

# 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.

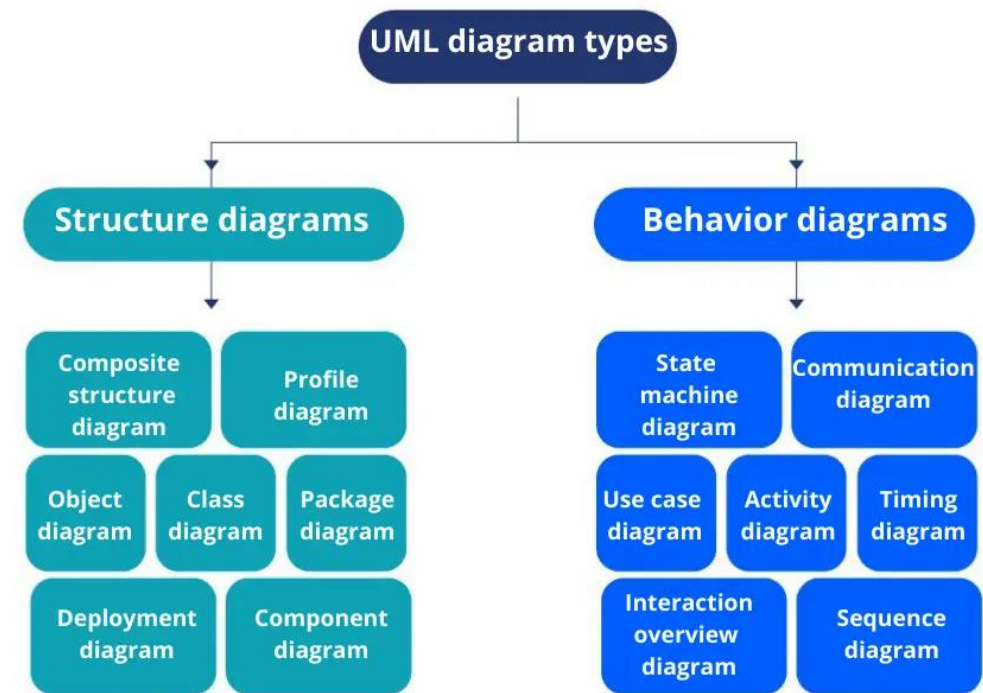


Do **not** create interactions for every use case, focus only on the **most important** and **complex** ones.

# Behavioral Diagrams

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- **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.



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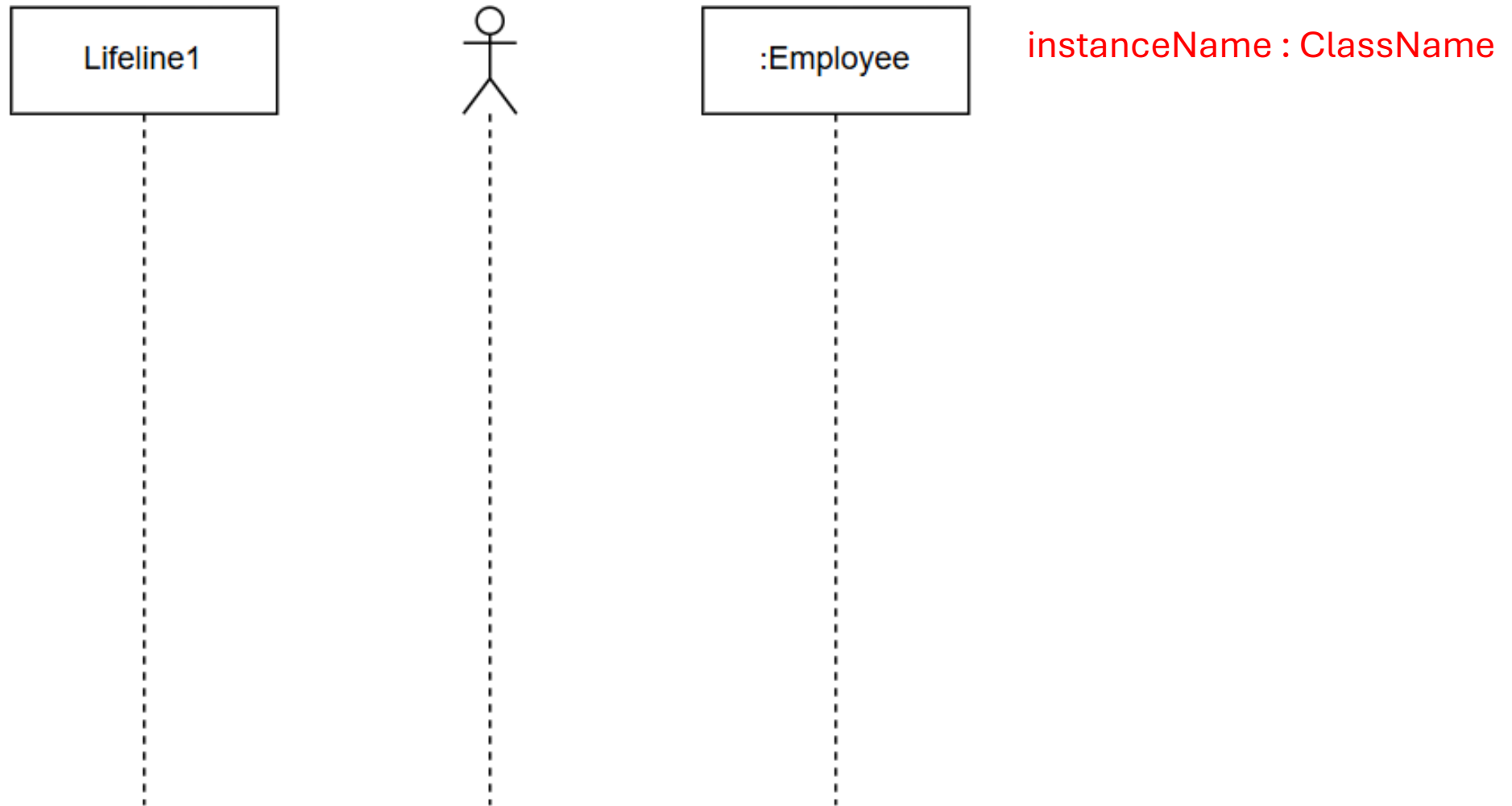
- **Sequence diagrams (SDs)** describe an action that unfolds over time.
- SDs document use cases and are part of the analysis model.
- SDs are made up of **three main elements**:
  - **Lifelines**: represent objects or actors involved.
  - **Messages**: show communication between lifelines.
  - **Fragments**: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

# Lifelines

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- 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

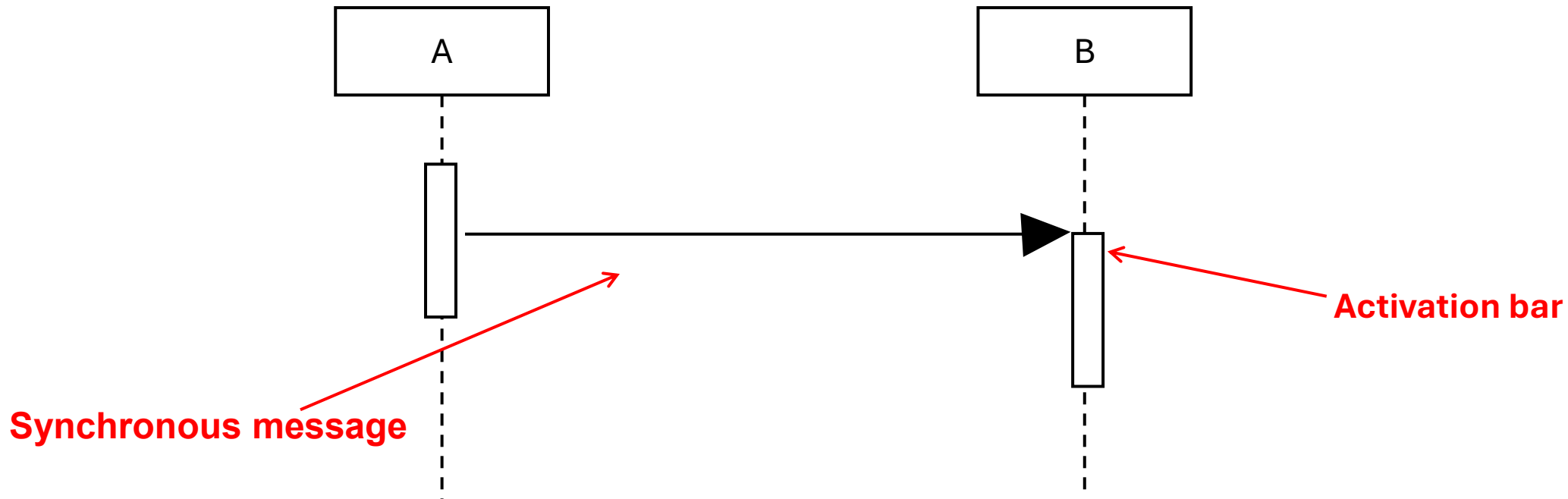
- A message represents **communication** between two lifelines during an interaction.
- A message can represent:
  - A **call to an operation**
  - The **creation** or **destruction** of an instance
- When a lifeline receives a message, it usually corresponds to calling an operation with the same signature.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

