

UML as a tool for modelling of risks

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Models are often simplified representations of reality

Reality



Model



We select modelling method depending on what we want to model and what we want to enlighten/ emphasise/ communicate/ understand.

What is UML (1)

UML is an abbreviation of Unified Modeling Language

UML was created by OMG™ – Object Management Group is an international, open membership, not-for-profit computer industry consortium. OMG Task Forces develop enterprise integration standards for a wide range of technologies, and an even wider range of industries. OMG's modeling standards enable powerful visual design, execution and maintenance of software and other processes.

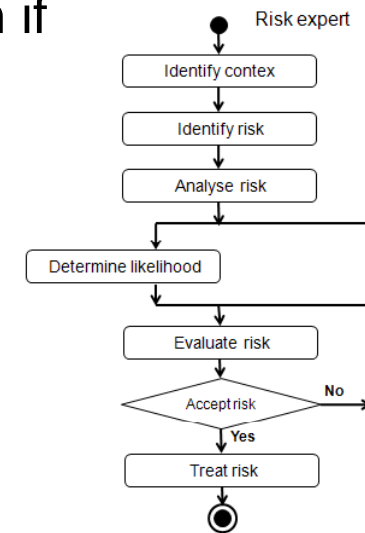
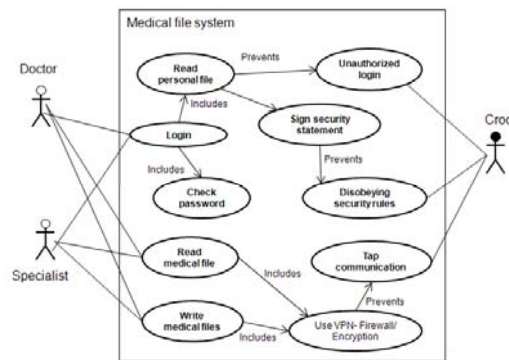
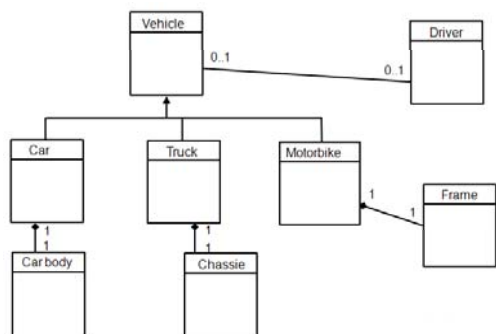
First version UML 1.0 came in 1997

Today we have UML 2.1 and its definition and other useful documents are free to download from: www.omg.org

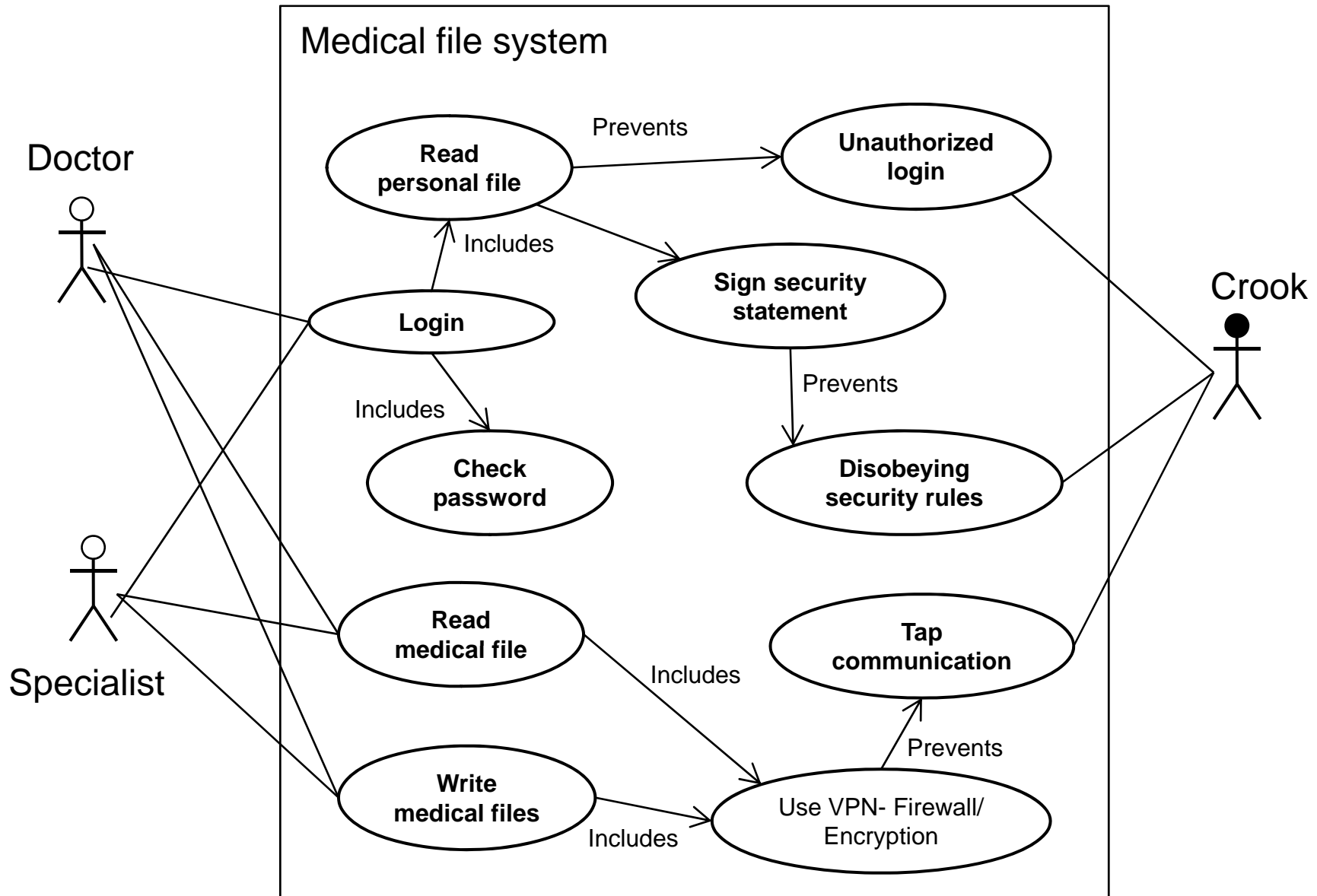
What is UML (2)

