A short introduction to UML and UML definition

based on **Bernd Bruegge's** book,
UML Reference manual and including some personal points of view/opinions and examples using **OCLE**

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What is modeling?

Modeling consists of building an abstraction of reality

Model – an abstract description of a problem/problem solution

Abstractions are simplifications because:

- They ignore irrelevant details and
- They only represent the relevant details

What is *relevant* or *irrelevant* depends on the purpose of the model

We use modeling to produce software because:

- Software is getting increasingly more complex
- Modeling is a means for dealing with complexity

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Abstraction as key technique in modeling

Two definitions for abstraction:

- Abstraction is a *thought process* where ideas are distanced from objects
- **Abstraction as activity**
- Abstraction is the *resulting idea* of a thought process where an idea has been distanced from an object
- **Abstraction as entity**
- Ideas can be expressed by models

Abstraction allows us to ignore unessential details

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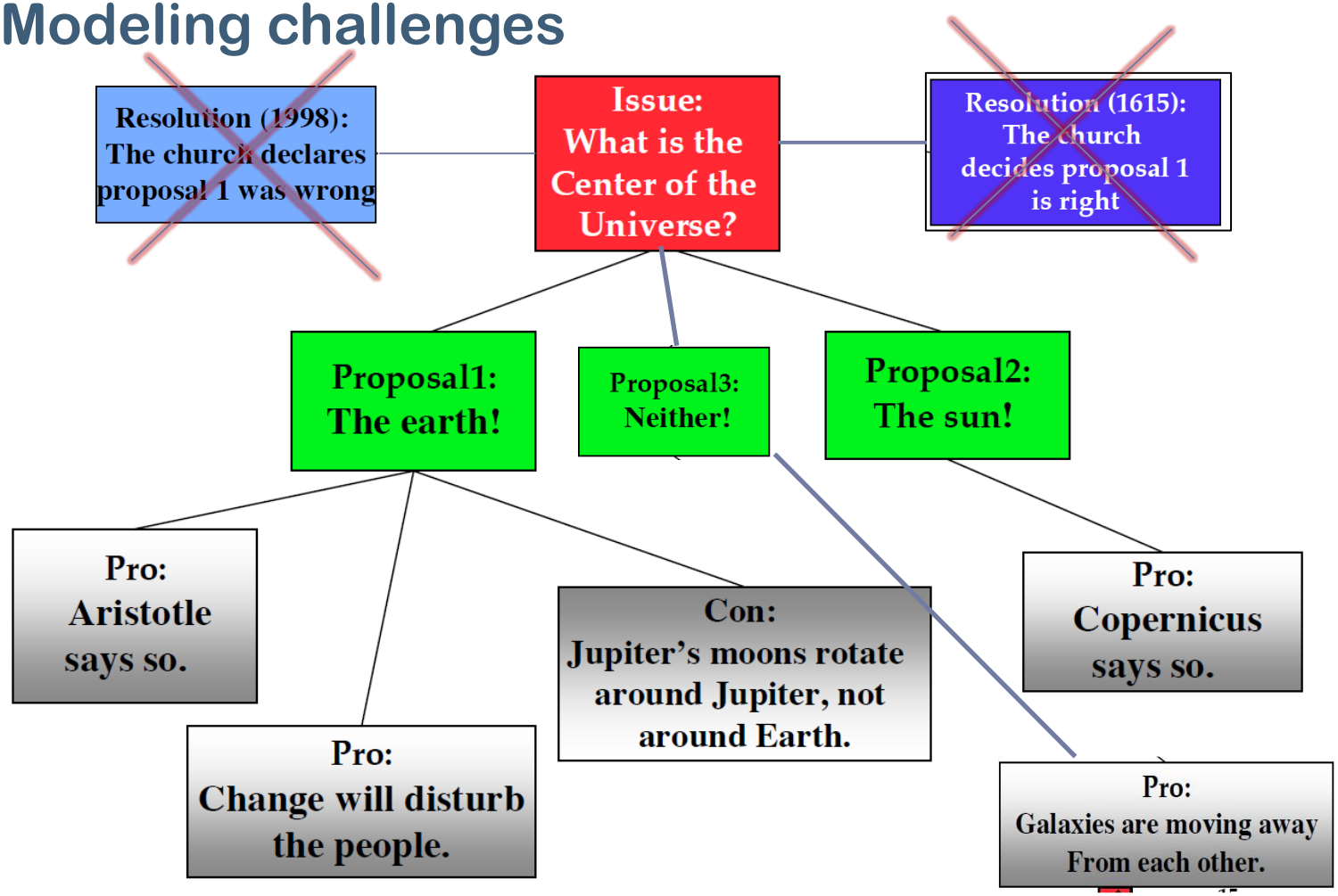
Modeling challenges



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Models must be falsifiable

- **Testing**: **The act of disproving a model.**

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Models must be falsifiable

- **Karl Popper** (“Objective Knowledge):
- There is no absolute truth when trying to understand reality. One can only build theories, that are “true” until somebody finds a counter example
- **Falsification**: **The act of disproving a theory or hypothesis**
- **The truth of a theory is never certain**. We must use phrases like:
- “by our best judgement”, “using state-of-the-art knowledge”
- **In software engineering any model is a theory**:
- We build models and try to find counter examples by:
    - Requirements validation, user interface testing, review of the design, source code testing, system testing, etc.
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Three ways to deal with complexity

- Abstraction and Modeling
- Decomposition
- Hierarchy

UML supports all these three ways/techniques

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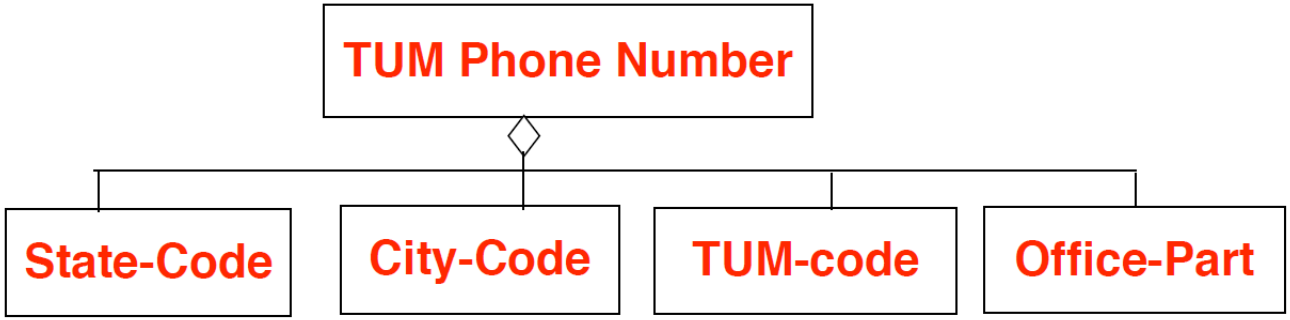
Decomposition

Complex systems are hard to understand

- The **7 +- 2 phenomena**
- Our short-term memory cannot store more than 7+-2 pieces at the same time -> limitation of the brain
- TUM Phone Number: 498928918204

Chunking:

- Group collection of objects to reduce complexity
  - State-code, city-code, TUM-code, Office-Part



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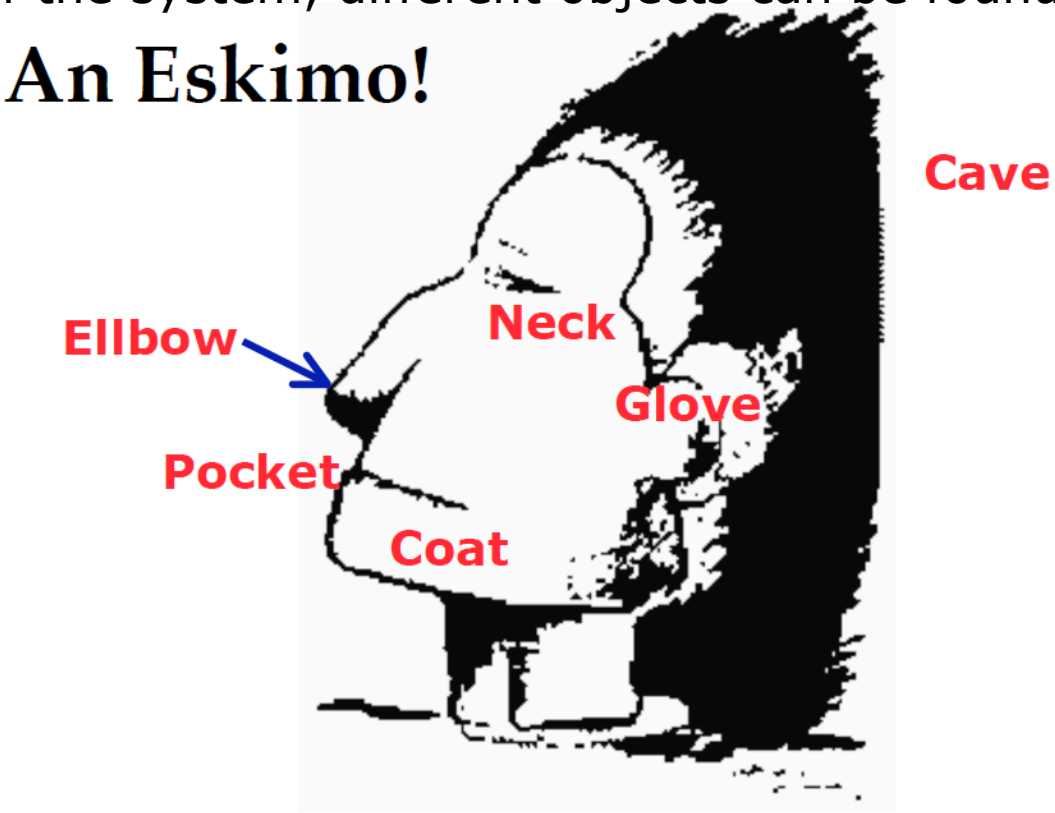
Object-oriented decomposition - What is this?

Object-oriented decomposition is good. Unfortunately, depending on the purpose of the system, different objects can be found



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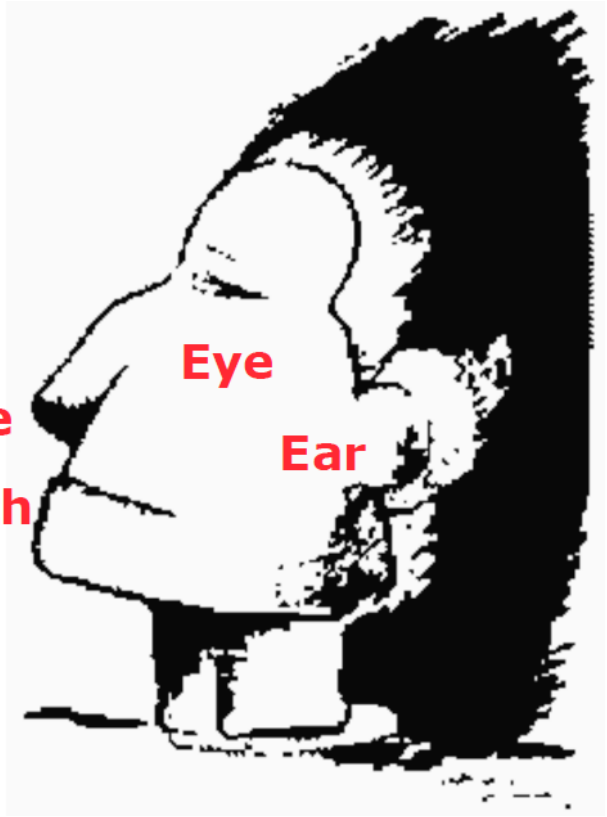

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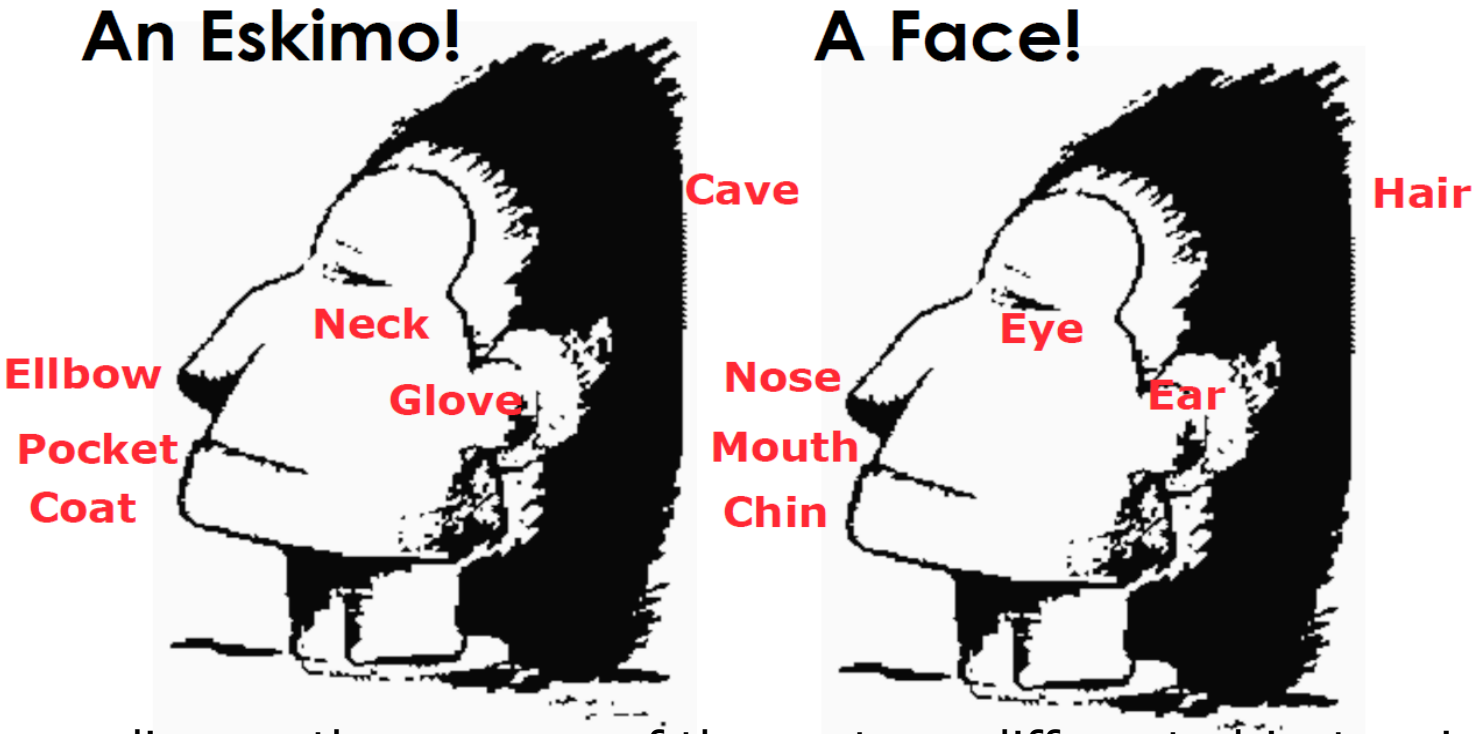

