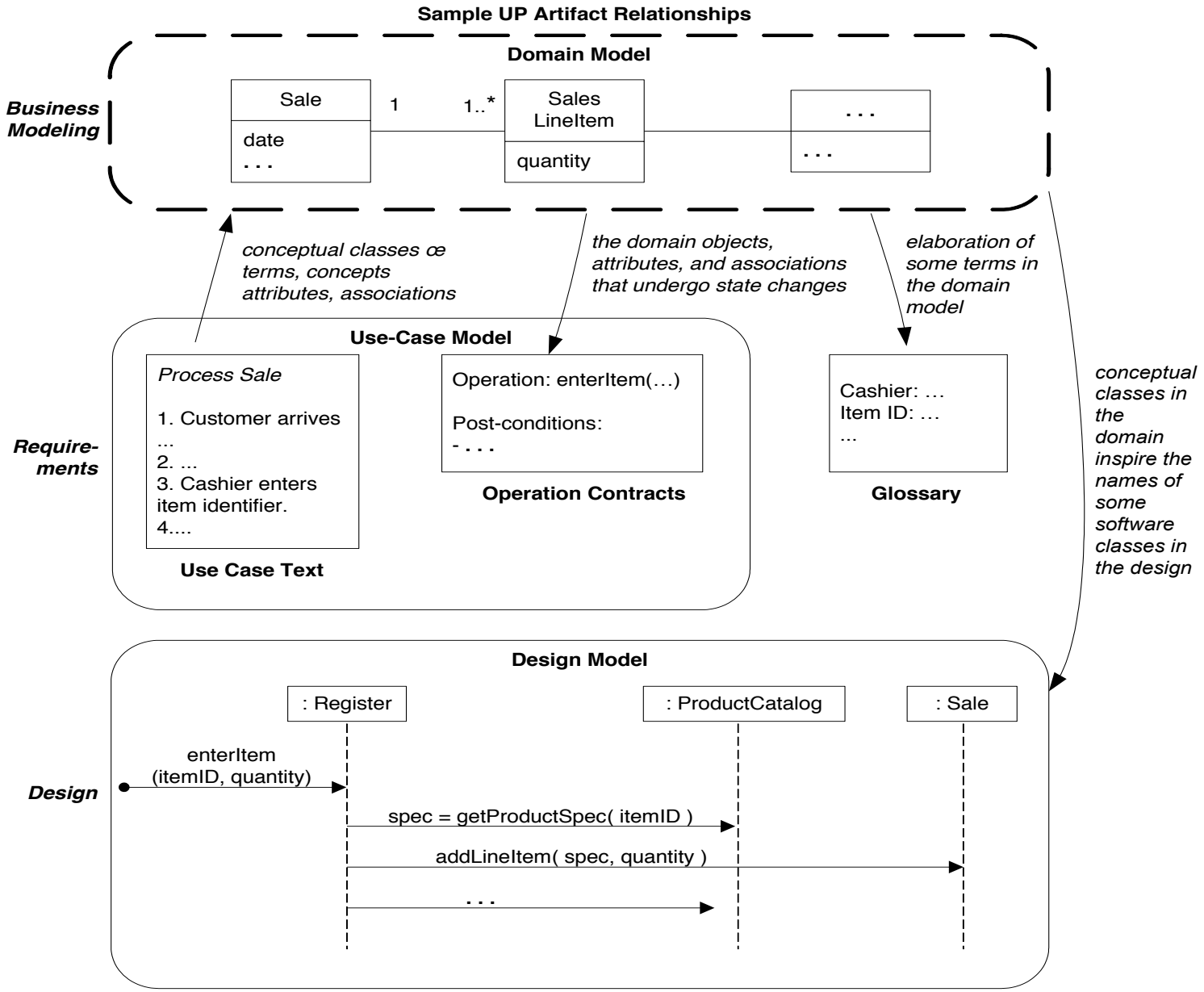
Requirements Modelling using UML Class Diagrams


Sample UP Artifact Relationships
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Business Modeling
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Sales LineItem
quantity
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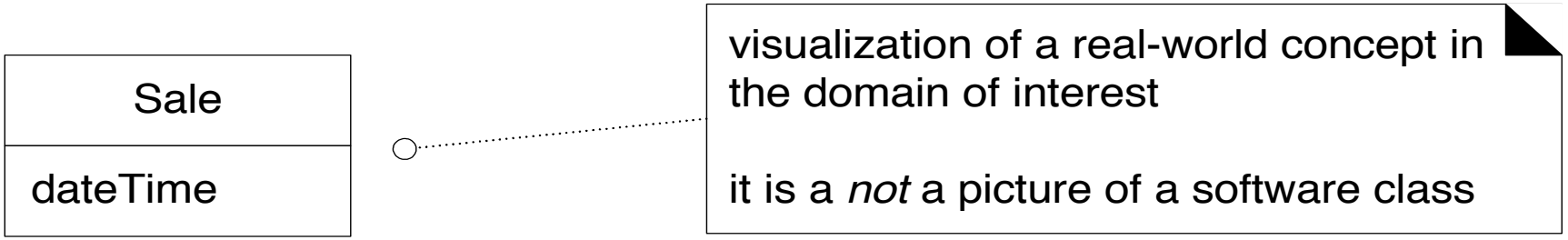
conceptual classes œ terms, concepts attributes, associations
the domain objects, attributes, and associations that undergo state changes
elaboration of some terms in the domain model
Use-Case Model
Require-ments
Process Sale
1. Customer arrives
...
2. ...
3. Cashier enters item identifier.
4....
Use Case Text
Operation: enterItem(…)
Post-conditions:
- . . .
Operation Contracts
Cashier: …
Item ID: …
...
Glossary
conceptual classes in the domain inspire the names of some software classes in the design
Design Model
Design
: Register
: ProductCatalog
: Sale
enterItem (itemID, quantity)
spec = getProductSpec(itemID)
addLineItem(spec, quantity)
. . .

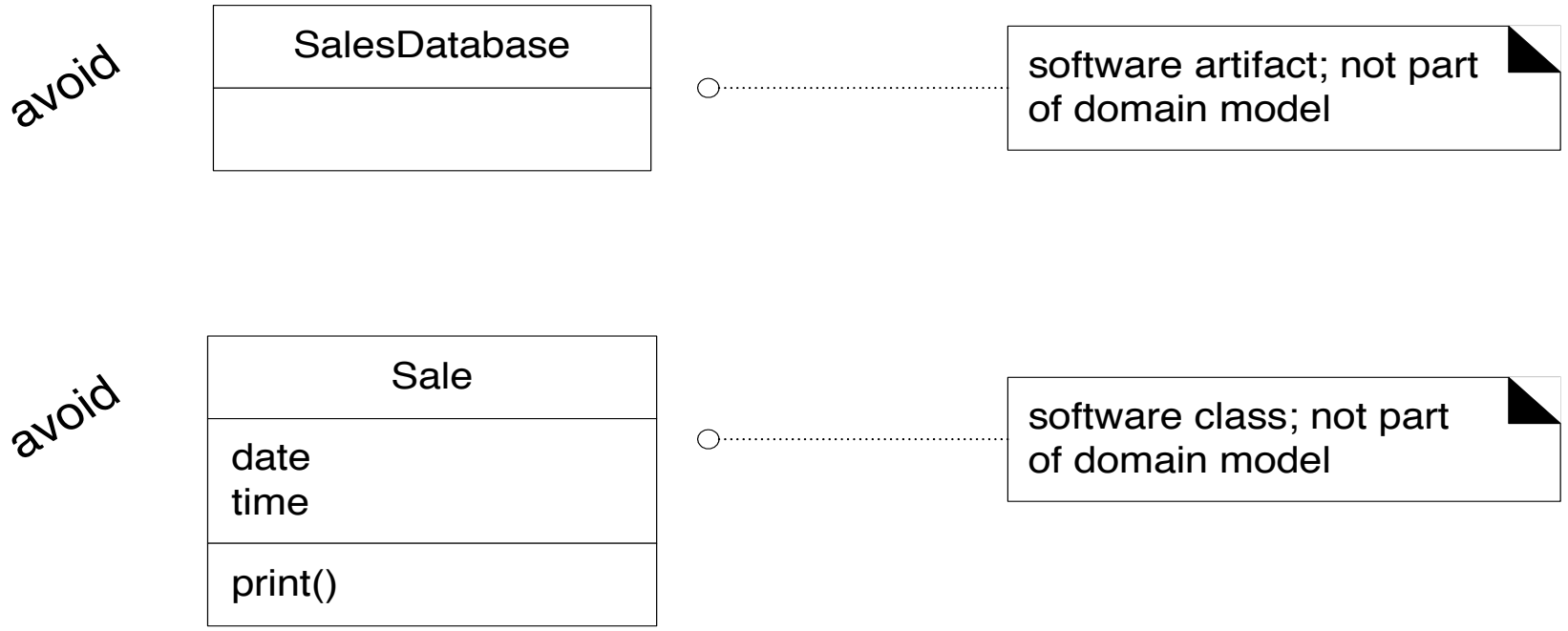
What is a Domain Model?

- Structuring of domain concepts
  - Identifies problem concepts and their relationships
- Structural models (for example, UML class diagrams) used to depict structure
- Key Question: What are the concepts of interest in this domain?
  - their attributes?
  - their relationships?
- IMPORTANT: This is a model of problem concepts; these concepts are NOT software objects, but a "visual dictionary" of domain concepts.

