# UML class diagrams

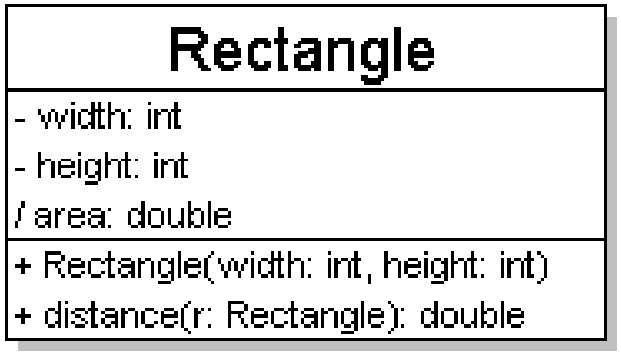
- What is a UML class diagram?
  - **UML class diagram**: a picture of
    - the classes in an OO system
    - their fields and methods
    - connections between the classes
      - that interact or inherit from each other
- What are some things that are not represented in a UML class diagram?
  - details of how the classes interact with each other
  - algorithmic details; how a particular behavior is implemented

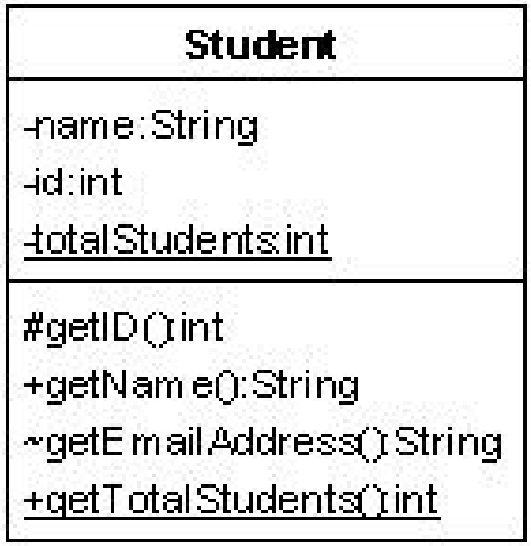
# Diagram of one class

- class name in top of box
  - write <<interface>> on top of interfaces' names
  - use *italics* for an *abstract class* name

- attributes (optional)
  - should include all fields of the object

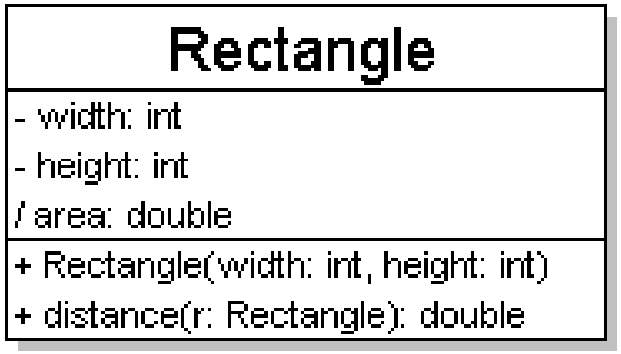
- operations / methods (optional)
  - may omit trivial (get/set) methods
    - but don't omit any methods from an interface!
  - should not include inherited methods

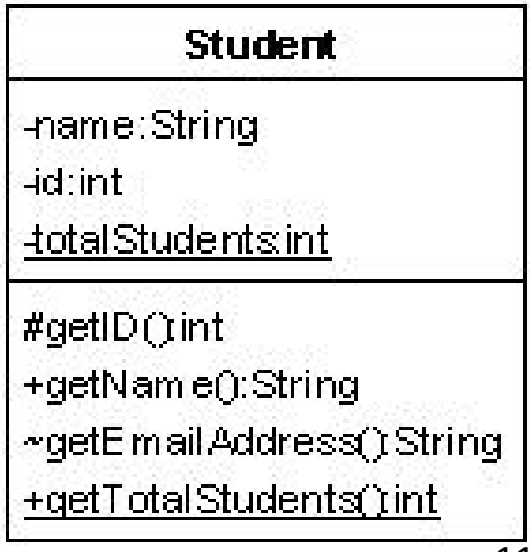


# Class attributes

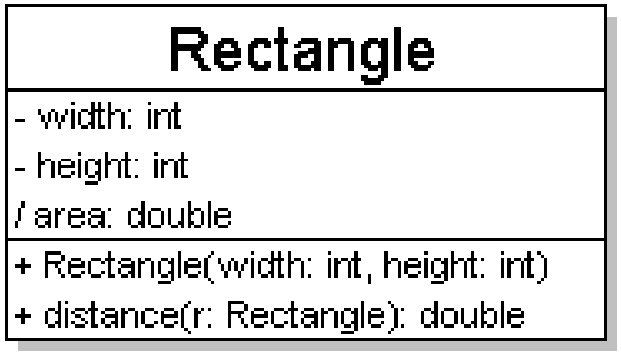
- attributes (fields, instance variables)
  - *visibility name* : *type* [*count*] = *default_value*
  - visibility: + public
    # protected
    - private
    ~ package (default)
    / derived
  - underline static attributes
  - **derived attribute**: not stored, but can be computed from other attribute values
  - attribute example:
    - balance : double = 0.00

