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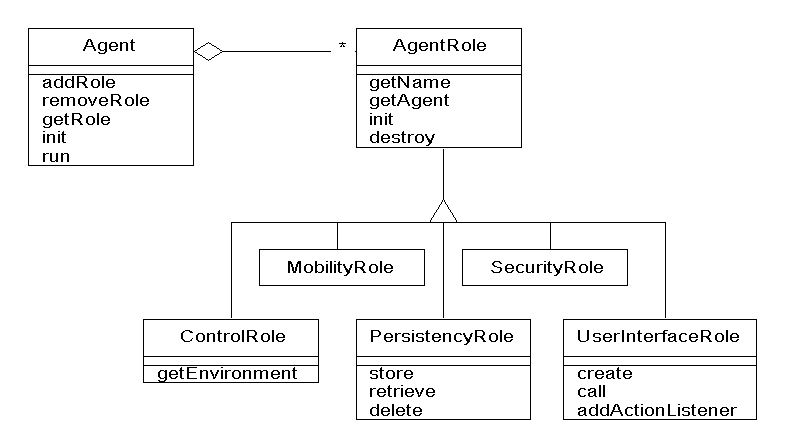


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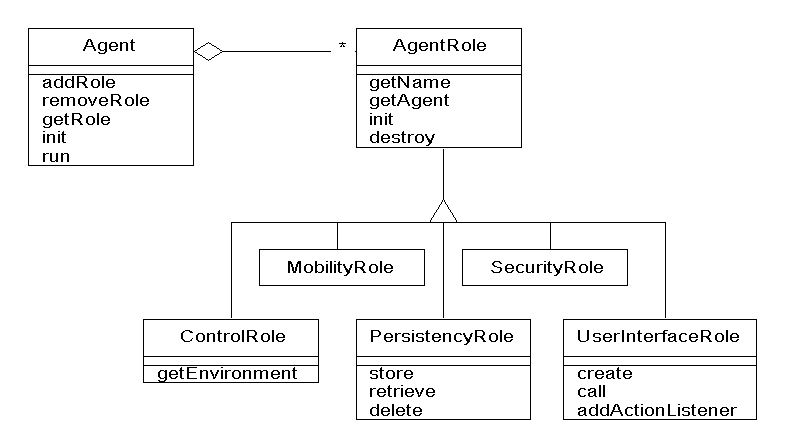


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| Heading levels | Example | Font size and type |
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public static void main (String[] args) {

System.out.println("Hello World!");

}

}

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| X² = (a+b)² | (1) |

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