

UML diagram types

- ✧ Activity diagrams, which show the activities involved in a process or in data processing .
- ✧ Use case diagrams, which show the interactions between a system and its environment.
- ✧ Sequence diagrams, which show interactions between actors and the system and between system components.
- ✧ Class diagrams, which show the object classes in the system and the associations between these classes.
- ✧ State diagrams, which show how the system reacts to internal and external events.

Use of graphical models

- ✧ As a means of facilitating discussion about an existing or proposed system
 - Incomplete and incorrect models are OK as their role is to support discussion.
- ✧ As a way of documenting an existing system
 - Models should be an accurate representation of the system but need not be complete.
- ✧ As a detailed system description that can be used to generate a system implementation
 - Models have to be both correct and complete.

Context models

- ✧ Context models
- ✧ Interaction models
- ✧ Structural models
- ✧ Behavioral models

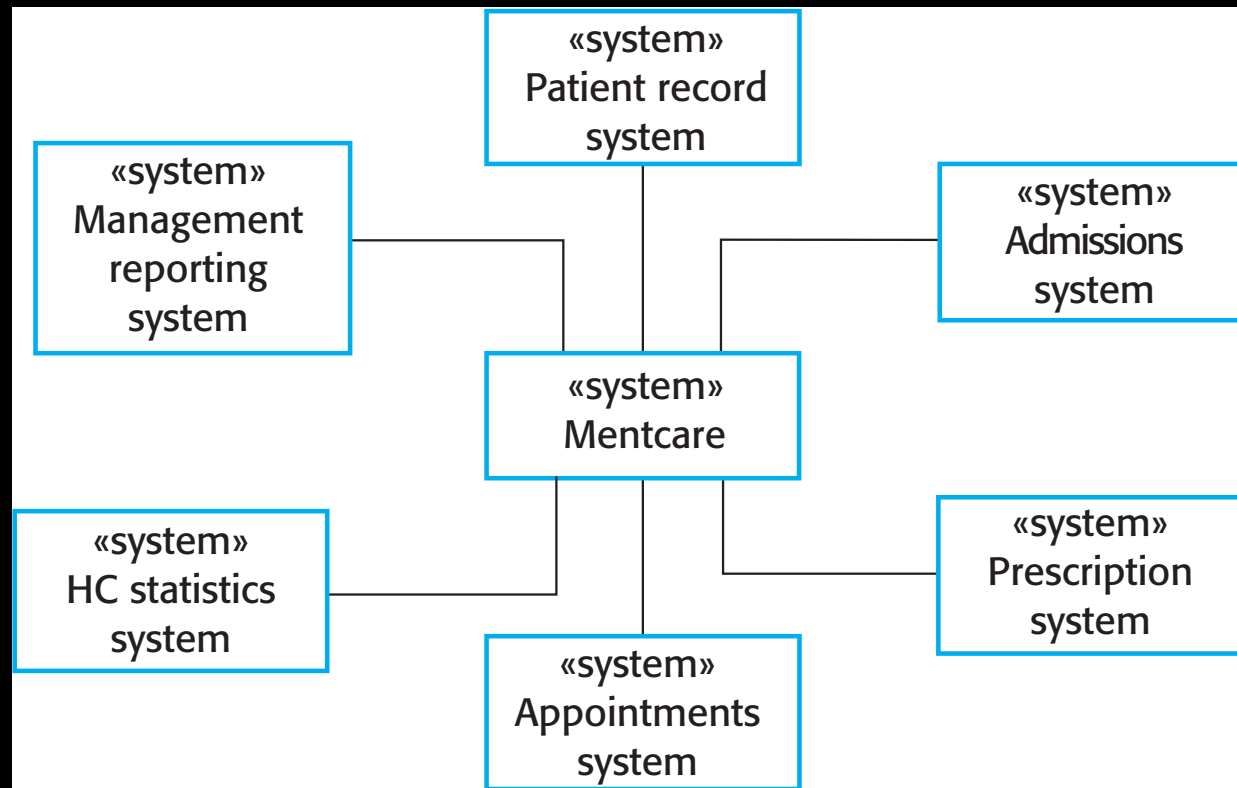
Context models

- ✧ Context models are used to illustrate the operational context of a system - they show what lies outside the system boundaries.
- ✧ Social and organisational concerns may affect the decision on where to position system boundaries.
- ✧ Architectural models show the system and its relationship with other systems.

System boundaries

- ✧ System boundaries are established to define what is inside and what is outside the system.
 - They show other systems that are used or depend on the system being developed.
- ✧ The position of the system boundary has a profound effect on the system requirements.
- ✧ Defining a system boundary is a political judgment
 - There may be pressures to develop system boundaries that increase / decrease the influence or workload of different parts of an organization.

