



Object-Oriented Concept: UML Class Diagram

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Class Diagrams

- ❑ Class is a kind of classifier.
- ❑ A Classifier represents a group of things with common properties.
- ❑ Provide a way to capture how things are put together, and make design decisions:
 - What classes hold reference to other classes.
 - What the interactions are among classes.
 - Which class owns some other class.



Class

- ❑ A class is a definition of the behavior of an object, and contains a complete description of the following:
 - The data elements (variables) the object contains
 - The operations the object can do
 - The way these variables and operations can be accessed
- ❑ *Objects are instances of classes*
- ❑ Creating instances of a class is called *instantiation*.



Class Notation

Class Name
Attribute
Operation



Abstract Class

- ❑ Abstract classes provide an operation signature but no implementation.

➤ e.g.

<i>Movable</i>
<i>+move(): void</i>



Interface

- ❑ An interface is a classifier that has declarations of properties and methods but no implementations.

➤ e.g.

<i><<interface>></i> <i>Sortable</i>
<i>+comesBefore(object: Sortable): boolean</i>



Inheritance

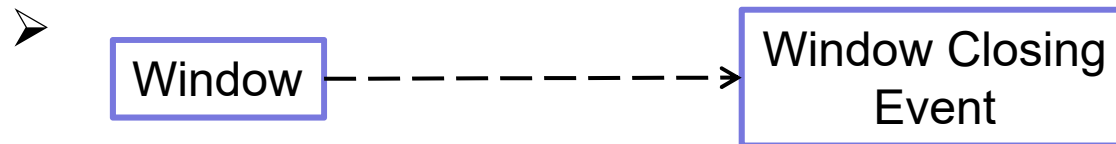
- ❑ The sharing of attributes and operations among classes based on a hierarchical relationship
- ❑ Each subclass inherits all of the properties of its superclass and adds its own unique properties (called extension)
- ❑ Facilitate reusability



Relationship₁

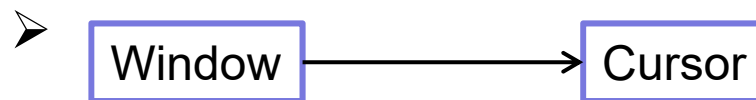
❑ Dependency is the weakest relationship between classes.

- Uses-a
- A transient relationship, that is, doesn't retain a relationship for any real length of time
- A dependent class briefly interacts with the target class



❑ Association is stronger than dependency.

- One class retains a relationship to another class over an extended period of time
- Has-a





Relationship₂

- ❑ Aggregation is a stronger version of association.

- **Implies** ownership

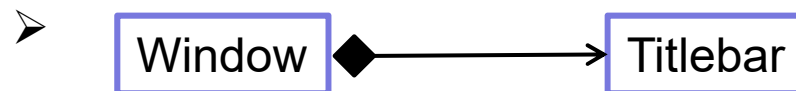
- Owns-a



- ❑ Composition represents a very strong relationship between classes to the point of containment.

- A whole-part relationship

- Is-part-of



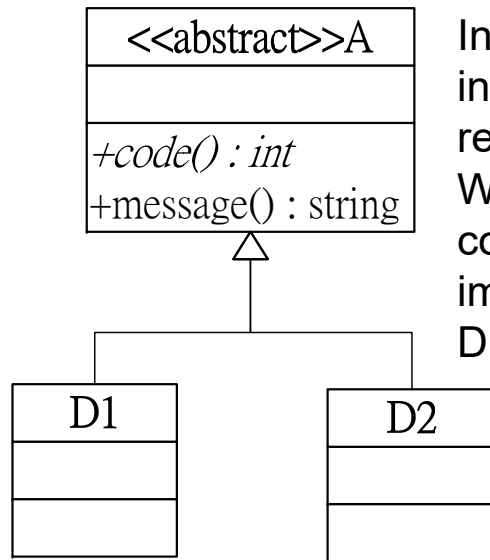
- ❑ Generalization

- Is-a

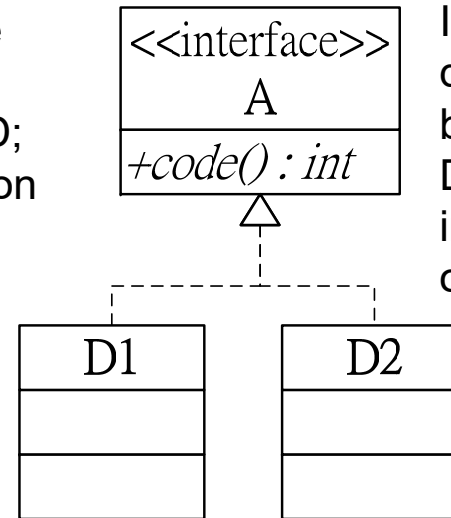




Inheritance Example



In abstract class, code in `message()` can be reused in class **D1** & **D2**; While abstract operation `code()` needs to be implemented in **D1** & **D2**.



