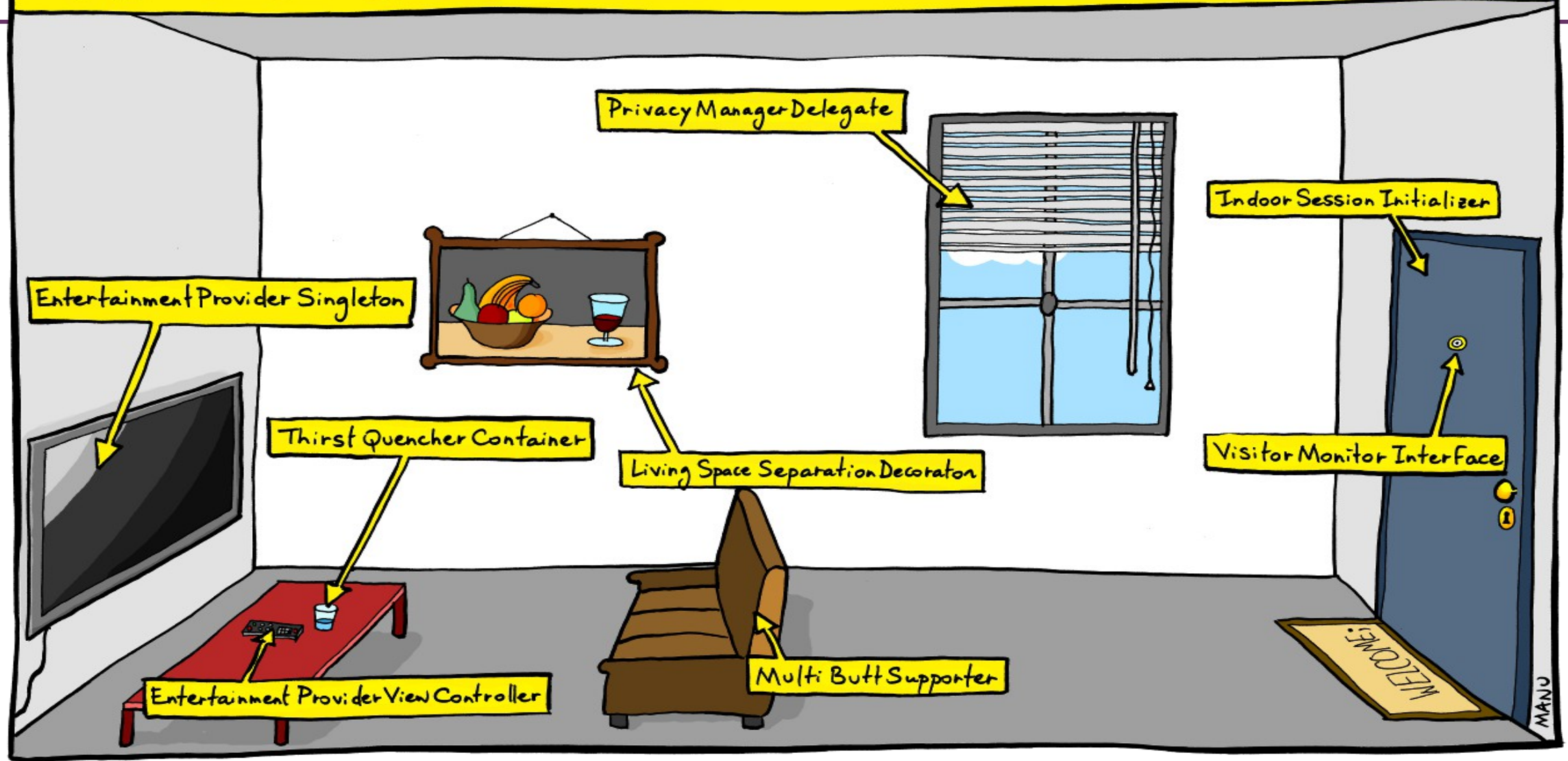


# THE WORLD SEEN BY AN "OBJECT-ORIENTED" PROGRAMMER.





# Object-Oriented Analysis and Design

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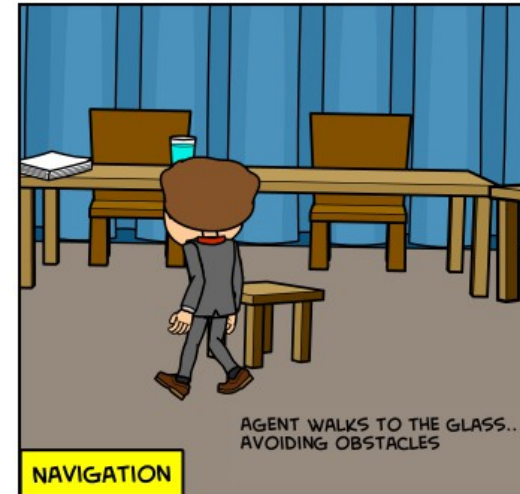
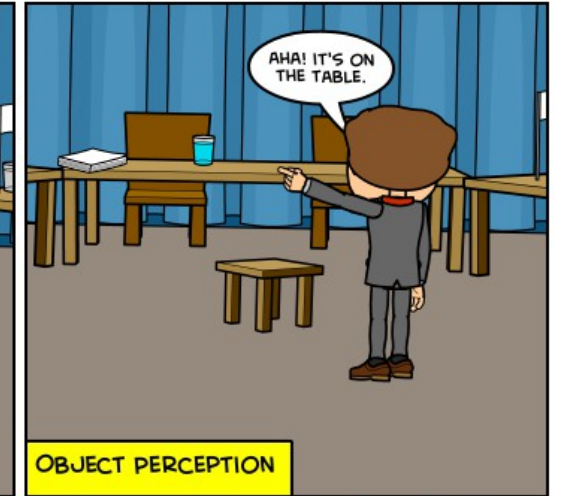
# How to Think in Terms of Objects?

- The desired end result of OO design is a **robust** and **functional object model** — a system.
- Don't try to conform to any standards or conventions when solving a problem.
- The whole idea is to be creative.

ACTIVE AGENT WALKS TO WATER



BY MISHRAKA



AGENT WALKS TO THE GLASS..  
AVOIDING OBSTACLES



# Three important things

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- To develop a good sense of OO thought process:
  - ✧ Knowing the difference between the interface and implementation
  - ✧ Thinking more abstractly
  - ✧ Giving the user the minimal interface possible



# 区分接口与实现

## • 接口的标准化 vs. 实现的演进

class System

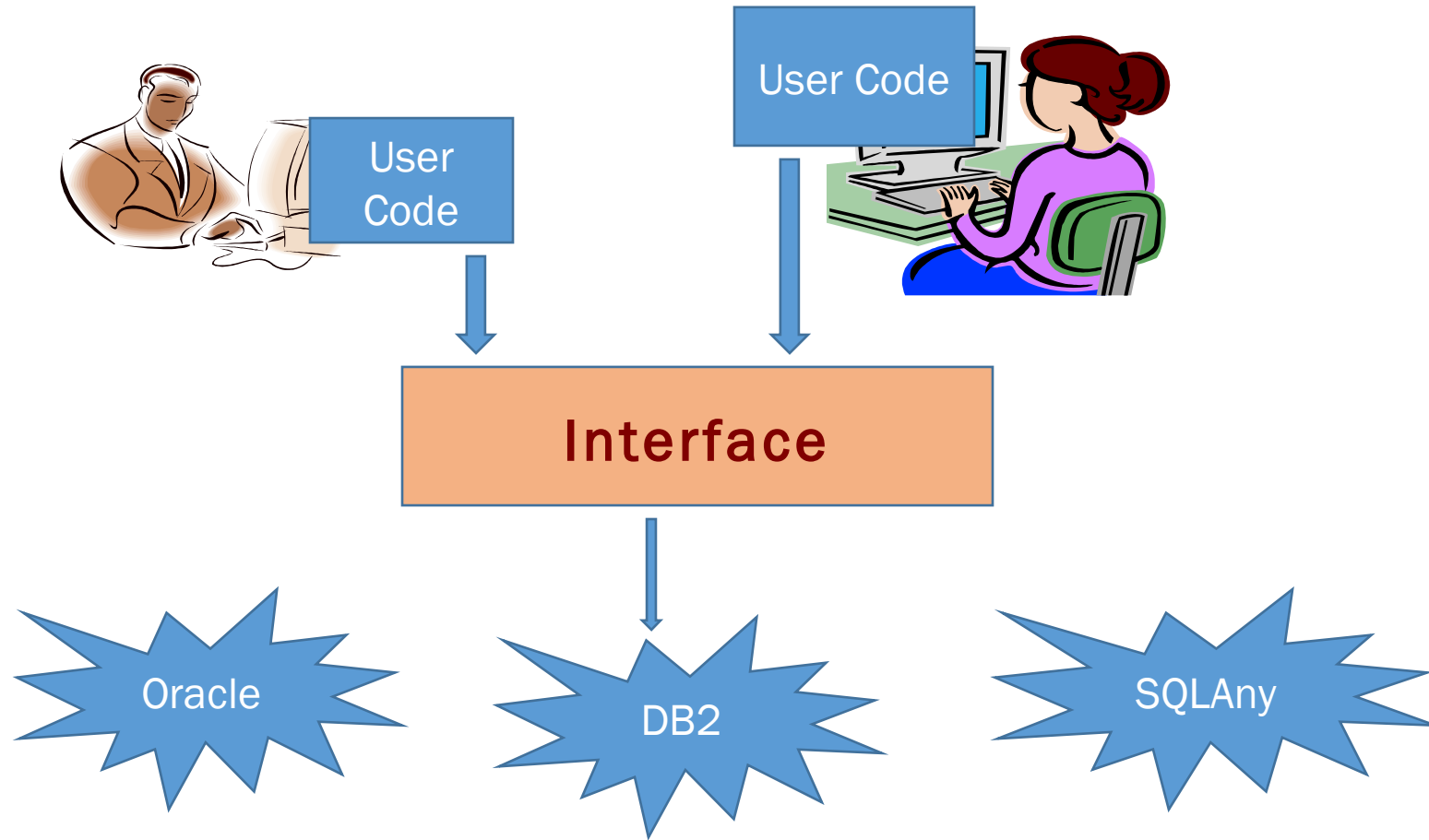
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- + open() : void
- + close() : void
- + goToFirst() : void
- + goToLast() : void
- + howManyRecords() : int
- + areThereMoreRecords() : boolean
- + positionRecord() : void
- + getRecord() : char
- + getNextRecord() : char

```
public void open(string name) {  
    /* some application-specific processing */  
    /* call the Oracle API to open the DB*/  
    /* more application specific processing */  
}
```

```
public void open(string name) {  
    /* some application-specific processing */  
    /* call the SQLAnywhere to open the DB*/  
    /* more application specific processing */  
}
```

# The Interface







# Using Abstract Thinking When Designing Interfaces

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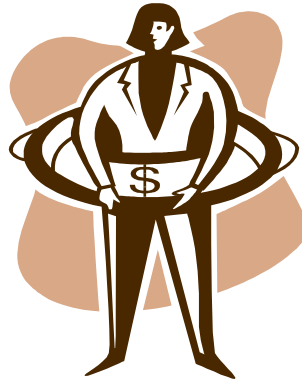
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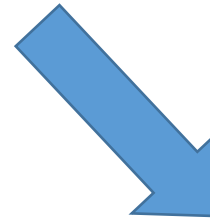
# 抽象的接口



