



# *UML*

## *Unified Modeling Language*

a standard language to analyze,  
design and document software  
intensive solutions

# Modeling with UML

## Building blocks

When you model something, you create a simplification of reality so that you can better understand the system you are developing. Using the **UML**, you build your models from basic building blocks, such as **classes, interfaces, collaborations, components, nodes, dependencies, generalizations and associations.**

## UML diagrams

Diagrams are the means by which you view these building blocks. A diagram is a graphical presentation of a set of elements. You use diagram to **visualize** your system from different prospective. Because no complex system can be understood in its entirety from only one perspective, the **UML** defines a number of diagrams so that you can focus on different aspects of your system independently.

# UML Diagrams



## Nine predefined diagrams

- **Class diagram**
- **Object diagram**
- **Activity diagram**
- **Sequence diagram**
- **Collaboration diagram**
- **Use-case diagram**
- **Component diagram**
- **Deployment diagram**
- **Statechart diagram**

# Class diagram

A **class diagram** describes the structure of a system. The structures are built from **classes** and **relationships**. The classes can represent and structure information, products, documents or organizations.

## **Class**

set of objects with the same characteristics (Person, Invoice, Company, Order, Product, ...)

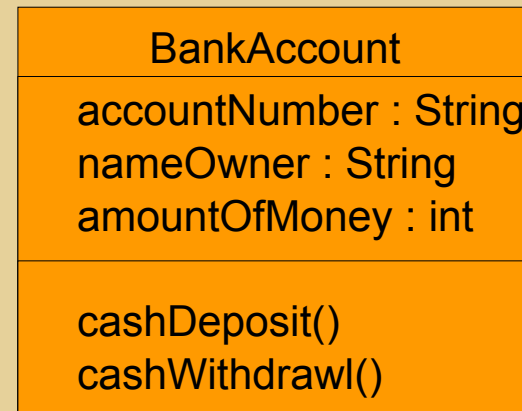
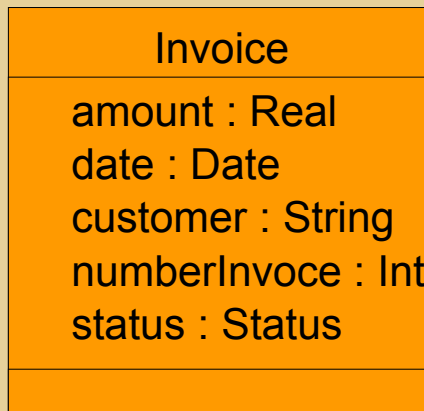
## **Relationship**

indicates that between two classes there is a link or a type of dependence

# Class

The graphical notation for a **class** is a “rectangle” with three compartments:

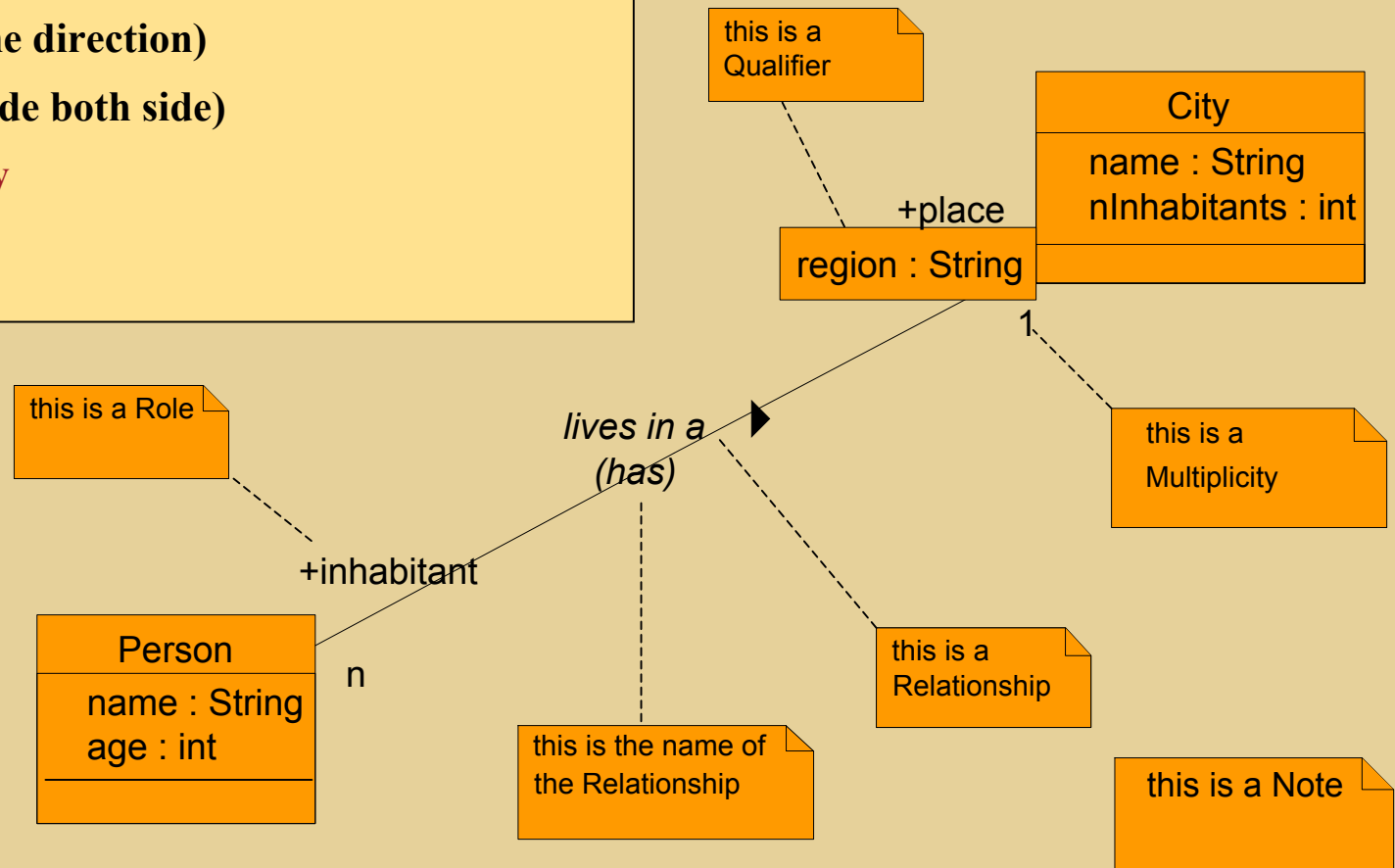
- **name** compartment
- **attribute** compartment
- **operation** compartment



# Relationship

The graphical notation for a **relationship** is straight line. A relationship has (can have):

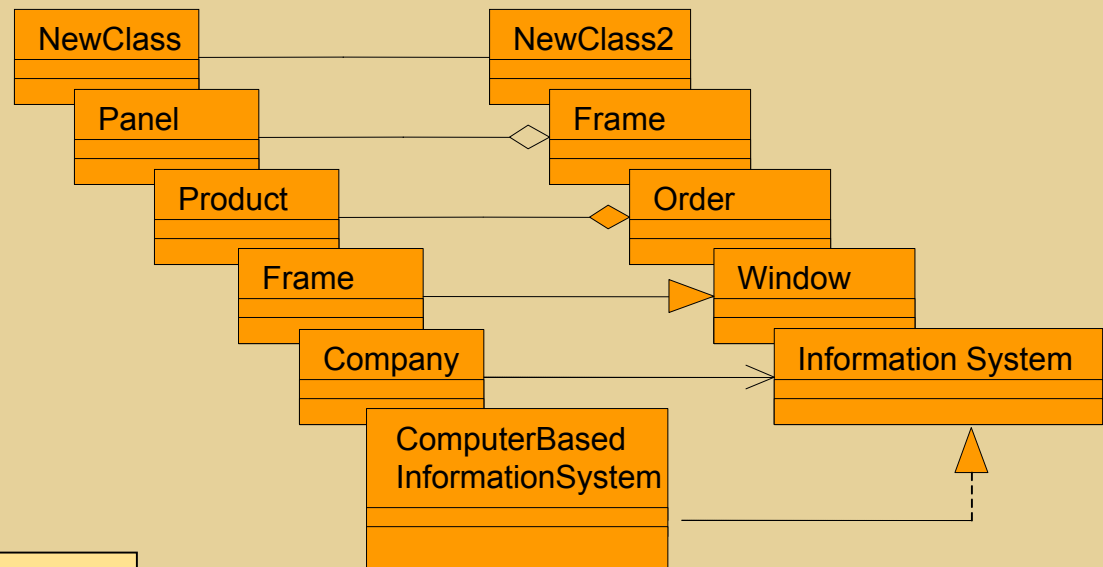
- **name** (name direction)
- **role** (one side both side)
- **multiplicity**
- **qualifier**



# Relationship

A **relationship** is an “abstract” concept. When we draw diagrams we use special types of relationships :

- **Association**
- **Aggregation**
- **Composition**
- **Generalization**
- **Dependency**
- **Realization**

