

Systems Analysis and Design

Functional / Structural Modeling

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*Adapted from materials provided by Gregory Schymik and the textbook
(Systems Analysis and Design 5th/6th Ed.)*

Outline!

CRC cards

UML diagrams

Class diagrams

Object diagrams

Relationships between models

Resources → Chapter 4!

- Jurgen Borstler's paper: OO Analysis and Design Through Scenario Role-Play
https://www8.cs.umu.se/kurser/TDBA63/CRC_UMINF04.04.pdf

Resources on the UML

- <http://www.uml.org/index.htm>
- Find your own! There may be better resources on this for you out there

Research Paper Presentation: TBD



Requirements vs. User Stories

Requirement:

- Something the system must do to meet a business need/objective or contractual obligation

User Story (Agile):

- (Brief) statement of intent describing what the system must do for a user

Structural modeling

Or, let's take our requirements and turn them into *functional* models

Remember: models are **logical**

- Independent of implementation → hand-drawn or made on computer

Develop **use cases** from requirements

- Use case → business system interacting with environment
- Diagrams/descriptions of how users perform discrete activities

Develop **activity diagrams** from use cases

- Model business processes
- Depict **flow of data** between activities

Both of these models...

Discuss domain without implementation

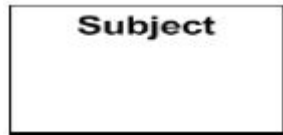
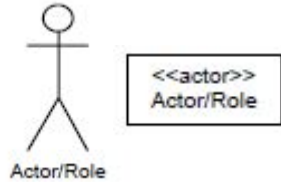
- AKA problem domain models



Physical models (later on) will tell us *how* implementation is supposed to be done

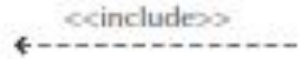
- For now, we care about *describing the problem*

Use case diagrams

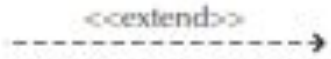


- Actors: user or system that interacts
 - Association: lines connecting actors and use cases
 - Inclusions, extensions, generalizations
- Major process in system (that gives a user benefit)
- Box describing scope of system
- Links an actor and a use case

Use case diagrams



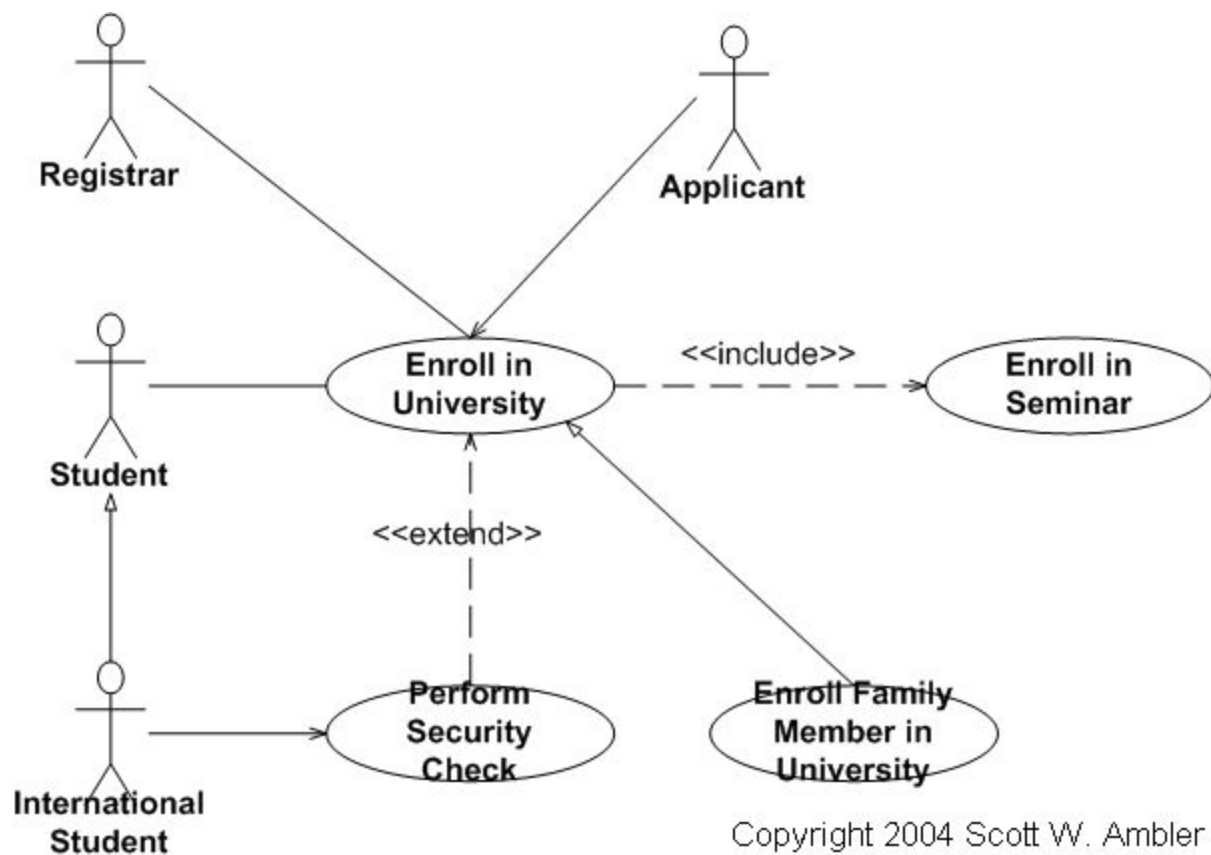
- Inclusion of one use case's functionality in another



- Extension of use case for optional behavior



- Specialized use case to be more generalized



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How do we identify use cases?

