

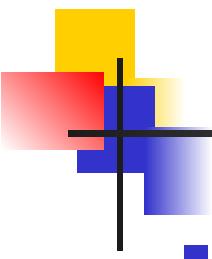
Object Modeling with OMG UML Tutorial Series

Advanced Modeling with UML

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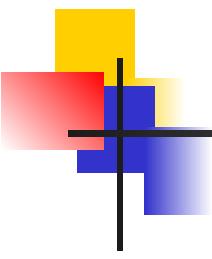
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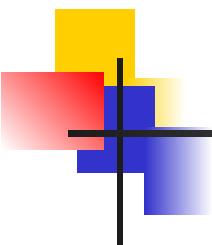
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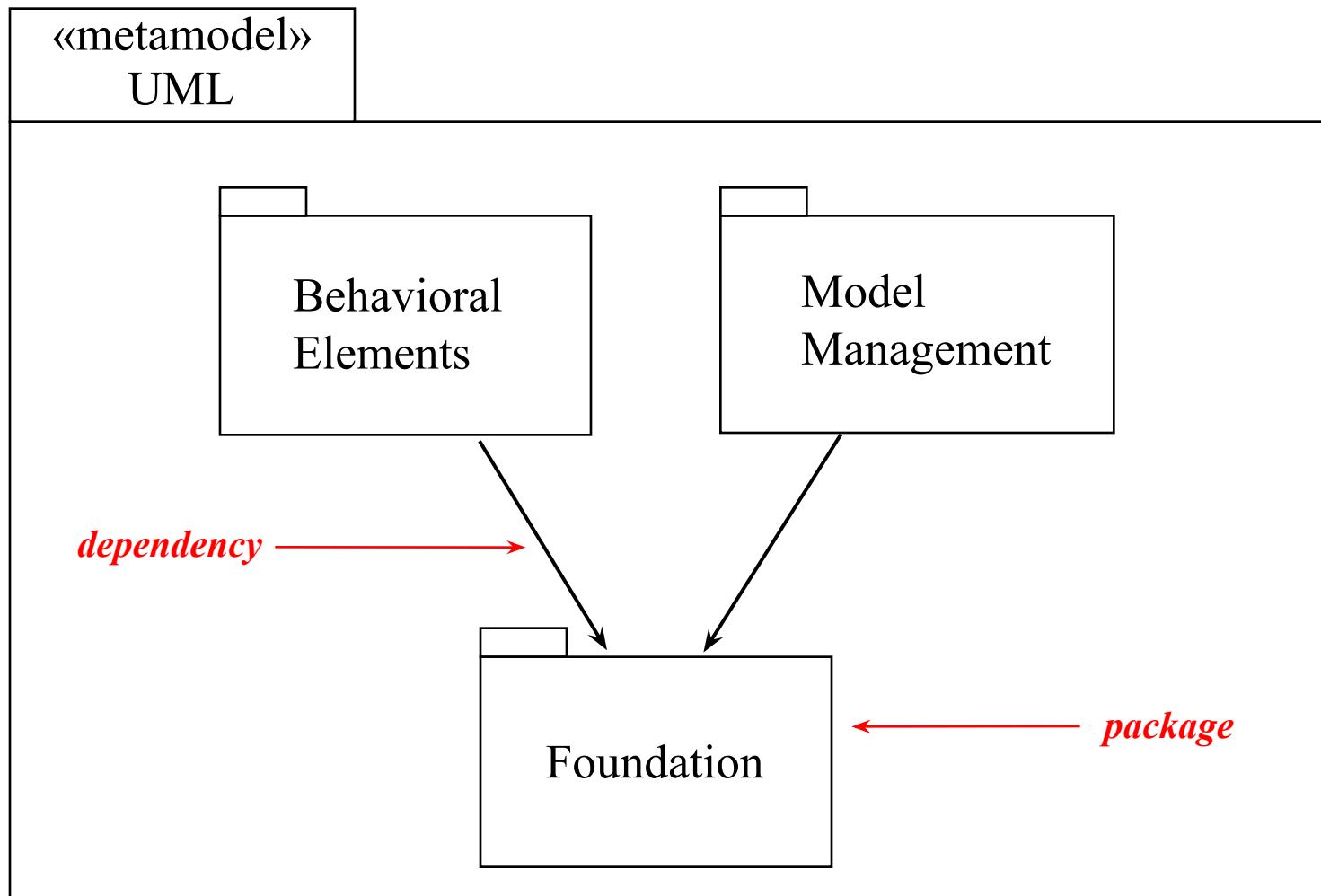
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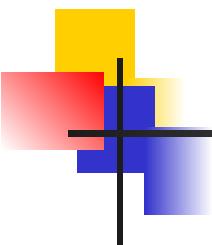


Tutorial Focus: the Language

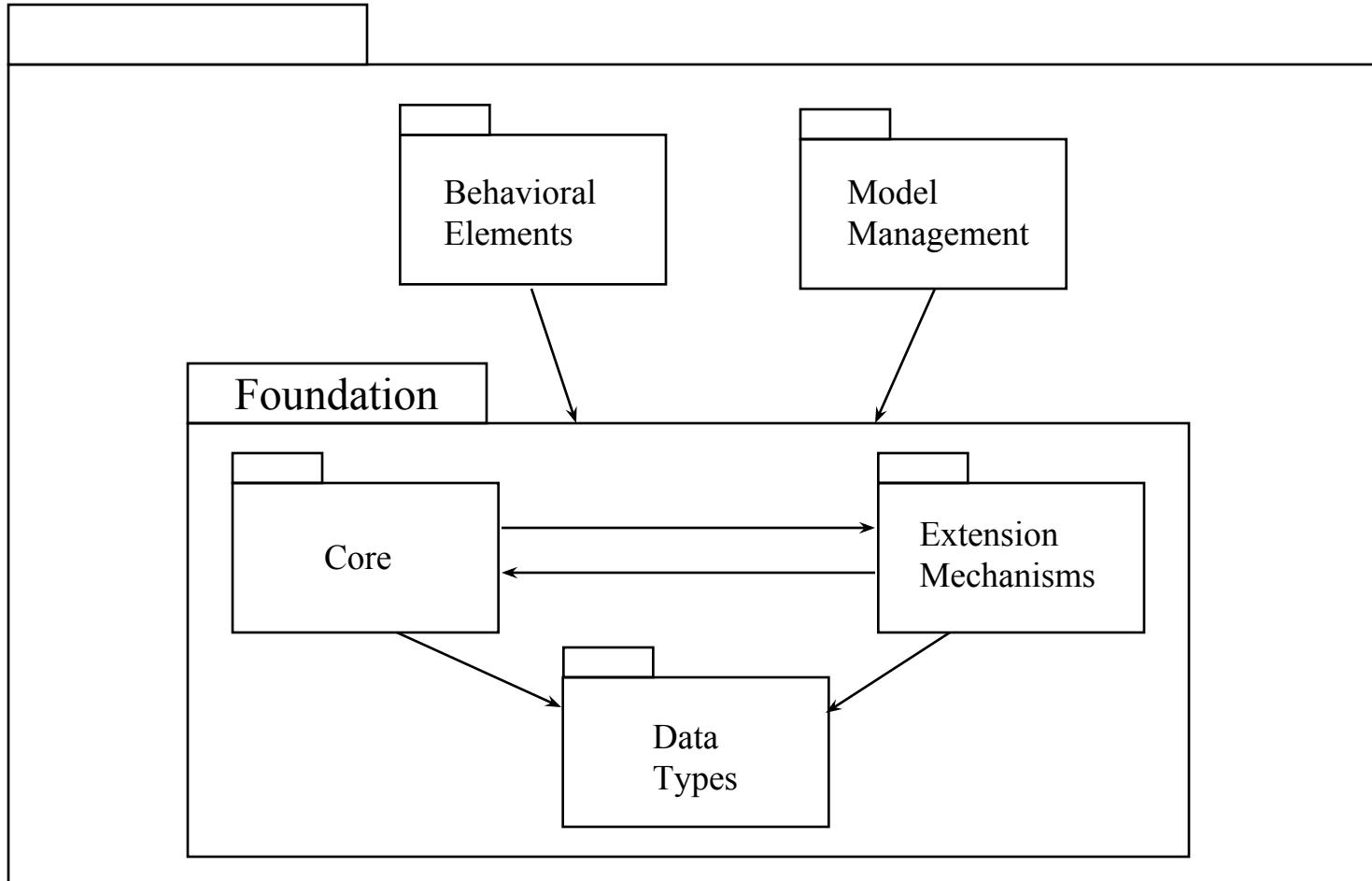
- language = syntax + semantics
 - syntax = language elements (e.g. words) are assembled into expressions (e.g. phrases, clauses)
 - semantics = the meanings of the syntactic expressions
- UML Notation Guide – defines UML's graphic syntax
- UML Semantics – defines UML's semantics

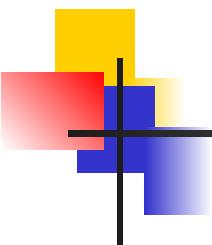
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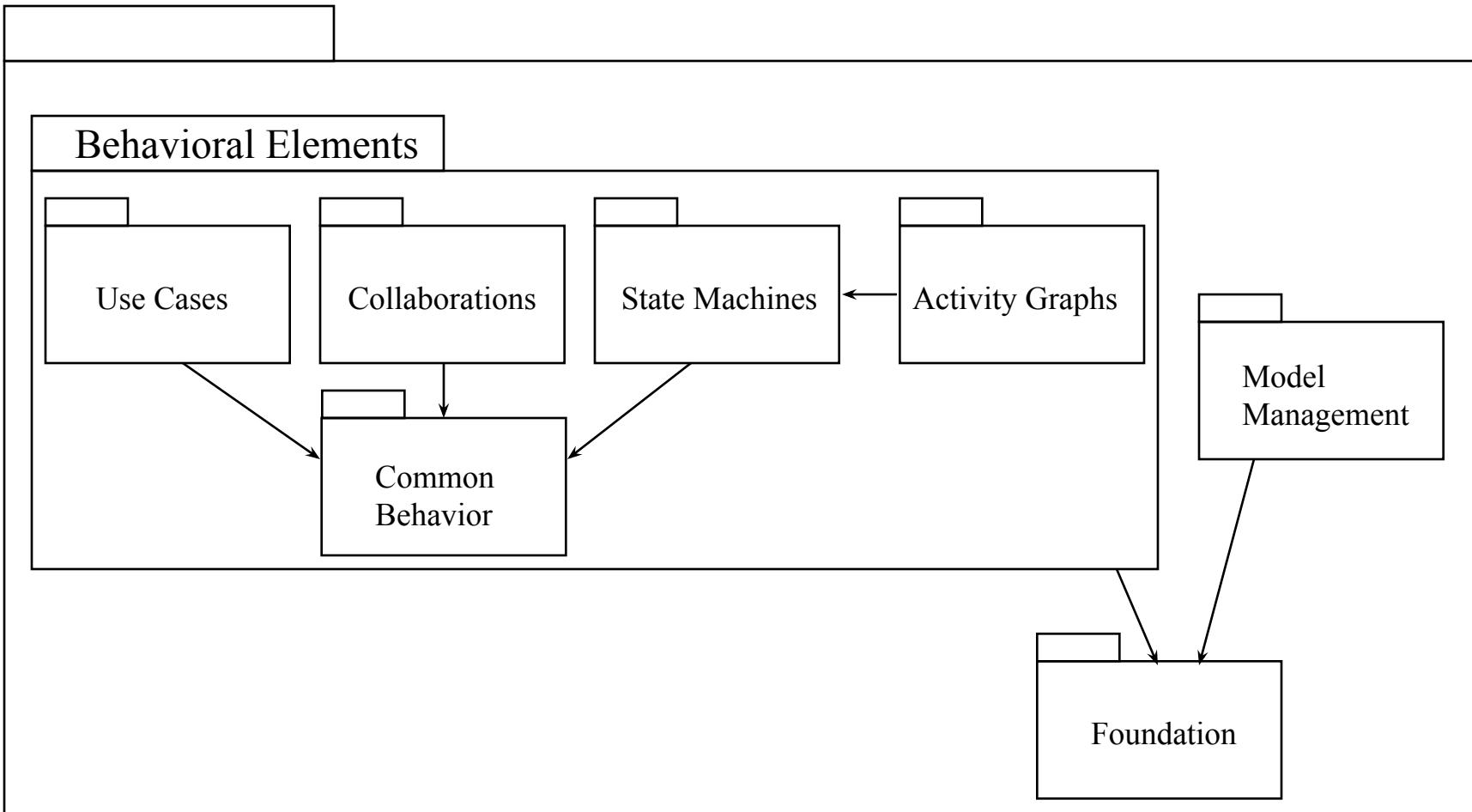


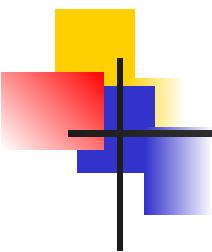
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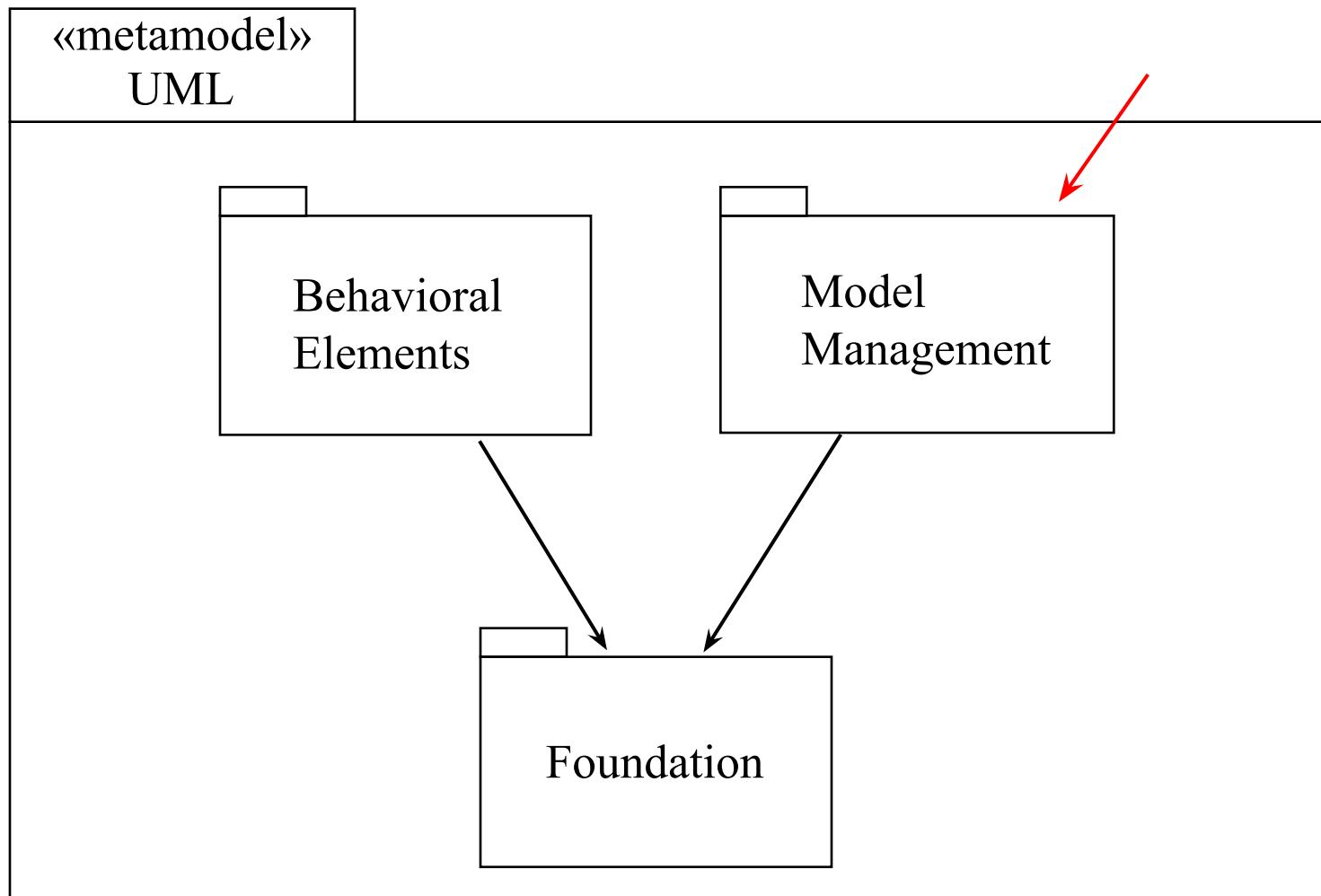


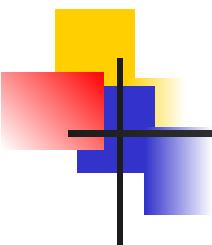


Advanced Modeling with UML

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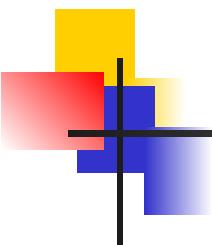
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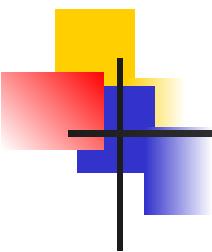
Model Management Overview

- Main UML constructs used for model management:
 - Package
 - Subsystem
 - Model



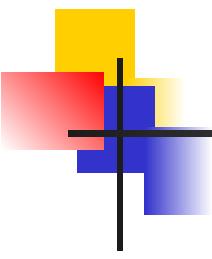
Unifying Concepts

- Packages, Subsystems, and Models
 - Group other model elements together
 - Each groups elements for a different reason (providing different semantics)
- Other grouping elements in UML include:
 - Classes
 - Components

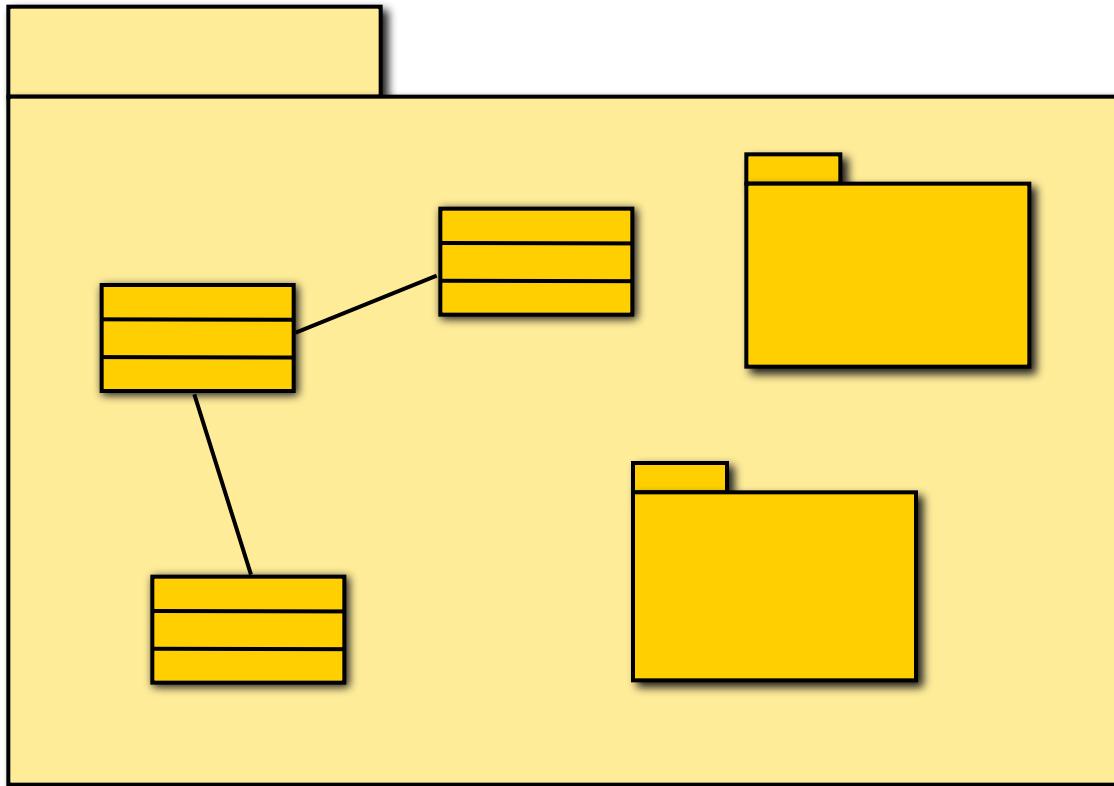


Package

- What are Packages?
- Core Concepts
- Diagram Tour
- When to Use Packages
- Modeling Tips

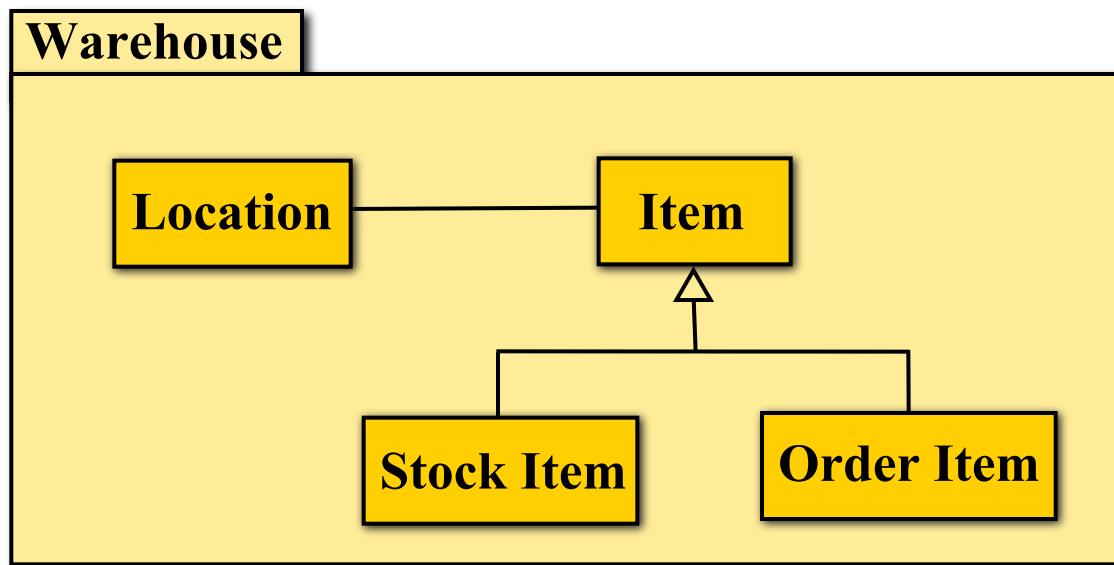
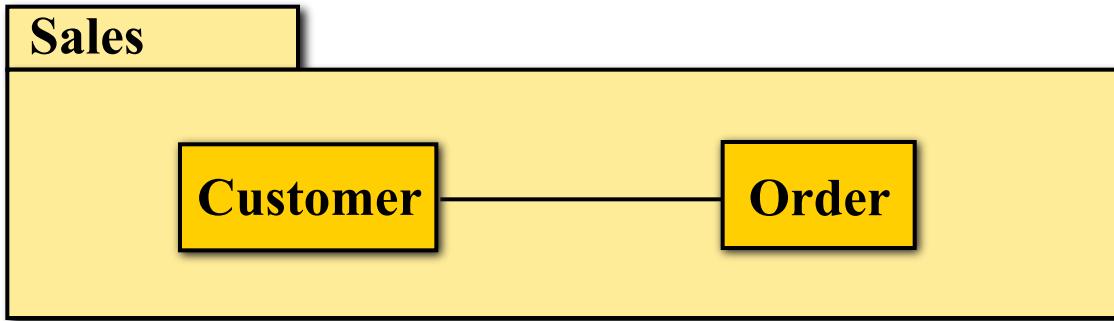


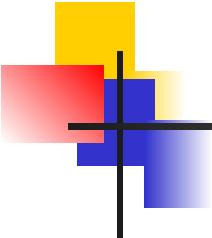
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A package is a grouping of model elements

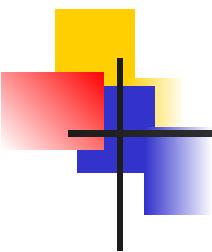
Package – Example



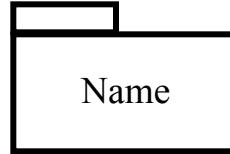
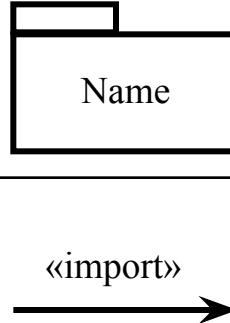
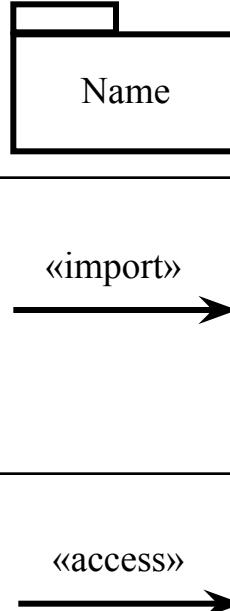


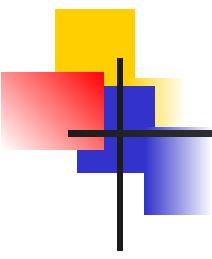
Package

- A package can contain model elements of different kinds
 - Including other packages to create hierarchies
- A package defines a namespace for its contents
- Packages can be used for various purposes



Core Concepts

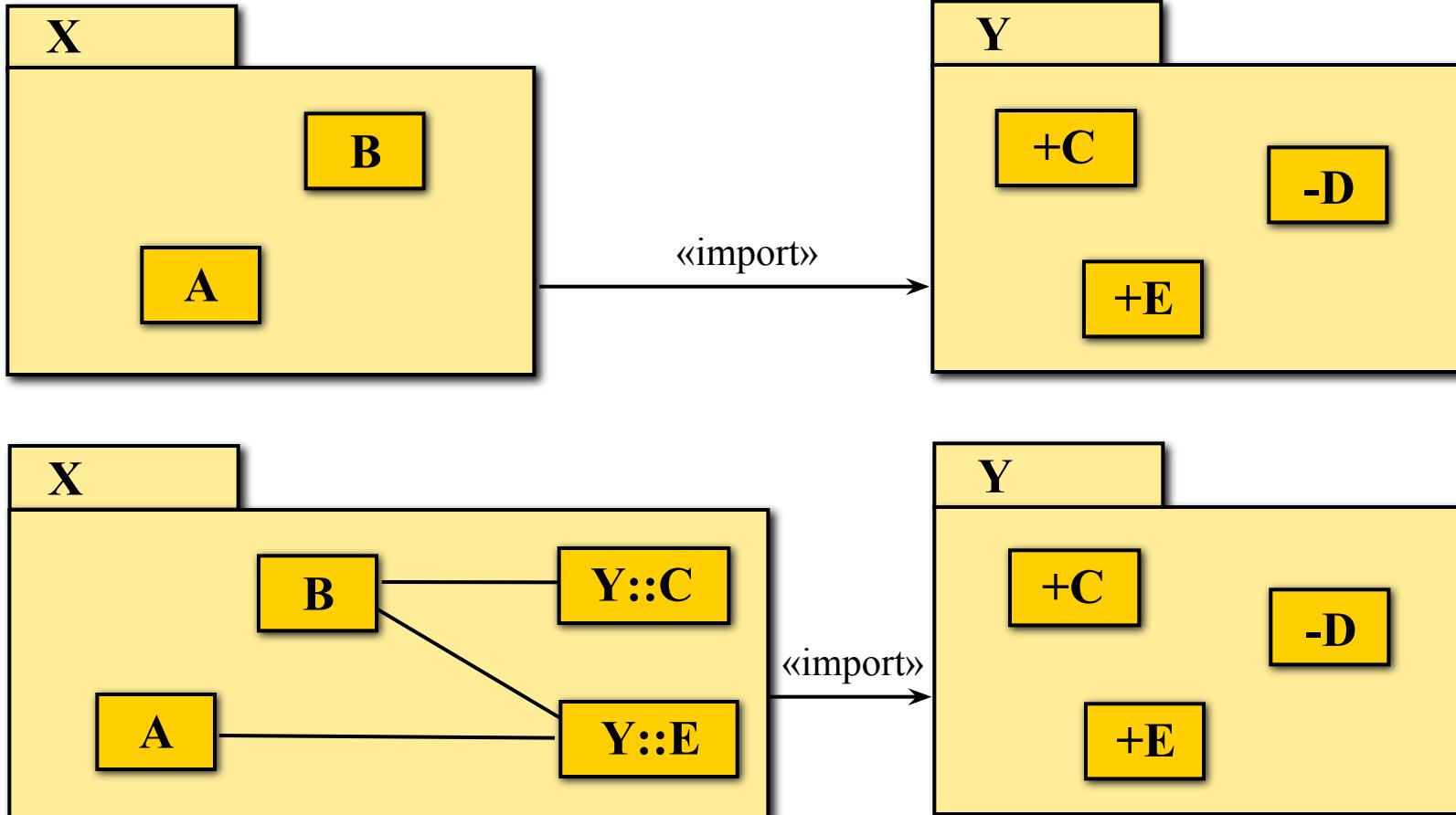
Construct	Description	Syntax
Package	A grouping of model elements.	
Import	A dependency indicating that the public contents of the target package are added to the namespace of the source package.	
Access	A dependency indicating that the public contents of the target package are available in the namespace of the source package.	



