Object-Oriented Software Engineering

Using UML, Patterns, and Java



UML views & code generation

The architectural/structural view

- The EMF/Ecore approach Dave Steinberg, Frank Budinsky etc. Eclipse Modeling Framework Second Edition, AWL 2009
- The UML approach (considered by almost all UML tools)
- Strengths points: complete generation of the code describing the structure - still differentiate by associations management
- Weak points: missing the code describing the behavior

 possible solution: generating the code
 corresponding to OCL specifications (assertions & observers see: OCLE)

The behavioral view

- Code generation from state machines/state-charts diagrams – see IBM Rational Rhapsody
- https://www.ibm.com/docs/en/SSB2MU_8.3.1/com.ibm.rhp.oem.pdf.doc/pdf/btc/Rhapsody% 20Reference%20Workflow%20Guide%20IEC%2061508.pdf
- Code generation from sequence/collaboration diagrams
 mentioned in different academic papers

State of the Art: Model-based Software Engineering

The Vision

 During object design we build an object design model that realizes the use case model, and which is the basis for implementation (model-driven design)

The Reality

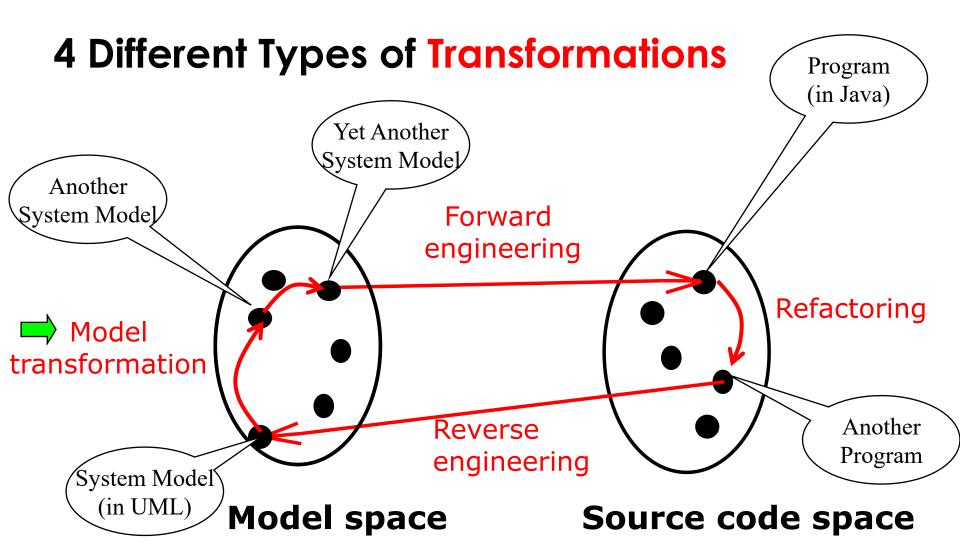
- Working on the object design model involves many activities that are error prone
- Examples:
 - A new parameter must be added to an operation.
 Because of time pressure it is added to the source code, but not to the object model
 - Additional attributes are added to an entity object, but the data base table is not updated (as a result, the new attributes are not persistent).

Other Object Design Activities

- Programming languages do not support the concept of a UML association
 - The associations of the object model must be transformed into collections of object references
- Many programming languages do not support contracts (invariants, pre and post conditions)
 - Developers must therefore manually transform contract specification into source code for detecting and handling contract violations
- The client changes the requirements during object design
 - The developer must change the interface specification of the involved classes
- All these object design activities cause problems, because they need to be done manually.

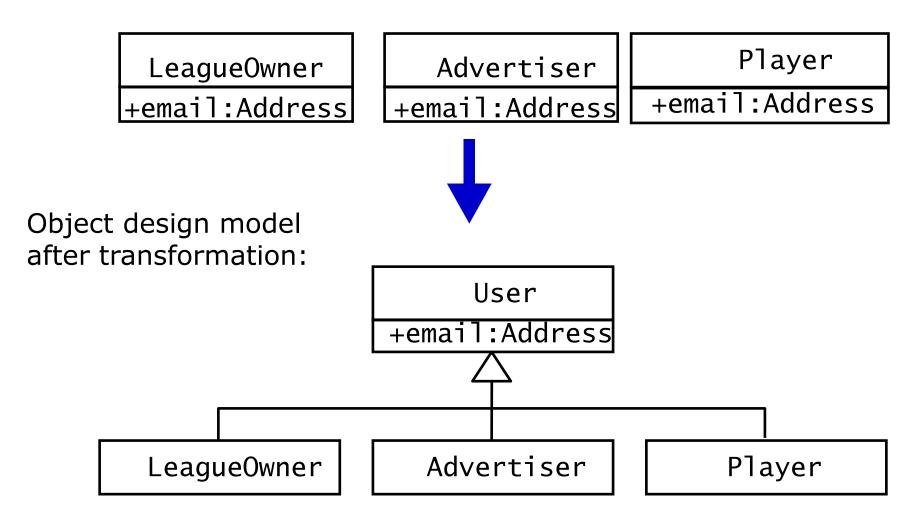
Handling the above-mentioned problems

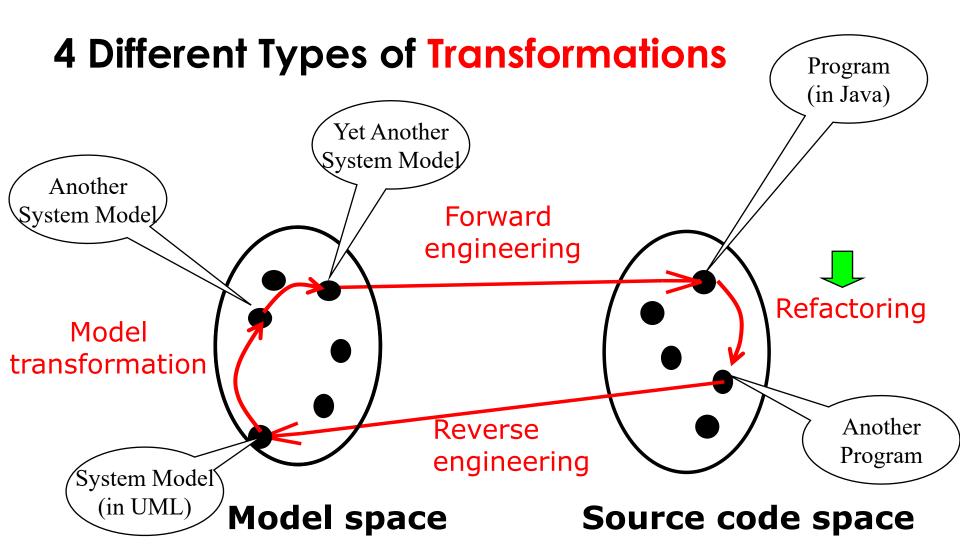
- Let us get a handle on these problems
- To do this we distinguish two kinds of spaces
 - the model space and the source code space
- and 4 different types of transformations
 - Model transformation
 - Forward engineering
 - Reverse engineering
 - Refactoring.



