

CSE 219 MIDTERM REVIEW

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But isn't 219 just a #\$\$%@ing huge semester long project?

- No
- Hell no
- Oh god hell no
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- Yeah, the lectures are kinda really important.

How to ace the test:

- Do your homework. Preferably correctly.
- Know what you are actually doing when writing code.
- Know how to do more of it.

How to get a job:

- Do some projects. Preferably ones that work.
- Know what you are actually doing when writing code.
- Know how to do more of it.
- (Also algorithms and data structures. And schmoozing galore.)

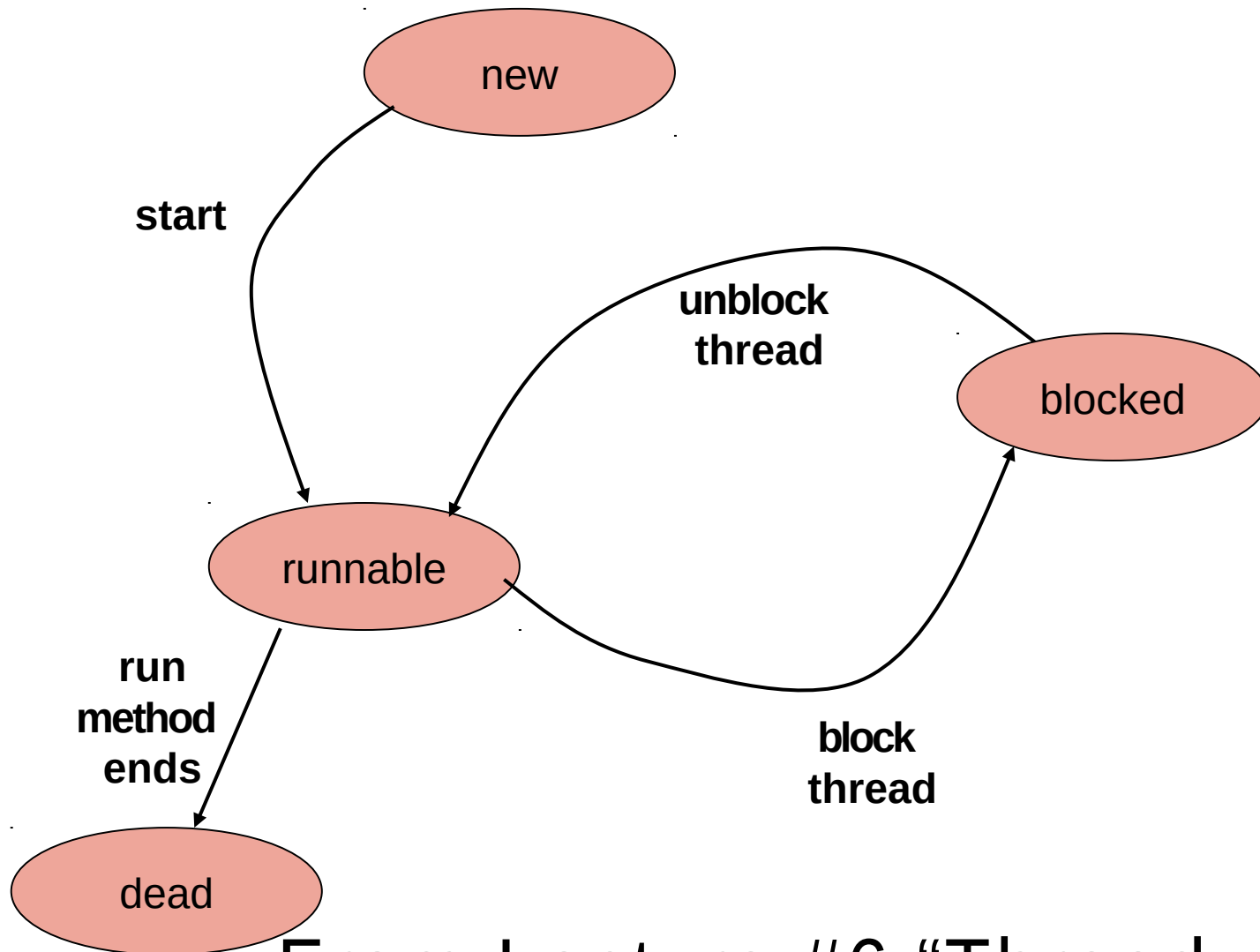
Doing your homework.

