Relationships between Class Diagrams, Object Diagrams and OCL Invariants

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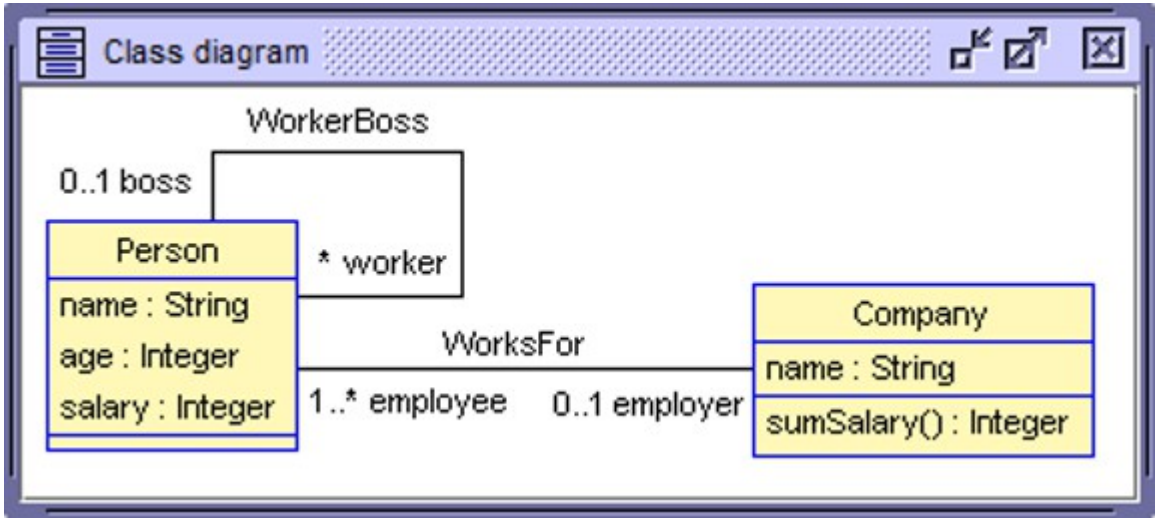
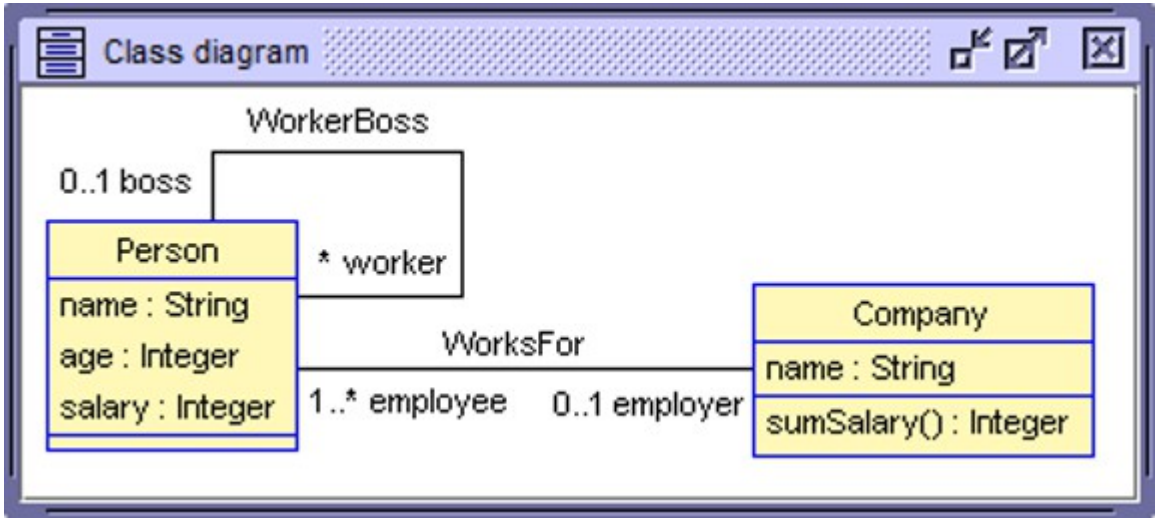

Class diagram
WorkerBoss
0..1 boss
* worker
Person
name : String
age : Integer
salary : Integer
WorksFor
1..* employee
0..1 employer
Company
name : String
sumSalary() : Integer

Basic class diagram concepts

- Class with class name
- Attribute with attribute name and datatype
- Datatype with datatype name
  - refers to a set of datatype values and
  - to datatype operations
- Association with association name
  - Role with role name
  - Role multiplicity with lower and upper bound



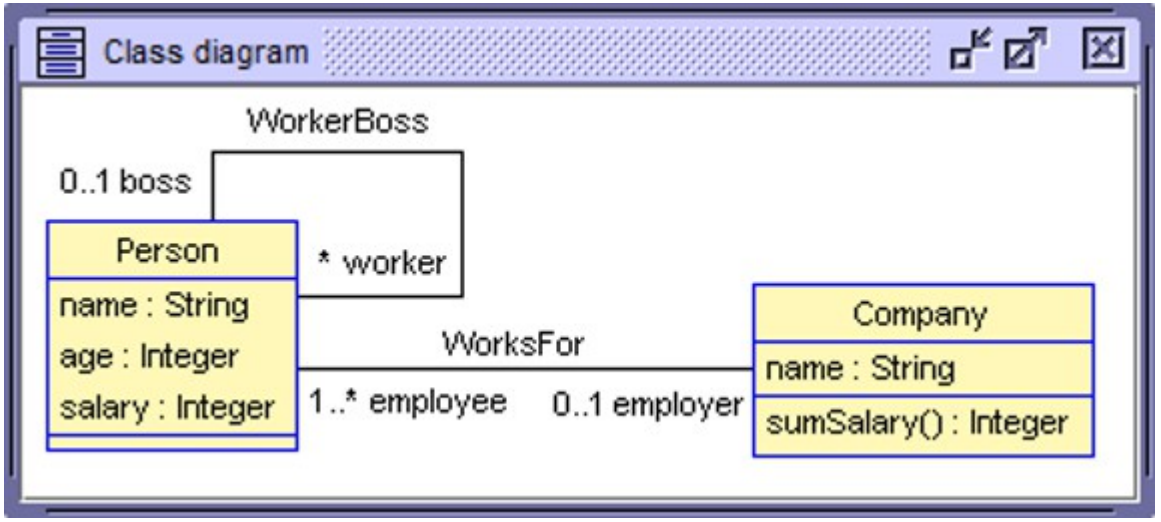
datatypes = { Integer, String }

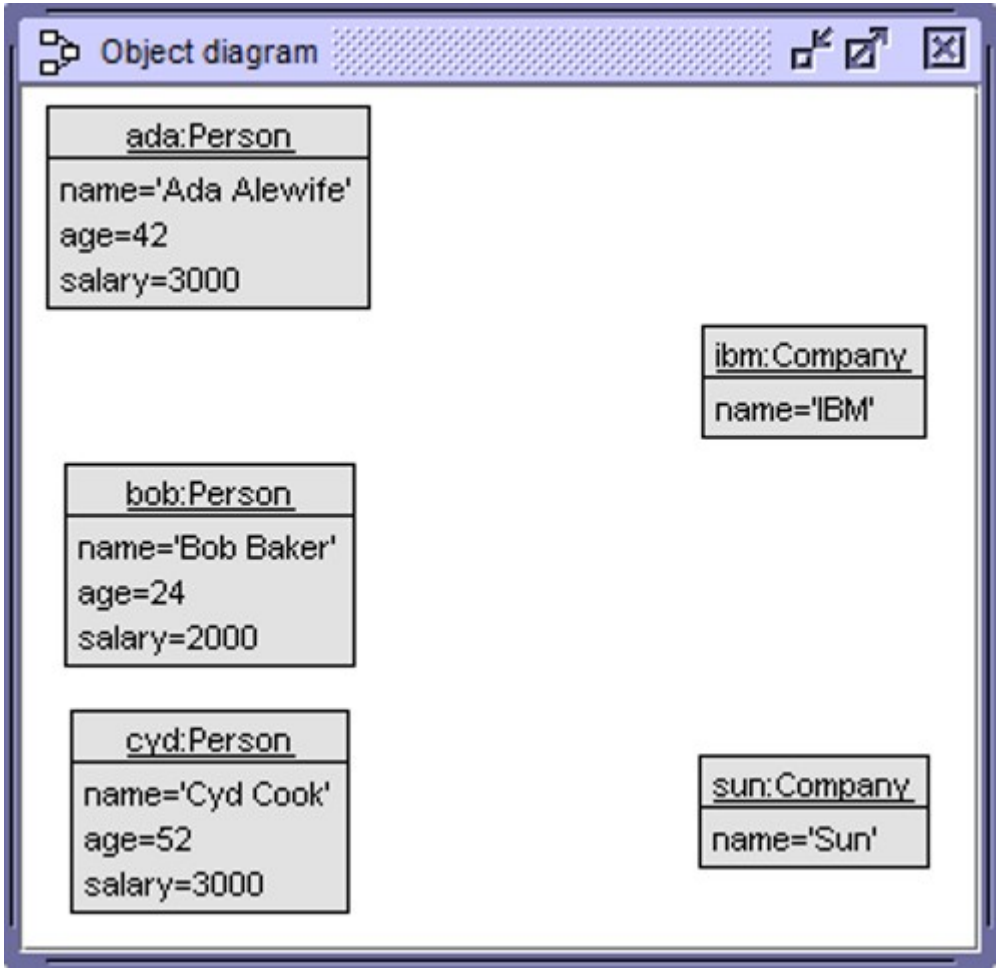
classes = { Person, Company }

associations =
{ WorksFor(1..* : employee : Person, 0..1 : employer : Company),
WorkerBoss(0..1 : boss : Person, 0..* : worker : Person) }

attributes =
{ Person :: name : String,
Person :: age : Integer,
Person :: salary : Integer,
Company :: name : String }

operations =
{ Company :: sumSalary() : Integer }





objects [Person] = { ada, bob, cyd }

objects [Company] = { ibm, sun }

values [Person::name] =
{ ada → 'Ada Alewife',
bob → 'Bob Baker',
cyd → 'Cyd Cook' }

