BUILDING BLOCKS

UML & more....

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So, what is the problem ?

- Software is extremely complex.
  - Once a structure is in place, very difficult to change.
  - Requires teamwork to build.
  - Software usually requires maintenance.
  - Requirements need to be traced.

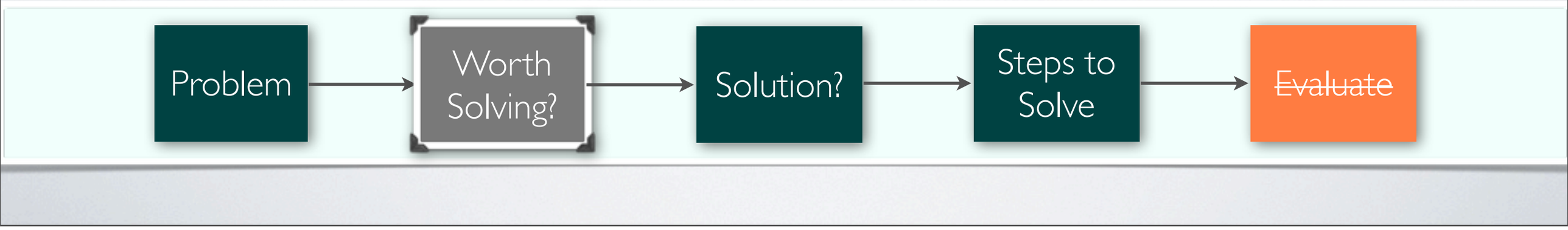
Should we reduce ‘effective’ complexity?

Structure in place, hard to change.
Teamwork required. Team mates need to communicate.
Maintenance, hence documentation.
Traceability is important to check if the final product delivers on the functional requirements.

Why Reduce ‘Effective Complexity’?

- Software is ubiquitous. Chances are, you will encounter it.
- Will require less work from each team member to get it right the first time.
- Easier documentation and greater maintainability.

How to reduce effective complexity?



1. Definitely computer scientists.
2. If team members share a common vocabulary and can communicate, it’ll be easier for everyone.
3. Reduce risk of failure.

How to reduce ‘Effective Complexity’?

Visualize software

UML designed with the following major goals

A Plan
Visualize different layers of detail
Apply to new and legacy systems
Universal
Support parallel dev. of large systems

Software construction needs a plan.
The overall scope of the software can quickly and easily be defined at the start of the project with a high level model allowing for accurate estimation. Increasing levels of detail can then be added to each part of the software as it is constructed
Universal + Unified = standard for software modelling languages.

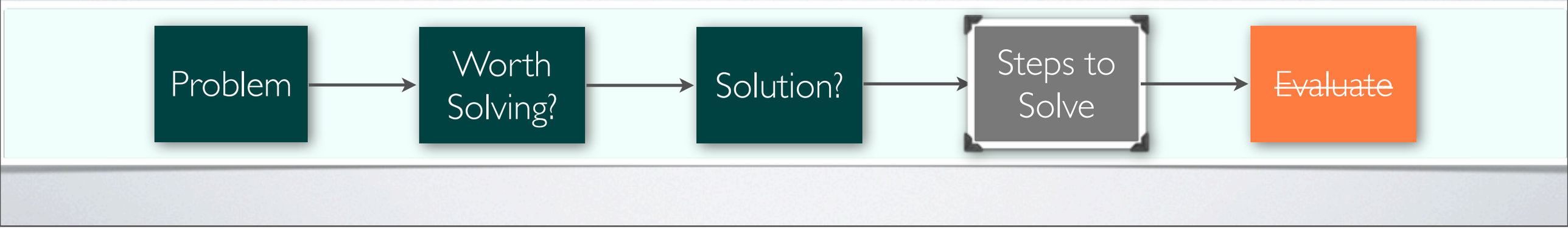
Just like a building

UML (design and represent Building Blocks)

UML - Unified Modelling Language

“The three amigos”

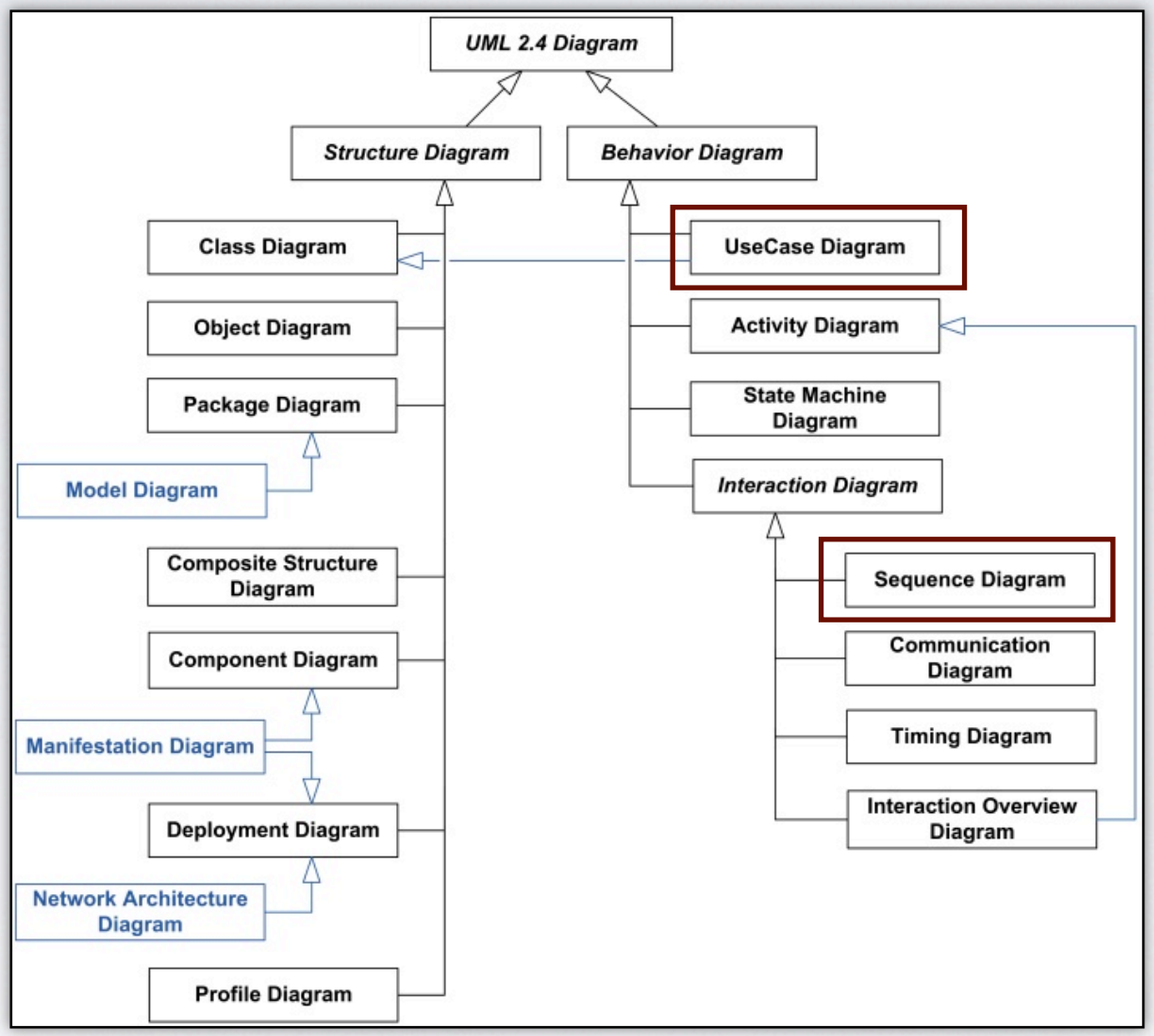
James Rumbaugh (OMT + UML, RUP)
Grady Booch (Booch Method, RUP)
Ivar Jacobson (RUP, EssUP)



