



Lecture 2: Introduction to Modeling

- Why Build Models?
- What types of Models to build
- Intro to UML
- Class Diagrams
- Reverse Engineering...



Getting started

- You've just joined an ongoing project
 - ↳ Where do you start?
 - ↳ (oh, BTW, the project doesn't really have any documentation)
- Reverse Engineering:
 - ↳ Recover design information from the code
 - ↳ Create higher level views to improve understanding
- E.g. Structure of the code
 - ↳ Code Dependencies
 - ↳ Components and couplings
- E.g. Behaviour of the code
 - ↳ Execution traces
 - ↳ State machines models of complex objects
- E.g. Function of the code
 - ↳ What functions does it provide to the user?





Why build models?

→ Modelling can guide your exploration:

- ↳ It can help you figure out what questions to ask
- ↳ It can help to reveal key design decisions
- ↳ It can help you to uncover problems
 - > e.g. conflicting or infeasible requirements, confusion over terminology, scope, etc

→ Modelling can help us check our understanding

- ↳ Reason about the model to understand its consequences
 - > Does it have the properties we expect?
- ↳ Animate the model to help us visualize/validate the requirements

→ Modelling can help us communicate

- ↳ Provides useful abstracts that focus on the point you want to make
- ↳ ...without overwhelming people with detail

→ Throw-away modelling?

- ↳ The exercise of modelling is more important than the model itself
- ↳ Time spent perfecting the models might be time wasted...



Dealing with problem complexity

→ Abstraction

- ↳ Ignore detail to see the big picture
- ↳ Treat objects as the same by ignoring certain differences
- ↳ (beware: every abstraction involves choice over what is important)

→ Decomposition

- ↳ Partition a problem into independent pieces, to study separately
- ↳ (beware: the parts are rarely independent really)

→ Projection

- ↳ Separate different concerns (views) and describe them separately
- ↳ Different from decomposition as it does not partition the problem space
- ↳ (beware: different views will be inconsistent most of the time)

→ Modularization

- ↳ Choose structures that are stable over time, to localize change
- ↳ (beware: any structure will make some changes easier and others harder)





the Unified Modelling Language (UML)

→ Third generation OO method

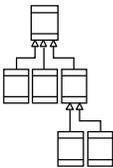
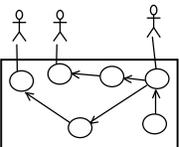
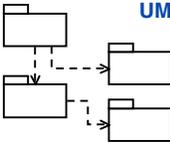
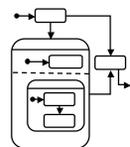
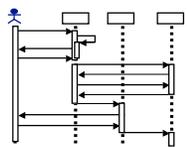
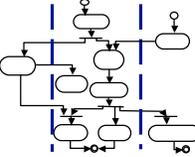
- ↳ **Booch, Rumbaugh & Jacobson are principal authors**
 - Still evolving (currently version 2.0)
 - Attempt to standardize the proliferation of OO variants
- ↳ **Is purely a notation**
 - No modelling method associated with it!
 - Was intended as a design notation
- ↳ **Has become an industry standard**
 - But is primarily promoted by IBM/Rational (who sell lots of UML tools, services)

→ Has a standardized meta-model

- ↳ Use case diagrams
- ↳ Class diagrams
- ↳ Message sequence charts
- ↳ Activity diagrams
- ↳ State Diagrams
- ↳ Module Diagrams
- ↳ Platform diagrams
- ↳ ...



Modeling Notations

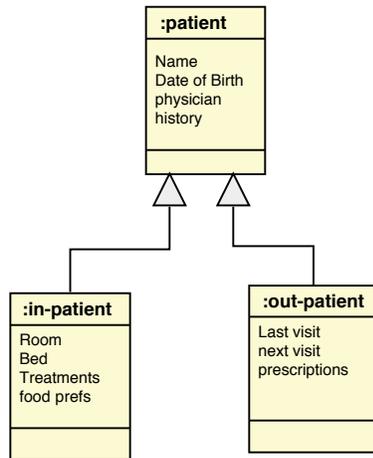
 <p>UML Class Diagrams information structure relationships between data items modular structure for the system</p>	 <p>Use Cases user's view Lists functions visual overview of the main requirements</p>
 <p>UML Package Diagrams Overall architecture Dependencies between components</p>	 <p>(UML) Statecharts responses to events dynamic behavior event ordering, reachability, deadlock, etc</p>
 <p>UML Sequence Diagrams individual scenario interactions between users and system Sequence of messages</p>	 <p>Activity diagrams business processes; concurrency and synchronization; dependencies between tasks;</p>



