



UML Diagrams

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Outline

- What is UML and why we use UML?
- How to use UML diagrams to design software system?
- What UML Modeling tools we use today?

What is UML and Why we use UML?

- UML → “Unified Modeling Language”

- Language: express idea, not a methodology

- Modeling: Describing a software system at a high level of abstraction

- Unified: UML has become a world standard

- Object Management Group (OMG): www.omg.org

Why do we use UML?

- It is an industry-standard graphical language for specifying, visualizing, constructing, and documenting the artifacts of software systems
- The UML uses mostly graphical notations to express the OO analysis and design of software projects.
- Simplifies the complex process of software design

Why do we use UML?

- Use graphical notation: more clearly than natural language (imprecise) and code (too detailed).
- Help acquire an overall view of a system.
- UML is *not* dependent on any one language or technology.
- UML moves us from fragmentation to standardization.

How to use UML diagrams to design software system?

- Types of UML Diagrams:

- Use Case Diagram
- Class Diagram
- Sequence Diagram
- Collaboration Diagram
- State Diagram

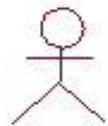
This is only a subset of diagrams ... but are most widely used

Use-Case Diagrams

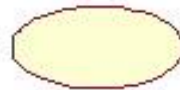
- A use-case diagram is a set of use cases
- A use case is a model of the interaction between
 - External users of a software product (actors) and
 - The software product itself
 - More precisely, an actor is a user playing a specific role
- describing a set of user **scenarios**
- capturing user requirements
- **contract** between end user and software developers

Use-Case Diagrams

- **Actors**: A role that a user plays with respect to the system, including human users and other systems. e.g., inanimate physical objects (e.g. robot); an external system that needs some information from the current system.
- **Use case**: A set of scenarios describing an interaction between a user and a system, including alternatives.
- **System boundary**: rectangle diagram representing the boundary between the actors and the system.



Actor



Use Case

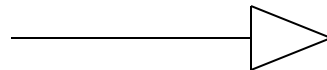
Use-Case Diagrams

- Association:

communication between an actor and a use case; Represented by a solid line.



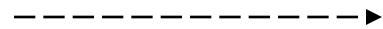
- Generalization: relationship between one general use case and a special use case (used for defining special alternatives) Represented by a line with a triangular arrow head toward the parent use case.



Use-Case Diagrams

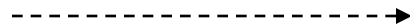
Include: a dotted line labeled <<include>> beginning at base use case and ending with an arrow pointing to the include use case. The include relationship occurs when a chunk of behavior is similar across more than one use case. Use “include” instead of copying the description of that behavior.

<<include>>



Extend: a dotted line labeled <<extend>> with an arrow toward the base case. The extending use case may add behavior to the base use case. The base class declares “extension points”.

<<extend>>



Use-Case Diagrams

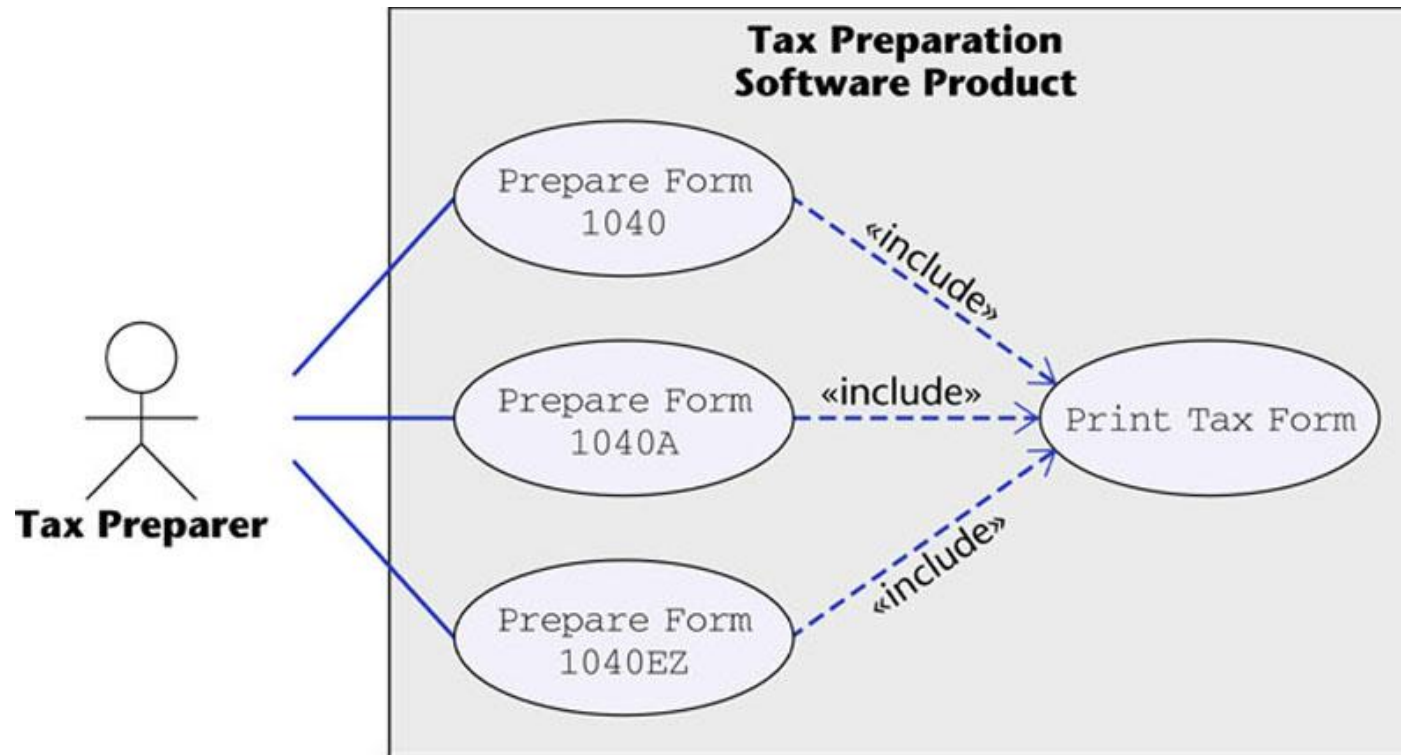
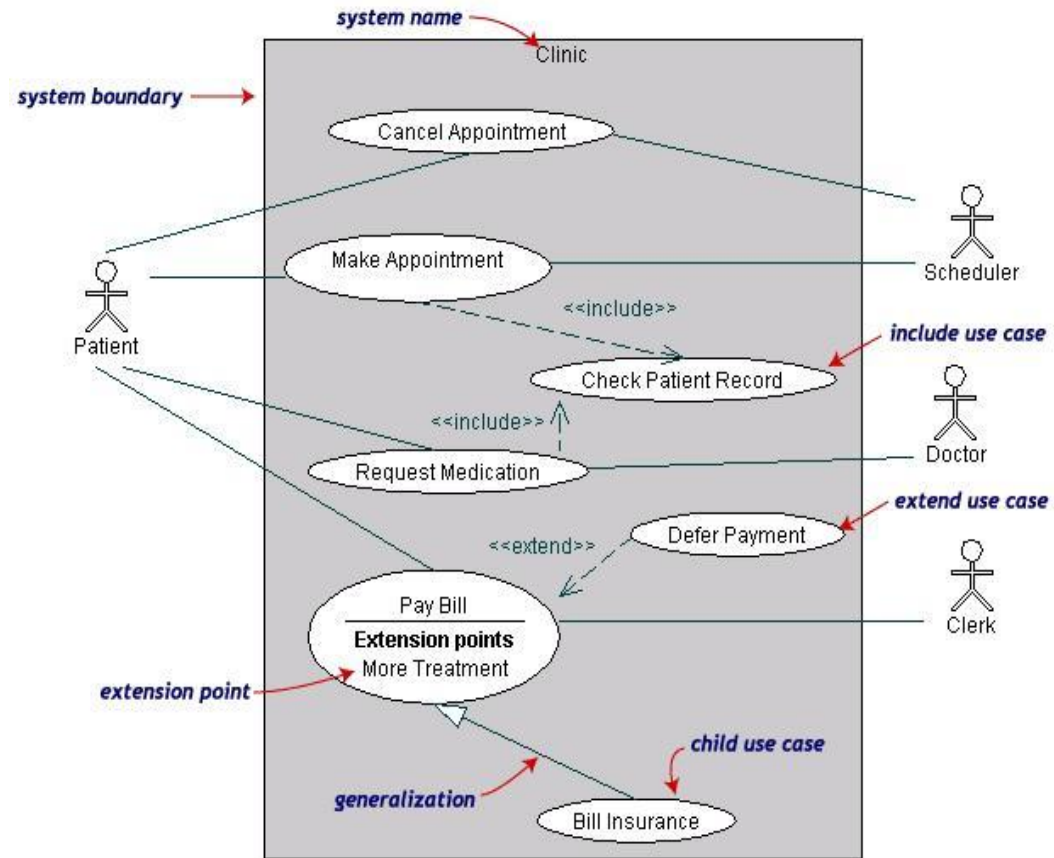


