

Chapter 8

Analysis Modeling, Part 1/2

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Overview of Ch 8. Building the Analysis Model

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 - 8.4 Object-Oriented Analysis
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 - 8.7 Class-based modeling
 - 8.8 Creating a behavioral model

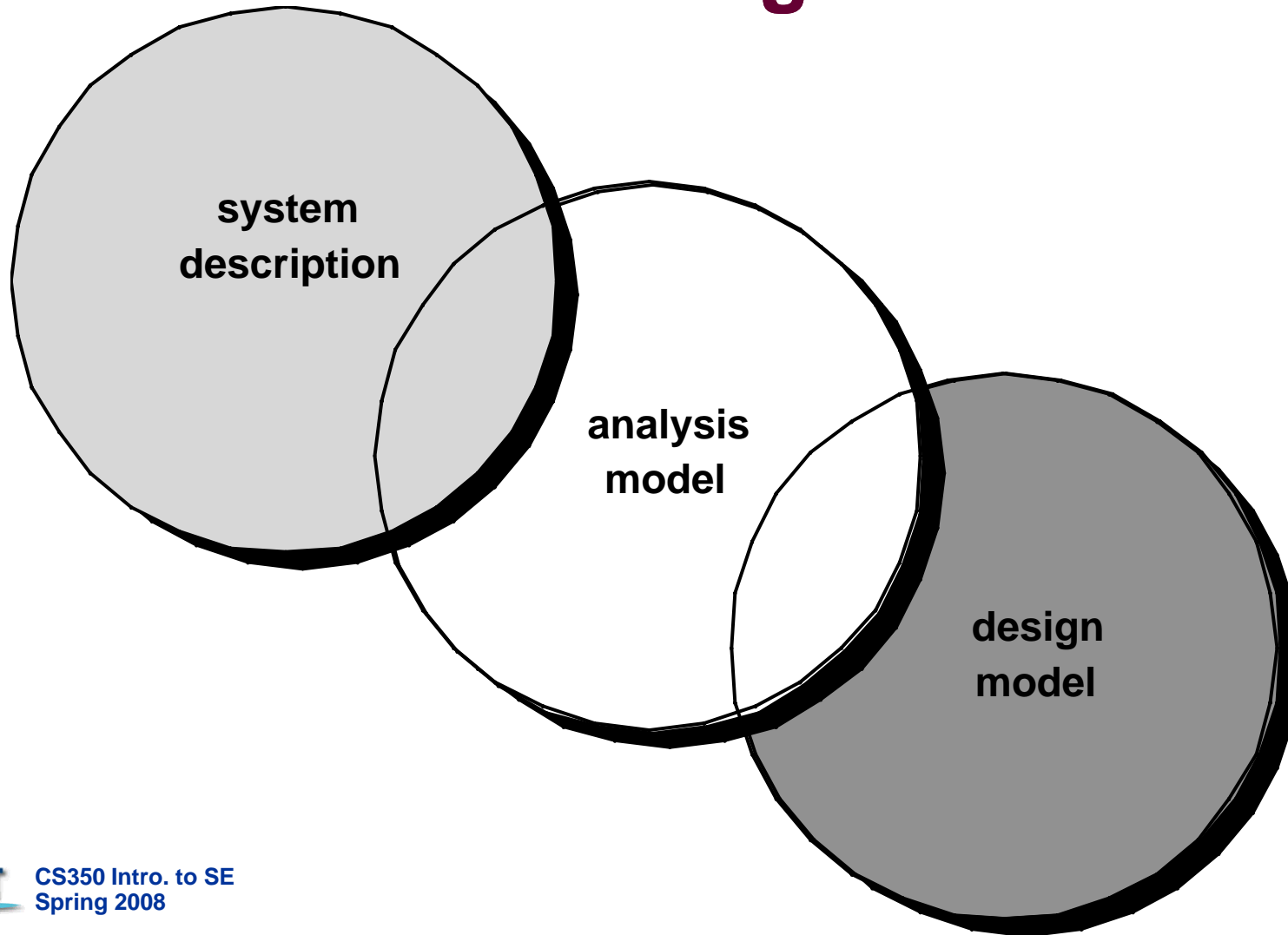
Requirements Analysis

- At a technical level, SE begins with a building an analysis model of a target system
- Requirements analysis
 - specifies software's **operational** characteristics
 - indicates software's **interface** with other system elements
 - establishes **constraints** that software must meet
- Objectives
 1. To describe what the customer requires
 2. Establish a basis for the creation of a SW design
 3. To define a set of **requirements** that can be **validated** once the software is built

