

Introduction To UML – Part 2

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Introduction

Classes represent the **static structure** of a system.

Interactions show **how instances** of these classes work together to perform a function.

Interactions illustrate the **dynamic behavior** of the system.

Objectives of Interactions



Identify **which classes** interact for a given **use case**.



Determine the **messages** exchanged between classes to achieve a specific behavior.



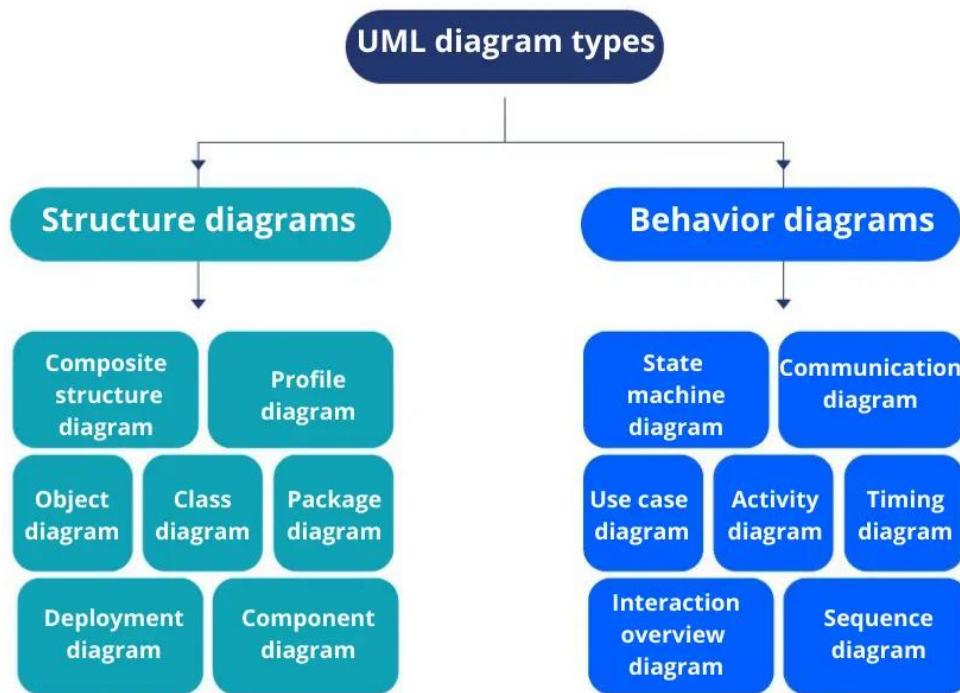
Update the requirements and analysis models if needed.



Do **not** create interactions for every use case, focus only on the **most important** and **complex** ones.

Behavioral Diagrams

- **Behavioral diagrams** are the best way to represent **behaviors and interactions** within a system.
- A **sequence diagram** shows an **ordered sequence of messages** over time.
- An **activity diagram** describes the **flow of actions** that lead to the completion of a function.



Sequence Diagrams

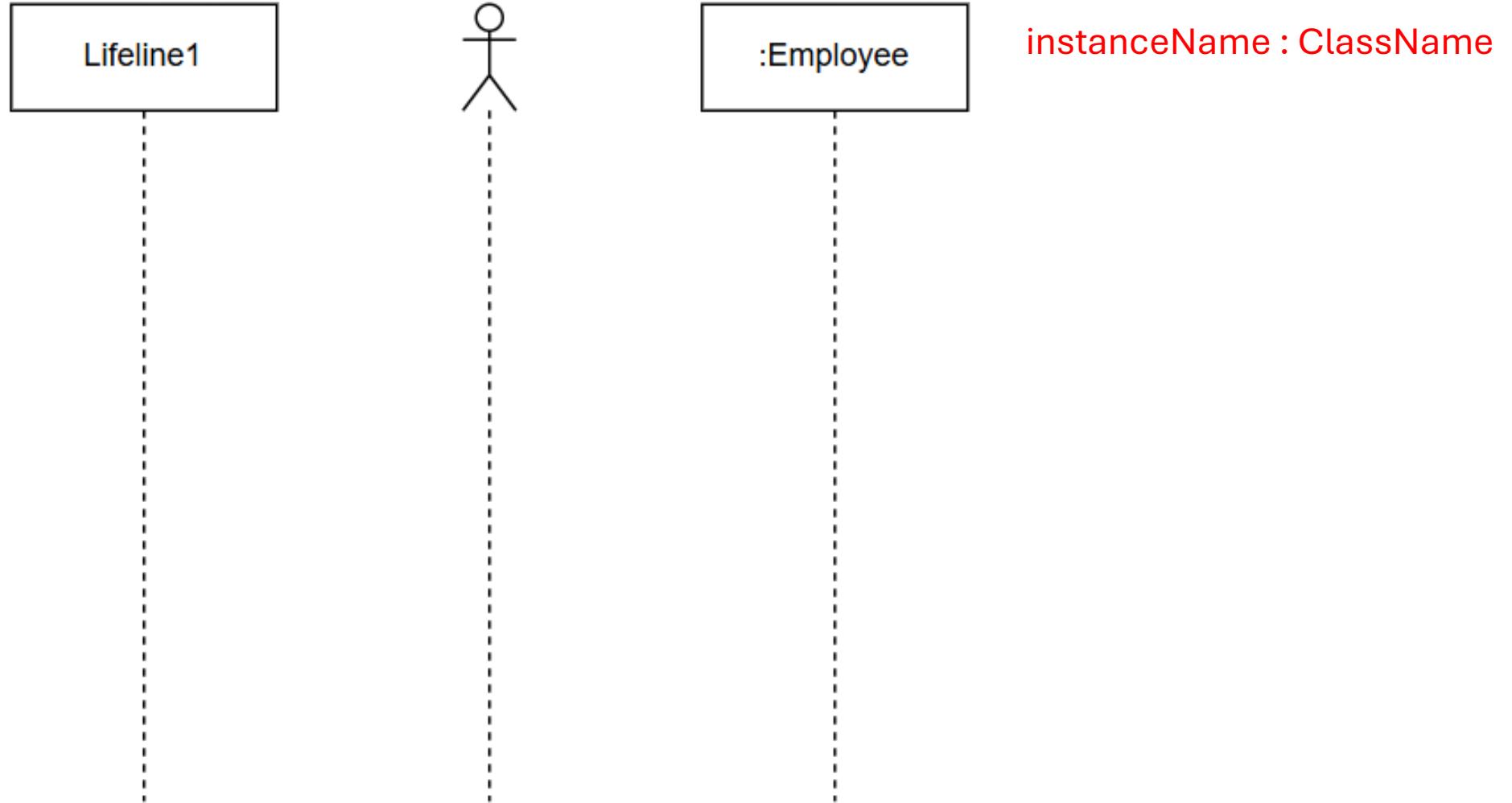
Sequence Diagrams

- **Sequence diagrams (SDs)** describe an action that unfolds over time.
- SDs document use cases and are part of the analysis model.
- SDs are made up of **three main elements**:
 - **Lifelines**: represent objects or actors involved.
 - **Messages**: show communication between lifelines.
 - **Fragments**: illustrate conditions or control structures.

Lifelines

- A **lifeline** represents a **single participant** in an interaction.
- A lifeline can represent an **instance of a class**, or an **actor**.
- To represent the interaction, **messages connect** the different lifelines.

Lifelines – UML representation



Messages

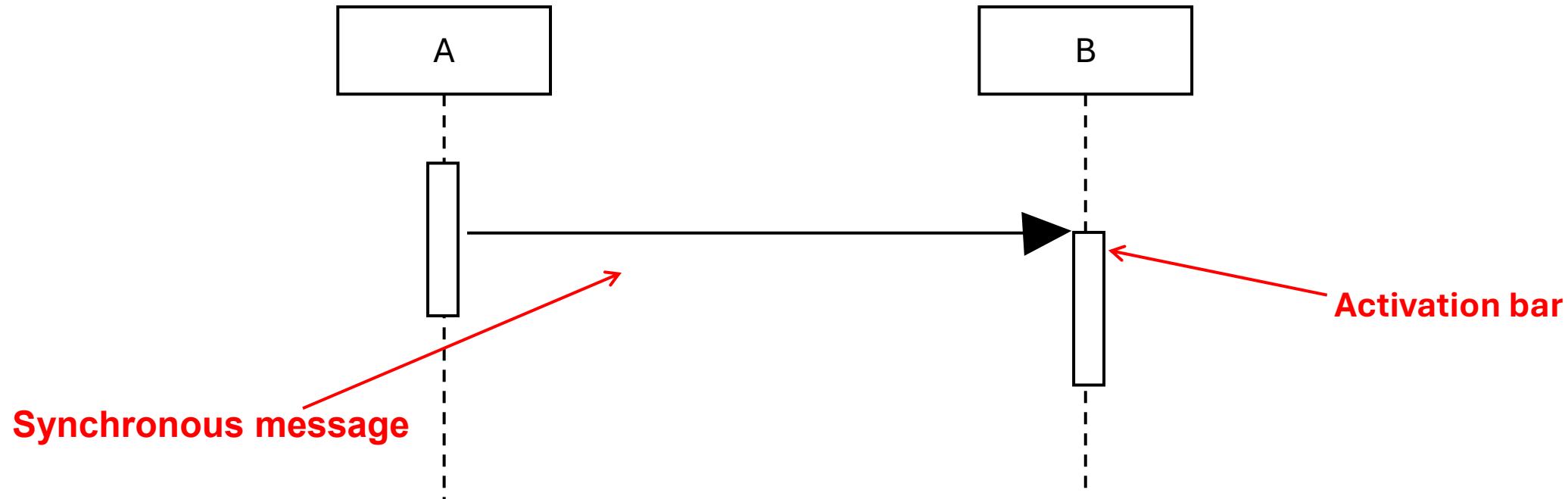
- A message represents **communication** between two lifelines during an interaction.
- A message can represent:
 - A **call to an operation**
 - The **creation or destruction** of an instance
- When a lifeline receives a message, it usually corresponds to calling an operation with the same signature.
- When a lifeline receives a message, it becomes active, this is shown by an **activation bar**.

