

Class Modeling



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Chapter 8*

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Software Design

The Process of Design

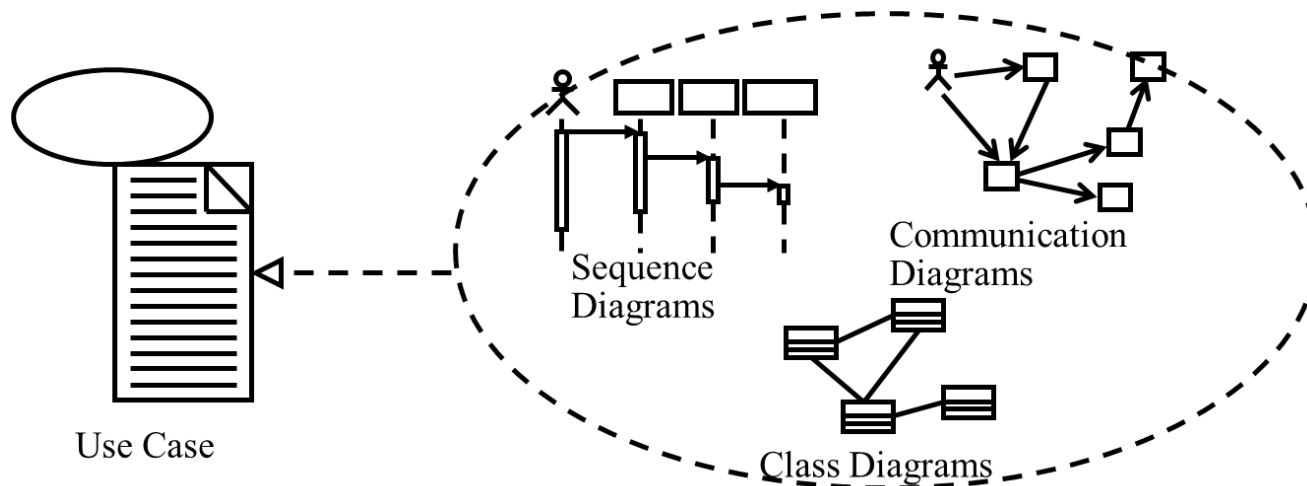
- *Design* is a **problem-solving process** whose objective is to find and describe a way:
 - To implement the system's *functional requirements...*
 - While **meeting the non-functional requirements...**
And constraints such as time and budget
 - And while **adhering to general principles of good quality**

OO Analysis vs. Design

- **Object-Oriented Analysis**
 - ***Domain Model:***
 - Important domain concepts or objects
 - Relationships
- **Object-Oriented Design**
 - Design of software objects = ***Design Model:***
 - Responsibilities
 - Collaborations
 - Apply Design patterns
 - Document the design rationale = the reasoning that went into making the decision

Analysis and Design are Use-Case Driven

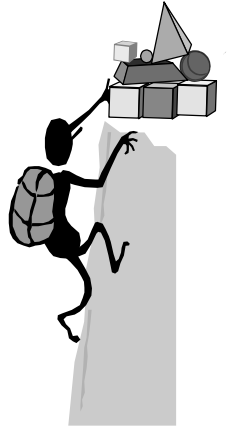
- Use cases defined for a system are the basis for the entire development process.
- **Design** aim to create the Use-Case **Realization**:
 - Allocate use-case responsibilities to analysis classes (documented in the domain model)
 - Model class interactions in Interaction diagrams



Provides traceability from Analysis and Design back to Requirements

Different aspects of design

- ***Architecture design***: division into subsystems and components
 - How these will be connected
 - How they will interact
 - Their interfaces
- ***Class design***: Assign responsibilities to classes
- ***Interface design***: both User Interface and communication with other systems
- ***Algorithm design***: design of computational mechanisms
- ***Protocol design***: design of communications protocol
- ***Database design***: design the database to persist objects data



**Design objective =
create “good” classes
which are reusable and easy to
maintain.**

Key Questions for Object-Oriented Design

1. How should responsibilities be allocated to classes?

=> What classes should do what?

2. How should objects interact/collaborate to achieve a use case?

You can use to help you with the above:

Responsibility-
Driven Design
Principles

Design patterns

Well-known Pattern Families

- **GRASP** = **G**eneral **R**esponsibility **A**ssignment
Software ~~**P**atterns~~ **P**inciples
 - Describe fundamental principles for **assigning responsibilities to classes** and for **designing interactions between classes**
 - GRASP try to formalize "common sense" in object oriented design.
- We will focus on the following GRASP principles:
 - Information Expert
 - Creator
 - Controller
 - Low Coupling
 - High Cohesion

Class Diagram Review

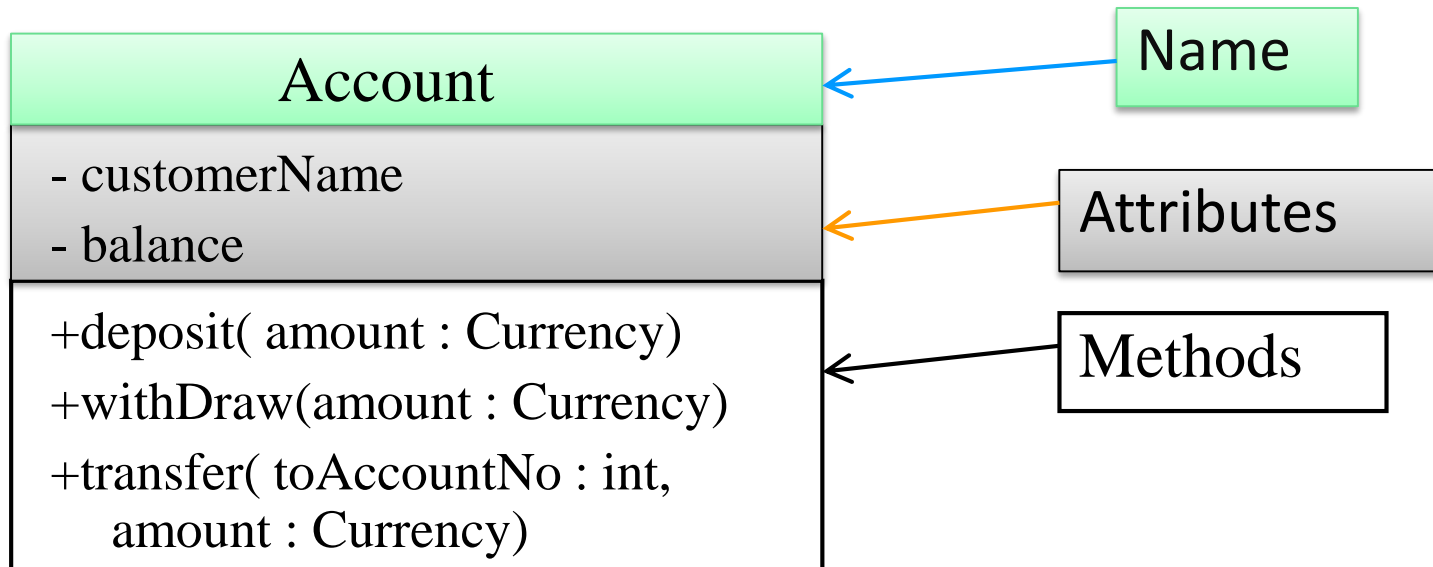
Class diagram

- Static view of a system in terms of classes and relationships among the classes
- Modifiers are used to indicate visibility of attributes and methods.

