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Use-case Modeling

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- 💧 Types of UML
- 💧 Use Case Diagram
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Unified Modeling Language



The **unified modeling language (UML)** is a general-purpose visual **modeling language** that is intended to provide a standard way to visualize the design of a system.^[1]

UML provides a standard notation for many types of diagrams which can be roughly divided into three main groups: behavior diagrams, interaction diagrams, and structure diagrams.

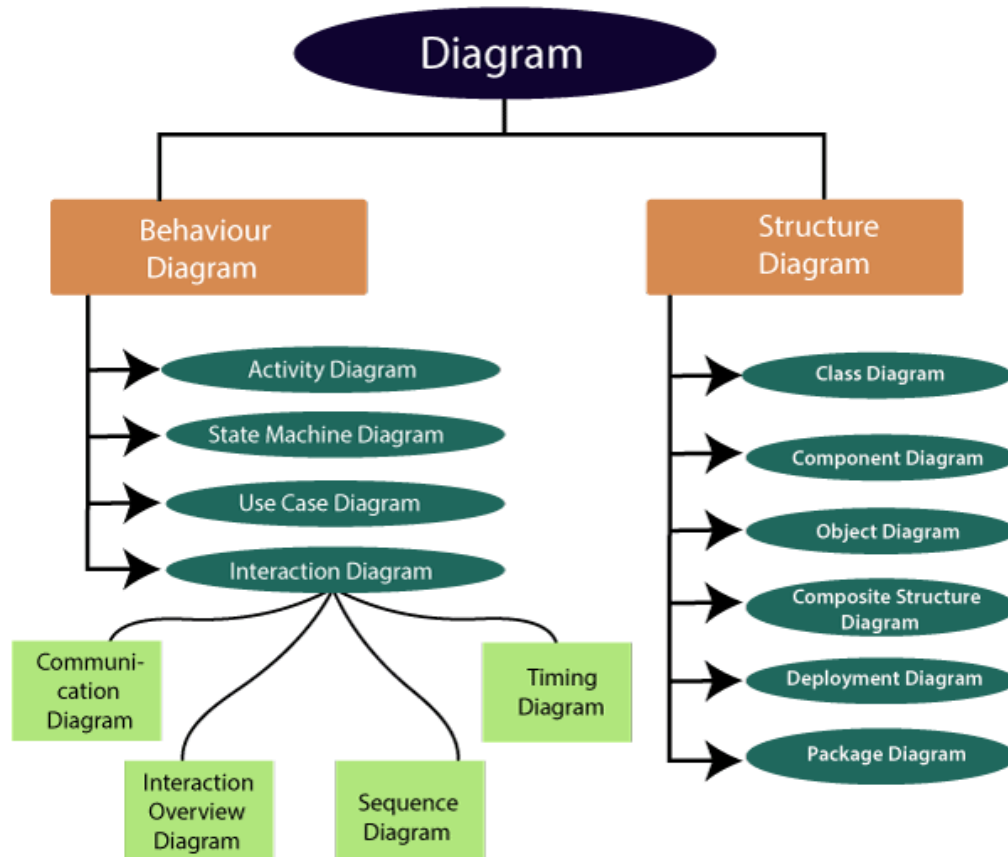
The creation of UML was originally motivated by the desire to standardize the disparate notational systems and approaches to software design. It was developed at **Rational Software** in 1994–1995, with further development led by them through 1996.^[2]

Why UML?

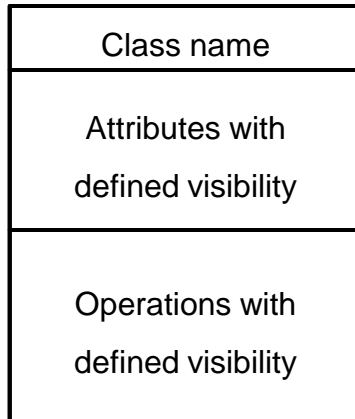
“a user logs into the system”



- Ensure consistent designs across teams.
- Ensure a high-level design is properly executed in code.