Abstract



Take me to the Airport

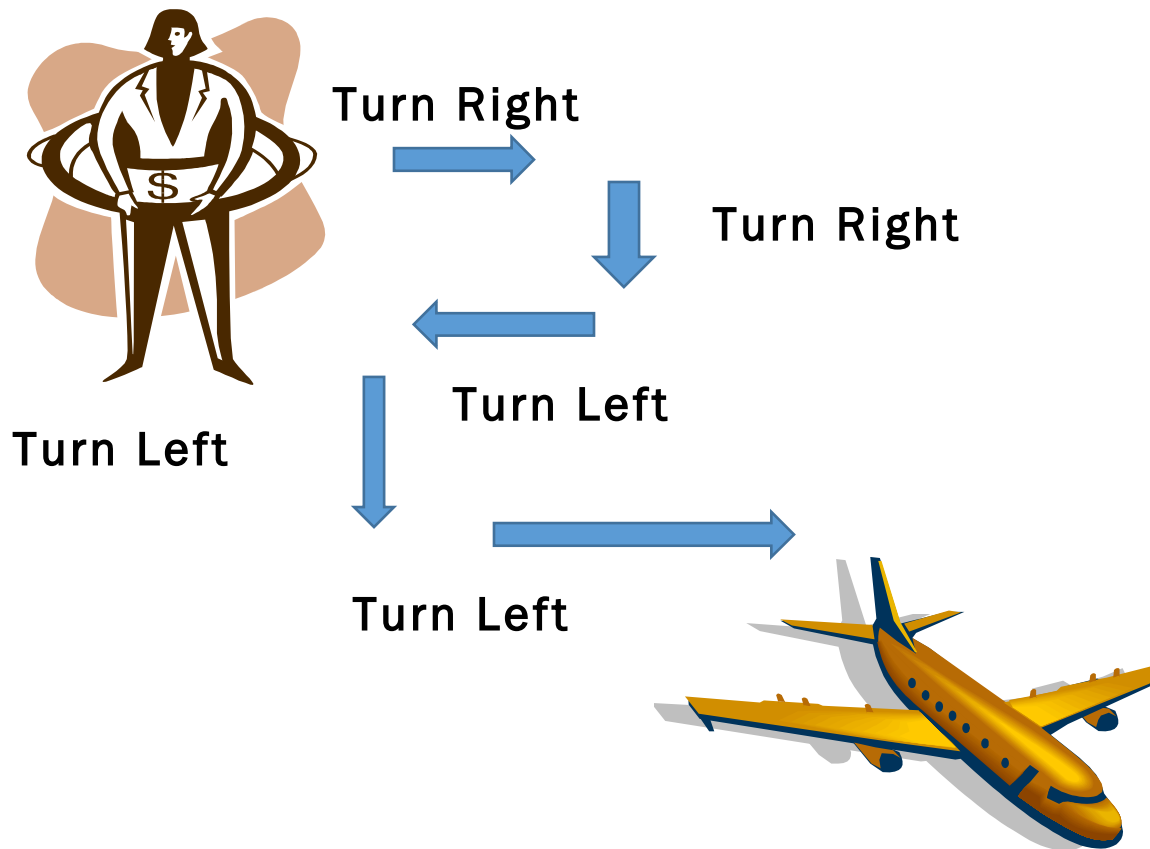




# 不太抽象的接口



Not So Abstract



# Giving the User the Minimal Interface

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## Possible

• Provide the user with as little knowledge of the inner workings of the class as possible:

- Give the users only what they absolutely need

只给必须的

- Public interface are all the users will ever see

只看公开的

- Design class from user's perspective, not IS/technical perspective

只为用户考虑

最小用户负担原则

# Determine the Users

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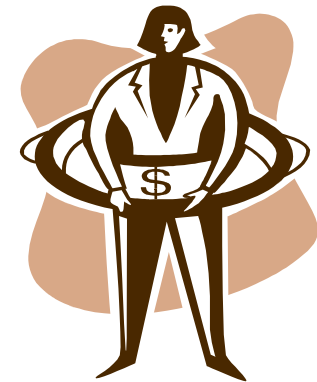
- Customers ? 50%
- **Services Principle**



Provide Service:  
As long as I make  
a profit



Engage Service:  
As long as I don't  
pay too much





## Determine Object Behaviors

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**Use Cases!!!**

**Many earlier choice will not survive public interface cuts!**





## Identify Environmental Constraints

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Environments impose limitations on what an object can do.

Pre/Post/Exceptions...



# Identifying public Interfaces

- How to use taxi object:
  - Get into the taxi
  - Tell the cabbie where you want to go
  - Pay the cabbie
  - Give the cabbie a tip
  - Get out of the taxi.



- What to do to use Taxi:
  - Have a place to go
  - Hail a taxi
  - Pay the Cabbie Money

## class System

### Cabbie

```
+ hailTaxi() : void
+ enterTaxi() : void
+ greetCabbie() : void
+ specifyDestination() : void
+ payCabbie() : void
+ tipCabbie() : void
+ leaveTaxi() : void
```

# Identifying the Implementation

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- **Anything other than the public interface** can be considered the implementation
- Users will **never** see any of it **ever**
  - methods signature (name and parameter list)
  - Actual code inside
- Anything considered implementation can **change w/o affecting the interface**
- Implementation provide **answers** to the user **expects**
- Interface provides how user sees the object, while the implementation is the **nuts and bolts** of the objects
- Implementation contains the **code** that **represents the state** of an objects



# Object-Oriented Analysis (OOA)

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- OOA is a collection of like-minded requirements modeling and analysis techniques for software systems.
- Proposed in the late 80's, such techniques have been influenced primarily by **object-oriented programming**, but also **semantic data models** and **semantic networks**.
- **Basic idea**: streamline software development by making **objects**, **classes**, **methods** and the like the atomic units out of which one builds requirements, designs and implementations.



# Basic Concepts

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- Such techniques focus on the **things** that exist within the application domain, model them with **objects**.
- These techniques use **classification**, **generalization**, **aggregation** to structure object assemblies.
- **Actions** (services/activities) are associated with objects.
- **State changes** are effected by actions performed on objects.



# Origins of Object-oriented Analysis

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- **Object-Oriented Programming** – Tries to adopt as many of the O-O programming features to O-O design and analysis [Booch86]
- **Database design** – adopts semantic data modeling ideas, including E-R diagrams and generalization, aggregation, classification [Chen 76]
- **Structured Analysis** – including SADT and other Structured analysis techniques [Ross 77]
- **Knowledge Representation** – uses ideas from **fr** **network** representations [Borgida85]



# Coad's Object-oriented Analysis

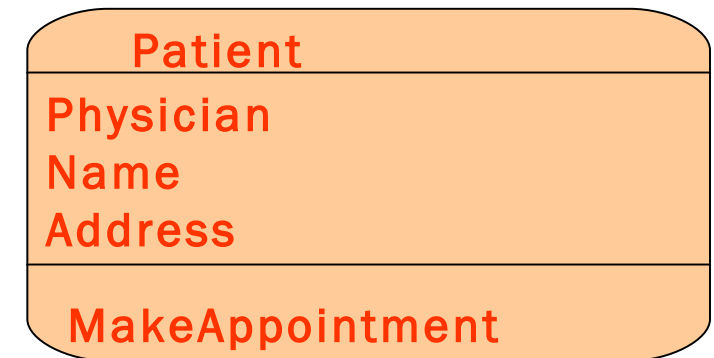
- Proposed by Peter Coad [Coad91]
- An **object** is defined as a real world entity related to the problem domain, with “crisply defined boundaries”.
- Objects are encapsulated with attributes and behavior.
- OOA offers five kinds of concepts: **objects**, **attributes**, **structures**, **services** and **subjects**.



Identifier

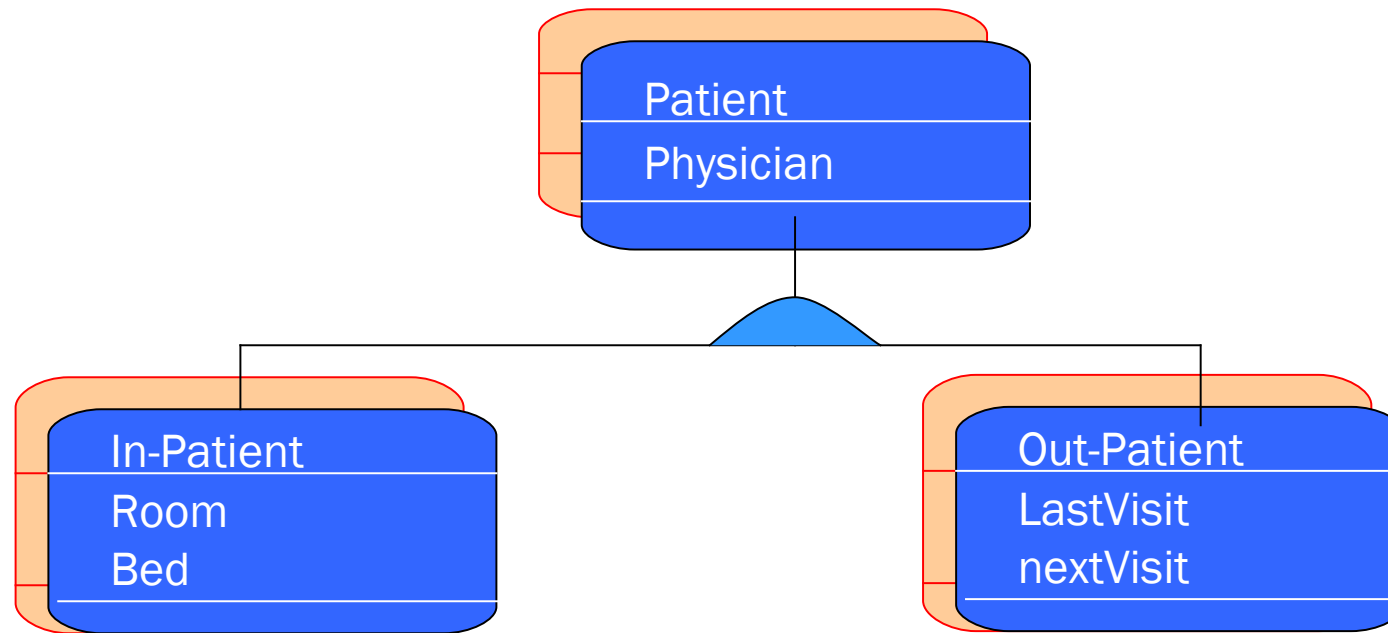
Attributes

Services



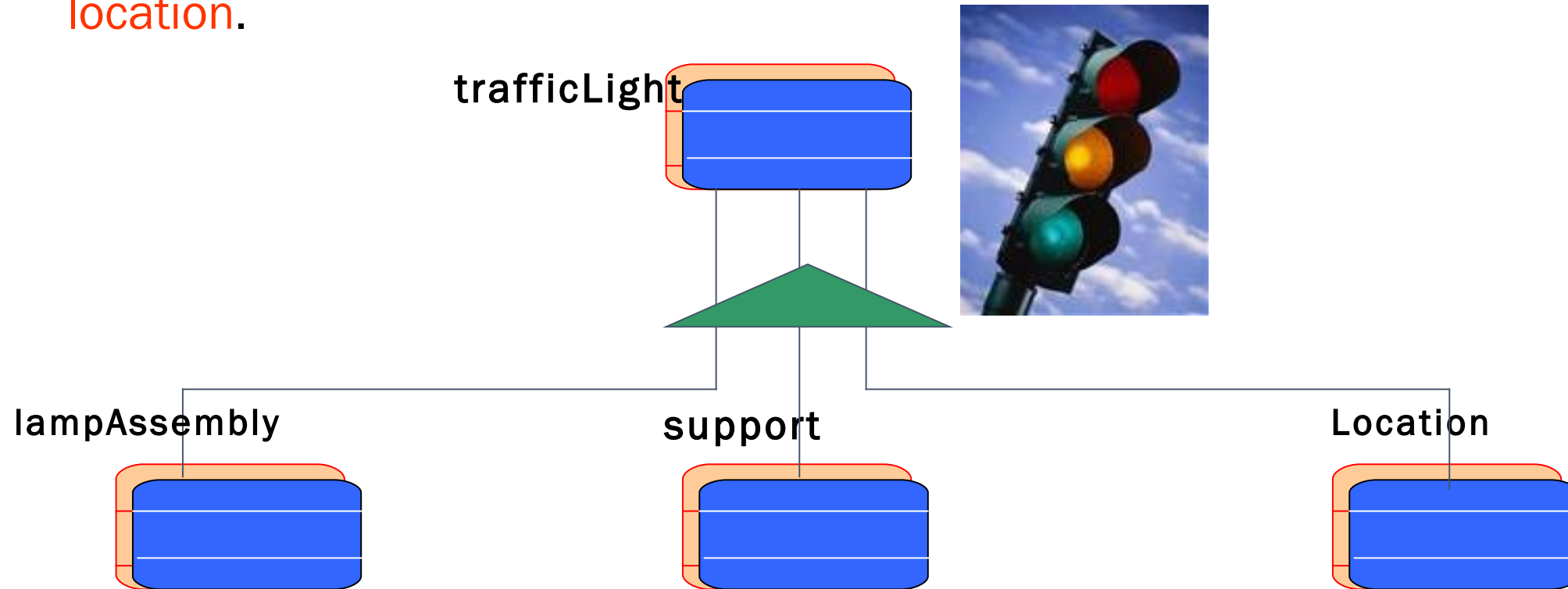
# Gen-Spec Structures

- Gen-Spec (generalization/specialization) structures organize classes into taxonomies. **Patients** are either **in-patients** or **out-patients**. The **physician** attribute of **patients** is inherited by both **in-patients** and **out-patients**.



# Whole-Part Structures

- Whole-Part structures describe an object as an assembly of other objects. A **traffic light** consists of 0 to 3 **lampAssemblies**, a single **support** and a single **location**.



