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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

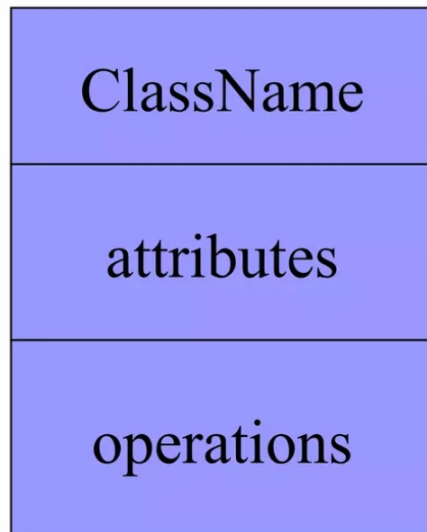
# UML: What is it?

- 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.

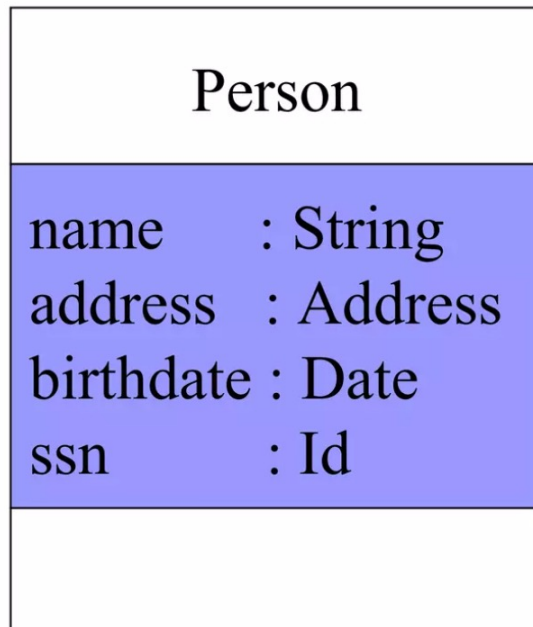


# Class Names

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

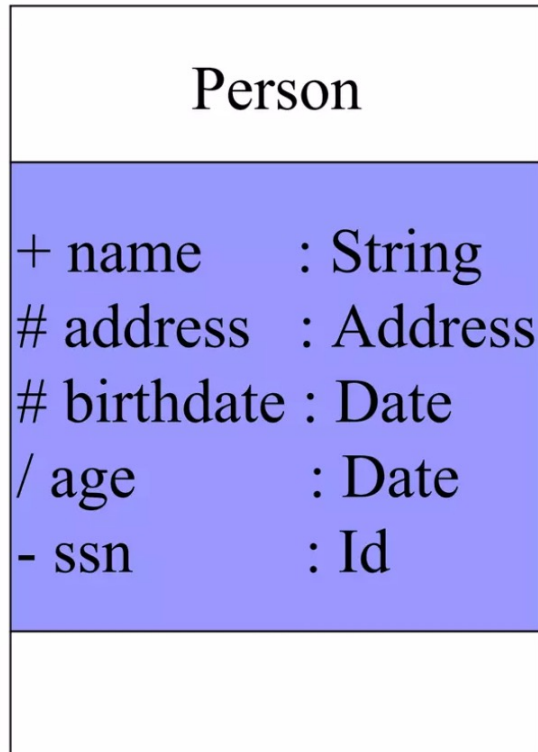
Attributes are usually listed in the form:

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

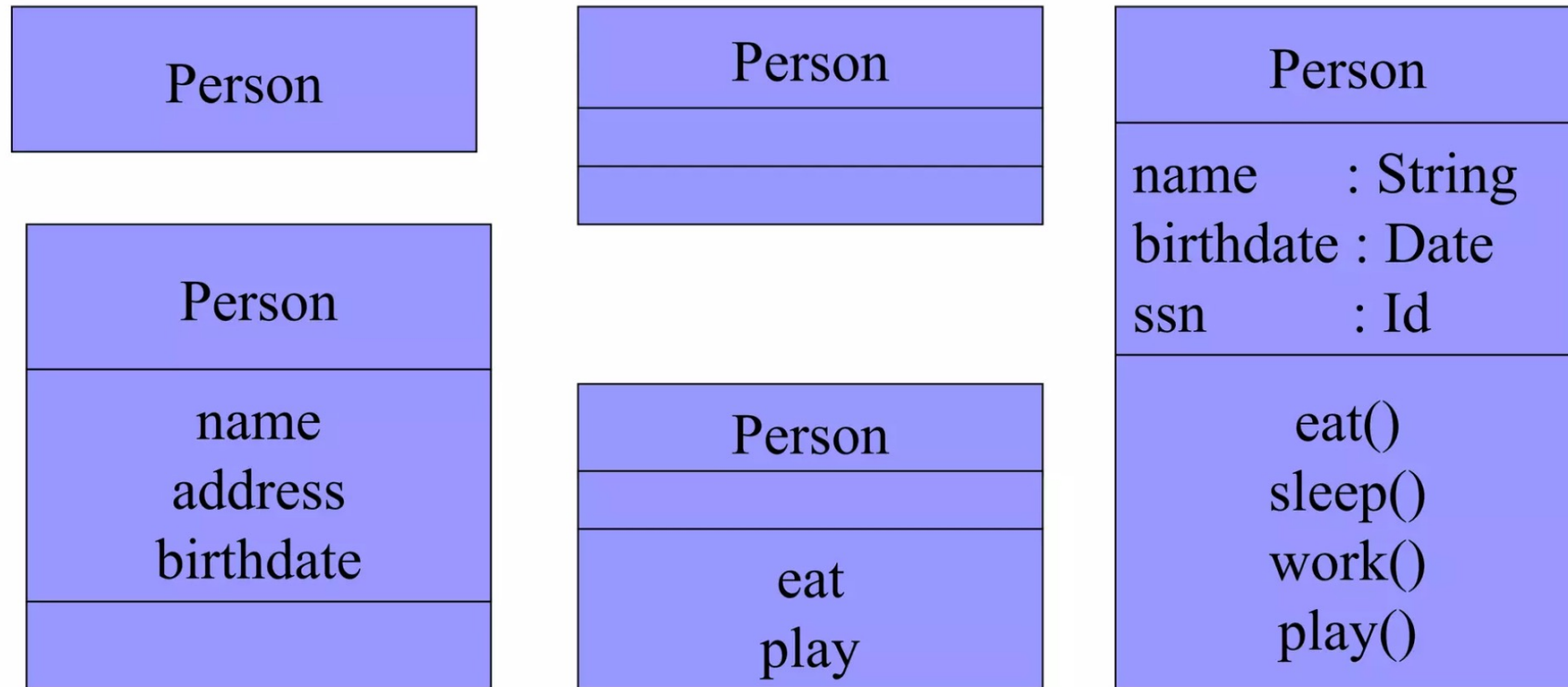
# Class Operations

Person	
name	: String
address	: Address
birthdate	: Date
ssn	: Id
eat	
sleep	
work	
play	

