

ABSTRACT

A home-based business is a great way for entrepreneurs to start and grow their business without having to purchase an office or lease space in a building. If you run a business that can be done out of your home, you will save a lot of money on overhead costs. Now a days many youngsters, House wives etc. doing business like ornaments making, hand-made card making, handicraft making, toys making etc. in their locality in a traditional way of business.

There are lots of disadvantage for traditional business like it is limited to a particular area, limited number of customers, one way marketing etc. So, In order for a home-based business to be successful, you will need to market and advertise the products you provide. We can market a home based business by developing a website and expanding the network. “**DREAMS**” is a website which is designed to help the individuals who are ready to do a home-based business on their own interest.

In this website the home-based business owners (seller) can register and use the site as their own website for marketing their products. The customers who wish to buy something which is handmade can search the products or can view the details of individuals (sellers) who are doing business here. The website helps the sellers to improve their marketing and also they can improve the quality and uniqueness of their products from the feedback of the customers.

DREAMS, GUI is user friendly so that users can easily use it without any training.

2.4 Requirement Modeling

2.4.1 UML diagram

UML is a standard language for specifying, visualizing, constructing, and documenting the artifacts of software systems. UML was created by the Object Management Group (OMG) and UML 1.0 specification draft was proposed to the OMG in January 1997.

UML stands for **Unified Modeling Language**. UML is different from the other common programming languages such as C++, Java, COBOL, etc. UML is a pictorial language used to make software blueprints. UML can be described as a general purpose visual modeling language to visualize, specify, construct, and document software system. Although UML is generally used to model software systems, it is not limited within this boundary. It is also used to model non-software systems as well. For example, the process flow in a manufacturing unit, etc. UML is not a programming language but tools can be used to generate code in various languages using UML diagrams. UML has a direct relation with object oriented analysis and design. After some standardization, UML has become an OMG standard. All the elements, relationships are used to make a complete UML diagram and the diagram represents a system. The visual effect of the UML diagram is the most important part of the entire process. All the other elements are used to make it complete. UML includes the following nine diagrams.

- Activity diagram
- Use case diagram
- Sequence diagram
- Collaboration diagram
- State chart diagram
- Class diagram
- Object diagram
- Component diagram
- Deployment diagram

1. UML Activity Diagram

Activity Diagram describe the dynamic aspects of the system. Activity diagram is basically a flowchart to represent the flow from one activity to another activity. The activity can be described as an operation of the system.

The control flow is drawn from one operation to another. This flow can be sequential, branched, or concurrent. Activity diagrams deal with all type of flow control by using different elements such as fork, join, etc.

Activity diagrams are not only used for visualizing the dynamic nature of a system, but they are also used to construct the executable system by using forward and reverse engineering techniques. The only missing thing in the activity diagram is the message part.

It does not show any message flow from one activity to another. Activity diagram is sometimes considered as the flowchart. Although the diagrams look like a flowchart, they are not.

