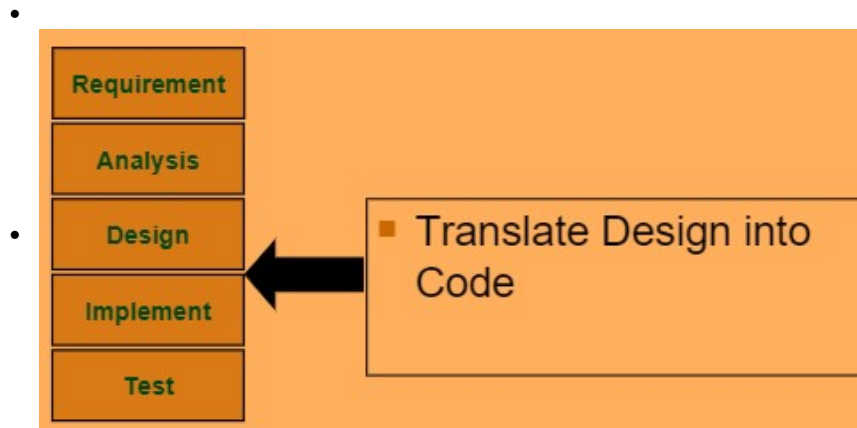


Lecture 10

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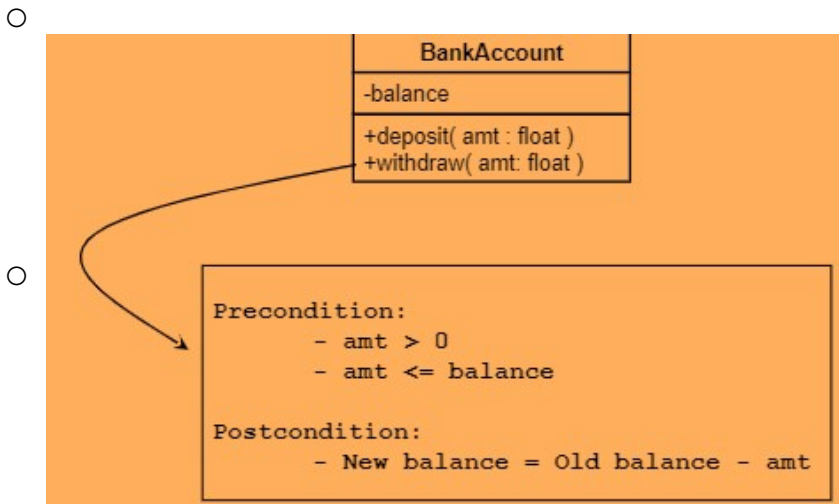
Overview of This Lecture

- Basic Implementation Steps.
- Implementing Classes:
 - Class Association:
 - Navigation direction;
 - Multiplicity constraint;
 - Qualified associations;
 - Association classes.

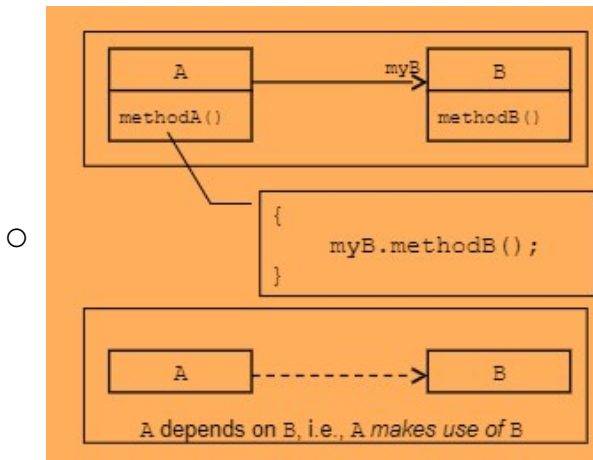


- Implementation: Overview
 - Inputs:
 - Detailed Class Diagram
 - Interaction Diagram
 - Statechart
 - Activities:
 - Implementation of class diagram
 - Reminder:
 - Interaction diagrams show the basic behavior of some of the ops
 - Statechart describes a complete lifetime for classes with complex behavior
- Basic Steps in Implementation
 - Define method interface
 - Give a formal/informal description of the functionality of an operation
 - Useful in reducing misunderstanding
 - Lets splitting the workload
 - Decide order of implementation
 - Which class/subsys to start
 - Implement the design using a suitable programming lang
- Defining Method Interface
 - During design:
 - Detailed info abt the method header are defined:

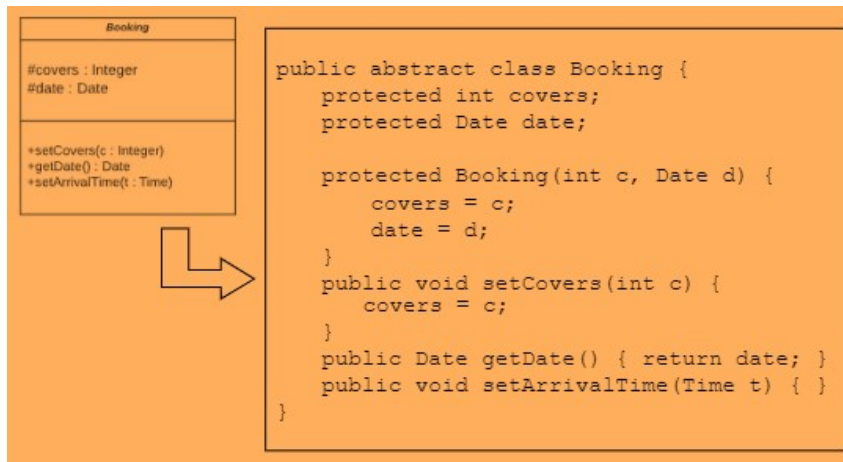
- Returned Type, Parameter Type
- Accessibility
- But, functionality not formally defined:
 - What should method do?
 - What are acceptable vals for the parameter?
 - Etc..
- Even more important for complicated operations
- Operation Contract
 - Writing the operation contract is 1 possible way to define functionality
 - Define precondition:
 - Express constraint abt attributes of the class and the actual parameter
 - Define Postcondition:
 - Express effect of an operation:
 - Instance creation/deletion;
 - Attribute modification;
 - Association Formed/Broken;
- Operation withdraw() Contract: EX:



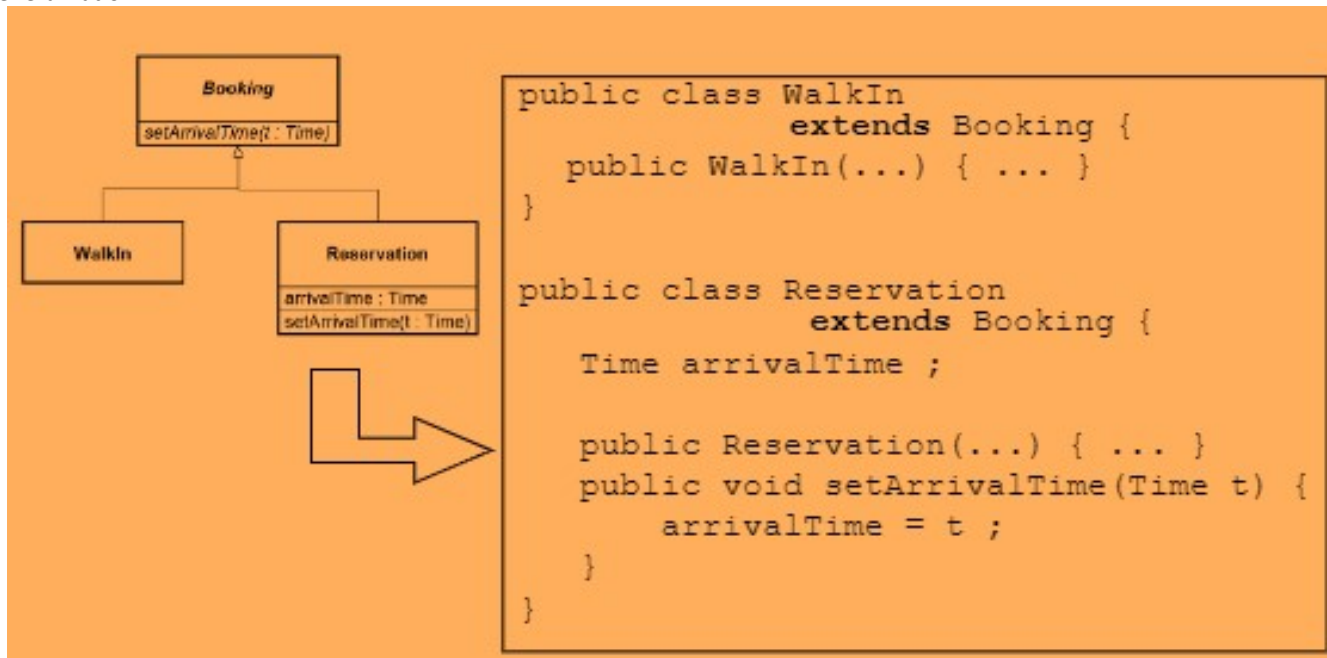
- Order of Implementation
 - Many classes w/ dependencies in the design:
 - Need an order of implementation
 - 2 basic strats:
 - Top-down:
 - Start w/ high-lvl components
 - Continue to implement the dependent components
 - Bottom-Up:
 - Start w/ lower lvl classes (like classes w/ least dependency)
 - Then go to code classes that make use of the implemented classes
- Ex:



- The myB can be an attribute in class A of class B;
- The navigability is 1 possible indicator of the dependency
- Top Down Implementation
 - Starts w/ Class A, then Class B
 - Advantages:
 - Class A reps a *higher lvl* component as it makes use of other classes
 - Starting w/ high lvl components lets early validation of whole sys
 - Disadvantages:
 - Need temporary implementation (aka stub) for lower classes
 - Ex:
 - A temporary implementation of methodB() is needed for the implementation of methodA()
- Bottom Up Implementation
 - Starts w/ Class B, then Class A
 - Advantages:
 - Low lvl classes can usually stand alone
 - No need for stub
 - Disadvantages:
 - Have to postpone the generation of a complete executable pgrm
- **Class Diagram Implementation**
- Implementing Classes
 - Basic mapping:
 - A UML Class is implemented by a class in Java, C++, etc.
 - Attributes are implemented by fields
 - Operations are implemented by methods
 - There can be some lang specific issues
 - Like the implementation of abstract classes, interfaces, and generalization
- EX: The Booking Class
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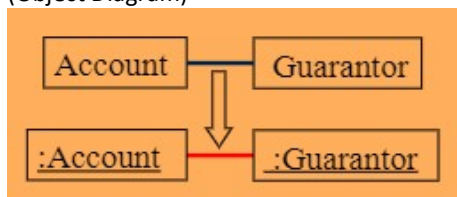


- Ex: Generalization



- Implementing Associations

- Associations (Class Diagram) describe properties of links (Object Diagram)

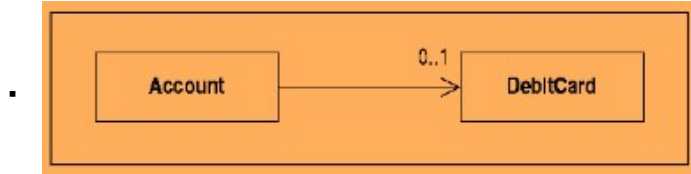


- A link gives one object access to another and lets message passing
- Java: References (C++: Object Pointer) share these properties, so associations can be implemented w/ references
- References support only 1 direction of navigation
 - Should restrict navigability
- References should not be manipulated explicitly by other classes

- Optional Unidirectional Association

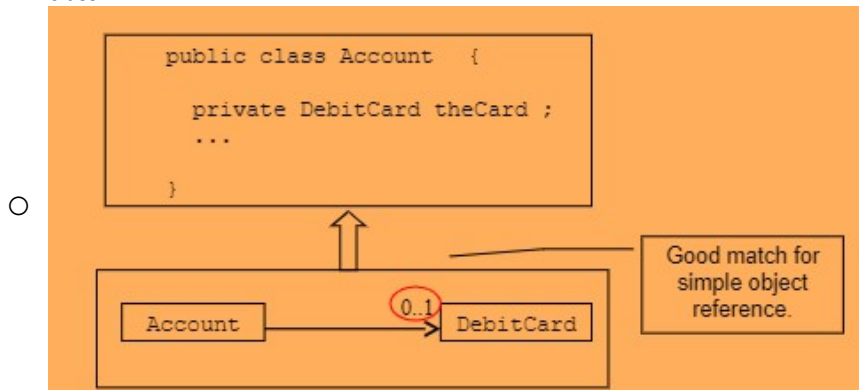
- Distinction btwn associations
 - Direction
 - Multiplicity
- Reference vars can hold

- A reference to another object
- Or the null reference
- So the 'default' multiplicity of a reference is '0...1'



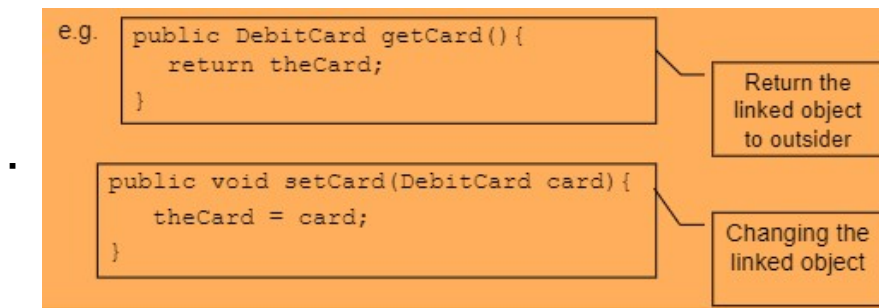
- Implementation

- The association is defined by a field in the Account Java class holding a reference to an instance of the DebitCard Java class:



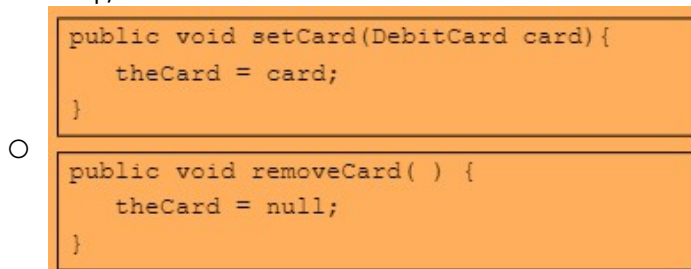
- Maintaining the Association

- Account is "aware" of this association, it should also maintain the association:
 - Setup/remove the link;
 - Appropriate methods for accessing the linked object



- Mutability for Association

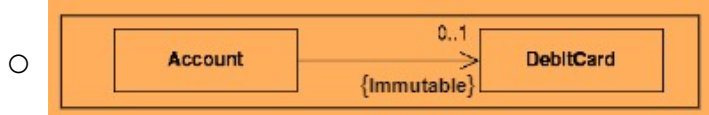
- Last example assumes that the DebitCard association is mutable:
 - An Account object can be linked to a diff DebitCard object during its lifetime
- Hence, it makes sense to have the following methods for setup/removal the link:



- Immutable Association

- Some associations are immutable:
 - Once assigned, a link must not be altered

- The designer can state this in the class diagram:



- The pgrm has to check the link's existence explicitly

```

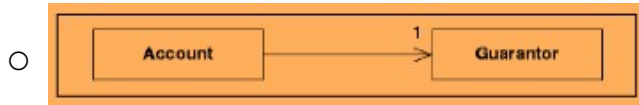
public void setCard(DebitCard card) {
    if (theCard != null) {
        // throw ImmutableAssociationException
    }
    theCard = card ;
}
  
```

Explicit Check to maintain **Immutable** link

- Compulsory Association

- Multiplicity w/ lowerbound larger than 0 is compulsory, like "At all times, the link(s) cannot be null"

- Ex:



- That ^ means an "Account object must have exactly one link to a Guarantor object at all times"

- Pgrmer have to check explicitly to ensure this is true

- Implementation

- The earliest possible opportunity to setup the link is in the constructor method:

```

public Account(Guarantor g) {
    if (g == null) {
        // throw NullLinkError
    }
    theGuarantor = g ;
}
  
```

Make sure we have a **guarantor**

- If the association is mutable, similar checks must be performed in methods that change the link, like:

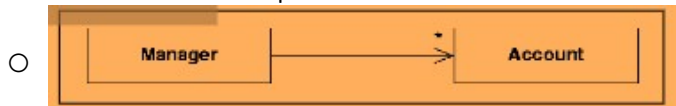
```

public setGuarantor(Guarantor g) {
    if (g == null) {
        // throw NullLinkError
    }
    theGuarantor = g ;
}
  
```

Make sure we have a **guarantor**

- 1-to-Many Unidirectional Association

- Some associations require more than one link to be stored:



- Data structures, like arrays and vectors, can be used to store the references

- For a specific upper bound, like "0...8", specific checks must be implemented:

```

public class Manager {
    private Vector theAccounts ;
    public void addAccount(Account acc) {
        theAccounts.addElement(acc) ;
    }
}
  
```

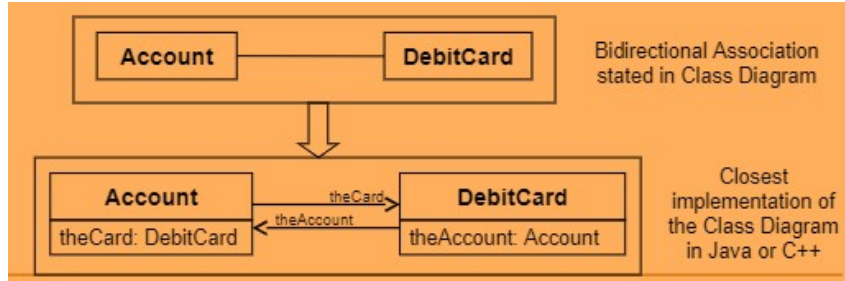
Stores * Accounts references.

- Bidirectional Association

- Some associations need to be navigated in both directions:
 - Bc references are unidirectional, it will take two

references to implement a bidirectional link

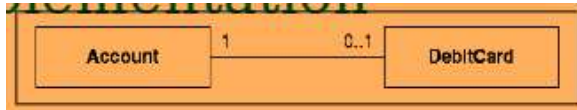
- The association can be implemented by including a suitable field in each of the associated classes



- Bidirectional Association Implementation

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- DebitCard is optional ("0..1" from Account)
- Account is compulsory ("1" from DebitCard)
- Hence, best way to satisfy the conditions is

- Make the Account first, then the DebitCard:

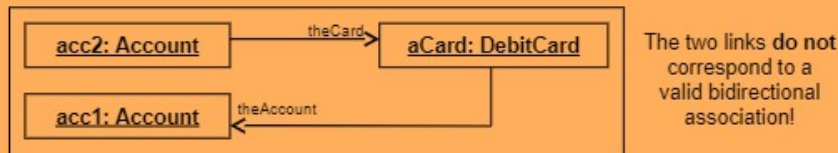
```
{
    Account acc1 = new Account() ;
    DebitCard aCard = new DebitCard(acc1) ;

    acc1.setCard(aCard) ;
}
```

- Referential Integrity

- The bidirectional association is implemented as 2 separate references, its important to keep them consistent
 - Links should be "inversed" one to each other
 - Known as referential integrity
- Ex of referential integrity violation:

```
Account acc1 = new Account() ;
Account acc2 = new Account() ;
DebitCard aCard = new DebitCard(acc1) ;
acc2.setCard(aCard) ;
```



- Maintaining Referential Integrity

- Prob w/ ex code ^:'
 - DebitCard making and reference setup (setCard() method) are two separate operations
 - It's the responsibility of prgrmer to make sure the 2 ops are performed in a consistent fashion
- To min human error, delegate one of the classes to keep the referential integrity instead
- Ex:


```

public class Account {
    private DebitCard theCard ;

    public void addCard() {
        theCard = new
        DebitCard(this);
    }
    // other methods as well
}

```

Account class handles both the DebitCard creation and reference setting.

- Joint Creation of Objects

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- Suppose an association is intended to be immutable and also needs to be traversed in both directions
- Constructors of both classes should take in an instance of the other to satisfy the constraint specified by the class diagram

- Java and C++ do not allow simultaneous object creation
- Must create one of the objects with the default constructor, like to violate the constraint for a short time

- Code Ex:

- Attempts to satisfy the compulsory link:

```

Account a = new Account(g);
Guarantor g = new Guarantor(a);

```

g is not initialized.

```

Account a = new Account(new Guarantor(a));
Guarantor g = a.getGuarantor();

```

a is not initialized.

- Have to violate the constraint for a while:

```

Guarantor g = new Guarantor();
Account a = new Account(g);

g.setAccount(a);

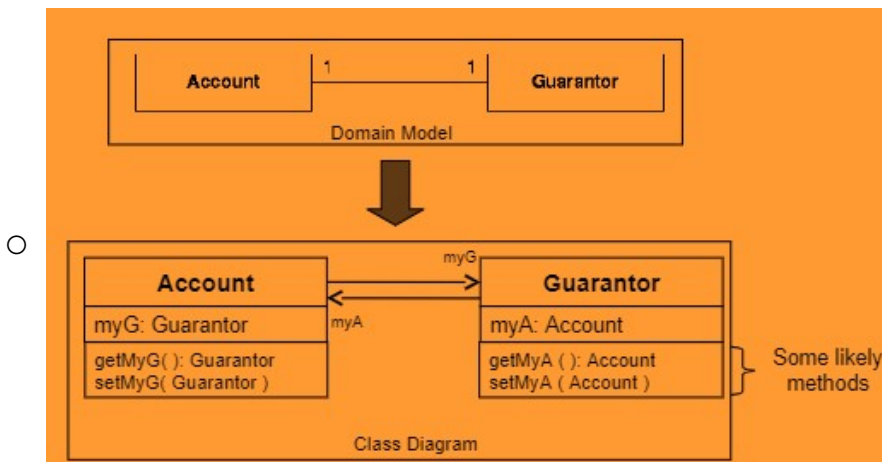
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g is initialized by the default constructor without an Account reference.

Setup the reference after Account a is properly initialized.

- Implementing Bidirectional Association

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- Maintaining Bidirectional Association

- Methods that change the reference should maintain referential integrity
- Take setMyG() for example:
 - Have to set the reversed link too
 - If Account has already a Guarantor:
 - Either do not allow the link to change
 - OR, remove the link with previous Guarantor



• Code Ex:

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```
//Class Account
public void setMyG(Guarantor newG) {
    if (newG == null)
        //throw NullLinkError

    if (myG != null && myG != newG) {
        //previous Guarantor exists
        myG.removeMyA(this);
    }

    if (myG == newG)
        return;

    myG = newG;

    //set the reverse link
    myG.setMyA(this);
}
```

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```
//Class Guarantor
void removeMyA(Account a) {

    //only allows holder of
    //the reverse link call
    //this method

    if (a == myA)
        myA = null;
}
```

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```
//Class Guarantor
public void setMyA(Account newA) {
    if (newA == null)
        //throw NullLinkError

    if (myA != null && myA != newA) {
        //previous Guarantor exists
        myA.removeMyG(this);
    }

    if (myA == newA)
        return;

    myA = newA;

    //set the reverse link
    myA.setMyG(this);
}
```

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```
//Class Account
void removeMyG(Guarantor g) {