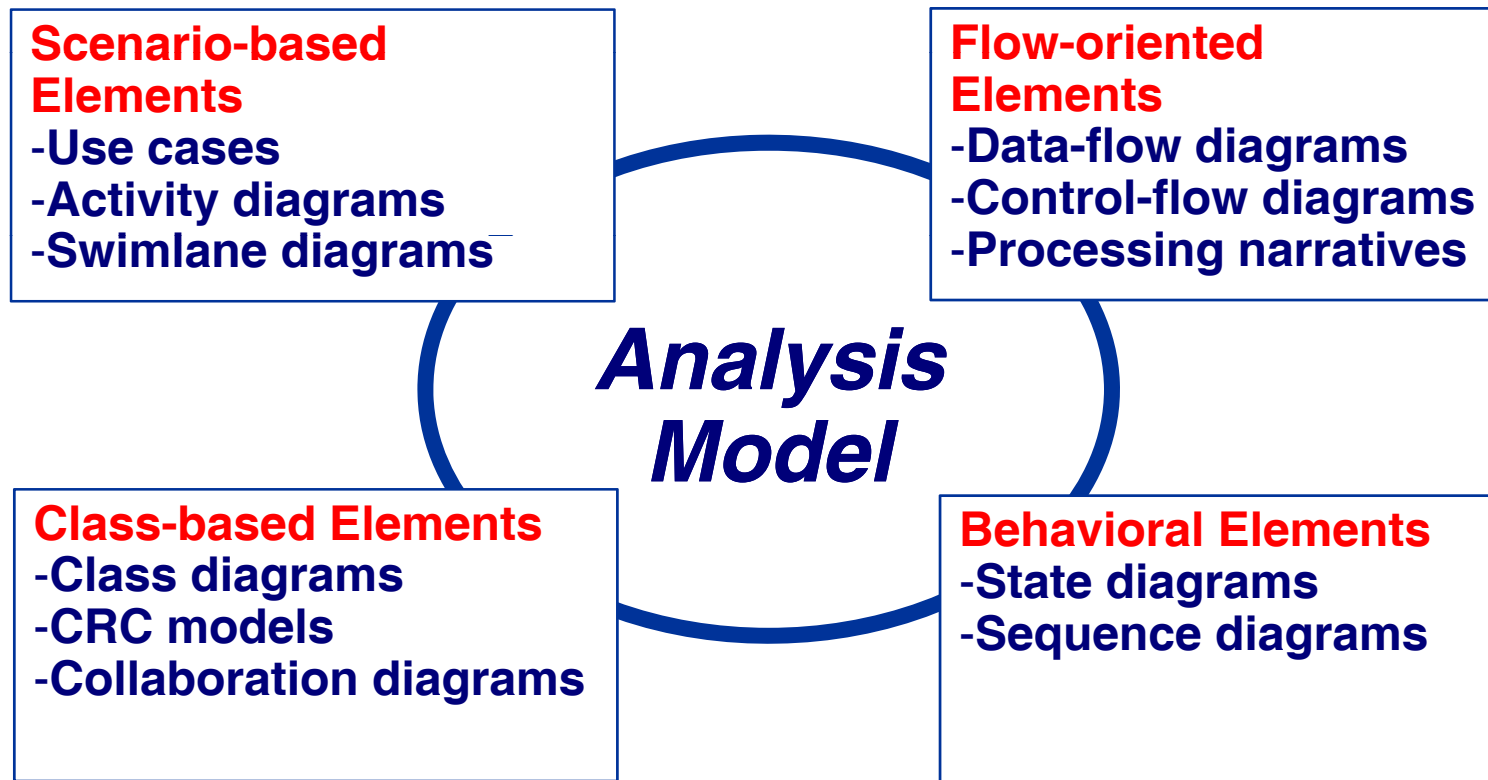
Requirements Analysis

- Requirements analysis allows the software engineer to:
 - elaborate on basic requirements established during earlier requirement engineering tasks
 - see Ch 7. “Requirements Engineering”
 - build models that depict
 - user scenarios
 - functional activities
 - problem classes and their relationships
 - system and class behavior
 - the flow of data as it is transformed.

A Bridge



Elements of the Analysis Model



Rules of Thumb

1. The model should focus on requirements that are **visible** within the problem or business domain.
 - The level of abstraction should be **relatively high**.
2. Each element of the analysis model should
 - add to an overall understanding of software requirements
 - provide insight into the
 - information domain
 - function of the system
 - behavior of the system
3. Delay consideration of infrastructure and other non-functional models until design.
4. Minimize coupling throughout the system.
5. Be certain that the analysis model provides value to **all stakeholders**.
6. Keep the model as simple as it can be.

Domain Analysis