Review requirements definition

Identify subject boundaries

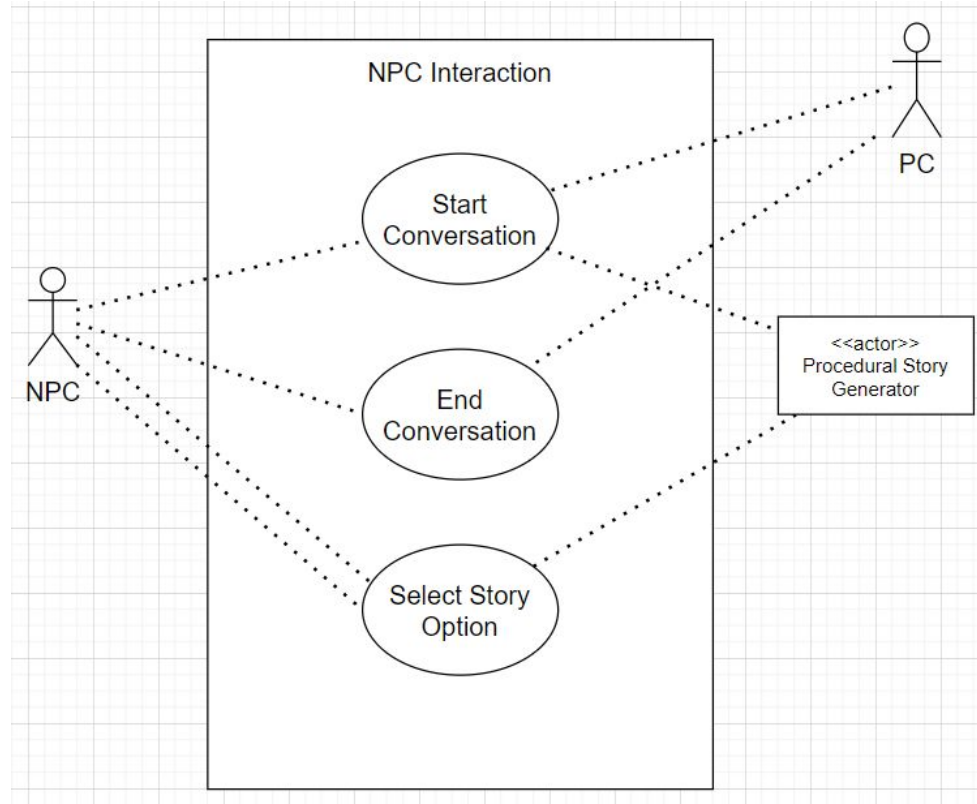
Identify primary actors and their goals

Identify business processes and major use cases

Carefully review current set of use cases

- Split/combine as necessary
- Identify additional (i.e., distinct) use cases

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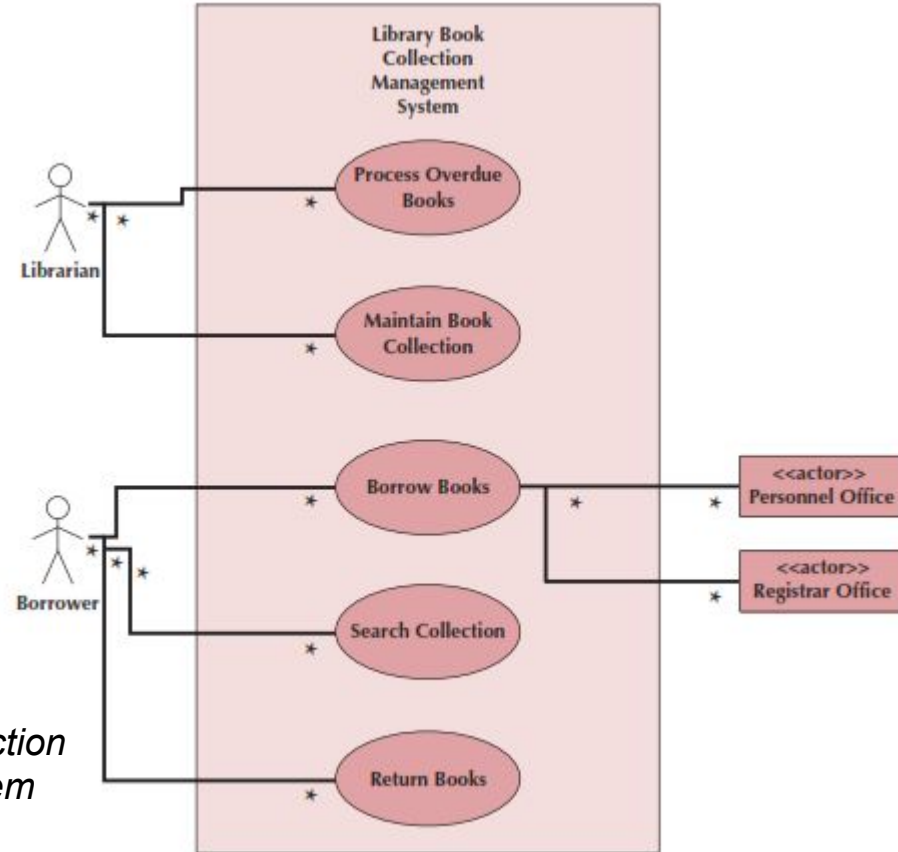


Heuristic (adapt to your needs)

- 1) Place use cases
- 2) Place actors
- 3) Draw subject boundary
- 4) Add associations

(try to limit each diagram to 3-8 use cases)

*Library Book Collection
Management System
Use Case Diagram*



Team task:

Develop **2** use case diagrams for your term project

Requirements:

- 1) The diagrams should describe a **unique feature**
- 2) There should be at least **three** use cases per diagram (max eight)

~15-20 minutes

- Summon me if you have questions!

- 1) Who are the **actors**
- 2) What is the **boundary**
- 3) What are the **use cases**
- 4) Are there any **associations?**

But wait, there's more!

~~Now, I am going to shuffle a random person into each room~~

- ~~1) Describe your use case diagrams to the newcomer~~
- ~~2) Newcomer: give **constructive criticism**~~
- ~~3) Together, come up with a **third** feature for that team!~~

~~Come up with **three** use
case diagrams and turn them
in Friday (10/01) by midnight~~

From use cases to activity (diagrams) (AD)

What is an activity again?

Activity diagram → **sequences of activities/actions**

- Abstract and describe generalities
- Model behavior **independent** of objects
- Use for **any** type or process!

Activity diagram "parts"



- Action/activity



- Control flow











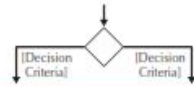



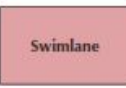
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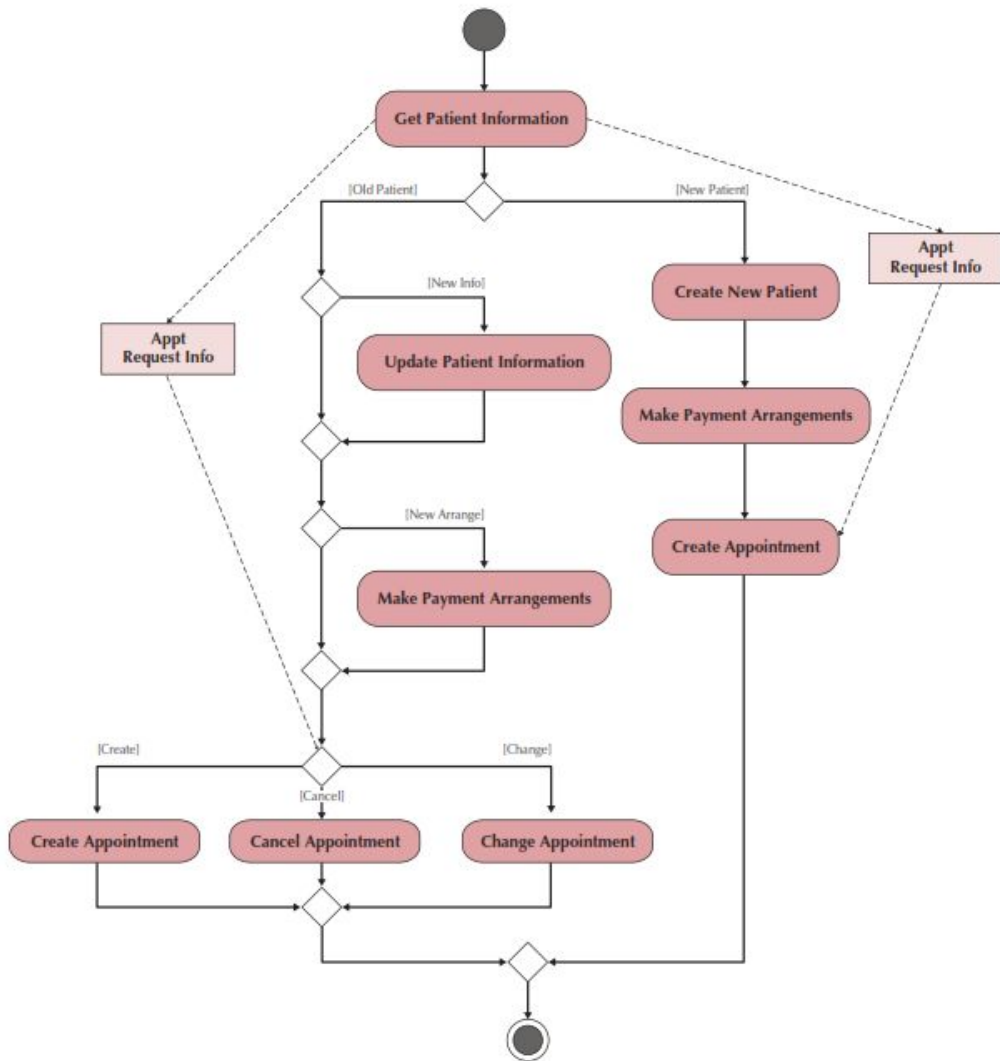
- End (final) node



- Decision

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Sample AD

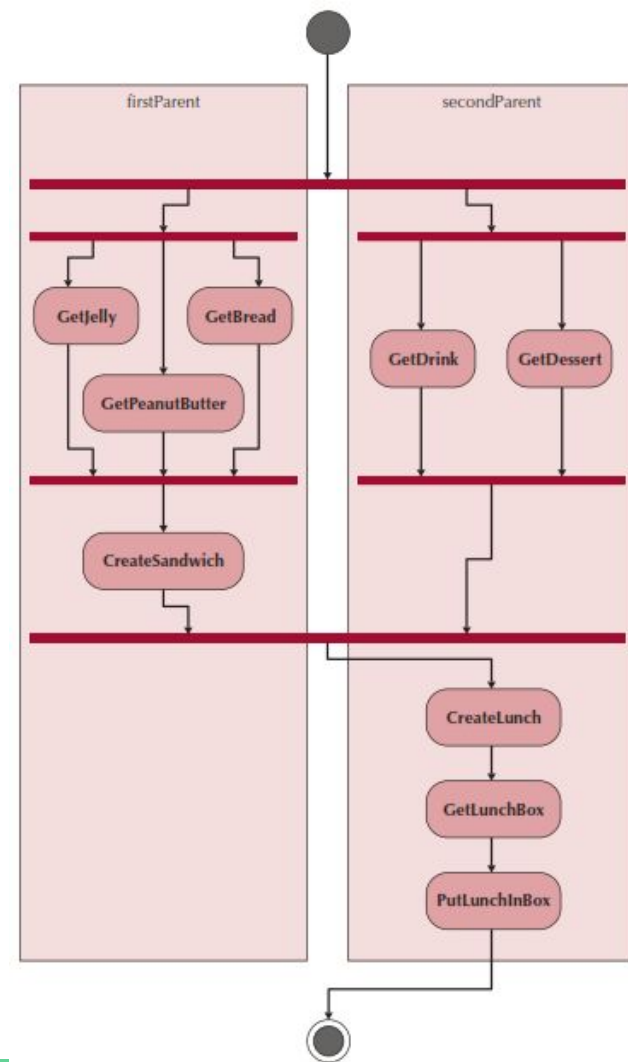


Swim lanes

Assign responsibility to objects/individuals that perform the activity

Separation of roles

Vertical or horizontal, depending on what works best for you











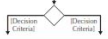




AD guidelines

1. Scope the modeled activity
2. Identify activities and connect with flows
3. Identify (any) decisions that are needed
4. Identify potential parallelisms
5. Draw the diagram!

