

# Unified Modelling Language (UML)

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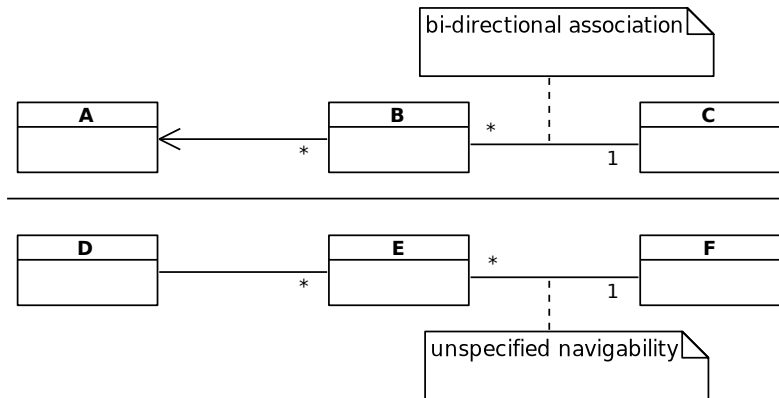
# UML Class Diagram

- Visualisation of classes and interfaces.  
(including their internal structure and relationships to other classes/interfaces)
- Class is a set of objects sharing a common structure&behaviour.  
(i.e., the set of objects possibly differing in state but not behaviour)
- Features of the classes: attributes and operations.
  - attribute** is a representation of an object's internal state  
(i.e., what the objects have)
  - operation** is a specification of behaviour of the object  
(i.e., what the objects do)
  - method** is an implementation of the operation  
(i.e., how the objects do the operations)

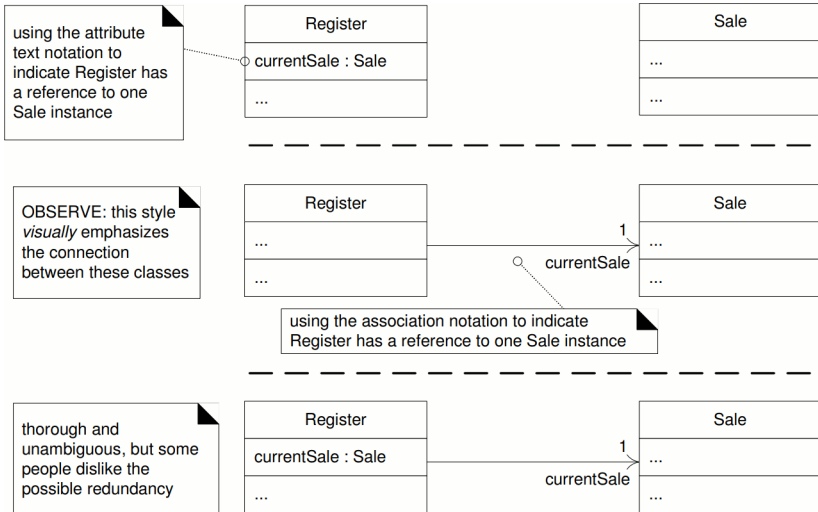
# Relationships of Classes in UML

- Association is described by participants and
  - a single name of the relationship  
(it can be unspecified)
  - roles of participants  
(they can be unspecified)
  - multiplicity of participants  
(one of 0, 0..1, 0..\*, 1, 1..\*, and \*, or unspecified, for each participant)
  - navigability to participants  
(true “→”, false “×”, or unspecified for each participant)
- There are no implicit values for missing multiplicity/navigability.  
(unspecified multiplicity is not “1”, navigability is “unspecified” or “bi-directional”)
- Two special types of associations:  
(they are forms of containment, for parent-child relationships)
  - aggregation** for modelling of a separable part of a whole  
(the child can exist independently of the parent in this case)
  - composition** for modelling a non-separable part of the whole  
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# Different Semantics of Navigability



# Association and Attribute

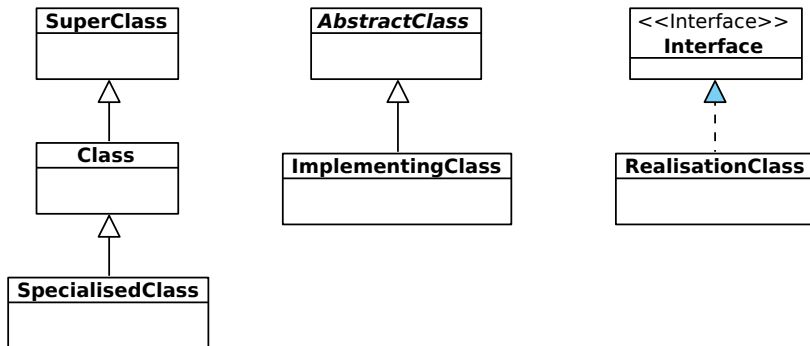


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# Generalisation/Specialisation

- The relationship between a general and a specific classifier.  
(instance of the specific classifier is also an indirect instance of the general one)  
**superclass** is the more general classifier  
**subclass** is the more specific classifier (it is a subtype)
- Subtype Requirement, aka “Liskov substitution principle”:  
*Let  $\phi(x)$  be a property provable about objects  $x$  of type  $T$ .  
Then  $\phi(y)$  should be true for objects  $y$  of type  $S$  where  $S$  is a  
subtype of  $T$ . — Liskov/Wing (1994)*
- The generalisation with “Liskov substitution principle” means that
  - a subclass inherits attributes, operations, relationships, constraints
  - there is a strong dependency of a subclass to its superclass
- There are constraints in UML to describe “covering” and “disjoint”
  - {complete}, or {incomplete}, constraint  
(if every superclass is also an instance of at least one of its subclasses)
  - {disjoint}, or {overlapping}, constraint  
(if no instance of any subclass may also be an instance of another subclass)

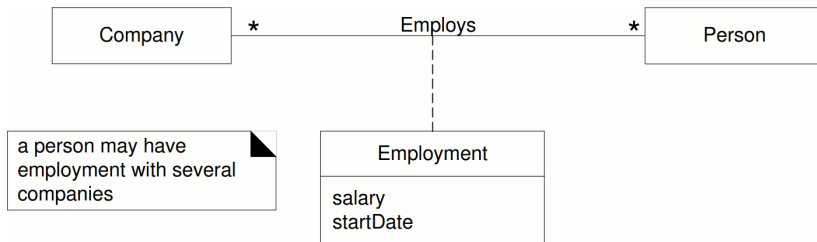
# Generalisation and Realisation





# Association Class

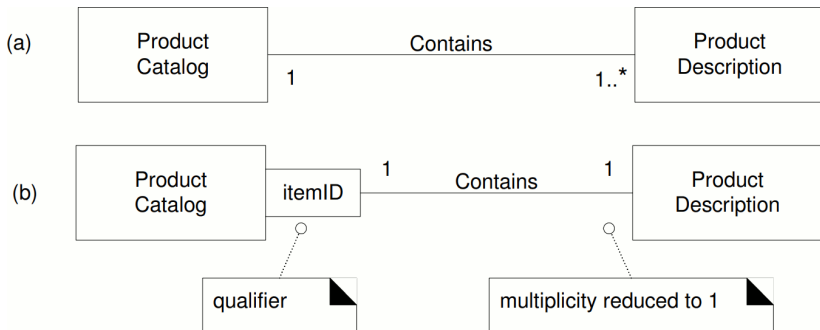
when an association is a class



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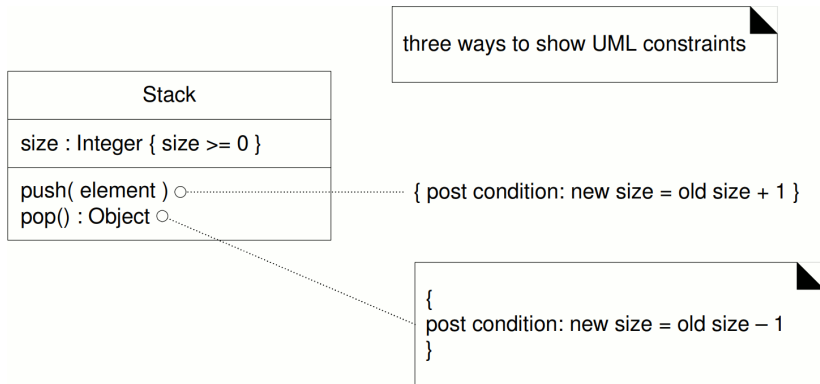
# Qualified Association

when a qualifier/key reduces an association multiplicity (*a* and *b* model the same association)



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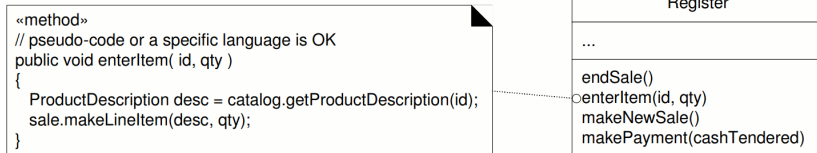
# Constraints in Class Diagrams



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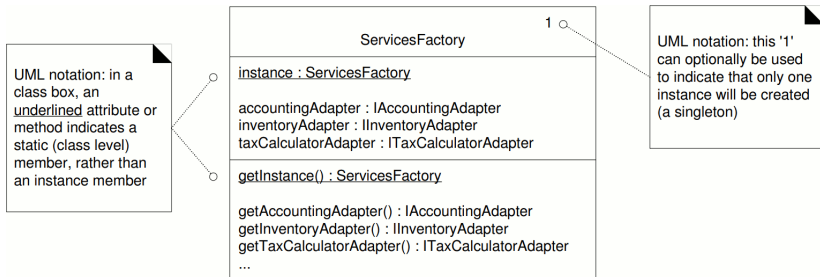
# Annotations in Class Diagrams

to outline methods of classes



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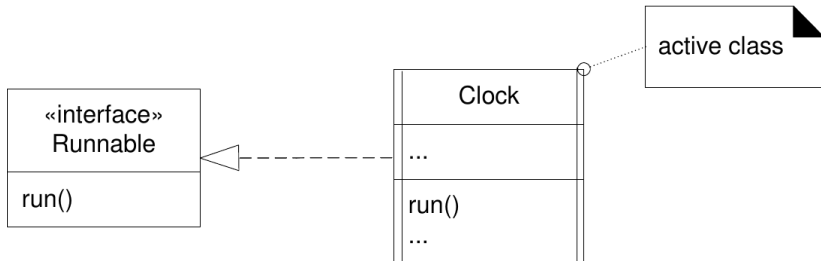
# Singleton Classes in Class Diagrams



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# Active Classes in Class Diagrams

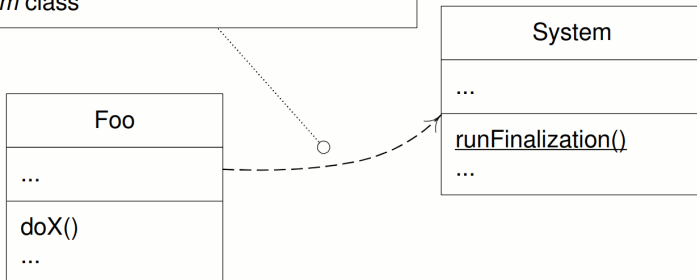
(Clock class is a realisation of Runnable interface, not its specialisation)



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# Dependencies in Class Diagrams

the *doX* method invokes the *runFinalization* static method, and thus has a dependency on the *System* class



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# Different Purposes of Modelling

according to “Modeling with a sense of purpose” by John Daniels, 2002)

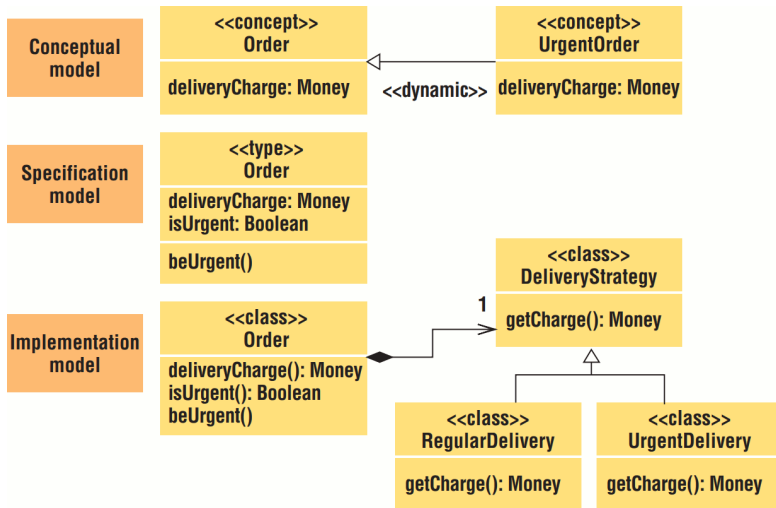
- **Conceptual** models describe a situation of interest in the world, such as a business operation or factory process. They say nothing about how much of the model is implemented or supported by software.
- **Specification models** define what a software system must do, the information it must hold, and the behaviour it must exhibit. They assume an ideal computing platform.
- **Implementation models** describe how the software is implemented, considering all the computing environment's constraints and limitations.

