

Understanding and Extending the UML 2.0 Metamodel

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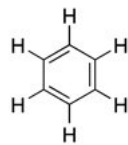
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UML Metamodel

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UML

- Visual and intuitive
 - Easy to read and understand
 - Good communication tool among developers
 - c.f. electric diagrams, chemical equations, floor plans, musical scores, baseball scores



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UML Diagrams

- UML diagrams
 - Class diagram
 - Sequence diagram
 - Interaction diagram
 - Activity diagram
 - ...etc.
- UML is a modeling *language*.
- In general, any language has its own grammar.
 - Syntax
 - The form or structure of expressions
 - Semantics
 - The meaning of expressions

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Java Grammar

- Defined with the Java EBNF
 - packageStatement := “package” packageName “;”
packageName := identifier | (packageName “.” identifier)
Identifier := “a..z, A..Z, \$, _” { “a..z, A..Z, \$, _, 0..9” }
- Java expressions
 - package example;
 - package edu.umb.cs.example;

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XML Grammar

- Defined with XML DTD
 - XML document
 - <pizzas>
 - <pizza>
 - <name>Nebraskan</name>
 - <toppings>
 - <topping>
 - corn nibblets</topping>
 - <topping>
 - mozzarella cheese
 - </topping>
 - <topping>
 - tomato sauce</topping>
 - </toppings>
 - <description>
 - Wild Omaha nights
 - </description>
 - <price>7.99</price>
 - </pizza>
 - </pizzas>
- <!ELEMENT pizzas (pizza)*>
- <!ELEMENT pizza (name, toppings, description, price)>
- <!ELEMENT name #PCDATA>
- <!ELEMENT toppings (topping)+>
- <!ELEMENT topping (#PCDATA)>
- <!ELEMENT description (#PCDATA)>
- <!ELEMENT price (#PCDATA)>

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UML Grammar

- Defined with the UML metamodel
 - Syntax
 - Abstract syntax
 - How each UML model element is structured.
 - How it is related to other model elements.
 - using UML class diagrams
 - Well-formedness rules
 - using OCL
 - Notation
 - how each UML model element should be drawn.
 - Semantics
 - using natural language

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Metamodel Architecture

- M0 layer: instances
 - Instances in a running system.
- M1: The model of instances
 - Defines the concepts used to model M0 instances.
- M2: The model of M1 models
 - Metamodel (modeling language)
 - Defines the concepts used to model an M1 models.
- M3: The model of M2 models
 - Meta-metamodel
 - Defines the concepts used to model an M2 models.

John Smith: Person
street="1 Harvard St." city="Cambridge" zip="02138"

Person
street: String city: String zip: int

Class
name: String superClass: Class

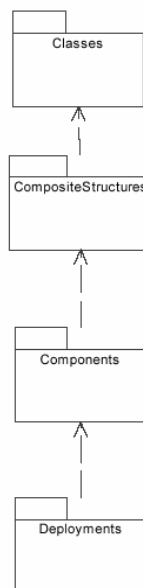
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UML 2.0 Metamodel

- UML 2.0 superstructure specification
 - Revised final adopted spec
 - <http://www.omg.org/cgi-bin/doc?ptc/2004-10-02>
- Structural constructs
 - Used in structural diagrams such as class diagrams, object diagrams, composite structure diagrams, component diagrams and deployment diagrams.
- Behavioral constructs
 - Activities, Interactions (Sequence, communication, timing), State Machines, and Use cases
- Supplemental constructs
 - Auxiliary constructs, profile

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Structural Constructs

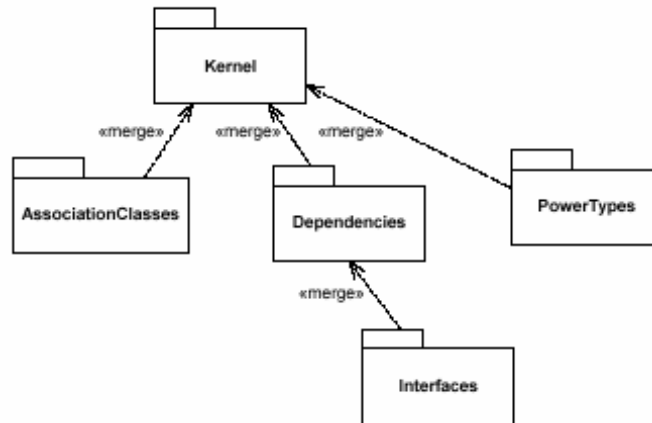


- Classes
 - Basic modeling concepts of UML, such as classes and their relationships
- CompositeStructures
 - Composition of interconnected elements representing run-time instances
- Components
 - Component-based system development or system structuring
- Deployments
 - execution architecture of systems that represent the assignment of software artifacts to hardware/software execution environment.

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Classes Package

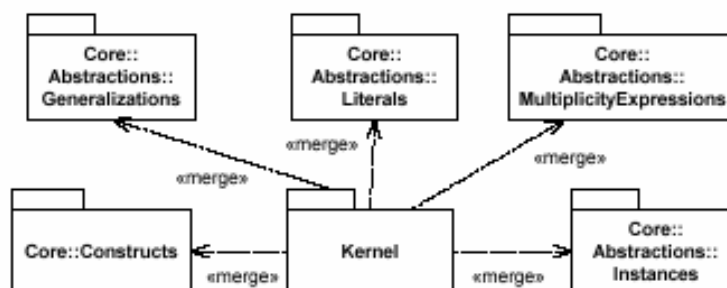
- Used to define basic modeling concepts of UML, such as classes and their relationships



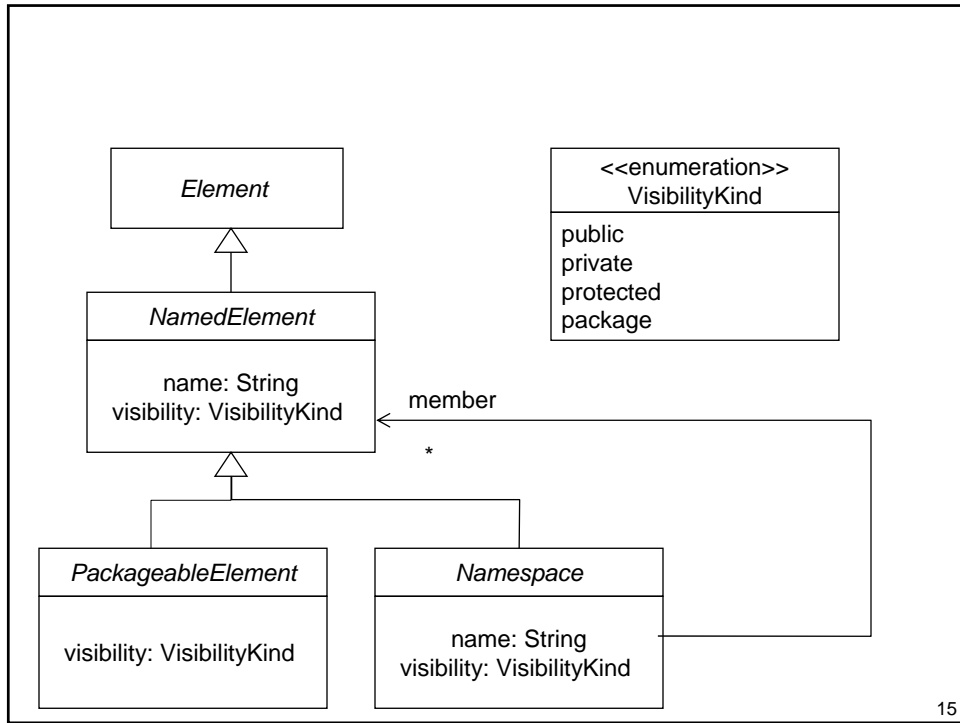
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Kernel Package

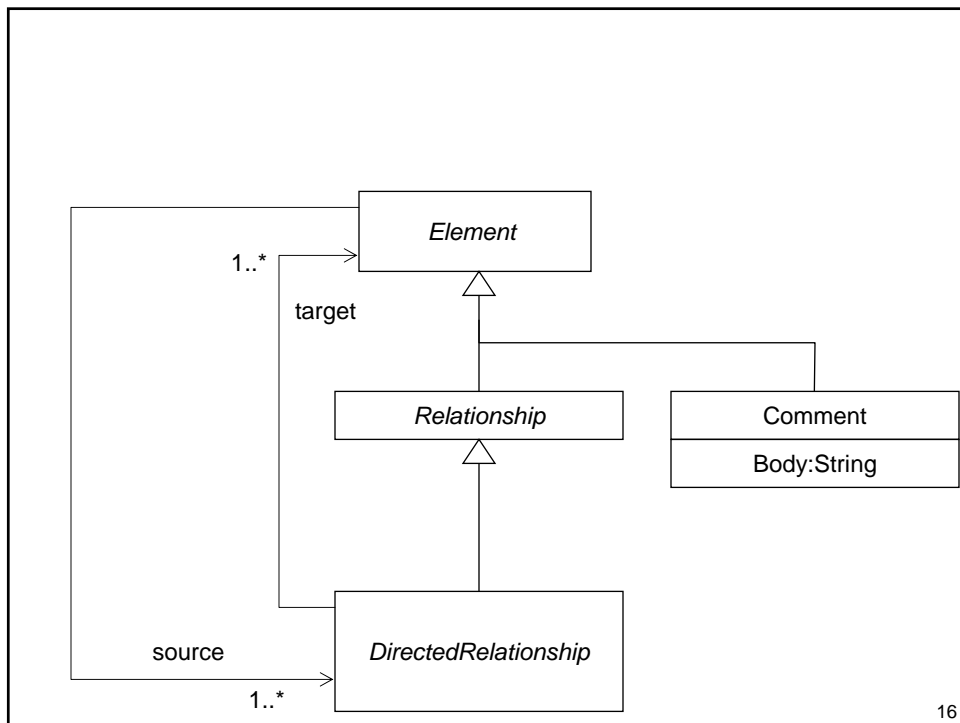
- Represents core modeling concepts of UML.
- Heavily re-uses (merging) many elements defined in InfrastructureLibrary::Core package.



