#### Design Patterns

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# Class Diagrams

#### Classes

ClassName

attributes

operations

A *class* is a description of a set of objects that share the same attributes, operations, relationships, and semantics.

Graphically, a class is rendered as a rectangle, usually including its name, attributes, and operations in separate, designated compartments.

#### Class Names

ClassName

attributes

operations

The name of the class is the only required tag in the graphical representation of a class. It always appears in the top-most compartment.

#### Class Attributes

#### Person

name : String

address : Address

birthdate: Date

ssn : ld

An attribute is a named property of a class that describes the object being modeled. In the class diagram, attributes appear in the second compartment just below the name-compartment.

## Class Attributes (Cont'd)

#### Person

name : String

address : Address

birthdate: Date

/ age : Date

ssn : ld

#### Attributes are usually listed in the form:

attributeName: Type

A derived attribute is one that can be computed from other attributes, but doesn't actually exist. For example, a Person's age can be computed from his birth date. A derived attribute is designated by a preceding '/' as in:

/ age : Date

## Class Attributes (Cont'd)

#### Person

+ name : String

# address : Address

# birthdate : Date

/ age : Date

- ssn : ld

#### Attributes can be:

+ public

# protected

- private

/ derived

## Class Operations

#### Person

name : String

address : Address

birthdate: Date

ssn : ld

eat sleep work play Operations describe the class behavior and appear in the third compartment.

## Class Operations (Cont'd)

#### **PhoneBook**

newEntry (n : Name, a : Address, p : PhoneNumber, d : Description)

getPhone (n: Name, a: Address): PhoneNumber

You can specify an operation by stating its signature: listing the name, type, and default value of all parameters, and, in the case of functions, a return type.

## Class Responsibilities

A class may also include its responsibilities in a class diagram.

A responsibility is a contract or obligation of a class to perform a particular service.

#### **SmokeAlarm**

#### Responsibilities

- sound alert and notify guard station when smoke is detected.
- -- indicate battery state

### Relationships

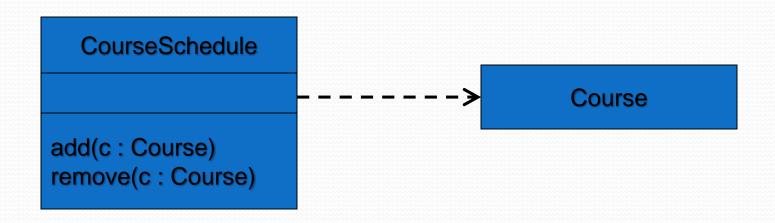
In UML, object interconnections (logical or physical), are modeled as relationships.

There are three kinds of relationships in UML:

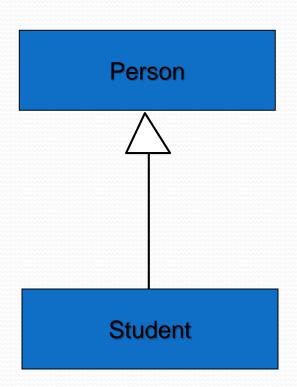
- dependencies
- generalizations
- associations

## Dependency Relationships

A dependency indicates a semantic relationship between two or more elements. The dependency from CourseSchedule to Course exists because Course is used in both the **add** and **remove** operations of CourseSchedule.



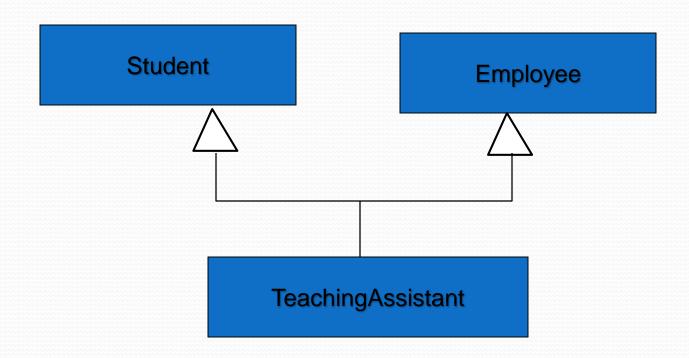
### Generalization Relationships



A generalization connects a subclass to its superclass. It denotes an inheritance of attributes and behavior from the superclass to the subclass and indicates a specialization in the subclass of the more general superclass.

## Generalization Relationships

UML permits a class to inherit from multiple superclasses, although some programming languages (e.g., Java) do not permit multiple inheritance.