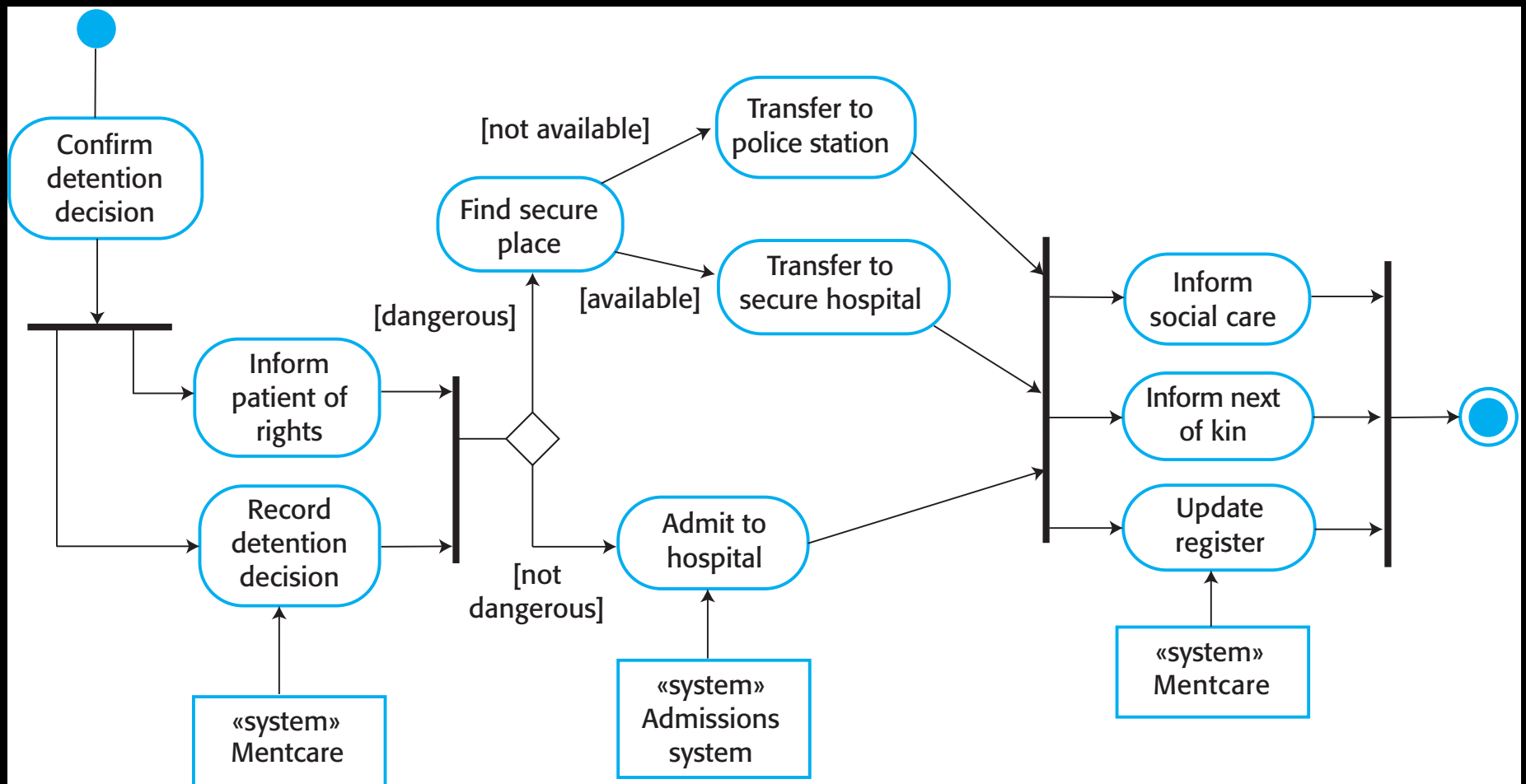
The context of the Mentcare system



Process perspective

- ✧ Context models simply show the other systems in the environment, not how the system being developed is used in that environment.
- ✧ Process models reveal how the system being developed is used in broader business processes.
- ✧ UML activity diagrams may be used to define business process models.

Process model of involuntary detention



Interaction models

Interaction models

- ✧ Modeling user interaction is important as it helps to identify user requirements.
- ✧ Modeling system-to-system interaction highlights the communication problems that may arise.
- ✧ Modeling component interaction helps us understand if a proposed system structure is likely to deliver the required system performance and dependability.
- ✧ Use case diagrams and sequence diagrams may be used for interaction modeling.

