

Drawing UML Class Diagram by using `pgf-umlcd`

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Abstract

`pgf-umlcd` is a LaTeX package for drawing UML Class Diagrams. As stated by its name, it is based on a very popular graphic package `PGF/TikZ`. This document presents the usage of `pgf-umlcd` and collects some UML class diagrams as examples. `pgf-umlcd` can be downloaded from <http://code.google.com/p/pgf-umlcd/>.

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1 Basics

1.1 Class with attributes and operations

Note: If you don't want to show empty parts in the diagrams, please use `simplified` option, e.g. `\usepackage[simplified]{pgf-umlcd}`.

ClassName
name : attribute type name : attribute type = default value
name(parameter list) : type of value returned <i>name(parameters list) : type of value returned</i>

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
\begin{class}[text width=8cm]{ClassName}{0,0}
\attribute{name : attribute type}
\attribute{name : attribute type = default value}

\operation{name(parameter list) : type of value
returned}
% virtual operation
\operation[0]{name(parameters list) : type of
value returned}
\end{class}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

1.1.1 Visibility of attributes and operations

Class
+ Public # Protected - Private ~ Package
BankAccount
+ owner : String + balance : Dollars
+ deposit(amount : Dollars) + withdrawal(amount : Dollars) # updateBalance(newBalance : Dollars)

```
\begin{tikzpicture}%[show background grid]
  \begin{class}[text width=7cm]{Class}{0,0}
    \attribute{+ Public}
    \attribute{\# Protected}
    \attribute{- Private}
    \attribute{\$ \sim$ Package}
  \end{class}

  \begin{class}[text width=7cm]{BankAccount}{0,-3}
    \attribute{+ owner : String}
    \attribute{+ balance : Dollars}

    \operation{+ deposit( amount : Dollars )}
    \operation{+ withdrawal( amount : Dollars )}
    \operation{\# updateBalance( newBalance : Dollars )}
  \end{class}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

1.1.2 Abstract class and interface

<<abstract>> BankAccount
owner : String balance : Dollars = 0
deposit(amount : Dollars) <i>withdrawl(amount : Dollars)</i>

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{abstractclass}[text width=5cm]{BankAccount}{0,0}
    \attribute{owner : String}
    \attribute{balance : Dollars = 0}

    \operation{deposit(amount : Dollars)}
    \operation[0]{withdrawl(amount : Dollars)}
  \end{abstractclass}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

<<interface>> Person
firstName : String lastName : String

```
\begin{tikzpicture}%[show background grid]
  \begin{interface}{Person}{0,0}
    \attribute{firstName : String}
    \attribute{lastName : String}
  \end{interface}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

1.1.3 Object

Instance Name: Class Name
attribute name = value

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{object}[text width=6cm]{Instance Name}{0,0}
    \instanceOf{Class Name}
    \attribute{attribute name = value}
  \end{object}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

Note: Object with rounded corners and methods are used in German school for didactic reasons. You get the rounded corners with `\usepackage[school]{pgf-umlcd}`. If you need both in one document you can switch it with `\switchUmlcdSchool`

Instance Name: Class Name
attribute name = value

```
\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{object}[text width=6cm]{Instance Name}{0,0}
    \instanceOf{Class Name}
    \attribute{attribute name = value}
  \end{object}
\end{tikzpicture}
```

Thomas' account: BankAccount
owner = Thomas
balance = 100
deposit(amount : Dollars)
<i>withdrawl(amount : Dollars)</i>

```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{object}[text width=6cm]{Thomas' account}
    {0,0}
    \instanceOf{BankAccount}
    \attribute{owner = Thomas}
    \attribute{balance = 100}

    \operation{deposit(amount : Dollars)}
    \operation[0]{withdrawl(amount : Dollars)}
  \end{object}
\end{tikzpicture}

```

1.1.4 Note

The `\umlnote` use the same syntax as `tikz` command `\node`, e.g. `\umlnote[style] (name)at (coordinate){text};`

This is a note.

