

# Data Modeling

- A technique for defining business requirements for a database
- Also known as database modeling
- There are several notations
- Actual model is called an ERD – Entity Relationship Diagram
  - **Shows data in terms of the entities and relationships described by the data.**
  - **There exist several notations for an ERD**
  - **Martin notation is widely used.**

# Data Modeling...

## Entity Relationship Diagrams

Shows data in terms of the entities and relationships described by data.

## Entities

An entity is something about which the business needs to store data.

Synonyms – entity type and entity class

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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

**Entity:** is a class of



**Persons**  
**(Customer,**  
**Employee)**



**Places**  
**(Building,**  
**Room)**



**Objects**  
**(Book,**  
**Product)**



**Events**  
**(Flight,**  
**Invoice)**



**Concepts**  
**(Account,**  
**Fund)**

about which we need to capture and store data.

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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

### Entity Instance

An entity instance is a single occurrence of an entity. Every entity must have an identifier or key to uniquely identify each instance.


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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

### Symbol:

Consider Martin notations.



The named rounded rectangle represent the entity. – 

A line represent the relationship. – 

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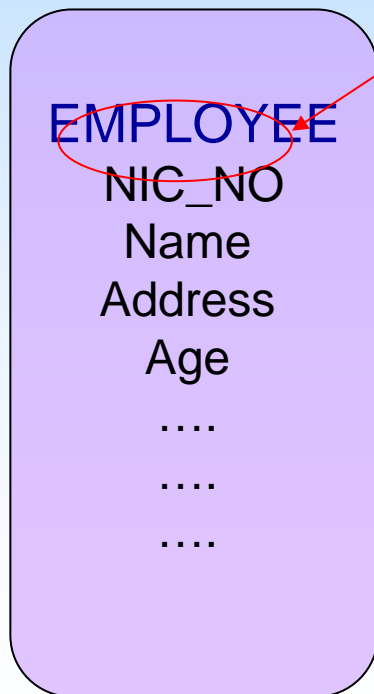
## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

### Attribute:

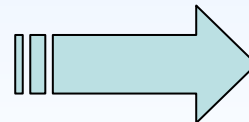
is a descriptive property or characteristics of an entity. Sometimes called as element, property, or field.

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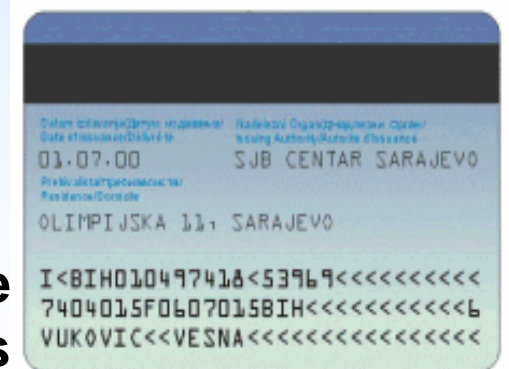
# Entity Relationship Diagrams...



A key is an attribute, or group of attributes that assumes a unique value for each entity instance. It is sometimes called an *identifier*.



**This person can be identified using his ID number.**



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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

**Compound Attribute** is one that actually consist of other attributes.

Synonyms- composite attribute, concatenated attribute

Example :

Student  
name

Last Name  
First Name  
Middle Name

Address

Street Address  
Postal Code  
Country  
City



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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

The values for each **attribute** are defined in terms of three properties:

1. **Data type** – What type of data can be stored in that attribute (Number, Date, Text etc).
2. **Domain** – What values an attribute can legitimately take on.

*Refer to table 8-2 in pg 273 Ref1*

3. **Default** – Is the value that will be recorded if not specified by the user.