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

# Depicting Classes

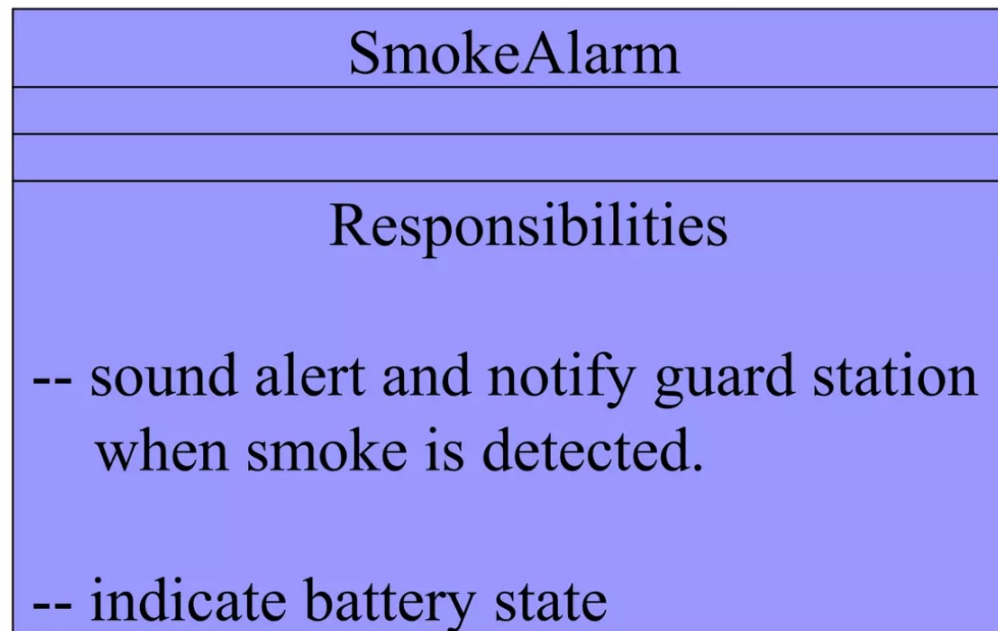
When drawing a class, you needn't show attributes and operation in every diagram.



# 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

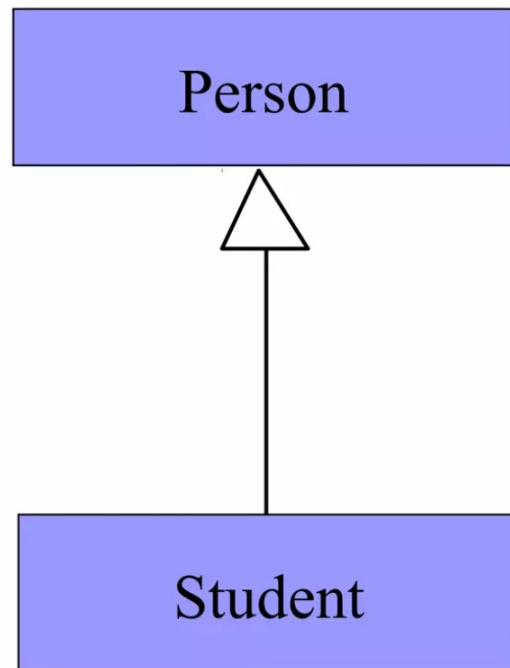
In UML, object interconnections (logical or physical), are modeled as relationships.

There are three kinds of relationships in UML:

- dependencies
- generalizations
- associations



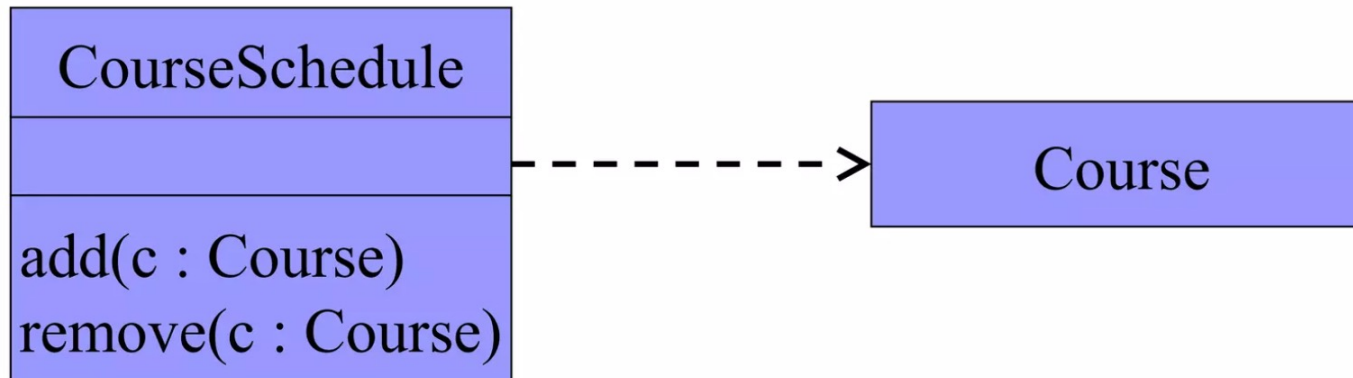
# Generalization Relationships



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.

