

## Software Engineering CS20006 -- Theory Assignment O4

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# UML DIAGRAMS

## Use Case Diagram

### Preface

- *Use Case Diagrams* are behaviour diagrams used to describe a set of actions (use cases) that systems perform in collaboration with one or more external users of the system (actors).
- Here the *use case diagram* for the *Booking Application* is designed.

### Actors

- The only actor in the system is any *user* who is using the *application*.

### Use Case

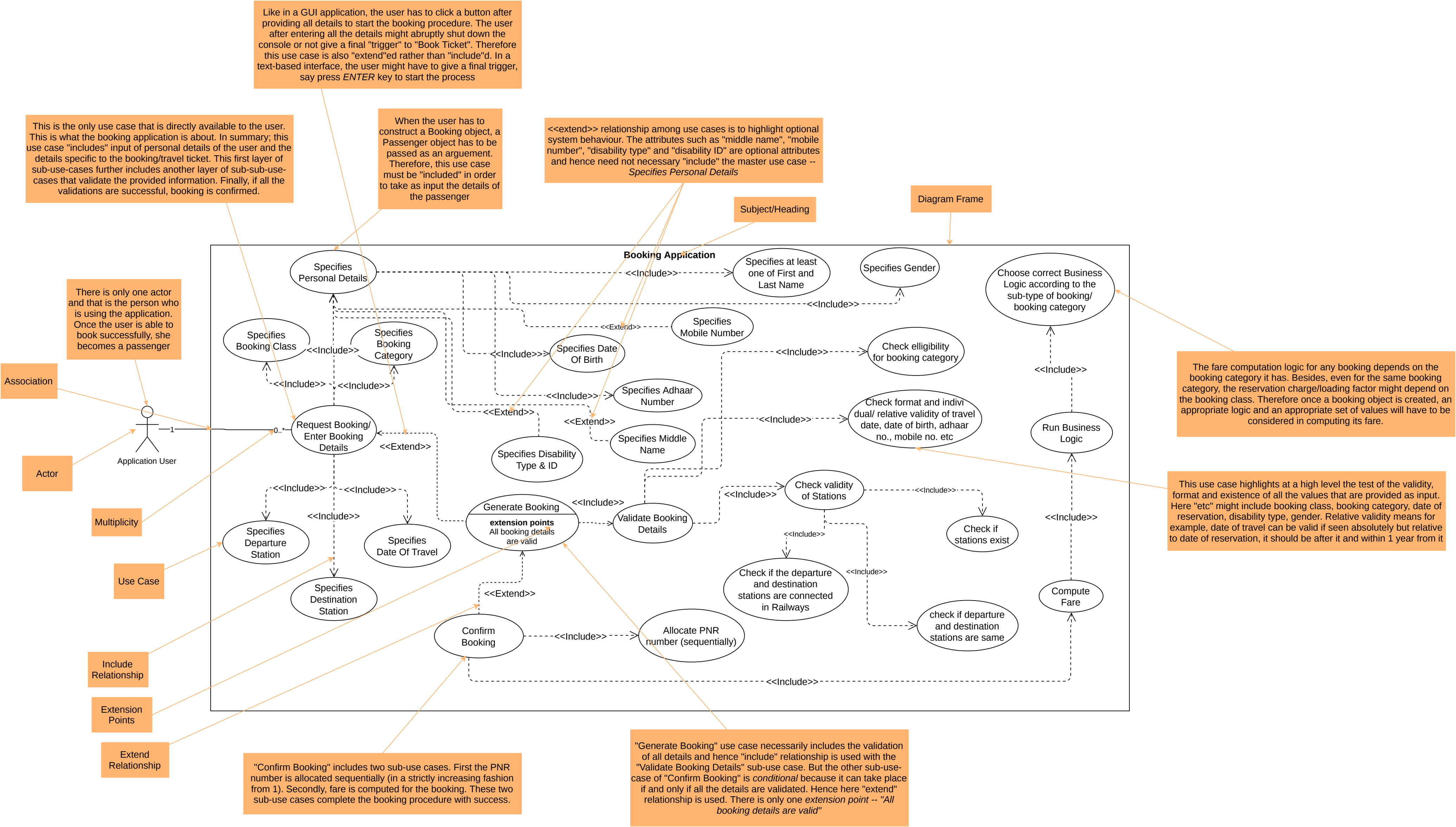
- There is only one use case that is available to the *user* and that is *requesting a booking* or *enter booking details* to do booking. This is what the *booking application* stands for and no other functionalities and privileges are given to the user.
- *Booking request* being the only use case available to the actor doesn't make it the only use case in the system. There are several layers of *sub* and *sub-sub* and *sub-sub-sub* use cases behind the *primary* use case that check the validity of the provided details and finally confirm the task.

### Relationships Among Use Cases

- There are *two kinds of relationships* that were observed among the various use cases in this system -- `<<include>>` and `<<extend>>`
- `<<include>>` relationship is used when one use case *includes* the behaviour of another use case in its sequence of events and actions and performance. This inclusion models a *compulsory* inclusion, that is, if use case A includes use case B, the use case B will be performed every time the use case A is performed.
- *include* relationship is the most frequently used relationship in this design because the involvement of most of the use cases into other use cases is *compulsory*. Take *Specifies Personal Details* for instance. It is *included by Enter Booking Details* because the latter use case *must* perform the former use case in all scenarios.

- <<extend>> relationship among use cases on the other hand is used to show optional system behaviour. This relationship is used to model two types of use cases, the one that are performed by the choice of the actor/user and the others that are performed if and only if some conditions are satisfied.
- The use cases *Specifies Mobile Number*, *Specifies Middle Name*, *Specifies Disability Type & ID* are all optional in the sense that these details need not be provided in order to be able to define a *passenger*. So it is the choice of the *actor* to provide or not provide these details and hence an *extend* relationship with the umbrella use case *Specifies Personal Details* is used, as opposed to *include* relationship.
- Notice the use case *Confirm Booking*. Whether or not this use case is performed is not controlled by the *actor* but is controlled by the validity of the details provided by the actor. This use case is if *include*-ed in the use case *Generate Booking*, it will be performed every time the booking is told to be generated, irrespective of whether the details are valid or not. But this is not correct. Therefore here an *optional system behaviour* has to be modelled. *Confirm Booking* shares an *extend* relationship with *Generate Booking* with the *extension point* -- "*all booking details are valid*". Like this the former use case will be performed only when the *extension condition* is applicable.
- Formally speaking, *extension points* are certain conditions only under which an optional system behaviour is extended.





## Class Diagram

### Preface

- *Class Diagram* is a *UML structure diagram* which shows structure of the designed system at the level of classes and interfaces, shows their features, constraints and relationships -- like associations, generalizations and dependencies.
- Here the *class diagram* for the *Booking Application* is designed.

### Classes

- Various kinds of classes are designed in this class diagram -- *stand-alone classes* (ones that are neither an instance of a template nor a part of hierarchy), *abstract classes*, *template classes*, *singleton classes* and obviously some *derived/concrete classes*.
- In summary, the following classes are shown in the *class diagram*
  - *Date*
  - *Railways*
  - *Station*
  - *Passenger*
  - *Divyaang* (*complete inclusion parametric-polymorphic hierarchy*)
  - *Gender* (*complete inclusion parametric-polymorphic hierarchy*)
  - *BookingClass* (*complete inclusion parametric-polymorphic hierarchy*)
  - *BookingCategory* (*complete inclusion parametric-polymorphic hierarchy*)
  - *Booking* (*complete inclusion parametric-polymorphic hierarchy*)
  - *Concessions* (*complete ad-hoc-polymorphic hierarchy*)
- The features of every class are shown on a very low level of abstraction, with specification of all the *static/non-static data members* and *static/non-static/abstract member functions*.

### Relationships and Dependencies

- Various kinds of relationships and dependencies are used in the diagram -- *association*, *composition*, *generalization*, *binding dependency* and *constraints*.
- *Association* is the most frequently used relationship in this diagram, perhaps because of the flexibility it provides in representing almost any situation. Here several bunches of similar *association* relationships are used (along with obviously some other unrelated *associations*), in order to model the internal features of the booking application at a lower level. Some important ones from them include --
  - *Booking-BookingCategory* tethering -- By the virtue of the *virtual construction idiom*, these two hierarchies are tightly intertwined and this is

shown by a bunch of association relationships that run from each of the static sub types of *Booking* to the corresponding sub type of *BookingCategory*. This bunch relationships shows that for every *BookingCategory* a *specialized Booking class* is defined.