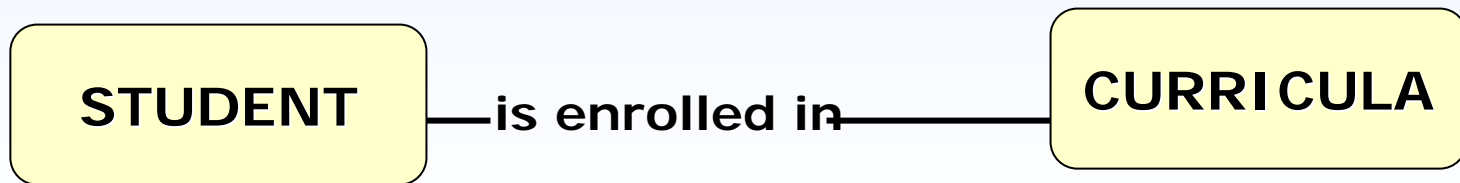
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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

### Relationships

Natural business association that exists between one or more entities

E.g.. A Current Student is enrolled in one or more curricula



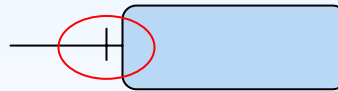
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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

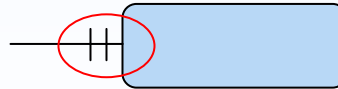
### Cardinality

Defines the minimum and maximum number of occurrences of one entity that may be related to a single occurrences of the other entity.

**Exactly one**



or

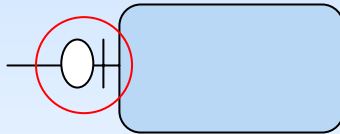


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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

### Cardinality

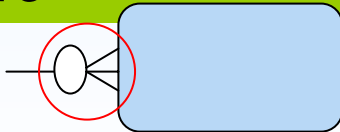
**Zero or one**



**I might be  
married or not...**



**Zero, one or  
more**



**I may have one,  
some friends or  
none...**

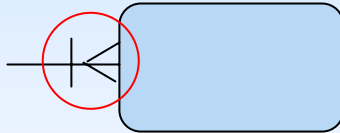


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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

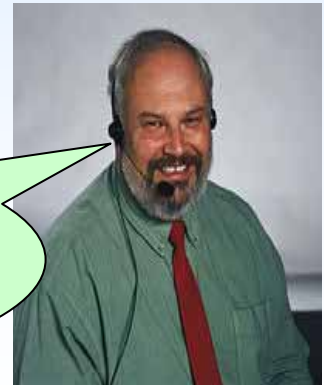
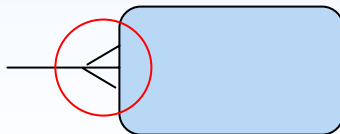
Cardinality...

**One or more**



**I have to work at least in one, or more projects.**

**More than one**



**I am working on many projects.**

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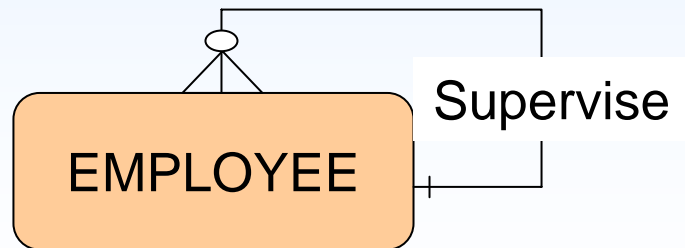
## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

### Degree

Number of entities that participate in the relationship

Degree = 1

*Recursive Relationship* – Relationship that exists between different instances of the same entity.



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## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

Degree...

Degree =2

*Binary Relationship* - When two different entities participates in a relationship



