



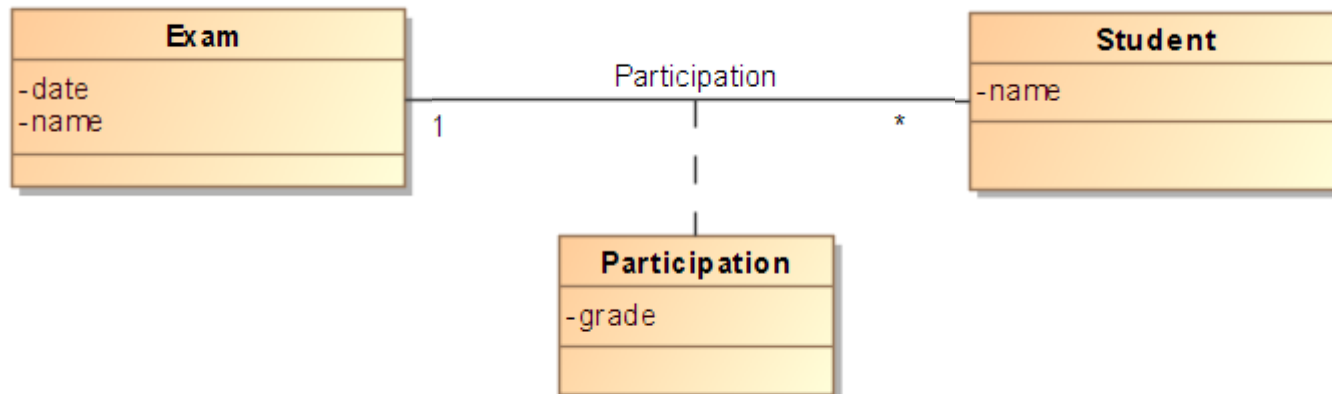
Class modelling (part3)

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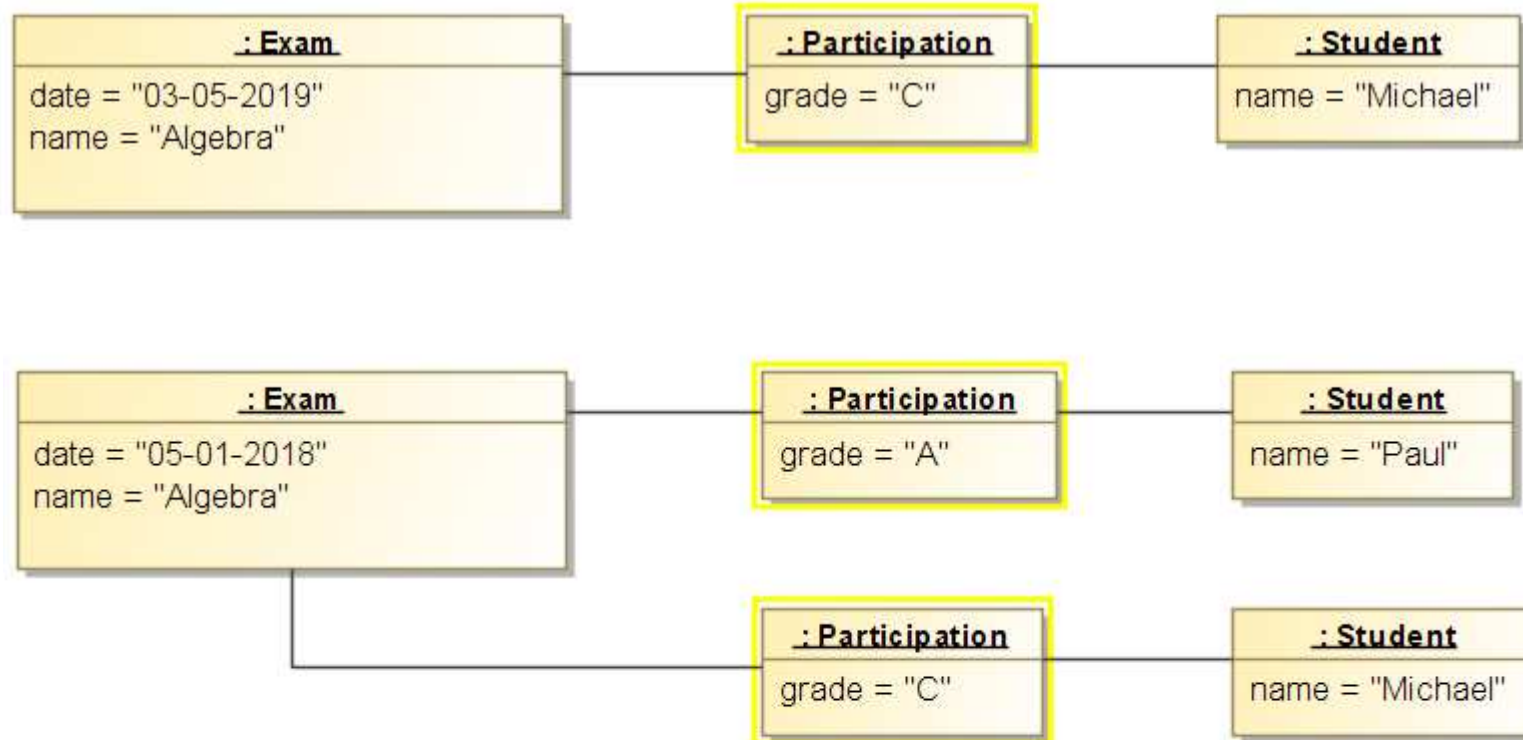
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Association classes

- ▶ An association class is an association that is also a class
- ▶ Like a class, an association class can have attributes and operations and participate in associations
- ▶ UML notation: class box attached to the association by a dashed line

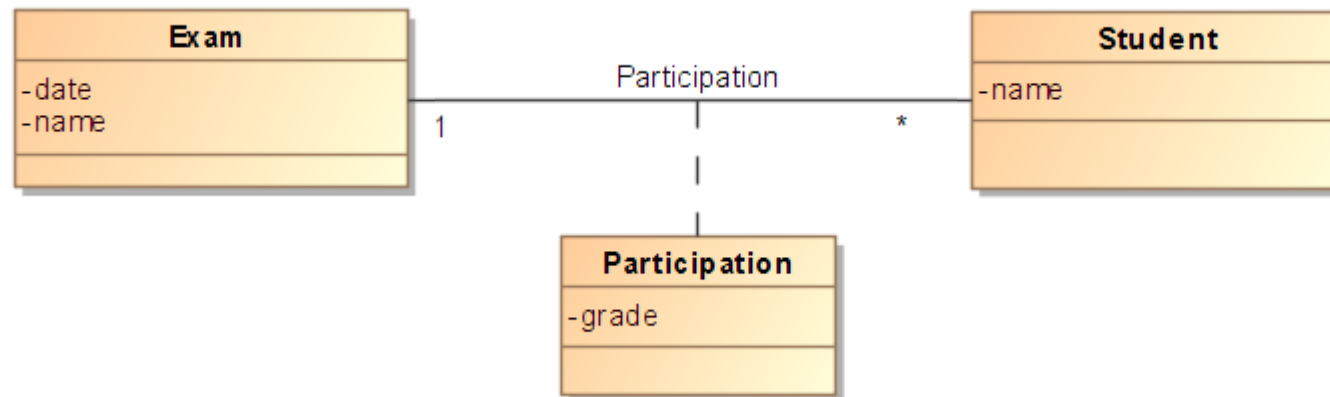


Association classes (instantiations)