# Types of Messages

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

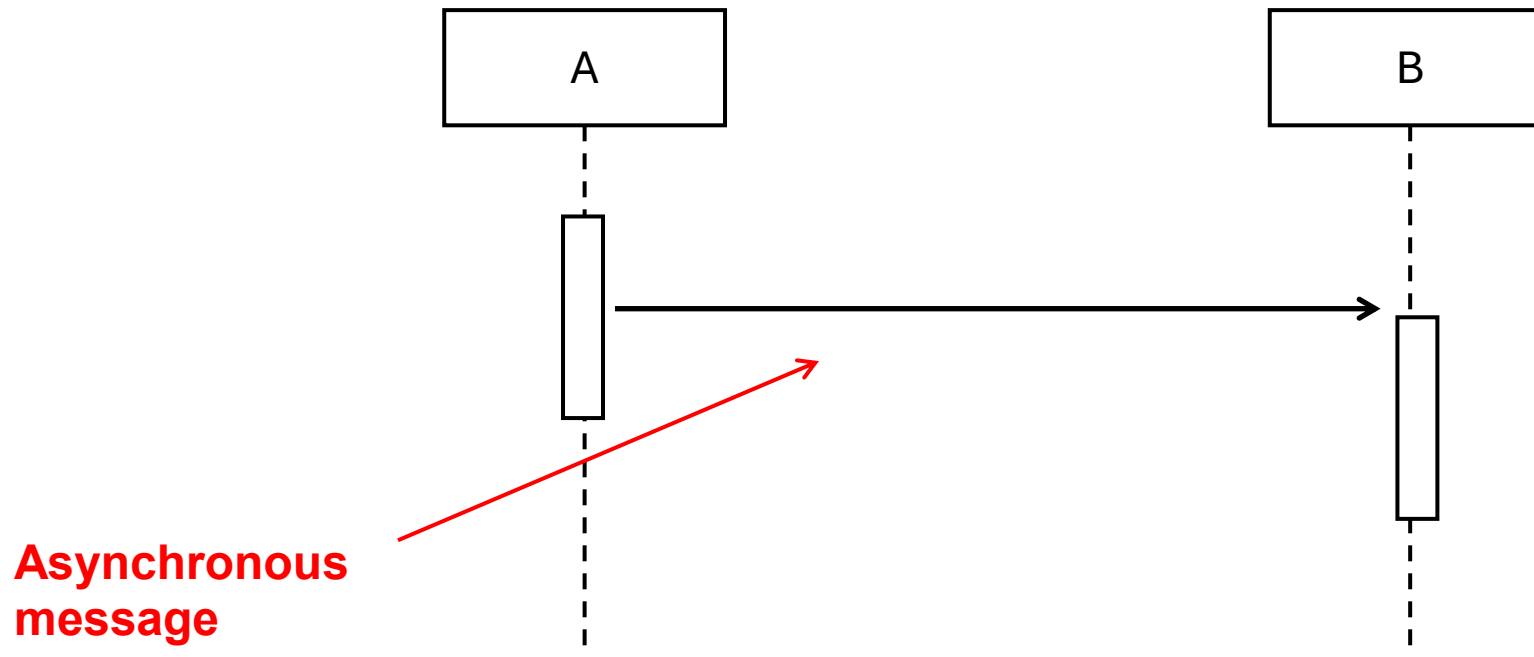
# Synchronous Messages

- 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

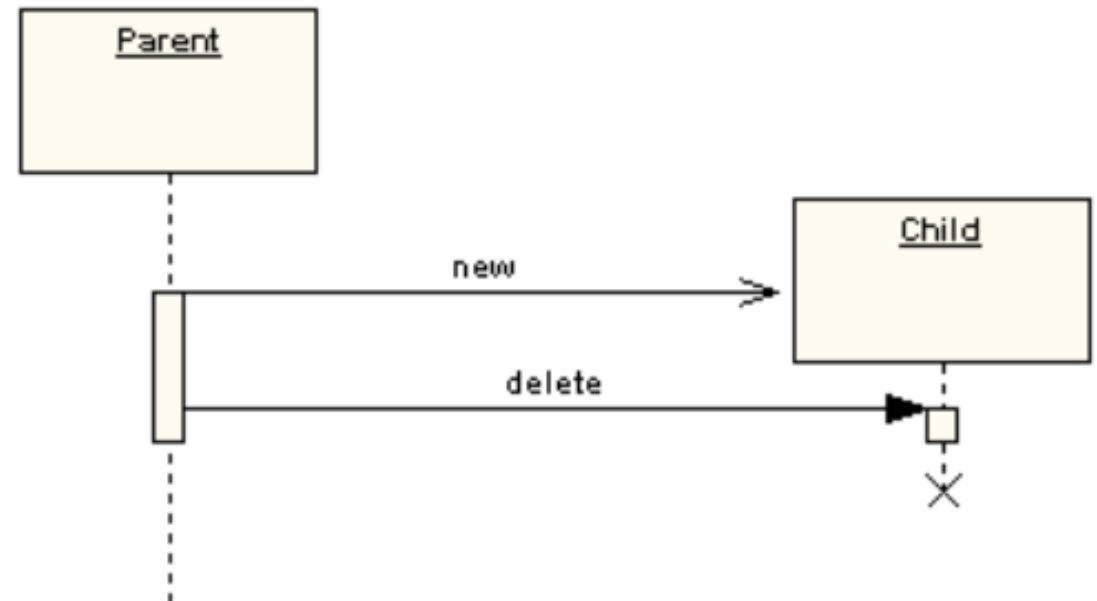
- An **asynchronous message** does **not block the sender**.
- The sender can continue executing immediately after sending the message.
- The receiver may **process the message later** or even **ignore it**.
- Typically used for events, or messages where the result is not needed immediately.



# Creation & Destruction Messages

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- **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**.