Types of Messages

Message Type	Description
Synchronous Message	The sender waits for the receiver to finish the operation before continuing.
Asynchronous Message	The sender sends the message and continues execution without waiting for the receiver to finish.
Return Message	The sender regains activation after having passed it to the receiver.
Create Message	The message creates the receiver instance.
Destroy Message	The message destroys the receiver instance.
Found Message	The sender is outside the current interaction. (The origin is unknown or external.)
Lost Message	The receiver never gets the message — often used to represent error or communication loss .

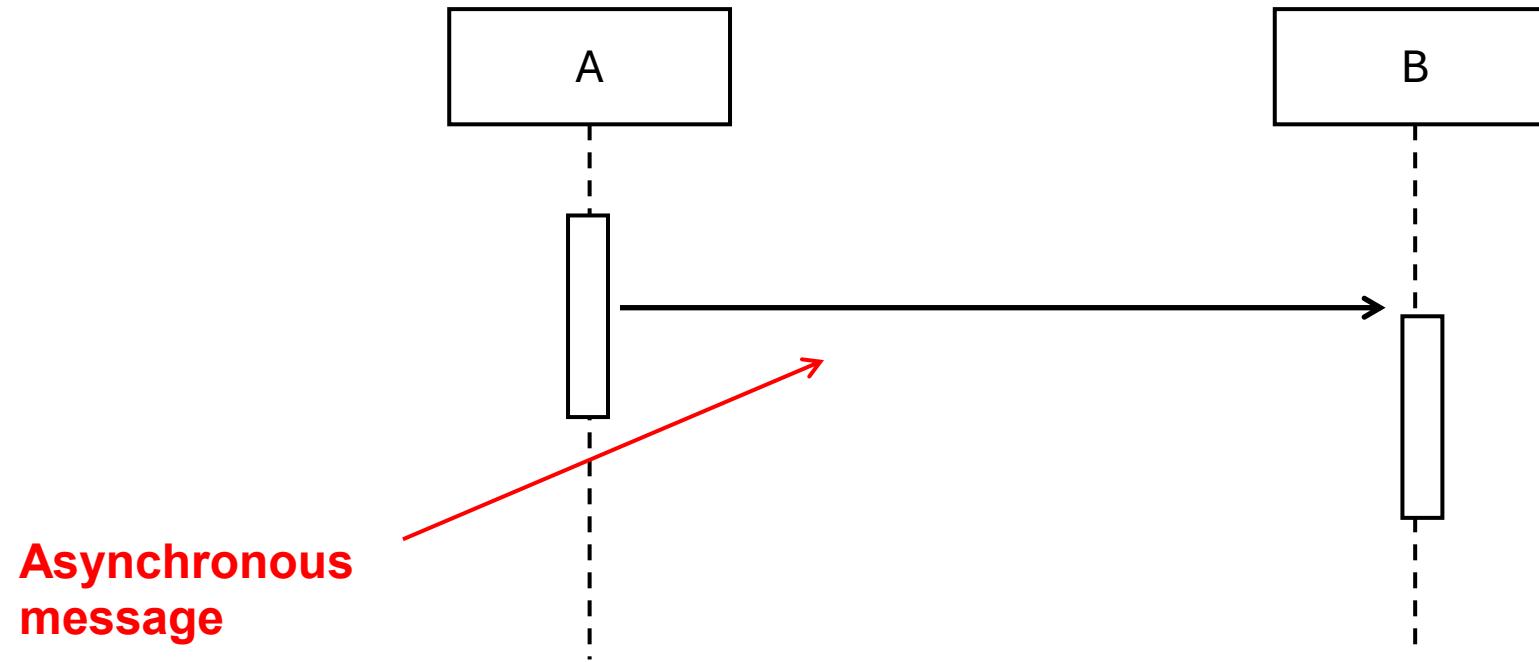
Synchronous Messages

- A **synchronous message blocks the sender** until the receiver completes its operation.
- The control flow passes from the sender to the receiver.
 - Example: If object **A** calls a method on object **B**, **A waits** until **B finishes** executing the method.



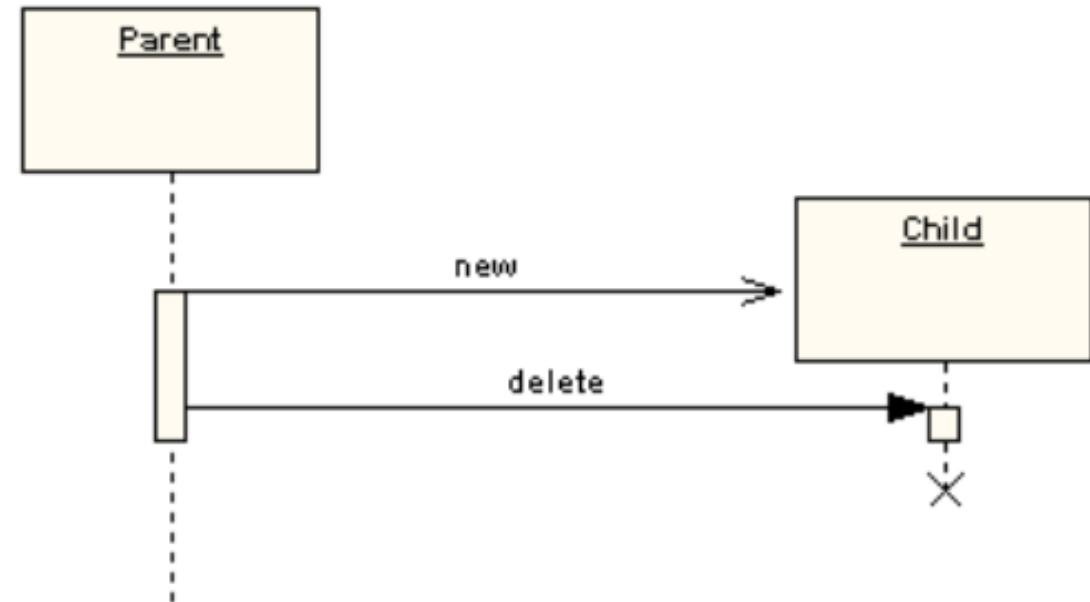
Asynchronous Messages

- An **asynchronous message** does **not block the sender**.
- The sender can continue executing immediately after sending the message.
- The receiver may **process the message later** or even **ignore it**.
- Typically used for events, or messages where the result is not needed immediately.



Creation & Destruction Messages

- **Create Message:** Creates a new instance of a class. Represented by a **message arrow pointing to the top of the lifeline** of the new object
- **Destroy Message:** Destroys an existing instance. Represented by a **message arrow pointing to the lifeline**, which ends with an X.