'+' is used to denote *Public* visibility (visible to all)

'#' is used to denote *Protected* visibility (visible to derived classes)

'-' is used to denote *Private* visibility (only accessible within the class)

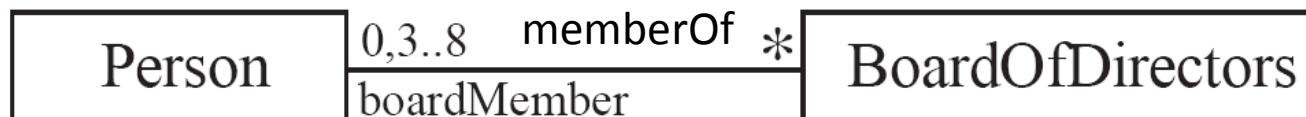


Relationships between Classes

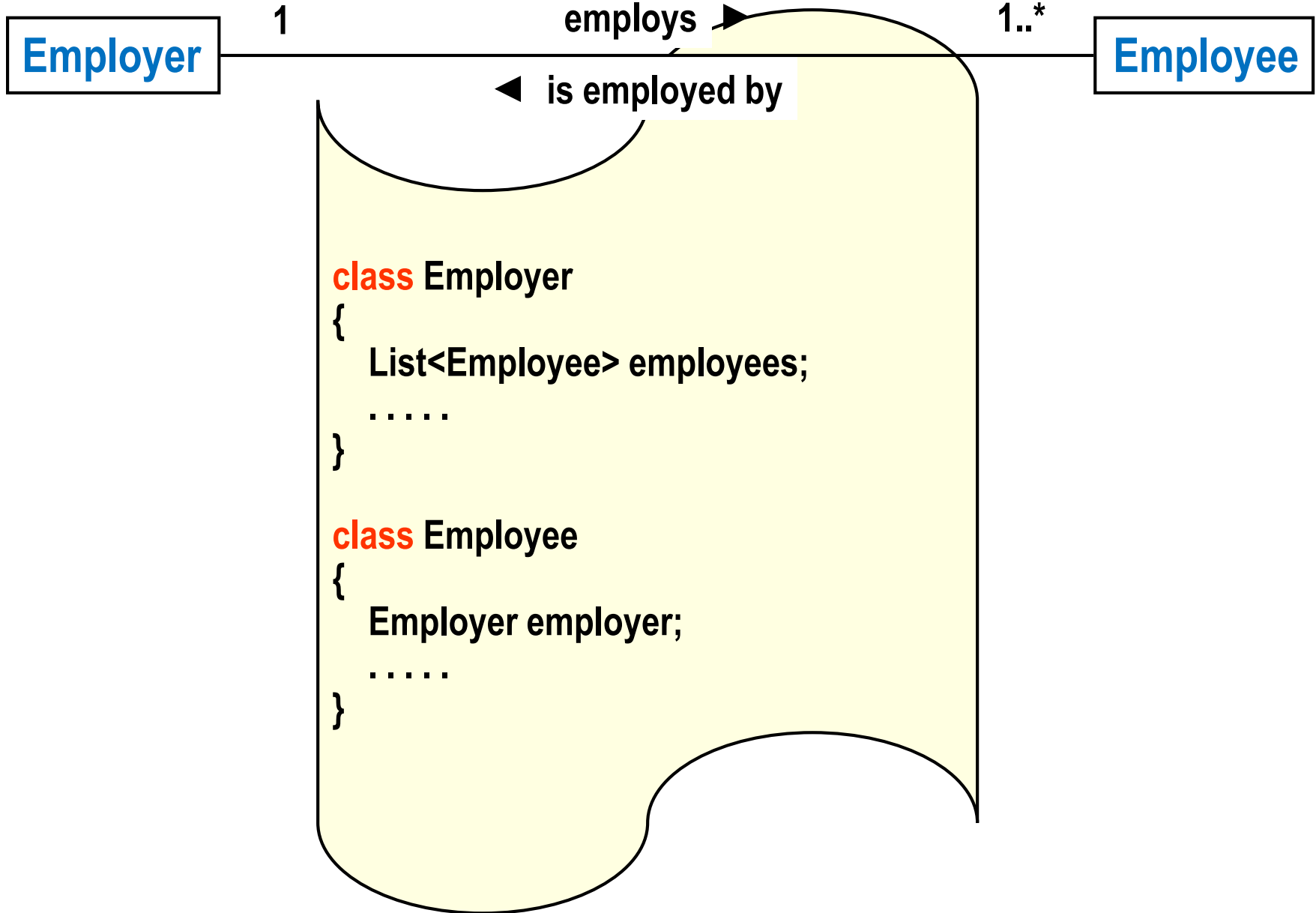
- There are two kinds of Relationships
 - Generalization (parent-child relationship)
 - Association (e.g., student enrolls in course)
- Associations can be further classified as:
 - Aggregation
 - Composition

Example associations

- Each association can be labelled, to make explicit the nature of the association



Association : UML **Notation** and Typical Implementation



Aggregation

- **Aggregation** : (hollow diamond).
Parts may *exist independent of the whole*
e.g. **Employees may exist independent of the team.**



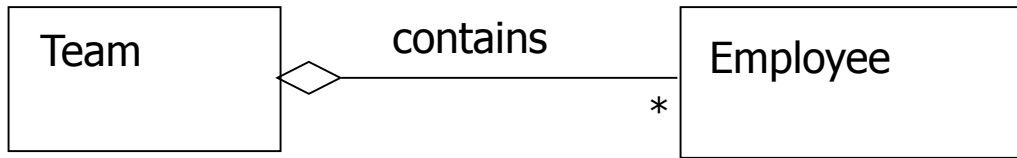
- Aggregation represents a relation “contains”, “is a part of”, “whole-part” relation.
 - Part instances can be added to and removed from the aggregate