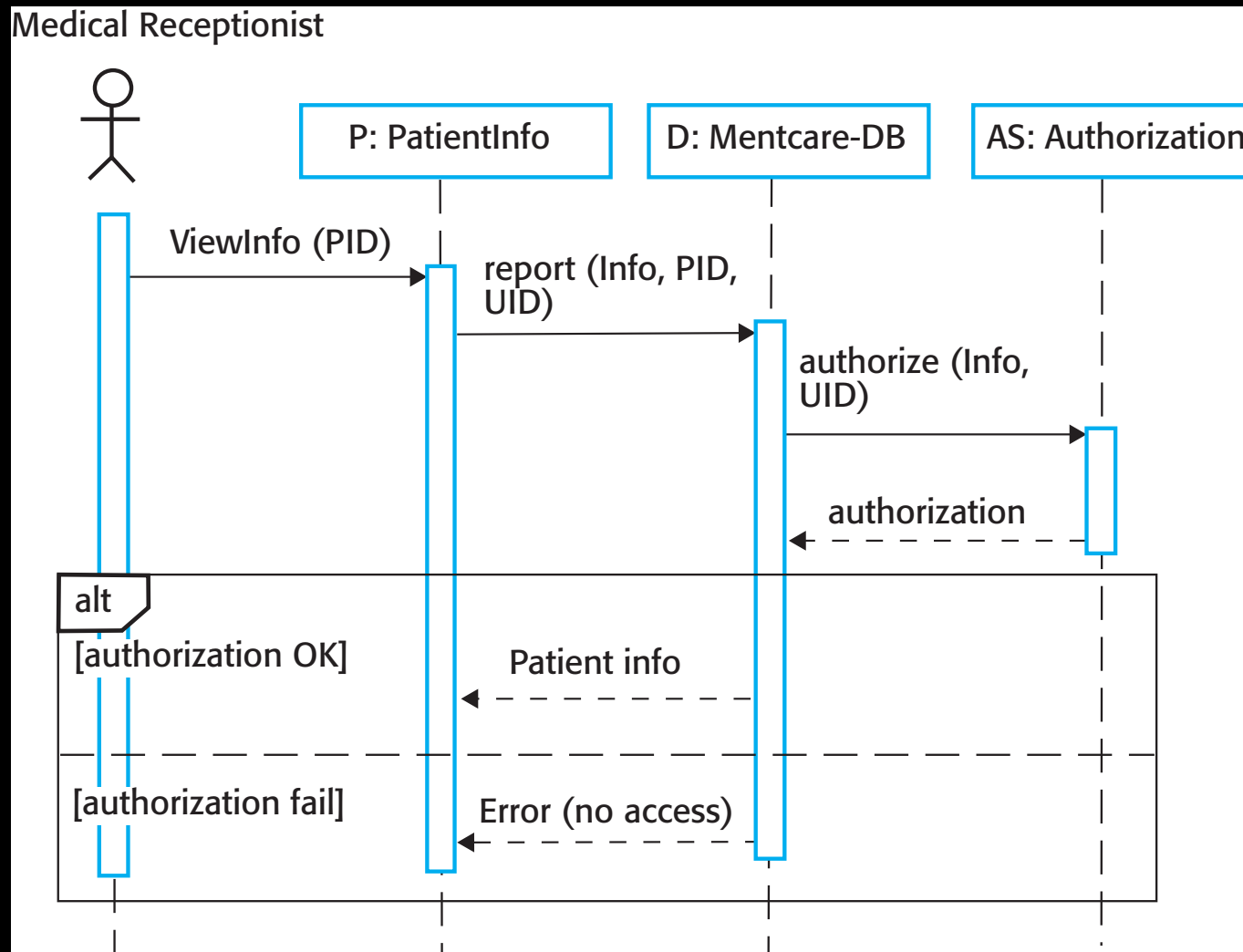
Use case modeling

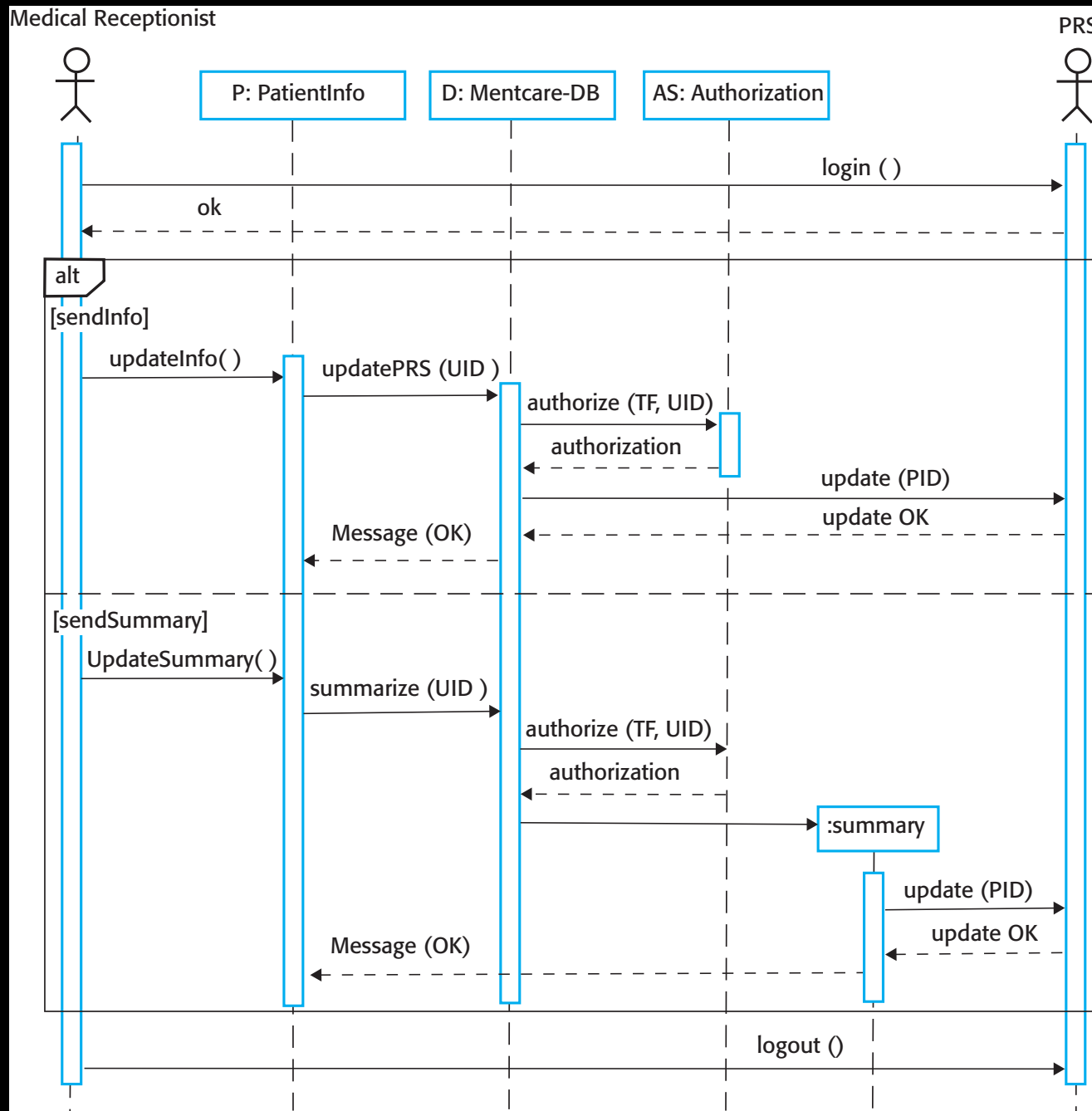
- ✧ Use cases were developed originally to support requirements elicitation and now incorporated into the UML.
- ✧ Each use case represents a discrete task that involves external interaction with a system.
- ✧ Actors in a use case may be people or other systems.
- ✧ Represented diagrammatically to provide an overview of the use case and in a more detailed textual form.

Sequence diagrams

- ✧ Sequence diagrams are part of the UML and are used to model the interactions between the actors and the objects within a system.
- ✧ A sequence diagram shows the sequence of interactions that take place during a particular use case or use case instance.
- ✧ The objects and actors involved are listed along the top of the diagram, with a dotted line drawn vertically from these.
- ✧ Interactions between objects are indicated by annotated arrows.

