Why is Internet of Things (IoT) so important?

Over the past few years, IoT has become one of the most important technologies of the 21st century. Now that we can connect everyday objects—kitchen appliances, cars, thermostats, baby monitors—to the internet via embedded devices, seamless communication is possible between people, processes, and things.

By means of low-cost computing, the cloud, big data, analytics, and mobile technologies, physical things can share and collect data with minimal human intervention. In this hyperconnected world, digital systems can record, monitor, and adjust each interaction between connected things. The physical world meets the digital world—and they cooperate.

What technologies have made IoT possible?

While the idea of IoT has been in existence for a long time, a collection of recent advances in a number of different technologies has made it practical.

- **Access to low-cost, low-power sensor technology**
  Affordable and reliable sensors are making IoT technology possible for more manufacturers.
- **Connectivity**
  A host of network protocols for the internet has made it easy to connect sensors to the cloud and to other “things” for efficient data transfer.
- **Cloud computing platforms**
  The increase in the availability of cloud platforms enables both businesses and consumers to access the infrastructure they need to scale up without actually having to manage it all.
- **Machine learning and analytics**
  With advances in machine learning and analytics, along with access to varied and vast amounts of data stored in the cloud, businesses can gather insights faster and more easily. The emergence of these allied technologies continues to push the boundaries of IoT and the data produced by IoT also feeds these technologies.
- **Artificial intelligence (AI)**
  AI is driving an increase in demand for cloud computing services and data centers, as large amounts of data are required in AI model training to detect patterns or predict numbers.

What is industrial IoT?

Industrial IoT (IIoT) refers to the application of IoT technology in industrial settings, especially with respect to instrumentation and control of sensors and devices that engage cloud technologies. Recently, industries have used machine-to-machine communication (M2M) to achieve wireless automation and control. But with the emergence of cloud and allied technologies (such as analytics and machine learning), industries can achieve a new automation layer and with it create new revenue and business models. IIoT is sometimes called the fourth wave of the industrial revolution, or Industry 4.0. The following are some common uses for IIoT:

- Smart operations in manufacturing
- Smart operations in maintenance
- Smart operations in inventory management
- Smart power grids
- Smart cities
- Connected logistics
- Smart digital supply chains

Unlock business value with IoT

As IoT becomes more widespread in the marketplace, companies are capitalizing on the tremendous business value it can offer. These benefits include:

- Deriving data-driven insights from IoT data to help better manage the business
- Increasing productivity and efficiency of business operations
- Creating new business models and revenue streams
- Easily and seamlessly connecting the physical business world to the digital world to drive quick time to value

What are some ways IoT applications are deployed?

The ability of IoT to provide sensor information as well as enable device-to-device communication is driving a broad set of applications. The following are some of the most popular applications and what they do.

Create new efficiencies in manufacturing through machine monitoring and product-quality monitoring.

Machines can be continuously monitored and analyzed to make sure they are performing within required tolerances. Products can also be monitored in real time to identify and address quality defects.

Improve the tracking and “ring-fencing” of physical assets.

Tracking enables businesses to quickly determine asset location. Ring-fencing allows them to make sure that high-value assets are protected from theft and removal.

Use wearables to monitor human health analytics and environmental conditions.

IoT wearables enable people to better understand their own health and allow physicians to remotely monitor patients. This technology also enables companies to track the health and safety of their employees, which is especially useful for workers employed in hazardous conditions.

Drive efficiencies and new possibilities in existing processes.

One example of this is the use of IoT to increase efficiency and safety in connected logistics for fleet management. Companies can use IoT fleet monitoring to direct trucks, in real time, to improve efficiency.

Enable business process changes.

An example of this is the use of IoT devices for connected assets to monitor the health of remote machines and trigger service calls for preventive maintenance. The ability to remotely monitor machines is also enabling new product-as-a-service business models, where customers no longer need to buy a product but instead pay for its usage.

What industries can benefit from IoT?

Organizations best suited for IoT are those that would benefit from using sensor devices in their business processes.

Manufacturing

Manufacturers can gain a competitive advantage by using production-line monitoring to enable proactive maintenance on equipment when sensors detect an impending failure. Sensors can actually measure when production output is compromised. With the help of sensor alerts, manufacturers can quickly check equipment for accuracy or remove it from production until it is repaired. This allows companies to reduce operating costs, get better uptime, and improve asset performance management.

Automotive

The automotive industry stands to realize significant advantages from the use of IoT applications. In addition to the benefits of applying IoT to production lines, sensors can detect impending equipment failure in vehicles already on the road and can alert the driver with details and recommendations. Thanks to aggregated information gathered by IoT-based applications, automotive manufacturers and suppliers can learn more about how to keep cars running and car owners informed.

Transportation and Logistics

Transportation and logistical systems benefit from a variety of IoT applications. Fleets of cars, trucks, ships, and trains that carry inventory can be rerouted based on weather conditions, vehicle availability, or driver availability, thanks to IoT sensor data. The inventory itself could also be equipped with sensors for track-and-trace and temperature-control monitoring. The food and beverage, flower, and pharmaceutical industries often carry temperature-sensitive inventory that would benefit greatly from IoT monitoring applications that send alerts when temperatures rise or fall to a level that threatens the product.

Retail

IoT applications allow retail companies to manage inventory, improve customer experience, optimize supply chain, and reduce operational costs. For example, smart shelves fitted with weight sensors can collect RFID-based information and send the data to the IoT platform to automatically monitor inventory and trigger alerts if items are running low. Beacons can push targeted offers and promotions to customers to provide an engaging experience.

Public Sector

The benefits of IoT in the public sector and other service-related environments are similarly wide-ranging. For example, government-owned utilities can use IoT-based applications to notify their users of mass outages and even of smaller interruptions of water, power, or sewer services. IoT applications can collect data concerning the scope of an outage and deploy resources to help utilities recover from outages with greater speed.

Healthcare

IoT asset monitoring provides multiple benefits to the healthcare industry. Doctors, nurses, and orderlies often need to know the exact location of patient-assistance assets such as wheelchairs. When a hospital's wheelchairs are equipped with IoT sensors, they can be tracked from the IoT asset-monitoring application so that anyone looking for one can quickly find the nearest available wheelchair. Many hospital assets can be tracked this way to ensure proper usage as well as financial accounting for the physical assets in each department.

General Safety Across All Industries

In addition to tracking physical assets, IoT can be used to improve worker safety. Employees in hazardous environments such as mines, oil and gas fields, and chemical and power plants, for example, need to know about the occurrence of a hazardous event that might affect them. When they are connected to IoT sensor–based applications, they can be notified of accidents or rescued from them as swiftly as possible. IoT applications are also used for wearables that can monitor human health and environmental conditions. Not only do these types of applications help people better understand their own health, they also permit physicians to monitor patients remotely.

What is Robotics?

Robotics is a branch of engineering and computer science that involves the conception, design, manufacture and operation of robots. The objective of the robotics field is to create intelligent machines that can assist humans in a variety of ways.

Robotics can take on a number of forms. A robot might resemble a human or be in the form of a robotic application, such as robotic process automation, which simulates how humans engage with software to perform repetitive, rules-based tasks.

While the field of robotics and exploration of the potential uses and functionality of robots have grown substantially in the 21st century, the idea certainly isn't new.

The early history of robotics

The term *robotics* is an extension of the word *robot*. One of its first uses came from Czech writer Karel Čapek, who used the word in his 1920 play, *Rossum's Universal Robots*.

However, in the 1940s, the Oxford English Dictionary credited science fiction author Isaac Asimov for being the first person to use the term. In Asimov's story, he suggested three principles to guide the behavior of autonomous robots and smart machines:

1. Robots must never harm human beings.
2. Robots must follow instructions from humans without violating rule 1.
3. Robots must protect themselves without violating the other rules.

His three laws of robotics have survived to the present day. However, it wasn't until a couple of decades later, in 1961, that the first programmable robot -- called Unimate, derived from *universal automation* -- was created based on designs from the '50s to move scalding metal pieces from a die-cast machine. The Stanford Research Institute's robot dubbed Shakey followed suit in 1966 as the first mobile robot, thanks to software and hardware that enabled it to sense and grasp the environment, though in a limited capacity.

Robotics applications

Today, industrial robots, as well as many other types of robots, are used to perform repetitive tasks. They can take the form of a robotic arm, a collaborative robot (cobot), a robotic exoskeleton or traditional humanoid robots.

Industrial robots and robot arms are used by manufacturers and warehouses, such as those owned by Amazon and Best Buy.

To function, a combination of computer programming and algorithms, a remotely controlled manipulator, actuators, control systems -- action, processing and perception -- real-time sensors and an element of automation help to inform what a robot or robotic system does.

Some additional applications for robotics include the following:

- **Home electronics.** Vacuum cleaners and lawnmowers can be programmed to automatically perform tasks without human intervention.
- **Home monitoring.** This includes specific types of robots that can monitor home energy usage or provide home security monitoring services, such as Amazon Astro.
- **Artificial intelligence (AI).** Robotics is widely used in AI and machine learning (ML) processes, specifically for object recognition, natural language processing, predictive maintenance and process automation.
- **Data science.** The field of data science relies on robotics to perform tasks including data cleaning, data automation, data analytics and anomaly detection.
- **Law enforcement and military.** Both law enforcement and the military rely heavily on robotics, as it can be used for surveillance and reconnaissance missions. Robotics is also used to improve soldier mobility on the battlefield.
- **Mechanical engineering.** Robotics is widely used in manufacturing operations, such as the inspection of pipelines for corrosion and testing the structural integrity of buildings.
- **Mechatronics.** Robotics aids in the development of smart factories, robotics-assisted surgery devices and autonomous vehicles.

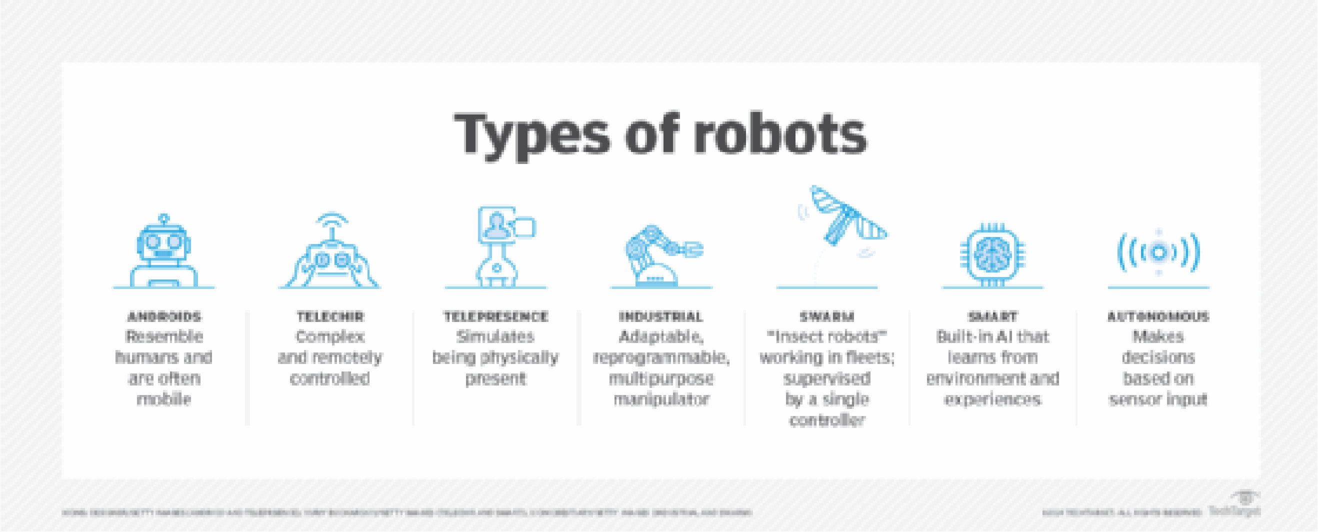
- **Nanotechnology.** Robotics is extensively used in the manufacturing of microelectromechanical systems, which is a process used to create tiny integrated systems.
- **Bioengineering and healthcare.** Surgical robots, assistive robots, lab robots and telemedicine robots are all examples of robotics used in the fields of healthcare and bioengineering.
- **Aerospace.** Robotics can be used for drilling, painting, coating, inspection and maintenance of aircraft components.