Visibility

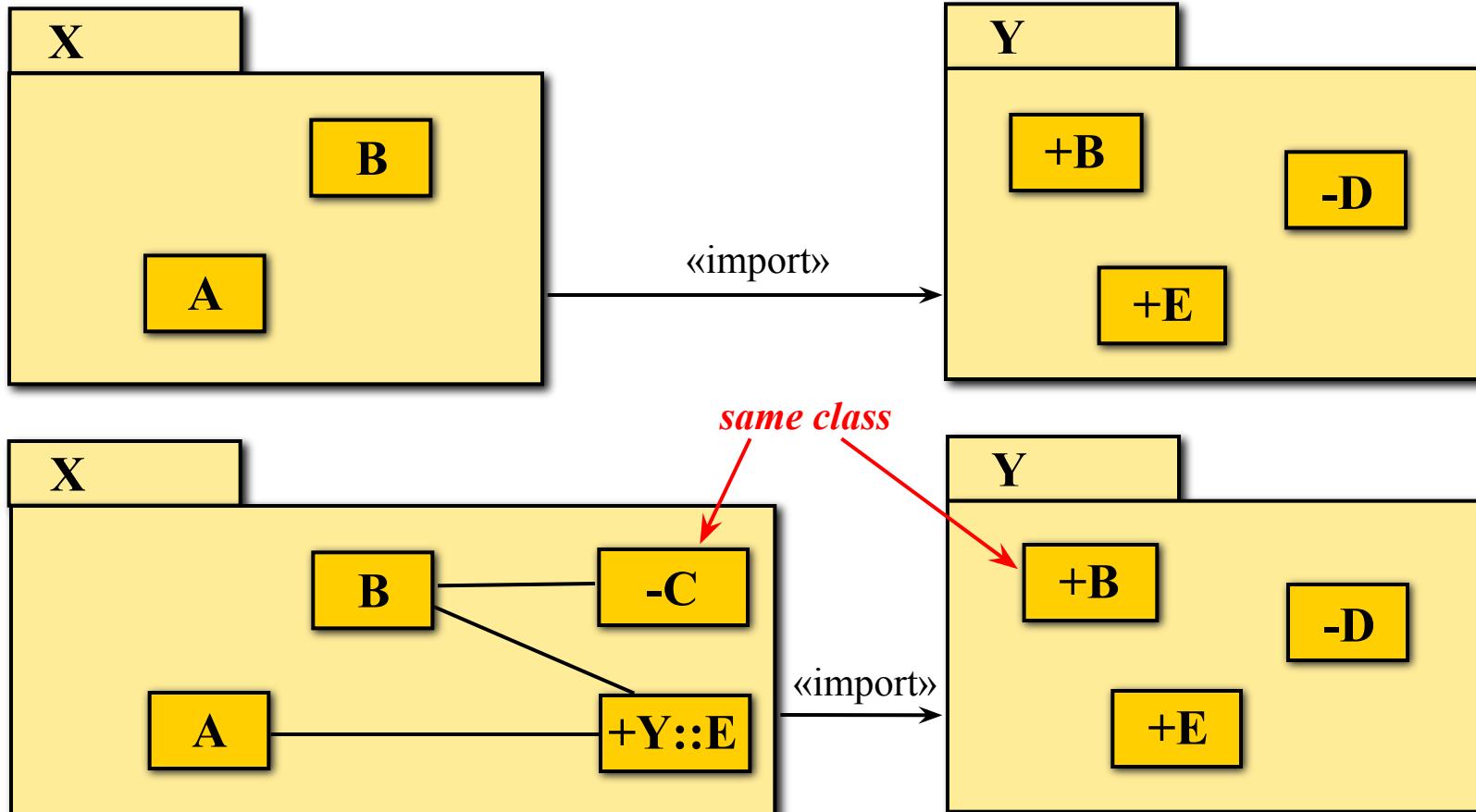
- Each contained element has a visibility relative to the containing package
 - A *public* element is visible to elements outside the package, denoted by '+'
 - A *protected* element is visible only to elements within inheriting packages, denoted by '#'
 - A *private* element is not visible at all to elements outside the package, denoted by '-'
- Same syntax for visibility of attributes and operations in classes

Import



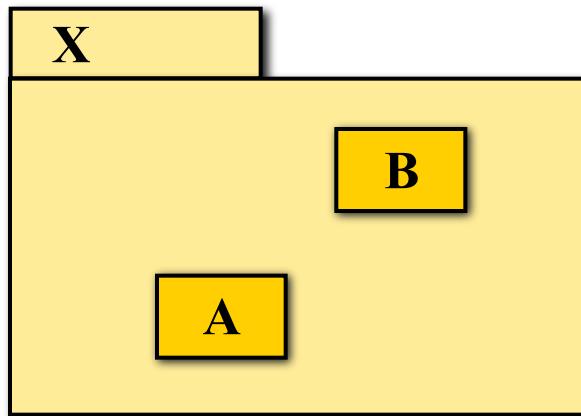
The associations are owned by package X

Import – Alias

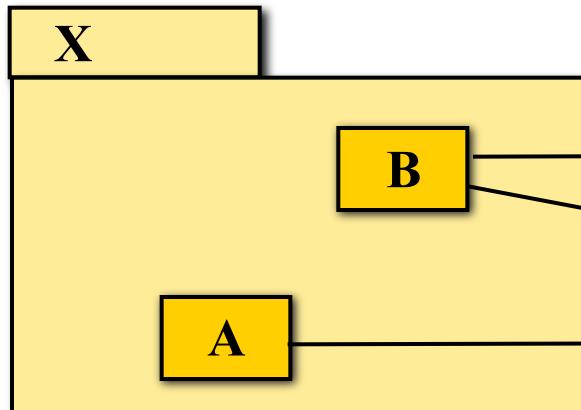
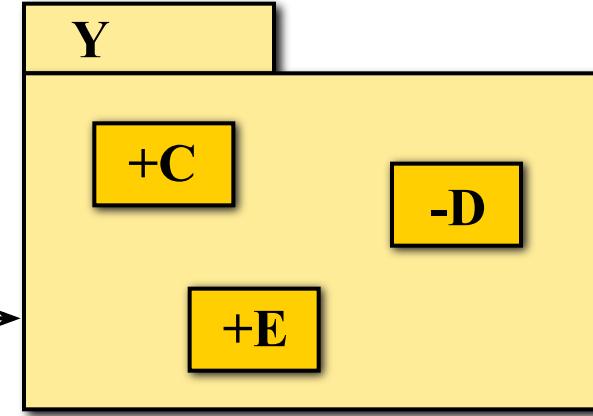


An imported element can be given a local alias and a local visibility

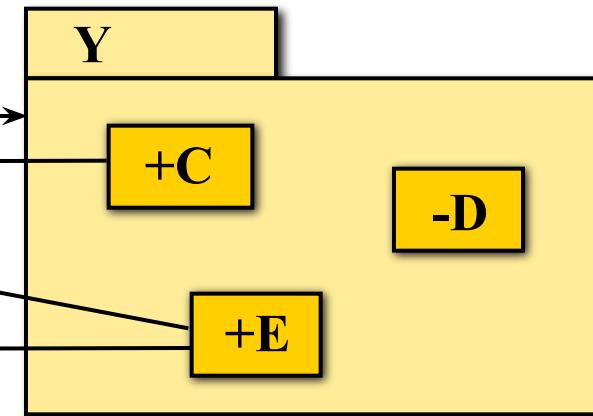
Access



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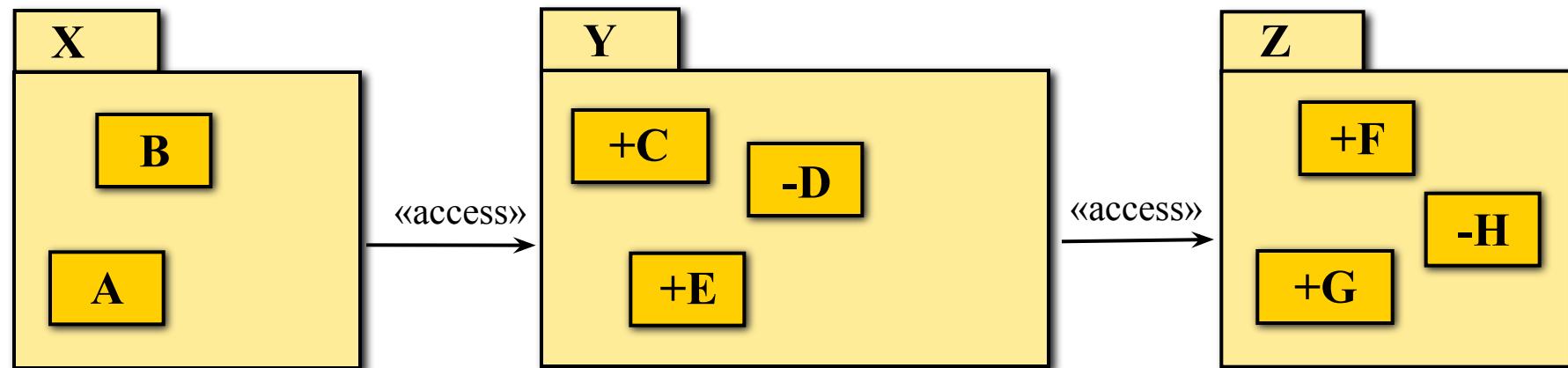
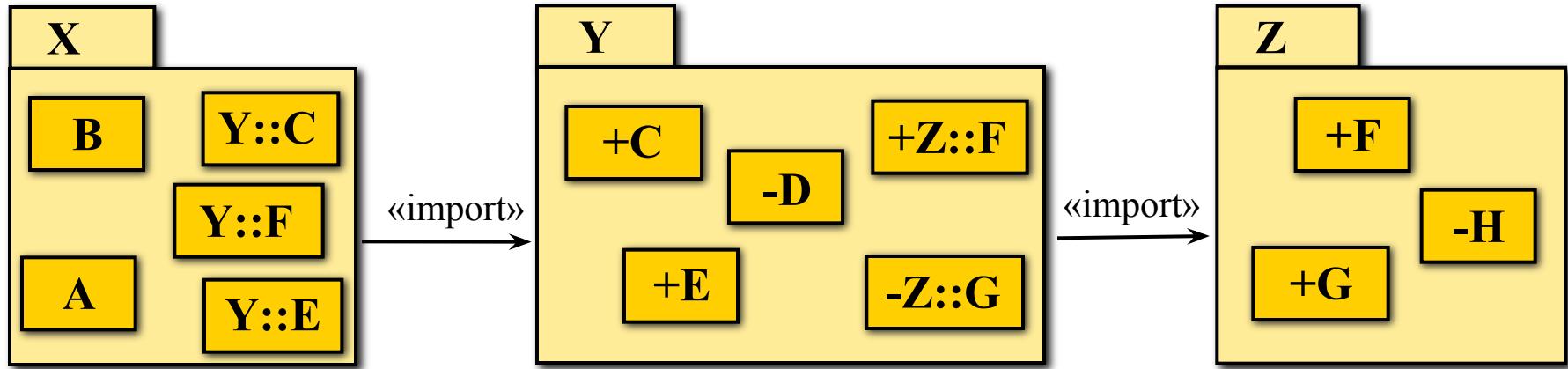


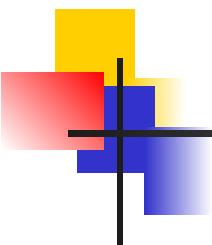
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Import vs. Access





Package Inheritance

- A package with a generalization to another package inherits public and protected elements that are
 - owned or
 - importedby the inherited package

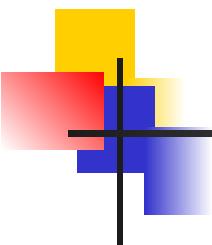
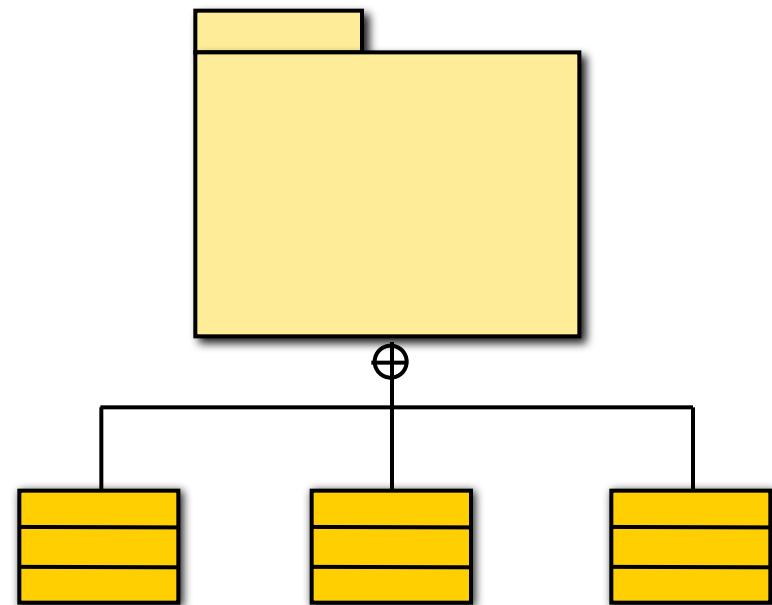
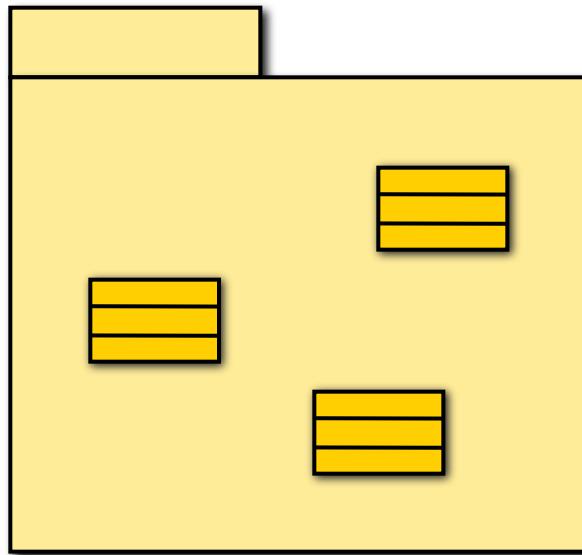
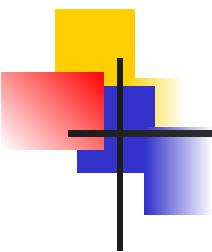


Diagram Tour

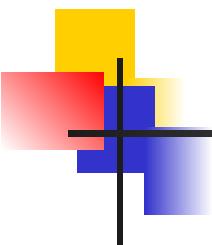
- Packages are shown in static diagrams
- Two equivalent ways to show containment:





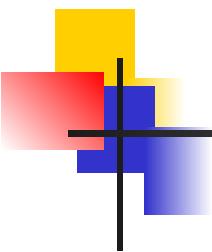
When to Use Packages

- To create an overview of a large set of model elements
- To organize a large model
- To group related elements
- To separate namespaces



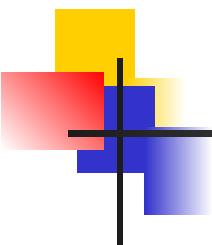
Modeling Tips – Package

- Gather model elements with strong cohesion in one package
- Keep model elements with low coupling in different packages
- Minimize relationships, especially associations, between model elements in different packages
- Namespace implication: an element imported into a package does not “know” how it is used in the imported package

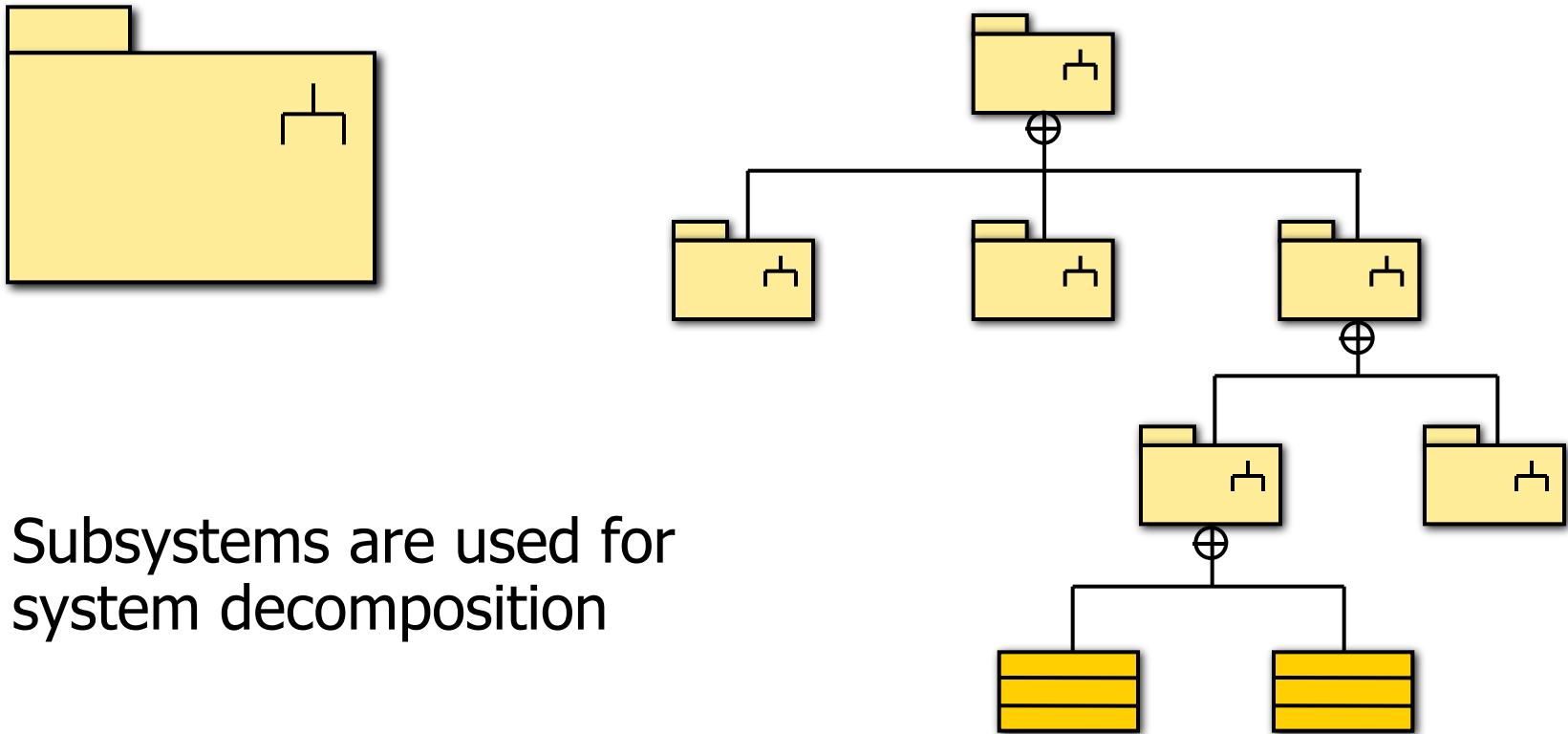


Subsystem

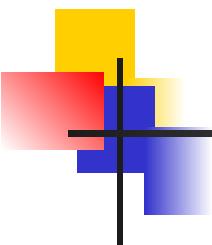
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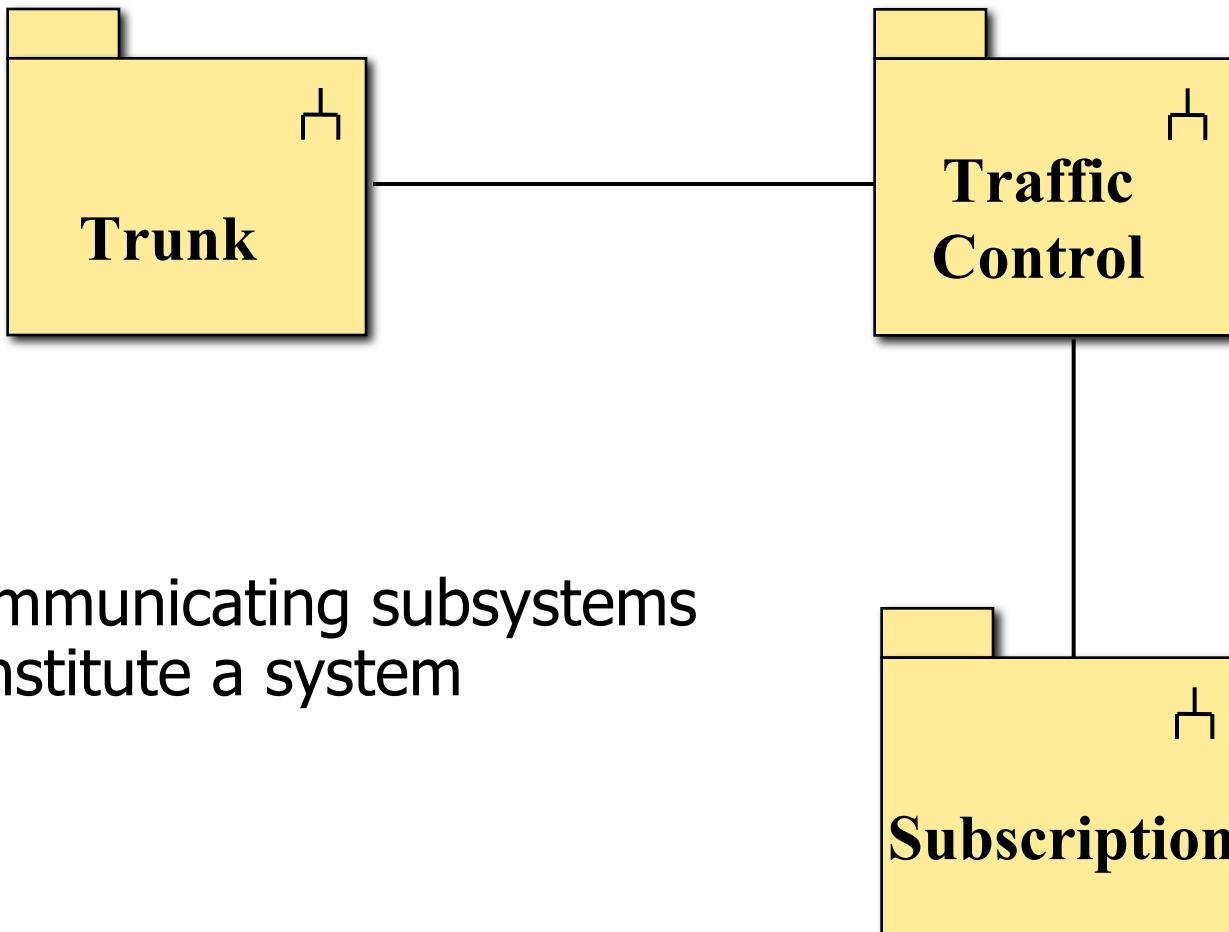
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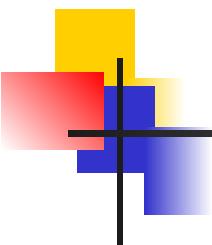


Subsystems are used for system decomposition

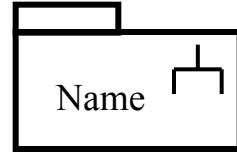


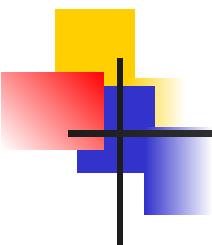
Subsystem – Example





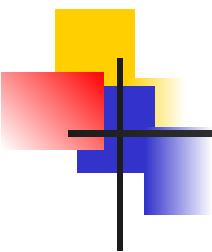
Core Concepts

Construct	Description	Syntax
Subsystem	<p>A grouping of model elements that represents a behavioral unit in a physical system.</p>	 A UML subsystem diagram consists of a large rectangle labeled "Name" in its center. To the left of the rectangle is a smaller rectangle, and to the right is a T-shaped connector symbol.

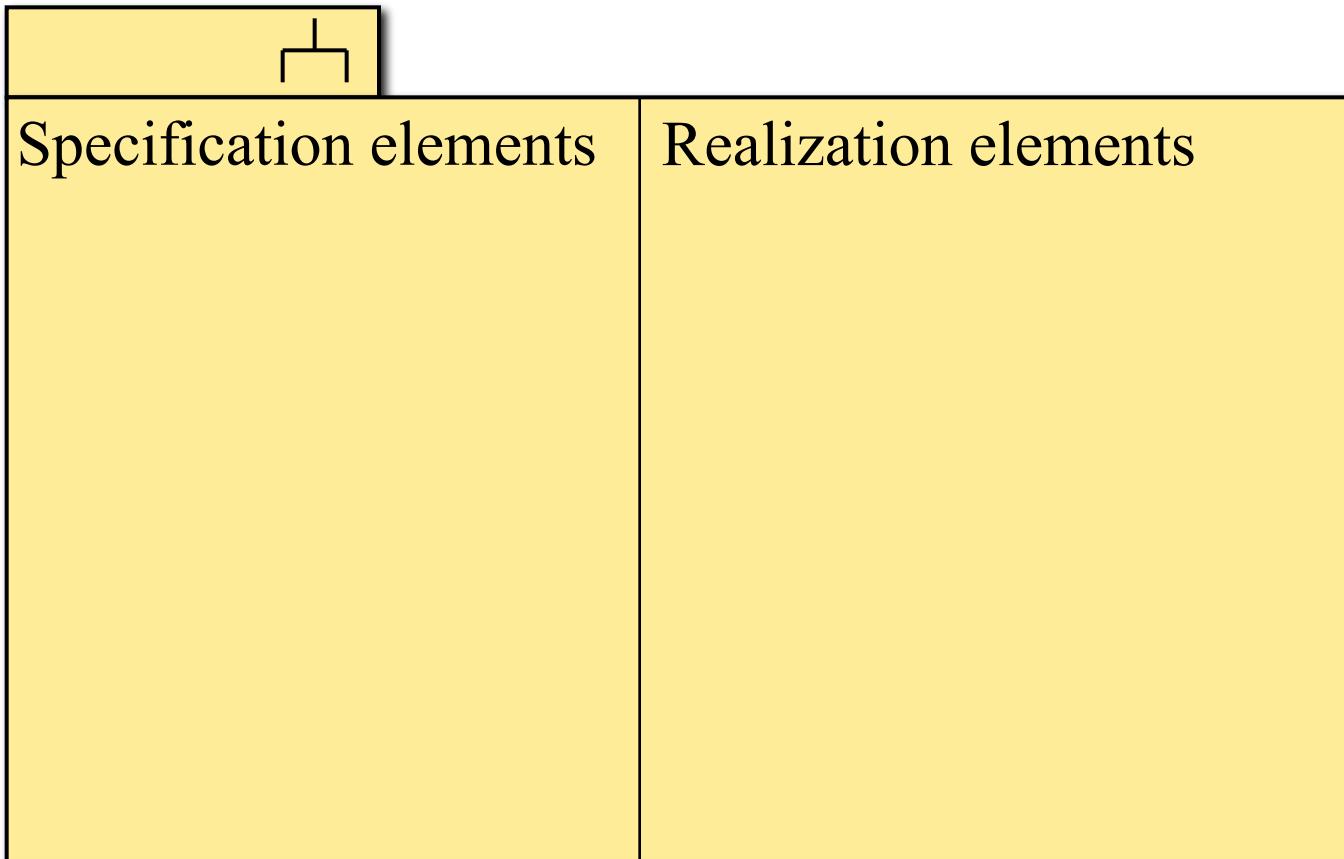


Subsystem Aspects

- A subsystem has two aspects:
 - An external view, showing the services provided by the subsystem
 - An internal view, showing the realization of the subsystem
- There is a mapping between the two aspects

