

Chapter 8

Analysis Modeling

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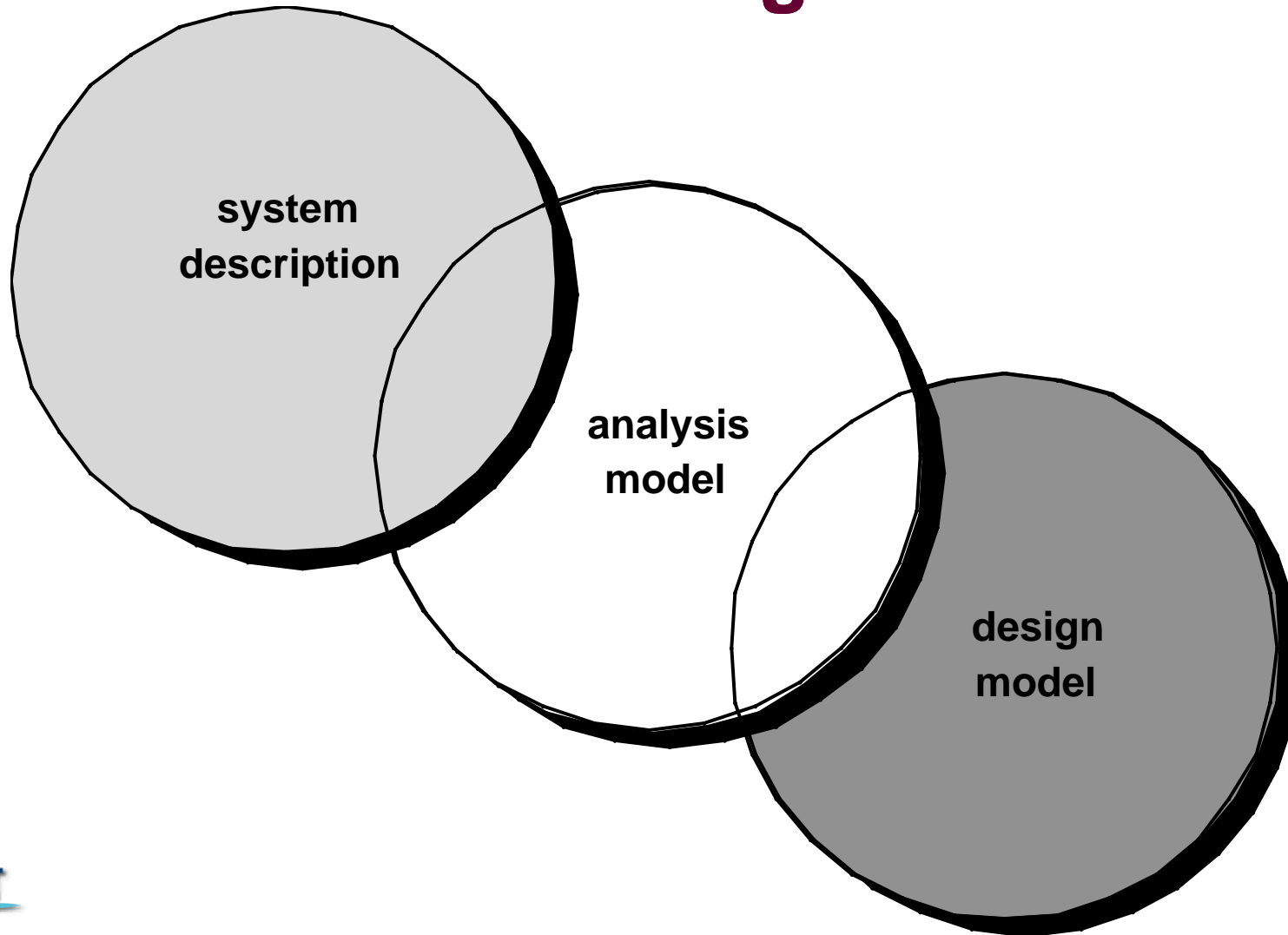
Requirements Analysis

