

Design Class Diagram

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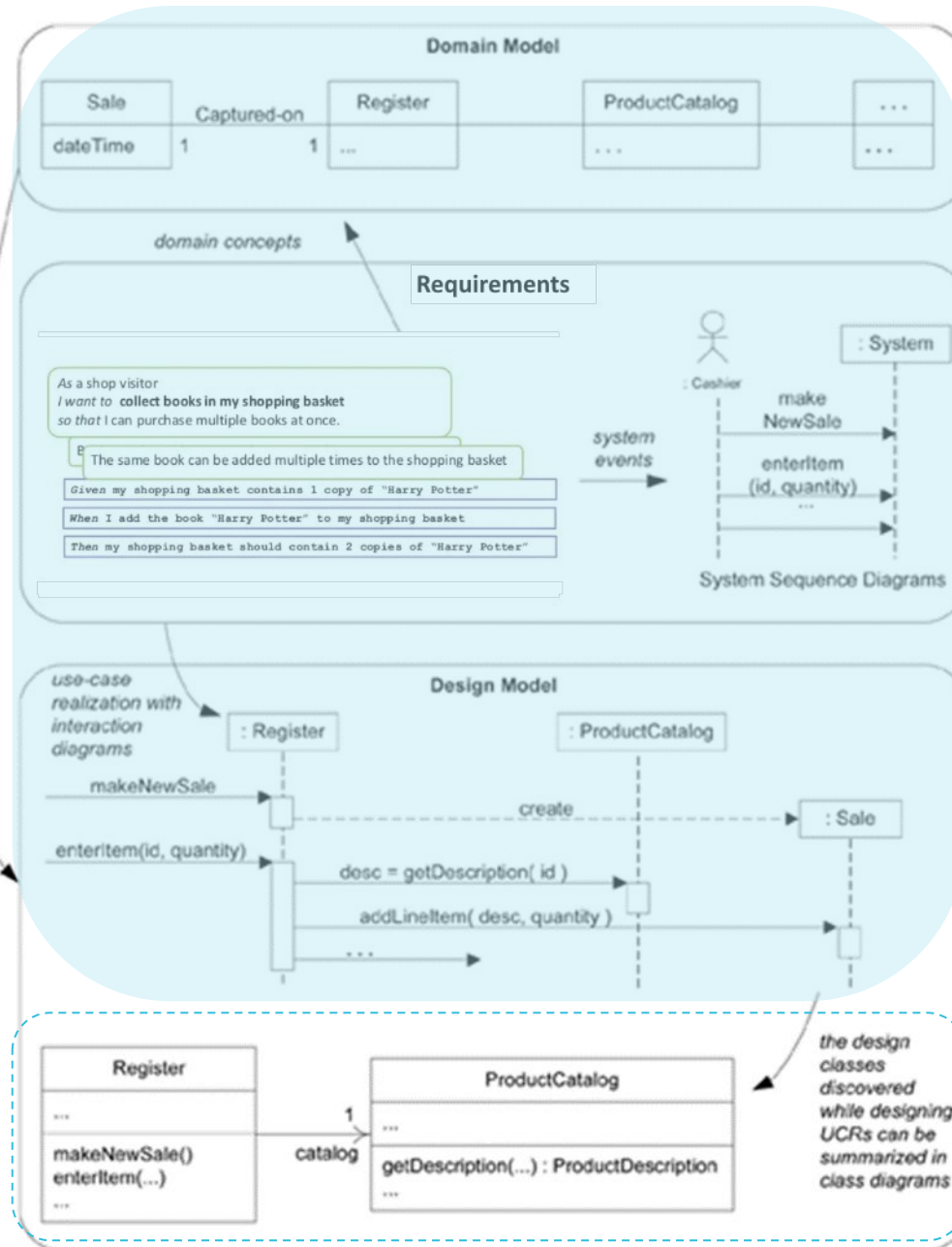
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    subgraph Structural
        CD[Class diagram]
        OD[Object diagram]
        PD[Package diagram]
        C[Component diagram]
        D[Deployment diagram]
    end
    subgraph Behavioural
        AD[Activity diagram]
        SD[State diagram]
        UCD[Use Case Diagram]
    end
    I[Interaction diagrams]
    S[Sequence diagram]
    C[Communication diagram]