Diagrams	Conceptual model	Specification model	Implementation model
Use case	—	Software boundary interactions	—
Class	Information models	Object structures	Object structures
Sequence or collaboration	—	Required object interactions	Designed object interactions
Activity	Business processes	—	—
Statechart	Event-ordering constraints	Message-ordering constraints	Event or response definitions

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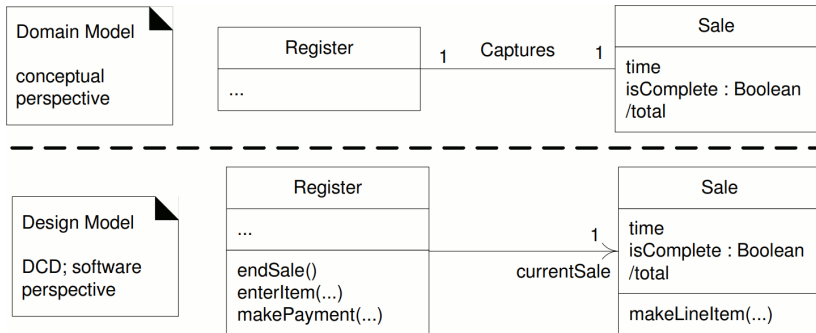


# One Notation, Three Models



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# Domain Model and Design Model



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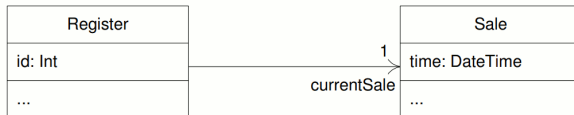
and association names

the association *name*, common when drawing a domain model, is often excluded (though still legal) when using class diagrams for a software perspective in a DCD

UP Domain Model  
conceptual perspective

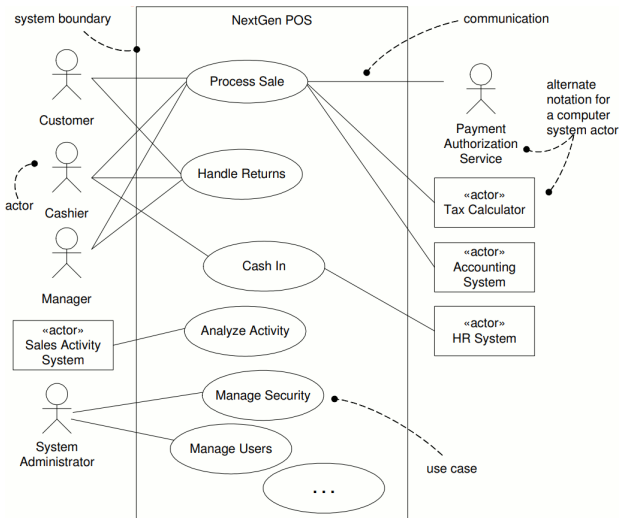


UP Design Model  
DCD  
software perspective



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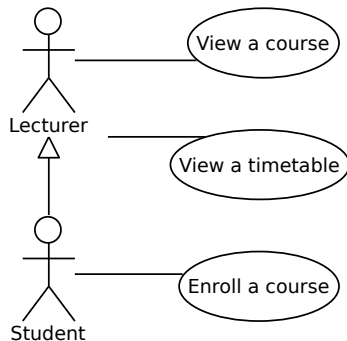
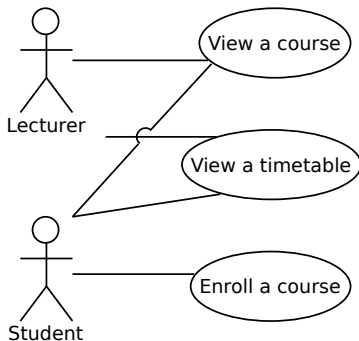
# UML Use Case Diagram



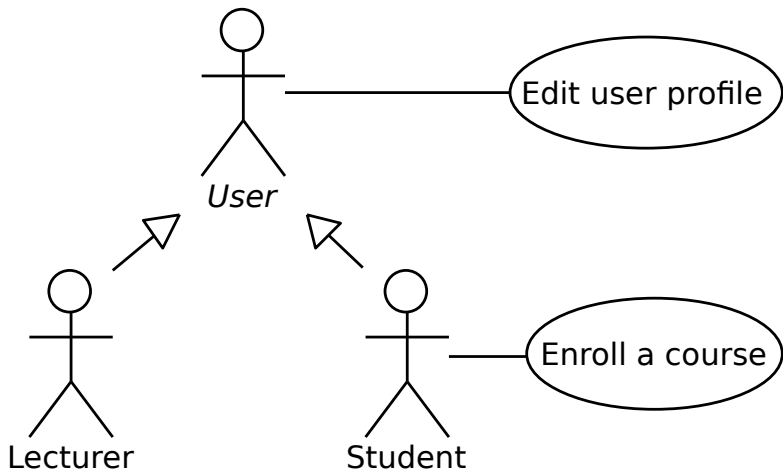
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# Generalisation/Specialisation of Actors

can be utilised only for identical use-cases

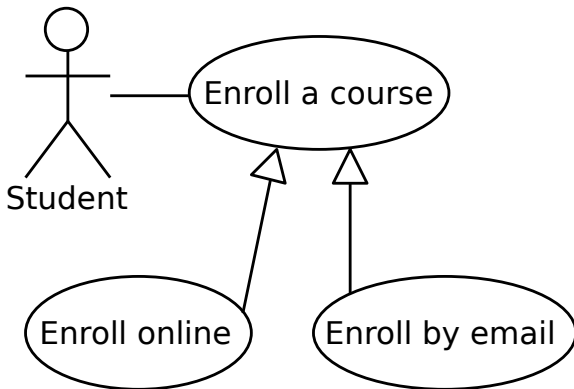


# Abstract Actors



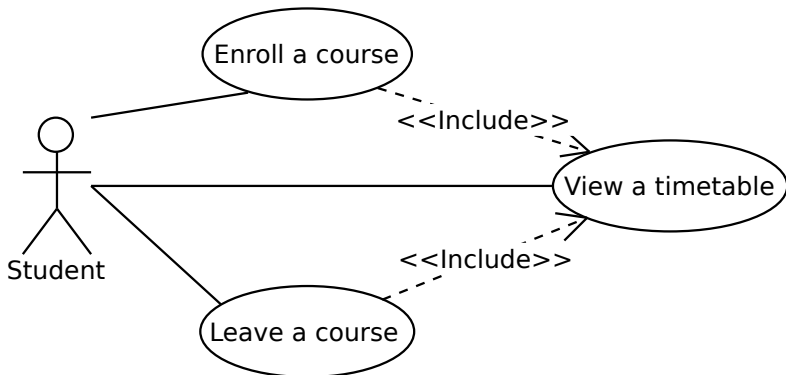
# Generalisation/Specialisation of Use Cases

to inherit, extend, or modify a more general use case



# Include Relationship of Use Cases

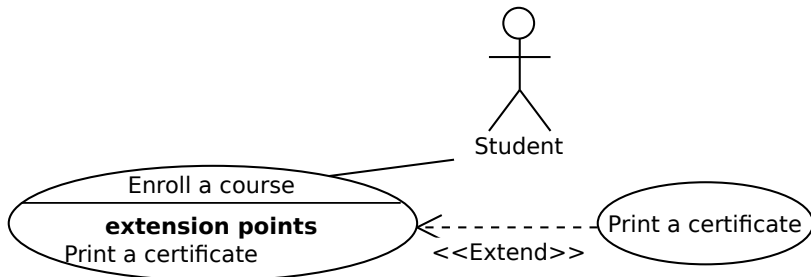
(the included use-case is always performed in the including use-case)





# Extend Relationship of Use Cases

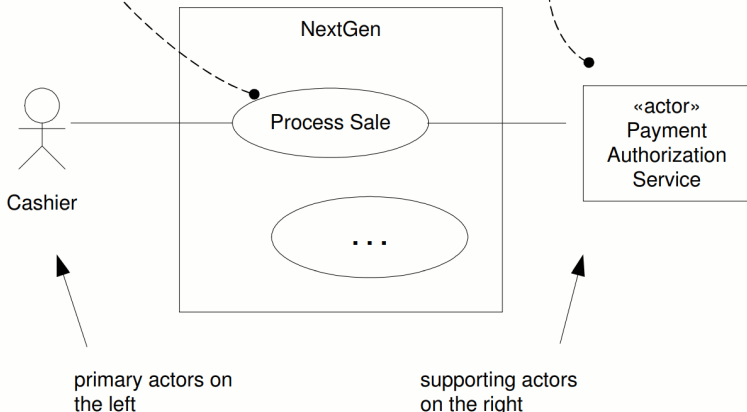
(the extended use-case may require extending use-case in the extension point)



# Primary and Supporting/Secondary Actors

For a use case context diagram, limit the use cases to user-goal level use cases.

Show computer system actors with an alternate notation to human actors.



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# Structured Use Cases

- UML lacks detail on the structure of use cases.  
(the use cases are just things in the Use Case diagram)
- It just recommends to describe use cases “in plain text, using operations, in activity diagrams, by a state-machine, or by other behaviour description techniques, such as pre-and post conditions; the interaction between the use case and the actors can also be presented in collaboration diagrams”.
- Typically, use cases are described in structured text, in a template.  
(see templates by Coleman at HP, by Oracle, and others)
- The template should provide description for:  
name, id, annotation, primary/secondary actors, pre-/post-conditions, scenario (steps), alternate flows, exception, issues, etc.



