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# Rational Software Architect Workshop

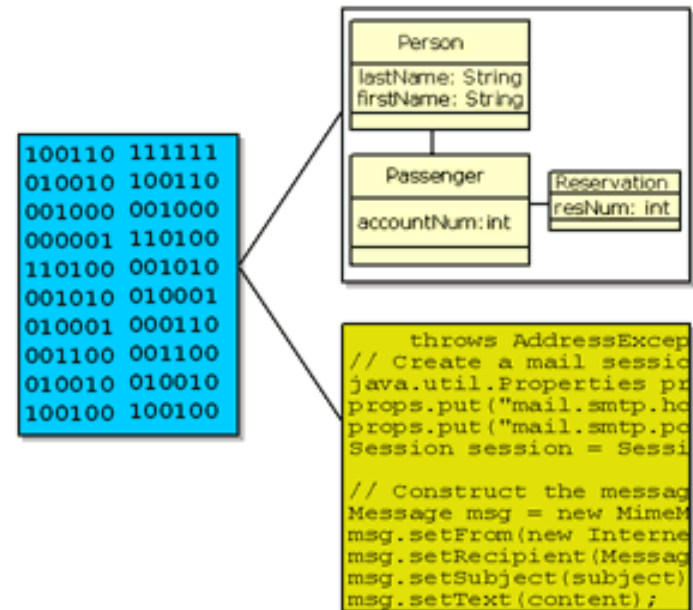
## UML Diagrams



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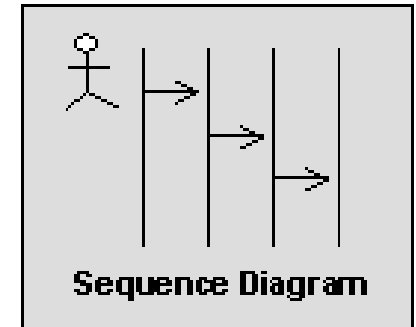
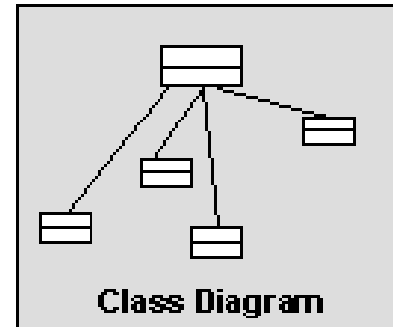
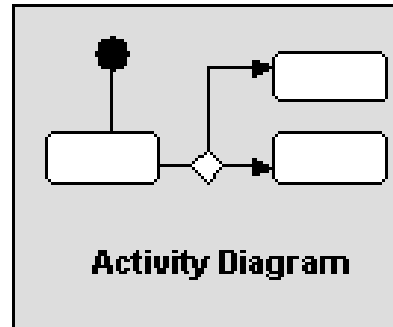
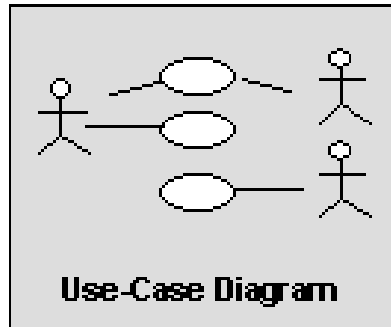
# What is a Model?

- A model is a semantically closed abstraction of a subject system.
  - A model is defined in RUP as “a complete description of a system from a particular perspective.”
- Examples of models:
  - UML model
  - Code
  - Data model

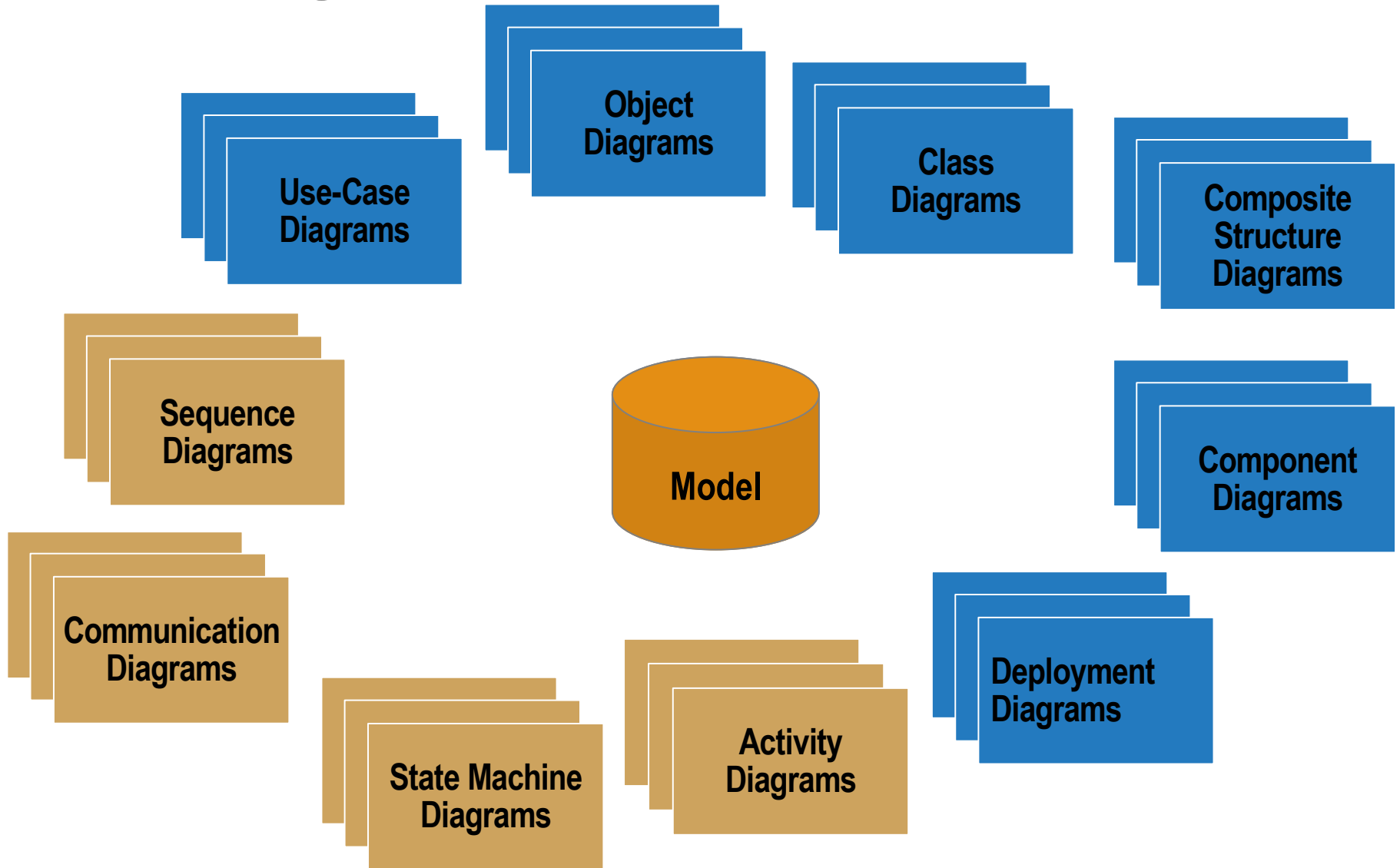


# Diagrams

- Diagrams graphically depict a view of a part of your model.
- Different diagrams represent different views of the system that you are developing.
- A model element will appear on one or more diagrams.



