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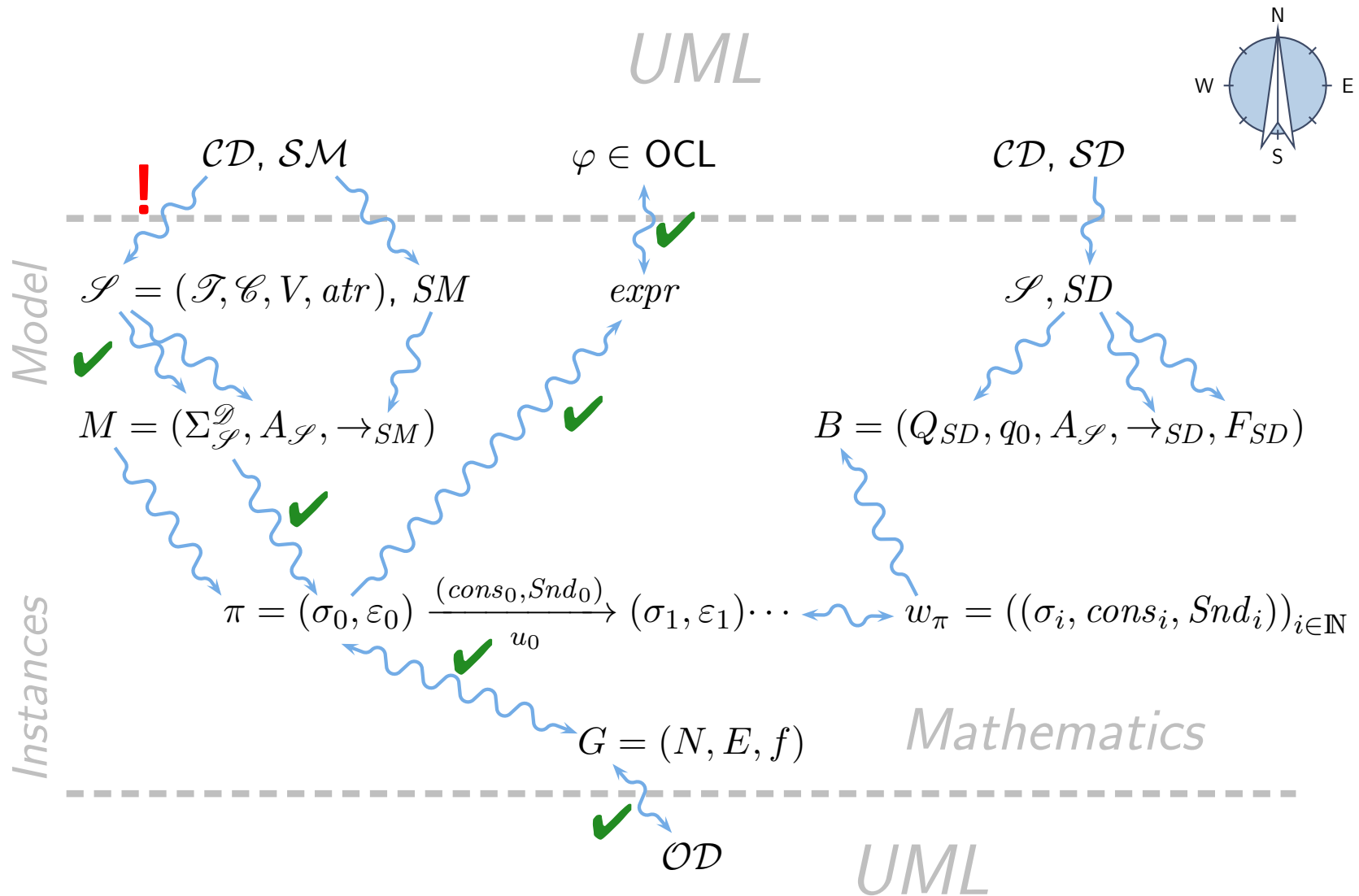
Lecture 6: Class Diagrams I

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Course Map



Contents & Goals

Last Lecture:

- Object Diagrams
 - partial vs. complete; for analysis; for documentation. . .

