# XIII. Sequence and Collaboration Diagrams

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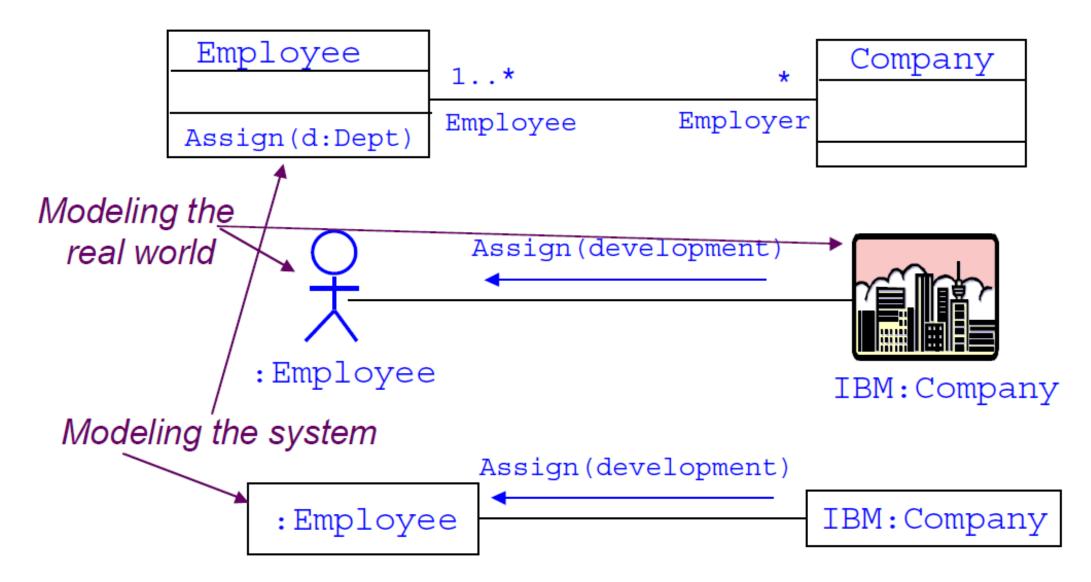
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#### Interaction Diagrams

- Interactions among actors (people/objects) are modeled by interaction diagrams.
- An interaction involve the exchange of messages between two or more actors.
- There are two types of interaction diagrams:
  - ✓ Sequence diagrams;
  - ✓ Collaboration diagrams.



