

# Unified Modeling Language

## Class Diagrams



Elements of a Class diagram

- Associations: represents relationships between classes
- Multiplicity: determines how many objects might participate in the relationship
- Navigation: determine what direction an association can be traversed at runtime

## What UML is and is not

used to create an executable model

- programming language
- development process
- generate code skeletons
- maps the most OO languages
- enables a software designer to represent programming language constructs

UML is not:

- UML modeling tools
- Support semantic verifications of the diagrams
- Provide support for a specific methodology
- Organize the diagrams for a project
- Automatic generation of modeling elements for design patterns

Workflows (disciplines) define the activities that transform the artifacts

The OOSD process starts with gathering the system requirements and ends with deploying a working system.

## Elements and Connectors

Package: is used to group together any UML elements

Note: allows textual notes that are added to any aspect of a diagram

Dependency: shows that one UML element depends on another UML element

Stereotypes: declare a more specific type of element or connector

## UML Diagrams

Interaction overview diagram: represents a form activity diagram where nodes can represent interaction with the others fragments of the diagram

Timing diagram: represents changes in state

Case diagram: Represents the set of high-level behaviors

Class diagram: represents a collection of software classes and their interrelationships

Object diagram: represents a runtime snapshot of software objects and their interrelationships

Communication diagram: represents a collection of objects that work together to support some system behavior

Sequence diagram: represents a time-orientated perspective of an object communication

Activity diagram: represents a flow of activities that might be performed by either a system or an actor

State Machine diagram: represents the set of states that an object might experience

Component diagram: represents a collection of physical software components

Composite Structure diagram: represents the internal structure of a classifier, usually in form parts

Profile diagram: define additional diagram types or extend existing diagrams with additional notations

Structural: show the static structure of the objects

Behavior: show the dynamic behavior of objects

Diagrams are categorized in two main categories

## OOSD as Model Transformations

Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a graphical language for visualizing, specifying, constructing and documenting the artifacts of a software system

Defining the UML:

- Elements: UML is composed of:
- Diagrams: Diagrams are built from modeling primitives or elements
- Views: UML diagrams create a visualizations of your mental models

two broad categories of elements:

- things (called nodes)
- relationships (called links)

these diagrams are used to construct many of the artifacts

## Examining the Benefits of Modeling Software

Document the decisions made in each OOSD workflow

Communicate decisions to the project stakeholders

Modeling enables:

- Helps to understand, conceptualize and visualize any kind of systems
- Visualize new or existing systems
- Design and implementation workflows, the structural and dynamic aspects are specified in the Requirements model
- Solution model represents the complete conceptualization
- This model is used as a template for implementing the code modules

Specify the structure (static) and behavior(dynamic) elements of a System

Different views show the model from different perspectives

The development team must create a series of conceptual models that transform a idea into a production system.

Why Model Software?

Building models can facilitates the understanding of the system we are developing

A model is an abstract conceptualisation of some entity

from architecture

A model is abstract by its nature

Can represent many different things

Physical

Conceptual

## Exploring the Design Workflow

What is a Model?

- A simplification of reality
- A description of static and/or dynamic characteristic of a subject area