

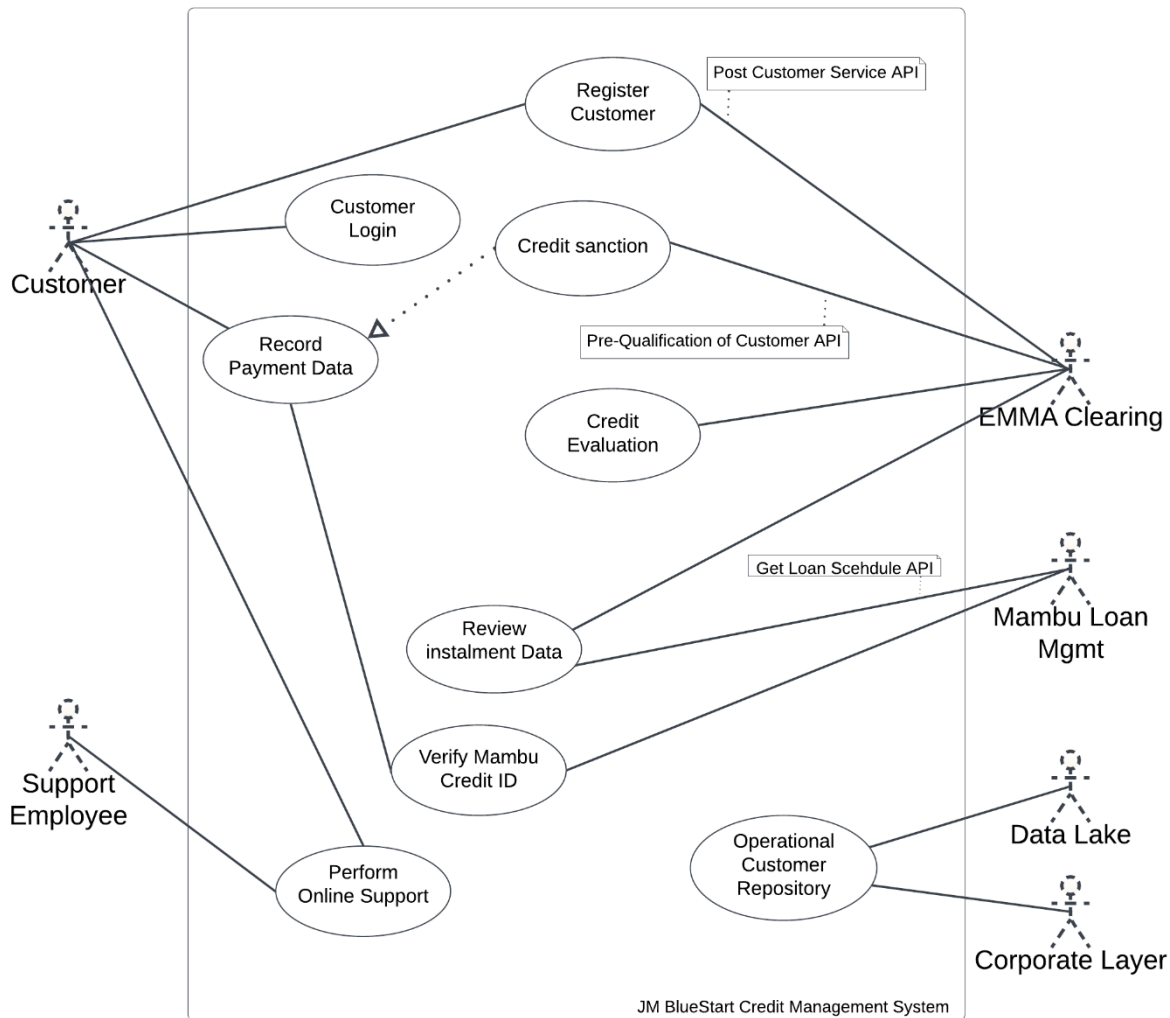
SysML Diagrams: Tips, Types and More.