# UML Diagrams in Software Architect

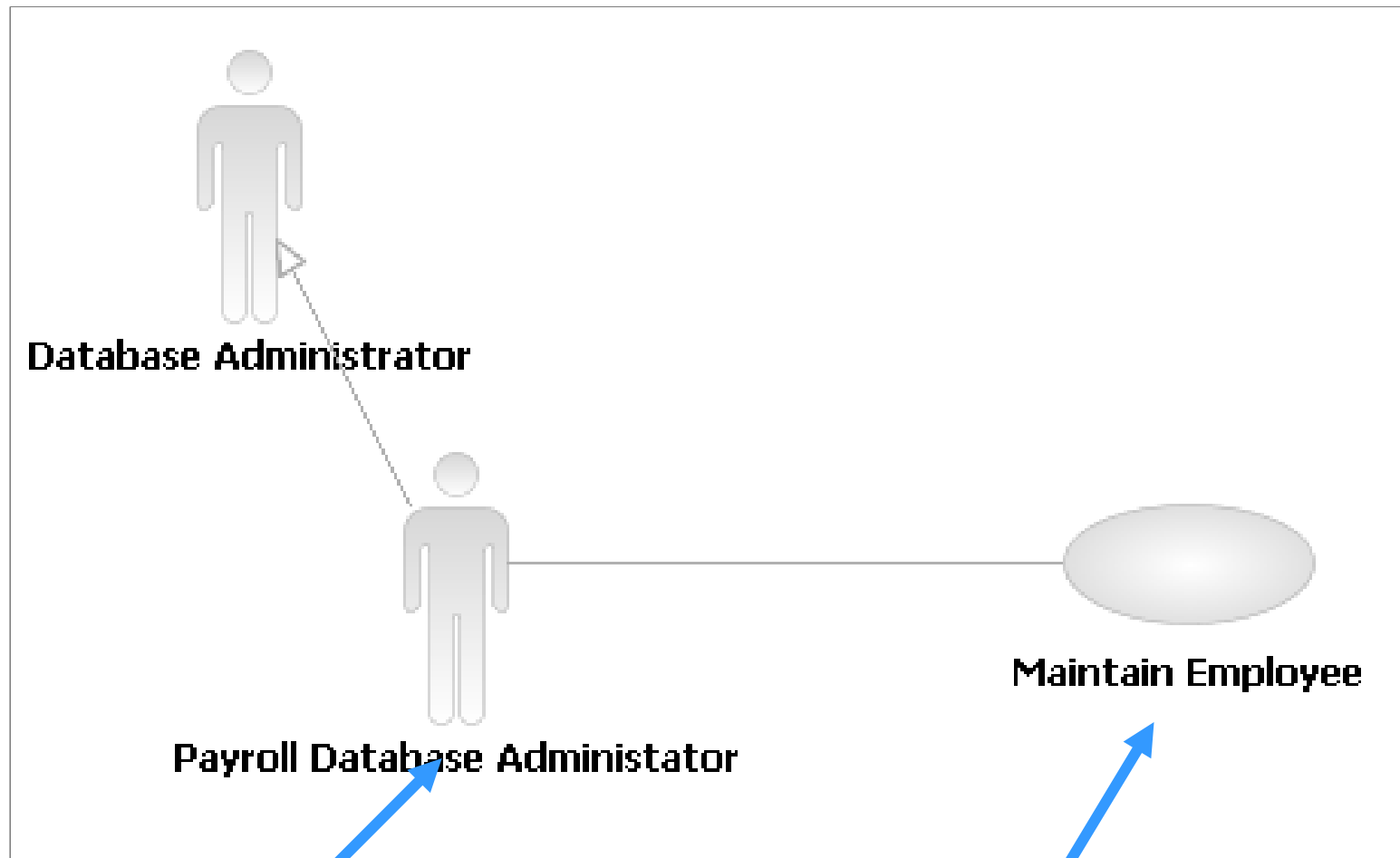


# What is a Use-Case Model?

A use-case model:

- Is a model of a system's intended functions and its environment
- Serves as a contract between the customer and the developers
- Contains the following diagrams:
  - Use case: Shows a set of use cases and actors and their relationships
  - Activity: Shows the flow of events within a use case
  - Sequence: Shows how a use case will be implemented in terms of collaborating objects

# Use-Case Diagram



## Actor

Someone or something that  
Interacts with the system

## Use Case

Units of system behavior

# Activity Diagram

## Action

A step in the flow of events

## Decision

Flows split based on a guard condition

## Fork

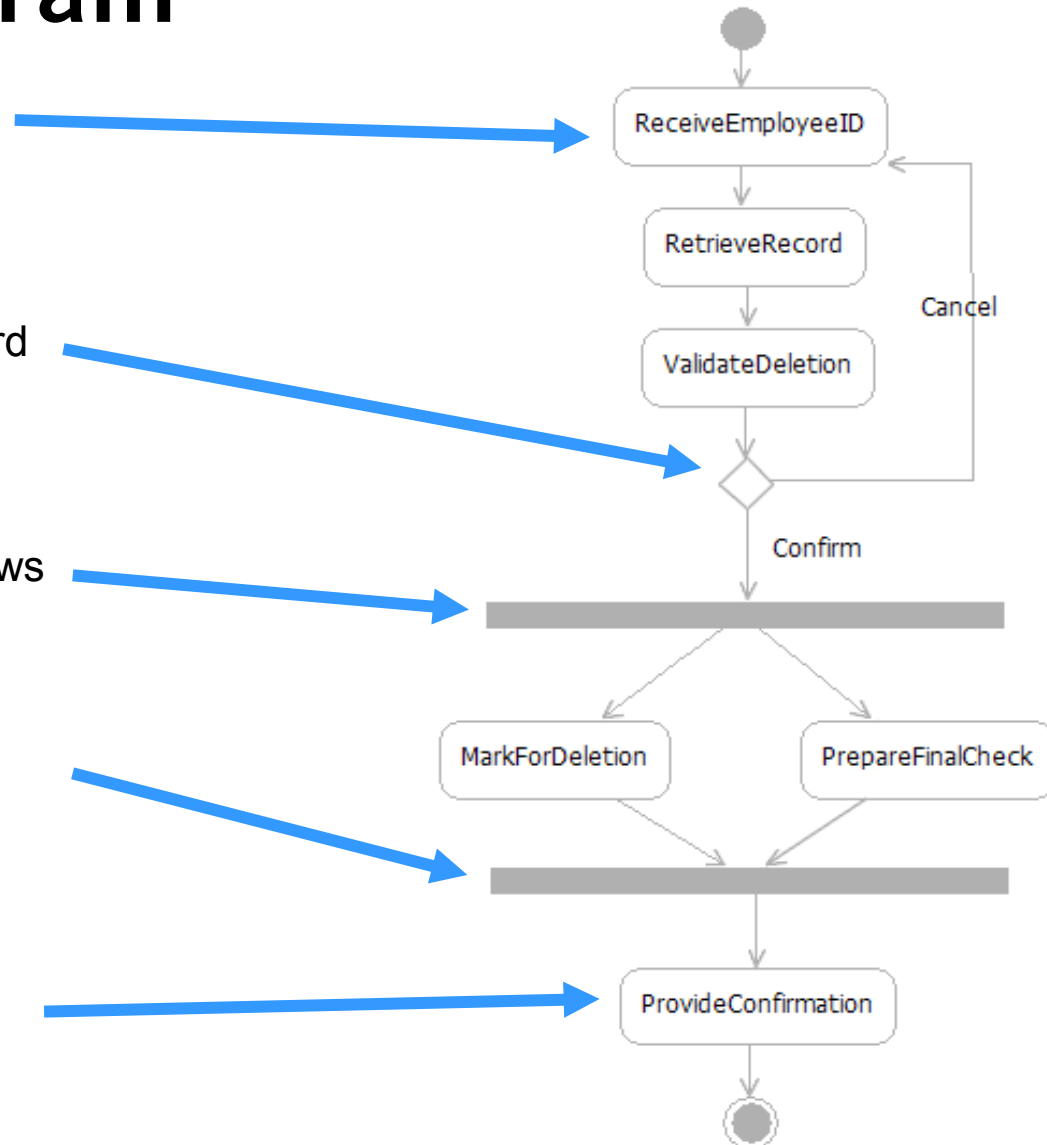
Beginning of concurrent flows

## Join

End of concurrent flow

## Flow

Show the sequence of activities



# What is a Design Model?

A design model:

- Describes the realization of use cases in terms of design elements
- Describes the design of the application
- Contains the following diagrams:
  - Class: Shows UML classes and relationships
  - Component: Shows the structure of elements in the implementation model
  - Communication and Sequence: Show how objects and classes interact
  - State Machine: Shows event-driven behavior