If two classes in a model need to communicate with each other, there must be link between them.

An association denotes that link.

Student Instructor

We can indicate the *multiplicity* of an association by adding *multiplicity* adornments to the line denoting the association.

The example indicates that a <u>Student has one or more Instructors</u>:

Student 1..\* Instructor

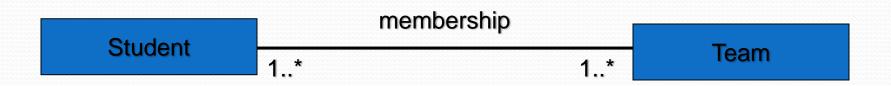
The example indicates that every *Instructor* has one or more *Students*:

Student 1..\*

We can also indicate the <u>behavior of an object in an association</u> (*i.e.*, the *role* of an object)

Student	teaches	learns from	
	1*	1*	Instructor

We can also name the association.



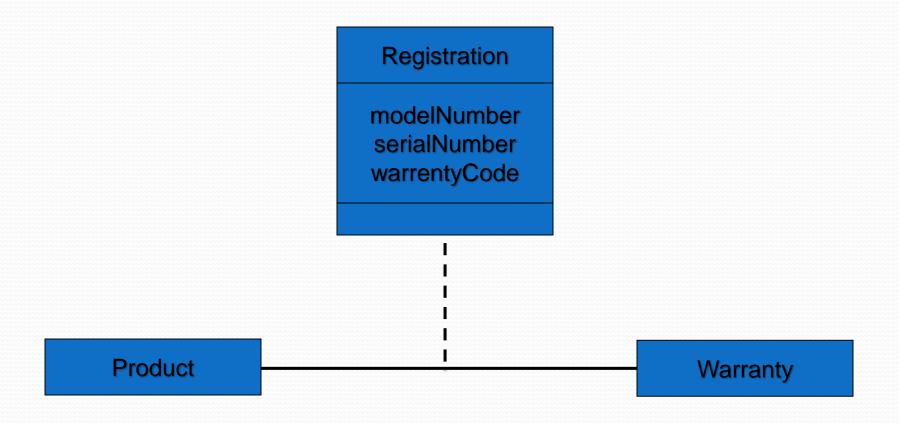
We can specify dual associations.

	member of			
Student	1*	Consists of	1*	Team
	1	president of	1*	

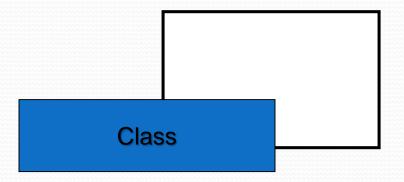
We can constrain the association relationship by defining the <u>navigability</u> of the association. Here, a <u>Router object requests services from a DNS object</u> by sending messages to (invoking the operations of) the server. The direction of the association indicates that the server has no knowledge of the <u>Router</u>.

Router

Associations can also be objects themselves, called *link classes* or an association classes.



A class can have a self association.



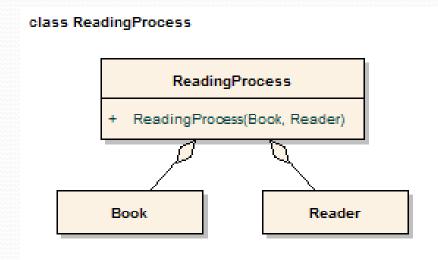
Two instances of the same class: Pilot Aviation engineer



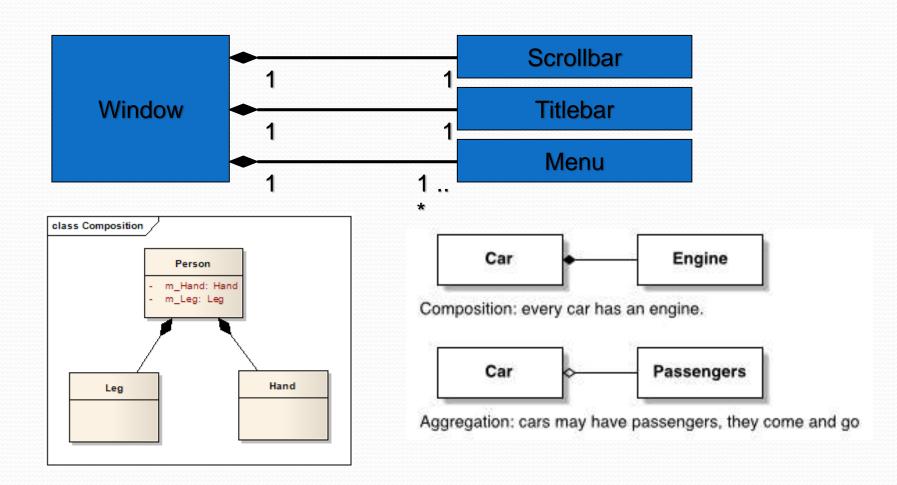
We can model objects that contain other objects by way of special associations called *aggregations* and *compositions*.

