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1 Three-tier Architecture

Three-tier Architecture

- Well-designed program (information system) is composed of several logically separated parts:
 - Visualisation of data to user (UI, WEB, thin client, ...),
 - data storage and maintenance (database, filesystem, ...),
 - data processing.
- Well-managable program should be divided into independent parts – blocks, tiers.
- Tiers are communicating through the interfaces.

1.1 Presentation Tier

Presentation Tier

- *Presentation tier* displays contents to user, do prints etc.
- It has tools for cooperation between user and application – user can send commands to IS.
- In Server-Client systems is presentation tier in client side.

1.2 Business (Application) Tier

Business (Application) Tier

- *Business Tier* implements main logic of application.
- It takes commands from presentation tier and reacts on them.
- All (or most) computations is held here as well as validation etc.
- It coordinates data flow between presentation and data tier.
- In Server-Client systems is business tier mostly in server side, part is on client side.

1.3 Data Tier

Data Tier

- *Data Tier* is responsible for all data maintenance.
- Data are served to business tier (and then to presentation tier).
- It takes all entered (changed) data from business tier as well as other request for data manipulation.
- In Server-Client systems is data tier in server side.

Three-tier design requirements

- All tiers are interchengeable.
 - Data tier that works with data on HDD,
 - data tier that works with Oracle DB,
 - data tier that works with streamer memory,
 - ...
- *Interface must be confirmed while developement.*
 - Best usage is creating abstract class that specifies interface (or make interface in Java-like languages).
 - Inherit class from the abstract one – this should implement all methods.

2 Creating object dynamically

Creating object dynamically

- Enhanced syntax of `New` procedure for using with objects:

```
procedure New(p: ^CClass, Init: Constructor);
```

- This allocates object from class `CClass` on heap and invokes constructor.

- Enhanced syntax of function `New` for using with objects:

```
function New(T: ^CClass, Init: Constructor): ^CClass;
```

- This allocates object from the class `CClass`, invokes constructor and returns pointer to it.
- Used with inheritance. It is possible to create object from descendant class and store it into variable with type of ancestor:

```
varAncestor:=New(PDescendant, Init);  
varAncestor:=New(PDescendant, Init(10));
```

2.1 Destructors

Destroying Objects & Destructors

- Object should be freed when no longer needed.

```
procedure Dispose(p: ^CClass);
```

- Each object should free all allocated memory prior to own destruction.
 - This could be accomplished with a method
 - ...or with special "method" called *destructor*.

```
type CClass=object  
    ...  
    destructor Done;  
    ...  
end;  
procedure Dispose(p: ^CClass, Done:Destructor);  
  
Dispose(object, Done);
```

- Destructors are (almost) everytime *virtual*.

3 Class Diagram in UML

Class Diagram

Class Diagrams shows class relations:

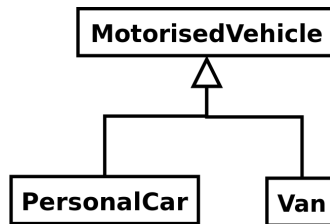
- inheritance structure,
- associations, and
- relations between the whole and parts.

3.1 Generalisation Construction – Inheritance

Generalisation Construction

Generalisation:

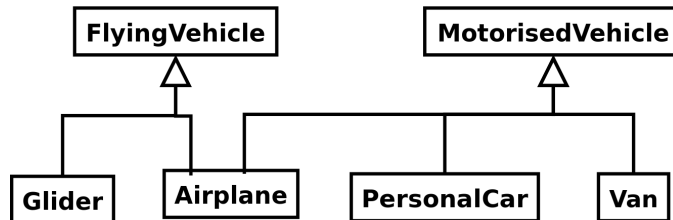
- Shows inheritance.
- Is written as empty triangle arrow.
 - The arrow points to ancestor.



Multiple Inheritance

Multiple Inheritance:

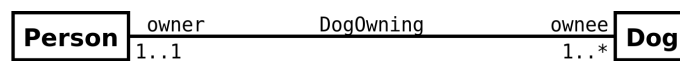
- Descendant inherits everything from its' ancestors.
- This construction is not recommended – it is possible to replace it by aggregation or interfaces.



3.2 Association Construction

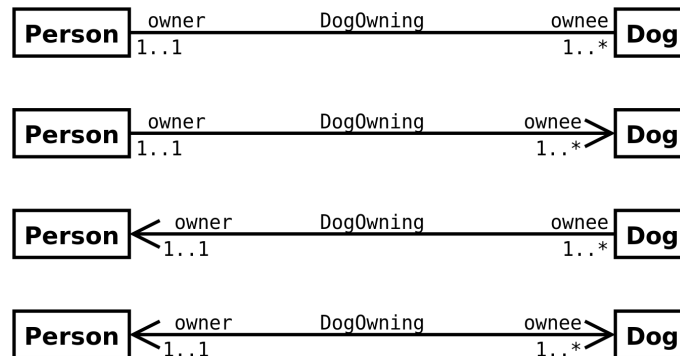
Association Construction

- Association in UML represents mutable population of interconnecting relations between object.
- E.g. dogs and its' owners:
 - Each of dogs has its' owner that can be changed.
 - Each person owns any count of dogs (even none).



- Name of association relation – **DogOwning**.
- Role of both classes in the association relation – **owner**, **ownee**.
- Cardinality (multiplicity) of the relation.

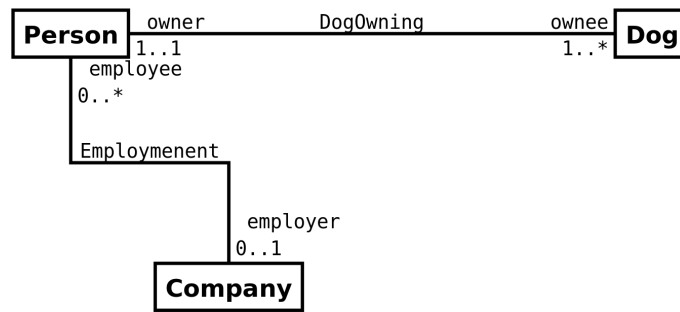
Association Direction



- Arrow shows in which direction is it easy to find other participant(s) of the relation.

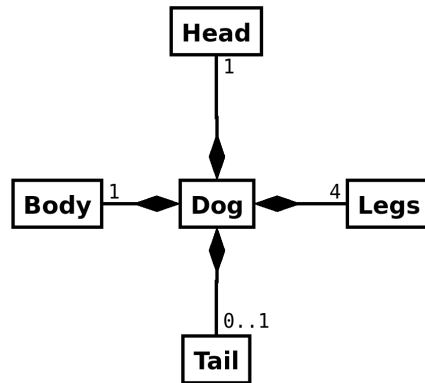
Association with Multiple Classes

- Class can be associated with more classes.
- It has multiple roles.



3.3 Composition

Composition



3.4 Aggregation

Aggregation

