

System Modeling

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System modeling

System models

Context models

Model the context or environment of the system.

Interaction models

Model the interactions between a system and its environment, or between the components of a system.

Structural models

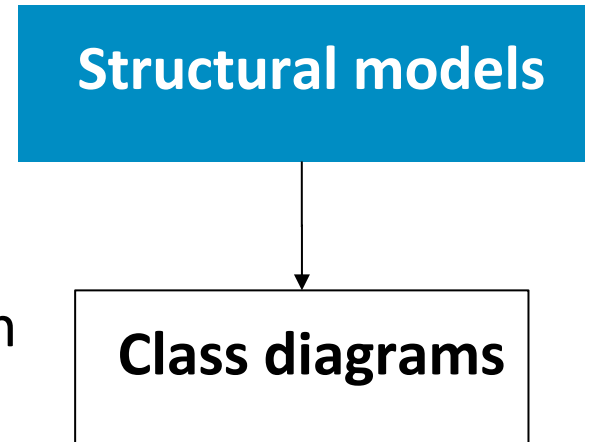
Model the organization of a system or the structure of the data that is processed by the system.

Behavioral models

Model the dynamic behavior of the system and how it responds to events.

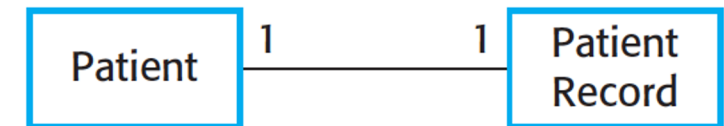
Structural models

- Display the organization of a system in terms of the ***components*** that make up that system and their ***relationships***.
- Structural models may be
 - **Static models:** show the structure of the system design.
 - **Dynamic models:** show the organization of the system when it is executing.
- You create structural models of a system when you are discussing and designing the system architecture.