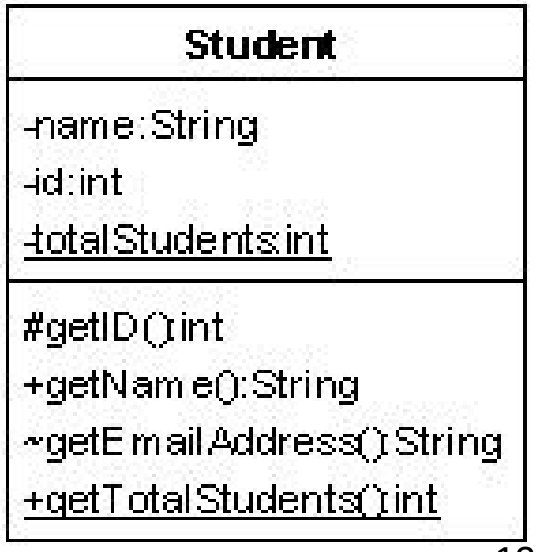


# Class operations / methods

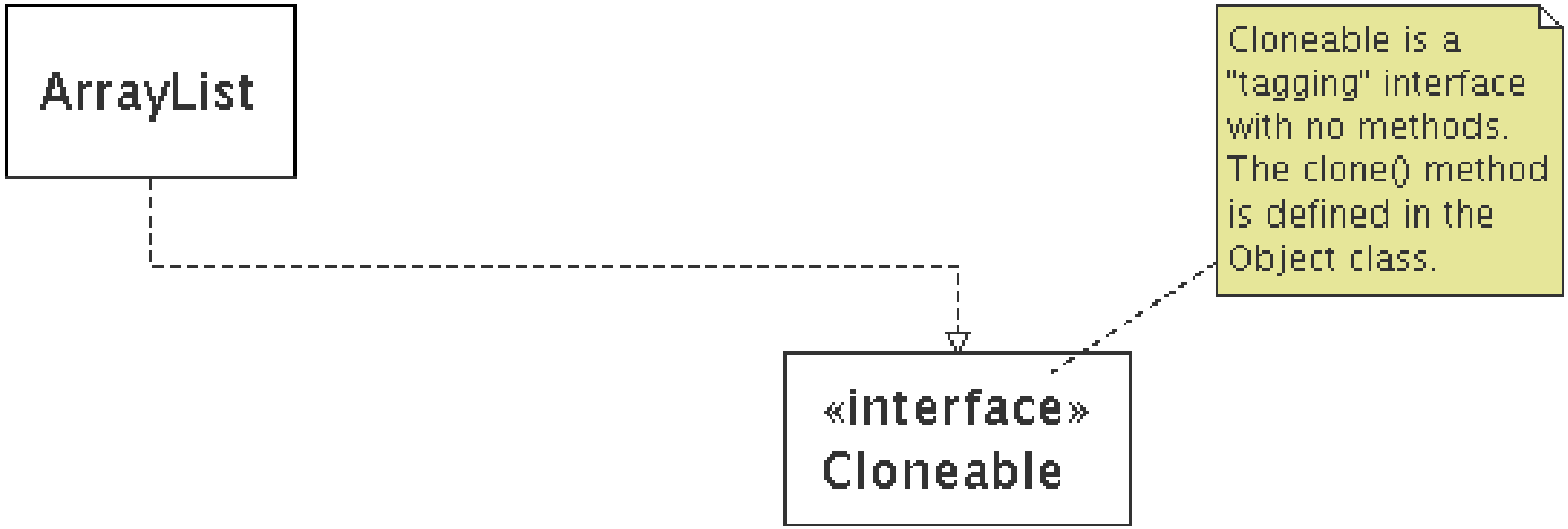
- operations / methods
  - *visibility name* (*parameters*) : *return_type*
  - visibility: + public
    # protected
    - private
    ~ package (default)
  - underline static methods
  - parameter types listed as (name: type)
  - omit *return_type* on constructors and when return type is void
  - method example:
    + distance(p1: Point, p2: Point): double



# Comments

- represented as a folded note, attached to the appropriate class/method/etc by a dashed line



