OCL Constraints of Analysis Classes

Model driven software development

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Goals

- How to capture restrictions (constraints) of analysis classes?
- How to capture pre- and postconditions of operations?

What is OCL?

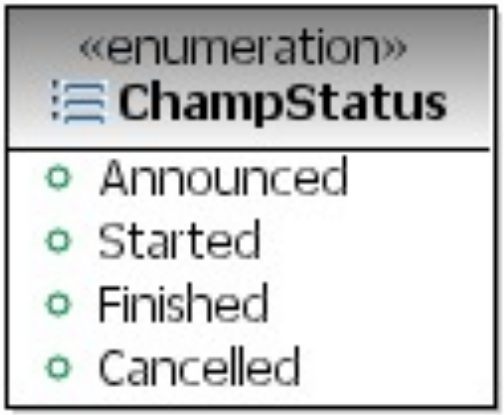
- OCL = Object Constraint Language
- OCL is not a programming language;
  - not possible to write program logic or flow control in OCL
- OCL is a typed language
  - each OCL expression has a type;
  - types within OCL can be any class (kind of Classifier)
- Implementation issues are out of scope and cannot be expressed in OCL

Where to use OCL?

- To specify invariants on classes and types in the class model
- To specify type invariants for Stereotypes
- To describe pre- and postconditions on Operations
- To describe Guards
- As a navigation language
- To specify constraints on operations
- Modeling Language Engineering: well-formedness rules as invariants on the meta-classes in the abstract syntax;

Expressing Invariants on Entity Classes

Informal Constraints on Championship



What are the restrictions?

- name is not empty
- minParticipants ≤ maxParticipants
- minParticipants ≥ 0
- maxParticipants > 0

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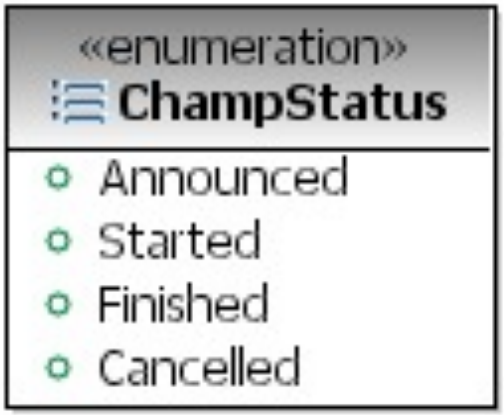

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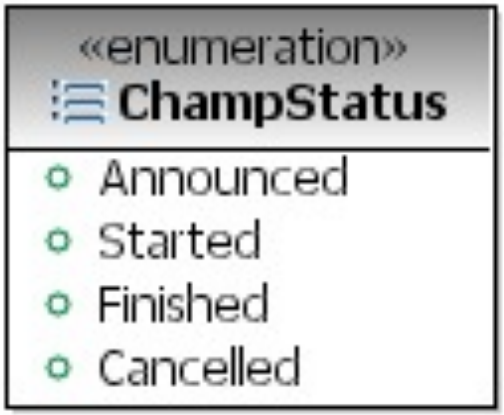

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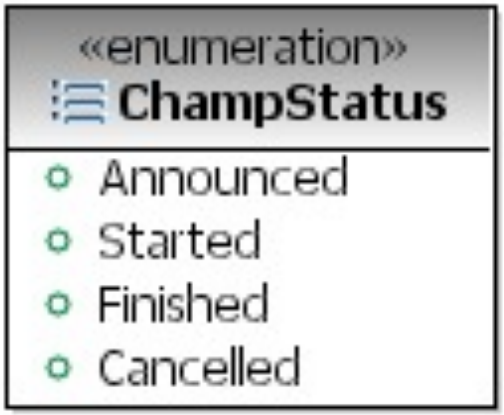

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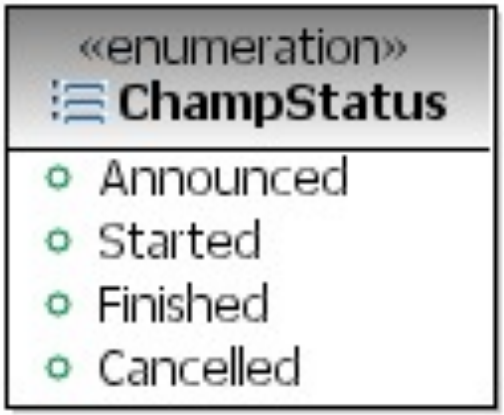

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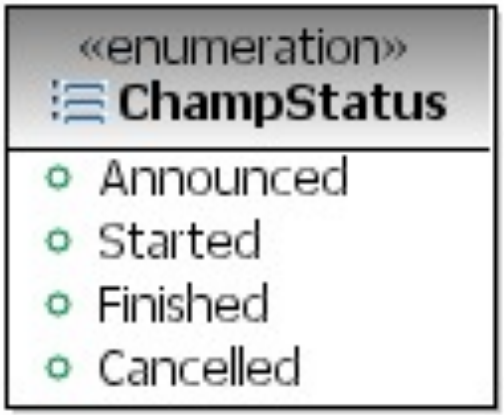

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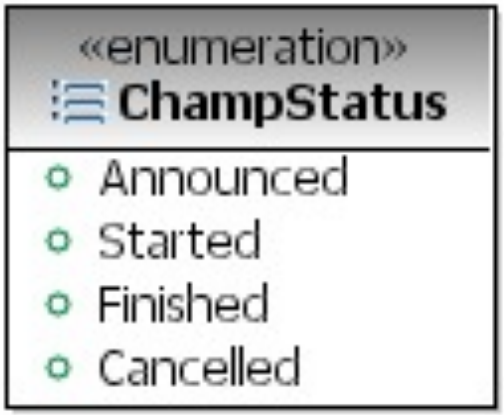

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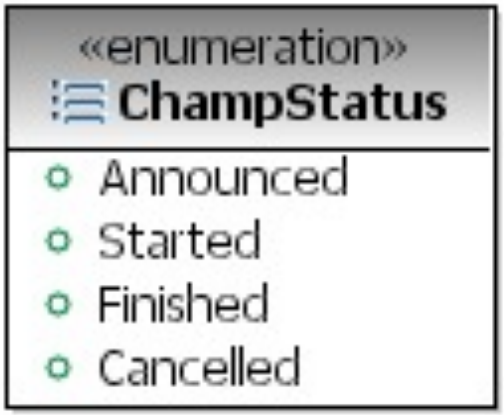

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Invariant

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Instance of the class

Navigation along attributes

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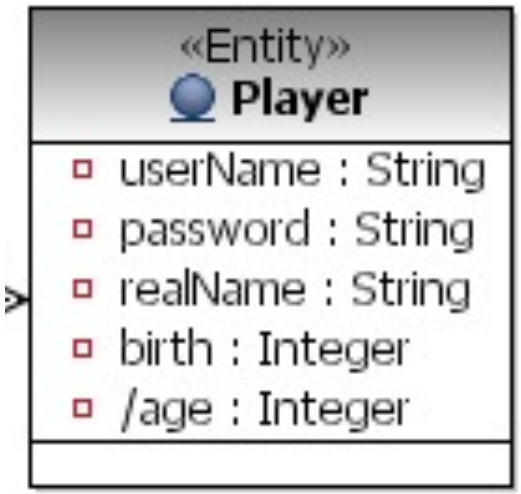

- What are the restrictions?
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  - 1800 ≤ birth ≤ 3000
  - password is not empty
  - age = current_year - birth

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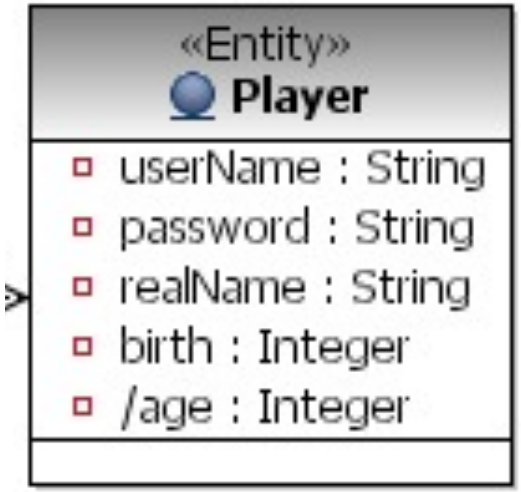

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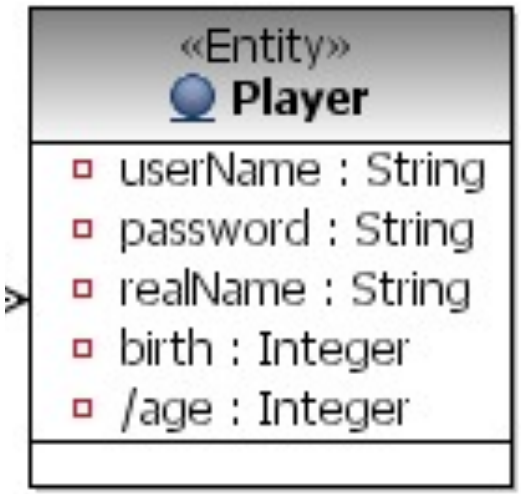

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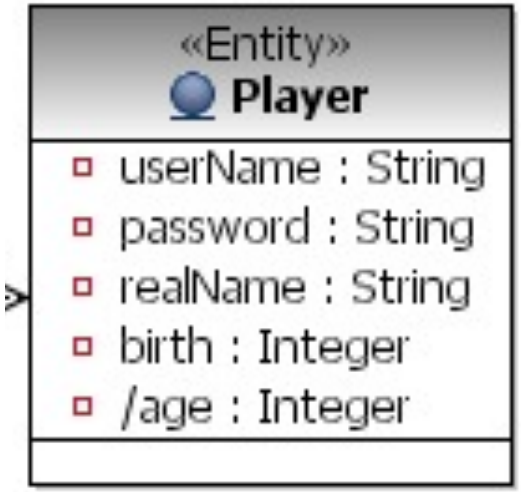

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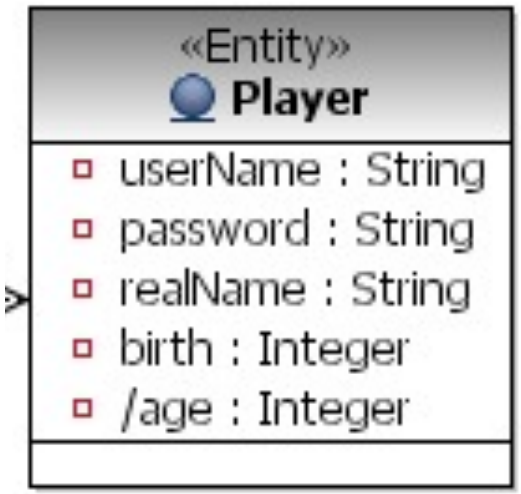

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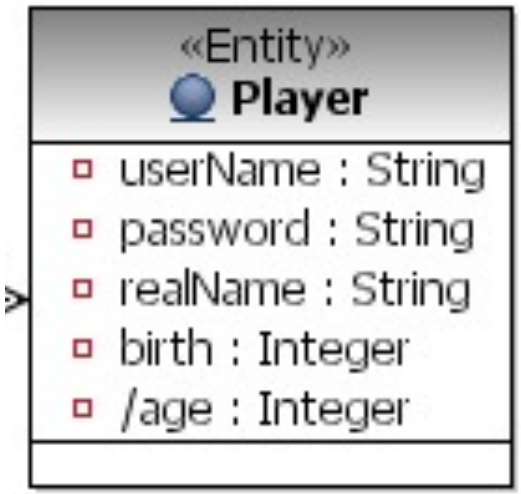

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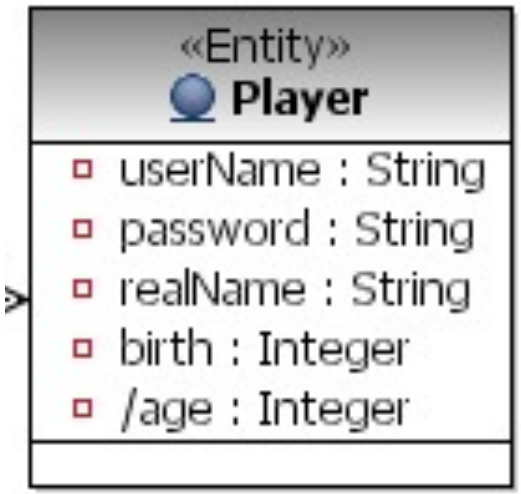

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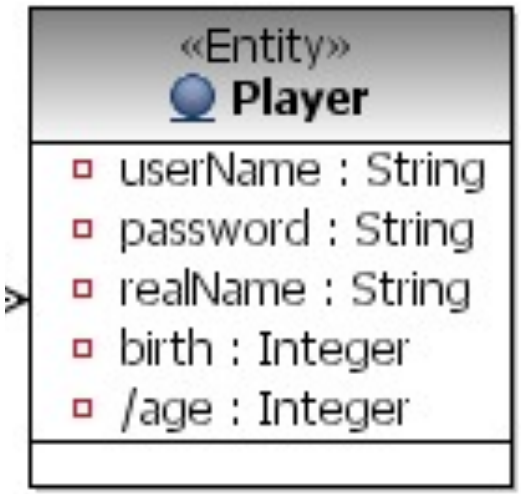

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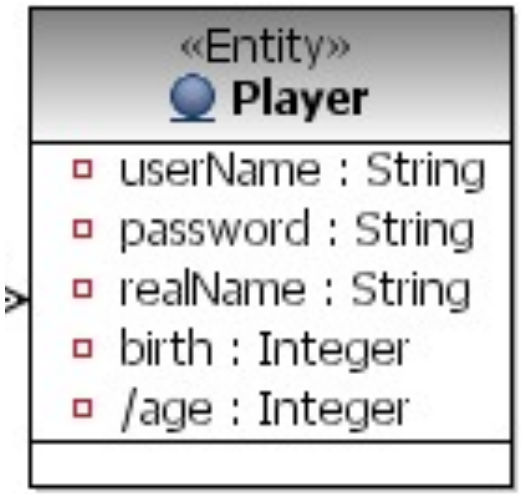

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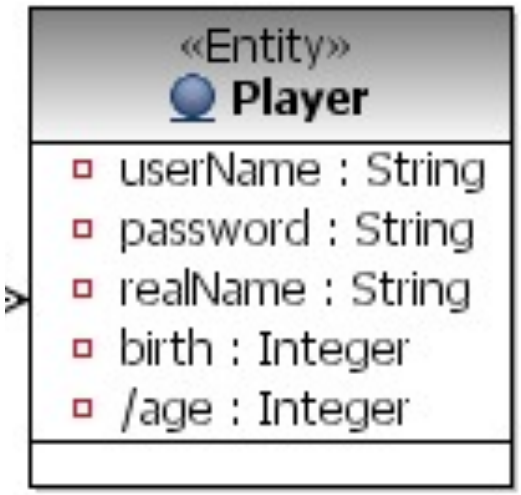

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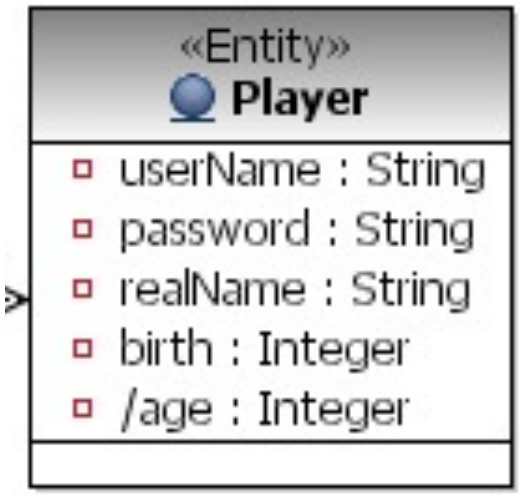

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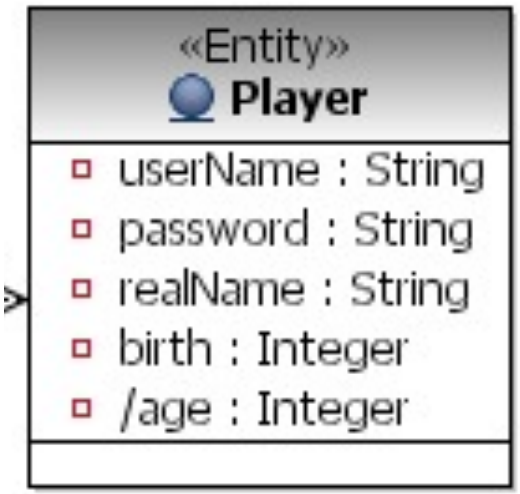

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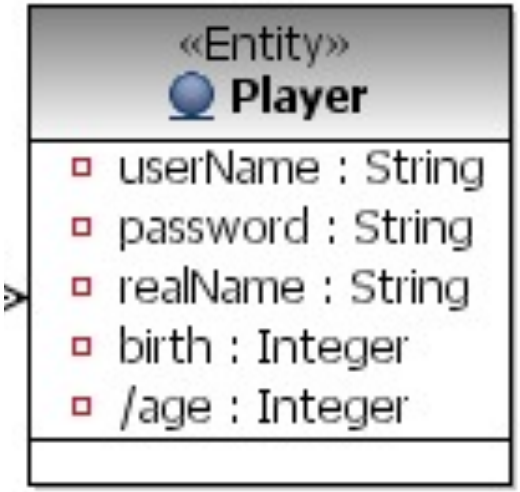

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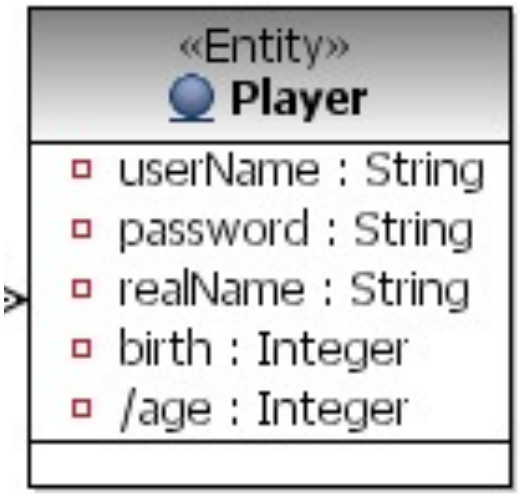

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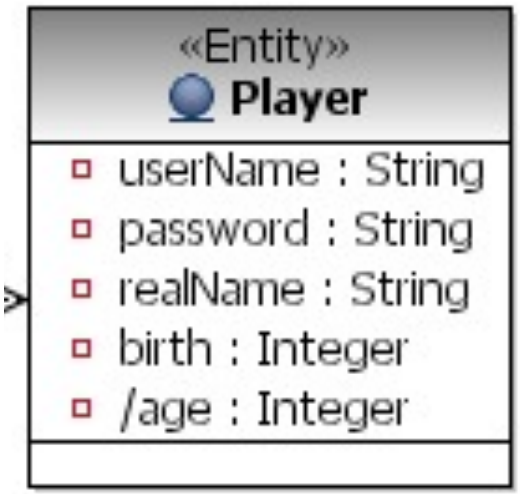

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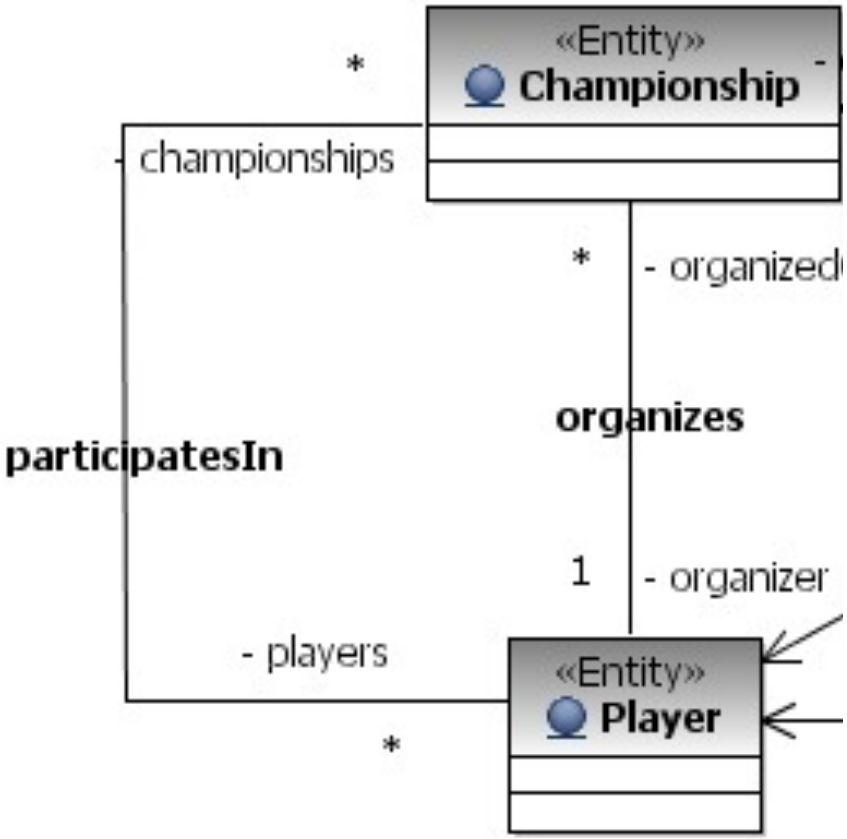
Properties Automatically Induced by Roles and Multiplicities



organizer:
Championship -> Player

organized:
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championships:
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You do not need to write such constraints in OCL!

