CHAPTER 2: SOFTWARE DESIGN WITH THE UNIFIED MODELING LANGUAGE

#### **Session I: UML Fundamentals**

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# **Session's Agenda**

## > UML Fundamentals

- ✓ History, goals, etc.
- ✓ Classifiers
- ✓ Relationships
- ✓ Enhancing features

#### > UML Diagrams

- ✓ Structural diagrams
- ✓ Behavioral diagrams
- > UML Summary
  - ✓ What's next...

- > Communication is an essential, critical skill for engineers.
  - ✓ Throughout a project's life-cycle, designers spent a great deal of time and effort communicating with other members of the project.

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- ✓ In previous sessions, we discussed the importance of managing design influences.
  - Imagine, if stakeholders used different languages for communication.
- ✓ Different languages of communication would decrease efficiency and effectiveness.

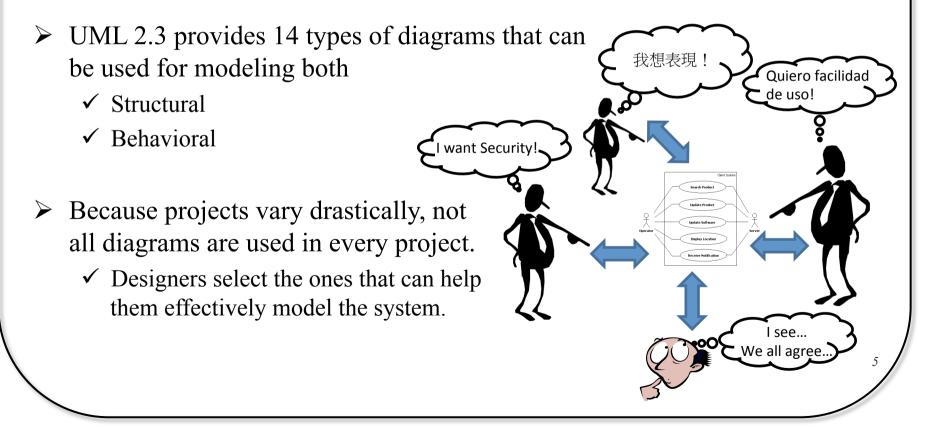
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- The UML is the result of years of collaborative work spent in devising a unified approach for modeling systems.
  - ✓ The first efforts focused on unifying three popular modeling methods:
    - The Booch method, by Grady Booch
    - The object-oriented software engineering method (OOSE), by Ivar Jacobson
    - The object modeling technique (OMT) by James Rumbaugh
- The goals of the unification project were specified by Booch, Rumbaugh, and Jacobson as follows:
  - 1. To model systems, from concept to executable artifact, using object-oriented techniques.
  - 2. To address the issues of scale inherent in complex, mission-critical systems.
  - 3. To create a modeling language usable by both humans and machines.
- The development of early UML versions generated interest among numerous influential organizations.
  - ✓ Microsoft, Oracle, IBM, Rational, etc. This collaborative effort resulted in UML 1.0.
  - $\checkmark$  After revisions, it was accepted by the OMG as UML 1.1.
  - ✓ Since then, UML has evolved and accepted heavily in industry.

Formally, UML can be defined as a visual language for specifying, analyzing, and documenting design elements essential for modeling the dynamic and static aspects of software systems before construction.



## Officially, UML Structural Diagrams

✓ Concerned with capturing and specifying static elements and their interrelationships required for supporting the solution to a given problem, within a given context.

#### Behavioral Diagrams

✓ Concerned with capturing and specifying the dynamic behavior and the inherent complexities present in the behavioral aspects of software systems.

- To model almost any aspect of today's modern system, UML was developed with flexibility and extensibility in mind.
  - ✓ However, the fundamental building blocks are well defined and must be understood before applying UML effectively.
- > UML's building blocks are grouped into:
  - ✓ Classifiers
    - Structural things that represent conceptual or physical elements of a model.
    - They are typically the main elements in UML diagrams.
    - Each type of UML diagram, uses specific type of classifiers, so that not all classifiers are relevant to all UML diagrams.
  - ✓ Relationships
    - Defines and provides visualization of the interconnections that exists among classifiers.
  - ✓ Enhancing features
    - Provides flexibility that allow designers to enhance and evolve modeling capabilities so that they become appropriate for particular systems.

Let's cover the building blocks in more detail...

# **UML 2.3 CLASSIFIERS**

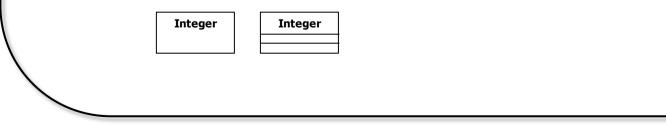
- ➤ UML 2.3 classifiers include:
  - ✓ Use Case
    - Classifier used to model a single required system behavior; represented with icons of elliptical shape.

