

UML Diagrams

Sequence Diagram

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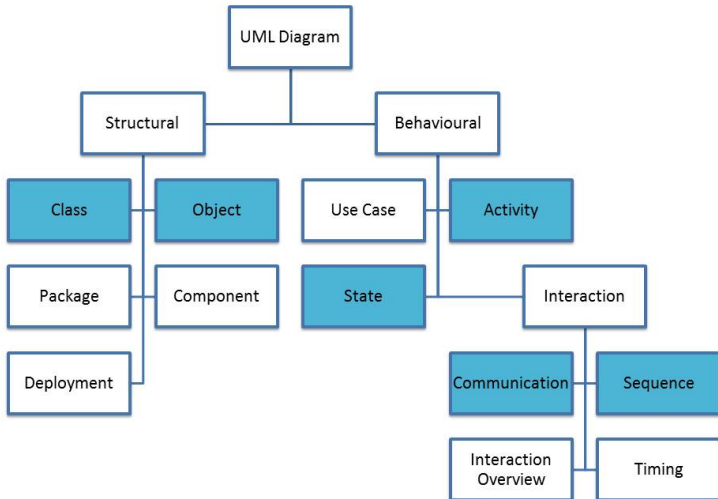
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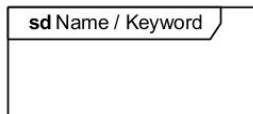
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A sequence diagram is:

- used to model how objects interact with one another in terms of the messages (method calls) they pass to one another.
- emphasise the order of message execution as a reaction to some event.
- interactions are arranged from top to bottom, following their order of occurrence.

Sequence diagrams are drawn in *frames* - a rectangle with a heading

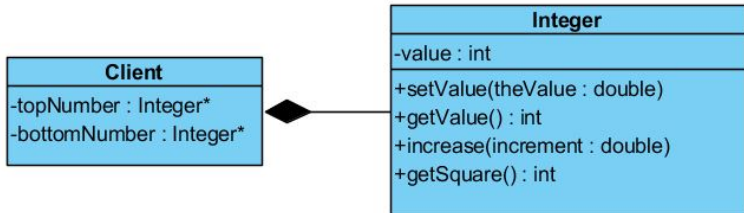


- *Name* - to name the diagram or
- *Keyword* - to indicate the scope of loop structures, conditional statements or parallel flows.

A *lifeline* represents an individual participant in the interaction (object instances).

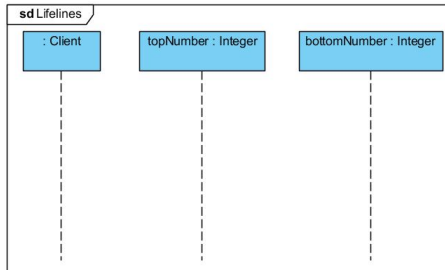


The Integer class is a wrapper for an integer value

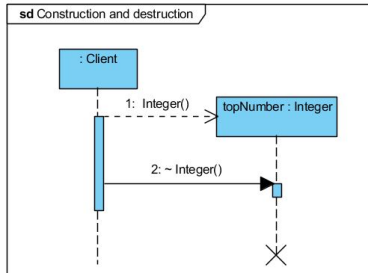


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Integer* topNumber = new Integer();
Integer bottomNumber;
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Objects in the system form the lifelines, the order of these lifelines is not significant.

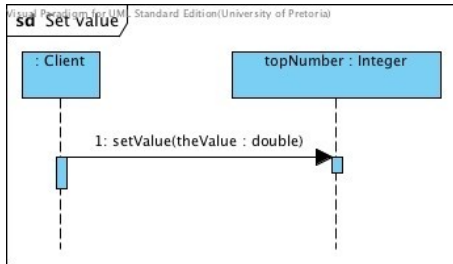


Creation and Destruction



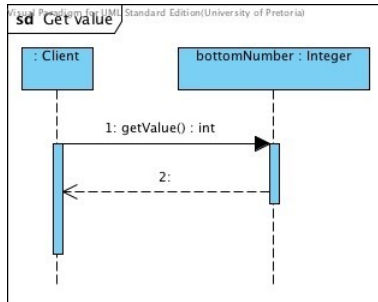
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Integer* topNumber = new Integer();  
delete topNumber;
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Asynchronous - e.g. set value



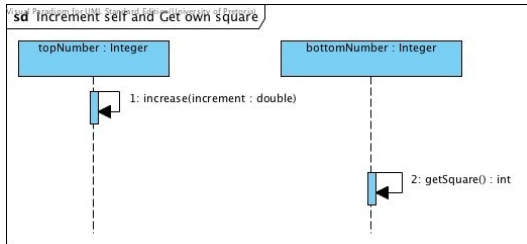
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double aValue = 2.66;
topNumber->>setValue(aValue);
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Synchornous - e.g. get value