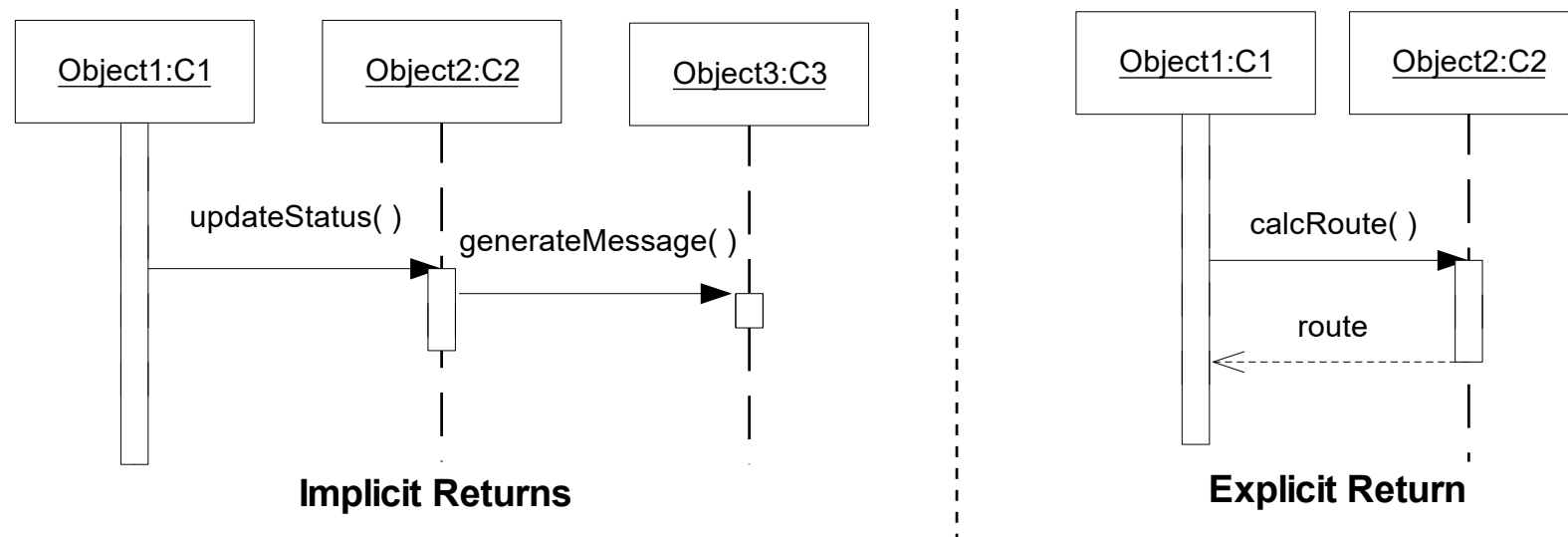
# Return Messages

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- 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

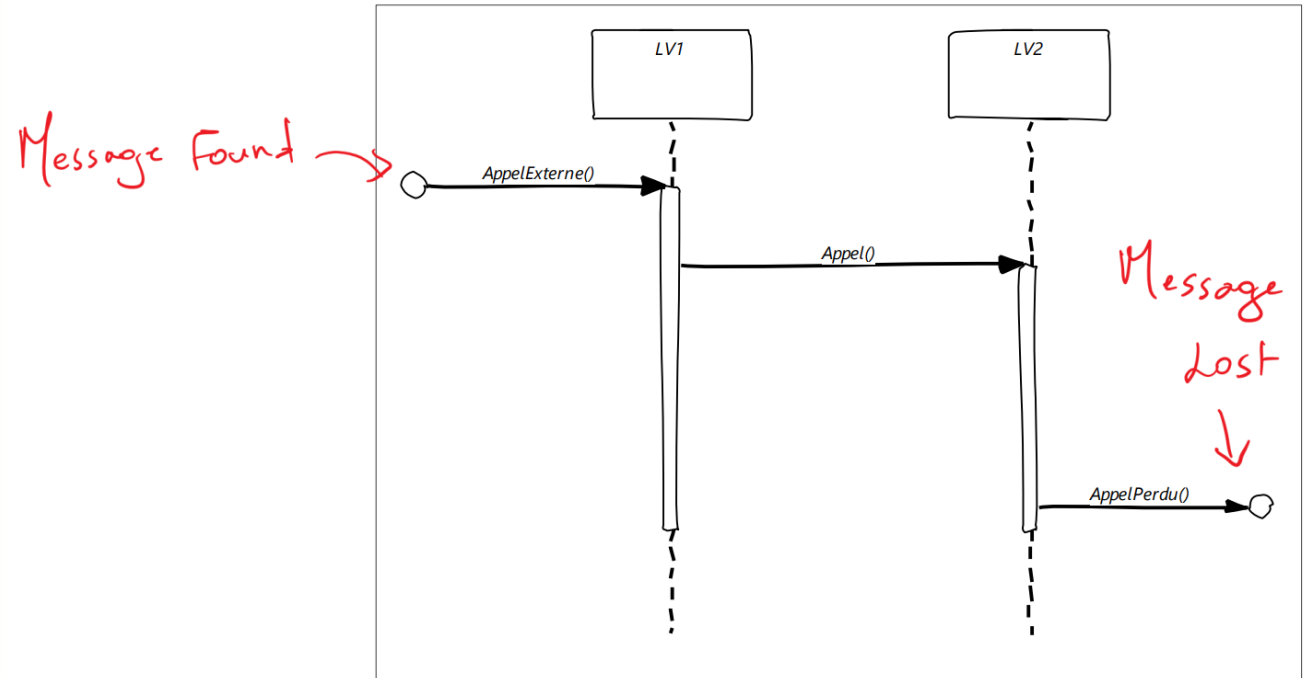
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Synchronous call

# Complete, Lost, and Found Messages

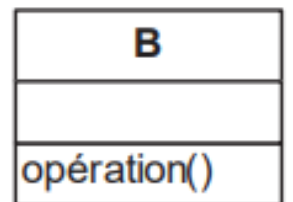
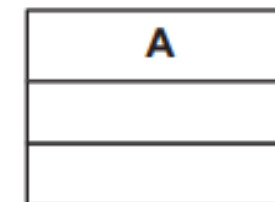
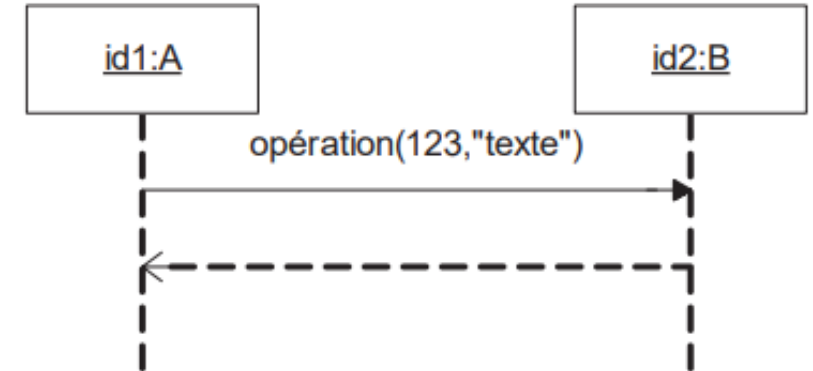
- **Complete Message:** Both **send** and **receive** events are known
  - Represented by an **arrow from one lifeline to another**
- **Lost Message:** **Send** event is known, receiver is unknown
  - Arrow ends on a **small circle**
- **Found Message:** **Receive** event is known, sender is unknown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





# Links with the Structural View of the Model

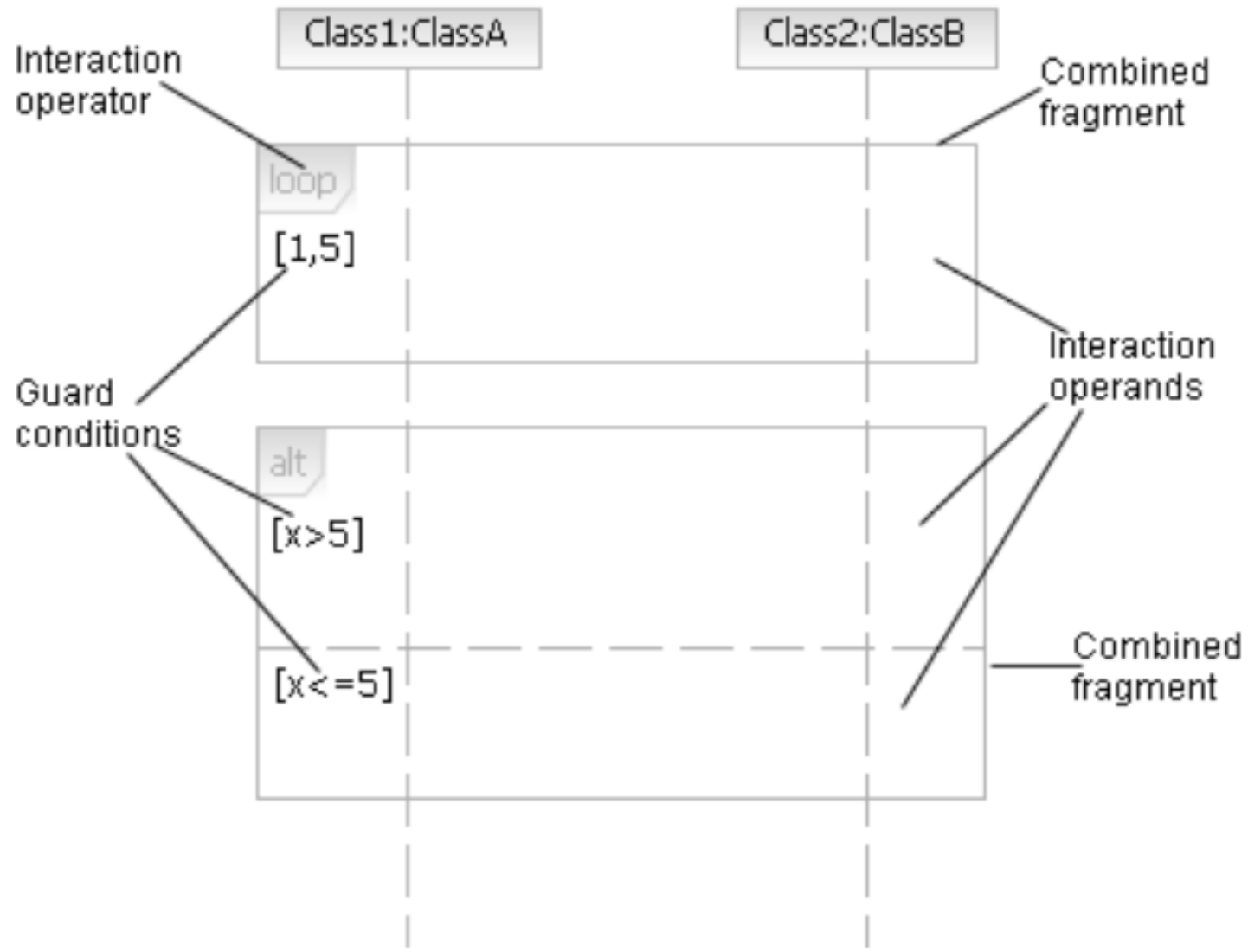
- Every object participating in an interaction must have its **type defined as a class** in the structural view.
- Every **operation-call message** must target an **operation defined in the structural view**.
- The operation must belong to the **class of the object receiving the message**.
- Every **operation-call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

