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UML Class Diagram

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Models

- The goal is not to build documents but software that satisfies the user's requests with predictable times and methods
- Templates help build good software
- Proven and Accepted Engineering Technical Modeling
 - Mathematical models for forecasts
 - Models for building cars, cars

Models

- What is it?
 - A model is a simplification of reality
- Because
 - Models are built to better understand the system that is being developed

Models

- Purposes
 - They help to describe/visualize a system as it is and as we want it to be
 - Specify the structure or behavior of a system
 - They give a template that guides you to build a system
 - Document the decisions made

Models

Models of complex systems are built because they cannot be understood in their entirety

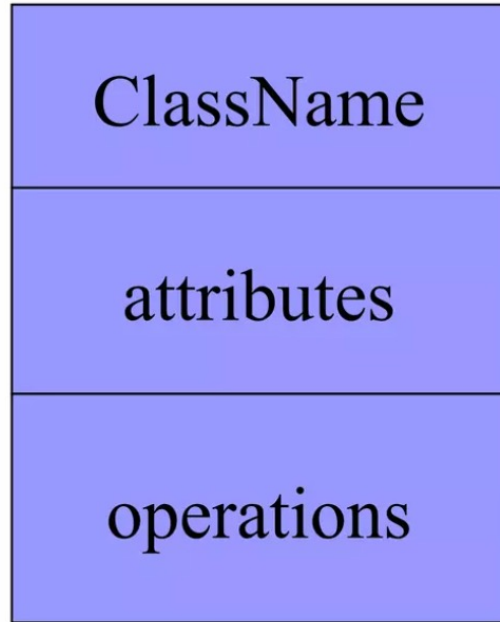
UML: What is it?

- Acronym Unified Modeling Language
 - Language: language
 - Unified: standard, unified model
 - Modeling: For Modeling
- Language for
 - Visualize
 - Specify
 - Build
 - Document
 - the elaborations of a software system

Class Diagrams

- Concept of class diagram
- Creating class diagram

Classes



A *class* is a description of a set of objects that share the same attributes, operations, relationships, and semantics.

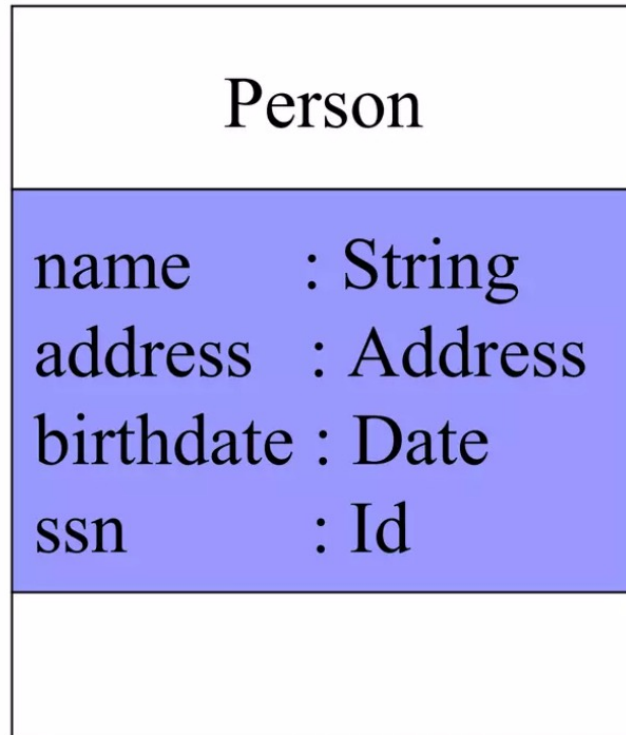
Graphically, a class is rendered as a rectangle, usually including its name, attributes, and operations in separate, designated compartments.

Class Names

ClassName
attributes
operations

The name of the class is the only required tag in the graphical representation of a class. It always appears in the top-most compartment.

Class Attributes



An *attribute* is a named property of a class that describes the object being modeled. In the class diagram, attributes appear in the second compartment just below the name-compartment.

