CSE 403

Software Engineering

Software design and best practices

Today

- Recap ER modeling exercise
- A little quiz on best practices

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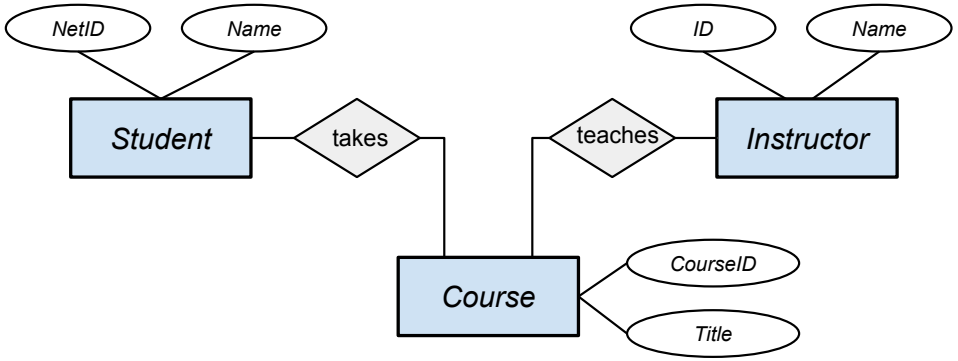

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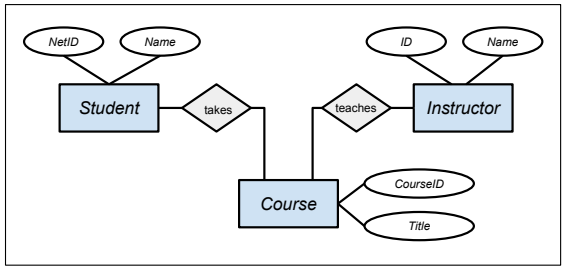
Let's **augment** our **model** of a course registration system:

- Prerequisites
- Assignments
- Points/grades



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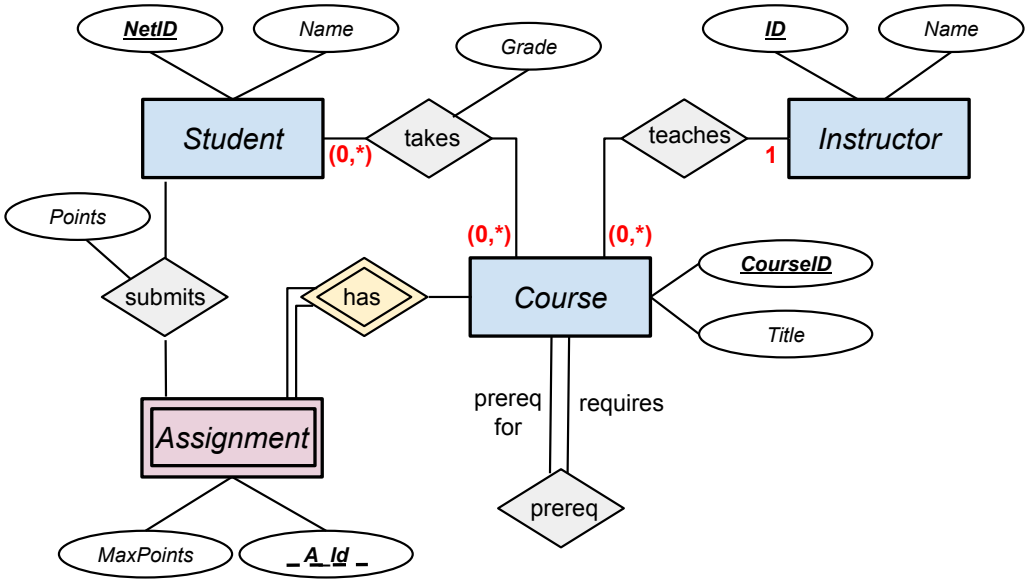

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- 6 code snippets
- 2 rounds
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Round 1: good or bad?

Snippet 1: good or bad?

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      for (int i=0; i<numLogs; ++i) {
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   }
}
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Snippet 2: good or bad?

```
public void addStudent(Student student, String course) {
   if (course.equals("CSE403")) {
      cse403Students.add(student);
   }
   allStudents.add(student)
}
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Snippet 3: good or bad?

```
public enum PaymentType {DEBIT, CREDIT}

public void doTransaction(double amount, PaymentType payType) {
  switch (payType) {
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Snippet 4: good or bad?

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  if (x<0) {
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Snippet 5: good or bad?

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public class ArrayList<E> {
   public E remove(int index) {
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   }
   public boolean remove(Object o) {
      …
   }
   …
}
```

Snippet 6: good or bad?

```
public class Point {
   private final int x;
   private final int y;
   public Point(int x, int y) {
      this.x = x;
      this.y = y;
   }
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Round 2: why is it good or bad?

My take on this

- Snippet 1: bad
- Snippet 2: bad
- Snippet 3: good
- Snippet 4: bad
- Snippet 5: bad
- Snippet 6: good

Snippet 1: this is bad! why?

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Null references...the billion dollar mistake.

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File[] files = getAllLogs();
for (File f : files) {
   …
}
```

Don’t return null; return an empty array instead.

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No diagnostic information.

Snippet 2: short but bad! why?

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Defensive programming: add an assertion (or write the literal first).
Use constants and enums to avoid literal duplication.

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Type safety using an enum; throws an exception for unexpected cases (e.g., future extensions of PaymentType).

Snippet 4: also bad! huh?

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Method parameters should be final;
use local variables to sanitize inputs.

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ArrayList<String> l = new ArrayList<>();
Integer index = Integer.valueOf(1);
l.add("Hello");
l.add("World");
l.remove(index);
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What does the last call return (`l.remove(index)`)?

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Avoid method overloading, which is statically resolved.
Autoboxing/unboxing adds additional confusion.

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Good encapsulation; immutable object.