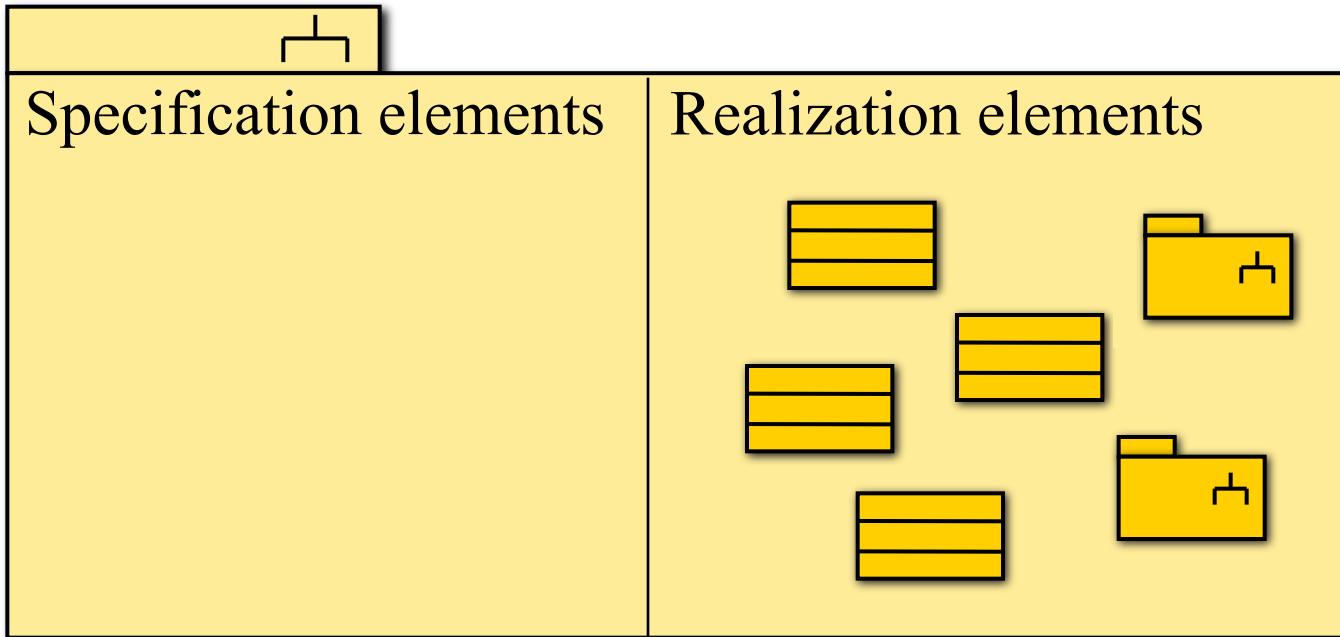


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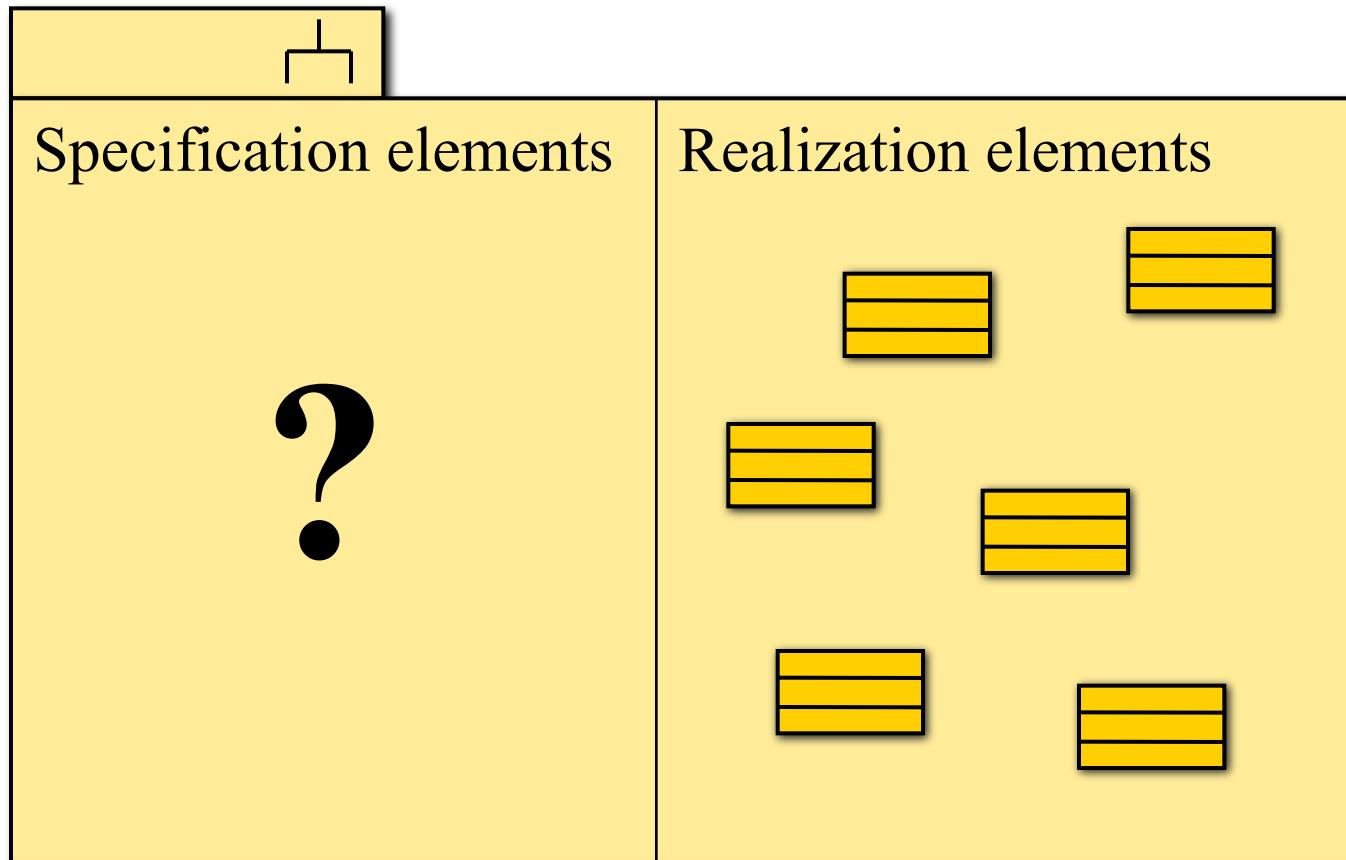
A subsystem has a specification and a realization to represent the two views

Subsystem Realization

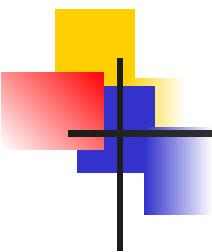


- The subsystem realization defines the actual contents of the subsystem
- The subsystem realization typically consists of classes and their relationships, or a contained hierarchy of subsystems with classes as leaves

Subsystem Specification

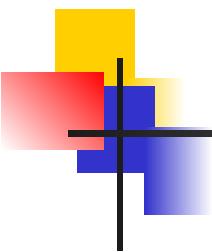


The subsystem specification defines the external view of the subsystem



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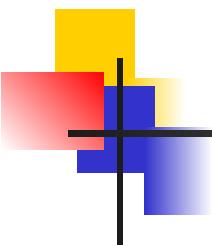
- The subsystem specification
 - describes the services offered by the subsystem
 - describes the externally experienced behavior of the subsystem
 - does not reveal the internal structure of the subsystem
 - describes the interface of the subsystem



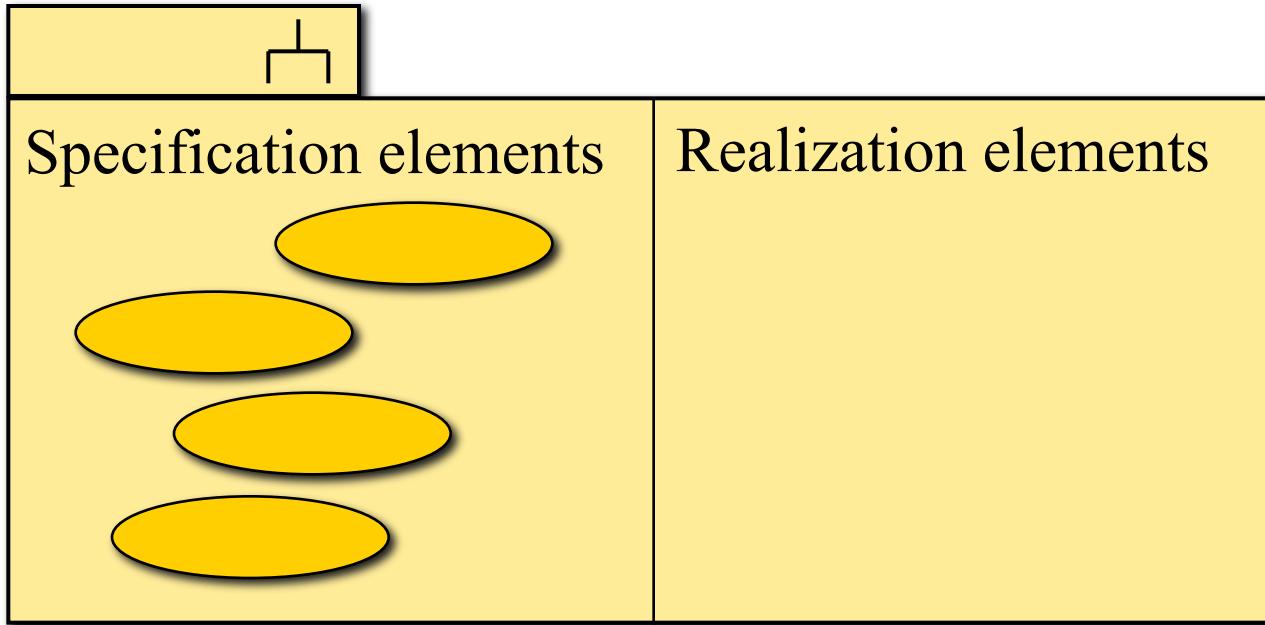
Specification Techniques

- The Use Case approach
- The State Machine approach
- The Logical Class approach
- The Operation approach

...and combinations of these.

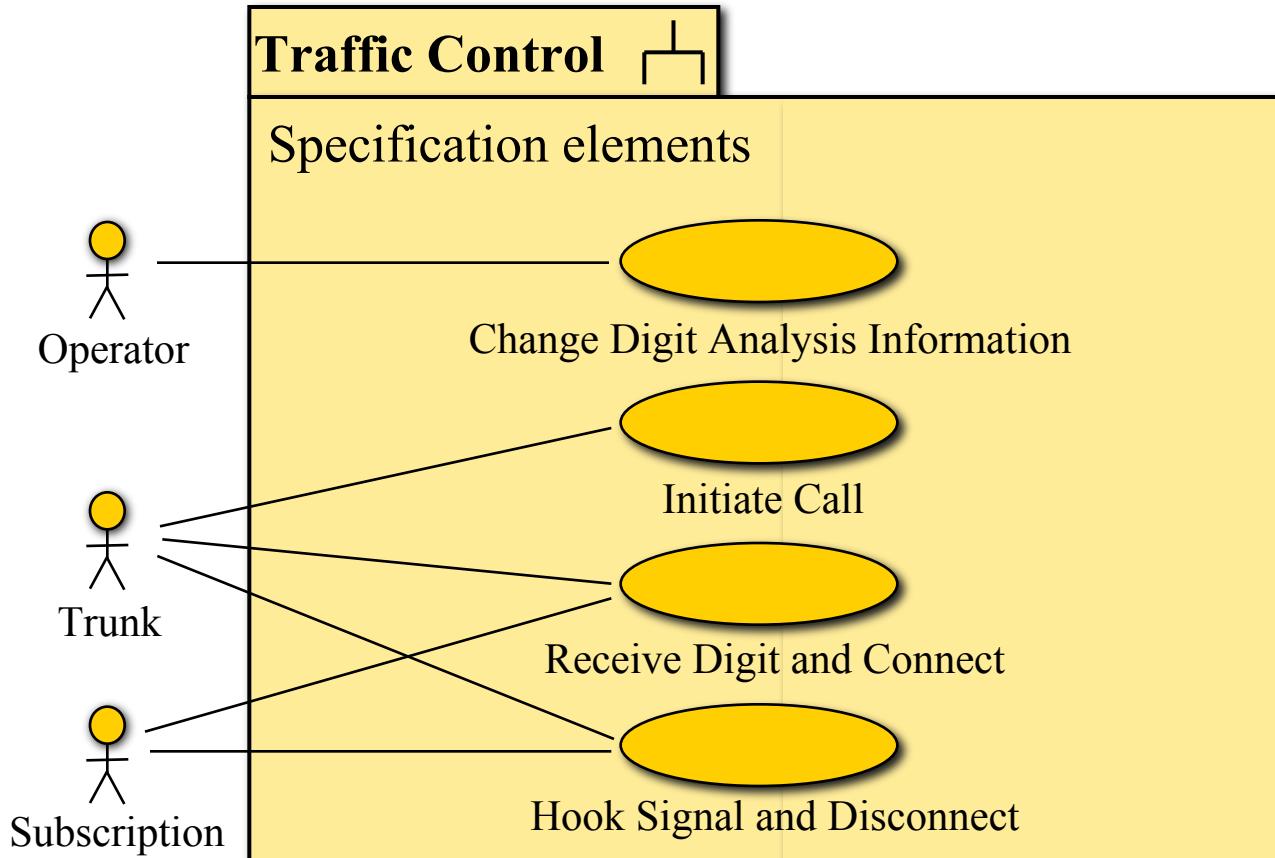


Use Case Approach

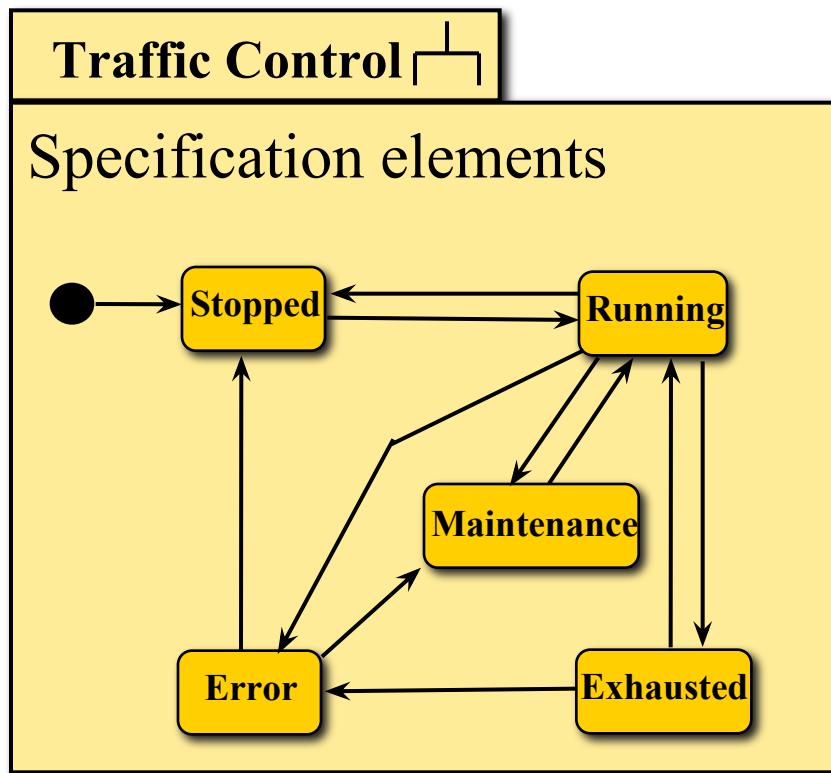


- For subsystem services used in certain sequences
- When the specification is to be understood by non-technical people

Use Case Approach – Example

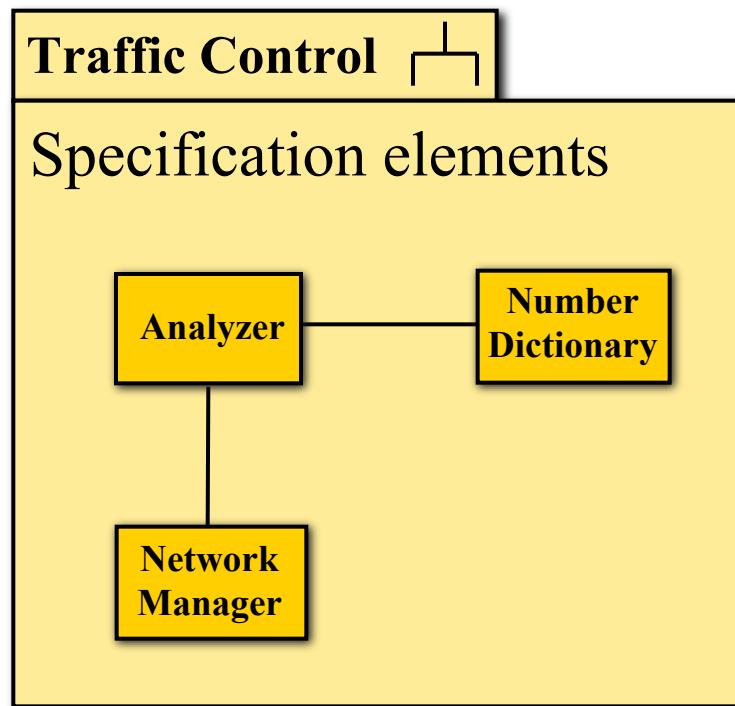


State Machine Approach

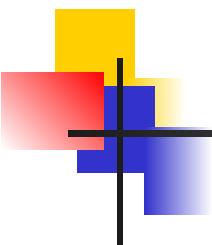


- For subsystems with state dependent behavior
- Focuses on the states of the subsystem and the transitions between them

Logical Class Approach



- When usage of the subsystem is perceived as manipulation of objects
- When the requirements are guided by a particular standard



Operation Approach

Traffic Control ↴

Operations

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dialledDigit (...)

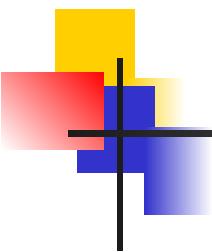
throughConnect (...)

bAnswer (...)

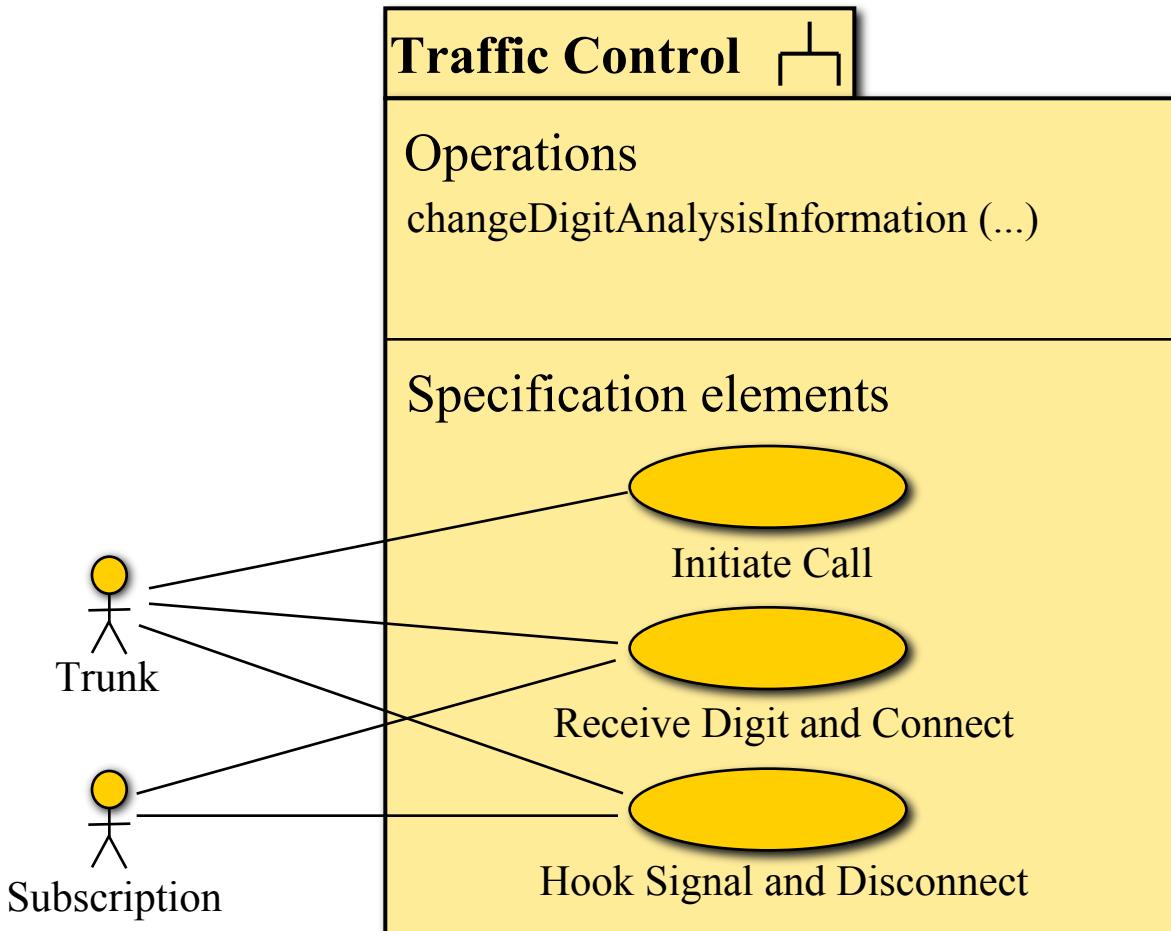
bOnHook (...)

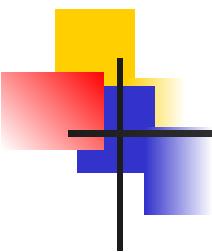
aOnHook (...)

- For subsystems providing simple, “atomic” services
- When the operations are invoked independently

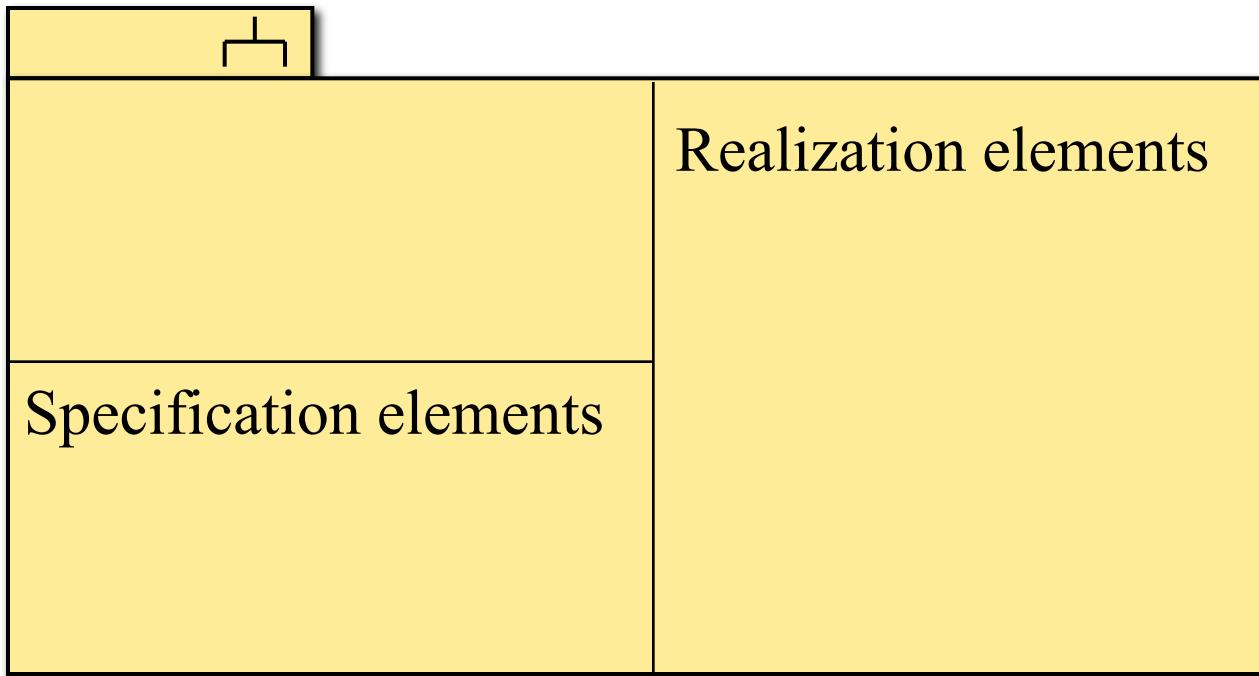


Mixing Techniques

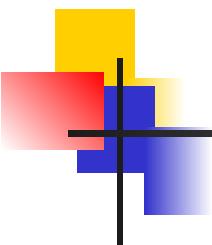




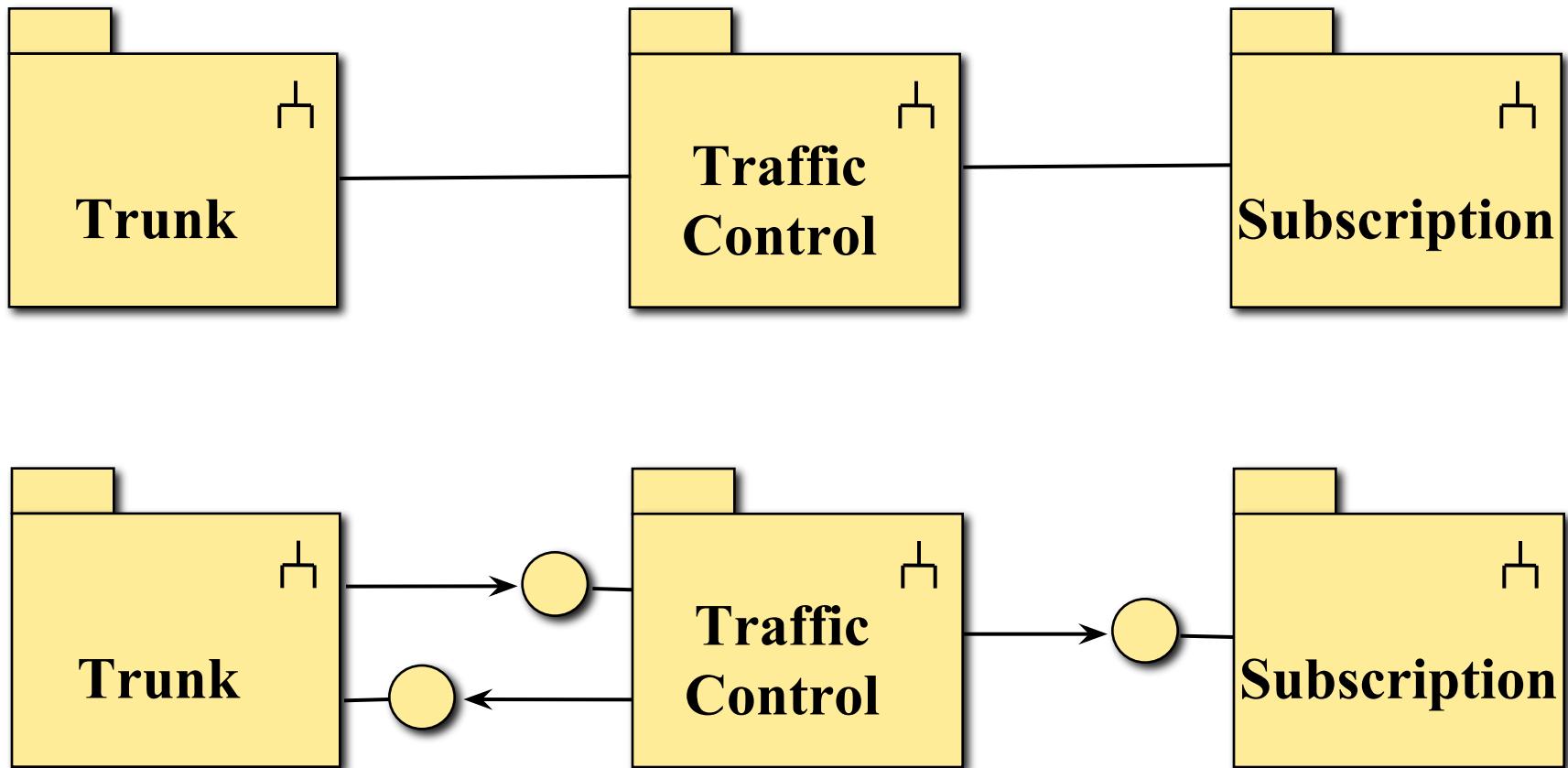
Complete Subsystem Notation

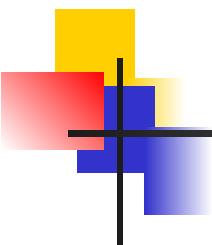


- The complete subsystem symbol has three pre-defined compartments
- Each of the compartments may be optionally omitted from the diagram

