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SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE & EVOLUTION

The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of a floor made of light-colored, rectangular tiles arranged in a herringbone pattern. The tiles are laid diagonally, creating a series of 'V' shapes across the entire surface. The lighting is even, highlighting the texture of the tiles and the dark grout lines.

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SOFTWARE PATTERNS



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A. PATTERNS

WHERE DOES THE “PATTERNS” IDEA COME FROM?



Influential but controversial architect [Christopher Alexander](#)

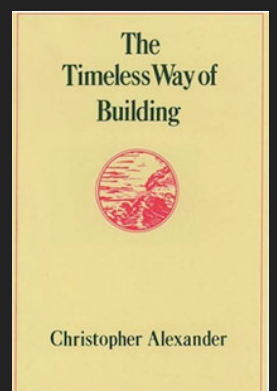
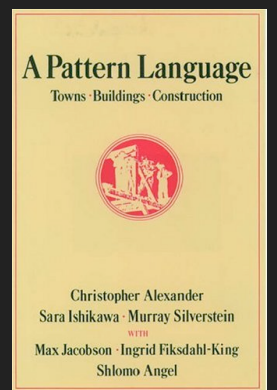
proposed patterns as a way to *reuse* extensive *architectural experience*

expressed as pre-canned architectural fragments

Several interesting books:

A Pattern Language: Towns, Buildings, Construction. Oxford University Press, 1977.

The Timeless Way of Building. Oxford University Press, 1979.



WHAT IS A PATTERN?

EACH PATTERN DESCRIBES A PROBLEM WHICH OCCURS OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN OUR ENVIRONMENT, AND THEN DESCRIBES THE CORE OF THE SOLUTION TO THAT PROBLEM, IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU CAN USE THIS SOLUTION A MILLION TIMES OVER, WITHOUT EVER DOING IT THE SAME WAY TWICE



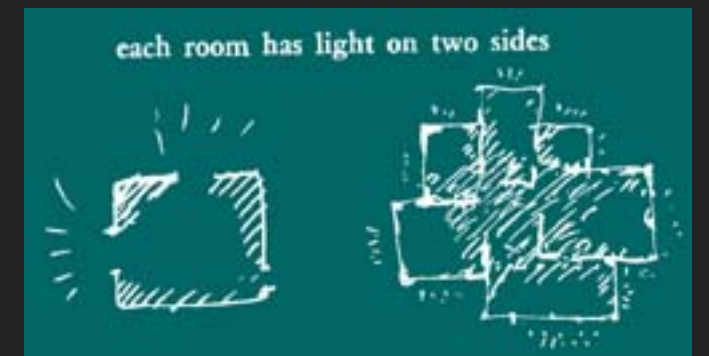
Christopher Alexander

EXAMPLE 1: “LIGHT ON TWO SIDES OF EVERY ROOM”



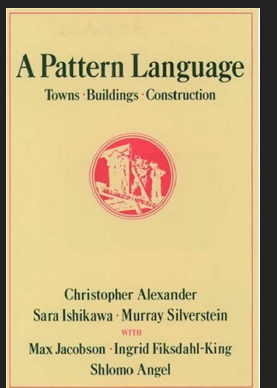
“When they have a choice, people will always gravitate to those rooms which have light on two sides, and leave the rooms which are lit only from one side unused and empty.”

Therefore:



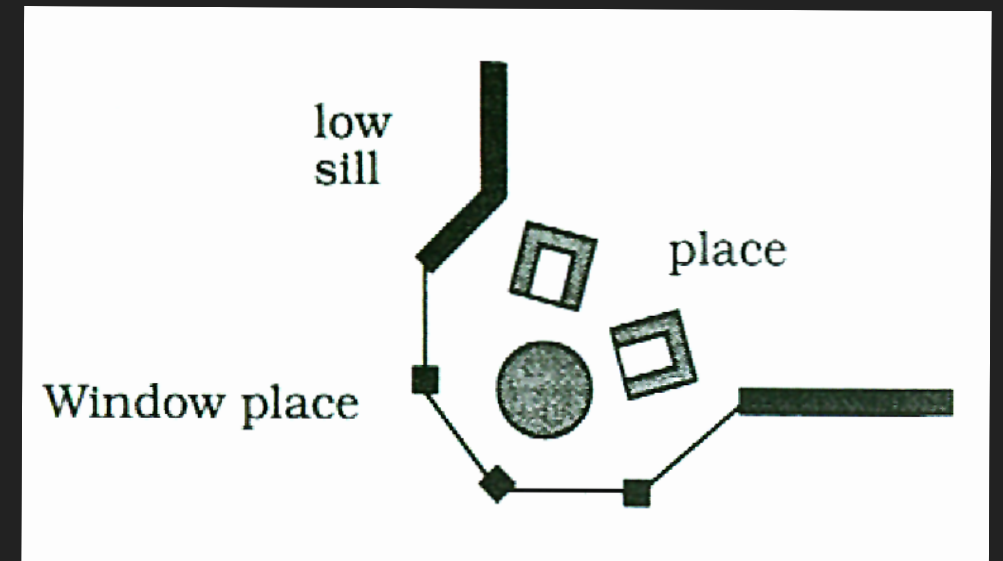
Locate each room so that it has outdoor space on at least two sides, and then place windows in these outdoor walls so that natural light falls into every room from more than one direction.”