Depending on the purpose of the system, different objects might be found

Identify the purpose of a system is crucial

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Hierarchy

Another way to deal with complexity is to provide **relationships between these chunks**

One of the most important relationships is hierarchy. There are 2 useful/special hierarchies:

- "**Part-of**" hierarchy
- "**Is-kind-of**" hierarchy

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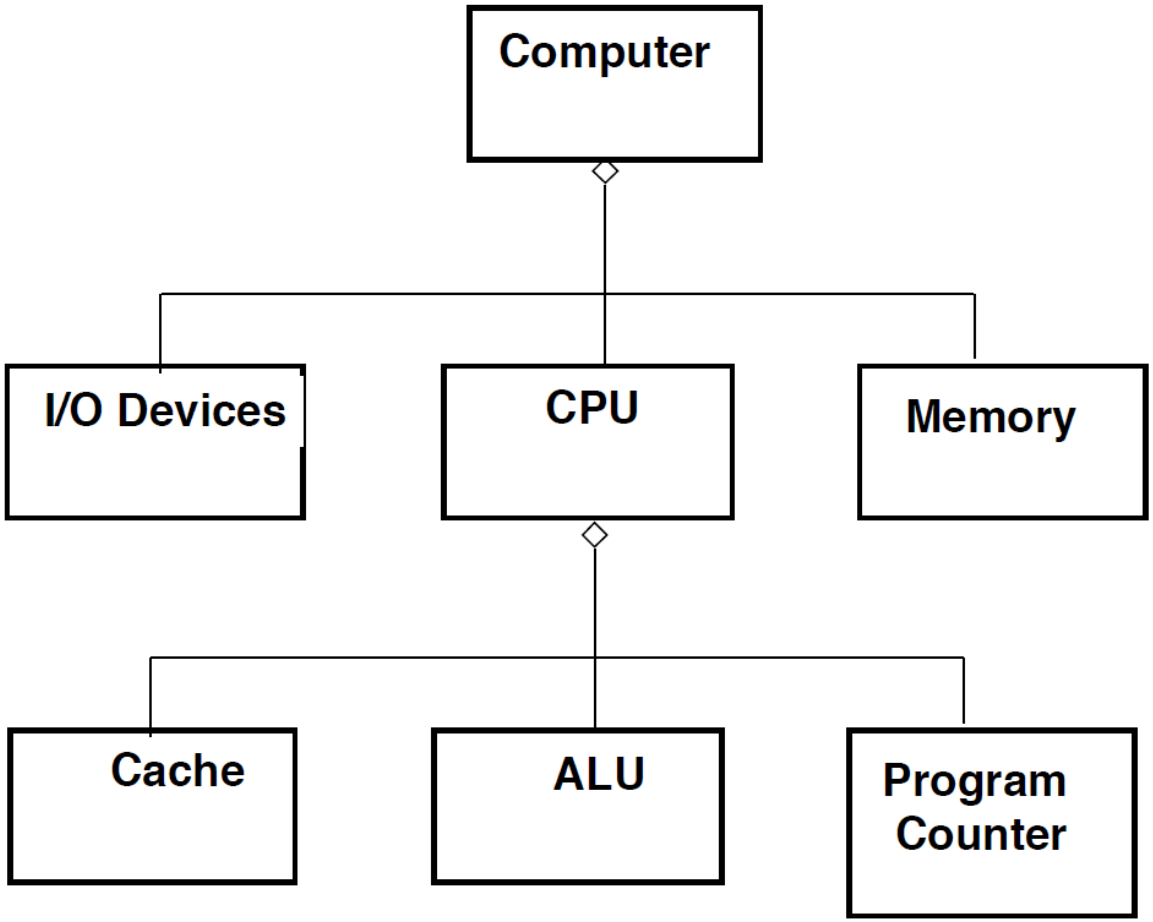
Part of Hierarchy - Aggregation



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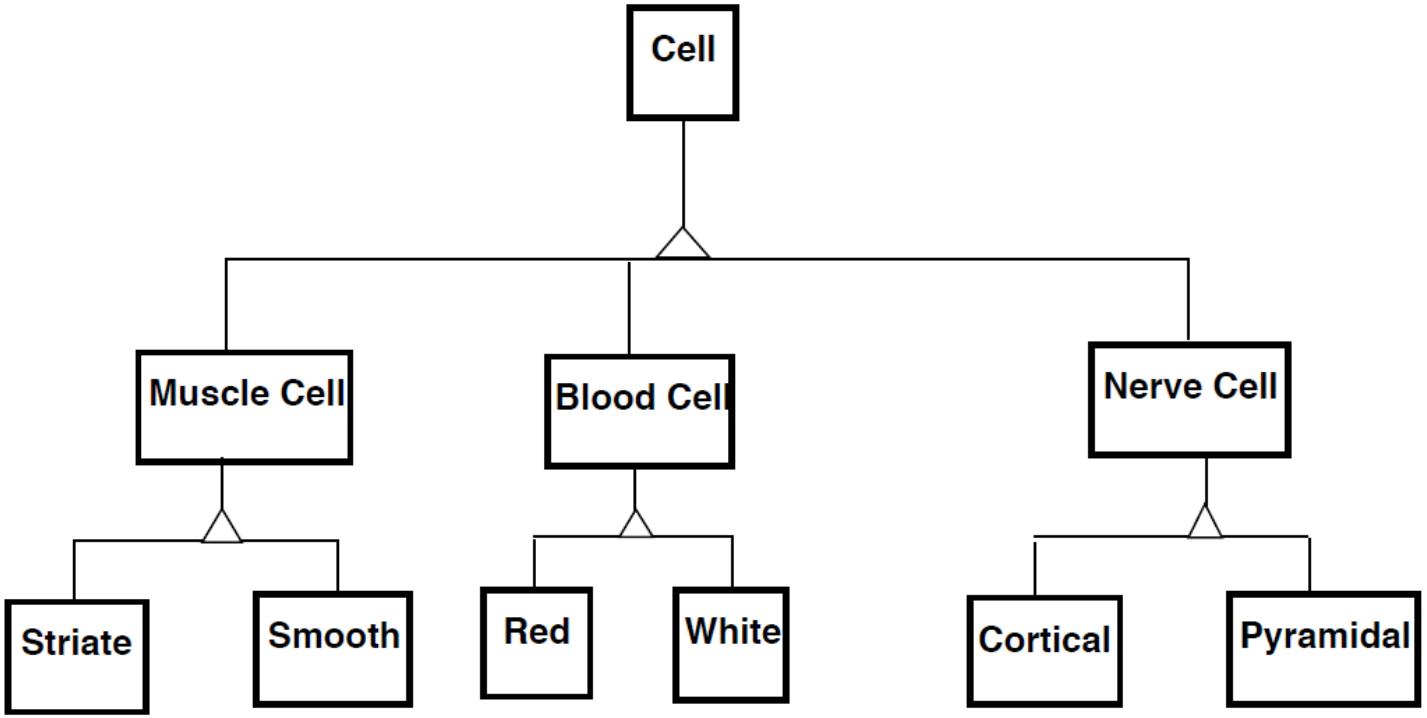
Is Kind of Hierarchy - Taxonomy



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What is UML?

- **UML** (Unified Modeling Language) - 1997
- Nonproprietary standard for modeling software systems, **OMG**
- Convergence of notations used in object-oriented methods:
  - **OMT** (James Rumbaugh and colleagues)
  - **Booch** (Grady Booch)
  - **OOSE** (Ivar Jacobson)
- Information at **the OMG portal http://www.uml.org/**
- Commercial tools: Rational Software Modeler (IBM), Rational Rhapsody, Enterprise Architect, Visual Paradigm, MagicDraw

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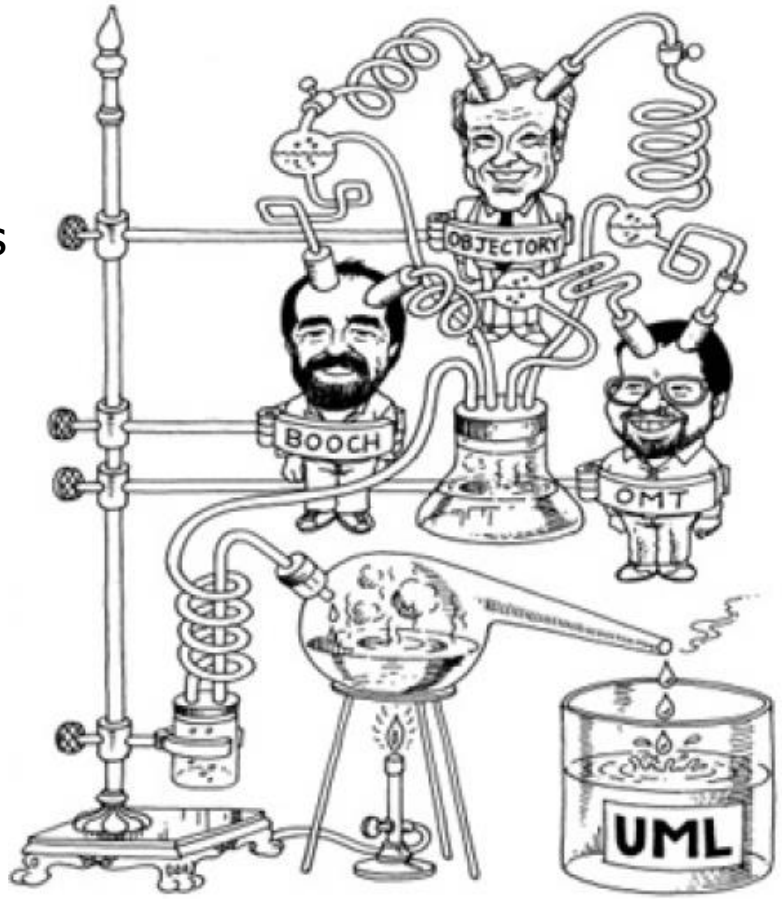
History of UML

- the first version of UML- November 1997
- The version 1.5 implemented in OCLE was adopted in March 2003, formal-03-03-01.pdf, 736 pag. – including OCL 47 pag. chap. 6
- The current Version 2.5.1 - formal-17-12-05.pdf, 796 pag. – OCL specified in another doc. 262 pag. - formal-14-02-03.pdf, OCL 2.4, that is aligned with UML 2.4.1



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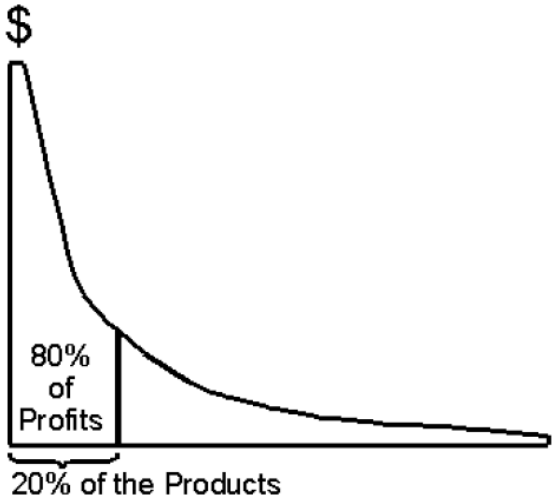
Important to know

- You can solve 80% of the modeling problems by using 20 % UML
- We teach you those 20%
- 80-20 rule: Pareto principle



Vilfredo Pareto, 1848-1923

- Introduced the concept of Pareto Efficiency,
- Founder of the field of microeconomics.

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Most important features of UML

- Apart from "languages" of OMT, OOD/Booch, OOSE methods contributing at UML definition, UML is specified in a more rigorous manner by means of concrete syntax, abstract syntax and semantics

- The abstract syntax is described by means of the UML metamodel and WFRs (invariants on metamodel classes). The language describing the UML metamodel, MOF is a subset of the UML language

- Beginning with the first version, UML included the OCL

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What is a Model, View, Diagram?

- ***UML*** is a language supporting model specification
- A ***model*** is an **abstraction** describing a problem/problem domain, a problem solution/ system or a subsystem:
  - a system that no longer exists,
  - an existing system,
  - a future system to be built.
- A ***view*** depicts selected aspects of a model
- A ***diagram/notation*** is a set of graphical/textual rules for depicting views and formal specifications

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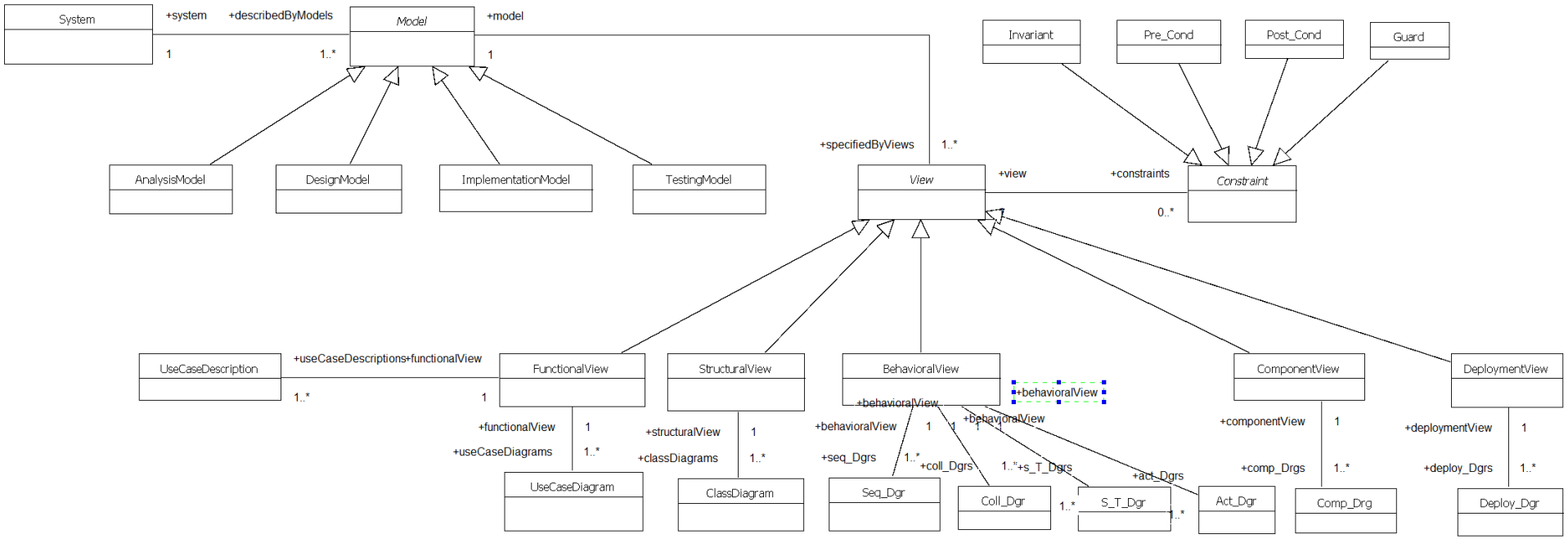
UML Models, Views, Diagrams



