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Analysis

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Outline

Recall: System modeling = Functional modeling + Object modeling + Dynamic modeling

- ✓ Requirements Elicitation leads to Functional Model
- Next topic: Object modeling
 - Activities during object modeling
 - Object identification
 - Object types
 - Entity, boundary and control objects
 - Stereotypes
 - Abott's technique
 - Helps in object identification.

Lecture at Munich Airport

- Michael Zaddach
 - Senior Vice President, Munich Airport
- Possible lecture dates:
 - Nov 11, 16:15-17:45
 - Nov 18, 16:15-17:45
- Live Demonstration of the MUC baggage system at the airport
 - Nov 11, after the lecture
 - Nov 18, after the lecture
- Issue: Location of the lecture?
 - Proposal: Lecture at the airport!

From Use Cases to Objects



From Use Cases to Objects: Why Functional Decomposition is not Enough



Activities during Object Modeling

Main goal: Find the important abstractions

- Steps during object modeling
 - Class identification
 - Based on the fundamental assumption that we can find abstractions
 - 2. Find the attributes
 - 3. Find the operations
 - 4. Find the associations between classes
- Order of steps
 - Goal: get the desired abstractions
 - Order of steps secondary, only a heuristic
- What happens if we find the wrong abstractions?
 - We iterate and revise the model

Class Identification

- Approaches
 - Application domain approach
 - Ask application domain experts to identify relevant abstractions
 - Syntactic approach
 - Start with use cases
 - Analyze the text to identify the objects
 - Extract participating objects from flow of events
 - Design patterns approach
 - Use reusable design patterns
 - Component-based approach
 - Identify existing solution classes.

Class identification is a Hard Problem

- One problem: Definition of the system boundary:
 - Which abstractions are outside, which abstractions are inside the system boundary?
 - Actors are outside the system
 - Classes/Objects are inside the system.

There are 3 different types of Objects

- Entity Objects
 - Represent the persistent information tracked by the system (Application domain objects, also called "Business objects")
- Boundary Objects
 - Represent the interaction between the user and the system
- Control Objects
 - Represent the control tasks performed by the system.

Example: Modeling A Watch



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Object Types in UML

 We can use the stereotype mechanism to distinguish the 3 types of objects



Entity Object

Control Object

Boundary Object

UML is an Extensible Language

- Stereotypes allow you to extend the vocabulary of the UML so that you can create new model elements, derived from existing ones
- Examples:
 - Stereotypes can also be used to classify method behavior such as <<constructor>>, <<getter>> or <<setter>>
 - To indicate the interface of a subsystem or system, we use the stereotype <</interface>> (Lecture System Design)
- Stereotypes can also be represented with icons and graphics:
 - This can increase the readability of UML diagrams.

Icons for Stereotypes

- One can use icons for stereotypes
 - When the stereotype is applied to a UML model element, the icon is displayed beside or above the name



Entity Object Control Object Boundary Object Actor

Ivar Jacobson, James Rumbaugh, Grady Booch (The 3 UML "Amigos")







Invented use cases, sequence diagrams and collaboration diagrams to model software controlled telephone switches at Ericsson (1967)

Developed the OMT Notation (Object Modeling Technique) Added inheritance to E/R Modeling, 1991 One of the first OO modelers

Developed the Booch Method ("Objects as clouds", 1991)

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OMT Notation (Object Modeling Technique)



OMT is no longer an active language. However, it is still important to know about it , because it is the notation used in the book "Design Patterns".

Booch Notation



Mapping Booch to OMT: http://www1.inf.tu-dresden.de/~rm1/booch_omt/booch_omt.html

Why do we distinguish 3 Object Types?

- Having three types of object leads to models that are more resistent ("resilient") to change
 - The interface of a system changes more likely than the control
 - The way the system is controlled changes more likely than entities in the application domain
- Object types originated in Smalltalk:
 - Model, View, Controller (MVC)

Model <-> Entity Object

View <-> Boundary Object

Controller <-> Control Object

Smalltalk

- Smalltalk was developed at Xerox Parc (now parco.com) in the 1970s.
- Smalltak was used to prototype the WIMP (windows, icons, menus, pointers) interface, the cornerstone for today's graphical user interfaces.
- Smalltalk was developed by Adele Goldberg and Alan Kay.