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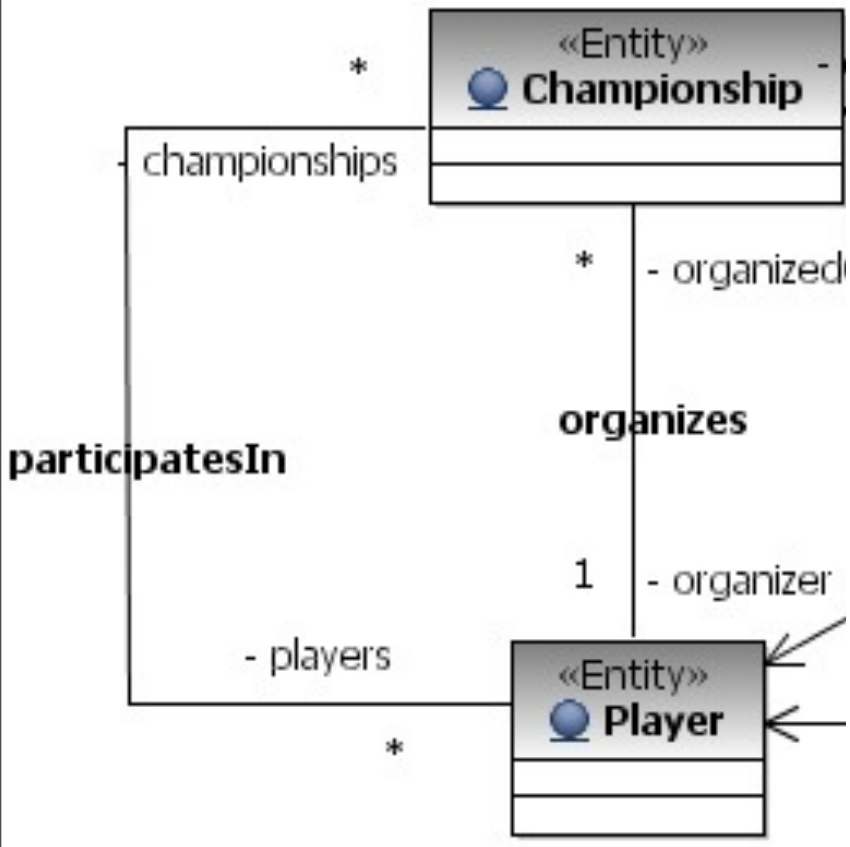

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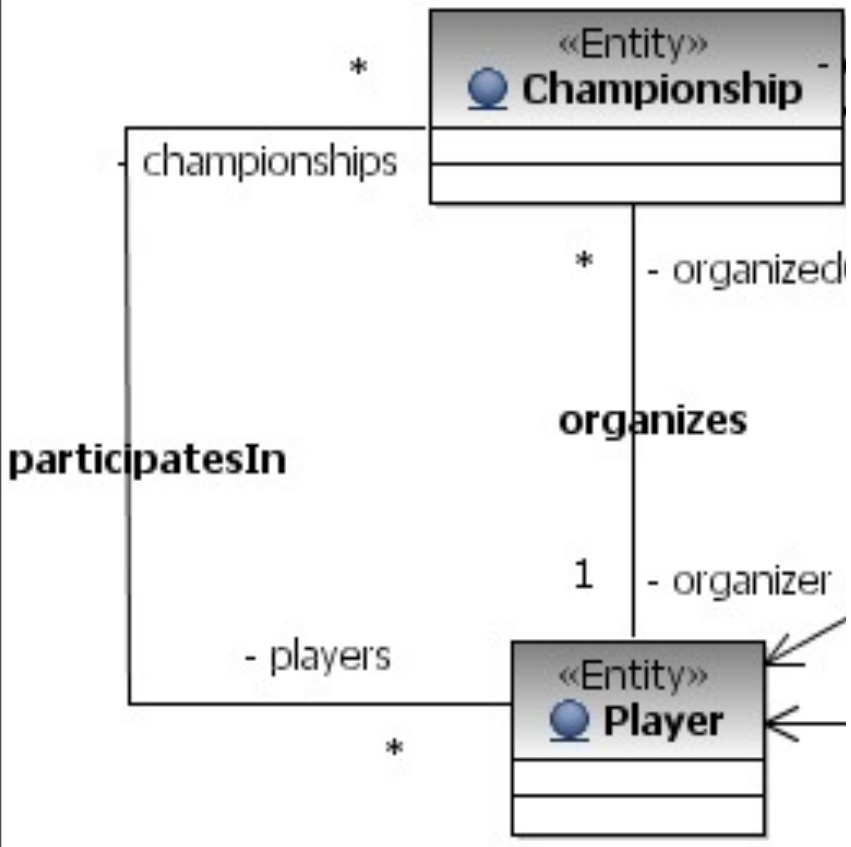

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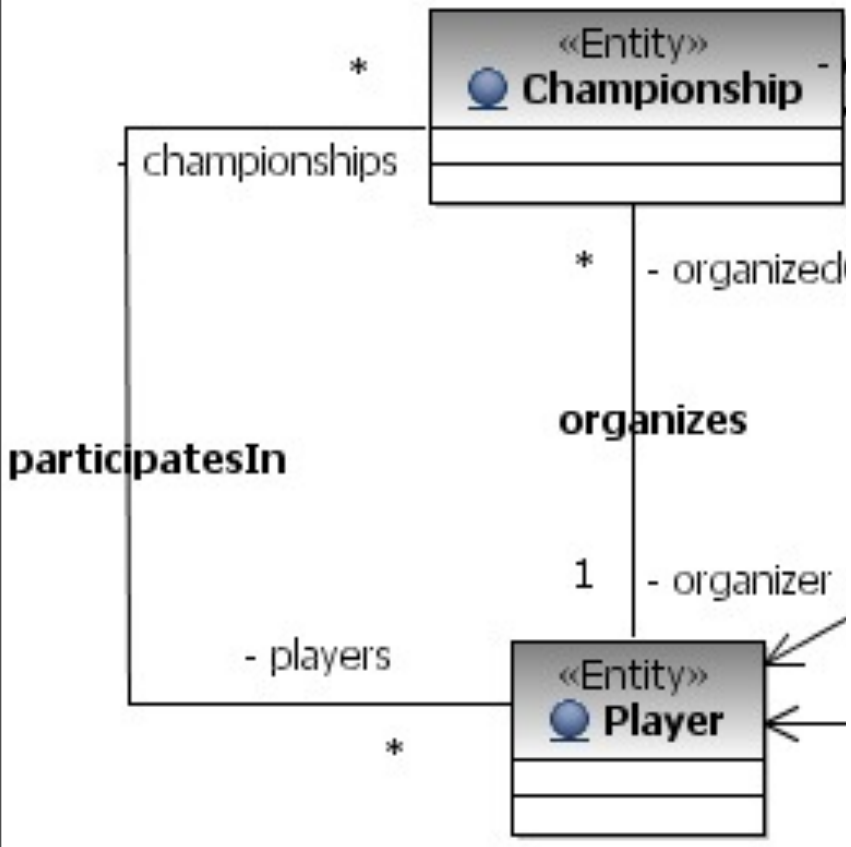

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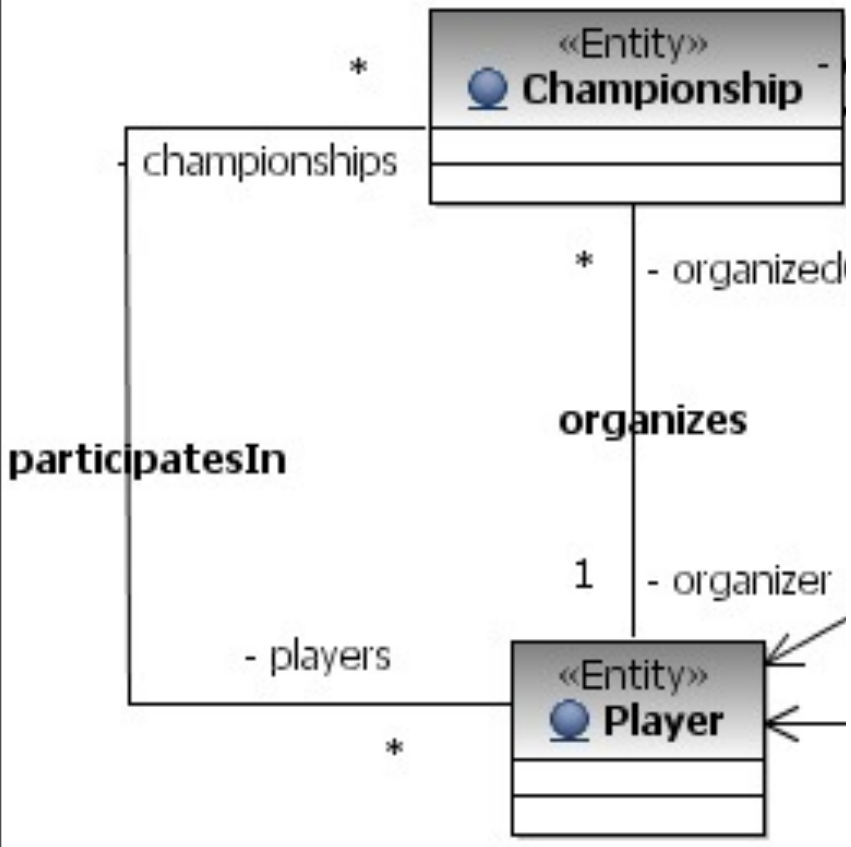

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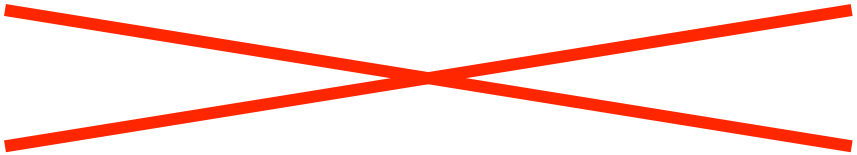

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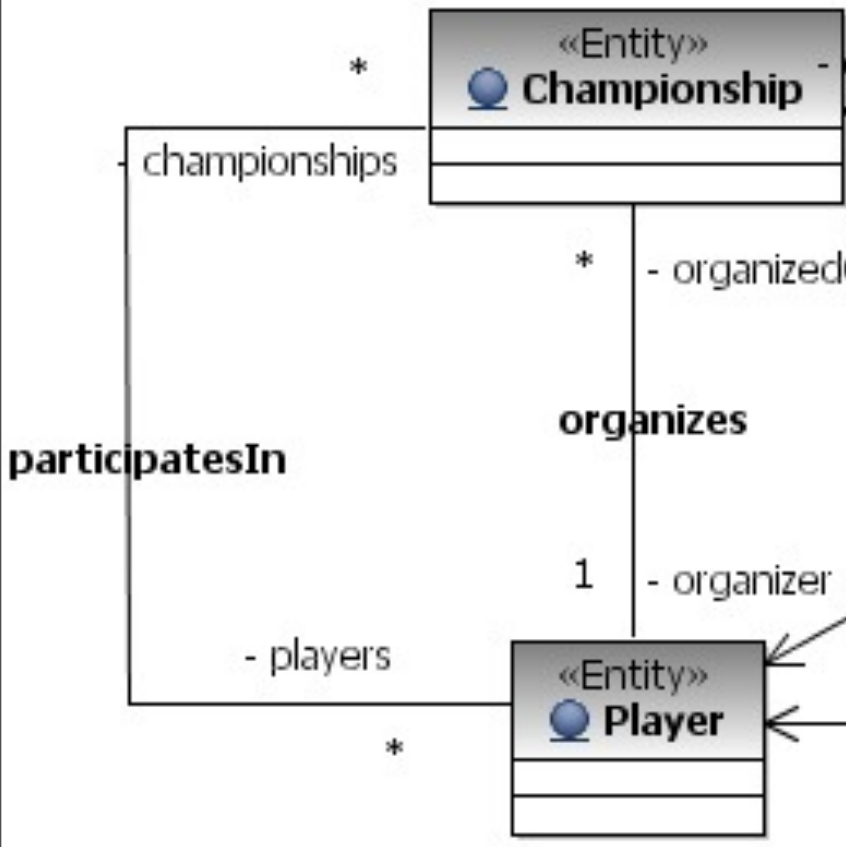

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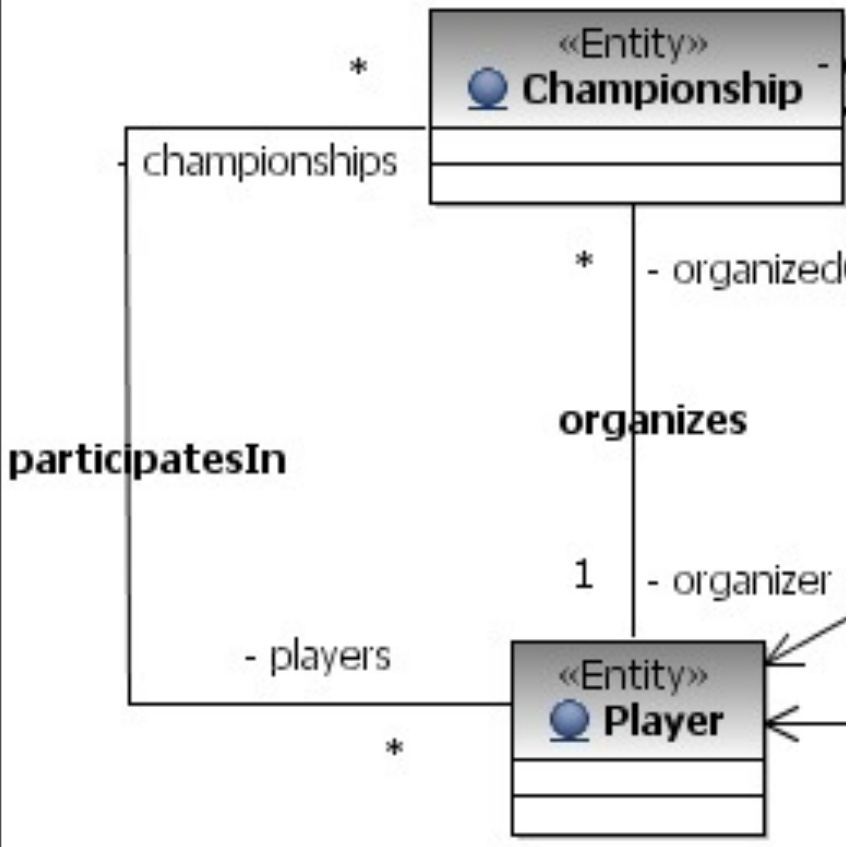

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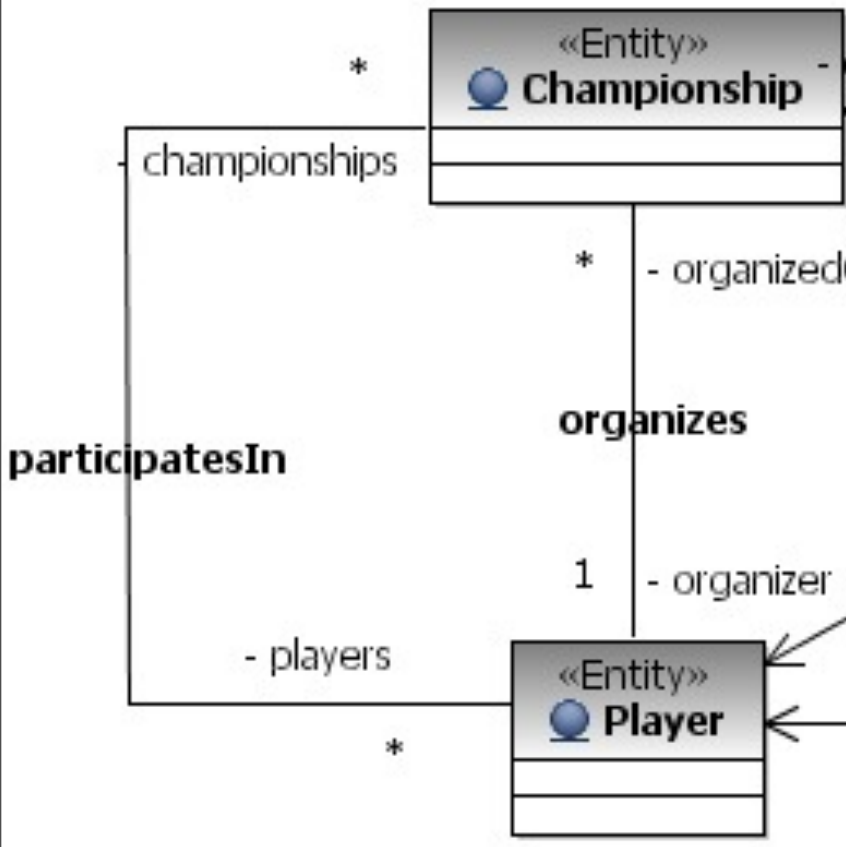

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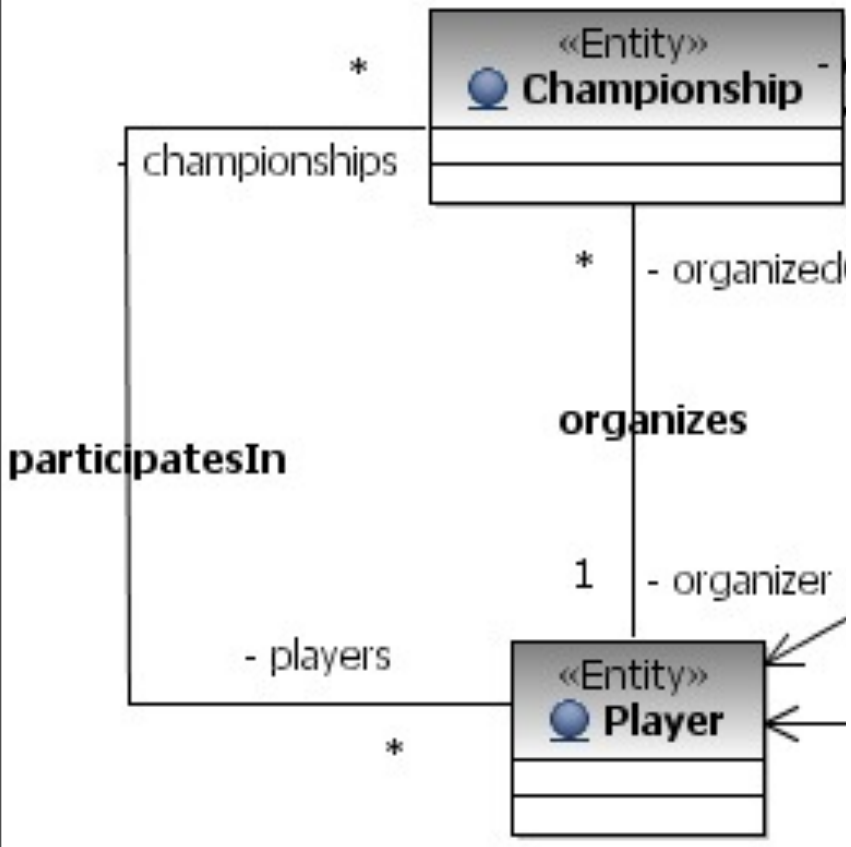

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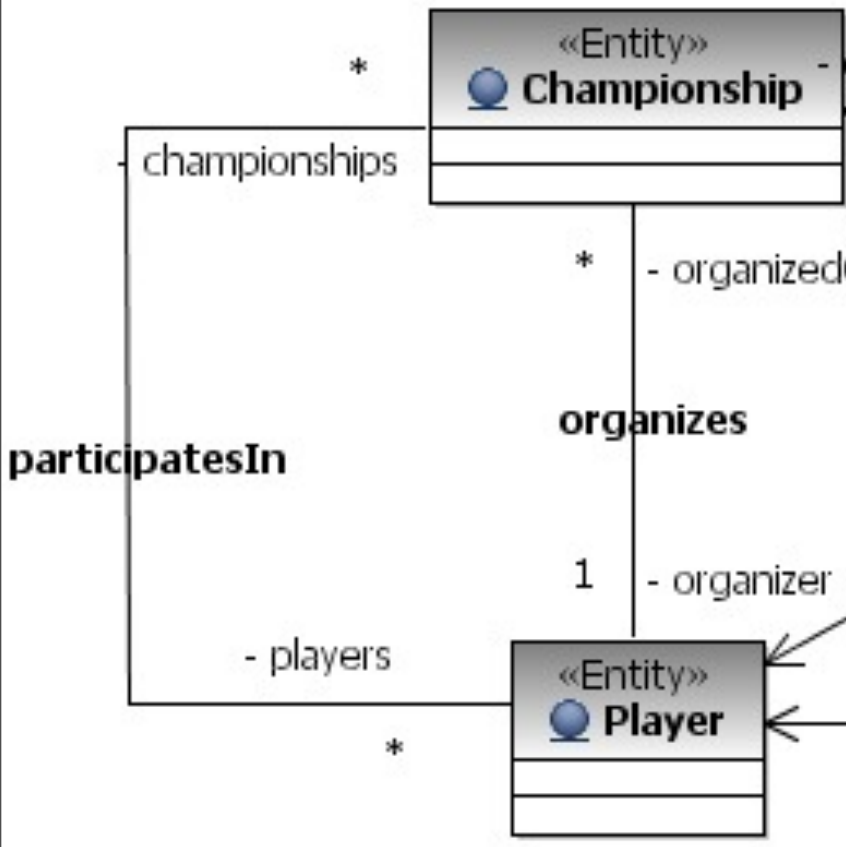