- How does HTML and XML work? What do they stand for?
- How did we read in data?
- What data structures did we use?
- How does MiniGameFramework work?
- Probably two questions about little non-technical details. I'm going to assume it's how the sorting algorithms work.

Knowing what you are actually doing when writing code

- Threads
- You should do some **real object oriented** studying to make things a bit **less abstract** (haha)
- OOP+ is your #1 study buddy
- A bit of Swing, mostly HW related things!

Threads!



From Lecture #6 "Threads & Timer

HW#2 vs HW#3: The threads unravel!

- HW #2 relies on event-based programming. Program updates itself when you press a button through listeners.
- HW #3 uses threading to check for clicks, and subsequent events when mandatory, all the time. (Or at least based on how fast it's running!)
- Learn to love threads! You can't escape them!

Starting Those Threads!

- `start()` - makes thread runnable, automatically calling `run()` if using Thread class, you don't ever need to define it yourself
- `run()` - where stuff actually happens, automatically called if using Thread class but it does NOTHING, if using a class that extends Thread **you must define it**

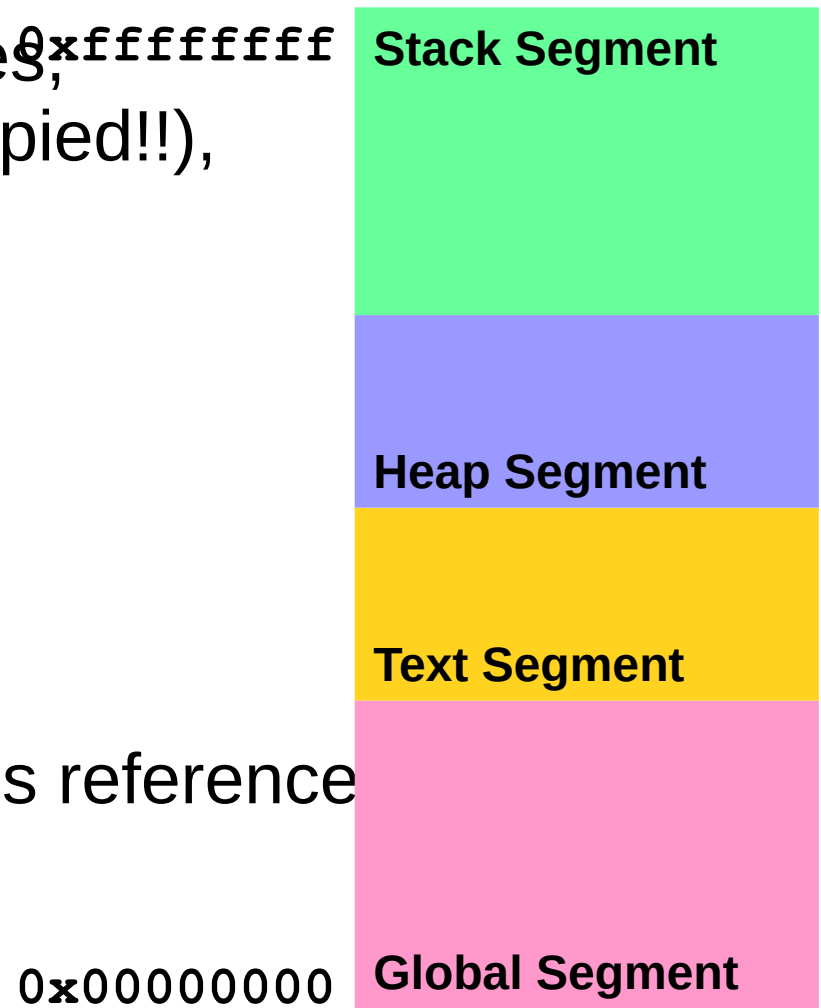
When good threads go bad.

