

Software Design, Modelling and Analysis in UML

Lecture 1: Introduction

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- └─● The Notion of **Model**
- └─● “Floorplans” for Software

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- └─● The Map

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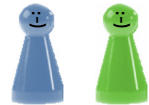
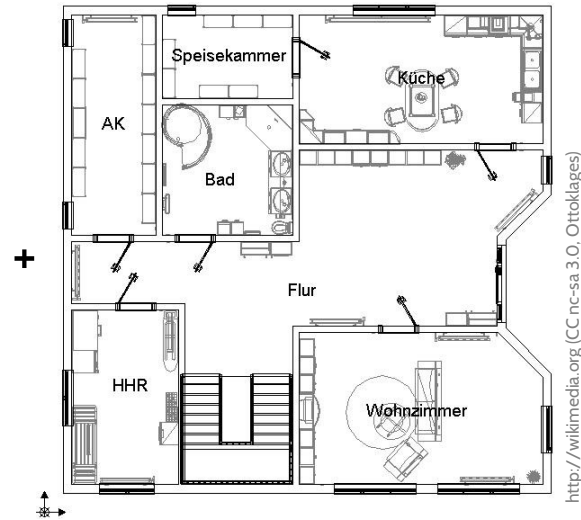


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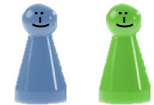
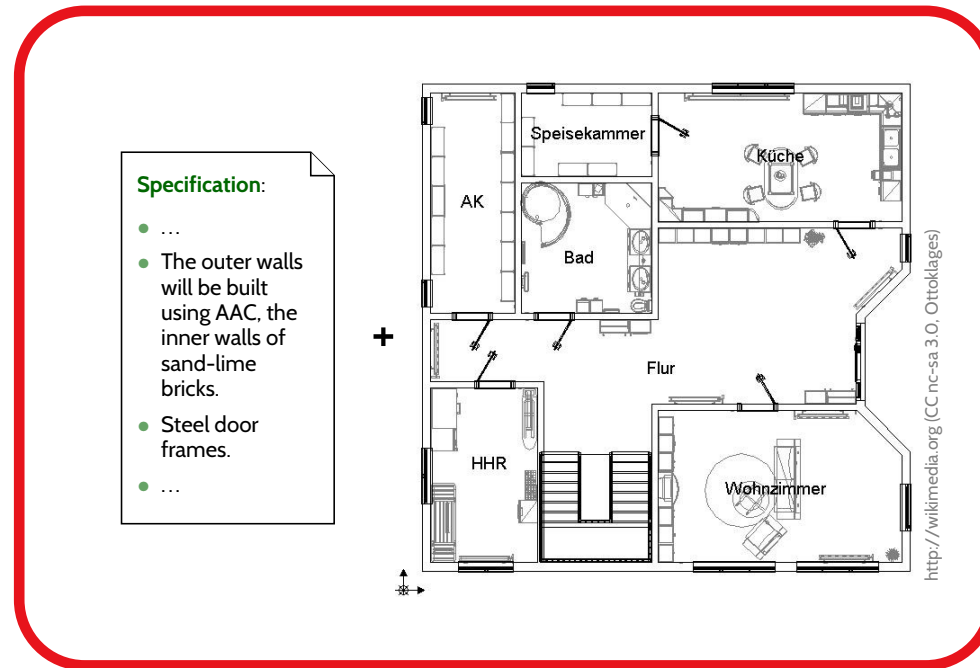
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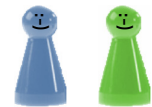
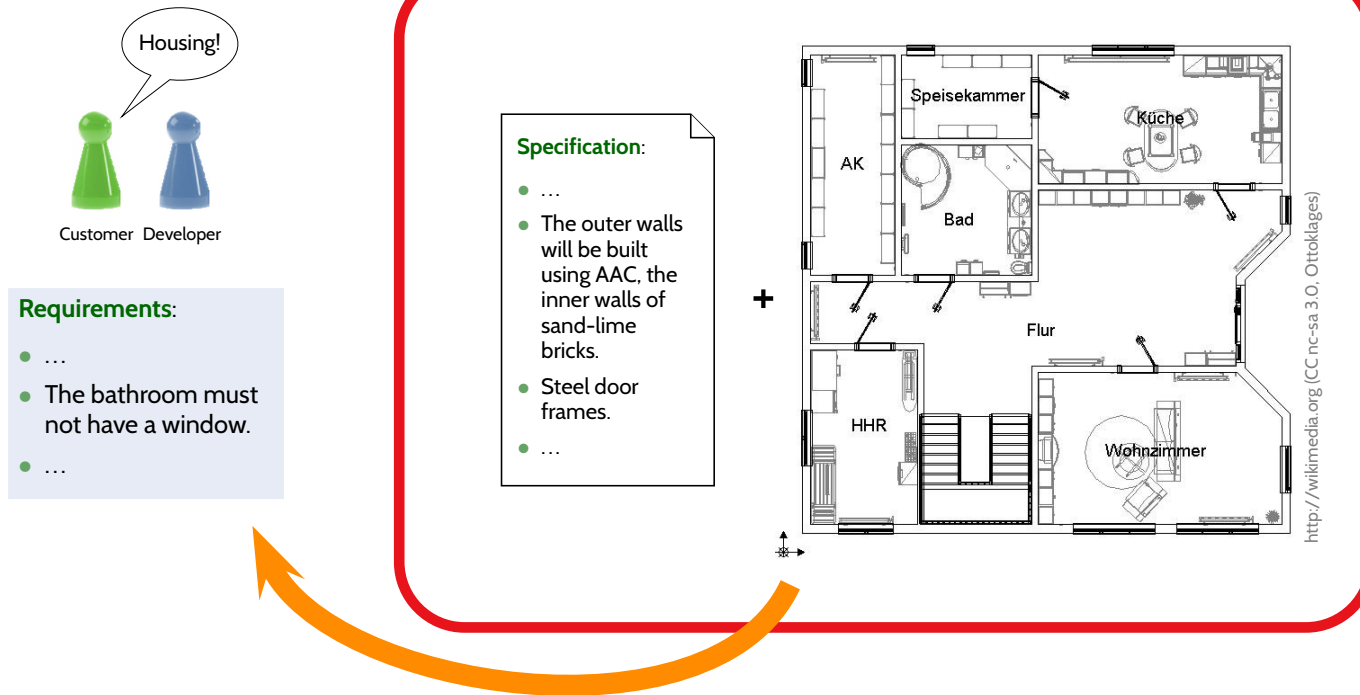


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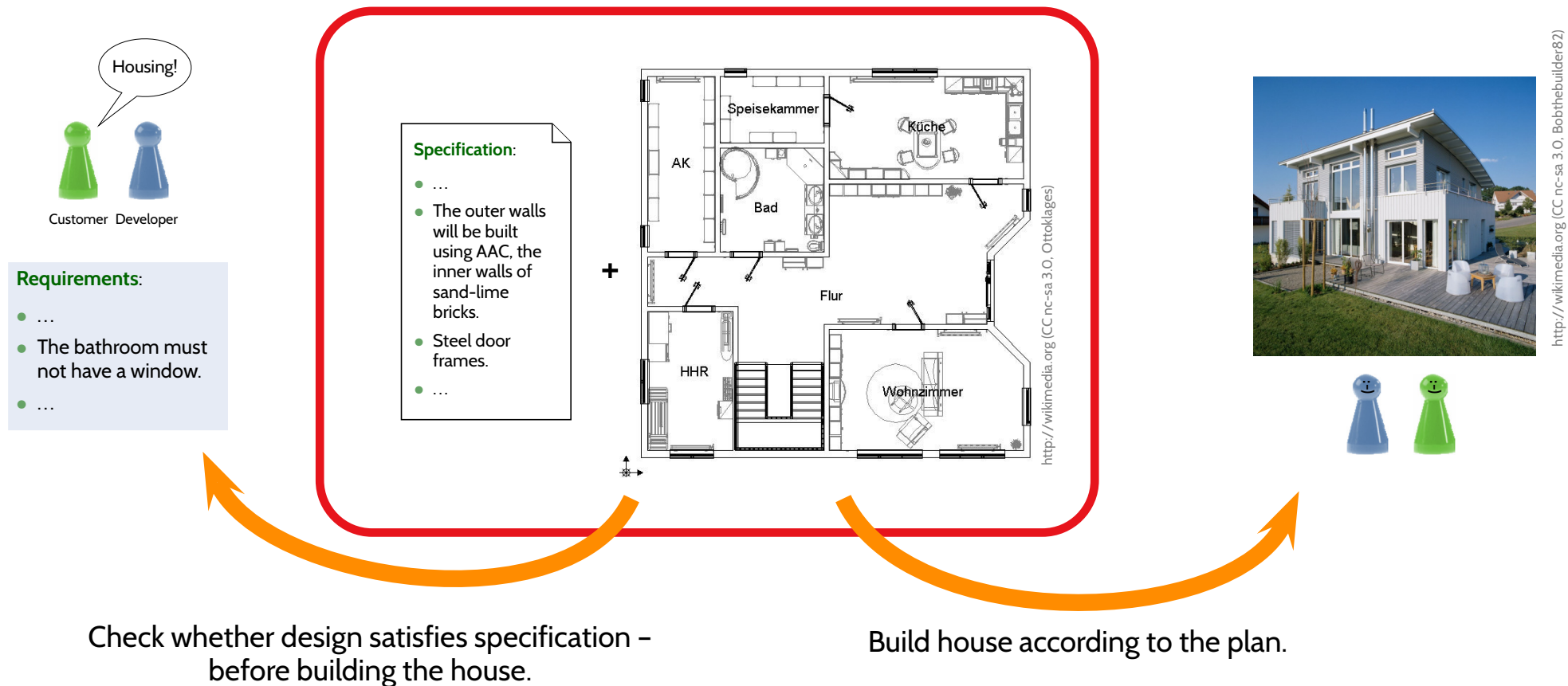
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Definition. (Glinz, 2008, 425)

A **model** is a concrete or mental **image** (**Abbild**) of something or a concrete or mental **archetype** (**Vorbild**) for something.

