UML Part II: Advanced Modeling

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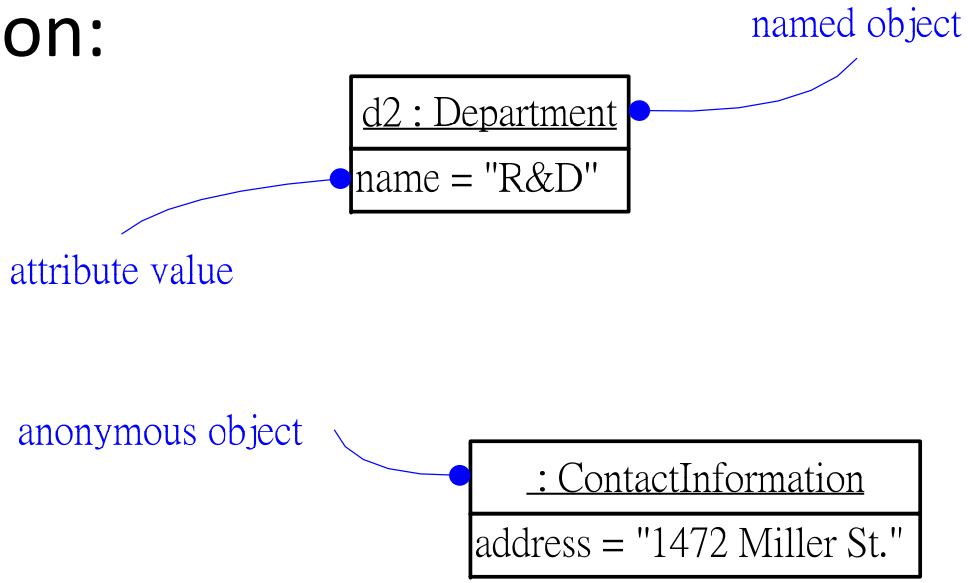
Outline

- Advanced Structural Modeling
  - Object Diagrams
  - Components
- Advanced Behavioral Modeling
  - State Machines
  - Processes and Threads
  - Timing Constraints

