



# Software Engineering Understanding Requirements



### **Use Case Diagram**

- A use case diagram is a representation of a user's interaction with the system.
- This interaction shows the relationship between the user and the different use cases in which the user is involved.
- The purpose of the use case diagrams is simply to provide a high-level view of the system and convey the requirements in layman's terms for the stakeholders.

#### **Components of Use Case Diagram**

#### **System boundary**



- Represent the scope of the system
- Use cases of the system are placed inside the system boundary
- Actors who interact with the system are placed outside the system

#### Actor



- An actor is an entity that interacts directly with the system but that is not part of system
- Actor may be people, computer hardware, other systems, etc.

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### **Components of Use Case Diagram**

#### Use case



 A use case represents a user goal / piece of functionality that can be achieved by accessing the system or software application.

#### **Association**



 An actor and use case can be associated to indicate that the actor participates in that use case

#### Generalization



 A generalization relationship is used to represent the inheritance relationship between model elements of the same type

#### **Components of Use Case Diagram**

Include

<<include>>

- An include relationship is a relationship in which one use case includes the functionality of another use case
- The include relationship supports the reuse of functionality in a use-case model.

**Extends** 

<<Extends>>

 The extend relationship specifies that the incorporation of the extension use case is dependent on what happens when the base use case executes.

Constraint

-  $\frac{\text{condition}}{-}$ 

Show condition exists between actors and activity

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# **Example of Include and Extends**

Login 
CheckOrder
Status

- In e-commerce application that provides customers with the option of checking the status of their orders. For checking the status of their order user should be login.
- This behavior is modeled with a base use case called CheckOrderStatus that has an inclusion use case called LogIn.

pay for item

<cextend>>

pay by
pay on
delivery

- In e-commerce site, When paying for an item, you may choose to pay on delivery, pay using PayPal, or pay by card.
- These are all alternatives to the "pay for Ditem" use case. I may choose any of these options depending on my preference.

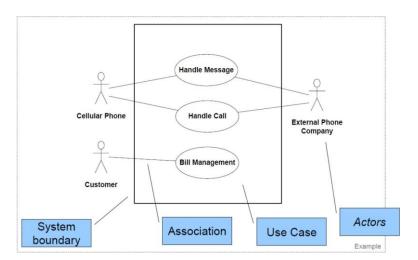
# Guideline for constructing use case diagram

- Determine the system boundary.
- Ensure that actors are focused, each actor should have a single, coherent purpose. If a real world object contains multiple purpose, capture them with separate actors
- o Each use case must provide value of users
- Relate use cases and actors

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# **Example Use-Case Diagram**

 A standard form of use case diagram is defined in the Unified Modeling Language



#### Library Management System(LMS) formal Requirement

- A Library Management System is a software built to handle the primary housekeeping functions of a library.
- In library management systems to manage asset collections as well as relationships with their members.
- Library management systems help libraries keep track of the books and their checkouts, as well as members' subscriptions and profiles.
- Library management systems also involve maintaining the database for entering new articles and recording articles that have been borrowed with their respective due dates.

#### **Identify the Functionality & Stakeholders for LMS**

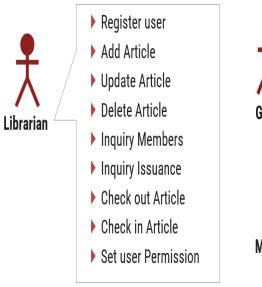
#### **Functionality**

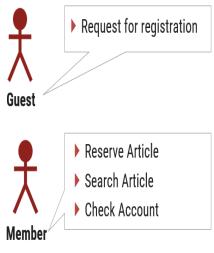
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- Add Article
- Update Article
- Delete Article
- Inquiry Members
- Inquiry Issuance
- Check out Article
- Check in Article
- Reserve Article
- Set user Permission
- Search Article
- Check Account
- Prenare Library Database