Types of robotics

Robots are designed to perform specific tasks and operate in different environments. The following are some common types of robots used across various industries:

- **Industrial robots.** Frequently used in manufacturing and warehouse settings, these large programmable robots are transforming the supply chain by performing tasks such as welding, painting, assembling and material handling.
- **Service robots.** These robots are used in a variety of fields in different scenarios, such as domestic chores, hospitality, retail and healthcare. Examples include cleaning robots, entertainment robots and personal assistance robots.
- **Medical robots.** These robots help with surgical procedures, rehabilitation and diagnostics in healthcare settings. Robotic surgery systems, exoskeletons and artificial limbs are a few examples of medical robots.
- **Autonomous vehicles.** These robots are mainly used for transportation purposes and can include self-driving cars, drones and autonomous delivery robots. They navigate and make decisions using advanced sensors and AI algorithms.
- **Humanoid robots.** These robots are programmed to imitate and mimic human movements and actions. They look humanlike and are employed in research, entertainment and human-robot interactions.
- **Cobots.** Contrary to the majority of other types of robots, which do their tasks alone or in entirely separated work environments, cobots can share workplaces with human employees, enabling them to work more productively. They're typically used to remove costly, dangerous or time-consuming tasks from routine workflows. Cobots can occasionally recognize and respond to human movement.

- **Agricultural robots.** These robots are used in farming and agricultural applications. They can plant, harvest, apply pesticides and check crop health.
- **Exploration and space robots.** These robots are used in missions to explore space as well as in harsh regions on Earth. Examples include underwater exploration robots and rovers used on Mars expeditions.
- **Defense and military robots.** These robots aid military tasks and operations including surveillance, bomb disposal and search-and-rescue missions. They're specifically designed to operate in unknown terrains.
- **Educational robots.** These robots are created to instruct and educate kids about robotics, programming and problem-solving. Kits and platforms for hands-on learning in academia are frequent examples of educational robots.
- **Entertainment robots.** Created for entertainment purposes, these robots come in the form of robotic pets, humanoid companions and interactive toys.



There are many different kinds of robots suited to a variety of tasks.

Machine learning in robotics

Machine learning and robotics intersect in a field known as robot learning. Robot learning is the study of techniques that enable a robot to acquire new knowledge or skills through ML algorithms.

Some applications that have been explored by robot learning include grasping objects, object categorization and even linguistic interaction with a human peer. Learning can happen through self-exploration or guidance from a human operator.

To learn, intelligent robots must accumulate facts through human input or sensors. Then, the robot's processing unit compares the newly acquired data with previously stored information to predict the best course of action based on the data it has acquired. However, it's important to understand that a robot can only solve problems that it's built to solve. It doesn't have general analytical abilities.

Some examples of current applications of machine learning in robotics include the following:

- **Computer vision.** Robots can perceive, identify and navigate their environments with the help of machine vision, which uses ML algorithms and sensors. Computer vision is used in a wide range of settings, including manufacturing procedures, such as material inspection and pattern and signature recognition.
- **Self-supervised learning.** By using large sets of data, robots can be taught to perform tasks without being specifically trained to do so, such as in neural networks. Self-supervised learning can be used to increase the ability of robots to adapt to changing environments.
- **Imitation learning.** This entails educating robots to replicate human behavior by demonstrating desirable actions to them. This can be used to improve the speed and accuracy of automated procedures.
- **Assistive robotics.** Machine learning can be used to create robotic devices that help people with daily tasks such as mobility and household duties. For example, wheelchair-mounted robot arms can offer greater independence to people with limited mobility in their upper extremities.
- **Reinforcement learning.** This entails teaching robots how to carry out challenging tasks through the use of trial-and-error techniques to make robotic systems more effective and efficient.

The pros and cons of robotics

Robotic systems are coveted in many industries because they can increase accuracy, reduce costs and increase safety for human beings.

Common advantages of robotics include the following:

- **Safety.** Safety is arguably one of robotics' greatest benefits, as many dangerous or unhealthy environments no longer require the human element. Examples include the nuclear industry, space, defense and maintenance. With robots or robotic systems, workers can avoid exposure to hazardous chemicals and even limit psychosocial and ergonomic health risks.
- **Increased productivity.** Robots don't readily become tired or worn out as humans do. They can work continuously without breaks while performing repetitive jobs, which boosts productivity.
- **Accuracy.** Robots can perform precise tasks with greater consistency and accuracy than humans can. This eliminates the risk of errors and inconsistencies.
- **Flexibility.** Robots can be programmed to carry out a variety of tasks and are easily adaptable to new use cases.
- **Cost savings.** By automating repetitive tasks, robots can reduce labor costs.

However, despite these benefits, robotics also comes with the following drawbacks:

- **Task suitability.** Certain tasks are simply better suited for humans -- for example, those jobs that require creativity, adaptability and critical decision-making skills.
- **Economic problems.** Since robots can perform most jobs that humans do with more precision, speed and accuracy, there's always a potential risk that they could eventually replace human jobs.
- **Cost.** Most robotic systems have a high initial cost. It can also cost a lot to repair and maintain robots.
- **Increased dependency.** Overreliance on robots can result in a decrease in human talents and problem-solving abilities as well as an increase in technological dependence.
- **Security risks.** There's always a risk of robotic devices getting hacked or hijacked, especially if they're being used for defense and security purposes.
- **Power requirements.** Robots consume a lot of energy and constant power to operate. Regular upkeep and maintenance are also needed to keep them in good working condition.

Introduction of Embedded Systems

Before going to the overview of Embedded Systems, Let's first know the two basic things i.e., embedded and system, and what actually do they mean.

System is a set of interrelated parts/components which are designed/developed to perform common tasks or to do some specific work for which it has been created.

Embedded means including something with anything for a reason. Or simply we can say something which is integrated or attached to another thing. Now after getting what actual systems and embedded mean we can easily understand what are Embedded Systems.

What is Embedded System?

Embedded system is a computational system that is developed based on an integration of both hardware and software in order to perform a given task. It can be said as a dedicated computer system has been developed for some particular reason. But it is not our traditional computer system or general-purpose computers, these are the Embedded systems that may work independently or attached to a larger system to work on a few specific functions. These embedded systems can work without human intervention or with little human intervention.

Understanding embedded systems is essential for designing hardware-software interfaces. System design plays a crucial role in creating efficient embedded systems. To explore the intricacies of system design and its applications, you can enroll in the **System Design Course**, which covers various design strategies and methodologies relevant to embedded systems.

Components of Embedded Systems

1. Hardware **2.** Software **3.** Firmware

Examples of Embedded Systems

- Digital watches
- Washing Machine
- Toys
- Televisions
- Digital phones
- Laser Printer
- Cameras
- Industrial machines
- Electronic Calculators
- Automobiles
- Medical Equipment

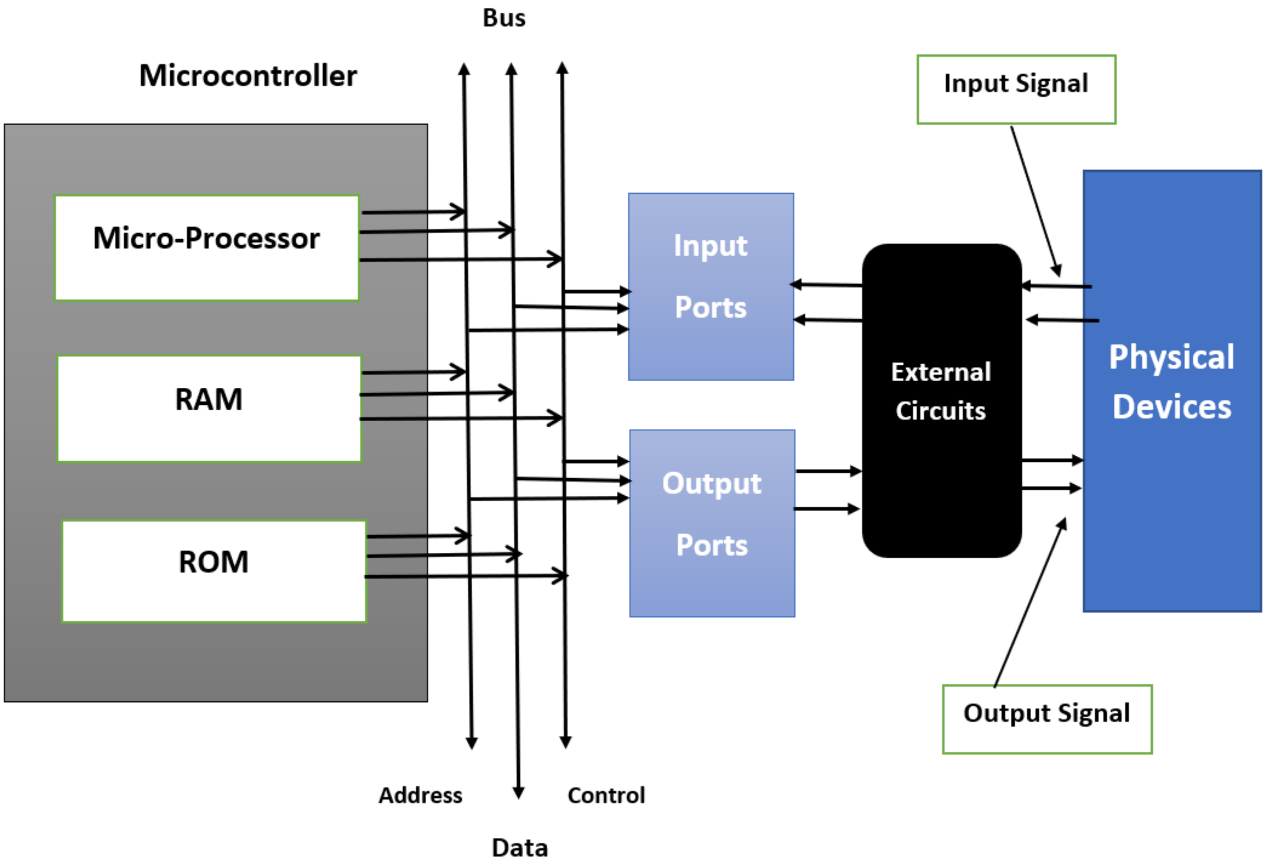
Application of Embedded System

- Home appliances
- Transportation
- Health care
- Business sector & offices
- Defense sector
- Aerospace
- Agricultural Sector

Characteristics of an Embedded System

- **Performs specific task:** Embedded systems perform some specific function or tasks.
- **Low Cost:** The price of an embedded system is not so expensive.
- **Time Specific:** It performs the tasks within a certain time frame.
- **Low Power:** Embedded Systems don't require much power to operate.
- **High Efficiency:** The efficiency level of embedded systems is so high.
- **Minimal User interface:** These systems require less user interface and are easy to use.
- **Less Human intervention:** Embedded systems require no human intervention or very less human intervention.
- **Highly Stable:** Embedded systems do not change frequently mostly fixed maintaining stability.
- **High Reliability:** Embedded systems are reliable they perform tasks consistently well.
- **Use microprocessors or microcontrollers:** Embedded systems use microprocessors or microcontrollers to design and use limited memory.
- **Manufacturable:** The majority of embedded systems are compact and affordable to manufacture. They are based on the size and low complexity of the hardware.

Block Structure of Embedded System



Embedded System

Advantages of Embedded System

- Small size.

- Enhanced real-time performance.
- Easily customizable for a specific application.

Disadvantages of Embedded System

- High development cost.
- Time-consuming design process.
- As it is application-specific less market available.

Top Embedded Programming Languages: Some of the programming languages used in the development of embedded systems include, Embedded C, Embedded C + +, Embedded Java, Embedded Python etc. But it completely rests on the developer which programming language he selects for the development of the embedded systems.

How does an Embedded System Work?

Embedded systems operate from the combination of hardware and software that focuses on certain operations. An embedded system at its heart has microcontroller or microprocessor hardware on which user writes the code in form of software for control of the system. Here is how it generally works:

- **Hardware Layer:** Some of the hardware elements that are incorporated in an embedded system include the sensor, actuator, memory, current I/O interfaces as well as power supply. These components are interfaced with the micro controller or micro processor depending up on the input signals accepted.
- **Input/Output (I/O) Interfaces:** They to give the system input in form of data from sensors or inputs made by the users and the microcontroller processes the data received. The processed data is then utilized to coordinate the output devices such as displays, motors or communication modules.
- **Firmware:** Firmware which is integrated within a system's hardware comprises of certain instructions to accomplish a task. Such software is often used for real time processing and is tuned to work in the most optimal manner on the system hardware.
- **Processing:** Depending on the given software and the input data received from the system's inputs the microcontroller calculates the appropriate output or response and manages the system's components.
- **Real-time Operation:** Some of the most common systems are real time, this implies that they have the ability to process events or inputs at given time. This real time capability makes sure that the system accomplishes its intended function within stated time demands.

For instance therein an embedded system in a washing machine, the microcontroller would interface with the buttons (selections made by a user), sensors, for instance water levels, temperature and timers; it would control outputs such as motors, heaters and displays among others based on the program intended for washing cycles.

Conclusion

Therefore, the importance of embedded system in modern technology cannot be underestimated because the provide dedicated and reliable system that are efficient for specific use. This is evident from their applications in home use items such as refrigerators, bio-medical applications, and industrial applications where they offer an additional advantage to improving functionality of the many systems. Embedded systems are very important in our lives since they offer automation, enhanced performance and accuracy in our daily lives.

What is Artificial Intelligence?

