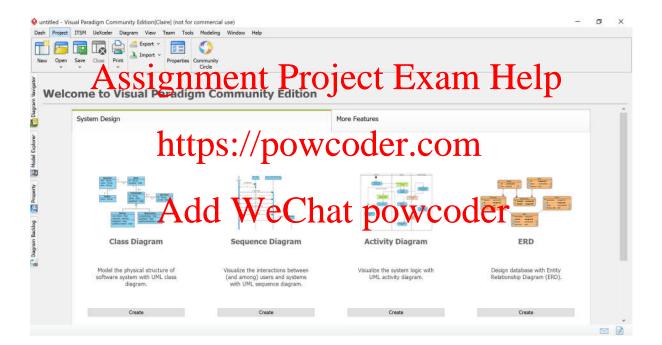
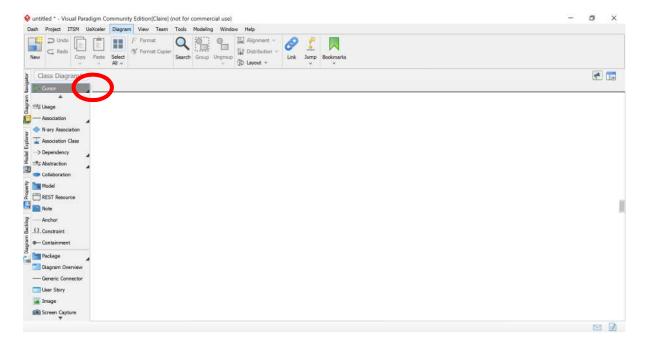
Creating Conceptual and Logical Diagrams – Some Visual Paradigm Hints

NB: You do not have to use Visual Paradigm for your assignment – you can use powerpoint or similar drawing tools or even present neat hand drawn diagrams.

- 1. Download and use Visual Paradigm Community Edition this is free
- 2. When you install Visual Paradigm you will need to give them your e-mail address so that they can e-mail you a license code. Use this to activate the software
- 3. When you start the software you will get the following screen



- 4. Click CREATE to create a new CLASS DIAGRAM
- 5. You will see the following screen. The cursor will be flashing in the area circled in red type in *conceptual* as the package name into this box.



6. Scroll up and down the objects on the left hand side, until you find the CLASS object – drag this onto the screen to draw your first entity.

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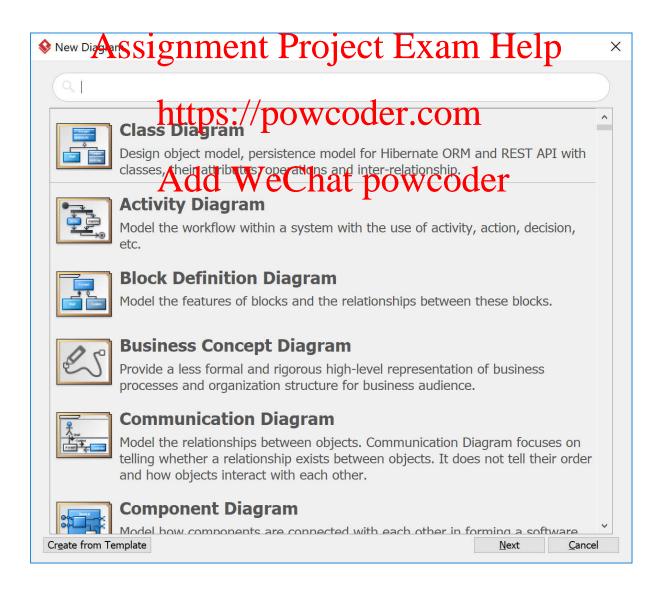
- 7. To add a RELATIONSHIP use the ASSOCIATION object
- 8. To change the CARDINALITY of a RELATIONSHIP look at the 'multiplicity' property of the association
- 9. To add an ATTRIBUTE, right click on the CLASS, then click OPEN SPECIFICATION and click on the ATTRIBUTE tab. Click ADD to add a new attribute and then name it.

- 10. To add an IDENTIFIER: Right click on the attribute, and select STEREOTYPE > PK
- 11. To set the CARDINALITY of an ATTRIBUTE use the MULTIPLICITY option on the attribute.

 Right click on the class, select 'presentation options' then select 'attributes' and 'show multiplicity'. Be careful not to set the UNIQUE option unless this is a single-field primary key
- 12. To show the cardinality of the attributes on the diagram, right click on the class and select PRESENTATION OPTIONS > ATTRIBUTES > SHOW MULTIPLICITY
- 13. To create a PRIMITVE data type see Appendix 1

LOGICAL DIAGRAM

- 14. To create the LOGICAL diagram, you should:
 - a. Click DIAGRAM > NEW and select CLASS DIAGRAM