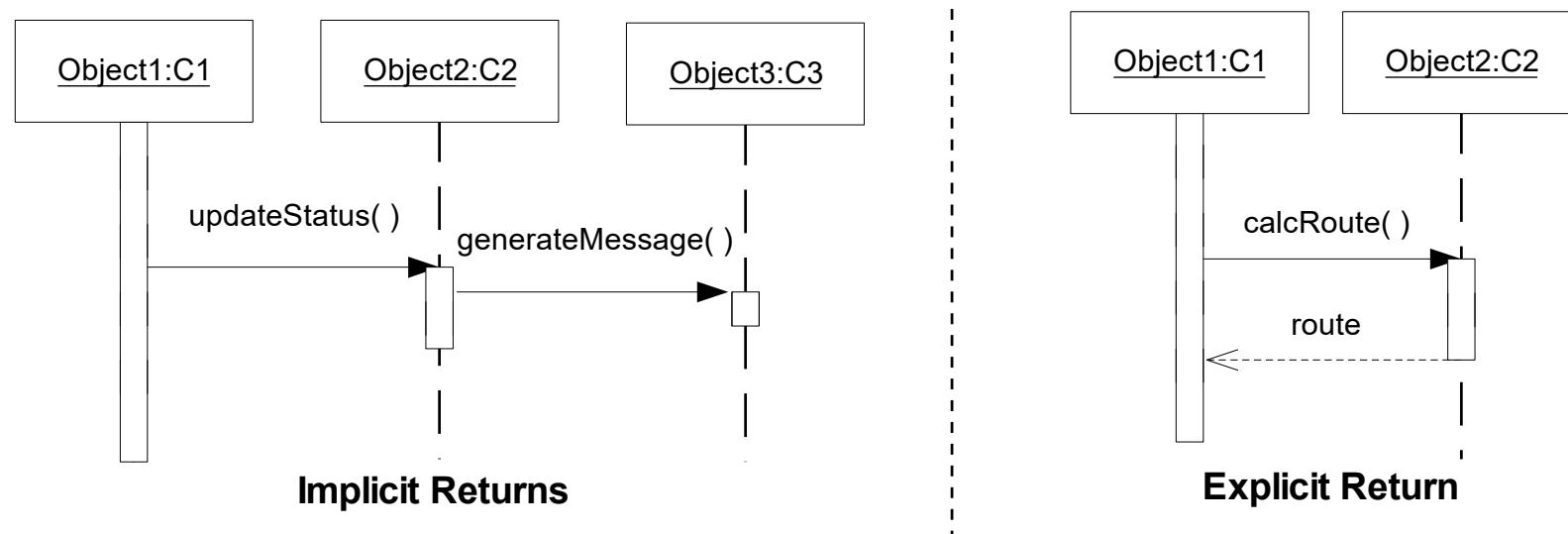


Return Messages

- The **receiver of a synchronous message** returns control to the sender by sending a **return message**.
- **Return messages are optional:** the **end of the activation period** also indicates the end of method execution.
- Return messages are typically used to **specify the result** of the invoked method.
- For **asynchronous messages**, the return is done by sending **new asynchronous messages**, not an immediate return.

Return Messages

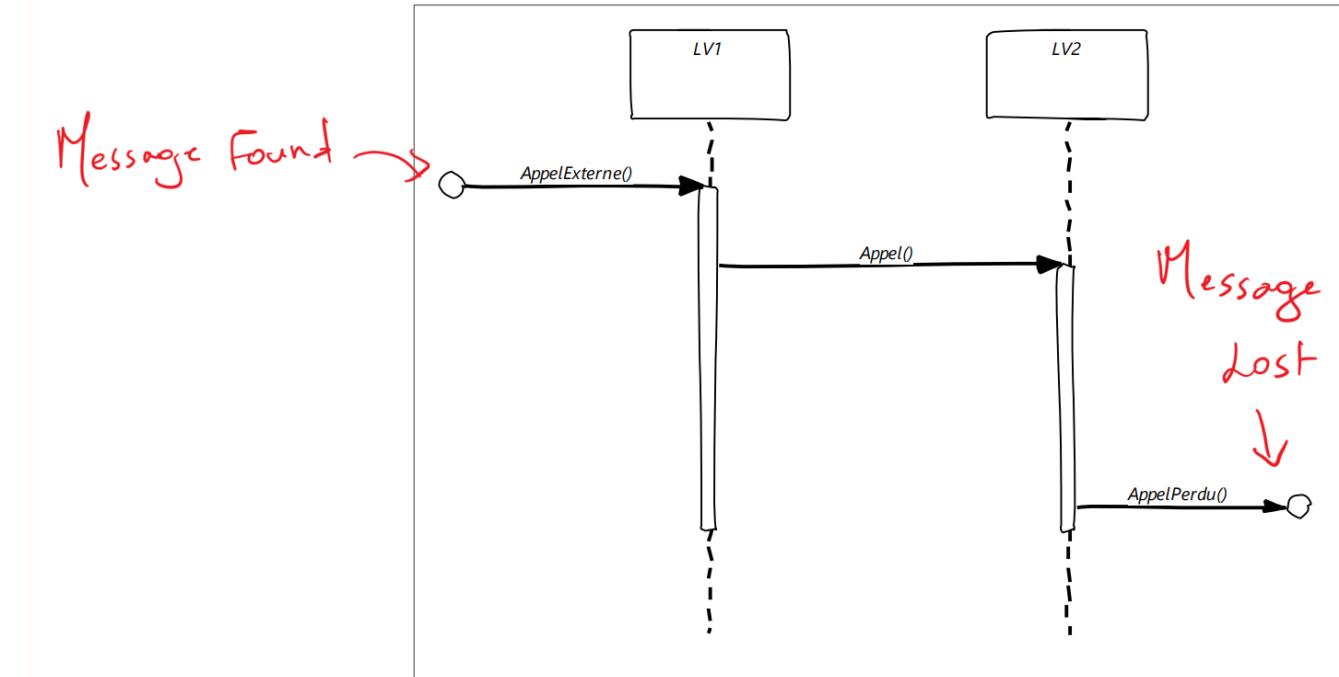
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Synchronous call

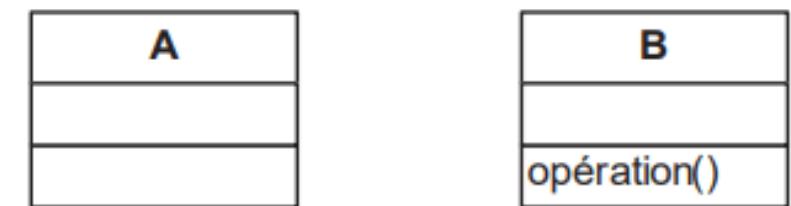
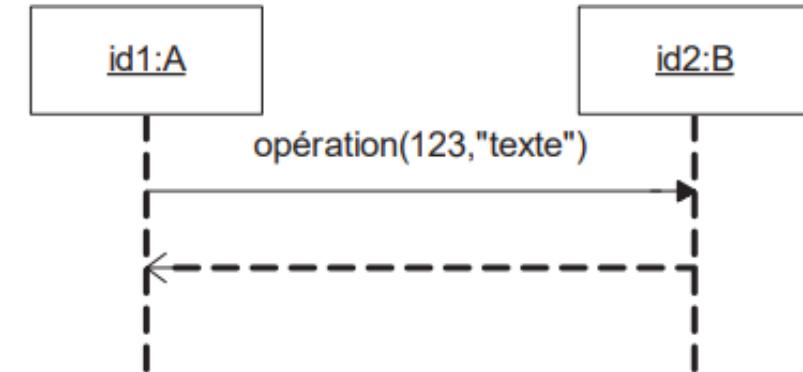
Complete, Lost, and Found Messages

- **Complete Message:** Both **send and receive events are known**
 - Represented by an **arrow from one lifeline to another**
- **Lost Message:** **Send event is known, receiver is unknown**
 - Arrow ends on a **small circle**
- **Found Message:** **Receive event is known, sender is unknown**
 - Originates from **outside the interaction**