This Lecture:

- **Educational Objectives:** Capabilities for following tasks/questions.
 - What is a class diagram?
 - For what purposes are class diagrams useful?
 - Could you please map this class diagram to a signature?
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- **Content:**
 - Study UML syntax.
 - Prepare (extend) definition of signature.
 - Map class diagram to (extended) signature.
 - Stereotypes.

UML Class Diagrams: Stocktaking

Recall: Signature vs. Class Diagram

Basic Object System Signature Another Example

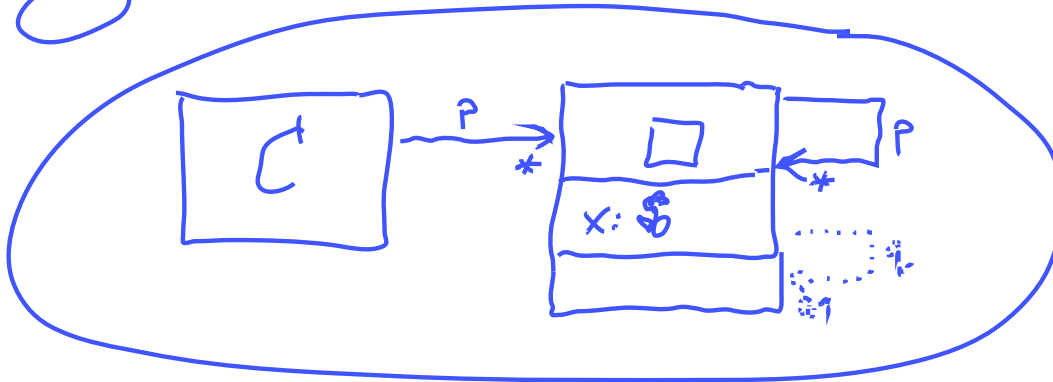
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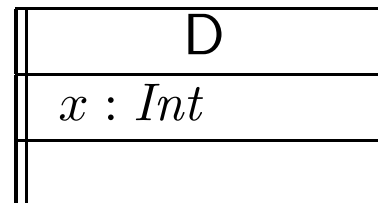
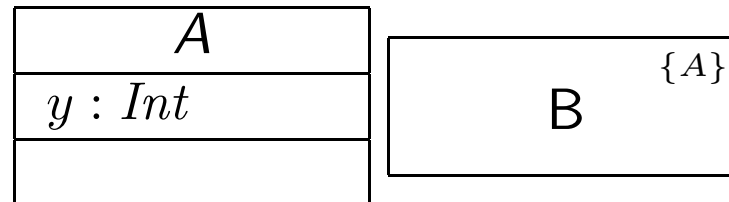
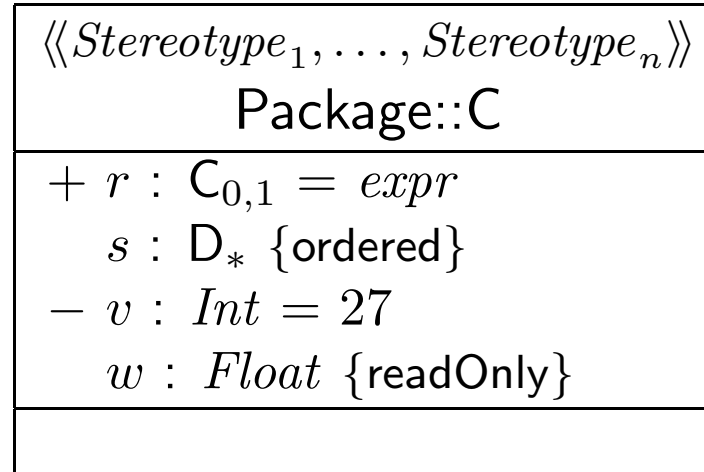
$\mathcal{S}_1 = (\{\$, MyType\}, \{C, \square\}, \{x: \$, p: \square_*, q: \square_{0,1}\},$
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no, int $\notin \mathcal{T}$ of \mathcal{S}_1
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looks like a class diagram...

That'd Be Too Simple



What Do We Want / Have to Cover?