Build an activity diagram for your term project

(This will be due in a few days!!!)

- 1) What is the activity and what do you need to model it?

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Come up with **two activities** and turn them in Friday (TBD) by midnight (with your use cases)

Back to use cases

Important -- this is the primary aspect of all UML activities!

- Defines actions performed by users
 - Describes basic system functions
- 1) Use cases are the **building blocks** of the whole system
 - 2) Each use case describes **one function**
 - a) And one function only!

Types of use cases

		Amount of information	
		Overview	Detail
Purpose	Essential	High-level overview of issues essential to understanding required functionality	Detailed description of issues essential to understanding required functionality
	Real	High-level overview of a specific set of steps performed on the real system once implemented	Detailed description of a specific set of steps performed on the real system once implemented

Use case description

Overview:

- Name, ID Number, Type, Primary Actor, Brief Description, Importance Level, Stakeholder(s), Trigger(s)

Relationships:

- Association: Communication between the use case and the actors
- Extend: Extends the functionality of a use case
- Include: Includes another use case
- Generalization: Allows use cases to support inheritance

Flow of events

- Normal flow: the usual set of activities
- Sub-flows: decomposed normal flows to simplify the use-case
- Alternate or exceptional flows: those not considered the norm

Optional characteristics (complexity, time, etc.)

Use case description guidelines

1. Write in the form of subject-verb-direct object
2. Make sure it is clear who the initiator of the step is
3. Write from independent observer's perspective
4. Write at about the same level of abstraction
5. Ensure the use case has a sensible set of steps
6. Apply the KISS principle liberally.
7. Write repeating instructions after the set of steps to be repeated

Creating a use case description

1. Pick a high priority use-case and create an overview:
 - List the primary actor
 - Determine its type (overview or detail; essential or real)
 - List all stakeholders and their interests
 - Determine the level of importance of the use case
 - Briefly describe the use case
 - List what triggers the use case
 - List its relationship to other use cases
2. Fill in the steps of the normal flow of events required to complete the use-case

Creating a use case description

1. Ensure that the steps listed are not too complicated or long and are consistent in size with other steps
2. Identify and write the alternate or exceptional flows
3. Carefully review the use-case description and confirm that it is correct
4. Iterate over the entire set of steps again

Sample use case description

Use Case Name: Borrow Books		ID: 2	Importance Level: High
Primary Actor: Borrower		Use Case Type: Detail, Essential	
Stakeholders and Interests: Borrower - wants to check out books Librarian - wants to ensure borrower only gets books deserved			
Brief Description: This use case describes how books are checked out of the library.			
Trigger: Borrower brings books to check out desk.			
Type: External			
Relationships: Association: Borrower, Personnel Office, Registrar's Office Include: Extend: Generalization:			
Normal Flow of Events: 1. The Borrower brings books to the Librarian at the check out desk. 2. The Borrower provides Librarian their ID card. 3. The Librarian checks the validity of the ID Card. If the Borrower is a Student Borrower, Validate ID Card against Registrar's Database. If the Borrower is a Faculty/Staff Borrower, Validate ID Card against Personnel Database. If the Borrower is a Guest Borrower, Validate ID Card against Library's Guest Database. 4. The Librarian checks whether the Borrower has any overdue books and/or fines. 5. The Borrower checks out the books.			
SubFlows:			
Alternate/Exceptional Flows: 4a. The ID Card is invalid, the book request is rejected. 5a. The Borrower either has overdue books, fines, or both, the book request is rejected.			

Verifying and validating a use case

Use-cases must be verified and validated before beginning structural and behavioral modeling

Utilize a walkthrough:

- Perform a review of the models and diagrams created so far
- Performed by individuals from the development team and the client (very interactive)
 - **Facilitator:** schedule and set up the meeting
 - **Presenter:** the one who is responsible for the specific representation being reviewed
 - **Recorder** (scribe) to take notes and especially to document errors

Rules for verification and validation

1. Ensure one recorded event in the flows of the use-case description for each action/activity on the activity diagram
2. All objects in an activity diagram must be mentioned in an event of the use-case description
3. The sequence of the use-case description should match the sequence in the activity diagram
4. One and only one description for each use-case

Rules pt. 2

5. All actors listed in a use-case description must be shown on the use-case diagram
6. Stakeholders listed in the use-case description may be shown on the use-case diagram (check local policy)
7. All relationships in the use-case description must be depicted on the use-case diagram
8. All diagram-specific rules must be enforced



On to Chapter 5!

But first!

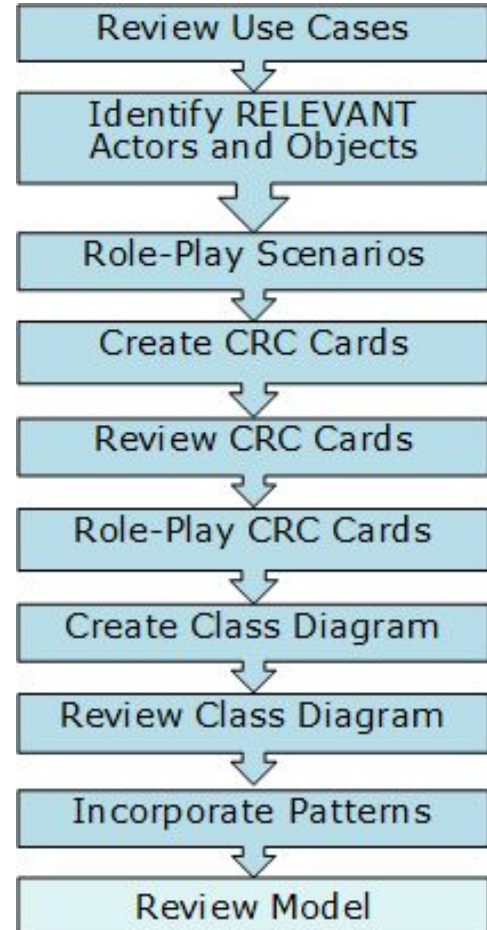


TBD

A process!

Very iterative!

- We'll see this as we go



Models

Functional models → represent system **behavior**

Structural models (i.e., what we're doing now) → represent **objects and their relationships**

- People
- Places
- Things
- etc.

Structural models

Drawn **iteratively**

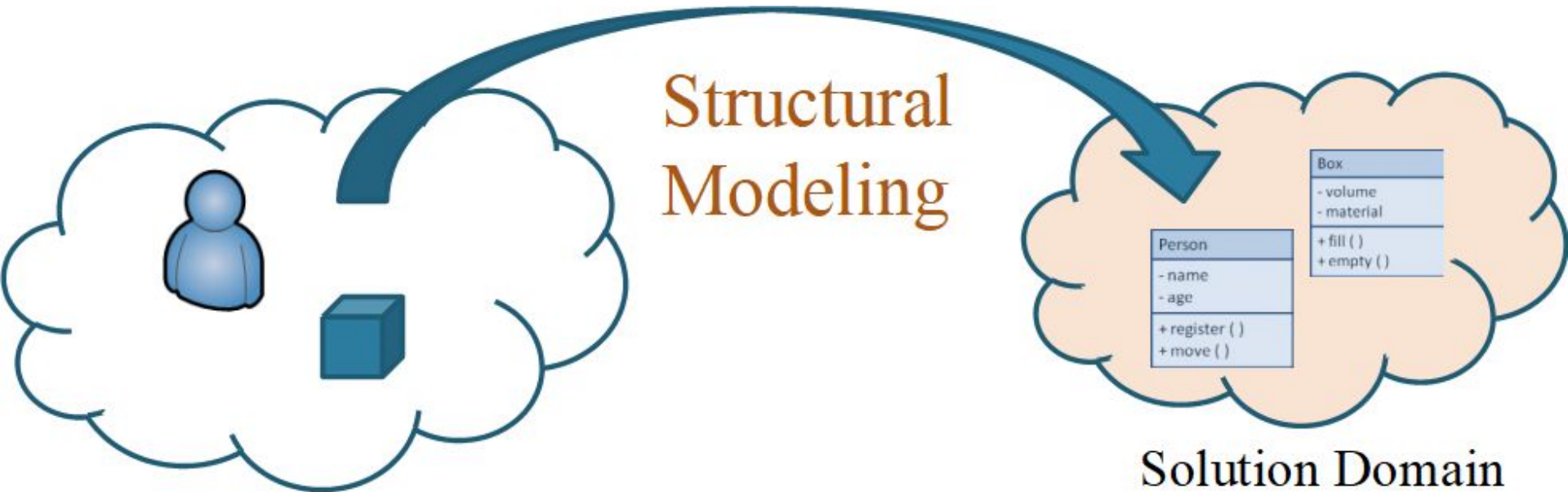
- Start conceptual, business-oriented
- **Refine** towards technology
 - Describe database, files, etc.