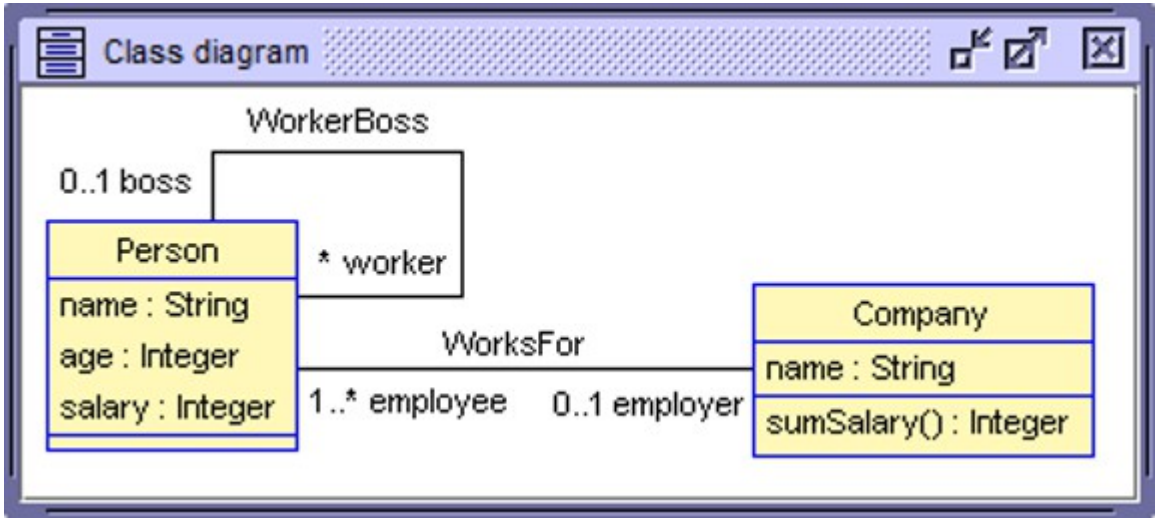
values [Person::age] = …

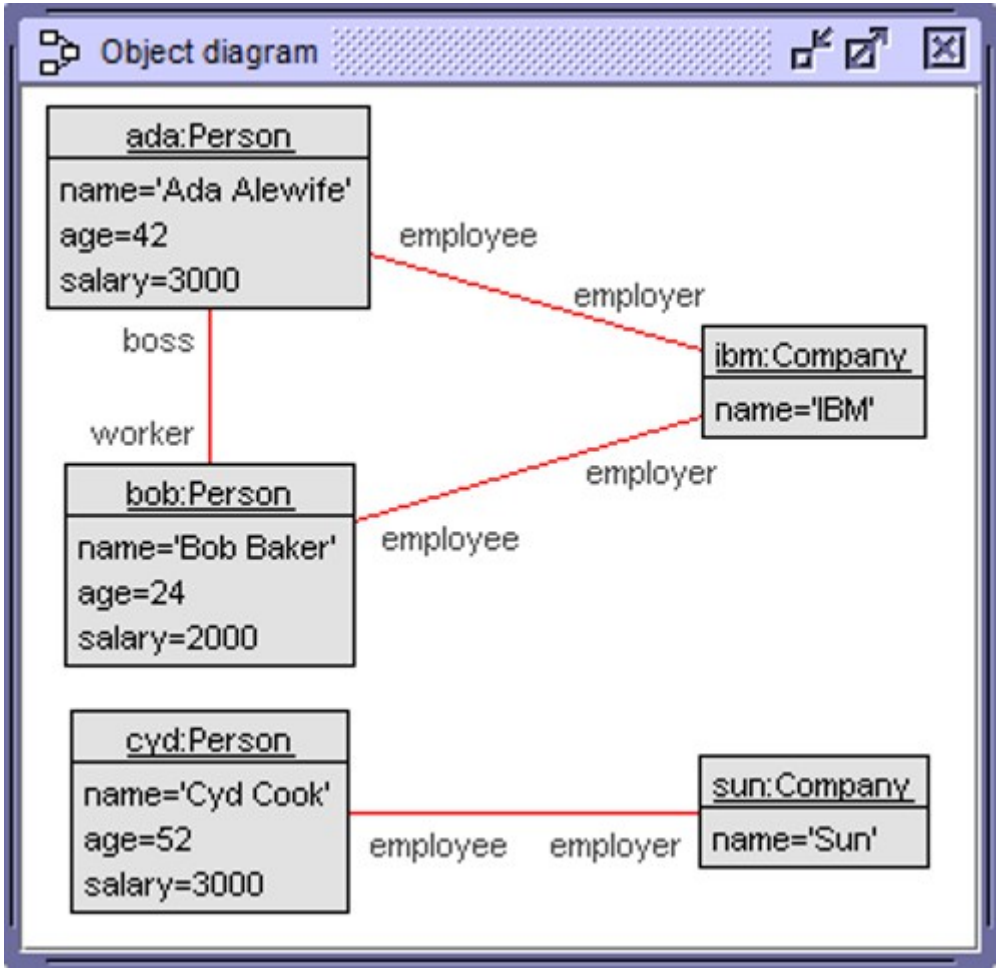
values [Person::salary] = …

values [Company::name] = …

Basic object diagram concepts (for classes, attributes)

- Class diagram interpreted by
  the set of all possible object diagrams
- Each single class interpreted in an object diagram by
  a finite set of objects
- Each object has an object identity that is unique
  in the object diagram
- Each class attribute interpreted by assigning
  a datatype value to the attribute for all relevant objects





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objects [Company] = { ibm, sun }

links [WorksFor] =
{ (employee:ada, employer:ibm),
(employee:bob, employer:ibm),
(employee:cyd, employer:sun) }

links [WorkerBoss] =
{ (worker:bob, boss:ada) }

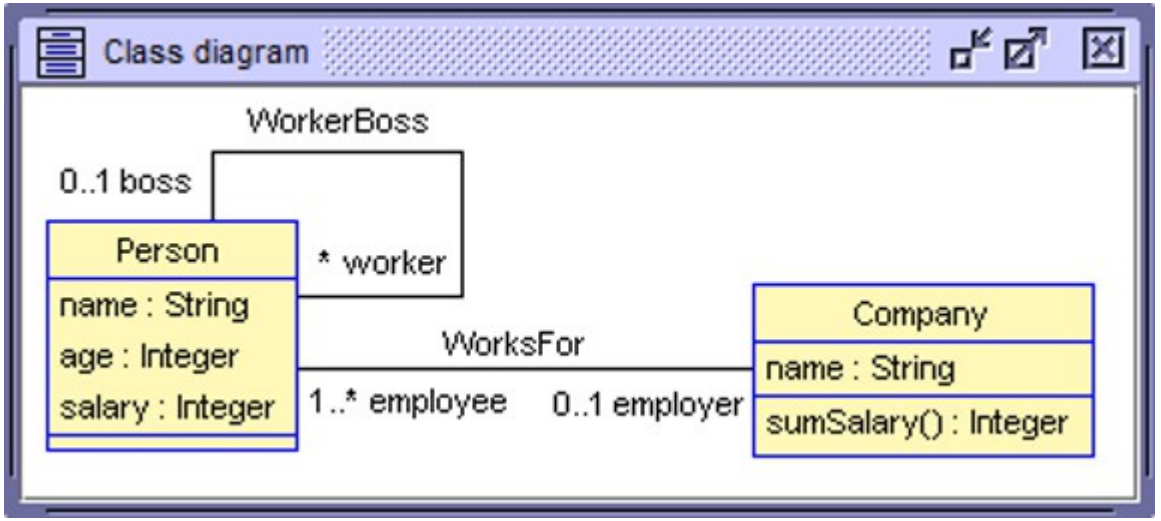
Exchanging the WorkerBoss link roles gives a different object diagram

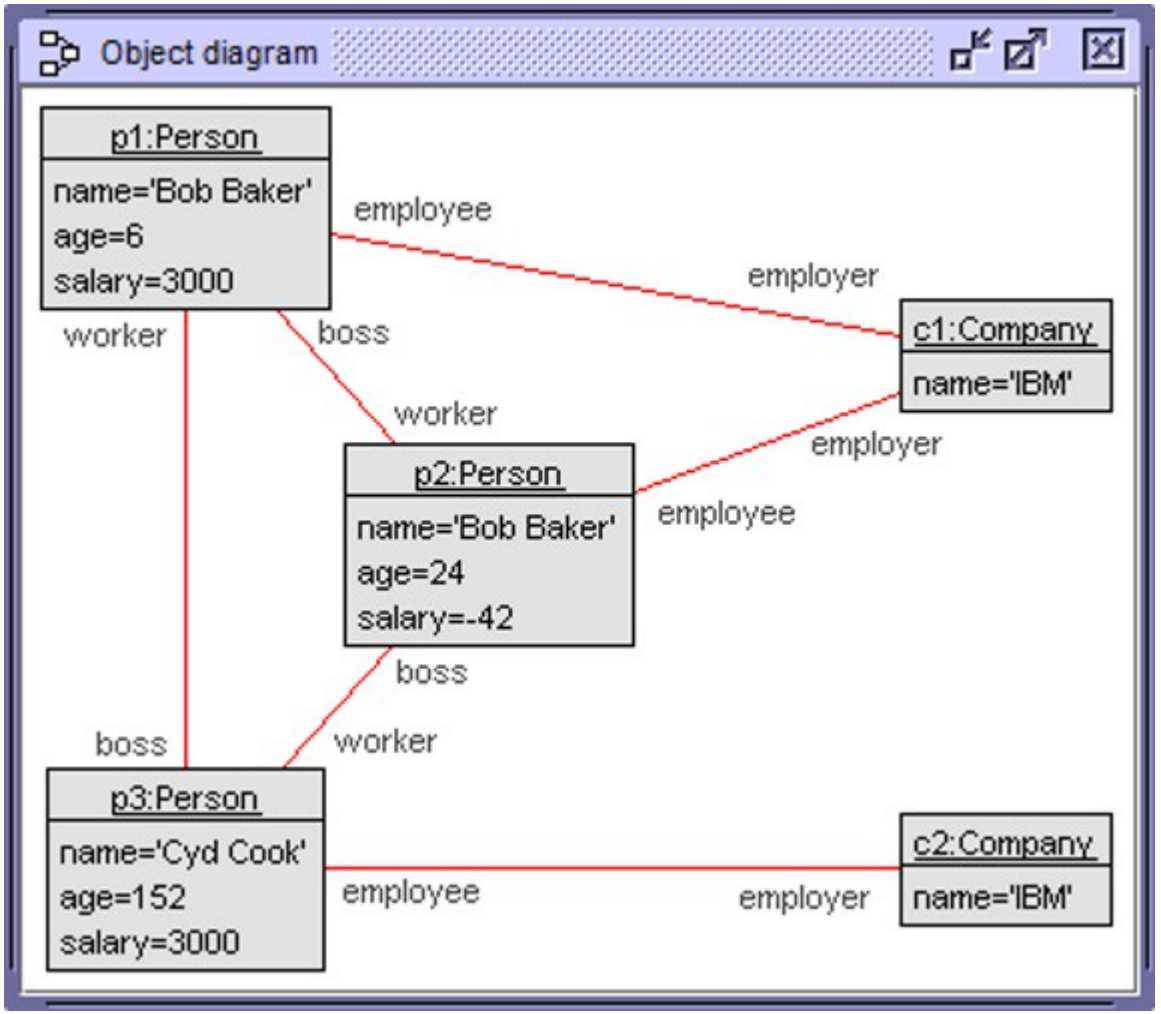
Basic object diagram concepts (for associations)

- Each single association interpreted in an object diagram by a (finite) set of links (finiteness implied by finite object set)
- A link connects two (or more) objects
- A link can be considered as a tuple of object identities together with roles
- A link uses (association) roles to describe the character that an object plays in the link

Summary

- Class diagram → Set of all object diagrams
- In an object diagram
  - Class cs → Finite set of objects for cs
  - For object ob, attribute at → Value assignment for at in ob
  - Association as → Finite set of links for as