Notations in UML



Visibility:

+ Public

Protected

- Private

Role of Use Case Diagram in UML

Usefulness of Use cases

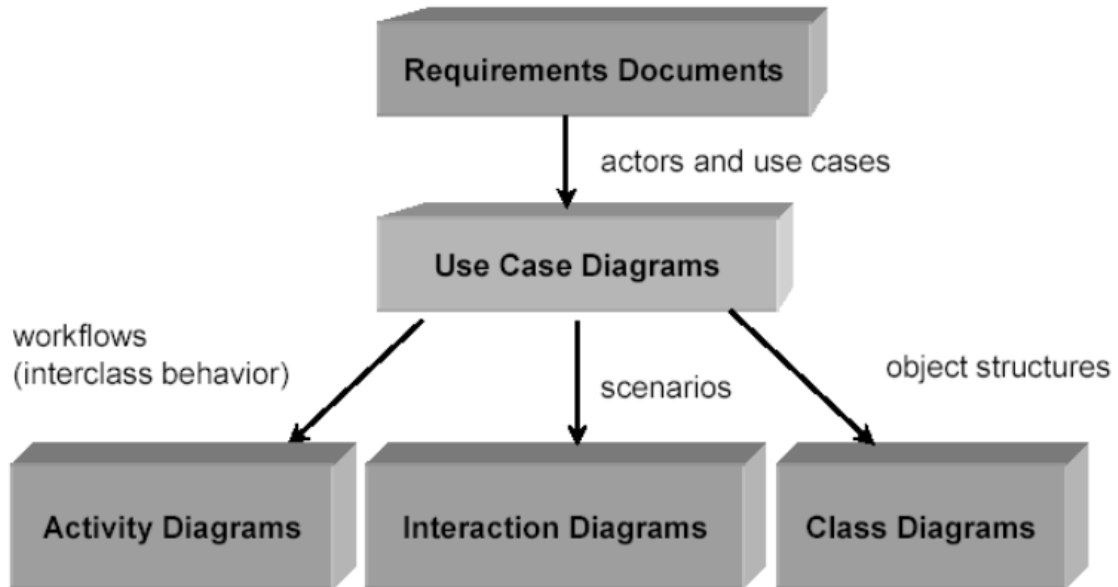
*One of the most important things during **analysis** is to **discover** all the potential **use cases**.*

Unified Modeling Language (UML) delivers the **use cases** to analyze the requirements of a system.

- Use cases are typical **interactions** a **user** has with the **system**.
- A use case indicates a **function** that the user can **understand** and that has **value** for the user.
- Use cases can **vary** considerably in **size**.

Use cases are an essential tool in **requirements capturing** and in **planning** and **controlling** an iterative **project**.

Role of Use Case Diagram in UML



Components in a Use Case Diagram

💧 Actors:

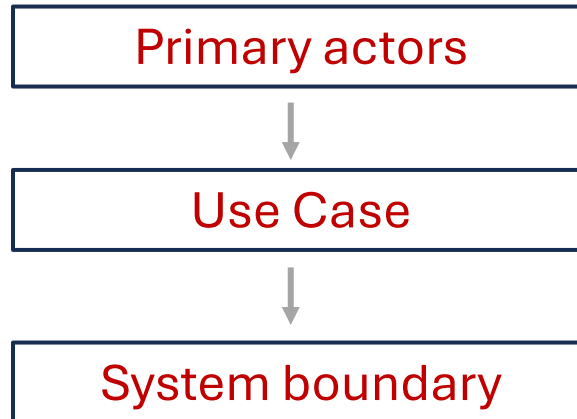
An actor is external to a system, interacts with the system, may be a human user or another system, has a goal and responsibilities to satisfy in interacting with the system.

💧 Use Cases:

- Identify functional requirements
- Describe actions performed by a system
- capture interactions between the system and actors

💧 **Relationships:** Actors are connected to the use cases with which they interact by a line which represents a relationship between the actors and the use cases.

Basic Procedure in Use Case Diagram



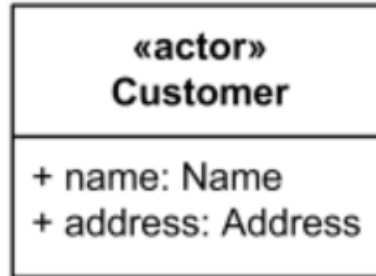
Actors

- ♦ An actor is a role that a user or other system plays with respect to the system to be developed.
- ♦ A single actor in a use case diagram can represent multiple users (or systems).
- ♦ A single user (or system) also may play multiple roles.
- ♦ Actors don't need to be human, e.g., an external system that needs some information from the current system.

