

Eclipse Modelling Framework : Basic OCL and Testing

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Object Constraint Language

- *Side-effect free* constraint specification language
- Concrete Textual Syntax : “.ocl” file
- Specification of constraints in an ECore model.
- ECore + OCL = Declarative specification of Modelling Language

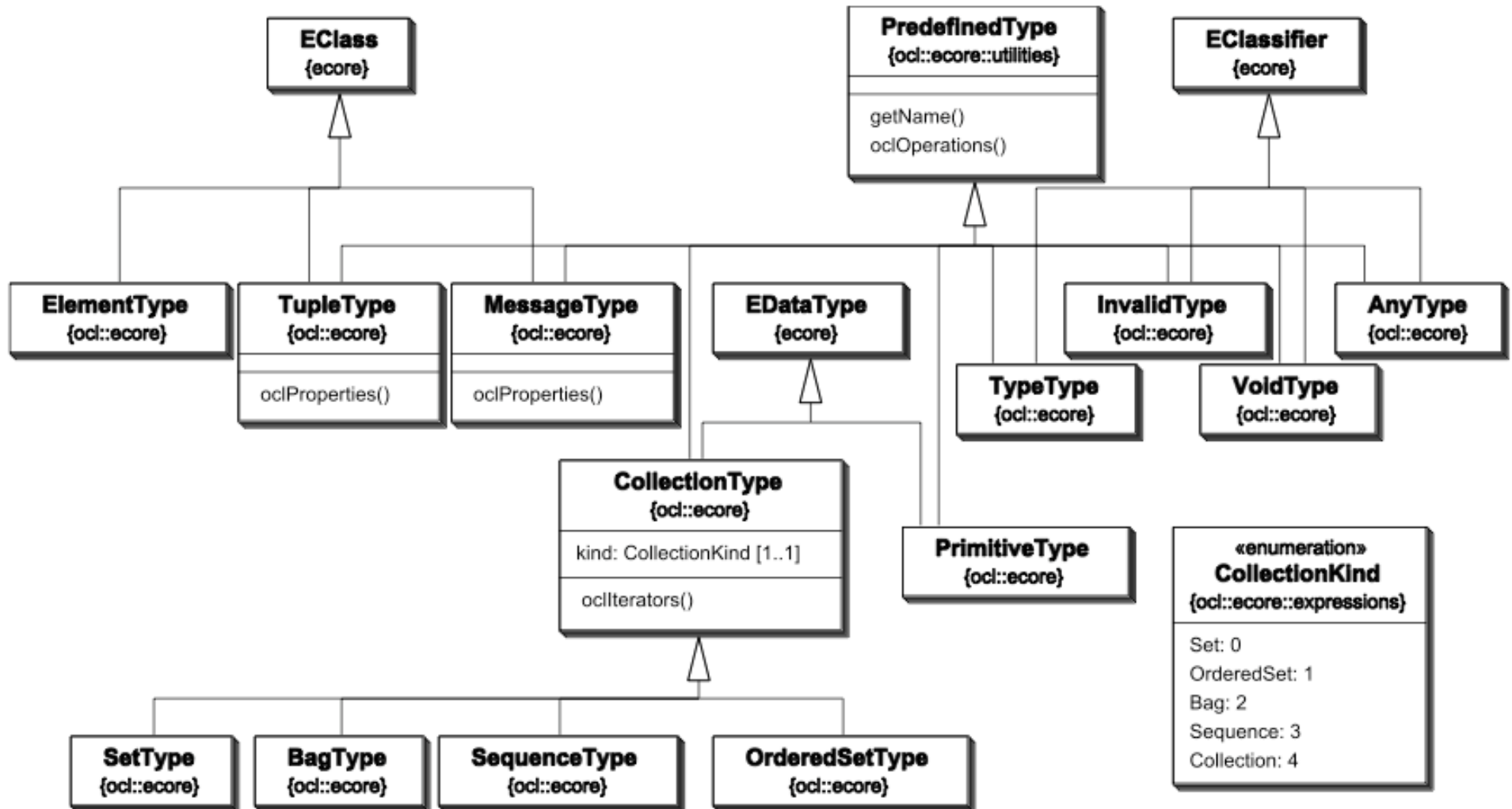
What can Basic OCL (for ECore2Alloy) do?

- As a query language
- To specify invariants on classes and types in the class model
- To specify type invariant for Stereotypes
- To describe pre- and post conditions on Operations and Methods
- To describe Guards
- To specify target (sets) for messages and actions
- To specify constraints on operations
- To specify derivation rules for attributes for any expression over a UML model

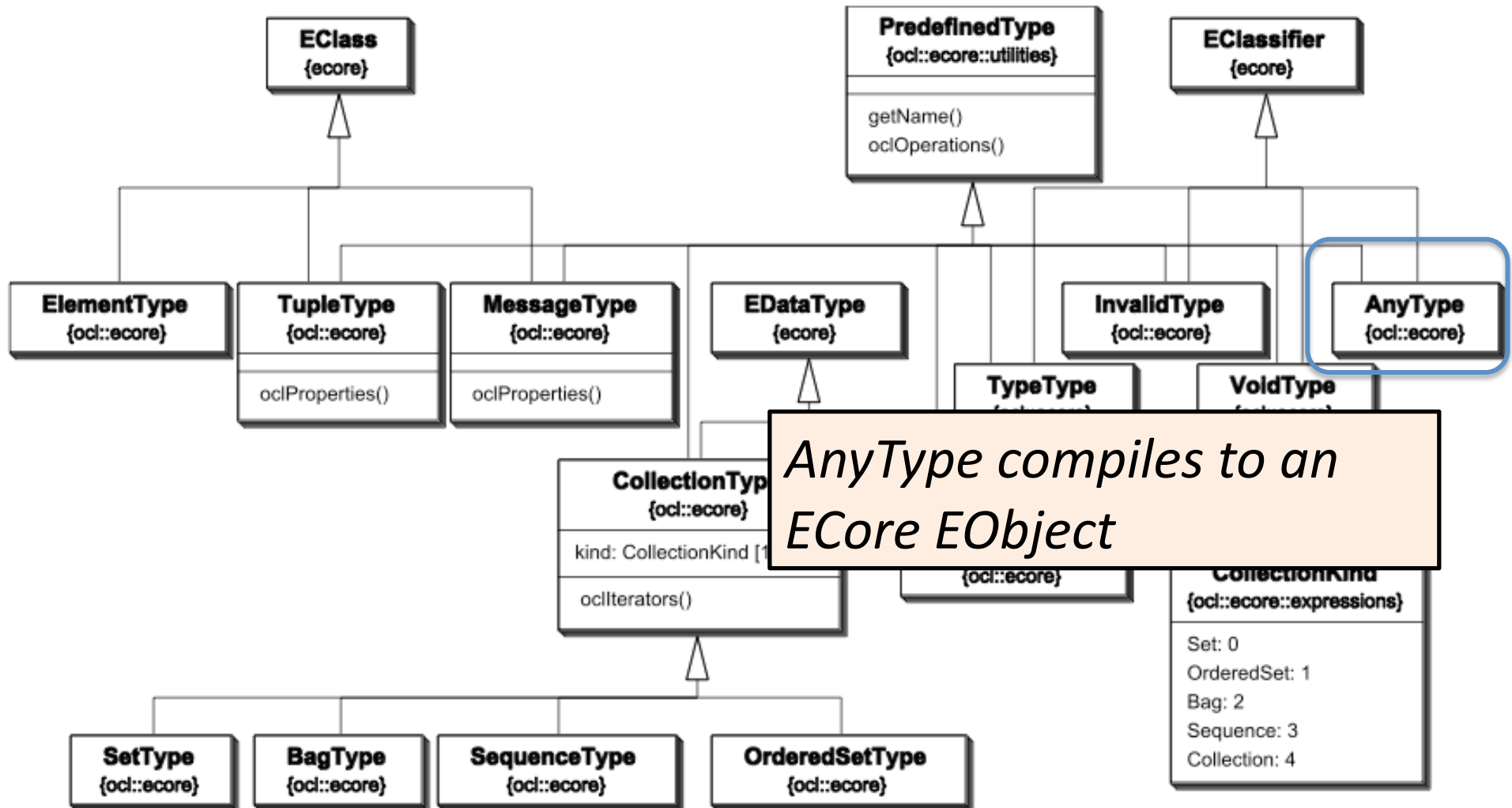
Outline

- Basic/Essential OCL Types
- Basic/Essential OCL Expressions
- OCL Standard Library : Primitive Types
- OCL Standard Library : Collection Types
- OCL Standard Library: Operations
- *Test OCL Expressions*

