

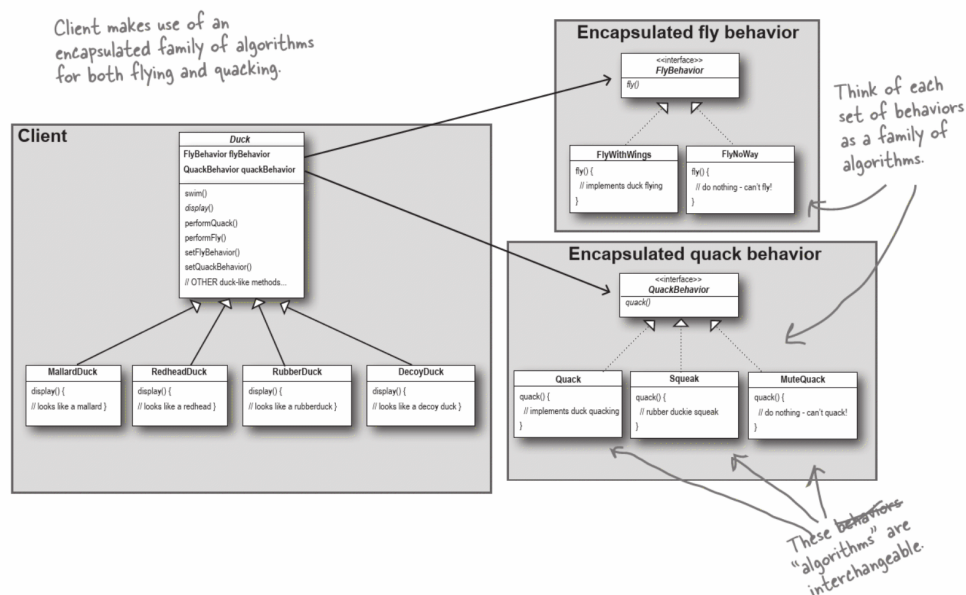
UML Basics and Designs

Part 1 Guild to UML

A Unified Modeling Language (UML) model is a simplified representation of a complex system that you can create to help understand and design the system, its components, and their relationships (reference: IBM documentation of Relational Software Modeler). It is a standard notation for modeling real-world objects, which is the first step of object-oriented design (OOD).

Classes

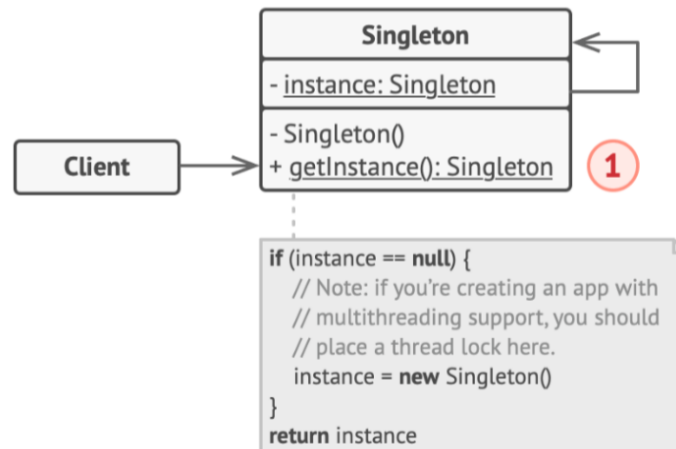
As mentioned in IBM's documentation for class diagram, in UML, "a class represents an object or a set of objects that share a common structure and behavior". The classes are represented as boxes with three parts inside: the name of the class, the attributes of the class, and the operations of the class. The first letter of the name of the class should be capitalized. The first letter of the name of the attributes and operations should be lowercase. Below is an example of a simple class diagram which shows a Duck class and its relations with FlyBehavior and QuackBehavior.



Duck Simulator Design, from Page 22 of *Head First Design Pattern*

Annotations

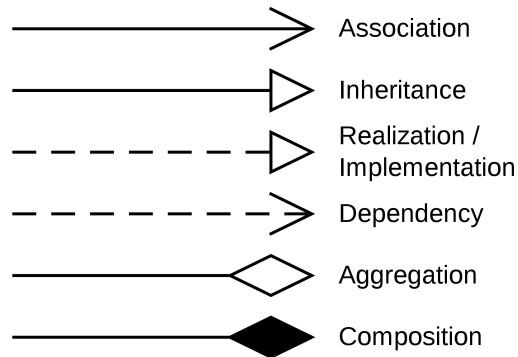
Annotations are the explanatory parts of UML. Annotations are used to describe any parts of the UML diagram. The annotations in the UML are also called notes or comments. We can create a note linking to an object or a class in the diagram. For example, the code snippet below is an annotation.



