Model-Driven Architecture (MDA)

Key idea:
1. Build high-level model for the software system
2. Gradually refine into actual program while maintaining a layered architecture

MDA is forward engineering: the specification comes before the implementation

Technology Independence

Requirement: Preserve investment in an application
- as platforms proliferate
- while the existing platforms change

Solution: Isolate information and processing logic from technology specifics
- Build platform-independent models
- Refine these models to specific platforms
- Maintain this separation

Raising the Level of Abstraction

- Not new. Has been done before.
  - Programming Languages
    - (hardwired circuitry, punch cards, assembler, PASCAL/C, OO, ...)
    - Operating systems, data bases, ...
  - Interesting: well-established for two sides of the problem
    - WYSIWYG GUI builders
    - Data modeling
      - hand coding no longer predominates
  - Goal: higher productivity

MDA Models

- Business Model (computation-independent)
  - Business Analyst
  - Architect/Designer
  - Developer/Tester
- Analysis Model (platform-independent)
- Design Model (platform-dependent)
- Code
What is UML?

- The Unified Modeling Language (UML) is a standardized language for describing software
- Graphical notation for all constructs
- Focus on object-oriented systems
- Dominating language for modeling application software (2nd only to English)

History

- Grady Booch, Ivar Jacobson, and James Rumbaugh, at the time employed at Rational Software:
  - 1990s: UML 1.x
- November 1997: UML became a standard, defined by the Object Management Group (OMG)
- September 2004: UML 2.0

Why?

1. You are very likely to see this on the job!
2. It’s the standard for OO design
3. (Some) formalization possible, enables tool-support

UML Diagram Types

- Class
- Composite Structure
- Object
- Component
- Deployment
- Package
- Interaction
- Use Case
- State Machine
- Activity
- Sequence
- Communication
- Interaction
- Overview
- Timing

Class Diagrams

A Class Diagram...

describes the types of the objects, and relationships among objects

Disadvantages of UML

- Semantics is vague: meaning of diagrams is not always well-defined
- Some historical, inherited complexity
- Huge (main standard document has 732 pages), and not very accessible
- Tools assign different meanings to the same diagram

Student

- name: String
- college: College
- friends: Person[0..*]
- courses: Course[0..*]
- supervisor: Academic
- enroll(Course c): void
- drop_out(Course c): void

- Classes have a name and two more compartments
- 1st compartment: fields
- 2nd compartment: methods
- Classes belong to a package.
### Packages

- **XYZ**
  - **XYZ.SUB**
    - **Person**
      - `dateOfBirth : Date`
      - `name : String`
      - `changeName(...) : boolean`
    - **Student**
      - `name : String`
      - `college : College`
      - `friends : Person[0..*]`
      - `courses : Course[0..*]`
      - `supervisor : Academic`
      - `enroll(Course c) : void`
      - `drop_out(Course c) : void`

### Class Fields

- **These are variables, and hold the state of the object**
- **Fields have a**
  - name, and a type.
- **The type may be**
  - a class,
  - or something “predefined”.
- **Arrays are also possible using multiplicities** — we will discuss the syntax later.
- **Static fields are underlined.**

### Initial Values

- **Constants**
  - `PI : Real = 3.14159265` (readOnly)
  - `e : Real = 2.71828183` (readOnly)
  - `speed_of_light : Real = 299792458`
  - `Plancks_constant : Real = 6.62606896E-34`

- **Fields may have an initial value**
- **Syntax:**

  `field_name : field_type = value`

- **These are assigned upon creation of the object**
  - → constructor

### Methods

- **Operations that have read/write access to the fields**
- **Defined by**
  - name,
  - parameter list,
  - return type.
- **It is possible to define operators as well.**

### Modifiers: Example

- **Patient**

  - `*dateOfBirth : Date`
  - `+treatment : String`
  - `*willness : String`
  - `*name : String`
  - `*GP : Number`
  - `*updateCondition( condition : ConditionCode, Notes : String ) : void`
  - `*changeName( newName : String ) : boolean`
  - `*printPrescription() : boolean`
  - `*notifyGP() : void`

  - + public
  - − private
  - # protected
  - ~ package

### Relationships between Classes

- **Generalization**
- **Association**
- **Aggregation**
- **Composition**
Generalization

- Taxonomic relationship between a more general description and a more specific one that extends it
- OO: this is inheritance
- denoted by an arrow line with an empty arrowhead from subclass to superclass
- Often: read as “is a”

Generalization: Example I

- Person
  - dateOfBirth: Date
  - name: String
  - changeName(): boolean

- Patient
  - treatment: String
  - illness: String
  - GP: Number
  - updateCondition(): void

- Doctor
  - specialities: Speciality[0..*]

Generalization: Example II

- Story
  - Genre: String

- Book
  - ISBN: String
  - publisher: String
  - pages: Integer

- Novel

This is multiple inheritance!