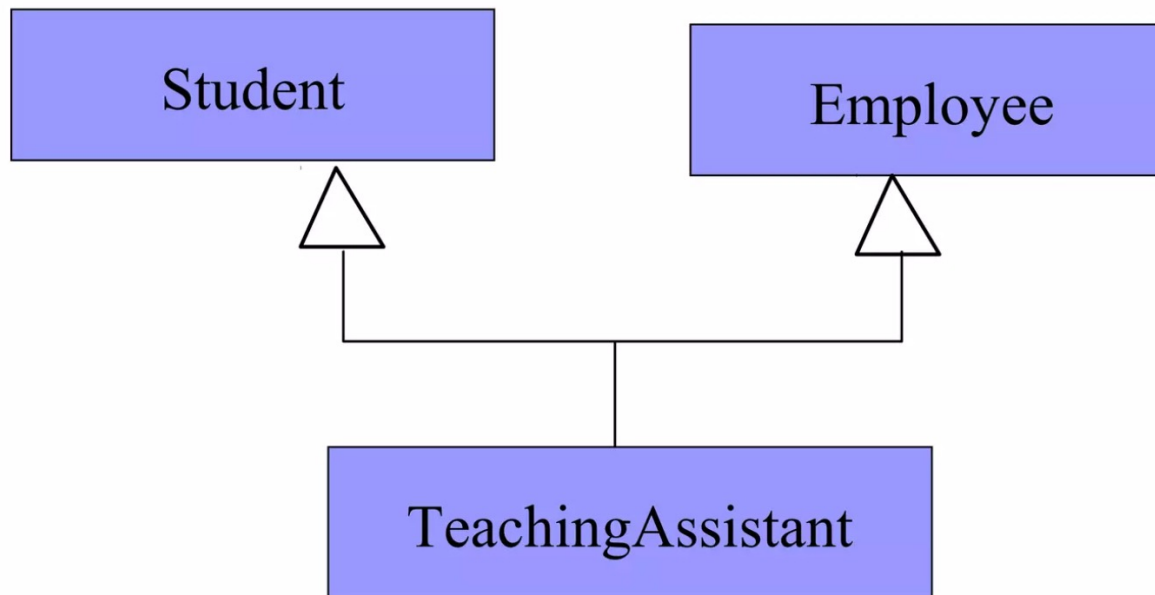
# Dependency Relationships

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)

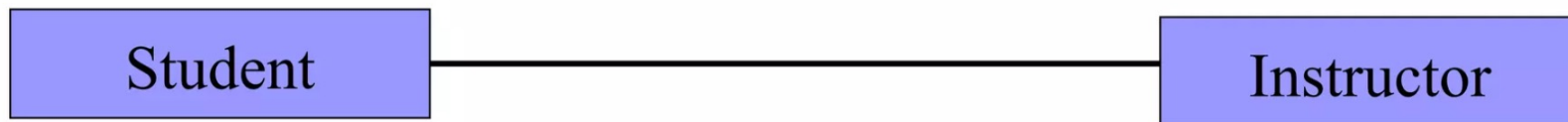
UML permits a class to inherit from multiple super classes, although some programming languages (e.g., Java) do not permit multiple inheritance.



# Association Relationships

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

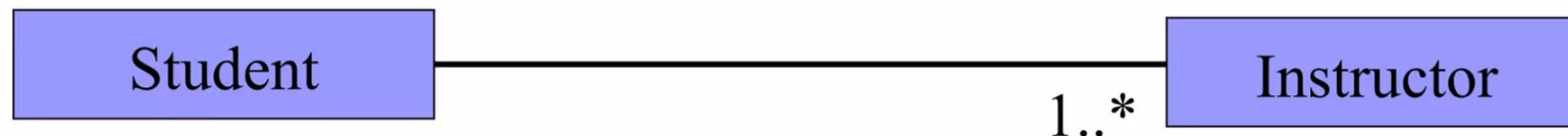
An *association* denotes that link.