Class Attributes (Cont'd)

Person	
name	: String
address	: Address
birthdate	: Date
/ age	: Date
ssn	: Id

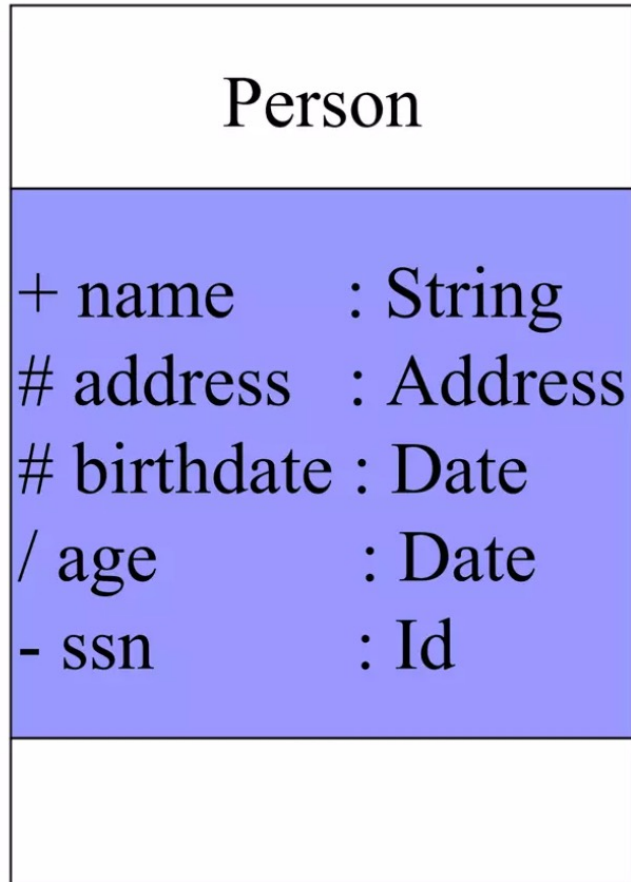
Attributes are usually listed in the form:

attributeName : Type

A *derived* attribute is one that can be computed from other attributes, but doesn't actually exist. For example, a Person's age can be computed from his birth date. A derived attribute is designated by a preceding '/' as in:

/ age : Date

Class Attributes (Cont'd)



Attributes can be:

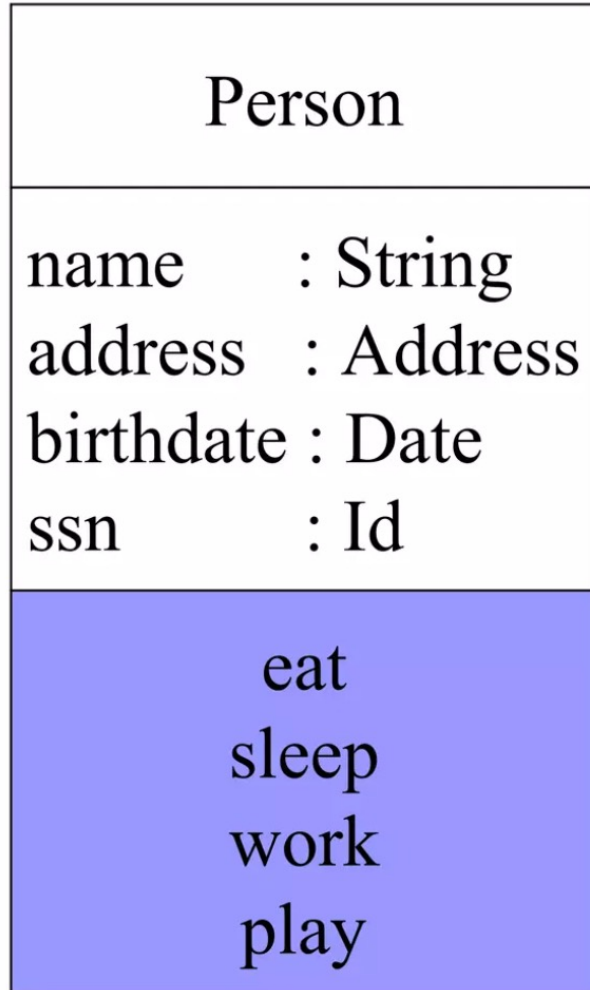
+ public

protected

- private

/ derived

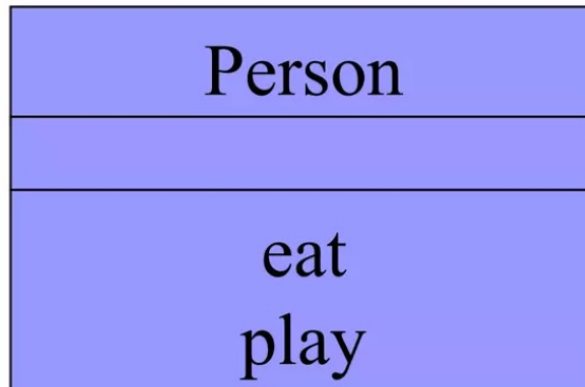
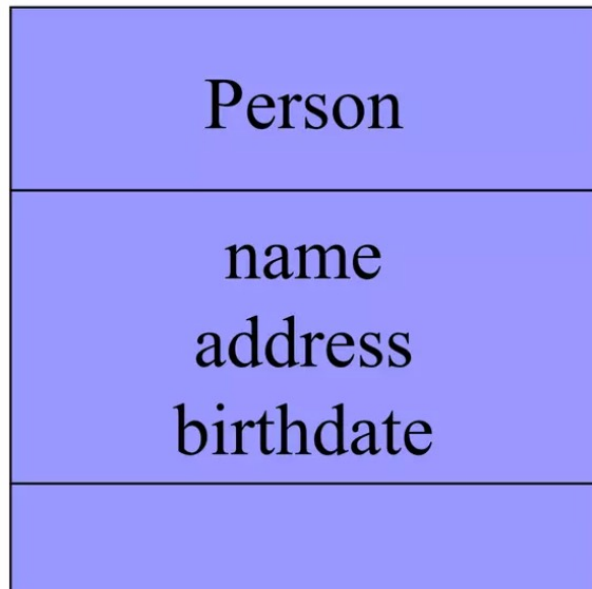
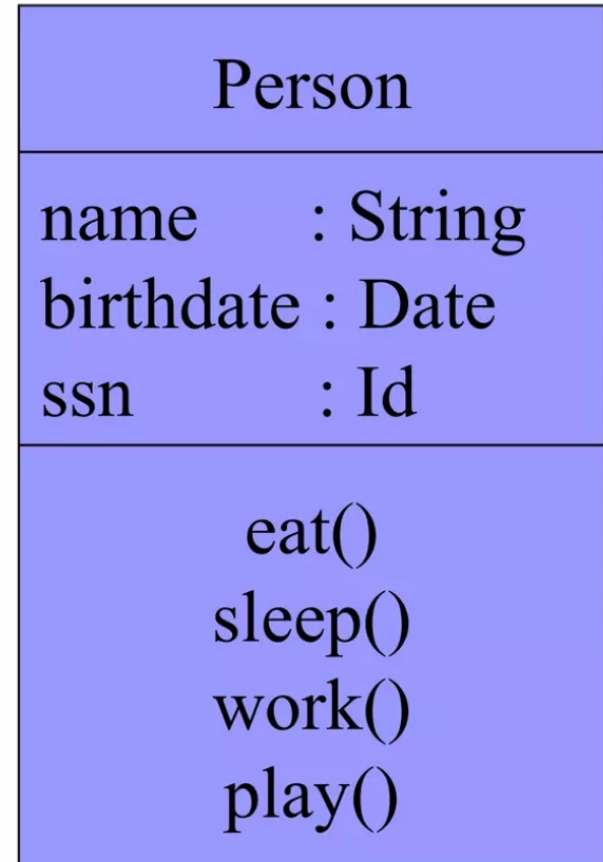
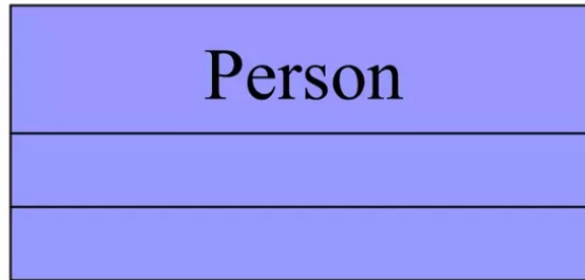
Class Operations