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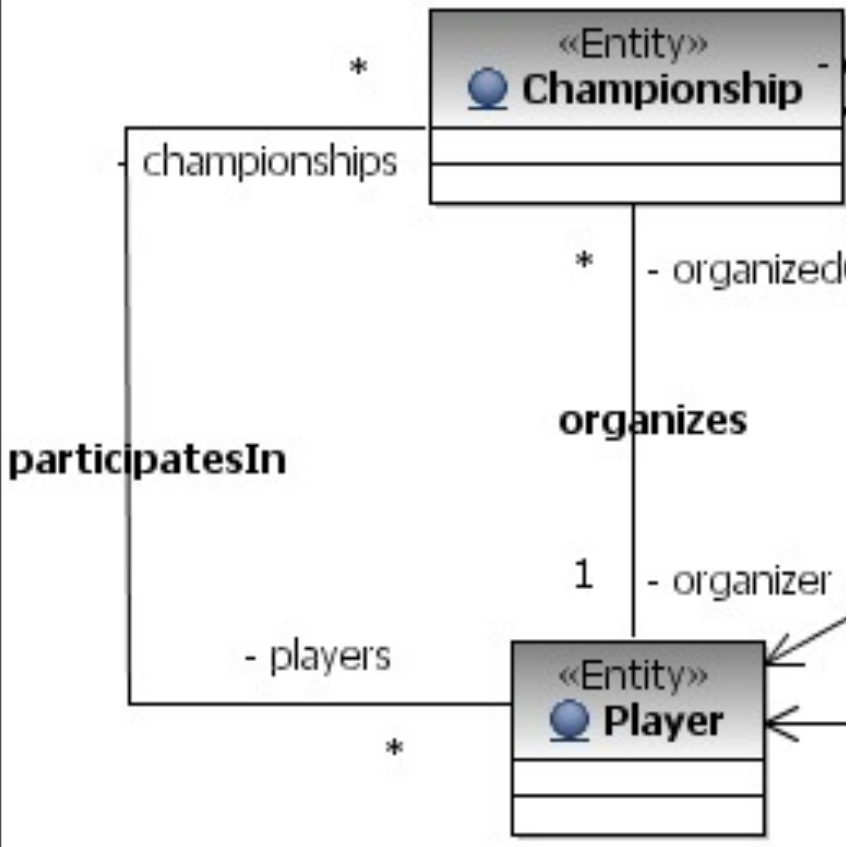

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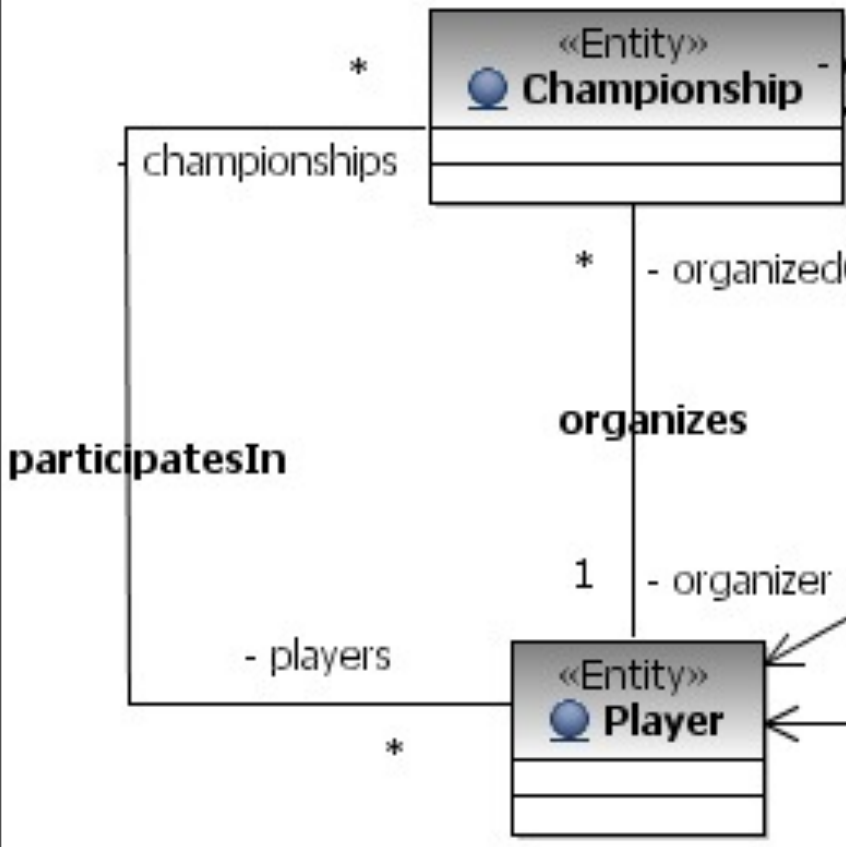

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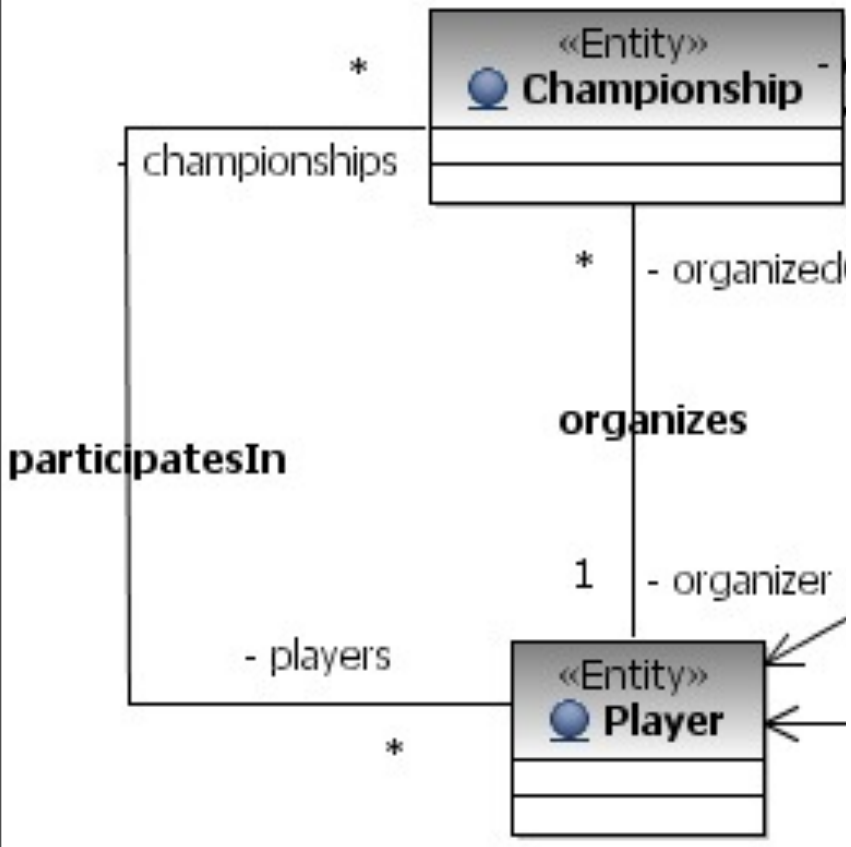

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(operations on collections)

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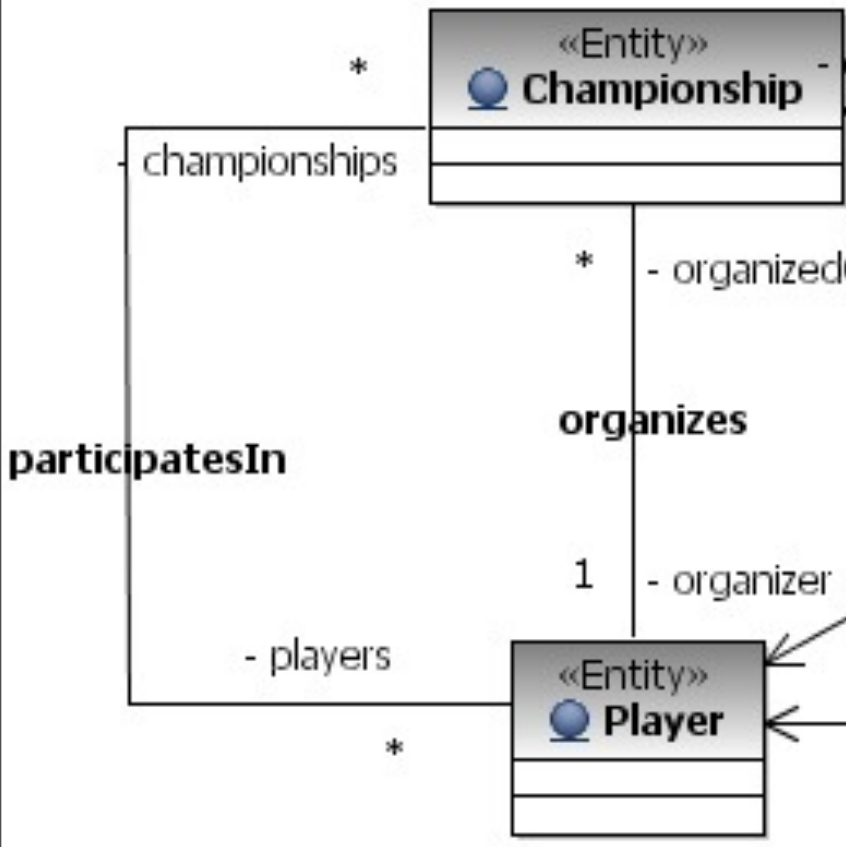

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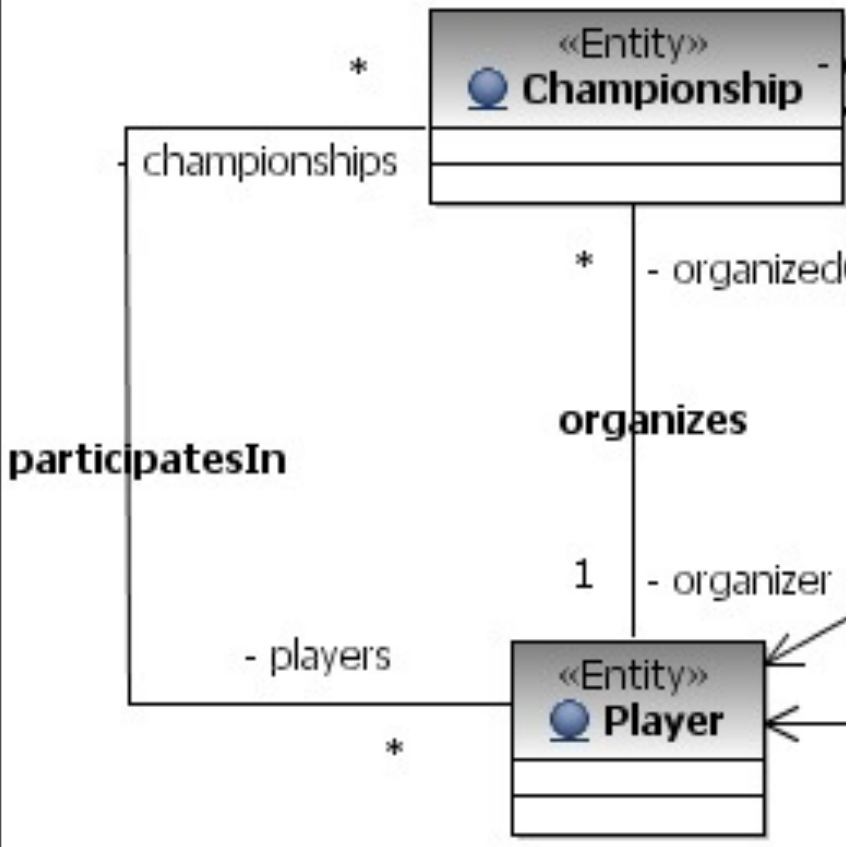

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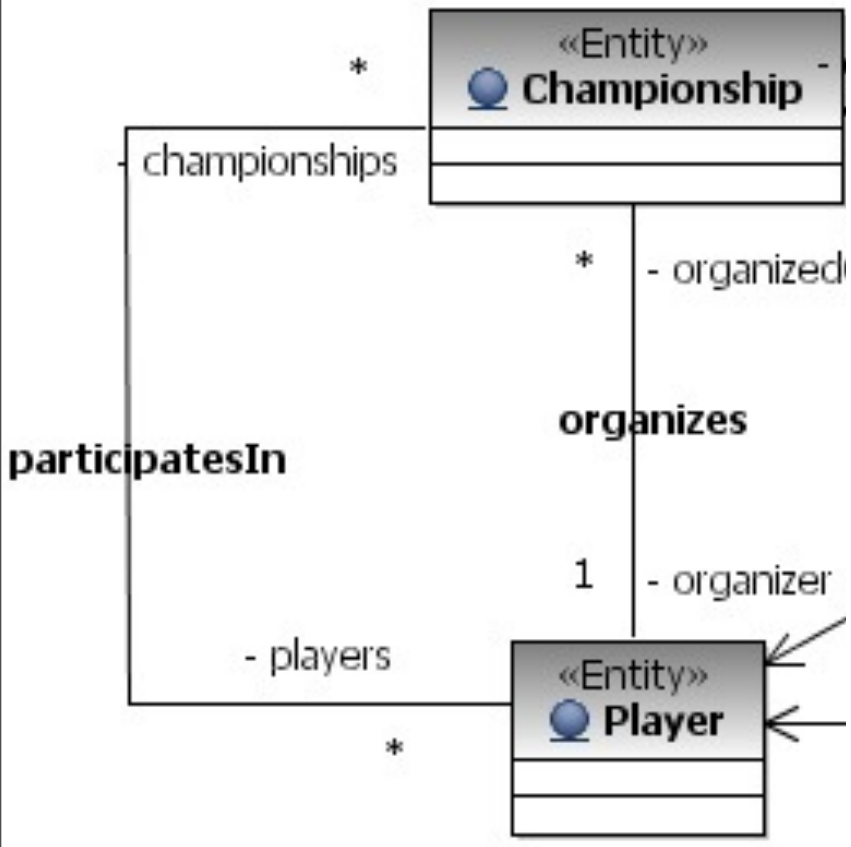

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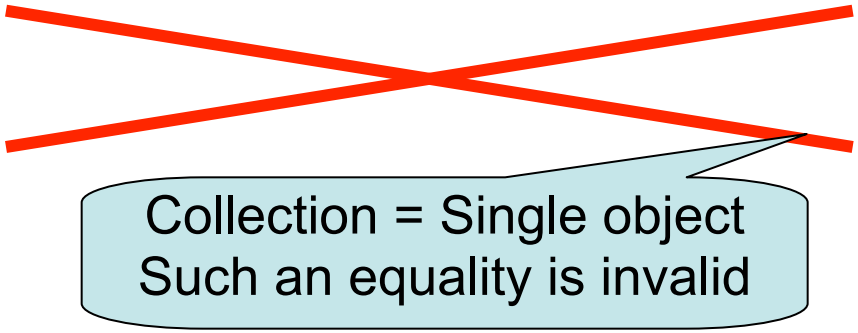

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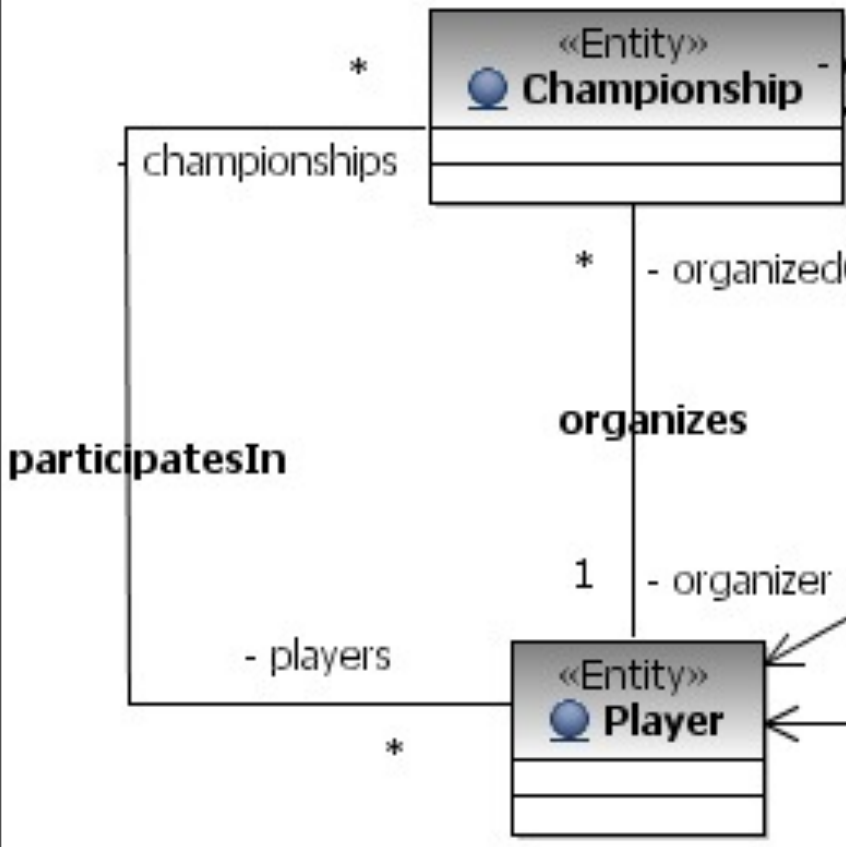

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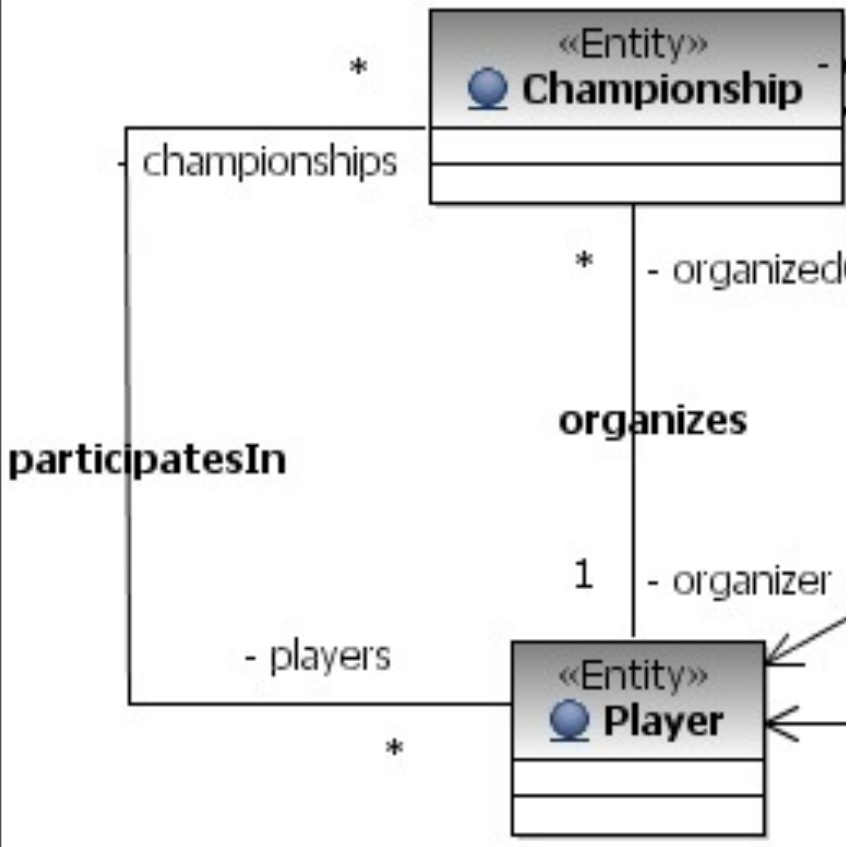

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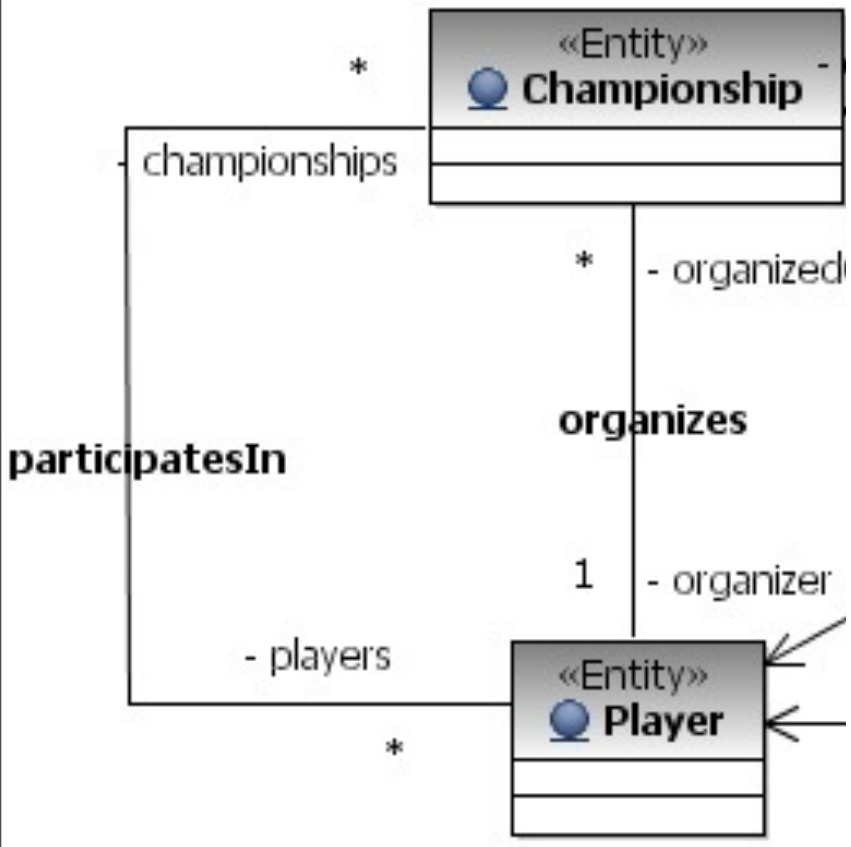

