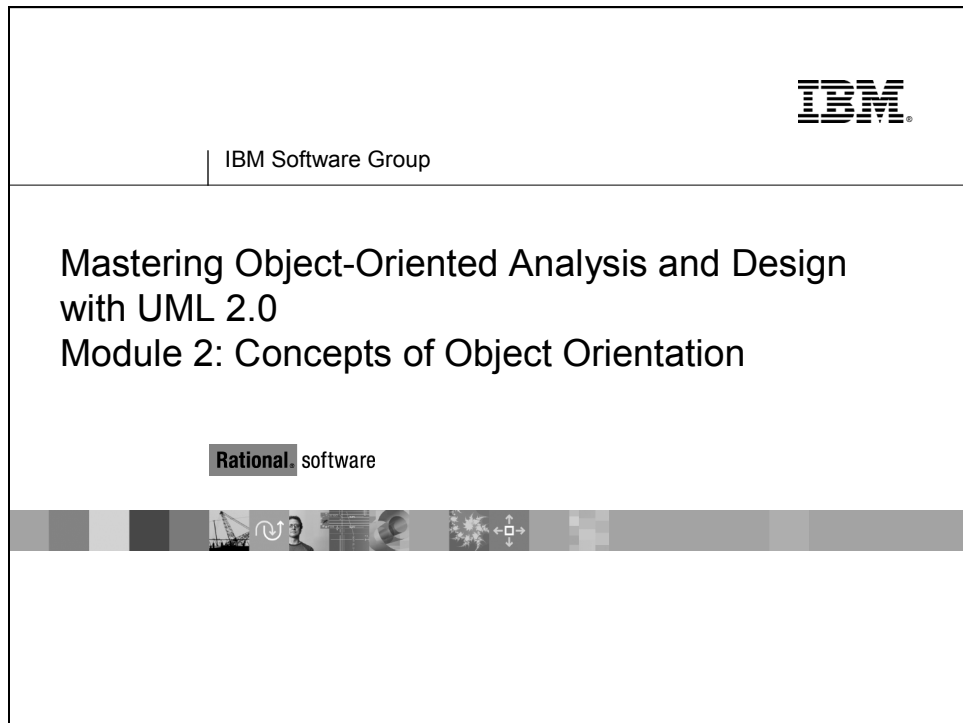


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Objectives: Concepts of Object Orientation

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- ♦ Explain the basic principles of object orientation
- ♦ Define the basic concepts and terms of object orientation and the associated UML notation

Review: Why Model?

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- ♦ Modeling achieves four aims:
 - Helps you to visualize a system as you want it to be.
 - Permits you to specify the structure or behavior of a system.
 - Gives you a template that guides you in constructing a system.
 - Documents the decisions you have made.
- ♦ You build models of complex systems because you cannot comprehend such a system in its entirety.
- ♦ You build models to better understand the system you are developing.

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According to Booch in *The Unified Modeling Language User Guide*, modeling achieves four aims:

1. Models help you to **visualize** a system, as you want it to be. A model helps the software team communicate the vision for the system being developed. It is difficult for a software team to have a unified vision of a system that is described only in specification and requirement documents. Models bring about understanding of the system.
2. Models permit you to **specify** the structure or behavior of a system. A model allows how to document system behavior and structure before coding the system.
3. Models give a template that guide you in **constructing** a system. A model is an invaluable tool during construction. It serves as a road map for a developer. Have you experienced a situation where a developer coded incorrect behavior because he or she was confused over the wording in a requirements document? Modeling helps alleviate that situation.
4. Models **document** the decisions you've made. Models are valuable tools in the long term because they give "hard" information on design decisions. You don't need to rely on someone's memory.

Four Principles of Modeling

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- ♦ The model you create influences how the problem is attacked.
- ♦ Every model may be expressed at different levels of precision.
- ♦ The best models are connected to reality.
- ♦ No single model is sufficient.

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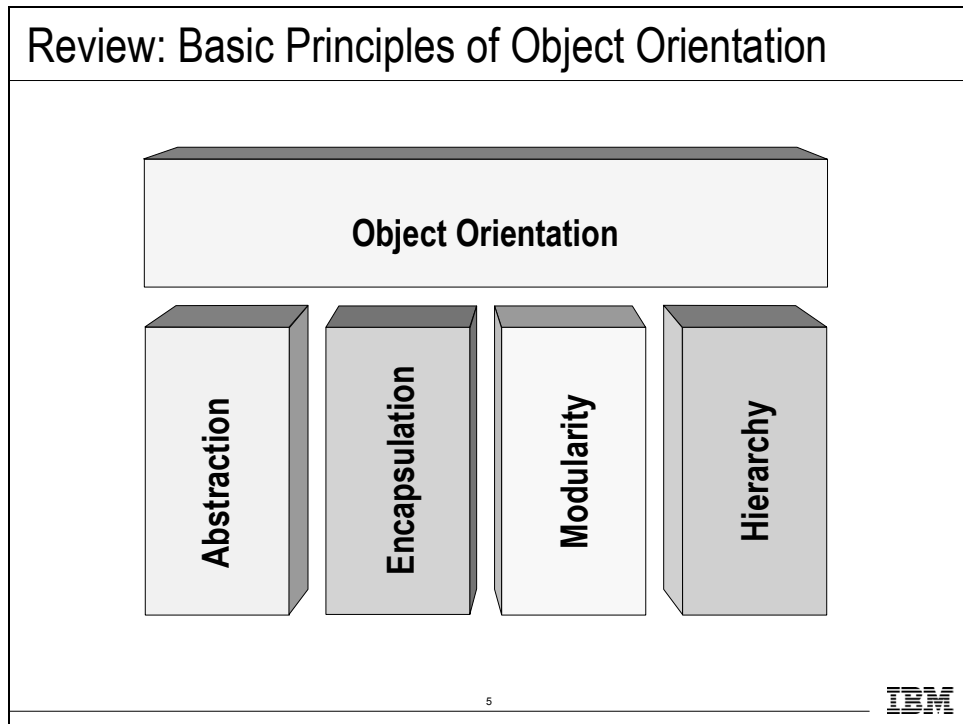


Modeling has a rich history in all the engineering disciplines.

The four basic principles of modeling are derived from this history.

1. The models you create profoundly influence how a problem is attacked and how a solution is shaped.
2. Every model may be expressed at different levels of precision.
3. The best models are connected to reality.
4. No single model is sufficient. Every non-trivial system is best approached through a small set of nearly independent models.