Operations describe the class behavior and appear in the third compartment.

Depicting Classes

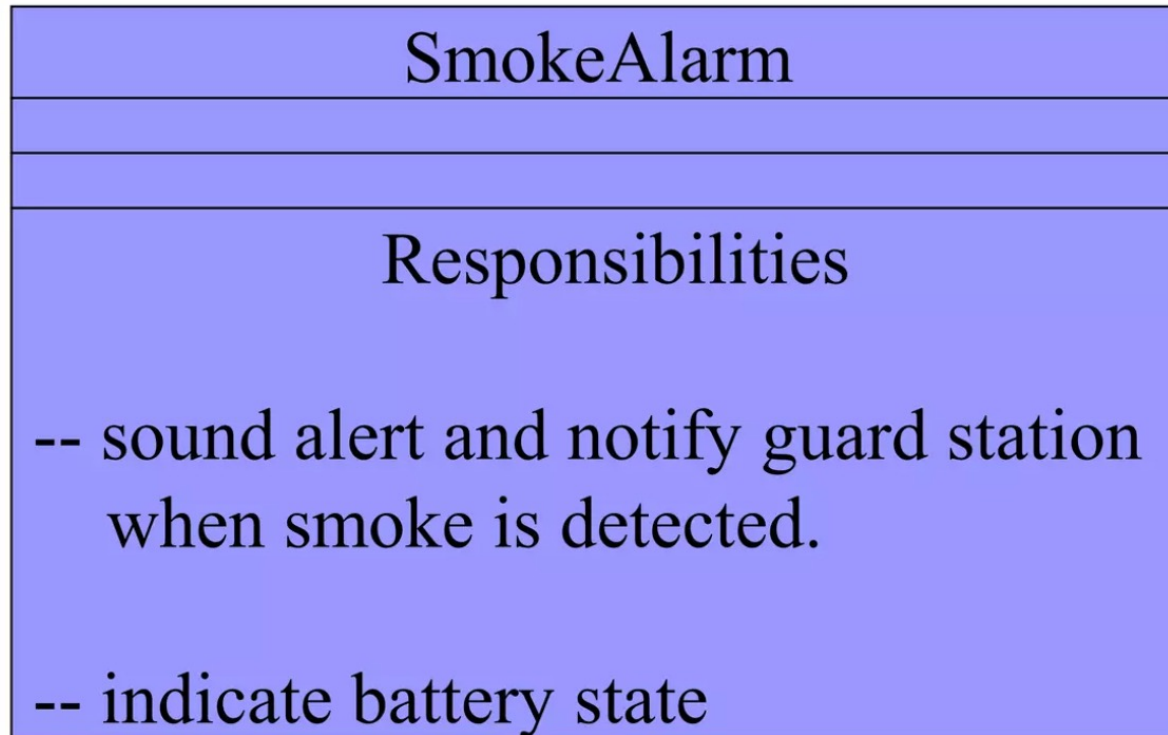
When drawing a class, you needn't show attributes and operation in every diagram.



Class Responsibilities

A class may also include its responsibilities in a class diagram.

A responsibility is a contract or obligation of a class to perform a particular service.