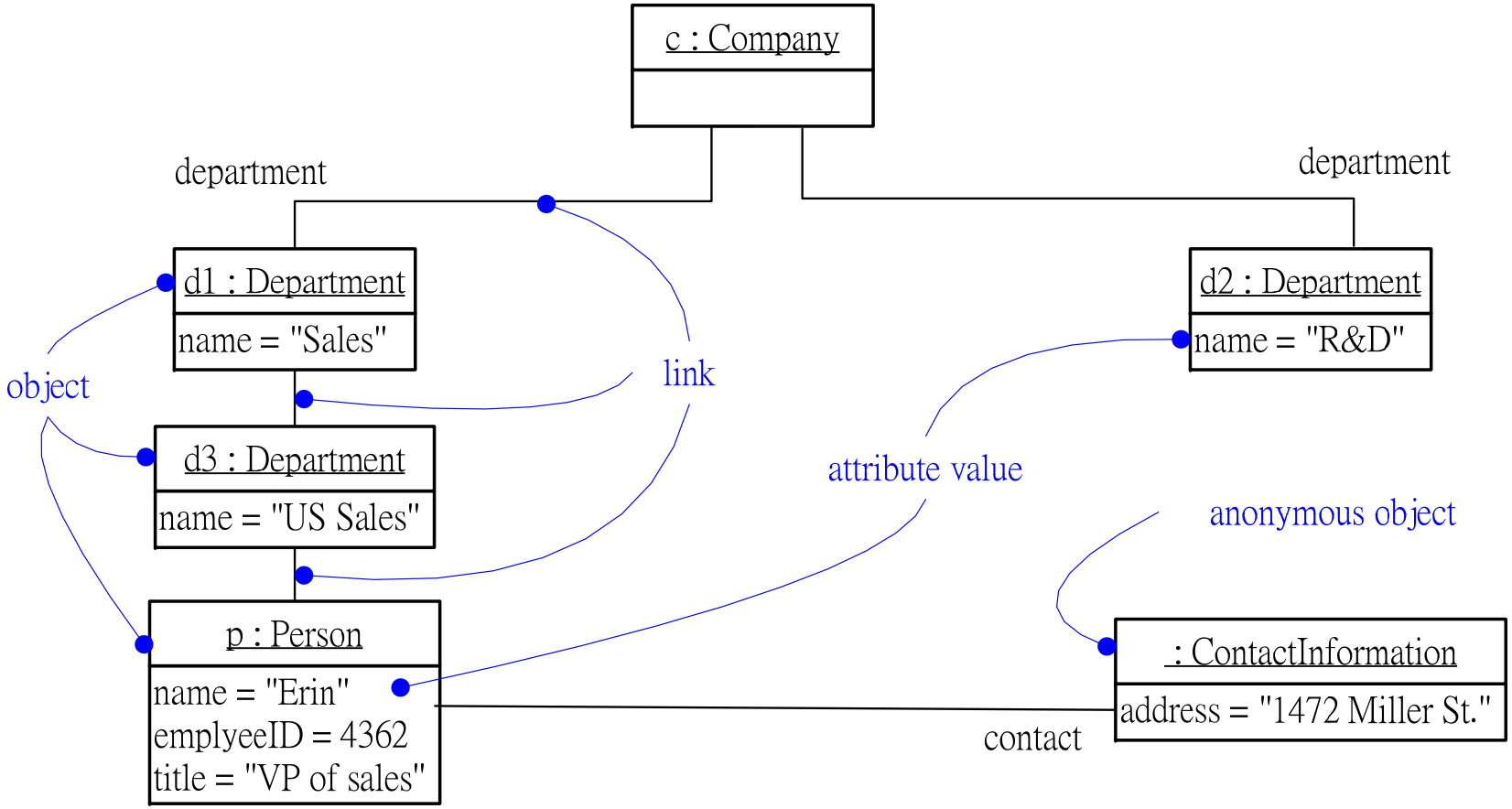
Instances

- An instance is a concrete manifestation of an abstraction
  - Set of operations (that can be applied to the instance)
  - State (that stores the effects of operations)
- Graphical notation:

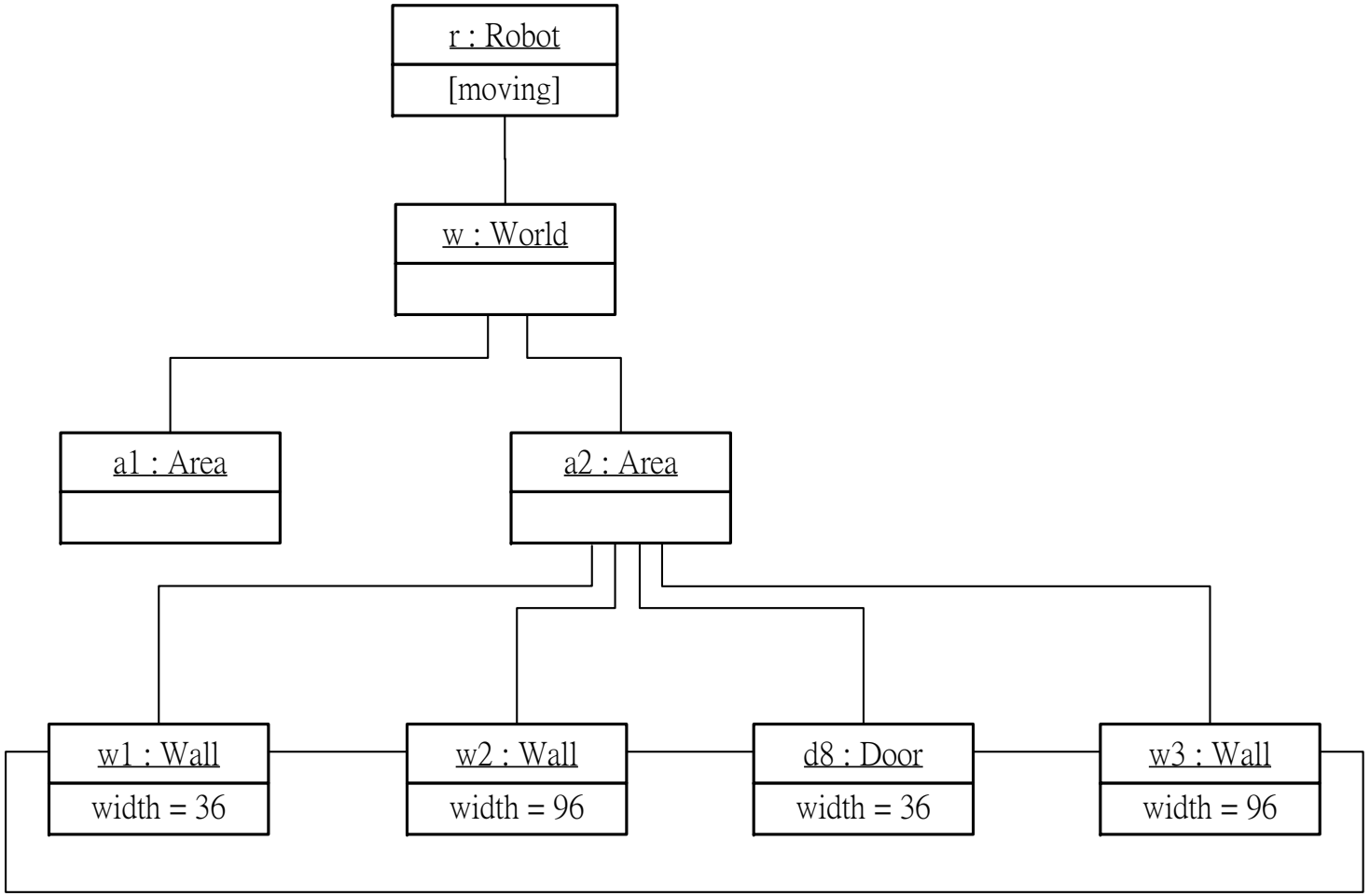


Object Diagrams

- An object diagram shows a set of objects and their relationships at a point in time.