Three properties are constituent:

- (i) the **image attribute** (**Abbildungsmerkmal**), i.e. there is an entity (called **original**) whose image or archetype the model is,
- (ii) the **reduction attribute** (**Verkürzungsmerkmal**), 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**.

Floorplans as Models

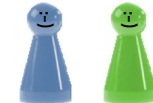
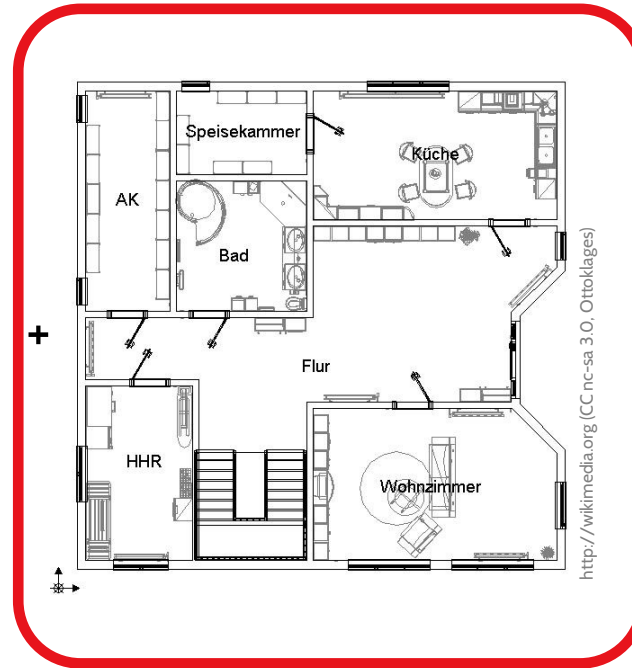


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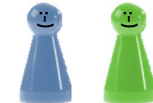
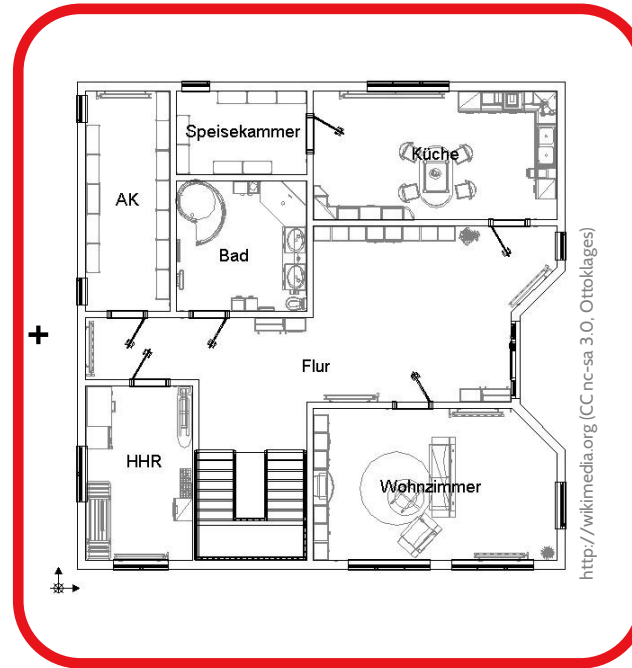


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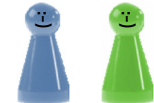
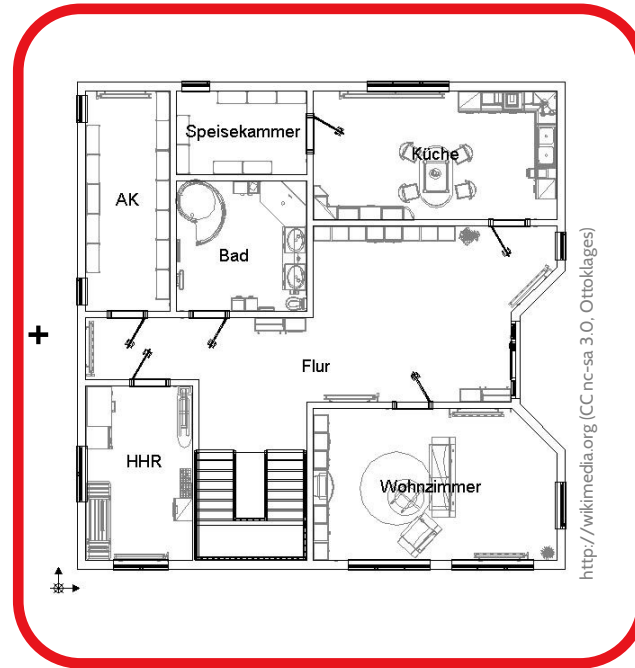
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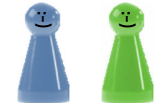
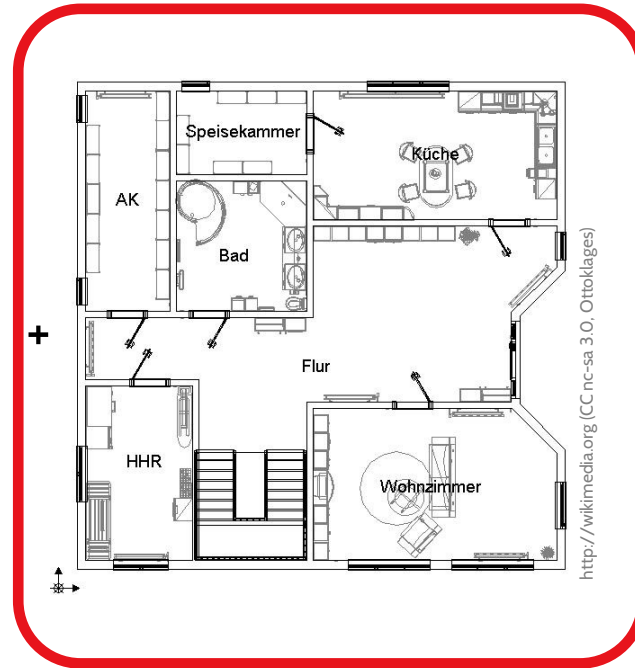
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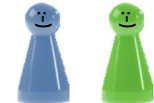
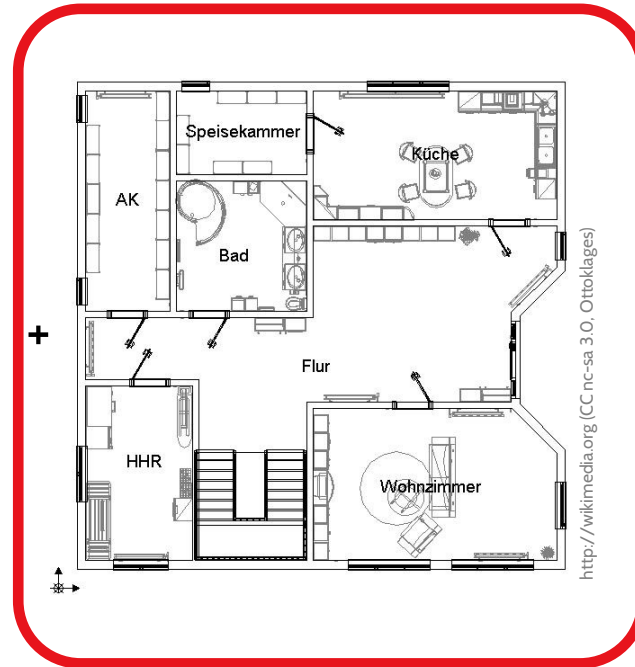
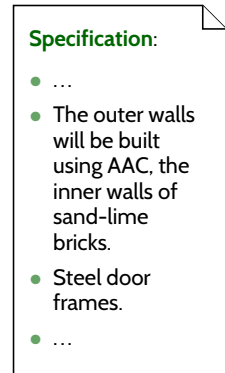
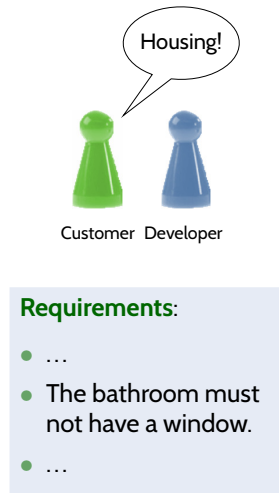
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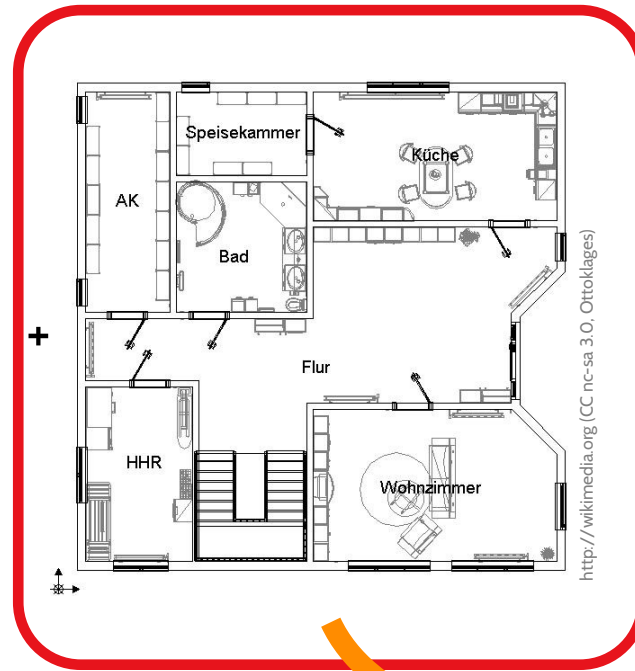