- Atomicity! (Remember this if you plan on taking 305!)
- Transactions run until completed, or not at all.
- If you are using an object for multiple simultaneous transactions, you are looking for trouble.
- Use locks! Specifically ReentrantLock in a try, finally block. (Unlock in the finally!!)

Memory Management

- Savor the simplicity, you get into the nitty gritty in 220.

- **Stack:** methods! Method variables, method arguments (which are copied!!), removed when returned
- **Heap:** reserved at compile time (static data!)
- **Text:** program instructions
- **Global:** dynamic and persistent data for objects. Created when a new object is made, lasts as it is reference



Inheritance

- `Person p = new Student(); // okay!`
- `Student s = new Person(); // not okay!`
- **`Label = newBox();`**
- Everything must fit into the box!
- Objects can only be cast to an ancestor!

Collections

- Really cool lists that use abstraction to make our lives easier
- A list of specific objects! Catches compiler errors over run-time! No need to do so much object casting!
- Comparable vs Comparator: Comparable sorts with natural ordering, comparator with custom

Apparent vs. Actual Types

- **Apparent:**
the type an object is **declared** as
only the **compiler** cares
determines what methods can be called
the “**label**”
- **Actual**
the type an object is **constructed** as
only the **JVM** cares
determines where the implementation of a method is
defined
the “**box**”

Static vs Non-Static

- Static methods/variables:
scoped to a class
- Non-static methods/variables:
scoped to a single object
- Like socks and towels in a hot dryer, static methods/variables are really sticky
- Data is stored on the **heap**, not copied to the **stack**, like non-static