UML :

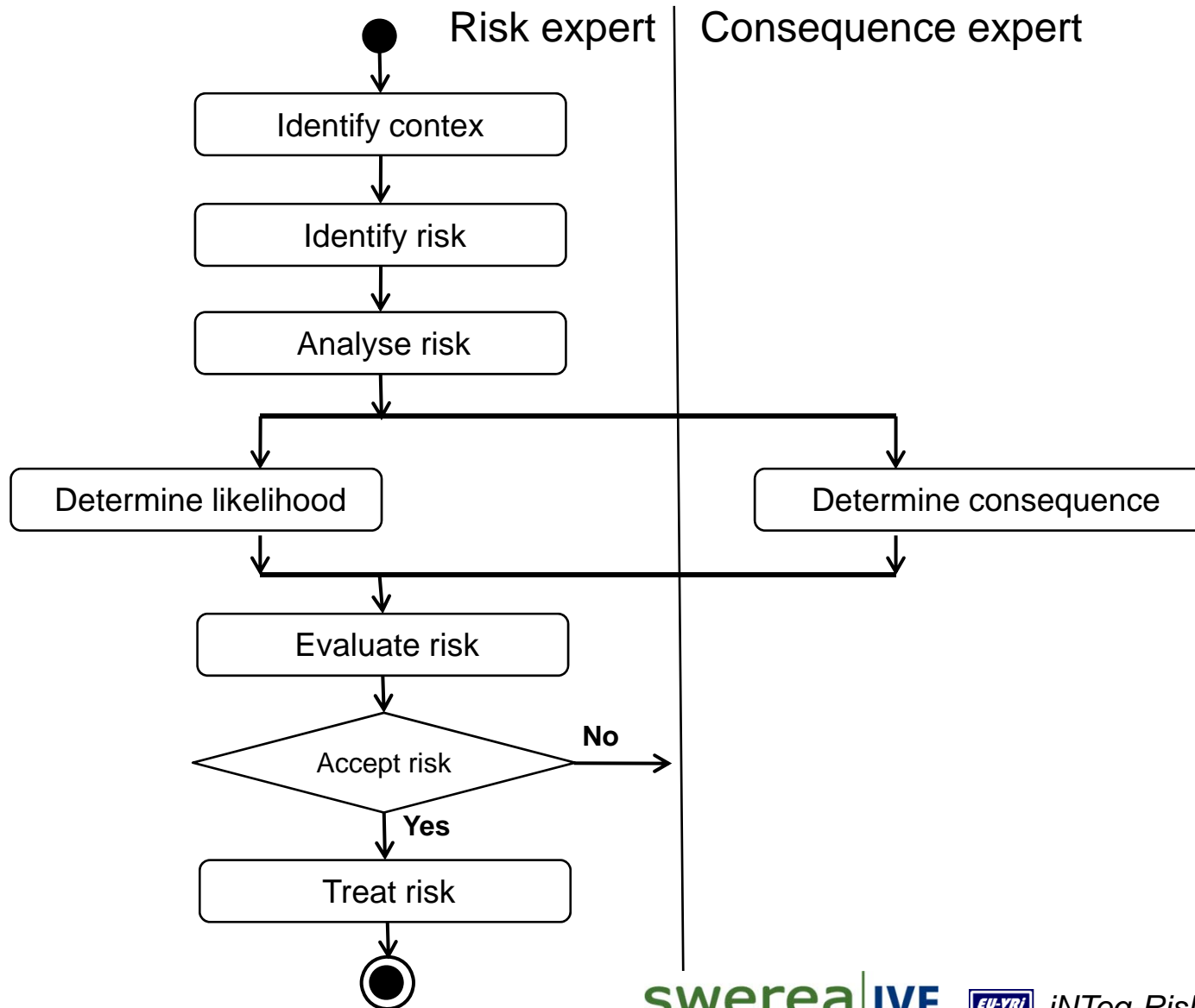
- Is a modelling method and has a graphical notation
- Has 13 different types of diagrams
- Is highly object oriented
- Can be used to model business processes, software systems, physical systems, information and many other things
- Is not limited in any way to software and electronics even if the origin of UML is in that area



