Sequence diagrams

Quizz questions handling concurrency

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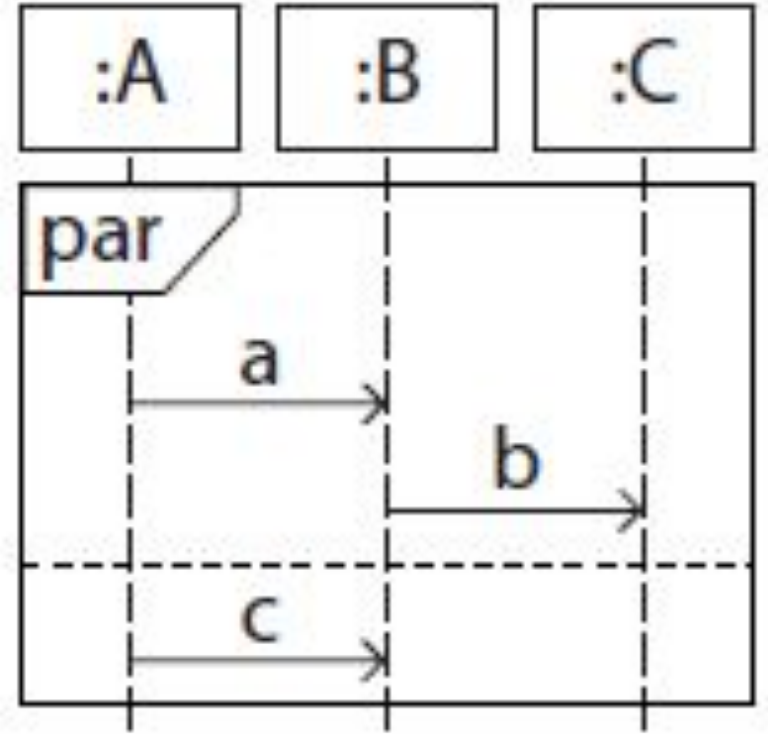
e) $a \rightarrow c \rightarrow b$

f) $b \rightarrow c \rightarrow a$



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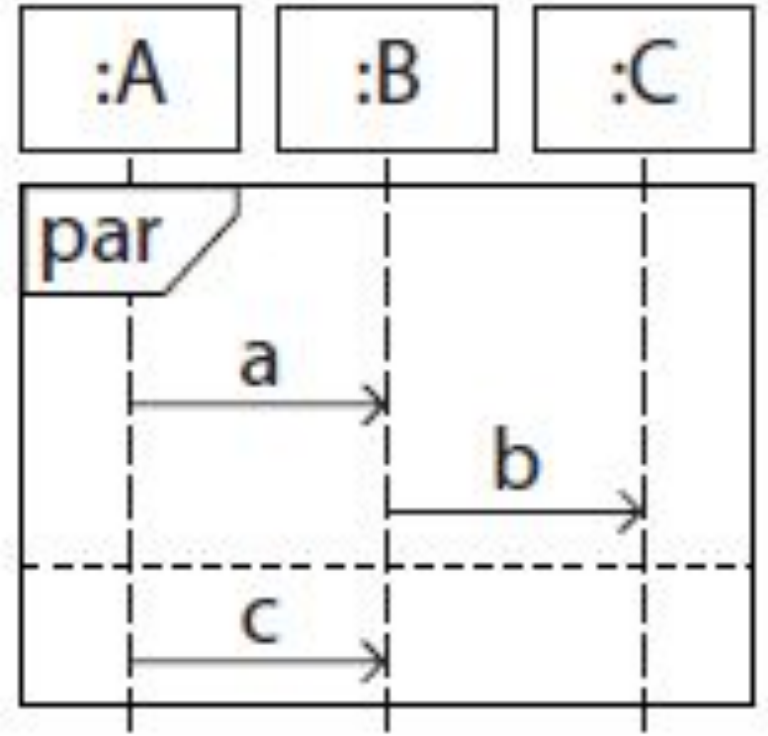

b can’t be before a

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b) a → b → d → c

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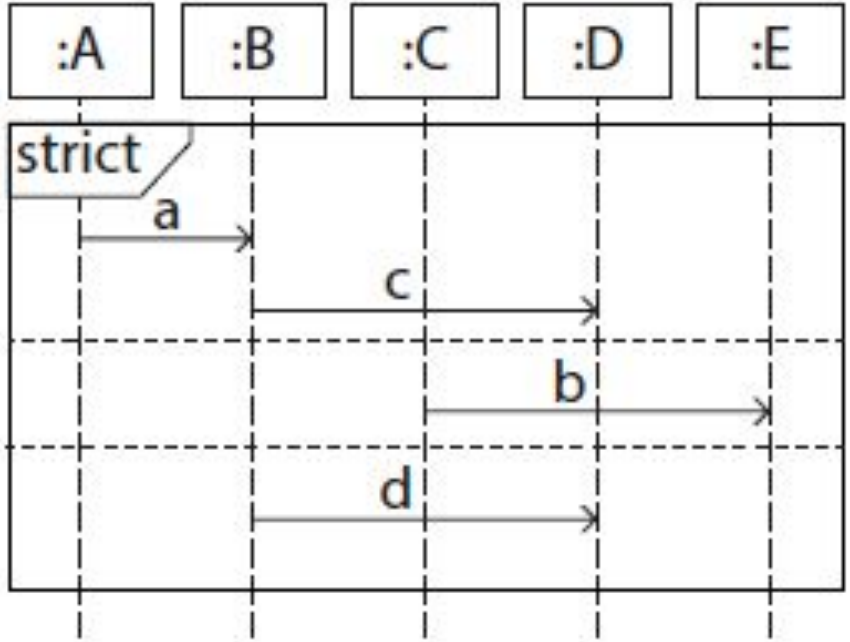

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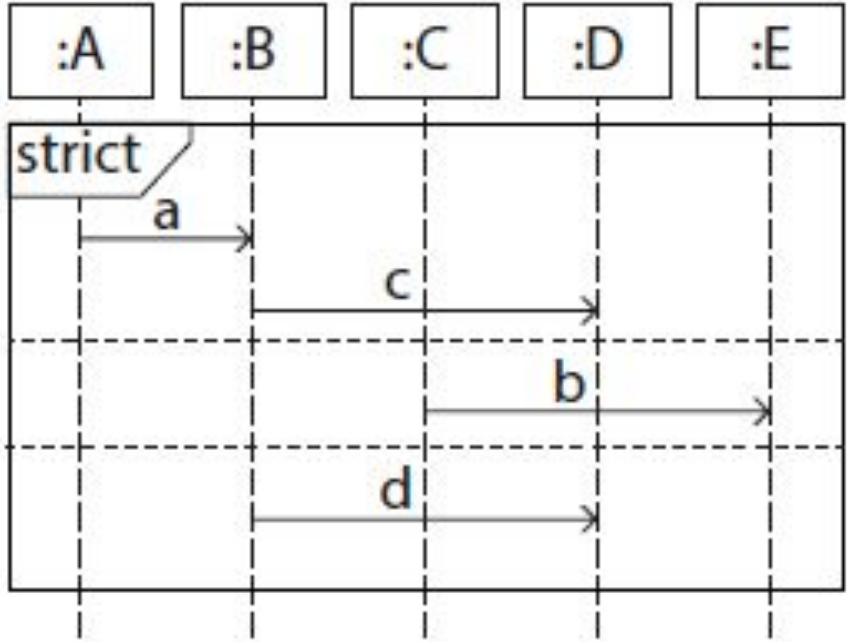