Representing Problem/Domain Concepts



Avoid Design/Solution/Computer-based concepts



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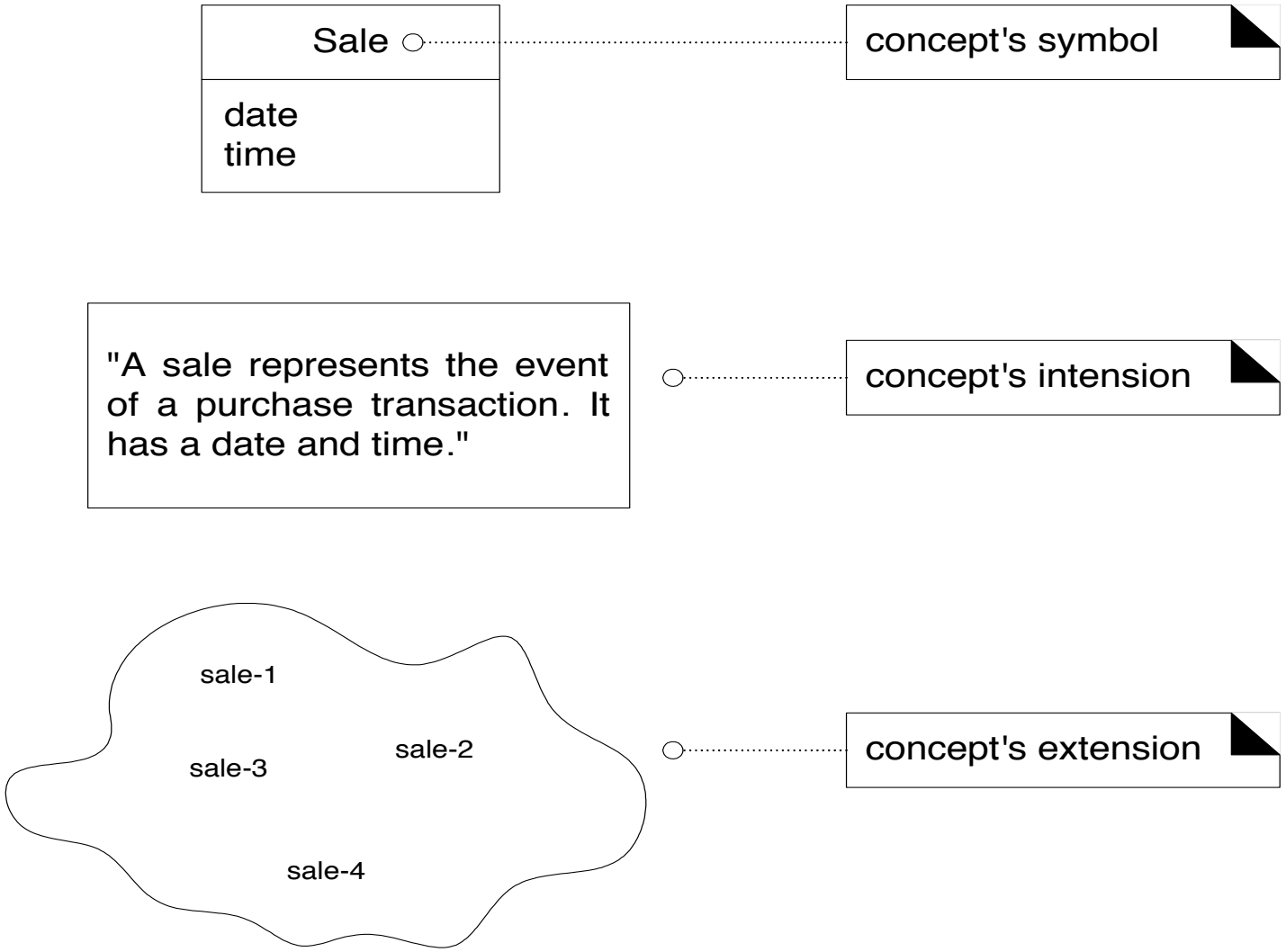


Requirements class vs. design class

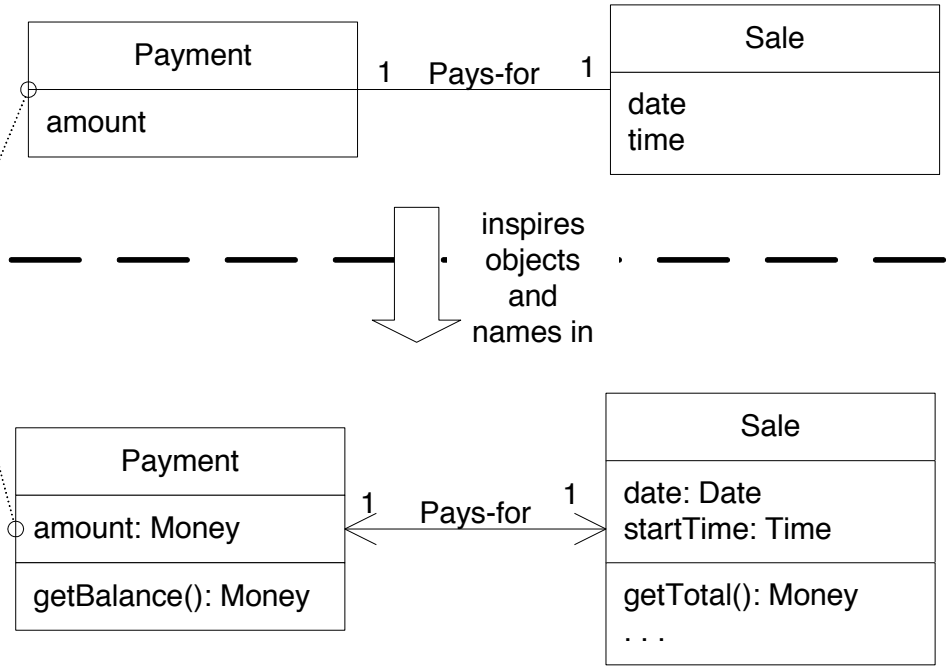
A Payment in the Domain Model is a concept, but a Payment in the Design Model is a software class. They are not the same thing, but the former *inspired* the naming and definition of the latter.

This reduces the representational gap.

This is one of the big ideas in object technology.

UP Domain Model

Stakeholder's view of the noteworthy concepts in the domain.



UP Design Model

The object-oriented developer has taken inspiration from the real world domain in creating software classes.

Therefore, the representational gap between how stakeholders conceive the domain, and its representation in software, has been lowered.

Rendering Concepts

- A depicted class has the following structure:
  - Name compartment (mandatory)
  - Attributes compartment (optional)
- Every class must have a distinguishing name.

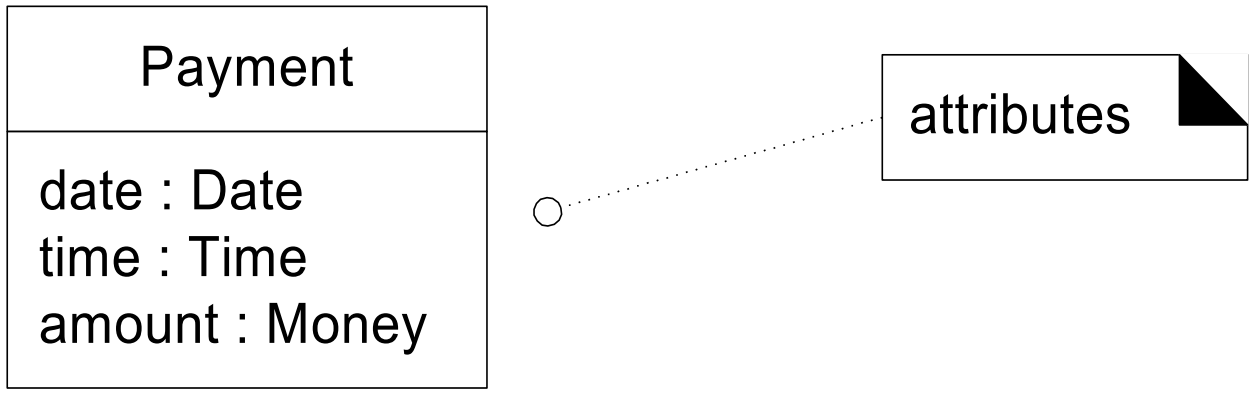
Attributes

- An attribute is a named property. Each concept instance associates value(s) with each attribute of a concept.
- *OOA syntax*

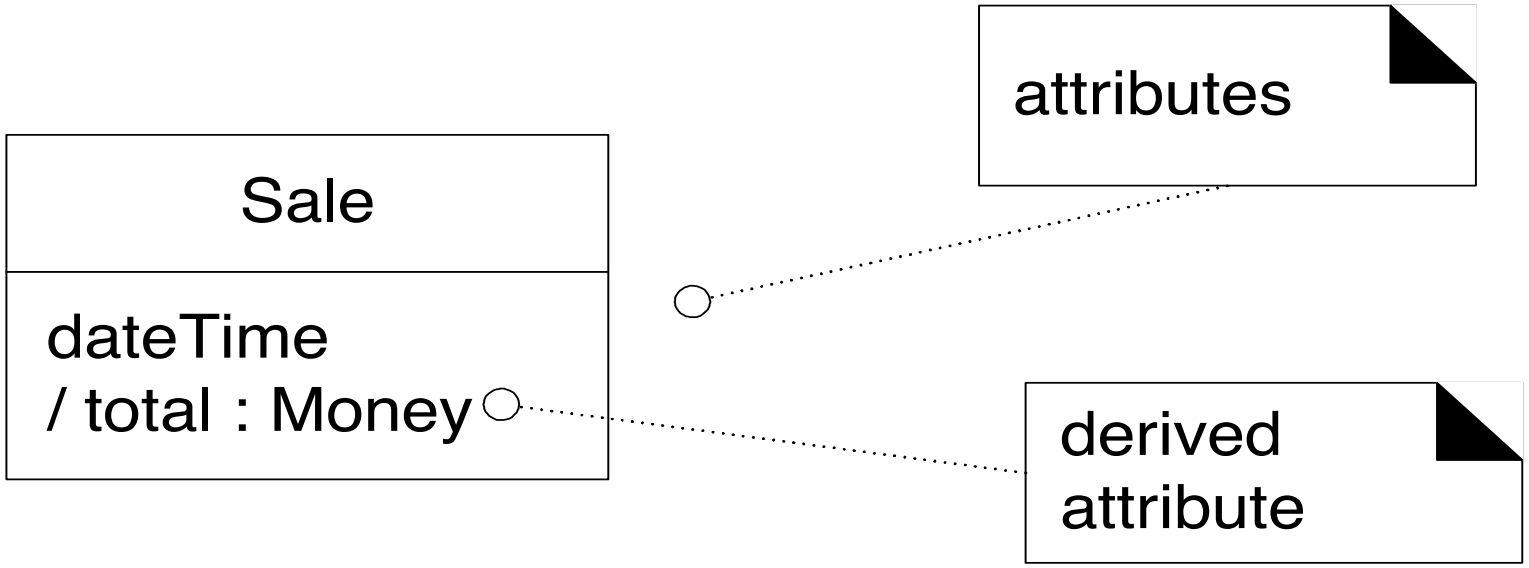
name [multiplicity] [: type] [{property-string}]

Attributes

- Show only "simple" relatively primitive types as attributes.
- Connections to other concepts are to be represented as associations, not attributes.