Composition

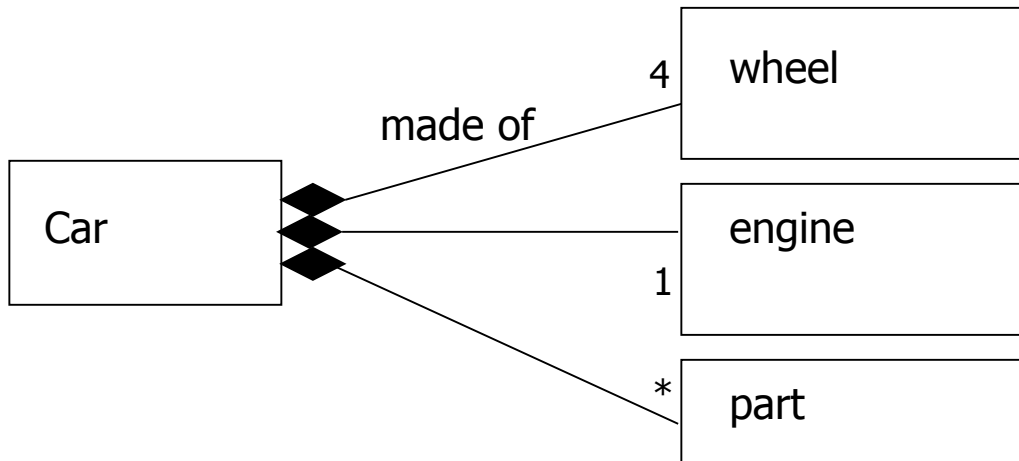
- **Composition** : (filled diamond)
*Every part may belong to only one whole, and
If the whole is deleted, so are the parts*
 - Stronger than an aggregate
 - Often involves a physical relationship between the whole and the parts, not just conceptual
 - the part objects are created, live, and die together with the whole: **the life cycle of the 'part' is controlled by the 'whole'**. Part cannot exist independent of the whole.
e.g. Each building has rooms that can not be shared with other building!



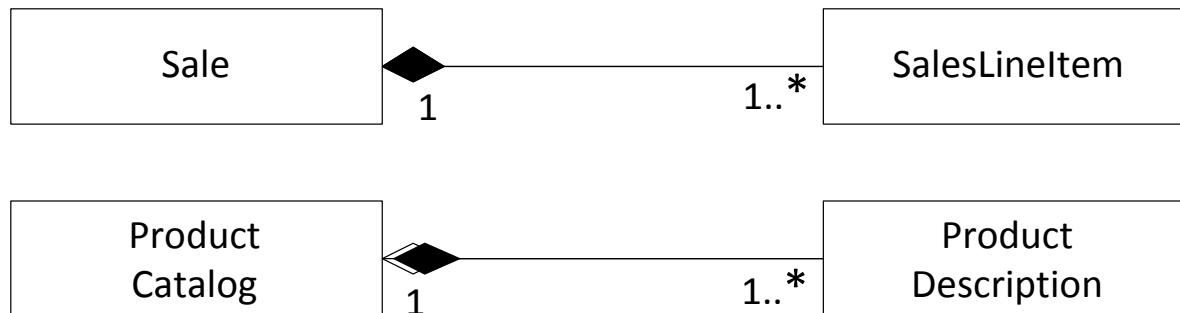
Example: Aggregation vs. Composition



Aggregation: A team is made up of Many employees.