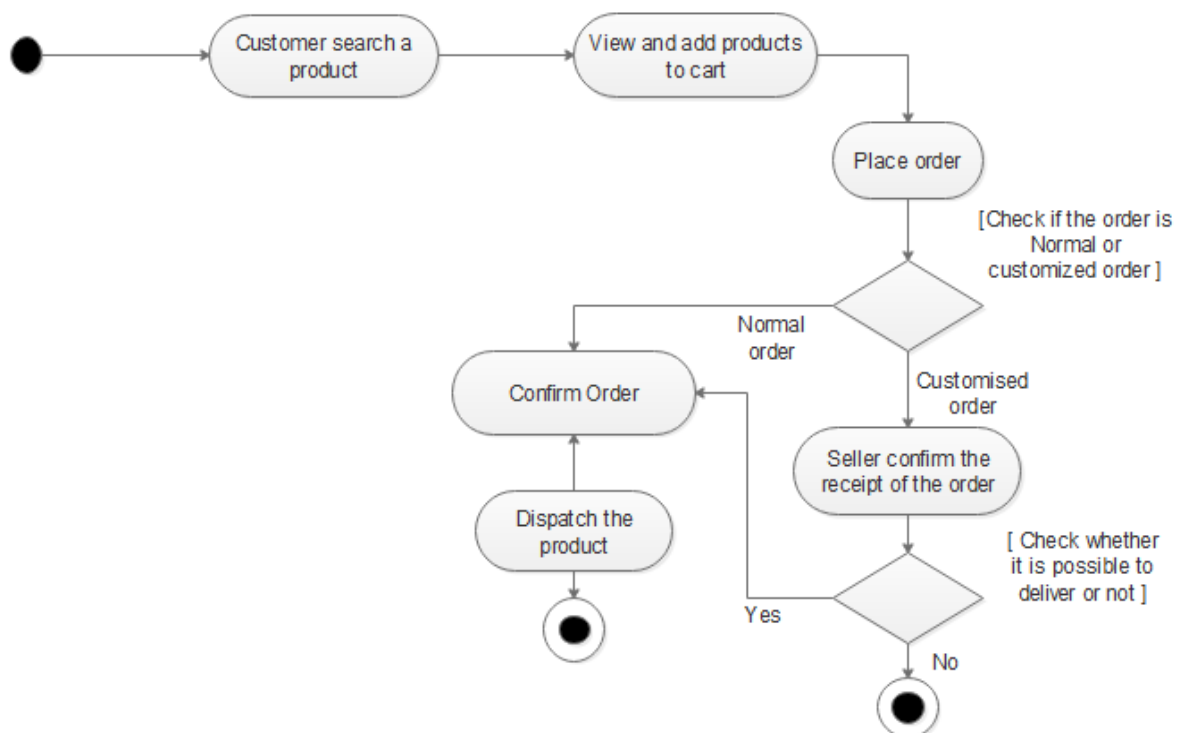


Fig. Activity diagram for purchasing products

2. UML Use Case Diagram

A use case diagram is a graphic depiction of the interactions among the elements of a system. A use case is a methodology used in system analysis to identify, clarify, and organize system requirements. In this context, the term "system" refers to something being developed or operated, such as a mail-order product sales and service Web site. Use case diagrams are employed in UML (Unified Modeling Language), a standard notation for the modeling of real-world objects and systems.

System objectives can include planning overall requirements, validating a hardware design, testing and debugging a software product under development, creating an online help reference, or performing a consumer-service-oriented task. For example, use cases in a product sales environment would include item ordering, catalog updating, payment processing, and customer relations. A use case diagram contains four components.

- The boundary, which defines the system of interest in relation to the world around it.
- The actors, usually individuals involved with the system defined according to their roles.
- The use cases, which the specific roles are played by the actors within and around the system.
- The relationships between and among the actors and the use cases. □

