Drawing UML with PlantUML



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 ${\bf PlantUML}$ is an Open Source project that allows to quickly write:

- Sequence diagram,
- Usecase diagram,
- Class diagram,
- Activity diagram,
- Component diagram,
- State diagram,
- Object diagram.

Diagrams are defined using a simple and intuitive language.

1 Sequence Diagram

1.1 Basic examples

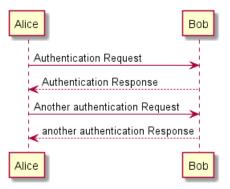
The sequence -> is used to draw a message between two participants. Participants do not have to be explicitly declared.

To have a dotted arrow, you use -->

It is also possible to use <- and <--. That does not change the drawing, but may improve readability. Note that this is only true for sequence diagrams, rules are different for the other diagrams.

```
@startuml
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response

Alice -> Bob: Another authentication Request
Alice <-- Bob: another authentication Response
@enduml</pre>
```



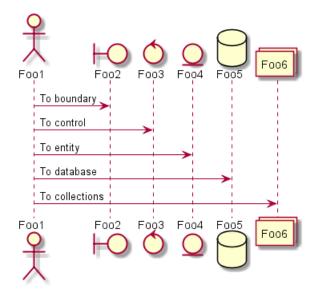
1.2 Declaring participant

It is possible to change participant order using the participant keyword.

It is also possible to use other keywords to declare a participant:

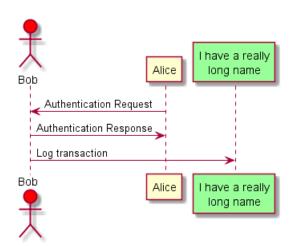
- actor
- boundary
- control
- entity
- database

```
@startuml
actor Foo1
boundary Foo2
control Foo3
entity Foo4
database Foo5
collections Foo6
Foo1 -> Foo2 : To boundary
Foo1 -> Foo3 : To control
Foo1 -> Foo4 : To entity
Foo1 -> Foo5 : To database
Foo1 -> Foo6 : To collections
```



You can rename a participant using the as keyword. You can also change the background color of actor or participant.

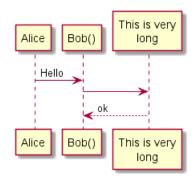
```
@startuml
actor Bob #red
' The only difference between actor
'and participant is the drawing
participant Alice
participant "I have a really\nlong name" as L #99FF99
/' You can also declare:
participant L as "I have a really\nlong name" #99FF99
'/
Alice->Bob: Authentication Request
Bob->Alice: Authentication Response
Bob->L: Log transaction
@enduml
```



1.3 Use non-letters in participants

You can use quotes to define participants. And you can use the as keyword to give an alias to those participants.

```
@startuml
Alice -> "Bob()" : Hello
"Bob()" -> "This is very\nlong" as Long
' You can also declare:
' "Bob()" -> Long as "This is very\nlong"
Long --> "Bob()" : ok
@enduml
```



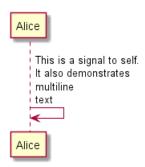
1.4 Message to Self

A participant can send a message to itself.

It is also possible to have multi-line using n.

@startum]

Alice->Alice: This is a signal to self. \nIt also demonstrates \nmultiline \ntext Qenduml

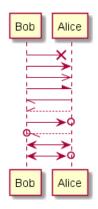


1.5 Change arrow style

You can change arrow style by several ways:

- add a final x to denote a lost message
- use \backslash or / instead of < or > to have only the bottom or top part of the arrow
- repeat the arrow head (for example, >> or //) head to have a thin drawing
- use -- instead of to have a dotted arrow
- add a final "o" at arrow head
- use bidirectional arrow

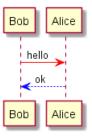
```
@startum1
Bob ->x Alice
Bob -> Alice
Bob -> Alice
Bob \\- Alice
Bob \\- Alice
Bob //-- Alice
Bob o\\- Alice
Bob ->o Alice
Bob ->o Alice
Bob <-> Alice
Bob <-> Alice
```



1.6 Change arrow color

You can change the color of individual arrows using the following notation:

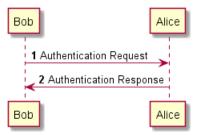
```
@startuml
Bob -[#red]> Alice : hello
Alice -[#0000FF]->Bob : ok
@enduml
```



1.7 Message sequence numbering

The keyword autonumber is used to automatically add number to messages.

```
@startuml
autonumber
Bob -> Alice : Authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Authentication Response
@enduml</pre>
```



You can specify a startnumber with autonumber 'start', and also an increment with autonumber 'start' 'increment'.

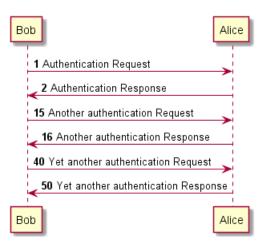
```
@startuml
autonumber
Bob -> Alice : Authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Authentication Response

autonumber 15
Bob -> Alice : Another authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Another authentication Response

autonumber 40 10</pre>
```

```
Bob -> Alice : Yet another authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Yet another authentication Response
```

@enduml



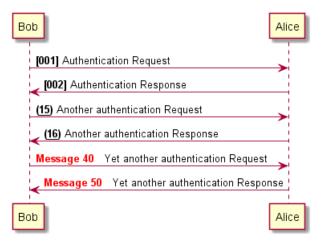
You can specify a format for your number by using between double-quote.

The formatting is done with the Java class DecimalFormat ('0' means digit, '#' means digit and zero if absent).

You can use some html tag in the format.

```
@startuml
autonumber "<b>[000]"
Bob -> Alice : Authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Authentication Response
autonumber 15 "<b>(<u>##</u>)"
Bob -> Alice : Another authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Another authentication Response
autonumber 40 10 "<font color=red><b>Message 0 "
Bob -> Alice : Yet another authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Yet another authentication Response
```

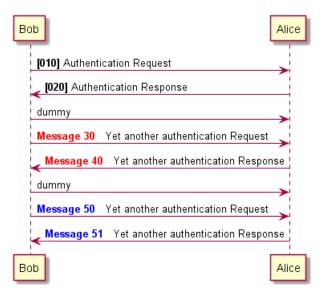
@enduml



You can also use autonumber stop and autonumber resume 'increment' 'format' to respectively pause and resume automatic numbering.

```
@startuml
autonumber 10 10 "<b>[000]"
Bob -> Alice : Authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Authentication Response
```

```
autonumber stop
Bob -> Alice : dummy
autonumber resume "<font color=red><b>Message 0
Bob -> Alice : Yet another authentication Request
Bob <- Alice : Yet another authentication Response
autonumber stop
Bob -> Alice : dummy
autonumber resume 1 "<font color=blue><b>Message 0
Bob -> Alice : Yet another authentication Request
{\tt Bob} \ \mbox{\it \leftarrow} \ \mbox{\tt Alice} \ : \ \mbox{\tt Yet another authentication Response}
@enduml
```

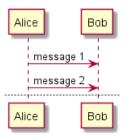


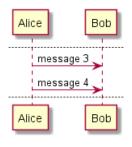
1.8 Splitting diagrams

The newpage keyword is used to split a diagram into several images. You can put a title for the new page just after the newpage keyword. This is very handy with Word to print long diagram on several pages.

@startum1

```
Alice -> Bob : message 1
Alice -> Bob : message 2
newpage
Alice -> Bob : message 3
Alice -> Bob : message 4
newpage A title for the \n page
Alice -> Bob : message 5
Alice -> Bob : message 6
@enduml
```





A title for the last page Alice Bob message 5 message 6 Alice Bob

1.9 Grouping message

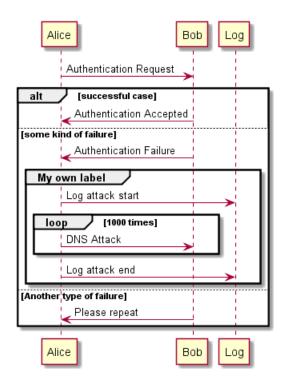
It is possible to group messages together using the following keywords:

- alt/else
- opt
- loop
- par
- break
- critical
- group, followed by a text to be displayed

It is possible a add a text that will be displayed into the header (except for group). The end keyword is used to close the group.

Note that it is possible to nest groups.

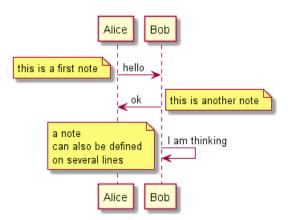
```
@startuml
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
alt successful case
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Accepted
else some kind of failure
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Failure
group My own label
Alice -> Log : Log attack start
loop 1000 times
Alice -> Bob: DNS Attack
end
Alice -> Log : Log attack end
end
else Another type of failure
Bob -> Alice: Please repeat
end
@enduml
```



1.10 Notes on messages

It is possible to put notes on message using the note left or note right keywords just after the message. You can have a multi-line note using the end note keywords.

```
@startuml
Alice->Bob : hello
note left: this is a first note
Bob->Alice : ok
note right: this is another note
Bob->Bob : I am thinking
note left
a note
can also be defined
on several lines
end note
@enduml
```



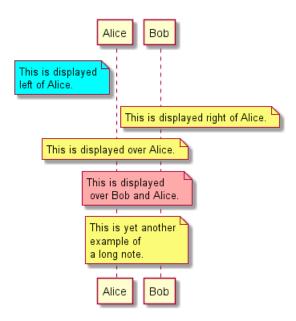
1.11 Some other notes

It is also possible to place notes relative to participant with note left of , note right of or note over keywords.

It is possible to highlight a note by changing its background color.

You can also have a multi-line note using the end note keywords.

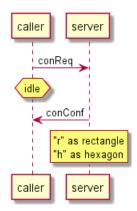
```
@startum1
participant Alice
participant Bob
note left of Alice #aqua
This is displayed
left of Alice.
end note
note right of Alice: This is displayed right of Alice.
note over Alice: This is displayed over Alice.
note over Alice, Bob #FFAAAA: This is displayed\n over Bob and Alice.
note over Bob, Alice
This is yet another
example of
a long note.
end note
@enduml
```



1.12 Changing notes shape

You can use hnote and rnote keywords to change note shapes.

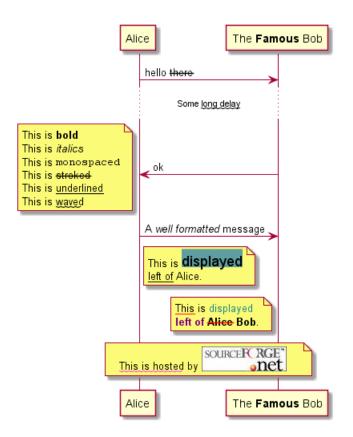
@startuml
caller -> server : conReq
hnote over caller : idle
caller <- server : conConf
rnote over server
"r" as rectangle
"h" as hexagon
endrnote
@enduml</pre>



1.13 Creole and HTML

It is also possible to use creole formatting:

```
@startuml
participant Alice
participant "The **Famous** Bob" as Bob
Alice -> Bob : hello --there--
... Some ~~long delay~~ ...
Bob -> Alice : ok
note left
This is **bold**
This is //italics//
This is ""monospaced""
This is --stroked--
This is __underlined__
This is ~~waved~~
end note
Alice -> Bob : A //well formatted// message
note right of Alice
This is <back:cadetblue><size:18>displayed</size></back>
__left of__ Alice.
end note
note left of Bob
\u:red>This</u> is <color #118888>displayed</color>
**<color purple>left of</color> <s:red>Alice</strike> Bob**.
end note
note over Alice, Bob
<w:#FF33FF>This is hosted</w> by <img sourceforge.jpg>
end note
@enduml
```



1.14 Divider

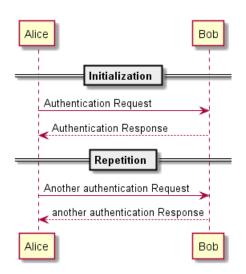
If you want, you can split a diagram using == separator to divide your diagram into logical steps. @startuml

```
== Initialization ==

Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response

== Repetition ==

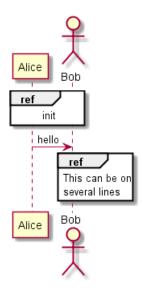
Alice -> Bob: Another authentication Request
Alice <-- Bob: another authentication Response
```



Reference 1.15

You can use reference in a diagram, using the keyword ref over.

```
participant Alice
actor Bob
ref over Alice, Bob : init
Alice -> Bob : hello
ref over Bob
This can be on
several lines
end ref
@enduml
```

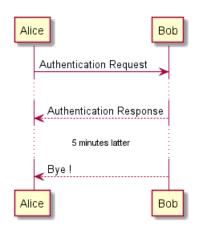


1.16 Delay

You can use ... to indicate a delay in the diagram. And it is also possible to put a message with this delay.

@startum1

```
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response
...5 minutes latter...
Bob --> Alice: Bye !
```



1.17 Space

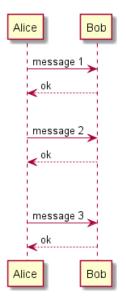
You can use | | | to indicate some spacing in the diagram.

It is also possible to specify a number of pixel to be used.

@startum1

```
Alice -> Bob: message 1
Bob --> Alice: ok
|||
Alice -> Bob: message 2
Bob --> Alice: ok
||45||
Alice -> Bob: message 3
Bob --> Alice: ok
```

@enduml



1.18 Lifeline Activation and Destruction

The activate and deactivate are used to denote participant activation.

Once a participant is activated, its lifeline appears.

The activate and deactivate apply on the previous message.

