



Introduction to Unified Modeling Language (UML)

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The Unified Modeling Language User Guide, Grady Booch,
James Rumbaugh, Ivar Jacobsen , Addison Wesley, 1999,
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The Unified Modeling Language (UML)



- ◆ UML or Unified Modeling Language comes from Rumbaugh, Booch, and Jacobson (the three amigos) who combined efforts to standardize on one modeling language
- ◆ This is primarily a graphical communication mechanism for developers and customers
- ◆ We will learn some, but not all, of the UML
 - it is very complex, few understand all of it

UML



- ◆ The main purpose of UML is to
 - support communication about the analysis and design of the system being developed
 - support the movement from the problem domain in the "world" to the solution domain in the machine
 - ◆ Two views of the same system
 - one view has diagrams
 - source code is another view
 - ◆ Sometimes it's nice to look at the overview
 - Reverse engineer your code with a UML tool to see how your code looks in UML

UML is a Modeling Language



◆ UML

- graphical notation to describe software design
- has rules on how to draw models of
 - ◆ classes
 - ◆ associations between classes
 - ◆ message sends between objects
- has become the de facto industry standard
 - ◆ Not official, but everyone uses it
- like a blueprint to show what is going on during analysis, design and implementation
 - ◆ Some Projects require UML documentation

UML Defined by the Authors



The Unified Modeling Language User Guide, Booch, Rumbaugh, Jacobson states:

The UML is a language for

- visualizing
- specifying
- constructing
- documenting

the artifacts of a software intensive system

First up: Class Diagrams



- ◆ A class diagram
 - expresses class definitions to be implemented
 - lists name, attributes, and methods for each class
 - shows relationships between classes
- ◆ UML allows different levels of detail on both the attributes and the methods of one class
 - could be just the the class name in a rectangle
 - or like the general form shown on the next slide

Software Specification (Class Name)

attribute

attribute : type

attribute : type = initial value

classAttribute

derivedAttribute

...

method1()

method2(parameter : Type) : return type

abstractMethod()

+publicMethod()

-privateMethod()

#protectedMethod()

classMethod()

...

AccountCollection

- allAccounts : HashMap

+AccountCollection ()

+getAccountWithID (ID: String) : Account

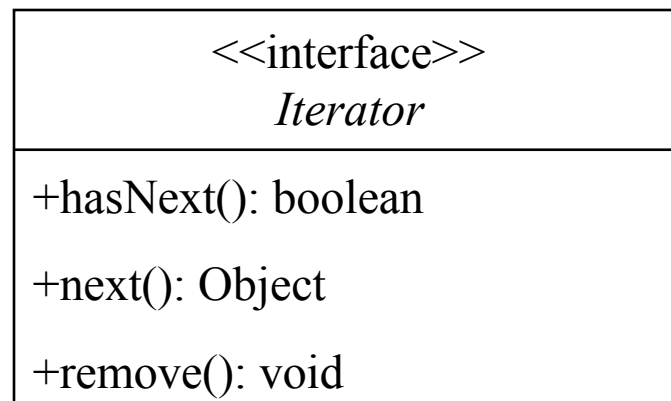
+add(accountToAdd: Account) : boolean

+iterator() : Iterator

Note: iterator is needed by the
bank manager

Stereotypes

- ◆ Stereotype is a UML element that allows designers to extend the UML vocabulary
 - Often used to distinguish an abstract class name from an interface, both of which are written in *italic*



Different levels of detail



◆ Tips for modeling

- Express as much or as little detail as needed
- Often, a rectangle with a name is enough
 - ◆ perhaps a method or an attribute clarifies
- Simple is good
- Sketches on paper or white board are effective

Relationships

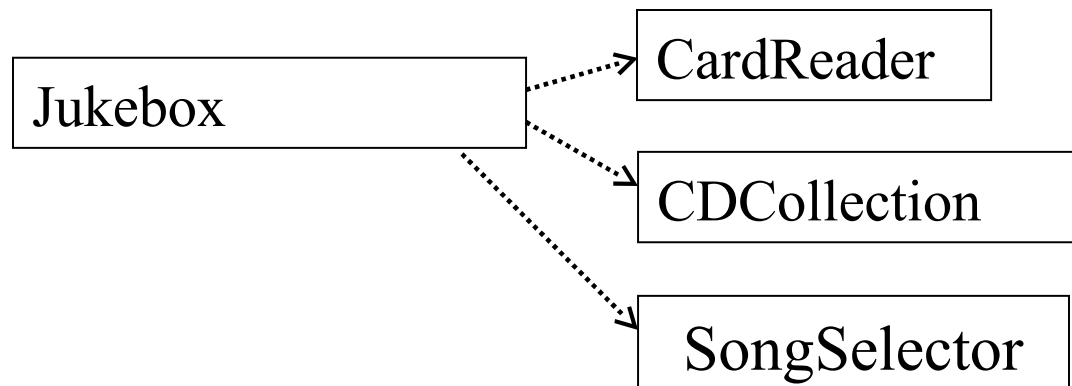


- ◆ Three Relationships in UML
 - 1) Dependency
 - 2) Association
 - 3) Generalization
- ◆ Understanding these relationships is more important than the lines that UML uses

