

# LECTURE-15

# Objects

- *Objects have three responsibilities:*



*What they know about themselves – (e.g., Attributes)*



*What they do – (e.g., Operations)*

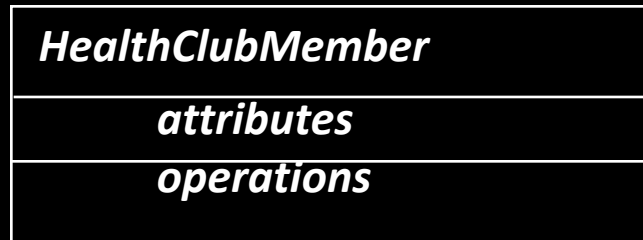


*What they know about other objects – (e.g., Relationships)*

# Defining Class

*A CLASS is a template (specification, blueprint) for a collection of objects that share a common set of attributes and operations.*

**Class**



**Objects**



# • *Relationships*

*A RELATIONSHIP is what a class or an object knows about another class or object.*

## **Generalization (Class-to-Class) (Superclass/Subclass)**

- *Inheritance*
- *Ex: Person - FacultyPerson, StudentPerson, Staff...*
- *Ex: ModesOfTravel - Airplane, Train, Auto, Cycle, Boat...*

## **[Object] Associations**

- *FacultyInformation - CourseInformation*
- *StudentInformation - CourseInformation*

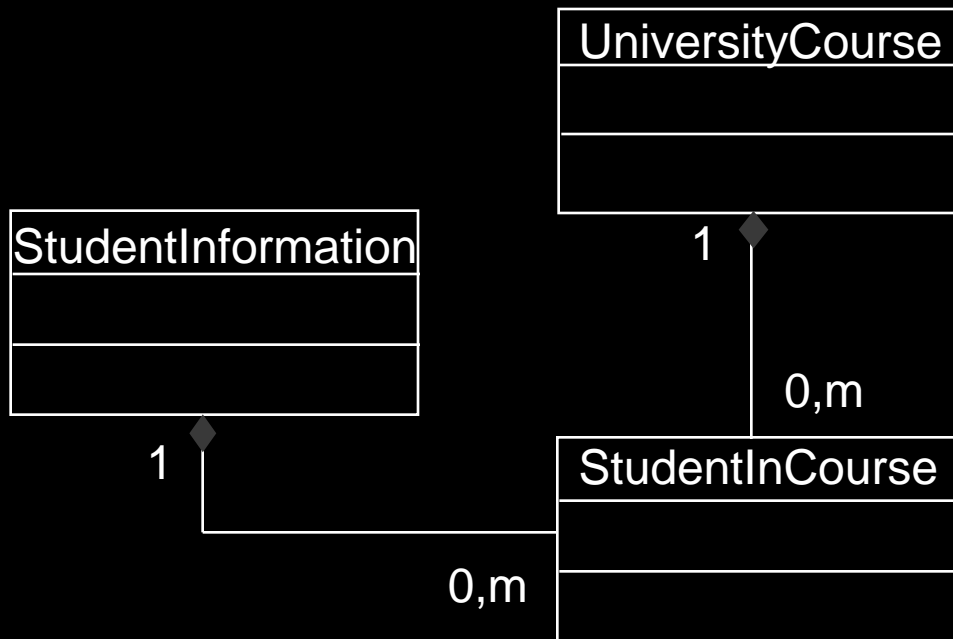
## **[Object] Aggregations & Composition (Whole-Part)**

- *Assembly - Parts*
- *Group - Members*
- *Container - Contents*

- **Relationships**

**Exist to:**

**1) show relationships 2) enforce integrity 3) help produce results**

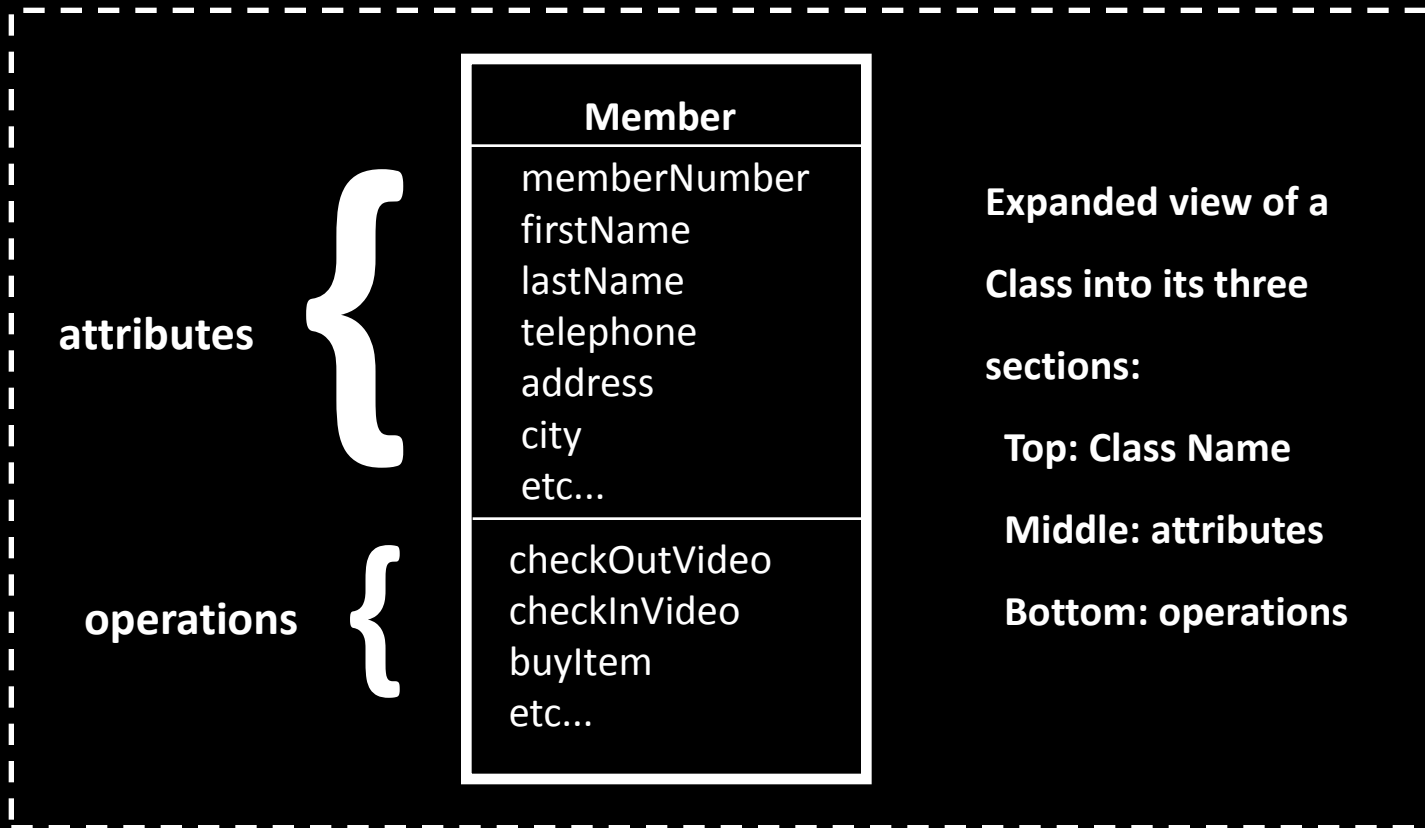
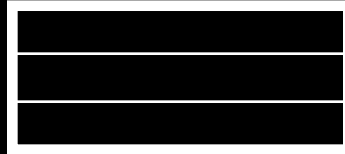


**In this example:**

- **Removal of a University Course should also remove Students that are in the Course but not Student Information.**
- **Removal of a Student should also remove the Courses that the Student is in but not the University Course.**
- **Removal of a Student in a Course should not affect either University Course or Student Information.**

# UML Class Diagram Notation

Class



Expanded view of a  
Class into its three  
sections:

**Top: Class Name**

**Middle: attributes**

**Bottom: operations**

# UML Class Diagram Notation

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Class  
Generalization  
Relationship



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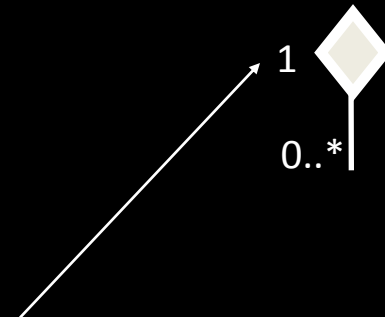
Object Association



Object  
Aggregation  
Association



Object Composition  
Association



Will always be "1"