- 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

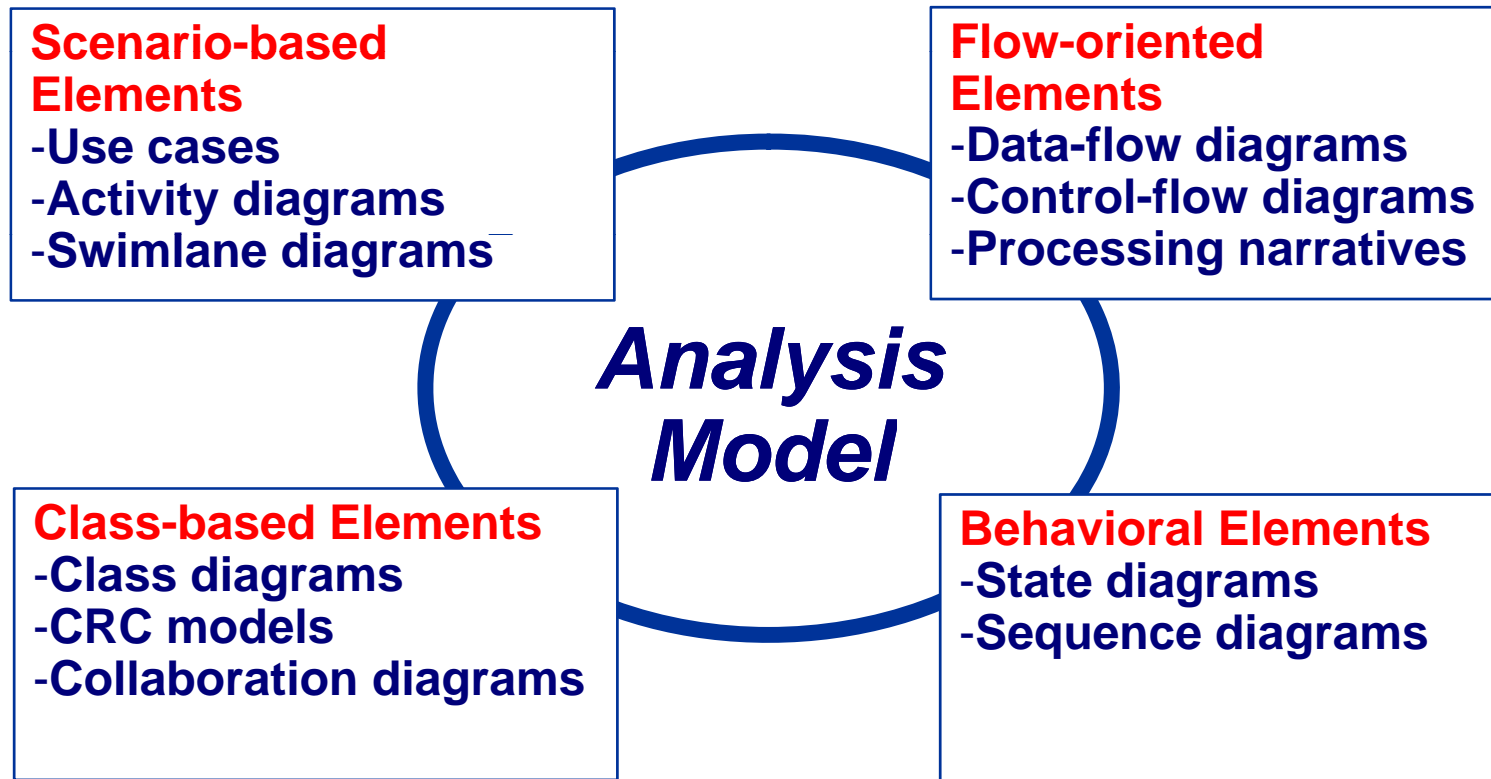
Requirements Analysis

- 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

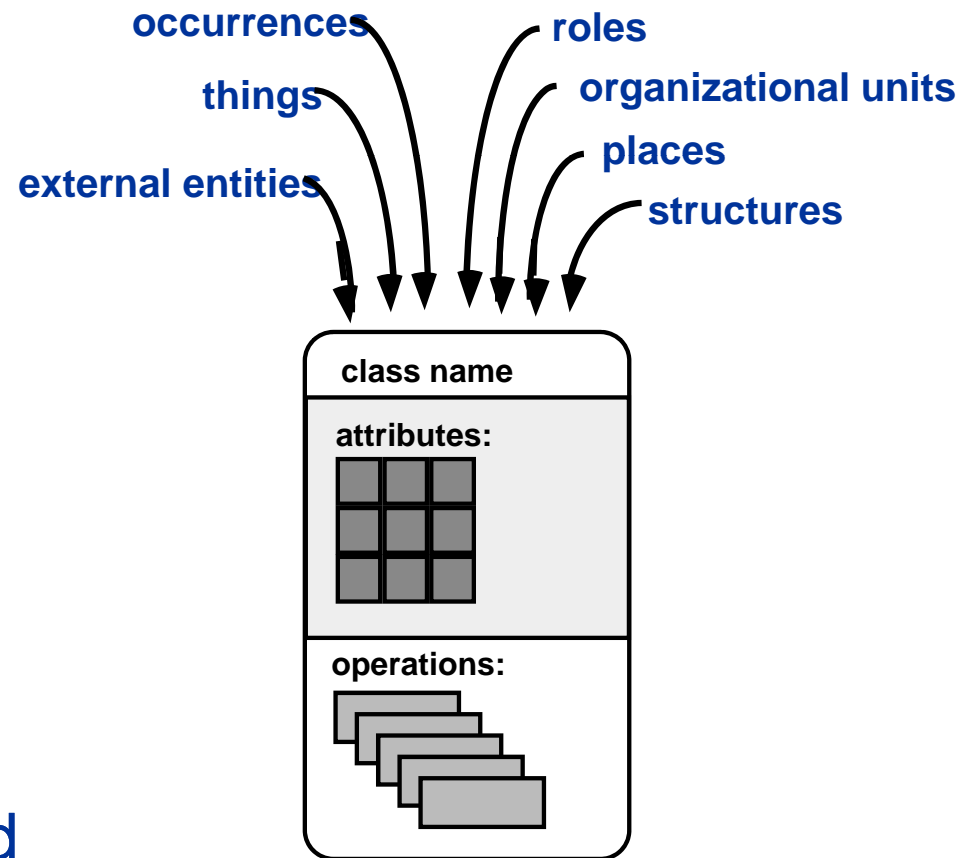
- Analysis modeling often begins with data modeling
 - Examines data objects independently of processing
 - Focuses attention on the data domain
 - Indicates how data objects relate to one another
- **Relationship** among data objects can be expressed in UML very well
- Typical data objects
 - External 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

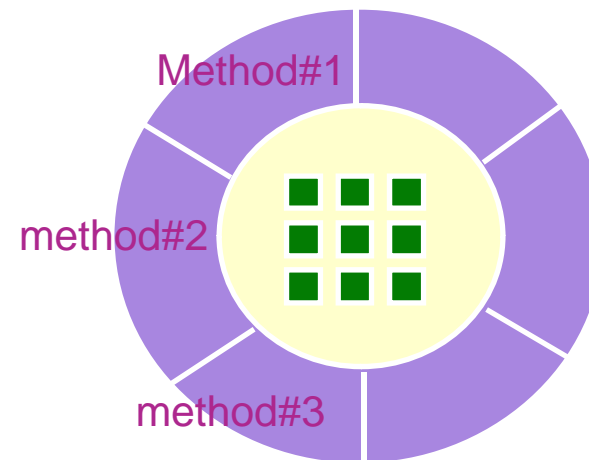
- Object-oriented thinking begins with the **definition** of a class, often defined as:
 - template
 - generalized description
 - “blueprint” ... describing a collection of similar items
- A superclass establishes a hierarchy of classes
- Once a class of items is defined, a specific instance of the class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



Methods

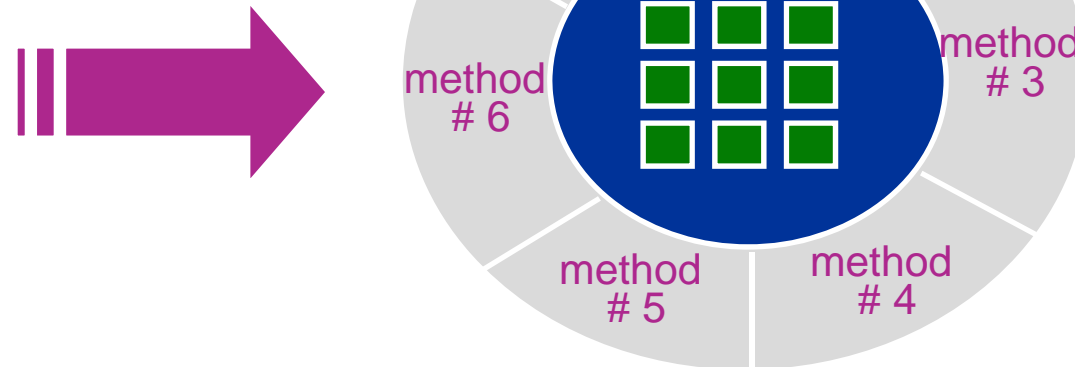
(a.k.a. Operations, Services)

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.



