SENG 350

- Software Architecture & Design

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UML Diagrams

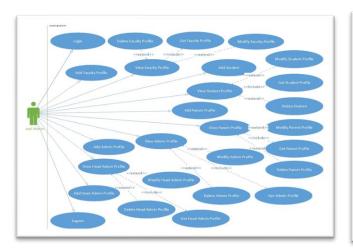
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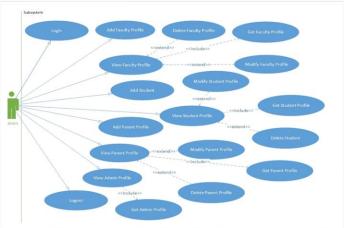


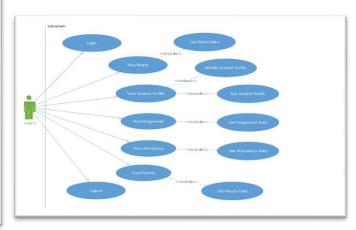


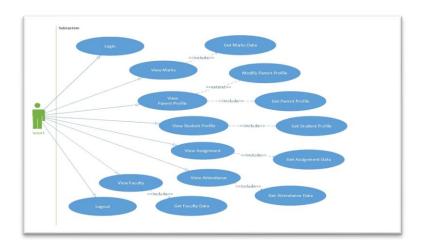
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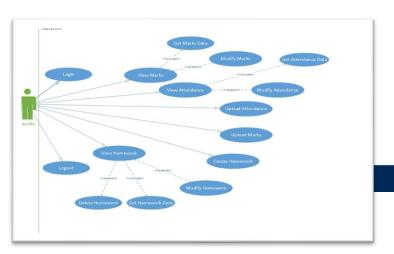
- Just a Reminder!
- The milestone 1 deadline is 1st Oct 2024 (11:00 am).
- Team Assessment 1 deadline is 1st Oct 2024 (11:00 am).









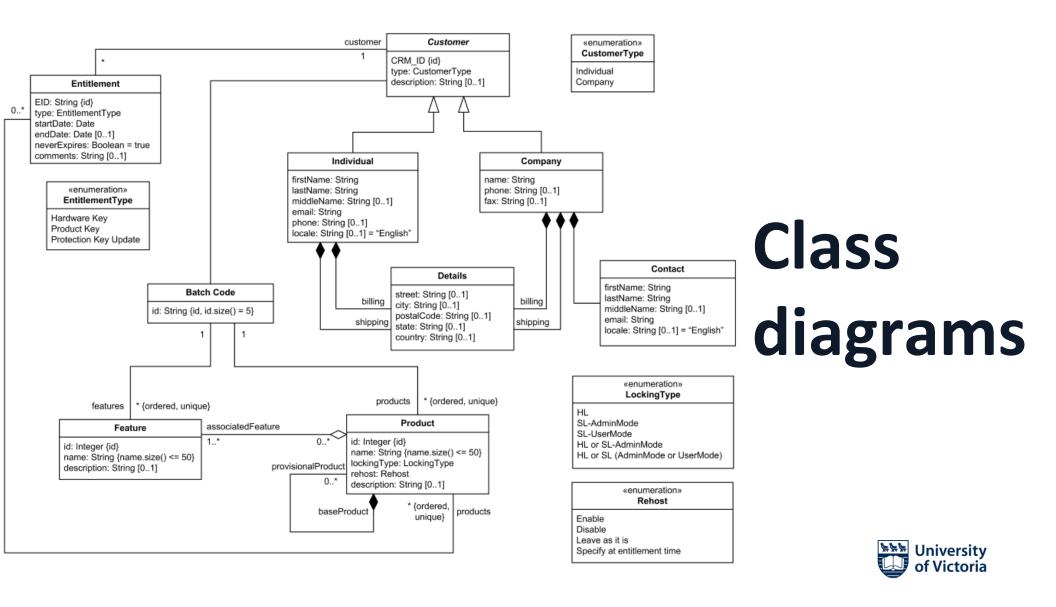




UML Diagrams

- Class diagrams
- Sequence diagrams
- Activity diagrams
- State transition diagrams
- Collaboration diagrams





Class diagrams

- The purpose of a class diagram is to describe objects.
- An object is a concept, abstraction or thing that has meaning for a domain/application.
- Some objects have real-world counterparts, while others are conceptual entities.
- The choice of objects depends on the judgment and the nature of the problem.
- All objects have an identity and are distinguishable.