# *Class Diagram Relationships*

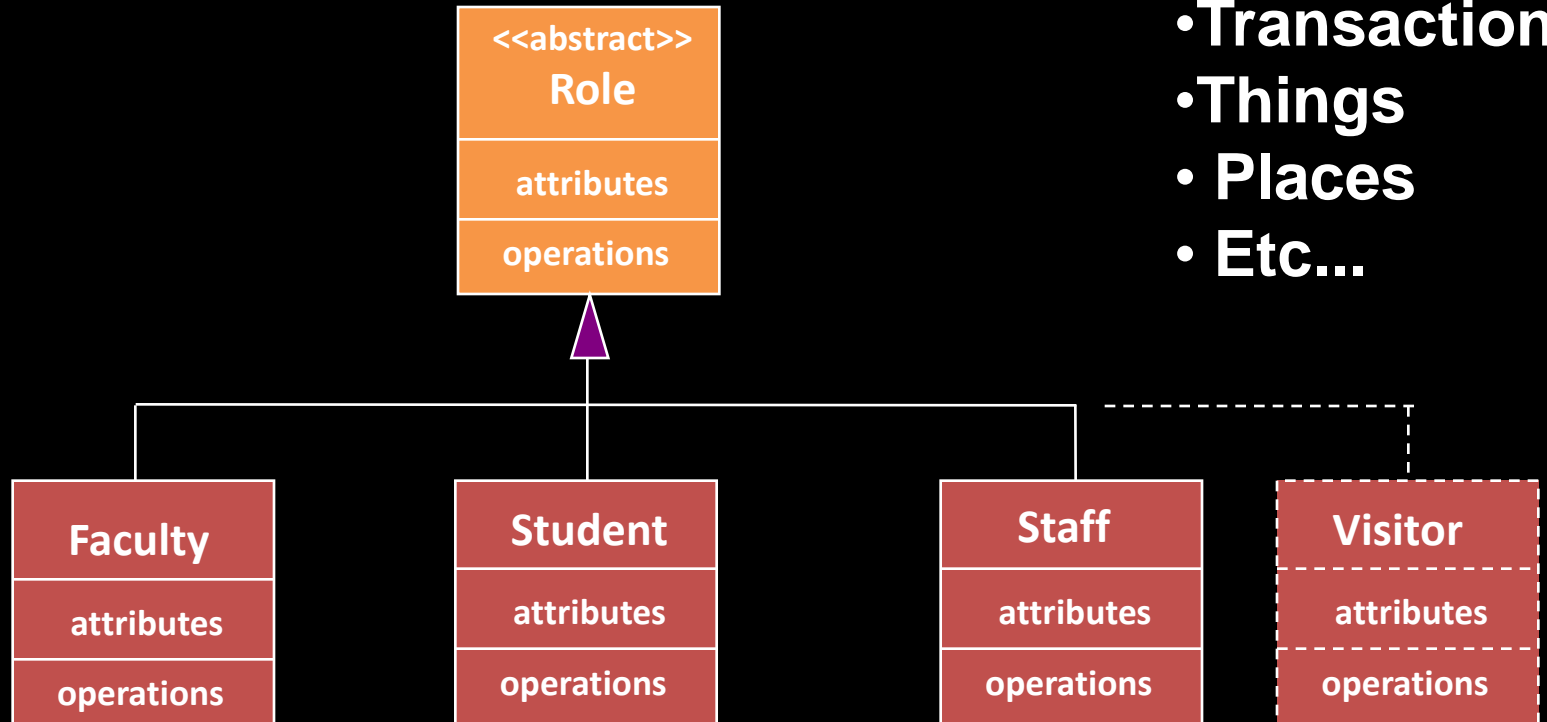
- ***Class***
  - ***Generalization***
- ***Object***
  - ***Association***
  - ***Aggregation***
  - ***Composition***



## Generalization (Class-to-Class) (superclass – subclass; supertype – subtype)

- A Generalization follows a “is a” or “is a kind of” heuristic from a specialization class to the generalization class. (e.g., student “is a” person, video “is a kind of” inventory).
- Common attributes, operations and relationships are located in the generalization class and are inherited by the specialization classes
- Unique attributes, operations and relationships are located in the specialization classes.
- Inherited attributes and operations may be overridden or enhanced in the specialization class depending on programming language support.
- Inherited operations in the specialization classes may be polymorphic.
- Only use when objects do NOT “transmute” (add, copy, delete)
- Multiple inheritance is allowed in the UML but can complicate the class model’s understanding and implementation (e.g., C++ supports but Java and Smalltalk do not).

# Generalization Example



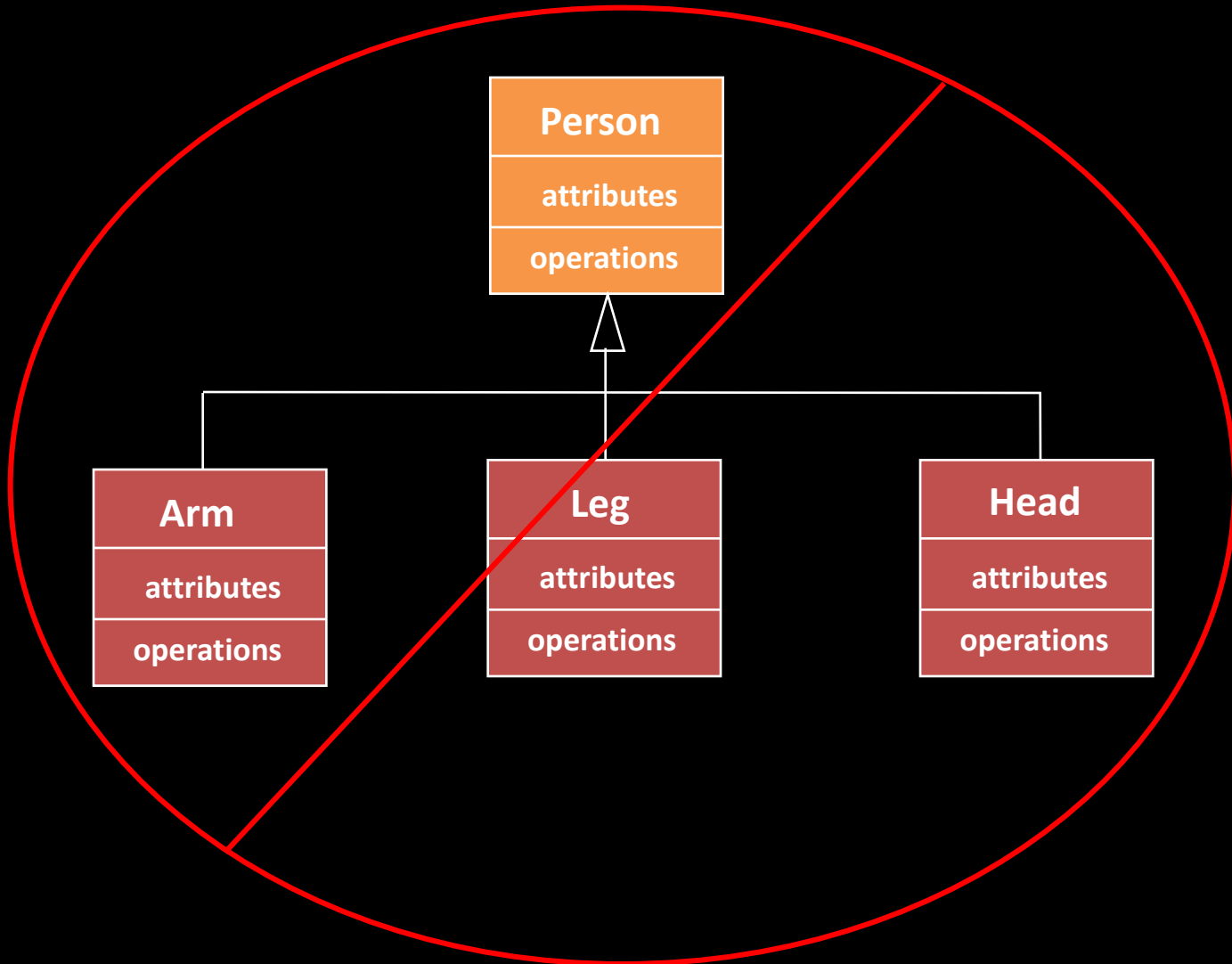
Others:

- Transactions
- Things
- Places
- Etc...