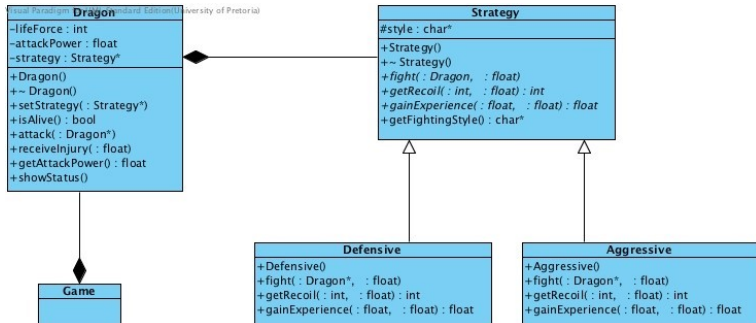
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int aValue = bottomNumber.getValue();
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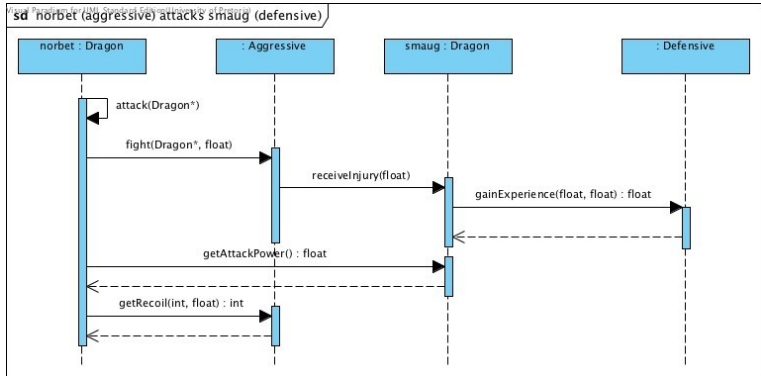
Reflexive messages (self message), when an object calls a method that is defined in its own class.



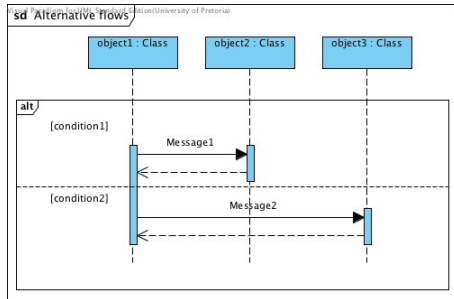
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topNumber->>increase(2);  
cout << bottomNumber.getSquare();
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Example

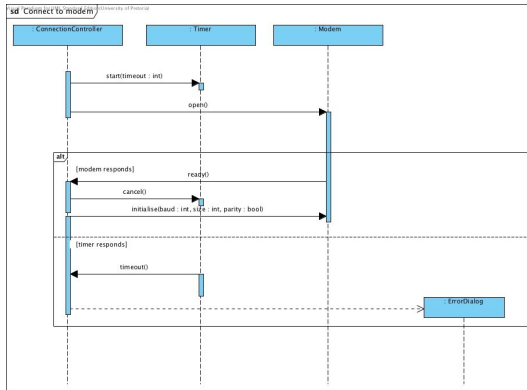




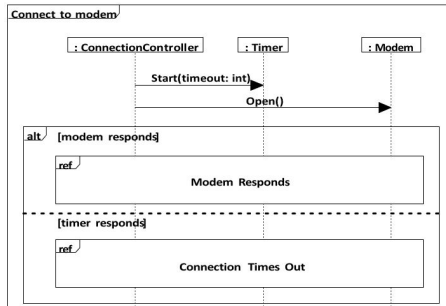
Branching happens when the program flow contains conditional statements.

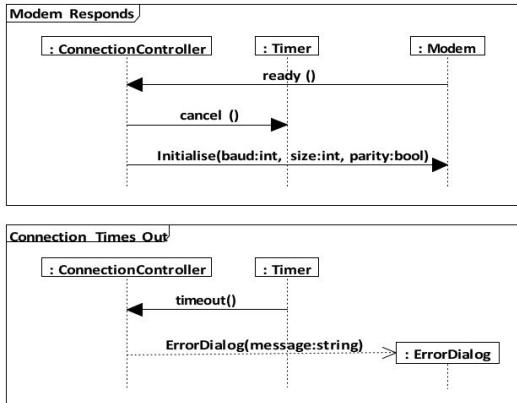


For example, connection to a modem

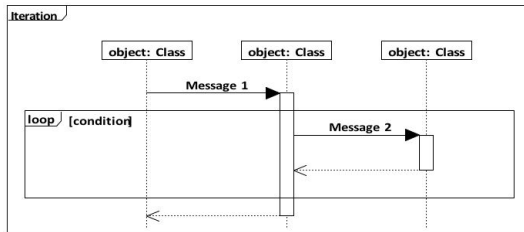


If a diagram becomes complex, it is advisable to model it in **fragments**.



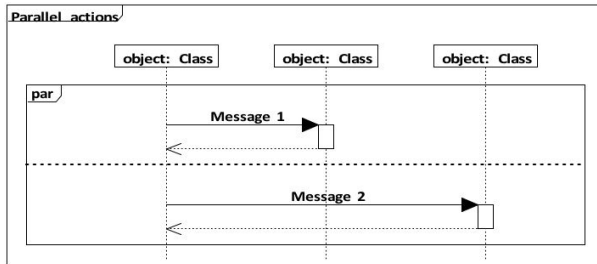


Iteration happens when the program flow contains looping statements.



Syntax for a loop structure

Parallel actions model interactions that are executed at the same time (in parallel).



Syntax for parallel actions

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