- Class diagrams are the main building block in object-oriented modeling.
- They are used to show the different objects in a system, their attributes, their operations and the relationships among them.

- In UML, a class represents an object or a set of objects that share a common structure and behaviour.
- They're represented by a rectangle that includes rows of the class name, its attributes, and its operations.

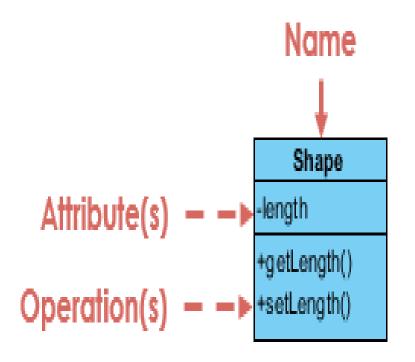
Upper section: Contains the name of the class. This section is always required, whether you are talking about the classifier or an object.

Middle section: Contains the attributes of the class. Use this section to describe the qualities of the class. This is only required when describing a specific instance of a class.

Bottom section: Includes class operations (methods). Displayed in list format, each operation takes up its own line. The operations describe how a class interacts with data.

Access specifier for an attribute and a method in a class diagram

- + denotes public attributes or operations
- denotes private attributes or operations
- # denotes protected attributes or operations
 - ~ denotes package attributes or operations





Class without signature

Class with signature

How to identify classes?
One of the approaches is:

Use noun form approach

- Relationships in UML are used to represent a connection between structural, behavioral, or grouping things.
- It is also called a link that describes how two or more things can relate to each other during the execution of a system. Type of UML Relationship are
- 1. Association
- 2. Aggregation
- 3. Composition
- 4. Inheritance

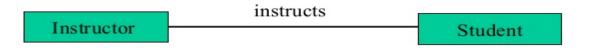
Classes are having 4 relationships

- 1. Association:
- It is a set of links that connect classes of the class diagram.
- Read/write relationships from left to right and from top to bottom

Association Relationships

If two classes in a model need to communicate with each other, there must be link between them.

An association denotes that link.

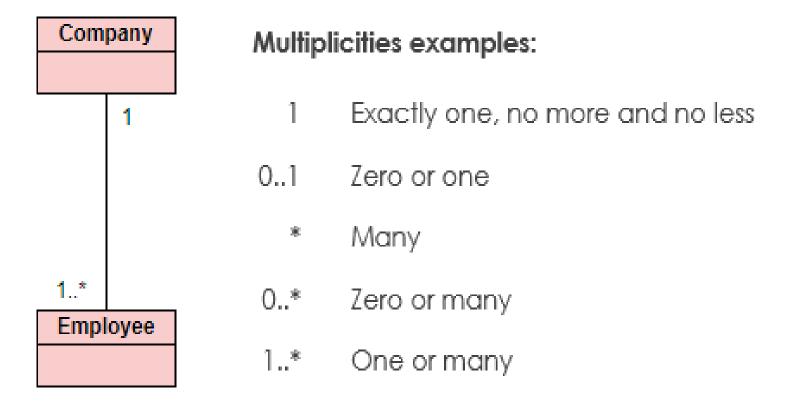


Here, an association is *instructs*.



1. Association: multiplicity

Place multiplicity notations near the ends of an association. These symbols indicate the number of instances of one class linked to one instance of the other class. For example, one company will have one or more employees, but each employee works for one company only.