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How do we find Objects?

- Pick a use case and look at the flow of events
- Do a textual analysis (noun-verb analysis)
 - Nouns are candidates for objects/classes
 - Verbs are candidates for operations
 - This is also called Abbott's Technique
- After objects/classes are found, identify their types
 - Identify real world entities that the system needs to keep track of (FieldOfficer → Entity Object)
 - Identify real world procedures that the system needs to keep track of (EmergencyPlan → Control Object)
 - Identify interface artifacts (PoliceStation → Boundary Object).

Example for using the Technique

Flow of Events:

- The customer enters the store to buy a toy.
- It has to be a toy that his daughter likes and it must cost less than 50 Euro.
- He tries a videogame, which uses a data glove and a head-mounted display. He likes it.
- An assistant helps him.
- The suitability of the game depends on the age of the child.
- His daughter is only 3 years old.
- The assistant recommends another type of toy, namely the boardgame "Monopoly".

Textual Analysis (Abbot's Technique)

Example	Part of speech	UML model component
"Monopoly"	Proper noun	object
Тоу	Improper noun	class
Buy, recommend	Doing verb	operation
is-a	being verb	inheritance
has an	having verb	aggregation
must be	modal verb	constraint
dangerous	adjective	attribute
enter	transitive verb	operation
depends on	intransitive verb	Constraint, class, association

Generating a Class Diagram from Flow of Events



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Ways to find Objects 10 31 2008

- Syntactical investigation with Abbot's technique:
 - Flow of events in use cases
 - Problem statement
- Use other knowledge sources:
 - Application knowledge: End users and experts know the abstractions of the application domain
 - Solution knowledge: Abstractions in the solution domain
 - General world knowledge: Your generic knowledge and intuition

Order of Activities for Object Identification

- 1. Formulate a few scenarios with help from an end user or application domain expert
- 2. Extract the use cases from the scenarios, with the help of an application domain expert
- 3. Then proceed in parallel with the following:
 - Analyse the flow of events in each use case using Abbot's textual analysis technique
 - Generate the UML class diagram.

Steps in Generating Class Diagrams

- 1. Class identification (textual analysis, domain expert)
- 2. Identification of attributes and operations (sometimes before the classes are found!)
- 3. Identification of associations between classes
- 4. Identification of multiplicities
- 5. Identification of roles
- 6. Identification of inheritance

Who uses Class Diagrams?

- Purpose of class diagrams
 - The description of the static properties of a system
- The main users of class diagrams:
 - The application domain expert
 - uses class diagrams to model the application domain (including taxonomies)
 - during requirements elicitation and analysis
 - The developer
 - uses class diagrams during the development of a system
 - during analysis, system design, object design and implementation.

Who does not use Class Diagrams?

- The client and the end user are often not interested in class diagrams
 - Clients usually focus more on project management issues
 - End users usually focus on the functionality of the system.

(Intermediate) Summary

- System modeling
 - Functional modeling+object modeling+dynamic modeling
- Functional modeling
 - From scenarios to use cases to objects
- Object modeling is the central activity
 - Class identification is a major activity of object modeling
 - Easy syntactic rules to find classes and objects
 - Abbot's Technique
- Class diagrams are the "center of the universe" for the object-oriented developer
 - The end user focuses more on the functional model and and usability.

"Historical" Readings

OMT:

 James Rumbaugh, Michael Blaha, William Premerlani, and Frederick Eddy. Object-Oriented Modeling and Design with UML (2nd Edition by Rumbaugh and Blaha), Prentice Hall 1991 and 2004.

OOSE and Use Cases:

• Ivar Jacobson, Magnus Christerson, Patrik Jonsson, Gunnar Overgaard Object-Oriented Software Engineering: A Use Case Driven Approach (ACM Press) Addison-Wesley, 1992, ISBN 0201544350

Booch Method:

 Booch, Grady (1993). Object-oriented Analysis and Design with Applications, 2nd ed., Redwood City: Benjamin Cummings.