# Use Cases in Practice

(observations and recommendations by Jim Arlow)

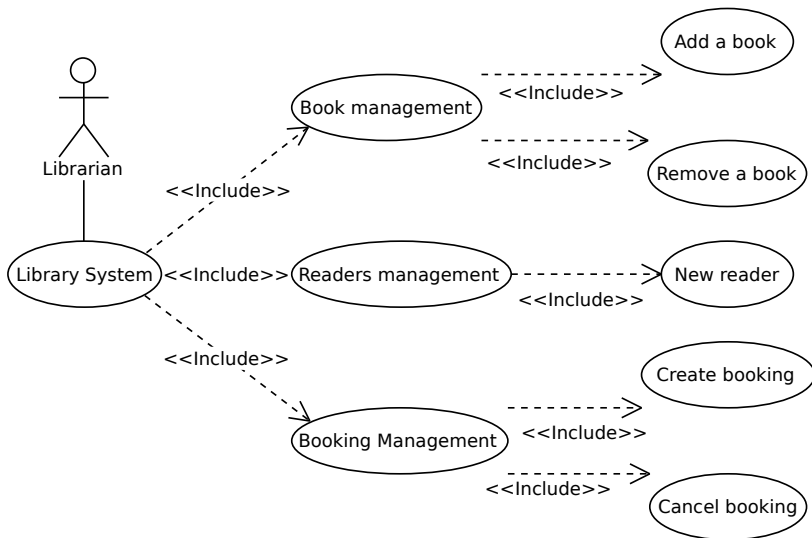
- After a brief introduction, users are able to understand use-cases.
- The understanding of actor generalisation is more difficult.
- Frequent “include” makes the understanding more difficult.  
(the users must keep in mind all including and included use-cases)
- “Extend” relationship is difficult to understand.  
(even after a thorough introduction and not only for users, also for developers)
- Specialisation of non-abstract use cases should not be used.  
(the specialised use cases are more difficult to understand; “extend” is better)

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A use case diagram should be:

simple, with structured description, no more than two levels, no structural/functional decomposition (for the sake of analysis)

# An Example of Improper Use Case Modelling



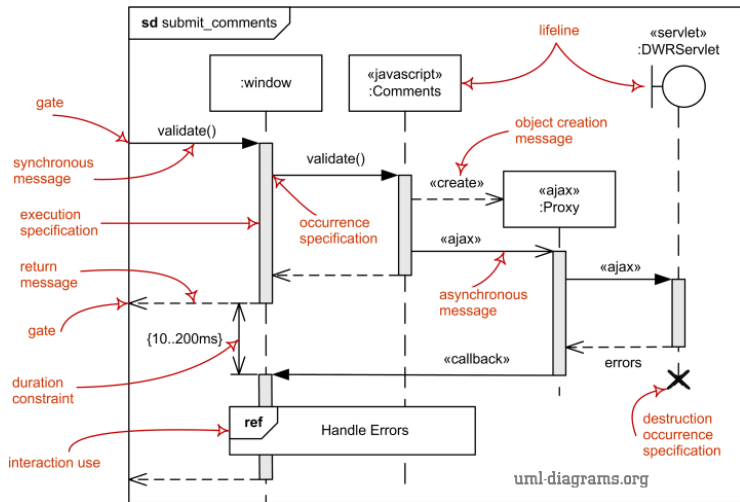
# UML Interaction Diagrams

- One of main artefact of object-oriented analysis and design.  
(together with class diagrams that describe a static structure)
- An interaction of cooperating classes for a particular purpose.
- By four different diagrams/view in UML 2.  
(Sequence, Communication, Timing, and Interaction overview diagrams)

# UML Sequence Diagram

- Description of a sequence of message calls in two dimensions:
  - 1 **lifelines** of participant as classifier instances  
(objects, actors, classes implementing interfaces, components, etc.)
  - 2 **tail** of timeline where activities of participants occur
- The participants communicate by **message passing** (calls).
- Only instances can participate the interactions.  
(the instance names are not underlined in this case, unlike in the other diagrams)

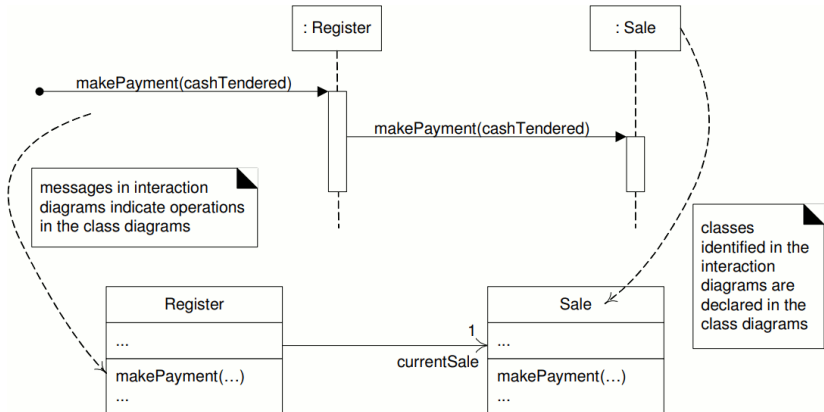
# An Example of Sequence Diagram



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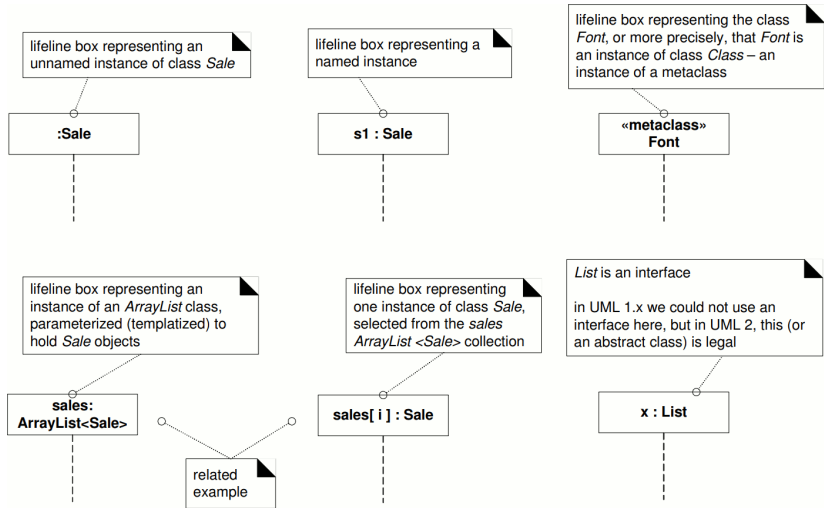


# Sequence Diagram in the Context of Class Diagram



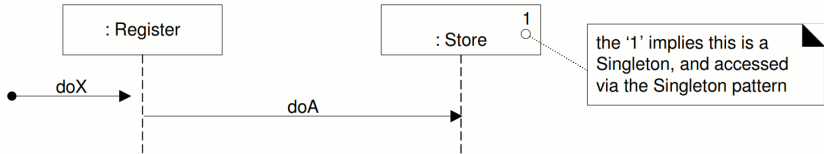
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# Lifelines Notation in Sequence Diagrams



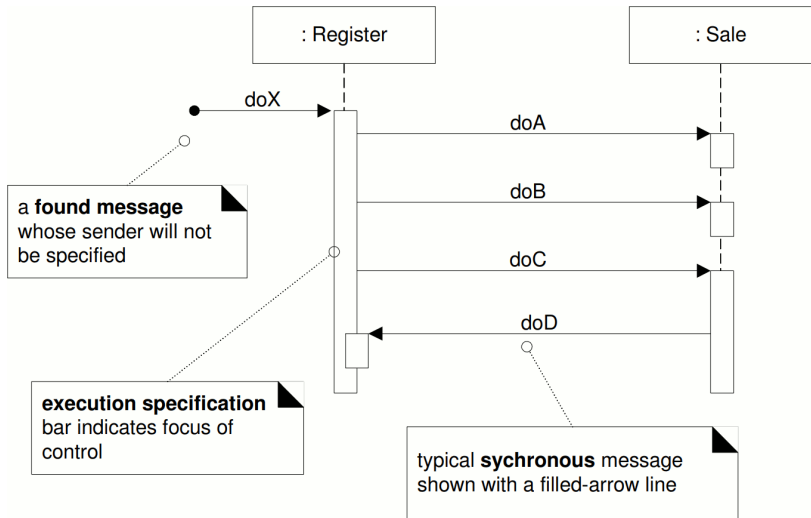
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# Singleton in Sequence Diagrams



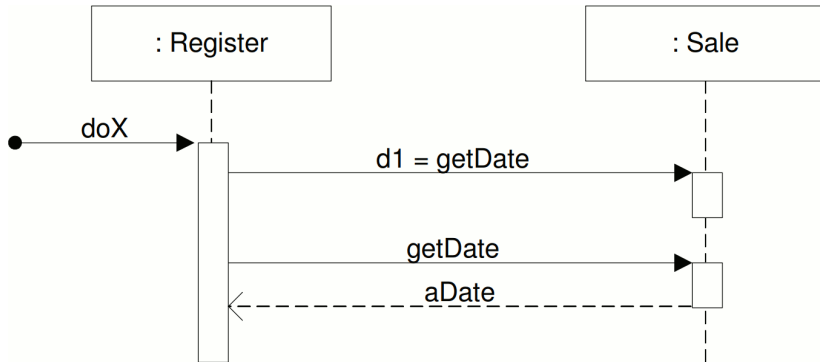
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# Messages and Activities in Sequence Diagrams



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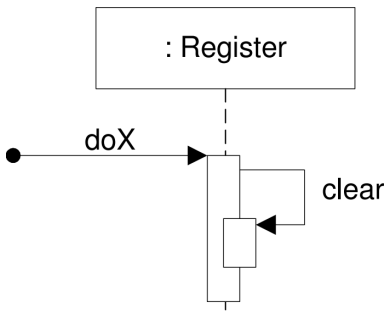
# Reply Messages in Sequence Diagrams



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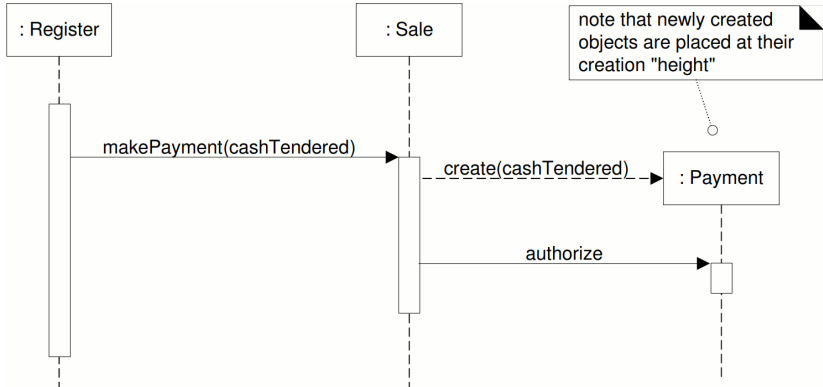
# Self (Recursive) Messages in Sequence Diagrams

(the resulting activity may or may not be modelled in the diagram)



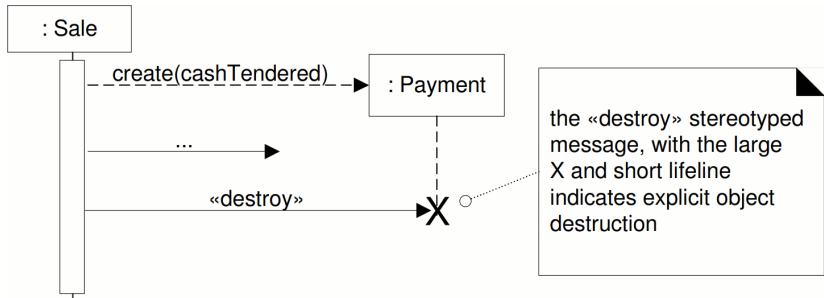
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# Creating Instances in Sequence Diagrams



