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Use case Modelling: Use case Diagrams

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Use case Modelling - Agenda

- Introduction To Use case Modelling
- Use case diagrams
- Use case
- Actor
- Use case description
- Example use case diagrams
- Relation between these use case and Actor
- Relation between the use cases
- Use case specification
- Practice: ATM
- Few inputs

Use case Modelling: Introduction

- Describes the **interaction of users and the system**
- Describes **what functionality does a system provides to its users**.
- Use case model has **two important elements** - **actors** and **use cases**.

Actor/s: One or set of objects who directly interacts with the system

Every actor has a defined purpose while interacting with the system.

An actor can be a person, device or another system.

Use case: A piece of functionality that a system offers to its users.

Set of all use cases defines the entire functionality of the system.

Also define the error conditions that may occur while interacting with the system

Use case Diagrams

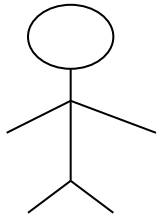
- Incorporates both **actor and use cases and also the relationship** between them in the **graphical representation**.
- Used to visualize, specify, construct, and document the (intended) behavior of the system, during requirements capture and analysis.
- Provide a way for developers, domain experts and end-users to Communicate.
- Serve as basis for testing

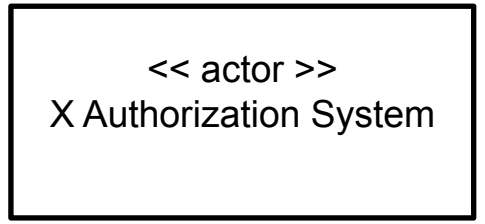
Use case

- Use cases **specify the desired behavior**.
- A use case is
  - a description of a set of sequences of actions a system performs to yield an observable result of value to an actor.
  - includes variants
- Name starts with a verb.
- Each sequence represent an interaction of actors with the system.

Actor

- Represents a set of roles that users of use case play when interacting with these use cases.
- Can **be human or automated systems.**
- Actor is someone interacting with use case (system function). **Named by noun.**
- Actors are entities which require help from the system to perform their task or are needed to execute the system's functions.
- Actors are not part of the system.
- An **Actor triggers use case**
- Actor has responsibility toward the system (inputs), and have expectations





How to create Use case diagrams?

- List main system functions (use cases) in a column
- Draw ovals around the function labels
- Draw system boundary
- Draw actors and connect them with use cases
- Specify include and extend relationships between use cases