Create a **vocabulary** for users and analysts

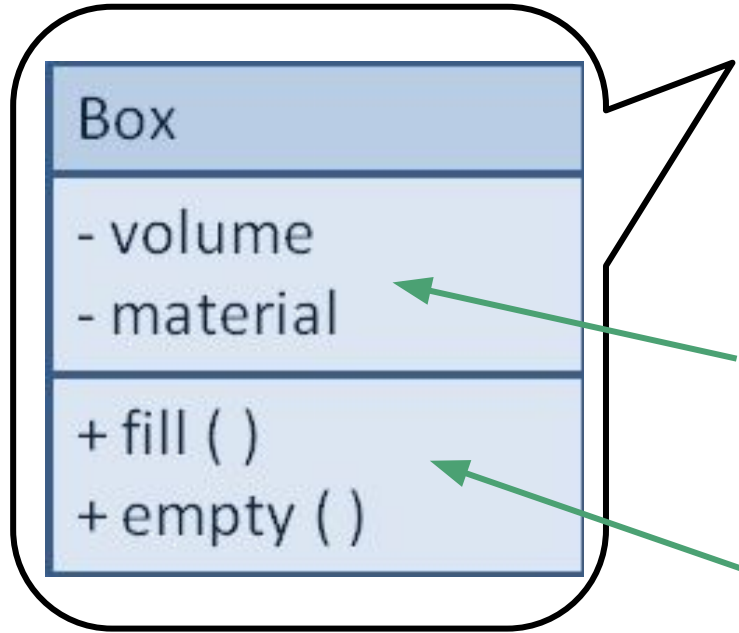
- Enables **effective communication**

Structural models

Discover key data in problem domain and **build structural model of objects**



Classes, attributes, operations



Classes

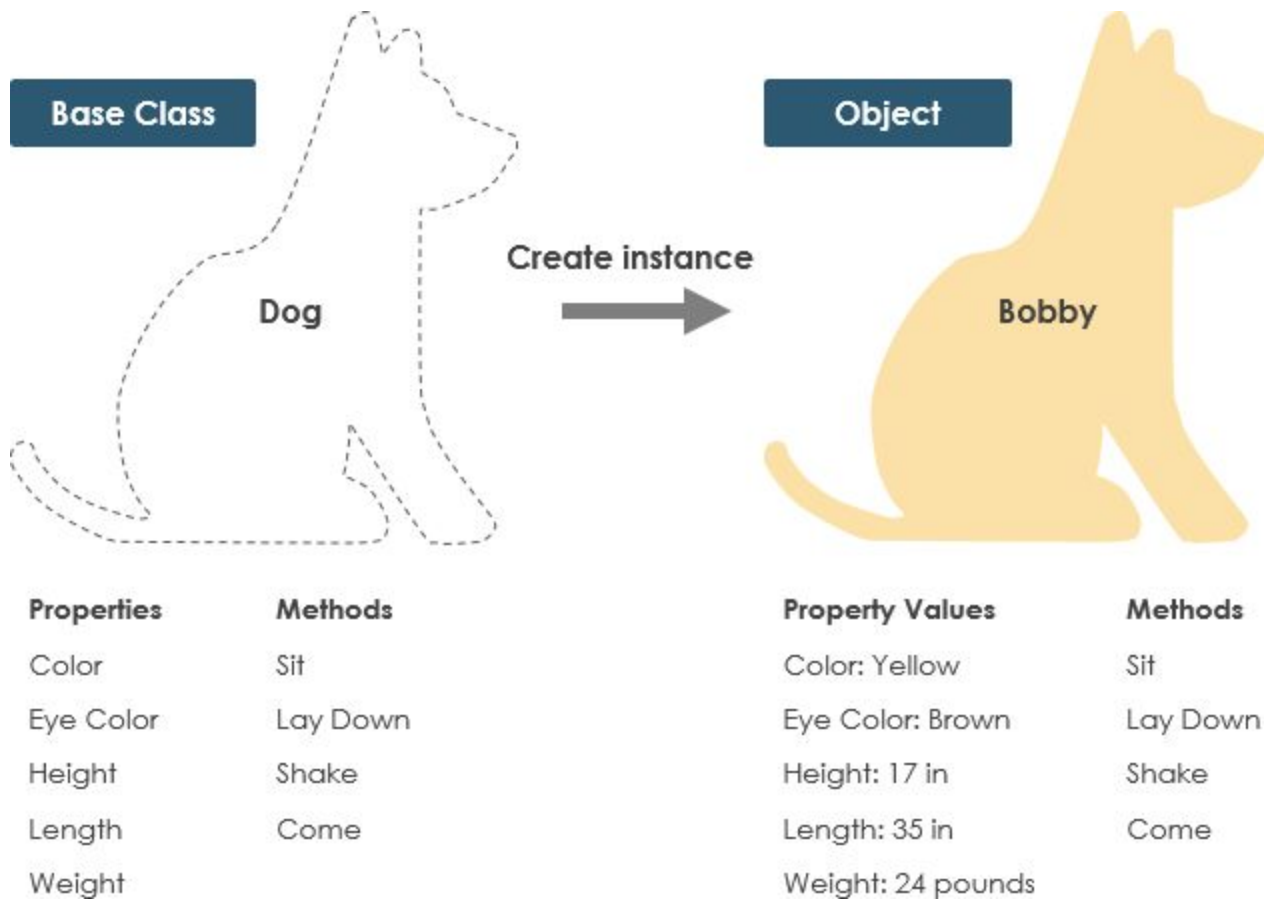
- Templates for instantiating people, objects, etc.
- Generally → SIMILAR objects!

Attributes

- Properties that **describe** state of class instance

Operations

- Actions/functions/methods that a class can perform



Relationships

How classes relate to each other!

- Important for capturing dependencies, feature interactions, etc.

Generalization

- Enables inheritance of attributes and operations
- Represents relationships that are “a-kind-of”

Aggregation

- Relates parts to wholes or assemblies
- Represents relationships that are “a-part-of” or “has-parts”

Association

- Miscellaneous relationships between classes
- Usually a weaker form of aggregation

Object identification

Analyze use cases

- Nouns → suggest classes
- Verbs → suggest methods
- (Rough outline for first iteration)

Brainstorming!

- Initial list of classes (objects)
- Attributes, operations, relationships can be added in future iterations

CRC cards

Index cards (physical or virtual)

- Document responsibilities / collaborations for a class

Book: The books that can be borrowed from the library	
Class: <i>Book</i>	
Responsibilities	Collaborators
<i>knows whether on loan</i>	
<i>knows return date</i>	
<i>knows title</i>	
<i>knows if late</i>	<i>Date</i>
<i>check out</i>	

Responsibility

- Knowing → what a class must **know** defined as attributes
- Doing → what a class must **do** defined as operations (manifested later)

Collaboration

- Objects working **together** to service a request
 - Requestor (client)
 - Responder (server)
- Bound by a **contract**

(CRC → class responsibility collaboration card)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bxgn6qJ-bYY>

Front side (CRC)

Class Name: Old Patient	ID: 3	Type: Concrete, Domain
Description: An individual that needs to receive or has received medical attention		Associated Use Cases: 2
Responsibilities		Collaborators
Make appointment		Appointment
Calculate last visit		
Change status		
Provide medical history		Medical history

Back side (CRC)

Attributes:

Amount (double)

Insurance carrier (text)

Relationships:

Generalization (a-kind-of): Person

Aggregation (has-parts): Medical History

Other Associations: Appointment

CRC cards / role playing

Exercise to help discover additional objects, attributes, relationships, operations

Team members perform roles associated with the actors and objects previously identified



CRC cards / role playing

Utilize activity diagrams to run through the steps in a scenario

- Identify an important use-case
- Assign roles based on actors and objects
- Team members perform each step in the scenario
- Discover and fix problems until a successful conclusion is reached
- Repeat for remaining use-cases

Why use CRC cards at all?

?