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# Destroying Instances in Sequence Diagrams

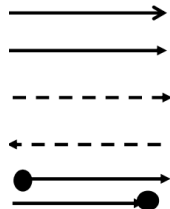


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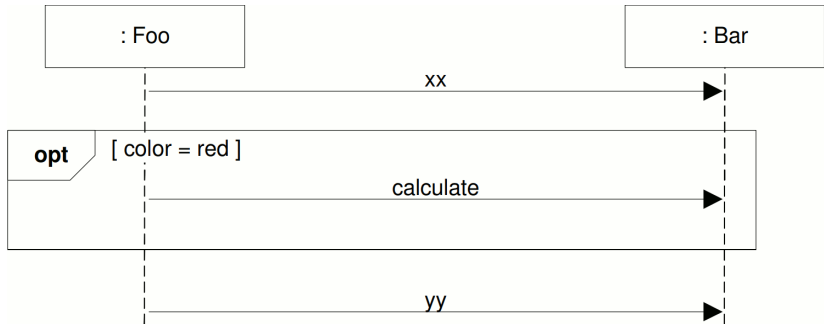
# Message Types in Sequence Diagrams

- asynchronous – a sender remains active
- synchronous – a sender passes control to a receiver
- creation of an object
- reply – the end of message processing by its receiver, optionally with a return value  
(modelled only if necessary, otherwise should be omitted)
- found/lost – to enter/leave a sequence diagram



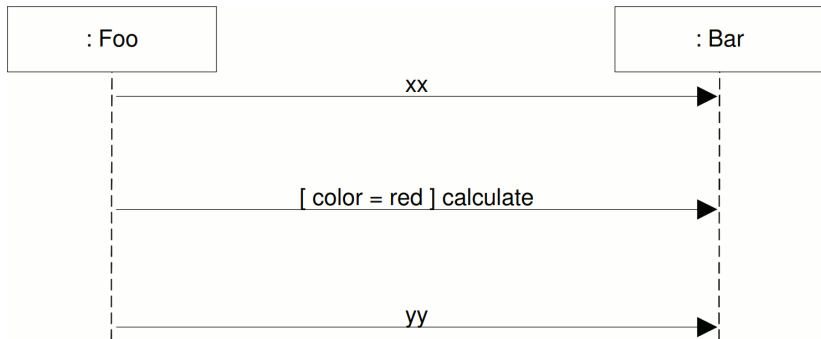
- A message can be passed conditionally, repeatedly, etc.
- For such constraints, messages can be enclosed into frames.  
(so called “combined fragment”, e.g., opt, alt, loop, break, par, etc.)

# “Option” Fragment in UML 2



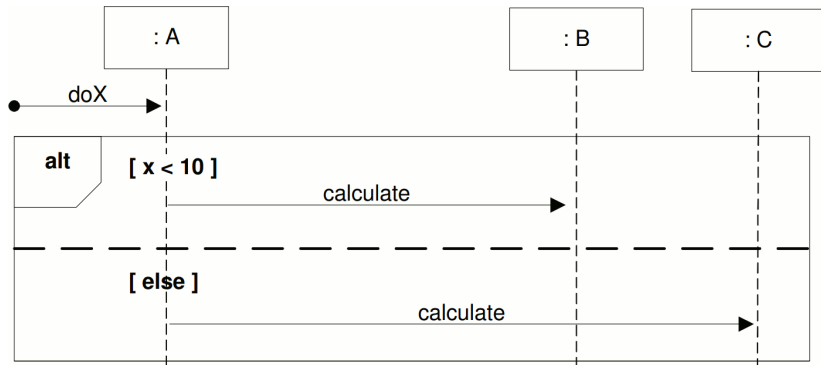
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# Conditional Messages in UML 1



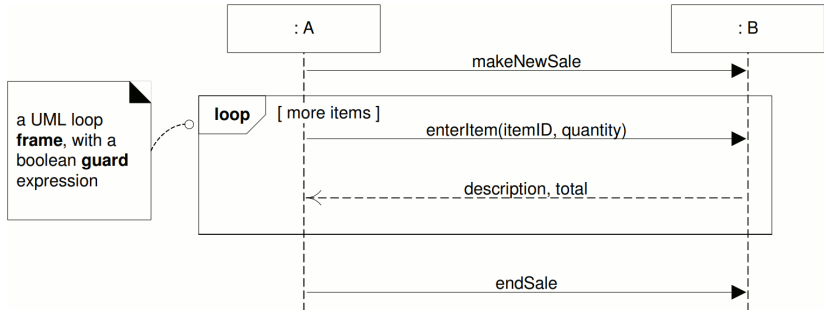
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# “Alternatives” Fragment



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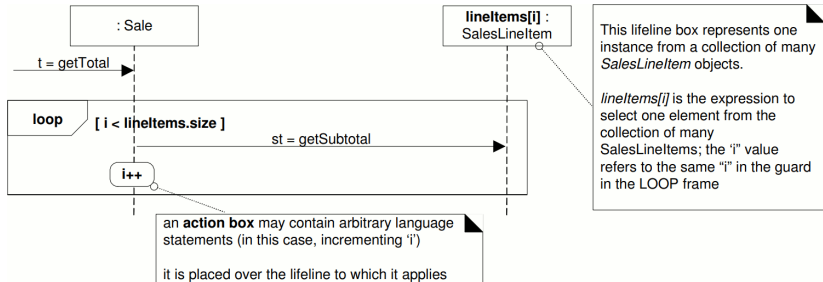
# “Loop” Fragment with an Iteration Condition



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# “Loop” Fragment with an Explicit Iterator

for iterating through a collection



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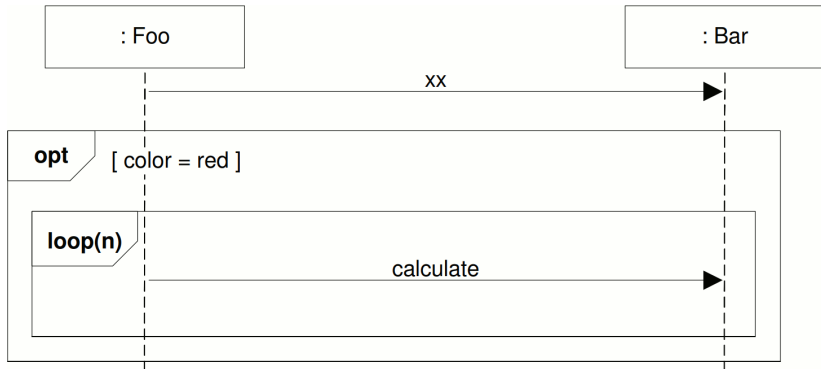
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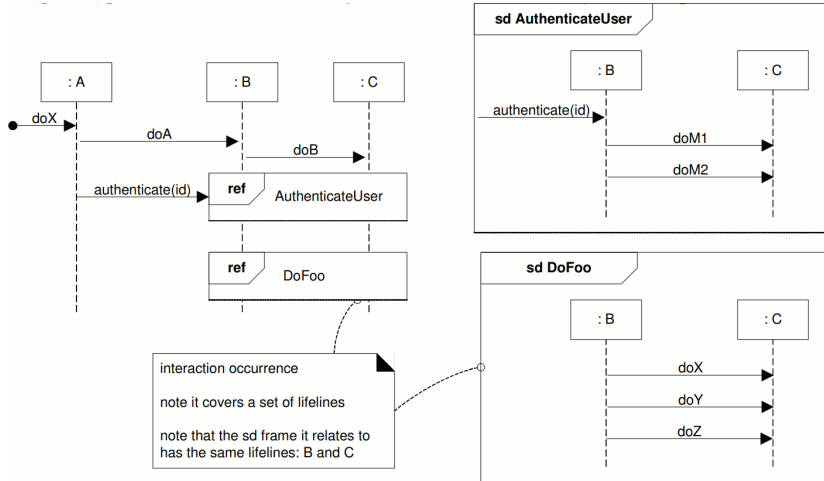
# Nested Fragments



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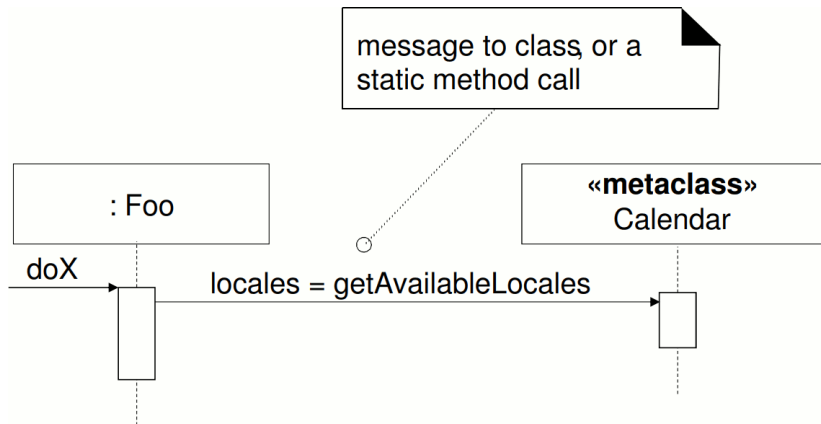


# Referring to Another Interaction Diagram



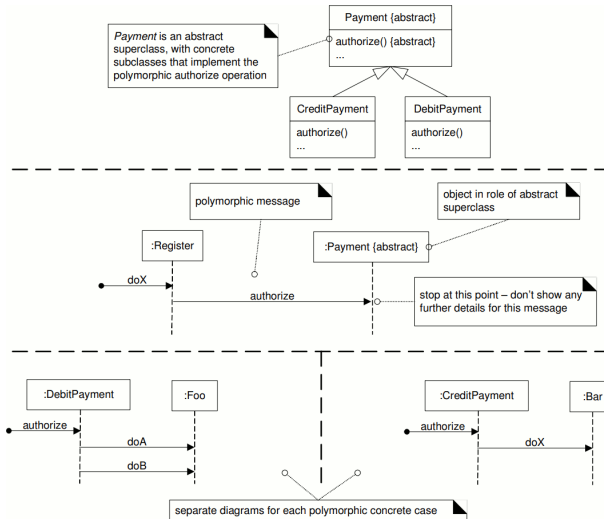
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# Static Method Calls in Sequence Diagrams



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# Modelling of Polymorphism in Sequence Diagrams



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# Asynchronous Calls and Active Classes

a stick arrow in UML implies an asynchronous call

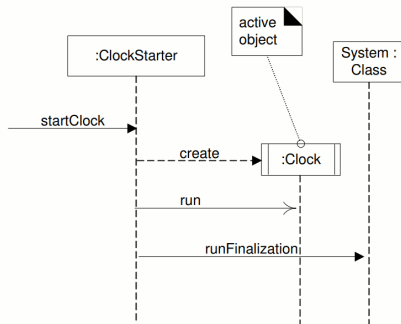
a filled arrow is the more common synchronous call

In Java, for example, an asynchronous call may occur as follows:

```
// Clock implements the Runnable interface  
Thread t = new Thread( new Clock() );  
t.start();
```

the asynchronous *start* call always invokes the *run* method on the *Runnable* (*Clock*) object

to simplify the UML diagram, the *Thread* object and the *start* message may be avoided (they are standard “overhead”); instead, the essential detail of the *Clock* creation and the *run* message imply the asynchronous call