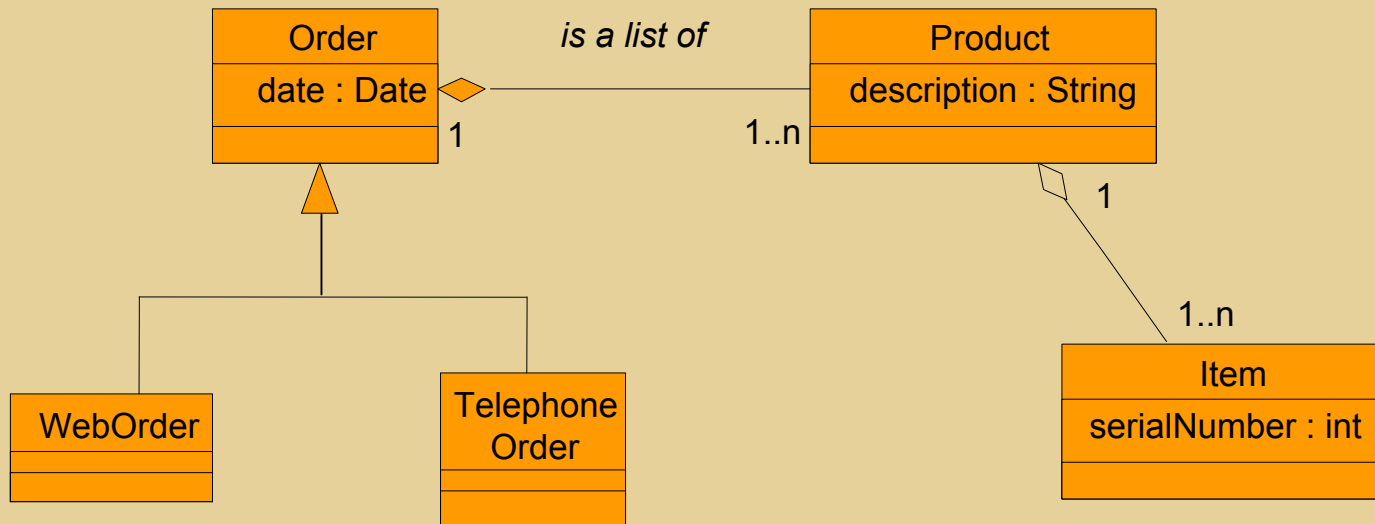


A relationship can have a **direction**



# Class diagram

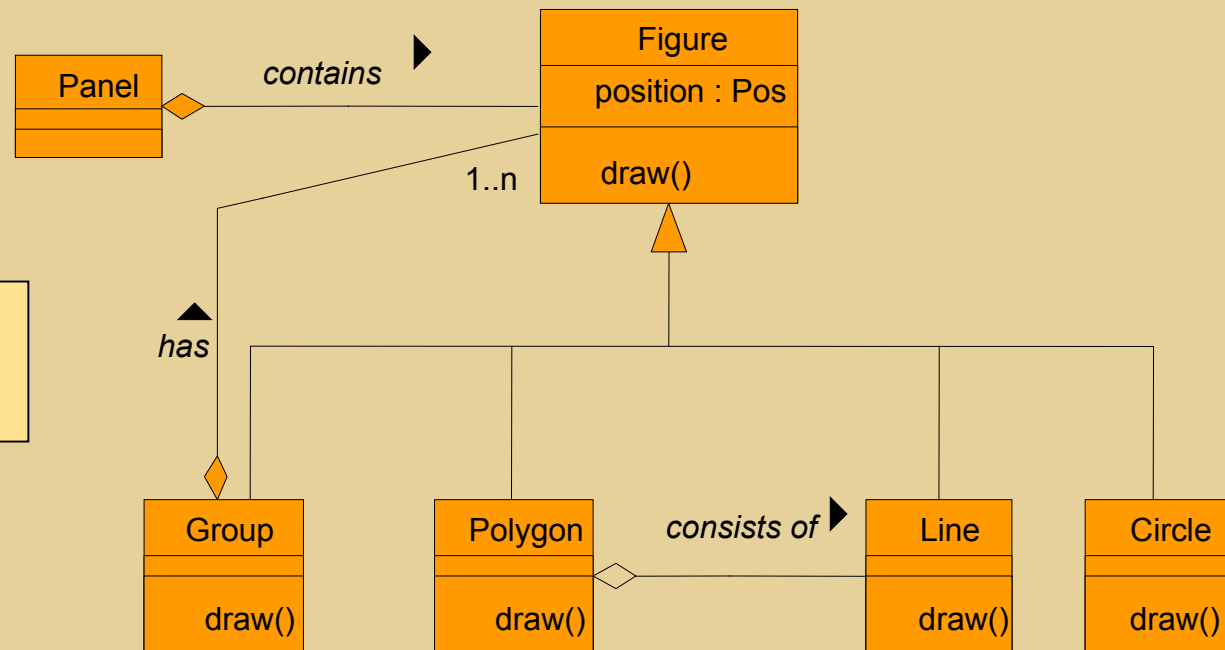
## A simple example



# Object diagram

An **object diagram** expresses possible objects combination of a specific class diagram. It is typically used to exemplify a **class diagram**.

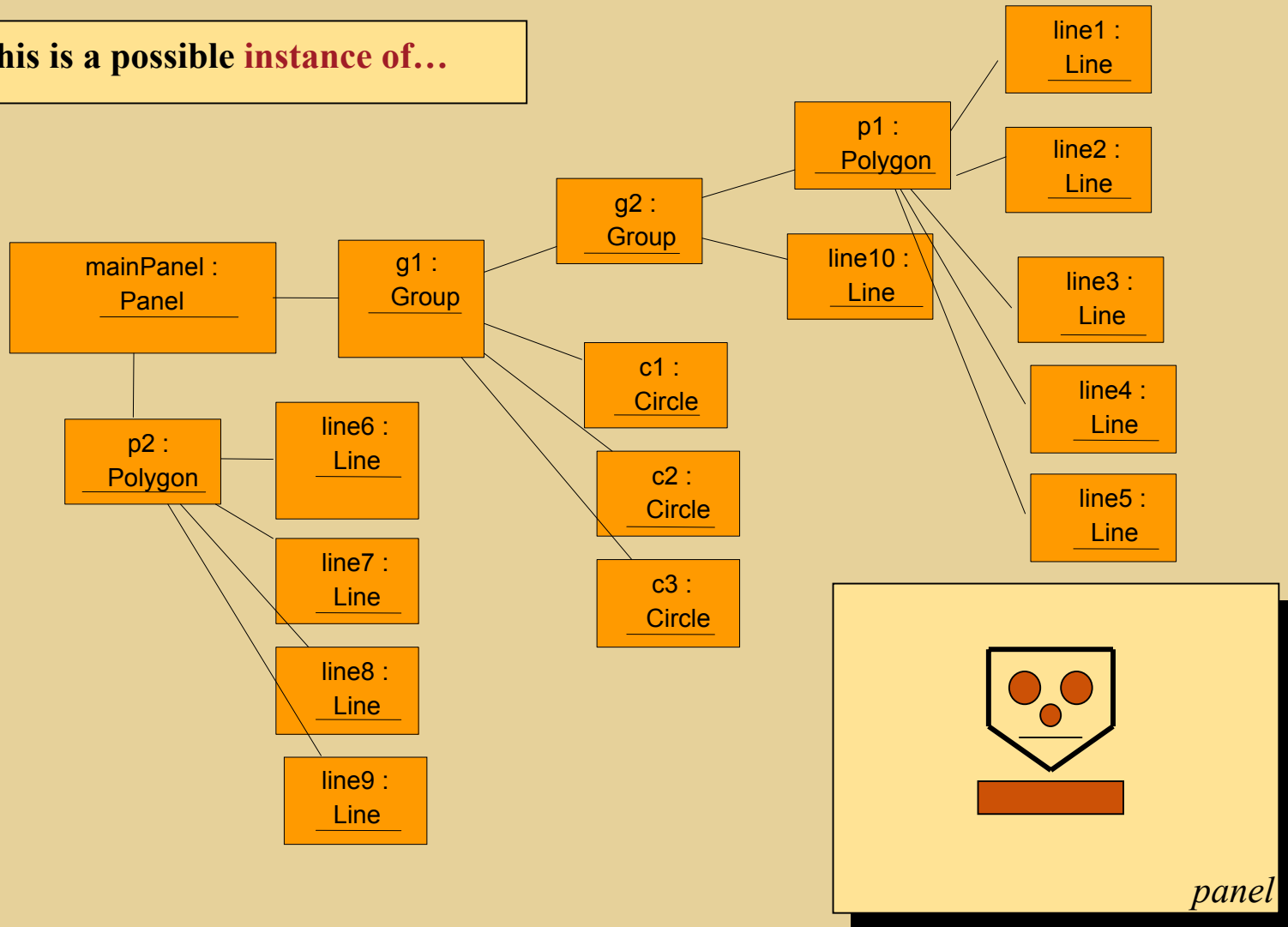
The graphical notation for an **object** is the same as a class. The name of the object is followed by the name of the class and it is underlined.



This is the **class** diagram...

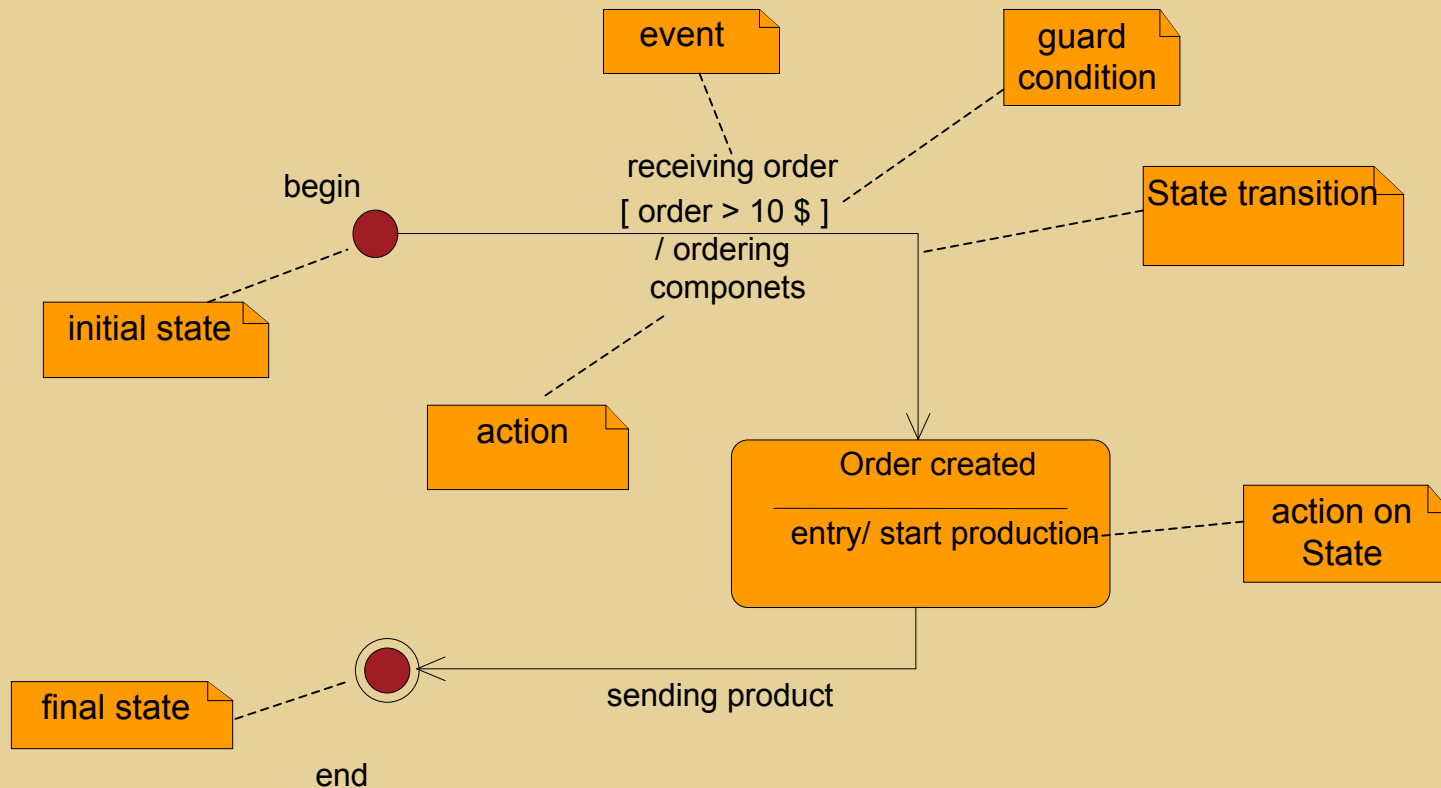
# Object diagram

An this is a possible **instance** of...