Use case description

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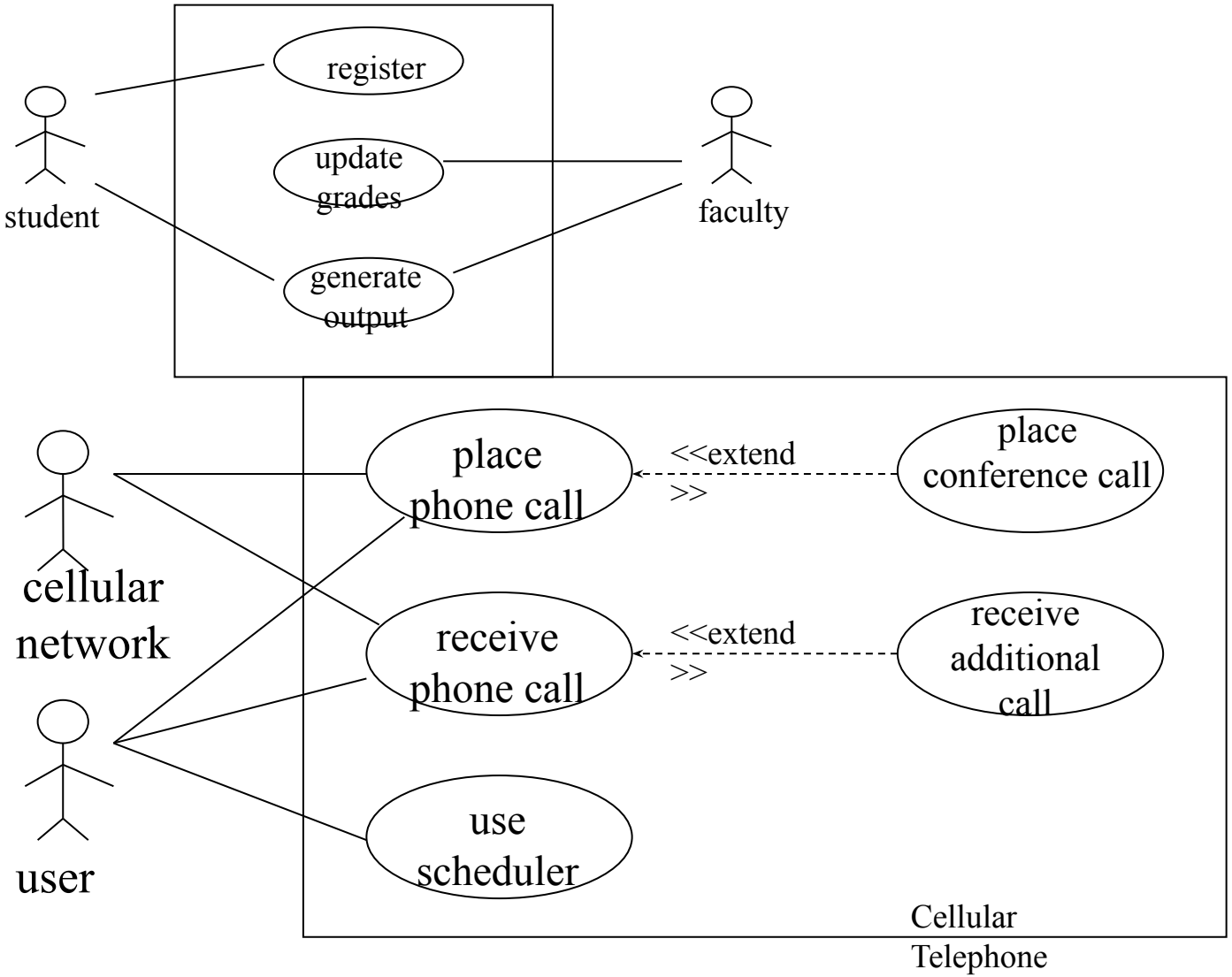
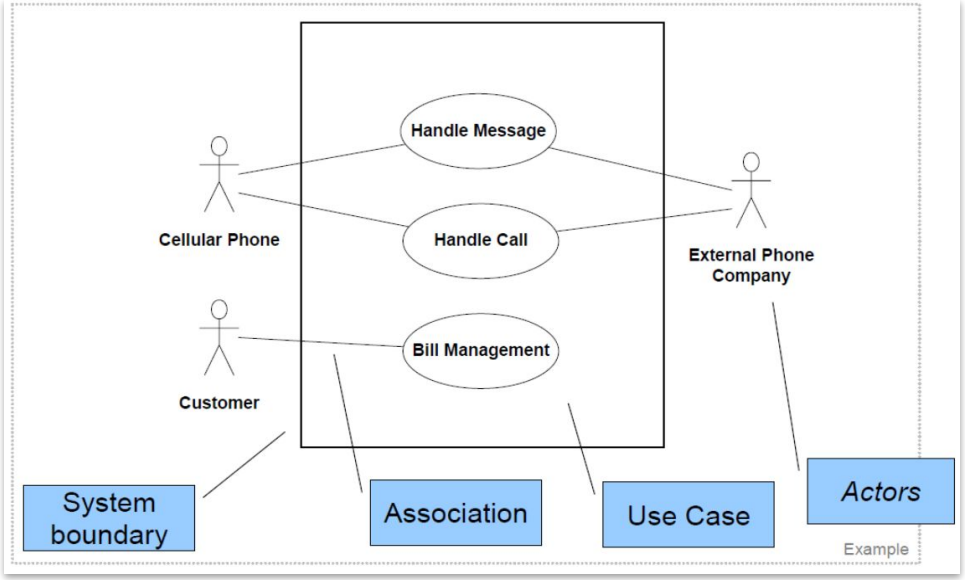
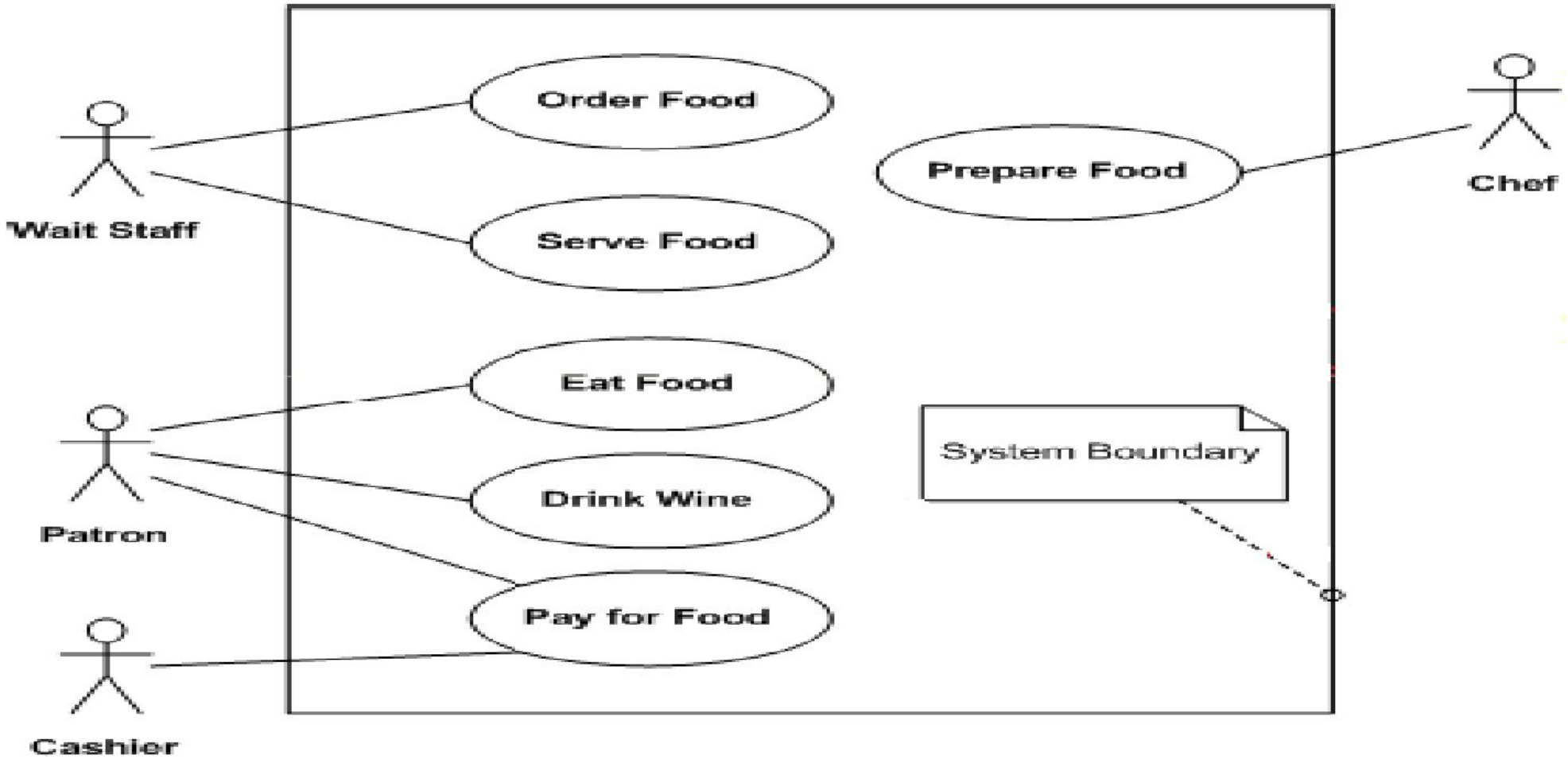
- Title or Reference Name - meaningful name of the UC
- Author/Date - the author and creation date
- Modification/Date - last modification and its date
- Purpose - specifies the goal to be achieved
- Overview - short description of the processes
- Cross References - requirements references
- Actors - agents participating
- Pre Conditions - must be true to allow execution
- Post Conditions - will be set when completes normally
- Normal flow of events - regular flow of activities
- Alternative flow of events - other flow of activities
- Exceptional flow of events - unusual situations
- Implementation issues - foreseen implementation problems