1) Dependency: A Uses Relationship

◆ Dependencies

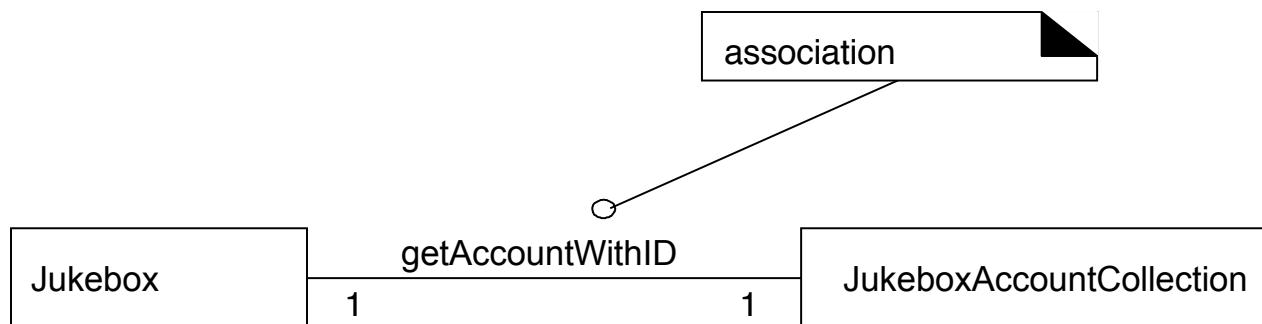
- occurs when one object depends on another
- if you change one object's interface, you need to change the dependent object
- arrow points from dependent to needed objects



2) Association: Structural Relationship

◆ Association

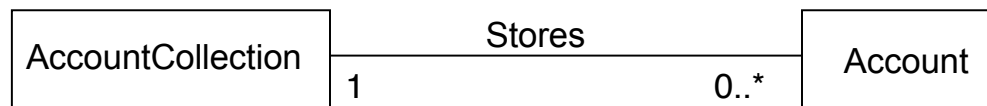
- a relationship between classes indicates some meaningful and interesting connection
- Can label associations with a hyphen connected verb phrase which reads well between concepts



Associations

◆ Associations imply

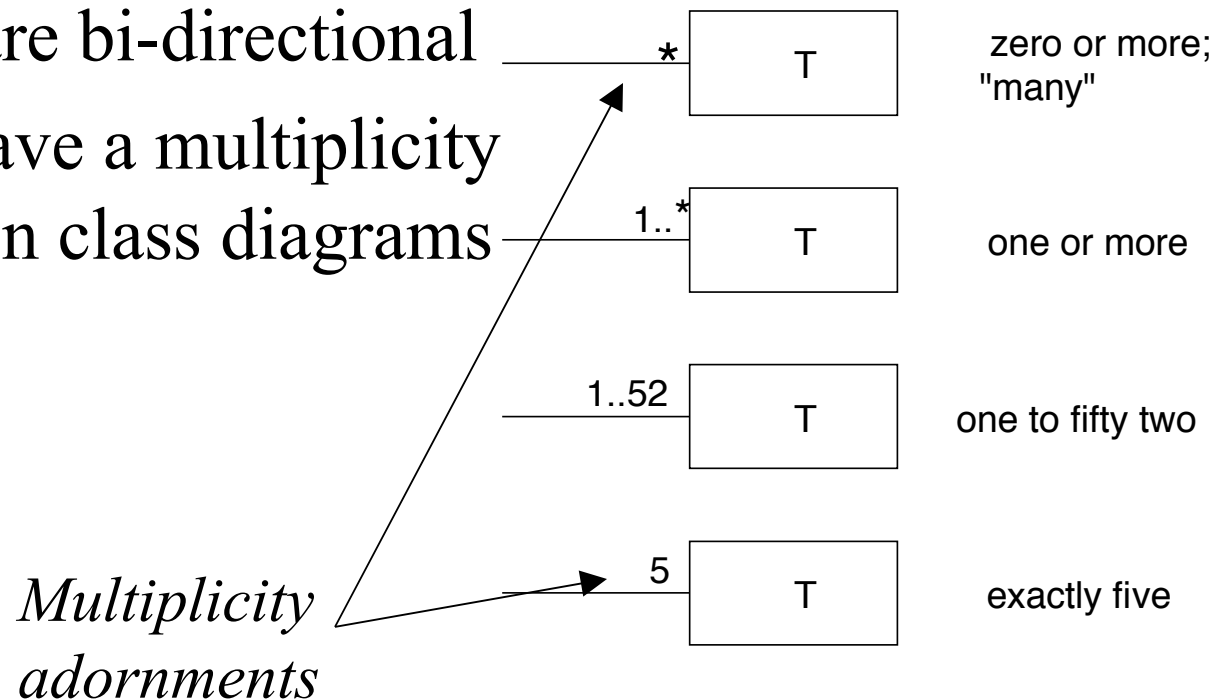
- our knowledge that a relationship must be preserved for some time (0.01 ms to forever)
 - ◆ Between what objects do we need to remember a relationship?
 - Does a Transaction need to remember Account?
 - Would AccountCollection need to remember Accounts?