    //only allows holder of
    //the reverse link call
    //this method

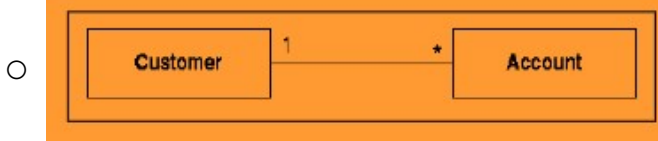
    if (g == myG)
        myG = null;
}
```

• Observations

- Even w/ the complicated code, there are still some problems:
 - The old guarantor will be without an Account object
 - Mutual recursive functions:
 - The setMyA calls setMyG, which calls setMyA

- Easy to get into infinite loop
- Should avoid compulsory bidirectional association if possible
- If a bidirectional association must be used, immutability is recommended to curb the coding complexity
- One to Many Association

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○ Rais no new issues:

- Customer holds a collection of references
- Account holds a non-null reference

○ Customer is a better choice as the "maintainer" for the referential integrity:

- It gives a method like addAccount() that makes a new account and setup the reference
- Similar to the addCard() method b4 ***

- Many-to-Many Association

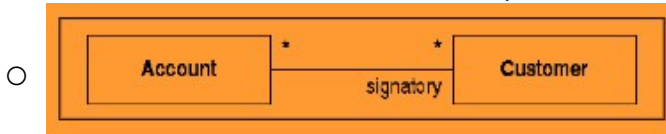
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○ Previously discussed implementation techniques can be used

○ Recommendation

- Lets only 1 of the classes to modify the links
- Like it makes sense to allow only the Customer to change links to Account and keep the reversed link also
- Simplify the implementation as the coding logic can be considered from one direction only



○ Another implementation technique is to reify the association

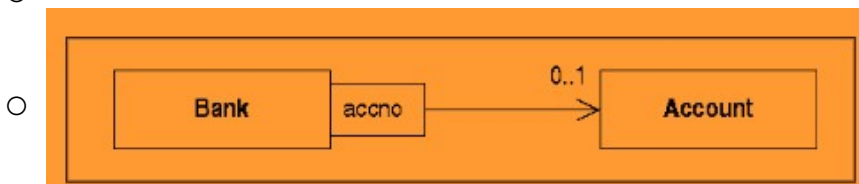


○ The new class (like Signatory like above) is in a good position to keep referential integrity



- Qualified Association

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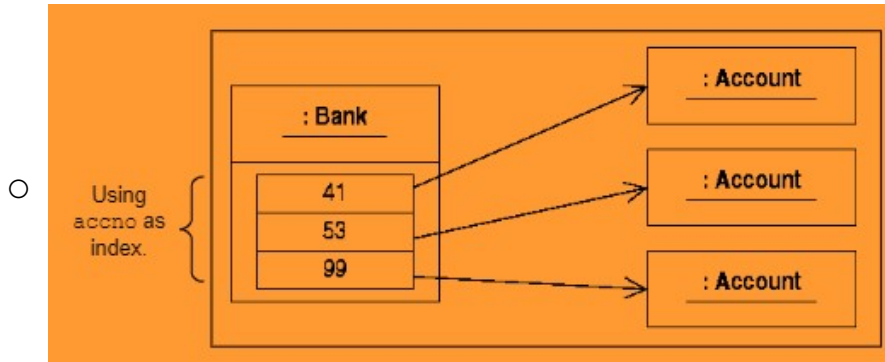
○ Purpose of a qualifier is often to give efficient access to

linked objects:

- Ex: to access accounts given only the account number
- Also to avoid a linear search through all accounts

- Implementing Qualifier

- The run-time structure involves some kind of *index* to accounts:



- Code Ex:

- Hash table is good choice to implement the index:

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```
public class Bank{
    private HashTable theAccounts;

    public void addAccount (Account a) {
        theAccounts.put(new Integer(a.getNumber()), a);
    }

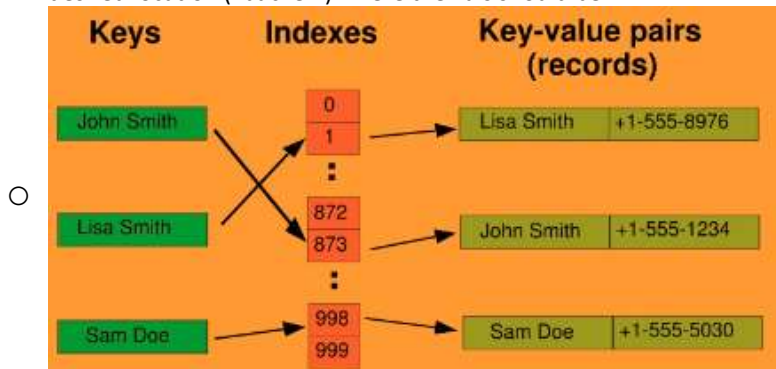
    public void removeAccount(int number) {
        theAccounts.remove(new Integer(number));
    }

    public Account lookupAccount(int number) {
        return
            (Account) theAccounts.get(new Integer(number));
    }
}
```

Annotations in the code block point to `put (Object Key, Object Value)` and `get(Object Key): Object`.