What is Artificial Intelligence? In today's rapidly advancing technological landscape, AI has become a household term. From chatbots and virtual assistants to self-driving cars and recommendation algorithms, the impact of AI is ubiquitous. But what exactly is AI and how does it work?

At its core, Artificial Intelligence refers to the simulation of human intelligence in machines that are programmed to think, reason, and learn like humans. Rather than being explicitly programmed for specific tasks, ***AI(Artificial Intelligence) systems*** use algorithms and vast amounts of data to recognize patterns, make decisions, and improve their performance over time.

Artificial Intelligence encompasses a wide range of technologies, including machine learning, natural language processing, computer vision, and robotics. These technologies enable AI systems to perform complex tasks, such as speech recognition and face detection, with remarkable accuracy.

In this article, we will delve into the intricacies of Artificial Intelligence, exploring its various applications across industries, its potential benefits and challenges, and the ethical considerations surrounding its use. So, join us as we unravel the mysteries of AI and its transformative power in our world today.

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History and Evolution of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

The concept of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has been around for centuries, with the earliest recorded ideas dating back to ancient Greek mythology. However, the modern field of AI emerged in the 1950s, when computer scientists and researchers began exploring the possibility of creating machines that could think, learn, and solve problems like humans.

One of the pioneering figures in the field of AI was Alan Turing, a British mathematician and computer scientist, who in 1950 proposed the Turing test, a method for determining whether a machine can exhibit intelligent behavior indistinguishable from a human. This sparked a wave of research and development in AI, with scientists and researchers working to create machines that could perform tasks such as playing chess, solving mathematical problems, and understanding natural language.

Over the decades, the field of AI has evolved significantly, with the development of various techniques and technologies, such as machine learning, deep learning, and natural language processing. The 1980s and 1990s saw a surge in the popularity of expert systems, which were designed to mimic the decision-making process of human experts. In the 2000s, the rise of big data and powerful computing resources paved the way for the development of more advanced AI systems, leading to breakthroughs in areas like computer vision, speech recognition, and autonomous vehicles.

Core Concepts in AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) operates on a core set of concepts and technologies that enable machines to perform tasks that typically require human intelligence. Here are some foundational concepts:

1. **Machine Learning (ML)**: This is the backbone of AI, where algorithms learn from data without being explicitly programmed. It involves training an algorithm on a data set, allowing it to improve over time and make predictions or decisions based on new data.
2. **Neural Networks**: Inspired by the human brain, these are networks of algorithms that mimic the way neurons interact, allowing computers to recognize patterns and solve common problems in the fields of AI, machine learning, and deep learning.
3. **Deep Learning**: A subset of ML, deep learning uses complex neural networks with many layers (hence "deep") to analyze various factors of data. This is instrumental in tasks like image and speech recognition.
4. **Natural Language Processing (NLP)**: NLP involves programming computers to process and analyze large amounts of natural language data, enabling interactions between computers and humans using natural language.
5. **Robotics**: While often associated with AI, robotics merges AI concepts with physical components to create machines capable of performing a variety of tasks, from assembly lines to complex surgeries.
6. **Cognitive Computing**: This AI approach mimics human brain processes to solve complex problems, often using pattern recognition, NLP, and data mining.
7. **Expert Systems**: These are AI systems that emulate the decision-making ability of a human expert, applying reasoning capabilities to reach conclusions.

Each of these concepts helps to build systems that can automate, enhance, and sometimes outperform human capabilities in specific tasks.

How Does AI Work?

Artificial intelligence (AI) enables machines to learn from data and recognize patterns in it, to perform tasks more efficiently and effectively. AI works in five steps:

- **Input:** Data is collected from various sources. This data is then sorted into categories.
- **Processing:** The AI sorts and deciphers the data using patterns it has been programmed to learn until it recognizes similar patterns in the data.
- **Outcomes:** The AI can then use those patterns to predict outcomes.
- **Adjustments:** If the data sets are considered a "fail," AI learns from that mistake, and the process is repeated again under different conditions.
- **Assessments:** In this way, AI is constantly learning and improving.

Types of AI (Artificial Intelligence)

1. **Narrow AI (ANI) :** Narrow AI, also known as Artificial Narrow Intelligence (ANI), refers to AI systems designed to handle a specific task or a limited range of tasks. These systems operate under constrained and predefined conditions, excelling in their specific domains but lacking the ability to perform beyond their programmed capabilities.
2. **General AI (AGI) :** General AI, or Artificial General Intelligence, refers to AI systems that possess the ability to understand, learn, and apply intelligence across a broad range of tasks, mirroring human cognitive abilities. AGI can theoretically apply learned knowledge to solve novel problems and perform tasks involving general reasoning without prior training specifically for those tasks.
3. **Superintelligent AI (ASI)** : Superintelligent AI, or Artificial Superintelligence, represents an AI that not only mimics but significantly surpasses human intelligence across all fields — science, general wisdom, social skills, and more. ASI would be capable of extraordinary problem-solving and creative abilities, far beyond what current human minds can achieve..

Application of Artificial Intelligence

Artificial Intelligence has many practical applications across various industries and domains, including:

1. **Healthcare –** AI is used for medical diagnosis by analyzing medical images like X-rays and MRIs to identify diseases. For instance, AI systems are being developed to detect skin cancer from images with high accuracy.
2. **Finance** – AI helps in credit scoring by analyzing a borrower's financial history and other data to predict their creditworthiness. This helps banks decide whether to approve a loan and at what interest rate.
3. **Retail** – AI is used for product recommendations by analyzing your past purchases and browsing behavior to suggest products you might be interested in. For example, Amazon uses AI to recommend products to customers on their website.
4. **Manufacturing –** AI helps in quality control by inspecting products for defects. AI systems can be trained to identify even very small defects that human inspectors might miss.
5. **Transportation –** AI is used for autonomous vehicles by developing self-driving cars that can navigate roads without human input. Companies like Waymo and Tesla are developing self-driving car technology.
6. **Customer service –** AI-powered chatbots are used to answer customer questions and provide support. For instance, many banks use chatbots to answer customer questions about their accounts and transactions.
7. **Security –** AI is used for facial recognition by identifying people from images or videos. This technology is used for security purposes, such as identifying criminals or unauthorized individuals.
8. **Marketing –** AI is used for targeted advertising by showing ads to people who are most likely to be interested in the product or service being advertised. For example, social

media companies use AI to target ads to users based on their interests and demographics.
9. **Education –** AI is used for personalized learning by tailoring educational content to the individual needs of each student. For example, AI-powered tutoring systems can provide students with personalized instruction and feedback.

Need for Artificial Intelligence – Why is AI Important?

The widespread adoption of Artificial Intelligence (AI) has brought about numerous benefits and advantages across various industries and aspects of our lives. Here are some of the key benefits of AI:

1. **Improved Efficiency and Productivity:** AI-powered systems can perform tasks with greater speed, accuracy, and consistency than humans, leading to improved efficiency and productivity in various industries. This can result in cost savings, reduced errors, and increased output.
2. **Enhanced Decision-Making:** AI algorithms can analyze large amounts of data, identify patterns, and make informed decisions faster than humans. This can be particularly useful in fields such as finance, healthcare, and logistics, where timely and accurate decision-making is critical.
3. **Personalization and Customization:** AI-powered systems can learn from user behavior and preferences to provide personalized recommendations, content, and experiences. This can lead to increased customer satisfaction and loyalty, as well as improved targeting and marketing strategies.
4. **Automation of Repetitive Tasks:** AI can be used to automate repetitive, time-consuming tasks, freeing up human resources to focus on more strategic and creative work. This can lead to cost savings, reduced errors, and improved work-life balance for employees.
5. **Improved Safety and Risk Mitigation:** AI-powered systems can be used to enhance safety in various applications, such as autonomous vehicles, industrial automation, and medical diagnostics. AI algorithms can also be used to detect and mitigate risks, such as fraud, cybersecurity threats, and environmental hazards.
6. **Advancements in Scientific Research:** AI can assist in scientific research by analyzing large datasets, generating hypotheses, and accelerating the discovery of new insights and breakthroughs. This can lead to advancements in fields such as medicine, climate science, and materials science.
7. **Enhanced Human Capabilities:** AI can be used to augment and enhance human capabilities, such as improving memory, cognitive abilities, and decision-making. This can lead to improved productivity, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

While the benefits of AI are numerous, it is important to consider the potential challenges and limitations of the technology, as well as the ethical implications of its use.

Challenges in Artificial Intelligence

While Artificial Intelligence (AI) has brought about numerous benefits and advancements, it also faces several challenges and limitations that must be addressed. Here are some of the key challenges and limitations of AI:

1. **Data Availability and Quality:** AI systems rely on vast amounts of high-quality data to learn and make accurate predictions. However, obtaining and curating such data can be a significant challenge, particularly in domains where data is scarce or difficult to collect.
2. **Bias and Fairness:** AI algorithms can perpetuate and amplify biases present in the data used to train them, leading to decisions and outputs that are unfair or discriminatory. Addressing algorithmic bias is a crucial challenge in the development and deployment of AI systems.
3. **Interpretability and Explainability:** Many modern AI systems, such as deep learning models, are complex and opaque, making it difficult to understand how they arrive at their decisions. This lack of interpretability can be a significant barrier to trust and adoption, particularly in sensitive domains like healthcare and finance.
4. **Safety and Robustness:** AI systems can be vulnerable to adversarial attacks, where small, imperceptible changes to the input can cause the system to make erroneous or even dangerous decisions. Ensuring the safety and robustness of AI systems is a critical challenge.
5. **Privacy and Security:** The collection and use of personal data by AI systems raises significant privacy concerns, especially as the technology becomes more pervasive. Balancing the benefits of AI with the need to protect individual privacy is an ongoing challenge.
6. **Scalability and Computational Limitations:** Some AI algorithms and models can be computationally intensive, requiring significant computing power and resources. Scaling these systems to larger-scale applications can be a challenge, particularly in resource-constrained environments.
7. **Ethical Considerations:** The development and deployment of AI systems raise complex ethical questions, such as the impact on employment, the accountability for AI-driven decisions, and the potential for AI to be used for malicious purposes. Addressing these ethical concerns is crucial for the responsible and trustworthy use of AI.

As the field of AI continues to evolve, researchers and practitioners must work to address these challenges and limitations, ensuring that the technology is developed and deployed in a responsible and ethical manner.

Ethical Considerations in Artificial Intelligence

As Artificial Intelligence (AI) becomes increasingly ubiquitous in our lives, it is crucial to consider the ethical implications of its development and deployment. Here are some of the key ethical considerations surrounding AI:

1. **Transparency and Accountability:** AI systems can be complex and opaque, making it difficult to understand how they arrive at their decisions. This lack of transparency can be problematic, as it can lead to biased or unfair outcomes that are difficult to explain or justify. Ensuring transparency and accountability in AI systems is essential for building trust and mitigating potential harm.
2. **Bias and Fairness:** AI algorithms can perpetuate and amplify biases present in the data used to train them, leading to decisions and outputs that discriminate against

certain individuals or groups. Addressing algorithmic bias and ensuring the fairness of AI systems is a critical ethical challenge.

3. **Privacy and Data Rights:** The collection and use of personal data by AI systems raises significant privacy concerns, particularly as the technology becomes more pervasive. Balancing the benefits of AI with the protection of individual privacy rights is an ongoing ethical dilemma.
4. **Impact on Employment:** The increasing automation of tasks and jobs by AI systems raises concerns about the potential displacement of human workers. Addressing the ethical implications of AI-driven job loss and ensuring the fair distribution of the benefits of AI is a crucial consideration.
5. **Autonomous Decision-Making:** AI systems are being used to make decisions that can have significant impacts on people's lives, such as in healthcare, finance, and criminal justice. The ethical implications of delegating decision-making authority to AI systems, particularly in high-stakes scenarios, must be carefully examined.
6. **Misuse and Malicious Use:** AI can be used for malicious purposes, such as creating deepfakes, automating cyberattacks, or enhancing surveillance and control. Mitigating the potential for the misuse of AI is an essential ethical concern.
7. **Societal Impact and Inequality:** The widespread adoption of AI has the potential to exacerbate existing social and economic inequalities, as the benefits of the technology may not be evenly distributed. Addressing the ethical implications of the unequal impact of AI is crucial for ensuring the technology benefits society as a whole.

To address these ethical considerations, policymakers, researchers, and practitioners must work together to develop ethical frameworks, guidelines, and regulations that ensure the responsible development and deployment of AI. This includes promoting transparency, accountability, fairness, and the protection of fundamental human rights.

The Future of Artificial Intelligence

The future of Artificial Intelligence (AI) is both exciting and complex, with the potential to transform virtually every aspect of our lives. As the technology continues to evolve, we can expect to see a range of advancements and developments that will shape the years to come.

