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W2 L1: **UML**

What is UML?

Unified Modeling Language

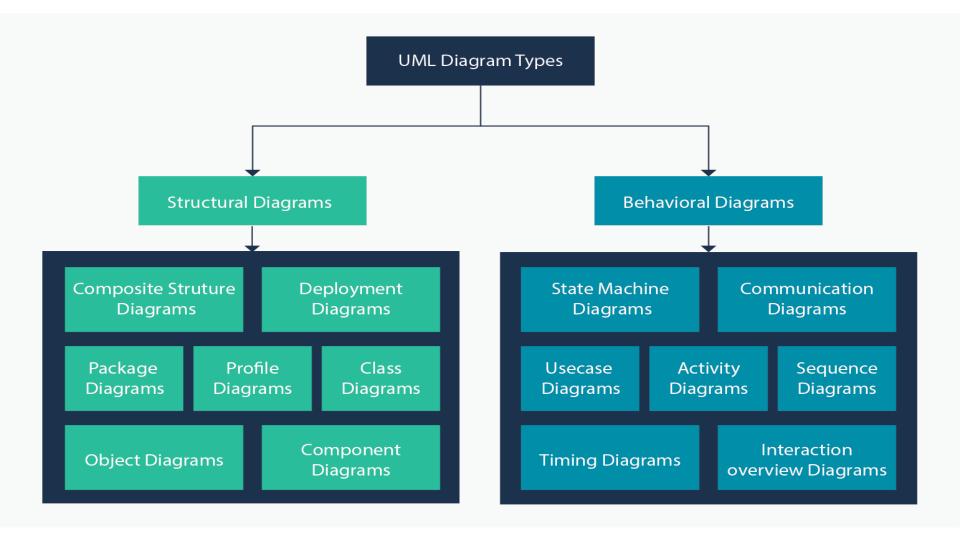


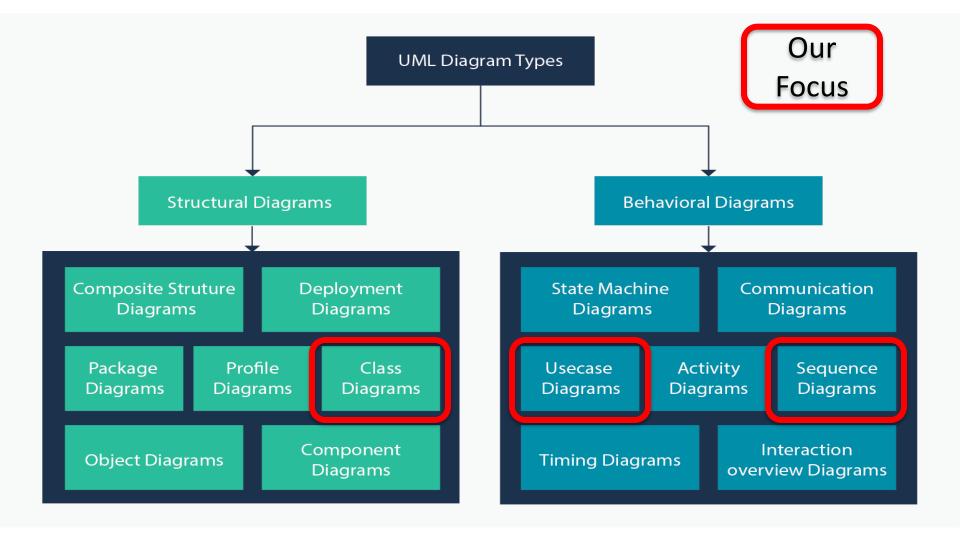
- Maintained by Object Management Group (OMG) as a standard
 - www.OMG.org
- Provides a means to specify, model, and document a software system
- Process and programming language independent
- Mostly uses diagrams (visual notations)
- Lingua franca for many software engineers