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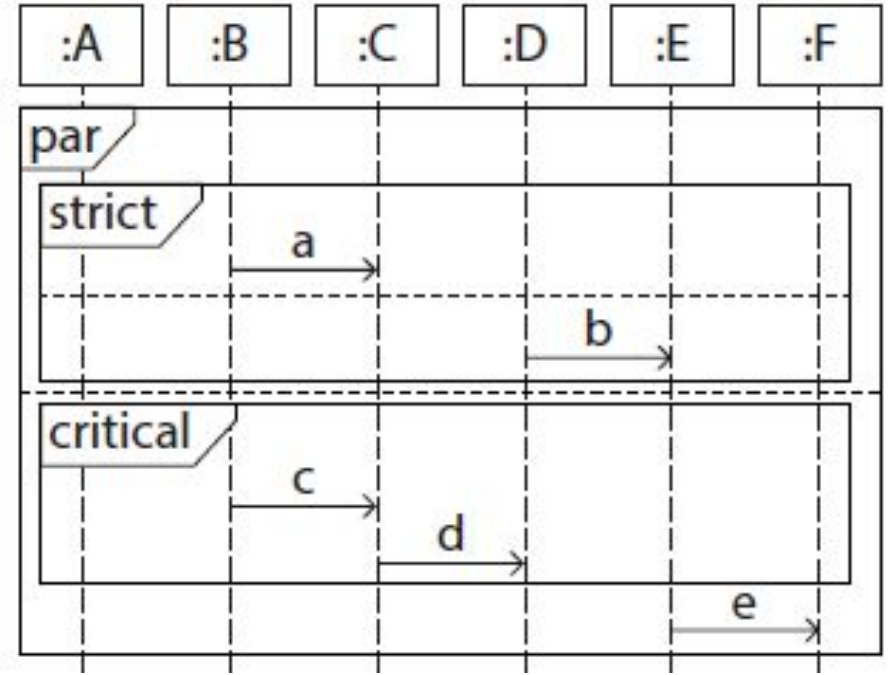

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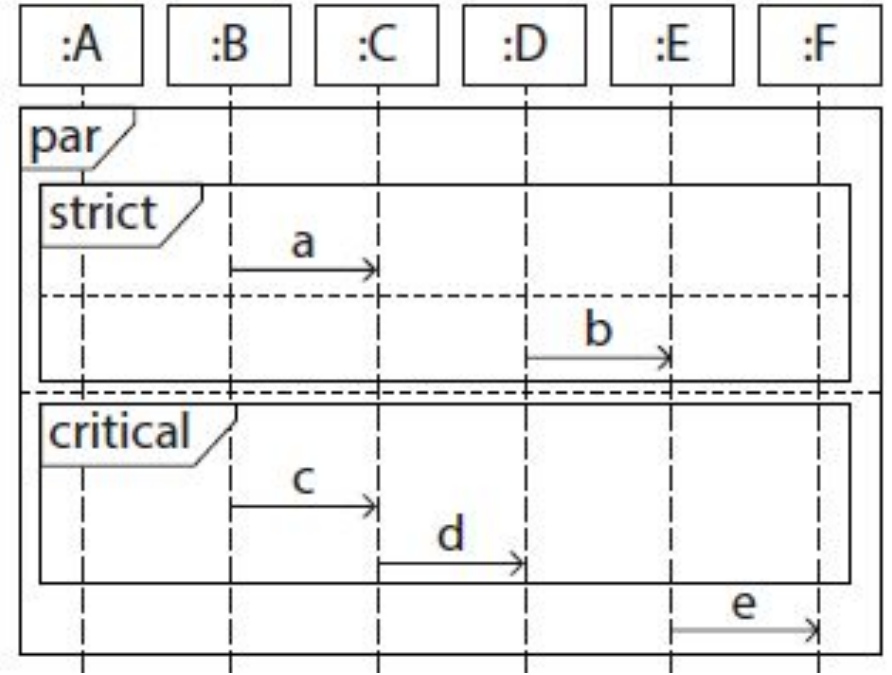


Hand back book

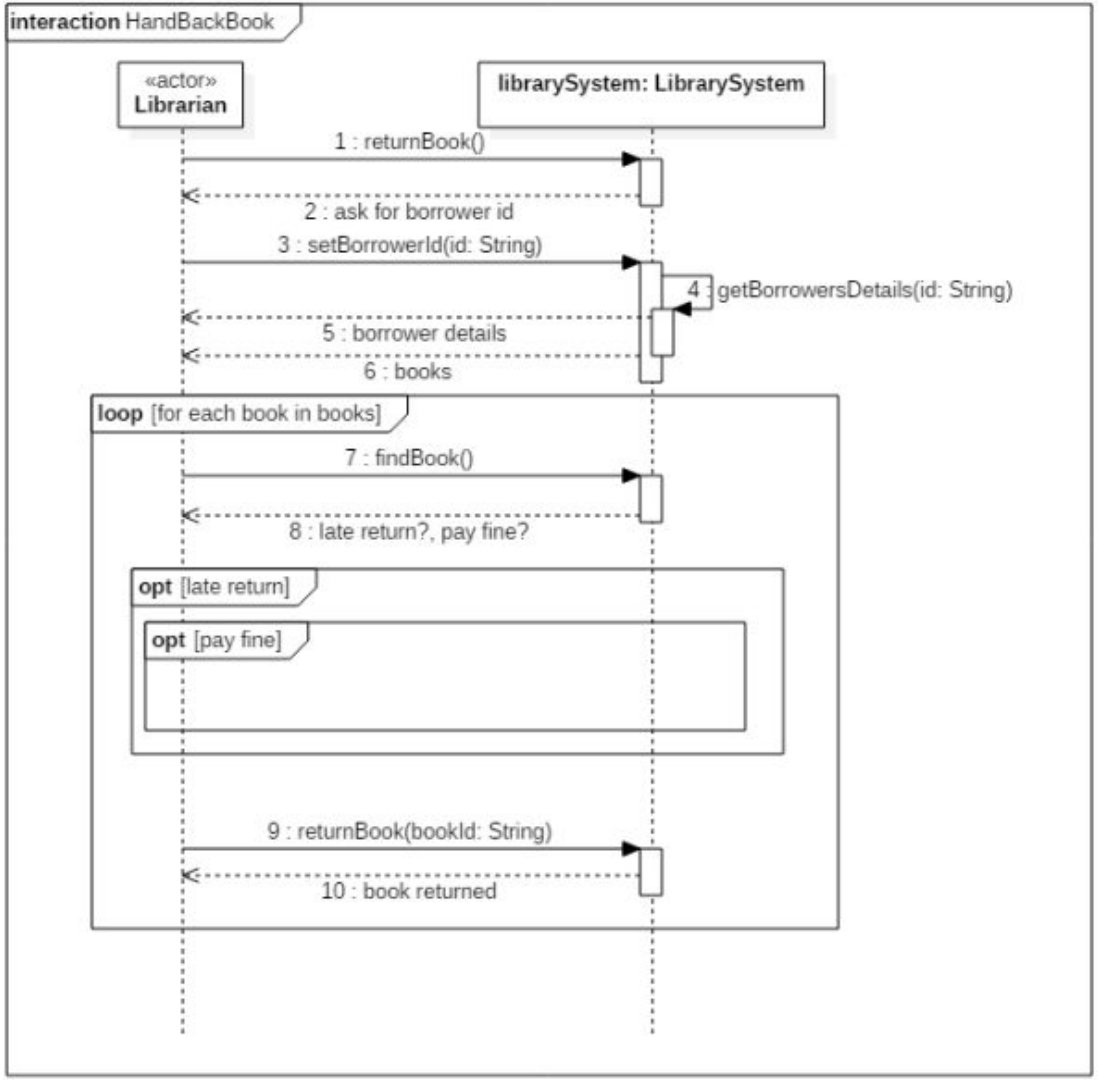
Sequence diagram construction, step by step

Let us start with the main use case

Use Case: Hand Back Book
Description: the Librarian returns a lent book
Main Actor: Librarian
Secondary Actor: None
Pre-condition: The librarian is logged in the System
Main Flow: 1. The Use Case starts when the librarian selects an option to return book. 2. The Librarian introduces the Borrower's ID. 3. The System shows the Borrower's data details, including all the borrowed books. 4. For each book to be returned a) The Librarian finds the book to be returned in the borrowed books list. **Extension point: late return, pay fine** b) The Librarian tags the book as returned. 5. The Use Case Ends.
Post-condition: The book was returned.
Alternative Flow: Borrower's Id does not match the Library user's list The book is not in the list.

How do we build the corresponding sequence diagram?