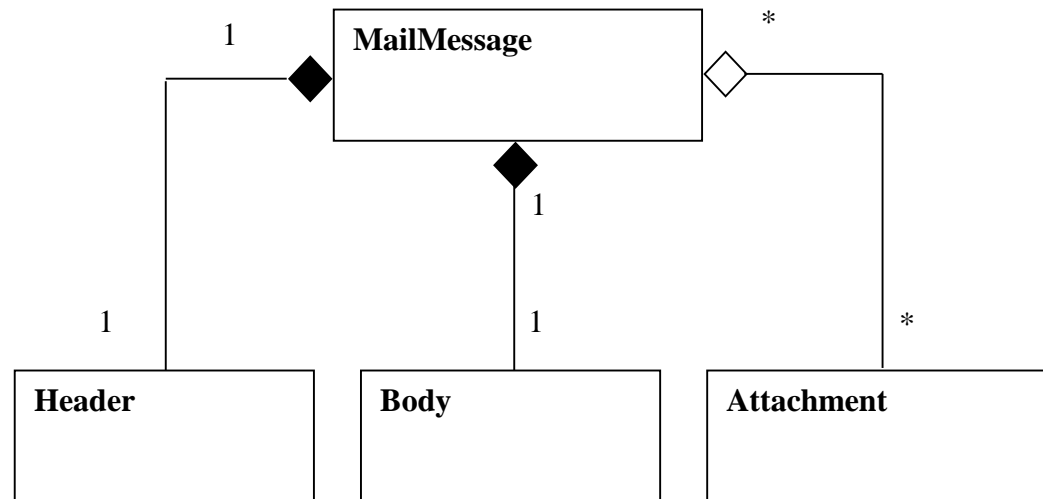


Composition = Strong aggregation



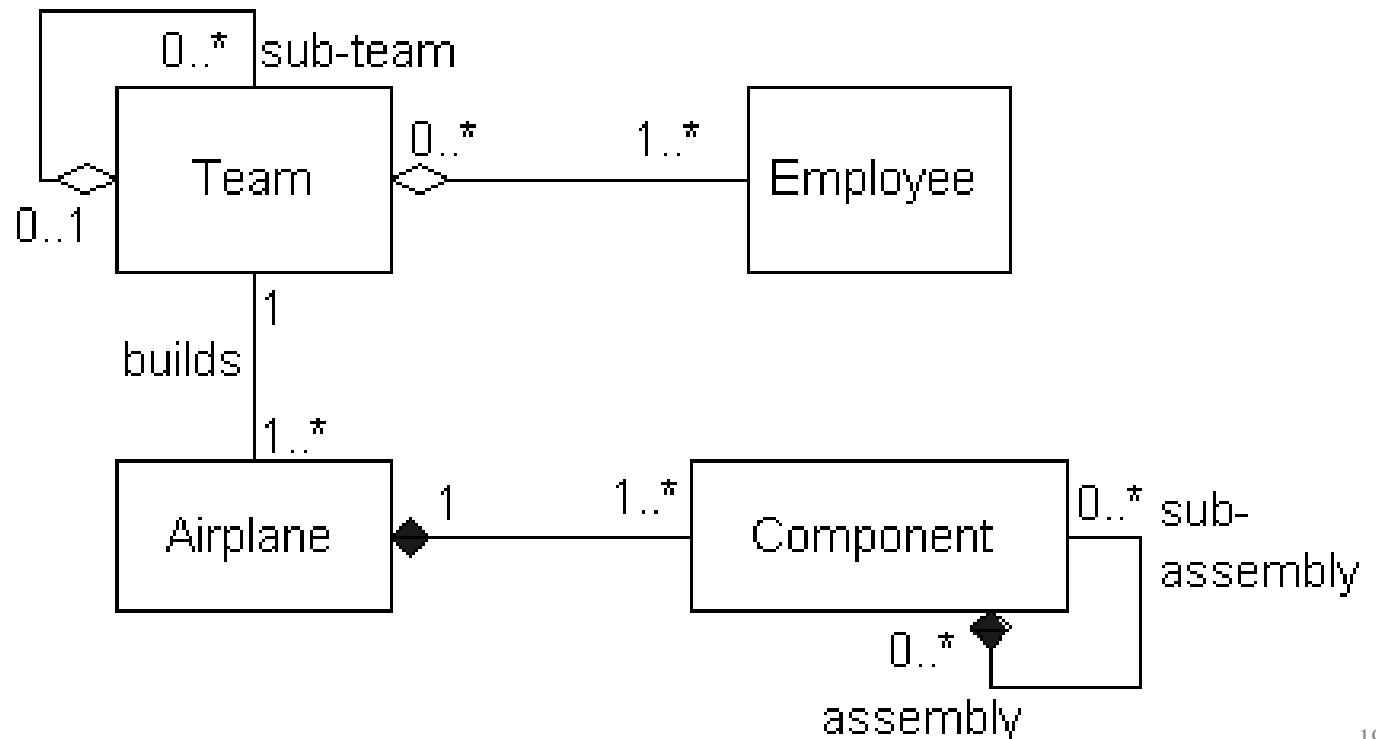
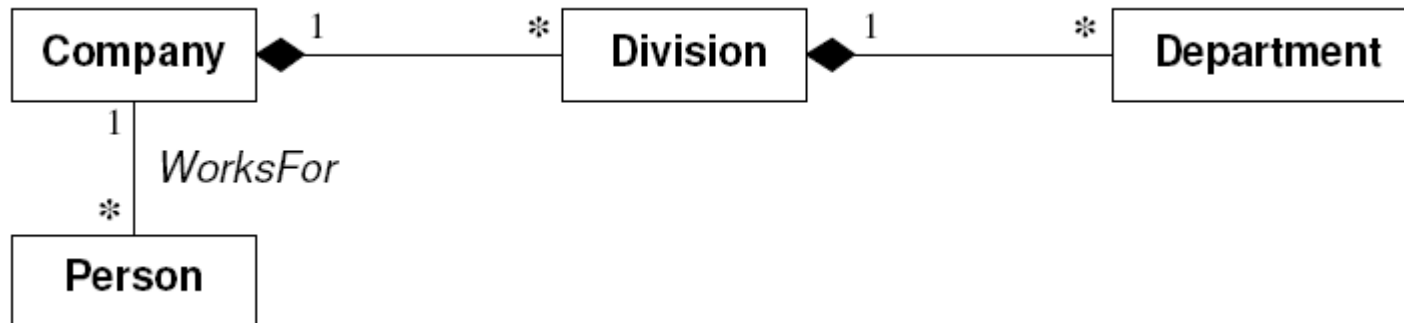
Aggregation vs. Composition Example 1

We could model the mail message example using composition and aggregation.