Group work

Pick **one use case diagram** and create **one** CRC for one of your use cases
(Just the front)

Be prepared to present it for

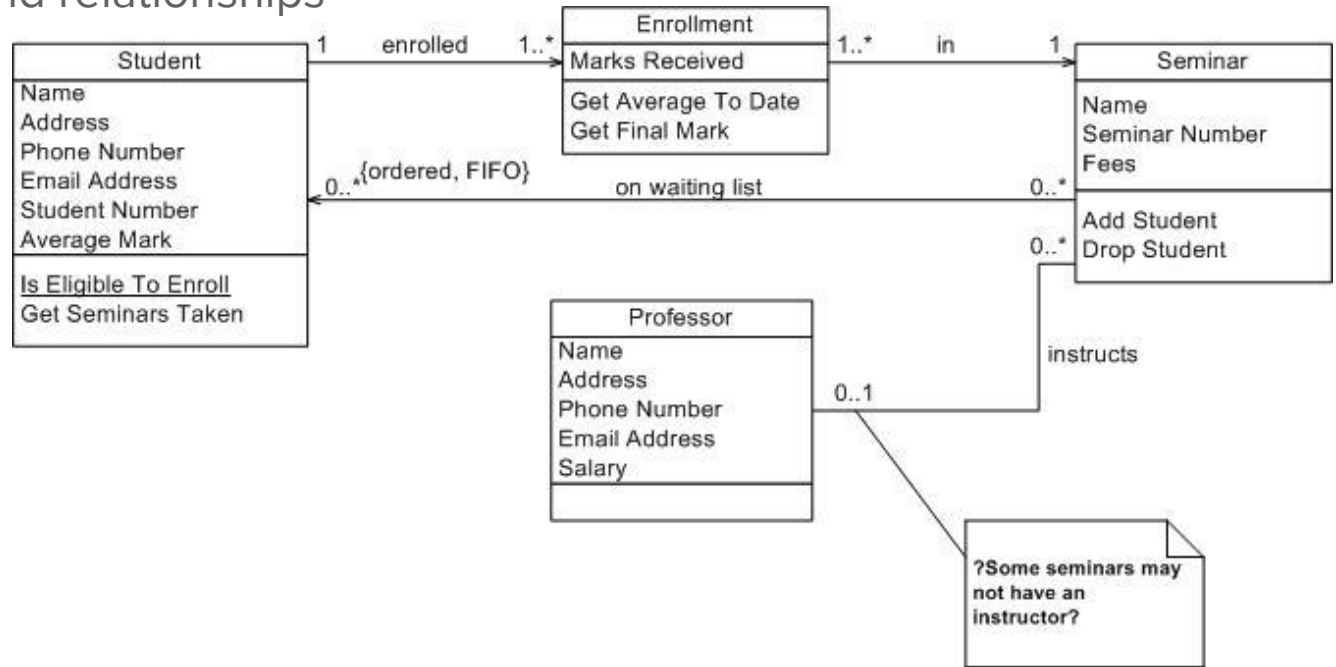
constructive criticism

(You'll turn it in tomorrow night with a rough class diagram to support it, made later on)

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Class diagrams

Illustrates classes and relationships



Helpful → <https://www.visual-paradigm.com/guide/uml-unified-modeling-language/uml-class-diagram-tutorial/>

Class diagrams

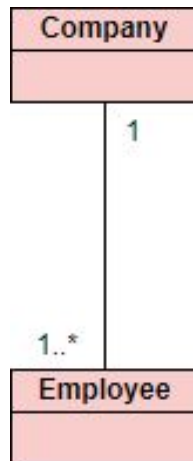
(Generally) static model

Classes

- Objects within system
- Stores/manages:
 - Attributes
 - Methods

Relationships

- Associations between classes
- "Lines" between classes
- Multiplicity → n objects associated with m other objects



Multiplicities examples:

1	Exactly one, no more and no less
0..1	Zero or one
*	Many
0..*	Zero or many
1..*	One or many

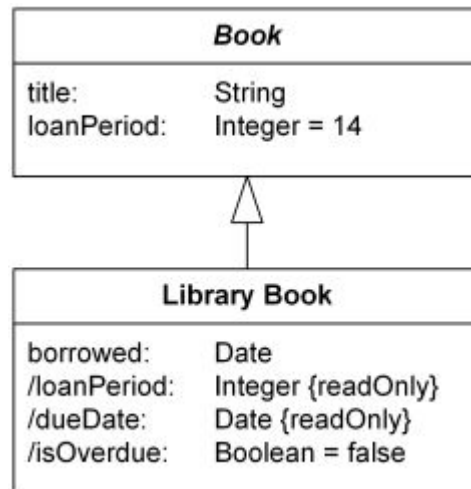
Class diagrams → Attributes

Properties:

- E.g., **Person**: last name, first name, address, etc.
- Can be derived:
 - Preceded with slash (/)
 - E.g., age derived from birth

Visibility:

- Restricts access for consistency
- Public (+) → visible to **all** classes
- Private (-) → visible **only** to instance of defined class
- Protected (#) → visible **only** to instance of defined class **and** its descendents



Class diagrams → Operations

Common operations **not shown**

- Create/delete instance
- Get/set value

Types of operations

- Constructor → creates an object
- Query → retrieves object information
- Update → changes some value
- Destructor → destroys (delete/remove) an object

Class diagrams → Relationships

Associations between classes

- Line labeled with relationship name
- *May be* directional (triangle)
 - Patient schedules an appointment

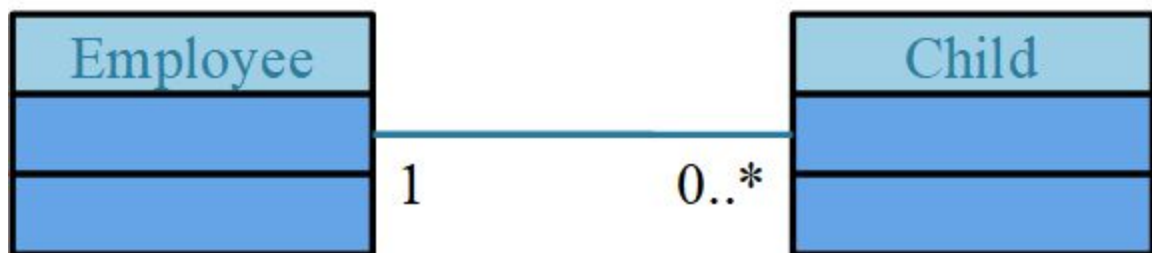
Classes can be self-related (e.g., employees and managers are both people)

Multiplicity: how many of each class are related to each other



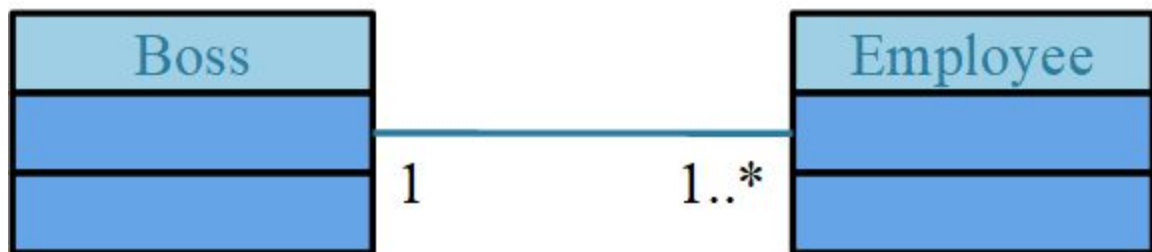
Exactly one:

A department has one and only one boss



Zero or more:

An employee has zero to many children



One or more:

A boss is responsible for one or more employees

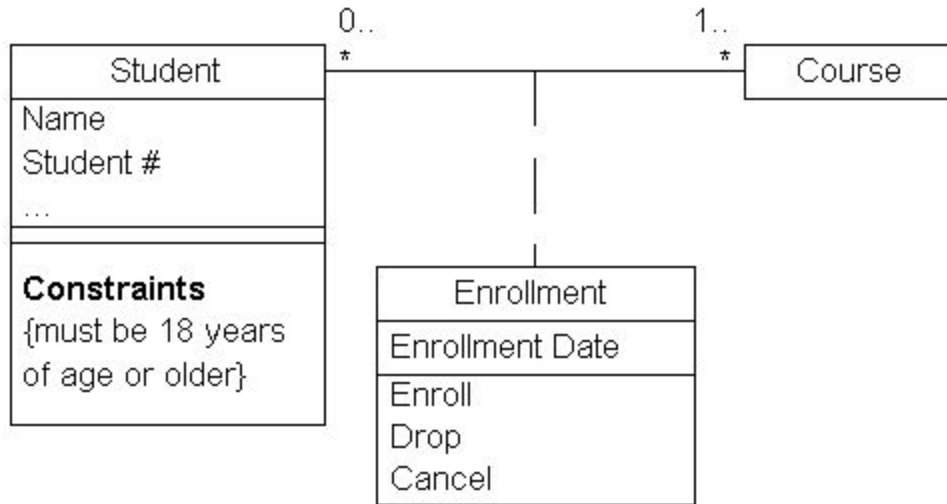
Association classes

Common with many-to-many relationships

Used when attributes about relationship needs recording

- Students related to courses
 - Grade class provides attribute to describe relationship
- Illness related to symptoms
 - Treatment class provides attribute to describe as well