- Identify the actor(s)
- Think of the system as a black-box
- Identify all the messages being exchanged from the actor(s) to the system and the system’s answers
- Add placeholders for extensions and inclusions, if necessary
  - Leave them blank, for now
- Keep in mind that we will need to add more details, as we progress
  - Start with the main flow
  - Then, add the alternative flows, one by one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«actor»
Librarian
librarySystem: LibrarySystem
1 : returnBook()
2 : ask for borrower id
3 : setBorrowerId(id: String)
4 : getBorrowersDetails(id: String)
5 : borrower details
6 : books
loop [for each book in books]
7 : findBook()
8 : late return?, pay fine?
opt [late return]
opt [pay fine]
9 : returnBook(bookId: String)
10 : book returned

Start with the Main flow

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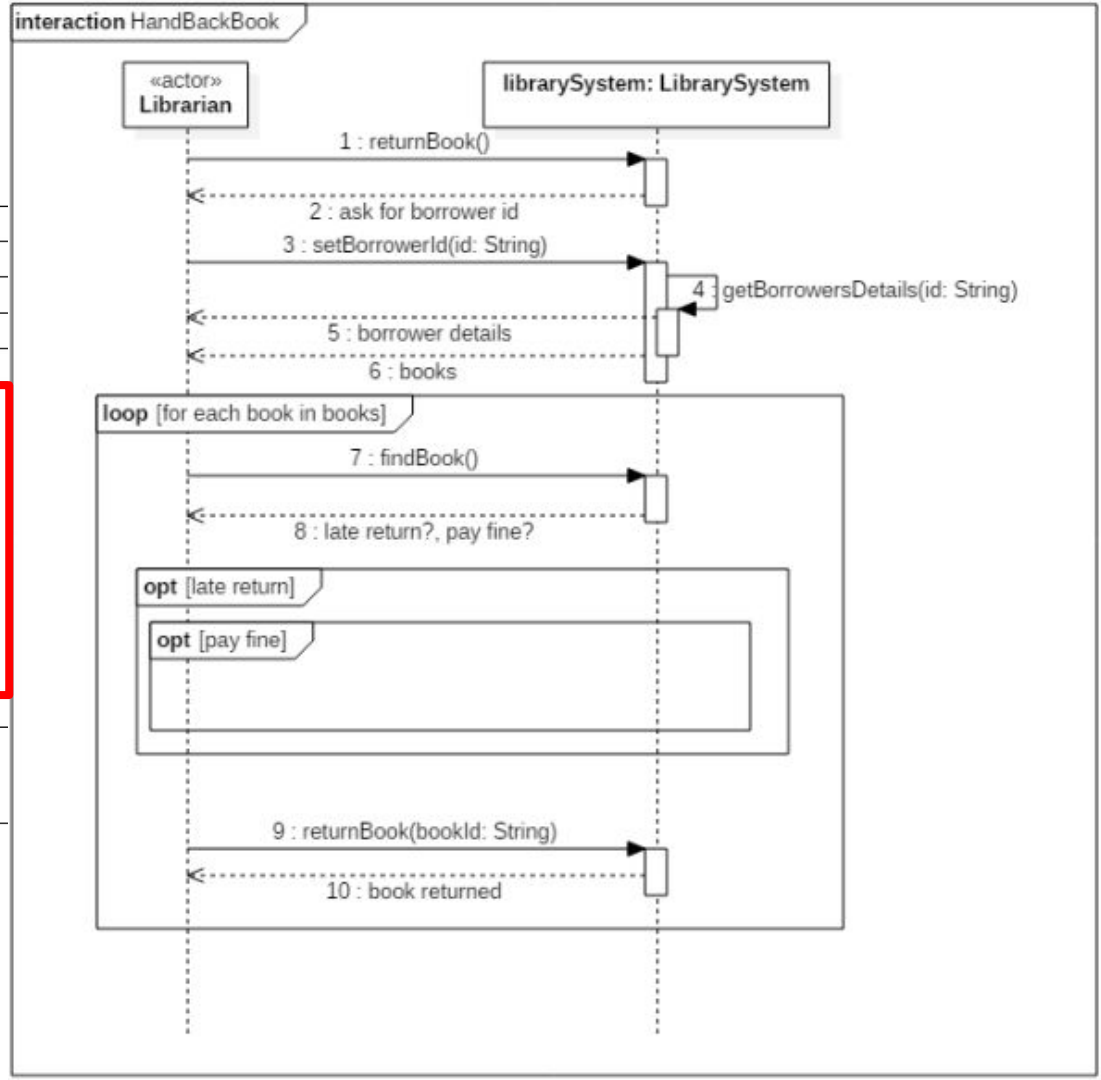

Extension points execution is optional

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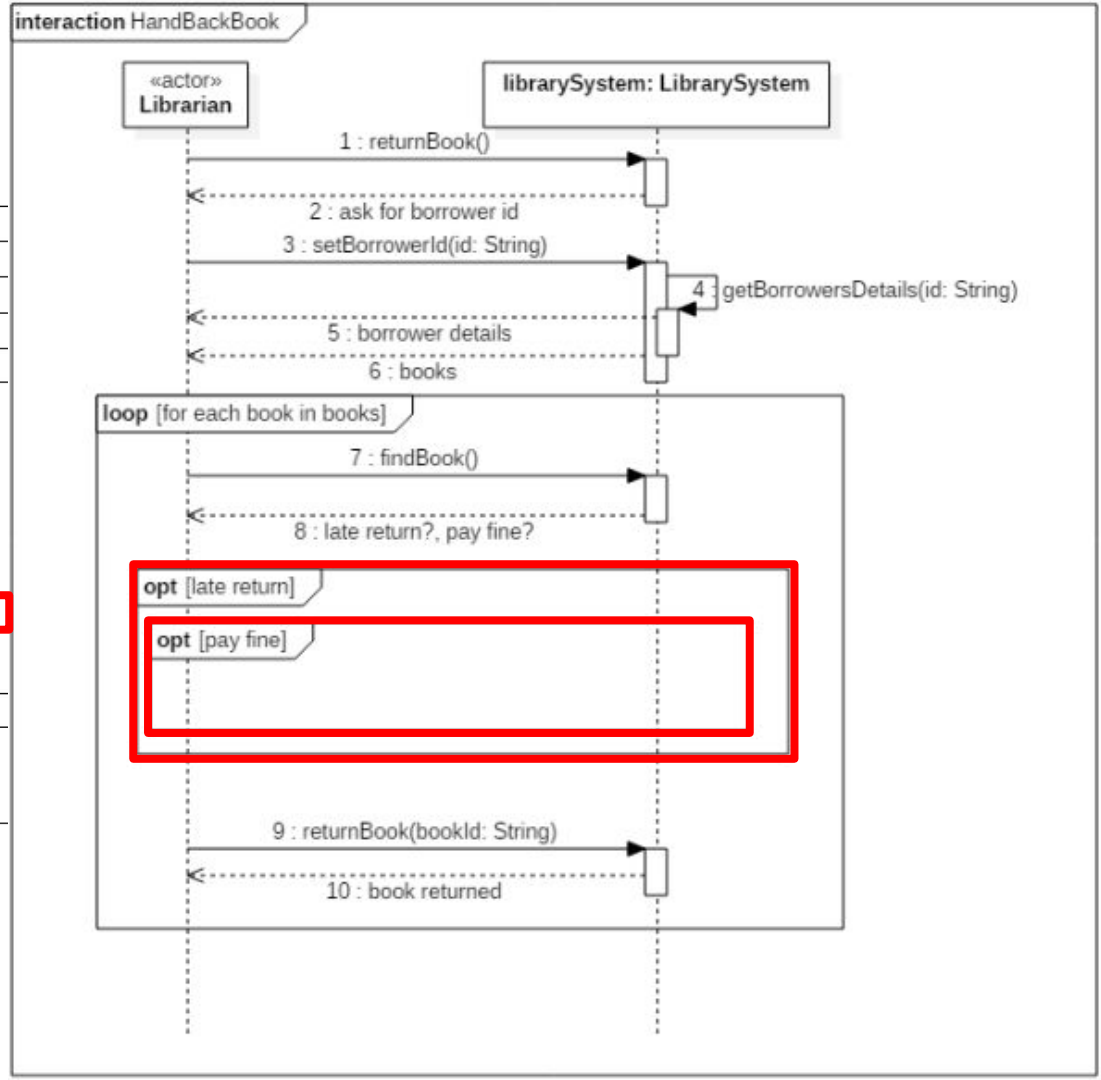
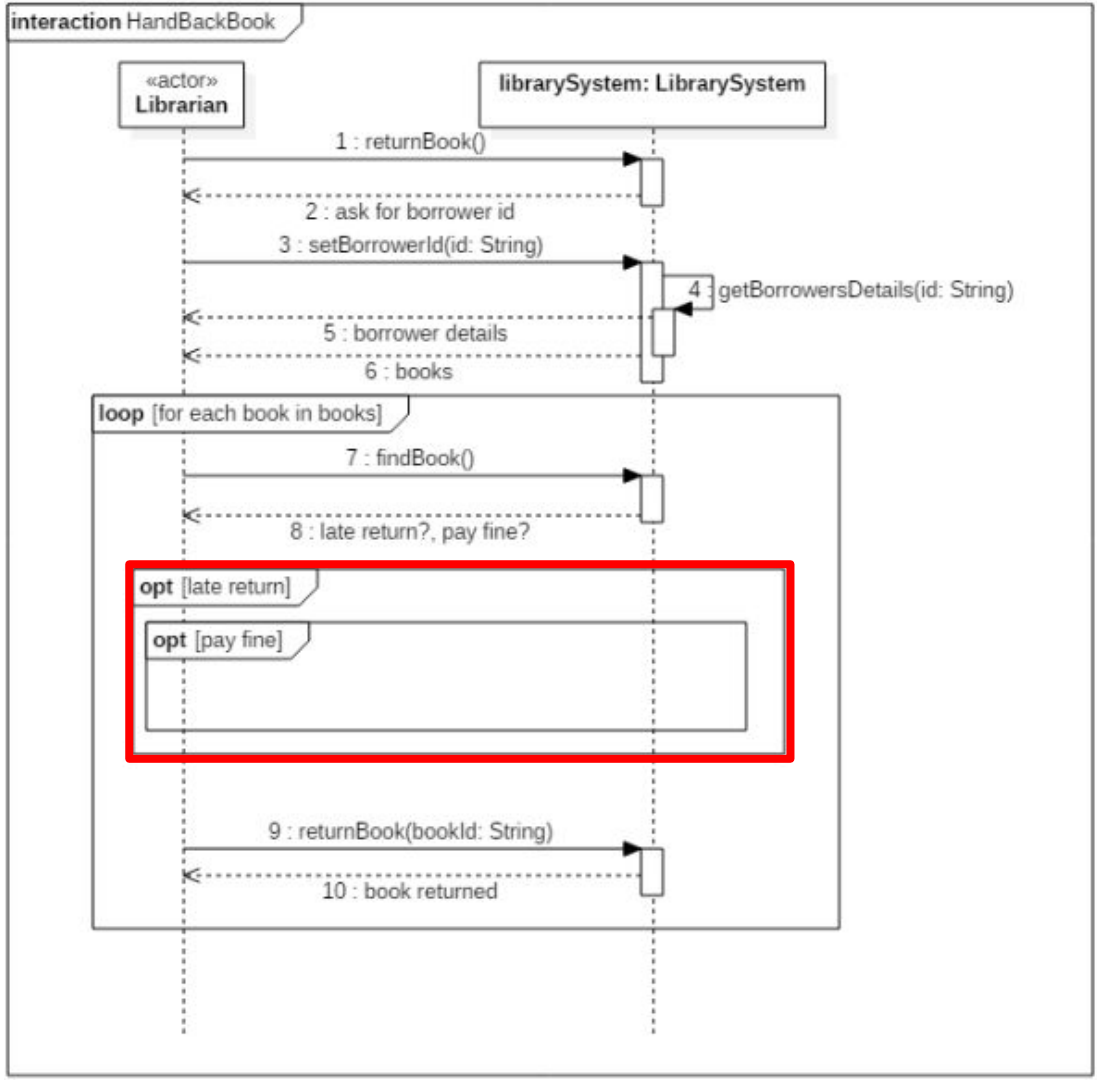