Systems Modeling Language (SysML) [OMG 2008a] aims to support the specification, analysis, design, and verification of complex systems consisting of hardware, software, information, personnel, procedures, and organizations. Using the Modelling constructs of SysML, requirements for such systems as well as the behaviour and structure of these systems can be documented

SysML Diagram Types	
Diagram Type	Description
Block definition diagram	A block is a modular unit of decomposition. It can represent for instance, a system, a subsystem, a hardware device, a software component, or a data element. The block definition diagram documents the structure of a system in terms of its building blocks, their structural and behavioural features, and their relationships (e.g. association, composition, and generalisation)
Internal block diagram	The internal block diagram documents the internal structure of a block in terms of its parts and connections among the parts.
Package Diagram	The package diagram is used to structure a system model by grouping model elements into packages and establishing relationships among the packages, or the elements within the packages
Parameteric diagram	The parametric diagram documents constraints on value properties of set of value properties. For instance, the physical law ' $F=m*a$ ' can be defined as a constraint that relates the value properties F (Force), m (mass), a (acceleration)
Activity Diagram	The activity diagram documents activities, object/data flows and control flows among the activities. SysML extends the UML activity diagram. The extensions include, for instance, control operators which allow not only to enable but also to disable an activity, continuous object flows, and probabilities
Sequence Diagram	The sequence diagram documents interactions between actors and systems or between parts of a system (i.e blocks)
State Machine diagram	The state machine diagram documents the state transitions and activities or actions that a system or a part of a system performs as reactions to events.
Use Case diagram	The use case diagram provides an overview of the scenarios documenting the usage of the system by its actors
Requirements diagram	The requirements diagram documents requirements and their relationships such as hierarchical structure or refinement. In addition, it supports interrelation of requirements and other model elements which for instance, satisfy or verify a requirement

SysML defines the following relationships among requirements, or requirements between requirements and other model elements:

Requirements containment relationship: This relationship documents that a requirement called a sub requirement



Is part of another requirement (Called Compound requirement). A Sub requirement can be part of at most one compound requirement at a time. If a requirement is decomposed into a (set of) requirement (s), the containment relationship defines that, to satisfy compound requirement, all defined sub requirements must be satisfied.

Copy relationship: This relationship documents that a requirement (called a client requirement) is a copy of another requirement (Called a supplier requirement). The copy of a requirement is, for example, needed when a requirement is reused in another context (e.g. between different system versions or in product line development). The supplier requirement and the client requirement maintain a master-slave relationship which means that the name and the identifier of the client requirement are different from the original requirement, whereas the describing text is identical and cannot be edited. If the supplier requirement is decomposed into sub requirements, a copy of each sub requirement is made. Each sub requirement and its copy are associated by a copy relationship.

Derive relationship: This relationship documents that a requirement (the client) can be derived from another requirement (the supplier). For instance, a functional requirement may be derived from a goal, or a subsystem requirement may be derived from a system requirement.

Refine relationship: his relationship documents that a model element, for instance a use case, defines a requirement in more detail. The 'refine' relationship does not state whether the refinement is complete or partial Multiple model elements can be related to the same requirement by 'refine' relationships.

Satisfy relationship: This relationship documents that a model element of a design (the supplier). However, the "Satisfy" relationship does not document whether the model element satisfies the requirement completely or only partially. Multiple model elements can be related to the same requirement by satisfy relationships.

Verify relationship: This relationship relates a requirement (supplier) to a test case (client) that can be used to verify that the system satisfies the requirement. However, the 'verify' relationship does not document whether the client verifies the requirement completely or only partially.

Trace relationship: This relationship is used to interrelate a requirement with any type of model element. It documents a generic relationship between between the requirement and the other model element.

Data Flow Diagrams.

A data flow "Sale order for refrigerator" using 'Sell Refrigerator' and 'Perform service' as a process, data store 'customers', 'services' to source/sink customer, 'refrigerator manufacturer', 'Sales employee', 'Workshop Foreman', 'Service Employee', 'Workshop employee'