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Use-Case Diagrams

- Both **Make Appointment** and **Request Medication** include **Check Patient Record** as a subtask (include)
- The **extension point** is written inside the base case **Pay bill**; the extending class **Defer payment** adds the behavior of this extension point. (extend)
- **Pay Bill** is a parent use case and **Bill Insurance** is the child use case. (generalization)



(TogetherSoft, Inc)

Modeling Logical Structure

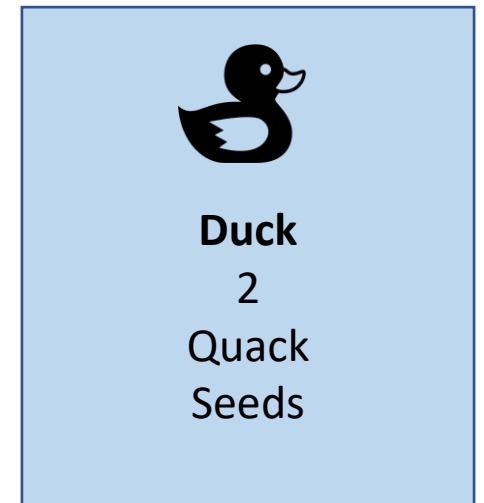
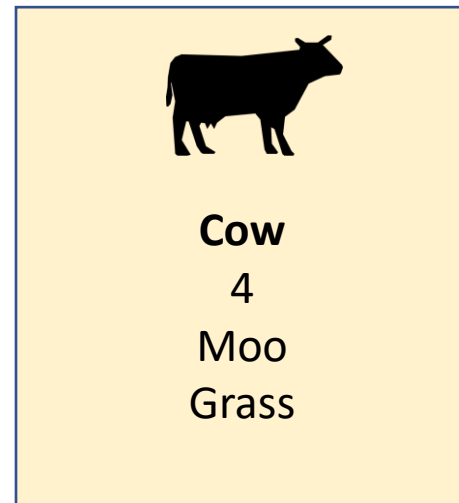
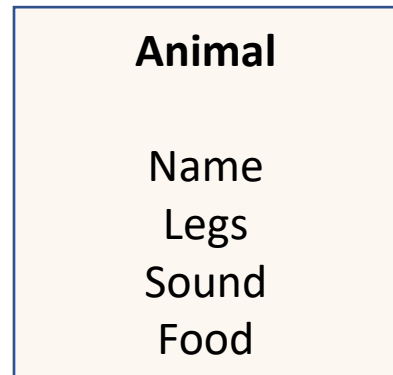
- Use cases describe the behavior of the system
- Activity diagram shows how to accomplish that behaviors
- UML provides class diagram that shows relationship between classes
 - Form part of the model's logical view

Class diagram

- A class diagram depicts classes and their interrelationships
- Used for describing **structure and behavior** in the use cases
- Provide a conceptual model of the system in terms of entities and their relationships
- Used for requirement capture, end-user interaction
- Helps document different aspects of a system
- Detailed class diagrams are used for developers

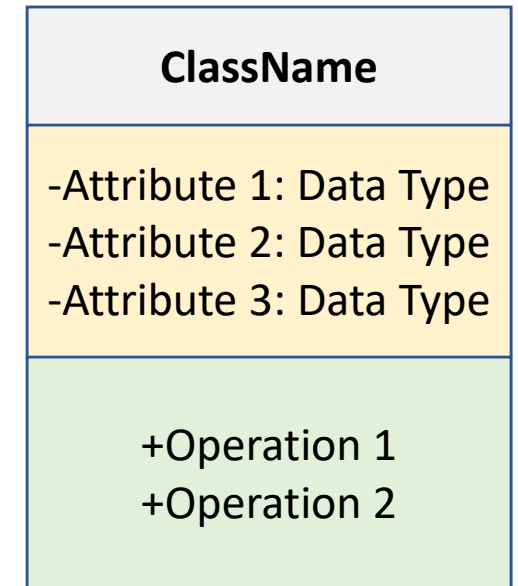
Class

- A class is a type or blueprint of an activity
- Its instance is called as object
- An object of a class will represent a specific type