Developers have different Views on Class Diagrams

- According to the development activity, a developer plays different roles:
 - Analyst
 - System Designer
 - Object Designer
 - Implementor
- Each of these roles has a different view about the class diagram (the object model).

The View of the Analyst

- The analyst is interested
 - in application classes: The associations between classes are relationships between abstractions in the application domain
 - operations and attributes of the application classes (difference to E/R models!)
- The analyst uses inheritance in the model to reflect the taxonomies in the application domain
 - Taxonomy: An is-a-hierarchy of abstractions in an application domain
- The analyst is not interested
 - in the exact signature of operations
 - in solution domain classes.

The View of the Designer

- The designer focuses on the solution of the problem, that is, the solution domain
- The associations between classes now mean references (pointers) between classes in the application or solution domain
- An important design task is the specification of interfaces:
 - The designer describes the interface of classes and the interface of subsystems
 - Subsystems originate from modules (term often used during analysis):
 - Module: a collection of classes
 - Subsystem: a collection of classes with an interface
- Subsystems are modeled in UML with a package.

Goals of the Designer

- The most important design goals for the designer are design usability and design reusability
- Design usability: the subsystem interfaces are usable from as many classes as possible within in the system
- Design reusability: The subsystem interfaces are designed in a way, that they can also be reused by other (future) software systems
 - => Class libraries
 - => Frameworks
 - => Design patterns.

The View of the Implementor

- Class implementor
 - Must realize the interface of a class in a programming language
 - Interested in appropriate data structures (for the attributes) and algorithms (for the operations)
- Class extender
 - Interested in how to extend a class to solve a new problem or to adapt to a change in the application domain
- Class user
 - The class user is interested in the signatures of the class operations and conditions, under which they can be invoked
 - The class user is not interested in the implementation of the class.

Class Implementor, Class Extender and Class User



Why do we distinguish different Users of Class Diagrams?

- Models often don't distinguish between application domain classes and solution domain classes
 - Reason: Modeling languages like UML allow the use of both types of classes in the same model
 - "address book", "array"
 - Preferred: No solution classes in the analysis model
- Many systems don't distinguish between the specification and the implementation of a class
 - Reason: Object-oriented programming languages allow the simultaneous use of specification and implementation of a class
 - Preferred: We distinguish between analysis model and object design model. The analysis design model does not contain any implementation specification.
Analysis model vs. object design model

- The analysis model is constructed during the analysis phase
 - Main stake holders: End user, customer, analyst
 - The class diagrams contains only application domain classes
- The object design model (sometimes also called specification model) is created during the object design phase
 - Main stake holders: class specifiers, class implementors, class extenders and class users
 - The class diagrams contain application domain as well as solution domain classes.

Stop! I am lost



I cannot follow the lectures. Where are we?

- We have covered Ch 1 3
- We are in the middle of Chapter 4
 - Functional modeling: Read again Ch 2, pp. 46 51
 - Structural modeling: Read again Ch 2, pp.52 59
- From use cases to class diagrams
 - Identify participatory objects in flow of events descriptions
 - Exercise: Apply Abbot's technique to Fig. 5-7, p. 181
 - Identify entity, control and boundary objects
 - Heuristics to find these types: Ch 5, Section 5.4
- We are now focusing on identyfing classes during dynamic modeling

How do you find classes and objects?

- We have already established several sources for class and object identification:
 - Application domain analysis: We find classes by talking to the client and identify abstractions by observing the end user
 - General world knowledge and intuition
 - Textual analysis of event flow in use cases (Abbot)
- Today we identify classes and objects from dynamic models
- Two good heuristics:
 - Actions and activities are candidates for public operations on classes
 - 2. Activity lines in sequence diagrams are candidates for objects.

Dynamic Modeling

- Definition of a dynamic model:
 - Describes the components of the system that have interesting dynamic behavior
- The dynamic model is described with
 - State diagrams: One state diagram for each class with interesting dynamic behavior
 - Classes without interesting dynamic behavior are not modeled with state diagrams
 - Sequence diagrams: For modeling the interaction between classes
- Purpose:
 - Detect and supply operations for the object model.