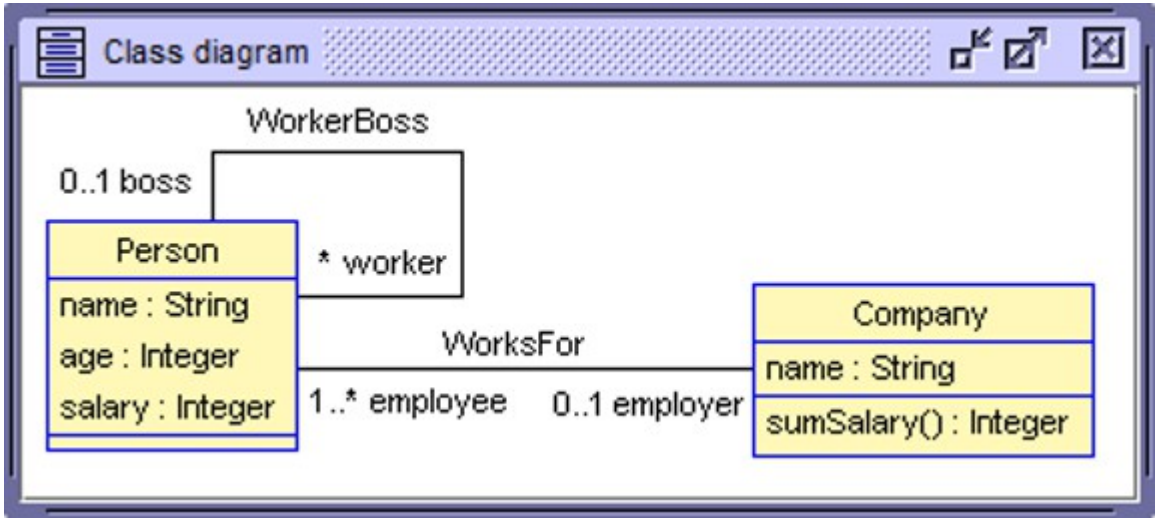


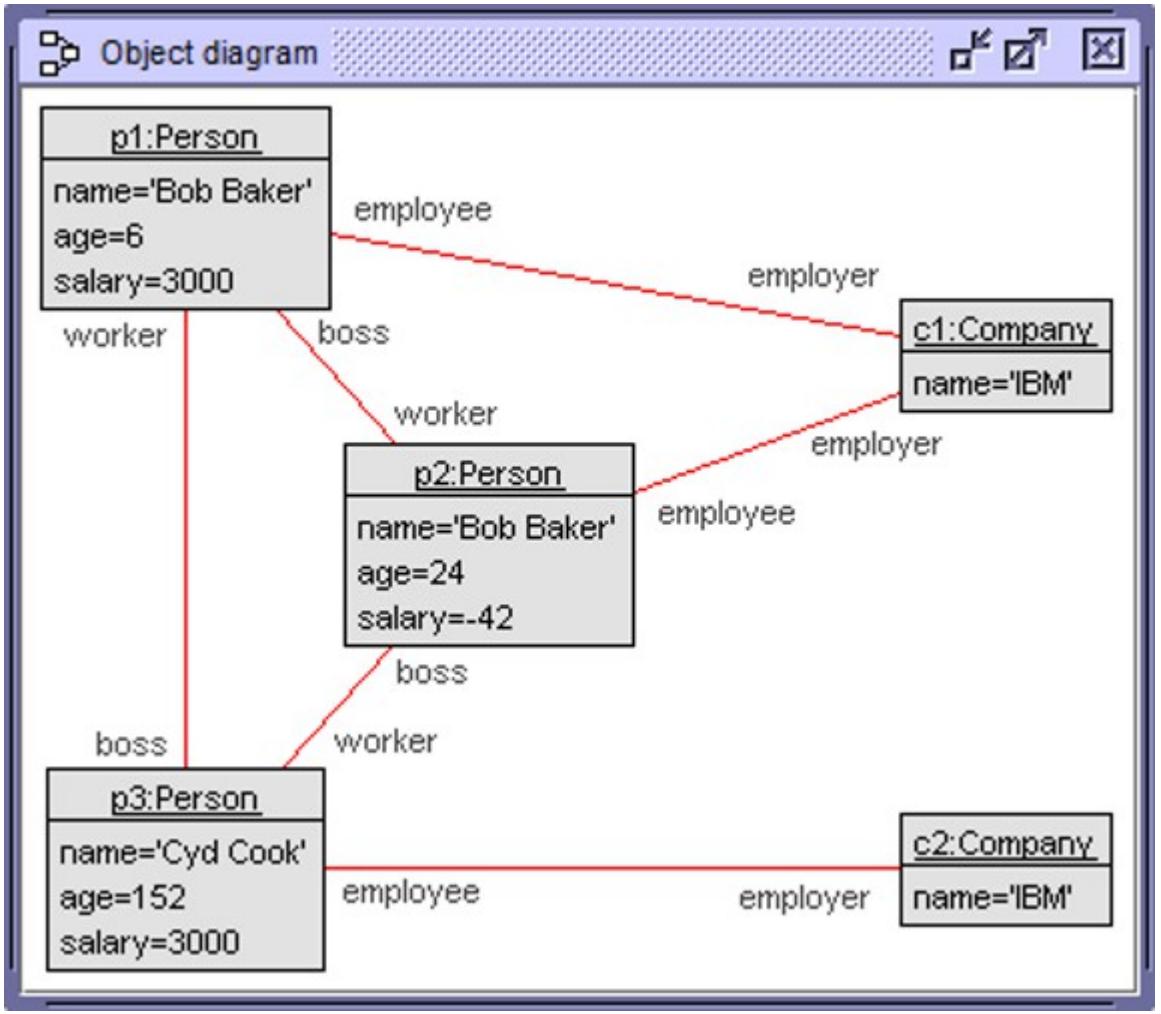


Exchanging any WorkerBoss link role gives a different object diagram

There are object diagrams
that correspond to non-meaningful real-world situations
with regard to attribute values and links

Needed: Mechanism to ban *'bad'* object diagrams





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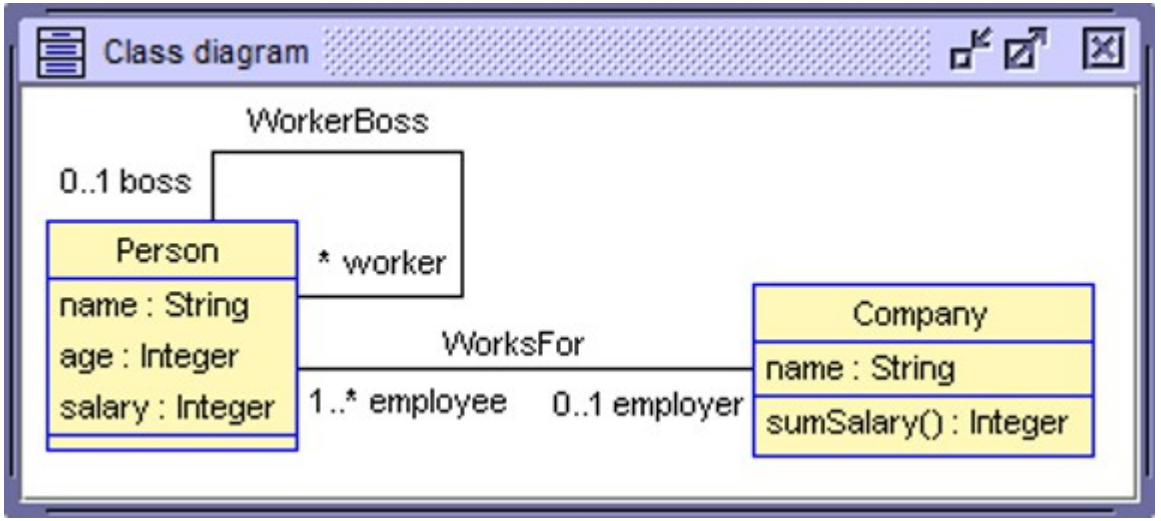
context Person inv ageReasonable

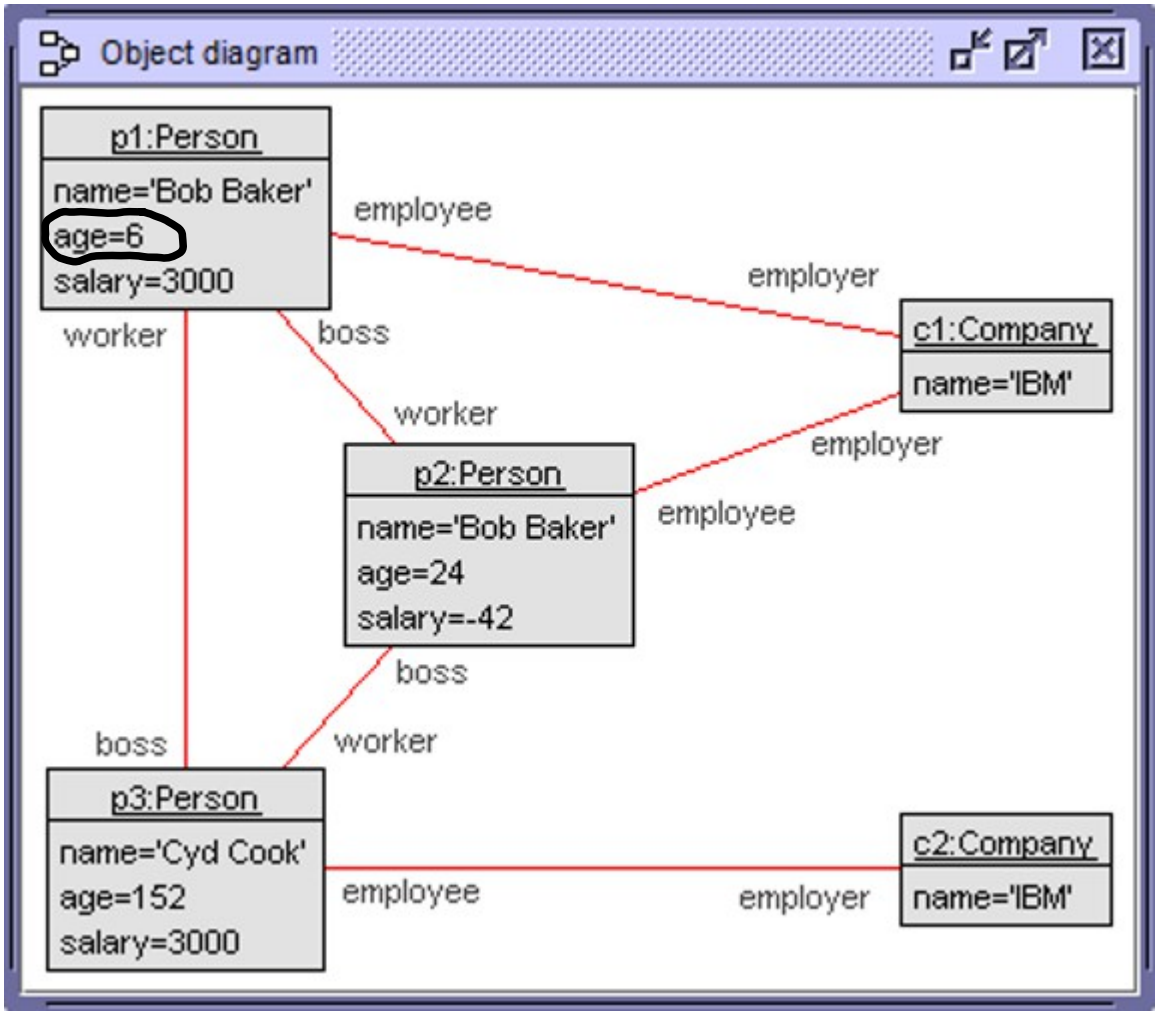
context Person inv bossSameCompany

context Person inv nameUnique

context Person inv salaryPositive

All conditions violated in example





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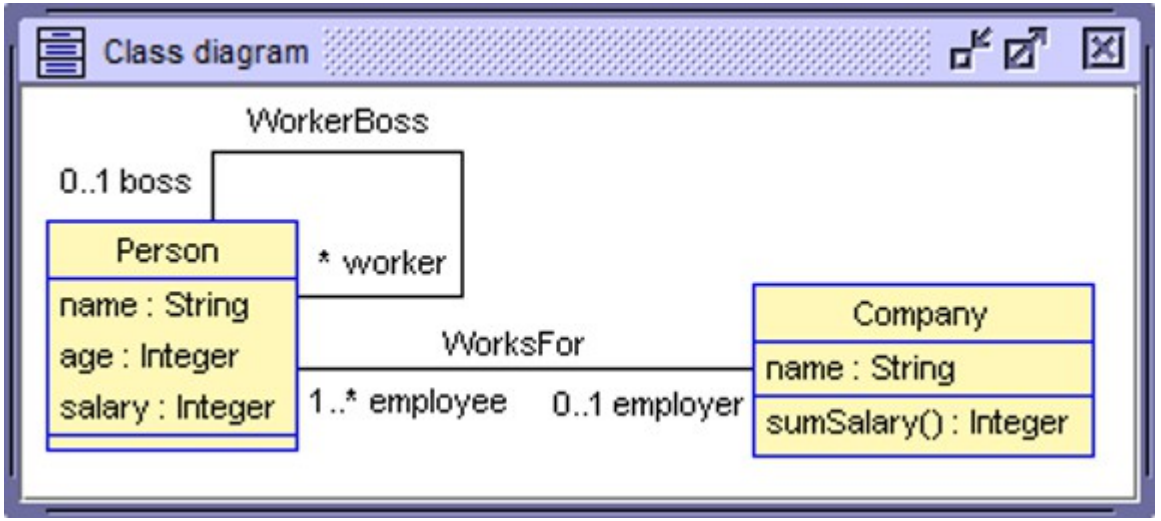