Interface, however, does not have the benefits of code reuse; **D1** and **D2** have to implement the abstract operation `code()`.

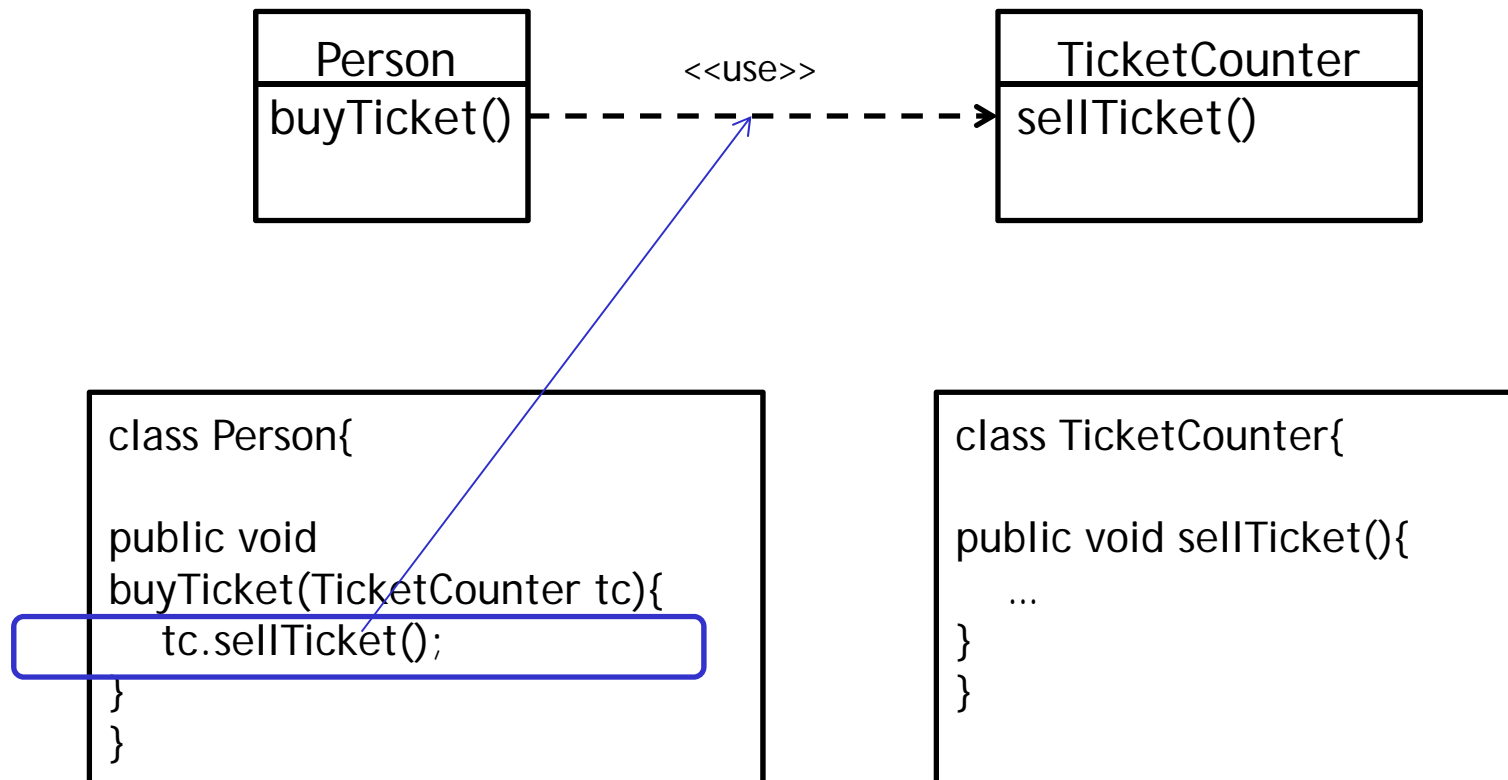
```
public class D1 extends A {
    public int code() {
        message(); return 1;}
}
public class D2 extends A {
    public int code() { return 2;}
}
```

```
public class D1 implements A {
    public int code() { return 10;}
}
public class D2 implements A {
    public int code() { return 20;}
}
```



