Design of Object Systems



C++ Object Oriented Programming
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Introduction

♦ Static model

* UML Tutorial: Part 1 – Class Diagrams, Robert C. Martin http://faculty.ksu.edu.sa/amani.h/Documents/UMLTutoria(To%20benefit).pdf

♦ Dynamic model

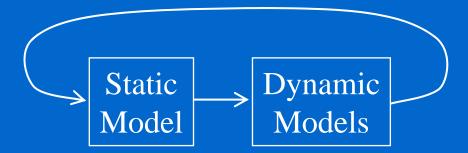
- * UML Tutorial: Collaboration Diagrams, Robert C. Martin http://www.objectmentor.com/resources/articles/umlCollaborationDiagrams.pdf
- * UML Tutorial: Sequence Diagrams, Robert C. Martin http://www.cs.umd.edu/~mvz/cmsc435-s09/pdf/cell-phone-sequence-chart.pdf

† The interplay between static and dynamic models:

- * Novice OO designers often over-emphasize on static models classes, properties, interfaces, inheritance/aggregation relationships
- * Software design is about behavior, behavior is dynamic
- * Object oriented design is a technique used to separate and encapsulate behaviors.

Introduction (cont'd)

- ♦ A static model cannot be proven accurate without associated dynamic models.
- → Dynamic models, on the other hand, do not adequately present considerations of structure and dependency management.
- ♦ Quick iteration between static and dynamic model until they converge to an acceptable solution.



UML Static Model

♦ Class Diagram

- * classes
 - ★ attributes/properties
- * associations/relationships
 - *★* inheritance

Not every part in the graph is required. It depends on what the designer intends to capture.

Employee

- + <<create> Employee(name: char [], year: int, month: int, day: int)
- + <<destroy>> ~Employee()
- m_name: char *
- m_salary: int
- m_position: char *

Date

- + <<create>> Date(year: int, month: int, day: int)
- m_hiredDate m_day: int
 - m_month: int
 - m_year: int

UML Dynamic Models

♦ State Diagram

* Describe how a system responds to events in a manner that is dependent upon its state

♦ Interaction Diagrams

* Sequence diagrams:

- * useful for describing the procedural flow through many objects

* Collaboration diagrams:

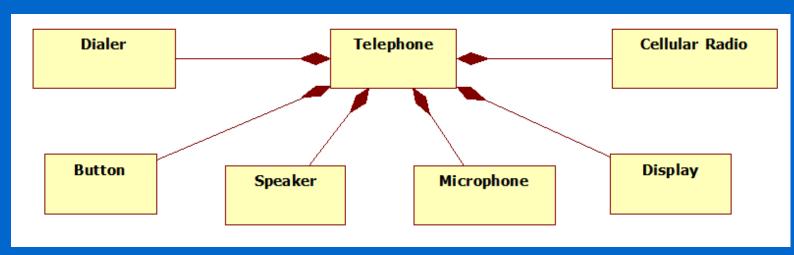
- **♦** focus on the relationships between the objects
- * useful for visualizing the way several objects collaborate to get a job done
- * useful for comparing a dynamic model with a static model

Note: Sequence and collaboration diagrams describe **the same** information and can be transformed into one another

Example: A Cellular Phone

- ♦ Consider the software that controls a very simple cellular phone.
- Specifications
 - * Buttons: digits, send, accept, ...
 - **★ Dialer hardware/software:** emits the appropriate tones for dialing
 - * Cellular radio: RF connection to the cellular network
 - * Microphone, speaker, display
- ♦ There is an intuitive composition relationship from the above spec.

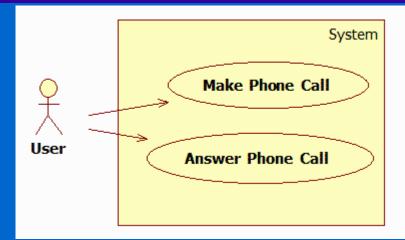
Static Model I



Is this good?? "Analogy to the real world" might **not** be sufficient.