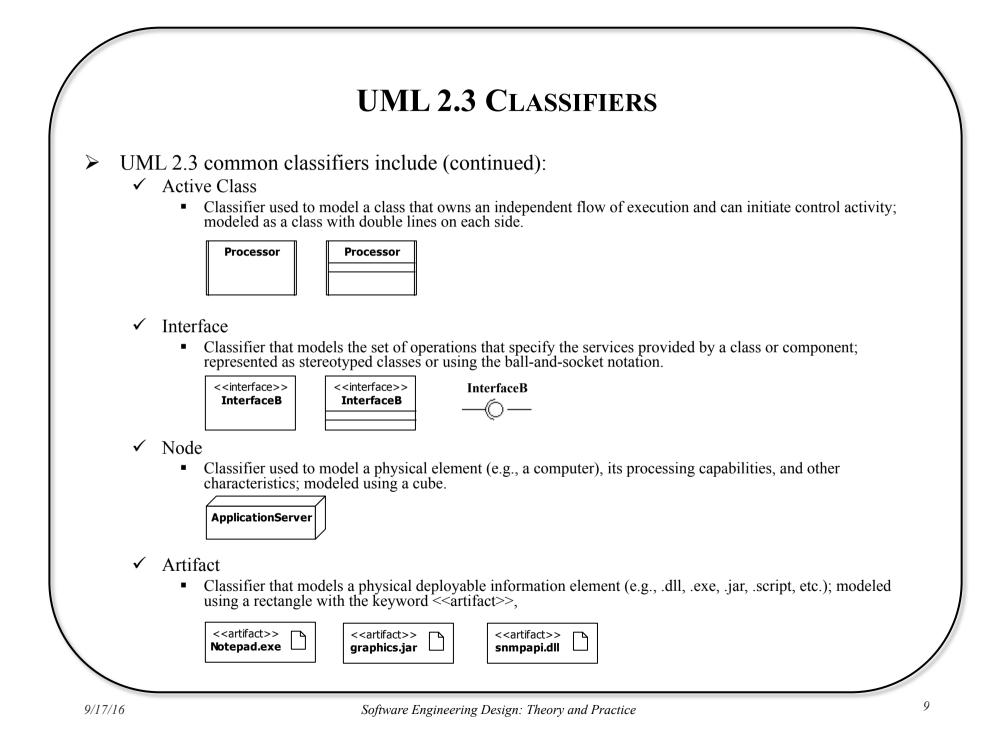


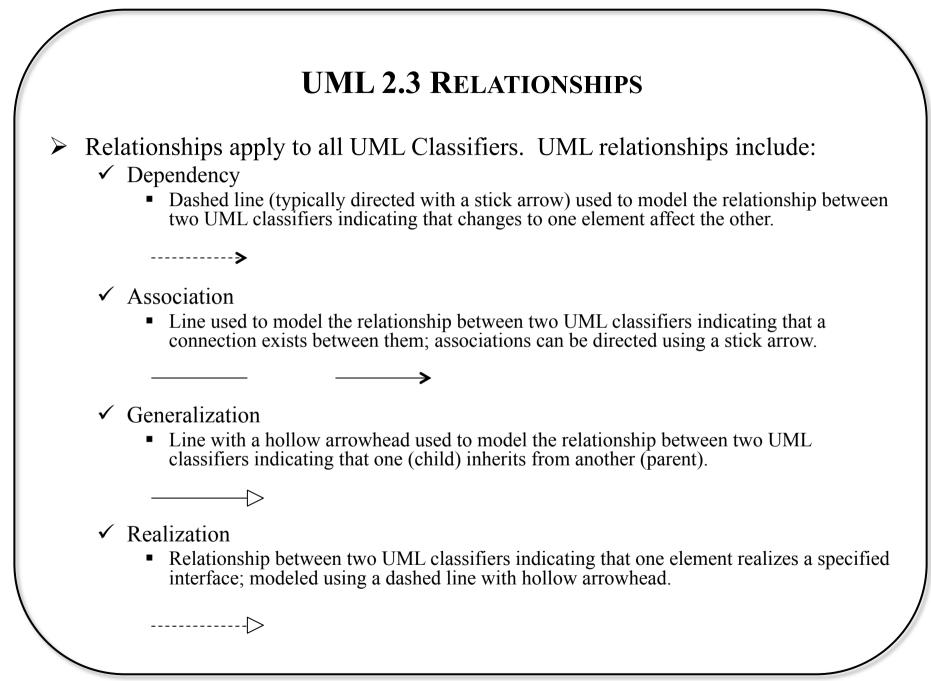
- ✓ Component
  - Classifier used to represent a modular and replaceable part of the system; modeled using a box with the keyword <<component>> and optional component icon on the top right corner.

<<component>> ClientManager

- ✓ Class
  - Classifier used to model a type in terms of operations, attributes, relationships, and other semantics; modeled using a rectangular box. Typically, a class is split into compartments for attributes and operations.



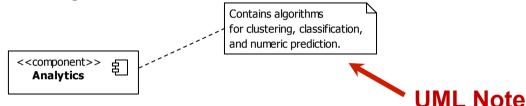




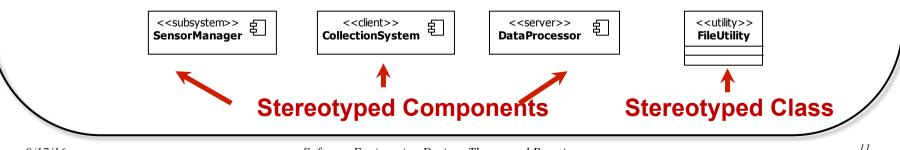
# **UML 2.3 ENHANCING FEATURES**

#### $\triangleright$ Common UML mechanisms for enhancement:

- $\checkmark$  Notes
  - Mechanism for adding descriptive information to UML elements (both classifiers) and relationships) and diagrams; modeled using a rectangle with a dog-eared corner and can be connected using a dashed line.



- ✓ Stereotypes
  - Mechanism for extending UML by adding information that gives existing UML elements (both classifiers and relationships) a different meaning, therefore creating a semantically different element for modeling application-specific concepts; modeled as existing UML elements with the <<stereotype>> mechanism.

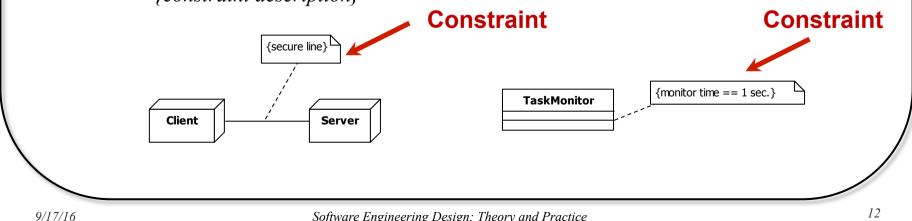


# **UML 2.3 ENHANCING FEATURES**

- Common UML mechanisms for enhancement (continued):  $\geq$ 
  - $\checkmark$  Tagged values
    - Mechanism for adding new properties to a stereotype; modeled by adding the tagged value in the form of *property* = *value* to existing stereotyped UML elements.



- $\checkmark$  Constraints
  - Mechanism for specifying constraints to design elements (both classifiers and relationships); associated with specific design elements in the form of *{constraint description}*



# **UML 2.3 DIAGRAMS - STRUCTURAL**

- Together, UML classifiers, relationships, and enhancement features can be used together in 14 diagrams to model systems from different perspectives and different concerns.
- > The most common UML *structural diagrams* are presented below.

Structural Diagram	Description		
Component Diagram	Used to model software as group of components connected to each other through well-defined interfaces		
Class Diagram	Used to model software as a set of classes, including their operations, attributes, and relationships.		
Object Diagram	Used to model an instant snapshot of the life of an object during execution, including its state and attribute values.		
Deployment Diagram	Used to model the physical realization of software systems, including physical nodes where software is deployed, interfaces between nodes, executable software artifacts, and the manifestation of software components.		
Package Diagram	Used to model the decomposition of software as a set of packages, including relationships between packages.		

- > Other structural diagrams include:
  - ✓ Composite structure diagram
  - ✓ Profile diagram

# **UML 2.3 DIAGRAMS - BEHAVIORAL**

> The most common UML *behavioral diagrams* are presented below.

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State Machine Diagram	Used to capture, specify, and visualize system behavior as a set of discrete states and the transitions between them.		
Activity Diagram	Used to capture, specify, and visualize system behavior; provide mechanisms for modeling that includes conditional statements, repetition, concurrency, and parallel execution and thus can be used at many different levels of abstraction, from modeling business work flows to code.		