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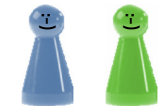
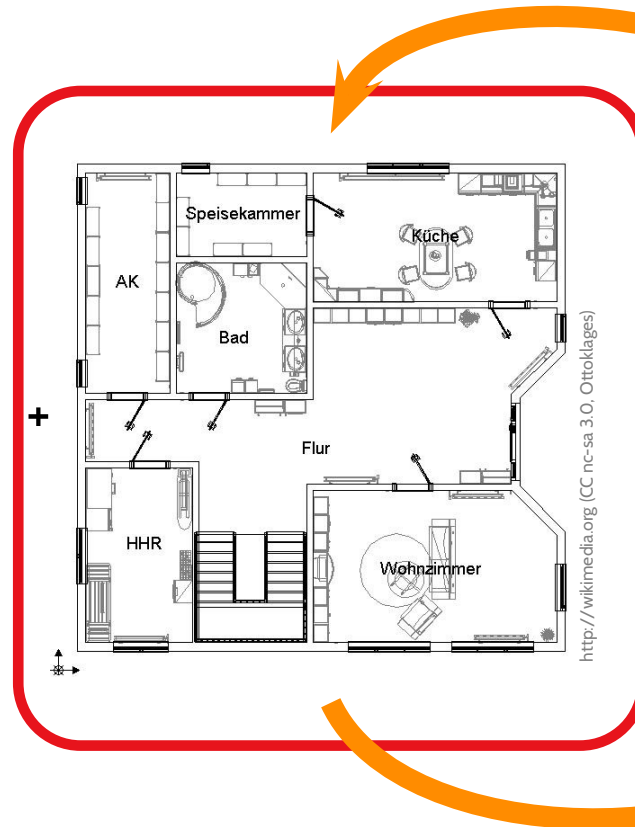


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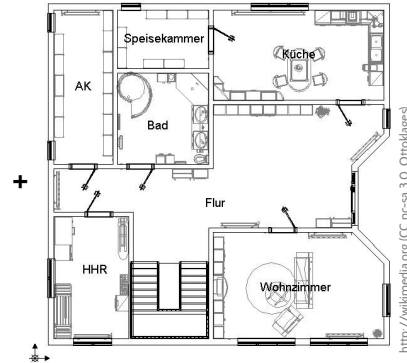
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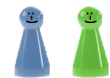
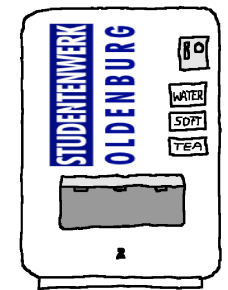
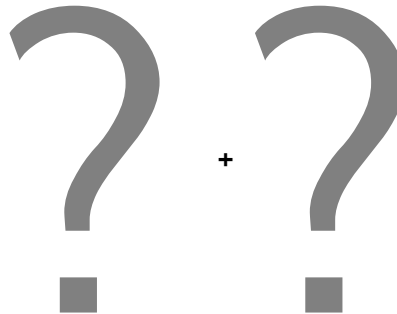
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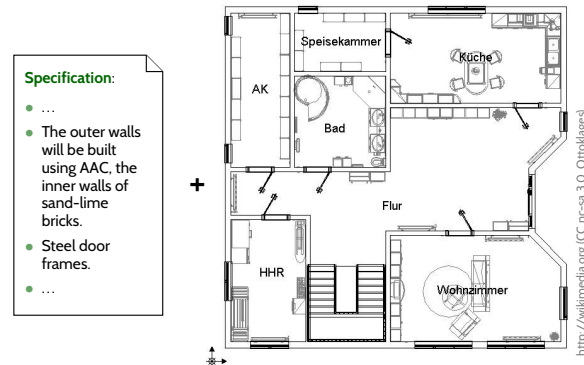
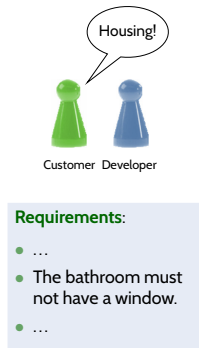
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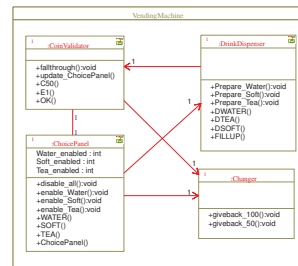
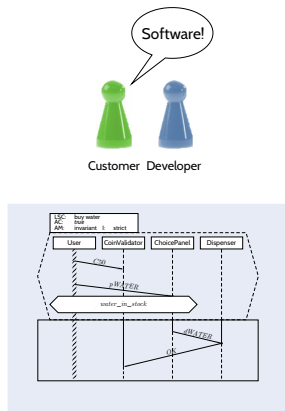
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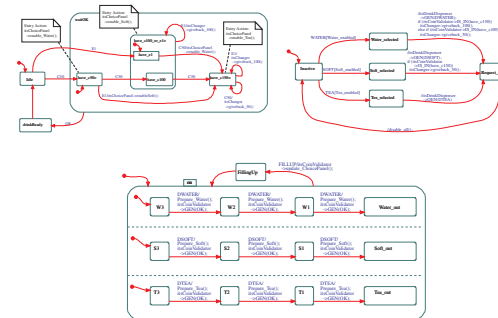


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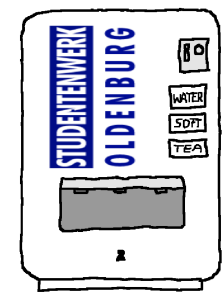
Software Engineering:



Class Diagrams
(structure)



State Machine Diagrams
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Sequence Diagrams
(behaviour, reflective)

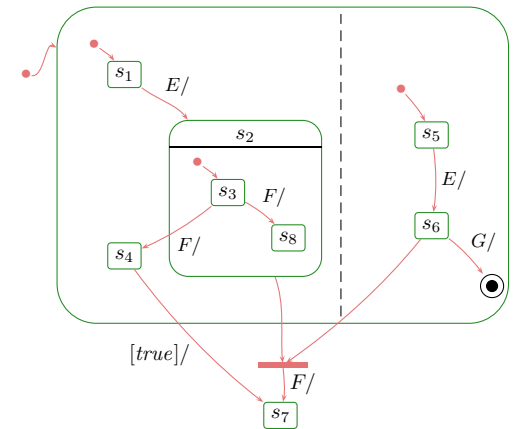
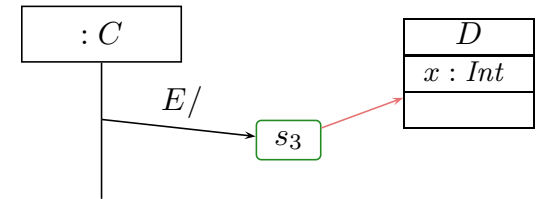
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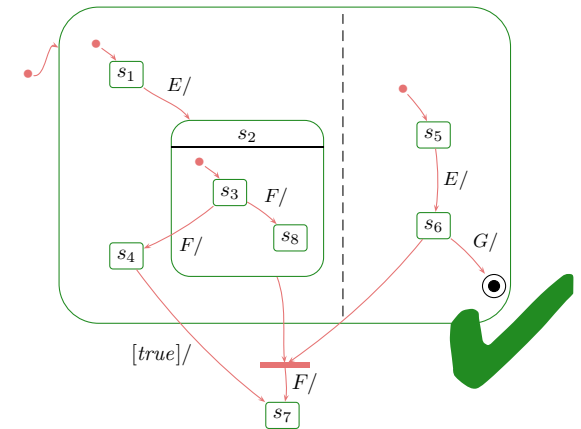
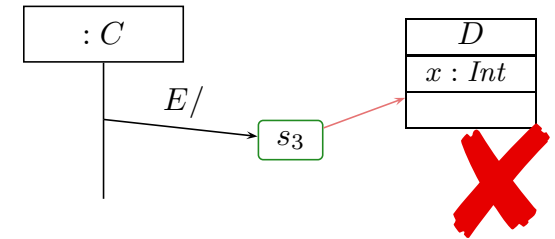
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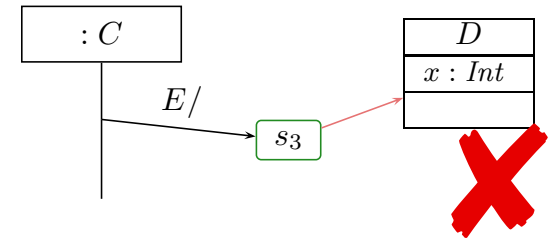
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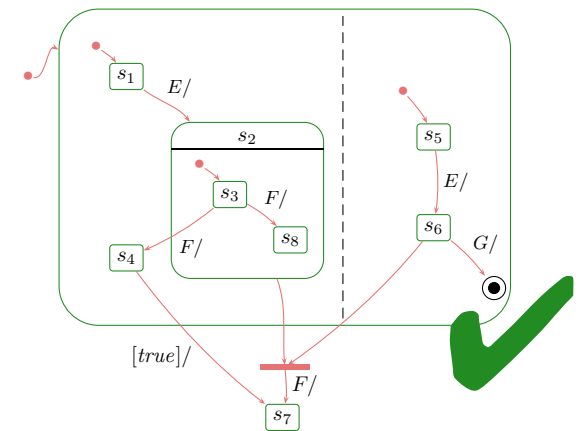
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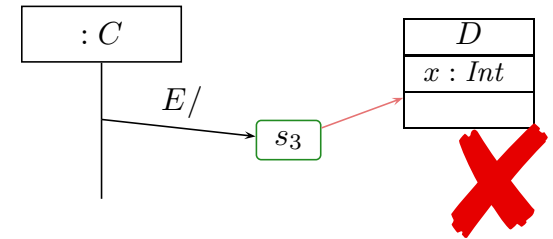
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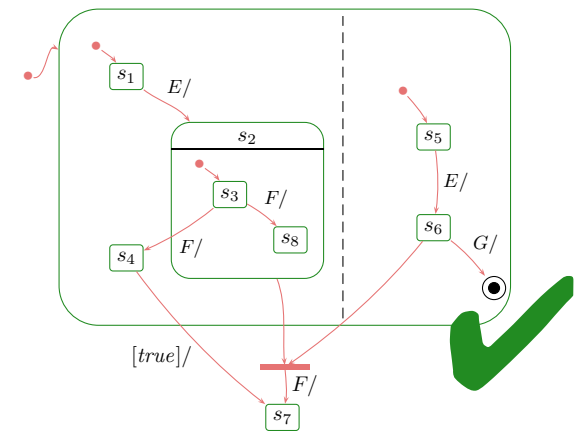
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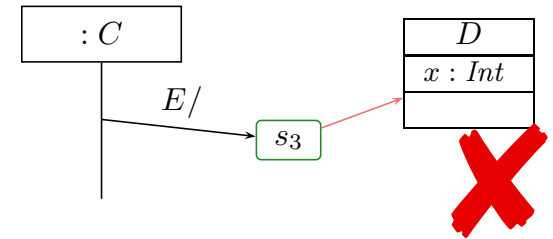
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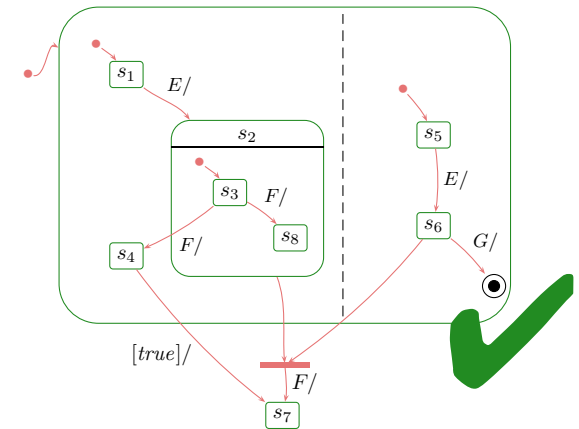
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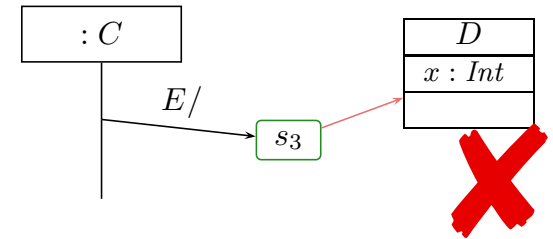
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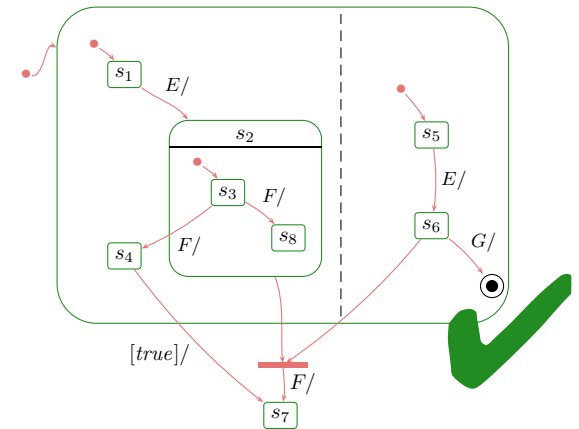
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Version 2.4.1