Sequence diagram for View patient information





Sequence
diagram for
Transfer
Data

Structural models

Structural models

- ✧ Structural models of software display the organization of a system in terms of the components that make up that system and their relationships.
- ✧ Structural models may be static models, which show the structure of the system design, or dynamic models, which show the organization of the system when it is executing.
- ✧ You create structural models of a system when you are discussing and designing the system architecture.

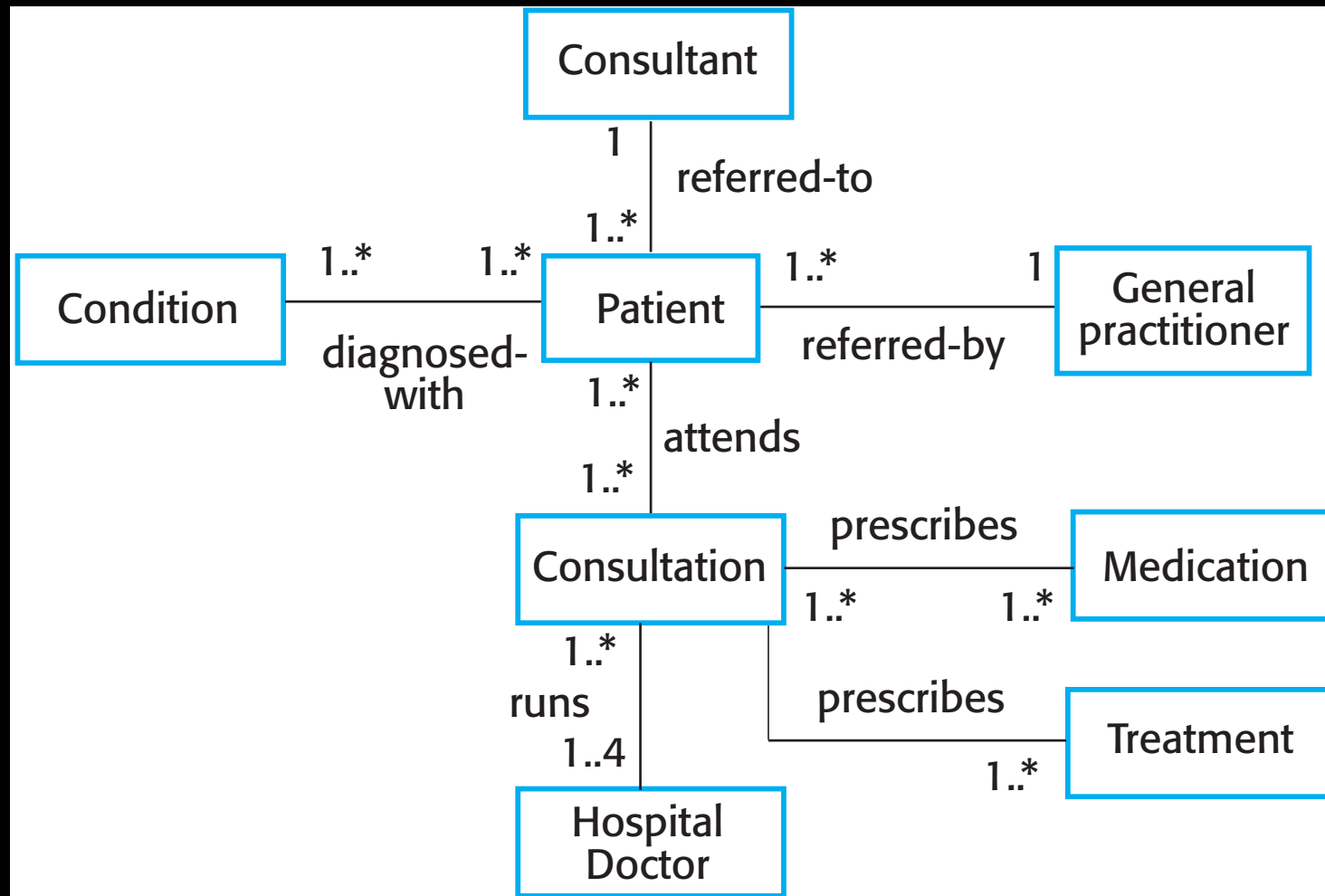
Class diagrams

- ✧ Class diagrams are used when developing an object-oriented system model to show the classes in a system and the associations between these classes.
- ✧ An object class can be thought of as a general definition of one kind of system object.
- ✧ An association is a link between classes that indicates that there is some relationship between these classes.
- ✧ When you are developing models during the early stages of the software engineering process, objects represent something in the real world, such as a patient, a prescription, doctor, etc.

UML classes and association



Classes and associations in the MHC-PMS



The Consultation class

Consultation
Doctors Date Time Clinic Reason Medication prescribed Treatment prescribed Voice notes Transcript ...
New () Prescribe () RecordNotes () Transcribe () ...