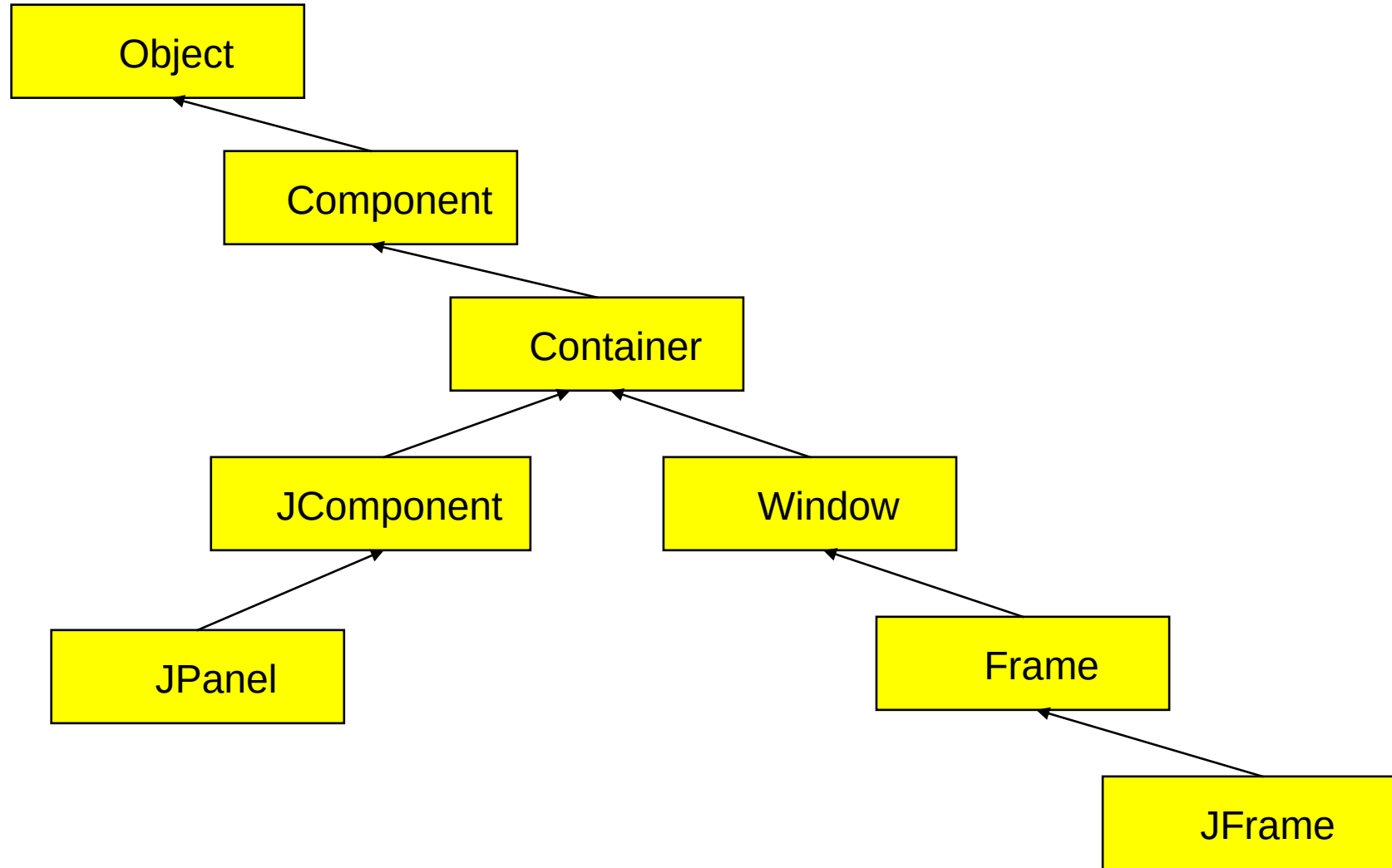
Abstract & Interface Classes

- Abstract Classes:
 - can specify abstract and concrete methods
- Interfaces:
 - specifies abstract methods
 - method headers with no bodies!
 - e.g. ActionListener
- Objects **can have apparent type** of concrete/interface/abstract, **can never have actual type** of interface or abstract

Swing! Swing! Swing!

- Event-based GUI interface
- Already made pretty by Java automatically
- Forms to fill out! Buttons to click! Events to register! Data to send! Update it all, and then start again!
- Stick to focusing on things used in HW/lecture. Also, layouts!

Hierarchies and Inheritance



JPanel – Where the action's at!

- Look at your homeworks, there's a class that extends JPanel!
- Do not call `paintComponent(Graphics g)`. Java does that for you automatically.
- Instead, **repaint()**
- Graphics define shape and texts to render on this panel
- Adjust with **mouse-based events**

Knowing how to design more software.

- Version control! What is it, and why do we use it?
- Debugging! (You'll get the hang of it eventually)
- Software development lifecycle
- UML and design organization

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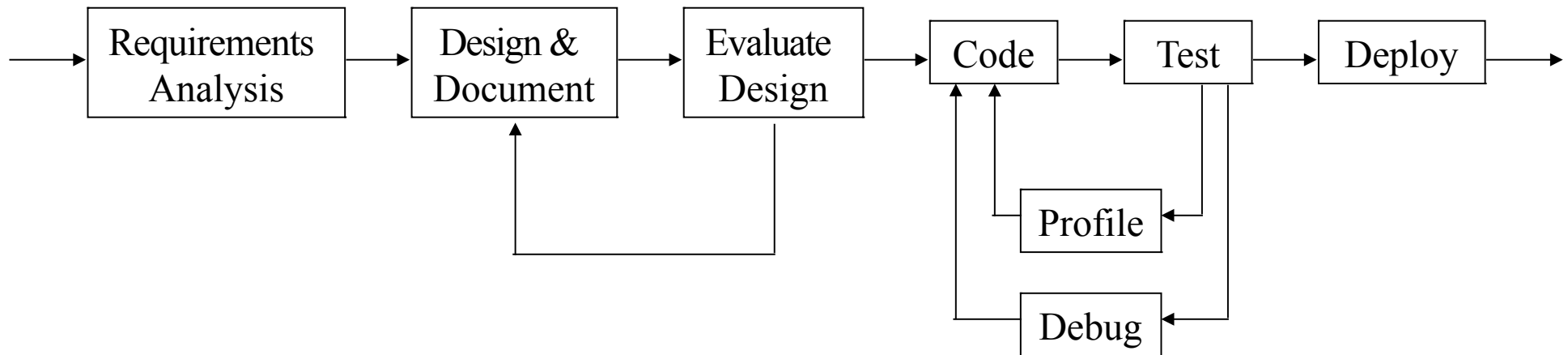
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Software Development Lifecycle



From Lecture #1 Software Development Lifecycle

Waterfall Model

Requirements Analysis

Design

Evaluate Design

Code

Test, Debug, & Profile Components

Integrate

Test, Debug, & Profile Whole

Deploy

Maintain

I wish we could learn Agile though. It's pretty popular and sounds cool.. ;_

Properties of High Quality Software

Correctness

Efficiency

Ease of use

- for the user

- for other programmers using your framework

Reliability/robustness

Reusability

Extensibility

Scalability

Maintainability, Readability, Modifiability, Testability, etc

Software Design!