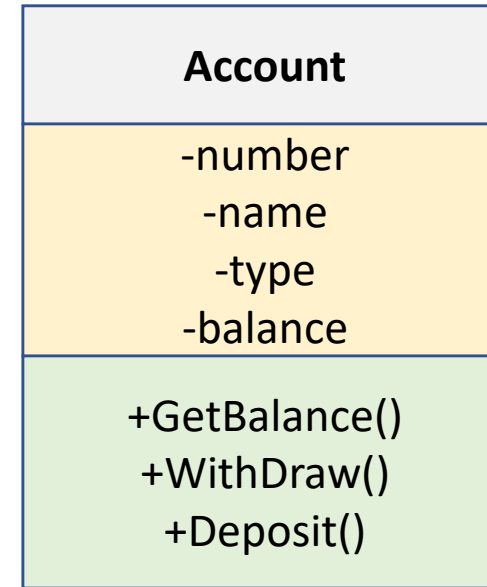
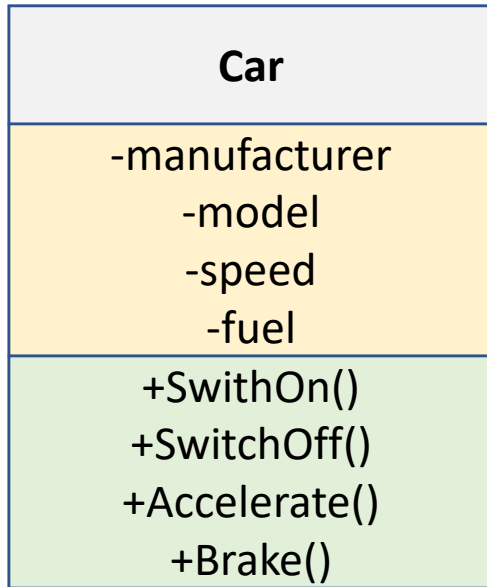


Class diagram

- Each class is represented by a rectangle subdivided into three compartments
 - Name
 - Attributes/ Variables/Properties
 - Operations/Functions/Methods
- Modifiers are used to indicate visibility of attributes and operations.
 - '+' is used to denote *Public* visibility (everyone)
 - '#' is used to denote *Protected* visibility (friends and derived)
 - '-' is used to denote *Private* visibility (no one)
 - '~' is used to denote *Package* visibility (family)
- By default, attributes are hidden and operations are visible.
- Classname will be italic for abstract class or inside <<>>



Class diagram - Examples



Object Oriented Decomposition

- Locate Classes in the problem domain
 - Look for nouns in use case e.g. ATM, Bank, Account, etc.
- Find the Operations
 - Appears as verbs in use cases e.g. Withdraw, CheckBalance, etc.
- Determine responsible classes for the operations
- Requires a few iterations to identify the responsible classes
- Identify and model associations between classes

OO Relationships

- There are two kinds of Relationships
 - Generalization (parent-child relationship)
 - Association (student enrolls in course)
- Associations can be further classified as
 - Aggregation
 - Composition

Relationships

Inheritance 


Association 

Aggregation 

Composition 

Dependencies : X uses y 

Association/Aggregations : X has a Y 

Generalization : X is a y 

Multiplicity

0..1 zero to one (optional)

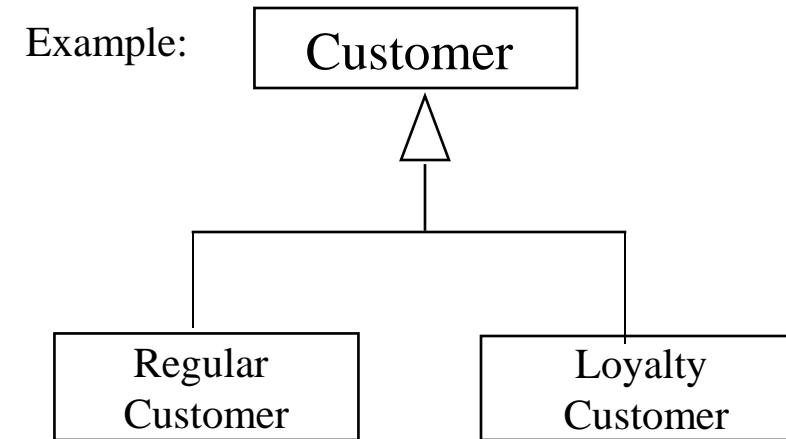
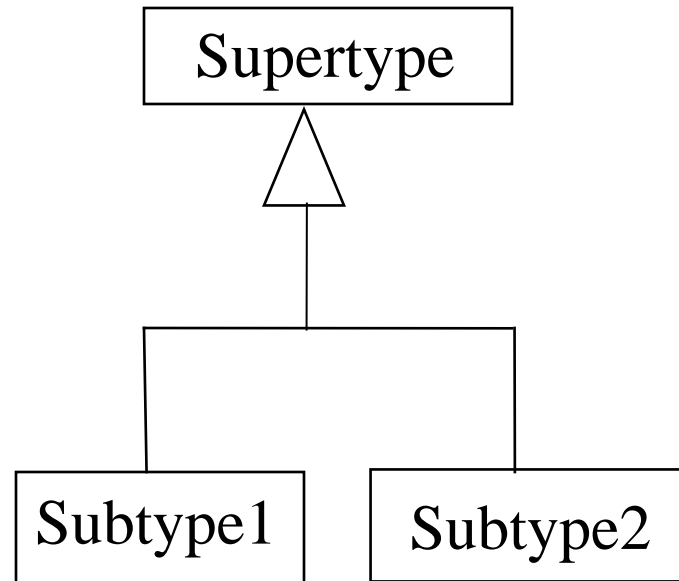
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0..* zero to many