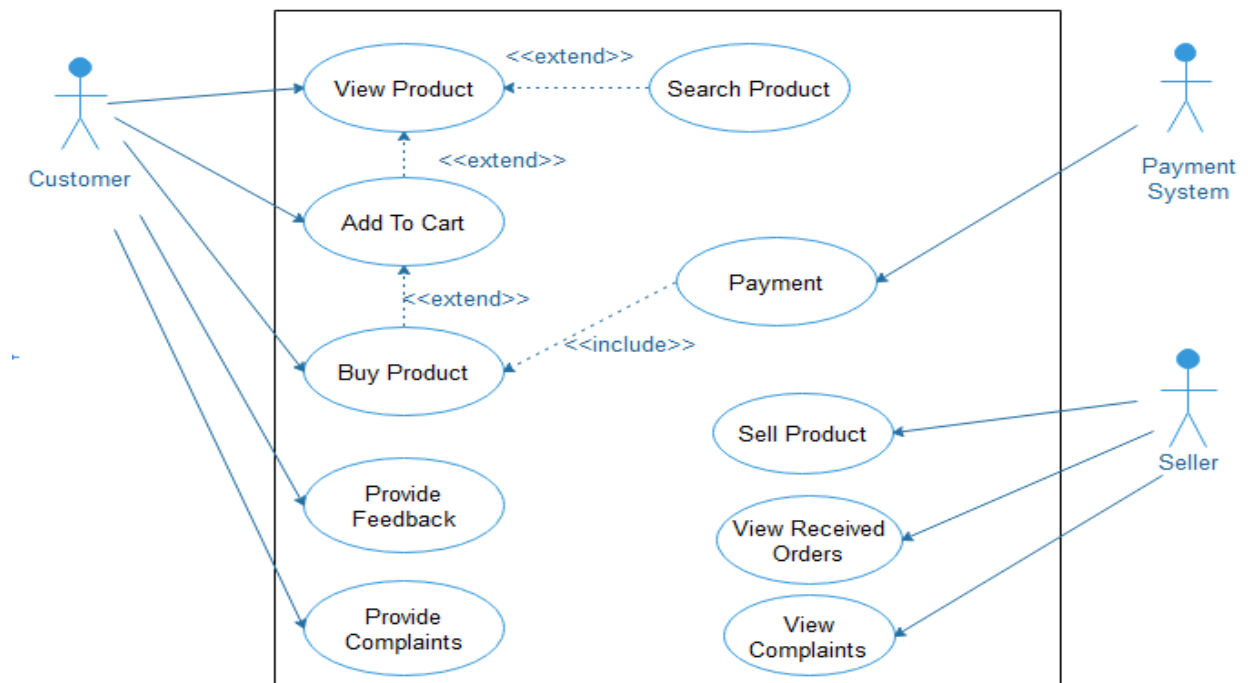


Fig. Use case diagram for online shopping

3. UML Sequence Diagram

A sequence diagram is an interaction diagram that shows how objects operate with one another and in what order. It is a construct of a message sequence chart.

A sequence diagram shows object interactions arranged in time sequence. It depicts the objects and classes involved in the scenario and the sequence of messages exchanged between the objects needed to carry out the functionality of the scenario. Sequence diagrams are typically associated with use case realizations in the Logical View of the system under development. Sequence diagrams are sometimes called event diagrams or event scenarios. A sequence diagram shows, as parallel vertical lines (*lifelines*), different processes or objects that live simultaneously, and, as horizontal arrows, the messages exchanged between them, in the order in which they occur. This allows the specification of simple runtime scenarios in a graphical manner

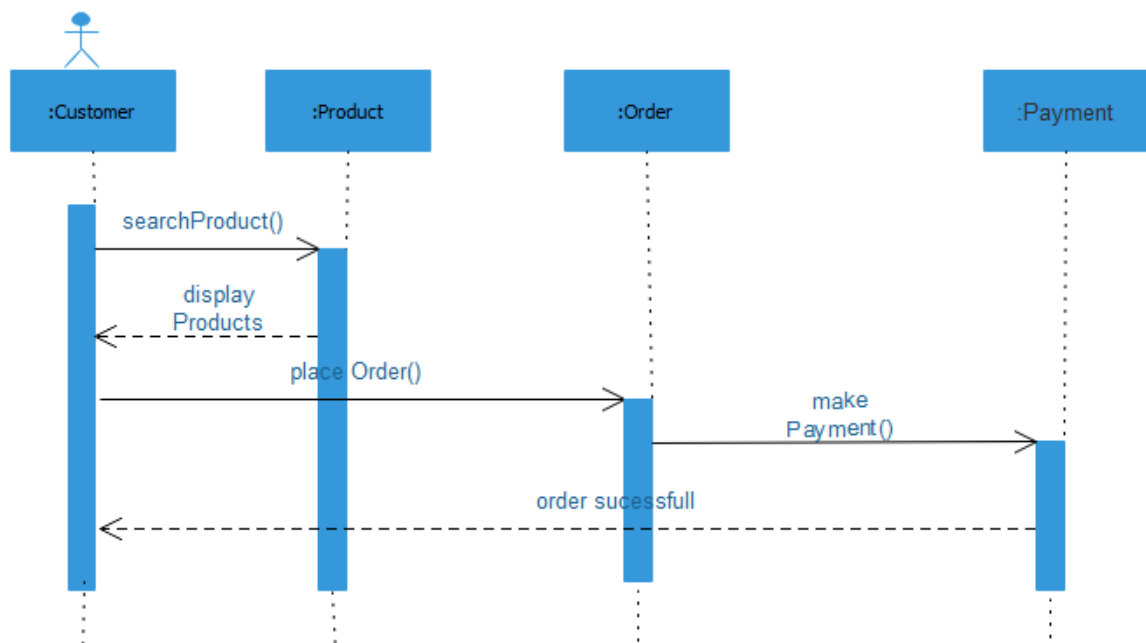


Fig. Sequence diagram for search and order product

4. UML Collaboration Diagram

The collaboration diagram is used to show the relationship between the objects in a system. Both the sequence and the collaboration diagrams represent the same information but differently. Instead of showing the flow of messages, it depicts the architecture of the object residing in the system as it is based on object-oriented programming. An object consists of several features. Multiple objects present in the system are connected to each other. The collaboration diagram, which is also known as a communication diagram, is used to portray the object's architecture in the system.

