(8-2) More with UML

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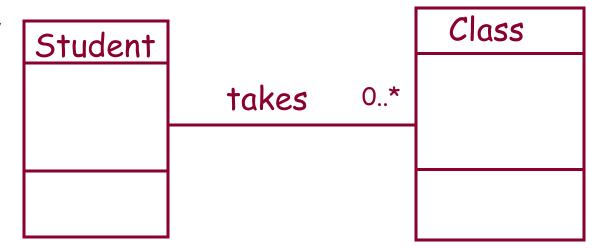
UML as a Model

- UML is a notational syntax for expressing Object Oriented models
- Merges Booch, Rumbaugh, and Jacobson
- Not a methodology (although the Unified Process is)
- UML Models can (should be) an important source for test



Relationships in UML Models

- Relationships in models can show a dependency between two instances
- The example shows a relationship such that a student takes 0 to many classes; We might question the many (limiting it to some max value) but we can definitely look for tests about this relationship



Built in relationships have a corresponding generic test requirements that can be identified by applying a relational test strategy to each UML diagram

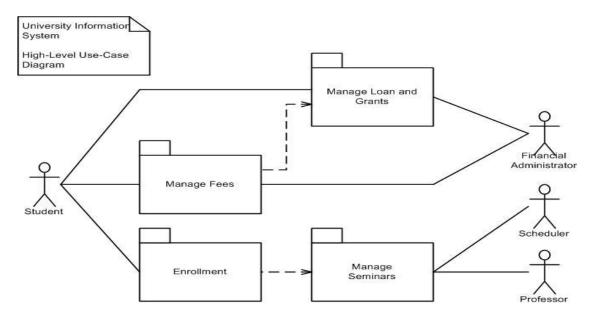
General Purpose Elements of UML

- Organize diagrams
- Express details



Packages and Package Diagrams

- Package
 - A group of UML diagrams and diagram elements of any kind, including other packages
- A package diagram shows the organization of packages





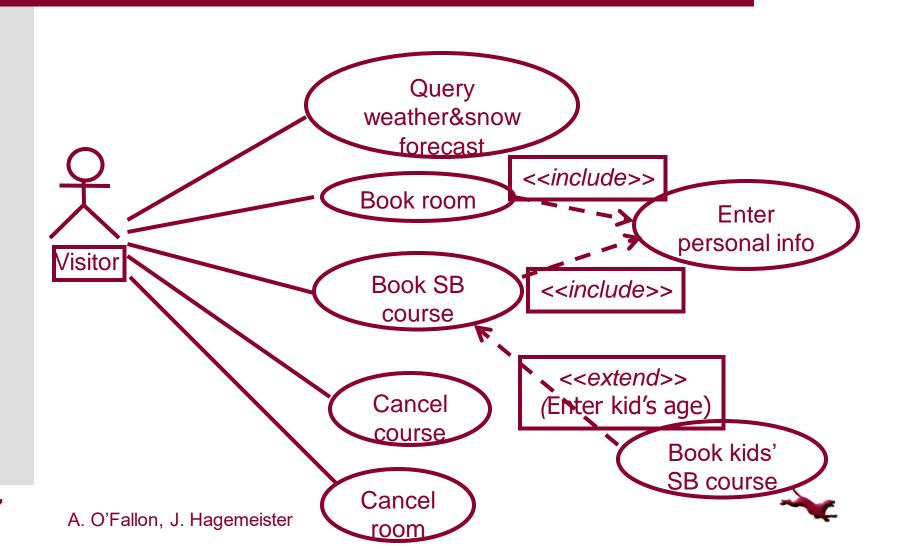
Expressions, Constraints, Comments, and NOTES

- Expression → a string from an executable language that can be evaluated to produce a result
- Constraints → a predicate expression on an element
- Comments → a natural language constraint

A *note* is a box with a dog eared corner. It may or may not be connected to a diagram element. It contains a textual description or explanation.