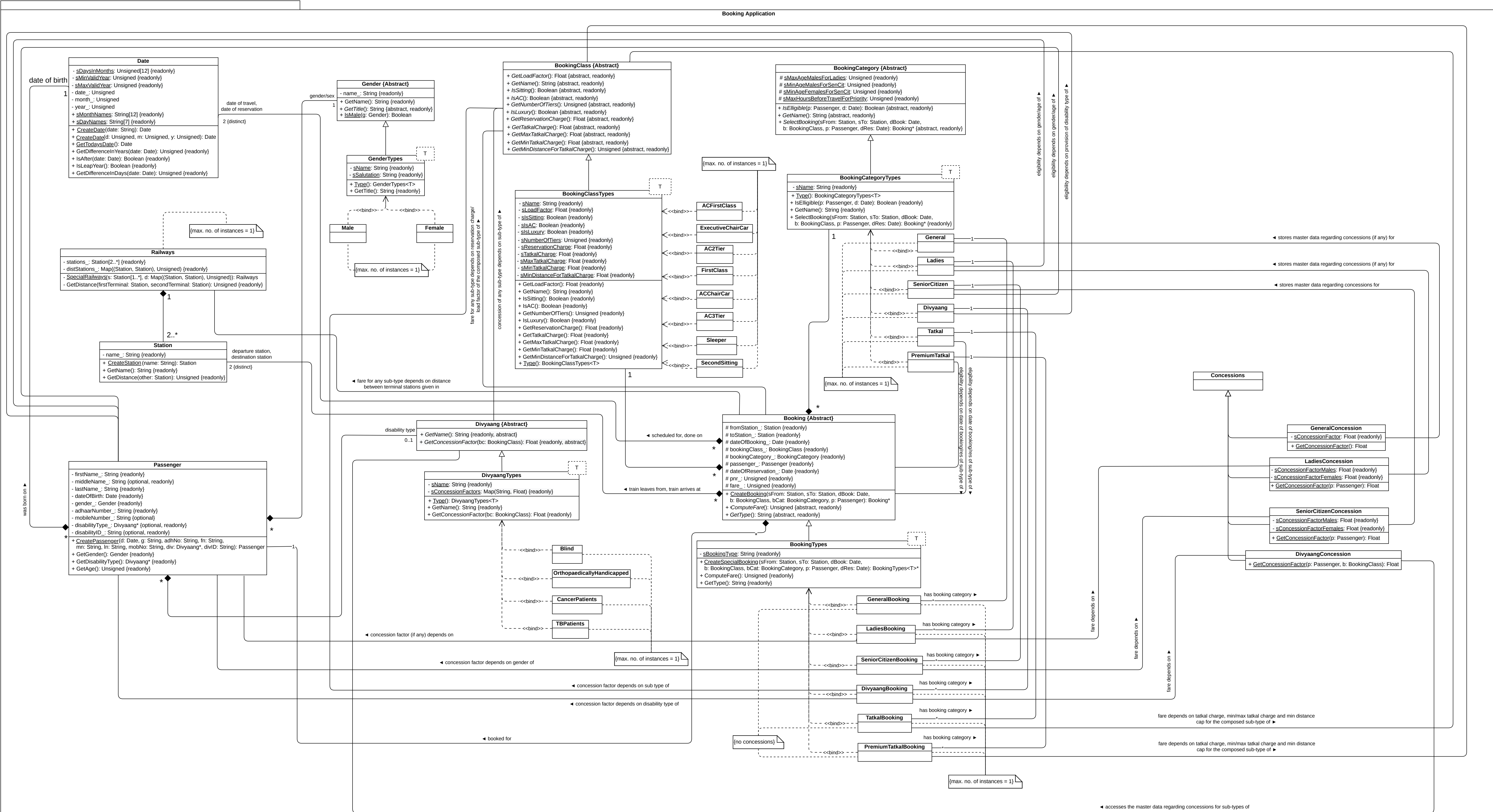
- *Concession dependencies* -- A bunch of association relationships runs from each of those *Booking sub-types* for which concessions are available, to the classes whose attributes determine the concession factor applicable to any instance of the sub type. For example, the concession for *SeniorCitizenBooking* depends on the gender of the passenger and hence an association relationship runs from *SeniorCitizenBooking* to *Passenger* with the relationship description -- “*concession factor depends on gender of*”.

Other groups of association relationships highlight *fare computation*, *eligibility of BookingCategory sub-types* and *data encapsulated by classes in Concessions hierarchy*, which are explicitly annotated in the second diagram.

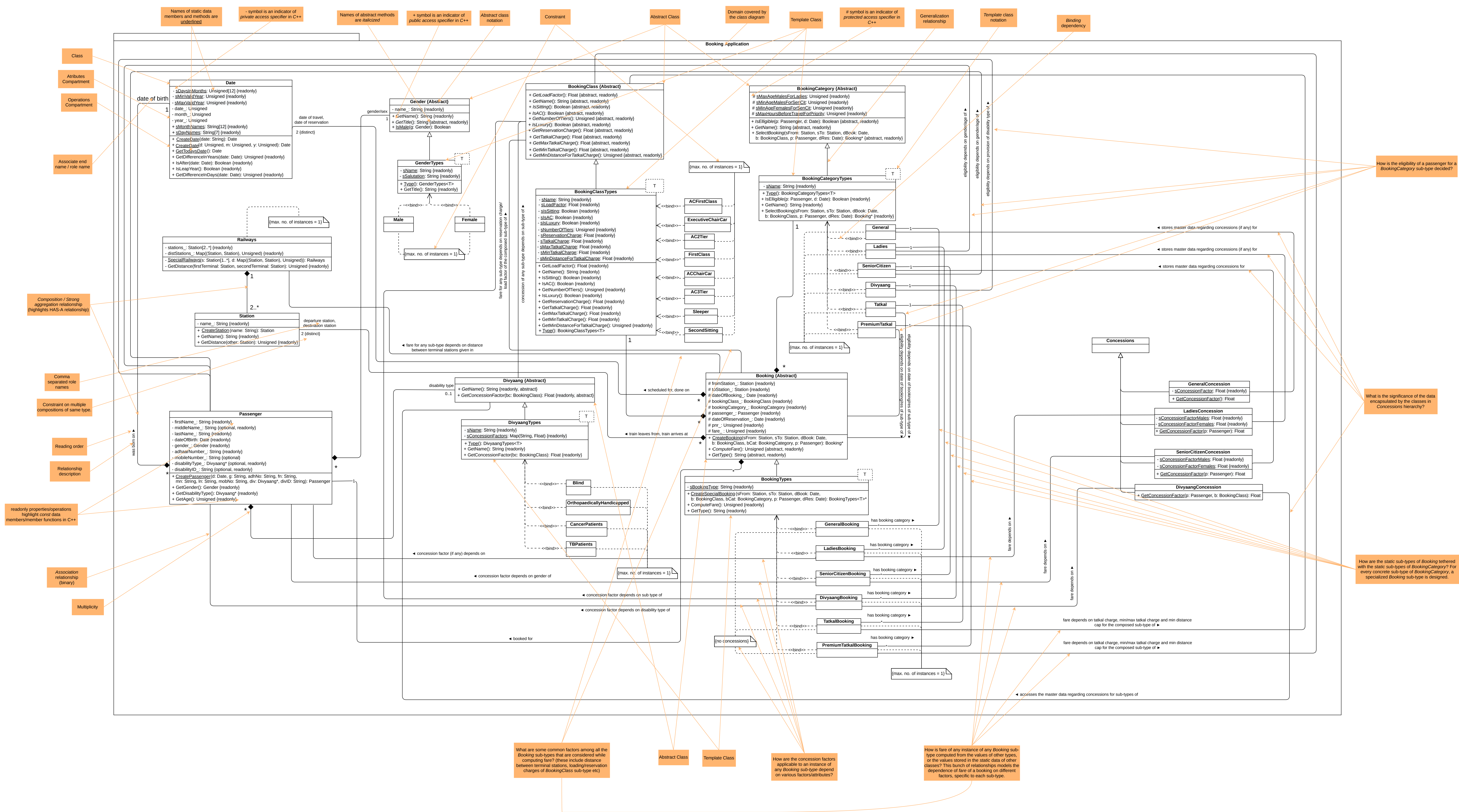
- *Composition* or *strong aggregations* are used to depict HAS-A relationships. These relationships are easy to see when the attributes of the classes are shown at a very low level.
- The classes that are *composed* of instances of other classes include *Railways*, *Passenger* and *Booking*. The relationship is a *strong* aggregation because these classes are *meaningless* without the instances of other classes it is composed of. For example, a *Railways* is meaningless without *Station*, *Booking* is meaningless without *Passenger* and *Passenger* is meaningless without *Gender* or *Date* of birth. It can sometimes also be perceived as a relationship of *necessary co-existence*. If there is a *Station*, there must be a *Railways* network it is a part of; and if there is a *Railways*, there must be a *Station* it comprises.
- *Generalization* relationship is shared between generalized and specialized classes. For example, *Concessions* is a generalization of *GeneralConcession* and *BookingCategory* is a generalization of *BookingCategoryTypes* template.
- *Binding dependencies* here are used to represent depict the classes that are an instance of a template. Classes modelled on a template share a *binding* relationship with their template.
- For example, *Male* is a *bound* to *GenderTypes* because it modelled on this template. Same is the case with all static sub-types of *Booking*, *BookingClass*, *BookingCategory* and *Divyaang*.

- *Constraints* are used to showcase some characteristic behaviour of some classes. Here constraints are mainly used to represent *singleton classes*. A constraint of “*max number of instances = 1*” is put on class instances of each of the template classes, and also *Railways*, to depict that these are *singleton classes* and can be instantiated at most once.
- Constraints can also be used to provide *non-semantic characteristics* like *GeneralBooking*, *TatkalBooking* and *PremiumTatkalBooking* having *no concessions* is a constraint given in the specification document of the application.