# Services

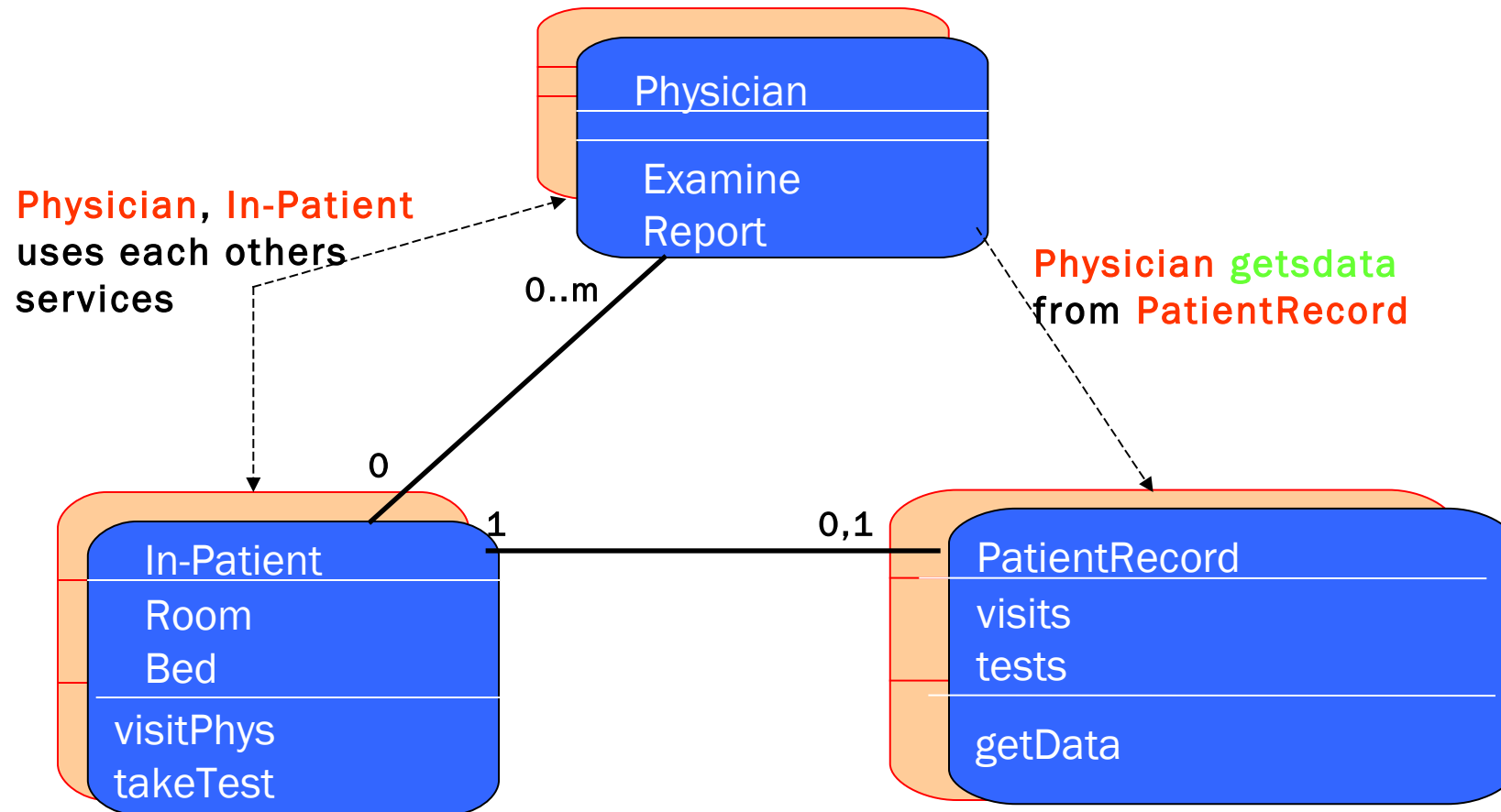
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- Objects provide services to other objects in their environments. For example, a physician object may provide services **examine**, **report**.
- Coad distinguishes three types of services:
  - **Occurrence services**, whereby objects are created, destroyed, changed, ...;
  - **Calculate services**, where an object performs a calculation for some other object;
  - **Monitor services**, where an object is monitoring some process to see if some condition applies;
- A special notation is used (dashed-line arrow) to indicate that an object is using services from another object.

OOA views the world with Smalltalk Glasses



# Services and relationships



# Methodology

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- Identify objects and **classes** (i.e., generic objects)
- Identify **structures** and build generalization, aggregation hierarchies.
- Define **subjects**. These partition all the objects and classes of an object model into subject layers, which represent the application from a particular perspective. Often whole Gen-Spec or Part-Whole structures are grouped under one subject.
- Identify information that should be associated with each object. Place **attributes** at the right structural level.
- Define **services** for each class.



# Terms of different approaches

| OOA<br>(Rumbaugh)  | OOSE<br>(Jacobson) | OOD<br>(Booch) | OMT            |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                    |                    | Metaclass      |                |
| Object             | Instance           | Object         | Object         |
| Gen-Spec           | Inheritance        | inherits       | Generalization |
| Whole-Part         | Consists-of        |                | Aggregation    |
| Instance conn.     | Acquaintance       |                | Link           |
| Message            | Stimuli            | Message        | Event          |
| Message conn.      | Communication      |                |                |
| Attribute          | Attribute          |                | Attribute      |
| Service            | Operation          |                | Operation      |
| Subject            | ~View (subsystem)  |                | Sheet          |
| (Execution thread) | Use case           |                | ~Scenario      |
| (user)             | Actor              |                |                |



# What is Good about OOA?

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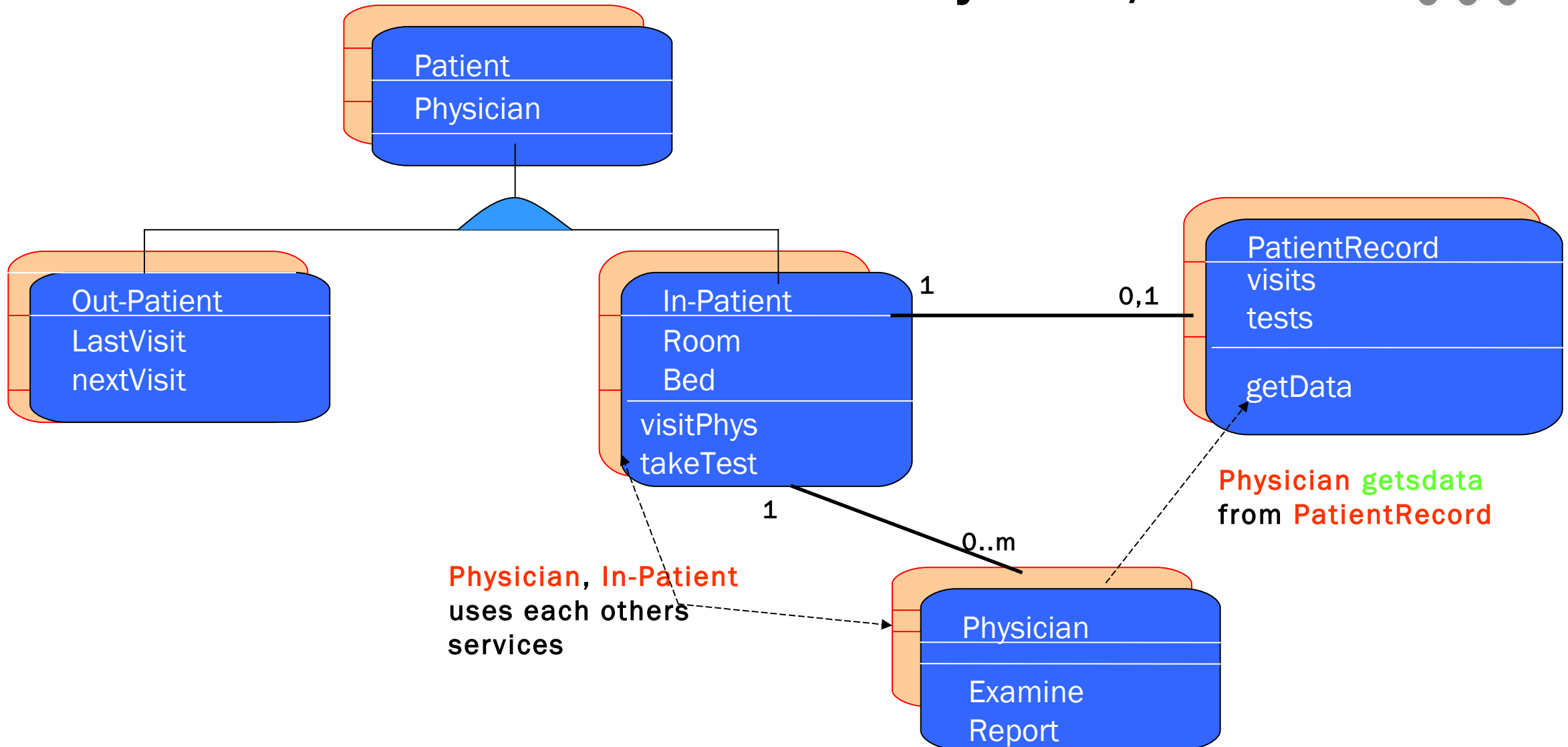
- Advances the state-of-practice!
- Earlier prevalent modeling techniques, such as structured analysis (SA), data flow diagrams (DFD), entity-relationship diagrams (ERD), ... were:
  - **Fragmented**, e.g., use of data flow and entity-relationship diagrams
  - **Weakly structured**: see DFD and ERD
  - **Informal**: see DFD
  - Based on an **outdated** programming paradigm (structured programming)

# What is questionable about OOA?

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- Is OOA intended for modeling **software**, or **applications**? If only the former, then it is meant for requirements modeling!
- Its ontological assumptions. Who says that **objects, relationships, services** and the like constitute a good set of primitive concepts for modeling the real world?... organizations?...people? ...industrial processes?
- The promise of easier design and implementation won't work for large systems where requirements, design and implementation have drastically different architectures and are based on very different concepts.

# What does this model? ---A system, or the world?

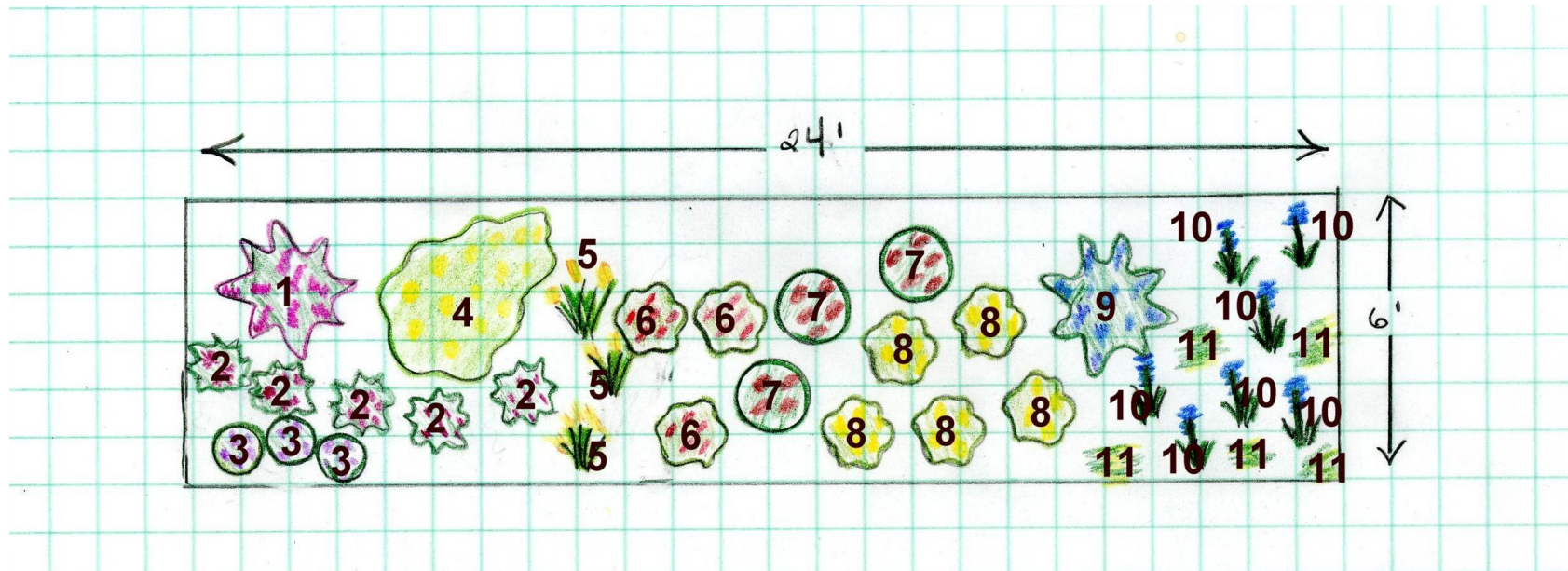


# The ongoing design process

Despite the best intentions and planning, in all but the most trivial cases, the design is an **ongoing** process...

Even after a product is in testing, **design changes** pop up.

It is up to the **project manager** to draw the line that says **when** to stop changing a product and adding features.