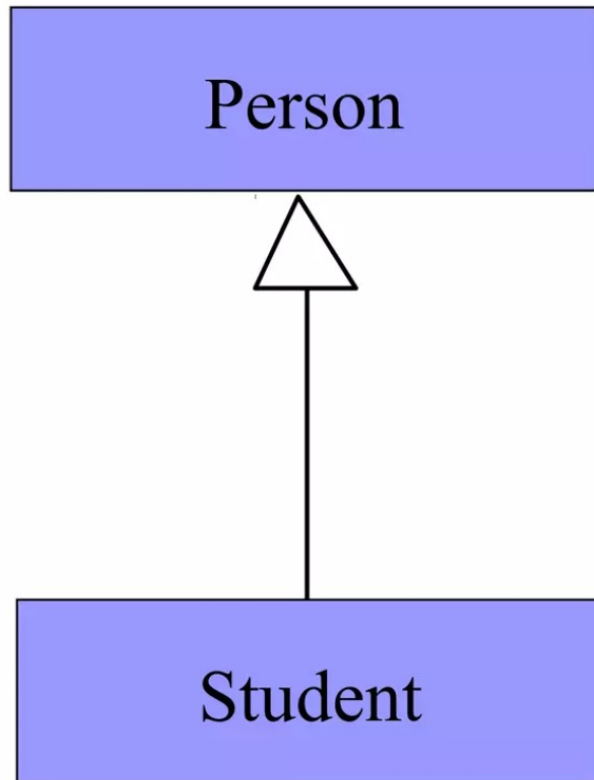
Relationships

In UML, object interconnections (logical or physical), are modeled as relationships.

There are three kinds of relationships in UML:

- dependencies
- generalizations
- associations

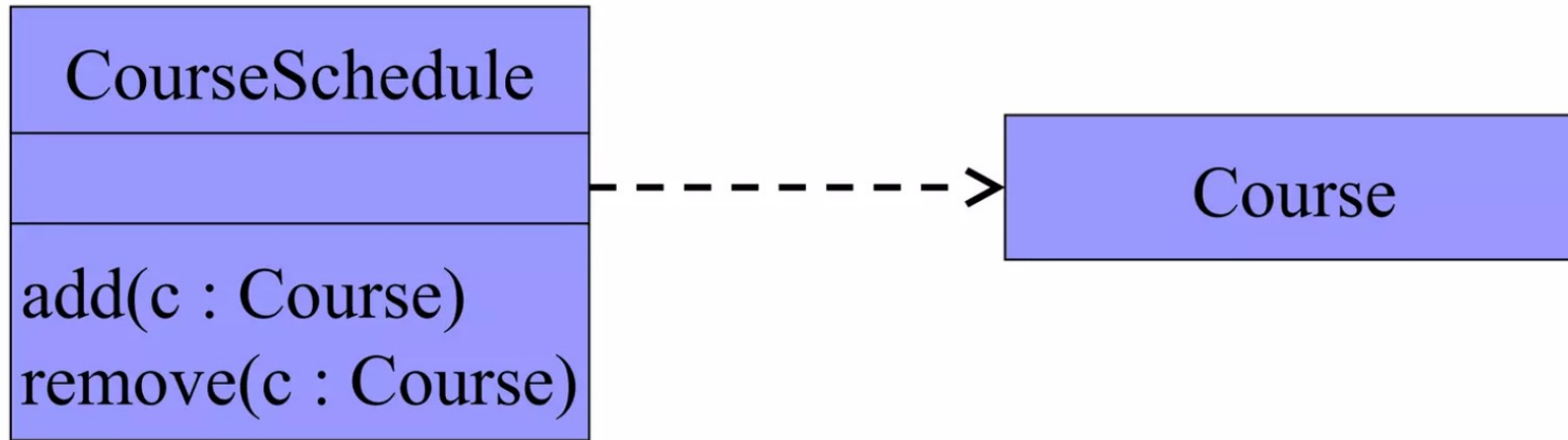
Generalization Relationships



A generalization connects a subclass to its superclass. It denotes an inheritance of attributes and behavior from the superclass to the subclass and indicates a specialization in the subclass of the more general superclass.