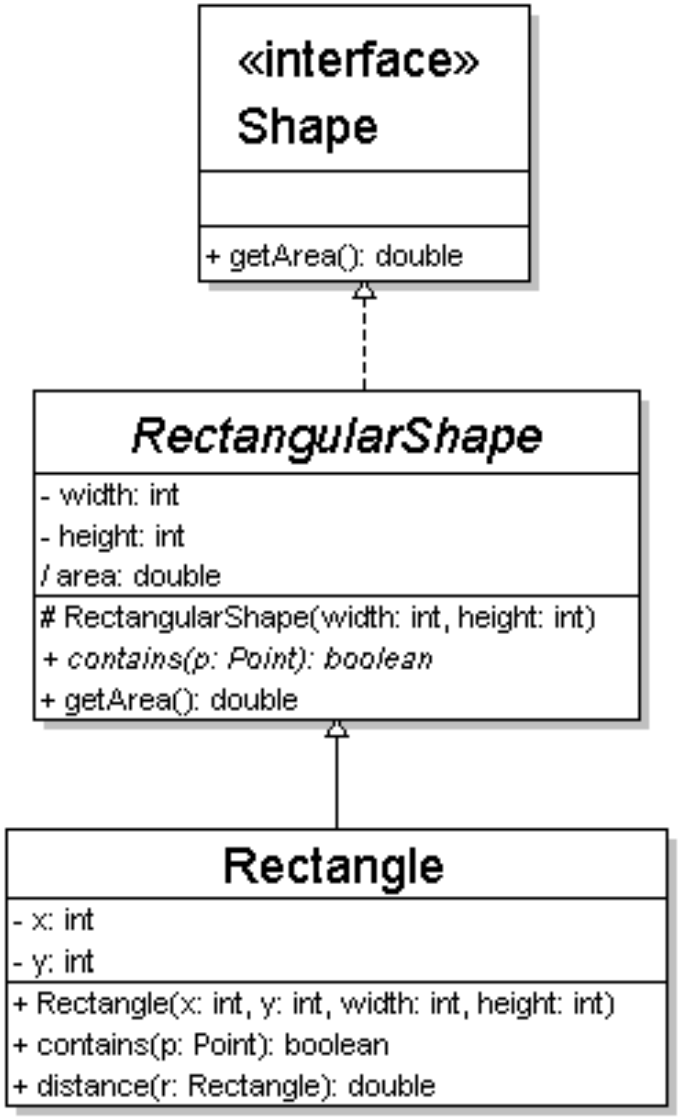
# Relationships btwn. classes

- **generalization**: an inheritance relationship
  - inheritance between classes
  - interface implementation

- **association**: a usage relationship
  - dependency
  - aggregation
  - composition

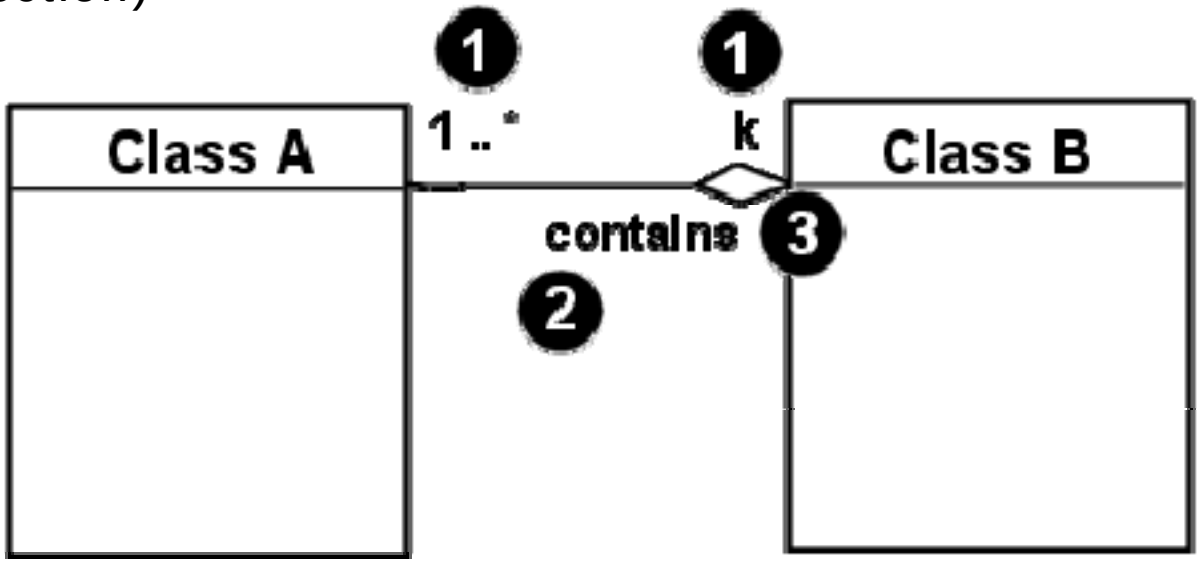
# Generalization relationships

- generalization (inheritance) relationships
  - hierarchies drawn top-down with arrows pointing upward to parent
  - line/arrow styles differ, based on whether parent is a(n):
    - class:
      solid line, black arrow
    - abstract class:
      solid line, white arrow
    - interface:
      dashed line, white arrow
  - we often don't draw trivial / obvious generalization relationships, such as drawing the Object class as a parent



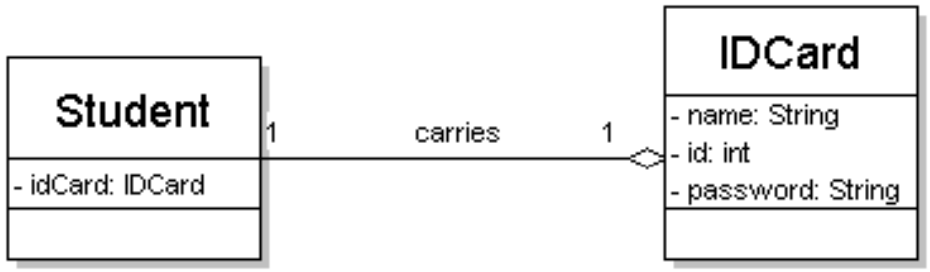
# Associational relationships

- associational (usage) relationships
  1. multiplicity (how many are used)
     - * ⇒ 0, 1, or more
     - 1 ⇒ 1 exactly
     - 2..4 ⇒ between 2 and 4, inclusive
     - 3..* ⇒ 3 or more
  2. name (what relationship the objects have)
  3. navigability (direction)

