

software studio

object models: classification

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atoms (aka objects)

atoms are

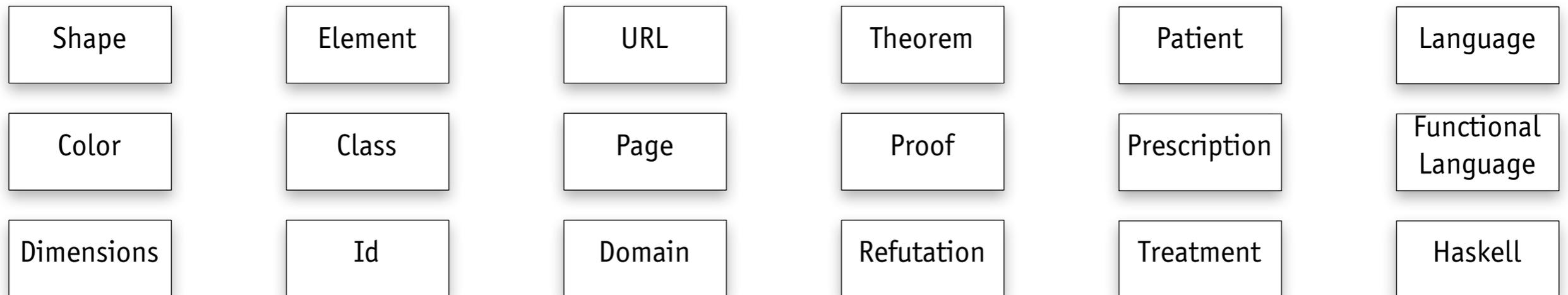
- › distinguishable: have an identity
- › immutable: don't change
- › indivisible: not structured

consequences

- › don't need to model ids explicitly
- › change & structure expressed in sets & relations