# Designing with Objects

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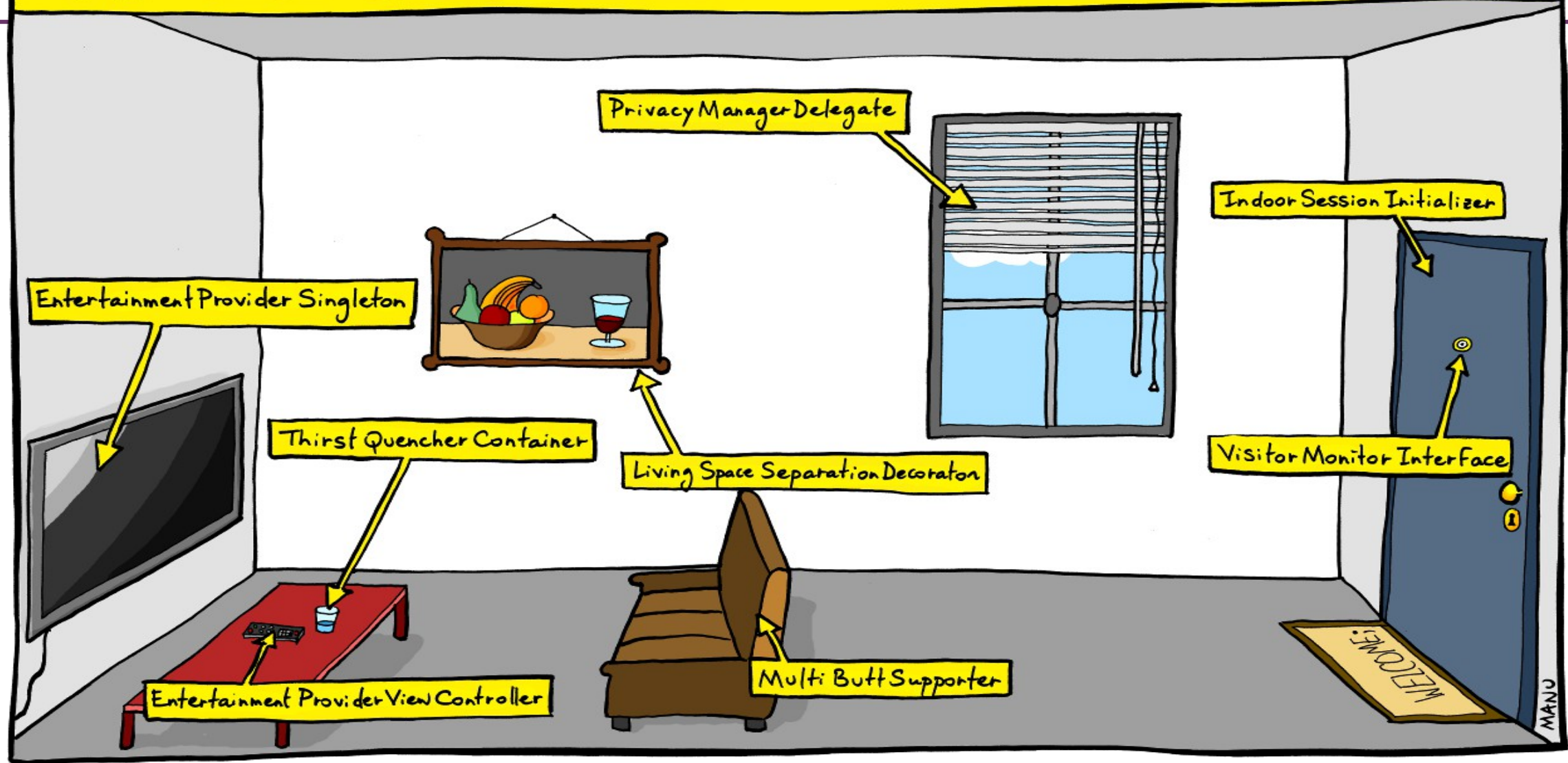


The truth is:

You can create a very bad OO design just as easily as you can create a very bad non-OO design...



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# Object Oriented Analysis

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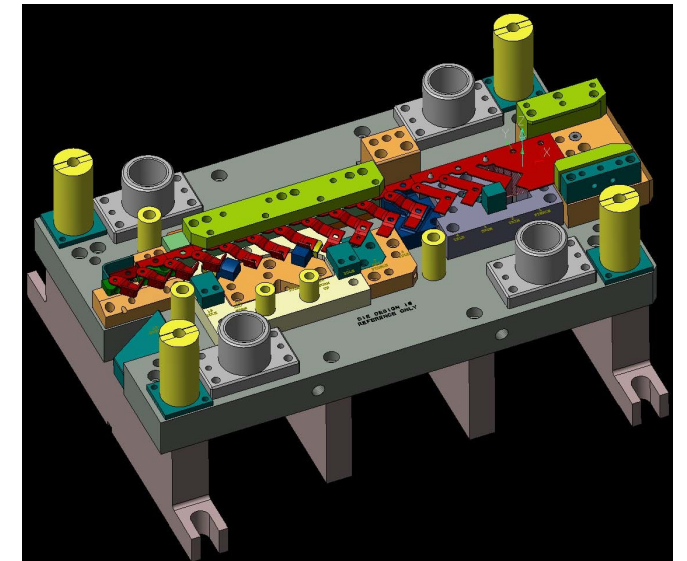
- Background
  - Model the requirements in terms of **objects** and the **services** they provide
  - Grew out of object oriented design
    - Applied to modelling **the application domain** rather than the program
- Motivation
  - OO is (claimed to be) more '**natural**'
    - As a system evolves, the functions it performs need to be changed more often than the objects on which they operate...
    - ...a model based on objects (rather than functions) will be more stable over time...
    - ...hence the claim that object-oriented designs are more maintainable
  - OO emphasizes importance of **well-defined interfaces** between objects
    - compared to ambiguities of dataflow relationships

*NOTE: OO applies to requirements engineering because it is a modeling tool. But we are modeling domain objects, not the design of the new system*

# A solid OO design process

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- Doing the proper analysis
- Developing a statement of work that describes the system
- Gathering the requirements from this statement of work
- Developing a prototype for the user interface
- Identifying the **classes**
- Determining the **responsibilities** of each class
- Determining how the various classes **interact** with each other
- Creating a high-level model that describes the system to be



# Blackjack

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- The objective is to get a card total that is closest or equal to 21.
- To win, you must beat the Dealer's hand without exceeding a card total of 21.
- You always play against the Dealer, no matter how many players are at the table.
- In Blackjack, face cards, cards from 2 to 10, carry their face value.
- An Ace can either be counted as 1 or 11, whichever is better for the owner.
- Picture cards, Jack, Queen, and King, carry a value of 10.



# Blackjack

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- To begin, you need to place a bet. Most casinos define a limit on the bet that you can place.
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# Blackjack

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- After the cards are dealt, you can decide to improve your hand by drawing more cards. Once you are satisfied with your hand, you fold and stand.
- After you stand, the Dealer tries to improve their hand, without exceeding a card total of 21. If your hand beats the Dealer's you win, otherwise you lose.
- You win when:
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# Using CRC card to discover classes

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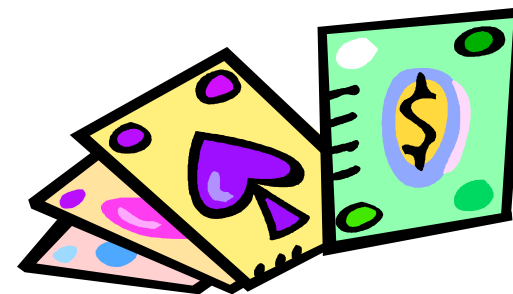
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# Let's play some game 😊

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- We will create a program that simulates a game of Blackjack.
- Assume that a customer has come to you with a proposal that includes a very well-written **statement of work** and **a rule book** about how to play blackjack.
- We are going to **design** the system, not how to **implement** the game...
- This will culminate in the discovery of the classes, along with their responsibilities and collaborations.
- Here is the requirements:



# CRC Card

| Class : |                  | Classname      |  |
|---------|------------------|----------------|--|
|         |                  |                |  |
|         | Responsibilities | Collaborations |  |
|         |                  |                |  |
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# Identifying the Blackjack Classes

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Classes correspond to nouns... but...

Remember: Don't try to get things right the first time...



# Nearly anything can be an object...

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*Source: Adapted from Pressman, 1994, p242*

- **External Entities**
    - ...that interact with the system being modeled
      - E.g. people, devices, other systems
  - **Things**
    - ...that are part of the domain being modeled
      - E.g. reports, displays, signals, etc.
  - **Occurrences or Events**
    - ...that occur in the context of the system
      - E.g. transfer of resources, a control action, etc.
  - **Roles**
    - played by people who interact with the system
  - **Organizational Units**
    - that are relevant to the application
      - E.g. division, group, team, etc.
  - **Places**
    - ...that establish the context of the problem being modeled
      - E.g. manufacturing floor, loading dock, etc.
  - **Structures**
    - that define a class or assembly of objects
      - E.g. sensors, four-wheeled vehicles, computers, etc.
- Some things cannot be objects:*
- *procedures (e.g. print, invert, etc)*
  - *attributes (e.g. blue, 50Mb, etc)*

# Blackjack Game

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# A list of possible objects

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- Game
- Blackjack
- Dealer
- Players
- Player
- Cards
- Card
- Deck
- Hand
- Face Value
- Suit
- Winner
- Ace
- Face card
- King
- Queen
- Jack
- Bet



# Initial BlackJack Classes

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**Card**

**Deck**

**Hand**

**Dealer**

**Player**

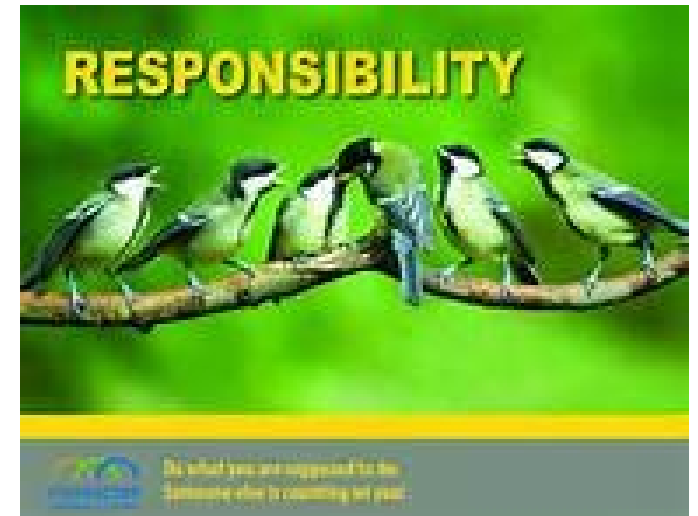
**Bet**

# Identifying the Classes' Responsibilities

Responsibilities relate to actions, so select the verbs...

## Remember:

1. Not all verbs will end up as responsibilities
2. Need to combine several verbs sometimes
3. Some may popup later
4. Keep revising and updating both
5. When two classes share a resp., each class have it.



# Possible responsibilities for our classes

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- Card
  - Know its face value
  - Know its suit
  - Know its value
  - Know whether it is a face card
  - Know whether it is an ace
  - Know whether it is a joker
- Bet
  - Know the type of bet
  - Know the value of the current bet
  - Know how much the player has left to bet
  - Know whether the bet can be covered
- Deck
  - Shuffle
  - Deal the next card
  - Know how many cards are left in the deck
  - Know whether there is a full deck to begin
- Hand
  - Know how many cards are in the hand
  - Know the value of the hand
  - Show the hand

# Possible responsibilities for our classes

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- Dealer

- Deal the cards
- Shuffle the deck
- Give a card to a player
- Show the dealer hand
- Calculate the value of the dealer's hand
- Know the number of cards in the dealer's hand
- Request a card
- Determine the winner
- Start a new hand

- Player

- Request a card
- Show the player's hand
- Calculate the value of the player's hand
- Know how many cards are in the hand
- Know whether the hand value is over 21
- Know whether the hand value is equal to 21 (and if it is a blackjack)
- Know whether the hand is below 21

# Identifying the Collaborations: Using UML Use Cases

Identify the objects and the messages exchanges...

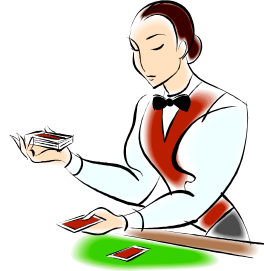
Remember:

The purpose is not to document all possible scenarios, but to refine the classes and responsibilities ...