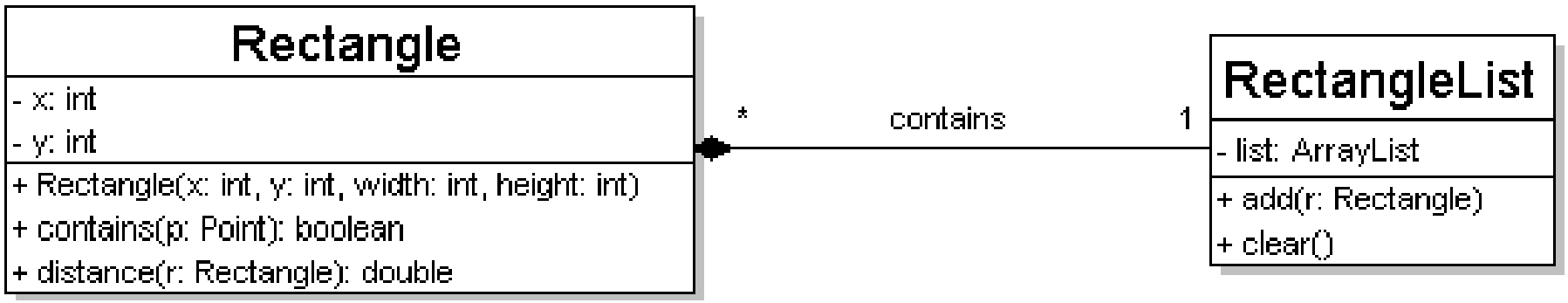


# Multiplicity of associations

- one-to-one
  - each student must carry exactly one ID card

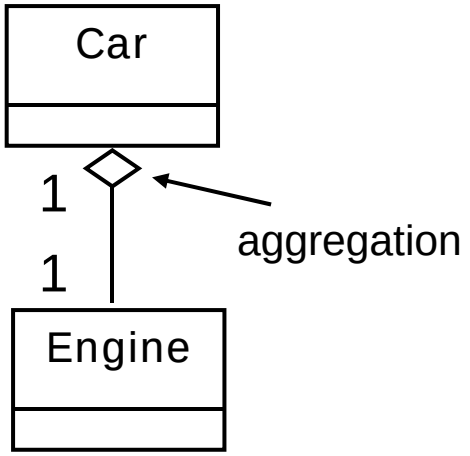



- one-to-many
  - one rectangle list can contain many rectangles

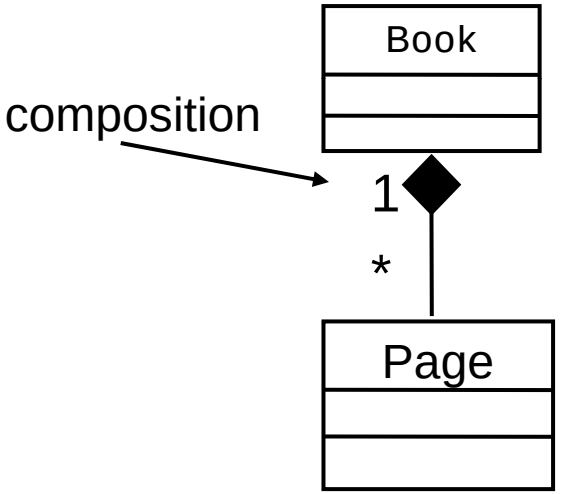


# Association types

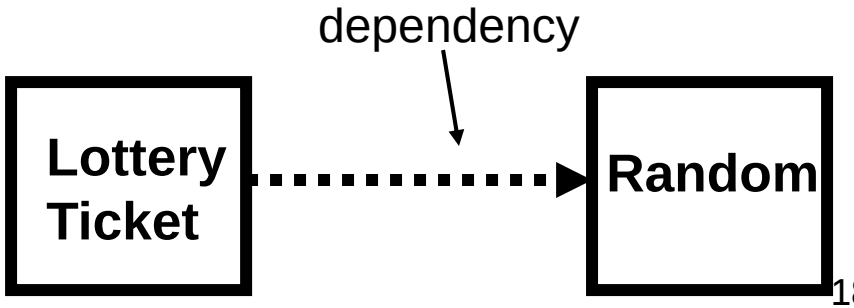
- **aggregation**: "is part of"
  - symbolized by a clear white diamond