The destroy denote the end of the lifeline of a participant.

```
@startuml
participant User

User -> A: DoWork
activate A

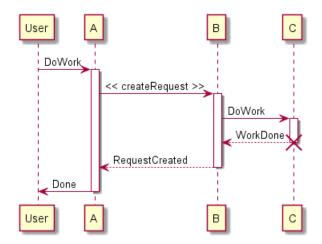
A -> B: << createRequest >>
activate B

B -> C: DoWork
activate C
C --> B: WorkDone
destroy C

B --> A: RequestCreated
deactivate B

A -> User: Done
deactivate A

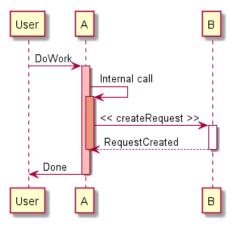
@enduml
```



Nested lifeline can be used, and it is possible to add a color on the lifeline.

```
@startum1
participant User
User -> A: DoWork
activate A #FFBBBB
A -> A: Internal call
activate A #DarkSalmon
A -> B: << createRequest >>
activate B
B --> A: RequestCreated
deactivate B
deactivate A
A -> User: Done
deactivate A
```

@enduml



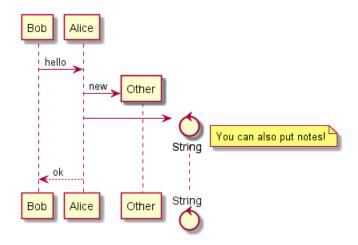
1.19 Participant creation

You can use the create keyword just before the first reception of a message to emphasize the fact that this message is actually *creating* this new object.

```
Bob -> Alice : hello
create Other
Alice -> Other : new
create control String
Alice -> String
note right : You can also put notes!
```

Alice --> Bob : ok

@enduml



1.20 Incoming and outgoing messages

You can use incoming or outgoing arrows if you want to focus on a part of the diagram. Use square brackets to denote the left "[" or the right "]" side of the diagram.

@startuml
[-> A: DoWork

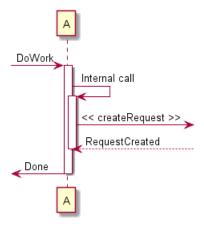
activate A

A -> A: Internal call activate A

A ->] : << createRequest >>

A < --] : RequestCreated deactivate A

[<- A: Done
deactivate A
@enduml</pre>



You can also have the following syntax:

@startum1
[-> Bob
[o-> Bob
[o->o Bob
[x-> Bob

```
[<- Bob
[x<- Bob
Bob ->]
Bob ->o]
Bob o->o]
Bob ->x]
Bob <-]
Bob x < -]
@enduml
```



1.21 Stereotypes and Spots

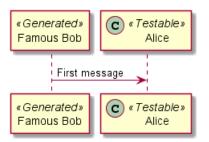
It is possible to add stereotypes to participants using << and >>.

In the stereotype, you can add a spotted character in a colored circle using the syntax (X,color).

@startum1

```
participant "Famous Bob" as Bob << Generated >>
participant Alice << (C,#ADD1B2) Testable >>
Bob->Alice: First message
```

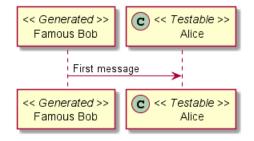
@enduml



By default, the *quillemet* character is used to display the stereotype. You can change this behavious using the skinparam guillemet:

@startuml

```
skinparam guillemet false
participant "Famous Bob" as Bob << Generated >>
participant Alice << (C, #ADD1B2) Testable >>
Bob->Alice: First message
@enduml
```

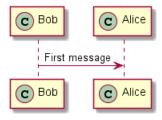


@startuml

```
participant Bob << (C,#ADD1B2) >>
participant Alice << (C,#ADD1B2) >>
```

Bob->Alice: First message

@enduml



1.22 More information on titles

You can use creole formatting in the title.

@startuml

```
title __Simple__ **communication** example
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Response
```

@enduml

Alice Bob Authentication Request Authentication Response Alice Bob

You can add newline using \n in the title description.

@startuml

```
title __Simple__ communication example\non several lines

Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Response
```

Simple communication example on several lines Alice Bob Authentication Request Authentication Response Bob

You can also define title on several lines using title and end title keywords.

@startum1

```
title
<u>Simple</u> communication example
on <i>several</i> lines and using <font color=red>html</font>
This is hosted by <img:sourceforge.jpg>
end title

Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Response

@enduml
```

Simple communication example on several lines and using html

This is hosted by

Alice

Authentication Request

Authentication Response

Bob

1.23 Participants encompass

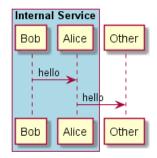
It is possible to draw a box around some participants, using box and end box commands. You can add an optional title or a optional background color, after the box keyword.

Alice

@startum1

```
box "Internal Service" #LightBlue
participant Bob
participant Alice
end box
participant Other

Bob -> Alice : hello
Alice -> Other : hello
```

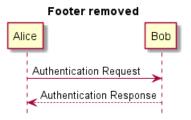


1.24 Removing Footer

You can use the hide footbox keywords to remove the footer of the diagram.

@startum:

```
hide footbox
title Footer removed
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response
@enduml
```



1.25 Skinparam

You can use the skinparam command to change colors and fonts for the drawing. You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

You can also change other rendering parameter, as seen in the following examples:

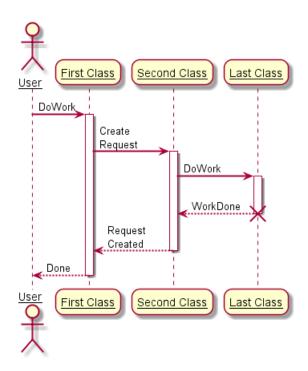
```
@startum1
skinparam sequenceArrowThickness 2
skinparam roundcorner 20
skinparam maxmessagesize 60
skinparam sequenceParticipant underline
actor User
participant "First Class" as A
participant "Second Class" as B
participant "Last Class" as C
User -> A: DoWork
activate A
A -> B: Create Request
activate B
B -> C: DoWork
\verb"activate C"
C --> B: WorkDone
```

destroy C

B --> A: Request Created deactivate B

A --> User: Done deactivate A

@enduml

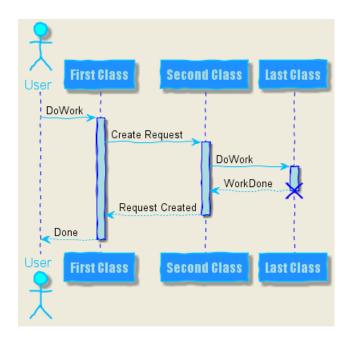


```
@startuml
skinparam backgroundColor #EEEBDC
skinparam handwritten true
skinparam sequence {
ArrowColor DeepSkyBlue
ActorBorderColor DeepSkyBlue
LifeLineBorderColor blue
LifeLineBackgroundColor #A9DCDF
{\tt ParticipantBorderColor\ DeepSkyBlue}
ParticipantBackgroundColor DodgerBlue
ParticipantFontName Impact
ParticipantFontSize 17
ParticipantFontColor #A9DCDF
ActorBackgroundColor aqua
ActorFontColor DeepSkyBlue
ActorFontSize 17
ActorFontName Aapex
actor User
participant "First Class" as A participant "Second Class" as B
participant "Last Class" as C
User -> A: DoWork
activate A
A -> B: Create Request
activate B
```

B -> C: DoWork

activate C
C --> B: WorkDone
destroy C
B --> A: Request Created
deactivate B
A --> User: Done
deactivate A

@enduml



1.26 Changing padding

It is possible to tune some padding settings.

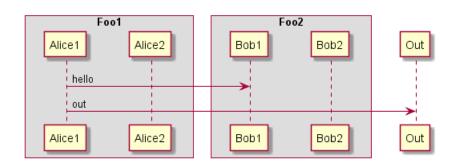
@startuml
skinparam ParticipantPadding 20
skinparam BoxPadding 10

box "Foo1"
participant Alice1
participant Alice2
end box

box "Foo2"
participant Bob1
participant Bob2

end box

Alice1 -> Bob1 : hello Alice1 -> Out : out



2 Use Case Diagram

2.1 Usecases

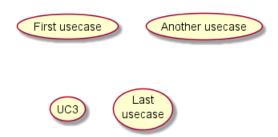
Use cases are enclosed using between parentheses (because two parentheses looks like an oval).

You can also use the usecase keyword to define a usecase. And you can define an alias, using the as keyword. This alias will be used latter, when defining relations.

@startum1

```
(First usecase)
(Another usecase) as (UC2)
usecase UC3
usecase (Last\nusecase) as UC4
```

@enduml



2.2 Actors

Actor are enclosed using between two points.

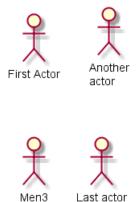
You can also use the actor keyword to define an actor. And you can define an alias, using the as keyword. This alias will be used latter, when defining relations.

We will see later that the actor definitions are optional.

@startum1

:First Actor: :Another\nactor: as Men2 actor Men3 actor:Last actor: as Men4

@enduml



2.3 Usecases description

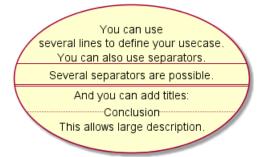
If you want to have description on several lines, you can use quotes.

You can also use the following separators: -- .. == __. And you can put titles within the separators.

@startuml

```
usecase UC1 as "You can use
several lines to define your usecase.
You can also use separators.
--
Several separators are possible.
==
And you can add titles:
..Conclusion..
This allows large description."
```

@enduml



2.4 Basic example

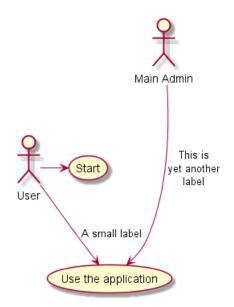
To link actors and use cases, the arrow --> is used.

The more dashes "-" in the arrow, the longer the arrow. You can add a label on the arrow, by adding a ":" character in the arrow definition.

In this example, you see that *User* has not been defined before, and is used as an actor.

@startuml

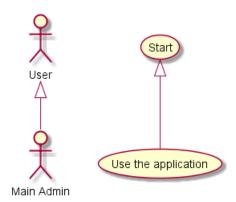
```
User -> (Start)
User --> (Use the application) : A small label
:Main Admin: ---> (Use the application) : This is\nyet another\nlabel
Cenduml
```



2.5 Extension

If one actor/use case extends another one, you can use the symbol < |--| (which stands for).

```
@startum1
:Main Admin: as Admin
(Use the application) as (Use)
User <|-- Admin
(Start) <|-- (Use)
@endum1</pre>
```



2.6 Using notes

You can use the note left of , note right of , note top of , note bottom of keywords to define notes related to a single object.

A note can be also define alone with the note keywords, then linked to other objects using the . . symbol.

```
@startuml
:Main Admin: as Admin
(Use the application) as (Use)

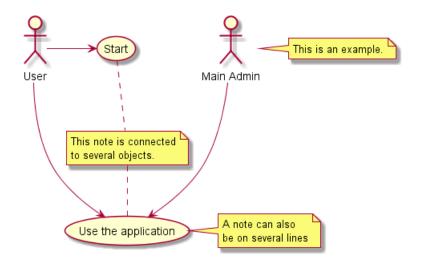
User -> (Start)
User --> (Use)

Admin ---> (Use)

note right of Admin : This is an example.

note right of (Use)
A note can also
be on several lines
end note

note "This note is connected\nto several objects." as N2
(Start) .. N2
N2 .. (Use)
@enduml
```



2.7 Stereotypes

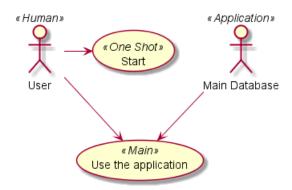
You can add stereotypes while defining actors and use cases using " << " and " >> ".

```
@startuml
User << Human >>
:Main Database: as MySql << Application >>
(Start) << One Shot >>
(Use the application) as (Use) << Main >>

User -> (Start)
User --> (Use)

MySql --> (Use)

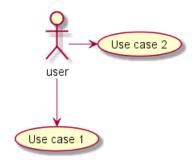
@enduml
```



2.8 Changing arrows direction

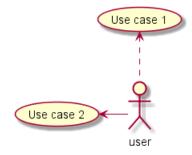
By default, links between classes have two dashes -- and are vertically oriented. It is possible to use horizontal link by putting a single dash (or dot) like this:

```
@startuml
:user: --> (Use case 1)
:user: -> (Use case 2)
@enduml
```



You can also change directions by reversing the link:

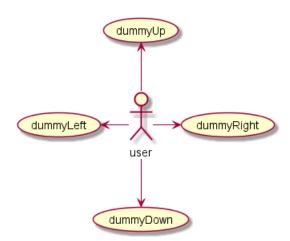
```
@startum1
(Use case 1) <.. :user:
(Use case 2) <- :user:
@enduml
```



It is also possible to change arrow direction by adding left, right, up or down keywords inside the arrow:

@startum1

```
:user: -left-> (dummyLeft)
:user: -right-> (dummyRight)
:user: -up-> (dummyUp)
:user: -down-> (dummyDown)
@enduml
```



You can shorten the arrow by using only the first character of the direction (for example, -d- instead of -down-) or the two first characters (-do-).

Please note that you should not abuse this functionality: Graphviz gives usually good results without tweaking.

2.9 Splitting diagrams

The newpage keywords to split your diagram into several pages or images.

```
@startum1
:actor1: --> (Usecase1)
newpage
:actor2: --> (Usecase2)
@endum1
```

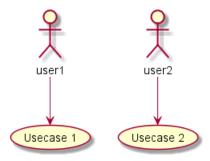


2.10 Left to right direction

The general default behavior when building diagram is **top to bottom**.

```
@startum1
'default
top to bottom direction
user1 --> (Usecase 1)
user2 --> (Usecase 2)
```

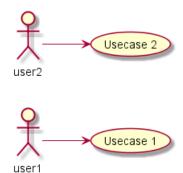
@enduml



You may change to **left to right** using the **left to right** direction command. The result is often better with this direction.