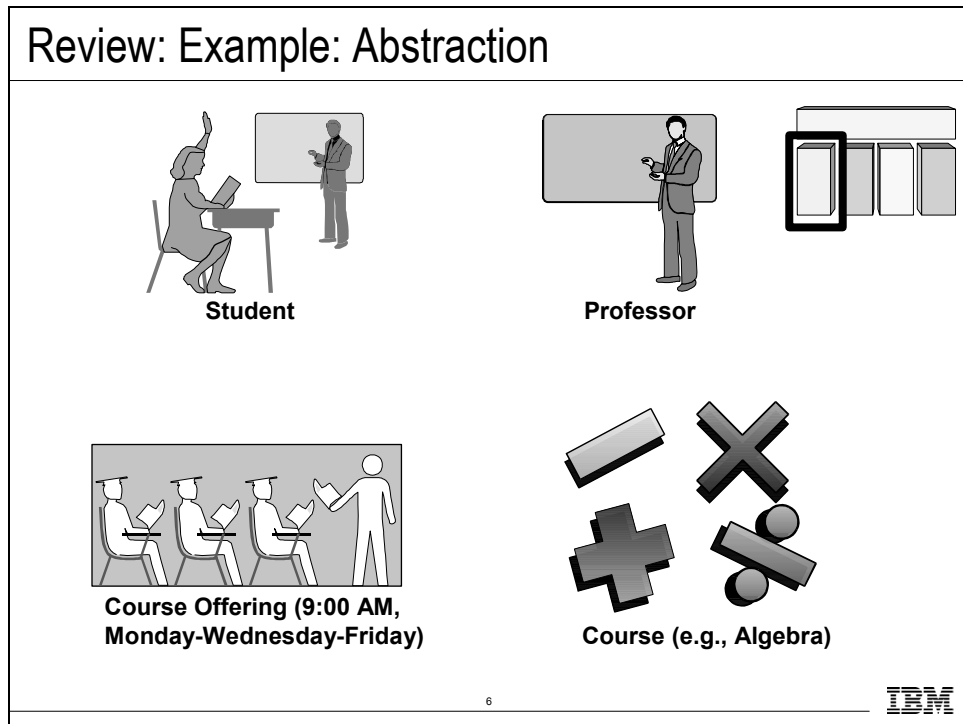
Review: Basic Principles of Object Orientation



There are four basic principles of object orientation. They are:

- Abstraction
- Encapsulation
- Modularity
- Hierarchy

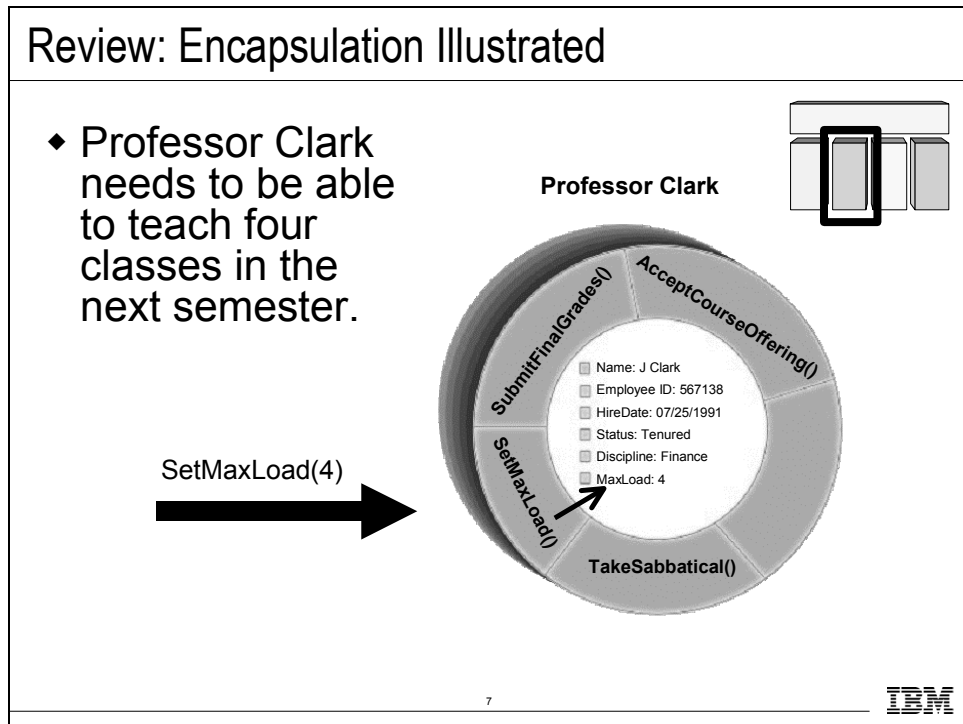
Review: Example: Abstraction



The following are examples of abstraction.

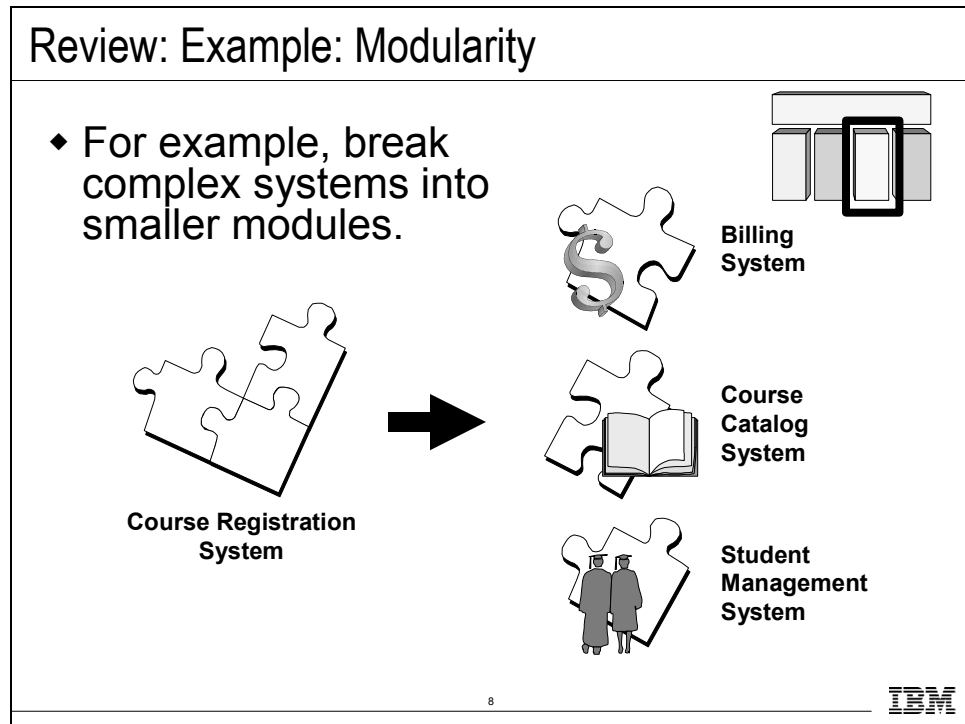
- A student is a person enrolled in classes at the university.
- A professor is a person teaching classes at the university.
- A course is a class offered by the university.
- A course offering is a specific offering for a course, including days of the week and times.

Review: Encapsulation Illustrated



- The key to encapsulation is an object's **message interface**. The object interface ensures that all communication with the object takes place through a set of predefined operations. Data inside the object is only accessible by the object's operations. No other object can reach inside of the object and change its attribute values.
- For example, Professor Clark needs to have her maximum course load increased from three classes to four classes per semester. Another object will make a request to Professor Clark to set the maximum course load to four. The attribute, MaxLoad, is then changed by the SetMaxLoad() operation.
- Encapsulation is beneficial in this example because the requesting object does not need to know how to change the maximum course load. In the future, the number of variables that are used to define the maximum course load may be increased, but that does not affect the requesting object. The requesting object depends on the operation interface for the Professor Clark object.