OMT – Object modelling technique

UML (design and represent Building Blocks)

UML - Published by the OMG

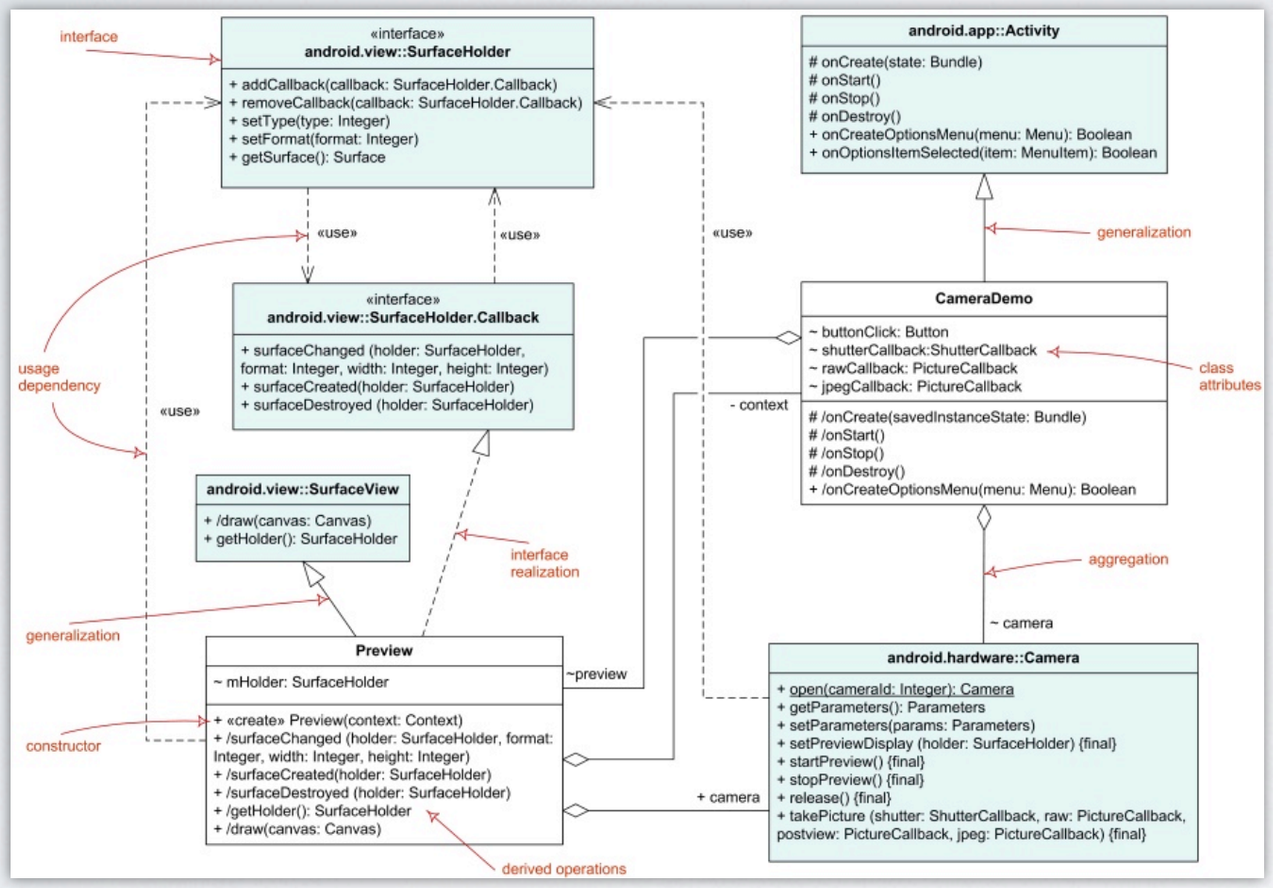


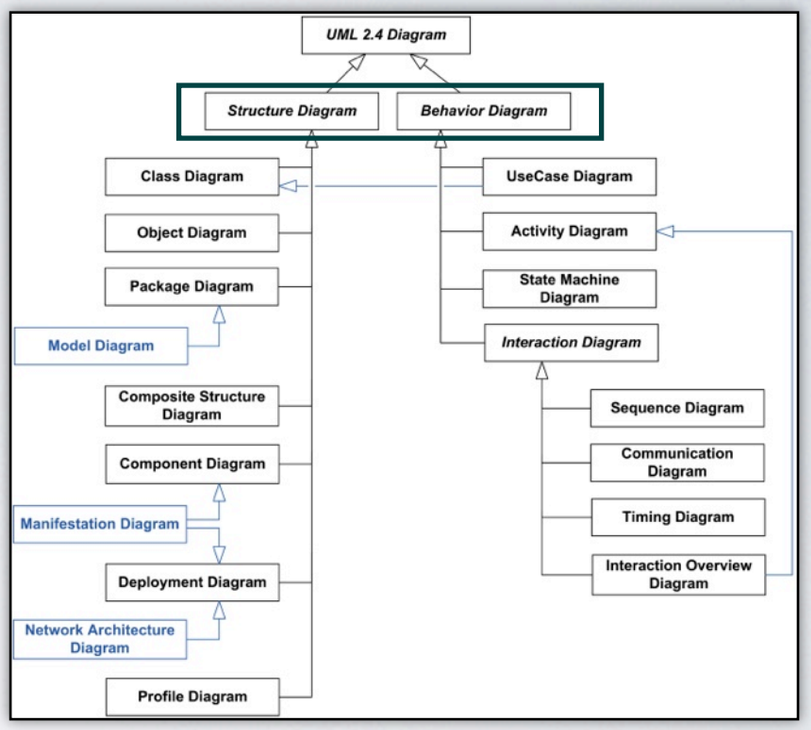
Source: omg.org

OMG – Object Modelling Group
UML 2.4 – March 2011

UML (contd.)