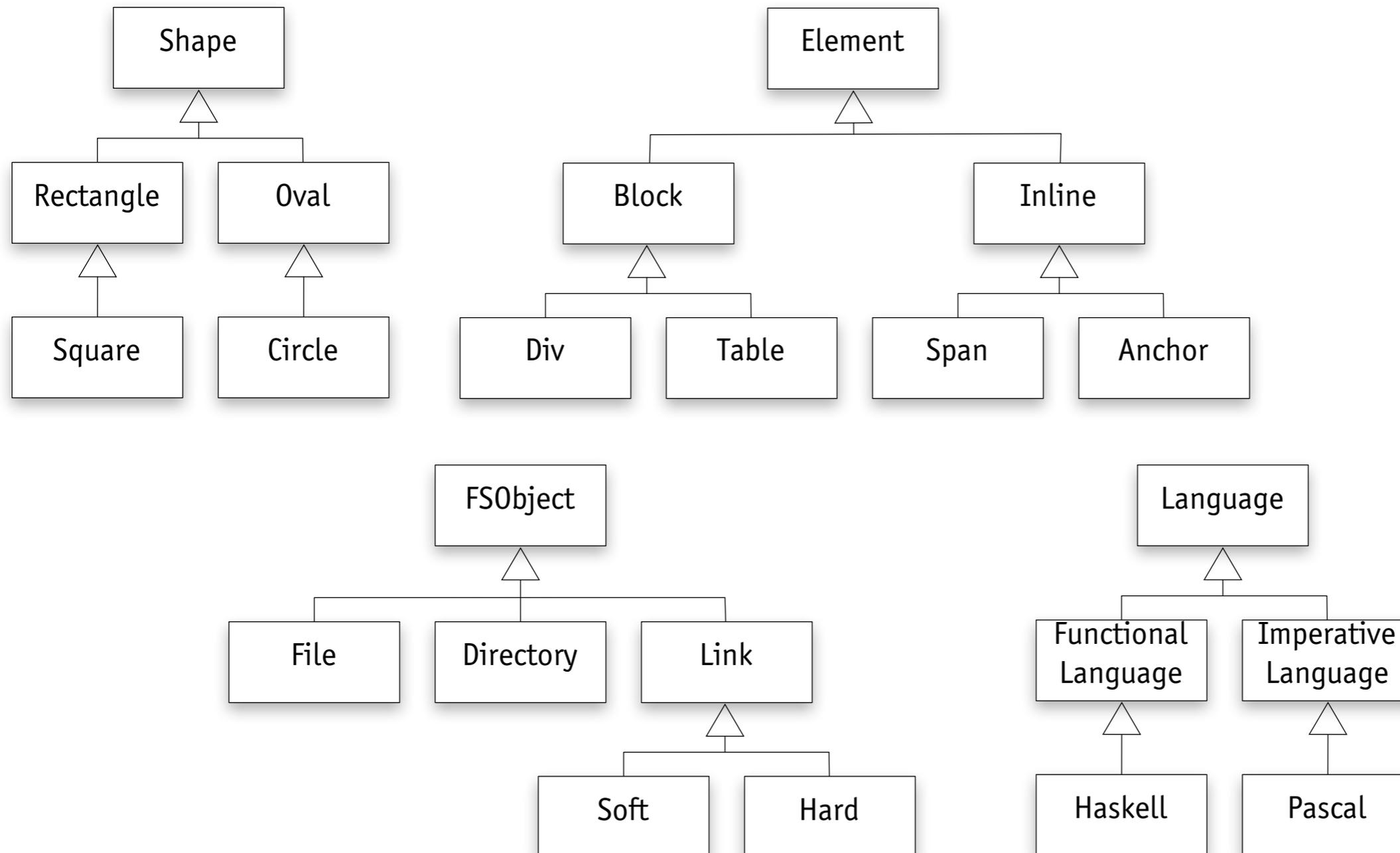
basic sets

- › box represents set of atoms
- › set may be infinite, empty, singleton



classification

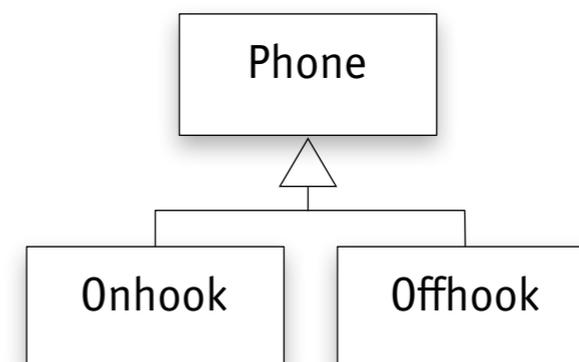
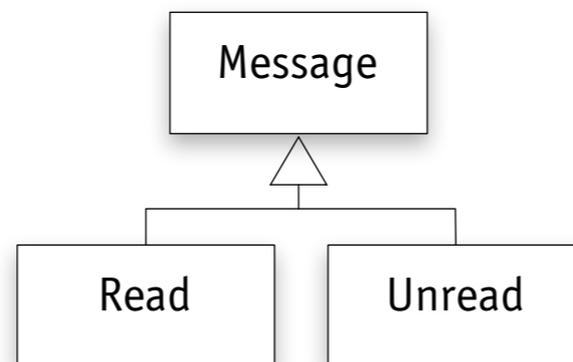
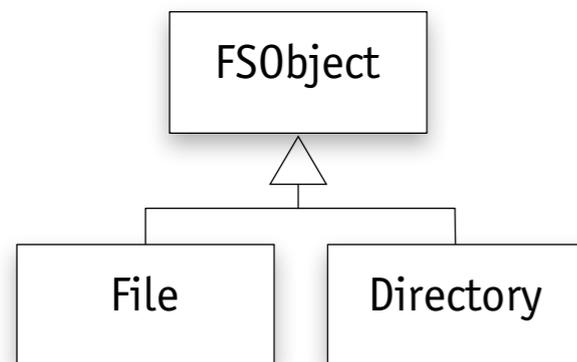
› shared arrow: disjoint subsets