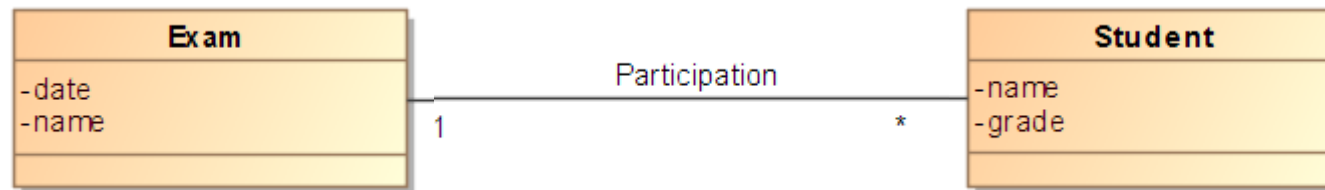
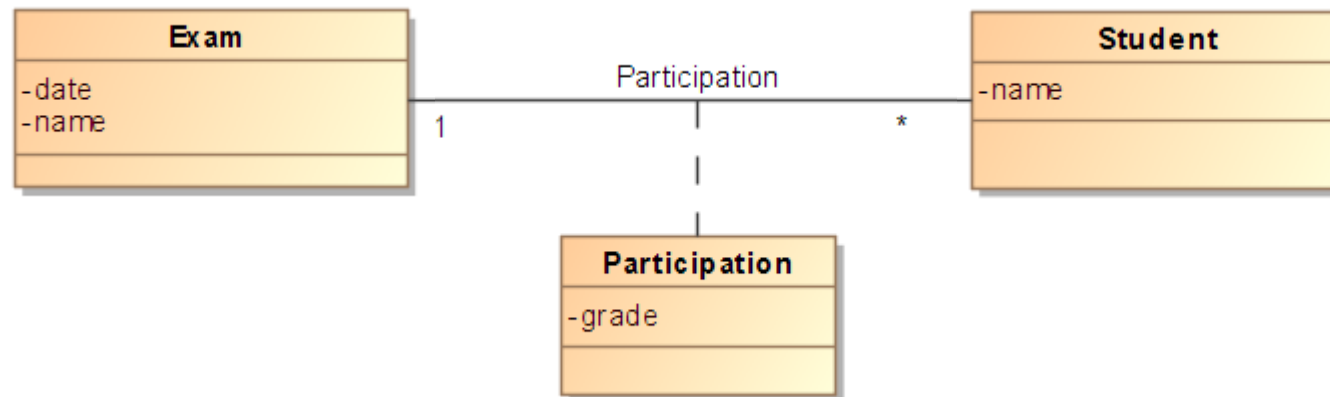
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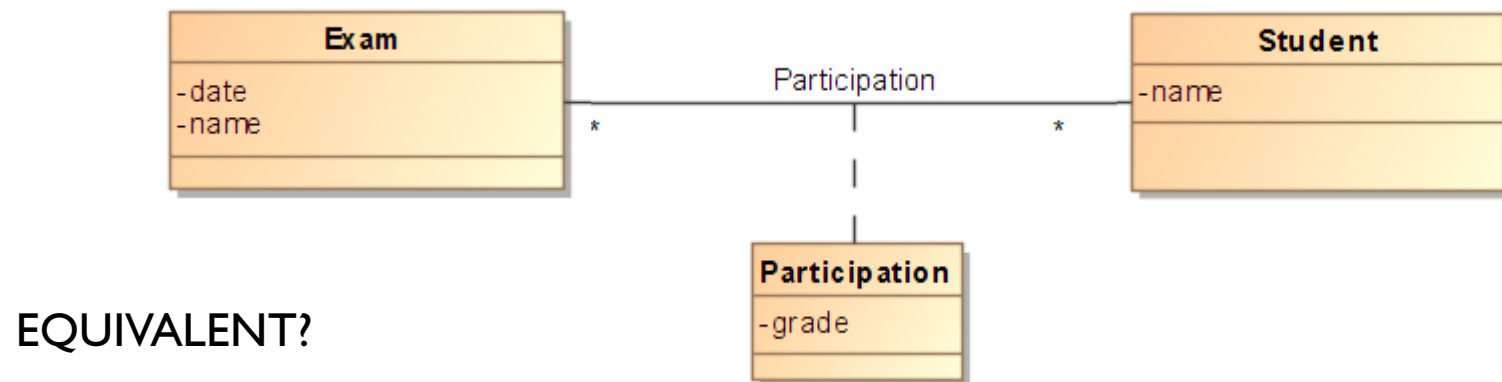
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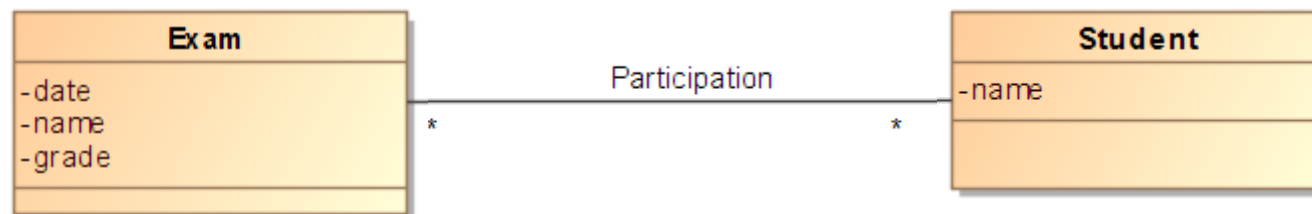
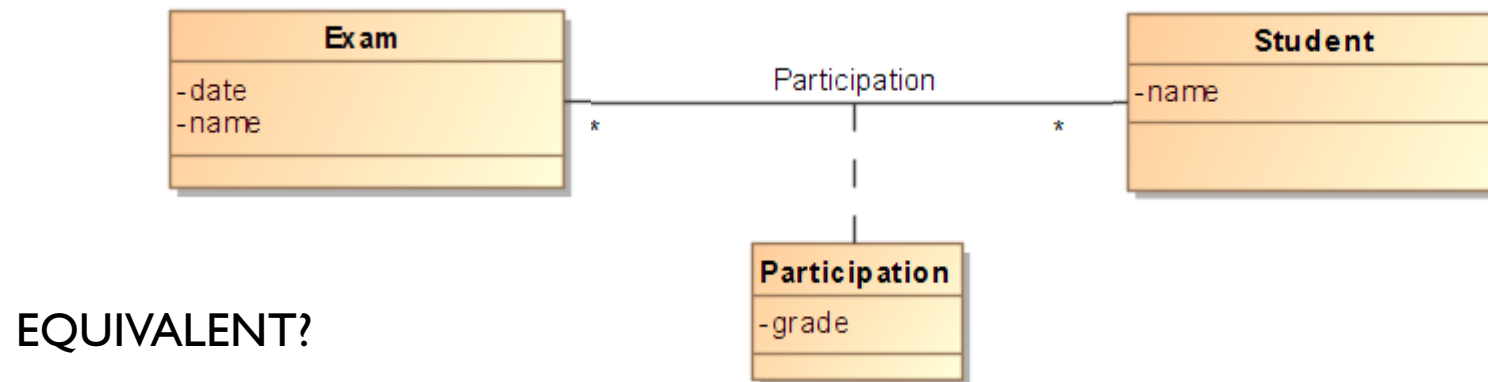
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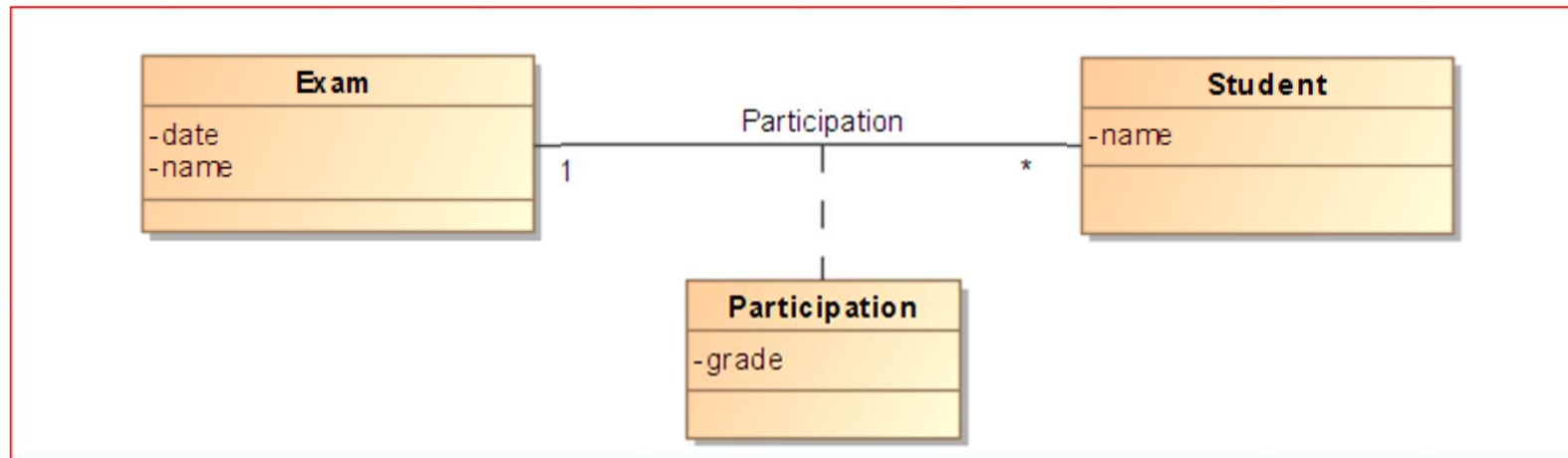
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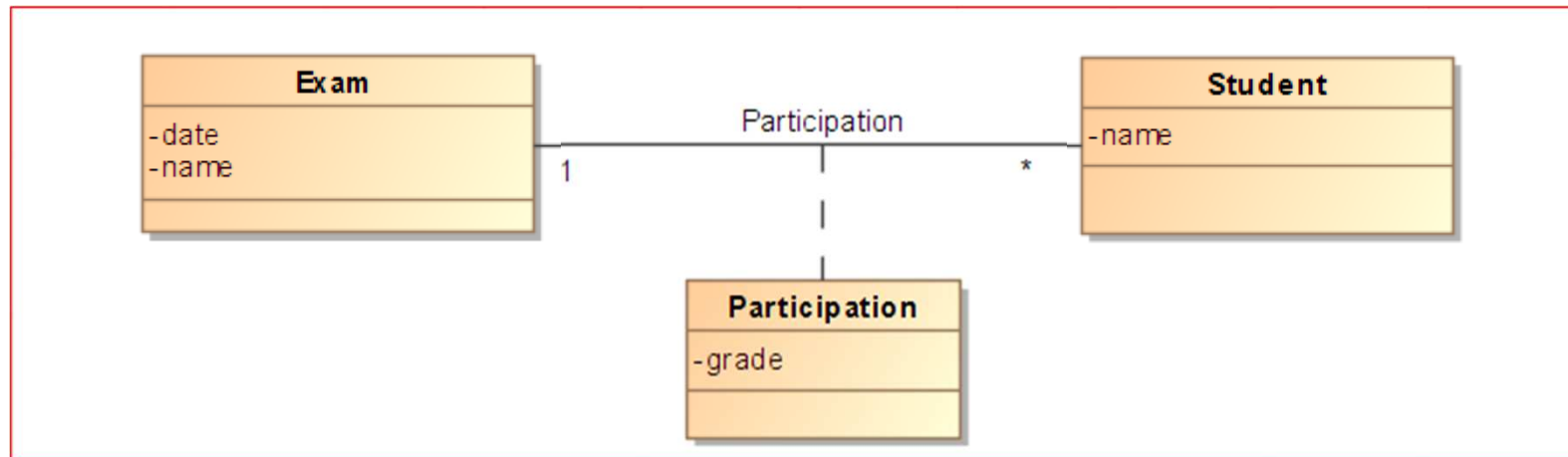