Christopher Alexander. *A Pattern Language: Towns, Buildings, Construction*. Oxford University Press, 1977.



<http://www.patternlanguage.com/apl/aplsample/apl159/apl159.htm>

EXAMPLE 2: “WINDOW PLACE”



ADOPTION OF CHRISTOPHER ALEXANDER'S IDEAS

Christopher Alexander's ideas were later adopted in other disciplines

(often much more heavily than the original application of patterns to architecture)

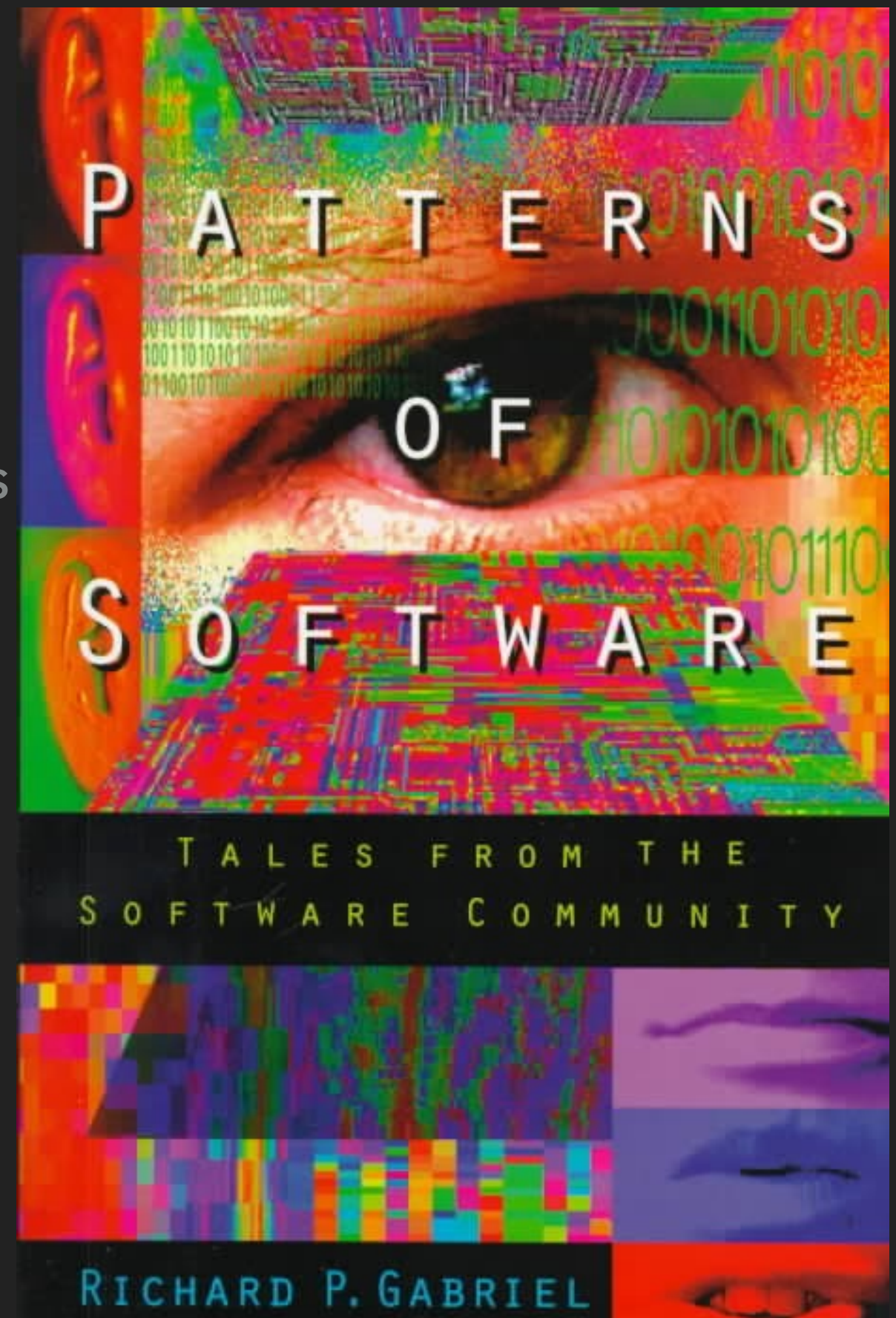
in particular in the software engineering community :
design patterns, architectural patterns, anti patterns, ...