- Structure diagram (not our focus!)
  - Shows the *static* structure of the system.



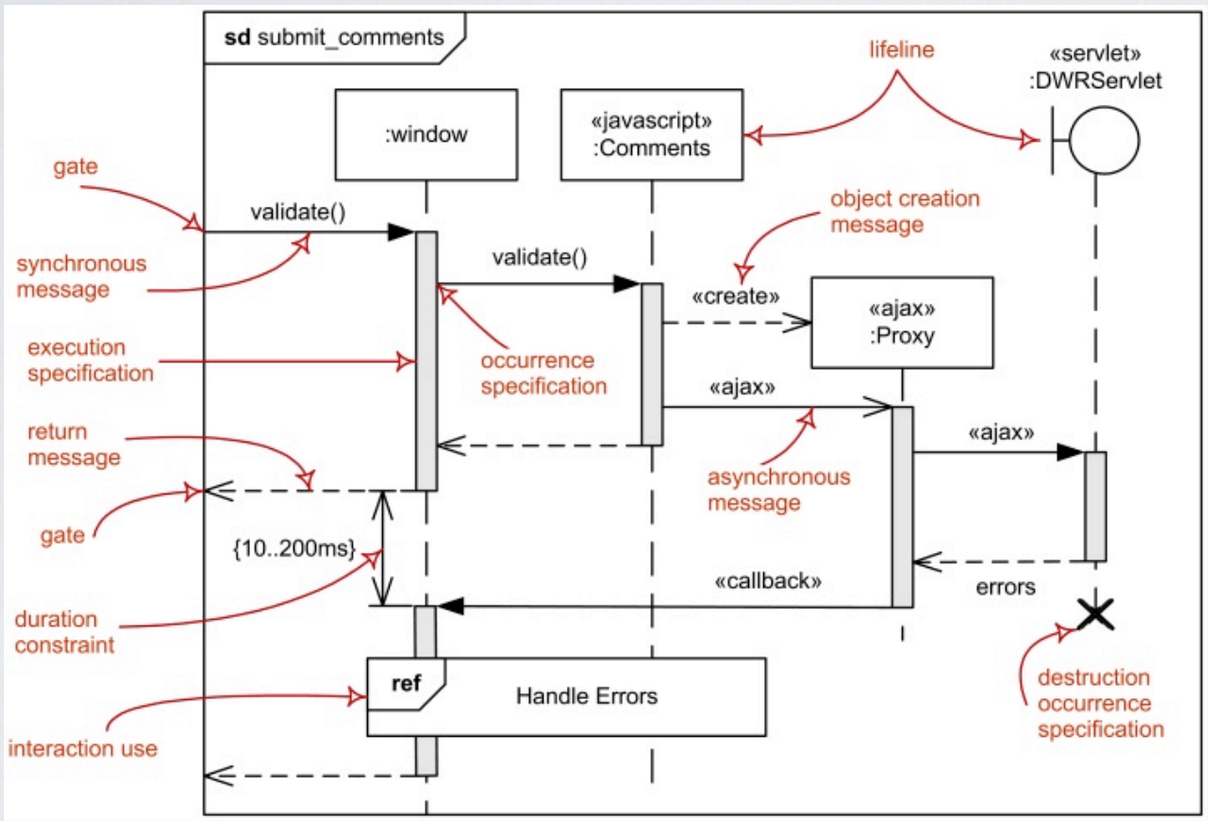


Implementation Class Diagram, Source: uml-diagrams.org

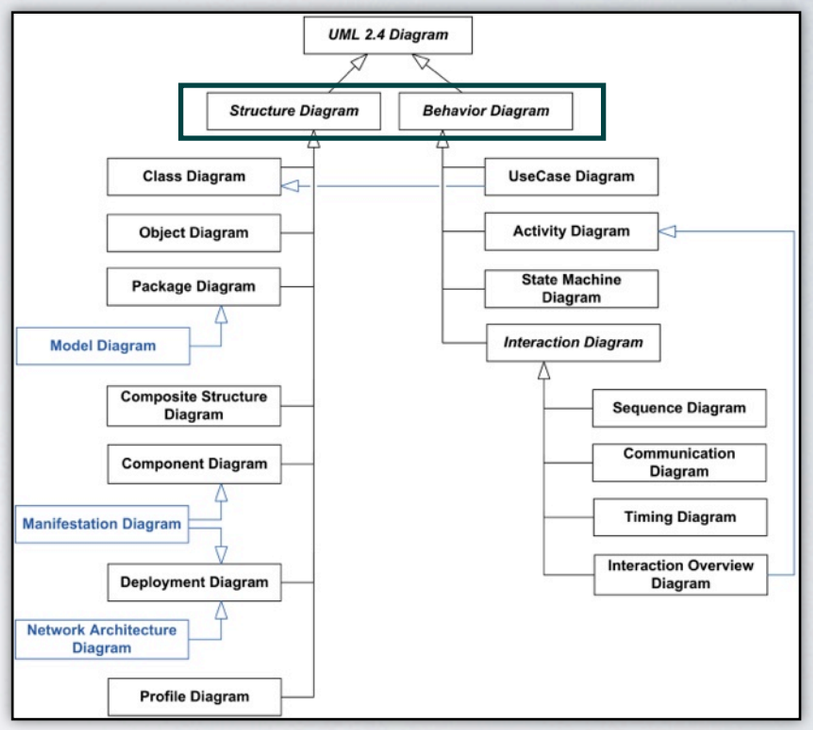
- The elements in a structure diagram represent the meaningful concepts of a system, and may include abstract, real world and implementation concepts.

UML (contd.)

- Behavior diagram
  - Shows the *dynamic* structure of the system.