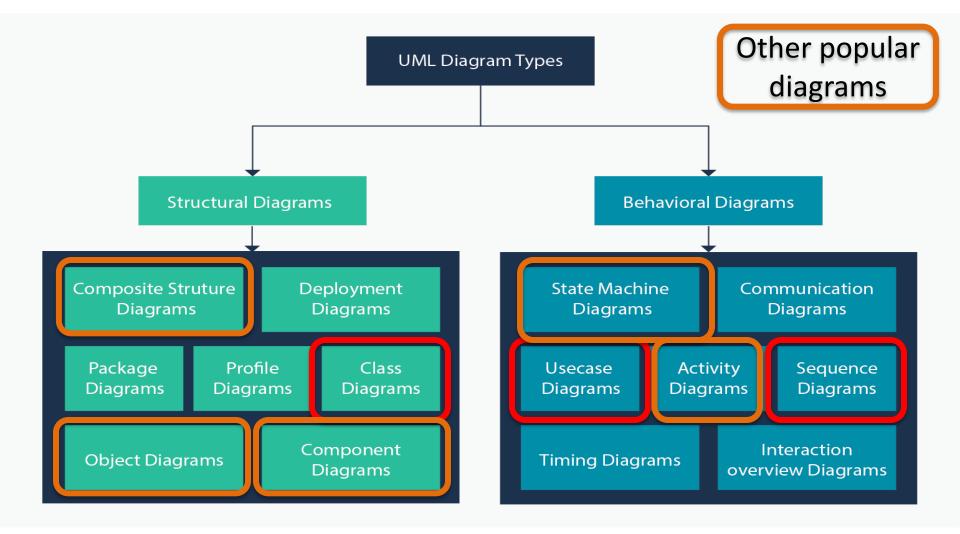
UML Diagrams

- UML diagrams are used for capturing different aspects of (structural and behavioral) design
- Used for
 - requirements
 - systems architecture
 - program design
 - etc.



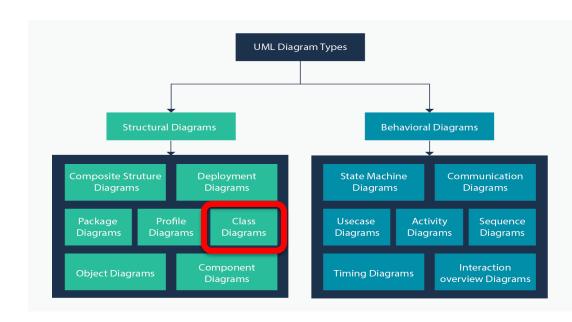






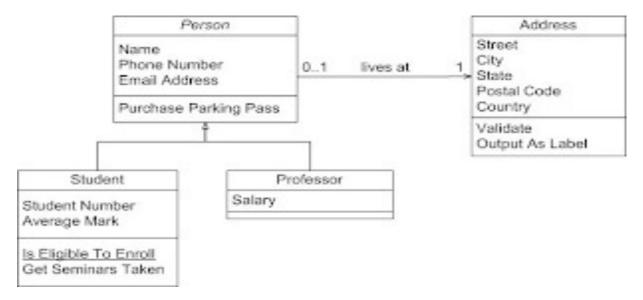
Outline

- Class diagram
- Use case diagram
- Sequence diagram



Class Diagram

- Shows the classes in a system and the relationships between these classes
- Particularly useful for OO systems, but can also represent modules and other types of components



Class Diagram – Main Concepts

Class: a rectangle showing the name of the class

Customer

- Can contain two additional compartments:
 - Attributes (local variables)
 - Operations (methods)

SearchService

engine: SearchEngine query: SearchRequest

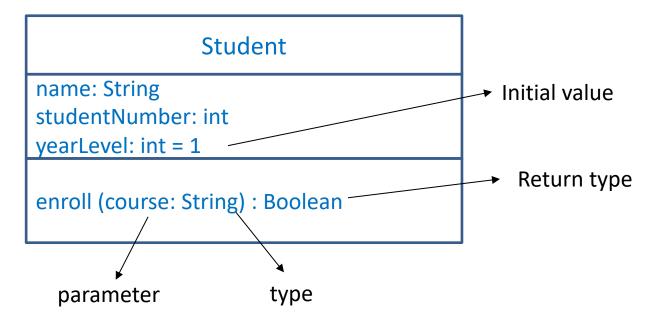
search()