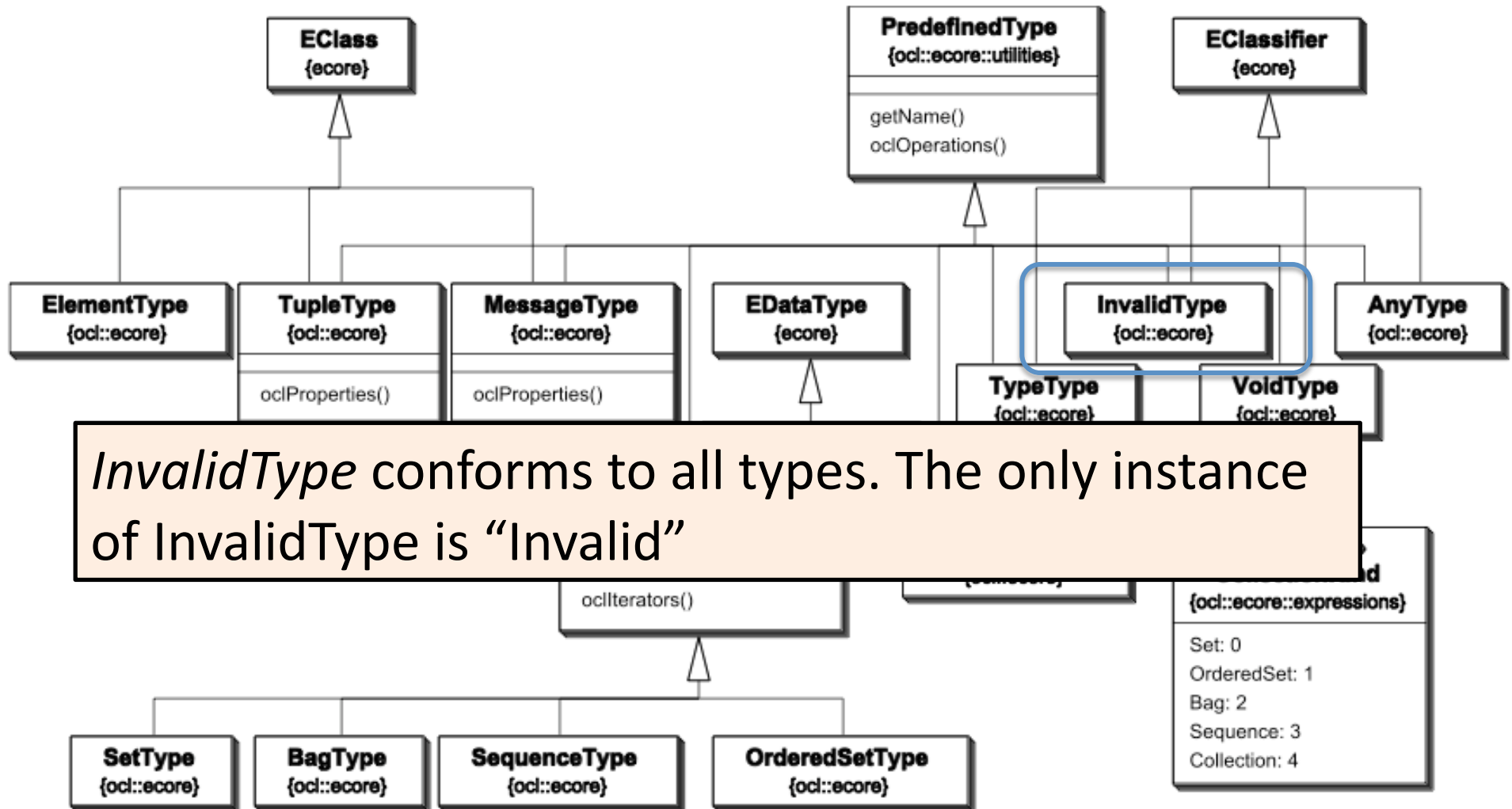
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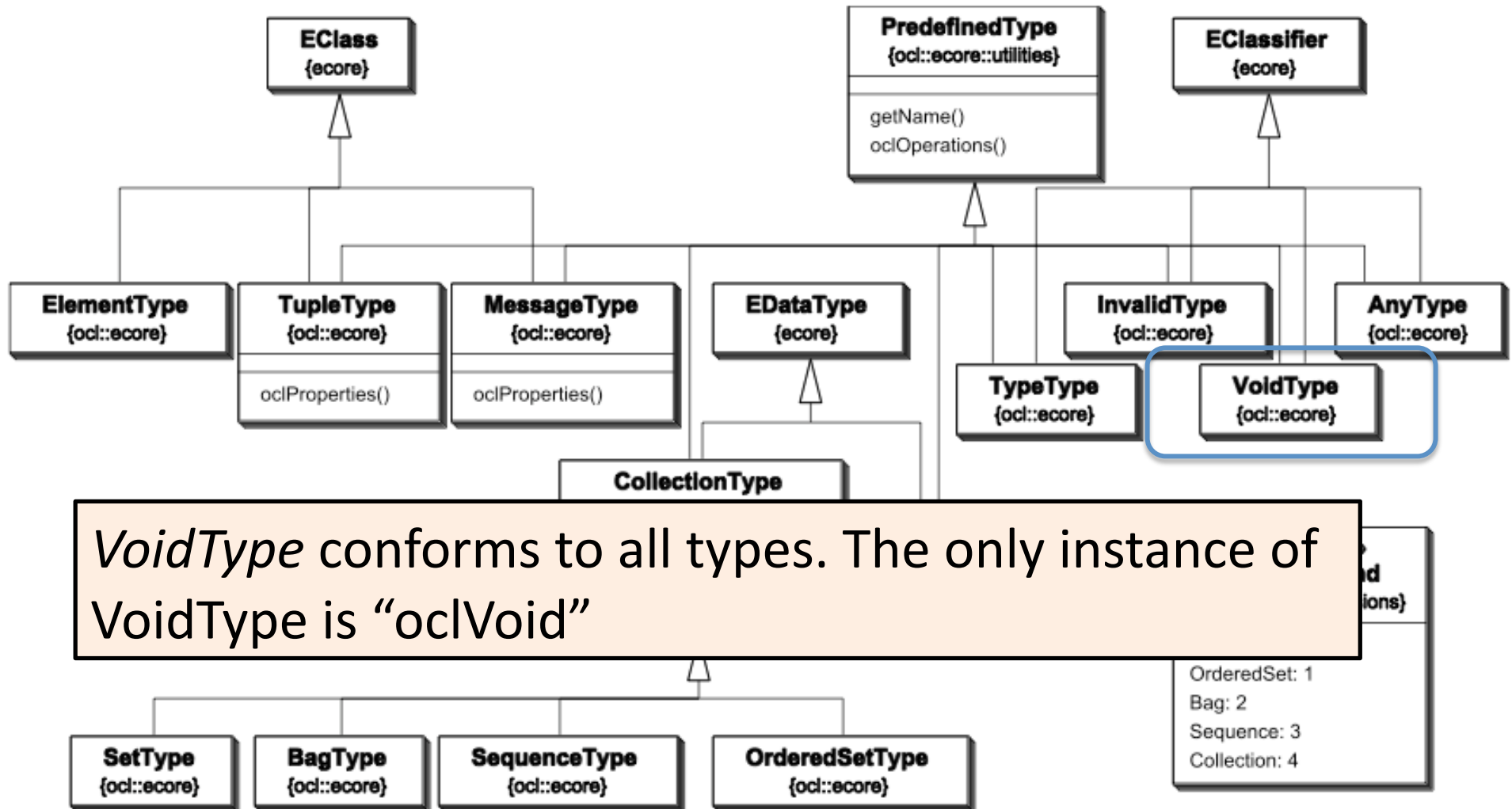
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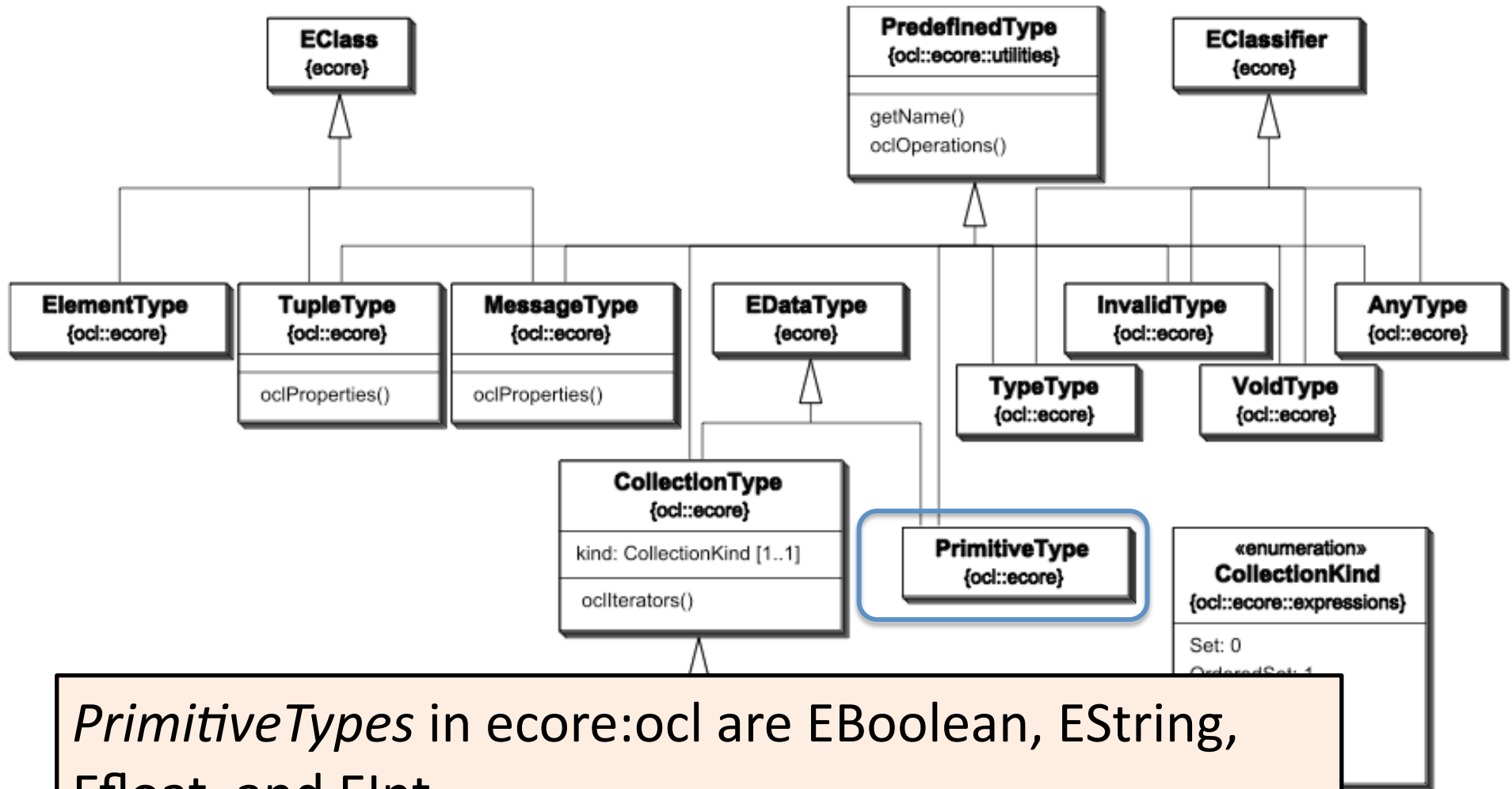
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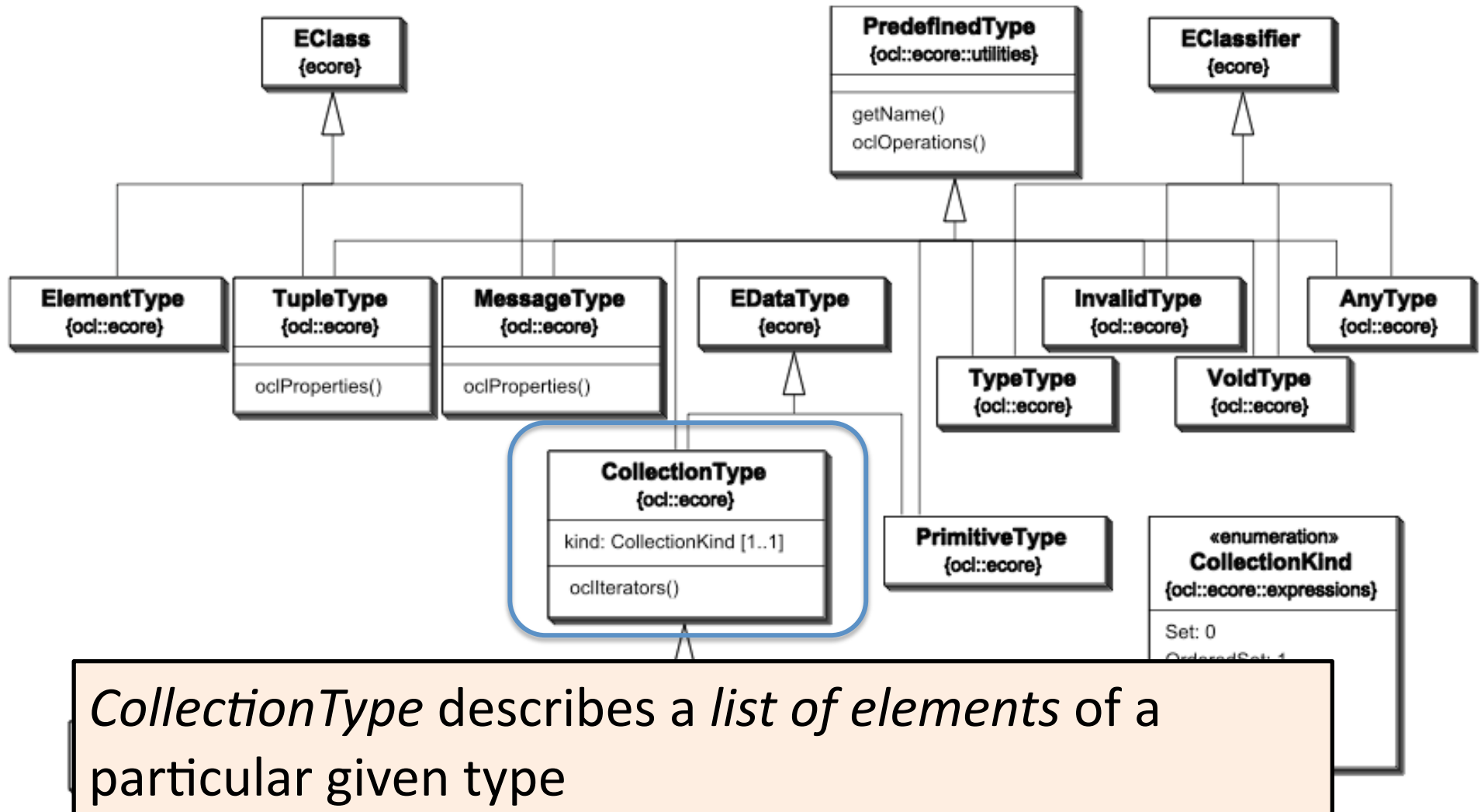