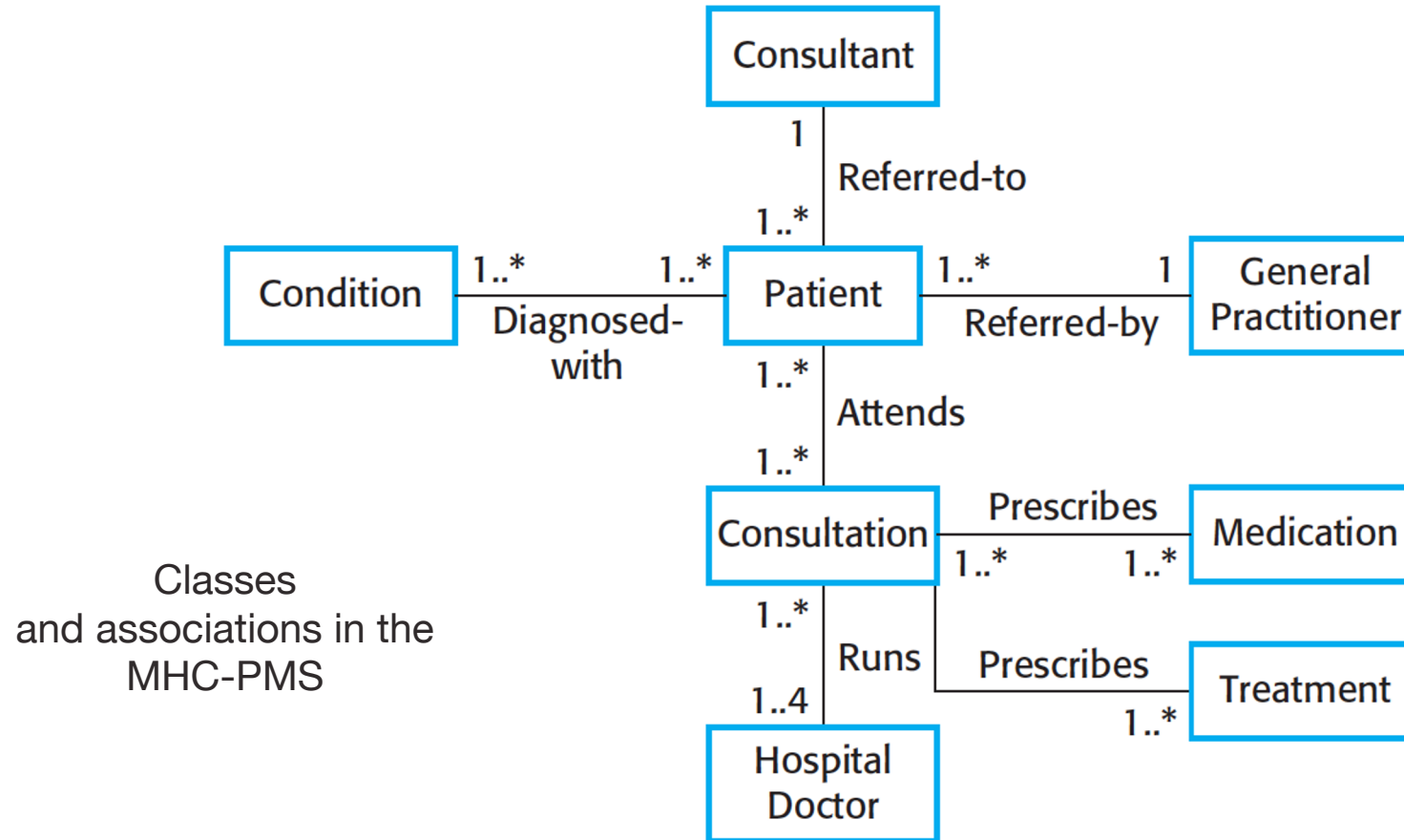


Class diagrams

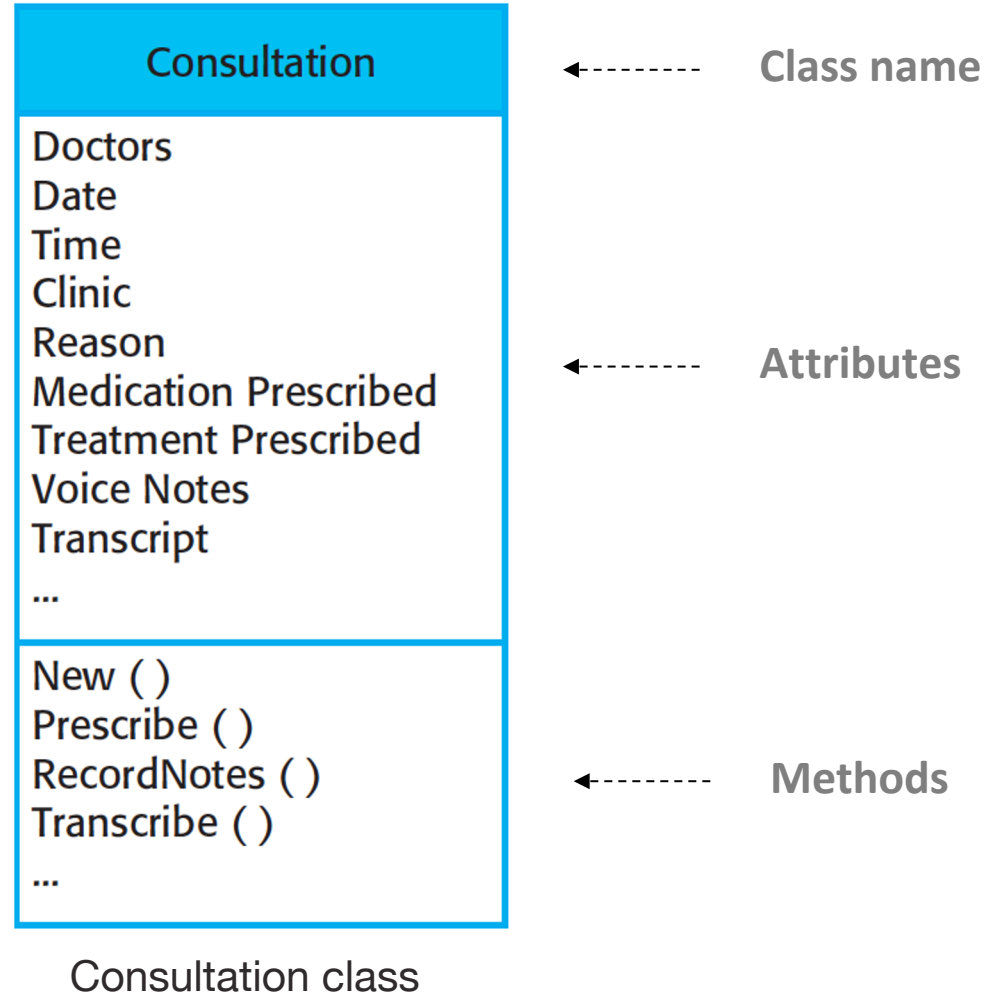
- Class diagrams are used when developing an object-oriented system model to show the classes in a system and the associations between them.
- A **class** can be thought of as a general definition of a system object.
 - The object represents something in the real world, such as a patient, a prescription, doctor, etc.
- An **association** is a link (relationship) between classes.



