

Software Design, Modelling and Analysis in UML

Lecture 1: Introduction

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Contents & Goals

This Lecture:

- **Educational Objectives:** After this lecture you should
 - be able to explain the term **model**
 - know the idea (and hopes and promises) of **model-based** SW development.
 - be able to explain how **UML** fits into this general picture.
 - know **what** we'll do in the course, and **why**.
 - thus be able to decide whether you want to stay with us...

Content:

- Analogy: Model-based/-driven development by construction engineers.
- Software engineers: "me too" – Model-based/-driven Software Engineering.
- UML: Mode of the Lecture: Blueprint.
- Contents of The course
- Formalia

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Modelling

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Disclaimer

- The following slides may raise thoughts such as
 - "everybody knows this"
 - "completely obvious"
 - "trivial"
 - "clear"
 - "trivial"
 - "oversimplified"
 - ...
- **Which is true:** in some sense,
 - but: "everybody" is a strong claim, and I want to be sure that this holds for the audience from now on
 - In other words: that we're talking about the same things

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An Analogy: The House-Building Problem (Oversimplified)

Given a set of Requirements, such as:

- The house shall fit on the given piece of land.
- Each room shall have a door, the doors shall open.
- The given furniture shall fit into the living room.
- The bathroom shall have a window.
- The cost shall be in budget.

Wanted: a house which satisfies the requirements.

Now, strictly speaking, a house is a **complex system**:

- Consists of a huge number of bricks.
- Consists of subsystems, such as windows.
- Water pipes and wirings have to be in place.
- Doors have to open consistently.
- Floors depend on each other (load-bearing walls).
- ...

How do construction engineers handle this complexity...?

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Approach: Floorplan

1. Requirements

- Shall fit on given piece of land
- Each room shall have a door
- Furniture shall fit into the living room
- Bathroom shall have a window
- Cost shall be in budget

2. Design



3. System



Observation: Floorplan abstracts from certain system properties, e.g. ...

- kind, number, and placement of bricks,
 - water pipes/wiring, and
 - subsystem details (e.g.: window style),
 - wall decoration
- architects can efficiently work on appropriate level of abstraction

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Approach: Floorplan

1. Requirements

- Shall fit on given piece of land
- Each room shall have a door that enters from
- Bathroom shall have a window
- Carpet shall be in yellow

2. Design



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3. System



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- **Observation:** Floorplan *preserves/determines* certain system properties, e.g.
 - house and room extensions (to scale),
 - placement of subsystems
 - presence/absence of windows and doors, (such as windows)
- find design errors before building the system (e.g. bathroom windows)

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Important Ingredient: Floorplans Have Precise Meaning

- Let floorplan F be an element of a floorplanning language \mathcal{F} .
 - Let ϕ be a property in some requirement specification language Φ .
 - **Wanted:** notions of
 - (i) $H \models F$ — house H is built according to plan F ,
 - (ii) $F \models \phi$ — plan F has property ϕ ,
 - (iii) plan F preserves/determines property ϕ , i.e.

$$\forall H \models F \bullet F \models \phi \iff H \models \phi.$$
- (i)–(iii) [more or less] given for floorplans and houses: $F \models \phi$ avoids $H \not\models \phi$.

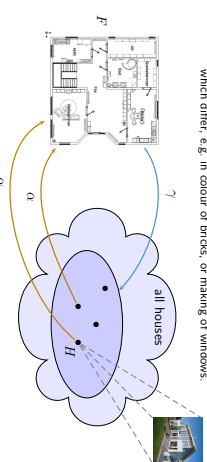
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In Other Words: Floorplan as an Abstraction

Floorplan F denotes a set $\gamma(F)$ of houses (concretisations of F) which differ, e.g. in colour of birds, or making of windows.



- Floorplan F represents houses H according to abstraction α .
- Note: by adding information to F (such as making of windows), we can narrow down $\gamma(F)$.

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Good for Anything Else? Documentation.

- **Given:** a house.
- **Wanted:** a concise description for potential buyers.
- **Approach:** draw a floorplan.



Distinguish:

- Sometimes the plan F is **first**, and the realisation $H \in \gamma(F)$ comes **later**.
- Sometimes the realisation H is **first**, and the "plan" $F = \alpha(H)$ comes **later**.