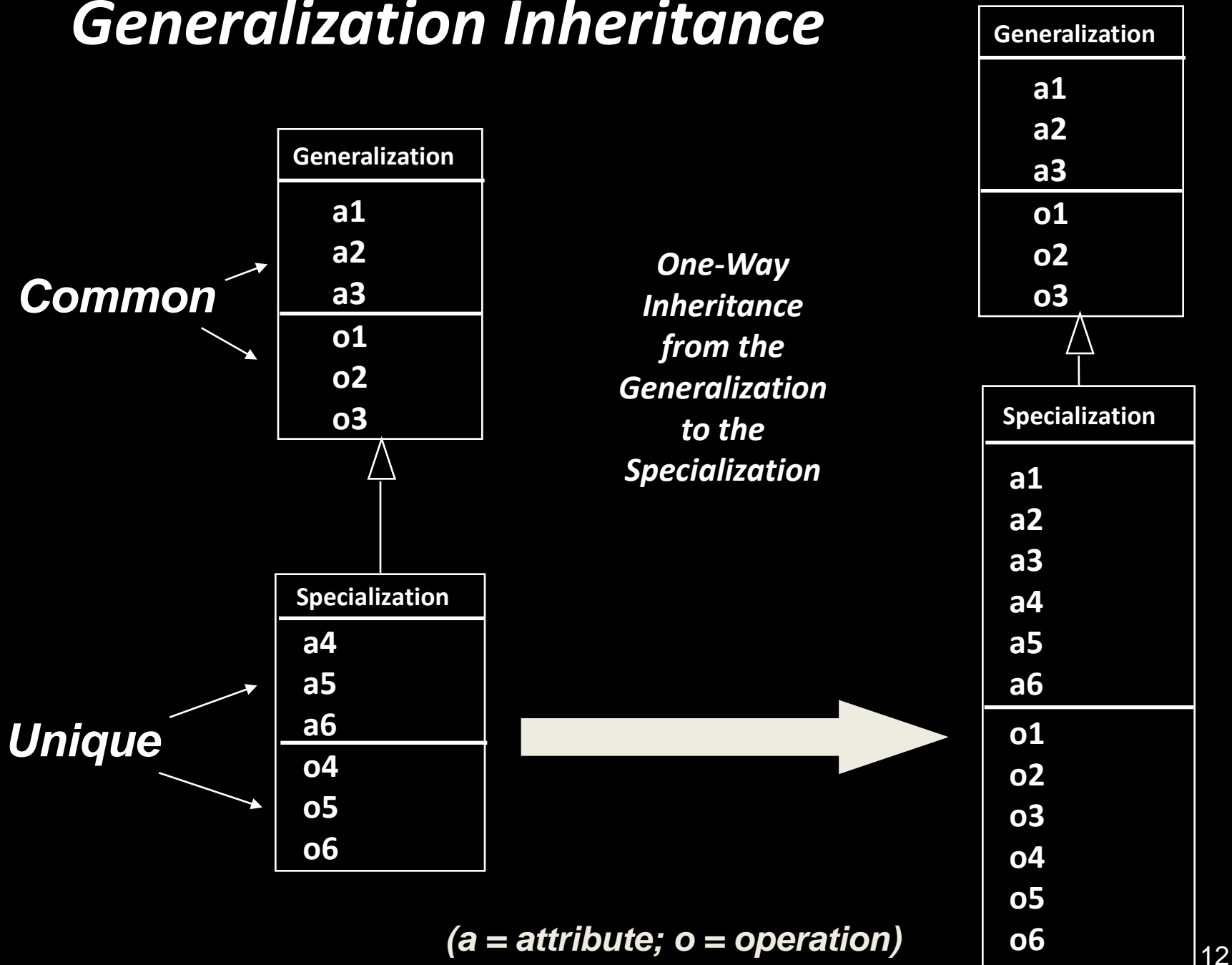
**Note: <<abstract>> = no objects**

# Poor Generalization Example

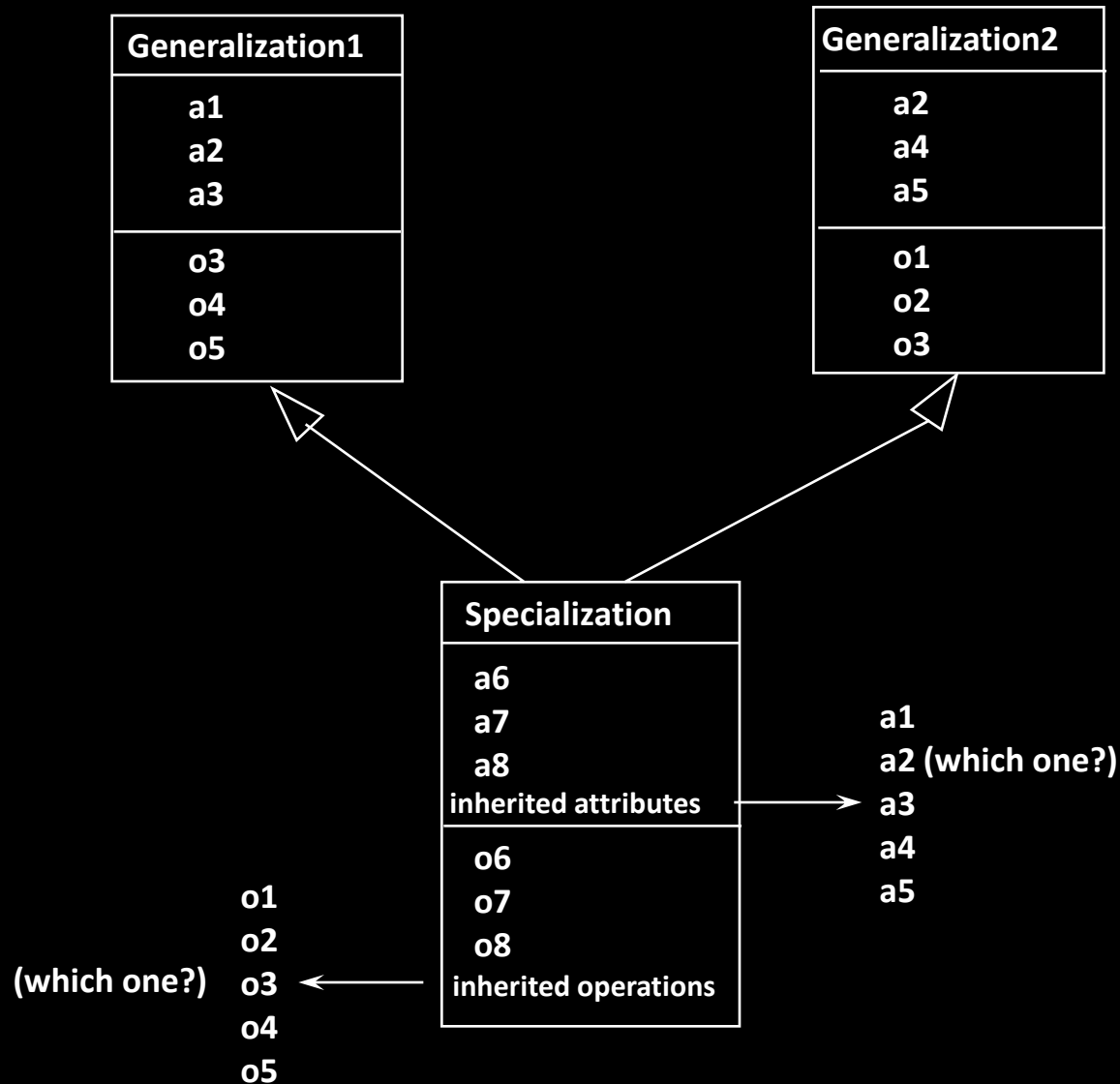
(violates the “is a” or “is a kind of” heuristic)



# Generalization Inheritance

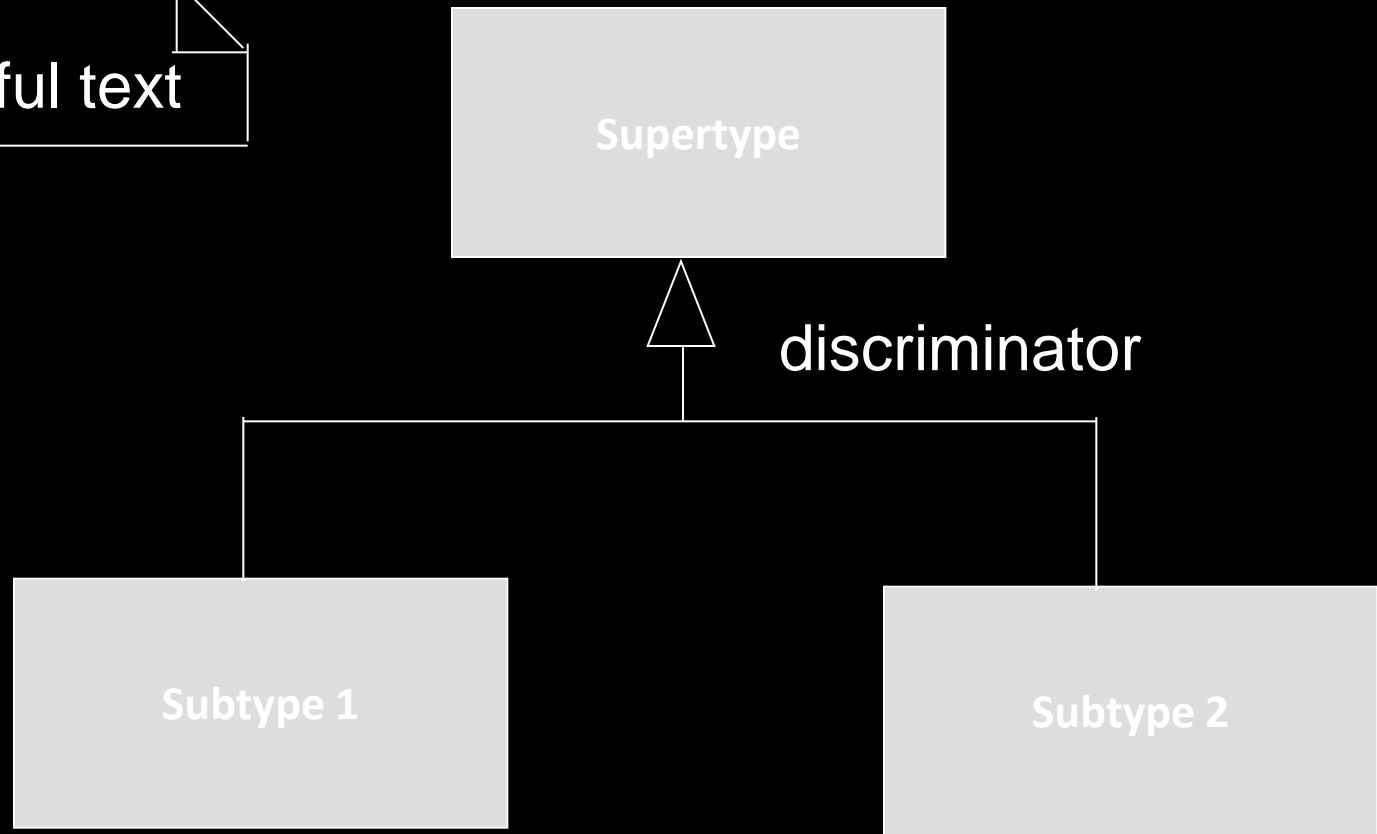
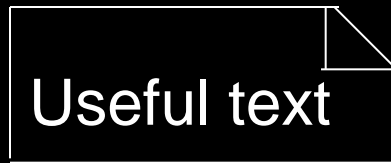