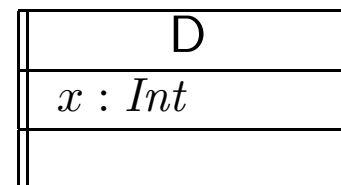
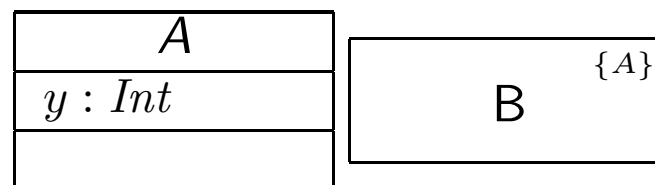
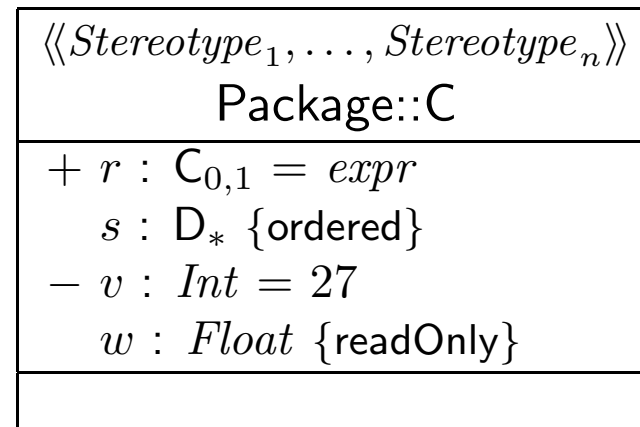
A class

- has a set of **stereotypes**,
- has a **name**,
- belongs to a **package**,
- can be **abstract**,
- can be **active**,
- has a set of **attributes**,
- has a set of **operations**.

Each **attribute** has

- a **visibility**,
- a **name**, a **type**,
- a **multiplicity**, an **order**,
- an **initial value**, and
- a set of **properties**, such as **readOnly**, **ordered**, etc.

Wanted: places in the signature to represent the information from the picture.



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We use $S_{\mathcal{C}}$ to denote the set $\bigcup_{C \in \mathcal{C}} S_C$ of stereotypes in \mathcal{S} .

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- **Note:**
All definitions we have up to now **principally still apply** as they are stated in terms of, e.g., $C \in \mathcal{C}$ — which still has a meaning with the extended view.
For instance, system states and object diagrams will remain mostly unchanged.
- **The other way round:** **most** of the newly added aspects **do not contribute** to the constitution of system states or object diagrams.

Mapping UML Class Diagrams to Extended Signatures

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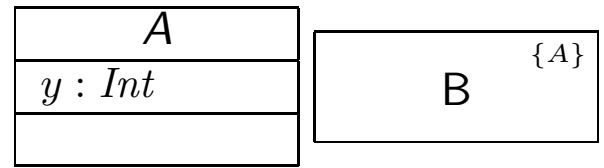
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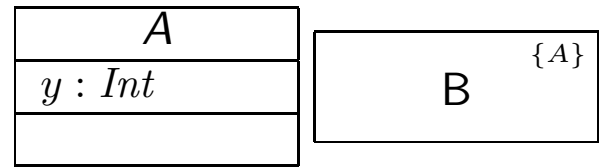
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$$\mathcal{CD} = \{\mathcal{CD}_1, \dots, \mathcal{CD}_k\},$$

which **induce** the following signature:

$$\mathcal{S}(\mathcal{CD}) = \left(\mathcal{T}, \bigcup_{i=1}^k \mathcal{C}(\mathcal{CD}_i), \bigcup_{i=1}^k V(\mathcal{CD}_i), \bigcup_{i=1}^k atr(\mathcal{CD}_i) \right).$$

(Assuming \mathcal{T} given. In “reality” (i.e. in full UML), we can introduce types in class diagrams, the class diagram then contributes to \mathcal{T} . Example: enumeration types.)