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Note: Requirements Should be Consistent.

- If the requirements are already **contradictory** (or **inconsistent**), then there is **no sense** in drawing a floorplan.

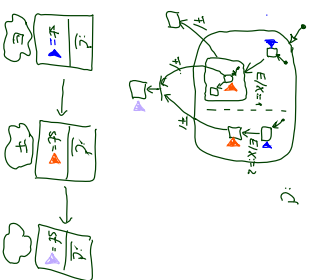
Example:

- The house shall fit on the given piece of land.
- The given furniture shall fit into the living room.

What if the land is 10m narrow, the couch is 11m × 11m, and the rooms (as usual) 2.5m high...?

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What's the Essence?

Definition. [Fritz] A model is an abstract, formal, mathematical representation or description of structure or behaviour of a (software) system.

Definition. [Ginz, 2008, 425] A model is a concrete or mental image (Abbild) of something or a concrete or mental archetype (Verbild) for something. Three properties are consistent:

- (i) the image attribute (Abbildungsmerkmal), i.e. there is an entity (called original) whose image or archetype the model is;
- (ii) the reduction attribute (Verkleinerungsmerkmal), i.e. only those attributes of the original that are relevant in the modelling context are represented;
- (iii) the pragmatic attribute, i.e. the model is built in a specific context for a specific purpose.

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Model-Based-Driven Software Engineering

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Software System (Very Abstract View)

We see **software M** as a **transition system**

- It has a (possibly infinite) set of states S ;
- an initial state s_0 ; and
- a (possibly L -labelled) transition relation

$$\rightarrow S \times L \times S.$$

(behaviour)

Software may have infinite and finite runs, i.e. initial and consecutive sequences of states $s_0 \xrightarrow{L_1} s_1 \xrightarrow{L_2} s_2 \dots$

The **software engineering problem**:

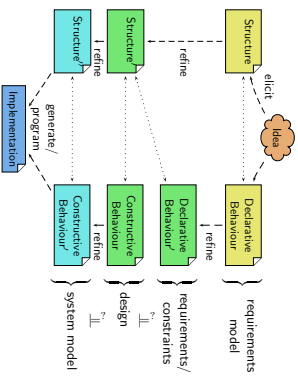
- **Given:** informal requirements φ ;
- **Desired:** correct software, i.e. software M such that M satisfies φ .

Two prominent obstacles:

- Getting φ **formal** in order to reason about φ and M ; e.g. **prove** M correct.
- M typically **too large** to "write it down" at once.

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Model-Driven Software Engineering



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Needed: A Modelling Language for SW-Engineering

What would be a "from scratch" approach?

- Define a **formal language** to define requirements and designs.
- Equip it with a **formal semantics**.
- Define consistency/satisfaction relation in terms of semantics.

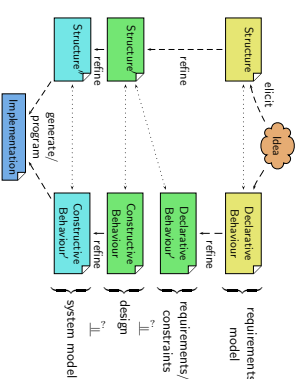


• The approach in this course:

- (i) Introduce a common **semantical domain** — what is a very abstract mathematical characterisation of **object based transitions systems**?
Why? Because in the end SW-Engineering is about describing them.
- (ii) Take (a fragment of) the visual formal language **UML** as **syntax**.
Why? Because easier to handle than "pictures", abstracts from details such as graphical layout (which don't contribute to the semantics — note: in floor plans it does!)
- (iv) Study the **UML** standard documents for the **informal semantics**.
- (v) Define a mapping from (abstract representations of) diagrams to the **semantical domain: assign meaning to diagrams**.
- (vi) Define (in terms of the meaning) when a diagram is, e.g., **consistent**.