Notation and Multiplicity Adornments

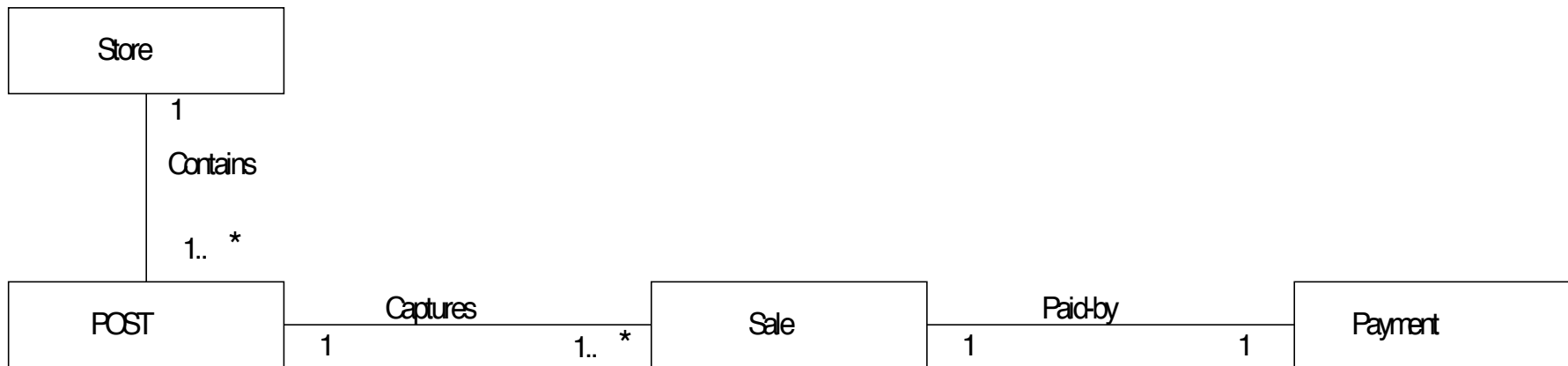
◆ UML Association:

- a line between two concepts and a name
- they are bi-directional
- can have a multiplicity
- exist in class diagrams



Association Names

- ◆ Read this *Type-VerbPhrase-Type* (*POST is a Point of Sale Terminal*)



- ◆ Not shown here: Attributes and Methods
- ◆ This just shows associations between objects



Aggregation: A Special Association

- ◆ Aggregation: whole/part relationships
 - An association that models HAS-A relationships
 - The objects can exist independently of each other
 - No one object is more important than the other
 - Place an open diamond on the whole
 - School contains a collection of Student objects

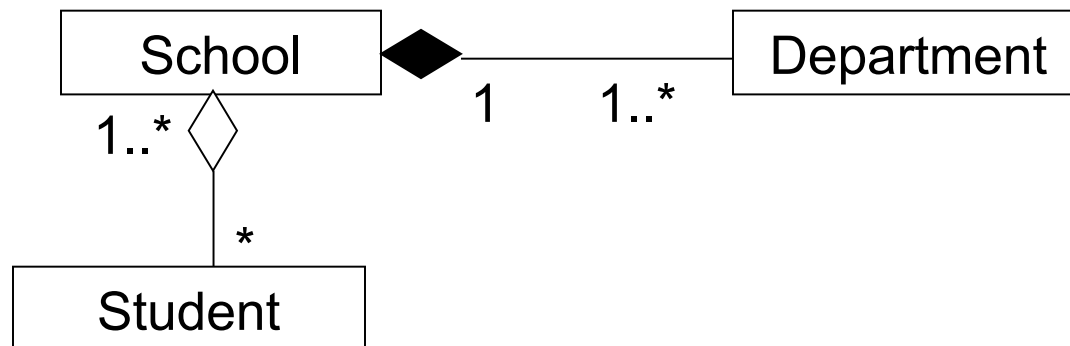


- In Java, this is the same as an association, an instance variable, no special syntax