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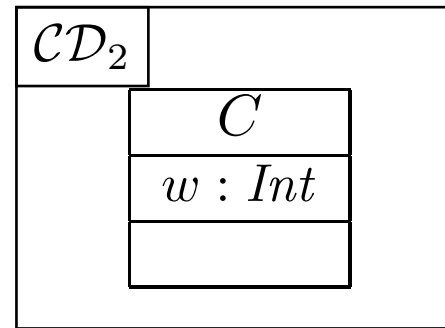
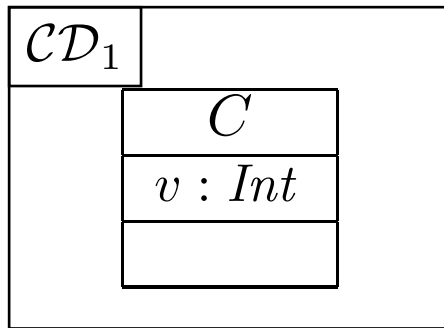
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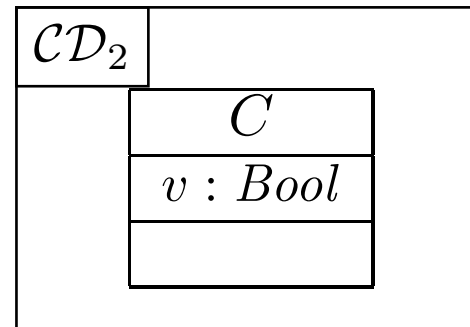
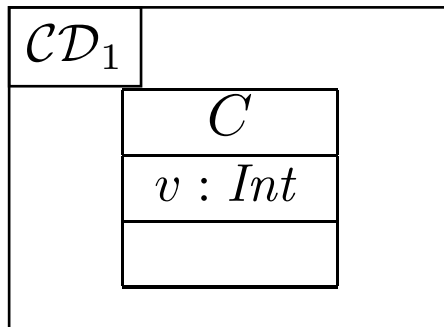
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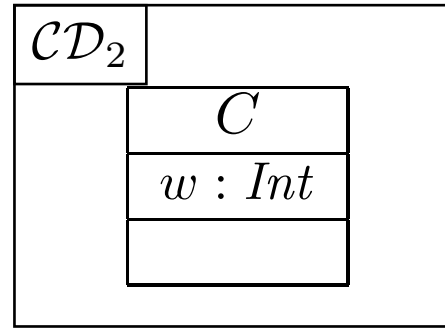
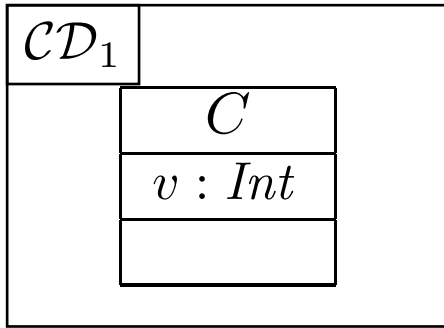
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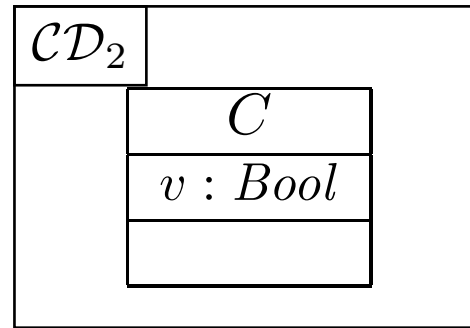
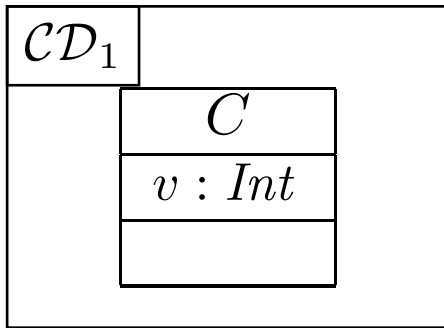
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are **different things** in V . We don't follow that path...

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For now, we only **remove** abstract class instances, i.e.

$$\sigma : \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{C}) \rightarrow (V \rightarrow (\mathcal{D}(\mathcal{I}) \cup \mathcal{D}(\mathcal{C}_*)))$$

is now **only** called **system state** if and only if, for all $\langle C, S_C, 1, t \rangle \in \mathcal{C}$,

$$\text{dom}(\sigma) \cap \mathcal{D}(C) = \emptyset.$$

With $a = 0$ as default “abstractness”, the earlier definitions apply directly. (We’ll revisit this when discussing inheritance.)