Class diagrams



Class diagrams



Visibility

- **Public** attributes and methods are denoted with +.
- **Private** attributes and methods are denoted with -.
- **Protected** attributes and methods are denoted with #.

MyClass
+attribute1 : int
-attribute2 : float
#attribute3 : Circle
+op1(in p1 : bool, in p2) : String
-op2(input p3 : int) : float
#op3(out p6) : Class6*

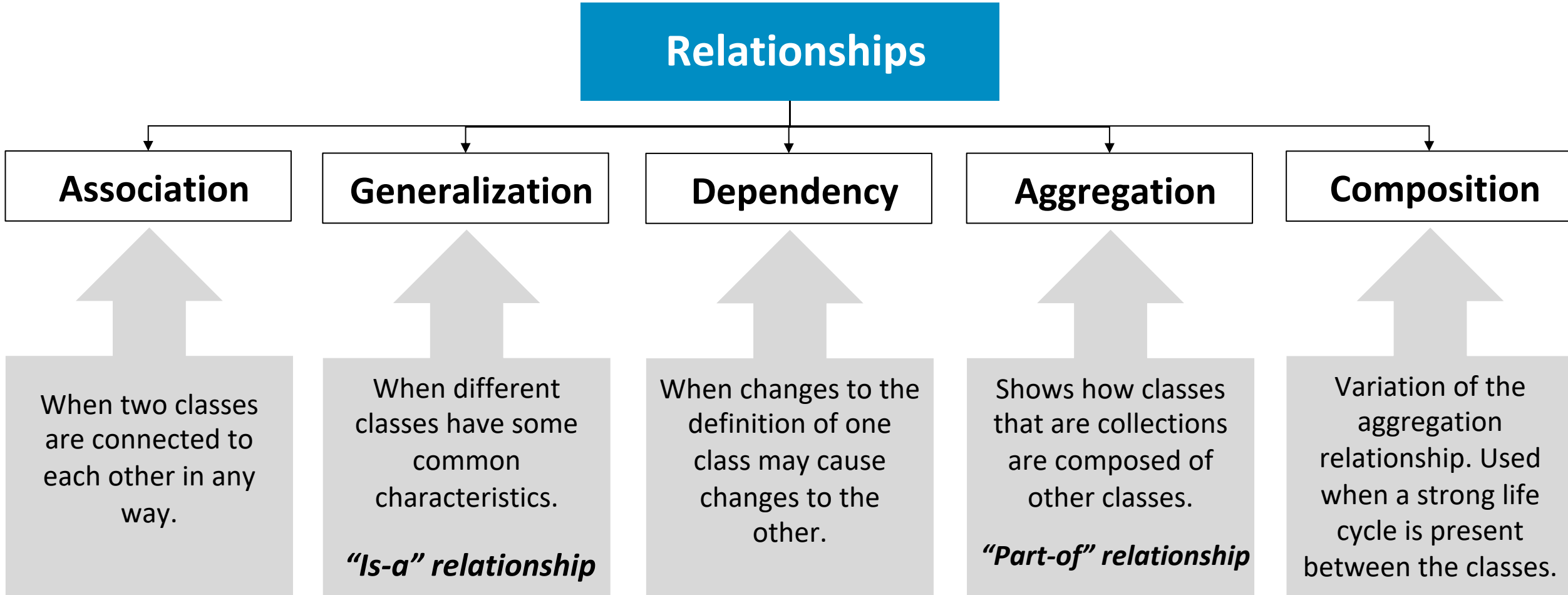
Access right	Public	Private	Protected
Members of the same class	✓	✓	✓
Members of derived classes	✓		✓
Members of any other class	✓		

Multiplicity

- How many objects of each class take part in the relationship.