Review: Example: Modularity

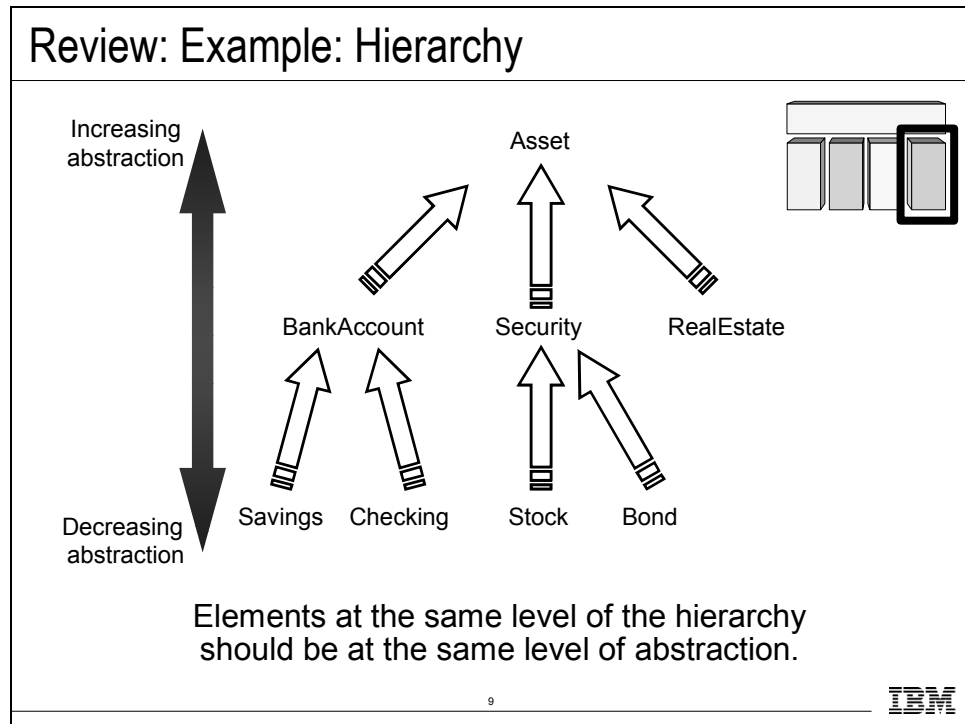


Often, the system under development is too complex to understand. To further understanding, the system is broken into smaller blocks that are each maintained independently. Breaking down a system in this way is called **modularity**. It is critical for understanding a complex system.

For example, the system under development is a Course Registration system. The system itself is too large and abstract to allow an understanding of the details. Therefore, the development team broke this system into three modular systems, each independent of the others.

- The Billing System
- Course Catalog System
- Student Management System

Review: Example: Hierarchy



Hierarchy can be defined as:

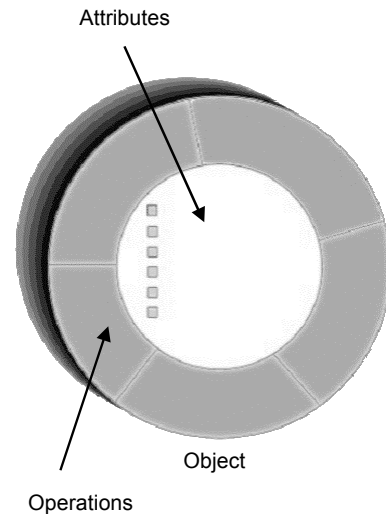
Any ranking or ordering of abstractions into a tree-like structure. Kinds: Aggregation hierarchy, class hierarchy, containment hierarchy, inheritance hierarchy, partition hierarchy, specialization hierarchy, type hierarchy. (*Dictionary of Object Technology*, Firesmith, Eykholt, 1995)

- Hierarchy organizes items in a particular order or rank (for example, complexity and responsibility). This organization is dependent on perspective. Using a hierarchy to describe differences or variations of a particular concept provides for more descriptive and cohesive abstractions and a better allocation of responsibility.
- In any one system, there may be multiple abstraction hierarchies (for example, a financial application may have different types of customers and accounts).
- Hierarchy is not an organizational chart or a functional decomposition.
- Hierarchy is a taxonomic organization. The use of hierarchy makes it easy to recognize similarities and differences. For example, botany organizes plants into families. Chemistry organizes elements in a periodic table.

Review: What Is an Object?

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- ♦ An object is an entity with a well-defined boundary and identity that encapsulates state and behavior.
 - State is represented by attributes and relationships.
 - Behavior is represented by operations, methods, and state machines.



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An **object** is an entity that has a well-defined boundary. That is, the purpose of the object should be clear.

An object has two key components: attributes and operations.

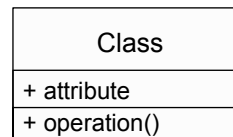
Attributes and relationships represent an object's state. Operations represent the behavior of the object.

Object behavior and state are discussed in the next few slides.

Review: What Is a Class?

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- ♦ A class is a description of a set of objects that share the same attributes, operations, relationships, and semantics.
 - An object is an instance of a class.
- ♦ A class is an abstraction in that it
 - Emphasizes relevant characteristics.
 - Suppresses other characteristics.



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A **class** can be defined as:

A description of a set of objects that share the same attributes, operations, relationships, and semantics. (*The Unified Modeling Language User Guide*, Booch, 1999)

- There are many objects identified for any domain.
- Recognizing the commonalties among the objects and defining classes helps us deal with the potential complexity.
- The OO principle of abstraction helps us deal with complexity.

An **Attribute** can be defined as:

A named property of a class that describes the range of values that instances of the property may hold. (*The Unified Modeling Language User Guide*, Booch, 1999.)

- A class may have any number of attributes or no attributes at all. At any time, an object of a class has specific values for every one of its class's attributes.

An **Operation** can be defined as:

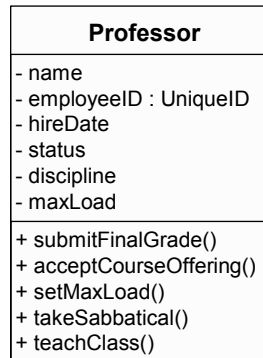
A service that can be requested from an object to effect behavior. An operation has a signature, which may restrict the actual parameters that are possible.

- The operations in a class describe what the class can do.

Representing Classes in the UML

Review: Representing Classes in the UML

- ♦ A class is represented using a rectangle with compartments.



Professor J Clark

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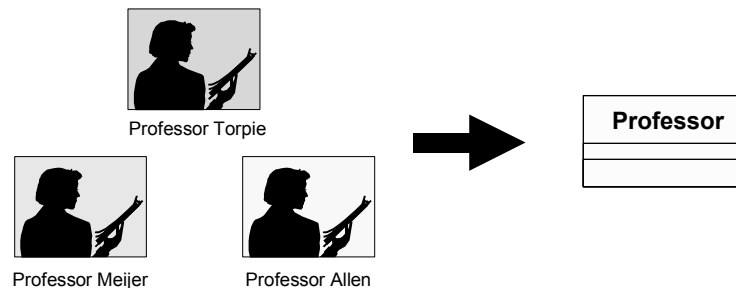


- The UML notation for a class permits you to see an abstraction apart from any specific programming language, which lets you emphasize the most important parts about an abstraction — its name, attributes, and operations.
- Graphically, a class is represented by a rectangle.

