Modeling with UML

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Activity Diagrams

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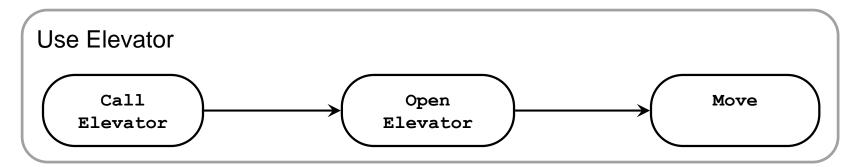
Activity Diagrams

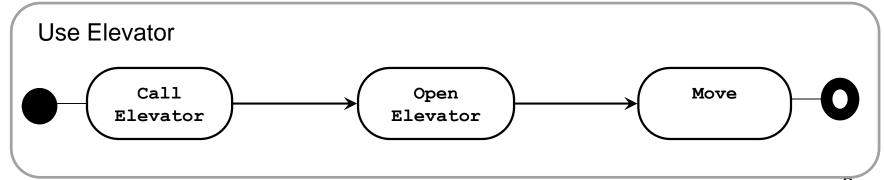
- An activity diagram shows flow control within a system
 - ✓ i.e. Shows a procedural flow for a process



- An activity diagram is a special case of a state chart diagram in which states are activities ("functions")
- Two types of states:
 - ✓ Action state:
 - Cannot be decomposed any further
 - Happens "instantaneously" with respect to the level of abstraction used in the model
 - ✓ *Activity state:*
 - Can be decomposed further
 - The activity is modeled by another activity diagram

Activity with details:

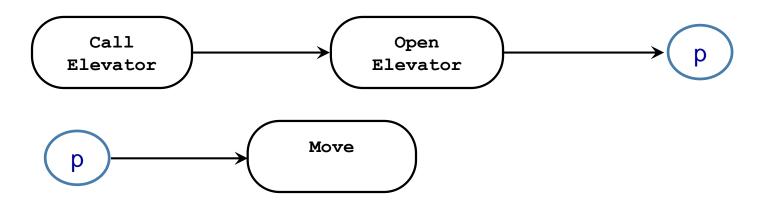




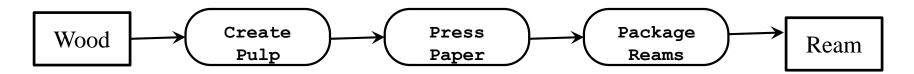
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Connectors:

- Simplify large activity diagrams by splitting edges using connectors.
- Each connector is given a name.
- Place the name of a connector in a circle and then show the first half of an edge pointing to the connector and the second half coming out of the connector



Parameter Nodes:



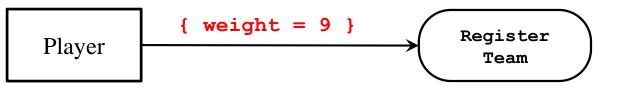
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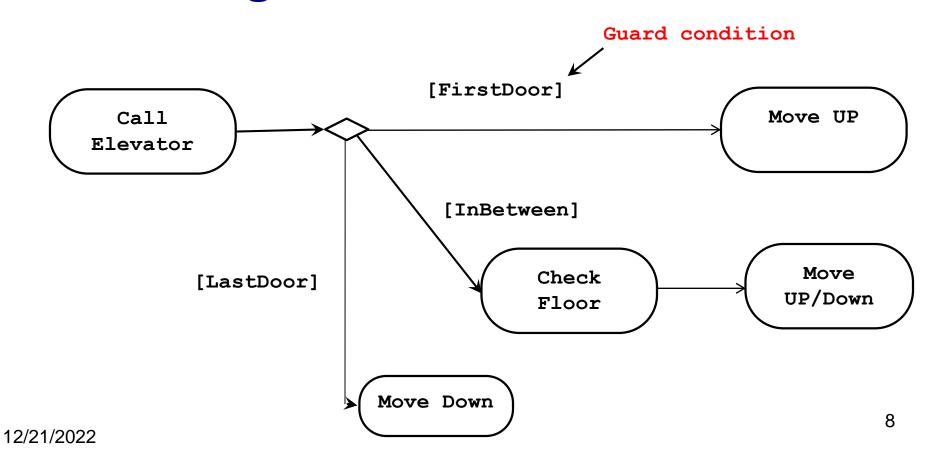
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Tokens:

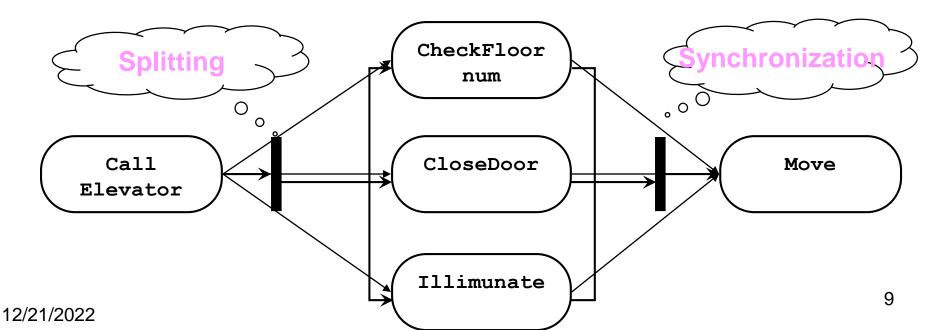


Modeling Decisions:

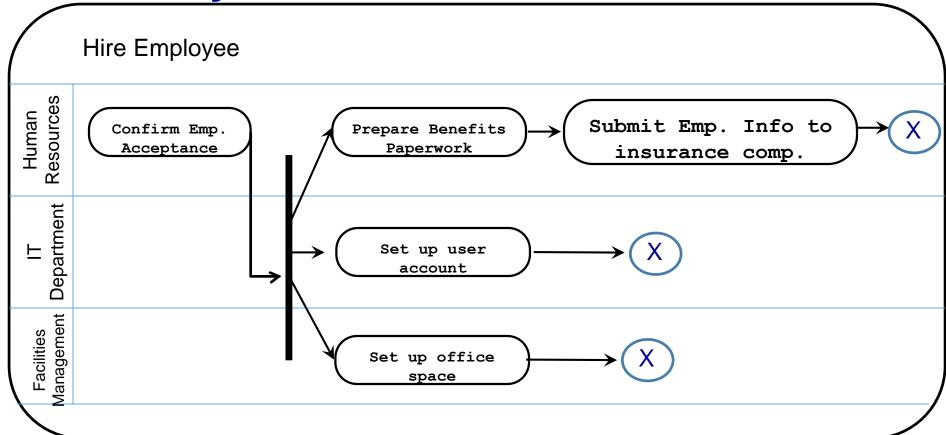


Modeling Concurrency:

- Fork: Splitting the flow of control into multiple threads.
- Join: Synchronization of multiple activities.



Activity Partitions:



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FlowChart & Activity Diagram

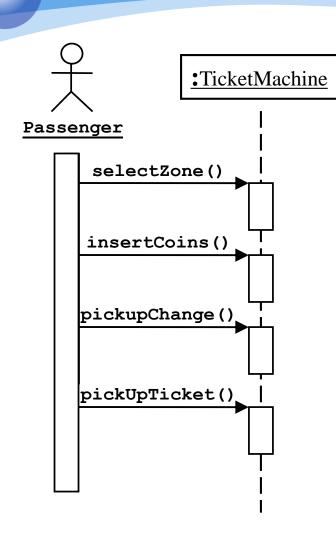
Is Flowchart a UML diagram?

Both are similar...