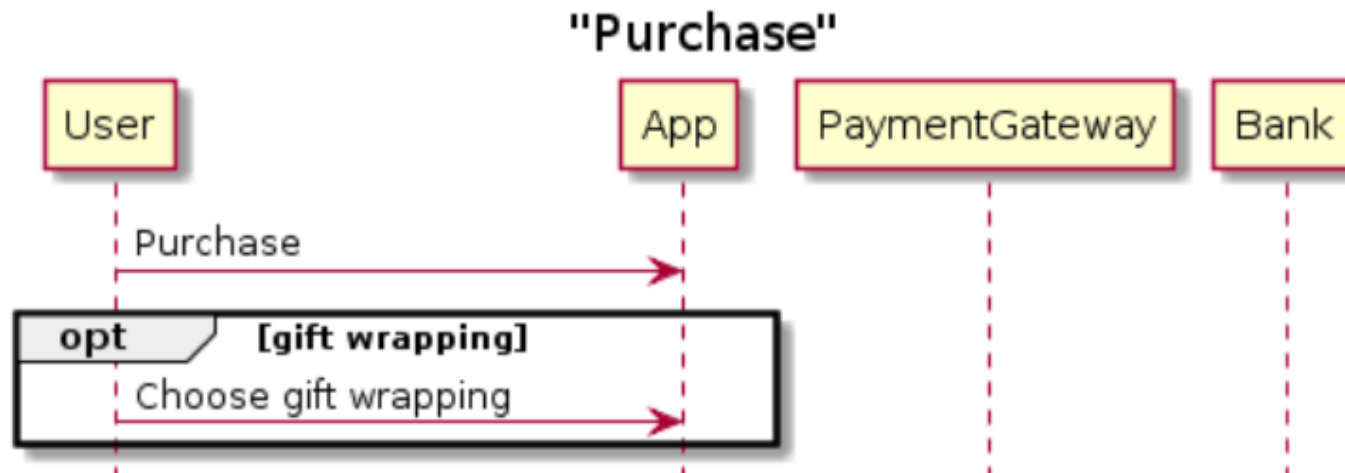


# Fragment Operators

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

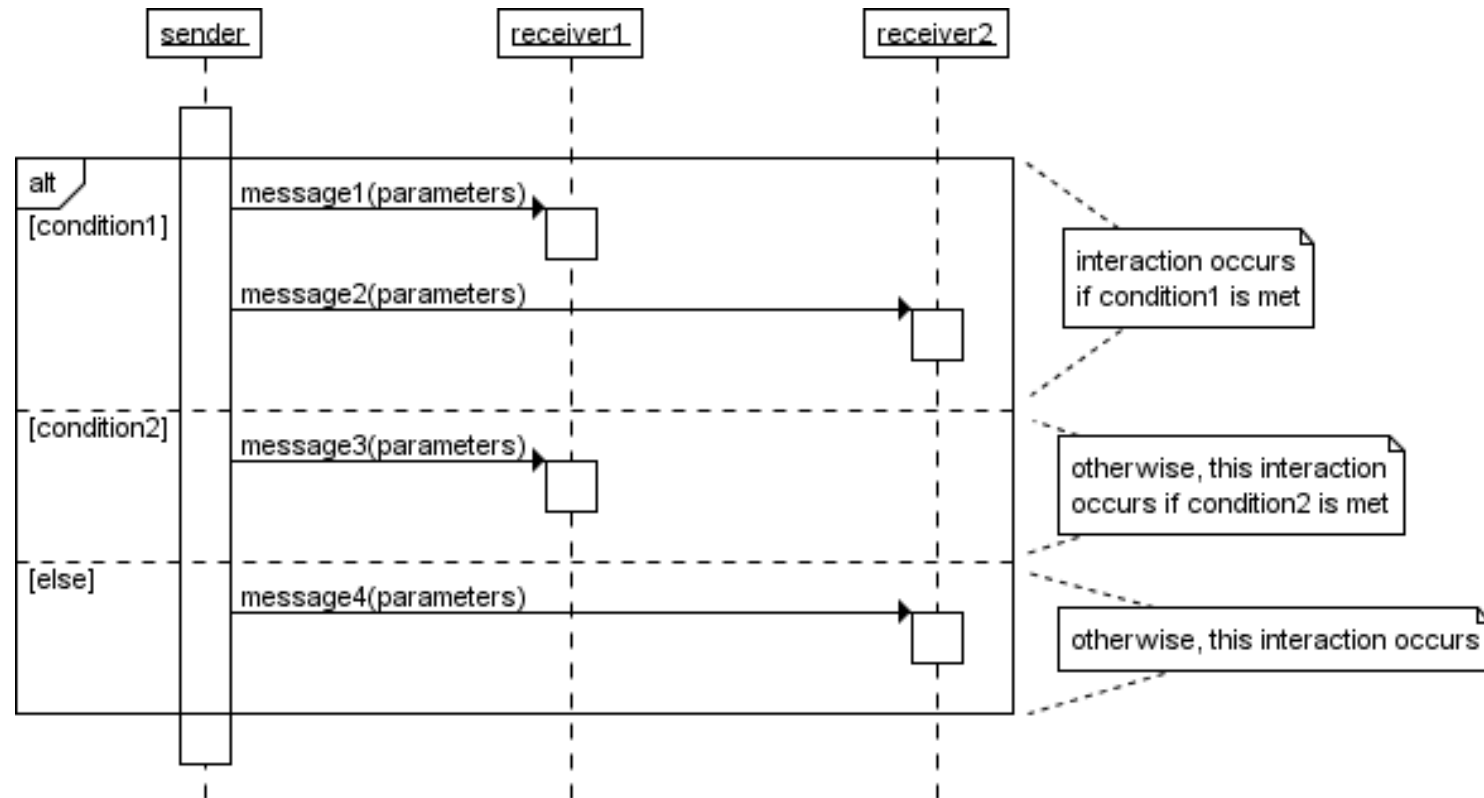
# Optional Fragment

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



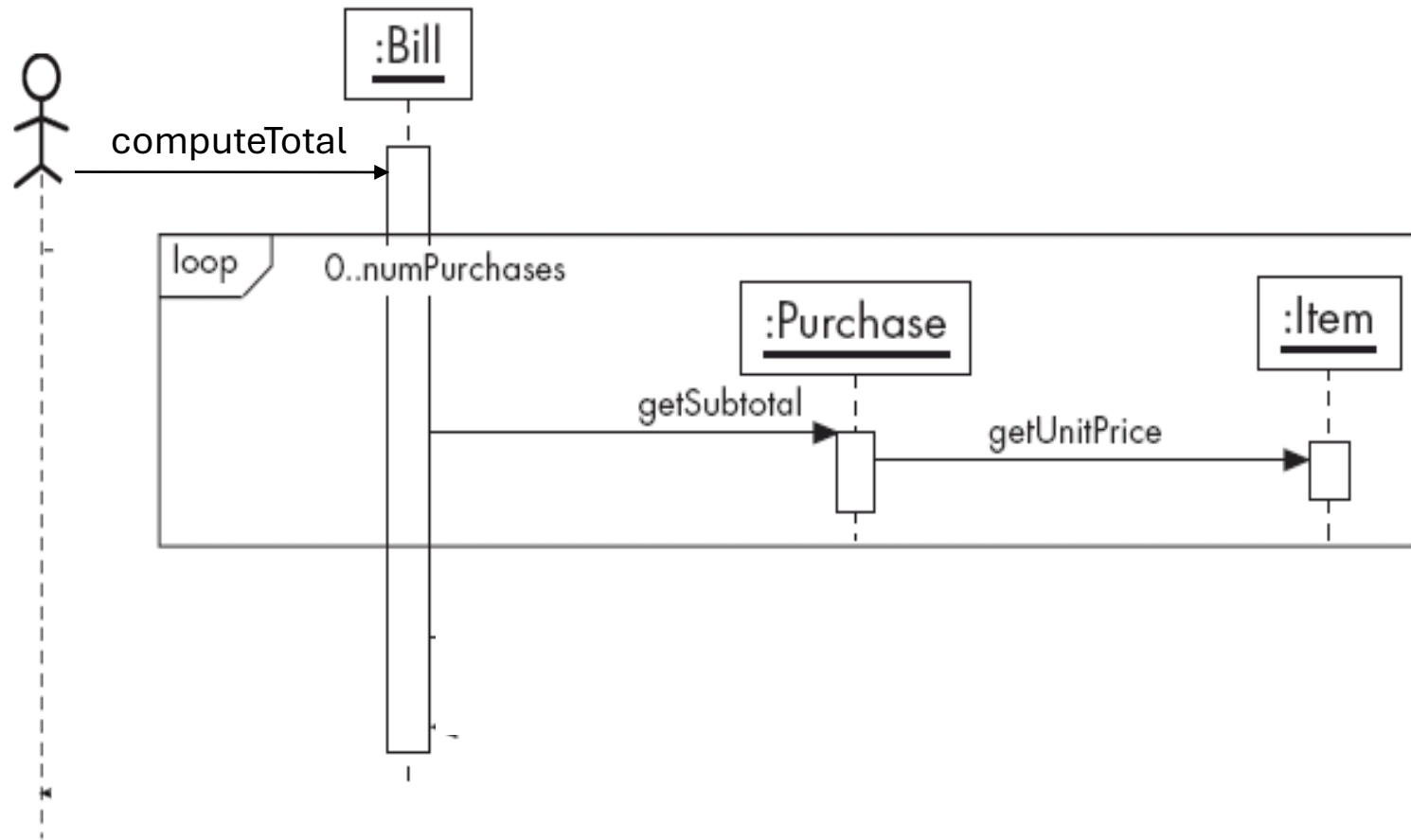