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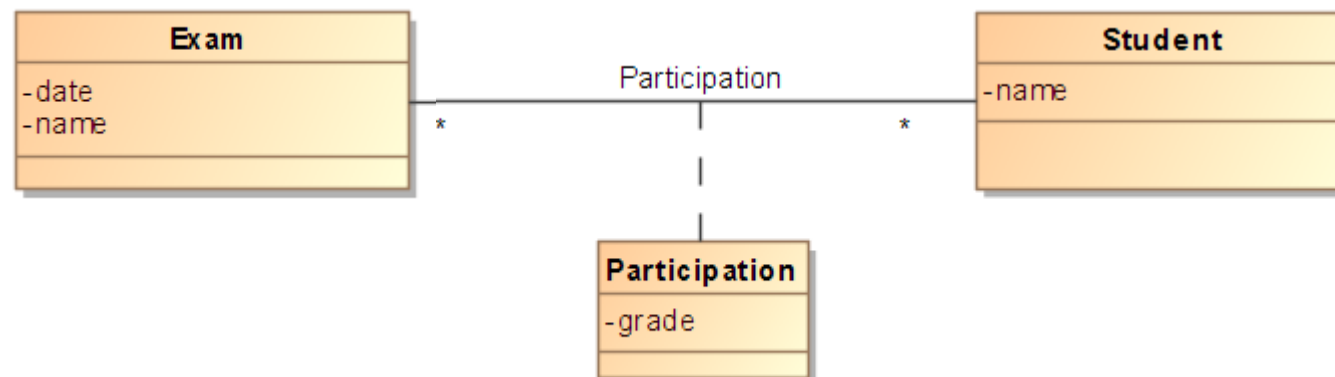
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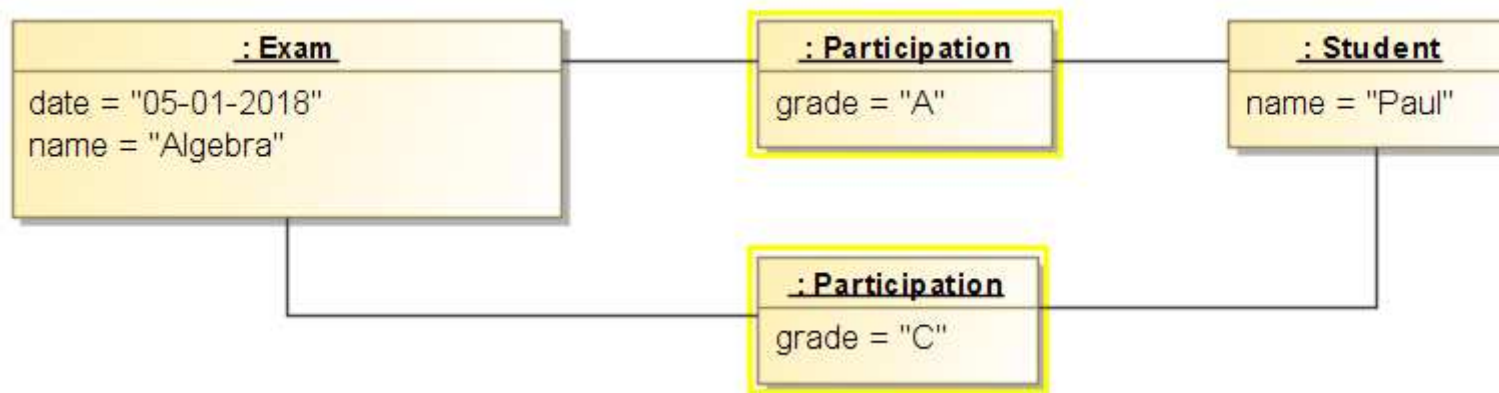
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- ▶ Since it is not possible to have two links of the same association between the same two objects, there can be only one instance of the association class between any two participating objects