Use case diagram



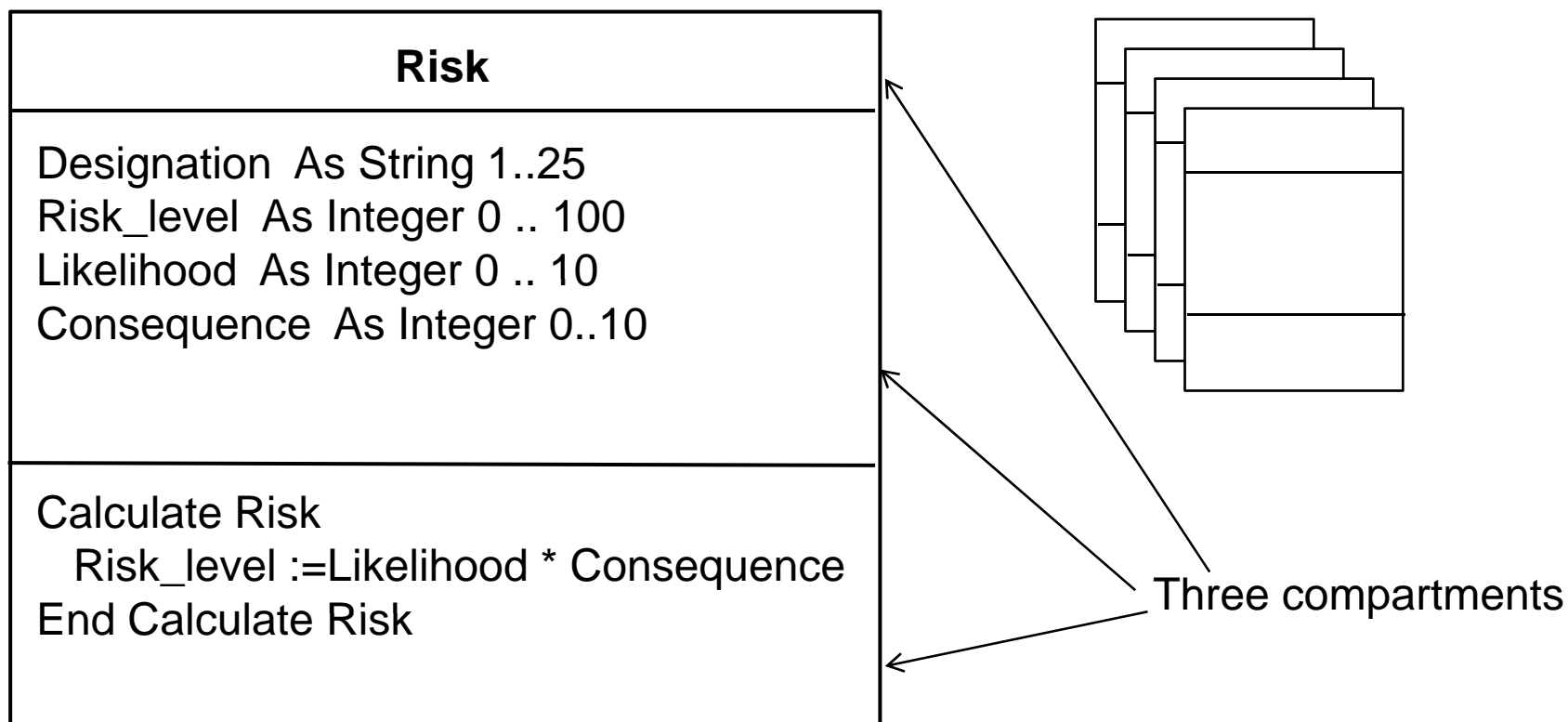
Activity diagram



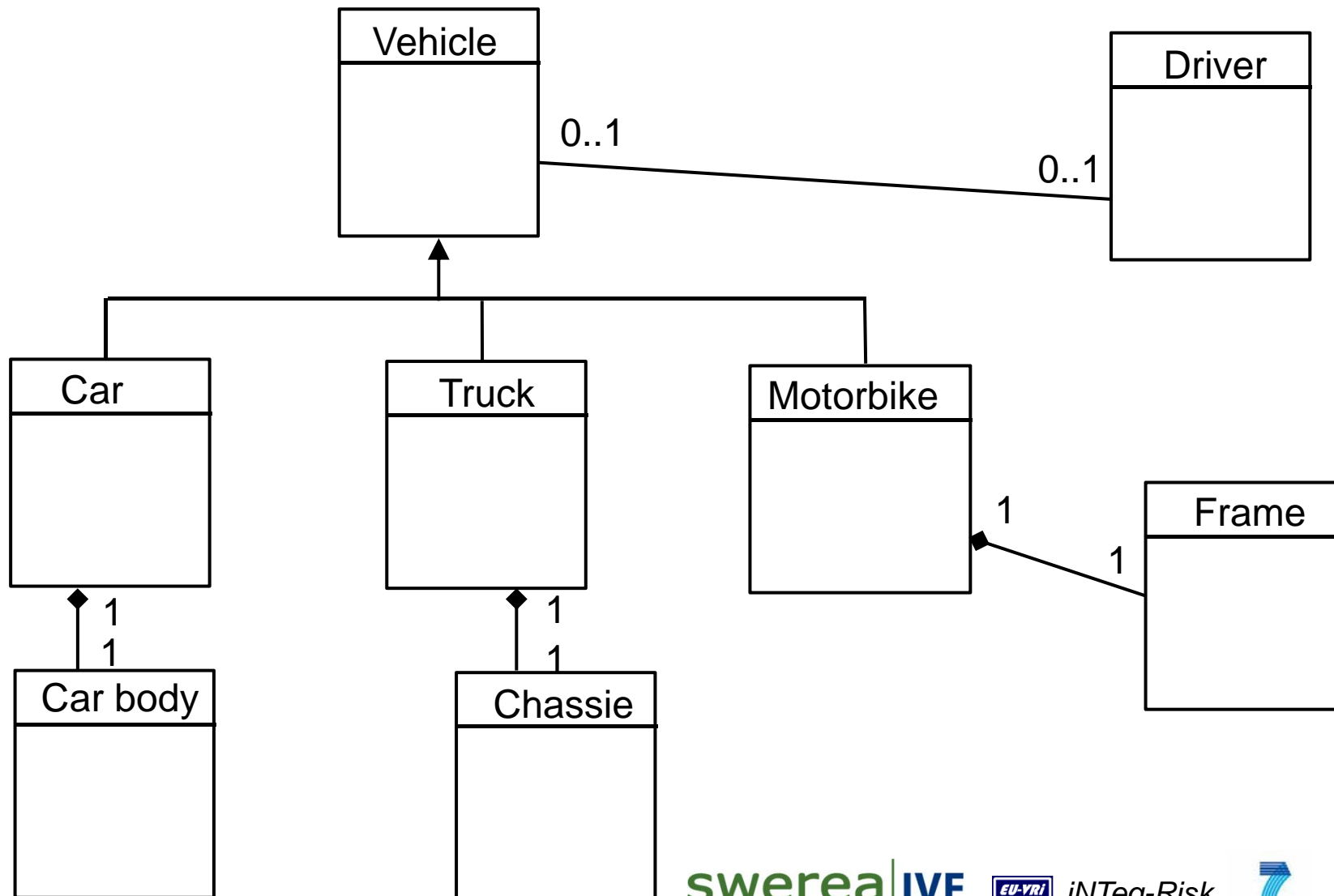
Most common is the Class diagram

One Class definition (simplified example)