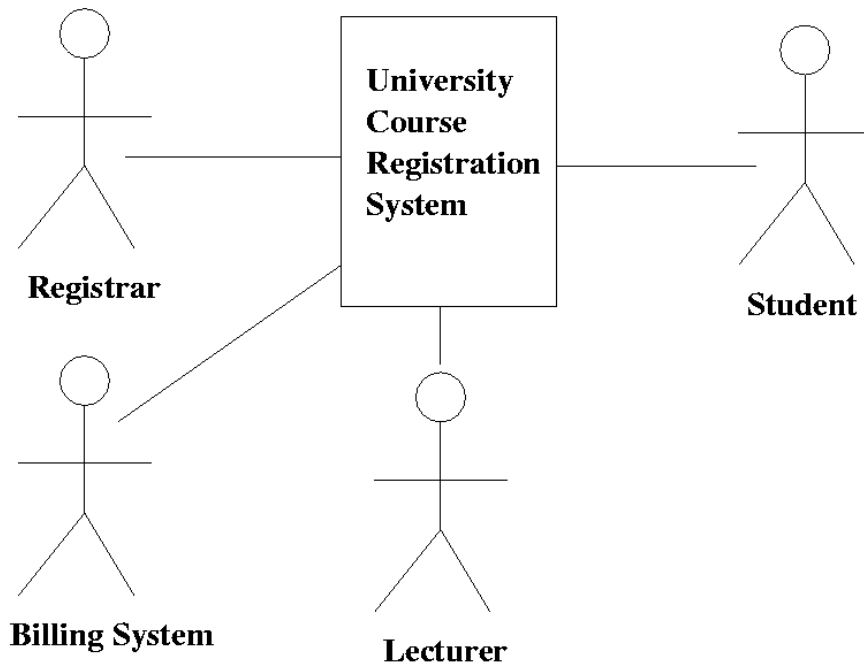
Actors - Notation



Actor name



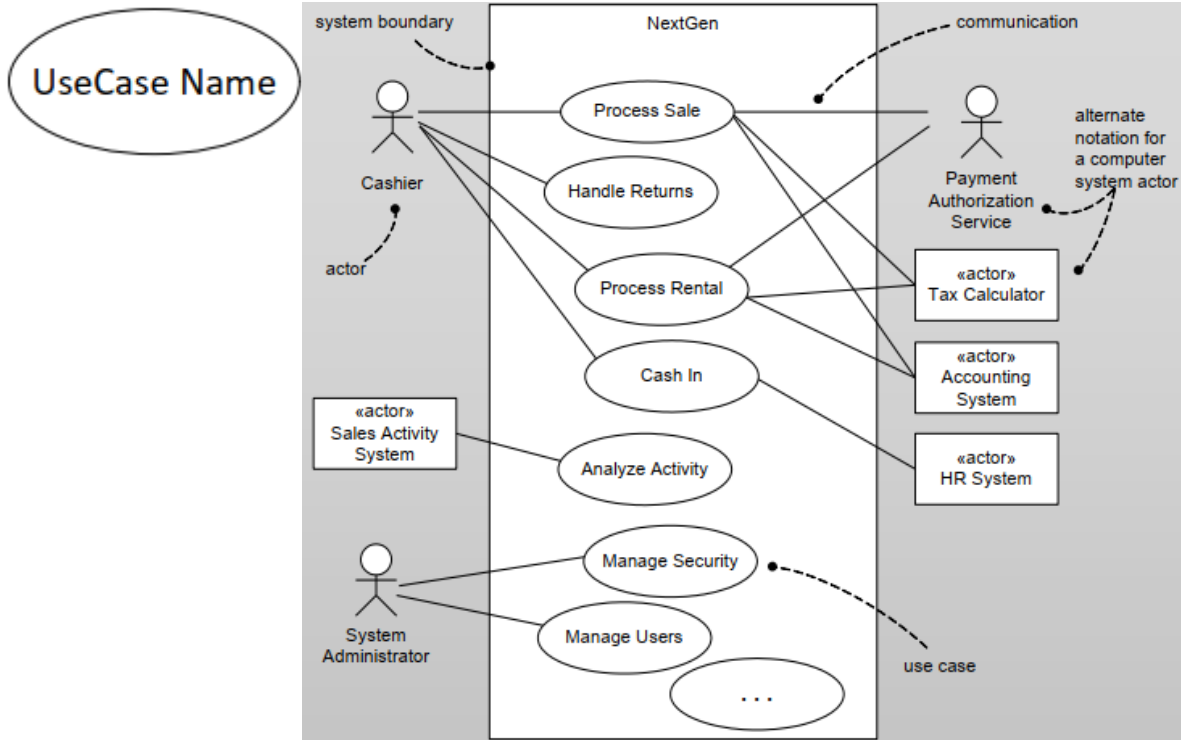
Actors - Example



Use Case

- The “case aspect” in a use case represents a high-level description of a desired action in which the actor is involved.
- Each UseCase specifies a unit of useful functionality that the subject provides to its users.