Model Transformation Example

Object design model before transformation:





Refactoring Example: Pull Up Field

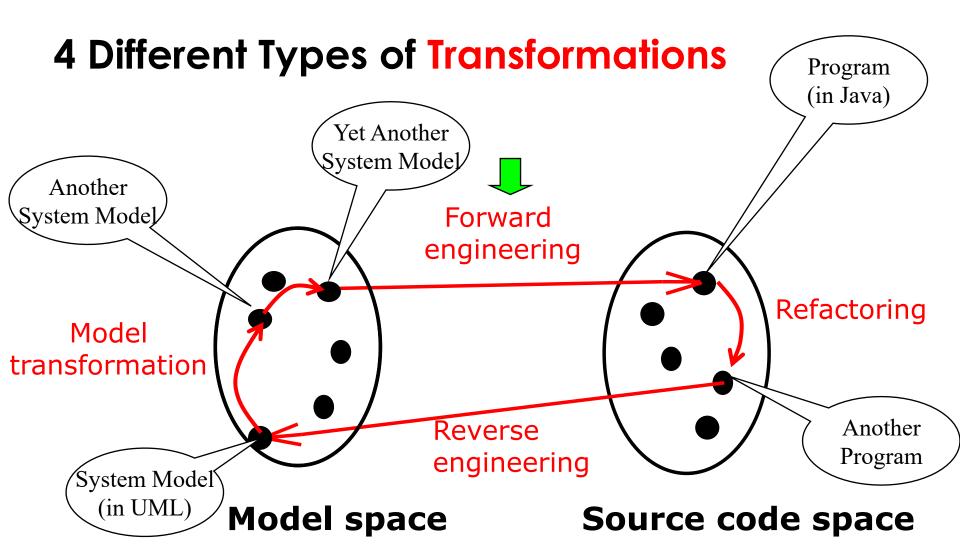
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private String email;
                             public class Player extends User {
public class Player {
                               //...
  private String email;
 //...
                             public class LeagueOwner extends
public class LeagueOwner {
                               User {
  private String eMail;
                               //...
  //...
                             public class Advertiser extends
public class Advertiser {
                               User {
  private String
                               //...
  email_address;
 //...
```

public class User {

Refactoring Example: Pull Up Constructor Body

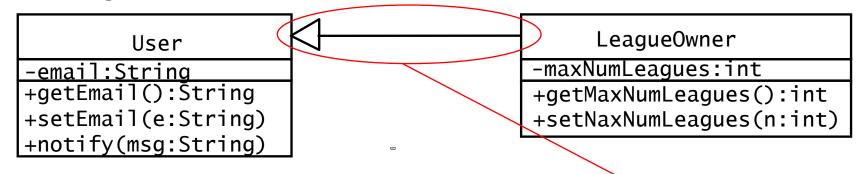
```
public class User {
  private String email;
public class Player extends User {
  public Player(String email) {
      this.email = email;
public class LeagueOwner extends
  User{
  public LeagueOwner(String email) {
       this.email = email;
public class Advertiser extendsUser{
  public Advertiser(String email) {
      this.email = email;
```

```
public class User {
   public User(String email) {
        this.email = email;
public class Player extends User {
       public Player(String email)
               super(email);
public class LeagueOwner extends
User {
       public LeagueOwner(String
email)
               super(email):
public class Advertiser extends Use
       public Advertiser(String
email)
               super(email);
```



Forward Engineering Example

Object design model before transformation:



Source code after transformation:

```
public class User {
    private String email;
    public String getEmail() {
        return email;
    }
    public void setEmail(String value){
        email = value;
    }
    public void notify(String msg) {
        // ....
}
```

More Examples of Model Transformations and Forward Engineering

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 - Goal: Optimizing the object design model
 - Collapsing objects
 - Delaying expensive computations
- Forward Engineering
 - Goal: Implementing the object design model in a programming language
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Collapsing Objects

Object design model before transformation:



Object design model after transformation:

Person SSN:String

Turning an object into an attribute of another object is usually done, if the object does not have any interesting dynamic behavior (only get and set operations).

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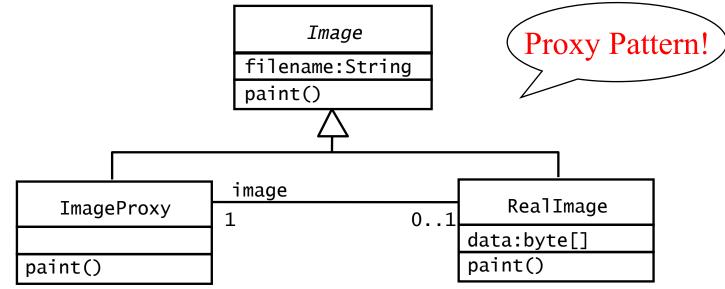
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Delaying expensive computations

Object design model before transformation:

Image
filename:String
data:byte[]
paint()

Object design model after transformation:



Using Different Views in Forward Engineering

- Architectural/Statical Views supports a complete automatic code generation 100%
 - Goal: Declaration of concepts: classes, interfaces, associations, implementation relationships (between classes and interfaces), import relationships (which correspond to dependencies in UML)
 - Full management of associations irrespective of their nature and properties, import declarations
- Dynamical Views
 - Goal: Generating the code corresponding to:
 - state transition diagrams and activities diagrams/flowcharts,
 - Sequence/Collaboration(Communication) diagram; method composition

Using Assertions and Observers in Forward Engineering

- OCL specifications can be transformed in OO programming languages. The management of assertion violation depends first on the target programming language and on the generated code, also.
 - In case of assertion violation, OCLE print a message.

OCLE restrictions:

 The current version does not consider code generation in case of Dynamical Views. However, due to support of Observers' code generation, the percent of code generated by OCLE is 70-75%. The missing part must be manually written.

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Forward Engineering: Mapping a UML Model into Source Code

- Goal: We have a UML-Model with inheritance.
 We want to translate it into source code
- Question: Which mechanisms in the programming language can be used?
 - Let's focus on Java
- Java provides the following mechanisms:
 - Overwriting of methods (default in Java)
 - Final classes
 - Final methods
 - Abstract methods
 - Abstract classes
 - Interfaces.

Realizing Inheritance in Java

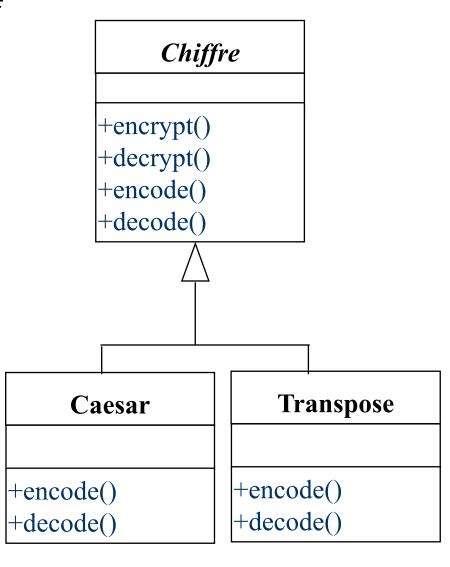
- Realisation of specialization and generalization
 - Definition of subclasses
 - Java keyword: extends
- Realisation of simple inheritance
 - Overwriting of methods is not allowed
 - Java keyword: final
- Realisation of implementation inheritance
 - Overwriting of methods
 - No keyword necessary:
 - Overwriting of methods is default in Java
- Realisation of specification inheritance
 - Specification of an interface
 - Java keywords: abstract, interface

Example for the use of Abstract Methods: Cryptography

- Problem: Delivery a general encryption method
- Requirements:
 - The system provides algorithms for existing encryption methods (e.g. Caesar, Transposition)
 - New encryption algorithms, when they become available, can be linked into the program at runtime, without any need to recompile the program
 - The choice of the best encryption method can also be done at runtime.

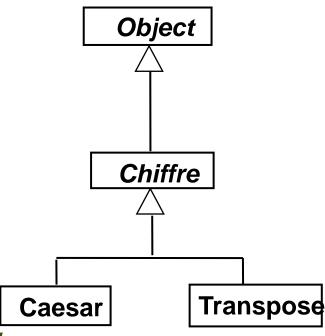
Object Design of Chiffre

- We define a super class
 Chiffre and define
 subclasses for the existing existing encryption methods
- 4 public methods:
 - encrypt() encrypts a text of words
 - decrypt() deciphers a text of words
 - encode() uses a special algorithm for encryption of a single word
 - decode() uses a special algorithm for decryption of a single word.



Implementation of Chiffre in Java

- The methods encrypt() and decrypt() are the same for each subclass and can therefore be implemented in the superclass Chiffre
 - Chiffre is defined as subclass of Object, because we will use some methods of Object
- The methods encode() and decode() are specific for each subclass
 - We therefore define them as abstract methods in the super class and expect that they are implemented in the respective subclasses.

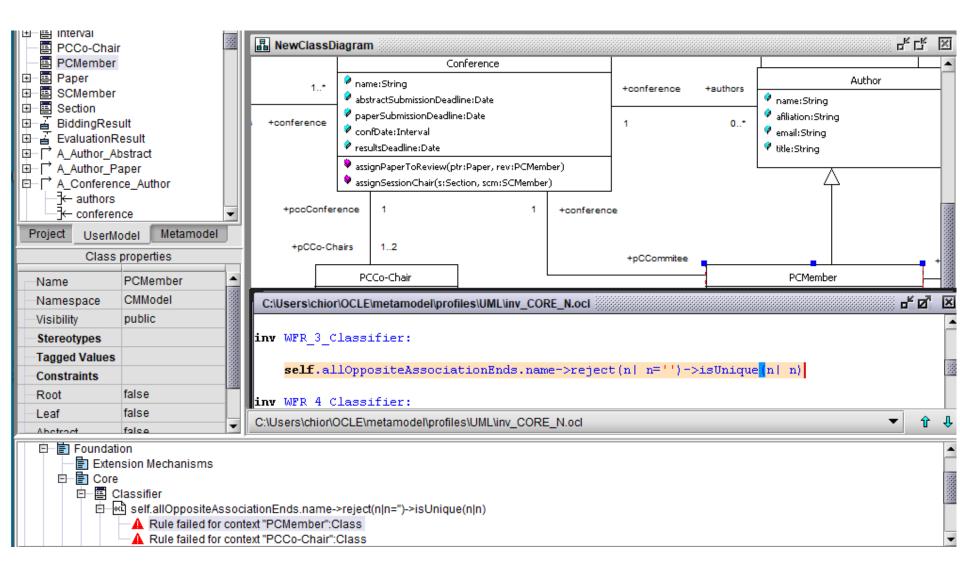


Exercise: Write the corresponding Java Code!

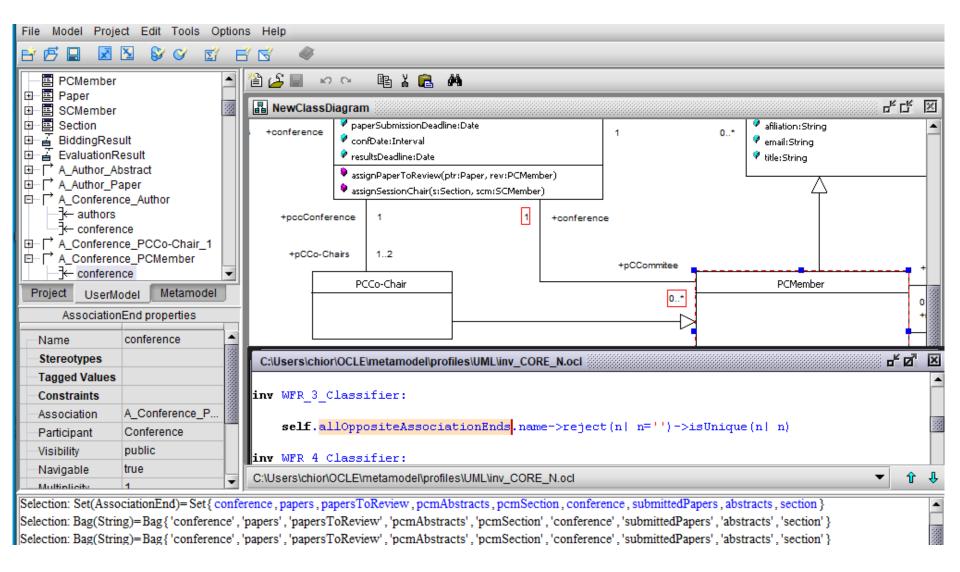
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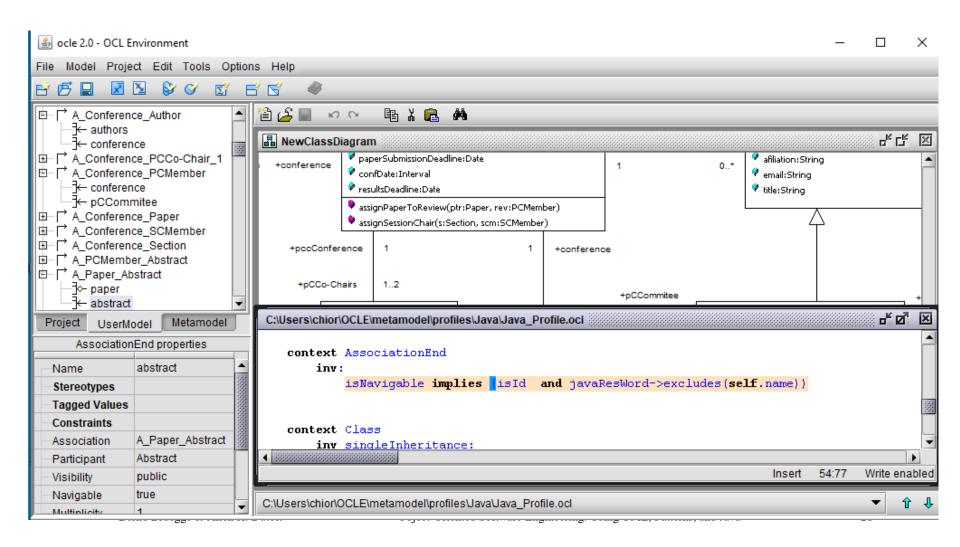
Is it the model compilable?



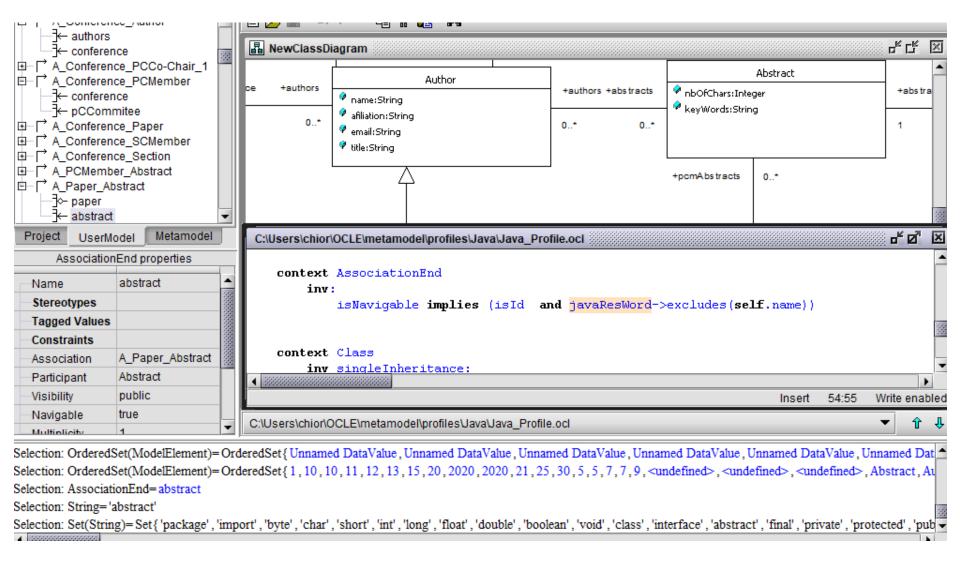
Is it the model compilable? cont.



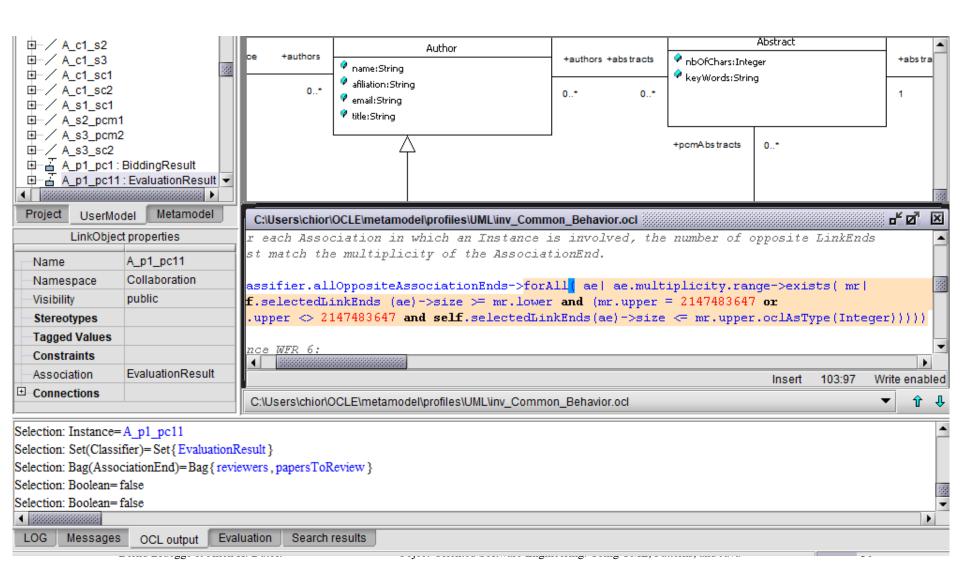
Is it the model compilable? Java Profile



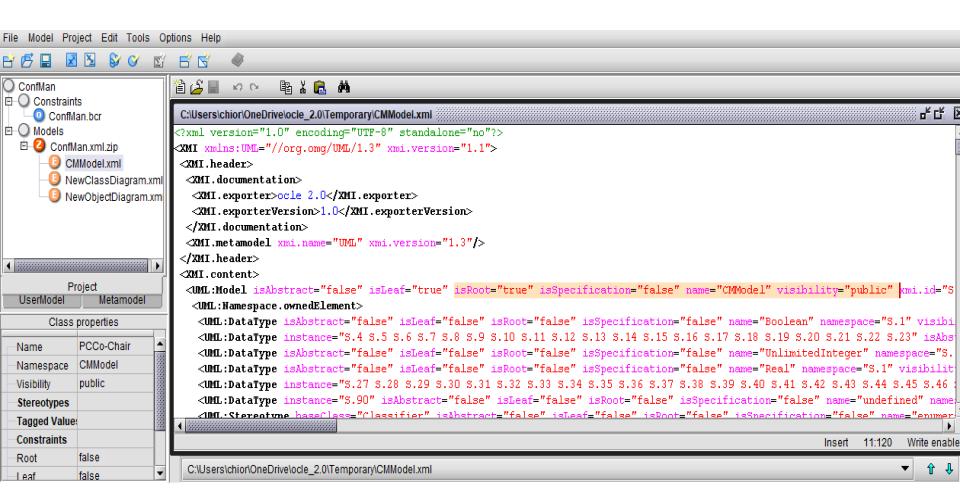
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Is it the model compilable? Common behavior



Model serialization in OCLE - CMModel



Velocity Template Engine 1.3rc1

Velocity template file for a public class declaration

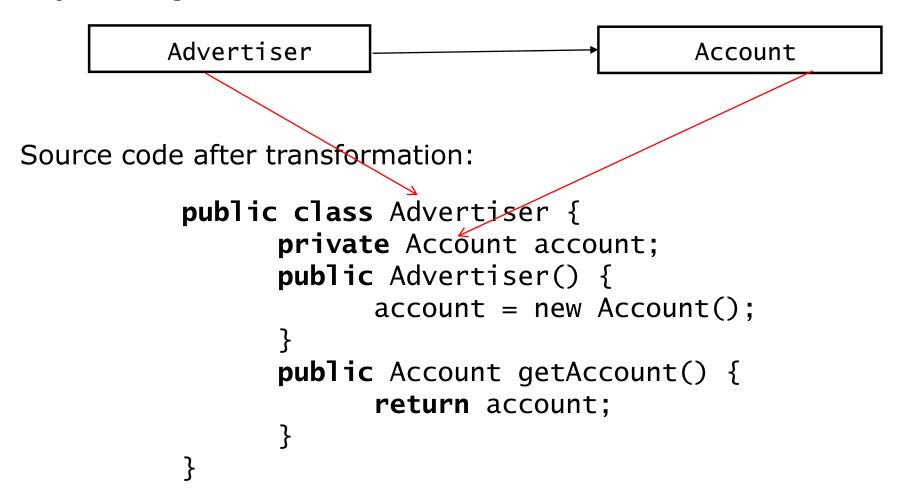
```
#* Keys:
       classname - the name of the class, not qualified
       packagename - the qualified name of the package where the class is declared, such as ro.ubbcluj.lci.utils
       importstatements - the import statements list required by the class
       modifiers - the list of modifiers applied to the class; this must always include the "class" or "interface" modifier
* but not both simultaneously
       extclasses - the list of clases extended by the class; each class is specified using its name, which may be qualified
       implinterfaces - the list of interfaces implemented by the class; each interface is specified using its name, which
* may be qualified
* @(#)${classname}.java
* Generated by <a href="http://lci.cs.ubbcluj.ro/ocle/>OCLE 2.0</a>
* using <a href="http://jakarta.apache.org/velocity/">
* Velocity Template Engine 1.3rc1</a>
*/
#if (${packagename.length()} > 0)package ${packagename};
#end
#import list(${importstatements})
* @author unascribed
#list(" " ${modifiers}) ${classname}#if (${extclasses.size()} > 0) extends #argument list(${extclasses})
#end#if (${implinterfaces.size()} > 0)
       implements #argument list(${implinterfaces})#end#opening brace()
```

Mapping Associations

- 1. Unidirectional one-to-one association
- 2. Bidirectional one-to-one association
- 3. Bidirectional one-to-many association
- 4. Bidirectional many-to-many association
- 5. Bidirectional qualified association.

Unidirectional one-to-one association

Object design model before transformation:



Bidirectional one-to-one association

Section	+section	+sessionChairPCM	PCMember
name:String	1	01	