Multiplicity	Notation
Exactly one	1
Zero or one	0..1
Many	0..* or *
One or more	1..*
Exact number	2..3 or 2

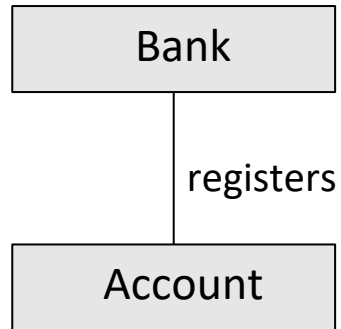
Class relationships



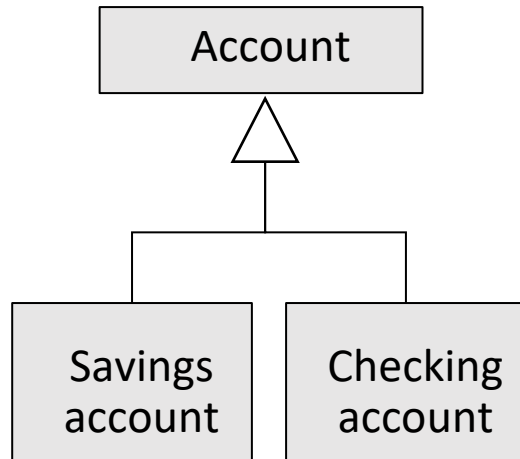
Class relationships - *notations*

Relationships

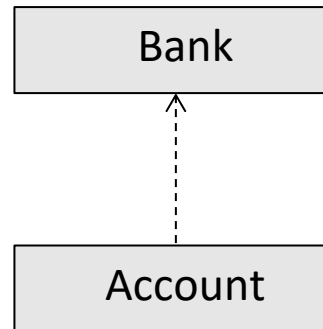
Association



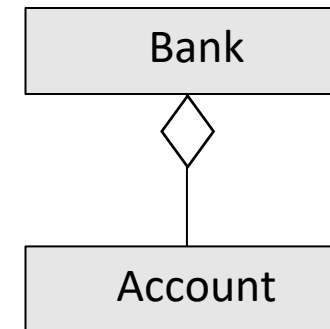
Generalization



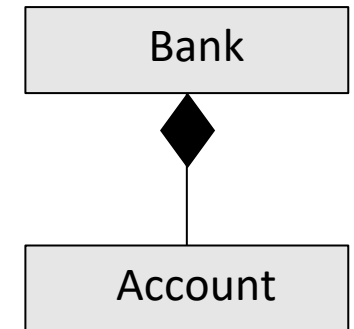
Dependency



Aggregation

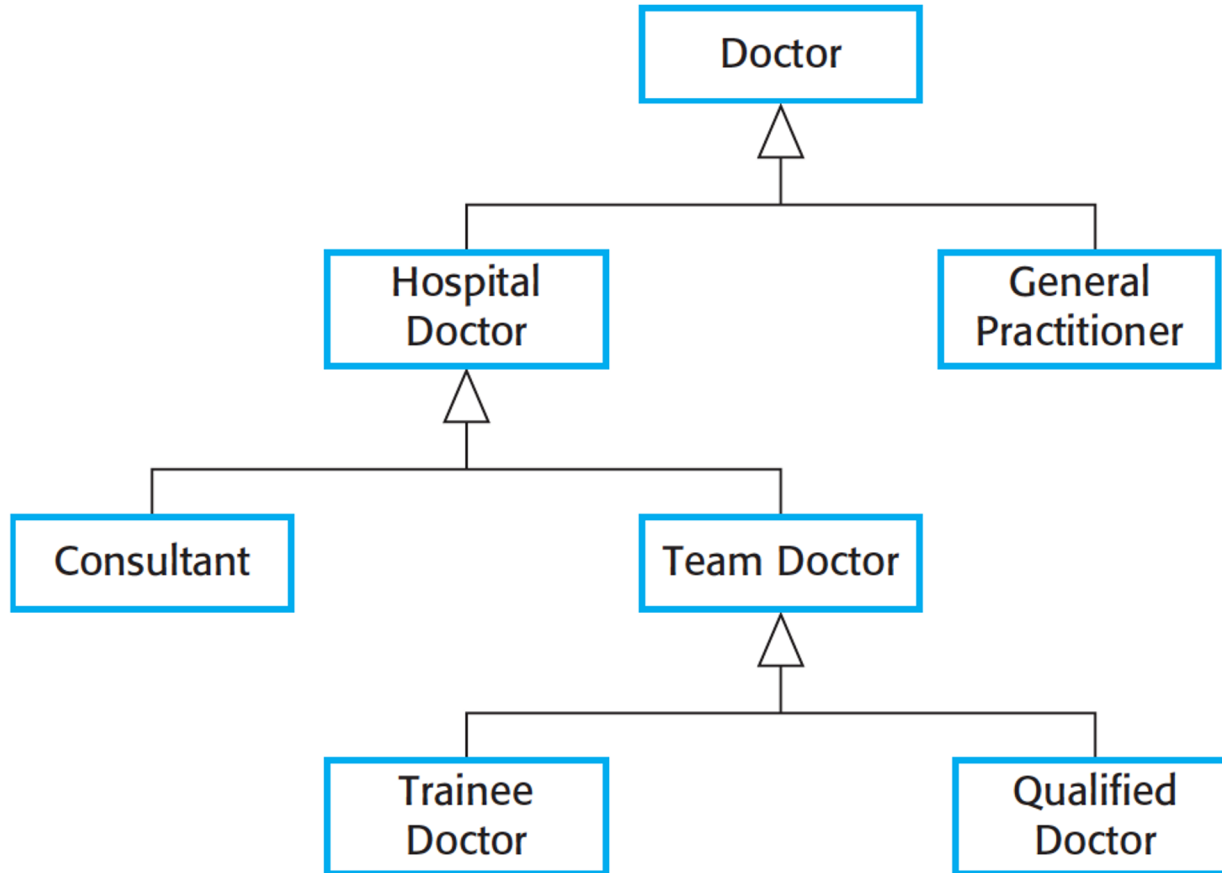


Composition

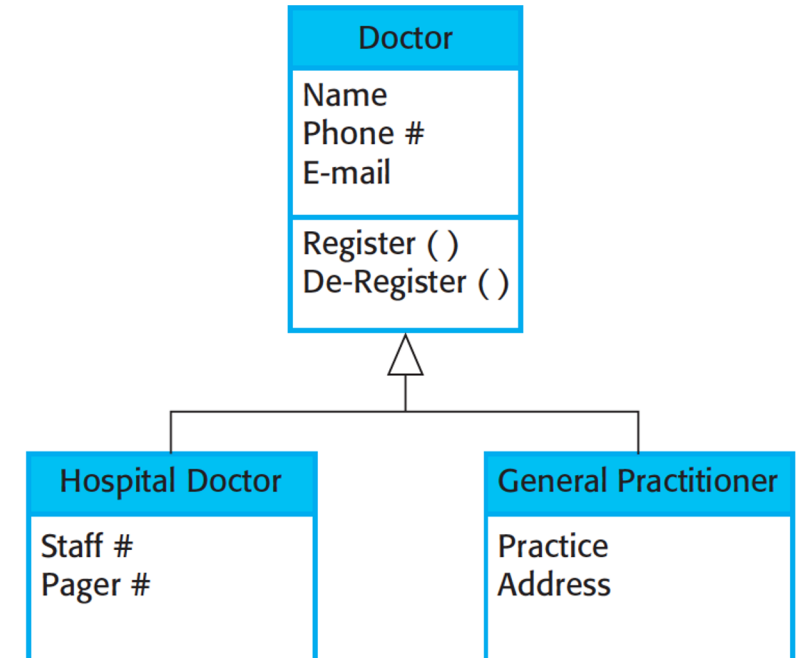


Arrows can
be used to