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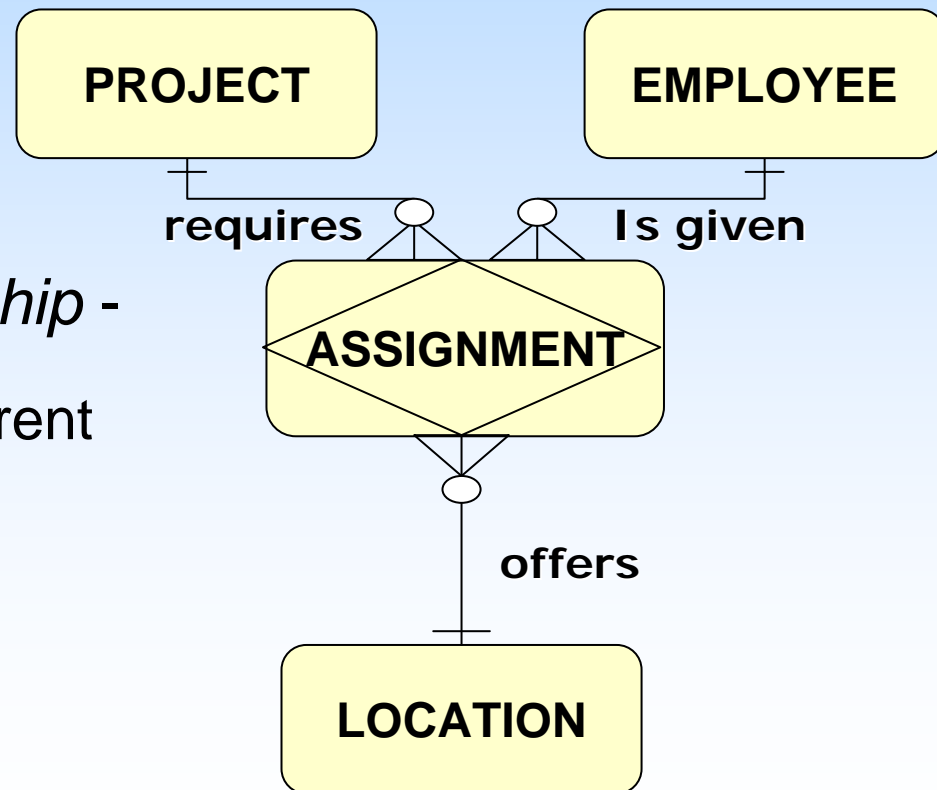
## Entity Relationship Diagrams...

Degree...

Degree = 3

*Ternary or 3-ary Relationship -*

When more than two different entities participates in a relationship.





# Synchronization of System Models

- Data and process models represent different views of the same system
- These views are interrelated
- Thus, modelers need to synchronize the different views to ensure consistency and the completeness of the total system specification.

**Synchronization is the process of maintaining consistency between the different types of models**

# Object Modeling

- A technique for identifying objects within the systems environment and identifying the relationships between those objects.
- Object Modeling techniques prescribe the use of methodologies and diagramming notations that are completely different from the ones used for data modeling and process modeling.

# Object Modeling Methods

- In the late 80s and early 90s
  - Booch Method – Grady Booch
  - Object Modeling Technique (OMT) – James Rumbaugh
  - Object-Oriented Software Engineering – Ivar Jacobson
- To avoid problems of having many different methods, In 1997,
  - Unified Modeling Language (UML) - Grady Booch, James Rumbaugh, Ivar Jacobson

# System Concepts for Object Modeling

- **Objects**
  - **Something that is or is capable of being seen, touched, or otherwise sensed and about which users store data and associate behavior**
  - **Types of objects**
    - **Person – e.g. employee, customer, instructor, student**
    - **Place – e.g. warehouse, building, room, office**
    - **Thing – e.g. product, vehicle, computer, videotape**
    - **Event – e.g. an order, payment, invoice, application**
    - **Sensual – e.g. phone call, meeting**

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Attributes
  - The data that represents characteristics of interest about an object
    - e.g. Object : Customer
      - Attributes : Customer no, first name, last name, home address, work address, contact no,...etc.

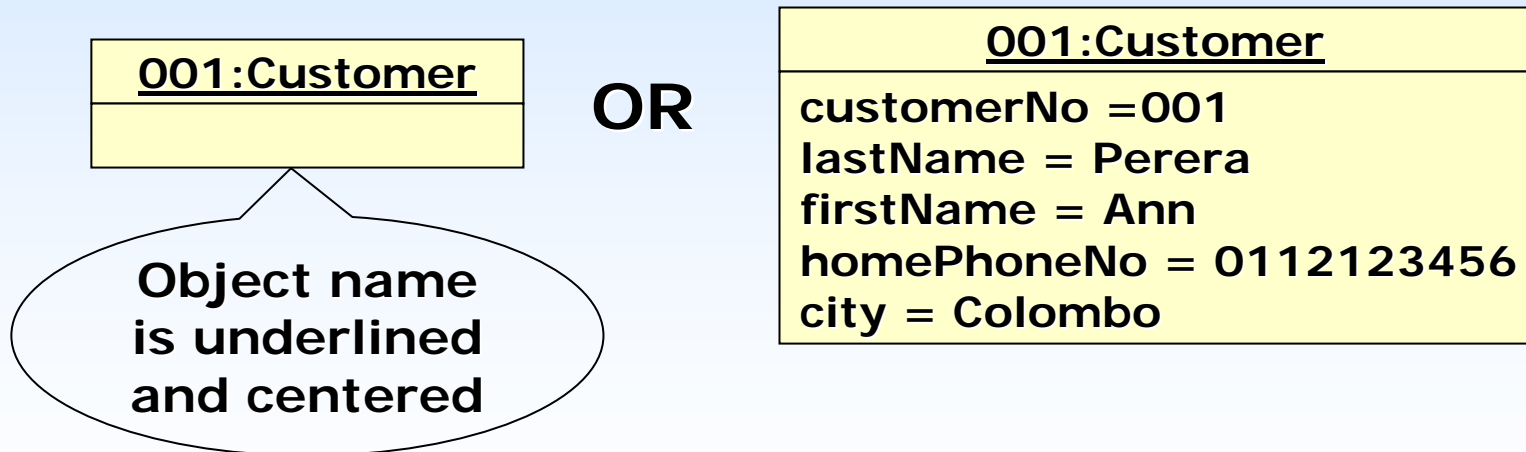
# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Object instance
  - Each specific person, place, thing, or event, as well as the values for the attributes of that object.
  - Sometimes referred to as an Object.
  - Drawn using a rectangle with the name of the object instance
  - The name consists of the attribute that uniquely identifies it, followed by a colon and then the name of the class in which the object has been categorized.