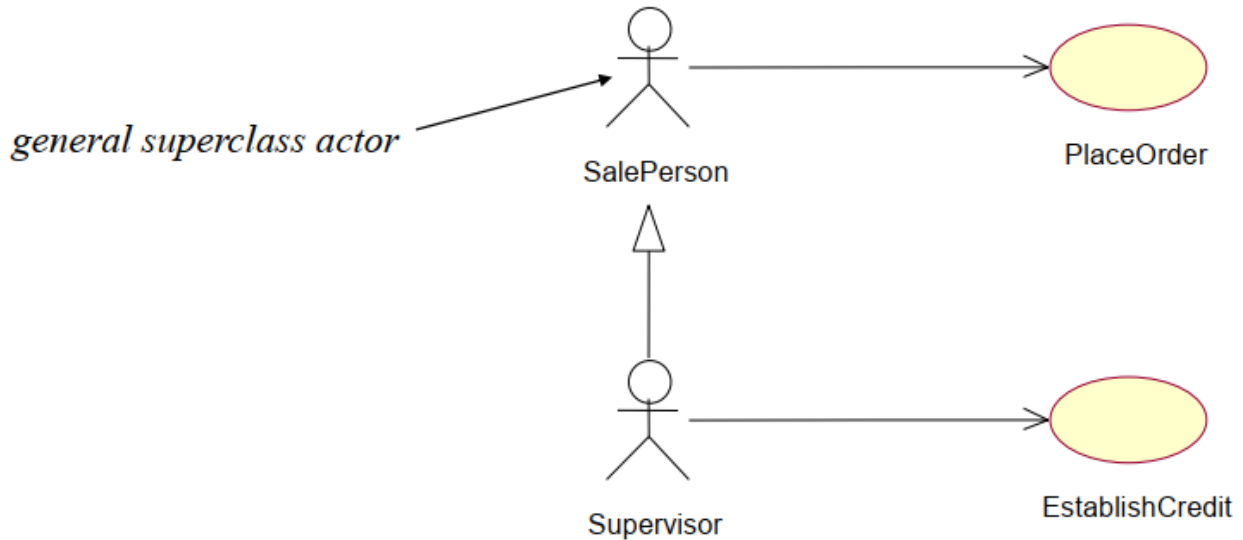
Use Case - Notation



Relationships

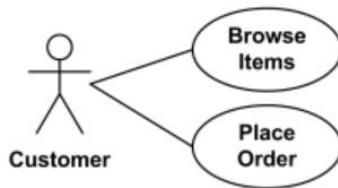
Types	Description	Symbols
association	Relationship between an actor and a use case	—————
extend	Relationship between two use cases	<<extend>> ----->
generalization	Relationship between two actors	—————▷
include or use	Relationship between two use cases	<<include>> ----->

Generalization



Association

- ♦ An association between an actor and a use case indicates that the actor and the use case somehow interact or communicate with each other.
- ♦ Only binary associations are allowed between actors and use cases.



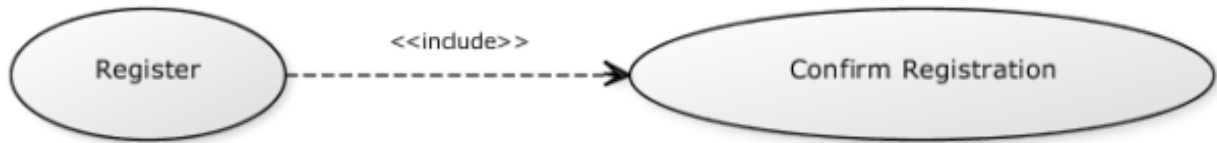
Customer actor is associated with two use cases - Browse Items and Place Order.



Manage Account use case is associated with Customer and Bank actors.