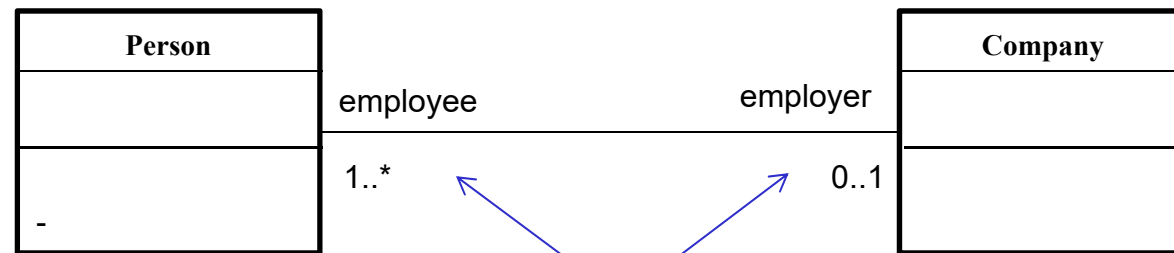
Dependency

- ❑ A dependency states that the implementation or functioning of one or more elements requires the presence of one or more other elements.





Association Example



```
public class Person {
    private Company employer;

    public void setEmployer (Company c){
        employer = c;
    }
    public Company getEmployer(){
        return employer;
    }
}
```

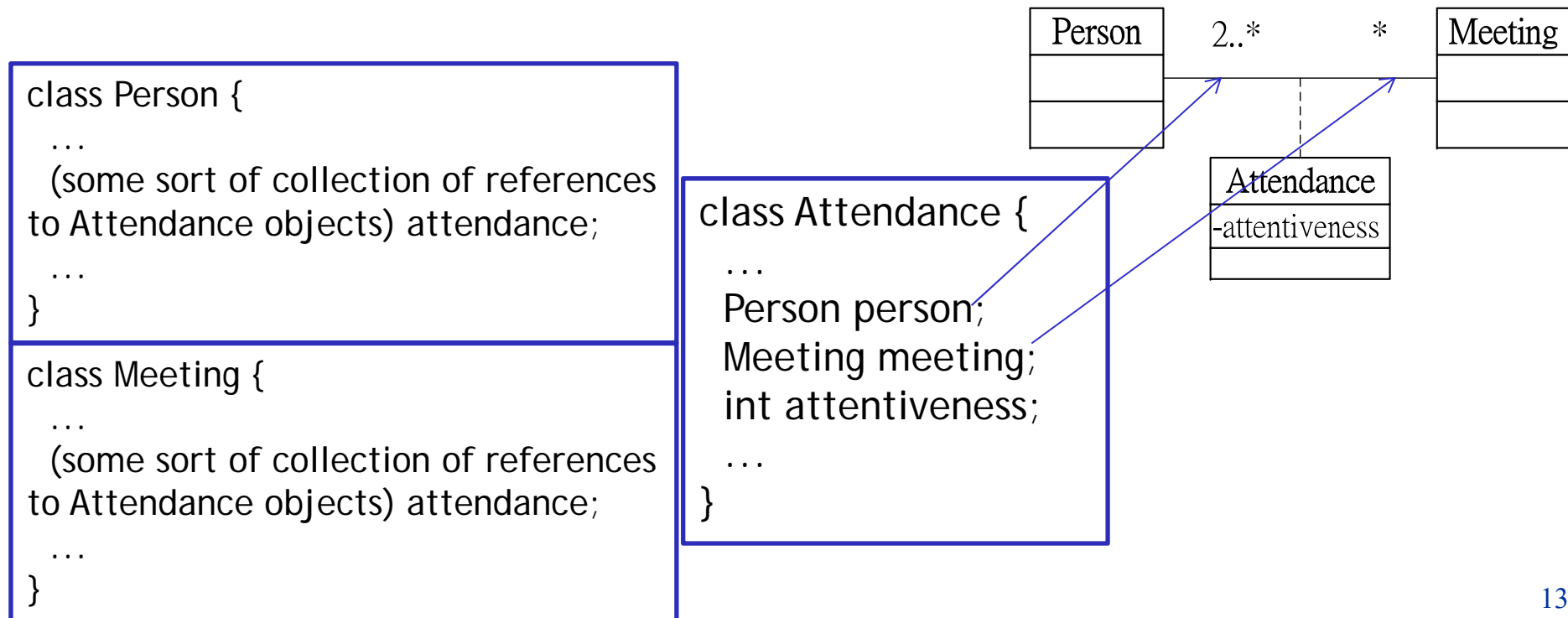
```
public class Company {
    private Set<Person> employee;

    public void addEmployee(Person p){
        employee.add(p);
    }
    public Set<Person> getEmployee(){
        return employee;
    }
}
```