```
public final PCMember getSessionChairPCM() {
   return sessionChairPCM;
public final void setSessionChairPCM(PCMember arg) {
   if (sessionChairPCM != arg) {
       PCMember temp = sessionChairPCM;
        sessionChairPCM = null;//to avoid infinite recursion
        if (temp != null) {
           temp.setPcmSection(null);
       if (arg != null) {
            sessionChairPCM = arg;
            arg.setPcmSection(this);
```

Bidirectional one-to-one association

Section	+pcmSection	+sessionChairPCM	PCMember
name:String	1	01	

```
public final Section getPcmSection() {
    return pcmSection;
public final void setPcmSection(Section arg) {
    if (pcmSection != arg) {
        Section temp = pcmSection;
        pcmSection = null;//to avoid infinite recursion
        if (temp != null) {
            temp.setSessionChairPCM(null);
        if (arg != null) {
            pcmSection = arg;
            arg.setSessionChairPCM(this);
```

Bidirectional one-to-many association

Conference

```
Author
                                                   name:String
                                                                          +conference
                                                                                          +authors
                                                   abstractSubmissionDeadline:Date
                                                                                                 🗣 name:String
                                                                                                 afiliation:String
                                                   🖗 paperSubmissionDeadline:Date
                                                   confDate:Interval
                                                                                                 🌳 email:String
public class PCMember extends Author {
                                                   resultsDeadline:Date
                                                                                                 🗣 title:String
    public final Conference getConference() {
         return conference;
    public final void setConference(Conference arg) {
         if (conference != arg) {
              Conference temp = conference;
               conference = null;//to avoid infinite recursions
               if (temp != null) {
                    temp.removePCCommitee(this);
               if (arg != null) {
                    conference = arg;
                    arg.addPCCommitee(this);
```

Bidirectional one-to-many association

```
Author
                                             name:String
                                                             +conference
                                                                        +authors
                                                                             name:String
                                             abstractSubmissionDeadline:Date
                                                                             afiliation:String
                                             paperSubmissionDeadline:Date
public final Set getAuthors()
                                                                             email:String
                                             confDate:Interval
                                                                             title:String
                                             resultsDeadline:Date
     if (authors == null) {
           return java.util.Collections.EMPTY SET;
     return java.util.Collections.unmodifiableSet(authors);
public final void addAuthors(Author arg) {
     if (arg != null) {
           if (authors == null) {
                authors = new LinkedHashSet();
           if (authors.add(arg)) {
                arg.setAutConference(this);
```

Conference

Bidirectional one-to-many association



```
public final void removeAuthors(Author arg) {
   if (authors != null && arg != null) {
        if (authors.remove(arg)) {
            arg.setAutConference(null);
```

Bidirectional many-to-many association

```
Abstract.
                                           name:String
                                                          +authors
                                                                  +abstracts
                                           🗣 afiliation:String
                                                                        nbOfChars:Integer
                                           email:String
                                                                        keyWords:String
                                                          0..*
public final Set getAbstracts()
                                           🗣 title:String
    if (abstracts == null) {
          return java.util.Collections.EMPTY SET;
     return java.util.Collections.unmodifiableSet(abstracts);
public final void addAbstracts(Abstract arg) {
    if (arg != null) {
         if (abstracts == null) abstracts = new LinkedHashSet();
          if (abstracts.add(arg)) {
               arg.addAuthors(this);
```

Bidirectional many-to-many association

```
name:String
                                                                         Abstract
                                                       +authors
                                                               +abstracts
                                         afiliation:String
                                                                    nbOfChars:Integer
                                         email:String
                                                                    keyWords:String
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                                         🗣 title:Strina
public final Set getAuthors()
     if (authors == null) {
          return java.util.Collections.EMPTY SET;
     }
     return java.util.Collections.unmodifiableSet(authors);
public final void addAuthors(Author arg) {
     if (arg != null) {
          if (authors == null) authors = new LinkedHashSet();
          if (authors.add(arg)) {
               arg.addAbstracts(this);
```

Bidirectional many-to-many association

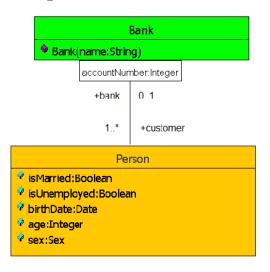
```
Author

in name:String
in affliation:String
in affliation:String
in email:String
in title:String

