UML Class Diagrams

CSCI-3081: Program Design and Development

References for this lecture / examples adapted from:

1. Fowler Text
2. http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rational/library/content/RationalEdge/sep04/bell/
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Today

- UML Class Diagrams
  - How to read them
  - How to create them

UML Basics

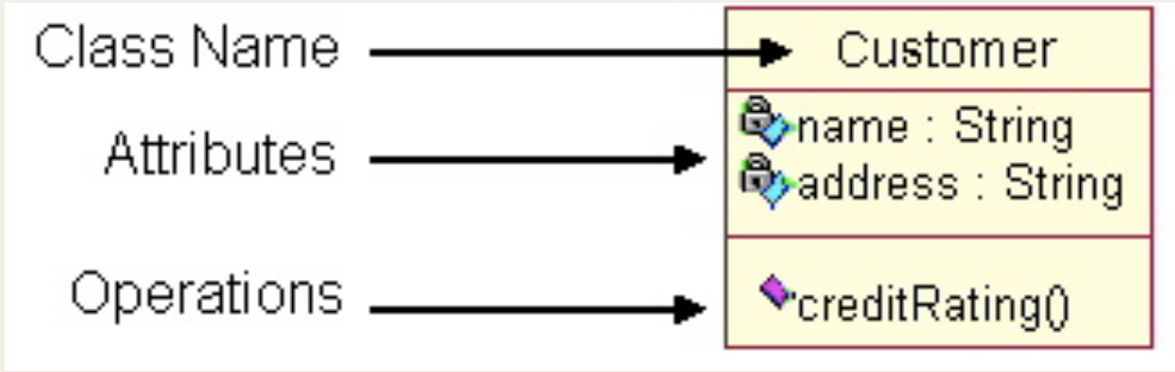
- Unified Modeling Language
- A graphical notation for capturing design information
- Used for designing and for conveying designs to others
- How closely do UML diagrams correspond to a program's implementation?

Different Notations within the UML

- Notations for:
  - Describing classes and their relationships
  - Describing interactions between classes
- Examples:
  - Class Diagrams
  - Sequence Diagrams
  - State Machine Diagrams
  - Activity Diagrams
- Class Diagrams are the place to start.

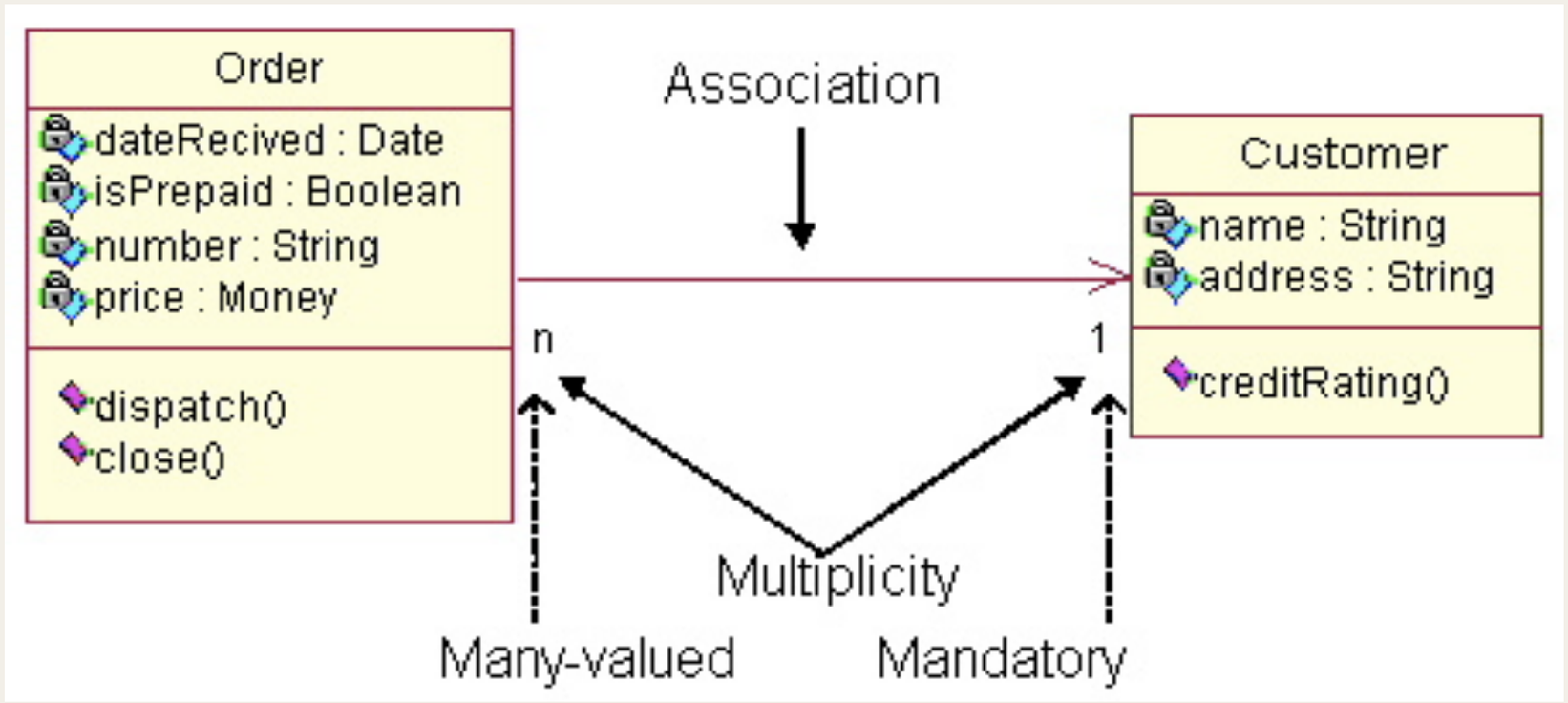
Class Diagrams

- Describe types of objects and static relationships between them.
- Boxes represent classes.
- Classes are composed of three things:
  - a name
  - attributes
  - operations



