

OBJECT LANGUAGE AND THEORY

## 11. CLASS DIAGRAMS

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## Objectives

- Describe the static view of the system and show how to capture it in a model.
- Demonstrate how to read and interpret a class diagram.
- Model an association and aggregation and show how to model it in a class diagram.
- Model generalization on a class diagram.

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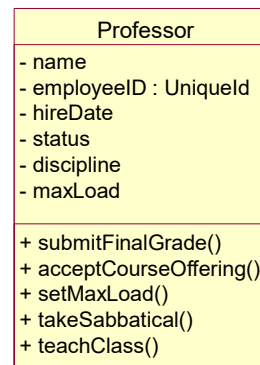
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## 1.1. Classes in the UML

- A class is represented using a rectangle with three compartments:

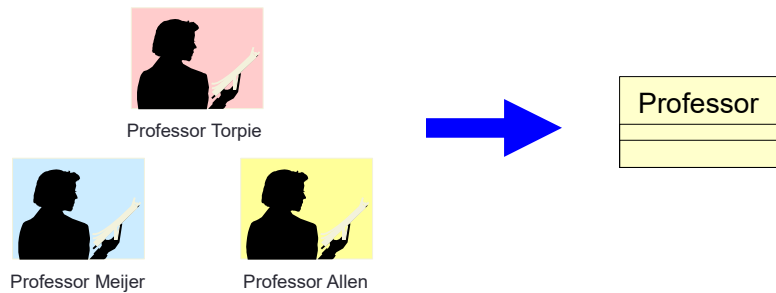
- The class name
- The structure (attributes)
- The behavior (operations)



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## Classes and Objects

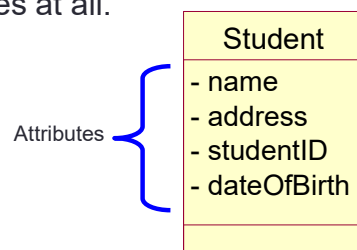
- A class is an abstract definition of an object
  - It defines the structure and behavior of each object in the class.
  - It serves as a template for creating objects.
- Classes are not collections of objects



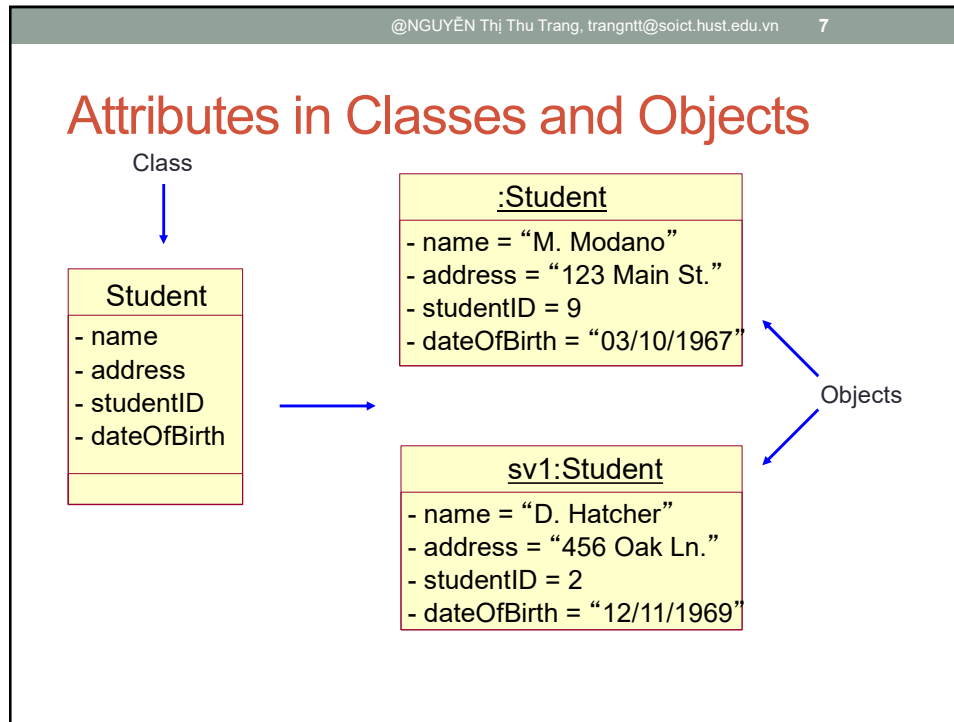
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## What Is an Attribute?