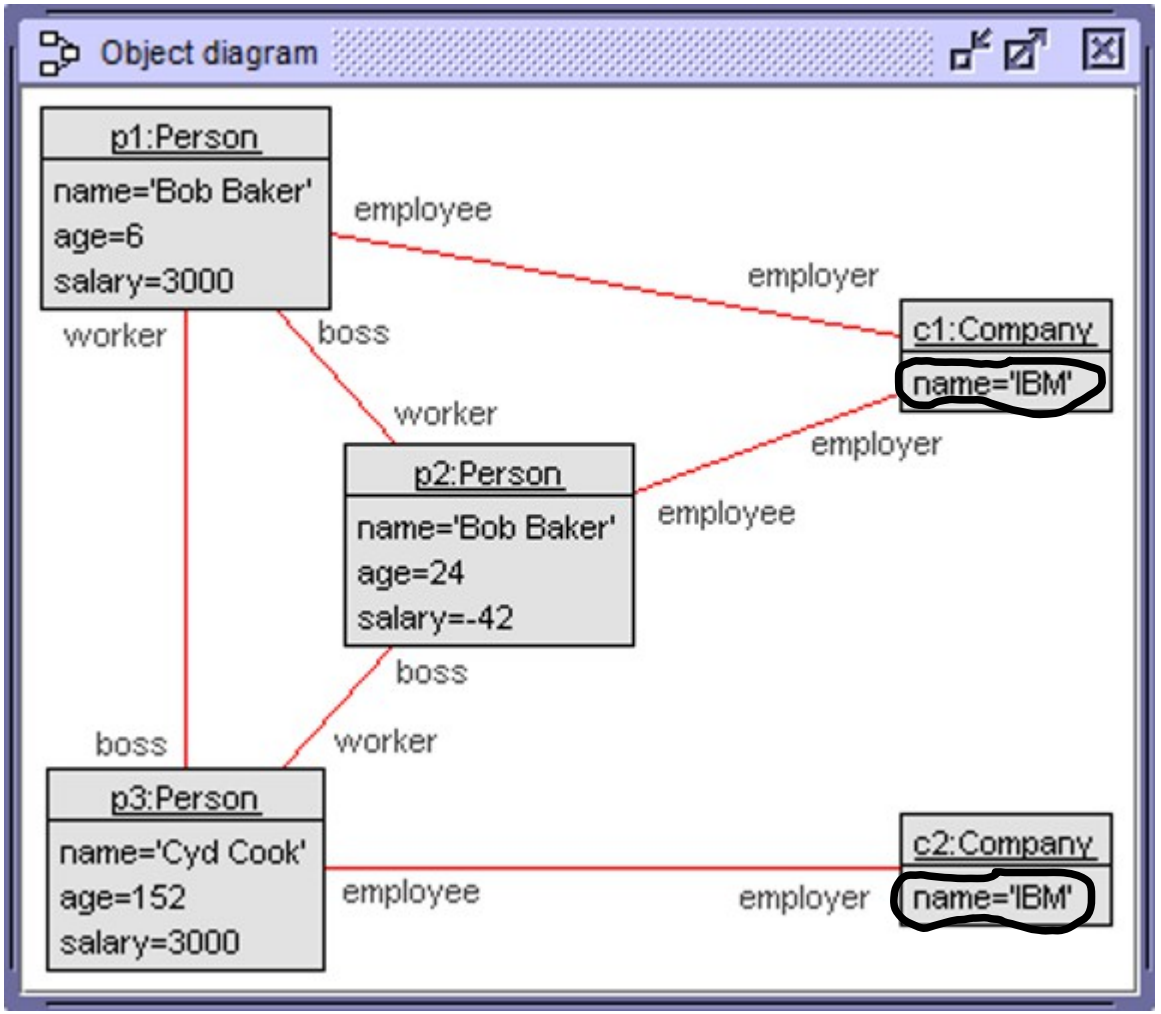

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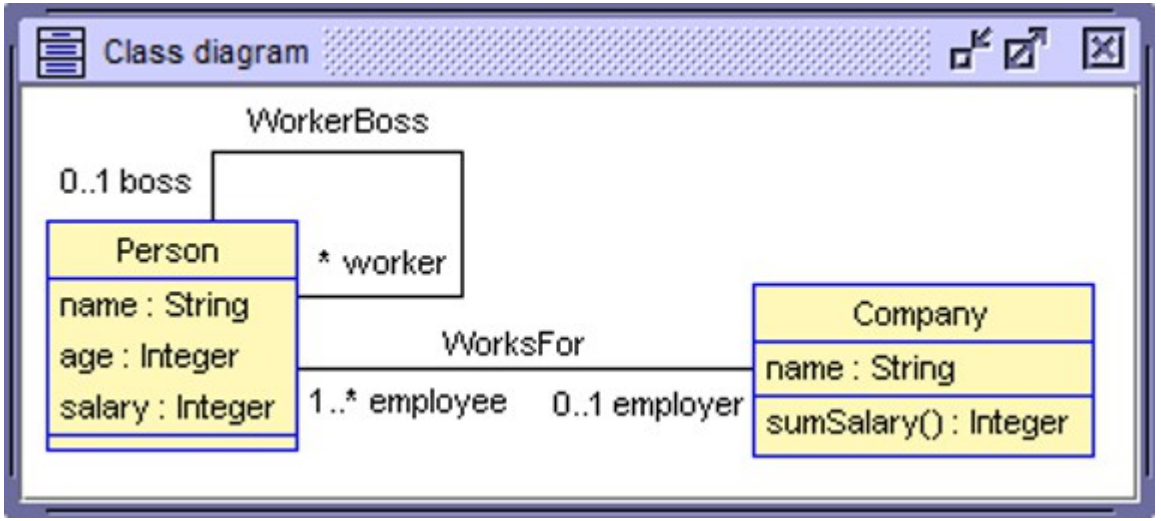

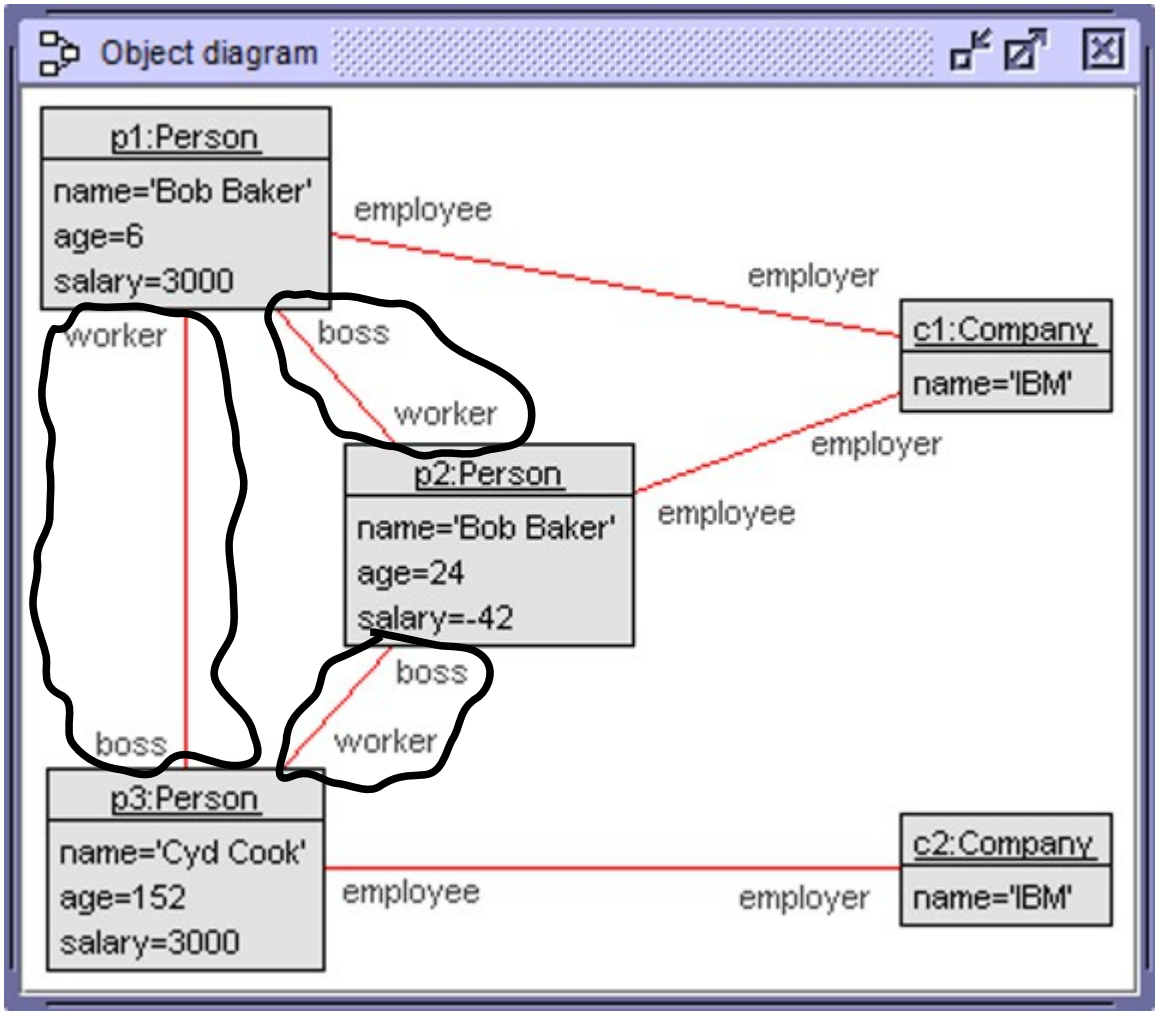

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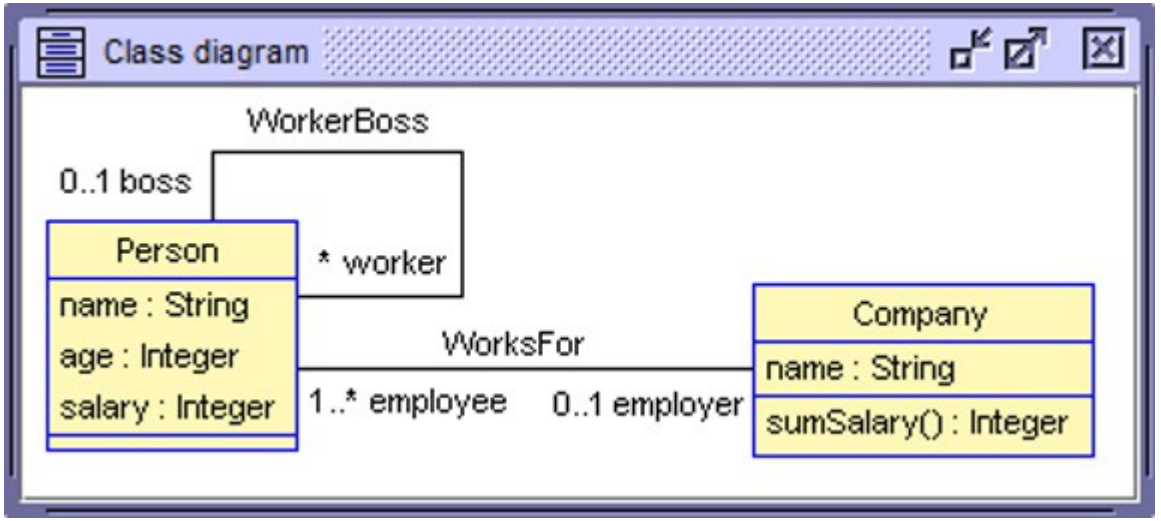