show
direction

Generalization

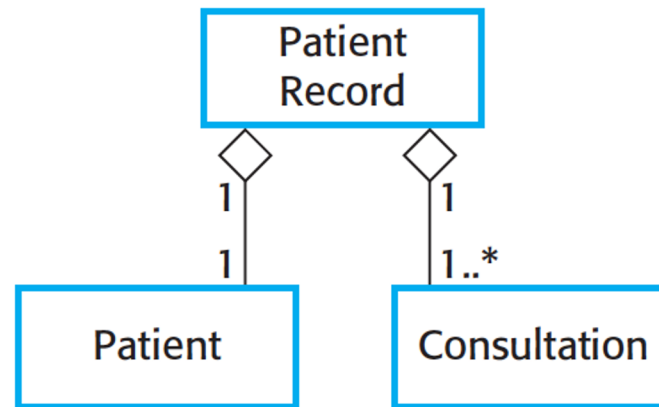


A generalization hierarchy



A generalization hierarchy with
added detail

Aggregation



The aggregation association

Other class types

- **Abstract class** cannot be instantiated, but it can be sub-classed. It is used when an inheritance relationship serves only to model shared attributes and operations. The name of the abstract class is written in an italic font.
- **Enumeration class** is a user-defined data type that consists of a name and an ordered list of enumeration literals.