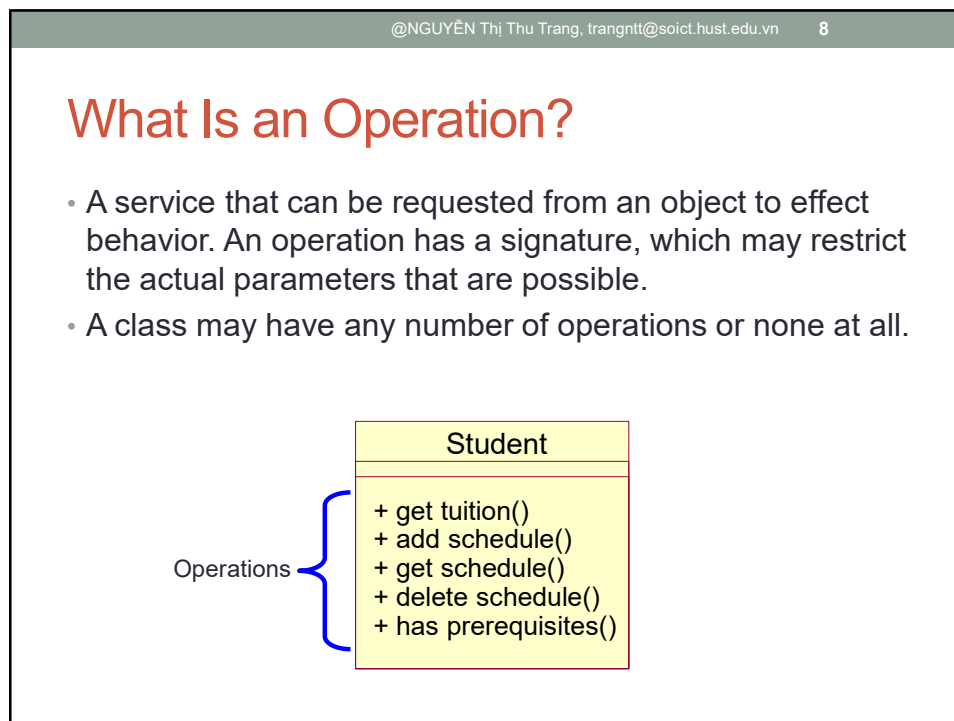
- An attribute is a named property of a class that describes the range of values that instances of the property may hold.
- A class may have any number of attributes or no attributes at all.



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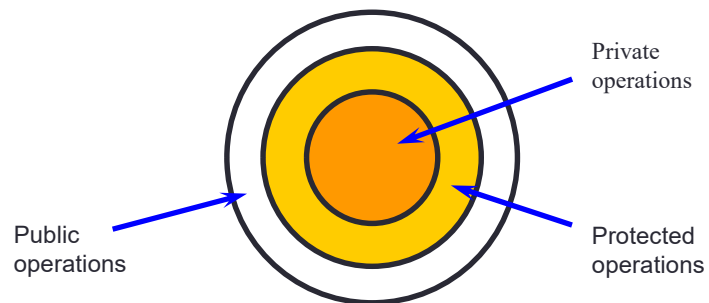
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## Member Visibility

- Visibility is used to enforce encapsulation
- May be public, protected, or private



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## How Is Visibility Noted?

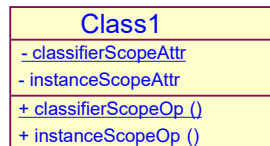
- The following symbols are used to specify export control:
  - + Public access
  - # Protected access
  - - Private access

ClassName
- privateAttribute
+ publicAttribute
# protectedAttribute
- privateOperation ()
+ publicOperation ()
# protecteOperation ()

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## Scope

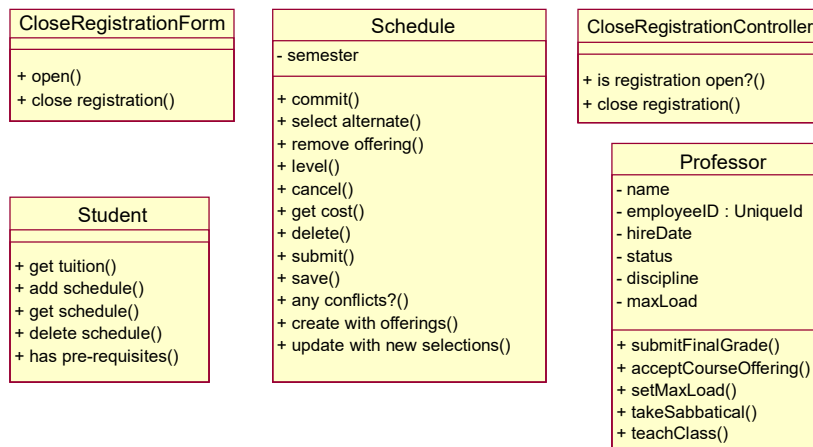
- Determines number of instances of the attribute/operation
  - Instance: one instance for each class instance
  - Classifier: one instance for all class instances
- Classifier scope is denoted by underlining the attribute/operation name



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## 1.2. What Is a Class Diagram?