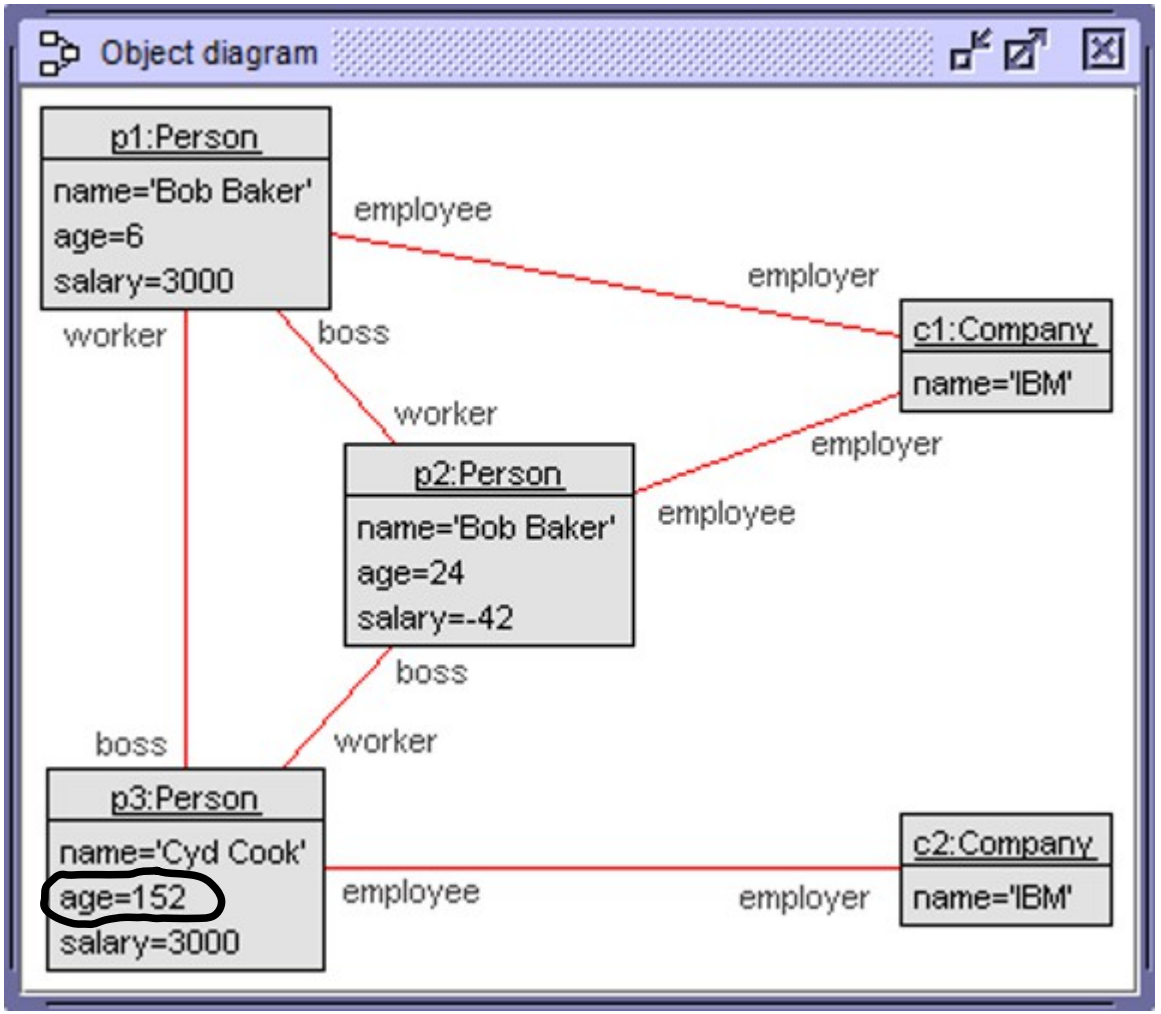

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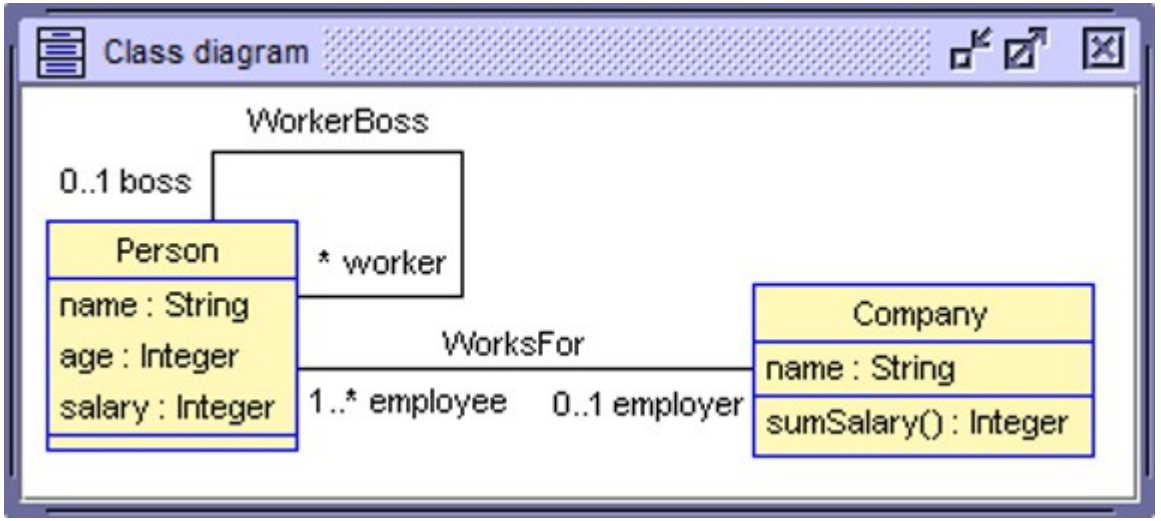

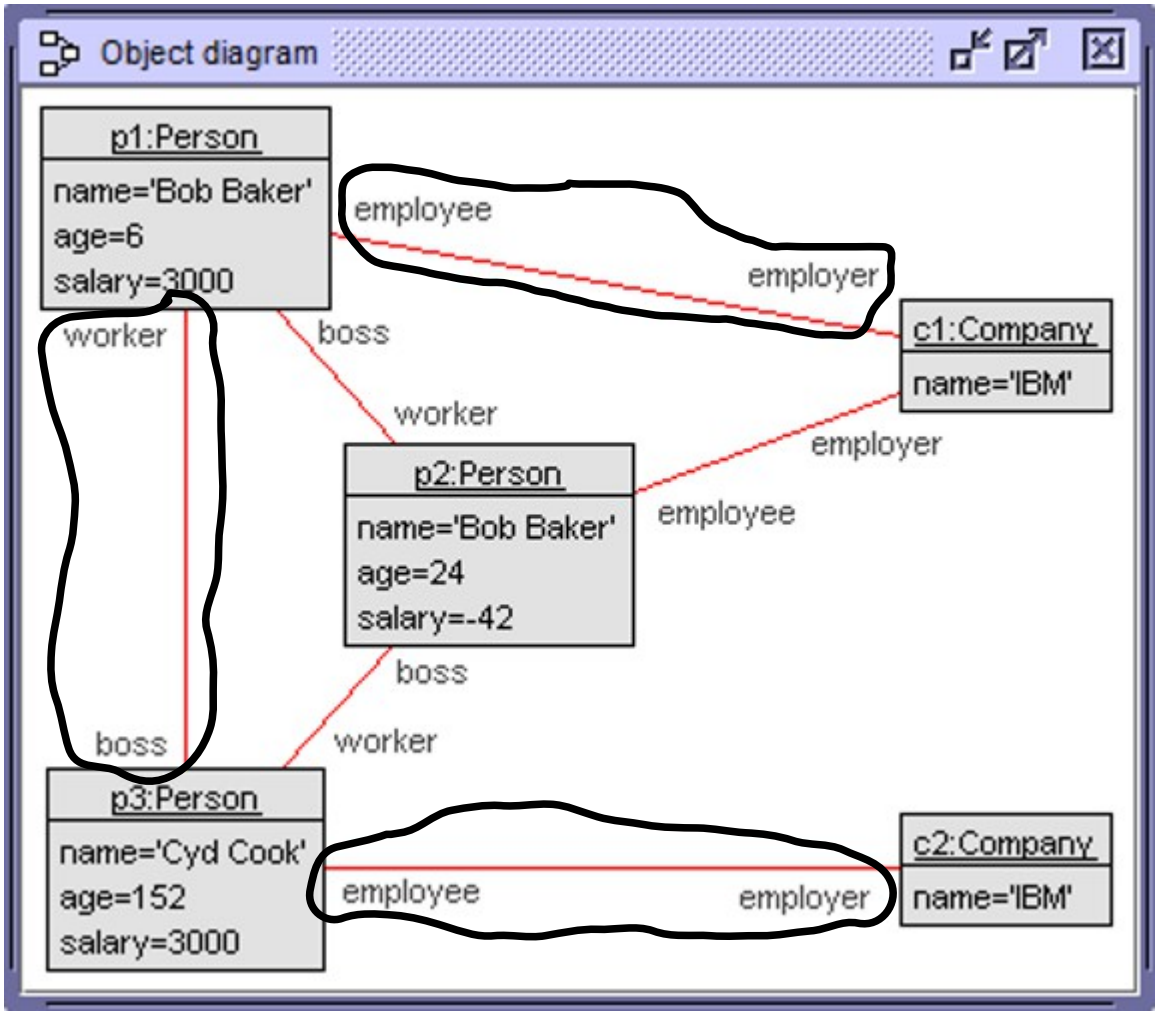

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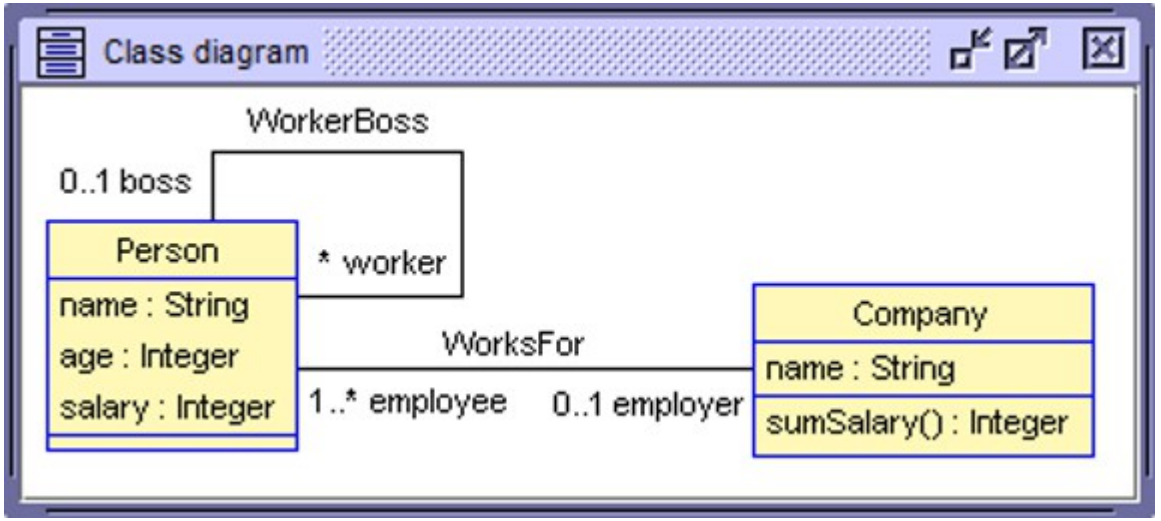