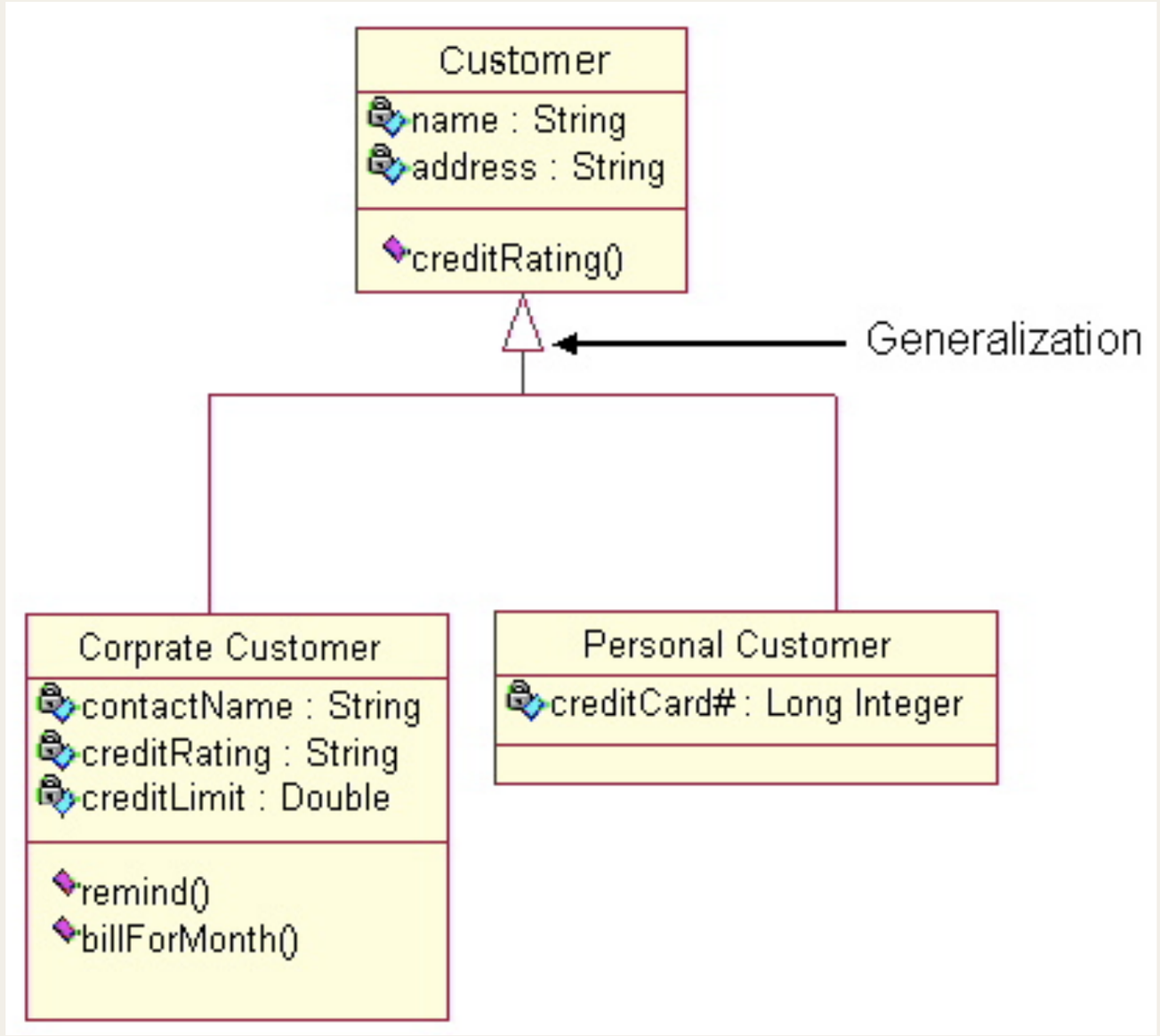
Class Diagrams (2)

- Class Diagrams can also show relationships, such as containment, inheritance, associations, etc.
- Example of association:



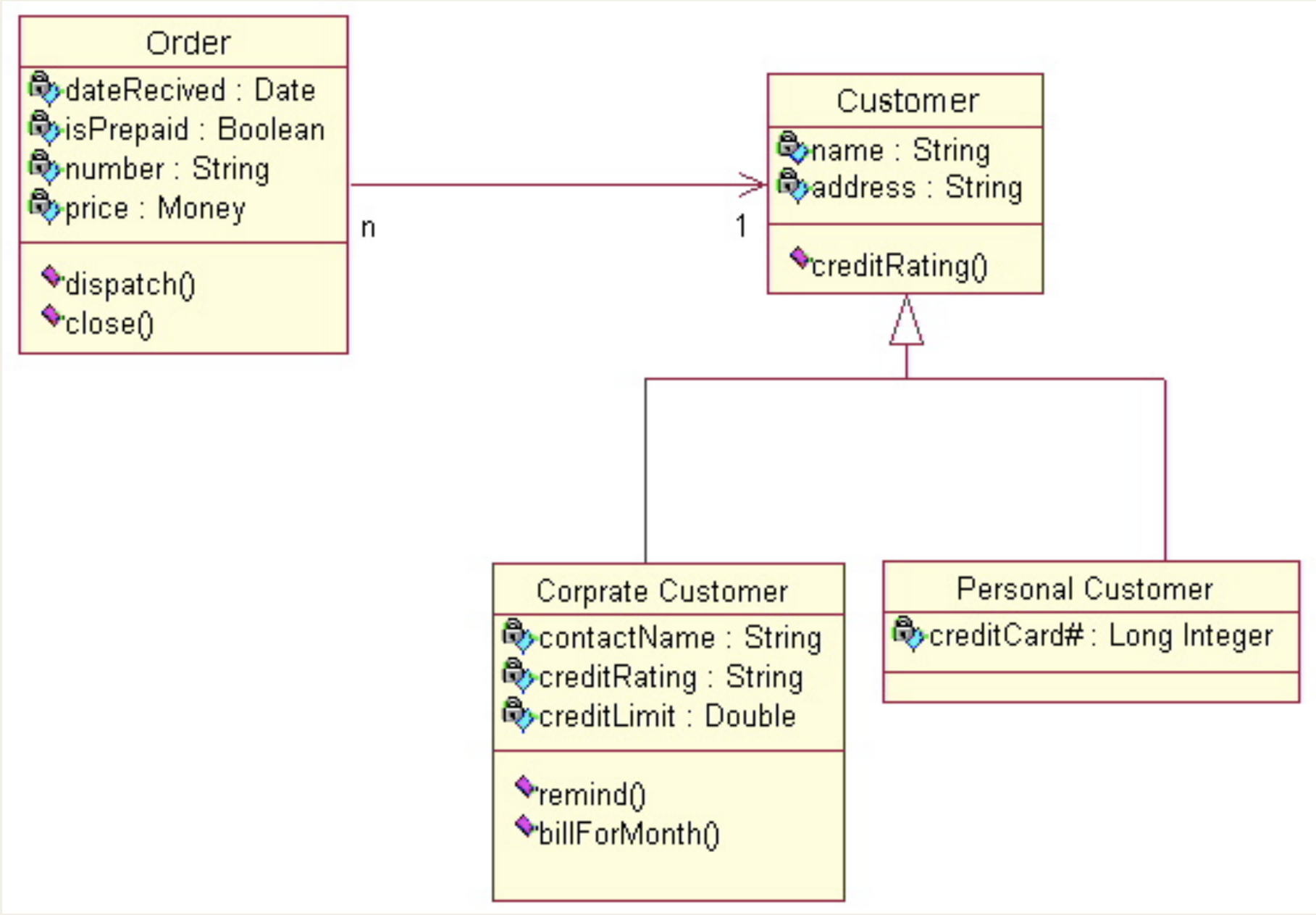
Class Diagrams (3)

- Another important class relationship is generalization, or inheritance.
- Example:

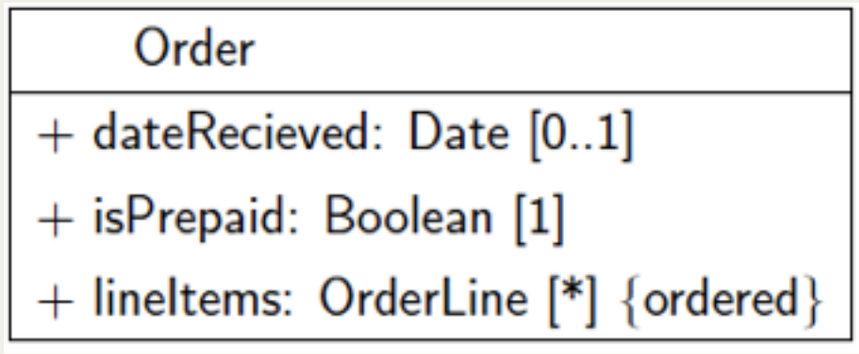


Class Diagrams (4)

- All together:



Specific Formatting of UML Class Diagrams



- Top section: class name
- Second section: attributes on separate lines
- Third section: left blank in this example -- that's allowed.
- Formatting for the attributes section:

  visibility name : type multiplicity = default {property-string}

  - **visibility**: + for public, - for private
  - **name** and **type** as you would write in implementing the class
  - **multiplicity** indicates the number of instances of objects
  - **= default** specifies a default value
  - **{property-string}** can be filled with a number of properties, e.g. readOnly.