Keynote talk at OOPSLA 1996 on "Patterns in Architecture"

[video link](#) + [keynote text](#)

ADDITIONAL READING

- ▶ A.o., a good introduction to the analogy between the work of Christopher Alexander on patterns in architecture and its applications in software development.
- ▶ Richard P. Gabriel. *Patterns of Software: Tales from the Software Community*. Oxford University Press, 1998. ISBN 0195121236





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B. PATTERNS IN SOFTWARE

MANY KINDS OF PATTERNS IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Best Practice Patterns

Programming Styles and Idioms

Design Patterns

Architectural Patterns

Anti Patterns

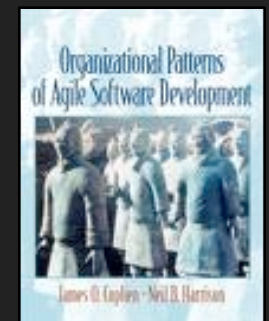
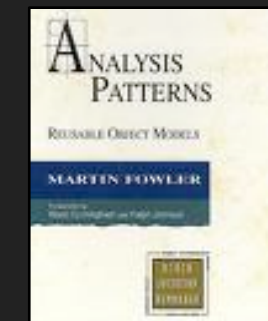
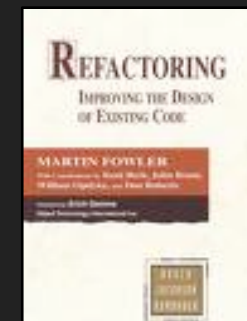
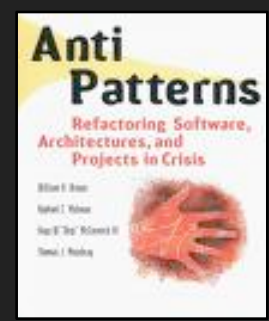
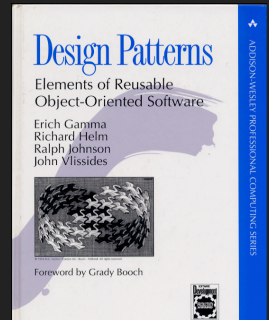
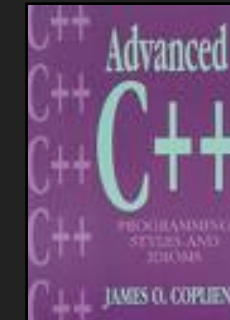
Bad Smells and Refactoring Patterns

Analysis Patterns

Organisational Patterns

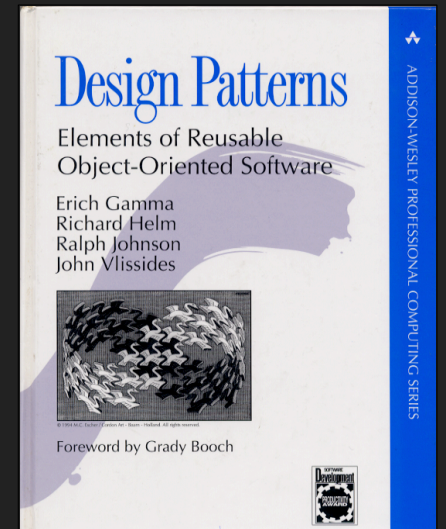
Software Configuration Management Patterns

Pattern Languages of Program Design



SOFTWARE DESIGN & ARCHITECTURAL PATTERNS

E. Gamma, R. Helm, R. Johnson & J. Vlissides. *Design Patterns - Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software*. Addison-Wesley, 1995.



F. Buschmann, R. Meunier, H. Rohnert, P. Sommerlad & M. Stal. *Pattern-Oriented Software Architecture - A System of Patterns*. Wiley, 1996.



D. Schmidt, M. Stal, H. Rohnert & F. Buschmann. *Pattern-Oriented Software Architecture - Patterns for Concurrent and Networked Objects*. Wiley, 2001.



WHY USE ARCHITECTURAL & DESIGN PATTERNS ?

Patterns provide guidance in the analysis & design process.

Capture proven (design) solutions from prior experiences.

Better structure and design, improved confidence in design.

Improve key *software quality* factors.

Maintainability, *reusability, extensibility*, ... => better products.

Favour reuse at analysis, architecture & design level.

Codify “good” analyses & designs.

Capture and disseminate know-how.

Help novices in applying good practices.

Encourage abstraction.

WHY USE ARCHITECTURAL & DESIGN PATTERNS?

Common vocabulary

Provide explicit name for each pattern, e.g. MVC pattern.

Constitutes a common terminology; reduced complexity.

Within and across teams.

Documentation

Provide explicit representation for each pattern, preserve properties.

Effective, concise documentation.