Use Case Models (1)



Use Case Models (2)

- Use Case: Book SB course
- Precond: -
- Main flow:
 - Visitor enters date
 - 2. Include (Enter personal info)
 - 3. (Enter kid's age)
 - 4. Store reservation
 - Confirm reservation to Visitor
- Exceptional flow:
 - If number of course participants for specified date > 8, then tell visitor so and let him choose another date



Use Case Models (3)

- Use Case: Book kids' SB course
- Precond: SB course is for a kid
- Main flow:
 - 1. Enter kid's age
 - Store reservation
 - 3. Confirm reservation to Visitor
- Exceptional flow:
 - If course for specified date is adult course, then tell visitor so and let him choose another date
- Exceptional flow:
 - If course for specified date is kids' course, and the specified age is outside the course's age range, then tell visitor so and let him choose another date



Use Case

- An abstraction of the system to model behavior to external interaction
- Accomplish important tasks from the user's point of view
- Represent system requirements
 - Functional
 - Allocation to classes
 - Object interaction and interfacing
 - User interfaces
 - User documentation



Class Diagram

- Central for OO modeling
- Shows static structure of the system
 - Types of objects
 - Static relationships
 - Association
 - (e.g.: a company has many employees)
 - Generalization (subtypes)
 (e.g.: an employee is a kind of person)
 - Dependencies (Aggregation)
 (e.g.: a company is using trucks to ship products)



Class

- Set of objects
- Defines
 - Name
 - Attributes(optional: type optional: initial value)

Operations

Task

startDate: Date = default

endDate: Date

name

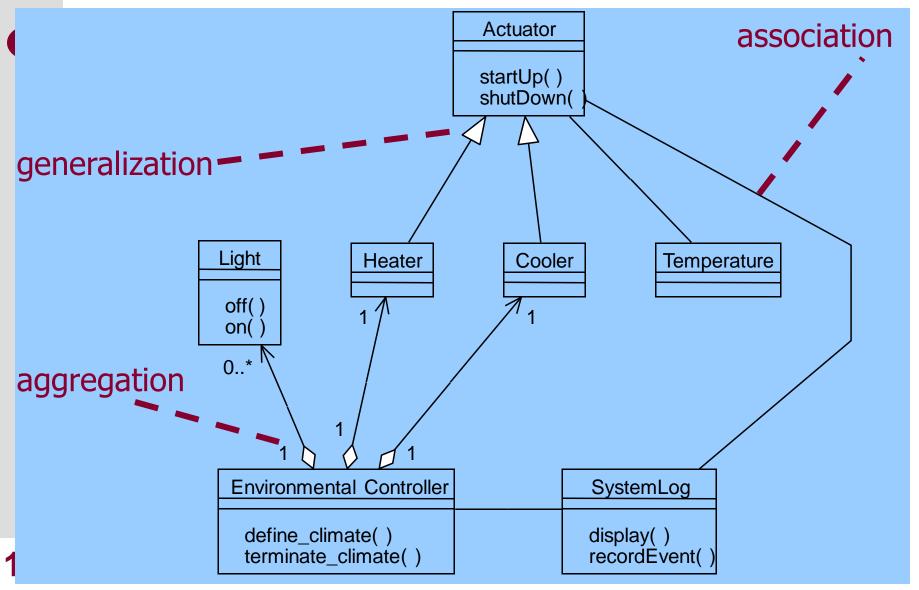
setStartDate (d : Date)

setEndDate (d : Date)

getDuration (): Date



Class diagram example



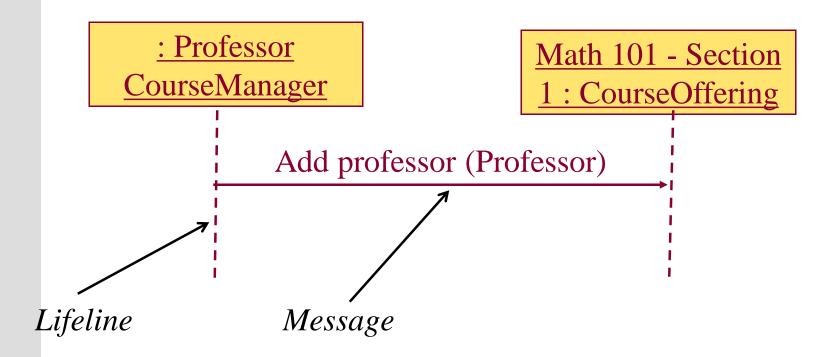
Sequence Diagrams

- Shows object interactions arranged in time sequence
- It focuses on
 - Objects (and classes)
 - Message exchange to carry out the scenarios functionality
- The objects are organized in an horizontal line and the events in a vertical time line