## Sequence Diagram

### Preface

- *Sequence Diagram* is the most common kind of *interaction diagram* which focuses on the message interchange between a number of lifelines.
- It is a *UML behaviour diagram* that depicts the inter-object behaviour of a system, ordered by time.
- The major activities that support the client side of the *booking application* are -- *Booking Request* and *Make Passenger*. Note that *Booking Request* is the *primary activity* that the application is used for. But requesting a booking, or in context of C++, constructing a booking object requires *Passenger* as an argument. Therefore, *Passenger* also has to be instantiated on the client-side which becomes the secondary activity.

Both the activities should have their own separate *sequence diagrams*.

### Lifelines

- *Lifeline* is an element which represents an individual participant in the interaction.
- Here interaction is happening among *classes* (as designed in the *class diagram*) and also between the *classes* and the *application side/client side*. Reading through the specifications and the last two UML diagrams, the following major participants can be identified for the *Booking Request* sequence diagram.
  - *Application*
  - *Booking*
  - *Railways*
  - *Date*
  - *BookingCategory Sub Types*
  - *Booking Sub Types*

Similarly, the following major participants can be identified for the *Booking Request* sequence diagram.

- *Application*
- *Passenger*
- *Date*

### Messages

- The kinds of messages that are used in both the sequence diagrams are -- *synchronous message* and *reply message*. Both are *messages by action type*.
- The messages in *Booking Request* sequence diagram can be divided into two groups.
  - Messages meant to validate the details that are ultimately used to *create booking*.

- Messages that (in terms of C++) represent the virtual construction idiom in which depending on the *static sub type* of *BookingCategory*, the accurate *sub type* of *Booking* is instantiated using these details (only if they are validated)
- Similarly, the messages in *Make Passenger* sequence diagram can also be divided into two groups.
  - Messages meant to validate the details that are ultimately used to *create a passenger*.
  - Messages meant to actually *create* a passenger with these details when they are validated.

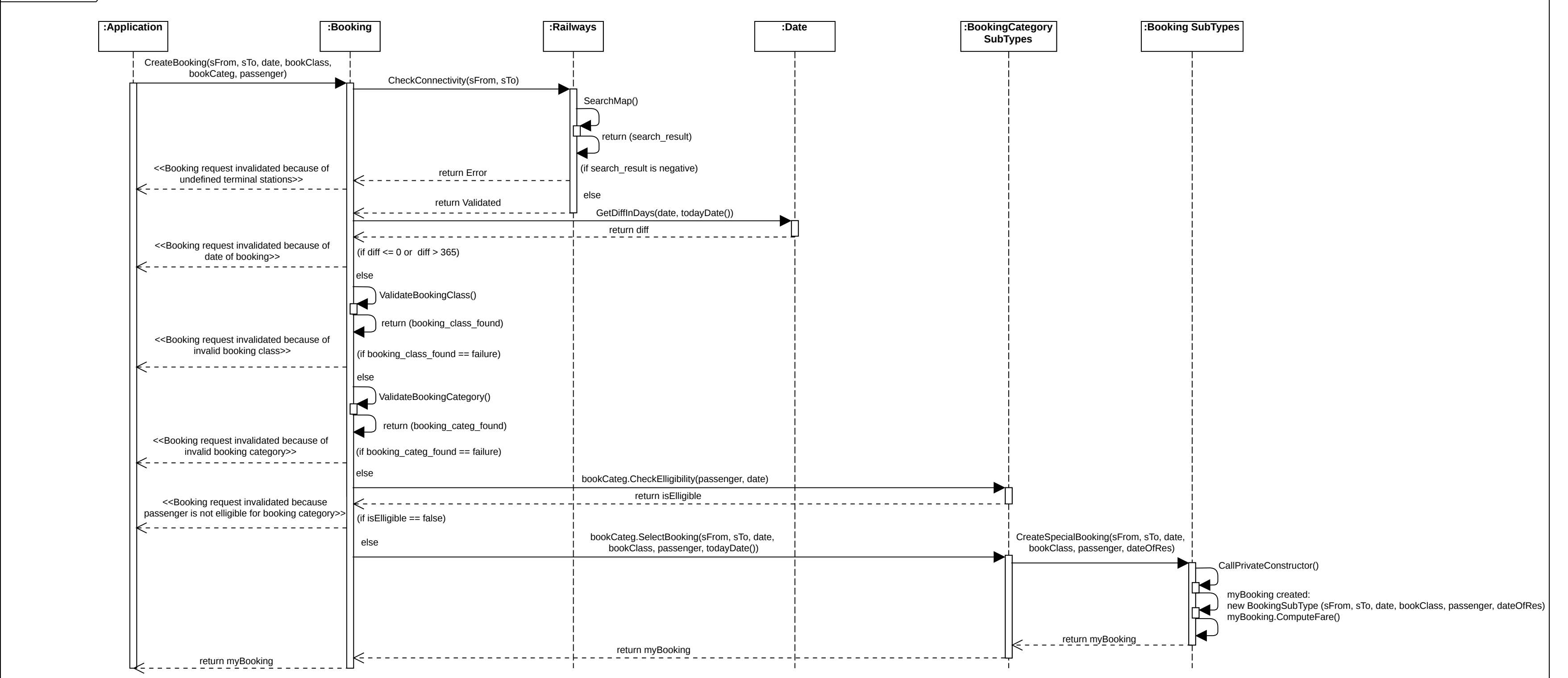
### Interaction Fragments

- There are various kinds of *interaction fragments* but not all of them are relevant here. The ones that are shown in these sequence diagrams include -- *occurrence*, *execution/activation* and *overlapping execution*.
- *Occurrence* is interaction fragment which represents a moment in time (event) at the beginning or end of a message or at the beginning or end of an execution. Naturally there are two types of occurrences applicable to the lifetime of an execution -- *start occurrence* and *finish occurrence*. Besides, there are *message occurrences* also used here that represent events of sending and receiving signals/messages.
- *Execution (Activation)* is an interaction fragment which represents a period in the participant's lifetime when it is executing a unit of behaviour or action within the lifetime, or sending a signal to another participant or waiting for a reply message from another participant.

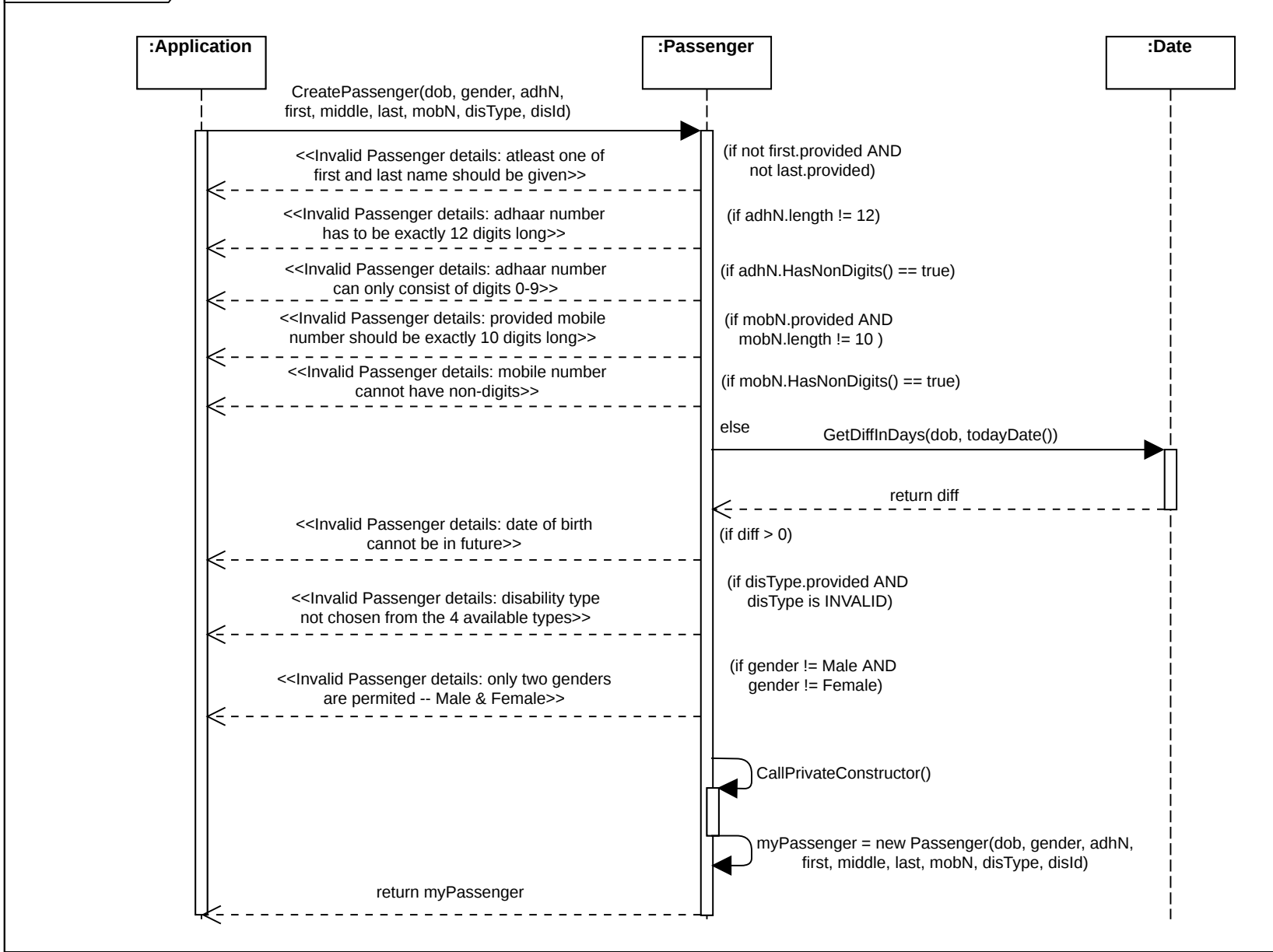
All the lifelines here have an *execution* interaction fragment. Some lifelines that exhibit activity/behaviour(s) for a longer span (like *Application*) have longer *execution periods* and others like *Date* have very short *execution periods*.
- *Overlapping execution specifications* on the same lifeline are represented by overlapping rectangles. These are used to highlight some *key behaviours* happening internally in a *lifeline*. For example *SearchMap* message is sent to an overlapped execution fragment in *Railways* lifeline just to highlight the vital routine or algorithm that is(are) used during the period of *execution*.