Derived Attributes



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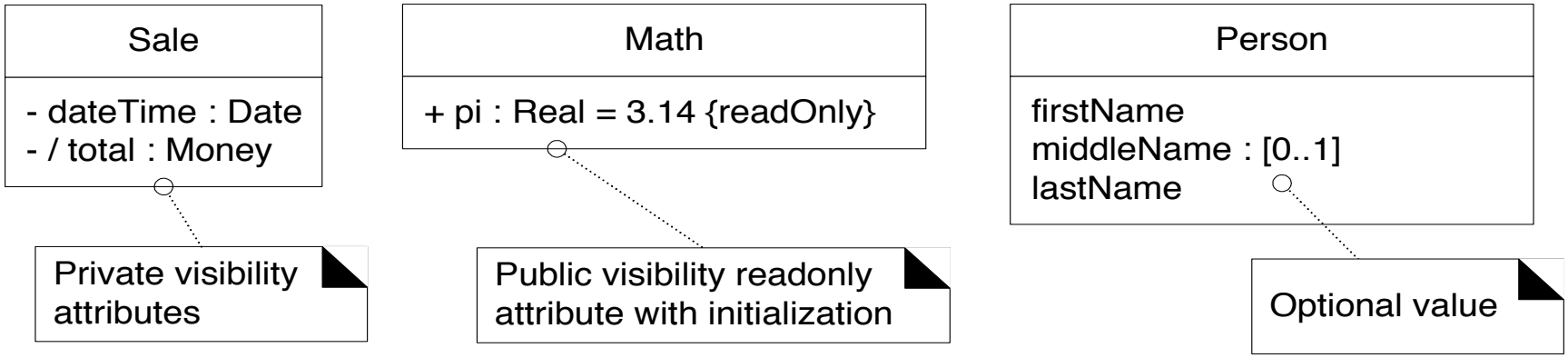
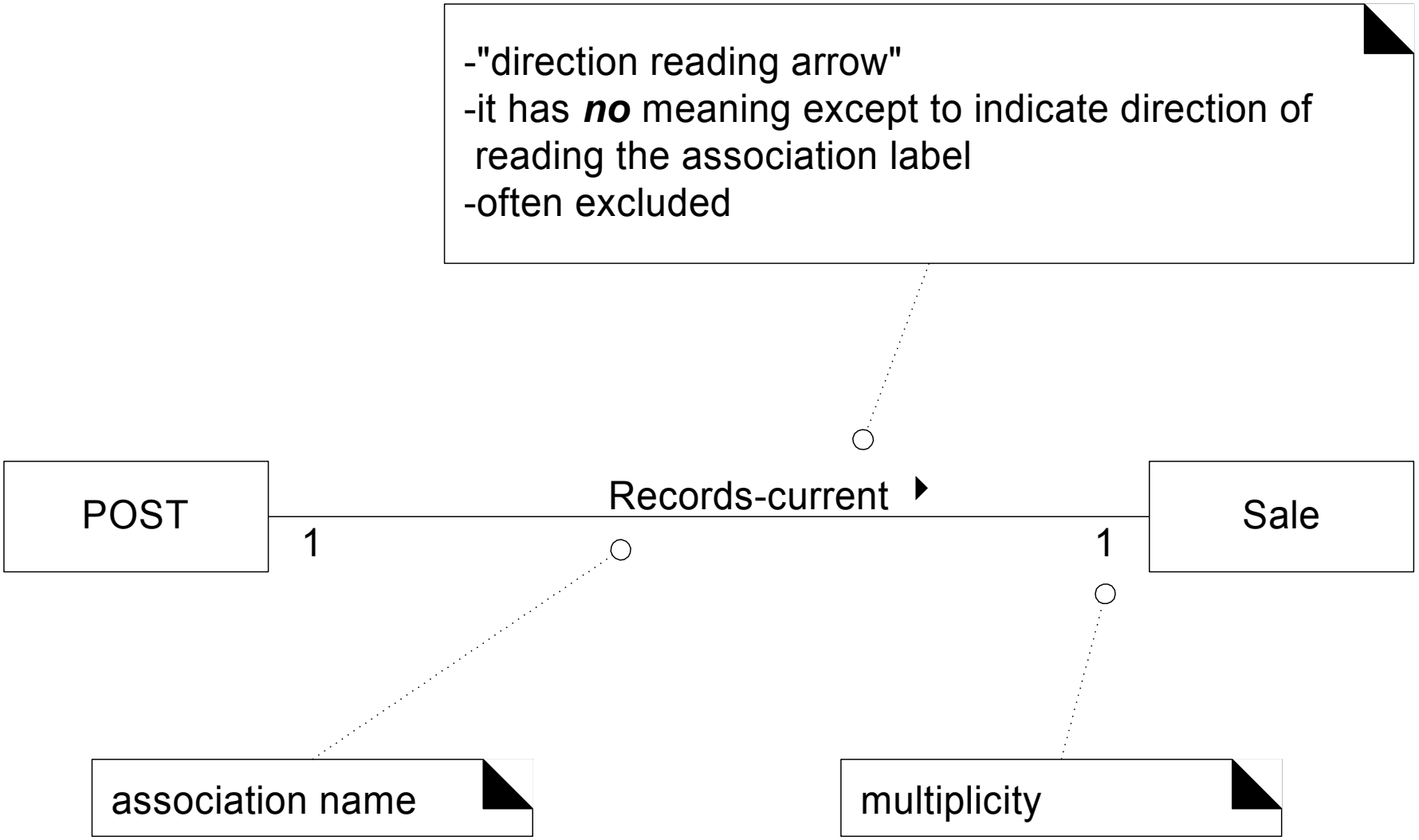


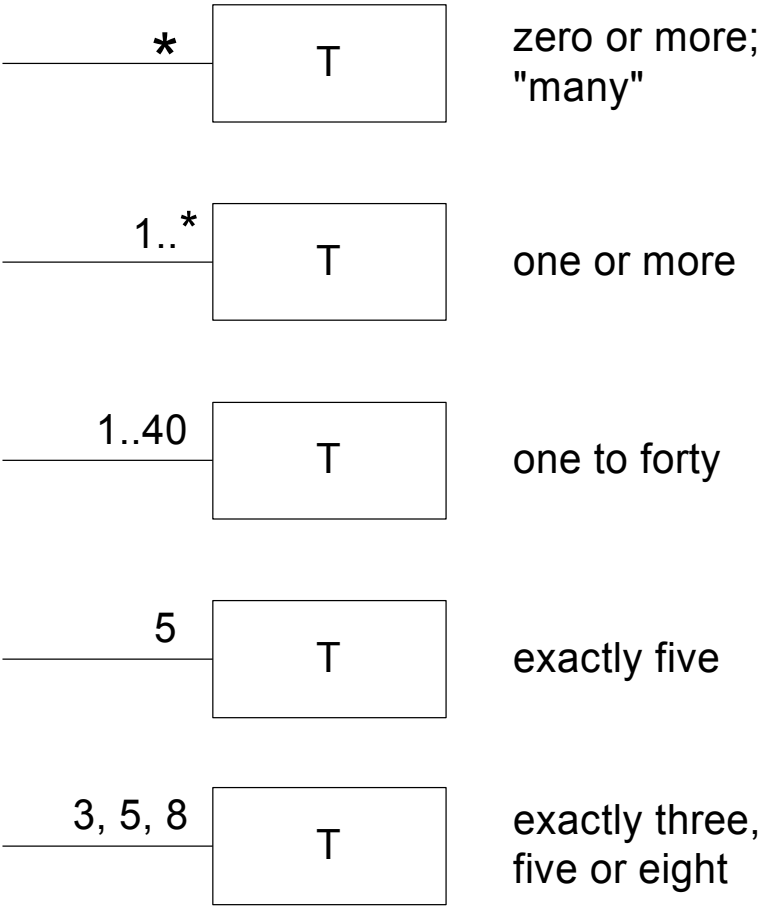
Modeling Static Relationships

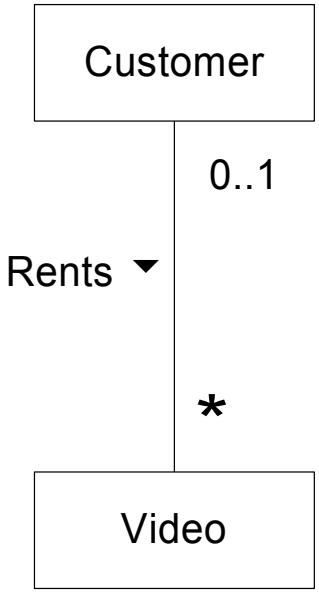
- Two kinds of static relationships:
  - Associations
    - Represent structural relationships among objects
  - Generalizations
    - Represent generalization/specialization class structures
- The two kinds of relationships are orthogonal