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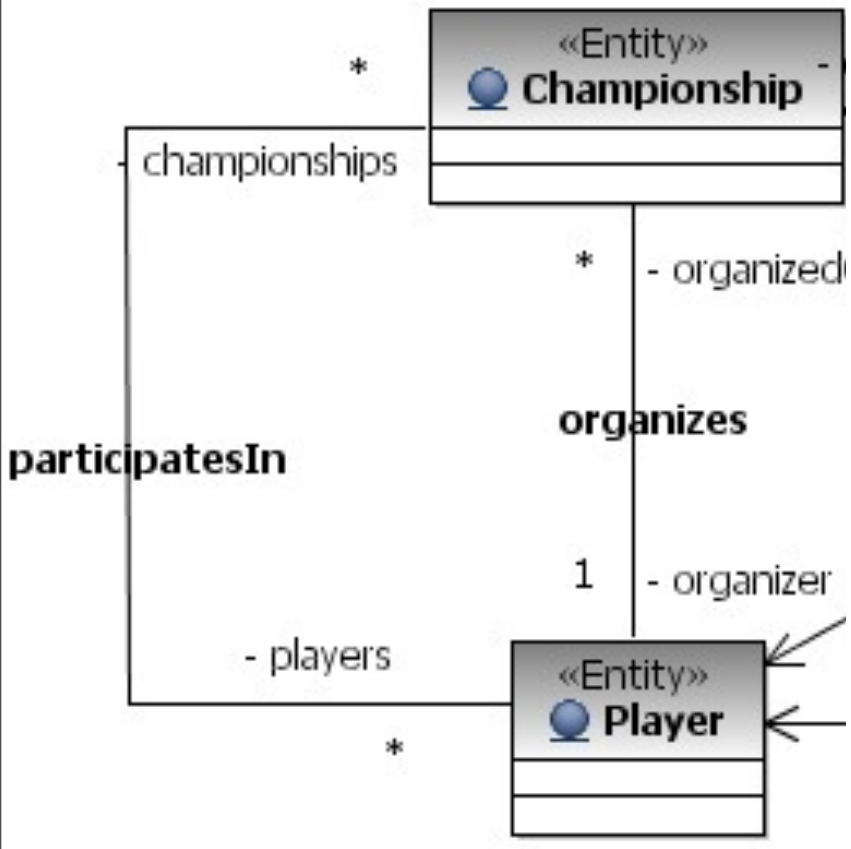

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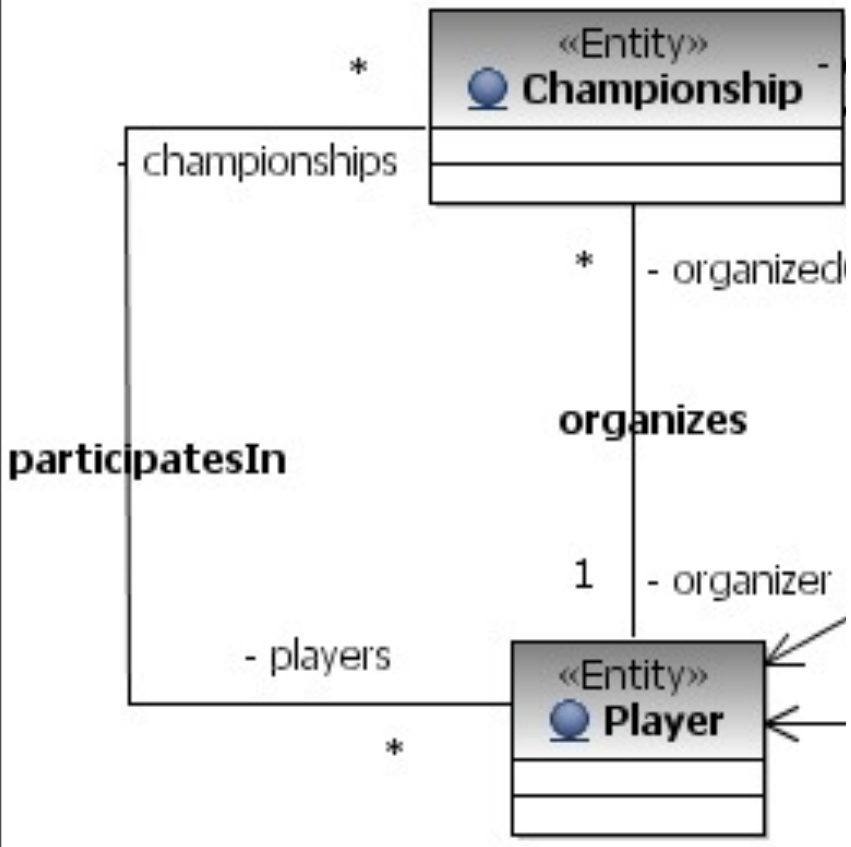

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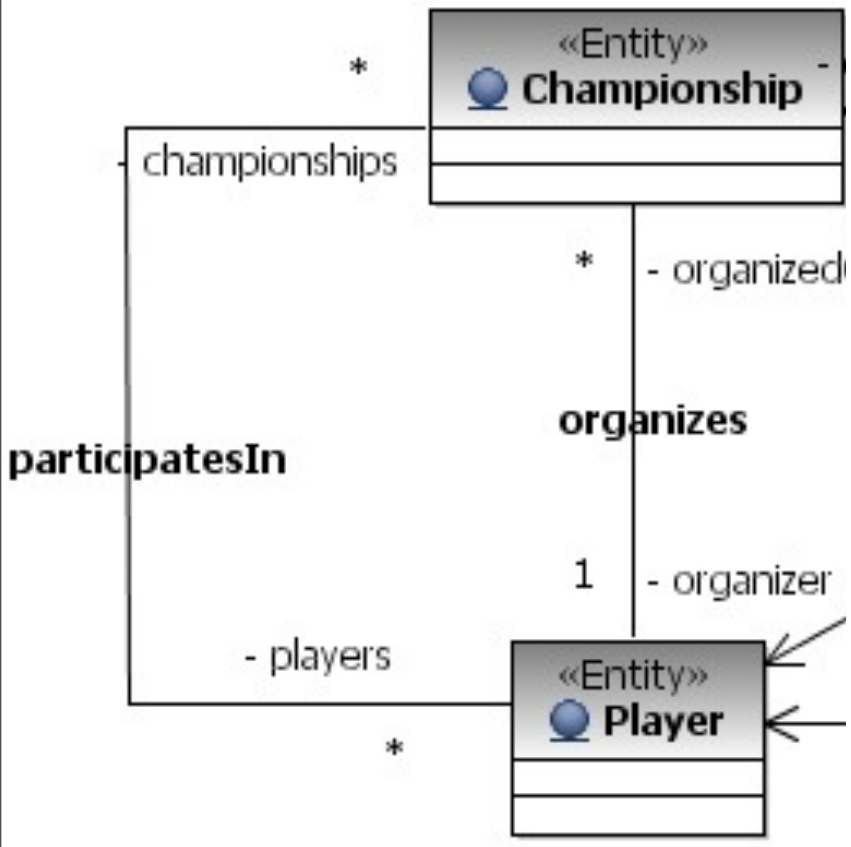

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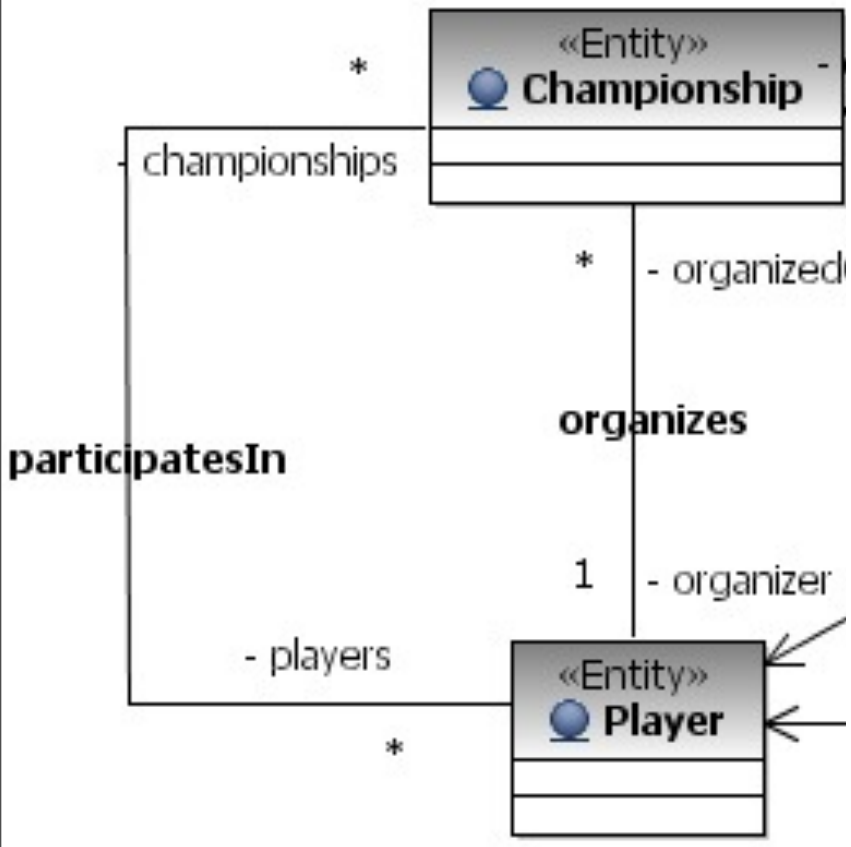

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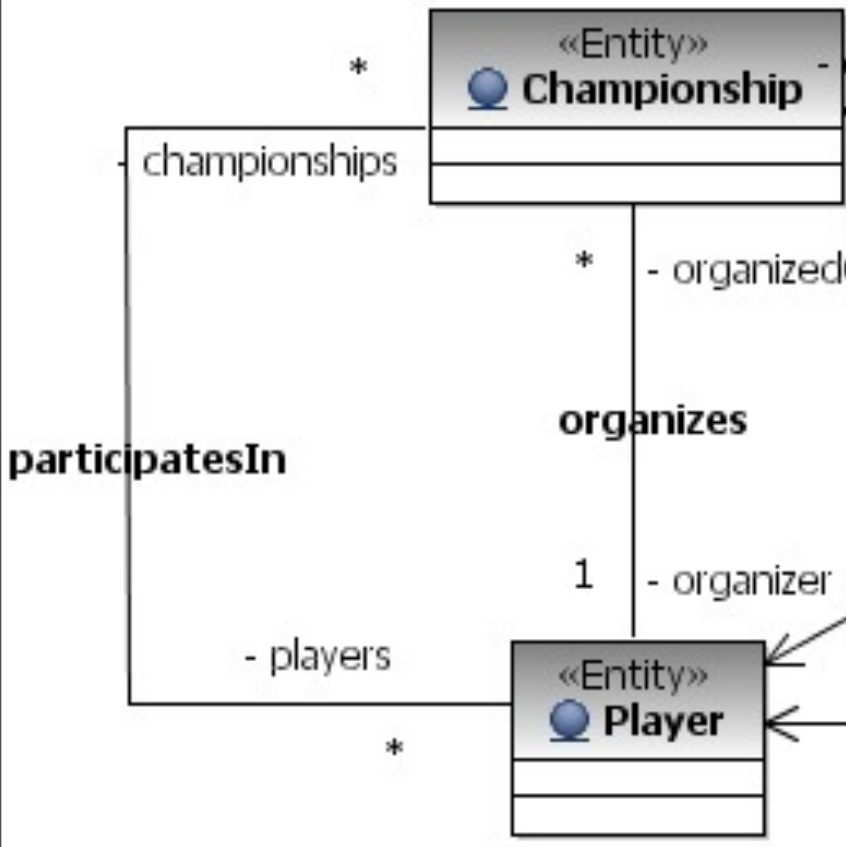

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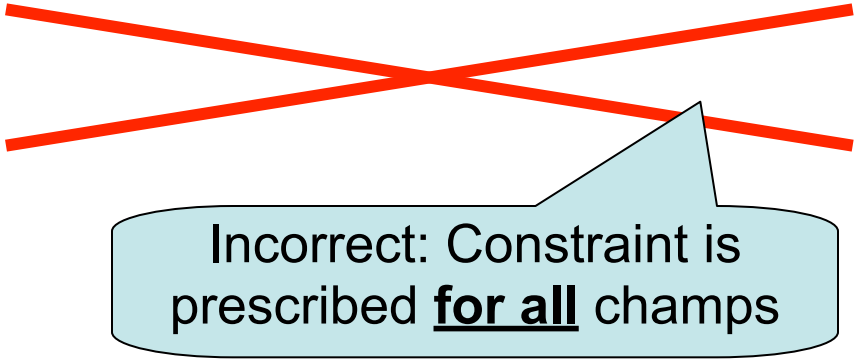

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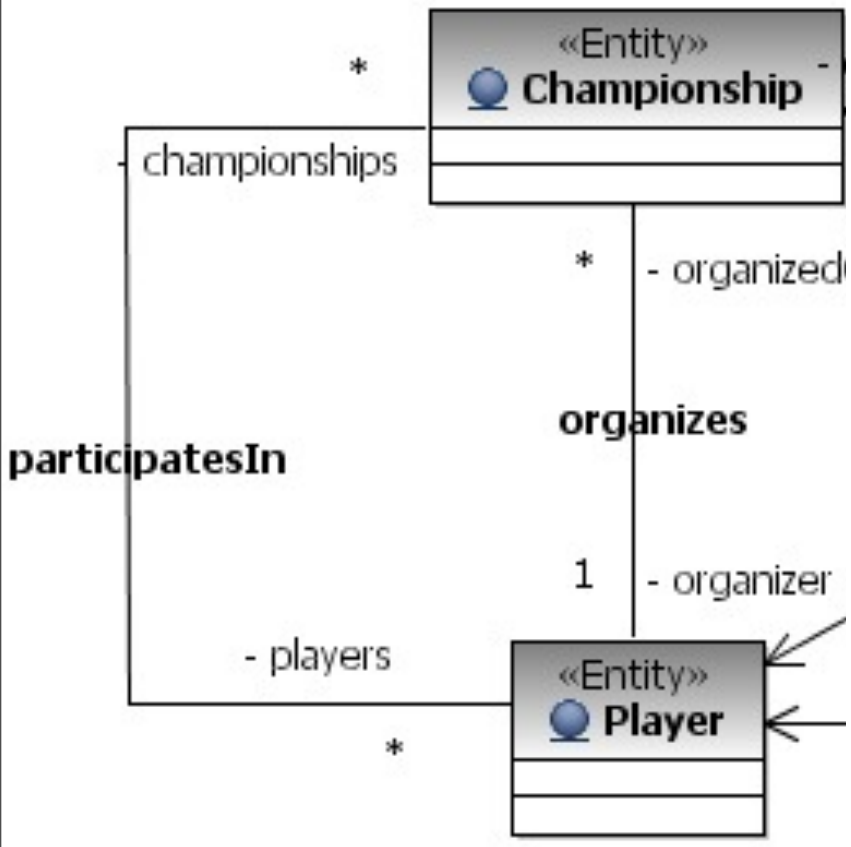

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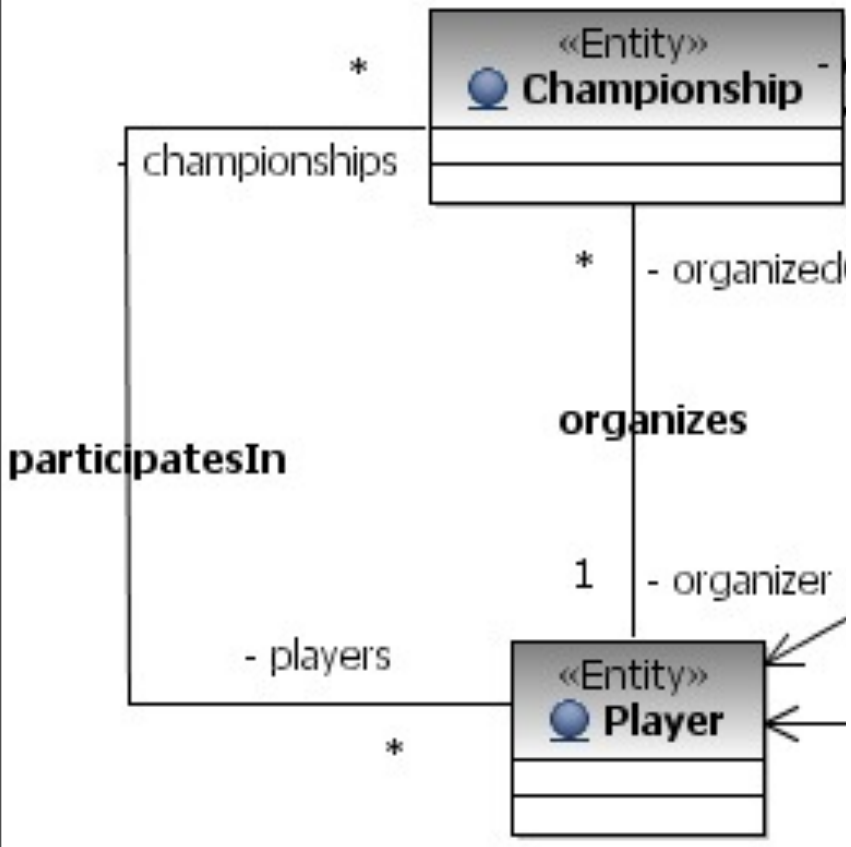

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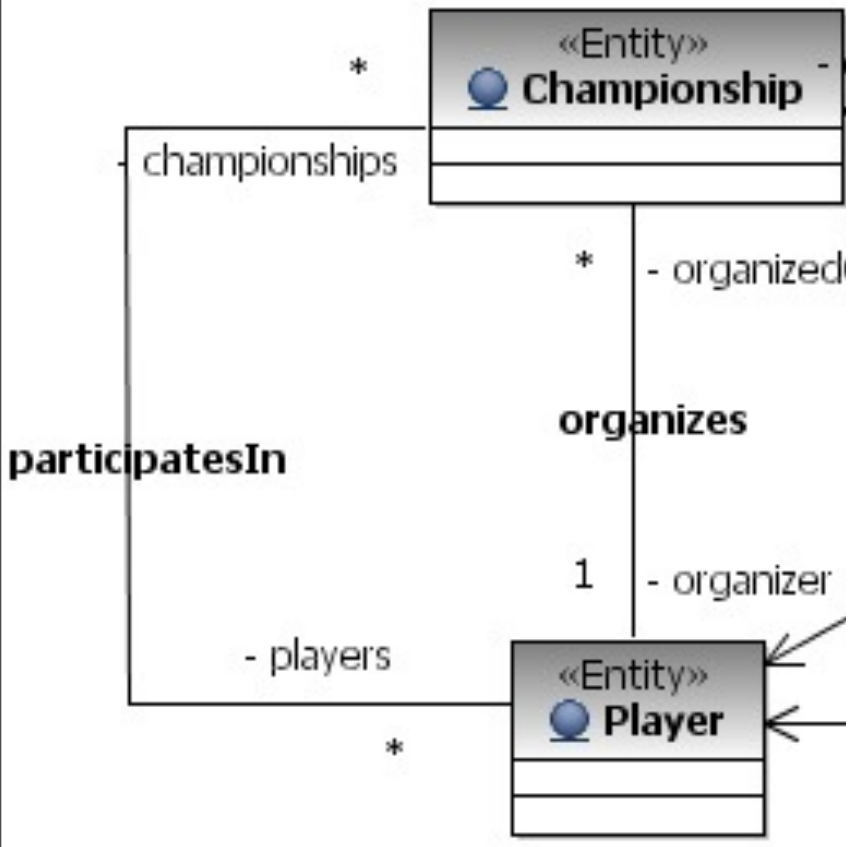

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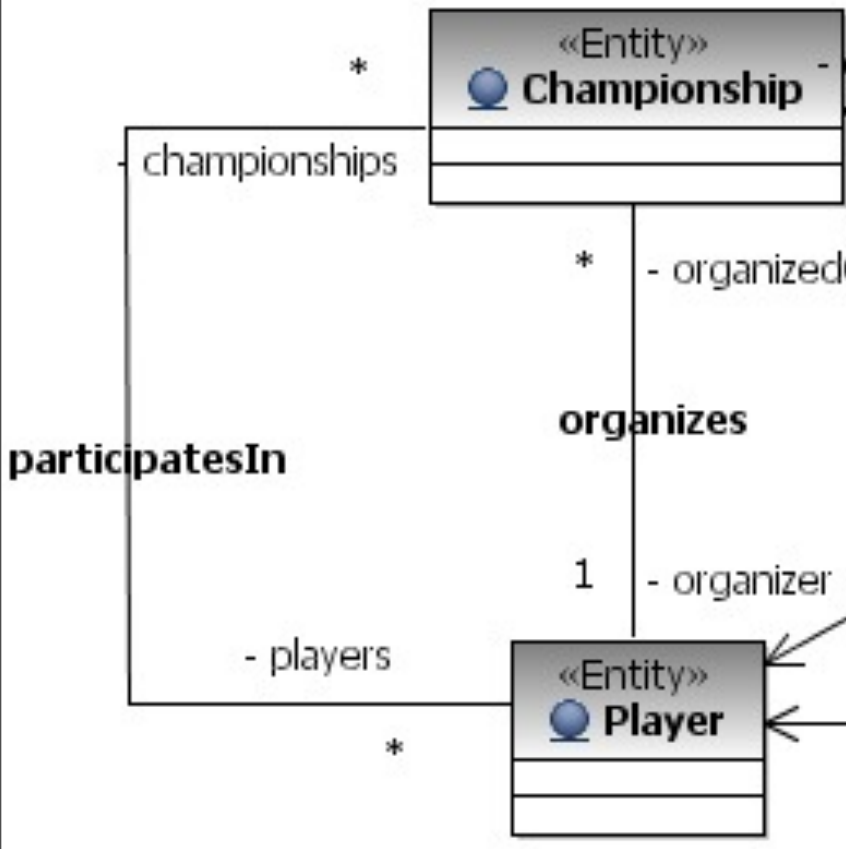