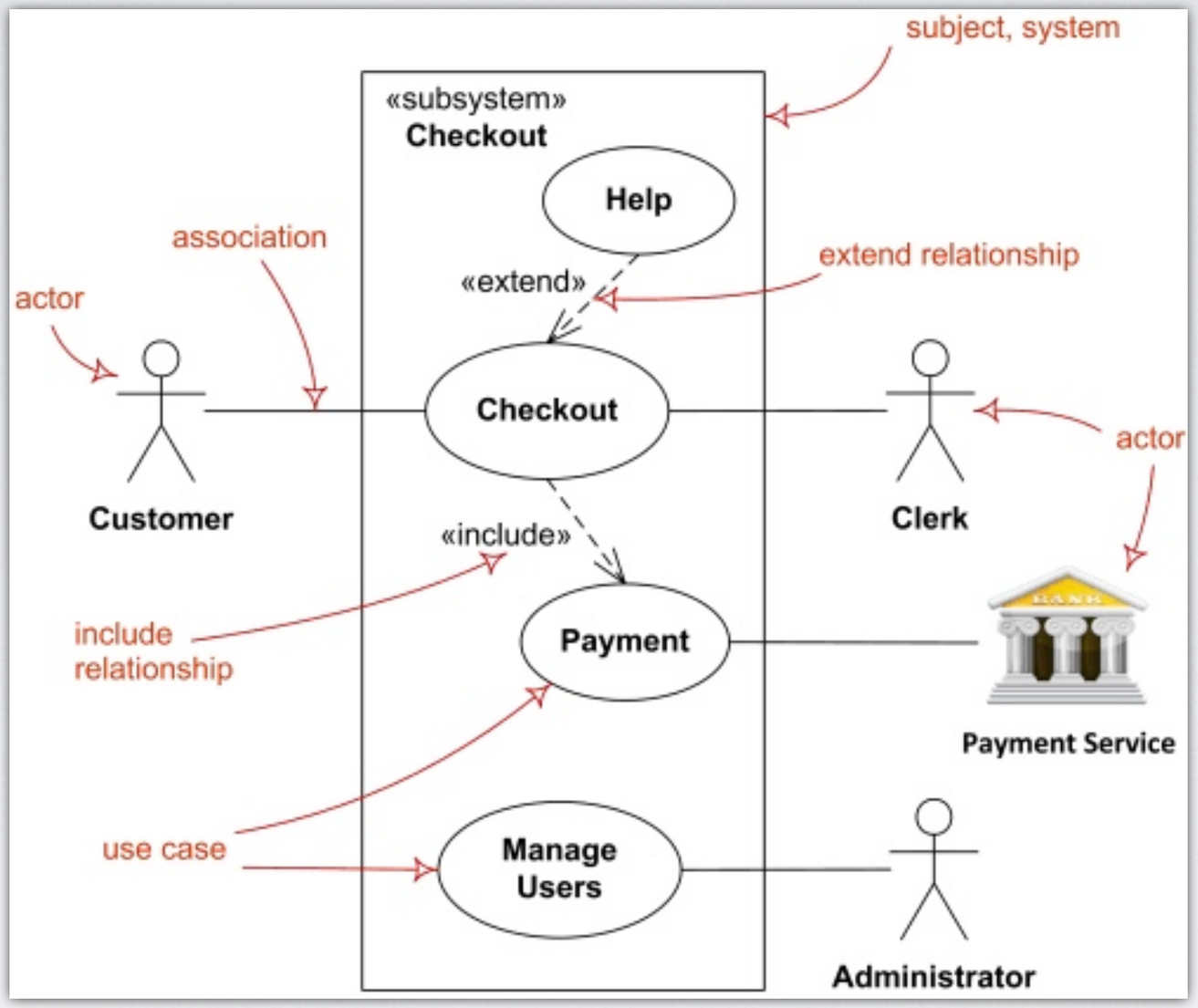


Sequence Diagram, Source: uml-diagrams.org



- The elements in a behavior diagram represent a series of changes to the system over time.

Use Case Diagrams



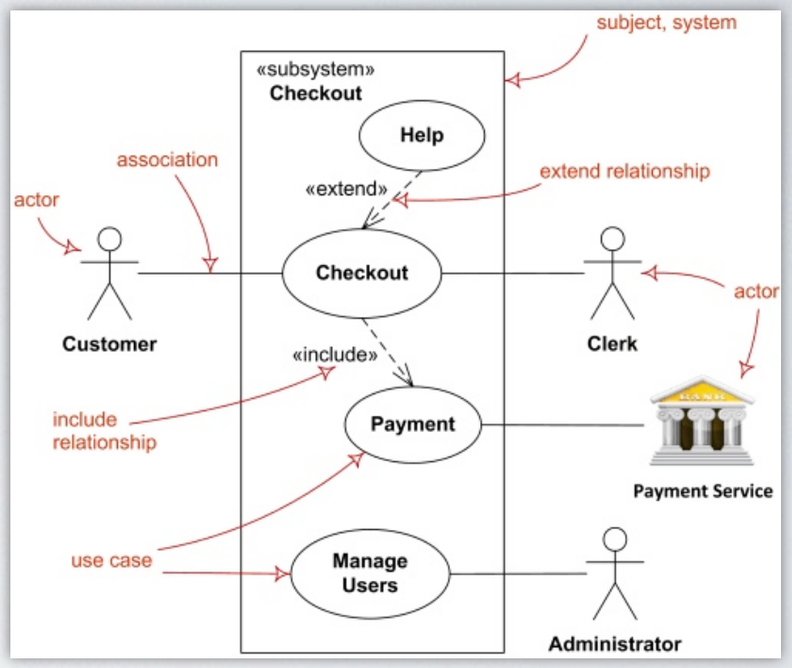
A closer look !

- Use case diagrams are also known as extensions of class diagrams.
- Use case diagrams are supposed to be behavior and structure diagrams according to UML 2.4

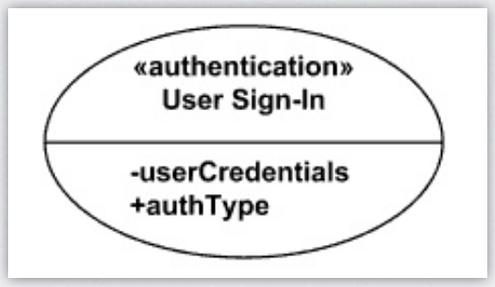
Use Case Diagrams (contd.)

Use case diagrams are used to specify:

- (external) requirements.
- what a *system can* do;
- how environment should interact with the *subject* so that the system will be able to perform its services.