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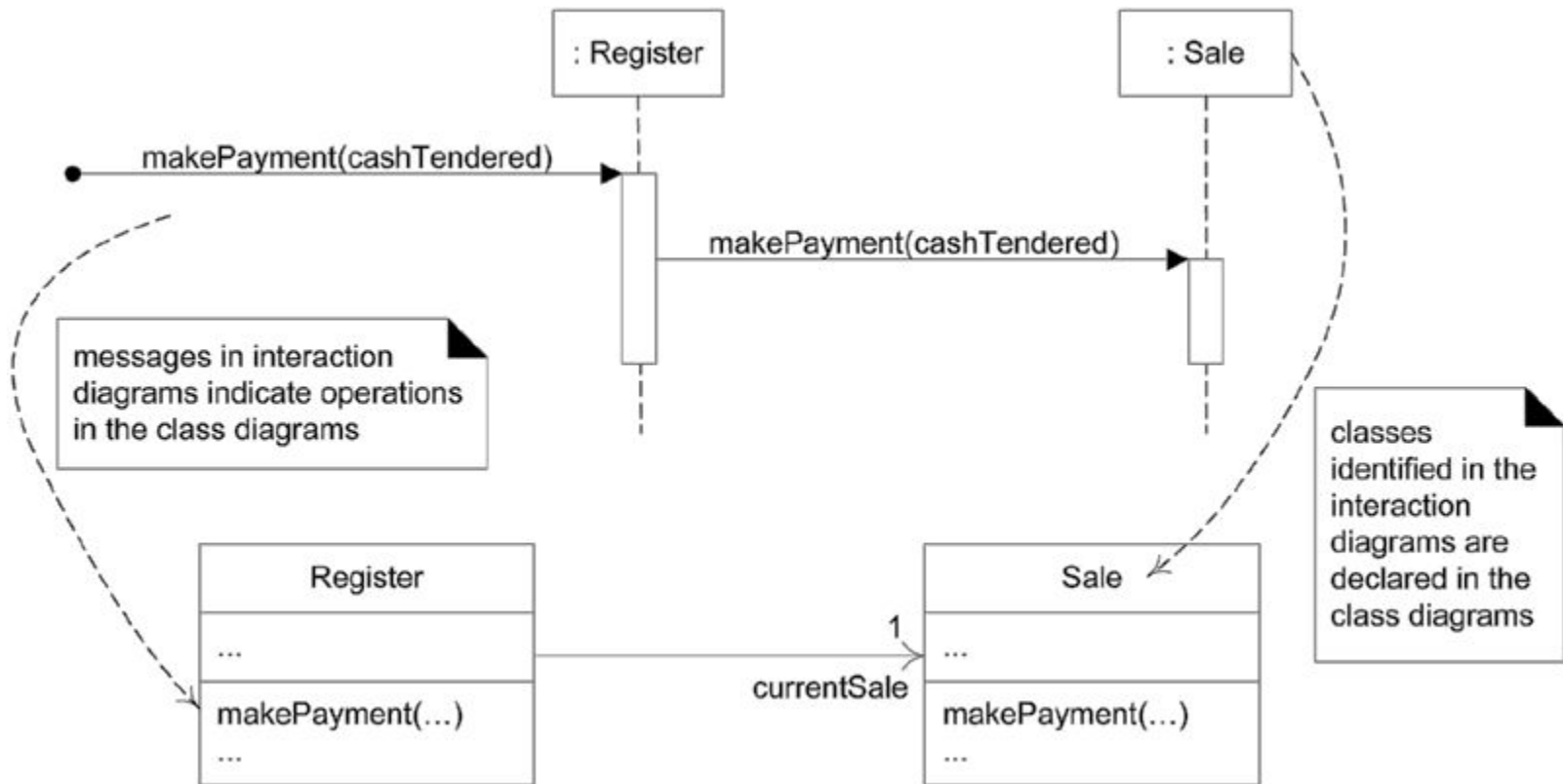
The diagram illustrates the hierarchy of UML diagrams. It is divided into two main categories: Structural and Behavioural. Structural diagrams include Class diagram, Object diagram, Package diagram, Component diagram, and Deployment diagram. Behavioural diagrams include Activity diagram, State diagram, and Use Case Diagram. Interaction diagrams are a sub-category of Behavioural diagrams, including Sequence diagram and Communication diagram. The Class diagram is highlighted in blue, and the Interaction diagrams box is highlighted in red.