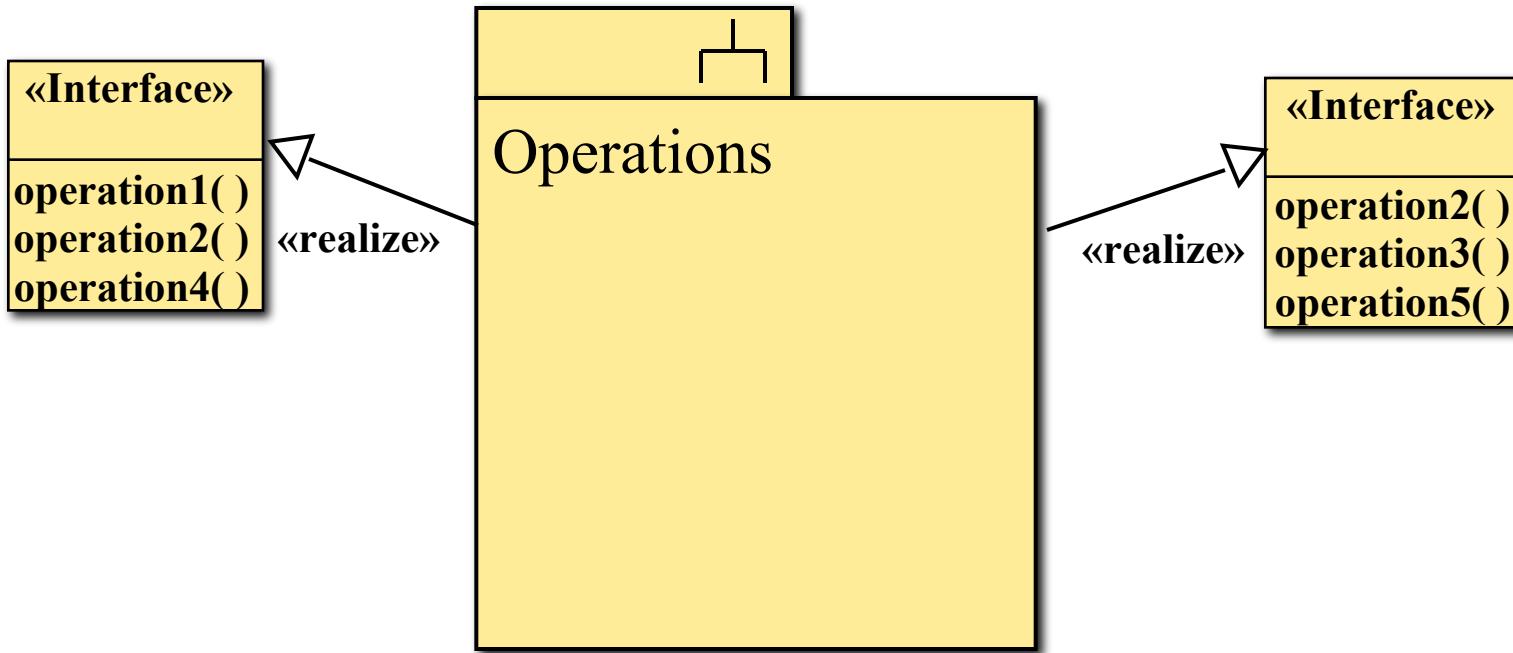


Subsystem Interfaces



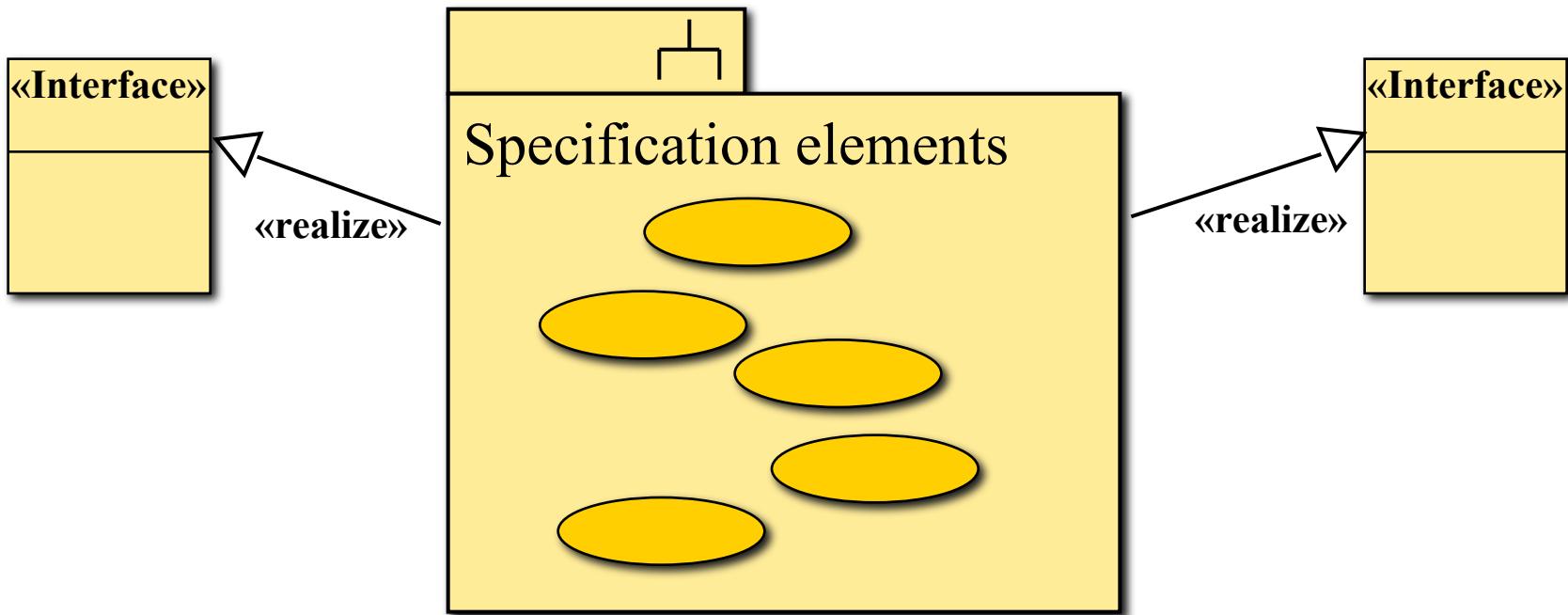


Operations and Interfaces

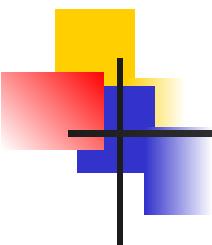


The subsystem must support all operations in the offered interfaces

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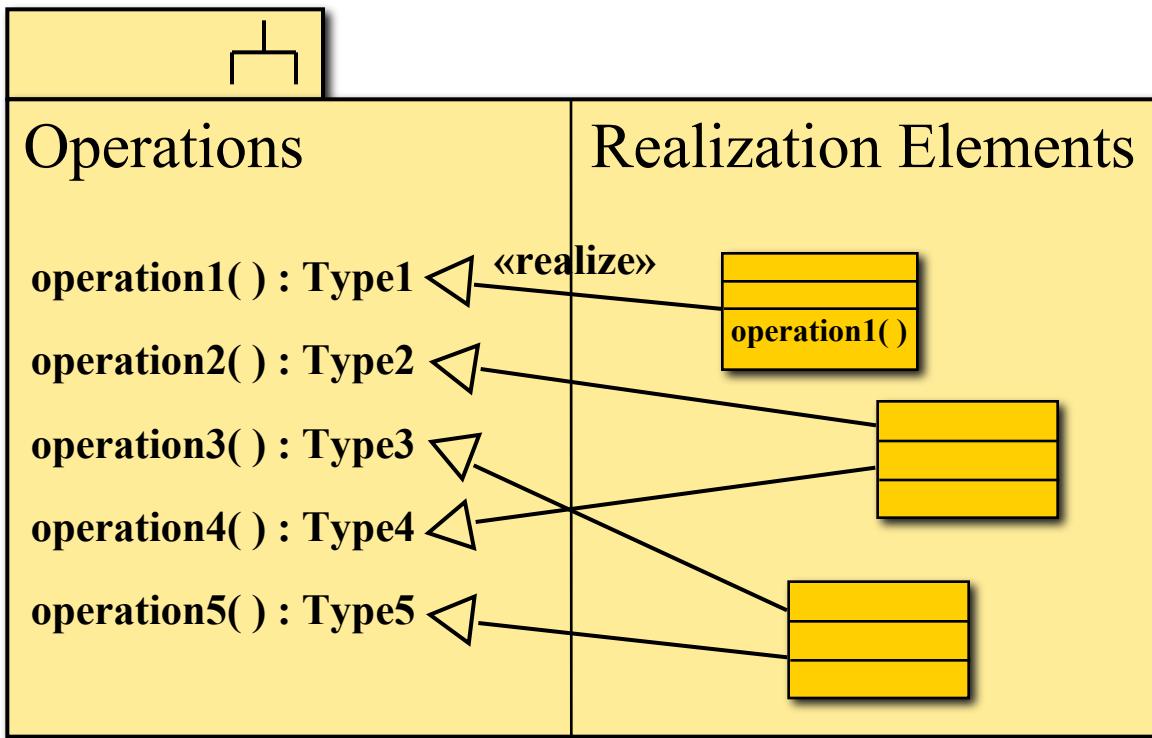
An interface operation may alternatively be supported by a specification element of the subsystem



Specification – Realization

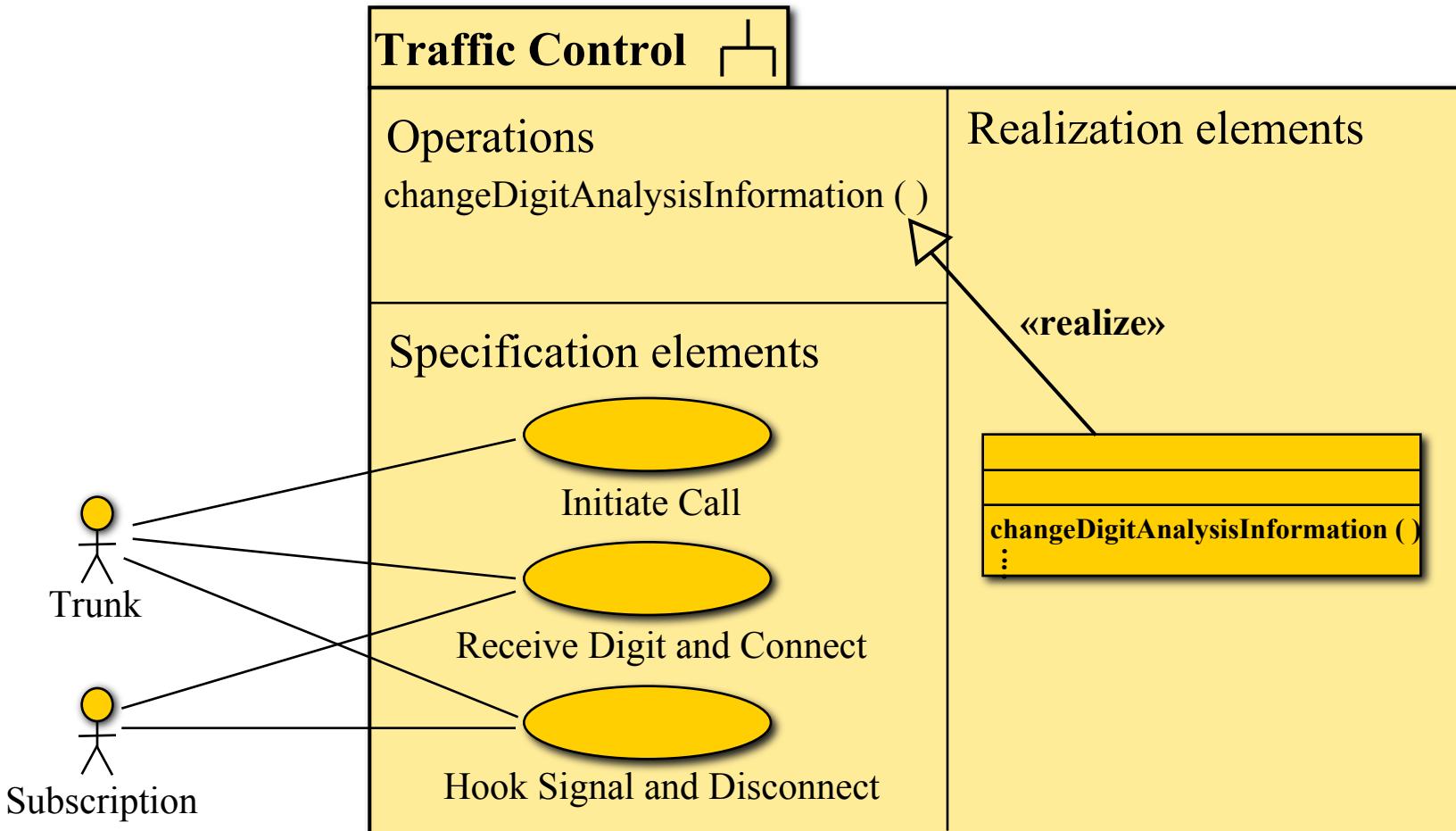
- The specification and the realization must be consistent
- The mapping between the specification and the realization can be expressed by:
 - realization relationships
 - collaborations

Realize Relationship



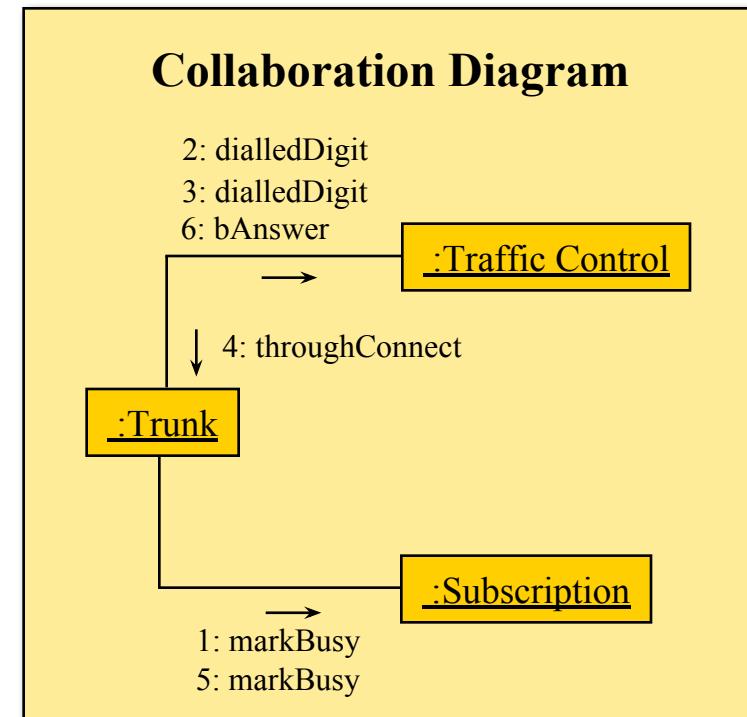
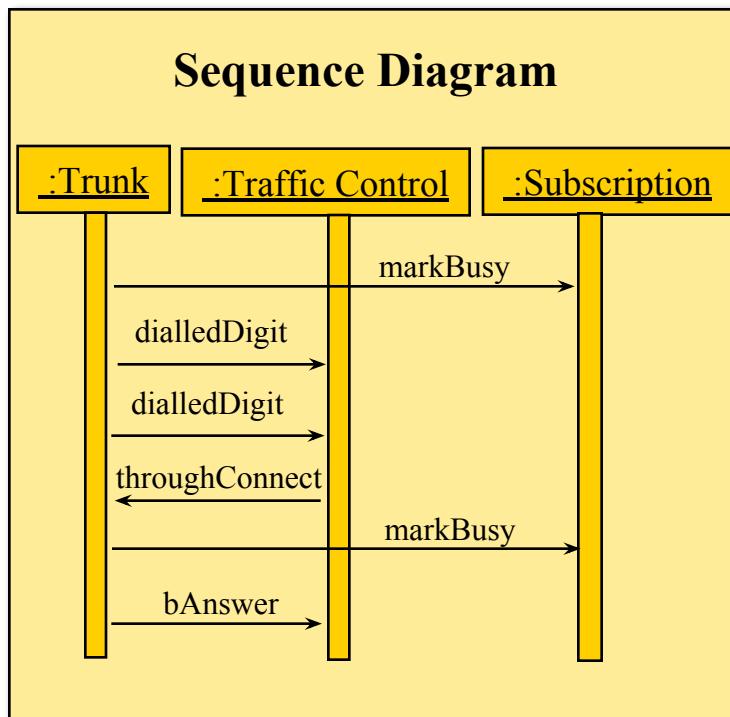
Realization is particularly useful in simple mappings

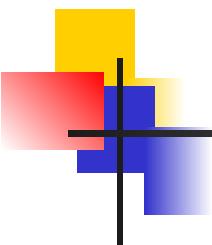
Realize – Example



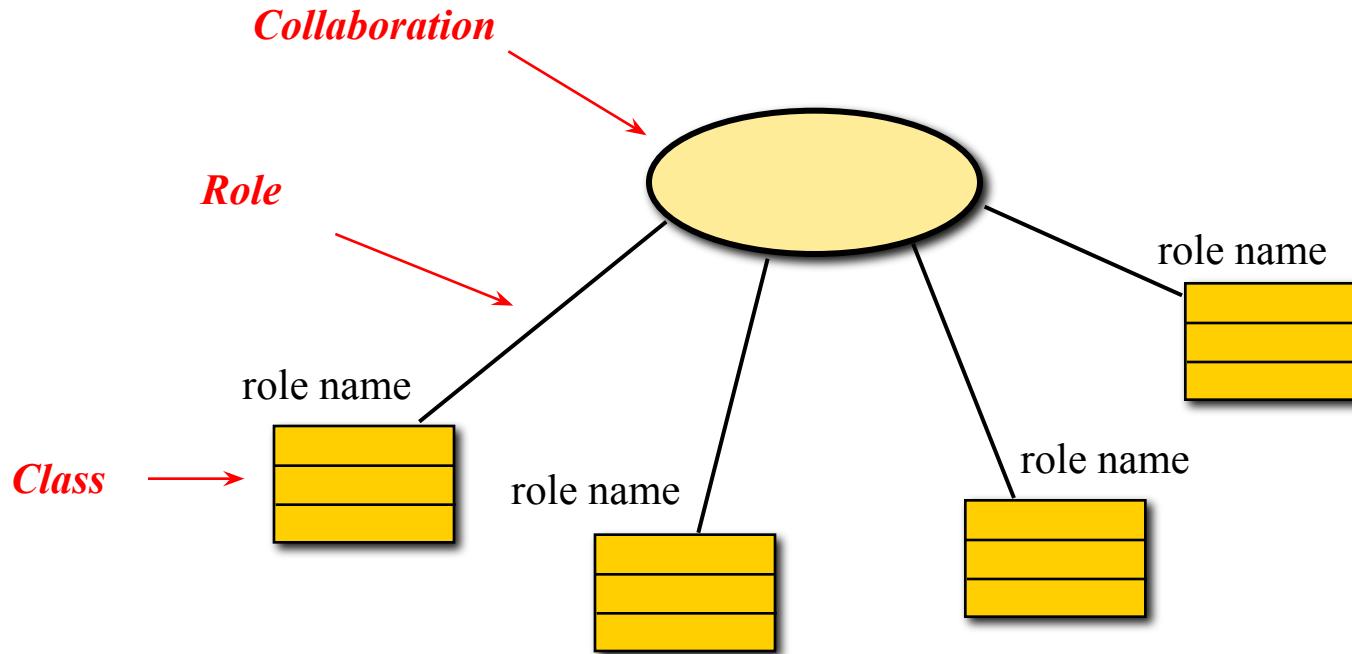
Collaboration

- A collaboration defines the roles to be played when a task is performed
- The roles are played by interacting instances



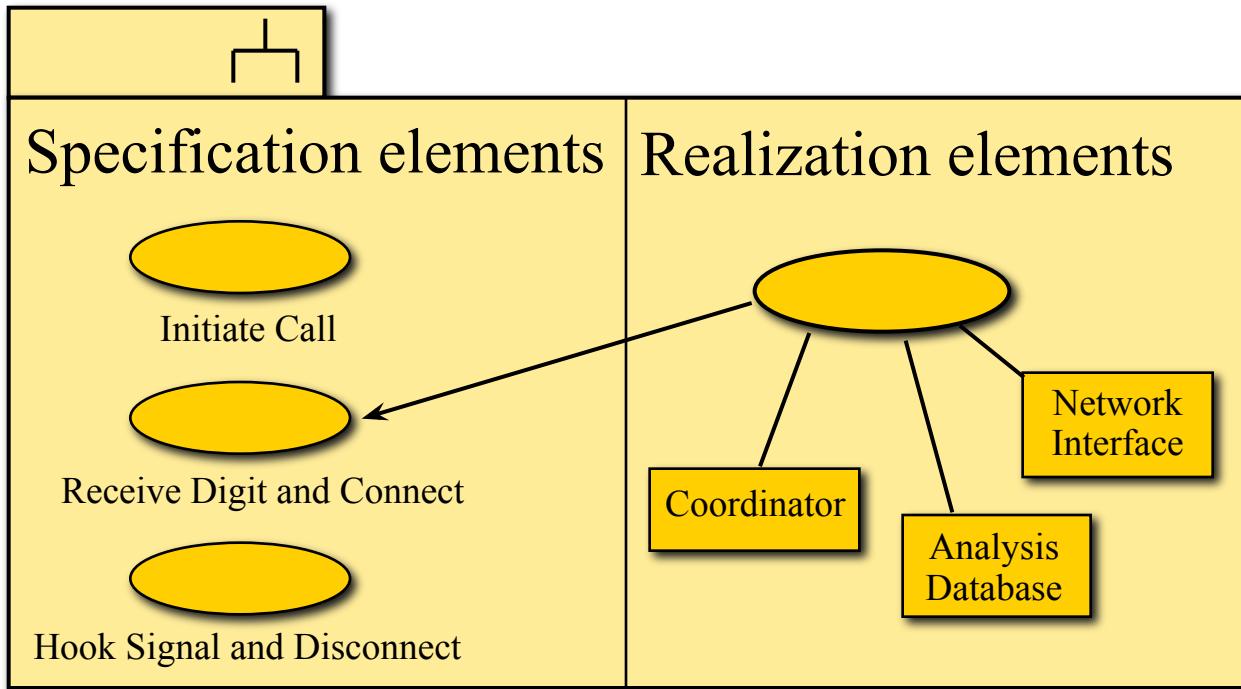


Collaboration – Notation



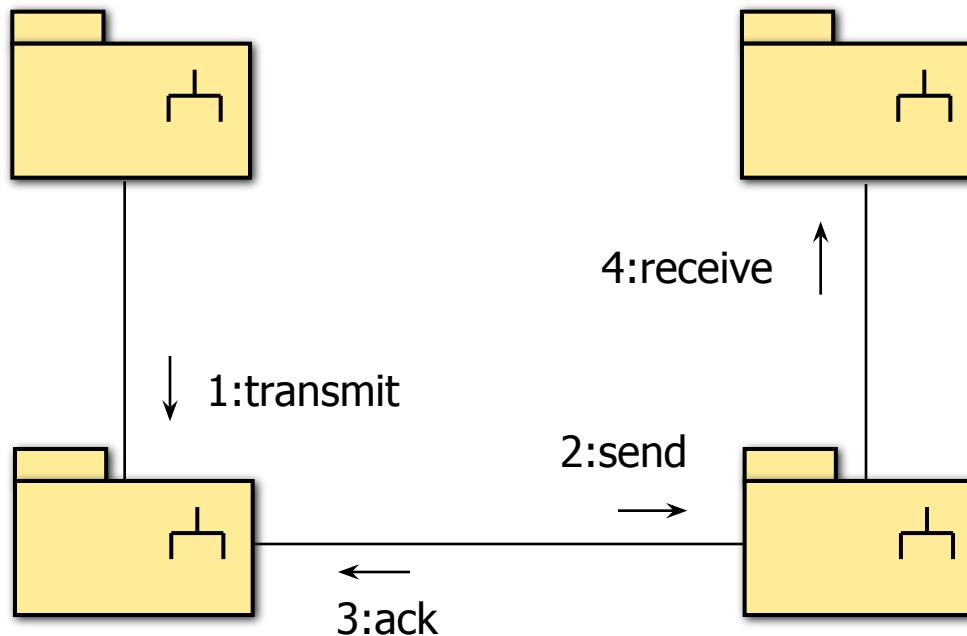
A collaboration and its participants

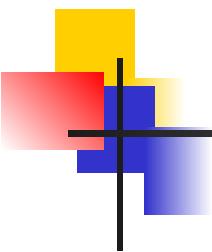
Collaboration – Example



Collaborations are useful in more complex situations

Subsystem Interaction

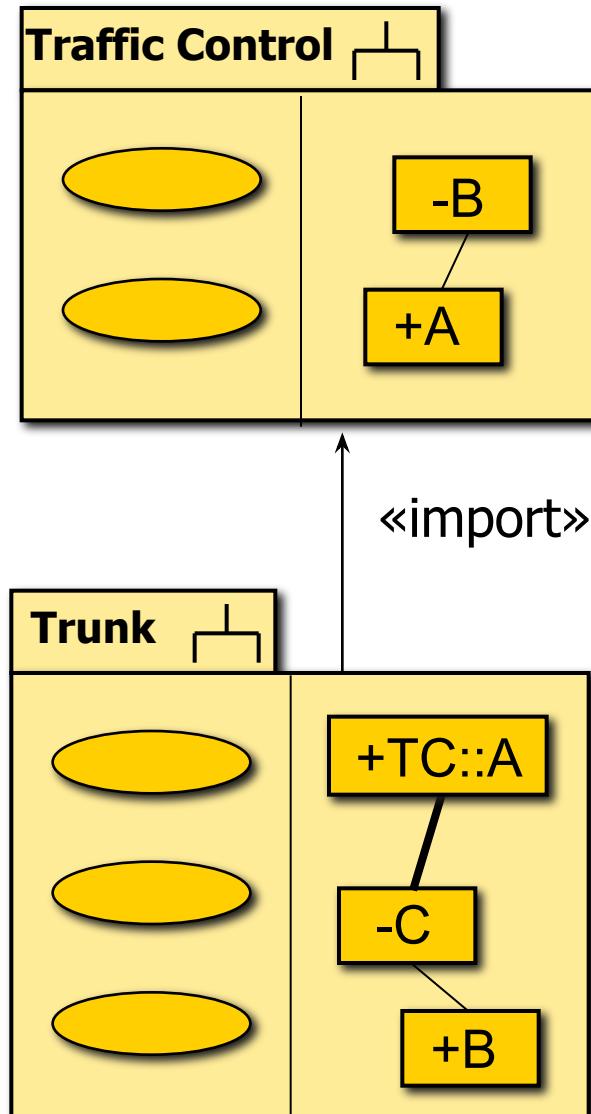




Communicating with Subsystems

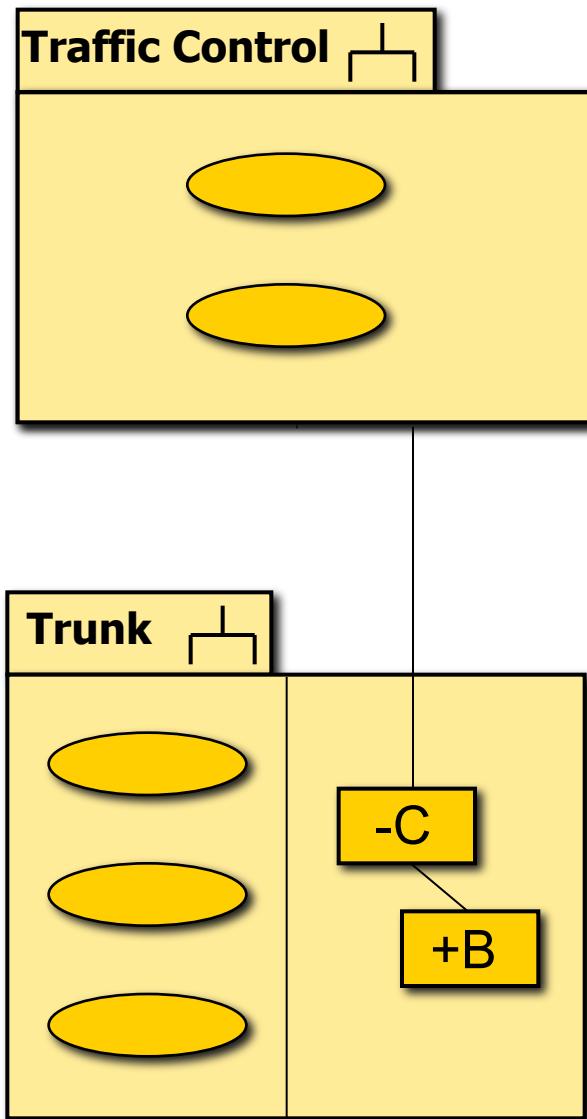
- Two approaches:
 - Open subsystem - public elements are accessed directly
 - Closed subsystem - access via the subsystem itself

Open Subsystems

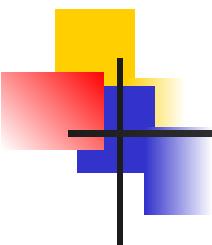


- A subsystem is called *open* if its realization is used directly by the environment
- The specification acts
 - as an overview of the subsystem
 - as a requirements specification

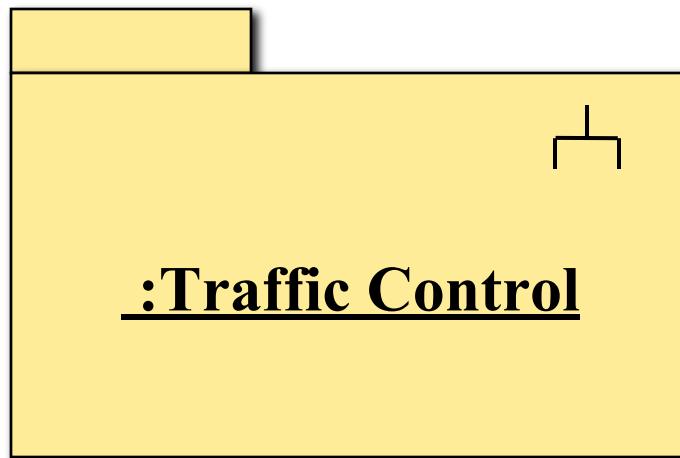
Closed Subsystems



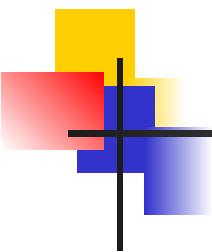
- A subsystem is called *closed* if its realization is not directly used by the environment
- The specification acts
 - as an overview of the subsystem
 - as a requirements specification
 - as a specification of how to use the subsystem



Subsystem Instance



A subsystem instance is the runtime representation of a subsystem. Its task is to handle incoming stimuli.