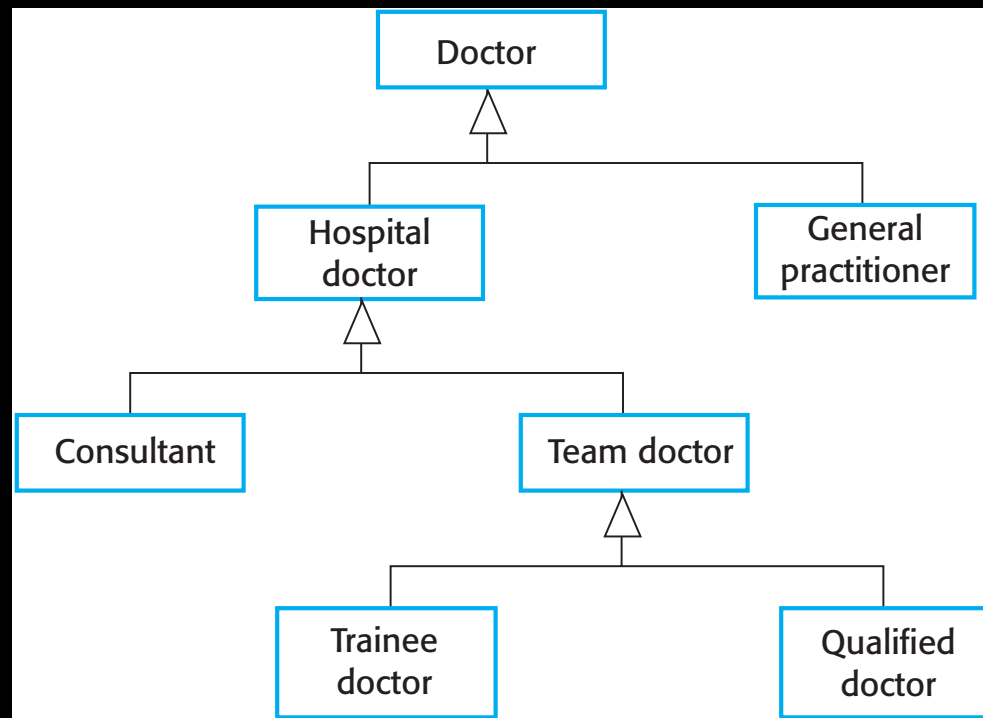
Generalization

- ✧ Generalization is an everyday technique that we use to manage complexity.
- ✧ Rather than learn the detailed characteristics of every entity that we experience, we place these entities in more general classes (animals, cars, houses, etc.) and learn the characteristics of these classes.
- ✧ This allows us to infer that different members of these classes have some common characteristics e.g. squirrels and rats are rodents.

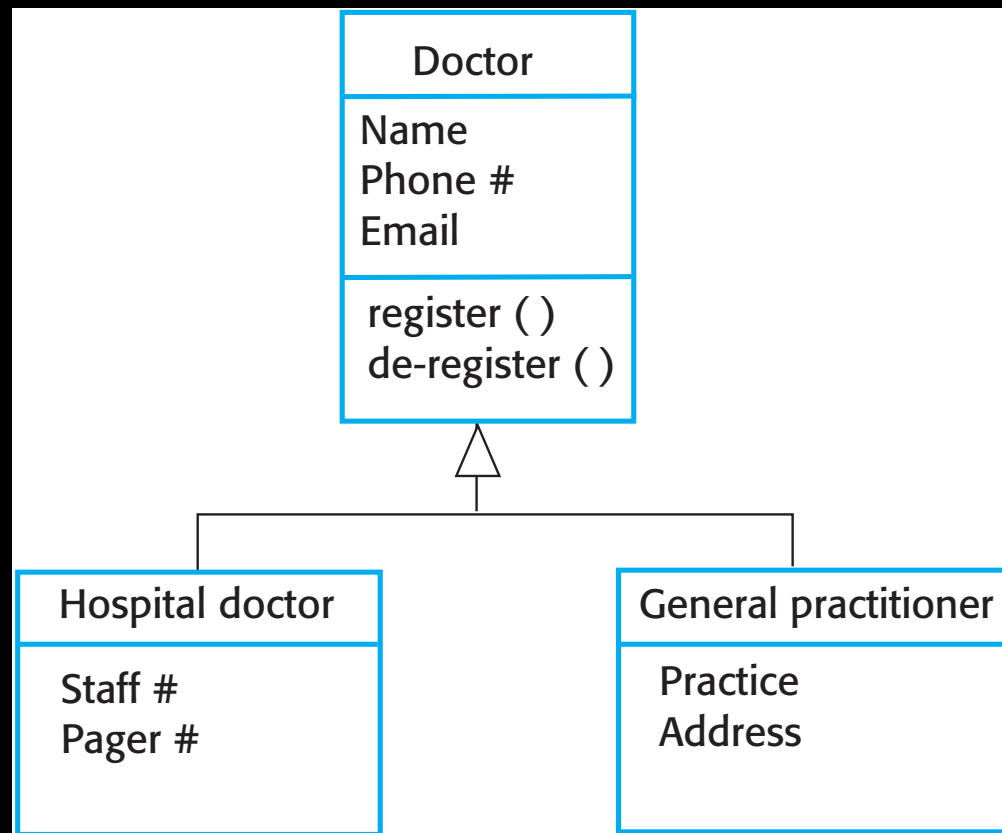
Generalization

- ✧ In modeling systems, it is often useful to examine the classes in a system to see if there is scope for generalization. If changes are proposed, then you do not have to look at all classes in the system to see if they are affected by the change.
- ✧ In object-oriented languages, such as Java, generalization is implemented using the class inheritance mechanisms built into the language.
- ✧ In a generalization, the attributes and operations associated with higher-level classes are also associated with the lower-level classes.
- ✧ The lower-level classes are subclasses inherit the attributes and operations from their super classes. These lower-level classes then add more specific attributes and operations.

A generalization hierarchy



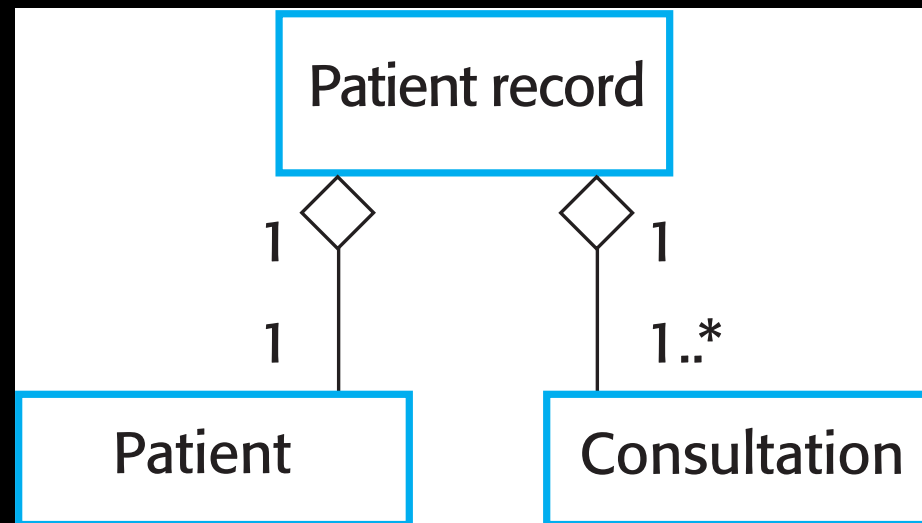
A generalization hierarchy with added detail



Object class aggregation models

- ✧ An aggregation model shows how classes that are collections are composed of other classes.
- ✧ Aggregation models are similar to the part-of relationship in semantic data models.