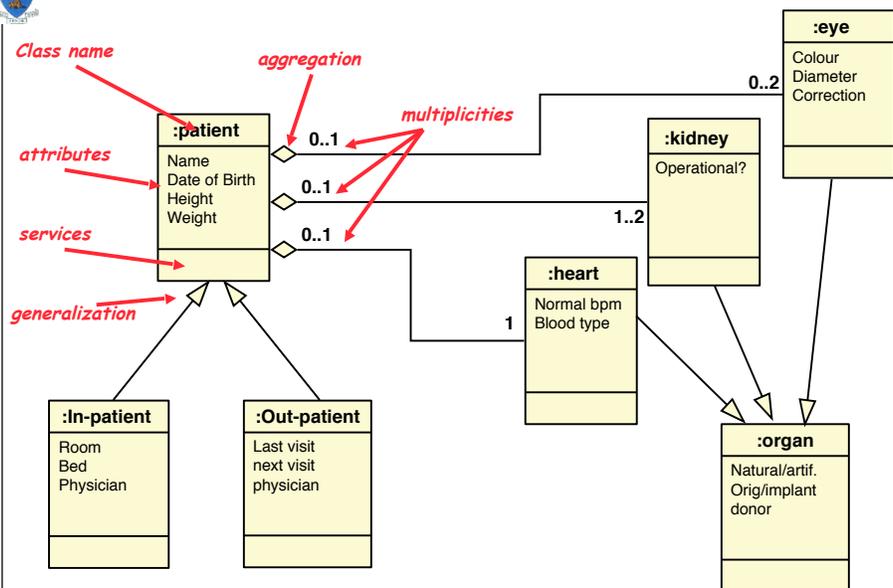
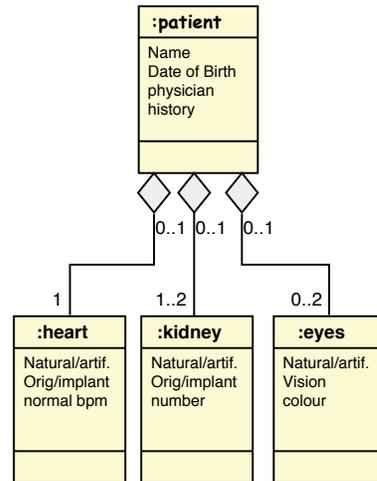
Intro: Object Classes in UML

Source: Adapted from Davis, 1990, p67-68

Generalization (an abstraction hierarchy)



Aggregation (a partitioning hierarchy)





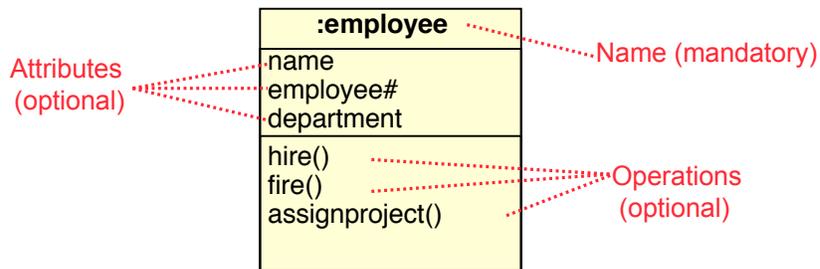
What are classes?

→ A class describes a group of objects with

- ↳ similar properties (attributes),
- ↳ common behaviour (operations),
- ↳ common relationships to other objects,
- ↳ and common meaning (“semantics”).

→ Examples

- ↳ employee: has a name, employee# and department; an employee is hired, and fired; an employee works in one or more projects



Objects vs. Classes

→ The instances of a class are called objects.

- ↳ Objects are represented as:



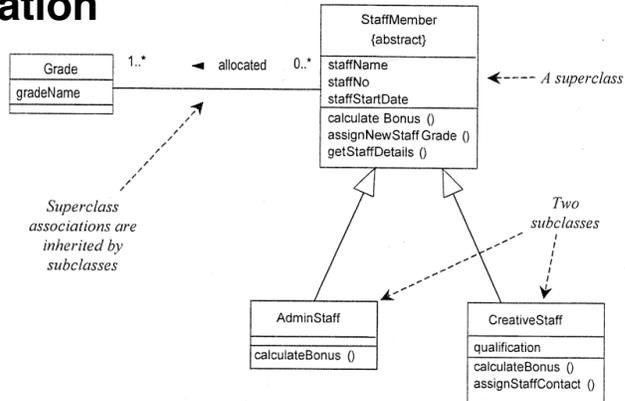
- ↳ Two different objects may have identical attribute values (like two people with identical name and address)

→ Objects have associations with other objects

- ↳ E.g. Fred_Bloggs:employee is associated with the KillerApp:project object
- ↳ But we will capture these relationships at the class level (why?)
- ↳ Note: Make sure attributes are associated with the right class
 - E.g. you don't want both managerName and manager# as attributes of Project! (...Why??)