# Statechart diagram

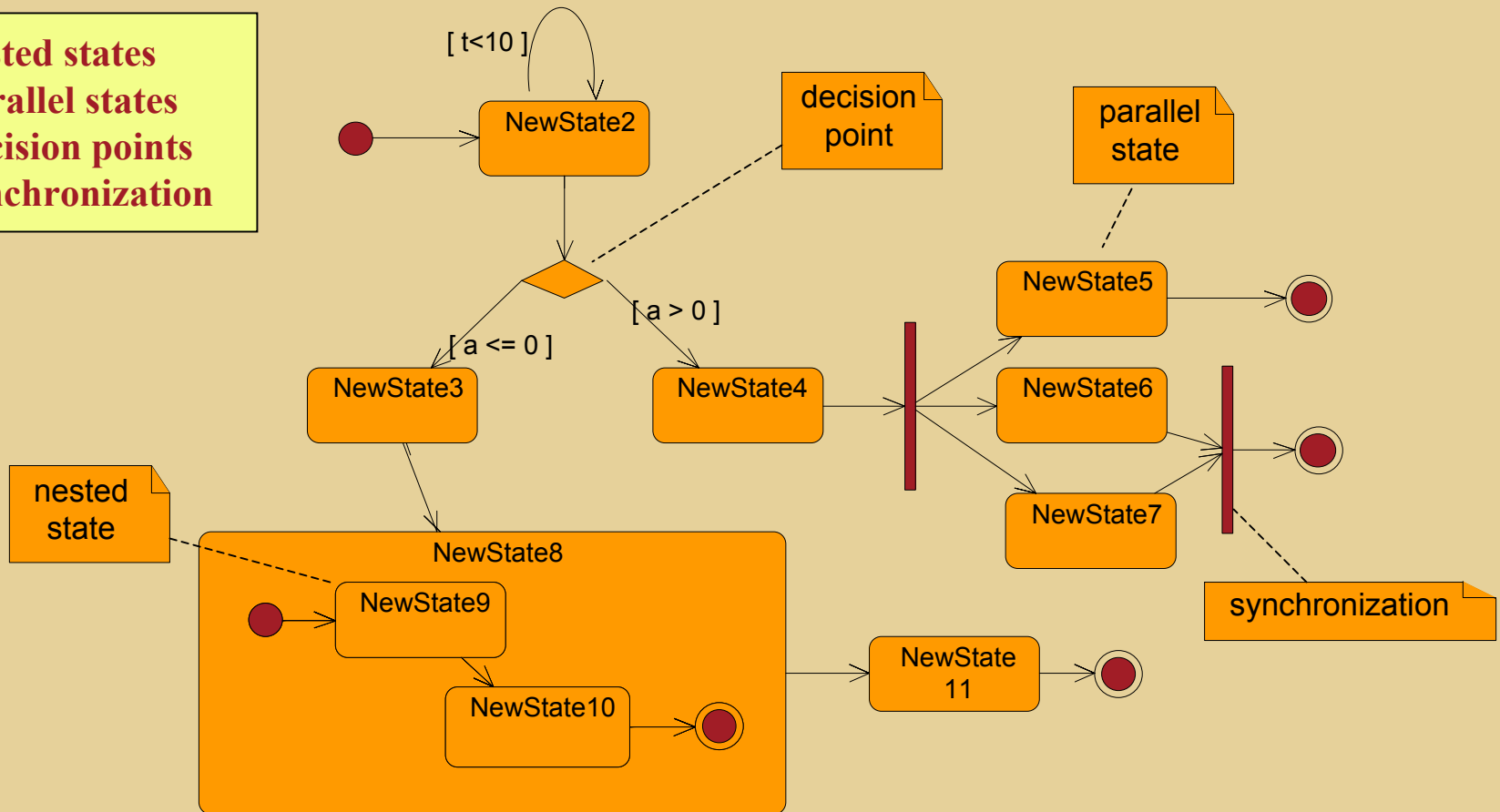
A **statechart diagram** expresses possible states of a class (or a system). It indicates what **states** an object can have and how different events affects those states over time.



# Statechart diagram

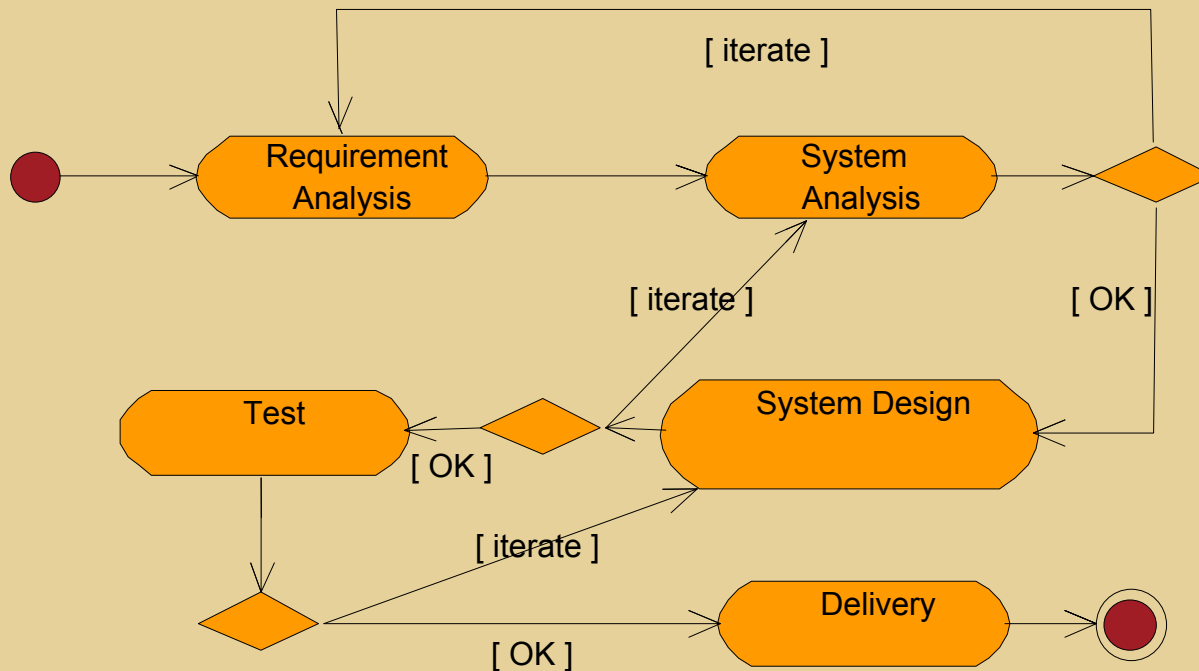
It is also possible to model in a **statechart** diagram:

- **nested states**
- **parallel states**
- **decision points**
- **synchronization**



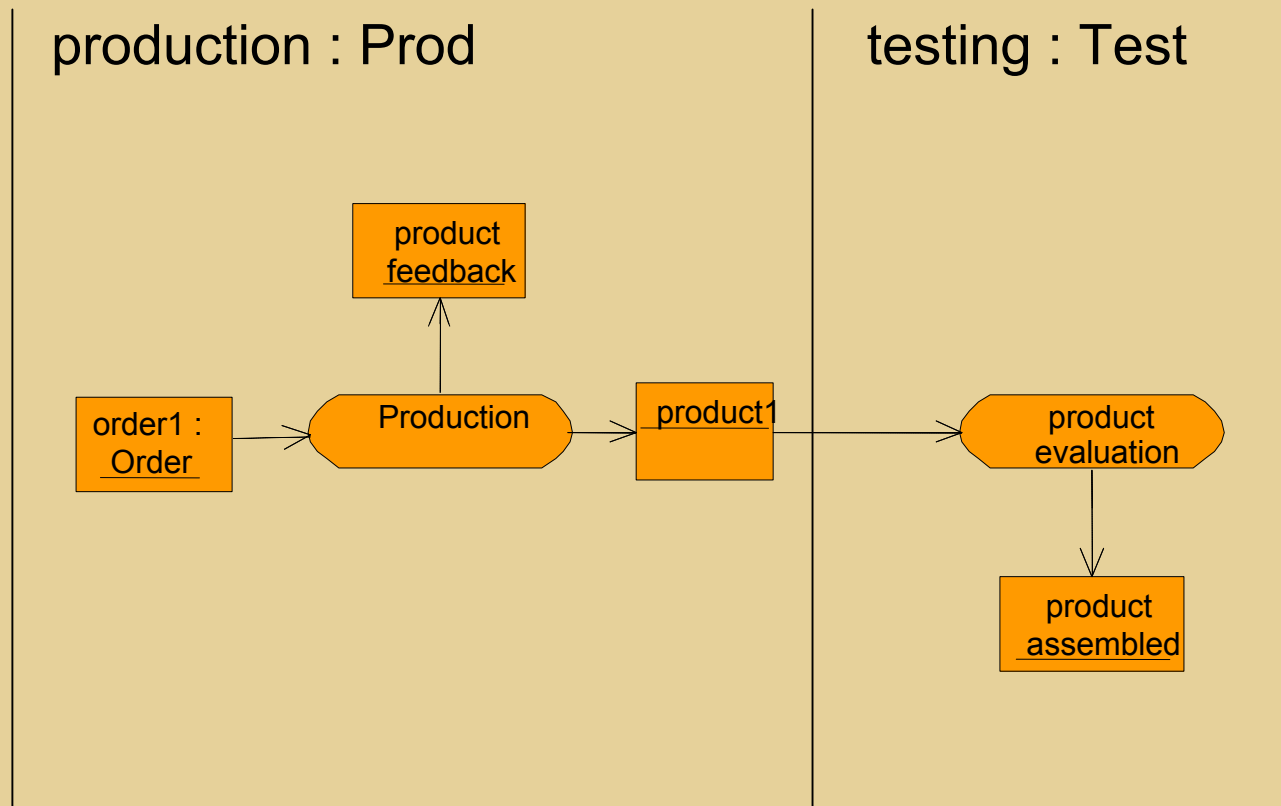
# Activity diagram

An **activity diagram** describes **activities** (actions) taking place in a system. The graphical notation (and syntax) is similar to the one used for a **statechart diagram**.



