

Class Diagram

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Class Diagrams

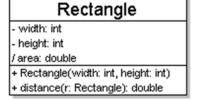
- Diagrams that allow analysist
 - to specify the static structure of a system
 - according to the object-oriented approach.
- Used to describe the class model

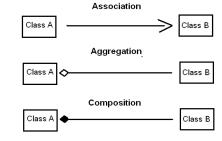
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Class Diagrams

- Elements of a class diagram :
 - Classes
 - Relations between classes
 - Associations
 - Compositions
 - Aggregations
 - Generalizations





Classe

Campaign

code

description

annual Cost

expected cost

pay()

do Budget()

ID Class (Class Name)

- Refers to specific objects, but the must abstract
- Nouns associated with the textual description of a problem
- Choose carefully the names
- using singular

Attributes

- •Values that characterize the objects of a class
- •Types : Real, Integer , Text, Boolean , Enumerated , ...

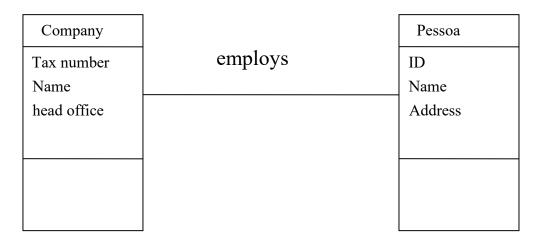
Operations

Behaviors of the class (service, method)

Relationship

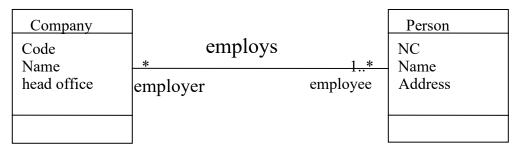
- A relationship UML establishes the connection between elements
- A relationship is graphically represented by a given type of line.
- In object-oriented modeling the three most important types of relationships are:
 - Associations
 - Generalizations
 - Dependencies

A relationship of association, or simply association is a structural relationship that specifies that objects of a class are linked to other objects.

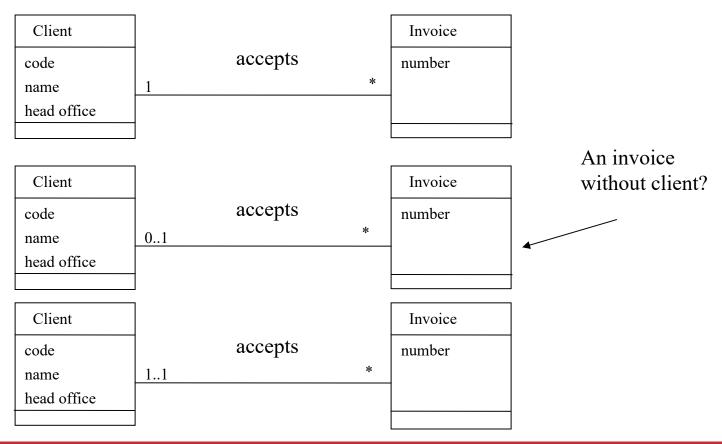


An association is represented in UML by a solid line complemented by:

- The name
- The role of each participant in the association
- The multiplicity of each participant in the association
- The type of aggregation



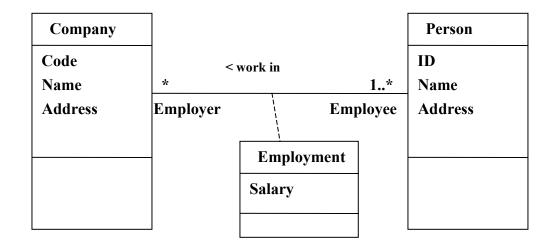
Multiplicity



- The role is part of the association, not of class
- Multiplicity in UML
 - allows to specify cardinality, i.e. number of elements, of some collection of elements.
- Multiplicity element
 - defines some collection of elements,
 - includes multiplicity
 - includes specification of order
 - includes uniqueness of the collection elements.

- The multiplicity reflects the number of instances of a class that can relate (by association) with a single instance (s) other (s) class (es) participant (s). You can specify in UML any type of multiplicity. For example:
 - multiplicity many (*)
 - one or more (1..*),
 - exactly one (1),
 - zero or one (0..1),
 - a number (e.g. 3),
 - a certain range (e.g., 2..6)
 - specified by more complex multiple lists (e.g., 0..3, 5..7, 10 .. * to represent "any number of objects except for 4, 8 or 9").

The association can be complex enough that it may be translated by a class (association class)



- Association between classes <u>without aggregation</u>:
 - both classes are on the same conceptual level (ie . A person buys a product)



- Association relationship <u>with aggregation:</u>
 - Translates that there is a kind of relation " is- part-of " " hasa", " consists of ...", " contains ..." or " it is part of ... "
 - An instance of a particular class has or is composed of several instances of another class.



- Composition, or composite aggregation
 - is a variant of the simple aggregation, that is added in the following semantics:
 - strong ownership of the "whole " in relation to "party" .
 - delimited lifetime (the "parts " can not exist without the "whole"
) .
 - the "whole" is responsible for the disposal of its "parts", or "all
 " is responsible for the creation and destruction of its "parts".



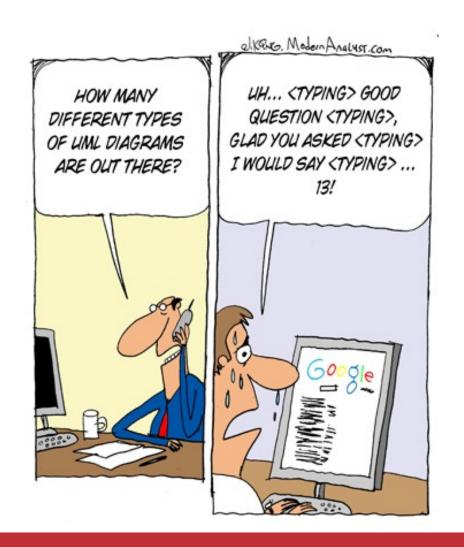
Generalization

- A relationship between a general element (eg, superclass, overuse case, super - actor) and a more specific element (eg, subclass, sub- use case, sub- actor).
- Commonly known as a relationship of the " is- a", " is-a -kind -of" or " is":
 - " A manager is an employee "
 - " A minister is a member of the government "
 - " A deputy is a political "



Dependency

 A relationship of dependence, or simply dependence indicates that the change in the specification of an element can affect another element that uses it, but not necessarily the opposite.



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