- Static view of a system



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## Static Structure vs. Dynamic Behavior

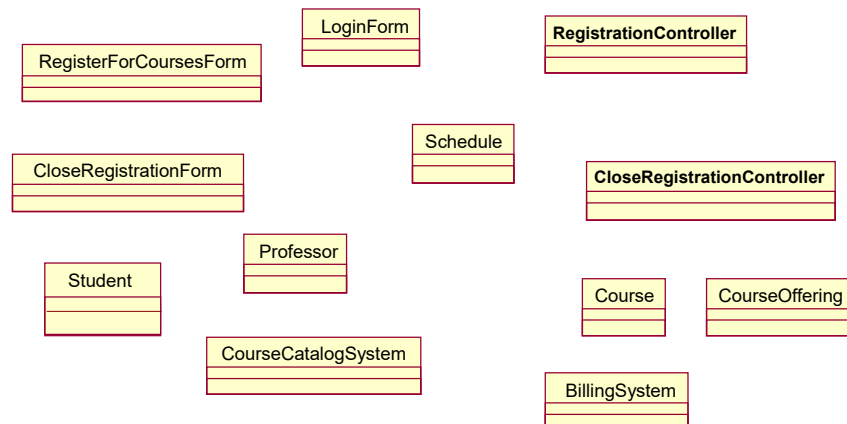
- **Static aspects:** Software component and how they are related to one another
- **Dynamic aspects:** How the components interact with one another and/or change state internally over time.



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## Example: Class Diagram

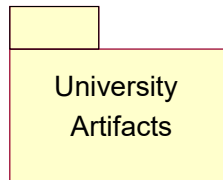
- Is there a better way to organize class diagrams?



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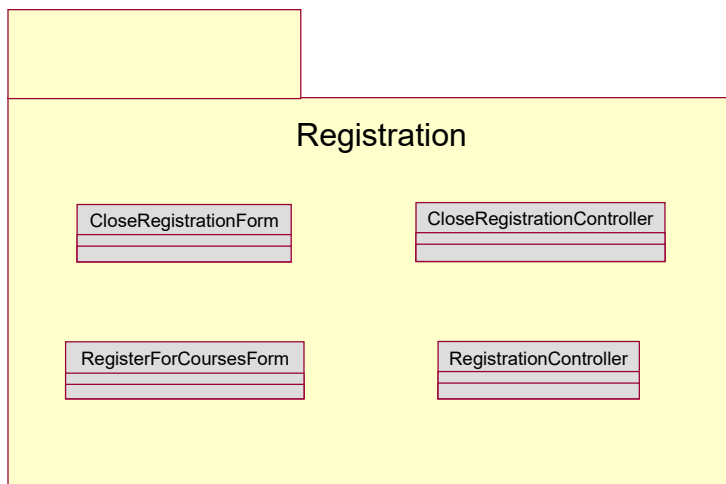
## Review: What Is a Package?

- A general purpose mechanism for organizing elements into groups.
- A model element that can contain other model elements.
- A package can be used:
  - To organize the model under development
  - As a unit of configuration management



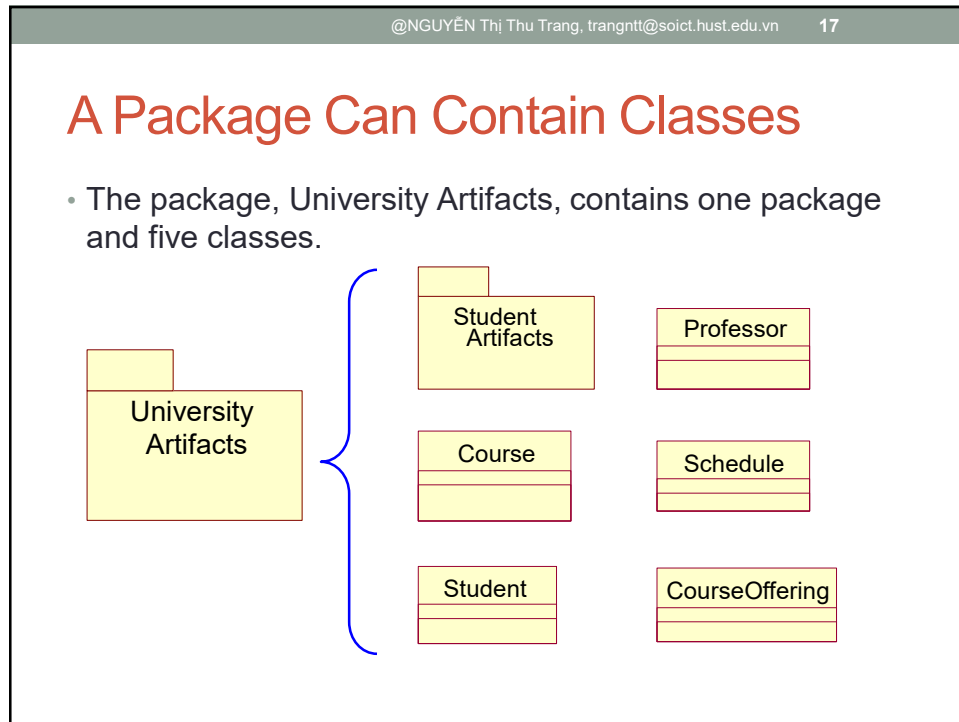
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## Example: Registration Package