#### **Stakeholders**

- Librarian
- Member
- Guest

# **Relationship Between Functionality & Stakeholders**





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#### **Use Case Diagram Library Management** Library Management System 1. Login 10. Request registration 2. Register user Manage member permission Guest 4. Add Article 11. Check account 5. Delete Article 13.Search by title 6. Inquiry article <<extend>> Member 7. Inquiry member 12. Search article Librarian 8. Check in articles 14 Search by publication 9. Check out articles

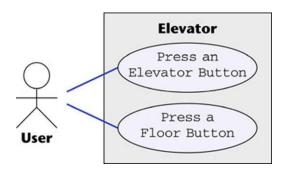
# The Elevator Problem Case Study

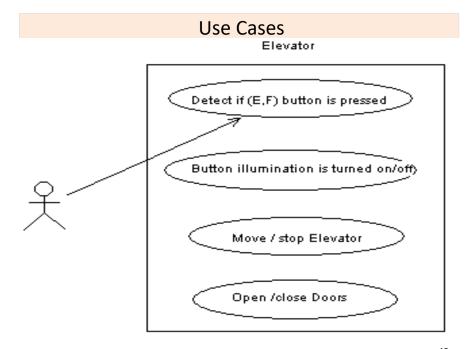
- A product is to be installed to control n elevators in a building with m floors. The problem concerns the logic required to move elevators between floors according to the following constraints:
- Each elevator has a set of m buttons, one for each floor. These illuminate when pressed and cause the elevator to visit the corresponding floor. The illumination is cancelled when the corresponding floor is visited by the elevator
- Each floor, except the first and the top floor, has two buttons, one to request an up-elevator, one to request a down-elevator. These buttons illuminate when pressed. The illumination is cancelled when an elevator visits the floor, then moves in the desired direction
- If an elevator has no requests, it remains at its current floor with its doors closed

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#### **Use Cases**

- o For the elevator problem, there are only two possible use cases
  - Press an Elevator Button, and
  - Press a Floor Button





#### **Scenarios**

- A use case provides a generic description of the overall functionality. A scenario is an instance of a use case
- Sufficient scenarios need to be studied to get a comprehensive insight into the target product being modelled
- Each use case is one or more scenarios.
- Add Subject Use Case :
  - Scenario 1 : Subject gets added successfully.
  - Scenario 2 : Adding the subject fails since the subject is already in the database.
- Enroll Subject Use Case:
  - Scenario 1 : Student is enrolled for the subject.
  - Scenario 2: Enrollment fails since the student is already enrolled in the subject.
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- Scenario 1 : Student is enrolled for the subject.
  - Student chooses the "enroll subject" action.
  - Check the student has enrolled in less than 10 subjects.
  - Check if the subject is valid.
  - Assign the subject to the student.
- Scenario 2: Enrolling fails since the student is already enrolled in 10 subjects.
  - Student chooses the "enroll subject" action.
  - o Check the student has enrolled in less than 10 subjects.
  - Return an error message to the student.

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### Normal Scenario: Elevator Problem

- 1. User A presses the Up floor button at floor 3 to request an elevator. User A wishes to go to floor 7.
- 2. The Up floor button is turned on.
- 3. An elevator arrives at floor 3. It contains User B, who has entered the elevator at floor 1 and pressed the elevator button for floor 9.
- 4. The Up floor button is turned off.
- 5. The elevator doors open.
- 6. The timer starts.
  - User A enters the elevator.
- 7. User A presses the elevator button for floor 7.
- 8. The elevator button for floor 7 is turned on.
- 9. The elevator doors close after a timeout.
- 10. The elevator travels to floor 7.
- 11. The elevator button for floor 7 is turned off.
- 12. The elevator doors open to allow User A to exit from the elevator.
- 13. The timer starts.
  - User A exits from the elevator.
- 14. The elevator doors close after a timeout.
- 15. The elevator proceeds to floor 9 with User B.