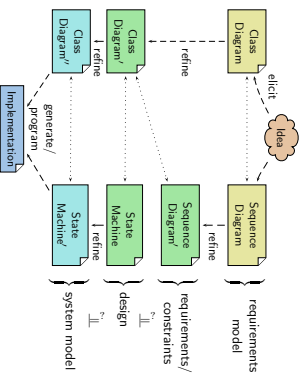
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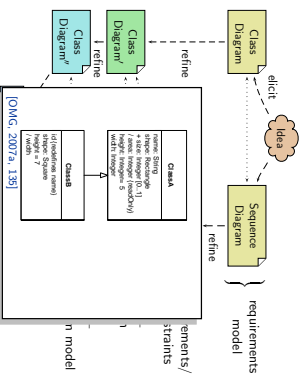
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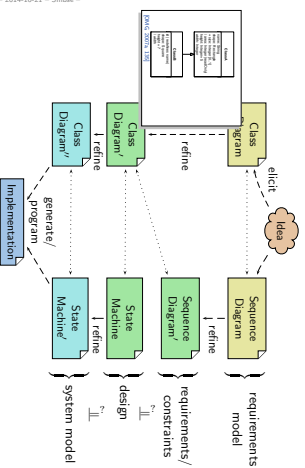
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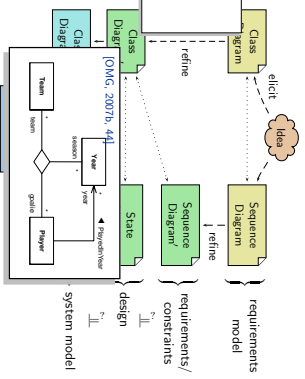
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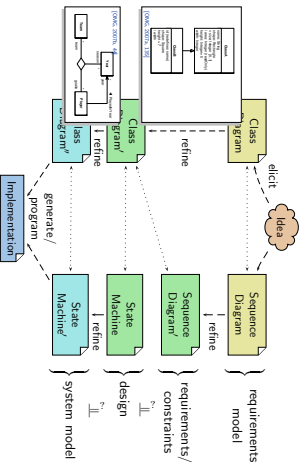
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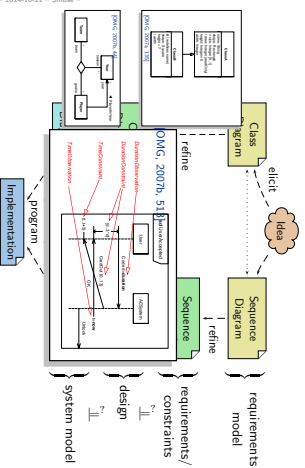
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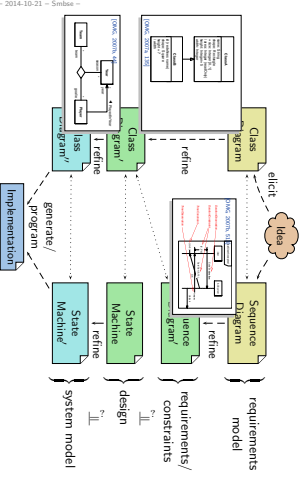


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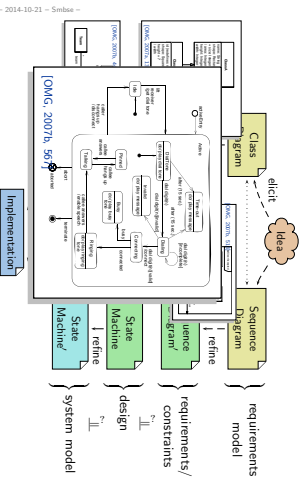
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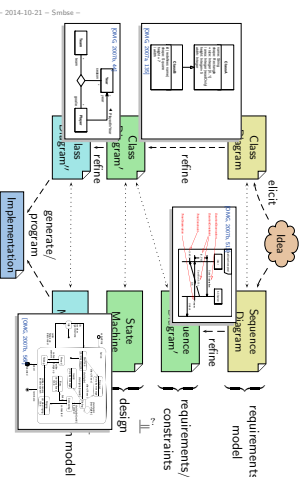
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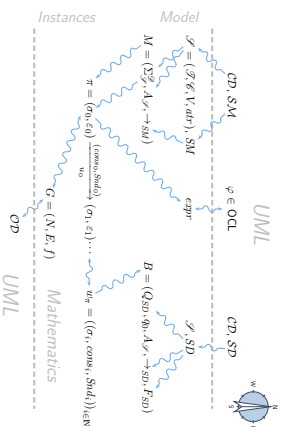


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Course Map



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UML Mode

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Consequences of the Pragmatic Attribute

Recall [Ginz, 2008, 425]:
 [...] (iii) the pragmatic attribute, i.e. the model is built in a specific context for a specific purpose.