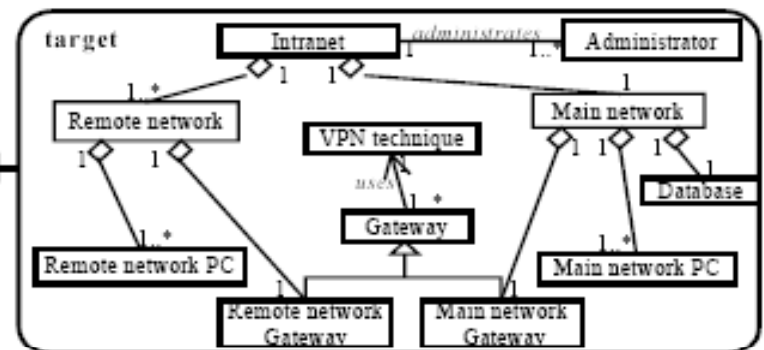
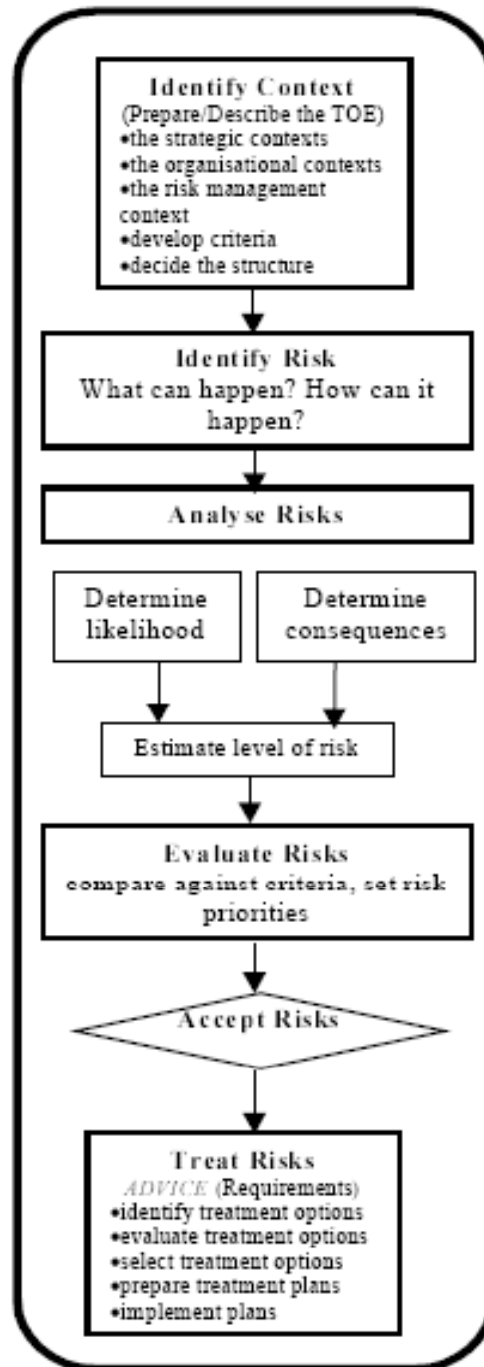
Many instances / objects