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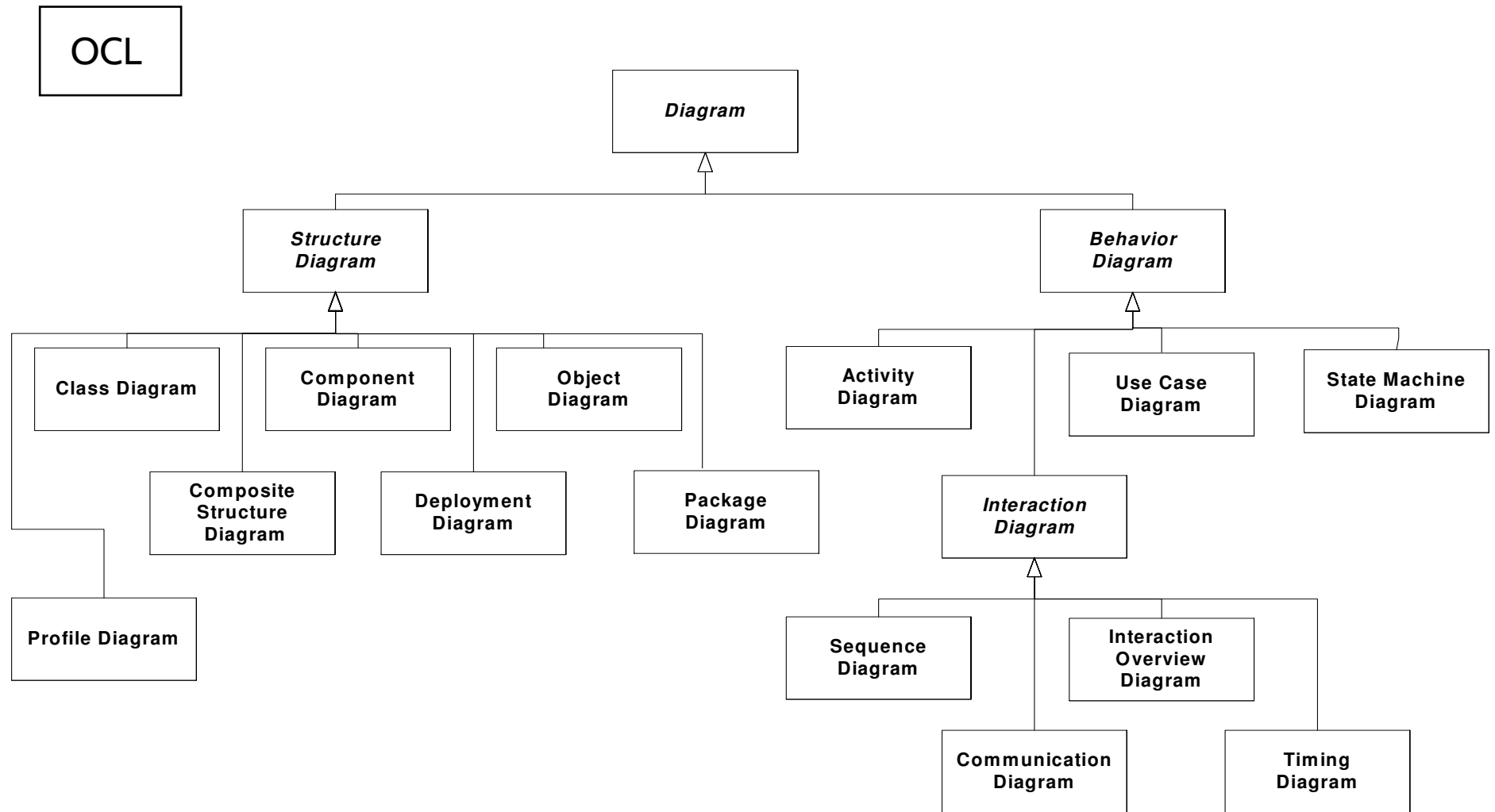
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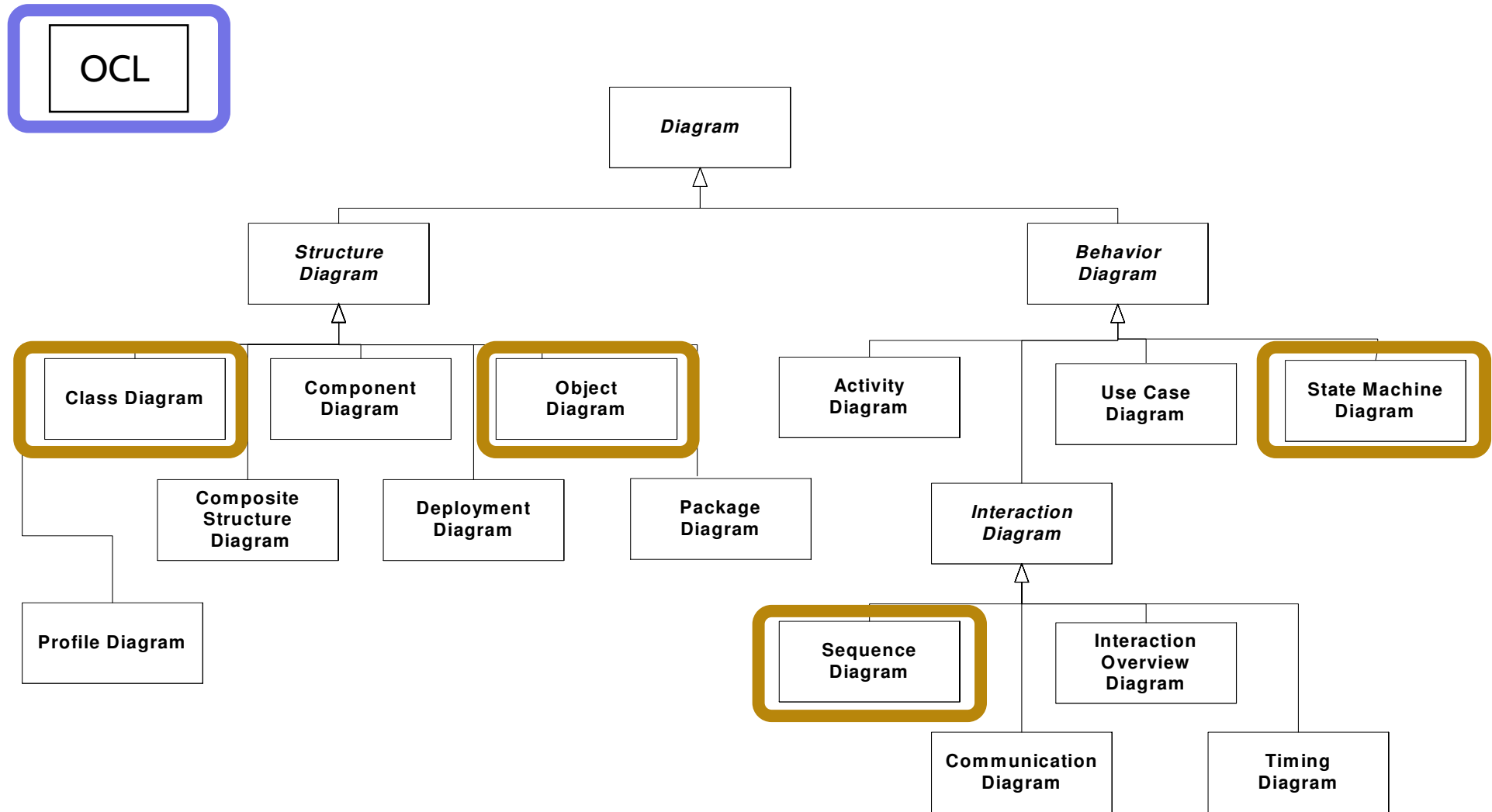
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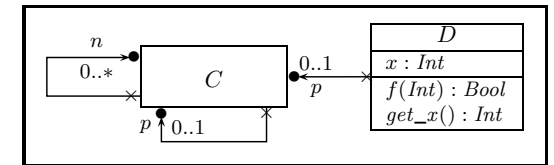
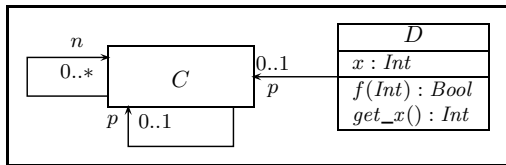
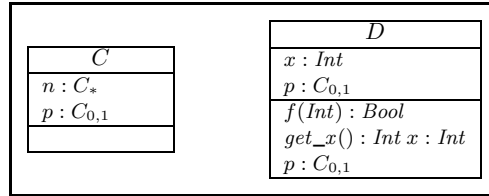