1..* one to many

m..n specific number range

OO Relationships: **Generalization**

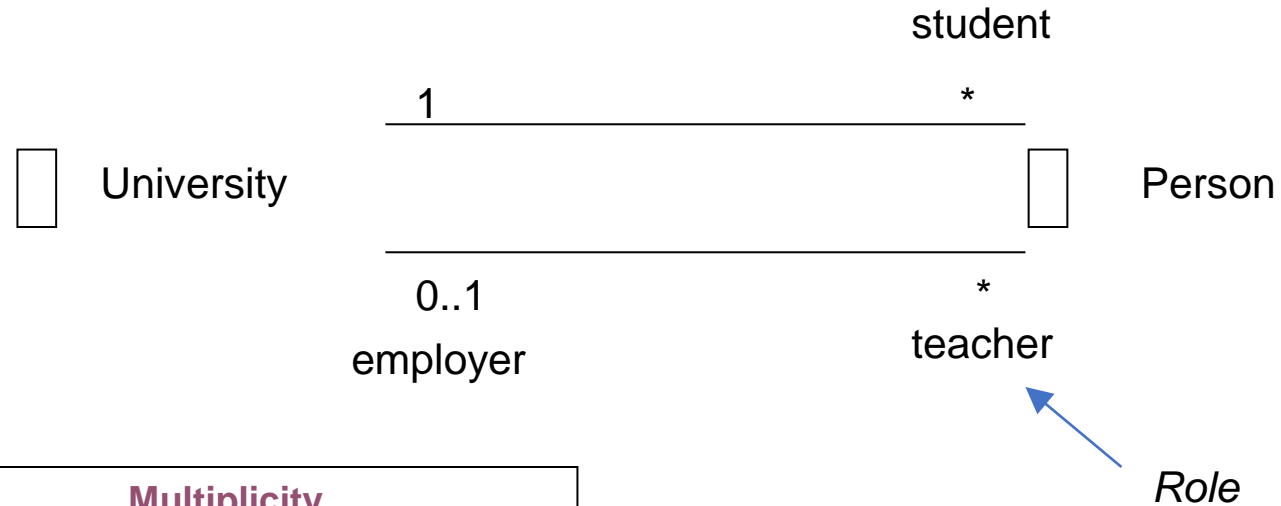


- Inheritance is a required feature of object orientation
- Generalization expresses a parent/child relationship among related classes.
- Used for abstracting details in several layers

OO Relationships: **Association**

- Represent relationship between instances of classes
 - Student enrolls in a course
 - Courses have students
 - Courses have exams
 - Etc.
- Association has two ends
 - Role names (e.g. enrolls)
 - Multiplicity (e.g. One course can have many students)
 - Navigability (unidirectional, bidirectional)

Association: Multiplicity and Roles

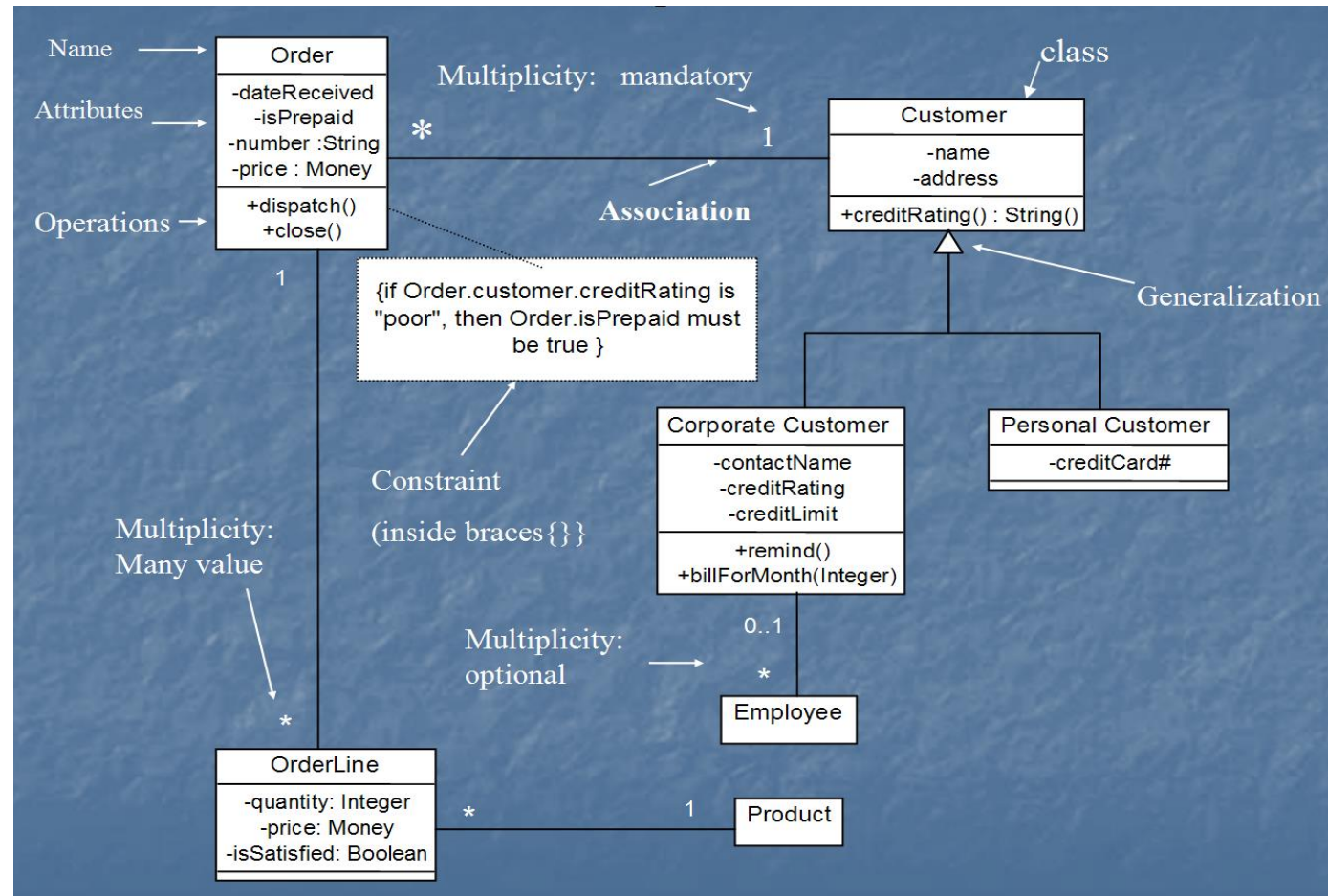


Multiplicity	
Symbol	Meaning
1	One and only one
0..1	Zero or one
M..N	From M to N (natural language)
*	From zero to any positive integer
0..*	From zero to any positive integer
1..*	From one to any positive integer

Role

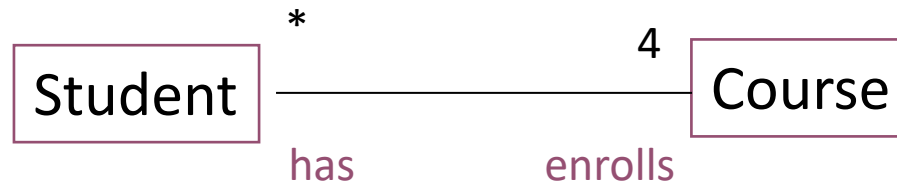
“A given university groups many people; some act as students, others as teachers. A given student belongs to a single university; a given teacher may or may not be working for the university at a particular time.”