# **Exception Scenario: Elevator Problem**

- 1. User A presses the Up floor button at floor 3 to request an elevator. User A wishes to go to floor 1.
- 2. The Up floor button is turned on.
- 3. An elevator arrives at floor 3. It contains User B, who has entered the elevator at floor 1 and pressed the elevator button for floor 9.
- 4. The Up floor button is turned off.
- 5. The elevator doors open.
- 6. The timer starts.
  - User A enters the elevator.
- 7. User A presses the elevator button for floor 1.
- 8. The elevator button for floor 1 is turned on.
- 9. The elevator doors close after a timeout.
- 10. The elevator travels to floor 9.
- 11. The elevator button for floor 9 is turned off.
- 12. The elevator doors open to allow User B to exit from the elevator.
- The timer starts.
   User B exits from the elevator.
- 14. The elevator doors close after a timeout.
- 15. The elevator proceeds to floor 1 with User A.

#### **Use cases & Usage Scenarios**

- A collection of user scenarios that describe the thread of usage of a system
- Each scenario is described from the point-of-view of an "actor"
- An actor is a person or device that interacts with the software
- Each scenario answers the following questions
  - Who is the primary actor, the secondary actor (s)?
  - What are the actor's goals?
  - What preconditions should exist before the story begins?
  - What main tasks or functions are performed by the actor?
  - What extensions might be considered as the story is described?
  - What variations in the actor's interaction are possible?
  - What information does the actor desire from the system?

#### **Use cases & Usage Scenarios**

- What system information will the actor acquire, produce, or change?
- Will the actor have to inform the system about changes in the external environment?
- Does the actor wish to be informed about unexpected changes?
- Scenarios are created by user researchers to help communicate with the design team.
- User stories are created by project/product managers to define the requirements prior to a sprint in agile development.
- Scenarios are stories that capture the goals, motivations, and tasks of a persona in a given system.

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#### **Building the requirement model**

- The intent of the analysis model is to provide a description of the required informational, functional, and behavioral domains for a computer-based system.
- The model changes dynamically as you learn more about the system to be built, and other stakeholders understand more about what they really require.
- For that reason, the analysis model is a snapshot of requirements at any given time. You should expect it to change.
- As the requirements model evolves, certain elements will become relatively stable, providing a solid foundation for the design tasks that follow.
- However, other elements of the model may be more volatile, indicating that stakeholders do not yet fully understand requirements for the system.

#### **Activity Diagram**

- An activity diagram visually presents a series of operation or flow of control in a system similar to algorithm or a flowchart.
- An activity diagram is like a traditional flowchart in that it show the flow of control from step to step.
- An activity diagram can show both sequential and concurrent flow of control.
- Activity diagram mainly focus on the sequence of operation rather than on objects.
- Activity diagram represent the dynamic behavior of the system or part of the system.
- An activity diagram shows 'How' system works.
- Activity diagram are most useful during early stages of designing algorithms and workflows.

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# **Elements of Activity Diagram**

Activity

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- The main element of an activity diagram is the activity itself.
- An activity is a function/operation performed by the system.
- The elongated ovals show activities.
- An unlabeled arrow from one activity to another activity, that indicates that the first activity must complete before the second activity begin.

Branches



- If there is more than one successor to an activity, each arrow may be labeled with a condition in square brackets. For e.g. [failure]
- As a notational convenience, a diamond shows a branch into multiple successors.
- The diamond has one incoming arrows and two or more outgoing arrows. Each with condition.

#### **Elements of Activity Diagram**

#### Initiation



- A solid circle with an outgoing arrow shows the starting point of an activity diagram.
- When an activity diagram is activated, control starts at the solid circle and proceeds via the outgoing arrow toward the first activities.

#### **Termination**

- A bull's eye a solid circle surrounded by a hollow circle shows the termination point.
- The symbol only has incoming arrows.
- When control reaches a bull's eye, the overall activity is complete and execution of the activity diagram ends.