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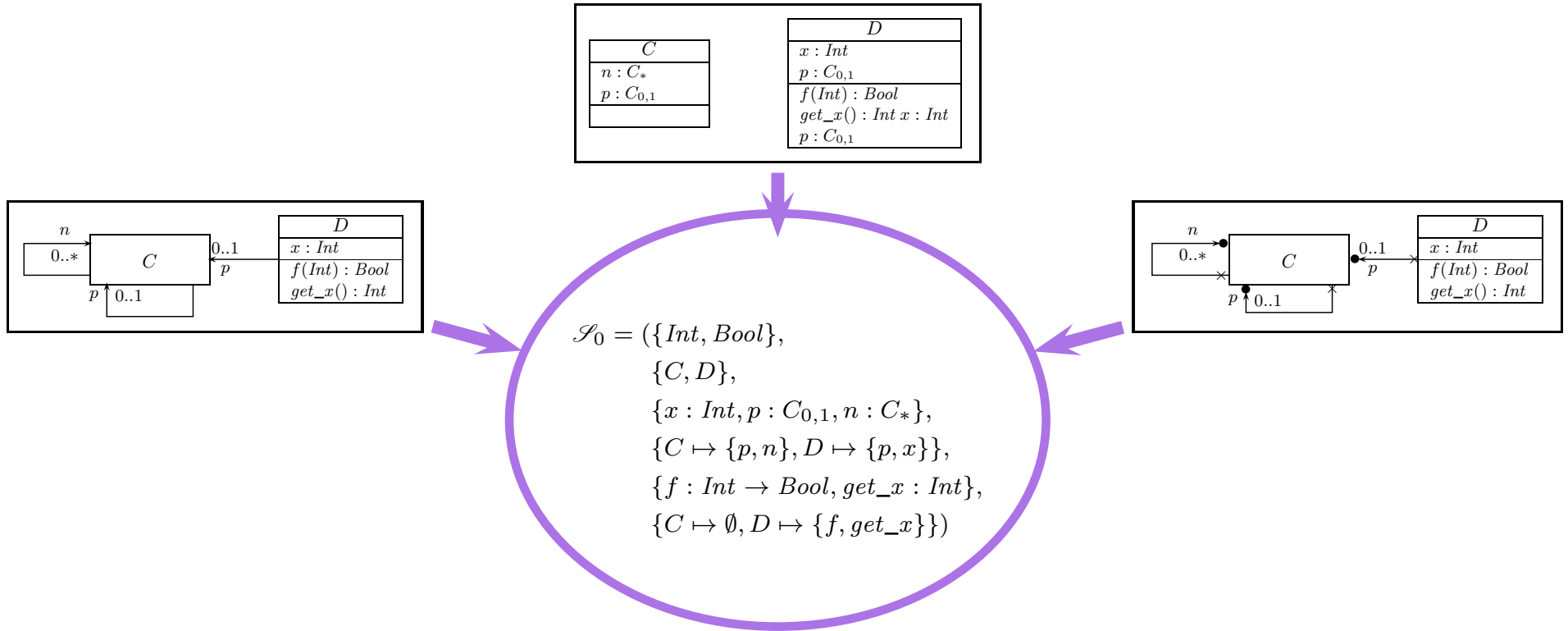
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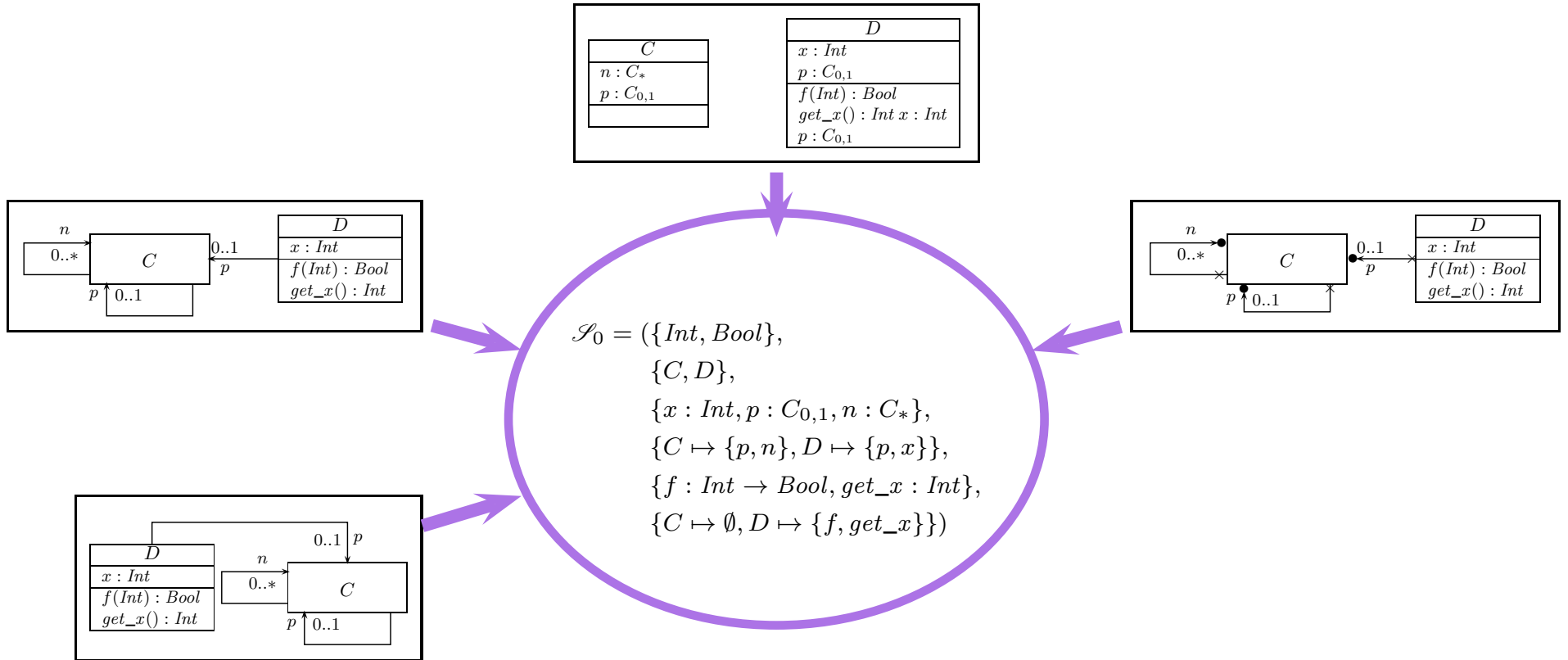
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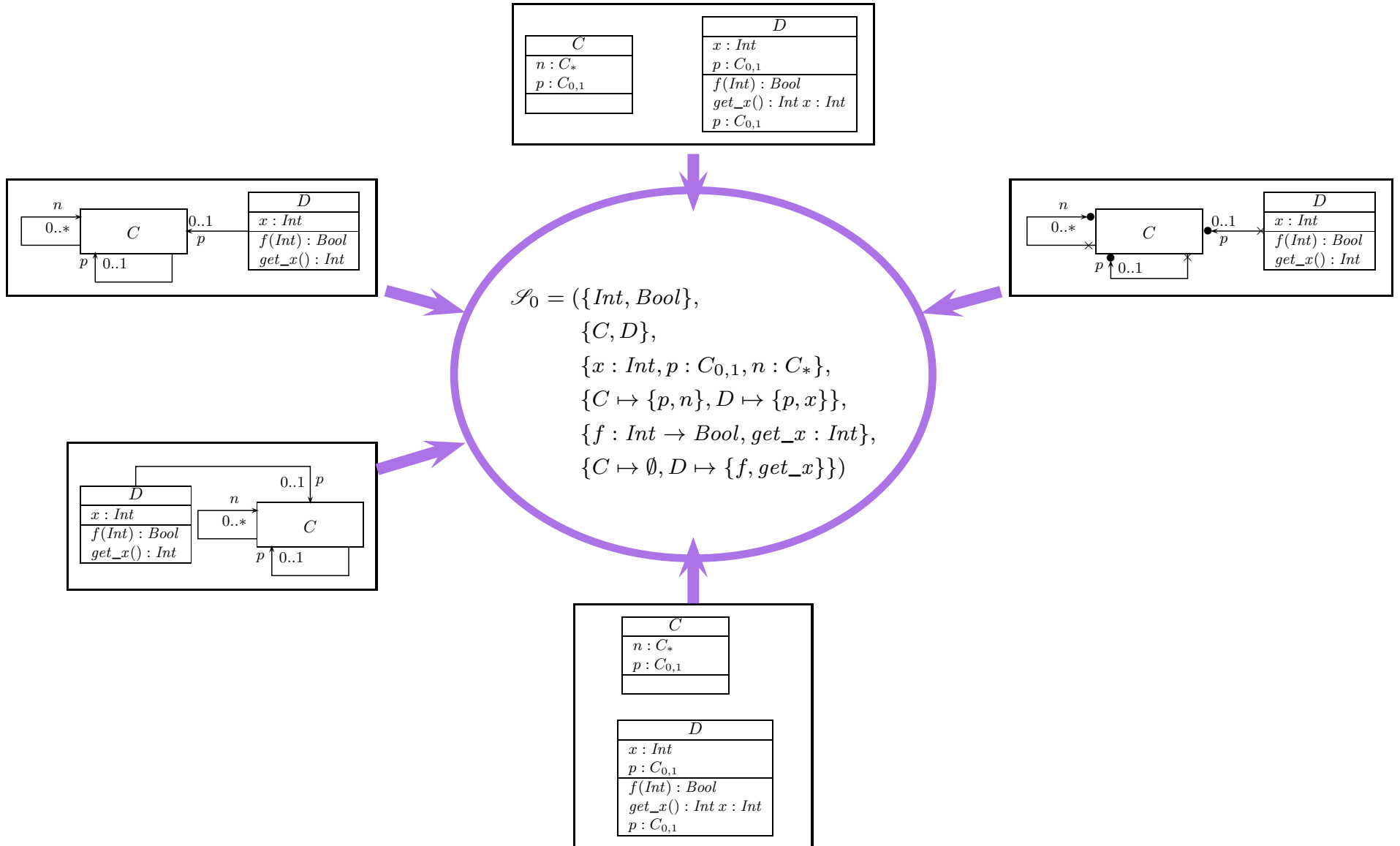
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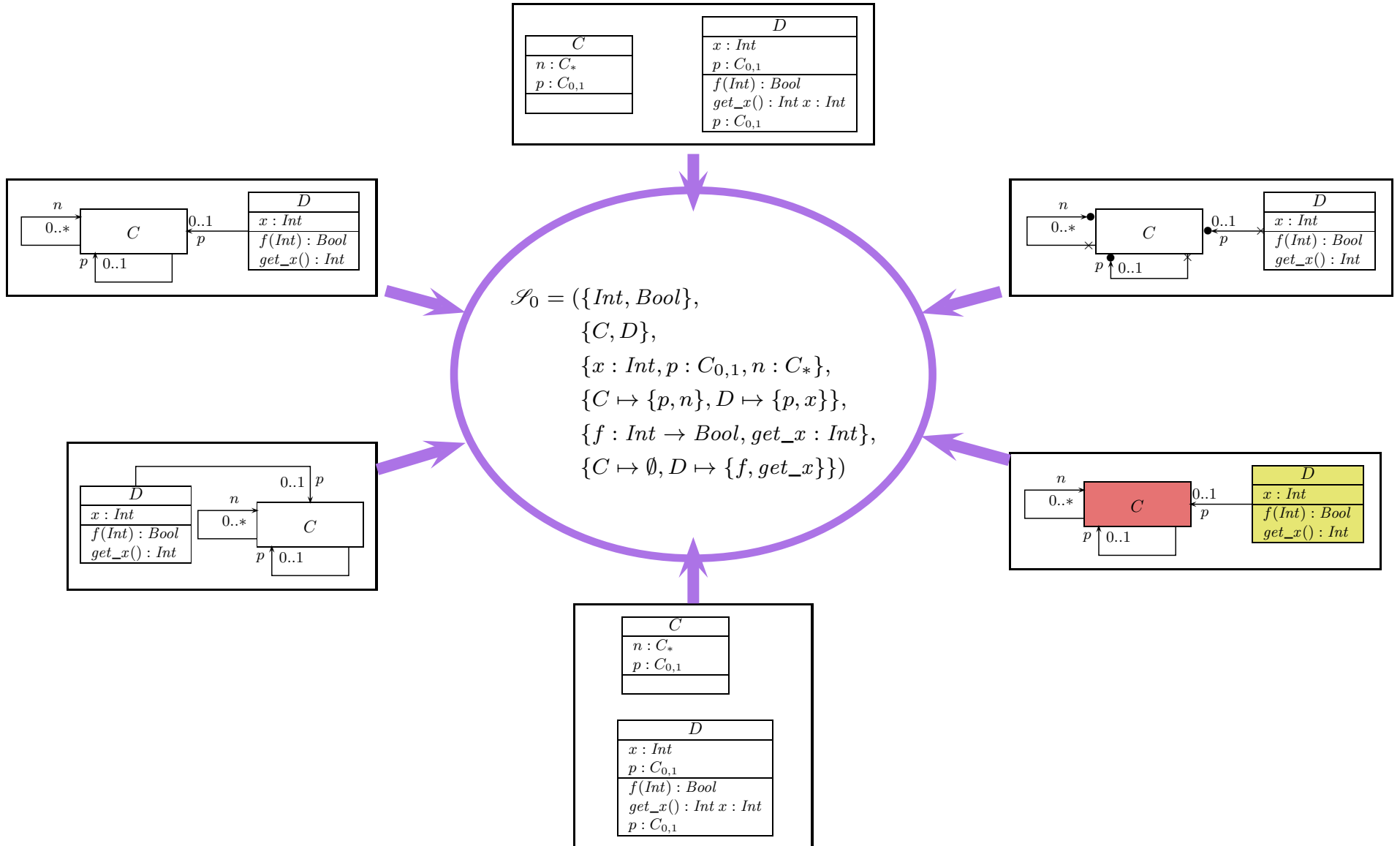
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Visualisation of Implementation