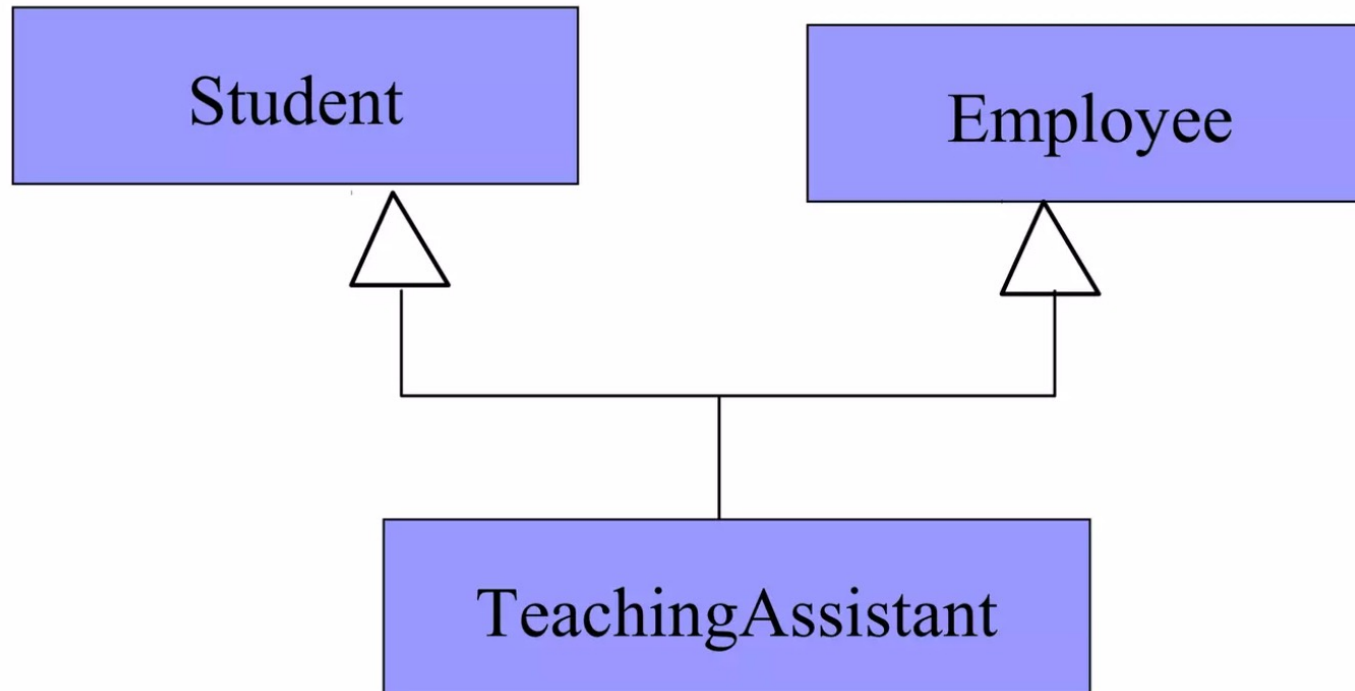
Dependency Relationships

A *dependency* indicates a semantic relationship between two or more elements. The dependency from *CourseSchedule* to *Course* exists because *Course* is used in both the **add** and **remove** operations of *CourseSchedule*.



Generalization Relationships (Cont'd)

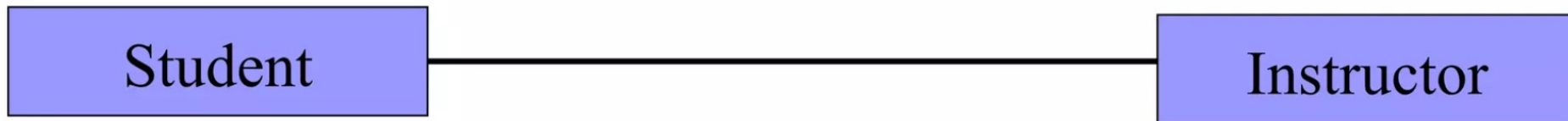
UML permits a class to inherit from multiple super classes, although some programming languages (*e.g.*, Java) do not permit multiple inheritance.