@startuml

```
left to right direction
user1 --> (Usecase 1)
user2 --> (Usecase 2)
```



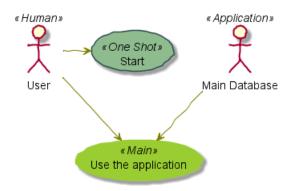
2.11Skinparam

You can use the skinparam command to change colors and fonts for the drawing. You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

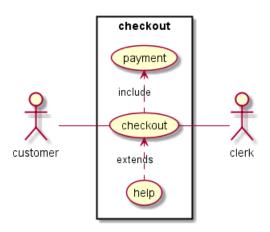
You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped actors and usecases.

```
@startum1
skinparam handwritten true
skinparam usecase {
BackgroundColor DarkSeaGreen
BorderColor DarkSlateGray
BackgroundColor << Main >> YellowGreen
BorderColor << Main >> YellowGreen
ArrowColor Olive
ActorBorderColor black
ActorFontName Courier
ActorBackgroundColor << Human >> Gold
}
User << Human >>
:Main Database: as MySql << Application >>
(Start) << One Shot >>
(Use the application) as (Use) << Main >>
User -> (Start)
User --> (Use)
MySql --> (Use)
@enduml
```



2.12 Complete example

```
@startuml
left to right direction
skinparam packageStyle rectangle
actor customer
actor clerk
rectangle checkout {
  customer -- (checkout)
  (checkout) .> (payment) : include
  (help) .> (checkout) : extends
  (checkout) -- clerk
}
@enduml
```



3 Class Diagram

3.1 Relations between classes

Relations between classes are defined using the following symbols:

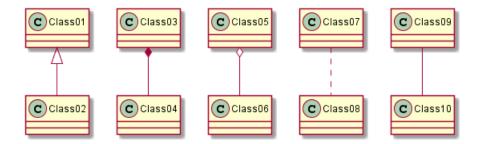
Extension	<	\Diamond
Composition	*	•
Aggregation	0	◇ —

It is possible to replace -- by . . to have a dotted line.

Knowing those rules, it is possible to draw the following drawings:

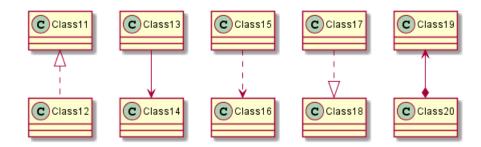
@startuml

Class01 <|-- Class02 Class03 *-- Class04 Class05 o-- Class06 Class07 .. Class08 Class09 -- Class10 @enduml



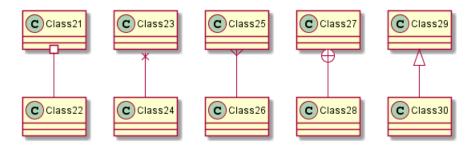
@startum1

Class11 <|.. Class12
Class13 --> Class14
Class15 ..> Class16
Class17 ..|> Class18
Class19 <--* Class20
@enduml



@startuml

Class21 #-- Class22
Class23 x-- Class24
Class25 }-- Class26
Class27 +-- Class28
Class29 ^-- Class30
@endum1



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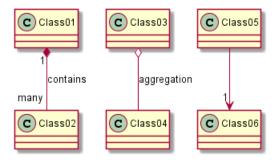
3.2Label on relations

It is possible a add a label on the relation, using ":", followed by the text of the label.

For cardinality, you can use double-quotes "" on each side of the relation.

@startum1

```
Class01 "1" *-- "many" Class02 : contains
ClassO3 o-- ClassO4 : aggregation
Class05 --> "1" Class06
@enduml
```

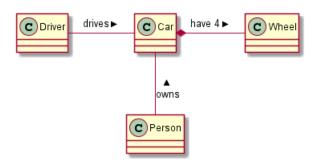


You can add an extra arrow pointing at one object showing which object acts on the other object, using < or > at the begin or at the end of the label.

@startum1

class Car

Driver - Car : drives > Car *- Wheel : have 4 > Car -- Person : < owns



3.3 Adding methods

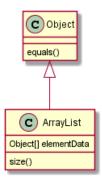
To declare fields and methods, you can use the symbol ":" followed by the field's or method's name.

The system checks for parenthesis to choose between methods and fields.

```
@startuml
Object <|-- ArrayList

Object : equals()
ArrayList : Object[] elementData
ArrayList : size()

@enduml</pre>
```



It is also possible to group between brackets {} all fields and methods.

Note that the syntax is highly flexible about type/name order.

```
@startuml
class Dummy {
String data
void methods()
}

class Flight {
flightNumber : Integer
departureTime : Date
}
@enduml
```





3.4 Defining visibility

When you define methods or fields, you can use characters to define the visibility of the corresponding item:

-			private	
#	\langle		protected	
~	Δ	_	package private	
+	0	0	public	

@startum1 class Dummy { field1 #field2 method1() +method2() }



You can turn off this feature using the skinparam classAttributeIconSize 0 command:

```
@startum1
skinparam classAttributeIconSize 0
class Dummy {
    field1
#field2
    method1()
+method2()
}
@endum1
```



3.5 Abstract and Static

You can define static or abstract methods or fields using the {static} or {abstract} modifier.

These modifiers can be used at the start or at the end of the line. You can also use {classifier} instead of {static}.

```
@startuml
class Dummy {
{static} String id
{abstract} void methods()
}
@enduml
```



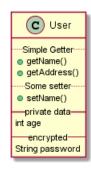
3.6 Advanced class body

By default, methods and fields are automatically regrouped by PlantUML. You can use separators to define your own way of ordering fields and methods. The following separators are possible: -- ... == __.

You can also use titles within the separators:

```
@startum1
class Foo1 {
You can use
several lines
as you want
and group
things together.
You can have as many groups
as you want
End of class
}
class User {
.. Simple Getter ..
+ getName()
+ getAddress()
.. Some setter ..
+ setName()
__ private data __
int age
-- encrypted --
String password
```





3.7 Notes and stereotypes

Stereotypes are defined with the class keyword, " << " and " >> ".

You can also define notes using note left of , note right of , note top of , note bottom of keywords.

You can also define a note on the last defined class using note left, note right, note top, note bottom.

A note can be also define alone with the note keywords, then linked to other objects using the .. symbol.

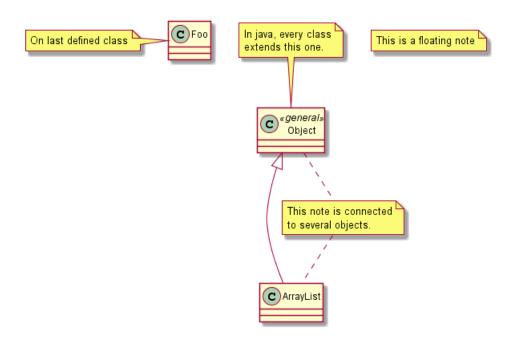
```
@startuml
class Object << general >>
Object <|--- ArrayList

note top of Object : In java, every class\nextends this one.

note "This is a floating note" as N1
note "This note is connected\nto several objects." as N2
Object .. N2
N2 .. ArrayList

class Foo
note left: On last defined class

@enduml</pre>
```



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3.8 More on notes

It is also possible to use few html tags like:

-
- <u>
- <i>
- <s>, , <strike>
- or
- <color:#AAAAAA> or <color:colorName>
- <size:nn> to change font size
- or <img:file> : the file must be accessible by the filesystem

You can also have a note on several lines.

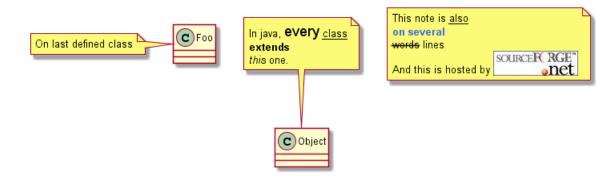
You can also define a note on the last defined class using note left, note right, note top, note bottom.

@startum1

```
class Foo
note left: On last defined class

note top of Object
In java, <size:18>every</size> <u>class</u>
<b>extends</b>
<i>this</i> one.
end note

note as N1
This note is <u>also</u>
<b>color:royalBlue>on several</color>
<s>words</s> lines
And this is hosted by <img:sourceforge.jpg>
end note
```



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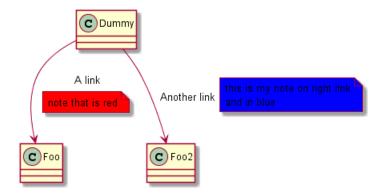
It is possible to add a note on a link, just after the link definition, using note on link.

You can also use note left on link, note right on link, note top on link, note bottom on link if you want to change the relative position of the note with the label.

@startum1

class Dummy
Dummy --> Foo : A link
note on link #red: note that is red

Dummy --> Foo2 : Another link
note right on link #blue
this is my note on right link
and in blue
end note



3.10 Abstract class and interface

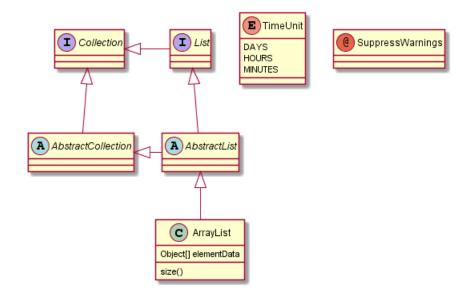
You can declare a class as abstract using "abstract" or "abstract class" keywords.

The class will be printed in *italic*.

You can use the interface, annotation and enum keywords too.

```
@startuml
```

```
abstract class AbstractList
abstract AbstractCollection
interface List
interface Collection
List < | -- AbstractList
Collection < | -- AbstractCollection
Collection < | - List
AbstractCollection < | - AbstractList
AbstractList < | -- ArrayList
class ArrayList {
Object[] elementData
size()
enum TimeUnit {
DAYS
HOURS
MINUTES
annotation SuppressWarnings
```

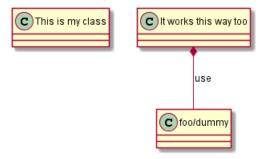


3.11 Using non-letters

If you want to use non-letters in the class (or enum...) display, you can either :

- Use the as keyword in the class definition
- $\bullet\,$ Put quotes "" around the class name

```
@startuml
class "This is my class" as class1
class class2 as "It works this way too"
class2 *-- "foo/dummy" : use
@enduml
```



3.12 Hide attributes, methods...

You can parameterize the display of classes using the hide/show command.

The basic command is: hide empty members. This command will hide attributes or methods if they are empty.

Instead of empty members, you can use:

- empty fields or empty attributes for empty fields,
- empty methods for empty methods,
- fields or attributes which will hide fields, even if they are described,
- methods which will hide methods, even if they are described,
- members which will hide fields and methods, even if they are described,
- circle for the circled character in front of class name,
- stereotype for the stereotype.

You can also provide, just after the hide or show keyword:

- class for all classes,
- interface for all interfaces,
- enum for all enums,
- <<foo1>> for classes which are stereotyped with foo1,
- an existing class name.

You can use several show/hide commands to define rules and exceptions.

@startuml

```
class Dummy1 {
+myMethods()
}

class Dummy2 {
+hiddenMethod()
}

class Dummy3 <<Serializable>> {
String name
}

hide members
hide <<Serializable>> circle
show Dummy1 methods
show <<Serializable>> fields

@enduml
```







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3.13 Hide classes

You can also use the show/hide commands to hide classes.

This may be useful if you define a large !included file, and if you want to hide come classes after file inclusion.

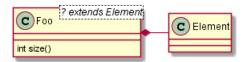
```
@startuml
class Foo1
class Foo2
Foo2 *-- Foo1
hide Foo2
@enduml
```



3.14 Use generics

You can also use bracket < and > to define generics usage in a class.

```
@startuml
class Foo<? extends Element> {
int size()
}
Foo *- Element
@enduml
```



3.15 Specific Spot

Usually, a spotted character (C, I, E or A) is used for classes, interface, enum and abstract classes. But you can define your own spot for a class when you define the stereotype, adding a single character and a color, like in this example:

```
@startuml
class System << (S, #FF7700) Singleton >>
class Date << (D, orchid) >>
@enduml
```





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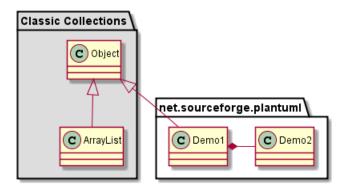
3.16 Packages

You can define a package using the package keyword, and optionally declare a background color for your package (Using a html color code or name).

Note that package definitions can be nested.

```
@startuml
package "Classic Collections" #DDDDDDD {
Object <|-- ArrayList
}

package net.sourceforge.plantuml {
Object <|-- Demo1
Demo1 *- Demo2
}</pre>
@enduml
```



3.17 Packages style

There are different styles available for packages.

You can specify them either by setting a default style with the command: skinparam packageStyle, or by using a stereotype on the package:

```
@startuml
scale 750 width
package foo1 <<Node>> {
  class Class1
}

package foo2 <<Rectangle>> {
  class Class2
}

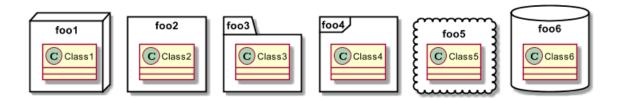
package foo3 <<Folder>> {
  class Class3
}

package foo4 <<Frame>> {
  class Class4
}

package foo5 <<Cloud>> {
  class Class5
}

package foo6 <<Database>> {
  class Class6
}
@enduml
```

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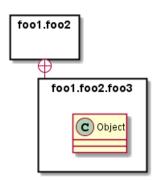
You can also define links between packages, like in the following example:

skinparam packageStyle rectangle
package foo1.foo2 {
}
package foo1.foo2.foo3 {
class Object

foo1.foo2 +-- foo1.foo2.foo3

@enduml

@startum1



3.18 Namespaces

In packages, the name of a class is the unique identifier of this class. It means that you cannot have two classes with the very same name in different packages.

In that case, you should use namespaces instead of packages.

You can refer to classes from other namespaces by fully qualify them. Classes from the default namespace are qualified with a starting dot.

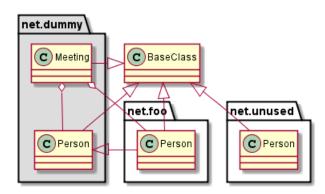
Note that you don't have to explicitly create name space : a fully qualified class is automatically put in the right name space.

@startum1

```
class BaseClass
namespace net.dummy #DDDDDD {
   BaseClass <|-- Person
Meeting o-- Person

   .BaseClass <|- Meeting
}
namespace net.foo {
   net.dummy.Person <|- Person
   .BaseClass <|-- Person</pre>
```

```
net.dummy.Meeting o-- Person
BaseClass < | -- net.unused.Person
@enduml
```



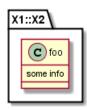
Automatic namespace creation

You can define another separator (other than the dot) using the command: set namespaceSeparator ???.