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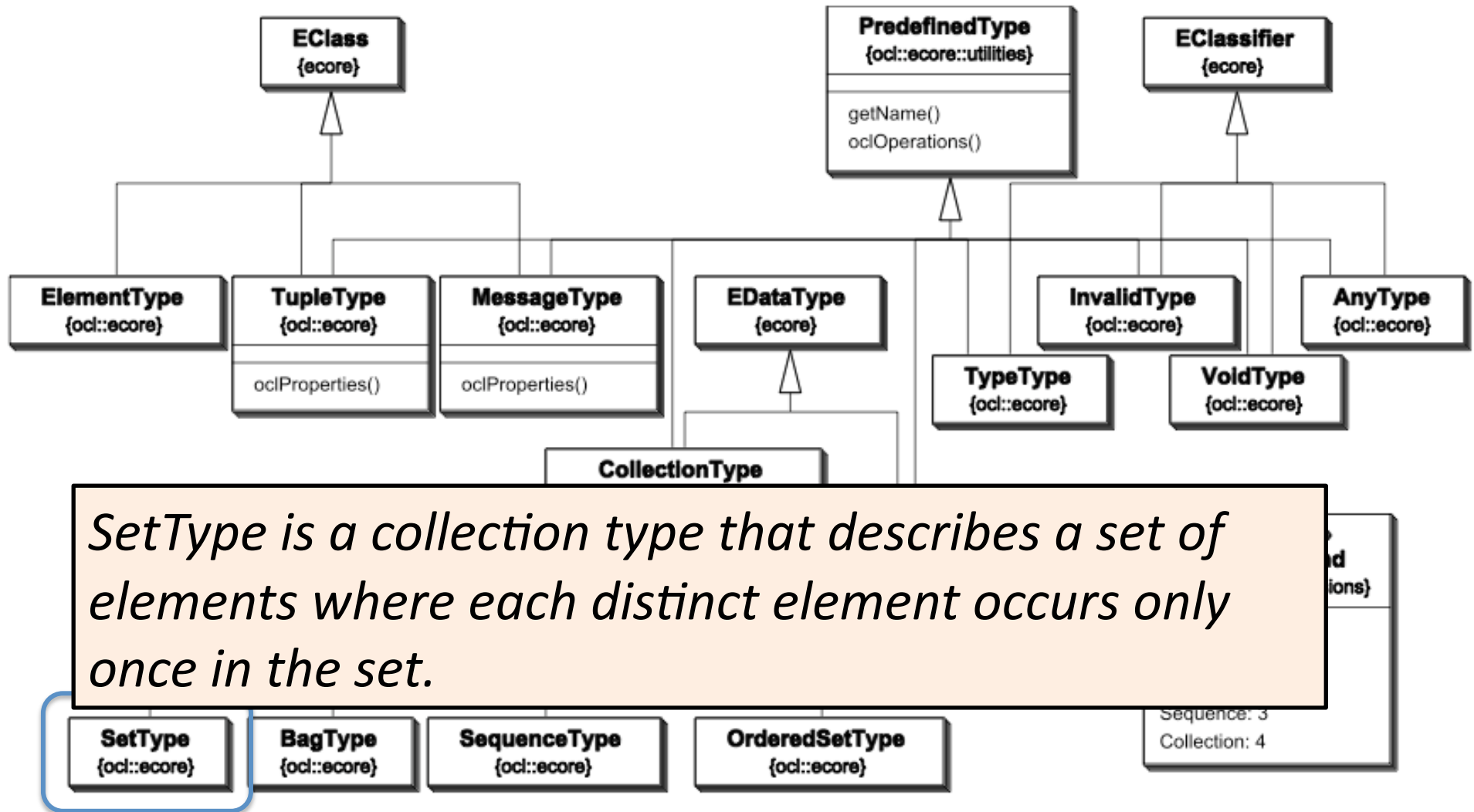