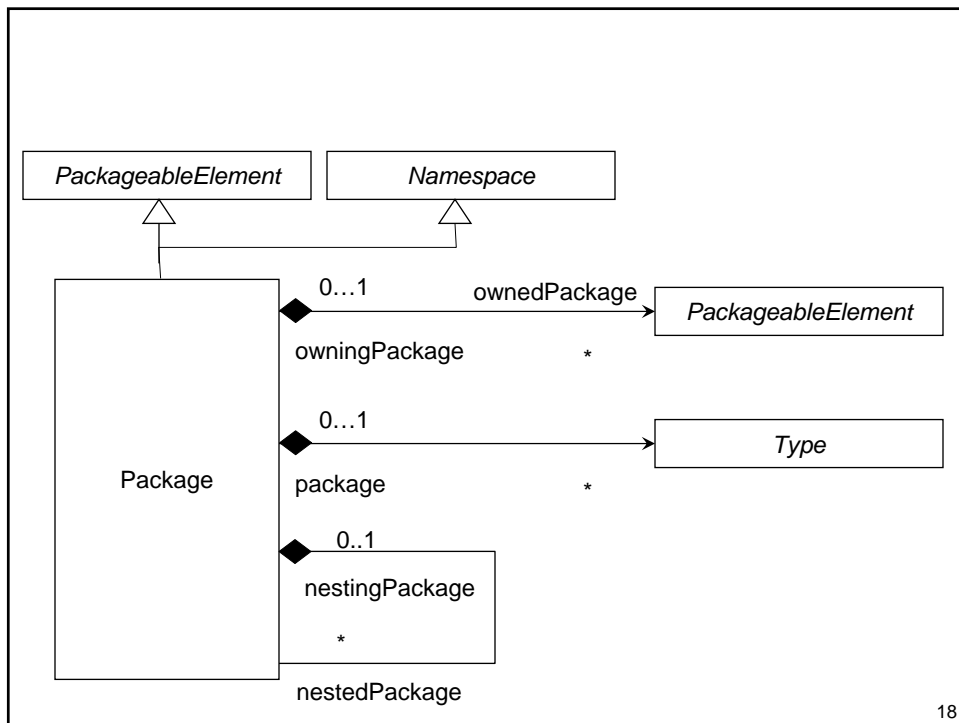
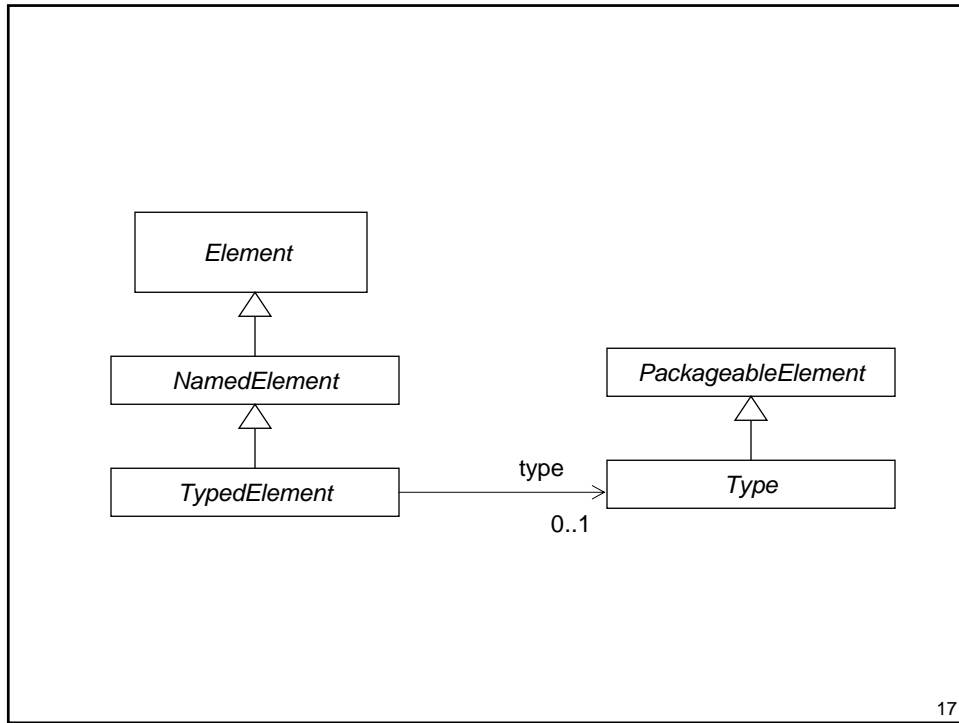
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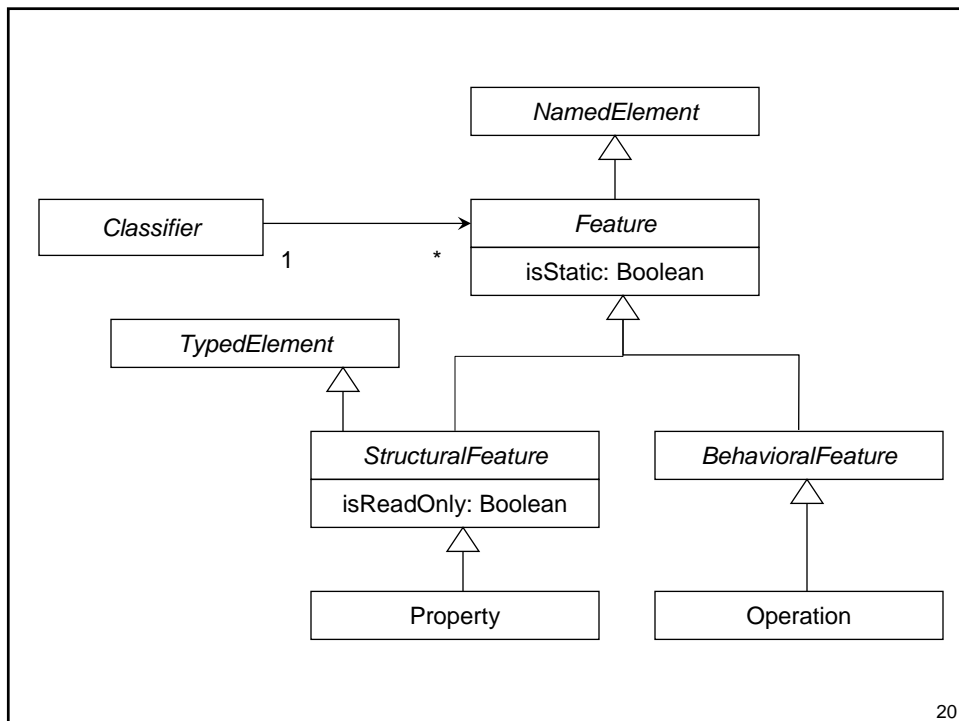
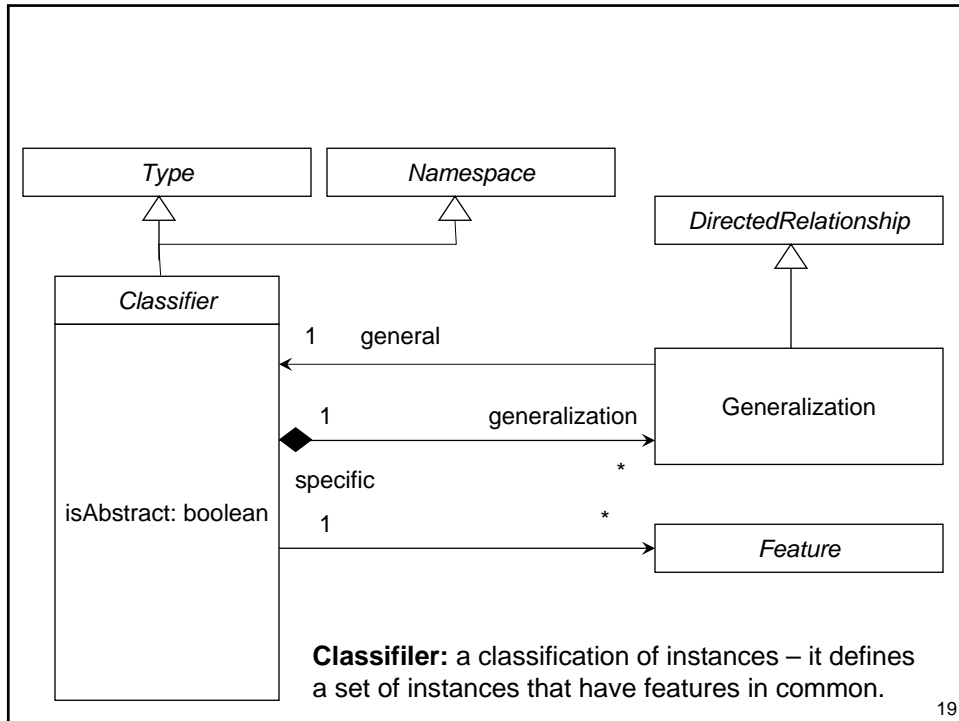