Subsystem Inheritance

- A subsystem with a generalization to another subsystem inherits public and protected elements that are
 - owned or
 - importedby the inherited subsystem
- Both specification elements and realization elements are inherited
- Operations are also inherited

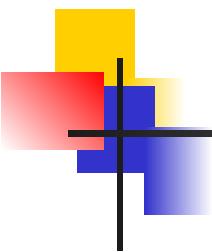
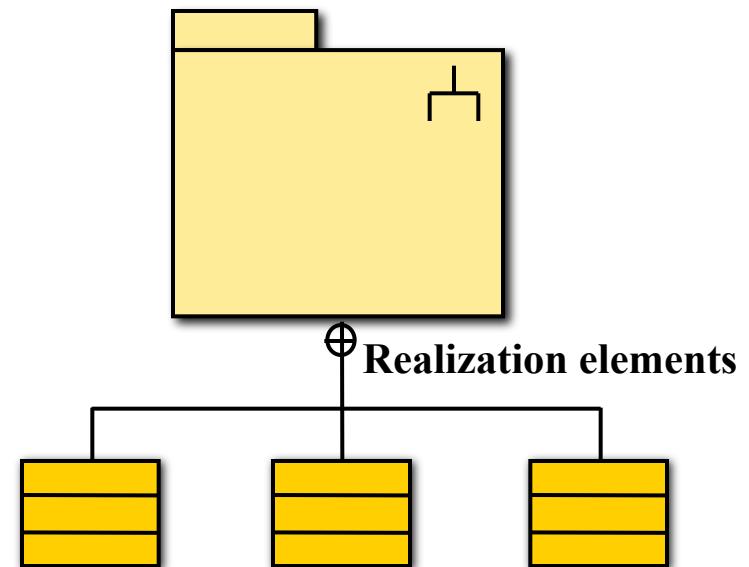
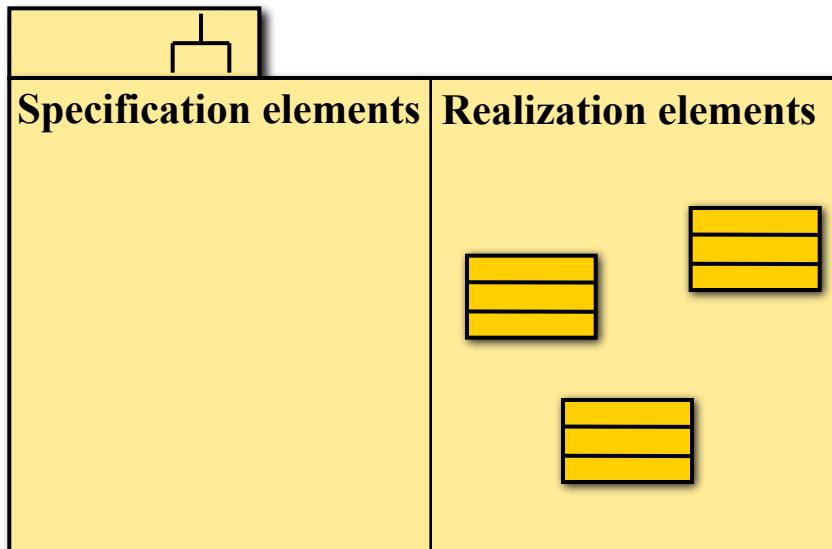


Diagram Tour

- Subsystems can be shown in static diagrams and interaction diagrams
- “Fork” notation alternative for showing contents:



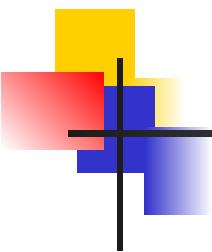
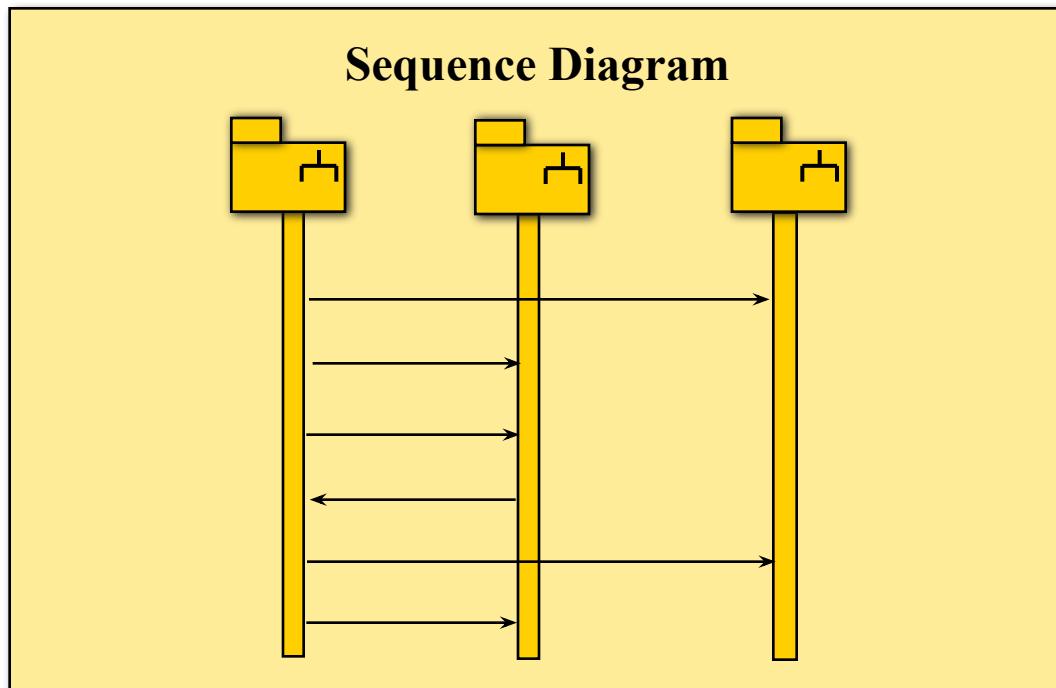
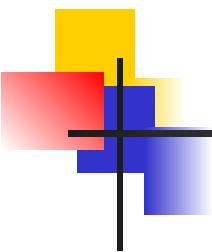


Diagram Tour – continued

- Subsystems can be shown in interaction diagrams
 - collaboration diagrams
 - sequence diagrams

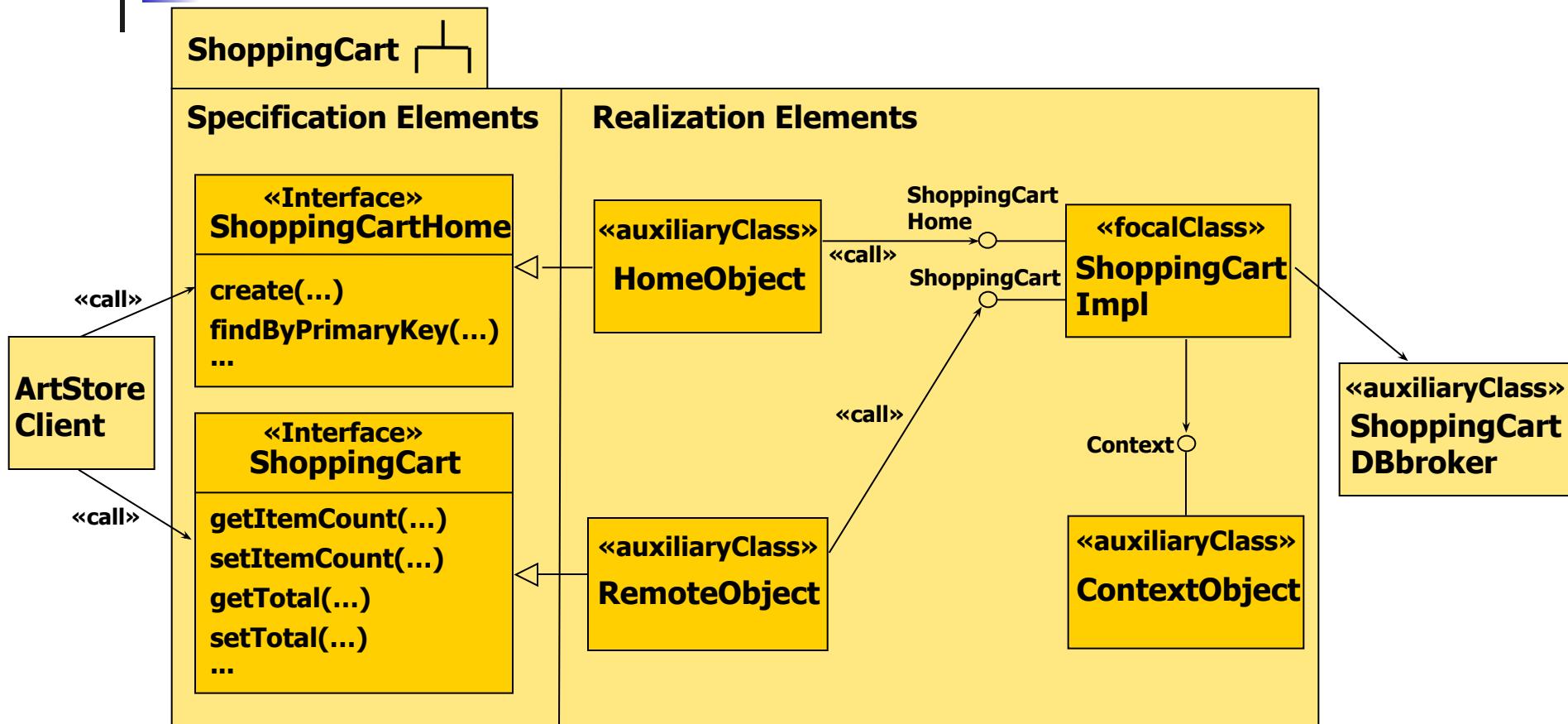




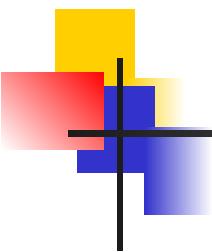
When to Use Subsystems

- To express how a large system is decomposed into smaller parts
- Distributed development
- To express how a set of modules are composed into a large system
- For component based development

Component Based Development



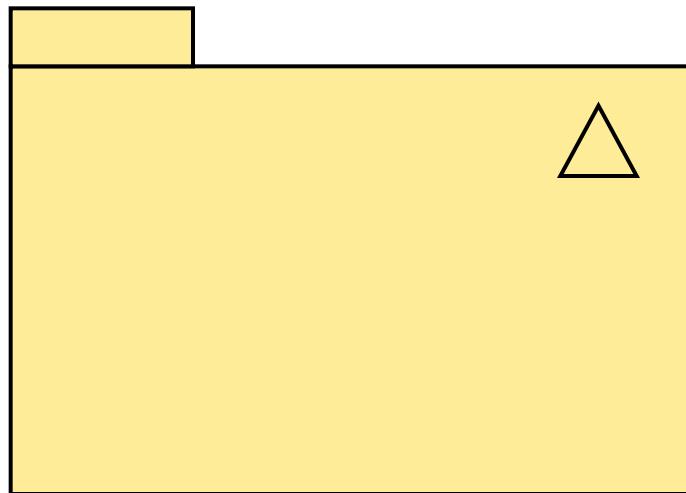
An EJB component modeled using a subsystem and classes stereotyped «focalClass» or «auxiliaryClass»



Modeling Tips – Subsystem

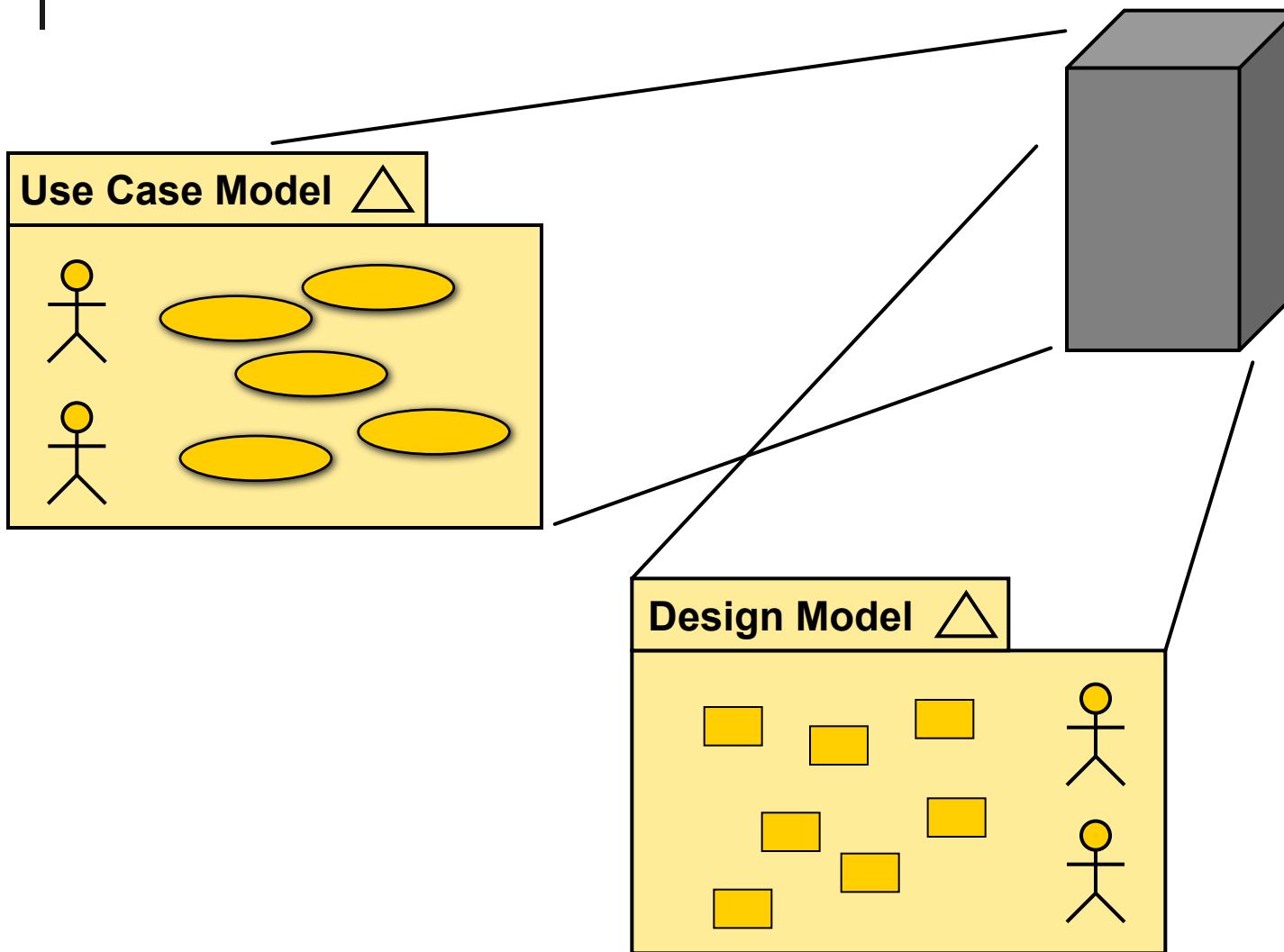
- Define a subsystem for each separate part of a large system
- Choose specification technique depending on factors like kind of system and kind of subsystem
- Realize each subsystem independently, using the specification as a requirements specification

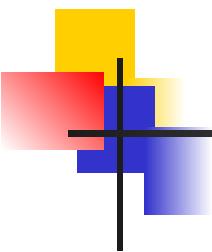
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- Core Concepts
- Diagram Tour
- When to Use Models
- Modeling Tips



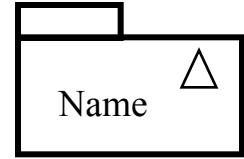
A model captures a view of a system, with a certain purpose. It is a complete description of those aspects of the system relevant to the purpose of the model, at the appropriate level of detail.

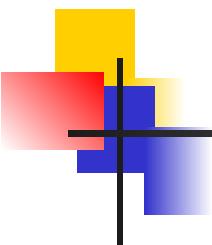
Model – Example



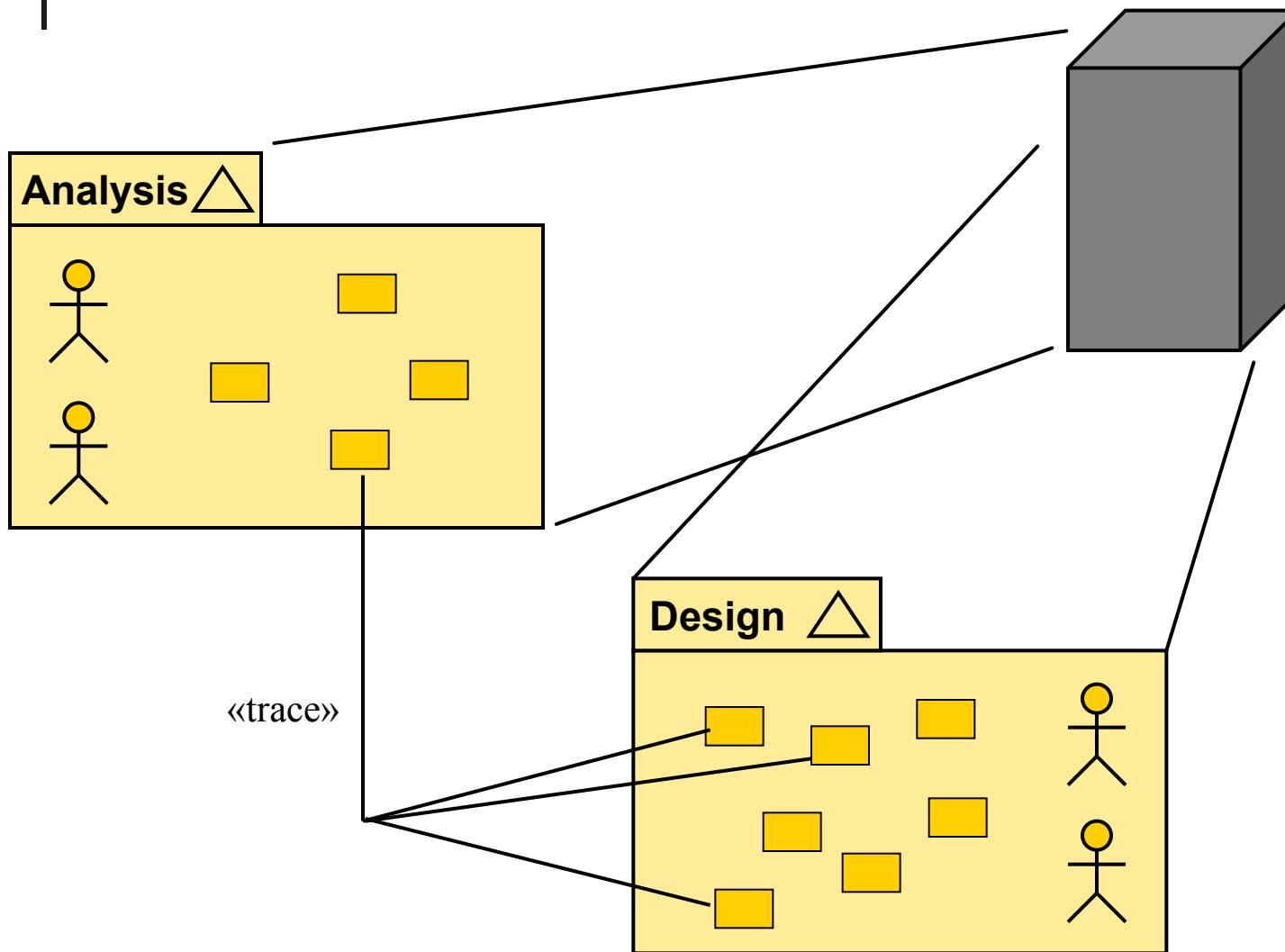


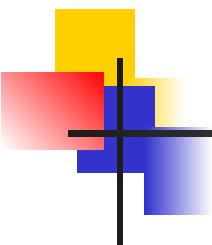
Core Concepts

Construct	Description	Syntax
Model	A view of a system, with a certain purpose determining what aspects of the system are described and at what level of detail.	
Trace	A dependency connecting model elements that represent the same concept within different models. Traces are usually non-directed.	



Trace





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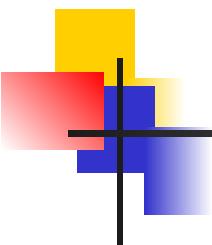
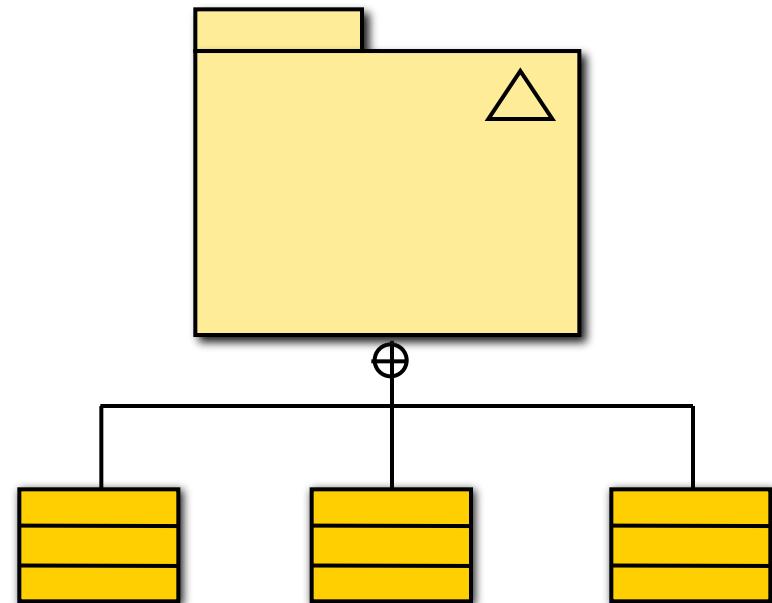
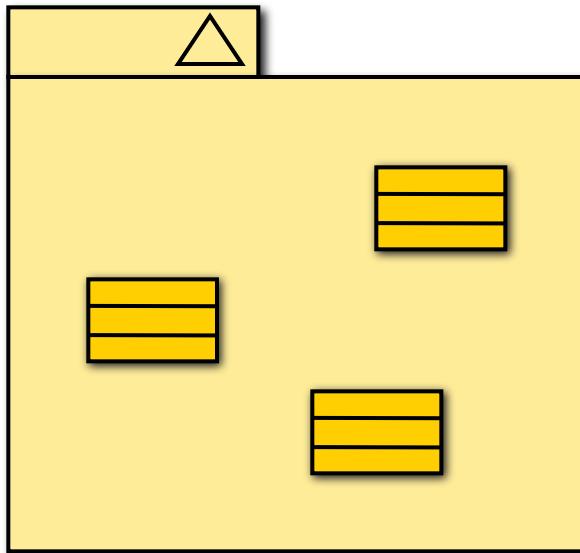
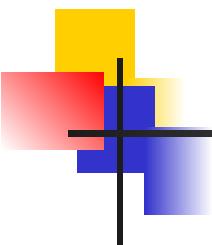


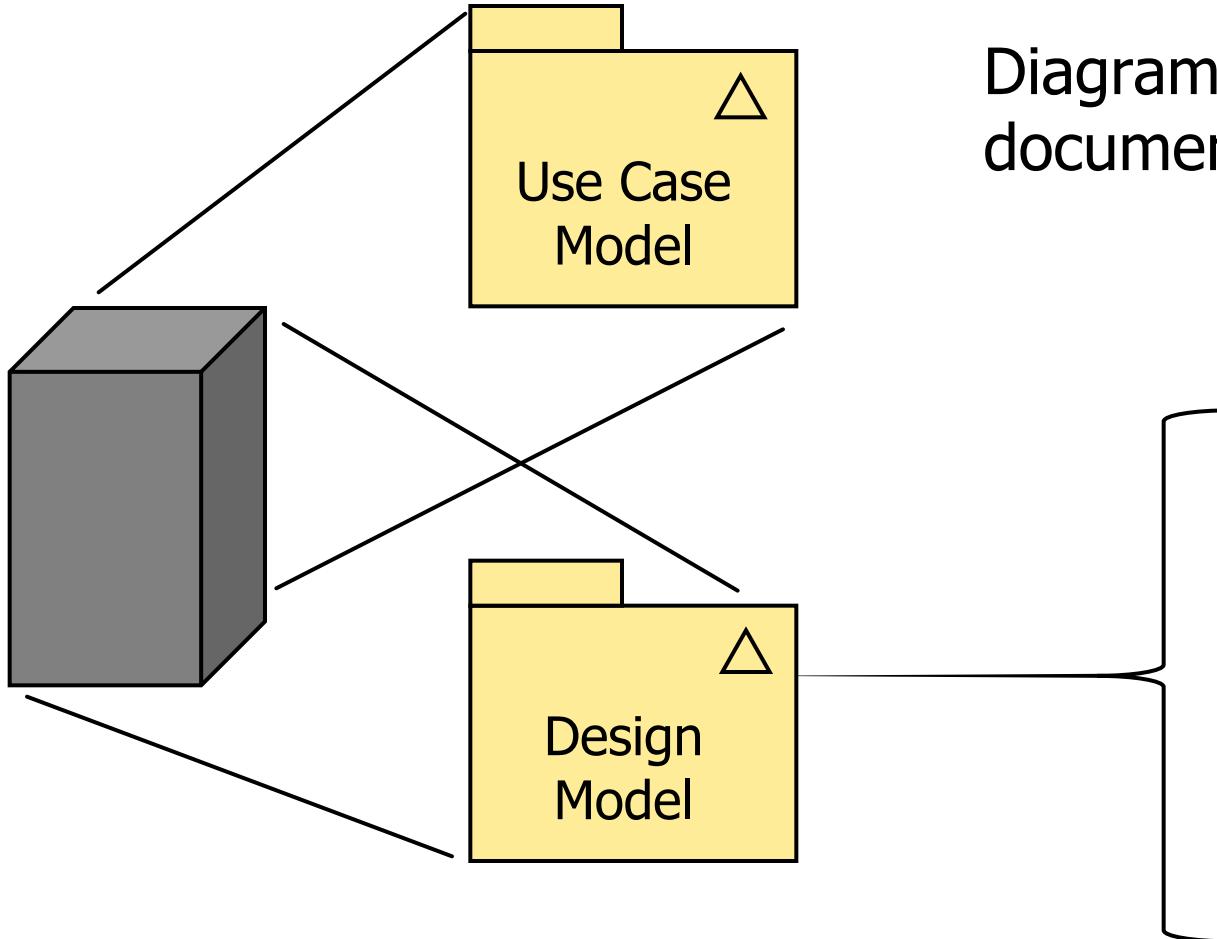
Diagram Tour

- Models as such are seldom shown in diagrams
- Two equivalent ways to show containment:

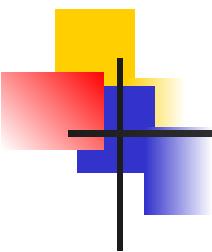




Model vs. Diagram

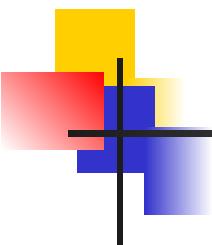


Diagrams make up the documentation of a model



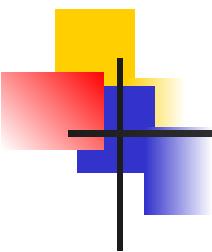
When to Use Models

- To give different views of a system to different stakeholders
- To focus on a certain aspect of a system at a time
- To express the results of different stages in a software development process



