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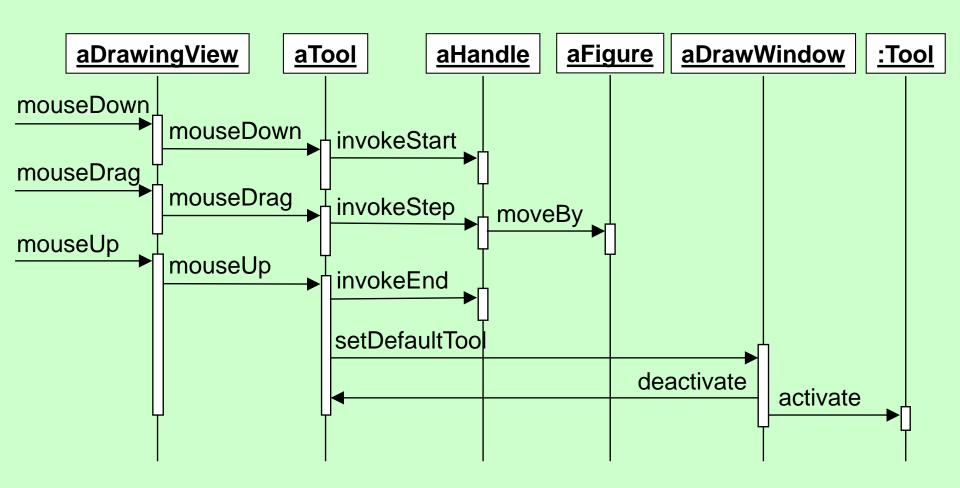
Interaction Diagrams

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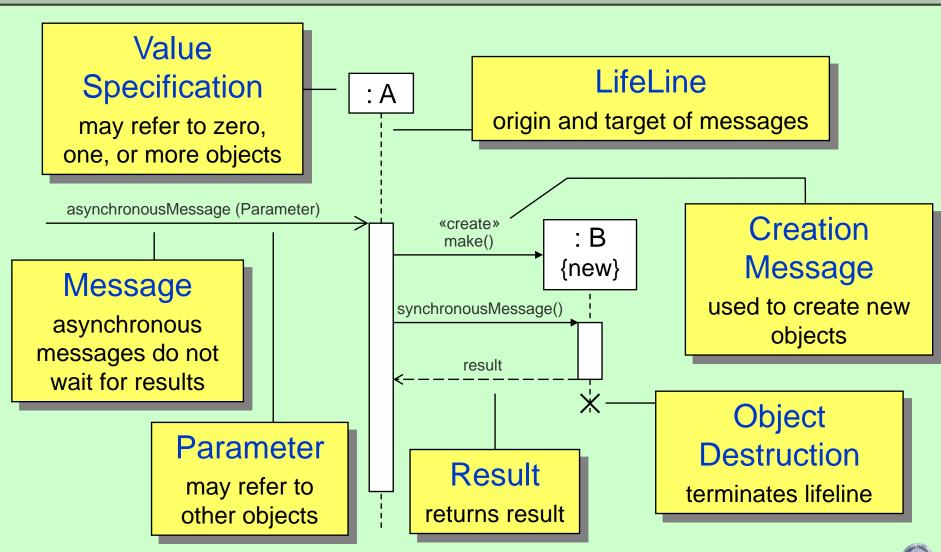