Review: The Relationship Between Classes and Objects

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- ♦ A class is an abstract definition of an object.
 - It defines the structure and behavior of each object in the class.
 - It serves as a template for creating objects.
- ♦ Classes are not collections of objects.




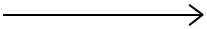





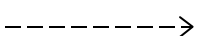
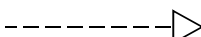
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- A class is a description of a set of objects that share the same responsibilities, relationships, operations, attributes, and semantics.
- An object is defined by a class. A class defines a template for the structure and behavior of all its objects. The objects created from a class are also called the **instances** of the class.
- The class is the static description; the object is a run-time instance of that class.
- Since we model from real-world objects, software objects are based on the real-world objects, but they exist only in the context of the system.
- Starting with real-world objects, abstract out what you do not care about. Then, take these abstractions and categorize, or *classify* them, based on what you *do* care about. Classes in the model are the result of this classification process.
- These classes are then used as templates within an executing software system to create software objects. These software objects represent the real-world objects we originally started with.
- Some classes/objects may be defined that do not represent real-world objects. They are there to support the design and are "software only."

Class Relationships

Review: Class Relationships

- ♦ “The semantic connection between classes”
~ Grady Booch
- ♦ Class diagrams may contain the following relationships:
 - Association  OR 
 - Aggregation  OR 
 - Composition  OR 
 - Generalization 
 - Dependency 
 - Realization 

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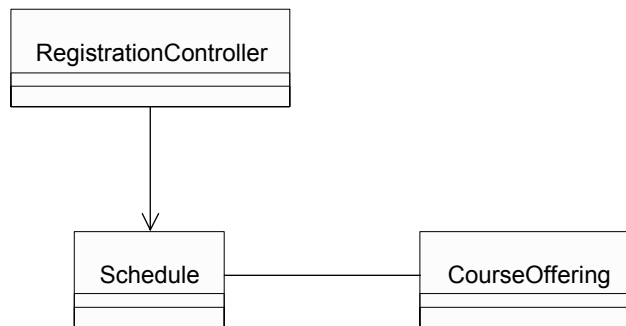
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The next several slides will explain and define each of these relationships.

What Is Navigability?

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- ♦ Indicates that it is possible to navigate from a associating class to the target class using the association



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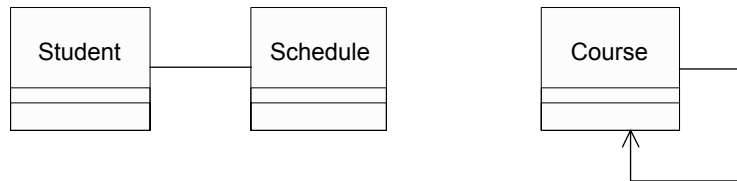
The **navigability** property on a role indicates that it is possible to navigate from a associating class to the target class using the association. This may be implemented in a number of ways: by direct object references, associative arrays, hash-tables, or any other implementation technique that allows one object to reference another.

- Navigability is indicated by an open arrow placed on the target end of the association line next to the target class (the one being navigated to). The default value of the navigability property is true (associations are bi-directional by default).
- In the course registration example, the association between the Schedule and the Course Offering is navigable in both directions. That is, a Schedule must know the Course Offering assigned to the Schedule, and the Course Offering must know the Schedules it has been placed in.
- When no arrowheads are shown, the association is assumed to be navigable in both directions.
- In the case of the association between Schedule and Registration Controller, the Registration Controller must know its Schedules, but the Schedules have no knowledge of the Registration Controllers (or other classes). As a result, the navigability property of the Registration Controller end of the association is turned off.

Review: What Is an Association?

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- ♦ The semantic relationship between two or more classifiers that specifies connections among their instances
 - A structural relationship, specifying that objects of one thing are connected to objects of another



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An **association** can be defined as:

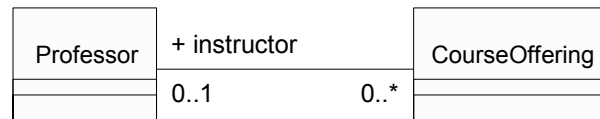
The semantic relationship between two or more classifiers that specifies connections among their instances. In other words, an association is a structural relationship that specifies that objects (instances of classes) are connected to other objects.

- The way that we show relationships between classes is through the use of associations. Associations are represented on class diagrams by a line connecting the associating classes. Data may flow in either direction or in both directions across a link.
- Most associations are simple. That is, they exist between exactly two classes. They are drawn as solid paths connecting pairs of class symbols. Ternary relationships are also possible.
- Sometimes, a class has an association to itself. This does not always mean that an instance of that class has an association to itself. More often, it means that one instance of the class has associations to other instances of the same class.
- This example shows that a student object is related to a schedule object. The course class demonstrates how a course object can be related to another course object.

Review: What Is Multiplicity?

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- ♦ Multiplicity is the number of instances one class relates to ONE instance of another class.
- ♦ For each association, there are two multiplicity decisions to make, one for each end of the association.
 - For each instance of Professor, many Course Offerings may be taught.
 - For each instance of Course Offering, there may be either one or zero Professor as the instructor.



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Multiplicity can be defined as:


The number of instances of one class that relate to one instance of another class.

- For each role, you can specify the multiplicity of its class and how many objects of the class can be associated with one object of the other class.
- Multiplicity is indicated by a text expression on the role. The expression is a comma-separated list of integer ranges.
- It is important to remember that multiplicity is referring to instances of classes (objects) and their relationships. In this example, a Course Offering object can have either zero or one Professor object related to it. Conversely, a Professor object can have zero or more Course Offering objects related to it.
- Multiplicity must be defined on both ends of the association.

Review: Multiplicity Indicators

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Unspecified	
Exactly One	1
Zero or More	0..*
Zero or More	*
One or More	1..*
Zero or One (optional scalar role)	0..1
Specified Range	2..4
Multiple, Disjoint Ranges	2, 4..6

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- Multiplicity is indicated by a text expression on the role.
- The expression is a comma-separated list of integer ranges.
- A range is indicated by an integer (the lower value), two dots, followed by another integer (the upper value).
- A single integer is a valid range, and the symbol "*" indicates "many." That is, an asterisk "*" indicates an unlimited number of objects.
- The symbol "*" by itself is equivalent to "0..*" That is, it represents any number, including none. This is the default value.
- An optional scalar role has the multiplicity 0..1.

Review: What Is Aggregation?

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- ♦ An aggregation is a special form of association that models a whole-part relationship between an aggregate (the whole) and its parts.
 - An aggregation is an “Is a part-of” relationship.
- ♦ Multiplicity is represented like other associations.



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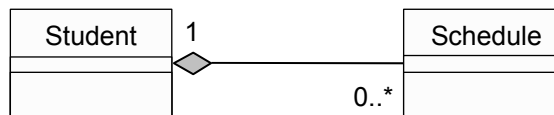
A special form of association that models a whole-part relationship between an aggregate (the whole) and its parts.