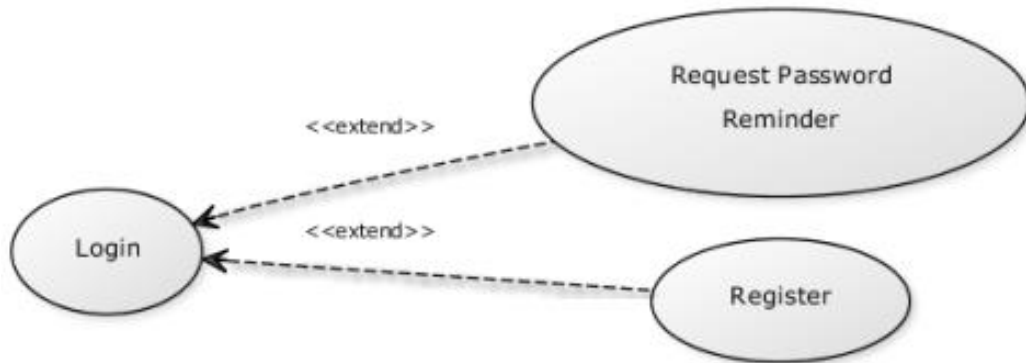
Include

- ♦ Use “include” when you are repeating yourself in two or more separate use cases.
- ♦ Copying the description of that behavior introduces redundancy and may lead to inconsistencies when the behavior is changed.

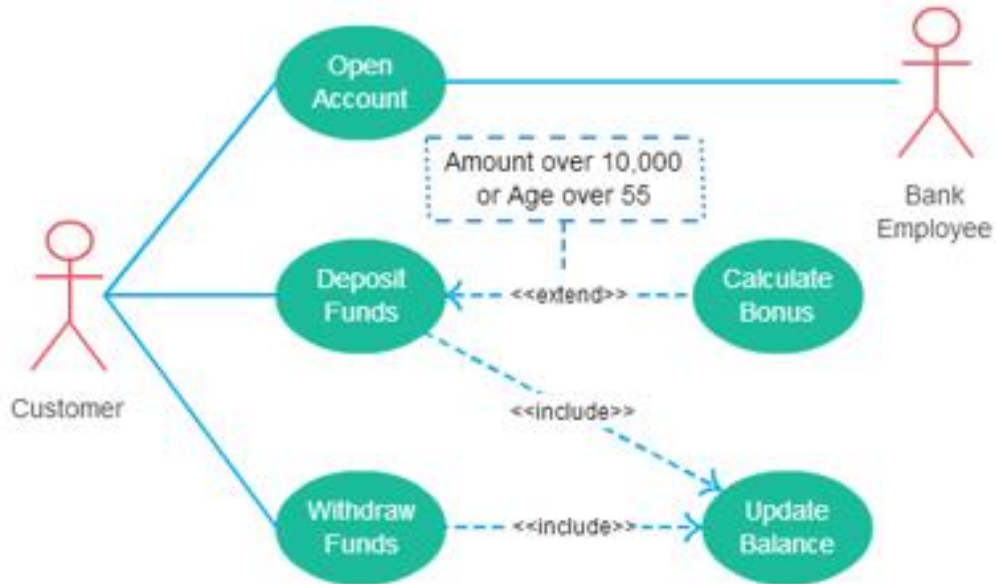


Extend

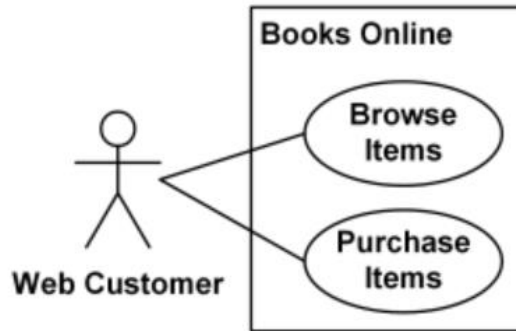
- ♦ Extensions are used instead of modeling every extra case by a single use case.
- ♦ Extensions are used instead of creating a complex use case that cover all variations.



Extend



Subject



A subject is a classifier (including subsystem, component, or even class) representing a business, software system, physical system or device under analysis, design, or consideration, having some behavior, and to which a set of use cases applies.

Subject

Textual description of the actor will show its boundary!

“We need a system where students can register for courses, view materials, and submit assignments. Professors will upload content and grade students. Admins should manage user accounts and courses.”

Subject