Documenting Behaviour



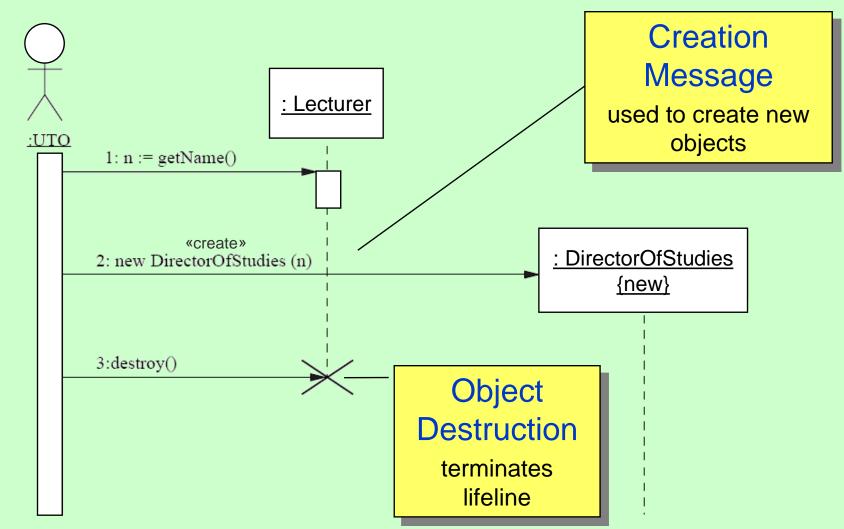


Sequence Diagram



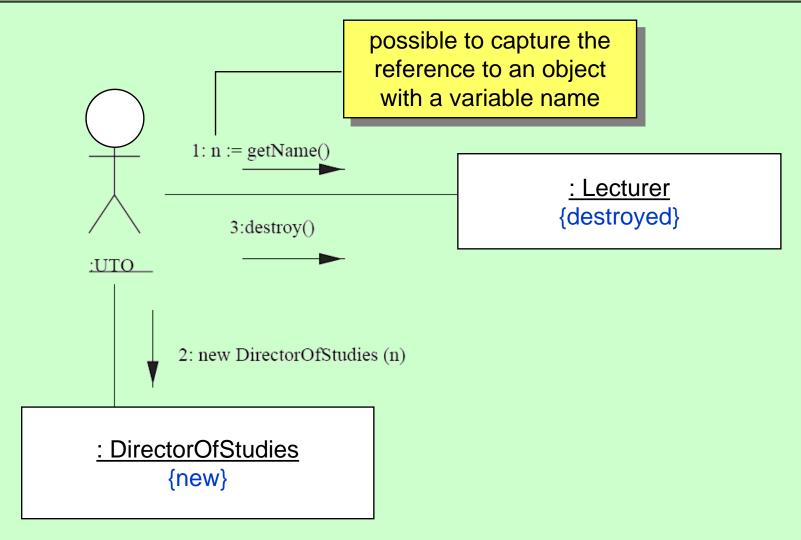


Creation & Deletion



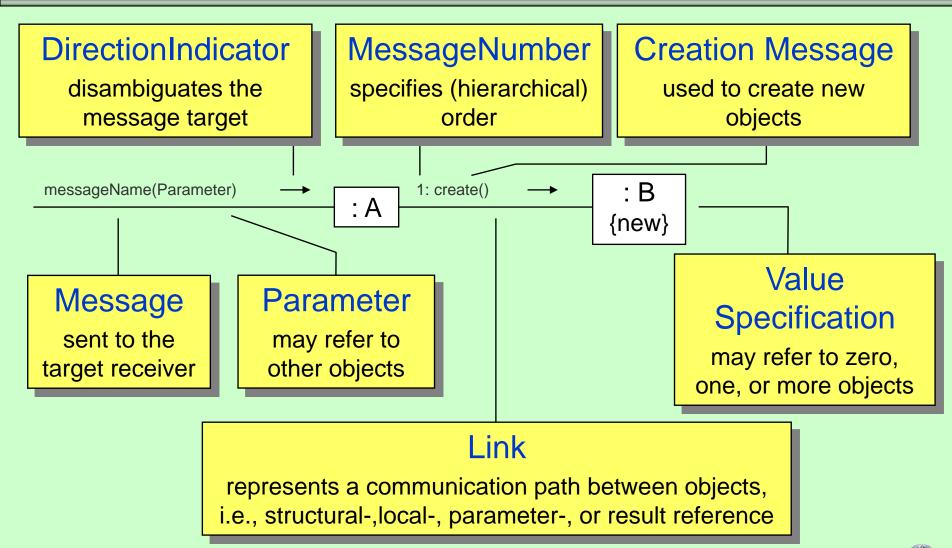


Communication Diagram





Communication Diagram





Possible Object/Link Existence Classification

» new

the instance or link is created during the enclosing interaction

» destroyed

 the instance or link is destroyed prior to the completion of the enclosing interaction

» transient

 the instance or link is created during execution but is destroyed before completion of the enclosing interaction



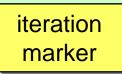
Specifying Behaviour

Message Guards

- » [pressure > 9]: playAlarm()
- » the message is sent only if the condition evaluates to true
- » are deprecated for sequence diagrams; use "opt" or "alt" notation instead