An aggregation specifies a whole-part relationship between an aggregate (a whole) and a constituent part, where the part can exist independently from the aggregate. Aggregations are denoted by a hollow-diamond adornment on the association.





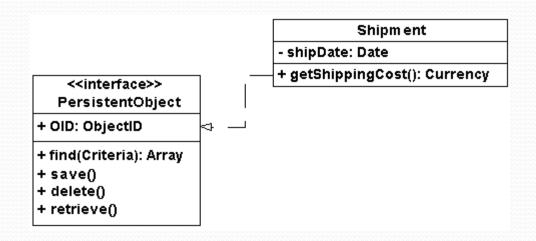
A *composition* indicates a <u>strong ownership</u> and coincident lifetime of parts by the whole (*i.e.*, they live and die as a whole). Compositions are denoted by a filled-diamond adornment on the association.



#### Interfaces

<<interface>>
ControlPanel

An *interface* is a <u>named set of operations</u> that specifies the behavior of objects without showing their inner structure. It can be rendered in the model by a one- or two-compartment rectangle, with the *stereotype* <<interface>> above the interface name.



#### Interface Services

<<interface>>
ControlPanel

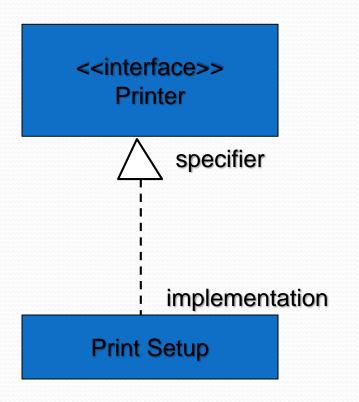
getChoices : Choice[]

makeChoice (c : Choice)

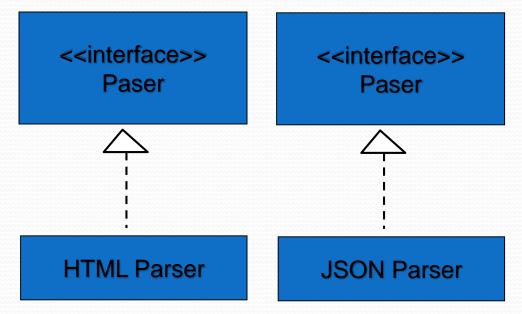
getSelection: Selection

Interfaces do not get instantiated. They have no attributes or state. Rather, they specify the services offered by a related class.

#### Interface Realization Relationship

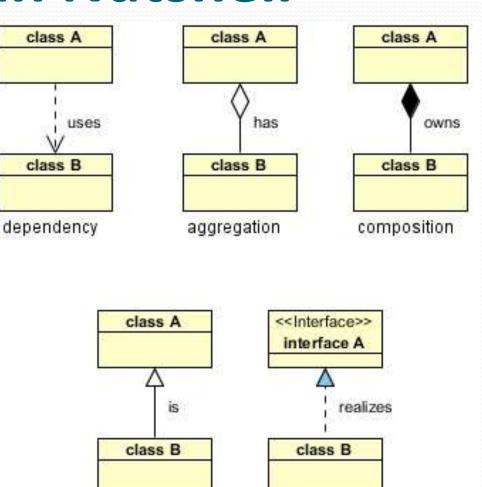


A realization relationship connects a class with an interface that supplies its behavioral specification. It is rendered by a dashed line with a hollow triangle towards the specifier.