dynamic sets

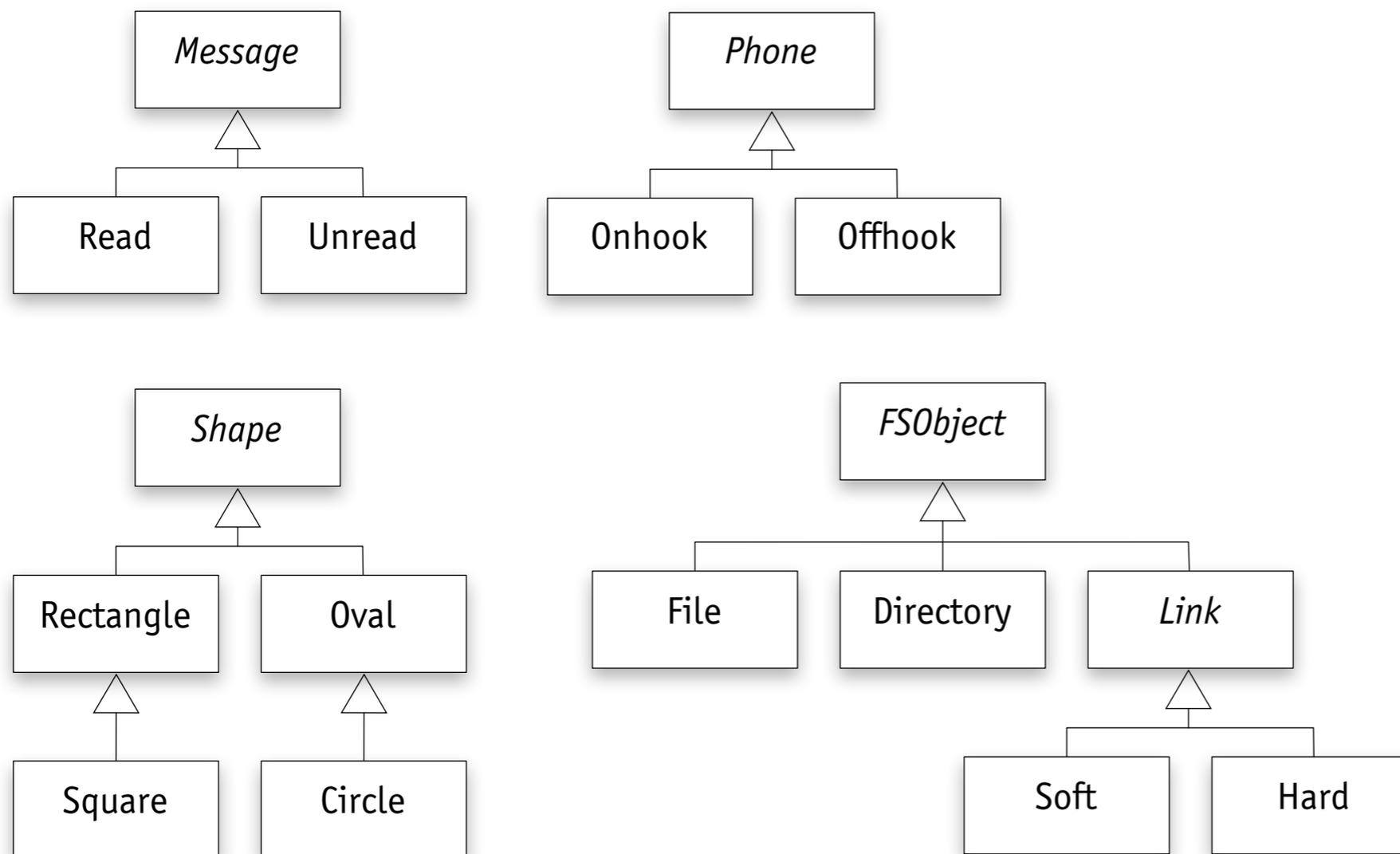
contents change

- › as objects are born & die
- › move between sets



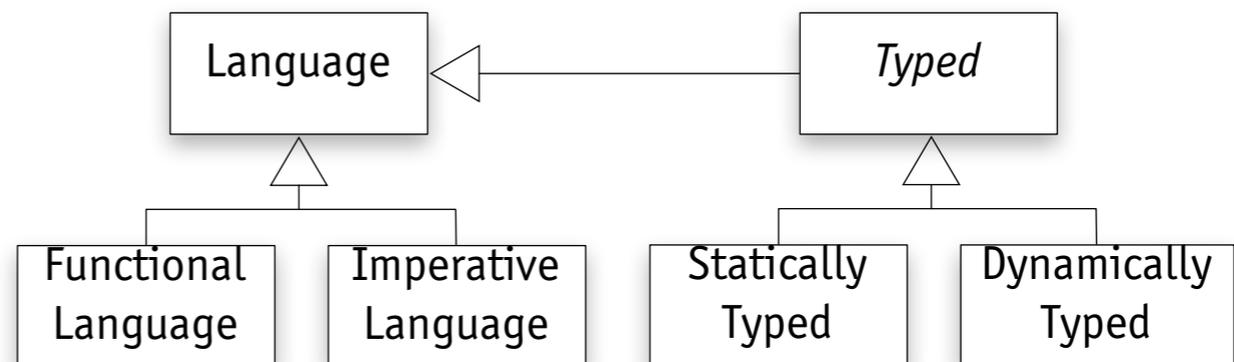
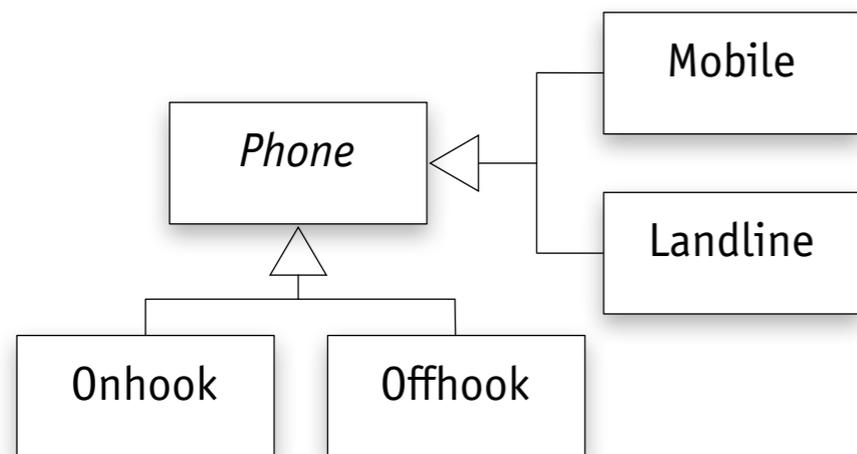
exhaustion