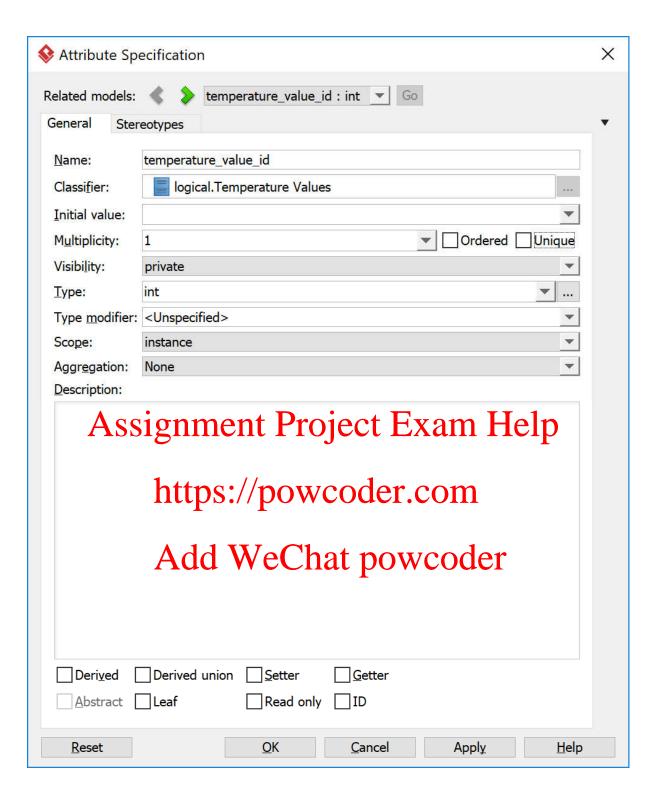


- b. Click NEXT and name the diagram logical
- c. Rename the <default package> (close to the top left of the screen> to *logical* by double-clicking on it
- d. You can then copy/paste the classes from your *conceptual* diagram. NB: When you paste the classes make sure you select PASTE MODEL ELEMENT not PASTE VIEW as the latter will make changes to the conceptual diagram every time you make changes to the logical diagram.
- 15. Edit or add an attribute as above (by right clicking on the class and then clicking on SPECIFICATION and ATTRIBUTES). However in this case make sure you specify the data type (from the *type* list) and the multiplicity
 - e. Make sure UNIQUE is NOT ticked

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- 16. Go through any existing attributes to specify their data type and multiplicity.
 - f. For geometry data types, just type the word geometry into the type box.
 - g. For character varying use string
 - h. For numbers use int or double
 - i. For date, just type the word date into the box

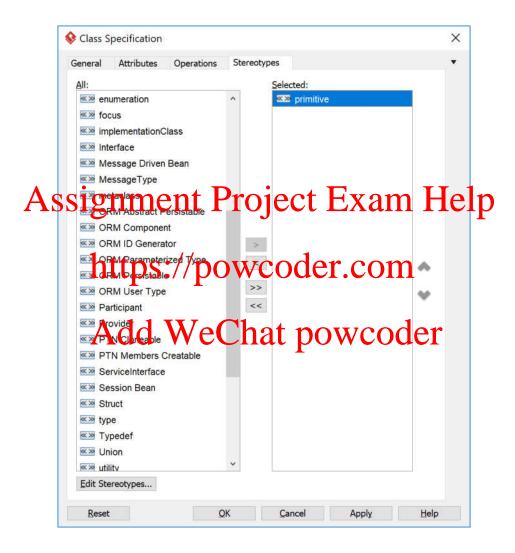
- 17. The <<FK>> stereotype does not exist, you can create it by using STEREOTYPES >EDIT STEREOTYPES > ADD
- 18. To add UNIQUE constraints just right click and select ADD > OPERATION. Change the word OPERATION to UNIQUE and then in brackets add the fields that the constraints operates on. (NB: Don't use the CONSTRAINTS option as this is not suitable)

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Appendix 1 – Creating a << PRIMITIVE >> Data Type

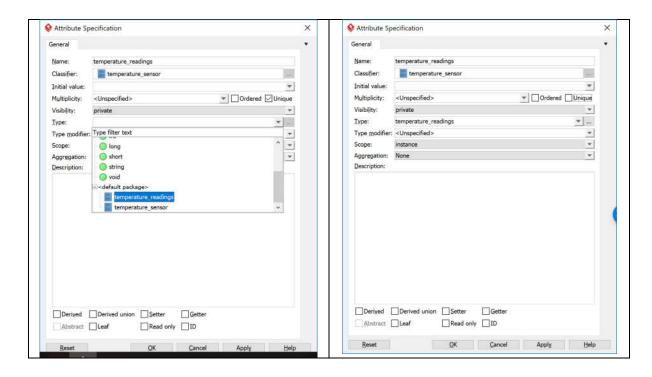
1. Create the PRIMITVE ENTITY

- a. Drag a new CLASS object onto the diagram
- b. Add the attributes that you need for the primitive type
- c. Click OK to create the object
- d. Right-click on the CLASS and then select STEREOTYPES > EDIT STEREOTYPES and select the << PRIMITIVE >> type from the list



2. Create the PARENT ENTITY

- e. Then create the second CLASS (entity) that will use this primitive type
- f. Add attributes as usual
- g. However, when adding the attribute that will contain the primitive type, scroll down in the TYPE list and find the primitive type (i.e. don't select int or string for the type)



- 3. Create the RELATIONSHIP THE Project Exam Help
 - b. Right-click on the association and select OPEN SPECIFICATION
 - c. Set the correct relationships and cardinality
 - d. Set or equip se relations by AREN Green to LAVITABLE FALSE and the other (CHILD end) to NAVIGABLE TRUE as shown below