Composition: A Special Association

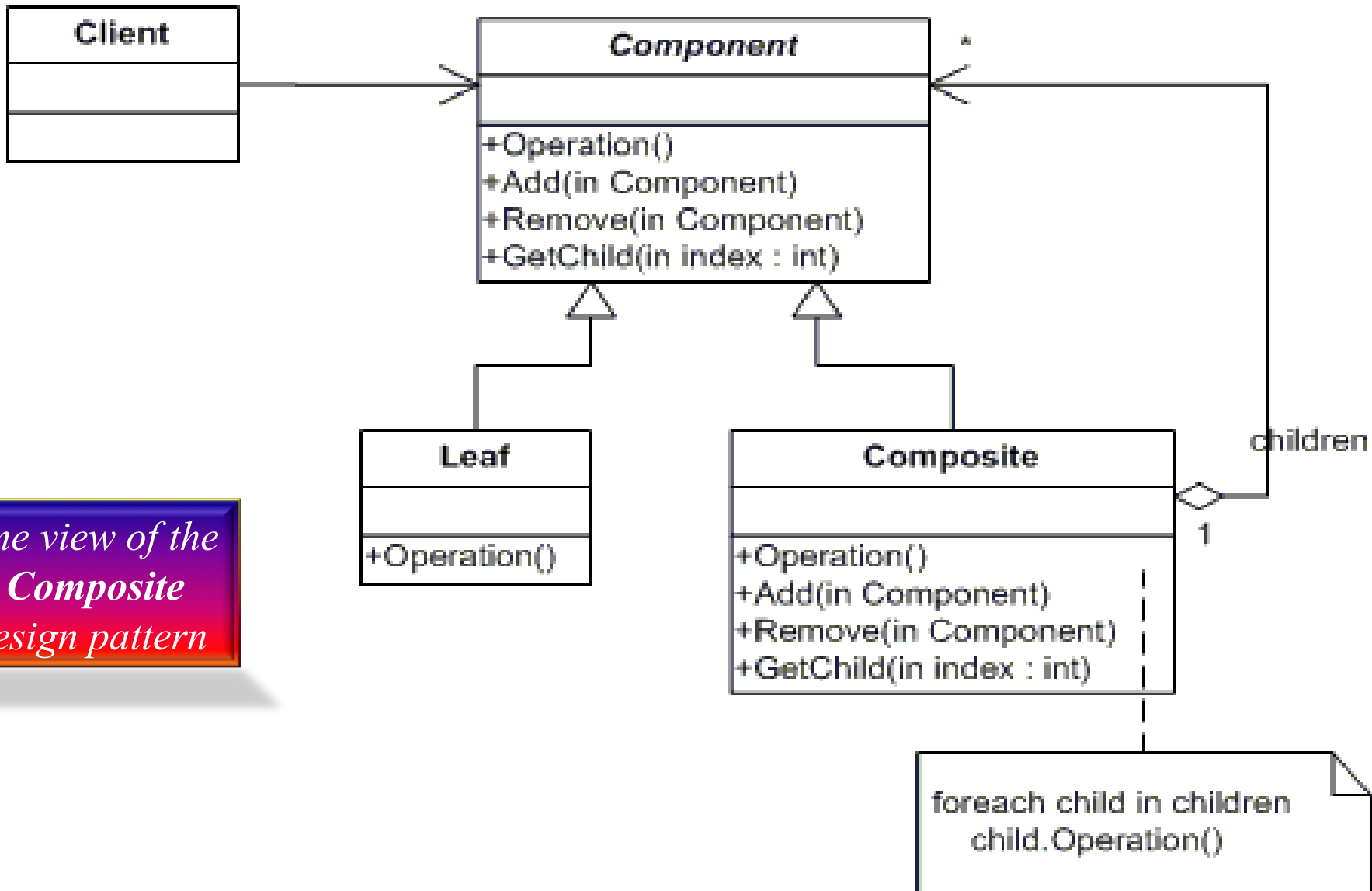
◆ Composition: Stronger relationship

- One can not exist without the other
- If the school folds, students live on
 - ◆ but the departments go away with the school
- If a department closes, the school can go on *AIC** e.g.

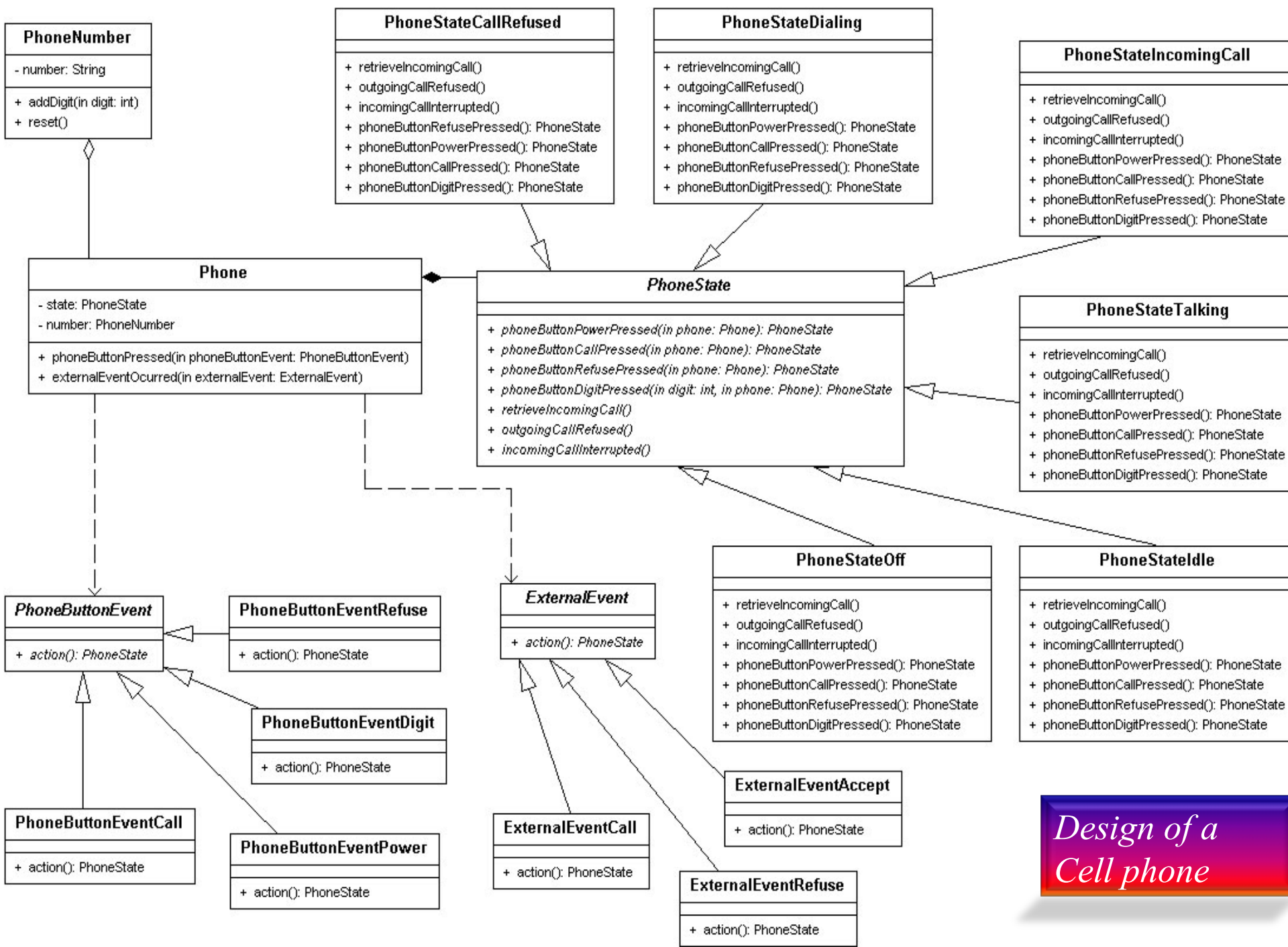


- Model aggregation or composition? When in doubt, use association (just a simple line) *don't sweat the diff in 335*

