

Object Oriented Software Engineering

Modeling with UML

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What is Modeling?

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- Modeling consists of building an abstraction of reality.
- Abstractions are simplifications because:
 - ✓ They ignore irrelevant details
 - ✓ They only represent the relevant details.
- What is *relevant* or *irrelevant* depends on the purpose of the model.
- Modeling is the **designing** (i.e., understanding) of software applications before coding.

Example: street map

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Example: street map (2)

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Why model software?

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- Software is getting increasingly more complex
 - ✓ Windows XP > 40 millions lines of code.
 - ✓ A single programmer cannot manage this amount of code in its entirety.
- Code is not easily understandable by developers who did not write it.
- We need simpler representations for complex systems
 - ✓ Modeling is a mean for dealing with complexity.
- Modeling is the only way to visualize the design and check it against requirements before one starts to code.

Example

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- Q. If you want to make systems that deal with real world problems, how do you get your hands around real world complexities?
- Ans. The key is to organize the design process in a way that clients, analysts, programmers and others involved in system development can understand and agree on. UML is a key in providing this organization.

What is UML?

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- UML (Unified Modeling Language)
 - ✓ Modeling(visual) language not a *method* for modeling and communicating about systems through the use of diagrams and supporting text.
 - ✓ An emerging standard for modeling *object-oriented software*.
- Supported by several CASE tools
 - ✓ ArgoUML (Open Source)
 - ✓ Rational ROSE (IBM)
 - ✓ **Edraw Max**
 - ✓ Visio (Microsoft)

Historical Background

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- 1970 – Object-oriented modeling languages began to appear.
- 1996 – Release of UML 0.9 by by Grady Booch, Jim Rumbaugh of Rational Software Corporation, Ivar Jacobson of Objectory company.
- 1996 – Release of UML 1.0 by Digital Equipment, HP, ILogix, IntelliCorp, IBM, ICON, MCI, Microsoft, Oracle, Rational, TI and Unisys.

Historical Background (Cont')

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- 1997 – Release of UML 1.1 by IBM, ObjecTime, Platinum, Ptech, Taskon, Reich and Softeam
- 2001 – Work on UML 2.0 specifications.

Benefits of UML

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- Software systems are professionally designed and documented before they are coded so that all stakeholders know exactly what they are getting, in advance.
- Since system design comes first, UML enables re-usable code to be easily identified and coded with the highest efficiency, thus reducing software development costs.

Benefits of UML (Cont')

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- UML enables ease of maintenance by providing more effective visual representations of the system. Consequently, maintenance costs are reduced.
- UML diagrams assist in providing efficient training to new members of the development team member.

UML and Risks

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■ Software Risks

- **Requirements risks.** What are the requirements of the system?
The big danger is that you will build the wrong system, one that does not do what the customer needs.
- **Technological risks.** What are the technological risks you have to face? Are you selecting technology that will actually do the job for you? Will the various pieces fit together?

UML and Risks (cont.)

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- **Skills risks.** Can you get the staff and expertise you need?
- **Political risks.** Are there political forces that can get in the way and seriously affect your project?

UML and Risks (cont.)

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- **Dealing with Requirements Risks**
 - The starting point is use cases. Use cases drive the whole development process.
 - A use case is a typical interaction that a user has with the system in order to achieve a goal.
 - Another important task is to come up with the skeleton of a conceptual model of the domain.

UML and Risks (cont.)

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- **Dealing with Technological Risks**
 - Class diagrams and interaction diagrams are useful in showing how components communicate.
 - Package diagrams can show a high-level picture of the components at this stage.
 - Deployment diagrams can provide an overview of how pieces are distributed.

UML and Risks (cont.)

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- Dealing with Political Risks
 - You and your system.

Why UML?

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- UML 2.0 defines thirteen types of diagrams, divided into three categories:

Structure Diagrams

- Class Diagram,
- Object Diagram,
- Component Diagram,
- Package Diagram, and
- Deployment Diagram

Behavior Diagrams

- Use Case Diagram
- Activity Diagram, and
- State Machine Diagram

Interaction Diagrams,

- Sequence Diagram,
- Communication Diagram,
- Timing Diagram, and
- Collaboration Diagram.

SRS Chapter One Clarify

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- **Software Requirement Specification (SRS) Document:**
to write software documentation and explanation
- **Chapter one provides an overview of the software**
 - Document purpose
 - Product scope
 - Definitions and abbreviations
 - References
 - Overview of the rest of SRS

SRS Chapter Two Clarify

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- Chapter 2 include:
 - Product Perspective
 - Product Functionality
 - Users Characteristics
 - Operating Environment
 - User Documentation
 - Assumptions and Dependencies

Assignment #2

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- Complete chapter 1 and 2 in your SRS.
- Send it

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Thanks