Association Relationships

If two classes in a model need to communicate with each other, there must be link between them.

An *association* denotes that link.



Association Relationships (Cont'd)

We can indicate the *multiplicity* of an association by adding *multiplicity adornments* to the line denoting the association.

The example indicates that a *Student* has one or more *Instructors*:



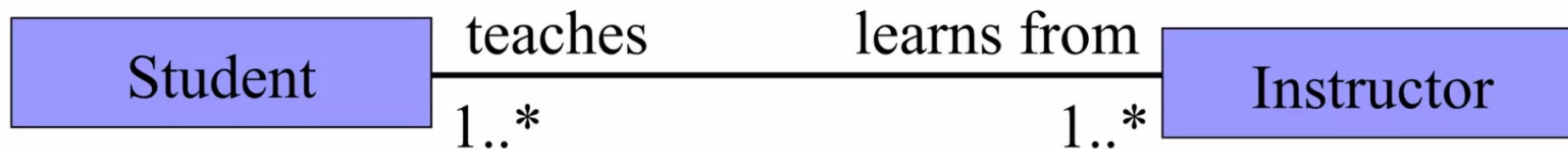
Association Relationships (Cont'd)

The example indicates that every *Instructor* has one or more *Students*:



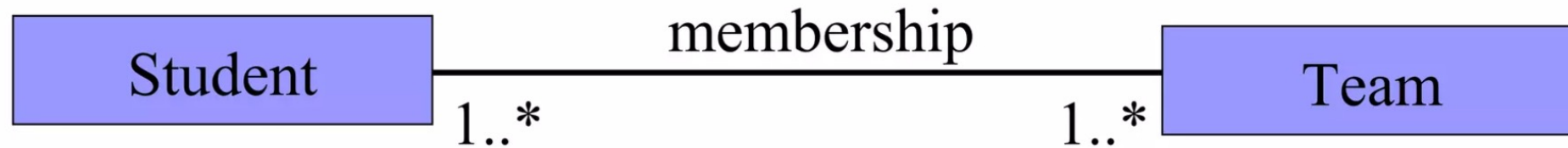
Association Relationships (Cont'd)

We can also indicate the behavior of an object in an association (*i.e.*, the *role* of an object) using *role names*.



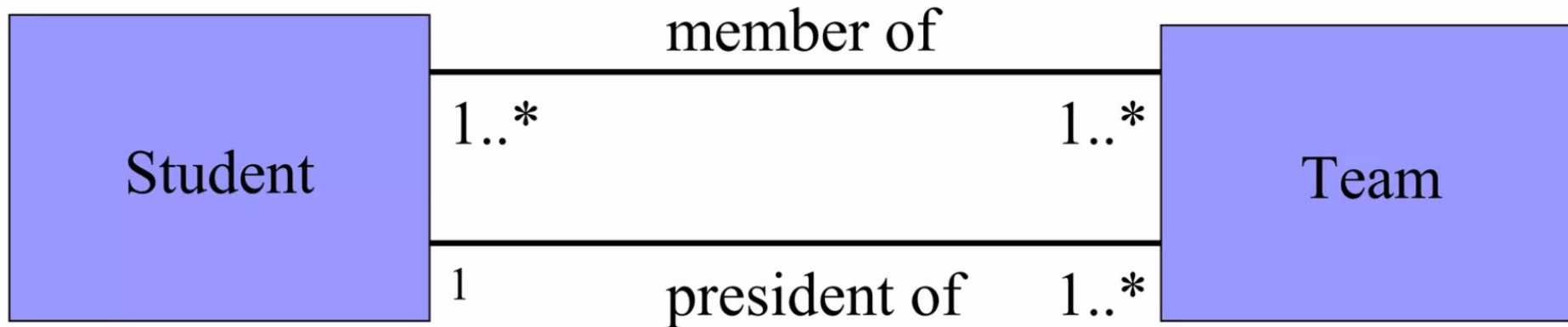
Association Relationships (Cont'd)

We can also name the association.