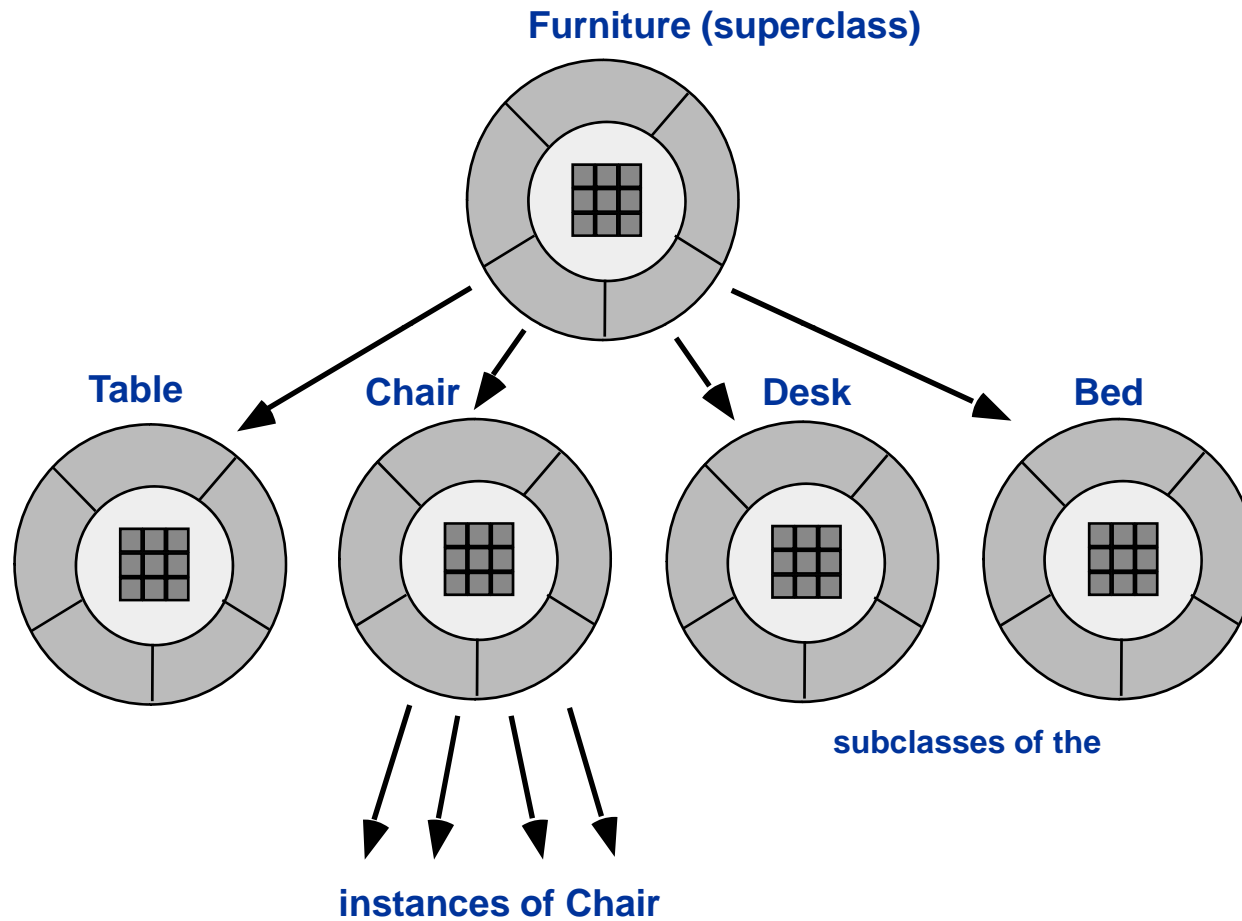
Encapsulation/Hiding

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

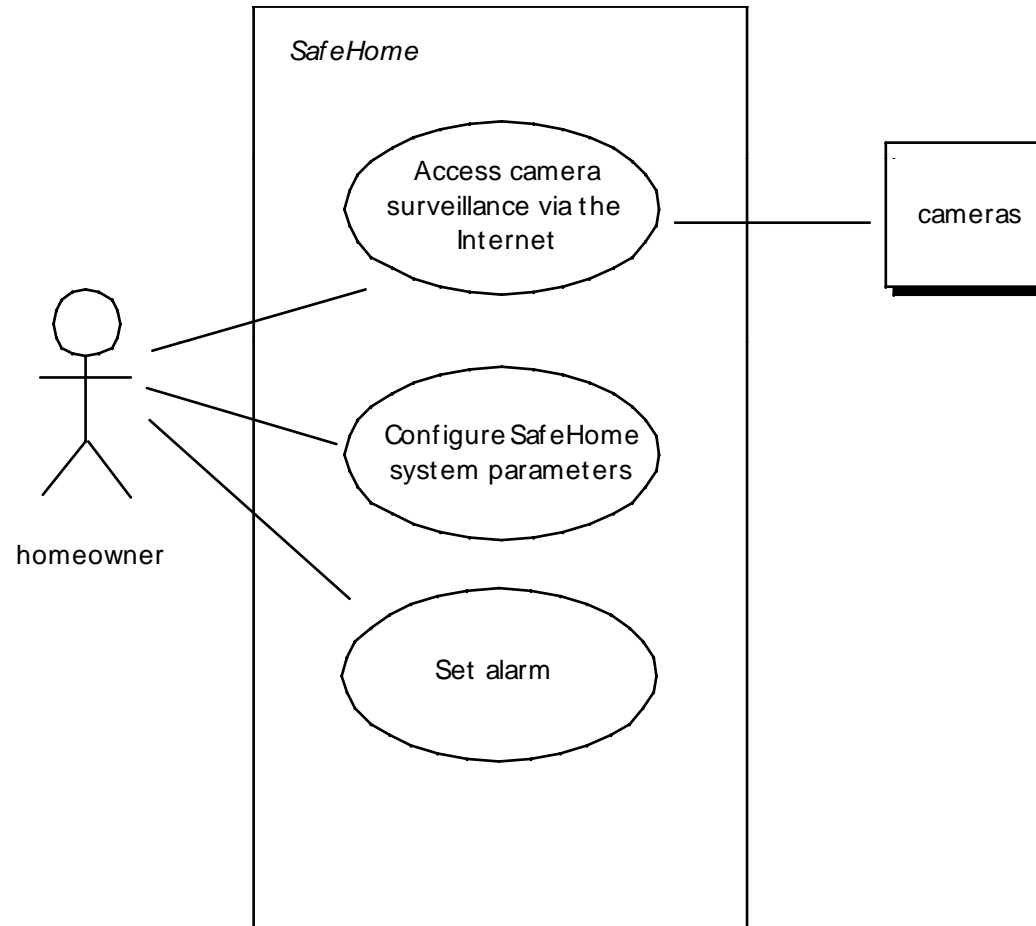
“[Use-cases] are simply an aid to defining what exists outside the system (actors) and what should be performed by the system (use-cases).” Ivar Jacobson

- (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

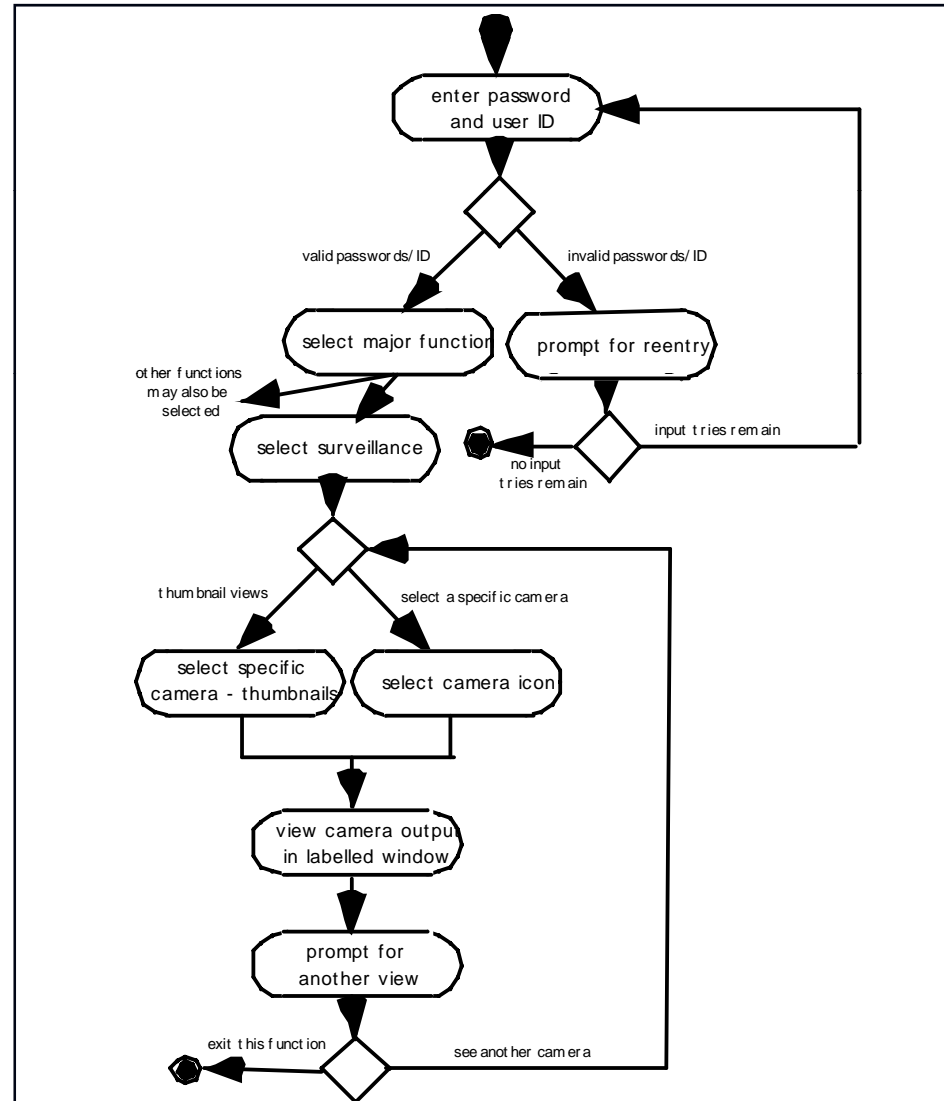
- a scenario that describes a “thread of usage” for a system
- *actors* represent roles people or devices play as the system functions
- *users* can play a number of different roles for a given scenario
- Developing a use case
 - What are the main tasks or functions that are performed by the actor?
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