# An Example Scenario

## • Dealer



- Dealer shuffles deck
- Dealer deals initial card
- Dealer adds cards to dealer's hand
- Hand returns value of dealer's hand to dealer
- Dealer deals player another card
- Dealer asks player whether he wants another card
- Dealer gets the value of the player's hand
- Dealer sends or requests bet value from players

## • Player



**Player makes bet**

**Player adds card to player's hand**

**Hand returns value of player's hand to player**

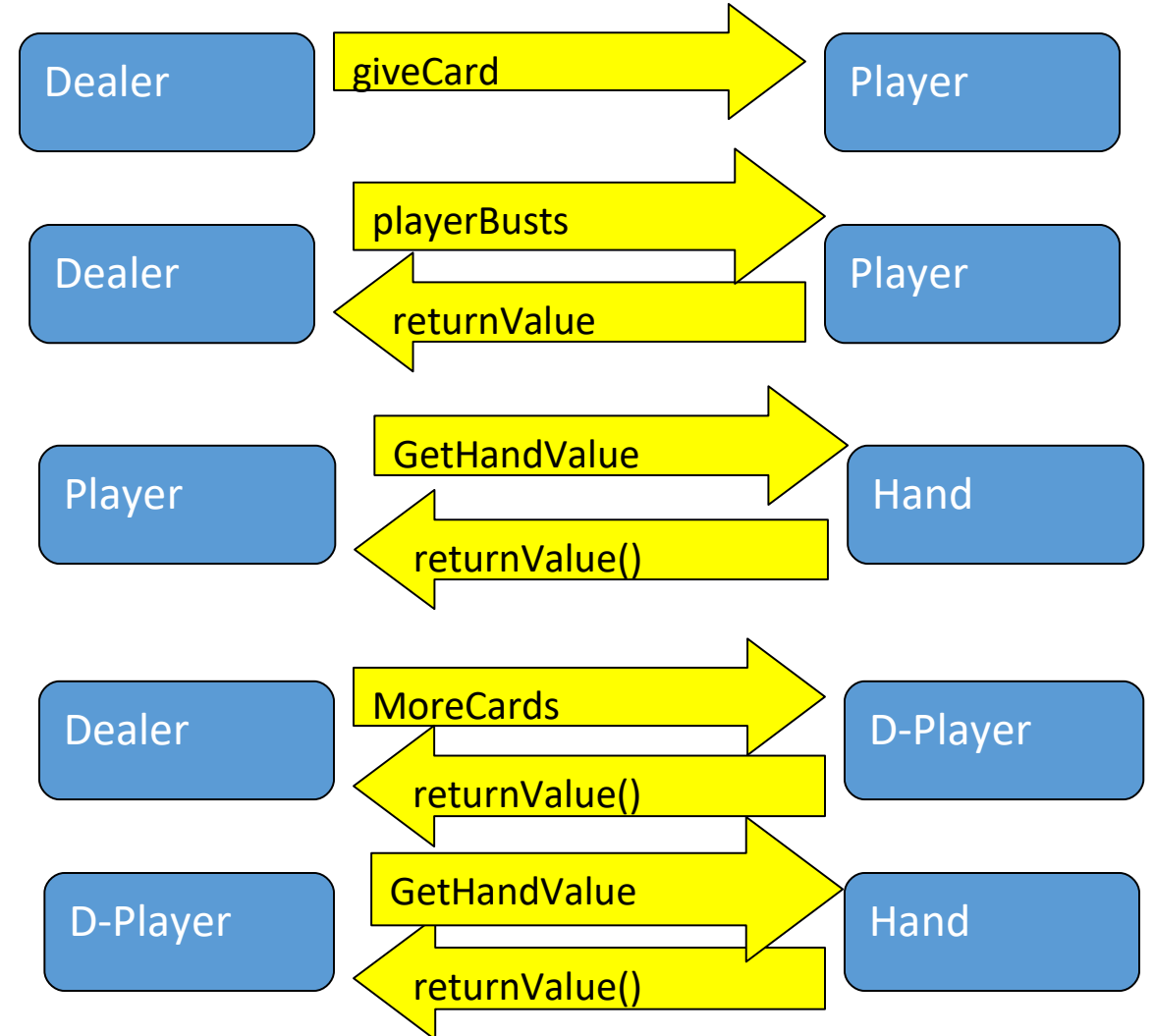
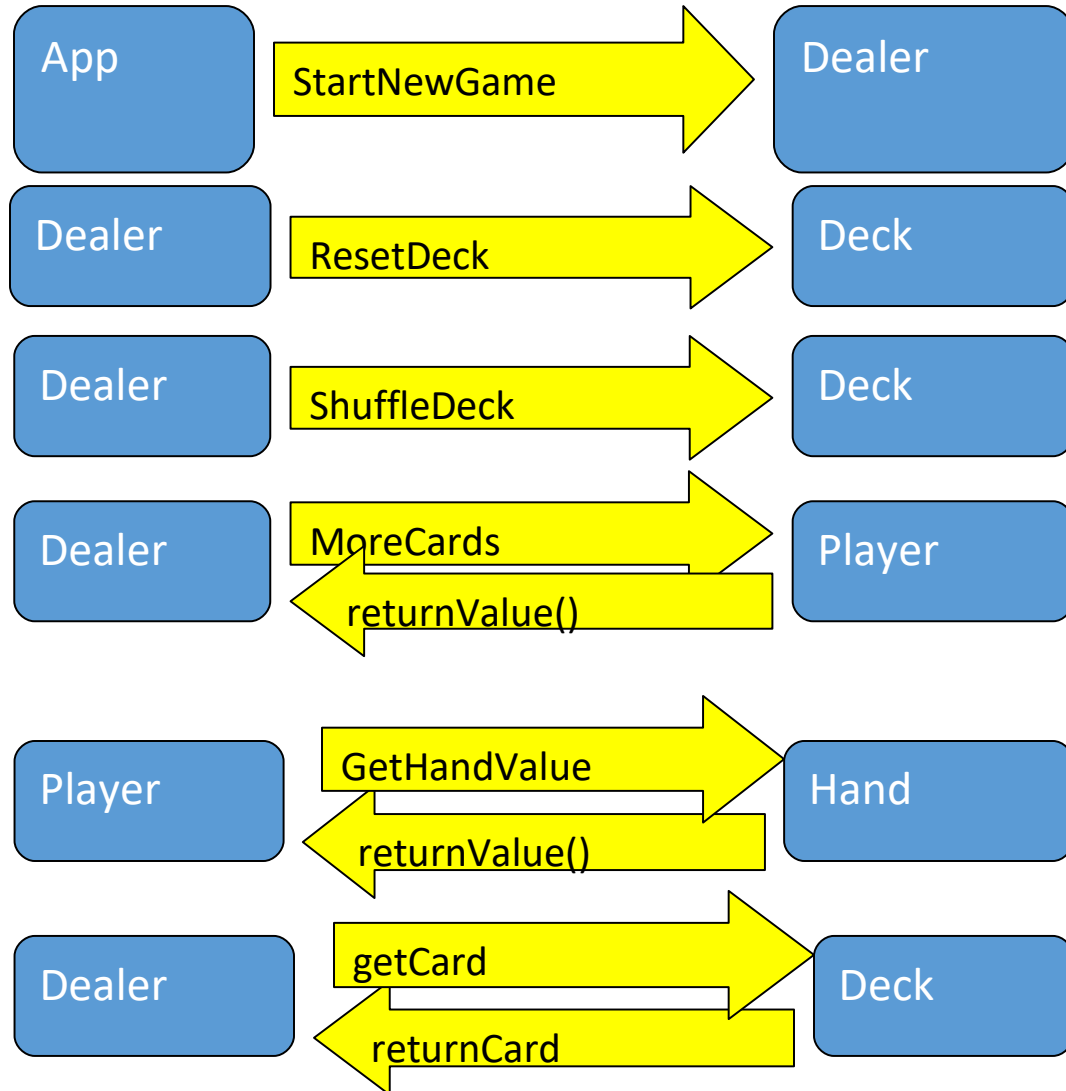
**Dealer asks player whether he wants another card**

**Player adds the card to player's hand**

**Hand returns value of player's hand to player**

**Player adds to/subtracts from player's bet attribute**

# Determine Collaborations







# CRC Cards we get

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# Card

Class :

Card

Responsibilities

Get name

Get Value

Collaborations

Deck

# Deck

Class :

Deck

## Responsibilities

Reset deck

Get deck size

Get next card

Shuffle Deck

Show deck

## Collaborations

Dealer

Card

# Dealer

Class :

Dealer

## Responsibilities

Start a new game

Get a card

## Collaborations

Hand

Player

Deck

# Player



| Class : <div>Player</div> |                   |                |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                           | Responsibilities  | Collaborations |
|                           | Want more cards   | Dealer         |
|                           | Get a card        | Hand           |
|                           | Show hand         |                |
|                           | Get value of hand |                |
|                           |                   |                |
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# Hand

Class :

Hand

Responsibilities

Return Value

Add a card

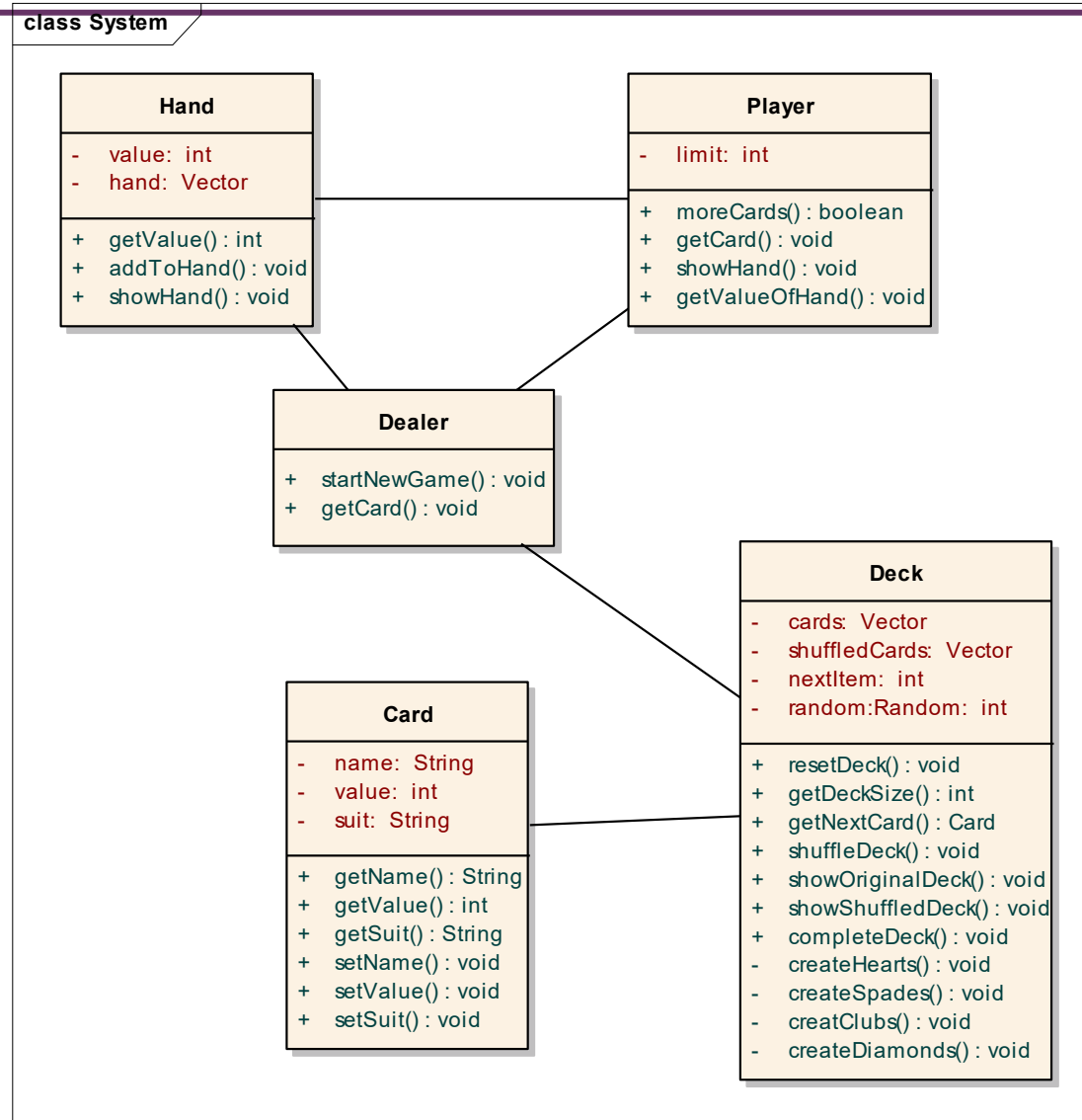
Show hand

Collaborations

Dealer

Player

# UML Class diagram for BlackJack



# Object Oriented Modelling

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- Object Oriented Analysis
  - Rationale
  - Identifying Classes
  - Attributes and Operations
- UML Class Diagrams
  - Associations
  - Multiplicity
  - Aggregation
  - Composition
  - Generalization