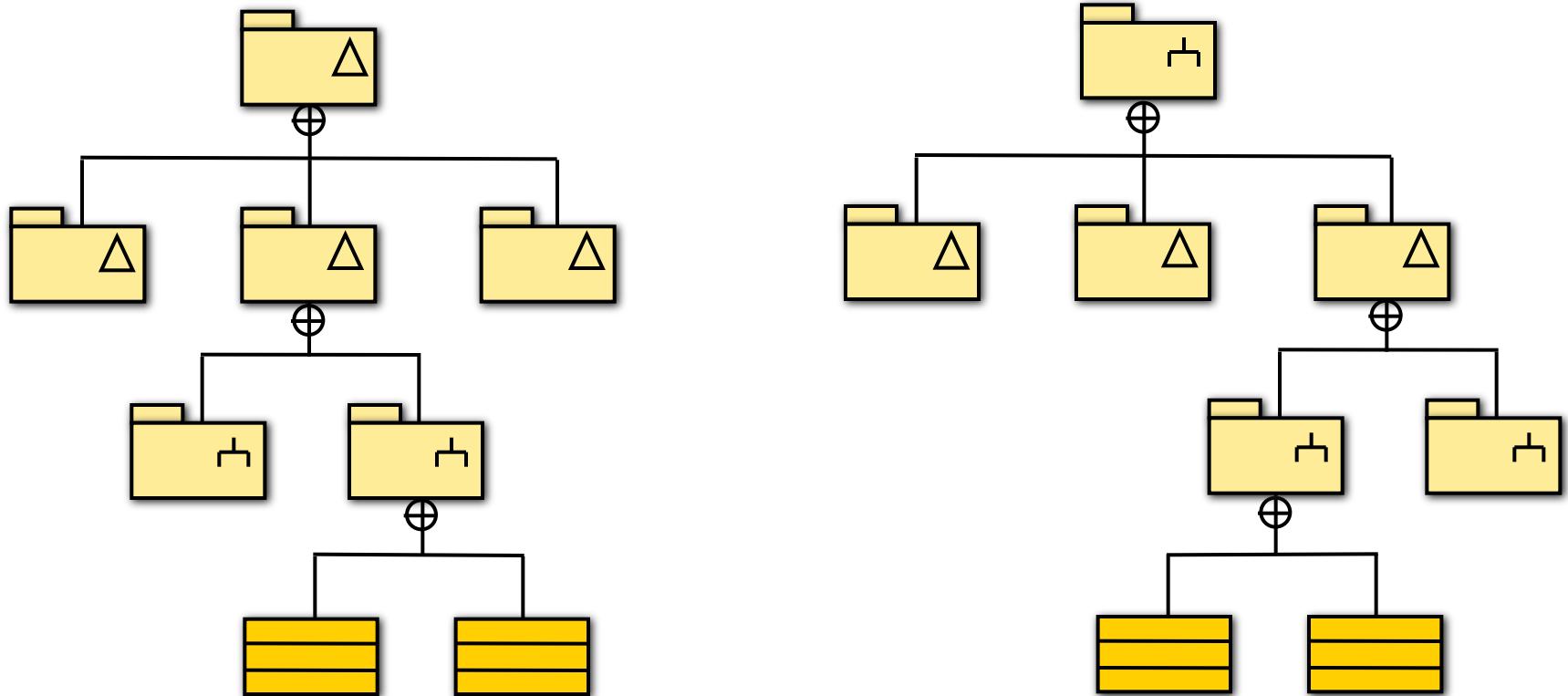
Modeling Tips – Model

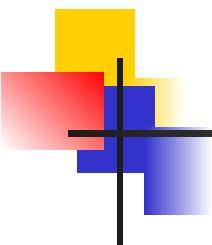
- Define the purpose for each model
- A model must give a complete picture of the system, within its purpose
- Focus on the purpose of the model; omit irrelevant information



Models and Subsystems

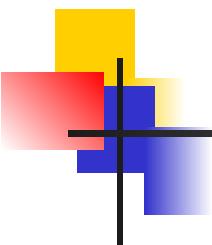
Models and subsystems can be combined in hierarchies:





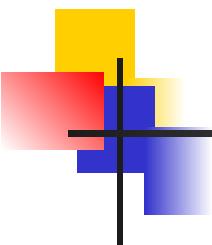
Wrap Up Model Management

- Packages are used to organize a large set of model elements
 - Visibility
 - Import
 - Access
- Subsystems are used to represent parts of a system
 - Specification
 - Realization
- Models are used to capture different views of a system
 - Trace



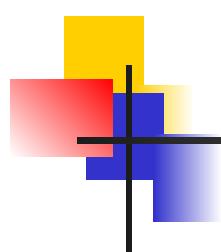
Advanced Modeling with UML

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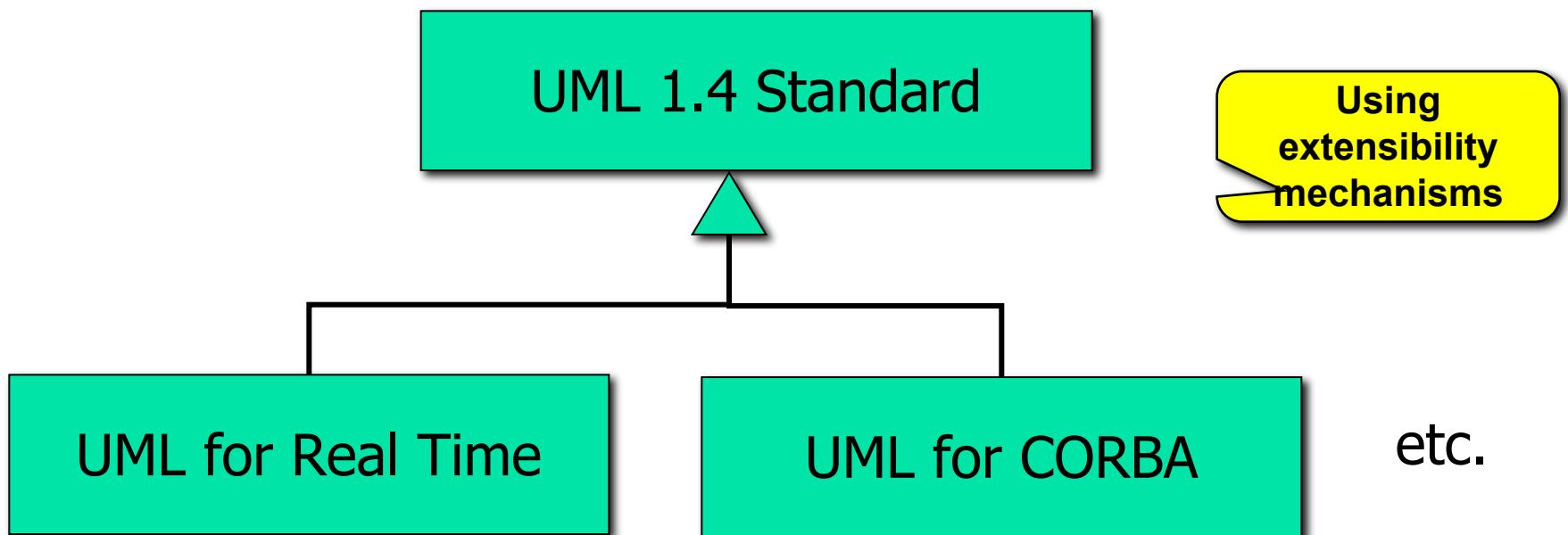
Semantic Variations in UML

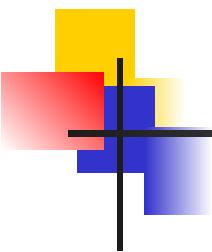
- UML contains semantic aspects that are:
 - undefined (e.g., scheduling discipline), or
 - ambiguous (multiple choices/interpretations)
- Why is this the case?
 - UML can't address every domain perfectly
 - Different domains require different specializations
- But, if UML can be extended in arbitrary ways, what is the value of having a standard?



UML as a “Family of Languages”

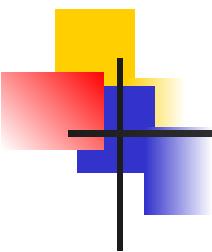
- The standard can be specialized for different domains
 - in effect: refinements of the standard





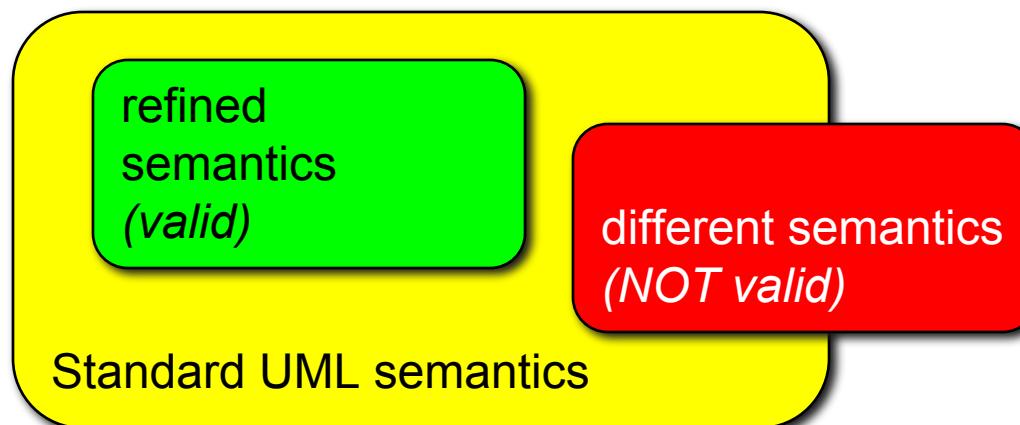
Extensibility Mechanisms

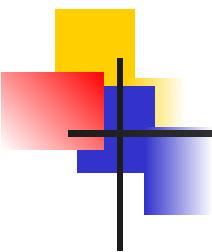
- Extensibility Mechanisms
 - Allow Modelers to *refine* the semantics of UML for a specific domain
- Extensions *cannot* violate the standard UML semantics
 - Enforces a consistent core of concepts and semantics for every variation
 - Prevents meta-model explosion (Using UML to model everything and anything)



How UML Extensibility Works

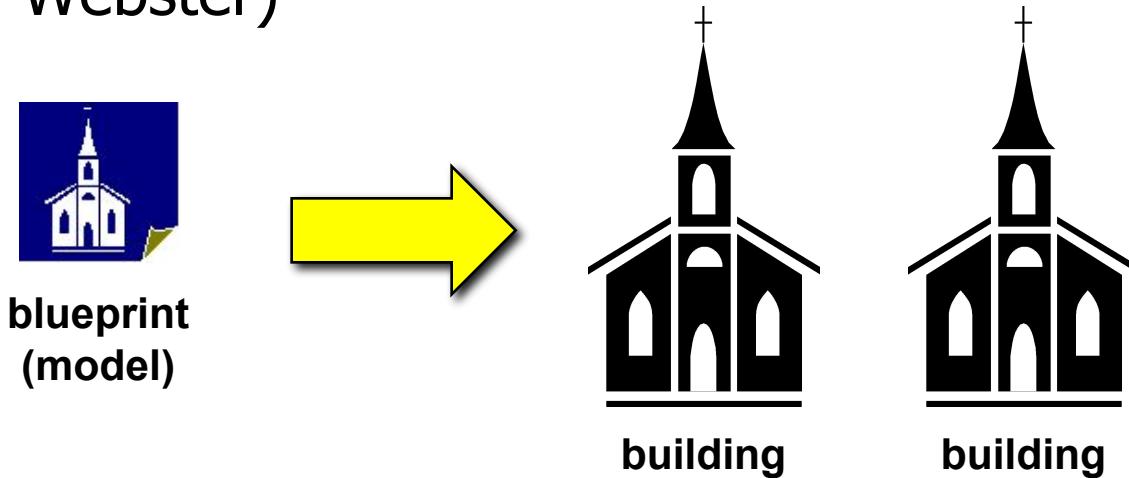
- The standard UML semantics can be viewed as defining a space of possible interpretations





Models

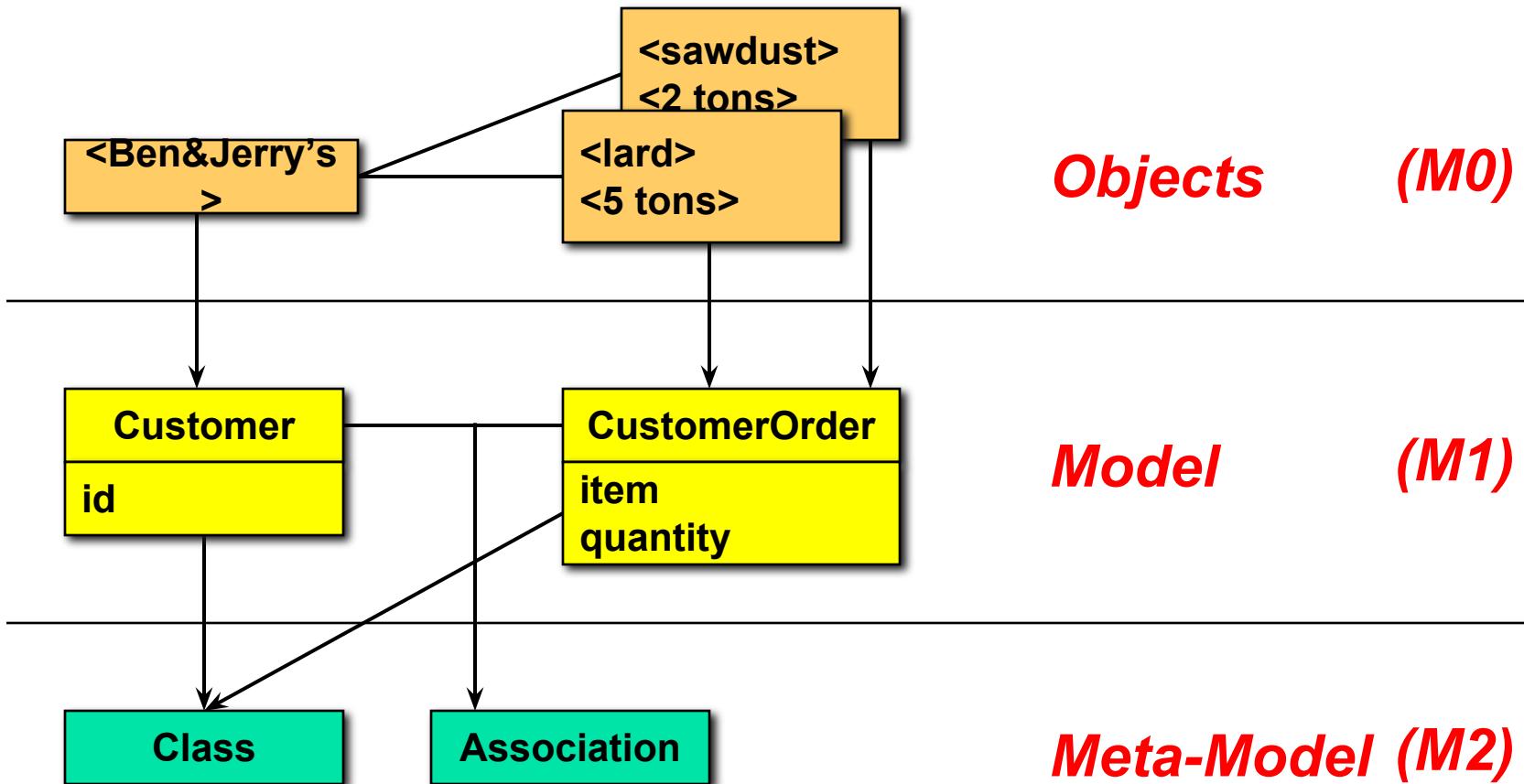
- A *model* is a description of something
 - “*a pattern for something to be made*”
(Merriam-Webster)



- model ≠ thing that is modeled
 - The Map is Not The Territory

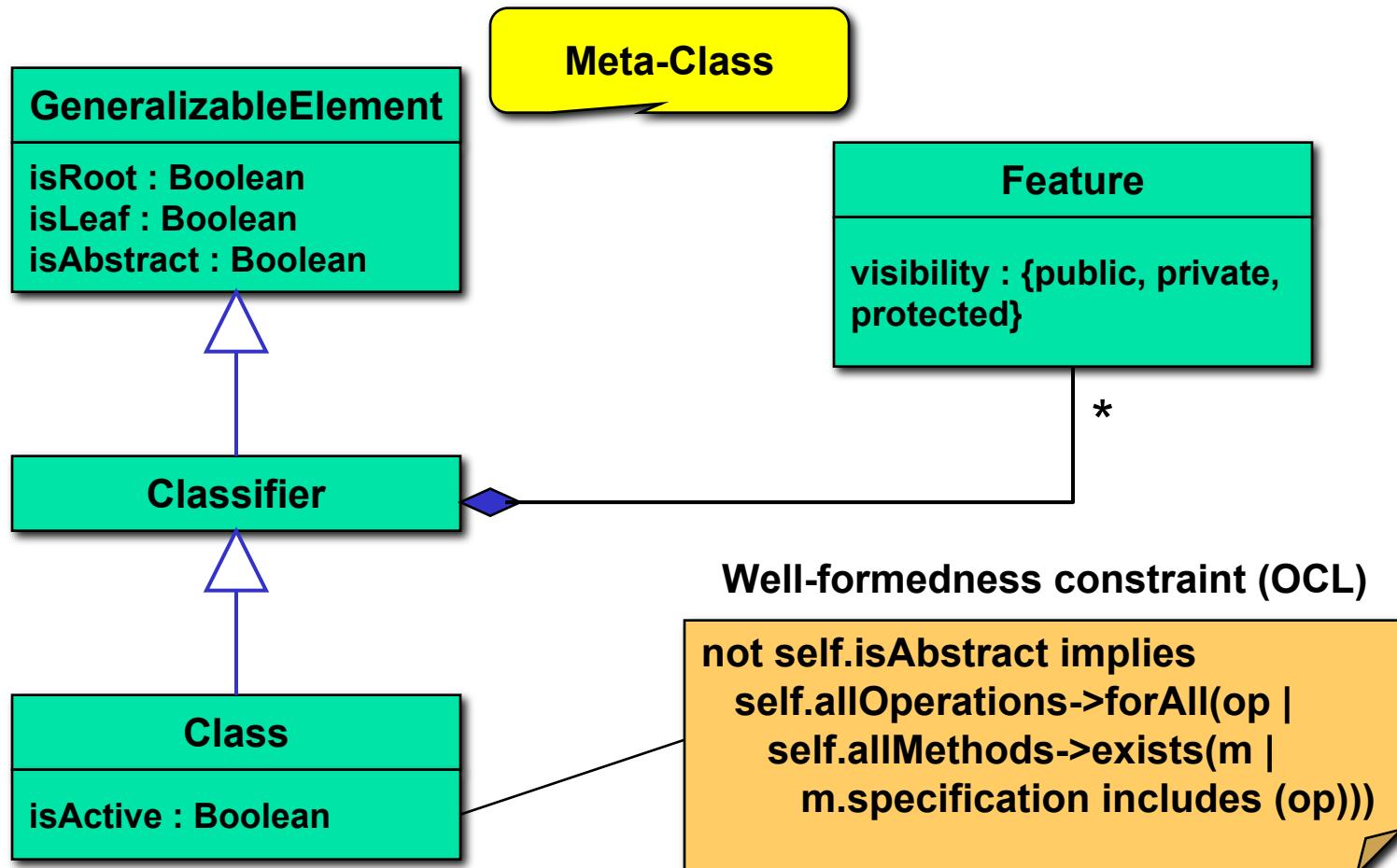
Meta-Models

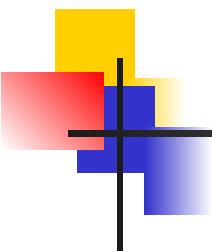
- Are Simply Models of Models



The UML Meta-Model

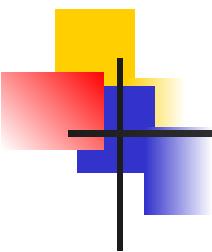
- Is a UML Model of UML





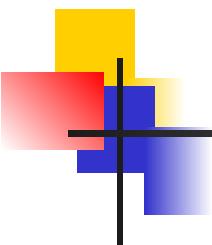
The UML Meta-Model

- Put another way, UML uses (a part of) itself as a Meta-language
 - Other examples: Scheme, Lisp, Smalltalk
- This small subset of UML is used to describe all of UML
 - The subset contains classes, associations, operations, constraints, generalization, etc.
 - This core subset is related to MOF (more on MOF in Part 4)



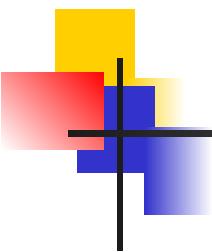
The Basic Extensibility Mechanisms

- Stereotypes
 - used to refine meta-classes (or other stereotypes) by defining supplemental semantics
- Constraints
 - predicates (e.g., OCL expressions) that reduce semantic variation
 - can be attached to any meta-class or stereotype
- Tagged Values
 - individual modifiers with user-defined semantics
 - can be attached to any meta-class or stereotype



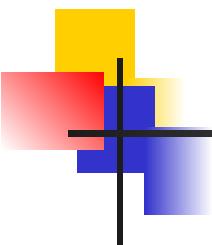
Stereotypes

- Used to define specialized model elements based on a core UML model element
- Defined by:
 - Base metaclasses (or stereotype)
 - What element is specialized?
 - Constraints:
 - What is special about this stereotype?
 - required tags (0..*)
 - What values does this stereotype need to know?
 - icon
 - How should I appear in a model?
- A model element can be stereotyped in multiple different ways



Example

- Capsule: A special type of concurrent object used in modeling certain real-time systems
- By definition, all classes of this type:
 - are active (concurrent)
 - have only features (attributes and operations) with protected visibility
 - have a special “language” characteristic used for code generation purposes
- In essence, a constrained form of the general UML Class concept



Example: Stereotype Definition

- Using a tabular form:

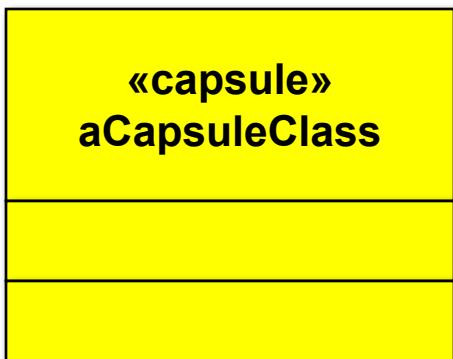
Stereotype	Base Class	Tags	Constraints
«capsule»	Class	language	<pre>isActive = true; self.feature->select(f f.ocllsKindOf(Operation))-> forAll(o o.elementOwnership.visibility = #protected)</pre>

Tag	Stereotype	Type	Multiplicity
language	«capsule»	String	0..1

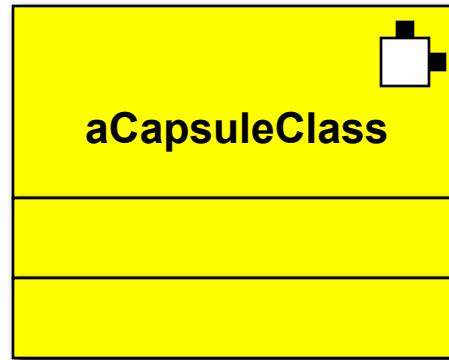
Stereotype Notation

- Several choices

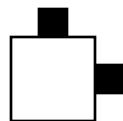
Stereotype icon



(a) with guillemets
("gwee-mays")



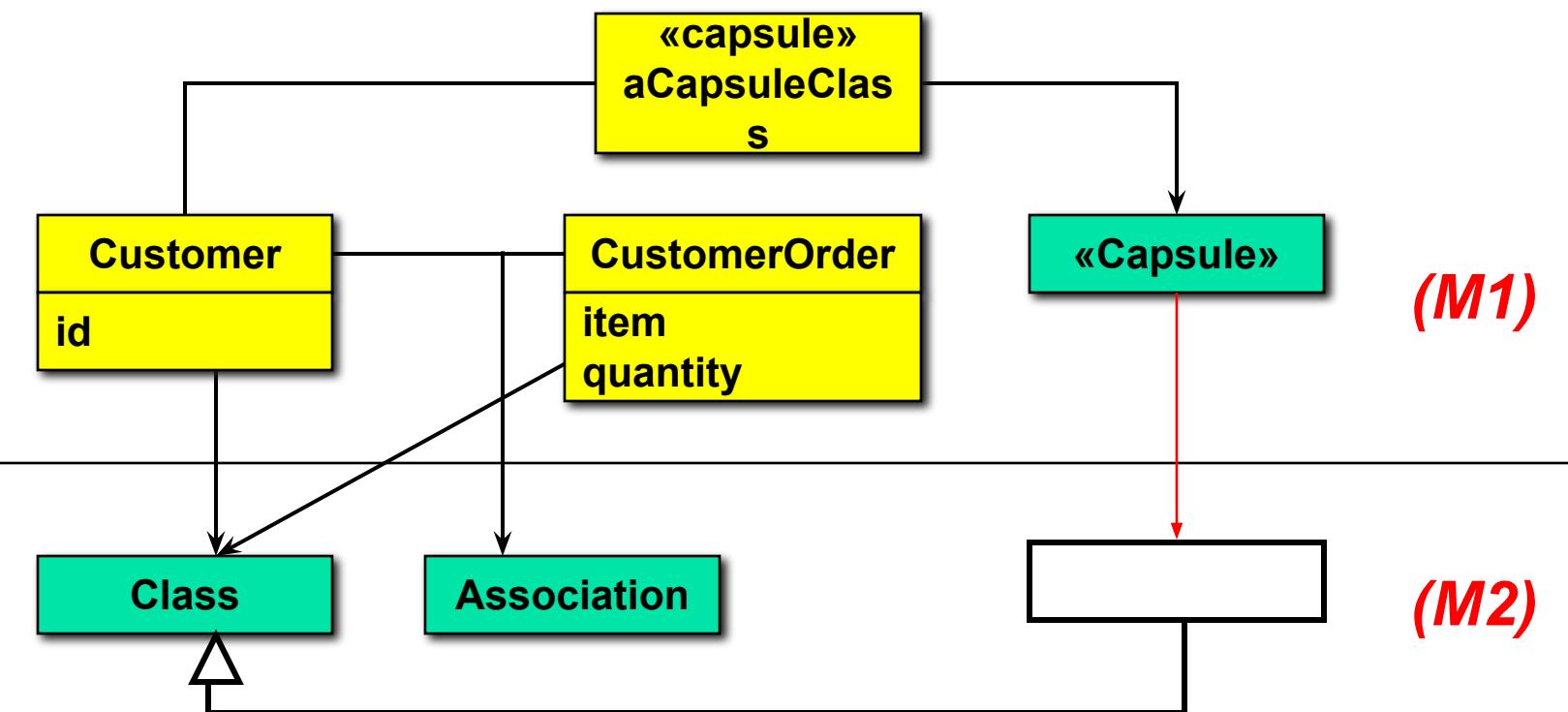
(b) with icon

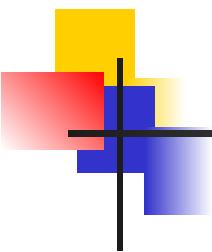


(c) iconified form

Extensibility Method

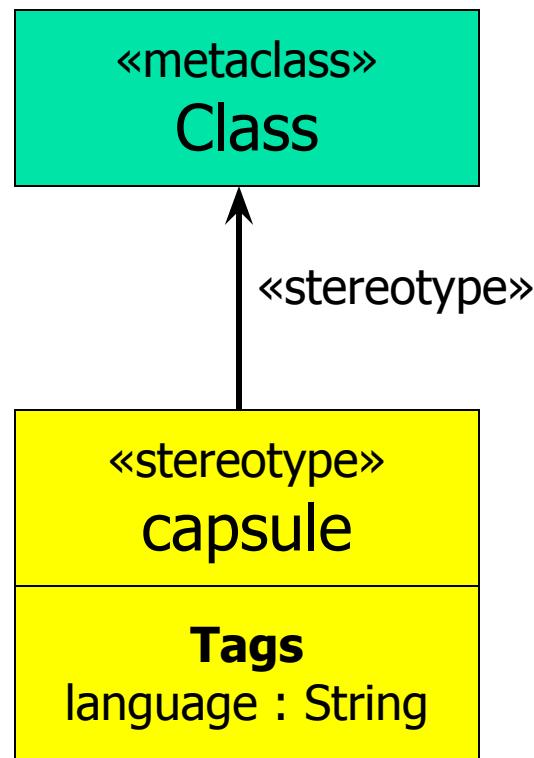
- Refinements are specified at the Model (M1) level but apply to the Meta-Model level (M2)
 - avoids need for “meta-modeling” CASE tools
 - can be exchanged with models





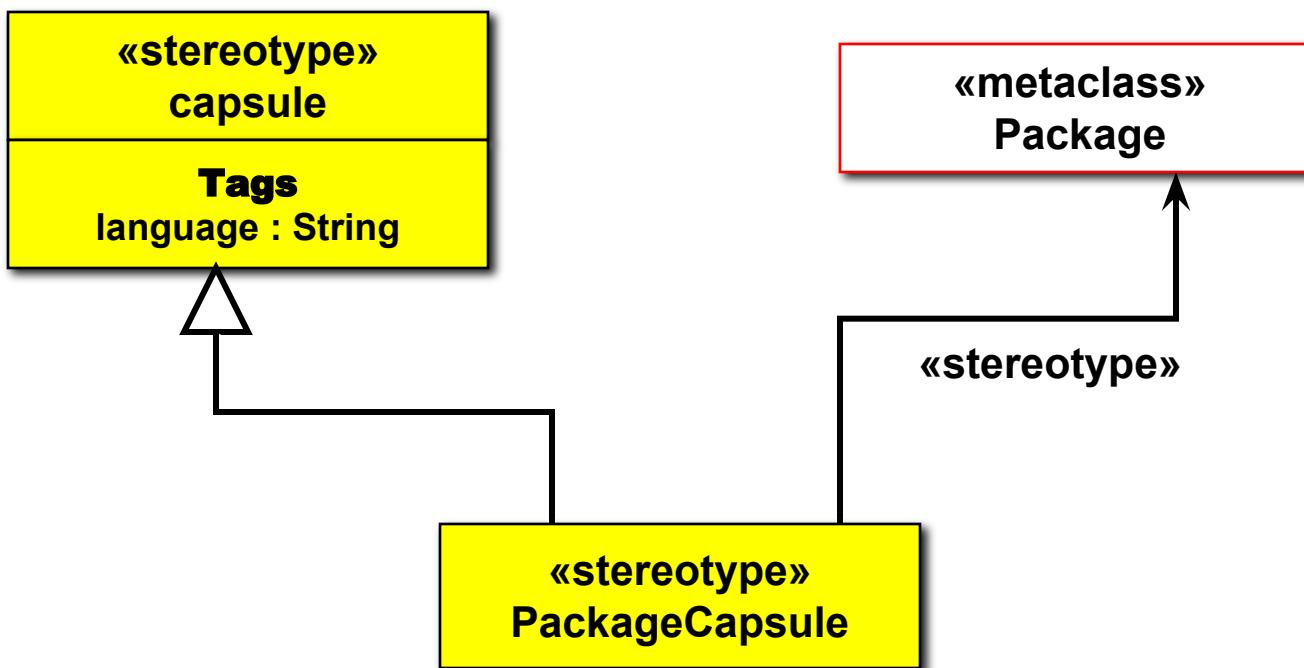
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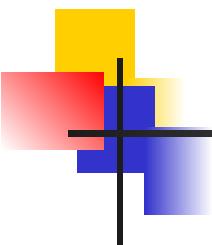
- Alternative to the tabular form
 - defined in a user (M1) model



Heuristic: Combining Stereotypes

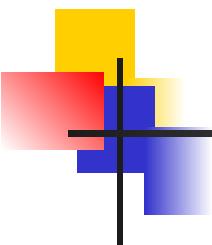
- Through multiple inheritance:





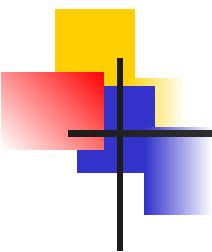
When to Use Stereotypes?