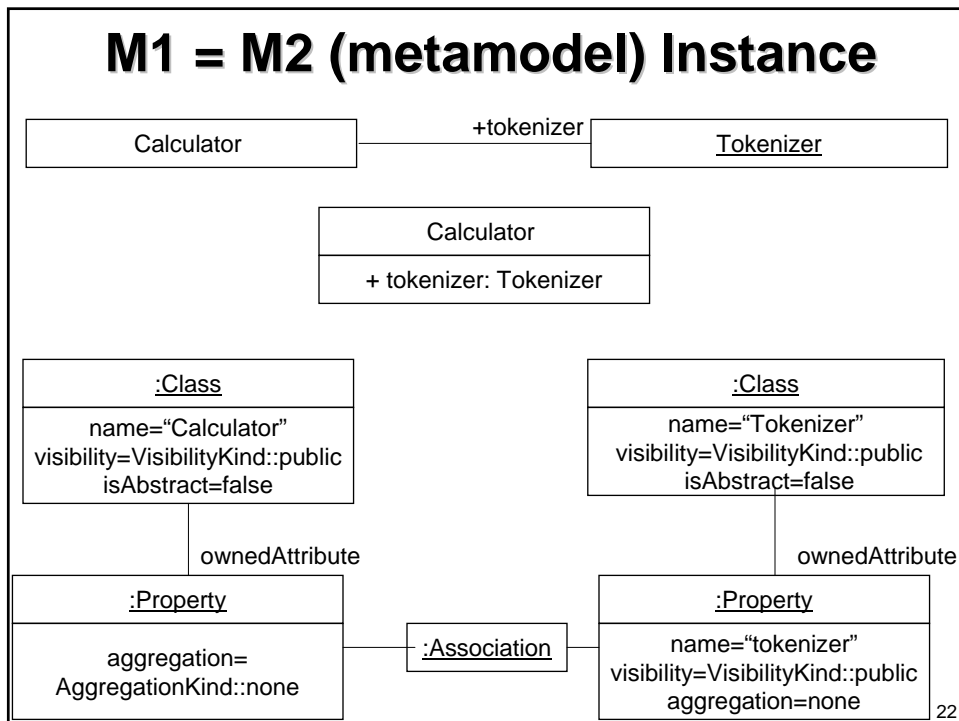
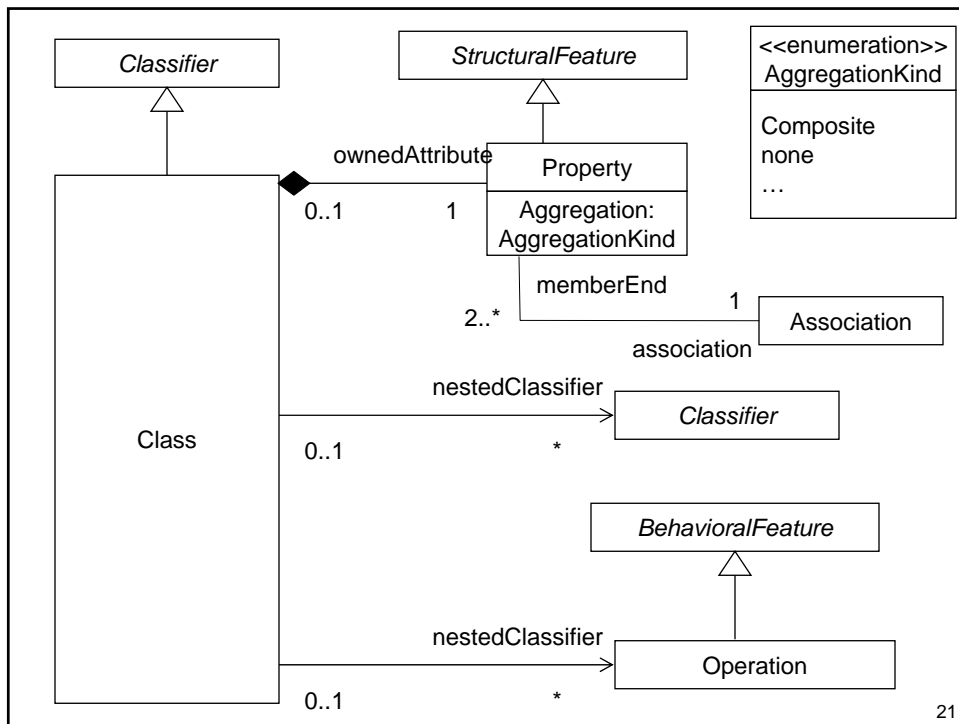
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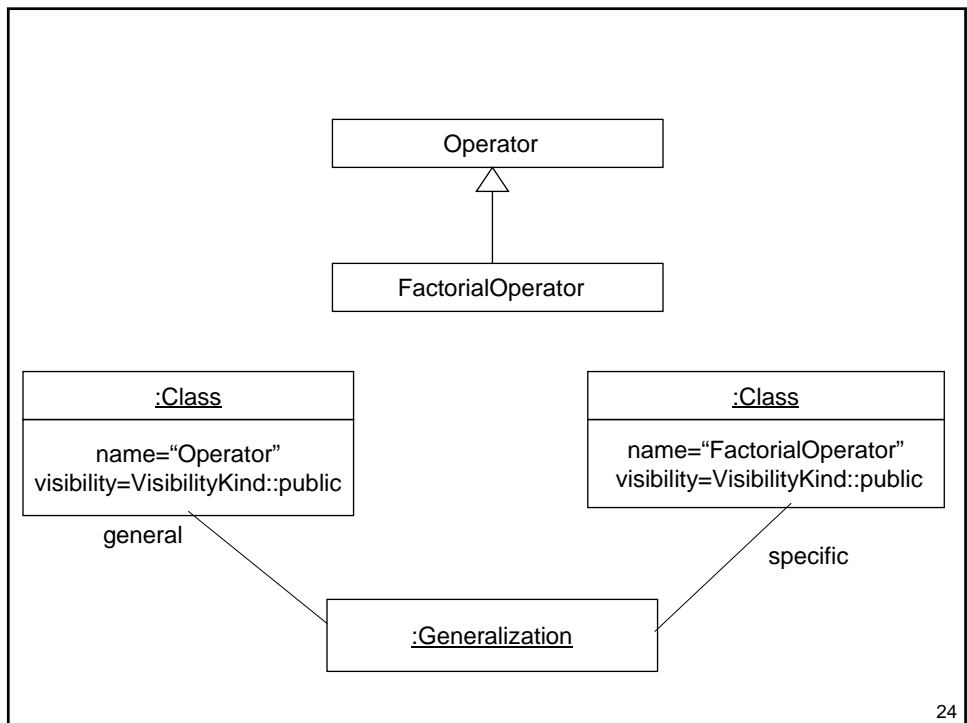
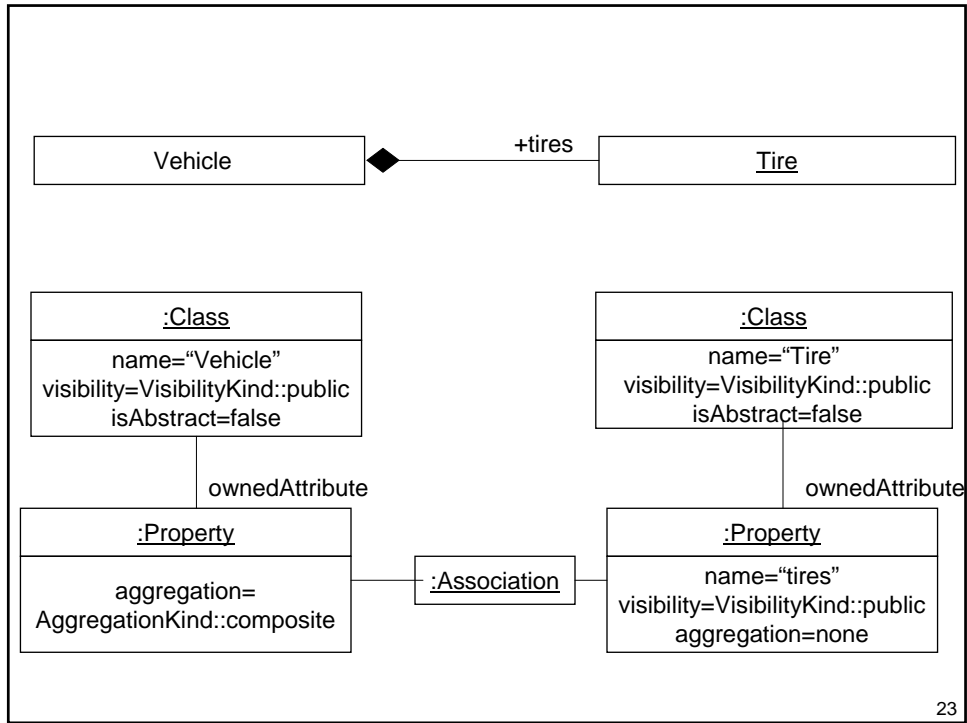


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Eclipse UML2

- An implementation of the UML 2.0 metamodel
 - in Java
 - on Eclipse Modeling Framework (EMF)
 - <http://www.eclipse.org/uml2/>
- Implements each metamodel element as an Java interface and its implementation class.
- can be used to build M1 models as instances of the UML metamodel by
 - calling the UML2 API programmatically.
 - importing XMI 2.0 files.
- Allows users to define UML profiles and apply them to M1 models.

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Example Interfaces

- ```
interface Classifier..... {
 Feature getFeatures(String name);
 EList getGeneralizations();
 Classifier getGeneral (String name);

}
interface Class {
 Operation createOwnedOperation();
 Classifier getNestedClassifier(String name);
}
```

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- MTF: Model Transformation Framework
  - From IBM
  - On UML2

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## UML Profiles

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## UML Profiles

- A UML profile
  - Is an extension to (specialization of) the UML standard metamodel.
  - Allows modelers to directly define application-specific or domain-specific concepts.

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## What does a UML Profile do?

- Defines new model elements specializing the UML model elements by
  - Specifying restrictions on the UML model elements
  - Adding new model elements to the UML model elements.
- Leaves the original UML model elements intact.
  - UML profiles cannot change anything in the UML metamodel.
- Can define a non-UML notation for newly defined model elements.