Association

- “Connection” between classes (may involve more than two)
- Class X uses/references class Y
- This connection may have several properties:
  - Name
  - Navigability
  - Multiplicity
  - Role names, visibility
- Denoted with a solid line

Properties of Associations

- Name
  - Typically a verb
  - Describes nature of connection
- Navigability
  - Establishes the direction of the relation
  - Denoted with an arrow head
  - May be bidirectional or unspecified
- Multiplicity
  - Establishes how many objects participate in the relation
  - Typical: 0, 1, 0..1, 1..*, 0..* (same as *)
  - Default: 1
- Role names, visibility
  - think of these as extra members

Association: Example I

- Customer
  - subscribes: 0..* Magazine
  - subscriber: 0..*
  - subscribed magazine: 1..*

1 Read Bertrand Meyer, “Harnessing multiple inheritance”, for more on this.
**Association: Example II**

```
| Professor | 1..2 supervises 0..* Student |
```

**Association: Example III (Navigability)**

```
Student
name: String
college: College
Mark
```

**n-Ary Relations**

Some cases associations involve *more than two classes*

- A student takes zero or more courses, and possibly has grades
- A course has at least one student, and possibly has grades (for the students)
- A grade may have been obtained by at least one student, and may be assigned to some courses

**n-Ary Relations: Another Example**

```
Team
name: String
Score
Match
stadium: String
```

**Aggregation**

- Special case of association
- Read as "has a"
- Must not involve more than two classes
- Not a container relationship – no implications on lifetime
- Drawn with empty diamond
Composition

- Special case of aggregation
- This is a container relationship: once the “owner” is destroyed, so is the object contained therein
- “Owner” must have multiplicity 0..1 or 1
- Drawn with a filled diamond

Composition: Example

▶ Triangle

▷ Point

Templates

- Classes may have template parameters
- Corresponds to C++ templates or Java generics
- Build an instance with Vector<int, 3>

Object Diagrams

- These are instances of classes
- Look like class diagrams, but the name is underlined
- The second compartment contains initializations

Behavior Diagrams

- So far, we only saw Structure Diagrams
- No behavior on those defined so far – even the methods are somewhat mysterious
- We will now look at Behavior Diagrams:
  ▶ Use Case Diagrams
  ▶ Activity Diagrams
  ▶ State Machine Diagrams
  ▶ Sequence Diagrams

Use Case Diagrams

A Use Case Diagram... is a description of system behavior with respect to external entities such as human users or other systems.
Use Case Diagrams

There are
▶ use cases (ovals): these correspond to behavior.
▶ actors (stick figures)

These diagrams are really informal.

Use Case Diagrams: Use Case Extension

▶ Use cases can be specialized/extended
▶ This is like inheritance – same notation

Use Case Diagrams: Actor Extension

▶ Actors can be specialized/extended
▶ This is also like inheritance

Activity Diagrams

▶ There is a notion of an active control location (the nodes)
▶ Change in semantics from UML 1.x to 2.x!
▶ UML 2.0: Rounded boxes are activities, semantics similar to Petri Nets

Activity Diagrams: Building Blocks

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Icon</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>●</td>
<td>Initial node</td>
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<td>●</td>
<td>Activity final node</td>
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<tr>
<td>⊕</td>
<td>Flow final node</td>
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<td>▲</td>
<td>Conditional branch (somewhat redundant)</td>
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<tr>
<td>▲</td>
<td>Merge (also redundant)</td>
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<td>▲</td>
<td>Fork: concurrency!</td>
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<tr>
<td>▲</td>
<td>Join: process synchronization</td>
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Semantics of Activity Diagrams

▶ Idea: pass tokens around
▶ Forks replicate tokens, join nodes generate tokens if there are enough incoming tokens.
▶ Formalization: class assignment
Activity Diagrams: Branches and Guards

- Guards should not overlap – the ordering of evaluation is not defined
- The guards should be complete
- One of the edges may have a guard else

State Machine Diagrams

- These are a variant of Harel’s statecharts (1987)
- Very popular in control engineering (automotive, aerospace, ...)
- Also see Martha’s Executable Biology course

State Machine Diagrams: Building Blocks

- Initial / Junction
- Terminate
- Entry Point / Exit Point / History (hierarchy)
- Choice (somewhat redundant)
- Fork
- Join
- Transition with trigger, guard, and action

State Machine Diagrams: Warmup Example

- Twiddle thumbs
- i=0
- [i<10]/i++
- [i>=10]