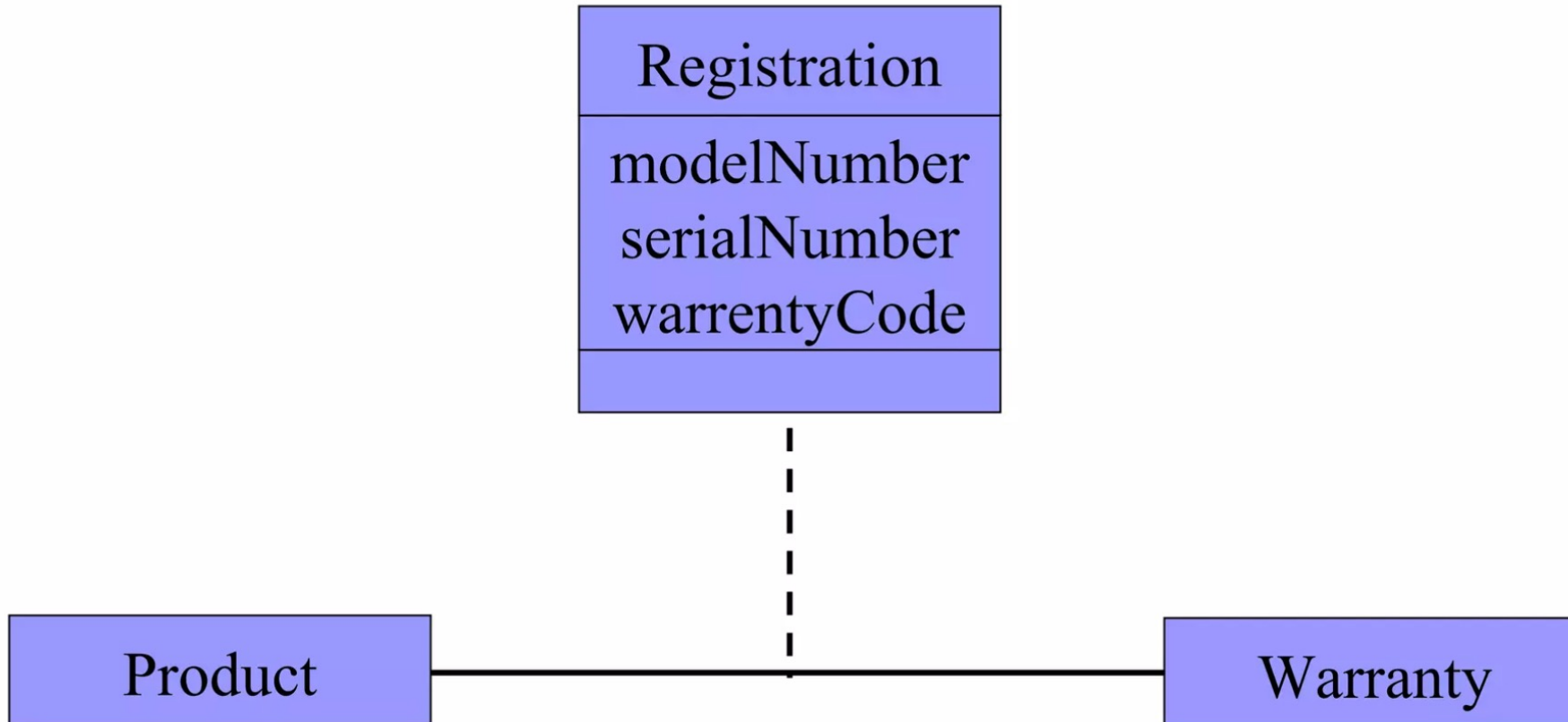
Association Relationships (Cont'd)

We can specify dual associations.



Association Relationships (Cont'd)

Associations can also be objects themselves, called *link classes* or an *association classes*.



Example