PrimitiveTypes in `ecore:ocl` are `EBoolean`, `EString`, `Efloat`, and `EInt`

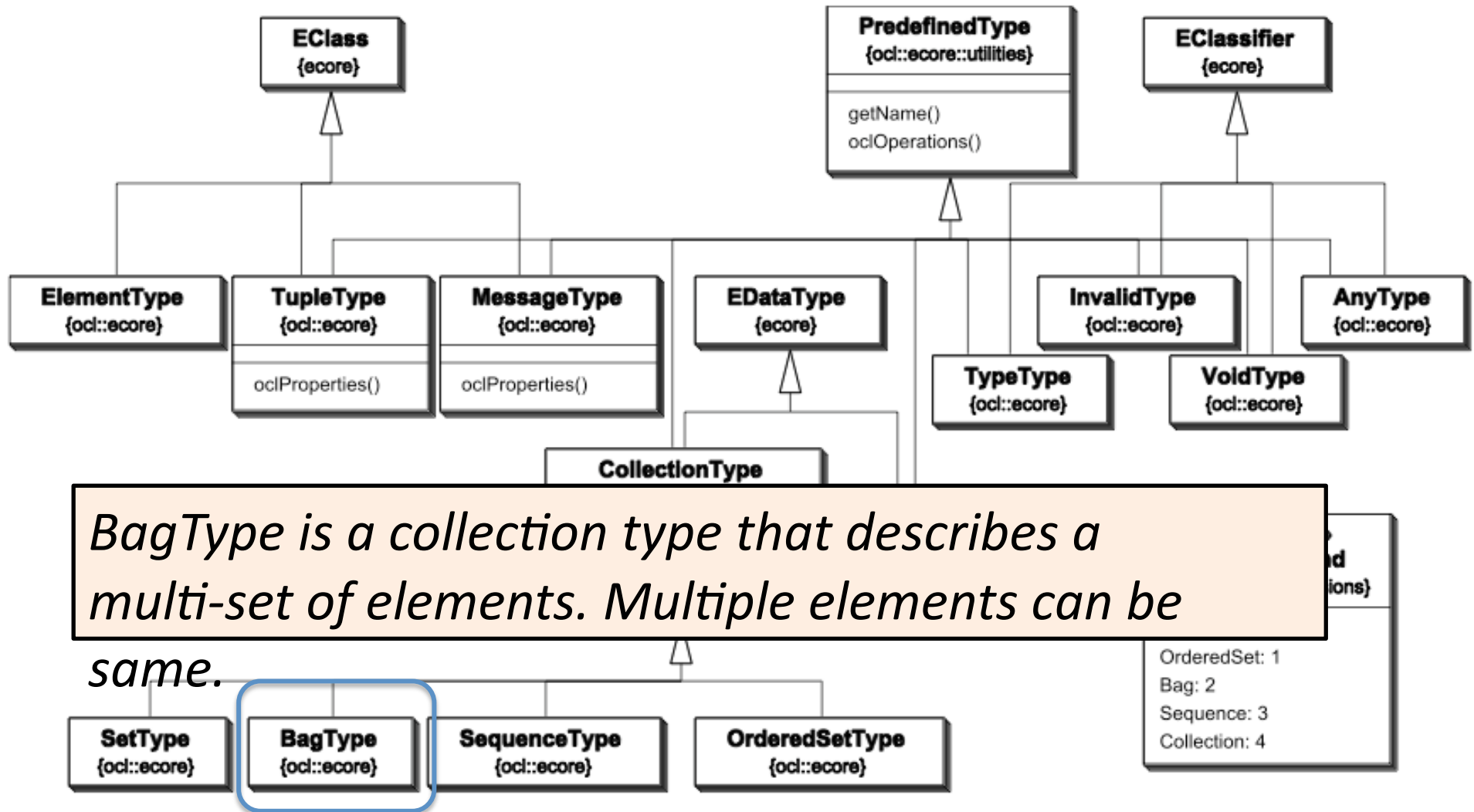
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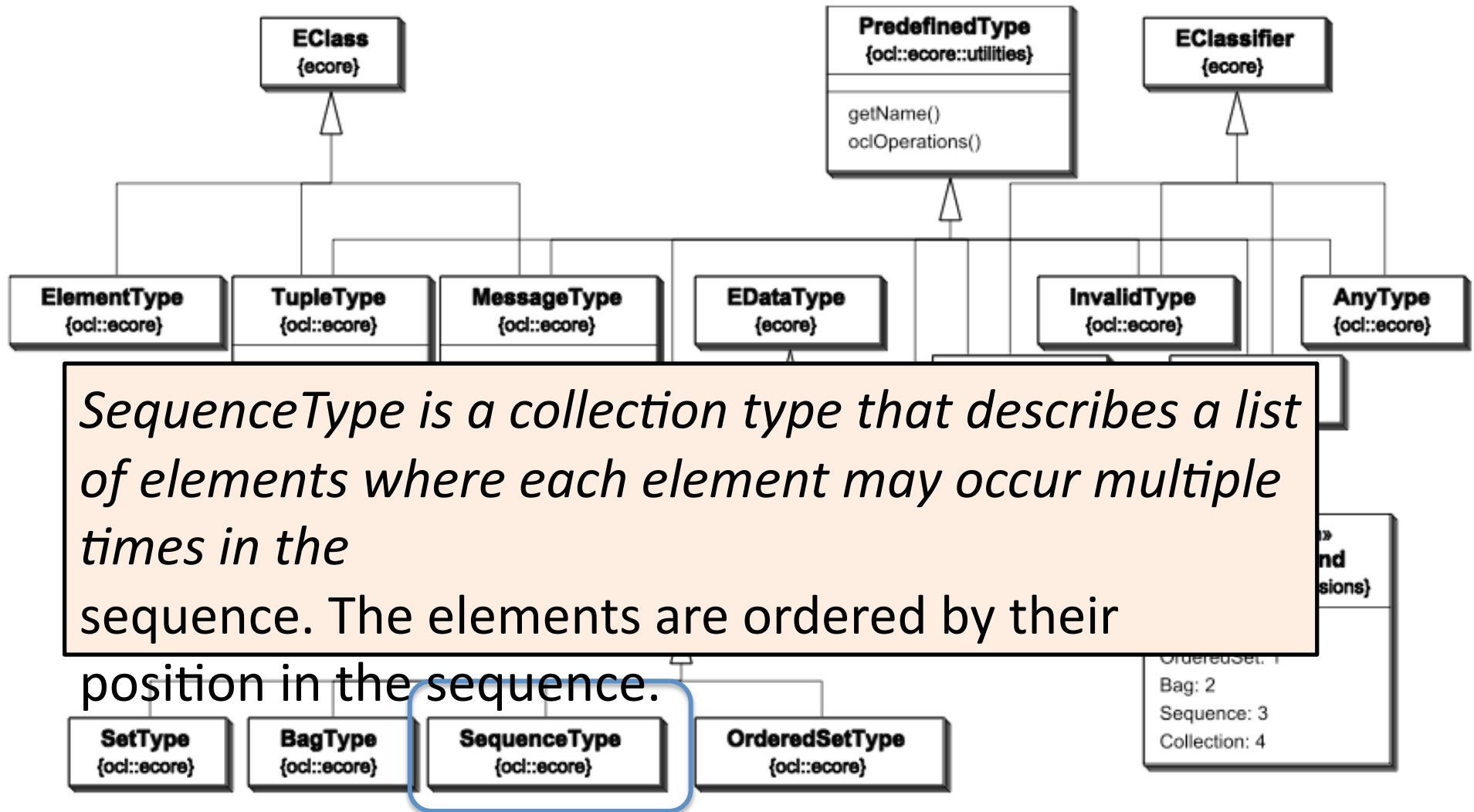
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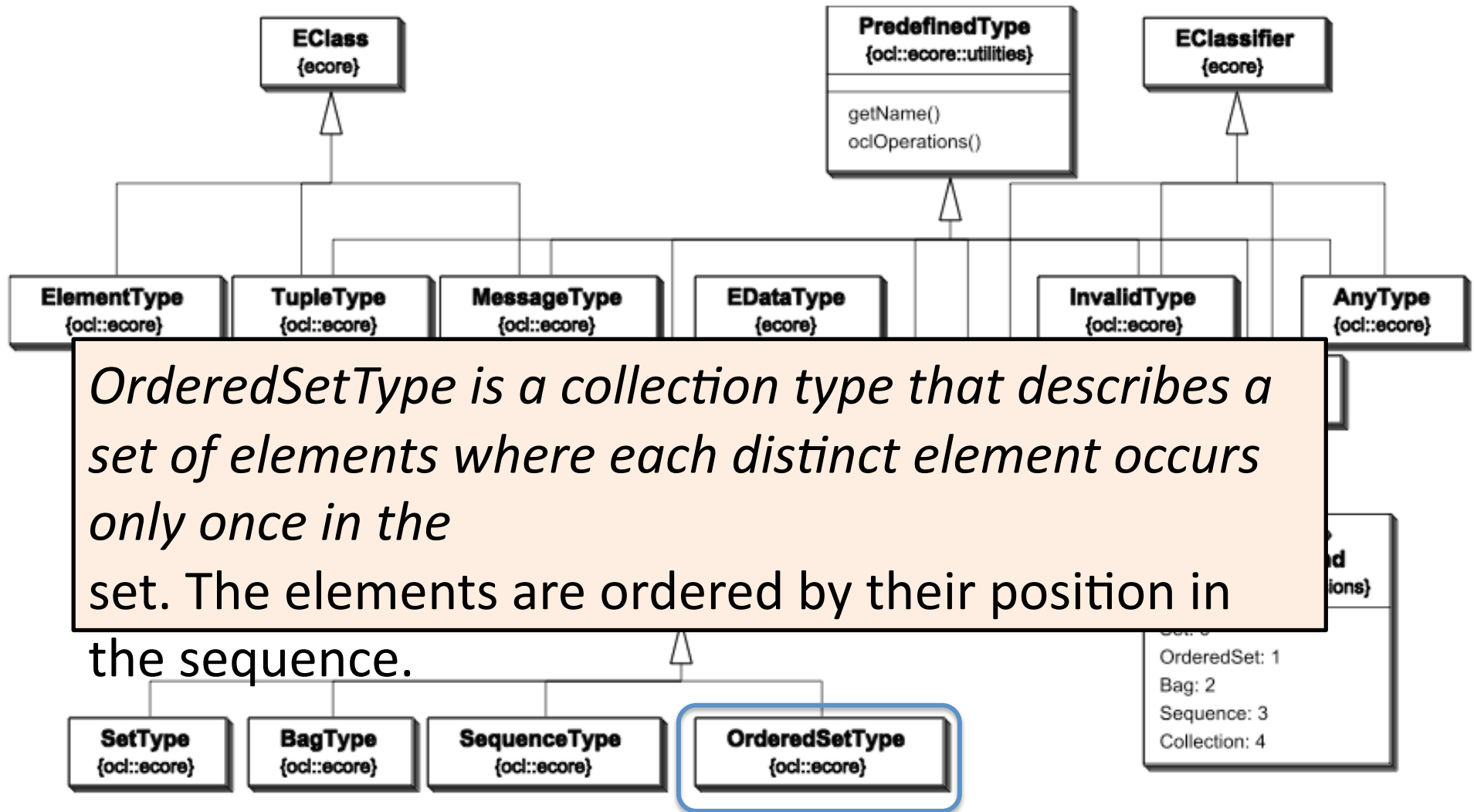
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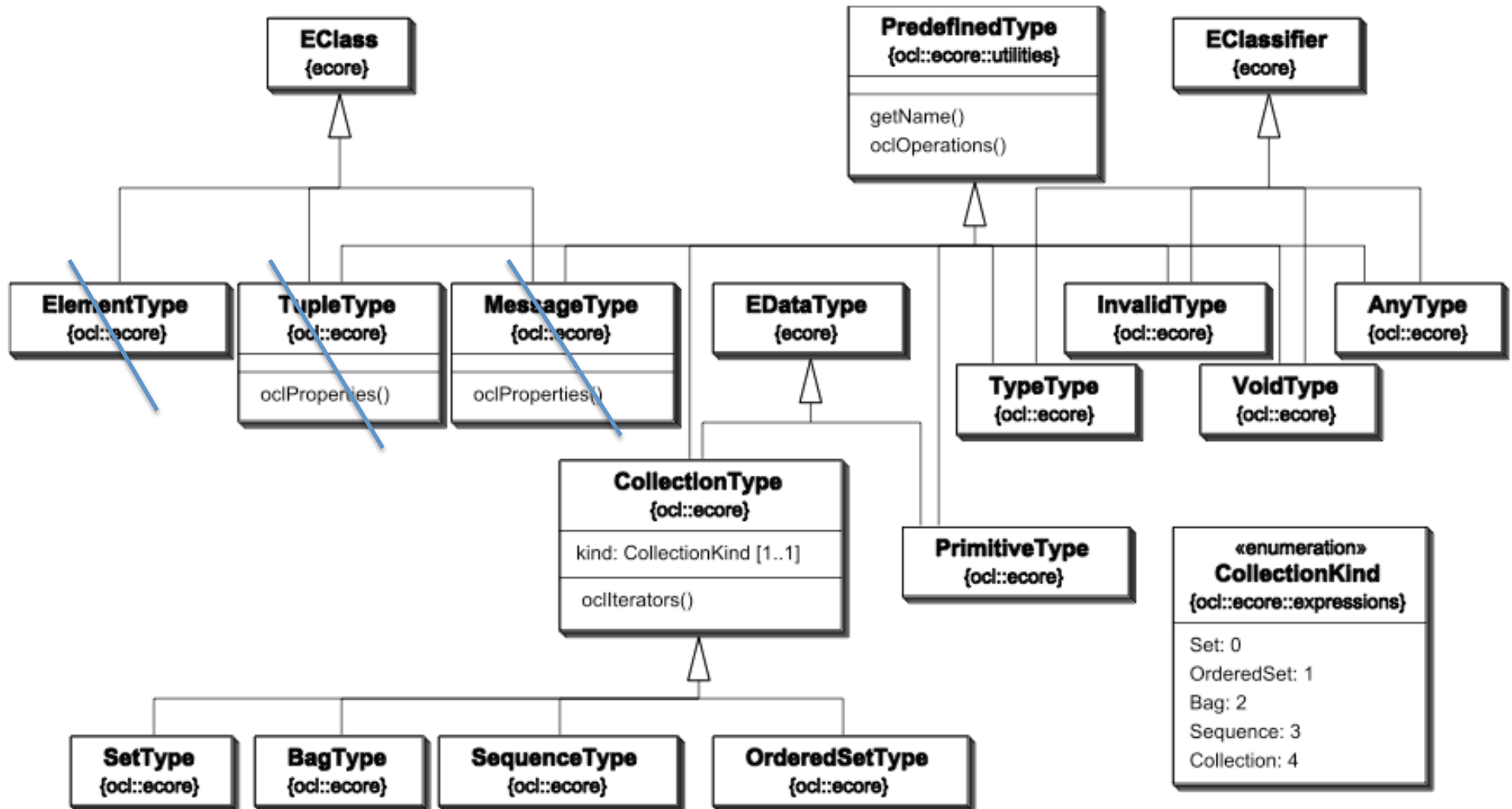
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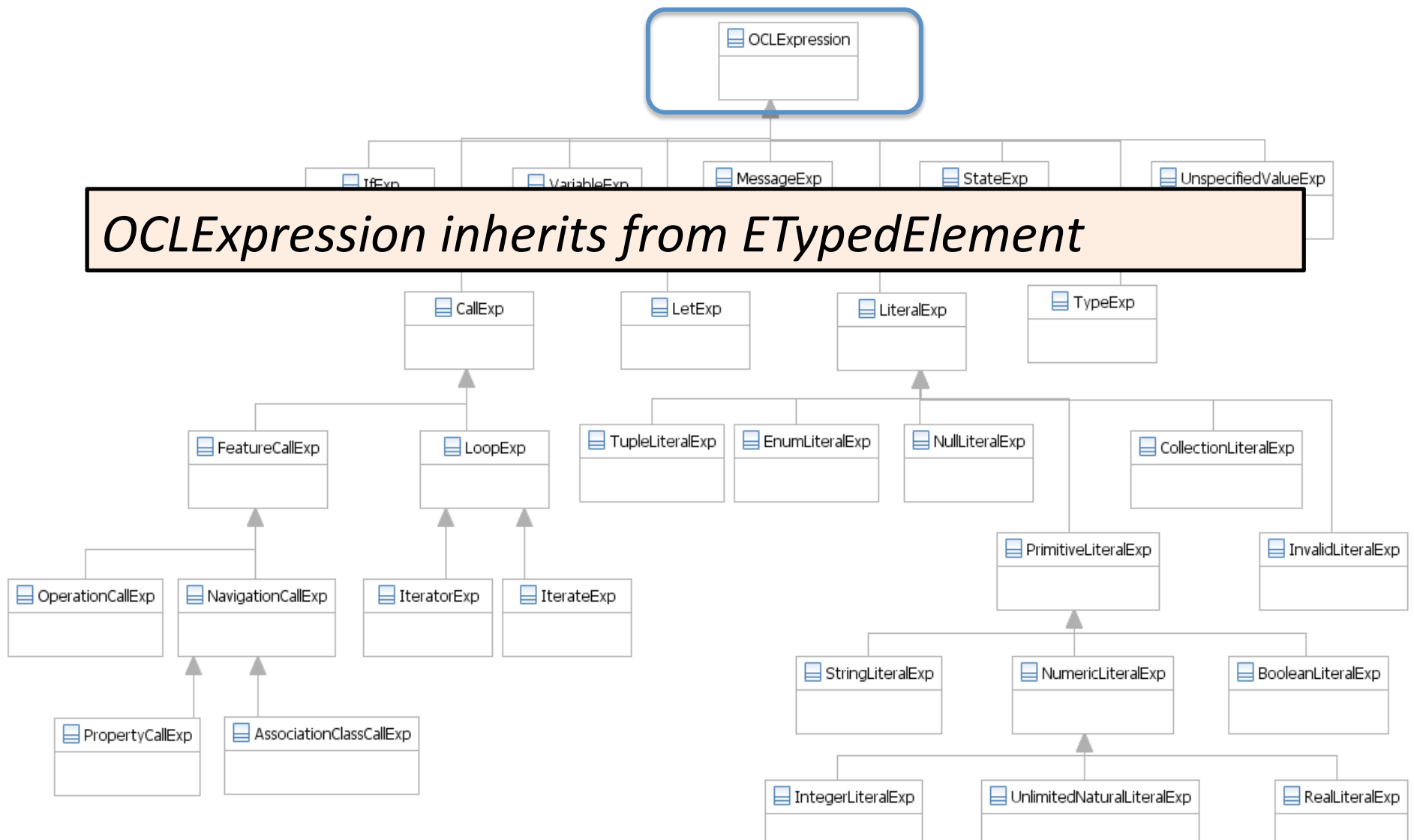