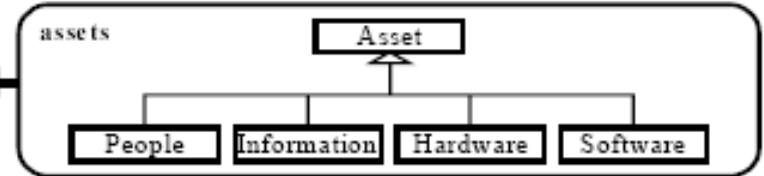
Relations of Class diagrams



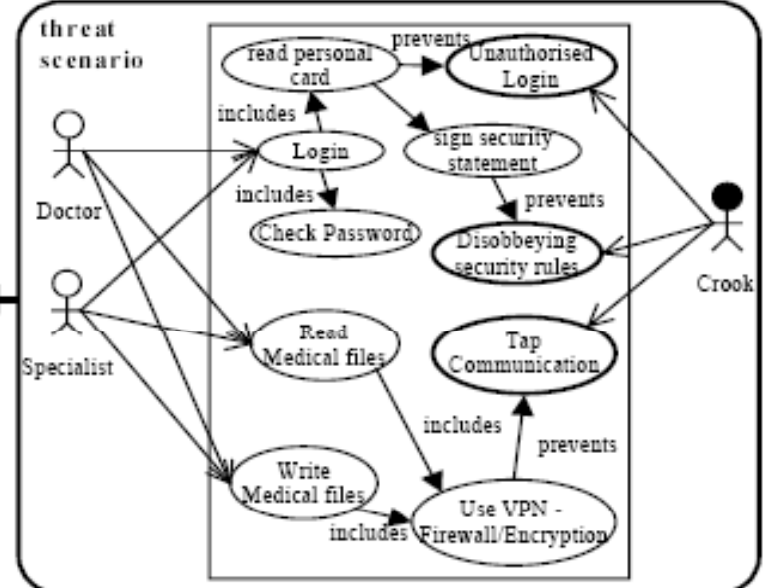
Risk management process



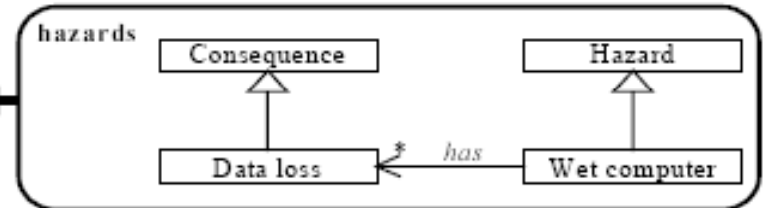
Target



Assets



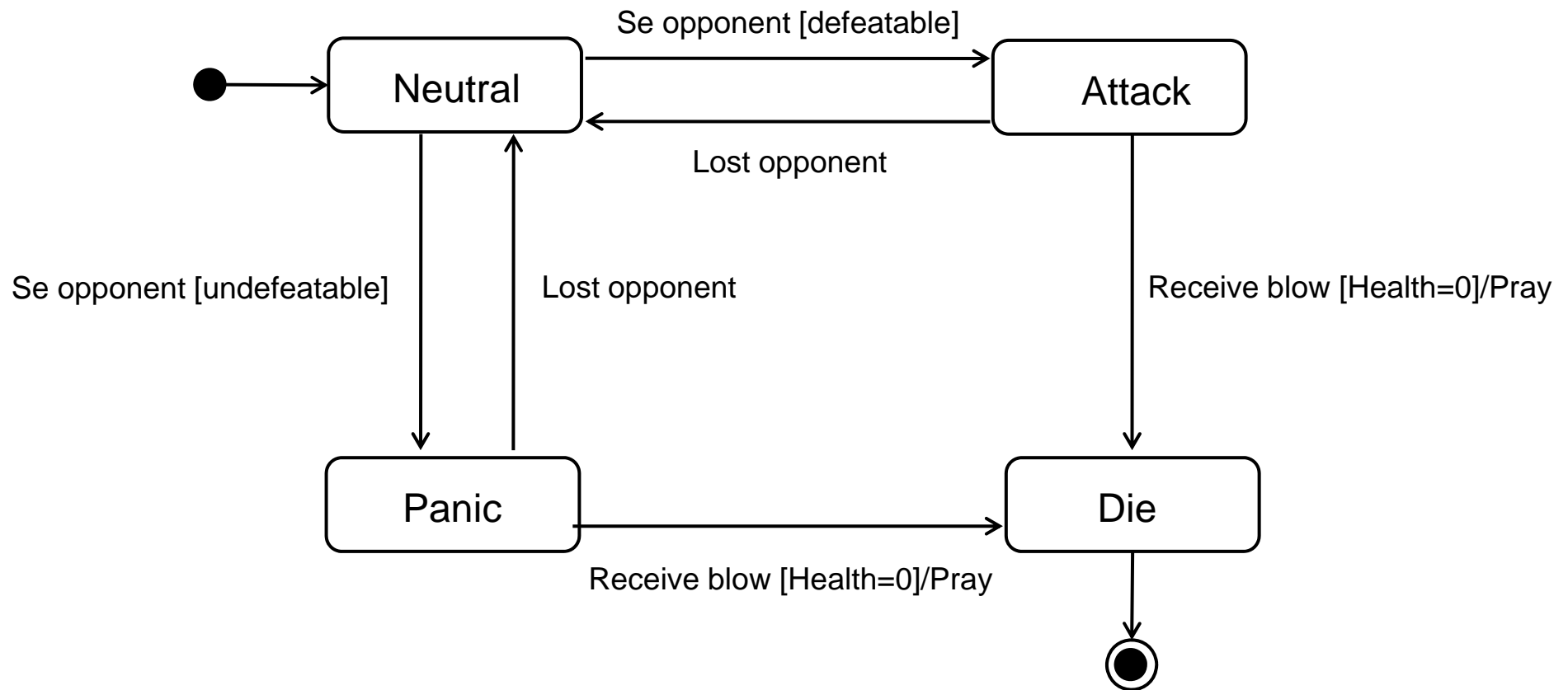
Threat scenario



Hazards

State chart diagram

Troll in First-Person Shooter (FPS) game



The CORAS Language as an example



Figure 1: Basic building blocks of the CORAS diagrams

Treatment Category	Abbreviation
avoid	<i>av</i>
decrease likelihood	<i>dl</i>
decrease consequence	<i>dc</i>
share	<i>sh</i>
retain	<i>re</i>

Table 2: Treatment category abbreviations

Vertex	Instance
party	<i>p</i>
asset	<i>a</i>
deliberate threat	<i>dt</i>
accidental threat	<i>at</i>
non-human threat	<i>nht</i>
threat scenario	<i>ts</i>
unwanted incident	<i>ui</i>
risk	<i>r</i>
treatment scenario	<i>trs</i>