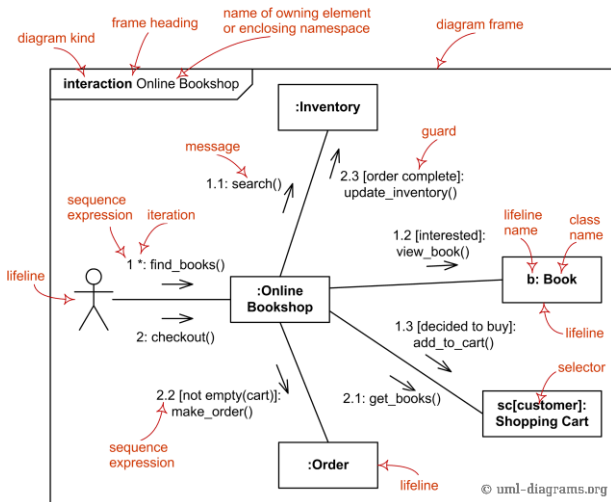


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# UML Communication Diagram

- Description of an interaction with focus on a static structure.
- The notation is similar to the sequence diagram.  
(however, there is only one dimension, no timeline)
- The ability to model conditional messaging and loop, etc.  
(however, it is more difficult to understand such interactions)
- Easy to draw, therefore more suitable for whiteboard sketching.  
(it is important in the case of agile modelling)

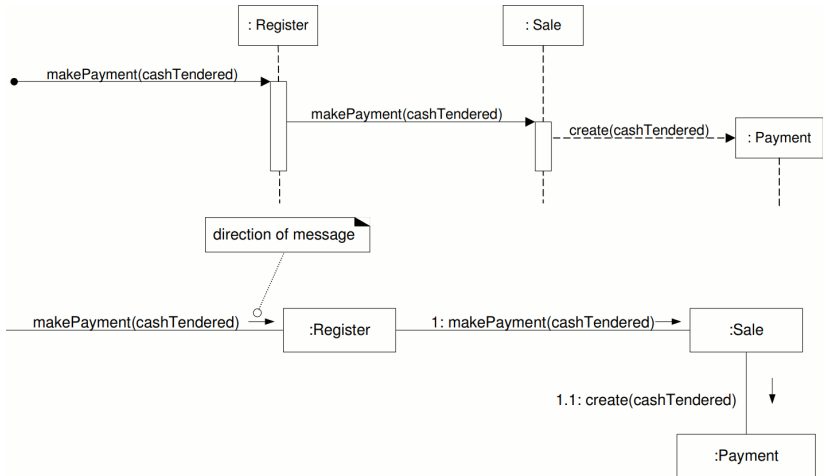
# An Example of Communication Diagram



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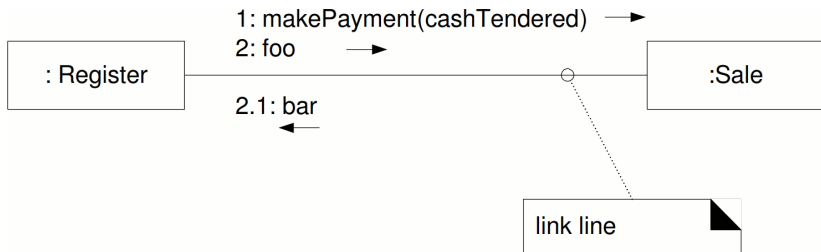
# Sequence and Communication Diagrams

(two different views of the same interaction)



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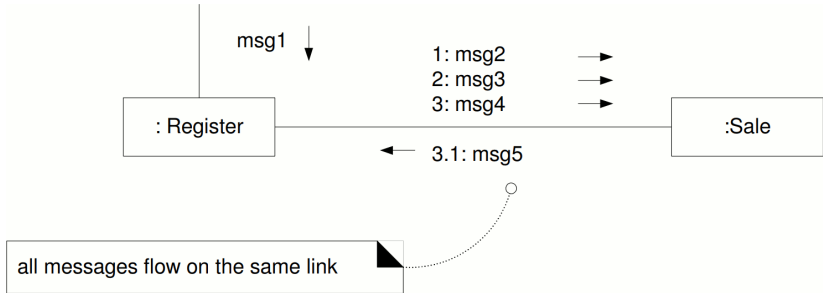
# Links between Interaction Participants



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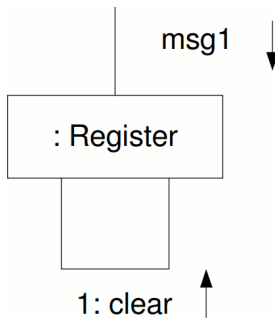


# Messages and Links in Communication Diagrams



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# Self Messages in Communication Diagrams

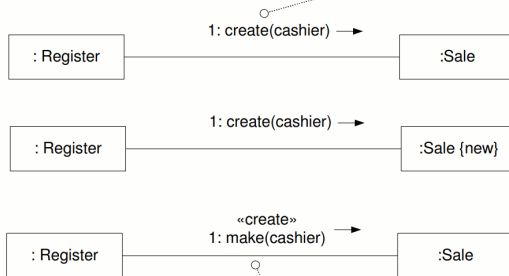


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# Creating Instances in Communication Diagrams

Three ways to show creation in a communication diagram

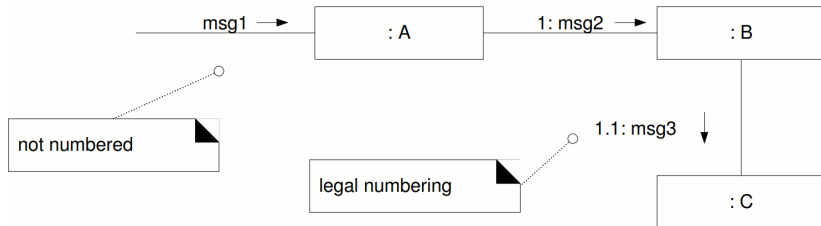
create message, with optional initializing parameters. This will normally be interpreted as a constructor call.



if an unobvious creation message name is used, the message may be stereotyped for clarity

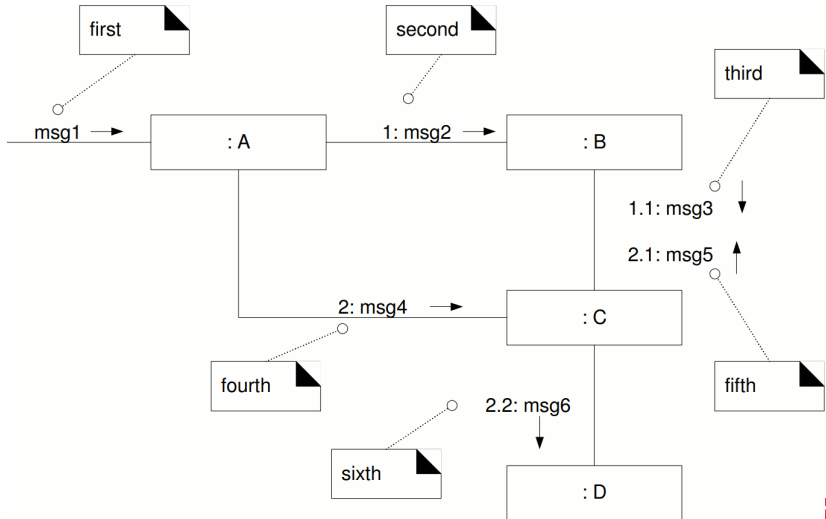
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# Message Numbering during Interactions



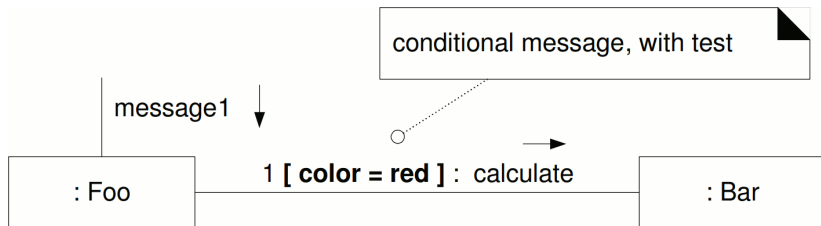
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# Message Numbering – A More Complex Example



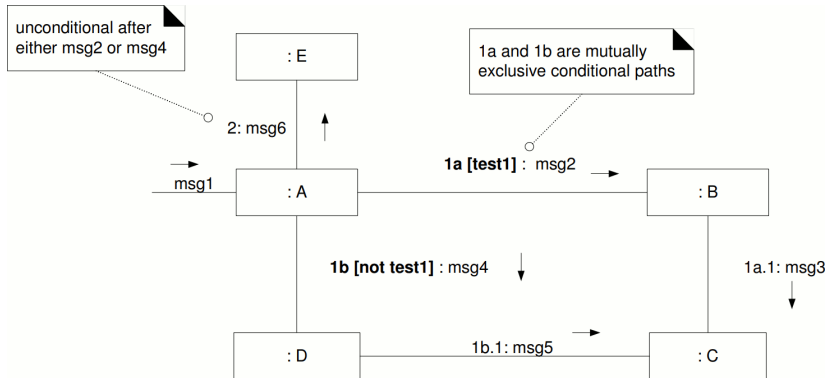
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# Conditional Messages in Communication Diagrams



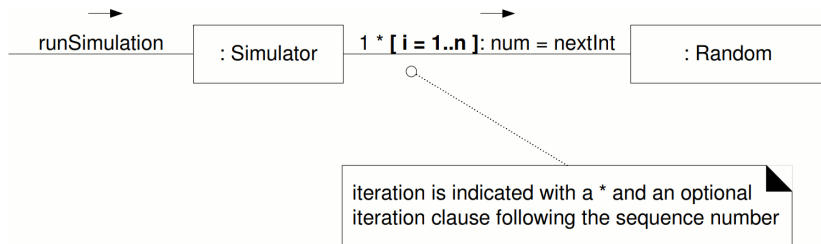
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# Mutually Exclusive Messages



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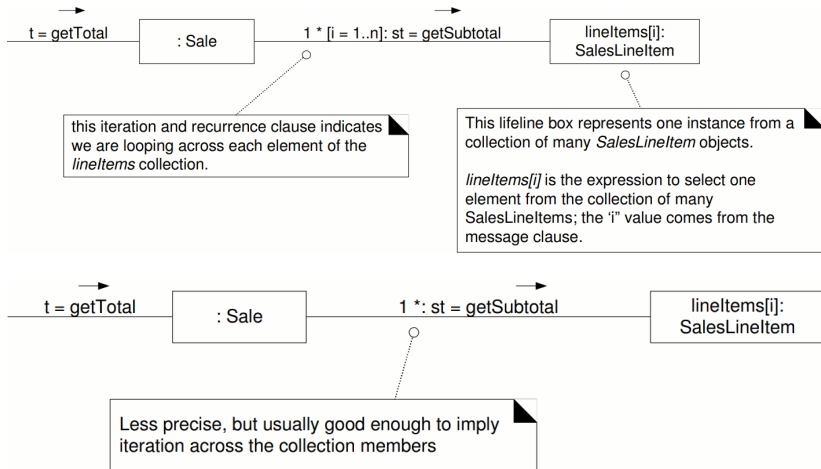
# Iteration by Condition in Communication Diagrams