# Class Diagram (Design Model)

## Class

A description of a set of objects

## Aggregation

Represents a part-whole relationship

## Attribute

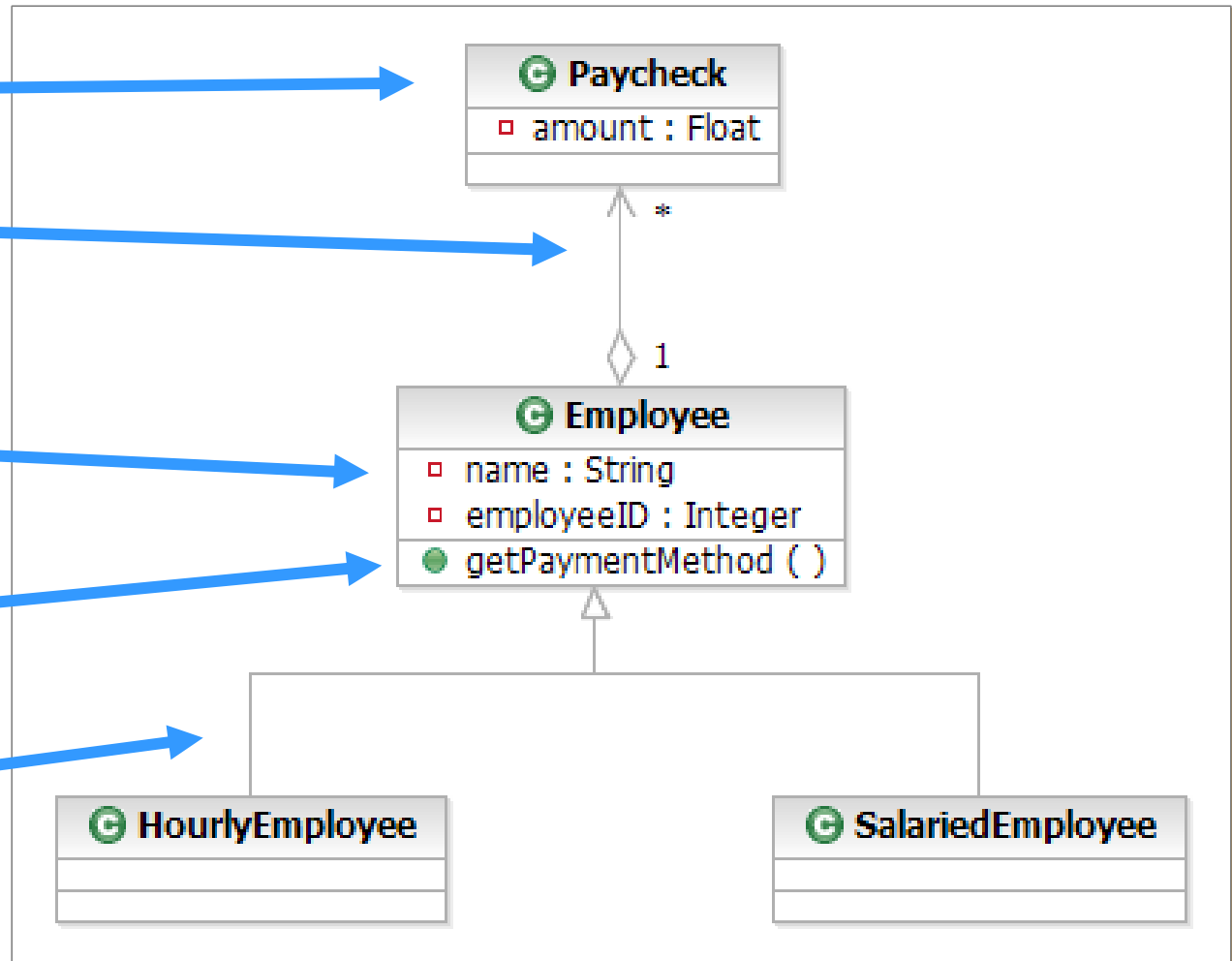
Named property of a class

## Operation

Class behavior

## Generalization

Shows an inheritance relationship



# Sequence Diagram

## Object/Class

Shows the object/class involved in the interaction

## Messages

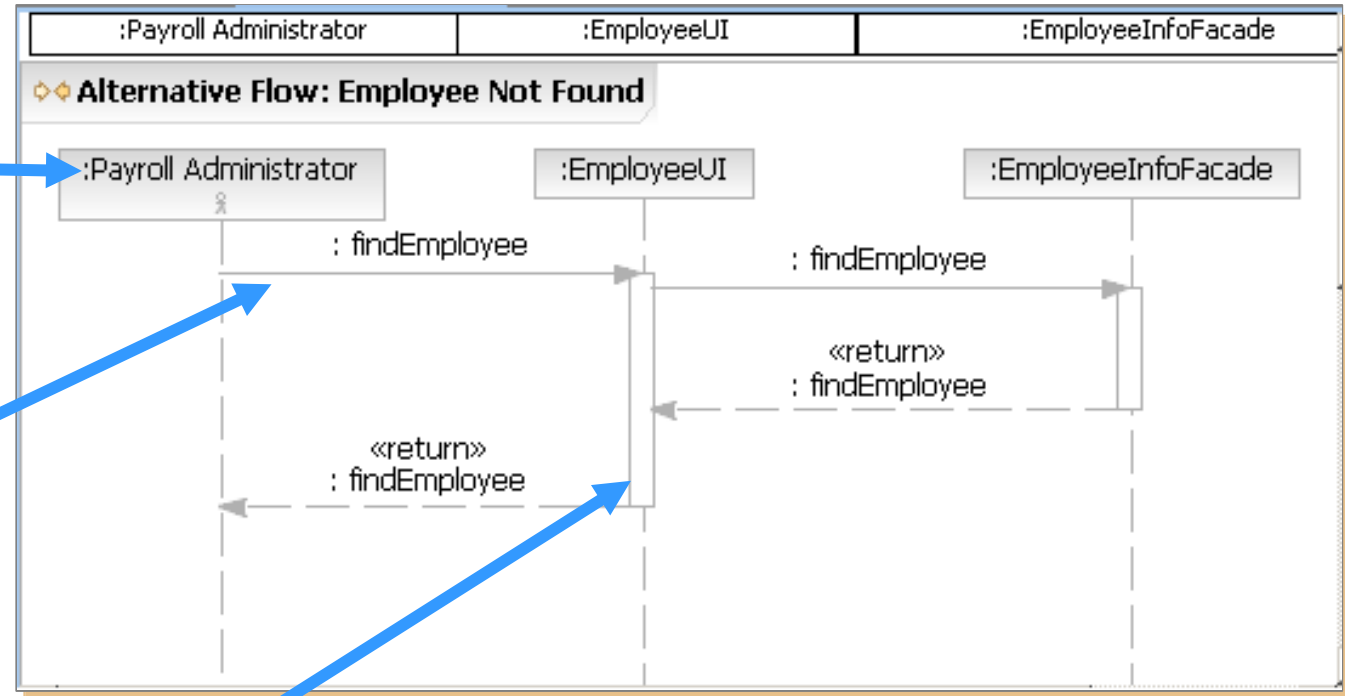
Show data exchanged between objects

