams in UML are a leading subset of behavioral diagrams. They display the functionalities of various activities and flows in business processes and software systems. With UML-specific symbols (<https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/uml-activity-diagram#section-3>), you can map out the start point, end point, and all the merging and interactions in between your process flow. See our guide on activity diagrams (<https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/uml-activity-diagram>) if you need additional information.

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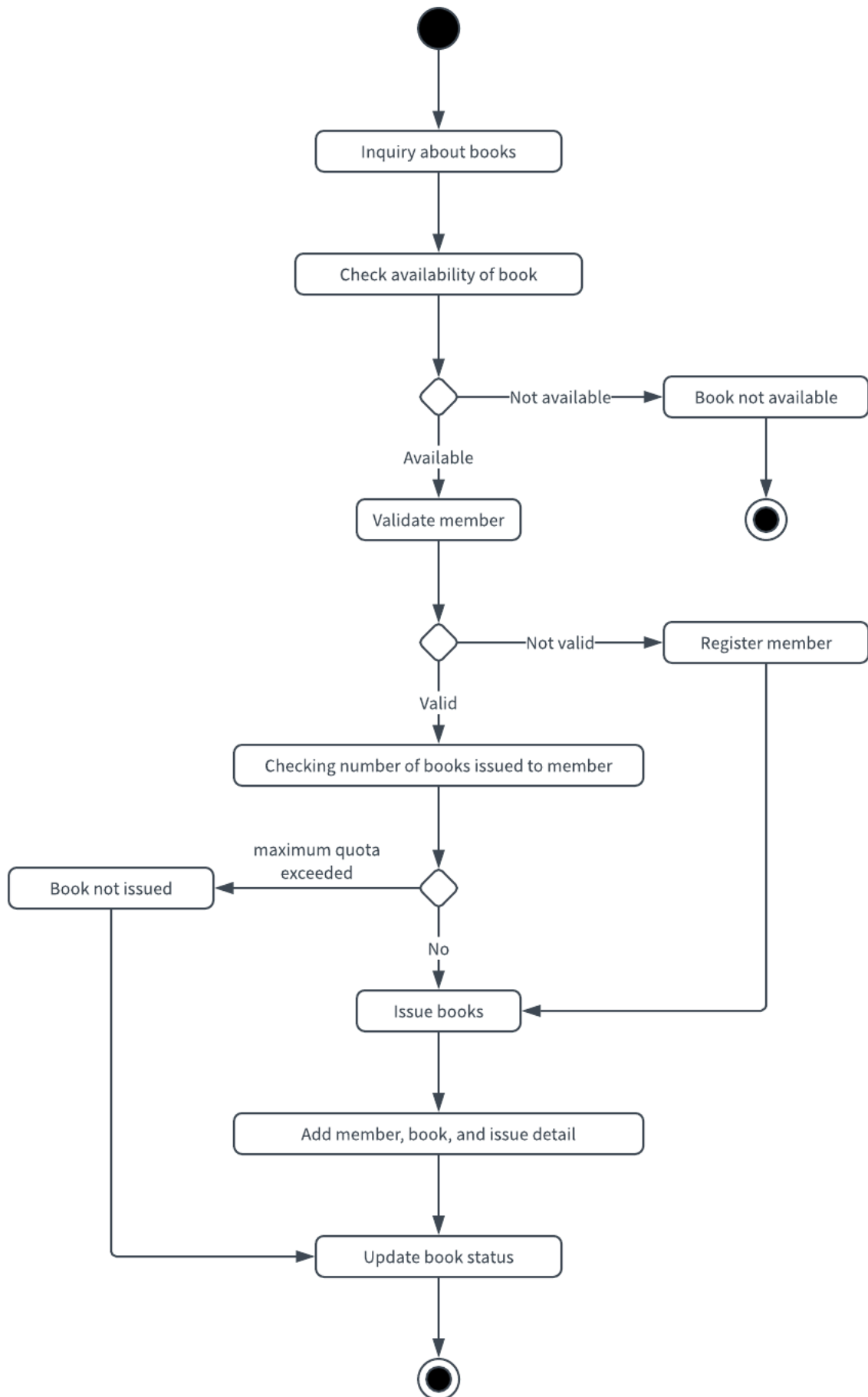
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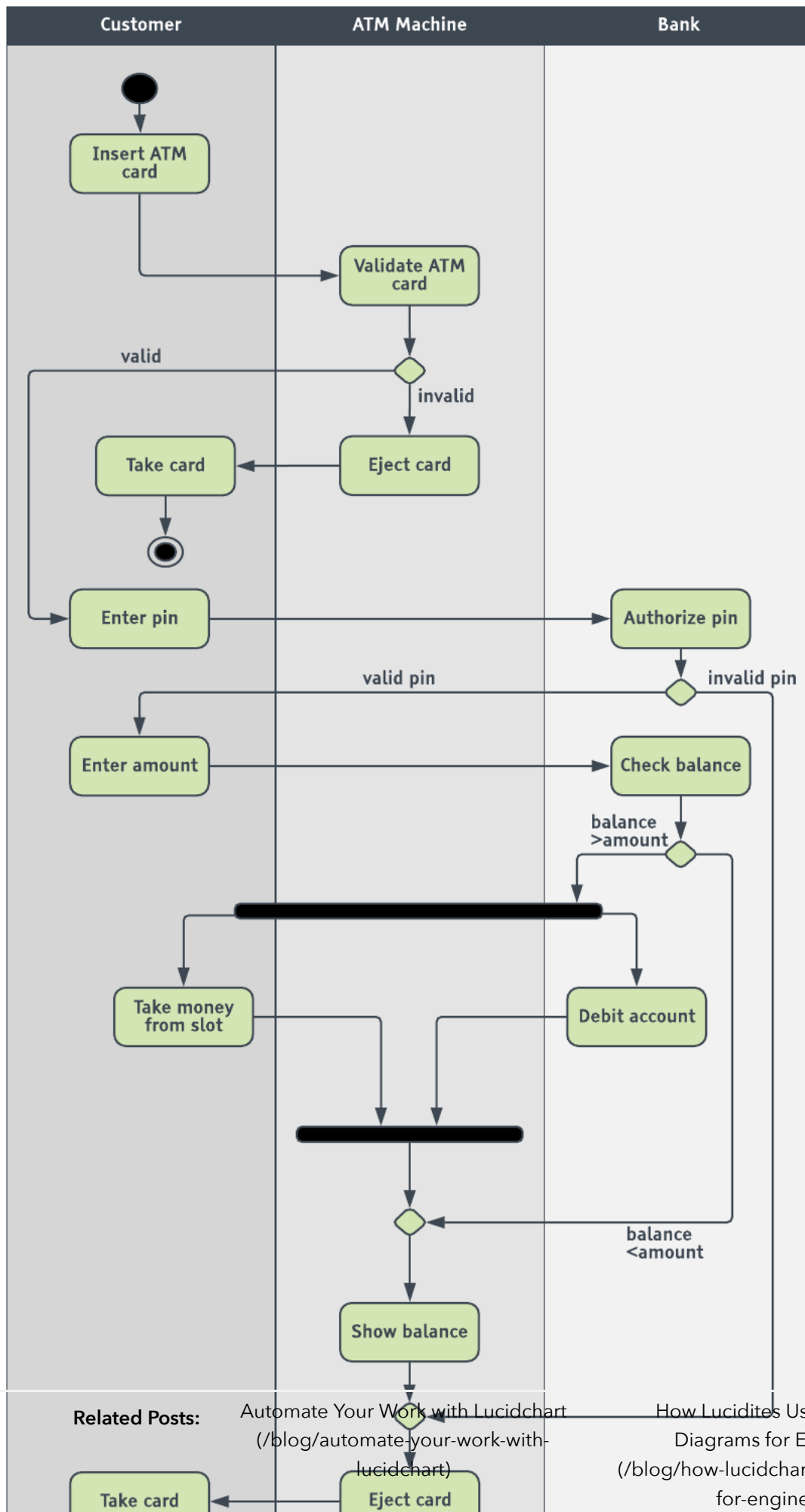
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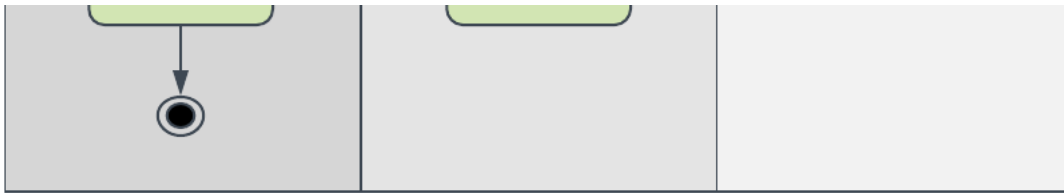
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Many project managers and engineers use sequence diagrams in UML to get a better idea of how tasks within a project will function, overlap, and move between objects or components. Create sequence diagrams to display interactions between objects and the order in which those interactions occur.