Annotation	Instance
vulnerability	$v = \{v\} = V_1$
vulnerability set	$V_n = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$
likelihood	<i>l</i>
consequence	<i>c</i>
risk value	<i>rv</i>
risk function	<i>rf</i>

Table 1: Naming conventions

CORAS Security Risk Modeling Language

The syntax is an extension of UML

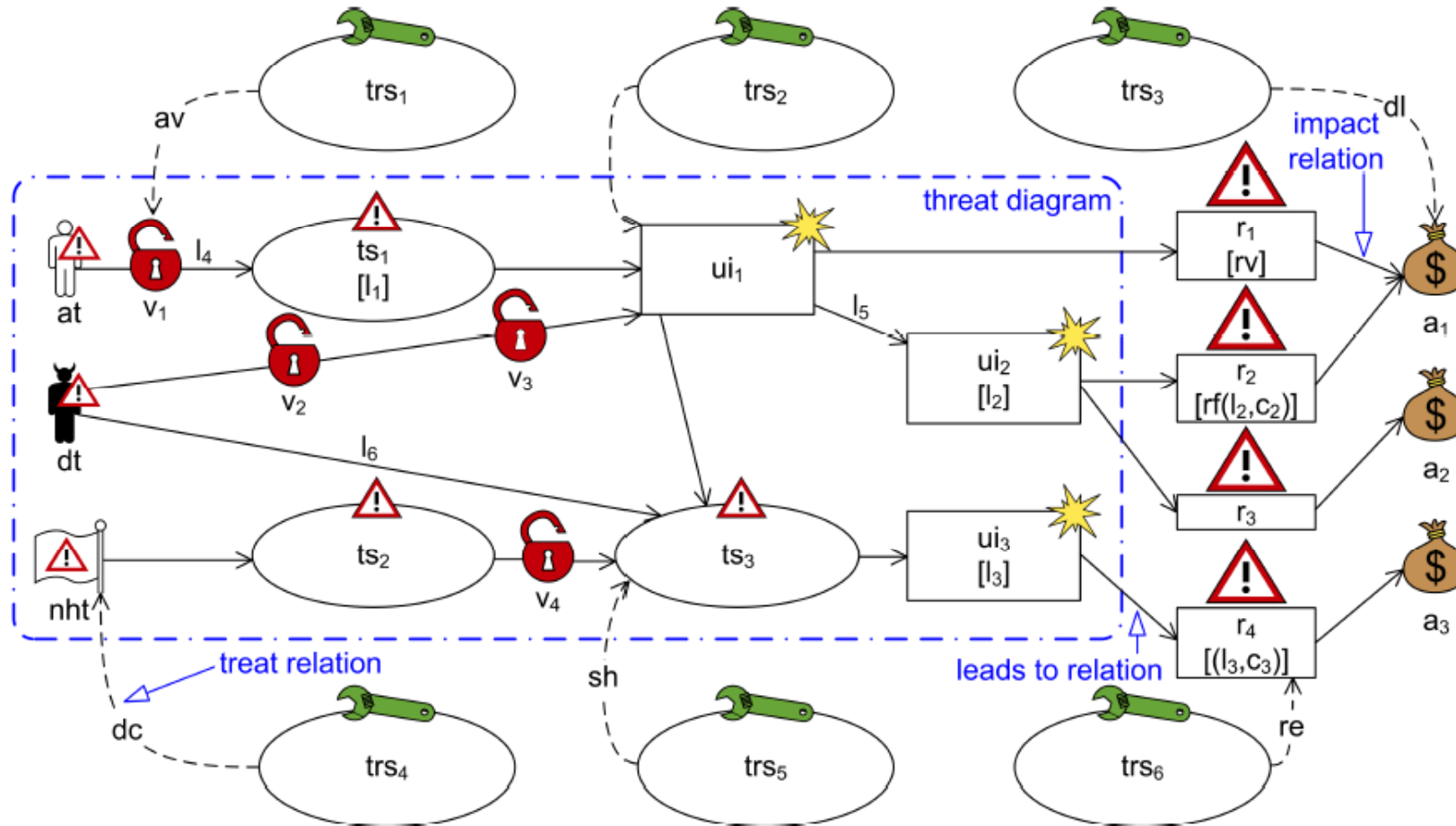
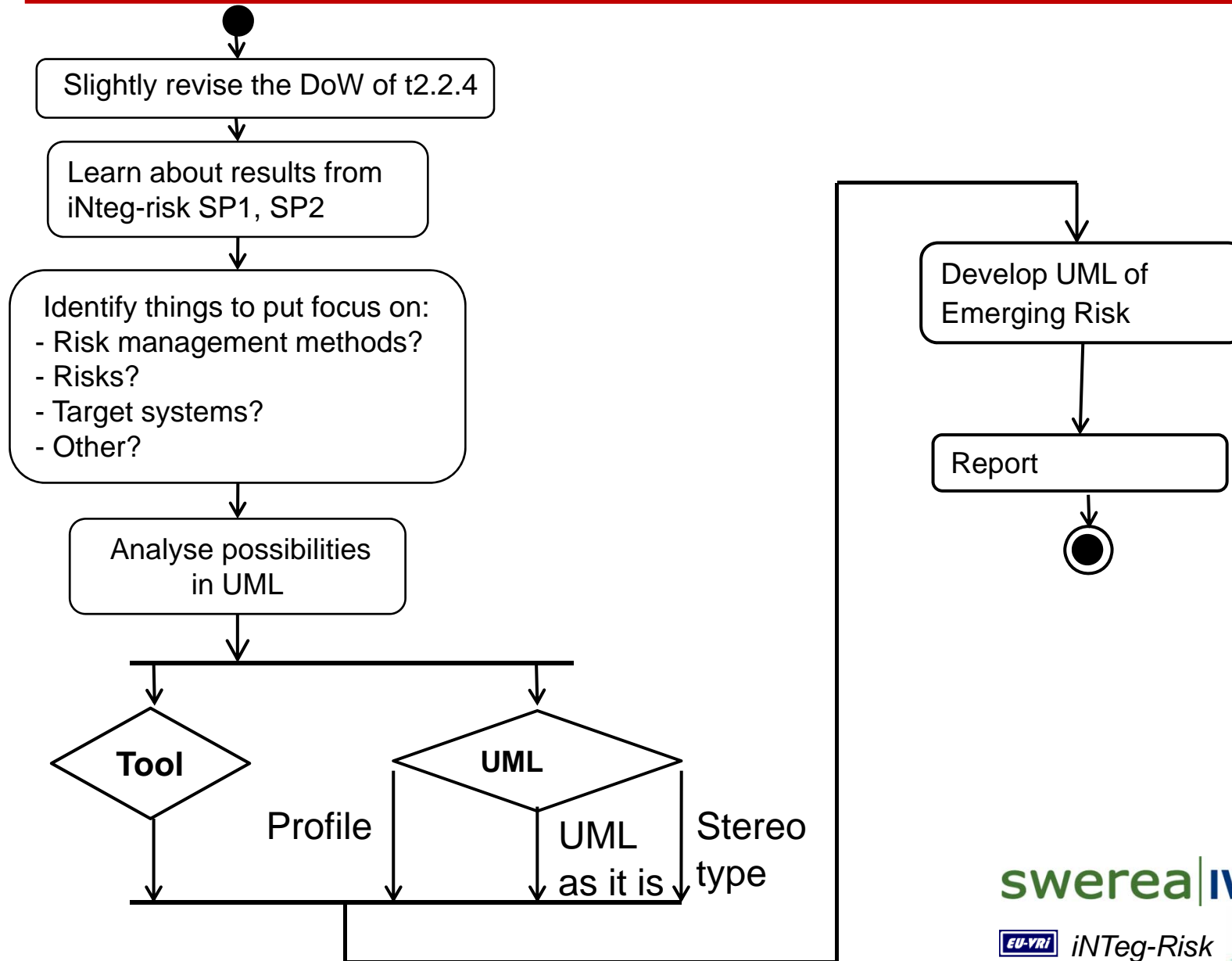


