What is a UML class diagram?

A UML class diagram is a picture of the classes in an OO system
 their fields and methods
 connections between the classes that interact or inherit from each other
 Not represented in a UML class diagram:
 details of how the classes interact with each other
 algorithmic details; how a particular behavior is implemented

Benefits of Class Diagram

- Class Diagram Illustrates data models for even very complex information systems
- It provides an overview of how the application is structured before studying the actual code. This can easily reduce the maintenance time
- It helps for better understanding of general schematics of an application.
- Allows drawing detailed charts which highlights code required to be programmed
- Helpful for developers and other stakeholders.

Diagram of a single class

Class name on top

- write «interface» on top of interfaces' names
- use italics for an abstract class name

Student

- name: String
- id: int
- totalStudents:int
- # getID():int
- ~ getEmail():String

Attributes (optional)

In the middle

Rectangle

- width: int
- height: int
- / area: double
- # Rectangle(w:int, h:int)
- +

distance(r:Rectangle):doub

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<<interface>> Shape

+

calculateArea():doubl

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Operations/ methods (optional)

- may omit trivial (get/set) methods
- but don't omit any methods from an interface!
- should not include inherited methods.

Class attributes (fields, instance variables)

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Student
visibility name : type [count] = default_value
                                                              + name: int
                                                              + email: String

    Visibility

                                                              - DOB: String
                                                              / Age: int
      + public
                                                              # dawqID: int
      # protected
                                                              ~ courses[100]:Course
      - private
                                                              calculateTuition():double
      ~ package (default)
      / derived
   • underline static attributes
```

Class operations / methods

visibility name(parameters): return_type

- Visibility
 - + public
 - # protected
 - private
 - ~ package (default)
- underline static methods
- Parameters listed as name:type
- Omit return_type on constructors and when return type is void

Student

```
+ name: String
+ email: String
- DOB: String
/ Age: int
# dawgID: int
~ courses[100]:Course
```