1. **Advancements in Machine Learning and Deep Learning:** The rapid progress in machine learning and deep learning techniques will enable the creation of even more sophisticated and capable AI systems. This includes the development of more accurate and efficient algorithms for tasks such as natural language processing, computer vision, and predictive analytics.
2. **Expansion of Autonomous Systems:** The use of AI in autonomous systems, such as self-driving cars, drones, and robotic assistants, is expected to grow significantly. As the technology becomes more reliable and safer, we can expect to see these systems become more prevalent in our daily lives, transforming the way we travel, work, and interact with our surroundings.
3. **Emergence of General AI:** While current AI systems are primarily focused on narrow, specialized tasks, the long-term goal of researchers is to develop general AI – systems that can match or exceed human intelligence and adaptability across a wide range of

cognitive tasks. The realization of general AI would represent a significant milestone in the field and could lead to transformative breakthroughs in various domains.

4. **Integration with Internet of Things (IoT) and Edge Computing:** As the number of connected devices and sensors continues to grow, the integration of AI with IoT and edge computing will become increasingly important. This will enable the deployment of AI-powered applications and services at the edge, closer to the source of data, leading to faster response times, improved privacy, and reduced reliance on cloud infrastructure.
5. **Advancements in Natural Language Processing and Conversational AI:** The continued progress in natural language processing and conversational AI will enable the development of more natural and intuitive interfaces between humans and machines. This could lead to the creation of virtual assistants, chatbots, and other AI-powered interfaces that can understand and respond to human language in more meaningful and contextual ways.
6. **Ethical and Regulatory Considerations:** As AI becomes more pervasive, the need for robust ethical frameworks and regulatory oversight will become increasingly important. Policymakers, researchers, and industry leaders will need to work together to address issues such as algorithmic bias, privacy, transparency, and the societal impact of AI.

Digital Image Processing Basics

Digital Image Processing means processing digital image by means of a digital computer. We can also say that it is a use of computer algorithms, in order to get enhanced image either to extract some useful information.

Digital image processing is the use of algorithms and mathematical models to process and analyze digital images. The goal of digital image processing is to enhance the quality of images, extract meaningful information from images, and automate image-based tasks.

The basic steps involved in digital image processing are:

1. Image acquisition: This involves capturing an image using a digital camera or scanner, or importing an existing image into a computer.
2. Image enhancement: This involves improving the visual quality of an image, such as increasing contrast, reducing noise, and removing artifacts.
3. Image restoration: This involves removing degradation from an image, such as blurring, noise, and distortion.
4. Image segmentation: This involves dividing an image into regions or segments, each of which corresponds to a specific object or feature in the image.
5. Image representation and description: This involves representing an image in a way that can be analyzed and manipulated by a computer, and describing the features of an image in a compact and meaningful way.

6. Image analysis: This involves using algorithms and mathematical models to extract information from an image, such as recognizing objects, detecting patterns, and quantifying features.
7. Image synthesis and compression: This involves generating new images or compressing existing images to reduce storage and transmission requirements.
8. Digital image processing is widely used in a variety of applications, including medical imaging, remote sensing, computer vision, and multimedia.

Image processing mainly include the following steps:

1.Importing the image via image acquisition tools;
2.Analysing and manipulating the image;
3.Output in which result can be altered image or a report which is based on analysing that image.

What is an image?

An image is defined as a two-dimensional function,**F(x,y)**, where x and y are spatial coordinates, and the amplitude of **F** at any pair of coordinates (x,y) is called the **intensity** of that image at that point. When x,y, and amplitude values of **F** are finite, we call it a **digital image**.

In other words, an image can be defined by a two-dimensional array specifically arranged in rows and columns.

Digital Image is composed of a finite number of elements, each of which elements have a particular value at a particular location.These elements are referred to as *picture elements,image elements,and pixels*.A *Pixel* is most widely used to denote the elements of a Digital Image.

Types of an image

1. **BINARY IMAGE**– The binary image as its name suggests, contain only two pixel elements i.e 0 & 1,where 0 refers to black and 1 refers to white. This image is also known as Monochrome.
2. **BLACK AND WHITE IMAGE**– The image which consist of only black and white color is called BLACK AND WHITE IMAGE.
3. **8 bit COLOR FORMAT**– It is the most famous image format.It has 256 different shades of colors in it and commonly known as Grayscale Image. In this format, 0 stands for Black, and 255 stands for white, and 127 stands for gray.
4. **16 bit COLOR FORMAT**– It is a color image format. It has 65,536 different colors in it.It is also known as High Color Format. In this format the distribution of color is not as same as Grayscale image.

A 16 bit format is actually divided into three further formats which are Red, Green and Blue. That famous RGB format.

Image as a Matrix

As we know, images are represented in rows and columns we have the following syntax in which images are represented:

$$f(x,y) = \begin{bmatrix} f(0,0) & f(0,1) & f(0,2) & \dots & f(0,N-1) \\ f(1,0) & f(1,1) & f(1,2) & \dots & f(1,N-1) \\ . & . & . & & . \\ . & . & . & & . \\ . & . & . & & . \\ f(M-1,0) & f(M-1,1) & f(M-1,2) & \dots & f(M-1,N-1) \end{bmatrix}$$

The right side of this equation is digital image by definition. Every element of this matrix is called image element , picture element , or pixel.

DIGITAL IMAGE REPRESENTATION IN MATLAB:

$$f = \begin{bmatrix} f(1,1) & f(1,2) & \cdots & f(1,N) \\ f(2,1) & f(2,2) & \cdots & f(2,N) \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ f(M,1) & f(M,2) & \cdots & f(M,N) \end{bmatrix}$$

In MATLAB the start index is from 1 instead of 0. Therefore, f(1,1) = f(0,0).
henceforth the two representation of image are identical, except for the shift in origin.
In MATLAB, matrices are stored in a variable i.e X,x,input_image , and so on. The variables must be a letter as same as other programming languages.

PHASES OF IMAGE PROCESSING:

1.**ACQUISITION**– It could be as simple as being given an image which is in digital form. The main work involves:
a) Scaling
b) Color conversion(RGB to Gray or vice-versa)
2.**IMAGE ENHANCEMENT**– It is amongst the simplest and most appealing in areas of Image Processing it is also used to extract some hidden details from an image and is subjective.
3.**IMAGE RESTORATION**– It also deals with appealing of an image but it is objective(Restoration is based on mathematical or probabilistic model or image degradation).
4.**COLOR IMAGE PROCESSING**– It deals with pseudocolor and full color image processing color models are applicable to digital image processing.
5.**WAVELETS AND MULTI-RESOLUTION PROCESSING**– It is foundation of representing

images in various degrees.

6.**IMAGE COMPRESSION**-It involves in developing some functions to perform this operation. It mainly deals with image size or resolution.

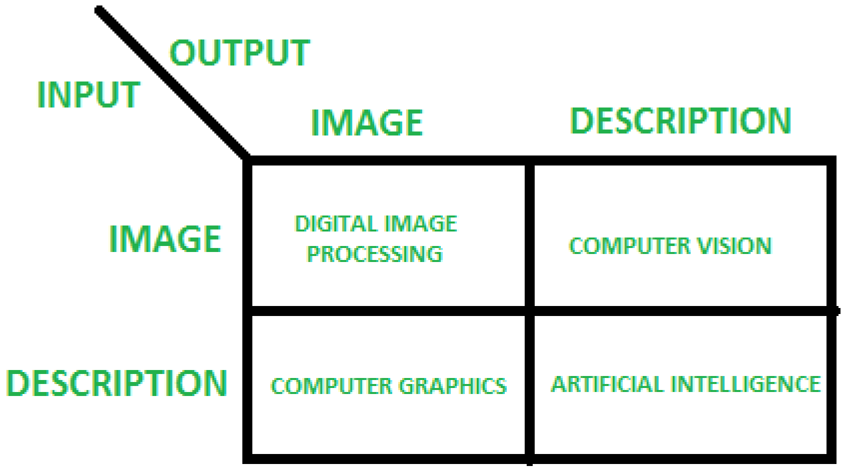
7.**MORPHOLOGICAL PROCESSING**-It deals with tools for extracting image components that are useful in the representation & description of shape.

8.**SEGMENTATION PROCEDURE**-It includes partitioning an image into its constituent parts or objects. Autonomous segmentation is the most difficult task in Image Processing.

9.**REPRESENTATION & DESCRIPTION**-It follows output of segmentation stage, choosing a representation is only the part of solution for transforming raw data into processed data.

10.**OBJECT DETECTION AND RECOGNITION**-It is a process that assigns a label to an object based on its descriptor.

OVERLAPPING FIELDS WITH IMAGE PROCESSING



INPUT \ OUTPUT	IMAGE	DESCRIPTION
IMAGE	DIGITAL IMAGE PROCESSING	COMPUTER VISION
DESCRIPTION	COMPUTER GRAPHICS	ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

According to block 1,if input is an image and we get out image as a output, then it is termed as Digital Image Processing.

According to block 2,if input is an image and we get some kind of information or description as a output, then it is termed as Computer Vision.

According to block 3,if input is some description or code and we get image as an output, then it is termed as Computer Graphics.

According to block 4,if input is description or some keywords or some code and we get description or some keywords as a output,then it is termed as Artificial Intelligence

Advantages of Digital Image Processing:

1. Improved image quality: Digital image processing algorithms can improve the visual quality of images, making them clearer, sharper, and more informative.

2. Automated image-based tasks: Digital image processing can automate many image-based tasks, such as object recognition, pattern detection, and measurement.
3. Increased efficiency: Digital image processing algorithms can process images much faster than humans, making it possible to analyze large amounts of data in a short amount of time.
4. Increased accuracy: Digital image processing algorithms can provide more accurate results than humans, especially for tasks that require precise measurements or quantitative analysis.

Disadvantages of Digital Image Processing:

1. High computational cost: Some digital image processing algorithms are computationally intensive and require significant computational resources.
2. Limited interpretability: Some digital image processing algorithms may produce results that are difficult for humans to interpret, especially for complex or sophisticated algorithms.
3. Dependence on quality of input: The quality of the output of digital image processing algorithms is highly dependent on the quality of the input images. Poor quality input images can result in poor quality output.

Introduction to Machine Learning

Machine learning (ML) is a type of artificial intelligence (AI) that allows computers to learn without being explicitly programmed. This article explores the concept of machine learning, providing various definitions and discussing its applications. The article also dives into different classifications of machine learning tasks, giving you a comprehensive understanding of this powerful technology.

What is Machine Learning?

Machine learning (ML) is a type of Artificial Intelligence (AI) that allows computers to learn without being explicitly programmed. It involves feeding data into algorithms that can then identify patterns and make predictions on new data. Machine learning is used in a wide variety of applications, including image and speech recognition, natural language processing, and recommender systems.

Definition of Learning

A computer program is said to *learn* from experience E concerning some class of tasks T and performance measure P, if its performance at tasks T, as measured by P, improves with experience E.

Examples

- Handwriting recognition learning problem
    - **Task T :** Recognizing and classifying handwritten words within images
    - **Performance P :** Percent of words correctly classified
    - **Training experience E :** A dataset of handwritten words with given classifications

- A robot driving learning problem
    - **Task T :** Driving on highways using vision sensors
    - **Performance P :** Average distance traveled before an error
    - **Training experience E :** A sequence of images and steering commands recorded while observing a human driver

Classification of Machine Learning

Machine learning implementations are classified into four major categories, depending on the nature of the learning "signal" or "response" available to a learning system which are as follows:

1. Supervised learning:

Supervised learning is the machine learning task of learning a function that maps an input to an output based on example input-output pairs. The given data is labeled. Both *classification* and *regression* problems are supervised learning problems.

- Example – Consider the following data regarding patients entering a clinic . The data consists of the gender and age of the patients and each patient is labeled as "healthy" or "sick".

Gender	Age	Label
M	48	sick
M	67	sick
F	53	healthy
M	49	sick
F	32	healthy
M	34	healthy
M	21	healthy

2. Unsupervised learning:

Unsupervised learning is a type of machine learning algorithm used to draw inferences from datasets consisting of input data without labeled responses. In unsupervised learning algorithms, classification or categorization is not included in the observations. Example: Consider the following data regarding patients entering a clinic. The data consists of the gender and age of the patients.

Gender	Age
M	48
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As a kind of learning, it resembles the methods humans use to figure out that certain objects or events are from the same class, such as by observing the degree of similarity between objects. Some recommendation systems that you find on the web in the form of marketing automation are based on this type of learning.

To know more about supervised and unsupervised learning refer to: https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/supervised-unsupervised-learning/.

3. Reinforcement learning:

Reinforcement learning is the problem of getting an agent to act in the world so as to maximize its rewards.

A learner is not told what actions to take as in most forms of machine learning but instead must discover which actions yield the most reward by trying them. For example — Consider teaching a dog a new trick: we cannot tell him what to do, what not to do, but we can reward/punish it if it does the right/wrong thing.

When watching the video, notice how the program is initially clumsy and unskilled but steadily improves with training until it becomes a champion.