- › abstract set: exhausted by subsets
- › indicated by italicizing name



multiple classifications

- › separate subtrees not mutually disjoint



designations

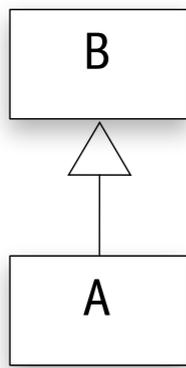
meaning of set

- › should be clear
- › if not, write 'designation'

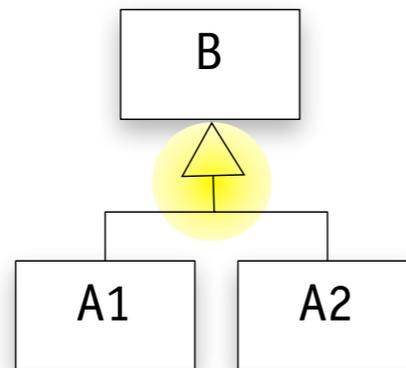
L in StaticallyTyped: in a program written in language L, type errors are caught at compile time; need not imply that types are declared

P in OnHook: phone P is not engaged in a call

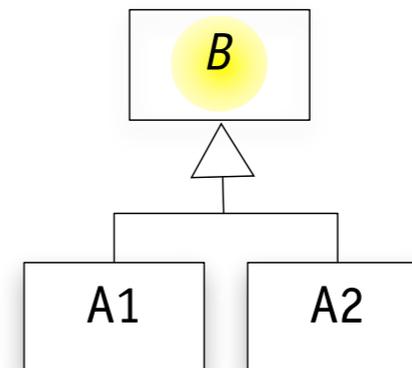
syntax summary



$$A \subseteq B$$



$$A1 \subseteq B, A2 \subseteq B$$
$$A1 \cap A2 = \emptyset$$



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common mistakes

#1. bad sets

ill-defined: Weather

collections: Set

singletons: Page (in a model of a webpage)

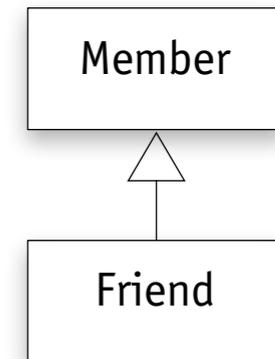
#2. using subset for relationship role

Friend

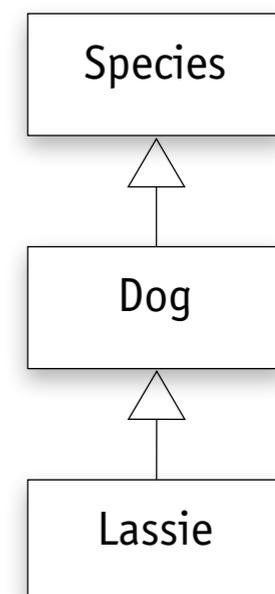
#3. reading subset as is-a

Lassie is-a Dog

Dog is-a Species



#2: friend should be a relation



#3: Dog means two different things!

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