Associations



Multiplicity

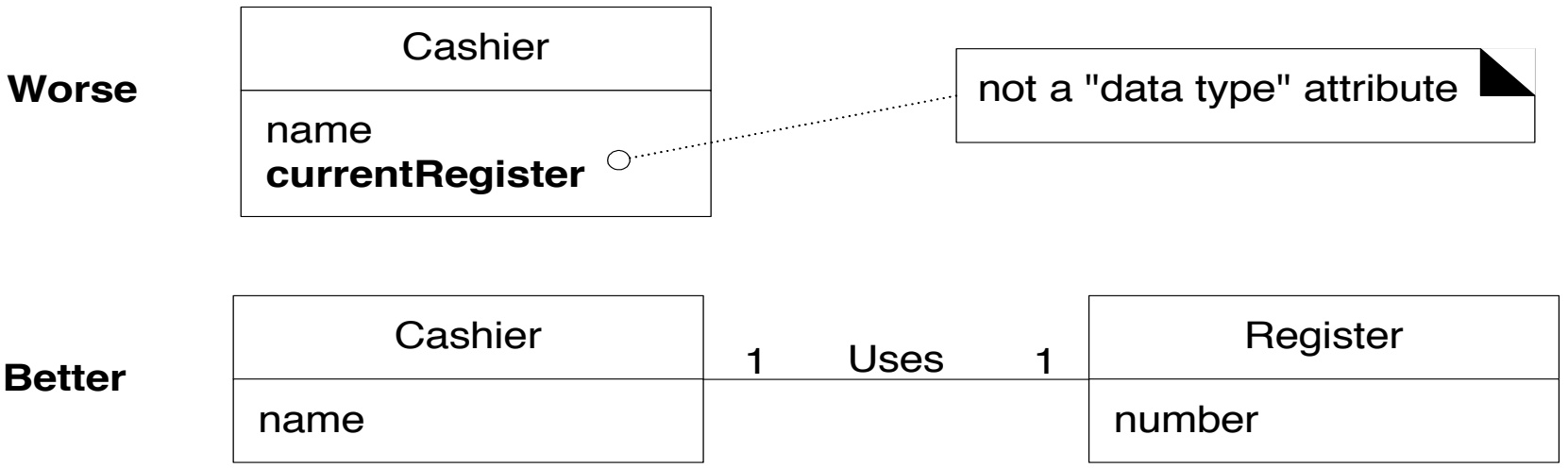




One instance of a Customer may be renting zero or more Videos.

One instance of a Video may be being rented by zero or one Customers.

Association vs. Attribute



Do not use attributes to represent foreign keys

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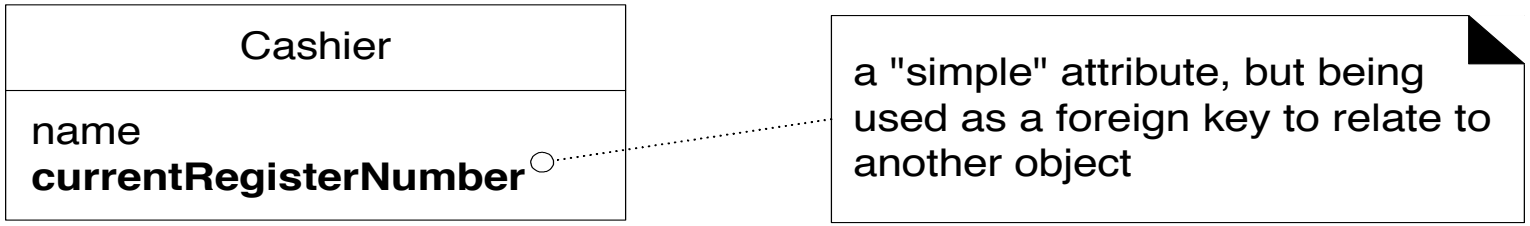

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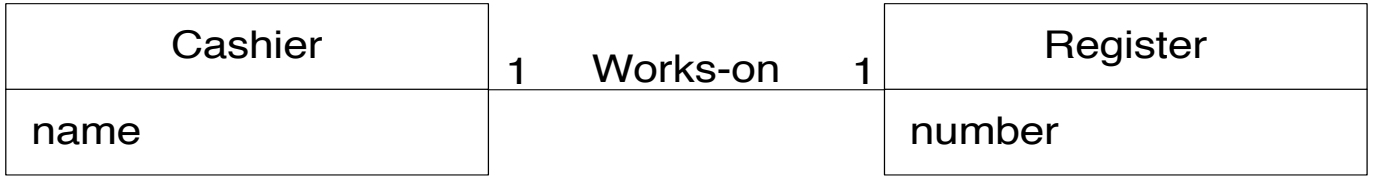

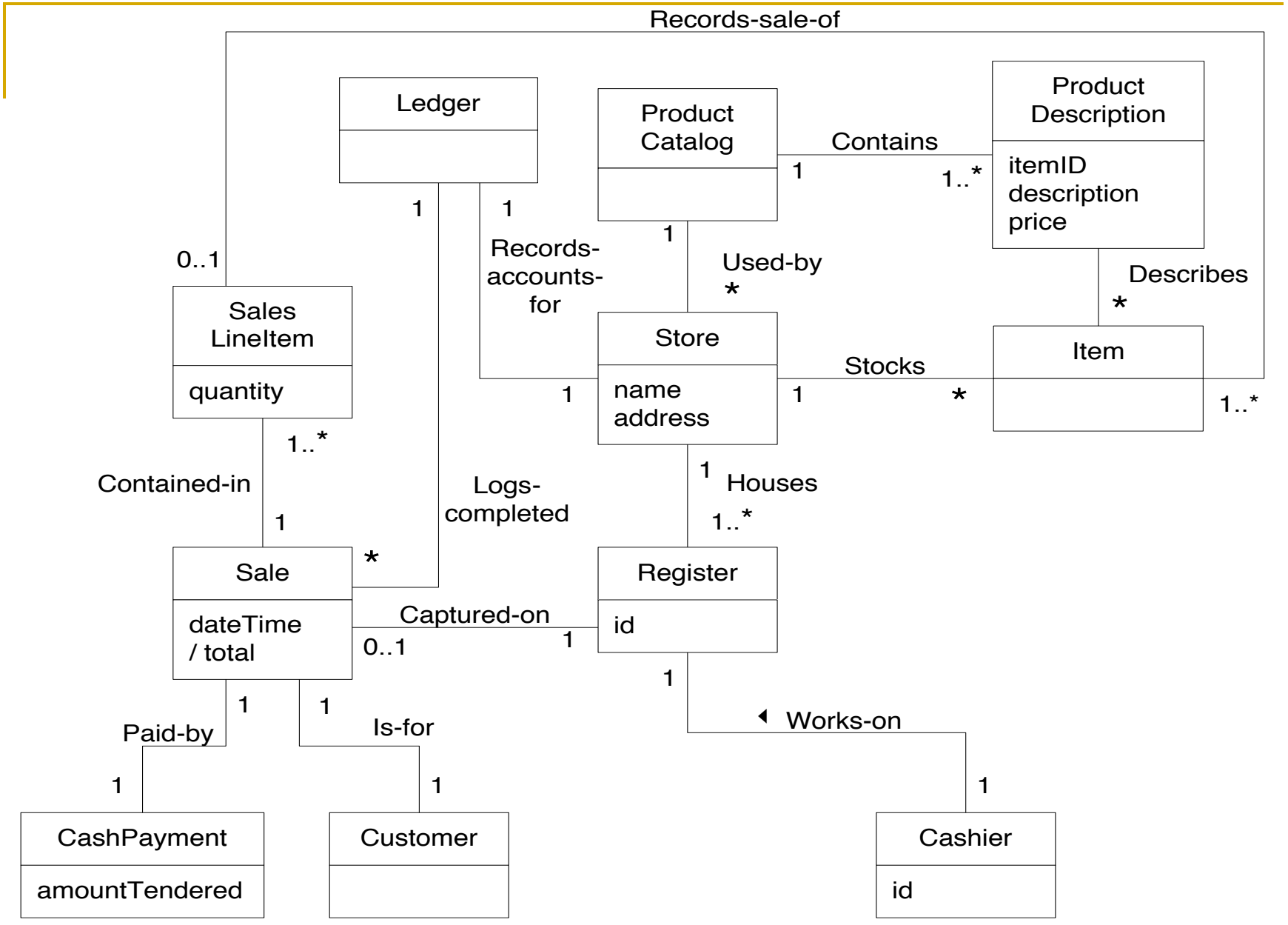
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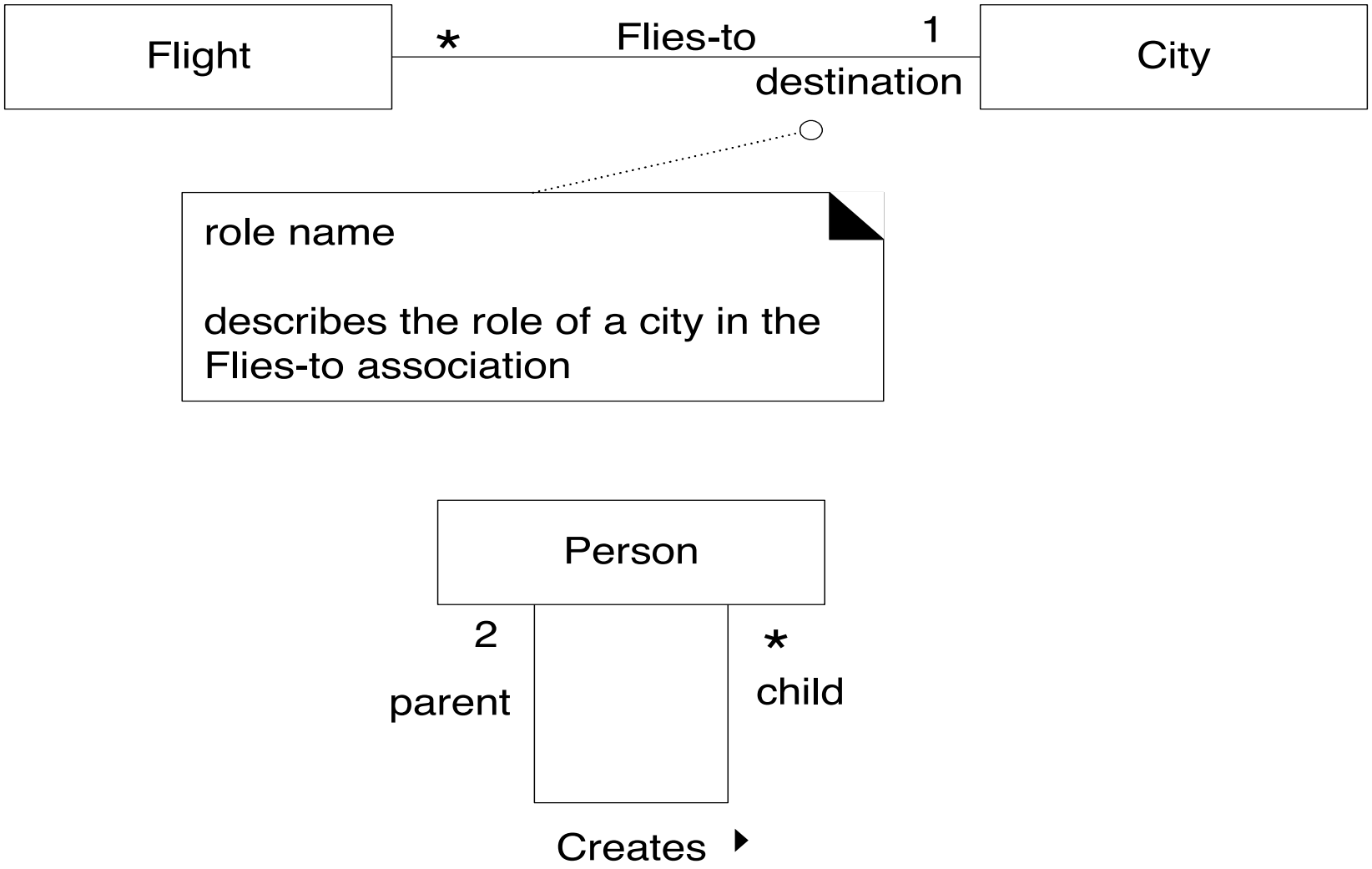
Association Roles