Class diagram



[from *UML Distilled Third Edition*]

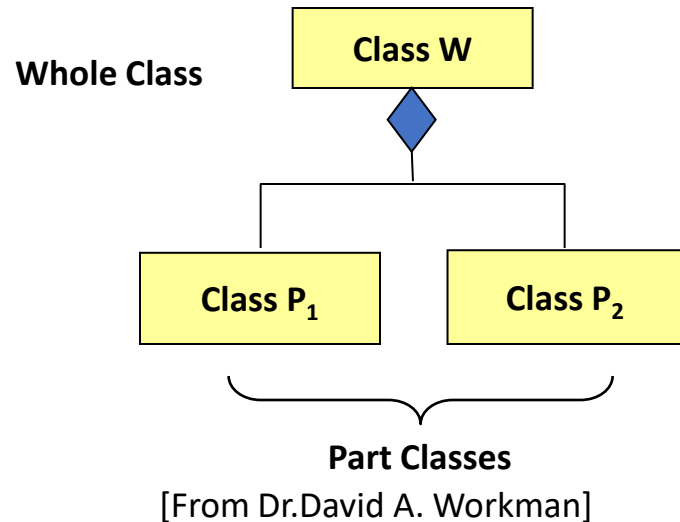
Association: Model to Implementation



```
Class Student {  
    Course enrolls[4];  
}
```