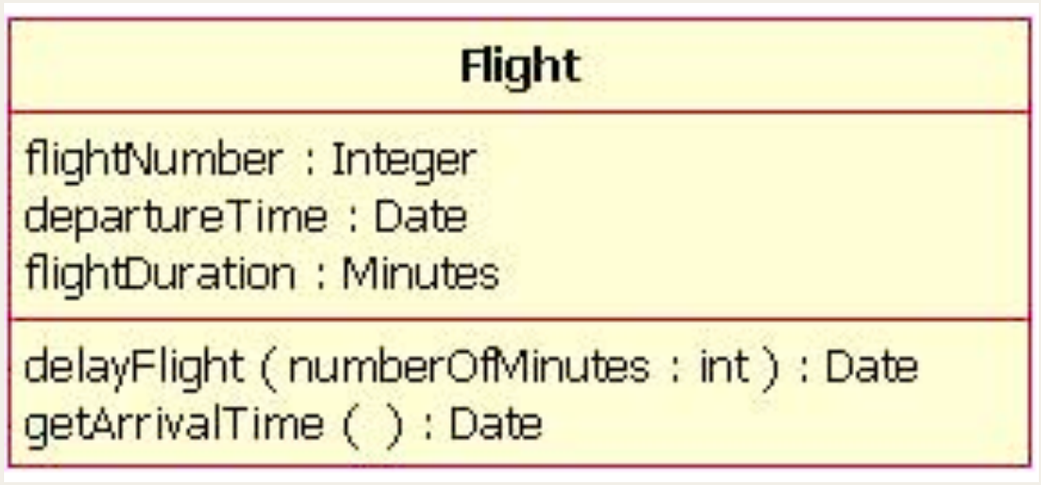
Multiplicity Indicators

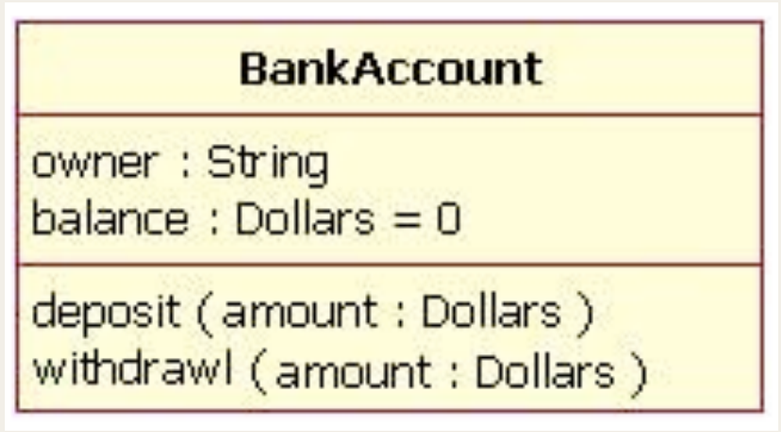
Indicator	Multiplicity
0..1	zero or one
1	one only (default)
0..*	zero or more
1..*	one or more
n	only n (where n > 1)
0..n	zero to n (where n > 1)
1..n	one to n (where n > 1)
*	zero or more

Multiplicity: How would you write these?

- Optional single-valued
- Optional multi-valued
- Mandatory single-valued
- Mandatory multi-valued

Class Operations List



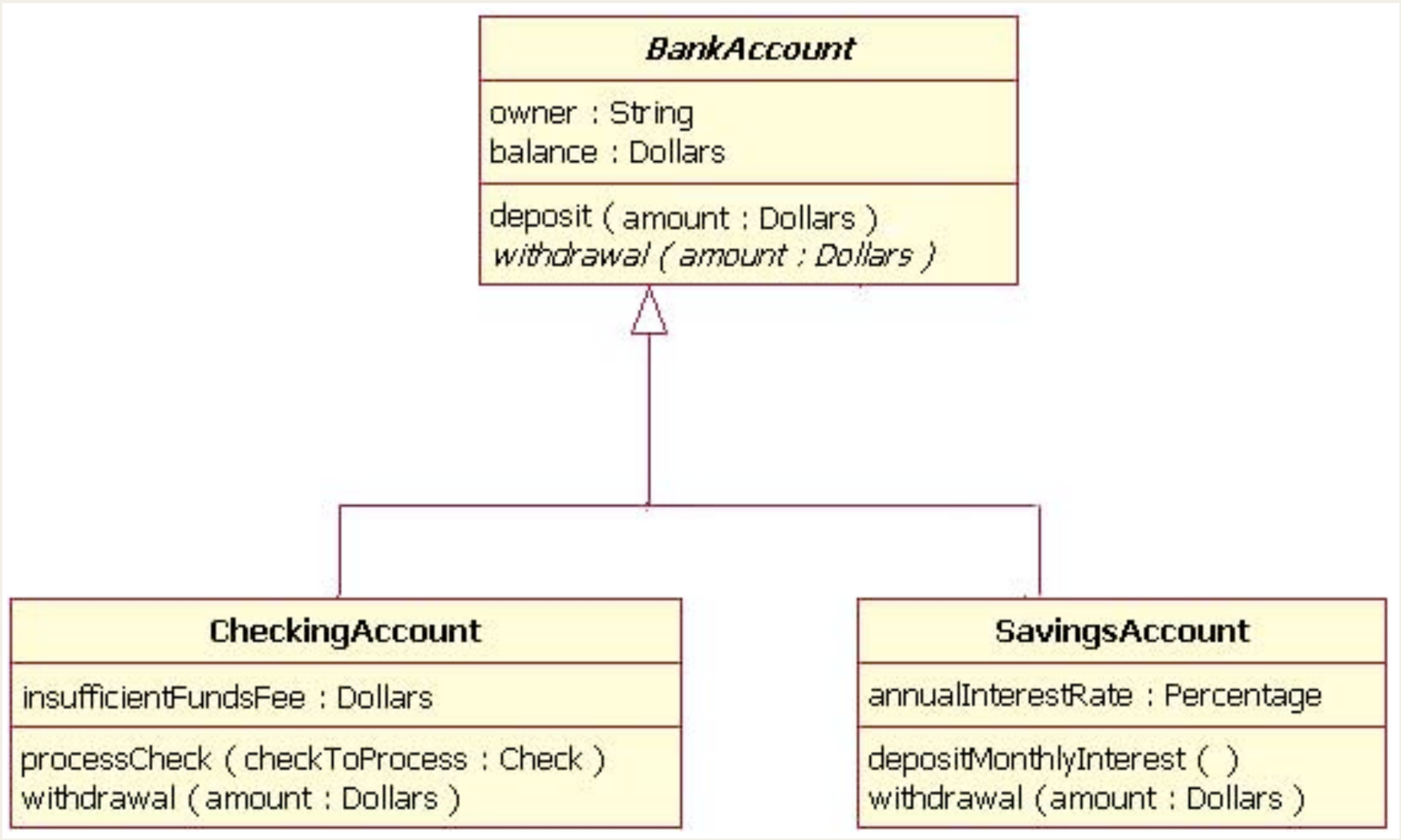


- Third section is for class operations (methods).
- Notation:

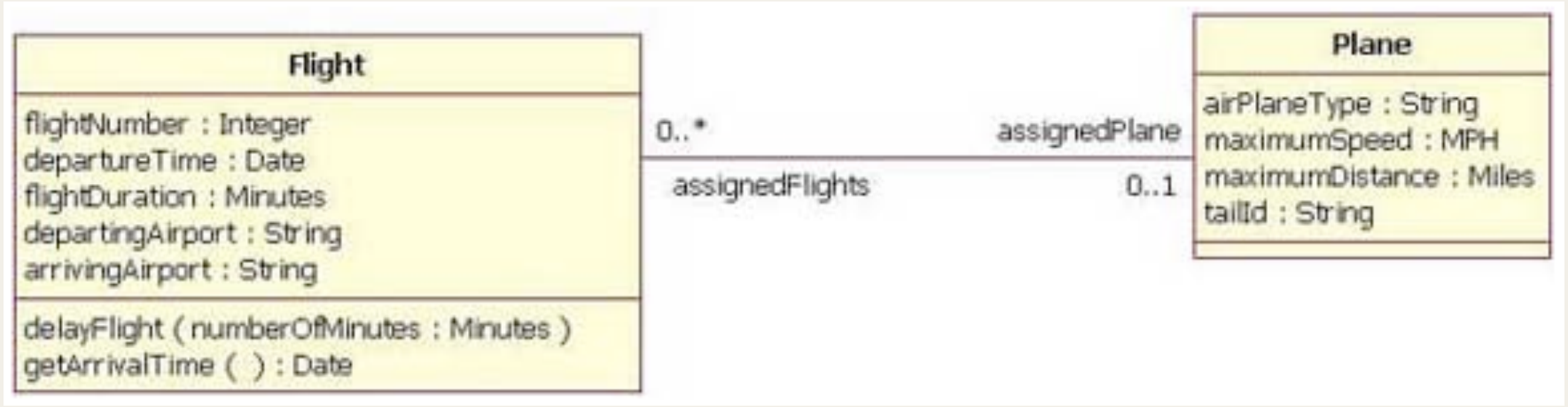
  name(parameter list) : type of value returned

Inheritance

- A bank account example, different withdrawal methods for checking and savings:



Associations in More Detail



- Associations are linkages between two classes.
- (For smaller, less significant classes, you could skip drawing an association and instead just list the this as an attribute in the 2nd box.)
- By default, associations are bi-directional, meaning both classes know about the association.
- Indicated by a solid line between the two classes. Put a role and a multiplicity at each end of the line.

Unidirectional Association

- Indicated by a solid line with an open arrowhead pointing to the known class.
- Here the BankAccount class has no idea that it is associated with an OverdrawnAccountsReport, but the report knows about some number (0 to *) of bank accounts.

Discussion

- Just how Unified is the Unified Markup Language?

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A Current, Real Example from My Work

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Other Important Class Diagram Ideas

- Abstract methods and class names should be italicized. (See *BankAccount* example on previous slides.)

- Static features should be underlined:

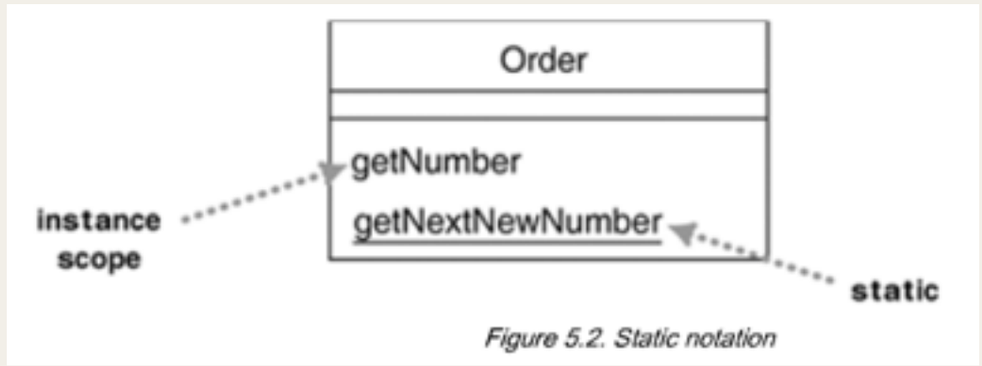

Figure 5.2. Static notation

- You can include comments, for example to indicate the Responsibility of each class:

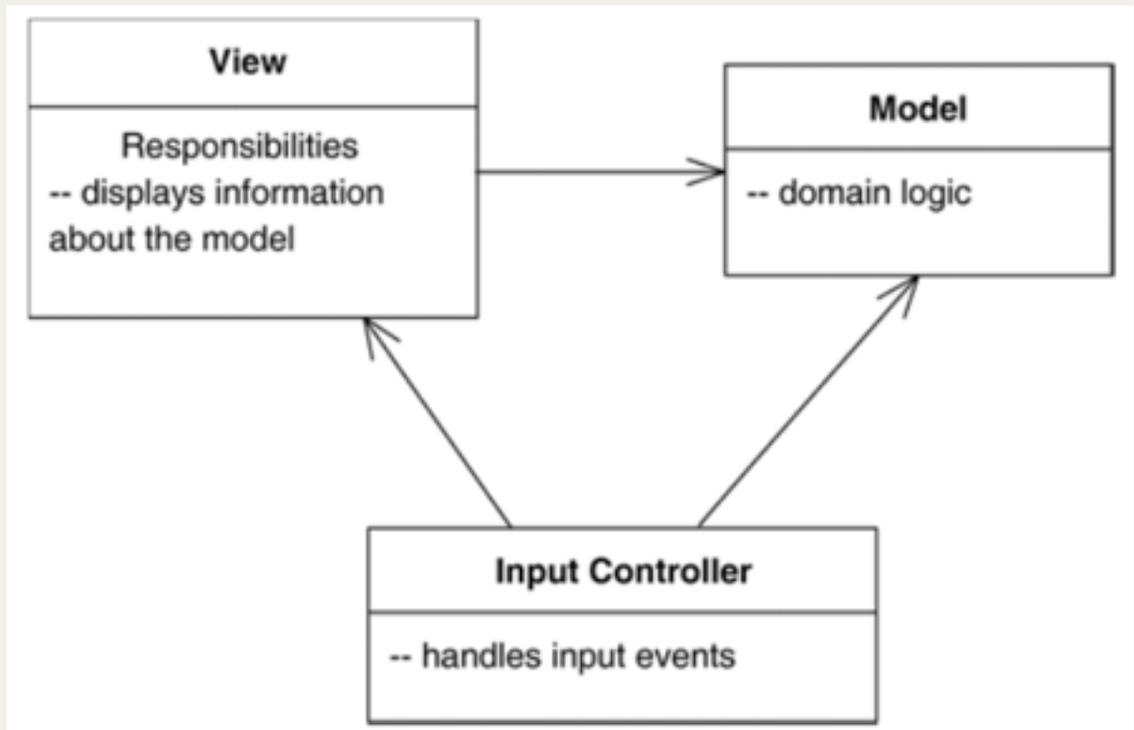

Figure 5.1. Showing responsibilities in a class diagram

Examples

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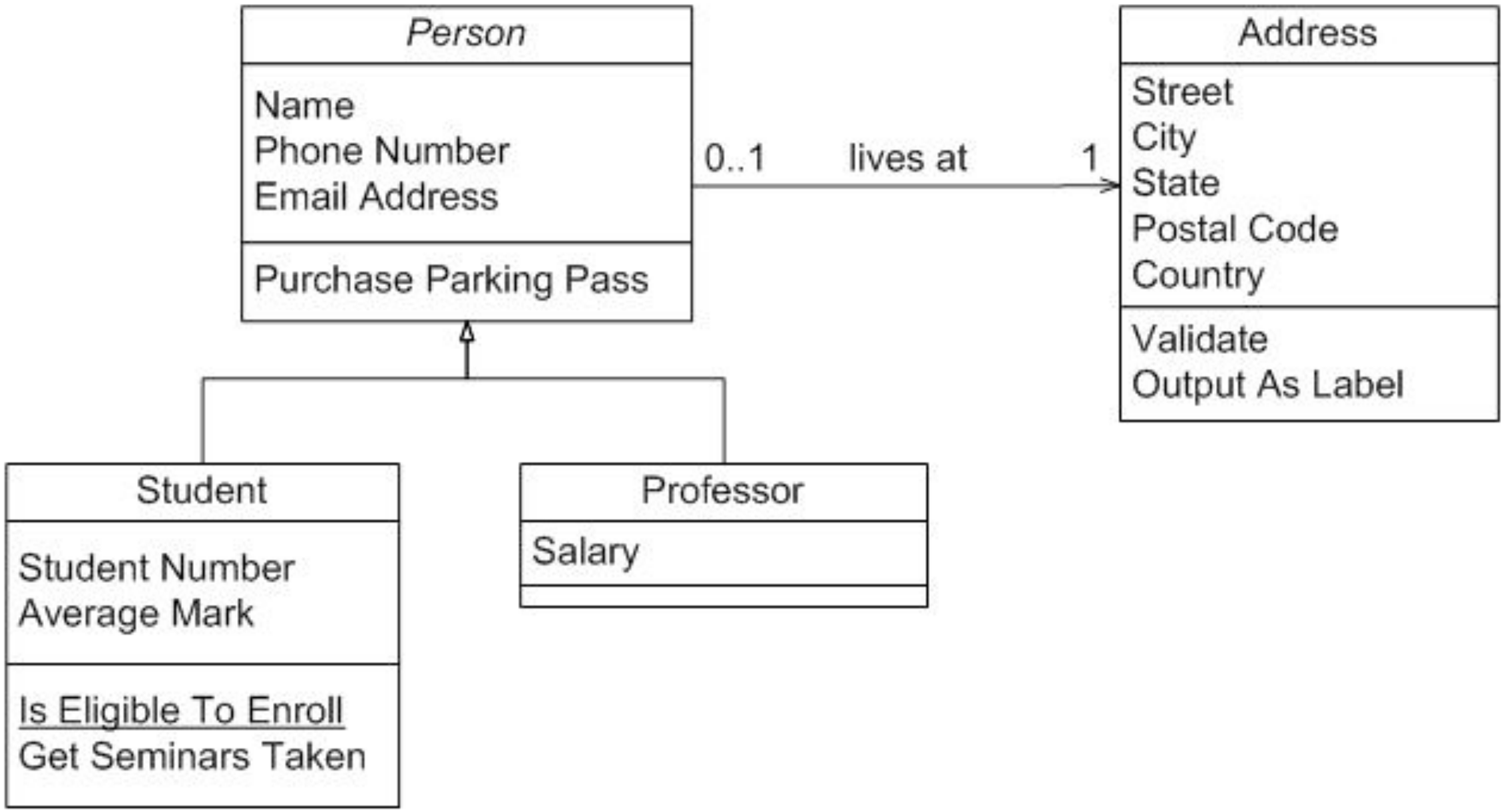
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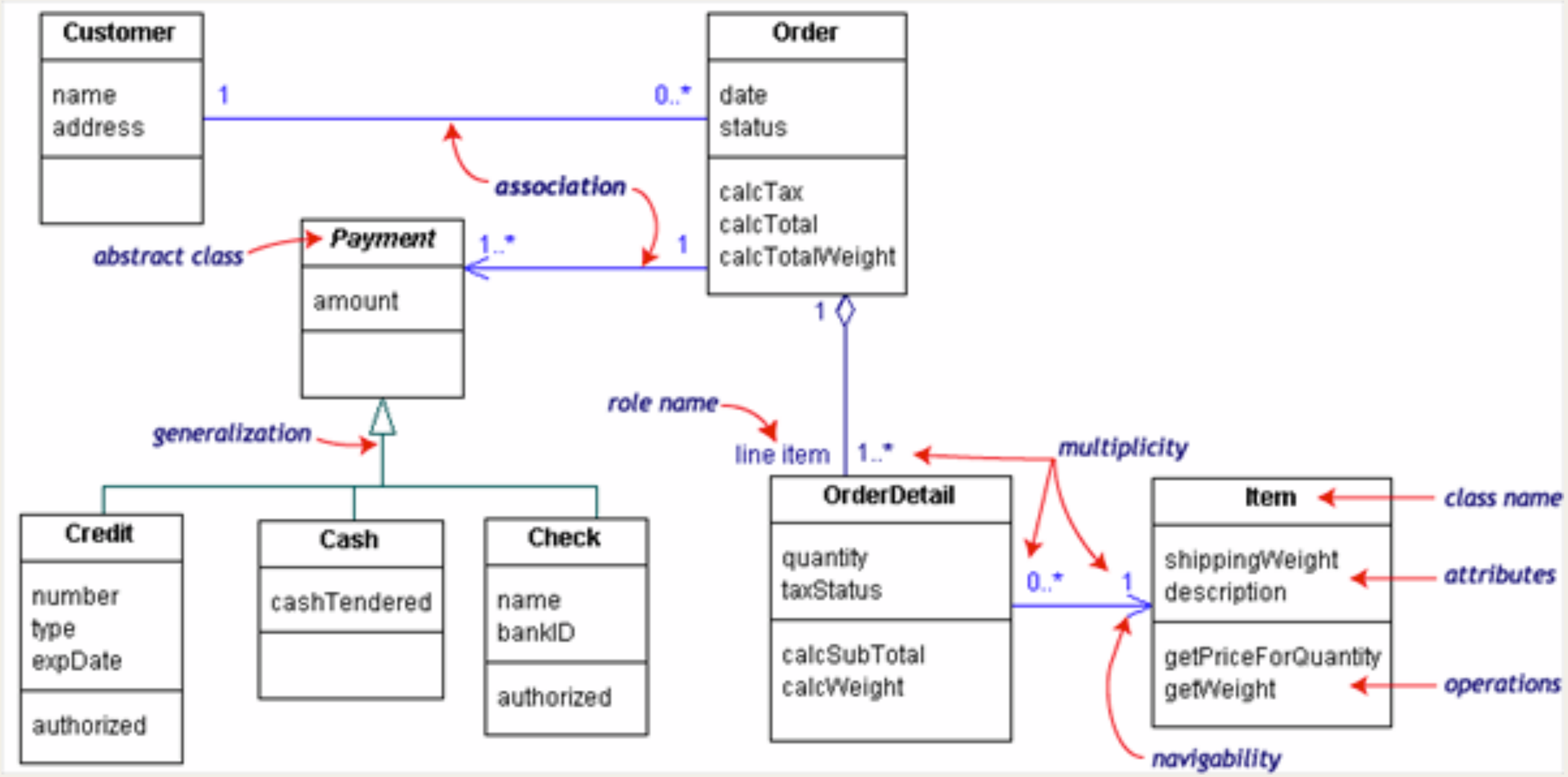