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## When to Use UML Profiles?

- Have domain/application/platform specific terminology
  - e.g. EJB entity bean
- Add semantics that do not exist in the standard metamodel
- Add constraints that restrict the way to use the standard metamodel.
- Add information used to transform a model to another model or code.
- Have a different notation for standard symbols/icons in UML

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## How to Define a UML Profile?

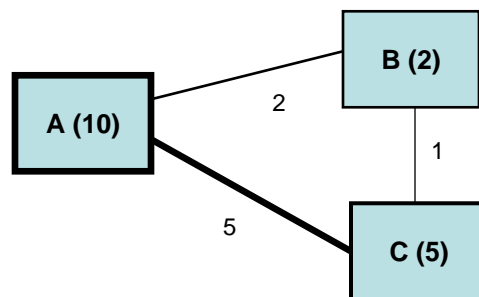
- Each UML profile is defined with the UML extension mechanism.
  - Stereotypes
  - Constraints
  - Tagged values
- You will define stereotypes, constraints and tagged values against the UML metamodel.

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## A Simple Example

- UML profile for weighted, labeled graphs (WL-graphs)
  - Concepts
    - Node (or vertex)
    - Label associated with a node
    - Link (or edge)
    - Weight associated with a node and link
  - Rule
    - A weighted link is connected with weighted nodes.



Users may want to use WL-graphs for network routing analysis, airline company's route optimization, etc. etc.

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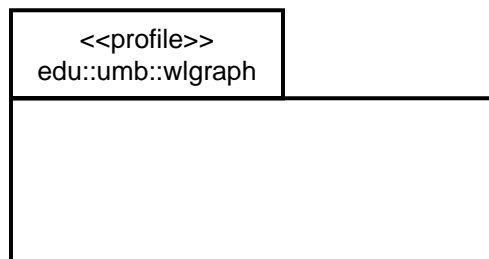
## A Typical Process to Define a UML Profile

- Define a UML package that contain profile constructs.
- Define stereotypes.
- Define tagged values, as meta-attributes of stereotypes.
- Define constraints for stereotypes, tagged values and/or UML metamodel elements.

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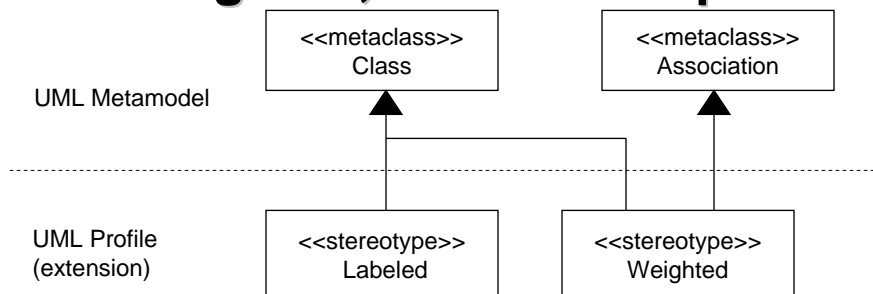
## Package of UML Profile for WL-Graphs

- Each UML profile is defined in a UML package stereotyped <<profile>>
  - Extending the UML metamodel or other profiles.
- A <<profile>> package contains stereotypes and tagged values.



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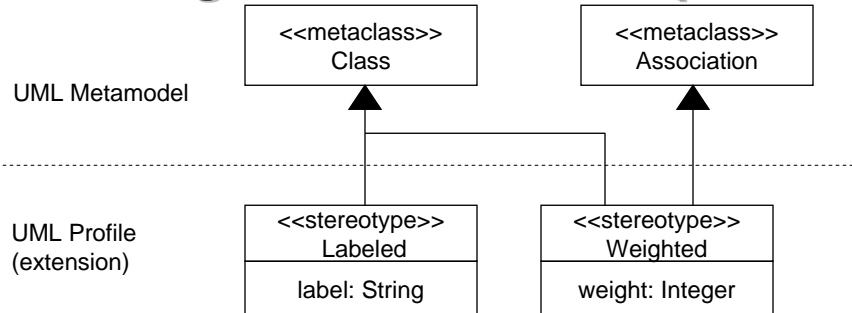
## Stereotypes in UML Profile for Weighted, Labeled Graphs



- “Labeled” and “Weighted”
  - are specializations of Class.
  - inherits the semantics of Class.
  - are applied to classes at M1 (user-defined) models.
- “Weighted”
  - is a specialization of Association.
  - Inherits the semantics of Association.
  - Are applied to associations at M1 (user-defined) models.

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## Tagged-Values in UML Profile for Weighted, Labeled Graphs



- Each tagged value
  - consists of a name and its type.
  - is associated with a specific stereotype.
  - is graphically described as an attribute of a stereotype class.

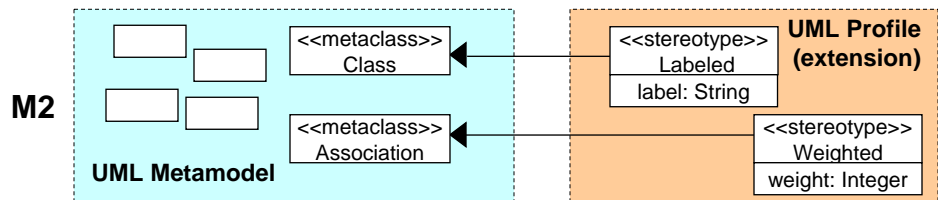
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# Constraints in UML Profile for Weighted, Labeled Graphs

- Constraints for stereotypes, tagged values and/or UML metamodel elements in
  - Natural language and/or
    - A weighted link is connected with weighted nodes.
    - Weight and label variable shall not be empty.
  - Object Constraint Language (OCL)
    - **context:** UML::infrastructureLibrary::Core::Constructs::Association
    - inv:** self.isStereotyped("Weighted") implies  
self.connection->forAll( isStereotyped("Weighted") )
    - context:** edu.umb.wlgraph.Weighted
    - inv:** self.weight->notEmpty()
    - context:** edu.umb.wlgraph.Labeled
    - inv:** self.label->notEmpty()

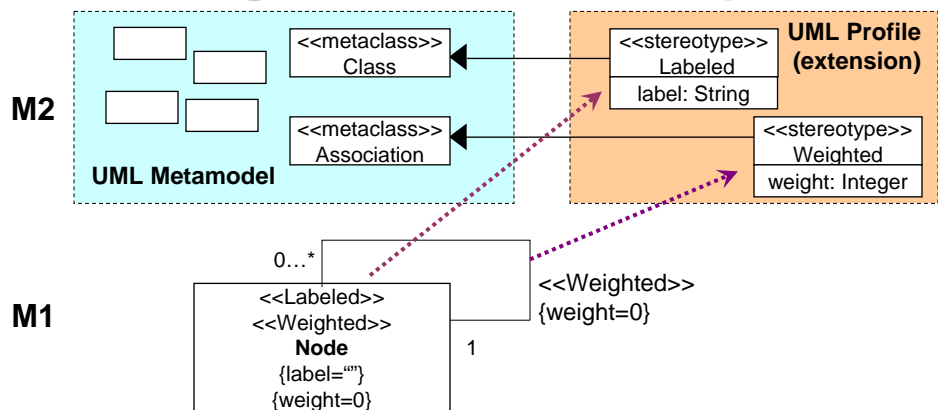
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## How to Use UML Profile for Weighted, Labeled Graphs