# Alternative, optional interactions

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



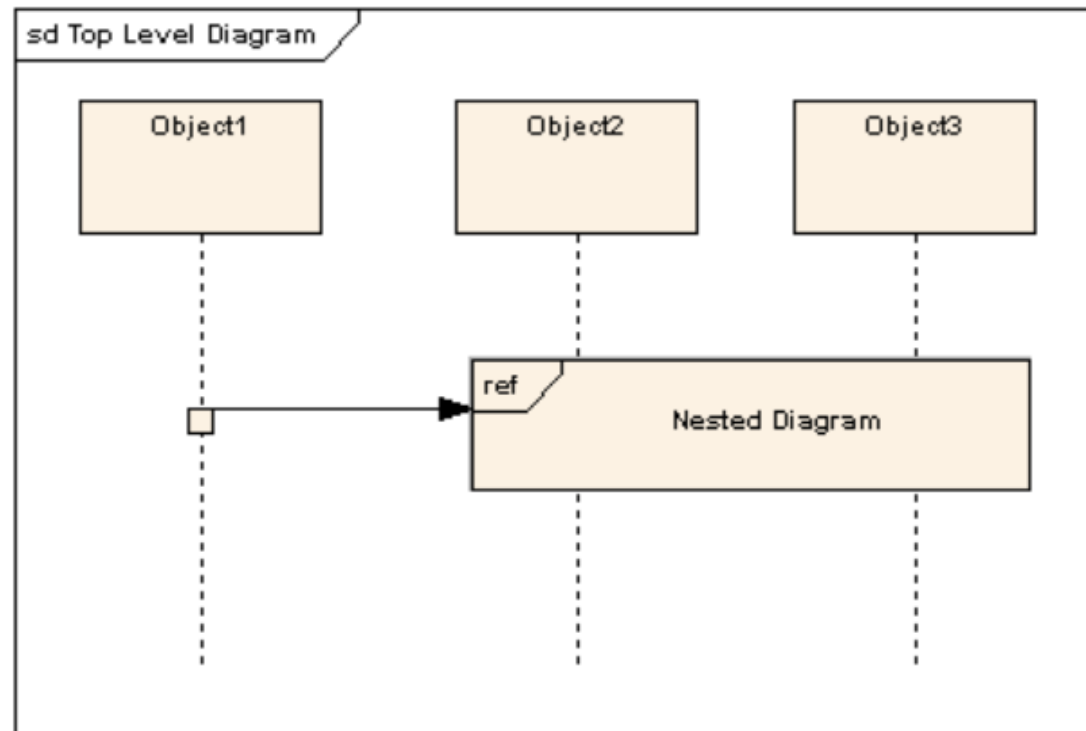
# Iterative interactions

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



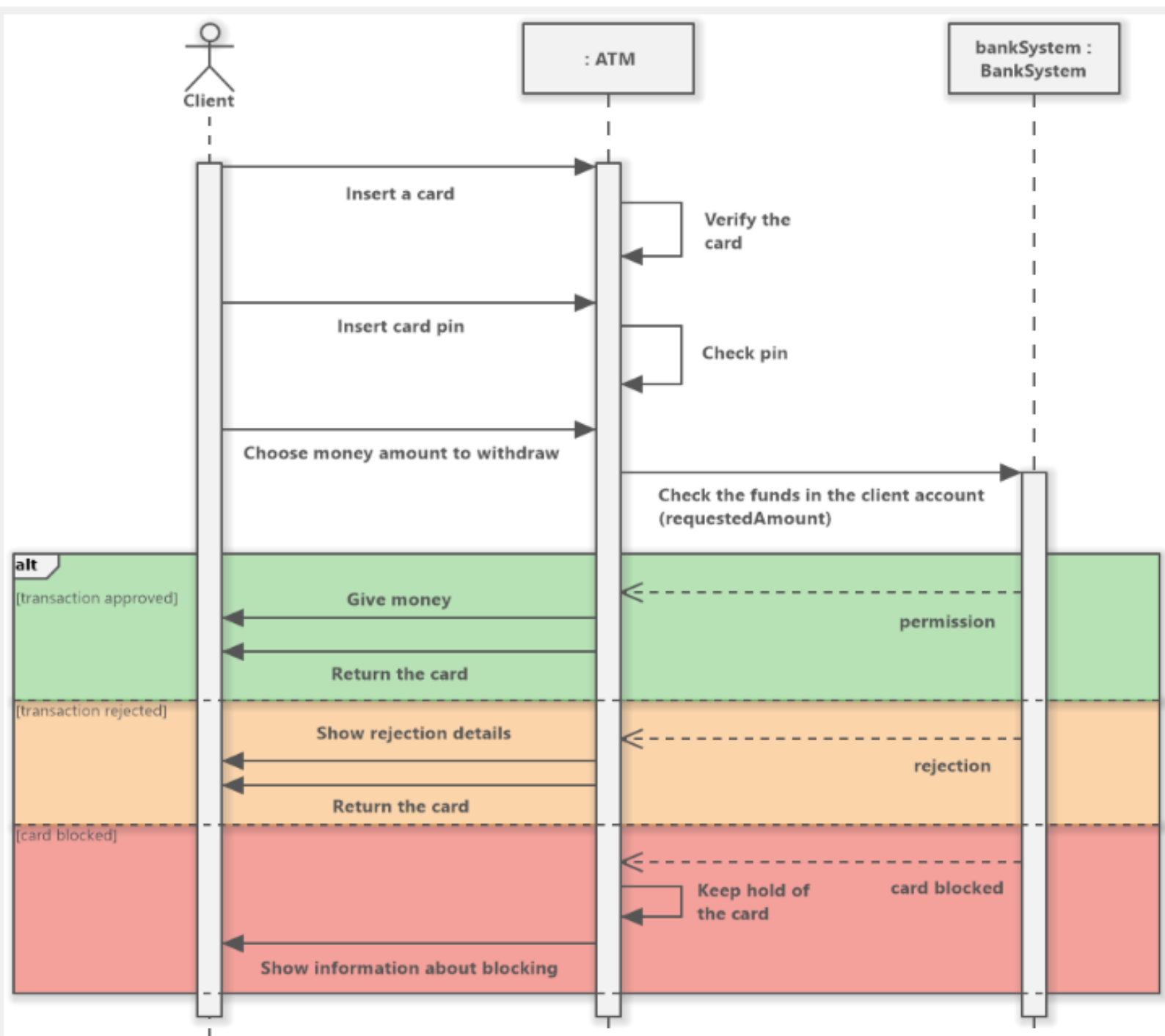