# Generalization - Multiple Inheritance



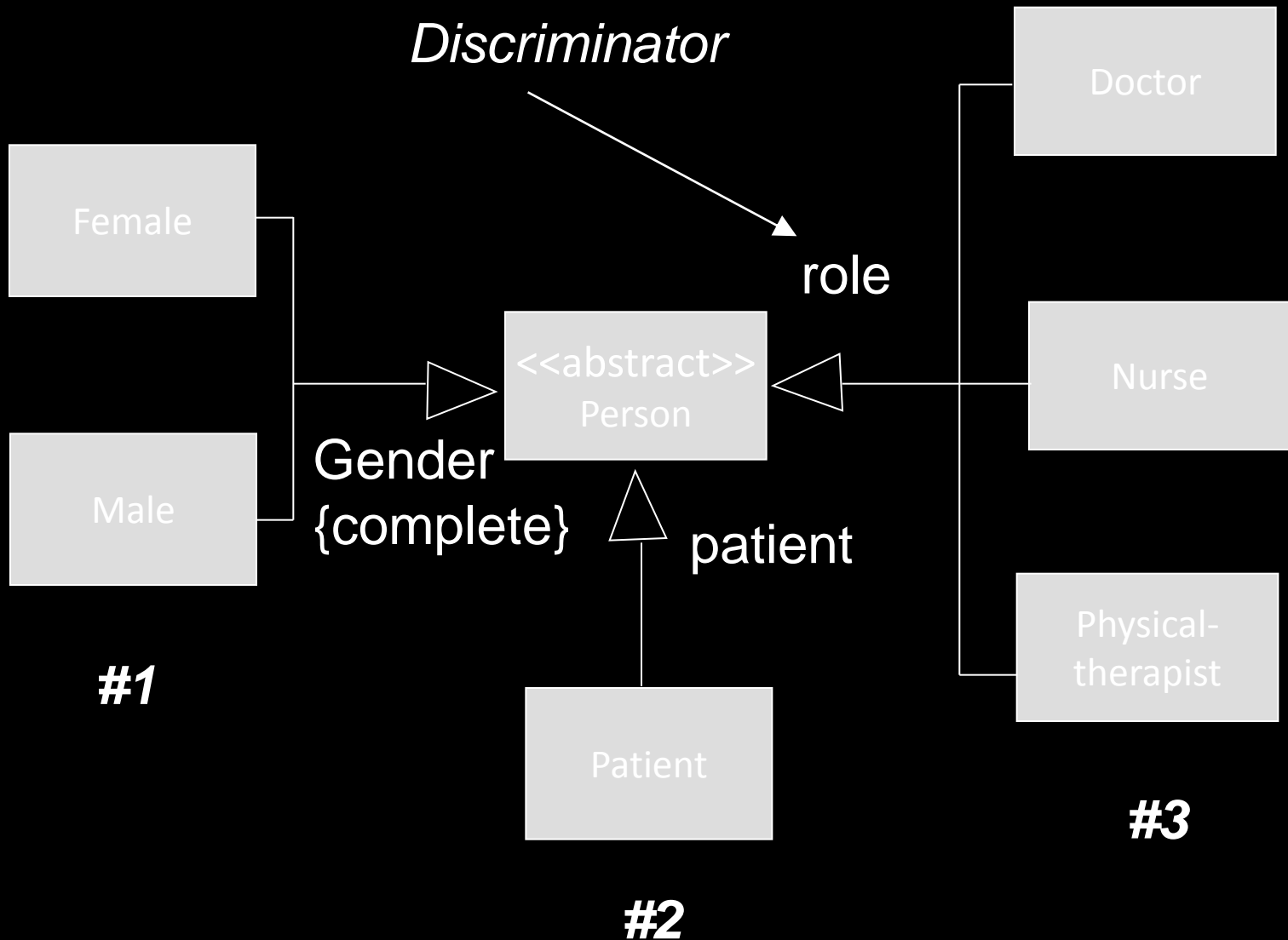
# UML Generalization Notation

Note



Note: Supertype = Superclass; Subtype = Subclass<sub>14</sub>

# Generalization - Multiple Classification



The screenshot shows the Rational Rose software interface. The main window displays a class diagram for the package 'People / Main'. The diagram consists of the following elements:

- UserInformation**: A base class with a protected attribute `name`.
- ProfessorInformation**: Inherits from **UserInformation**. It has an attribute `tenure` and a method `setTenure()`.
- StudentInformation**: Inherits from **UserInformation**. It has an attribute `major` and a method `changeMajor()`.
- Course**: A class with an attribute `numberOfCredits` and methods `getName()` and `addProfessor()`.
- CourseForm**: A class noted as '(from Interfaces)'. It is currently empty.
- Associations**:
  - An inheritance relationship (solid line with hollow triangle arrowhead) from **ProfessorInformation** and **StudentInformation** to **UserInformation**.
  - An association relationship (solid line) between **ProfessorInformation** (multiplicity 1) and **Course** (multiplicity 1..\*). The association is labeled 'Teacher'.

The interface also shows a project browser on the left with a tree view of the 'People' package containing 'Main', 'ProfessorInformation', 'StudentInformation', and 'UserInformation'. The status bar at the bottom indicates 'For Help, press F1' and the system tray shows the time as 10:58 AM.

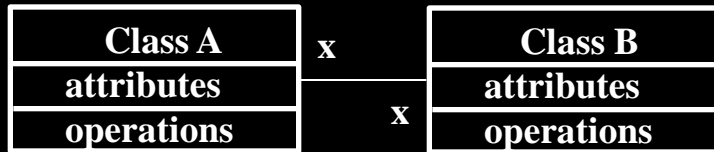
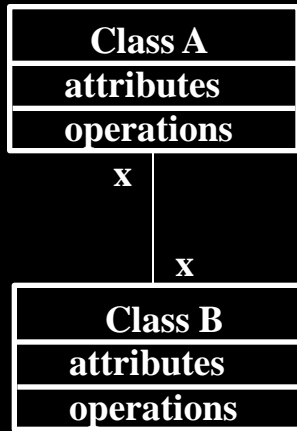
## *Rational Rose Class Diagram Example*



# Associations

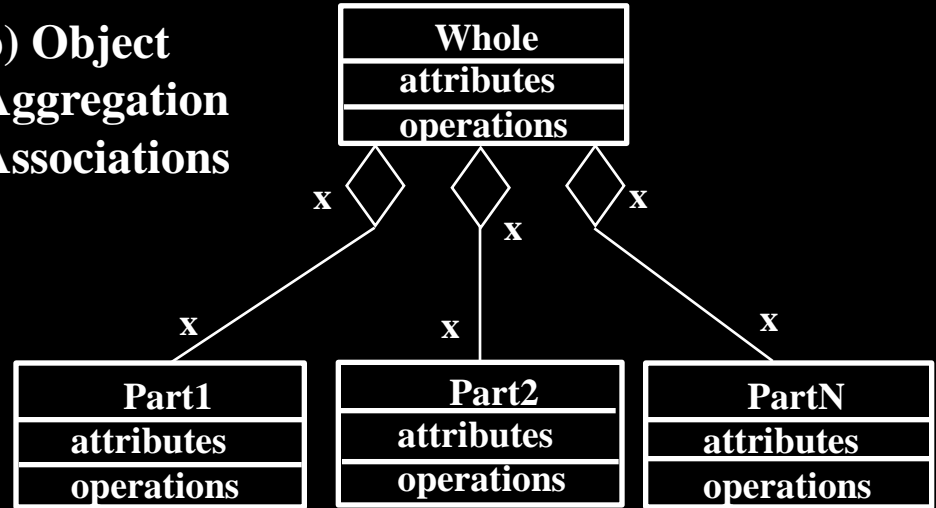
- Relationships between instances (objects) of classes
- Conceptual:
  - associations can have two roles (bi-directional):
    - source --> target
    - target --> source
  - roles have multiplicity (e.g., cardinality, constraints)
  - To restrict navigation to one direction only, an arrowhead is used to indicate the navigation direction
- No inheritance as in generalizations

# Object Association Relationship Patterns

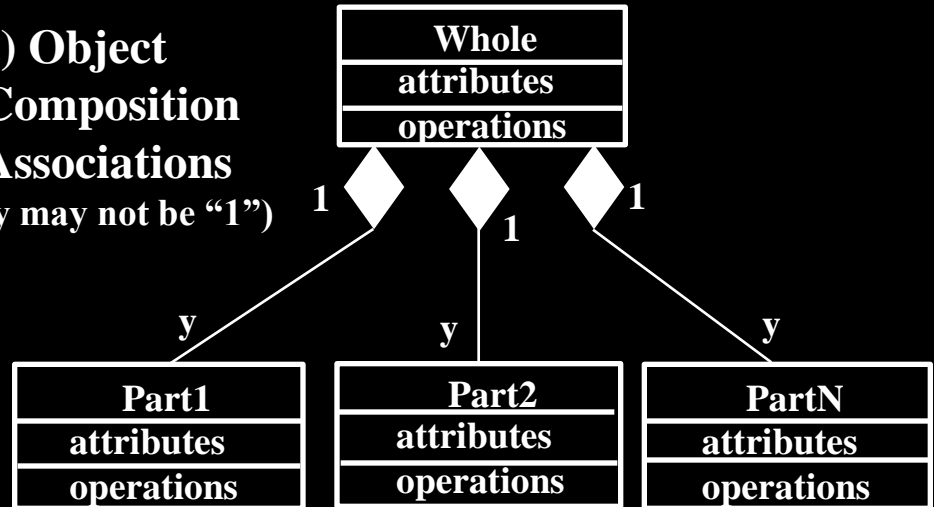


a) Object Associations

b) Object Aggregation Associations



c) Object Composition Associations  
(y may not be "1")