To know more about Reinforcement learning refer to: https://www.geeksforgeeks.org/what-is-reinforcement-learning/.

4. **Semi-supervised learning**:

Where an incomplete training signal is given: a training set with some (often many) of the target outputs missing. There is a special case of this principle known as Transduction where the entire set of problem instances is known at learning time, except that part of the targets are missing. Semi-supervised learning is an approach to machine learning that combines small labeled data with a large amount of unlabeled data during training. Semi-supervised learning falls between unsupervised learning and supervised learning.

Categorizing based on Required Output

Another categorization of machine-learning tasks arises when one considers the desired output of a machine-learned system:

1. **Classification:** When inputs are divided into two or more classes, the learner must produce a model that assigns unseen inputs to one or more (multi-label classification) of these classes. This is typically tackled in a supervised way. Spam filtering is an example of classification, where the inputs are email (or other) messages and the classes are “spam” and “not spam”.
2. **Regression:** This is also a supervised problem, A case when the outputs are continuous rather than discrete.
3. **Clustering:** When a set of inputs is to be divided into groups. Unlike in classification, the groups are not known beforehand, making this typically an unsupervised task.

Examples of Machine Learning in Action

Machine learning is woven into the fabric of our daily lives. Here are some examples to illustrate its diverse applications

Supervised Learning

- **Filtering Your Inbox:** Spam filters use machine learning to analyze emails and identify spam based on past patterns. They learn from emails you mark as spam and not spam, becoming more accurate over time.
- **Recommending Your Next Purchase:** E-commerce platforms and streaming services use machine learning to analyze your purchase history and viewing habits. This allows them to recommend products and shows you’re more likely to enjoy.
- **Smart Reply in Emails:** Machine learning powers features like “Smart Reply” in Gmail, suggesting short responses based on the content of the email.

Unsupervised Learning

- **Grouping Customers:** Machine learning can analyze customer data (purchase history, demographics) to identify customer segments with similar characteristics. This helps businesses tailor marketing campaigns and product offerings.
- **Anomaly Detection:** Financial institutions use machine learning to detect unusual spending patterns on your credit card, potentially indicating fraudulent activity.
- **Image Classification in Photos:** Facial recognition in photos on social media platforms is powered by machine learning algorithms trained on vast amounts of labeled data.

Beyond Categories

- **Self-Driving Cars:** These rely on reinforcement learning, a type of machine learning where algorithms learn through trial and error in a simulated environment.

- **Medical Diagnosis:** Machine learning algorithms can analyze medical images (X-rays, MRIs) to identify abnormalities and aid doctors in diagnosis.

Benefits and Challenges of Machine Learning

Machine learning (ML) has become a transformative technology across various industries. While it offers numerous advantages, it's crucial to acknowledge the challenges that come with its increasing use.

Benefits of Machine Learning

- **Enhanced Efficiency and Automation:** ML automates repetitive tasks, freeing up human resources for more complex work. It also streamlines processes, leading to increased efficiency and productivity.
- **Data-Driven Insights:** ML can analyze vast amounts of data to identify patterns and trends that humans might miss. This allows for better decision-making based on real-world data.
- **Improved Personalization:** ML personalizes user experiences across various platforms. From recommendation systems to targeted advertising, ML tailors content and services to individual preferences.
- **Advanced Automation and Robotics:** ML empowers robots and machines to perform complex tasks with greater accuracy and adaptability. This is revolutionizing fields like manufacturing and logistics.

Challenges of Machine Learning

- **Data Bias and Fairness:** ML algorithms are only as good as the data they are trained on. Biased data can lead to discriminatory outcomes, requiring careful data selection and monitoring of algorithms.
- **Security and Privacy Concerns:** As ML relies heavily on data, security breaches can expose sensitive information. Additionally, the use of personal data raises privacy concerns that need to be addressed.
- **Interpretability and Explainability:** Complex ML models can be difficult to understand, making it challenging to explain their decision-making processes. This lack of transparency can raise questions about accountability and trust.
- **Job Displacement and Automation:** Automation through ML can lead to job displacement in certain sectors. Addressing the need for retraining and reskilling the workforce is crucial.

What Is Cloud Computing?

Cloud computing is the on-demand delivery of computing services such as servers, storage, databases, networking, software, and analytics. Rather than keeping files on a proprietary hard drive or local storage device, cloud-based storage makes it possible to save remotely. Cloud computing is a popular option for people and businesses, allowing for cost savings, increased productivity, speed and efficiency, performance, and security.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Cloud computing is the on-demand delivery of computing services such as servers, storage, databases, networking, software, and analytics.
- Cloud-based storage makes it possible to save files to a remote source.
- Cloud data storage platforms include Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, and Box.

Storing Data

Cloud computing means data is stored remotely in the cloud or a virtual space. Companies that provide cloud services enable users to keep files and applications on remote servers and access all data via the Internet. An individual's or company's data, work, and applications are available from any device that connects to the Internet.

Cloud computing can be both public and private. Public cloud services provide their services over the Internet for a fee. Private cloud services only provide services to a certain number of people. These services are a system of networks that supply hosted services. There is also a hybrid option, which combines public and private services.

Cloud Services

- Email
- Storage, backup, and data retrieval
- Creating and testing apps
- Data Analytics
- Audio and video streaming
- Delivering software on demand

Amazon Web Services (AWS) uses cloud computing to power real-time fraud detection and prevention of erroneous financial transactions of individuals and businesses.1

Platforms

Cloud computing is a system primarily comprised of three services: software-as-a-service (SaaS), infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS), and platform-as-a-service (PaaS).

1. **Software-as-a-service (SaaS)** involves the licensure of a software application to customers. Licenses are typically provided through a pay-as-you-go model or on-demand. This type of system can be found in Microsoft Office 365.2
2. **Infrastructure-as-a-service (IaaS)** delivers everything from operating systems to servers and storage through IP-based connectivity as part of an on-demand service. Clients do not need to purchase software or servers and instead procure these resources in an outsourced, on-demand service. Popular examples of the IaaS system include IBM Cloud and Microsoft Azure.23
3. **Platform-as-a-service (PaaS)** is considered the most complex of the three layers of cloud-based computing. PaaS shares some similarities with SaaS, but instead of delivering software online, it is a platform for creating software delivered via the Internet. This model includes platforms like Salesforce.com and Heroku.45

Pros and Cons

Thanks to cloud computing, users can check their email on any computer and store files using services such as Dropbox and Google Drive.67 Cloud computing lets users back up their music, files, and photos. Companies were once required to purchase, construct, and maintain costly information management technology and infrastructure. Companies can swap costly server centers and IT departments for fast Internet connections, where employees interact with the cloud online to complete their tasks.

The cloud structure saves storage space on desktops or laptops. It also lets users upgrade software via the web rather than through more traditional, tangible methods involving discs or flash drives. However, security is a concern, especially for medical records and financial information.

While regulations force cloud computing services to shore up their security and compliance measures, it remains an ongoing issue. Encryption is commonly used to protect vital information. Servers maintained by cloud computing companies may fall victim to natural disasters, internal bugs, and power outages. As with any technology, with many individuals accessing and manipulating information through a single portal, mistakes can transfer across an entire system.

Service Providers

- Google Cloud
- Amazon Web Services (AWS)
- Microsoft Azure
- IBM Cloud
- Alibaba Cloud
- Dell Cloud
- Oracle Cloud

Amazon Web Services is 100% public and includes a pay-as-you-go, outsourced model.1 Once on the platform users can sign up for apps and additional services. Microsoft Azure allows clients to keep some data at their sites. Meanwhile, Alibaba Cloud is a subsidiary of the Alibaba Group.8

What Is an Example of Cloud Computing?

Several cloud computing applications are used by businesses and individuals, such as streaming platforms for audio or video, where the actual media files are stored remotely. Another would be data storage platforms like Google Drive, Dropbox, OneDrive, or Box.

Is Cloud Computing Safe?

Cloud security refers to efforts to protect digital assets and data stored on cloud-based services. Measures to protect this data include two-factor authorization (2FA), the use of VPNs, security tokens, data encryption, and firewall services, among others.

What Is Cloud Hacking?

Cloud hacking is when a cyber attack targets cloud-based service platforms, such as computing services, storage services, or hosted applications.

The Bottom Line

Individuals and businesses avoid keeping files on proprietary hard drives or local storage devices using cloud-based storage. Cloud computing is comprised of three services: (SaaS), (IaaS), and (PaaS). Providers allow users to store email, backups, data, audio, and video.

What is Industry 4.0? An Introduction

What is Industry 4.0? Many professionals have heard this term referenced frequently in the manufacturing, engineering, and production landscapes – but what does it really mean?

Simply put, Industry 4.0 is a term used to define the latest generation of the "industrial" world. Over the centuries, the way we produce products, manufacture solutions, and generally innovate has evolved drastically. From the first industrial revolution, when human beings enhanced mechanization through water and steam power, to the mass production assembly lines of Industry 2.0, we have consistently looked for ways to make production more efficient.

Industry 4.0 is the "fourth industrial revolution", a concept which builds on the computerization and digitization introduced in Industry 3.0. In this landscape, computers and people are more deeply connected, allowing for the use of automation, artificial intelligence, and the internet of things.

What is Industry 4.0? Defining Industry 4.0

Industry 4.0, or the fourth Industrial Revolution, takes the work that started to enhance and digitize production and manufacturing processes in Industry 3.0 to the next level. Where Industry 3.0 introduced computers and powerful machines to the manufacturing process, Industry 4.0 focuses on connecting these devices and allowing them to communicate more efficiently.

Industry 4.0 marks the introduction of intelligent processes, automation, and connected systems into the Industrial landscape. When fully applied, the technology can support the creation of “smart factories” and autonomous creative processes.

Elements of Industry 4.0 can be applied to all levels of the manufacturing process, from the initial manufacturing process to product development and even product lifecycle management. Some manufacturers even apply concepts of Industry 4.0 to external resources such as supply chains, allowing them to anticipate better and manage supply disruptions.

The Evolution of Industry 4.0: Industry Processes over the Years

Industry 4.0 earned its name as the fourth major revolution in the industrial landscape. According to experts, there have been various significant shifts in manufacturing processes over the years. The first industrial revolution began in the late 18th century, paving the way for mass production via water and steam power. Finished goods could be produced by machines rather than by hand.

In the second industrial revolution, around a century later, new assembly lines were introduced with gas, electric, and oil power. These innovations were enhanced by the introduction of better communication capabilities via telegraphs and telephones. The third industrial revolution, which began in the midst of the 20th century, added advanced telecommunications, computers, and data analysis to manufacturing processes. Programmable language controllers began automating certain processes.

Now, we’re in the fourth industrial revolution (Industry 4.0), characterized by greater automation, the use of smart machines and factories, and a higher focus on data. Industry 4.0 introduced artificial intelligence, intelligent workflows, and the “Internet of Things” to manufacturing.

The Technologies Driving Industry 4.0

Currently, Industry 4.0 is characterized by rapid evolution and transformation. However, there are some technologies specific to the fourth industrial revolution which help to separate the concept from some previous industry innovations, such as:

- **Cloud computing:** Cloud computing is quickly becoming the cornerstone of virtually any Industry 4.0 strategy. Cloud technologies allow for the easy integration of supply chain, engineering, production, sales, and service. Additionally, cloud technologies allow industrial companies to collect and use data from various landscapes easily.

- **Edge computing:** Alongside cloud computing, edge computing has grown as a crucial part of Industry 4.0. The demands of real-time production in an innovative manufacturing landscape mean certain analysis processes must be completed on the "edge", where data is created. The edge also helps companies to minimise security risks.
- **The internet of Things:** IoT or the Internet of Things allows for rapid communication between various machines on the manufacturing floor. Machines are equipped with sensors which allow them to connect with other web-enhanced devices over the cloud. This allows for the rapid collection of data, as well as enhanced automation.
- **Machine learning and AI:** The introduction of advanced AI and machine learning components allows manufacturing companies to take full advantage of the information they generate throughout the industrial process. AI systems can provide insights into business processes and help companies to stay one step ahead of potential issues with devices. These tools also allow for more advanced automation.
- **Digital twins:** Digital transformations offered by Industry 4.0 has allowed manufacturers to design digital twins, which are essentially virtual replicas of factories, processes, machines, production lines, and supply chains. Manufacturers can use digital twins to discover new opportunities for improving productivity and minimizing downtime.
- **XR:** A relatively new addition to the Industry 4.0 landscape is extended reality. Through virtual, augmented, and mixed-reality tools, companies can streamline innovation, boost workplace creativity, and enhance collaboration on a global scale. XR can even allow for the production of new products at a more rapid pace.

The Benefits of Industry 4.0

Industry 4.0 can offer numerous benefits to organisations that implement it successfully. With the technologies offered by Industry 4.0, companies can build sensors, monitor manufacturing processes in real time, and minimize unexpected downtime. It's also possible to collect data on a significant scale to assist with better decision-making and growth.