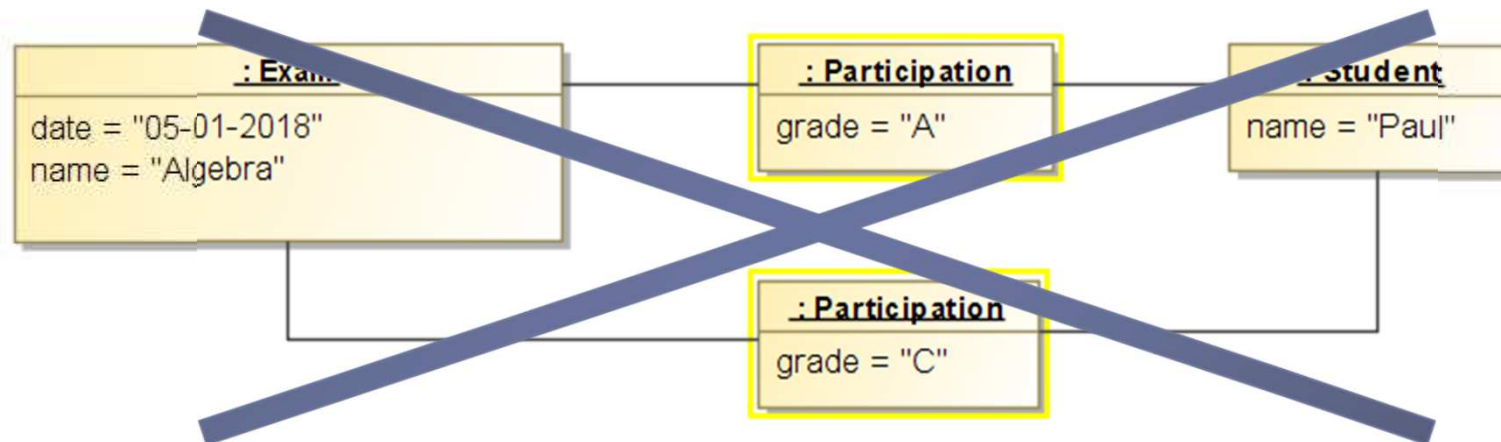
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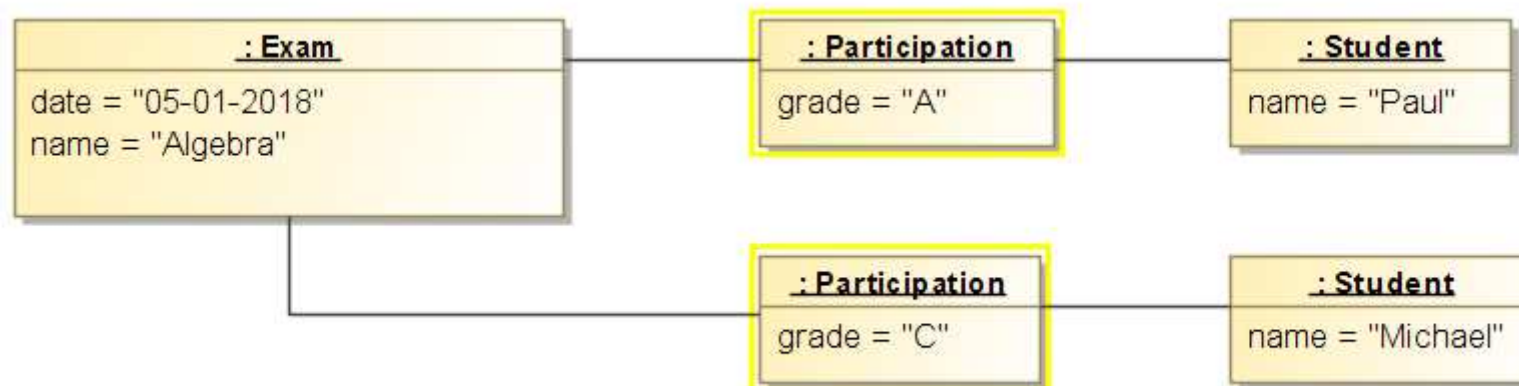
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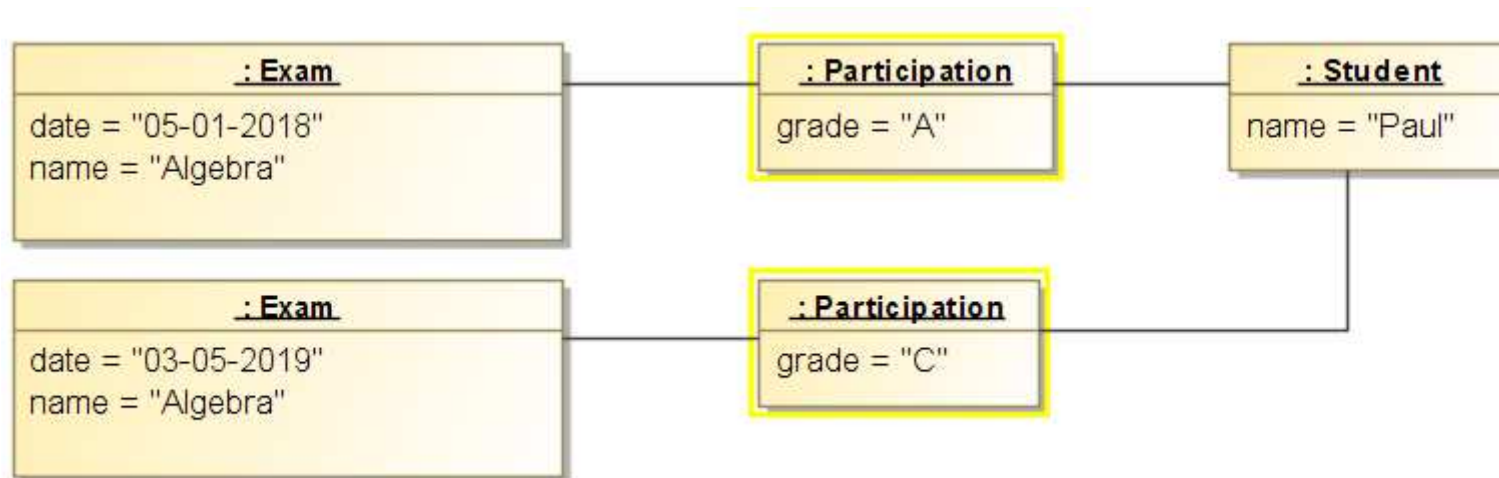
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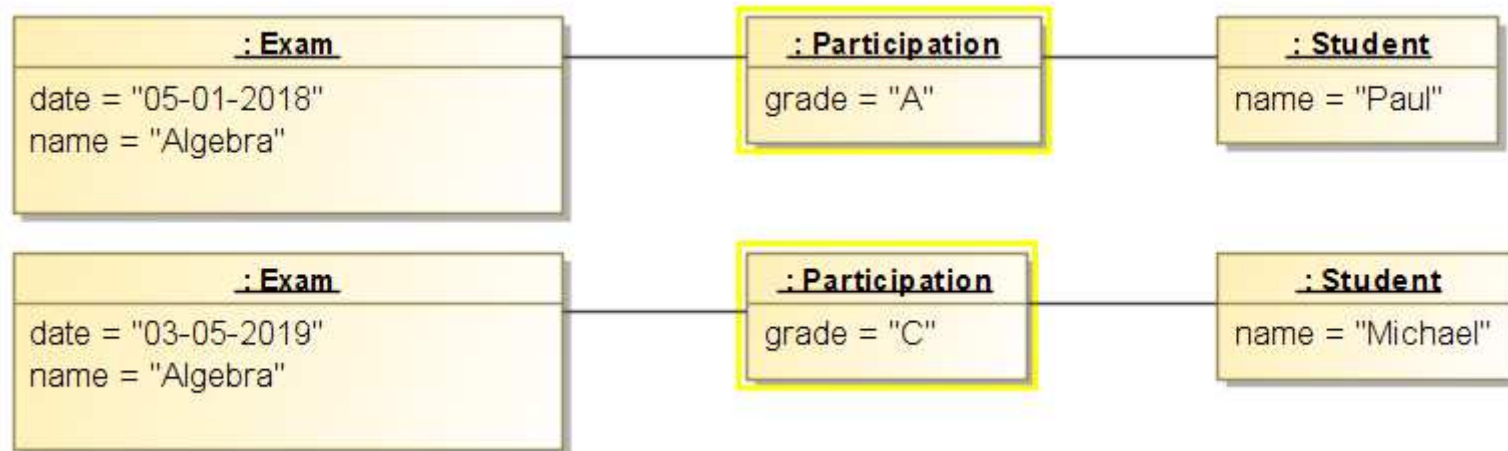