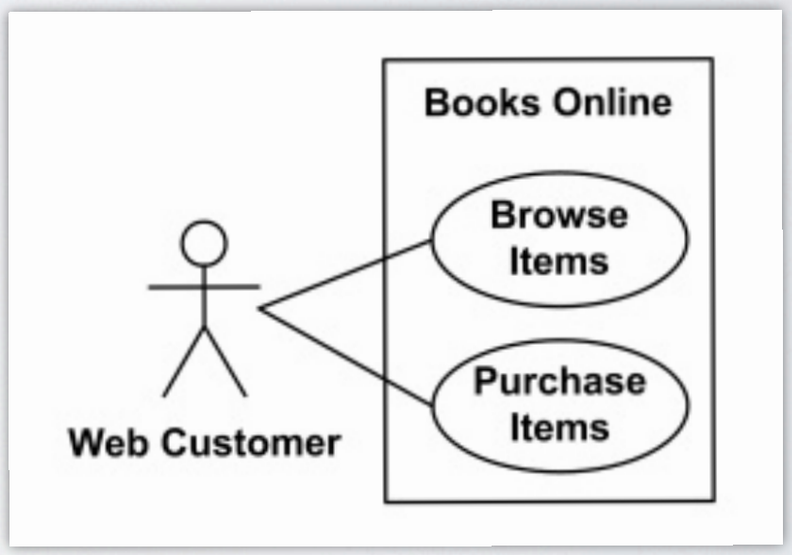


Use Case - A *set* of actions



Subject - System under analysis to which a set of use cases apply.

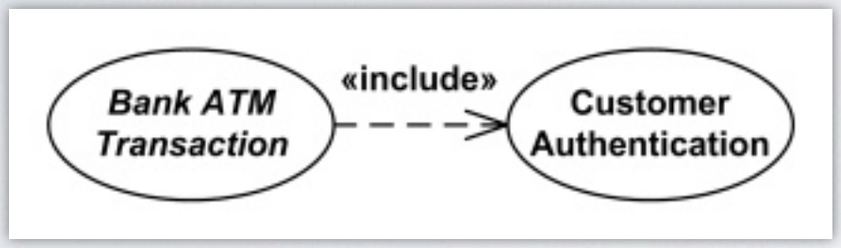
Actor - external users of a system

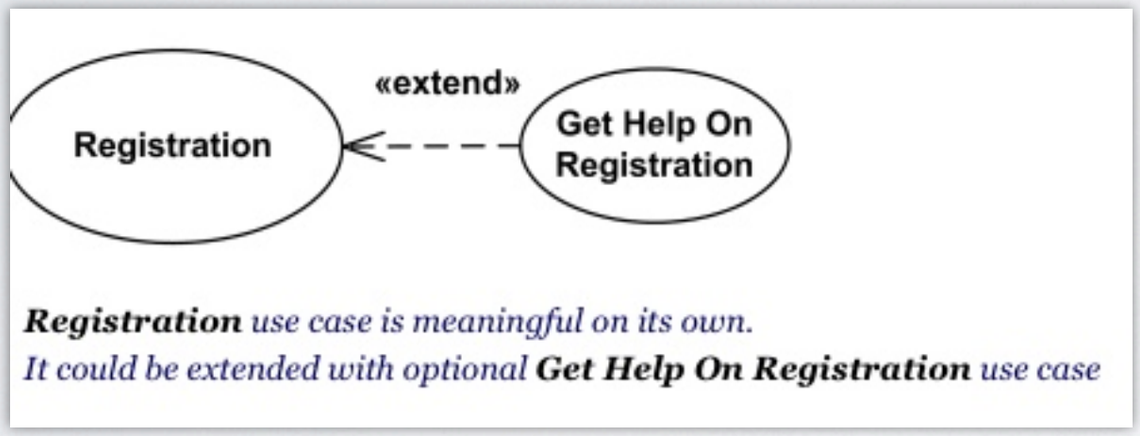


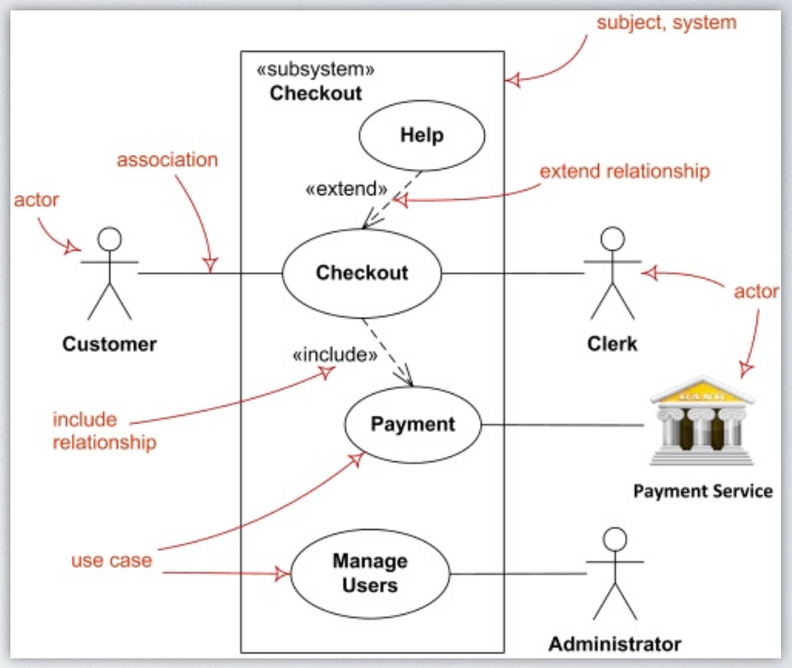
Use case – Set of actions performed by the system to yield an observable result.
Subject – The subject could be a business or company, software system, physical system or device, or a smaller subsystem having some behavior.
Actor – Standard UML notation for actor is "**stick man**" icon with the name of the actor above or below of the icon. Actor names should follow the capitalization and punctuation guidelines for classes. The names of **abstract actors** should be shown in italics. Custom icons can be used, such as the “non-human” payment service.
Actors are “associated” to use-cases, there can be multiple associations for each actor.

Use Case Diagrams (contd.)

Extend, Include - Shown using a dotted line.