- When a class is part of an association it plays a *role* in the relationship.
- You can name the role that a class plays in an association by placing the name at the class's association end.
- Formally, a class role is the set of objects that are linked via the association.

Examples of Association Roles



Association Constraints

- Users can define constraints on how objects are linked via associations.
- Constraints can be expressed in the *Object Constraint Language* (OCL).

Aggregation

- Aggregation is a special form of association
  - reflect whole-part relationships
- The whole delegates responsibilities to its parts
  - the parts are subordinate to the whole
  - unlike associations in which classes have equal status

UML Forms of Aggregation

- Composition (strong aggregation)
  - parts are existent-dependent on the whole
  - parts are generated at the same time, before, or after the whole is created (depending on cardinality at whole end) and parts are deleted before or at the same time the whole dies
  - multiplicity at whole end must be 1 or 0..1

Composition

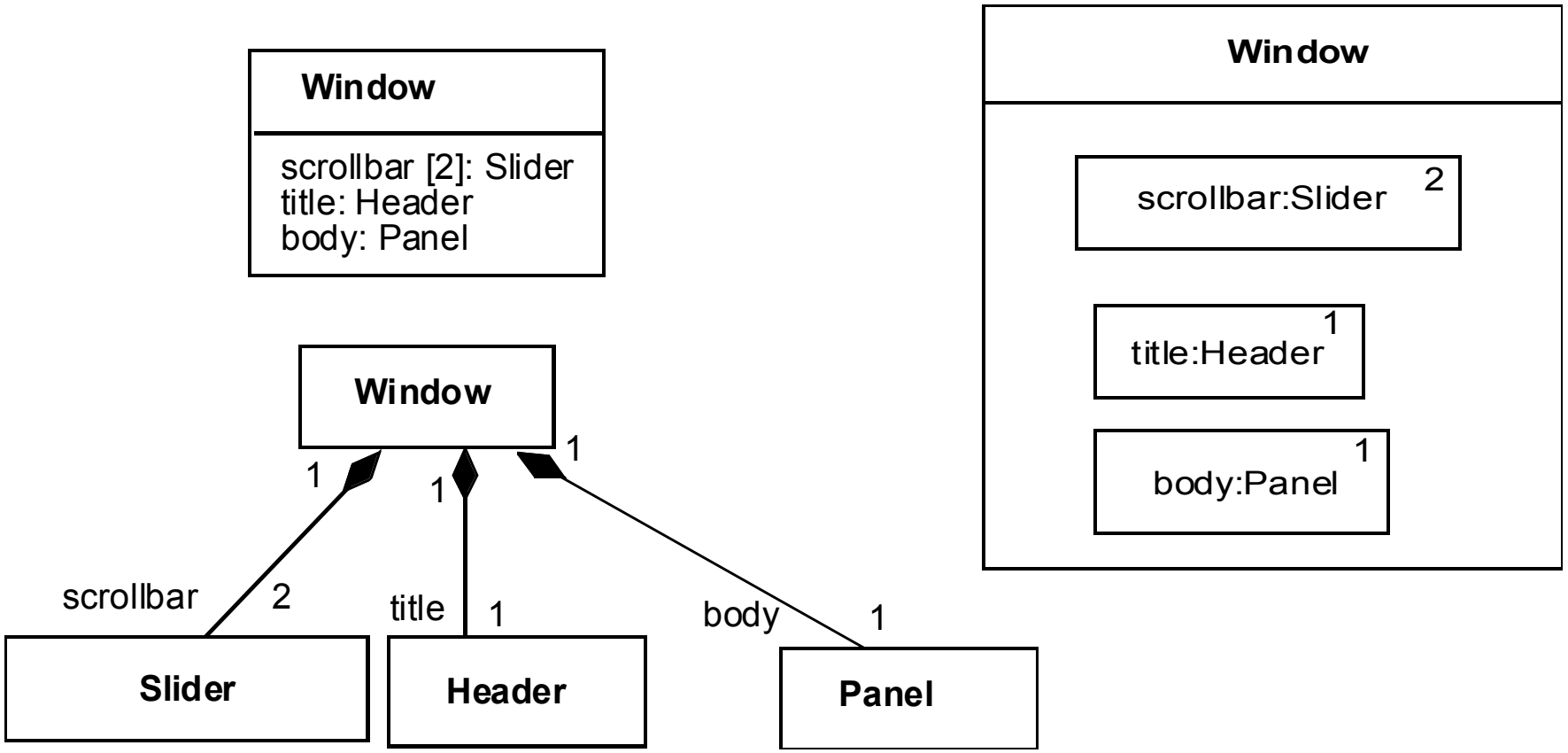


Fig. 3-45, *UML Notation Guide*

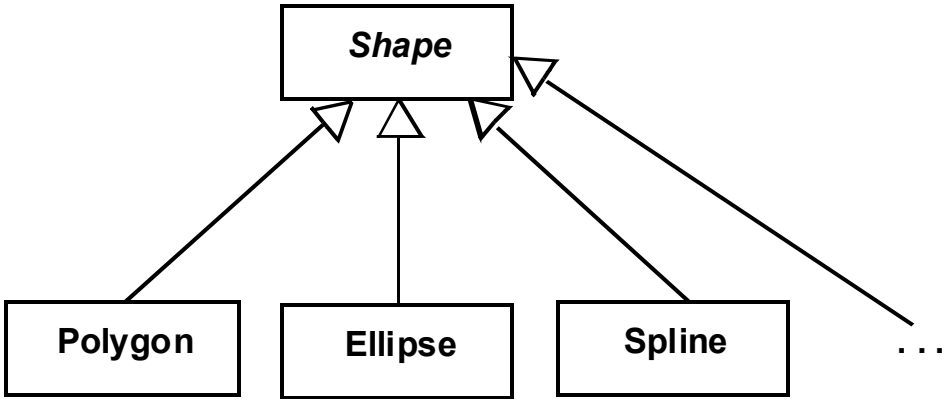
Generalization/Specialization

- A generalization (or specialization) is a relationship between a general concept and its specializations.
  - Objects of specializations can be used anywhere an object of a generalization is expected (but not vice versa).
- Example: *Mechanical Engineer* and *Aeronautical Engineer* are specializations of *Engineer*

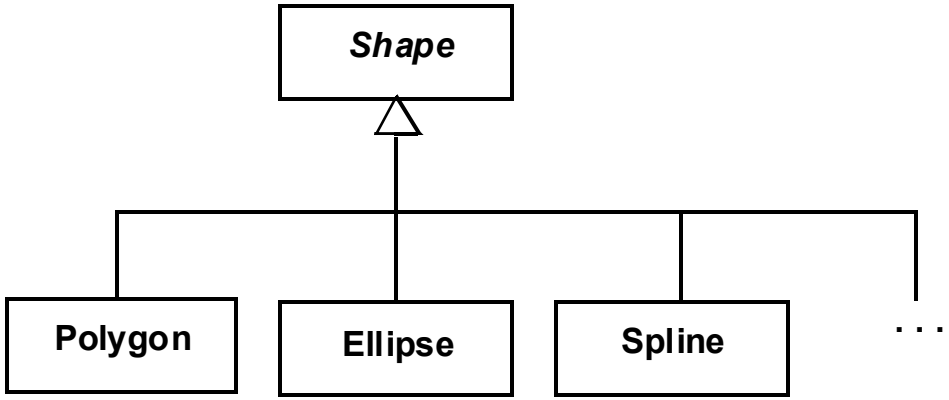
Rendering Generalizations

- Generalization is rendered as a solid directed line with a large open arrowhead.
  - Arrowhead points towards generalization
- A discriminator can be used to identify the nature of specializations