- Aggregation is used to model relationships between model elements. There are many examples of aggregation: a library contains books, departments are made up of employees, a computer is composed of a number of devices. To model an aggregation, the aggregate (department) has an aggregation association to the its constituent parts (employee).
- A hollow diamond is attached to the end of an association path on the side of the aggregate (the whole) to indicate aggregation.
- An aggregation relationship that has a multiplicity greater than one for the aggregate is called **shared**. Destroying the aggregate does not necessarily destroy the parts. By implication, a shared aggregation forms a graph or a tree with many roots. Shared aggregations are used where there is a strong relationship between two classes. Therefore, the same instance can participate in two different aggregations.

What Is Composition?

What Is Composition?

- ♦ A composition is a stronger form of association in which the composite has sole responsibility for managing its parts – such as their allocation and deallocation.
- ♦ It is shown by a diamond filled adornment on the opposite end.



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The relationship from Student to Schedule is modeled as a composition because if you got rid of the Student, you would get rid of any Schedules for that Student. Here are some general rules for when to use composition.

Use composition when:

- Properties need independent identities
- Multiple classes have the same properties
- Properties have a complex structure and properties of their own
- Properties have complex behavior of their own
- Properties have relationships of their own

Otherwise use attributes

What is a Structured Class?

What is a Structured Class?

- ♦ A structured class contains parts or roles that form its structure and realize its behavior
 - Describes the internal implementation structure
- ♦ The parts themselves may also be structured classes
 - Allows hierarchical structure to permit a clear expression of multilevel models.
- ♦ A connector is used to represent an association in a particular context
 - Represents communications paths among parts

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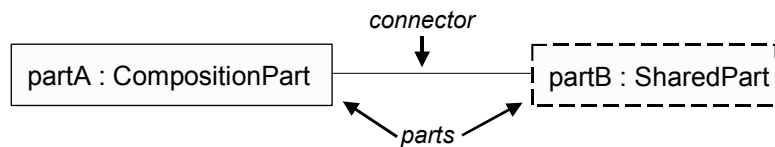


A **role** is a constituent element of a structured class that represents the appearance of an instance (or, possibly, set of instances) within the context defined by the structured class.

Structured Class Notation

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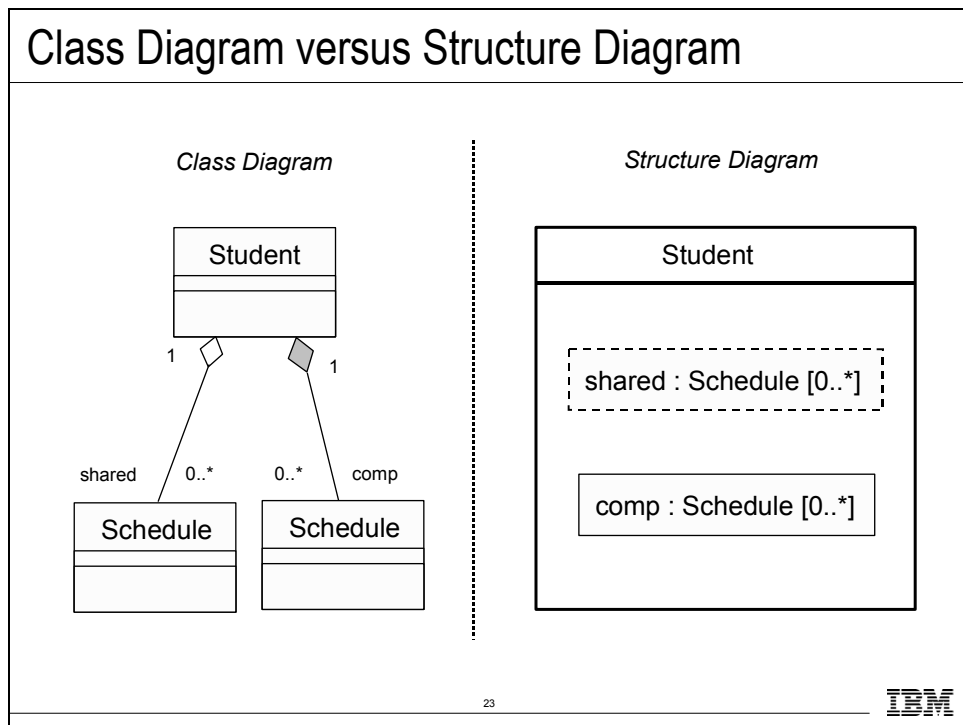
- ♦ A part or role is shown by using the symbol for a class (a rectangle) with the syntax:
rolename : Typename [multiplicity]
- ♦ All three may be omitted.
 - If multiplicity is omitted, it defaults to one.
- ♦ A reference to an external object (one not owned by the enclosing object) is shown by a dashed rectangle.



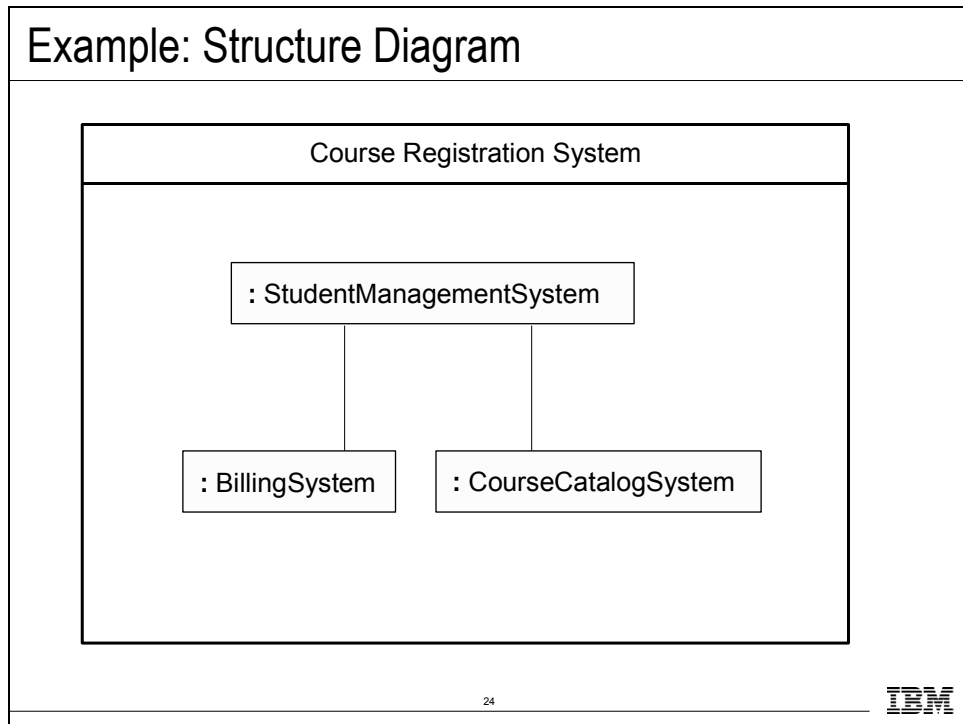
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Class Diagram versus Structure Diagram



Example: Structure Diagram



As the system is further decomposed, each of the parts may be a structured class which contains parts themselves. This is a very effective method to visualize the system architecture.

Review: What Is Generalization?