Software domain analysis is the identification, analysis, and specification of common requirements from a specific application domain, typically for reuse on multiple projects within that application domain . . . [**Object-oriented domain analysis is**] the identification, analysis, and specification of common, reusable capabilities within a specific application domain, in terms of common objects, classes, subassemblies, and frameworks . . .

Donald Firesmith

- Define the domain to be investigated.
- Collect a representative **sample** of applications in the domain.
- Analyze each application in the sample.
- Develop an analysis model for the objects.

Data Modeling

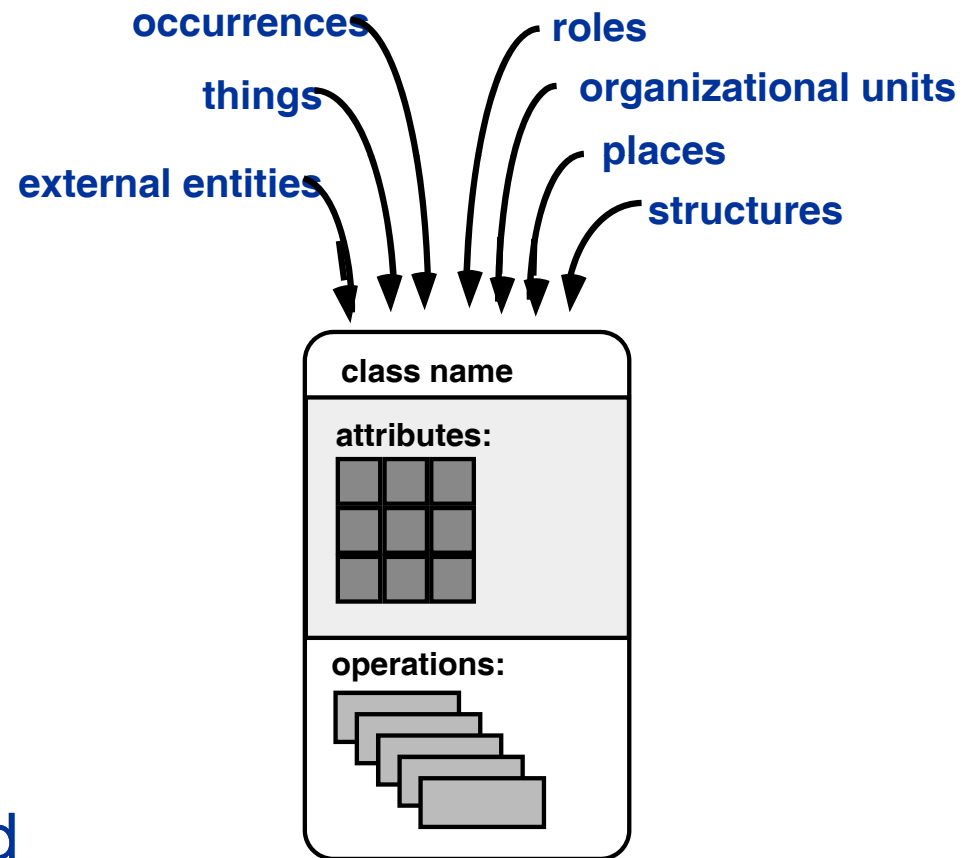
- Analysis modeling often begins with data modeling
 - Examines data objects independently of processing
 - Focuses attention on the data domain
 - Indicates how data objects relate to one another
- **Relationship** among data objects can be expressed in UML very well
- Typical data objects
 - External entities
 - printer, user, sensor
 - Things
 - reports, displays, signals
 - Occurrences or events
 - interrupt, alarm
 - Roles
 - manager, engineer, salesperson
 - Organizational units
 - division, team
 - Places
 - manufacturing floor
 - Structures
 - employee record