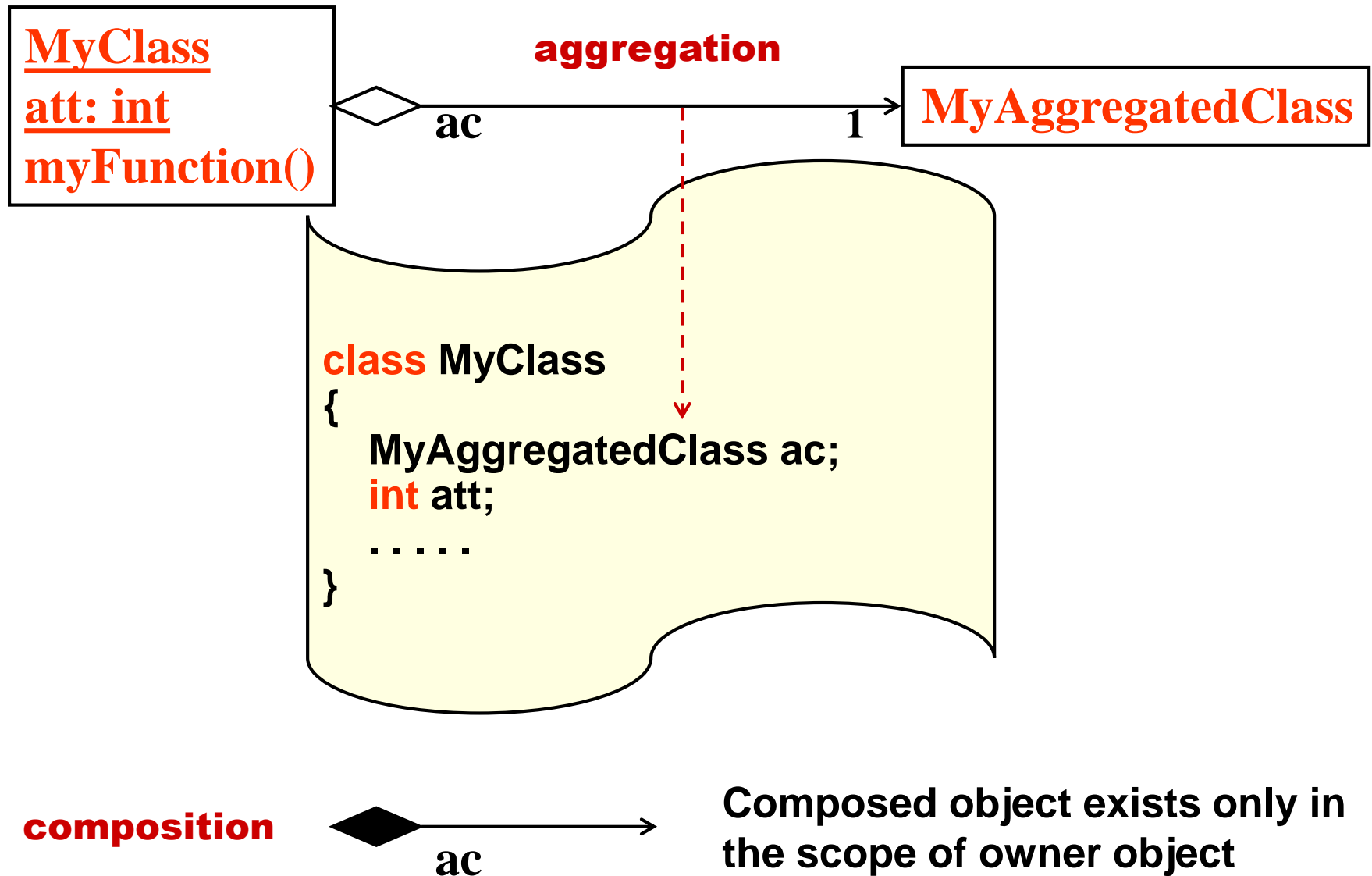


- When a MailMessage object is destroyed, so are the Header object and the Body object.
- The attachment object(s) are not destroyed with the MailMessage object, but still exist on their own.

Aggregation vs. Composition Example 2



Aggregation : UML Notation and Typical Implementation



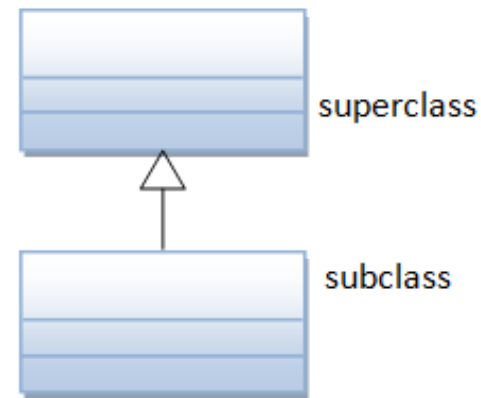
Generalization

- Generalization is a relationship between a general and a specific class.
- The specific class called the subclass **inherits** from the general class, called the superclass.
- Public and protected properties (attributes) and behaviors (operations) are inherited.
- It represents “is a” relationship among classes
Represented by a line with an hollow arrow head pointing to the superclass at the superclass end.

Inheritance

- **Ideas**

- You can make a class that “inherits” characteristics of another class
 - The original class is called “parent class”, “super class”, or “base class”.
 - The new class is called “child class”, “subclass”, or “derived class”.
- Subclass has access to all **non-private** (i.e, *public* and *protected*) **attributes and methods of the parent class**
- Subclass can extend the base class by adding new attributes/methods and/or overriding the parent’s methods