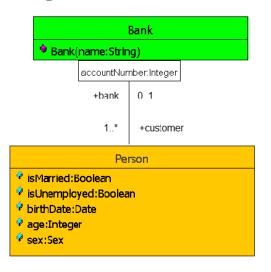
in name:String
in the string
in the string
in name:String
in the string
```

```
public final void removeAbstracts(Abstract arg) {
    if (abstracts != null && arg != null) {
       if (abstracts.remove(arg)) {
           arg.removeAuthors(this);
public final void removeAuthors(Author arg) {
    if (authors != null && arg != null) {
        if (authors.remove(arg)) {
            arg.removeAbstracts(this);
```

Bidirectional qualified association

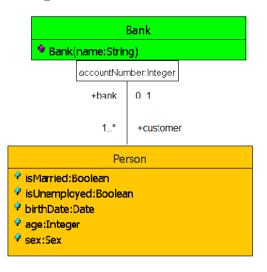


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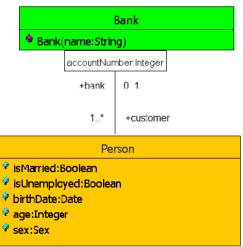


```
public final Person getCustomer(int accountNumber) {
    if (customer == null) return null;
    ArrayList key = new ArrayList();
    key.add(Integer.toInteger(accountNumber));
    return (Person)customer.get(key);
}
```

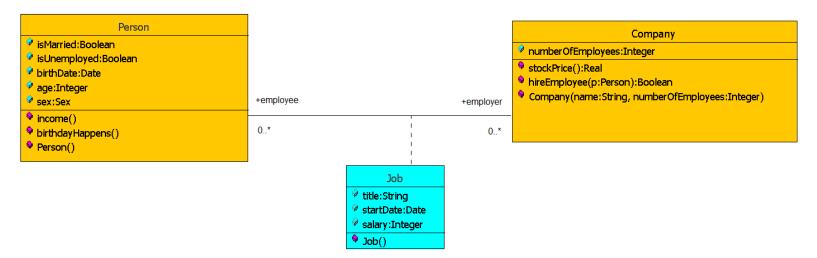
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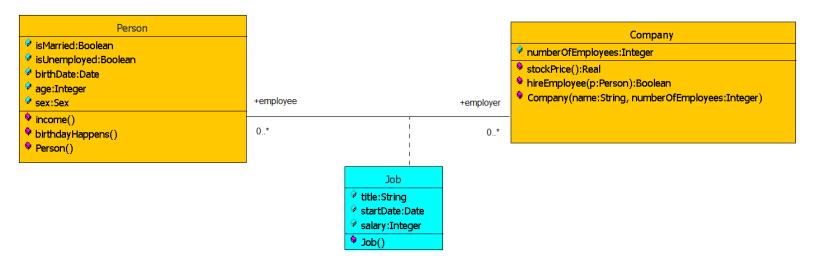


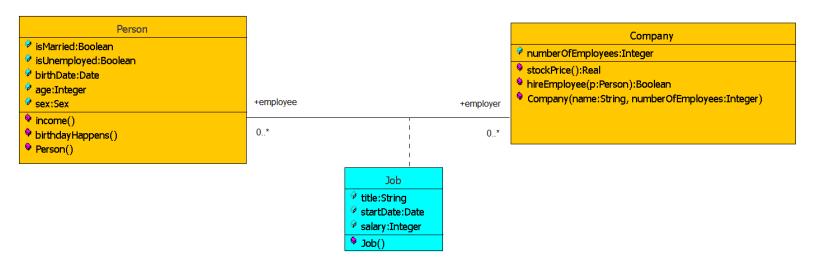
```
public final void removeCustomer(int accountNumber) {
        if (customer != null) {
                ArrayList key = new ArrayList();
                key.add(Integer.toInteger(accountNumber));
                Person temp = (Person)customer.remove(key);
                if (temp != null) {
                        temp.setBank(null);
public final void removeCustomer(Person arg) {
        if (customer != null || arg != null) {
                if (customer.values().remove(arg)) {
                        arg.setBank(null);
```

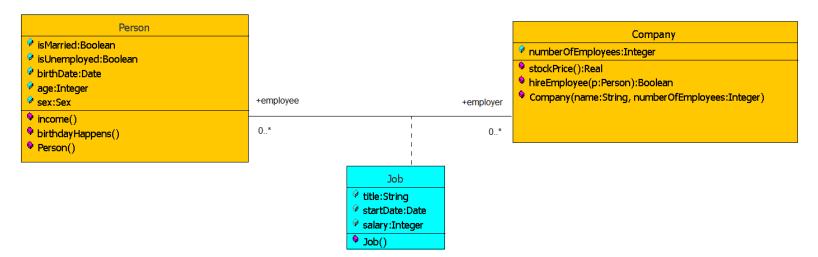


```
//File Person.java

//the declaration for the opposite end 'employer'
public Set employer;
...
public final Set getEmployer() {
    if (employer == null) {
        return java.util.Collections.EMPTY_SET;
    }
    return java.util.Collections.unmodifiableSet(employer);
}
```







```
//File Job.java
public Company employer;
public Person employee;
public final Person getEmployee() {
        return employee;
public final void setEmployee(Person arg) {
        if (employee != arg) {
                Person temp = employee;
                employee = null; //to avoid infinite recursions
                if (temp != null) {
                        temp.removeEmployer(this);
                if (arg != null) {
                        employee = arg;
                        arg.addEmployer(this);
```

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√ Transforming observers into code

```
context Conference
 def allEvalResBorderline:
    let allEvalResBorderline:Set(Paper) = self.authors.submittedPapers
    ->asSet->select(p:Paper | p.evaluationResult.rezEv->forAll(rE |
    rE=EvResult::borderlinePaper
    let rejectedPapersC: Set(Paper) = self.authors.submittedPapers->
     asSet->select(p:Paper | Set{EvResult::strongReject,
     EvResult::reject, EvResult::weakReject, EvResult::borderlinePaper}
     ->includesAll(p.evaluationResult.rezEv))-allEvalResBorderline
```

√ Transforming observers into code

```
public Set rejectedPapersC() {
    Set setAuthors = Conference.this.getAuthors();
    //evaluate 'collect(submittedPapers)':
    List bagCollect = CollectionUtilities.newBag();
    final Iterator iter = setAuthors.iterator();
    while (iter.hasNext()) {
        final Author decl = (Author)iter.next();
        Set setSubmittedPapers = decl.getSubmittedPapers();
        bagCollect.add(setSubmittedPapers);
    bagCollect = CollectionUtilities.flatten(bagCollect);
    Set setAsSet = CollectionUtilities.asSet(bagCollect);
//evaluate 'select(p:Paper|Set{EvResult::strongReject,EvResult::reject,EvResult::weakReject,EvResult::borderlinePaper}
    Set setSelect = CollectionUtilities.newSet();
    final Iterator iter0 = setAsSet.iterator();
```

√ Transforming observers into code _ cont