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Relationships

In UML, a relationship is a connection between model elements. It defines relationships and behaviors between different model elements. In this article, we are going to mainly focus on some important relationships including Dependency, Association, Realization/Implementation, Generalization/Inheritance, Aggregation, and Composition.



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Dependency

A dependency relationship is a type of association where there is a semantic connection between dependent and independent model elements. It shows a supplier-client type of relationship. Changes to one object may cause changes to the other. For example, the client is dependent on the supplier in the diagram below.



Dependency

Association

Association is the most basic relationship, meaning there is a strong relationship between classes. For example, the bowl is a container of the fruit, so we can connect Bowl class and Fruit class with an association arrow pointing from Bowl to Fruit.



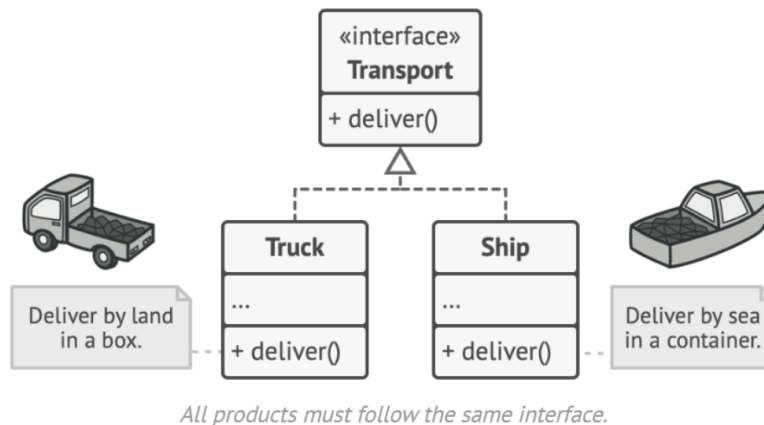
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Realization/Implementation

We use realization or implementation to indicate a relationship where one class implements the functions defined in another class. For example, Printer is a realization or implementation of the IPrinterSetup class. Another example, Truck and Ship are both implemented from Transport.



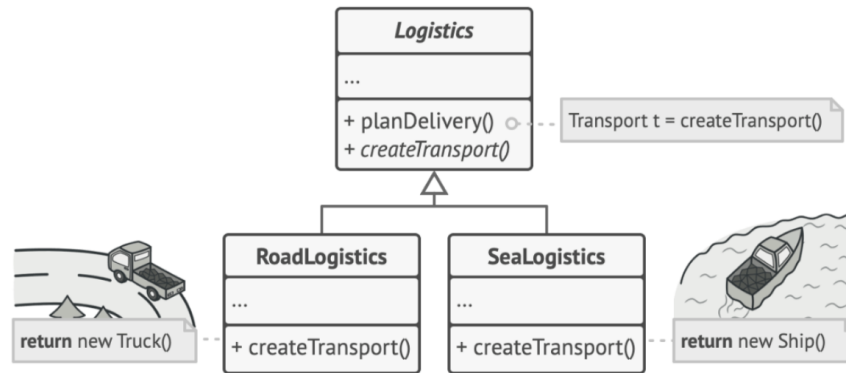
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Generalization/Inheritance

We use generalization or inheritance to show a child class is inherited from the parent class. The inheritance relationship is also known as IS-A relationship; subclass B is a superclass A. For example, RoadLogistics and SeaLogistics are inherited from Logistics.



Subclasses can alter the class of objects being returned by the factory method.

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Aggregation

Aggregation is more specific than association. Similar to the HAS-A relationship, it represents a “part of” relationship. The child class can exist independent of the parent element. They have separate lifetimes. The child class still exists when the parent class is destroyed.

For example, a professor has a class to teach, but the class and the professor are independent of each other.



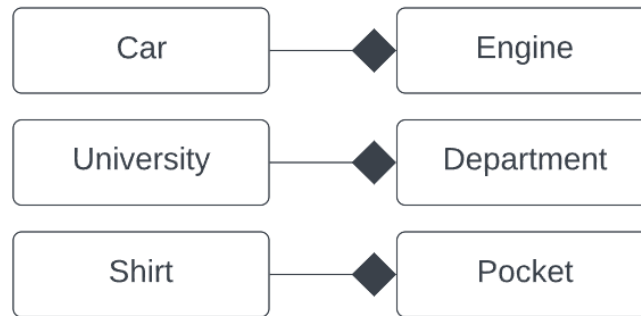
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Composition

In composition relationships, the sub-object exists only as long as the container class exists. The two elements are not independent of each.

For example: an engine is a part of a car, and an engine can not exist without a car; a

department is a part of a university, and a department can not exist without a university; a pocket is a part of a shirt, and the pocket can not exist without a shirt.