Generalization



Separate Target Style



Shared Target Style

Generalization

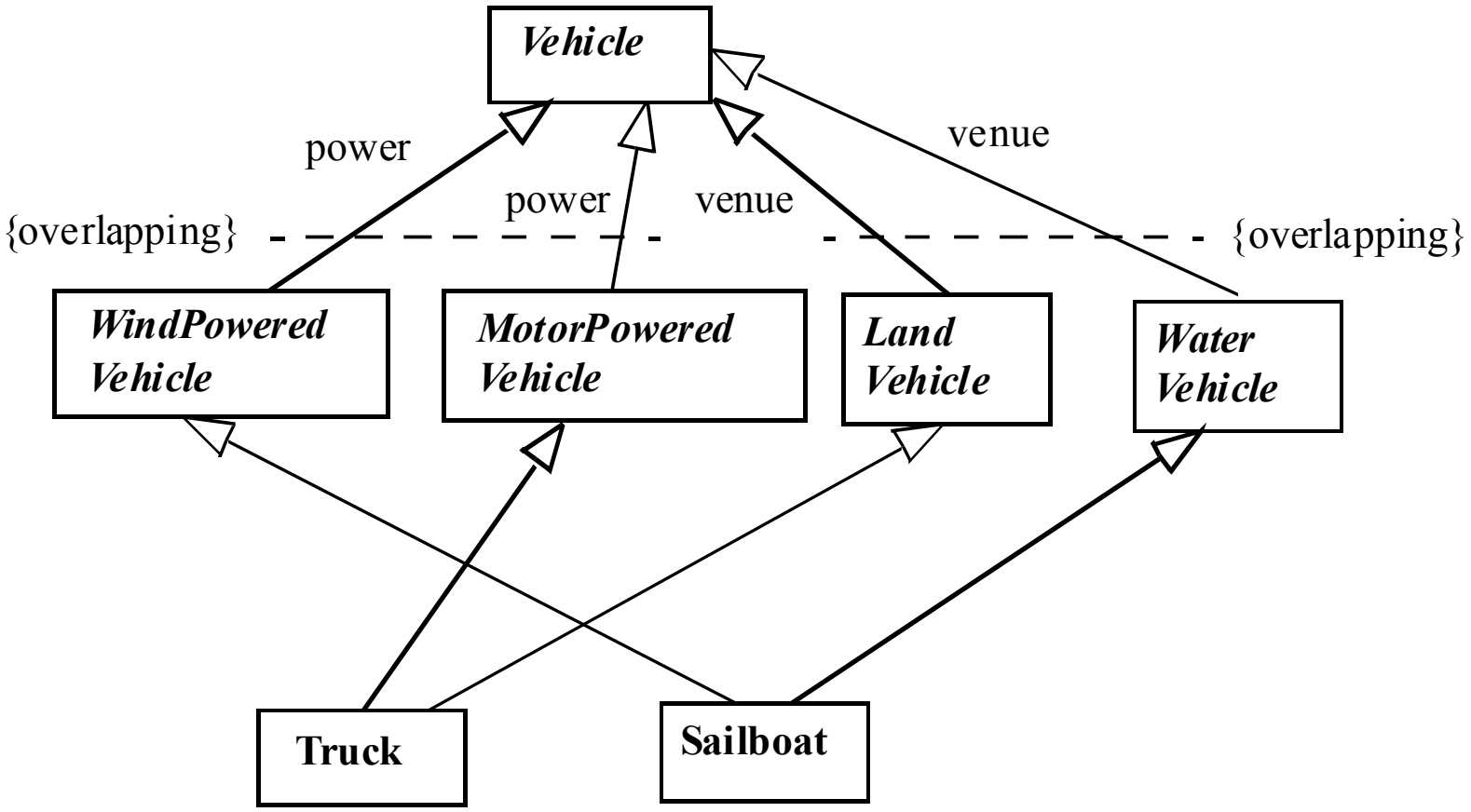
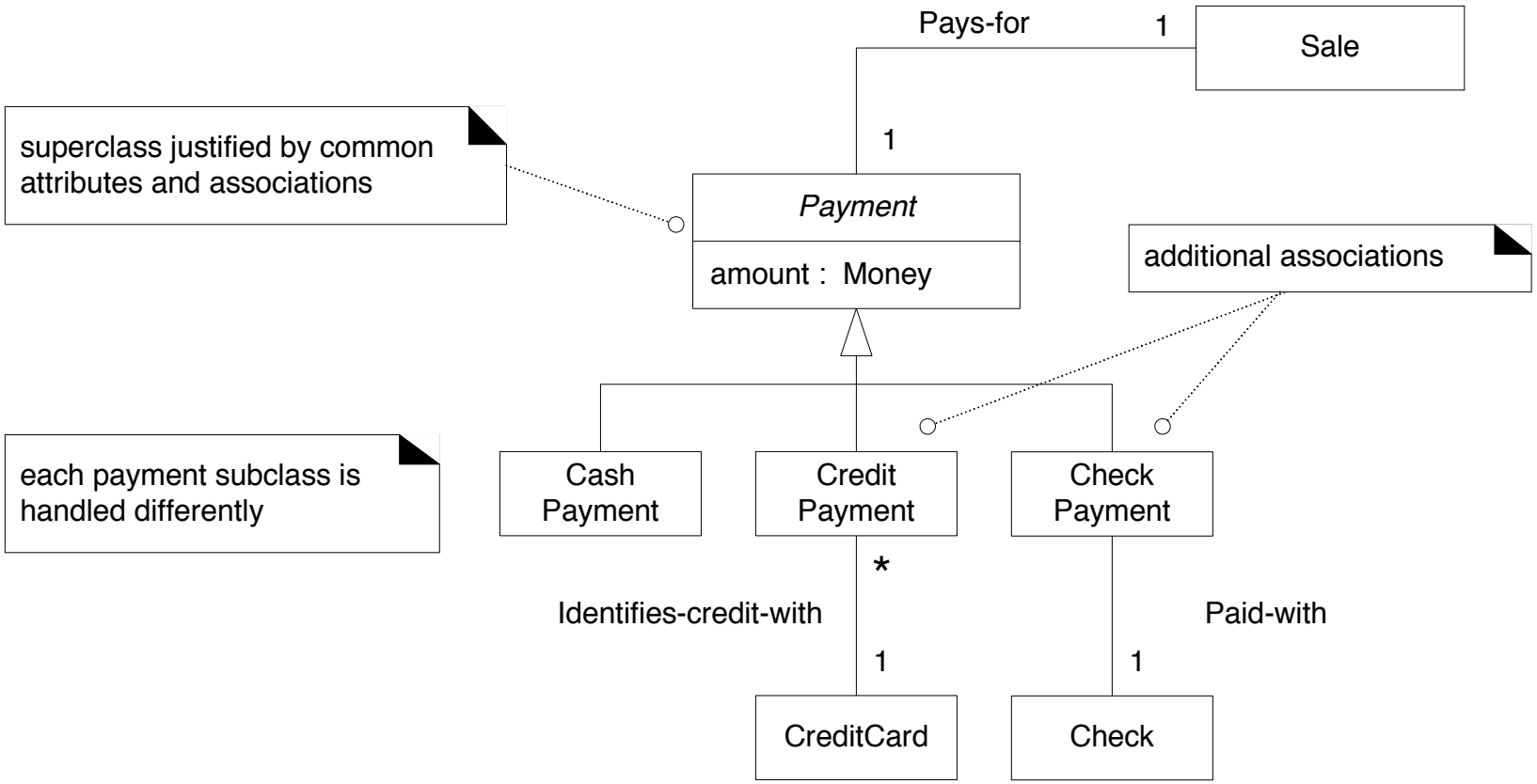
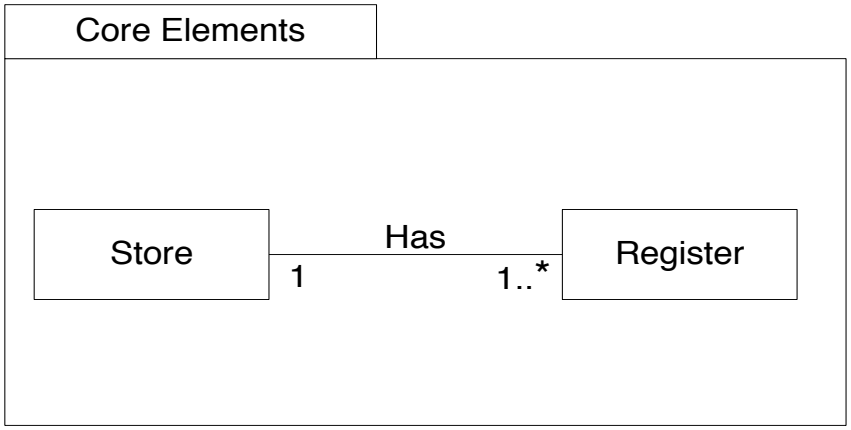