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 - **Initial value expression:** not represented in σ .
Later: provides an initial value as effect of “creation action”.
 - **Visibility:** not represented in σ .
Later: viewed as additional **typing information** for well-formedness of actions; and with inheritance.
 - **Properties:** such as `readOnly`, `ordered`, `composite` (**Deprecated** in the standard.)
 - `readOnly` — **later** treated similar to visibility.
 - `ordered` — not considered in our UML fragment (\rightarrow sets vs. sequences).
 - `composite` — cf. lecture on associations.

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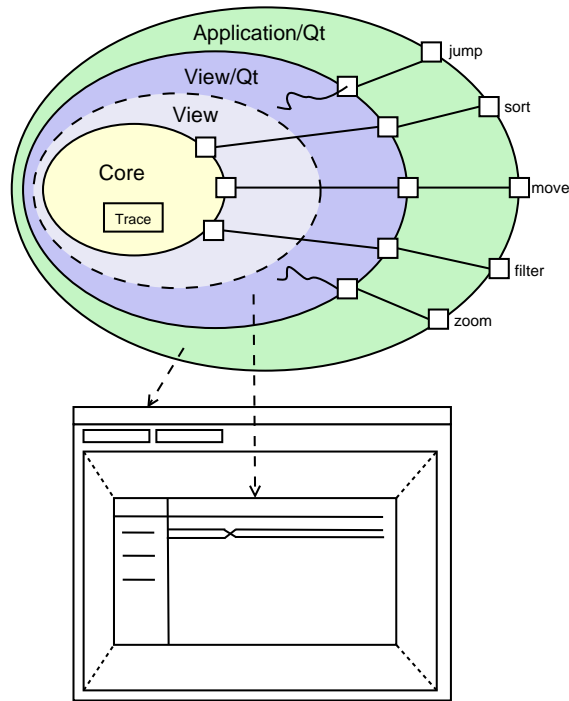
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View stereotypes as (additional) “**labelling**” (“tags”) or as “**grouping**”.
- Useful for documentation and model-driven development, e.g. code-generation:
 - **Documentation**: e.g. layers of an architecture.