Industry 4.0 technologies can improve employee training, collaboration, and compliance, reducing not just cyber security issues but health and safety hazards too. The technology can also help with automating repetitive tasks, improving the speed of manufacturing processes and allowing new products to go to market at a faster rate.

Industry 4.0 technologies like XR can even assist with the creation of new technologies and products at an amazing rate, allowing creators to build new concepts without having to invest in physical resources. However, Industry 4.0 has faced some challenges too.

Over the years, companies have struggled to find the expertise and budget required to implement Industry 4.0 technologies while adhering to compliance and cybersecurity standards. Connectivity between devices can expose companies to a number of safety challenges.

However, as Industry 4.0 evolves, it's growing increasingly more secure, versatile, and accessible. Today, almost every industrial company has some manner of innovative digital technology in place to assist with streamlining operations.

Introduction to Industrial Internet of Things.

The term "the Industrial Internet of Things" is pervasive in the context of industry as digital transformation has become a business priority for many organizations. So, what is IIoT?

The Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT), also known as the Industrial Internet, brings together critical assets, advanced predictive and prescriptive analytics, and modern industrial workers. It is the network of a multitude of industrial devices connected by communications technologies that results in systems that can monitor, collect, exchange, analyze, and deliver valuable new insights like never before. These insights can then help drive smarter, faster business decision-making for industrial companies.

IIoT has transformed industry—changing the way industrial companies operate from day-to-day. Whether it's enabling Industrial AI to detect corrosion inside a refinery pipe, providing real-time production data to uncover additional capacity in a plant, or accelerating new product development by feeding operations and service data back into the product design cycle, IIoT—and the software solutions powered by it—are driving powerful business outcomes.

By combining machine-to-machine communication with industrial data analytics, IIoT is driving unprecedented levels of efficiency, productivity, and performance. And as a result, industrial companies in power generation, oil & gas, utilities, manufacturing, aviation, and many other industries are experiencing transformative operational and financial benefits.

The term Industrial Internet

Who coined the term Industrial Internet?

GE coined the term Industrial Internet in late 2012. Leveraging the promise of the Industrial Internet, or IIoT, GE has been driving its own digital industrial transformation.

And, based on its experience and deep technology and industry expertise, GE is helping customers accelerate their digital transformation journeys with GE Digital's portfolio of industrial software applications that help them to solve their toughest challenges by putting industrial data to work.

With the industrial world primed for digitization, GE Digital is leveraging the power of the IIoT with software that transforms data into action by collaborating with customers, jumping into uncertainty, and applying rapid experimentation with speed and scale.

In building a world that works, we are using targeted Industrial AI technologies to transform industrial assets and systems so that they become more predictive, prescriptive, safer, intelligent and more profitable. This includes using Digital Twins, learning, living models that combine domain knowledge and physics with Industrial AI to detect, prevent, and predict critical issues in order to uncover insights that drive business value. And, the remote capabilities enabled by the Industrial Internet help critical industries manage assets, design functional systems and collect data from anywhere in the world.

IIoT solutions

How do I invest in the Industrial Internet?

For example, what if you could use advanced analytics to predict events before they happened? Asset Performance Management (APM) solutions help you increase asset reliability and availability while optimizing maintenance costs, mitigating operational risks, and reducing total cost of ownership (TCO).

- What if you could use real-time visibility to recover production capacity and drive greater efficiency and optimization? With Manufacturing Execution Systems (MES), you can digitize your manufacturing plant or factory with insights that optimize your processes.

- What if you could help your operators know the right actions to take every time? That’s where next-generation HMI/SCADA solutions can help you drive smart operator decisions with model-based high-performance HMI for faster response and development.

These IIoT solutions are helping companies drive big gains in productivity, availability, and longevity—making digital transformation for industrial organizations possible.

Comparison

The Industrial Internet vs. Internet of Things

One perspective is to think of the Industrial Internet as connecting machines and devices in industries such as oil and gas, power generation, and healthcare, where there is more at stake or where system failures and unplanned downtime can result in life-threatening or high-risk situations. On the other hand, the Internet of Things tend to include consumer-level devices such as heart monitoring fitness bands or smart home appliances. They are functional and can provide conveniences but do not typically create emergency situations if downtime were to occur.

For example, Digital Twin is a great example of how the Industrial Internet enables machines that "tell" operators how to optimize productivity or detect a failure before it occurs, potentially saving companies billions of dollars a year. On the other hand, the Internet of Things includes connected refrigerators that can purchase more milk and eggs online before they run out.

As the Industrial Internet connects critical machines, it can deliver powerful financial and operational outcomes. For example, one of our customers, a power company saves $.5MM annually by using our APM solution for predictive analytics to gain asset, plant and fleet reliability. A manufacturing customer increased capacity by 20% and reduced lead time to customer delivery, and improved traceability by leveraging our MES solutions.

As more and more data is created from increasingly connected machines, systems, and devices, the volume of critical and valuable insights to be realized and acted upon is limitless.

What is UML?

The Unified Modeling Language (UML) was created to forge a common, semantically and syntactically rich visual modeling language for the architecture, design, and implementation of complex software systems both structurally and behaviorally. UML has applications beyond software development, such as process flow in manufacturing.

It is analogous to the blueprints used in other fields, and consists of different types of diagrams. In the aggregate, UML diagrams describe the boundary, structure, and the behavior of the system and the objects within it.

UML is not a programming language but there are tools that can be used to generate code in various languages using UML diagrams. UML has a direct relation with object-oriented analysis and design.

UML and its role in object-oriented modeling and design

There are many problem-solving paradigms or models in Computer Science, which is the study of algorithms and data. There are four problem-solving model categories: imperative, functional, declarative and object-oriented languages (OOP). In object-oriented languages, algorithms are expressed by defining 'objects' and having the objects interact with each other. Those objects are things to be manipulated and they exist in the real world. They can be buildings, widgets on a desktop, or human beings.

Object-oriented languages dominate the programming world because they model real-world objects. UML is a combination of several object-oriented notations: Object-Oriented Design, Object Modeling Technique, and Object-Oriented Software Engineering.

UML uses the strengths of these three approaches to present a more consistent methodology that's easier to use. UML represents best practices for building and documenting different aspects of software and business system modeling.

The history and origins of UML

'The Three Amigos' of software engineering as they were known, had evolved other methodologies. They teamed up to provide clarity for programmers by creating new standards. The collaboration between Grady, Booch, and Rumbaugh made all three methods stronger and improved the final product.

The efforts of these thinkers resulted in the release of the UML 0.9 and 0.91 documents in 1996. It soon became clear that several organizations, including Microsoft, Oracle, and IBM saw UML as critical to their own business development. They, along with many other individuals and companies, established resources that could develop a full-fledged modeling language. The Three Amigos published The Unified Modeling Language User Guide in 1999, and an update which includes information about UML 2.0 in the 2005 Second Edition.

OMG: It has a different meaning

According to their website, The Object Management Group® (OMG®) is an international, open membership, not-for-profit technology standards consortium, founded in 1989. OMG standards are driven by vendors, end-users, academic institutions and government agencies. OMG Task Forces develop enterprise integration standards for a wide range of technologies and an even wider range of industries. OMG's modeling standards, including the UML and Model Driven Architecture® (MDA®), enable powerful visual design, execution and maintenance of software and other processes.

OMG oversees the definition and maintenance of UML specifications. This oversight gives engineers and programmers the ability to use one language for many purposes during all phases of the software lifecycle for all system sizes.

The purpose of UML according to OMG

The OMG defines the purpose of the UML as:

- Providing system architects, software engineers, and software developers with tools for analysis, design, and implementation of software-based systems as well as for modeling business and similar processes.
- Advancing the state of the industry by enabling object visual modeling tool interoperability. However, to enable meaningful exchange of model information between tools, agreement on semantics and notation is required.

UML meets the following requirements:

- Setting a formal definition of a common Meta-Object Facility (MOF)-based meta-model that specifies the abstract syntax of the UML. The abstract syntax defines the set of UML modeling concepts, their attributes and their relationships, as well as the rules for combining these concepts to construct partial or complete UML models.
- Providing a detailed explanation of the semantics of each UML modeling concept. The semantics define, in a technology independent manner, how the UML concepts are to be realized by computers.
- Specifying the human-readable notation elements for representing the individual UML modeling concepts as well as rules for combining them into a variety of different diagram types corresponding to different aspects of modeled systems.
- Defining ways in which UML tools can be made compliant with this specification. This is supported (in a separate specification) with an XML-based specification of corresponding model interchange formats (XMI) that must be realized by compliant tools.

UML and data modeling

The UML is popular among programmers, but isn’t generally used by database developers. One reason is simply that the UML creators did not focus on databases. Despite this, the UML is effective for high-level conceptual data modeling, and it can be used in different types of UML diagrams. You can find information about layering of an object-oriented class model onto a relational database in this article about Database Modeling in UML.

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Create a UML Diagram

Updates in UML 2.0

UML is being continually refined. UML 2.0 extends UML specs to cover more aspects of development, including Agile. The goal was to restructure and refine UML so that usability, implementation, and adaptation are simplified. Here are some of the updates to UML diagrams:

- Greater integration between structural and behavior models.
- Ability to define hierarchy and breakdown a software system into components and sub-components.
- UML 2.0 raises the number of diagrams from 9 to 13.

UML terms glossary

Familiarize yourself with the UML vocabulary, with this list culled from the UML 2.4.1 document intended to help OMG non-members understand commonly used terms.

- *Abstract syntax compliance*

  Users can move models across different tools, even if they use different notations

- *Common Warehouse Metamodel (CWM)*

  Standard interfaces that are used to enable interchange of warehouse and business intelligence metadata between warehouse tools, warehouse platforms and warehouse metadata repositories in distributed heterogeneous environments

- *Concrete syntax compliance*

  Users can continue to use a notation they are familiar with across different tools

- *Core*

  In the context of UML, the core usually refers to the "Core package" which is a complete metamodel particularly designed for high reusability

- *Language Unit*

  Consists of a collection of tightly coupled modeling concepts that provide users with the power to represent aspects of the system under study according to a particular paradigm or formalism

- *Level 0 (L0)*

Bottom compliance level for UML infrastructure - a single language unit that provides for modeling the kinds of class-based structures encountered in most popular object-oriented programming languages

- *Meta Object Facility (MOF)*

  An OMG modeling specification that provides the basis for metamodel definitions in OMG's family of MDA languages

- *Metamodel*

  Defines the language and processes from which to form a model

- *Metamodel Constructs (LM)*

  Second compliance level in the UML infrastructure - an extra language unit for more advanced class-based structures used for building metamodels (using CMOF) such as UML itself. UML only has two compliance levels

- *Model Driven Architecture (MDA)*

  An approach and a plan to achieve a cohesive set of model-driven technology specifications

- *Object Constraint Language (OCL)*

  A declarative language for describing rules that apply to Unified Modeling Language. OCL supplements UML by providing terms and flowchart symbols that are more precise than natural language but less difficult to master than mathematics

- *Object Management Group (OMG)*

  Is a not-for-profit computer industry specifications consortium whose members define and maintain the UML specification

- *UML 1*

  First version of the Unified Modeling Language

- *Unified Modeling Language (UML)*

  A visual language for specifying, constructing, and documenting the artifacts of systems

- *XMI*

An XML-based specification of corresponding model interchange formats

View the complete MOF document

Download the complete UML 2.4.1 Infrastructure document.

Modeling concepts specified by UML

System development focuses on three overall different system models:

- *Functional:*

  These are Use Case diagrams, which describe system functionality from the point of view of the user.

- *Object:*

  These are Class Diagrams, which describe the structure of the system in terms of objects, attributes, associations, and operations.

- *Dynamic:*

  Interaction Diagrams, State Machine Diagrams, and Activity Diagrams are used to describe the internal behavior of the system.

These system models are visualized through two different types of diagrams: structural and behavioral.

Object-oriented concepts in UML

The objects in UML are real world entities that exist around us. In software development, objects can be used to describe, or model, the system being created in terms that are relevant to the domain. Objects also allow the decomposition of complex systems into understandable components that allow one piece to be built at a time.

Here are some fundamental concepts of an object-oriented world:

- *Objects*

  Represent an entity and the basic building block.

- *Class*

  Blue print of an object.

- *Abstraction*

  Behavior of a real world entity.

- *Encapsulation*

  Mechanism of binding the data together and hiding them from outside world.

- *Inheritance*

  Mechanism of making new classes from existing one.

- *Polymorphism*

  It defines the mechanism to exists in different forms.

Types of UML diagrams

UML uses elements and associates them in different ways to form diagrams that represent static, or structural aspects of a system, and behavioral diagrams, which capture the dynamic aspects of a system.

Structural UML diagrams

- *Class Diagram*

  The most commonly used UML diagram, and the principal foundation of any object-oriented solution. Classes within a system, attributes and operations and the relationship between each class. Classes are grouped together to create class diagrams when diagramming large systems.