Example use case diagram



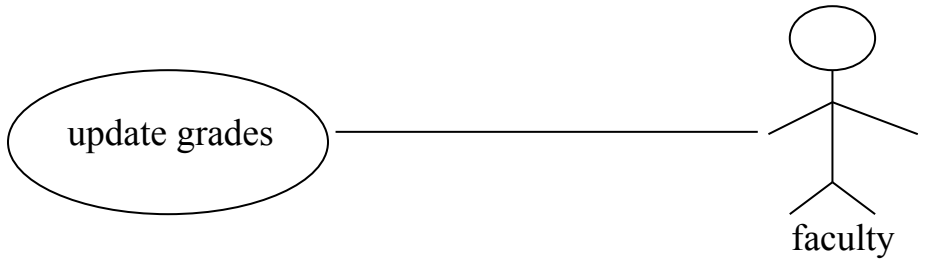


Example use case diagram for a restaurant



Relationships between Use Cases and Actors

- Actors may be connected to use cases by associations, indicating that the actor and the use case communicate with one another using messages.



Relationship between use cases

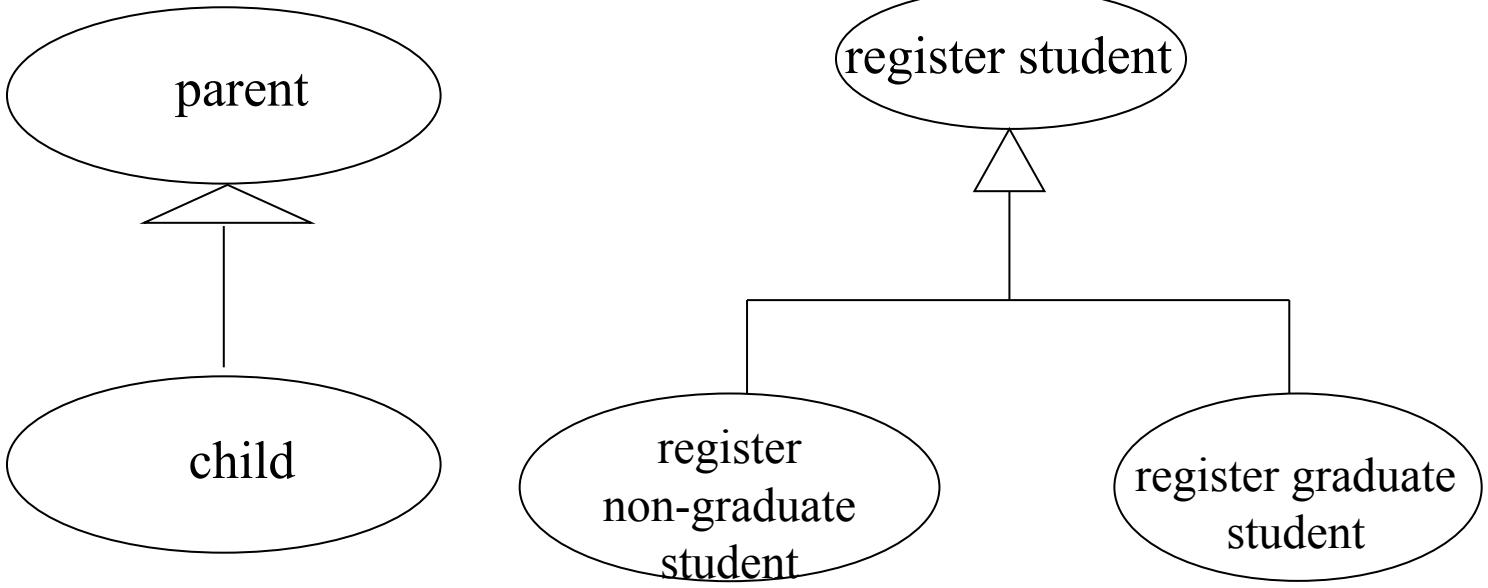
1. **Generalization** - Use cases that are specialized versions of other use cases.