How do we detect Operations?

- We look for objects, who are interacting and extract their "protocol"
 - "How are you?""I am fine".
- We look for objects, who have interesting behavior
 - Star, Banking account
- Good starting point: Flow of events in a use case description
 - From the flow of events we construct the sequence diagram
 - In the sequence diagram we look for the "participating objects".

Flow of Events

- What is an Event?
 - Something that happens at a point in time
 - An event sends information from one object to another
- Events can have associations with each other:
 - Temporally related events:
 - Event A always "happens before" event B
 - Event B always "happens after" event C
 - Unrelated events:
 - Events that happen concurrently (A and B can happen at the same time)
- What is a Flow of Events?
 - A sequence of temporally related and unrelated events.

Event

- An event is an important abstraction in a dynamic model. Therefore we model the events in a system usually as classes
- Event classes can be grouped in event classes with a hierarchical structure
 - This means, we can define a **Event taxonomy**
- The term 'Event' is also used in two other ways:
 - Instance of an event class:
 - "Slide 44 shown on Tuesday November 4 at 16:50". Event class "Lecture Given", Subclass "Slide Shown"
 - Attribute of an event class
 - Mouse click (buttonNr, direction, location)
 - Slide Update(3:45 PM, 11/4/2008)
 - Train_Leaves(4:45pm, Manhattan)

Sequence Diagram

- A sequence diagram is a graphical description of the flow of events
- The objects participating in the flow of events are called participating objects
- A good rule of thumb for finding participating objects:
 - A event always has a sender and a receiver
 - Find the sender and receiver for each event
 =>These are the objects participating in the use case.

An Example

 Assume a "Get SeatPosition" use case with the following flow of events:

1. Establish connection between smart card and onboard computer

2. Establish connection between onboard computer and seat

3. Get current seat position and store on smart card

• Where are the objects?

Sequence Diagram for "Get SeatPosition"



Heuristics for Sequence Diagrams

Layout Heuristic:

1st column: Should be the actor of the use case 2nd column: Should be a boundary object 3rd column: Should be the control object that manages the rest of the use case

• Creation of Objects Heuristic:

- 1. Create control objects at beginning of the flow of events
- 2. The control objects then create the boundary objects
- Access of Objects Heuristic:
 - Entity objects are accessed by control and boundary objects
 - Entity objects should not access boundary or control objects.



Impact on ARENA's Object Model

- Let's assume ARENA's object model contains at this modeling stage - the objects
 - League Owner, Arena, League, Tournament, Match and Player
- The Flow of Events identifies 2 new Classes
 Tournament Boundary, Announce_Tournament_Control







Impact on ARENA's Object Model (2)

- The sequence diagram (slide 49) also supplies us with many new events
 - newTournament(league)
 - setName(name)
 - setMaxPlayers(max)
 - commit
 - checkMaxTournament()

createTournament

- Question: Who owns these events?
- Answer (Heuristic): For each object that receives an event there should be a public operation in the associated class

A good choice for the name of the operation is usually the name of the event.





What else can we get out of Sequence Diagrams?

- Sequence diagrams are derived from use cases
- The structure of the sequence diagram helps us to determine how decentralized the system is
- We distinguish two structures for sequence diagrams (Ivar Jacobson)
 - Fork Diagrams and Stair Diagrams

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Fork Diagram

- The dynamic behavior is placed in a single object, usually a control object
 - It knows all the other objects and often uses them for direct questions and commands



Stair Diagram

- The dynamic behavior is distributed. Each object delegates responsibility to other objects
 - Each object knows only a few of the other objects and knows which objects can help with a specific behavior



Fork or Stair?

- Object-oriented supporters claim that the stair structure is better
- Modeling Advice:
 - Choose the stair a decentralized control structure if
 - The operations have a strong connection
 - The operations will always be performed in the same order
 - Choose the fork a centralized control structure if
 - The operations can change order
 - New operations are expected to be added as a result of new requirements.