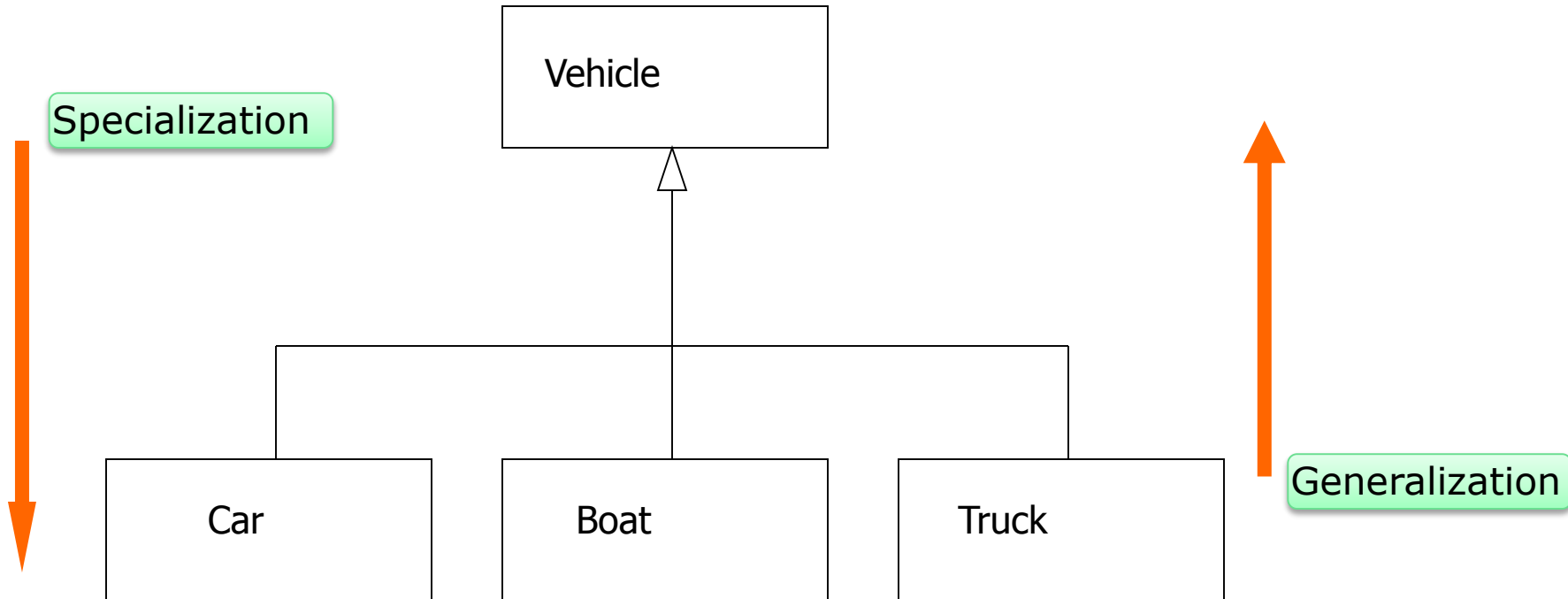
- **Syntax**

- public class ChildClass **extends** ParentClass { ... }

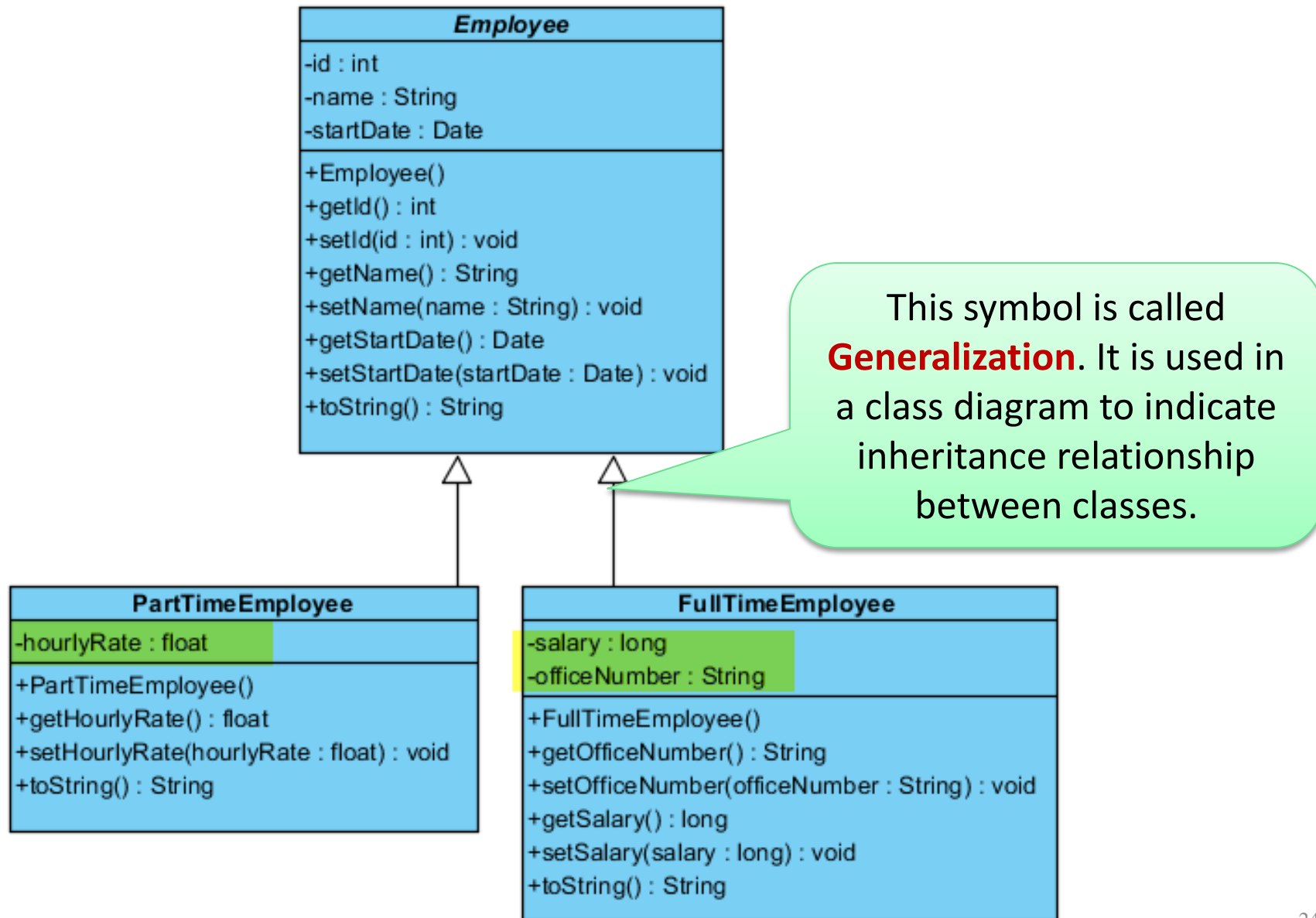
- **Motivation**

- Supports the key OOP goal of **code reuse** (i.e., don’t write the same code twice). Allow us to design **class hierarchies** so that **shared behavior is placed in a super class** then inherited to all classes that need it.

Generalization Example 1



Another Example - Employee Hierarchy



Inheritance Rules

- The 100% Rule
 - All attributes and operations of the base class are applicable to the specialized class
- The ‘is-a-kind-of’ or ‘is-a’ Rule
 - The statement “<derived class> is a <base class>” should be true
 - Every instance of the <derived class> can be viewed as an instance of the <base class>

is-a relationship vs. has-a relationship

- We distinguish between the **is-a relationship** and the **has-a relationship**
- ***Is-a*** represents inheritance
 - In an *is-a* relationship, an object of a subclass can also be treated as an object of its superclass
 - E.g., Student is a Person
- ***Has-a*** represents composition
 - In a *has-a* relationship, an object contains as members references to other objects
 - E.g., Student has a list of courses

Interfaces

- Idea
 - **Interfaces** are used to define a set of common methods that must be implemented by possibly **unrelated classes**
 - The interface specifies **what** operations a class must perform but does not specify **how** they are performed
- Syntax

