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> REQUIREMENTS ANALYSIS



In This Lecture You Will Learn:



- ▶ Why we analyse requirements
- Technical terms used with class diagrams
- How the UML class diagram expresses a detailed model of user requirements
- How to realize use cases with collaboration diagrams and class diagrams
- How the CRC technique helps identify classes and allocate responsibilities



Why Analyse Requirements?



- Use case model alone is not enough
 - ▶ There may be repetition
 - Some parts may already exist as standard components
- Analysis aims to identify:
 - Common elements
 - Pre-existing elements
 - ► Interaction between different requirements



What a Requirements Model Must Do



A requirements model meets two main needs:

- Confirms what users want a new system to do
 - Must be understandable for users
 - Must be correct and complete
- Specifies what designers must design
 - Must be unambiguous



What a Requirements Model Must Do



- Describes what the software should do
- Represents people, things and concepts important to understand what is going on
- Shows connections and interactions among these people, things and concepts
- Shows the business situation in enough detail to evaluate possible designs
- Is organized so as to be useful for designing the software



How We Model the Analysis

- ► The main tool used for analysing requirements is the class diagram
- ▶ Two main ways to produce this:
 - Directly based on knowledge of the application domain (a Domain Model)
 - By producing a separate class diagram for each use case, then assembling them into a single model (an Analysis Class Model)





- Analysis class stereotypes differentiate the roles objects can play:
 - Boundary objects model interaction between the system and actors (and other systems)
 - Entity objects represent information and behaviour in the application domain
 - Control objects co-ordinate and control other objects





Alternative notations for boundary class:







Alternative notations for entity class:

<<entity>>
Campaign

title campaignStartDate campaignFinishDate

getCampaignAdverts()
addNewAdvert()

Campaign

title

campaignStartDate campaignFinishDate

getCampaignAdverts()
addNewAdvert()

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Alternative notations for control class:

<<control>>

Control::AddAdvert

showClientCampaigns()

showCampaignAdverts()

createNewAdvert()

Control::AddAdvert



showClientCampaigns()

showCampaignAdverts()

createNewAdvert()