- Why not use normal subclassing instead?
- Use stereotypes when:
 - additional semantic constraints cannot be specified through standard M1-level modeling facilities
 - e.g. “all features have protected visibility”
 - the additional semantics have significance outside the scope of UML
 - e.g. instructions to a code generator “debugOn = true”



Tagged Values

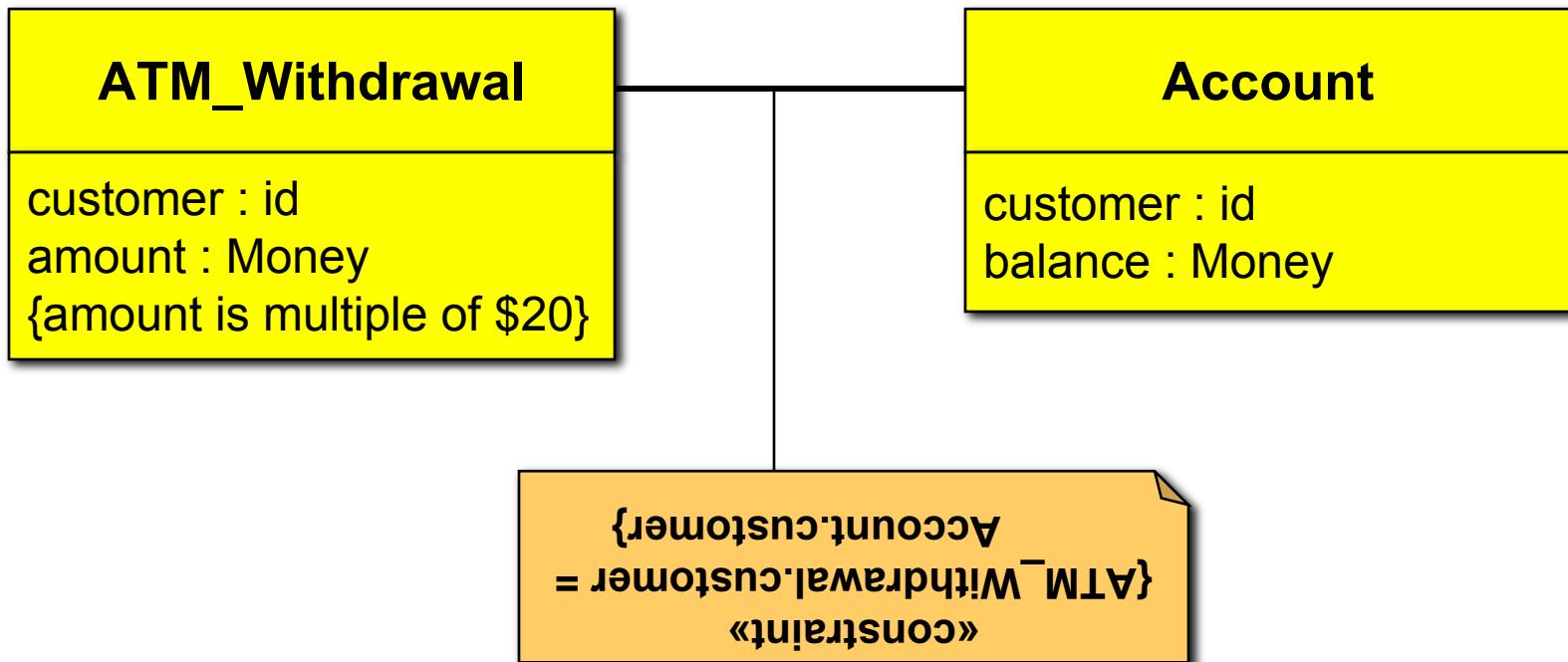
- Consist of a *tag* and *value* pair
- Typed with a standard data type or M1 class name
- Typically used to model stereotype attributes
 - Additional information that is useful/required to implement/use the model
- May also be used independently of stereotypes
 - e.g., project management data ("status = unit_tested")

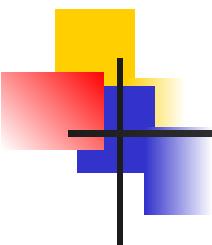


Constrains

- Constraints

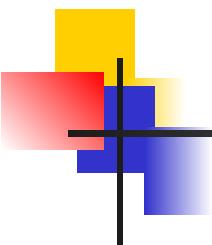
- formal or informal expressions
- must not contradict inherited base semantics





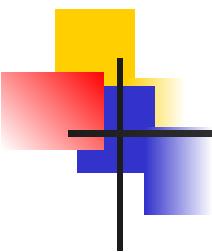
UML Profiles

- A package of related extensibility elements that capture domain-specific variations and usage patterns
 - A domain-specific interpretation of UML
- Profiles currently being defined by the OMG:
 - EDOC
 - Real-Time
 - CORBA
 - ...



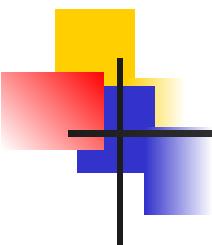
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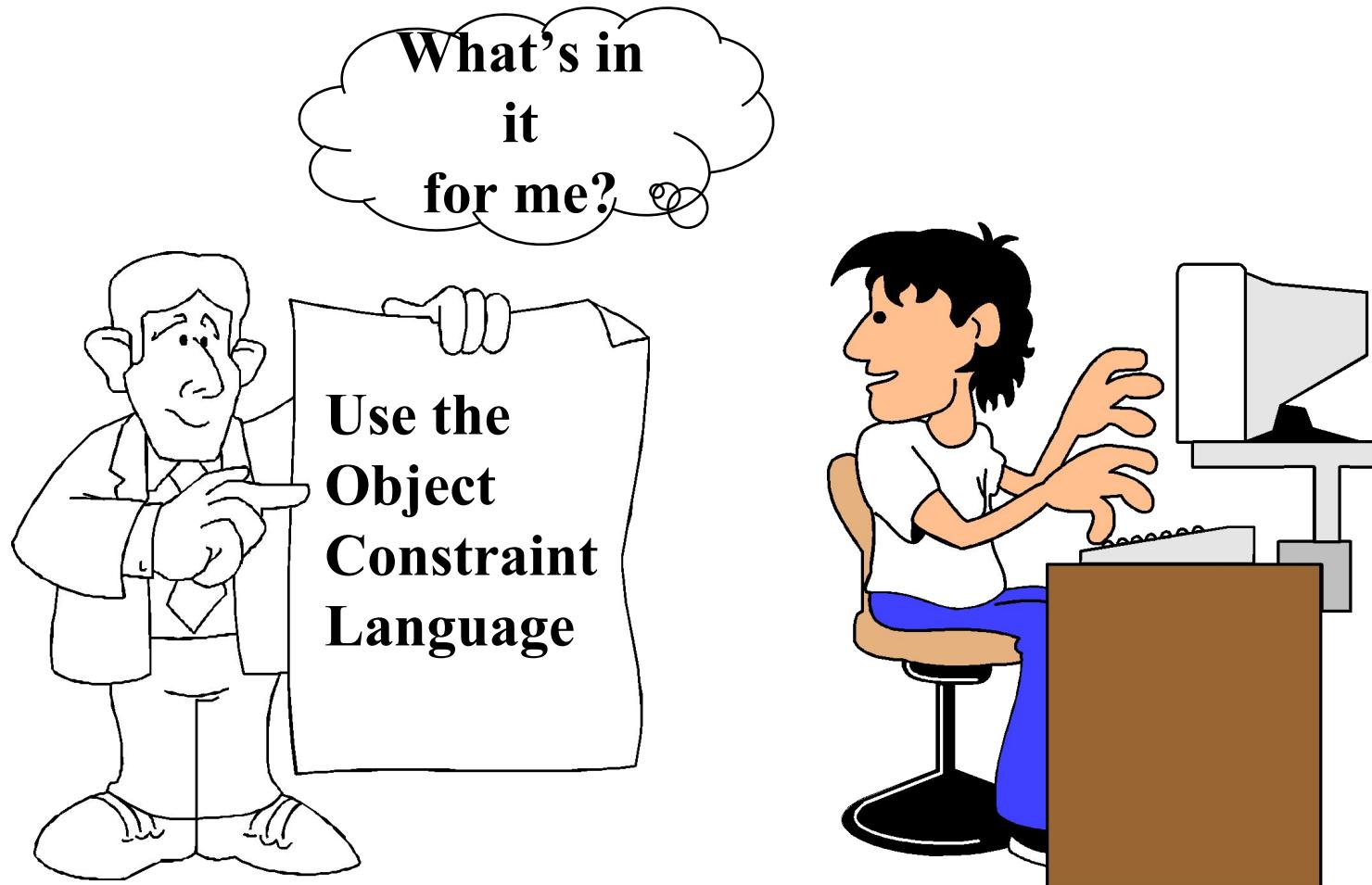


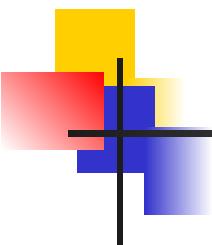
Overview

- What are constraints?
- Core OCL Concepts
- Advanced OCL Concepts
- Wrap up

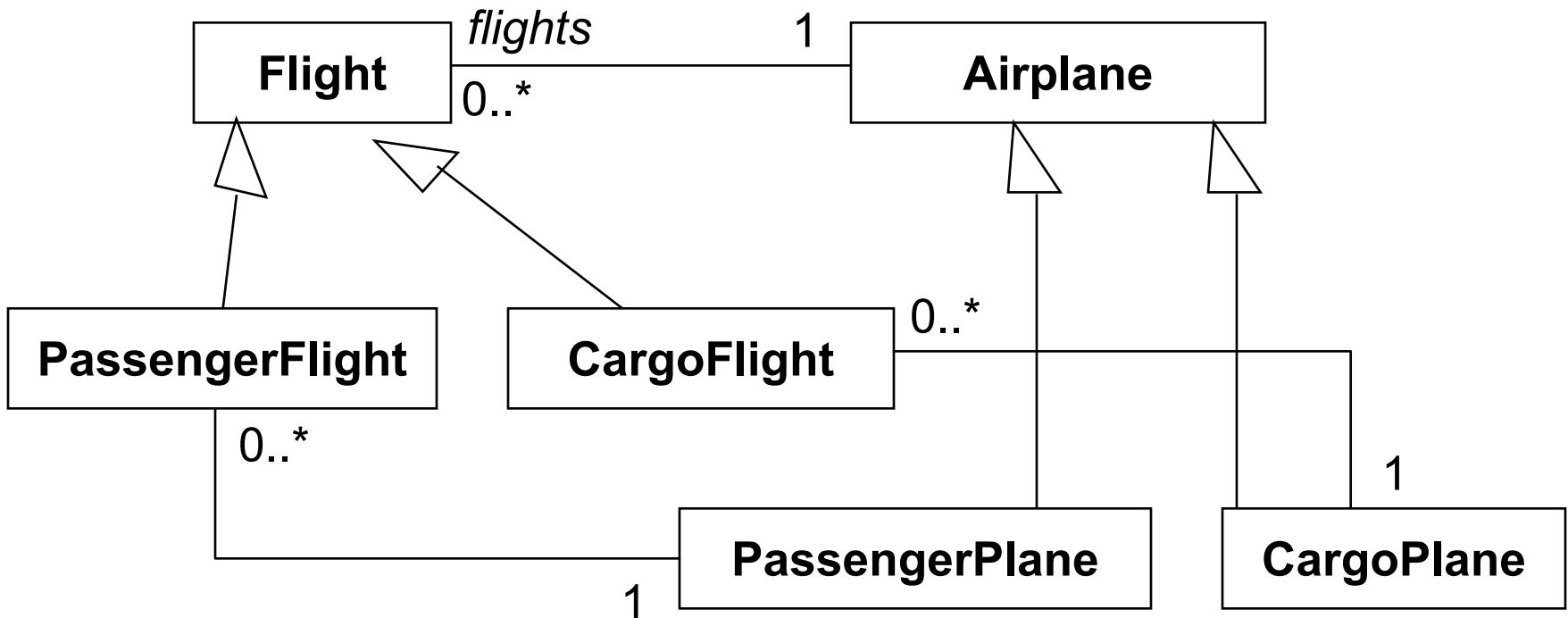


Why use OCL ?





Can we make this more precise?



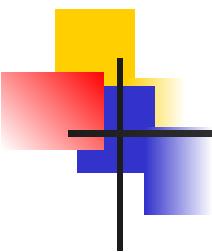
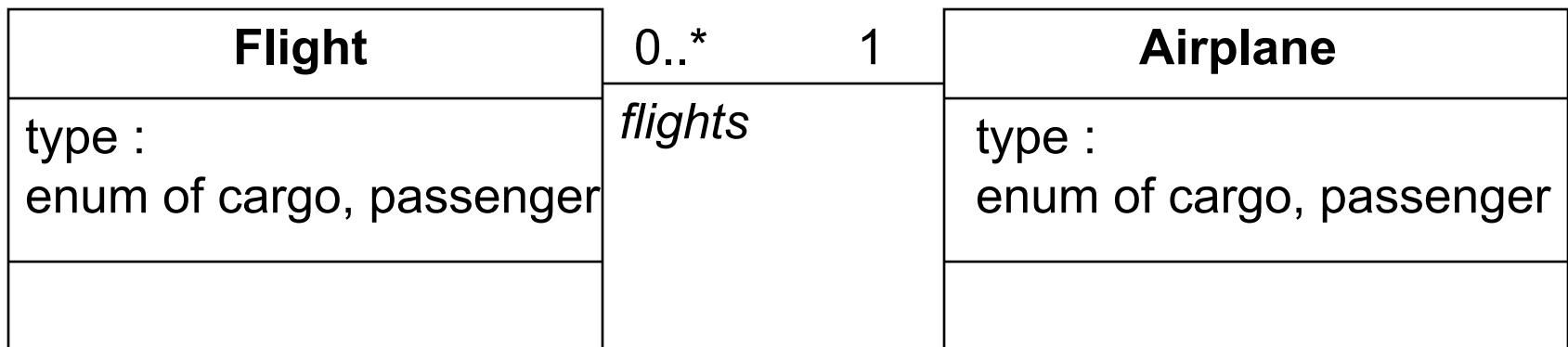
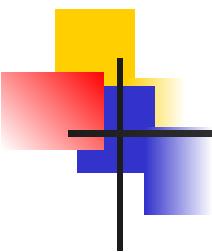


Diagram with added invariants

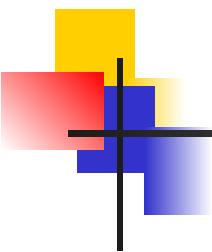


{context Flight
inv: type = #cargo implies airplane.type = #cargo
inv: type = #passenger implies airplane.type = #passenger}



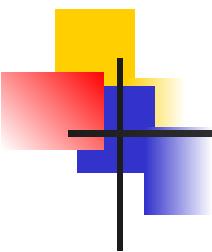
Definition of constraint

- “A constraint is a restriction on one or more values of (part of) an object-oriented model or system.”



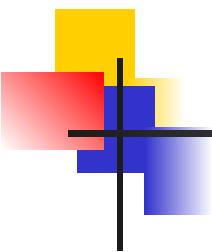
Different kinds of constraints

- Class invariant
 - a constraint that must always be met by all instances of the class
- Precondition of an operation
 - a constraint that must always be true BEFORE the execution of the operation
- Postcondition of an operation
 - a constraint that must always be true AFTER the execution of the operation



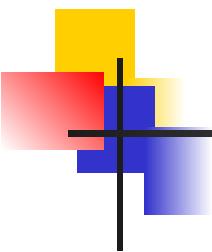
Constraint stereotypes

- UML defines three standard stereotypes for constraints:
 - invariant
 - precondition
 - postcondition



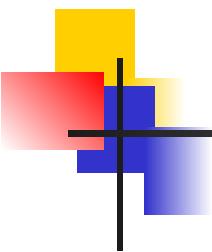
What is OCL?

- OCL is
 - a textual language to describe constraints
 - the constraint language used in UML models
 - As well as the UML meta-model
- Formal but easy to use
 - unambiguous
 - no side effects



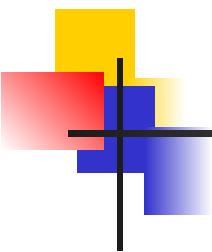
Constraints and the UML model

- OCL expressions are always bound to a UML model
 - OCL expressions can be bound to any model element in UML

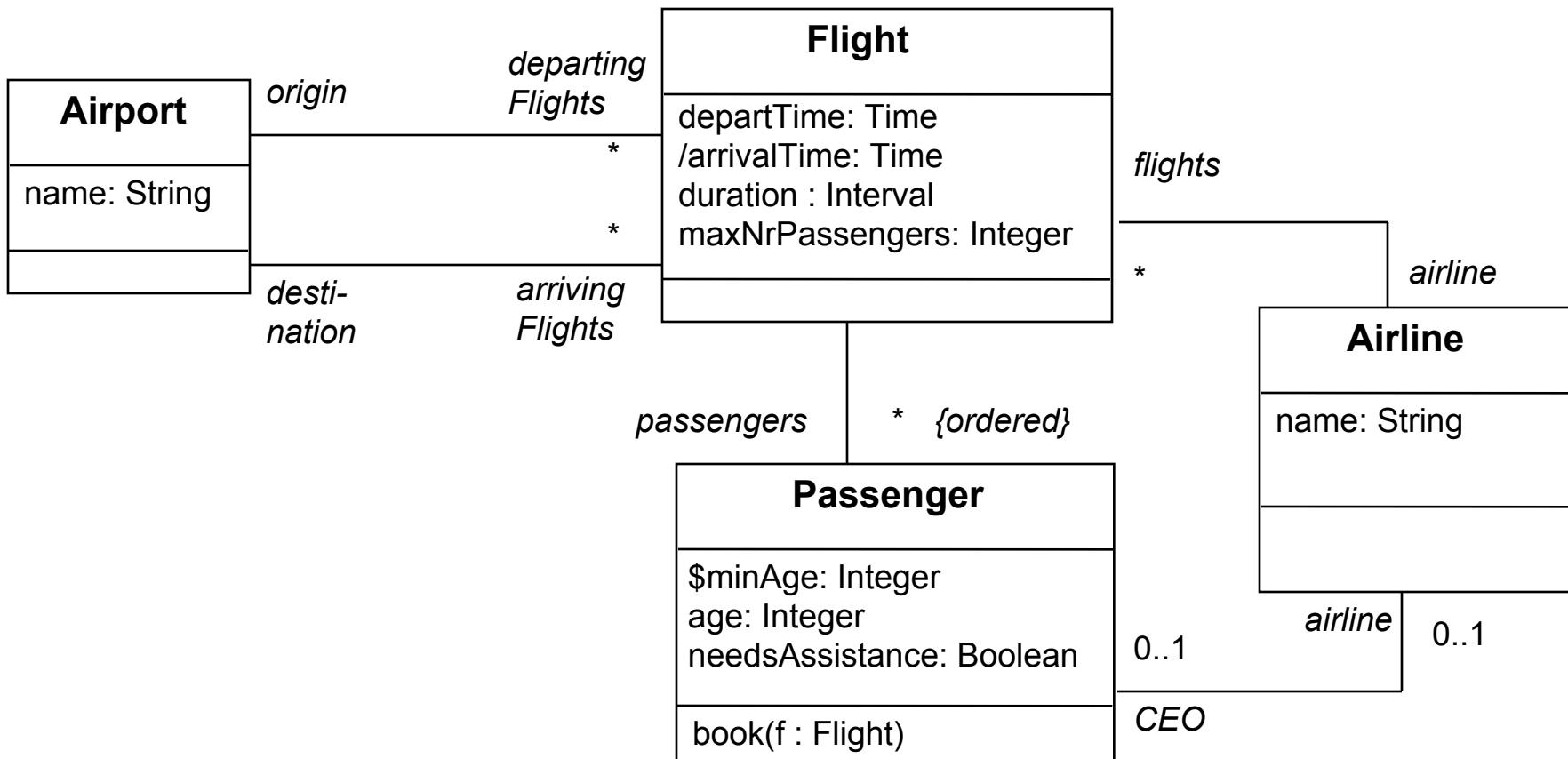


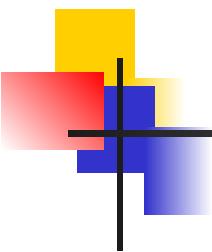
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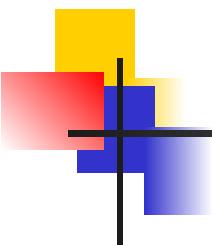
Example model





Constraint context and self

- Every OCL expression is bound to a specific context.
 - The context is often the element that the constraint is attached to
- The context may be denoted within the expression using the keyword 'self'.
 - 'self' is implicit in all OCL expressions
 - Similar to `this` in C++

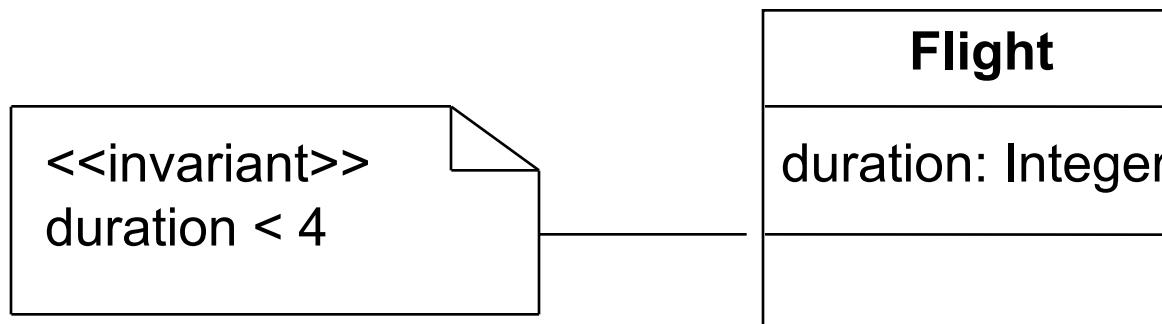


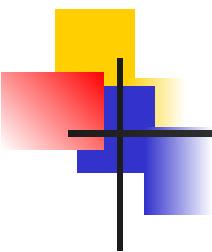
Notation

- Constraints may be denoted within the UML model or in a separate document.
 - the expression:

```
context Flight inv: self.duration < 4
```
 - is identical to:

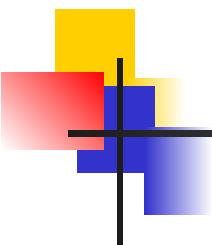
```
context Flight inv: duration < 4
```
 - is identical to:





Elements of an OCL expression

- In an OCL expression these elements may be used:
 - basic types: String, Boolean, Integer, Real.
 - classifiers from the UML model and their features
 - attributes, and class attributes
 - query operations, and class query operations (i.e., those operations that do not have side effects)
 - associations from the UML model



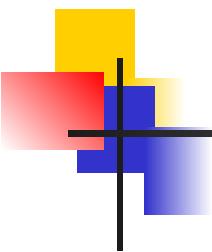
Example: OCL basic types

context Airline inv:

name.toLower = 'klm'

context Passenger inv:

age >= ((9.6 - 3.5)* 3.1).floor implies
mature = true



Model classes and attributes

- “Normal” attributes

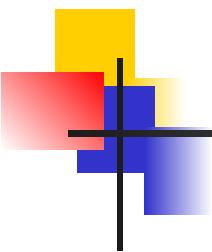
context Flight inv:

self.**maxNrPassengers** <= 1000

- Class attributes

context Passenger inv:

age >= Passenger.**minAge**



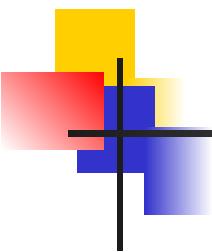
Example: query operations

context Flight inv:

```
self.departTime.difference(self.arrivalTime)  
    .equals(self.duration)
```

Time
\$midnight: Time
month : String
day : Integer
year : Integer
hour : Integer
minute : Integer
<code>difference(t:Time):Interval</code>
<code>before(t: Time): Boolean</code>
<code>plus(d : Interval) : Time</code>

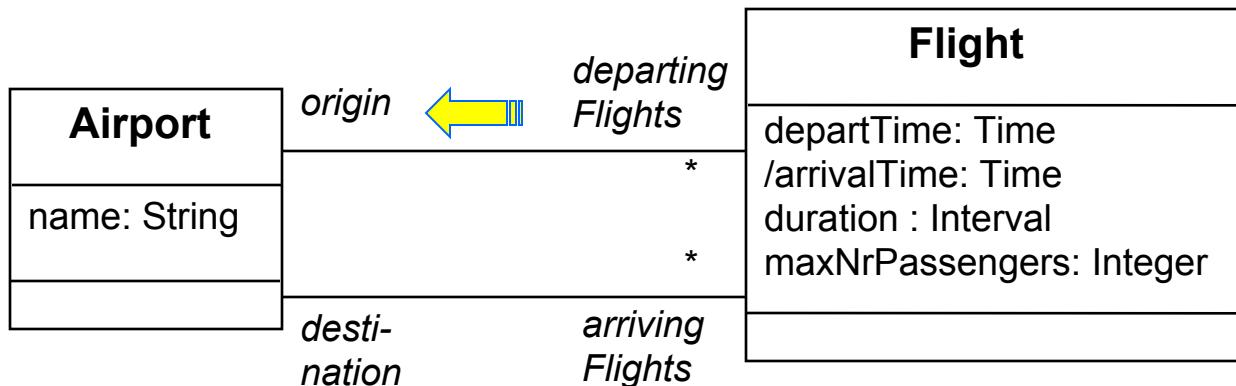
Interval
nrOfDays : Integer
nrOfHours : Integer
nrOfMinutes : Integer
<code>equals(i:Interval):Boolean</code>
<code>\$Interval(d, h, m : Integer) : Interval</code>



Associations and navigations

- Every association in the model is a navigation path.
- The context of the expression is the starting point.
- Role names are used to identify the navigated association.