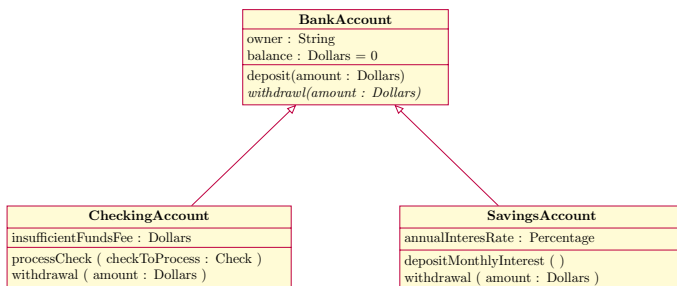
```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \umlnote (note) {This is a note.};
\end{tikzpicture}

```

1.2 Inheritance and implement

1.2.1 Inheritance



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
  \begin{class}[text width=5cm]{BankAccount}{0,0}
    \attribute{owner : String}
    \attribute{balance : Dollars = 0}

    \operation{deposit(amount : Dollars)}
    \operation[0]{withdrawl(amount : Dollars)}
  \end{class}

  \begin{class}[text width=7cm]{CheckingAccount}
    {-5,-5}
    \inherit{BankAccount}
    \attribute{insufficientFundsFee : Dollars}

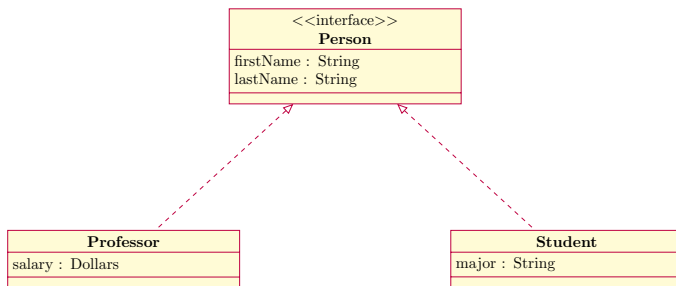
    \operation{processCheck ( checkToProcess : Check )}
    \operation{withdrawal ( amount : Dollars )}
  \end{class}

  \begin{class}[text width=7cm]{SavingsAccount}{5,-5}
    \inherit{BankAccount}
    \attribute{annualInteresRate : Percentage}

    \operation{depositMonthlyInterest ( )}
    \operation{withdrawal ( amount : Dollars )}
  \end{class}
\end{tikzpicture}

```

1.2.2 Implement an interface



```

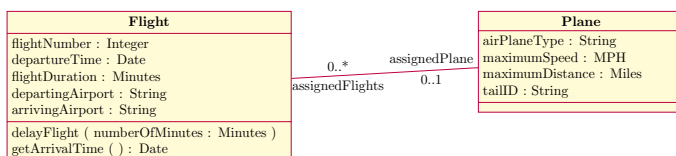
\begin{tikzpicture}%[show background grid]
\begin{interface}{Person}{0,0}
  \attribute{firstName : String}
  \attribute{lastName : String}
\end{interface}

\begin{class}{Professor}{-5,-5}
  \implement{Person}
  \attribute{salary : Dollars}
\end{class}

\begin{class}{Student}{5,-5}
  \implement{Person}
  \attribute{major : String}
\end{class}
\end{tikzpicture}
  
```

1.3 Association, Aggregation and Composition

1.3.1 Association



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
\begin{class}[text width=7cm]{Flight}{0,0}
  \attribute{flightNumber : Integer}
  \attribute{departureTime : Date}
  \attribute{flightDuration : Minutes}
  \attribute{departingAirport : String}
  \attribute{arrivingAirport : String}

  \operation{delayFlight ( numberOfMinutes : Minutes )}
  \operation{getArrivalTime ( ) : Date}
\end{class}

\begin{class}{Plane}{11,0}
  \attribute{airPlaneType : String}
  \attribute{maximumSpeed : MPH}
  \attribute{maximumDistance : Miles}
  \attribute{tailID : String}
\end{class}

\association{Plane}{assignedPlane}{0..1}{Flight}{0..*}{assignedFlights}
\end{tikzpicture}
  
```

1.3.2 Unidirectional association



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
% \draw[help lines] (-7,-6) grid (6,0);

\begin{class}[text width=6cm]{
    OverdrawnAccountsReport}{0,0}
    \attribute{generatedOn : Date}