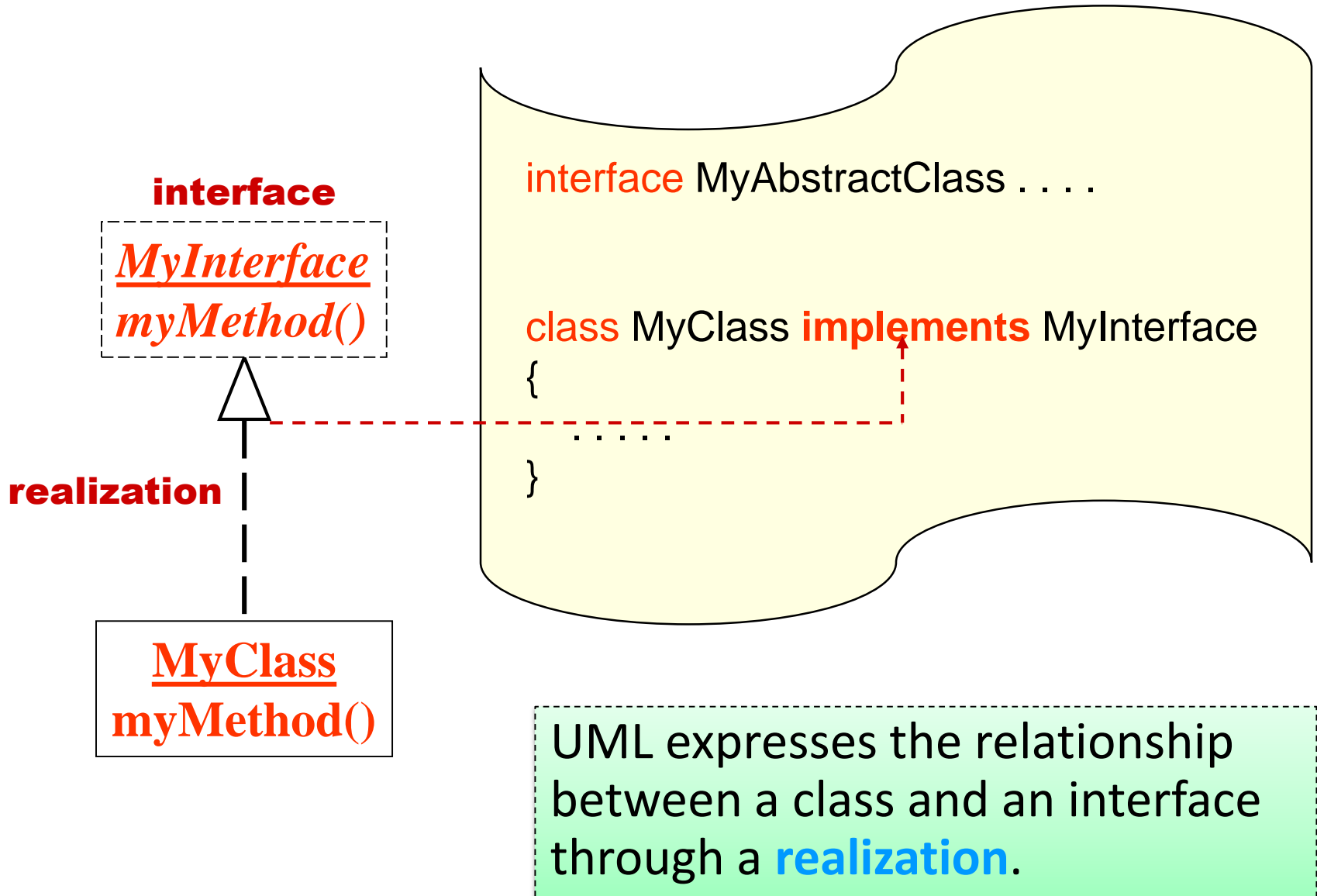
```
public interface SomeInterface {  
    public SomeType method1(...); // No body  
    public SomeType method2(...); // No body  
}  
  
public class SomeClass implements SomeInterface {  
    // Real definitions of method1 and method 2  
}
```
- Motivation
 - Interfaces are particularly useful for **assigning common functionality to possibly unrelated classes**

Think of this *Interface!!!* implemented by ALL Living Creators (Animals and Plants) regardless of their inheritance hierarchy!

```
public interface LivingCreator {  
    // "وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا"  
    // القارت (الانسان) العاشب (البقرة) اللاحم (القط)  
    void eat();  
  
    //Crawl, swim, run, fly  
    // "وَاللَّهُ خَلَقَ كُلَّ دَابَّةٍ مِنْ مَاءٍ فَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَى بَطْنِهِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَى رِجْلَيْنِ وَمِنْهُمْ مَنْ يَمْشِي عَلَى أَرْبَعٍ يَخْلُقُ اللَّهُ مَا يَشَاءُ"  
    void move();  
  
    //Increase in size of individual cells or in the number of cells  
    // "هُوَ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ تَرَابٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ نُطْفَةٍ ثُمَّ مِنْ عَلَقَةٍ ثُمَّ يُخْرِجُكُمْ طِفْلًا ثُمَّ لِتَبْلُغُوا أَشُدَّكُمْ ثُمَّ لِتَكُونُوا شُيُوخًا"  
    void grow();  
  
    //Reproduce either from egg, pollen, sperm, etc.  
    // "يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً"  
    void reproduce();  
  
    // "كُلُّ نَفْسٍ ذَائِقَةُ الْمَوْتِ"  
    //Animals and Plants die in different ways  
    void die();  
}
```

Interfaces

UML Notation Typical Java Implementation



Interface Code:

```
public interface Mammal {  
    public String walk();  
}
```

Interface Implementation Class:

```
public class Cat implements Mammal {  
    public String walk() {  
        return "Have Instructed Cat to Perform Walk Operation";  
    }  
}  
  
public class Dog implements Mammal {  
    public String walk() {  
        return "Have Instructed Dog to Perform Walk Operation";  
    }  
}
```