DESIGNING REUSABLE OBJECT-ORIENTED SOFTWARE IS HARD

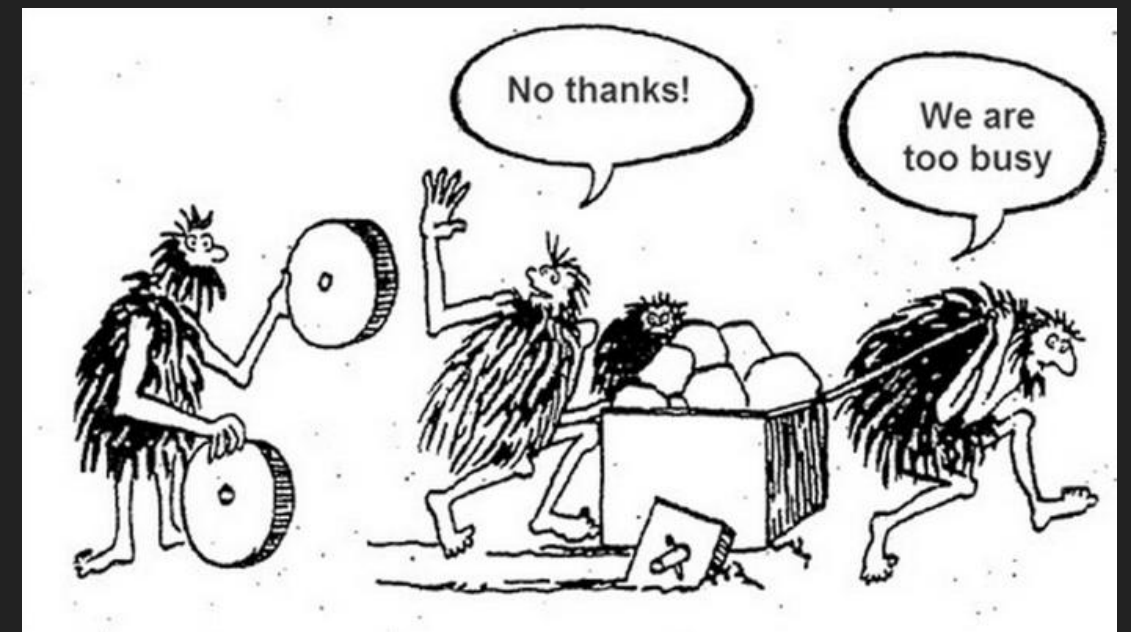
Reusable solutions should solve a specific problem, but at the same time be general enough to address future problems and requirements.

Everything boils down to:

Aha-erlebnis / déjà-vu feeling

Don't reinvent the wheel

But don't reinvent the flat tire either ;-)





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C. ARCHITECTURAL SOFTWARE PATTERNS

DESIGN AND ARCHITECTURAL PATTERNS

Document “proven” solutions to a particular design problem.

Are discovered, not invented:

- Takes time to emerge, trial and error;

- Requires experience;

- Based on practical solutions from existing applications.

Example:

- Architectural pattern: Model-View-Controller

- Design patterns: Factory, Visitor, Composite, Iterator, ...

ARCHITECTURAL STYLES VS. ARCHITECTURAL PATTERNS

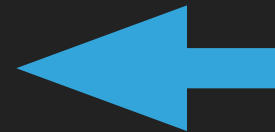
Idiomatic templates for software architecture fragments

Architectural style: **more global**

Examples: pipes-and-filters, client-server, layered

Architectural pattern: **more local**

Example: Model-View-Controller



A template made of pre-arranged:

modules / components

relationships / connectors

EXAMPLE: THE MVC PATTERN (MODEL-VIEW-CONTROLLER)