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Object instance

e.g. A “CUSTOMER” Object Instance



# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Behavior
    - The set of things that an object can do and that correspond to functions that act on the object's data or attributes.
    - Also known as a method, operation or service
- e.g. Object : Door
- behavior : open, shut, lock or unlock



# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Encapsulation
  - Packaging of several items together into one unit (both attributes and behavior of the object)
  - The only way to access or change an object's attribute is through that object's specific behavior.
  - Objects *encapsulates* what they do.
    - That is, they hide the inner workings of their operations
      - from the outside world
      - and from other objects

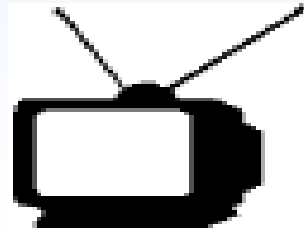
# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

## Encapsulation

**When an object carries out its operations, those operations are hidden.**

**E.g. When most people watch a television show,**

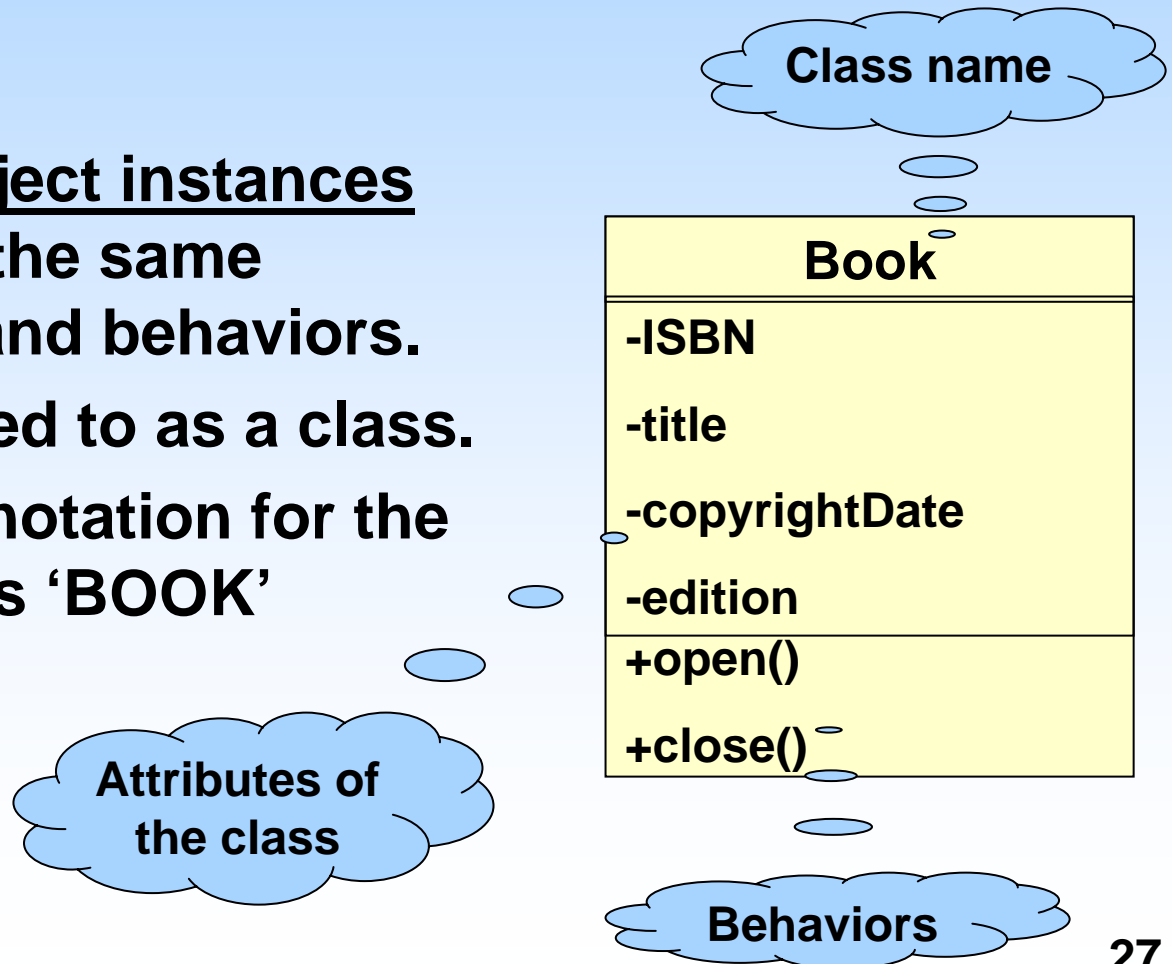
- they usually don't know or care about the complex electronics that sit in back of the TV screen**
- or the operations that are happening.**