Notations of a Collaboration Diagram

Following are the components of a component diagram that are enlisted below:

1. **Objects:** The representation of an object is done by an object symbol with its name and class underlined, separated by a colon. In the collaboration diagram, objects are utilized in the following ways:
 - The object is represented by specifying their name and class.
 - It is not mandatory for every class to appear.
 - A class may constitute more than one object.
 - In the collaboration diagram, firstly, the object is created, and then its class is specified.
 - To differentiate one object from another object, it is necessary to name them.
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2. **Actors:** In the collaboration diagram, the actor plays the main role as it invokes the interaction. Each actor has its respective role and name. In this, one actor initiates the use case.
3. **Links:** The link is an instance of association, which associates the objects and actors. It portrays a relationship between the objects through which the messages are sent. It is represented by a solid line. The link helps an object to connect with or navigate to another object, such that the message flows are attached to links.
4. **Messages:** It is a communication between objects which carries information and includes a sequence number, so that the activity may take place. It is represented by a labeled arrow, which is placed near a link. The messages are sent from the sender to the receiver, and the

direction must be navigable in that particular direction. The receiver must understand the message.

The collaborations are used when it is essential to depict the relationship between the object. Both the sequence and collaboration diagrams represent the same information, but the way of portraying it quite different. The collaboration diagrams are best suited for analyzing use cases.

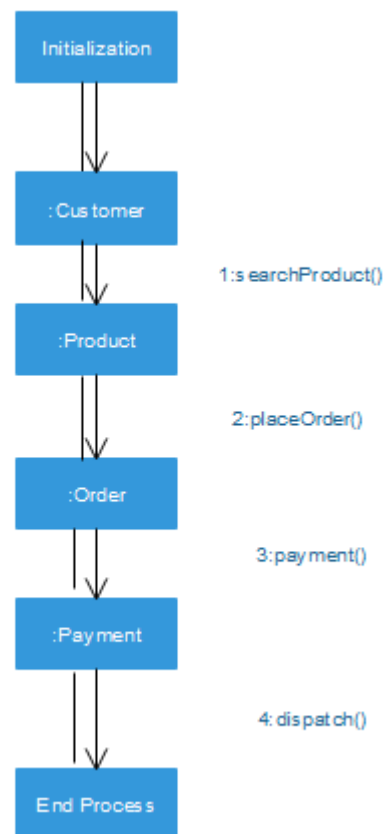


Fig. Collaboration Diagram for online shopping of products

5. UML State Chart Diagram

It describes different states of a component in a system. The states are specific to a component/object of a system. A Statechart diagram describes a state machine. State machine can be defined as a machine which defines different states of an object and these states are controlled by external or internal events. They define different states of an object during its lifetime and these states are changed by events. Statechart diagrams are useful to model the

reactive systems. Reactive systems can be defined as a system that responds to external or internal events.

Statechart diagram describes the flow of control from one state to another state. States are defined as a condition in which an object exists and it changes when some event is triggered. The most important purpose of Statechart diagram is to model lifetime of an object from creation to termination. Statechart diagrams are also used for forward and reverse engineering of a system. However, the main purpose is to model the reactive system.

Following are the main purposes of using Statechart diagrams –

- To model the dynamic aspect of a system.
- To model the life time of a reactive system.
- To describe different states of an object during its life time.
- Define a state machine to model the states of an object.