conceptual classes in the domain inspire the names of some software classes in the design



Relation with interaction diagrams

- Interaction diagrams and design class diagram are typically designed simultaneously

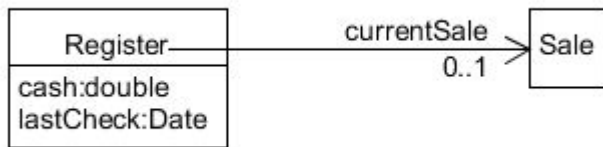


Evolve the domain model

- The design class diagram is an evolved version of the domain model
 - Add design/implementation detail
 - Stick with domain concepts (ubiquitous language)

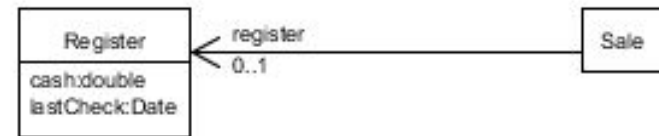
Design associations

- Role name implies navigability
- Role name = name of the attribute that is used to implement navigability



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public class Register {  
    private double cash;  
    private Date lastCheck;  
    private Sale currentSale;  
}
```

```
public class Sale {  
}
```

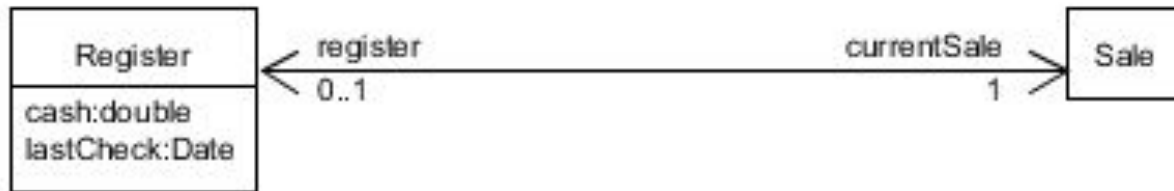


```
public class Register {  
    private double cash;  
    private Date lastCheck;  
}
```

```
public class Sale {  
    private Register kassa;  
}
```

Design associations: bidirectional

- Implement this association



Design associations: bidirectional



```
public class Register {
    private double cash;
    private Date lastCheck;
    private Sale sale;
}