Class Diagram – Example

```
import java.awt.Graphics;
class HelloWorld extends java.applet.Applet
   public void paint(Graphics g) {
      g.drawString("Hello, World!", 10, 10);
      // ...
                                                     HelloWorld
               If no attributes, leave
                the compartment
                                                    paint(Graphics)
                      blank
```

Class – more info

- A more complete class diagram may also include:
 - the type of the variables (attributes) and initial values
 - the parameters, types, and the return type of a method
- Example:



Visibility Symbols

Visibility of attributes/ operations:

SYMBOL	MEANING	EXPLANATION
+	Public	The member is visible to all code in the application.
-	Private	The member is visible only to code inside the class.
#	Protected	The member is visible only to code inside the class and any derived classes.
~	Package	The member is visible only to code inside the same package.

SearchService		
- config: Configuration - engine: SearchEngine		
+ search(query: SearchRequest): SearchResult - createEngine(): SearchEngine		

Object

- An instance of a class
- Can optionally contain valuation of fields

- Examples:
 - An unnamed instance of the customer class
 - An instance named newPatient
 of some unnamed or unknown class
 - Instance newPatient of the Patient class with values specified

:Customer

newPatient:

newPatient: Patient

id: String = "38-545-137"

name = John Doe

gender: Gender = male

Interface

- Specifies a contract
- Any instance of a classifier that realizes (implements) the interface must fulfill that contract and thus provides services described by contract

In UML, both Class and Interface are instances of an abstract class called Classifier.

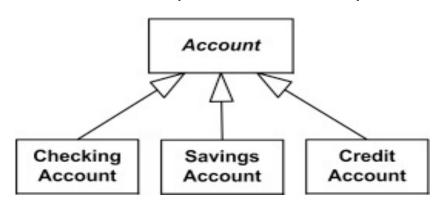
«interface» Pageable

- + UNKNOWN_N_OF_PAGES: int = -1
- + getNumberOfPages(): int
- + getPageFormat(int): PageFormat
- + getPrintable(int): Printable

Main Relationships Between Classifiers

Generalization

- Informally called "inheritance" or "is a" relationship (as in "a Duck is a Bird")
- Generalization is a directed relationship between a more general classifier (superclass, parent) and a more specific classifier (subclass, child).
- Note: Multiple inheritance is allowed in UML (but not in Java)



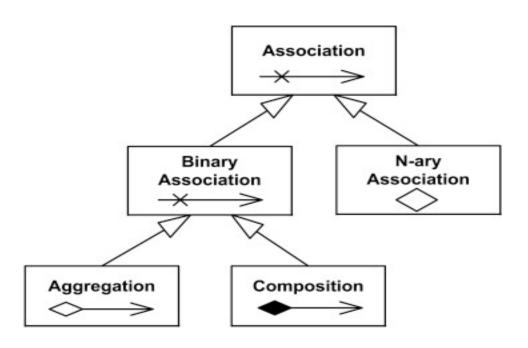
Association

Describes the presence of a relationship between classes

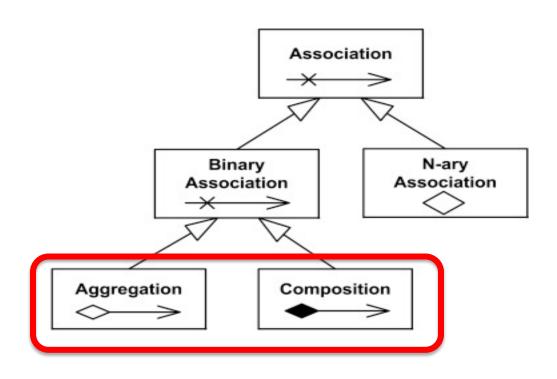


- Name of the association end and multiplicity may be placed near the end of the line
 - The association end name is commonly referred to as role (Professor is an author of a book; A book is used as a textbook by a professor)
 - Multiplicity
 (every Book has at least one author; A professor can write any number of books, including none)

