

Experiment 04- Sketch a Class Diagram for the project

Learning Objective: To implement UML class diagram for the project. _

Tools: MS Word, draw.io

Theory:

Class Diagrams:

Classes are the structural units in object oriented system design approach, so it is essential to know all the relationships that exist between the classes, in a system. All objects in a system are also interacting to each other by means of passing messages from one object to another.

Elements in class diagram

Class diagram contains the system classes with its data members, operations and relationships between classes.

Class

A set of objects containing similar data members and member functions is described by a class. In UML syntax, class is identified by solid outline rectangle with three compartments which contain

- **Class name**

A class is uniquely identified in a system by its name. A textual string [2] is taken as class name. It lies in the first compartment in class rectangle.

- **Attributes**

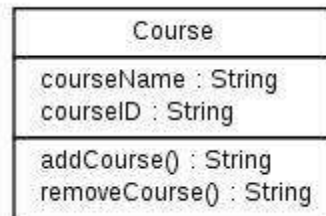
Property shared by all instances of a class. It lies in the second compartment in class rectangle.

- **Operations**

An execution of an action can be performed for any object of a class. It lies in the last compartment in class rectangle.

Example

To build a structural model for an Educational Organization, 'Course' can be treated as a class which contains attributes 'courseName' & 'courseID' with the operations 'addCourse()' & 'removeCourse()' allowed to be performed for any object to that class.



- **Generalization/Specialization**

It describes how one class is derived from another class. Derived class inherits the properties of its parent class.

Example

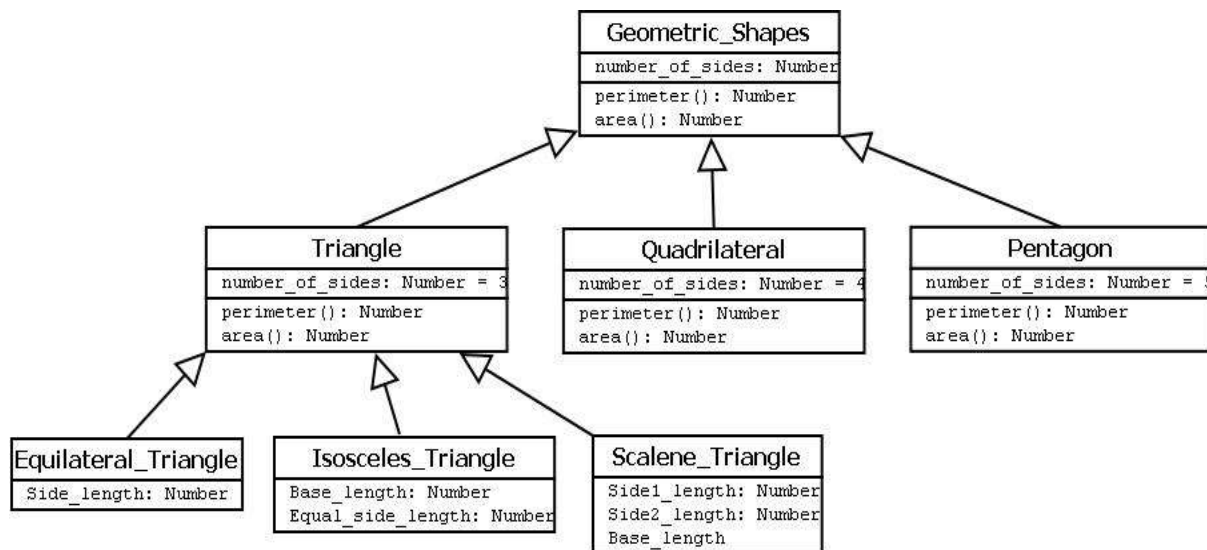


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Geometric_Shapes is the class that describes how many sides a particular shape has. **Triangle**, **Quadrilateral** and **Pentagon** are the classes that inherit the property of the **Geometric_Shapes** class. So the relations among these classes are generalization. Now **Equilateral_Triangle**, **Isosceles_Triangle** and **Scalene_Triangle**, all these three classes inherit the properties of **Triangle** class as each one of them has three sides. So, these are specialization of **Triangle** class.