But, An activity diagram is a UML diagram. A Flowchart, on the other hand, is NOT a UML diagram, it is a graphical diagram that represents algorithm to solve a given problem "a step by step procedure"

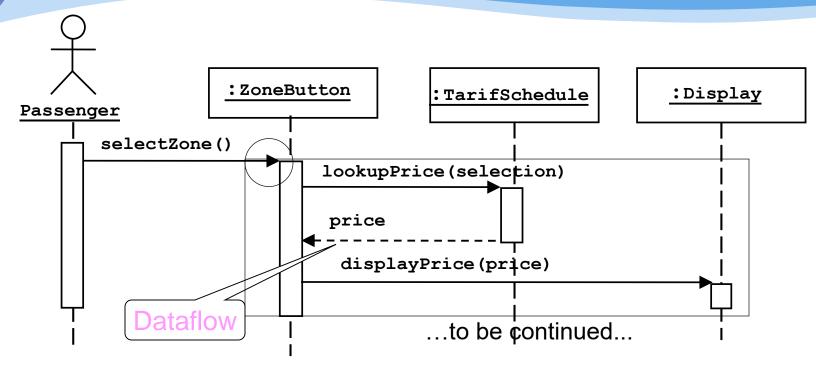
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UML Sequence Diagrams



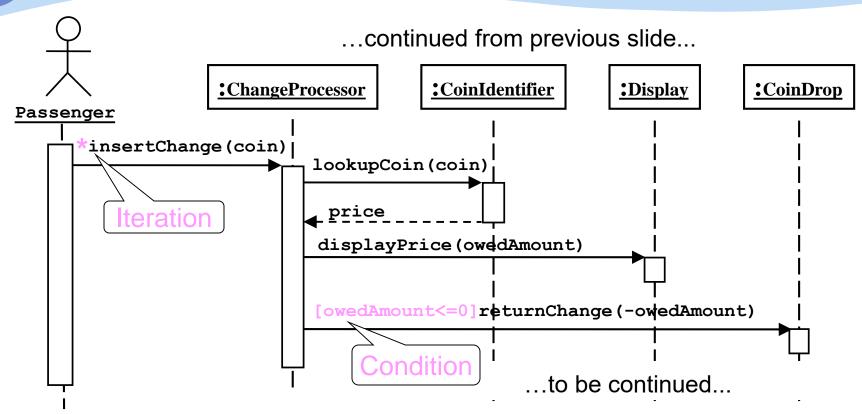
- Objects are represented by rectangles "Underlined"
- Messages are represented by arrows
- Activations are represented by narrow rectangles
- Lifelines are represented by vertical dashed lines
- Used during requirements analysis
 - ✓ To refine <u>use case descriptions</u>
 - ✓ to find additional objects ("participating objects")
- Used during system design
 - ✓ to refine subsystem interfaces

Nested messages



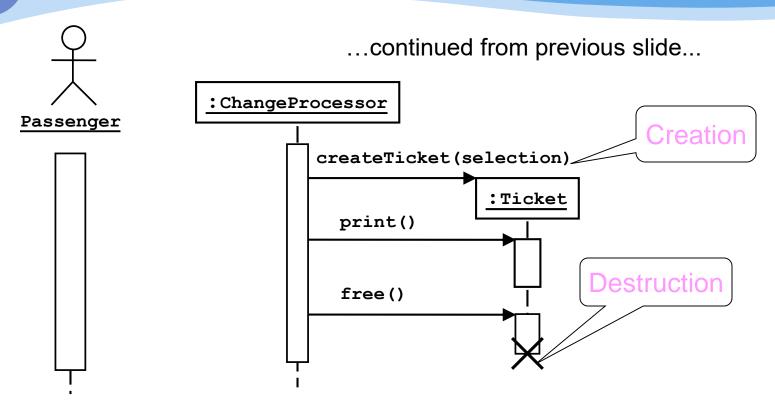
- The source of an arrow indicates the activation which sent the message
- Horizontal dashed arrows indicate data flow
- An activation is as long as all nested activations

Iteration & condition



- Iteration is denoted by a * preceding the message name
- Condition is denoted by Boolean expression in [] before the message name

Creation and destruction



- Creation is denoted by a message arrow pointing to the object.
- Destruction is denoted by an X mark at the end of the destruction activation.