Association Class

- ❑ An association has attributes associated with the association itself (not just the participating objects)
- ❑ Implementation
 - Each participating object contains a reference to the association class object
 - The association class object contains references to each of the related objects





Aggregation Type

- ❑ An association may represent a composite aggregation (i.e., composition or a whole/part relationship).
 - Composite aggregation is a strong form of aggregation that requires a part instance be included in **at most one composite** at a time. (*Composition*)
 - If a composite is deleted, all of its parts are normally deleted with it.
- ❑ Aggregation type could be:
 - Shared aggregation (aggregation)
 - Composite aggregation (composition)



Aggregation

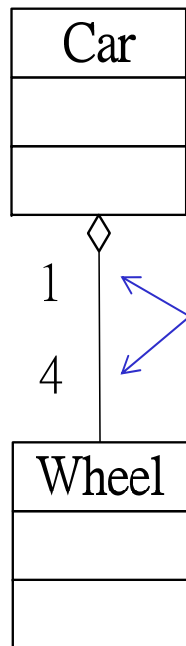
- ❑ Aggregation is a “weak” form of aggregation when part instance is independent of the composite:
 - The same (shared) part could be included in several composites, and
 - If composite is delete, shard parts may still exist.



Search Service has a **Query Builder** using shared aggregation



Aggregation Example



```
public class Car {  
    private Wheel wheel1, wheel2, wheel3, wheel4;  
    ...  
}
```

```
public class Wheel {  
    private Car car;  
    ...  
}
```



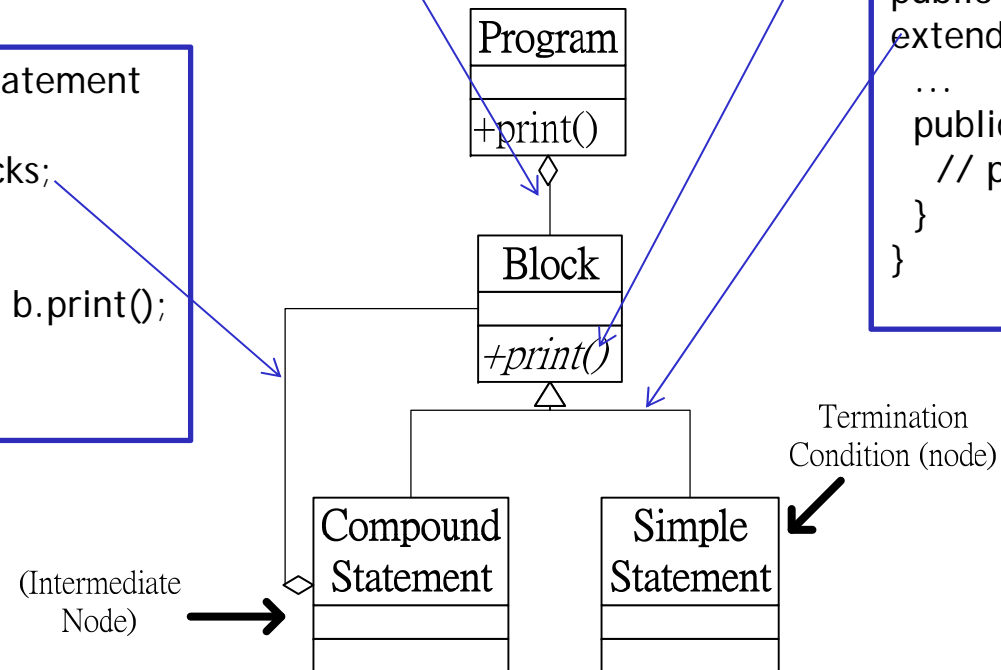

Recursive Aggregation

```
public class Program {  
    private Set<Block> blocks;  
    ...  
    public void print() {  
        for (Block b in blocks)  
            b.print();  
    }  
}
```

```
public class Block {  
    ...  
    public abstract void print();  
}
```

```
public class CompoundStatement  
extends Block {  
    private Set<Block> blocks;  
    ...  
    public void print() {  
        for (Block b in blocks) b.print();  
    }  
}
```

```
public class SimpleStatement  
extends Block {  
    ...  
    public void print() {  
        // print statement  
    }  
}
```