# Reference Fragment

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



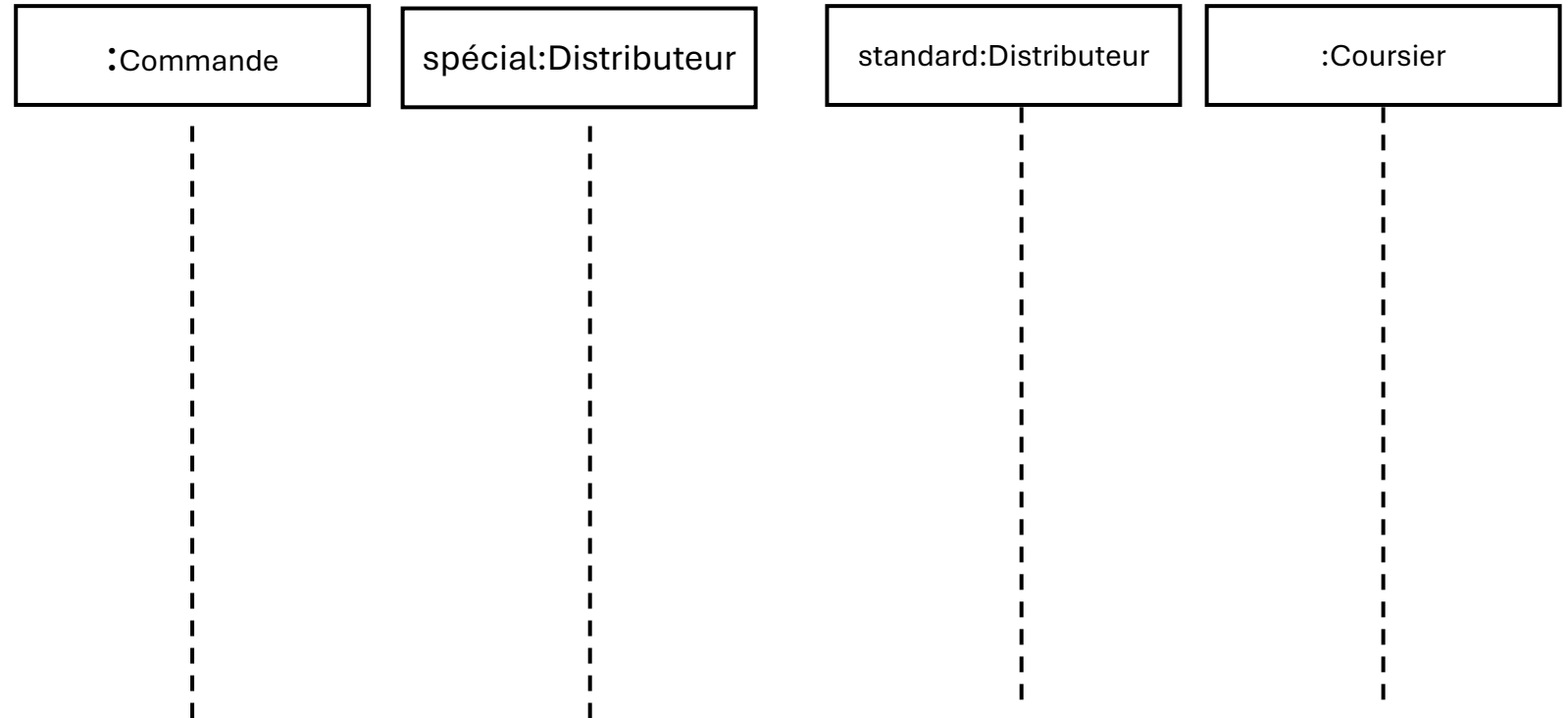


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# Algorithm2SequenceDiagram

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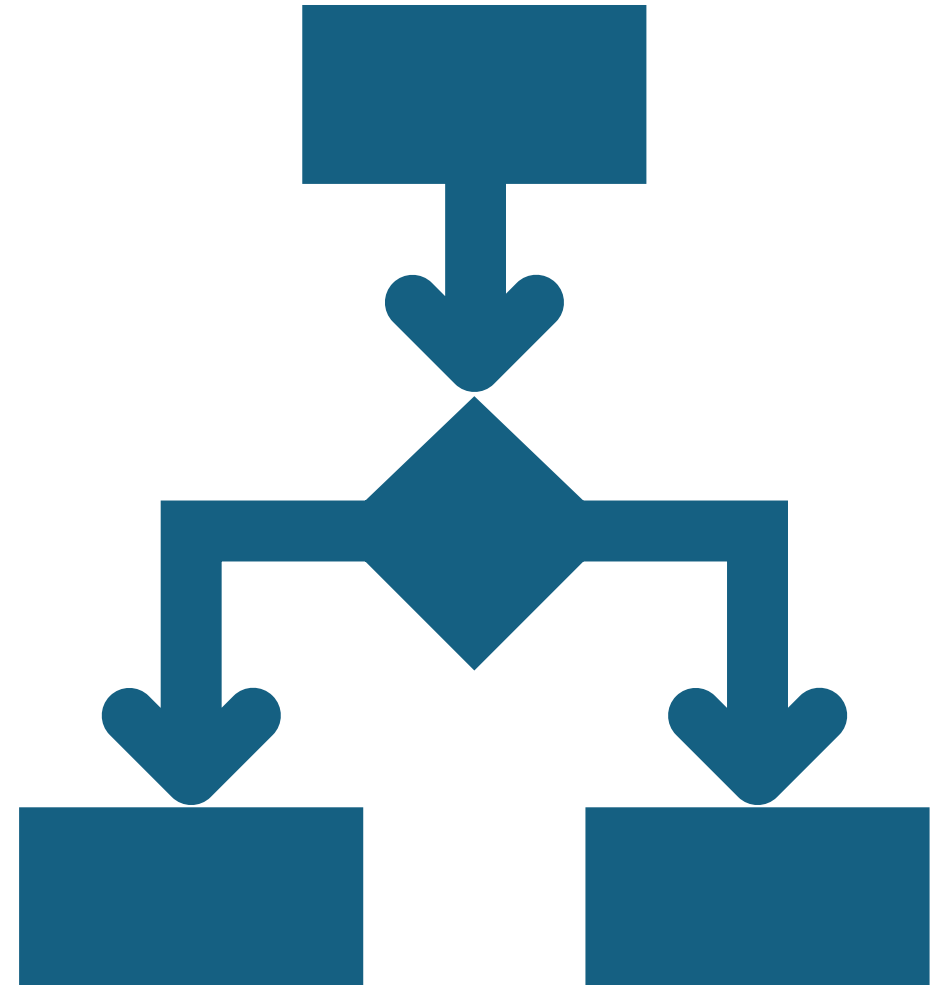