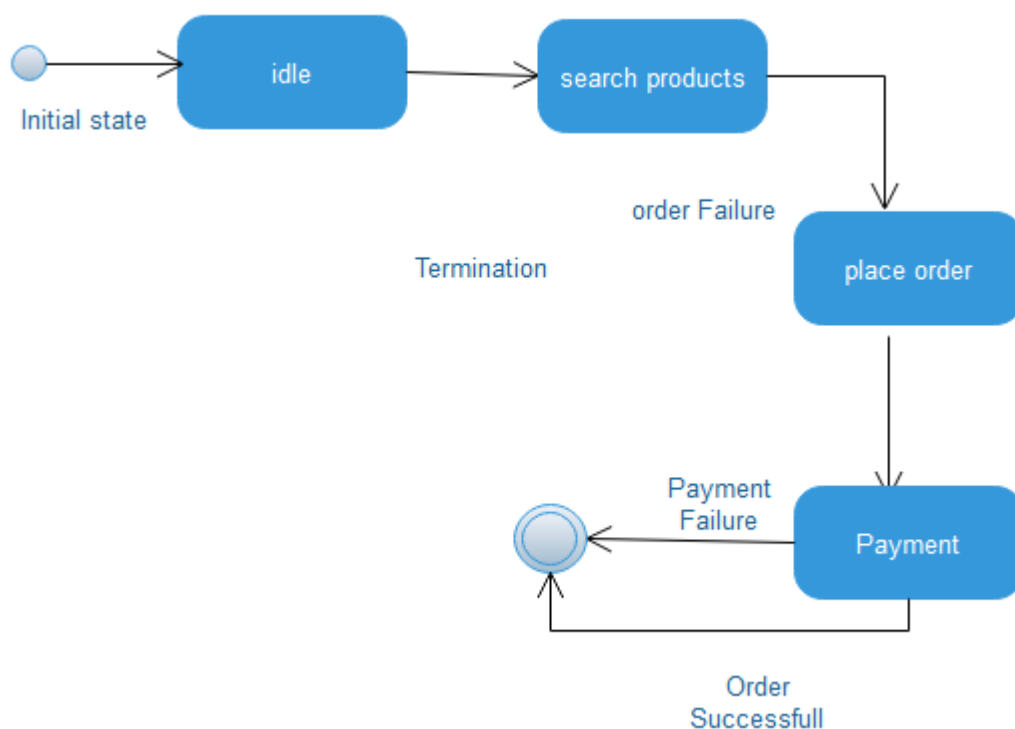


Fig. Statechart Diagram for online shopping

6. UML Class Diagram

Class diagram is a static diagram. It represents the static view of an application. Class diagram is not only used for visualizing, describing, and documenting different aspects of a system but also for constructing executable code of the software application.

Class diagram describes the attributes and operations of a class and also the constraints imposed on the system. The class diagrams are widely used in the modeling of object-oriented systems because they are the only UML diagrams, which can be mapped directly with object-oriented languages.

Class diagram shows a collection of classes, interfaces, associations, collaborations, and constraints. It is also known as a structural diagram.

The purpose of the class diagram can be summarized as –

- Analysis and design of the static view of an application.
- Describe responsibilities of a system.
- Base for component and deployment diagrams.
- Forward and reverse engineering.

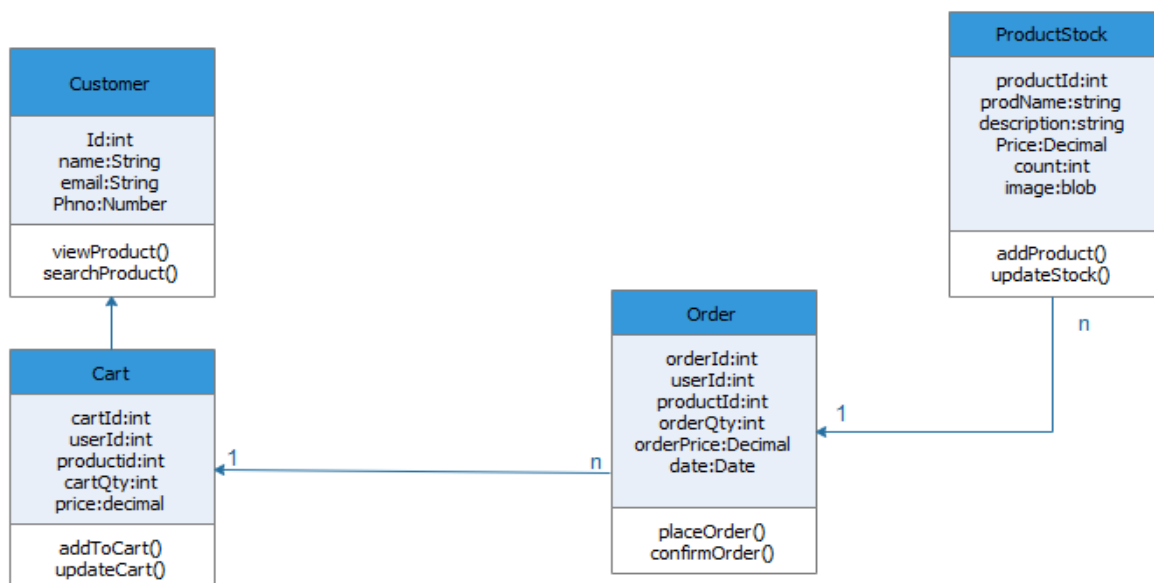


Fig. Class Diagram for online shopping site

7. UML Object Diagram

Object diagrams are derived from class diagrams so object diagrams are dependent upon class diagrams. Object diagrams represent an instance of a class diagram. The basic concepts are similar for class diagrams and object diagrams.