Types of Association



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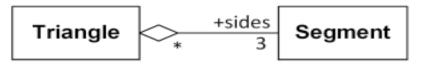


Aggregation and Composition

Whole/part association:

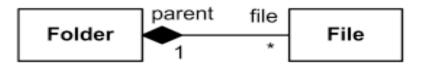
Aggregation:

(a weak form of whole/part)



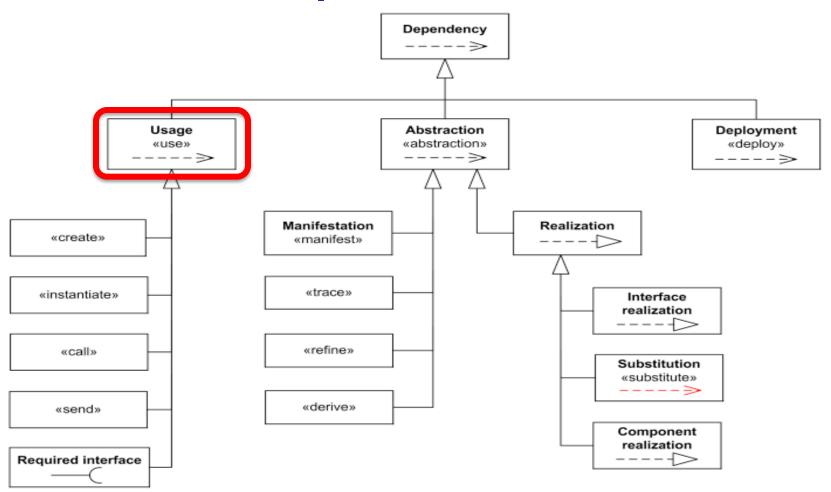
Composition:

(a strong form of whole/part)



- Only one end of association can be marked as aggregation or composition
- Aggregation / composition links should form a directed, acyclic graph, so that no instance are direct or indirect part of itself.

Dependencies



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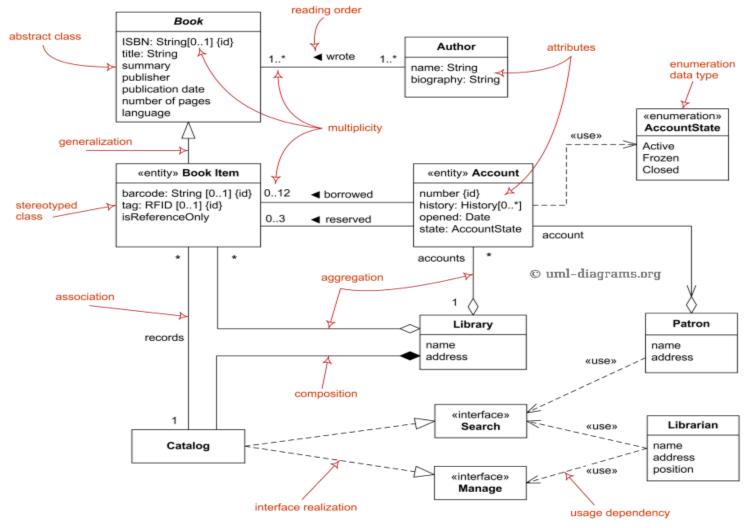
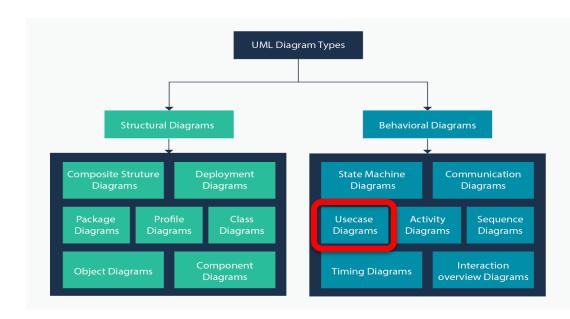