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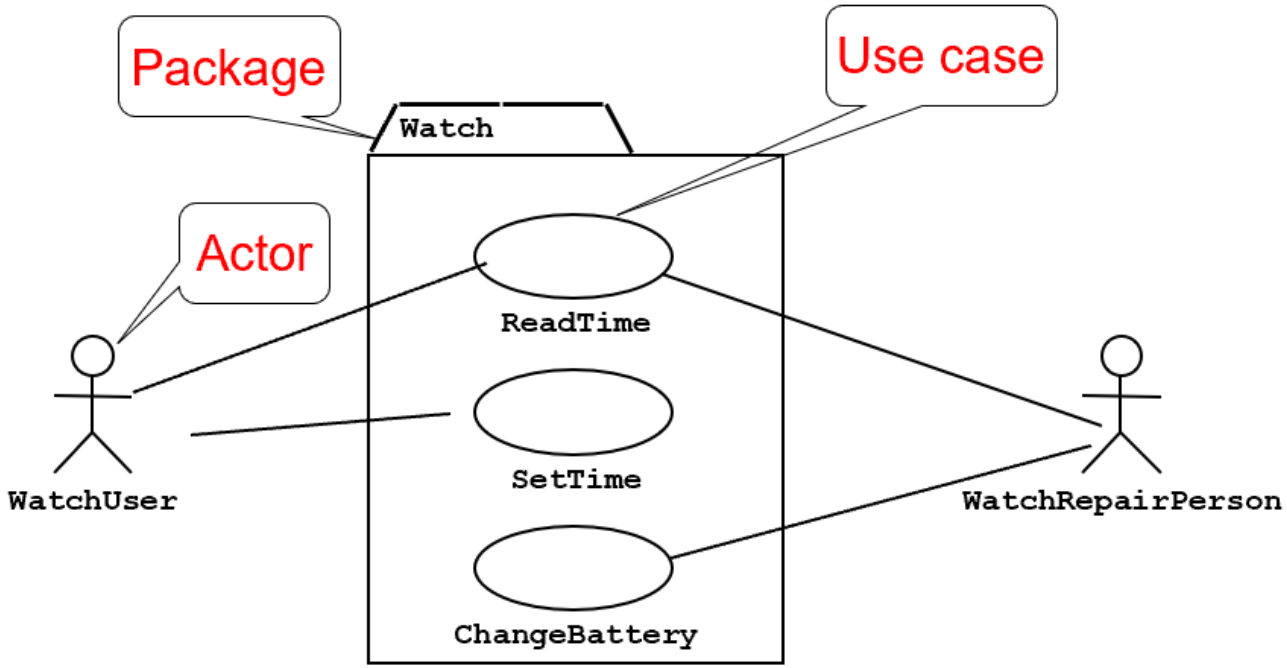
UML – A better understanding of the problem – the functionality



Use case diagrams represent the functionality of the system from user's point of view

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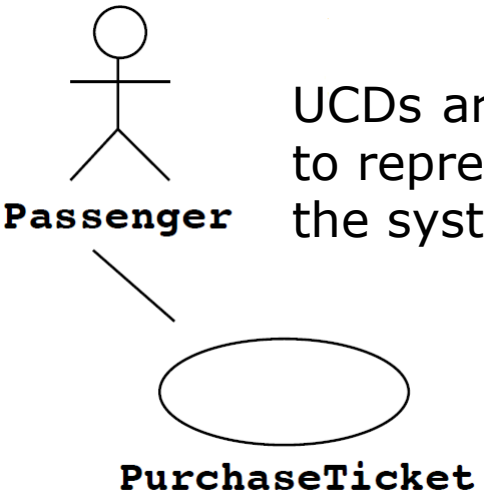
UML – the functional view



UCDs are used during requirements elicitation and analysis to represent external behavior ("visible from the outside of the system")

A **use case** represents a functionality provided by the system

An **Actor** represents a role, that is, a type of user of the system

The set of all use cases that completely describe the functionality of the system form the **Use Case View**/Model

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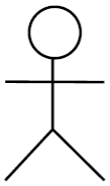
UML – the functional view - Actors



Passenger

An **actor** is a model of an external entity which interacts (communicates) with the system:

- User
- External system (Another system)
- Physical environment (e.g. Weather)

• An **actor** has a **unique name** and an **optional description**

Examples:

- **Passenger**: A person in the train
- **GPS satellite**: An external system that provides the system with GPS

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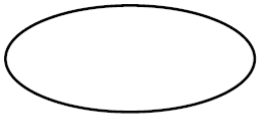
UML – the functional view – Use Case



PurchaseTicket

A **Use Case** represents a class of functionality provided by the system

Use Cases can be described textually, with a focus on the event flow between actor and system

The textual **Use Case description** consists of 6 parts:

1. Unique name
2. Participating actors
3. Entry conditions
4. Exit conditions
5. Flow of events
6. Special requirements.

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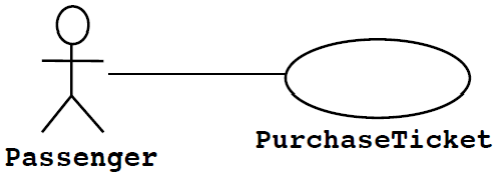
UML – the functional view – Use Case



1. Name: `Purchase ticket`

2. Participating actor: `Passenger`

3. Entry condition: `Passenger` stands in front of `Ticket Distributor`

- `Passenger` has sufficient money to purchase ticket

4. Exit condition: `Passenger` has ticket

5. Flow of events:

1. `Passenger` selects the number of zones to be traveled
2. `Ticket Distributor` displays the amount due
3. `Passenger` inserts money, at least the amount due
4. `Ticket Distributor` returns change
5. `Ticket Distributor` issues Ticket

6. **Special requirements:** None.

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UML –Use Cases relationships

Inheritance Relationship

- To express specialization/generalization relations

Extends Relationship

- To represent seldom invoked use cases or exceptional functionality

Includes Relationship

- To represent functional behavior common to more than one use case.

`<<extends>>` relationships model exceptional or seldom invoked cases

- The exceptional event flows are factored out of the main event flow for clarity
- The direction of an `<<extends>>` relationship is to the extended use case
- Use Cases representing exceptional flows can extend more than one use case.

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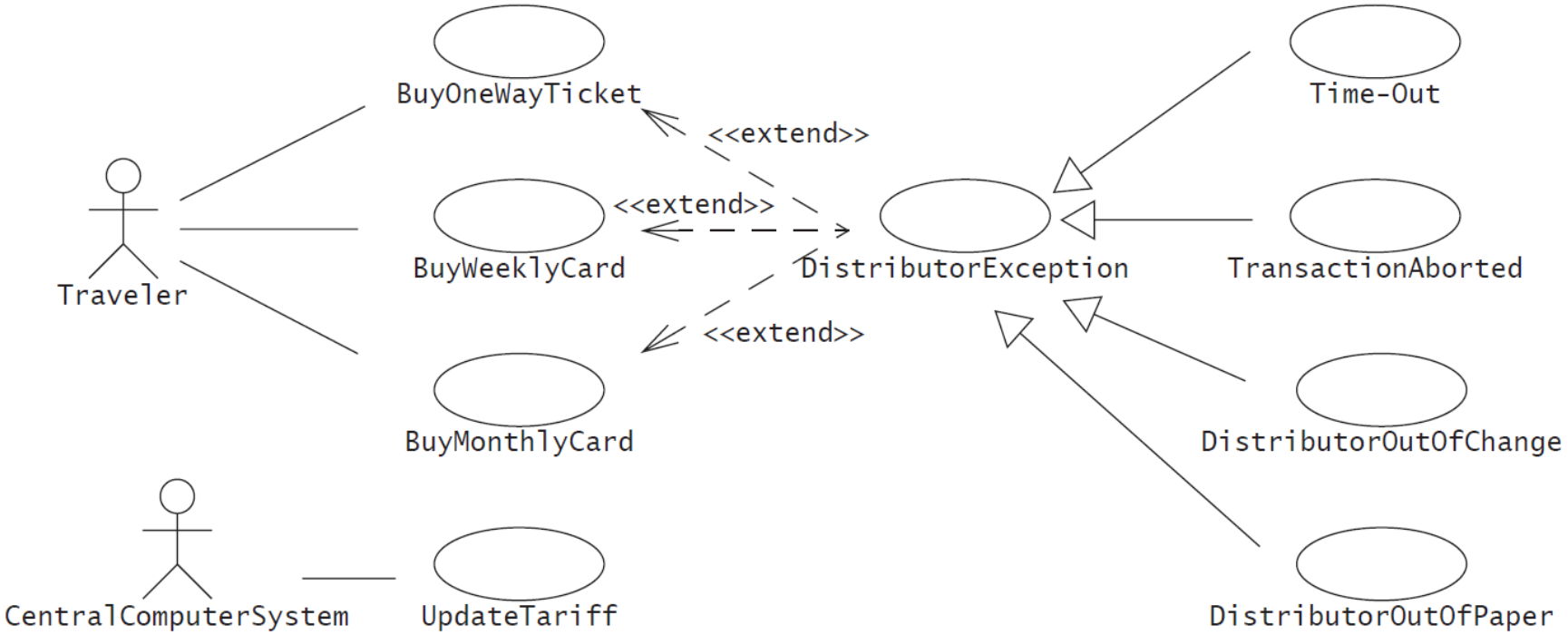
UML –Use Cases relationships



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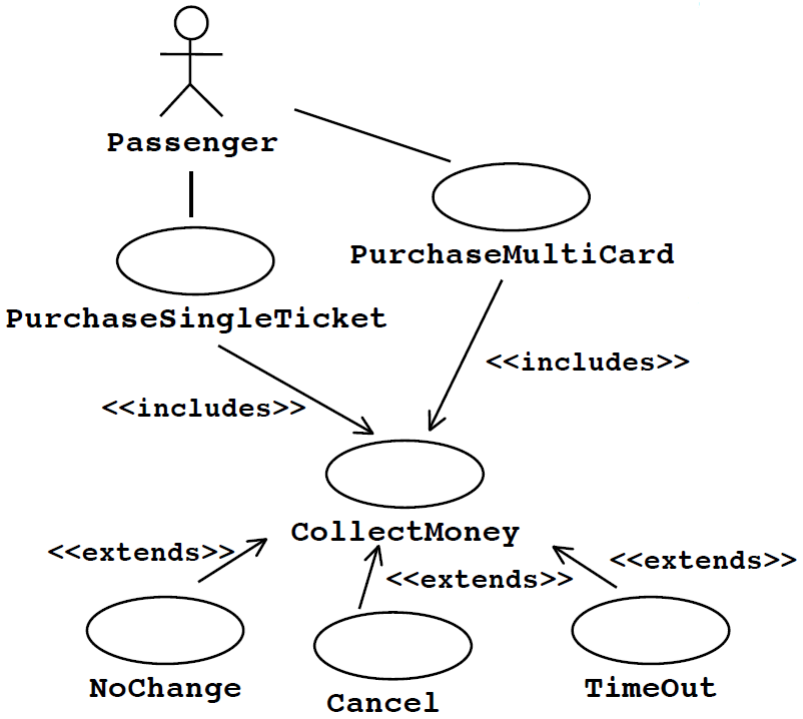

- `<<includes>>` relationship represents common functionality needed in more than one use case
- `<<includes>>` behavior is factored out for reuse, not because it is an exception
- The direction of an `<<includes>>` relationship is to the using use case (unlike the direction of the `<<extends>>` relationship).

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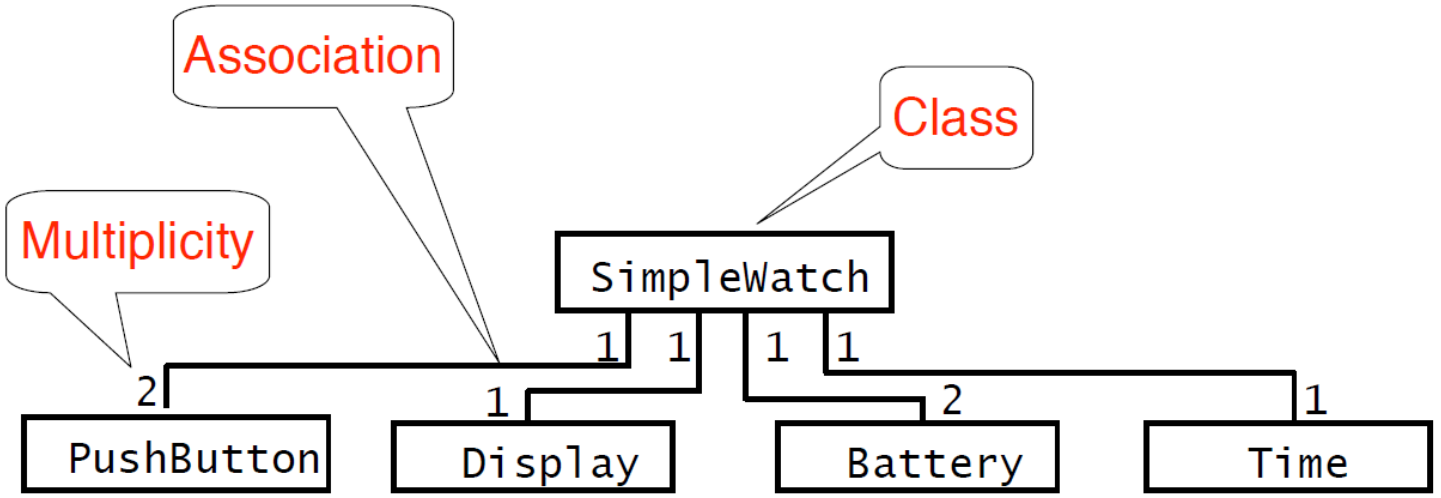
UML – A better understanding of the problem – the structure