public class Sale {
    private Register register;
}
```


Associations: navigation design

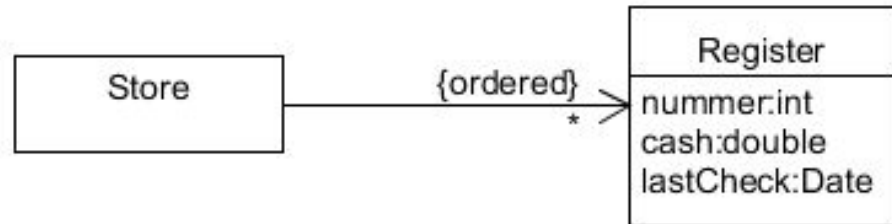
- Try keeping associations simple. Is there complexity in the real world that can be avoided or is not used in the interaction diagrams?
 - Associations that can be removed?
 - to-many associations that can be reduced to to-one associations?
 - bidirectional associations that can be made unidirectional
 - Sometimes associations can be simplified in code by looking up data externally (database...) instead of having associations in memory
 - ...

To Many associations

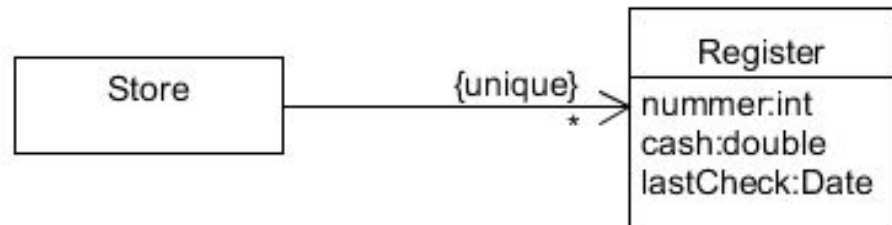
Collection<Register>



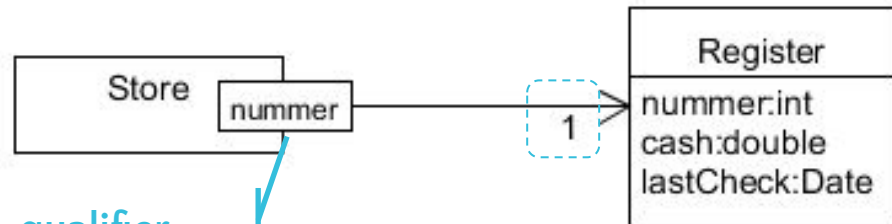
List<Register>
Register[*]



Set<Register>

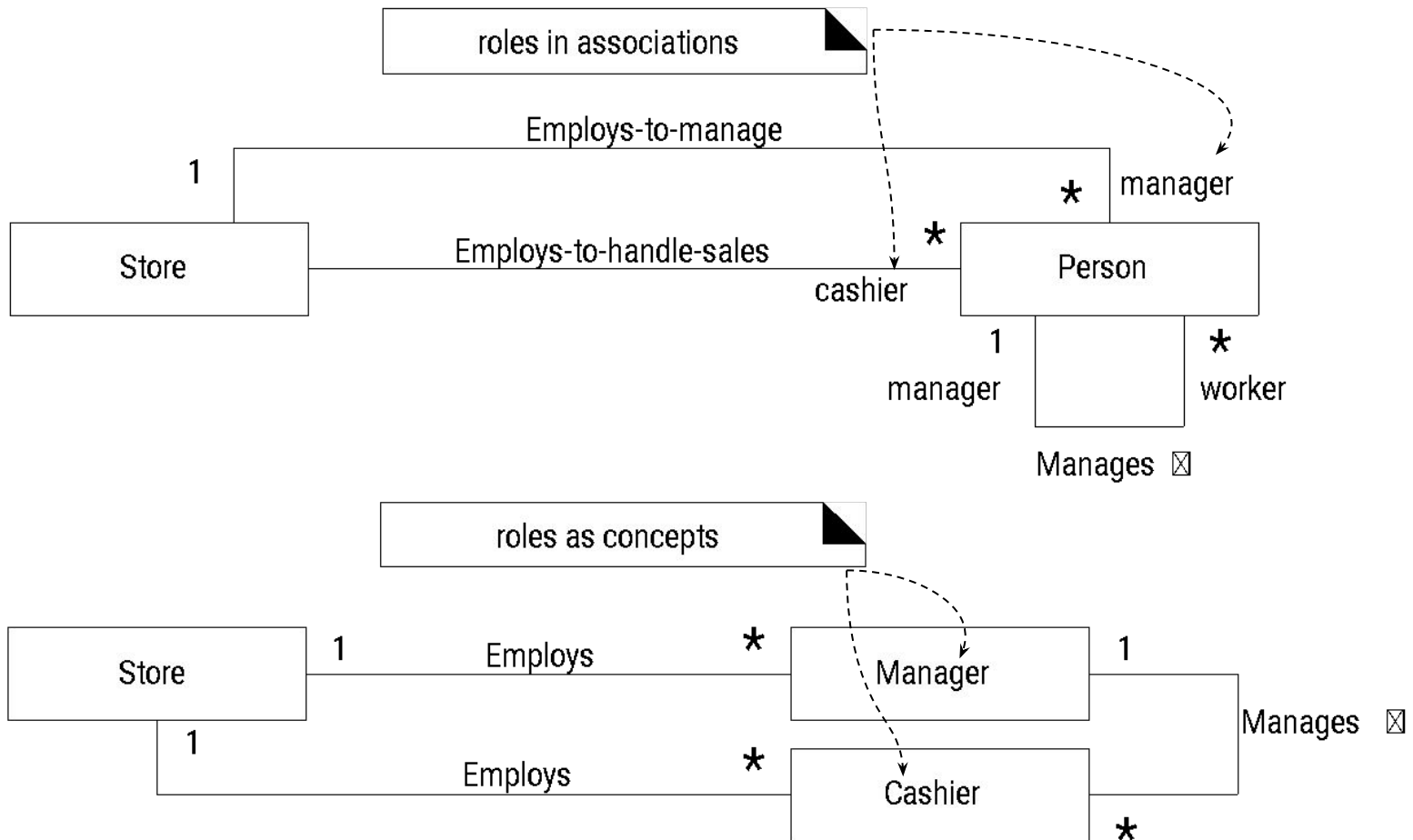


Map<Integer,Register>

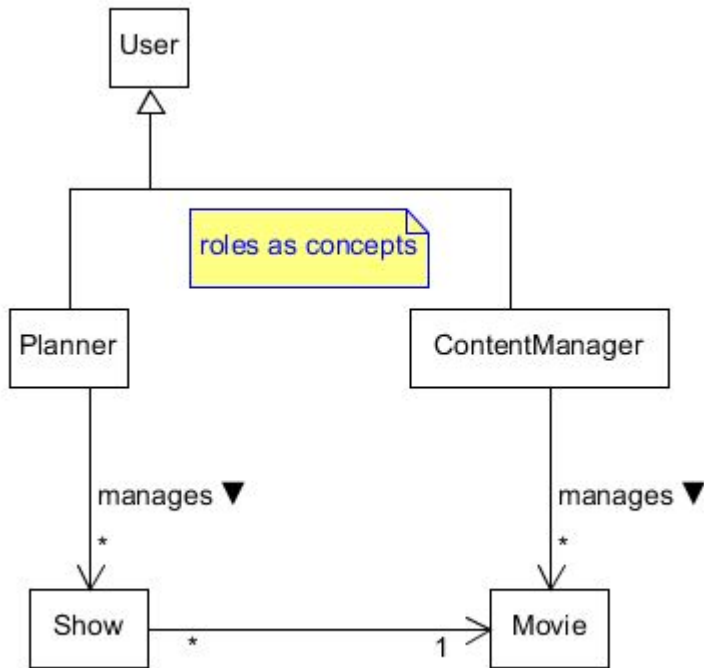


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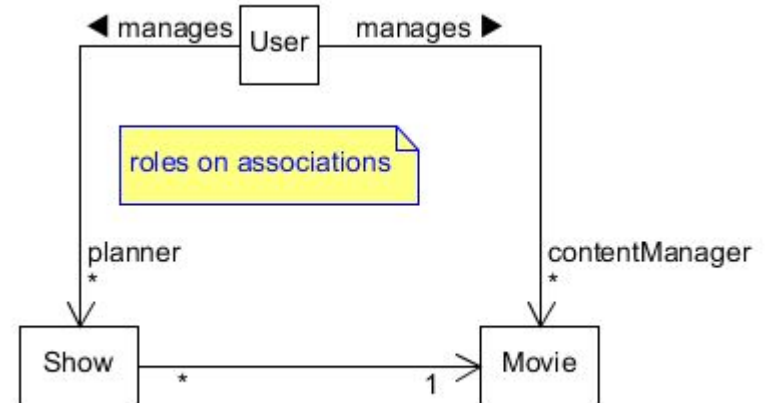