Image source: http://www.uml-diagrams.org/class-diagrams-overview.html

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Use Case Diagram

- A representation of a user's interaction with the system
- Shows the relationship between the user and the different use cases in which the user is involved

Use Case Diagram – Main Concepts

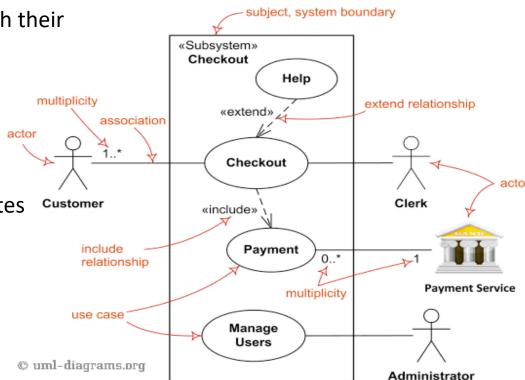
Subject: describes the boundaries of the system

 Actors: stick-men (or other shapes), with their names (nouns)

Use cases: ellipses, with their names (verbs)

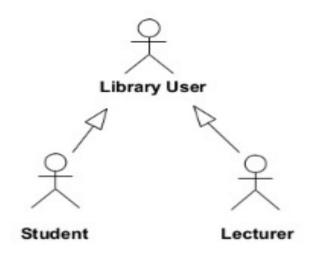
Line associations: connect an actor to a use case in which that actor participates

- multiplicity



Relationships between actors

 Generalization: all use cases of the superclass actor are applicable to the subclass actor



Relationships between use cases: Include

- The behavior of the included use case (Customer Authentication) is inserted into the behavior of the including use case (Deposit Funds)
 - Including use case cannot be complete without the included one
 - Commonly used to
 - simplify large use case by splitting it into several use cases
 - to extract common parts of the behaviors of two or more use cases.

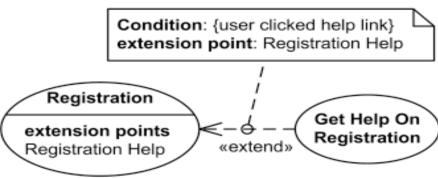
Funds

Withdraw Cash Customer Authentication

«include»

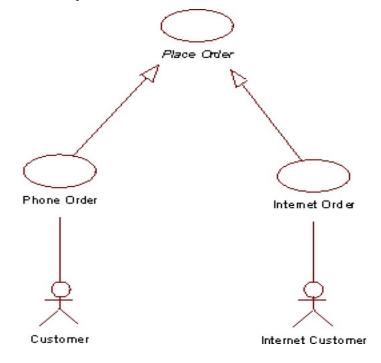
Relationships between use cases: Extend

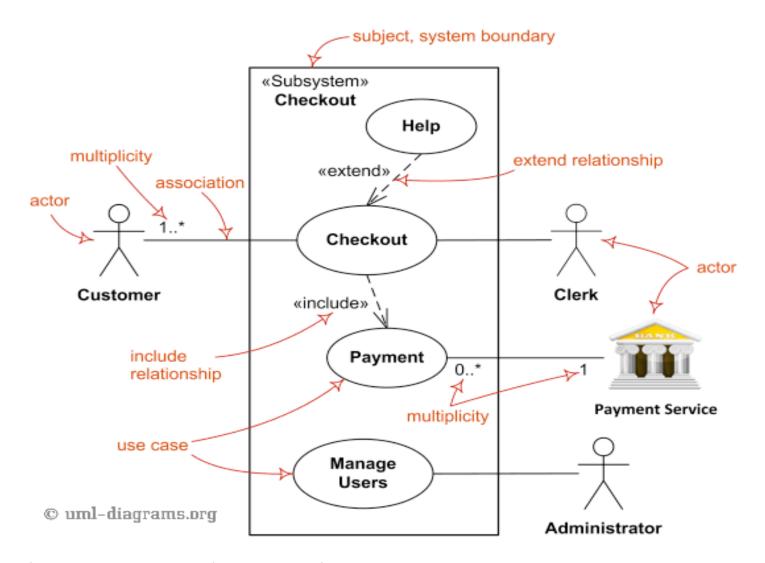
- The behavior of the extending use case can (optionally) be inserted into the behavior defined in the extended use case
 - Extended use cases can execute on its own
 - Insertion condition can be given
 - Commonly used to specify error handling and exceptional paths