Sample association



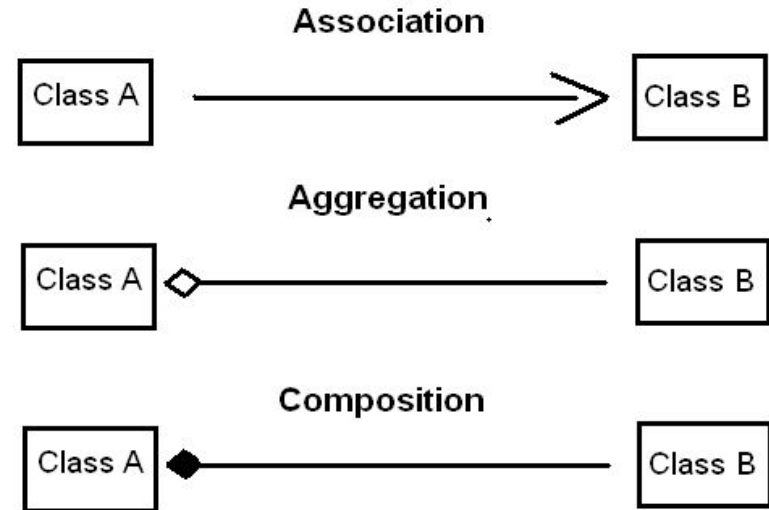
Generalization/Aggregation associations

Generalization denotes *inheritance*

- Properties/operations of *superclass* also valid for subclass
- Solid line with hollow arrow pointing at superclass

Aggregation: **logical** "part-of" relationship

Composition: **physical** "part-of" relationship



Generalization (*is a kind of*):

- Cardinal *is a kind of* Bird
- Truck *is a kind of* Land Vehicle (which *is a kind of* Vehicle)

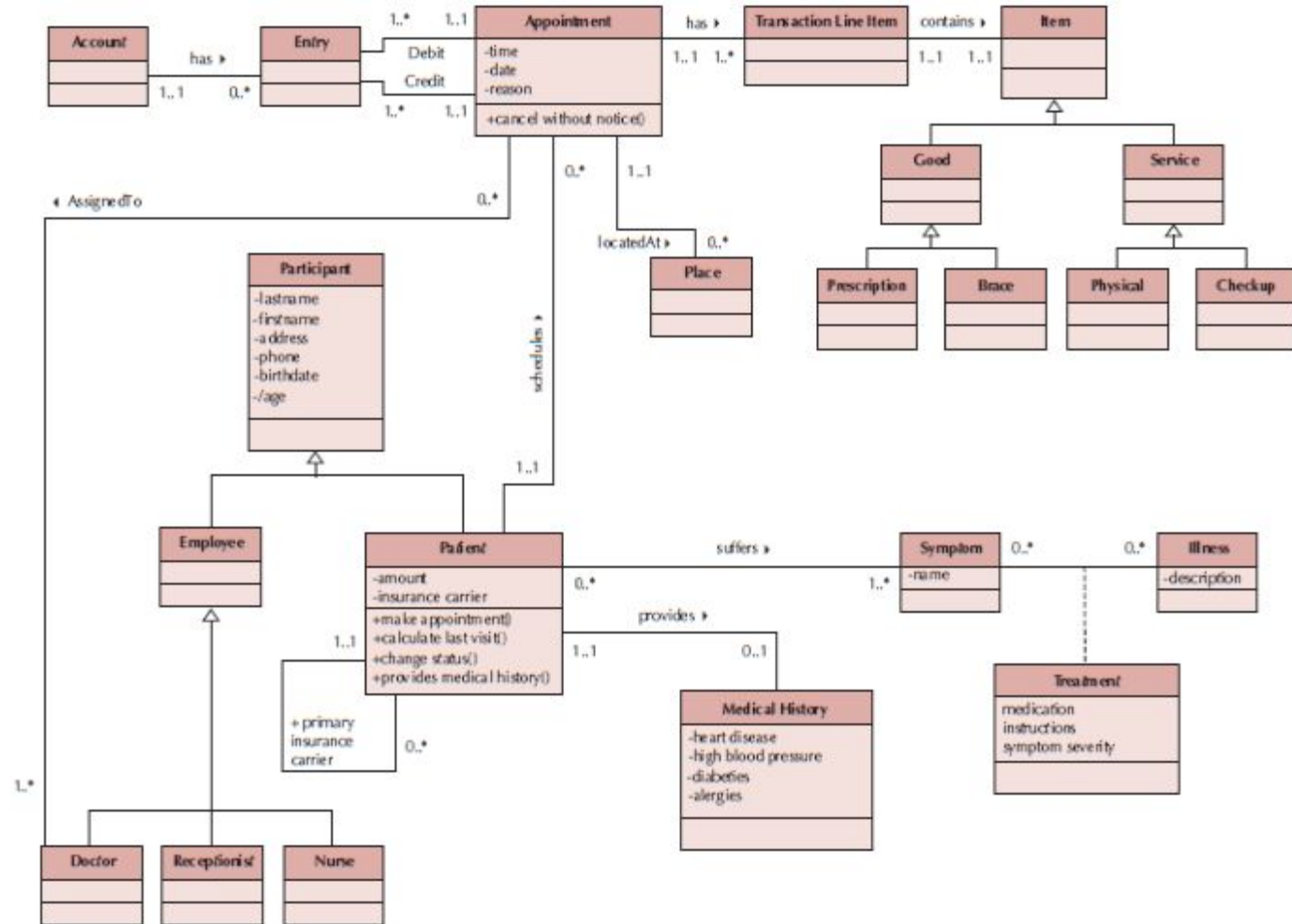
Aggregation (**logical** *is a part of*):

- Wheel instance *is a part of* a Vehicle instance

Composition (**physical** *is a part of*):

- Door instance *is a part of* only a single Vehicle instance

Sample CD

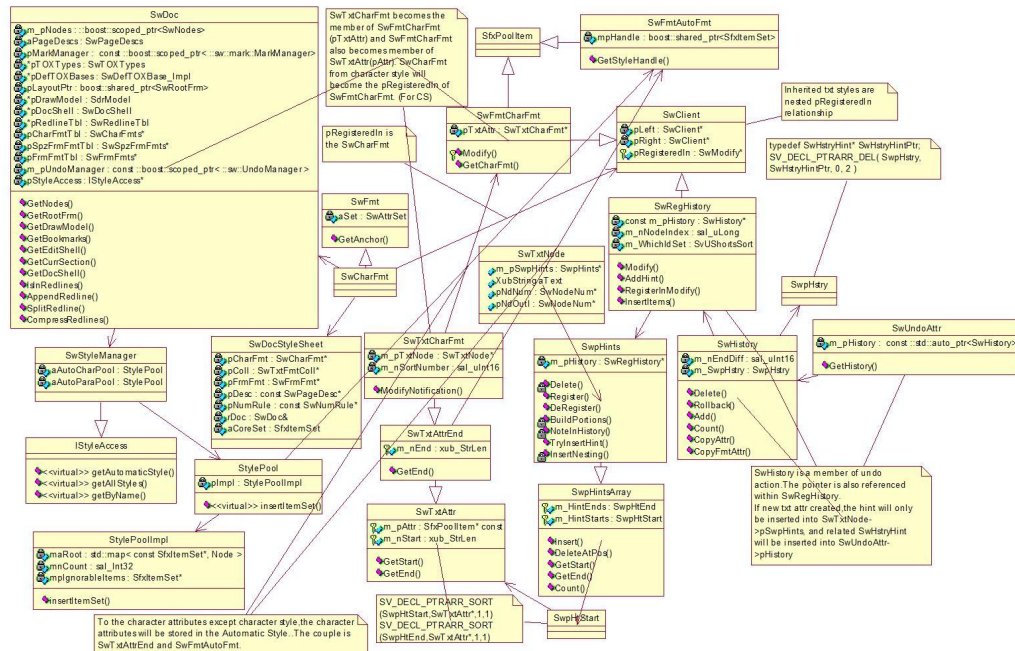


Simplifying class diagrams!