Use-Case Diagram



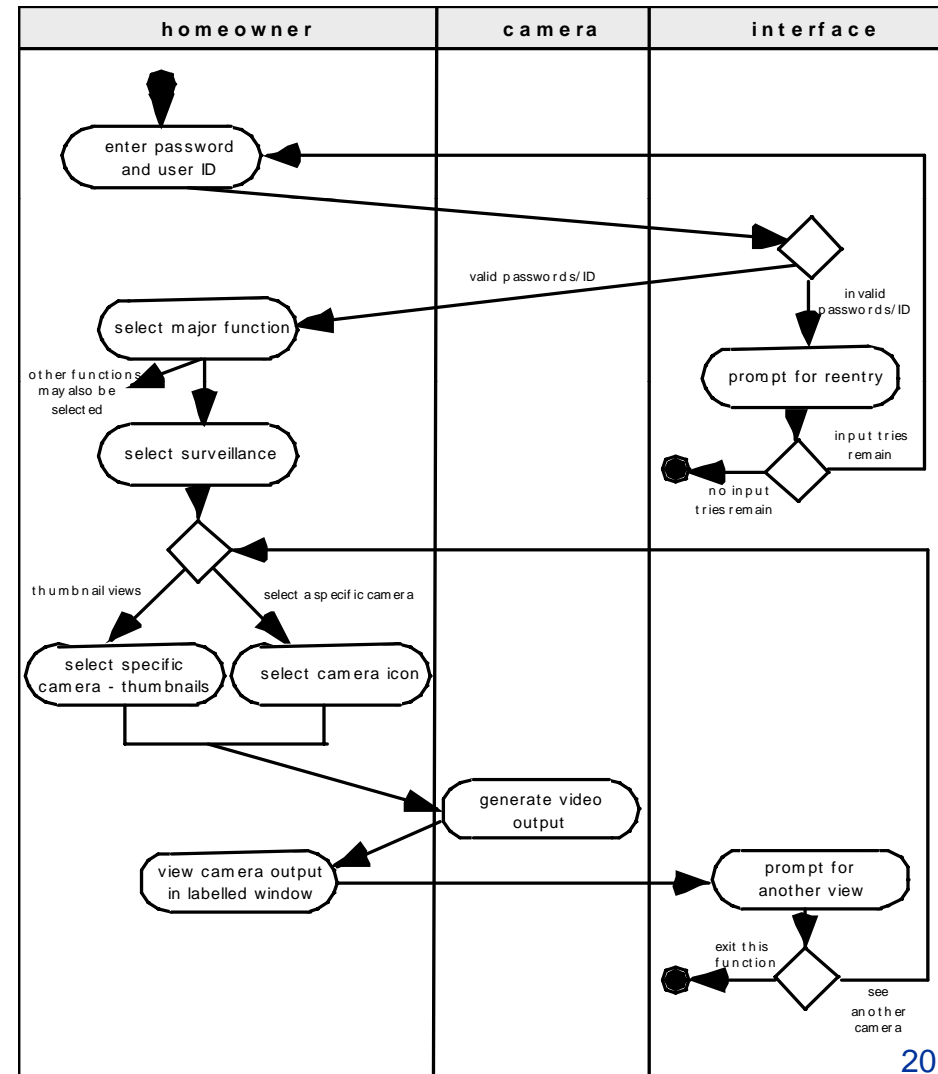
Activity Diagram

- 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)



Flow-Oriented Modeling

- Represents how **data** objects are **transformed** as they move through the system
- A data flow diagram (DFD) is the diagrammatic form that is used
- Considered by many to be an ‘old school’ approach
 - flow-oriented modeling continues to provide a view of the system that is unique—it should be used to supplement other analysis model elements

The Flow Model

Every computer-based system is an information transform



Flow Modeling Notation (1/2)



**external
entity**

A **producer** (origin) or **consumer** (sink) of data

Examples: a person, a device, a sensor

Another example: computer-based system

*Data must always originate somewhere
and must always be sent to something*




process

A data **transformer** (changes input to output)

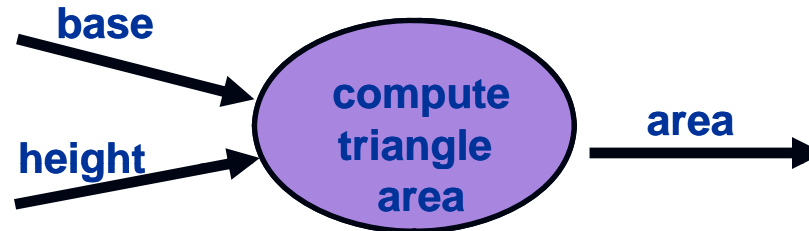
Examples: compute taxes, determine area,
format report, display graph

*Data must always be processed in some
way to achieve system function*

Flow Modeling Notation (2/2)

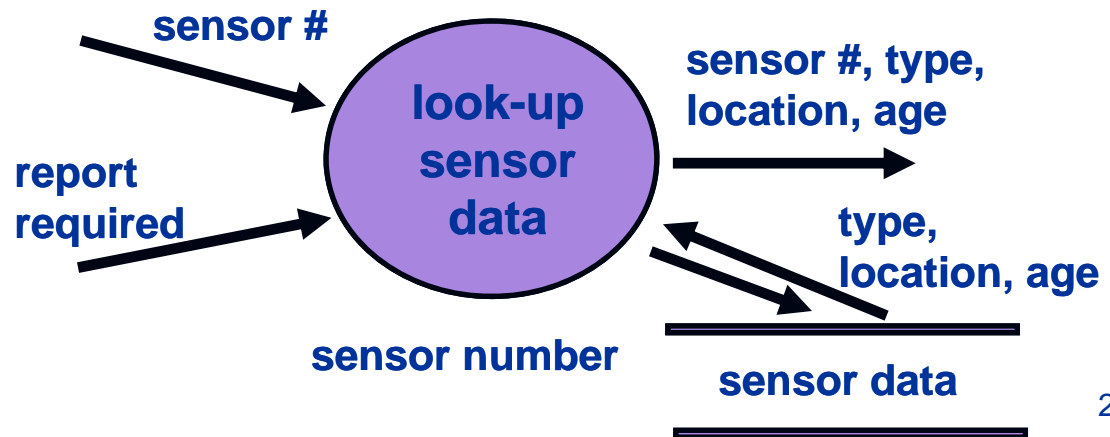
 **Data flow**

Data flows through a system, beginning as input and be transformed into output.



 **Data store**

Data is often stored for later use.



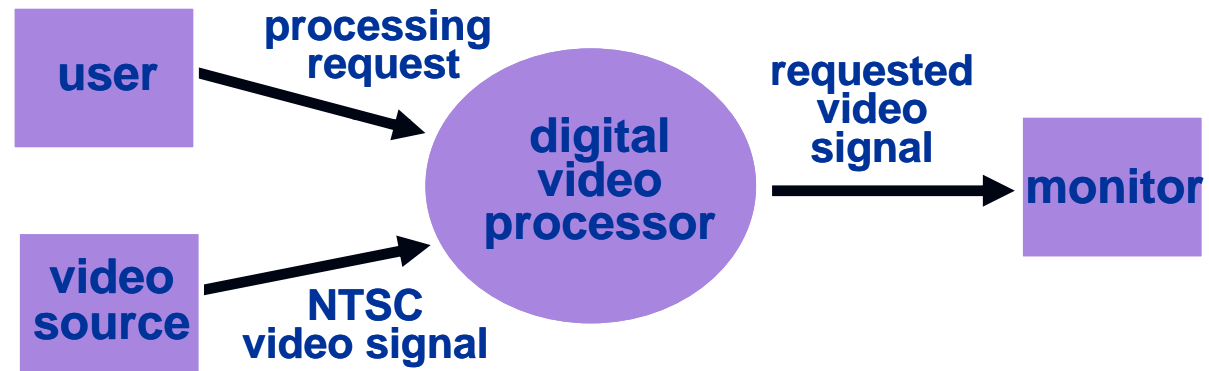
Data Flow Diagramming: Guidelines

- All icons must be labeled with meaningful **names**
- The DFD evolves through a number of levels of detail
- Always begin with a context level diagram (also called level 0)
 - Top-down approach
- Always show external entities at level 0
- Always label data flow arrows
- Do **not** represent procedural logic unless DFD reaches the final level

Constructing a DFD—I

- Review the data model to isolate data objects and use a grammatical parse to determine “operations”
- Determine external entities (producers and consumers of data)
- Create a level 0 DFD