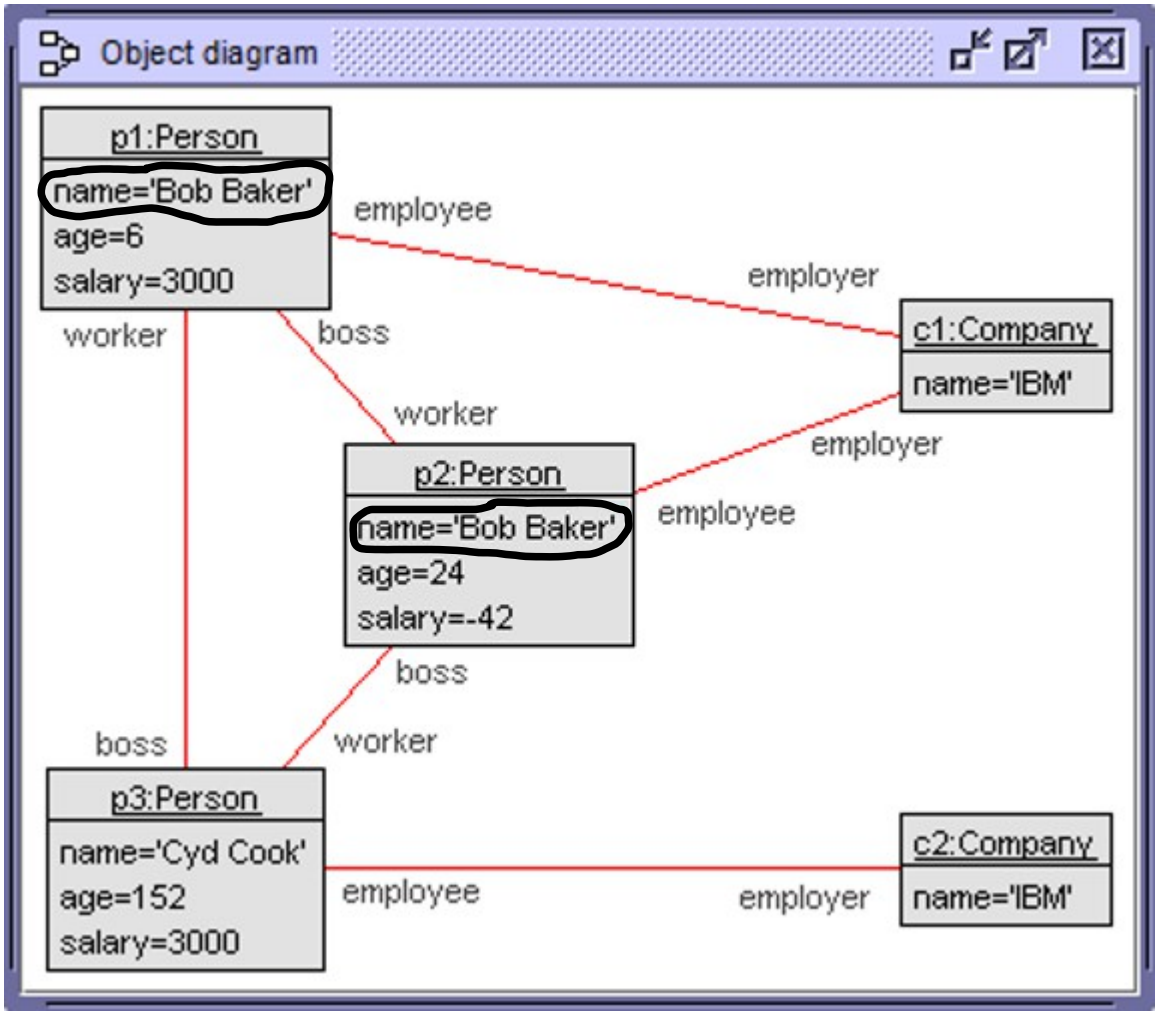

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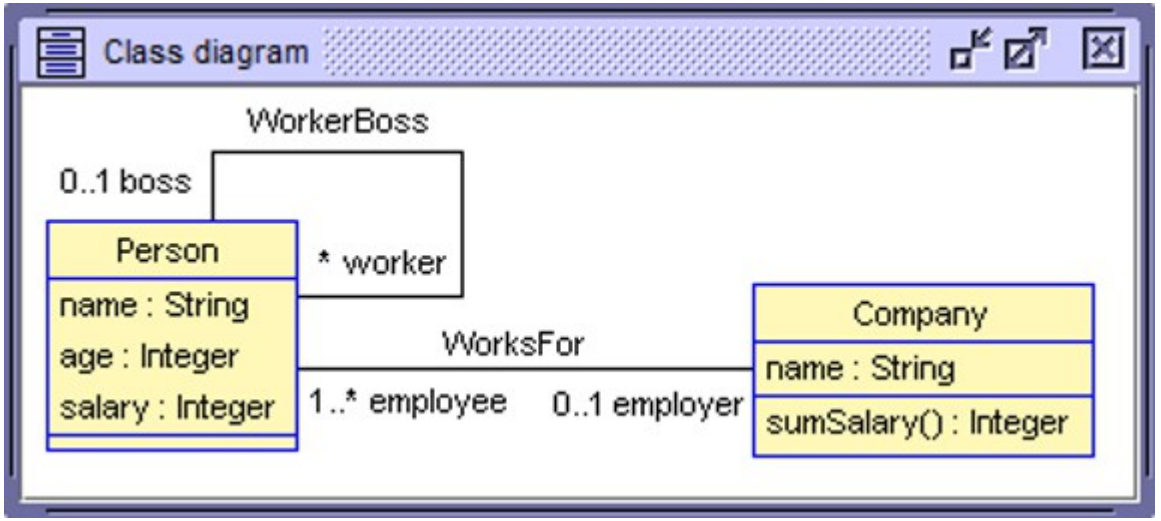

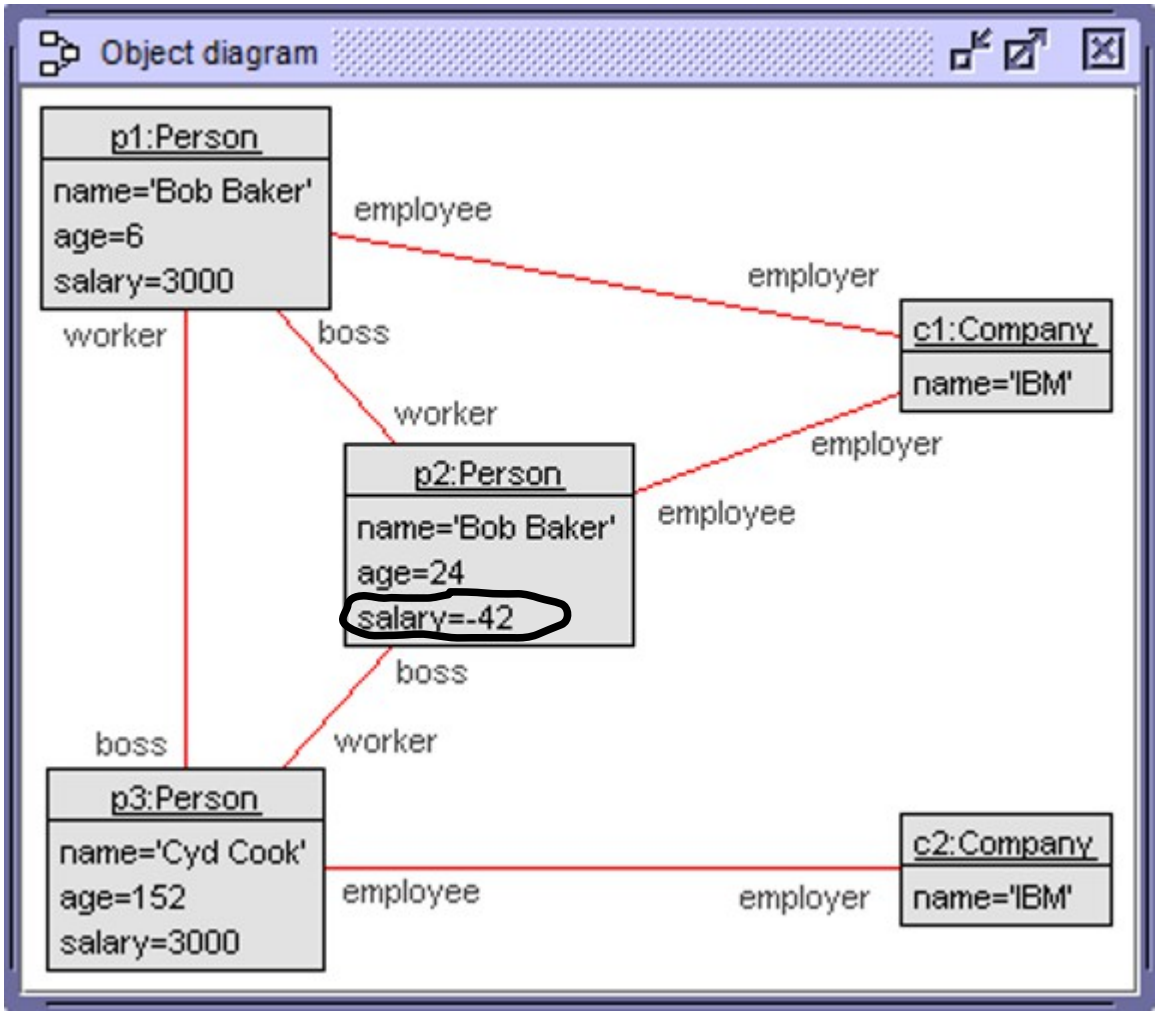

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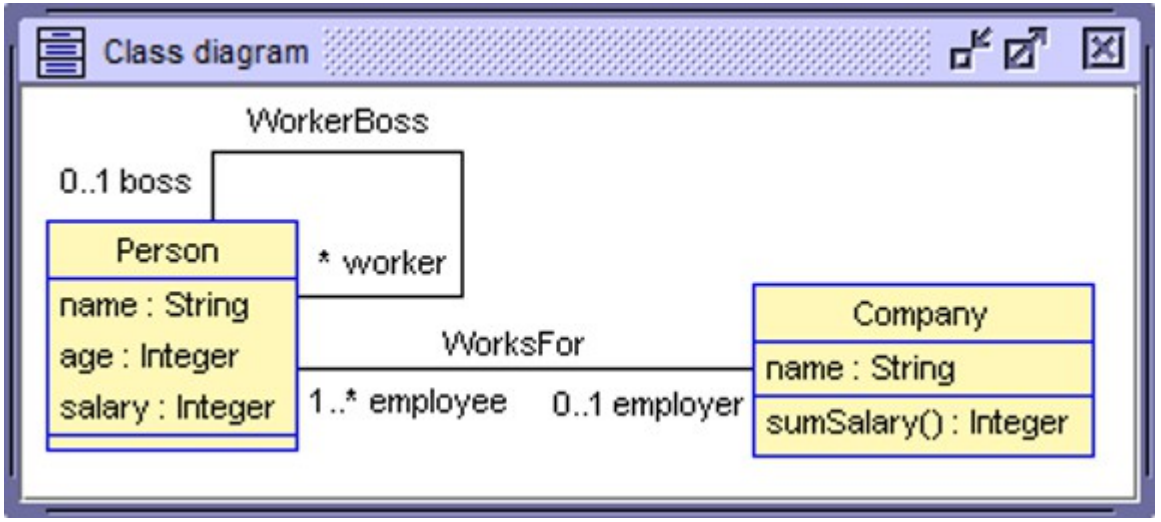
To exclude non-meaningful object diagrams

- Additional OCL constraints, called invariants, are introduced
- OCL constraints are formulas that are expressed from the viewpoint of a particular class, the so-called context class
  → *Invariant context*
- Evaluation in an object diagram is done for all objects of the context class and may yield *False* or *True*
- Only when the evaluation of all invariants yields *True*, the object diagram is considered to be meaningful
  → *Invariant fulfillment*



context Person inv ageReasonable:
  0<=age and age<=110

context Person inv salaryPositive:
  1<=salary

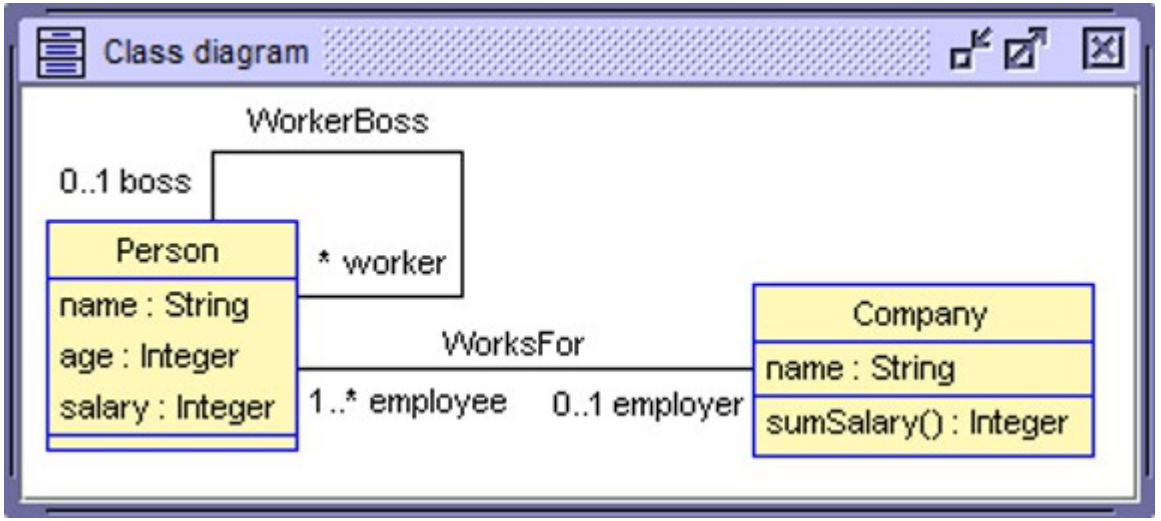
context p:Person inv bossSameCompany:
  (p.employer->size()=1 and p.boss->size()=1) implies p.employer=p.boss.employer