Relationships between use cases: Generalization

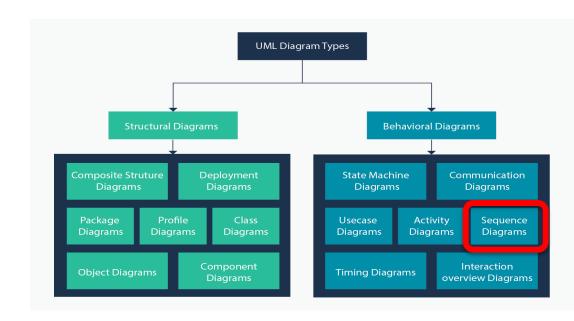
- Similar to the generalization of an actor.
- The behavior of the ancestor is inherited by the descendant.
 - Used when there is common behavior between two use cases and also specialized behavior specific to each use





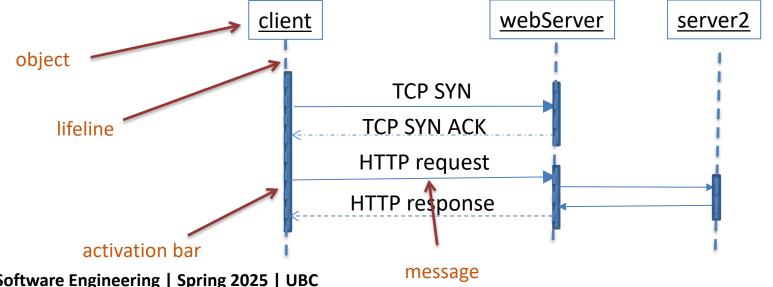
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Sequence Diagram

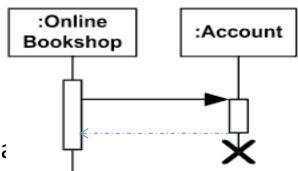
- Represents the interactions of the objects in a system
- Usually considers small, discrete pieces of the system, e.g., individual scenarios or operations
- Time runs downward
- Example: a simplified sequence diagram of web browsing



Sequence Diagram – Main Concepts

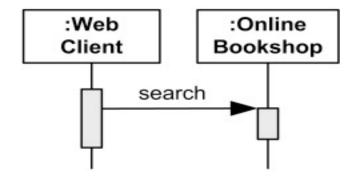
- An interaction: a set of messages exchanged by a set of objects to accomplish a specific purpose
 - A sequence diagram describes an interaction
- A lifeline represents an object involved in the interaction
- A message is represented by an arrow.
 - A call message uses a solid line.
 - An (optional) response message uses a dashed line
- An execution specification

 (a.k.a. activation bar) shows when the object is a

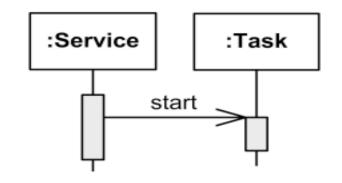


Synchronous vs. Asynchronous Messages

 A synchronous call represents an operation call – sends a message and suspends execution while waiting for response

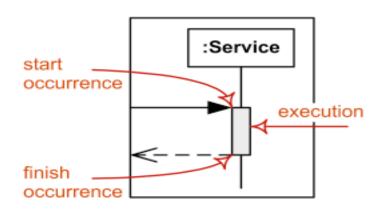


 An asynchronous call sends a message and proceeds immediately without waiting for return value