- *Component Diagram*

  Displays

  the structural relationship of software system elements, most often employed when working with complex systems with multiple components. Components communicate using interfaces.

- *Composite Structure Diagram*

  Composite structure diagrams are used to show the internal structure of a class.

- *Deployment Diagram*

  Illustrates system hardware and its software. Useful when a software solution is deployed across multiple machines with unique configurations.

- *Object Diagram*

  Shows the relationship between objects using real world examples and illustrates how a system will look at any given time. Because data is available within objects, they can be used to clarify relationships between objects.

- Package Diagram There are two special types of dependencies defined between packages: package import and package merge. Packages can represent the different levels of a system to reveal the architecture. Package dependencies can be marked to show the communication mechanism between levels.

Behavioral UML diagrams

- *Activity Diagrams*

  Graphically represented business or operational workflows to show the activity of any part or component in the system. Activity diagrams are used as an alternative to State Machine diagrams.

- *Communication Diagram*

  Similar to sequence diagrams, but the focus is on messages passed between objects. The same information can be represented using a sequence diagram and different objects.

- Interaction Overview Diagram There are seven types of interaction diagrams, and this diagram shows the sequence in which they act.

- *Sequence Diagram*

  Shows how objects interact with each other and the order of occurrence. They represent interactions for a particular scenario.

- *State Diagram*

  Similar to activity diagrams, they describe the behavior of objects that behave in varying ways in their current state.

- *Timing Diagram*

Like Sequence Diagrams, the behavior of objects in a given time frame are represented. If there is a single object, the diagram is simple. With more than one object, interactions of objects are shown during that particular time frame.

- *Use Case Diagram*

  Represents a particular functionality of a system, created to illustrate how functionalities relate and their internal/external controllers (actors).

How to create a UML diagram: Tutorials and examples

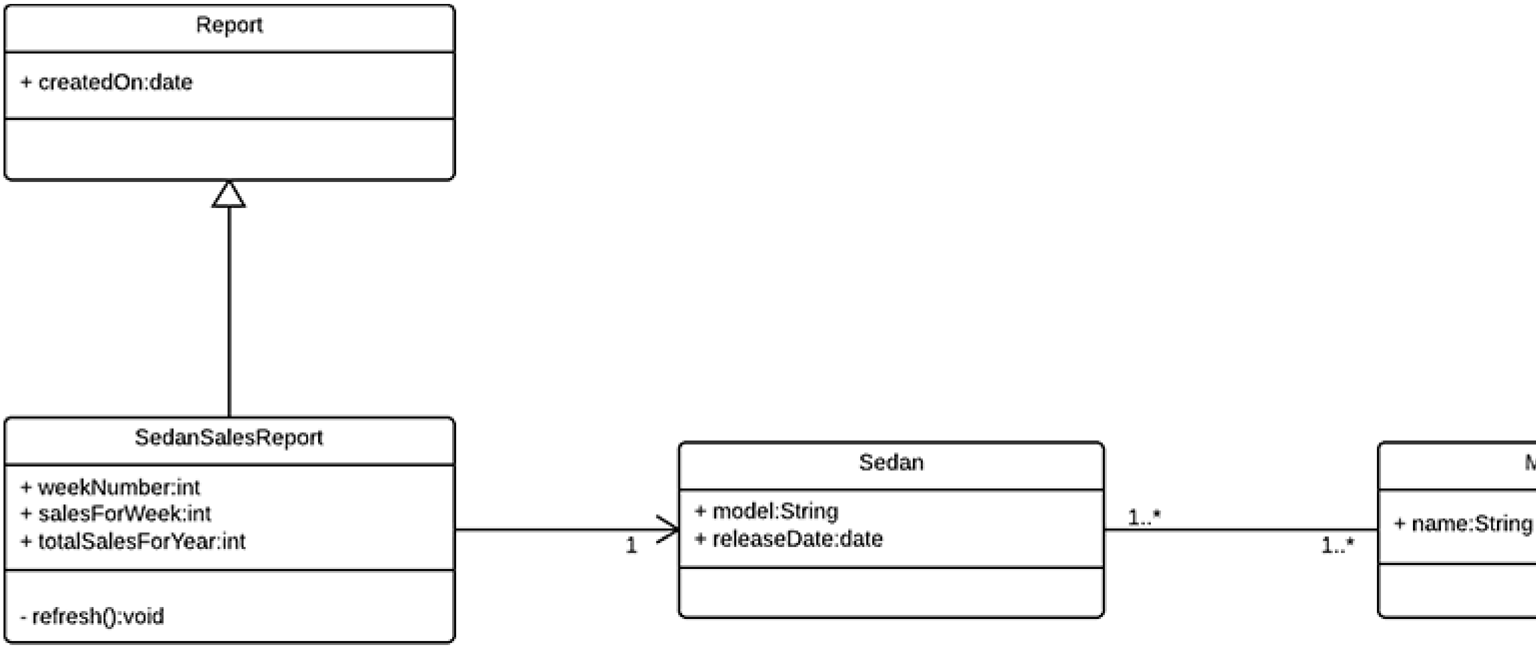
To illustrate how to create different types of UML diagrams, try one or all of these tutorials to guide you through the process of drawing both structural and behavioral diagrams.

Structural Diagram Tutorial Examples

CLASS DIAGRAMS

Class diagrams represent the static structures of a system, including its classes, attributes, operations, and objects. A class diagram can display computational data or organizational data in the form of implementation classes and logical classes, respectively. There may be overlap between these two groups.

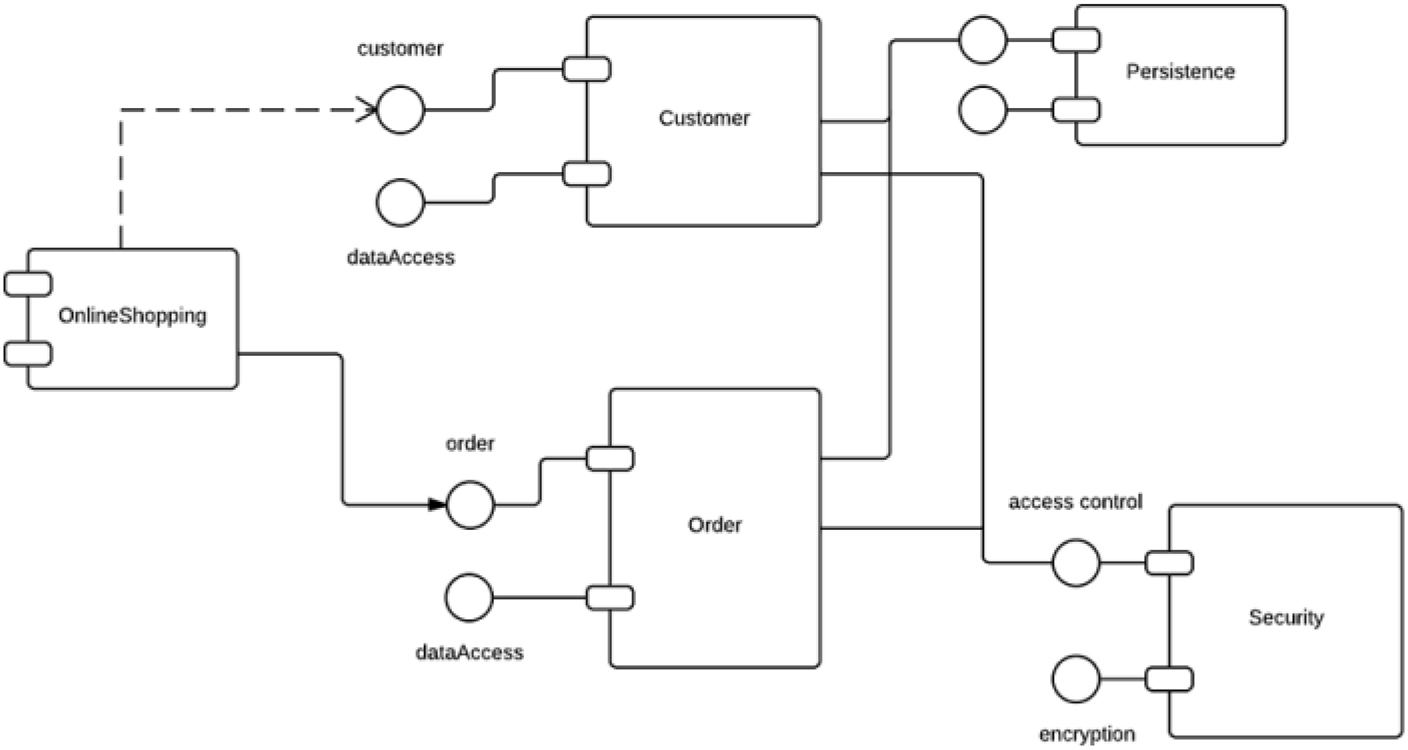
1. Classes are represented with a rectangular shape that is split into thirds. The top section displays the class name, while the middle section contains the class' attributes. The bottom section features the class operations (also known as methods).
2. Add class shapes to your class diagram to model the relationship between those objects. You may need to add subclasses, as well.
3. Use lines to represent association, inheritance, multiplicity, and other relationships between classes and subclasses. Your preferred notation style will inform the notation of these lines.



COMPONENT DIAGRAMS

Component diagrams show how components are combined to form larger components or software systems. These diagrams are meant to model the dependencies of each component in the system. A component is something required to execute a stereotype function. A component stereotype may consist of executables, documents, database tables, files, or library files.

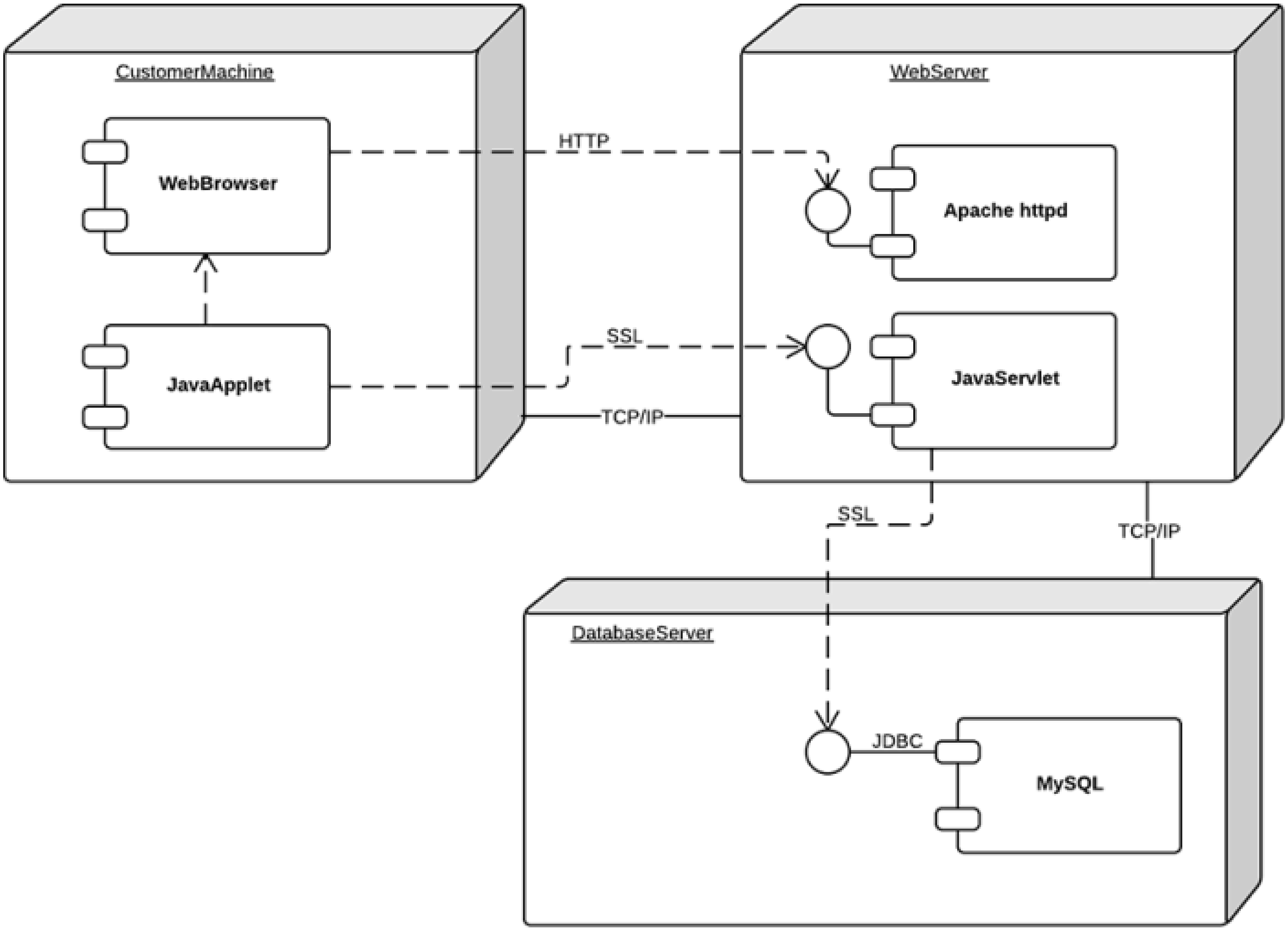
1. Represent a component with a rectangle shape. It should have two small rectangles on the side, or feature an icon with this shape.
2. Add lines between component shapes to represent the relevant relationships.