Classes

ClassName

attributes

operations

A *class* is a description of a set of objects that share the same attributes, operations, relationships, and semantics.

Graphically, a class is rendered as a rectangle, usually including its name, attributes, and operations in separate, designated compartments.



Class Names

ClassName

attributes

operations

The name of the class is the only required tag in the graphical representation of a class. It always appears in the top-most compartment.



Class Attributes

Person

name : String

address: Address

birthdate: Date

ssn : Id

An *attribute* is a named property of a class that describes the object being modeled. In the class diagram, attributes appear in the second compartment just below the name-compartment.



Class Attributes (Cont'd)

Person

name : String

address : Address

birthdate: Date

/ age : Date

ssn : Id

Attributes are usually listed in the form:

attributeName: Type

A *derived* attribute is one that can be computed from other attributes, but doesn't actually exist. For example, a Person's age can be computed from his birth date. A derived attribute is designated by a preceding '/' as in:

/ age : Date

Class Attributes (Cont'd)

Person

```
+ name : String
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address : Address

birthdate : Date

/ age : Date

- ssn : Id

Attributes can be:

```
+ public
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protected

- private

/ derived



Class Operations

Person

name : String

address: Address

birthdate: Date

ssn : Id

eat

sleep

work

play

Operations describe the class behavior and appear in the third compartment.

UML representation of classes/objects:

UML: Unified Modeling Language (OMG Standard): Visual Modeling language

Class/object representation



Figure 3.1 A class and objects. Objects and classes are the focus of class modeling.



UML representation

Person

name: string birthdate: date

JoeSmith:Person

name="Joe Smith" birthdate=21 October 1983

MarySharp:Person

name="Mary Sharp" birthdate=16 March 1950

Class with Attributes

Objects with Values

Figure 3.2 Attributes and values. Attributes elaborate classes.



Object identifiers

- Object identifiers are implicit.
- Objects belonging to the same and having the same attribute values may be different individual objects.

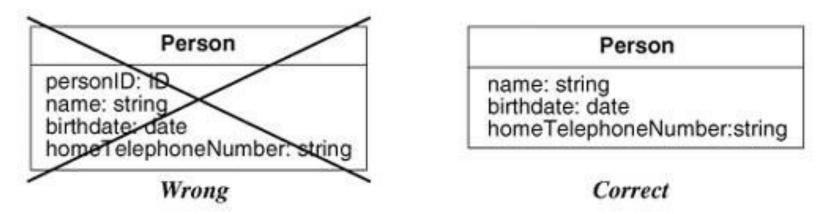


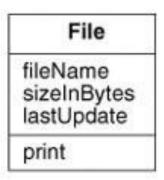
Figure 3.3 Object identifiers. Do not list object identifiers; they are implicit in models.



Operations/Methods

- An operation is a function or procedure that may be applied to or by objects in a class.
- Each operation has a target object as an implicit parameter.
- All objects in a class share the same operations.

Person name birthdate changeJob changeAddress



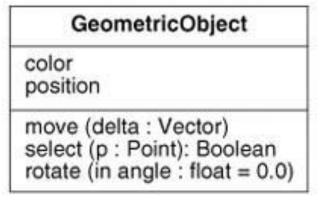


Figure 3.4 Operations. An operation is a function or procedure that may be applied to or by objects in a class.



Links and Association concepts

- A link is a physical or conceptual connection among objects.
- Most links relate to two objects, but some links relate to three or more objects.
- A link is an instance of an association.
- An association describes a group of links with common structure and semantics.
- Association is denoted by a line. Its name is optional if the model is unambiguous.