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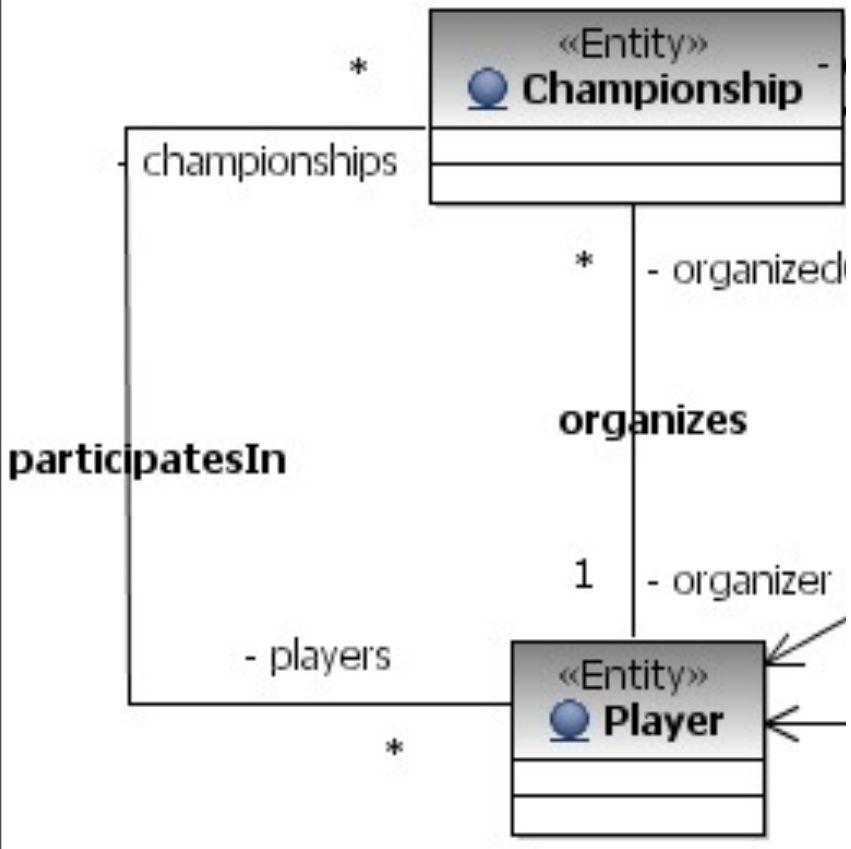

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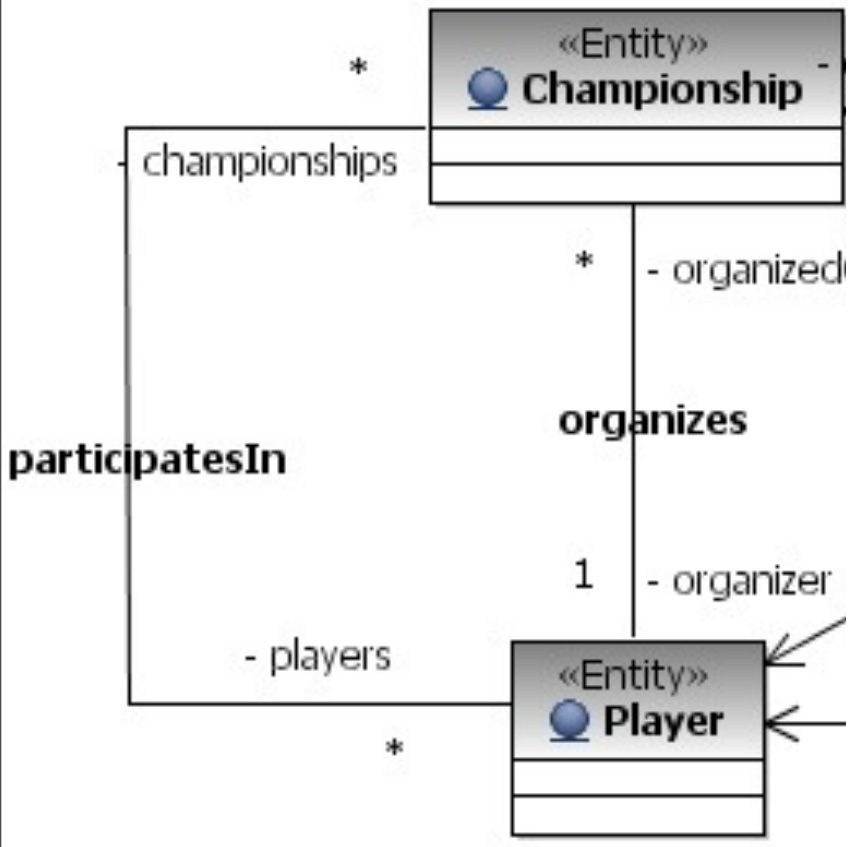

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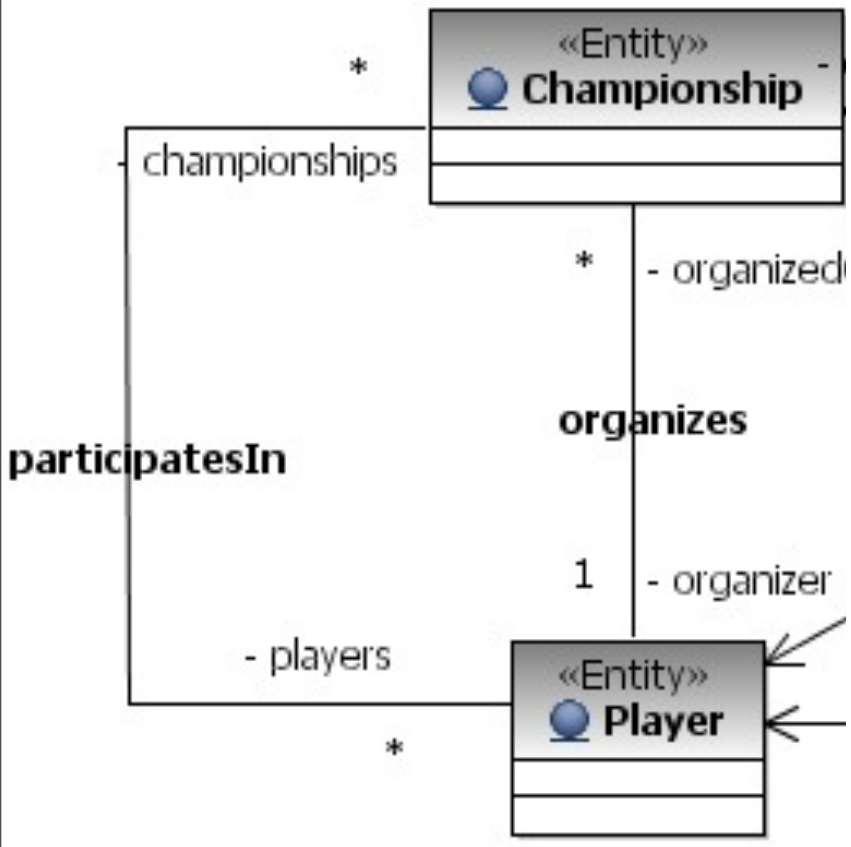

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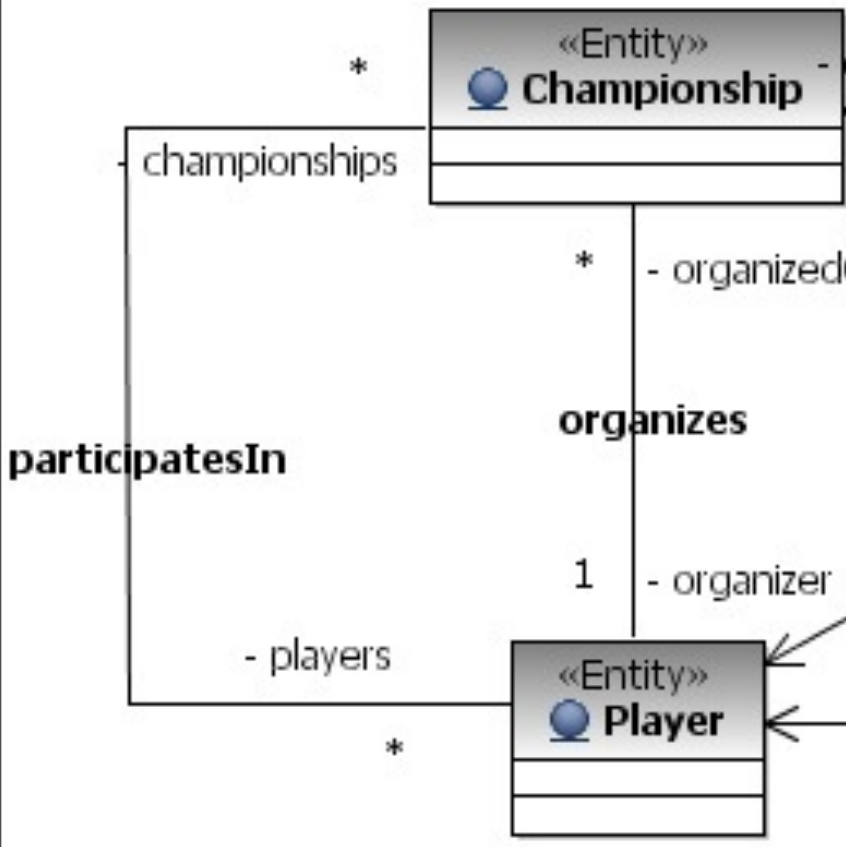

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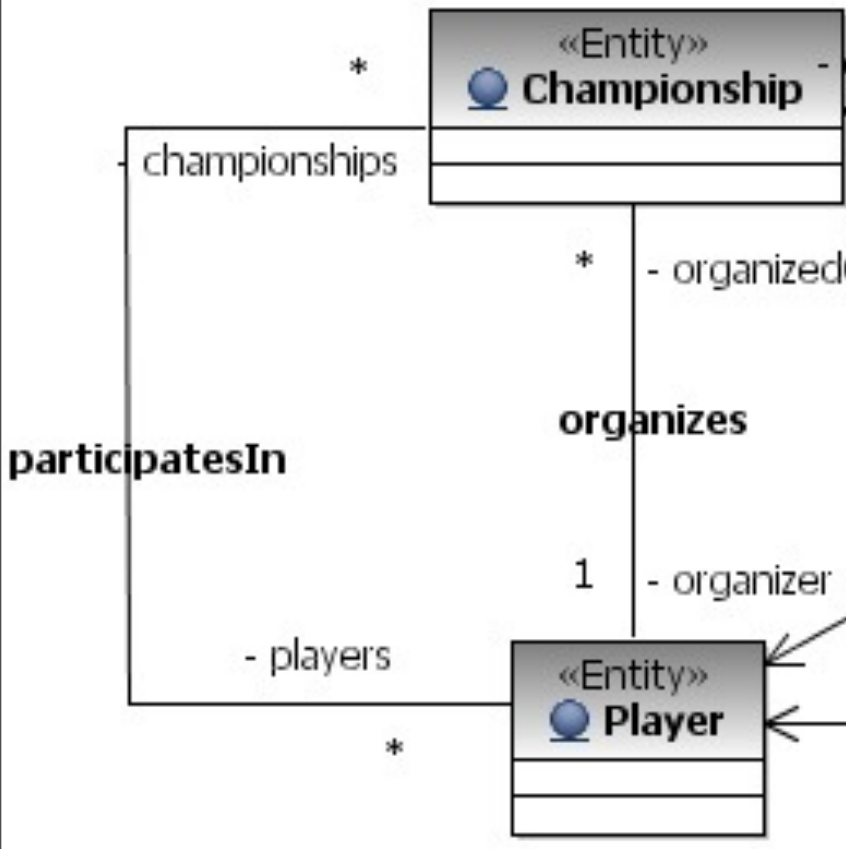

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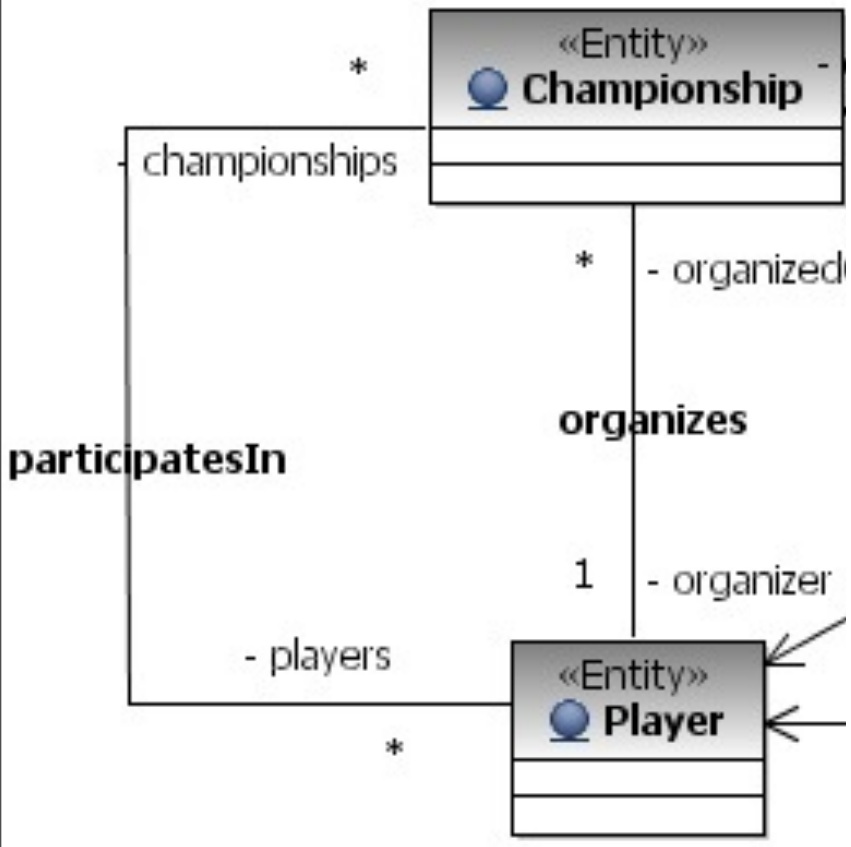

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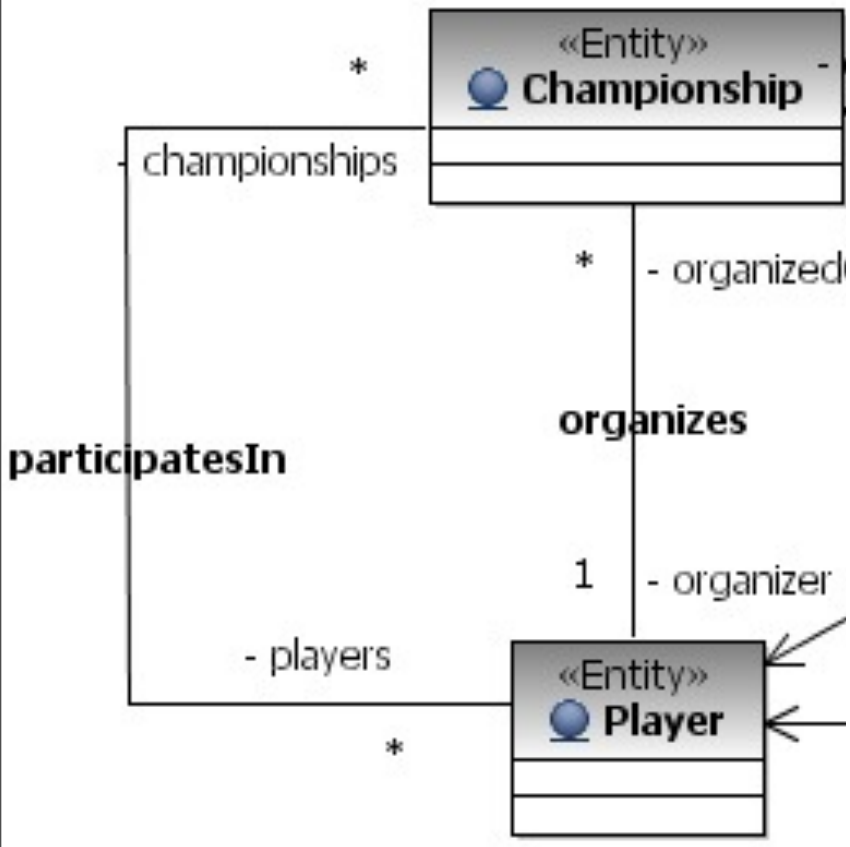

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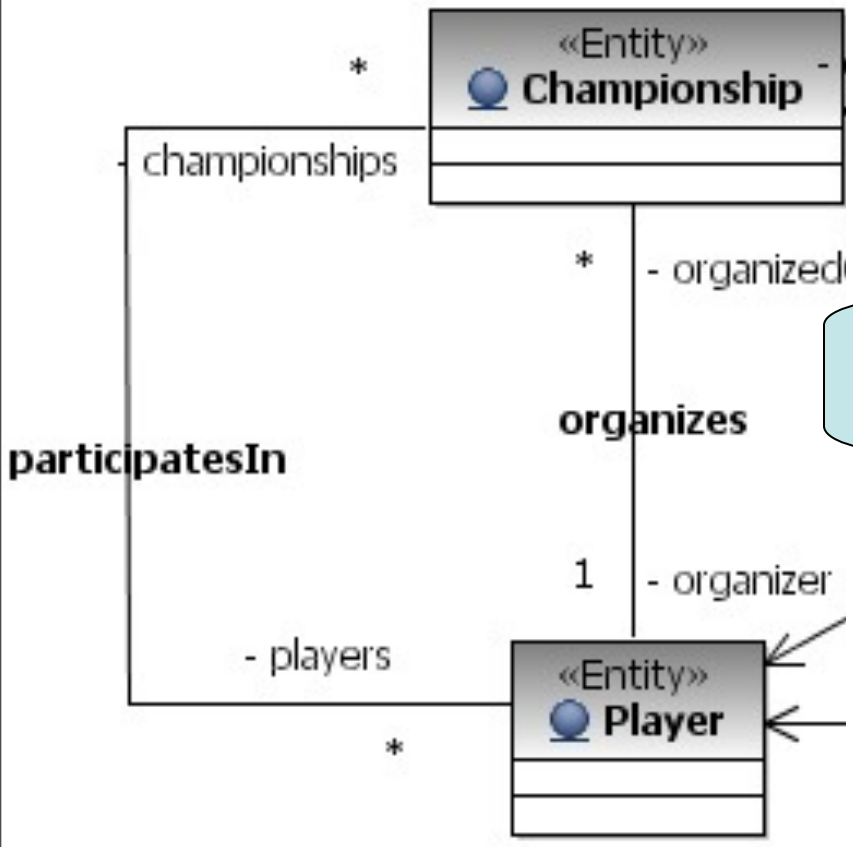

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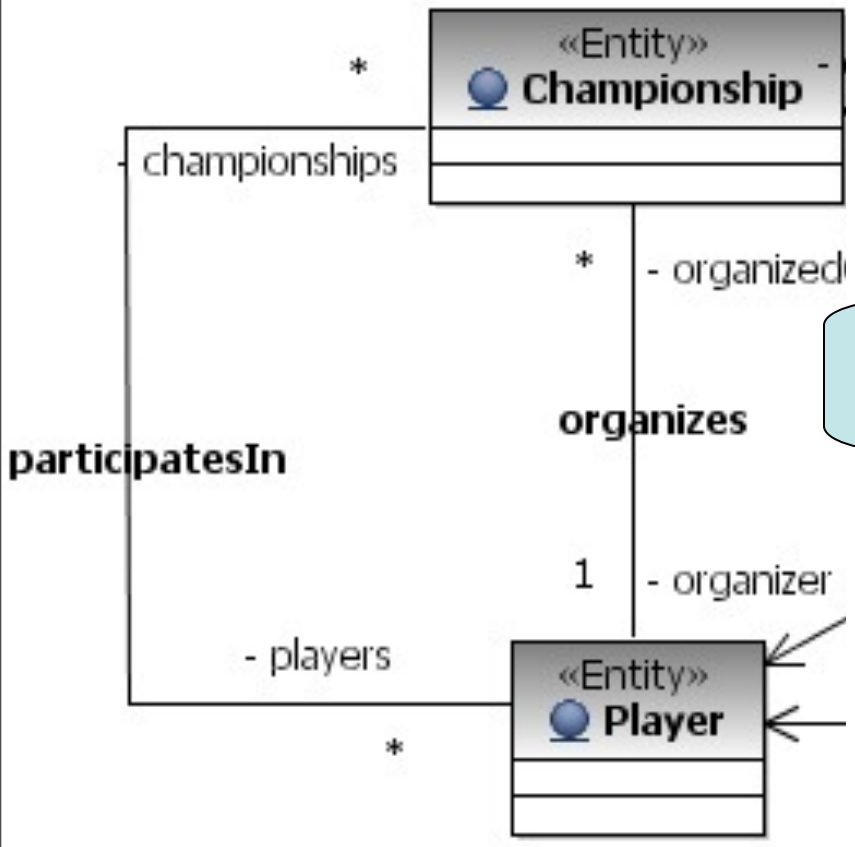

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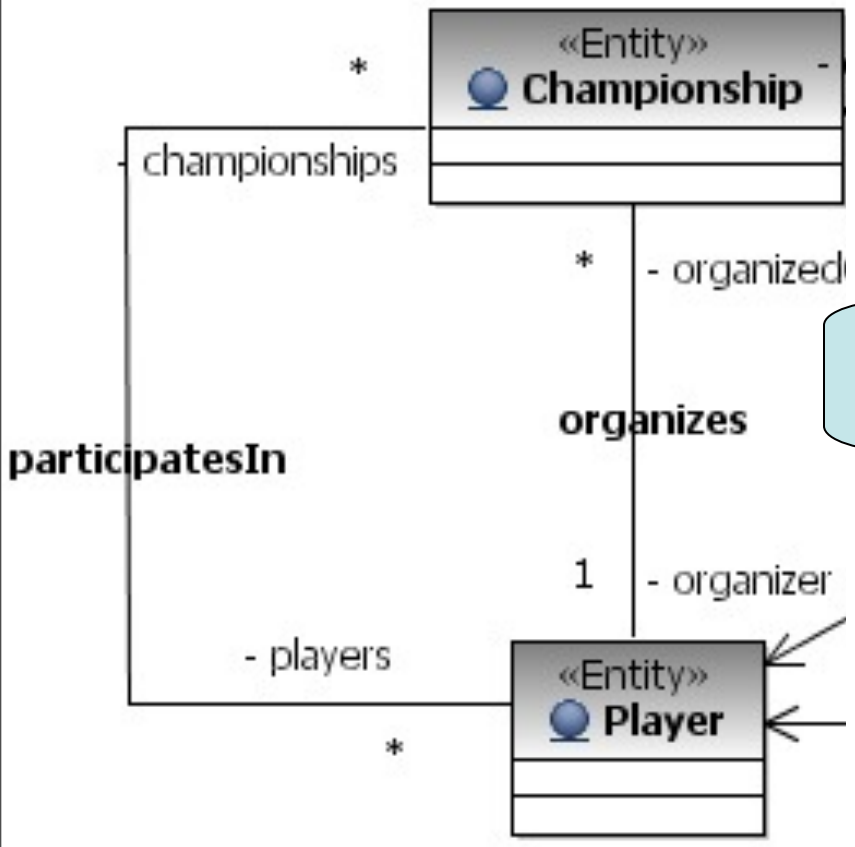