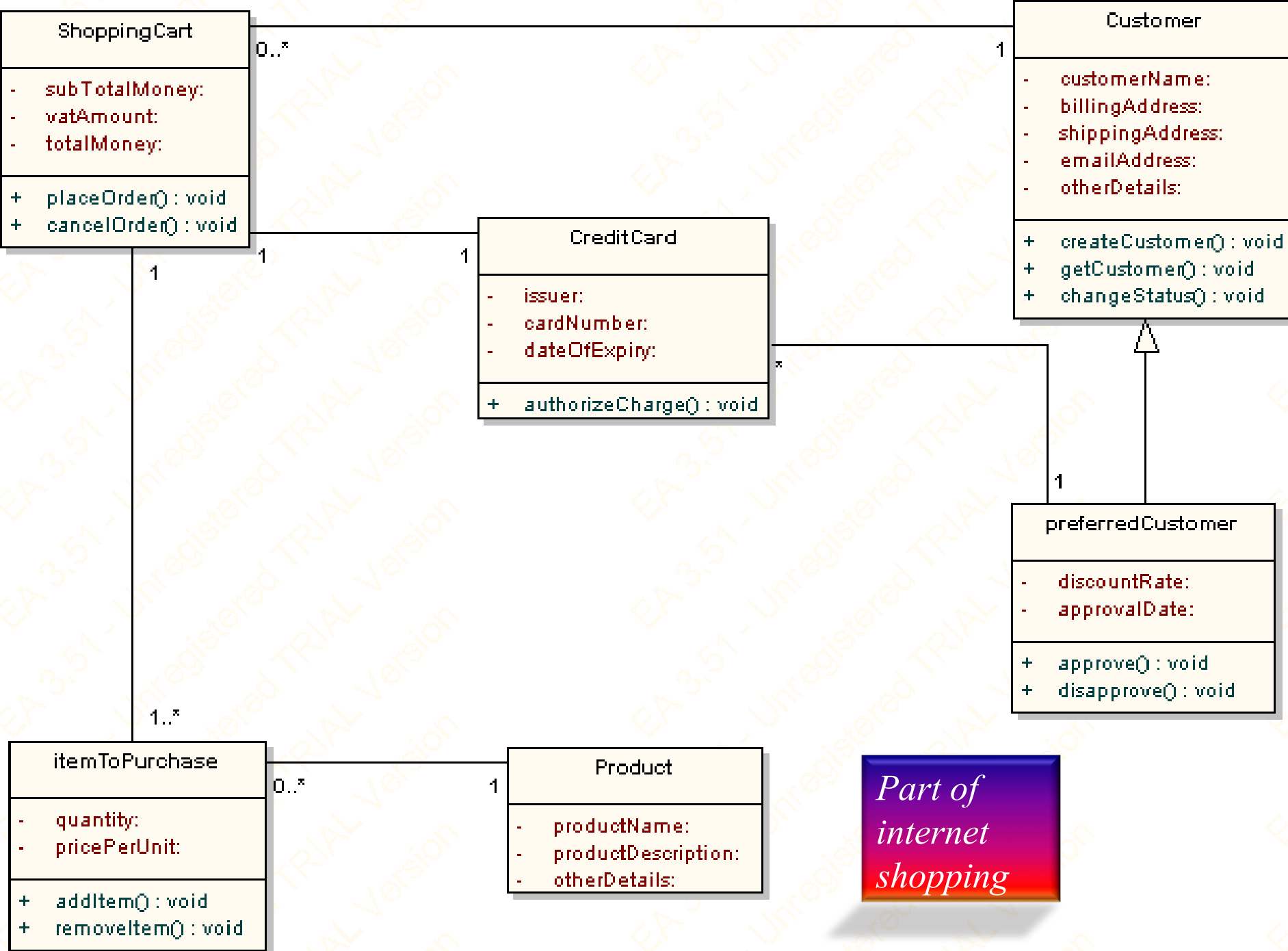
Example UML Class Diagrams



*One view of the
Composite
design pattern*



Design of a Cell phone



Part of internet shopping

Active Learning



- ◆ In teams of two or three, using examples in these slides and the names of the objects we discovered in the Five Card Draw, complete a class diagram that shows a design of a software system to model the game as it would exist on a gambling website.