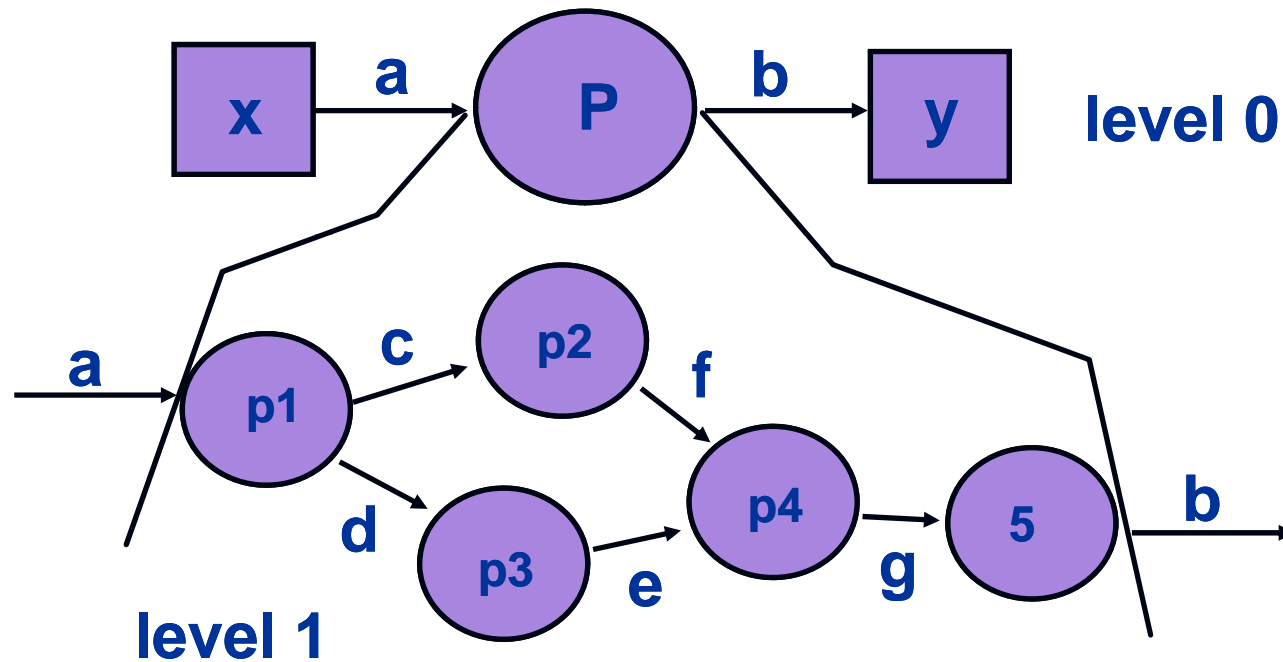
Level 0 DFD Example



Constructing a DFD—II

- Write a narrative describing the transform
- Parse to determine next level transforms
- “balance” the flow to maintain data flow continuity
- Develop a level 1 DFD
- Use a 1:5 (approx.) expansion ratio

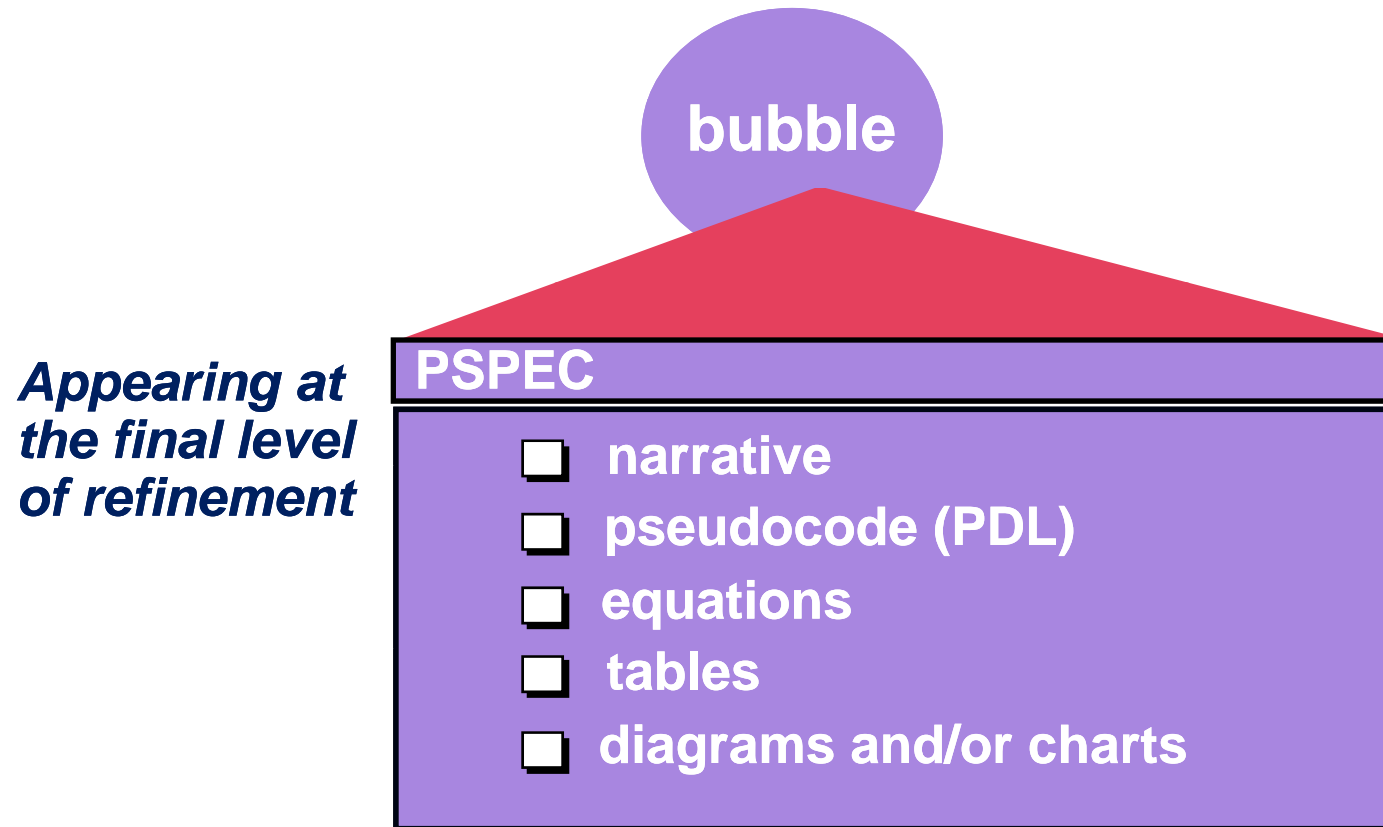
The Data Flow Hierarchy



Flow Modeling Notes

- Each bubble is refined until it does just **one** thing
- The expansion ratio decreases as the number of levels increase
- Most systems require between 3 and 7 levels for an adequate flow model
- A single data flow item (arrow) may be expanded as levels increase (data dictionary provides information)

Process Specification (PSPEC)



Class-Based Modeling

- Identify analysis classes by examining the problem statement
- Use a “grammatical parse” to isolate potential classes from use case scenarios
- Identify the attributes of each class
- Identify operations that manipulate the attributes