# UML Class Diagram

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# Modelling principles

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- Facilitate Modification and Reuse
  - **Experienced analysts reuse their past experience**
    - they reuse components (of the models they have built in the past)
    - they reuse structure (of the models they have built in the past)
  - **Smart analysts plan for the future**
    - they create components in their models that might be reusable
    - they structure their models to make them easy to modify
- Helpful ideas:
  - **Abstraction**
    - strip away detail to concentrate on the important things
  - **Decomposition (Partitioning)**
    - Partition a problem into independent pieces, to study separately
  - **Viewpoints (Projection)**
    - Separate different concerns (views) and describe them separately
  - **Modularization**
    - Choose structures that are stable over time, to localize change
  - **Patterns**
    - Structure of a model that is known to occur in many different applications

# Modelling Principle 1: Partitioning

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- Partitioning
  - captures aggregation/part-of relationship
- Example:
  - goal is to develop a spacecraft
  - partition the problem into parts:
    - guidance and navigation;
    - data handling;
    - command and control;
    - environmental control;
    - instrumentation;
    - etc
  - Note: this is not a design, it is a problem decomposition
    - actual design might have any number of components, with no relation to these sub-problems
  - However, the choice of problem decomposition will probably be reflected in the design



# Modelling Principle 2: Abstraction

*Source: Adapted from Davis, 1990, p48 and Loucopoulos & Karakostas, 1995, p78*

- Abstraction
  - A way of finding similarities between concepts by ignoring some details
  - Focuses on the general/specific relationship between phenomena
    - Classification groups entities with a similar role as members of a single class
    - Generalization expresses similarities between different classes in an 'is\_a' association
- Example:
  - requirement is to handle faults on the spacecraft
  - might group different faults into fault classes

based on location:

- ↳ instrumentation fault,
- ↳ communication fault,
- ↳ processor fault,
- ↳ etc

OR

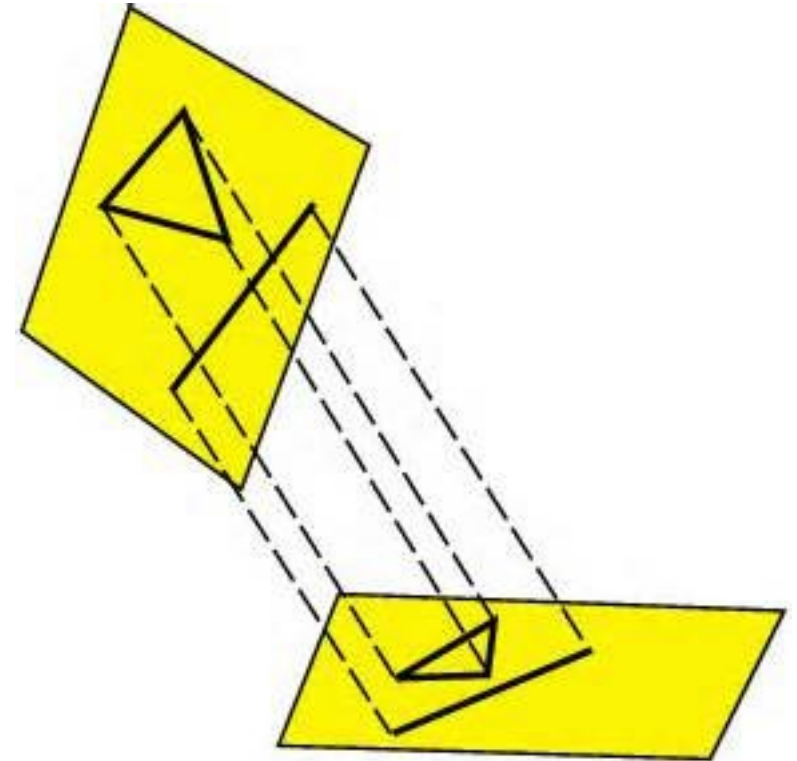
based on symptoms:

- ↳ no response from device;
- ↳ incorrect response;
- ↳ self-test failure;
- ↳ etc...

# Modelling Principle 3: Projection

*Source: Adapted from Davis, 1990, p48-51*

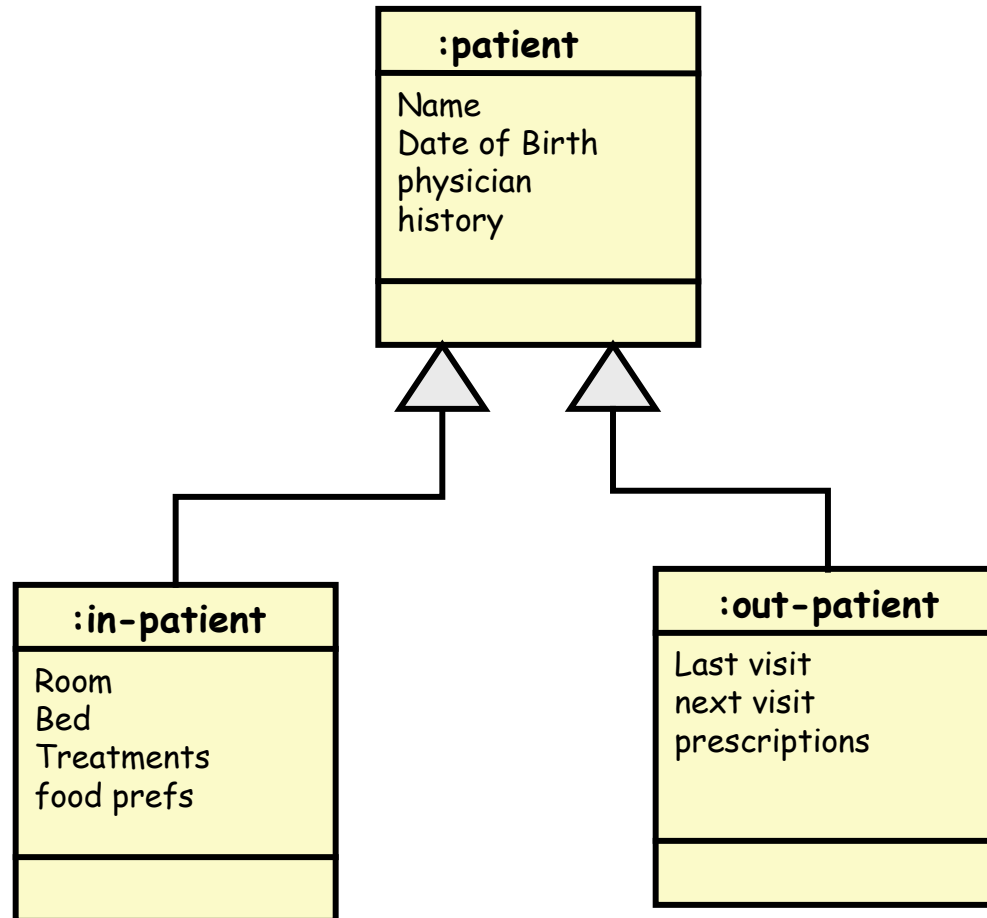
- Projection:
  - **separates aspects of the model into multiple viewpoints**
    - similar to projections used by architects for buildings
- Example:
  - **Need to model the requirements for a spacecraft**
  - **Model separately:**
    - safety
    - commandability
    - fault tolerance
    - timing and sequencing
    - Etc...
- Note:
  - **Projection and Partitioning are similar:**
    - Partitioning defines a 'part of' relationship
    - Projection defines a 'view of' relationship
  - **Partitioning assumes the parts are relatively independent**



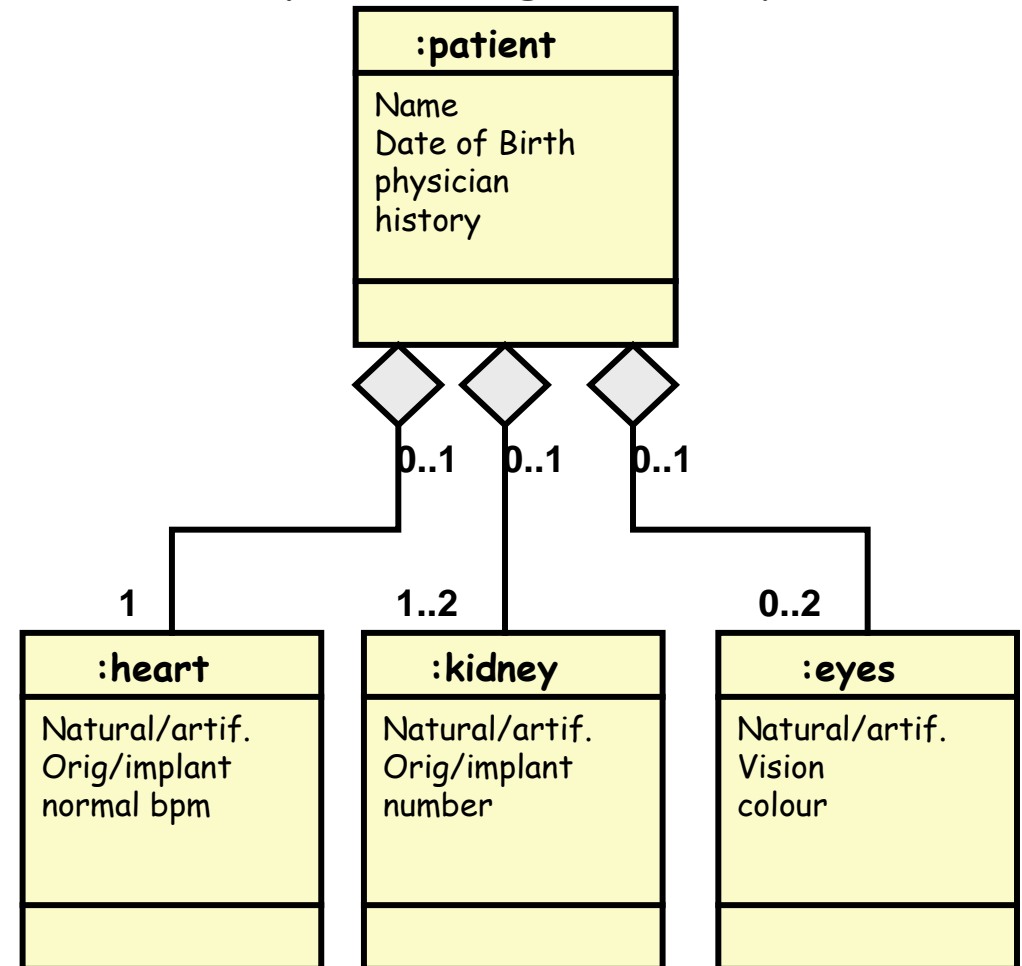
# A brief UML example

Source: Adapted from Davis, 1990, p67-68

## Generalization (an abstraction hierarchy)

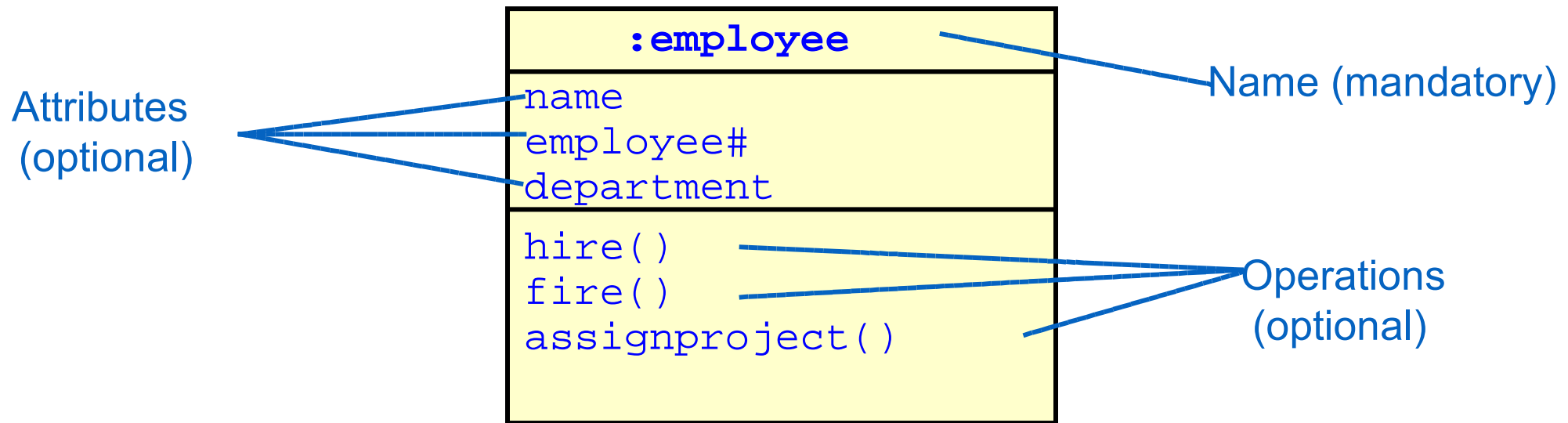


## Aggregation (a partitioning hierarchy)



# What are classes?

- A class describes a group of objects with
  - similar properties (attributes),
  - common behaviour (operations),
  - common relationships to other objects,
  - and common meaning ("semantics").
- Examples
  - **employee**: has a name, employee# and department; an employee is hired, and fired; an employee works in one or more projects