Assignment #5, due 3-Sep 4:45 pm

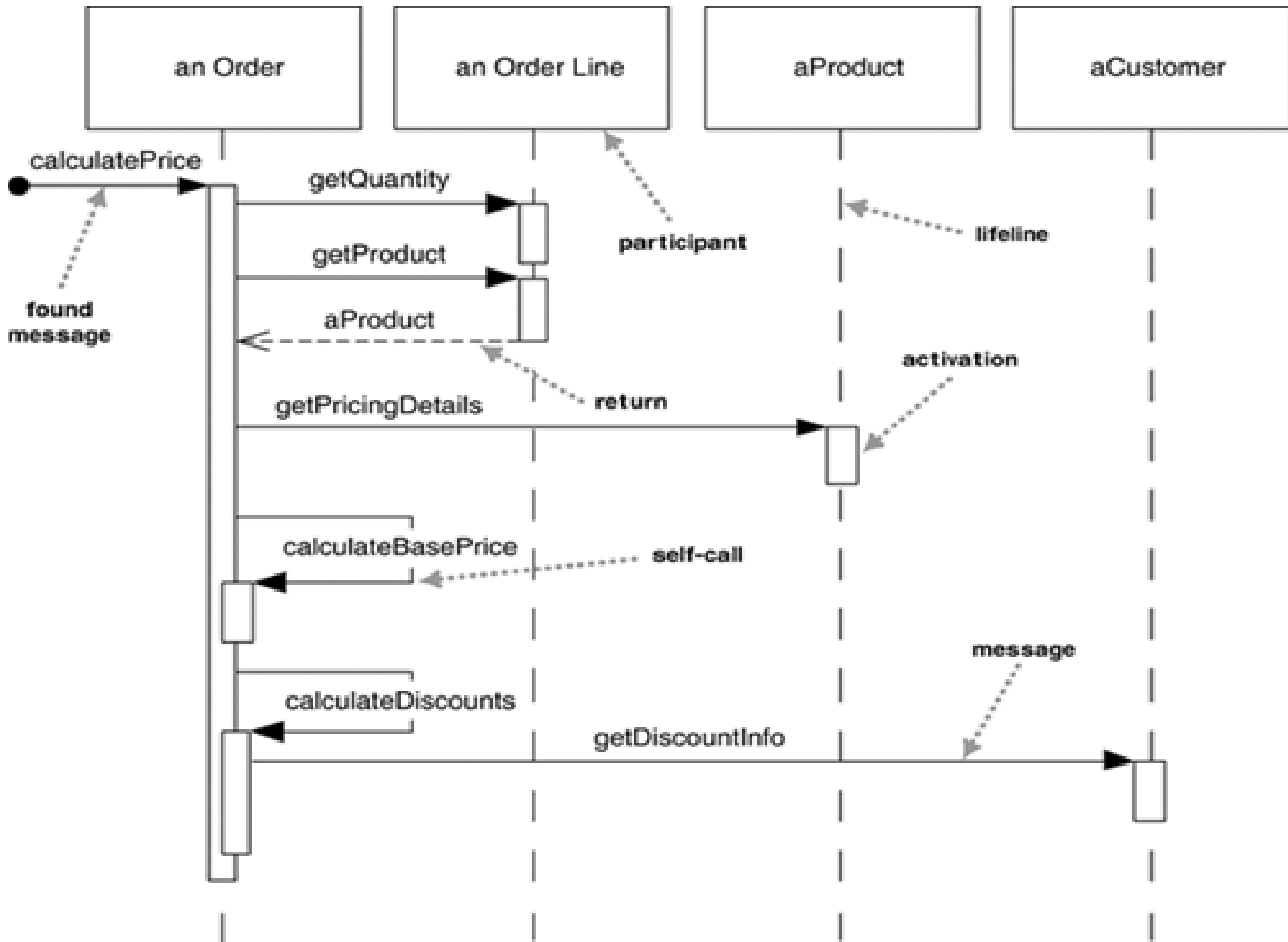


- ◆ Draw rectangles for classes
- ◆ Include the class name
 - In at least five classes, write one
- ◆ Draw associations between objects
 - missing diamonds and arrows are okay
 - ◆ one solid line will suffice
 - an association implies there will be some relationship between the objects as some point
- ◆ There is a separate handout for this
 - You must be in class to get credit

Sequence Diagrams



- ◆ Interaction diagrams describe how groups of objects collaborate in some behavior
- ◆ The UML defines several forms of interaction diagram, the most common is the sequence diagram
- ◆ A class diagram shows a fixed view of a system
- ◆ A sequence diagram represents a dynamic view of a system by capturing message sends over time
 - Can document a scenario such as
 - ◆ Dealer deals cards to all players
 - ◆ Withdraw Money when there is enough balance
 - ◆ Withdraw Money when there is *not* enough balance