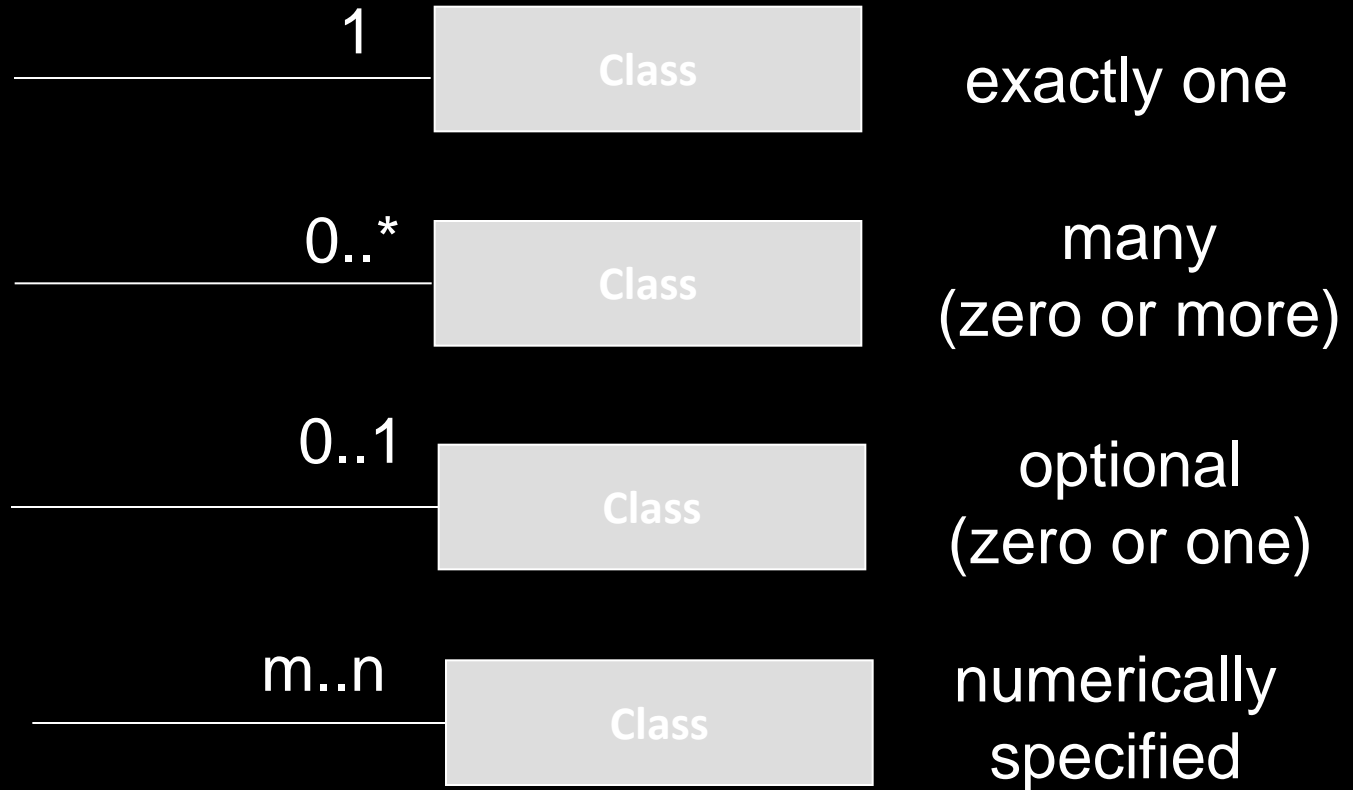
# *Associations*



*Example:*



# Multiplicities



## Example:



# Aggregation & Composition

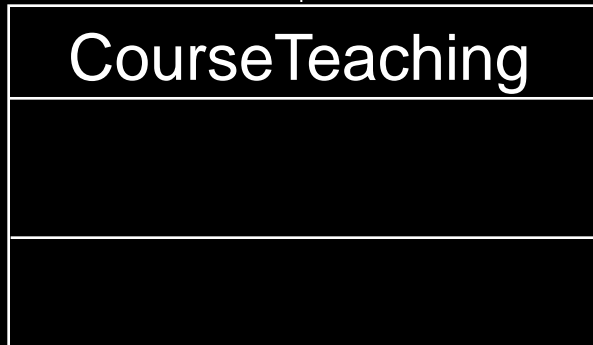
- **Aggregation (shared aggregation):**
  - **is a specialized form of ASSOCIATION in which a whole is related to its part(s).**
  - **is known as a “part of” or containment relationship and follows the “has a” heuristic**
  - **three ways to think about aggregations:**
    - **whole-parts**
    - **container-contents**
    - **group-members**
- **Composition (composite aggregation):**
  - **is a stronger version of AGGREGATION**
  - **the “part(s)” may belong to only ONE whole**
  - **the part(s) are usually expected to “live” and “die” with the whole (“cascading delete”)**
- **Aggregation vs. Composition vs. Association???**

## Aggregation



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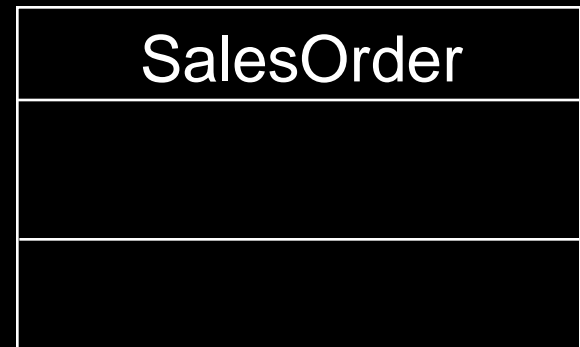
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(team-teaching  
is possible)

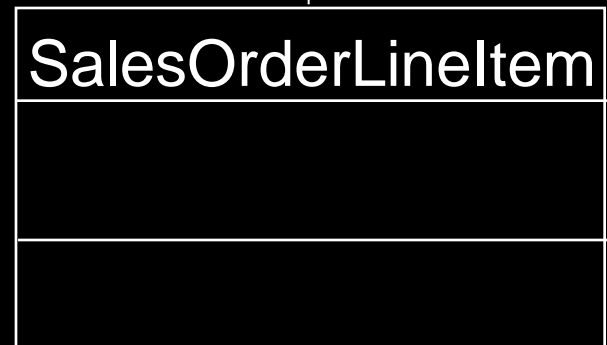
*(another: assembly --> part)*

## Composition



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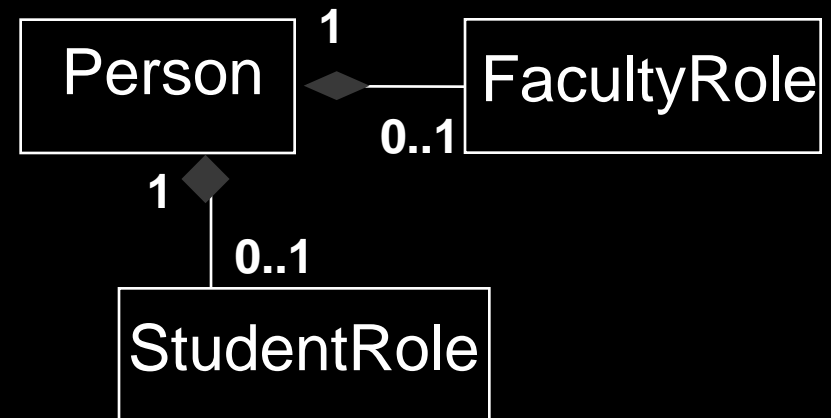
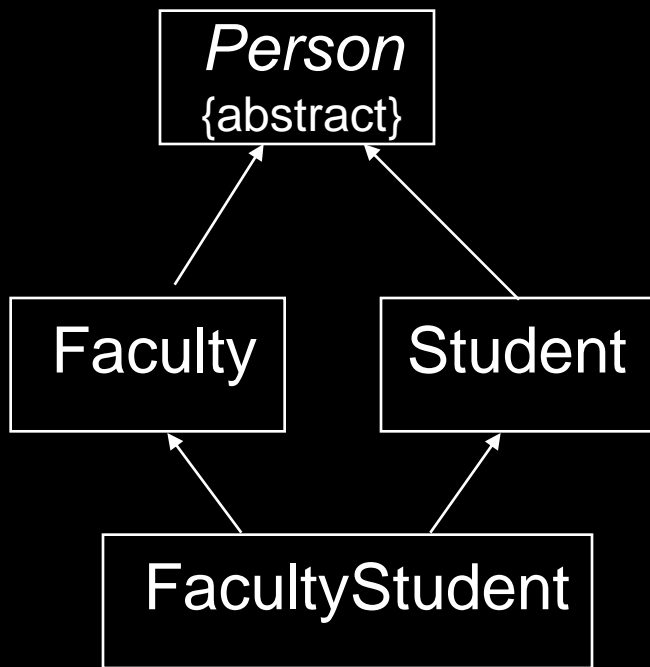
1..\*



*(another: hand --> finger)*

# Composition

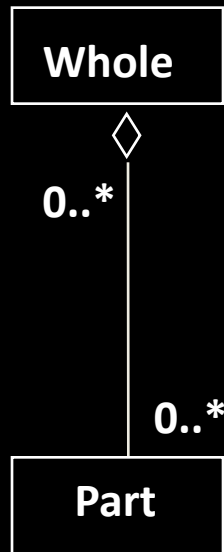
- Composition is often used in place of Generalization (inheritance) to avoid “transmuting” (adding, copying, and deleting of objects)



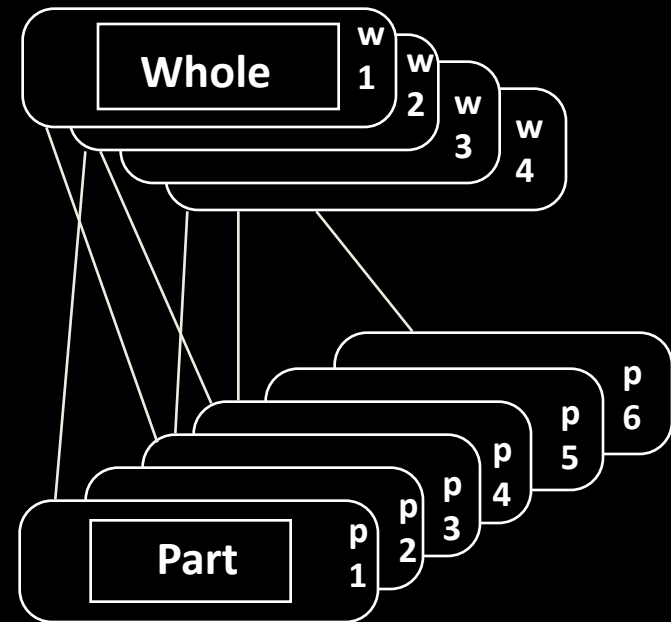
Note: Attributes may need to be considered to more-fully understand<sub>23</sub>