# Finding Classes

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- Finding classes source data:
  - Look for nouns and noun phrases in stakeholders' descriptions of the problem
    - include in the model if they explain the nature or structure of information in the application.
- Finding classes from other sources:
  - Reviewing background information;
  - Users and other stakeholders;
  - Analysis patterns;
- It's better to include many candidate classes at first
  - You can always eliminate them later if they turn out not to be useful
  - Explicitly deciding to discard classes is better than just not thinking about them



# Selecting Classes

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- Discard classes for concepts which:
  - Are beyond the scope of the analysis;
  - Refer to the system as a whole;
  - Duplicate other classes;
  - Are too vague or too specific
    - e.g. have too many or too few instances
- Coad & Yourdon's criteria:
  - **Retained information:** Will the system need to remember information about this class of objects?
  - **Needed Services:** Do objects in this class have identifiable operations that change the values of their attributes?
  - **Multiple Attributes:** If the class only has one attribute, it may be better represented as an attribute of another class
  - **Common Attributes:** Does the class have attributes that are shared with all instances of its objects?
  - **Common Operations:** Does the class have operations that are shared with all instances of its objects?
- External entities that produce or consume information essential to the system should be included as classes

# Objects vs. Classes

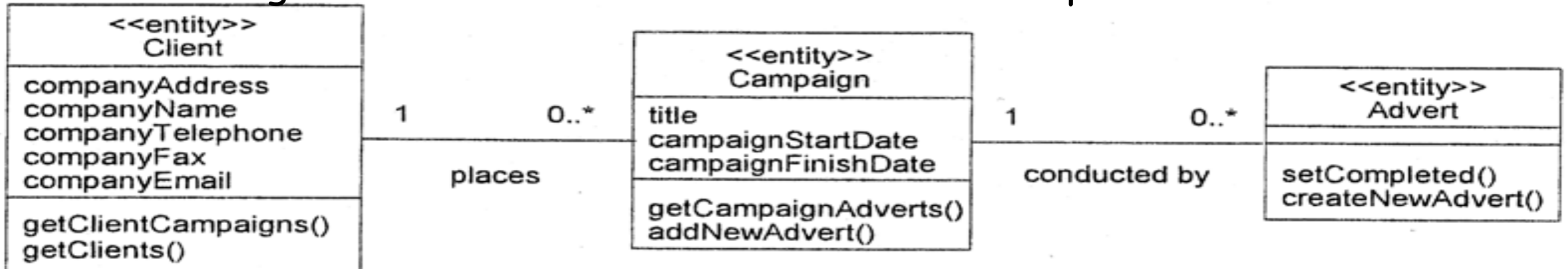
- The instances of a class are called objects.
  - Objects are represented as:

|   |
|---|
| Fred_Bloggs:Employee  |
| name: Fred Bloggs<br>Employee #: 234609234<br>Department: Marketing |
|   |

- Two different objects may have identical attribute values (like two people with identical name and address)
- Objects have associations with other objects
  - E.g. Fred\_Bloggs:employee is associated with the KillerApp:project object
  - But we will capture these relationships at the class level (why?)
  - Note: Make sure attributes are associated with the right class
    - E.g. you don't want both managerName and manager# as attributes of Project! (...Why??)

# Associations

- Objects do not exist in isolation from one another
  - A relationship represents a connection among things.
  - In UML, there are different types of relationships:
    - Association
    - Aggregation and Composition
    - Generalization
    - Dependency
    - Realization
  - Note: The last two are not useful during requirements analysis
- Class diagrams show classes and their relationships

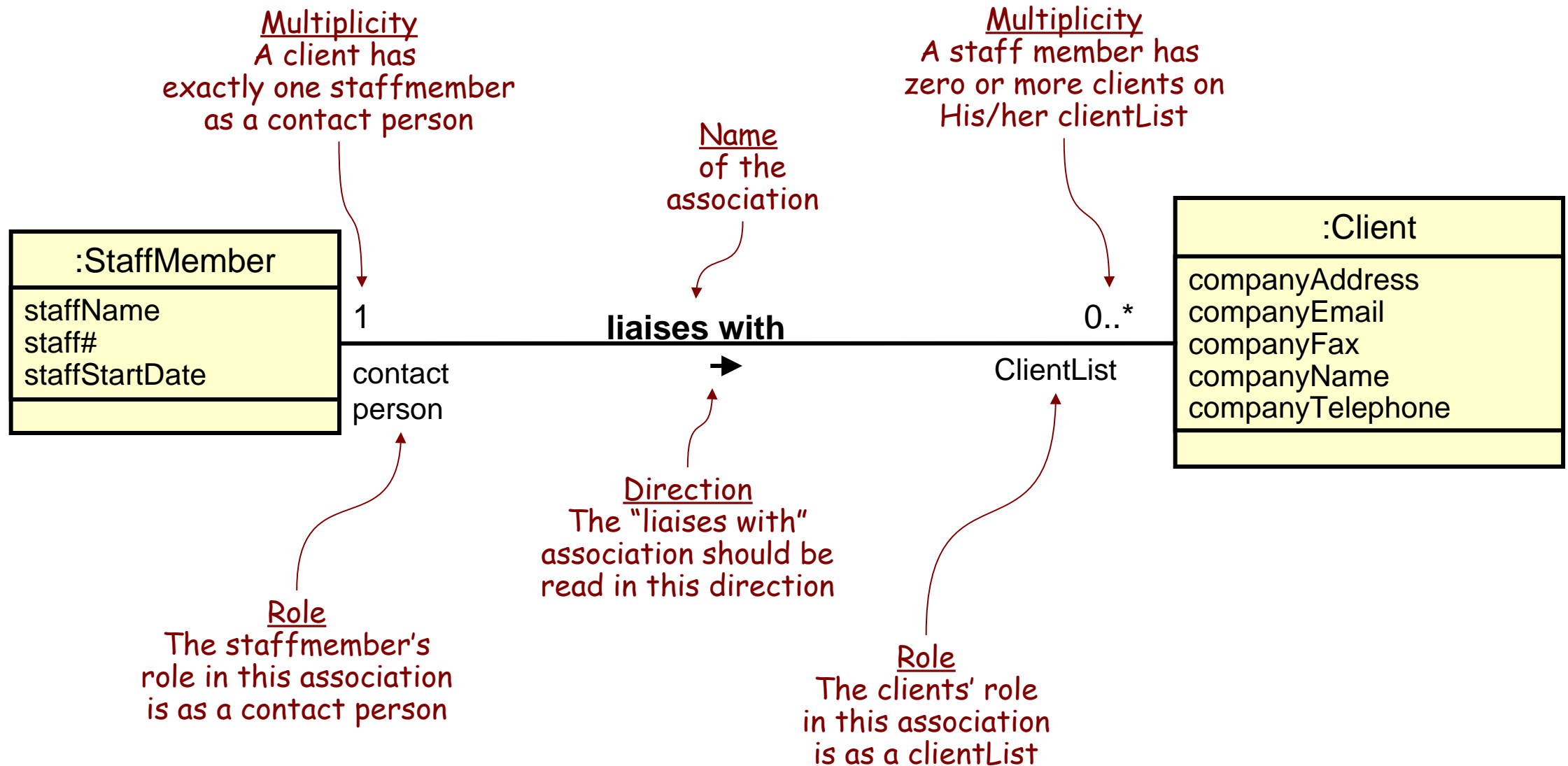


# Association Multiplicity

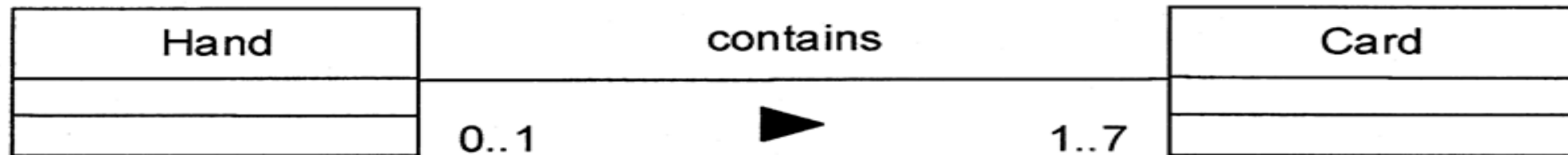
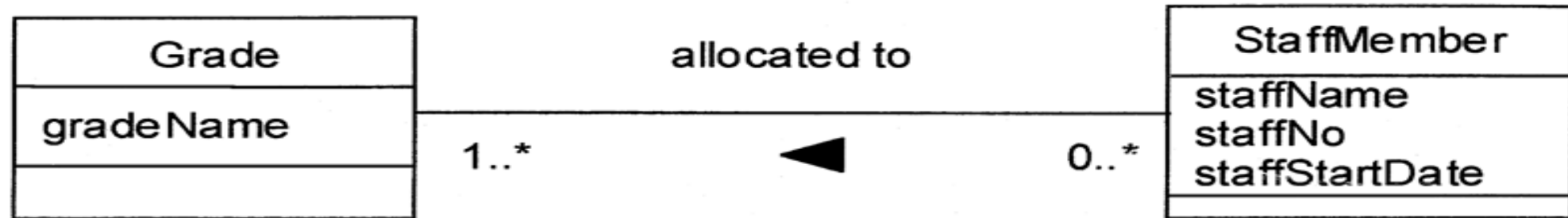
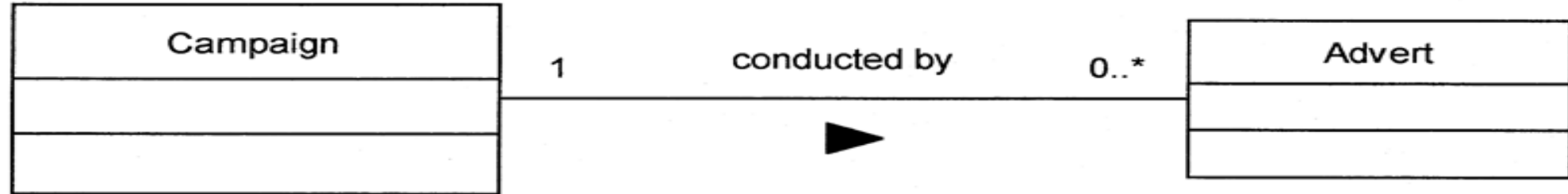
- Ask questions about the associations:
  - **Can a campaign exist without a member of staff to manage it?**
    - If yes, then the association is optional at the Staff end - zero or more (0..\*)
    - If no, then it is not optional - one or more (1..\*)
    - If it must be managed by one and only one member of staff - exactly one (1)
  - **What about the other end of the association?**
    - Does every member of staff have to manage exactly one campaign?
    - No. So the correct multiplicity is zero or more.
- Some examples of specifying multiplicity:

|                     |      |        |
|---------------------|------|--------|
| • Optional (0 or 1) | 0..1 |        |
| • Exactly one       | 1    | = 1..1 |
| • Zero or more      | 0..* | = *    |
| • One or more       | 1..* |        |
| • A range of values | 2..6 |        |