You can read our full guide on sequence diagrams (<https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/uml-sequence-diagram>) for additional reference. While the examples below cover UML sequence diagrams, Lucidchart still has the shapes and features you need to model code-based sequence diagrams as well.

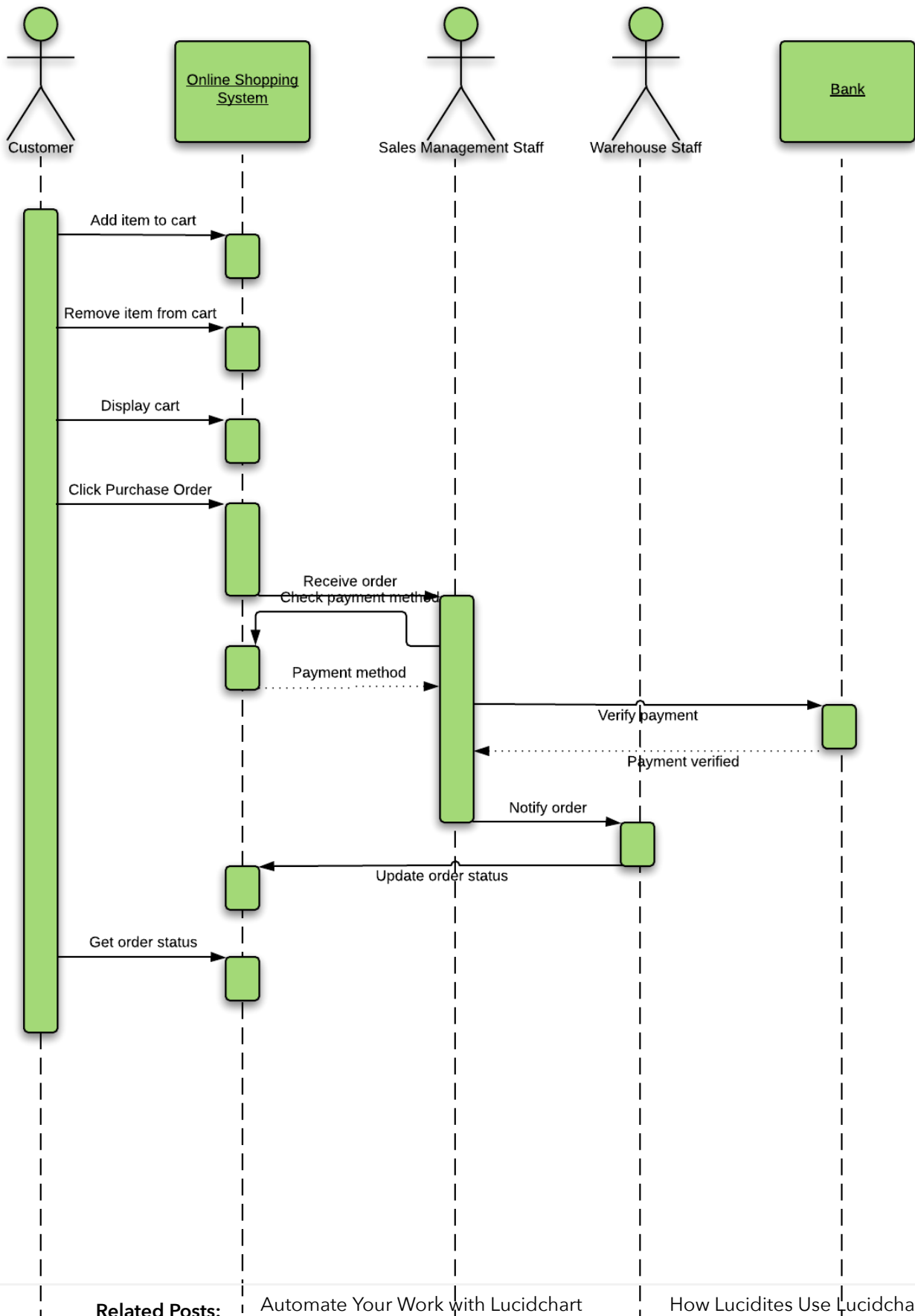
(P.S. You can save even more time when you generate UML sequence diagrams from text markup in Lucidchart. Learn more about this feature (<https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/uml/uml-sequence-markup>).)