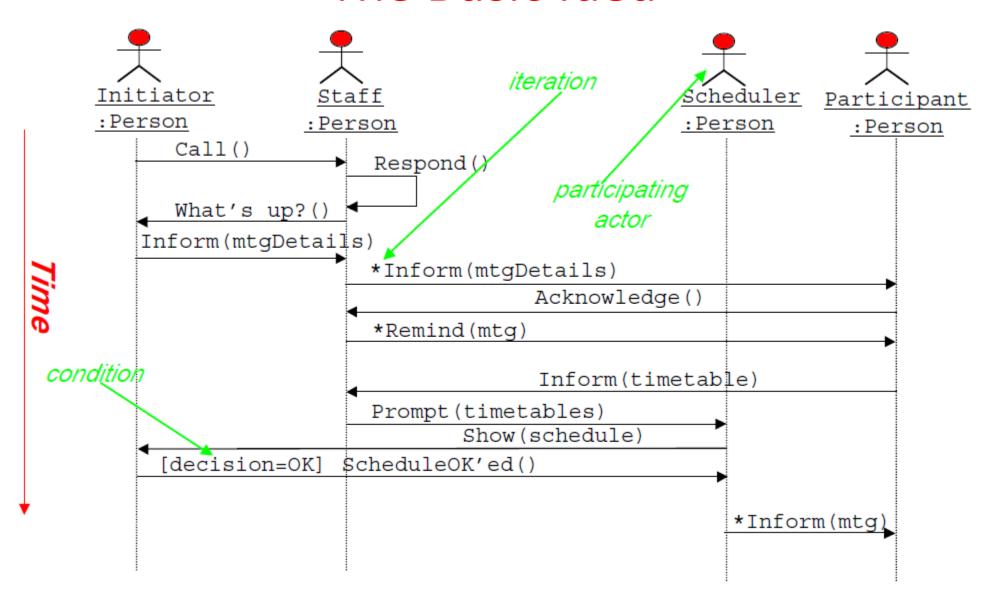
# The Nature of an Interaction



#### Sequence Diagrams

- Sequence diagrams describe in detail how actors use use cases; they can also model external business processes.
- Interactions consist of one or more **messages**. Interactions may be synchronous, or asynchronous.
- Sequence diagrams defined during requirements analysis should not:
  - ✓ include design objects;
  - ✓ specify message signatures in any detail.

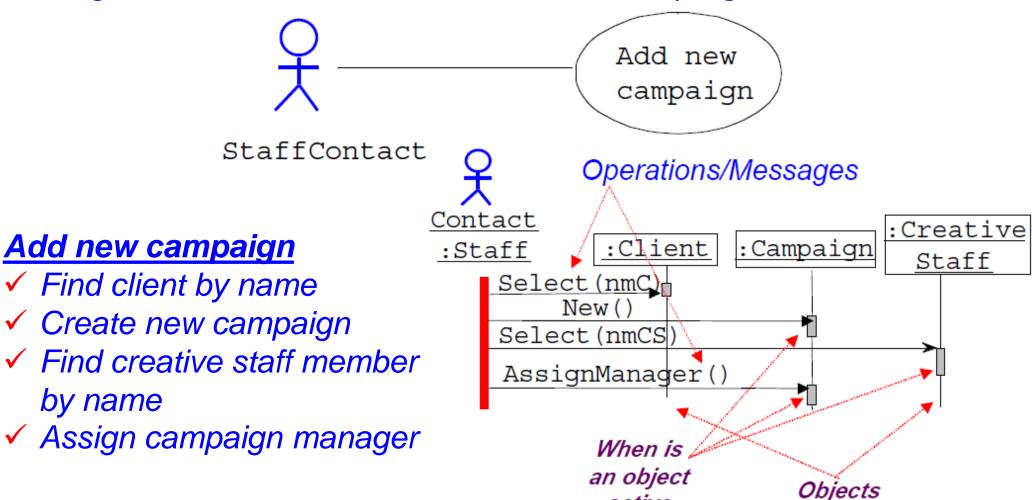
#### The Basic Idea



# Example: Add a New Campaign

Getting back to the use case "Add a new campaign"

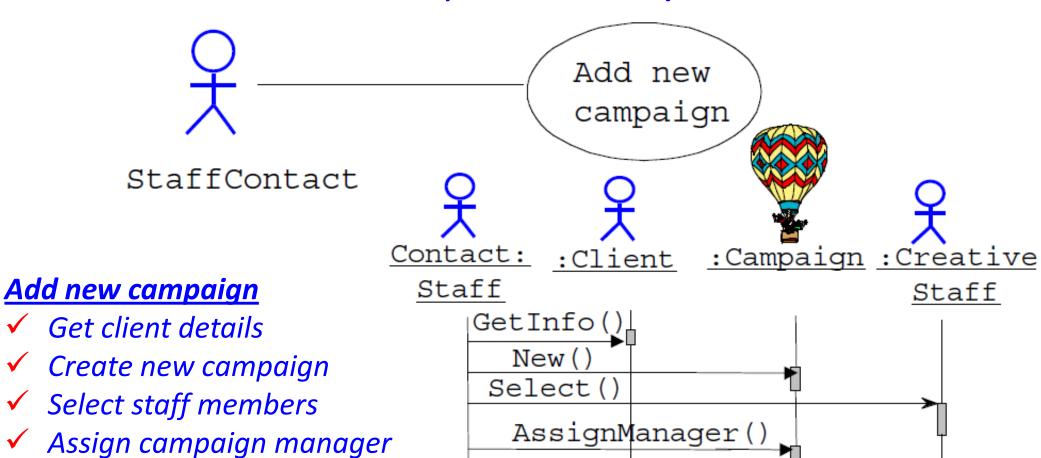
by name



active

# Add New Campaign

This describes a business process, no system involved.