@startum1

```
set namespaceSeparator ::
class X1::X2::foo {
some info
```

@enduml



You can disable automatic package creation using the command set namespaceSeparator none.

@startuml

```
\verb"set namespaceSeparator" none
class X1.X2.foo {
some info
```



3.20Lollipop interface

You can also define lollipops interface on classes, using the following syntax:

- bar ()- foo
- bar ()-- foo
- foo -() bar

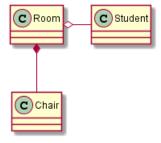
@startum1 class foo bar ()- foo @enduml



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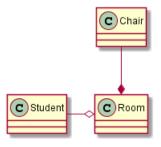
By default, links between classes have two dashes -- and are vertically oriented. It is possible to use horizontal link by putting a single dash (or dot) like this:

@startuml Room o- Student Room *-- Chair @enduml



You can also change directions by reversing the link:

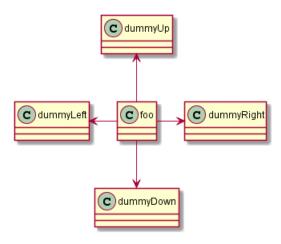
@startuml Student -o Room Chair --* Room @enduml



It is also possible to change arrow direction by adding left, right, up or down keywords inside the arrow:

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```
@startuml
foo -left-> dummyLeft
foo -right-> dummyRight
foo -up-> dummyUp
foo -down-> dummyDown
@enduml
```



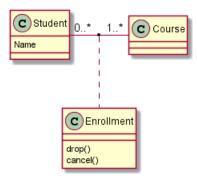
You can shorten the arrow by using only the first character of the direction (for example, -dinstead of -down-) or the two first characters (-do-).

Please note that you should not abuse this functionality: Graphviz gives usually good results without tweaking.

3.22Association classes

You can define association class after that a relation has been defined between two classes, like in this example:

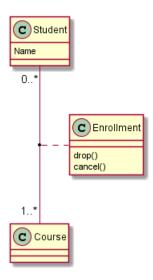
```
@startum1
class Student {
Name
Student "0..*" - "1..*" Course
(Student, Course) .. Enrollment
class Enrollment {
drop()
cancel()
@enduml
```



You can define it in another direction:

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```
@startuml
class Student {
Name
}
Student "0..*" -- "1..*" Course
(Student, Course) . Enrollment
class Enrollment {
drop()
cancel()
}
@enduml
```



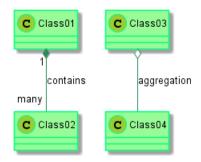
3.23 Skinparam

You can use the **skinparam** command to change colors and fonts for the drawing. You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

@startuml

```
skinparam class {
BackgroundColor PaleGreen
ArrowColor SeaGreen
BorderColor SpringGreen
}
skinparam stereotypeCBackgroundColor YellowGreen
Class01 "1" *-- "many" Class02 : contains
Class03 o-- Class04 : aggregation
Genduml
```



3.24 Skinned Stereotypes

You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped classes.

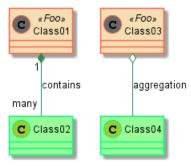
@startum1

```
skinparam class {
BackgroundColor PaleGreen
ArrowColor SeaGreen
BorderColor SpringGreen
BackgroundColor<Foo>> Wheat
BorderColor<Foo>> Tomato
}
skinparam stereotypeCBackgroundColor YellowGreen
skinparam stereotypeCBackgroundColor<Foo >> DimGray

ClassO1 <<Foo>>
ClassO3 <<Foo>>
ClassO3 "1" *-- "many" ClassO2 : contains

ClassO3 o-- ClassO4 : aggregation

@enduml
```



3.25 Color gradient

It's possible to declare individual color for classes or note using the notation.

You can use either standard color name or RGB code.

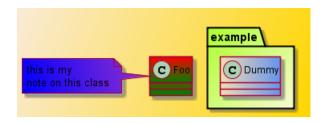
You can also use color gradient in background, with the following syntax: two colors names separated either by:

- I,
- /,
- \,
- or -

depending the direction of the gradient.

For example, you could have:

```
@startuml
skinparam backgroundcolor AntiqueWhite/Gold
skinparam classBackgroundColor Wheat | CornflowerBlue
class Foo #red-green
note left of Foo #blue\9932CC
this is my
note on this class
end note
package example #GreenYellow/LightGoldenRodYellow {
class Dummy
@enduml
```



3.26Help on layout

Sometimes, the default layout is not perfect...

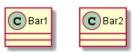
You can use together keyword to group some classes together: the layout engine will try to group them (as if they were in the same package).

You can also use hidden links to force the layout.

@startum1

```
class Bar1
class Bar2
together {
class Together1
class Together2
class Together3
Together1 - Together2
Together2 - Together3
Together2 -[hidden]--> Bar1
Bar1 -[hidden] > Bar2
```





3.27Splitting large files

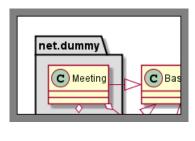
Sometimes, you will get some very large image files.

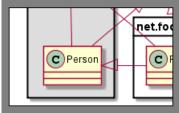
You can use the "page (hpages)x(vpages)" command to split the generated image into several files:

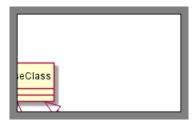
hpages is a number that indicated the number of horizontal pages, and vpages is a number that indicated the number of vertical pages.

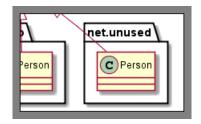
You can also use some specific skinparam settings to put borders on splitted pages (see example).

```
@startum1
' Split into 4 pages
page 2x2
skinparam pageMargin 10
{\tt skinparam\ pageExternalColor\ gray}
skinparam pageBorderColor black
class BaseClass
{\tt namespace\ net.dummy\ \#DDDDDD\ \{}
.BaseClass < |-- Person
Meeting o-- Person
.BaseClass < | - Meeting
namespace net.foo {
net.dummy.Person <|- Person
.BaseClass < | -- Person
net.dummy.Meeting o-- Person
BaseClass < | -- net.unused.Person
@enduml
```









4 Activity Diagram

4.1 Simple Activity

You can use (*) for the starting point and ending point of the activity diagram.

In some occasion, you may want to use (*top) to force the starting point to be at the top of the diagram.

Use --> for arrows.

@startuml

```
(*) --> "First Activity"
"First Activity" --> (*)
```

@enduml



4.2 Label on arrows

By default, an arrow starts at the last used activity.

You can put a label on an arrow using brackets [and] just after the arrow definition.

@startum1

```
(*) --> "First Activity"
-->[You can put also labels] "Second Activity"
--> (*)
```

@enduml



4.3 Changing arrow direction

You can use \rightarrow for horizontal arrows. It is possible to force arrow's direction using the following syntax:

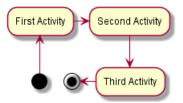
• -down-> (default arrow)

- -right-> or ->
- -left->
- -up->

@startuml

(*) -up-> "First Activity" -right-> "Second Activity" --> "Third Activity" -left-> (*)

@enduml

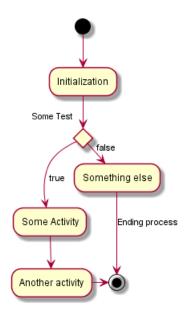


4.4 Branches

You can use if/then/else keywords to define branches.

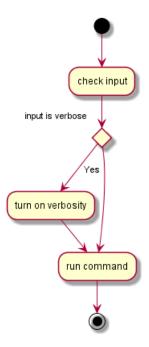
```
@startuml
(*) --> "Initialization"
if "Some Test" then
-->[true] "Some Activity"
--> "Another activity"
-right-> (*)
else
->[false] "Something else"
-->[Ending process] (*)
endif
```

@enduml



Unfortunately, you will have to sometimes repeat the same activity in the diagram text:

```
@startuml
(*) --> "check input"
If "input is verbose" then
--> [Yes] "turn on verbosity"
--> "run command"
else
--> "run command"
Endif
-->(*)
@enduml
```



4.5 More on Branches

By default, a branch is connected to the last defined activity, but it is possible to override this and to define a link with the if keywords.

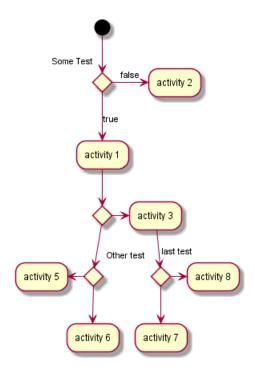
It is also possible to nest branches.

```
@startuml
```

```
(*) --> if "Some Test" then
-->[true] "activity 1"
if "" then
-> "activity 3" as a3
else
if "Other test" then
-left-> "activity 5"
else
--> "activity 6"
endif
endif
else
->[false] "activity 2"
endif
a3 --> if "last test" then
--> "activity 7"
else
-> "activity 8"
```

endif

@enduml



4.6 Synchronization

You can use === code === to display synchronization bars.

```
@startum1
```

```
(*) --> ===B1===

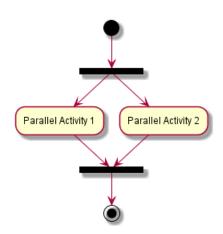
--> "Parallel Activity 1"

--> ===B2===

===B1=== --> "Parallel Activity 2"

--> ===B2===

--> (*)
```

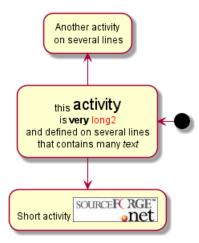


Long activity description 4.7

When you declare activities, you can span on several lines the description text. You can also add \n in the description.

You can also give a short code to the activity with the as keyword. This code can be used latter in the diagram description.

```
(*) -left-> "this <size:20>activity</size>
is <b>very</b> <color:red>long2</color>
and defined on several lines
that contains many <i>text</i>" as A1
-up-> "Another activity\n on several lines"
A1 --> "Short activity <img:sourceforge.jpg>"
@enduml
```



4.8 Notes

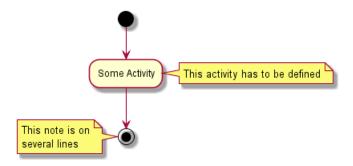
You can add notes on a activity using the commands note left, note right, note top or note bottom, just after the description of the activity you want to note.

If you want to put a note on the starting point, define the note at the very beginning of the diagram description.

You can also have a note on several lines, using the endnote keywords.

@startuml

```
(*) --> "Some Activity"
note right: This activity has to be defined
"Some Activity" --> (*)
note left
This note is on
several lines
end note
```



4.9 Partition

You can define a partition using the partition keyword, and optionally declare a background color for your partition (Using a html color code or name)

When you declare activities, they are automatically put in the last used partition.

You can close the partition definition using a closing bracket }.

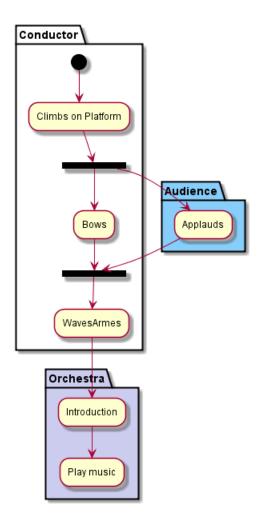
@startuml

```
partition Conductor {
(*) --> "Climbs on Platform"
--> == S1 ===
--> Bows
}

partition Audience #LightSkyBlue {
=== S1 === --> Applauds
}

partition Conductor {
Bows --> === S2 ===
--> WavesArmes
Applauds --> === S2 ===
}

partition Orchestra #CCCCEE {
WavesArmes --> Introduction
--> "Play music"
}
```



4.10 Skinparam

You can use the **skinparam** command to change colors and fonts for the drawing. You can use this command :

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

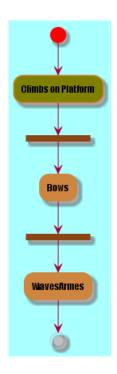
You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped activities.

@startuml

```
skinparam backgroundColor #AAFFFF
skinparam activity {
StartColor red
BarColor SaddleBrown
EndColor Silver
BackgroundColor Peru
BackgroundColor >> Olive
BorderColor Peru
FontName Impact
}

(*) --> "Climbs on Platform" << Begin >> --> == S1 ===
--> Bows
--> == S2 ===
--> WavesArmes
--> (*)
```

@enduml



4.11 Octagon

You can change the shape of activities to octagon using the skinparam activityShape octagon command.

```
@startuml
'Default is skinparam activityShape roundBox
skinparam activityShape octagon

(*) --> "First Activity"
"First Activity" --> (*)
```

@enduml



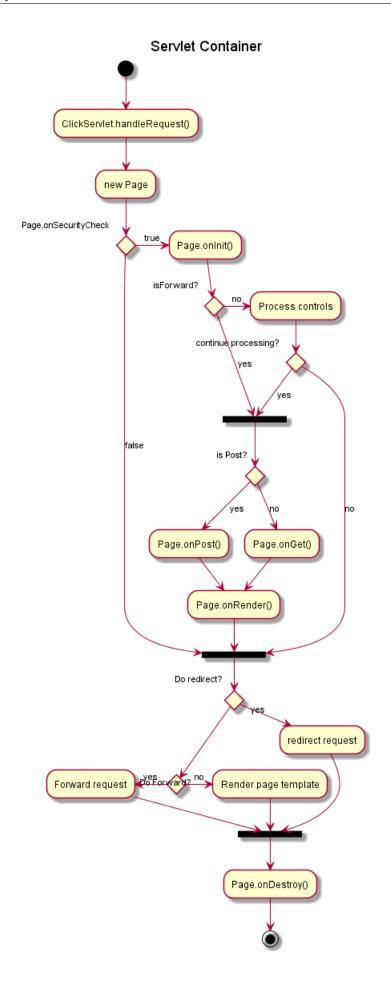
4.12 Complete example

```
@startuml
title Servlet Container

(*) --> "ClickServlet.handleRequest()"
--> "new Page"

if "Page.onSecurityCheck" then
->[true] "Page.onInit()"
```

```
if "isForward?" then
->[no] "Process controls"
if "continue processing?" then
-->[yes] ===RENDERING===
else
-->[no] ===REDIRECT_CHECK===
endif
else
-->[yes] ===RENDERING===
endif
if "is Post?" then
-->[yes] "Page.onPost()"
--> "Page.onRender()" as render
--> ===REDIRECT_CHECK===
-->[no] "Page.onGet()"
--> render
endif
else
-->[false] ===REDIRECT_CHECK===
endif
if "Do redirect?" then
->[yes] "redirect request"
--> ==BEFORE_DESTROY===
else
if "Do Forward?" then
-left->[yes] "Forward request"
--> ==BEFORE_DESTROY===
else
-right->[no] "Render page template"
--> ==BEFORE_DESTROY===
endif
endif
--> "Page.onDestroy()"
-->(*)
@enduml
```



5 Activity Diagram (beta)

Current syntax for activity diagram has several limitations and drawbacks (for example, it's difficult to maintain).