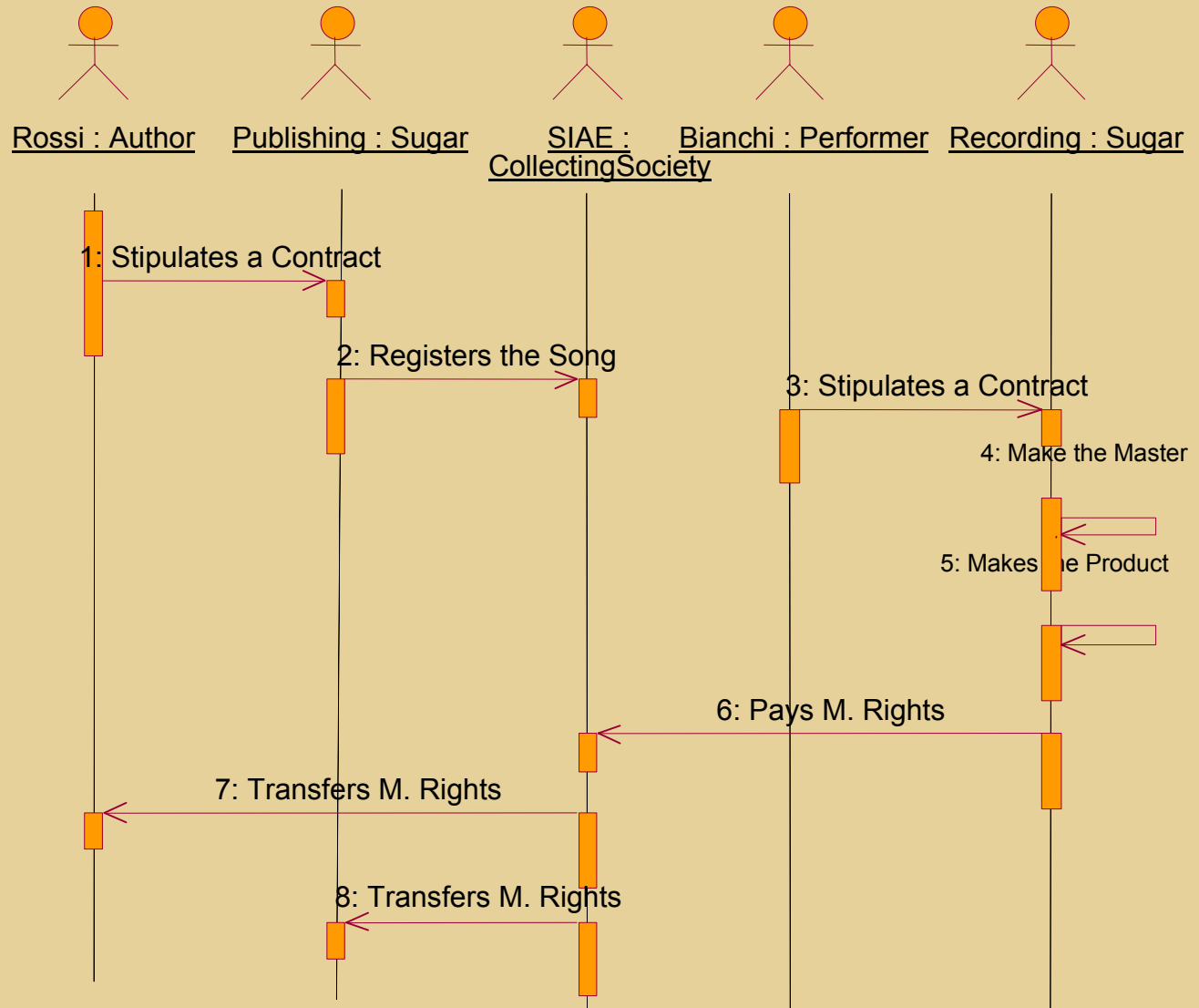
# Activity diagram

With activity diagrams it is possible to model the flow of objects and the objects responsibilities of the actions (swimlanes).



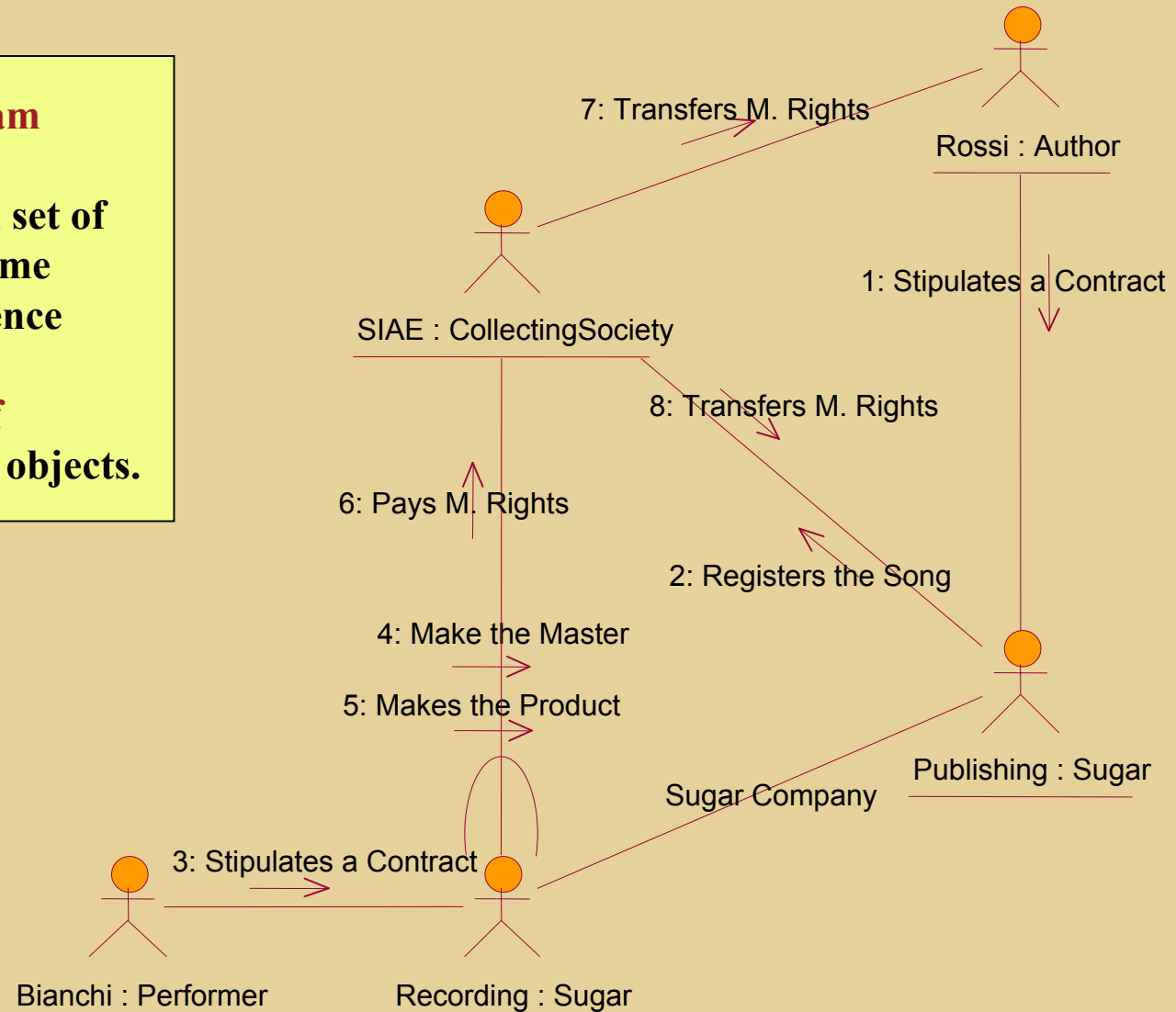
# Sequence diagram

A **sequence diagram** shows one or several sequences of messages sent among a set of objects. It depicts the **order** and **time** of the messages.



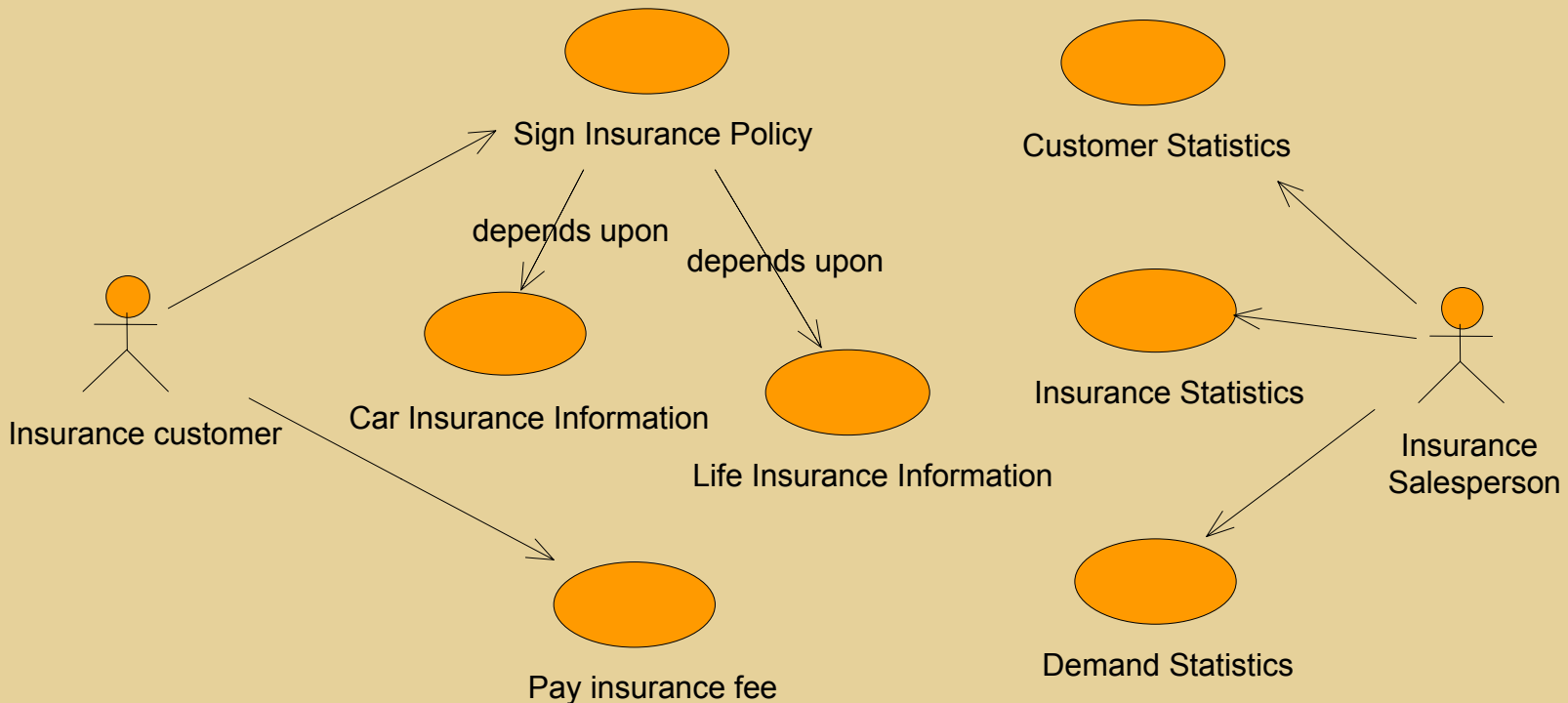
# Collaboration diagram

A **collaboration diagram** describes a complete collaboration among a set of objects. It holds the same information of a sequence diagram but it can emphasize the **type of collaboration** between objects.