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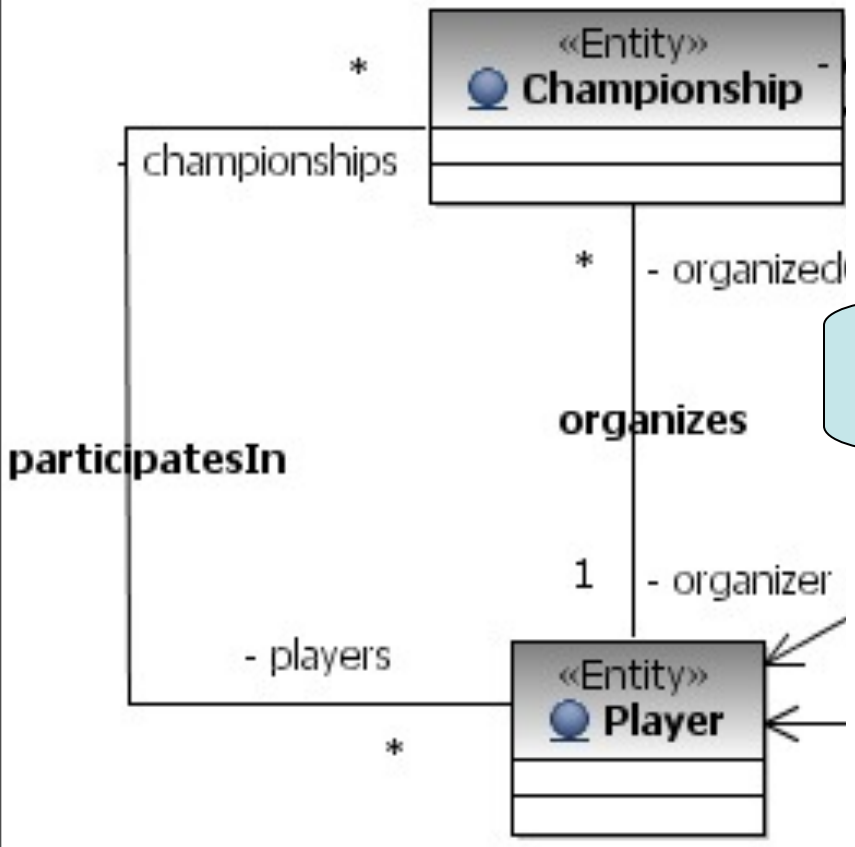

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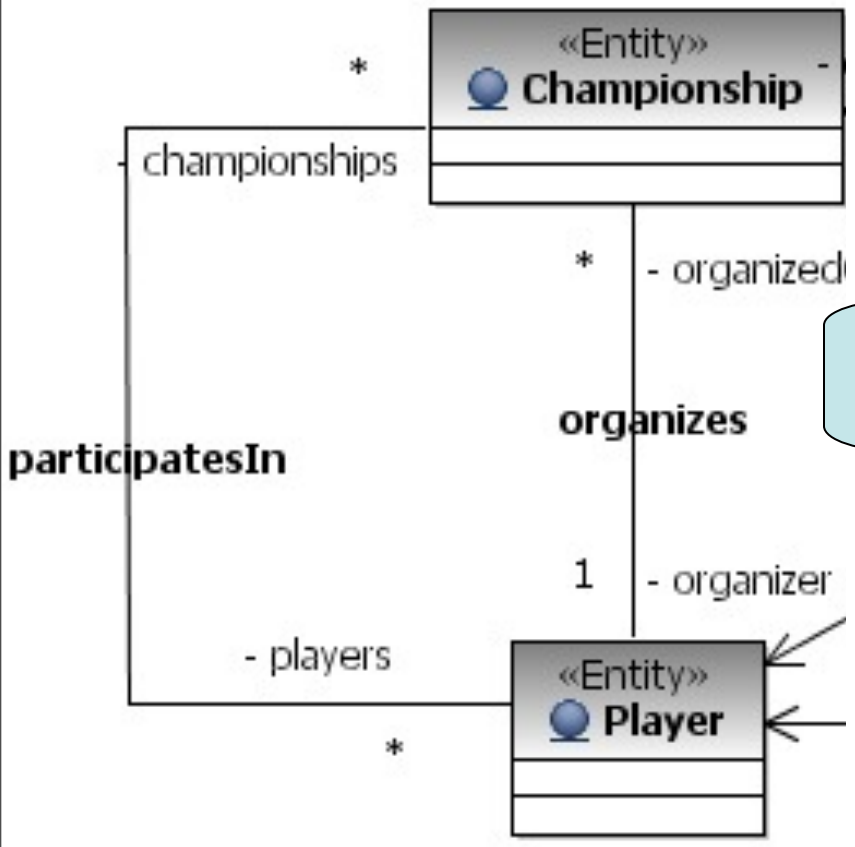

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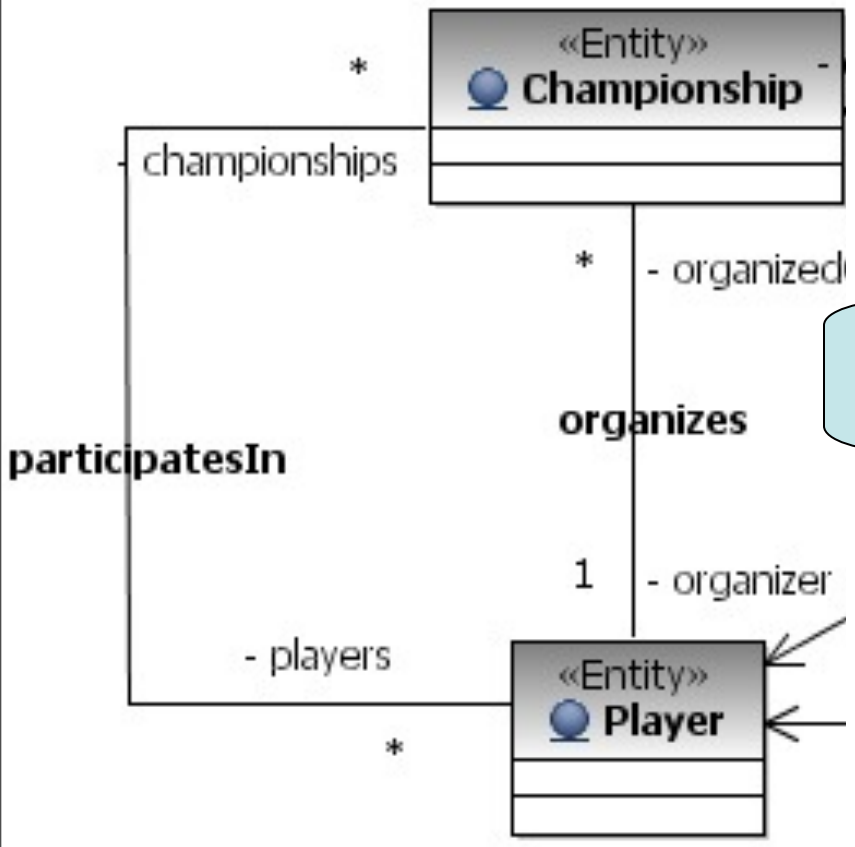

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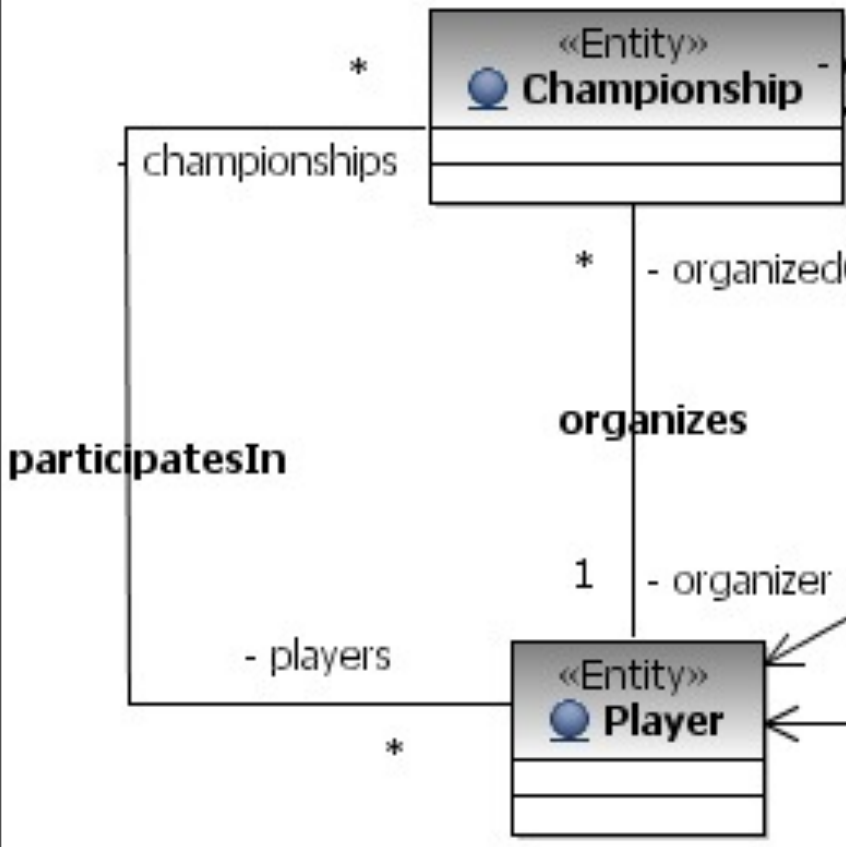

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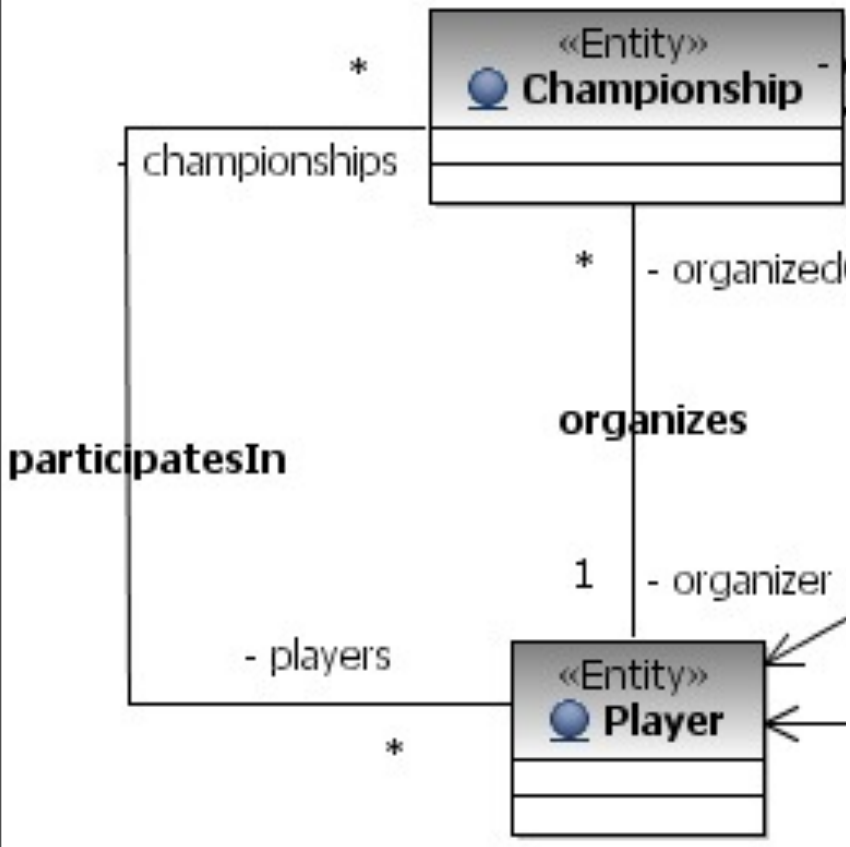

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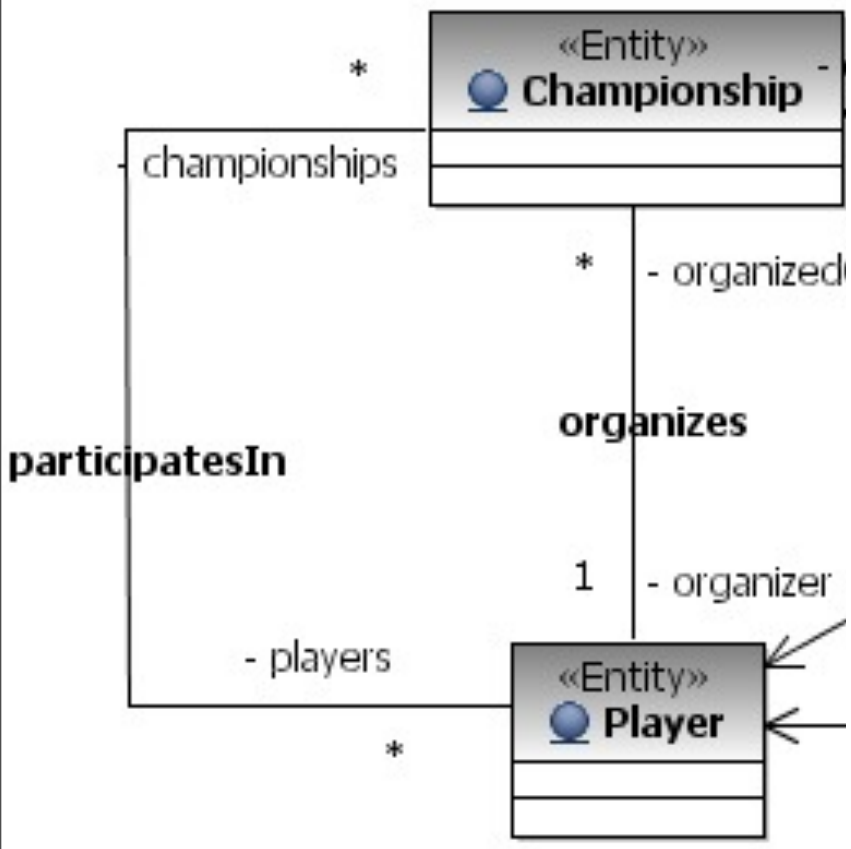

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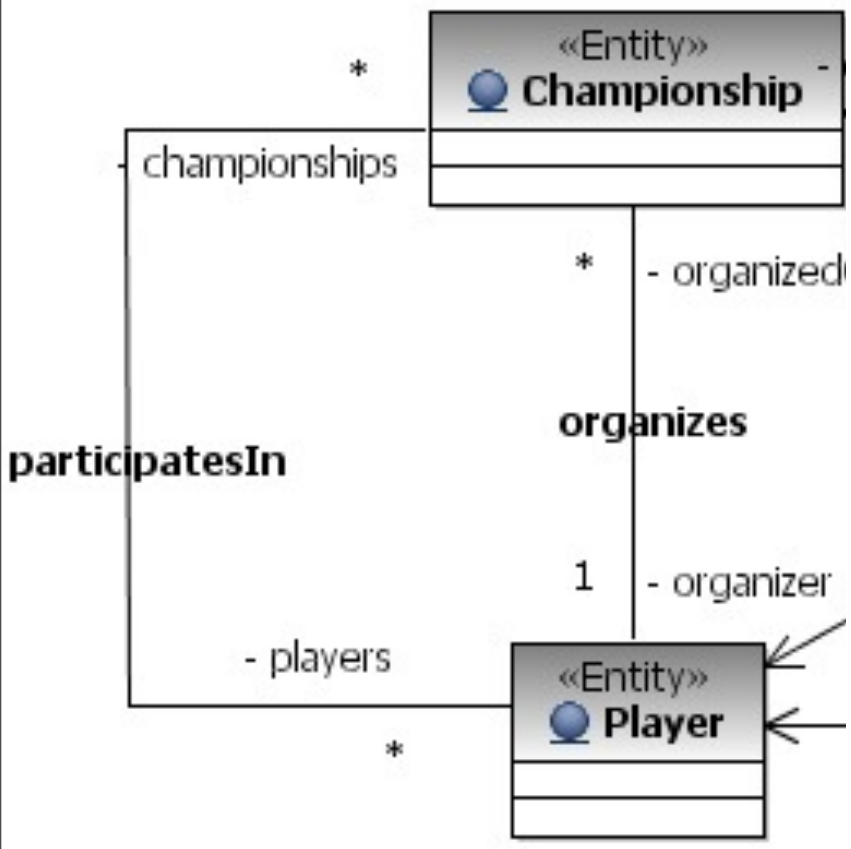

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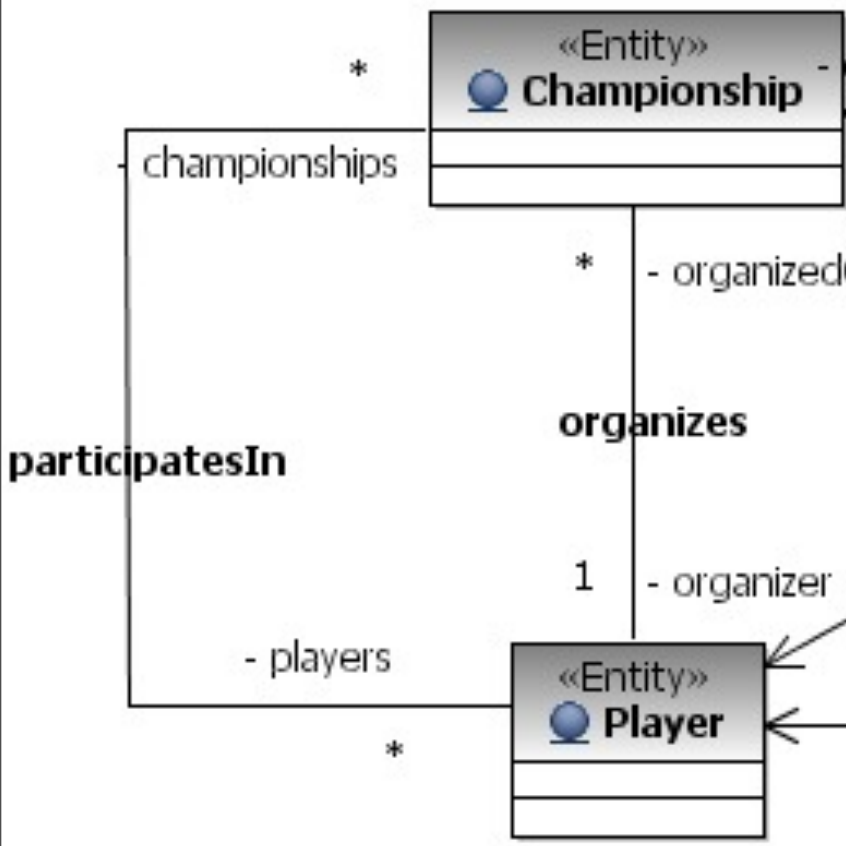

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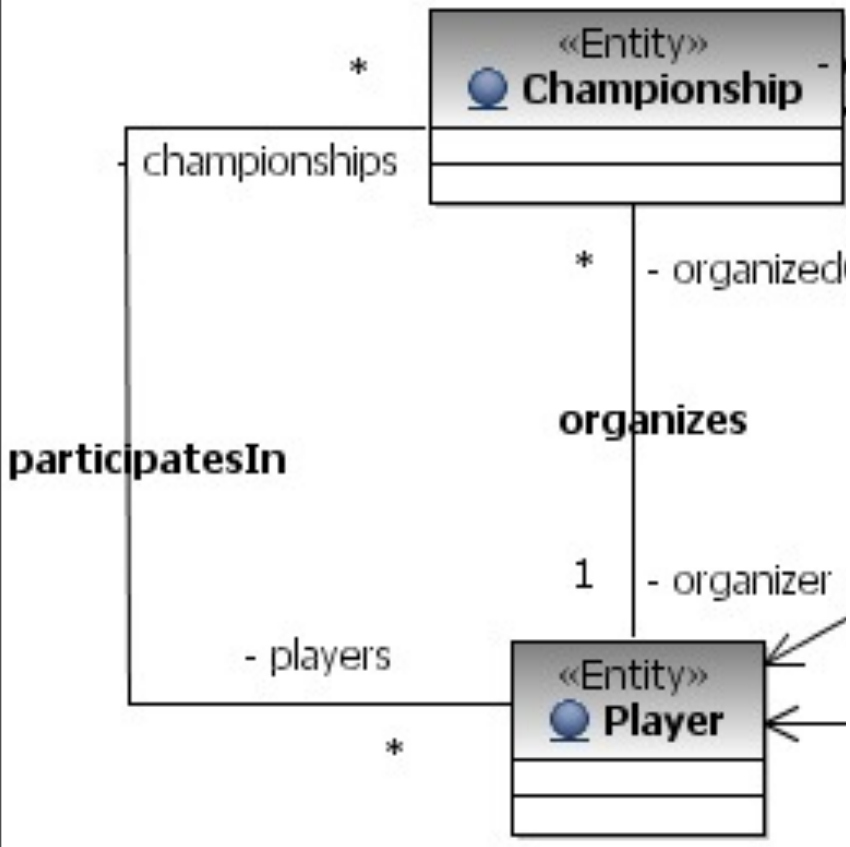