Object-Oriented Concepts

- Must be understood to apply class-based elements of the analysis model
- Key concepts:
 - Classes and objects
 - Attributes and operations
 - Encapsulation and instantiation
 - Inheritance

Classes

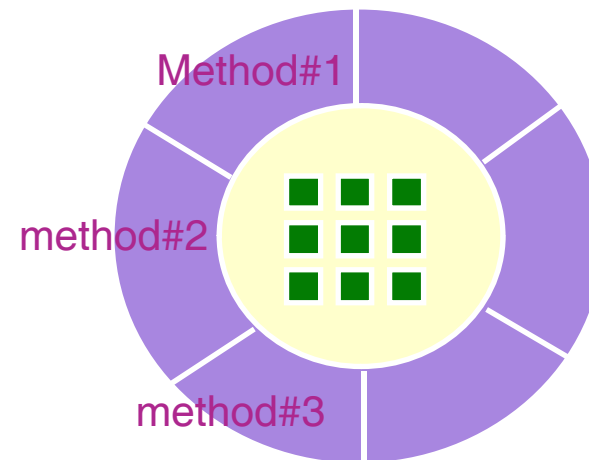
- Object-oriented thinking begins with the **definition** of a class, often defined as:
 - template
 - generalized description
 - “blueprint” ... describing a collection of similar items
- A superclass establishes a hierarchy of classes
- Once a class of items is defined, a specific instance of the class can be identified



Methods

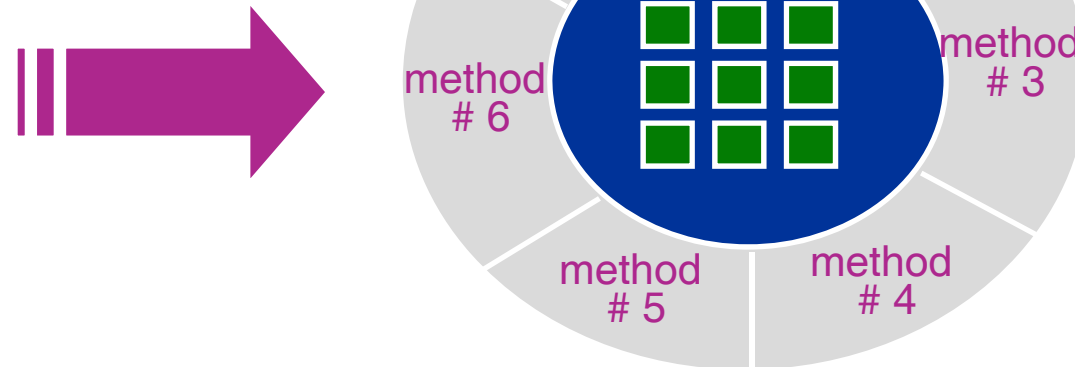
(a.k.a. Operations, Services)

An executable procedure that is encapsulated in a class and is designed to operate on one or more data attributes that are defined as part of the class.