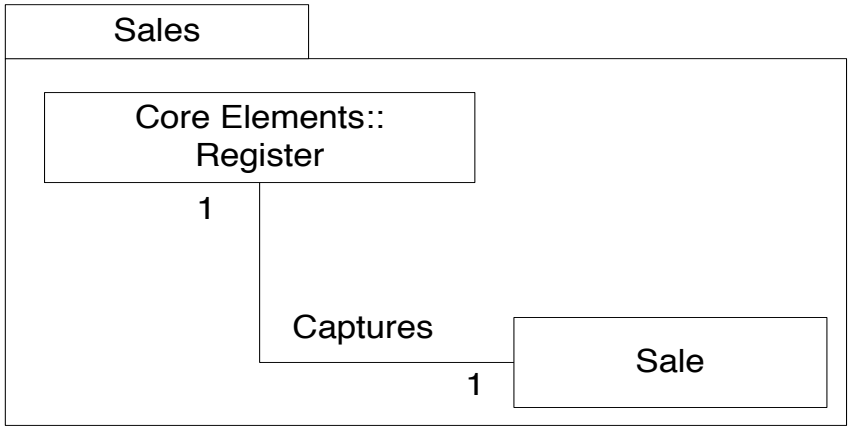
Fig. 3-48, *UML Notation Guide*

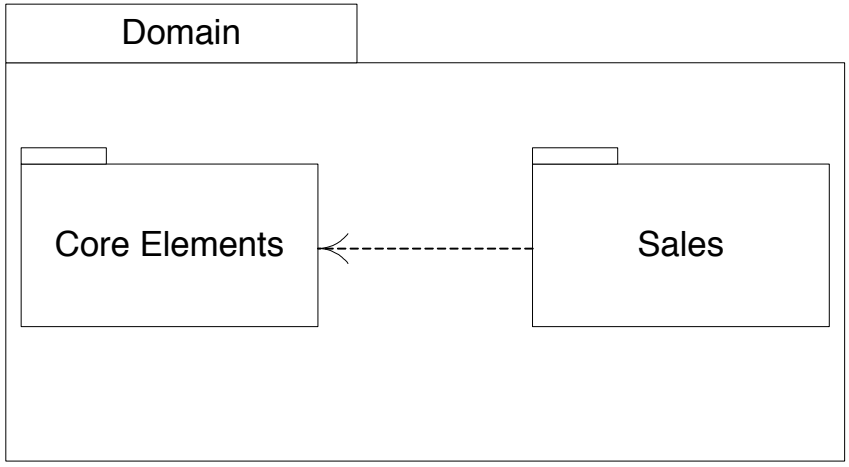
Inheritance of associations

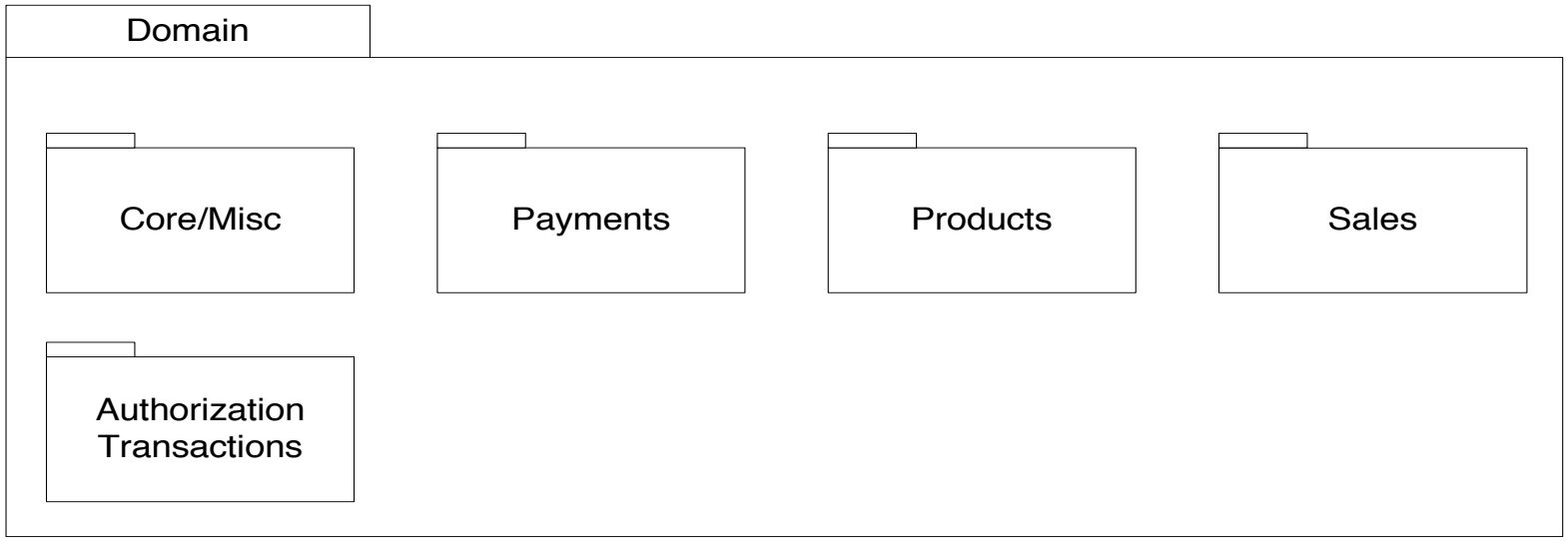


Handling Large Domain Models





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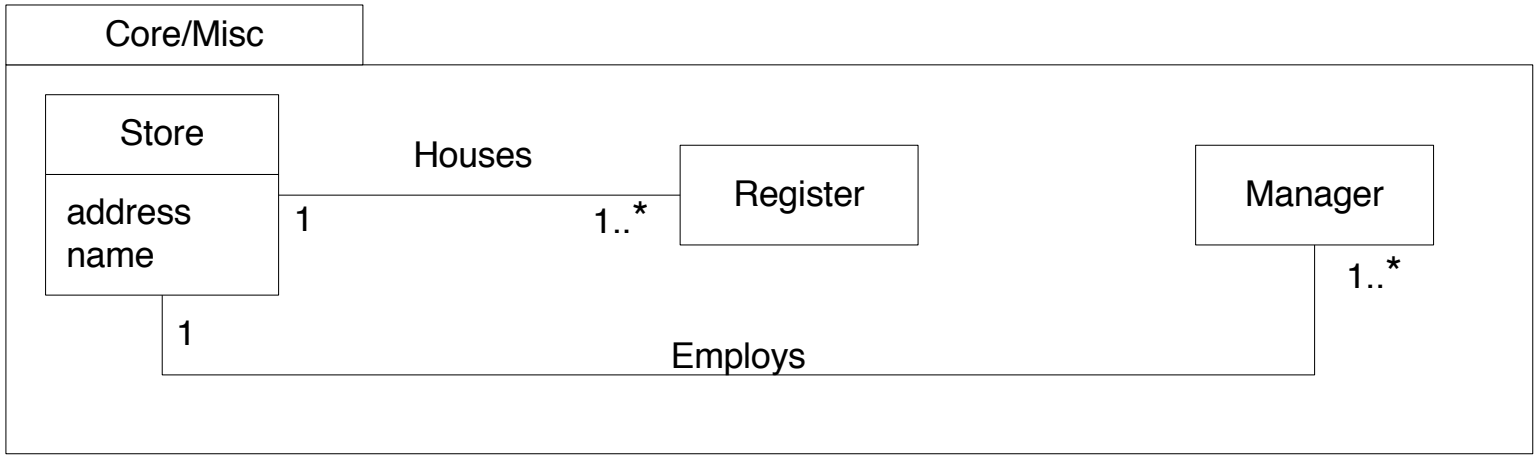
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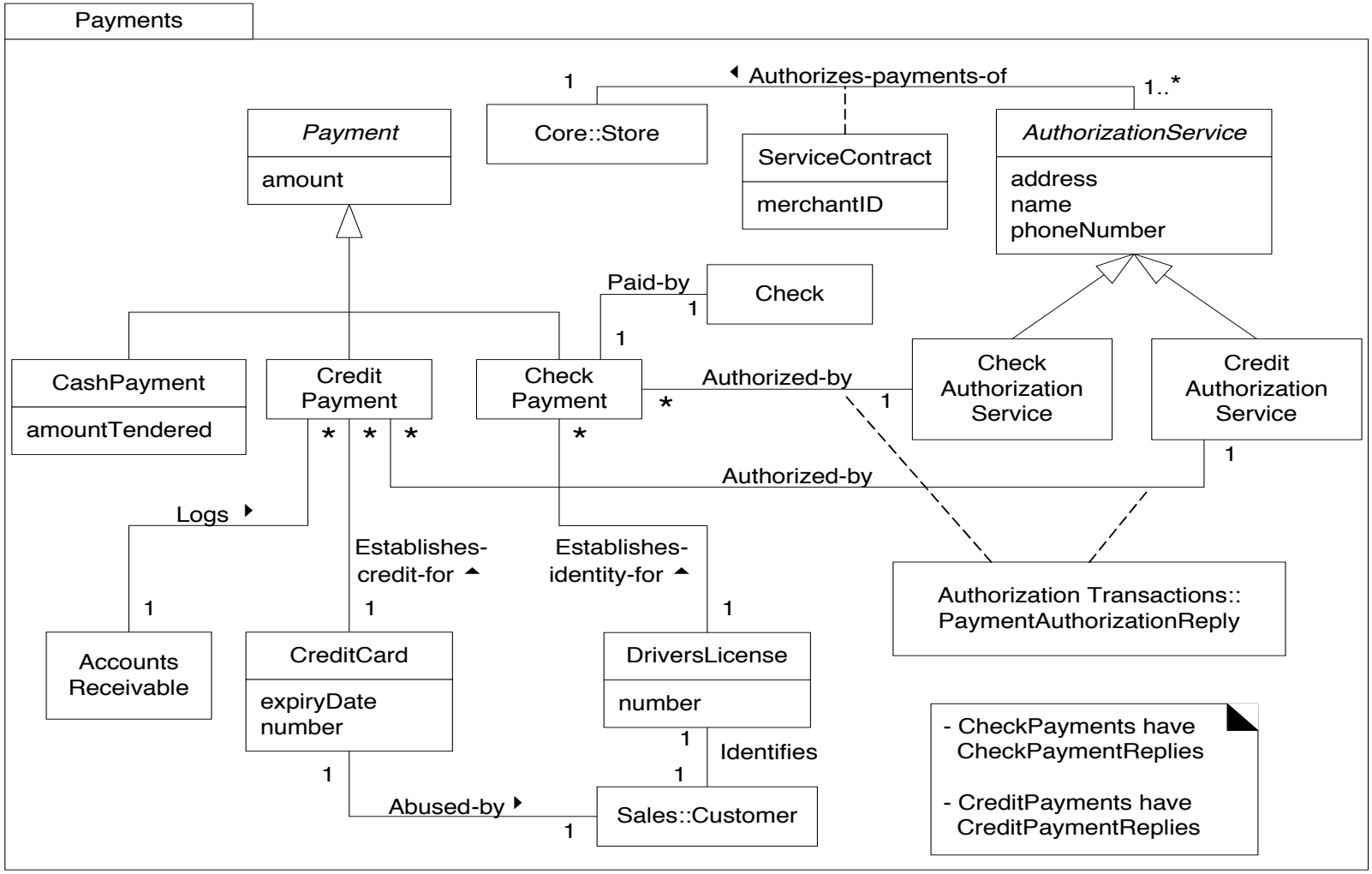