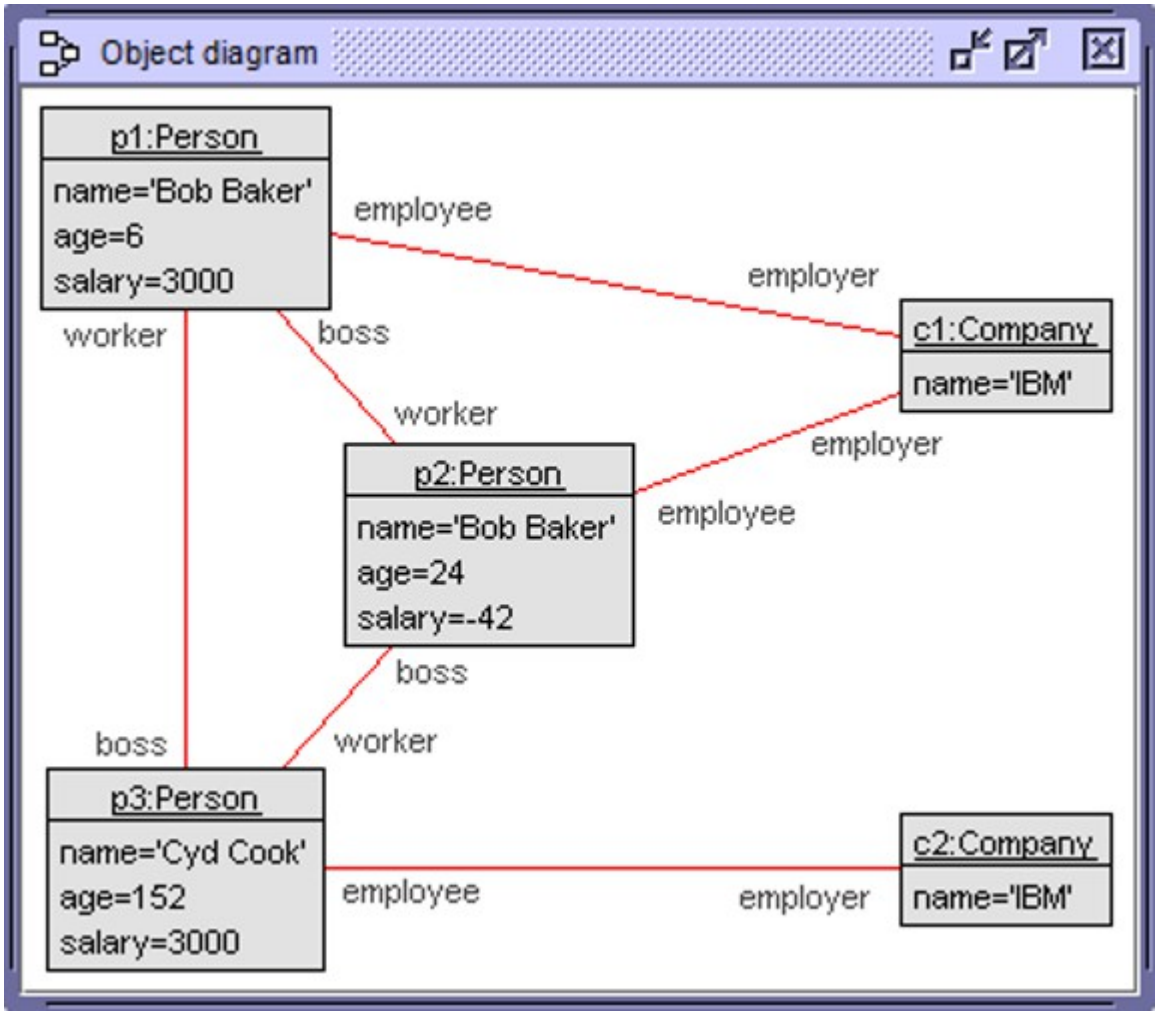
context p:Person inv acyclicBossWorker:
  p.worker->closure(worker)->excludes(p) -- closure expression ≡ p.worker U p.worker.worker U
  p.worker.worker.worker U ...

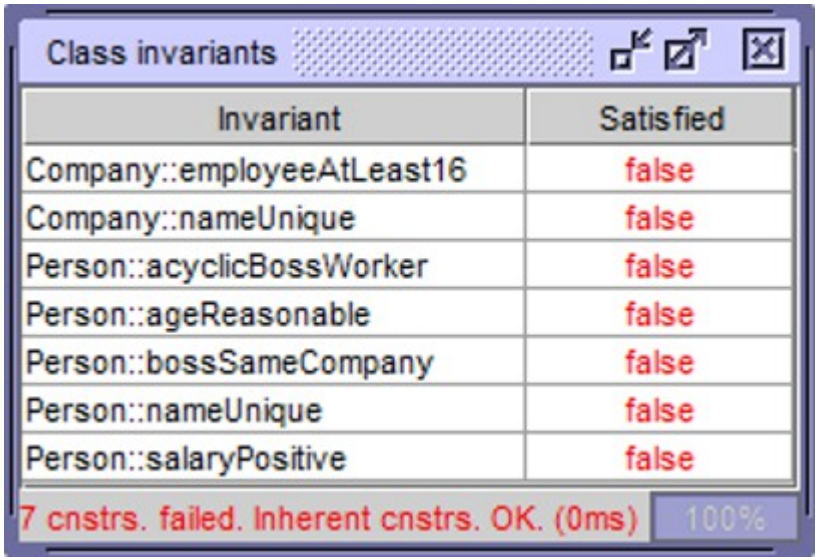
context c:Company inv employeeAtLeast16:
  c.employee->forAll(p | p.age>=16)

context p1,p2:Person inv nameUnique:
  p1<>p2 implies p1.name<>p2.name

context c:Company inv nameUnique:
  not Company.allInstances->exists(d | d<>c and d.name=c.name)

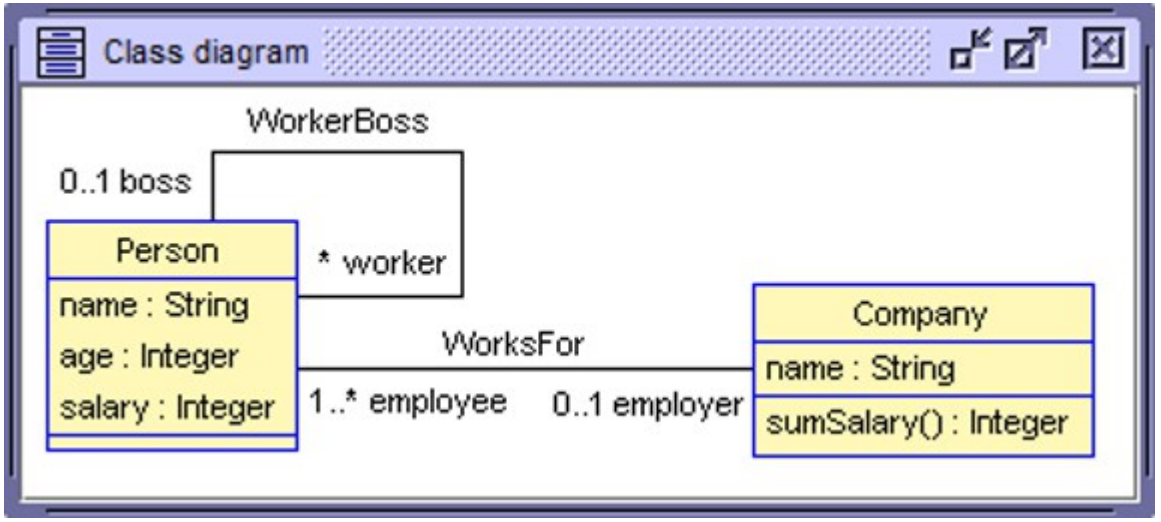


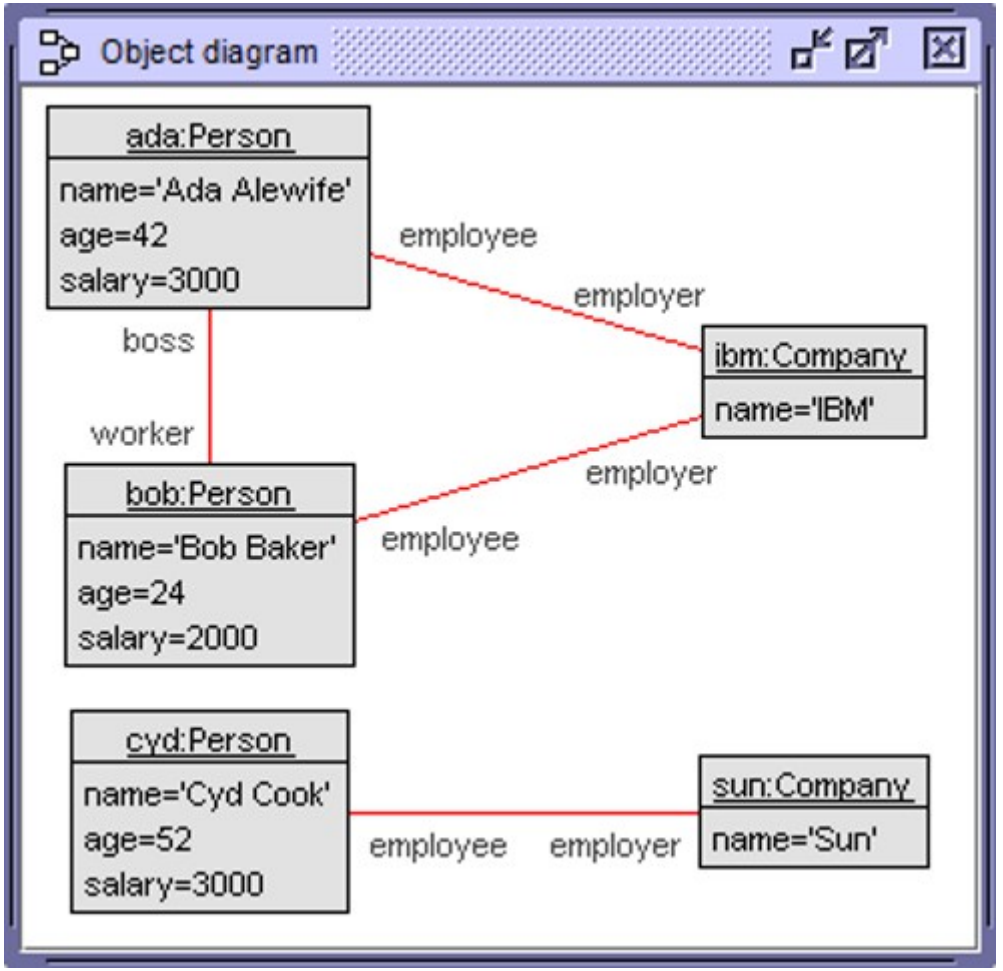


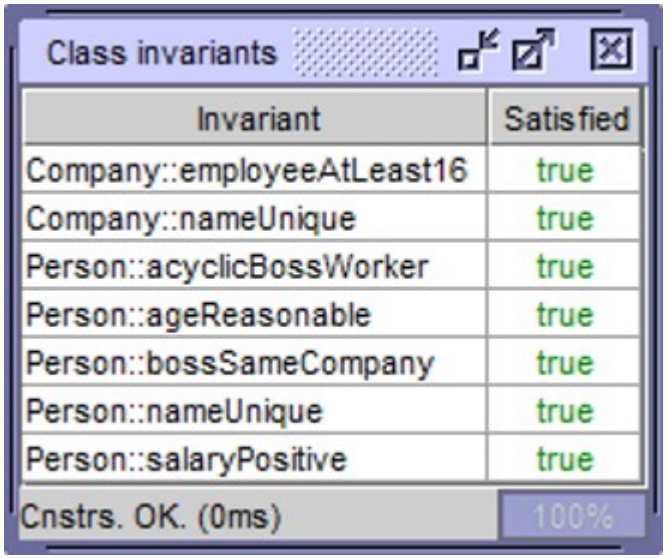


p1.worker->closure(worker) =
  Set{ p1, p2, p3 }

p2.worker->closure(worker) =
  Set{ p1, p2, p3 }







ada.worker->closure(worker) =
  Set{ bob }

bob.worker->closure(worker) =
  Set{}

Summary

- Class diagram → Set of all object diagrams

- In an object diagram
  - Class cs → Finite set of objects for cs
  - For object ob attribute at → Value assignment of at for ob
  - Association as → Finite set of links for as

- Class diagram with invariants → Set of all object diagrams in that all invariants are true for all objects

Thanks for your attention!

How is the operation Company::sumSalary() implemented?

Company::sumSalary() =
  self.employee->collect(p | p.salary)->sum()
ibm.sumSalary() = 5000 in the 'good' object diagram

How does 'closure' work?