    \operation{refresh ( )}
\end{class}

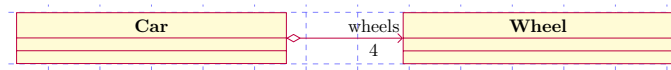
\begin{class}{BankAccount}{12,0}
    \attribute{owner : String}
    \attribute{balance : Dollars}

    \operation{deposit(amount : Dollars)}
    \operation[0]{withdraw(amount : Dollars)}
\end{class}

\unidirectionalAssociation{OverdrawnAccountsReport
}{overdrawnAccounts}{0..*}{BankAccount}

\end{tikzpicture}
  
```

1.3.3 Aggregation



```

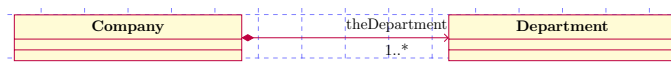
\begin{tikzpicture}[show background grid]
\begin{class}{Car}{0,0}
\end{class}

\begin{class}{Wheel}{7.5,0}
\end{class}

\aggregation{Car}{wheels}{4}{Wheel}

\end{tikzpicture}
  
```

1.3.4 Composition



```

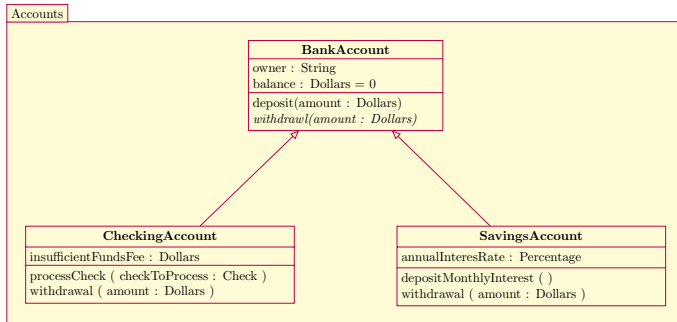
\begin{tikzpicture}[show background grid]
\begin{class}{Company}{0,0}
\end{class}

\begin{class}{Department}{10,0}
\end{class}

\composition{Company}{theDepartment}{1..*}{
    Department}

\end{tikzpicture}
  
```

1.4 Package



```

\begin{tikzpicture}
\begin{package}{Accounts}
\begin{class}[text width=5cm]{BankAccount}{0,0}
\attribute{owner : String}
\attribute{balance : Dollars = 0}

\operation{deposit(amount : Dollars)}
\operation[0]{withdrawal(amount : Dollars)}
\end{class}

\begin{class}[text width=7cm]{CheckingAccount}
{-5,-5}
\inherit{BankAccount}
\attribute{insufficientFundsFee : Dollars}

\operation{processCheck ( checkToProcess :
Check )}
\operation{withdrawal ( amount : Dollars )}
\end{class}