sd Booking Request



sd Make Passenger



Sequence Diagram for Booking Application -- Booking Request

Lifelines

Lifeline -- Class Name

Lifeline head

Lifeline tail: this vertical line represents the lifetime of the participant

Heading/Subject

Start Occurence

Synchronous Message

Execution Specification

Return Message

Overlapping Execution

Check for inconsistencies/invalidities in the arguments-- One by one check the validity of each of the arguments. If any erroneous scenario is encountered, do not proceed further and return an appropriate message to the Application side.

Finish Occurence

Sequence Diagram for Booking Application -- Make Passenger

This sequence of message interchanges is secondary to the Booking request sequence diagram. As seen there, a Passenger object (in terms of C++) is needed to create a booking. But creating a passenger itself is a sequence of interactions. These two are the major interactions between the application and other lifelines at the back-end.

Lifeline -- Class Name

Start Occurence

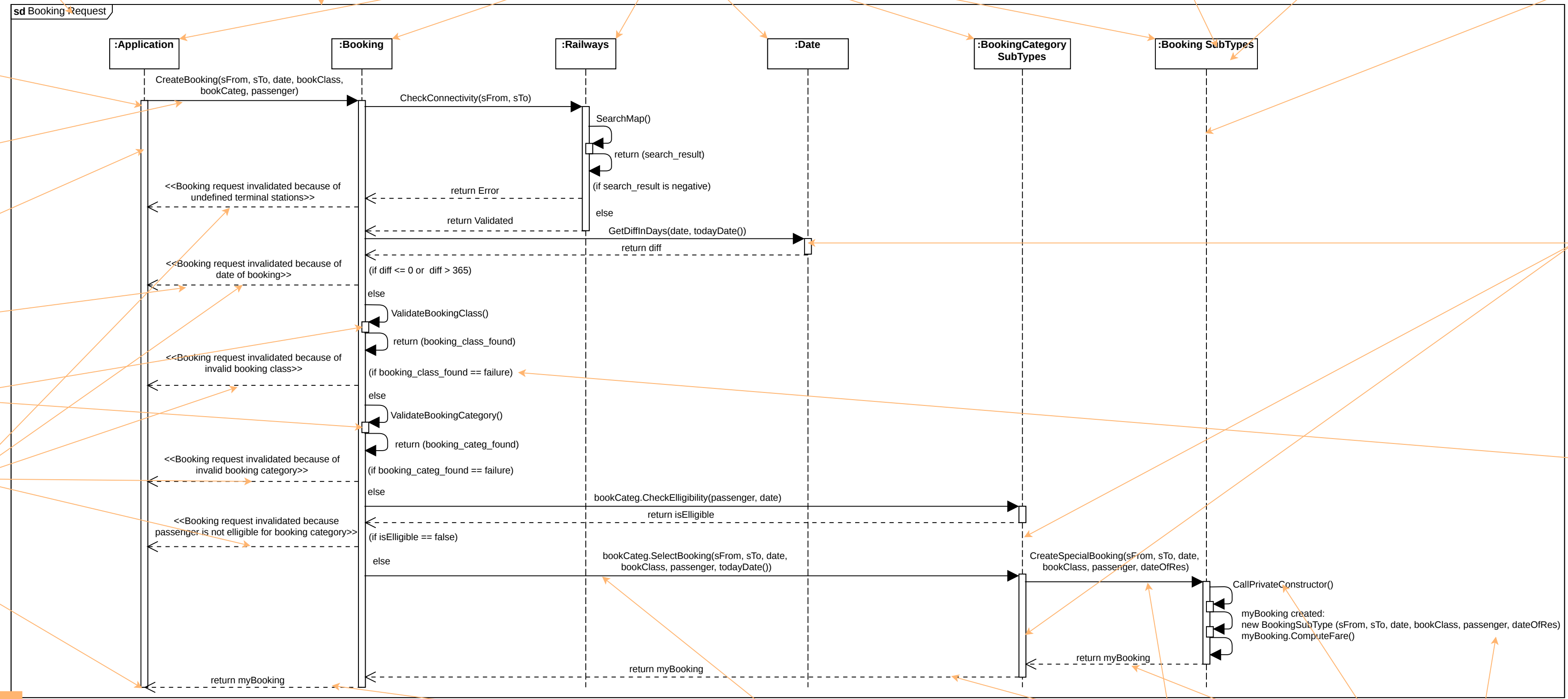
Synchronous Message

Follow the same strategy as in the Booking Request sequence diagram. Check for inconsistencies/invalidities in the arguments-- One by one check the validity of each of the arguments. If any erroneous scenario is encountered, do not proceed further and return an appropriate message to the Application side.

Return Message

Finish Occurence

Return message based on condition(s)



Execution/Activation : represents a period in a participant's lifetime

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Lifeline head

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Overlapping Execution

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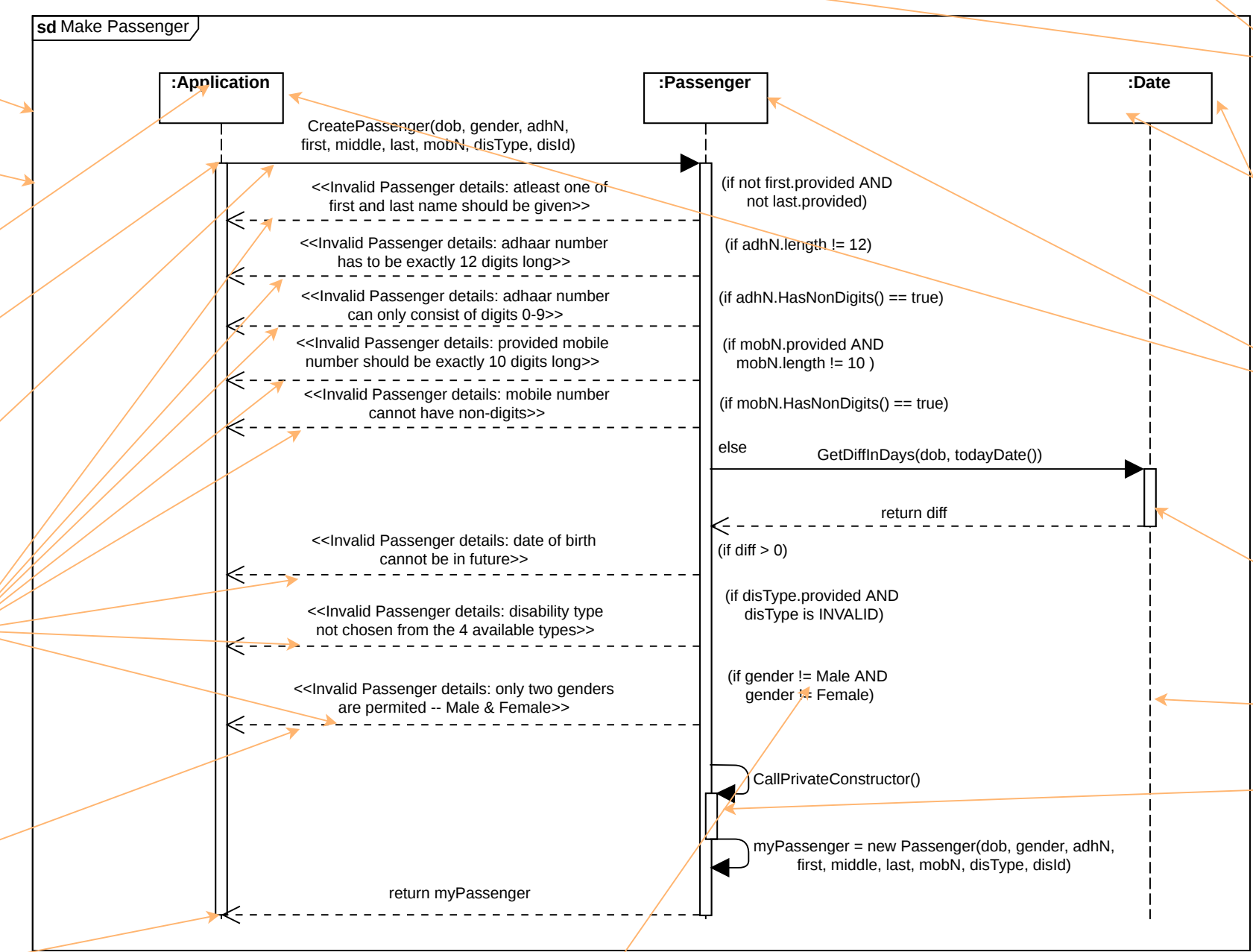
(1.) Call to polymorphic method of BookingCategory hierarchy gets dynamically dispatched to the overridden method of the appropriate static sub-type.