Examples

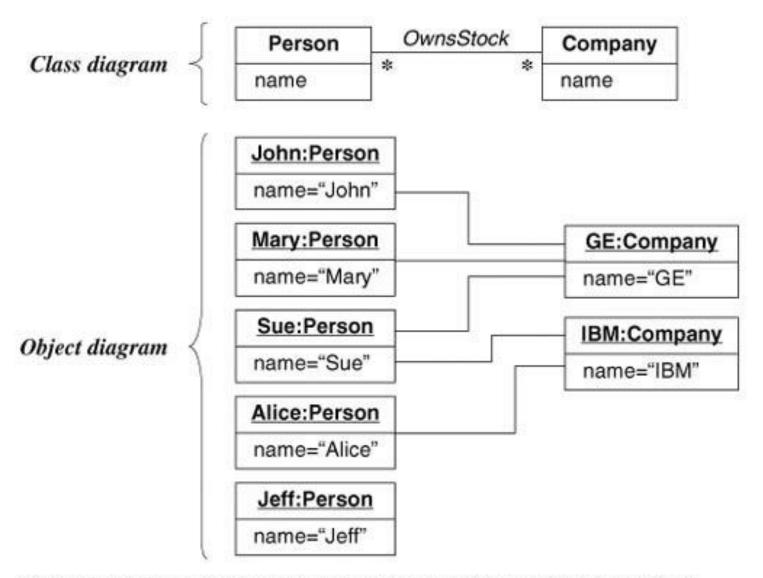


Figure 3.7 Many-to-many association. An association describes a set of potential links in the same way that a class describes a set of potential objects.

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Associations and Multiplicity

- Associations are inherently bi-directional. The association name is usually read in a particular direction, but the binary association may be traversed in either direction.
- Multiplicity specifies the number of instances of one class that may relate to a single instance of the associated class.
- UML diagrams explicitly list multiplicity at the end of association lines.
 - Intervals are used to express multiplicity:
 - 1 (exactly one)
 - 0..1 (zero or one)
 - 1..* (one or more)
 - 0..* (zero or more)
 - 3..5 (three to five inclusive)



Association Ends

- Associations have names at each end.
- They are called 'Association Ends'.
- They may have names (which often appear in problem descriptions).

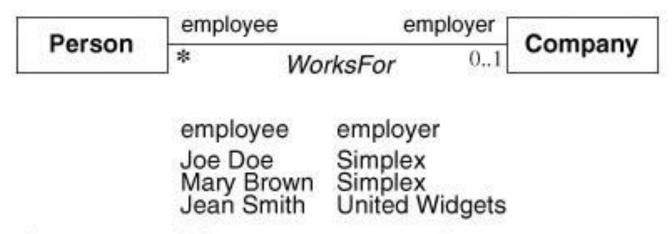


Figure 3.12 Association end names. Each end of an association can have a name.



Association Ends

- The use of association end names is optional.
- However, association end names are useful for traversing associations.
- Association end names are necessary for associations between objects of the same class.

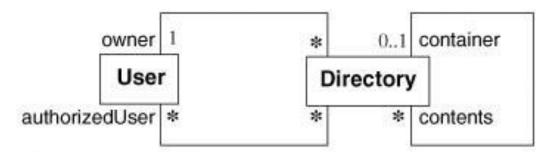


Figure 3.13 Association end names. Association end names are necessary for associations between two objects of the same class. They can also distinguish multiple associations between a pair of classes.



Example of association ends use

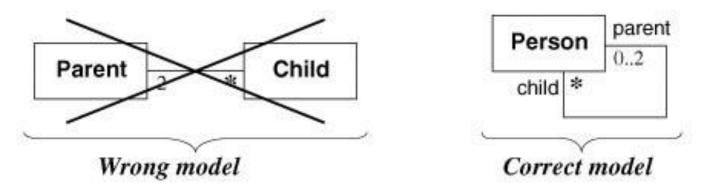


Figure 3.14 Association end names. Use association end names to model multiple references to the same class.



Association class

- UML offers the ability to describe links of association with attributes like any class.
- An association class is an association that is also a class.

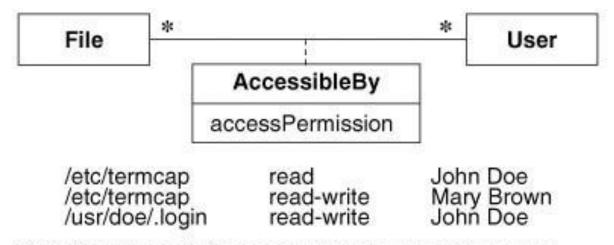


Figure 3.17 An association class. The links of an association can have attributes.



Association class

Examples:

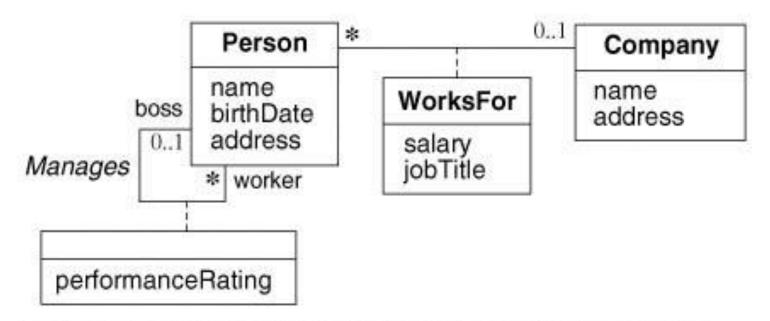


Figure 3.18 Association classes. Attributes may also occur for one-to-many and one-to-one associations.