- Data-driven design, make sentences!: nouns (objects, attributes of objects), verbs (methods)
- Top-down design: Divide your problems, make a skeleton outline, and conquer!
- K.I.S.S. Keep It Simple, Stupid
- D.R.Y. Don't Repeat Yourself
- Modularity!
- In practice: GameStateManager (data manipulation) and UI (the things you see and interact with) are separate! Why?

UML

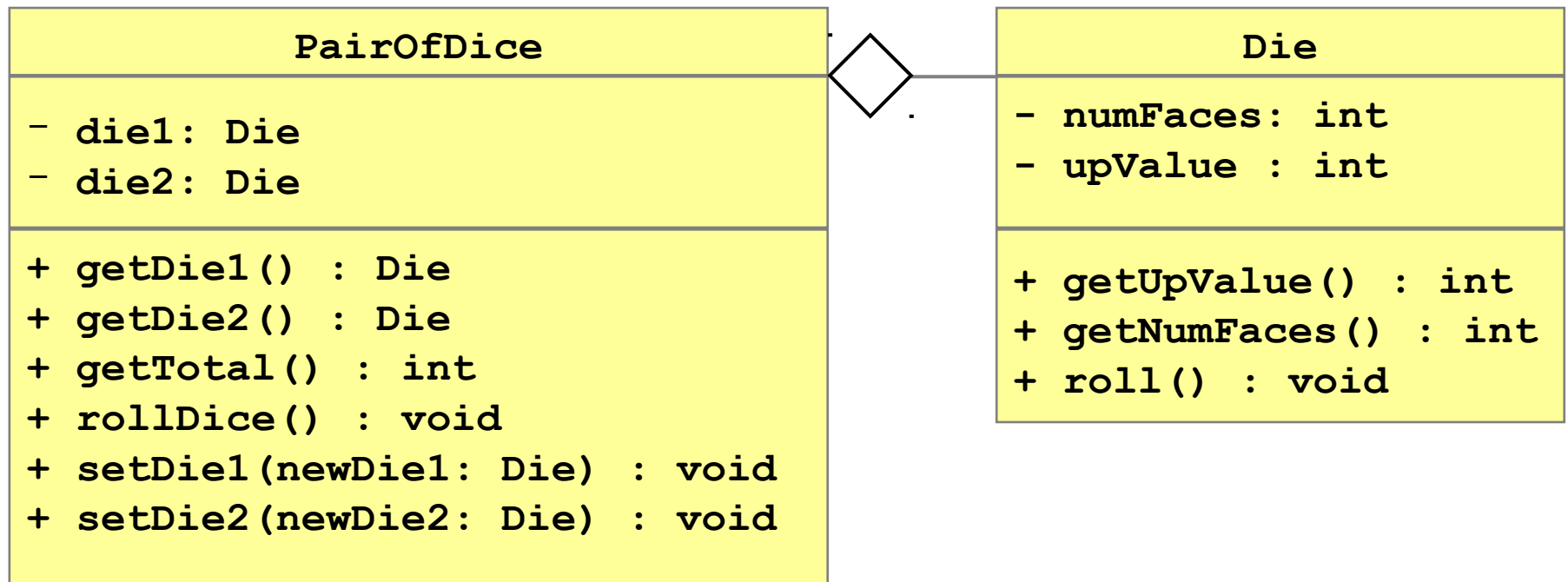
- Unified Modeling Language
- Organize your plans!
- The more you plan now, the more you can sleep later. The better you plan now, the better you'll sleep later.
- Use case diagram: describe all the ways users will interact with the program
- Class diagram: describe all of our classes for our app
- Sequence diagram: describe all event handling

Don't worry, I find it tedious too...