- Hash table – reminder

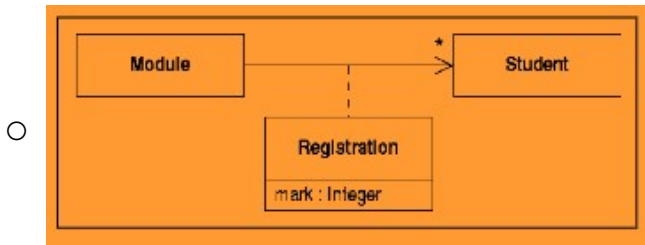
- Means a data structure that associates keys w/ vals
- Primary op it supports efficiently is a lookup: given a key (like person's name), find the corresponding value (like the person's telephone number)
- Works by transforming the key using a hash fn into a *hash*, a number that is used to index into an array to locate the desired location ("bucker") where the vals should be



- Like arrays, hash table gives constant-time $O(1)$ lookup on average, regardless of numb of items in the table

- Association Class

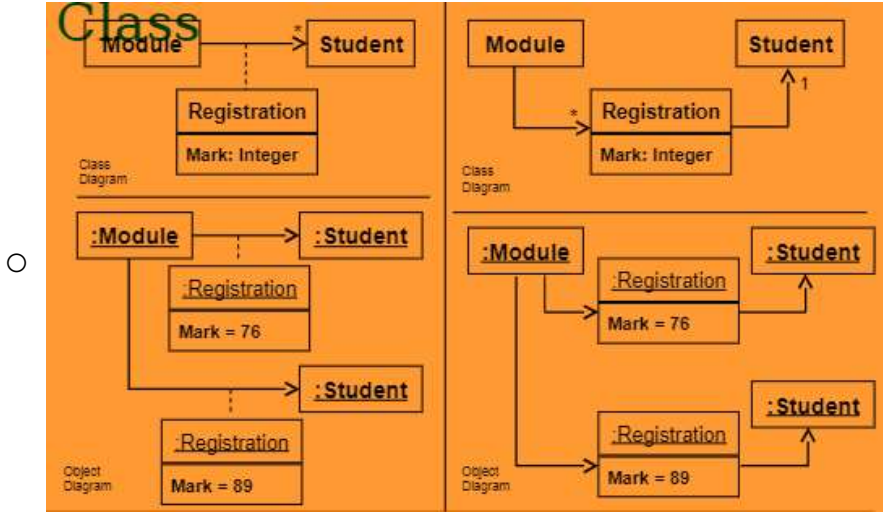
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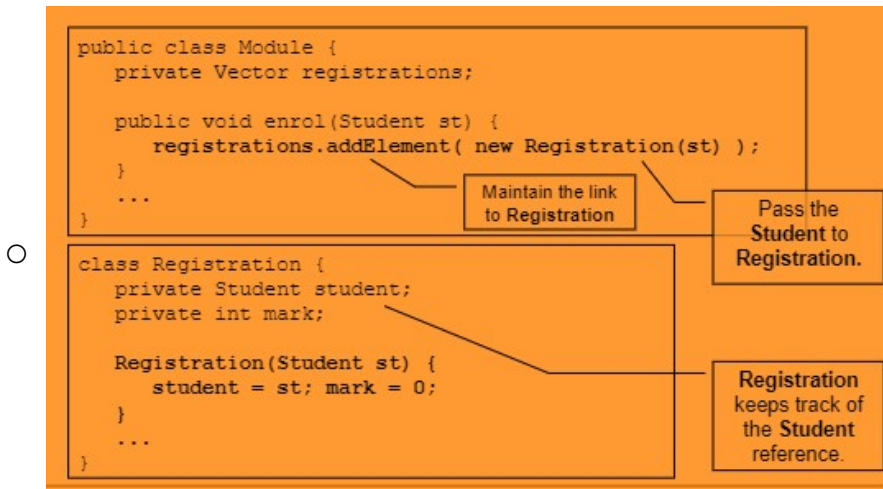
○ Common strat:

- Transform the association class into a simple class, replacing it by 2 associations

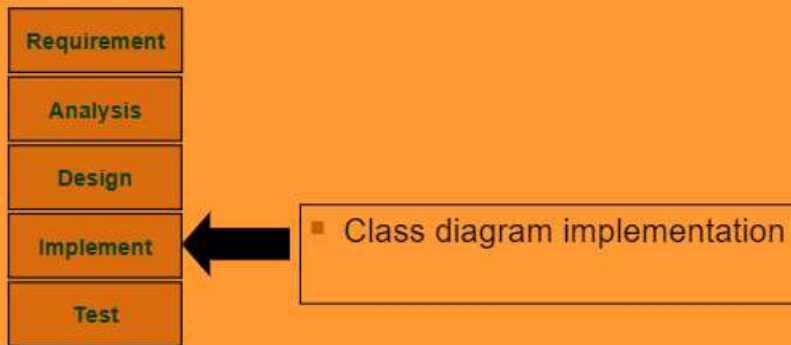
• Implementing Association Class



• Code Ex:



Where are we now?