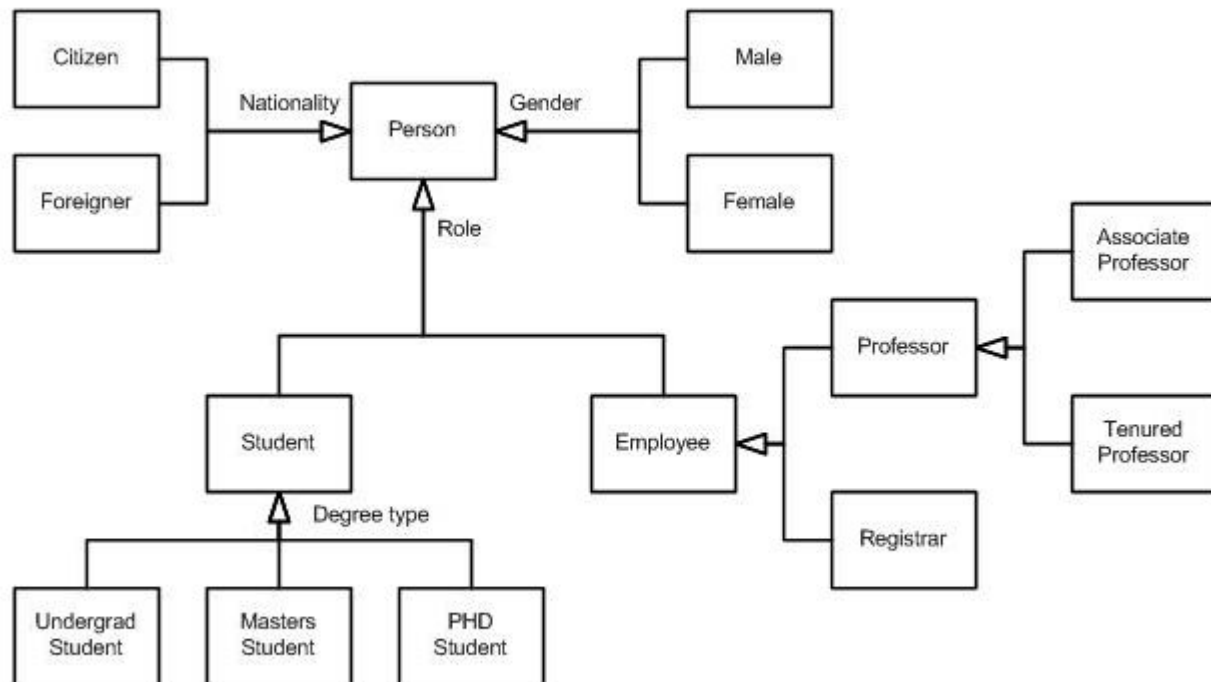
Fully-populated class diagrams can be horrendously complex

Simplify:

- Show only concrete classes
- View mechanism shows subset of classes
- Packages show aggregations of classes (or any UML element)



Disqus



<http://www.agilemodeling.com/artifacts/classDiagram.htm>

Let's create an example *together*



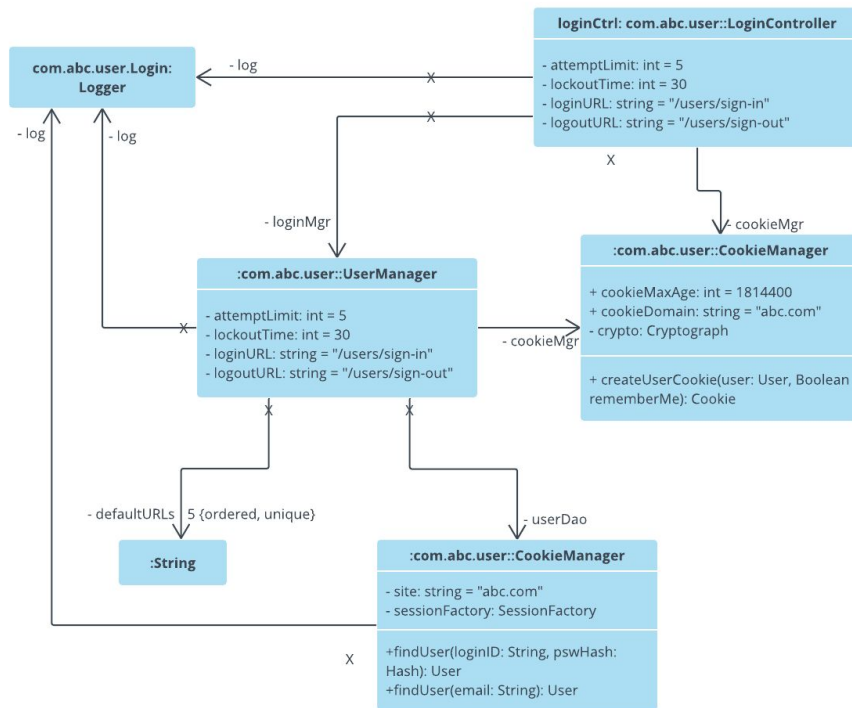
Object diagrams

Class diagrams with **instantiated** classes

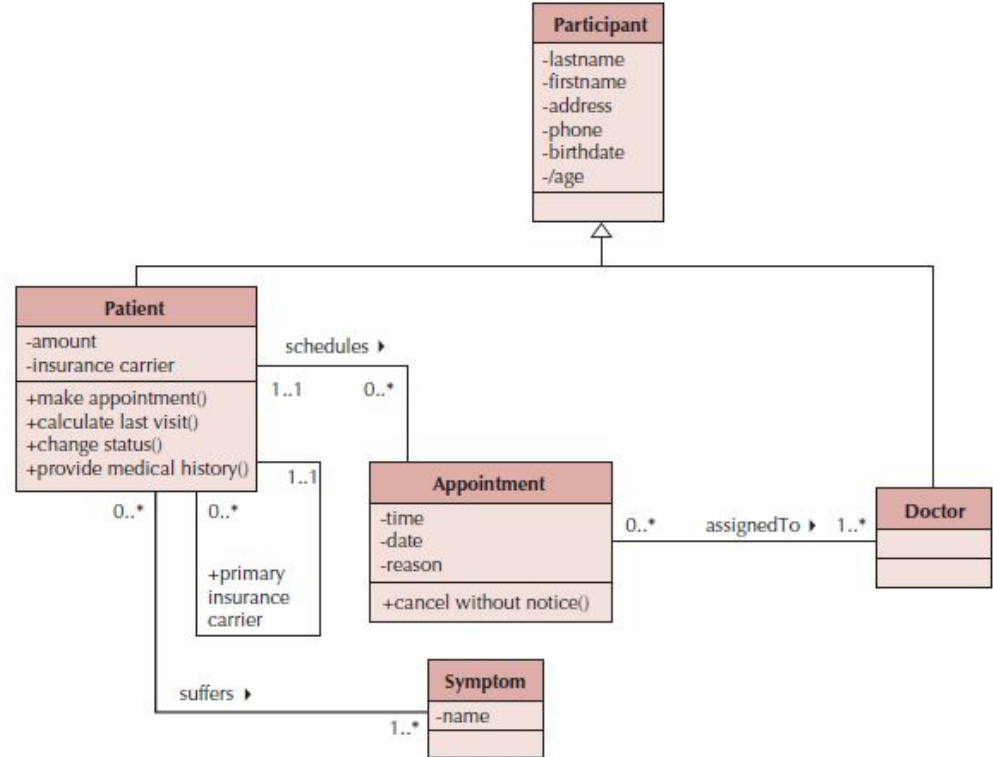
- Doctor class → Dr. Fredericks (ha)
- Attributes have **values**

Discover additional attributes/relationships/etc.

- Also find out what has been misplaced or misconfigured!



Example



Let's create *an example together*

Seven steps to structural models

1. Create CRC Cards
2. Review CRC Cards and identify missing objects, attributes, operations and/or relationships
3. Role-play the CRC cards—look for breakdowns & correct; create new cards as necessary
4. Create the class diagram
5. Review the class diagram—remove unnecessary classes, attributes, operations and/or relationships
6. Incorporate patterns
7. Review and validate the model

More group work!

