Object-oriented design

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Overview

- Targeted design.
- Design standards.
- UML class diagrams.
- Design tools.
- Summary.

Targeted design

- Rarely design everything within a program before it is implemented.
- Birds eye view within an architecture description document.
- Reverse engineer data model design from code.
- Design key aspects of the data model.
- Data that are saved to or read from storage.
- Data that are passed from one block of functionality to another.

Design standards

- Unified modelling language (UML).
- Several diagram standards that are used for different purposes.
- Take a quick look at class diagrams.
- Data schema diagrams (Crow's foot).
- Used to describe relational storage tables.
- Beyond this course.

UML class diagrams: a class

Class name

Visibility Attribute [type] [=default] Visibility Attribute [type] [=default]

Visibility Operation[arguments] [return type] Visibility Operation[arguments] [return type]

Visibility:

- +=> Public
- # => Protected
- -=> Private

DataElement

+PublicData: int = 10

#ProtectedData: string = "A string"

-PrivateData: bool = True

+MultiplyNumbers(x:int=3): float

+TestSomething(): bool

UML and Python

```
class DataElement:
    def __init__(self):
        self.publicData = 10
        self._protectedData = "A string"
        self._privateData = True

def multiplyNumbers(x = 3):
    return 0.

def testSomething():
    return False
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DataElement

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#ProtectedData: string = "A string"

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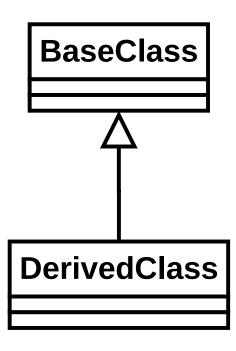
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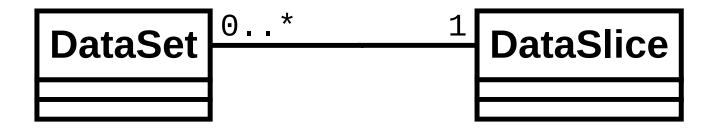
 Normally do not include default values or input arguments.

UML: class relationships

- Classes can inherit from others.
- Define inherited attributes or operations only in the base class.

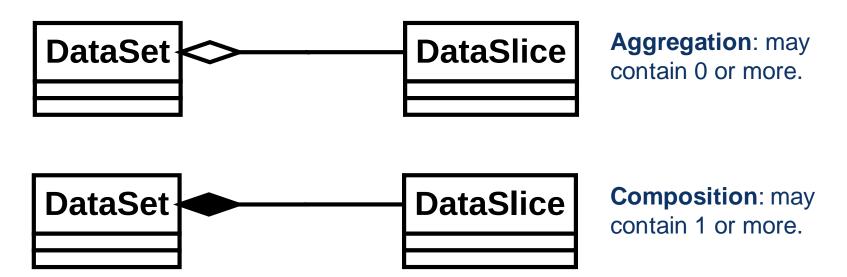


UML: class association



- Define multiplicities in association:
- 0..* Zero or more.
- 1 Exactly one.
- 1..* One or more.
- 0..1 Zero or one.

UML: class composition



Used to express that classes are part of another class.

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UML Tools

- Create UML diagrams with:
- Dia Diagram Editor (Windows, Linux, Mac).
- https://app.diagrams.net/ (Online).
- UML Designer.
- Microsoft Visio Pro.
- Can autogenerate UML from code.
- Pyreverse, Doxygen.

Summary

- Discussed targeted design.
- Discussed class design tools.
- Introduced UML class diagrams.