(2.) The overridden method in the static sub type of BookingCategory calls the public static method of the corresponding Booking sub-type.

(3.) The static member function in the Booking sub-type calls the private constructor to instantiate it.

(4.) Finally return the constructed object.

Lets try to understand the virtual construction idiom here in C++ context. Sequence Diagrams make this design more understandable



## Communication Diagram

### Preface

- *Communication Diagram* shows interactions between objects and/or parts (represented as lifelines) using *sequenced messages* in a free-form arrangement.
- It is a *UML behaviour diagram* that depicts the inter-object behaviour of a system, ordered by space.

### Frame

- *Communication diagram* is shown within a rectangular frame with the name in a compartment in the upper left corner. The frame can be of various types like *interaction* and *sd (short frame)*
- In this design, an *interaction frame* called *Booking Application* is used.

### Lifeline

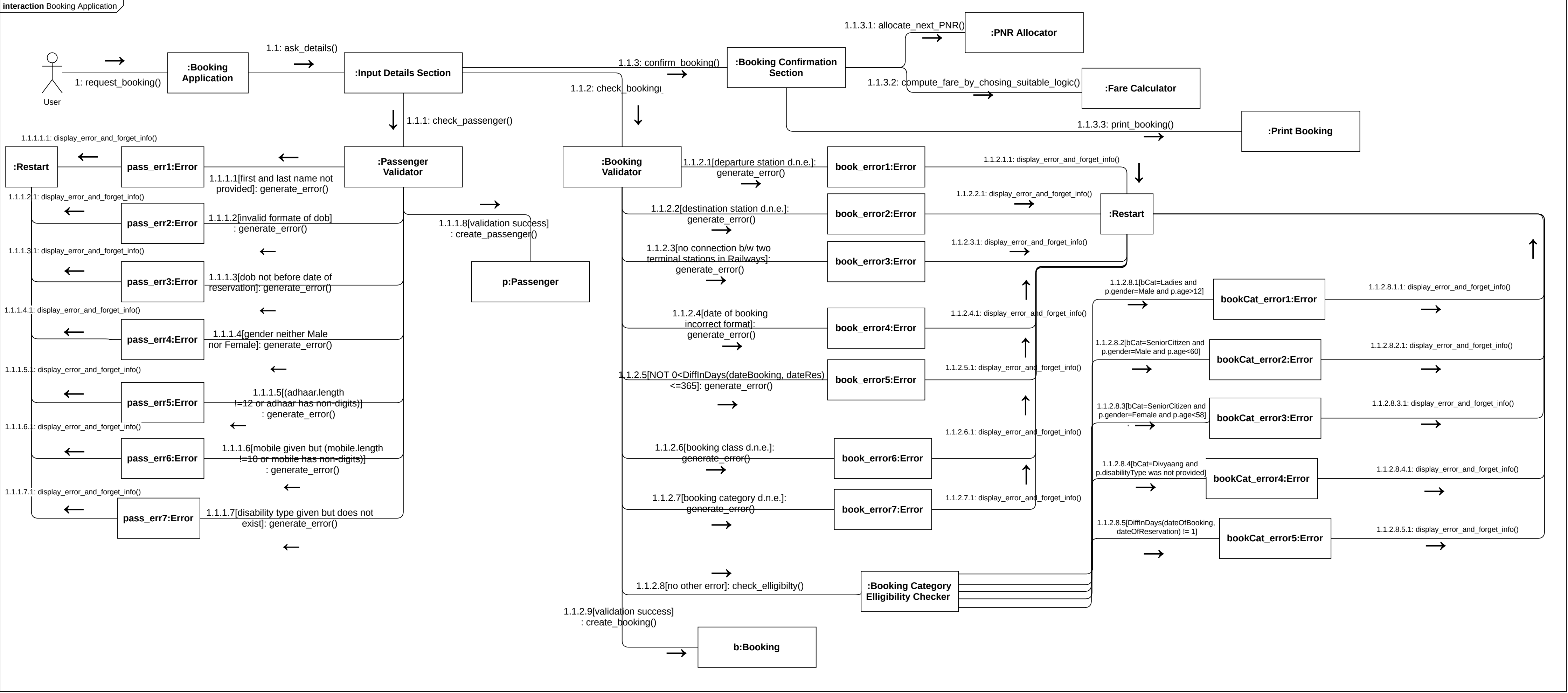
- *Lifeline* is a specialization of named element which represents an individual participant in the interaction.
- Lifelines have a *class name* and may or may not have an *object name*. Names (class names) of the lifelines used in the diagram are --
  - *User*
  - *Booking Application*
  - *Input Details Section*
  - *Passenger Validator*
  - *Booking Validator*
  - *Booking Category Eligibility Checker*
  - *Error*
  - *Restart*
  - *Booking*
  - *Passenger*
  - *Booking Confirmation Section*
  - *PNR Allocator*
  - *Fare Calculator*
  - *Print Booking*
- Some participants like *Passenger* and *Booking* are shown with their *object names*, simply to reflect that in context of a programming language, say C++, the objects of these classes are *constructed* as a result of all the preceeding interactions that are mostly meant to validate the input details.
- Lifelines with *Error* class name are allotted an object name so that they can be re-used several times, without having to introduce a new class of lifelines all together. In context of C++, this can be perceived as different kinds of

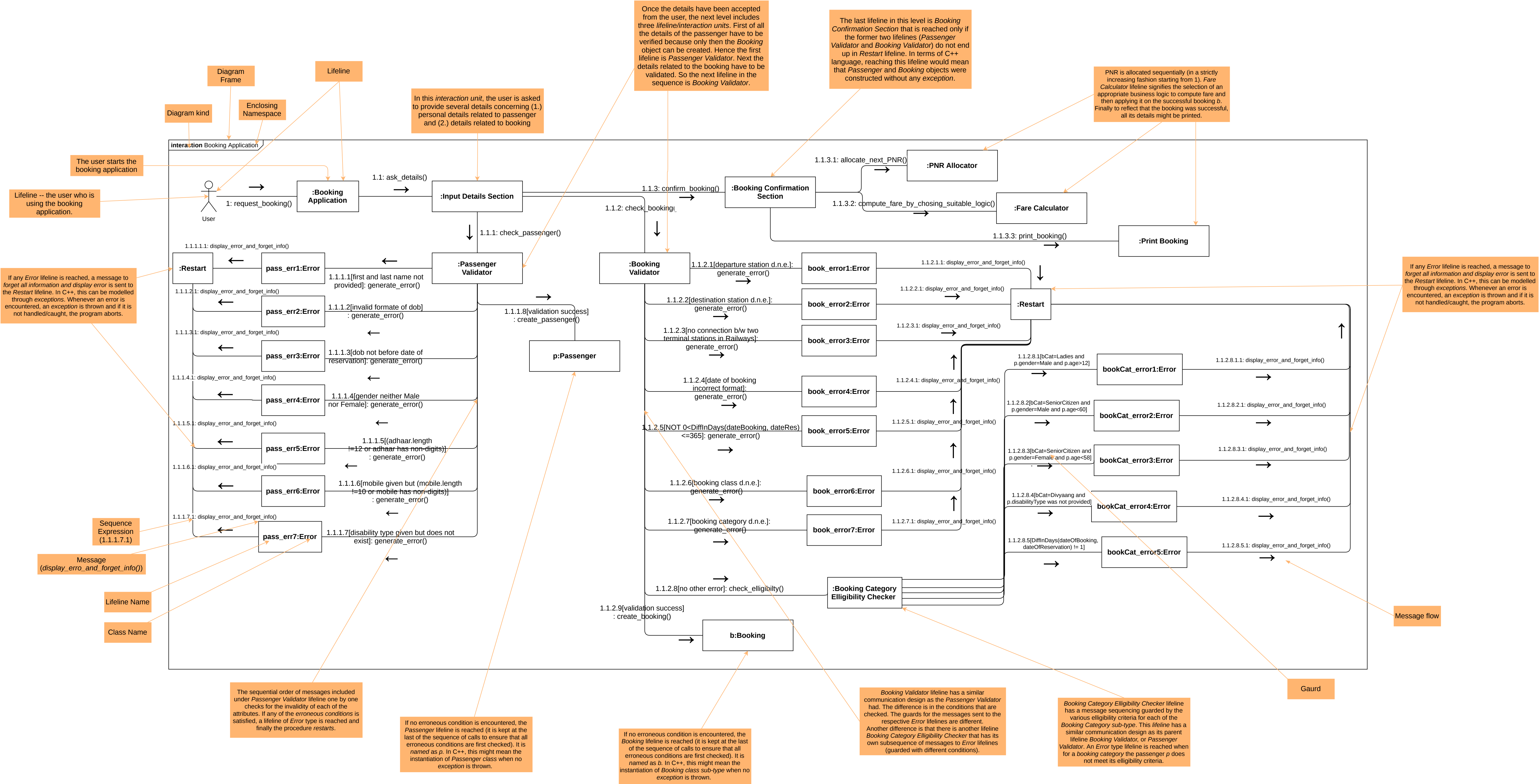


*exceptions*, each one of which is thrown for a specific and a very special kind of inconsistency in the input details.