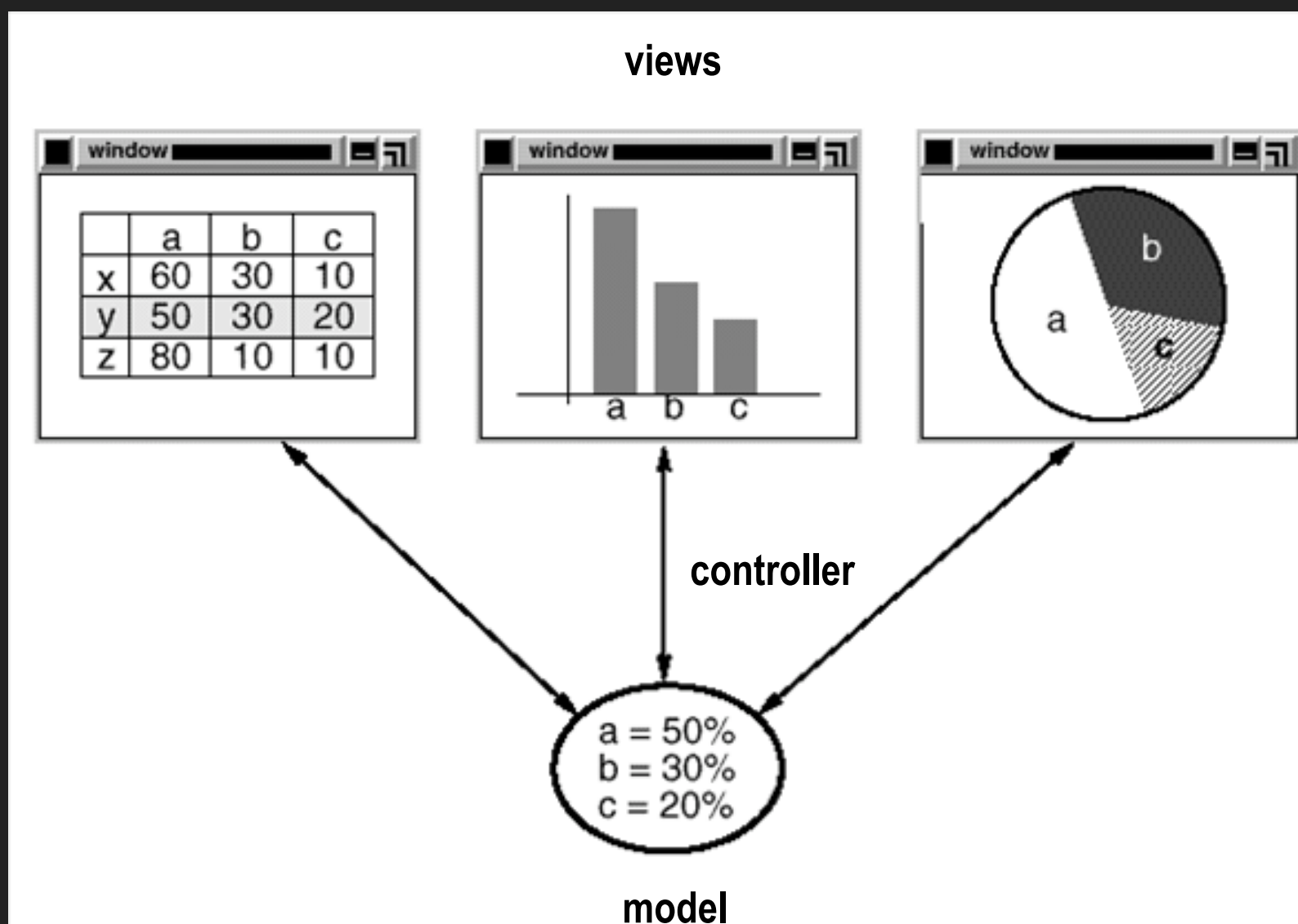
Goal: uncouple application and user interaction

Applicability: any interactive application

Example:

3 main components:

model
view
controller



EXAMPLE: THE MVC PATTERN

“Model” component

provides *functional core* of the application

registers dependent views and controllers

notifies dependent components *about data changes*

EXAMPLE: THE MVC PATTERN

“View” component

- creates & initialises its associated controller

- displays information* to the user

- retrieves data from model

- implements updates for change propagation

EXAMPLE: THE MVC PATTERN

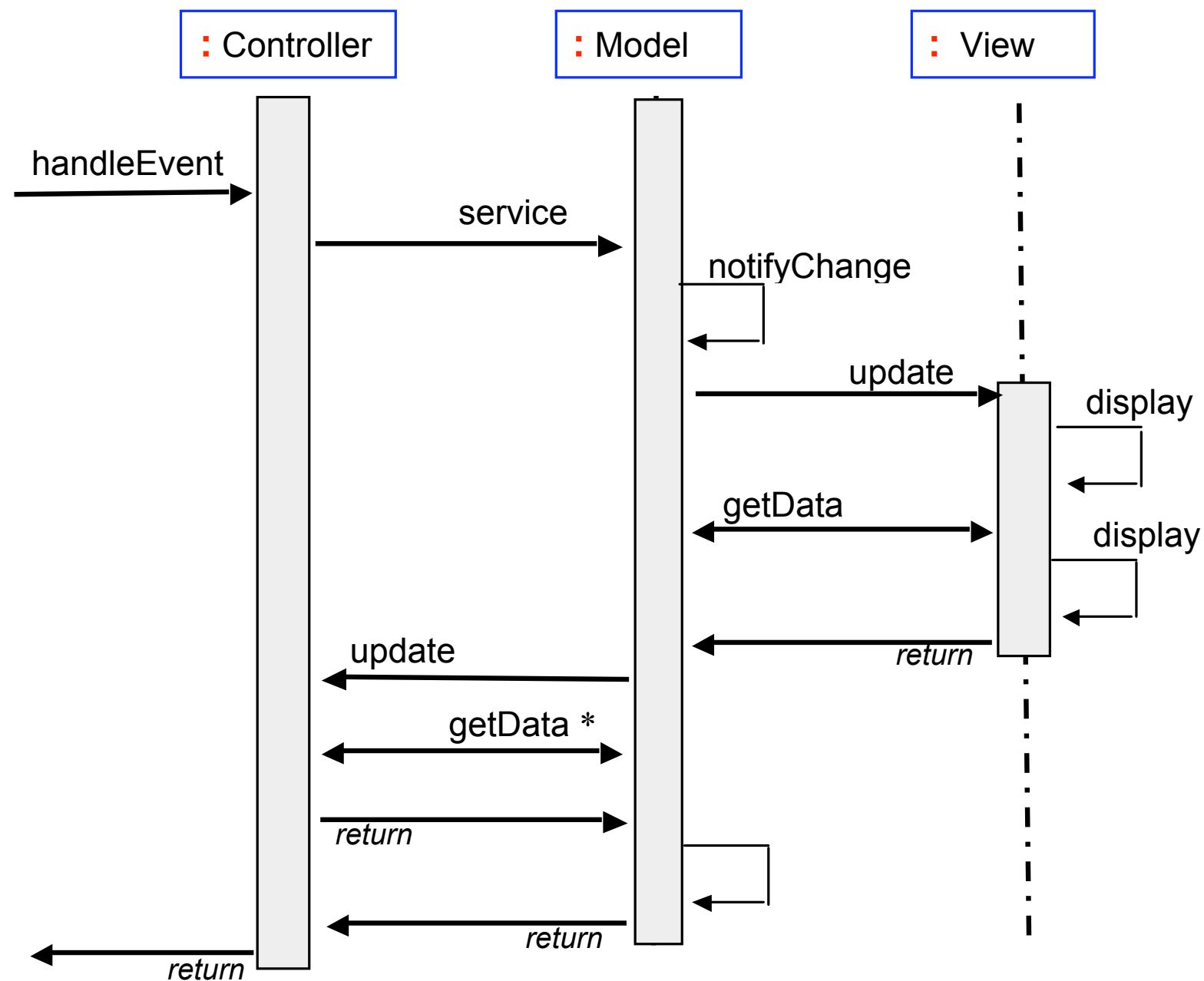
“Controller” component

- accepts user inputs as events

- translates events to service requests for model or display
- requests for view

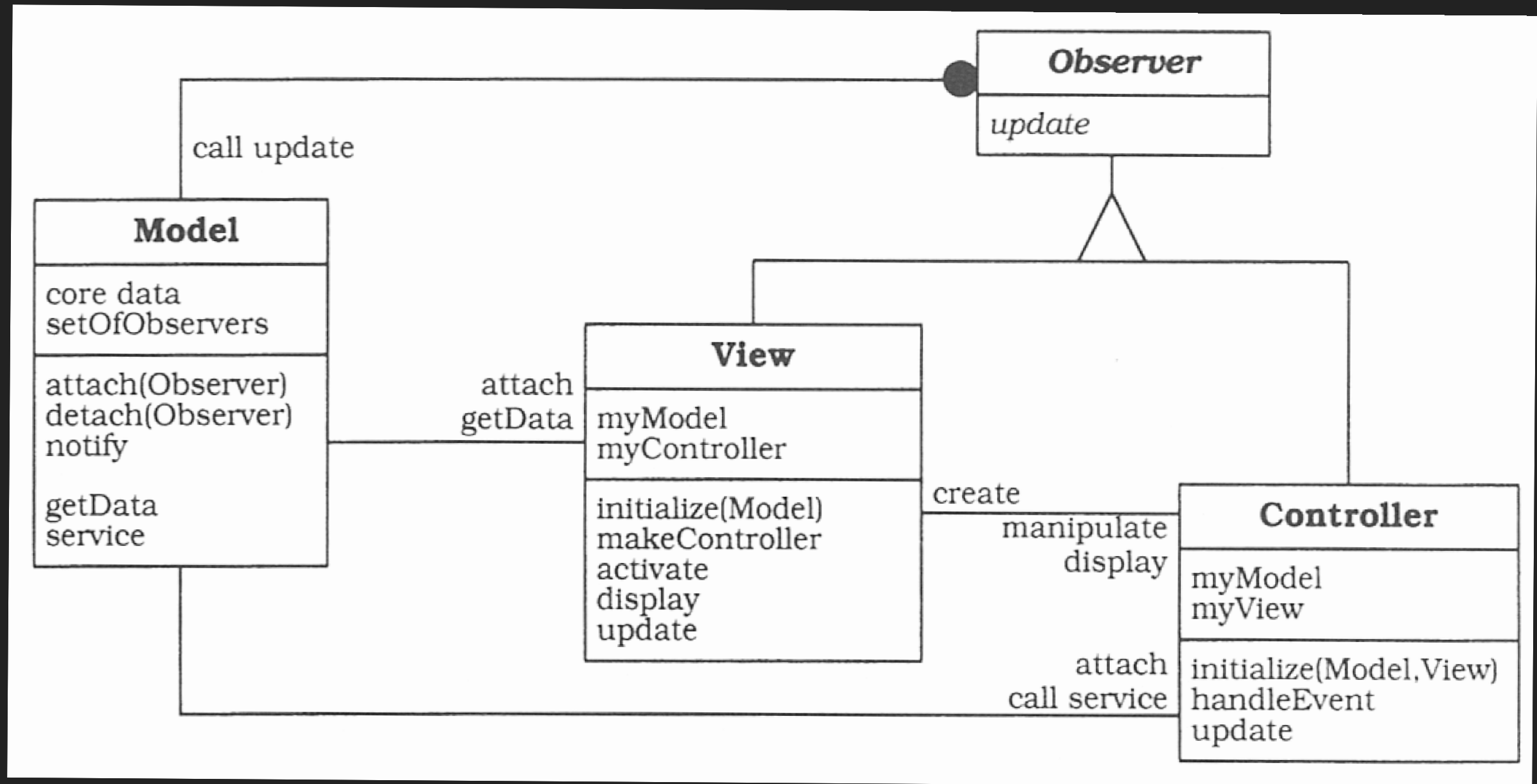
- implements updates for change propagation (if required)