Specifying Dynamics

- ♦ Use case: Make phone call
 - 1. User presses the digit buttons to enter the phone number.
 - 2. For each digit, the display is updated to append the digit to the phone number.



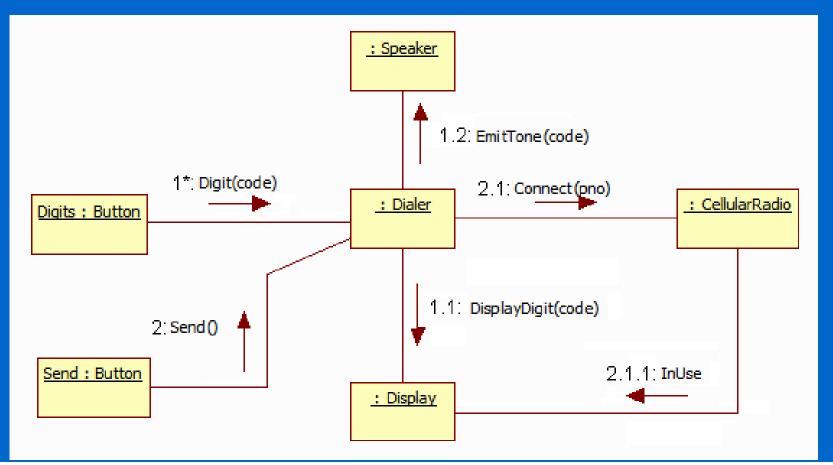
- 3. For each digit, the dialer generates the corresponding tone and emits it from the speaker.
- 4. User presses "Send".
- 5. The "in use" indicator is illuminated on the display.
- 6. The cellular radio establishes a connection to the network.
- 7. The accumulated digits are sent to the network.
- 8. The connection is made to the called party.
- How do the objects in the static model collaborate to execute this procedure?

Possible Dynamics

- ♦ When digit buttons are pressed:
 - * Digit button object sends a *digit* message to Telephone object.
 - * Telephone object forwards the digit message to Dialer object.
 - * Dialer object sends a *displayDigit* message to Display object to show the new digit.
 - * Dialer object sends an *emitTone* message to Speaker object.
- ♦ When send button is pressed:
 - * Send button object sends a *send* message to Telephone object.
 - * Telephone object forwards the send message to Dialer object.
 - * Dialer object sends *connect* message to CellularRadio object.
 - * CellularRadio object sends *inUse* message to Display object to illuminate the "in use" indicator on the display.
- Problem: Is the "Telephone object" necessary?

Collaboration Diagram

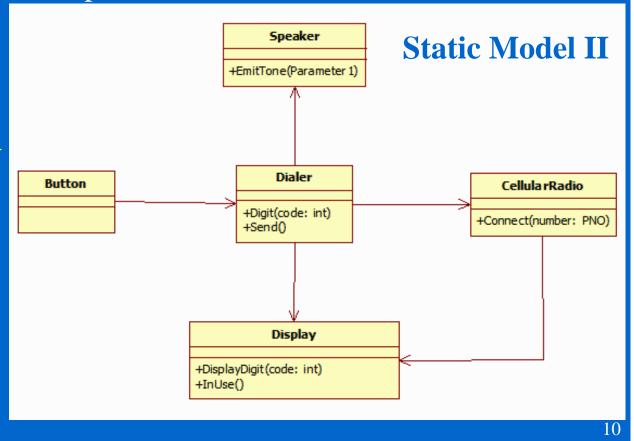
- ♦ Collaboration Diagram of "Make phone call" use case
 - 1. Objects: instances of classes 2. Links: instances of associations
 - 3. Messages (names, nested sequence numbers, arguments)



Reconciling the Static Model

- Problem: The structure of objects in the collaboration diagram does not look very much like the structure of the class diagram.
- ♦ Which one needs to be modified? dynamic or static
- The "Telephone" class in the previous intuitive static model is like a
 - "god" controlling all objects by monitoring all message flows.