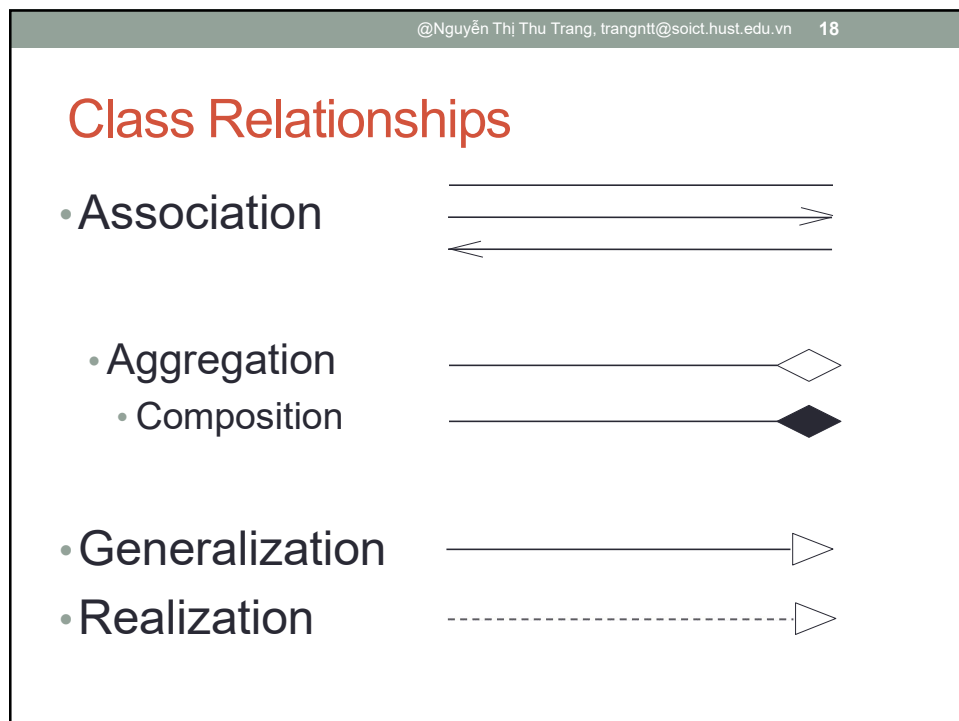


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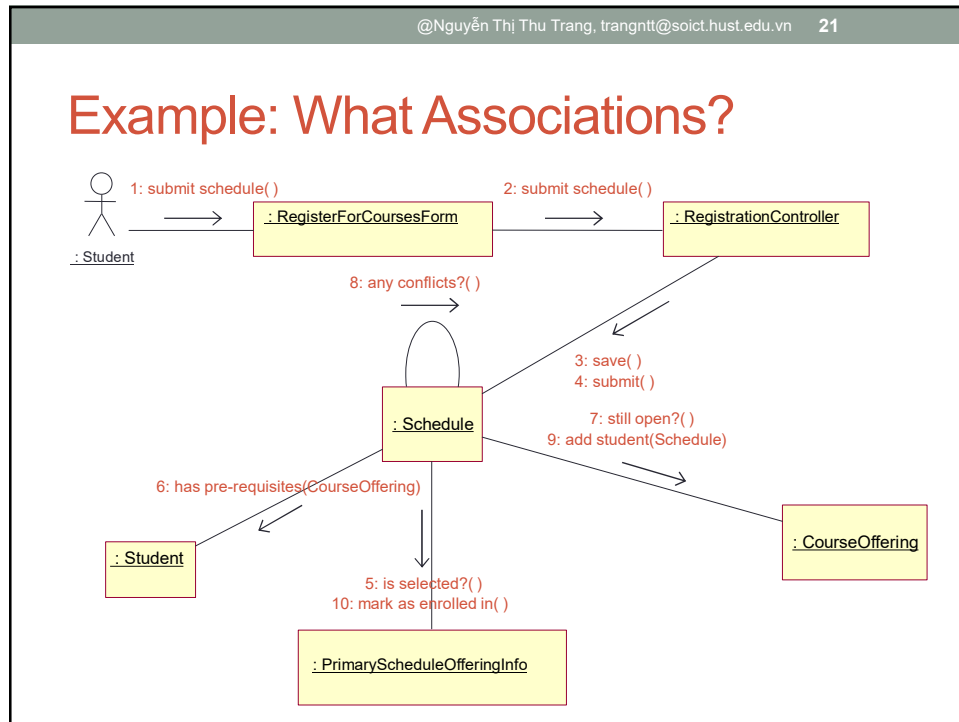
## What Is an Association?

- The semantic relationship between two or more classifiers that specifies connections among their instances.
- A structural relationship specifying that objects of one thing are connected to objects of another thing.

