

Department of Computer Science

Lecture 3: **Class Diagrams**

- → Advanced Class Diagrams
- → Uses of UML
- → Relationship between UML and program code

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Capturing the Structure of the Design

Division of Responsibility

Operations that objects are responsible for providing

Subclassing

Inheritance, generalization

Navigability / Visibility

When objects need to know about other objects to call their operations

Aggregation / Composition

When objects are part of other objects

Dependencies

When changing the design of a class will affect other classes

Interfaces

Used to reduce coupling between objects

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As a sketch

Very selective - informal and dynamic

Forward engineering: describe some concept you need to implement Reverse engineering: explain how some part of the program works

As a blueprint

Emphasis on completeness

Forward engineering: model as a detailed spec for the programmer

Reverse engineering: model as a code browser

Roundtrip: tools provide both forward and reverse engineering to move back and forth between program and code

As a Programming language

UML models are automatically compiled into working code

Requires sophisticated tools

"tripless"

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