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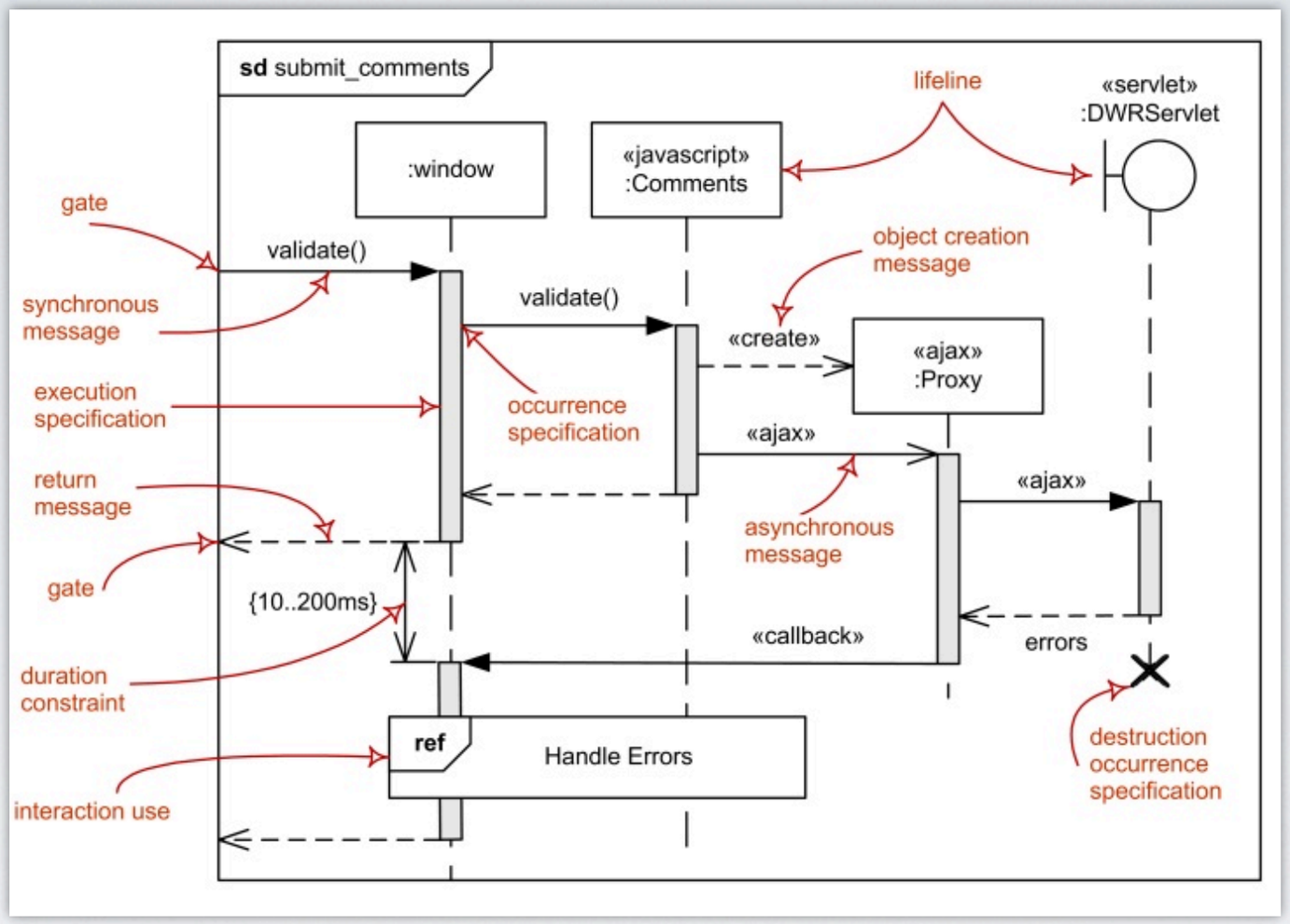
Include similar to abstract use case defined in UML 1.xxx, UML 2.4 specifies an 'include' relationship, which means "what is left in the base use case is usually not complete".
Extend – open arrowhead directed from the extending use case to the extended (base) use case.

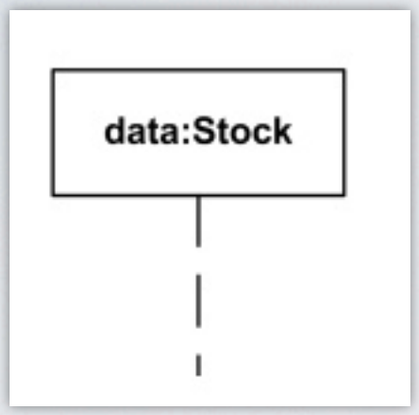
Sequence Diagrams

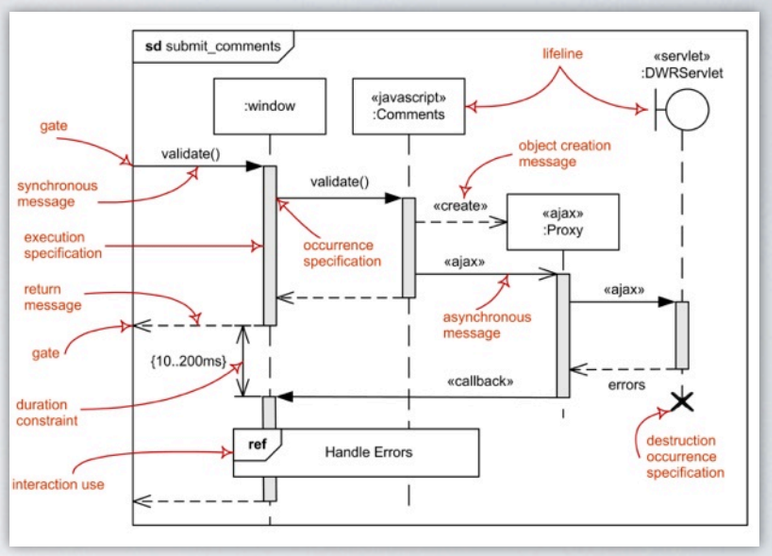


Focusses on message interchange between “lifelines”

Sequence Diagrams (Main Elements.)

Lifeline: is a named element which represents an individual participant in the interaction



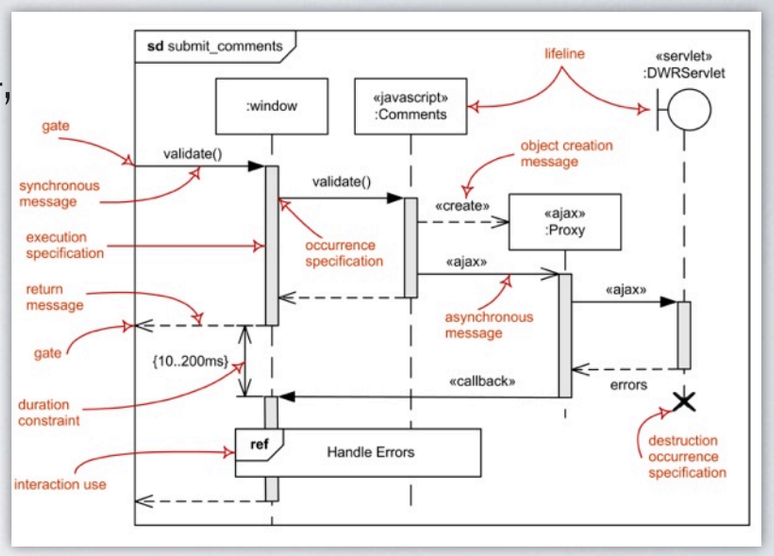


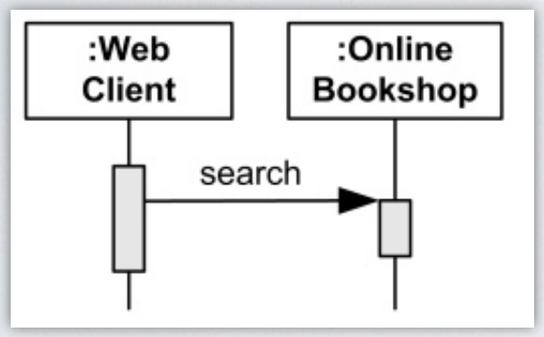
Message: is a named element which defines a specific kind of communication between lifelines.

