


# Metaclass


The abstract syntax of UML is specified using a UML model called the UML metamodel. Classes in a metamodel are called metaclasses. The detailed descriptions of each metaclass are provided in the [UML specification.pdf](#).

The metaclass icon in the [Model Browser](#) is . Its shape is displayed with <metaclass> stereotype.

All metaclasses in our modeling tools are stored in the **Auxiliary Resources**, expand the **UML Standard Profile** Package > **UML 2 Metamodel** Package.

To show the auxiliary resources

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- In the [Model Browser](#), click  and enable the **Show Auxiliary Resources** option.