So a completely new syntax and implementation is proposed as **beta version** to users (starting with V7947), so that we could define a better format and syntax.

Another advantage of this new implementation is that it's done without the need of having Graphviz installed (as for sequence diagrams).

The new syntax will replace the old one. However, for compatibility reason, the old syntax will still be recognized, to ensure ascending compatibility.

Users are simply encouraged to migrate to the new syntax.

Simple Activity

Activities label starts with: and ends with;

Text formatting can be done using creole wiki syntax.

They are implicitly linked in their definition order.

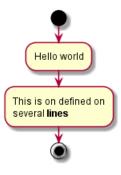
```
@startum1
:Hello world;
:This is on defined on
several **lines**;
@enduml
```



Start/Stop

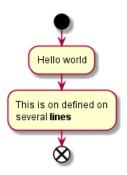
You can use start and stop keywords to denote the beginning and the end of a diagram.

```
@startum1
start
:Hello world:
:This is on defined on
several **lines**;
stop
@enduml
```



You can also use the end keyword.

```
@startum1
start
:Hello world;
:This is on defined on
several **lines**;
end
@enduml
```

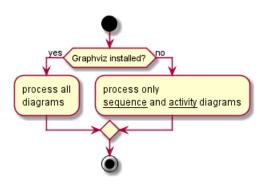


5.3Conditional

You can use if, then and else keywords to put tests if your diagram. Labels can be provided using parentheses.

```
@startum1
```

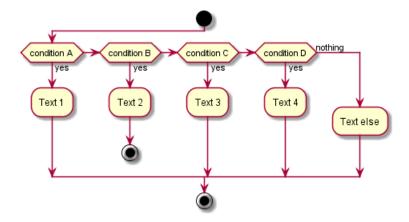
```
start
if (Graphviz installed?) then (yes)
:process all\ndiagrams;
else (no)
:process only
__sequence__ and __activity__ diagrams;
{\tt endif}
stop
@enduml
```



You can use the elseif keyword to have several tests:

```
@startum1
start
if (condition A) then (yes)
:Text 1;
elseif (condition B) then (yes)
:Text 2;
stop
elseif (condition C) then (yes)
:Text 3;
elseif (condition D) then (yes)
```

```
:Text 4;
else (nothing)
:Text else;
endif
stop
@enduml
```



5.4 Repeat loop

You can use repeat and repeatwhile keywords to have repeat loops.

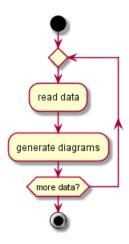
@startum1

start

repeat
:read data;
:generate diagrams;
repeat while (more data?)

stop

@enduml



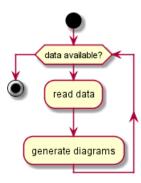
5.5 While loop

You can use while and end while keywords to have repeat loops.

@startuml

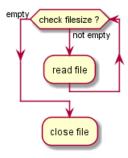
start

```
while (data available?)
:read data;
:generate diagrams;
endwhile
stop
@enduml
```



It is possible to provide a label after the endwhile keyword, or using the is keyword.

```
@startuml
while (check filesize ?) is (not empty)
:read file;
endwhile (empty)
:close file;
@enduml
```

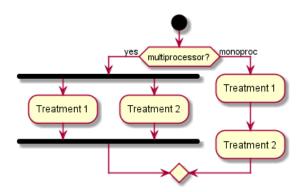


Parallel processing

You can use fork, fork again and end fork keywords to denote parallel processing.

@startum1

```
start
if (multiprocessor?) then (yes)
fork
:Treatment 1;
fork again
:Treatment 2;
end fork
else (monoproc)
:Treatment 1;
:Treatment 2;
endif
@enduml
```



5.7 Notes

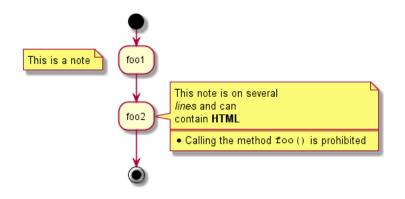
Text formatting can be done using creole wiki syntax.

A note can be floating, using floating keyword.

@startuml

```
start
floating note left: This is a note
:foo2;
note right
This note is on several
//lines// and can
contain <b>HTML</b>
* Calling the method ""foo()"" is prohibited
end note
stop
```

@enduml

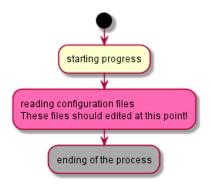


5.8 Colors

You can use specify a color for some activities.

```
@startum1
```

```
start
:starting progress;
\verb|#HotPink:reading| configuration files|
These files should edited at this point!;
#AAAAAA: ending of the process;
```

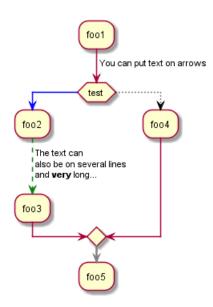


5.9 Arrows

Using the -> notation, you can add texts to arrow, and change their color.

It's also possible to have dotted, dashed, bold or hidden arrows.

```
@startum1
:foo1;
-> You can put text on arrows;
if (test) then
-[#blue]->
:foo2;
-[#green,dashed]-> The text can
also be on several lines
and **very** long...;
:foo3;
else
-[#black,dotted]->
:foo4;
endif
-[#gray,bold]->
:foo5;
@enduml
```

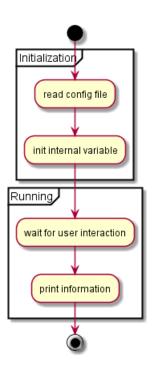


5.10 Grouping

You can group activity together by defining partition:

```
@startum1
start
partition Initialization {
:read config file;
```

```
:init internal variable;
}
partition Running {
:wait for user interaction;
:print information;
}
stop
@enduml
```

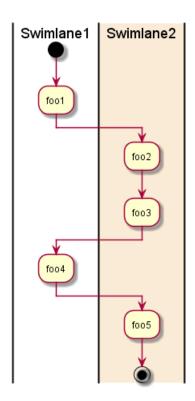


5.11 Swimlanes

Using pipe 1, you can define swimlanes.

It's also possible to change swimlanes color.

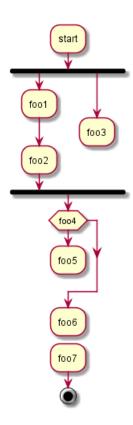
```
@startuml
|Swimlane1|
start
:foo1;
|#AntiqueWhite|Swimlane2|
:foo3;
|Swimlane1|
:foo4;
|Swimlane2|
:foo5;
stop
@enduml
```



5.12 Detach

It's possible to remove an arrow using the detach keyword.

```
@startuml
:start;
fork
:foo1;
:foo2;
fork again
:foo3;
detach
\verb"endfork"
if (foo4) then
:foo5;
detach
endif
:foo6;
{\tt detach}
:foo7;
stop
@enduml
```

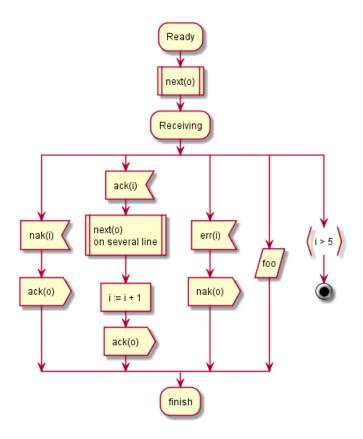


5.13 SDL

By changing the final ; separator, you can set different rendering for the activity:

- •
- <
- >
- /
-]
- }

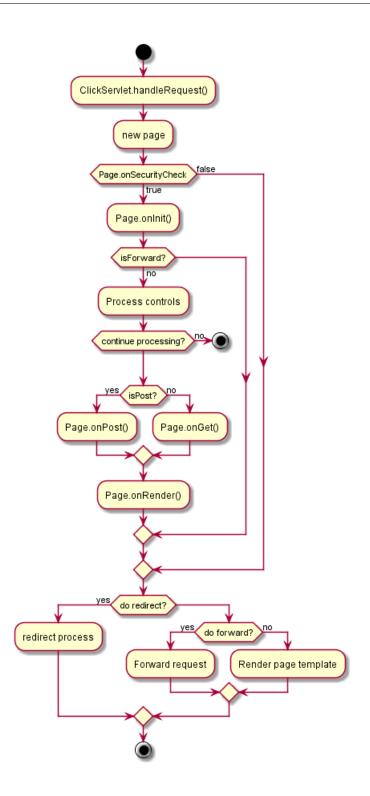
```
@startuml
:Ready;
:next(o)|
:Receiving;
split
:nak(i)<
:ack(o)>
split again
:ack(i)<
:next(o)
on several line|
:i := i + 1]
:ack(o)>
split again
:err(i)<
:nak(o)>
split again
:foo/
split again
:i > 5}
stop
end split
:finish;
```



5.14 Complete example

```
@startuml
:ClickServlet.handleRequest();
:new page;
if (Page.onSecurityCheck) then (true)
:Page.onInit();
if (isForward?) then (no)
:Process controls;
if (continue processing?) then (no)
stop
{\tt endif}
if (isPost?) then (yes)
:Page.onPost();
else (no)
:Page.onGet();
endif
:Page.onRender();
endif
else (false)
endif
if (do redirect?) then (yes)
:redirect process;
else
if (do forward?) then (yes)
:Forward request;
else (no)
:Render page template;
\verb"endif"
endif
stop
```

@enduml



6 Component Diagram

6.1 Components

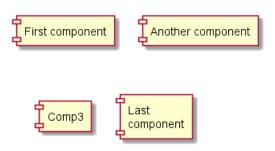
Components must be bracketed.

You can also use the component keyword to defines a component. And you can define an alias, using the as keyword. This alias will be used latter, when defining relations.

@startum1

```
[First component]
[Another component] as Comp2
component Comp3
component [Last\ncomponent] as Comp4
```

@enduml



6.2 Interfaces

Interface can be defined using the () symbol (because this looks like a circle).

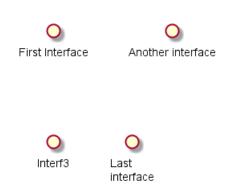
You can also use the interface keyword to defines an interface. And you can define an alias, using the as keyword. This alias will be used latter, when defining relations.

We will see latter that interface definition is optional.

@startuml

```
() "First Interface"
() "Another interface" as Interf2
interface Interf3
interface "Last\ninterface" as Interf4
```

@enduml



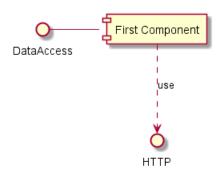
6.3 Basic example

Links between elements are made using combinations of dotted line (..), straight line (--), and arrows (-->) symbols.

@startuml

```
DataAccess - [First Component]
[First Component] ...> HTTP : use
```

@enduml



6.4 Using notes

You can use the note left of , note right of , note top of , note bottom of keywords to define notes related to a single object.

A note can be also define alone with the note keywords, then linked to other objects using the . . symbol.

@startum1

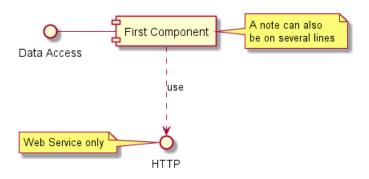
```
interface "Data Access" as DA

DA - [First Component]
[First Component] ..> HTTP : use

note left of HTTP : Web Service only

note right of [First Component]
A note can also
be on several lines
end note
```

@enduml



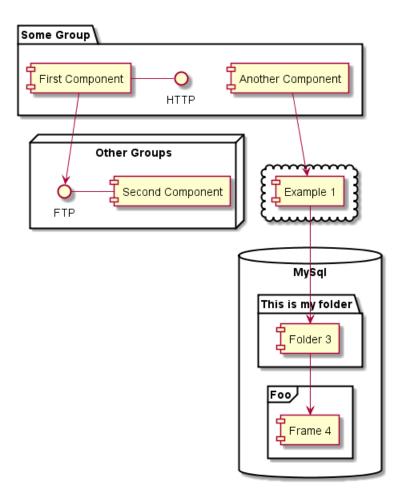
6.5 Grouping Components

You can use several keywords to group components and interfaces together:

- package
- node

- folder
- frame
- cloud
- database

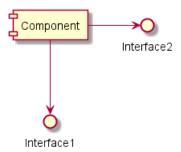
```
@startuml
package "Some Group" {
HTTP - [First Component]
[Another Component]
node "Other Groups" {
FTP - [Second Component]
[First Component] --> FTP
cloud {
[Example 1]
database "MySql" {
folder "This is my folder" {
[Folder 3]
frame "Foo" {
[Frame 4]
[Another Component] --> [Example 1]
[Example 1] --> [Folder 3] [Folder 3] --> [Frame 4]
@enduml
```



6.6 Changing arrows direction

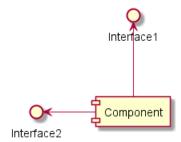
By default, links between classes have two dashes -- and are vertically oriented. It is possible to use horizontal link by putting a single dash (or dot) like this:

```
[Component] --> Interface1
[Component] -> Interface2
@enduml
```



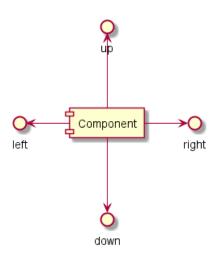
You can also change directions by reversing the link:

```
@startuml
Interface1 <-- [Component]</pre>
Interface2 <- [Component]</pre>
@enduml
```



It is also possible to change arrow direction by adding left, right, up or down keywords inside the arrow:

@startum1 [Component] -left-> left [Component] -right-> right [Component] -up-> up [Component] -down-> down @enduml



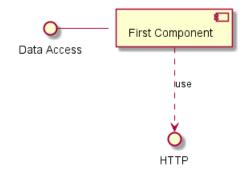
You can shorten the arrow by using only the first character of the direction (for example, -dinstead of -down-) or the two first characters (-do-).