**The TV hides  
its operations  
from the  
person  
watching it.**

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Object class
  - A set of object instances that share the same attributes and behaviors.
  - Also referred to as a class.  
e.g. UML notation for the object class 'BOOK'



# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

An Object instance  
e.g.

**0-07-231539-3 : Book**

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title = Systems Analysis  
copyrightDate = 2001  
edition = 5th**

**0-09-341234-5 : Book**

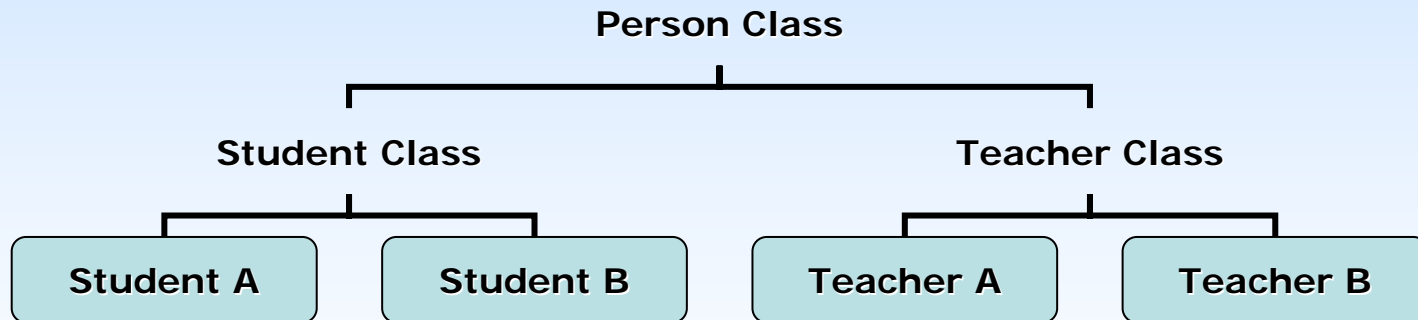
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# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Inheritance
  - The concept wherein methods and/or attributes defined in an object class can be inherited or reused by another object class.  
  
**e.g. some individuals in the room might be classified as STUDENTS and TEACHERS.**  
  
**Thus, STUDENT and TEACHER object classes are members of the object class PERSON**

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Inheritance  
e.g. Cont...



# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Generalization / Specialization
  - A technique wherein the attributes and behaviors that are common to several types of object classes are grouped / abstracted into their own class called a super type.
  - The attributes and methods of the supertype object class are then inherited by those object classes (subtype)
  - Sometimes abbreviated as gen/spec.