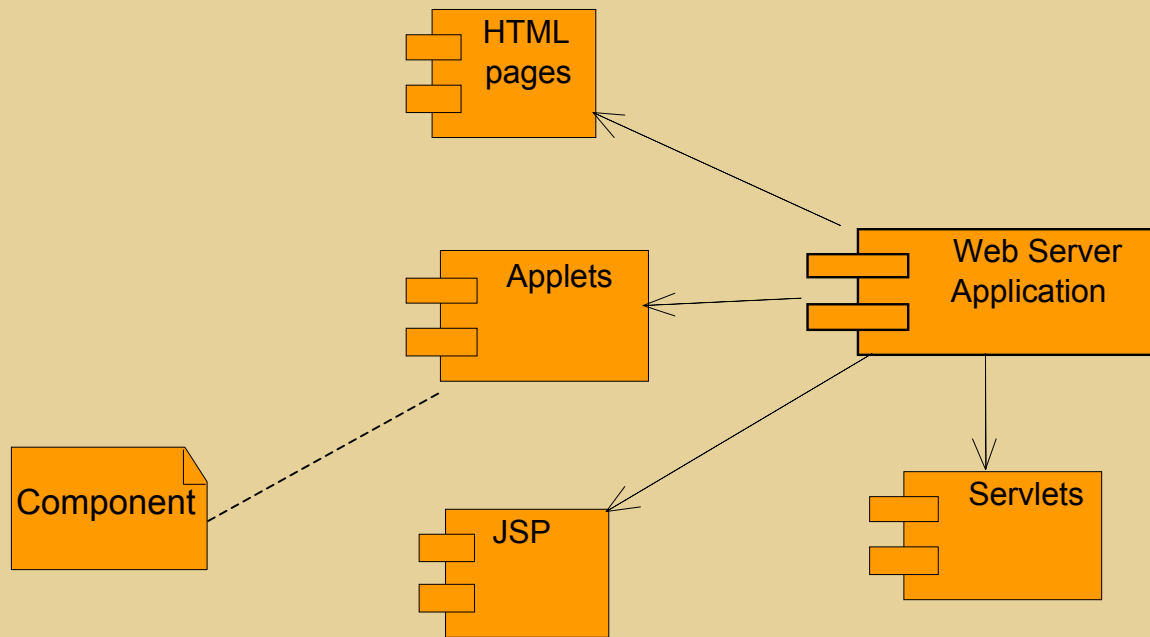
# Use Case diagram

Illustrate the relationship between **use cases**, where each use case captures the **functional requirements** of a system.  
The basic elements that are used in a use case diagrams are **actors** and **use cases**.



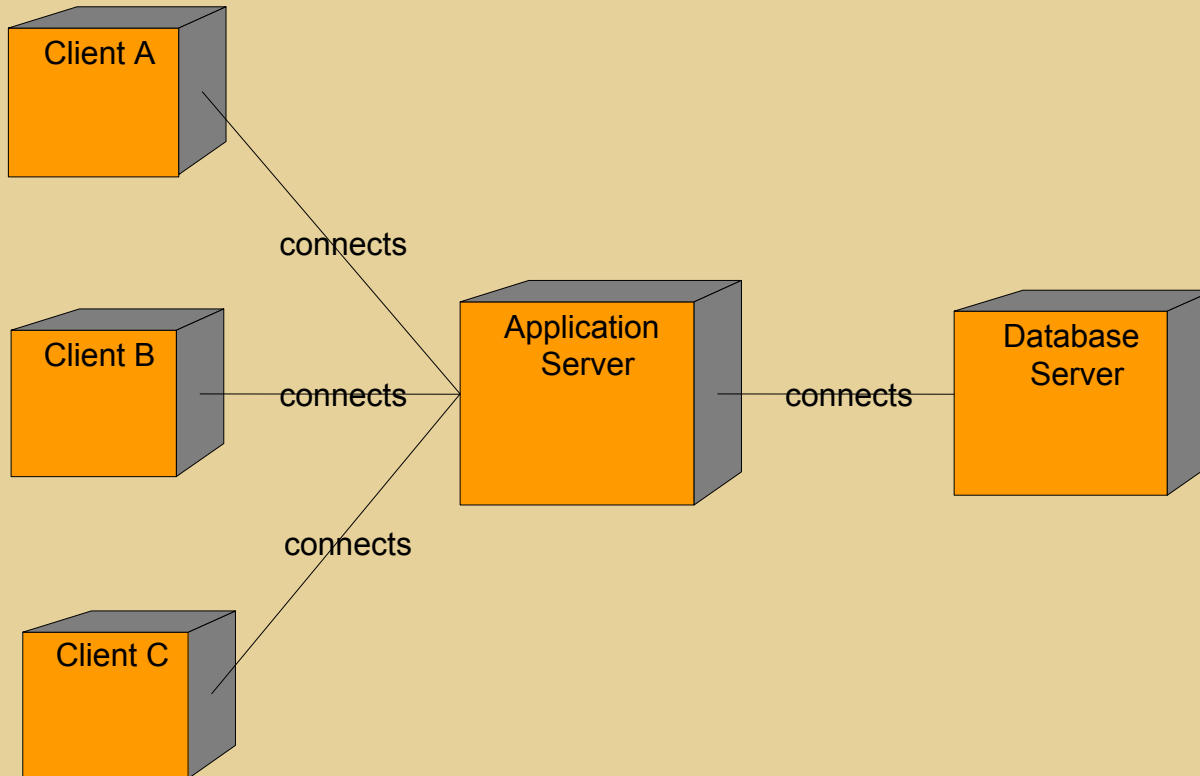
# Component diagram

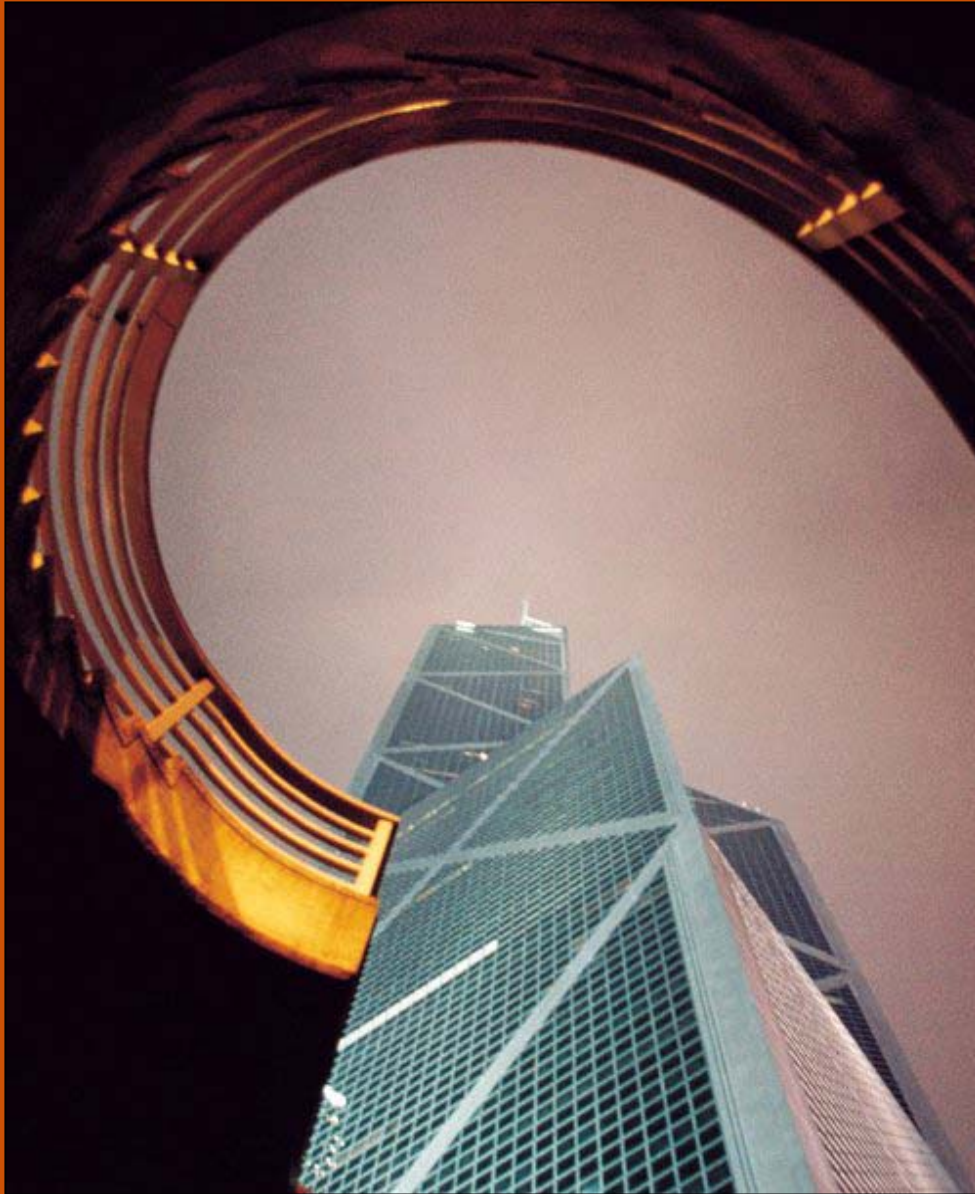
A special case of class diagram used to describe **components** within a software system. **Components in UML are physical**, such as source code files, libraries, applets, JSP, or executable programs.



# Deployment diagram

It is used to describe **hardware** within a software system.  
The basic block elements that you can use are **nodes**, that are further specialized in **devices** and **processors**.





## *Extending the language*

A “good” language should provide the vocabulary and rules to create a well-formed model.

The possibility to **extend** a language in a **formal** way gives you the potentiality to express everything : from new concepts to new rules. Since software solutions are always **evolving** the importance to have an **evolving** language is mandatory.  
**UML** is such a language.