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Classification of concepts is static: a user can never be a **Planner** and **ContentManager** at the same time.



Roles : associations or concepts?

- **Roles on associations**

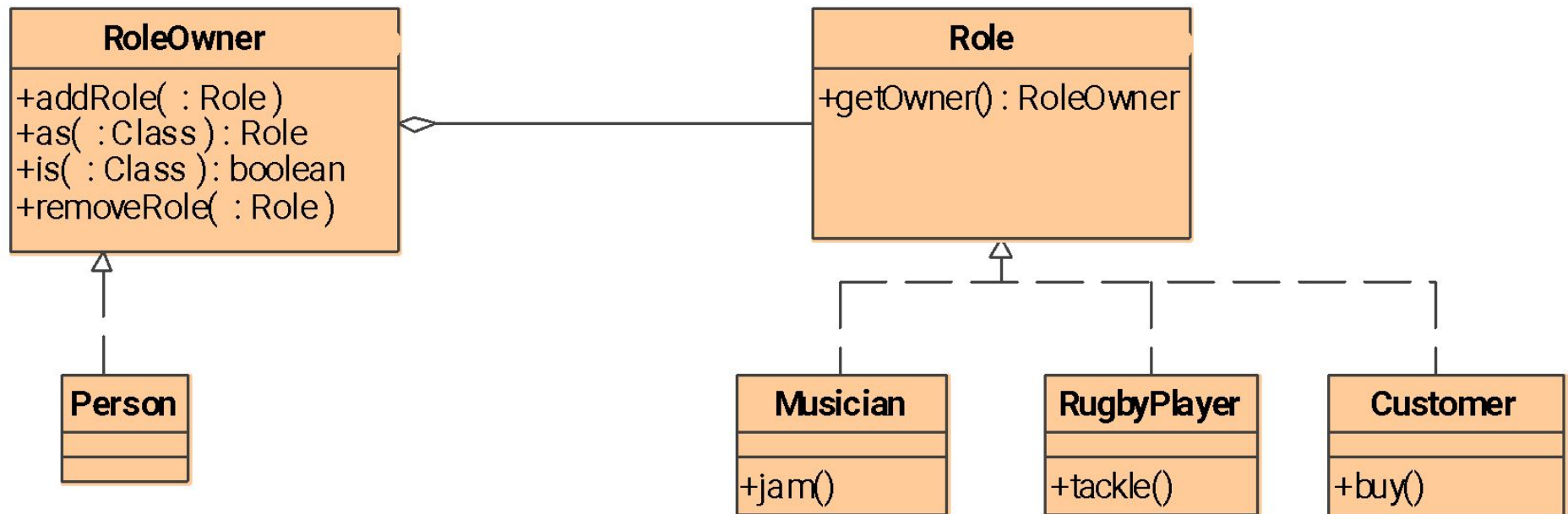
- A user can have multiple roles
- A user can change roles
- simpler

- **Roles as concepts (separate classes)**

- Roles can have separate attributes, associations, behaviour and additional semantics
- complexer

The role design pattern

- Combination of association (RoleOwner -> Role) and concept (Role hierarchy)
 - Combines flexibility of both approaches (highest flexibility)
 - Combines complexity of both approaches (highest complexity)



Roles: which design is the best™?

- The simplest design that meets the requirements is the best
 - Use rolls on associations except when roles have different attributes methods...
 - In the latter case, use roles as classes
 - in the uncommon case where a class can have multiple roles or can change roles, use the role design pattern

Design Class diagram conventions

- No need to specify (defaults)
 - + (public) **method** accessibility
 - - (private) **attribute** accessibility
 - simple attribute getter/setter methods
 - constructor without parameters
 - abstract methods overridden in concrete class

Encapsulation

- When adapting a class, you also need to adapt code that uses this class
- Limit the code that can be used by another class
 - Make attributes by default private (AKA data hiding)
 - Provide access through methods, limit the interface
 - Design which methods are needed by other classes. This is called the class interface.
 - Make all other methods private
 - Any change that does not modify the interface remains local to the class
 - The class is encapsulated in the interface