- > Other behavioral diagrams include:
  - ✓ Timing diagram
  - ✓ Interaction overview diagram

# **UML SUMMARY**

- UML is essential to enhancing system analysis, specification, and communication among a project's stakeholders. Specifically, UML
  - Provides a common language for analyzing, evaluating, and specifying systems.
  - ✓ Models can be created at higher levels and transferred downstream, for subsequent, finer-grained analysis, evaluation, and specification.
  - ✓ Models serve as the main tool for transferring knowledge and enhancing communication among stakeholders, including customers, managers, and programmers.
  - ✓ Enables visualization of complex systems and enables more efficient reasoning about the problem, therefore enhancing the problem-solving process.
  - ✓ Enhances design documents and enables reusability of solutions, which can be applied in future projects.

# WHAT'S NEXT...

- In the next session we will discuss how UML classifiers, relationships, and enhancement features can be used to create structural diagrams. Specifically, we will focus on:
  - ✓ UML structural modeling
    - What is structural modeling?
    - Why is it important?
  - ✓ Component diagrams
    - Interfaces
    - Assembly connectors
    - Other common relationships
  - ✓ Class diagrams
    - Details of UML classes
    - Common relationships
    - The meaning (in code) of class diagrams
  - ✓ Deployment diagrams

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#### **SESSION II: UML STRUCTURAL MODELING**

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## Deployment diagrams

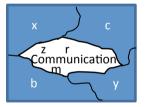
# FUNDAMENTALS OF UML STRUCTURAL MODELING

#### What do we mean by *structural*? What is *structure*?

- ✓ When we talk about structure, we talk about:
  - Parts arranged together in some way to compose some product.
  - In this conversation, the process for composition of the parts is important as well as the specification of relationships that glue these parts together.
- ✓ From the software profession's point of view, what does this mean?
  - Stop and think about this!
  - Structure of code? Structure of computers in the system?

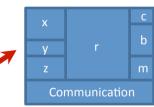
Remember modularization From previous sessions?

Let's <u>assume that structure refers to the structure of code</u>. Consider the following conceptual structure of the same software application.



Is there any structure in these applications?

Sure, there is structure here. Different parts, are arranged together to compose some product!

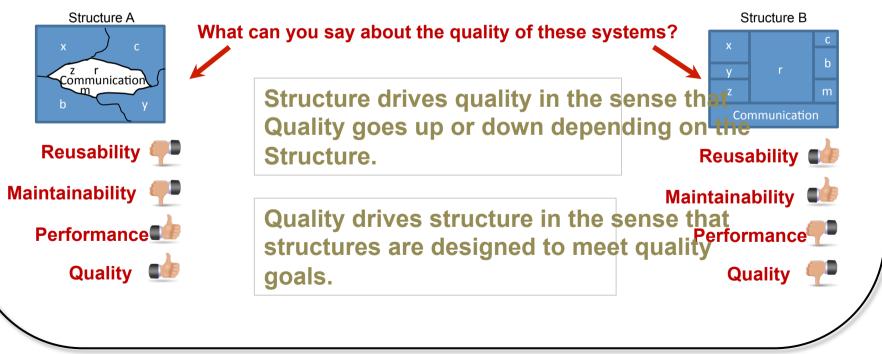


- > Consider what would happen if we needed to reuse the communication function in some other project.
  - $\checkmark$  What can you say about the reusability of these systems?
  - $\checkmark$  What can you say about the maintainability of these systems?
- ➢ We have not talk about the concept of Quality yet, but we will... For now, assume that quality is a function of reusability and maintainability. What can you say about the quality of these systems?
  - ✓ Under these assumptions <u>structure drives quality AND quality drives structure</u>.

# FUNDAMENTALS OF UML STRUCTURAL MODELING

- ➤ In the previous slide, under the established assumptions, we mentioned that structure drives quality AND quality drives structure. What do we mean by that? Consider again the two structures for the same software application.
  - ✓ Assume that these are structures for a message processing application, where messages are sent and processed by the software.
  - ✓ Furthermore, assume the following:

- Messages need to be processed and executed in less than .5 seconds.
  - Assume that <u>ONLY</u> Structure A leads to a system that meets this requirement.
- Based on the customer, <u>quality is a function of performance</u> and <u>NOT</u> reusability and maintainability.



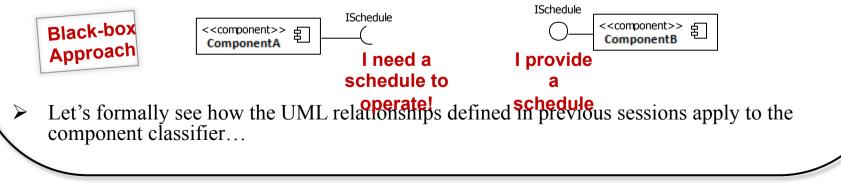
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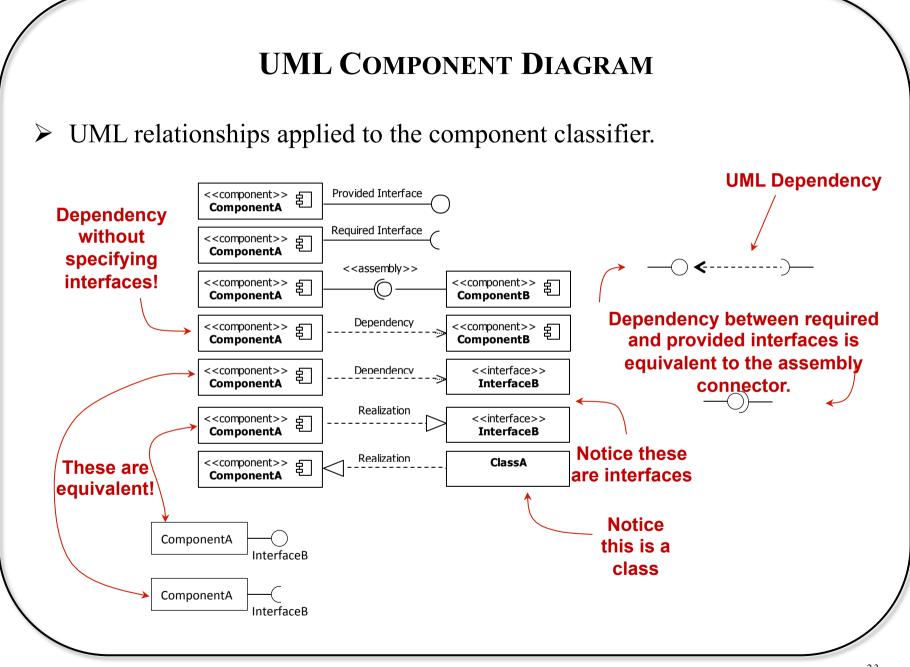
> Quality is one of the most important topics for software designers.