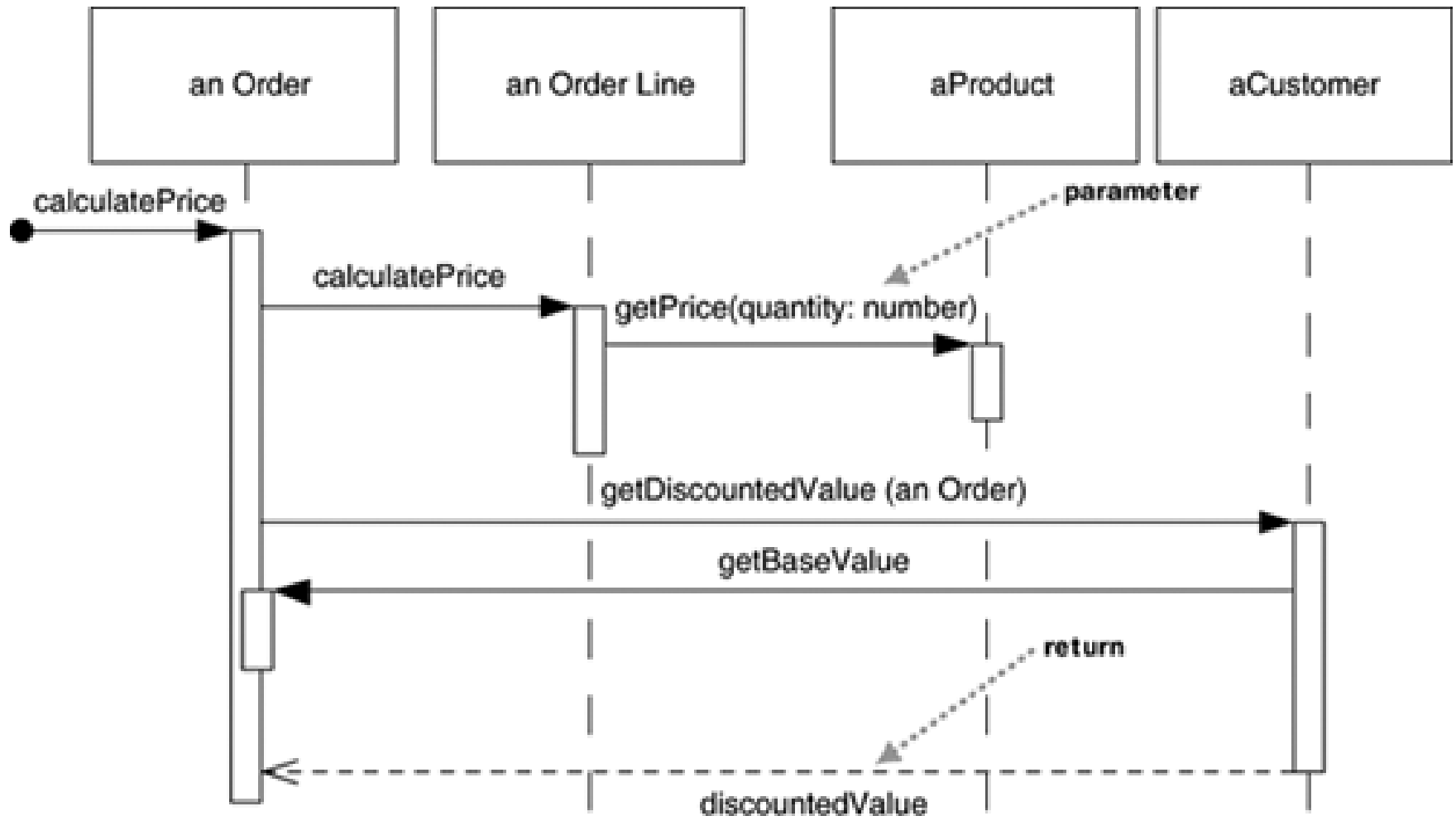


Sequence Diagrams



- ◆ Not good at showing details of algorithms such as loops and conditional
- ◆ Good at showing the calls between participants
- ◆ Gives a good picture about which participants are doing which processing