Links with the Structural View of the Model

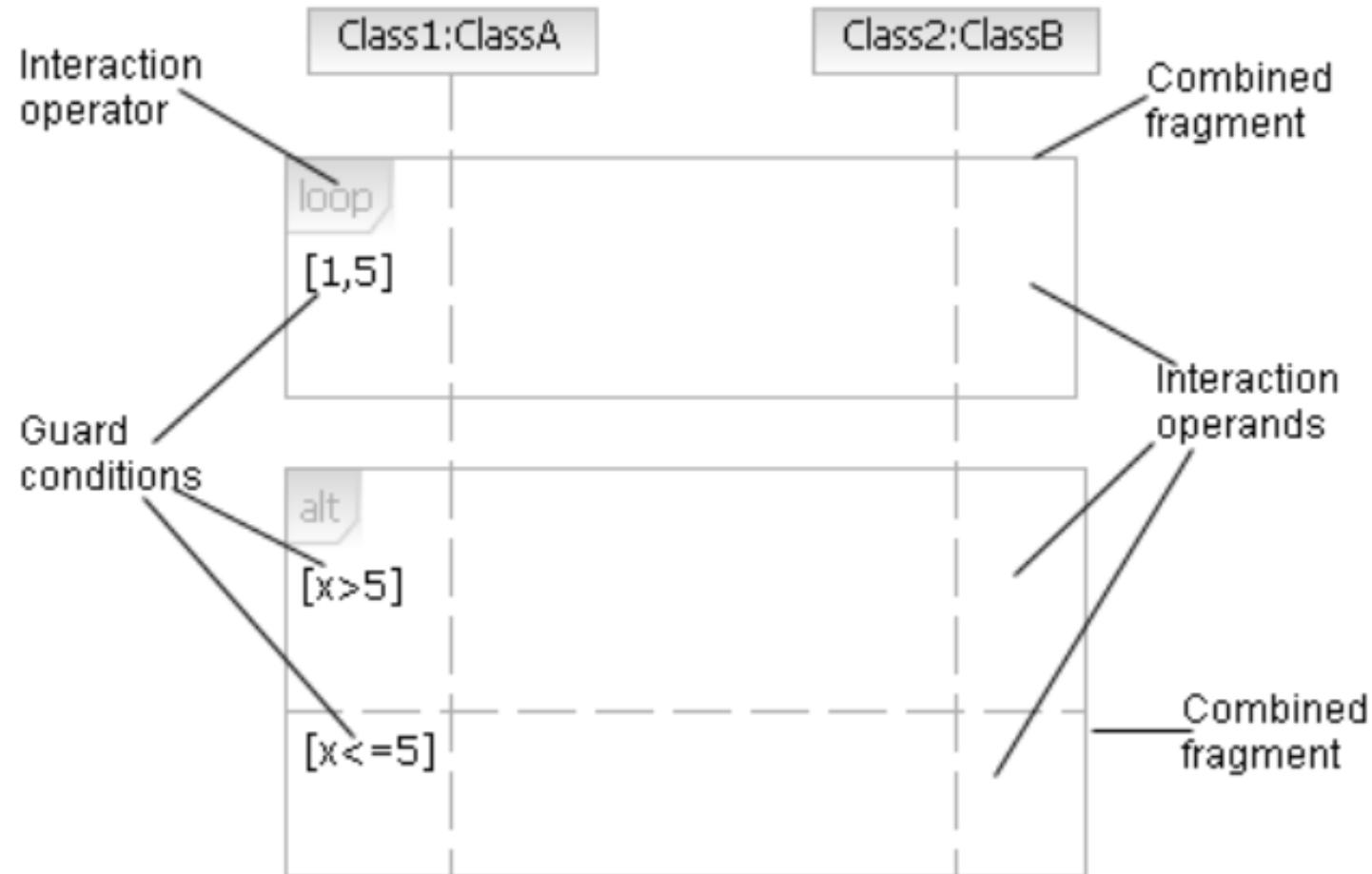
- Every object participating in an interaction must have its **type defined as a class** in the structural view.
- Every **operation-call message** must target an **operation defined in the structural view**.
- The operation must belong to the **class of the object receiving the message**.
- Every **operation-call message** include **values for the operation's parameters**.



Fragments in Sequence Diagrams

- A sequence diagram can contain multiple fragments
- A fragment has a **name**
- Can contain one or **more** messages
- Composed of an operator
- Operator determines how the fragments are executed
- Can have one or more conditions
- Fragments can be nested

Fragments in Sequence Diagrams

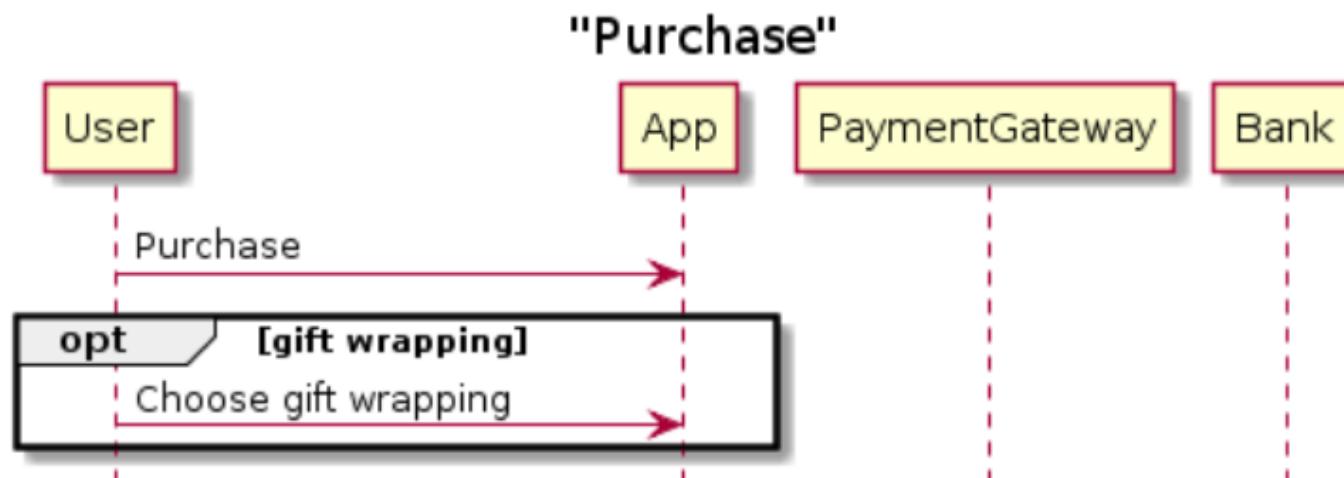


Fragment Operators

Operator	Name	Description
opt	Optional	The operand executes only if the condition is true
alt	Alternatives	Multiple alternatives; only the operand whose condition is true executes
loop	Iteration	Repeats execution as long as the condition is true
ref	Reference	Refers to another interaction (can reuse a sequence diagram)

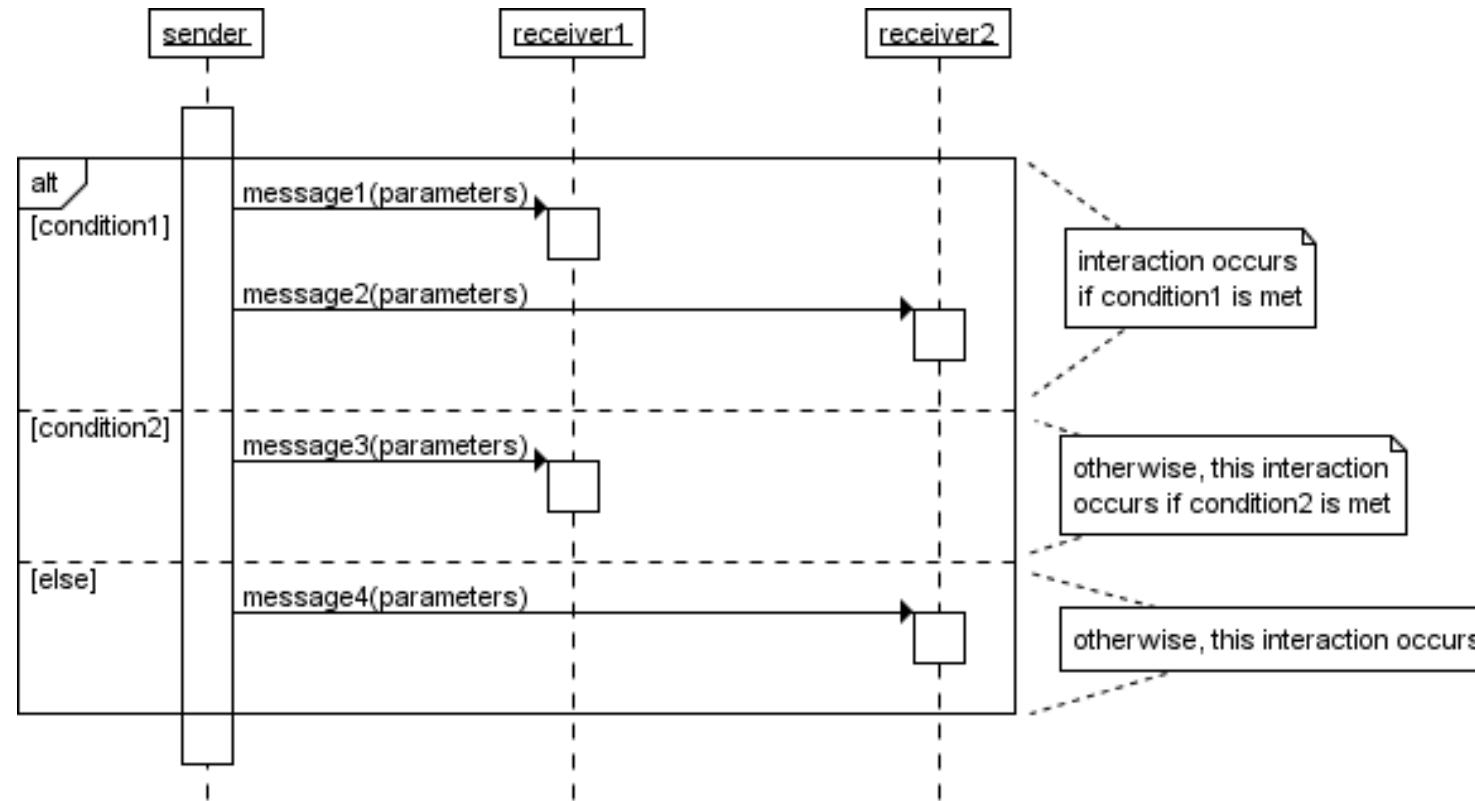
Optional Fragment

- Execute the operand **only if a condition is true**
- Contains Messages that run conditionally