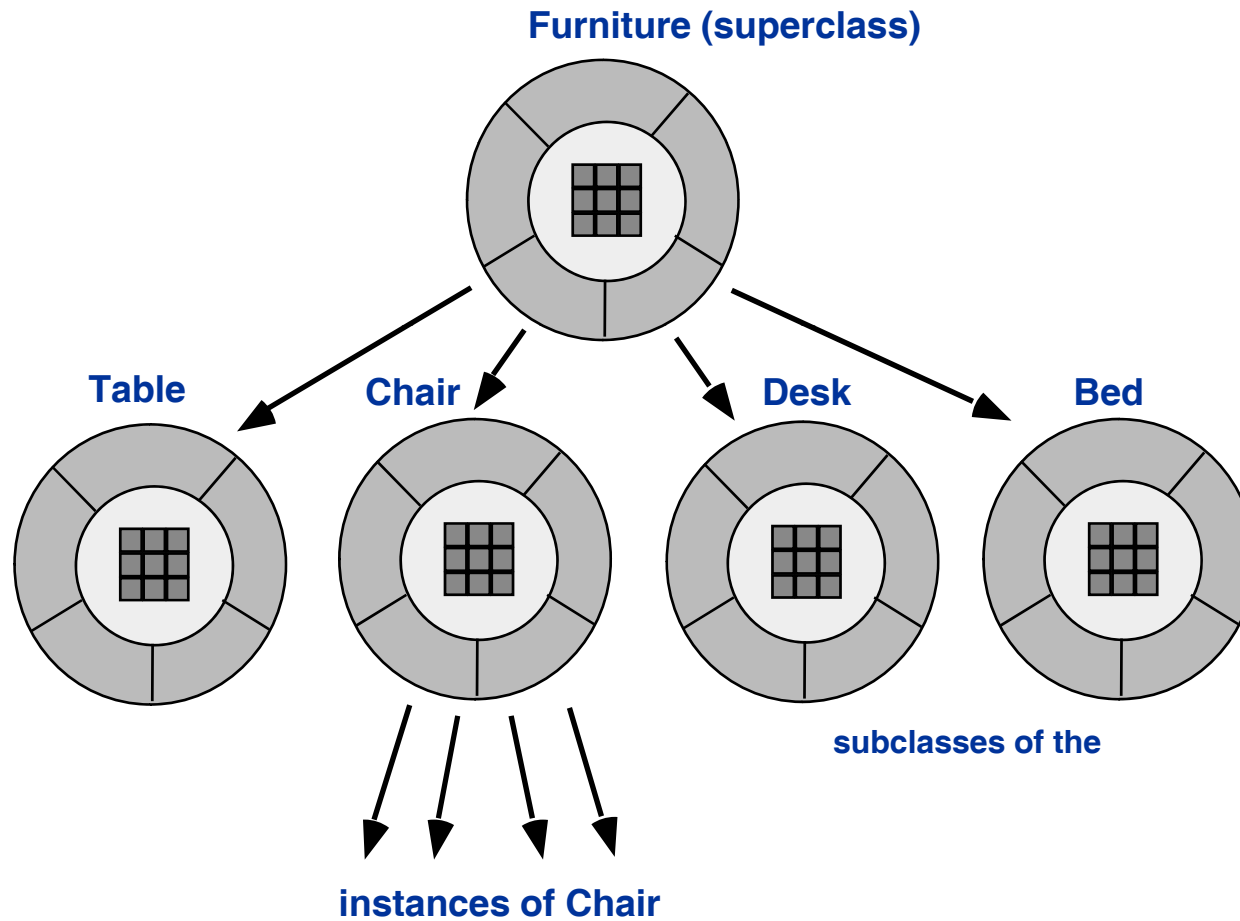
Encapsulation/Hiding

The object **encapsulates** both data and the logical procedures required to manipulate the data



Achieves “**information hiding**”