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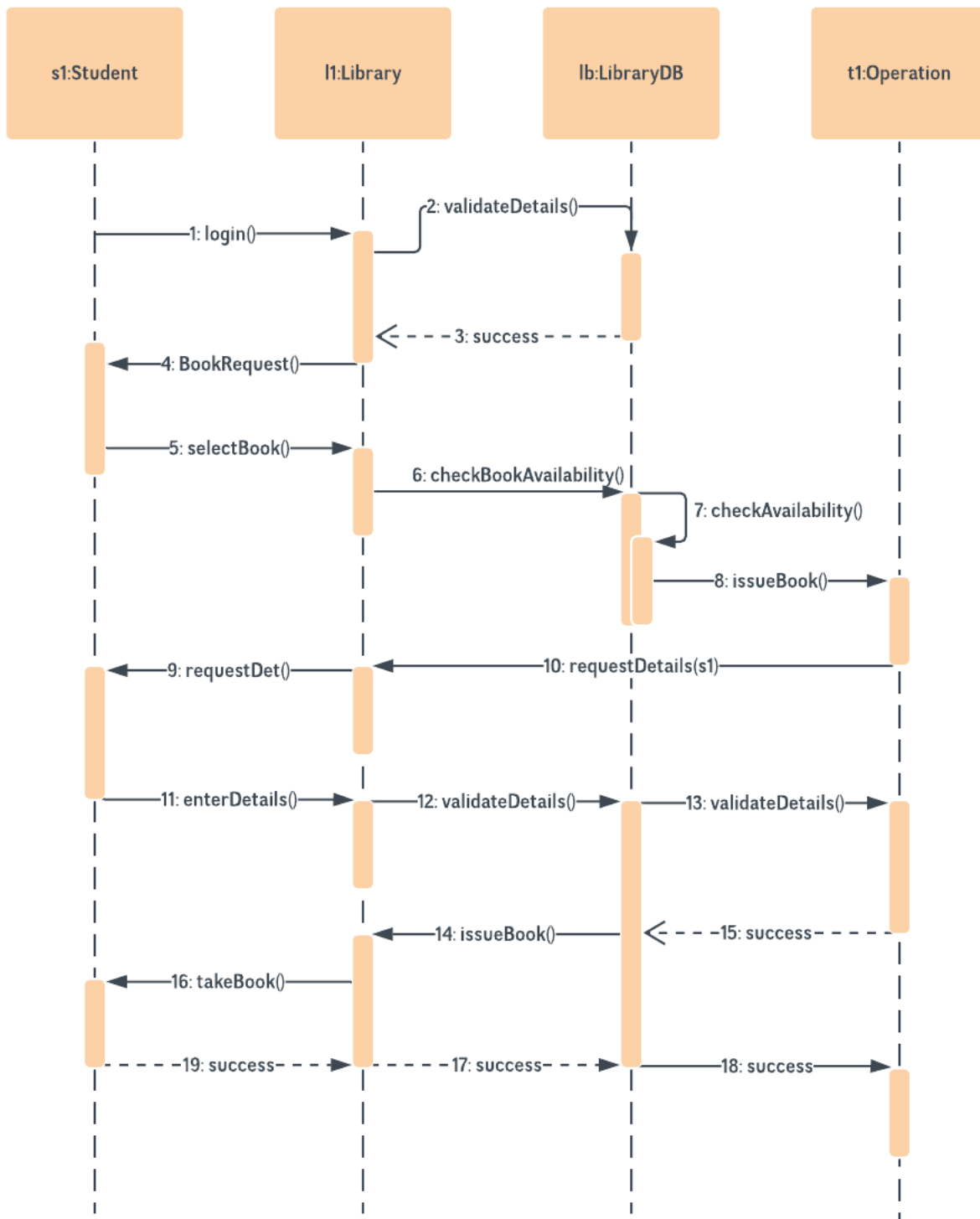
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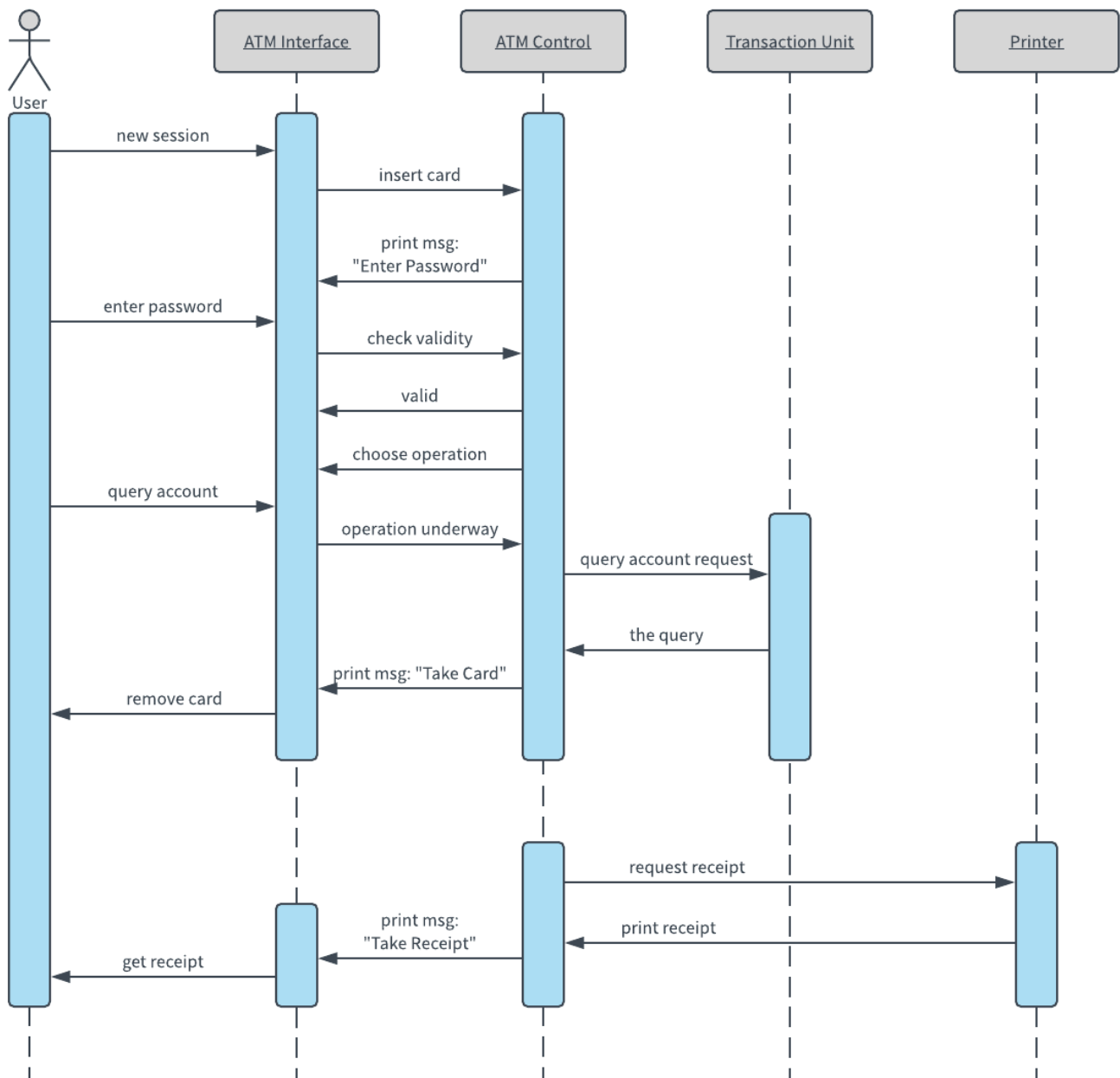
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Use case diagram templates

With a UML use case diagram, you can create a broad, high-level view of the relationship between use cases, actors involved, and systems being performed. Take a look at our use case diagram guide (<https://www.lucidchart.com/pages/uml-use-case-diagram>) to learn more about the benefits of use case diagrams and the shapes involved.