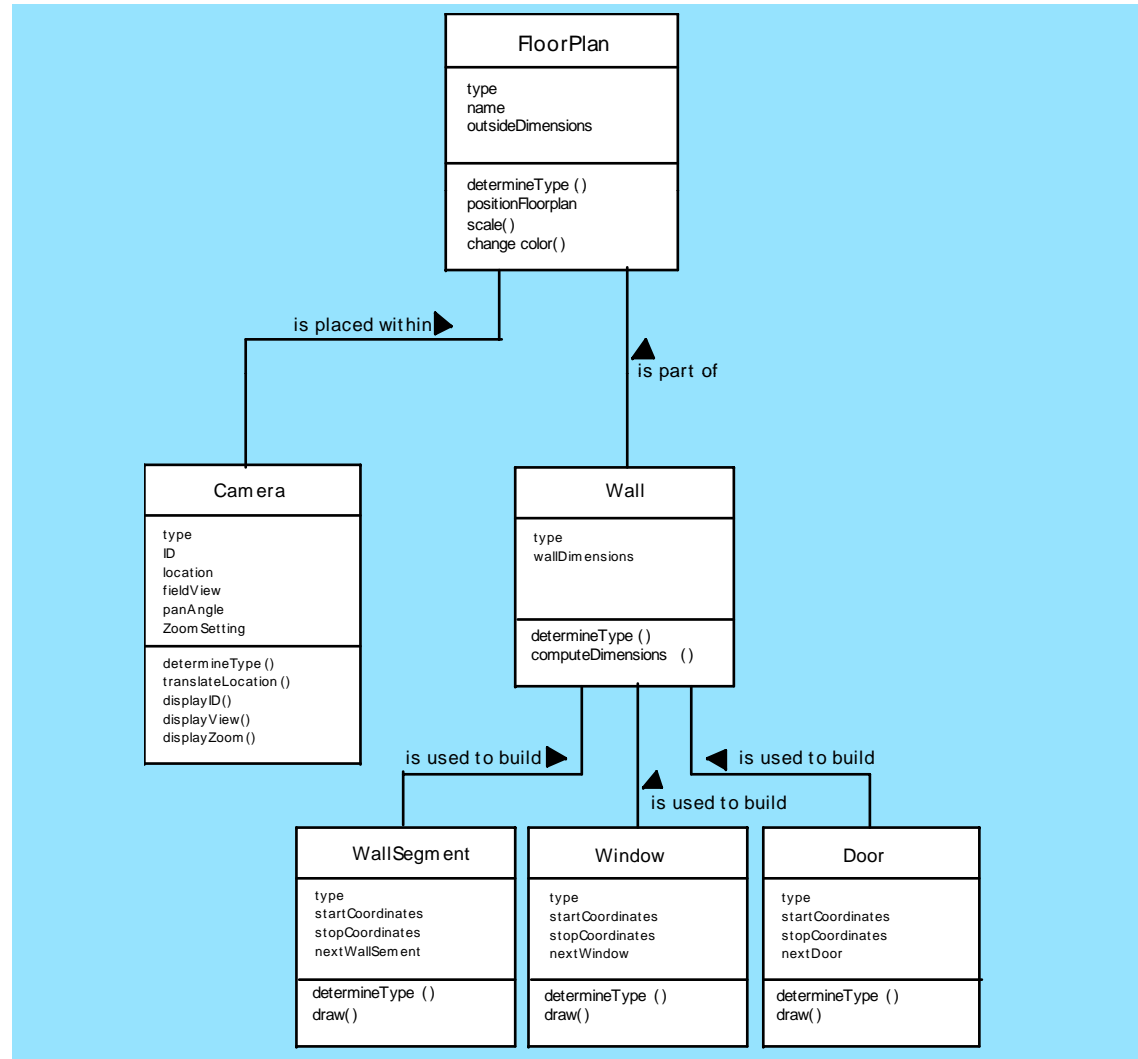
Analysis Classes

- *External entities* (e.g., other systems, devices, people) that produce or consume information to be used by a computer-based system.
- *Things* (e.g., reports, displays, letters, signals) that are part of the information domain for the problem.
- *Occurrences or events* (e.g., a property transfer or the completion of a series of robot movements) that occur within the context of system operation.
- *Roles* (e.g., manager, engineer, salesperson) played by people who interact with the system.
- *Organizational units* (e.g., division, group, team) that are relevant to an application.
- *Places* (e.g., manufacturing floor or loading dock) that establish the context of the problem and the overall function of the system.
- *Structures* (e.g., sensors, four-wheeled vehicles, or computers) that define a class of objects or related classes of objects.

Selecting Classes—Criteria

- ✓ retained information
- ✓ needed services
- ✓ multiple attributes
- ✓ common attributes
- ✓ common operations
- ✓ essential requirements

Class Diagram



Class-Responsibility-Collaborator (CRC) Modeling

- Analysis classes have “responsibilities”
 - *Responsibilities* are the attributes and operations encapsulated by the class
- Analysis classes collaborate with one another
 - *Collaborators* are those classes that are required to provide a class with the information needed to complete a responsibility.
 - In general, a collaboration implies either a request for information or a request for some action.

CRC Modeling

Class: FloorPlan	
Description:	
Responsibility:	Collaborator:
defines floor plan name/type	
manages floor plan positioning	
scales floor plan for display	
scales floor plan for display	
incorporates walls, doors and windows	Wall
shows position of video cameras	Camera

Class Types

- *Entity classes*, also called *model* or *business* classes, are extracted directly from the statement of the problem (e.g., FloorPlan and Sensor).
- *Boundary classes* are used to create the **interface** (e.g., interactive screen or printed reports) that the user sees and interacts with as the software is used.
- *Controller classes* manage a “unit of work” [UML03] from start to finish. That is, controller classes can be designed to manage
 - the creation or update of entity objects;
 - the instantiation of boundary objects as they obtain information from entity objects;
 - complex communication between sets of objects;
 - validation of data communicated between objects or between the user and the application.

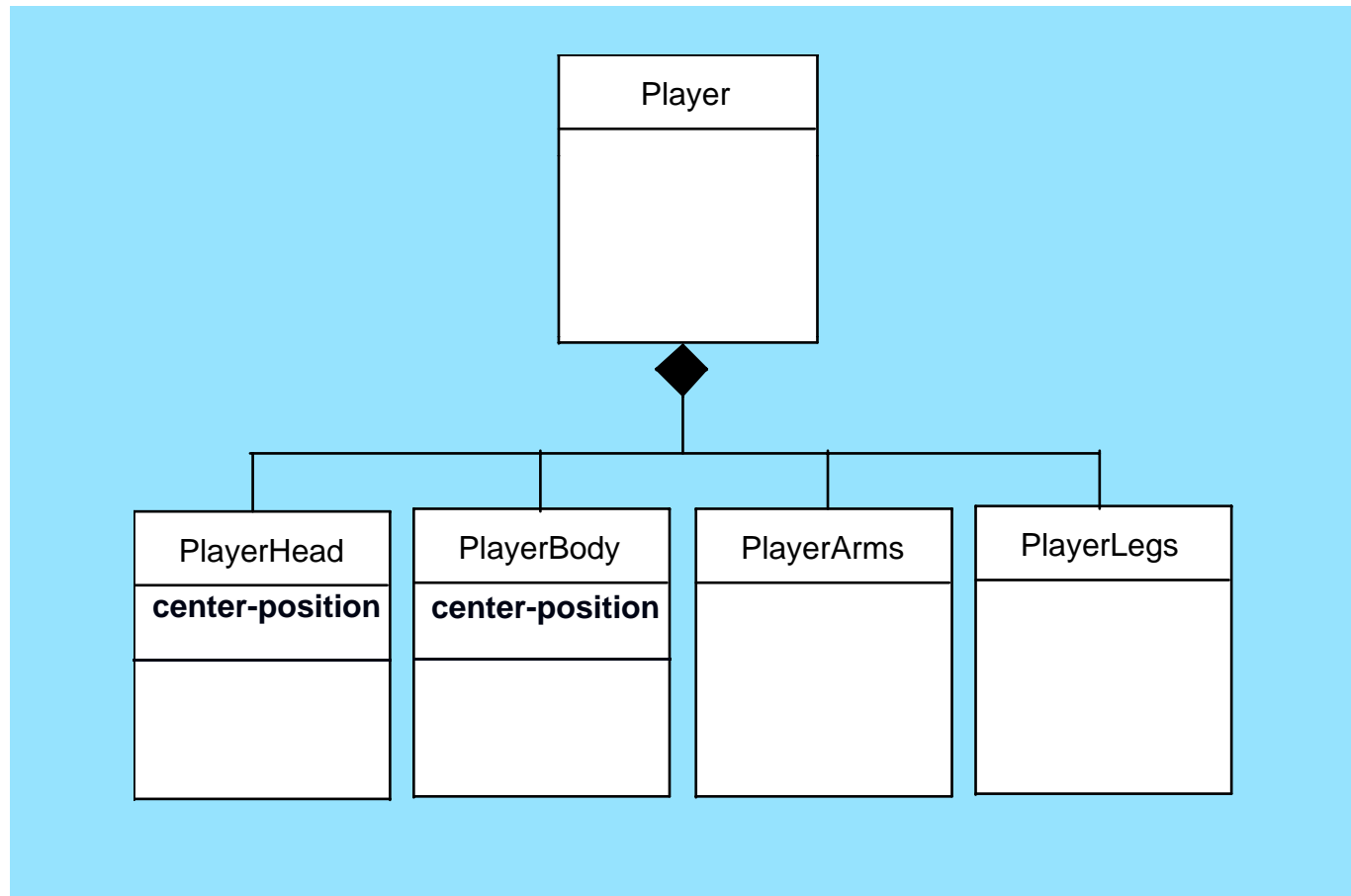
Responsibilities

- System intelligence should be **distributed** across classes to best address the needs of the problem
- Each responsibility should be stated as **generally** as possible (for higher reuse)
- Information and the behavior related to it should reside within the same class
- Information about one thing should be localized with a single class, not distributed across multiple classes.
- Responsibilities should be shared among related classes, when appropriate.

