

BCS2143: OBJECT ORIENTED PROGRAMMING

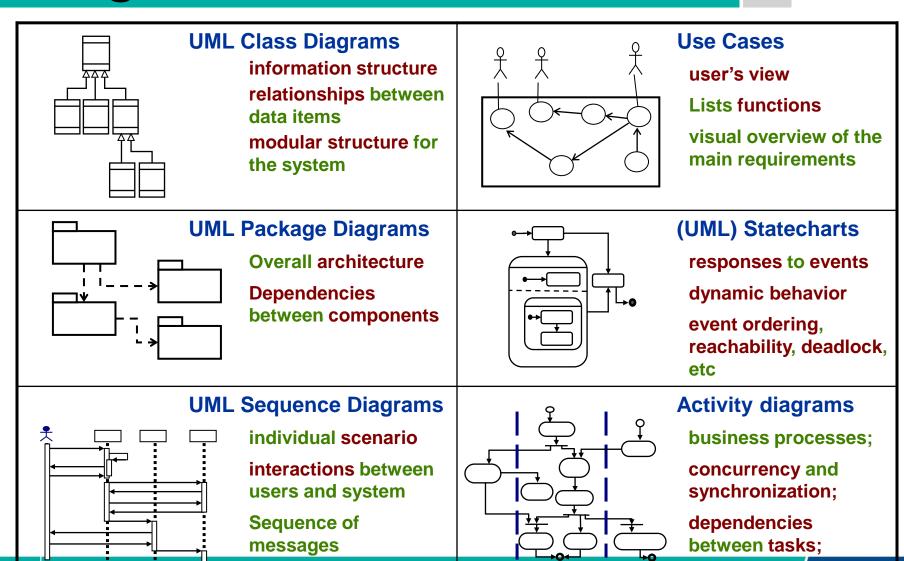
Chapter 4

CLASS DIAGRAM



Modeling Notations - UML









- **Design**: specifying the structure of how a software system will be written and function, without actually writing the complete implementation (coding).
 - What classes will we need to implement a system that meets our requirements?
 - What fields and methods will each class have?
 - How will the classes interact with each other?

Introduction to UML & Class Diagram



- Unified Modeling Language (UML): pictures of an OO system
 - programming languages are not abstract enough for OO design
 - UML is an open standard; lots of companies use it
- What is a UML class diagram?
 - A picture of the classes in an OO system, their fields and methods, and connections between the classes that interact or inherit from each other.
- What are some things that are not represented in a UML class diagram?
 - details of how the classes interact with each other
 - algorithmic details; how a particular behavior is implemented

Uses for UML



- As a sketch: to communicate aspects of system
 - forward design: doing UML before coding
 - backward design: doing UML after coding as documentation
 - often done on whiteboard or paper
 - used to get rough selective ideas
- As a blueprint: a complete design to be implemented
- As a programming language: with the right tools, code can be autogenerated and executed from UML
 - only good if this is faster than coding in a "real" language

What are Classes?



- A class describes a group of objects with
 - similar properties (fields),
 - common behaviors (methods),
 - common relationships to other objects,
 - and common **meaning** ("semantics").
- Graphically, a class is rendered as a rectangle, usually including its class name, fields, and methods in separate, designated compartments.

Class Name

Fields

Methods

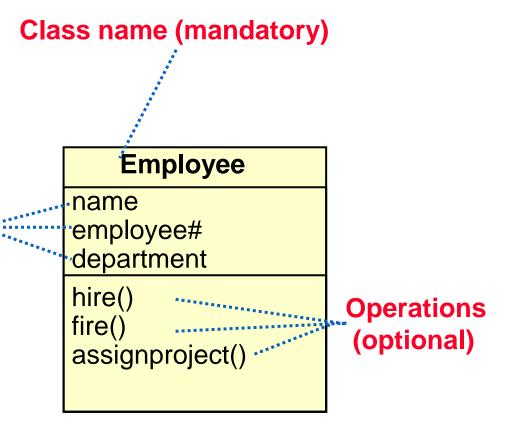
Diagram of Class



- Class name in top of box
 - write <<interface>> on top of interfaces' names

(optional

- use *italics* for an *abstract class* name
- Attributes / fields (optional)
 - should include all fields of the object
- Operations / methods (optional)
 - may omit trivial (get/set) methods
 - should not include inherited methods