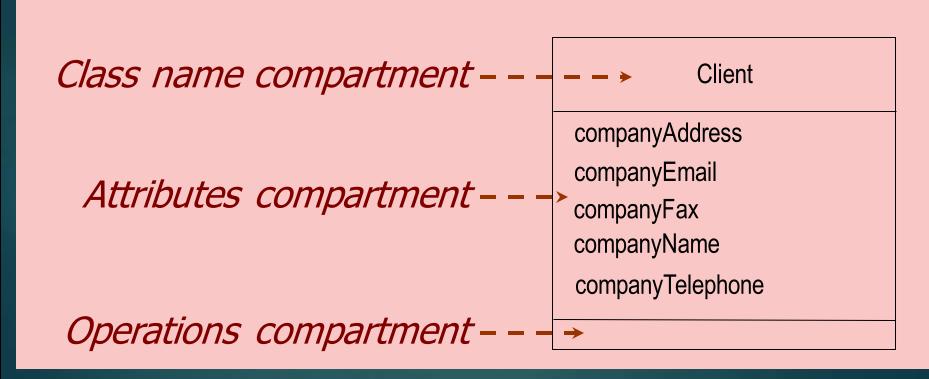


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Class Diagram: Class Symbol







Class Diagram: Instance Symbol



Object name compartment ---

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FoodCo:Client

Attribute values _ _ _

companyAddress=Evans Farm, Norfolk

companyEmail=mail@foodco.com

companyFax=01589-008636

companyName=FoodCo

companyTelephone=01589-008638

Instances do not have operations



Class Diagram: Attributes



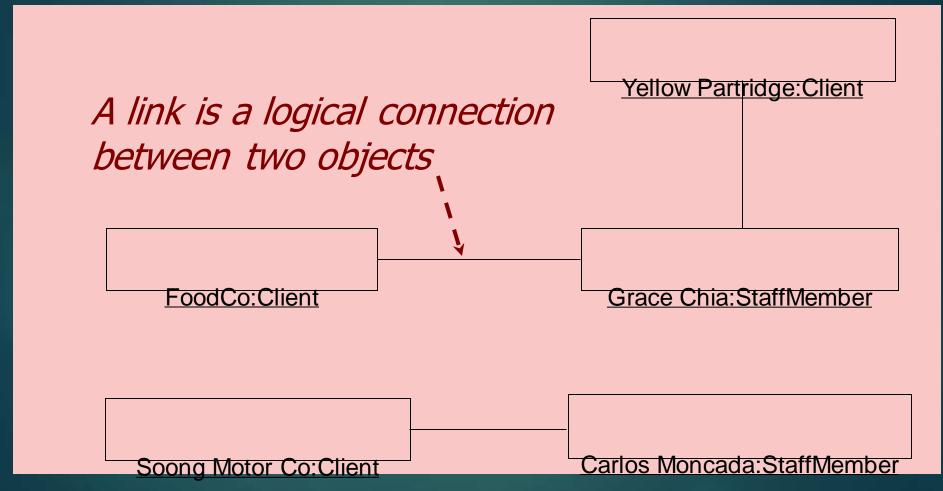
Attributes are:

- Part of the essential description of a class
- ▶ The common structure of what the class can 'know'

Each object has its own *value* for each attribute in its class



Class Diagram: Links





Class Diagram: Associations



Associations represent:

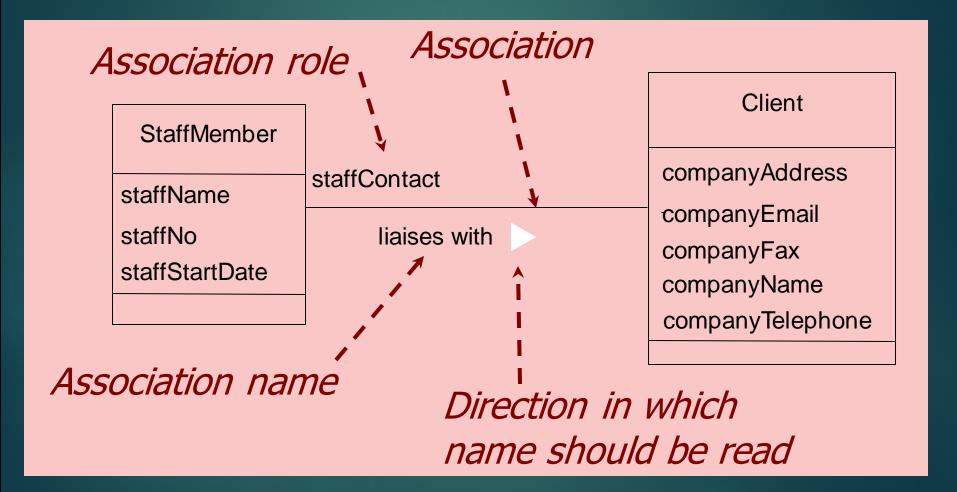
The possibility of a logical relationship or connection between objects of one class and objects of another

If two objects can be linked, their classes have an association



Class Diagram: Associations







Class Diagram: Multiplicity

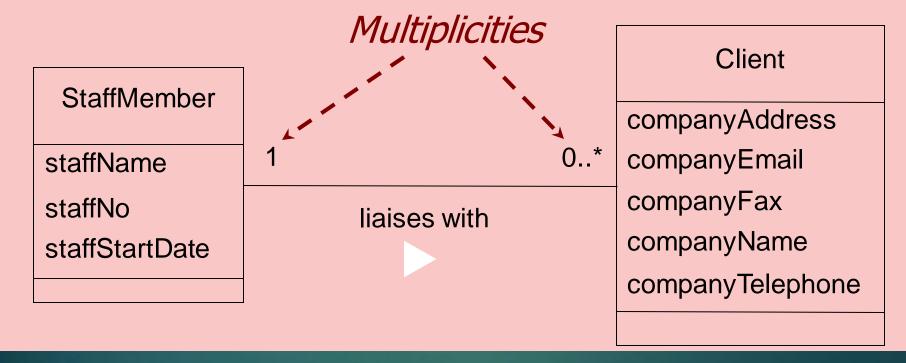


- Associations have multiplicity
- Multiplicity is the range of permitted cardinalities of an association
- Represent enterprise (or business) rules
- ► For example:
 - Any bank customer may have one or more accounts
 - ▶ Every account is for one, and only one, customer



Class Diagram: Multiplicity





- Exactly one staff member liaises with each client
- •A staff member may liaise with zero, one or more clients



Class Diagram: Operations



Operations are:

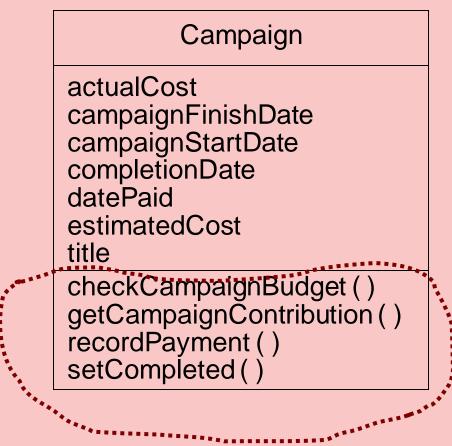
- An essential part of the description of a class
- ► The common behaviour shared by all objects of the class
- Services that objects of a class can provide to other objects



Class Diagram: Operations



- ► Operations describe what instances of a class can do:
 - ➤ Set or reveal attribute values
 - ▶ Perform calculations
 - ► Send messages to other objects
 - Create or destroy links

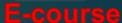


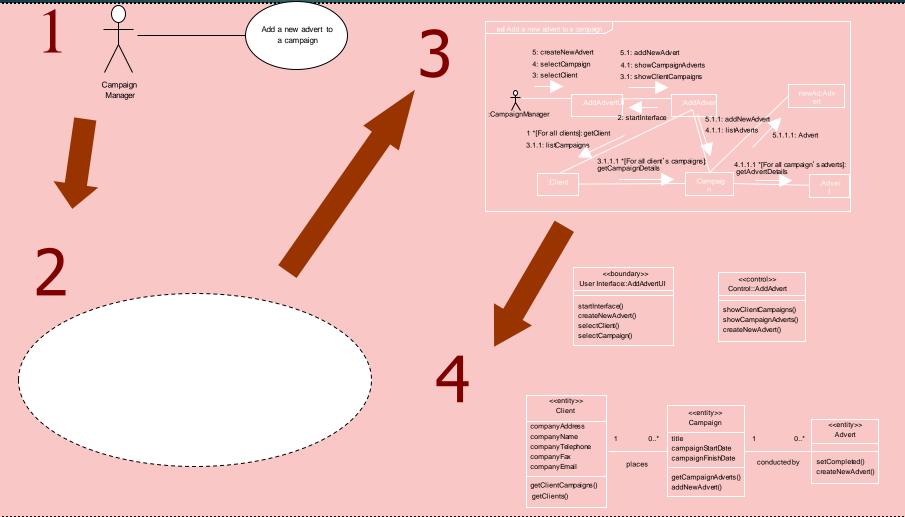
From Requirements to Classes

- Start with one use case
- Identify the likely classes involved (the use case collaboration)
- Draw a collaboration diagram that fulfils the needs of the use case
- ► Translate this collaboration into a class diagram
- ► Repeat for other use cases

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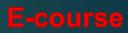
From Requirements to Classes







Reasonability Checks for Candidate Classes (cont'd)



- A number of tests help to check whether a candidate class is reasonable
 - Is it beyond the scope of the system?
 - Does it refer to the system as a whole?
 - ▶ Does it duplicate another class?
 - ▶ Is it too vague?
 - ► (More on next slide)



Reasonability Checks for Candidate Classes (cont'd)

- ▶ Is it too tied up with physical inputs and outputs?
- ▶ Is it really an attribute?
- ▶ Is it really an operation?
- ▶ Is it really an association?
- ▶ If any answer is 'Yes', consider modelling the potential class in some other way (or do not model it at all)



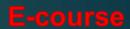
CRC Cards



- Class–Responsibility–Collaboration cards help to model interaction between objects
- ► For a given scenario (or use case):
 - ▶ Brainstorm the objects
 - Allocate to team members
 - ▶ Role play the interaction



CRC Cards



Class Name:

Responsibilities

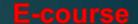
Responsibilities of a class are listed in this section.

Collaborations

Collaborations with other classes are listed here, together with a brief description of the purpose of the collaboration.

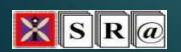


Class Name	Client	
Responsibilities		Collaborations
Provide client information.		
Provide list of campaigns.		Campaign provides campaign details.



Class Name Campaign	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
Provide campaign information. Provide list of adverts. Add a new advert.	Advert provídes advert details. Advert constructs new object.

Class Name Advert	
Responsibilities	Collaborations
Provide advert details. Construct adverts.	