State

- An abstraction of the attributes of a class
 - State is the aggregation of several attributes a class
- A state is an equivalence class of all those attribute values and links that do no need to be distinguished
 - Example: State of a bank
- State has duration

State Chart Diagram vs Sequence Diagram

- State chart diagrams help to identify:
 - Changes to an individual object over time
- Sequence diagrams help to identify:
 - The temporal relationship of between objects over time
 - Sequence of operations as a response to one ore more events.

Dynamic Modeling of User Interfaces

- Statechart diagrams can be used for the design of user interfaces
- States: Name of screens
- Actions or activities are shown as bullets under the screen name



Practical Tips for Dynamic Modeling

- Construct dynamic models only for classes with significant dynamic behavior
 - Avoid "analysis paralysis"
- Consider only relevant attributes
 - Use abstraction if necessary
- Look at the granularity of the application when deciding on actions and activities.

Model Validation and Verification

- Verification is an equivalence check after the transformation of two models
- Validation is the comparison of the model with reality
 - Validation is a critical step in the development process Requirements should be validated with the client and the user.
 - Techniques: Formal and informal reviews (Meetings, requirements review)
- Requirements validation involves several checks
 - Correctness, Completeness, Ambiguity, Realistism

Verification vs Validation of models





Checklist for a Requirements Review (1)

- Is the model correct?
 - A model is correct if it represents the client's view of the the system
- Is the model complete?
 - Every scenario is covered by the model
- Is the model consistent?
 - The model does not have components that contradict each other
- Is the model unambiguous?
 - The model describes one system, not many
- Is the model realistic?
 - The model can be implemented

Checklist for the Requirements Review (2)

- Syntactic check of the models
 - Check for consistent naming of classes, attributes, methods in different subsystems
 - Identify dangling associations ("pointing to nowhere")
 - Identify double- defined classes
 - Identify missing classes (mentioned in one model but not defined anywhere)
 - Check for classes with the same name but different meanings

Check for consistent naming

UML Sequence Diagram

UML Class Diagram



Omissions in some UML Diagrams

Class Diagram



When is a Model Dominant?

- Object model:
 - The system has classes with nontrivial states and many relationships between the classes
- Dynamic model:
 - The model has many different types of events: Input, output, exceptions, errors, etc.
- Functional model:
 - The model performs complicated transformations (eg. computations consisting of many steps).
- Which model is dominant in these applications?
 - Compiler
 - Database system
 - Spreadsheet program
Dominance of Models

- Compiler:
 - The functional model most important
 - The dynamic model is trivial because there is only one type input and only a few outputs
- Database systems:
 - The object model most important
 - The functional model is trivial, because the purpose of the functions is to store, organize and retrieve data
- Spreadsheet program:
 - The functional model most important
 - The dynamic model is interesting if the program allows computations on a cell
 - The object model is trivial.

Summary: Analysis

1. What are the transformations?

Create scenarios and use case diagrams

- Talk with the client, observe procedures, workflows, get historical records

2. What is the structure of the system?

Create *class diagrams*

- Identify objects and classes.
- What are the associations between them?
- What is their multiplicity?
- What are the attributes?
- What operations are defined on the classes?
- 3. What is its behavior?

Create sequence diagrams

- Identify senders and receivers
- Show sequence of events exchanged between objects.
- Identify event dependencies and event concurrency.

Create *state diagrams*

- Only for the dynamically interesting objects.







Functional Modeling

Backup Slides

Let's Do Analysis

- Analyze the problem statement
 - Identify functional requirements
 - Identify nonfunctional requirements
 - Identify constraints (pseudo requirements)
- Build the functional model:
 - Develop use cases to illustrate functional requirements
- Build the dynamic model:
 - Develop sequence diagrams to illustrate the interaction between objects
 - Develop state diagrams for objects with interesting behavior
- Build the object model:
 - Develop class diagrams for the structure of the system

Problem Statement: Direction Control for a Toy Car

- Power is turned on
 - Car moves forward and car headlight shines
- Power is turned off
 - Car stops and headlight goes out.
- Power is turned on
 - Headlight shines
- Power is turned off
 - Headlight goes out
- Power is turned on
 - Car runs backward with its headlight shining