# Association Relationships (Cont'd)

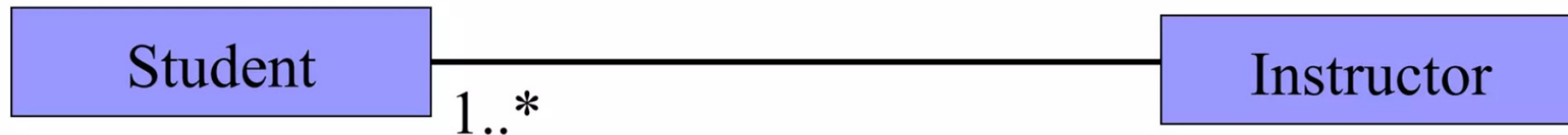
We can indicate the *multiplicity* of an association by adding *multiplicity adornments* to the line denoting the association.

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



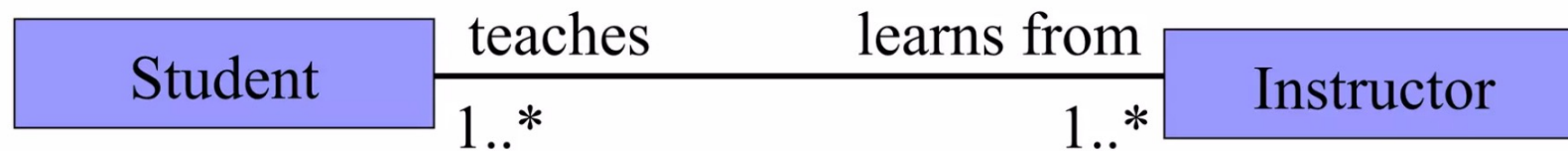
# Association Relationships (Cont'd)

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



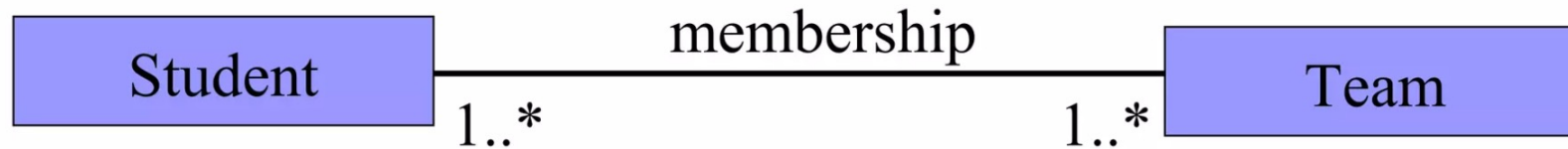
# Association Relationships (Cont'd)

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)

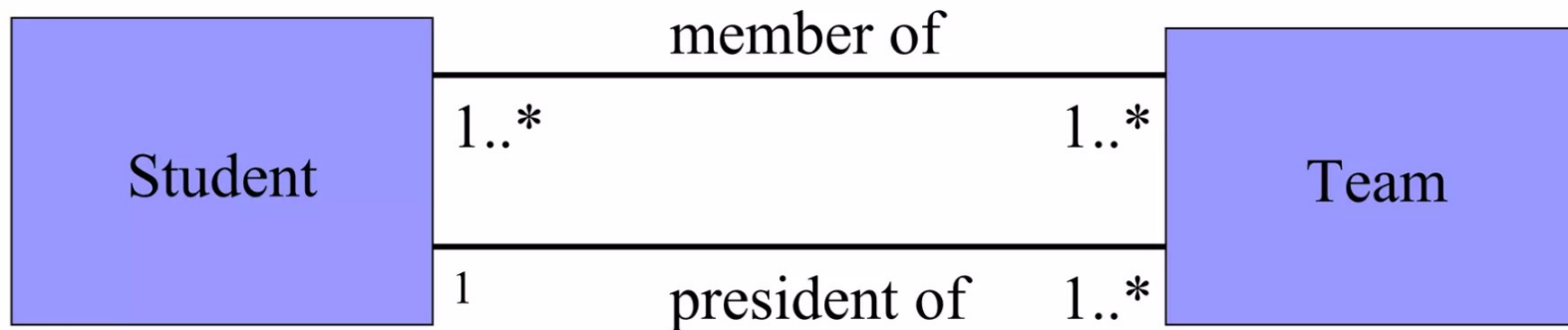
We can also name the association.