# Extending the language

## Extending mechanisms

**UML** gives the possibility to extend the language in three ways:

- defining new basic building elements
- defining new characteristic of existing elements
- defining new rules that relate elements

## Stereotypes

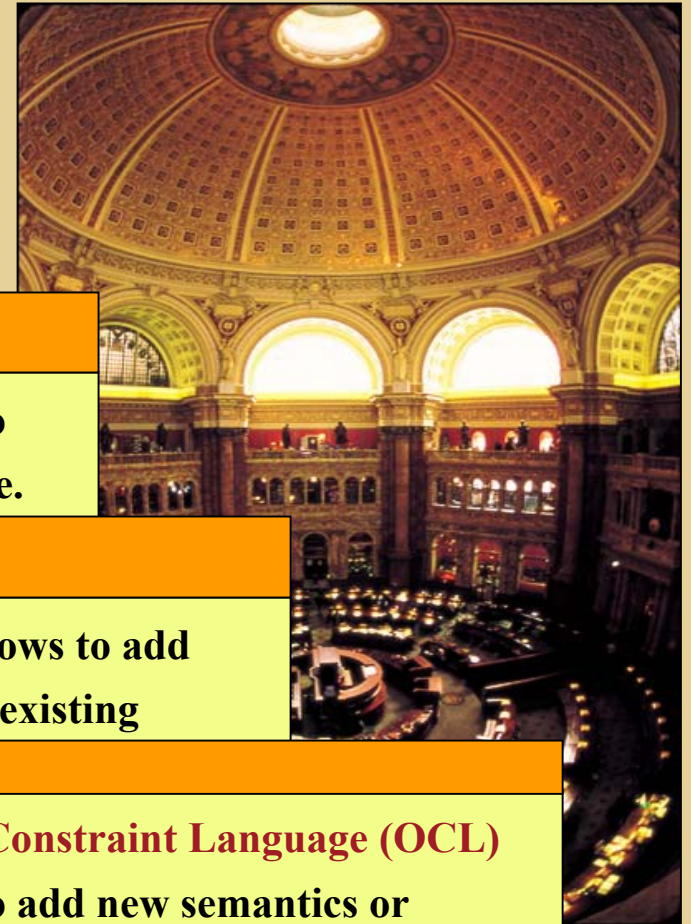
A **stereotype** allows to define a new metatype.

## Tagged values

A **tagged value** allows to add new properties to existing blocks.

## OCL

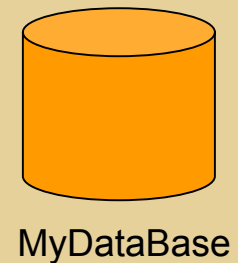
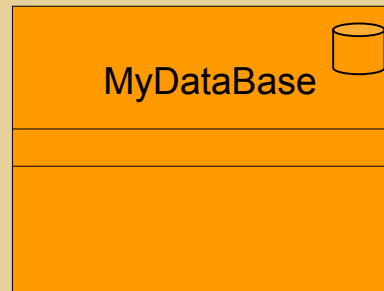
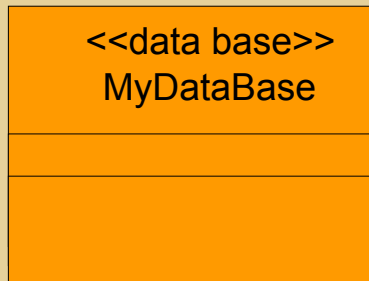
**Object Constraint Language (OCL)** allows to add new semantics or change existing rules



# Stereotypes

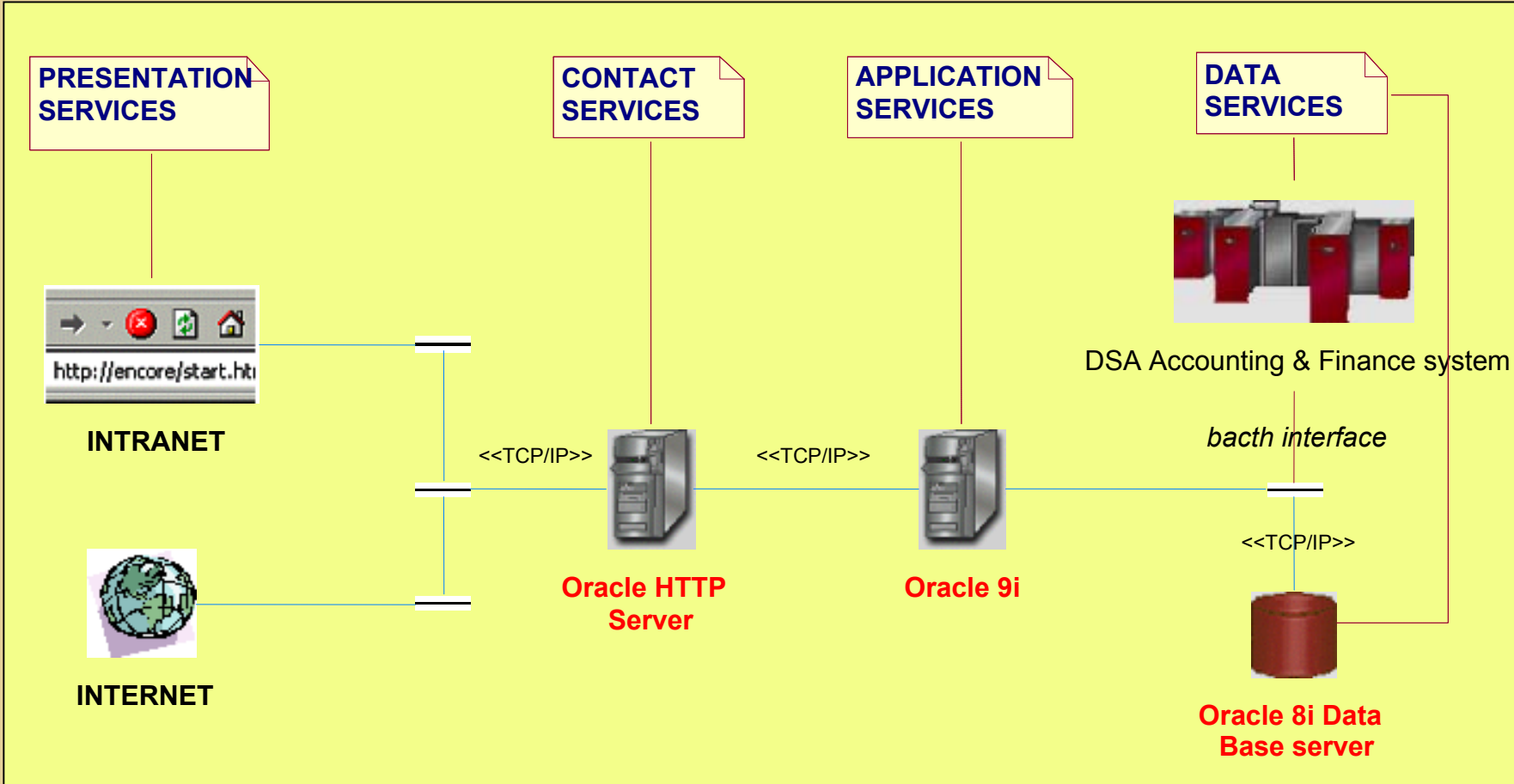
There are **three** methods for showing and modeling stereotypes:

- showing the stereotype name enclosed within **guillemets**
- using an **icon** inside the original symbol
- using only the **icon as a building block of UML**