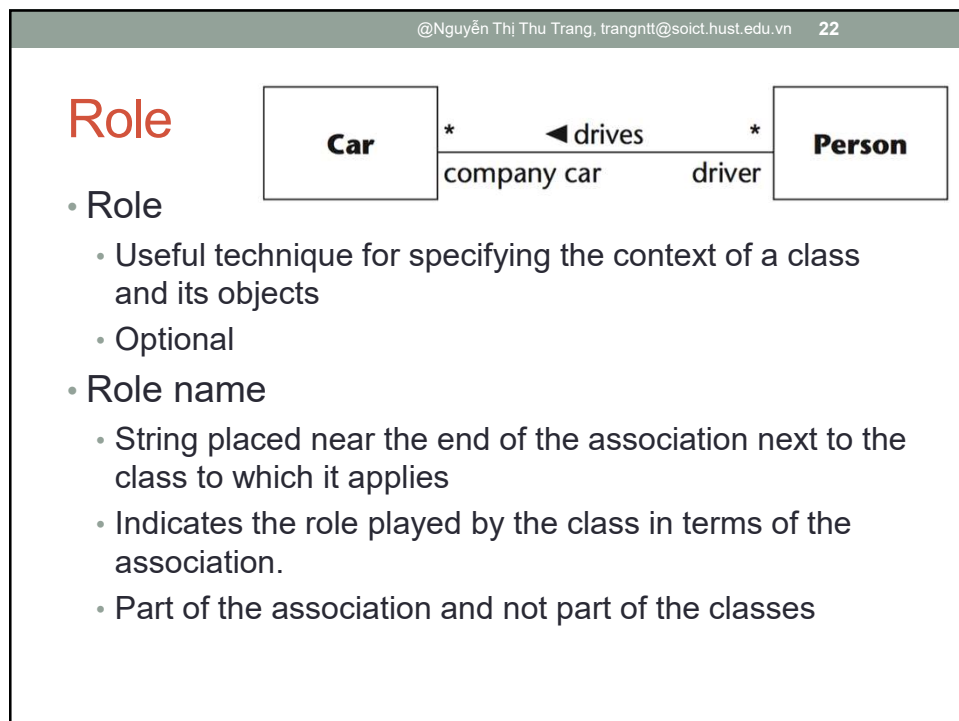
```
classDiagram
    Student -- Schedule
    Course --> Course
```

The diagram illustrates two types of associations. On the left, a horizontal line connects the 'Student' class box to the 'Schedule' class box, representing a simple association. On the right, a 'Course' class box has a line that starts from its right side, loops around, and ends with an arrow pointing back to the 'Course' class box, representing a self-association.

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## What Is Multiplicity?

- Multiplicity is the number of instances one class relates to ONE instance of another class.
- For each association, there are two multiplicity decisions to make, one for each end of the association.
  - For each instance of Professor, many Course Offerings may be taught.
  - For each instance of Course Offering, there may be either one or zero Professor as the instructor.