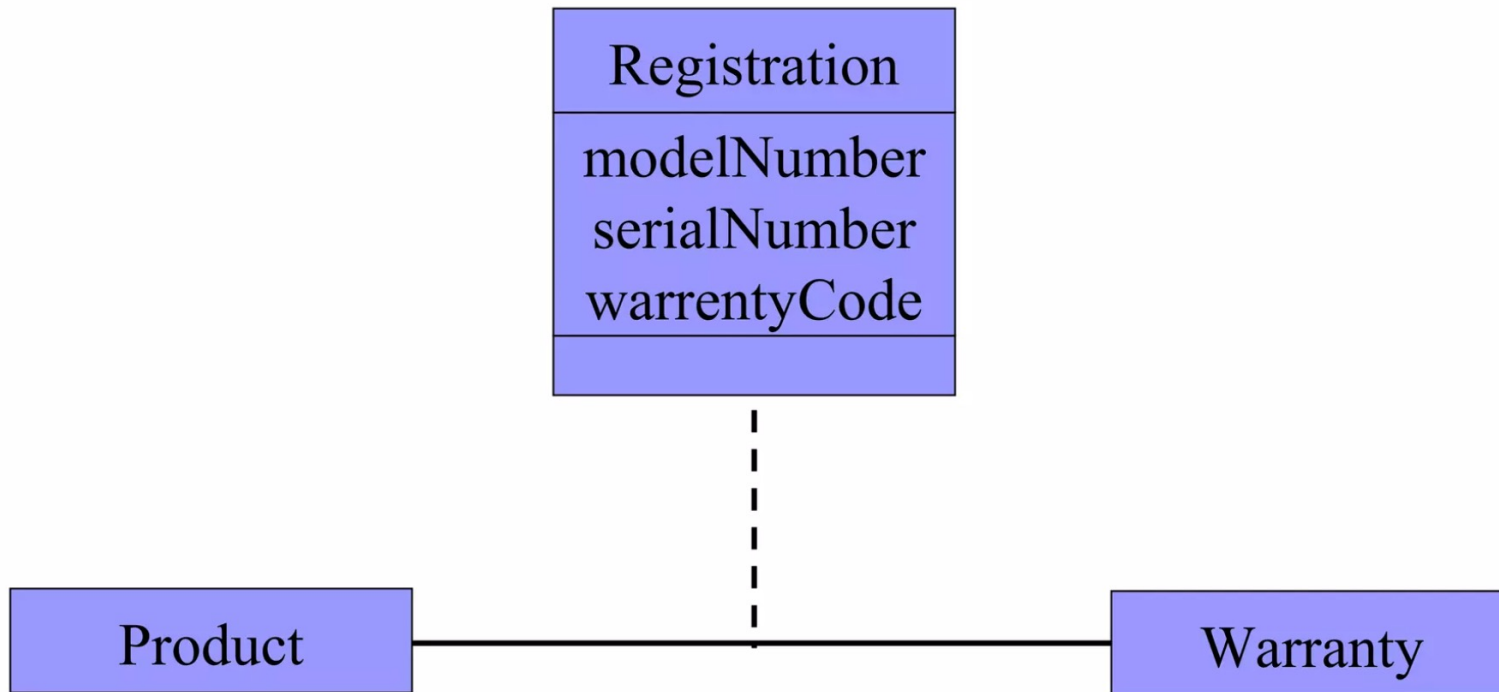
# Association Relationships (Cont'd)

We can specify dual associations.



# Association Relationships (Cont'd)

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



# Example