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

## Specialization

## Generalization

Person
firstName lastName birthdate gender
walk jump talk sleep

Inheritable  
Attributes  
And  
behavior

Student
GPA Classification
enroll displayGPA

+

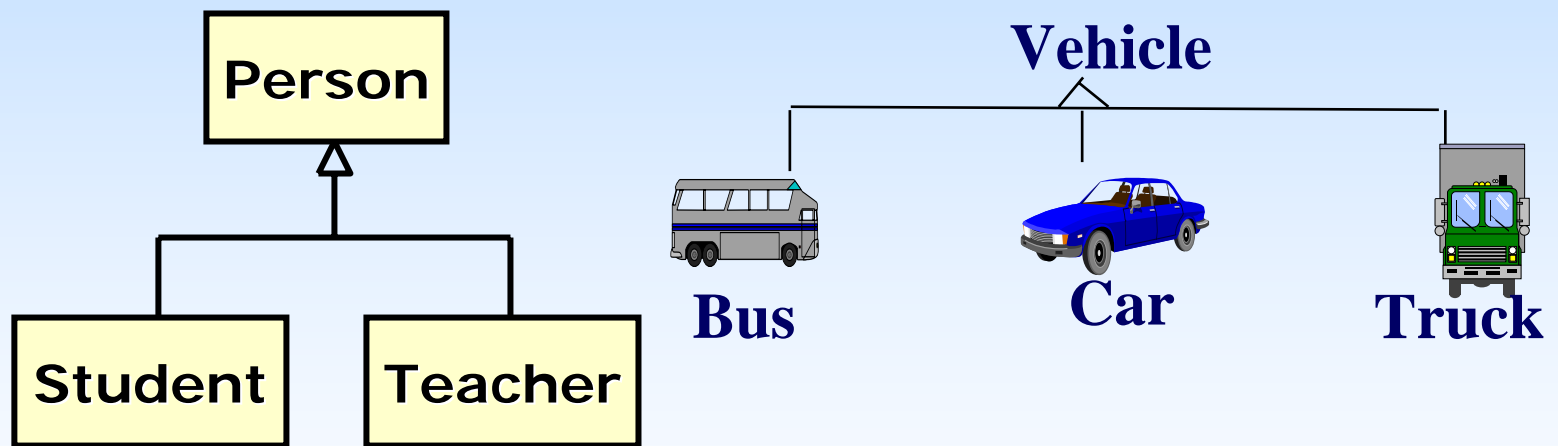
Teacher
rank
lecture

firstName  
lastName  
birthdate  
gender  
walk  
jump  
talk  
sleep



# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Generalization / Specialization



**\* Specialized classes inherits from the parent class**

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Object Class Relationships
  - A natural business association that exists between one or more objects and classes

**e.g. You interact with a text book by reading it,  
with a telephone by using it,  
People interact with each other by  
communicating with them.**

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

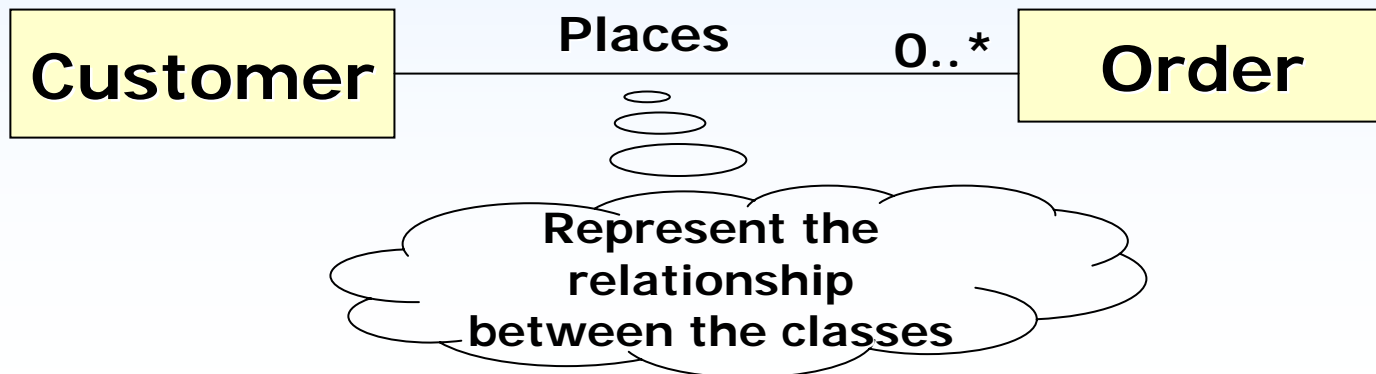
- Object / Class Association
  - When you turn on your TV, in object oriented terms, you are in an *association* with your TV.
  - An association is unidirectional (one way) or bi-directional (two way).  
eg. *is married to*
  - Some times an object might be associated with another in more than one way.  
Gihan *is a co-worker of* Damith  
Gihan *is a friend of* Damith