- The class diagram syntax can be used to **visualise code**:
provide rules which map (parts of) the code to class diagram elements.

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2  
3  import pac.D;  
4  
5  public class C {  
6  
7      public D n;  
8  
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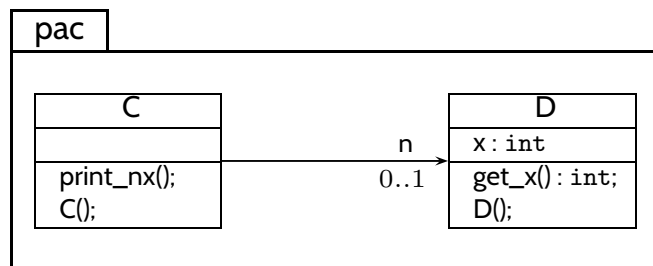
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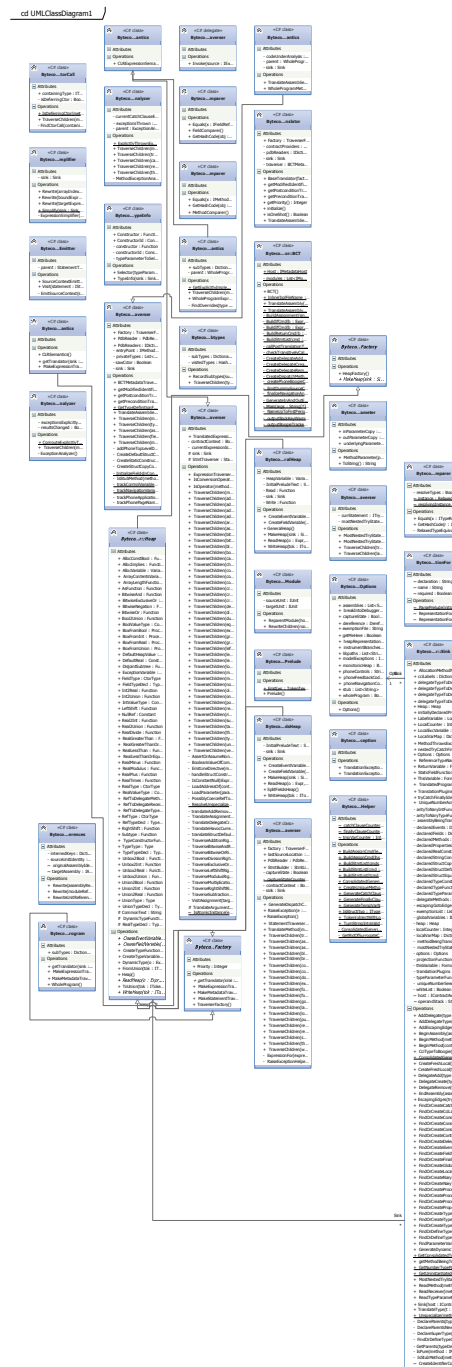
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- **How to come up with a good design**

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But: we'll have a couple of examples.

- **Artefact Management**

Versioning, Traceability, Propagation of Changes.

- **Every little bit and piece of UML**

Boring. Instead we learn how to read the standard.