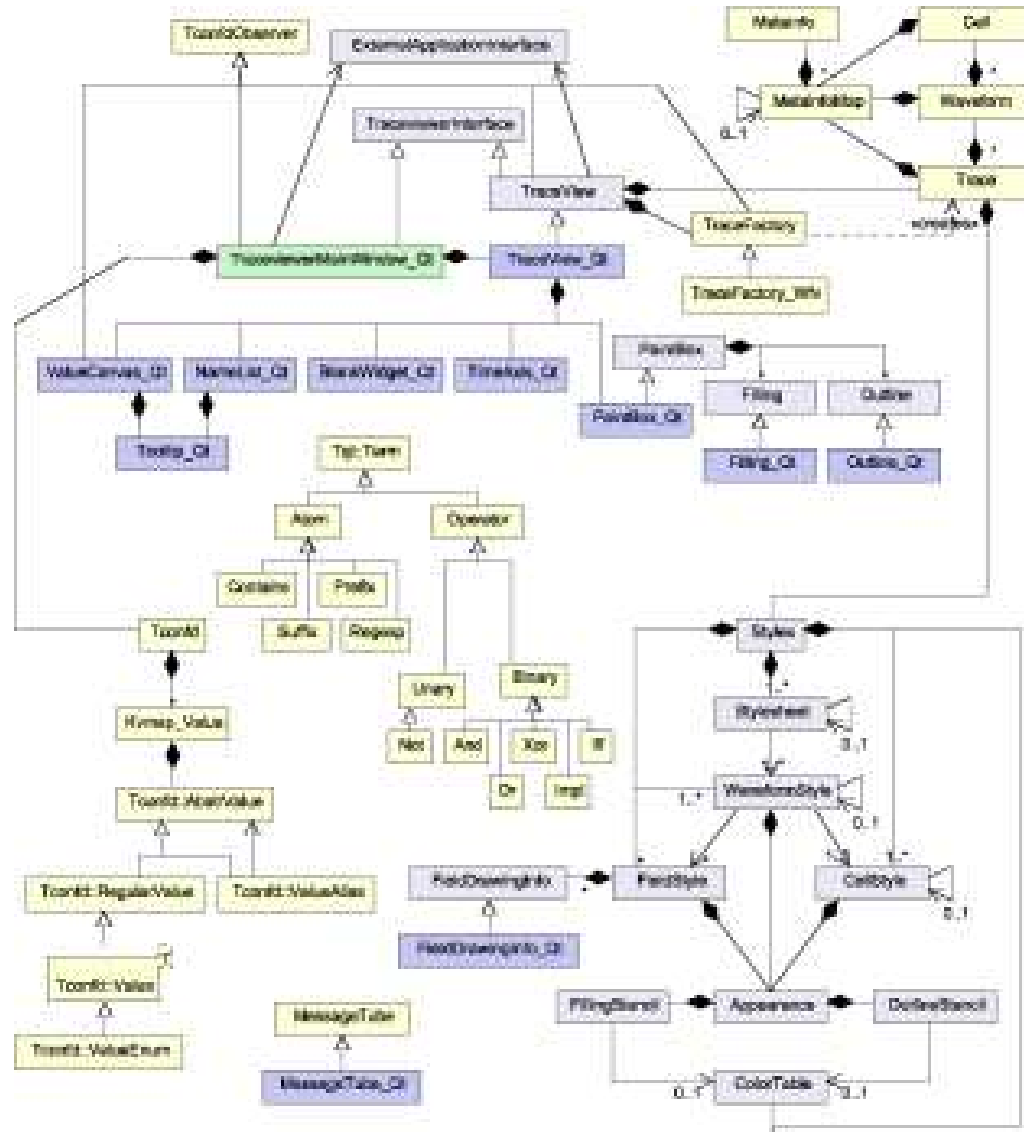
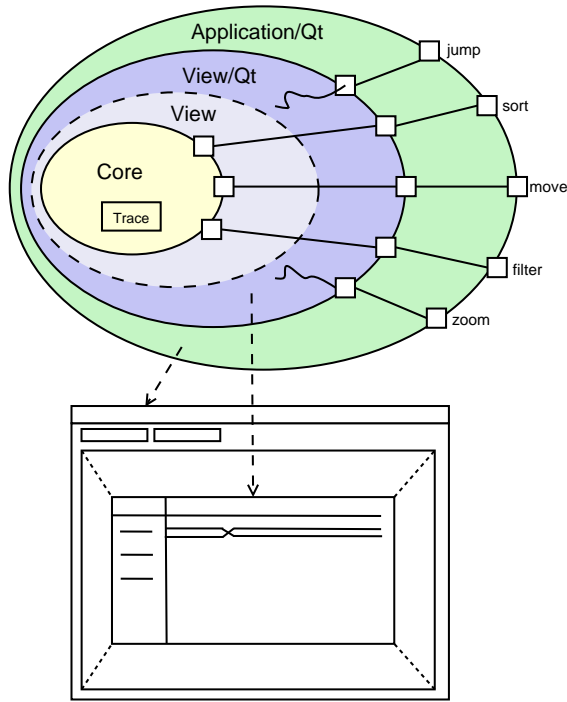
Sometimes, packages (cf. [OMG \(2011a,b\)](#)) are sufficient and “right”.
 - **Model Driven Architecture** (MDA): **later**.