Class Attributes



Attributes (fields, instance variables)

```
visibility: + public# protected- private~ package (default)
```

- underline <u>static attributes</u>
- example: balance : double = 0.00

Employee

name: StringempNum: int

department: String

Class Operations



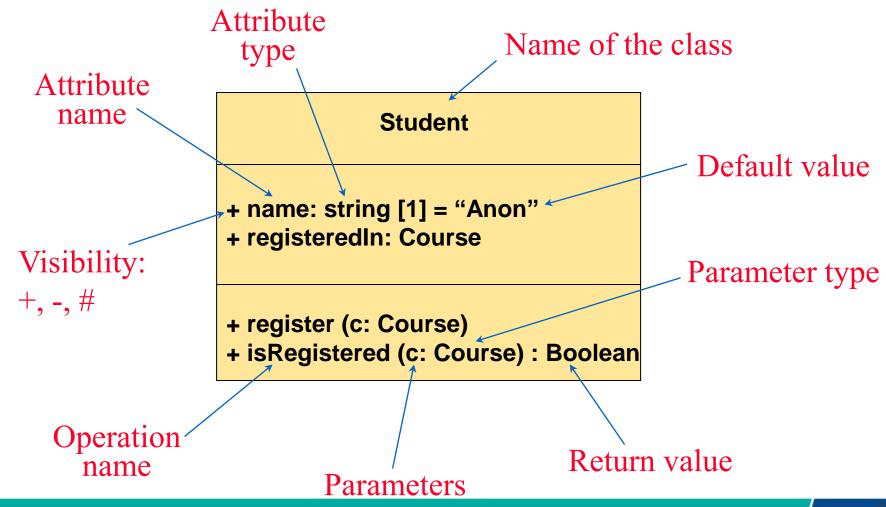
- Operations / methods
 - Format visibility name (parameters): return_type
 - visibility: + public
 - # protected
 - private
 - ~ package (default)
 - underline <u>static methods</u>
 - parameter types listed as (name: type)
 - example:
 - + distance(p1: double, p2: double): double

Employee

- + Employee()
- + hire(): String
- + fire(reason: String)
- + assignproject()

Full Class Notation





Relationships Between Classes



- Classes do not exist in isolation from one another
 - A relationship represents a connection among things.
 - E.g. Employee class is associated with the Person class.
- Class diagrams show classes and their relationships

- In UML, there are different types of relationships:
 - Association
 - Aggregation and Composition
 - Dependency
 - Generalization