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Class Course {  
    Student have[];  
}
```

OO Relationships: **Composition**



Example

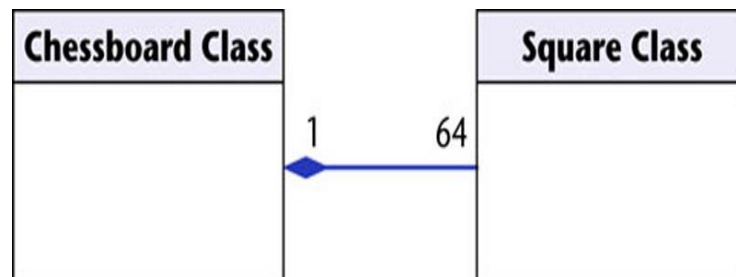


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Association

Models the part–whole relationship

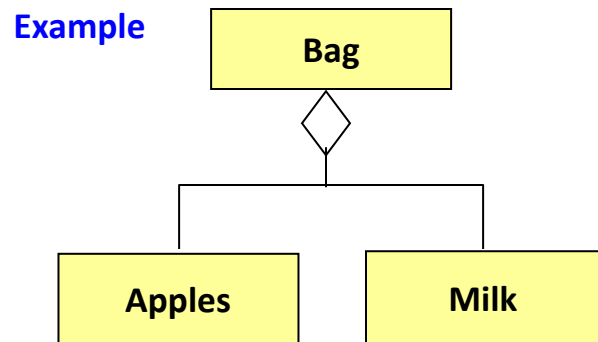
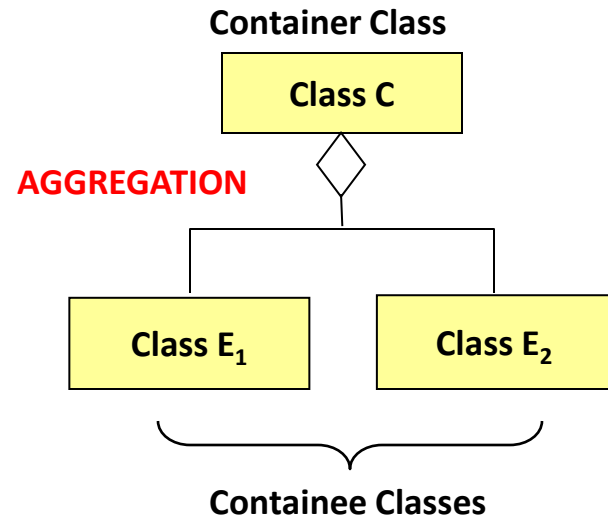
Composition

Also models the part–whole relationship but, in addition, Every part may belong to only one whole, and If the whole is deleted, so are the parts

Example:

A number of different chess boards: Each square belongs to only one board. If a chess board is thrown away, all 64 squares on that board go as well.

OO Relationships: **Aggregation**



[From Dr.David A. Workman]

Aggregation:

expresses a relationship among instances of related classes. It is a specific kind of Container-Containee relationship.

express a more informal relationship than composition expresses.

Aggregation is appropriate when Container and Containees have no special access privileges to each other.

Aggregation vs. Composition

■ **Composition** is really a strong form of **association**

- components have only one owner
- components cannot exist independent of their owner
- components live or die with their owner
- e.g. Each car has an engine that can not be shared with other cars.

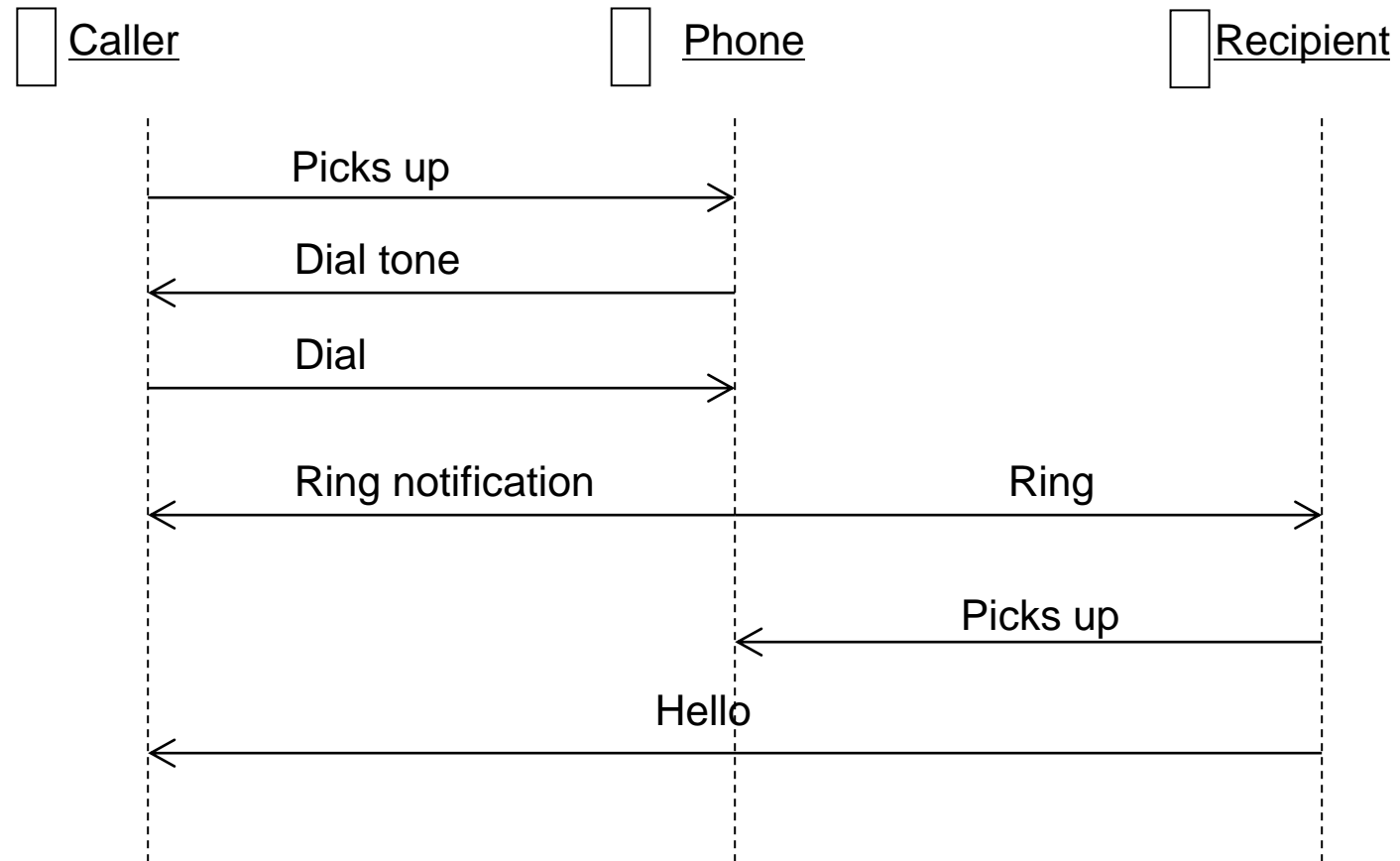
■ **Aggregations**