Class diagram

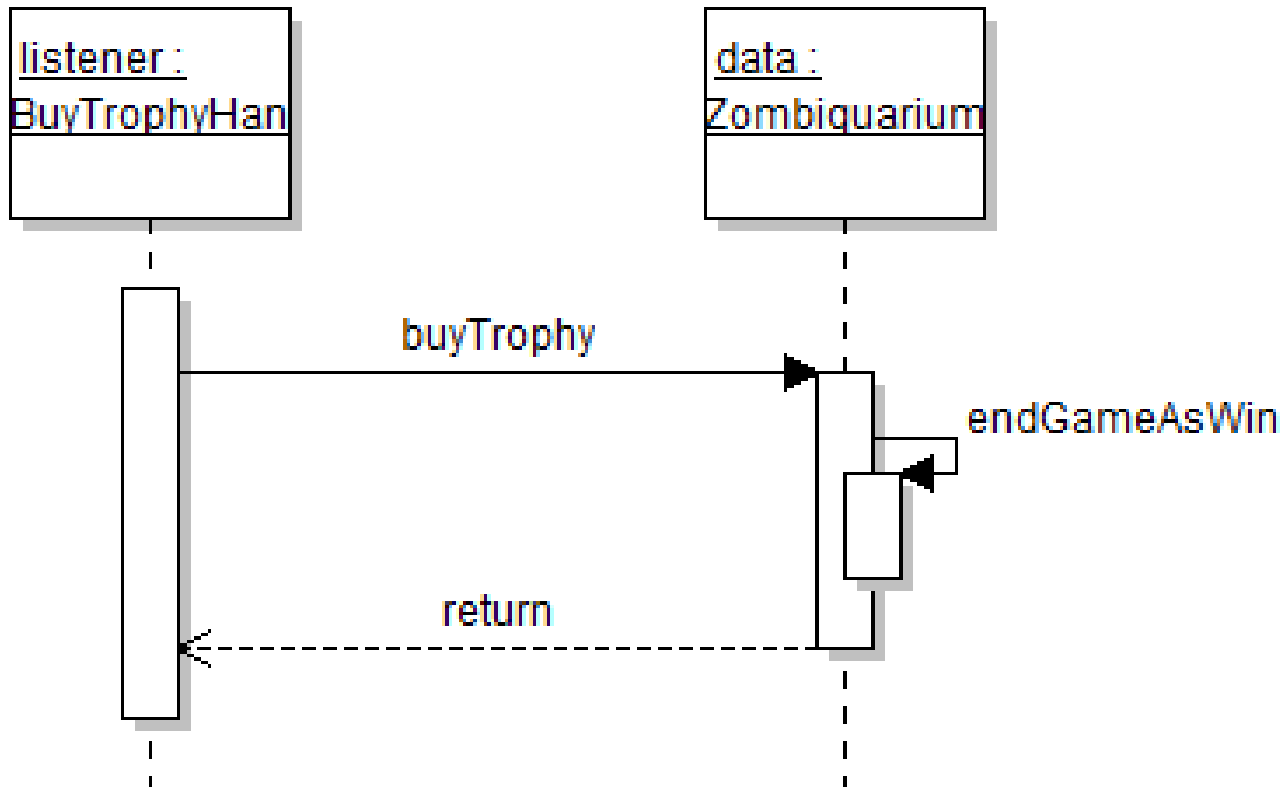
- Makes outlines of classes.
- Memorize the formatting: public vs private variables, HAS-A (diamond) vs IS-A (arrow).
- Remember symbol position. (DicePair <>--Die
Person<--Student)
- <<interfaces>>, or <<I>>
- *AbstractClass*, or {abstract}

Students have swag. Professionals have class diagrams.



Sequence Diagrams

- Demonstrate the behavior of objects in program
 - describe the objects and the messages they pass
 - diagrams are read left to right and descending



Version Control

- IS A LOT MORE AWESOME AND AMAZING THAN YOU THINK.
- Case in point: GitHub
- (employers love it)
- (you might even find cool things on it too)

<https://github.com/yvds/219s14-ReviewSession>

You're welcome, and good luck!! :).