Modeling Object Structures

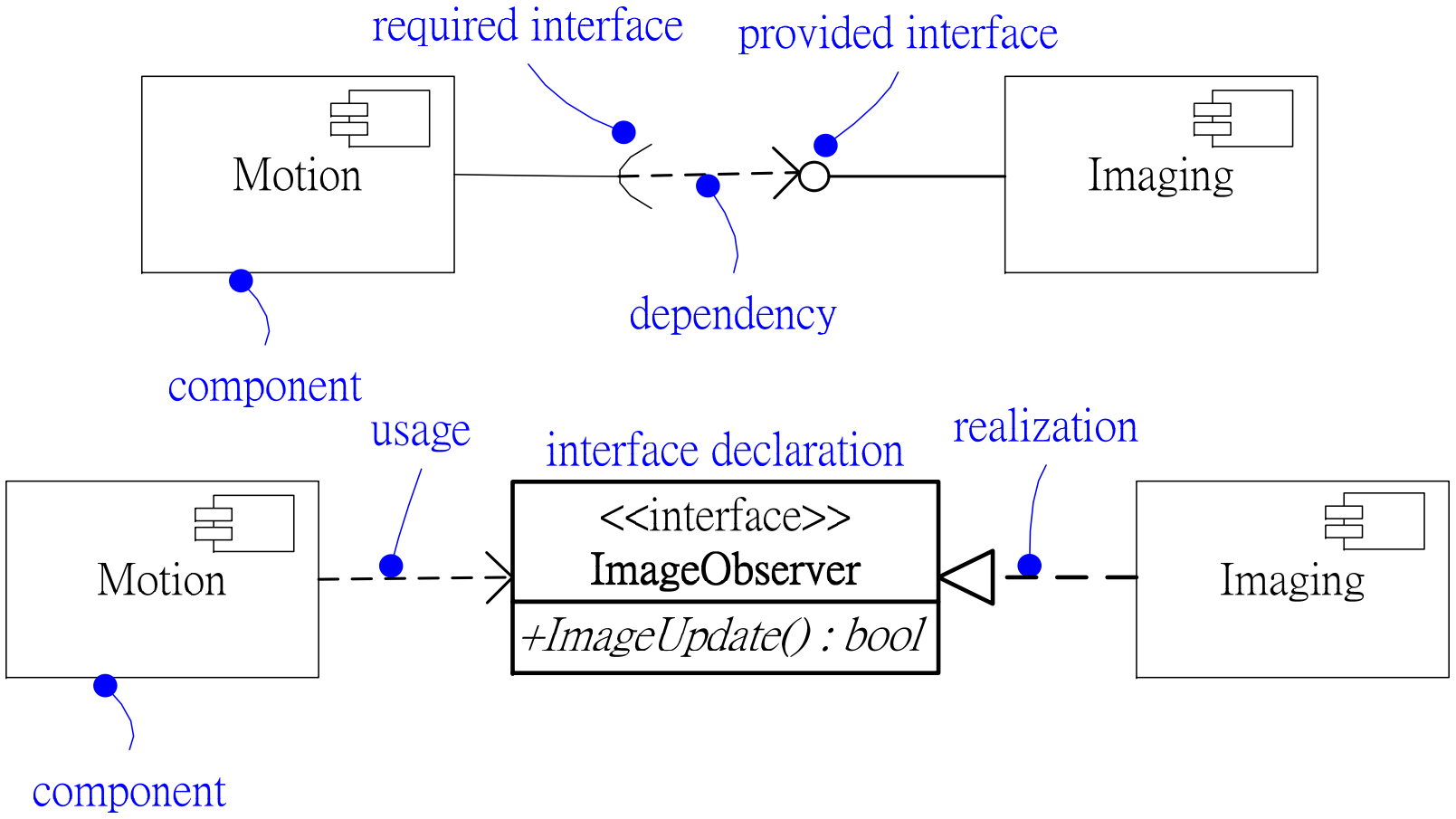


Components

- A component is a *logical*, *replaceable* part of a system that conforms to and realizes a set of *interfaces*.
- Relevant concepts
  - Interface: a collection of operations. Interfaces are the glue that binds components together.
  - Port: a window for accepting and sending messages
  - Internal structure: implementation of a component
  - Part: a unit of the implementation
  - Connector: a communication relationship between two parts or ports