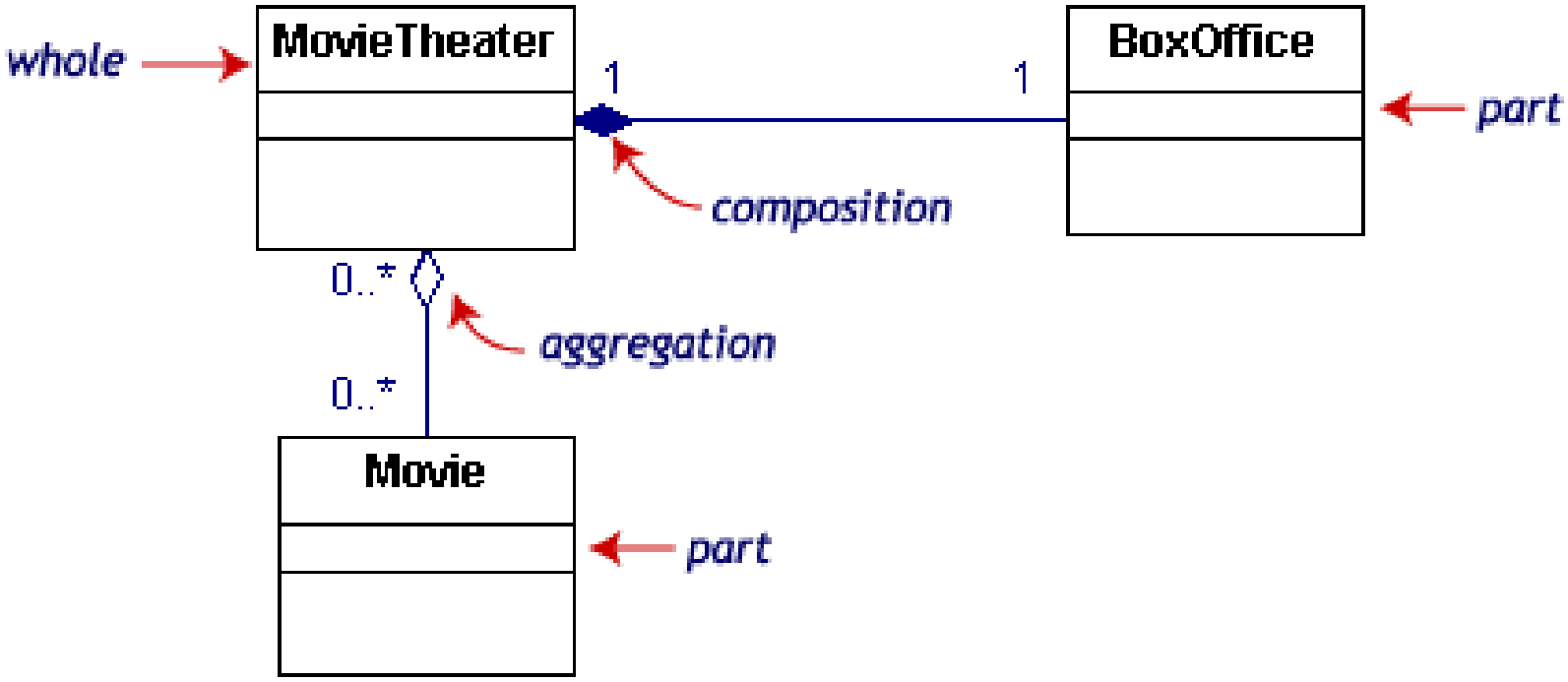

- **composition**: "is entirely made of"
  - stronger version of aggregation
  - the parts live and die with the whole
  - symbolized by a black diamond




- **dependency**: "uses temporarily"
  - symbolized by dotted line
  - often is an implementation detail, not an intrinsic part of that object's state