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Object / Class Association

e.g.

A CUSTOMER PLACES zero or more ORDERS  
An ORDER IS PLACED BY one and only one CUSTOMER



# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Multiplicity

- The minimum and maximum number of occurrences of one object class for a single occurrence of the related object class.

e.g. Exactly one -> **1** or *leave blank*

Zero or 1 -> **0..1**

Zero or more -> **0..\*** or **\***

1 or more -> **1..\***

Specific range -> **7..9**

**Refer Figure 10-5 pg 377 Ref1 for more details**

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- ***Aggregation***

- A relationship in which one larger “whole” class contains one or more smaller “parts” classes. Conversely, a smaller “part” class is part of a “whole” larger class.

e.g.

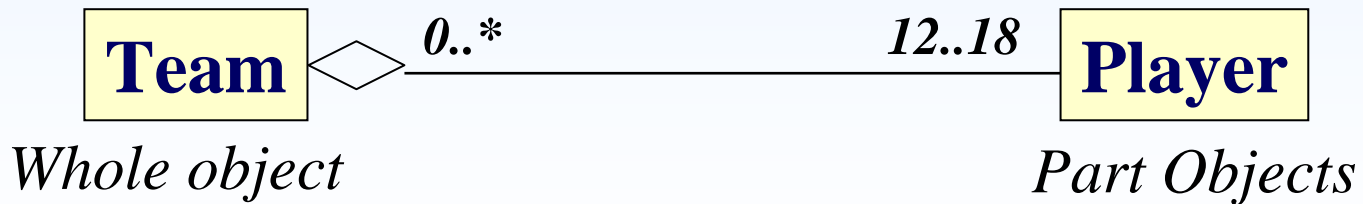
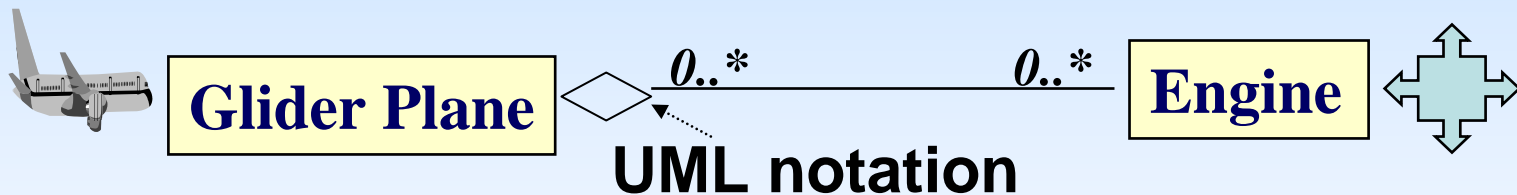
A club – a club is made up of several club members

A computer – a computer contains a case, CPU, motherboard, power supply ...etc.

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- **Aggregation**

some more examples...



# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- ***Composition***

- An aggregation relationship in which the “whole” is responsible for the creation and destruction of its “parts”.
- If the “whole” were to die, the “part” would die with it.
- A stronger form of aggregation.
  - The relationship between club and club member would not be composition, because members have a life out-side the club and can, belong to multiple clubs.



# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- **Composition**
  - Drawn with a filled diamond.



Each “part” can belong to only one “whole”,  
therefore, multiplicity needs to be specified only one  
for the “part”

Components will live and die with the whole object

# System Concepts for Object Modeling...

- Polymorphism

- Literally meaning “many forms”, the concept that different objects can respond to the same message in different ways.

e.g. Consider the WINDOW and DOOR objects

