

Use Case Diagram

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Last time

due to its semantic

UML is a **graphical language** for **visualizing**, **specifying**, **constructing**, and **documenting** the artifacts of a software-intensive system.

- Consists of several different diagram types
- Can be used at different abstraction levels
 - From business process to individual language statements
- **It is a language, not a method or procedure!**



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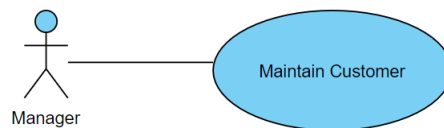
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Use Case Specification

A **Use Case Specification** is a textual description of the functionality provided by the system. It captures **actor-system interaction**. That is, it **specifies how a user interacts with a system** and **how the system responds to the user actions**.



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Use Case Diagrams

- Use case diagram is behavioral
 - Remember that e.g. Class diagram is structural and Sequence diagram is behavioral
- Maps to user stories or functional requirements
 - Describes the outside view of the system
 - From the point of view of a set of actors
 - Models system actions that yield an observable result
 - Simple, but effective for several purposes



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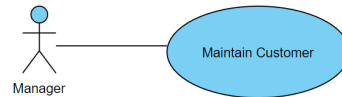
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Rules for use case diagram

- Actors
 - E.g., employee, manager, AppUser
 - External to system (humans or systems or devices)
 - Interact with system
 - May appear in many use cases
- Use cases
 - Brief title of an interaction with the system



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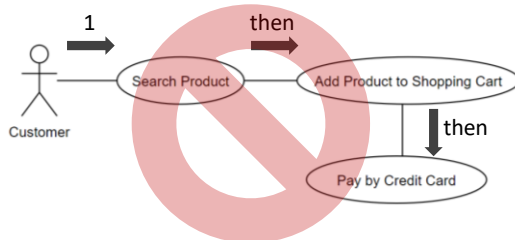
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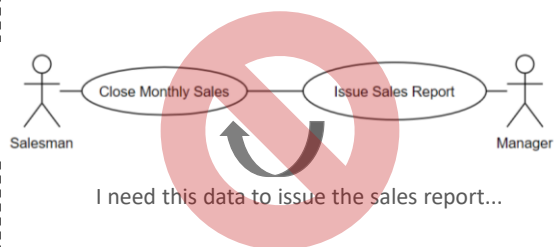
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Rules for use case diagram

It DOES NOT represent temporal dependencies



It DOES NOT represent data dependencies



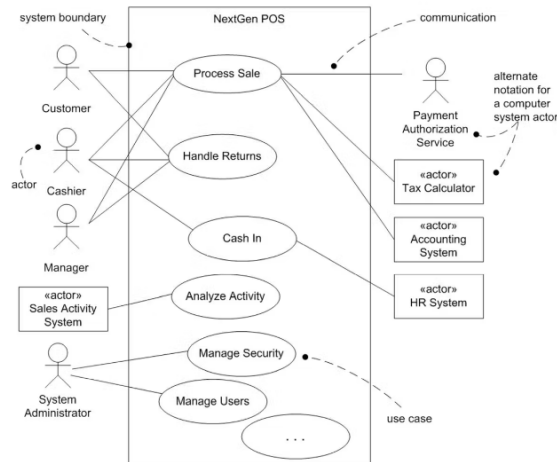
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Why are use case diagrams important?

- Requirements elicitation and organization
 - E.g., to help to show how different user stories are related
- Planning
 - E.g., to prioritize users or scenarios
- Testing
 - E.g., help in constructing acceptance tests with good coverage



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Scenario 1: Academic Management

- **REQ1:** The system should allow the **secretary** to **register courses**.
- **REQ2:** The system should allow the **secretary** to **register course disciplines**.
- **REQ3:** The system should allow the **secretary** to **register course students**.
- **REQ4:** The system should allow the **human resources department** to **register lecturers**.
- **REQ5:** The system should allow the **secretary** to **open classes** of course disciplines.
- **REQ6:** The system should allow **course coordinators** to **allocate lecturers to classes**.
- **REQ7:** The system should allow the **secretary** to **enroll students in classes**.
- **REQ8:** The system should allow **lecturers** to **register grades of students** for their classes.
- **REQ9:** The system should allow **students** to **visualize their grades**.
- **REQ10:** The system must **control the situation of a student**, who may be enrolled, locked out, graduated, or have abandoned the course.

Actors

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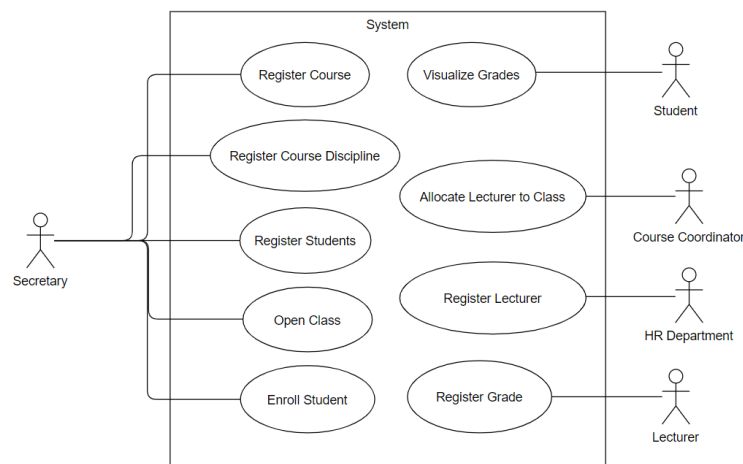
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