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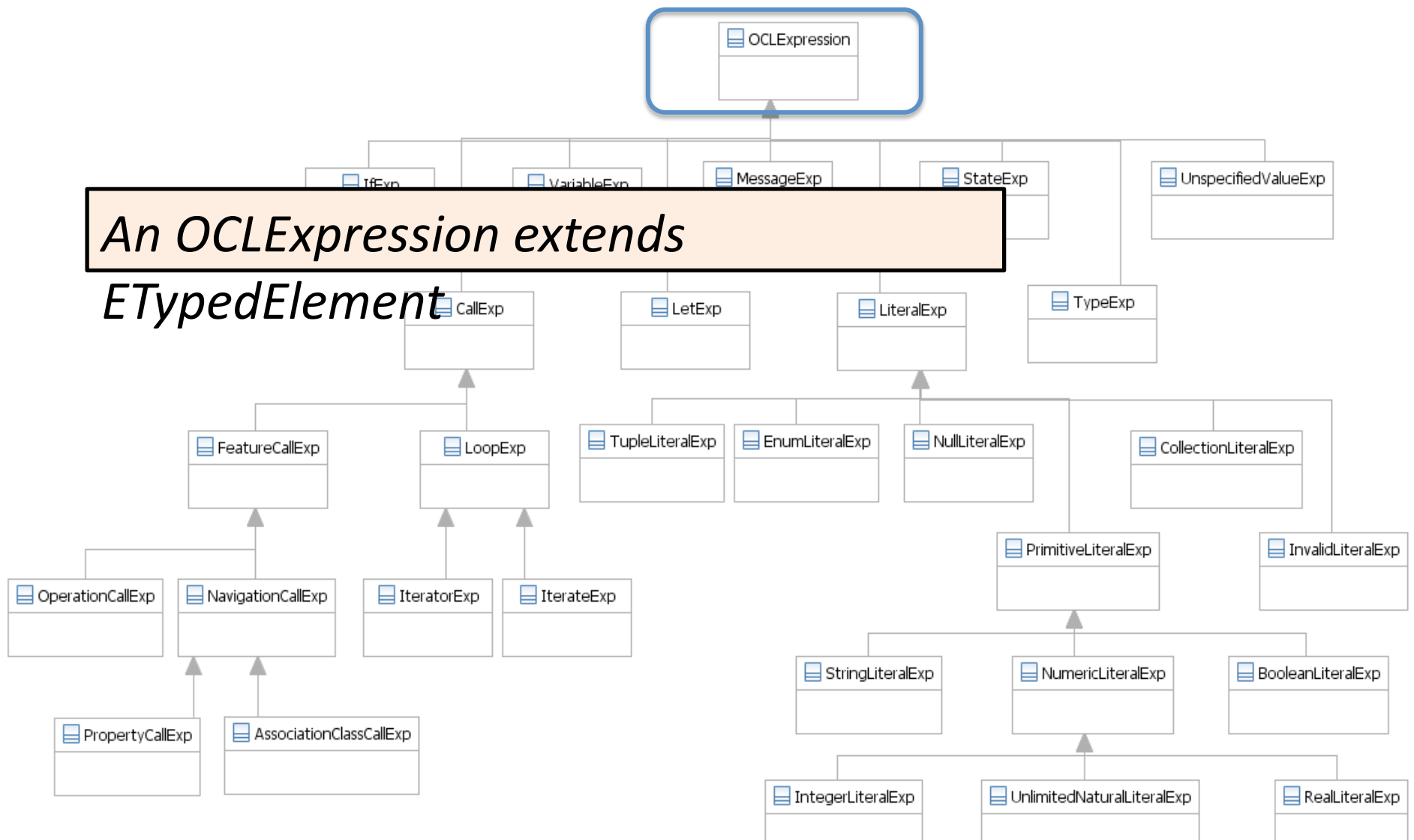
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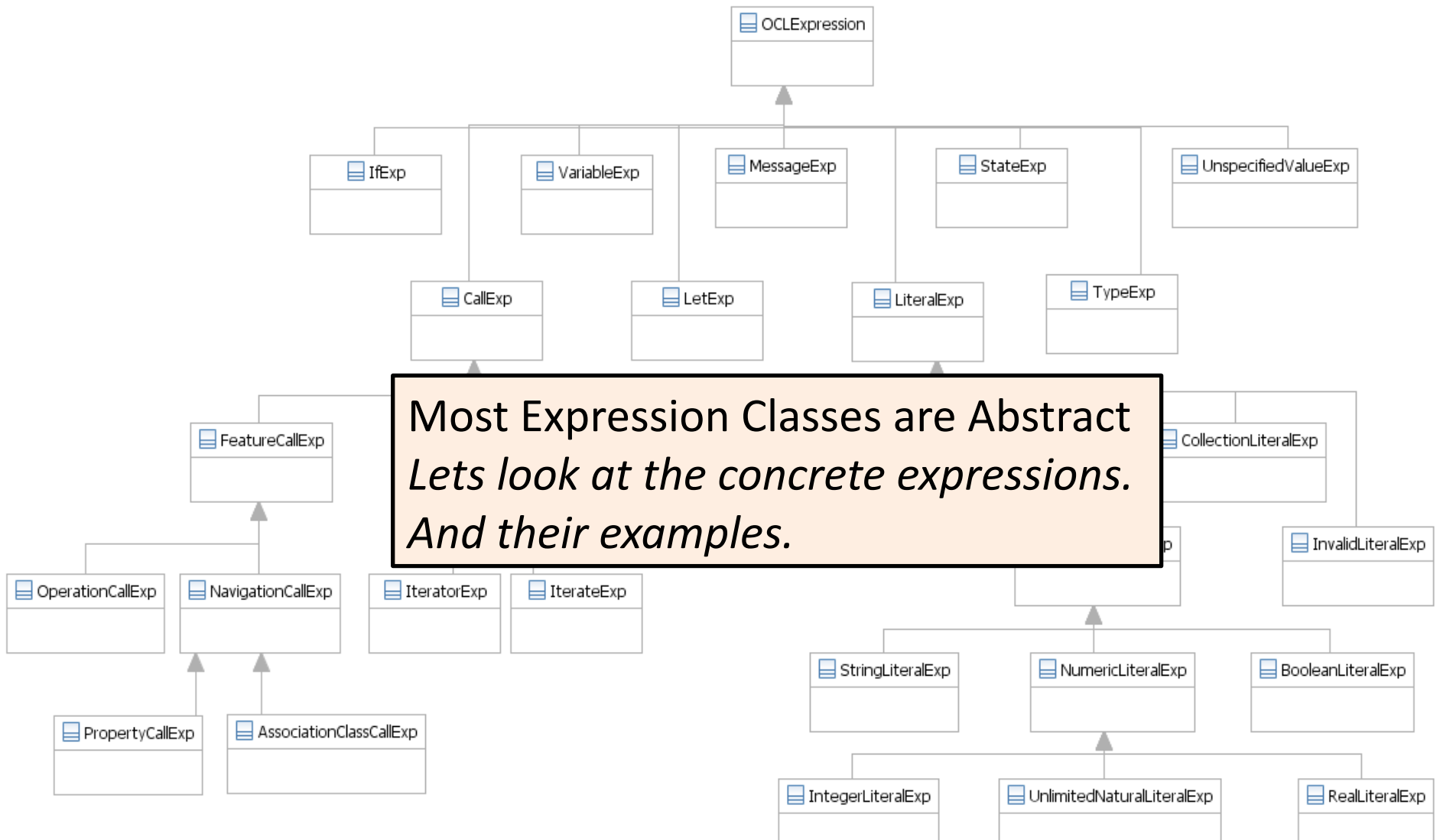
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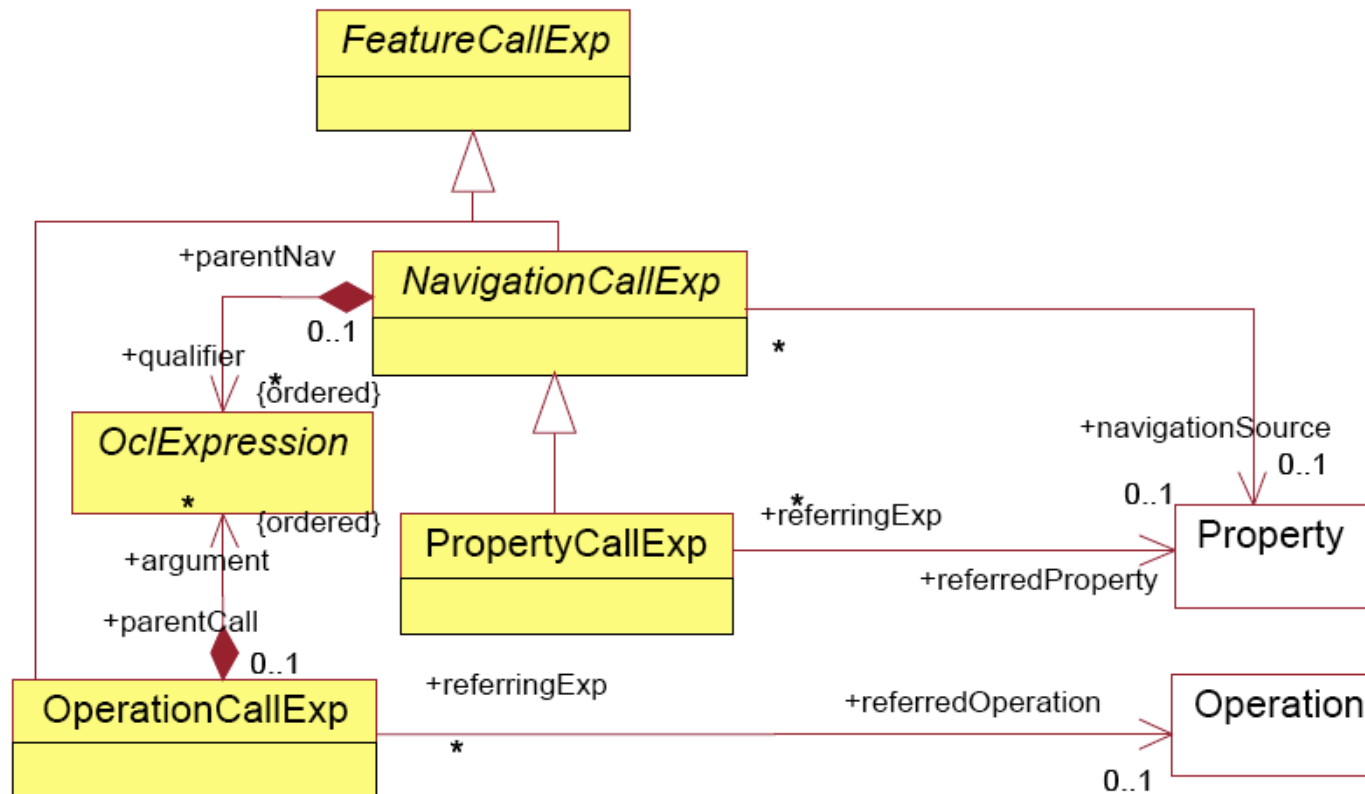
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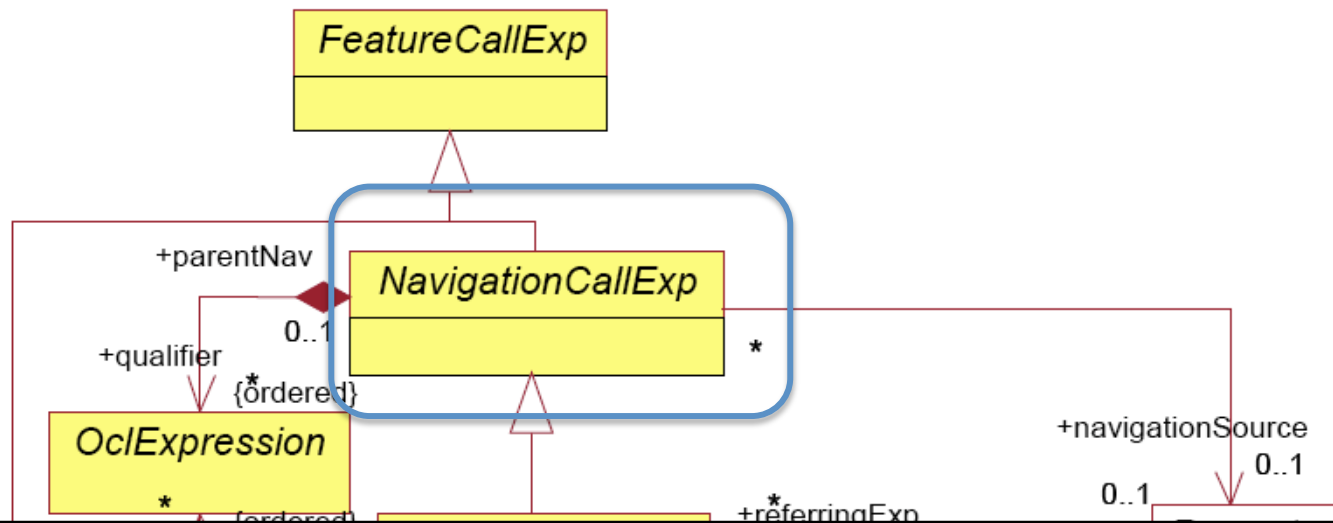
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Lets look at Feature Call Expressions. We are interested in