Class diagram represents the structure of the system

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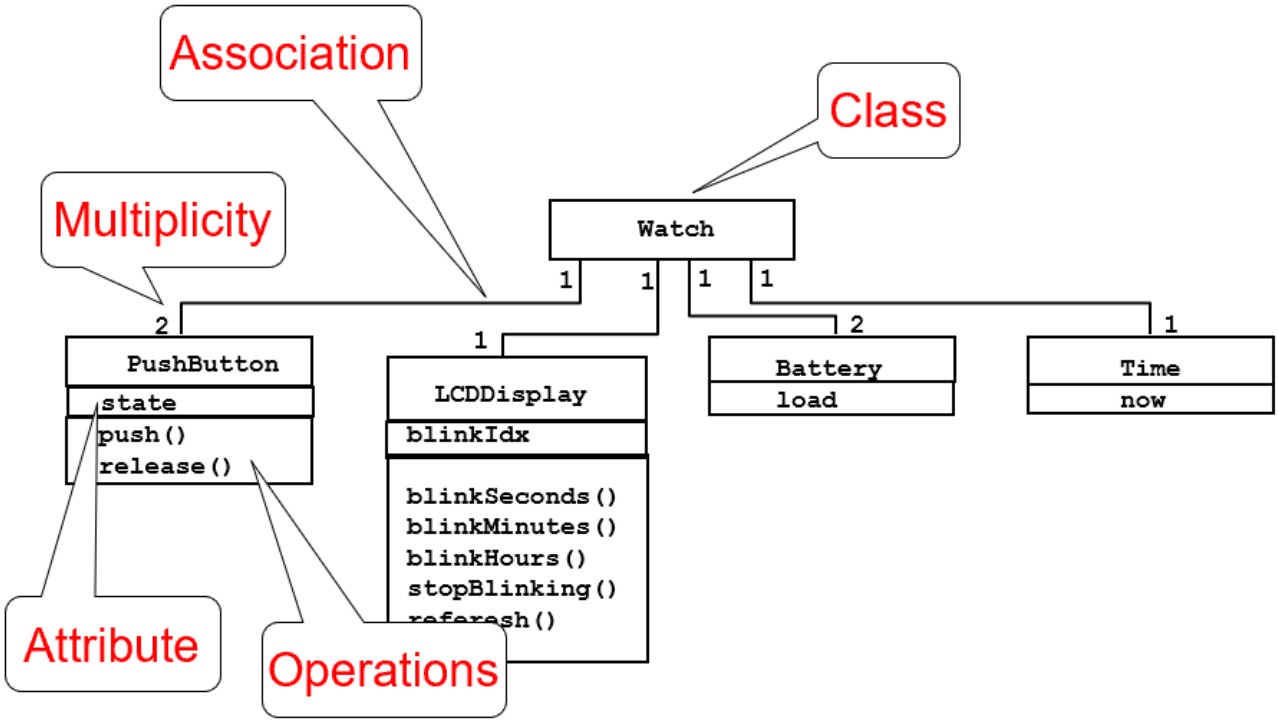

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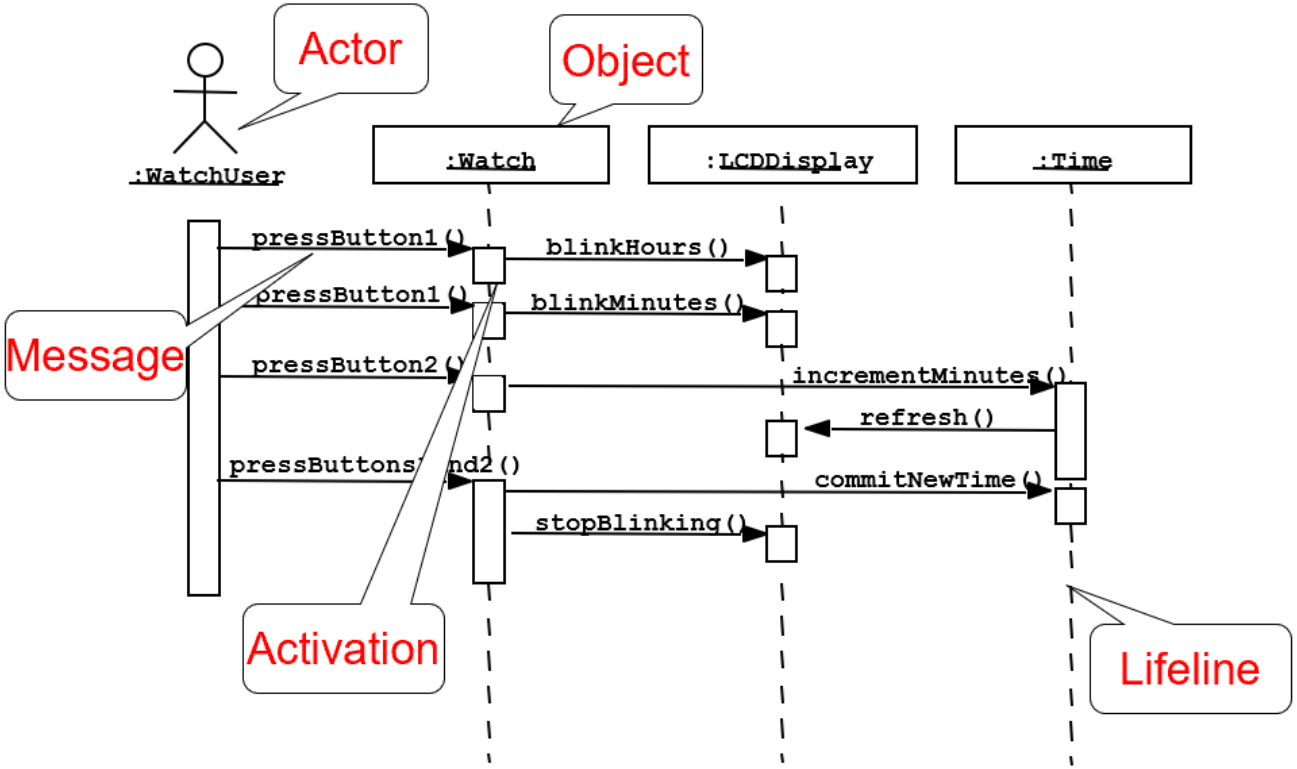

Sequence diagrams describe behavior as interactions between objects

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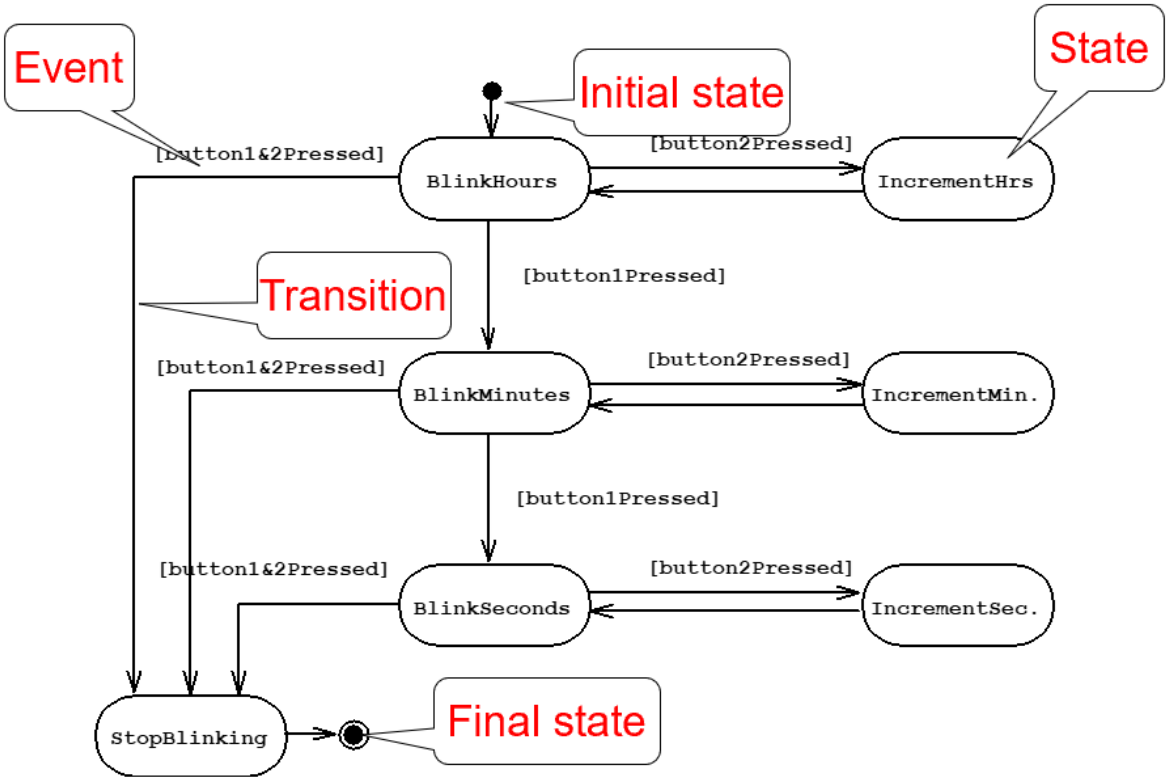

States transitions diagrams describe behavior by means of states and transitions

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UML – Advantages of using Class Diagram

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BiddResult::refuseToEv}->includes(p.biddingResult->any(br|
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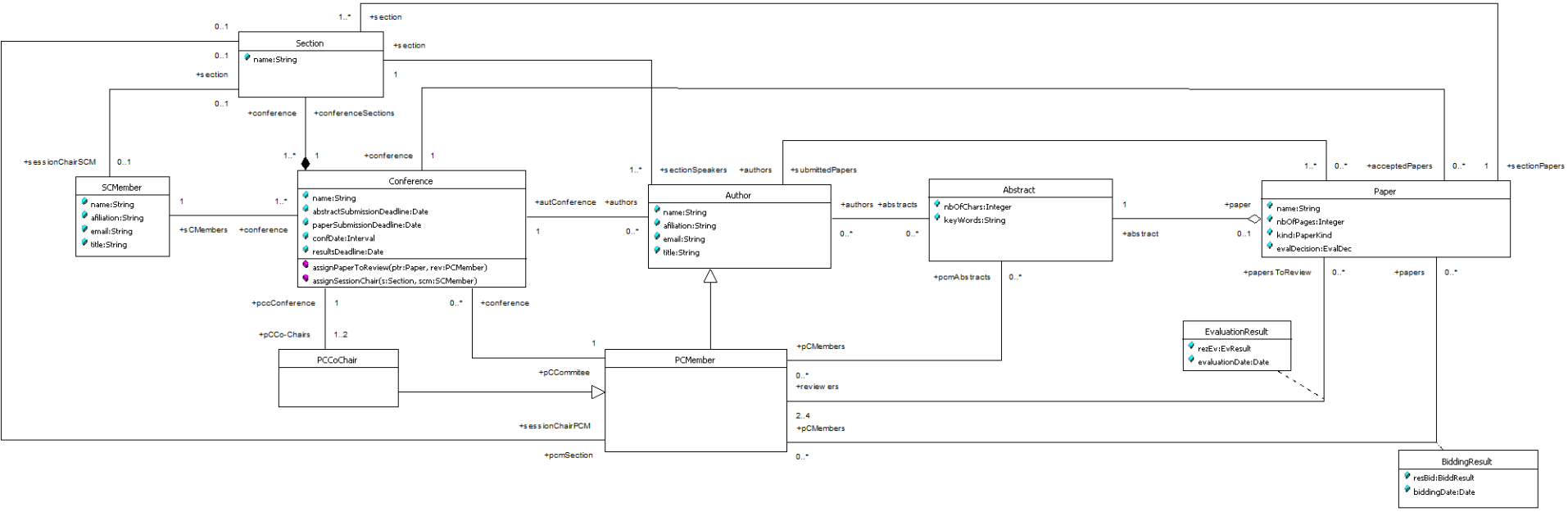

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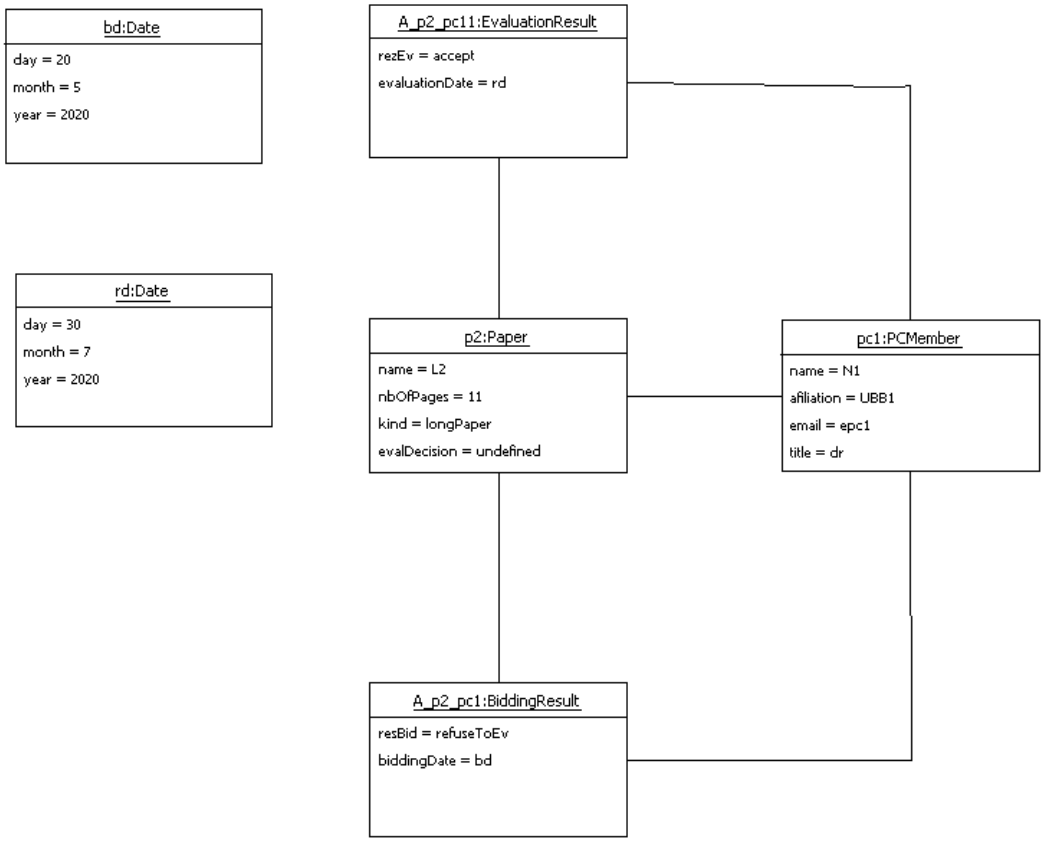
UML – Object Diagram Snapshot