# Composition/aggregation example

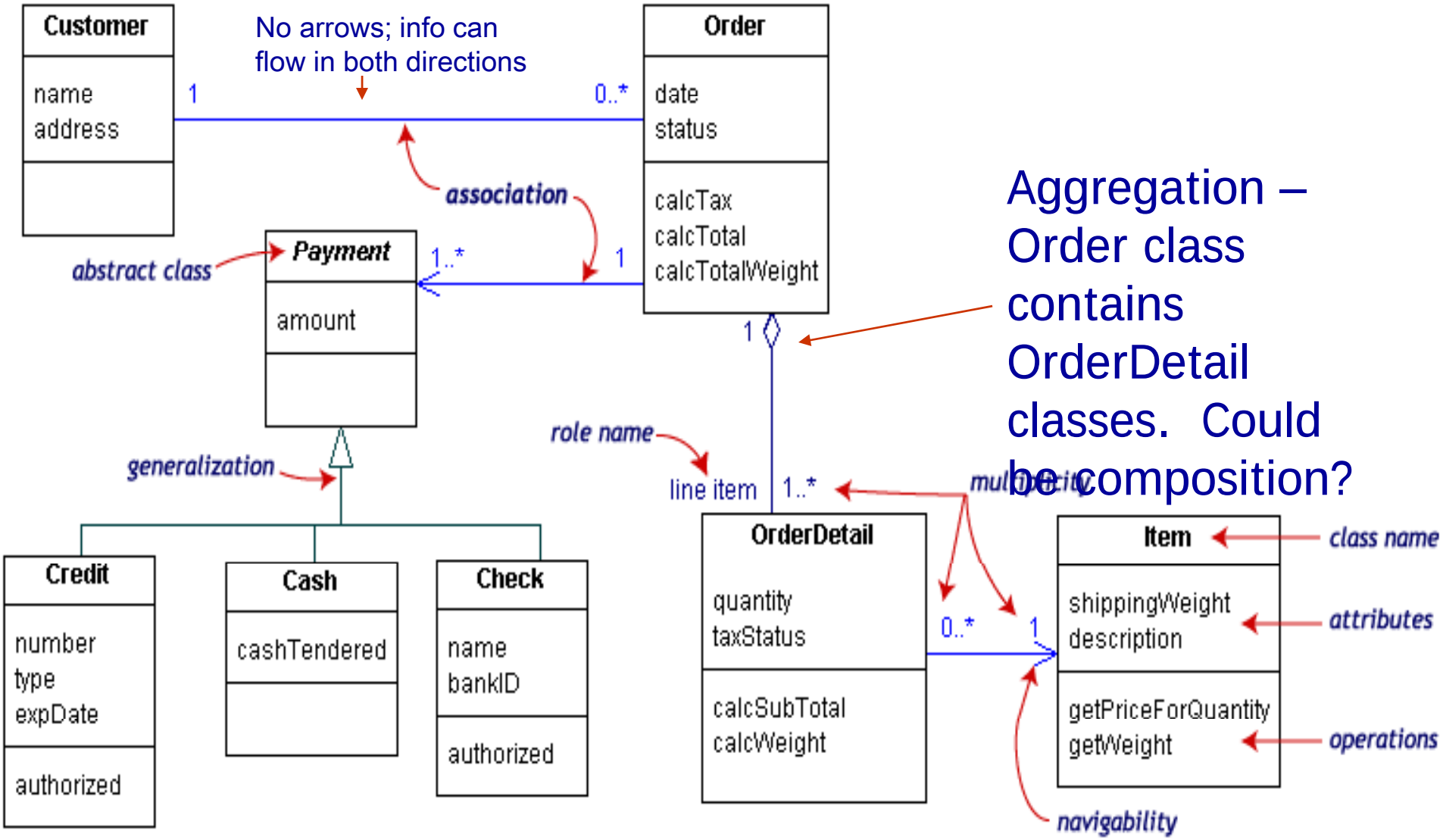



If the movie theatre goes away

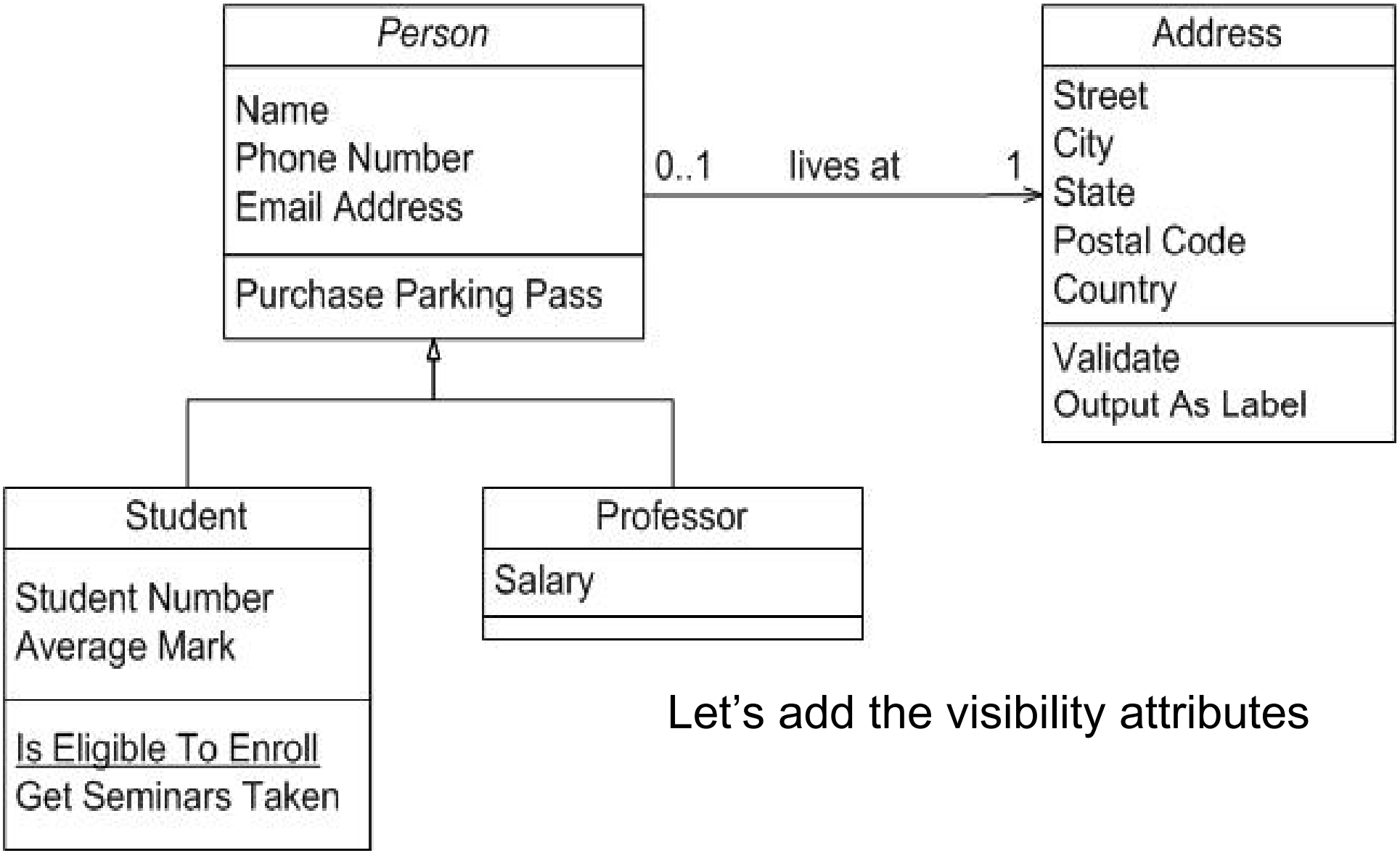
so does the box office => composition

but movies may still exist => aggregation

# Class diagram example

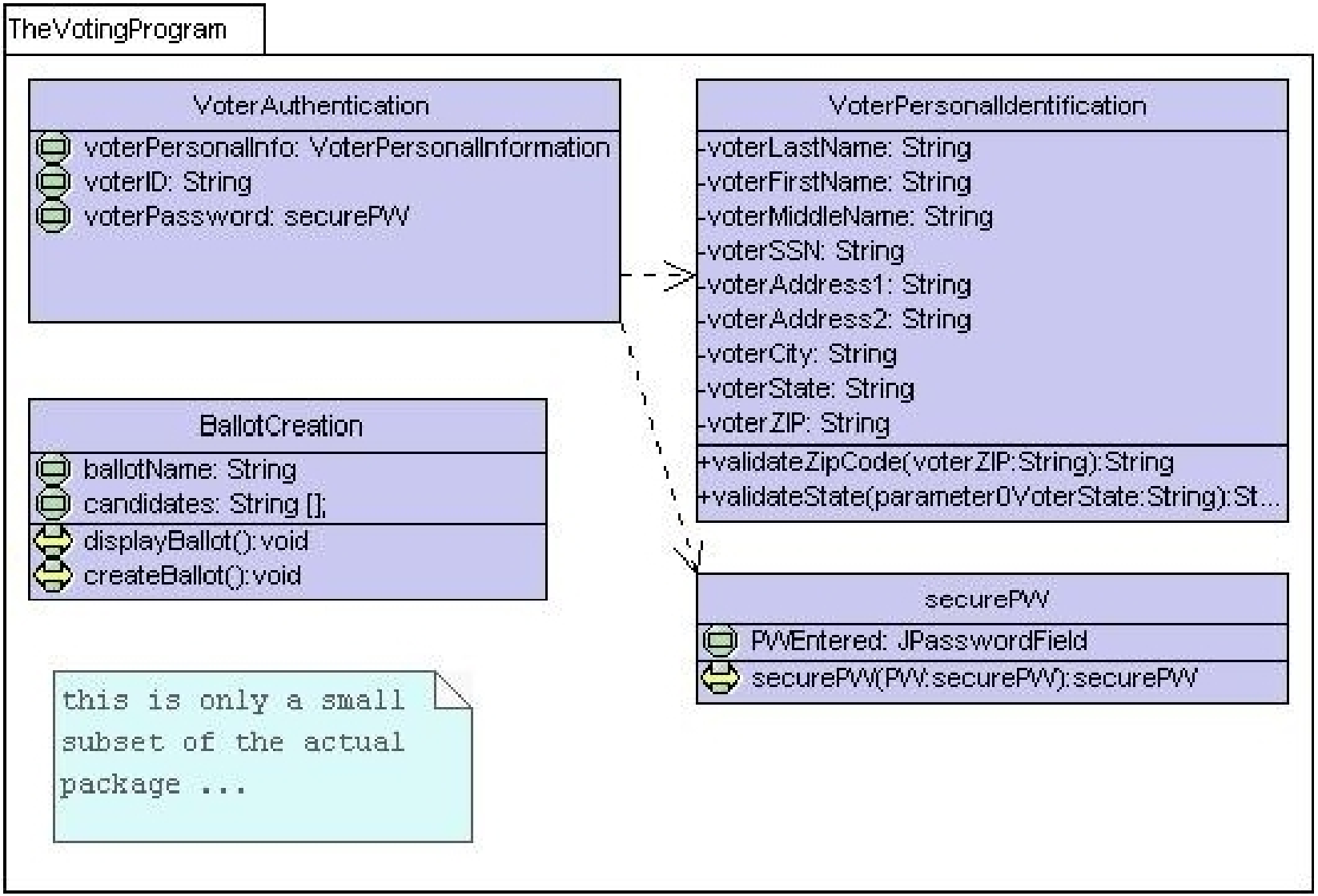