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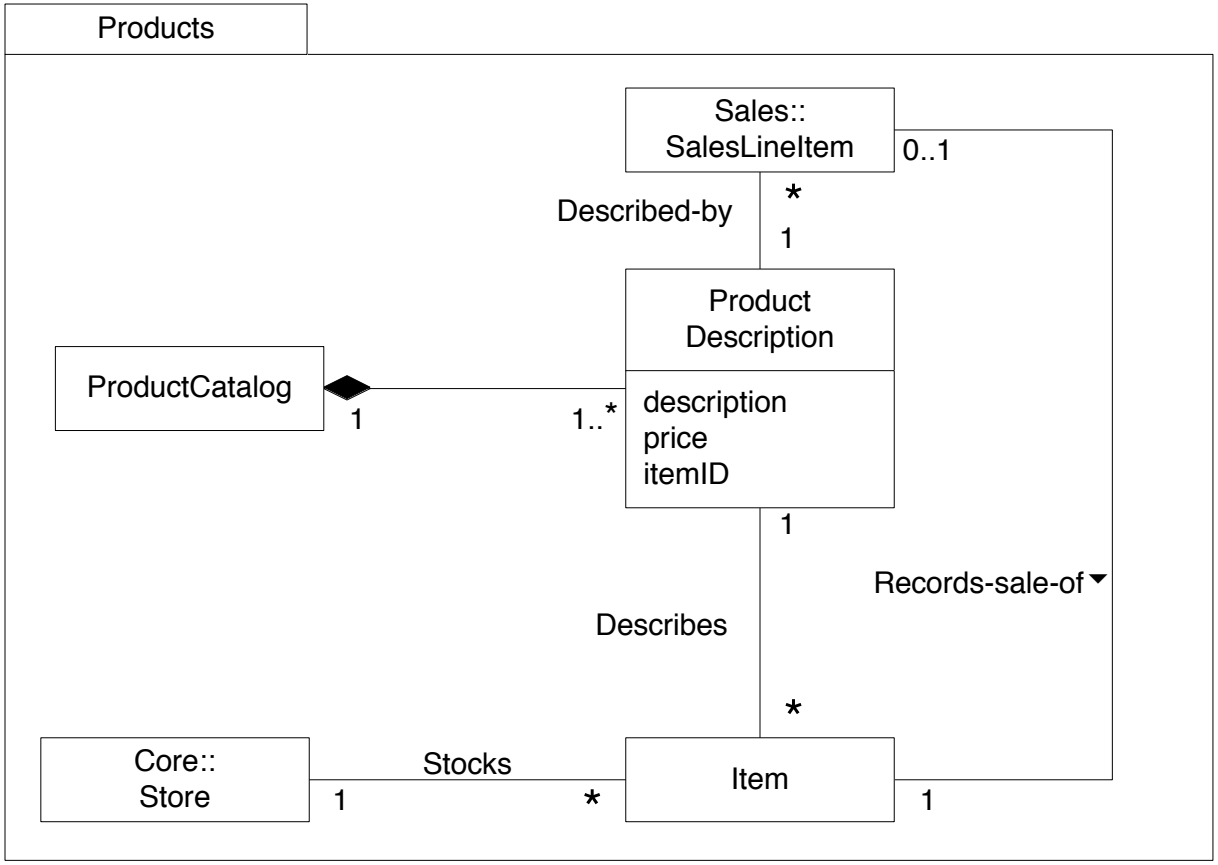

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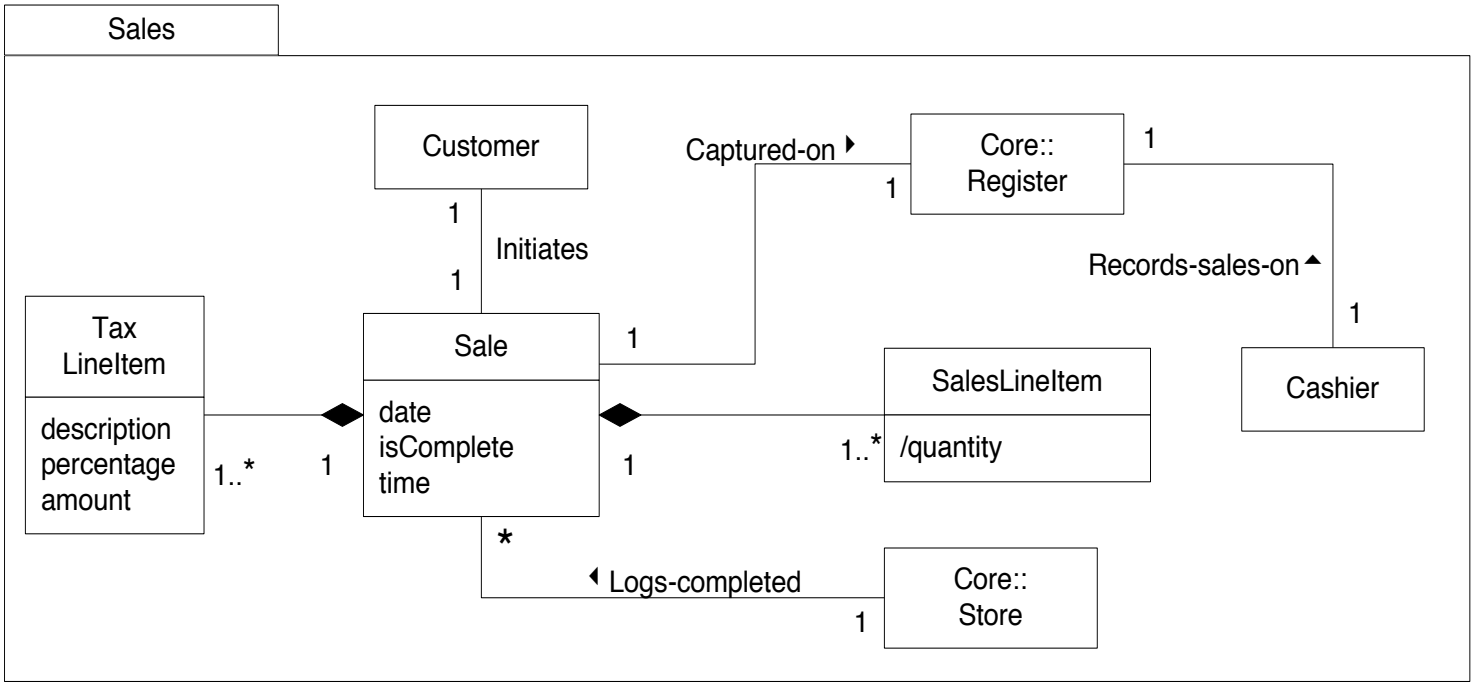

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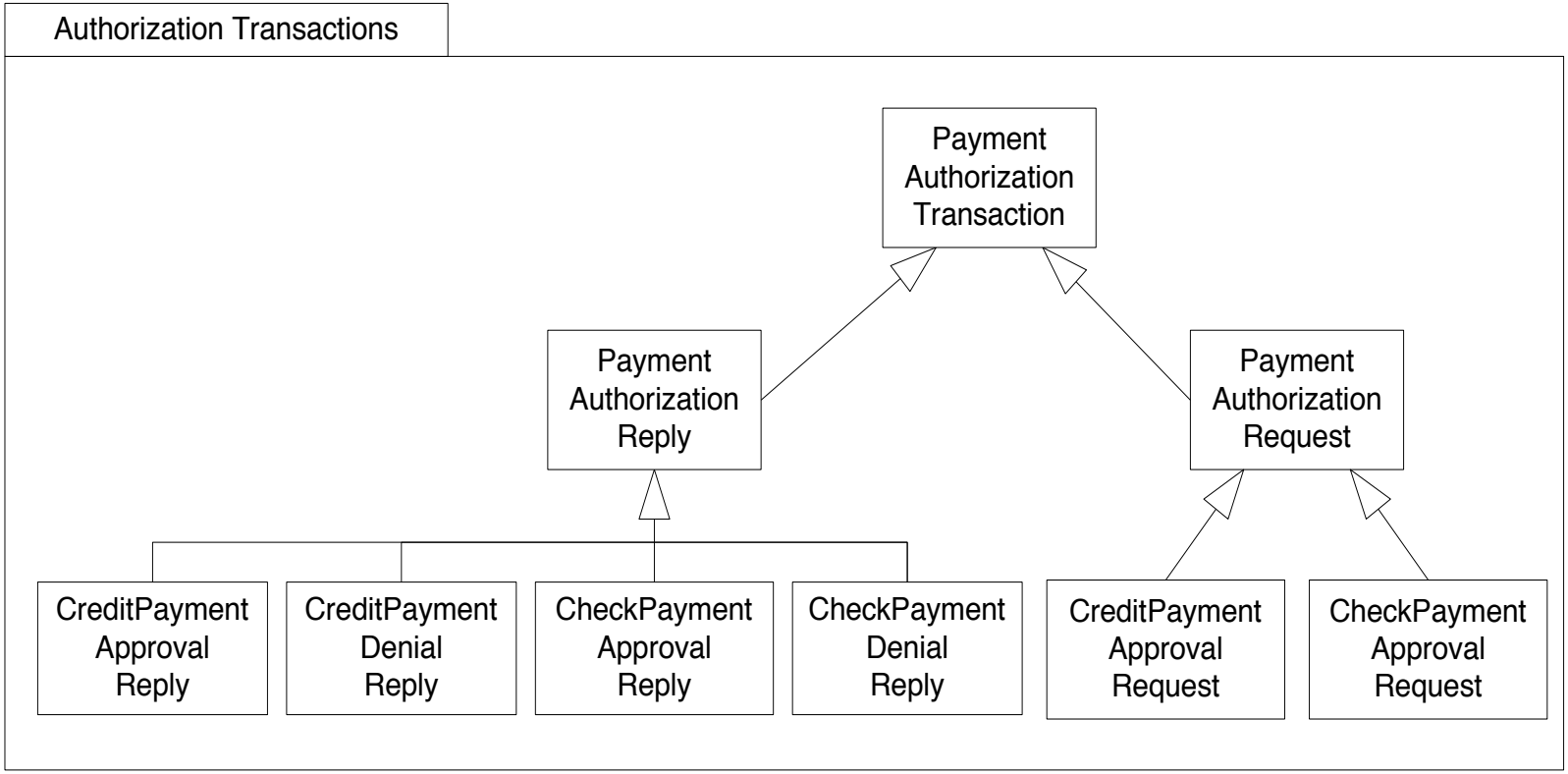

Summary

- Requirements models are used to represent conceptual elements and their relationships at the problem level
- UML may be used as a specification language. However UML is semi-formal

- How do we write formal specifications?
  - For example, constraints may be added to make it more formal. Object Constraint Language (OCL) may be used for this purpose