The aggregation association



Behavioral models

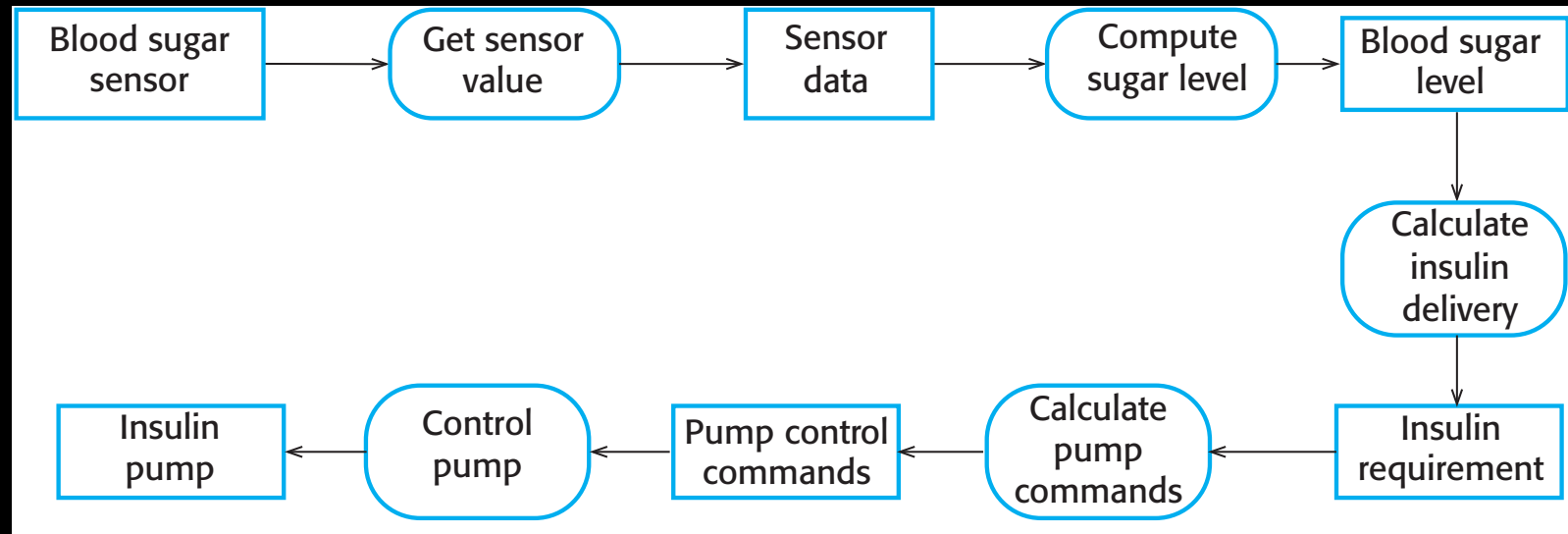
Behavioral models

- ✧ Behavioral models are models of the dynamic behavior of a system as it is executing. They show what happens or what is supposed to happen when a system responds to a stimulus from its environment.
- ✧ You can think of these stimuli as being of two types:
 - Data Some data arrives that has to be processed by the system.
 - Events Some event happens that triggers system processing. Events may have associated data, although this is not always the case.