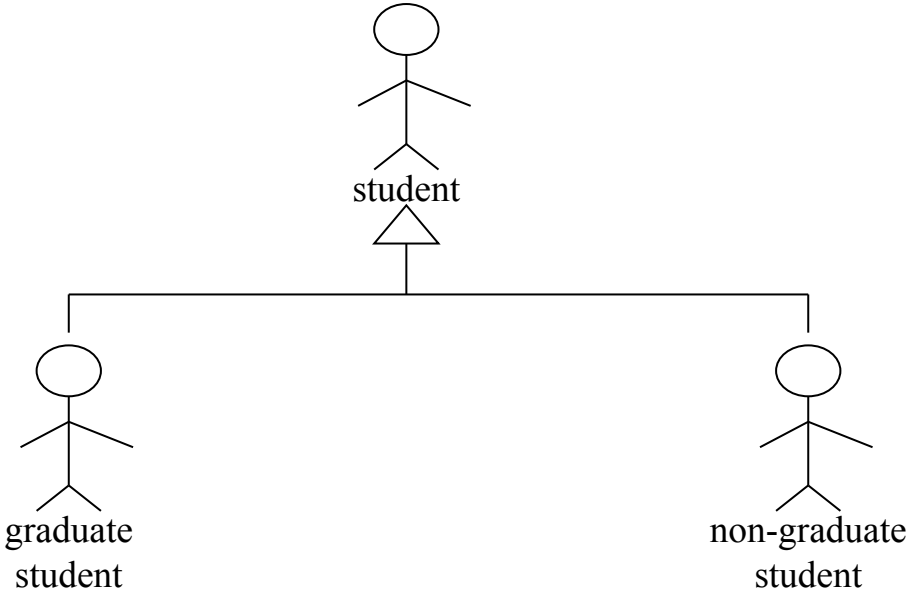
1. **Include** - Use cases that are included as parts of other use cases. Enable to factor common behavior.

1. **Extend** - Use cases that extend the behavior of other core use cases. Enable to factor variants.

Generalization

- The child use case inherits the behavior and meaning of the parent use case.
- The child may add to or override the behavior of its parent.
- Share the same relationship to the actor

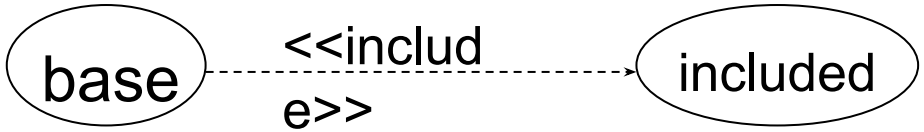




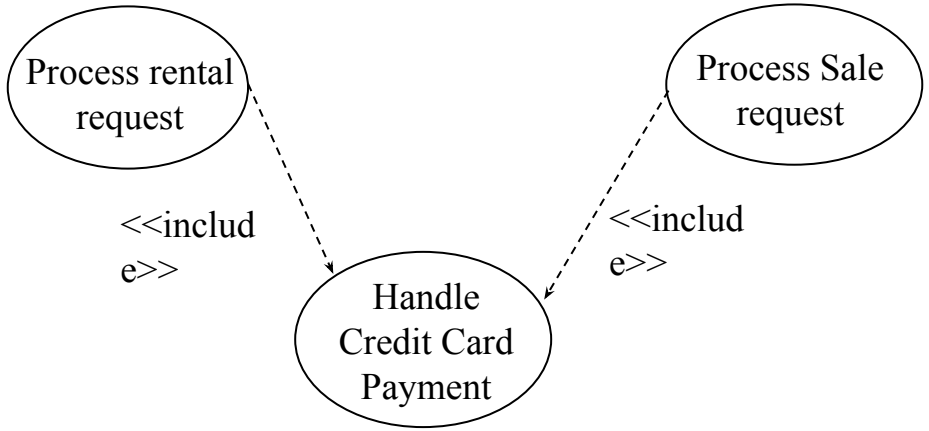
Generalization as a Relationships between Actors

Include

- The base use case explicitly incorporates the behavior of another use case at a location specified in the base.
- The included use case never stands alone. It only occurs as a part of some larger base that includes it.

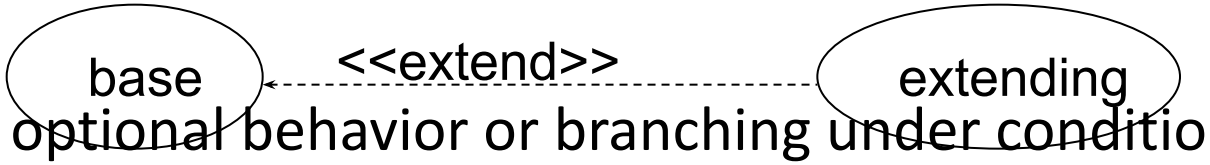


- Enables to avoid describing the same flow of events several times by putting the common behavior in a use case of its own