THE MVC PATTERN: INTERACTION PROTOCOL



* to enable/disable user functions
(e.g. save when data change)

THE MVC PATTERN: STRUCTURE





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D. DESIGN PATTERNS

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KEY REFERENCE

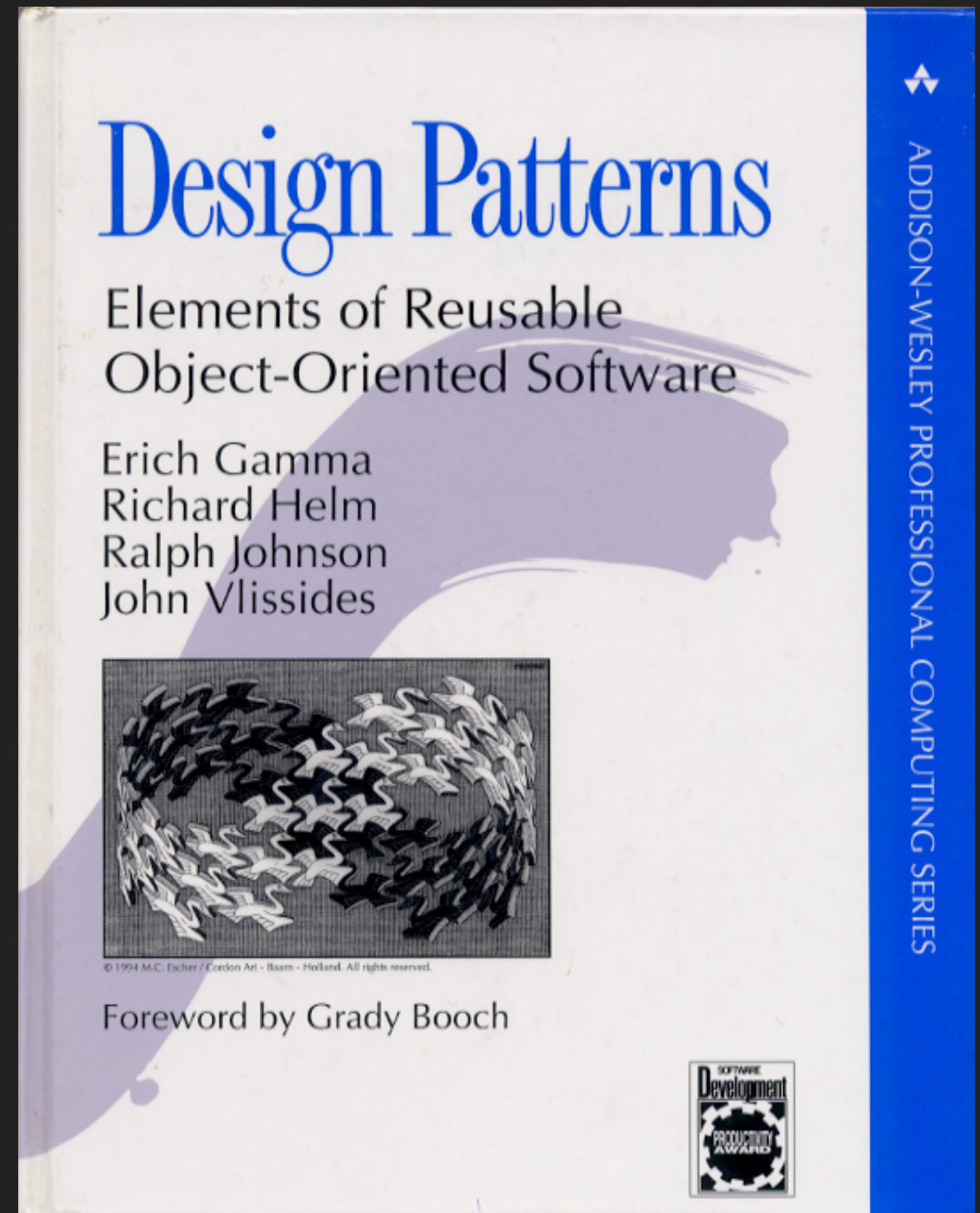
Design Patterns

Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software

Erich Gamma
Richard Helm
Ralph Johnson
John Vlissides

(a.k.a. *the "Gang of Four" or "GoF"*)