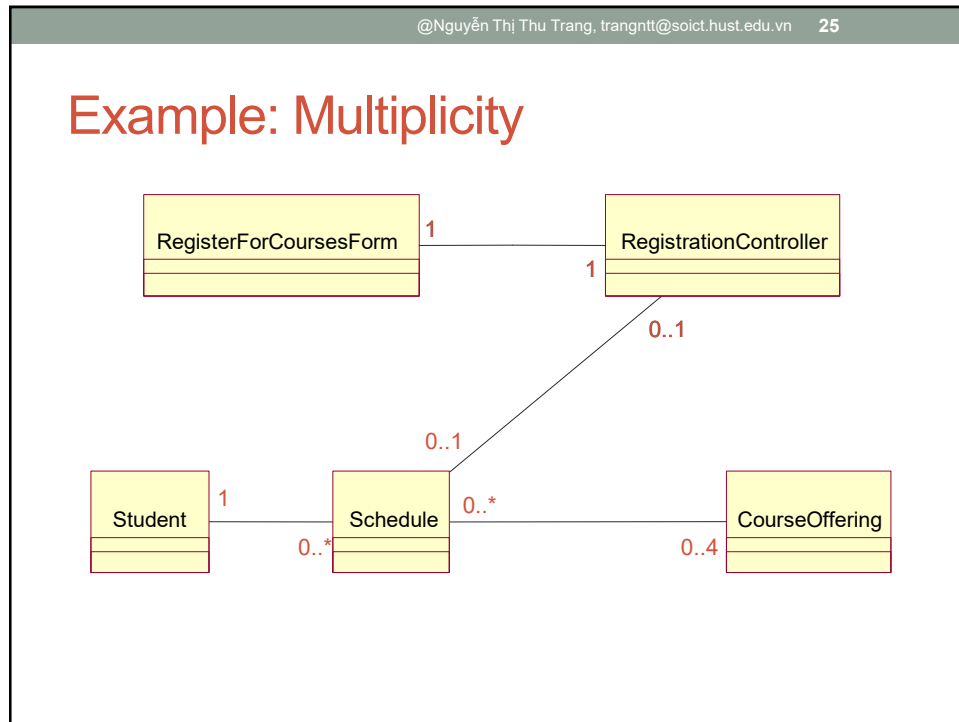


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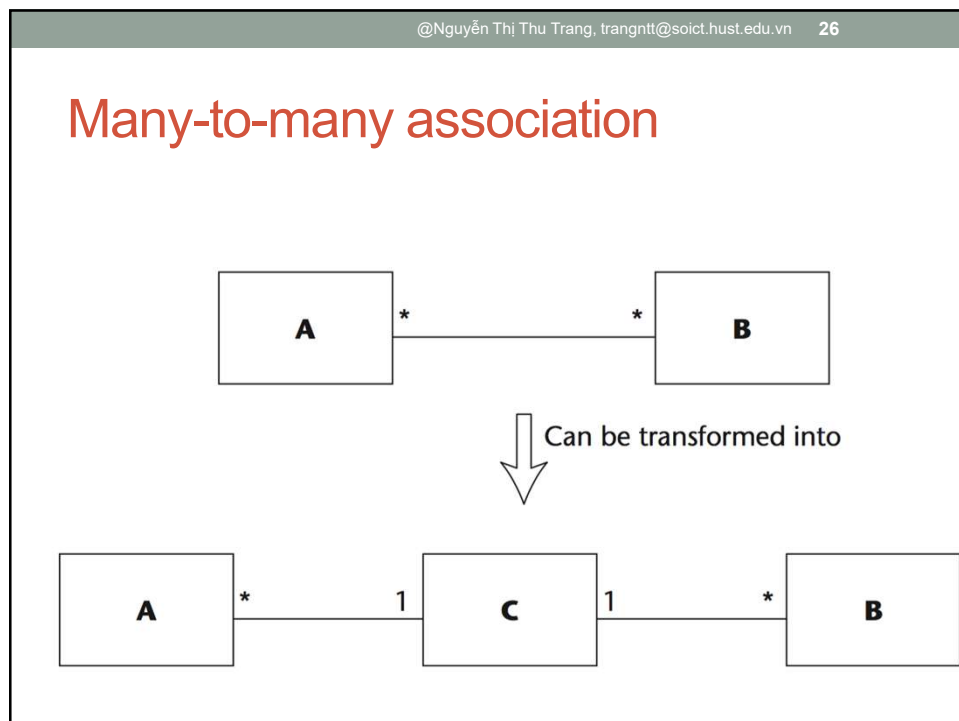
## Multiplicity Indicators

Unspecified	
Exactly One	1
Zero or More	0..*
Zero or More	*
One or More	1..*
Zero or One (optional value)	0..1
Specified Range	2..4
Multiple, Disjoint Ranges	2, 4..6

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**Java implementation**

```

classDiagram
    class InsuranceCompany
    class InsuranceContract
    InsuranceCompany "1" -- "0..*" InsuranceContract : contracts
    
```

```

//InsuranceCompany.java file
public class InsuranceCompany
{
    // Many multiplicity can be implemented using Collection
    private List<InsuranceContract> contracts;

    /* Methods */
}

// InsuranceContract.java file
public class InsuranceContract
{
    private InsuranceCompany refers_to;

    /* Methods */
}

```

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## What Is an Aggregation?

- A special form of association that models a whole-part relationship between the aggregate (the whole) and its parts.
  - An aggregation is an “is a part-of” relationship.
- Multiplicity is represented like other associations.



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## What is Composition?

- A special form of aggregation with strong ownership and coincident lifetimes of the part with the aggregate
  - Also called composition aggregate
- The whole “owns” the part and is responsible for the creation and destruction of the part.
  - The part is removed when the whole is removed.
  - The part may be removed (by the whole) before the whole is removed.



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## Examples: Association Types

- Association

- use-a

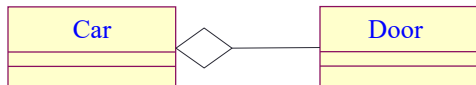
- Objects of one class are associated with objects of another class



- Aggregation

- has-a/is-a-part

- Strong association, an instance of one class is made up of instances of another class



- Composition

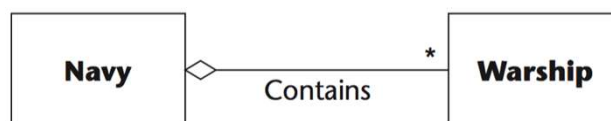
- Strong aggregation, the composed object can't be shared by other objects and dies with its composer

- Share life-time

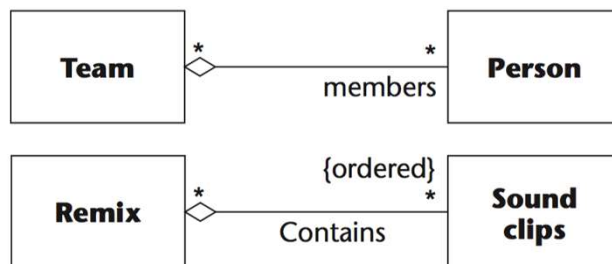


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## Aggregation Example



- A *shared aggregation* is one in which the parts may be parts in any wholes



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## Aggregation – Java implementation