Composition

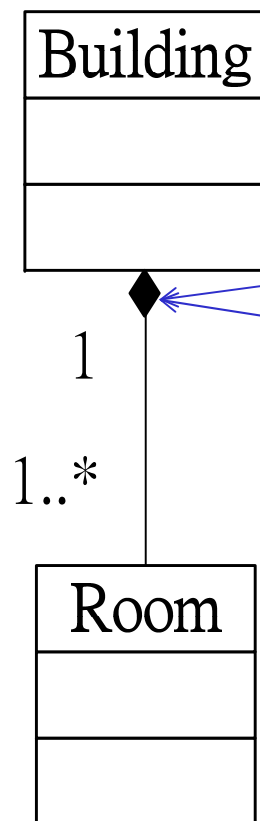
- ❑ Composition is a “strong” form of aggregation where the whole and parts have coincident lifetimes.
 - It is a whole/part relationship,
 - It is binary association,
 - Part could be included in at most one composite (whole) at a time,
 - If a composite (whole) is deleted, all of its composite parts are “normally” deleted with it.
- ❑ A **Composition** adds a lifetime responsibility to *Aggregation*



Folder could contain many **files**, while each **File** has exactly one **Folder** parent. If **Folder** is deleted, all contained Files are deleted as well.



Composition Example



```
public class Building {
    private Set<Room> rooms;
```

```
    public Building() {  
        rooms = new Set<Room>();  
    }
```

Create Room objects

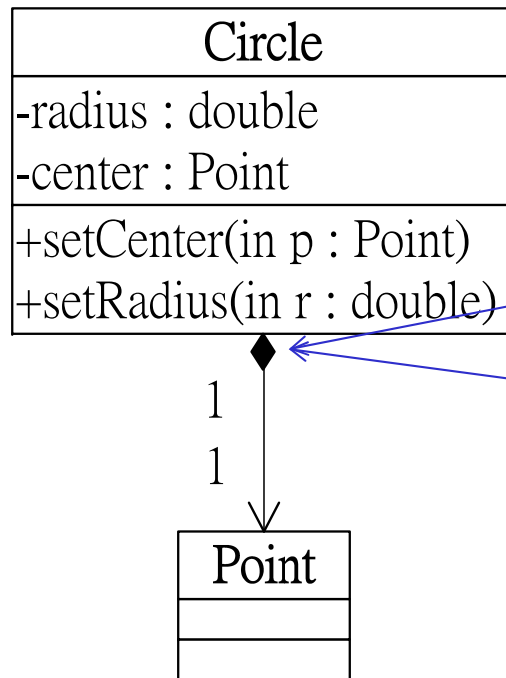
```
    protected void finalize() {  
        rooms = null;  
    }  
}
```

Destroy Room objects

```
public class Room {  
    private ...;  
    private ...;  
    ...  
}
```



Composition Example



```
public class Circle {
    double radius;
    Point center;

    public Circle(Point c, double r) {
        this.radius = r;
        this.center = c;
    }

    protected void finalize() {
        this.radius = 0;
        this.center = null;
    }
    ...
}

public class Point {
    private ...;
    private ...;
    ...
}
```

Annotations in the original image:

- `this.center = c;` is annotated with "Create Point object".
- `this.center = null;` is annotated with "Destroy Point object".



Lab 1

- ☐ A country has a capital city.
- ☐ A dining philosopher is using a fork.
- ☐ A file is an ordinary file or a directory file.
- ☐ Files contain records.
- ☐ A polygon is composed of an ordered set of points.
- ☐ A drawing object is text, a geometrical object, or a group.



Homework

- Model the following problem statement based on UML class diagram
 - ◆ A person has a name, address, and social security number. A person may charge time to projects and earn a salary. A company has a name, address, phone number, and primary product. A company hires and fires persons. Person and Company have a many-to-many relationship.
 - ◆ There are two types of persons: workers and managers. Each worker works on many projects; each manager is responsible for many projects. A project is staffed by many workers and exactly one manager. Each project has a name, budget, and internal priority for securing resources.
 - ◆ A company is composed of multiple departments; each department within a company is uniquely identified by its name. A department usually, but not always, has a manager. Most managers manage a department; a few managers are not assigned to any department. Each department manufactures many products; while each product is made by exactly one department. A product has a name, cost, and weight.