1. *Navigation Call Expressions*
2. *Property Call Expressions*
3. *Operation Call Expressions*

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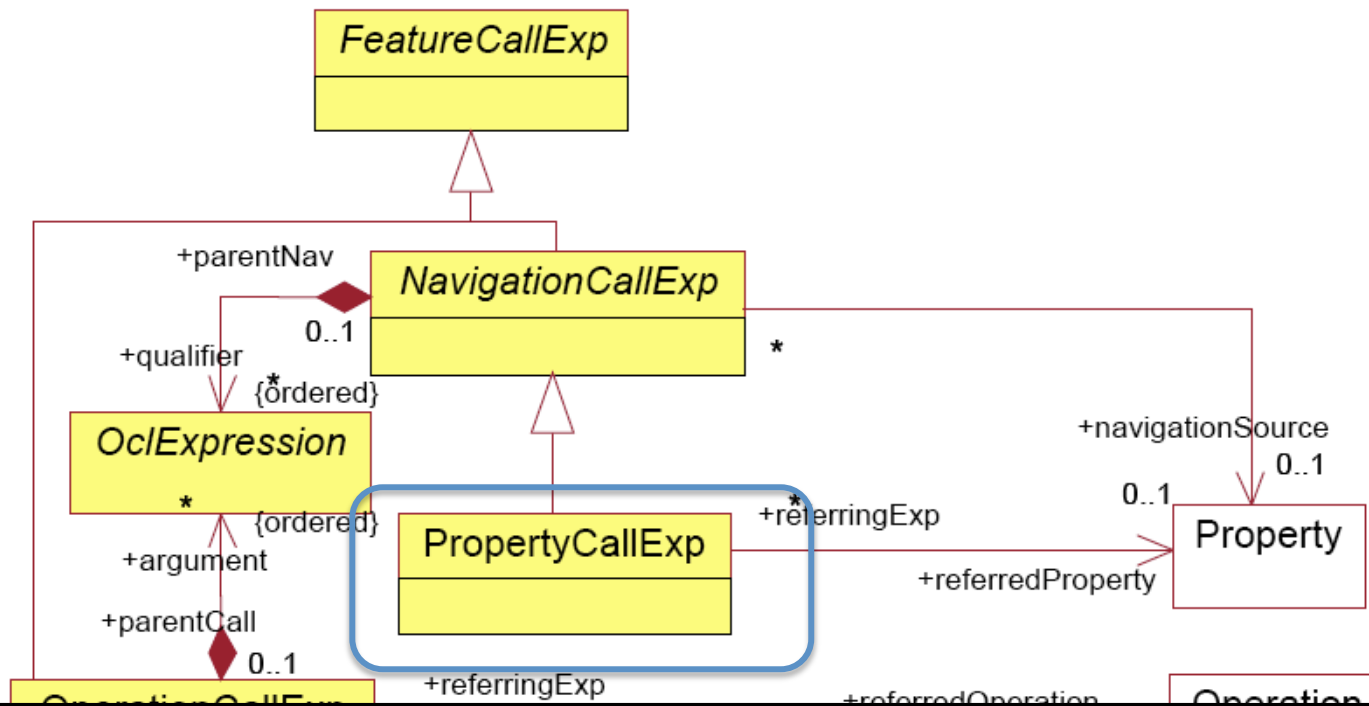
A **NavigationCallExp** is a reference to an **AssociationEnd** in an **ECore** model. It is used to determine objects linked to a target object by an association.

Eg:

context *RoadSegment* inv:

self.RoadSegmentOutPort-->size()=1

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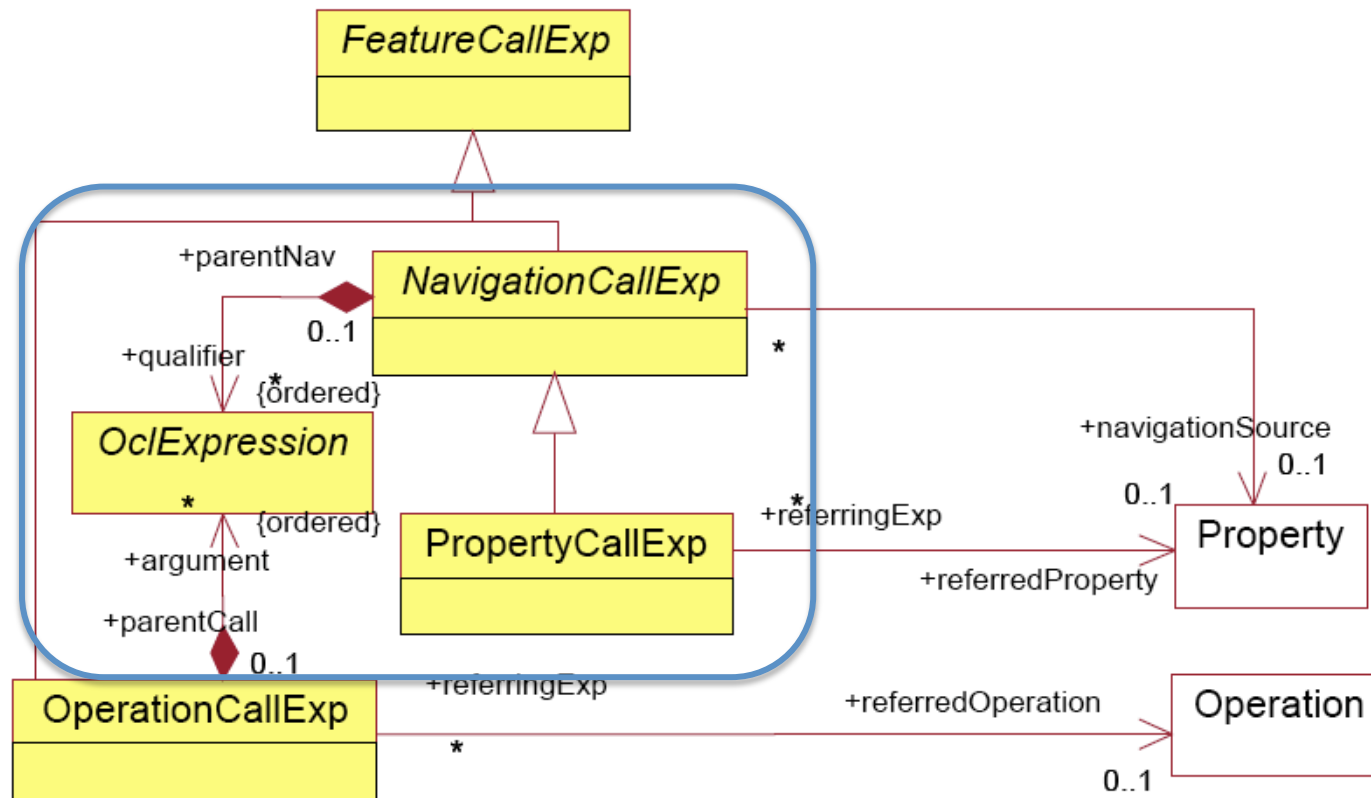


A **PropertyCallExp** is a reference to an Attribute of an EClassifier. It evaluates to the value of the attribute.