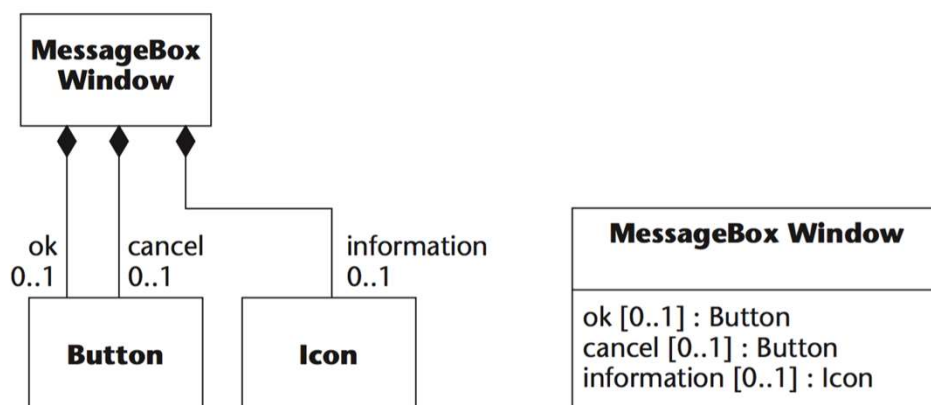
```
class Car {
    private List<Door> doors;
    Car(String name, List<Door> doors) {
        this.doors = doors;
    }

    public List<Door> getDoors() {
        return doors;
    }
}
```

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## Composition Example

- A compound aggregate is shown as attributes in a class



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## Composition – Java implementation

```
final class Car {
    // For a car to move, it need to have a engine.
    private final Engine engine; // Composition
    //private Engine engine; // Aggregation

    Car(Engine engine) {
        this.engine = engine;
    }

    // car start moving by starting engine
    public void move() {
        //if(engine != null)
        {
            engine.work();
            System.out.println("Car is moving ");
        }
    }
}

class Engine {
    // starting an engine
    public void work() {
        System.out.println("Engine of car has been started ");
    }
}
```

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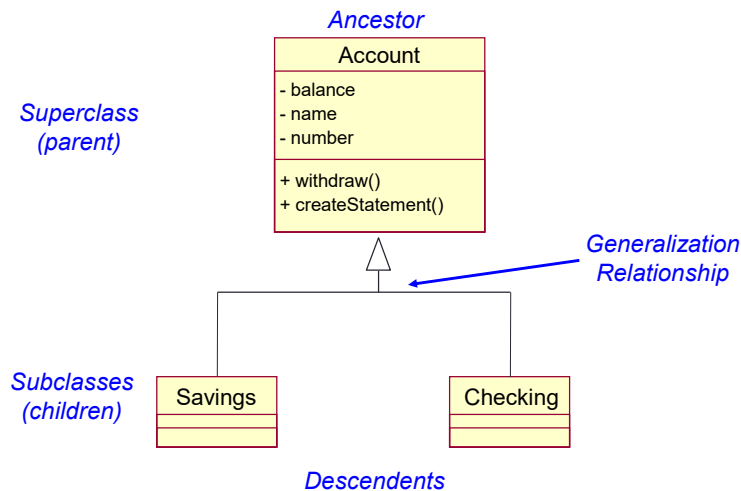
## Review: What Is Generalization?

- A relationship among classes where one class shares the structure and/or behavior of one or more classes.
- Defines a hierarchy of abstractions where a subclass inherits from one or more superclasses.
  - Single inheritance
  - Multiple inheritance
- Is an “is a kind of” relationship.

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## Example: Single Inheritance

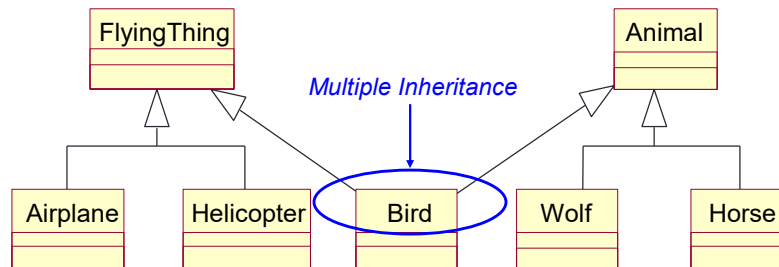
- One class inherits from another.



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## Example: Multiple Inheritance

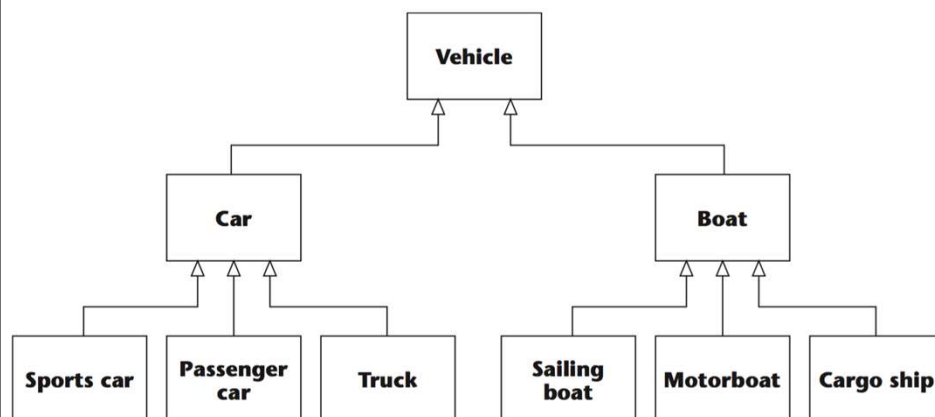
- A class can inherit from several other classes.