# Class associations

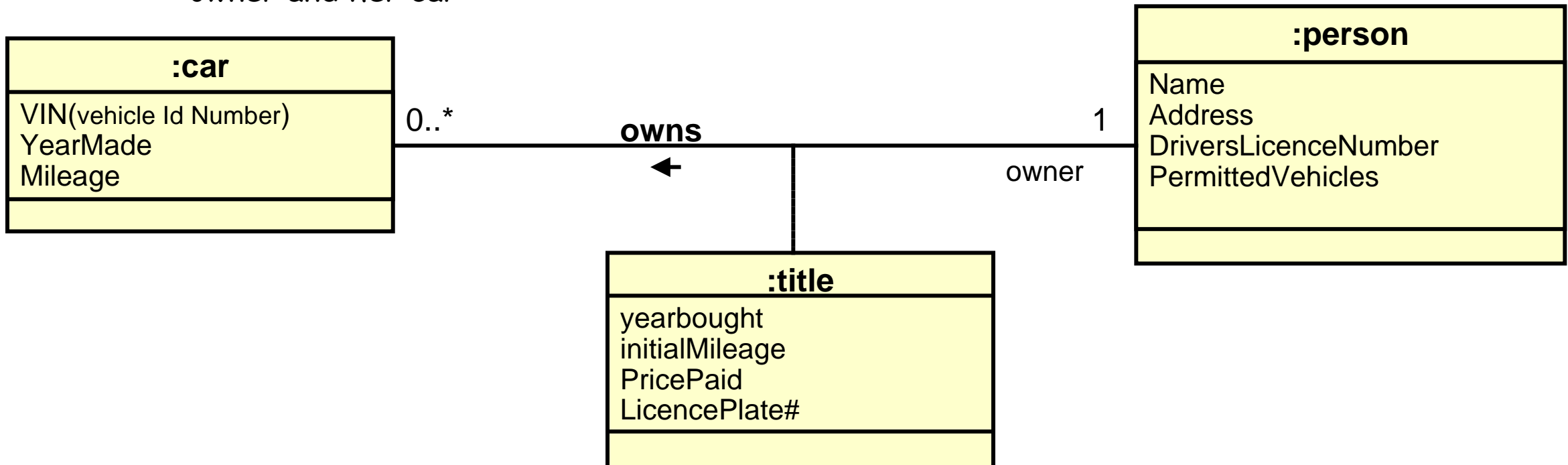


# More Examples



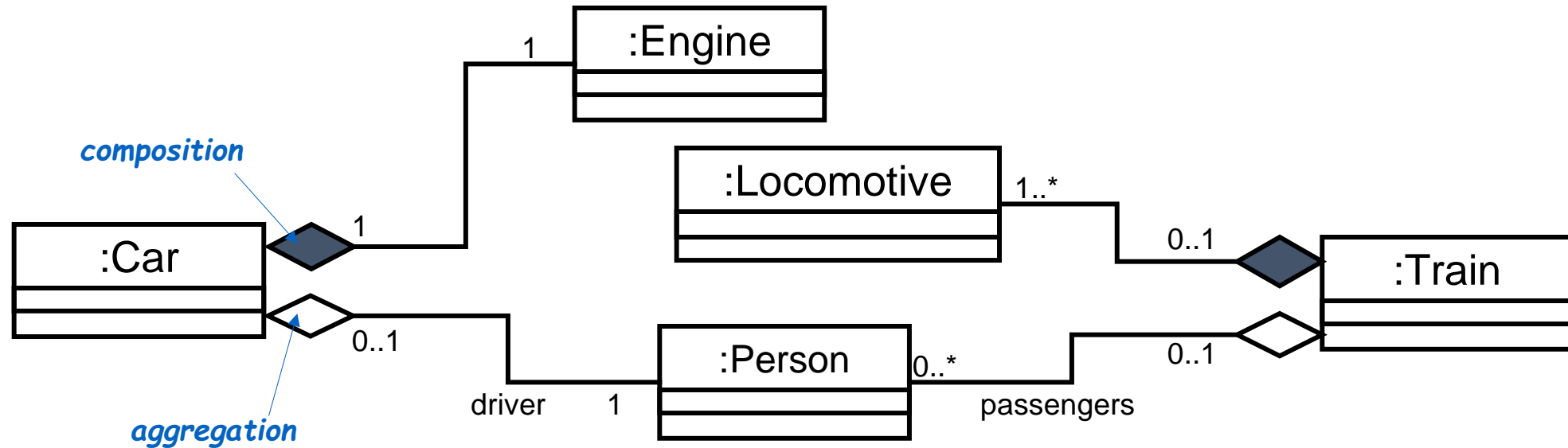
# Association Classes

- Sometimes the association is itself a class
  - ...because we need to retain information about the association
  - ...and that information doesn't naturally live in the classes at the ends of the association
    - E.g. a "title" is an object that represents information about the relationship between an owner and her car



# Aggregation and Composition

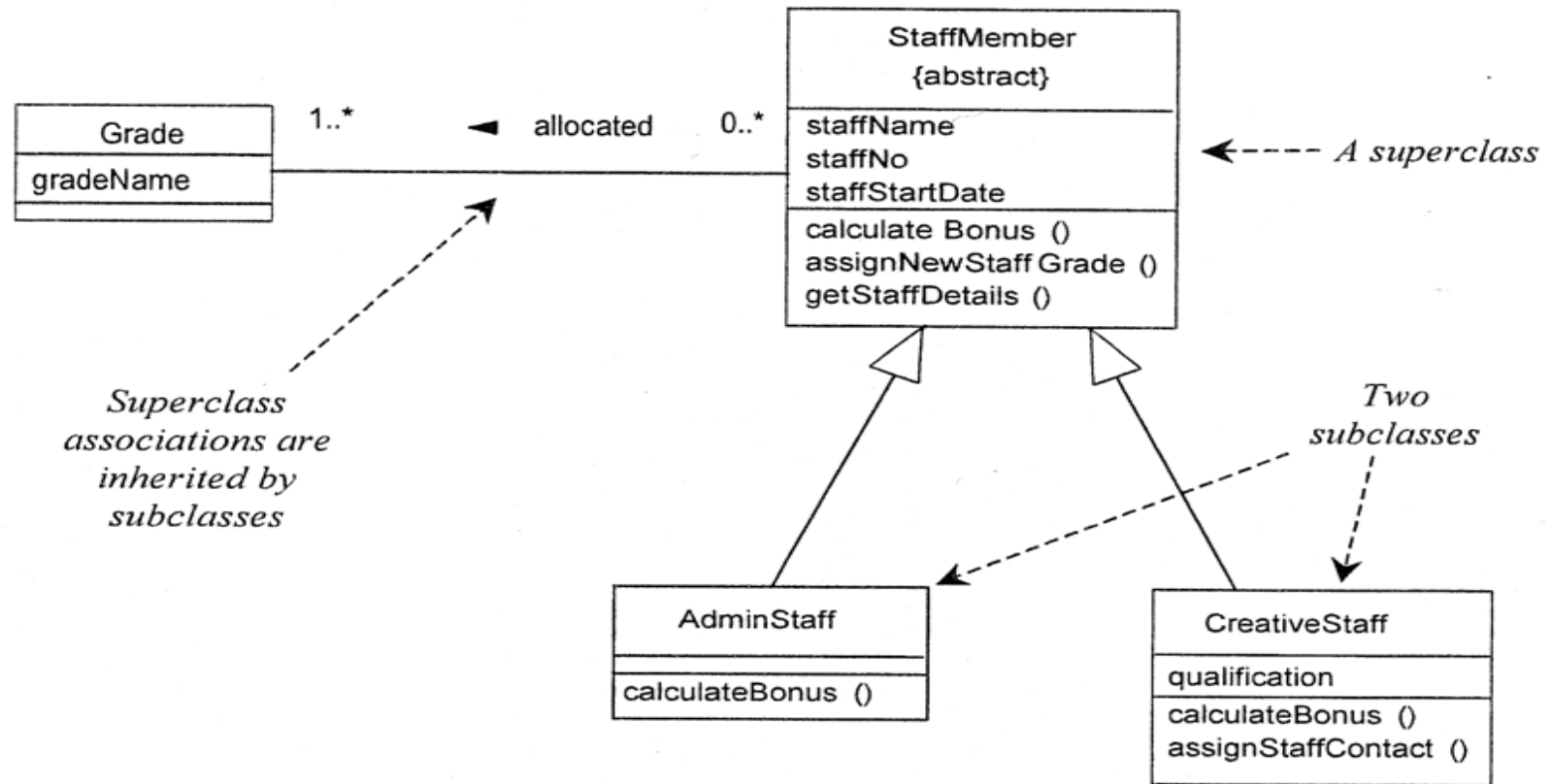
- Aggregation
  - This is the “**Has-a**” or “**Whole/part**” relationship
- Composition
  - Strong form of aggregation that implies ownership:
    - if the whole is removed from the model, so is the part.
    - the whole is responsible for the disposition of its parts





# Generalization

- Subclasses inherit attributes, associations, & operations from the superclass
- A subclass may override an inherited aspect
  - e.g. AdminStaff & CreativeStaff have different methods for calculating bonuses
- Superclasses may be declared **{abstract}**, meaning they have no instances
  - Implies that the subclasses cover all possibilities
  - e.g. there are no other staff than AdminStaff and CreativeStaff

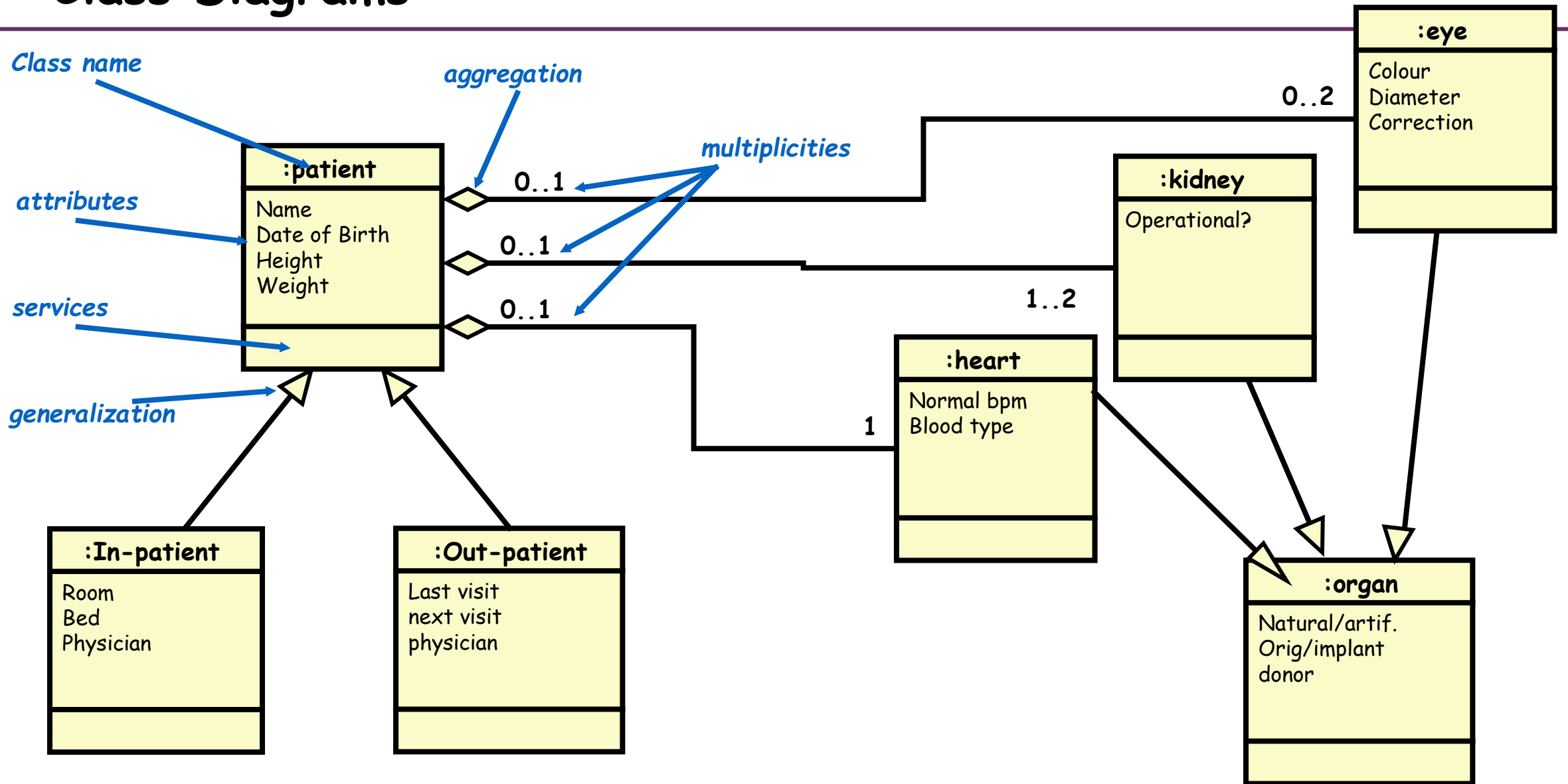


# More on Generalization

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- Usefulness of generalization
  - Can easily add new subclasses if the organization changes
- Look for generalizations in two ways:
  - **Top Down**
    - You have a class, and discover it can be subdivided
    - Or you have an association that expresses a "kind of" relationship
    - *E.g. "Most of our work is on advertising for the press, that's newspapers and magazines, also for advertising hoardings, as well as for videos"*
  - **Bottom Up**
    - You notice similarities between classes you have identified
    - *E.g. "We have books and we have CDs in the collection, but they are all filed using the Dewey system, and they can all be lent out and reserved"*
- But don't generalize just for the sake of it
  - Be sure that everything about the superclass applies to the subclasses
  - Be sure that the superclass is useful as a class in its own right
    - I.e. not one that we would discard using our tests for useful classes
  - Don't add subclasses or superclasses that are not relevant to your analysis

# Class Diagrams



# Summary

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- Understand the objects in the application domain
  - **Identify all objects that stakeholders refer to**
  - **Decide which objects are important for your analysis**
  - **Class diagrams good for:**
    - Visualizing relationships between domain objects
    - Exploring business rules and assumptions via multiplicities
    - Specifying the structure of information to be (eventually) stored
- OO is a good way to explore **details** of the problem
  - Avoids the fragmentary nature of structured analysis
  - provides a coherent way of understanding the world
- But beware...
  - **temptation to do design rather than problem analysis**
    - In RE, class diagrams DO NOT represent programming (e.g. Java) classes
  - **For analysis, use UML diagrams as sketches, not as blueprints**
    - But may become blueprints when used in a specification