Object diagrams also represent the static view of a system but this static view is a snapshot of the system at a particular moment. Object diagrams are used to render a set of objects and their relationships as an instance.

The purpose of the object diagram can be summarized as –

- Forward and reverse engineering.
- Object relationships of a system
- Static view of an interaction.
- Understand object behavior and their relationship from practical perspective

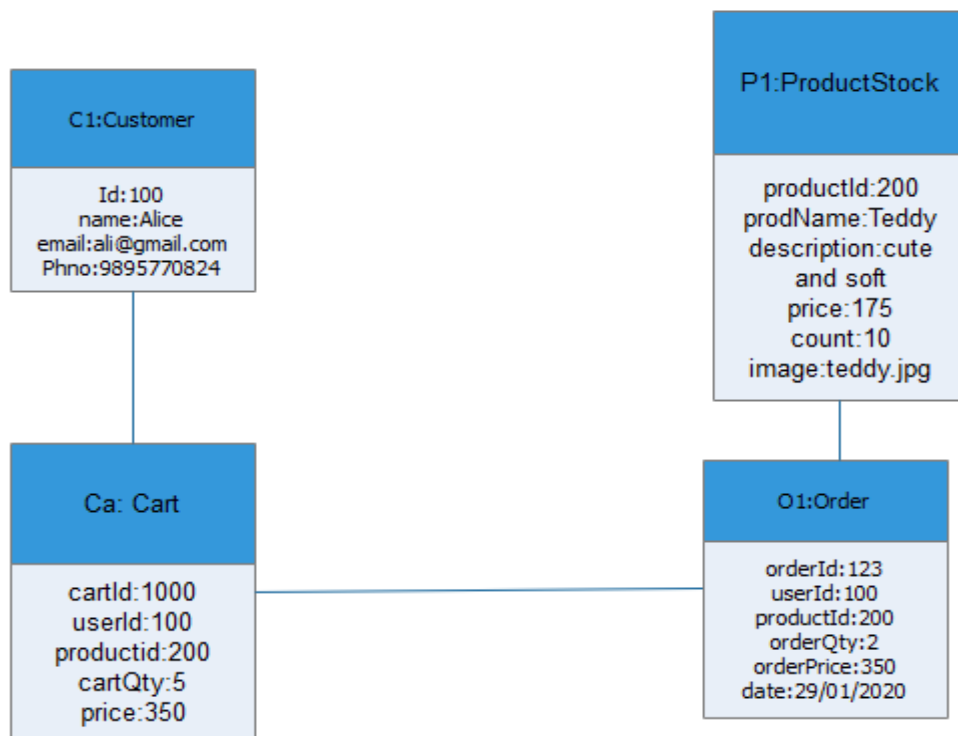


Fig. Object diagram for online shopping site

8. UML Component Diagram

Component diagram is a special kind of diagram in UML. The purpose is also different from all other diagrams discussed so far. It does not describe the functionality of the system but it describes the components used to make those functionalities. Thus from that point of view, component diagrams are used to visualize the physical components in a system. These components are libraries, packages, files, etc.

Component diagrams can also be described as a static implementation view of a system. Static implementation represents the organization of the components at a particular moment. A single component diagram cannot represent the entire system but a collection of diagrams is used to represent the whole.

The purpose of the component diagram can be summarized as –

- Visualize the components of a system.
- Construct executable by using forward and reverse engineering.
- Describe the organization and relationships of the components.