What to do with those late return and pay fine options?

We will have to analyse what happens with the corresponding extension use cases…

For now, leave it like this.



Add the first alternative flow

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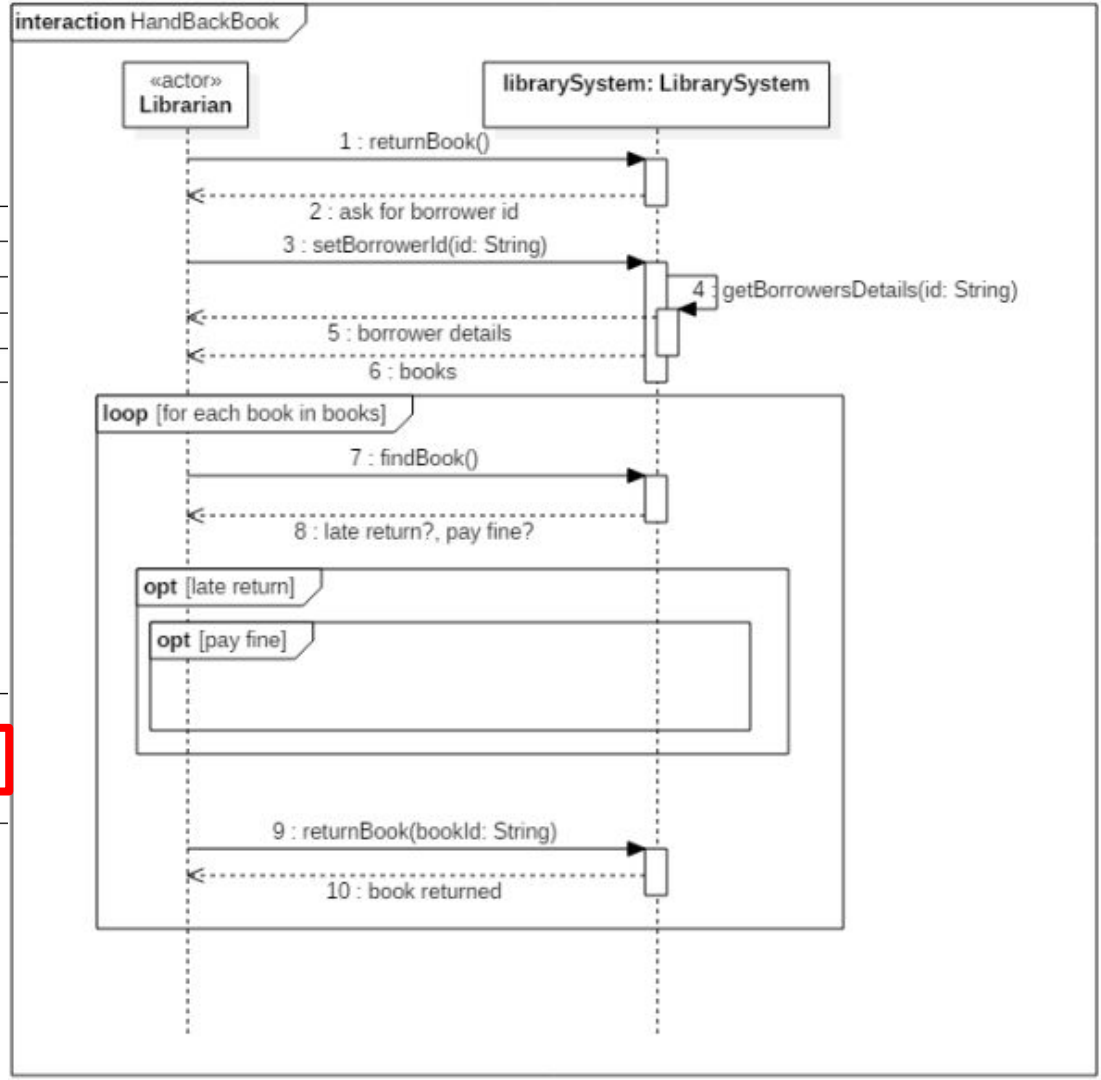

Let’s have a look at the alternative flow use case specification

Use Case: Hand Back Book: Borrower’s ID does not match the Library user’s list
Description: the User with the Borrower’s ID does not match in the system’s list of
Library users
Main Actor: Librarian
Secondary Actor: None
Pre-condition: The entered Borrower’s ID is invalid
Main Flow: 1. The alternative Flow starts before step 3. 2. The System shows message saying that the product code is invalid. 3. Return to step 2 of the main Scenario.
Post-condition: none