# A More Realistic Example

Add new campaign

✓ Find client by name;

✓ Create new campaign c;

✓ Assign creative staff member to c;

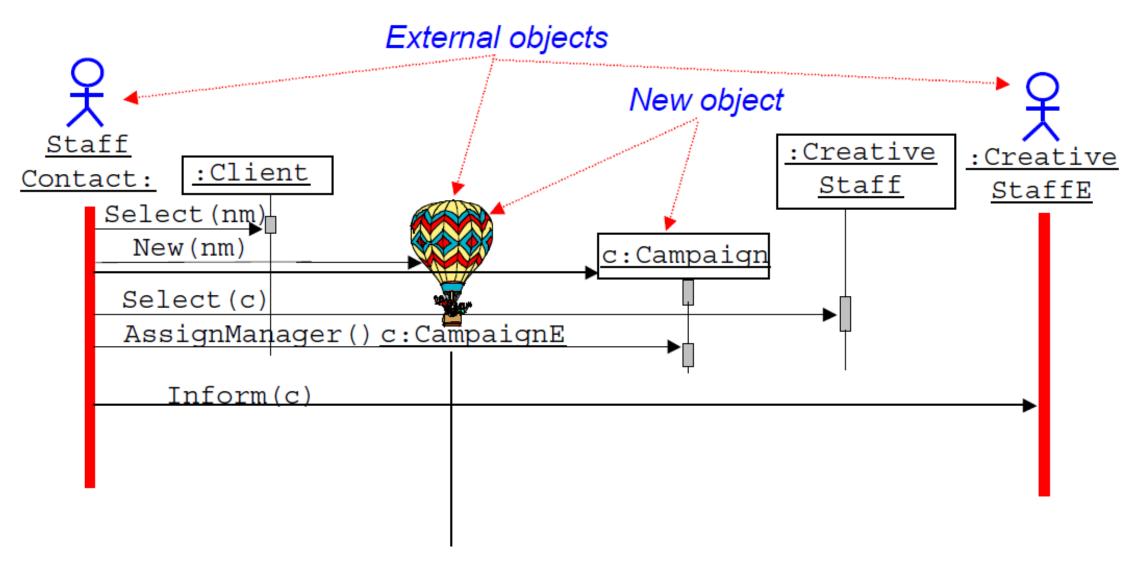
✓ Assign campaign manager;

✓ Inform the creative staff person.

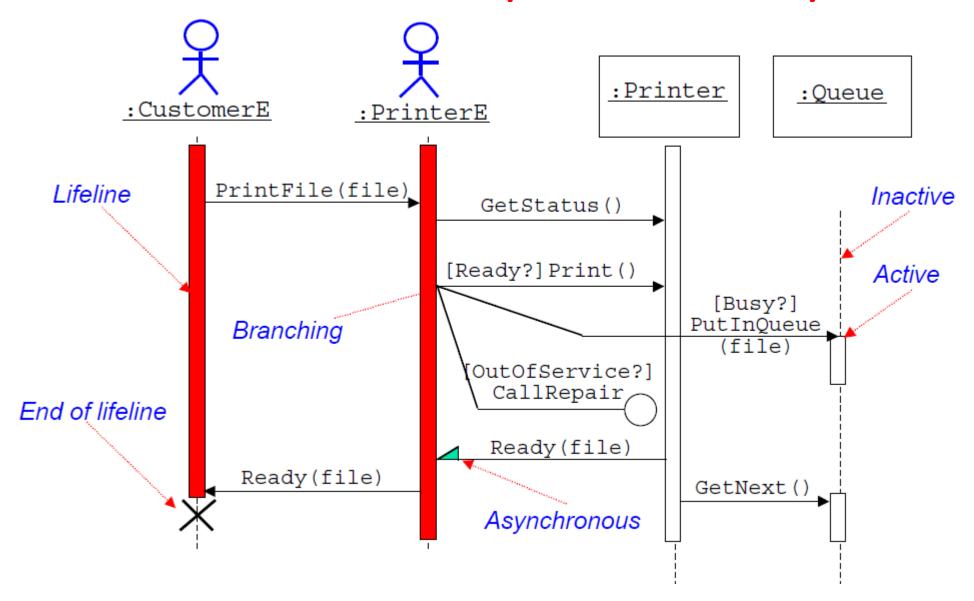
New object Staff :Creative :Creative :Client Contact: Staff StaffE |Select(nm) New(nm) c:Campaign Select(c) AssignManager() Inform(c)