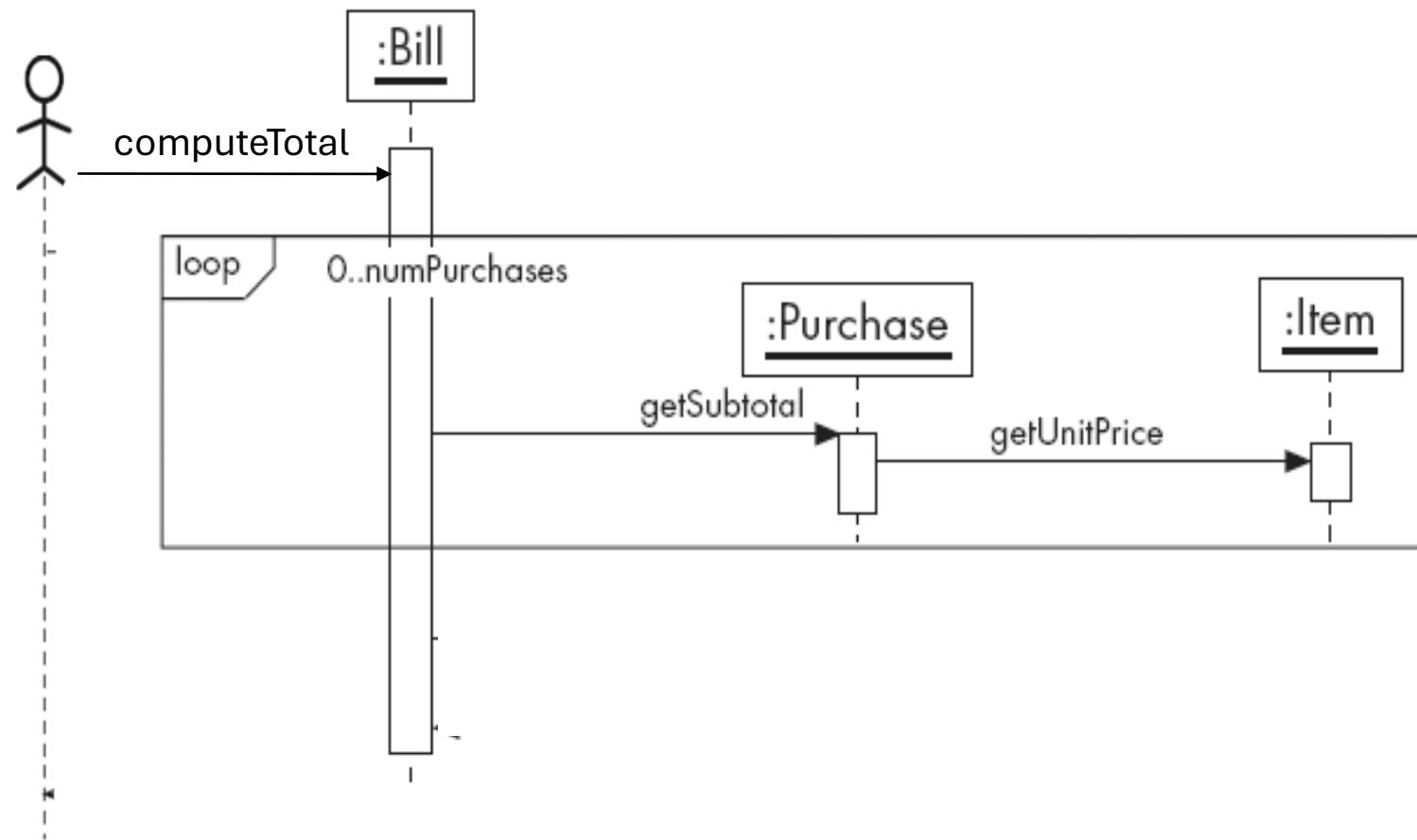
Alternative, optional interactions

- Represent **multiple alternative flows**
- Only the **operand whose condition is true** executes
- Notation: alt with operands for each condition



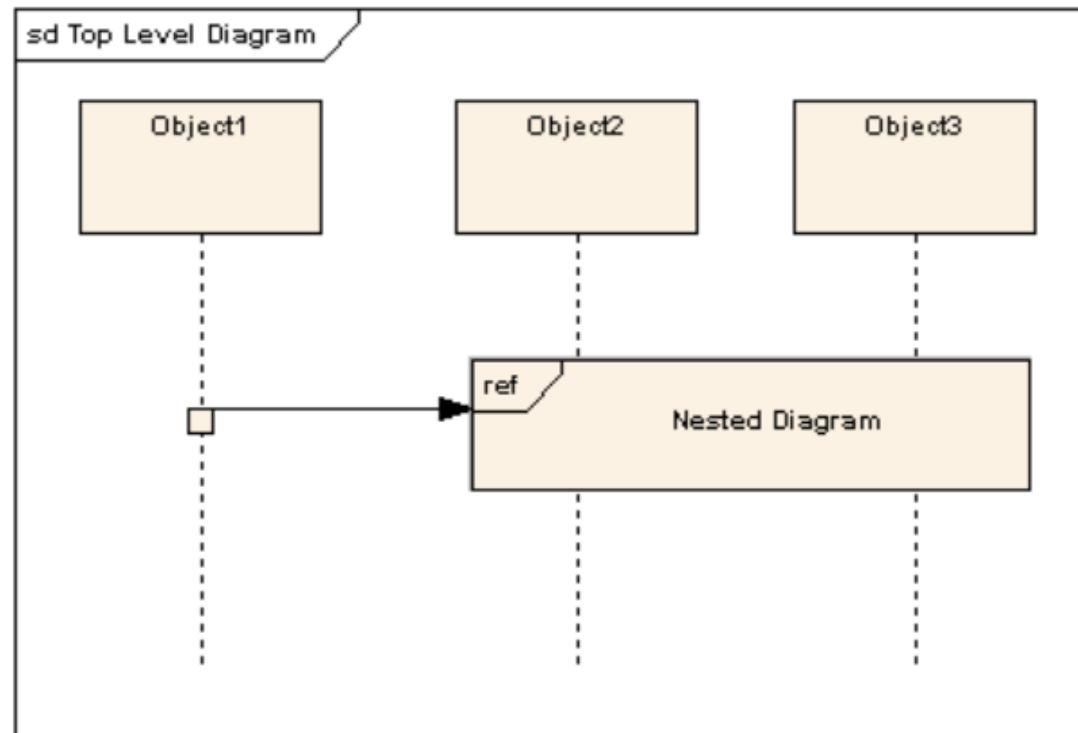
Iterative interactions

- loop (minNbIterations, maxNbIterations)
- The loop continues **while the condition is true**, up to **maxNbIterations** times.