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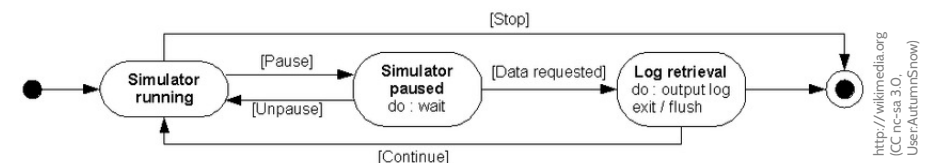
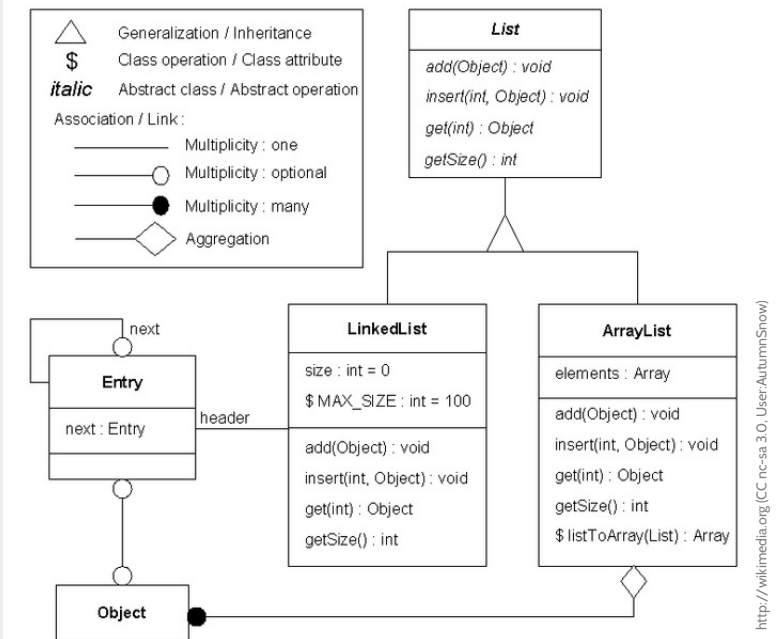
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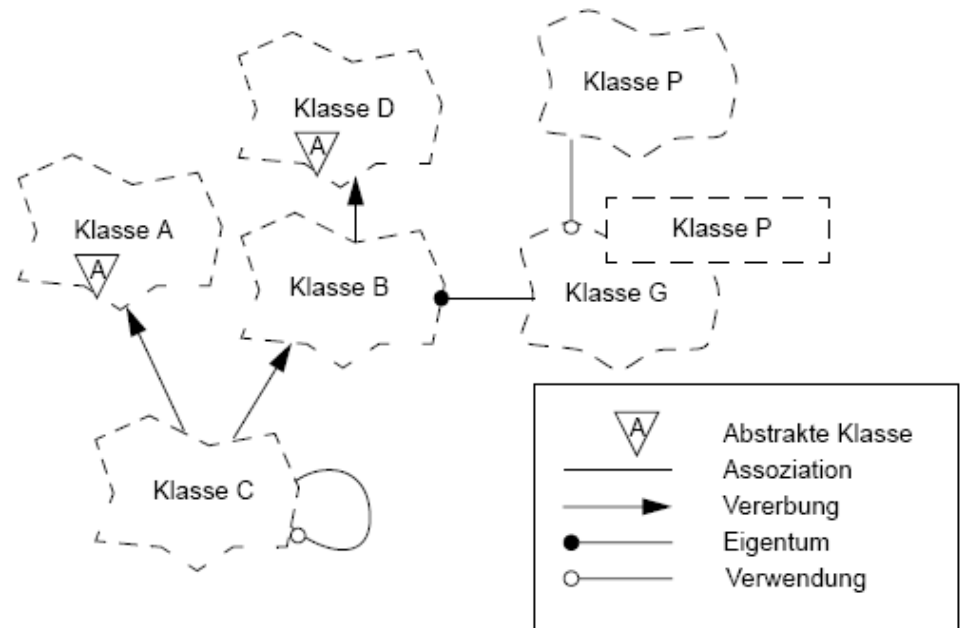
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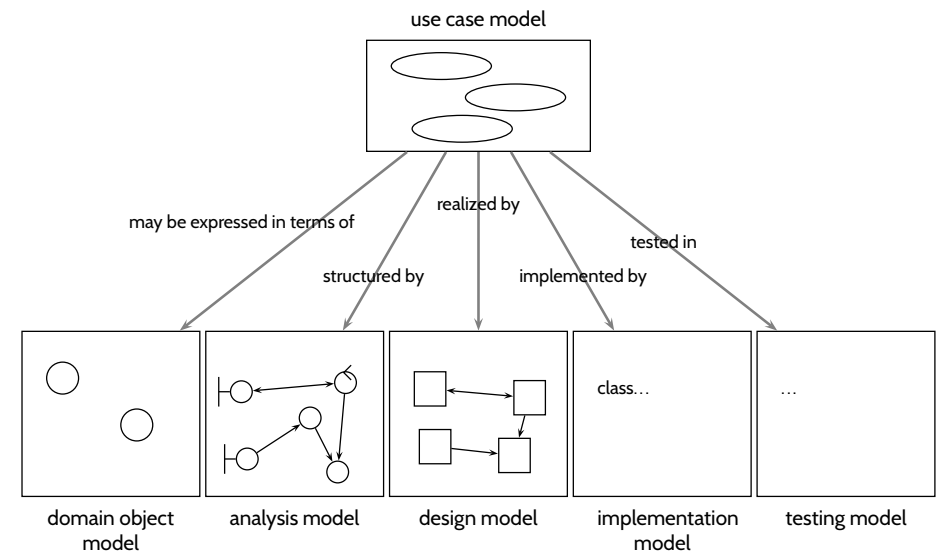
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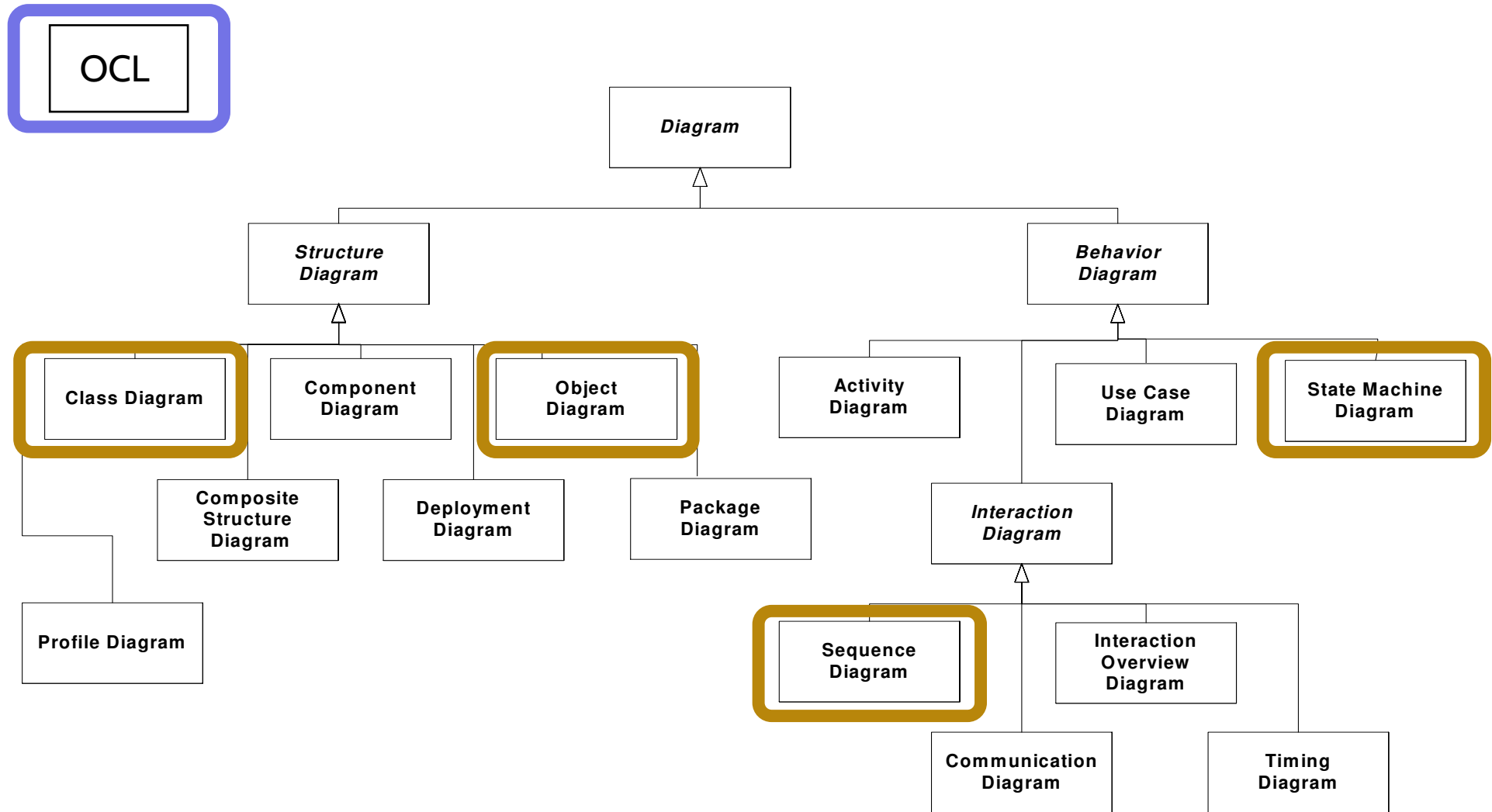
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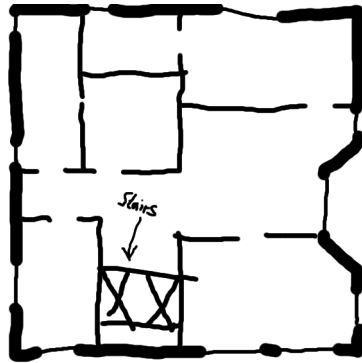


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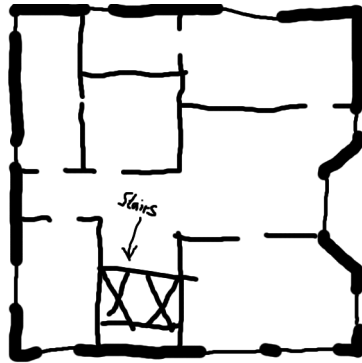
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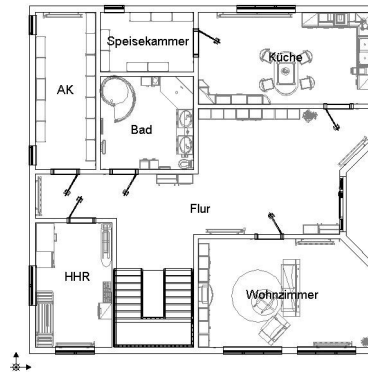


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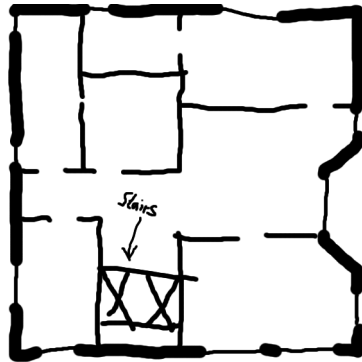