This describes a business process involving two people and three system objects.

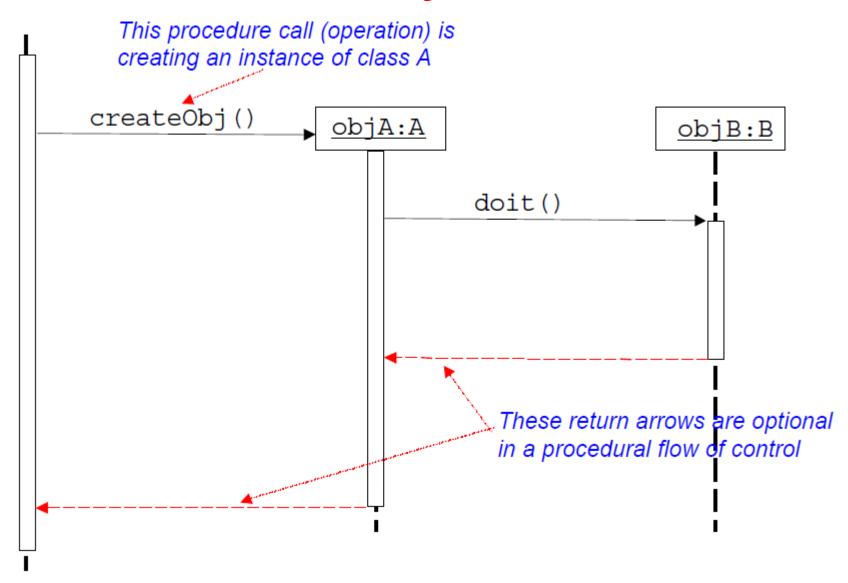
# An Even More Realistic Example



# Another Example: Print Shop



# Flow of Control



#### *Iteration*

- Iteration shown with an asterisk.
  - ✓ Each StaffMember will be selected in turn
  - ✓ Once selected, the CalculateBonus message will be sent to the one currently selected
- There is only one loop!