Figure 12: Graphical syntax of treatment diagrams

With UML of today we can model:

What to model	Diagram to use ?
Target Systems	Class diagram, Component diagrams, Deployment diagrams, Object diagrams
Target system behaviour	State diagrams, Use cases, Sequence diagrams
Risks	Class diagrams
Risk management processes	Activity diagrams, Use cases
Dependencies	Class diagrams, object diagrams, State diagrams
Things that we want to put focus on regarding risks in emerging technologies	iNteg-Risk developed diagram, stereotypes

Work process of Task 2.2.4



13 different UML diagrams

Diagram type	What can be modeled
Use Case	Interaction between target system and users or external systems
Activity	Sequential and parallel activities within a system
Class	Classes, types, interfaces and relationships
Object	Object instances between classes defined in class diagrams of a system
Sequence	Interaction between objects where the order of the interaction is important
Communication	The way objects interact and the connections that are needed to support interaction
Timing	Interactions between objects where timing is essential
Interaction Overview	Used to bring sequence communication, and timing diagrams together
Composite Structure	The internals of a class or component
Component	Components within a system and the interfaces they use to interact with each other
Package	The hierarchical organization of groups of classes and components
State Machine	The state of an object throughout its lifetime and the event that can change the state
Deployment	How your system is finally deployed in a given real world situation

Tank you
Questions ?

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