## Messages

- Messages are shown as a line with a *sequence expression* and arrow above the line.
- Like in *sequence diagram* here also there is a class of messages that is meant to check the invalidities in the input details. But, obviously, the syntax of the messages is different.
- Here for the messages that are meant to check the *erroneous scenarios*, a *guard* condition is provided along with the sequential order. Different possible error conditions are checked at different depths of nesting.





## Activity Diagram

### Preface

- *Activity Diagram* is a *UML behavior diagram* which shows flow of control or object flow with emphasis on the sequence and conditions of the flow.
- Though the *booking application* we are designing objectively stands for one activity, that is *Requesting A Booking* but subjectively it is composed of quite a few smaller sub-activities.

### Activity

- *Activity* is a parameterized behaviour represented as a coordinated flow of *actions*.
- The main *activity* in the diagram is actually an *activity partition* that is the *activity group* for actions having some common characteristics. The main activity partition includes two units -- *User* and *Booking Application*.  
In the *User* side of the partition, the actions are performed by the person who is using the application, like starting the program and filling in the details. While on the *Booking Application* side of the partition, everything is governed by the code we have written in the *implementation*.
- Though the *User* side of the partition is simple as far as the complexity and the number of the actions is concerned, on the other side, the actions can be very large in number because of various situations that are needed to be handled by the application. Therefore it is best to club all the compatible actions together into a single *activity* and define it separately. So the constituent *activities* of the *Booking Application* side of the *main activity partition* include -- *Validate Details* and *Confirm Booking*. *Validate Details* is further composed of another activity called *Check Eligibility of Passenger for Booking Category* and *Confirm Booking* constitutes another activity called *Compute Fare*.
- So there are 4 *activities* and 1 *activity partition* (having 2 partitions) in the activity diagram. Activity can have an activity parameter that is actually the *output* of the activity. *Validate Details* activity has *Validation Result* as the parameter (boolean type) and *Check Eligibility of Passenger for Booking Category* has *Eligibility Result* as the parameter (boolean type).

### Activity Edge

- *Activity edge* is an abstract class for the directed connections along which tokens or data objects flow between activity nodes. It includes -- *control edges* and *object flow edges*.
- In the diagram, *connectors* are used heavily to reduce the clutter due to activity edges.
- *Object flow edges* are used to show flow of objects. For example *Error* object is created whenever an error is encountered and then that object is displayed. This

is an object flow of *error*. Similarly, in *Confirm Booking* activity, *Passenger* and *Booking* objects are created to show the flow of objects once the details are validated.

- *Guards* are used very often, especially for the edges connected to the *decision nodes* to represent *conditional flow of actions*.