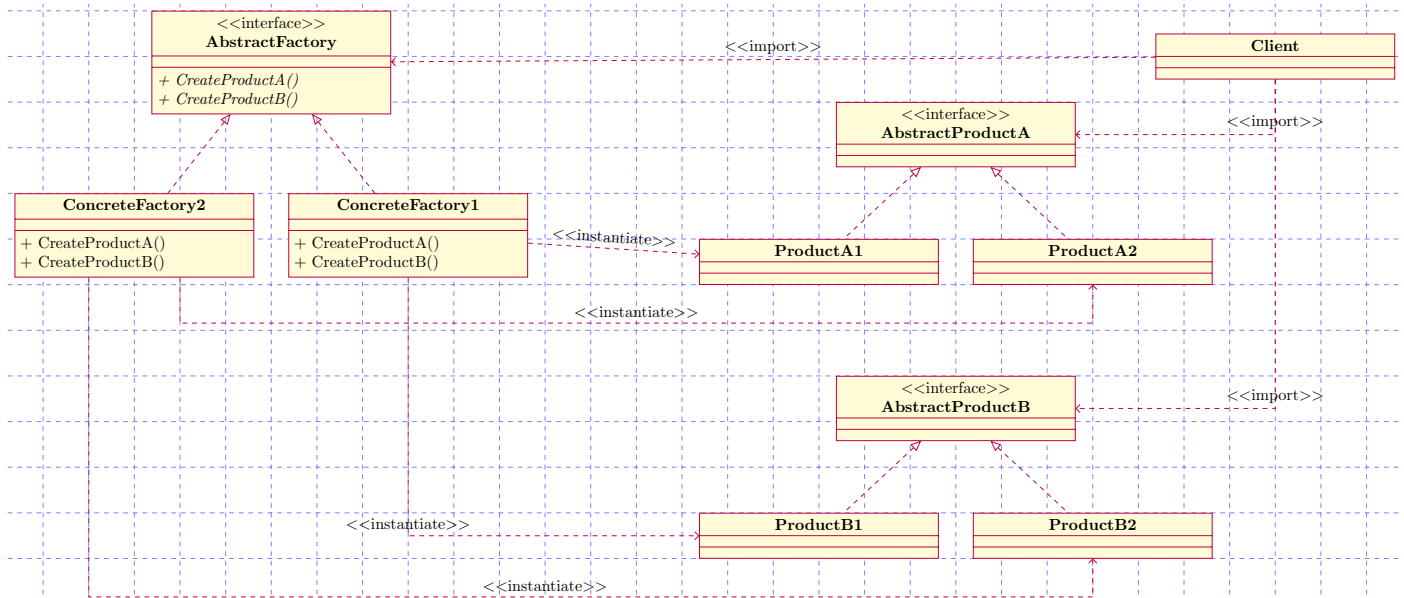
\begin{class}[text width=7cm]{SavingsAccount}
{5,-5}
\inherit{BankAccount}
\attribute{annualInterestRate : Percentage}

\operation{depositMonthlyInterest ( )}
\operation{withdrawal ( amount : Dollars )}
\end{class}
\end{package}
\end{tikzpicture}

```

2 Examples

2.1 Abstract Factory



```

\begin{tikzpicture}[show background grid]
\begin{interface}{AbstractFactory}{0,0}
\operation[0]{+ CreateProductA()}
\operation[0]{+ CreateProductB()}
\end{interface}

\begin{class}{ConcreteFactory2}{-3,-4}
\implement{AbstractFactory}

```

```

\operation{+ CreateProductA()}
\operation{+ CreateProductB()}
\end{class}

\begin{class}{ConcreteFactory1}{3,-4}
\implement{AbstractFactory}
\operation{+ CreateProductA()}
\operation{+ CreateProductB()}
\end{class}

\begin{interface}{AbstractProductA}{15,-2}
\end{interface}

\begin{class}{ProductA1}{12,-5}
\implement{AbstractProductA}
\end{class}

\begin{class}{ProductA2}{18,-5}
\implement{AbstractProductA}
\end{class}

\draw[umlcd style dashed line,->] (ConcreteFactory1) --node[above,
sloped, black]{$<<$instantiate$>>$} (ProductA1);

\draw[umlcd style dashed line,->] (ConcreteFactory2.south) ++
(1,0) -- ++(0,-1) -- node[above, sloped,
black]{$<<$instantiate$>>$} ++(20,0) -| (ProductA2);

\begin{interface}{AbstractProductB}{15,-8}
\end{interface}

\begin{class}{ProductB1}{12,-11}
\implement{AbstractProductB}
\end{class}

\begin{class}{ProductB2}{18,-11}
\implement{AbstractProductB}
\end{class}

\draw[umlcd style dashed line,->] (ConcreteFactory1) |-node[above,
sloped, black]{$<<$instantiate$>>$} (ProductB1);

\draw[umlcd style dashed line,->] (ConcreteFactory2.south) ++
(-1,0) -- ++(0,-7) -- node[above, sloped,
black]{$<<$instantiate$>>$} ++(20,0) -| (ProductB2);

\begin{class}{Client}{22,-0.5}
\end{class}

\draw[umlcd style dashed line,->] (Client) --node[above, sloped,
black]{$<<$import$>>$} (AbstractFactory);

\draw[umlcd style dashed line,->] (Client) |-node[above, sloped,
black]{$<<$import$>>$} (AbstractProductA);

\draw[umlcd style dashed line,->] (Client) |-node[above, sloped,
black]{$<<$import$>>$} (AbstractProductB);
\end{tikzpicture}

```

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