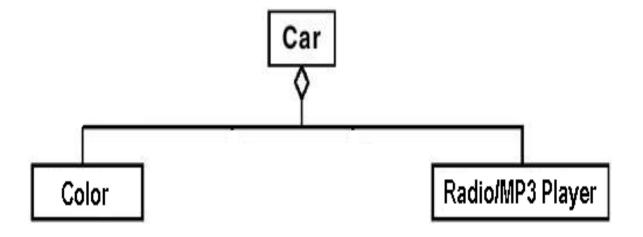


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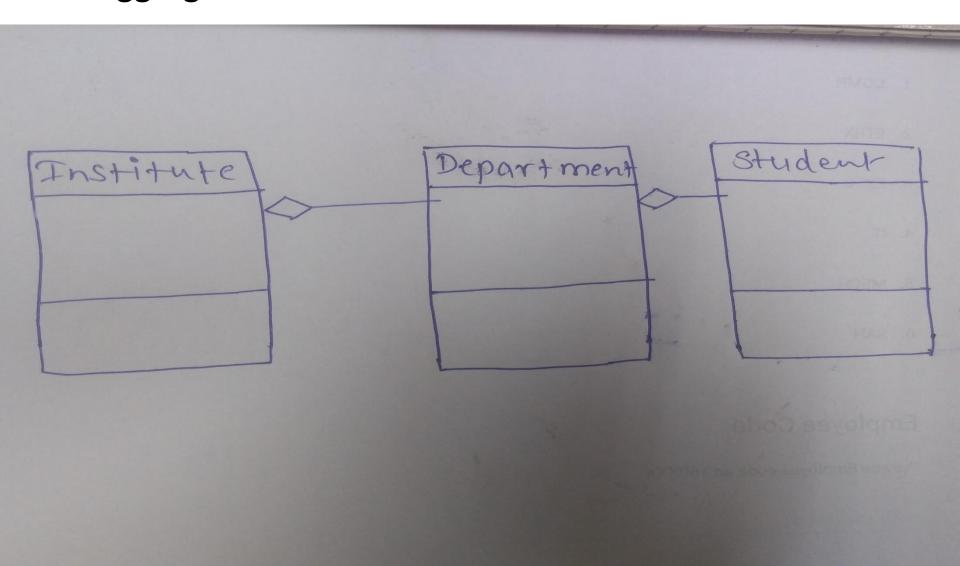
- Aggregation is identified by the phrase "is-part-of".
- Aggregation implies a relationship where the child can exist independently of the parent.
- In Aggregation, parent and child entity maintain Has-A relationship but both can also exist independently.
- We can use parent and child entity independently.
 Any modification in the parent entity will not impact the child entity or vice versa.

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 In the UML diagram, aggregation is denoted by an empty diamond, which shows their obvious difference in terms of strength of the relationship.



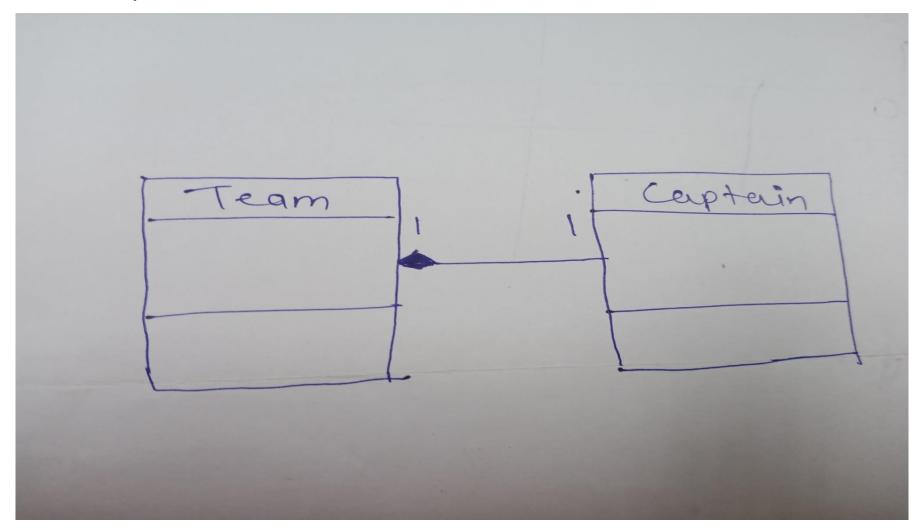
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3.Composition:

- "is-whole-part-of" relationship.
- It is a two-way association between the objects.
- Composition implies a relationship where the child cannot exist independent of the parent.
- In Composition, parent owns child entity so child entity can't exist without parent entity. We can't directly or independently access child entity. In the UML diagram, composition is denoted by a filled diamond.