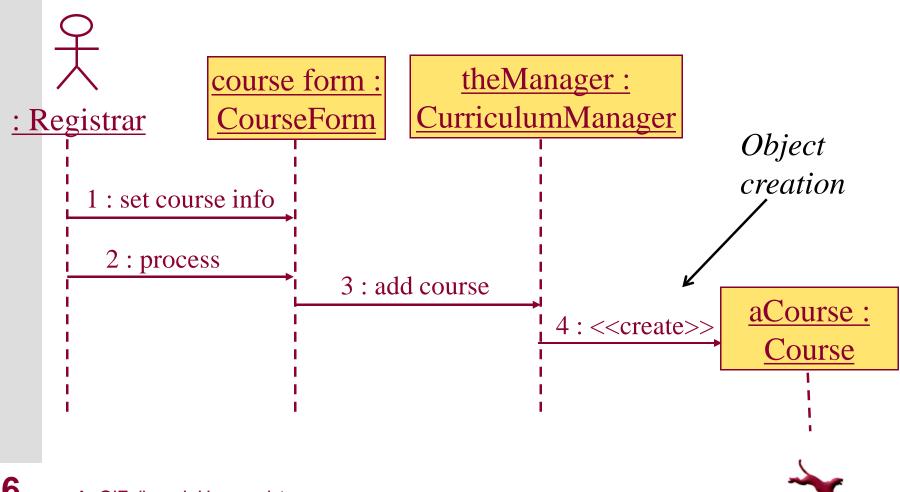
Notation Example (simple version)

Messages point from client to supplier

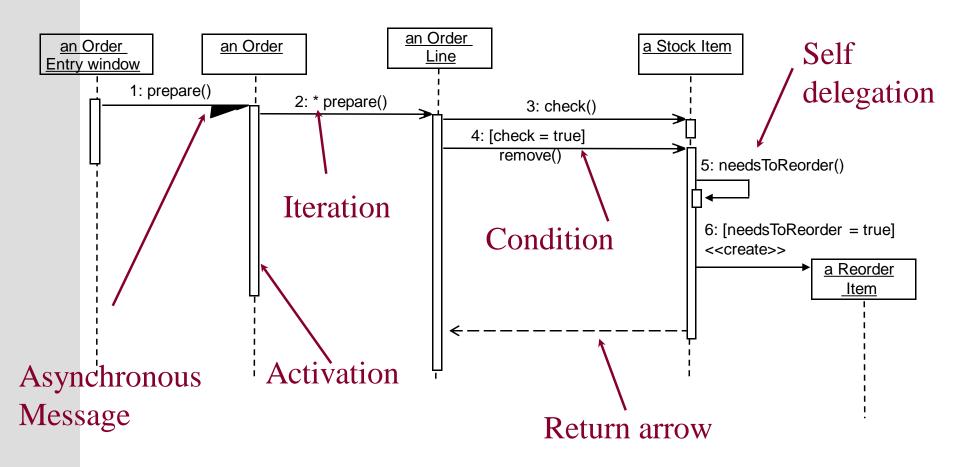




Sequence Diagram: Larger Example

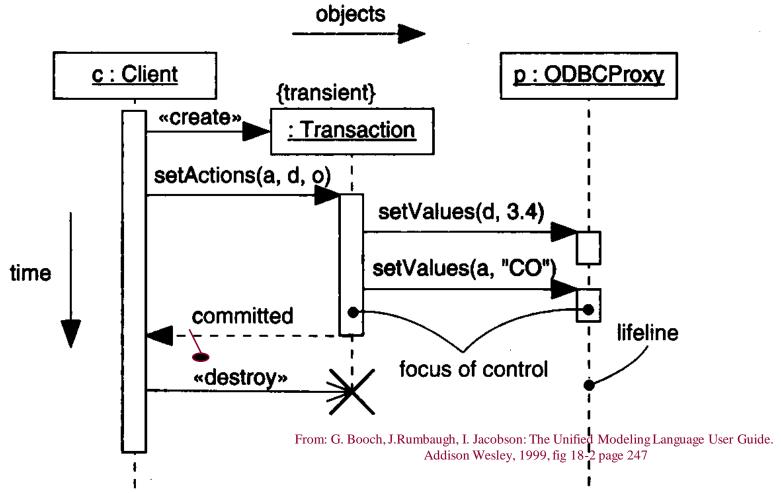


Sequence Diagrams: More Details





Example of a Transaction



Content of Sequence Diagrams

- Objects
 - They exchange messages among each other
- Messages
 - Synchronous: "call events," denoted by the full arrow;
 Duration of synchronization should be indicated by activation bar or return arrow
 - -Asynchronous: "signals," denoted by a half arrow
 - -There are also «create» and «destroy» messages



Asynchronous messages

- Do not block the caller
- Can do 3 things:
 - Create a new thread
 - Create a new object
 - Communicate with a thread that is already running



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