Collaborations

- Classes fulfill their responsibilities in one of two ways:
 - A class can use its own operations to manipulate its own attributes, thereby fulfilling a particular responsibility, or
 - a class can collaborate with other classes.
- Collaborations identify relationships between classes
- Collaborations are identified by determining whether a class can fulfill each responsibility itself
- three different generic relationships between classes [WIR90]:
 - the *is-part-of* relationship
 - the *has-knowledge-of* relationship
 - the *depends-upon* relationship

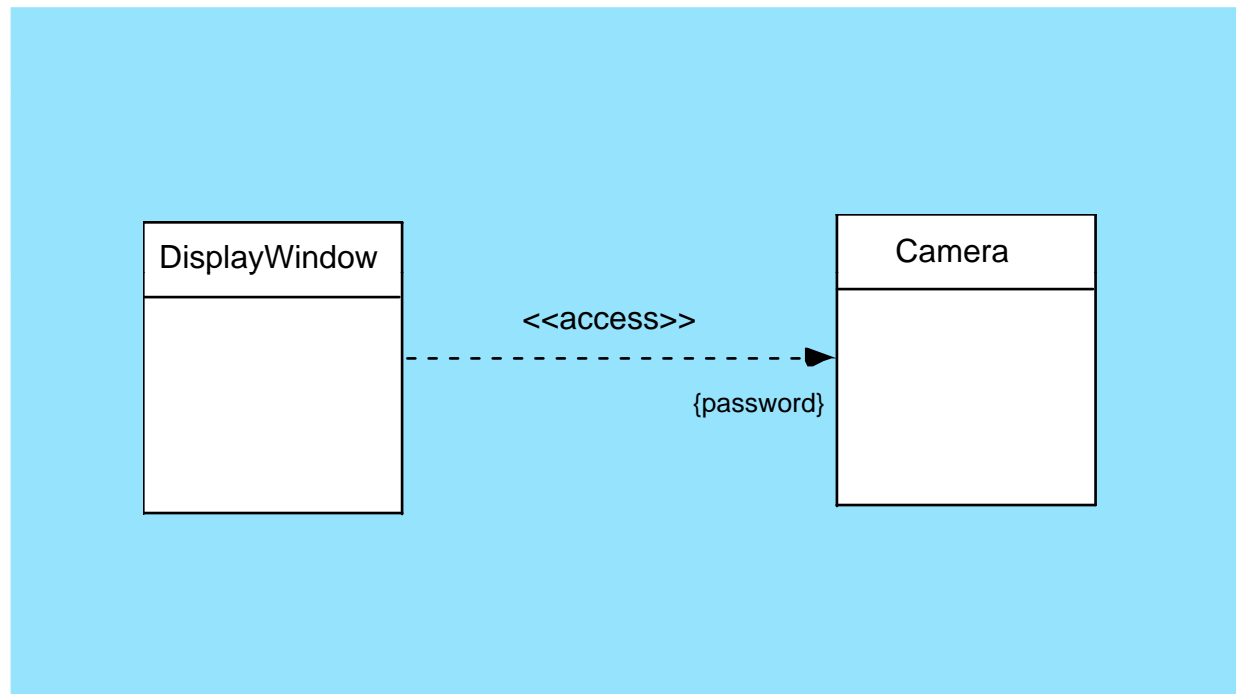
Composite Aggregate Class



Reviewing the CRC Model

- All participants in the review (of the CRC model) are given a subset of the CRC model index cards.
 - Cards that collaborate should be separated (i.e., no reviewer should have two cards that collaborate).
- All **use-case scenarios** (and corresponding use-case diagrams) should be organized into categories.
- The review leader reads the use-case deliberately.
 - As the review leader comes to a named object, she passes a token to the person holding the corresponding class index card.
- When the token is passed, the holder of the class card is asked to describe the responsibilities noted on the card.
 - The group determines whether one (or more) of the responsibilities satisfies the use-case requirement.
- If the responsibilities and collaborations noted on the index cards cannot accommodate the use-case, modifications are made to the cards.
 - This may include the definition of new classes (and corresponding CRC index cards) or the specification of new or revised responsibilities or collaborations on existing cards.

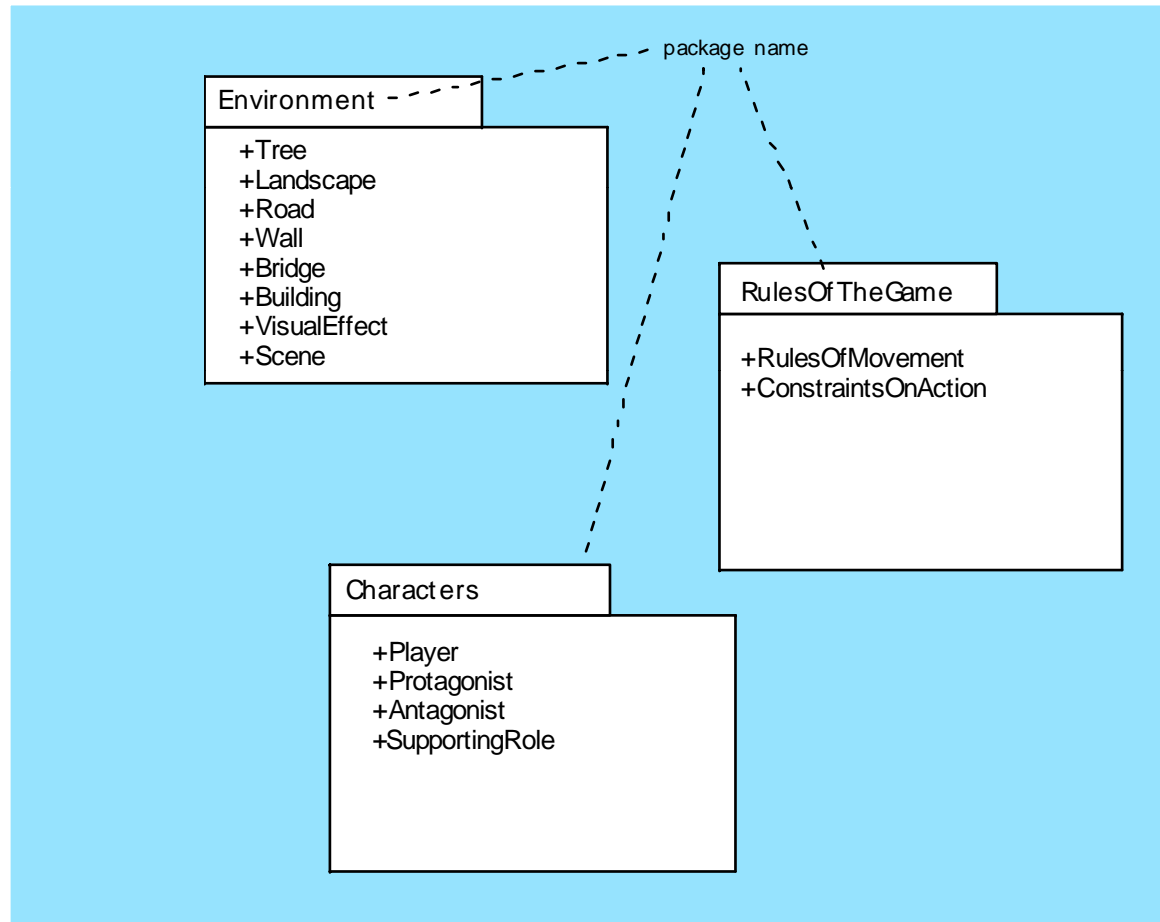
Dependencies



Analysis Packages

- Various elements of the analysis model (e.g., use-cases, analysis classes) are categorized in a manner that packages them as a **grouping**
- The **+** sign preceding the analysis class name in each package indicates that the classes have public visibility and are therefore accessible from other packages.
- Other symbols can precede an element within a package. A **-** sign indicates that an element is hidden from all other packages and a **#** symbol indicates that an element is accessible only to packages contained within a given package.