# Association, Aggregation and Composition

## Template/Pattern



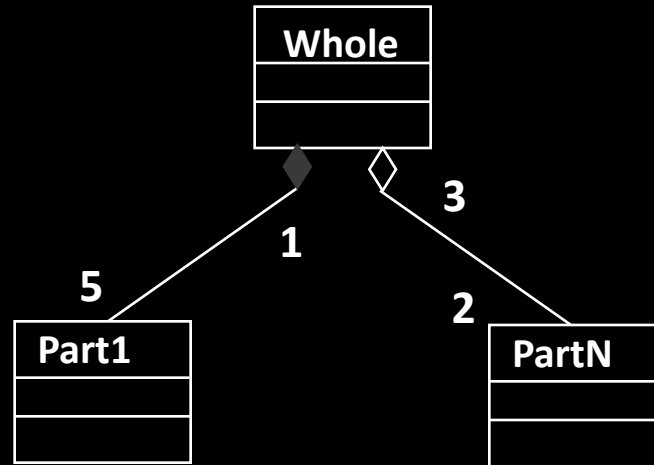
## Example



*(association, aggregation & composition look the same)*

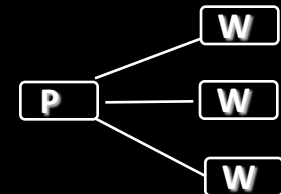
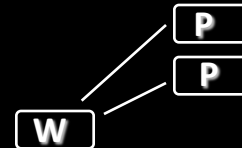
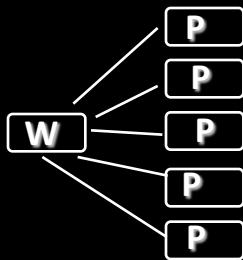


# Multiplicity Example #1

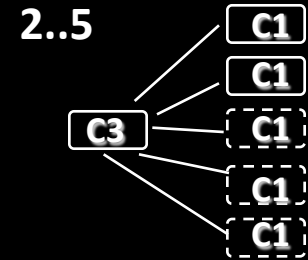
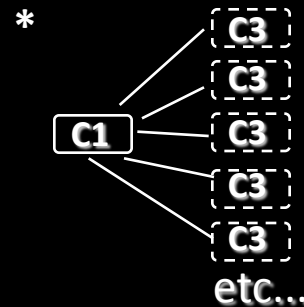
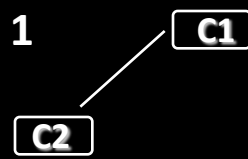
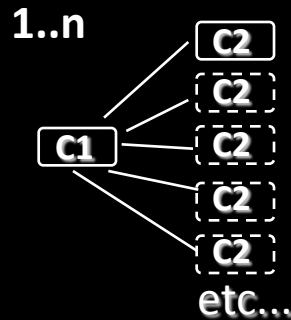
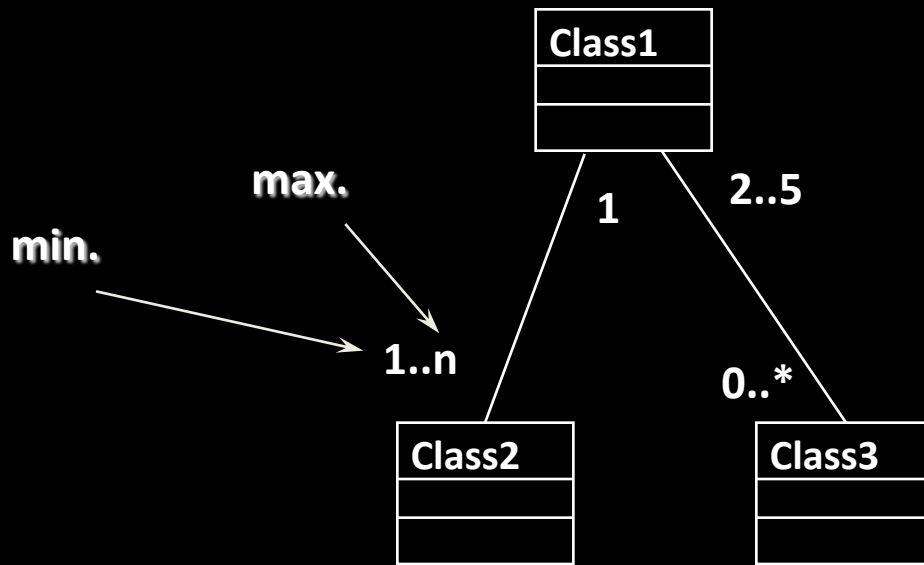


- One Whole is associated with 5 Part1
- One Part1 is associated with 1 Whole

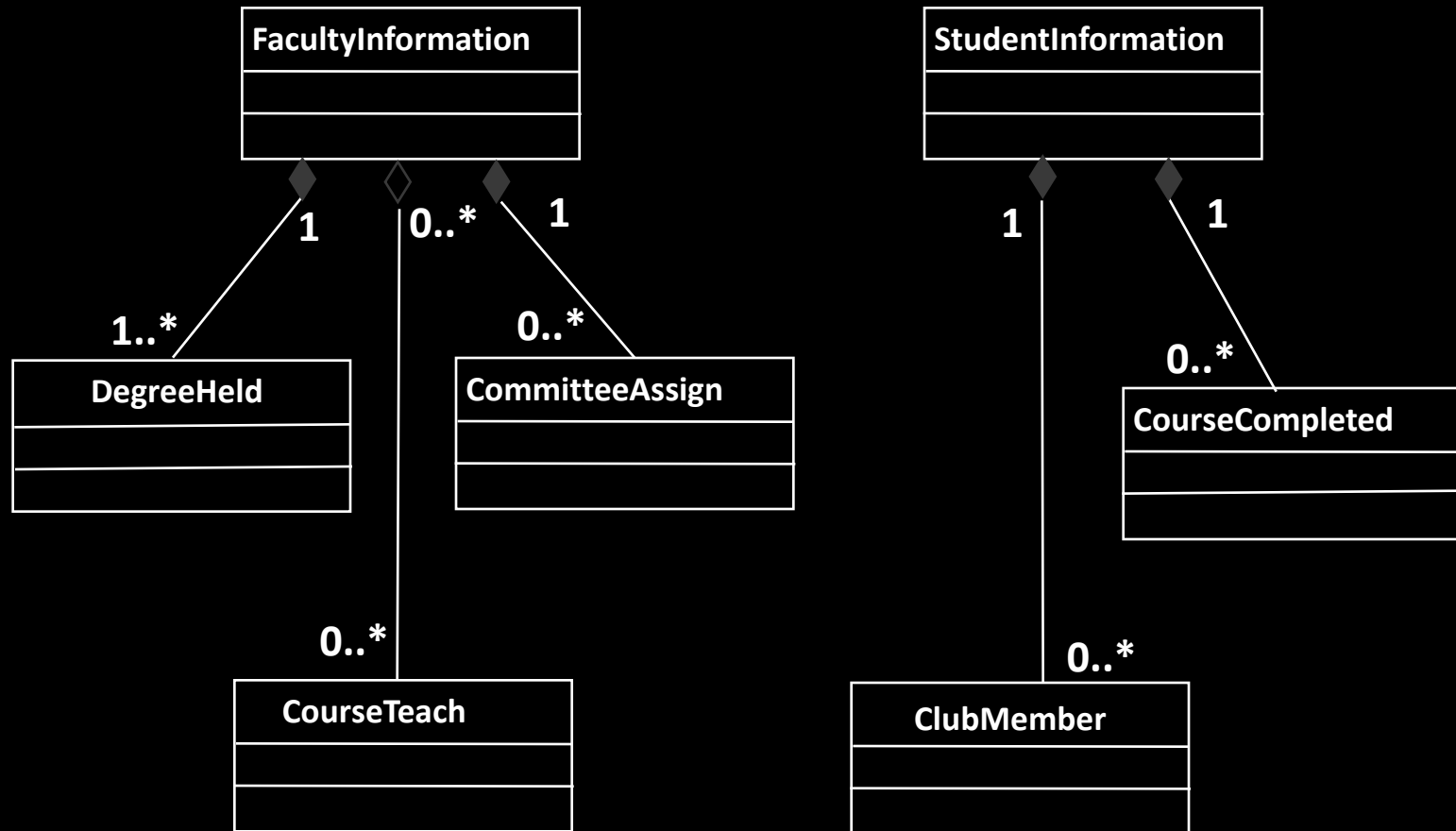
- One Whole is associated with 2 PartN
- One PartN is associated with 3 Whole