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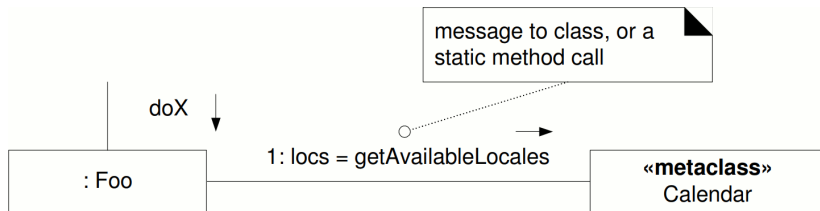


# Iteration through Collections



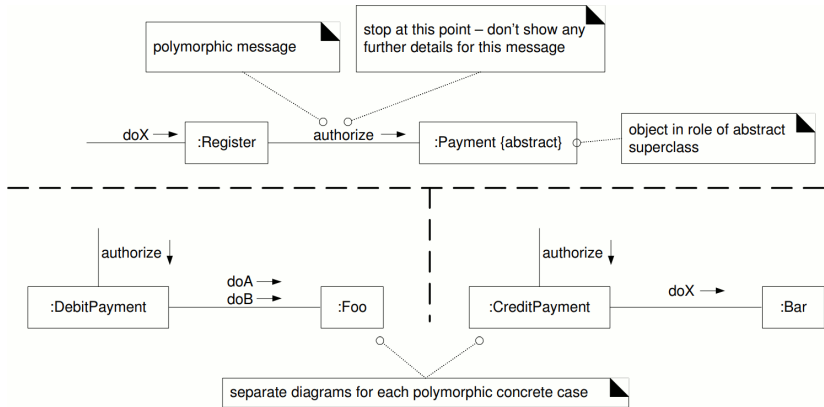
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# Static Method Calls in Communication Diagrams



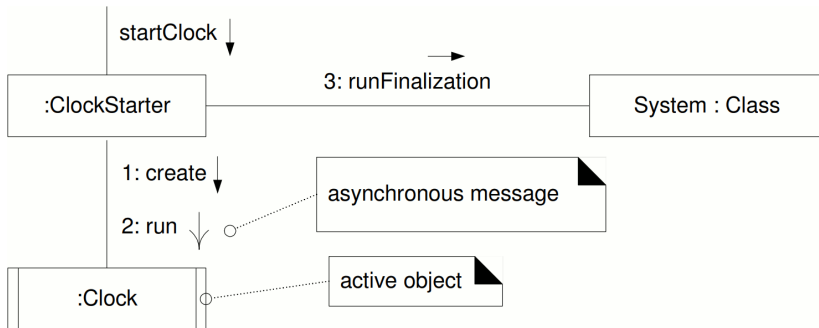
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# Modelling of Polymorphism



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# Asynchronous and Synchronous Calls

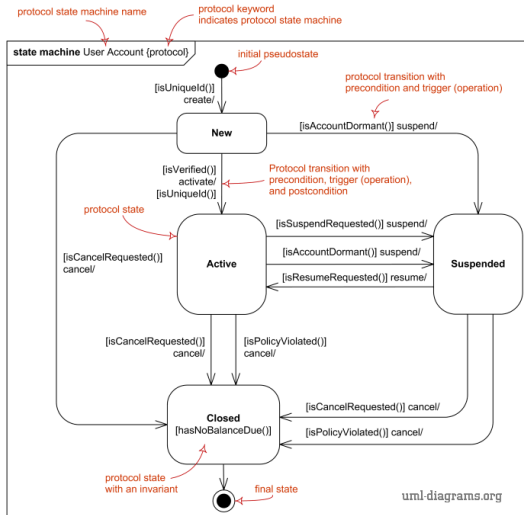


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# UML State Machine Diagram

- A behavioural diagram to describe
  - internal “states” of objects,
  - “activities” of the objects in the states,
  - “events” triggering transitions between the states,
  - “action” related to those transitions.
- The internal state of an object is defined by
  - values of its attributes,
  - existing relationships to other objects.
- The ability to model conditional messaging and loop, etc.  
(however, it is more difficult to understand such interactions)
- Easy to draw, therefore more suitable for whiteboard sketching.  
(it is important in the case of agile modelling)

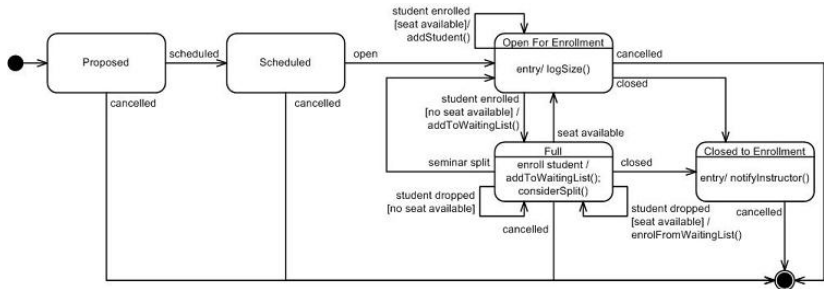
# An Example of (Protocol) State Diagram



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# Another Example of State Diagram

(with actions on transitions and activities in states)



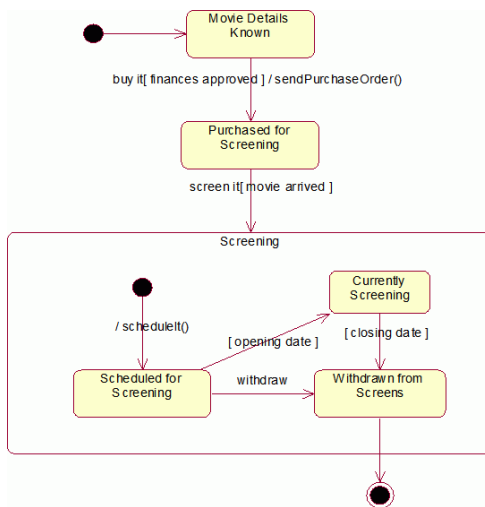
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# Events, Actions, and Activities in State Diagrams

- An event can be of various types:
  - call** to perform a particular operation  
(the event triggers a transition on a method call)
  - signal** sent/received asynchronously  
(the event triggers a transition on a particular signal)
  - change** of value a particular boolean expression  
(the event triggers a transition on the false-to-true turn)
  - time** in a particular time  
(the event is generated in a particular time)
- An action is immediate, interminable, triggered on particular event.  
(there can be “entry/”, “exit/”, or internal “xxx/” actions)
- An activity is long-term, terminable by an event, and always related to a particular state.  
(it this case, the activity is prefixed by “do/”)
- The actions and the activities are usually operations of an object.  
(and transitions are in form “event [condition] / action”)



# Yet Another Example of State Diagram

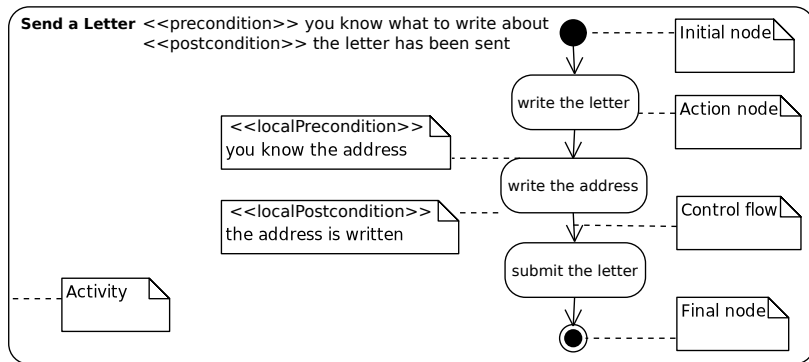


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# UML Activity Diagram

- Based on work-flow modelling and on Petri nets.  
(the Petri nets semantics in UML 2 replaced a state machine semantics in UML 1)
- Independent on a system's static structure, on classes/objects.  
(contrary to the UML machine state diagram)
- Modelling of an activity by sequential/parallel flows of nodes.  
(modelling of business processes, work/data-flows, operations, behaviour, etc.)
- Three types of nodes:
  - action nodes** are individual atomic actions in the activity
  - control nodes** to control flows through the modelling activity
  - object nodes** are objects utilised/operated by the activity
- Two types of flows between the nodes:
  - control flow** through the modelling activity to pass the control
  - object flow** to pass the objects utilised/operated by the activity

# An Example of Activity Diagram



# Modelling of Use Cases by Activity Diagrams

## 1. Pay VAT

ID: UC\_VAT\_1

Pay VAT to a tax office at the end of the annual period.

Primary Actors	Time
Supporting Actors	Tax Office
Level	User
Complexity	Medium
Use Case Status	Base
Implementation Status	Scheduled
Preconditions	it is the end of the annual period
Post-conditions	a tax office has received the VAT
Author	N/A
Assumptions	N/A

### 1.1. Scenarios

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1. The use case is executed at the end of the annual period.
2. **SYSTEM** Compute the VAT which has to be sent to the tax office.
3. **SYSTEM** Make a wire transfer of the VAT to the tax office.

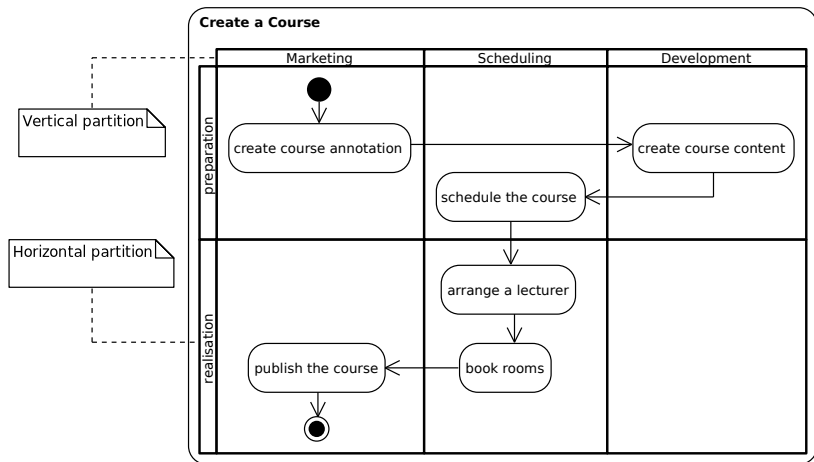
**Pay VAT** <<precondition>> it is the end of the annual period  
<<postcondition>> a tax office has received the VAT



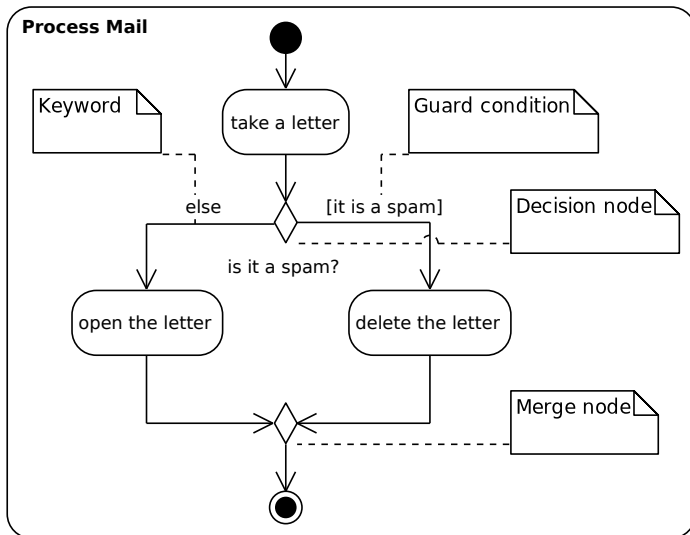
# Semantics of Activity Diagram

- In UML 2, activity diagram is based on Petri nets.  
(movement of tokens between places; a token can be a control, object, or data)
- The state of a modelled activity = the actual placement of tokens.
- An action in the activity diagram is triggered if and only if
  - there are tokens available on all input edges of the action
  - and a local precondition is met.
- After the action, tokens are sent through all output edges of the action if and only if a local postcondition is met.
- The flow of tokens is also controlled by conditions on edges.