Relationships

Existing relationships in a system describe legitimate connections between the classes in that system.

- **Association**

It is an instance level relationship that allows exchanging messages among the objects of both ends of association. A simple straight line connecting two class boxes represent an association. We can give a name to association and also at the both end we may indicate role names and multiplicity of the adjacent classes. Association may be uni-directional.

Example

In structure model for a system of an organization an employee (instance of 'Employee' class) is always assigned to a particular department (instance of 'Department' class) and the association can be shown by a line connecting the respective classes.

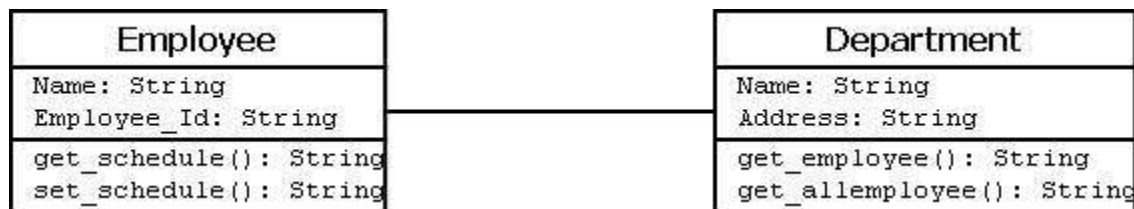


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- **Aggregation**

It is a special form of association which describes a part-whole relationship between a pair of classes. It means, in a relationship, when a class holds some instances of related class, then that relationship can be designed as an aggregation.

Example

For a supermarket in a city, each branch runs some of the departments they have. So, the relation among the classes 'Branch' and 'Department' can be designed as aggregation. In UML, it can be shown as in the fig. below.

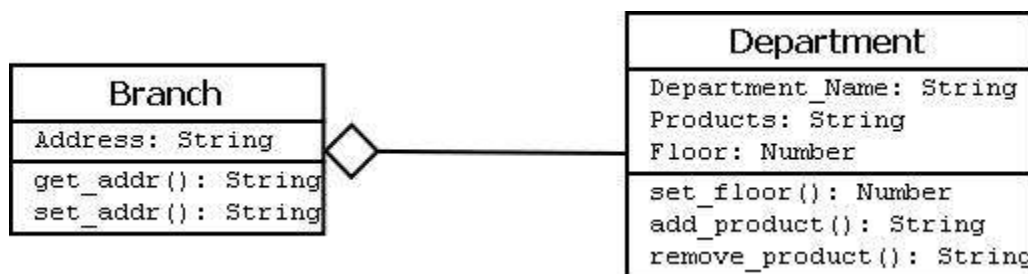


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- **Composition**

It is a strong form of aggregation which describes that whole is completely owns its part. Life cycle of the part depends on the whole.

Example

Let consider a shopping mall has several branches in different locations in a city. The existence of branches completely depends on the shopping mall as if it is not exist any branch of it will no longer exists in the city. This relation can be described as composition and can be shown as below



Figure-05:

- Multiplicity**

It describes how many numbers of instances of one class is related to the number of instances of another class in an association.

Notation for different types of multiplicity:

Single instance	1
Zero or one instance	0..1
Zero or more instance	0..*
One or more instance	1..*
Particular range(two to six)	2..6

Figure-06:

Example

One vehicle may have two or more wheels

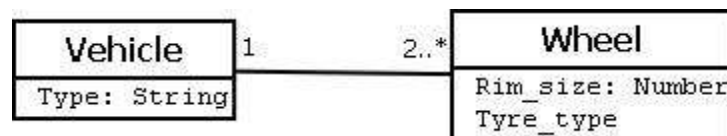


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Procedure:

When required to describe the static view of a system or its functionalities, we would be required to draw a class diagram. Here are the steps you need to follow to create a class diagram.