DEPLOYMENT DIAGRAMS

A deployment diagram models the physical deployment and structure of hardware components. Deployment diagrams demonstrate where and how the components of a system will operate in conjunction with each other.

1. When drawing a deployment diagram, use the same notation that you use for a component diagram.
2. Use a 3-D cube to model a node (which represents a physical machine or virtual machine).
3. Label the node in the same style that is used for sequence diagrams. Add other nodes as needed, then connect with lines.

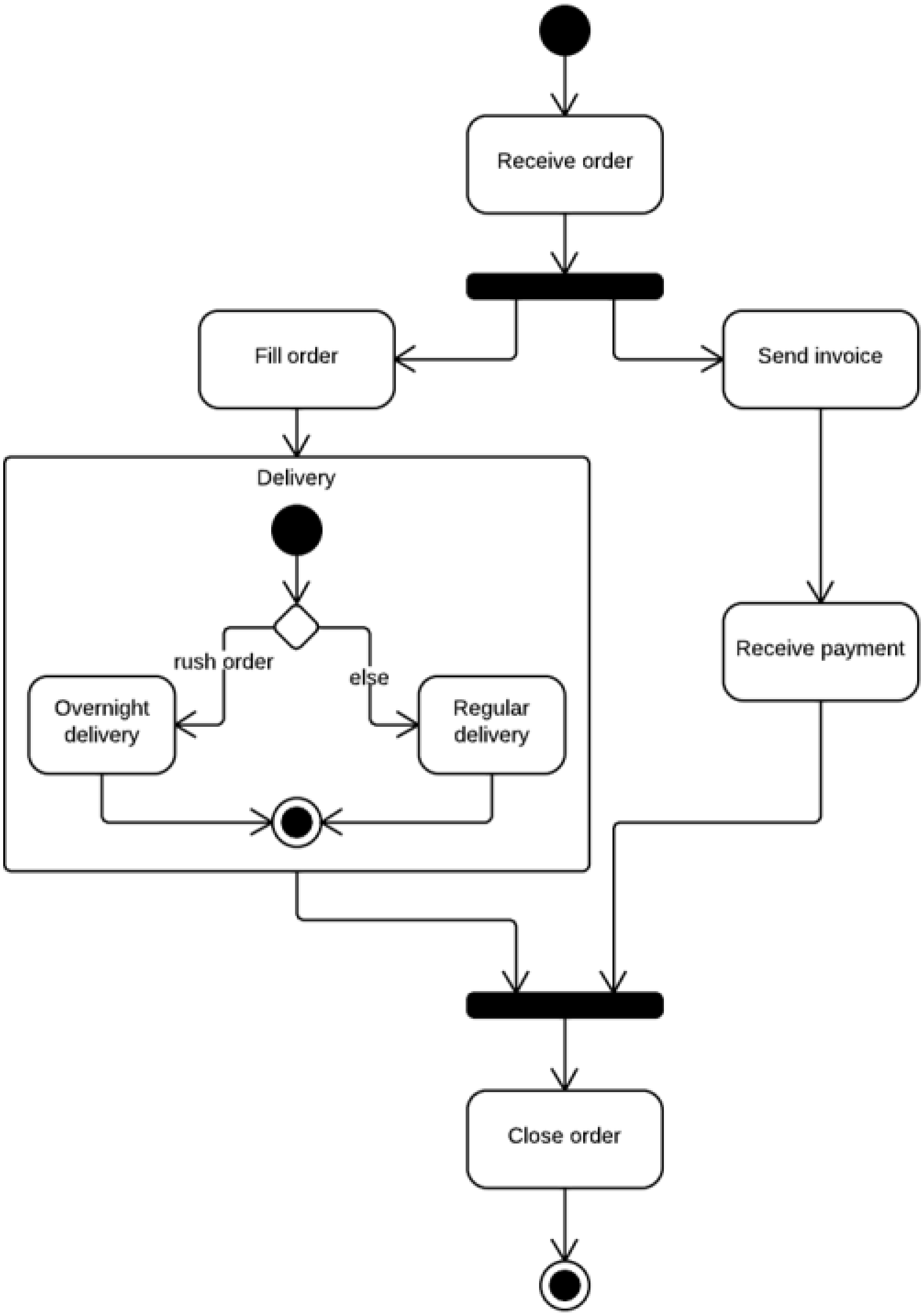


Behavioral Diagram Tutorial Examples

ACTIVITY DIAGRAM

Activity diagrams show the procedural flow of control between class objects, along with organizational processes like business workflows. These diagram are made of specialized shapes, then connected with arrows. The notation set for activity diagrams is similar to those for state diagrams.

1. Begin your activity diagram with a solid circle.
2. Connect the circle to the first activity, which is modeled with a round-edged rectangle.
3. Now, connect each activity to other activities with lines that demonstrate the stepwise flow of the entire process.
4. You can also try using swimlanes to represent the objects that perform each activity.

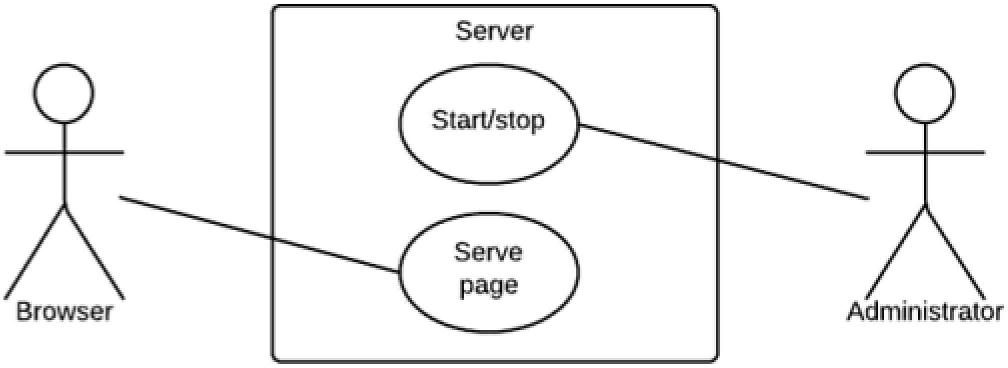


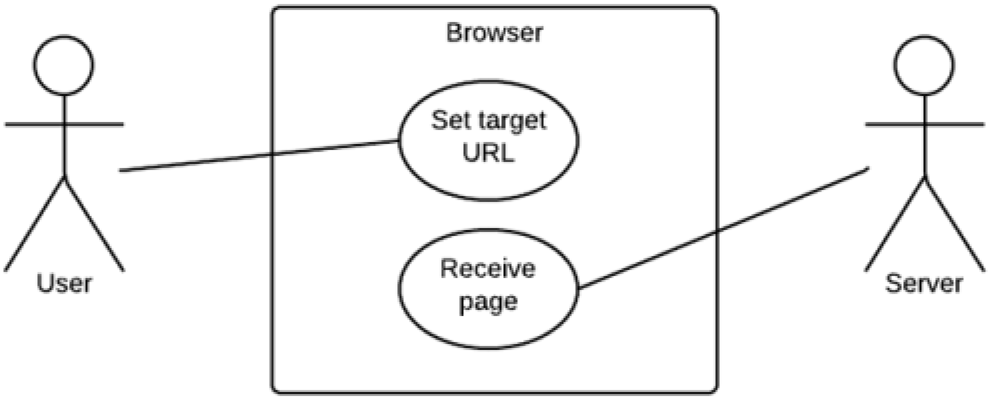
USE CASE DIAGRAM

A use case is a list of steps that define interaction between an actor (a human who interacts with the system or an external system) and the system itself. Use case diagrams depict the specifications of a use case and model the functional units of a system. These diagrams help development teams understand the requirements of their system, including the role of human interaction therein and the differences between various use cases. A use case diagram might display all use cases of the system, or just one group of use cases with similar functionality.

1. To begin a use case diagram, add an oval shape to the center of the drawing.

2. Type the name of the use case inside the oval.
3. Represent actors with a stick figure near the oval, then use lines to model relationships between actors and use cases.

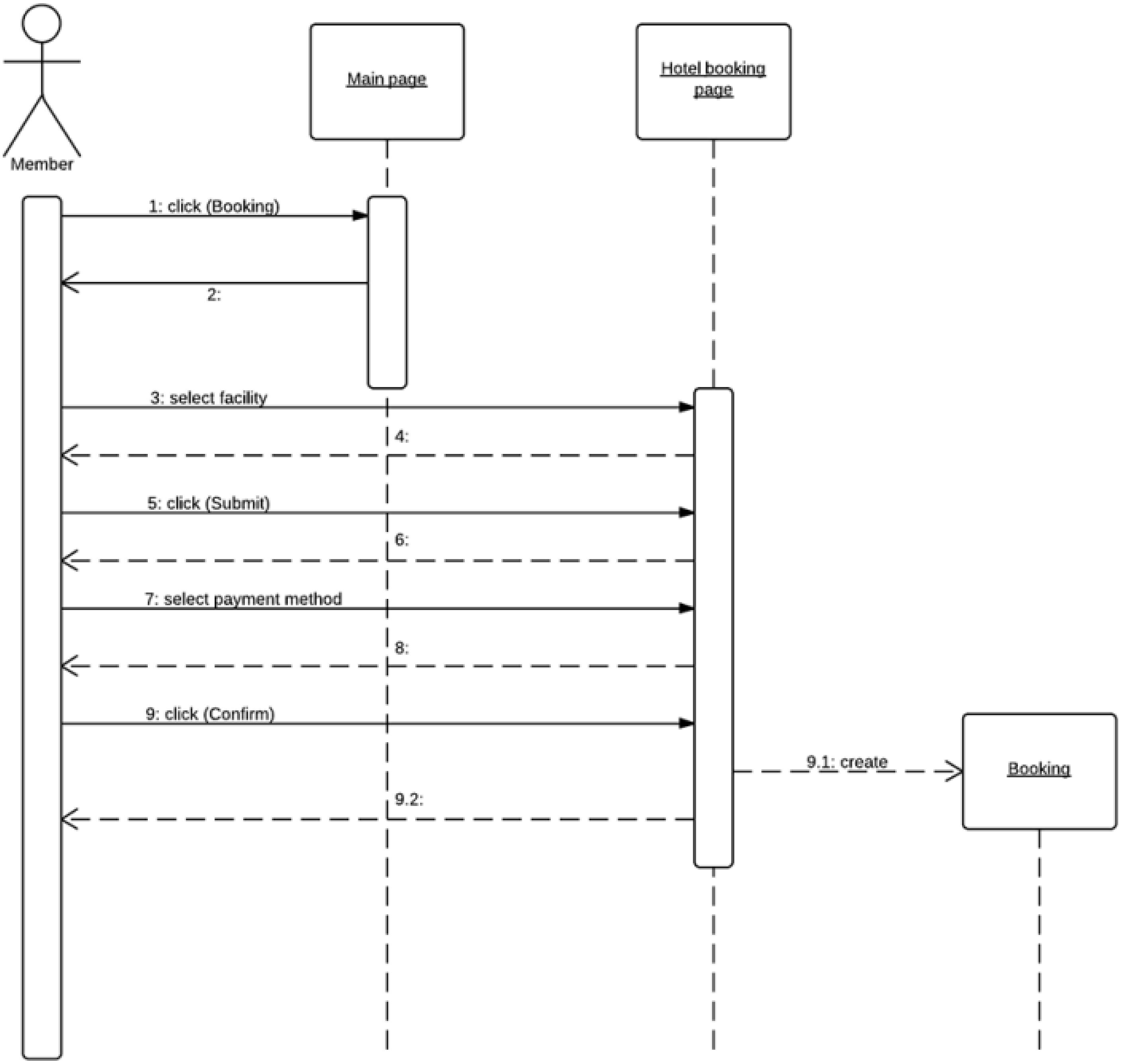




SEQUENCE DIAGRAM

Sequence diagrams, also known as event diagrams or event scenarios, illustrate how processes interact with each other by showing calls between different objects in a sequence. These diagrams have two dimensions: vertical and horizontal. The vertical lines show the sequence of messages and calls in chronological order, and the horizontal elements show object instances where the messages are relayed.

1. To create a sequence diagram, write the class instance name and class name in a rectangular box.
2. Draw lines between class instances to represent the sender and receiver of messages.
3. Use solid arrowheads to symbolize synchronous messages, open arrowheads for asynchronous messages, and dashed lines for reply messages.



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