Calculate Staff Bonuses

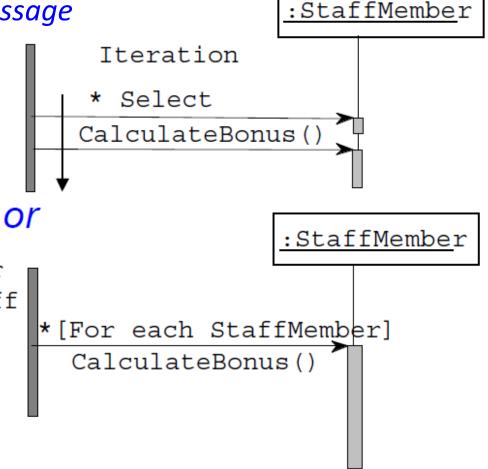
Description

Start

For Each StaffMember

Select next Staff Member

Calculate Bonus for Staff
Member

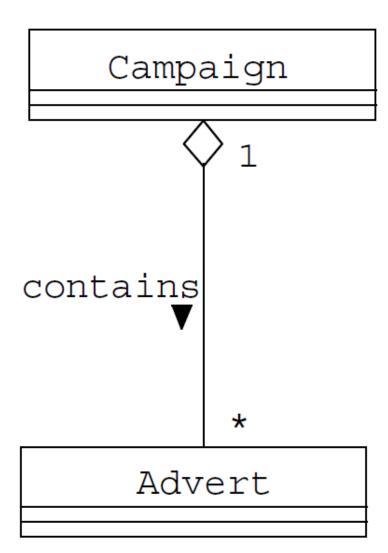


#### Drawing Sequence Diagrams

- For a use case, identify participating actors.
- Imagine that there is a use case required by Agate called Check Campaign Budget.
- Campaign has an EstimatedCost attribute and Advert has an EstimatedCost attribute.
- The purpose of the use case is to check that the total estimated cost of all the adverts is less than that for the campaign as a whole.
- ...Which objects are involved here?

# Campaign and Advert

Class diagram showing aggregation



## The Campaign Class

```
Campaign
+Title:String
+CampaignStartDate:Date
+CampaignFinishDate:Date
+EstimatedCost:Money
+ActualCost:Money
+CompletionDate: Date
+DatePaid:Date
-StaffCount:Integer = 0
+Completed (CompletionDate: Date, ActualCost: Money)
+SetFinishDate(FinishDate:Date)
+RecordPayment (DatePaid:Date)
+CostDifference():Money
+GetCampaignContribution():Money
+CheckBudget():Money
```

#### The Advert Class

```
Advert
#Title:String
#Type:String
#TargetDate:Date
#CompletedDate:Date
#EstimatedCost:Money
+SetCompleted(CompletedDate:Date=Today)
+GetTitle():String
+GetType():String
+GetTargetDate():Date
+GetCompletedDate():Date
+GetCost():Money
```

- Where do we start?
- Select the relevant Campaign, probably using its name.
- How we select it is something we leave for the design phase:
  - ✓ it could be from a list box;
  - ✓ it could involve a separate window on the screen;
  - ✓ it could involve some kind of index.
- These are design issues, which we shall leave for now, although we should document them if the customer expressed a preference at this stage.

Check Campaign Budget

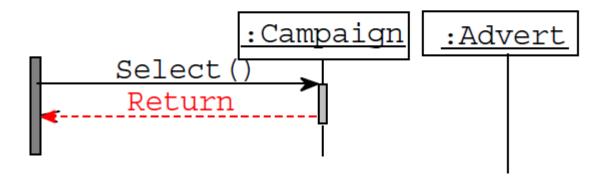
Description
Select Campaign
Select()
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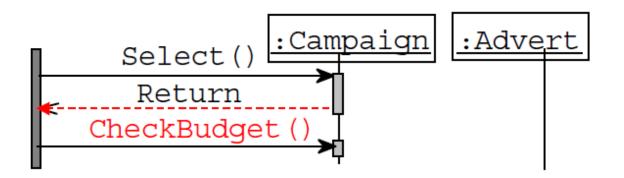
#### We can also add in a Return



• We then need to send a message to the Campaign to check its budget.

#### Check Campaign Budget

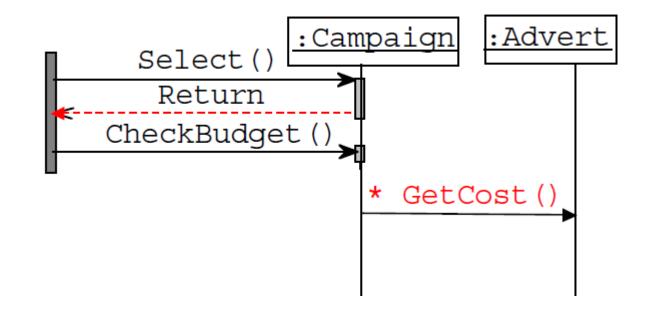
```
Description
Select Campaign
-
Check Budget
```



Note there is no Return here. Where does control go?