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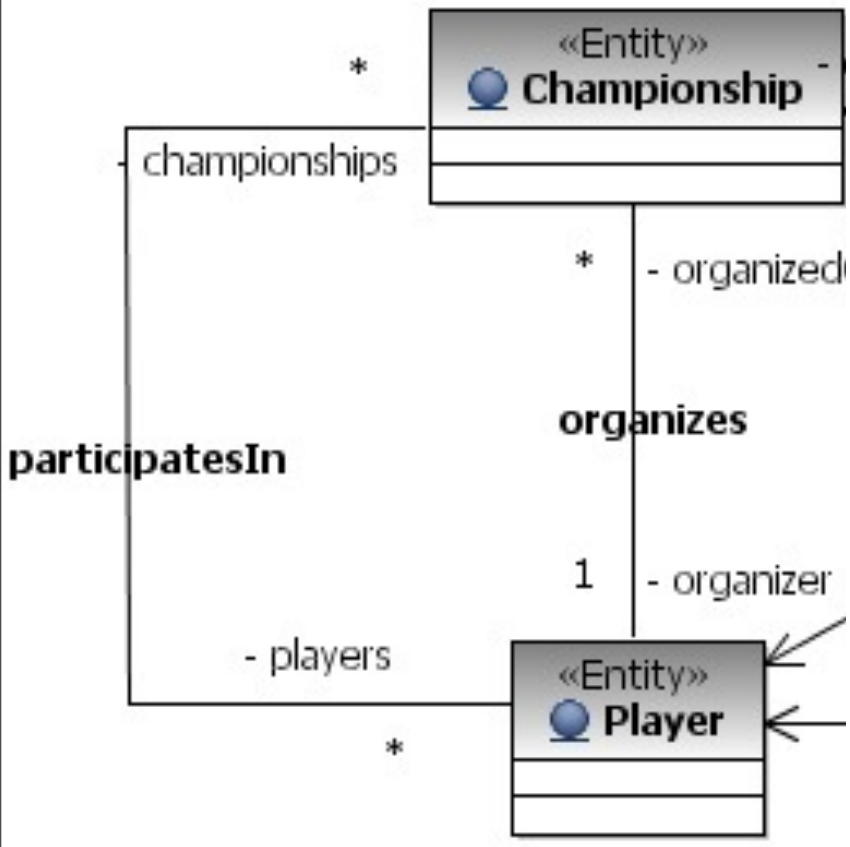

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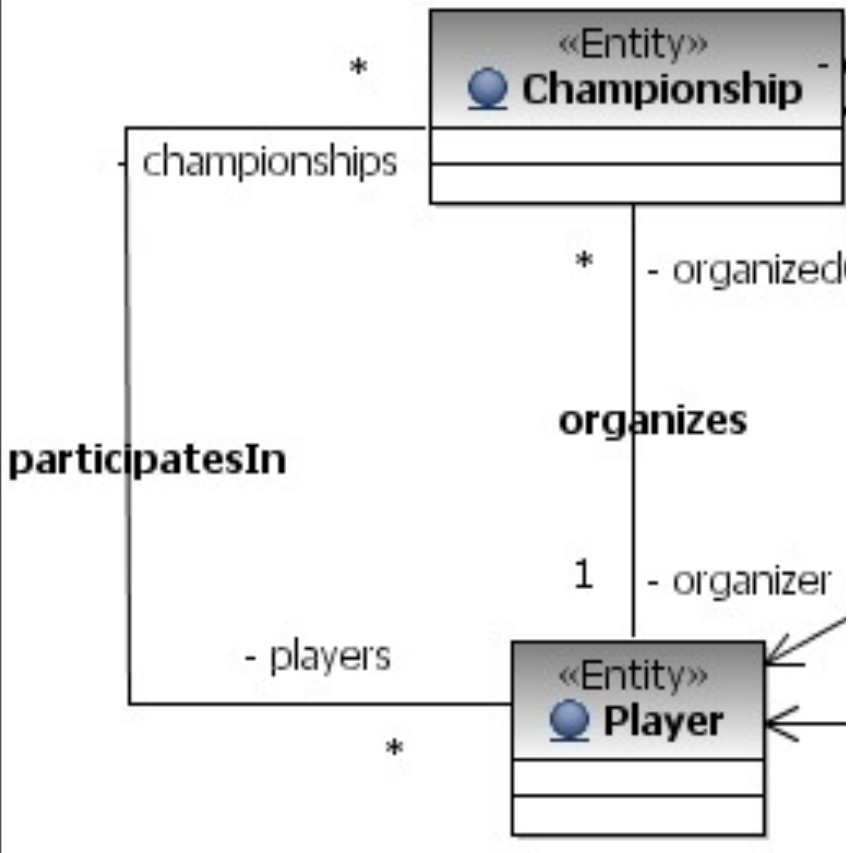

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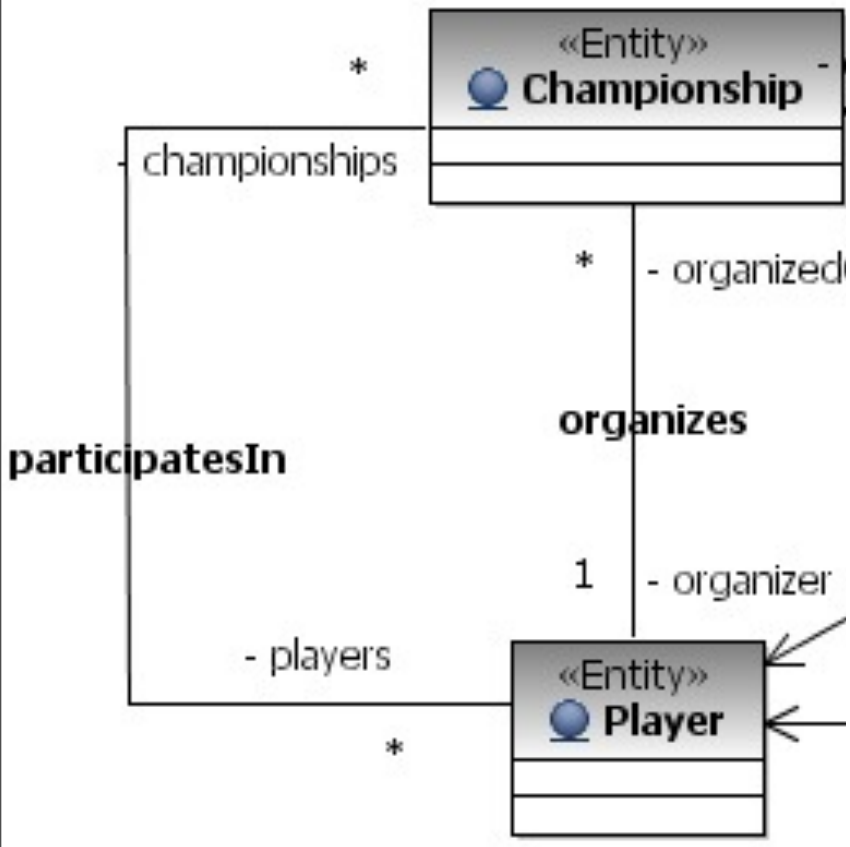

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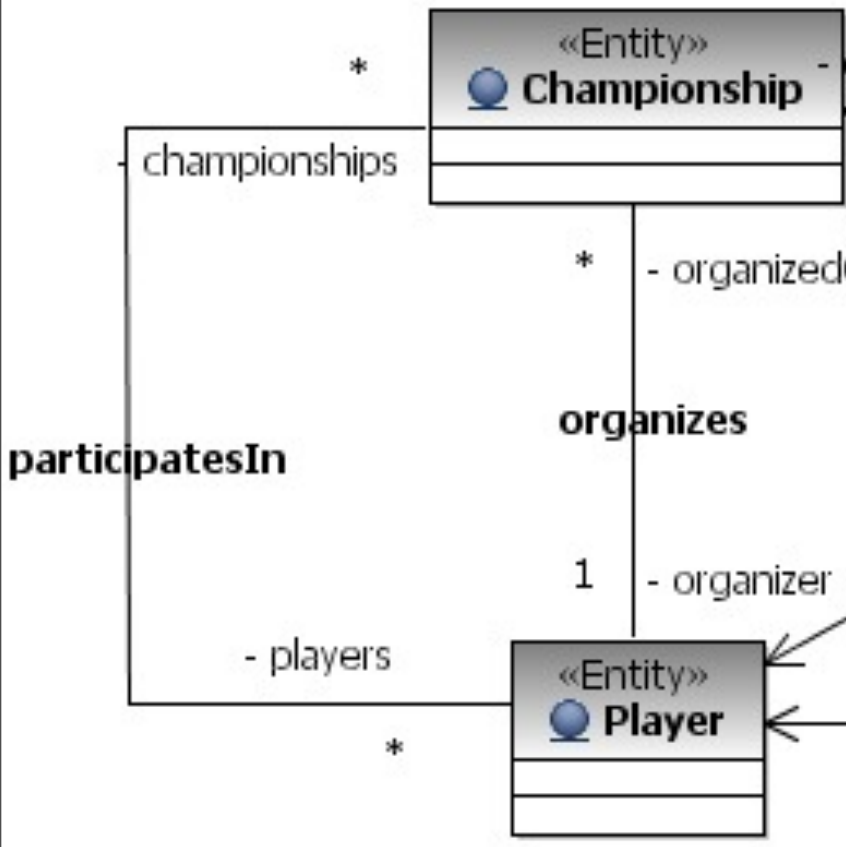

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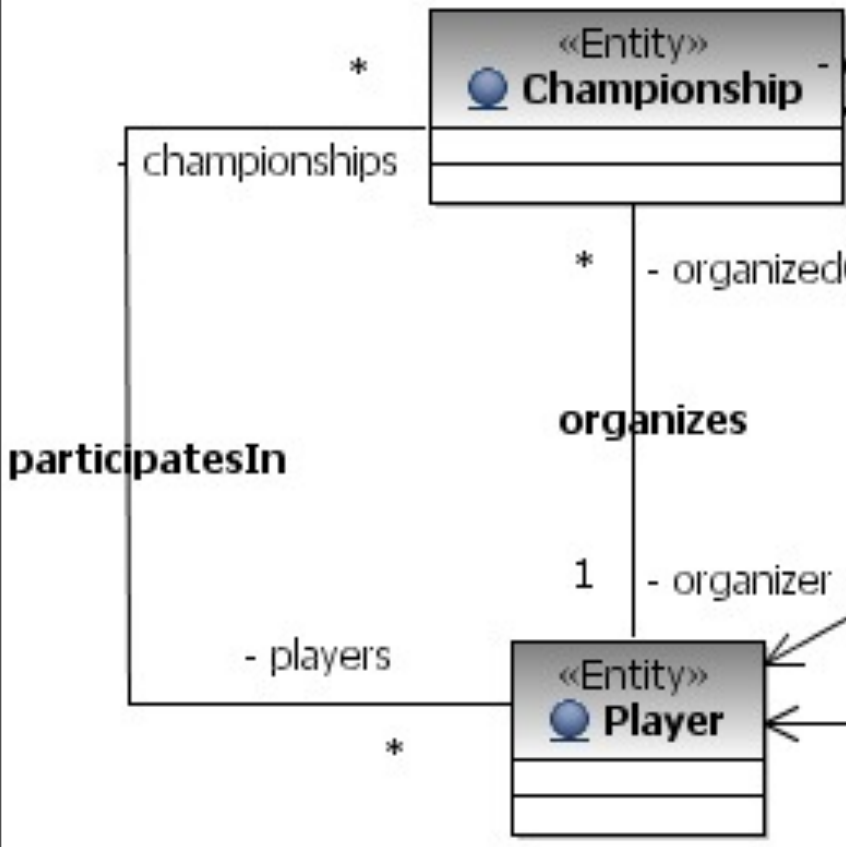

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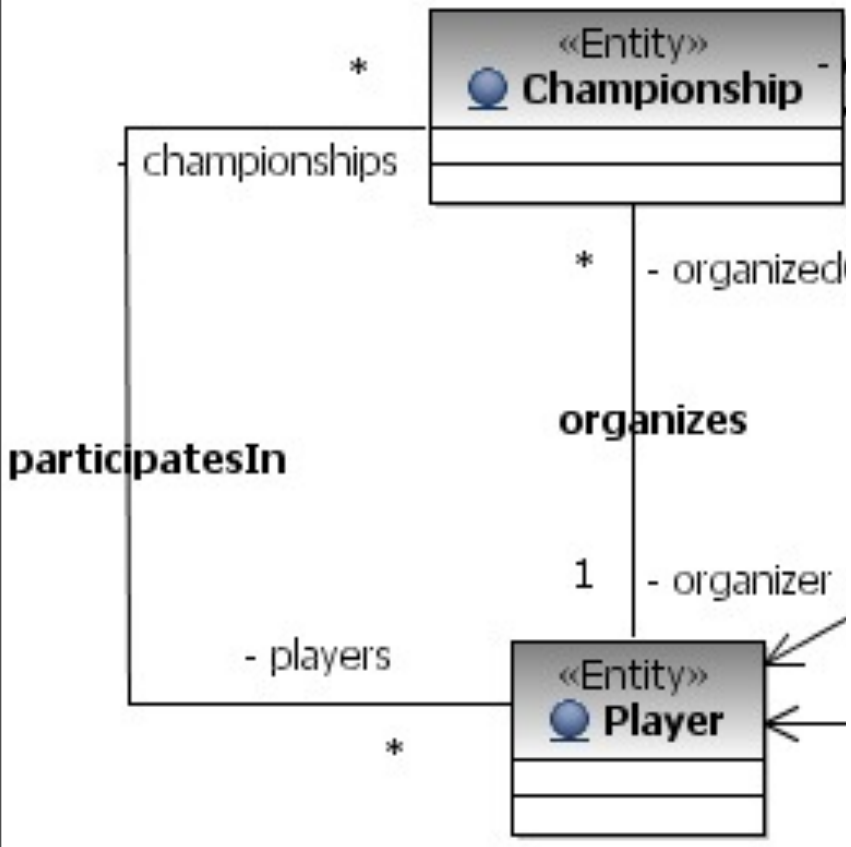

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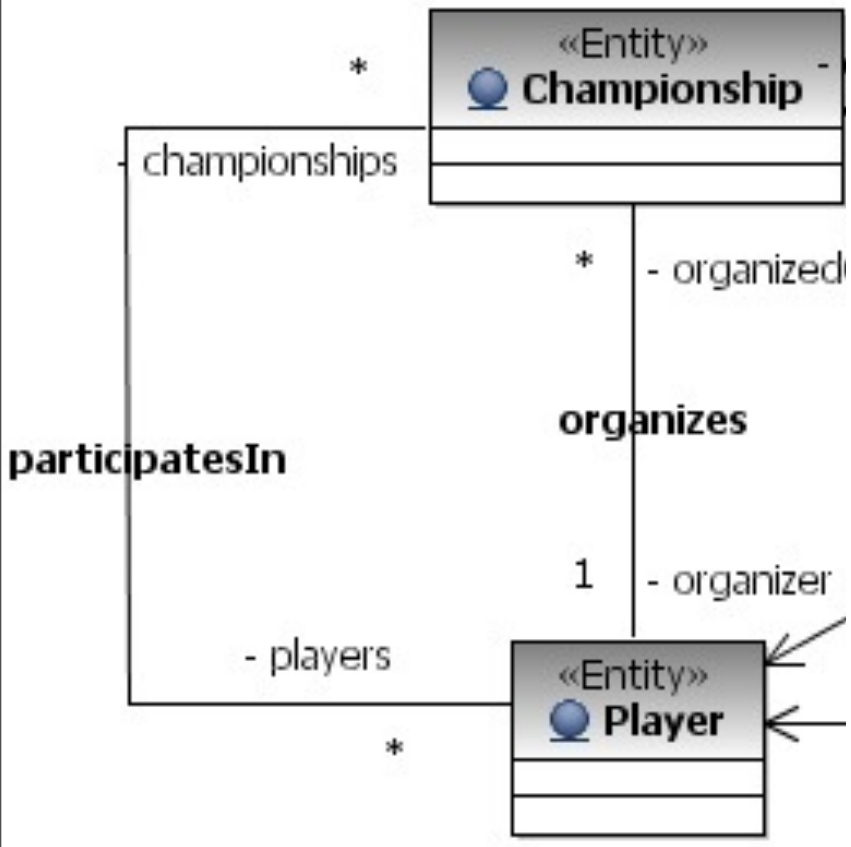

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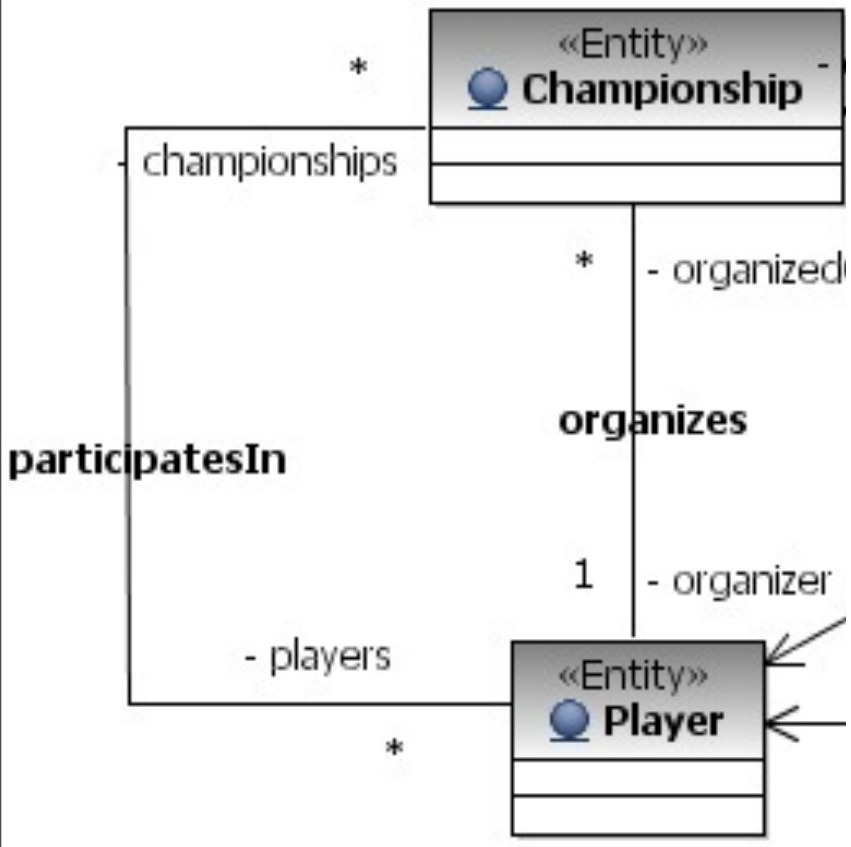

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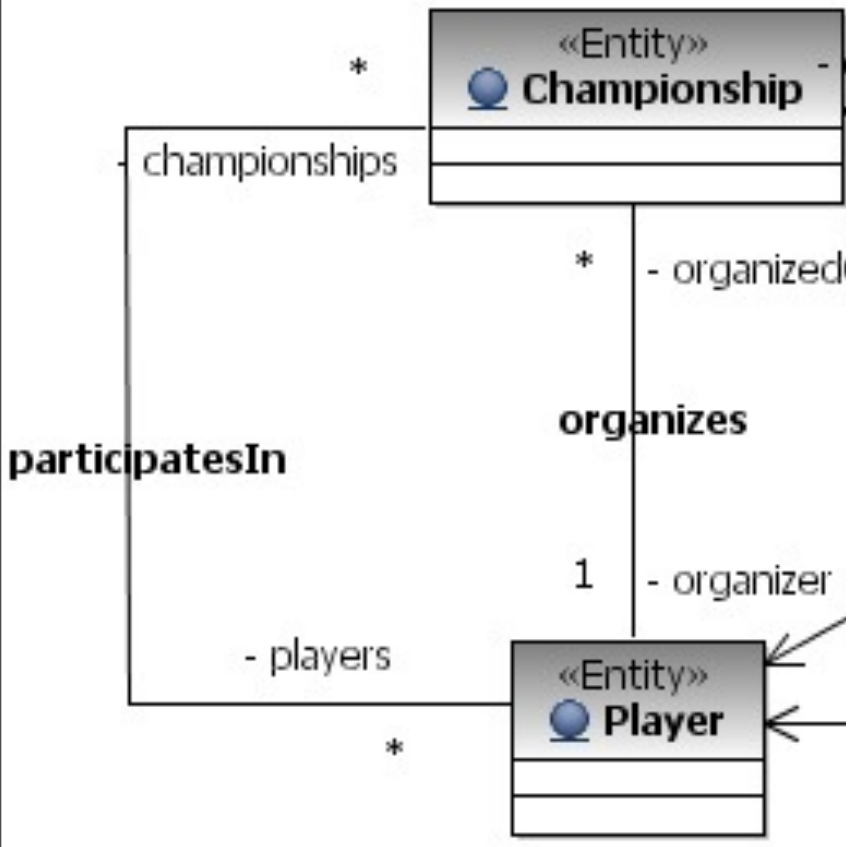

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players.age->sum can only be applied to a collection that contains numbers

An Overview of OCL Constructs

Types and Boole algebra in OCL

- All OCL expressions are typed
  - *OclAny*:
    The type that includes all others. E.g. x, y : *OclAny*
  - x = y
    x and y are the same object.
  - x <> y
    not (x = y).
  - x.oclType
    The type of x.
  - x.isKindOf (T)
    True if T is a supertype (transitive) of the type of x.
  - T.allInstances : Collection
    All the instances of type T.
- Boolean operators:
  - b and b2, b or b2, b xor b2, not b
    If any part of a Boolean expression fully determines the result, then it does not matter if some other parts of that expression have unknown or undefined results.
  - b implies b2
    True if b is false or if b is true and b2 is true.
  - if b then e1 else e2 endif
    If b is true the result is the value of e1; otherwise, the result is the value of e2.