 This results in a highly coupled design.
- Why not change the static model to a "decentralized one" consistent with the collaboration diagram?

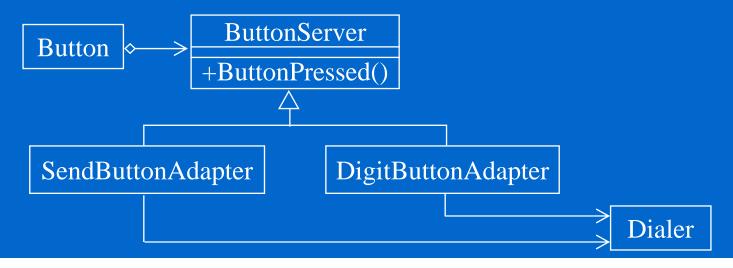


Static Model II (cont'd)

- ♦ You might feel uncomfortable because static model II does not seem to reflect the real world as well as the "intuitive" static model I.
 - * Static model I is based upon the physical structure of the telephone.
 - * Static model II is based upon the **real world behaviors** of the telephone instead of its real world physical makeup. (Again, software models the behaviors.)
- ♦ Many dynamic models usually accompany a single static model.
 - * Each dynamic model explores a different variation of a use case / scenario / requirement.
 - * The links between the objects in those dynamic models imply a set of associations that must be present in a static model.

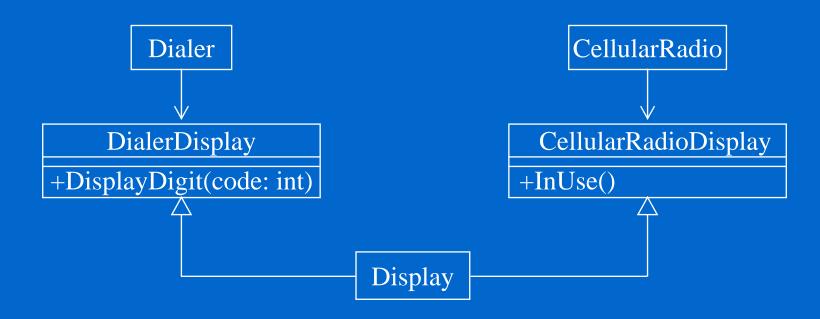
Static Model III

- → Problem 1: Why should a class name Button know anything about a class named Dialer?
 - * Does every button of this phone need to be related to the dialing function? How about volume up/down?
 - * Shouldn't the Button class be reusable in a program that does not have any thing to do with Dialer?
 - * Dependency: in the current design, when the interface of the Dialer class changes, the class Button needs to be recompiled.
- Using the Adapted Server pattern to decouple Button from Dialer



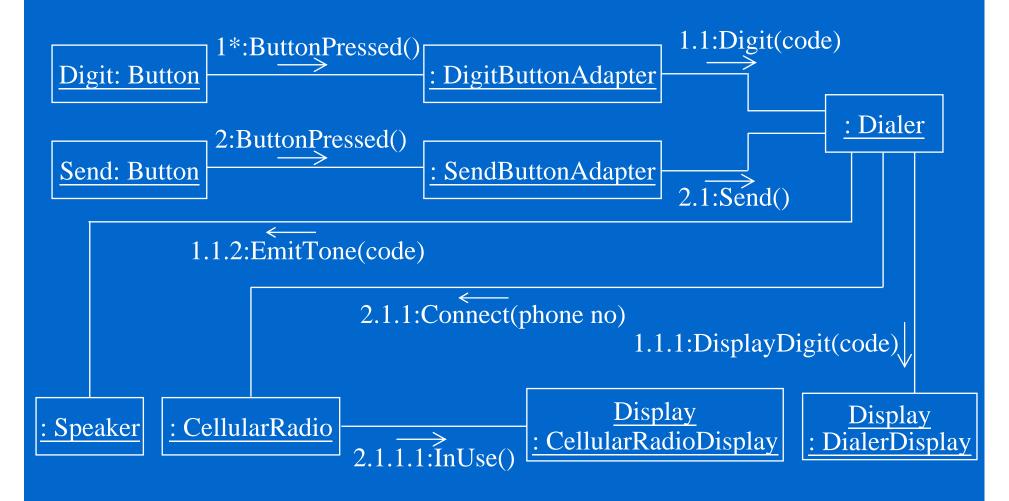
Static Model III (cont'd)