## Relationships in Nutshell

- Dependency : class A uses class B
- Aggregation : class A has a class B
- Composition : classA owns a class B
- Inheritance : class B is a Class A (or class A is extended by class B)
- Realization : class B realizes Class A (or class A is realized by class B)



realization

inheritance

#### Dependency

• **Dependency** is represented when a reference to one class is passed in as a method parameter to another class. For example, an instance of class B is passed in to a method of class A:

```
1public class A {
2
3    public void doSomething(B b) {
```

#### Aggregation

 Now, if <u>class A stored the reference to class B</u> for later use we would have a different relationship called **Aggregation**. A more common and more obvious example of Aggregation would be via setter injection:

```
1public class A {
2
3    private B _b;
4
5    public void setB(B b) { _b = b; }
```

#### Composition

 Aggregation is the weaker form of object containment (one object contains other objects). The stronger form is called **Composition**. In Composition the containing object is responsible for the creation and life cycle of the contained object (either directly or indirectly). Following are a few examples of Composition. First, via member initialization:

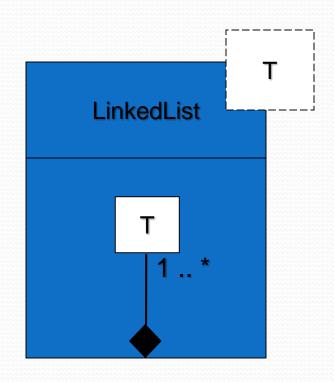
#### Inheritance

```
1public class A {
2
3 ...
4
5} // class A
6
7public class B extends A {
8
9 ....
10
11} // class B
```

#### Realization

```
1public interface A {
2
3 ...
4
5} // interface A
6
7public class B implements A {
8
9 ...
10
11} // class B
```

#### Parameterized Class

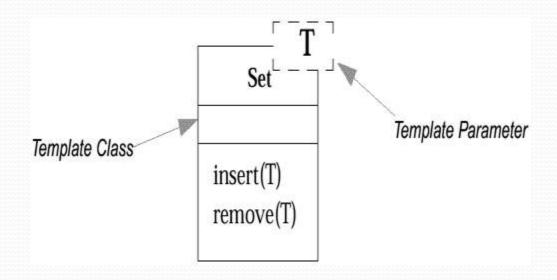


A parameterized class or template defines a family of potential elements.

To use it, the parameter must be bound.

A template is rendered by a small dashed rectangle superimposed on the upper-right corner of the class rectangle. The dashed rectangle contains a list of formal parameters for the class.

## Example: Parameterized Class



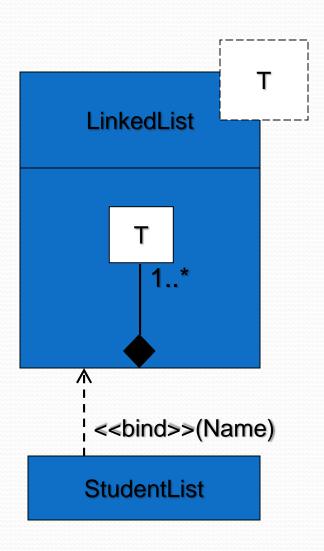
```
class Set <T> {
    void insert (T newElement);
    void remove (T anElement);
```

#### Parameterized Class (Cont'd)

- Some object-oriented languages such as C++ and Ada support the concept of parametrized classes.
- They are most commonly used for the element type of collection classes, such as the elements of lists.
- For example, in Java, suppose that a *Board* software object holds a *List* of many *Squares*. And, the concrete class that implements the *List* interface is an *ArrayList*:

```
public class Board
{
private List<Square> squares = new ArrayList<Square>();
// ...
}
```

### Parameterized Class (Cont'd)



Binding is done with the <<bi>stereotype and a parameter to supply to the template. These are adornments to the dashed arrow denoting the <u>realization</u> relationship.

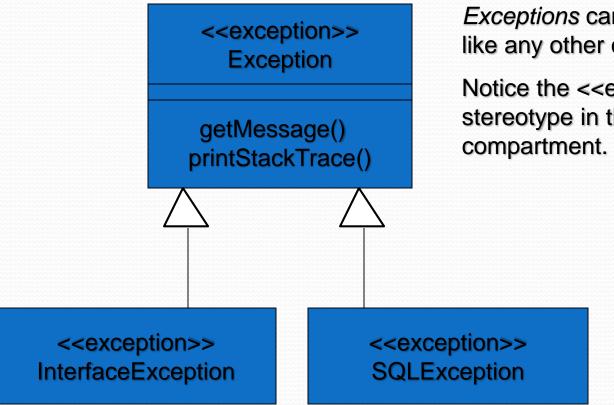
Here we create a linked-list of names for the Students List.

#### Enumeration

<<enumeration>>
Boolean

false true An *enumeration* is a user-defined data type that consists of a name and an ordered list of enumeration literals.

#### Exceptions



Exceptions can be modeled just like any other class.

Notice the <<exception>> stereotype in the name