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# Elements of Activity Diagram

#### **Concurrent Activities**

Merge

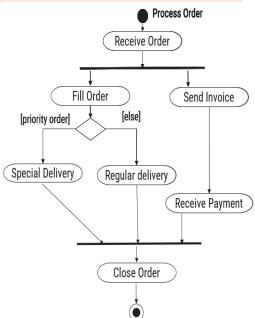


Fork

- System can perform more than one activity at a time.
- For e.g. one activity may be followed by another activity, then split into several concurrent activities (a fork of control), and finally be combined into a single activity (a merge of control).
- A fork or merge is shown by a synchronization bar –a heavy line with one or more input arrows and one or more output arrows.

# **Example of Fork & Join**

- An example of business flow activity of order processing, based on the Example order is input parameter of the activity.
- After order is accepted and all required information is filled in, payment is accepted and order is shipped.
- Note, that this business flow allows order shipment before invoice is sent or payment is confirmed.



#### **Guideline for Activity Diagram**

- Activity diagram elaborate the details of computation, thus documenting the steps needed to implement an operation or a business process.
- Activity diagram can help developers to understand complex computations by graphically displaying the progression through intermediate execution steps.
- Here is some advice for activity diagram.

#### Don't misuse activity

- Activity diagrams are intended to elaborate use case and sequence models so that a developer can study algorithms and workflow.
- Activity diagrams supplement the object-oriented focus of UML models and should not be used as an excuse to develop software via flowchart.

# **Guideline for Activity Diagram**

#### Level diagrams

- Activities on a diagram should be at a consistent level of details.
- o Place additional details for an activity in a separate diagram.

#### Be careful with branches and conditions

- If there are conditions, at last one must be satisfied when an activity completes, consider using an [else] condition.
- It is possible for multiple conditions to be satisfied otherwise this is an error condition.

#### Be careful with concurrent activities

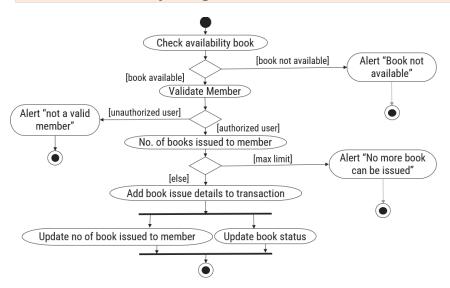
- Means that the activities can complete in any order and still yield an acceptable result.
- Before a merge can happen, all inputs must first complete

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#### **How to Draw an Activity Diagram**

- Step 1: Identify the various activities and actions your business process or system
- Step 2: Find a flow among the activities
- For e.g. in library management system, book issue is a one business process or a function. Show we prepare a activity diagram for Book issue.
- Various activity in book issue process like...
  - Check availability of book
  - Validate the member
  - Check No. of books issued by member
  - Add book issue details to transaction
  - Update no of book issued by member
  - Update book status.

# **Activity Diagram for Book Issue**



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### **Swimlane Diagram**

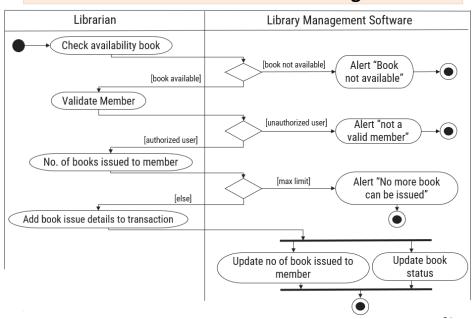
- In a business model, it is often useful to know which human department is responsible for an activity.
- When design of the system is complete, the activity will be assigned to a person/department, but at a high level it is sufficient to partition the activities among departments.
- You can show such a partitioning with an activity diagram by dividing in to columns and lines.
- Each column is called swim-lane by analogy to a swimming pool.
- Placing an activity within a particular swim-lane indicates that is performed by a person/department.
- Lines across swim-lane boundaries indicate interaction among different person/department.