- ✓ Since structural designs affect quality, it is important that we have tools that can help us efficiently and effectively model structural aspects of software systems!
- ✓ We will cover quality in more depth during the software architecture portion of the course and we will see these concepts throughout the rest of the course.
- In previous slides, we stated the assumption that <u>structure referred to the structure of code.</u>
  - ✓ It turns out that *structure* applies also to design units that exists at higher levels of abstractions than code. That is, units used to encapsulate functions, algorithms, classes, etc.
    - This structure is relevant to the software architecture and has significant impact on quality.
  - ✓ It also applies to other important aspects of software systems, e.g., the structure of the system as a whole (hardware, software, and interfaces)
    - This structure also drives quality!
- UML structural diagrams provide efficient tools that allows designers to create, evaluate, and analyze all of these structures.
  - ✓ They help us design for certain quality goals!

# **UML COMPONENT DIAGRAMS**

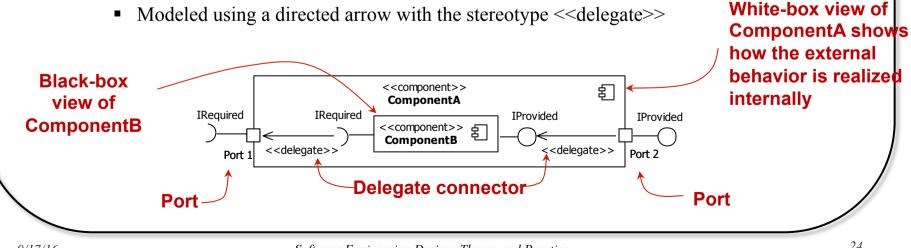
- A component represents a *modular* part of a system that *encapsulates its contents* and whose manifestation is *replaceable* within its environment.
- Component diagrams are used to model software as group of components connected to each other through well-defined interfaces. They help decompose systems and represent their structural architecture from a logical perspective.
- Components can be modeled using an external black-box or internal white-box approach.
  - ✓ Black-box approach hides the component's internal structure.
    - Components interact with each other only through identified interfaces.
  - ✓ White-box approach shows the component's internal structure (e.g., realizing classifiers).
- Component interfaces are classified as *provided* or *required* interfaces.
  - $\checkmark$  Required interfaces are those the components need to carry out their functions.
  - Provided interfaces are used by other external components to interact with the component providing the services.





# **UML COMPONENT DIAGRAM**

- Two more important concepts used in component diagrams are:
  - $\checkmark$  Ports
    - Abstraction used to model access points for allowing the external environment to access the component's services and for allowing components to interact with their external environment.
    - Modeled using a small square at the boundary of a *classifier*, in this case, a component.
    - Ports can be named, e.g., port names below are Port 1 and Port 2.
  - ✓ Delegation connectors
    - Used to model the link between the external provided interfaces of a component to the realization of those interfaces internally within the component.
    - Similarly, delegation connectors model the link between internally required interfaces to ports requiring the interface from external components.



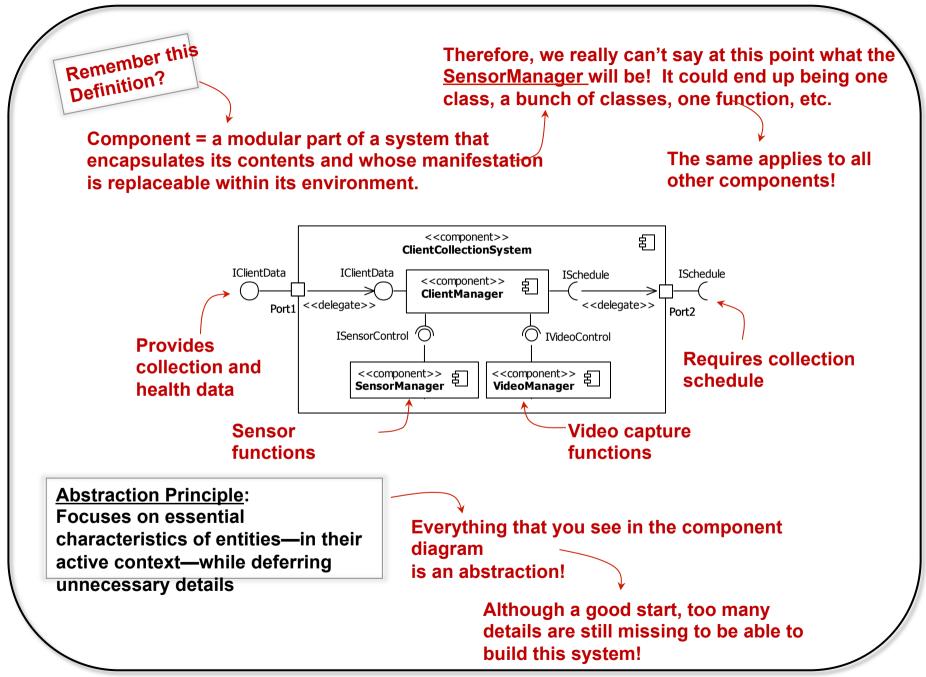
# **UML COMPONENT DIAGRAM**

- > Consider a system with the following desired properties:
  - $\checkmark$  A data collection system equipped with:
    - Sensors
    - Video capture capabilities
  - $\checkmark$  Automatic collection at specific times of the day.
    - Collection schedules need to be provided to the system.
  - $\checkmark$  It is expected that the technology used for collection can improve, therefore:
    - Different sensors technology can be incorporated.
    - Different video capture capabilities can be incorporated.
    - This is important to the customers!
  - $\checkmark$  The system must make available the data collected.
    - Both sensor and video data.
    - Also, health data about the system
      - Events, problems, etc.

# Stop!

Warning: There is not enough information to actually build this system.

Before moving on, can you model this system using the component notation discussed so far? <u>Give it a try using paper and pencil</u>!



# **UML COMPONENT DIAGRAMS**

- ➤ A few last comments on UML components:
  - ✓ In previous versions of UML (i.e., 1.x), components were reserved exclusively for modeling deployable physical entities.
    - So, if you read an older book covering UML 1.x, discussions about components will differ from what we've presented so far.
  - ✓ A clear distinction between physical and logical components can be made by identifying the context in which they are relevant.
  - ✓ Both physical and logical components are modular parts of a system that encapsulate their contents and whose manifestation are replaceable within their <u>environment</u>.

A major difference is that <u>physical components</u> exist in a <u>run-time</u> <u>environment</u>, whereas <u>logical components</u> exist in a <u>design-time environment</u>!

# This can be confusing because the design of a physical component may include one or more logical components!!!

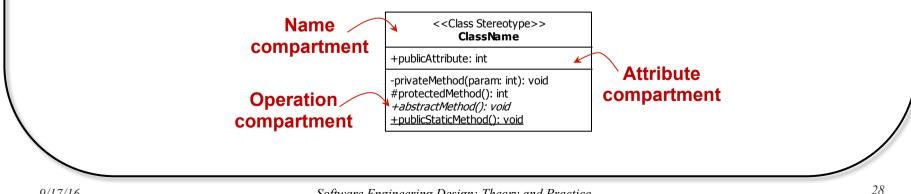
- ✓ To eliminate confusion, UML 2.x supports the specification of these physical components as artifacts.
- ✓ This new paradigm allows designers to model physical deployment aspects of components using artifacts classifier deployed on a node.

