Modeling Dynamic Behavior

The following slides use material from:
Craig Larman; Applying UML and Patterns, 3rd Edition;
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Two types of diagrams can be distinguished:

- UML Sequence Diagrams
- UML Communication Diagrams
Interaction diagrams are used to visualize the interaction via messages between objects; they are used for dynamic object modeling.
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Example Communication Diagram

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Java Code:
Sale s1 = ...;

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Common Notations for UML Interaction Diagrams

Lifeline box representing the class Font, or more precisely, that Font is an instance of class Class - an instance of a metaclass.

Java Code:
```
Class<Font> fontClass = Font.class;
```
Common Notations for UML Interaction Diagrams

Lifeline box representing an instance of an ArrayList class, parameterized to hold Sale objects.

Java Code:
```
ArrayList<Sale> sales = ...;
```

sales:ArrayList<Sale>
Common Notations for UML Interaction Diagrams

Lifeline box representing one instance of class Sale, selected from the sales ArrayList<Sale> collection.

Java Code:

```java
ArrayList<Sale> sales = ...;
Sale sale = sales.get(i);
```
Common Notations for UML Interaction Diagrams

Overview
Common Notations for UML Interaction Diagrams - Format for Interaction Messages

• “Commonly” Used Grammar:
  return = message(parameter:parameterType):returnType

• Parentheses are usually excluded if there are no parameters.

• Type information may be excluded if unimportant.

initialize(code)
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d = getProductDescription (id)
d = getProductDescription (id : ItemId)
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Examples

The same syntax is used by, e.g., the Scala programming language.
UML
Sequence Diagrams
Modeling (Synchronous) Messages

A found message whose sender will not be specified.

Execution specification bar indicates focus of control (optional) dt. Ausführungssequenz.

Typical synchronous message shown with a filled-arrow line.

:Register
- report
- getRegNo
- toString

:Sale
- getDate
- toString
Modeling (Synchronous) Messages

**UML Superstructure**

If the Message represents a CallAction, there will normally be a reply message from the called Lifeline back to the calling lifeline before the calling lifeline will proceed.
Self messages can be modeled using nested execution specification bars.
To show the return value of a message you can either use the message syntax (A) or use a message line at the end of an execution specification bar (B).

**Variant A**

 execution specification bar = dt. Ausführungssequenz

**Variant B**
Object Instance Creation

The name `create` is an *UML idiom*; it is not required.

Newly created objects are placed at their creation “height”.

Diagram:

- :Register
- :Sale
- :Payment

- `makePayment(cashTendered)`
- `create(cashTendered)`
- `authorize`
Object Instance Destruction

The object destruction notation is also used to mark objects that are no longer usable.

Not strictly required by the UML.
Invoking Static Methods (Class Methods)

Beware, other notations are also used (e.g. underlined method names).
public class Register {
    public void report() {
        Locale[] locales = Calendar.getAvailableLocales();
    }
}
Diagram frames in UML sequence diagrams are used to support - among others - conditional and looping constructs. Frames have an operator and a guard.

Diagram Frame ~dt. Fragment

Diagram example
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public class Sale {

    private List<SalesLineItem> lineItems = new ArrayList<SalesLineItem>();

    public Money getTotal() {
        Money t = new Money();
        Money st = null;
        for (SalesLineItem lineItem : lineItems) {
            st = lineItem.getSubtotal();
            t.add(st);
        }
        return t;
    }
}

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How to model the sending of a message only if a guard condition matches?

Modeling task: Get the sum of all sales that happened today after 18:00 o’clock.
Use a **UML opt frame** to model the sending of a message if the guard condition matches.

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How to model mutually exclusive alternatives?

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Use the **UML alt frame** to model between 2 and n mutually exclusive alternatives.

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In general, sequence diagrams are not really well suited to show looping and conditional behavior. Activity diagrams and code may be alternatives.

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- References are used to simplify a diagram and factor out a portion into another diagram or to enable reuse.

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How to model the sending of asynchronous messages?
How to model objects that have their own thread of execution?

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Asynchronous messages are messages that don’t block. An active object is an object where each instance runs on and controls its own thread of execution.

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UML Communication Diagrams
Links and Messages in Communication Diagrams

- A **link** is a connection path between two objects (it is an instance of an association)
  A link indicates that some form of navigation and visibility between the objects is possible.

- Each **message** between objects is represented with a message expression and a small arrow indicating the direction of the message
  Sequence numbers are added to show the sequential order of messages in the current thread of control; the starting message is often not numbered.
• Modeling self messages
Alternative Notations for Modeling Instance Creation

Create message, with optional initializing parameters. This will normally be interpreted as a constructor call.

If an unobvious creation message name is used, the message may be stereotyped for clarity.
Message Number Sequencing

The initial message is not numbered to make the numbering easier to comprehend.

1: \text{i\_msg} \rightarrow :A

1: j\_msg \rightarrow :B

1.1: k\_msg \downarrow

2.1: l\_msg \uparrow

2: n\_msg \rightarrow :C

2.2: m\_msg \downarrow

3: \text{n\_msg} \rightarrow :D

fourth message

second message

third message

fifth message

sixth message
The message is only sent if the condition evaluates to true. The condition is written in square brackets. In case of modeling mutually exclusive message conditional path letters are prepended.

Small letters are sometimes used to mark methods that are executed in parallel.
Messages to Class Objects

```
makePayment ↓

1: locs = getAvailableLocales →

e.g. to format the date as either 3/2/2009 or 2.3.2009
```
UML Communication vs. UML Sequence Diagrams
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UML tools often emphasize sequence diagrams, because of their greater notational power.
Summary
The goal of this lecture is to enable you to systematically carry out small(er) software projects that produce quality software.

- Modeling the dynamic behavior is often more rewarding than modeling the static structure w.r.t. understanding a domain
- Modeling the dynamic behavior is often particularly useful if the control-flow is more involved; but only draw the part that is relevant to understand the problem at hand
- The UML is often used informally - this is OK if everyone interprets the diagrams in the same way
• The goal of this lecture is to enable you to systematically carry out small(er) commercial or open-source projects.