```
while (iter0.hasNext()) {
   final Paper p = (Paper)iter0.next();
   Set set = CollectionUtilities.newSet();
   CollectionUtilities.add(set, EvResult.strongReject);
   CollectionUtilities.add(set, EvResult.reject);
   CollectionUtilities.add(set, EvResult.weakReject);
   CollectionUtilities.add(set, EvResult.borderlinePaper);
   Set setEvaluationResult = p.getEvaluationResultReviewers();
    //evaluate 'collect(rezEv)':
   List bagCollect0 = CollectionUtilities.newBag();
    final Iterator iter1 = setEvaluationResult.iterator();
   while (iter1.hasNext()) {
        final EvaluationResult decl0 = (EvaluationResult)iter1.next();
        EvResult evResultRezEv = decl0.rezEv;
        bagCollect0.add(evResultRezEv);
    bagCollect0 = CollectionUtilities.flatten(bagCollect0);
    boolean bIncludesAll = CollectionUtilities.includesAll(set, bagCollect0);
```

Implementing Contract Violations

- Many object-oriented languages do not have built-in support for contracts
- However, if they support exceptions, we can use their exception mechanisms for signaling and handling contract violations
- In Java we use the try-throw-catch mechanism
- Example:
 - Let us assume the acceptPlayer() operation of TournamentControl is invoked with a player who is already part of the Tournament
 - UML model (see slide 61)
 - In this case acceptPlayer() in TournamentControl should throw an exception of type KnownPlayer
 - Java Source code (see slide 62).

Implementing Contract Violations - invariants

```
public class ConstraintChecker extends BasicConstraintChecker {
   public void checkConstraints() {
       super.checkConstraints();
       check PCMember approprPapToReview();
       check PCMember sessionChair();
    public void check PCMember sessionChair() {
        Section sectionPcmSection = PCMember.this.getPcmSection();
        boolean blsDefined = Ocl.isDefined(sectionPcmSection);
        boolean bNot = !bIsDefined;
        Section sectionSection = PCMember.this.getSection();
        Set setSectionSpeakers = sectionSection.getSectionSpeakers();
        Author authorOclAsType = PCMember.this;
        boolean bExcludes = CollectionUtilities.excludes(setSectionSpeakers, authorOclAsType);
        boolean bImplies = !bNot || bExcludes;
        if (!bImplies) {
            System.err.println("invariant 'sessionChair' failed for object "+PCMember.this);
```

Implementing Contract Violations – pre&post

```
public class Conference {
    public void assignPaperToReview(Paper ptr, PCMember rev) {
        class ConstraintChecker {
            public void checkPreconditions(Paper ptr, PCMember rev) {
                check precondition(ptr, rev);
            public void checkPostconditions(Paper ptr, PCMember rev) {
                check postcondition(ptr, rev);
```

Implementing Contract Violations – pre

```
public void check_precondition(Paper ptr, PCMember rev) {
   Set setReviewers = ptr.getReviewers();
    int nSize = CollectionUtilities.size(setReviewers);
    boolean bLessThan = nSize < 4;</pre>
   Set setReviewers0 = ptr.getReviewers();
    boolean bExcludes = CollectionUtilities.excludes(setReviewers0, rev);
    boolean bAnd2 = bLessThan && bExcludes;
   Set setsubmittedPapers = Conference.this.submittedPapers();
    boolean bIncludes = CollectionUtilities.includes(setsubmittedPapers, ptr);
   boolean bAnd1 = bAnd2 && bIncludes;
   Set setPCCommitee = Conference.this.getPCCommitee();
    boolean bIncludes0 = CollectionUtilities.includes(setPCCommitee, rev);
   boolean bAnd0 = bAnd1 && bIncludes0;
   Set set = CollectionUtilities.newSet();
   CollectionUtilities.add(set, BiddResult.conflict);
   CollectionUtilities.add(set, BiddResult.refuseToEv);
   Set setBiddingResult = ptr.getBiddingResultPCMembers();
```

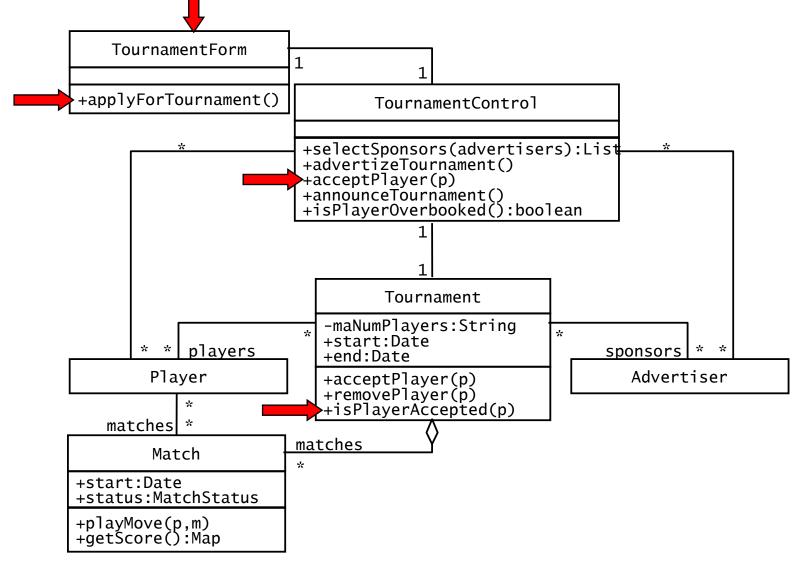
Implementing Contract Violations – pre_2

```
//evaluate 'select(br|br.pCMembers=rev)':
Set setSelect = CollectionUtilities.newSet();
final Iterator iter = setBiddingResult.iterator();
while (iter.hasNext()) {
    final BiddingResult br = (BiddingResult)iter.next();
    PCMember pCMemberPCMembers = br.getPCMembers();
    boolean bEquals = pCMemberPCMembers.equals(rev);
    if (bEquals) CollectionUtilities.add(setSelect, br);
//evaluate 'any(true)':
Object temp = null;
final Iterator iter0 = setSelect.iterator();
while (temp == null && iter0.hasNext()) {
    Object temp0 = iter0.next();
    BiddingResult iter1 = (BiddingResult)temp0;
    if (true) temp = temp0;
```

Implementing Contract Violations – pre_3