Association class

Example

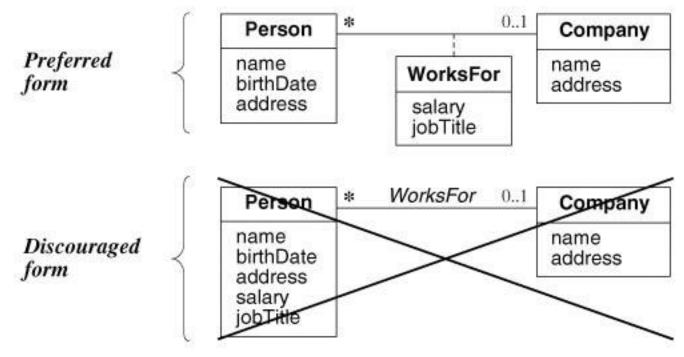


Figure 3.19 Proper use of association classes. Do not fold attributes of an association into a class.



Generalization/Inheritance

- Generalization is the relationship between a class (**superclass**) and one or more **variations** of the class (**subclasses**).
- Generalization organizes classes by similarities and differences, structuring objects' descriptions.
- A superclass holds common attributes, attributes and associations.
- The subclasses add specific attributes, operations, and associations. They
 inherit the features of their superclass.
- Often, Generalization is called an "IS A" relationship
- Simple generalization organizes classes into a hierarchy.
- A subclass may override a superclass feature (attribute default values, operation) by redefining a feature with the same name.



Generalization/Inheritance

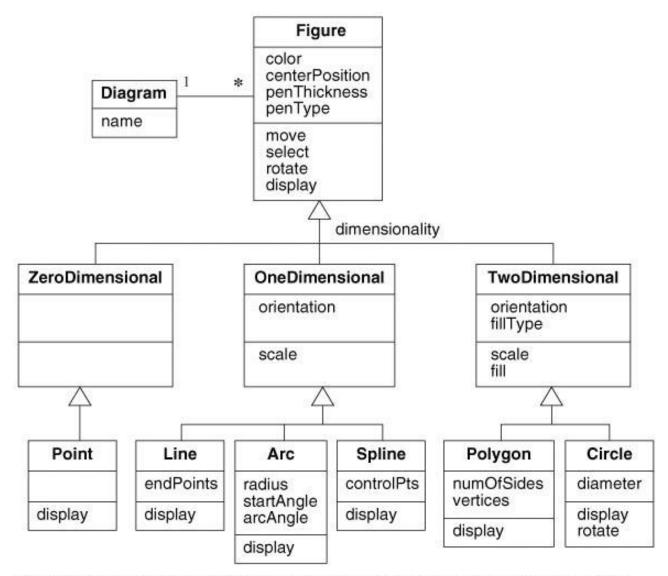




Figure 3.25 Inheritance for graphic figures. Each subclass inherits the attributes, operations, and associations of its superclasses.

Use of generalization

Used for three purposes:

- Support of polymorphism:
 - Polymorphism increases the flexibility of software.
 - Adding a new subclass and automatically inheriting superclass behavior.
- Structuring the description of objects:
 - Forming classification and organizing objects according to their similarities.
- Enabling code reuse:
 - Reuse is more productive than repeatedly writing code from scratch.



Aggregation

- Aggregation is a strong form of association.
- Aggregation is a transitive relation:
 - if A is a part of B and B is a part of C, then A is also a part of C
- Aggregation is an antisymmetric relation:
 - If A is a part of B then B is not a part of A.

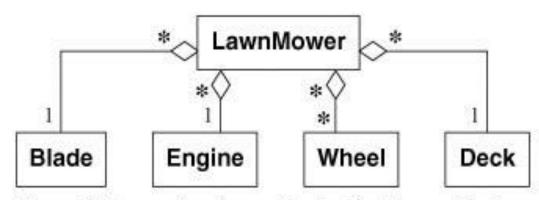


Figure 4.9 Aggregation. Aggregation is a kind of association in which an aggregate object is made of constituent parts.