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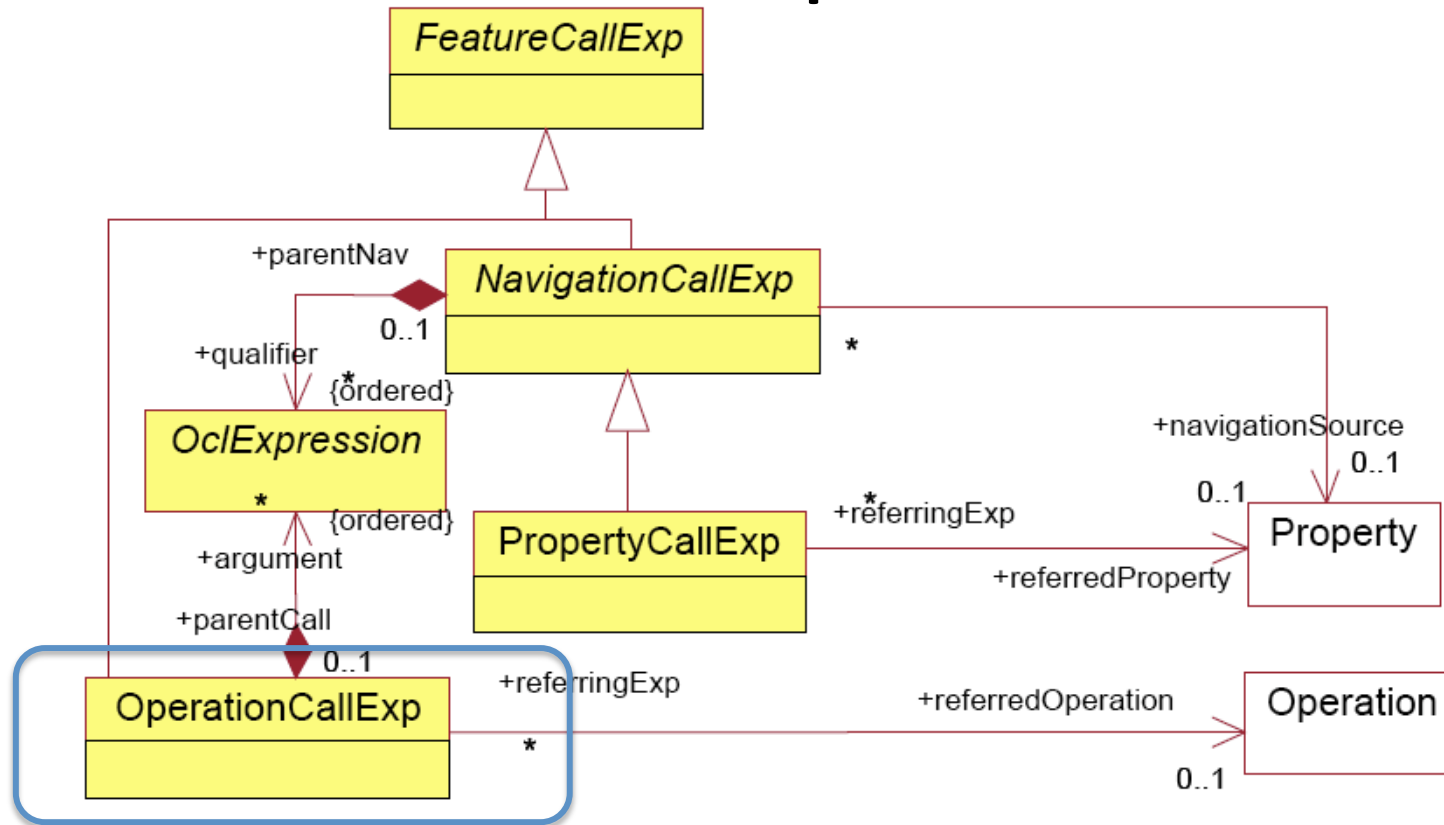
context RoadSegment inv:
self.CarCapacity = 1

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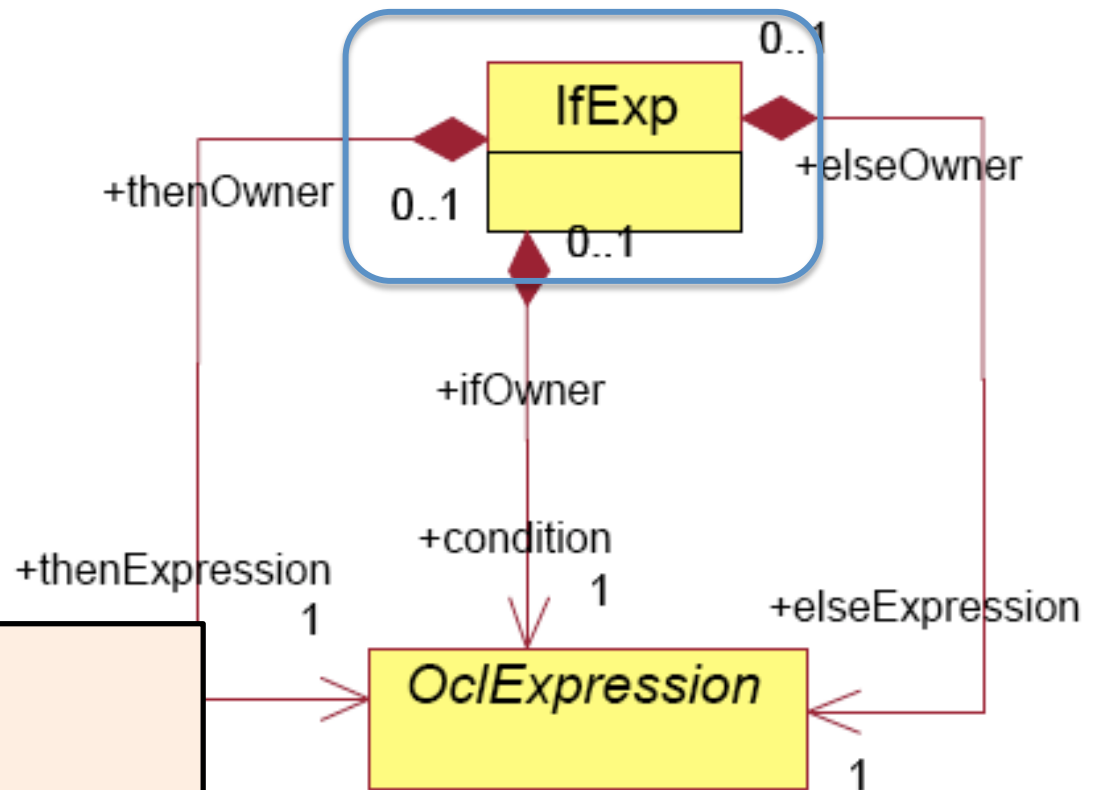
A `NavigationCallExp` and `PropertyCallExp` can contain `0..*` sub `OclExpressions`

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A **OperationCallExp** refers to an operation defined in a Classifier. The expression may contain a list of argument expressions if the operation is defined to have parameters.
Eg: +,/, -,concat() etc. for primitive types and sum(), size() for collections

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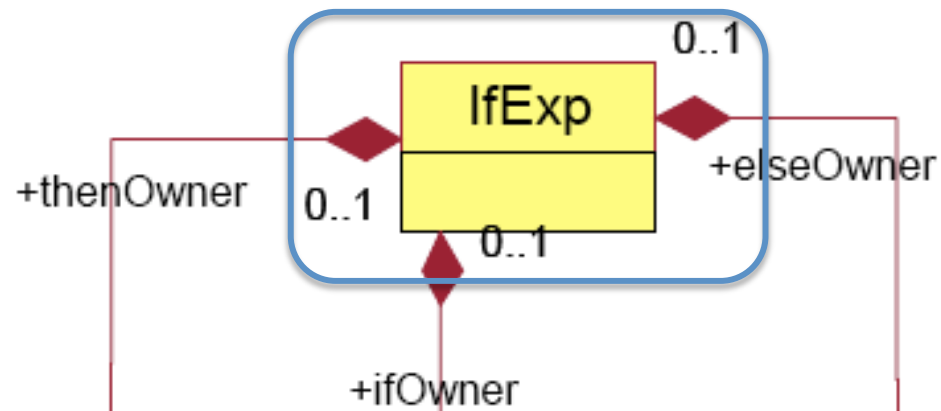


OCL If Expressions

Contains

- 1. An condition OCL Expression*
- 2. A then OCL Expression*
- 3. An else OCL Expression*

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An **IfExp** results in one of two alternative expressions (then/else) depending on the evaluated value of a condition.

Eg:

context RoadSegment inv:

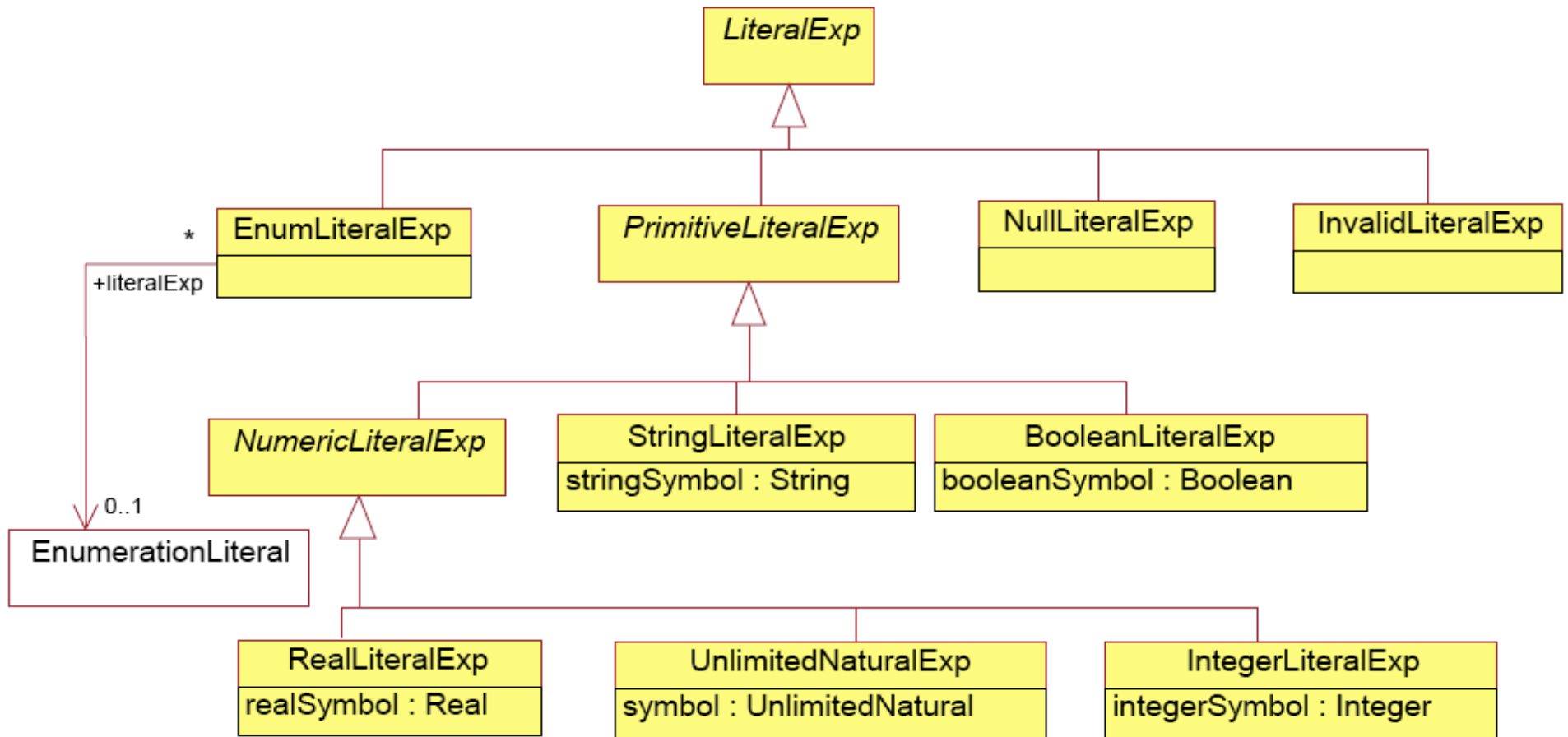
if self.CarCapacity > 10 then:

self.name = "TrafficJamPoint"

else:

self.name = "NormalPoint"

Basic OCL Expressions



A **LiteralExp** results in a Literal. Eg: The answer can be an *EString*, *EBoolean*, *EFloat*, or an *EInt*

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LiteralExp



A real literal expression returns a Real number. Natural expressions and Integer expressions have their own set of valid operations.