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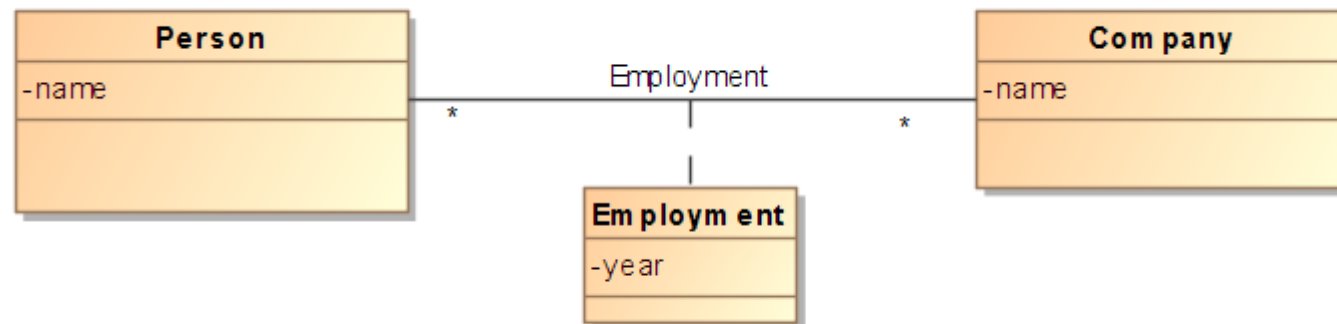
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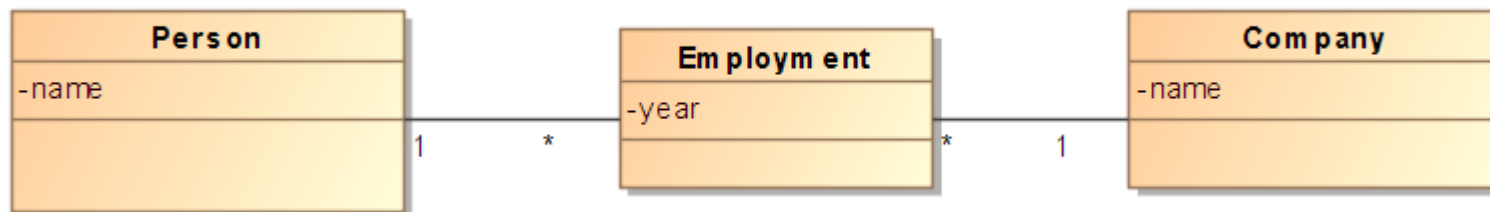
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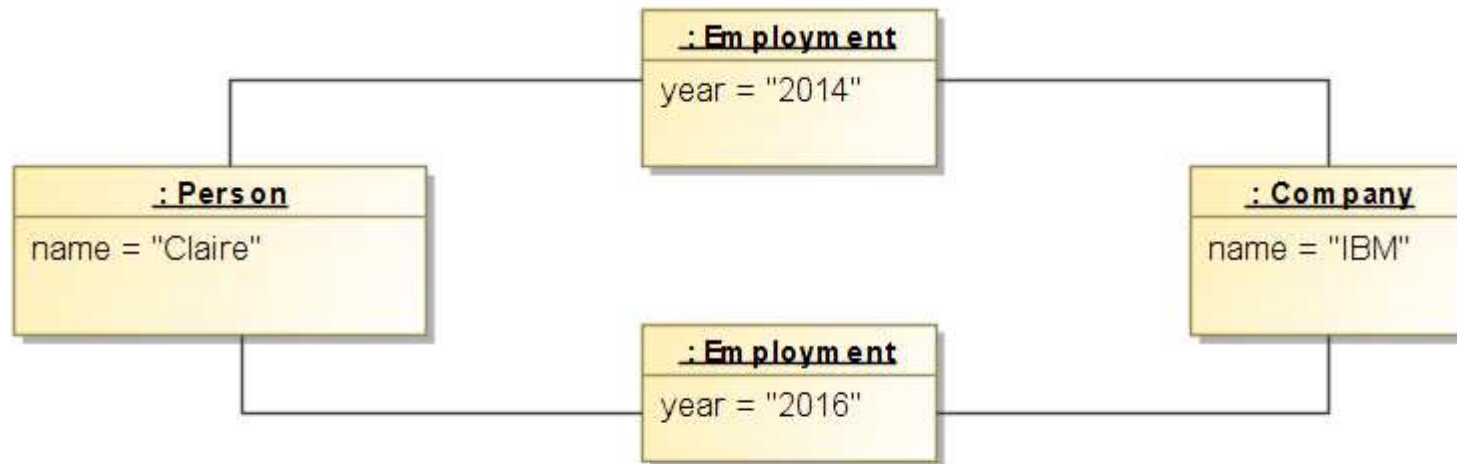
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Exercise 1