#### **How to Draw a Swimlane Diagram**

- Step 1: Identify the various activities and actions your business process or system
- Step 2: Figure out which person/departments are responsible for the competition of activity.
- Step 3: Figure out in which order the actions are processed.
- Step 4: Figured out who is responsible for each action and assign them a swimlane and group each action they are responsible for under them

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### **How to Draw a Swimlane Diagram**



#### **Elements of the Requirements Model**

- Class-based elements: Each usage scenario implies a set of objects that are manipulated as an actor interacts with the system.
- These objects are categorized into classes—a collection of things that have similar attributes and common behaviors.
- o For example, a UML class diagram can be used to depict
- The purpose of class modeling is to describe objects in systems and different types of relationships between them.
- Class diagrams represent an overview of the system like classes, attributes, operations, and relationships.

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#### **Elements of the Class Diagram**

 The name of the class appears in the upper section.

**Class Name** 

Attributes

Operations

Class name should be meaningful.

- Class name should always be aligned center of the upper section.
- Class name should start with capital letters, and intermediate letter is a capital.
- Class name should be always bold format.
- o For e.g.:

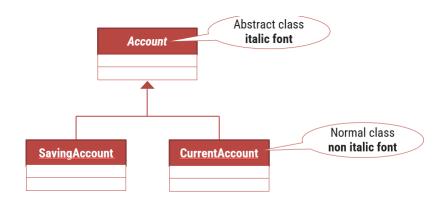
Account



Employee

# **Elements of the Class Diagram**

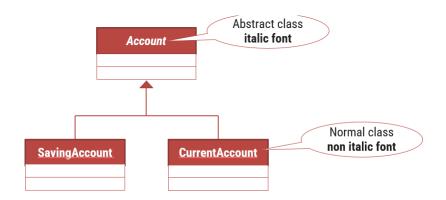
• Abstract class name should be written in italic format.



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# **Elements of the Class Diagram**

An attribute is a named **property of a class** that describes a value held by each object of the class.

The UML notation lists attributes in the second compartment of the class box.

- The attribute name should be in the regular face, left align in the box & use the lowercase letters for the first character.
- The data type for the attribute should be written after the colon.
- Accessibility of attribute must be defined using a member access modifier.
- Syntax : accessModifier attributeName:dataType=defaultValue
- For e.g. in this example '-' represents private access modifier

Account	
- accountNumber:long	-

Customer - customerName:String

Employee - employeeName:String

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#### Elements of the Class Diagram (Access Modifiers)

- Public (+): Member accessible by all classes, whether these classes are in the same package or in another package.
- Private (-): Member cannot be accessed outside the enclosing/declaring class.
- Protected (#): Member can be accessed only by subclasses and within a class.
- Package (~): Member can be accessible by all classes, within the package. Outside package member not accessible.
- o In example you can see how to use access specifier

# SavingAccount + accountNumber:long + name:String # dob: Date ~ panNumber:String

### Class Name Attrib utes Operat

# **Elements of the Class Diagram**

The operation is a function or procedure that may be applied objects in a class.

The UML notation is to list operations in the third compartment of the class box.

- The operation name in the regular face, left align the name in the box, and use a lowercase letter for the first character.
- Optional detail, such as an argument list and result type, may follow each operation name.
- The return type of method should be written after colon.
- Accessibility of operation must be defined using a member access modifier.