Step 1: Identify the class names

The first step is to identify the primary objects of the system.

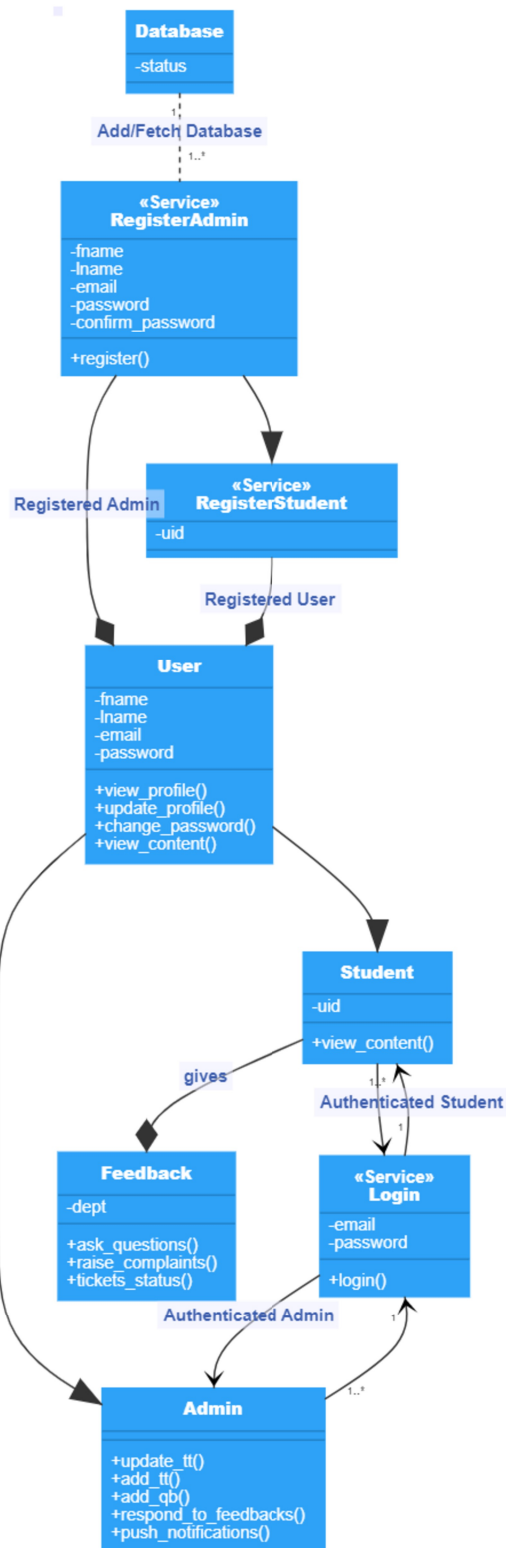
Step 2: Distinguish relationships

Next step is to determine how each of the classes or objects are related to one another. Look out for commonalities and abstractions among them; this will help you when grouping them when drawing the class diagram.

Step 3: Create the Structure

First, add the class names and link them with the appropriate connectors. You can add attributes and functions/ methods/ operations later.

Class Diagram:



Result and Discussion:

Q.1) What is a class diagram?

A class diagram in the Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a type of static structure diagram that describes the structure of a system by showing the system's classes, their attributes, operations (or methods), and the relationships among objects. The class shape itself consists of a rectangle with three rows. The top row contains the name of the class, the middle row contains the attributes of the class, and the bottom section expresses the methods or operations that the class may use. Classes and subclasses are grouped together to show the static relationship between each object.

Learning Outcomes: The student should have the ability to:

LO 1: Identify the importance of class diagrams.

LO 2: Draw class diagrams for a given scenario.

Course Outcomes: Upon completion of the course students will be able to understand and demonstrate class diagrams.

Conclusion: Thus, students have understood and successfully drawn class diagrams.

Viva Questions:

1. What is a class diagrams used for?
2. Enumerate various relationships in a class diagram.

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