## Execution Occurrence

Shows object executing

## Lifeline

Shows the life of the object



# Sequence Diagram: Combined Fragments

## Interaction Use (ref)

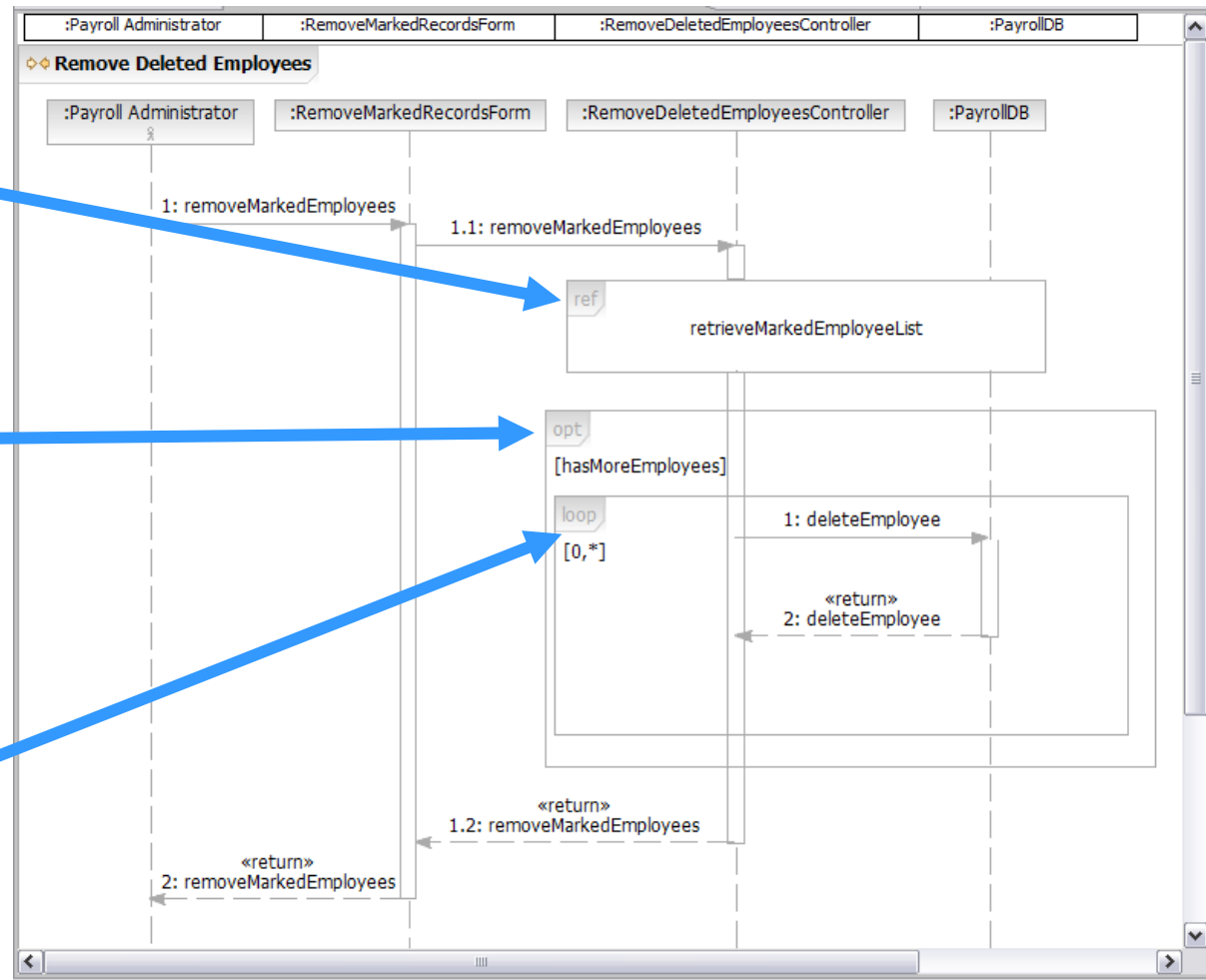
References another interaction

## Optional Fragment (opt)

Executed if guard condition evaluates to true

## Loop (loop)

Executed as long as the first guard condition evaluates to true



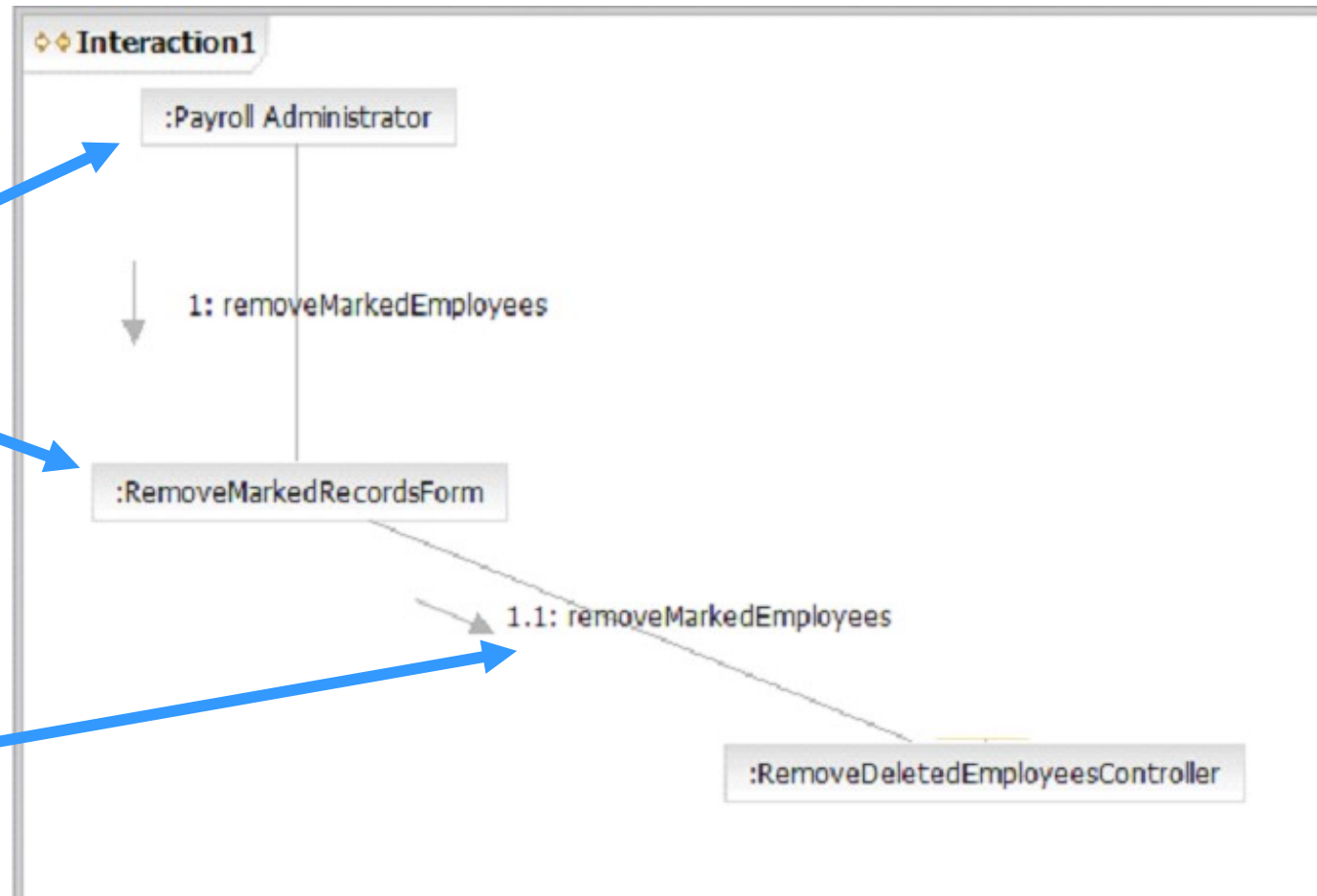
# Communication Diagram

## Object/Class

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## Message