# Activity Diagrams

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- 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

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- 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

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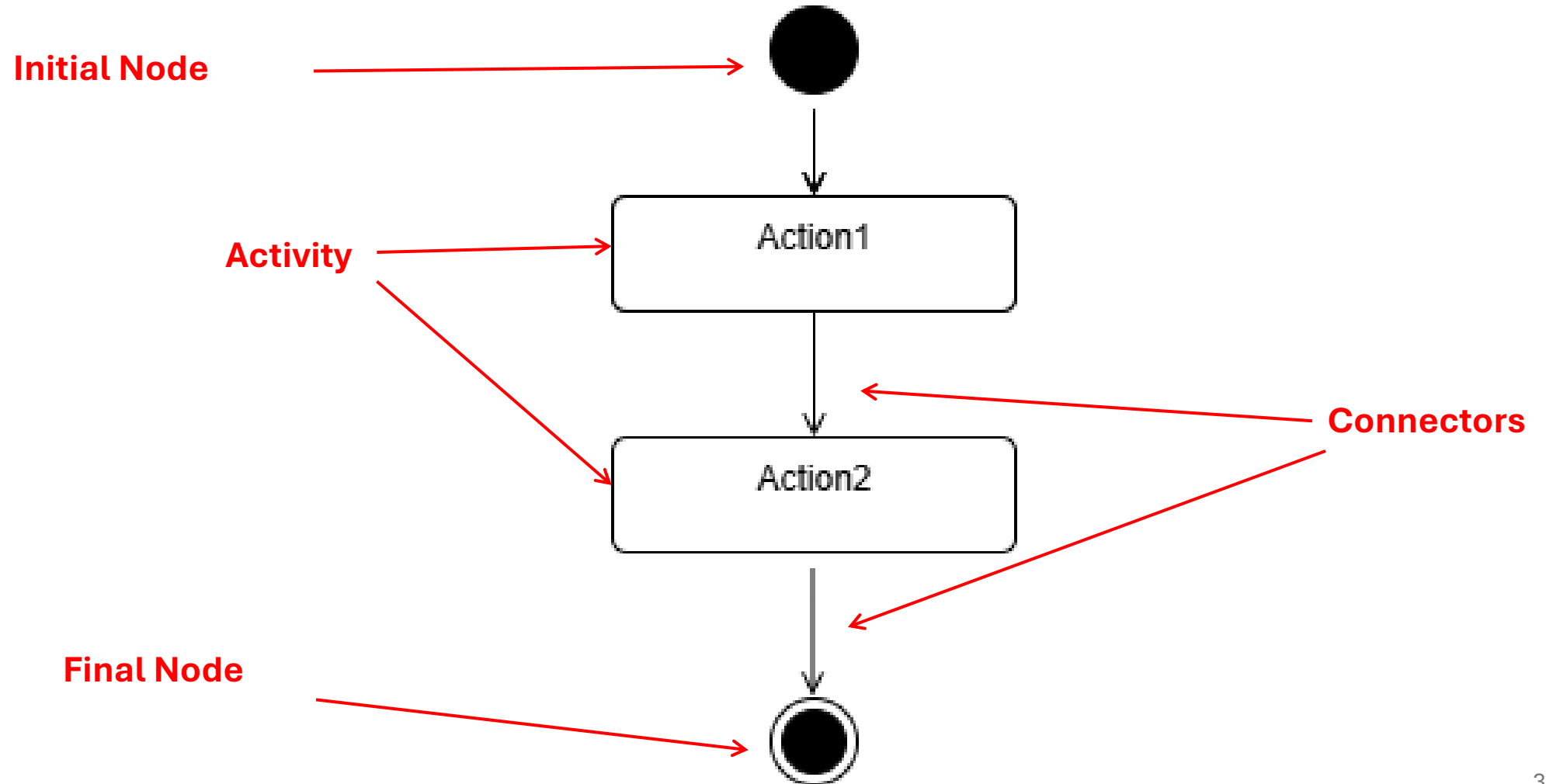
- The diagram follows a **sequence determined by a token**
- The **token moves** from the **initial node** to the **final node**
- A token can represent **the current flow, an object, or data**
- The **state of an activity diagram** is determined by its tokens
- Tokens move from one node to another **via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

# Components

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- 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 node

# Activity Diagram





# How to Draw an Activity Diagram

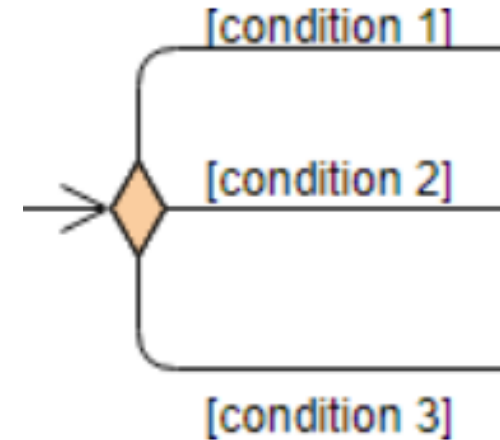
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- Diagrams are read from top to bottom and have branches and forks to describe conditions and parallel activities.
  - A **fork** is used when multiple activities are occurring at the same time.
  - A **branch** describes what activities will take 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

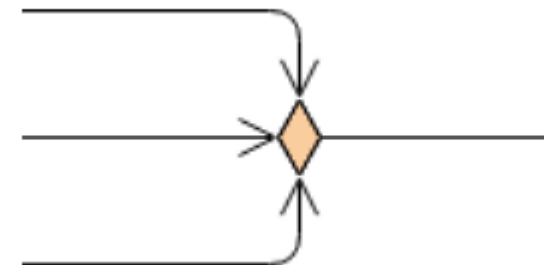
## Decision Node

- 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.

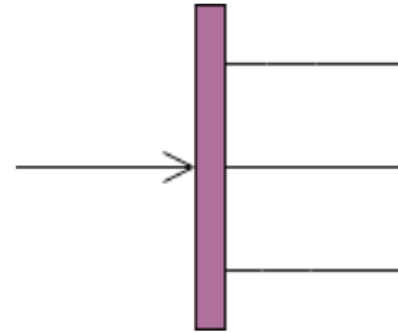


# Fork and Join Nodes

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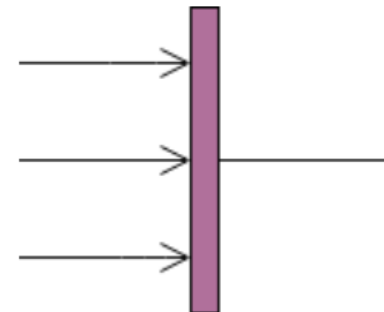
## Fork Node