```
+Student(n:String,dob:String)
+ getTotalCredits():Course
# calculateTuition():double
+ calculateGPA(crs:
course[]):float
```

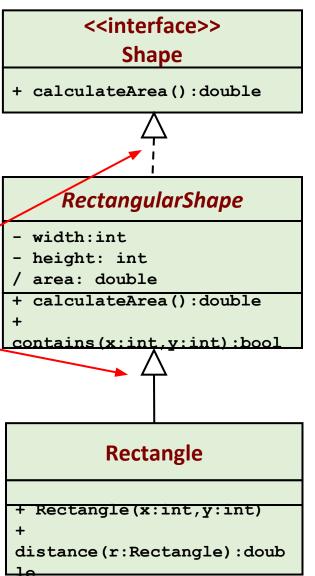
Relationships between class

Generalization: an inheritance relationship
 inheritance between classes
 interface implementation
 Association: a usage relationship
 dependency
 aggregation

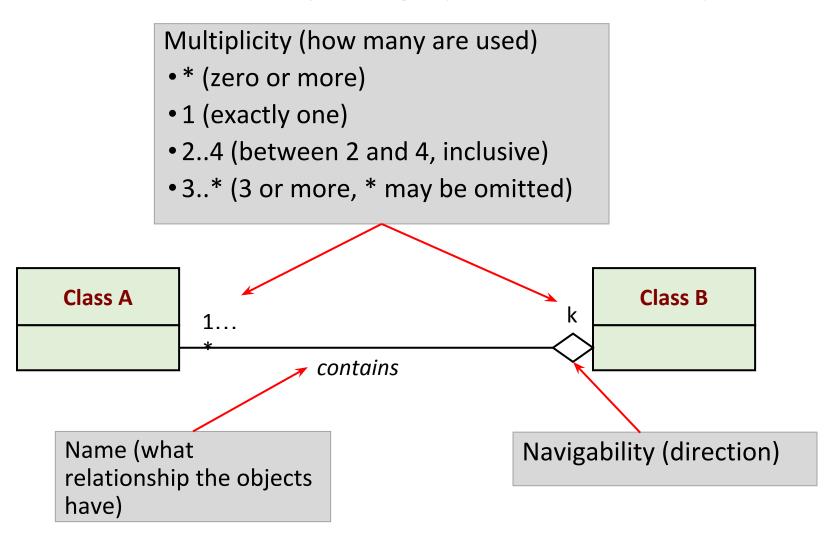
☐ composition

Generalization relationships

- Hierarchies drawn top-down
- Arrows point upward to parent
- Line/arrow styles indicate if parent is a(n):
 - ☐ **class**: solid line, black arrow
 - ☐ **interface**: dashed line, white arrow
 - ☐ **abstract class**: solid line, white arrow



Association (usage) relationships



Association multiplicities

One to one

- Each car has exactly one engine
- Each engine belongs to exactly one car



One to many

- Each book has many pages
- Each page belongs to exactly one book



Association types

Aggregation: "is part of"

symbolized by a clear white diamond



Composition: "is entirely made of"

- stronger version of aggregation
- the parts live and die with the whole
- symbolized by a black diamond



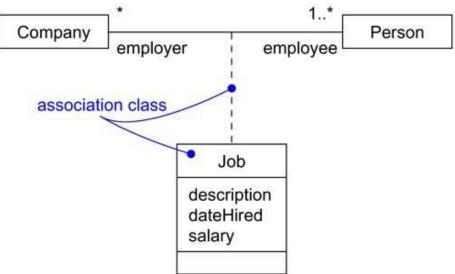
Dependency: "uses temporarily"

- symbolized by dotted line
- often is an implementation detail, not an intrinsic part of the object's state

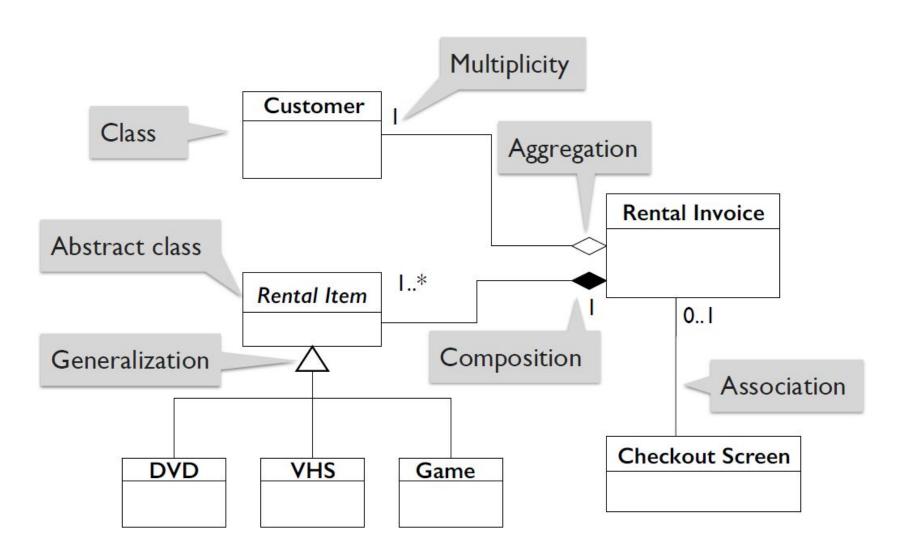


Association Class

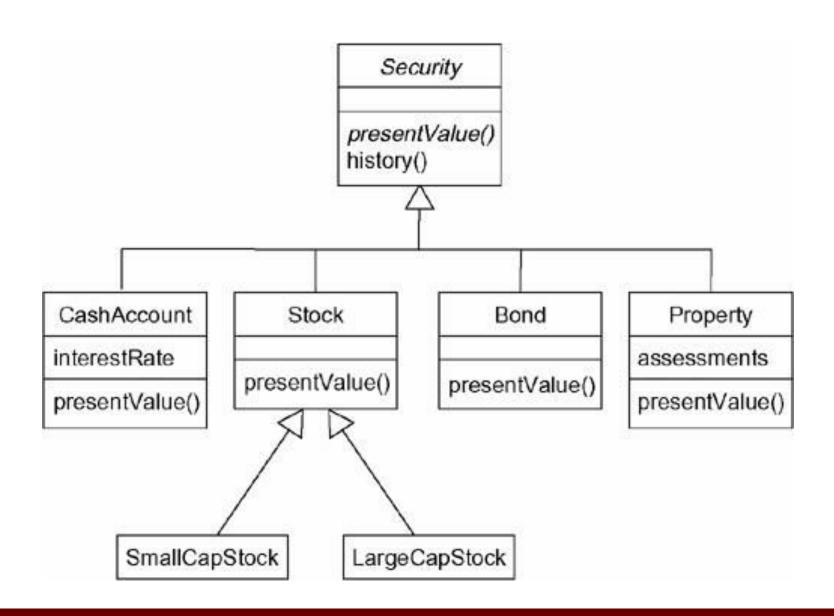
- In an association between two classes, the association itself might have properties.
- For example, in an employer/employee relationship between a Company and a Person, there is a Job that represents the properties of that relationship that apply to exactly one pairing of the Person and Company.
- It wouldn't be appropriate to model this situation with a Company to Job association together with a Job to Person association. That wouldn't tie a specific instance of the Job to the specific pairing of Company and Person.



Example: Video rental store



More Example of Inheritance



Multiple Inheritance