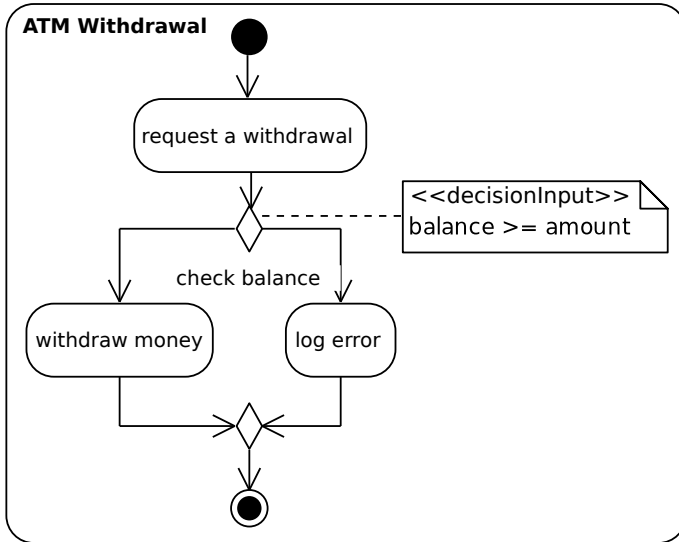
# Partitions/Swim-Lanes in Activity Diagrams



# Decision and Merge Control Nodes

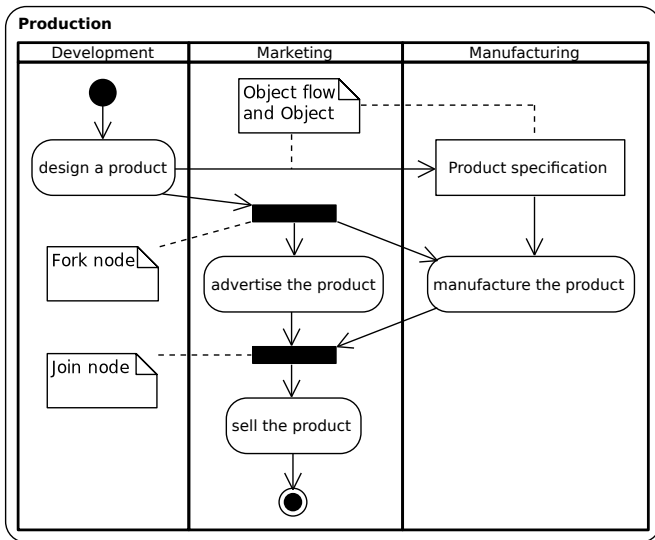


# A decision Condition in the Control Node





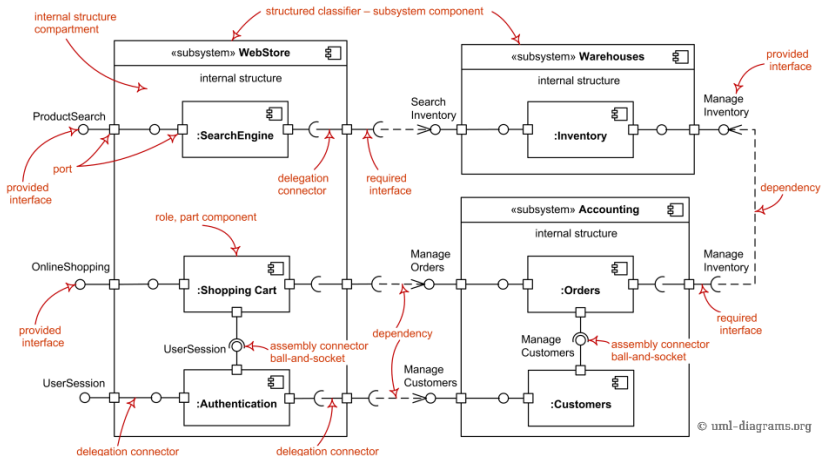
# Fork and Join Control Nodes in Activity Diagrams



# UML Component Diagram

- For implementation modelling, the diagram describe SW components.  
(including their classifiers, e.g., classes; artefacts, e.g., source-code files; etc.)
- The components are system modules encapsulating their content behind a particular API/interfaces.  
(they are black-boxes, or grey-boxes if decomposable to other components)
- Behaviour of a component is fully specified by its interfaces.  
(provided interfaces and required interfaces)
- Components (their behaviour) can be customisable by parameters.
- A system is composed of its interconnected component.  
(interconnected in accordance with the system's architecture)

# An Example of Component Diagram

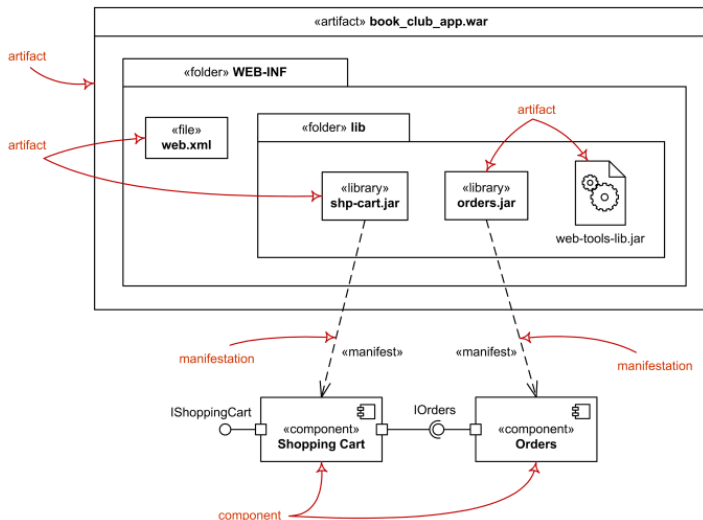


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# UML Deployment Diagram

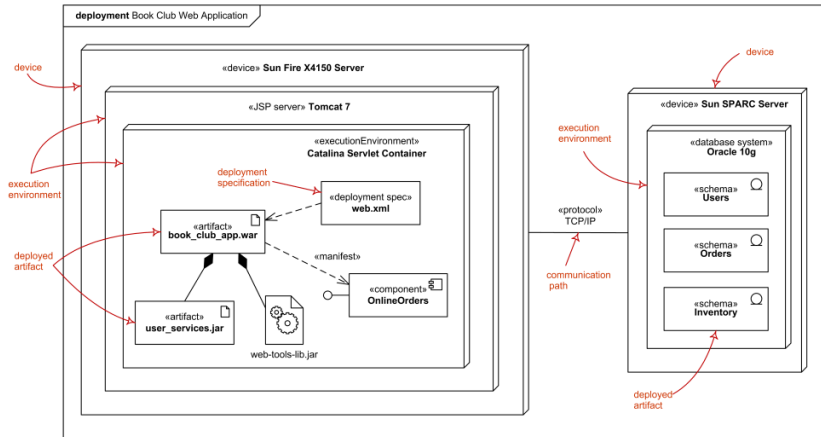
- For implementation modelling, it describes a physical deployment.  
(of software components/artefacts to a physical IT infrastructure)
- It allows to model a topology of the deployment.  
(nodes and communication links between the nodes)
- Useful for communicating an overall system architecture between developer themselves and with a customer.  
(both software and hardware/infrastructure architecture)
- Two types of nodes:
  - device node – physical/virtual hardware
  - execution environment node – software instances

# An Example: Manifestation of Artefacts in Deployment



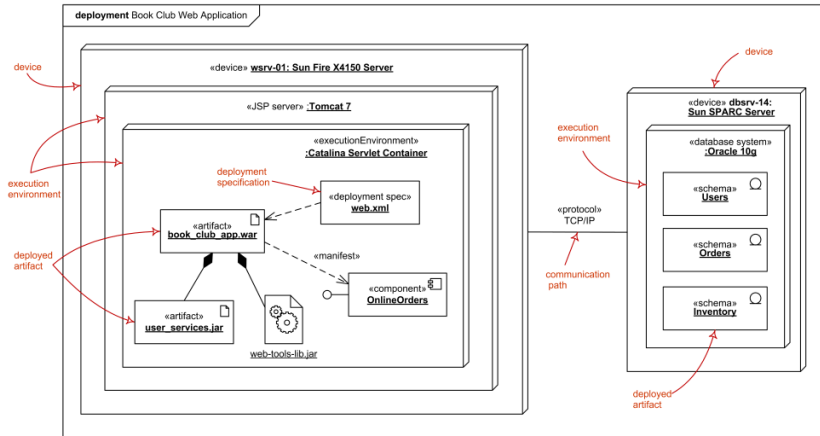
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# An Example: Specification Level of Deployment



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# An Example: Instance Level of Deployment



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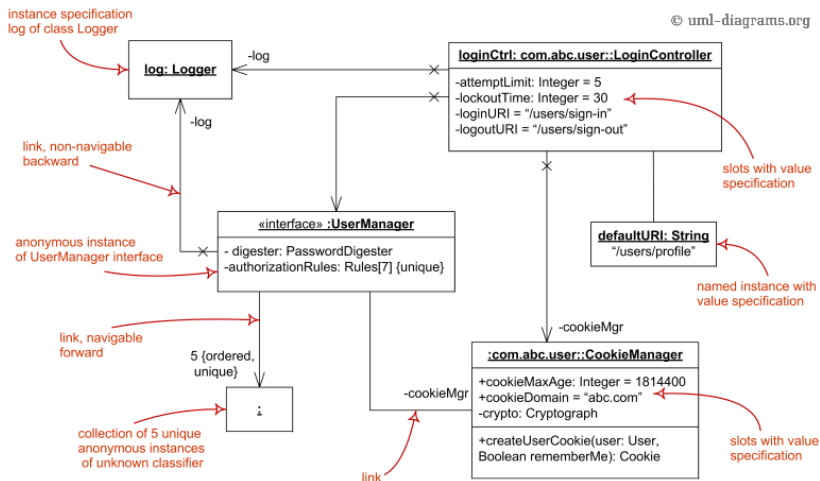
# UML Object Diagram

- Captures objects and their status in a particular point of time.  
(a snapshot of the detailed state of a system at a point in time)
- Helps to explain a complex structures of class instances.  
(as a graph of instances, including objects and data values)
- Objects described also in component/deployment diagrams.  
(they are special kinds of object diagrams if containing only instance specifications)
- Object diagram elements:
  - named and anonymous instance specifications for objects,  
(instances of classes from the corresponding class diagram)
  - slots with value specifications,  
(attribute values of the classes in their particular instances)
  - and links between the objects.  
(instances of associations from the corresponding class diagram)