Composition

- Composition is a form of aggregation with additional constraints.
- Composition is a strong form of aggregation where:
 - Deletion of a "whole" triggers automatic deletion of all its "parts." (Lifetime)

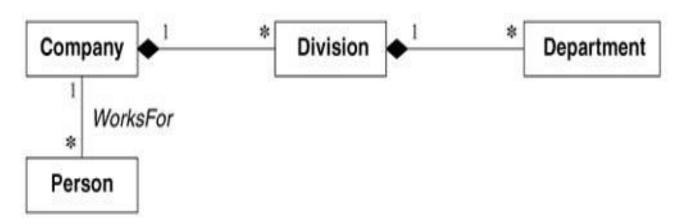
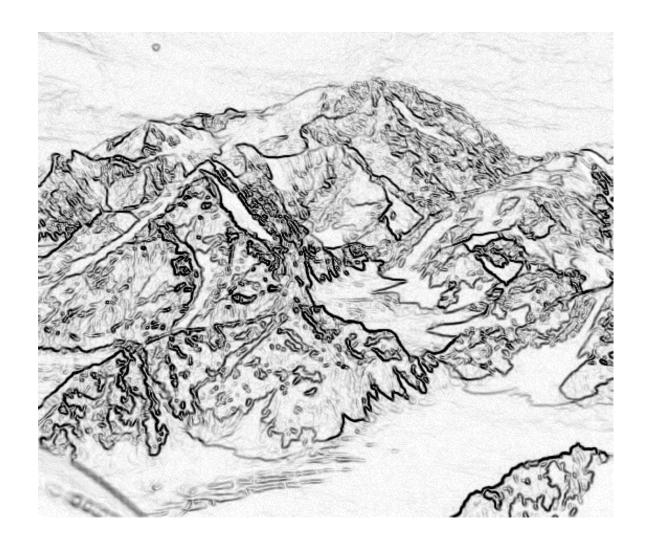


Figure 4.10 Composition. With composition a constituent part belongs to at most one assembly and has a coincident lifetime with the assembly.