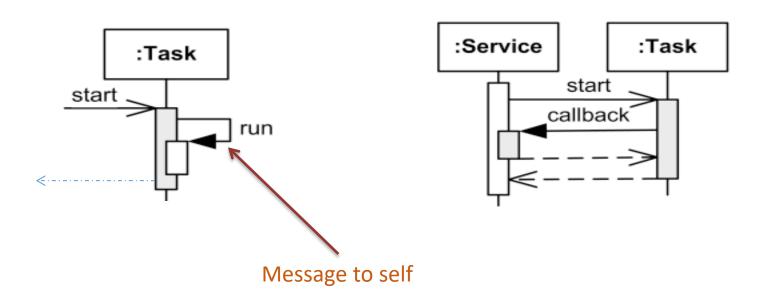
Execution Specification

- Represents a period in the participant's lifetime
 - when it is executing a unit of behavior or action within the lifeline
 - sending a signal to another participant
 - waiting for a reply message from another participant



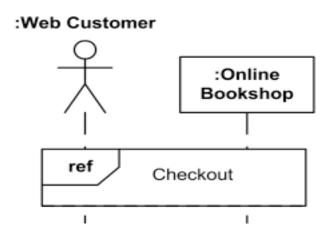
Overlaps

 Overlapping execution specifications on the same lifeline are represented by overlapping rectangles.



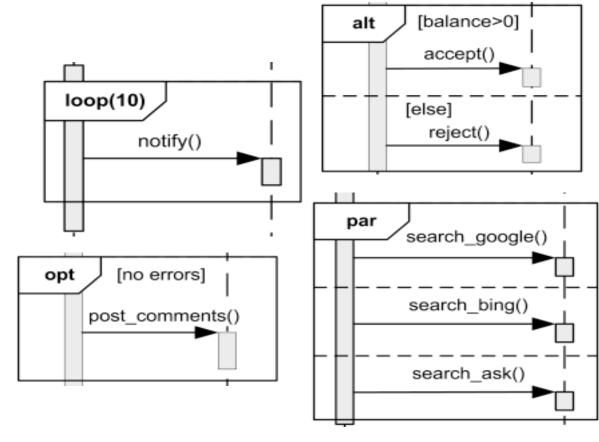
Interaction Fragments

- Interaction use: an interaction fragment which allows to call another interaction
- Good for:
 - Simplifying large and complex sequence diagrams
 - Reusing some interaction between several other interactions



Additional Fragment Operators

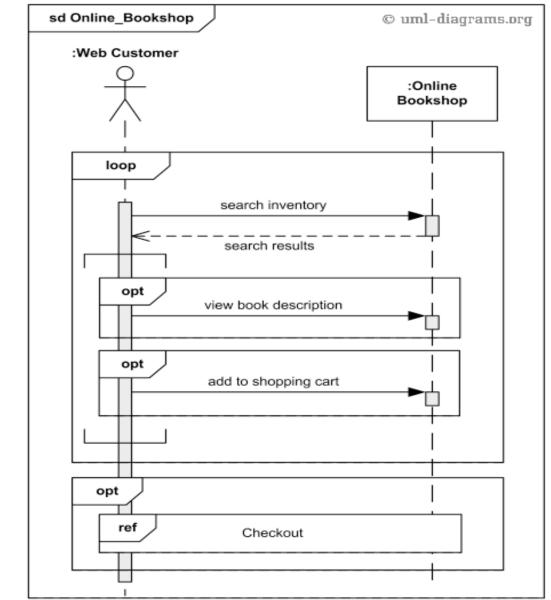
- alt alternatives
- opt option
- **loop** iteration
- break break
- par parallel
- strict strict sequencing
- seq weak sequencing
- critical critical region
- **ignore** ignore
- consider consider
- assert assertion
- neg negative