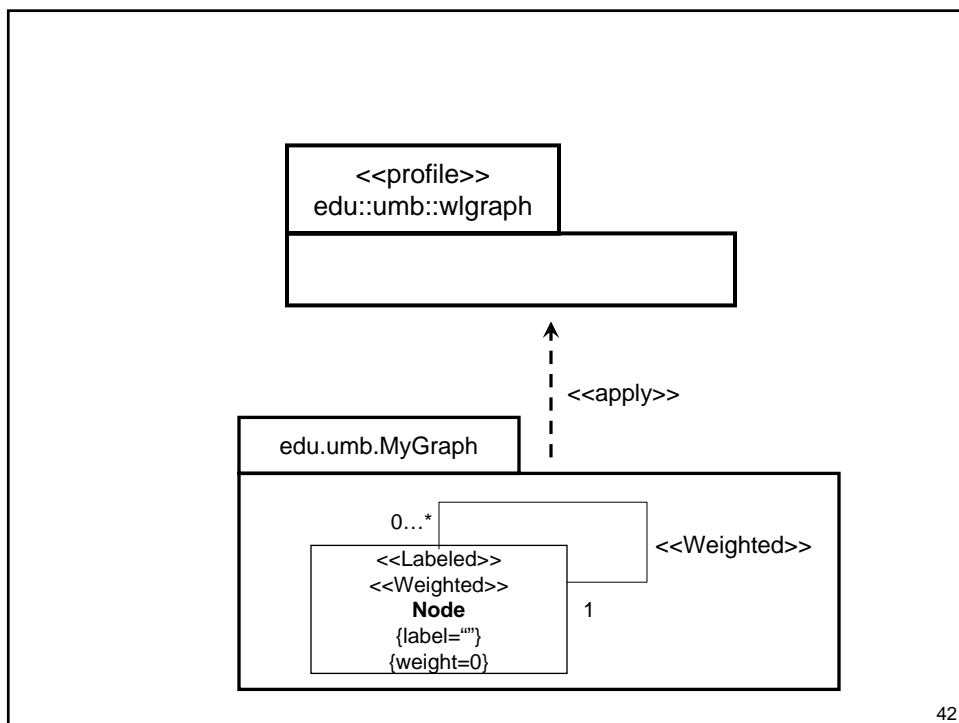
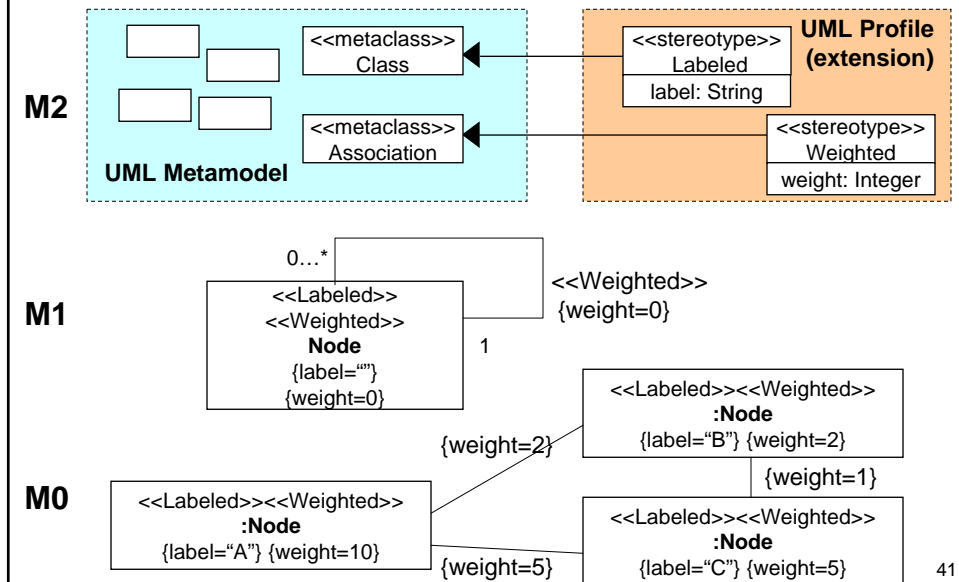
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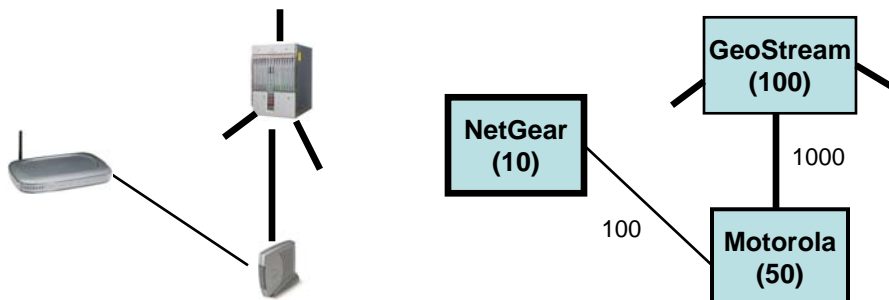
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# How to Use UML Profile for Weighted, Labeled Graphs



## Another Simple Example

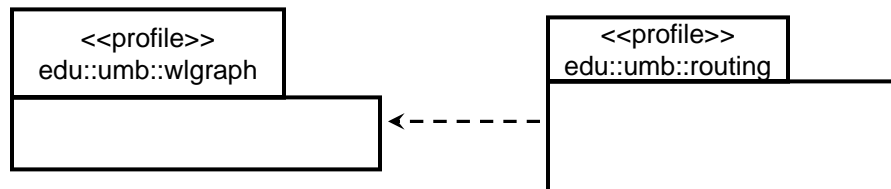
- UML profile for network routing analysis
  - Concepts
    - Router
    - Packet queue size in a router
    - Network link
    - Bandwidth available on a network link
  - Rule
    - A weighted link is connected with weighted nodes.



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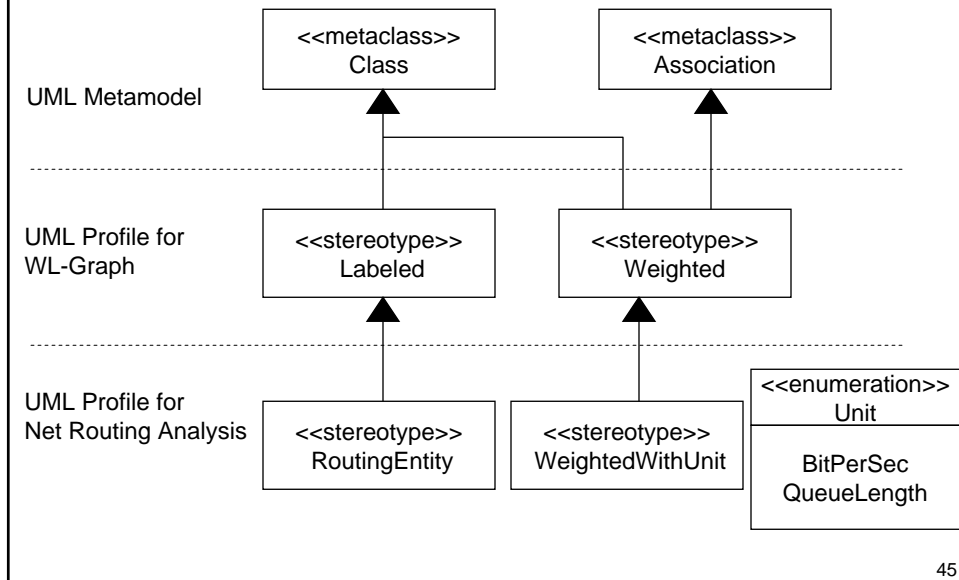
## Package of UML Profile for Network Routing Analysis

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- A <<profile>> package contains stereotypes and tagged values.

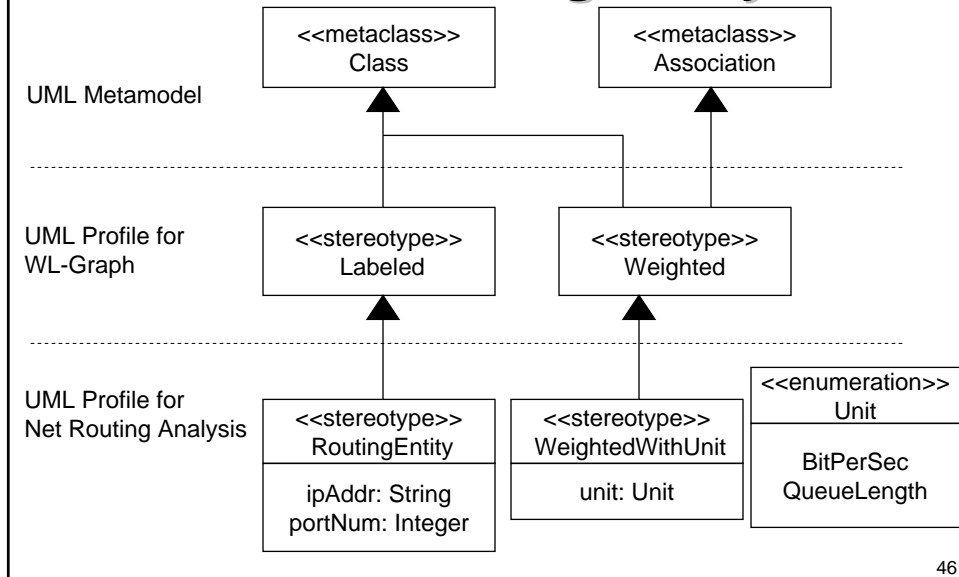


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## Stereotypes in UML Profile for Network Routing Analysis



## Tagged-Values in UML Profile for Network Routing Analysis

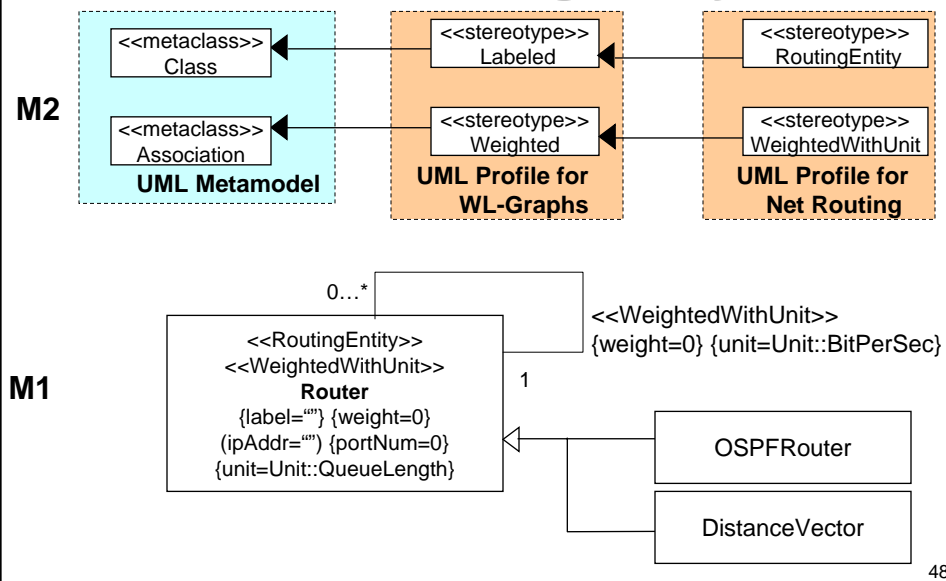


## Constraints in UML Profile for Network Routing Analysis

- Object Constraint Language (OCL)
  - context:** edu.umb.routing.RoutingEntity  
**inv:** self.ipAddr->notEmpty()  
**inv:** self.portNum->notEmpty()
  - context:** edu.umb.routing.WeightedWithUnit  
**inv:** self.unit->notEmpty()