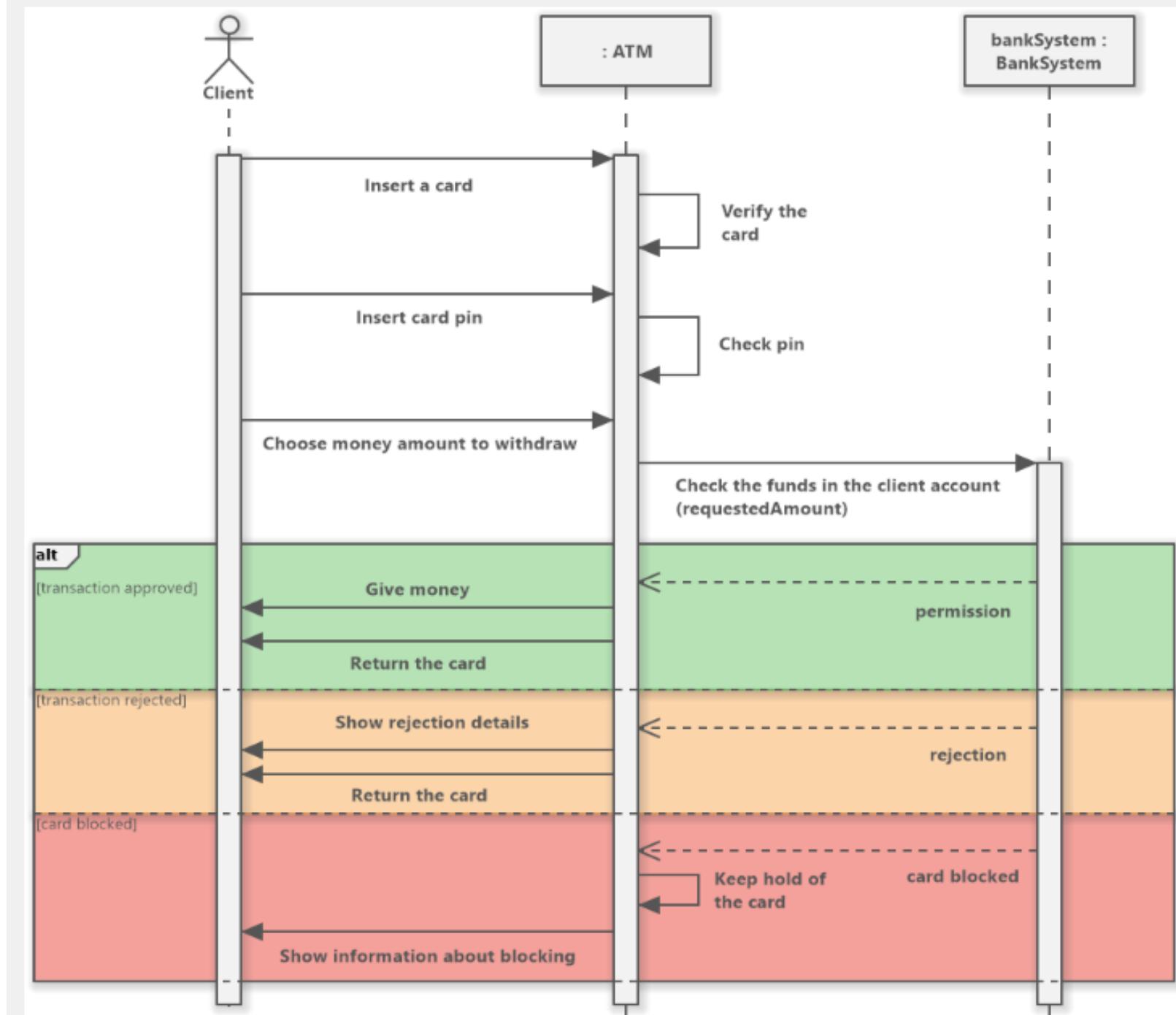


Reference Fragment

- Refers to **another interaction diagram** instead of duplicating messages
- Simplifying diagrams by modularizing complex interactions

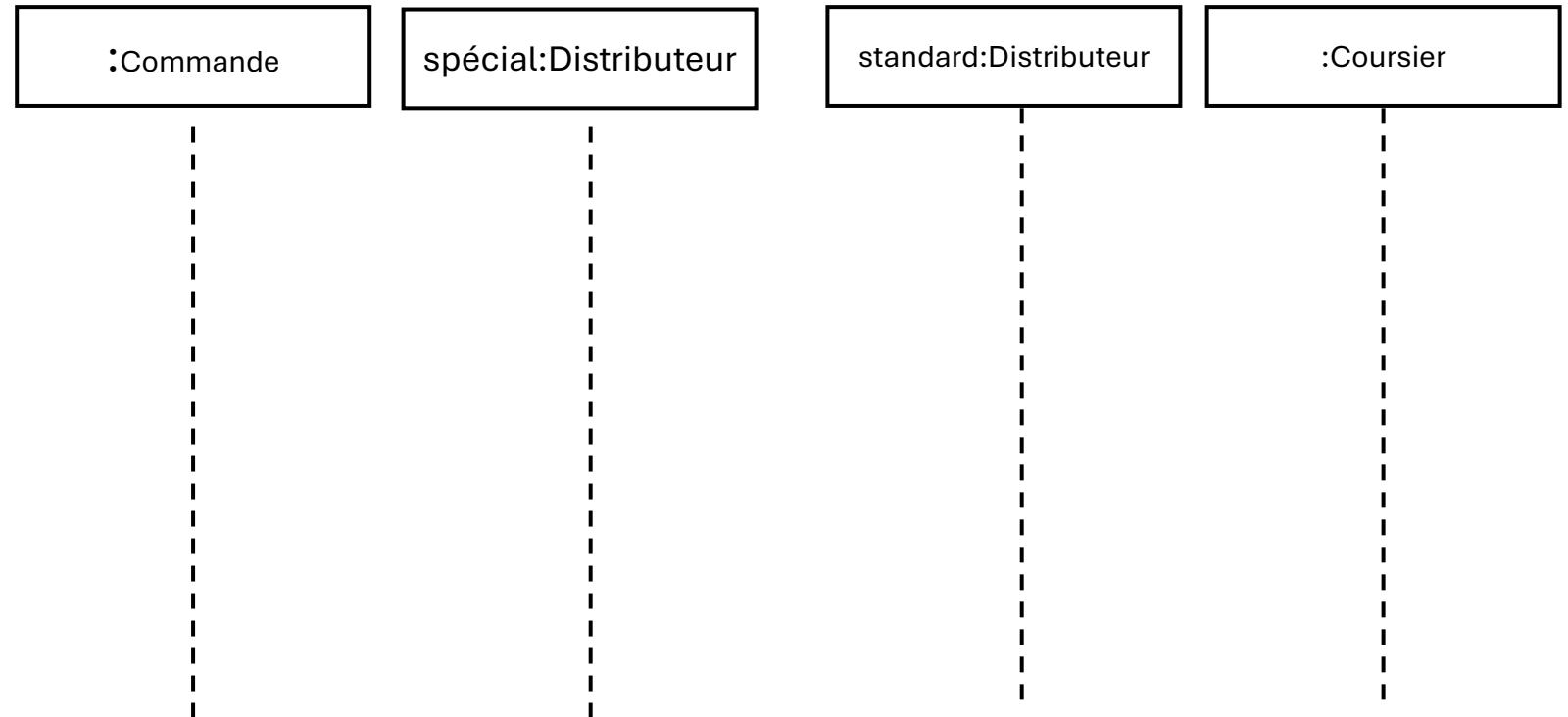


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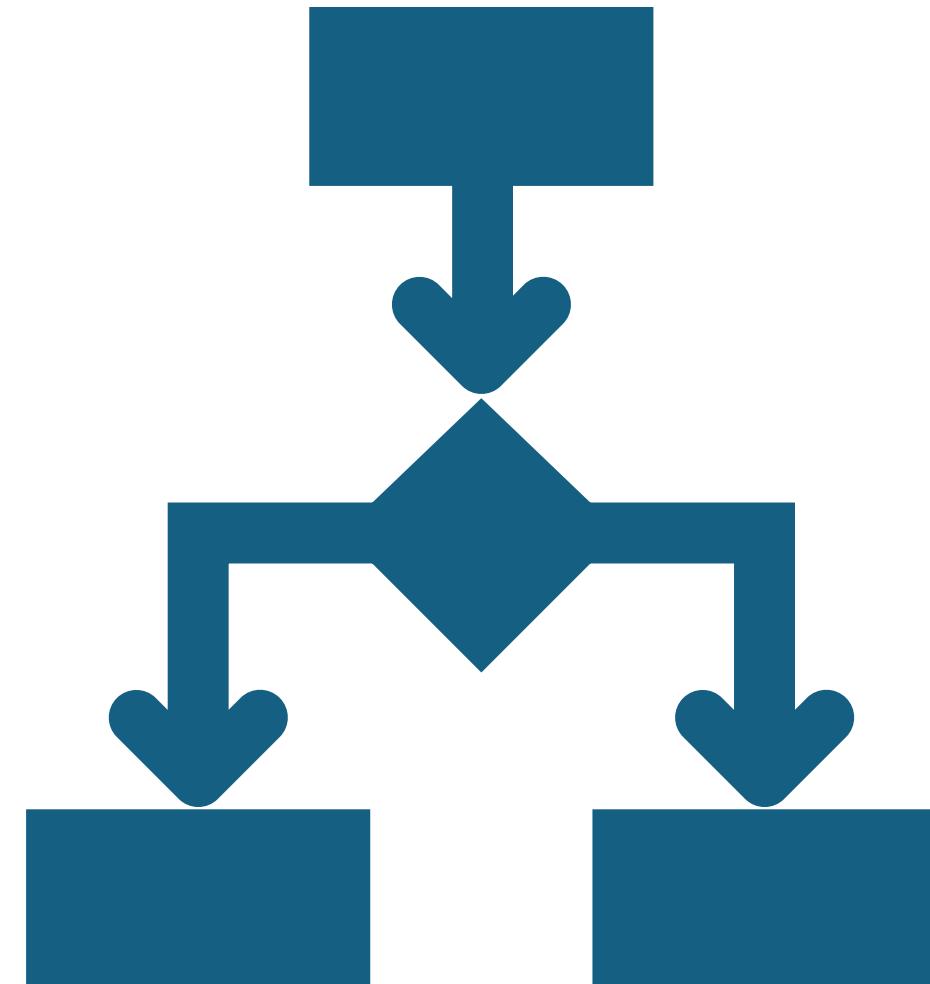
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  if (produit.valeur
      > $10000
    spécial.distribuer
  else
    standard.distribuer
  endif
end for
if (nécessiteConfirmation)
  coursier.confirmer
end procedure
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Activity Diagrams

Activity Diagram

- Behavior Diagram
- Describes the behavior of a system or some components under the form of a stream/sequence of activities.
- Unlike sequence diagrams, which focus on object interactions, **ADs show the flow of actions.**



When to Use Activity Diagrams

- The main reason to use activity diagrams is to model the workflow behind the system being designed.
- Activity Diagrams are also useful for:
 - analyzing a use case by describing what actions need to take place and when they should occur
 - describing a complicated sequential algorithm
- Activity Diagrams should not take the place of interaction diagrams.
- Activity diagrams do not give detail about how objects behave or how objects collaborate.