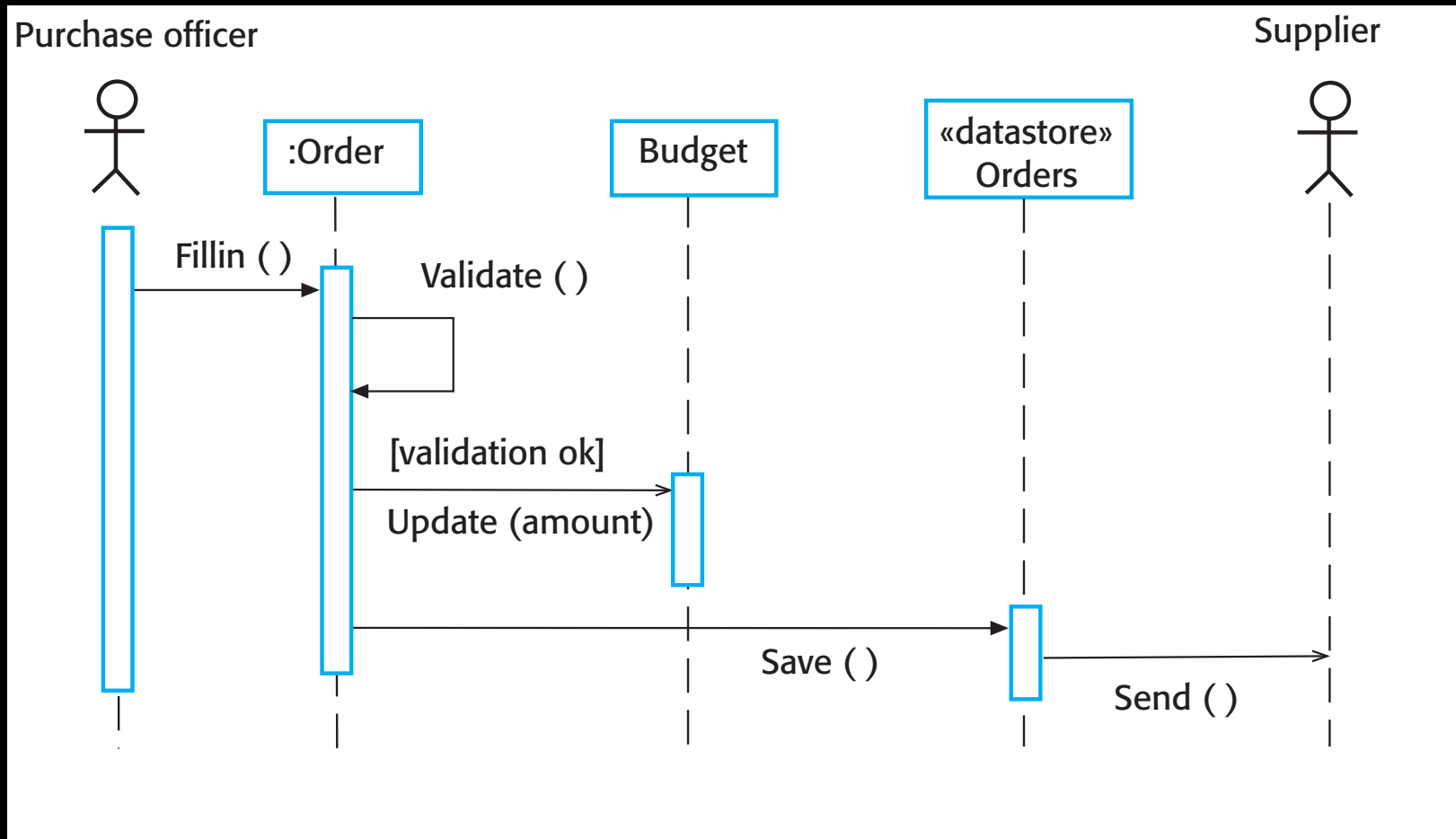
Data-driven modeling

- ✧ Many business systems are data-processing systems that are primarily driven by data. They are controlled by the data input to the system, with relatively little external event processing.
- ✧ Data-driven models show the sequence of actions involved in processing input data and generating an associated output.
- ✧ They are particularly useful during the analysis of requirements as they can be used to show end-to-end processing in a system.

An activity model of the insulin pump's operation



Order processing



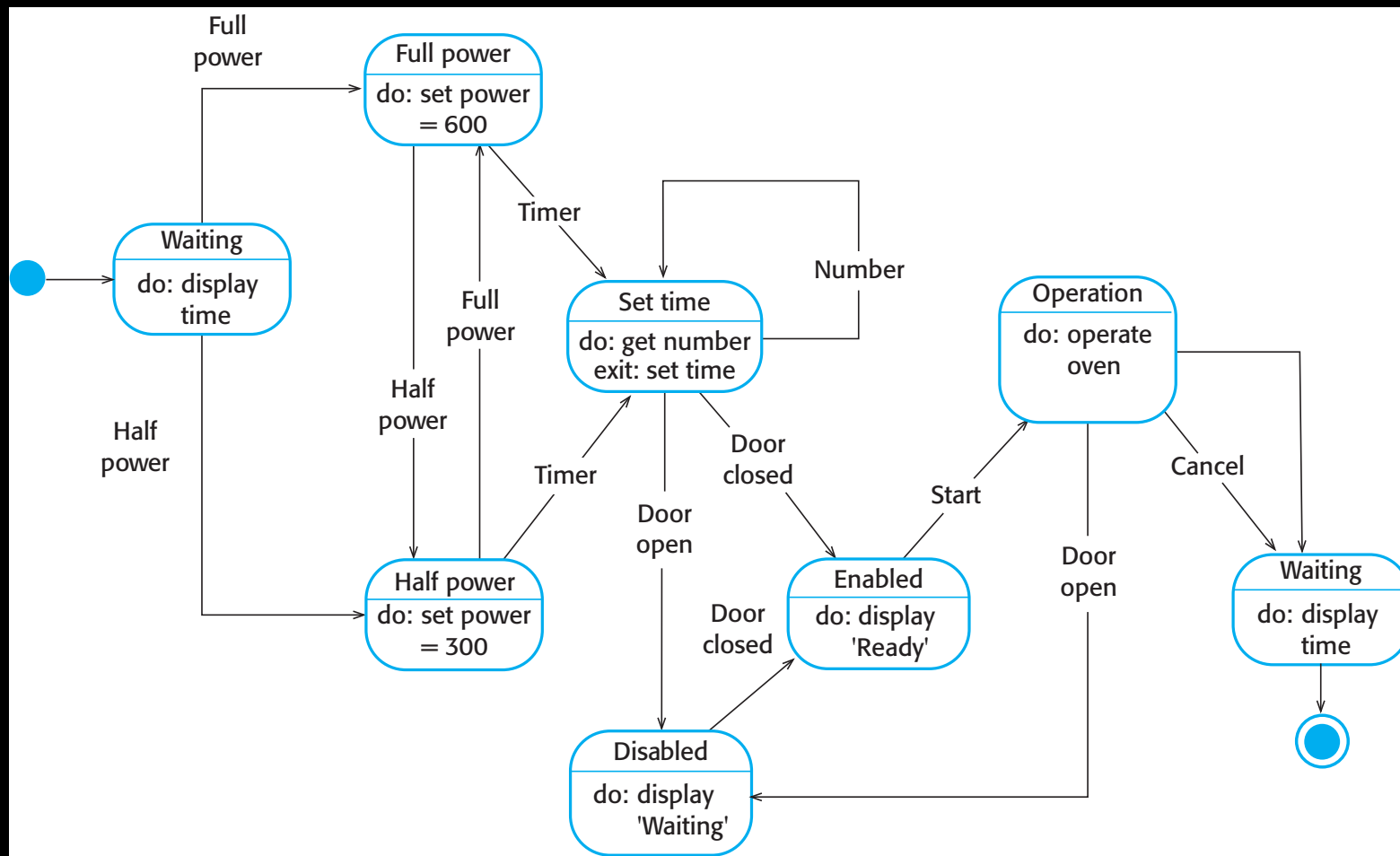
Event-driven modeling

- ✧ Real-time systems are often event-driven, with minimal data processing. For example, a landline phone switching system responds to events such as 'receiver off hook' by generating a dial tone.
- ✧ Event-driven modeling shows how a system responds to external and internal events.
- ✧ It is based on the assumption that a system has a finite number of states and that events (stimuli) may cause a transition from one state to another.