## Controls

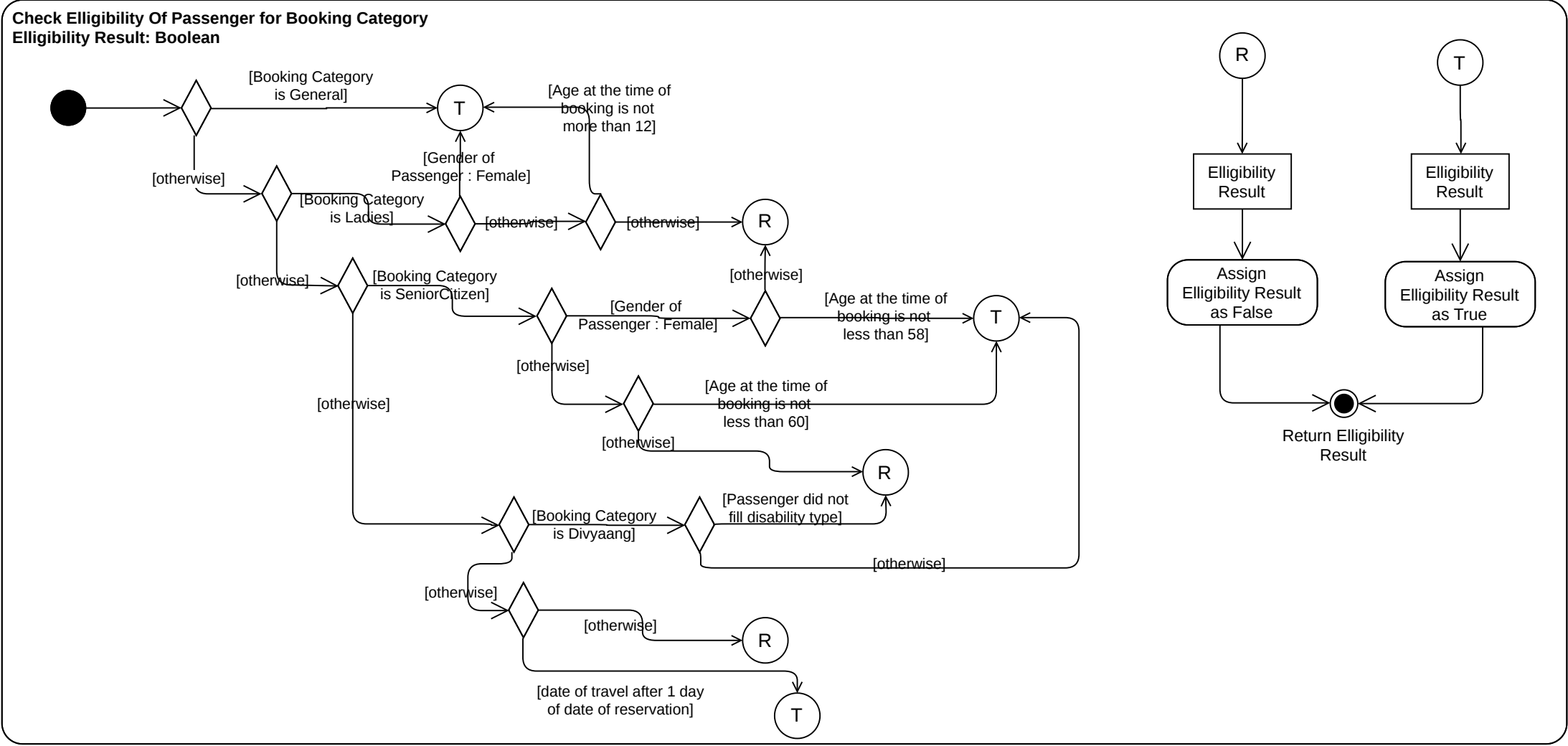
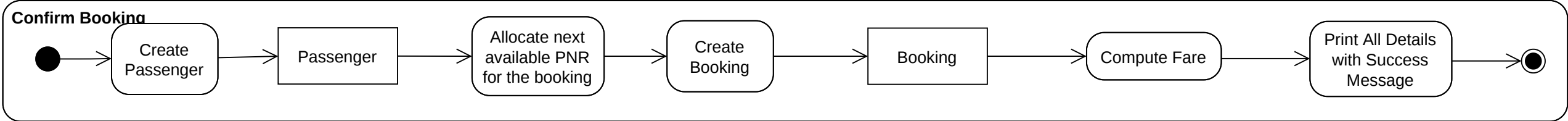
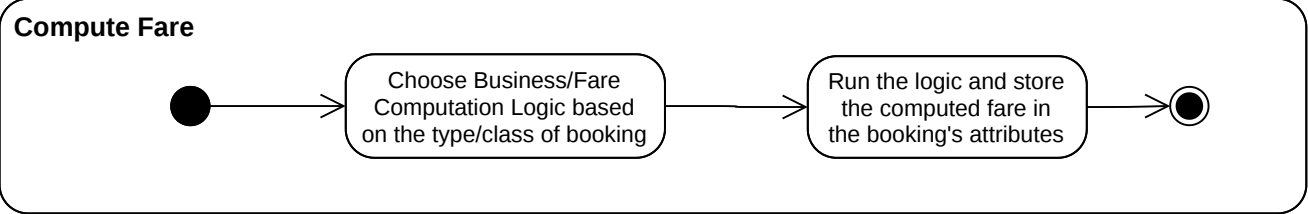
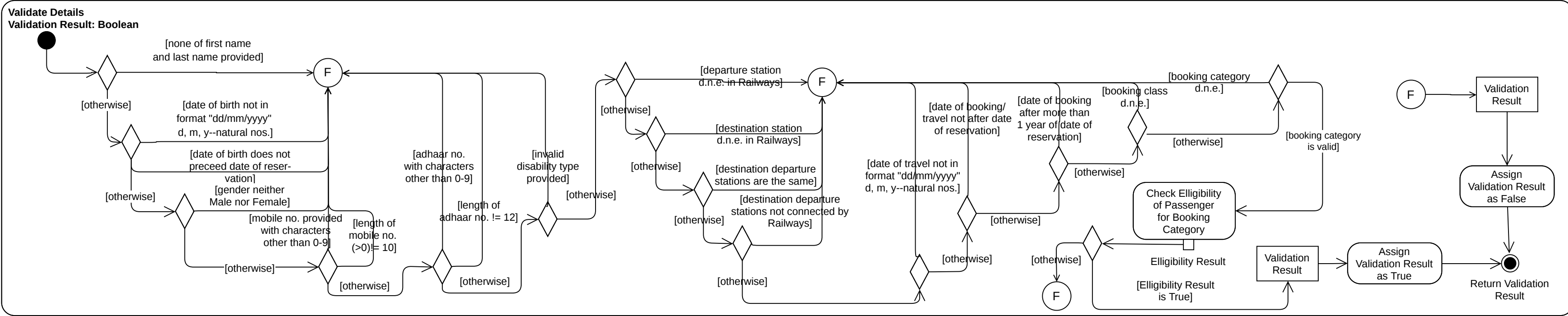
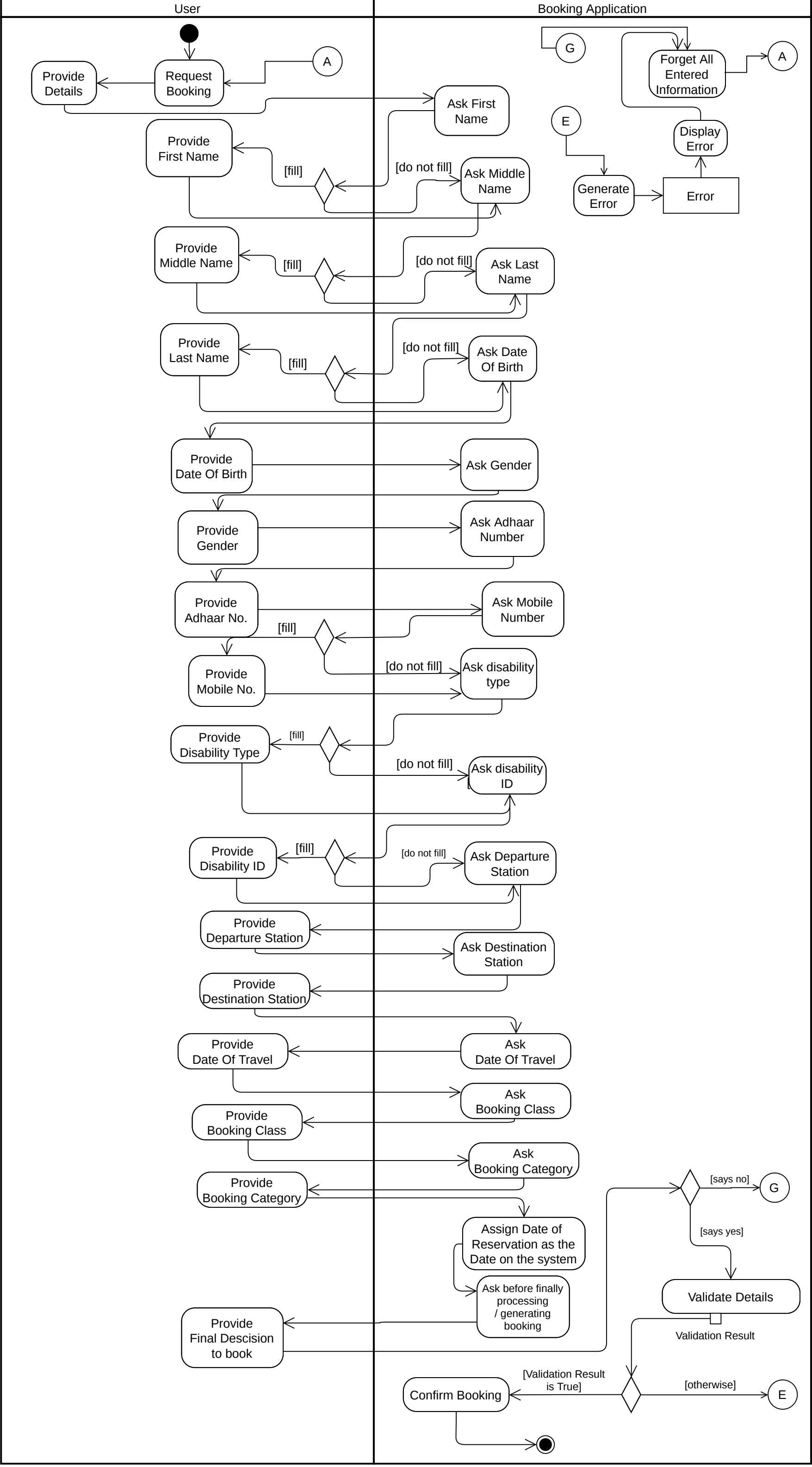
- *Control node* is an activity node used to coordinate the flows between other nodes. Several types of *control nodes* are used in the diagram like -- *initial node*, *activity final node* and *decision node*.
- *Initial node* is used in every activity/activity partition. Each one has a unique *initial node*.
- *Activity final node* is also used in every activity/activity partition. The final states in the activities *Check Eligibility of Passenger for Booking Category* and *Validate Details* are associated with the an output of *boolean* type.
- *Decision nodes* are very frequently used. In fact almost all of the *Validate Details* and *Check Eligibility of Passenger for Booking Category* activities constitute nesting of decision nodes to check for the various erroneous scenarios. Besides, decision nodes are also used in the activity partition to take input for the *optional* input details like *middle name*, *mobile number* etc.

## Objects

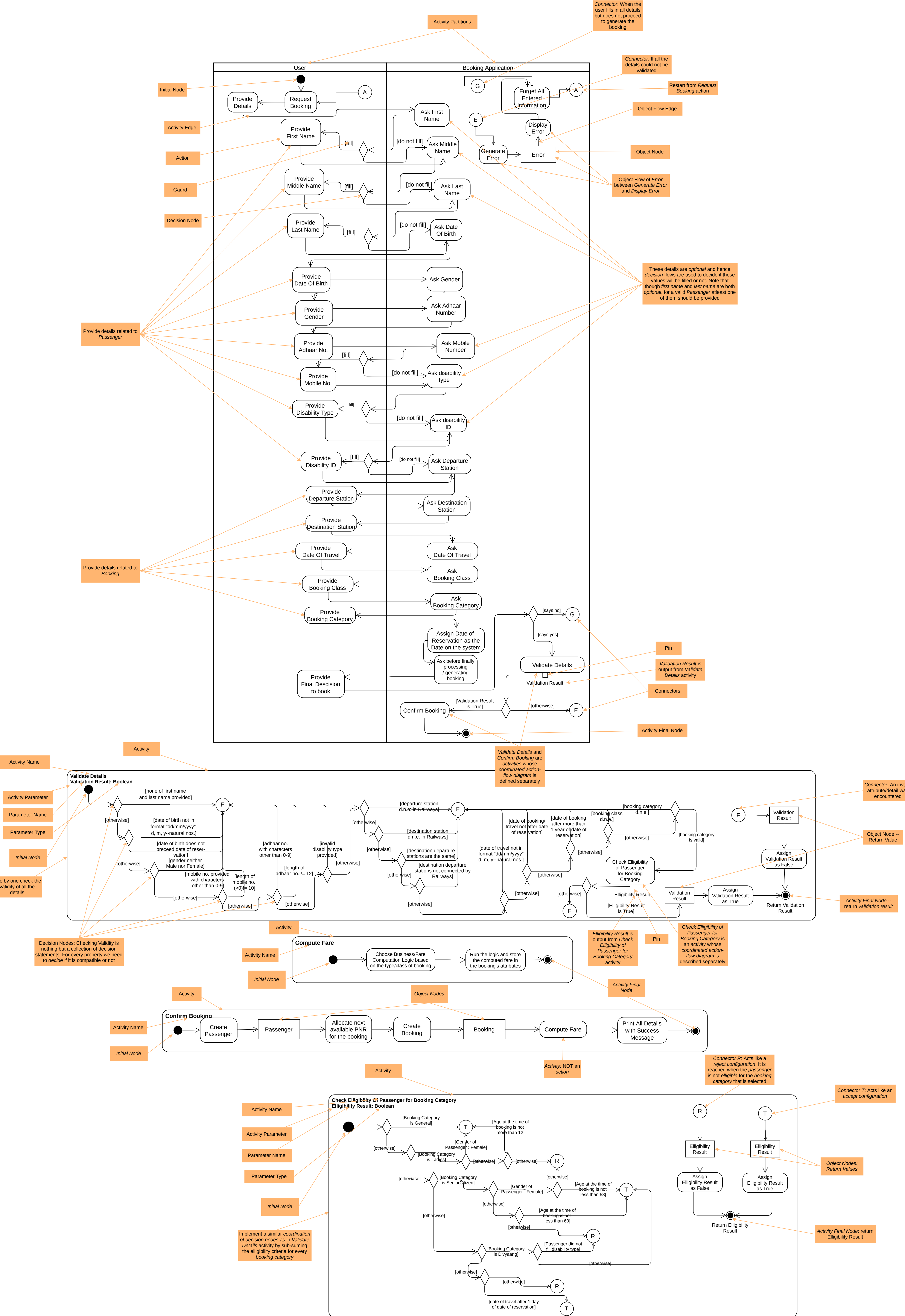
- There are certain *object nodes* used in this diagram to represent creation or instantiation of a class. These object nodes include *Passenger*, *Booking* and *Error*.
- Other object node that is used is *pin* that is used to show the outputs of the activities like *Validate Details* and *Check Eligibility of Passenger for Booking Category*.