**Older Component** 

This is how UML 1.x components look like

- Class diagrams exist at a lower level of abstraction than component diagrams.  $\geq$ 
  - ✓ Models consisting of classes and relationships between them necessary to achieve a system's functionality.
  - ✓ Weather a class diagram is created or not, the code of an object-oriented systems will always reflect some class design.
  - $\checkmark$  Therefore, there is two-way relationship between class diagrams and object-oriented code.
    - Class diagrams can be transformed to code (i.e., forward engineering)
    - Code can be transformed into class diagrams (i.e., reverse engineering)
  - $\checkmark$  This makes class diagrams the most powerful tool for designers to model the characteristics of object-oriented software before the construction phase.

 $\geq$ To become an effective designer, it is essential to understand the direct mapping between class diagrams and code. Let's take a closer look at the fundamental unit of the UML class diagram: the class.



- > Name compartment
  - ✓ Reserved for the class name and its stereotype
  - Class names can be qualified to show the package that they belong to in the form of Owner::ClassName.
  - ✓ Commonly used stereotypes include:
    - <<interface>>
      - Used to model interfaces.
    - <<ul><<ul>utility>>
      - Used to model static classes.
- Attribute compartment
  - ✓ Reserved for the class' attribute specification.
    - Including name, type, visibility, etc.
- Operation compartment
  - ✓ Reserved for the class' operations specification.
    - Including name, return type, parameters, visibility, etc.
- Everything specified in the UML class can be directly translated to code... let's see an example in the next slide...

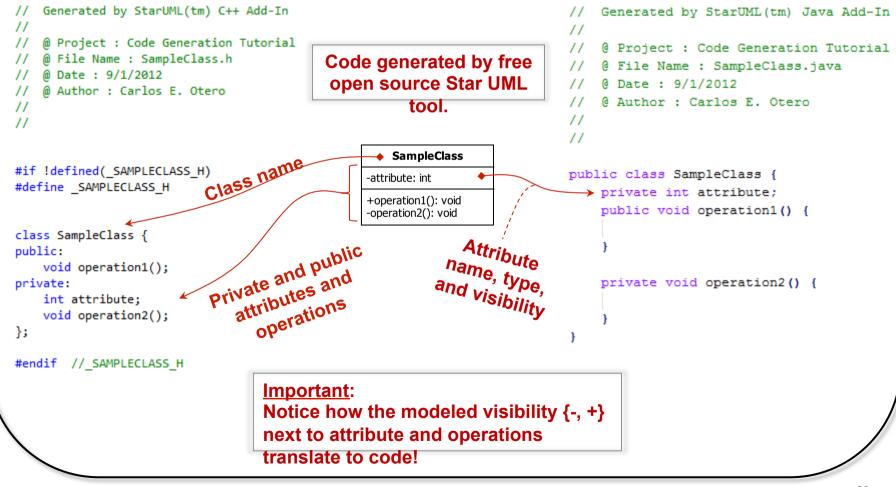
#### <<Class Stereotype>> ClassName

#### +publicAttribute: int

-privateMethod(param: int): void #protectedMethod(): int

+abstractMethod(): void +publicStaticMethod(): void

#### Example of the *forward engineering* of a UML class to C++ and Java.

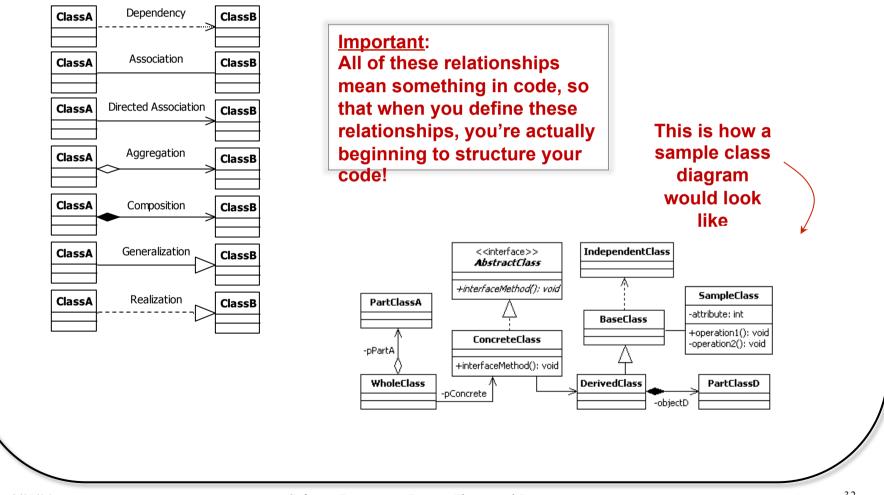


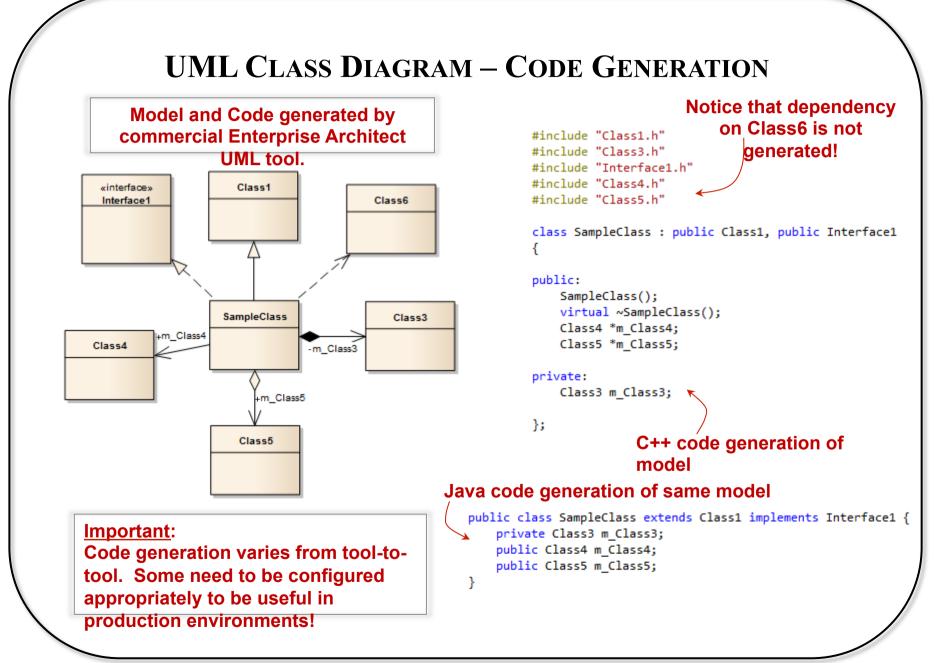
- ➢ In the previous slide, we presented two different types of UML visibility specification.
  - Visibility types specify policies on how attributes and operations are accessed by clients.
  - $\checkmark$  Common types of visibility are presented below.