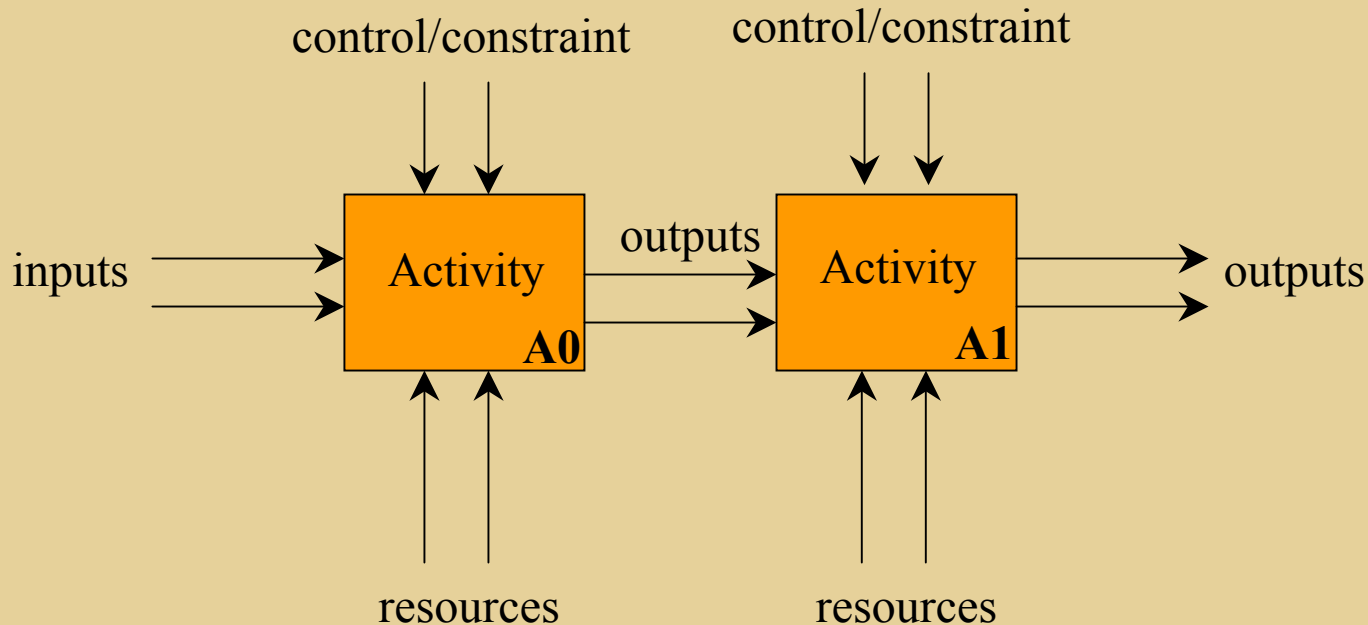


# Stereotypes



# From IDEF0 to UML

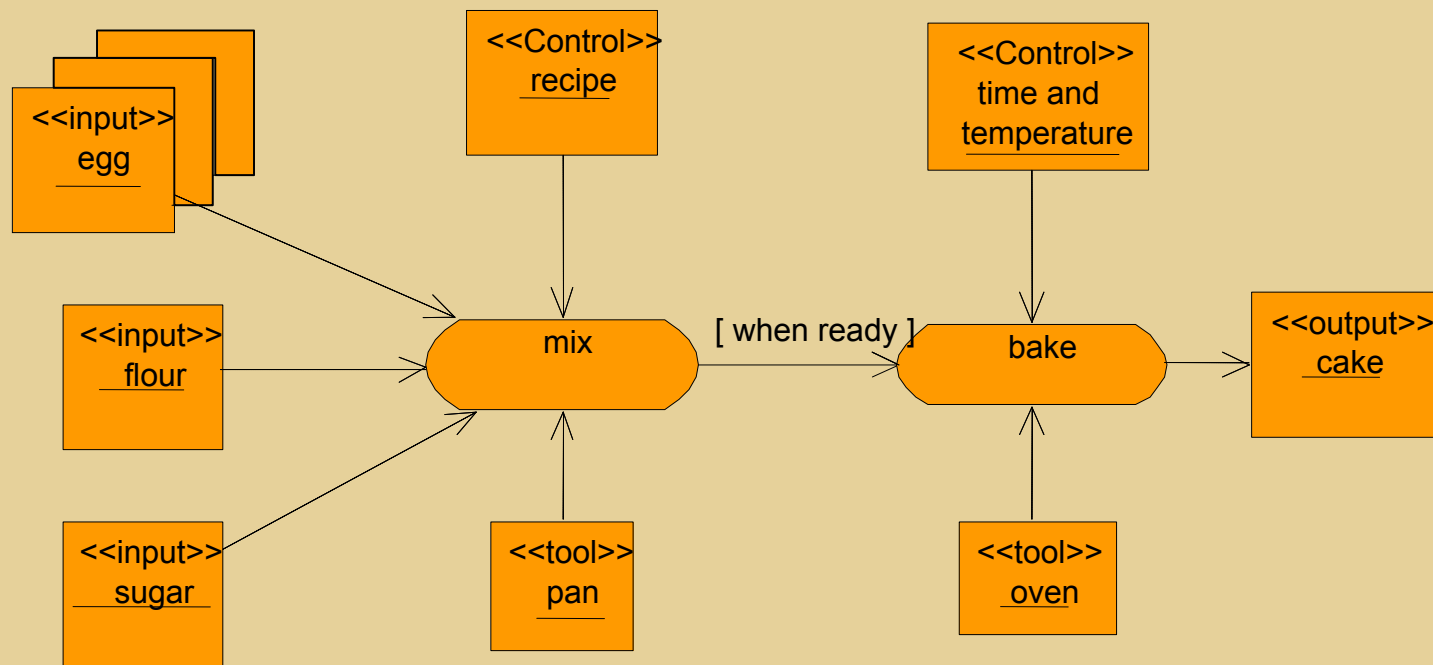
**IDEF0** is a well know notation to represent business process.



Each **activity** can be “exploded” in sub activities with the same basic structure.

# From IDEF0 to UML

It is possible to represent an **IDEF0** diagram using an **activity diagram** and some **stereotypes**.



# Where you can use UML



- **Display the boundary of a system & its major functions using use cases and actors**
- **Illustrate use case realizations with interaction and sequence diagrams**
- **Represent a static structure of a system using class diagrams**
- **Model the behavior of objects with state transition diagrams**
- **Reveal the physical implementation architecture with component & deployment diagrams**
- **Extend your functionality with stereotypes**



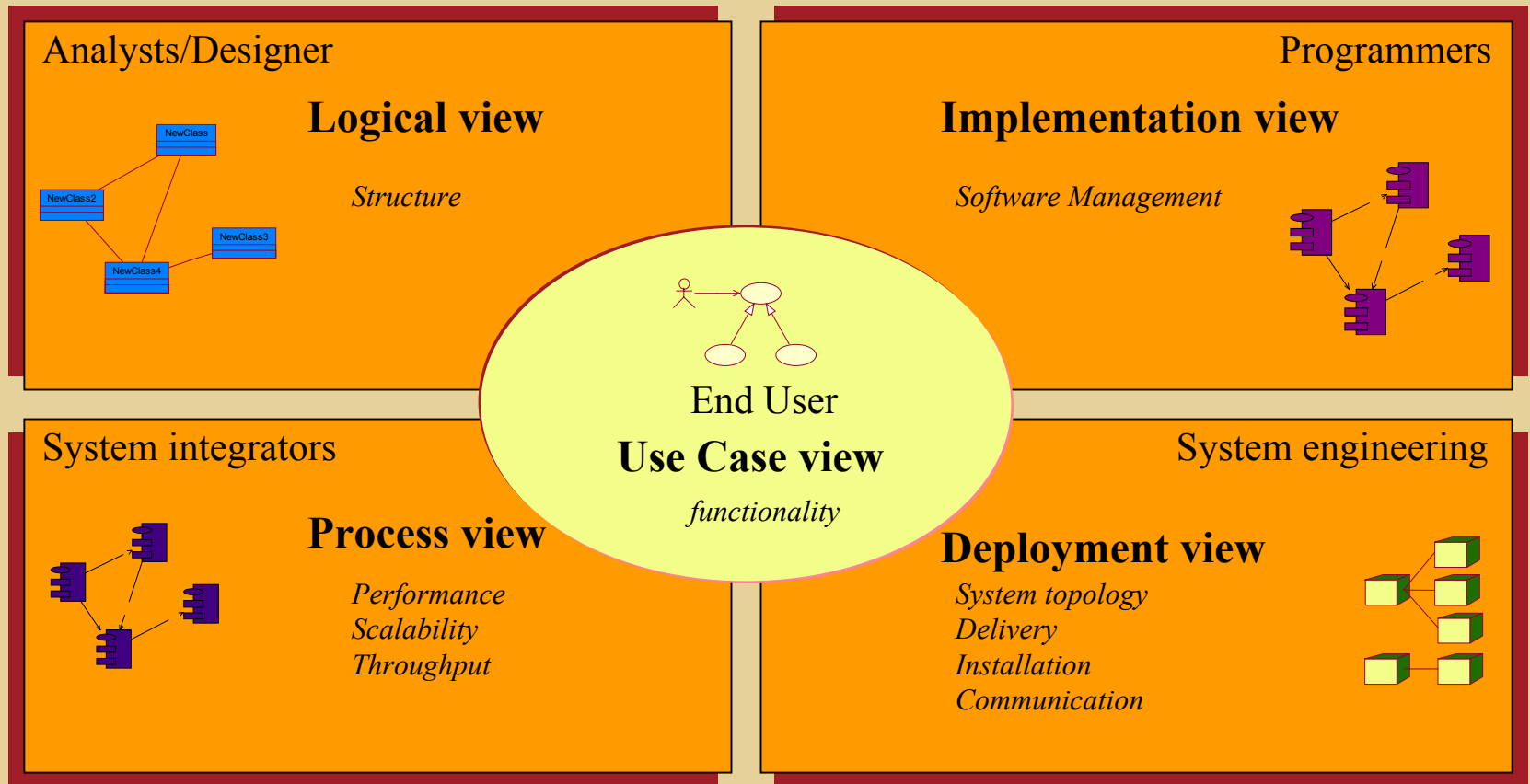
# *How to use UML: Architecture*

**Architecture** is the set of significant decision about:

- The organization of a software system
- The selection of the structural elements and their interface by which the system is composed
- Their behavior, as specified in the collaboration among those elements
- Their usage and functionality

To better understand the system it is important to view it from a **number of different prospective**. To define prospective we model the system architecture.

# Modeling System's Architecture



**4+1 View Architecture**

# Use Case view

## What/Where

The **use case view** of a system encompasses the use cases that describe the behavior of the system as seen by its end user, analyst and tester. This view doesn't really specify the organization of a software system. Rather, it exists to specify the forces that shape the system's architecture.

## Diagrams

### *Static aspect:*

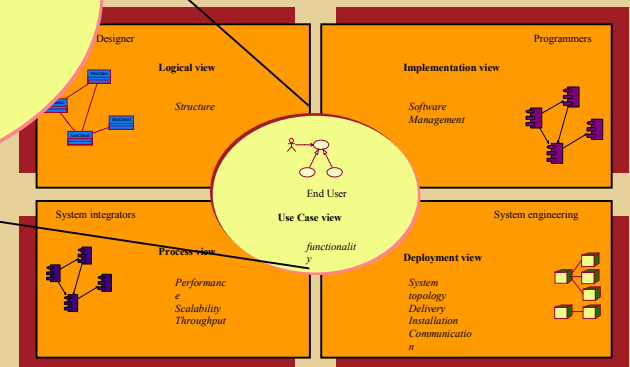
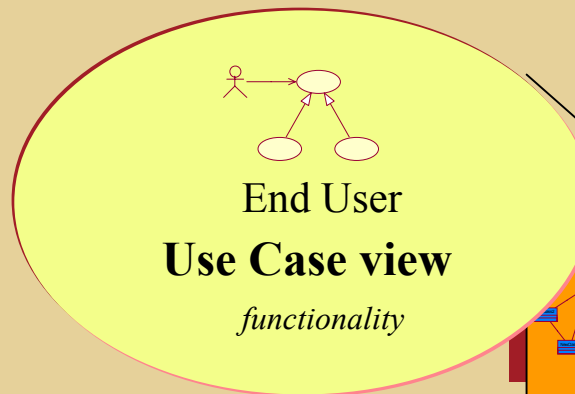
➤ use case diagrams

### *Dynamic aspect:*

➤ interaction diagrams

➤ statechart diagrams

➤ activity diagrams



# Logical view

## What/Where

The **logical view** of a system encompasses the classes, interface, and collaborations that form the vocabulary of the problem and its solutions. This view primarily supports the functional requirements of the system, meaning the services that the system should provide to its end users.

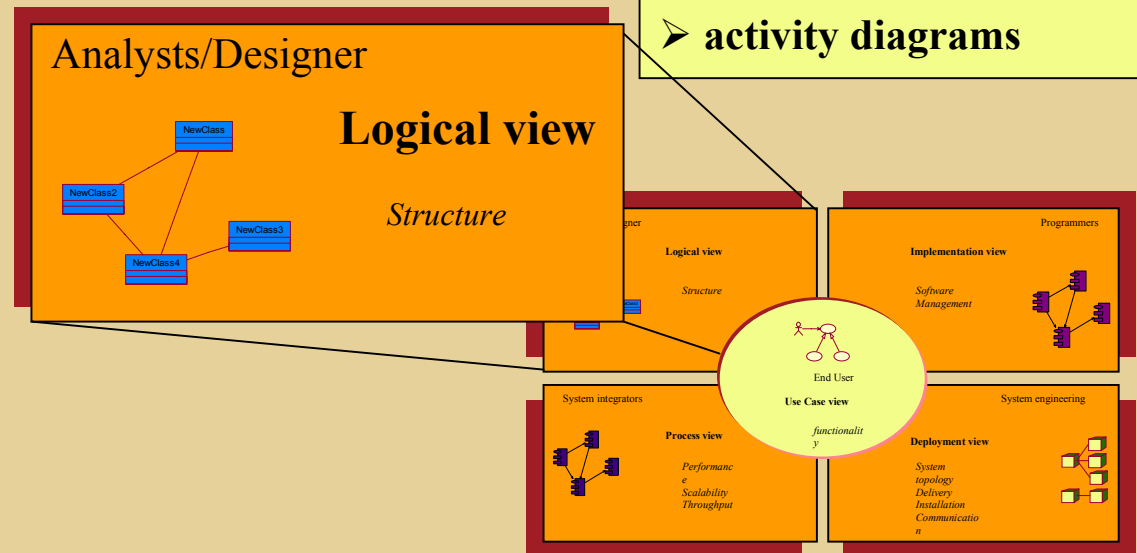
## Diagrams

### *Static aspect:*

- class diagrams
- object diagrams

### *Dynamic aspect:*

- interaction diagrams
- statechart diagrams
- activity diagrams



# Process view

## What/Where

The **process view** of a system encompasses the threads and processes that form the system's concurrency and synchronization mechanisms. This view primary addresses the performance, scalability, and throughput of the system.