https://www.uml-diagrams.org/sequence-diagramscombined-fragment.html

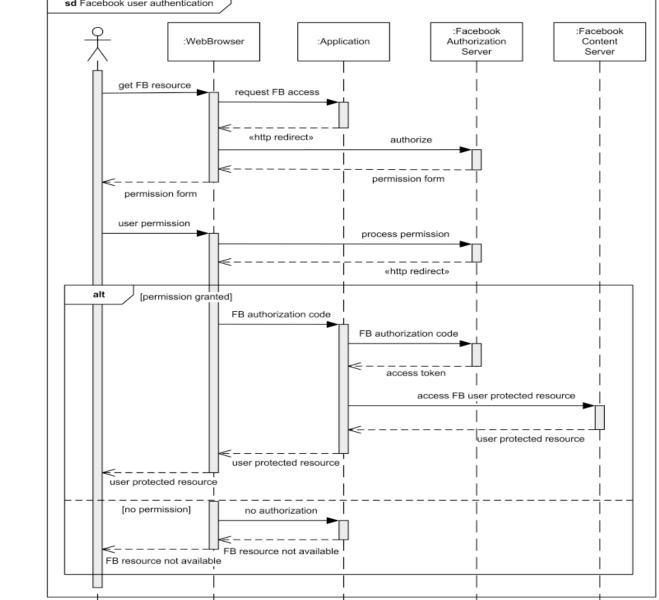
Example

Sequence of interactions between a web customer and an online book shop

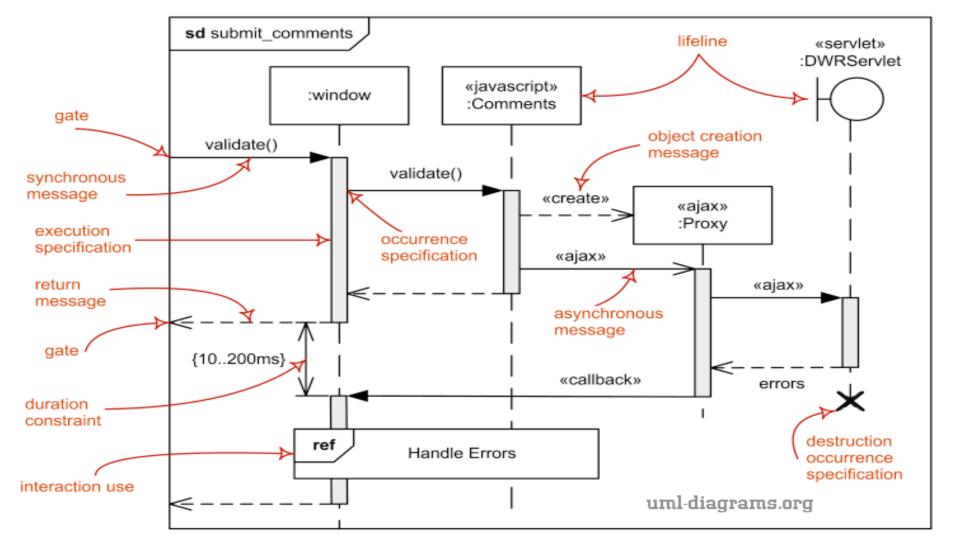


Example

Facebook user authentication



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More Information

- https://sparxsystems.com/platforms/uml.html
- https://www.uml-diagrams.org/
- Wikipedia

• ...

Please familiarize yourself with the syntax, we will be using these diagrams

Summary

- Language to express system requirements and design
- Some diagrams are used more widely than others:
 - Simplified class diagrams
 - Use case diagrams
 - Sequence diagrams
 - Activity diagrams (flowcharts)
 - State machines (for full code generation, e.g., with IBM Rhapsody)
 - ...
- Main benefits
 - Accurately specify design aspects to consider
 - Provide a standard language of communication

Lab Sessions This Wednesday

- All sessions on January 15 will start in MacLeod 4018
 - please join this room first
- We will redirect you to other rooms if/as necessary