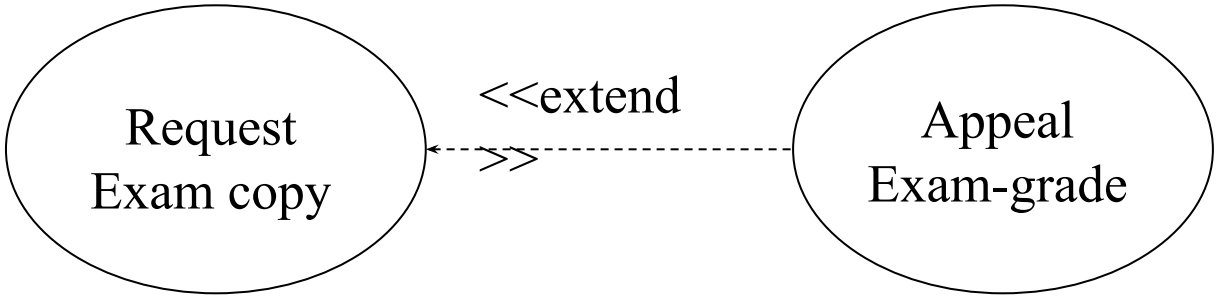


Extend

- The base use case implicitly incorporates the behavior of another use case at certain points called extension points.
- The base use case may stand alone, but under certain conditions its behavior may be extended by the behavior of another use case.



- Enables to model optional behavior or branching under conditions.



Use case specification

- Name (Must start with a verb)
- Summary
- Actors
- Pre-conditions
  - Conditions that must exist *before* the use case is executed
- Description
  - Textual description (may include steps to execute) and typically is the primary functionality
- Exceptions
  - These are paths which will need to handle exceptions which could be all to provide handling of things which are not provide you with a primary functionality including things like power failure
- Alternate Flows
  - Handles the other functionality paths for the summary these could be some in the exceptions too
- Post-conditions
  - Conditions that must exist *after* the use case is executed

Sample use case specification

- Name: Transfer Funds
- Summary/Overview : Transfer funds from one account to another
- Actor: Customer
- Pre-conditions: Source account must have sufficient funds
- Description:
  a. Customer identifies the accounts from which and to which funds have to be transferred
  b. Enters the amount to be transferred
  c. Confirm the transaction
- Exceptions
  - Cancel, Insufficient funds, Cannot identify destination account
  - Needs to handle ..say power failure, slow network
- Alternate Flows
  - Handles all the alternate paths (Accounts belonging to the same customer)
- Post-conditions: Funds transferred and account balances updated

Practice: ATM

- Use Case: Withdraw money
- Actors: Customer
- Pre Condition:
  - The ATM must be in a state ready to accept transactions
  - The ATM must have at least some cash on hand that it can dispense
  - The ATM must have enough paper to print a receipt for at least one transaction
- Post Condition:
  - The current amount of cash in the user account is the amount before the withdraw minus the withdraw amount
  - A receipt was printed on the withdraw amount
  - The withdraw transaction was audit in the System log file

ATM : System and user Actions

Actor Actions	System Actions
1. Begins when a Customer arrives at ATM	
2. Customer inserts a Credit card into ATM	3. System verifies the customer ID and status
5. Customer chooses "Withdraw" operation	4. System asks for an operation type
7. Customer enters the cash amount	6. System asks for the withdrawal amount
	8. System checks if withdrawal amount is legal
	9. System dispenses the cash
	10. System deduces the withdraw amount from account
	11. System prints a receipt
13. Customer takes the cash and the receipt	12. System ejects the cash card

Alternative flow of events:

Step 3: Customer authorization failed. Display an error message, cancel the transaction and eject the card.
Step 8: Customer has insufficient funds in its account. Display an error message, and go to step 6.
Step 8: Customer exceeds its legal amount. Display an error message, and go to step 6.

Exceptional flow of events:

Power failure in the process of the transaction before **step 9**, cancel the transaction and eject the card

Few Inputs

- One method to identify use cases is actor-based:
  - Identify the actors related to a system or organization.
  - For each actor, identify the processes they initiate or participate in.
- A second method to identify use cases is event-based:
  - Identify the external events that a system must respond to.
  - Relate the events to actors and use cases.
- The following questions may be used to help identify the use cases for a system:
  - What are tasks of each actor ?
  - Will any actor create, store, change, remove, or read information in the system ?
  - What use cases will create, store, change, remove, or read this information ?
  - Will any actor need to inform the system about sudden, external changes ?
  - Does any actor need to be informed about certain occurrences in the system ?

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