Find out where the specification fits in the base use case

Use Case: Hand Back Book
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Post-condition: none

The Librarian repeats the setting of the borrower id until the id is valid

- The loop combined fragment takes care of the repeat until iteration
- The opt combined fragment takes case of the feedback to the librarian

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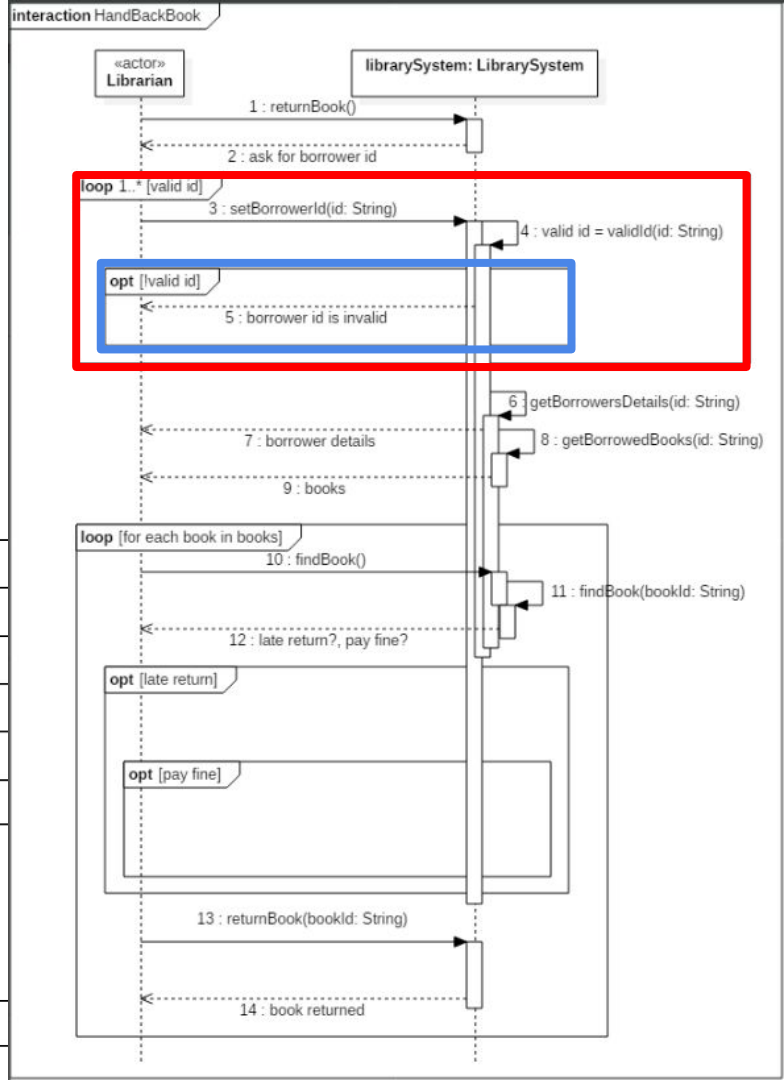

What if the book to be returned is not on the list?

Use Case: Hand Back Book: The book is not in the list.
Description: the User has a book that is not in his list of borrowed books.
Main Actor: Librarian
Secondary Actor: None
Pre-condition: The book is not in the list of borrowed books
Main Flow: 1. The alternative Flow starts before step 4- b). 2. The System shows message saying that the book is not in the system. 3. Return to step 4 of the main Scenario.
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Post-condition: none

The alt combined fragment supports this alternative

- The !foundBook operand provides the error feedback to the librarian
- The foundBook operand allows returning the book

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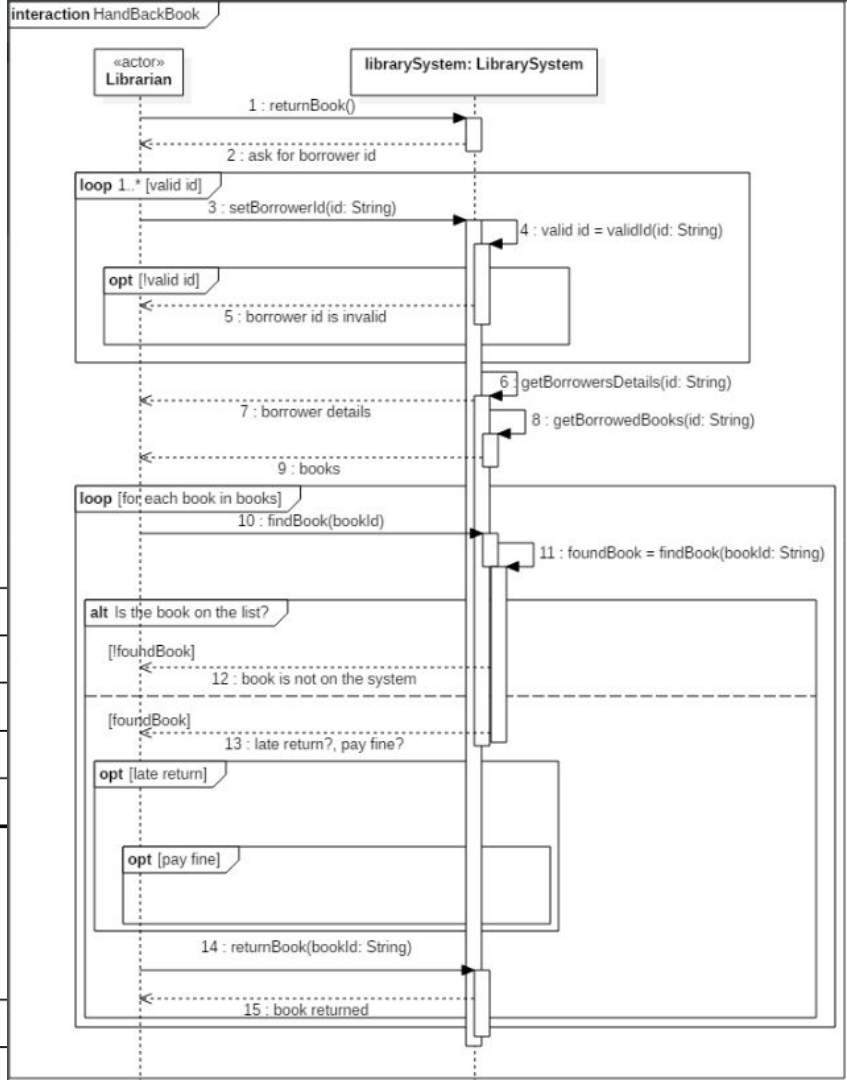

If the book is returned late and there is no fine to pay, send a warning

Use Case: Send Warning
Description:
Segment 1: the Librarian sends a warning
Main Actor: Librarian
Secondary Actor: None
Pre-condition of Segment 1 : It is a late book return
Main Flow: 1. The Librarian sends a warning to the user. 2. The system increments the warning count. 3. The use case ends. **Post-condition:** The book was returned.
Alternative Flow: None

We now add the details on what happens when a book is late in the opt combined fragment