Example: navigations



context Flight

inv: origin <> destination

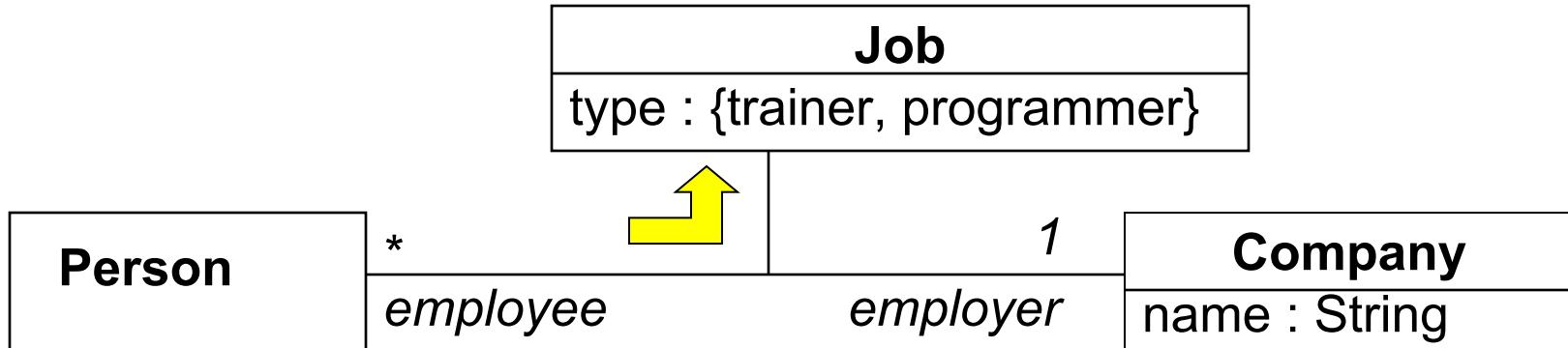
inv: origin.name = 'Amsterdam'

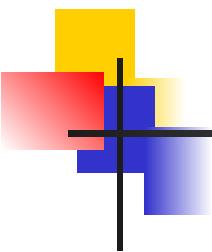
context Flight

inv: airline.name = 'KLM'

Association classes

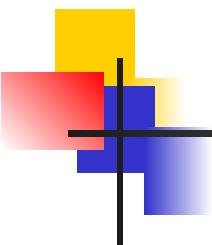
```
context Person inv:  
if employer.name = 'Klasse Objecten' then  
    job.type = #trainer  
else  
    job.type = #programmer  
endif
```





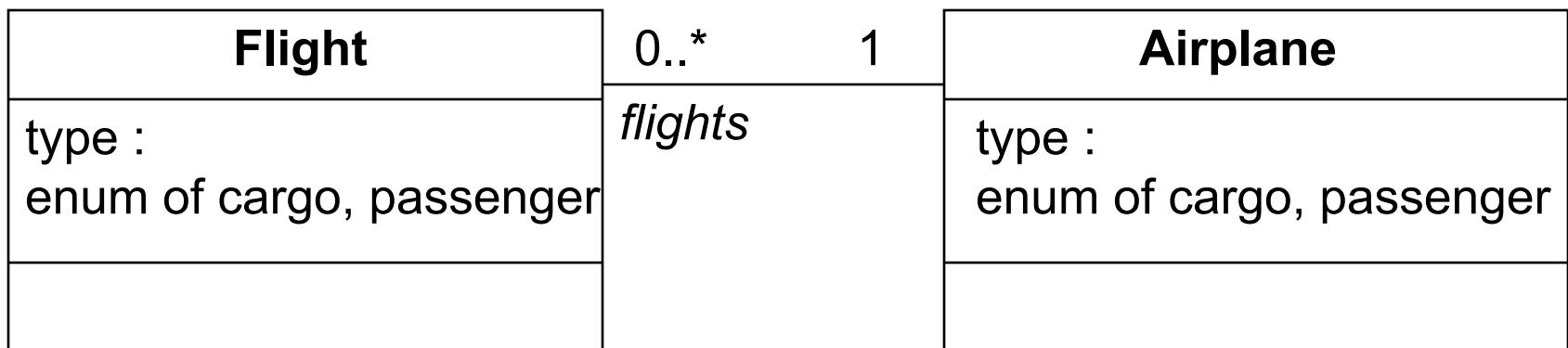
The OCL Collection types

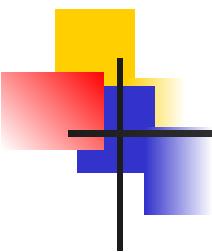
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Significance of Collections in OCL

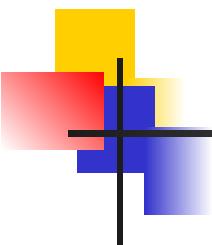
- Most navigations return collections rather than single elements





Three Subtypes of Collection

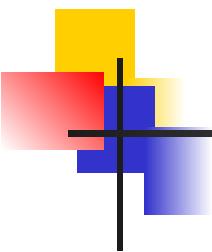
- Set:
 - arrivingFlights(from the context Airport)
 - Non-ordered, unique
- Bag:
 - arrivingFlights.duration (from the context Airport)
 - Non-ordered, non-unique
- Sequence:
 - passengers (from the context Flight)
 - Ordered, non-unique



Collection operations

- OCL has a great number of predefined operations on the collection types.
- Syntax:
 - collection->operation

Use of the “->” (arrow)
operator instead of the
“.” (dot) operator



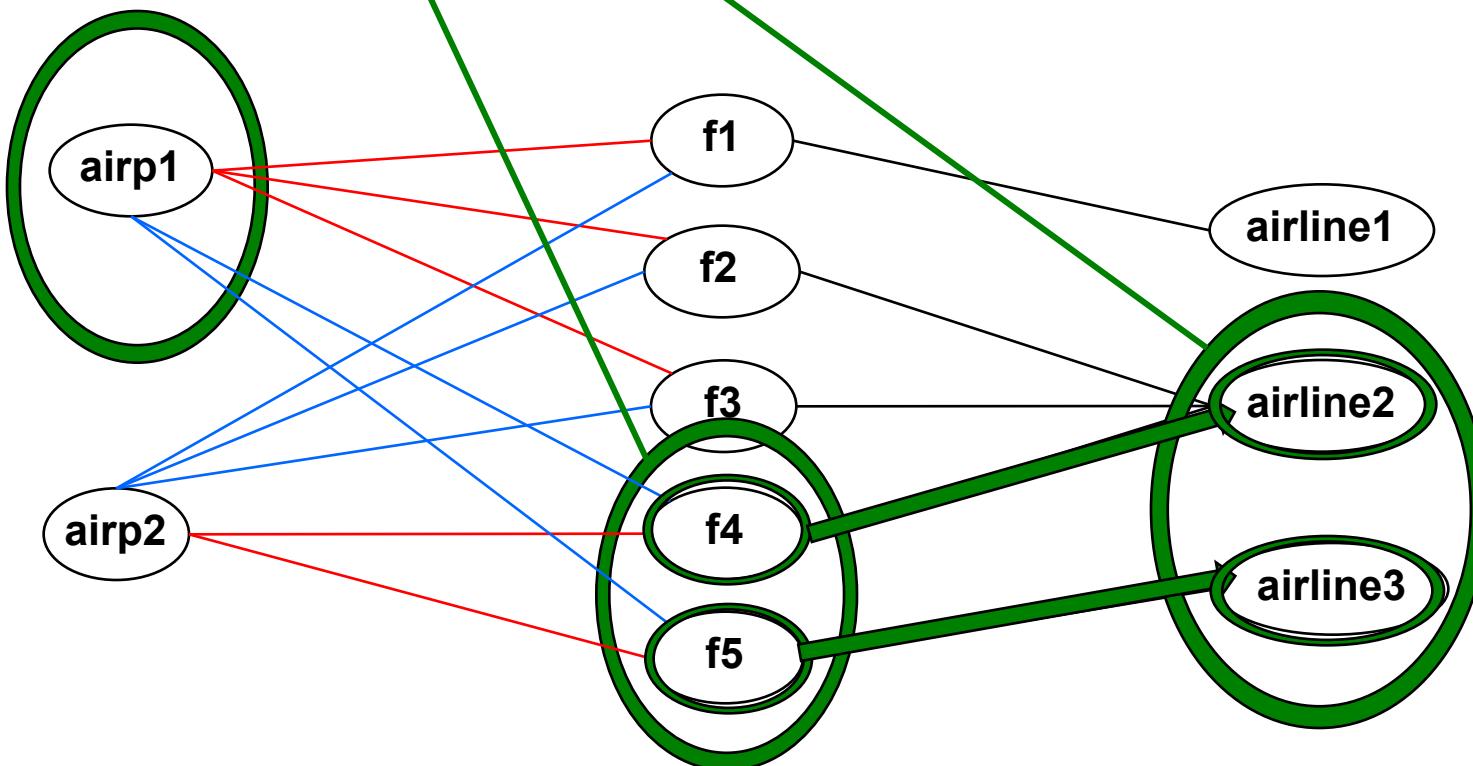
The collect operation

- Syntax:
 - collection->collect(elem : T | expr)
 - collection->collect(elem | expr)
 - collection->collect(expr)
- Shorthand:
 - collection.expr
- The *collect* operation results in the collection of the values resulting evaluating *expr* for all elements in the *collection*
- Shorthand often trips people up. Be Careful!

Example: collect operation

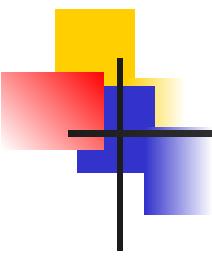
context Airport inv:

`self.arrivingFlights -> collect(airLine) ->notEmpty`



departing flights

arriving flights



The select operation

- Syntax:

`collection->select(elem : T | expression)`

`collection->select(elem | expression)`

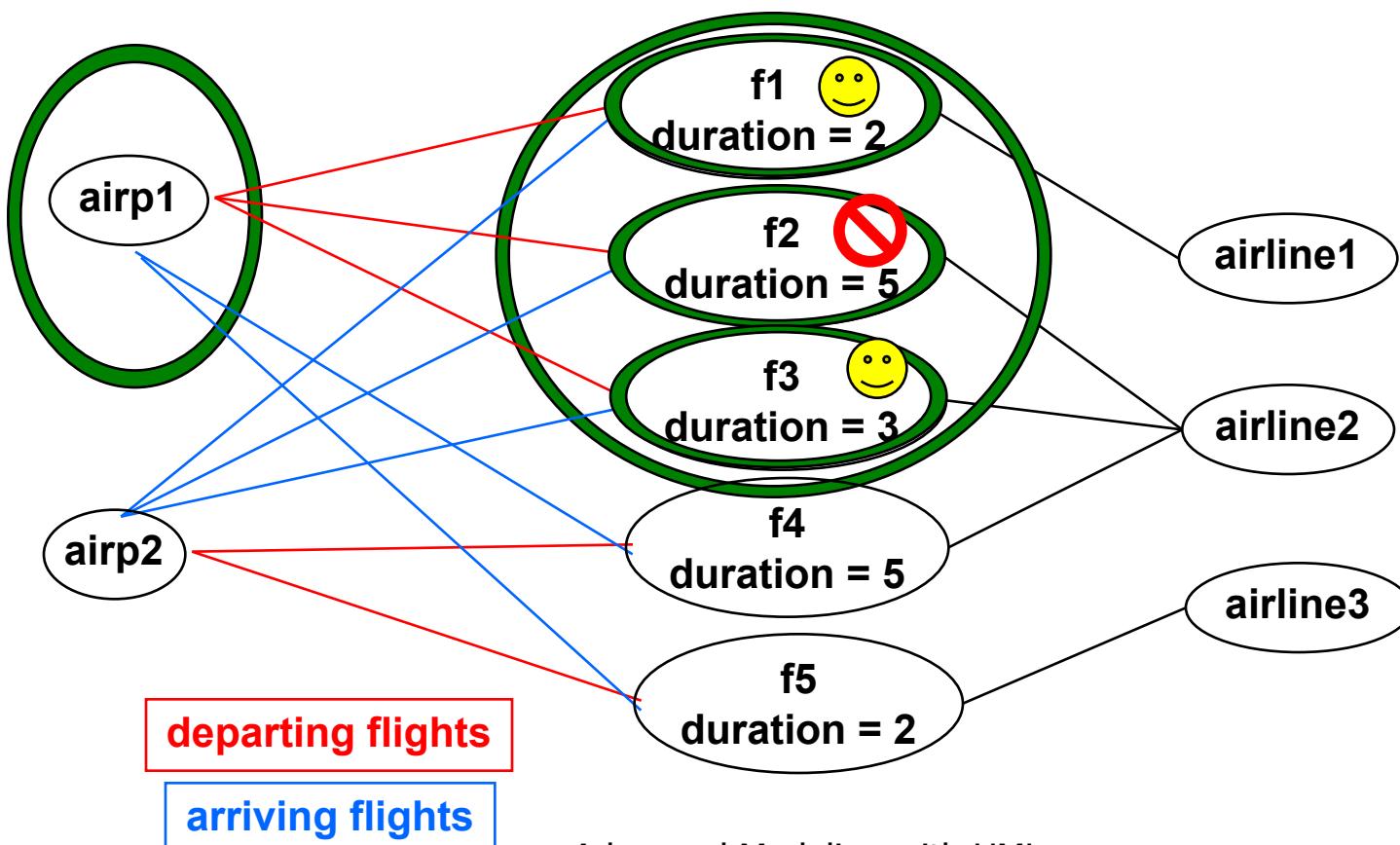
`collection->select(expression)`

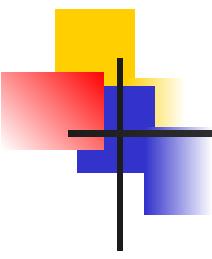
- The *select* operation results in the subset of all elements for which *expression* is true

Example: collect operation

context Airport inv:

self.departingFlights->select(duration<4)->notEmpty





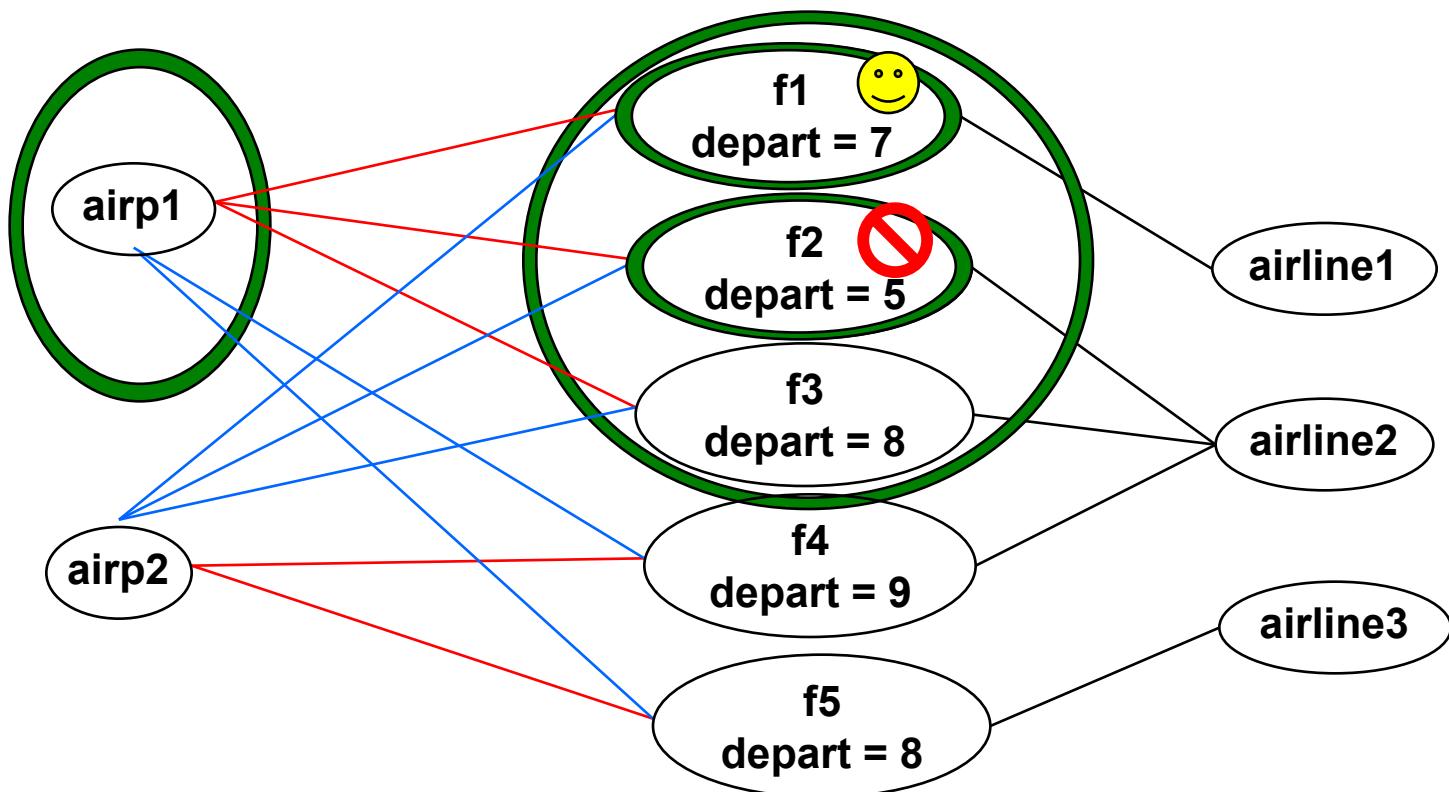
The forAll operation

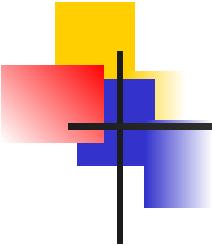
- Syntax:
 - `collection->forAll(elem : T | expr)`
 - `collection->forAll(elem | expr)`
 - `collection->forAll(expr)`
- The forAll operation results in true if expr is true for all elements of the collection

Example: forAll operation

context Airport inv:

self.departingFlights->forAll(departTime.hour>6)





The exists operation

- Syntax:

`collection->exists(elem : T | expr)`

`collection->exists(elem | expr)`

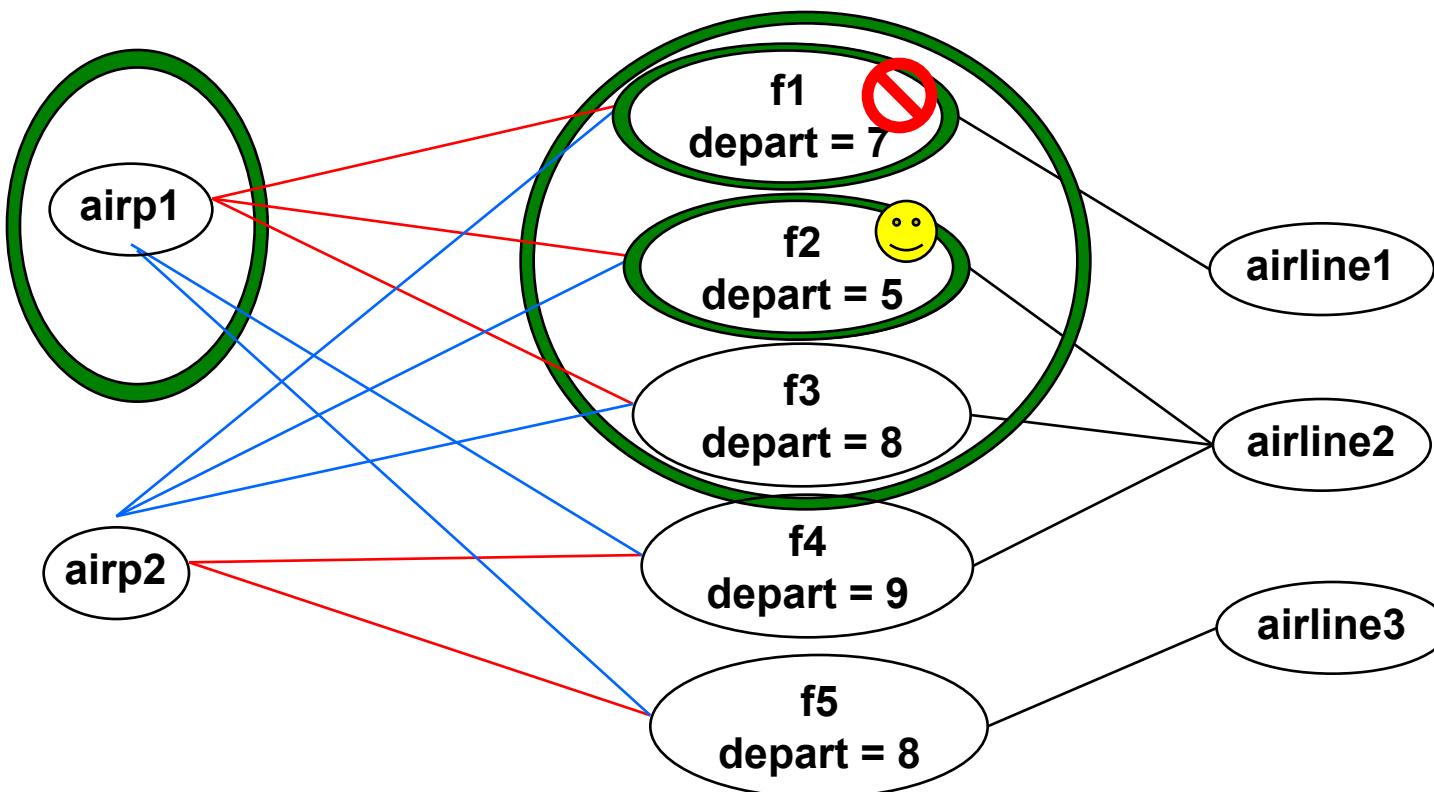
`collection->exists(expr)`

- The *exists* operation results in true if there is at least one element in the collection for which the expression *expr* is true.

Example: exists operation

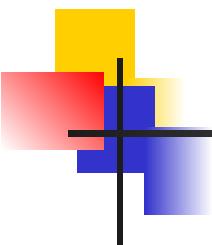
context Airport inv:

self.departingFlights->exists(departTime.hour<6)



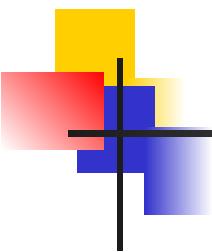
departing flights

arriving flights



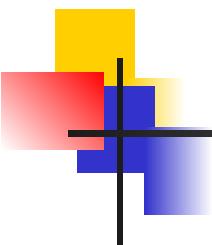
Other collection operations

- *isEmpty*: true if collection has no elements
- *notEmpty*: true if collection has at least one element
- *size*: number of elements in collection
- *count(elem)*: number of occurrences of elem in collection
- *includes(elem)*: true if elem is in collection
- *excludes(elem)*: true if elem is not in collection
- *includesAll(coll)*: true if all elements of coll are in collection



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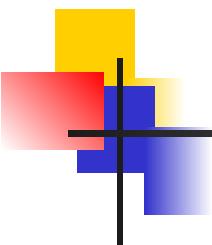
Result in postcondition

- Example pre and postcondition

```
context Airline::servedAirports() : Set(Airport)
```

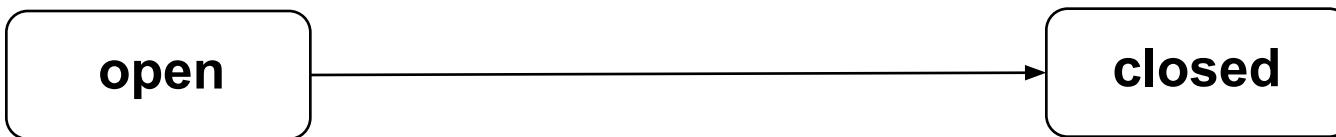
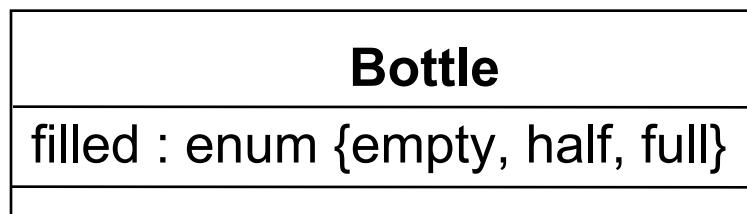
```
pre : -- none
```

```
post: result = flights.destination->asSet
```

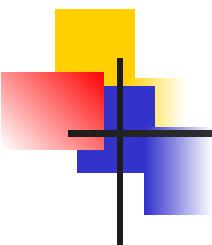


Statechart: referring to states

- The operation *oclInState* returns true if the object is in the specified state.



context Bottle inv:
self.**oclInState(closed)** implies filled = #full



Local variables

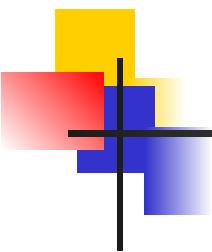
- The *let* construct defines variables local to one constraint:

```
Let var : Type = <expression1> in  
<expression2>
```

- Example:

context Airport inv:

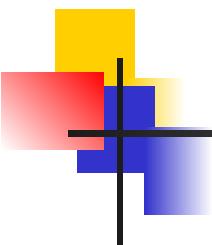
```
Let supportedAirlines : Set (Airline) =  
    self.arrivingFlights -> collect(airLine) in  
    (supportedAirlines ->notEmpty) and  
    (supportedAirlines ->size < 500)
```



Iterate

- The *iterate* operation for collections is the most generic and complex building block.

```
collection->iterate(elem : Type;  
                      answer : Type = <value> |  
                      <expression-with-elem-and-answer>)
```



Iterate example

- Example iterate:

context Airline inv:

flights->select(maxNrPassengers > 150)->notEmpty

- Is identical to:

context Airline inv:

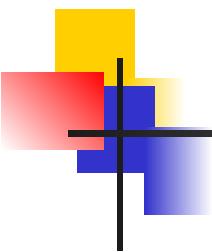
flights->iterate (f : Flight;
answer : Set(Flight) = Set{ } |

if f.maxNrPassengers > 150 then

 answer->including(f)

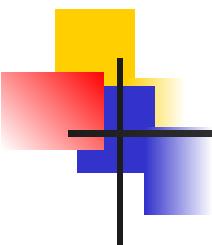
else

 answer endif)->notEmpty



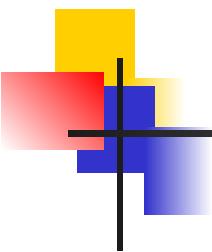
Inheritance of constraints

- Guiding principle Liskov's Substitution Principle (LSP):
 - “Whenever an instance of a class is expected, one can always substitute an instance of any of its subclasses.”



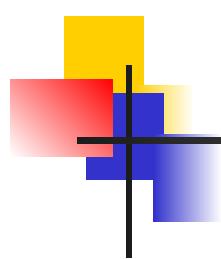
Inheritance of constraints

- Consequences of LSP for invariants:
 - An invariant is always inherited by each subclass.
 - Subclasses may strengthen the invariant.
- Consequences of LSP for preconditions and postconditions:
 - A precondition may be weakened (contravariance)
 - A postcondition may be strengthened (covariance)



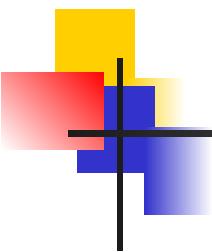
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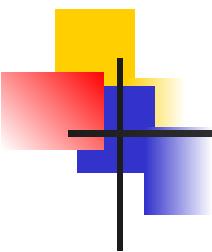
Current Developments

- Feedback from several OCL implementers handled in UML-RTF
 - e.g. the grammar has some loose ends
 - typical tool-related issues
- Development of OCL metamodel
 - currently concrete syntax only
 - will result in abstract syntax
- UML 2.0 RFP
 - meta-model as part of the UML meta-model
 - additional capabilities (e.g., business rules)



OCL Tools

- Cybernetics
 - www.cybernetic.org
- University of Dresden
 - www-st.inf.tu-dresden.de/ocl/
- Boldsoft
 - www.boldsoft.com
- ICON computing
 - www.iconcomp.com
- Royal Dutch Navy
- Others

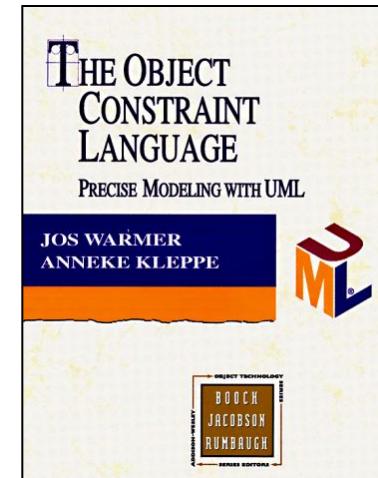


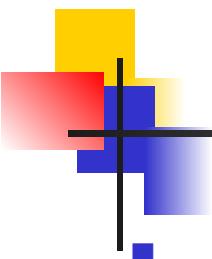
Conclusions and Tips

- OCL invariants allow you to
 - model more precisely
 - remain implementation independent
- OCL pre- and postconditions allow you to
 - specify contracts (design by contract)
 - specify interfaces of components more precisely
- OCL usage tips
 - keep constraints simple
 - always combine natural language with OCL
 - use a tool to check your OCL

Further Resources for OCL

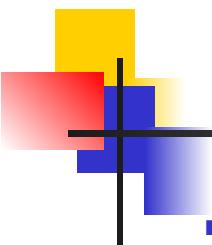
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 - ISBN 0-201-37940-6
- OCL home page
 - www.klasse.nl/ocl/index.htm





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Further Info

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 - OMG UML Tutorials: www.celgent.com/omg/umlrtf/tutorials.htm
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