- (a) In a system to manage employments of people in companies, a person can be employed in different companies, in each company only with one specific role.
- (b) In a system to manage employments of people in companies, a person can be employed in different companies. In each company the person can cover different roles.

Exercise 2

In an online system to deal with flight bookings, each flight has a departure airport and an arrival airport and it is characterized by a date and a flight number. Each airport has a name and is located in a city. A flight is managed by only one airline has an a list of passengers (with a name and a passport ID) each occupying only one seat characterized by a seat number.

Exercise 3

- 3.23 (7) Prepare a class model to describe directed graphs. A directed graph is similar to an undirected graph, except the edges are oriented. Figure E3.11 shows a typical directed graph.

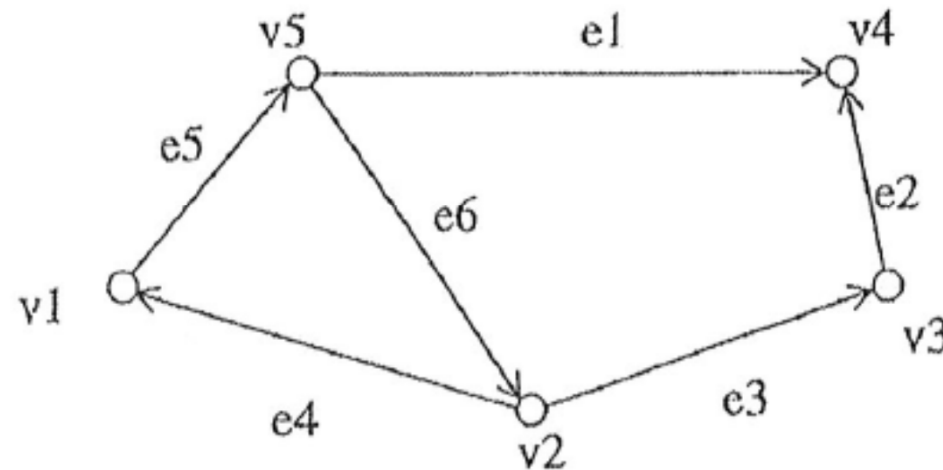


Figure E3.11 Sample directed graph

Question 1

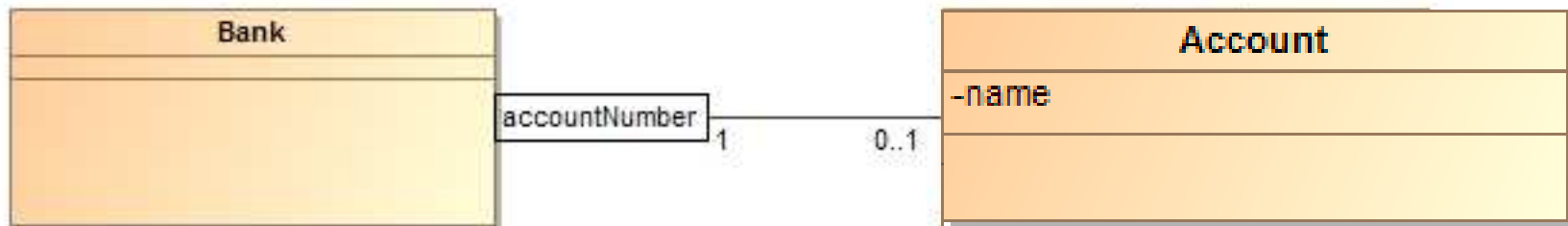
- ▶ In what type of diagram a connection between the same two nodes is not necessarily unique? How would you represent the connection in this case?

Qualified Associations



- ▶ What is the meaning of this association?
- ▶ How can we implement it?

Qualified Associations



- ▶ It is possible to define qualifiers for one-to-many and many-to-many associations
- ▶ A qualifier selects among the target objects, reducing the multiplicity from *many* to *one*
- ▶ How can we implement a qualified association?

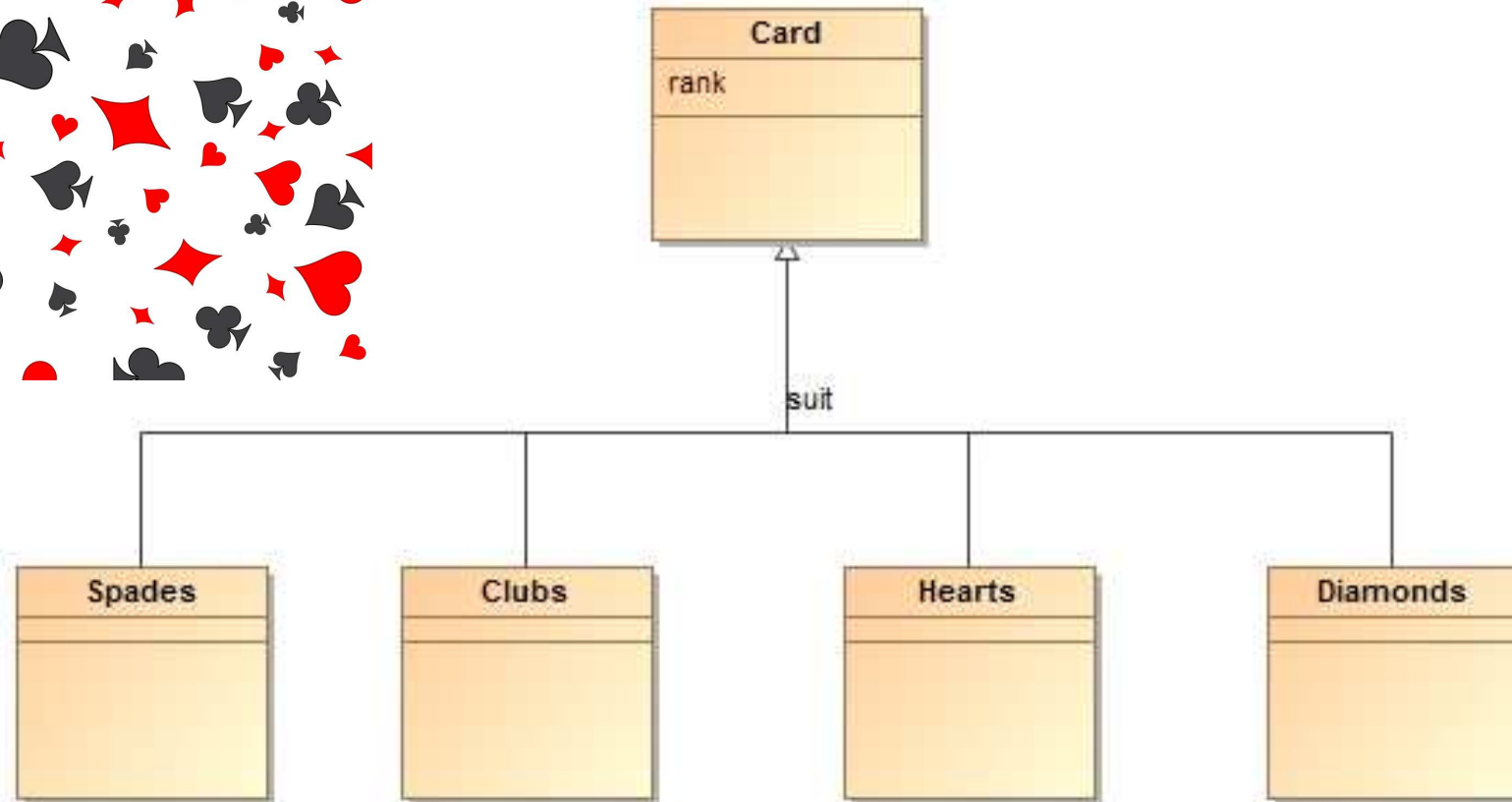
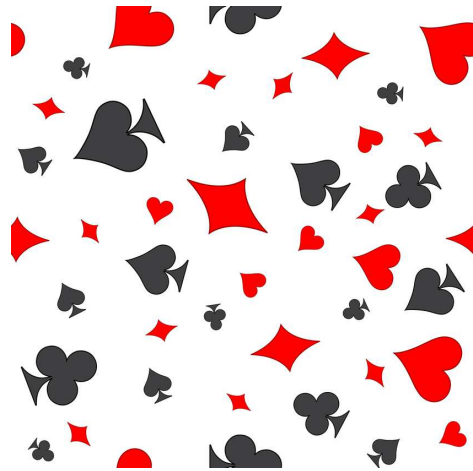
Exercise 4

In an online system to enroll students in University courses, each course has a title, a start date and a duration. Each student has a unique student ID, a name and a birth date. A student can be enrolled in different courses and a course can be attended by several students. Each course is taught by only one professor who has a name and can teach several courses.

Enumerations

- ▶ An enumeration is a data type that has a finite set of values.
- ▶ Enumeration is a data type: you can declare an enumeration by listing the keyword enumeration in angle quotes (<< >>) above the enumeration name in the top section of a box. The second section lists the enumeration values.
- ▶ Do not use generalization to capture the values of an enumerated attribute:
 - ▶ An enumeration is a list of values.
 - ▶ Introduce generalization only when at least one subclass has significant attributes, operations, or associations that do not apply to the superclass.

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Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday,...