Message specifies not only the kind of communication, but also the sender and the receiver. Sender and receiver are normally two occurrence specifications (points at the ends of messages).

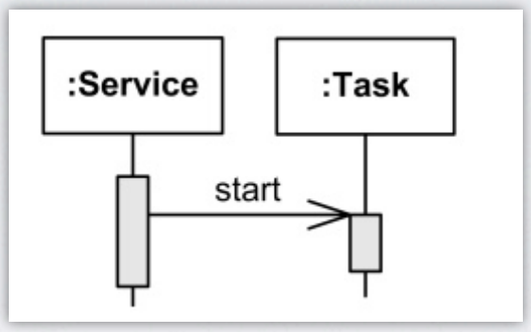
Sequence Diagrams (Main Elements.)

Message Types: Synchronous Call , Asynchronous Call, ~~Asynchronous signal~~, Create, Delete, Reply

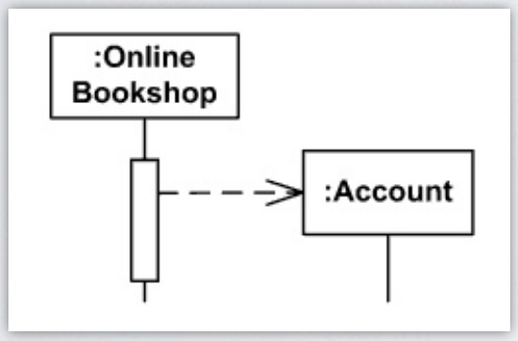




Synchronous Call



Asynchronous Call



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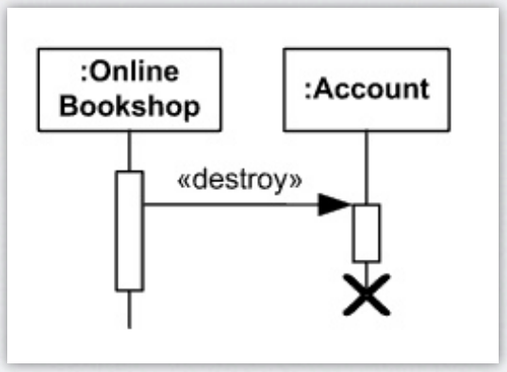

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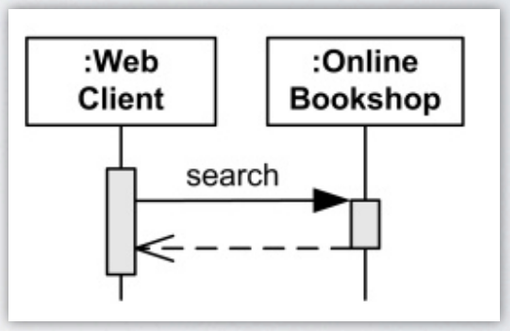
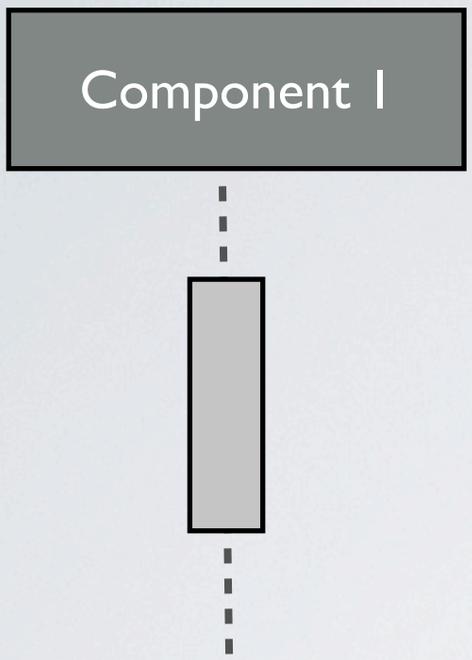