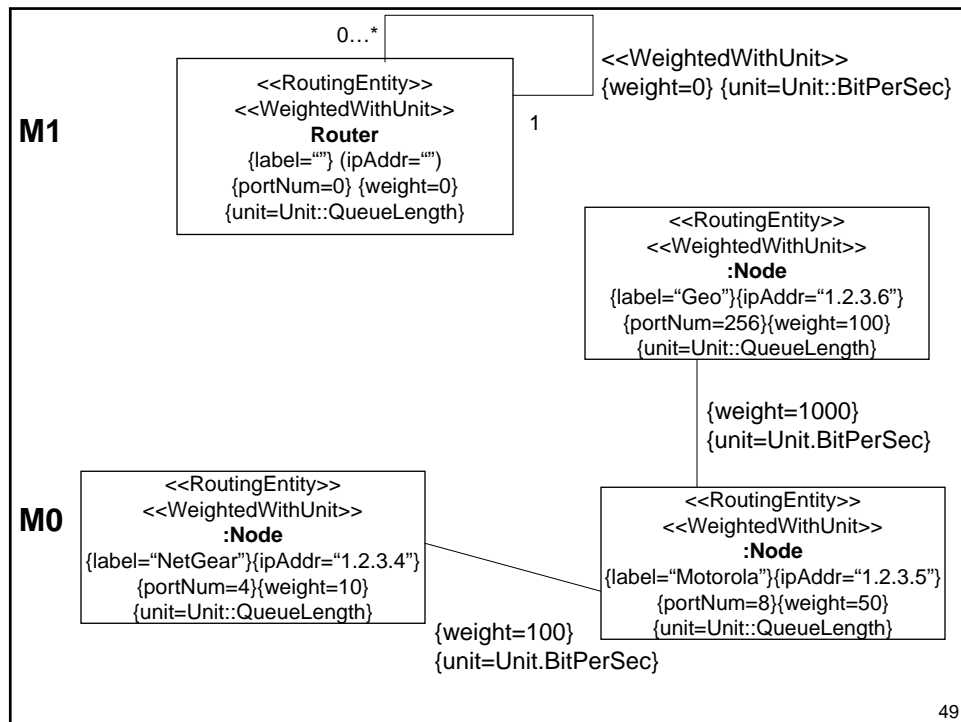
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## How to Use UML Profile for Network Routing Analysis



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## UML Profile for EJB

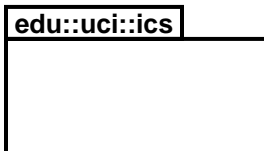
- JSR26: <http://jcp.org/en/jsr/detail?id=026>
- Used to...
  - directly model EJB concepts in UML
  - specialize platform independent (UML) models to EJB specific models.

- What *UML Profile for EJB* defines include:
  - Design model
    - Java design model
    - EJB design model
      - External model
      - Internal model
  - Implementation model
    - Java implementation model
    - EJB implementation model

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## Java Design Model

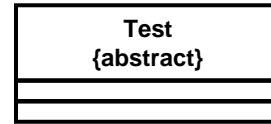
- Defines UML representations of Java language constructs
  - Java class, interface, etc.
- Java package
  - mapped to a UML package
  - e.g. *package edu.uci.ics;*



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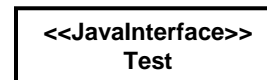
- Java Class

- mapped to a UML class
- e.g. *public abstract class Test {}*



- Java Interface

- mapped to a UML interface or UML class stereotyped as <<JavaInterface>>.
- e.g. *public interface Test {}*



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- Java method

- mapped to a UML operation
- e.g. *public void test() throws Foo{}
 
  - + test(): void {JavaThrows=Foo}*

- Others

- Single type import
- On demand type import

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## **EJB Design Model**

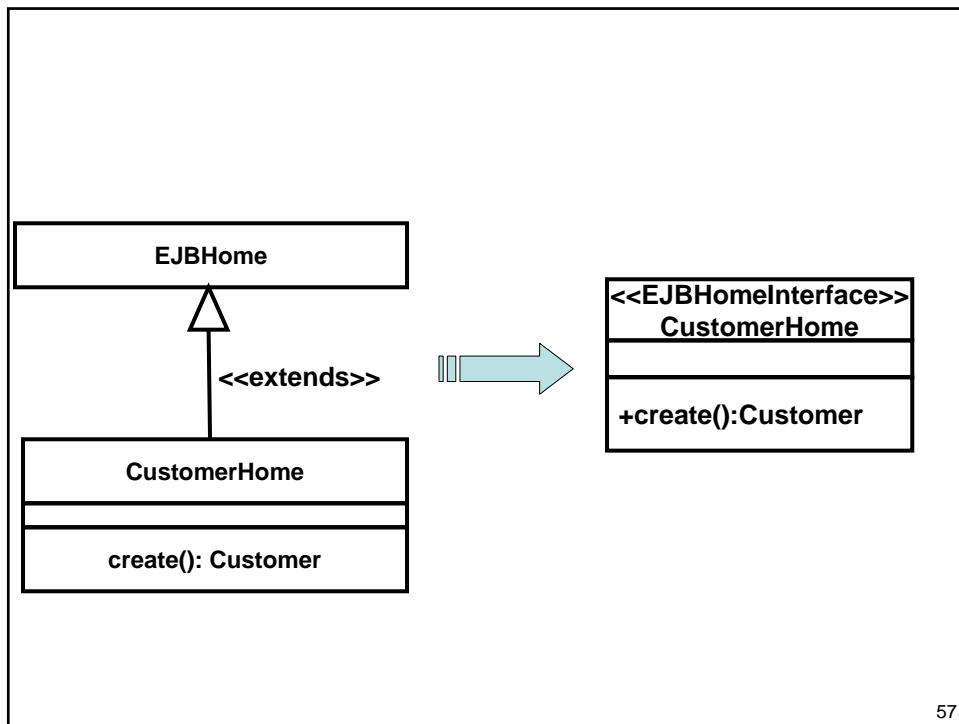
- Defines UML representations of EJB specific constructs
  - e.g. EJB remote interface, home interface, etc.
  - External view
    - Defines logical constructs visible to the clients of an EJB Enterprise Bean
  - Internal view
    - Defines logical constructs visible to the developers of an EJB Enterprise Bean

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## **EJB Design Model: External View**

- EJB remote interface
  - Mapped to a UML class stereotyped as <<EJBRemoteInterface>>.
- EJB home interface
  - Mapped to a UML class stereotyped as <<EJBHomeInterface>>.
- EJB session home
  - Mapped to a UML class stereotyped as <<EJBSessionHomeInterface>>.
- EJB entity home
  - Mapped to a UML class stereotyped as <<EJBEntityHomeInterface>>.

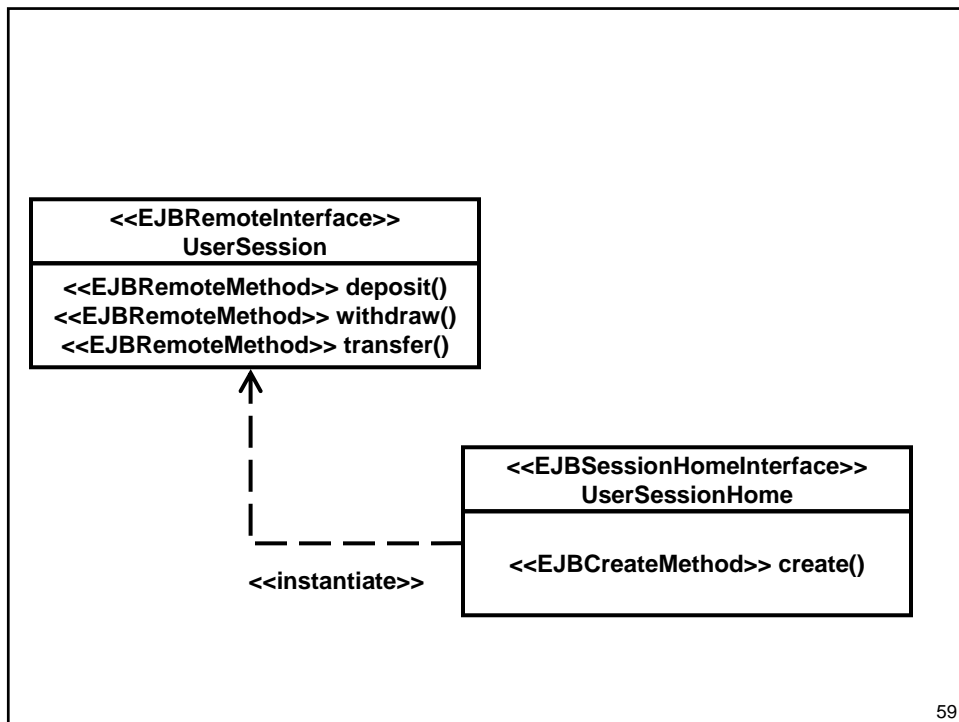
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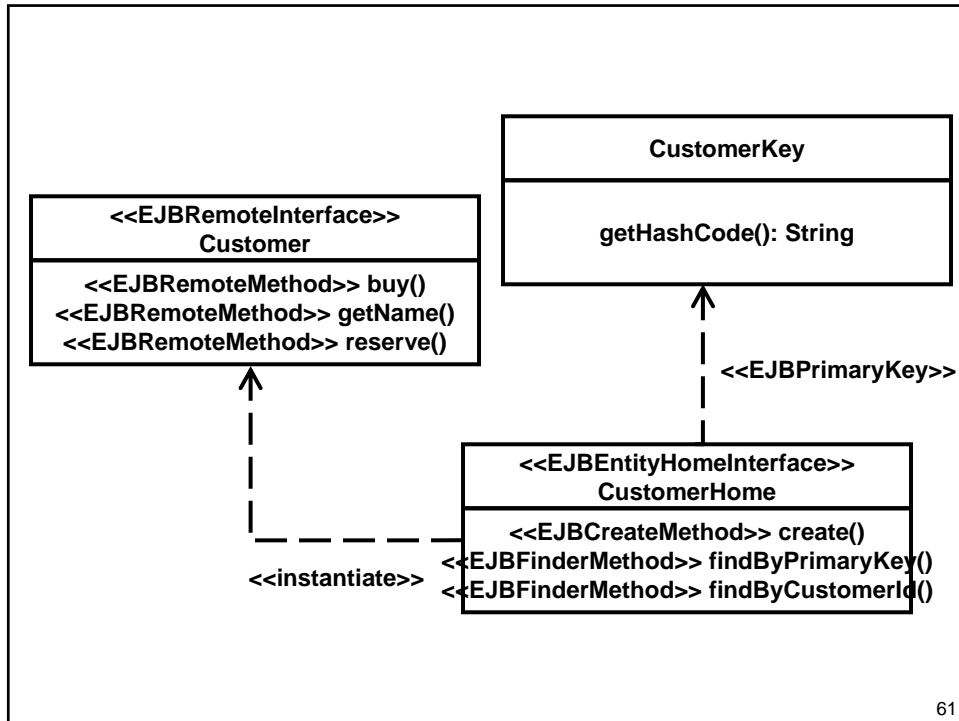
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- EJB Method
  - Means methods declared in EJB Remote and Home interfaces
  - Mapped to a UML operation
  - **<<EJBCreateMethod>>**
    - Represents a create method in a home interface
  - **<<EJBFinderMethod>>**
    - Represents a finder interface in a home interface
  - **<<EJBRemoteMethod>>**
    - Represents a method in a remote interface.