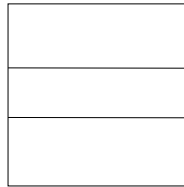
//Example of usage

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    List<Mammal> mammals = new ArrayList<Mammal>();  
    mammals.add(new Cat());  
    mammals.add(new Dog());  
    for(Mammal mammal : mammals)  
        System.out.println(mammal.Walk());  
}
```

Java code for
the example
shown in the
previous slide.

Summary of Class Relationships

- Class



- Association



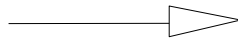
- Aggregation



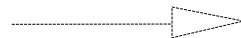
- Composition



- Generalization

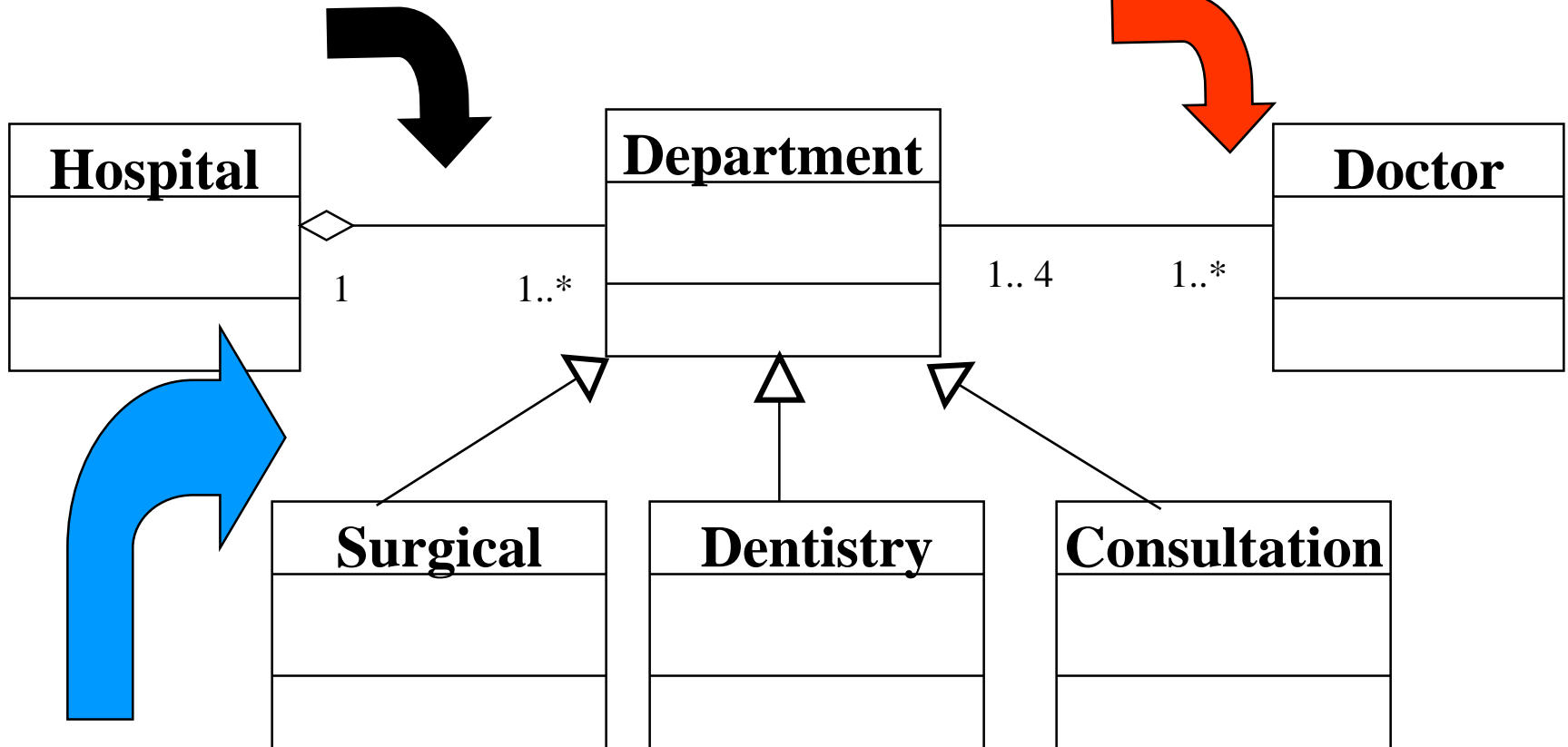


- Realization



Aggregation – “has a” relationship

Association “Uses”

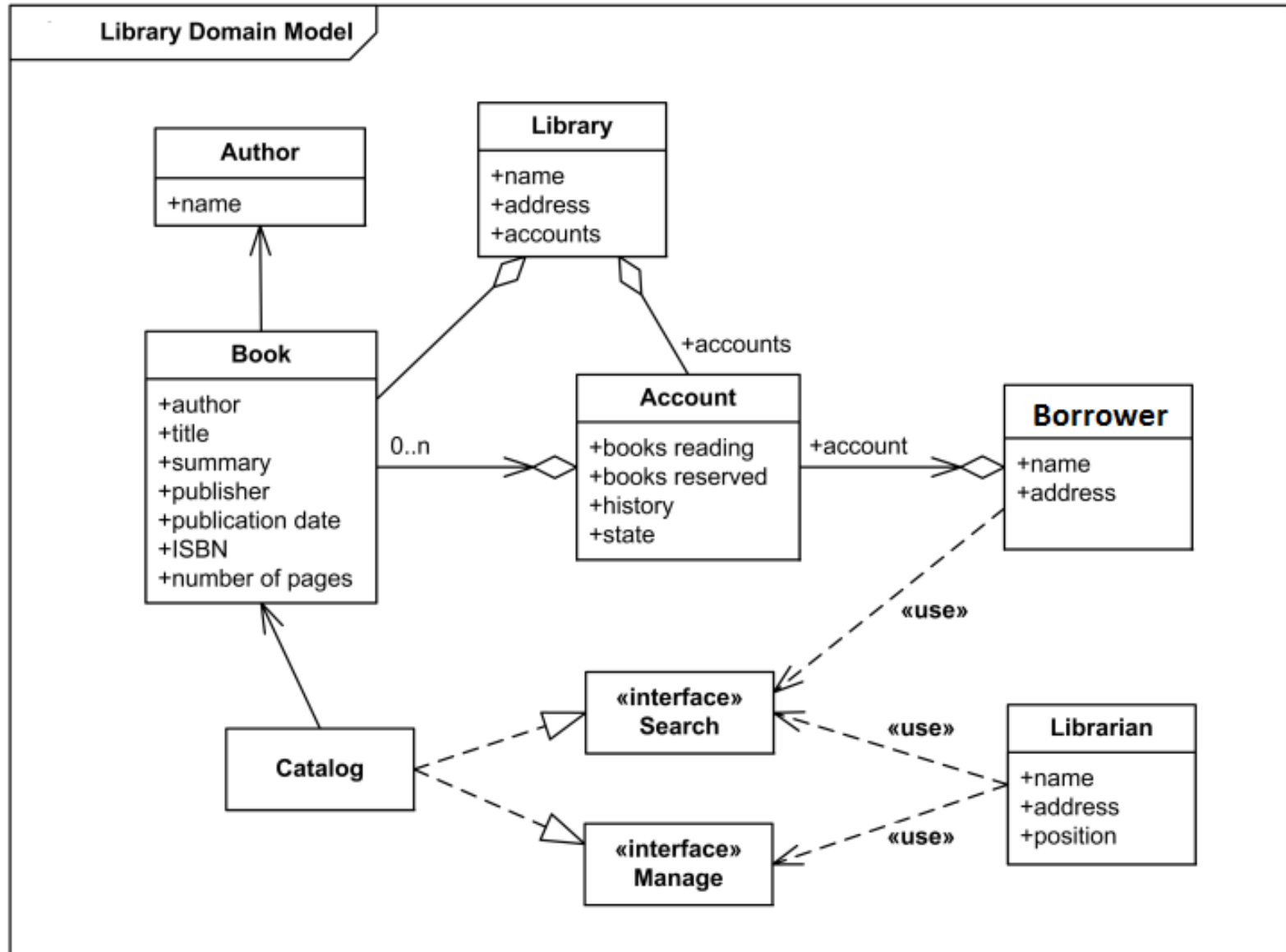


Inheritance “is a / is a kind of”

Summary of relationships between classes

- "is a" is inheritance
- "has a" is composition / aggregation
- "uses a" is association
- "looks like" is interface
- Aggregation and Composition - both deal with **part-of** relationships
 - **Composition is stronger:** the composite object is responsible for the creation and destruction of the parts => part **cannot** exist on it's own
 - In an aggregation relationship, **the part may be independent of the whole** but the **whole requires the part**

Class Diagram Example - Library Domain Model



Exercise 1 - Generalization

- Consider the following classes: UniversityPeople, Student, FullTime, PartTime and Distance Learning student. Draw a UML class diagram. Add properties and operations to the classes.

Exercise 1 - Solution

