

Chapter 2, lecture 1, Modeling with UML



Overview: modeling with UML

- ♦ What is modeling?
- ♦ What is UML?
- ♦ Use case diagrams
- ♦ Class diagrams
- ♦ Sequence diagrams

What is modeling?

- ♦ Modeling consists of building an abstraction of reality.
- ♦ Abstractions are simplifications because:
 - ♦ They ignore irrelevant details and
 - ♦ They only represent the relevant details.
- ♦ What is *relevant* or *irrelevant* depends on the purpose of the model.

Example: street map



Why model software?

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- ♦ Software is getting increasingly more complex
 - ♦ Windows XP > 40 mio lines of code
 - ♦ A single programmer cannot manage this amount of code in its entirety.
- ♦ Code is not easily understandable by developers who did not write it
- ♦ We need simpler representations for complex systems
 - ♦ Modeling is a mean for dealing with complexity

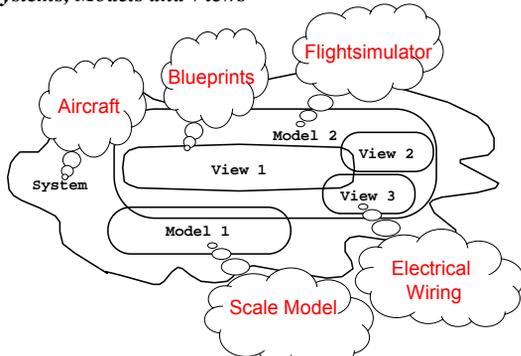
Systems, Models and Views

- ♦ A **model** is an abstraction describing a subset of a system
- ♦ A **view** depicts selected aspects of a model
- ♦ A **notation** is a set of graphical or textual rules for depicting views
- ♦ Views and models of a single system may overlap each other

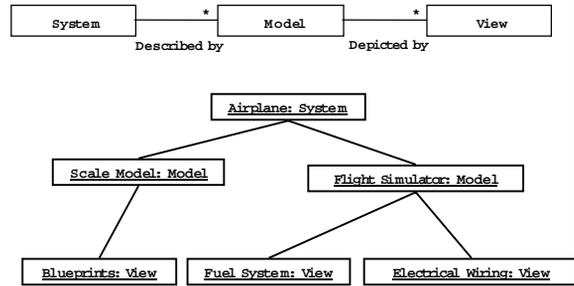
Examples:

- ♦ System: Aircraft
- ♦ Models: Flight simulator, scale model
- ♦ Views: All blueprints, electrical wiring, fuel system

Systems, Models and Views



Models, Views and Systems (UML)



Concepts and Phenomena

Phenomenon

- An object in the world of a domain as you perceive it
- *Example:* The lecture you are attending
- *Example:* My black watch

Concept

- Describes the properties of phenomena that are common.
- *Example:* Lectures on software engineering
- *Example:* Black watches

Concept is a 3-tuple:

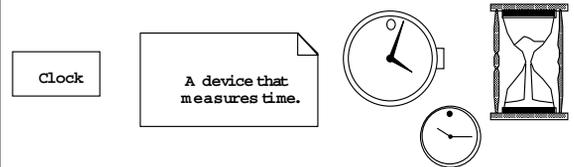
- Name (To distinguish it from other concepts)
- Purpose (Properties that determine if a phenomenon is a member of a concept)
- Members (The set of phenomena which are part of the concept)

Concepts and phenomena

Name

Purpose

Members



- Abstraction
 - Classification of phenomena into concepts
- Modeling
 - Development of abstractions to answer specific questions about a set of phenomena while ignoring irrelevant details.

Concepts in software: Type and Instance

Type:

- An abstraction in the context of programming languages
- Name: int, Purpose: integral number, Members: 0, -1, 1, 2, -2, ...

Instance:

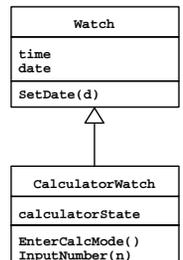
- Member of a specific type
- The type of a variable represents all possible instances the variable can take

The following relationships are similar:

- "type" <-> "instance"
- "concept" <-> "phenomenon"

Abstract Data Types & Classes

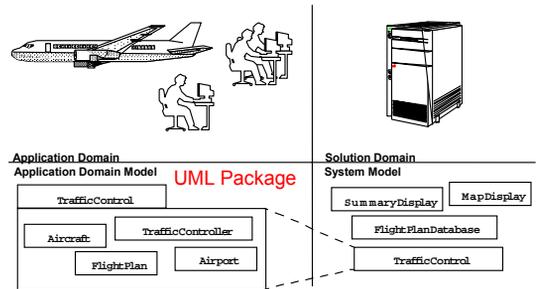
- Abstract data type
 - Special type whose implementation is hidden from the rest of the system.
- Class:
 - An abstraction in the context of object-oriented languages
- Like an abstract data type, a class encapsulates both state (variables) and behavior (methods)
 - Class Vector
- Unlike abstract data types, classes can be defined in terms of other classes using inheritance



Application and Solution Domain

- ◆ Application Domain (Requirements Analysis):
 - ◆ The environment in which the system is operating
- ◆ Solution Domain (System Design, Object Design):
 - ◆ The available technologies to build the system

Object-oriented modeling



What is UML?