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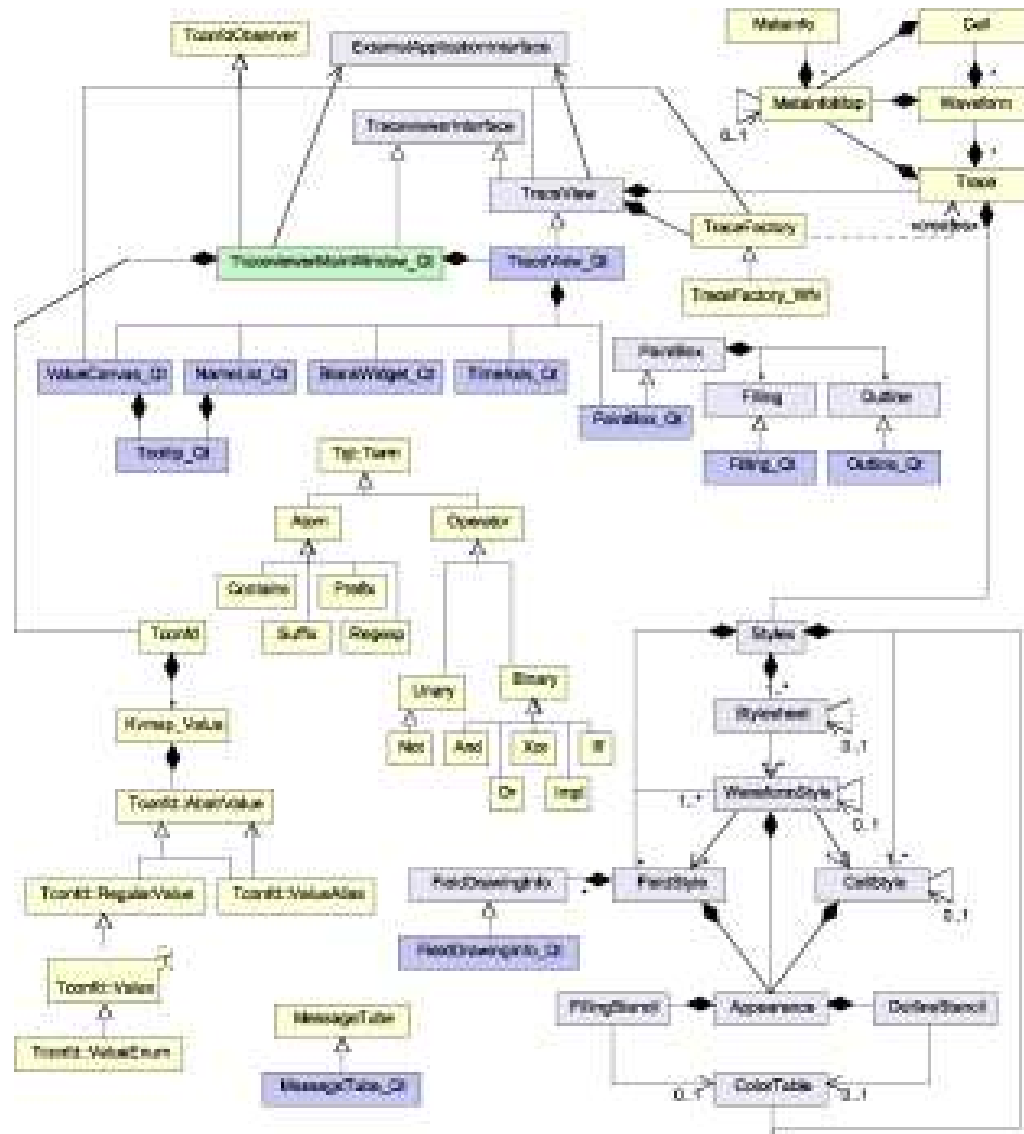
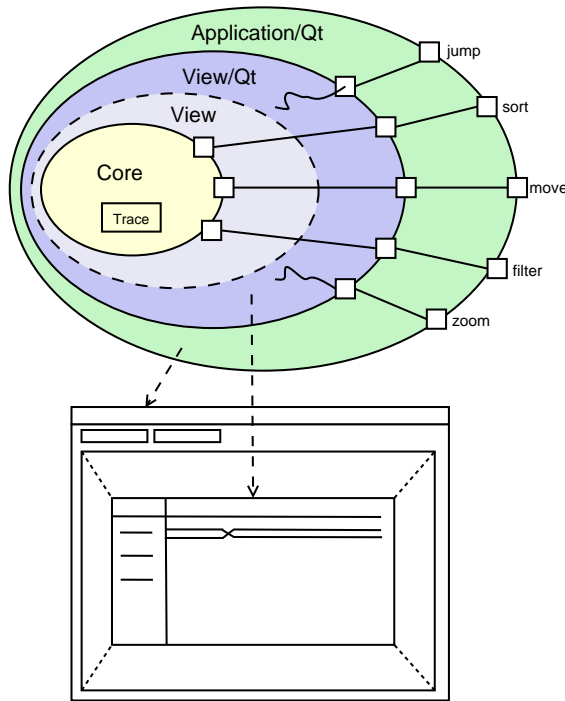
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Necessary: a **common idea** of what each stereotype stands for.

(To be defined / agreed on by the team, not the job of the UML consortium.)

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