## Actions

- *Action* is the named element which represents a single atomic step within activity that is not further decomposed within the activity.
- There are a lot of *actions* in this diagram. Some of them are *Ask Gender*, *Provide First Name*, *Create Booking* etc.
- Note that elements like *Validate Details* that might look like actions are not actions because they in no way represent a single atomic step. These are, as discussed, *activities*.







## State Machine Diagram

### Preface

- *State Machine Diagram* is a behaviour diagram which shows discrete behaviour of a part of designed system through finite state transitions.
- The state machine that is designed here is a *behavioral state machine* that specifies discrete behaviour through finite state transitions.

### Behavioral States

- It is a subclass of vertex (vertex is named element which is an abstraction of a node in a state machine graph) that models a situation during which some invariant condition holds. The kinds of states used in the diagram include -- *simple states* and *submachine states*.
- *Simple state* does not have any substates. In the diagram these include *enterPassengerInformation*, *allocatePNR*, *computeFare* etc. For each of these states a name is provided and also the internal *do* activities are mentioned.
- The diagram includes two *submachine states* -- *ValidatePassenger* and *ValidateBooking*. The substates and internal transitions in these submachine states are defined separately outside of the main state machine *BookingApplication*. *Submachine state* is a decomposition mechanism that allows factoring of common behaviors and their reuse. Here they are used simply to *modularize* the various processes that are happening in order to *create and confirm a booking*.

### Pseudo States

- It is again a subclass of vertex that is used to connect multiple transitions into more complex transition paths. Though there are many kinds of pseudostates, most of them are not relevant here. The ones used are -- *initial pseudostate*, *terminal pseudostate*, *exit point pseudostate*, *choice pseudostate* and *final state*.
- The state machine *BookingApplication* has one *initial pseudostate* and each of the two submachine states have their own *initial pseudostates*.
- Terminal pseudostates are used in the definitions of the submachine states. These imply termination of execution of the state. Terminal pseudostate in the submachine states are reached when an inconsistency in some input detail is found. For example if some booking detail is invalid (like passenger is ineligible for the booking category), the terminal pseudostate is directly reached in order to exit (from the *exit point pseudostate*). Similarly if some passenger detail is invalid (like gender is neither male nor female), the terminal pseudostate is directly reached in order to exit the state.
- The *declaration* of the submachine states in the state machine *BookingApplication* comprises of an *exit point pseudostate*. When the

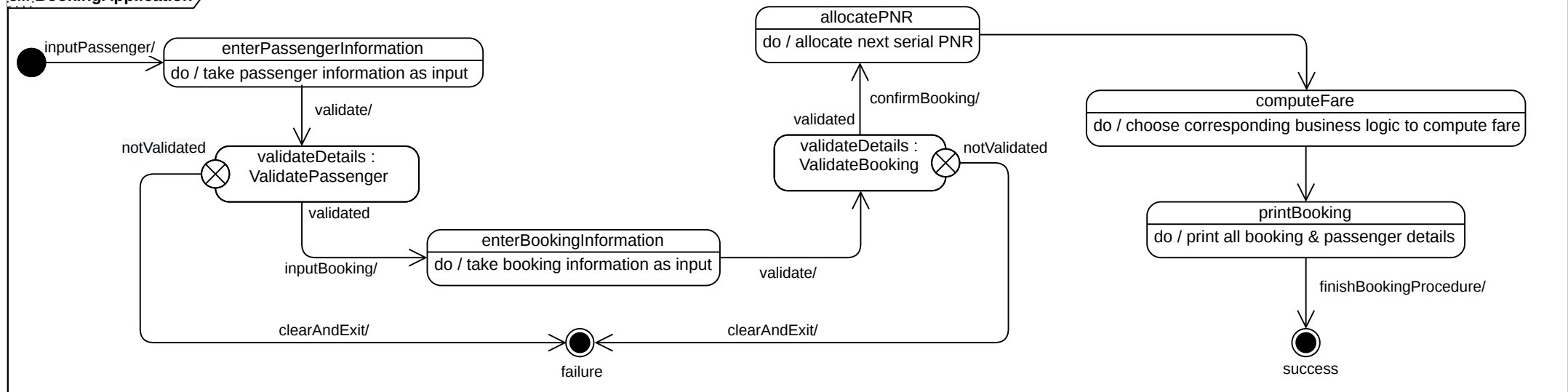
submachine states exit their states by reaching the terminal pseudostate, not the final state, then in the state machine it is shown as an outgoing edge coming out of the *exit point* pseudostate. Otherwise, it is simply shown as coming out of the rectangular box's boundary. This helps in differentiating the two possibilities that might have caused the submachine state to exit. Coming out of the exit point of the submachine states means that the details could not be validated.

- *Choice pseudostates* are heavily used in the submachine states to check for various erroneous conditions. One by one each input parameter/detail is checked and choice pseudostates are used in deciding the transition based on the result of the *check* performed. This choice is governed by conditions given in *guards*.
- *Two final states* are present in the state machine; one to represent successful booking and the other to represent failed booking. The submachine states also have their own final states. Coming out of the submachine states after reaching their final state means that all the details were validated.

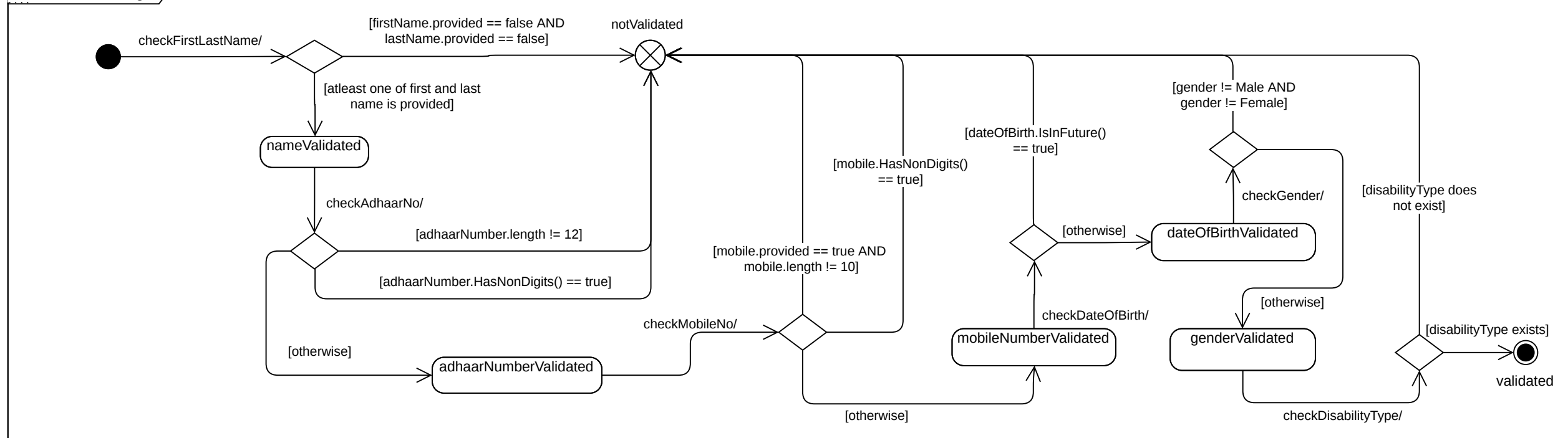
### Behavioral Transitions

- A transition is a directed relationship between a source vertex and a target vertex. Notations for behavioral transitions might include *triggers*, *guards* and *behavior expressions*.
- Here the triggers are self sufficient to describe and identify the transitions uniquely and also to understand their purpose unambiguously. Therefore expressions are not used. Eg -- *checkBookingClass/* , *confirmBooking/* etc.
- For the outgoing transitions of the decision nodes, there are no triggers because the next state is solely based on the condition that is satisfied. Therefore, the *outgoing* transitions of the decision nodes have only *guards*.
- Some transitions might not have any notation. These transitions spontaneously take place from one terminal state to the other without any input trigger or guard condition. For example -- *allocatePNR* to *computeFare* to *printBooking*.

# sm:BookingApplication



# sm:ValidatePassenger



# sm:ValidateBooking