may form "part of" the association, but may not be essential to it. They may also exist independent of the aggregate. e.g. Apples may exist independent of the bag.

Interaction Diagrams

- show how objects interact with one another
- UML supports two types of interaction diagrams
 - Sequence diagrams
 - Collaboration diagrams

Sequence Diagram(make a phone call)



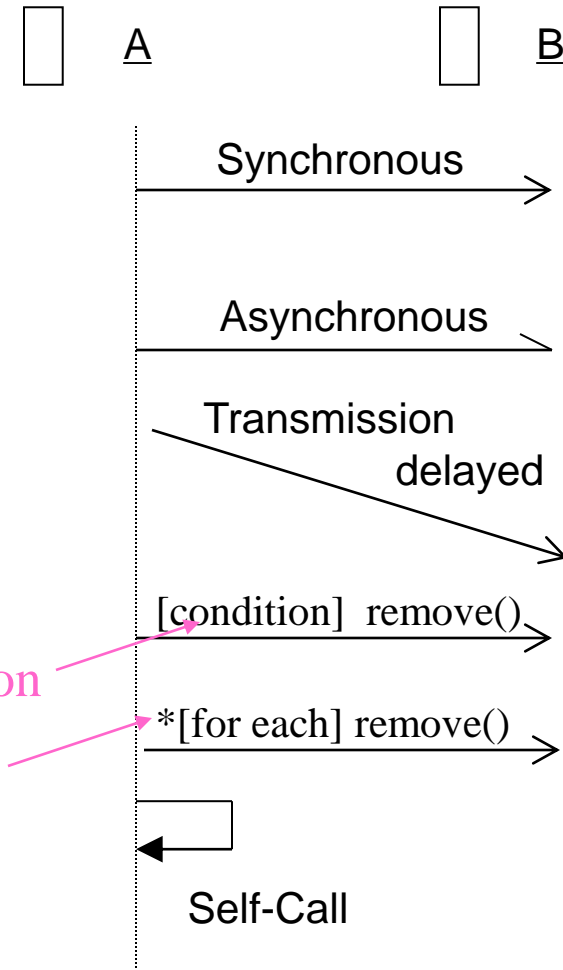
Sequence Diagram: Object interaction

Self-Call: A message that an Object sends to itself.

Condition: indicates when a message is sent. The message is sent only if the condition is true.

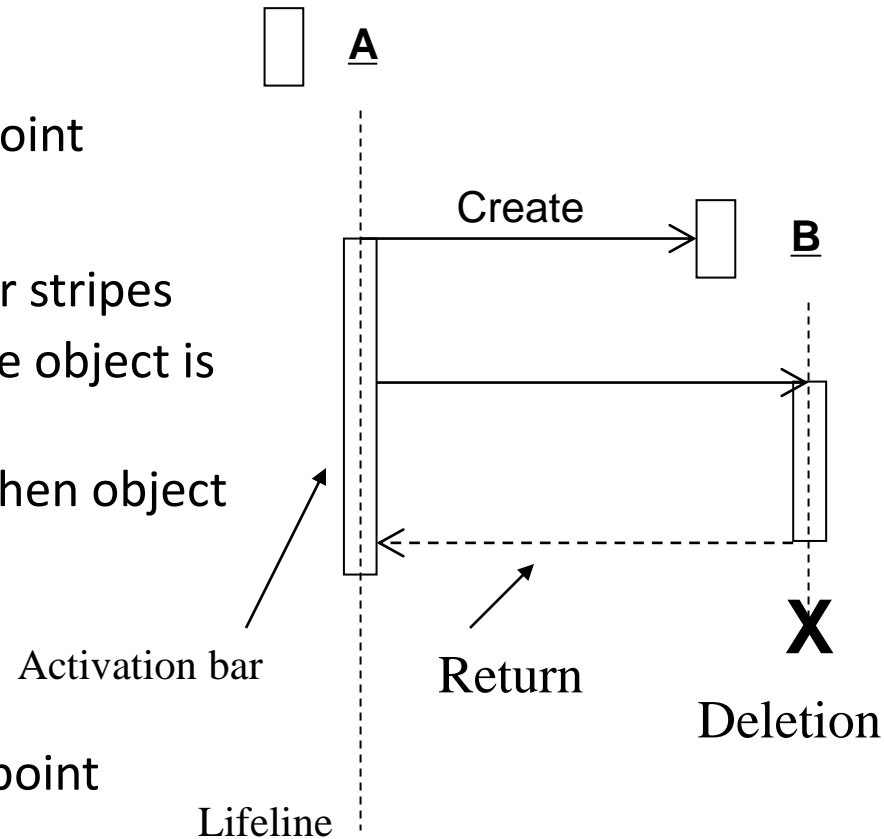
Condition

Iteration



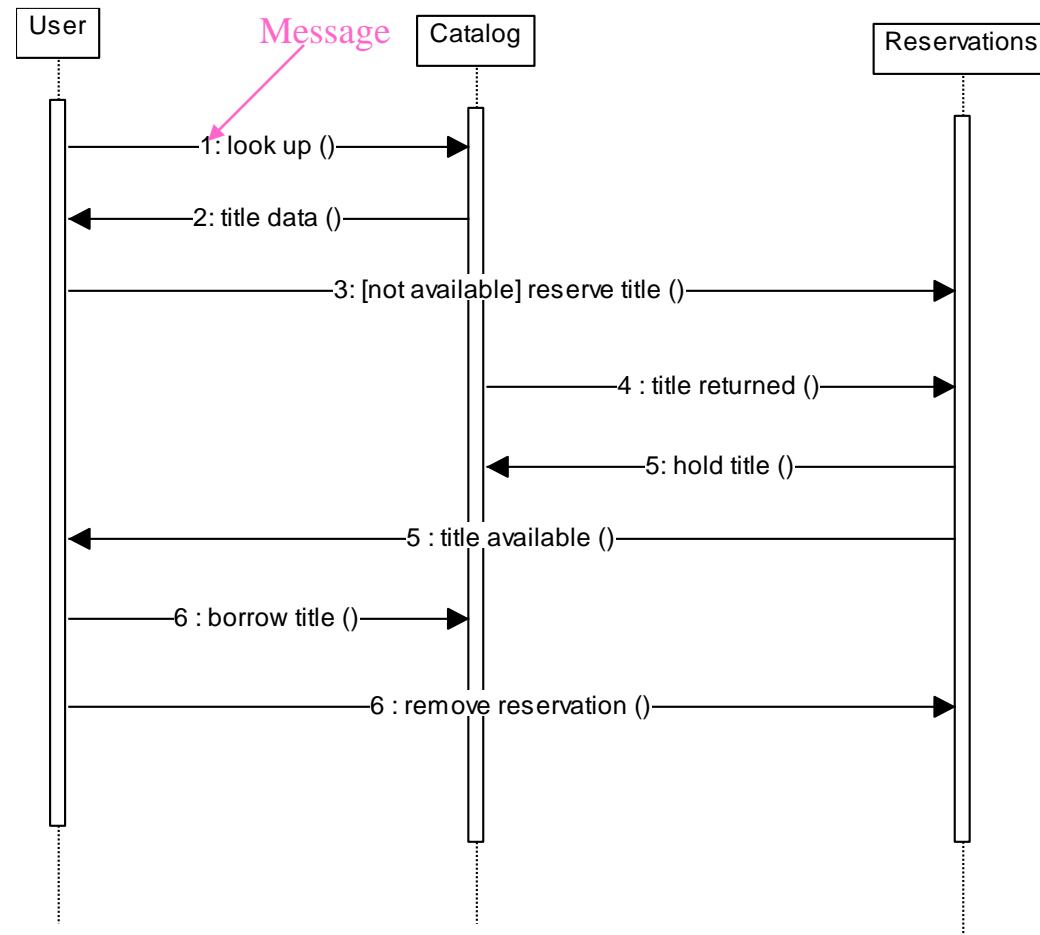
Sequence Diagrams – Object Life Spans

- Creation
 - Create message
 - Object life starts at that point
- Activation
 - Symbolized by rectangular stripes
 - Place on the lifeline where object is activated.
 - Rectangle also denotes when object is deactivated.
- Deletion
 - Placing an 'X' on lifeline
 - Object's life ends at that point

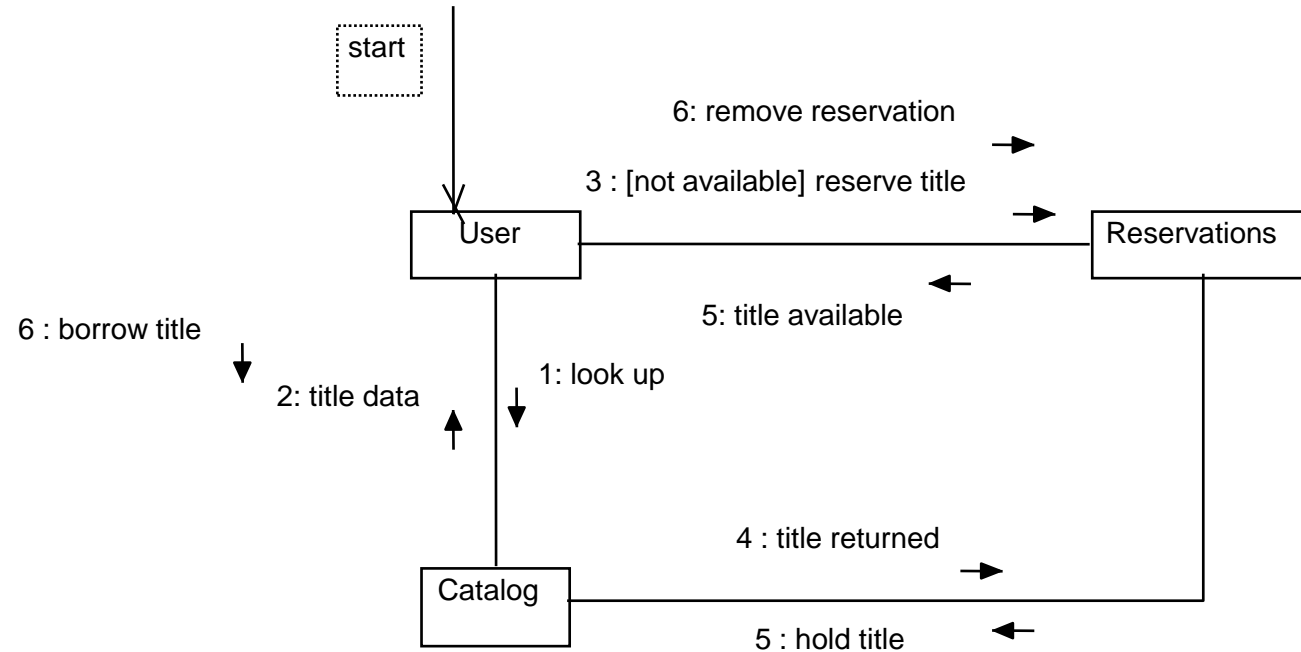


Sequence Diagram

- Sequence diagrams demonstrate the behavior of objects in a use case by describing the objects and the messages they pass.
- The horizontal dimension shows the objects participating in the interaction.
- The vertical arrangement of messages indicates their order.
- The labels may contain the seq. # to indicate concurrency.



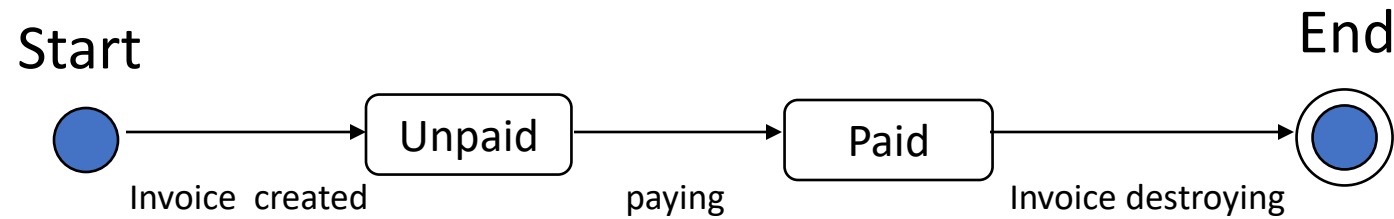
Interaction Diagrams: Collaboration diagrams



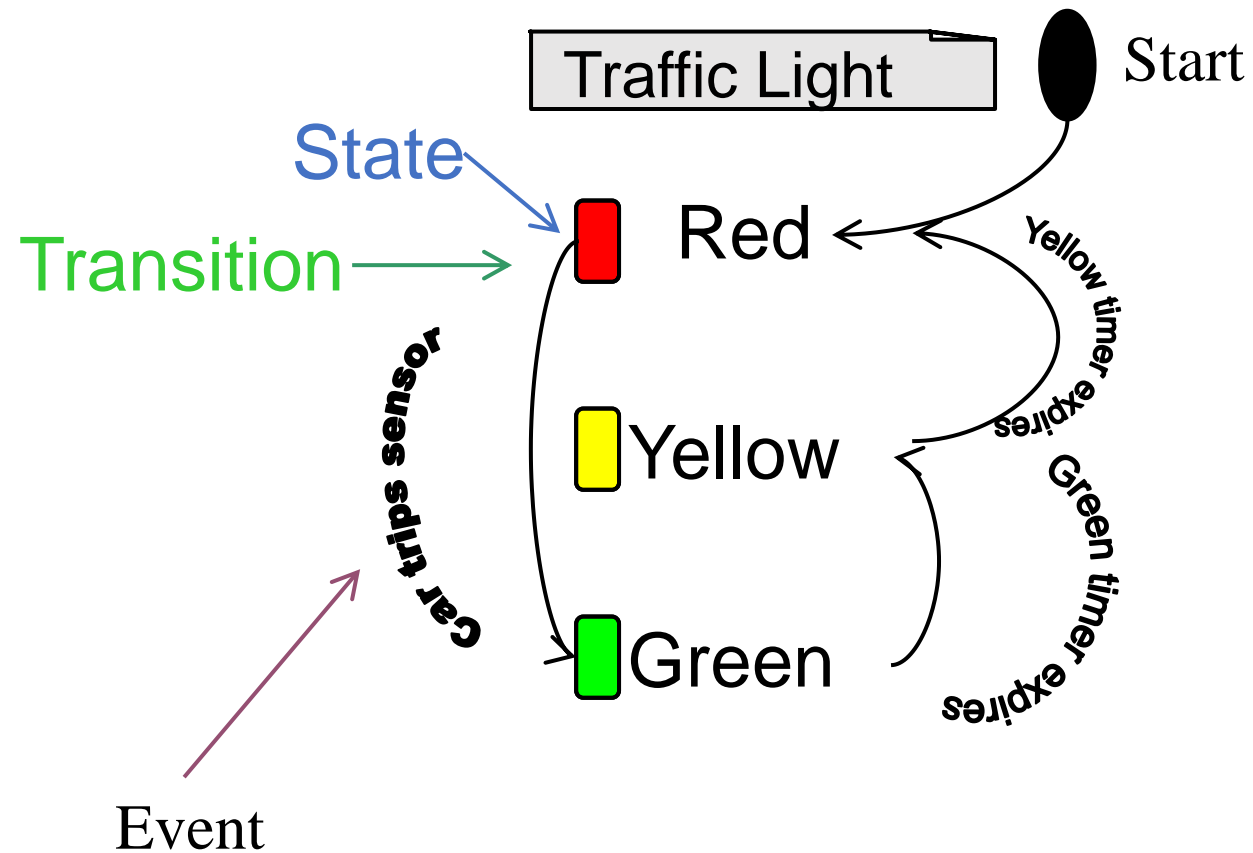
- Collaboration diagrams are equivalent to sequence diagrams. All the features of sequence diagrams are equally applicable to collaboration diagrams
- Use a sequence diagram when the transfer of information is the focus of attention
- Use a collaboration diagram when concentrating on the classes

State Diagrams (Billing Example)

State Diagrams show the sequences of states an object goes through during its life cycle in response to stimuli, together with its responses and actions; an abstraction of all possible behaviors.



State Diagrams (Traffic light example)



Conclusion

- UML is a standardized specification language for object modeling
- Several UML diagrams:
 - use-case diagram: a number of use cases (use case models the interaction between actors and software)
 - Class diagram: a model of classes showing the static relationships among them including association and generalization.
 - Sequence diagram: shows the way objects interact with one another as messages are passed between them. Dynamic model
 - State diagram: shows states, events that cause transitions between states. Another dynamic model reflecting the behavior of objects and how they react to specific event
- There are several UML tools available

Thank you

Questions?

Resources

- *Object-Oriented and Classical Software Engineering*, Sixth Edition, WCB/McGraw-Hill, 2005 Stephen R. Schach
- UML resource page <http://www.uml.org/>
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