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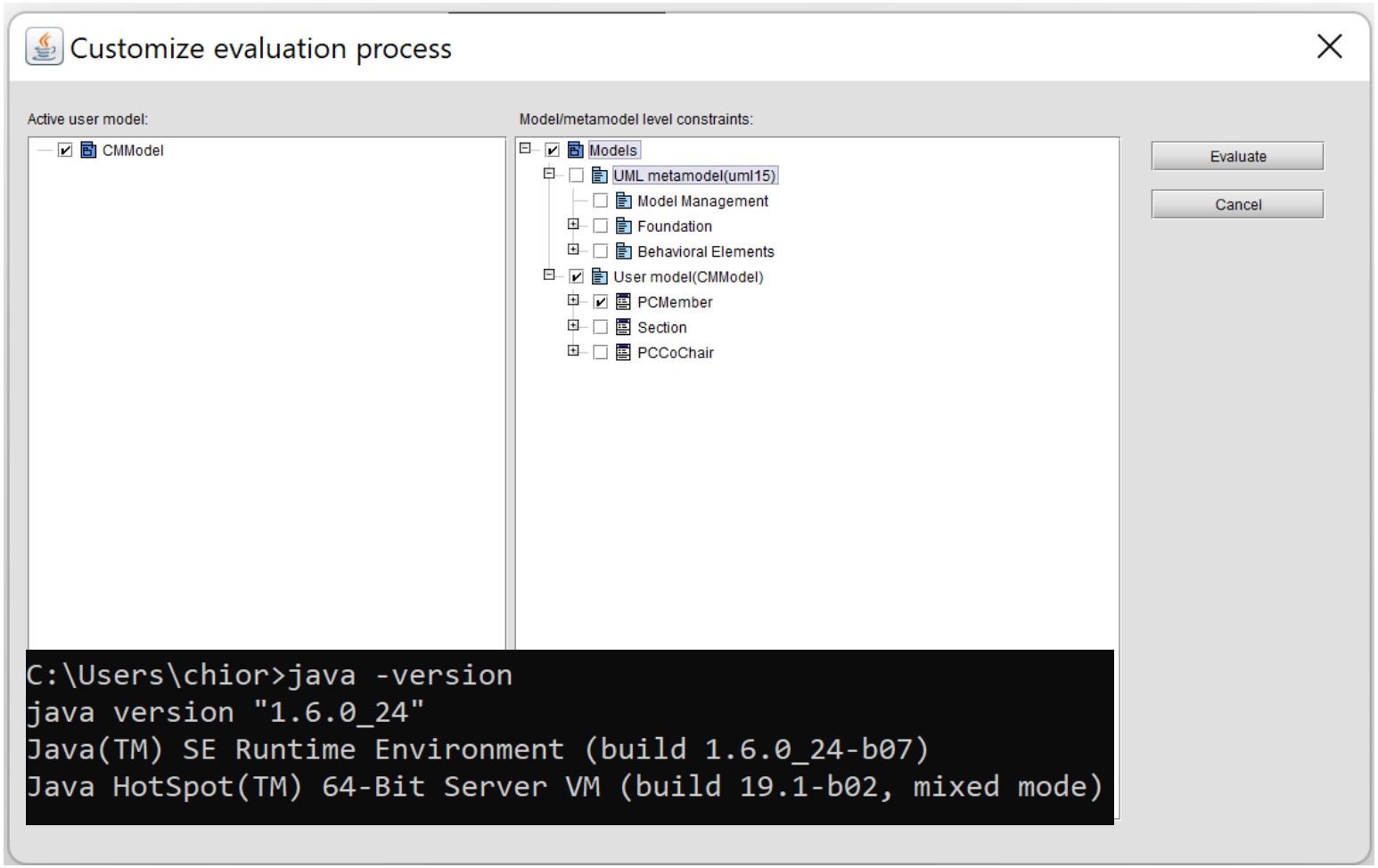

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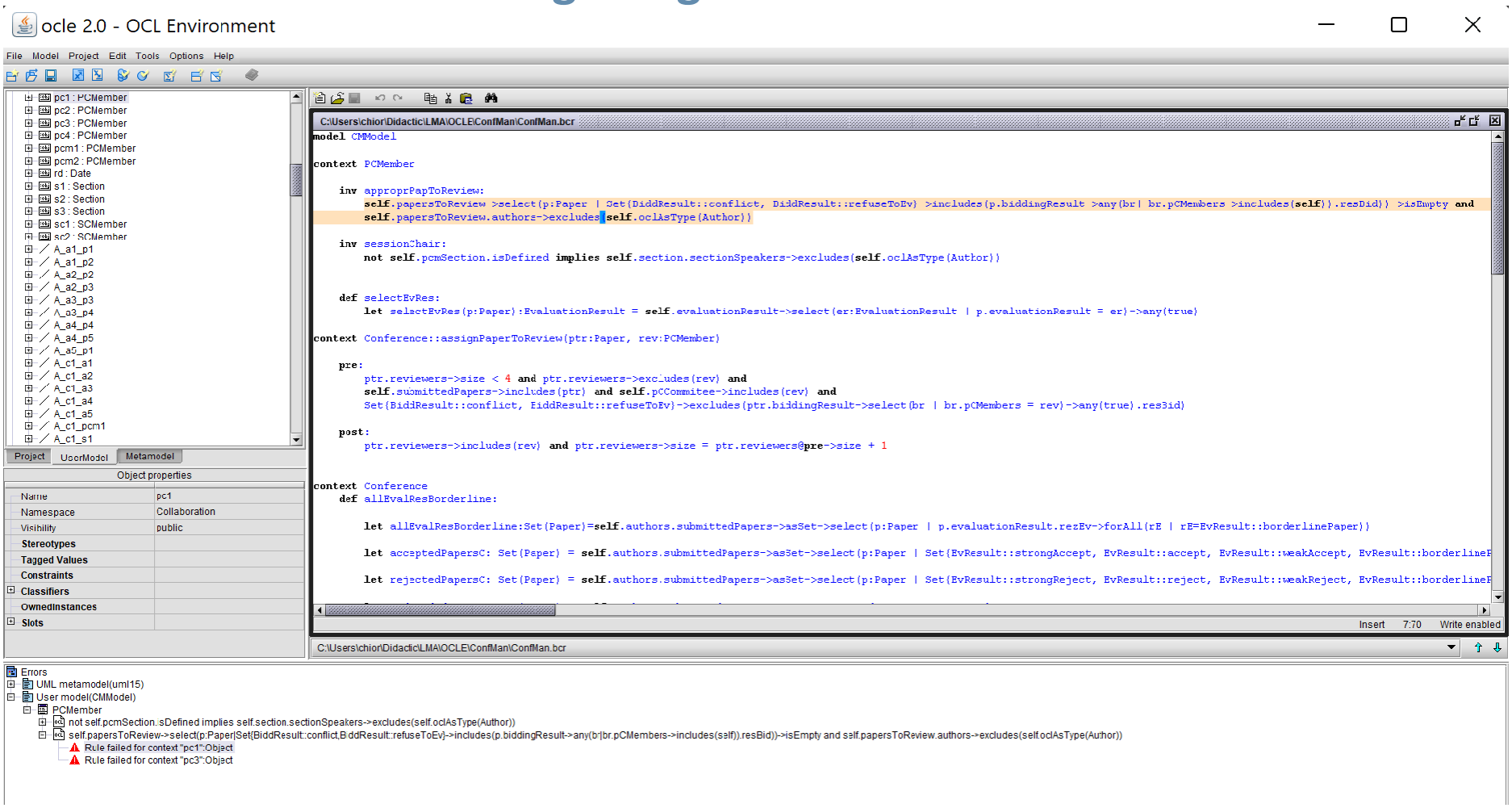
UML – Model Checking using OCLE



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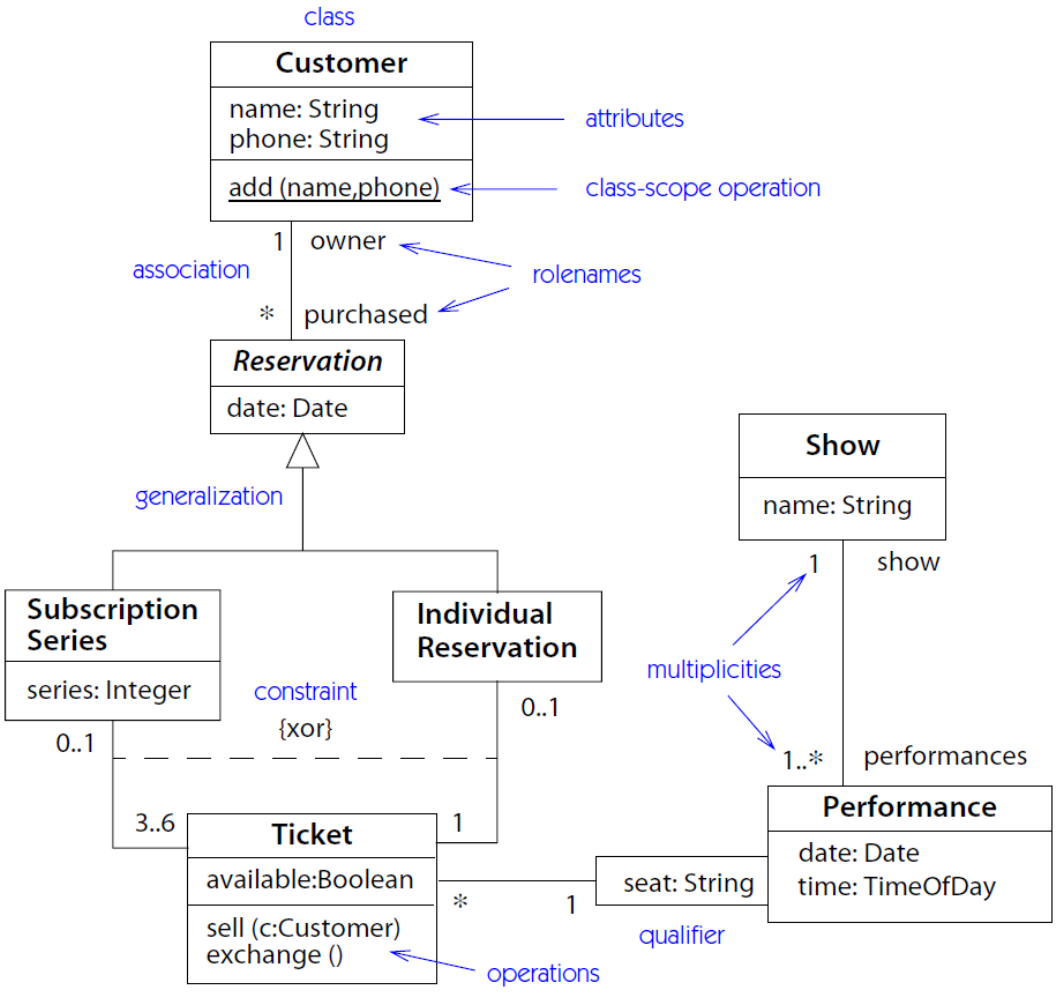
UML – CD qualified associations & constraints



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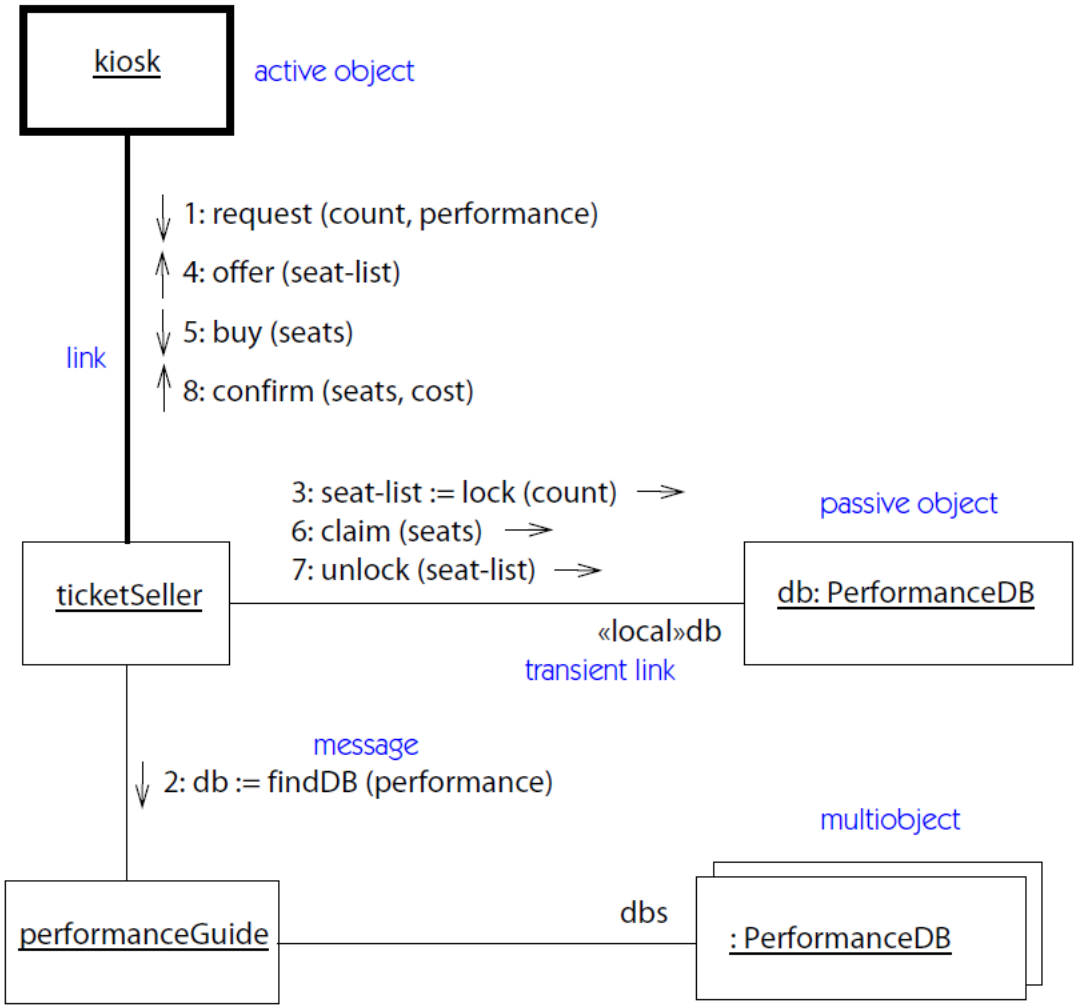
UML – Collaboration Diagram