Examples for context/purpose:



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Actually, the last slide is inspired by **Martin Fowler**, who puts it like this:

"[...] people differ about what should be in the UML because there are differing fundamental views about what the UML should be."

I came up with three primary classifications for thinking about the UML: **UmlAsSketch**, **UmlAsBlueprint**, and **UmlAsProgrammingLanguage** ([...] S. Mellor independently came up with the same classifications.)

So when someone else's view of the UML seems rather different to yours, it may be because they use a different **UmlMode** to you.

Claim:

- And this not only applies to UML, as a language (what should be in it?)
- but at least as well to individual UML models.

Actual

Sketch	Blueprint	Programming language
In this UmlMode developers use the UML to describe the high-level aspects of a system. [...] Sketches are also useful in documents, in which case the focus is that they are their completeness. [...] The tools used for sketching are lightweight drawing tools and often people want to participate in the sketching process. Most UML diagrams shown in books, such as UML 2.0, are sketches. Their emphasis is on selective communication rather than complete formal communication.	[...] In forward engineering the role of UML diagrams is to build a detailed design for a programmer to code up. [...] all design decisions are laid out and the programming activity is straightforward. [...] Blueprints require much more than sketches in order to handle the details required for the task. [...] Forward engineering tools support diagram drawing and can also help in formalizing the design.	If you can read the UML enough, and provide enough detail, you can make the UML be your programming language. [...] UML diagrams can be compiled into executable code. [...] The promise of this is that UML is a higher level programming language than current programming languages. The question, of course, is whether this promise is true. [...] I don't believe that graphically drawn UML can be compiled just because it's graphical. [...]

Claim:

- And this not only applies to UML, as a language (what should be in it?)
- but at least as well to individual UML models.

- The "mode" fitting the lecture best is **AsBlueprint**.
- The purpose of the lecture's formal semantics is:
 - to be precise to **avoid misunderstandings**
 - to allow formal **analysis of consistency/implication** on the **design level** — find errors early,
 while being consistent with the (informal semantics) from the standard [OMG, 2007a, OMG, 2007b] as far as possible.

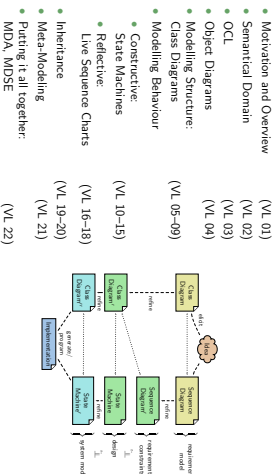
Plus:

- Being precise also helps for mode **AsSketch**: it should be easier to "fill in" missing parts or resolve inconsistencies.
- Lecture serves as a starting point to define **your** semantics for **your** context/purpose (maybe obtaining a **Domain Specific Language**).
- Lecture could be worked out into mode **AsProgrammingLanguage**.

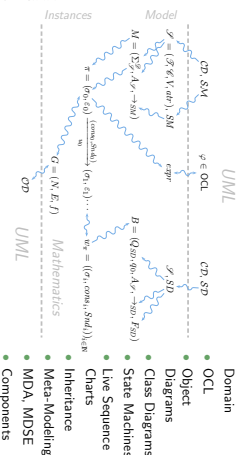
Course Overview

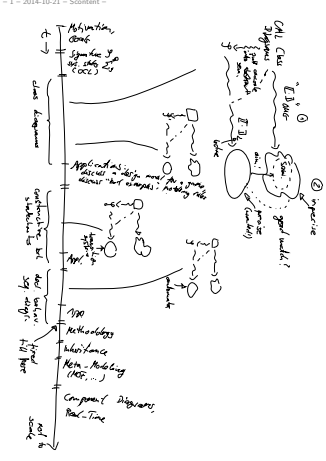
- Motivation and Overview (VL 01)
- Semantical Domain (VL 02)
- OCL (VL 03)
- Object Diagrams (VL 04)
- Modelling Structure: Class Diagrams (VL 05-09)
- Modelling Behaviour (VL 10-15)
- Constructive State Machines (VL 16-18)
- Reflective Live Sequence Charts (VL 19-20)
- Inheritance (VL 21)
- Meta-Modeling (VL 22)
- Putting it all together: MDA, MDSE