3. Composition:



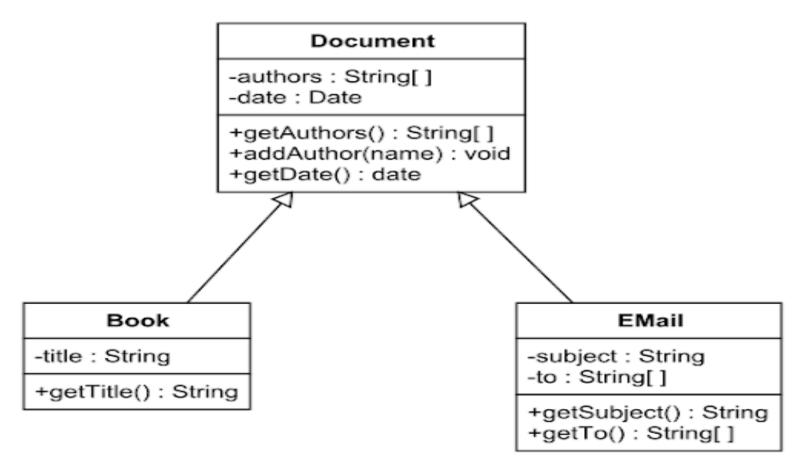
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4. Generalization/Inheritance:

- Inheritance is a mechanism which allows a class A to inherit members (data and functions) of a class B.
- We say "A inherits from B".
- Objects of class A thus have access to members of class B without the need to redefine them.
- refers to a type of relationship wherein one associated class is a child of another by virtue of assuming the same functionalities of the parent class
- a solid line from the child class to the parent class is drawn using an unfilled arrowhead.

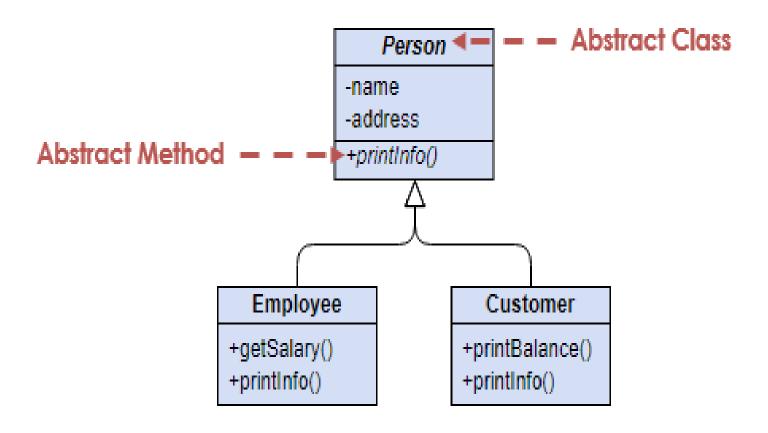
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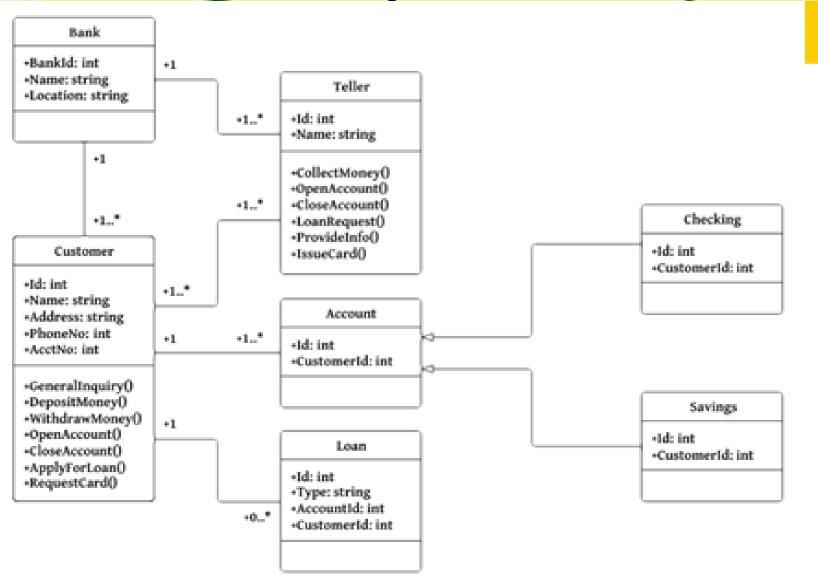
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4. Generalization/Inheritance for abstract class/method:



Draw a class diagram for hospital management system.

Class diagram for bank



Class diagram for online orders