# UML example: people

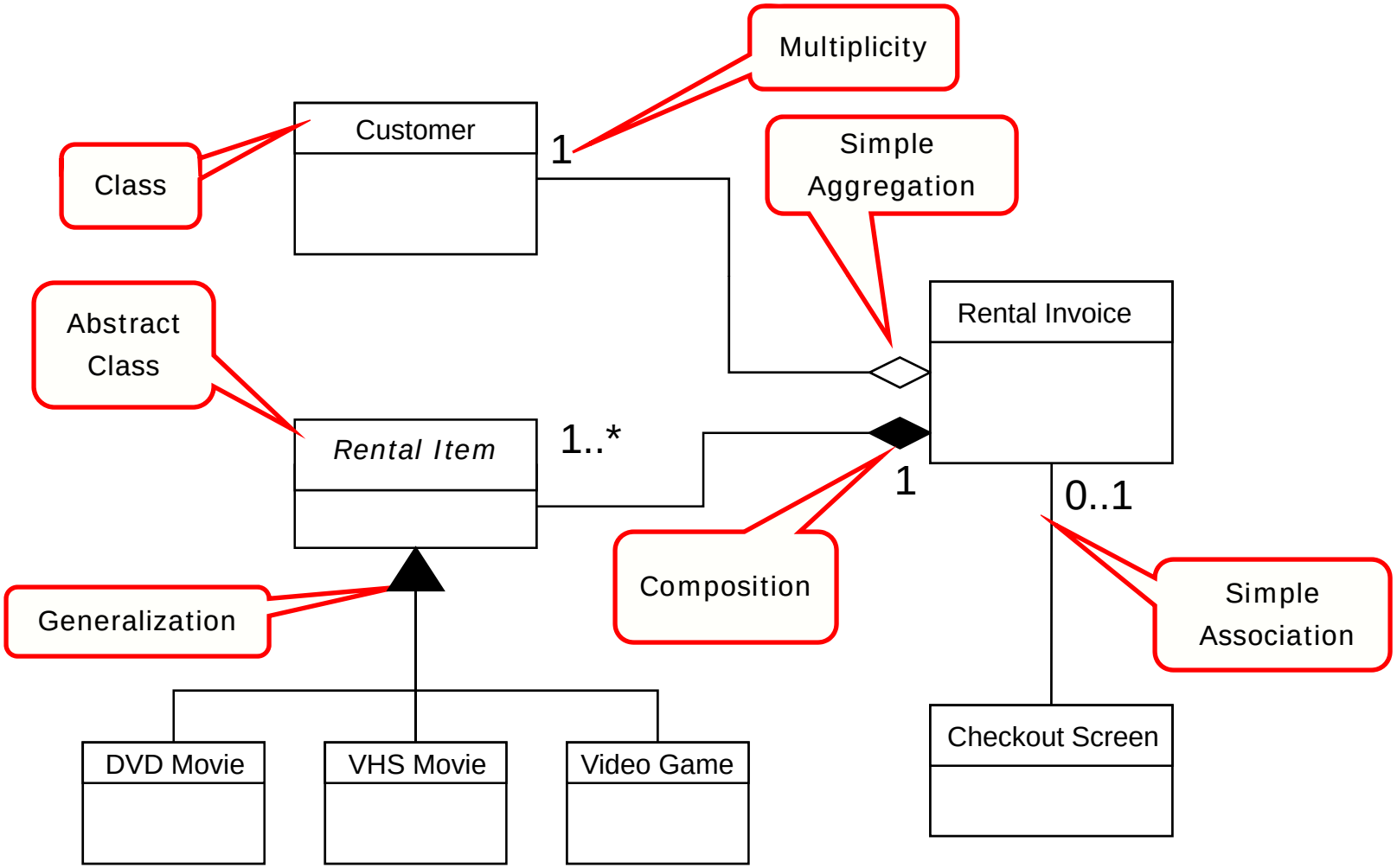



Let's add the visibility attributes

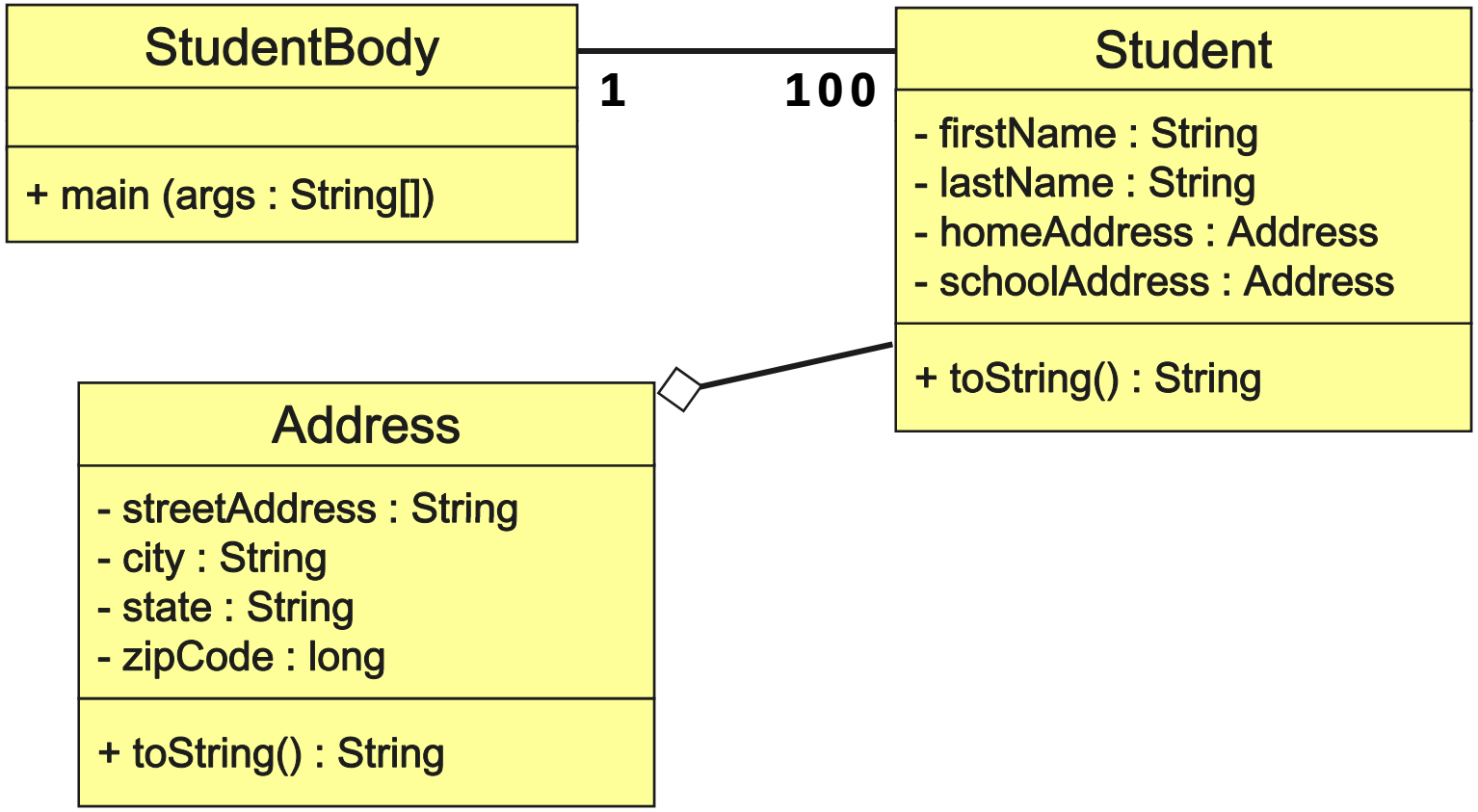
# Class diagram: voters



# Class diagram example: video store



# Class diagram example: student



# Tools for creating UML diags.

- Violet (free)
  - http://horstmann.com/violet/
- Rational Rose
  - http://www.rational.com/
- Visual Paradigm UML Suite (trial)
  - http://www.visual-paradigm.com/
  - (nearly) direct download link:
    http://www.visual-paradigm.com/vp/download.jsp?product=vpuml&edition=ce

(there are many others, but most are commercial)