Summary

- Basic Implementation Steps
- Implementing Class:
 - Class Association:
 - Navigation direction
 - Multiplicity constraint
 - Qualified associations
 - Association classes

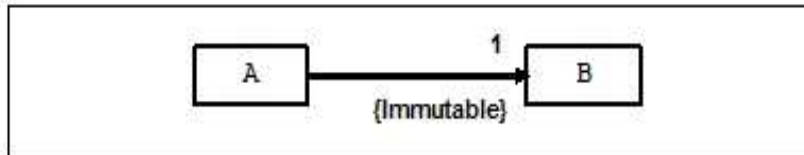
L10 Assessment

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Question 1

10 Points

Given the below UML class diagram, write a simple Java program that implements it. Include in class A a constructor and access methods for the object of class B referred in class A.

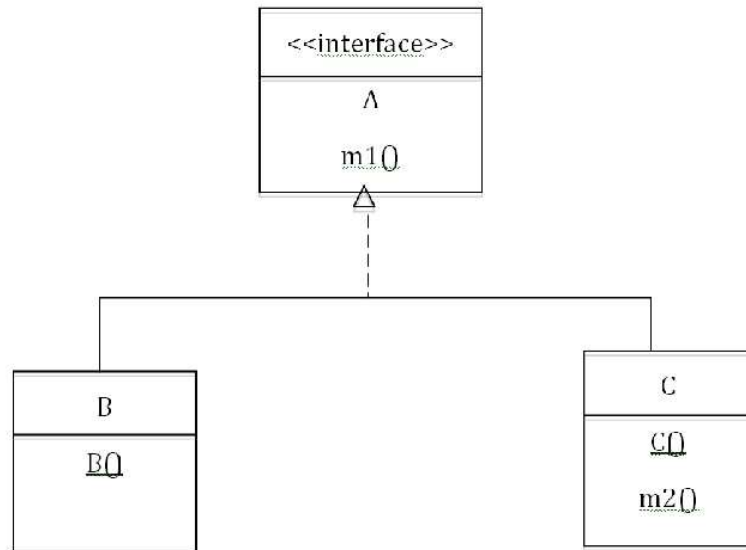


```
13  * This is Q1 on L10
14  * */
15  public abstract class A{
16      private B objectB;
17      private A(B b) {
18          if(b == null) {
19              //throw NullLinkError
20          }
21          objectB = b;
22      }
23      public void setB(B b) {
24          if(objectB != null) {
25              //throw ImmutableAssociationException
26          }
27          objectB = b;
28      }
29  }
30  public final class B{
31      protected B() {
32          //...
33      }
34  }
```

Question 2

10 Points

Implement in Java/C++ language the below UML class diagram:



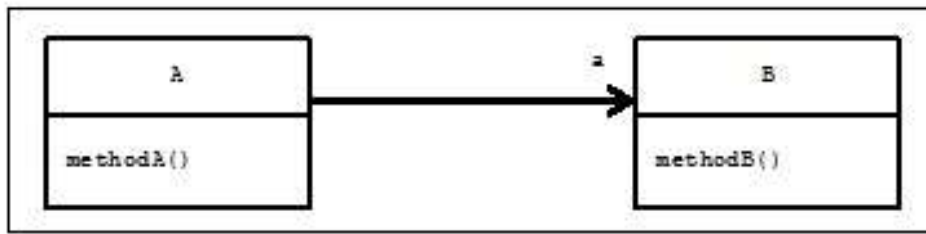
```

38 //the <<interface>> had no class name
39 //so I assumed it was A
40 interface A{
41     void m1();
42 }
43 class B implements A{
44     public void m1() {
45         //...
46     }
47     B(){
48         //...
49     }
50 }
51 class C implements A{
52     public void m1() {
53         //...
54     }
55     C(){
56         //...
57     }
58     void m2() {
59         //...
60     }
61 }
  
```

Question 3

10 Points

What is true when doing the implementation of the following class diagram?



- The implementation of A may contain an attribute a of class B;
- The implementation of B should contain an attribute a of class A;
- The implementation of methodB() should contain the reference a;
- Class B makes use of class A;
- None of the above.

Question 4

10 Points

What is true regarding the top down and bottom up implementations?

- Top down strategies must postpone the generation of complete executable program;
- High level classes can usually stand alone;
- Bottom up strategies need temporary stubs for lower classes;
- Starting with a high level component enables early system testing;
- None of the above.