Syntax: accessModifier methodName(argumentList):returnType

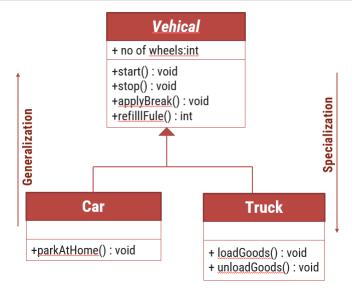


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#### **Generalization & Specialization**

- Generalization is the process of extracting shared characteristics from two or more classes and combining them into a generalized superclass
- Shared characteristics can be attributes or methods.
- o Represents an "is-a" relationship
- For example, a car is a vehicle and a truck is a vehicle. In this
  case, vehicle is the general thing, whereas car and truck are the
  more specific things.
- Specialization is the reverse process of Generalization means creating new sub-classes from an existing class.

# **Generalization & Specialization**



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# **Link and Association Concepts**

- Link and associations are the means for establishing relationships among objects and classes.
- A link is a physical or conceptual connection among objects.
- An association is a description of a group of links with common structure and common semantic & it is optional.
- Aggregation and Composition are the two forms of association.
   It is a subset of association.
- Means they are specific cases of association. In both aggregation and composition object of one class "owns" object of another class, but there is a minor difference.

# **Aggregation**

- It represents 'has a' relationship.
- Aggregation implies a relationship where the child is independent of its parent.
- For e.g.: Here we are considering a car and a wheel example.
  - A car cannot move without a wheel.
  - But the wheel can be independently used with the bike, scooter, cycle, or any other vehicle.
  - The wheel object can exist without the car object, which proves to be an aggregation relationship.

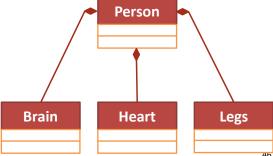


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#### Composition

- It represents the dependency between a parent and its children, which means if the parent is discarded then its children will also discard.
- It represents 'part-of' relationship.
- In composition, both the entities are dependent on each other.
- For e.g.: Person class with Brain class, Heart class, and Legs class.

 If the person is destroyed, the brain, heart, and legs will also get discarded.



# Multiplicity

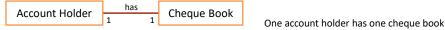
- Multiplicity is the specification of the number of instances of one class that may be related to the instance of another class.
- o Multiplicity constrains the number of a related object.
- You can use multiple associations between objects.
- Some typical type of multiplicity:

Multiplicity	Option	Cardinality
01		No instances or one instance
11	1	Exactly one instance
0*	*	Zero or more instances
1*		At least one instance
55	5	Exactly 5 instances
<u>mn</u>		At least m but no more than n instances

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# **Example Of Multiplicity**

#### One to One Association



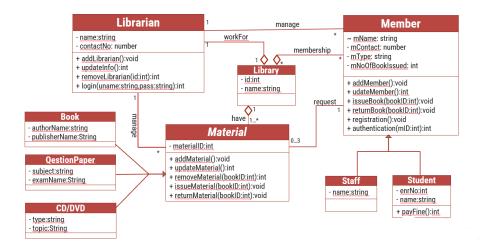
#### Many to Zero or One Association



#### One to One or Many Association



# **Class Diagram Of Library Management System**



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#### **Elements of the Requirements Model**

- Behavioral elements: The state diagram is one method for representing the behavior of a system by depicting its states and the events that cause the system to change state.
- A state is any externally observable mode of behavior. In addition, the state diagram indicates actions (e.g., process activation) taken as a consequence of a particular event.
- To illustrate the use of a state diagram.
- A state diagram is a graph whose nodes are states and whose directed arcs are transitions between states.
- A state diagram specifies the state sequences caused by event sequences.
- Events represent external stimuli. States represent value of objects.
- All objects in a class execute the state diagram for that class, which models their common behavior.

#### Components of state diagram

 The UML notation for a state diagram is a rectangle with object name in a small pentagonal tag in the upper left corner.

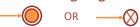


**Initial State** 



A solid circle with an outgoing arrow shows the initial state.

#### **Final State**



 A bull's eye – a solid circle surrounded by a hollow circle/encircled X shows the termination point.

State



- Drawn as a rounded box containing the name of the state.
- State names must be unique within the scope of the state diagram.