Iteration

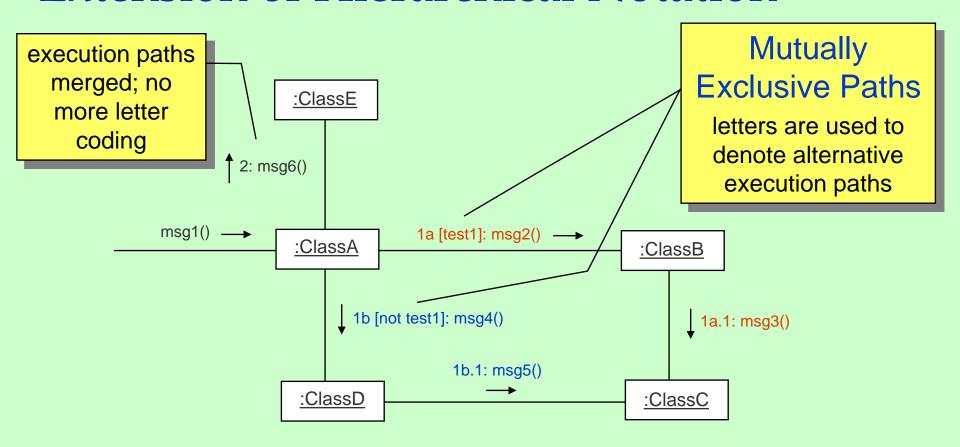
- » * [i := 1..n]: knockAtDoor()
- » conditions such as * [x<10] or * [isNotEmpty] are possible as well</p>





Conditional Paths

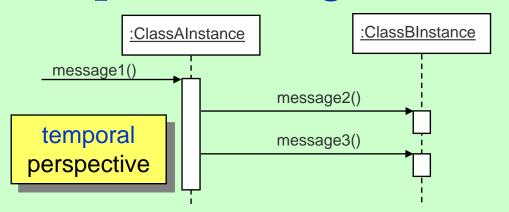
Extension of Hierarchical Notation





Sequence vs Communication

Sequence Diagrams



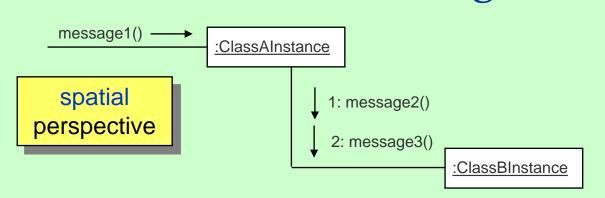
Strength

clearly show ordering of messages

Weakness

don't show links become very wide

Communication Diagrams



Strength

show links & use space economically

Weakness

difficult to see message sequence



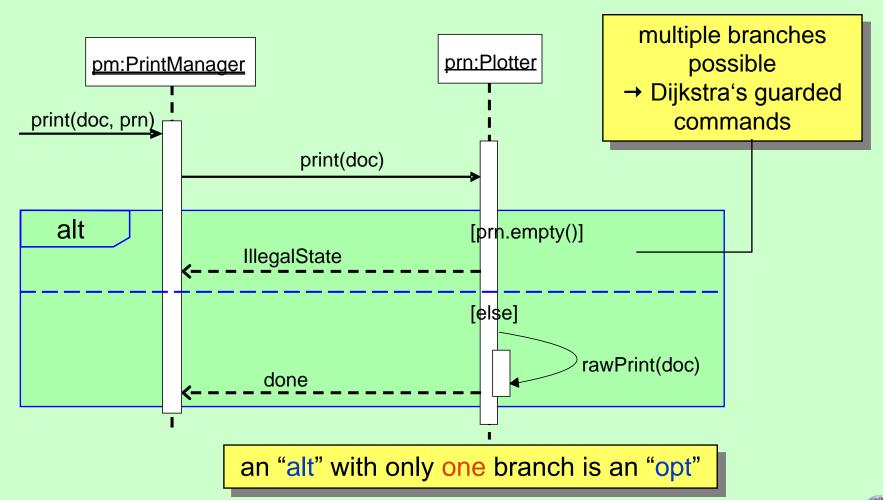


Sequence vs Communication

- As of UML 2.0, Sequence Diagrams have a lot more expressive notation than Communication Diagrams
 - » alternatives, loops
 - » decomposition mechanisms
- With respect to their common basis, both diagram kinds can be translated into each other