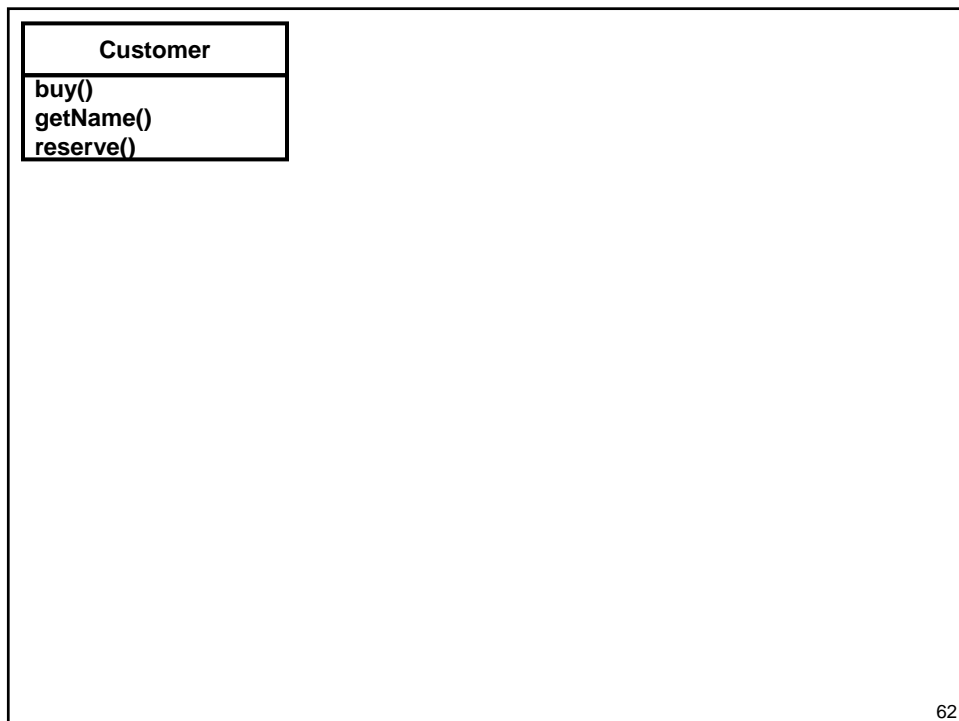
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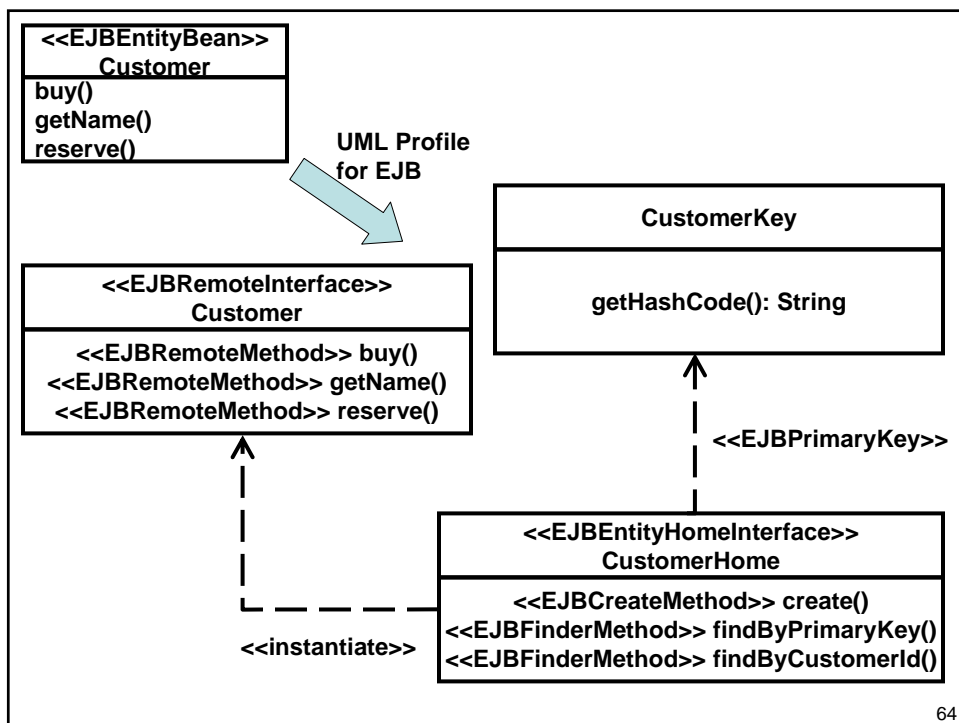
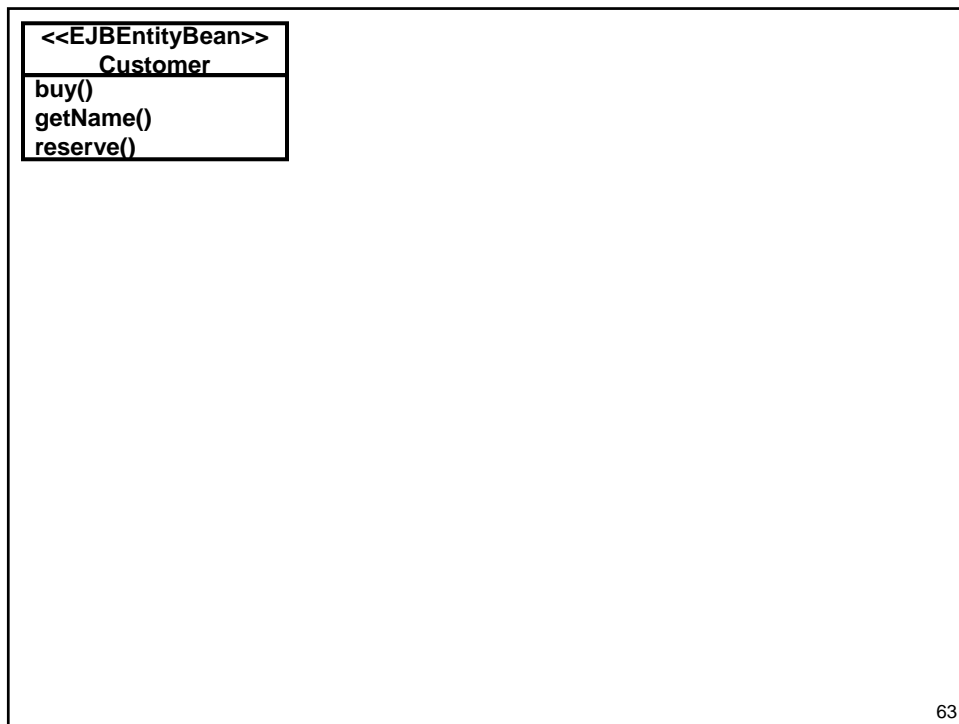
- EJB primary key
  - Mapped to a UML usage association stereotyped as `<<EJBPrimaryKey>>`.
    - between EJB primary key class and EJB entity home



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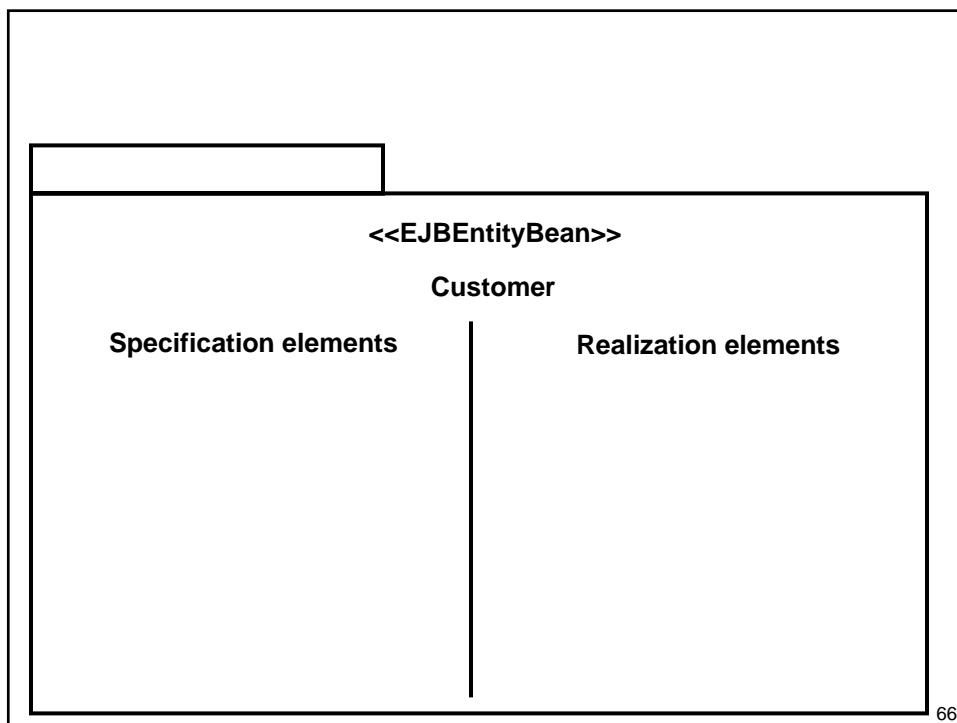




## EJB Design Model: Internal View

- EJB enterprise bean
  - Mapped to a UML subsystem stereotyped as <<EJBEnterpriseBean>>.
- EJB session bean
  - Mapped to a UML subsystem stereotyped as <<EJBSessionBean>>.
- EJB entity bean
  - Mapped to a UML subsystem stereotyped as <<EJBEntityBean>>
  - <<EJB\_CMP\_Field>> represents a container-managed field (attribute).