- The feedback message to the user
- The increment on the warning counter

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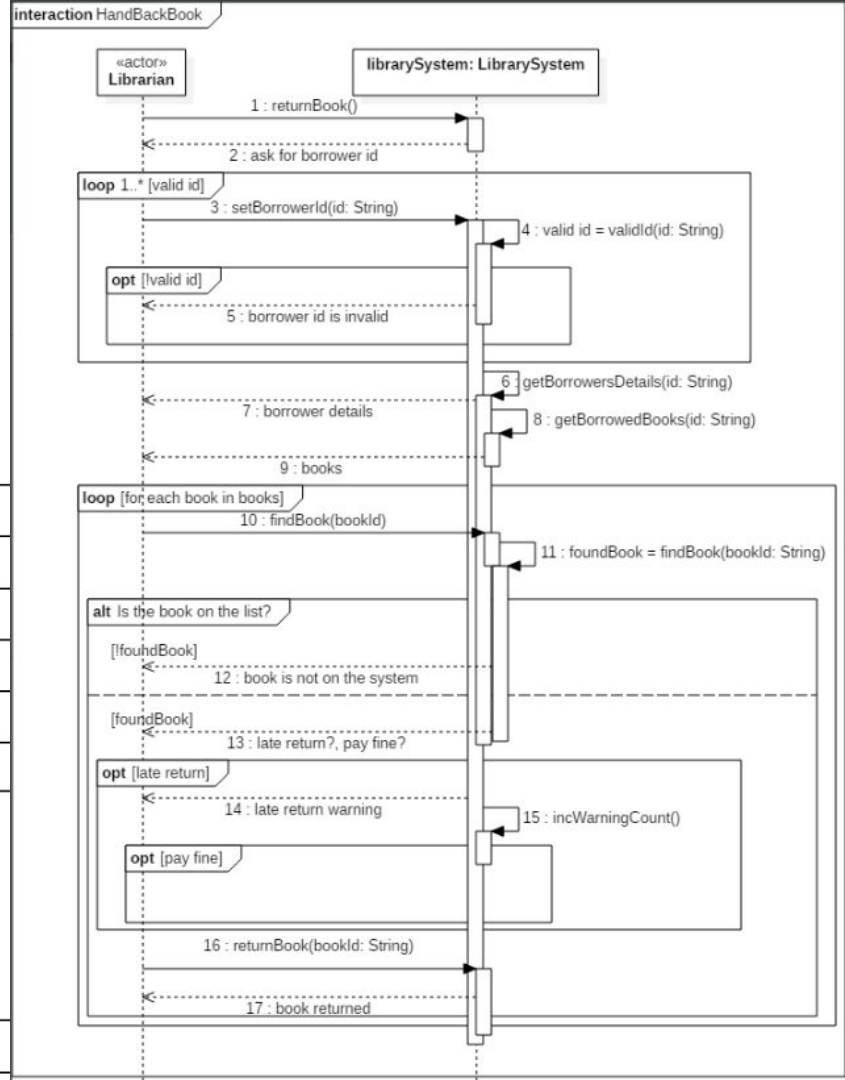
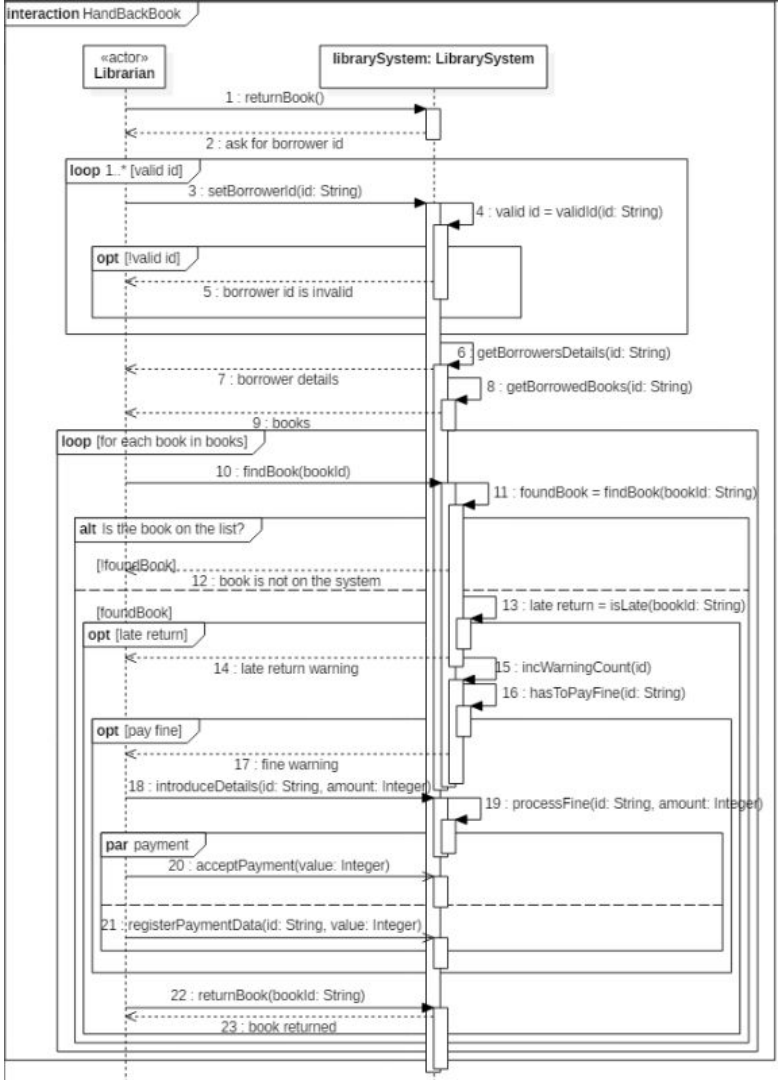


Finally, we fill in the pay fine opt combined fragment

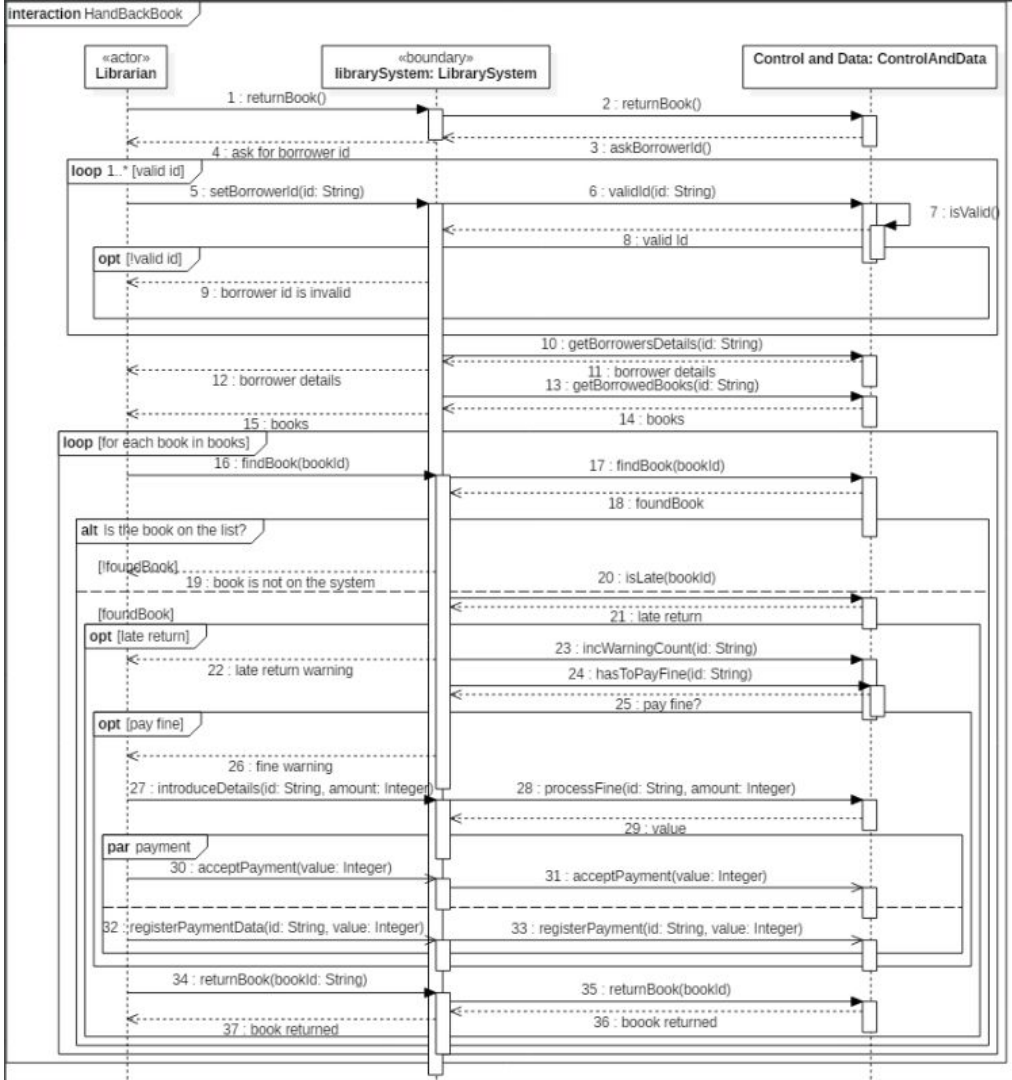
The par combined fragment addresses the two things a librarian can do in parallel:

- Accept payment
- Register payment



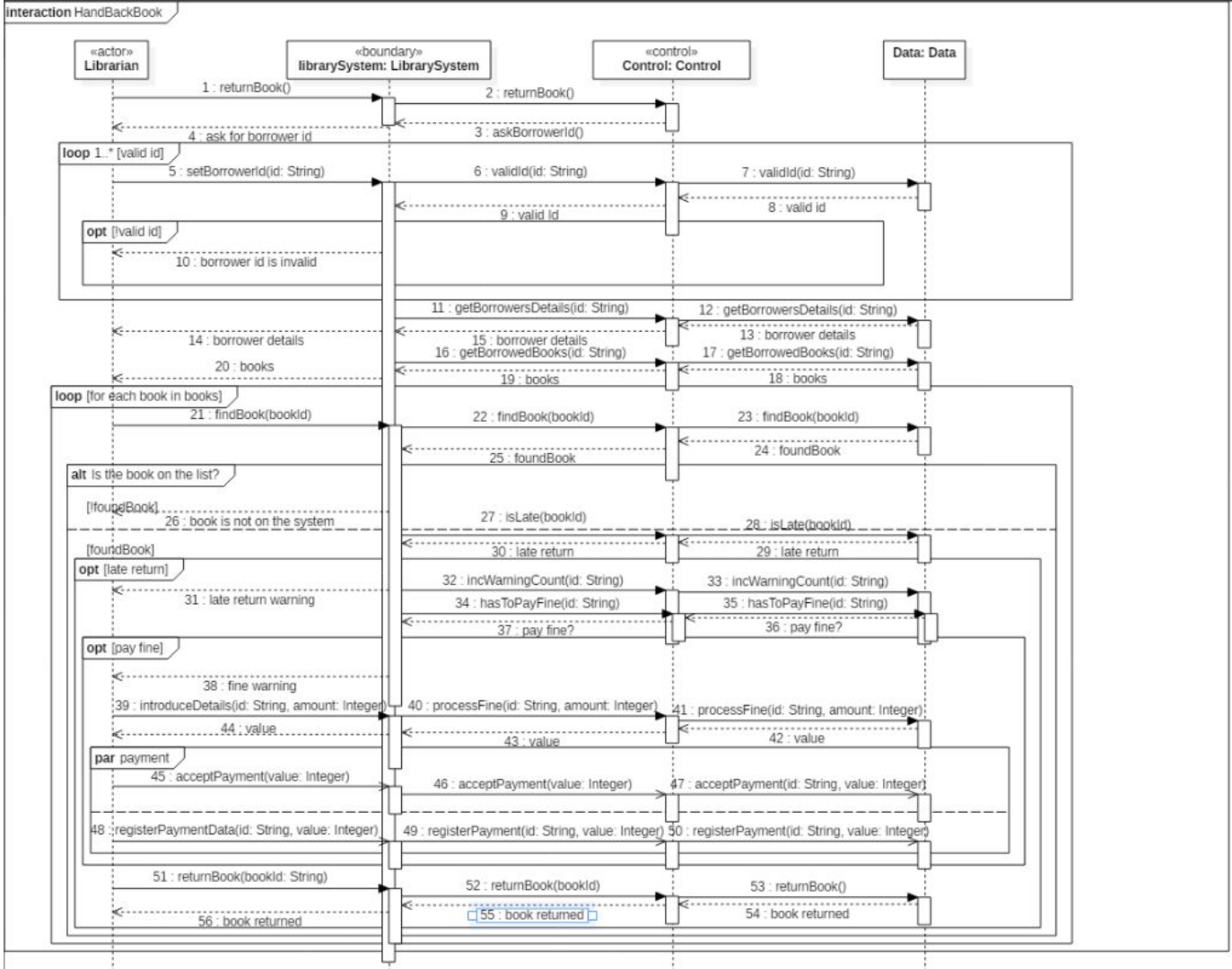
Now, we need to split the LibrarySystem black-box into a boundary classifier and Control & Data

- The actor only interacts with the <<boundary>> classifier
- The <<boundary>> classifier redirects the messages to the system and its replies to the actor



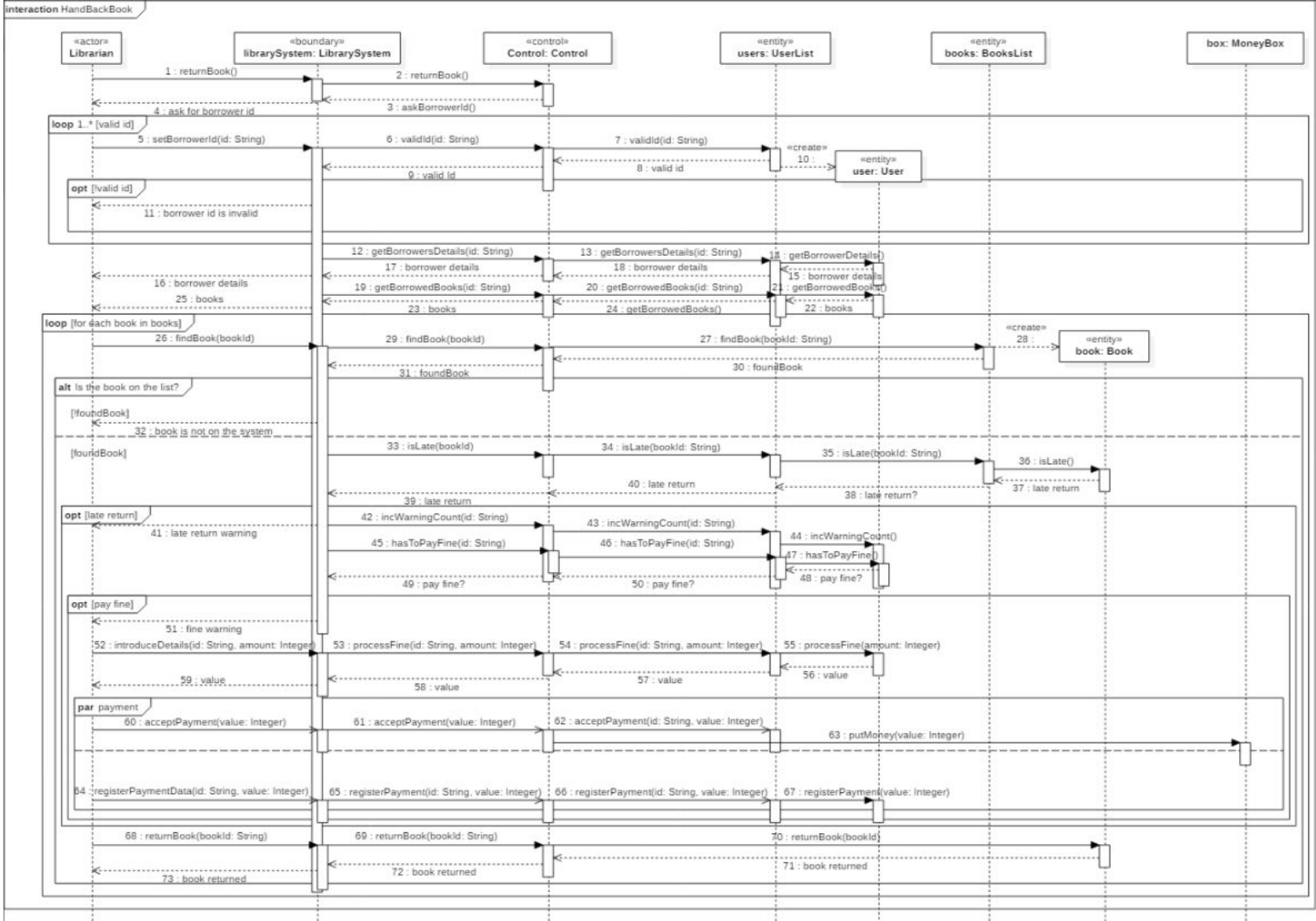
Split control from data

- The <<control>> lifeline orchestrates the interaction
- <<boundary>> communicates with the system via <<control>>