- Problem 2: High coupling of classes Dialer and CellularRadio through the class Display!
 - * If the interface of Display changes in order to satisfy the requirement of Dialer, the CellularRadio will be affected; at very least, by an unwarranted recompile.
- ♦ Interface Segregation of the class Display



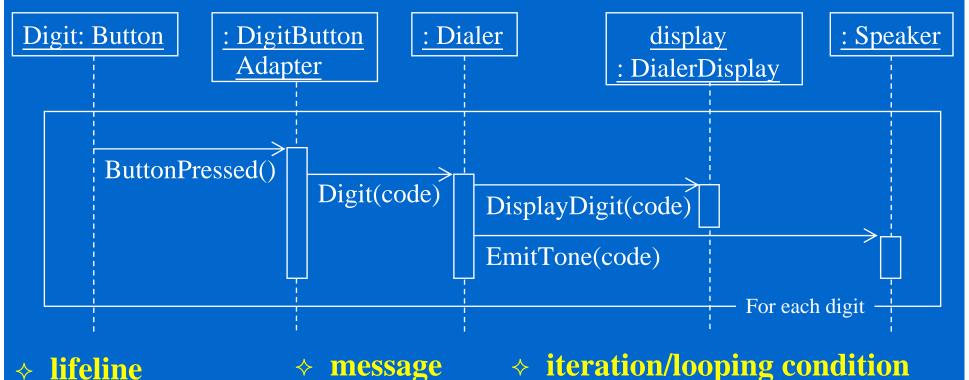
Collaboration Diagram II

♦ The change of static model will certainly change the dynamic model.



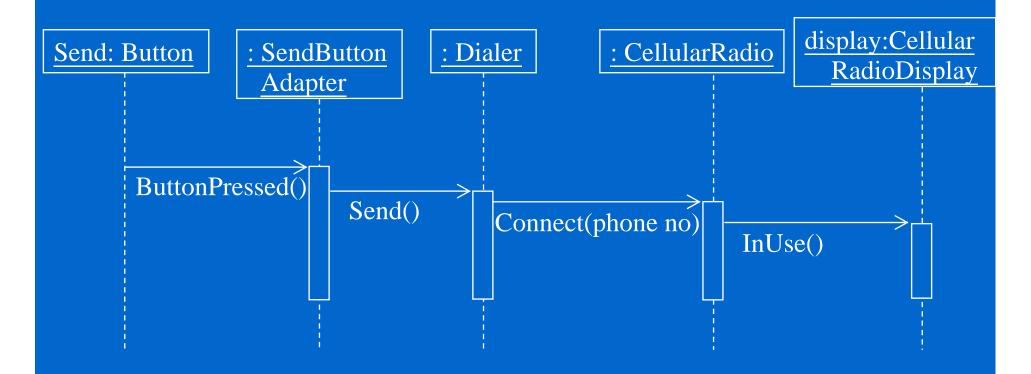
Sequence Diagram: Dialing

- ♦ Both collaboration diagram and sequence diagram specify the dynamics of the system: sequence of messages sent between objects.
 - * Collaboration diagram emphasizes the relationships between the objects
 - * Sequence diagram emphasizes the sequence of the messages