As you can see from the examples below, use cases are represented by oval shapes, and the lines then show at which point an actor participates and interacts with their corresponding use case. You can see where each actor is involved within the entire process (and where they're excluded). For instance, in one of the examples, a truck driver needs to know the location of a truck but doesn't need to be involved at any other part of the process within a successful inventory system.

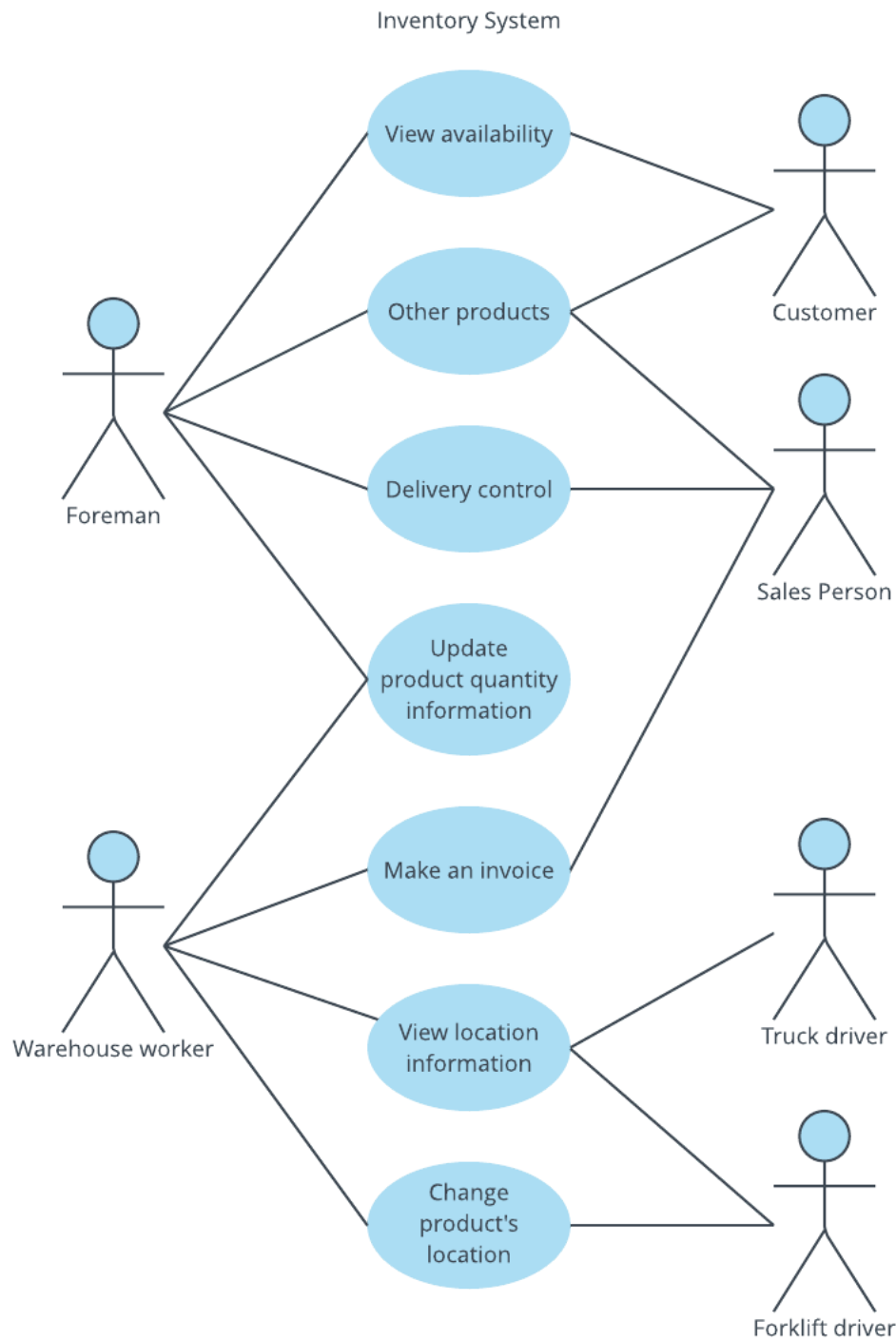
