# CSSE 374: Interaction Diagrams

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## **Prefer Design Skill over UML Skill**

- UML is only a tool for object design
- The real skill is the design, ...NOT the diagramming



- Fundamental object design requires knowledge of:
  - Principles of responsibility assignment
  - Design patterns



#### **Learning Outcomes: O-O Design**

Demonstrate object-oriented design basics like domain models, class diagrams, and interaction (sequence and communication) diagrams.



http://enterprisegeeks.com/blog/2009/07/

- Outline Dynamic/Behavior Design concepts
- Introduce Interaction Diagrams
- Describe Key Sequence Diagram Concepts
- Describe Key Communications Diagram Concepts



#### **Interaction Diagrams**

#### Used for dynamic object modeling

Answer questions about behavior (i.e., events, sequencing)

# Two common types: Sequence diagrams Communication diagrams Don't confuse with System Sequence Diagrams (SSDs), which use a subset of the notation

Spend time on interaction diagrams, not just class diagrams,



#### **Sequence Diagram Example**





#### **Communication Diagram Example**





# **Relative Strengths**

- Sequence Diagrams (SD)
  - Clearer notation & semantics
  - Better tool support
  - Easier to follow
  - Excellent for documents
- Communication Diagrams (CD)
  - Much more space efficient
  - Easier to modify quickly
  - Excellent for UML as sketch









# **Common Notation**



#### **Lifeline Boxes**



# **Basic Message Expression Syntax**

id = message(parameter : parameterType) : returnType

#### Much is optional, for example:

- initialize(register)
- initialize
- d = getProductDescription(id)
- d = getProductDescription(id:ItemID)
- d = getProductDescription(id:ItemID) : ProductDesc



# Sequence Diagrams (SD) (when order is key)





## **Basic SD Terminology**





#### **Two Ways of Illustrating Return Values**









#### **Instance Destruction**





# Speaking of Sales... Recall Interaction Frames





# **Common Frame Operators**

Operator	Meaning
alt	<ul> <li>"alternative", if-then-else or switch</li> </ul>
loop	Ioop while guard is true, or loop(n) times
opt	<ul> <li>optional fragment executes if guard is true</li> </ul>
par	✓ parallel fragments
region	<ul> <li>critical region (single threaded)</li> </ul>
ref	✓ a "call" to another sequence diagram
sd	a sequence diagram that can be "called"



#### **Mutual Exclusion "alt" Frame**









#### **Iterating Over a Collection—Version 2**









#### **Asynchronous Calls**





#### **Exercise on Sequence Diagrams**

- Break up into your project teams
- Given the following:
  - Select a number of videos in preparation to purchase and put them in a list (cart)



- Involve Classes/Lifeline Boxes: Customer, Video, andVideo Description
- Draw an SD for Rent Video example







## **An SD Solution for Rent Video Example**



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# Communication Diagrams (CD)

TURING TEST EXTRA CREDIT: CONVINCE THE EXAMINER THAT HE'S A COMPUTER.

> YOU KNOW, YOU MAKE SOME REALLY GOOD POINTS. I'M ... NOT EVEN SURE WHO I AM ANYMORE.

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![](_page_26_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### **Sequence Numbering – Following Flow**

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#### **Conditional Messages Use Guards**

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![](_page_28_Picture_3.jpeg)

#### Iteration Uses Stars (splats © \*\*\*)

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![](_page_29_Picture_2.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Figure_0.jpeg)

![](_page_30_Picture_1.jpeg)

#### **Exercise on Communications Diagrams**

- Break up into your project teams
- Given the following:
  - Select a number of videos in preparation to purchase and put them in a list (cart)

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- Involve Classes/Lifeline Boxes: Customer, Video, andVideo Description
- Draw an CD for Rent Video example

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# **A CD Solution for Rent Video Example**

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![](_page_32_Picture_2.jpeg)

#### **Homework and Milestone Reminders**

- Read Chapter 16 on Design Class Diagrams
- Homework 2 BBVS SSDs & Ops Contracts
   Due by 5:00pm on <u>Today</u>, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010
- Homework 3 BBVS Logical Architecture and Preliminary Design

Due by 5:00pm on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Milestone 3 – Junior Project SSDs, OCs, and Logical Architecture

Due by 11:59pm on Friday, January 7th, 2010

<u>5% extra credit on Milestone 3</u> and Homework3 if you finish by 11:59pm, Friday before break!

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#### Cartoon of the Day MY HOBBY:

EMBEDDING NP-COMPLETE PROBLEMS IN RESTAURANT ORDERS

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![](_page_34_Picture_3.jpeg)

General solutions get you a 50% tip