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- ♦ A relationship among classes where one class shares the structure and/or behavior of one or more classes
- ♦ Defines a hierarchy of abstractions in which a subclass inherits from one or more superclasses
 - Single inheritance
 - Multiple inheritance
- ♦ Is an “is a kind of” relationship

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Generalization can be defined as:

A specialization/generalization relationship in which objects of the specialized element (the child) are substitutable for objects of the generalized element (the parent). (*The Unified Modeling Language User Guide*, Booch, 1999)

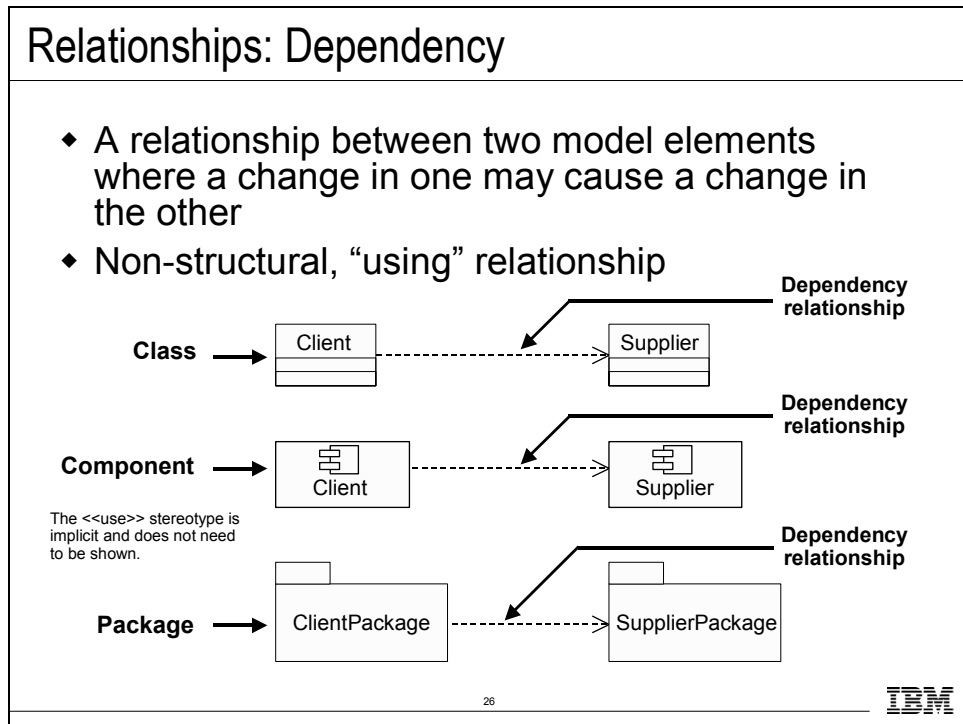
- The subclass may be used where the superclass is used, but not vice versa.
- The child inherits from the parent.
- Generalization is transitive. You can always test your generalization by applying the “is a kind of” rule. You should always be able to say that your specialized class “is a kind of” the parent class.
- The terms “generalization” and “inheritance” are generally interchangeable. If you need to distinguish, generalization is the name of the relationship, while inheritance is the mechanism that the generalization relationship represents/models.

Inheritance can be defined as:

The mechanism by which more-specific elements incorporate the structure and behavior of more-general elements. (*The Unified Modeling Language User Guide*, Booch, 1999)

- Single inheritance: The subclass inherits from only one superclass (has only one parent).
- Multiple inheritance: The subclass inherits from more than one superclass (has multiple parents).

Relationships: Dependency



A **dependency** relationship is a weaker form of relationship showing a relationship between a client and a supplier where the client does not have semantic knowledge of the supplier.

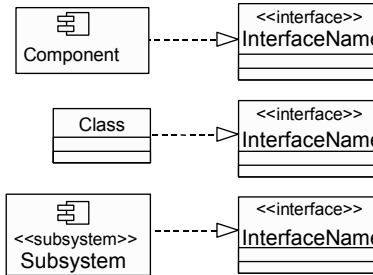
A dependency relationship denotes a semantic relationship between model elements, where a change in the supplier may cause a change in the client.

Relationships: Realization

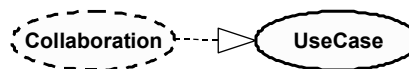
Relationships: Realization

- ♦ One classifier serves as the contract that the other classifier agrees to carry out, found between:

- Interfaces and the classifiers that realize them



- Use cases and the collaborations that realize them



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Realization is a semantic relationship between two classifiers. One classifier serves as the contract that the other classifier agrees to carry out.

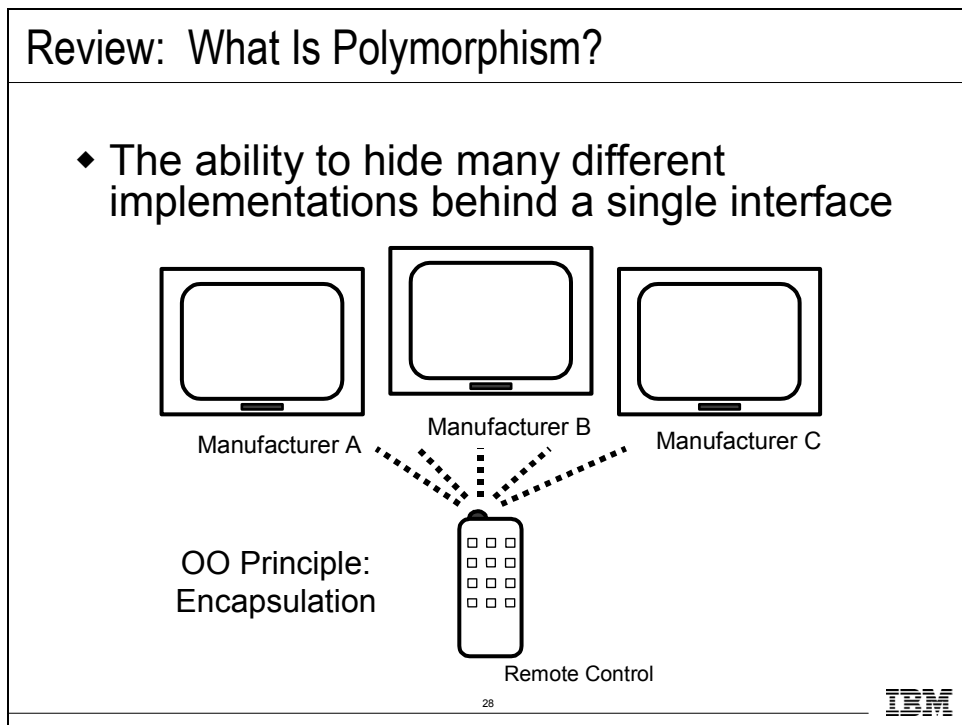
The realizes relationship is a combination of a dependency and a generalization. It is not true generalization, as only the “contract” (that is to say, operation signature) is “inherited.” This “mix” is represented in its UML form, which is a combination of dependency and generalization.

The realizes relationship may be modeled as a dashed line with a hollow arrowhead pointing at the contract classifier (canonical form), or when combined with an interface, as a “ball” (elided form).