Visibility	Symbol	Description
Public	+	Allows access to external clients.
Private	-	Prevents access to external clients. Accessible only internally within the class.
Protected	#	Allows access internally within the class and to derived classes.
Package	~	Allows access to entities within the same package.

Important: Visibility allows us to apply the Encapsulation principle in our designs!

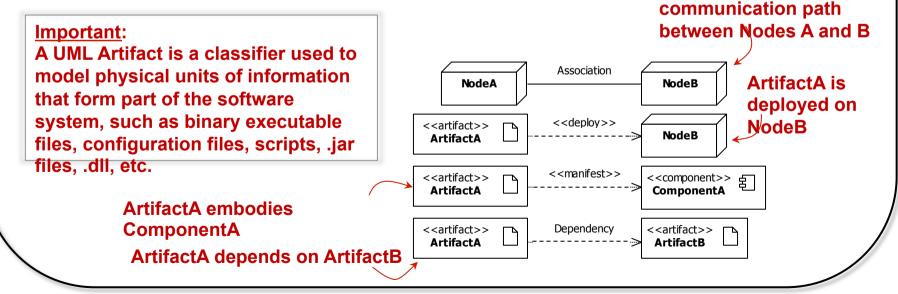
### > UML relationships applied to the class classifier

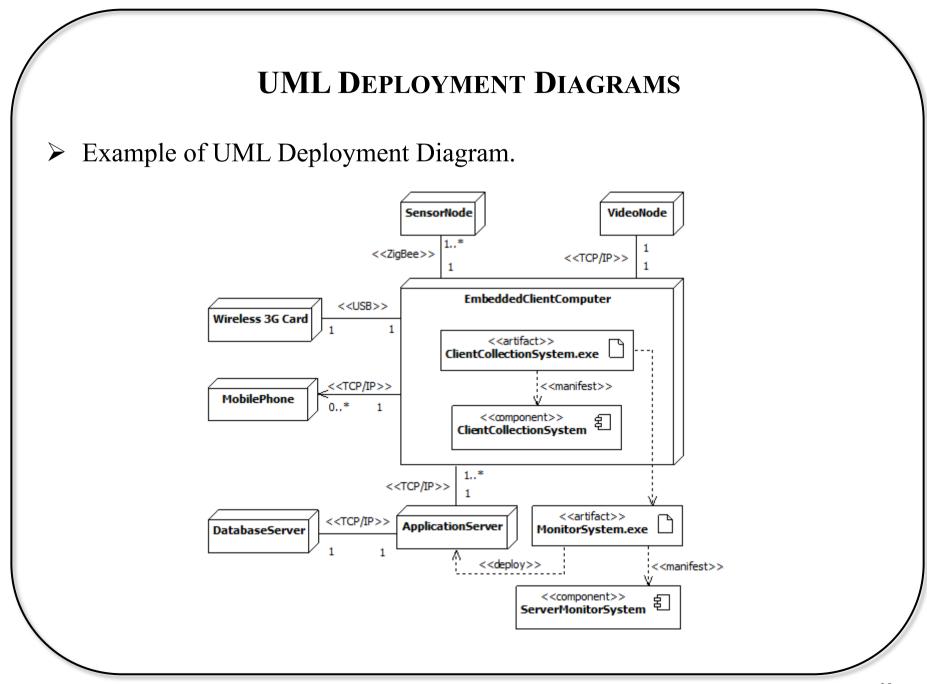




# **UML DEPLOYMENT DIAGRAMS**

- Deployment diagrams are structural diagrams used to model the physical realization of software systems.
  - $\checkmark$  They provide the means to visualize and evaluate the environment in which software executes.
  - $\checkmark$  They model nodes and the interfaces between them.
    - A *Node* is a computational resource that host software artifacts for execution.
    - As seen before, in UML, a *Node* is a named classifier modeled as a cube.
- Deployment diagrams also include artifact and components and depicts how all of these work together from a system deployment perspective.
- > UML relationships applied to the these classifier is presented below. There is a





# WHAT'S NEXT...

- In the next session we will discuss how UML classifiers, relationships, and enhancement features can be used to create behavioral diagrams. Specifically, we will focus on:
  - ✓ UML behavioral modeling
    - What is behavioral modeling?
    - Why is it important?
  - ✓ Use case diagrams
    - Actors
    - System boundary
    - Common relationships
  - ✓ Interaction diagrams
    - Communication diagrams
    - Sequence diagrams
    - Concurrency modeling
  - ✓ Summary and conclusion of UML coverage

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#### **Session III: UML Behavioral Modeling**

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### **UML BEHAVIORAL MODELING**

- ➤ In the previous session, we presented structural modeling and made a case for how it is essential to evaluate, characterize, and visualize the structural design of software systems from various perspective. Specifically, we presented:
  - ✓ Logical structural designs
    - At different levels of abstraction
  - ✓ Physical structural designs
- ➤ We also presented (very vaguely) the concept of Quality and discussed how structural modeling can be used to evaluate and access quality in terms of some quality goals, such as *reusability* and *maintainability*.
- Although structural designs work well for evaluating some quality attributes of systems, they are inadequate for others, such as *performance*.
  - ✓ Structural designs also provide poor techniques for evaluating the dynamic aspects and interactions of systems.
- UML provides several diagrams to model and reason about the dynamic aspects and of systems.
  - $\checkmark$  These can be used to model almost any behavioral aspect of modern software systems
  - $\checkmark$  They are used in many practical development projects.