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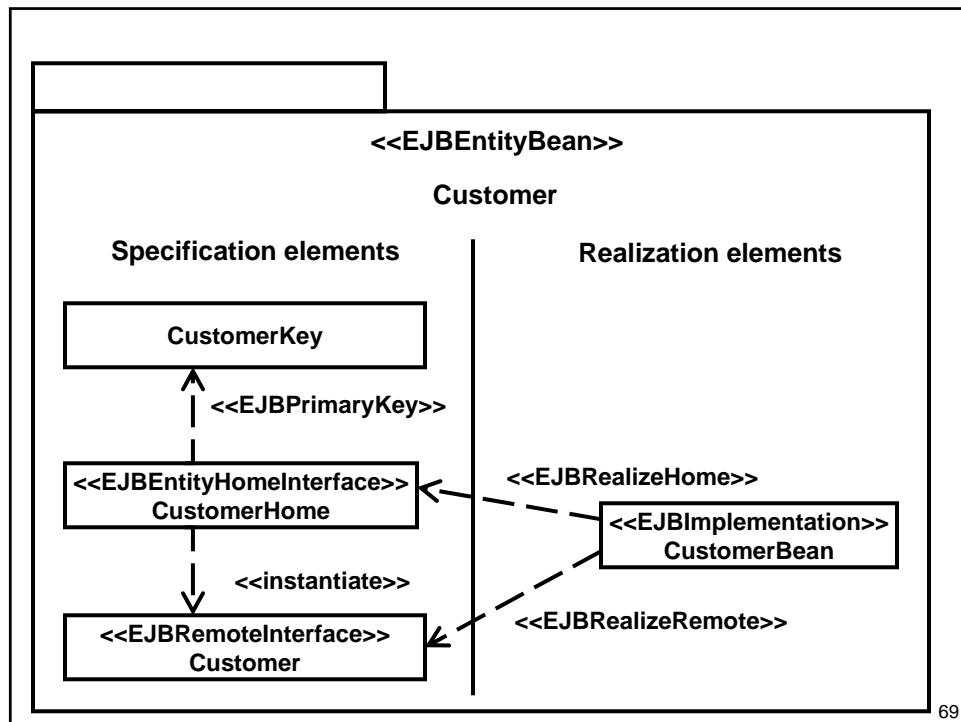
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- EJB enterprise bean is declared by
  - an EJB home interface,
  - an EJB remote interface,
  - an EJB implementation class
  - Supplemental Java classes and interfaces, and
  - EJB deployment descriptor.

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- EJB implementation class
  - Mapped to a UML class stereotyped as <<EJBImplementation>>.
- EJB remote interface
  - Mapped to a UML abstraction association stereotyped as <<EJBRealizeRemote>>.
    - between EJB remote interface and EJB implementation class.
- EJB home interface
  - Mapped to a UML abstraction association stereotyped as <<EJBRealizeHome>>.
    - between EJB home interface and EJB implementation class.

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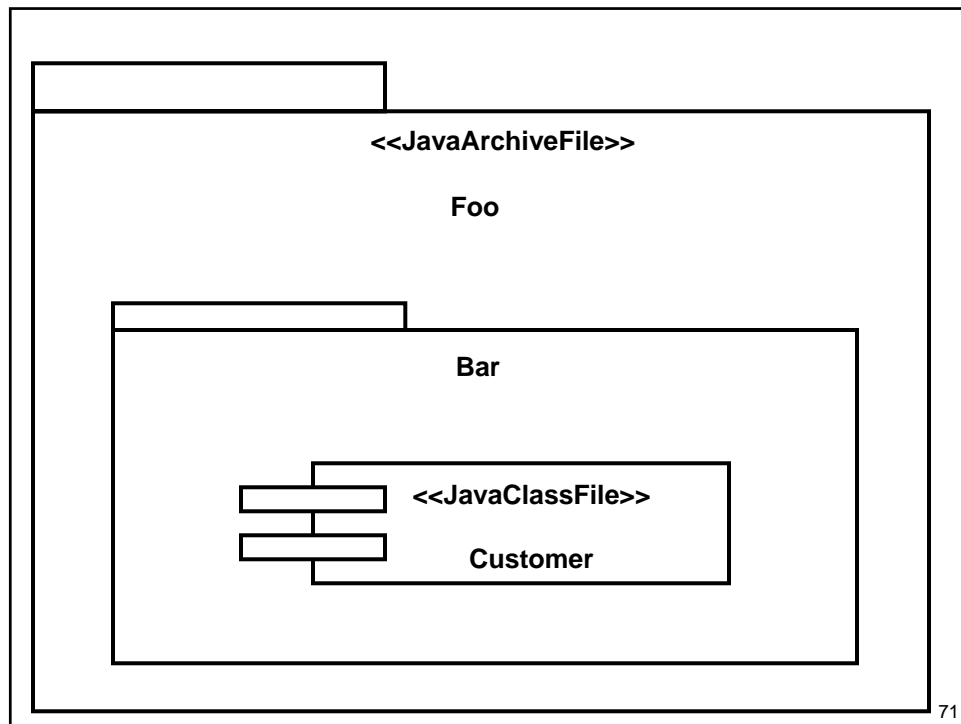


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## Java Implementation Model

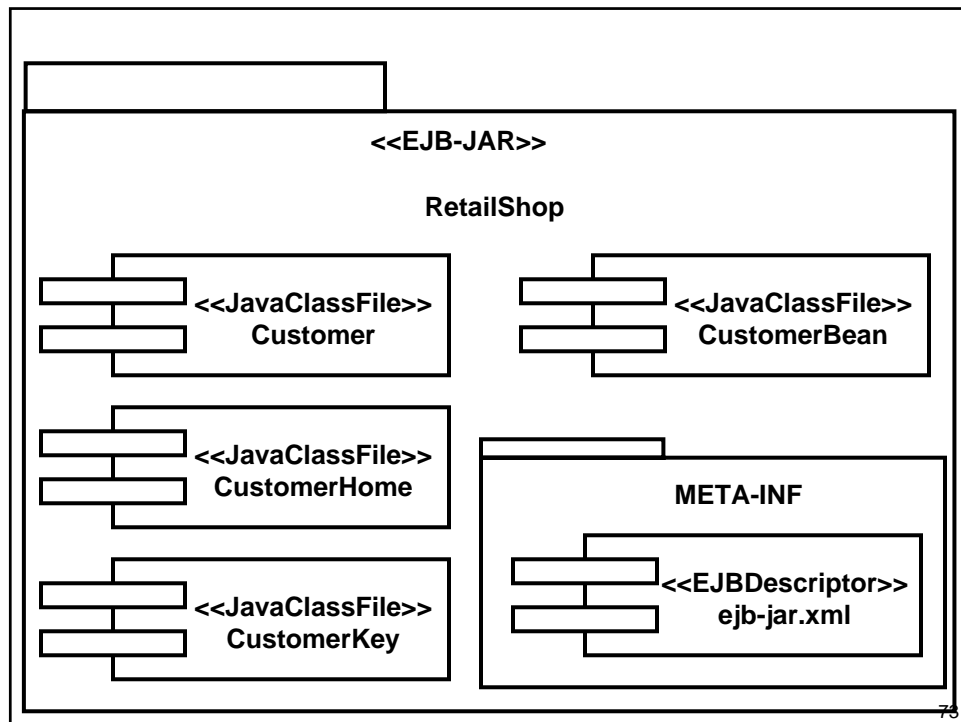
- Java class file
  - Mapped to a UML component stereotyped as **<<JavaClassFile>>**.
- Java archive (JAR) file
  - Mapped to a UML package stereotyped as **<<JavaArchiveFile>>**.

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## EJB Implementation Model

- EJB-JAR
  - Mapped to a UML package stereotyped as `<<EJB-JAR>>`
- EJB deployment descriptor
  - Mapped to a UML component stereotyped as `<<EJBDescriptor>>`



## More Profiles

- Completed OMG profiles
  - [http://www.omg.org/technology/documents/modeling\\_spec\\_catalog.htm](http://www.omg.org/technology/documents/modeling_spec_catalog.htm)
    - CORBA
    - CORBA Component Model (CCM)
    - Enterprise Distributed Object Computing (EDOC)
    - Enterprise Application Integration (EAI)
    - QoS and Fault Tolerance
    - Schedulability, Performance and Time (SPT)
- On-going OMG profiles
  - <http://www.omg.org/schedule/>
  - System on a Chip (SoC)
  - Testing
  - Software radio

- Others

- Business modeling (IBM)

- <http://www.ibm.com/developerworks/rational/library/5167.html>

- Struts (IBM)

- Data modeling (Scott Ambler)

- <http://www.agiledata.org/essays/umlDataModelingProfile.html>

- etc. etc. etc.