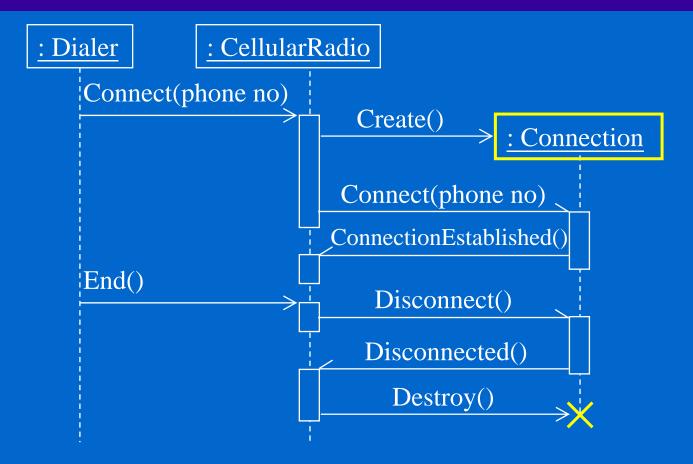
* activation: the duration of the execution of a method in response to a message; a method returns to the caller at the end of the activation

Sequence Diagram (cont'd)



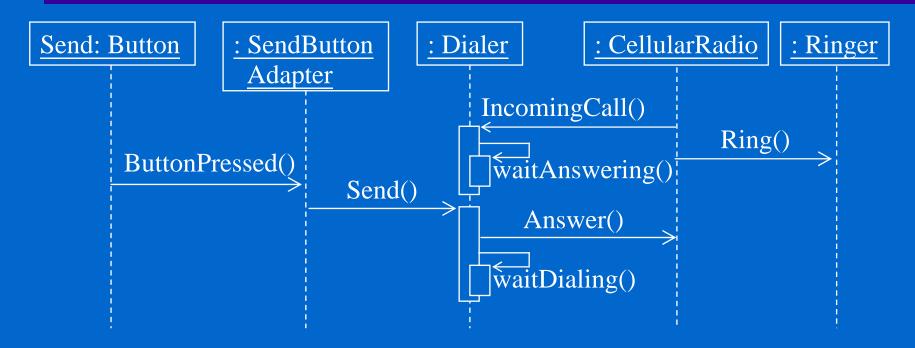
- ♦ Sequence diagram is easier to follow algorithmically.
- ♦ Usually use separate sequence diagram for each use case.
- Collaboration diagram shows the whole collaboration of objects in a single dense diagram but somewhat obscures the algorithm.

Creation and Deletion of Objects



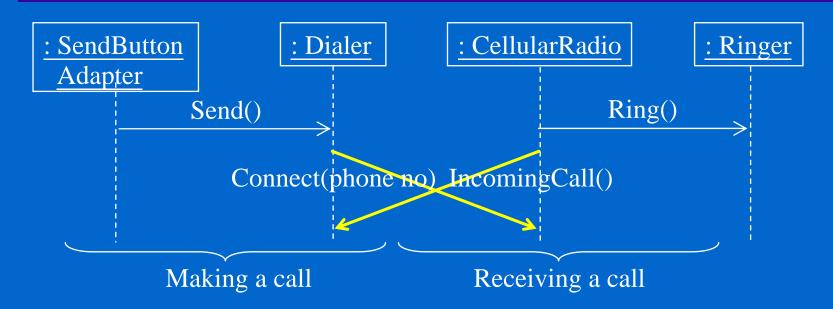
- half-arrowhead: asynchronous messages
- ♦ An asynchronous message is a message that returns immediately while the receiving object responds in a different thread

Sequence Diagram: Answering



- ♦ Most activation rectangles have been omitted for clarity.
- ♦ Dialer enters waitAnswering state after receiving IncomingCall() message. In this state, arriving Send() message denote that user wants to answer the incoming call instead of making an outgoing call.

Race Condition Depicted



- ♦ "Making a call" is initiated by the user, while "Receiving a call" is initiated independently by another user.
- Message with a downward angle shows the elapsed time between the sending of the message and its reception.
- ♦ The crossing of messages shows the race condition, which should be handled carefully by both Dialer and CellularRadio objects with state diagrams.

Three Bags Example