Analysis Packages



Behavioral Modeling

- The behavioral model indicates how software will respond to external events or stimuli. To create the model, the analyst must perform the following steps:
 - Evaluate all use-cases to fully understand the **sequence of interaction** within the system.
 - Identify **events** that drive the interaction sequence and understand how these events relate to specific objects.
 - **Create a sequence for each use-case.**
 - Build a state diagram for the system.
 - Review the behavioral model to verify accuracy and consistency.

Behavioral Modeling

- make a list of the different **states** of a system (How does the system behave?)
- indicate how the system makes a **transition** from one state to another
 - How does the system change state?
 - indicate event
 - indicate action
- draw a **state diagram** or a **sequence diagram**

Sequence Diagram

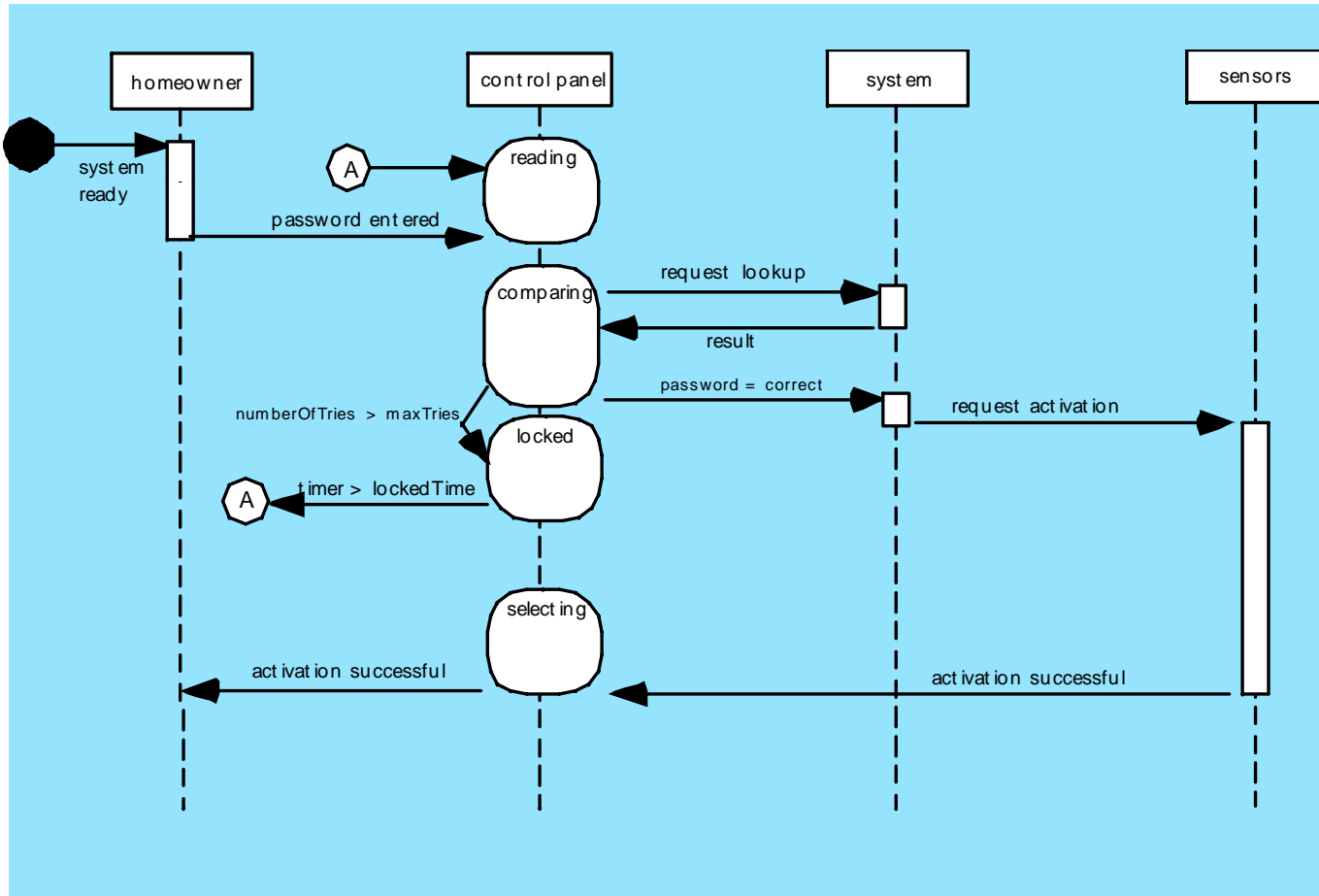


Figure 8.27 Sequence diagram (partial) for *SafeHome* security function

State Diagram for the ControlPanel Class

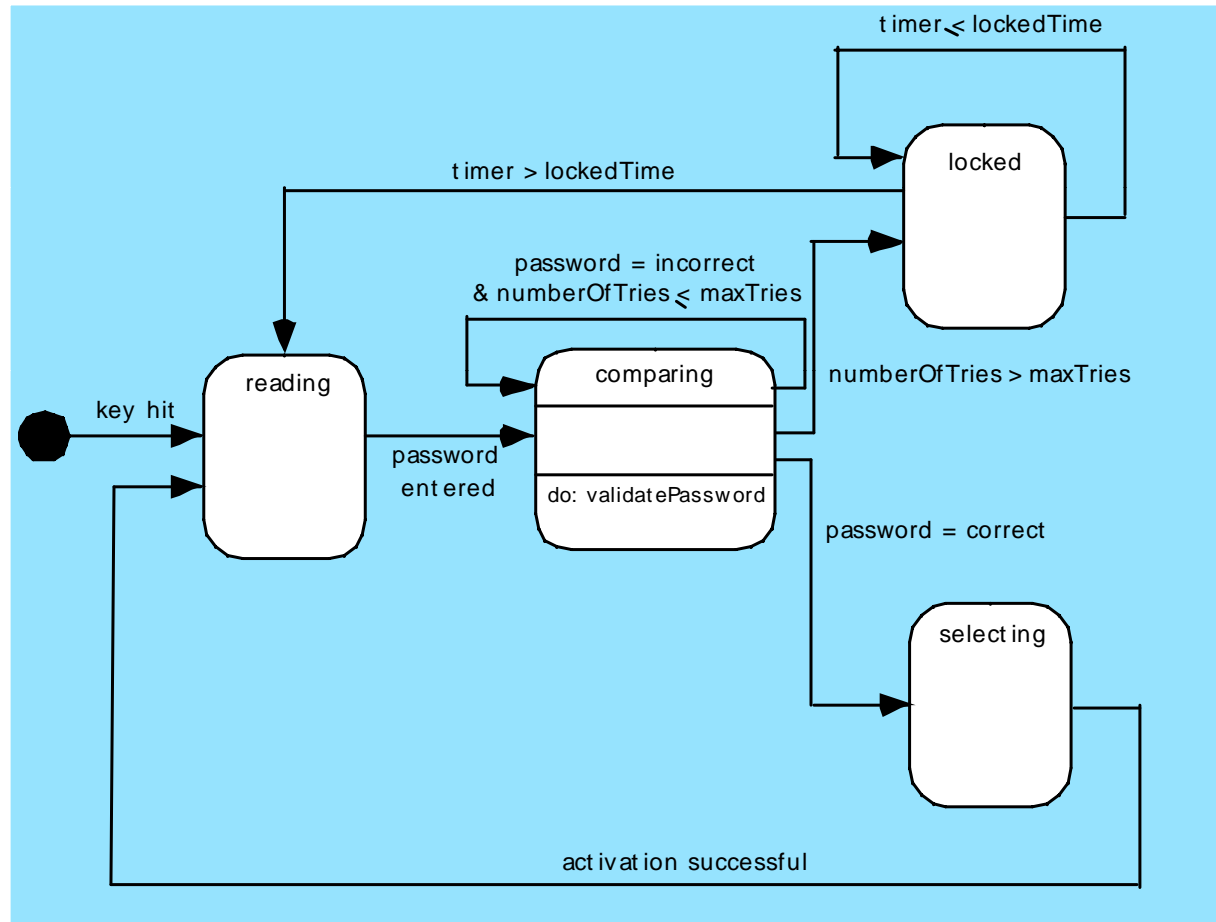


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