Please note that you should not abuse this functionality: Graphviz gives usually good results without tweaking.

Use UML2 notation

The skinparam componentStyle uml2 command is used to switch to UML2 notation.

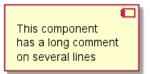
```
@startuml
skinparam componentStyle um12
interface "Data Access" as DA
DA - [First Component]
[First Component] ..> HTTP : use
@enduml
```



6.8 Long description

It is possible to put description on several lines using square brackets.

```
@startum1
component comp1 [
This component
has a long comment
on several lines
@enduml
```



Individual colors

You can specify a color after component definition.

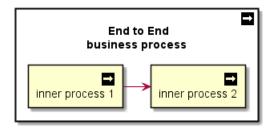
```
@startum1
           [Web Server] #Yellow
component
@enduml
```



Using Sprite in Stereotype

You can use sprites within stereotype components.

```
@startuml
sprite $businessProcess [16x16/16] {
FFFFFFFFFFFFFF
FFFFFFFFFFFFFF
FFFFFFFFFFFF
FFFFFFFFFFFFF
FFFFFFFFFFFFFF
FFFFFFFFFOOFFFF
FF0000000000FFF
FF00000000000FF
FF00000000000FFF
FFFFFFFFFOOFFFF
FFFFFFFFFFFFFF
FFFFFFFFFFFFF
FFFFFFFFFFFFFF
FFFFFFFFFFFFFF
```



6.11 Skinparam

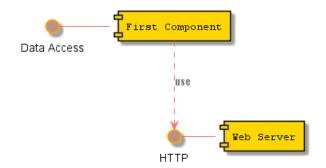
You can use the skinparam command to change colors and fonts for the drawing. You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

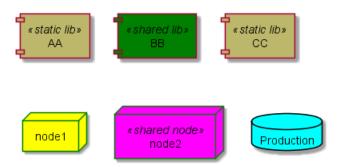
You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped components and interfaces.

@startum1

```
skinparam interface {
backgroundColor RosyBrown
borderColor orange
skinparam component {
FontSize 13
BackgroundColor << Apache>> Red
BorderColor << Apache>> #FF6655
FontName Courier
BorderColor black
BackgroundColor gold
ArrowFontName Impact
ArrowColor #FF6655
ArrowFontColor #777777
() "Data Access" as DA
DA - [First Component]
[First Component] \dots () HTTP : use
HTTP - [Web Server] << Apache >>
@enduml
```



```
@startuml
[AA] <<static lib>>
[BB] <<shared lib>>
[CC] <<static lib>>
node node1
node node2 <<shared node>>
database Production
{\tt skinparam \ component \ } \{
backgroundColor<<static lib>> DarkKhaki
backgroundColor << shared lib>> Green
skinparam node {
borderColor Green
backgroundColor Yellow
backgroundColor << shared node >> Magenta
skinparam databaseBackgroundColor Aqua
@enduml
```



7 State Diagram

7.1 Simple State

You can use [*] for the starting point and ending point of the state diagram.

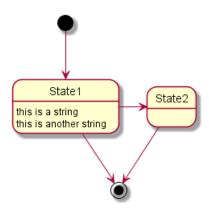
Use --> for arrows.

```
@startuml

[*] --> State1
State1 --> [*]
State1 : this is a string
State1 : this is another string

State1 -> State2
State2 --> [*]

@enduml
```



7.2 Composite state

A state can also be composite. You have to define it using the state keywords and brackets.

```
Qstartuml
scale 350 width
[*] --> NotShooting

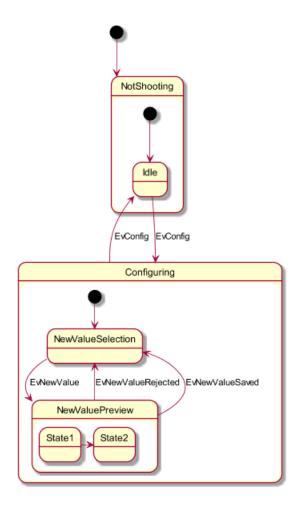
state NotShooting {
  [*] --> Idle
  Idle --> Configuring : EvConfig
  Configuring --> Idle : EvConfig
}

state Configuring {
  [*] --> NewValueSelection
  NewValueSelection --> NewValuePreview : EvNewValue
  NewValuePreview --> NewValueSelection : EvNewValueRejected
  NewValuePreview --> NewValueSelection : EvNewValueSaved

state NewValuePreview {
  State1 -> State2
  }
}

Gendum1
```

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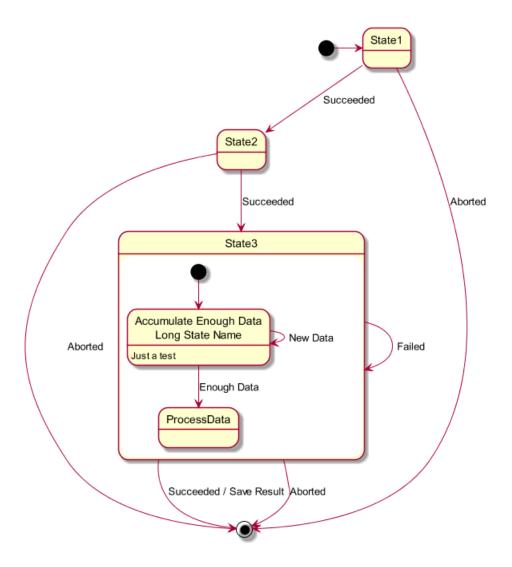


7.3 Long name

You can also use the state keyword to use long description for states.

```
@startuml
scale 600 width
[*] -> State1
State1 --> State2 : Succeeded
State1 --> [*] : Aborted
State2 --> State3 : Succeeded
State2 --> [*] : Aborted
state State3 {
state "Accumulate Enough Data\nLong State Name" as long1
long1 : Just a test
[*] --> long1
long1 --> long1 : New Data
long1 --> ProcessData : Enough Data
State3 --> State3 : Failed
State3 --> [*] : Succeeded / Save Result State3 --> [*] : Aborted
@enduml
```

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7.4 Concurrent state

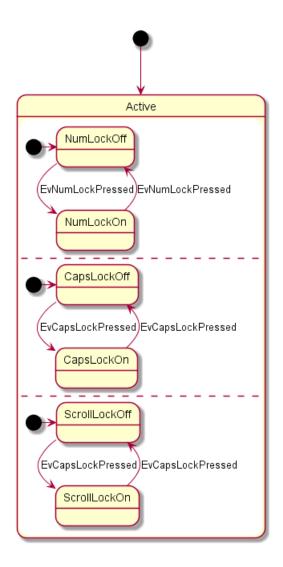
@enduml

You can define concurrent state into a composite state using either -- or || symbol as separator.

```
@startuml
[*] --> Active

state Active {
[*] -> NumLockOff
NumLockOff --> NumLockOn : EvNumLockPressed
NumLockOn --> NumLockOff : EvNumLockPressed
--
[*] -> CapsLockOff
CapsLockOff --> CapsLockOn : EvCapsLockPressed
CapsLockOn --> CapsLockOff : EvCapsLockPressed
--
[*] -> ScrollLockOff
ScrollLockOff --> ScrollLockOn : EvCapsLockPressed
ScrollLockOn --> ScrollLockOff : EvCapsLockPressed
}
```

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7.5 Arrow direction

You can use \rightarrow for horizontal arrows. It is possible to force arrow's direction using the following syntax:

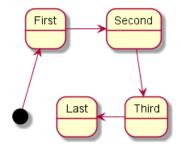
- -down-> (default arrow)
- -right-> or ->
- -left->
- -up->

@startuml

[*] -up-> First
First -right-> Second
Second --> Third
Third -left-> Last

@enduml

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You can shorten the arrow by using only the first character of the direction (for example, -d-instead of -down-) or the two first characters (-do-).

Please note that you should not abuse this functionality : Graphviz gives usually good results without tweaking.

7.6 Note

You can also define notes using note left of, note right of, note top of, note bottom of keywords.

You can also define notes on several lines.

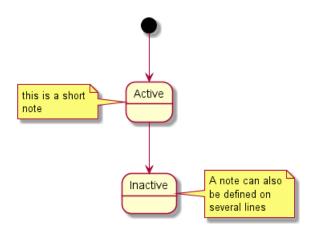
@startuml

[*] --> Active
Active --> Inactive

note left of Active : this is a short\nnote

note right of Inactive A note can also be defined on several lines end note

@enduml



You can also have floating notes.

@startuml

state foo note "This is a floating note" as N1 $\,$

@enduml

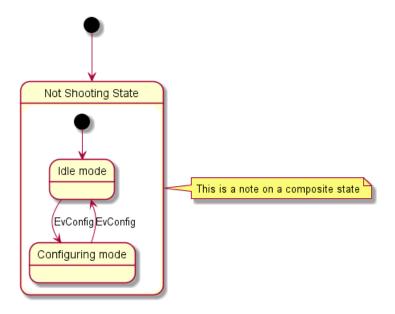


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7.7 More in notes

You can put notes on composite states.

```
@startuml
[*] --> NotShooting
state "Not Shooting State" as NotShooting {
    state "Idle mode" as Idle
    state "Configuring mode" as Configuring
[*] --> Idle
Idle --> Configuring : EvConfig
Configuring --> Idle : EvConfig
}
note right of NotShooting : This is a note on a composite state
@enduml
```



7.8 Skinparam

You can use the **skinparam** command to change colors and fonts for the drawing. You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- In an included file,
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

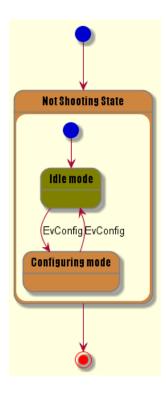
You can define specific color and fonts for stereotyped states.

```
@startuml
skinparam backgroundColor LightYellow
skinparam state {
StartColor MediumBlue
EndColor Red
BackgroundColor Peru
BackgroundColor<>Warning>> Olive
BorderColor Gray
FontName Impact
}

[*] --> NotShooting
state "Not Shooting State" as NotShooting {
```

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```
state "Idle mode" as Idle <<Warning>>
state "Configuring mode" as Configuring
[*] --> Idle
Idle --> Configuring : EvConfig
Configuring --> Idle : EvConfig
}
NotShooting --> [*]
Genduml
```

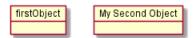


8 Object Diagram

8.1 Definition of objects

You define instance of objects using the object keywords.

```
@startuml
object firstObject
object "My Second Object" as o2
@enduml
```



8.2 Relations between objects

Relations between objects are defined using the following symbols :

Extension	<	\Diamond
Composition	*	•
Aggregation	0	\Diamond

It is possible to replace -- by .. to have a dotted line.

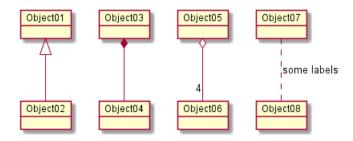
Knowing those rules, it is possible to draw the following drawings.

It is possible a add a label on the relation, using ": ", followed by the text of the label.

For cardinality, you can use double-quotes "" on each side of the relation.

```
@startuml
object Object01
object Object02
object Object03
object Object04
object Object05
object Object06
object Object07
object Object07
object Object08

Object01 <|-- Object02
Object03 *-- Object04
Object05 o-- "4" Object06
Object07 .. Object08 : some labels
@enduml</pre>
```



8.3 Adding fields

To declare fields, you can use the symbol ":" followed by the field's name.

```
@startum1
object user
user : name = "Dummy"
user : id = 123
@endum1
```



It is also possible to ground between brackets $\{\}$ all fields.

```
@startuml
object user {
name = "Dummy"
id = 123
}
```



8.4 Common features with class diagrams

- Visibility
- Defines notes
- Use packages
- Skin the output

9 Common commands

9.1Comments

Everything that starts with simple quote ' is a comment.

You can also put comments on several lines using /' to start and '/ to end.

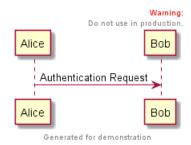
Footer and header

You can use the commands header or footer to add a footer or a header on any generated diagram. You can optionally specify if you want a center, left or right footer/header, by adding a keyword.

As for title, it is possible to define a header or a footer on several lines.

It is also possible to put some HTML into the header or footer.

```
@startum1
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
<font color=red>Warning:</font>
Do not use in production.
endheader
center footer Generated for demonstration
@enduml
```



Zoom 9.3

You can use the scale command to zoom the generated image.

You can use either a number or a fraction to define the scale factor. You can also specify either width or height (in pixel). And you can also give both width and height: the image is scaled to fit inside the specified dimension.

- scale 1.5
- scale 2/3
- scale 200 width
- scale 200 height
- scale 200*100
- scale max 300*200
- scale max 1024 width
- scale max 800 height

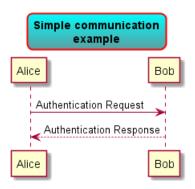
@startuml scale 180*90 Bob->Alice : hello @enduml



\mathbf{Title} 9.4

The title keywords is used to put a title. You can add newline using \n in the title description. Some skinparam settings are available to put borders on the title.