Take that CRC card you made earlier and:

- 1) Make a rough class diagram out of it
- 2) Create an object model to demonstrate it working

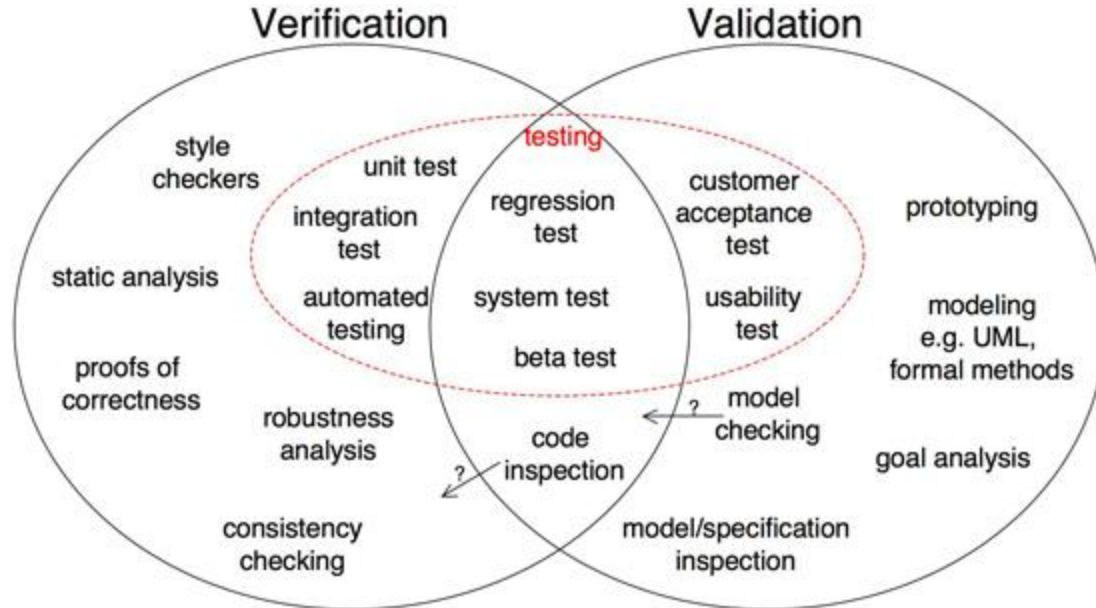
Turn in these materials by tomorrow night at midnight

→ Keyword -- rough (these don't have to be perfect, we'll formalize some soon)

Verifying and validating the model

Analyst presents to developers and users

- Walks through the model
- Provides explanations and reasoning behind each class



Verifying and validating the model

Rules

1. Each CRC card is associated with a class
2. Responsibilities on the front of the card are included as operations on the class diagram
3. Collaborators on the front of the card imply a relationship on the back of the card
4. Attributes on the back of the card are listed as attributes on the class diagram
5. Attributes on the back of the CRC card each have a data type (e.g., salary implies a number format)
6. Relationships on the back of the card must be properly depicted on the class diagram
 - a. Aggregation/Association
 - b. Multiplicity
7. Association classes are used only to include attributes that describe a relationship

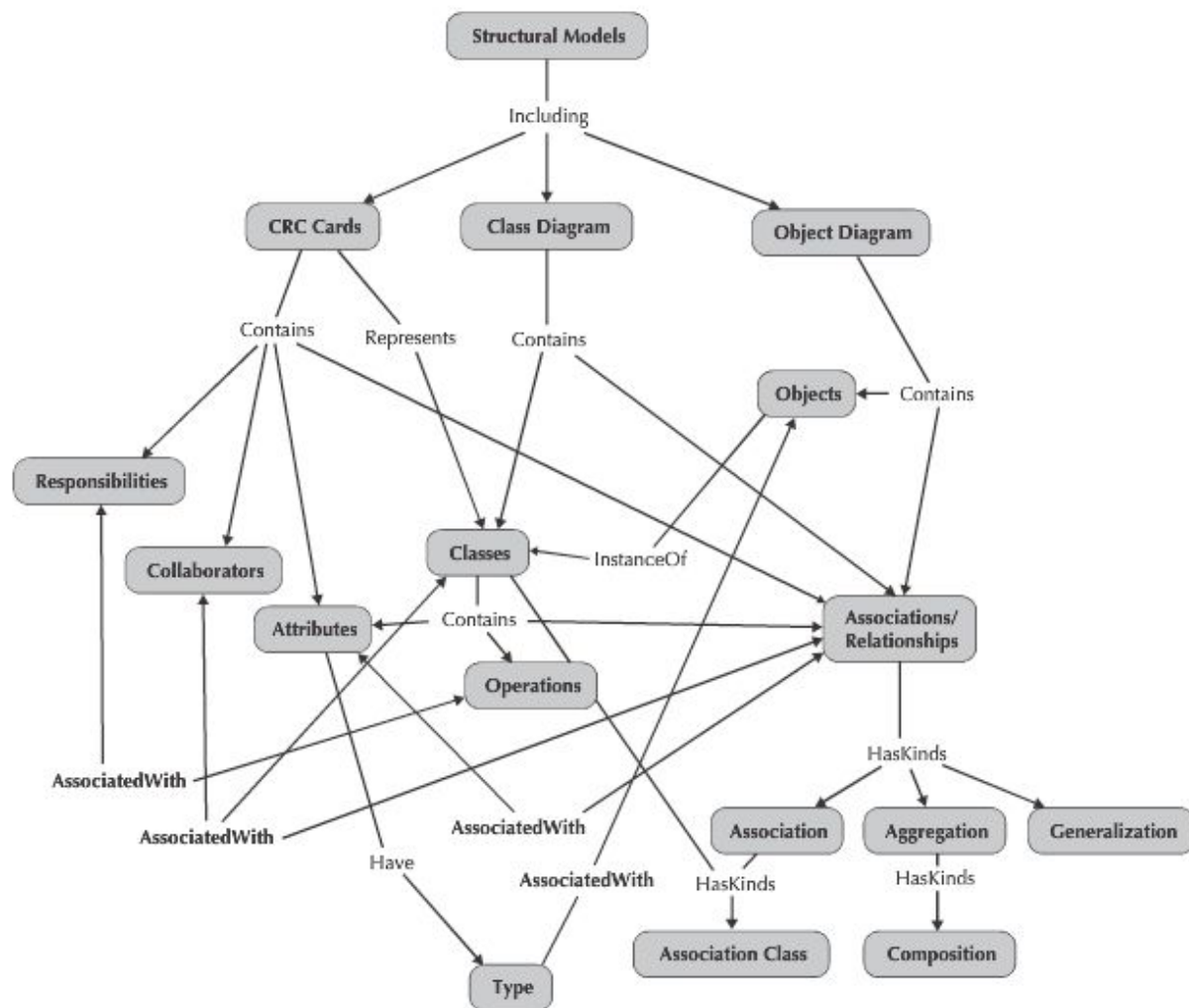


FIGURE 5-26 Interrelationships among Structural Models

Interlude :: Gantt Charts, Burn-Down/Burn-Up

Seems we forgot to go into these, especially important as *you'll be selecting one and doing it for your midterm presentations!*

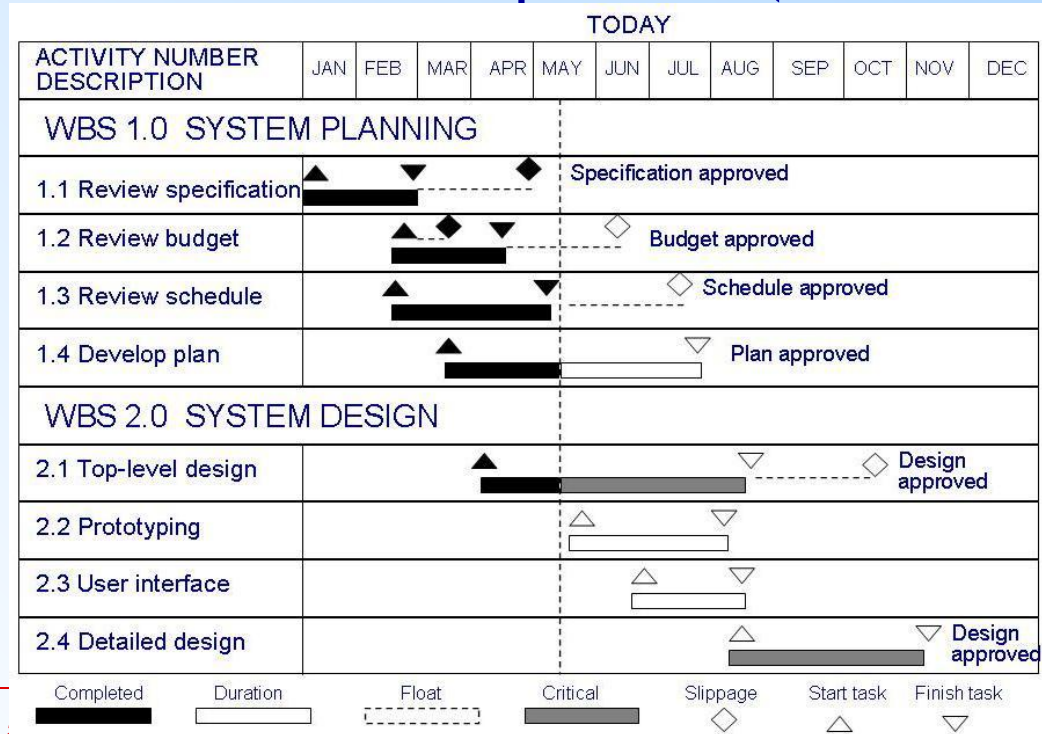
Which will be October TBDth!

There are details in Blackboard under 'Term Project'

3.1 Tracking Progress

Tools to Track Progress: Gantt Chart

- Activities shown in parallel (shows task concurrency)



Wot about Agile?

Gantt charts are so *passé*
Let's burn up and burn down