### **UML BEHAVIORAL MODELING**

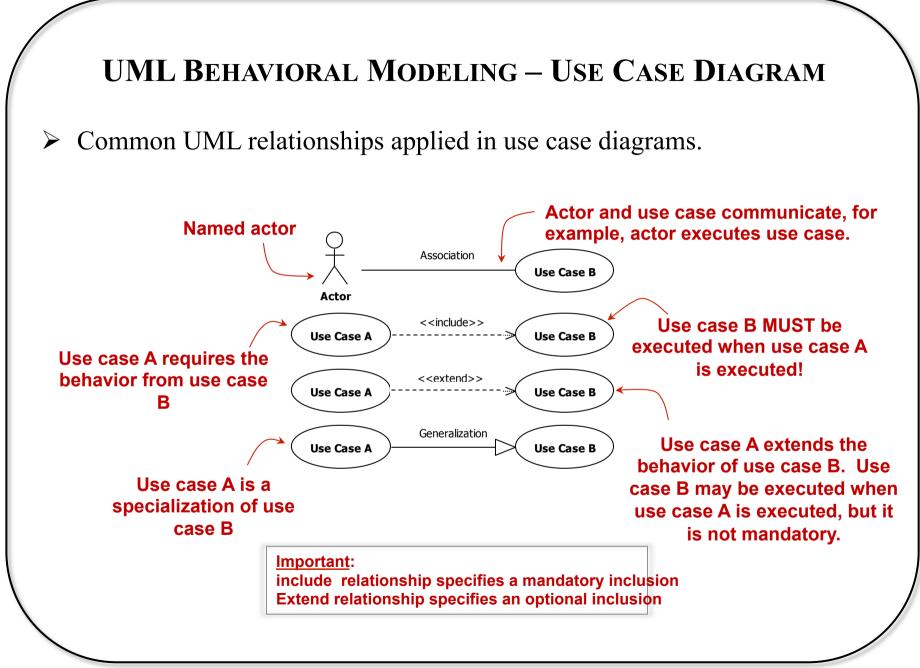
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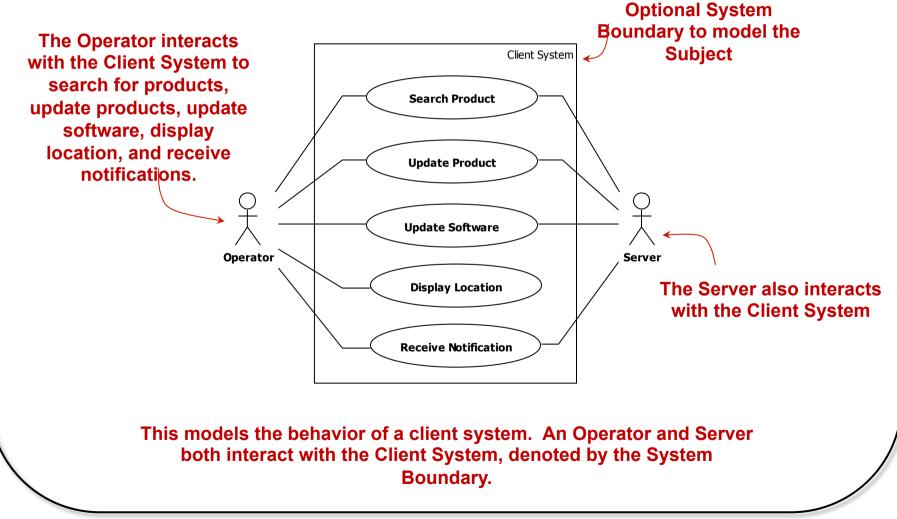
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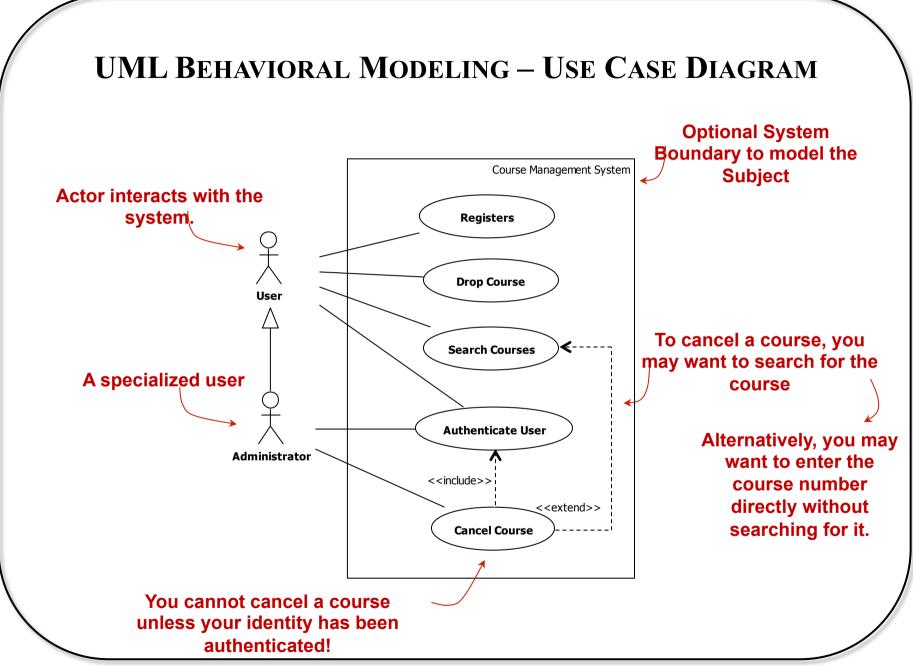
# UML BEHAVIORAL MODELING – USE CASE DIAGRAM

- Use case diagram
  - ✓ Behavioral diagram used to capture, specify, and visualize required system behavior.
    - Required system behavior are just requirements!
  - ✓ The main elements of use case diagrams are *actors*, *use cases*, and the *relationships* connecting them together.
- Actors are entities used to model users or other systems that interact with the system being modeled (i.e., the subject). Examples include:
  - ✓ Operators
  - ✓ Sensors
  - ✓ Client computers
- Use cases are entities used in use case diagrams to specify the required behavior of a system.
  - ✓ They provide the means to capture, model, and visualize the systems' required behavior.
  - ✓ They do this without any knowledge of programming technology, so that different stakeholders with different backgrounds can reason about the system.









## **UML BEHAVIORAL MODELING – INTERACTION DIAGRAMS**

- Interaction diagrams can be used to model complex interactions between design units together with the messages exchanges and the type of the exchange.
- Interaction diagrams can be used at the architectural level.
  ✓ For example, they allow us to model interaction among software components.
- Interaction diagrams can be used at the detailed design level.
  ✓ For example, they allow us to model interactions among objects at run-time
- ➢ Interaction diagrams can be used at the construction design level.
  - $\checkmark$  For example, they allow us to model conditional and repetition structures.
- In many situations, interaction diagrams reveal many important issues related to the quality of the system.
- Two types of interaction diagrams are:
  - ✓ Communication diagrams
  - ✓ Sequence diagrams