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# Deployment Diagram

## Artifact

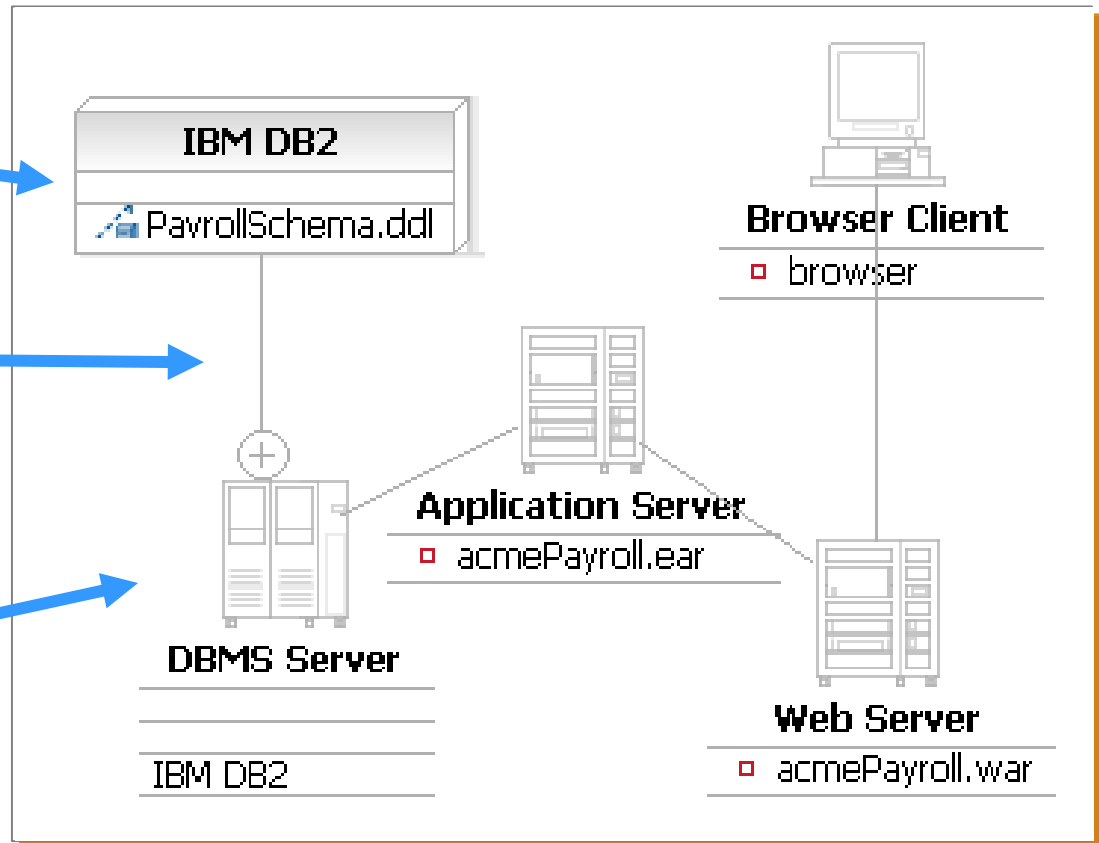
Represents a physical file

## Owned Element Relationship

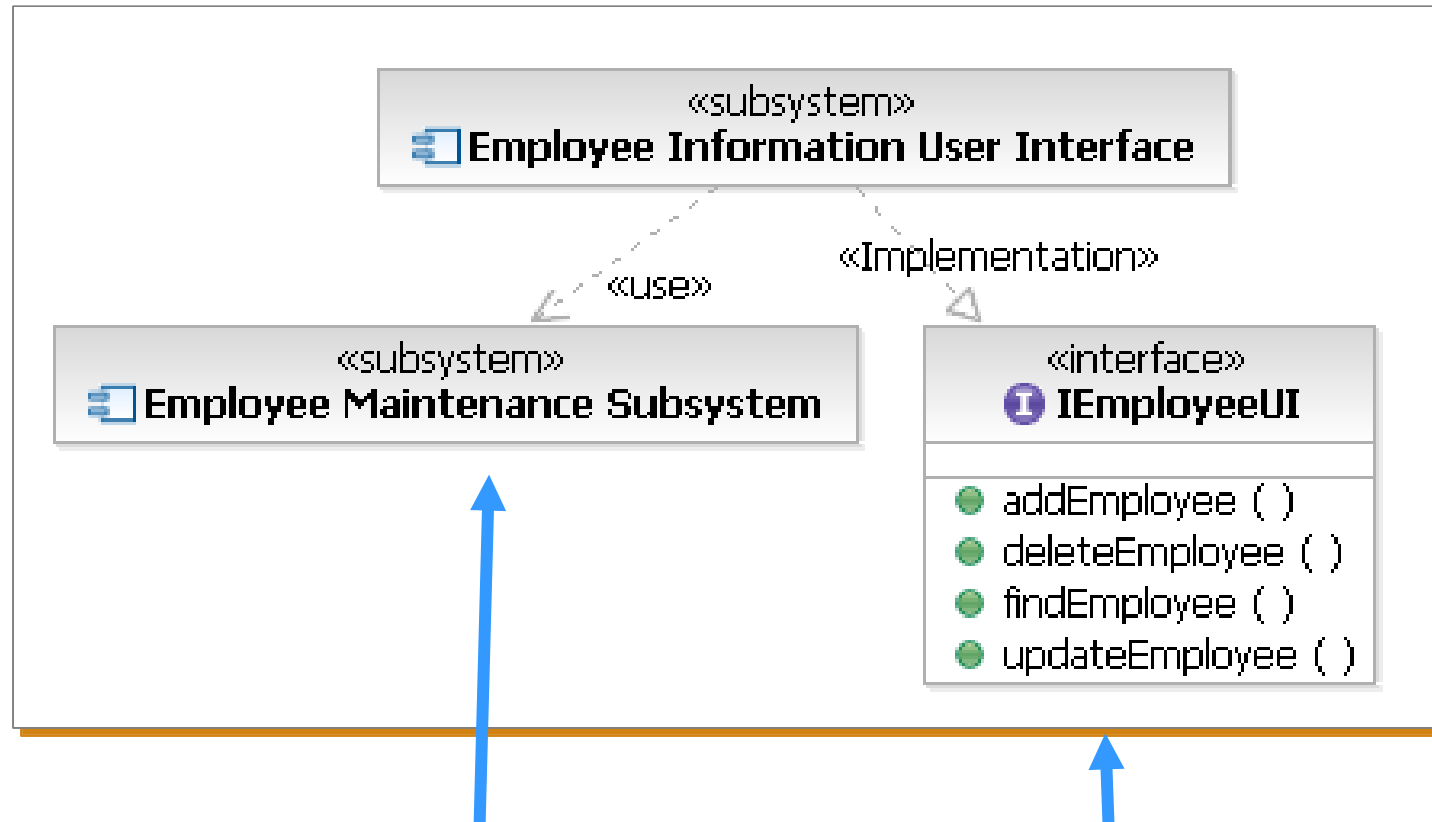
Shows another way of showing nested elements

## Node

Represents a physical machine



# Component Diagram



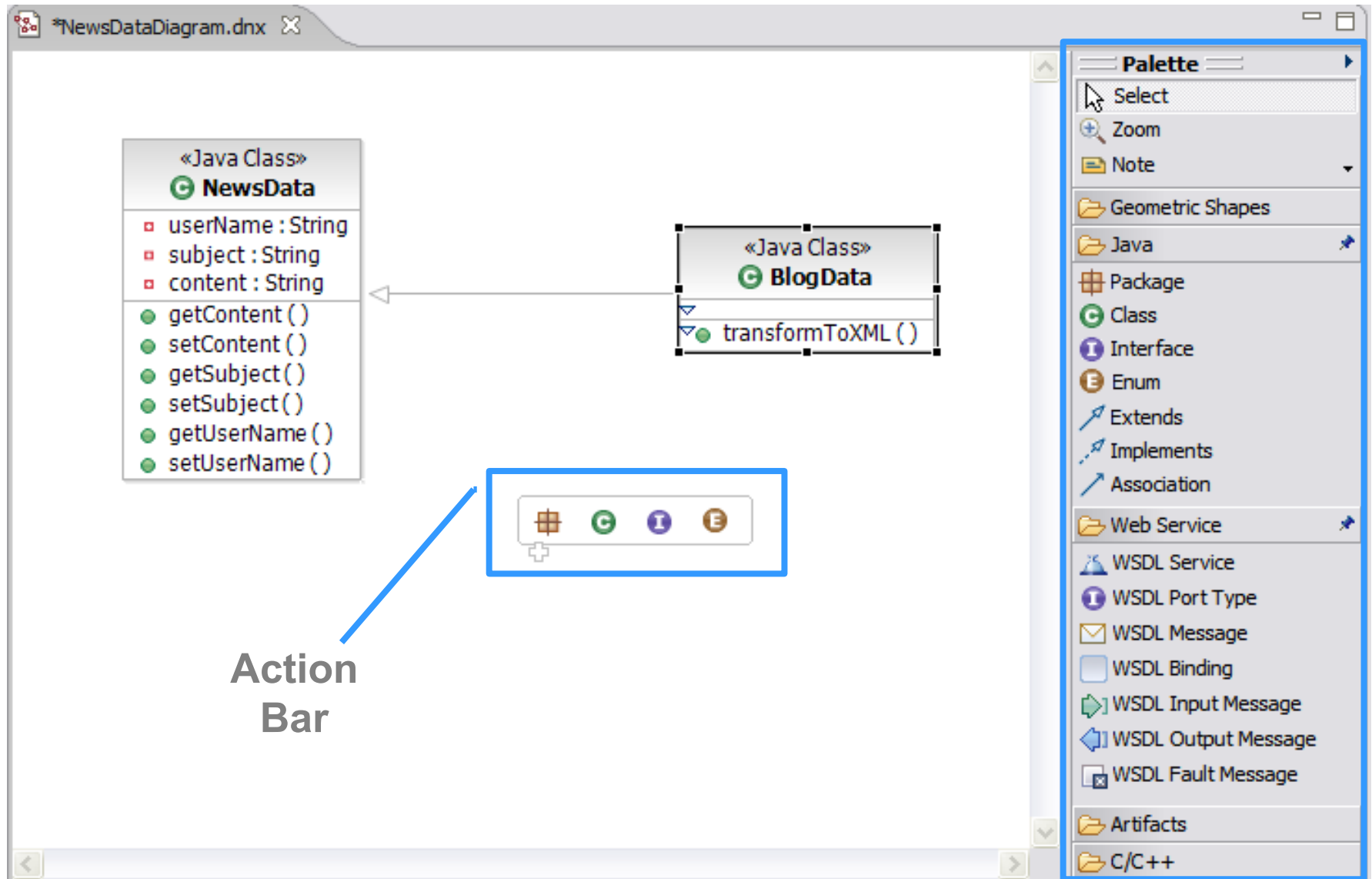
## Component

Modular parts of the system

## Class

Included to show implementation relationships.

