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**Design Level Diagrams**



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# Activity Diagram

Activity diagram is another important diagram in UML to describe the dynamic aspects of the system.

Activity diagram is basically a flowchart to represent the flow from one activity to another activity. The activity can be described as an operation of the system.

**The purpose of an activity diagram can be described as –**

- Draw the activity flow of a system.
- Describe the sequence from one activity to another.
- Describe the parallel, branched and concurrent flow of the system.

**When to use Activity Diagram -**

- ❑ Activity Diagrams describe how activities are coordinated to provide a service which can be at different levels of abstraction.
- ❑ Typically, an event needs to be achieved by some operations, particularly where the operation is intended to achieve a number of different things that require coordination, or how the events in a single use case relate to one another, in particular, use cases where activities may overlap and require coordination.
- ❑ It is also suitable for modeling how a collection of use cases coordinate to represent business workflows.

**Before drawing an activity diagram, we should identify the following elements –**

- Activities
- Association
- Conditions
- Constraints