Check Campaign Budget

Description
Select Campaign
Check Budget
For each Advert
Get Cost of Advert



- Note the \* for iteration.
- We are assuming here that: Campaign knows about all the Adverts that are associated with it because of the aggregation association shown earlier.

What happens next?

```
Check Campaign Budget

Description

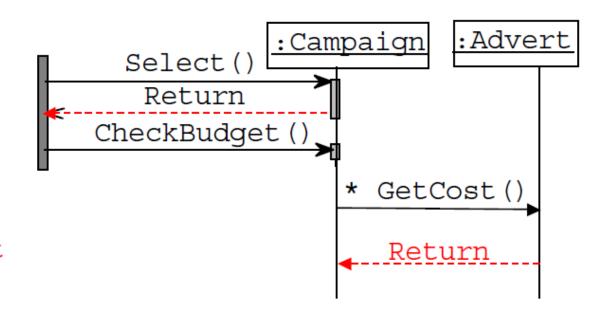
Select Campaign

Check Budget

For each Advert

Get Cost of Advert

Return Cost of Advert
```

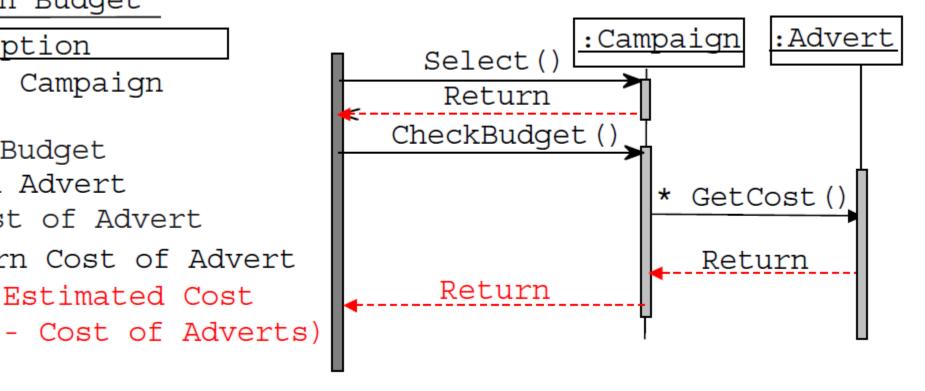


- Advert returns its cost, in this case the EstimatedCost of the Advert.
- Once all the Advert's costs have been fetched and summed up, the total can be taken away from the EstimatedCost of the Campaign.

#### Check Campaign Budget

Description Select Campaign Check Budget For each Advert Get Cost of Advert Return Cost of Advert

Return (Estimated Cost



Campaign can return the difference between estimated cost and actual cost.

# ...Back to Class Diagrams...

```
Advert
#Title : String
#Type : String
#TargetDate : Date
#CompletedDate : Date
#EstimatedCost : Money
#ActualCost : Money
+SetCompleted(CompletedDate:Date=Today)
+GetTitle () :String
+GetType () :String
+GetTargetDate () :Date
+GetCompletedDate () :Date
+GetCost () : Money
```

- We could add a new attribute to Advert called ActualCost, set when Advert is completed.
- Now GetCost() can return the ActualCost if it exists, otherwise it uses EstimatedCost().