```
@startum1
skinparam titleBorderRoundCorner 15
{\tt skinparam\ titleBorderThickness\ 2}
skinparam titleBorderColor red
skinparam titleBackgroundColor Aqua-CadetBlue
title Simple communication\nexample
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob --> Alice: Authentication Response
@enduml
```

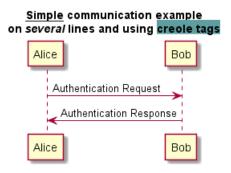


You can use creole formatting in the title.

You can also define title on several lines using title and end title keywords.

@startum1

```
title
<u>Simple</u> communication example
on <i>several</i> lines and using <back:cadetblue>creole tags</back>
end title
Alice -> Bob: Authentication Request
Bob -> Alice: Authentication Response
@enduml
```



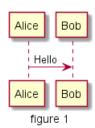
9.5 Caption

There is also a caption keyword to put a caption under the diagram.

@startuml

```
caption figure 1
Alice -> Bob: Hello
```

@enduml



9.6 Legend the diagram

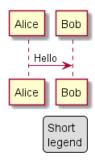
The legend and end legend are keywords is used to put a legend.

You can optionally specify to have left, right or center alignment for the legend.

@startuml

```
Alice -> Bob : Hello
legend right
Short
legend
endlegend
```

@enduml



10 Salt

Salt is a subproject included in PlantUML that may help you to design graphical interface. You can use either @startsalt keyword, or @startuml followed by a line with salt keyword.

10.1 Basic widgets

A window must start and end with brackets. You can then define:

- Button using [and].
- Radio button using (and).
- Checkbox using [and].
- User text area using ".

```
@startuml
salt
{
  Just plain text
  [This is my button]
() Unchecked radio
(X) Checked radio
[] Unchecked box
[X] Checked box
"Enter text here "
  This is a droplist
}
@enduml
```



The goal of this tool is to discuss about simple and sample windows.

10.2 Using grid

A table is automatically created when you use an opening bracket {. And you have to use | to separate columns.

For example:

```
@startsalt
{
Login | "MyName "
Password | "**** "
[Cancel] | [ OK ]
}
@endsalt
```



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Just after the opening bracket, you can use a character to define if you want to draw lines or columns of the grid :

- # To display all vertical and horizontal lines
- ! To display all vertical lines
- To display all horizontal lines
- + To display external lines

```
@startsalt
{+
Login | "MyName "
Password | "**** "
[Cancel] | [ OK ]
}
@endsalt
```



10.3 Using separator

You can use several horizontal lines as separator.

```
@startsalt
{
Text1
..
"Some field"
==
Note on usage
~
Another text
--
[0k]
}
```



10.4 Tree widget

To have a Tree, you have to start with {T and to use + to denote hierarchy.

```
@startsalt
{
{T
    + World
    ++ America
    +++ Canada
    +++ USA
    ++++ Boston
    +++ Mexico
    ++ Europe
    +++ Italy
    +++ Germany
```

```
++++ Berlin
++ Africa
}
}
@endsalt
```

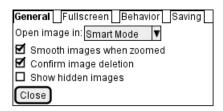


10.5 Enclosing brackets

You can define subelements by opening a new opening bracket.

10.6 Adding tabs

You can add tabs using {/ notation. Note that you can use HTML code to have bold text.



Tab could also be vertically oriented:

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10.7 Using menu

You can add a menu by using {* notation.



It is also possible to open a menu:

```
@startsalt
{+
{* File | Edit | Source | Refactor
Refactor | New | Open File | - | Close | Close All }
{/ General | Fullscreen | Behavior | Saving }
{
{ Open image in: | ^Smart Mode^ }
[X] Smooth images when zoomed
[X] Confirm image deletion
[ ] Show hidden images
}
[Close]
}
@endsalt
```

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10.8 Advanced table

You can use two special notations for table :

- \bullet * to indicate that a cell with span with left
- ullet . to denotate an empty cell

```
@startsalt
{#
. | Column 2 | Column 3
Row header 1 | value 1 | value 2
Row header 2 | A long cell | *
}
@endsalt
```

	Column 2	Column 3
Row header 1	value 1	value 2
Row header 2	A lona cell	

11 Creole

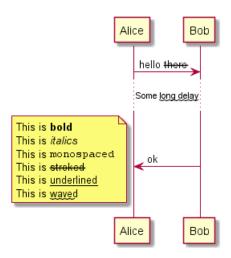
A light Creole engine have been integrated into PlantUML to have a standardized way of defining text style.

All diagrams are now supporting this syntax.

Note that ascending compatibility with HTML syntax is preserved.

11.1 Emphasized text

```
@startuml
Alice -> Bob : hello --there--
... Some ~~long delay~~ ...
Bob -> Alice : ok
note left
This is **bold**
This is //italics//
This is ""monospaced""
This is --stroked--
This is __underlined__
This is ~~waved~~
end note
@enduml
```



11.2 List

```
@startuml
object demo {
  * Bullet list
  * Second item
  ** Sub item
}

legend
  # Numbered list
  # Second item
  ## Sub item
  ## Another sub item
  # Third item
  end legend
@enduml
```

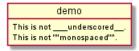


- 1. Numbered list
- 2. Second item
 - 1. Sub item
 - 2. Another sub item
- 3. Third item

11.3 Escape character

You can use the tilde \sim to escape special creole characters.

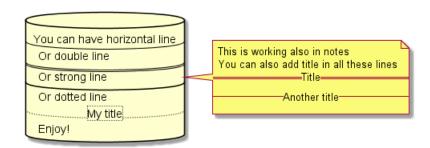
```
@startuml
object demo {
This is not ~__underscored__.
This is not ~""monospaced"".
}
@enduml
```



11.4 Horizontal lines

```
@startuml
database DB1 as "
You can have horizontal line
----
Or double line
====
Or strong line
----
Or dotted line
...My title..
Enjoy!
"
note right
This is working also in notes
You can also add title in all these lines
==Title==
--Another title--
end note
```

@enduml



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11.5 Headings

@startum1
usecase UC1 as "
= Extra-large heading
Some text
== Large heading
Other text
=== Medium heading
Information
....
==== Small heading"
@endum1



11.6 Legacy HTML

Some HTML tags are also working:

- for bold text
- <u> or <u:#AAAAAA> or <u:colorName> for underline
- <i> for italic
- <s> or <s:#AAAAAA> or <s:colorName> for strike text
- <w> or <w:#AAAAAA> or <w:colorName> for wave underline text
- <color:#AAAAAA> or <color:colorName>
- <back:#AAAAAA> or <back:colorName> for background color
- <size:nn> to change font size
- <img:file>: the file must be accessible by the filesystem
- <img:http://url>: the URL must be available from the Internet

```
@startuml
:* You can change <color:red>text color</color>
* You can change <back:cadetblue>background color</back>
* You can change <size:18>size</size>
* You use <u>legacy</u> <b>HTML <i>tag</i></b>
* You use <u:red>color</u> <s:green>in HTML</s> <w:#0000FF>tag</w>
----
* Use image : <img:sourceforge.jpg>
```

@enduml

You can change text color
 You can change background color
 You can change size
 You use legacy HTML tag
 You use color in HTML tag

Use image:

SOURCER RGE

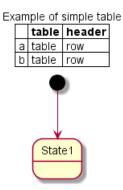
net

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11.7 Table

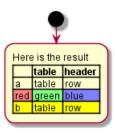
It is possible to build table.

```
@startuml
skinparam titleFontSize 14
title
Example of simple table
|= |= table |= header |
| a | table | row |
| b | table | row |
end title
[*] --> State1
@enduml
```



You can specify background colors for cells and lines.

```
@startuml
start
:Here is the result
|= |= table |= header |
| a | table | row |
|<#FF8080> red |<#80FF80> green |<#8080FF> blue |
<#yellow>| b | table | row |;
@enduml
```



11.8 Tree

You can use | characters to build a tree.

```
@startuml
skinparam titleFontSize 14
title
Example of Tree
|_ First line
|_ **Bom(Model)**
|_ prop1
|_ prop2
|_ prop3
|_ Last line
end title
[*] --> State1
@enduml
```



11.9 Special characters

It's possible to use any unicode characters with &# syntax or $<\verb"U+XXXX">$

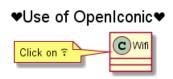
```
@startuml usecase foo as "this is ∞ long" usecase bar as "this is also <U+221E> long" @enduml this is \infty \log t
```

11.10 OpenIconic

OpenIconic is an very nice open source icon set. Those icons have been integrated into the creole parser, so you can use them out-of-the-box.

You can use the following syntax: <&ICON_NAME>.

@startuml
title: <size:20><&heart>Use of OpenIconic<&heart></size>
class Wifi
note left
Click on <&wifi>
end note
@enduml



The complete list is available on OpenIconic Website, or you can use the following special diagram:

@startuml
listopeniconic
@enduml

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List Open Iconic	♣ bell	▲ cloud	excerpt	≡ justify-right	n musical-note	* star
Credit to	bluetooth	a cloudy		♠ key	paperclip	* sun
https://useiconic.com/open	B bold	code	FI expand-left	□ laptop		□ tablet
	+ bolt	o cog	III expand-right	lavers	people	◆ tag
-∃ account-login	■ book	collapse-down	≖ expand-up	# lightbulb	▲ person	• tags
- account-logout	■ bookmark	I4 collapse-left	L2 external-link	& link-broken	□ phone	⊚ target
→ action-redo	■ box	►I collapse-right	eve	∂ link-intact	o pie-chart	⊠ task
← action-undo			Ø evedropper	list-rich	₹ pin	■ terminal
	£ british-pound	₩ command	L file	≡ list	o play-circle	T text
≡ align-left	□ browser	■ comment-square	♠ fire	✓ location	+ plus	▼ thumb-down
align-right align-right	✓ brush		r flag	■ lock-locked	& power-standby	
o aperture	★ bug	o contrast	# flash	a lock-unlocked	- print	ō timer
arrow-bottom	≠ bullhorn	≡ copywriting	≡ folder	 loop-circular 	N project	= transfer
arrow-circle-bottom	□ calculator	■ credit-card	₽ fork	☐ loop-square	+ pulse	i trash
arrow-circle-left	■ calendar	ts crop	* fullscreen-enter	= loop	♠ puzzle-piece	underline
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Defining and using sprites 11.11

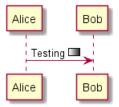
A Sprite is a small graphic element that can be used in diagrams.

In PlantUML, sprites are monochrome and can have either 4, 8 or 16 gray level.

To define a sprite, you have to use a hexadecimal digit between 0 and F per pixel.

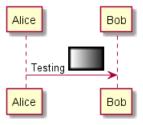
Then you can use the sprite using <\$XXX> where XXX is the name of the sprite.

```
@startum1
sprite $foo1 {
FFFFFFFFFFFF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
FFFFFFFFFFFF
Alice -> Bob : Testing <$foo1>
@enduml
```



You can scale the sprite.

```
@startuml
sprite $foo1 {
FFFFFFFFFFFF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
F0123456789ABCF
FFFFFFFFFFFF
Alice -> Bob : Testing <$foo1{scale=3}>
@enduml
```



11.12Encoding Sprite

To encode sprite, you can use the command line like:

```
java -jar plantuml.jar -encodesprite 16z foo.png
```



where foo.png is the image file you want to use (it will be converted to gray automatically).

After -encodesprite, you have to specify a format: 4, 8, 16, 4z, 8z or 16z.

The number indicates the gray level and the optional z is used to enable compression in sprite definition.

11.13 Importing Sprite

You can also launch the GUI to generate a sprite from an existing image.

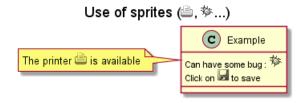
Click in the menubar then on File/Open Sprite Window.

After copying an image into you clipboard, several possible definitions of the corresponding sprite will be displayed: you will just have to pickup the one you want.

11.14 Examples



@startuml
sprite \$printer [15x15/8z] NOtH3WOW208HxFz_kMAhj7lHWpa1XC716sz0Pq4MVPEWfBHIuxP3L6kbTcizR8tAhzaqFvXwvFfPEd
start
:click on <\$printer> to print the page;
@enduml



```
@startuml
sprite $bug [15x15/16z] PKzR2iOm2BFMi15p__FEjQEqB1z27aeqCqixa8S40T7C53cKpsHpaYPDJY_12MHM-BLRyywPhrrlw3qui
sprite $printer [15x15/8z] NOtH3W0W208HxFz_kMAhj7lHWpa1XC716sz0Pq4MVPEWfBHIuxP3L6kbTcizR8tAhzaqFvXwvFfPE
sprite $disk {
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436000000009991
43600000000ACA1
5370000001A7A1
53700000012B8A1
53800000123B8A1
63800001233C9A1
634999AABBC99B1
744566778899AB1
7456AAAAA99AAB1
8566AFC228AABB1
8567AC8118BBBB1
867BD4433BBBBB1
39AAAABBBBBBC1
title Use of sprites (<printer>, <pbug>...)
class Example {
Can have some bug : <$bug>
Click on <$disk> to save
}
```

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note left : The printer <printer> is available @endum1

12 Changing fonts and colors

12.1 Usage

You can change colors and font of the drawing using the skinparam command. Example: skinparam backgroundColor yellow

You can use this command:

- In the diagram definition, like any other commands,
- In an included file (see *Preprocessing*),
- In a configuration file, provided in the command line or the ANT task.

12.2 Nested

To avoid repetition, it is possible to nest definition. So the following definition :