- ◆ UML (Unified Modeling Language)
 - ◆ An emerging standard for modeling object-oriented software.
 - ◆ Resulted from the convergence of notations from three leading object-oriented methods:
 - ◆ OMT (James Rumbaugh)
 - ◆ OOSE (Ivar Jacobson)
 - ◆ Booch (Grady Booch)
- ◆ Reference: "The Unified Modeling Language User Guide", Addison Wesley, 1999.
- ◆ Supported by several CASE tools
 - ◆ Rational ROSE
 - ◆ TogetherJ

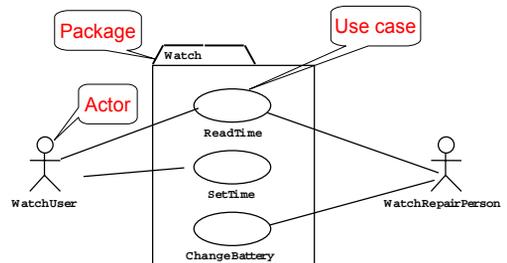
UML: First Pass

- ◆ You can model 80% of most problems by using about 20 % UML
- ◆ We teach you those 20%

UML First Pass

- ◆ Use case Diagrams
 - ◆ Describe the functional behavior of the system as seen by the user.
- ◆ Class diagrams
 - ◆ Describe the static structure of the system: Objects, Attributes, Associations
- ◆ Sequence diagrams
 - ◆ Describe the dynamic behavior between actors and the system and between objects of the system
- ◆ Statechart diagrams
 - ◆ Describe the dynamic behavior of an individual object (essentially a finite state automaton)
- ◆ Activity Diagrams
 - ◆ Model the dynamic behavior of a system, in particular the workflow (essentially a flowchart)

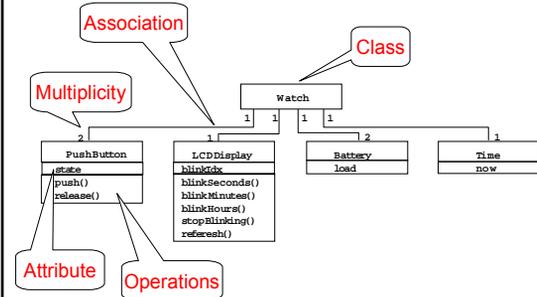
UML first pass: Use case diagrams



Use case diagrams represent the functionality of the system from user's point of view

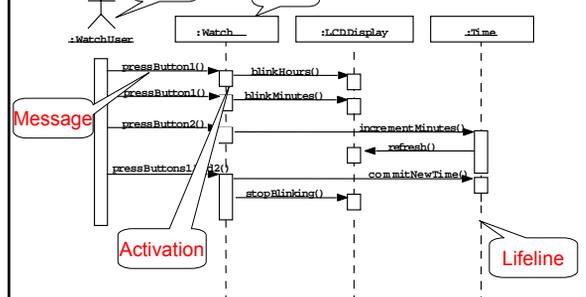
UML first pass: Class diagrams

Class diagrams represent the structure of the system



UML first pass: Sequence diagram

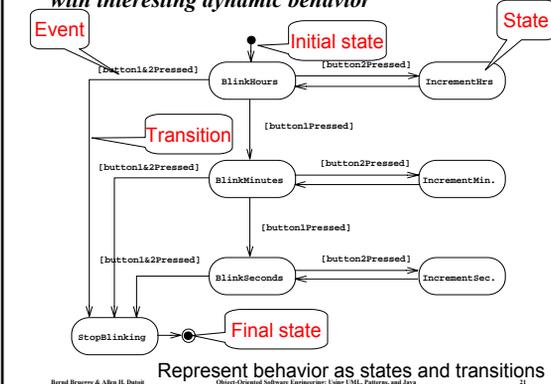
Sequence diagrams represent the behavior as interactions



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UML first pass: Statechart diagrams for objects with interesting dynamic behavior

Represent behavior as states and transitions



UML Summary

- UML provides a wide variety of notations for representing many aspects of software development
 - Powerful, but complex language
 - Can be misused to generate unreadable models
 - Can be misunderstood when using too many exotic features
- For now we concentrate on a few notations:
 - Functional model: Use case diagram
 - Object model: class diagram
 - Dynamic model: sequence diagrams, statechart and activity diagrams