Again, from *The Random House Collegiate Dictionary*:

- Elide: to pass over; omit; ignore.
- Canonical: authorized; recognized; accepted.

Review: What Is Polymorphism?



The Greek term *polymorphos* means “having many forms.” There may be one or many implementations of a given interface. Every implementation of an interface must fulfill the requirements of that interface. In some cases, the implementation can perform more than the basic interface requirements.

For example, the same remote can be used to control any type of television (implementation) that supports the specific interface that the remote was designed to be used with.

What Is an Interface?

What Is an Interface?

- ♦ A declaration of a coherent set of public features and obligations.
 - A contract between providers and consumers of services. Examples of interfaces are:
 - Provided interface - The interfaces that the element exposes to its environment.
 - Required interface - The interfaces that the element requires from other elements in its environment in order to be able to offer its full set of provided functionality.

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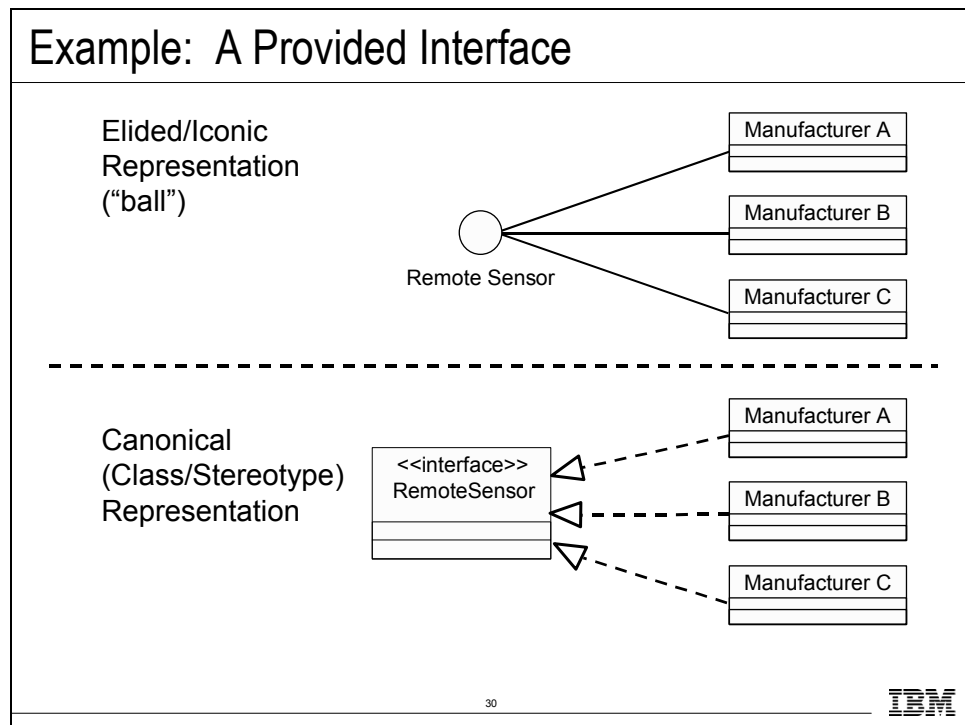


Interfaces are the key to the “plug-and-play” ability of an architecture: Any classifiers (for example, classes, subsystems, components) that realize the same interfaces may be substituted for one another in the system, thereby supporting the changing of implementations without affecting clients.

Interfaces formalize polymorphism. They allow us to define polymorphism in a declarative way, unrelated to implementation. Two elements are polymorphic with respect to a set of behaviors if they realize the same interfaces. In other words, if two objects use the same behaviors to get different, but similar results, they are considered to be polymorphic. A cube and a pyramid can both be drawn, moved, scaled, and rotated, but they look very different.

You have probably heard that polymorphism is one of the big benefits of object orientation, but without interfaces there is no way to enforce it, verify it, or even express it except in informal or language-specific ways. Formalization of interfaces strips away the mystery of polymorphism and gives us a good way to describe, in precise terms, what polymorphism is all about. Interfaces are testable, verifiable, and precise.

Example: A Provided Interface

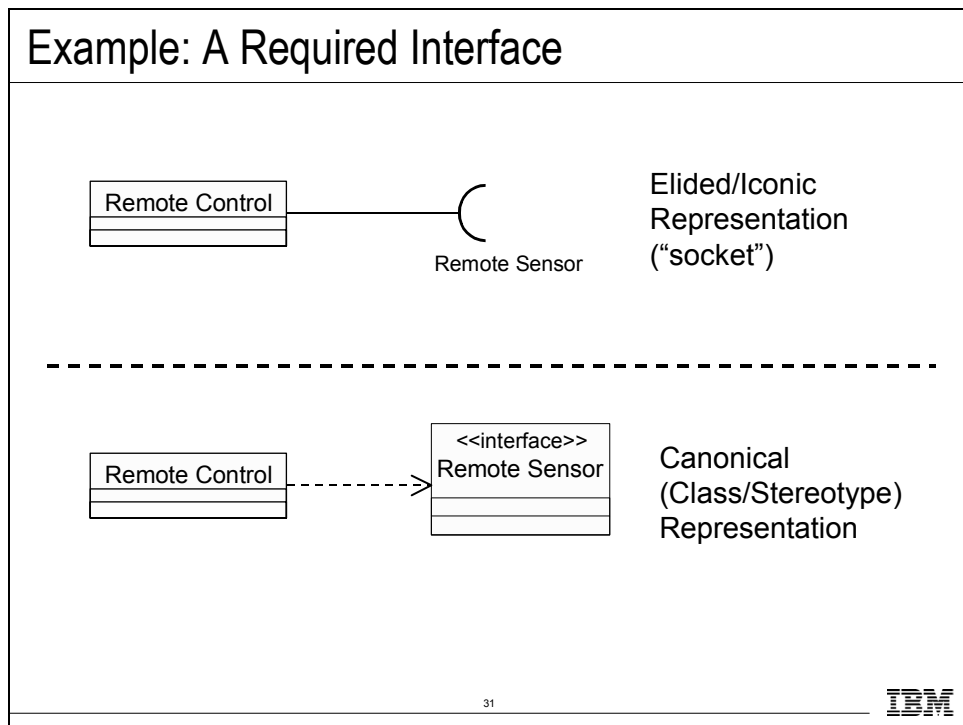


The ball notation is best used when you only need to denote the existence of an interface. If you need to see the details of the interface (for example, the operations), then the class/stereotype representation is more appropriate.