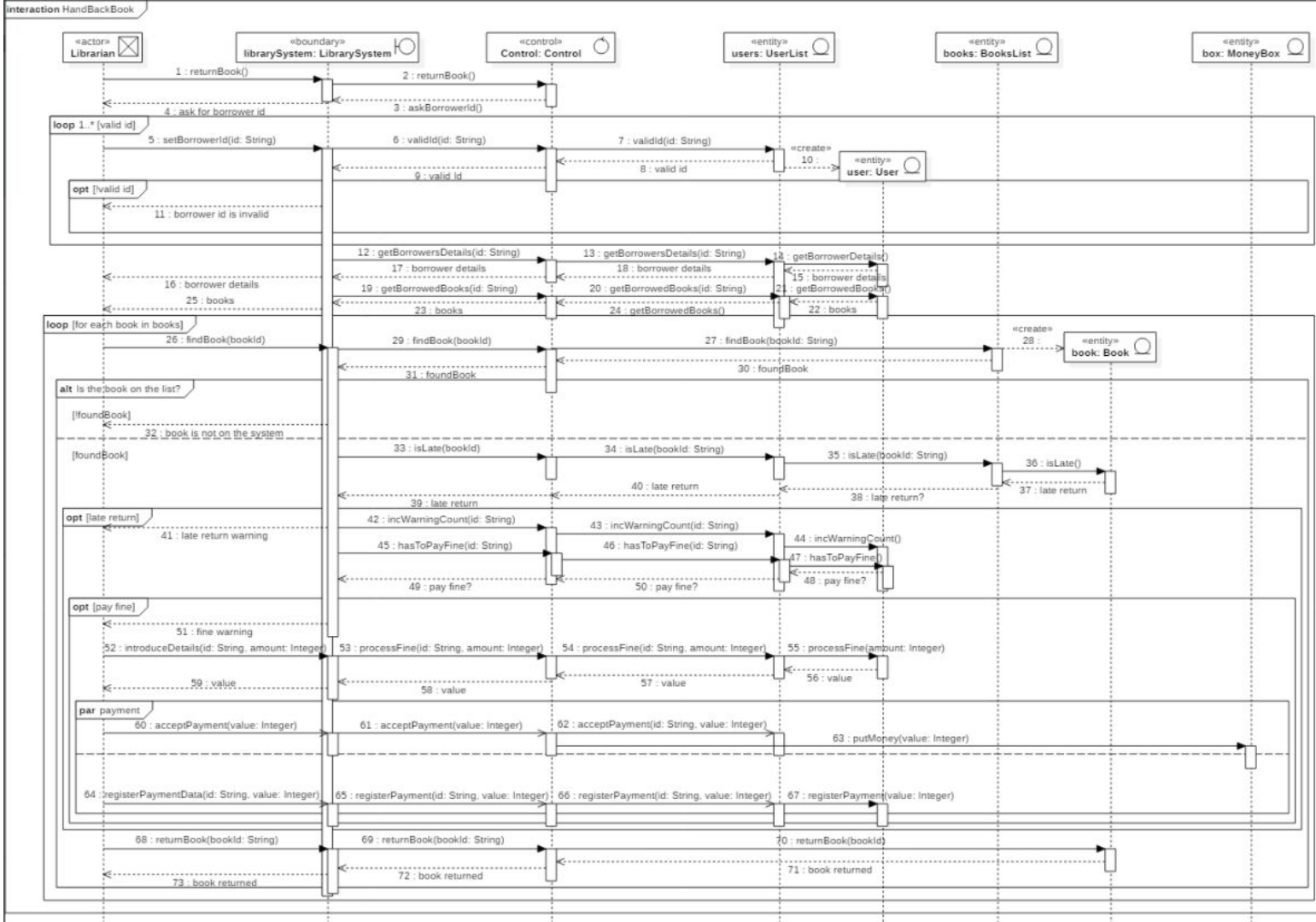
Break data into domain entities

Some of the entities are instantiated during the sequence



Decorate the lifelines

This makes it easier to read the diagram



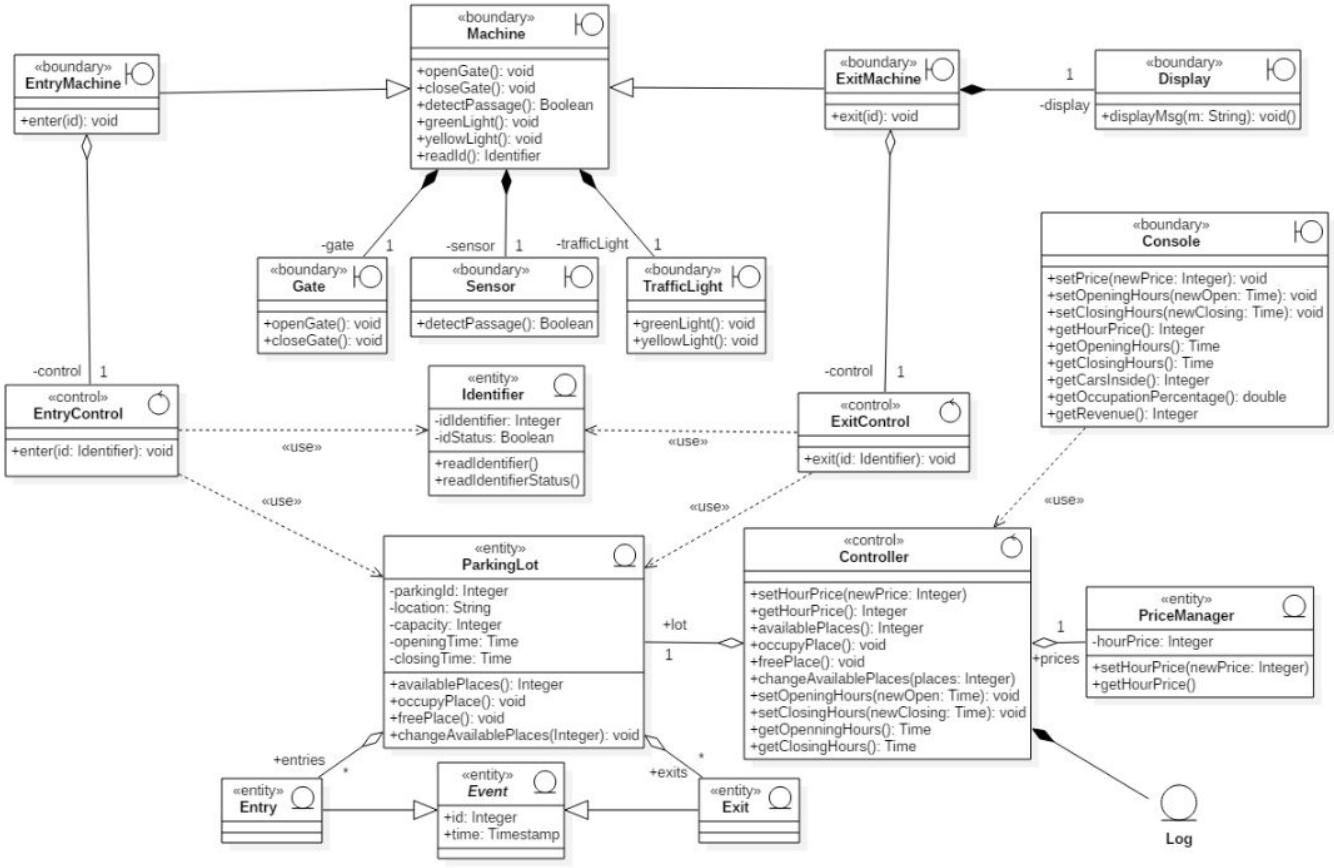
Some takeaways

- These diagrams should be built stepwise
- Actors only exchange messages with <<boundary>> lifelines
- <<boundary>> lifelines pass those messages on to <<control>> lifelines
- <<control>> lifelines orchestrate the remaining interactions with domain objects
- In this particular case, we did not split neither the <<boundary>> lifeline nor the <<control>> lifeline, although this often happens in other sequence diagrams

Package and Component Diagrams

Create a package and a component diagram from a class diagram

Consider the following class diagram fragment



When devising your solutions

- Remember to build a layered architecture (3 levels should do)
- On the package diagram
  - Remember that top levels are aware of the level right below them, but should not be aware of lower levels than that
- On the component diagram, a first approach can be to evolve from the packages. Then, the next hint is to be inspired by physical devices.
  - In other words, you may start with 3 mega-components and then break them down into finer grained components
  - Add interfaces as necessary, to create a component assembly for your architecture