Eg:

context Road inv:

self.roadSegments.CarCapacity->sin()<100

RealLiteralExp

realSymbol : Real

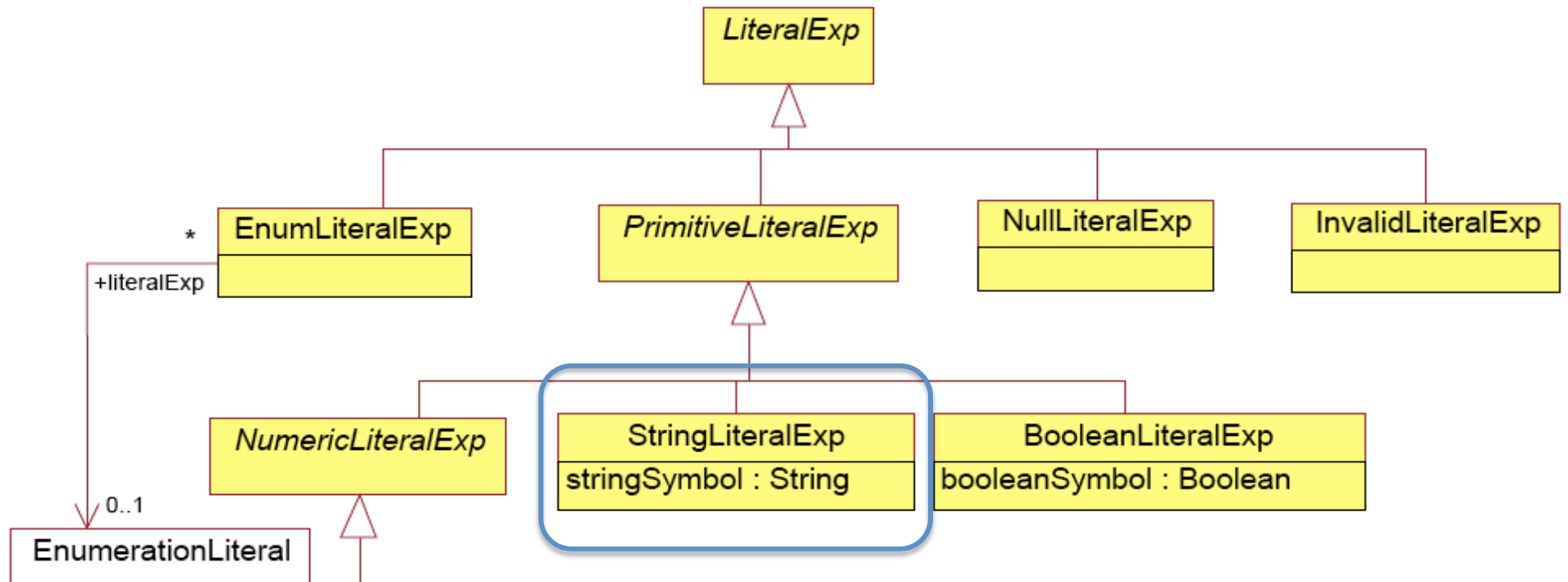
UnlimitedNaturalExp

symbol : UnlimitedNatural

IntegerLiteralExp

integerSymbol : Integer

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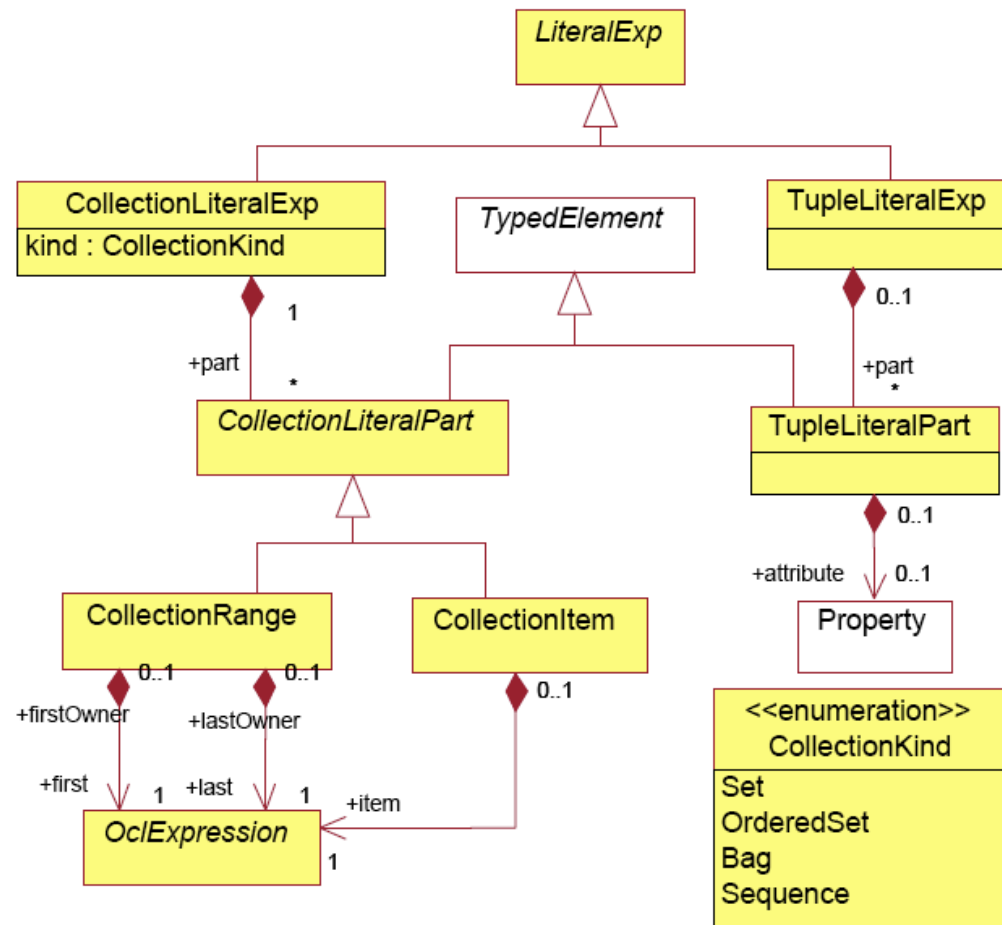
A string literal expression returns a String.

Eg:

context Road inv:

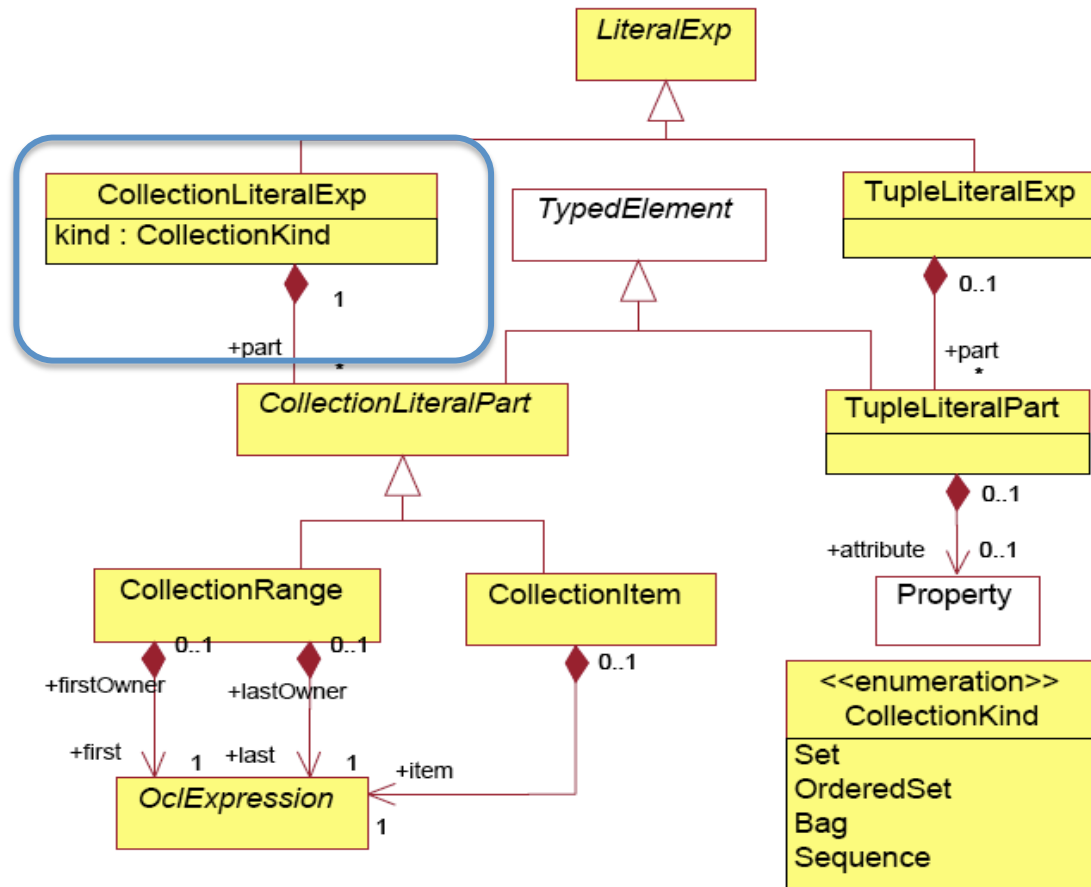
self.roadSegments.name="DeadEnd"

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A **LiteralExp** also results in collections.

Basic OCL Expressions



A **LiteralExp** also results in collections. A Collection literal is either one of the Collection Kinds. It has many parts consisting of CollectionItem and Collection Ranges.

Eg: *context r:RoadSegment inv:*

r.OutPort.RoadConnection->select(Inport/

Inport.RoadSegmentInport.RoadSegment.name=r.name)->isEmpty()=True

OCL Standard Library: Primitive Types

The OCL standard library is defined from instances of the Primitive Types in the OCL meta-model

OCL has four basic primitive datatypes

- * Boolean (true, false) -> EBoolean
- * Integer (1, -5, 2, 34, 26524, ...) -> EInt
- * Real (with the values 1.5, 3.14, ...) -> EFloat
- * String (`To be or not to be...`) -> EString

Operators on Primitive Types:

- * Integer has the operations: *, +, -, /, div(), abs(), mod(), max(), min(), sum(), sin(), cos()
- * Real has the operations: *, +, -, /, floor(), sum(), sin(), cos()
- * Boolean has the operations: and, or, xor, not, implies, if-then-else
- * String has the operations: concat(), size(), substring(), toInteger() and toReal()

OCL Standard Library: Collections

The OCL standard library is defined from instances of the Collection Types in the OCL meta-model

Collection is the abstract superclass of Set, OrderedSet, Bag and Sequence.

- * **Set** is a collection without duplicates. Set has no order.
- * **OrderedSet** is a collection without duplicates. OrderedSet has an order.
- * **Bag** is a collection in which duplicates are allowed. Bag has no order.
- * **Sequence** is a collection in which duplicates are allowed. Sequence has an order.

Collection operations

- * The number of elements in the collection self: **size()**
- * The information of whether an object is part of a collection: **includes()**
- * The information of whether an object isn't part of a collection: **excludes()**
- * The number of times that object occurs in the collection **self.count()**
- * The information of whether all objects of a given collection are part of a specific collection: **includesAll()**
- * The information of whether none of the objects of a given collection are part of a specific collection: **excludesAll()**
- * The information if a collection is empty: **isEmpty()**
- * The information if a collection is not empty: **notEmpty()**

OCCL Standard Library: Collections

Iterators over collections

- * The selection of a sub-collection: **select()**
- * When specifying a collection which is derived from some other collection, but which contains different objects from the original collection (i.e., it is not a sub-collection) use: **collect()**
- * The information of whether an expression is true for all objects of a given collection: **forAll()**
- * The addition of all elements of a collection: **sum()** Elements must be of a type supporting the + operation.

Testing OCL Expressions

- Test-cases for all Primitive Type Operations for all types
- Test cases for Navigation Expressions
- Test cases for Property Expressions
- Test cases for all Collection Operations
- Test cases for all Iterators over Collection Operations

THANKS