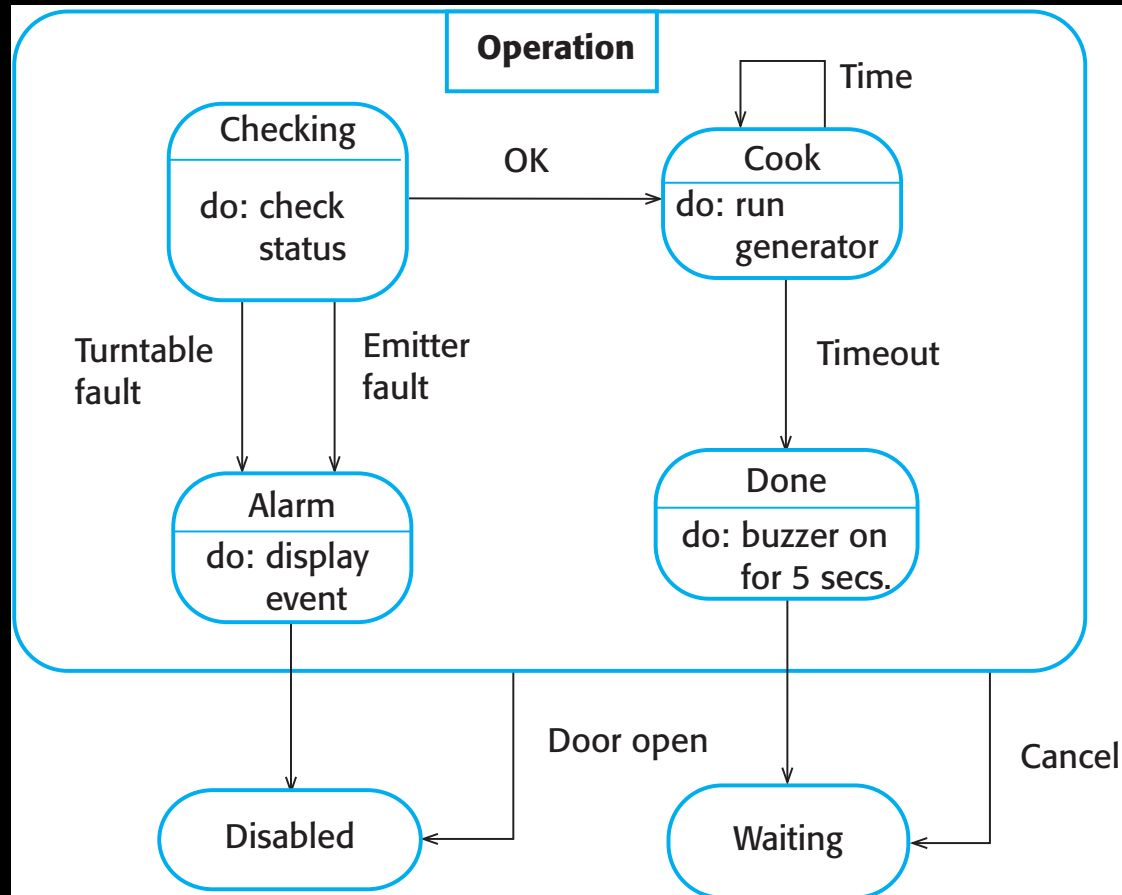
State machine models

- ✧ These model the behaviour of the system in response to external and internal events.
- ✧ They show the system's responses to stimuli so are often used for modelling real-time systems.
- ✧ State machine models show system states as nodes and events as arcs between these nodes. When an event occurs, the system moves from one state to another.
- ✧ State charts are an integral part of the UML and are used to represent state machine models.

State diagram of a microwave oven



Microwave oven operation



States and stimuli for the microwave oven (a)

State	Description
Waiting	The oven is waiting for input. The display shows the current time.
Half power	The oven power is set to 300 watts. The display shows 'Half power'.
Full power	The oven power is set to 600 watts. The display shows 'Full power'.
Set time	The cooking time is set to the user's input value. The display shows the cooking time selected and is updated as the time is set.
Disabled	Oven operation is disabled for safety. Interior oven light is on. Display shows 'Not ready'.
Enabled	Oven operation is enabled. Interior oven light is off. Display shows 'Ready to cook'.
Operation	Oven in operation. Interior oven light is on. Display shows the timer countdown. On completion of cooking, the buzzer is sounded for five seconds. Oven light is on. Display shows 'Cooking complete' while buzzer is sounding.

States and stimuli for the microwave oven (b)

Stimulus	Description
Half power	The user has pressed the half-power button.
Full power	The user has pressed the full-power button.
Timer	The user has pressed one of the timer buttons.
Number	The user has pressed a numeric key.
Door open	The oven door switch is not closed.
Door closed	The oven door switch is closed.
Start	The user has pressed the Start button.
Cancel	The user has pressed the Cancel button.

Key points

- ✧ Behavioral models are used to describe the dynamic behavior of an executing system. This behavior can be modeled from the perspective of the data processed by the system, or by the events that stimulate responses from a system.
- ✧ Activity diagrams may be used to model the processing of data, where each activity represents one process step.
- ✧ State diagrams are used to model a system's behavior in response to internal or external events.