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#### Components of state diagram

Transition/Event

event(attribs) [condition]

- Drawn as a line from the origin state to the target state.
- An arrowhead points to the target state.

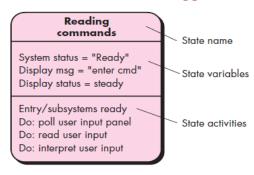
#### **Guard** condition

event(attribs) [condition]

- A guard condition is a Boolean expression that must be true in order for a transition to occur.
- A guarded transition fires when its event occurs.
- Optionally listed in square brackets after an event.

#### How to draw a state diagram

- Step 1: Identify the important objects.
- Step 2: Identify the possible states in which the object can exist.
- Step 3: Identify the initial state and the final terminating states.
- Step 4: Label the events which trigger these transitions.



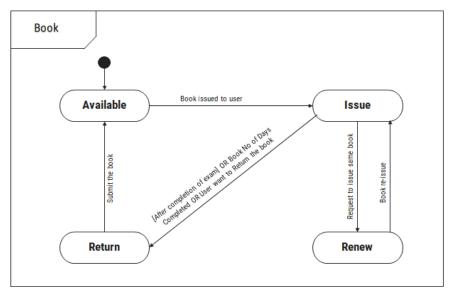
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# State diagram for library management system

- Identify the important objects
  - Book
  - CD/DVD
  - News Paper
  - Librarian
  - Member
- Identify the states of Book's Object
  - Available
  - Issue
  - Return
  - Renew

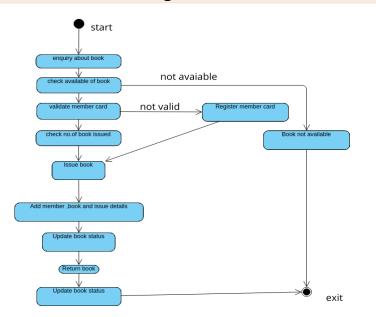
- Identify the events / transition
  - Book issued to user
  - Submit the book
  - Request to issue same book
  - Completion of exam / end of the Semester

# State diagram for book



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# State diagram for book



#### **Negotiating Requirements**

- In an ideal requirements engineering context, the inception, elicitation, and elaboration tasks determine customer requirements in sufficient detail to proceed to subsequent software engineering activities.
- Unfortunately, this rarely happens. In reality, you may have to enter into a negotiation with one or more stakeholders.
- In most cases, stakeholders are asked to balance functionality, performance, and other product or system characteristics against cost and time-to-market.
- The intent of this negotiation is to develop a project plan that meets stakeholder needs while at the same time reflecting the real-world constraints (e.g., time, people, budget) that have been placed on the software team.
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#### Validating Requirements

- As each element of the requirements model is created, it is examined for inconsistency, omissions, and ambiguity.
- The requirements represented by the model are prioritized by the stakeholders and grouped within requirements packages that will be implemented as software increments.
- A review of the requirements model addresses the following questions:
  - Is each requirement consistent with the overall objectives for the system/product?
  - Have all requirements been specified at the proper level of abstraction? That is, do some requirements provide a level of technical detail that is inappropriate at this stage?
  - Is the requirement really necessary or does it represent an add-on feature that may not be essential to the objective of the system?
  - o Is each requirement bounded and unambiguous?

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#### Validating Requirements

- o Do any requirements conflict with other requirements?
- Does each requirement have attribution? That is, is a source (generally, a specific individual) noted for each requirement?
- Is each requirement achievable in the technical environment that will house the system or product?
- o Is each requirement testable, once implemented?
- Does the requirements model properly reflect the information, function, and behavior of the system to be built?
- Has the requirements model been "partitioned" in a way that exposes progressively more detailed information about the system?
- Have requirements patterns been used to simplify the requirements model? Have all patterns been properly validated? Are all patterns consistent with customer requirements.