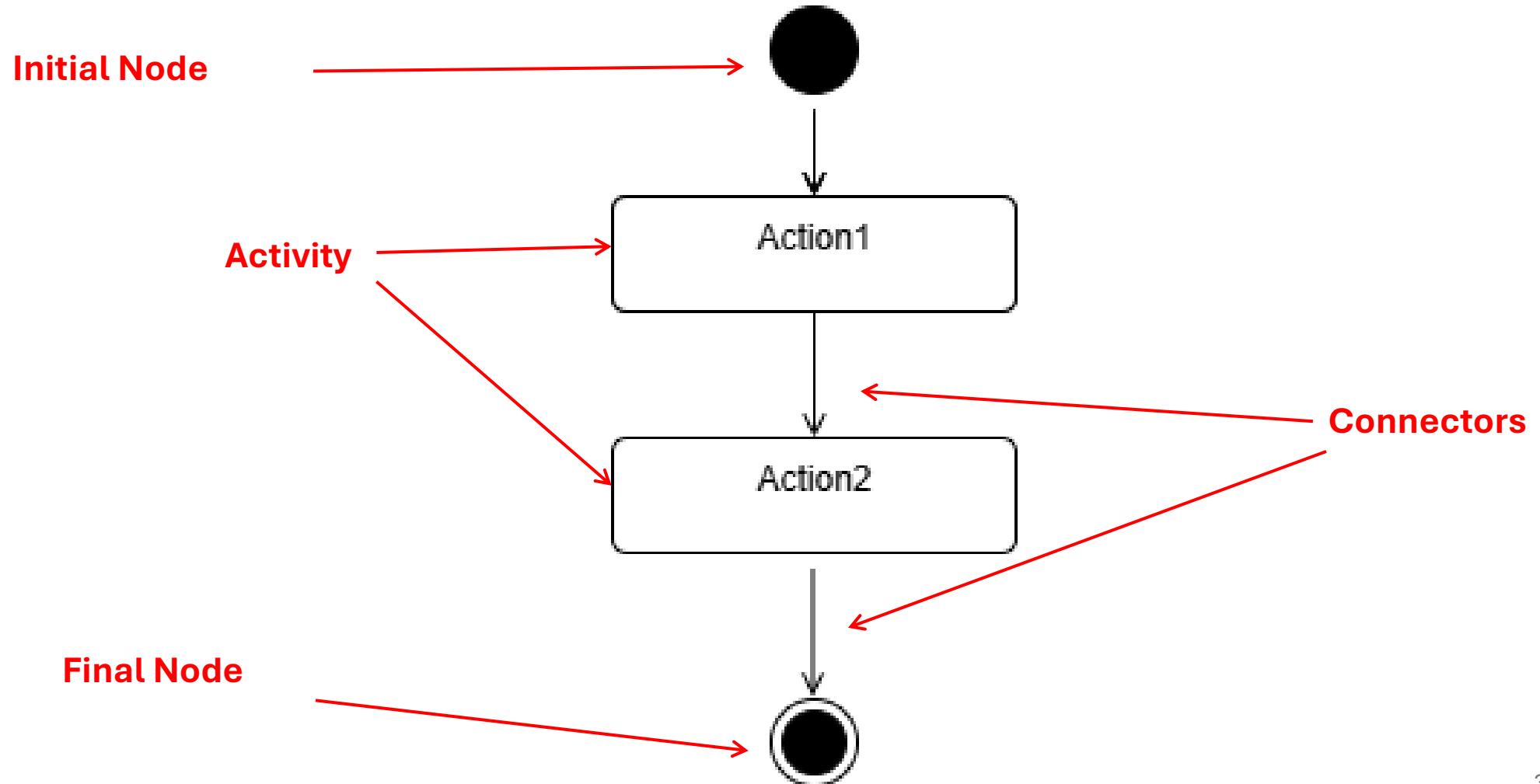
How Activity Diagrams Work

- The diagram follows a **sequence determined by a token**
- The **token moves** from the **initial node** to the **final node**
- A token can represent **the current flow, an object, or data**
- The **state of an activity diagram** is determined by its tokens
- Tokens move from one node to another **via connectors**

Components

- An **activity** is an execution of a step in a workflow (such as an operation or transaction)
 - Represented with a rounded rectangle.
 - Text in the activity box should represent an activity (verb phrase in present tense).
- An activity starts with a special node called the **Initial Node**.
- An activity ends with a special node called the **Final Node**.
- **Connectors** represent the flow between nodes

Activity Diagram



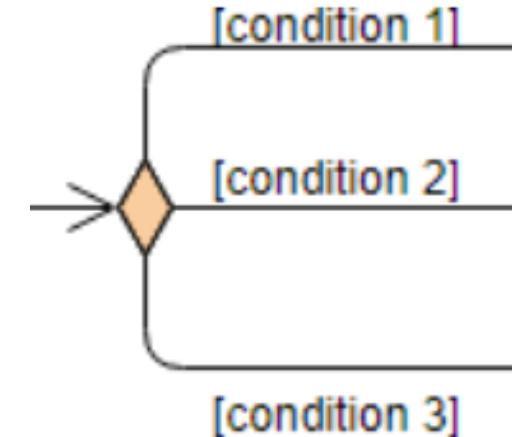
How to Draw an Activity Diagram

- Diagrams are read from top to bottom and have branches and forks to describe conditions and parallel activities.
 - A **fork** is used when multiple activities are occurring at the same time.
 - A **branch** describes what activities will take place based on a set of conditions.
 - All branches at some point are followed by a **merge** to indicate the end of the conditional behavior started by that branch.
 - After the merge all of the parallel activities must be combined by a **join** before transitioning into the final activity state.

Branch and Merge Nodes

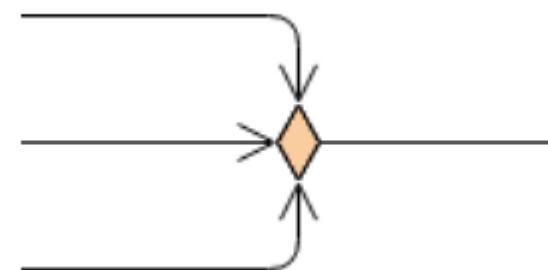
Decision Node

- Has one incoming connector and two or more outgoing connectors
- The token follows the path whose condition is true
- Represents branching in the process



Merge Node

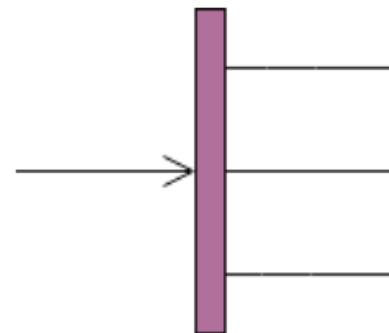
- A merge node brings together multiple alternate flows.
- A merge node has multiple incoming edges and a single outgoing edge.