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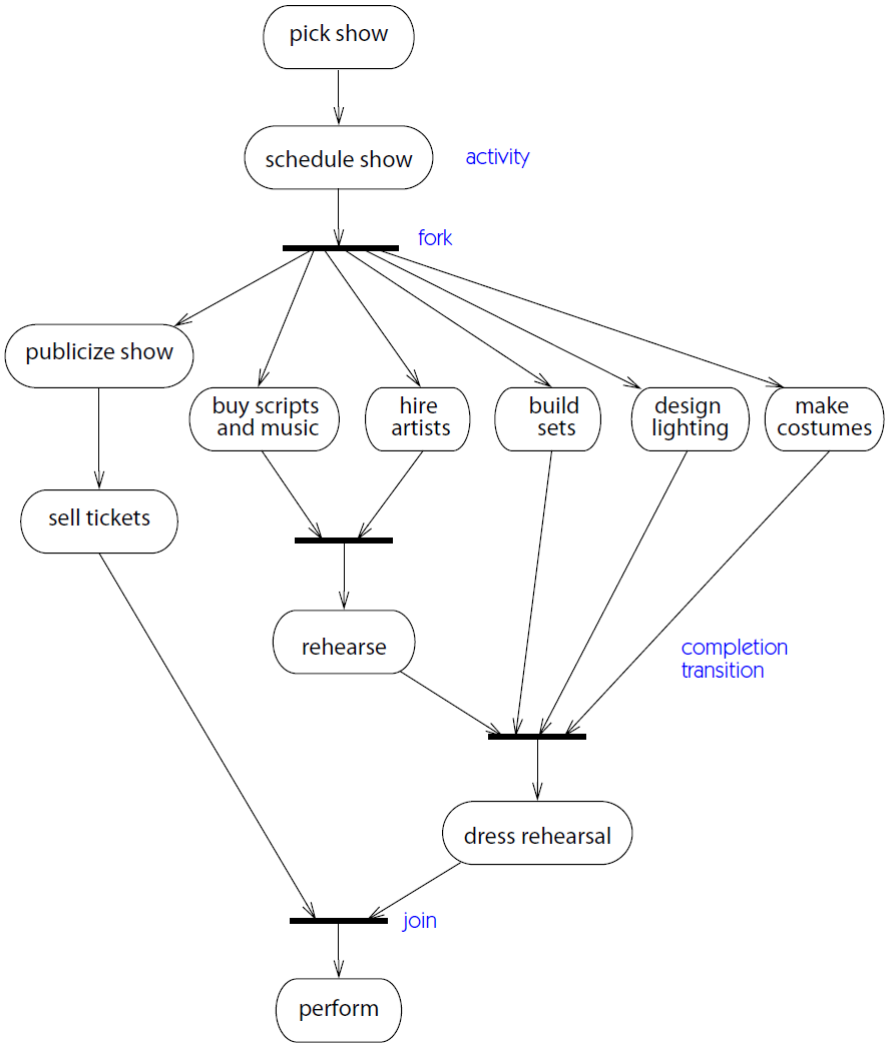
UML – Activity Diagram



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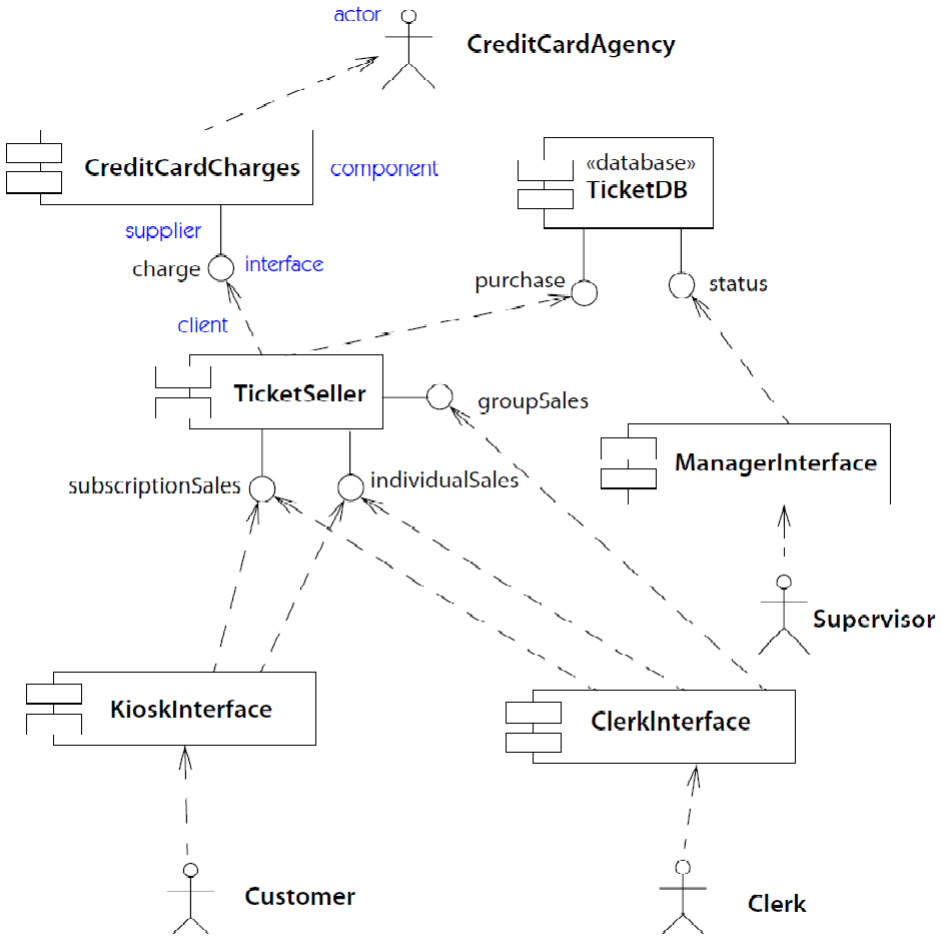
UML – Component Diagram



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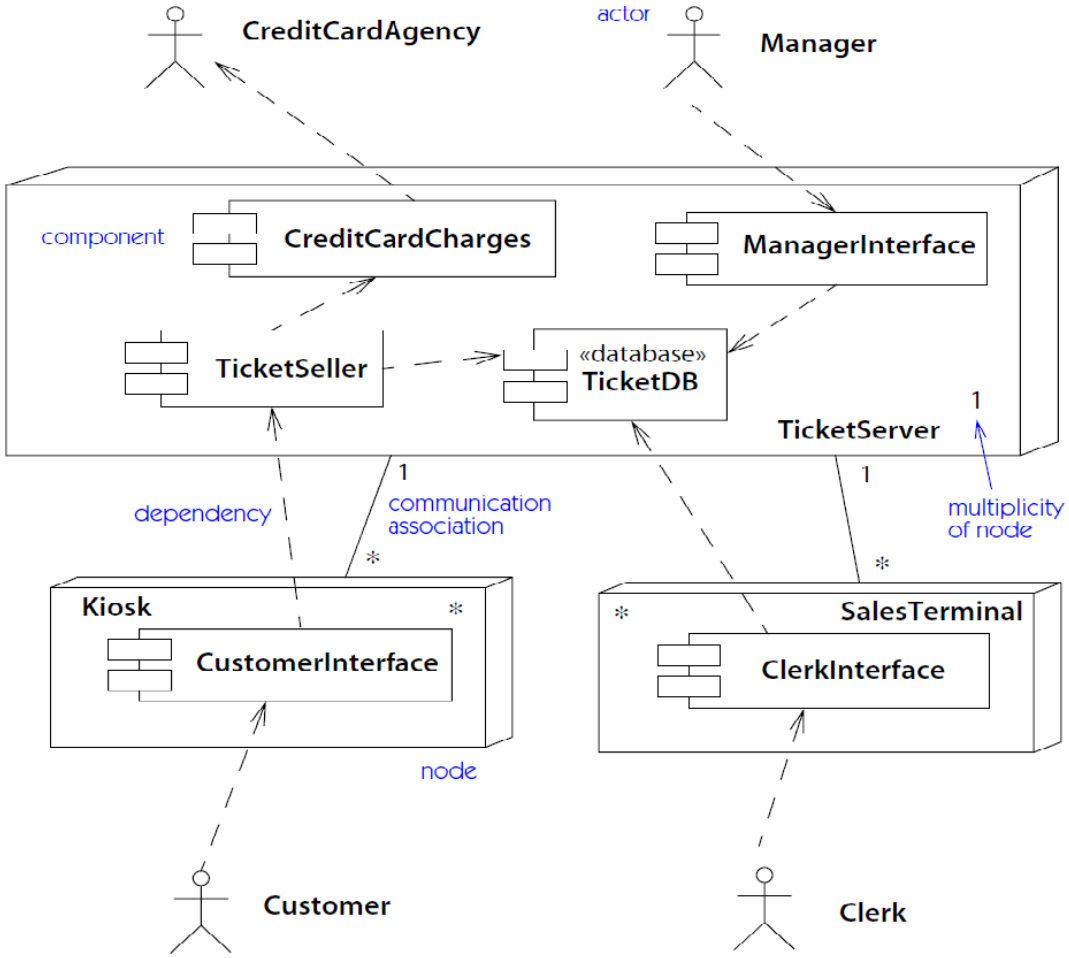
UML – Deployment Diagram



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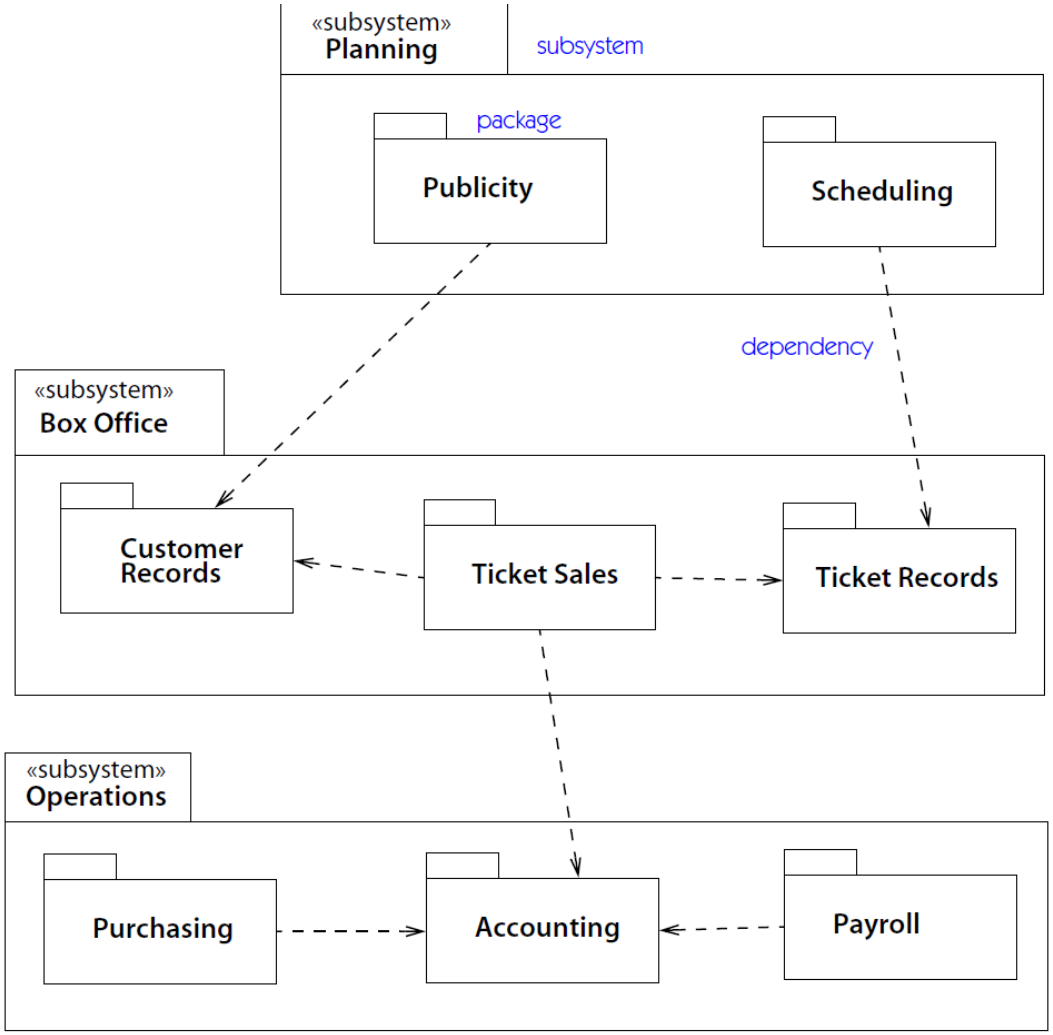
UML – System Architecture



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UML – definition

Language definition1.5.1

- concrete syntax
- abstract syntax (metamodel + constraints)
- semantics

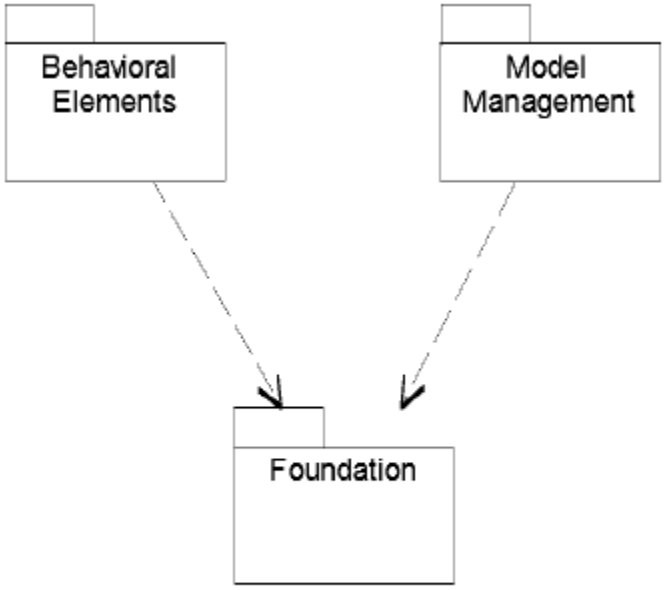

Figure 2-1 Top-Level Packages

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UML – definition; Foundation Packages