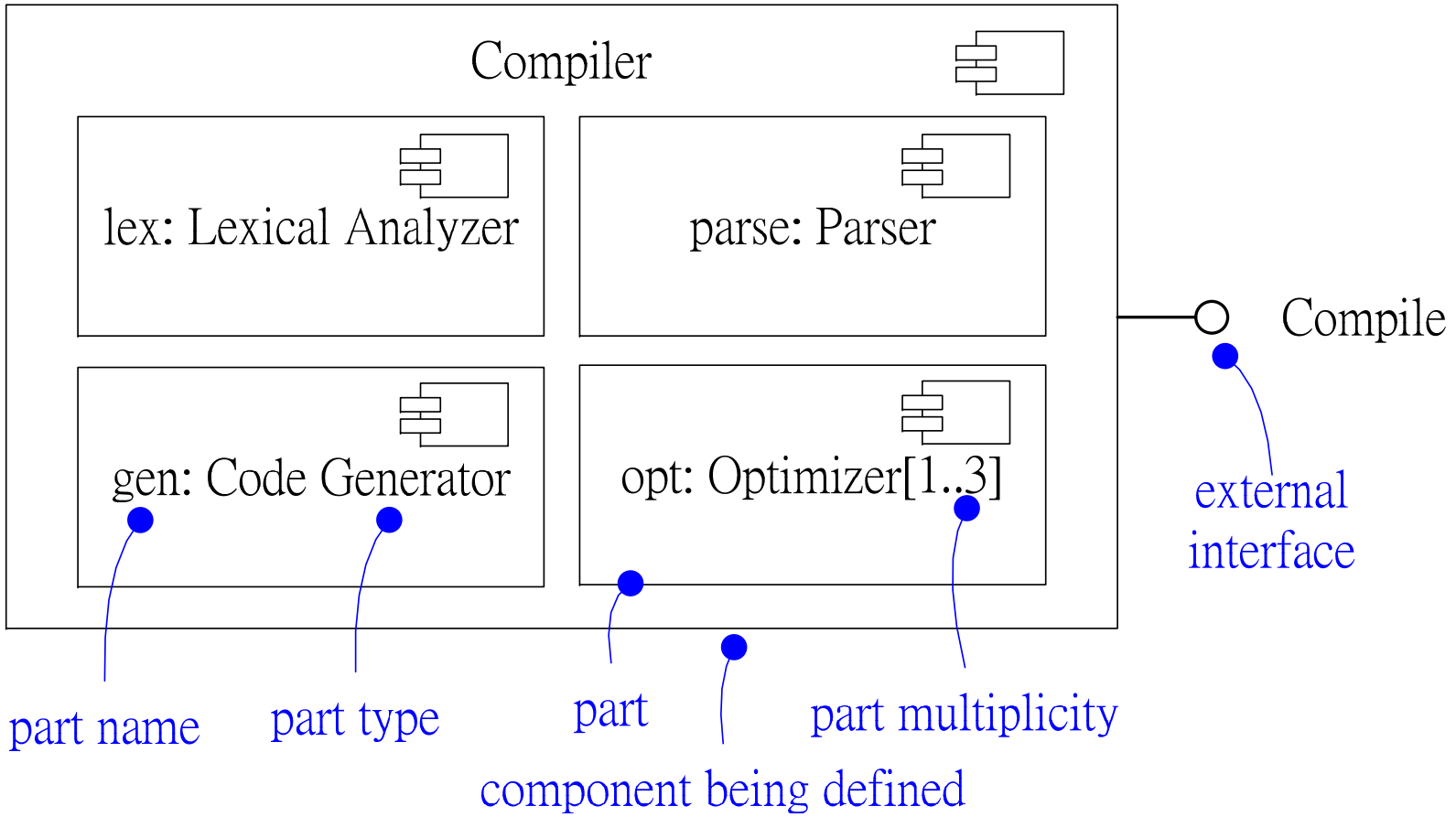
Component Diagrams

- Components are bound by interfaces.



Component Diagrams (cont.)

- Components can be nested.