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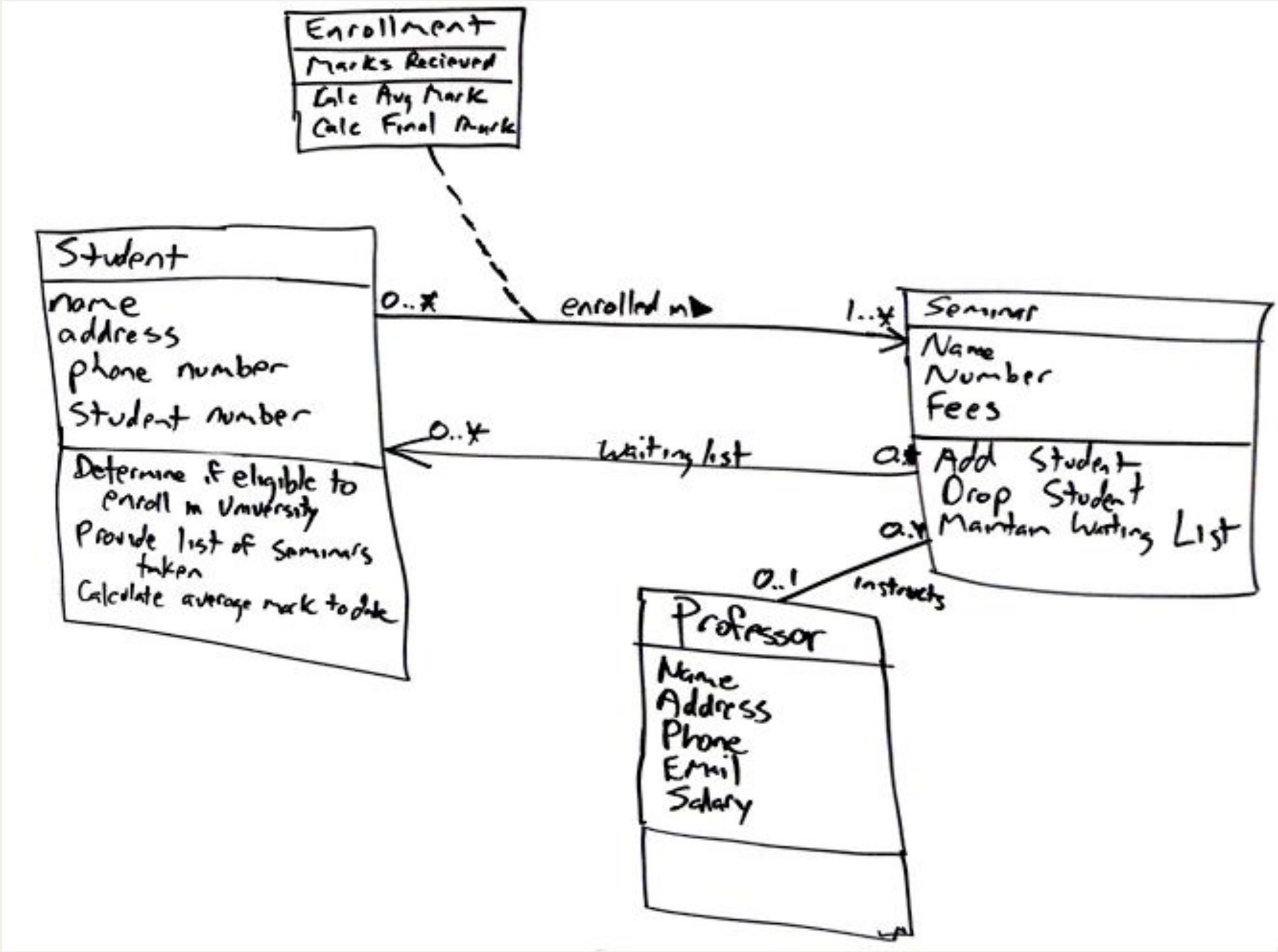
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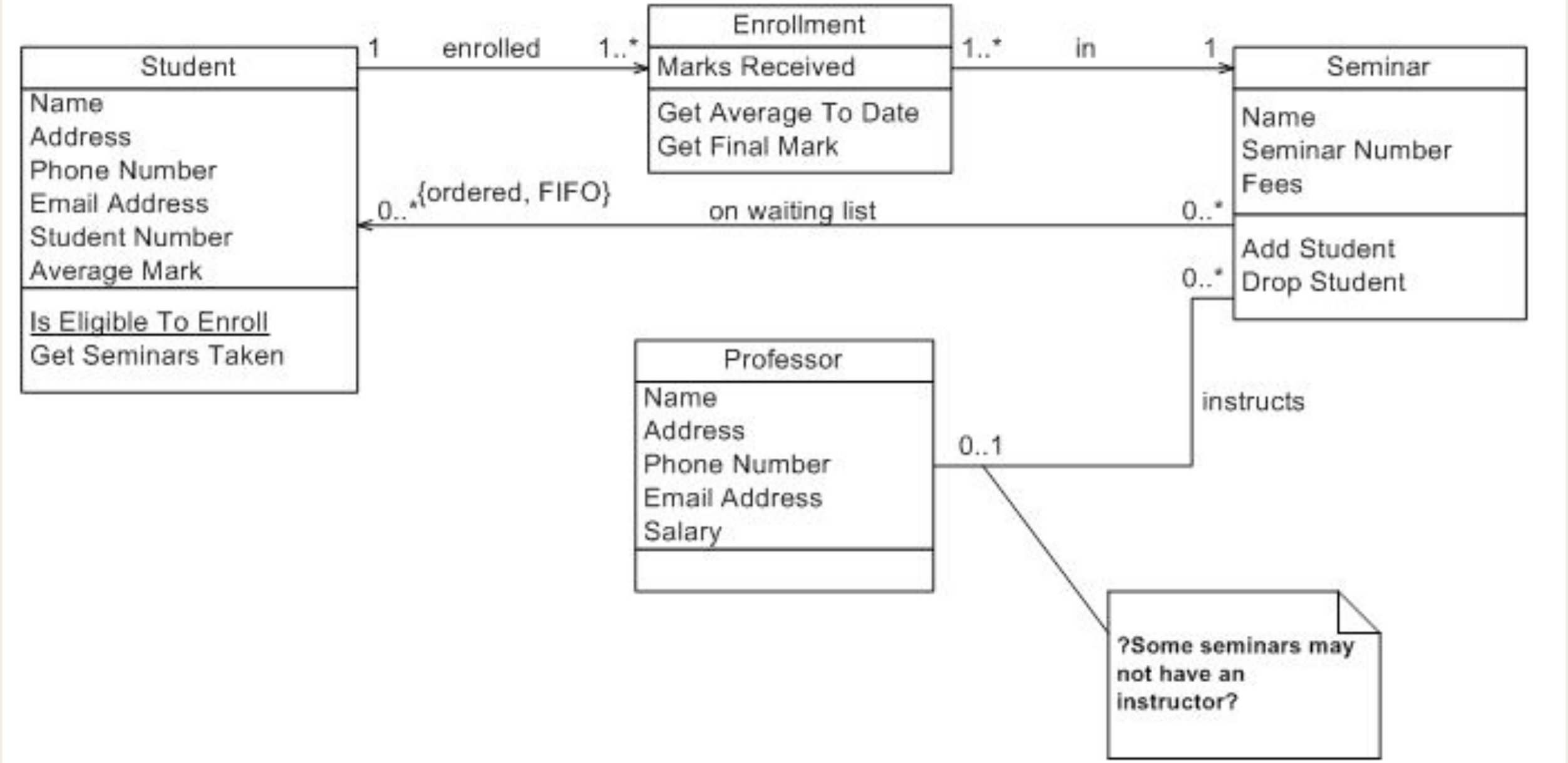
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?Some seminars may not have an instructor?

Tools

- http://martinfowler.com/bliki/UmlSketchingTools.html
- http://www.gliffy.com/uses/uml-software/
- http://alexdp.free.fr/violetumleditor/page.php
- http://www.umlet.com/umlet_13_1/umlet_13.1.zip
- … (many more on the web)

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