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Course Path: Over Map





- **Everything else, including**
- **Development Process**
UML is only the language for artefacts. But: we'll discuss exemplarily, where in an abstract development process which means could be used.
- **How to come up with a good design**
UML is only the language to write down designs.
But: we'll have a couple of examples.
- **Requirements Management**
Versioning, Traceability, Propagation of Changes.
- **Every little bit and piece of UML**
Boring. Instead we learn how to read the standard.
- **Object Oriented Programming**
Interesting: inheritance is one of the last lectures.

Formalia: Event

- **Lecturer:** Dr. Bernd Westphal
- **Support:** ./.
- **Homepage:**
<http://www.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/teaching/WS2014-15/adamaul>
- **Questions:**
- **"online":**
 - (i) ask immediately or in the break
 - (ii) try to solve yourself
 - (iii) discuss with colleagues
- **"offline":**
 - (i) try to solve yourself
 - (ii) discuss with colleagues
 - (iii) Exercises: contact tutor by mail (cf. homepage)
 - Rest: contact lecturer by mail (cf. homepage) or just drop by: Building 52, Room 00-020

Formalia: Lectures

- **Course language:** English
(slides/writing, presentation, questions/discussions)
- **Presentation:**
half slides/half on-screen **hand-writing** — far reasons
- **Script/Media:**
 - slides with annotations on **homepage**, 2-up for printing, typically soon **after** the lecture
 - recording on eLectures portal with max. 1 week delay (link on **homepage**)
- **Interaction:**
absence often moaned but **it takes two**, so please ask/comment immediately

Formalia: Dates/Times

- **Location:**
 - **Tuesday, Thursday:** here (building 51, room 03-026)
 - **Schedule:**
 - Week N, Thursday, 8-10 **lecture A1** (exercise sheet **A online**)
 - Week N+1, Tuesday, 8-10 **lecture A2**
 - Week N+1, Monday, 12:00 **lecture A1** (exercises **A early submission**)
 - Week N+2, Tuesday, 8:00 **lecture A1** (exercises **A late submission**)
 - Week N+2, Thursday 8-10 **lecture B1** (exercise sheet **B online**)
- With a prefix of lectures, see homepage for details.

Formalia: Exercises and Tutorials

- **Schedule/Submission:**
 - hand-out /online on Thursday after tutorial
 - early turn in on following Monday by 12:00 local time
 - regular turn in on following Tuesday by 8:00 local time
 - should work in groups of approx. 3, clearly give names on submission
 - please submit electronically by Mail to B. Westphal (cf. homepage); paper submissions are tolerated
- **Rating system:** "most complicated rating system ever"
 - Admission points (good-will rating, upper bound)
 - Exam-like points (evil rating, lower bound)
 - 10% bonus for early submission.
- **Tutorial: Penalty.**
 - Together develop one good proposal, starting from discussion of the early submissions (anonymous).

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Formalia: Break

- **Break:**
 - We'll have a **10 min. break** in the middle of each event from now on, unless a majority objects now.

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Formalia: Exam

- **Exam Admission:**
 - Achieving 50% of the regular admission points in total is **sufficient** for admission to exam.
 - Typically, 20 regular admission points per exercise sheet.
- **Exam Form:**
 - oral for BSc and on special demand,
 - **written** for everybody else (if sufficiently many candidates remain).
 - Scores from the exercises **do not** contribute to the final grade.

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Formalia: Evaluation

- **Mid-term Evaluation:**
 - We will have a mid-term evaluation (early December, roughly 1/3 of the course's time)
 - If you decide to leave the course earlier you may want to do us a favour and tell us the reasons – by participating in the mid-term evaluation (will be announced on homepage)
 - Note: we're **always** interested in comments/hints/proposals/wishes/... concerning **form** or **content**.
- Feel free to approach us (tutors, me) in any form. **We don't bite.**

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Literature: UML

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