Transitions in State Machine Diagrams

- Trigger, ... [ Guard ] / Action
  - Each part is optional
  - A Trigger is typically an event identifier with arguments:
    Event (Recv-Arguments ...)
    If there is more than one trigger: OR-semantics
  - The Guard is a Boolean expression
  - An Action can be
    - some assignment, function call,
    - a send-event command. Typical syntax:
      Event (Send-Arguments)

Branches and Guards in State Machine Diagrams

- Guards should not overlap – the ordering of evaluation is not defined by the standard
- The guards need not be complete: you just stay in the current state until a transition becomes enabled
Events in State Machine Diagrams

- Idea: there is a finite set of events; events may be parameterized, e.g., button(1)
- Events may be external or internal
- There is a queue of events that have occurred
- The ordering of dequeuing is not defined
- The processing of an event must be finished before any other event is processed (run-to-completion)

Internal Transitions in State Machine Diagrams

- Internal transitions are triggered only if the state containing them is active
- May have triggers, guard, action
- They fire without leaving/re-entering the state

Hierarchy in State Machine Diagrams

- State machines may be nested, which yields hierarchy
- Transitions may cross hierarchy boundaries
- Advantage: May avoid many transitions
- Hierarchy may be used to model concurrency

Internal Actions

- States may have special internal transitions defined using the following prefixes:
  - entry: executed when a state is entered
  - exit: executed when a state is left
  - do: ongoing activity while in the state

Hierarchy in State Machine Diagrams: Example

Events in State Machine Diagrams: Example

- Those plentiful “Hang up” edges are annoying
- What about dialing more than one digit?
Hierarchy in State Machine Diagrams: Example

```
State Machine Diagrams: History

We have seen that hierarchy is useful to model exceptions.
But how about recovery? Sometimes it is helpful to resume what you interrupted.
This is modelled by means of a history node.

Precedence Rules for Transitions

What if multiple transitions are enabled? Which one is taken?
There is only one rule:

UML Transition Precedence Rule
A transition out of a composite state \( s \) has a lower precedence than any transition out of any sub-state of \( s \).

This applies to UML State Machine Diagrams – Statechart dialects have all sort of additional rules.

Concurrency in State Machine Diagrams

You can use to obtain concurrent threads of execution.
There is an alternative, which is easier to manage.
There are both and-states and or-states in state charts.

or-states are what you are used to:
you either “Eat” OR “Sleep” OR “Play”…
and-states allow you to “Eat” AND “Play”.

Concurrent Example

Concurrent threads denoted by means of “swimlanes”
Composite activity ends once all composed activities end.
Sequence Diagrams

A Sequence Diagram... defines the behavior of objects by describing the messages they pass.

- Horizontal axis: the objects or actors
- Vertical axis: time

Mike
- How are you doing?
  - Good, and you?
John

Mike: Person

Object with type and lifeline

i++
Synchronous message
i++
Asynchronous message

Messages can be numbered
Messages can have parameters
Messages can be self-referential

Synchronous vs. Asynchronous Messages

Synchronous: The caller waits for the completion of the execution of the operation

Asynchronous: The caller does not wait for the completion of the execution of the operation, but instead continues immediately

Lifetime vs. Control

Lifetime

Control

Sequence Diagrams: Webshop Example

Client
- Webshop
- Mastercard

"BUY(card, product)"
"AUTHORIZE(card, amount)"
"RESULT(status)"
"BUILD_PAGE(status)"

Notation for Messages

1: hello
Messages can be numbered

2: buy("tuna sandwich")
Messages can have parameters

Messages can be self-referential
Semantics of Sequence Diagrams

- A sequence diagram defines a partial ordering on the time an event (send/receive) occurs.

- Rules (causal order):
  1. Send before matching receive
  2. Receive or send before send of same process
  3. Two receives on the same process sent from the same process

⚠️ WARNING:
No other guarantees provided, even if suggested by diagram!

Races in Sequence Diagrams

- Let \( \prec_v \) be the visual ordering, and \( \prec_c \) the causal ordering
- A diagram has a race iff there exists a trace \( M_1, \ldots, M_n \) with
  \[ M_1 \prec_c M_2 \ldots \prec_c M_n \]
  but not
  \[ M_1 \prec_v M_2 \ldots \prec_v M_n \]

Sequence Diagrams: Webshop Example Again

```
Client
  "BUY(card, product)"
  "PLEASE_WAIT"
  "BUILD_PAGE(status)"
Webshop
  "AUTHORIZE(card, amount)"
  "RESULT(status)"
Mastercard
```

Combining Sequence Diagrams

Sequence diagrams can be combined or integrated into other diagrams by adding a frame.

Combining Sequence Diagrams

These are called High-level Message Sequence Charts (HMSCs)

Does this one have a race?