Overview of Collection Valued Terms

- Size:
  - c->size: Integer
    Number of elements in the collection; for a bag or sequence, duplicates are counted as separate items.
  - c->sum: Integer
    Sum of elements in the collection. Elements must be numbers
  - c->count(e): Integer
    The number of times that e is in c.
  - c->isEmpty: Boolean
    Same as (c->size = 0).
  - c->notEmpty: Boolean
    Same as (not c->isEmpty).
- Equality
  - c = c2 : Boolean
- Collection membership
  - c->includes(e): Boolean;
    c->exists (x | x = e).
  - c->excludes(e): Boolean;
    not c->includes(e).
  - c->includesAll(c2): Boolean;
    c includes all the elements in c2.
  - c->including(e): Collection
    The collection that includes all of c as well as e.
  - c->excluding(e): Collection
    The collection that includes all of c except e.

Overview of Collection Valued Terms

- Existential quantifier:
  - c->exists(x | P): Boolean; there is at least one element in c, named x, for which predicate P is true.
  - Equivalent notation is:
    c->exists(P),
    c->exists(x:Type | P(x))
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  - c->forAll(x | P): Boolean; for every element in c, named x, predicate P is true.
  - Equivalent notation is:
    c->forAll(P)
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- Selection:
  - c->select(x | P): Collection
    The collection of elements in c for which P is true.
  - Equivalent is: c->select(P)
- Filtering:
  - c->reject(x | P): Collection
    c->select(x | not P).
  - Equivalent is: c->reject(P)
- Collection:
  - c->collect(x | E) : Bag
    The bag obtained by applying E to each element of c, named x.
  - c.attribute : Collection
    The collection(of type of c) consisting of the attribute of

Sets, Bags, Sequences

Definition:

Set{ 1, 2, 5, 88 }

Set{ 'apple', 'orange', 'strawberry'}

Sequence{ 1, 3, 45, 2, 3 }

Sequence{ 'ape', 'nut' }

Bag{1, 3, 4, 3, 5 }

Sequence{ 1..(5+4) } =

Sequence{ 1.. 9 } =

Sequence{ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 }

Set{ Set{1, 2}, Set{3, 4} }

= Set{ 1, 2, 3, 4} (flattening)

Traditional operations are defined (union, intersection, etc.)

- Conversion from Collection:
  - c->asSet: Set
    A set corresponding to the collection (duplicates are dropped, sequencing is lost).
  - c->asSequence: Sequence
    A sequence corresponding to the collection.
  - c->asBag: Bag
    A bag corresponding to the collection.
- Comments:
  - --

Expressing Pre- and Postconditions of Operations

OCL Constraints of Operations

- Precondition: a condition that should hold before executing the operation
  - denoted by `pre:`
- Postcondition: a condition that should hold after executing the operation
  - denoted by `post:`

Constraints of Enter Championship

- Signature

  void enterChampionship(
  Championship aChamp,
  Player aPlayer)

- Precondition
  - **aPlayer** is not yet a participant
  - **aChamp** is announced
- Postcondition
  - **aPlayer** becomes a participant

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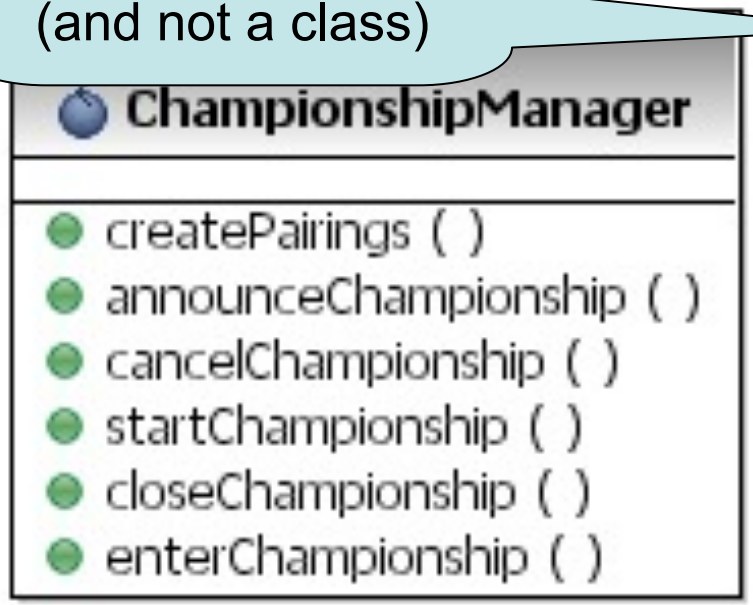


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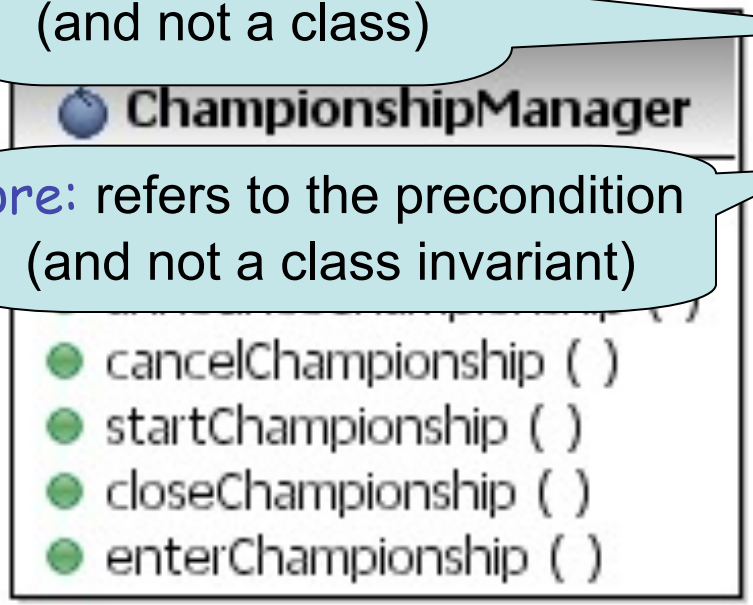


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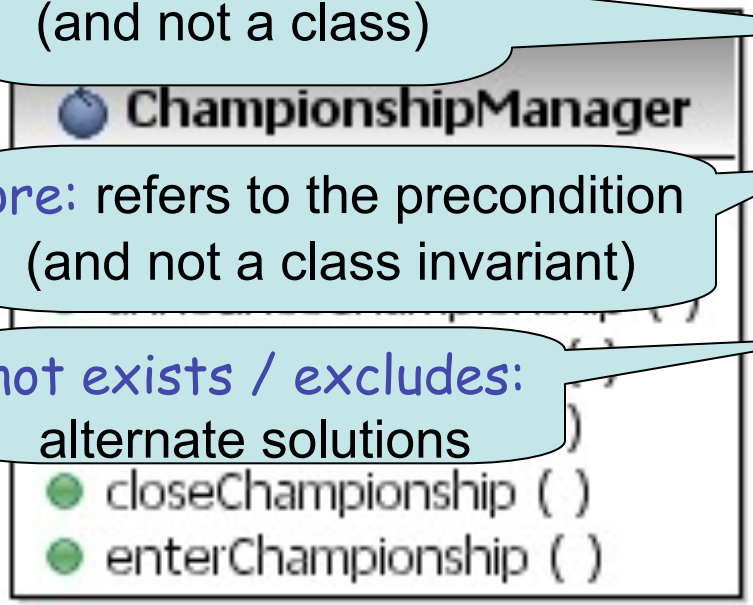


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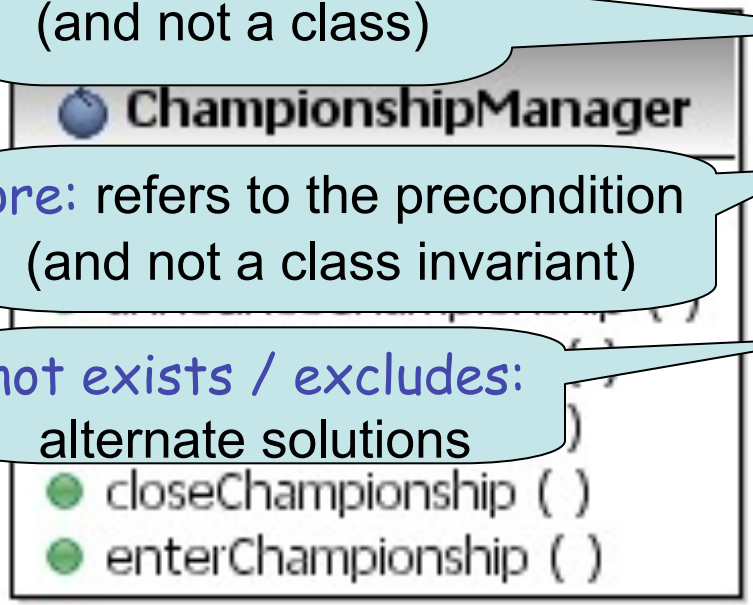


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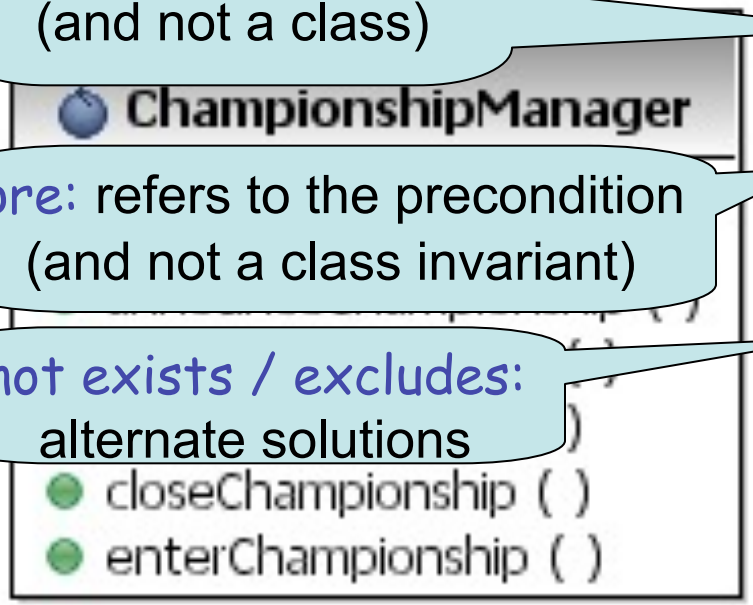


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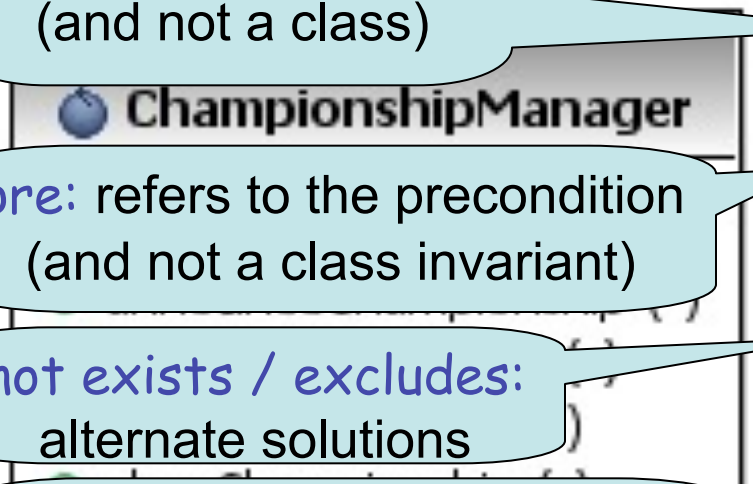

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Constraints of Announce Championship

- Signature

  Championship announceChampionship(
  String aName,
  Player anOrganizer,
  Integer aMinParticipant,
  Integer aMaxParticipant)

- Precondition:
  - Min and max values are between bounds
  - Organizer does not have active champs
- Postcondition:
  - The collection of championship instances includes a new one with

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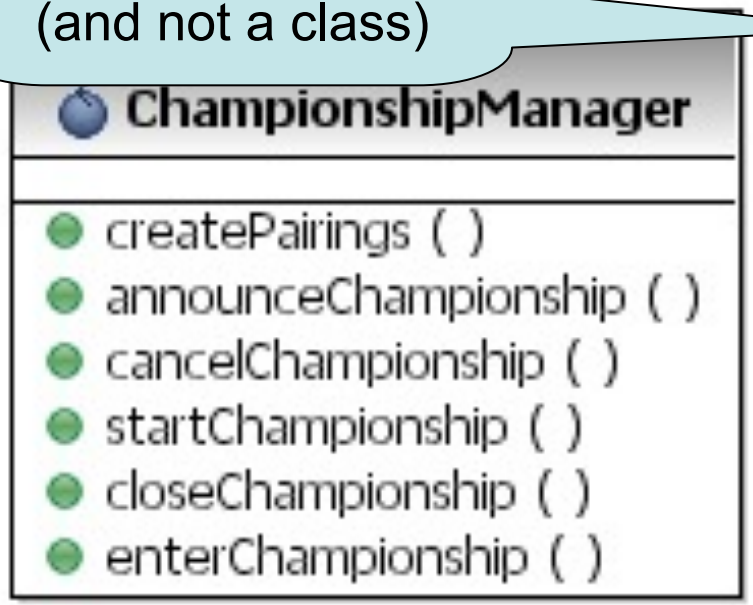


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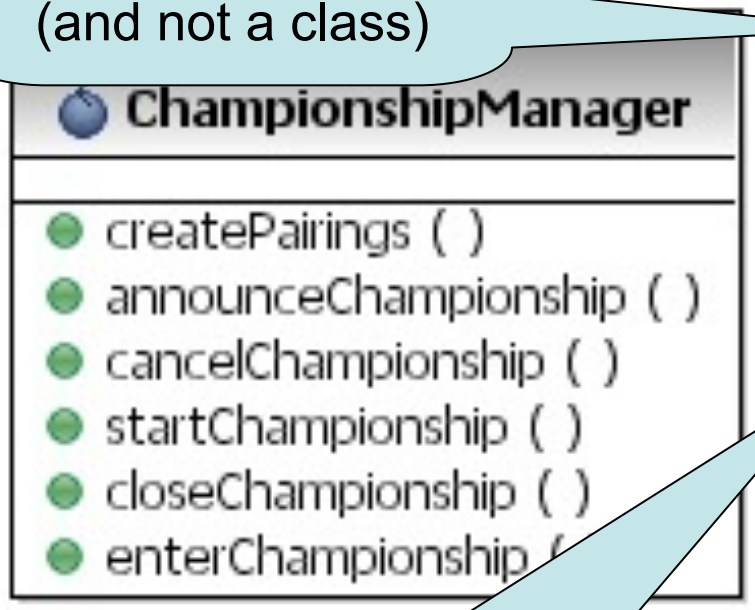

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pre:
    (aMinParticipant >= 0 and
     aMaxParticipant > 0 and
     aMinParticipant <= aMaxParticipant)
    and
    anOrganizer.organized->forall( c |
    c.status = ChS::cancelled or
    c.status = ChS::closed)
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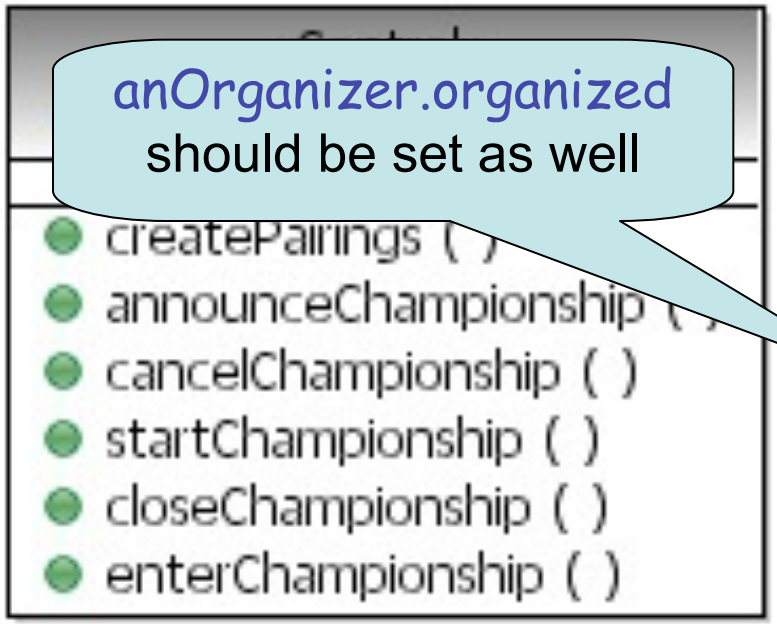


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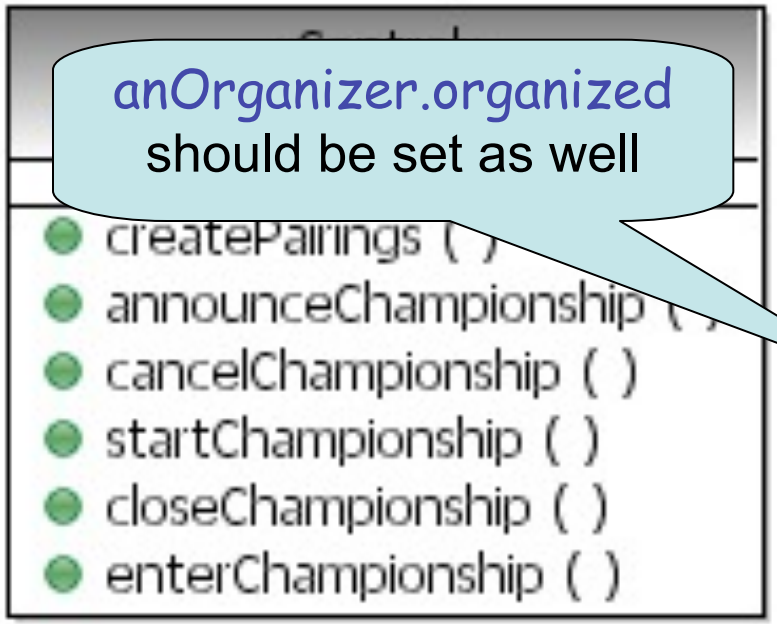


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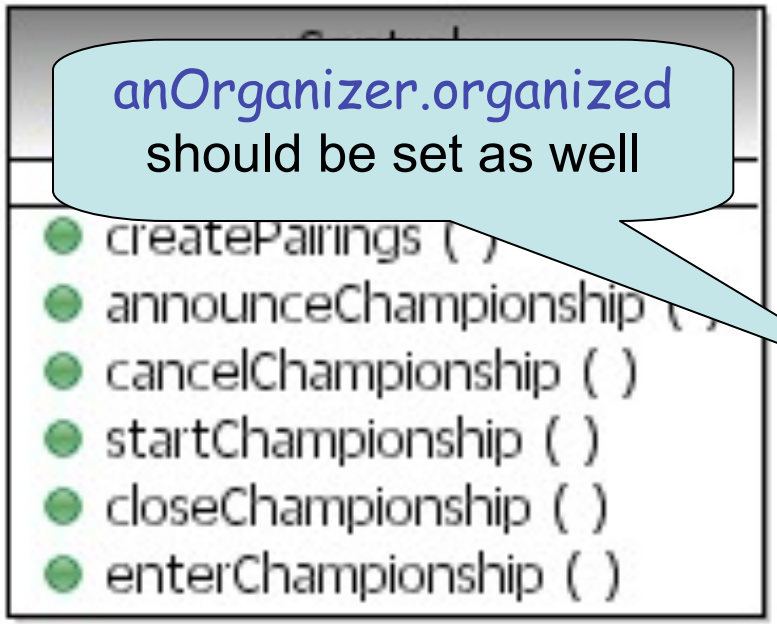


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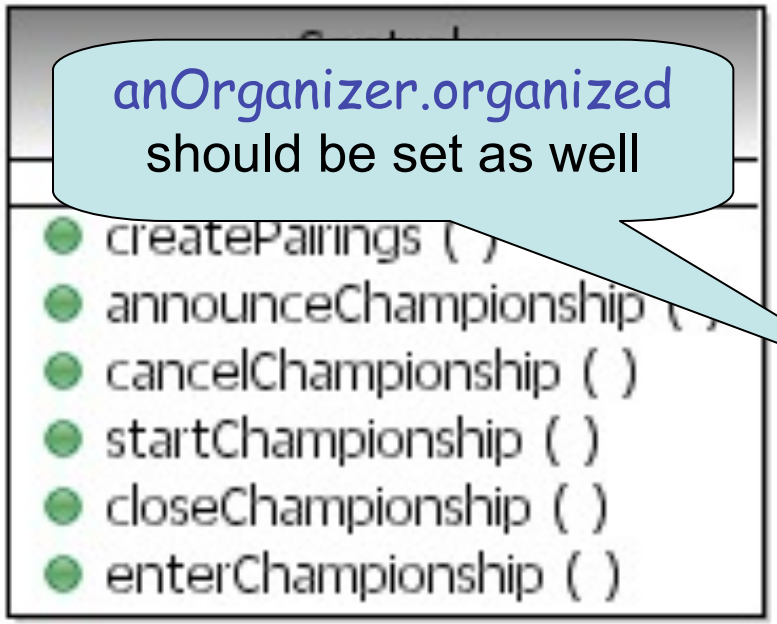

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G (started -> F (not(cancel)))

Next Lecture: Architecture Modeling

- How to integrate existing components?
- Typical architectures of web applications

Questions

- Can a single object act as a set?
  - E.g. c.organizer.size
- Referring to constraints
- Return values?
- If sg is not changed by an operation, should we state it explicitly?