Fork and Join Nodes

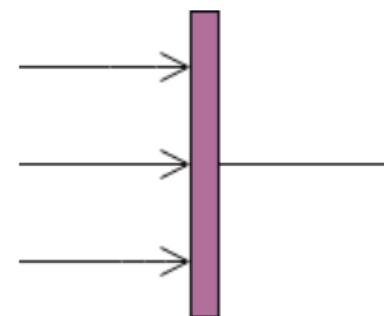
Fork Node

- Creates **parallel flows** in an activity diagram

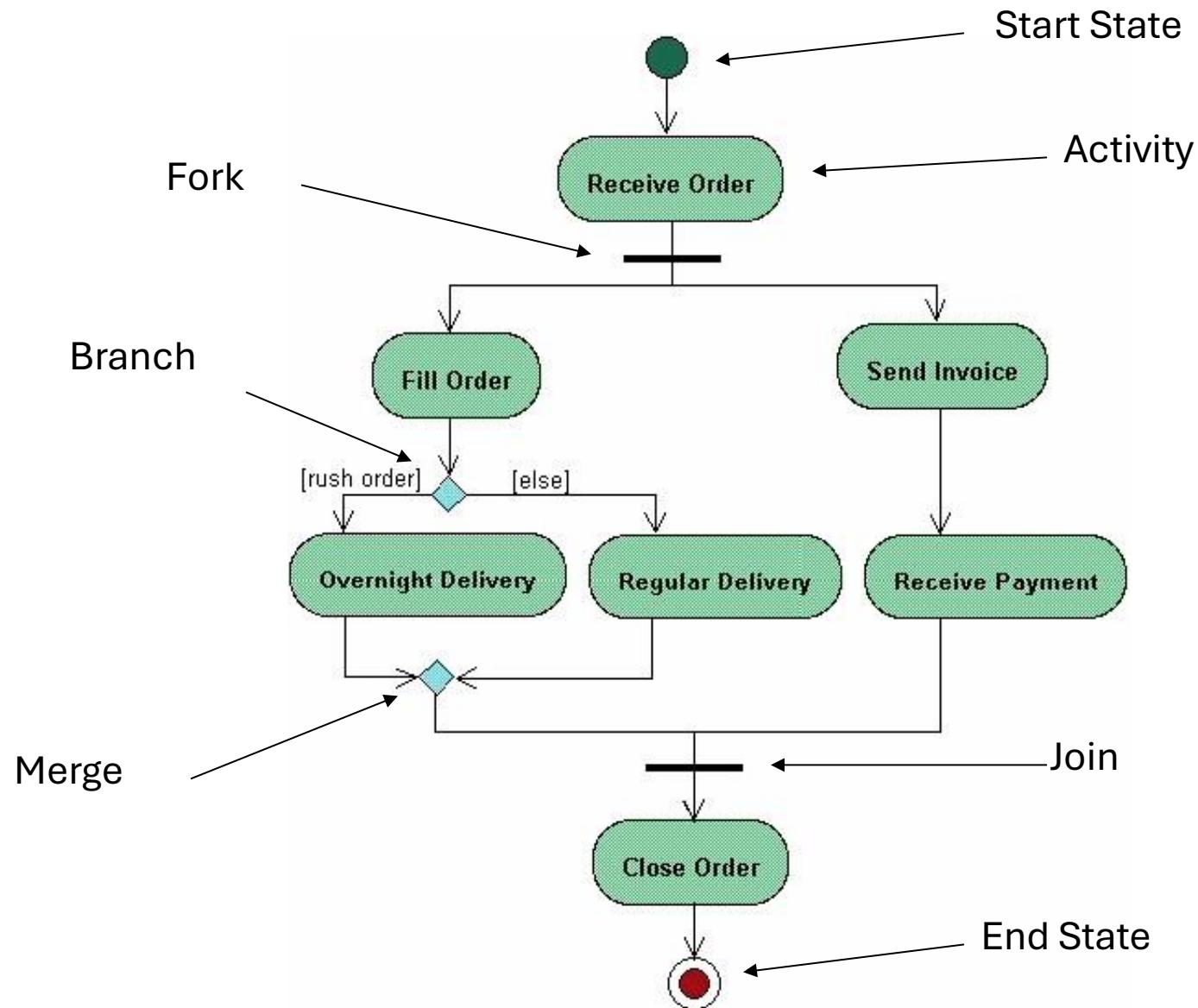


Join Node

- Merges **parallel flows** back into a single flow
- Waits until **all incoming flows complete** before proceeding

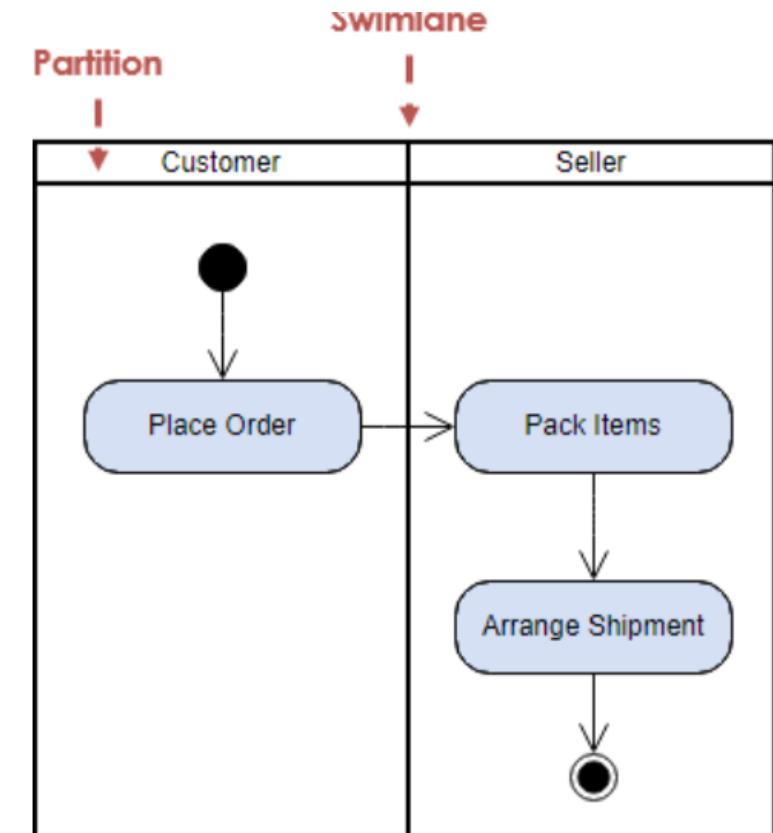


Activity Diagram Example

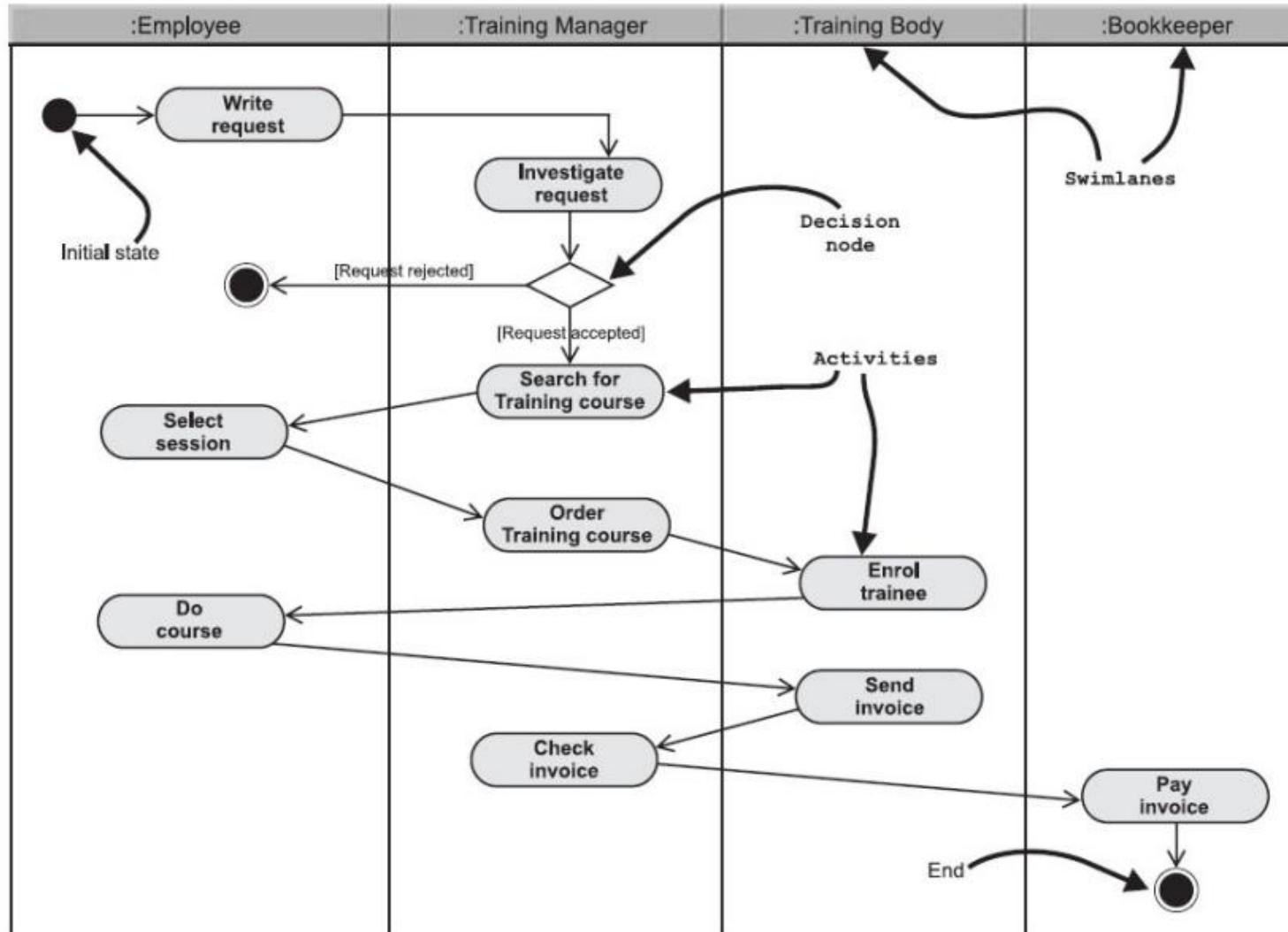


Partitions in Activity Diagrams

- Semantically related activities can be grouped into **partitions** (also called swimlanes)
- A **partition** usually represents the **role or actor performing the action**
- Partitions make activity diagrams **easier to read and more expressive**
- Partitions can be drawn **horizontally or vertically**



Activity diagram - Training process



Use Case

- Withdraw money from a bank account through an ATM