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Class Relationships

- Classes in a software system can have various types of relationships to each other
- Three of the most common relationships:
 - Aggregation: A *has-a* B
 - Dependency: A *uses* B
 - Inheritance: A *is-a* B

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Aggregation

- An *aggregate* is an object that is made up of other objects
- Therefore aggregation is a *has-a* relationship
 - A car *has a* chassis
- An aggregate object contains references to other objects as instance data
- This is a special kind of dependency; the aggregate relies on the objects that compose it

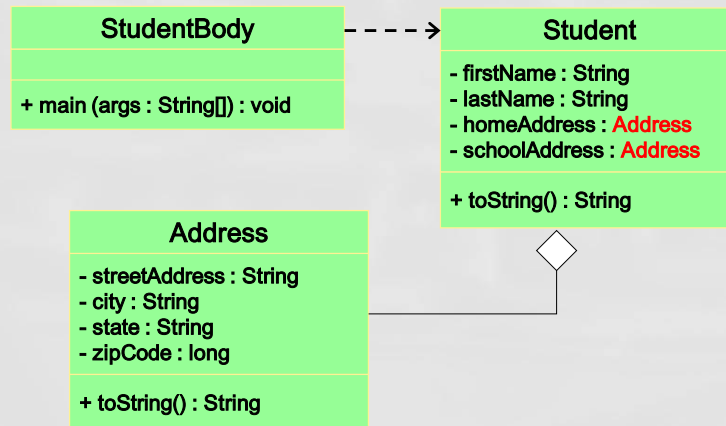
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Aggregation

- In the following example, a `Student` object is composed, in part, of `Address` objects
- A student has an address (in fact each student has two addresses)
- See `StudentBody.java`
- See `Student.java`
- See `Address.java`

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Aggregation in UML



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//*****
// StudentBody.java      Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
// Demonstrates the use of an aggregate class.
//*****

public class StudentBody
{
    //-----
    // Creates some Address and Student objects and prints them.
    //-----
    public static void main (String[] args)
    {
        Address school = new Address ("800 Lancaster Ave.", "Villanova",
                                     "PA", 19085);
        Address jHome = new Address ("21 Jump Street", "Lynchburg",
                                     "VA", 24551);
        Student john = new Student ("John", "Smith", jHome, school);

        Address mHome = new Address ("123 Main Street", "Euclid", "OH",
                                     44132);
        Student marsha = new Student ("Marsha", "Jones", mHome, school);

        System.out.println (john);
        System.out.println ();
        System.out.println (marsha);
    }
}

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	Output	
<pre> //***** // StudentBody.java // // Demonstrates the //***** public class StudentB { //----- // Creates some A //----- public static void { Address school Address jHome = Student john = Address mHome = Student marsha = new Student ("Marsha", "Jones", mHome, school); System.out.println (john); System.out.println (); System.out.println (marsha); } } </pre>	<pre> John Smith Home Address: 21 Jump Street Lynchburg, VA 24551 School Address: 800 Lancaster Ave. Villanova, PA 19085 Marsha Jones Home Address: 123 Main Street Euclid, OH 44132 School Address: 800 Lancaster Ave. Villanova, PA 19085 </pre>	<pre> ***** ***** ----- and prints them. ----- er Ave.", "Villanova", ; et", "Lynchburg", ", jHome, school); et", "Euclid", "OH", </pre>

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public class Student
{
    private String firstName, lastName;
    private Address homeAddress, schoolAddress;

    //-----
    // Constructor: Sets up this student with the specified values.
    //-----
    public Student (String first, String last, Address home,
                    Address school)
    {
        firstName = first;
        lastName = last;
        homeAddress = home;
        schoolAddress = school;
    }

    //-----
    // Returns a string description of this Student object.
    //-----
    public String toString()
    {
        String result;

        result = firstName + " " + lastName + "\n";
        result += "Home Address:\n" + homeAddress + "\n";
        result += "School Address:\n" + schoolAddress;

        return result;
    }
}

```

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```

//*****
// Address.java      Author: Lewis/Loftus
//
// Represents a street address.
//*****

public class Address
{
    private String streetAddress, city, state;
    private long zipCode;

    //-----
    // Constructor: Sets up this address with the specified data.
    //-----
    public Address (String street, String town, String st, long zip)
    {
        streetAddress = street;
        city = town;
        state = st;
        zipCode = zip;
    }
    //-----
    // Returns a description of this Address object.
    //-----
    public String toString()
    {
        String result;

        result = streetAddress + "\n";
        result += city + ", " + state + " " + zipCode;

        return result;
    }
}

```