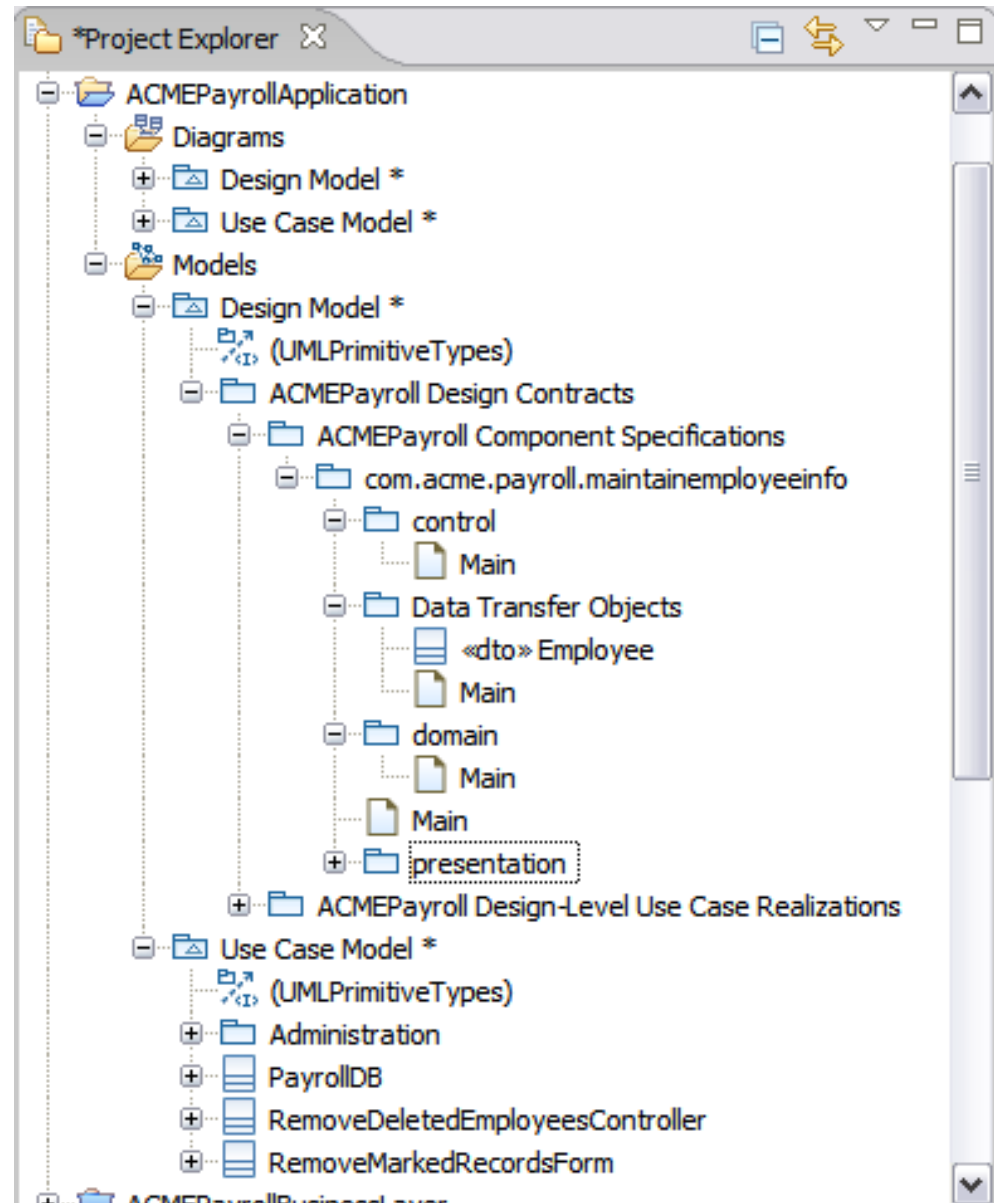
# Drawing Diagrams in Software Architect



# Project Explorer

Diagrams organized by type:

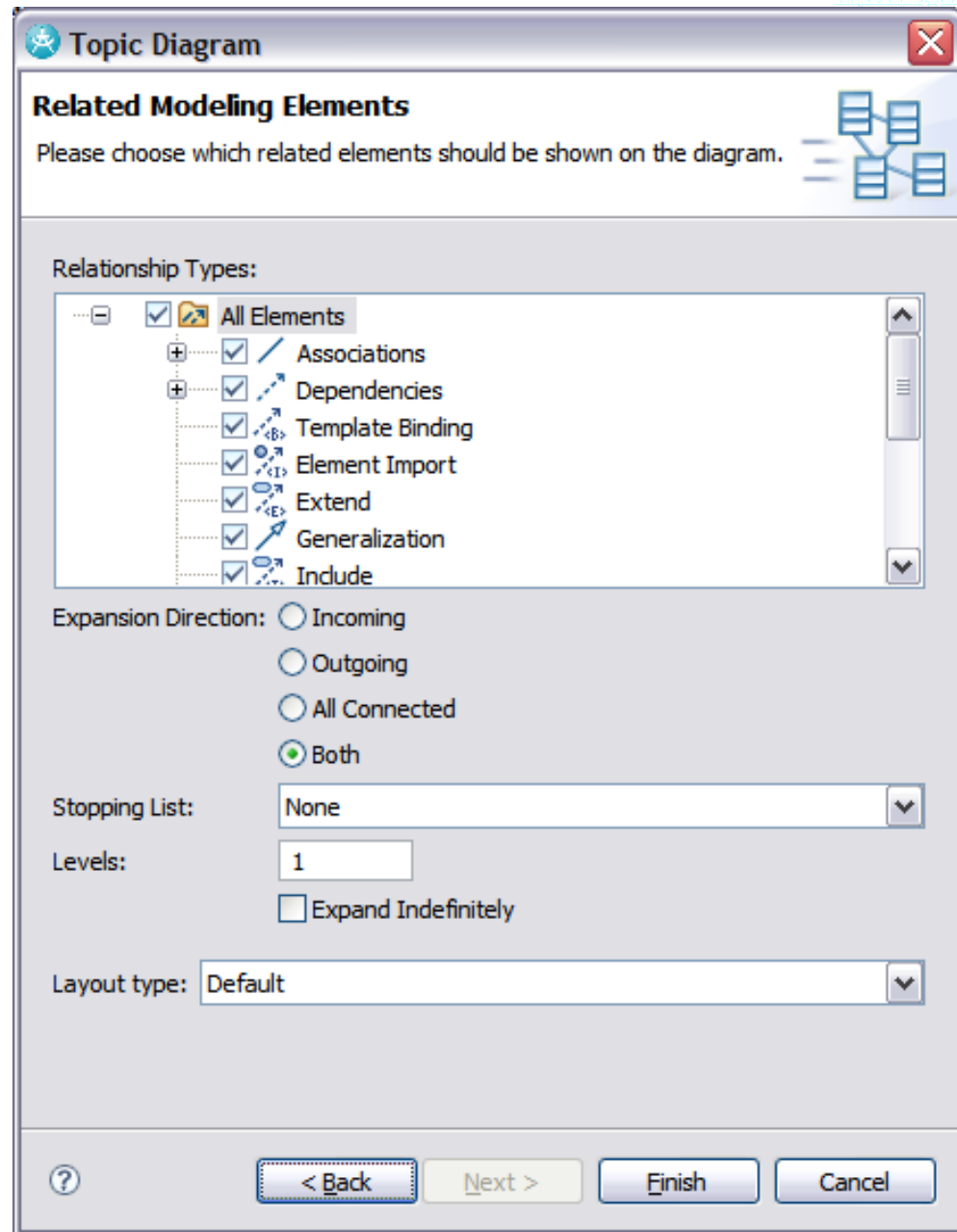
- Use Case
- Design Model
- All diagrams and models are contained in the Project Explorer in their logical format.