## Diagrams

*Static aspect:*

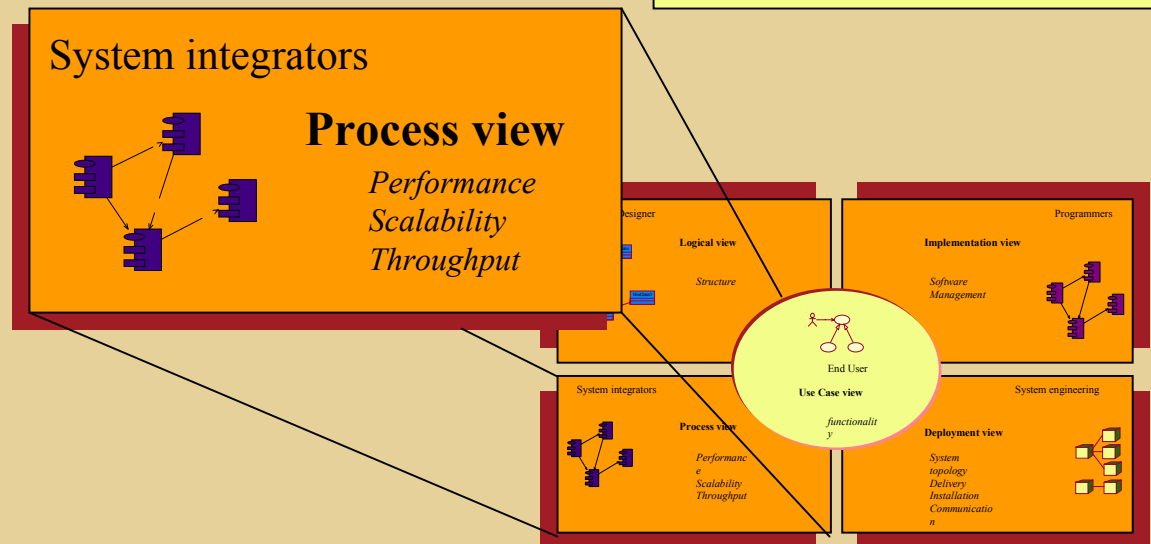
➤ component diagram

*Dynamic aspect:*

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# Implementation view

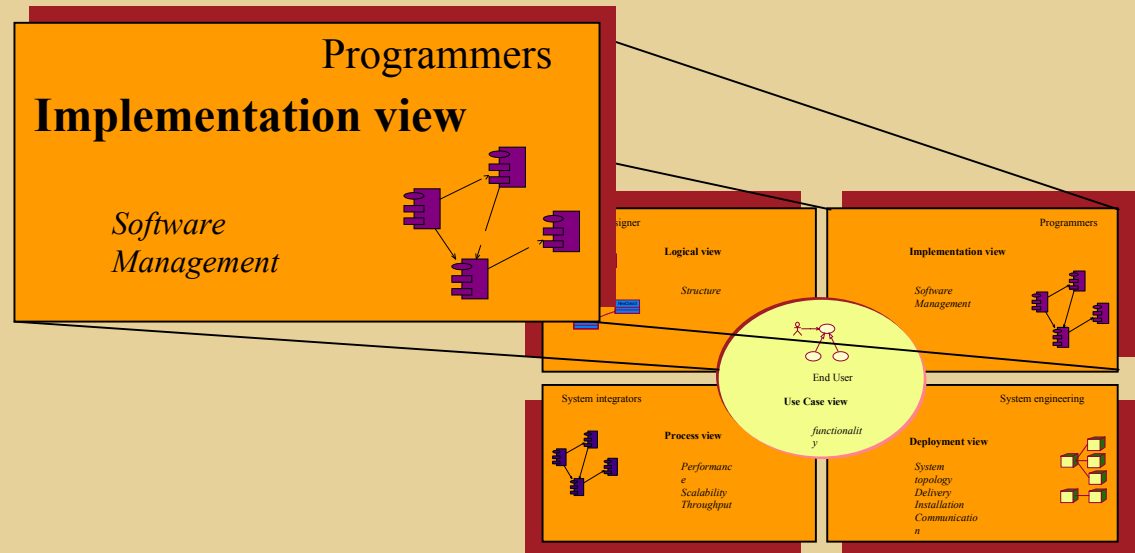
## What/Where

The **implementation view** of a system encompasses the components and files that are used to assemble and release the physical system. This view primarily addresses the configuration management of the system release, made up of somewhat independent components and files that can be assembled in various way to produce a running system.

## Diagrams

*Dynamic aspect:*

- interaction diagrams
- statechart diagrams
- activity diagrams



# Deployment view

## What/Where

The **implementation view** of a system encompasses the nodes that form the system's hardware topology on which the system execute. This view primarily addresses the distribution, delivery, and installation of the parts that make up the physical system.



## Diagrams

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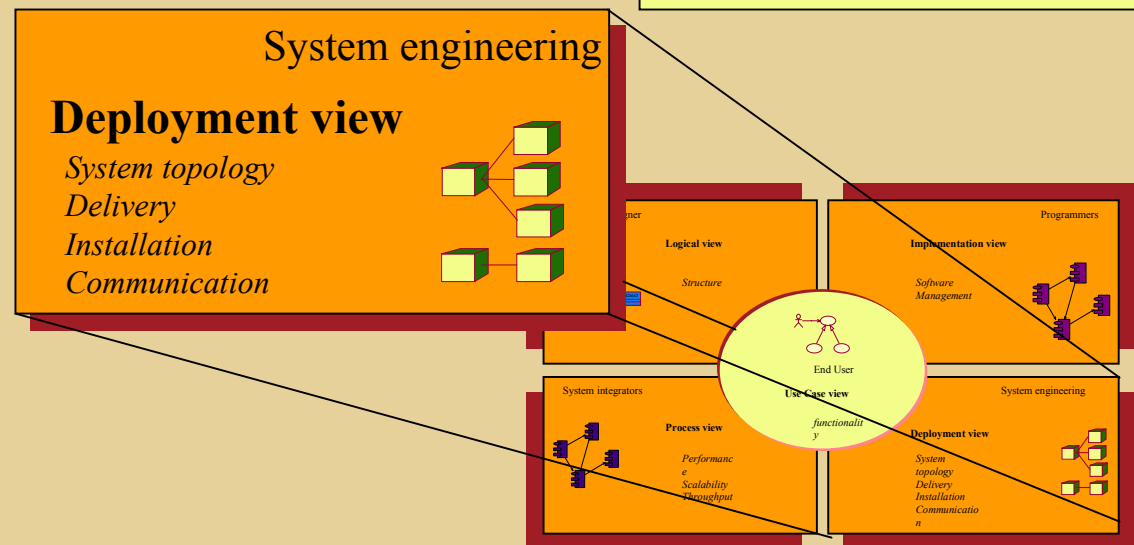
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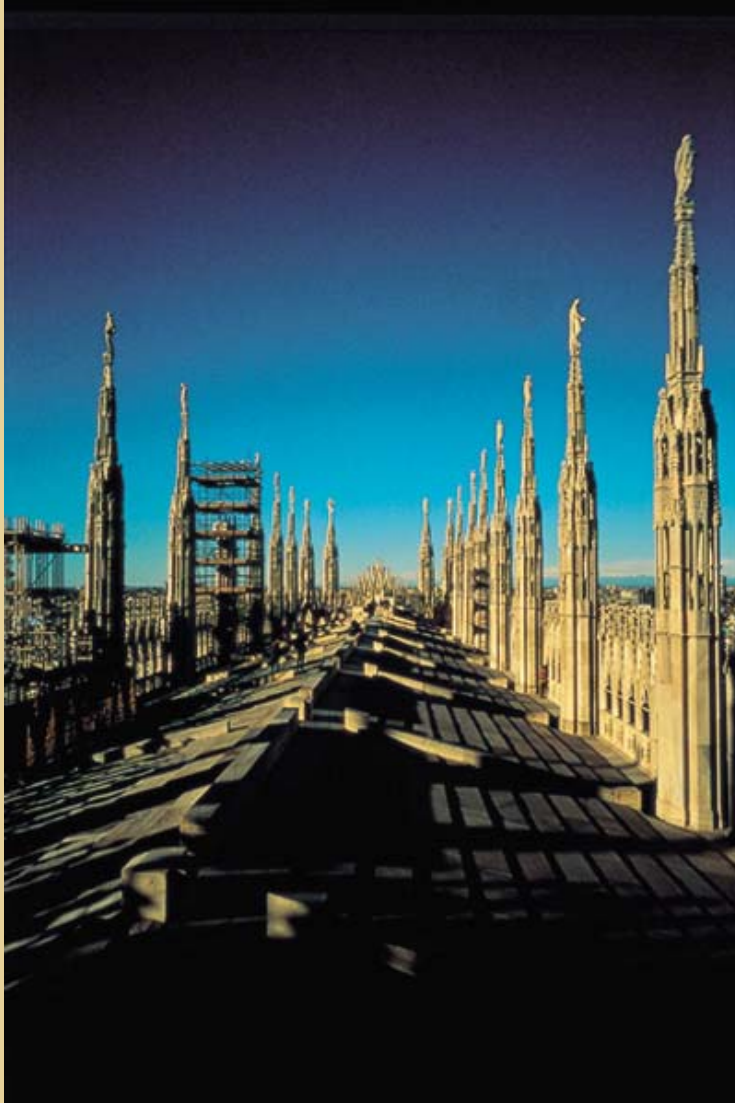
# Building the model...



## Views and language

- Each of the **five views** can stand alone so that different stakeholders can focus on the issues of the system's architecture that most concern them.
- These five views also **interact** with one another.
- The **UML** permits you to **express** every one of these five views and their interactions

# Conclusions



- **UML is a Language** that can help anyone (business analyst, developers, consultants...) to **Model** almost anything (processes, functional requirements, software solutions, ...) in a **Unified** matter.
- A set of “core” **diagrams** have been defined and standardized by OMG (ISO in 2001 ?), but new diagrams, properties and rules can be defined by extending the language.