January, February, March,...

Spring, Summer,...

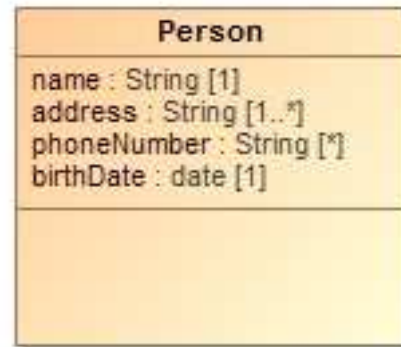
Question 2: Enumeration?

- ▶ A paper reviewing system has several conferences. Each conference has a title and a year and is managed by a chair and a list of committee members. Committee members and chairs must be assigned to one, but possibly more conferences. They have a name and an affiliation. A conference has several submitted papers, but a paper can be submitted to only one conference. A paper is assigned to 3 reviewers taken from the committee members. A paper can be accepted rejected or under review. We also know the paper titles and list of authors with their names and affiliations.

Exercise 5

In a system for handling shipments of products in an online bookshop, there can be three different types of items: book, greeting card, stationery item. A book has a title and a list of authors with names. A greeting card has a brand. A stationery item can be a pen, a pencil or a notebook. Each shipment has a priority that can be standard, high, or express.

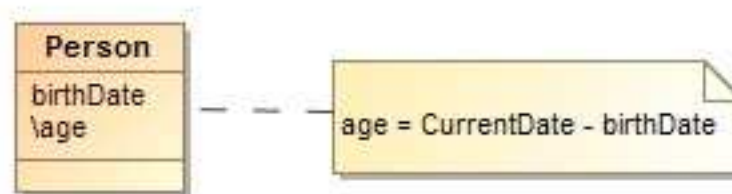
Multiplicity for attributes



- ▶ You can specify if an attribute is single or multivalued, mandatory or optional.

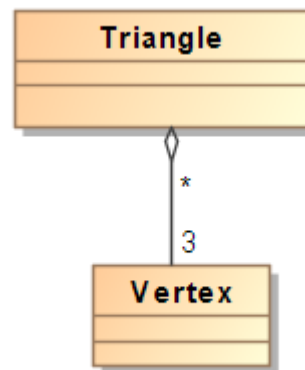
Derived data

- ▶ A derived element is a function of one or more elements, which in turn can be derived.
- ▶ The notation for a derived element is a slash in front of the element name.
- ▶ The constraint that determines the derivation must be shown.



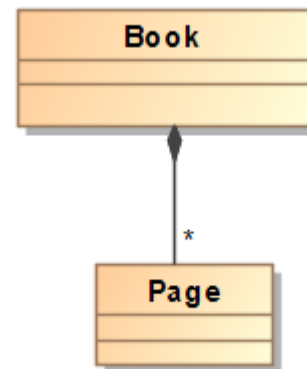
Aggregation

- ▶ Aggregation is a special form of association.
 - ▶ Underlines the fact that an object is made of constituent parts.
- ▶ The UML notation for aggregation is like the one for association with a small diamond indicating the assembly end.



Composition

- ▶ Composition is a more restrictive form of aggregation.
 - ▶ Two additional constraints:
 - ▶ A constituent part can belong to one assembly.
 - ▶ The part has a coincident lifetime as the assembly.
- ▶ The UML notation for composition is a small solid diamond next to the assembly class.



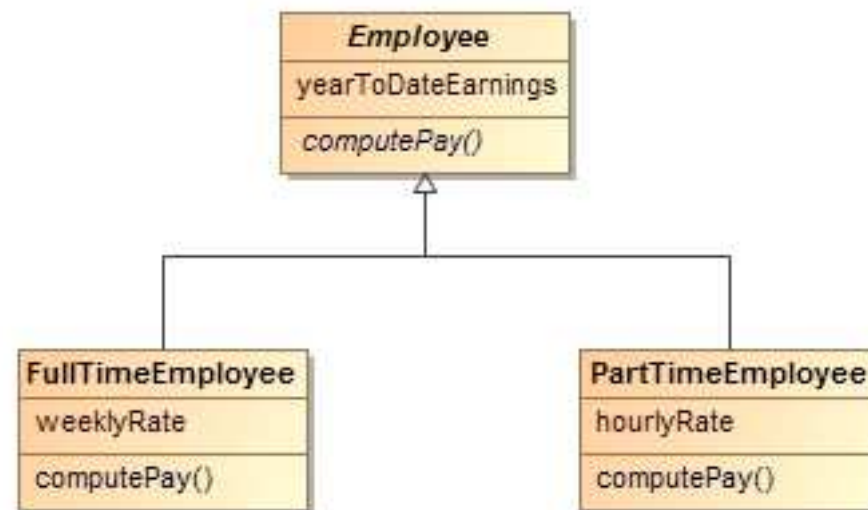
Exercise 6

In an system for managing salaries of people in companies, each company is divided in different divisions and each division in different departments. Each department is composed of a group of people and a location. Each person has a name a role and a salary. Each location has an address and a floor number.

Abstract classes

- ▶ An abstract class is a class that has no direct instances but whose descendants classes have direct instances.
- ▶ A concrete class is a class that is instantiable.
- ▶ A concrete class may have abstract subclasses, but they in turn must have concrete descendants: only concrete classes can be leaf classes in an inheritance tree.
- ▶ In the UML notation an abstract class name is listed in an italic font (or using {abstract} near the class name) .

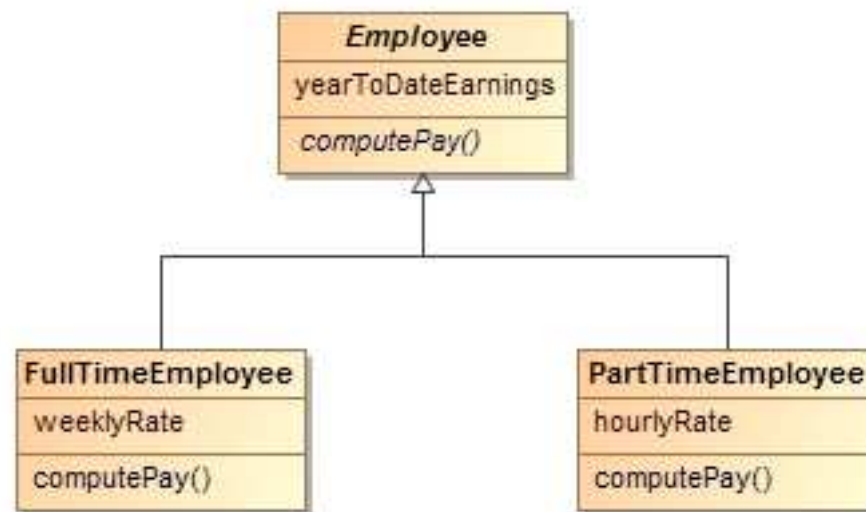
Abstract classes



Abstract operations

- ▶ Abstract classes can be used to define methods that can be inherited by subclasses.
- ▶ Abstract classes can define the signature of an operation without supplying a corresponding method.
- ▶ Abstract operations:
 - ▶ An abstract operation defines the signature of an operation for which each concrete subclass must provide its own implementation.
 - ▶ An abstract operation is designated by italics or the keyword `{abstract}`.