Conditional Conditional



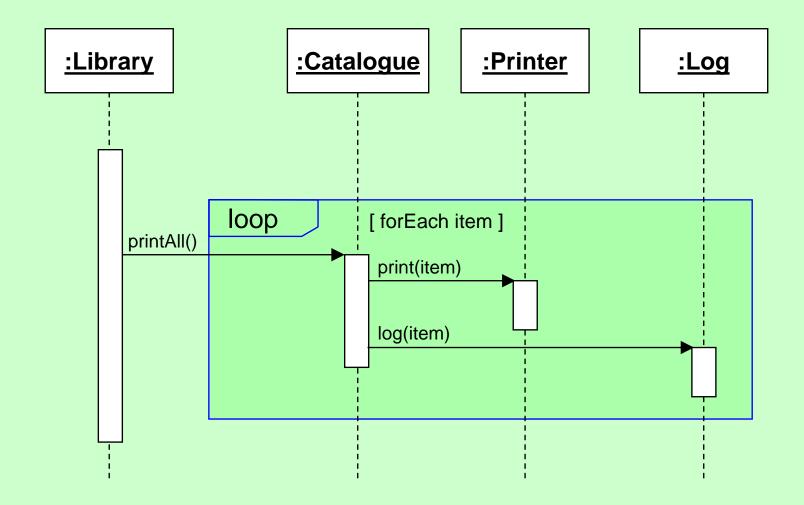
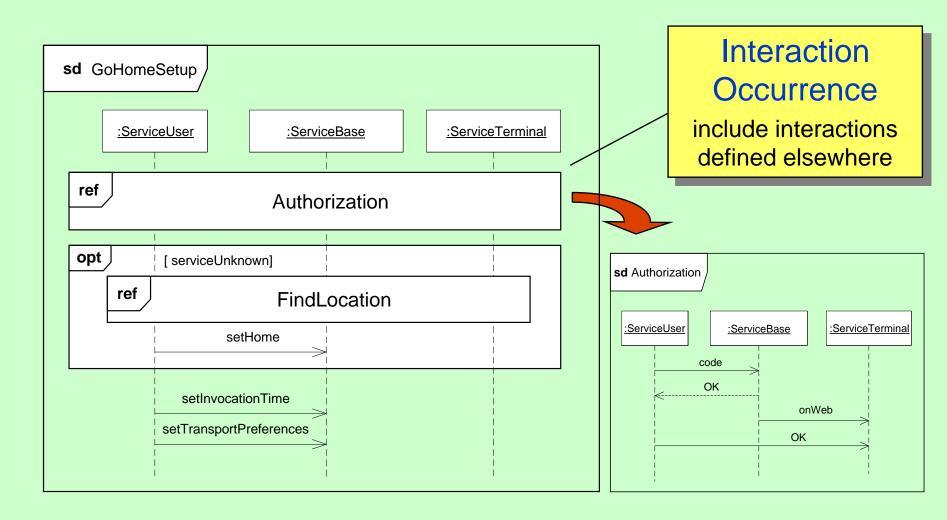




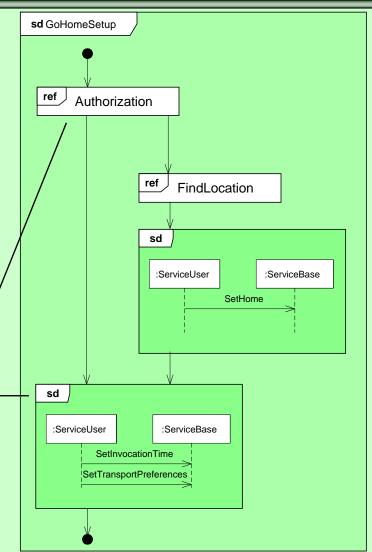
Diagram Decomposition





Interaction Overview Diagram

- Variation of Activity **Diagrams**
 - » provide overview of the control flow
 - » combines sequence fragments
 - interaction occurrences
 - interactions







Interaction Diagrams

Applicability

- during analysis, to improve individual or group understanding of inter-object behaviour
 - » are all communication paths required available?
 - » can complete message sequences be constructed?
 - » documentation for CRC scenarios
- during design, to precisely (but typically partially) describe inter-object/process communication
- during testing, the traces can be compared with those described in the earlier phases