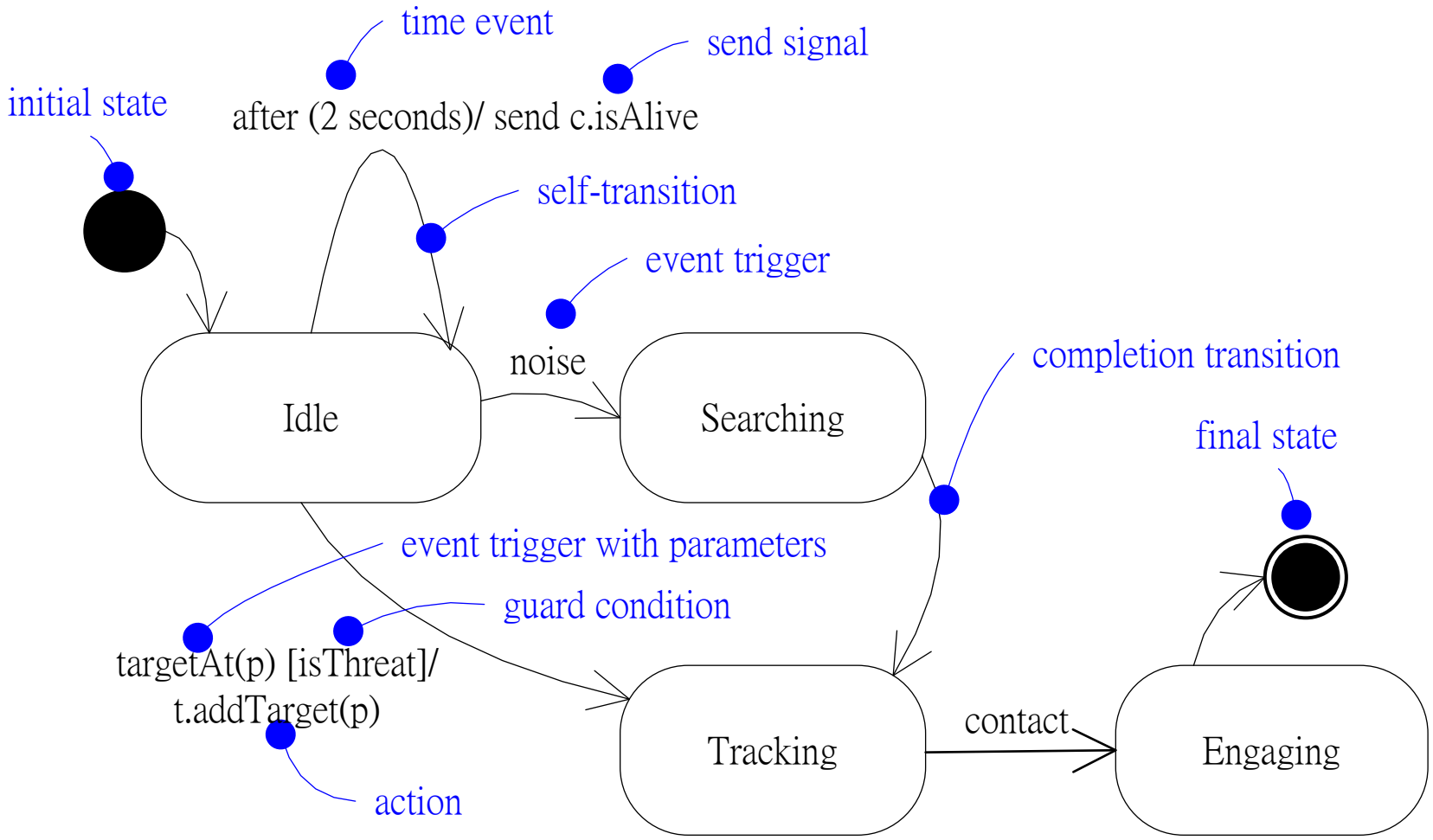


Events and Signals

- "Things that happen" are called events.
- They are used to model the occurrence of a stimulus that changes the state of a system.
- Events may include
  - Signals,
  - Calls,
  - The passing of time, or
  - A change in state
- Events may be synchronous or asynchronous.

State Machines

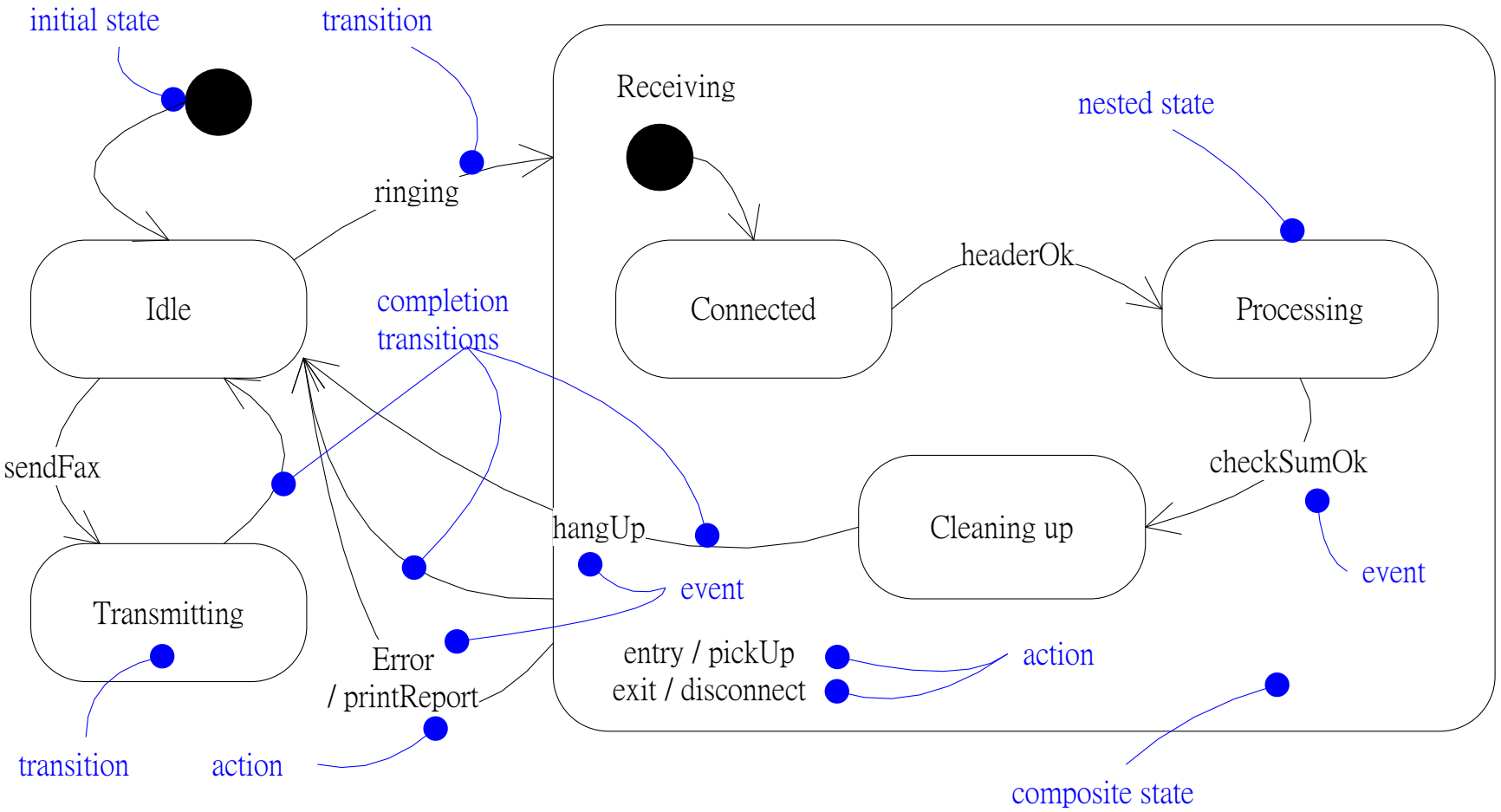
- A state machine models the lifetime of an object.