# An Example: Object Diagram

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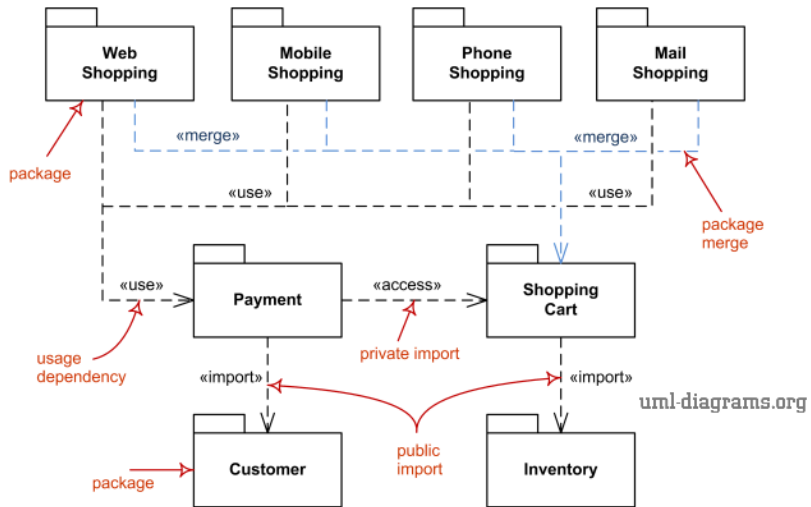
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# UML Package Diagram

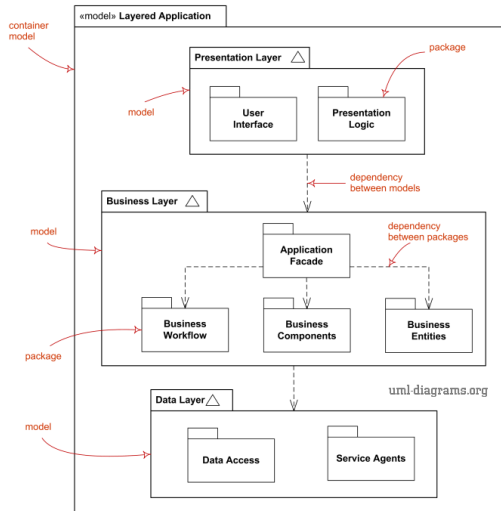
- Package is a namespace used to group together related elements.  
(to organize elements into groups to provide better structure for a system model)
- Elements with unique names within the enclosing package.  
(different types of elements can have the same name in the same package)
- Any package could be also a member of other package.  
(a system or a model is hierarchically decomposed by the packages)
- In the package diagram, members of a package may be shown
  - within the boundaries of the package,  
(suitable for shallow hierarchies)
  - or outside of the package by a package composition relationship.  
(branching lines from the package with a plus sign to the members)
- The diagram allows also to describe dependencies and generalisations of the packages.

# An Example: Package Diagram for Software



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# An Example: Package Diagram for Models

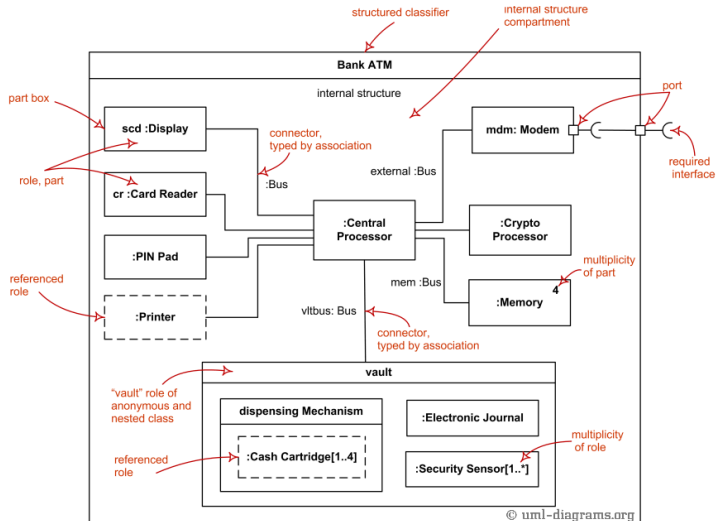


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# UML Composite Structure Diagram

- A specific composition of interconnected run-time elements.  
(run-time instances of classifiers collaborating over communications links to achieve some common objectives in a software system)
- A composite structure diagram can describe
  - an internal structure of a classifier,  
(a decomposition of a classifier into its properties, parts and relationships)
  - collaboration of cooperating classifiers,  
(a cooperation of a set of classifiers by identifying their specific roles to play)
  - collaboration use in a specific situation.  
(a pattern application described by a collaboration to a specific situation)
- Only a static structure is captured, without any messaging.  
(contrary to the interaction diagrams in UML)

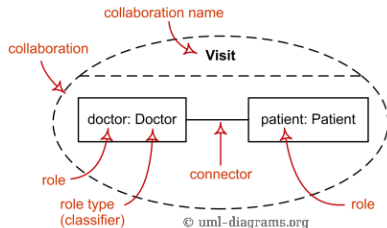
# An Example: Internal Composite Structure



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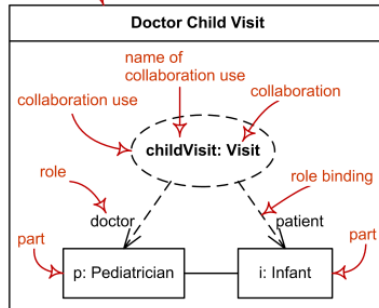
# An Example: Collaboration and Collaboration Use

(on the left and on the right side, respectively)



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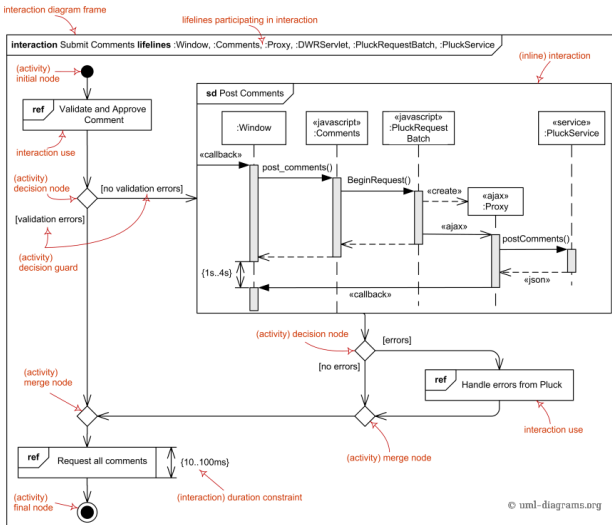
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# UML Interaction Overview Diagram

- An overview of the flow of control through control nodes.  
(like an activity diagram without invocation actions)
- The nodes of the flow are
  - inline interactions  
(inline interaction diagrams as special forms of call behaviour actions)
  - interaction uses  
(“ref” fragments allowing to use/call another interaction)
- Use various elements from both
  - the activity diagram  
(initial, flow final, activity final, decision, merge, fork, and join nodes)
  - the interaction diagram.  
(interaction, interaction use, duration constraint, time constraint elements)
- Branching and joining of branches should be properly nested.  
(this is more restrictive than in activity diagrams and could be quite difficult to obey)



# An Example: Interaction Overview Diagram



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# An Example: Course Registration Information System

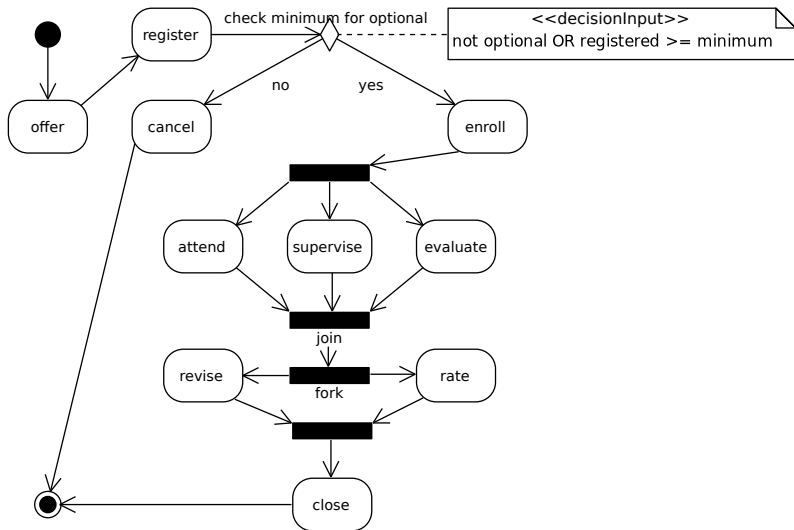
When analysing the faculty's IS, you were consulting with the teachers' representative about the requirements for the study part of the system. Specifically, you discussed the required behaviour of the system in relation to the courses. You have found that a course object appears in the list of courses **offered** to students. The student then can **register** to the course. In the case of **an optional course**, the course is **opened iff** at least the specified minimum number of students is registered into the course, otherwise the course is **cancelled**. During an enrolment period, students confirm their registration and are **enrolled**, or, exceptionally, they can cancel the registration and enrol another free course. After the course starts, the enrolled students **attend** the course, however, the Study Department may exclude from the course of a student who has ceased to study. Teachers **supervise** the course and may define and **evaluate assessments**. At a given date after the exam period, the course is closed for classification. After that, there is a post-exam period in which teachers can **revise** the classification if necessary and students can **rate** the course. By the end of this period, the course is definitely **closed**.

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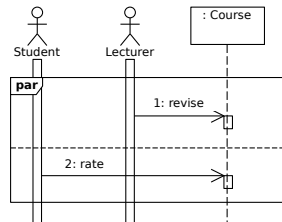
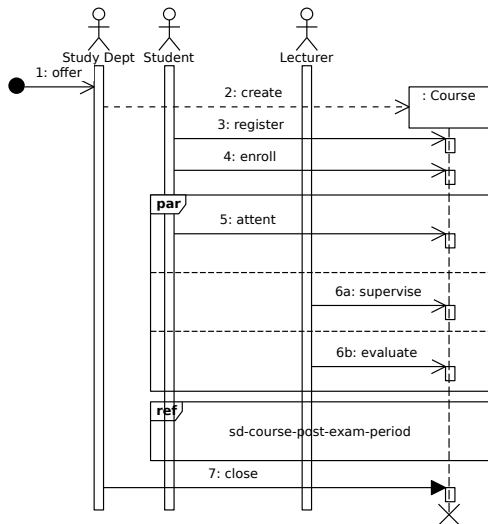
Describe the scenario above and a life-cycle of the Course object by appropriate UML diagrams.



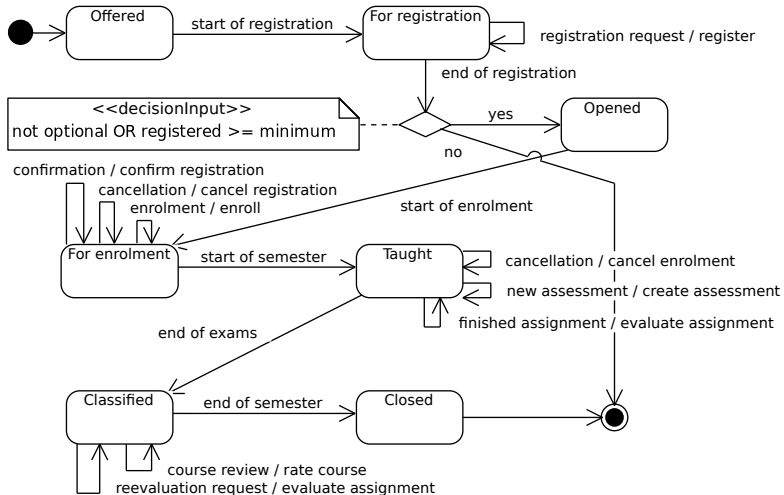
# The Example: Activity Diagram



# The Example: Sequence Diagram



# The Example: State Machine Diagram



# Thank you for your attention!

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