More Distributed Control Shown here



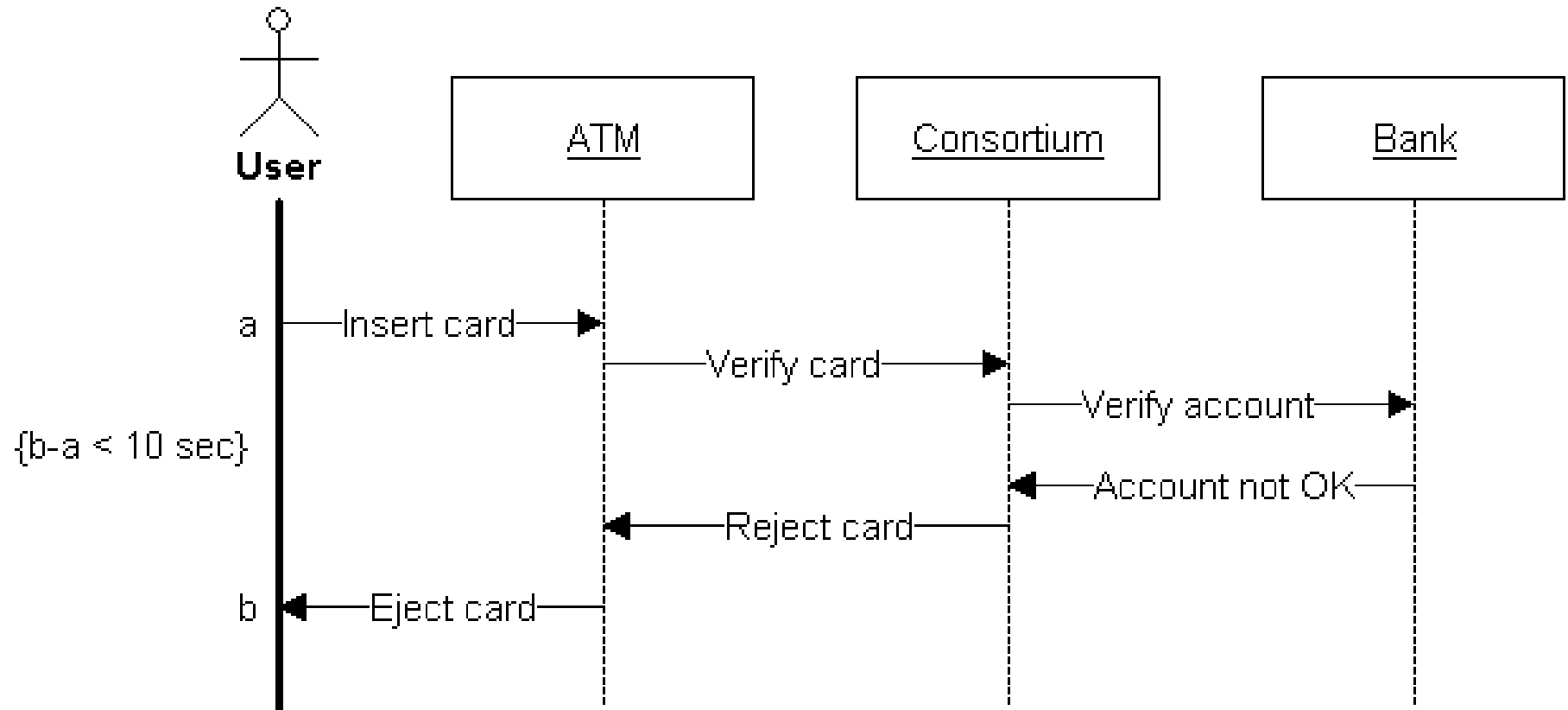
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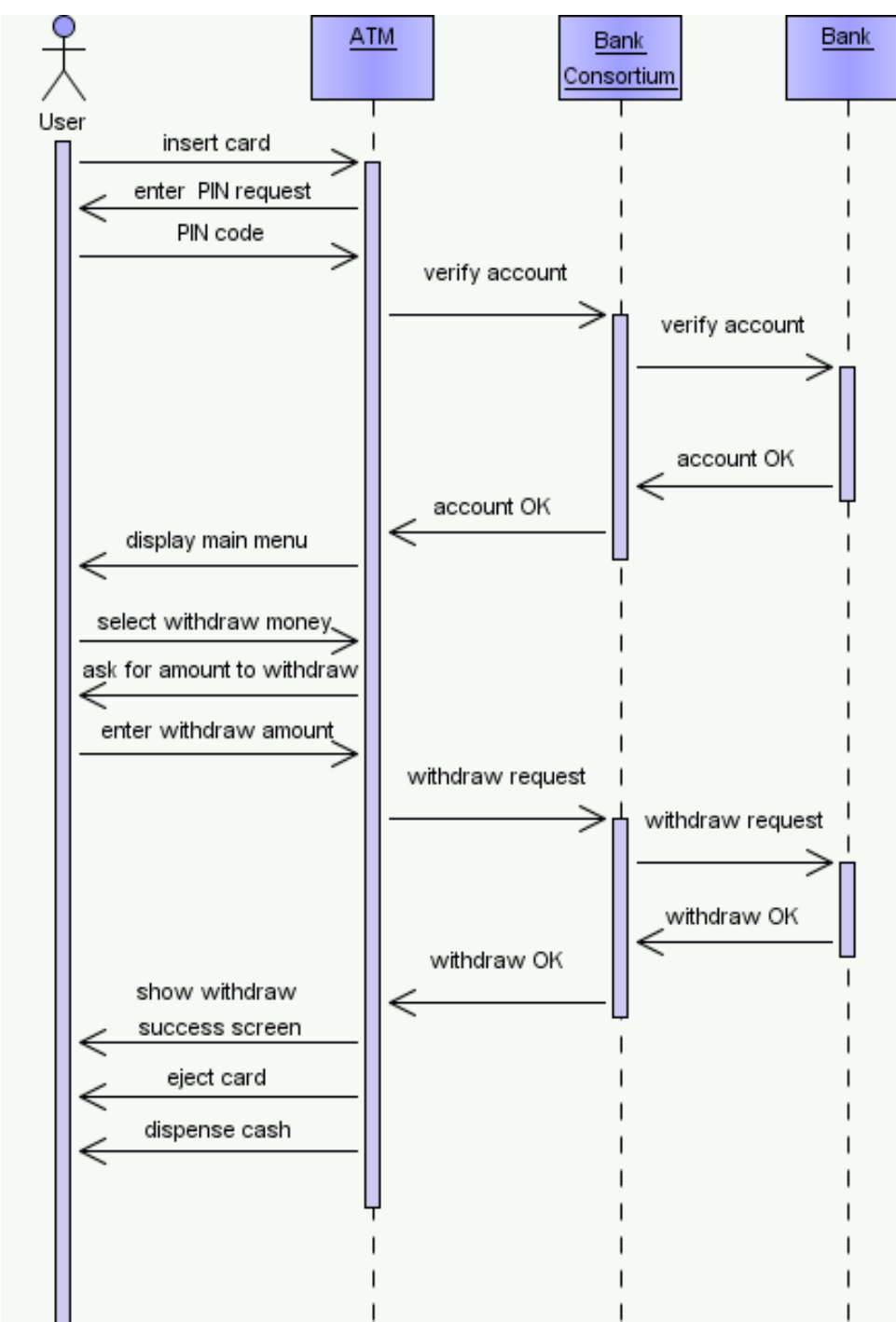
- ◆ Objects are lined up on top in rectangles
- ◆ Object names :CardReader
- ◆ Dashed lines represent lifetime of objects
- ◆ Rectangles are activation lines
 - When the object is "alive"
 - Activation bar of the receivers of the message is smaller than the sender's activation bar
- ◆ Not much detail written

Another Example

<http://www.ifi.uio.no/in219/verktoy/doc/html/doc/user/mg/dgmsuml6.html>



Scenario: The user tries to use an ATM, but the account is not known



Scenario: The user successfully withdraws money from an ATM