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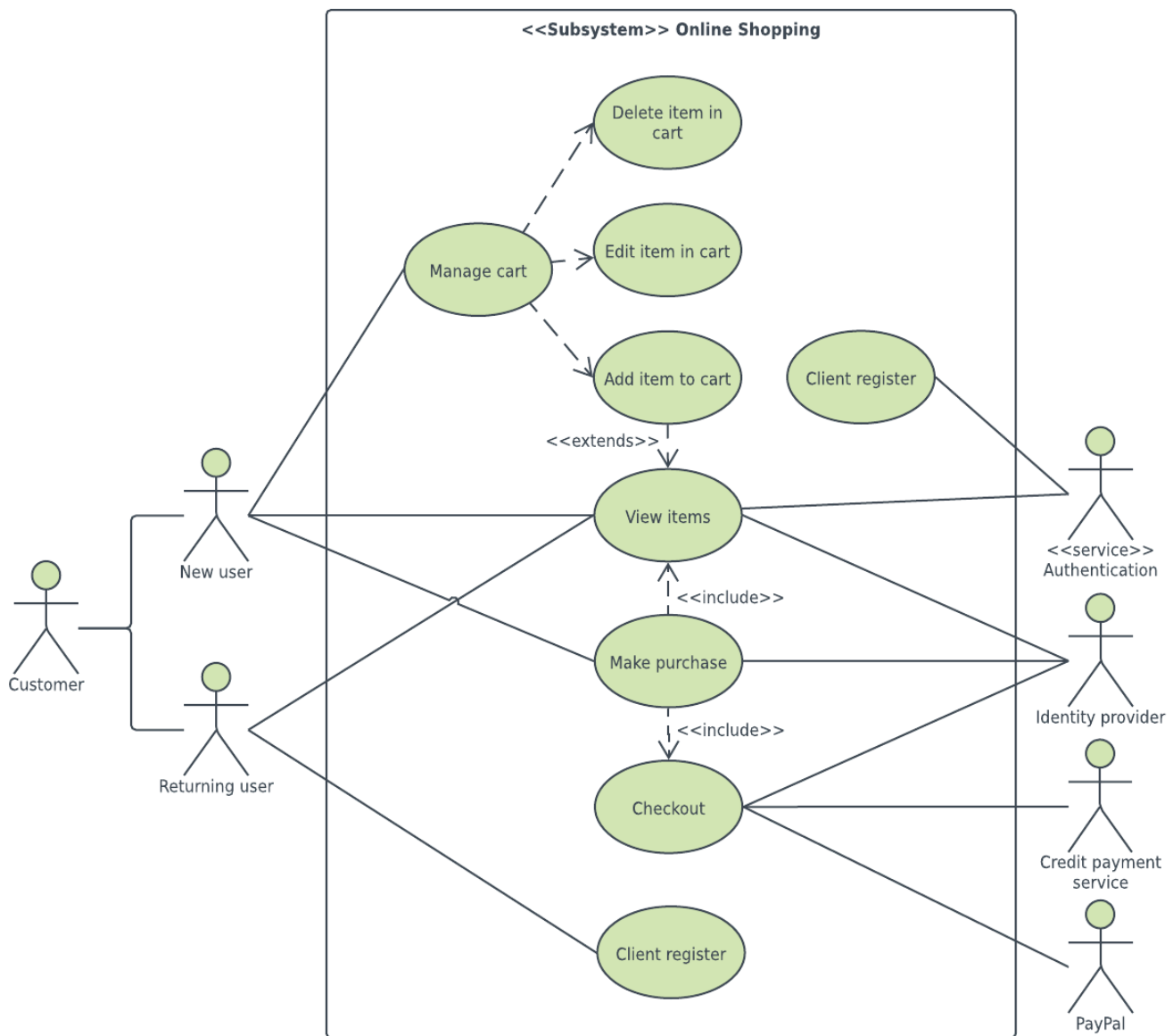
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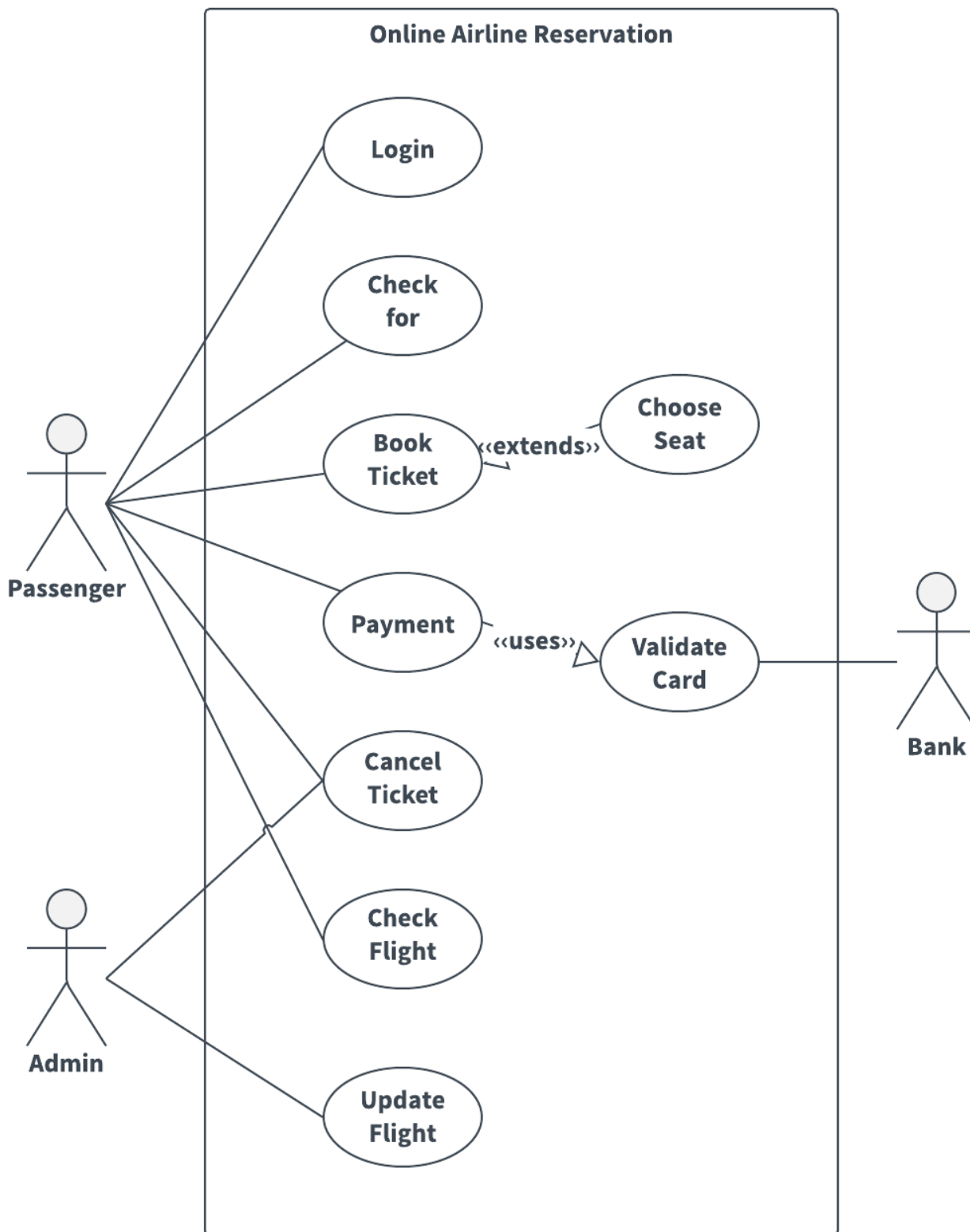
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