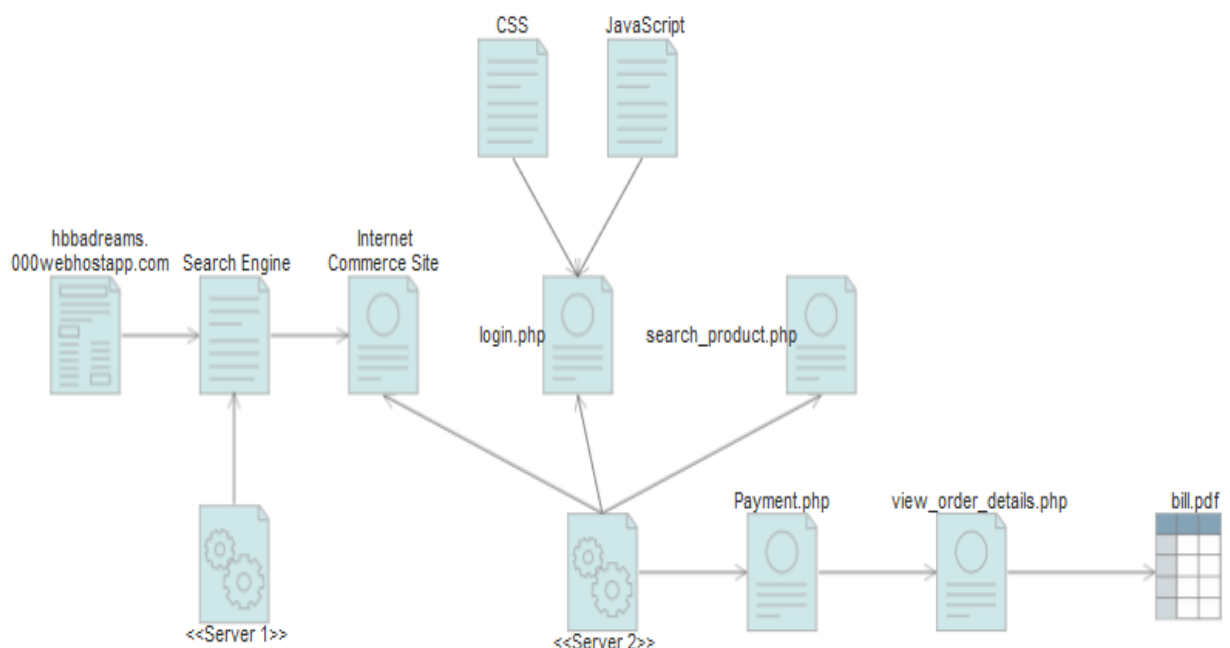


Fig. Component diagram for online shopping site

9. UML Deployment Diagram

Deployment diagrams are used to visualize the topology of the physical components of a system, where the software components are deployed. Deployment diagrams are used to describe the static deployment view of a system. Deployment diagrams consist of nodes and their relationships.

It ascertains how software is deployed on the hardware. It maps the software architecture created in design to the physical system architecture, where the software will be executed as a node. Since it involves many nodes, the relationship is shown by utilizing communication paths.

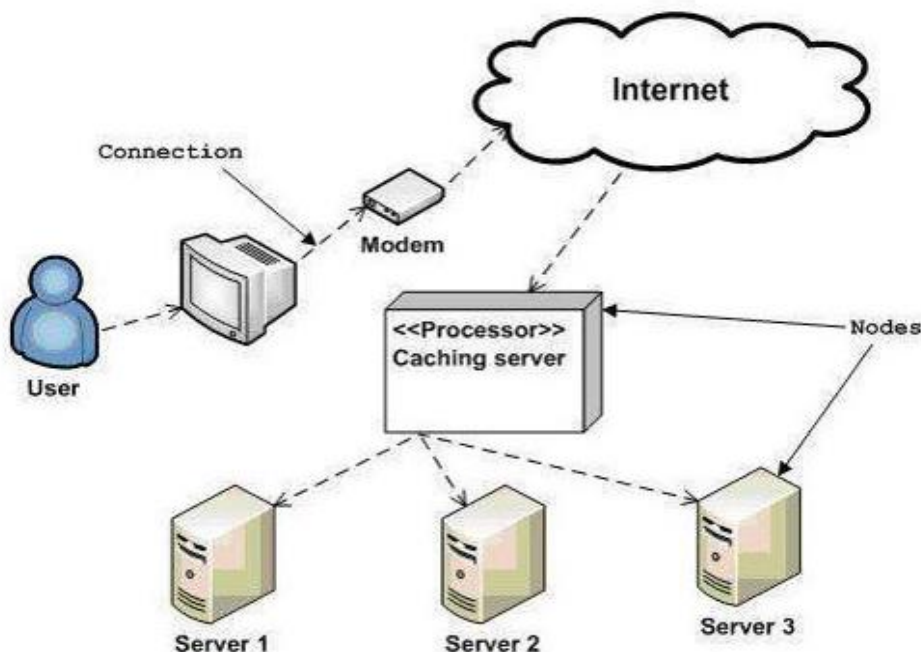


Fig. Deployment diagram