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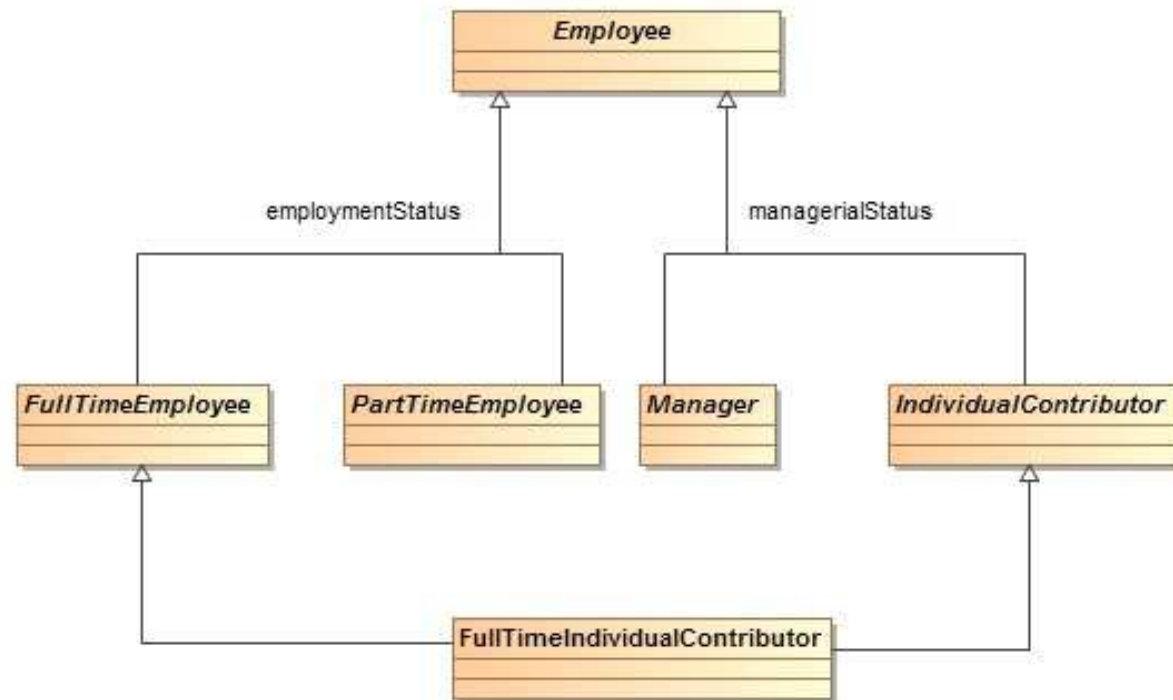


Exercise 7

A shape is characterized by horizontal position, vertical position, fill type, fill color, line type and line color. A Rectangle is a shape with a length and a width. A triangle is a shape with a base and a height. Both have an operation to compute the area of the shape.

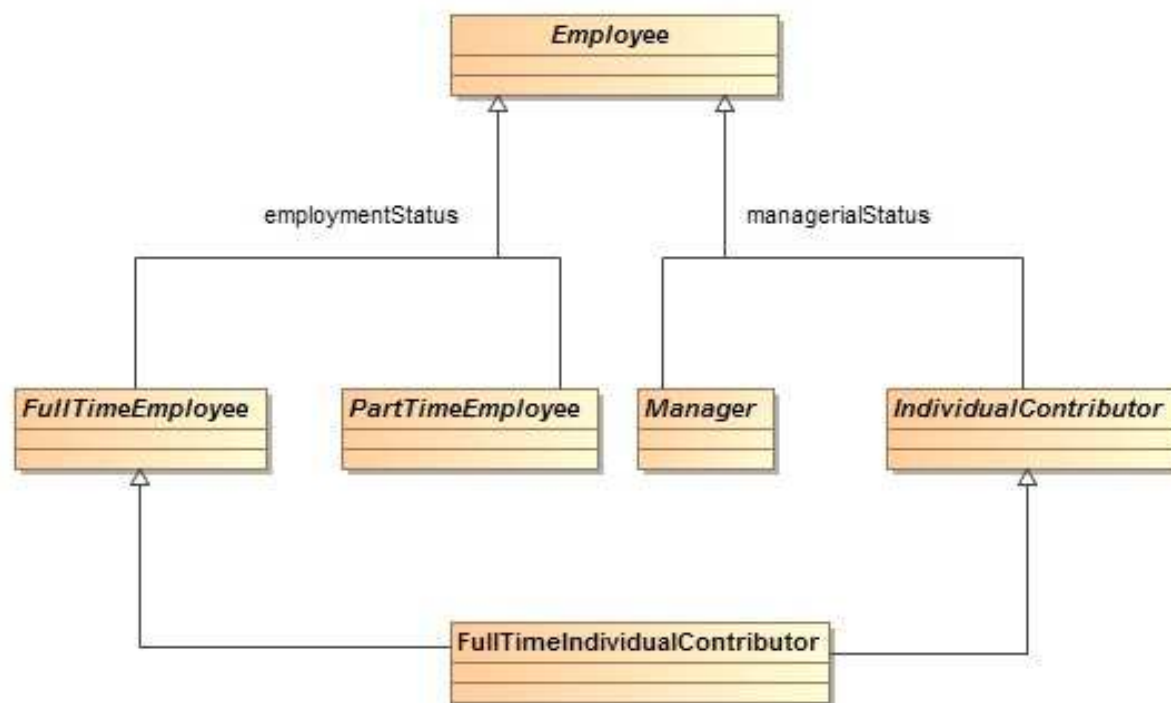
Multiple Inheritance

- ▶ Multiple inheritance permits a class to have more than one superclass and to inherit features from all parents.
- ▶ The most common form of multiple inheritance is from sets of disjoint classes.



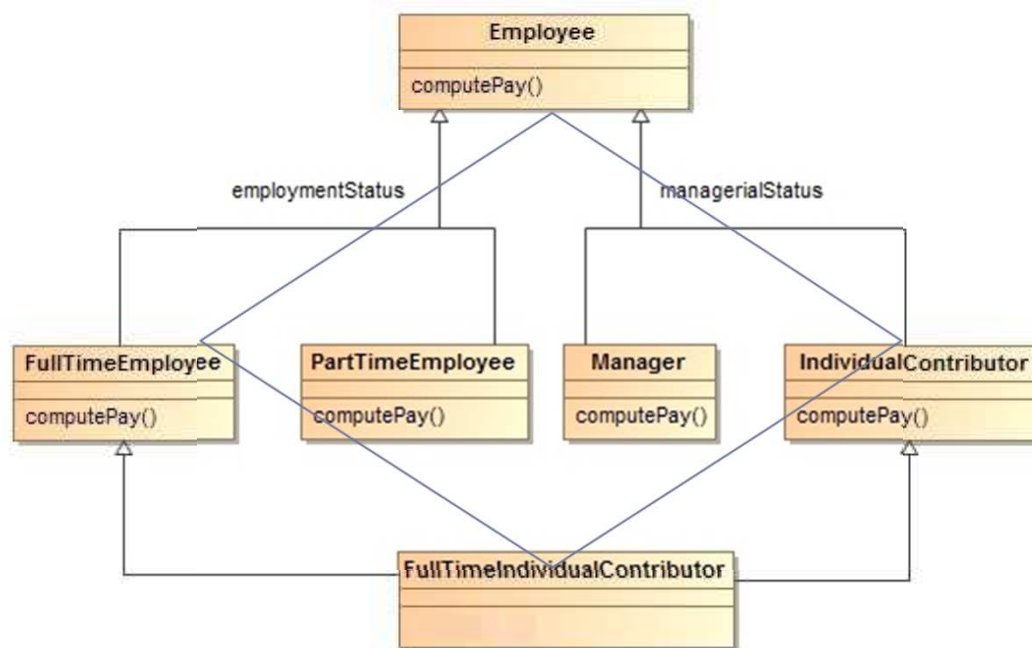
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- ▶ A subclass inherits a feature from the same ancestor class found along more than one path only once.
- ▶ *FullTimeIndividualContributor* inherits *Employee* features along two paths but it has only a single copy of them.



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