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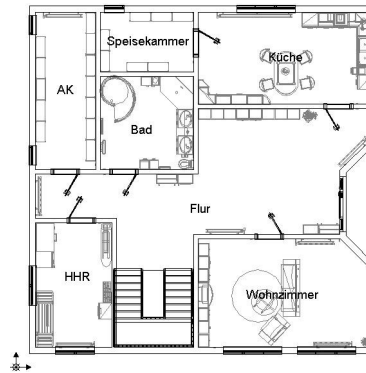


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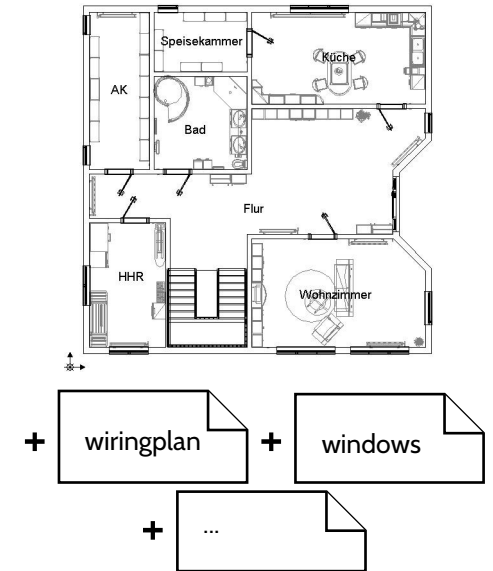
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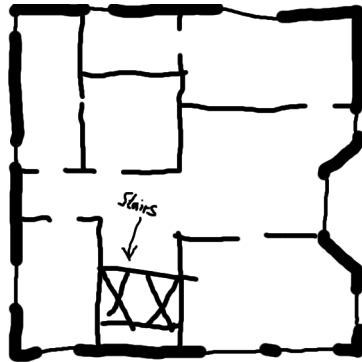


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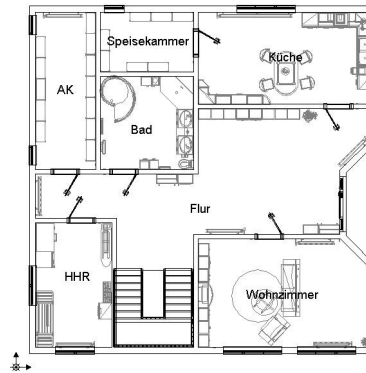


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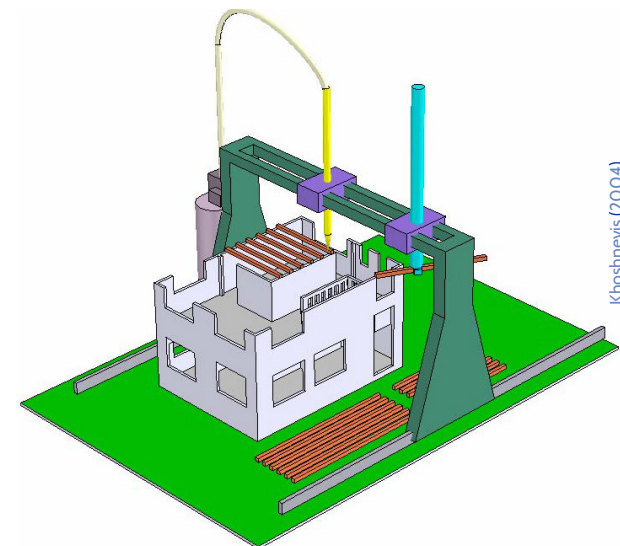
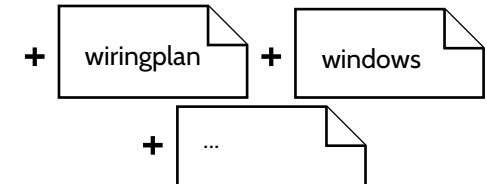
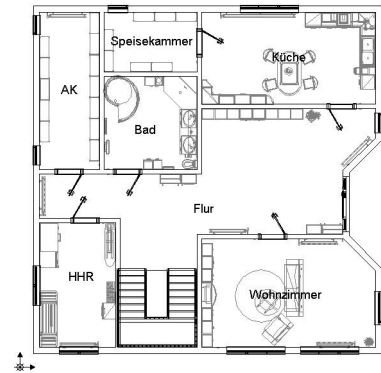
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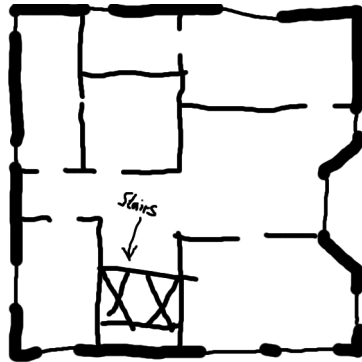
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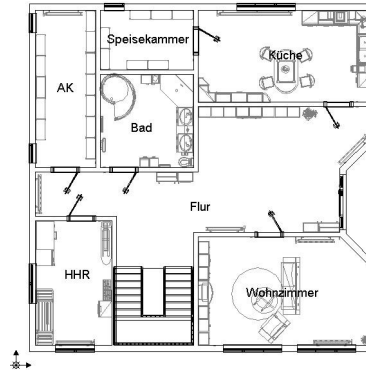
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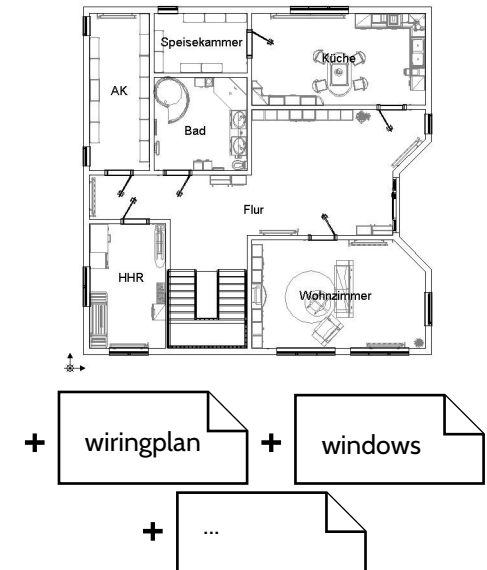
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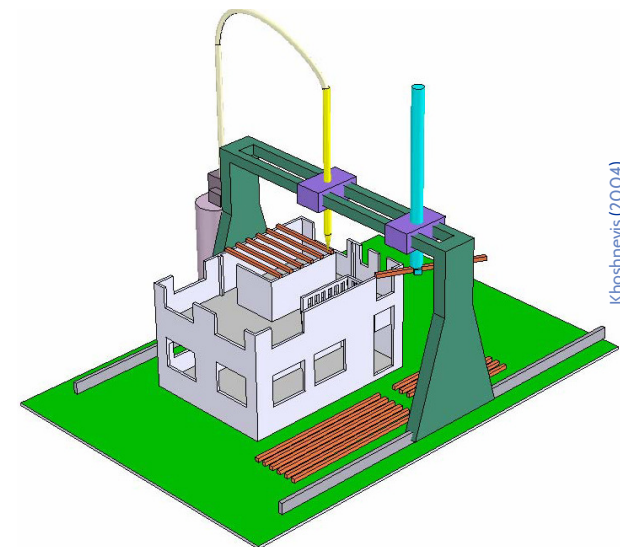
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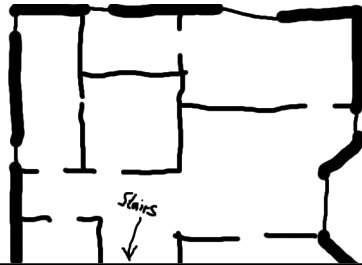
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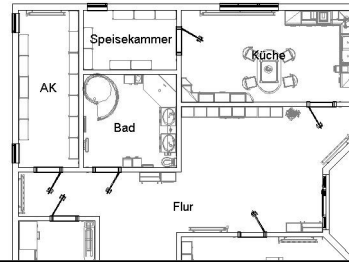
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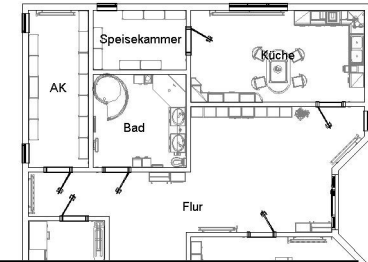
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The tools used for sketching are lightweight drawing tools and often people aren't too particular about keeping to every strict rule of the UML.

Most UML diagrams shown in books, such as mine, are sketches. Their emphasis is on selective communication rather than complete specification.

Hence my sound-bite "comprehensiveness is the enemy of comprehensibility"

Blueprint

[...] In forward engineering the idea is that blueprints are developed by a designer whose job is to build a detailed design for a programmer to code up.

That design should be sufficiently complete that all design decisions are laid out and the programming should follow as a pretty straightforward activity that requires little thought. [...]

Blueprints require much more sophisticated tools than sketches in order to handle the details required for the task. [...]

Forward engineering tools support diagram drawing and back it up with a repository to hold the information. [...]

Programming Language

If you can detail the UML enough, and provide semantics for everything you need in software, you can make the UML be your programming language.

Tools can take the UML diagrams you draw and compile them into executable code.

The promise of this is that UML is a higher level language and thus more productive than current programming languages.

The question, of course, is whether this promise is true.

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Side Effects:

After the course, you should...

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Formalia: Lectures

- **Lecturer:** Dr. Bernd Westphal
- **Support:** Claus Schätzle
- **Homepage:** <http://swt.informatik.uni-freiburg.de/teaching/WS2016-17/sdmauml>
- **Time/Location:** Tuesday, Thursday, 8:00 – 10:00 / here (building 51, room 03-026)
- **Course language:** **English** (slides/writing, presentation, questions/discussions)
- **Presentation:** half slides/half on-screen **hand-writing** – for reasons
- **Script/Media:**
 - slides with annotations on **homepage**, typically soon **after** the lecture
 - recording on ILIAS with max. 1 week delay (links on **homepage**)
- **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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- **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; some exercise sheets have **bonus tasks**.

- **Exam Form:**

- oral for BSc and on special demand (Erasmus),
- **written** for everybody else (if sufficiently many candidates remain).

Scores from the exercises **do not** contribute to the final grade.

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