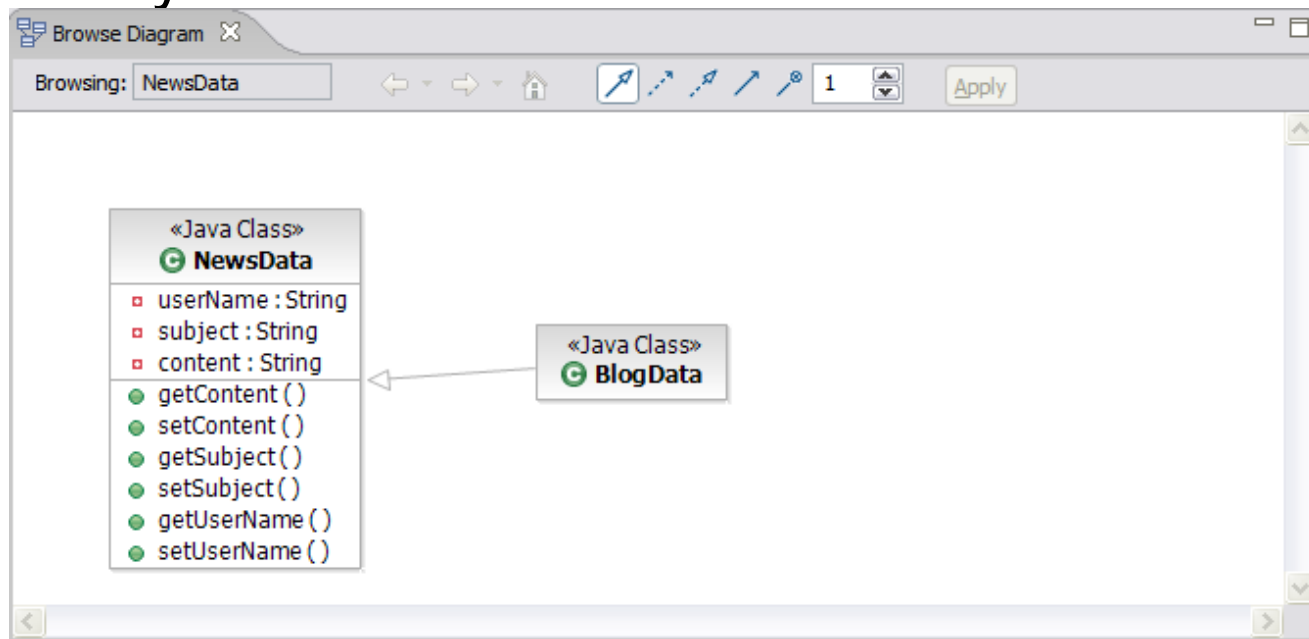
# Topic Diagrams

- Create Topic diagrams to depict key model elements and their relationships.
- Topic diagrams:
  - Are created by querying the model
  - Persist in the model
  - Are dynamically updated
  - Are most useful for visualizing code
  - Are used in architectural discovery



# Browse Diagrams

- Browse diagrams can be used to:
  - Show the elements related to the selected element
  - Show the dependencies to the selected element
  - Gain a detailed understanding of the element in focus
- Browse diagrams are driven by parameters and filters that you control.

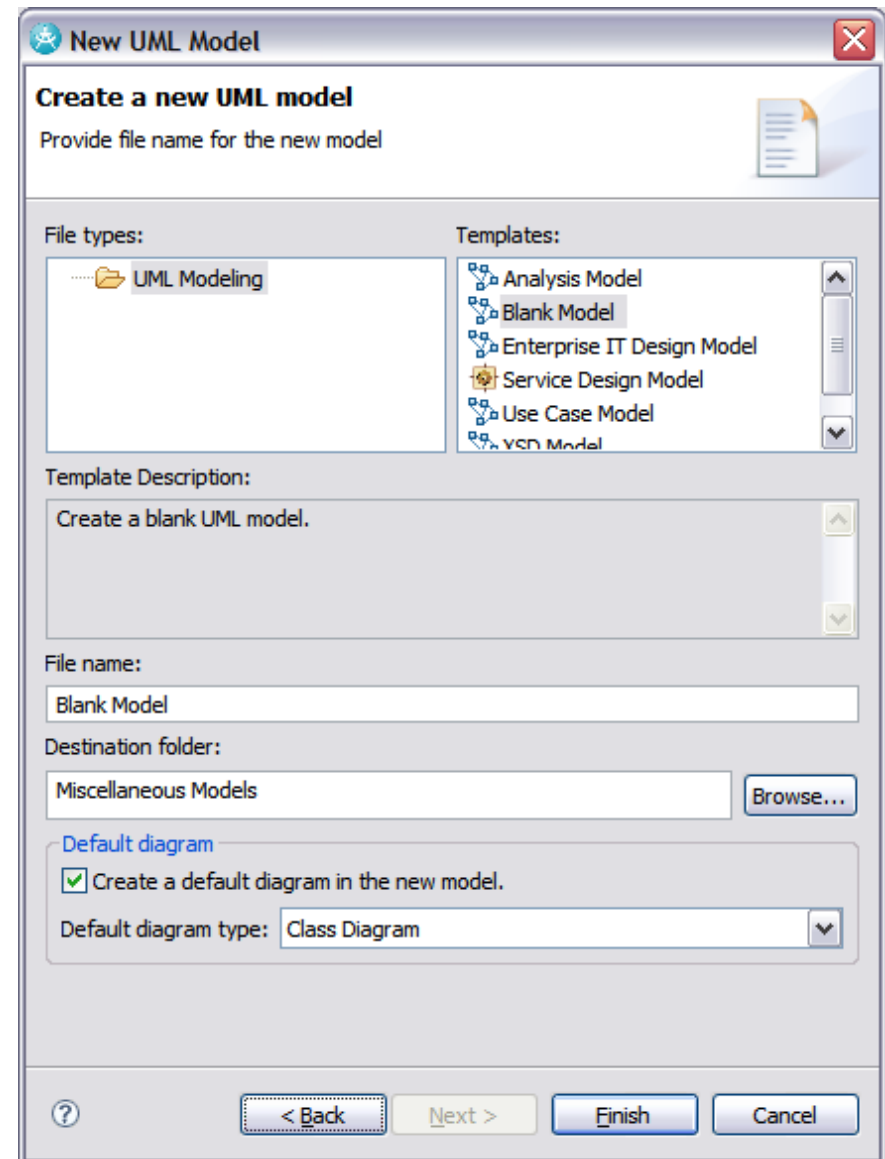


# How Many Diagrams Need to be Created?

- Depends:
  - You use diagrams to visualize the system from different perspectives.
  - No complex system can be understood in its entirety from one perspective.
  - Diagrams are used for communication
- Model elements will appear on one or more diagrams.
  - For example, a class may appear on one or more class diagrams, be represented in a state machine diagram, and have instances appear on a sequence diagram.
  - Each diagram will provide a different perspective.

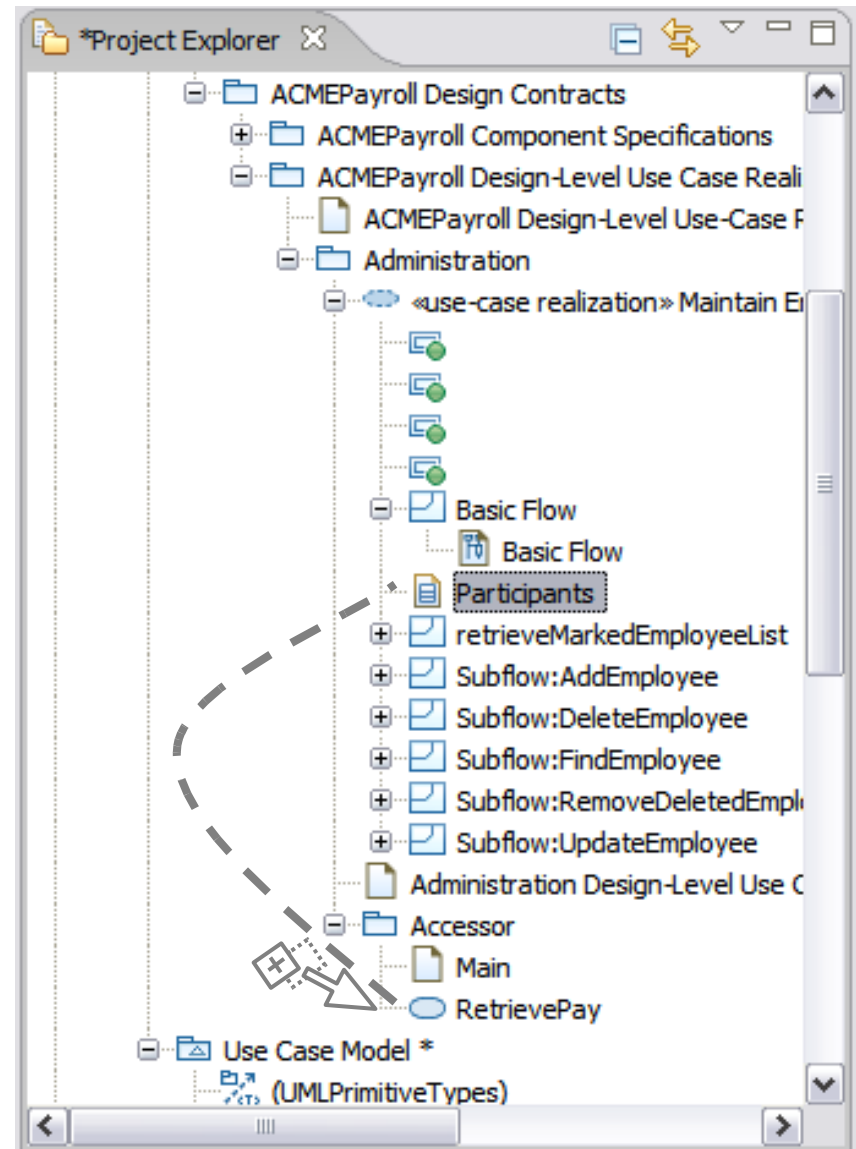
# Model Templates in Software Architect

- Templates provide a starting point.
- Templates include:
  - Use-case model
  - Analysis model
  - Service Design Model
  - XSD Model
  - Enterprise IT design model
    - Design model specifically for n-tier business applications
  - Blank model
    - General design models
    - Freeform modeling



# Creating a Model Using a Model Template

- Create a UML project and select a template.
- Populate the model with:
  - UML packages
  - UML elements based on model building blocks provided



# Model Templates: Use-Case Model

A Use-case model is a model of the system's intended functions and its environment.

