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Types of UML Diagrams

Each UML diagram is designed to let developers and customers view a software system from a different perspective and in varying degrees of abstraction. UML diagrams commonly created in visual modeling tools include:

Use Case Diagram displays the relationship among actors and use cases.

Class Diagram models class structure and contents using design elements such as classes, packages and objects. It also displays relationships such as containment, inheritance, associations and others.

Interaction Diagrams

- **Sequence Diagram** displays the time sequence of the objects participating in the interaction. This consists of the vertical dimension (time) and horizontal dimension (different objects).
- **Collaboration Diagram** displays an interaction organized around the objects and their links to one another. Numbers are used to show the sequence of messages.[1]

State Diagram displays the sequences of states that an object of an interaction goes through during its life in response to received stimuli, together with its responses and actions.

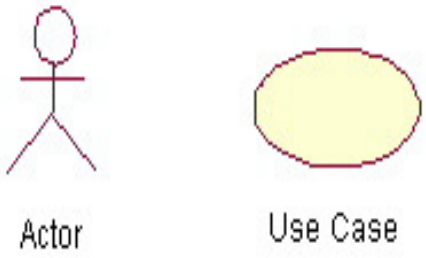
Activity Diagram displays a special state diagram where most of the states are action states and most of the transitions are triggered by completion of the actions in the source states. This diagram focuses on flows driven by internal processing.

Physical Diagrams

- **Component Diagram** displays the high level packaged structure of the code itself. Dependencies among components are shown, including source code components, binary code components, and executable components. Some components exist at compile time, at link time, at run times well as at more than one time.
- **Deployment Diagram** displays the configuration of run-time processing elements and the software components, processes, and objects that live on them. Software component instances represent run-time manifestations of code units.[1]

1- Use Case Diagrams

A use case is a set of scenarios that describing an interaction between a user and a system. A use case diagram displays the relationship among actors and use cases. The two main components of a use case diagram are use cases and actors.



An actor is represents a user or another system that will interact with the system you are modeling. A use case is an external view of the system that represents some action the user might perform in order to complete a task.

When to Use: Use Cases Diagrams

Use cases are used in almost every project. The are helpful in exposing requirements and planning the project. During the initial stage of a project most use cases should be defined, but as the project continues more might become visible.

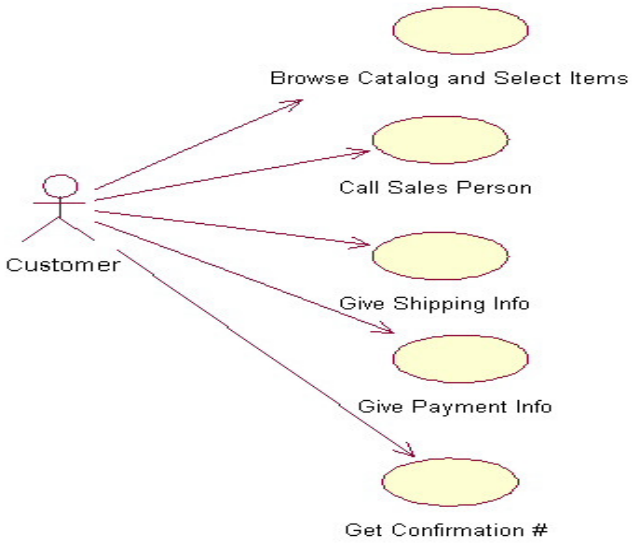
How to Draw: Use Cases Diagrams

Use cases are a relatively easy UML diagram to draw, but this is a very simplified example. This example is only meant as an introduction to the UML and use cases. If you would like to learn more see the Resources page at the end for more detailed resources on UML.

Start by listing a sequence of steps a user might take in order to complete an action. For example a user placing an order with a sales company might follow these steps.

1. Browse catalog and select items.
2. Call sales representative.
3. Supply shipping information.
4. Supply payment information.
5. Receive conformation number from salesperson.

These steps would generate this simple use case diagram:



This example shows the customer as a actor because the customer is using the ordering system. The diagram takes the simple steps listed above and shows them as actions the customer might perform. The salesperson could also be included in this use case diagram because the salesperson is also interacting with the ordering system.

From this simple diagram the requirements of the ordering system can easily be derived. The system will need to be able to perform actions for all of the use cases listed. As the project progresses other use cases might appear. The customer might have a need to add an item to an order that has already been placed. This diagram can easily be expanded until a complete description of the ordering system is derived capturing all of the requirements that the system will need to perform.

Lab Work and Assignment:

Complete all the supplementary problems and also all the examples present in the book