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

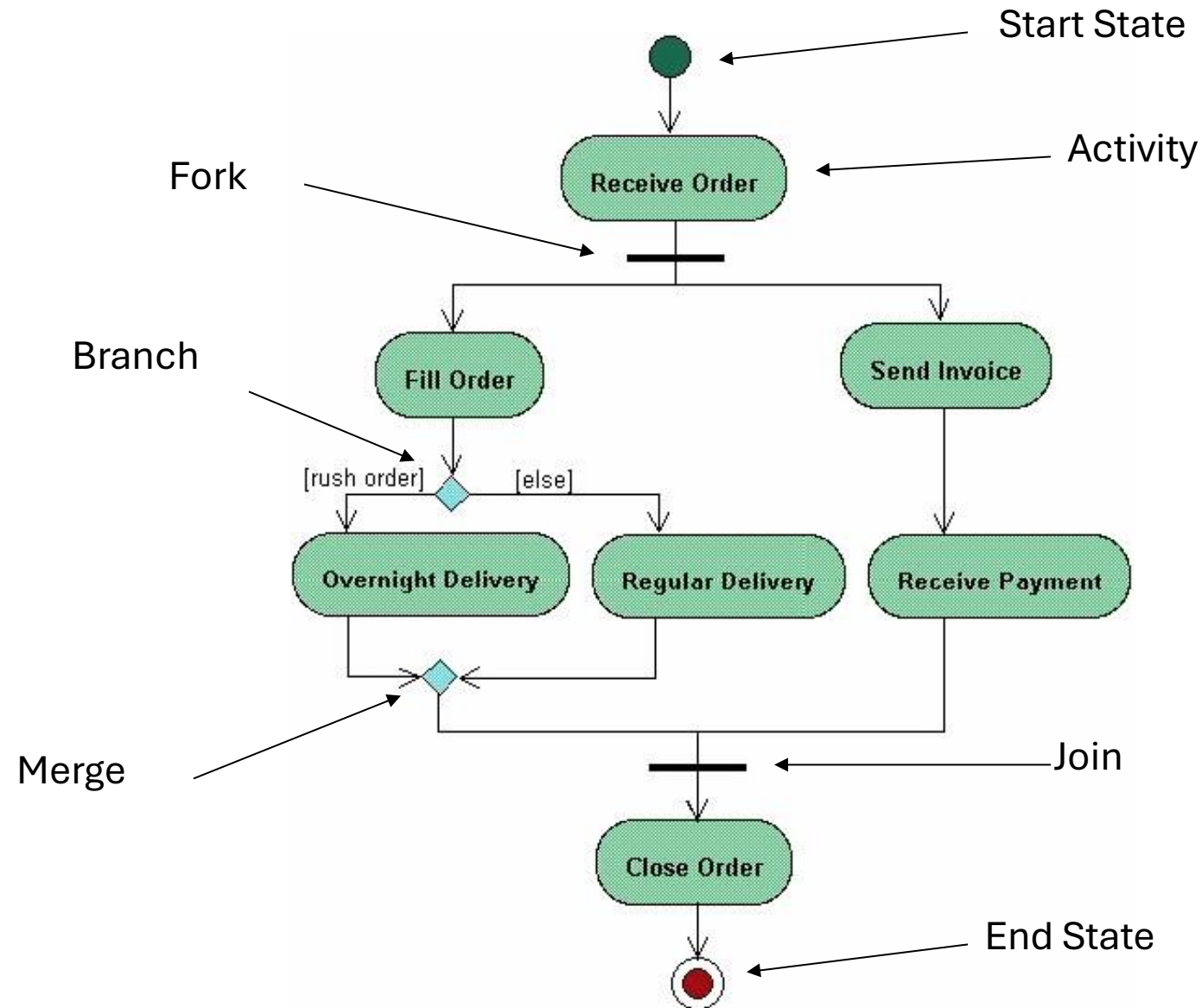


## Join Node

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

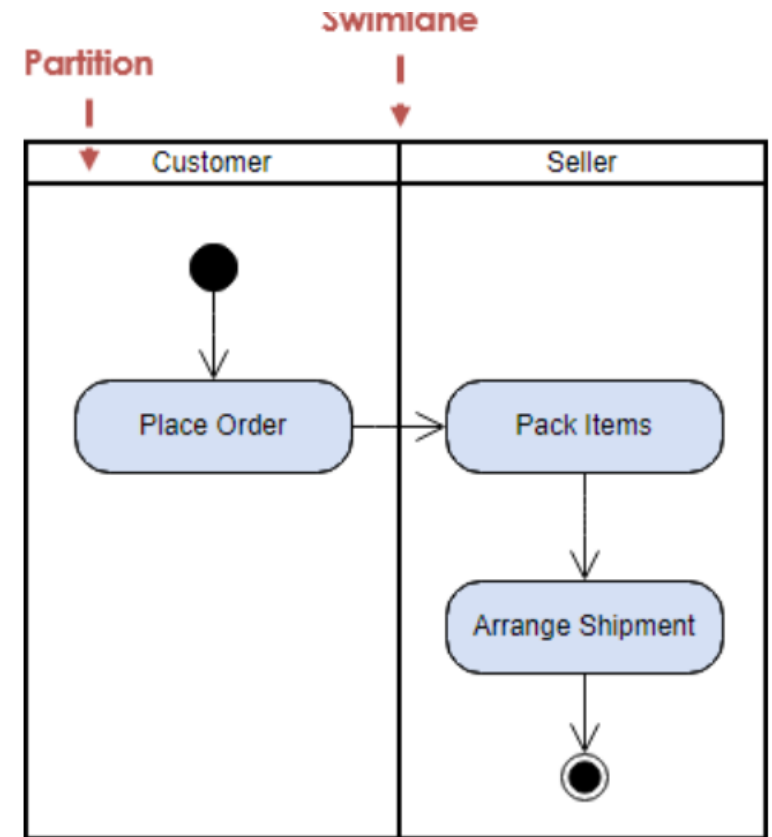


# Activity Diagram Example

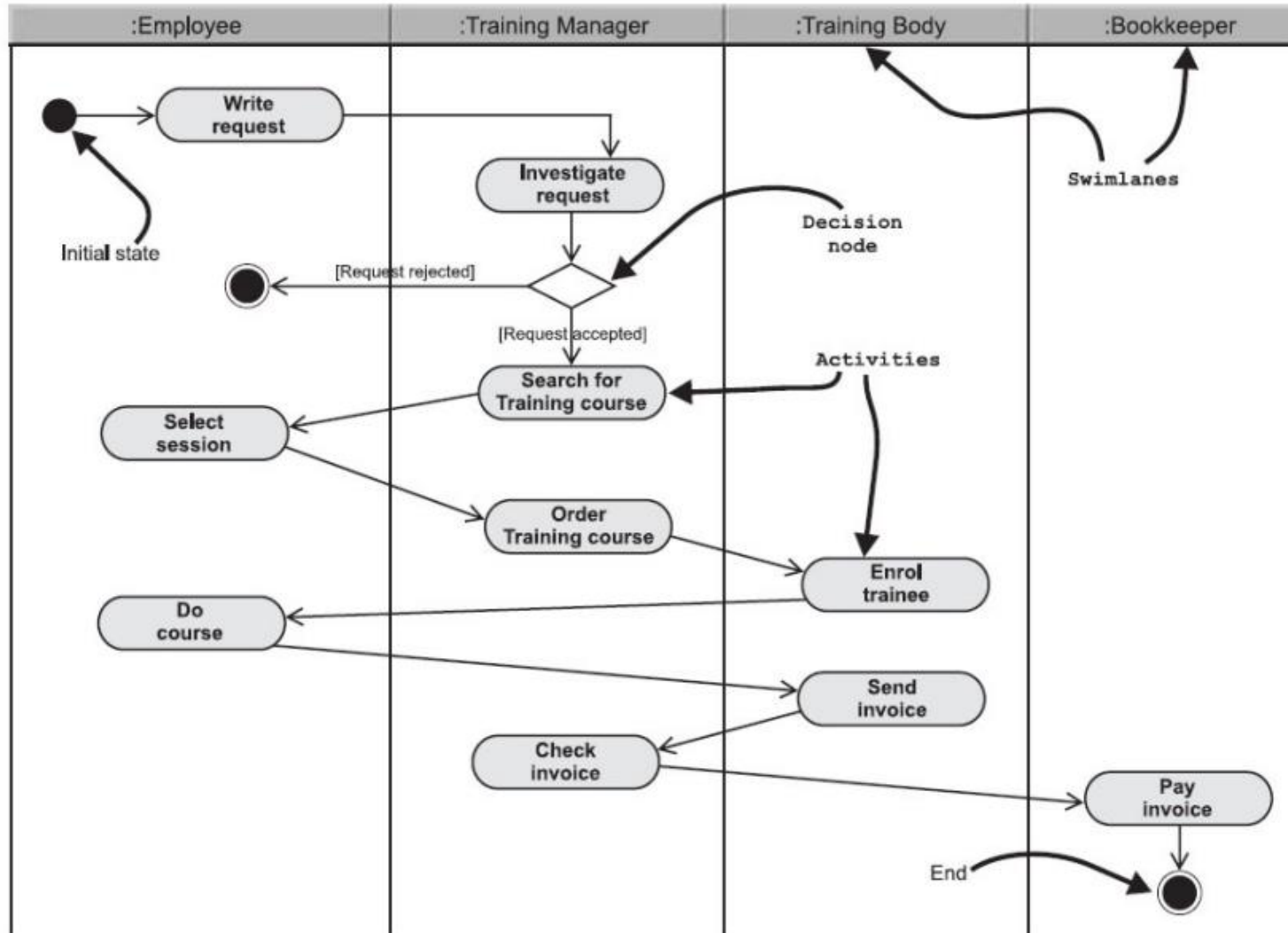


# Partitions in Activity Diagrams

- **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