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Example: A Required Interface

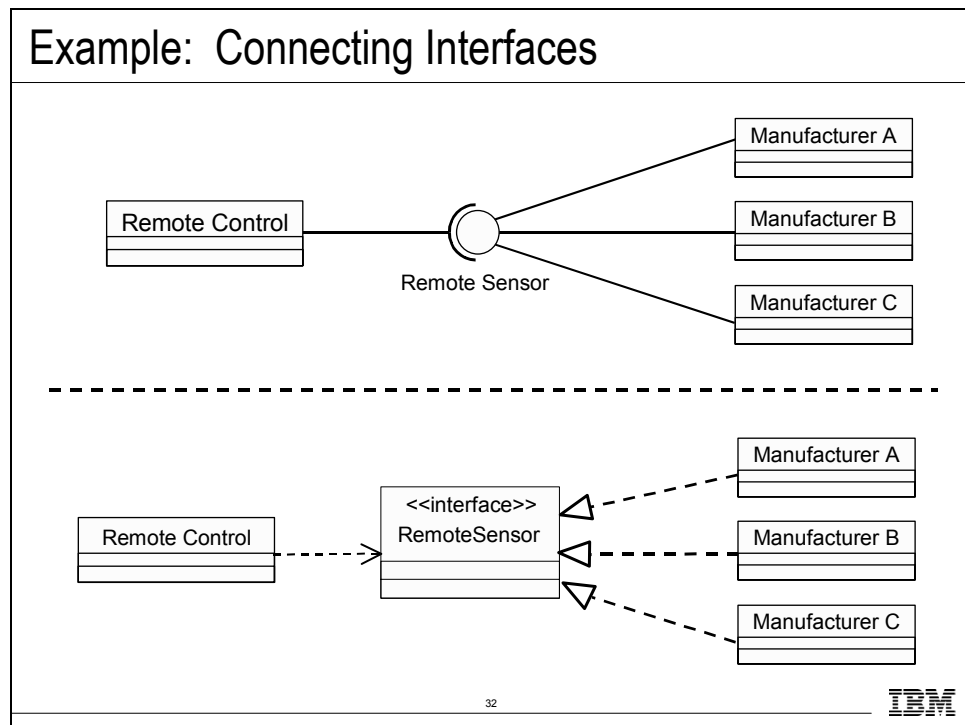


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Example: Connecting Interfaces



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What is a Port?

What is a Port?

- ♦ A port is a structural feature that encapsulates the interaction between the contents of a class and its environment.
 - Port behavior is specified by its provided and required interfaces
- ♦ Permits the internal structure to be modified without affecting external clients
 - External clients have no visibility to internals
- ♦ A class may have a number of ports
 - Each port has a set of provided and required interfaces

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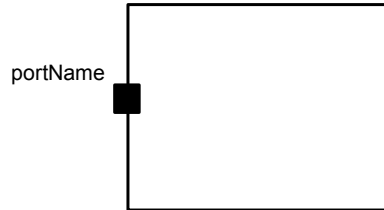
Since the port is a structural element, it's created and destroyed along with its structured class.

Another class connected to a port may request the provided services from the owner of the port but must also be prepared to supply the required services to the owner.

Port Notation

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- ♦ A port is shown as a small square with the name placed nearby.



- ♦ Ports may be public, protected or private

Port Types

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- ♦ Ports can have different implementation types
 - Service Port - Is only used for the internal implementation of the class
 - Behavior Port - Requests on the port are implemented directly by the class
 - Relay Port – Requests on the port are transmitted to internal parts for implementation

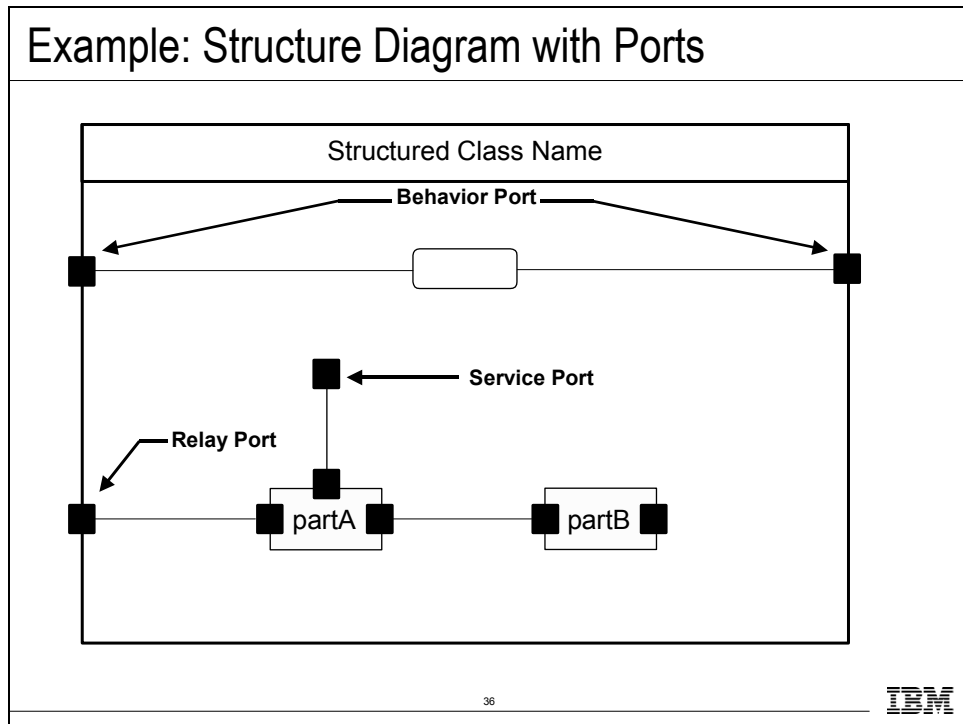
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The use of **service ports** are rare because the main purpose of ports is to encapsulate communication with the environment. These ports are located inside the class boundary.

Behavior ports are shown by a line from the port to a small state symbol (a rectangle with rounded corners). This is meant to suggest a state machine, although other forms of behavior implementation are also permitted.

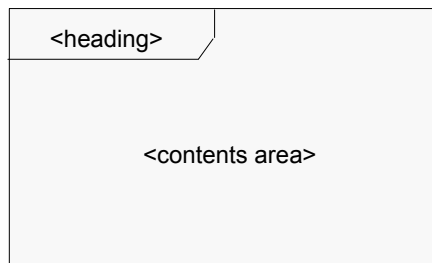
Example: Structure Diagram with Ports



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- ♦ Each diagram has a frame, a heading compartment in the upper left corner, and a contents area.
 - If the frame provides no additional value, it may be omitted and the border of the diagram area provided by the tool will be the implied frame.



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A heading compartment is a string contained in a name tag (a rectangle with cutoff corner) in the upper leftmost corner with the following syntax:

[<kind>]<name>[<parameters>]

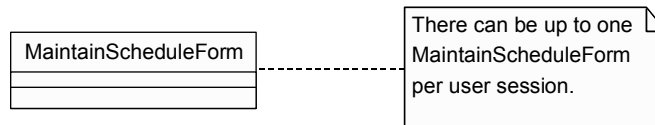
This <kind> can be:

- activity - activity diagram
- package - class diagram, package diagram
- communication - communication diagram
- component - component diagram
- class - composite structure diagram
- deployment - deployment diagram
- intover - interaction overview diagram
- object - object diagram
- state machine - state machine diagram
- sd - sequence diagram
- timing - timing diagram
- use case - use case diagram

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- ♦ A comment that is added to include more information on the diagram
- ♦ May be added to any UML element
- ♦ A “dog eared” rectangle
- ♦ May be anchored to an element with a dashed line



Review

Review: Concepts of Object Orientation

- ♦ What are the four basic principles of object orientation? Provide a brief description of each.
- ♦ What is an object and what is a class? What is the difference between the two?
- ♦ What is a class relationship? Give some examples.
- ♦ What is polymorphism?
- ♦ What is an interface?