```
BiddingResult biddingResultAny;
if (temp == null) biddingResultAny = null;
else biddingResultAny = (BiddingResult)temp;
BiddResult biddResultResBid = biddingResultAny.resBid;
boolean bExcludes0 = CollectionUtilities.excludes(set, biddResultResBid);
boolean bAnd = bAnd0 && bExcludes0;
if (!bAnd) {
    System.err.println("precondition 'precondition' failed for object "+Conference.this);
```

UML Model for Contract Violation Example



Implementation in Java

public class TournamentForm {

private ArrayList players;

```
TournamentForm
                                                             +applyForTournament()
                                                                                    TournamentControl
                                                                              +selectSponsors(advertisers):Lis
+advertizeTournament()
+acceptPlayer(p)
                                                                              +announceTournament()
+isPlayerOverbooked():boolean
                                                                                     Tournament
                                                                                -maNumPlayers:String
+start:Date
+end:Date
                                                                     nlavers
                                                                                                      sponsoris*
                                                                  Player
                                                                                                        Advertiser
                                                                                +acceptPlayer(p)
+removePlayer(p)
+isPlayerAccepted(p)
                                                                              matches
                                                                   Match
                                                             +start:Date
+status:MatchStatus
                                                             +playMove(p,m)
+getScore():Map
private TournamentControl control;
public void processPlayerApplications() {
  for (Iteration i = players.iterator(); i.hasNext();) {
                    control.acceptPlayer((Player)i.next());
            catch (KnownPlayerException e) {
               // If exception was caught, log it to console
               ErrorConsole.log(e.getMessage());
```

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The try-throw-catch Mechanism in Java

```
public class TournamentControl {
  private Tournament tournament;
  public void addPlayer(Player p) throws KnownPlayerException
       if (tournament.isPlayerAccepted(p)) {
              throw new KnownPlayerException(p);
         ... Normal addPlayer behavior
public class TournamentForm {
  private TournamentControl control;
  private ArrayList players;
 public void processPlayerApplications() {
   for (Iteration i = players.iterator(); i.hasNext();) {
            control.acceptPlayer((Player)i.next());
        catch (KnownPlayerException e) {
         // If exception was caught, log it to console
         ErrorConsole.log(e.getMessage());
```

Implementing a Contract

Check each precondition:

- Before the beginning of the method with a test to check the precondition for that method
 - Raise an exception if the precondition evaluates to false

Check each postcondition:

- At the end of the method write a test to check the postcondition
 - Raise an exception if the postcondition evaluates to false. If more than one postcondition is not satisfied, raise an exception only for the first violation.

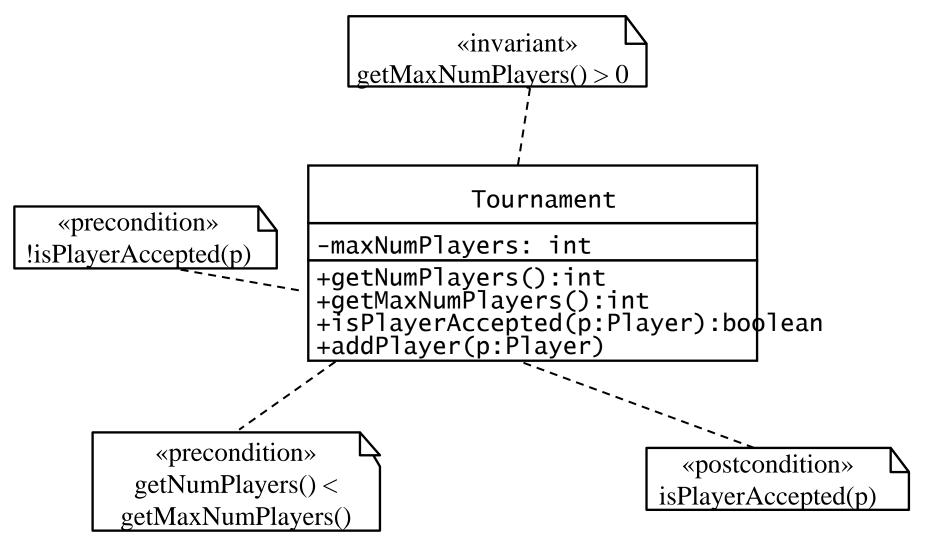
Check each invariant:

 Check invariants at the same time when checking preconditions and when checking postconditions

Deal with inheritance:

 Add the checking code for preconditions and postconditions also into methods that can be called from the class.

A complete implementation of the Tournament.addPlayer() contract



Heuristics: Mapping Contracts to Exceptions

- Executing checking code slows down your program
 - If it is too slow, omit the checking code for private and protected methods
 - If it is still too slow, focus on components with the longest life
 - Omit checking code for postconditions and invariants for all other components.

Heuristics for Transformations

- For any given transformation always use the same tool
- Keep the contracts in the source code, not in the object design model
- Use the same names for the same objects
- Have a style guide for transformations (Martin Fowler)

Object Design Areas

1. Service specification

Describes precisely each class interface

2. Component selection

Identify off-the-shelf components and additional solution objects

3. Object model restructuring

Transforms the object design model to improve its understandability and extensibility

4. Object model optimization

 Transforms the object design model to address performance criteria such as response time or memory utilization.

Design Optimizations

- Design optimizations are an important part of the object design phase:
 - The requirements analysis model is semantically correct but often too inefficient if directly implemented.
- Optimization activities during object design:
 - 1. Add redundant associations to minimize access cost
 - 2. Rearrange computations for greater efficiency
 - 3. Store derived attributes to save computation time
- As an object designer you must strike a balance between efficiency and clarity.
 - Optimizations will make your models more obscure

Design Optimization Activities

1. Add redundant associations:

- What are the most frequent operations? (Sensor data lookup?)
- How often is the operation called? (30 times a month, every 50 milliseconds)

2. Rearrange execution order

- Eliminate dead paths as early as possible (Use knowledge of distributions, frequency of path traversals)
- Narrow search as soon as possible
- Check if execution order of loop should be reversed

3. Turn classes into attributes

Implement application domain classes

- To collapse or not collapse: Attribute or association?
- Object design choices:
 - Implement entity as embedded attribute
 - Implement entity as separate class with associations to other classes
- Associations are more flexible than attributes but often introduce unnecessary indirection
- Abbott's textual analysis rules.

To Collapse or not to Collapse?

 Collapse a class into an attribute if the only operations defined on the attributes are Set() and Get().

Design Optimizations (continued)

Store derived attributes

- Example: Define new classes to store information locally (database cache)
- Problem with derived attributes:
 - Derived attributes must be updated when base values change.
 - There are 3 ways to deal with the update problem:
 - Explicit code: Implementor determines affected derived attributes (push)
 - Periodic computation: Recompute derived attribute occasionally (pull)
 - Active value: An attribute can designate set of dependent values which are automatically updated when active value is changed (notification, data trigger)