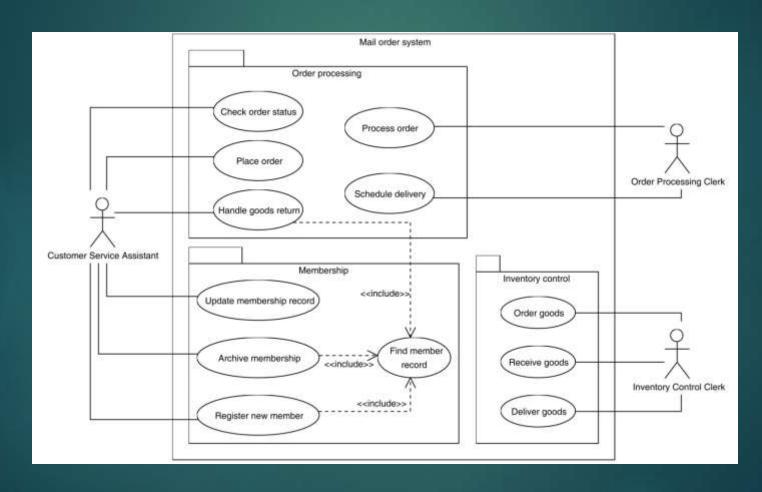
CRC Cards



- Effective role play depends on an explicit strategy for distributing responsibility among classes
- ► For example:
 - ► Each role player tries to be lazy
 - Persuades other players their class should accept responsibility for a given task
- May use 'Paper CASE' to document the associations and links



Requirements - Use Case Analysis: Structuring Use Case Model





Analysis

- ► The analysis workflow is to develop the domain class model and start the dynamic modeling.
- First, we develop the domain class model by applying the transitor(problem statement, domain class model) manipulator.
- ▶ Using this manipulator, we can construct the class model for the system (static modeling) and analyze the dynamic behaviors of the use cases (system modeling).

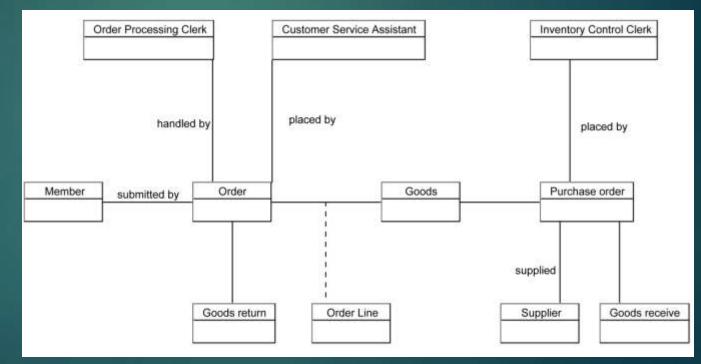


Analysis - Domain Analysis (Class Level)

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We apply the Transitor(Problem_Statement[use case level],
 Data_Dictionary.Class_List) manipulator to obtain the domain

class model.

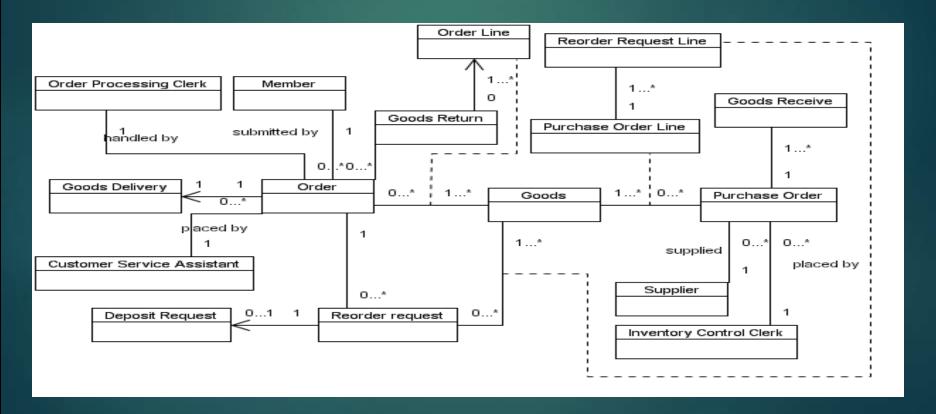




Analysis - Static Modeling

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Apply the Transitor (Use_Case_Description, Class_Diagram[analysis])





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