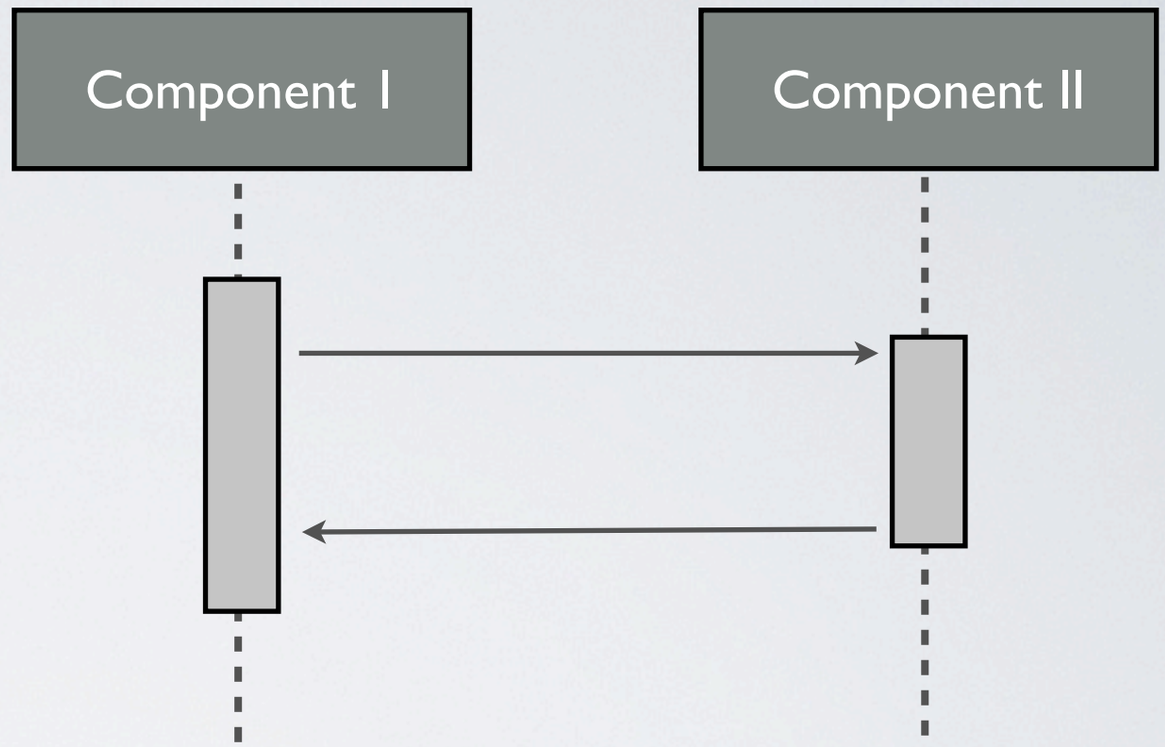
Reply

Synchronous Call – represents operation call – send message and suspend execution while waiting for response
Asynchronous Call– send message and proceed immediately without waiting for return value.
Asynchronous Signal – message corresponds to asynchronous send signal
Create message is sent to lifeline to create itself
Delete message (called **stop** in previous versions of UML) is sent to terminate another lifeline (x marks the destruction occurence).

Sequence Diagrams (Simplified for this course)

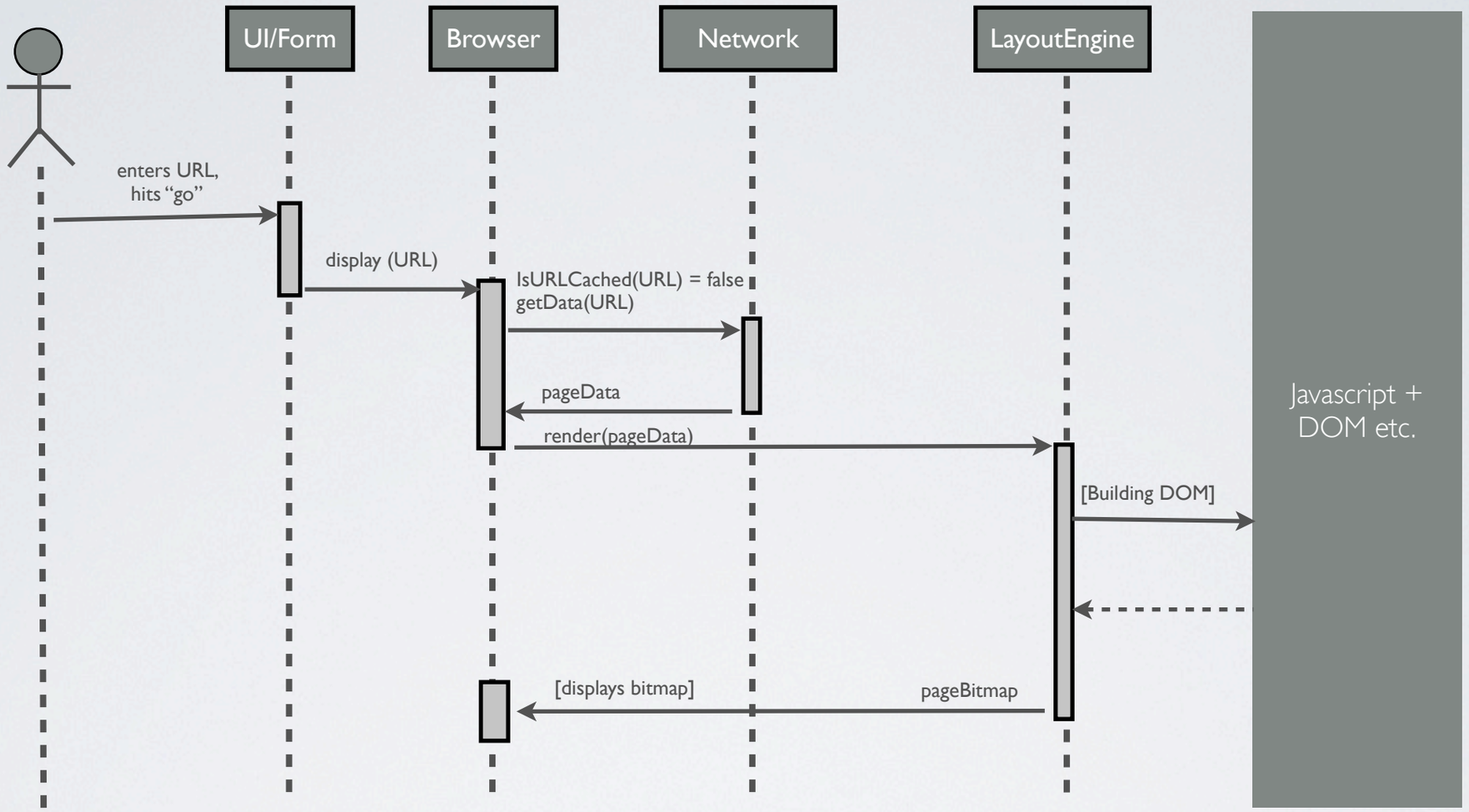


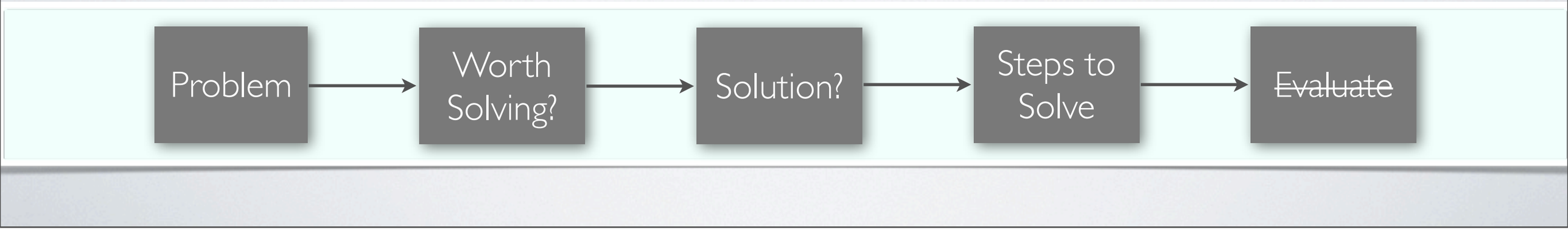
Lifeline



Lifeline + Messages

Sequence Diagrams (example extract)





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The dashed backwards arrow represents a "reply" (check earlier slides). You should use a dashed forward arrow if there is a component that is **created** (not shown here).

THANK YOU