Generalization



→ Notes:

- ↳ Subclasses inherit attributes, associations, & operations from the superclass
- ↳ A subclass may override an inherited aspect
 - > e.g. AdminStaff & CreativeStaff have different methods for calculating bonuses
- ↳ Superclasses may be declared **{abstract}**, meaning they have no instances
 - > Implies that the subclasses cover all possibilities
 - > e.g. there are no other staff than AdminStaff and CreativeStaff



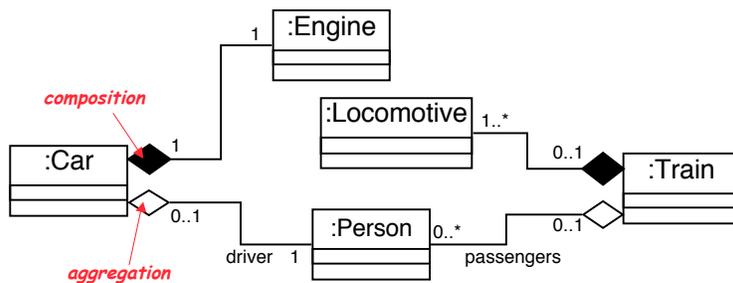
Aggregation and Composition

→ Aggregation

- ↳ This is the “Has-a” or “Whole/part” relationship

→ Composition

- ↳ Strong form of aggregation that implies ownership:
 - > if the whole is removed from the model, so is the part.
 - > the whole is responsible for the disposition of its parts





Associations

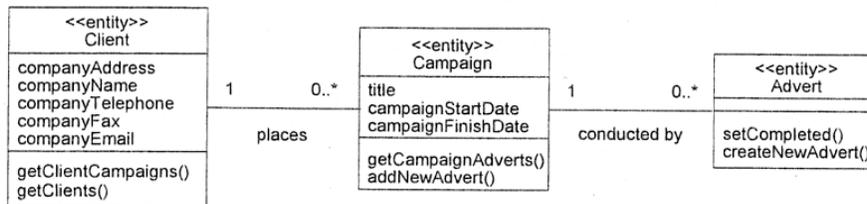
→ Objects do not exist in isolation from one another

↳ A relationship represents a connection among things.

↳ In UML, there are different types of relationships:

- > Association
- > Aggregation and Composition
- > Generalization
- > Dependency
- > Realization

→ Class diagrams show classes and their relationships



Association Multiplicity

→ Ask questions about the associations:

↳ Can a campaign exist without a member of staff to manage it?

- > If yes, then the association is optional at the Staff end - zero or more (0..*)
- > If no, then it is not optional - one or more (1..*)
- > If it must be managed by one and only one member of staff - exactly one (1)

↳ What about the other end of the association?

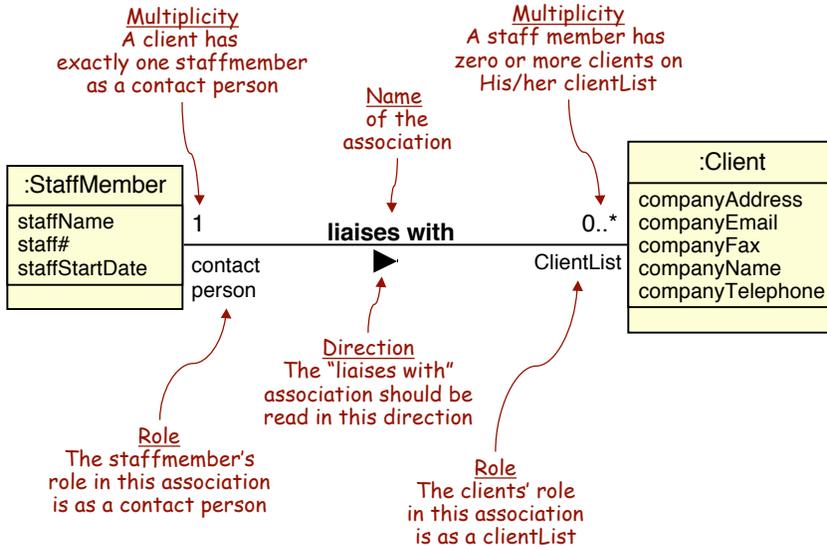
- > Does every member of staff have to manage exactly one campaign?
- > No. So the correct multiplicity is zero or more.

→ Some examples of specifying multiplicity:

- ↳ Optional (0 or 1) 0..1
- ↳ Exactly one 1 = 1..1
- ↳ Zero or more 0..* = *
- ↳ One or more 1..*
- ↳ A range of values 2..6



Class associations



More Examples