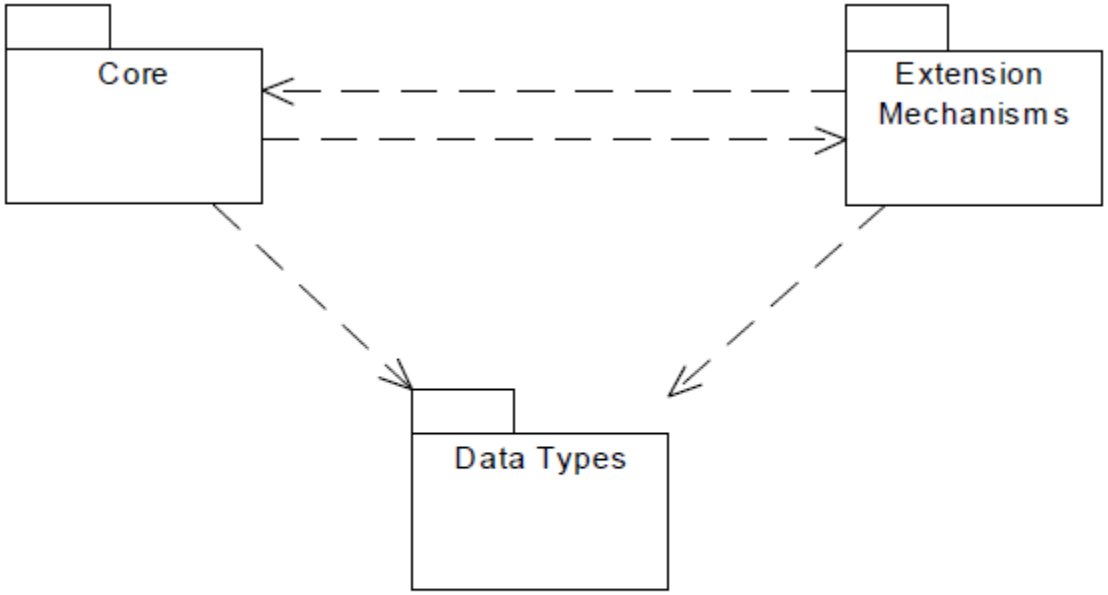

Figure 2-2 Foundation Packages

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UML – definition; Behavioral Elements Packages

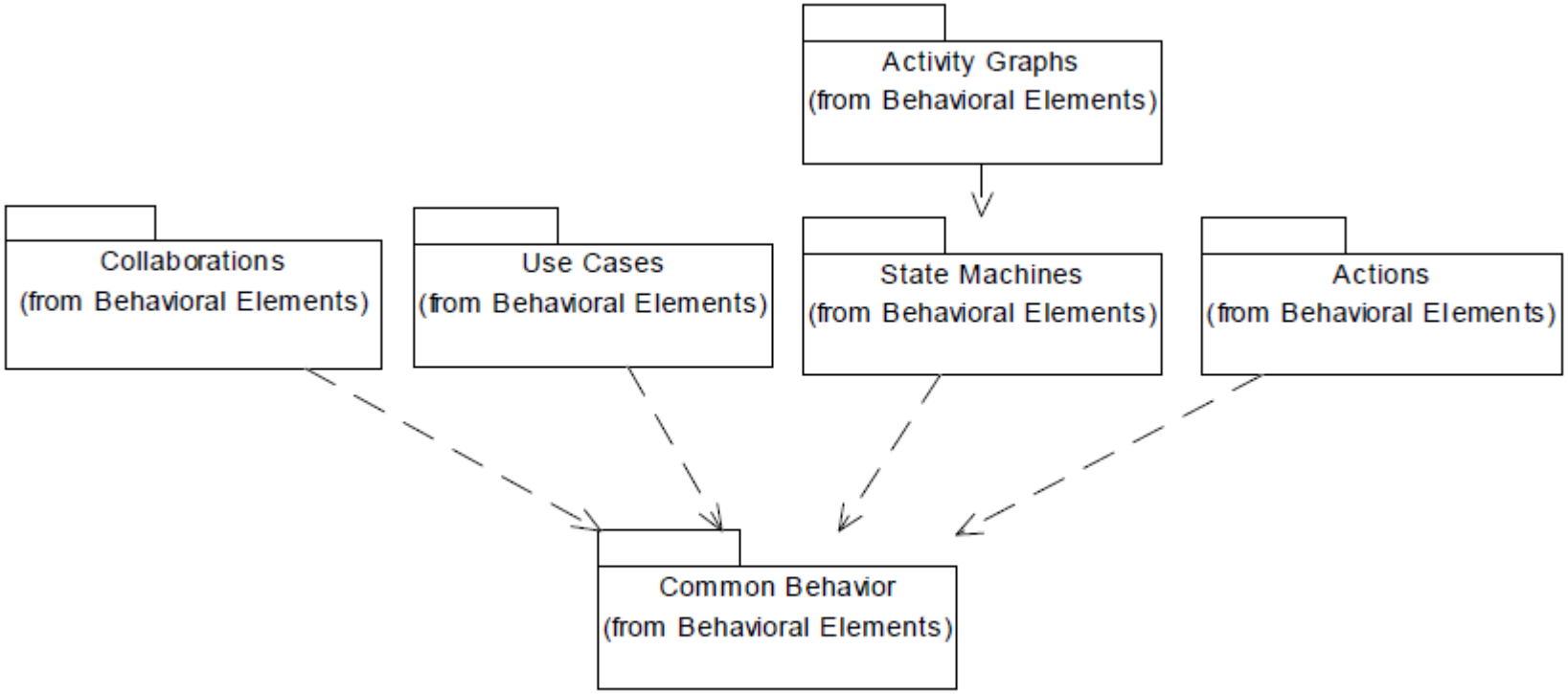

Figure 2-3 Behavioral Elements Packages

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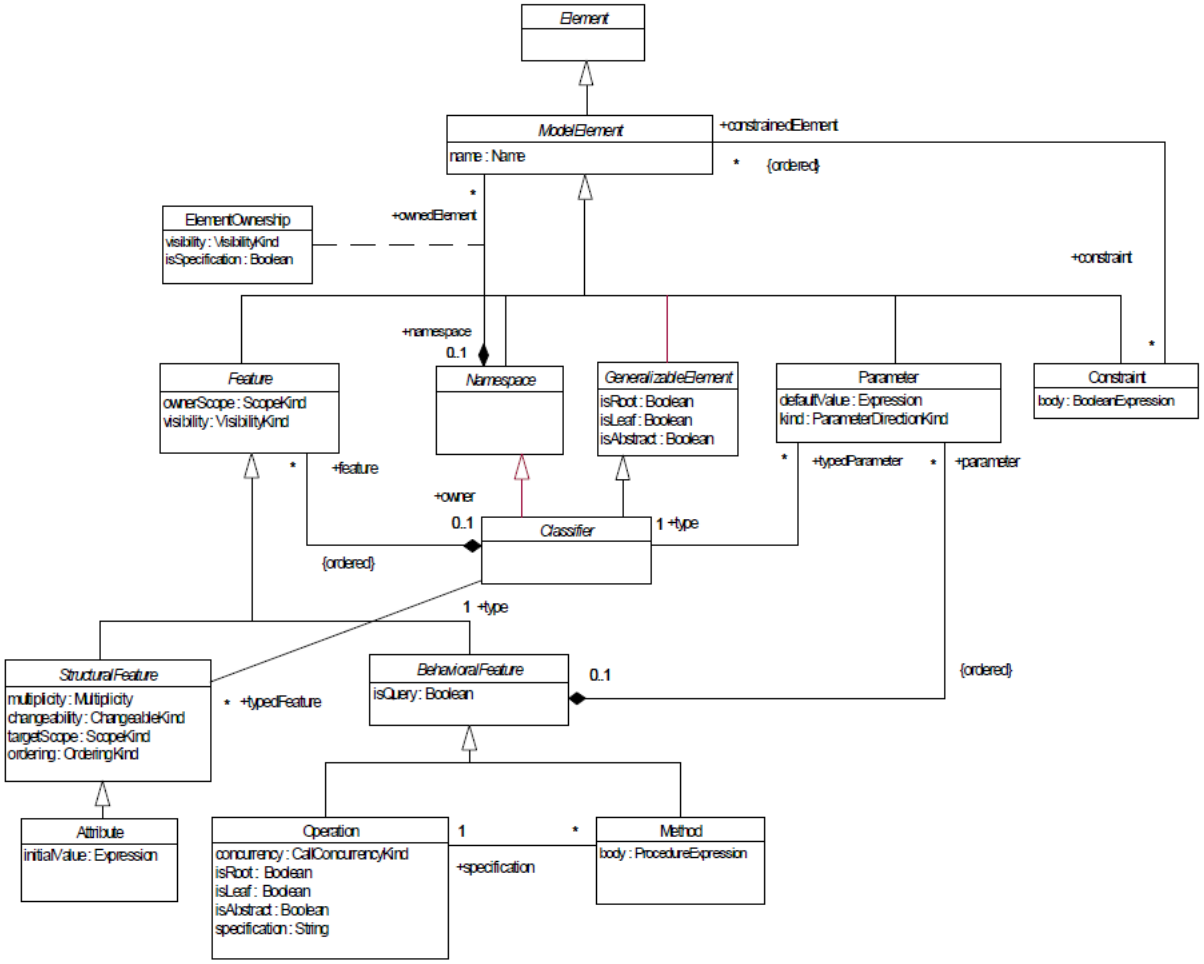

Figure 2-5 Core Package - Backbone

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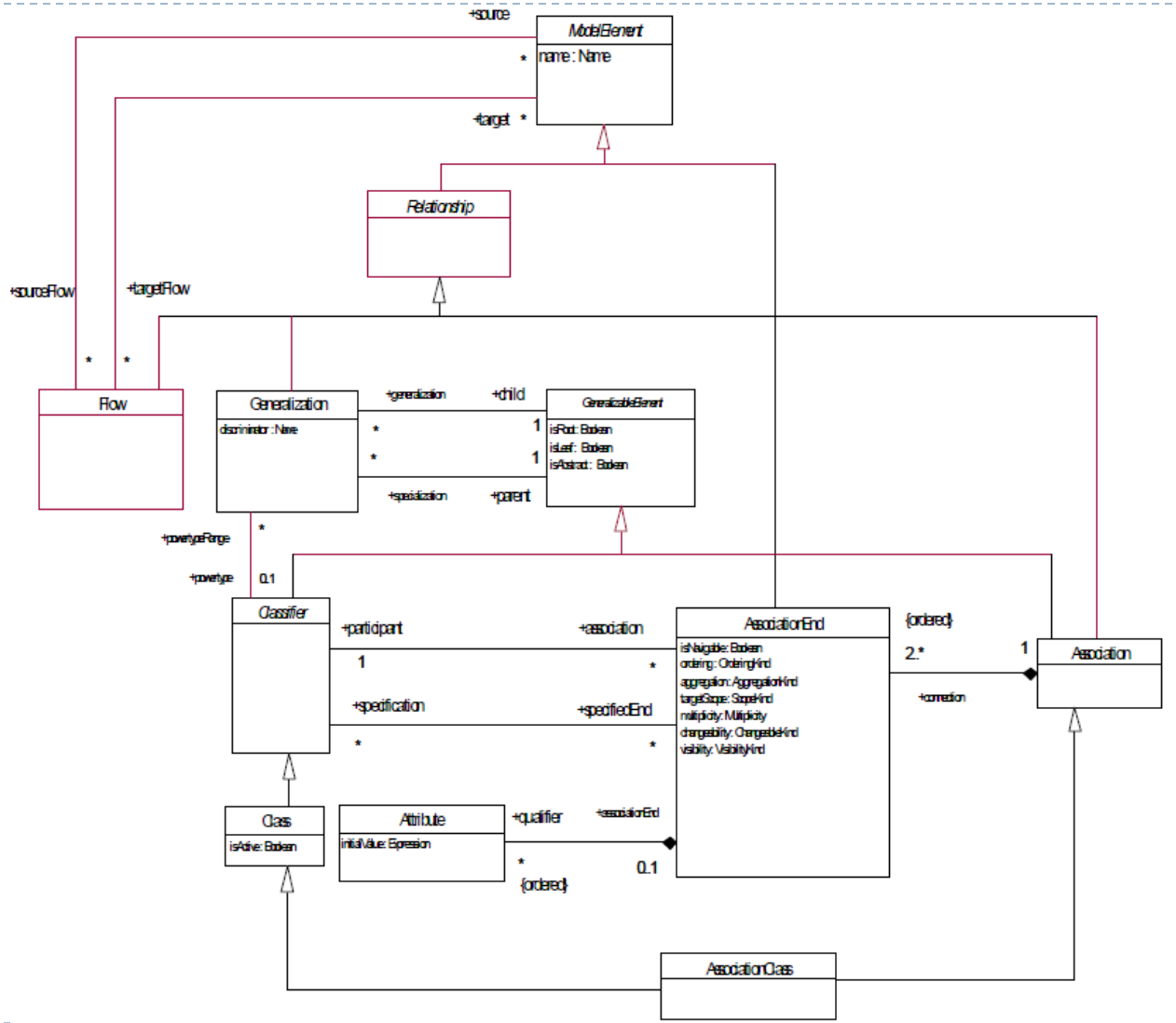

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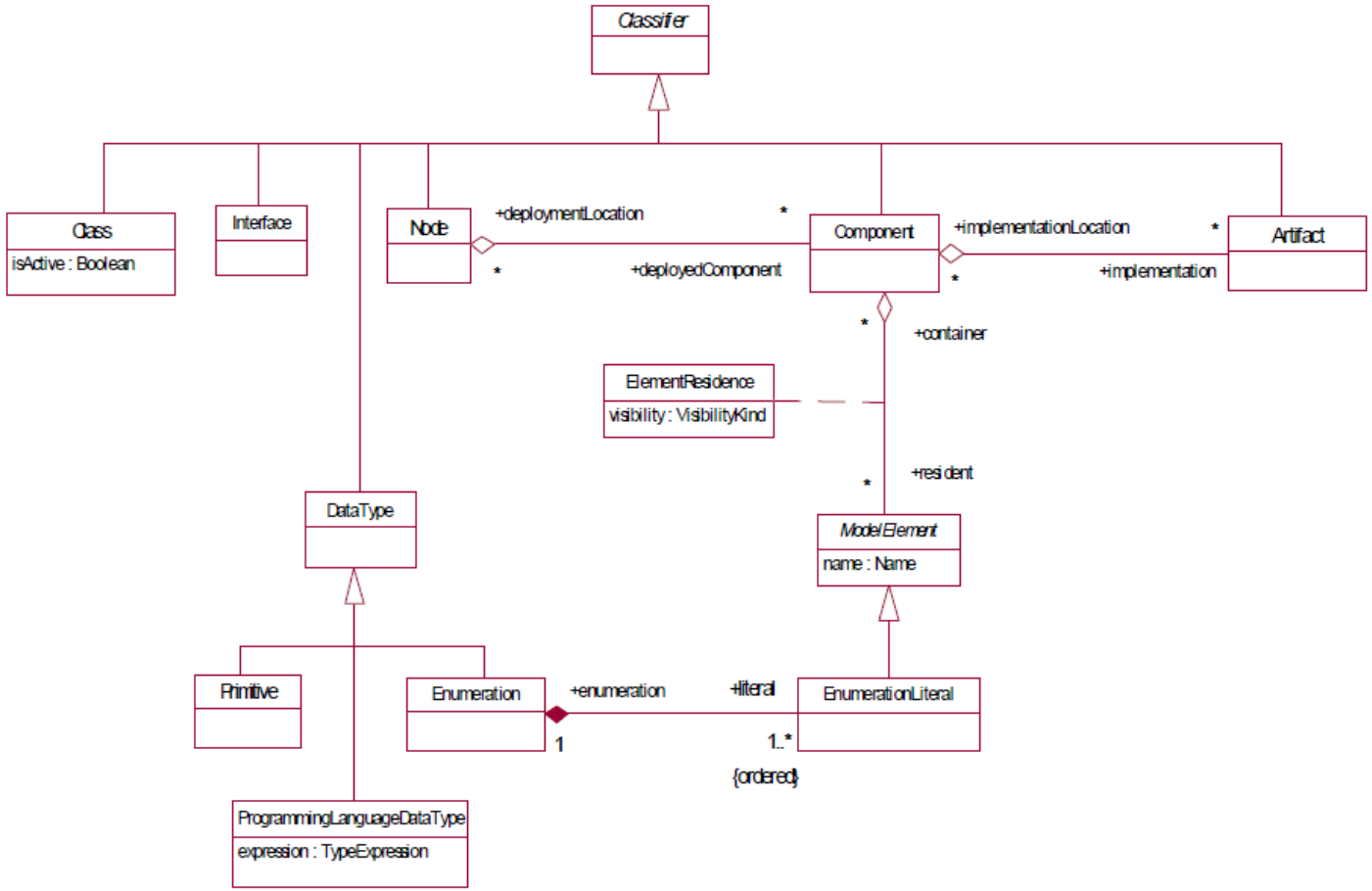