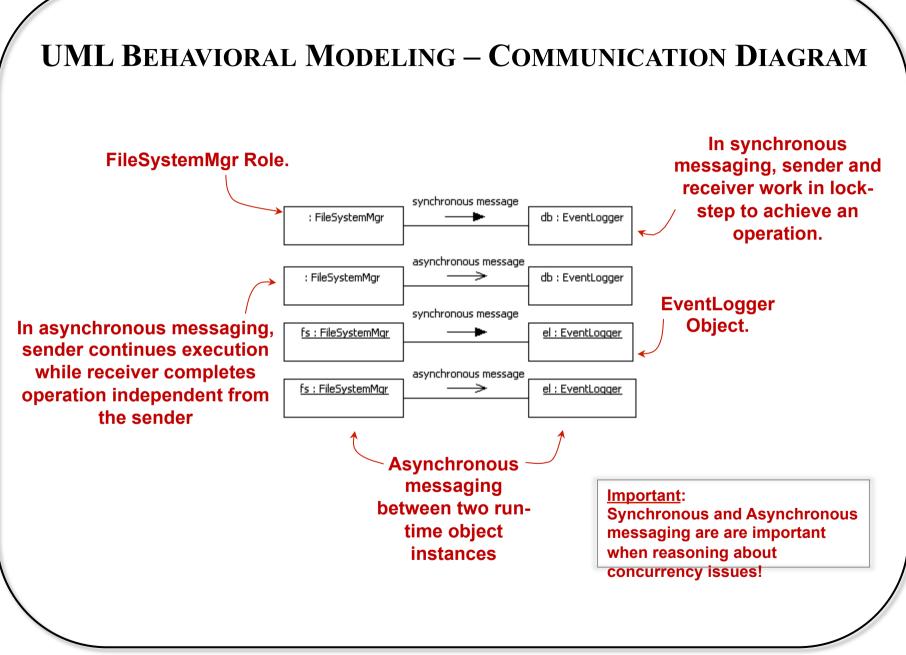
# **UML BEHAVIORAL MODELING – COMMUNICATION DIAGRAM**

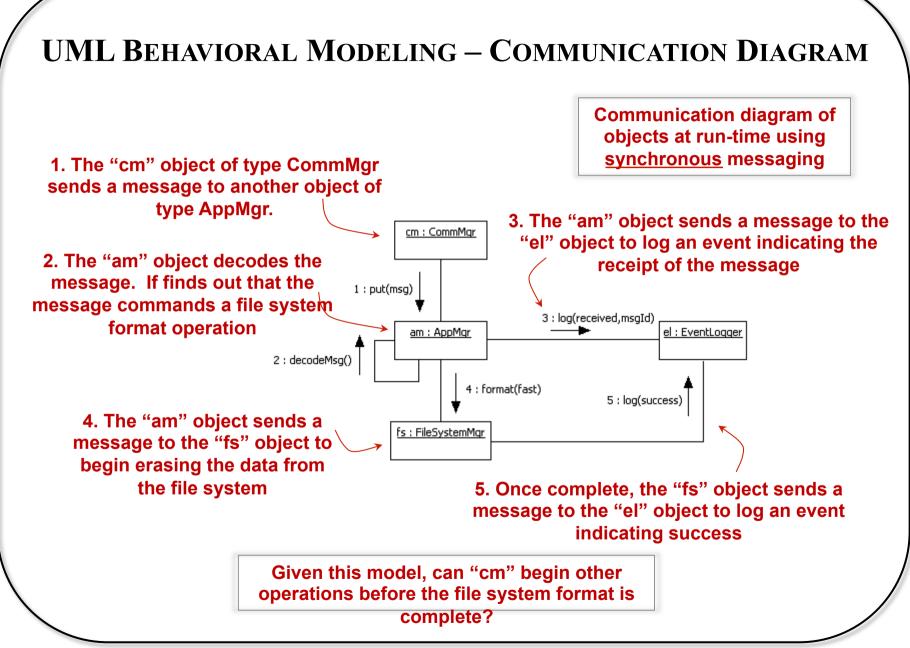
#### Communication diagrams

 ✓ Behavioral diagrams used to capture, specify, evaluate, and visualize system interactions with emphasis on the structural order of entities participating in the message exchange.

> When using communication diagrams, entities can be modeled as

- ✓ Objects, representing instances of classes and components.
- ✓ Roles, representing a prototypical instance
- Both objects and roles can be connected to model the exchange of messages using:
  - ✓ Links to connect objects
  - ✓ Connectors to connect roles
  - ✓ Both links and connectors look exactly alike, as a solid line. They only differ semantically.
- > The type of message exchanges include:
  - ✓ Asynchronous
  - ✓ Synchronous

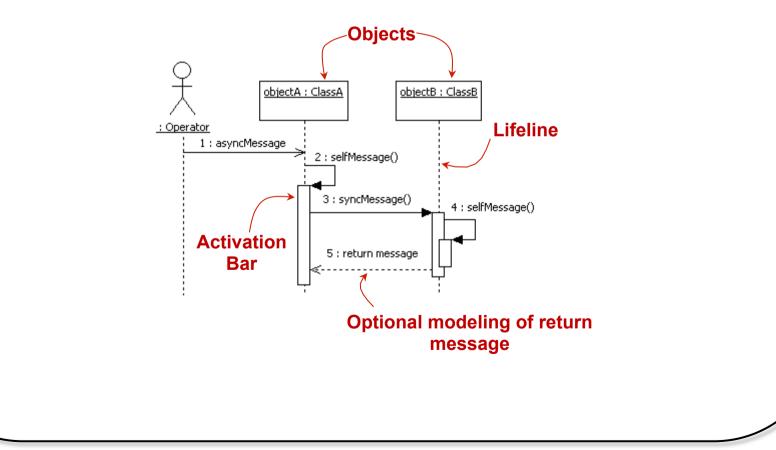




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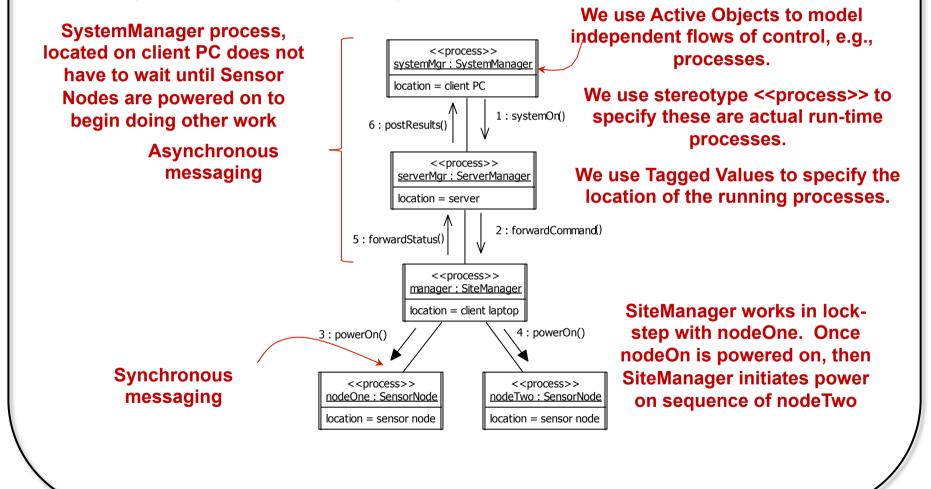
#### Sequence diagrams

Similar to Communication diagrams, but, they put emphasis on the <u>time-order</u> sequence of messages exchanged.



#### **UML BEHAVIORAL MODELING**

➢ Finally, a word about concurrency...



# WHAT'S NEXT...

- ➢ Now that we are equipped with the necessary UML tools, we can now explore how to used them to design a software architecture.
- In the next session, we will present Software Architecture in more detail, including :
  - $\checkmark$  Understanding the role of software architecture within the design phase.
  - ✓ Explore in more detail the architectural tasks and problem-solving during architecture.