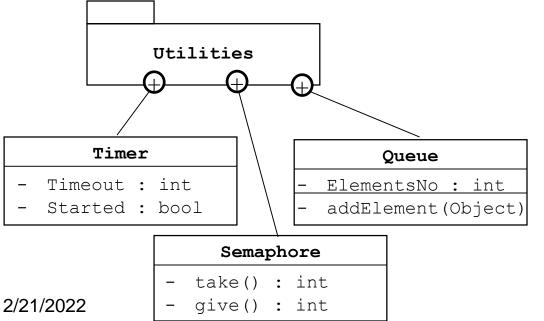
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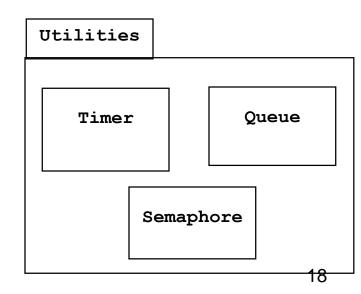
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Package Diagram

- Provide a way to group related UML elements and scope their names
- Provide a great way to visualize dependencies between parts of system.
- Often used to look for problems or determine compilation order.
- All UML elements can be grouped into packages, including packages themselves.
- Each package has a name that scopes each element in the package.



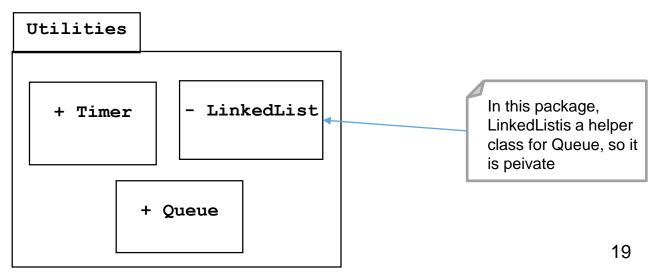


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Package Diagram (cont.)

Visibility:

- Elements may have only one of two levels of visibility: public or private.
- Public visibility means the element may be used outside the package (Utilities::Timer)
- Private visibility means the element may be used only by other elements of the same package

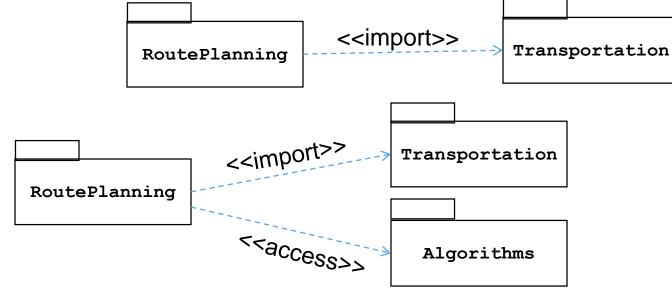


Package Diagram (cont.)

Importing and Accessing Packages:

- When accessing elements in one package from a different package, you must qualify the name of the element you are accessing
- UML allows a package to *import* another package. Elements of the imported package are available without qualification in the importing package
- By default, imported elements are given public visibility in the importing package.

Use <<access>> to specify that imported elements should have private visibility

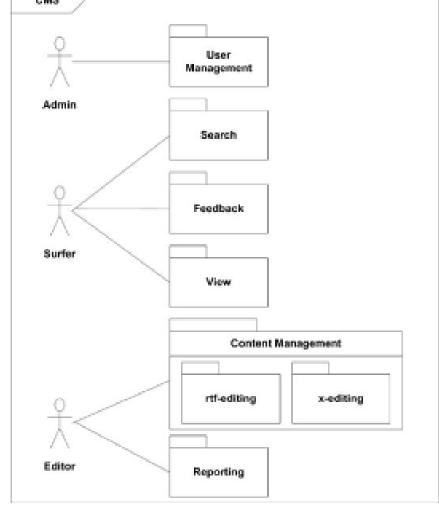


Package Diagram (cont.)

Use Case Packages:

- Use case packages organize the functional behavior of a system during analysis.
- The packages provide understandable terms for team members outside the analyst team. Managers can discuss the project at an appropriate level of detail without getting bogged down in details.
- This example shows the major functional areas of a content management system.

Figure 3-9. A set of functional major use case packages



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