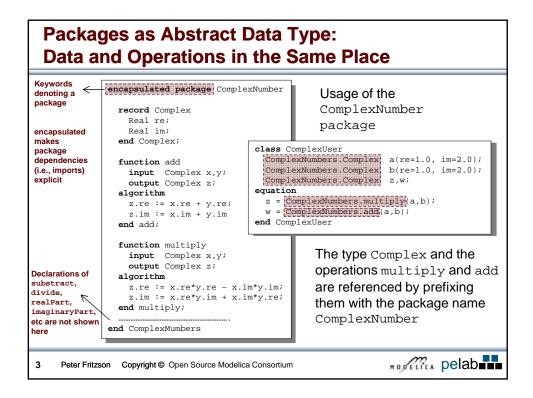
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Packages for Avoiding Name Collisions

- Modelica provide a safe and systematic way of avoiding name collisions through the package concept
- A package is simply a container or name space for names of classes, functions, constants and other allowed definitions



Accessing Definitions in Packages

· Access reference by prefixing the package name to definition names

```
class ComplexUser
    ComplexNumbers.Complex | a(re=1.0, im=2.0);
    ComplexNumbers.Complex b(re=1.0, im=2.0);
    ComplexNumbers.Complex z,w;
    equation
    z = ComplexNumbers.multiply(a,b);
    w = ComplexNumbers.add(a,b);
end ComplexUser
```

• Shorter access names (e.g. Complex, multiply) can be used if definitions are first imported from a package (see next page).

Importing Definitions from Packages

The four forms of import are exemplified below assuming that we want to access the addition operation (add) of the package Modelica.Math.ComplexNumbers

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Qualified Import

The *qualified import* statement import < packagename > ;

imports all definitions in a package, which subsequently can be referred to by (usually shorter) names

simplepackagename.definitionname, where the simple package name is the packagename without its prefix.

```
encapsulated package ComplexUser1

Import Modelica Math ComplexNumbers;
class User

ComplexNumbers.Complex a(x=1.0, y=2.0);
ComplexNumbers.Complex b(x=1.0, y=2.0);
ComplexNumbers.Complex z,w;
equation

z = ComplexNumbers.multiply(a,b);
w = complexNumbers add(a,b);
end User;
end ComplexUser1;
```

This is the most common form of import that eliminates the risk for name collisions when importing from several packages



Single Definition Import

The single definition import of the form

import <packagename>.<definitionname>;

allows us to import a single specific definition (a constant or class but not a subpackage) from a package and use that definition referred to by its <code>definitionname</code> without the package prefix

There is no risk for name collision as long as we do not try to import two definitions with the same short name

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Unqualified Import

import packagename.*;

The unqualified import statement of the form

imports all definitions from the package using their short names without qualification prefixes.

Danger: Can give rise to name collisions if imported package is changed.

class ComplexUser3
 import ComplexNumbers *;
 Complex a(x=1.0, y=2.0);
 Complex b(x=1.0, y=2.0);
 Complex z,w;
 equation
 z = multiply(a,b);
 w = add(a,b);
 end ComplexUser3;

This example also shows direct import into a class instead of into an enclosing package

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Renaming Import

Renaming import < import <shortpackagename> = <packagename>

The renaming import statement of the form:

import <shortpackagename> = <packagename>;
imports a package and renames it locally to shortpackagename.
One can refer to imported definitions using shortpackagename as a presumably shorter package prefix.

```
class ComplexUser4
import Co = ComplexNumbers;
Co.Complex a(x=1.0, y=2.0);
Co.Complex b(x=1.0, y=2.0);
Co.Complex z,w;
equation
z = Co.multiply(a,b);
w = Co.add(a,b);
end ComplexUser4;
```

This is as safe as qualified import but gives more concise code

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Package and Library Structuring

A well-designed package structure is one of the most important aspects that influences the complexity, understandability, and maintainability of large software systems. There are many factors to consider when designing a package, e.g.:

- The name of the package.
- · Structuring of the package into subpackages.
- Reusability and encapsulation of the package.
- Dependencies on other packages.

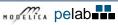


Subpackages and Hierarchical Libraries

The main use for Modelica packages and subpackages is to structure hierarchical model libraries, of which the standard Modelica library is a good example.

```
encapsulated package Modelica // Modelica
encapsulated package Mechanics // Modelica.Mechanics.Rotational
model Inertia // Modelica.Mechanics.Rotational.Inertia
...
end Inertia;
model Torque // Modelica.Mechanics.Rotational.Torque
...
end Torque;
...
end Rotational;
...
end Mechanics;
...
end Mechanics;
...
end Modelica;
```

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Ecapsulated Packages and Classes

An encapsulated package or class *prevents* direct reference to public definitions *outside* itself, but as usual allows access to public subpackages and classes inside itself.

- Dependencies on other packages become explicit
 more readable and understandable models!
- Used packages from outside must be imported.