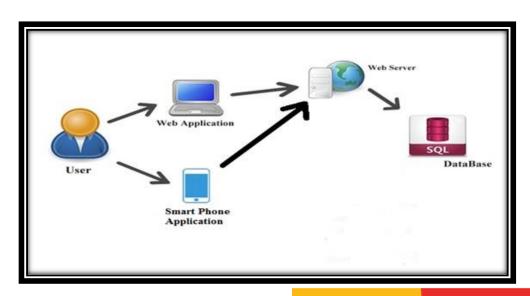


Case Study

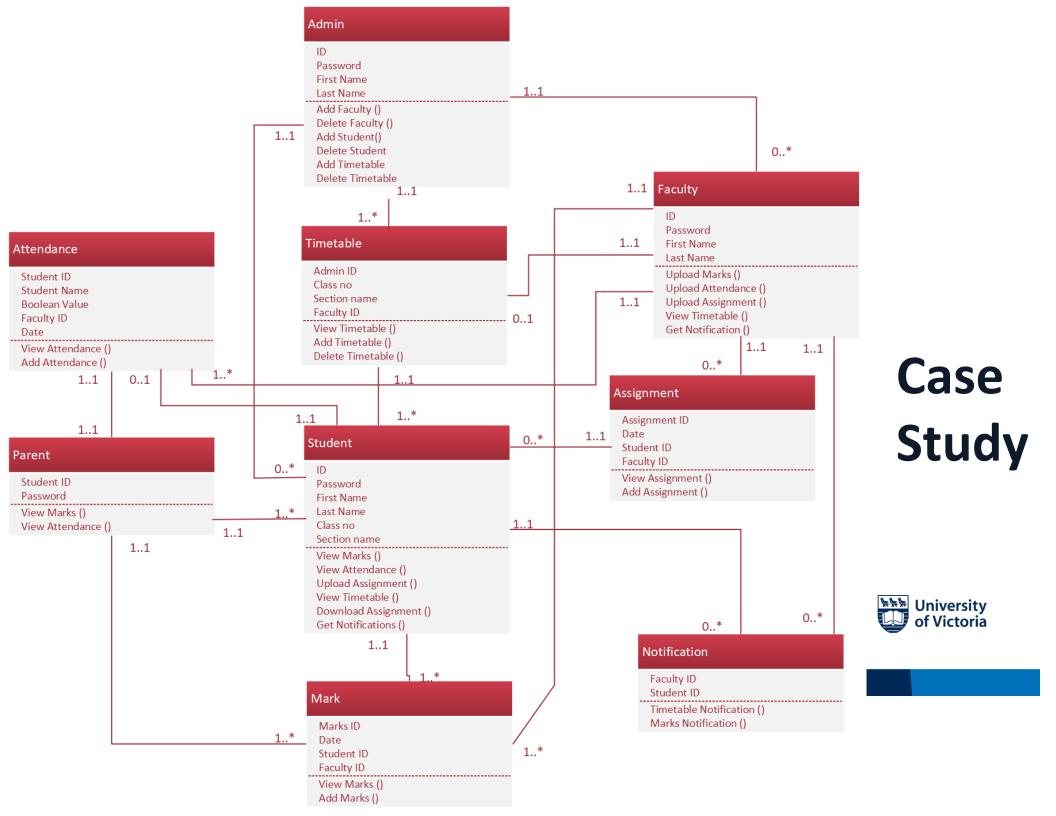


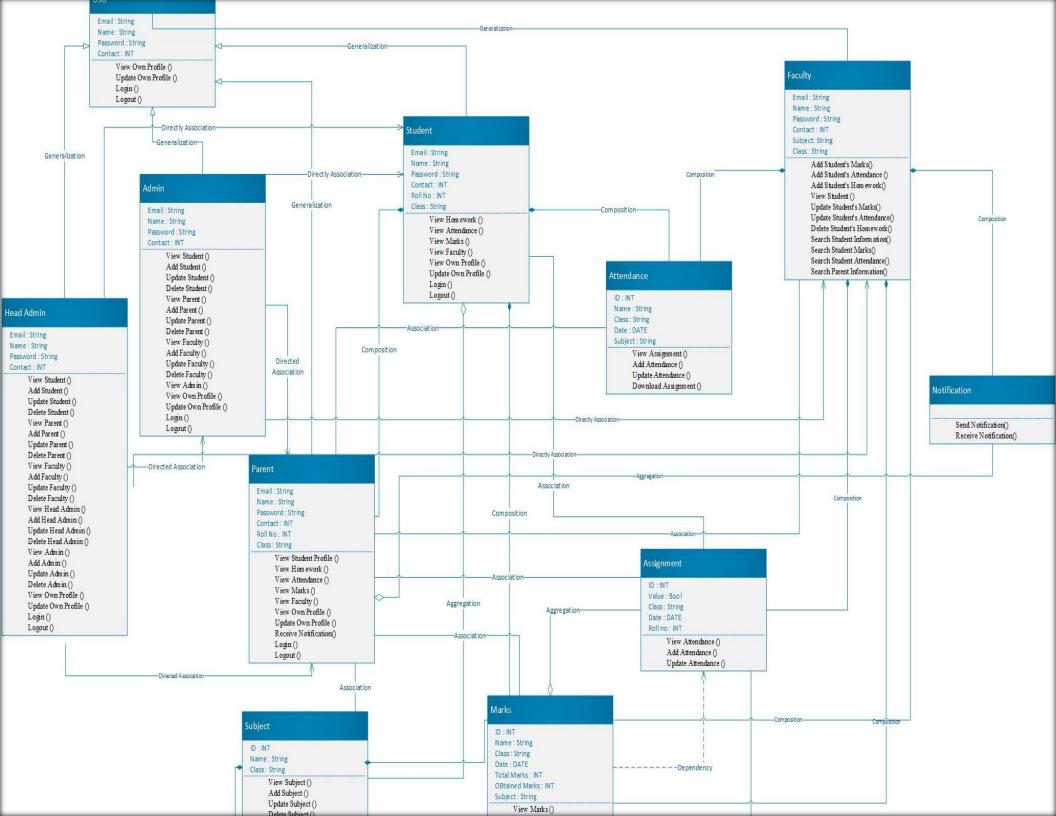
Case Study

Online School Portal (OSP) is a smartphone and web-based application that targets schools. It facilitates students, teachers, administration and parents. This system provides a platform that automates all the work, which is much more efficient than the legacy systems. In this software, each stakeholder can perform certain tasks to get their job done. Moreover, the application provides ease of use, implementing features of human-computer interaction. OSP includes a website and a smartphone application. The smartphone application and website are combined with a mutual server and a database.









Upcoming Lecture

- Sequence diagrams
- Activity diagrams
- State transition diagrams
- Collaboration diagrams