Class Hierarchy



How to Define All Classes

1. Basic **user requirements** must be communicated between the customer and the SW engineer
2. Classes must be identified
 - Attributes and methods are to be defined
3. A class hierarchy is defined
4. Object-to-object relationships should be represented
5. Object behavior must be modeled
6. Tasks 1 through 5 are repeated until the model is complete

Scenario-Based Modeling

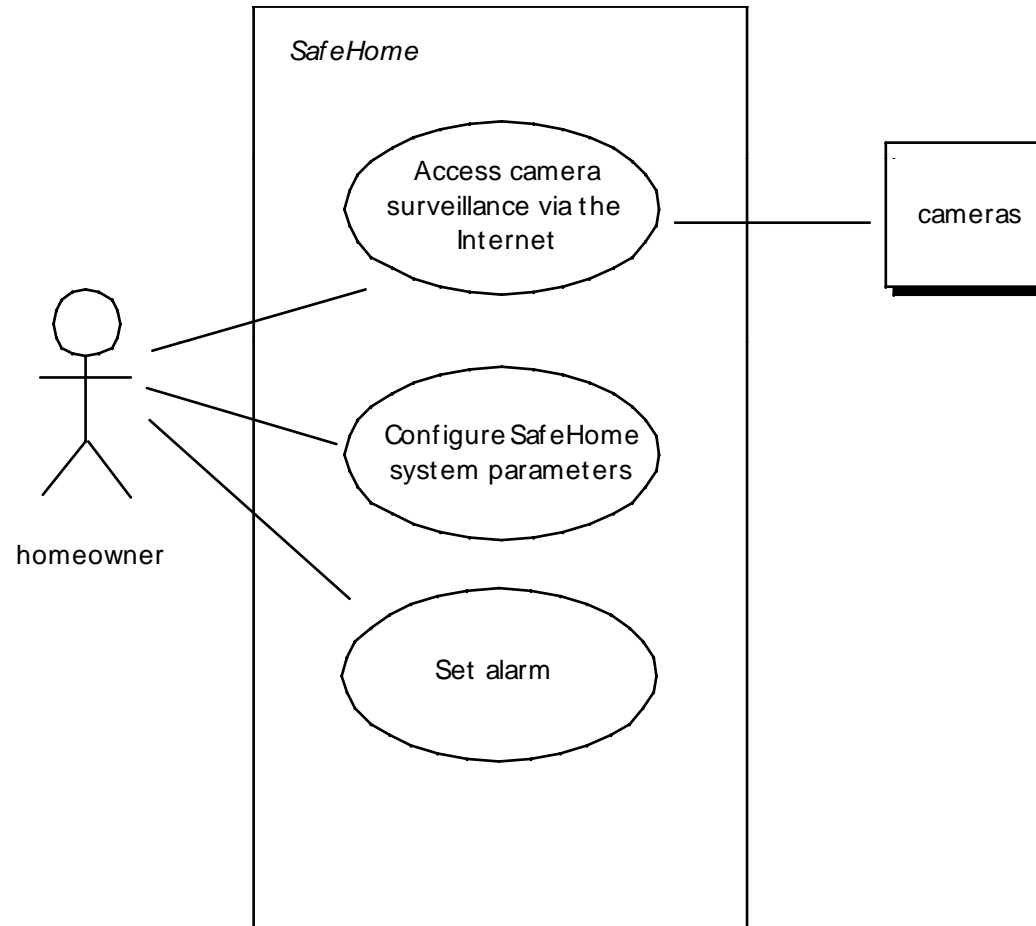
“[Use-cases] are simply an aid to defining what exists outside the system (actors) and what should be performed by the system (use-cases).” Ivar Jacobson

- (1) What should we write about?
- (2) How much should we write about it?
- (3) How detailed should we make our description?
- (4) How should we organize the description?