Association



Association represents a general binary relationship that describes an activity between two classes.



```
public class Student {
    /** Data fields */
    private Course[]
        courseList;

    /** Constructors */
    /** Methods */
}
```

```
public class Course {
    /** Data fields */
    private Student[]
      classList;
    private Faculty faculty

    /** Constructors */
    /** Methods */
}
```

```
public class Faculty {
    /** Data fields */
    private Course[]
        courseList;

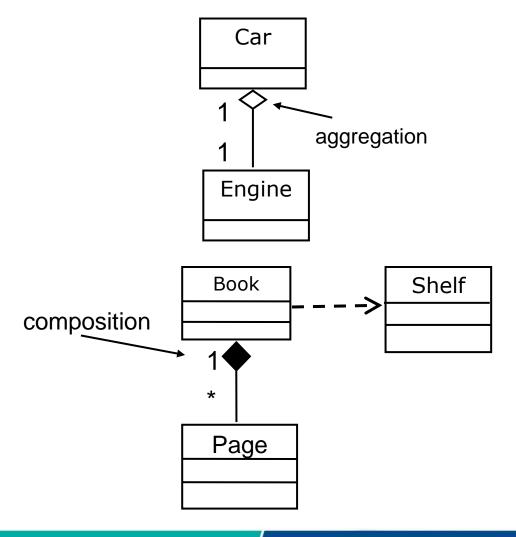
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An association is usually represented as a data field in the class.

Association types



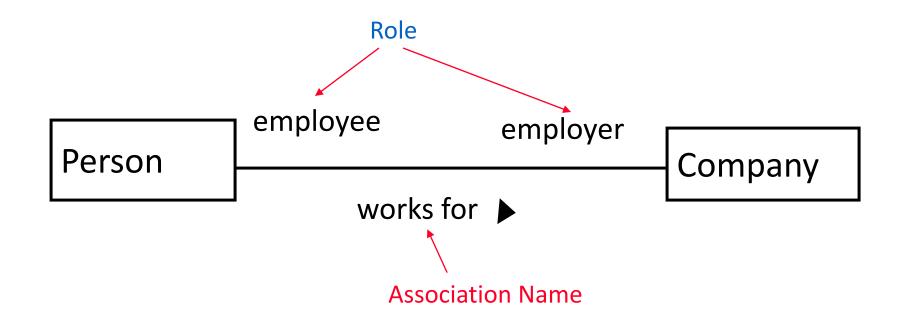
- Aggregation: "is part of"
 - symbolized by a clear white diamond
- Composition: "is entirely made of"
 - stronger version of aggregation
 - the parts live and die with the whole
 - symbolized by a black diamond
- Dependency: "uses temporarily"
 - symbolized by dotted line
 - often is an implementation detail, not an intrinsic part of that object's state



Association - Example



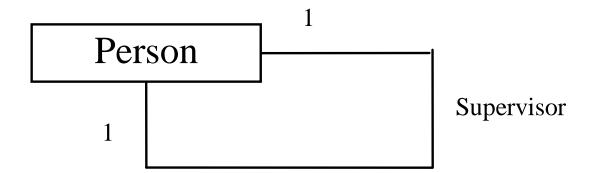
A Person works for a Company.



Association Between Same Class



Association may exist between objects of the same class. For example, a person may have a supervisor.



Multiplicity



- One class can be related to another in a
 - One-to-one
 - One-to-many
 - One-to-one or more
 - One-to-zero or one
 - One-to-a bounded interval (one-to-two through twenty)
 - One-to-exactly n
 - One-to-a set of choices (one-to-five or eight)

Multiplicity

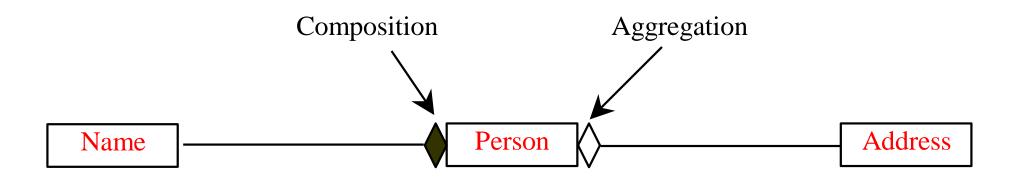


- Multiplicity can be expressed as,
 - Exactly one 1
 - Zero or one 0..1
 - Many 0..* or *
 - One or more 1..*
 - Exact Number e.g. 3..4 or 6
 - Or a complex relationship e.g. 0..1, 3..4, 6..* would mean any number of objects other than 2 or 5

Association: Aggregation & Composition



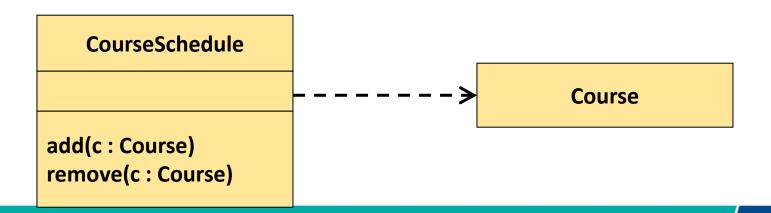
- Aggregation: special form of association
 - Represents ownership relationship
 - Aggregation models the has-a relationship.
- Composition: special form of aggregation
 - object exclusively owned by aggregated object



Dependency Relationships



- Dependency: relationship between two classes where one (called client)