```
skinparam xxxxParam1 value1
skinparam xxxxParam2 value2
skinparam xxxxParam3 value3
skinparam xxxxParam4 value4
is strictly equivalent to:
skinparam xxxx {
   Param1 value1
   Param2 value2
   Param3 value3
   Param4 value4
```

12.3 Color

You can use either standard color name or RGB code.

Parameter name	Default Value	Color	Comment
backgroundColor	white		Background of the page
activityArrowColor	#A80036		Color of arrows in activity diagrams
activityBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Background of activities
activityBorderColor	#A80036		Color of activity borders
activityStartColor	black		Starting circle in activity diagrams
activityEndColor	black		Ending circle in activity diagrams
activityBarColor	black		Synchronization bar in activity diagrams
usecaseArrowColor	#A80036		Color of arrows in usecase diagrams
usecaseActorBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Head's color of actor in usecase diagrams
usecaseActorBorderColor	#A80036		Color of actor borders in usecase diagrams
usecaseBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Background of usecases
usecaseBorderColor	#A80036		Color of usecase borders in usecase diagrams
classArrowColor	#A80036		Color of arrows in class diagrams
classBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Background of classes/interface/enum in class diagrams
classBorderColor	#A80036		Borders of classes/interface/enum in class diagrams
packageBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Background of packages in class diagrams
packageBorderColor	#A80036		Borders of packages in class diagrams
stereotypeCBackgroundColor	#ADD1B2		Background of class spots in class diagrams
stereotypeABackgroundColor	#A9DCDF		Background of abstract class spots in class diagrams
stereotypeIBackgroundColor	#B4A7E5		Background of interface spots in class diagrams
stereotypeEBackgroundColor	#EB937F		Background of enum spots in class diagrams
componentArrowColor	#A80036		Color of arrows in component diagrams
componentBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Background of components
componentBorderColor	#A80036		Borders of components
componentInterfaceBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Background of interface in component diagrams
componentInterfaceBorderColor	#A80036		Border of interface in component diagrams
noteBackgroundColor	#FBFB77		Background of notes
noteBorderColor	#A80036		Border of notes
stateBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Background of states in state diagrams
stateBorderColor	#A80036		Border of states in state diagrams
stateArrowColor	#A80036		Colors of arrows in state diagrams
stateStartColor	black		Starting circle in state diagrams
stateEndColor	black		Ending circle in state diagrams
sequenceArrowColor	#A80036		Color of arrows in sequence diagrams
sequenceActorBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Head's color of actor in sequence diagrams
sequenceActorBorderColor	#A80036		Border of actor in sequence diagrams
sequenceGroupBackgroundColor	#EEEEEE		Header color of alt/opt/loop in sequence diagrams
sequenceLifeLineBackgroundColor	white		Background of life line in sequence diagrams
sequenceLifeLineBorderColor	#A80036		Border of life line in sequence diagrams
sequenceParticipantBackgroundColor	#FEFECE		Background of participant in sequence diagrams
sequenceParticipantBorderColor	#A80036		Border of participant in sequence diagrams

12.4 Font color, name and size

You can change the font for the drawing using xxxFontColor, xxxFontSize and xxxFontName parameters.

Example:

```
skinparam classFontColor red
skinparam classFontSize 10
skinparam classFontName Aapex
```

You can also change the default font for all fonts using skinparam defaultFontName.

Example:

skinparam defaultFontName Aapex

Please note the fontname is highly system dependent, so do not over use it, if you look for portability.

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12.5 Black and White

You can force the use of a black white output using the skinparam monochrome true command.

@startuml
skinparam monochrome true
actor User
participant "First Class" as A
participant "Second Class" as B
participant "Last Class" as C

User -> A: DoWork
activate A

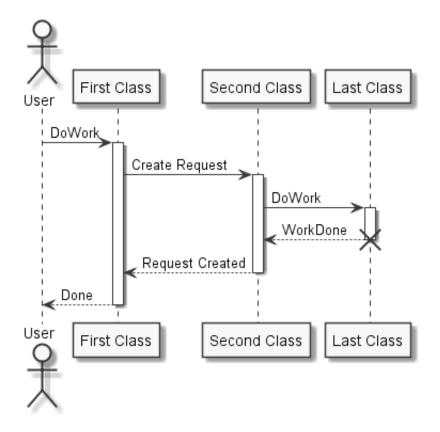
A -> B: Create Request
activate B

B -> C: DoWork
activate C
C --> B: WorkDone
destroy C

B --> A: Request Created
deactivate B

@enduml

A --> User: Done deactivate A



13 Preprocessing

Some minor preprocessing capabilities are included in **PlantUML**, and available for all diagrams.

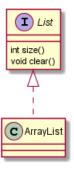
Those functionnalities are very similar to the C language preprocessor, except that the special character (#) has been changed to the exclamation mark (!).

13.1 Including files

Use the !include directive to include file in your diagram.

Imagine you have the very same class that appears in many diagrams. Instead of duplicating the description of this class, you can define a file that contains the description.

@startuml
!include List.iuml
List <|.. ArrayList
@enduml</pre>



File List.iuml: interface List List: int size() List: void clear()

The file List.iuml can be included in many diagrams, and any modification in this file will change all diagrams that include it.

A file can be only be included once. If you want to include several times the very same file, you have to use the directive !include_many instead of !include.

You can also put several <code>@startuml/@enduml</code> text block in an included file and then specify which block you want to include adding <code>!O</code> where <code>O</code> is the block number.

For example, if you use !include foo.txt!1, the second @startuml/@enduml block within foo.txt will be included.

You can also put an id to some <code>@startuml/@enduml</code> text block in an included file using <code>@startuml(id=MY_OWN_ID)</code> syntax and then include the block adding <code>!MY_OWN_ID</code> when including the file, so using something like <code>!include foo.txt!MY_OWN_ID</code>.

13.2 Including URL

Use the !includeurl directive to include file from Internet/Intranet in your diagram.

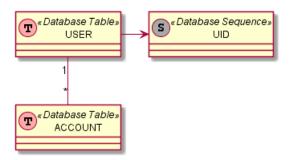
You can also use !includeurl http://someurl.com/mypath!O to specify which @startuml/@enduml block from http://someurl.com/mypath you want to include. The !O notation denotes the first diagram.

13.3 Constant definition

You can define constant using the !define directive. As in C language, a constant name can only use alphanumeric and underscore characters, and cannot start with a digit.

@startuml

```
!define SEQUENCE (S, #AAAAAA) Database Sequence
!define TABLE (T, #FFAAAA) Database Table
class USER << TABLE >>
class ACCOUNT << TABLE >>
class UID << SEQUENCE >>
USER "1" -- "*" ACCOUNT
USER -> UID
@enduml
```



Of course, you can use the !include directive to define all your constants in a single file that you include in your diagram.

Constant can be undefined with the !undef XXX directive.

You can also specify constants within the command line, with the -D flags.

```
java -jar plantuml.jar -DTITLE="My title" atest1.txt
```

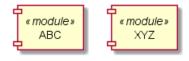
Note that the -D flag must be put after the "-jar plantuml.jar" section.

Macro definition

You can also define macro with arguments.

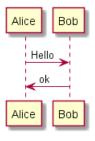
@startum1

```
!define module(x) component x <<module>>
module(ABC)
module(XYZ)
@enduml
```



Macro can have several arguments.

```
@startuml
!define send(a,b,c) a->b : c
send(Alice, Bob, Hello)
send(Bob, Alice, ok)
@enduml
```



13.5 Adding date and time

You can also expand current date and time using the special variable %date%.

Date format can be specified using format specified in SimpleDataFormat documentation.

```
@startuml
!define ANOTHER_DATE %date[yyyy.MM.dd 'at' HH:mm]%
Title Generated %date% or ANOTHER_DATE
alice -> bob
@enduml
```

Generated Tue May 23 19:20:08 CEST 2017 or 2017.05.23 at 19:20



13.6 Other special variables

You can also use the following special variables:

%dirpath% Path of the current file

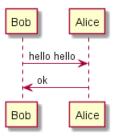
%filename% Name of the current file

13.7 Macro on several lines

You can also define macro on several lines using !definelong and !enddefinelong.

```
@startuml
!define DOUBLE(x) x x
!definelong AUTHEN(x,y)
x -> y : DOUBLE(hello)
y -> x : ok
!enddefinelong

AUTHEN(Bob,Alice)
@enduml
```

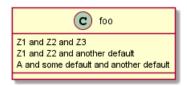


13.8 Default values for macro parameters

It is possible to assign default values to macro parameters.

```
@startuml
!define some_macro(x, y = "some default" , z = 'another default' ) x and y and z
class foo {
   some_macro(Z1, Z2, Z3)
   some_macro(Z1, Z2)
   some_macro(A)
}
```

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13.9 Conditions

You can use !ifdef XXX and !endif directives to have conditionnal drawings.

The lines between those two directives will be included only if the constant after the !ifdef directive has been defined before.

You can also provide a !else part which will be included if the constant has not been defined.

```
@startuml
!include ArrayList.iuml
@enduml
```



File ArrayList.iuml:

```
class ArrayList
!ifdef SHOW_METHODS
ArrayList : int size()
ArrayList : void clear()
!endif
```

You can then use the !define directive to activate the conditionnal part of the diagram.

```
@startuml
!define SHOW_METHODS
!include ArrayList.iuml
@enduml
```



You can also use the !ifndef directive that includes lines if the provided constant has NOT been defined.

You can use boolean expression with parenthesis, operators and || in the test.

```
@startum1
!define SHOW_FIELDS
!undef SHOW_METHODS
class foo {
!ifdef SHOW_FIELDS || SHOW_METHODS
This is shown
!endif
!ifdef SHOW_FIELDS && SHOW_METHODS
This is NOT shown
!endif
}
Gendum1
```



Search path 13.10

You can specify the java property "plantuml.include.path" in the command line.

For example:

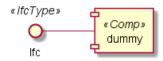
```
java -Dplantuml.include.path="c:/mydir" -jar plantuml.jar atest1.txt
```

Note the this -D option has to put before the -jar option. -D options after the -jar option will be used to define constants within plantuml preprocessor.

Advanced features 13.11

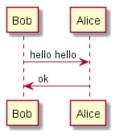
It is possible to append text to a macro argument using the ## syntax.

@startuml !definelong COMP_TEXTGENCOMP(name) [name] << Comp >> interface Ifc << IfcType >> AS name##Ifc name##Ifc - [name] !enddefinelong COMP_TEXTGENCOMP(dummy) @enduml



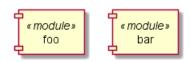
A macro can be defined by another macro.

@startuml !define DOUBLE(x) x x !definelong AUTHEN(x,y) x -> y : DOUBLE(hello) y -> x : ok !enddefinelong AUTHEN (Bob, Alice) @enduml



A macro can be polymorphic with argument count.

@startuml !define module(x) component x <<module>> !define module(x,y) component x as y <<module>> module(foo) module(bar, barcode) @enduml



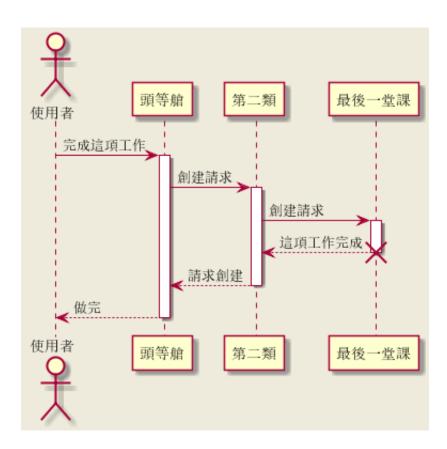
You can use system environment variable or constant definition when using include:

!include %windir%/test1.txt !define PLANTUML_HOME /home/foo !include PLANTUML_HOME/test1.txt

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The PlantUML language use letters to define actor, usecase and so on. But letters are not only A-Z latin characters, it could be any kind of letter from any language.

```
@startuml
{\tt skinparam\ backgroundColor\ \#EEEBDC}
actor 使用者
participant "頭等艙" as A participant "第二類" as B participant "最後一堂課" as 別的東西
使用者 -> A: 完成這項工作
activate A
A -> B: 創建請求
activate B
B-> 別的東西: 創建請求
activate 別的東西
別的東西 --> B: 這項工作完成
destroy 別的東西
B --> A: 請求創建
deactivate B
A --> 使用者: 做完
deactivate A
@enduml
```



Charset 14.1

The default charset used when reading the text files containing the UML text description is system dependent. Normally, it should just be fine, but in some case, you may want to the use another charset. For example, with the command line:

```
java -jar plantuml.jar -charset UTF-8 files.txt
```

Or, with the ant task:

```
<target name="main">
<plantuml dir="./src" charset="UTF-8" />
</target>
```

Depending of your Java installation, the following charset should be available: ISO-8859-1, UTF-8, UTF-16BE, UTF-16LE, UTF-16.

15 Color Names

Here is the list of colors recognized by PlantUML. Note that color names are case insensitive.

AliceBlue	GhostWhite	NavajoWhite
AntiqueWhite	GoldenRod	Navy
Aquamarine	Gold	OldLace
Aqua	Gray	OliveDrab
Azure	GreenYellow	Olive
Beige	Green	OrangeRed
Bisque	HoneyDew	Orange
Black	HotPink	Orchid
BlanchedAlmond	IndianRed	PaleGoldenRod
BlueViolet	Indigo	PaleGreen
Blue	Ivory	PaleTurquoise
Brown	Khaki	PaleVioletRed
BurlyWood	LavenderBlush	PapayaWhip
CadetBlue	Lavender	PeachPuff
Chartreuse	LawnGreen	Peru
Chocolate	LemonChiffon	Pink
Coral	LightBlue	Plum
CornflowerBlue	LightCoral	PowderBlue
Cornsilk	LightCyan	Purple
Crimson	LightGoldenRodYellow	Red
Cyan	LightGreen	RosyBrown
DarkBlue	LightGray	RoyalBlue
DarkCyan	LightPink	SaddleBrown
DarkGoldenRod	LightSalmon	Salmon
DarkGray	LightSeaGreen	SandyBrown
DarkGreen	LightSkyBlue	SeaGreen
DarkKhaki	LightSlateGray	SeaShell
DarkMagenta	LightSteelBlue	Sienna
DarkOliveGreen	LightYellow	Silver
DarkOrchid	LimeGreen	SkyBlue
DarkRed	Lime	SlateBlue
DarkSalmon	Linen	SlateGray
DarkSeaGreen	Magenta	Snow
DarkSlateBlue	Maroon	SpringGreen
DarkSlateGray	MediumAquaMarine	SteelBlue
DarkTurquoise	MediumBlue	Tan
DarkViolet	MediumOrchid	Teal
Darkorange	MediumPurple	Thistle
DeepPink	MediumSeaGreen	Tomato
DeepSkyBlue	MediumSlateBlue	Turquoise
DimGray	MediumSpringGreen	Violet
DodgerBlue	MediumTurquoise	Wheat
FireBrick	MediumVioletRed	WhiteSmoke
FloralWhite	MidnightBlue	White
ForestGreen	MintCream	YellowGreen
Fuchsia	MistyRose	Yellow
Gainsboro	Moccasin	

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