*Use multiple inheritance only when needed and always with caution!*

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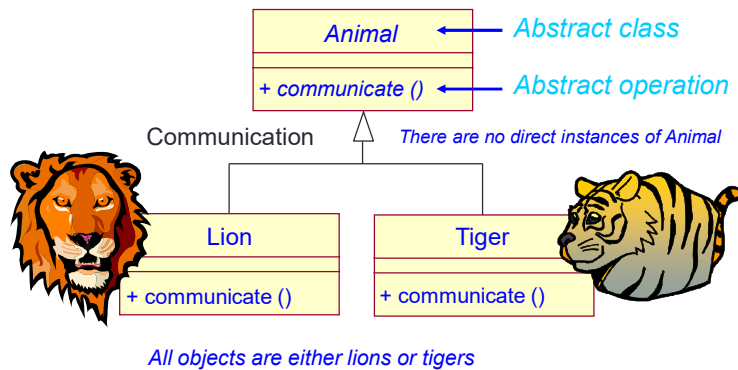
## Inheritance Tree Example



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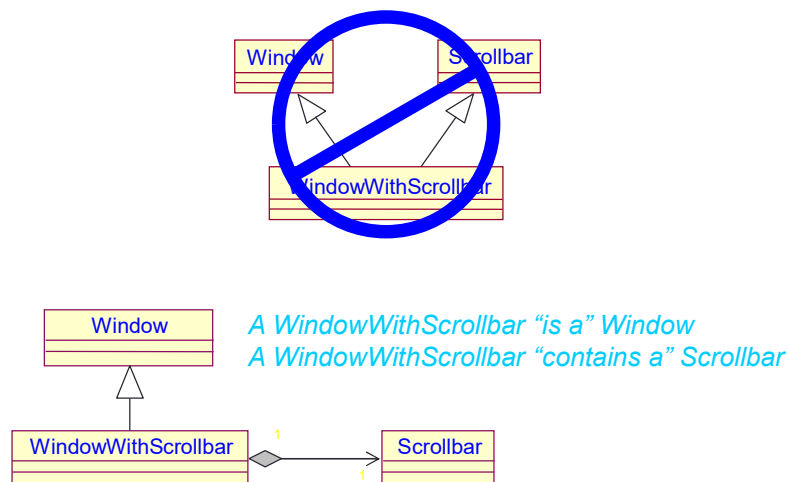
## Abstract and Concrete Classes

- Abstract classes cannot have any objects
- Concrete classes can have objects



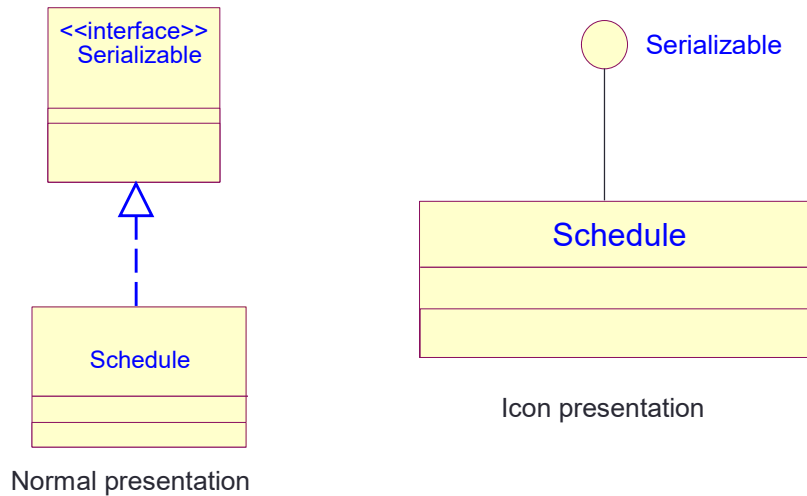
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## Generalization vs. Aggregation



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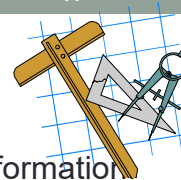
## Interfaces and Realizes Relationships



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## Exercise



Document a class diagram using the following information:

- A class diagram containing the following classes:  
Personal Planner Profile, Personal Planner Controller, Customer Profile, and Buyer Record.
- Associations drawn using the following information:
  - Each Personal Planner Profile object can be associated with up to one Personal Planner Controller object.
  - Each Personal Planner Controller object must be related to one Personal Planner Profile.
  - A Personal Planner Controller object can be associated with up to one Buyer Record and Customer Profile object.
  - An instance of the Buyer Record class can be related to zero or one Personal Planner Controller.
  - Zero or one Personal Planner Controller objects are associated with each Customer Profile instance.

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