## Use Case

Unit of externally visible functionality

## Activity

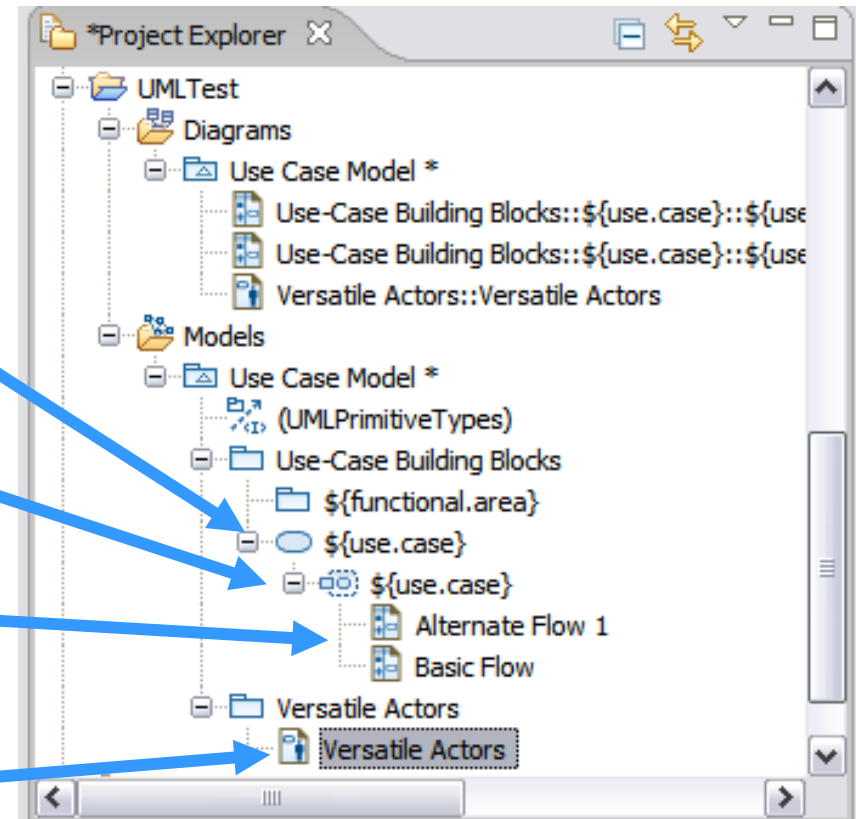
For gathering activity diagrams for the use case (optional)

## Interactions

For modeling each flow of events in the use case using interaction diagrams

## Versatile Actors

Actors that participate in multiple functional areas of the application



# Model Templates: Analysis Model

An analysis model describes the realization of use cases to analysis classes.

- Provides an abstraction of the design model

## Boundary Class

Mediates between the system and something outside the system

## Controller Class

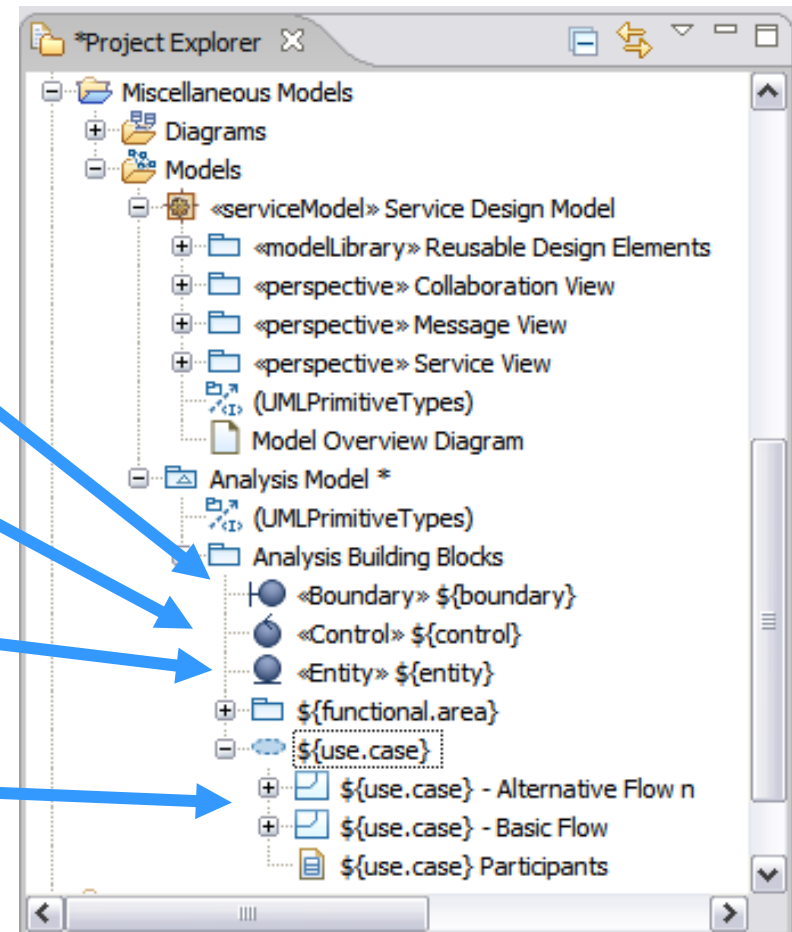
Provides the coordinating behavior in the system

## Entity Class

Reused in many use cases, often with persistent characteristics

## Use-Case Realization

Shows how a use case are implemented in terms of collaborating objects



# Model Templates: Enterprise IT Design Model

A design model describes the realization of use cases to design classes.

## Architectural Layers

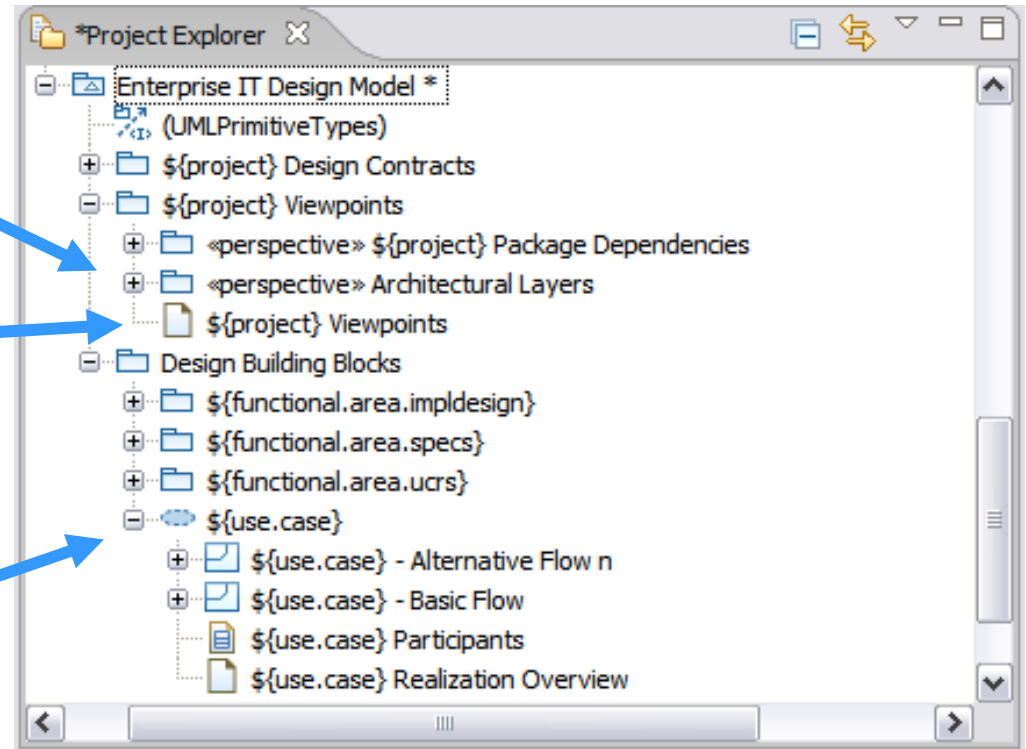
Separate business logic from data and user interface

## Viewpoints

Contains diagrams presenting architecturally significant, cross-cutting views of the model

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# Lab: UML Diagrams