Use-Cases

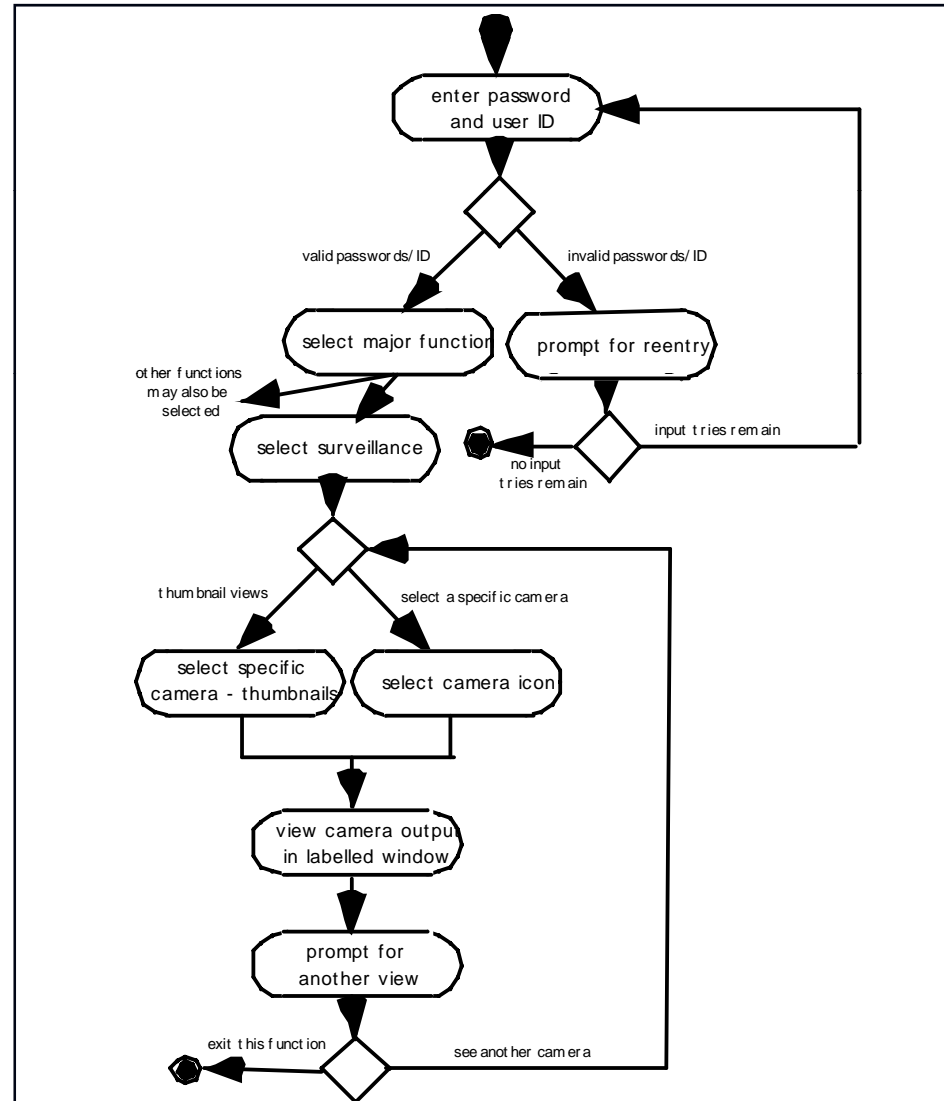
- a scenario that describes a “thread of usage” for a system
- *actors* represent roles people or devices play as the system functions
- *users* can play a number of different roles for a given scenario
- Developing a use case
 - What are the main tasks or functions that are performed by the actor?
 - What system information will the actor acquire, produce or change?
 - What information does the actor desire from the system?

Use-Case Diagram



Activity Diagram

- Supplements the use-case by providing a diagrammatic representation of procedural flow (Fig 8.7 of 224 pg)



Swimlane Diagrams

- Allows the modeler to represent the flow of activities described by the use-case
- This diagram indicates which actor or analysis class has responsibility for the action described by an activity rectangle (Fig 8.8 of 225 pg)