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Find the Functional Model: Use Cases

- Use case 1: System Initialization
 - Entry condition: Power is off, car is not moving
 - Flow of events:
 - 1. Driver turns power on
 - Exit condition: Car moves forward, headlight is on
- Use case 2: Turn headlight off
 - Entry condition: Car moves forward with headlights on
 - Flow of events:
 - 1. Driver turns power off, car stops and headlight goes out.
 - 2. Driver turns power on, headlight shines and car does not move.
 - 3. Driver turns power off, headlight goes out
 - Exit condition: Car does not move, headlight is out

Use Cases continued

- Use case 3: Move car backward
 - Entry condition: Car is stationary, headlights off
 - Flow of events:
 - 1. Driver turns power on
 - Exit condition: Car moves backward, headlight on
- Use case 4: Stop backward moving car
 - Entry condition: Car moves backward, headlights on
 - Flow of events:
 - 1. Driver turns power off, car stops, headlight goes out.
 - Power is turned on, headlight shines and car does not move.
 - 3. Power is turned off, headlight goes out.
 - Exit condition: Car does not move, headlight is out

Use Cases Continued

- Use case 5: Move car forward
 - Entry condition: Car does not move, headlight is out
 - Flow of events
 - 1. Driver turns power on
 - Exit condition:
 - Car runs forward with its headlight shining

Use Case Pruning

- Do we need use case 5?
- Let us compare use case 1 and use case 5:
- Use case 1: System Initialization
 - Entry condition: Power is off, car is not moving
 - Flow of events:
 - 1. Driver turns power on
 - Exit condition: Car moves forward, headlight is on

Use case 5: Move car forward

- Entry condition: Car does not move, headlight is out
- Flow of events
 - 1. Driver turns power on
- Exit condition:
 - Car runs forward with its headlight shining

Dynamic Modeling: Create the Sequence Diagram

- Name: Drive Car
- Sequence of events:
 - Billy turns power on
 - Headlight goes on
 - Wheels starts moving forward
 - Wheels keeps moving forward
 - Billy turns power off
 - Headlight goes off
 - Wheels stops moving
 - . . .

Sequence Diagram for Drive Car Scenario



Toy Car: Dynamic Model



Toy Car: Object Model



Examples for syntactical Problems

- Different spellings in different UML diagrams
- Omissions in diagrams

Is this a good Sequence Diagram?





Backup Slides

Modeling in Action

- If it is a Face
 - What are its Attributes?
 - Sad, Happy
- Or is it a Mask?
- Investigate the functional model
 - Who is using it? -> Actors
 - Art collector
 - Bankrobber
 - Carnival participant
 - How is it used? -> Event flow
- "Napkin design" of a Mask to be used at the Venetian Carnival



Pieces of an Object Model

- Classes and their instances ("objects")
- Attributes
- Operations
- Associations between classes and objects

Associations

- Types of Associations
 - Canonical associations
 - Part-of Hierarchy (Aggregation)
 - Kind-of Hierarchy (Inheritance)
 - Generic associations

Attributes

- Detection of attributes is application specific
- Attributes in one system can be classes in another system
- Turning attributes to classes and vice versa

Operations

- Source of operations
 - Use cases in the functional model
 - General world knowledge
 - Generic operations: Get/Set
 - Design Patterns
 - Application domain specific operations
 - Actions and activities in the dynamic model

Object vs Class

- Object (instance): Exactly one thing
 - This lecture on object modeling
- A class describes a group of objects with similar properties
 - Game, Tournament, mechanic, car, database
- Object diagram: A graphical notation for modeling objects, classes and their relationships
 - Class diagram: Template for describing many instances of data. Useful for taxonomies, patters, schemata...
 - Instance diagram: A particular set of objects relating to each other. Useful for discussing scenarios, test cases and examples

Analysis model vs object design model (2)

- The analysis model is the basis for communication between analysts, application domain experts and end users.
- The object design model is the basis for communication between designers and implementors.