Advanced States and Transitions

- Entry/exit effects
- Internal transitions
- Do-activities
- Deferred events
- Submachines
- Nonorthogonal vs. orthogonal states (sequential vs. concurrent states)
- History states (cf. static variables in C)
- Fork and Join

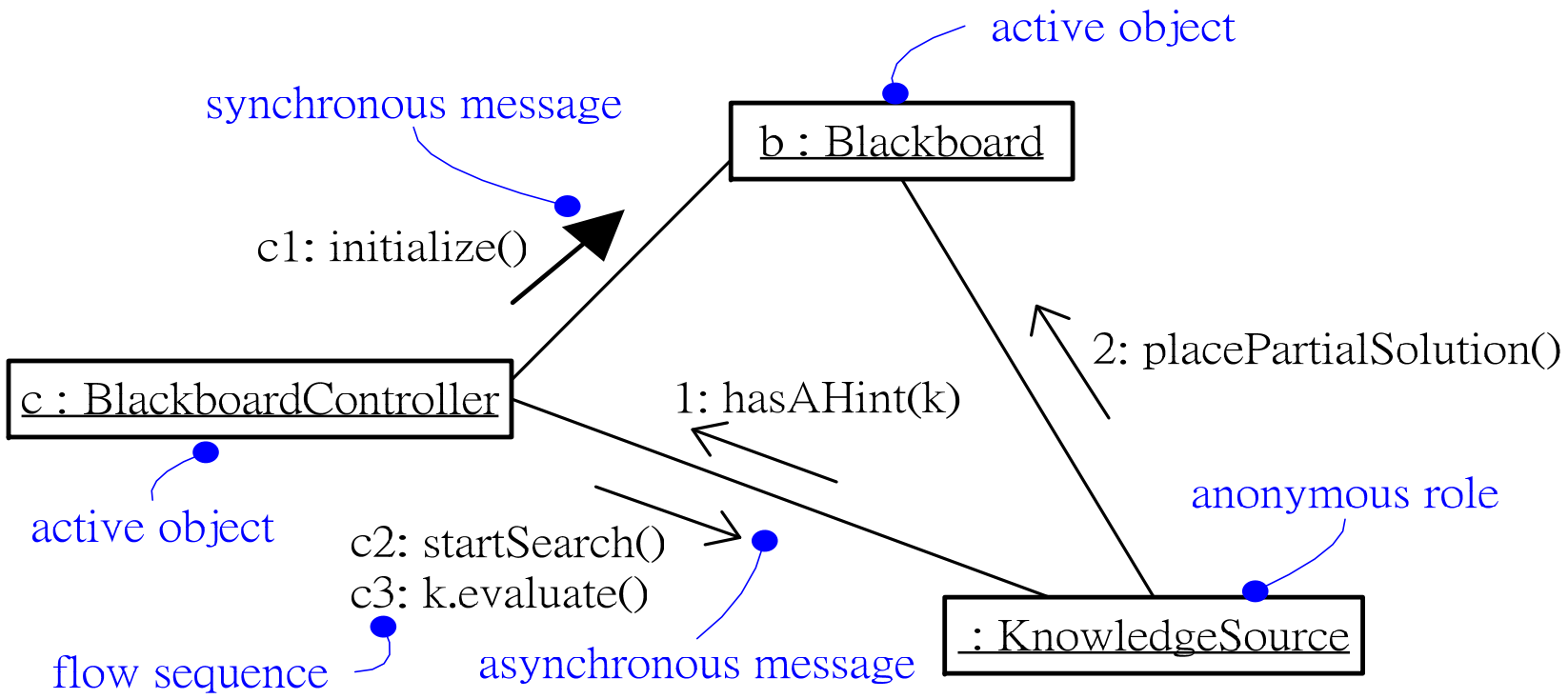
State (Statemachine) Diagrams



Processes and Threads

- Flow of control
  - Heavyweight: Process
  - Lightweight: Thread
- Active class/object (representing a process or thread)
- Communication
- Synchronization
  - Sequential
  - Guarded
  - Concurrent