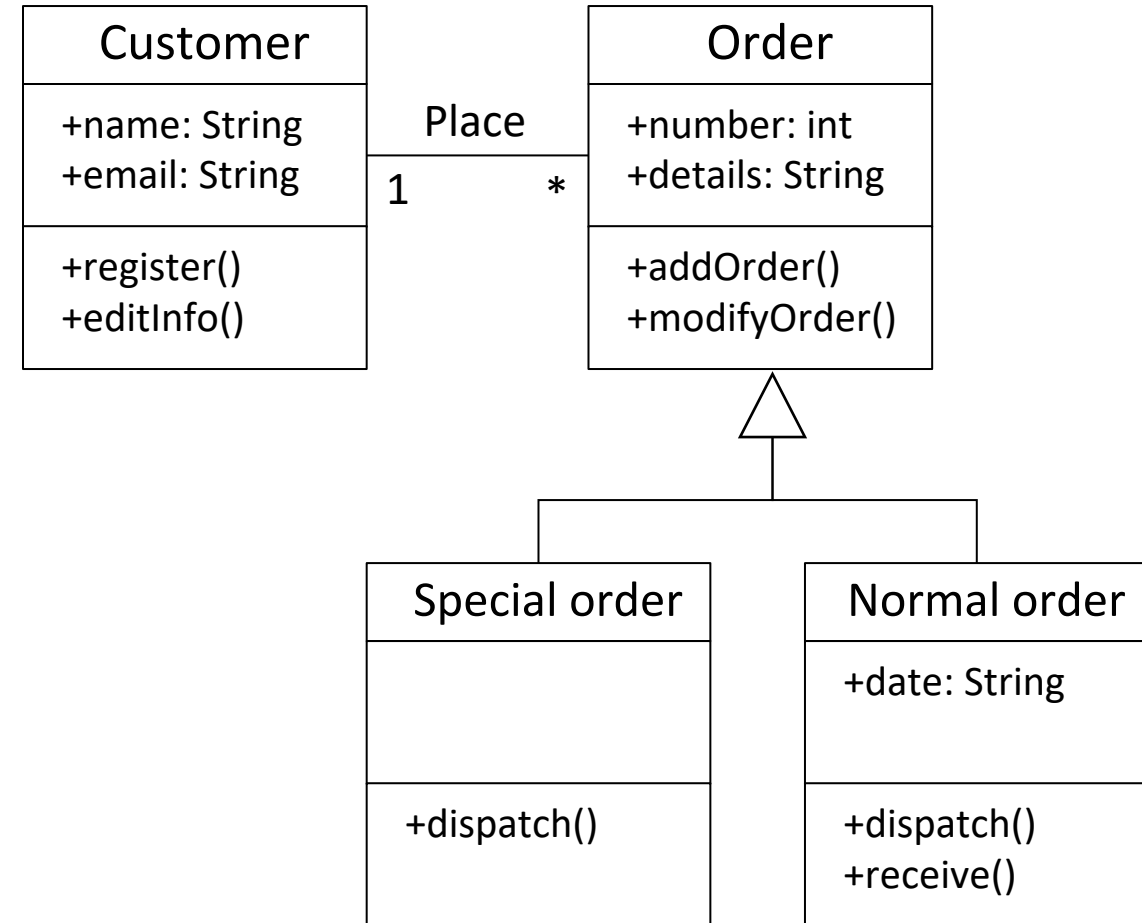
<<abstract>> Vehicle
Drive() Park()

<<enumeration>> Boolean
True False

Class diagram

The following diagram is an example of an *Order System* of an application.

The system has two main elements: the customer and the order. A customer can have multiple orders. There are two types of orders: special order and normal order. Both types have all properties of the order. In addition, they have additional functions like dispatch and receive.



Class diagram – GUI tool example