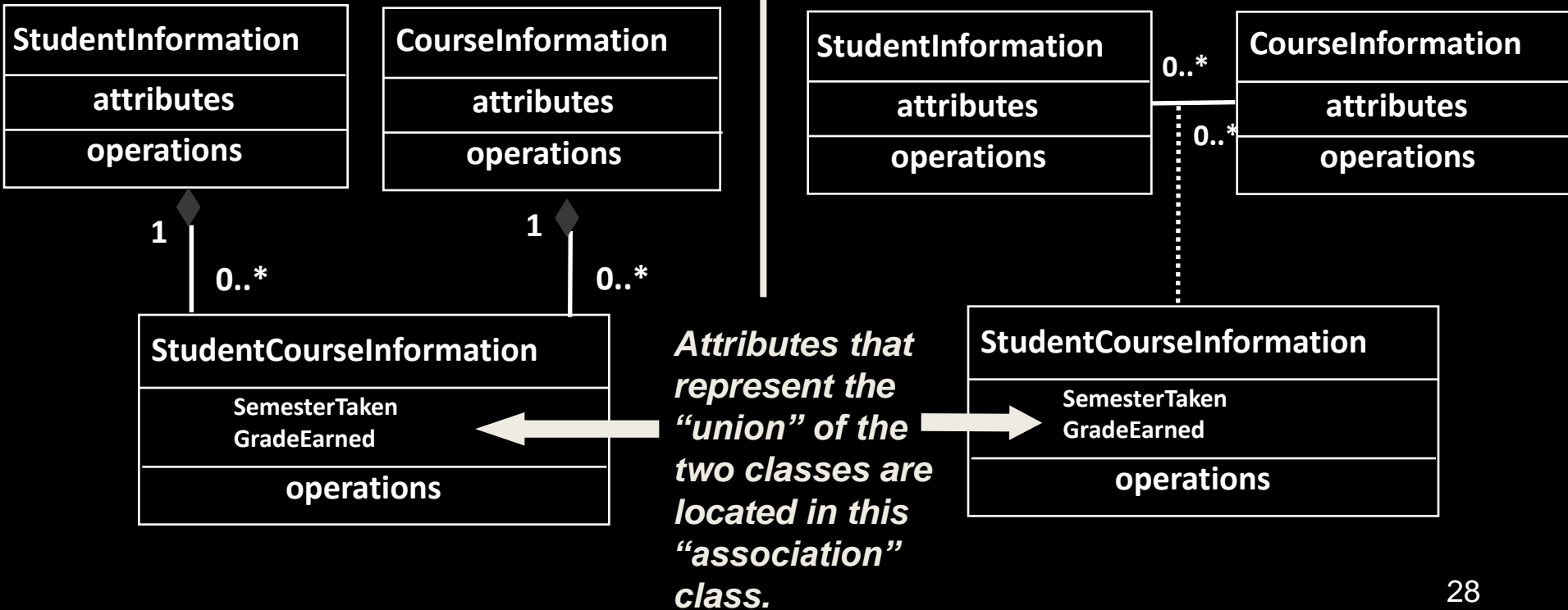
# Multiplicity Example #2



# Multiplicity Example #3

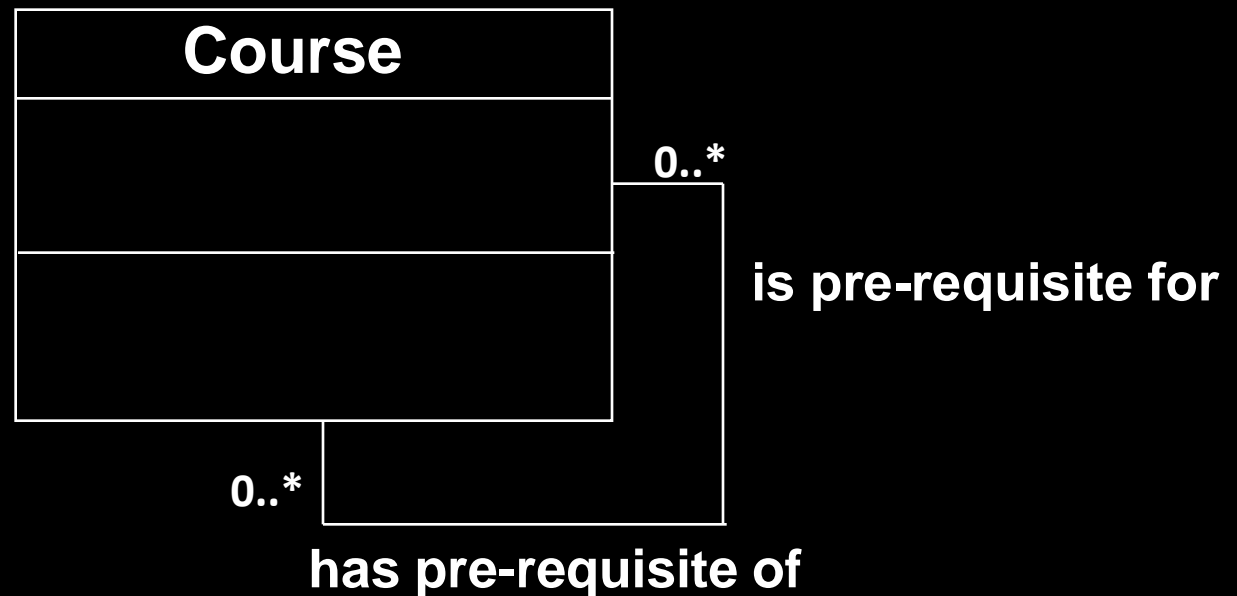


# *“many-to-many” multiplicity*

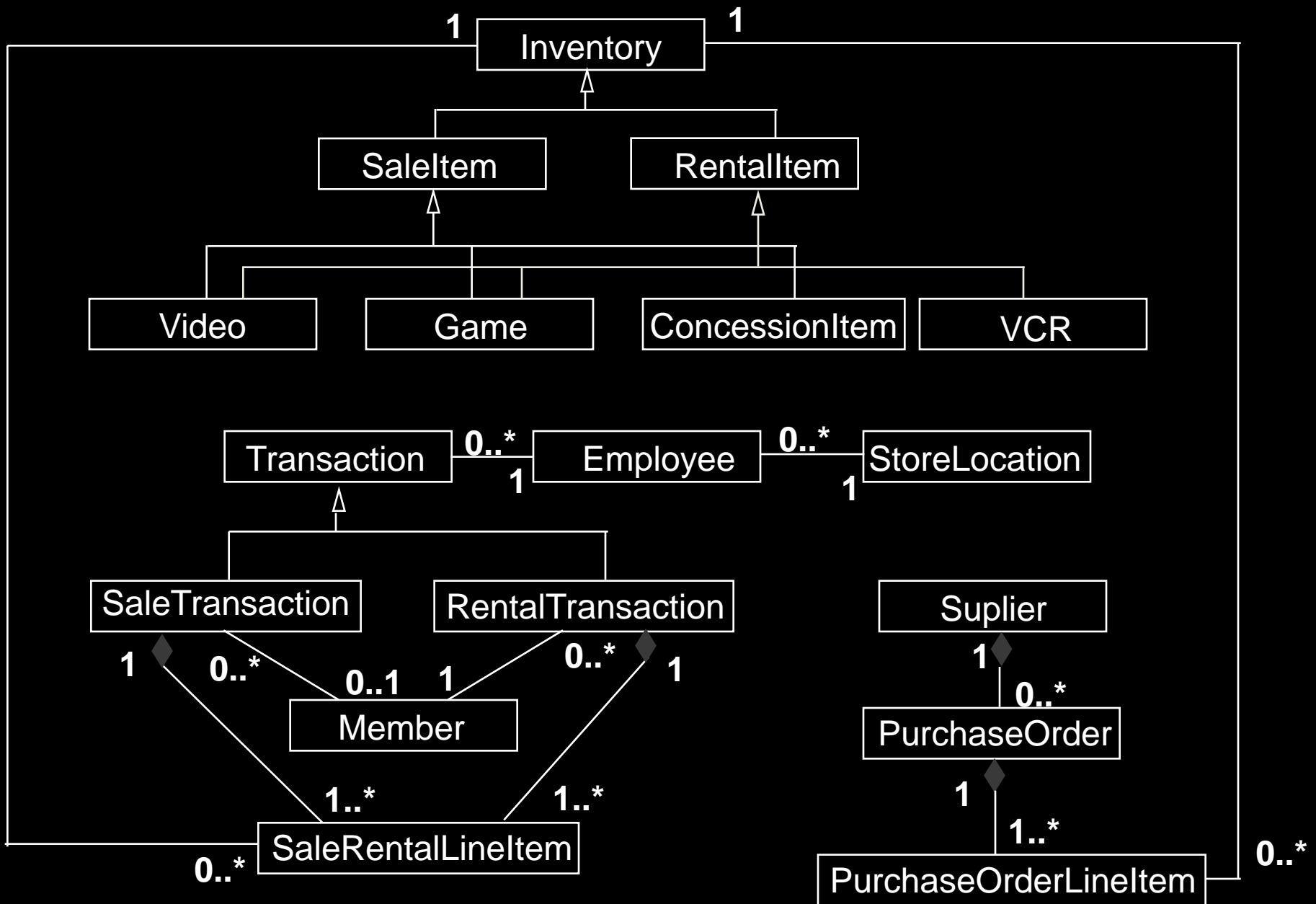


## Reflexive Association Relationships

*Objects within the same class have a relationship with each other.*