Figure 2-8 Core Package - Classifiers

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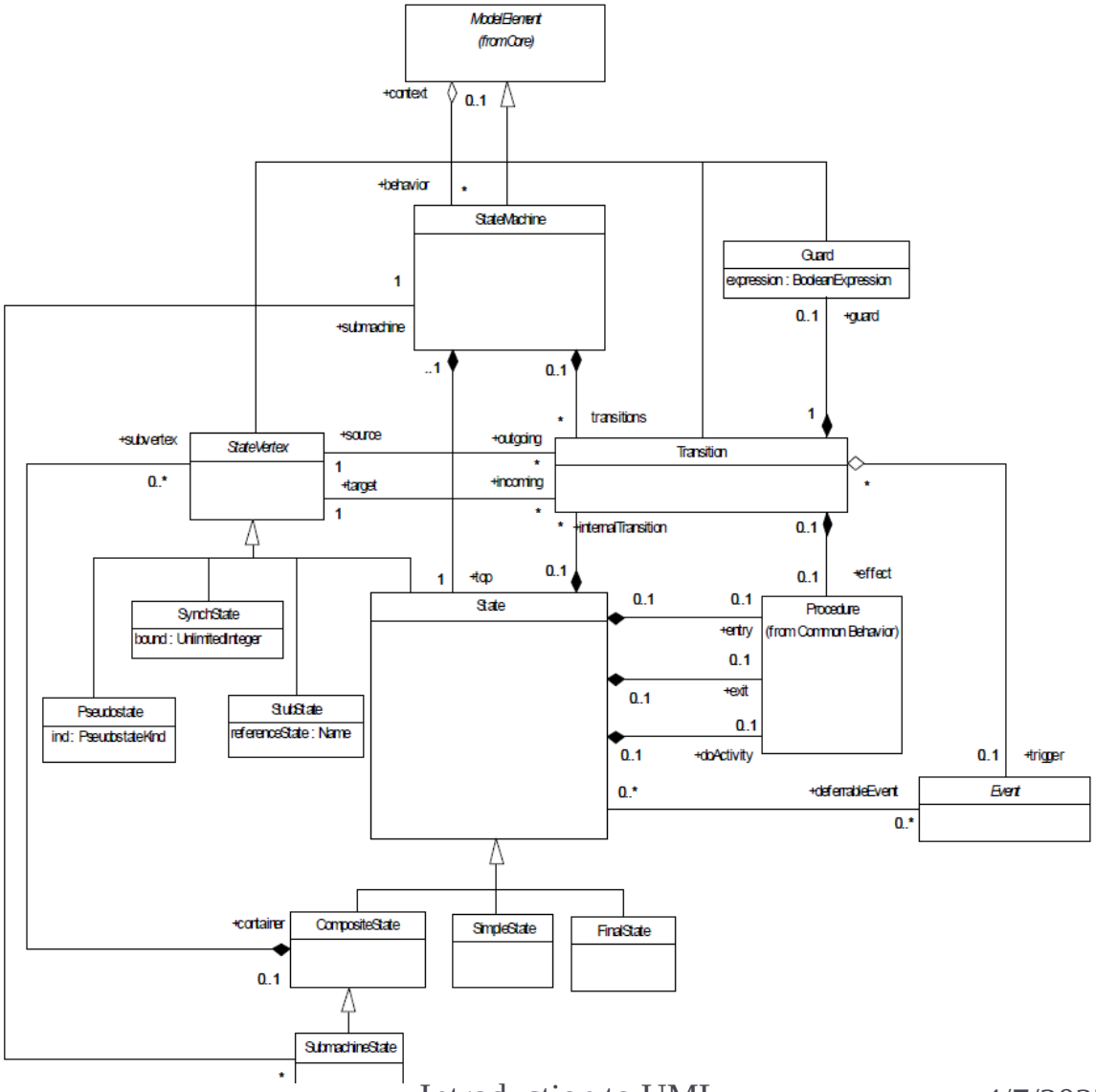

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At most one AssociationEnd may be an aggregation or composition.

self.allConnections->select(aggregation <#none)->size <= 1

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--  [2] At most one AssociationEnd may be an aggregation or composition.

inv WFR_2_Association:

self.allConnectionsS->select(aggregation <> #none)->size <= 1
```

Additional operations

[1] The operation allConnections results in the set of all AssociationEnds of the Association.

allConnections : Set(AssociationEnd);
allConnections = self.connection

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def:

   let   allConnectionsS: Set(AssociationEnd) = self.connection->asSet
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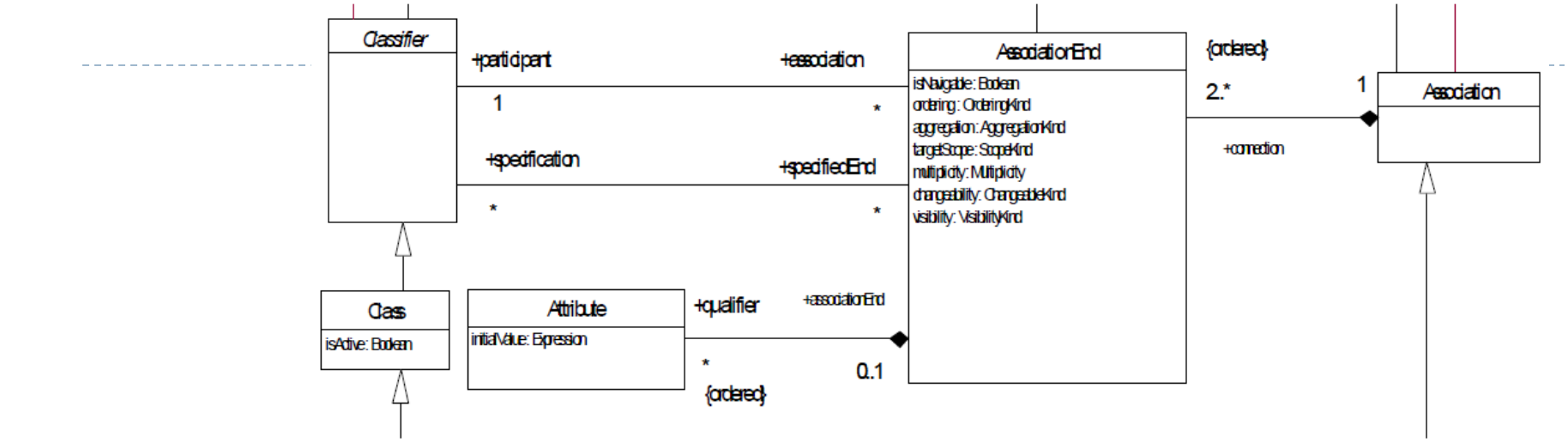

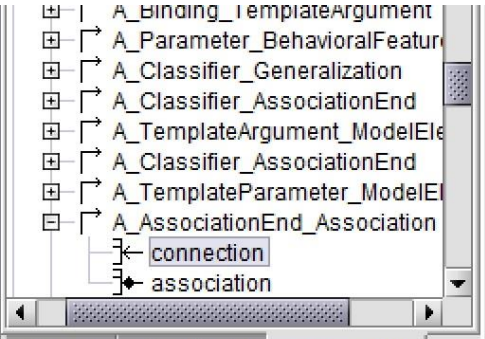

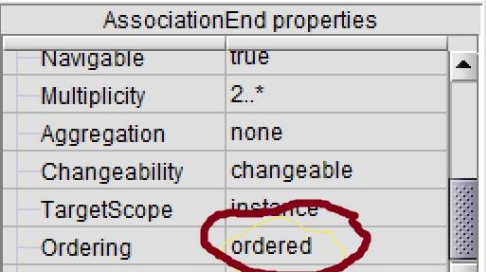

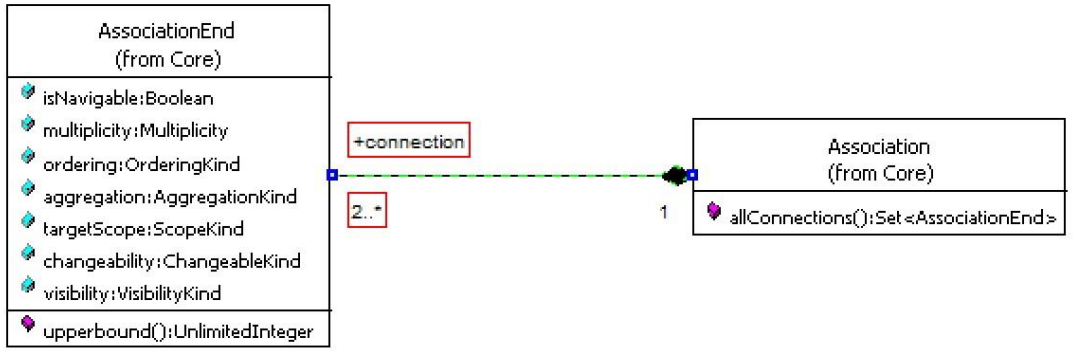

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The operation allConnections results in the set of all AssociationEnds of the AssociationClass, including all connections defined by its parent (transitive closure).

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allConnections : Set(AssociationEnd);
allConnections = self.connection->union(self.parent->select
      (s | s.oclIsKindOf(Association))->collect (a : Association |
            a.allConnections))->asSet
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context AssociationClass

--  [1] The operation allConnections results in the set of all AssociationEnds of the AssociationClass, including all connections defi
--      by its parent (transitive closure).  The parents of an associationClass can be a "simple" class or an associationClass.  In th
--      first case, (class) the allConnection AO is not defined.  The "similar" AO and concept is named oppositeAssociationEnds.  This
--      have to be clearly mentioned in the AO textual description and the visibility must be taken into account in inheritance.

def allConnectionsS:

--    let  allConnectionsI: Set(AssociationEnd) = self.connection->union(self.parent->select(s | s.oclIsKindOf(Association))->
--                                                collect (a : Association | a.allConnections))->asSet

    let  allConnectionsS: Set(AssociationEnd) = (self.connection->union(self.parent->select(s | s.oclIsKindOf(Association))
                                                .oclAsType(Association)->collect(a: Association |a.allConnections)
                                                ->asSequence))->asSet
```

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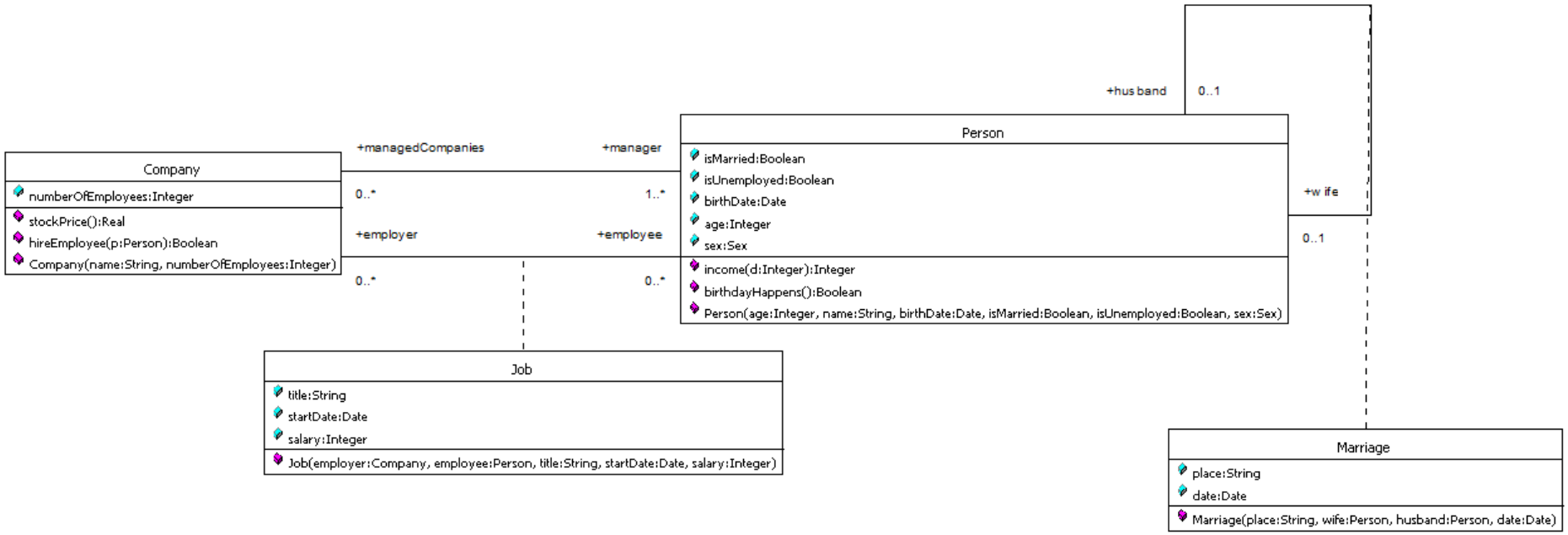

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```

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Thanks for your patience!