# How to Use Sequence Diagrams

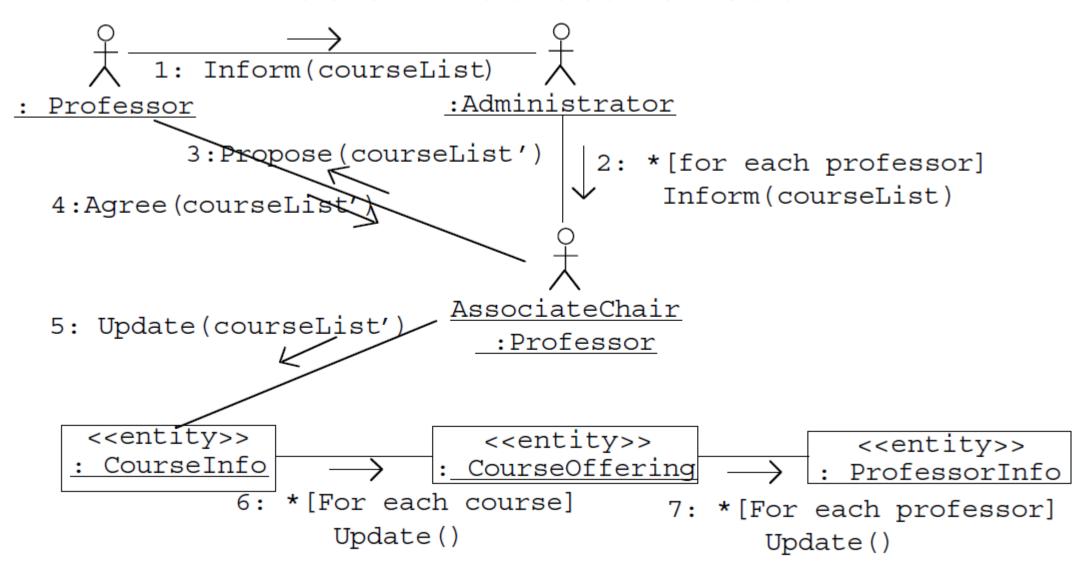
- In general, you may need several sequence diagrams to describe a single use case.
- A use case may involve complex control logic; sequence diagrams on the other hand should remain easy to read and understand.
- For a complex use case, use several sequence diagrams.



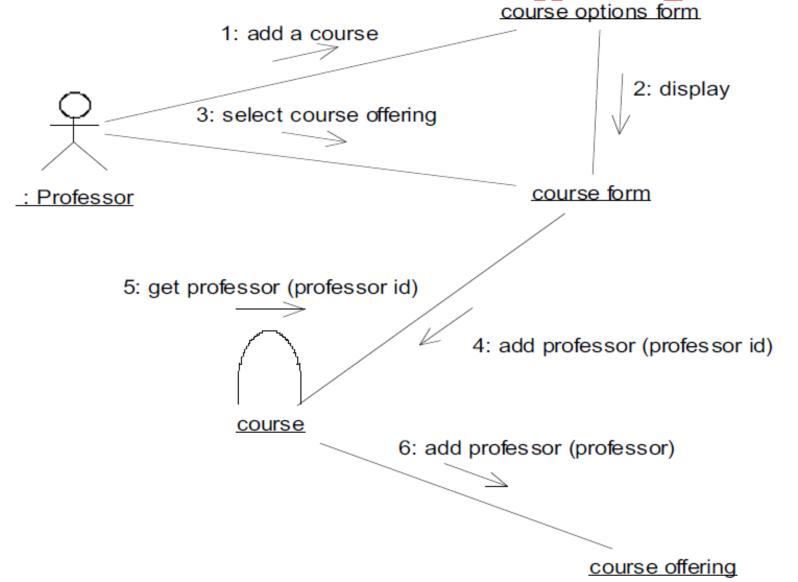
## Collaboration Diagrams

- These diagrams are comparable to sequence diagrams. In fact, you can map every sequence diagram to an equivalent collaboration diagram and vice versa.
- Collaboration diagrams show interactions without the time dimension.
- Like sequence diagrams, collaboration diagrams are intended to model scenarios; each scenario describes a possible sequence of events and actions.
- Collaboration diagrams capture more directly the interactions between actors and objects.

#### Select Courses to Teach



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# Additional Readings

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