Composition

Reference

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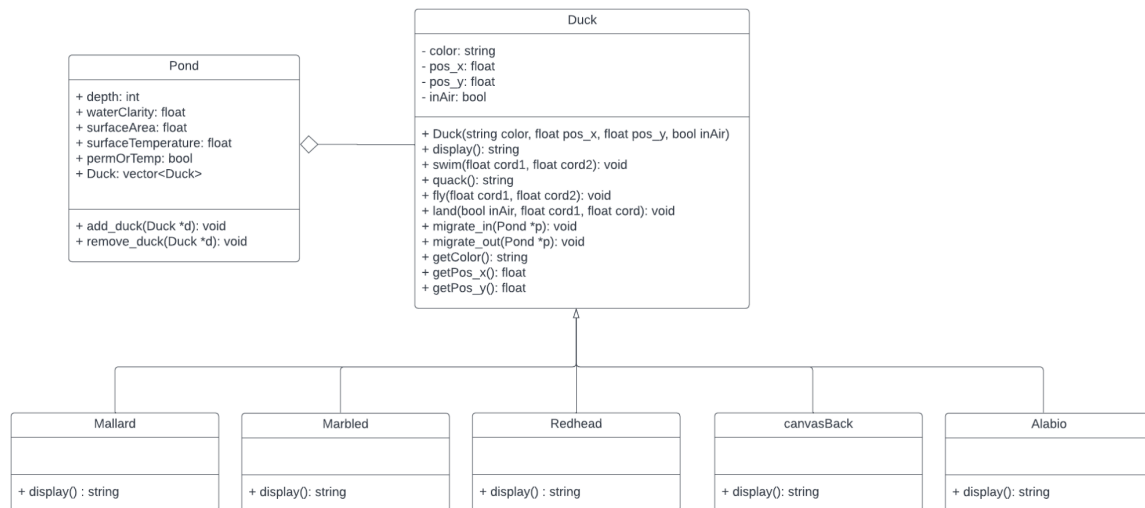
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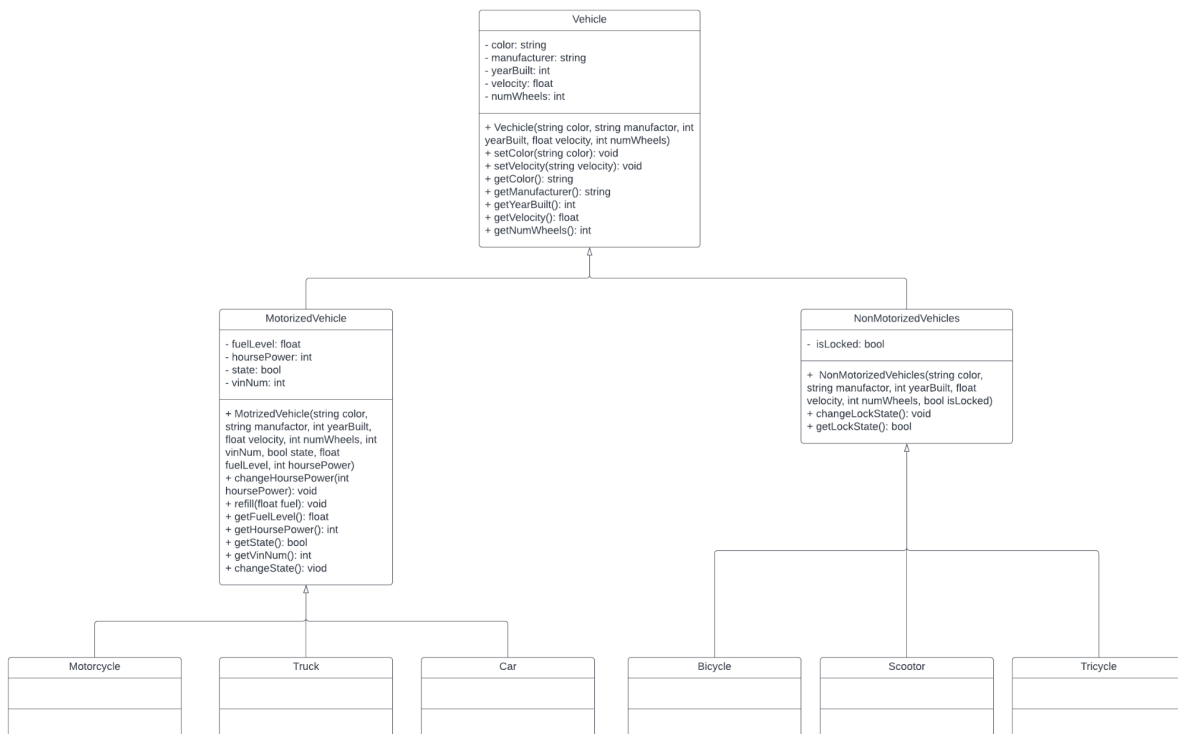
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Part 2

A. Ducks



B. Vehicles



C. Drone/Uber Simulation System