# Video Store – UML Class Diagram



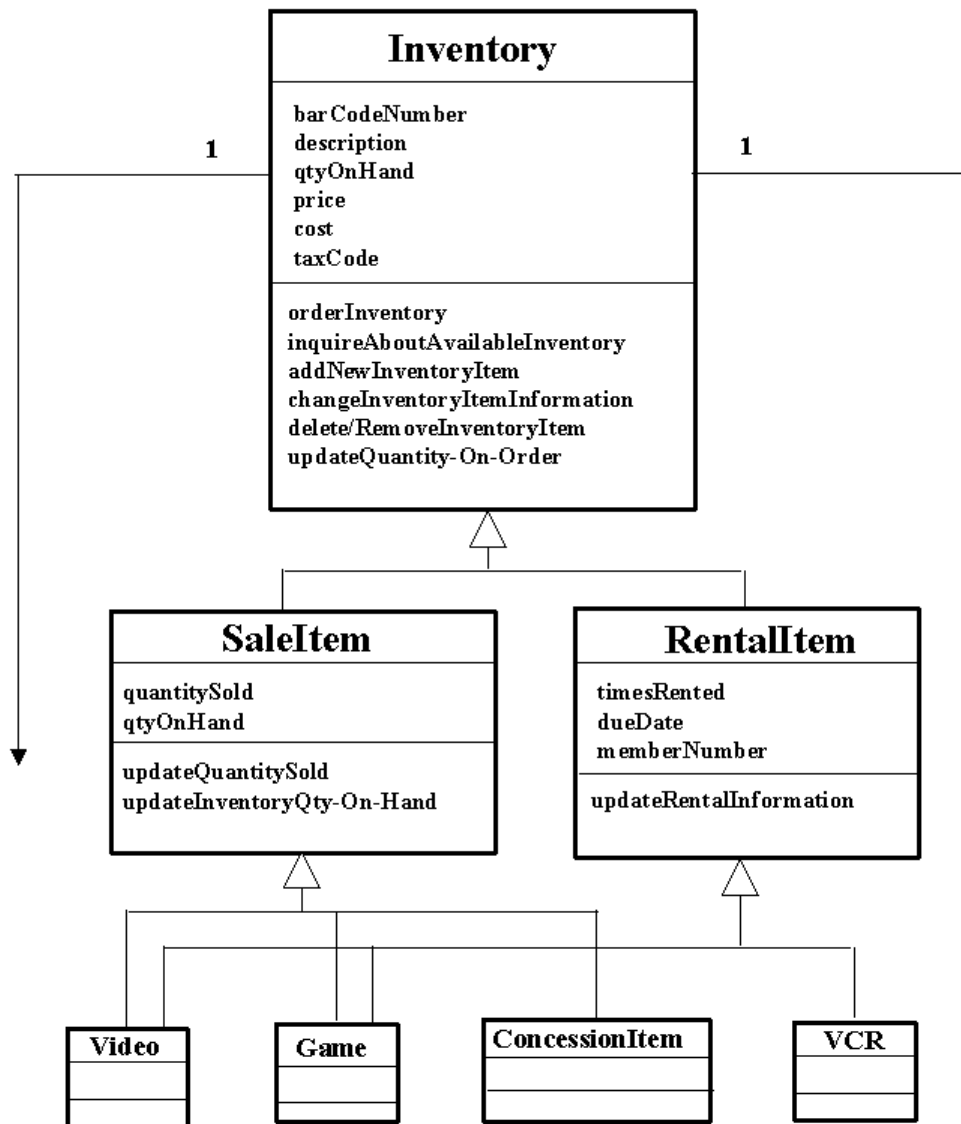


Figure 3.10a Video Store UML Class Diagram with Attributes & Operations

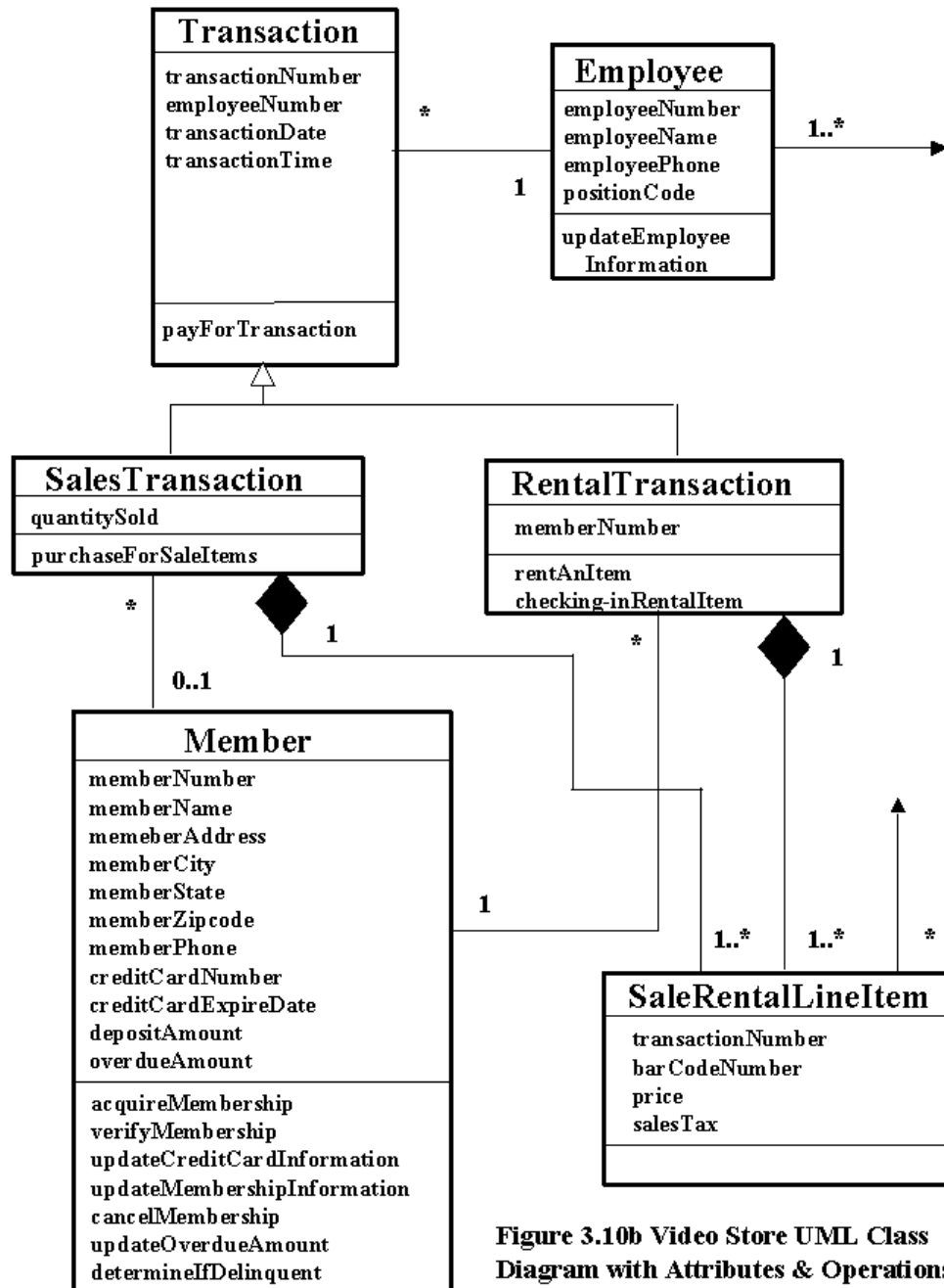


Figure 3.10b Video Store UML Class Diagram with Attributes & Operations



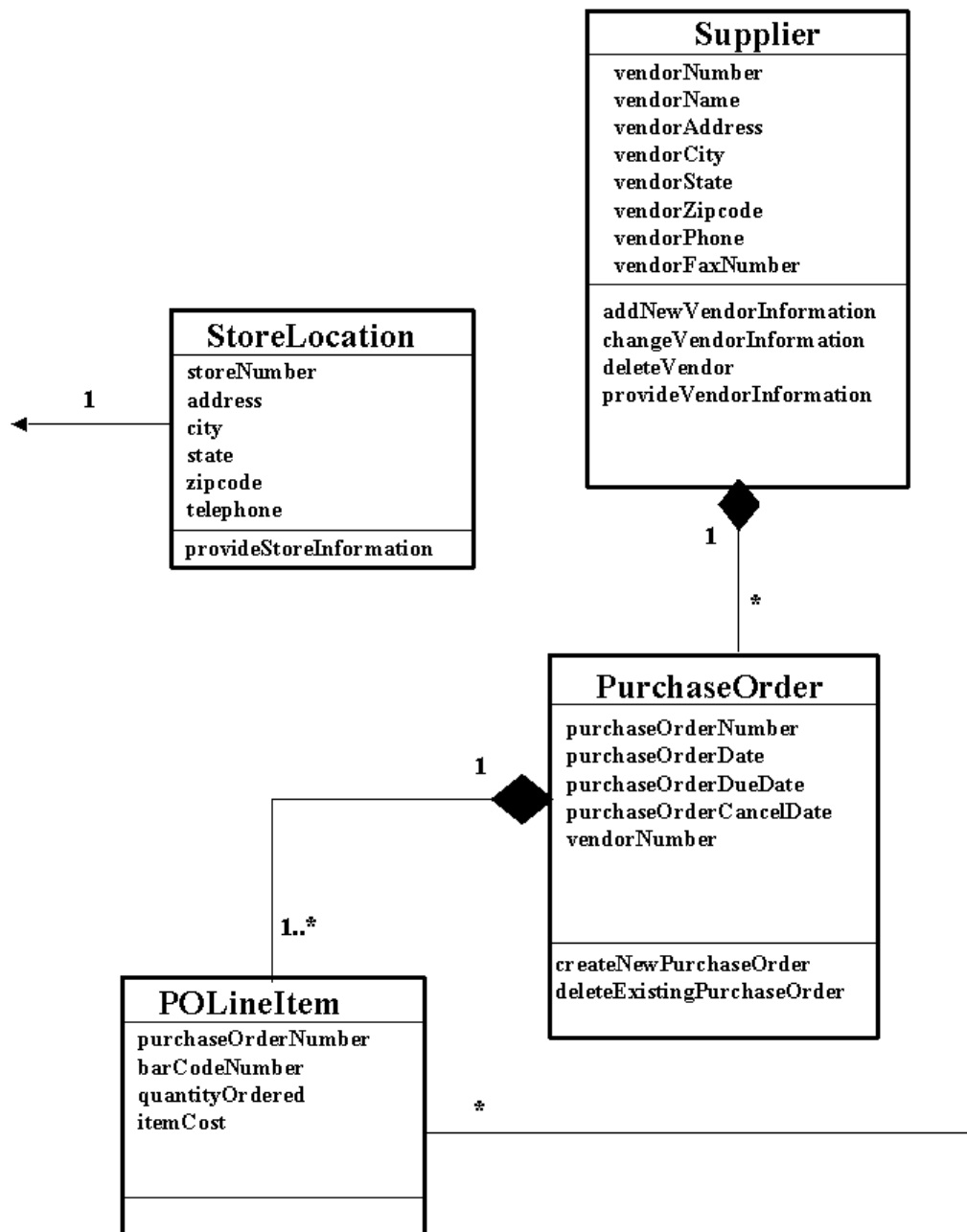


Figure 3.10c Video Store UML Class Diagram with Attributes & Operations