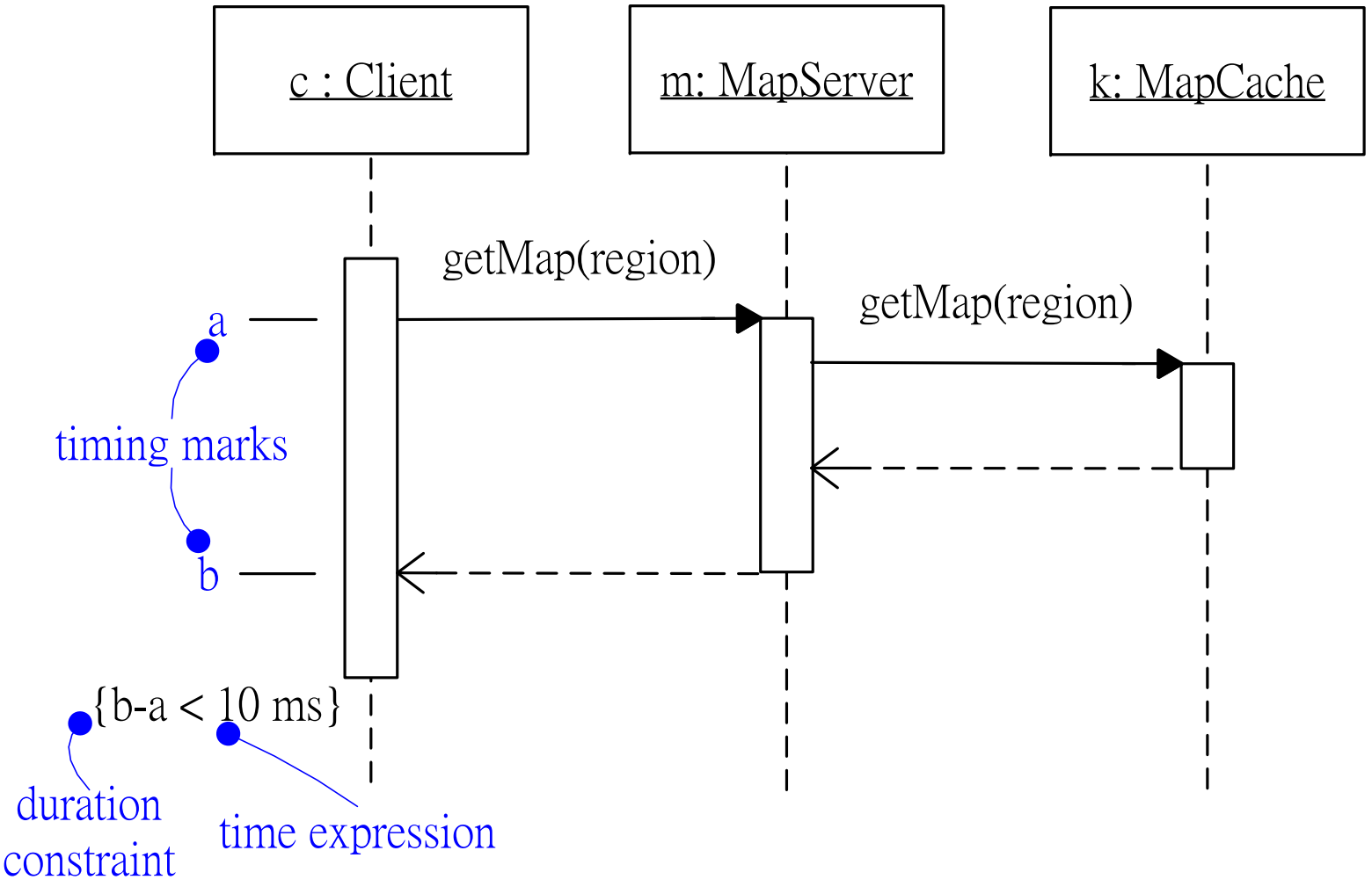
Communication



Timing Constraints

- Some systems may be time-critical.
- Even if not time-critical, meeting more stringent timing constraints is a good indicator of efficiency.
- Typical timing constraints:
  - Duration
  - Frequency

Duration Constraints



Improvements Made in UML 2.0

- Hierarchical decomposition of structures and support for component-based development:
  - Composite structure diagrams
- Hierarchical decomposition of behavior
- Improved integration between structural and behavioral models
- Support for executable models
  - fully integrated Action Semantics