 uses the other (called supplier).
- In UML, draw a dashed line with an arrow from the client class to the supplier class.
- The dependency from CourseSchedule to Course exists because Course is used in both the add and remove operations of CourseSchedule.







- Association is stronger than dependency. In association, the state of the object changes when its associated object changes.
- In dependency, the client object and the supplier object are loosely coupled.
- Implementation in programming
 - Association is implemented using data fields and methods. There is a strong connection between two classes.
 - Dependency is implemented using methods.

Coupling



 Dependency, association, aggregation, and composition all describe coupling relationships between two classes.

coupling increases

dependency, association, aggregation, composition

Generalization

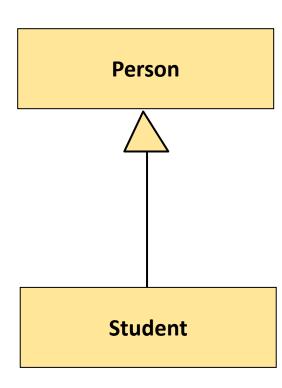


- Generalization models the is-an-extension-of relationship between two classes: is a relationship.
- hierarchies drawn top-down with arrows pointing upward to parent
- line/arrow styles differ, based on whether parent is a(n):
 - <u>class</u>: solid line, white arrow
 - <u>abstract class</u>: solid line, white arrow
 - <u>interface</u>: dashed line, white arrow

Generalization



• A generalization connects a subclass to its superclass. It denotes an inheritance of attributes and behavior from the superclass to the subclass and indicates a specialization in the subclass of the more general superclass.





- Draw a class diagram for an information modeling system for a school.
 - School has one or more Departments.
 - Department offers one or more Subjects.
 - A particular subject will be offered by only one department.
 - Department has instructors and instructors can work for one or more departments.
 - Student can enrol in upto 5 subjects in a School.
 - Instructors can teach upto 3 subjects.
 - The same subject can be taught by different instructors.
 - Students can be enrolled in more than one school.

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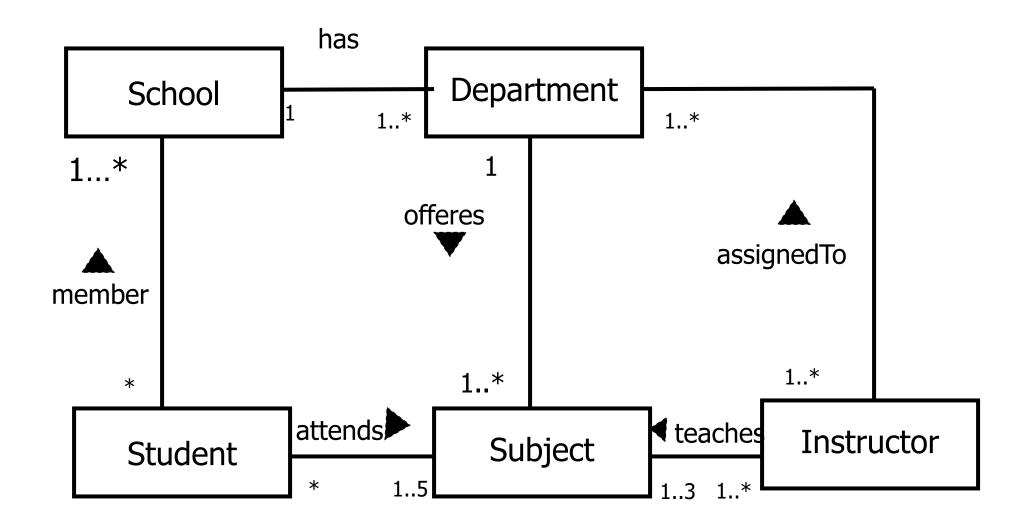


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Object Diagram

 Object Diagram shows the relationship between objects.

Unlike classes objects have a state.

Object Diagram - Example