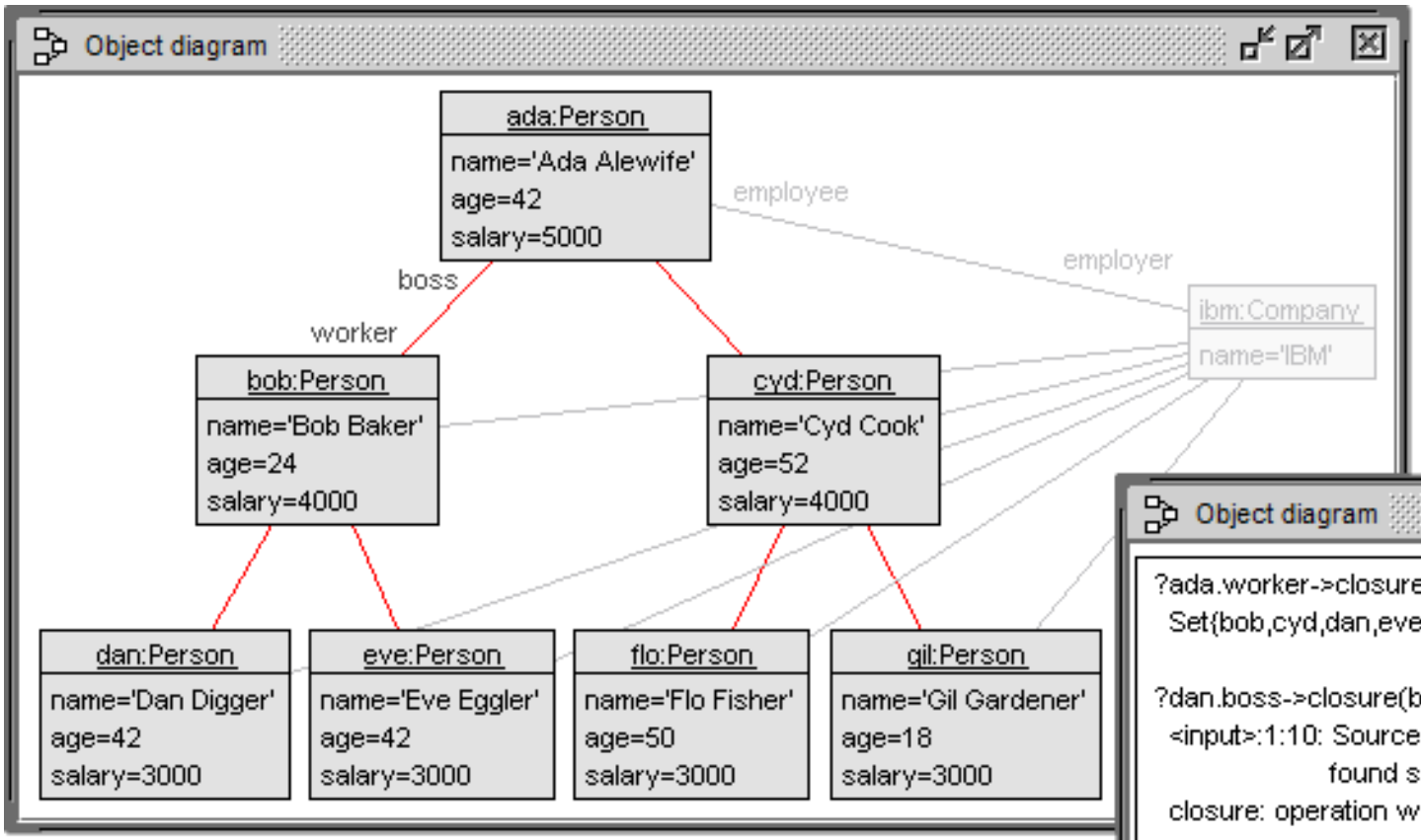
p.worker->closure(worker) : Set(Person) =
" p.worker ->union(p.worker.worker)
  ->union(p.worker.worker.worker)
  ->union(p.worker.worker.worker.worker)
  ->union (...) … "
until no more new workers appear; only a finite set of workers (persons) possible

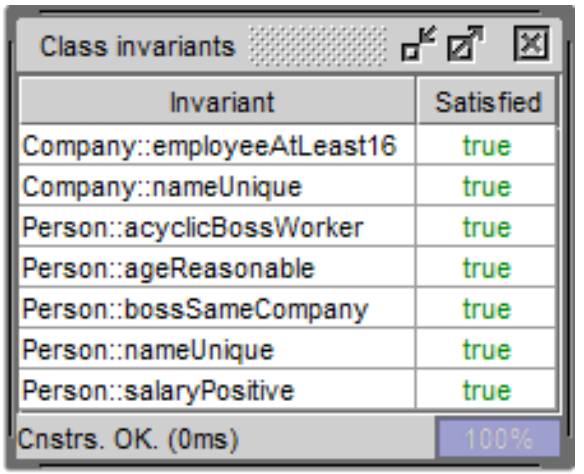
What are 'inherent constraints'?

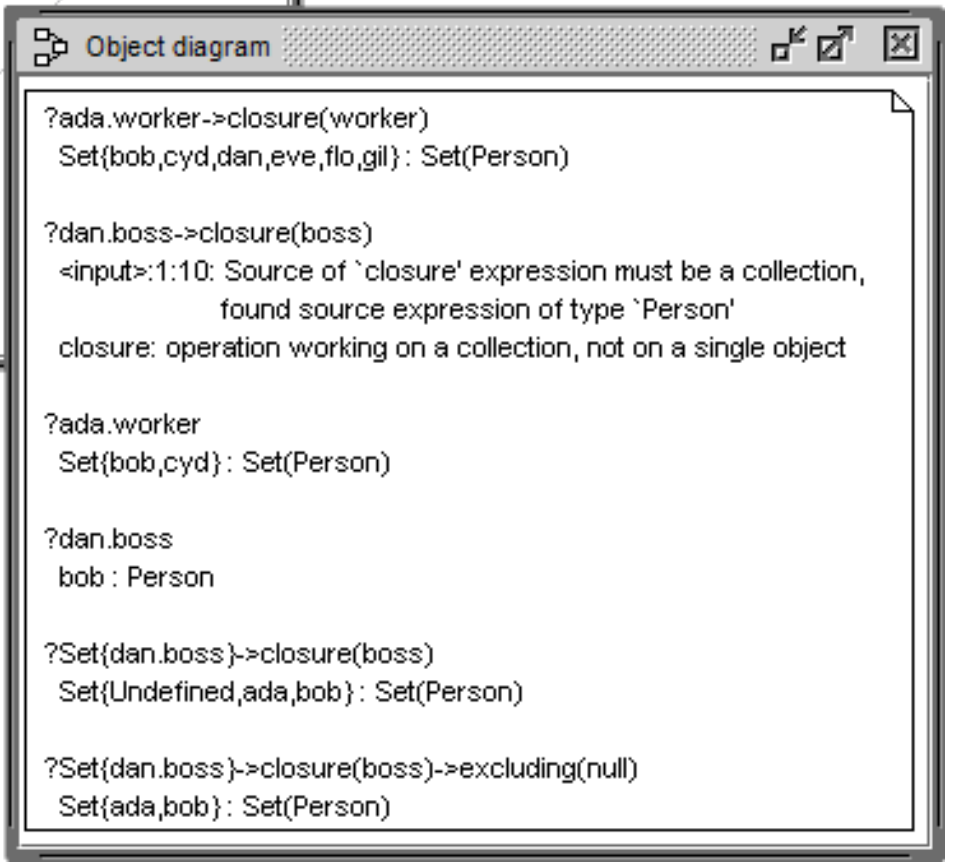
inherent constraints = model inherent constraints
constraints that are already formulated in the UML class diagram
for example, the multiplicity restrictions

context p:Person	inv employer_0_1:	p.employer->size()<=1
context c:Company	inv employee_1_*:	c.employee->size()>=1
context p:Person	inv boss_0_1:	p.boss->size()<=1

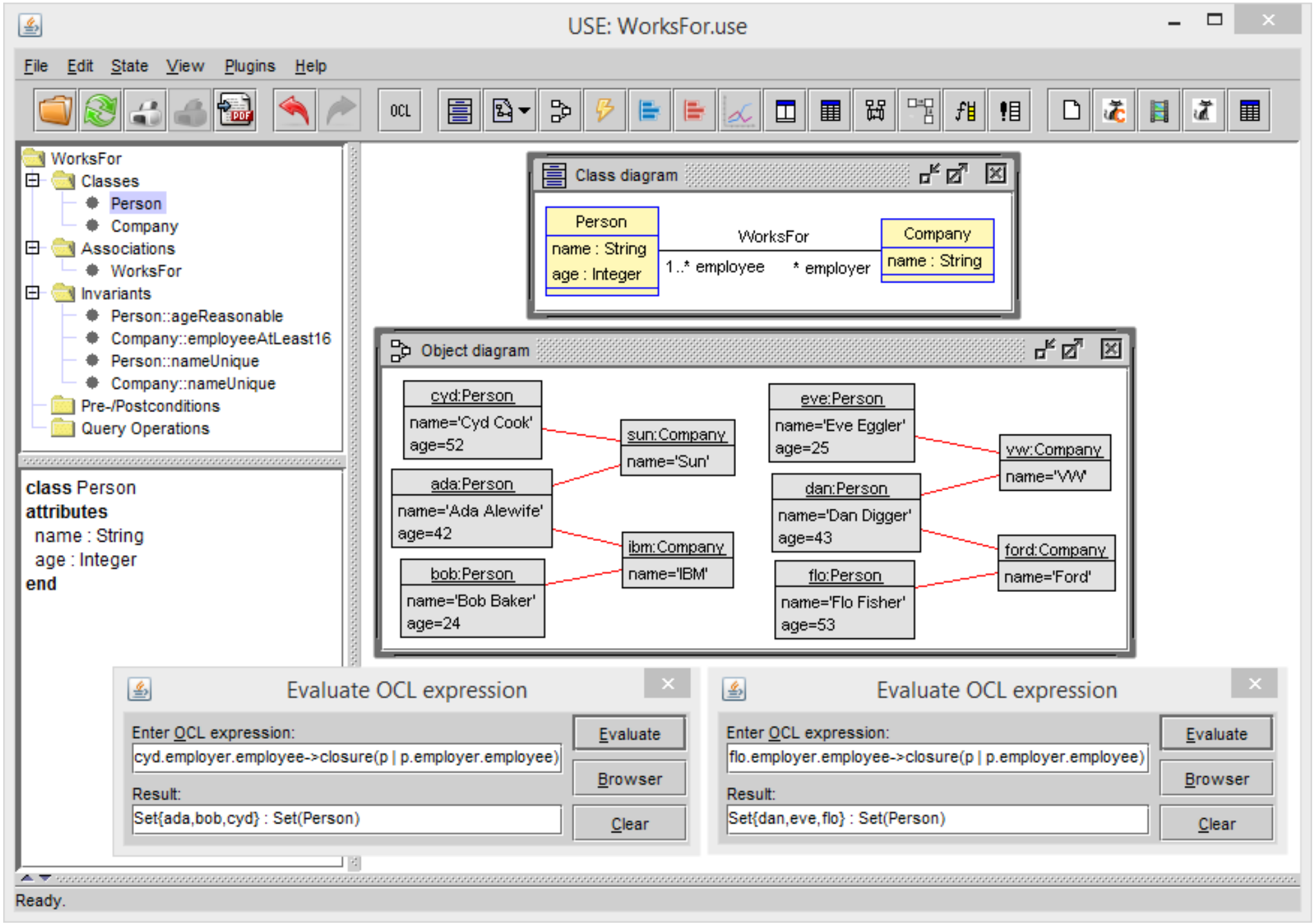
Can you give an example for a WorkerBoss hierarchy with 3 levels?







Can closure be used only in context of reflexive associations (one class used twice)?



Are there other collection operations apart from size(), closure(...), excludes(...), forAll(...), exists(...)?

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context c:Company inv nameUnique:
  Company.allInstances->select(d | d<>c and d.name=c.name)->isEmpty() -- allowed: ...->notEmpty()

context c:Company inv nameUnique:
  not Company.allInstances->select(d | d<>c)->collect(c | c.name)->includes(c.name)
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Important collection operations (even more operations reject(...), one(...), any(...), iterate(...), ...):

- size() : size of collection = number of collection elements
- isEmpty(), notEmpty() : collection has no elements, collection has at least one element
- forAll(cond), exists(cond) : condition holds for all elements, condition holds for at least one element
- select(cond), collect(term) : sub-collection with elements satisfying condition,
  collection with elements mapped by term
- includes(elem), excludes(elem) : collection contains element, collection does not contain element
- closure(term) : collection obtained by continuation of term computation = reflexive, transitive closure