Addison-Wesley, 1995
ISBN: 0-201-63361-2



ONLINE REFERENCES

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<http://www.oodesign.com/>

https://sourcemaking.com/design_patterns

<http://rpouiller.developpez.com/tutoriel/java/design-patterns-gang-of-four/> (in french)

WHAT IS A DESIGN PATTERN?

DESIGN PATTERNS ARE DESCRIPTIONS OF COMMUNICATING OBJECTS AND CLASSES THAT ARE CUSTOMISED TO SOLVE A GENERAL DESIGN PROBLEM IN A PARTICULAR CONTEXT

Gang of Four

SOFTWARE DESIGN PATTERNS

Describe in a reusable way

a recurring design problem and

a best practice solution to this problem.

Are about *reusing* good designs and solutions

that have worked previously for similar problems.

The *intent* or *rationale* of a design pattern is a crucial part of its definition

as well as its applicability, trade-offs, consequences, related patterns.

SOFTWARE DESIGN PATTERNS

Identify participating classes and objects, their roles and collaborations, distribution of responsibilities.

Described in an abstract way:

- abstract away from concrete designs;

- the way a particular design pattern is implemented may vary.

Based on practical solutions discovered in main-stream applications implemented in Smalltalk, Java and C++.

DESIGN COVERAGE

Large portion of design covered by patterns

Most classes play role in some patterns

Improved understanding

Seductively simple to implement patterns

You still have to write functionality

Common mistake is to think design patterns solve all your problems

A FIRST EXAMPLE: THE ABSTRACT FACTORY DESIGN PATTERN

Problem

Solution

Participants

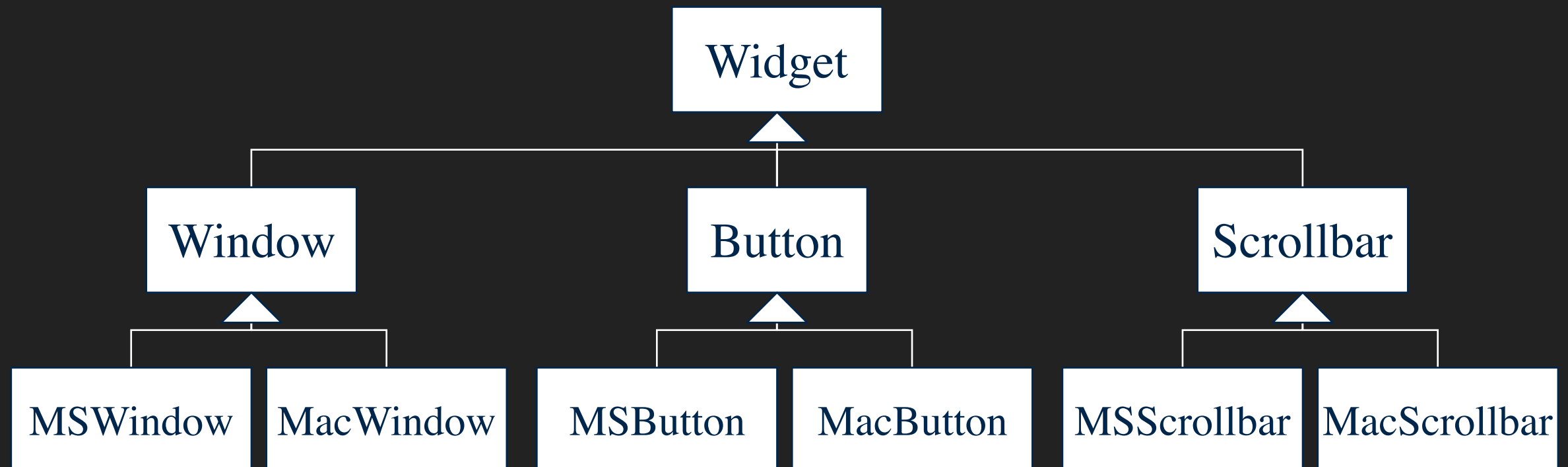
Structure

Applicability

ABSTRACT FACTORY: THE PROBLEM

Entangled hierarchies

behaviour and visualisation of UI objects are combined in same inheritance structure



ABSTRACT FACTORY: THE SOLUTION

Idea of the solution

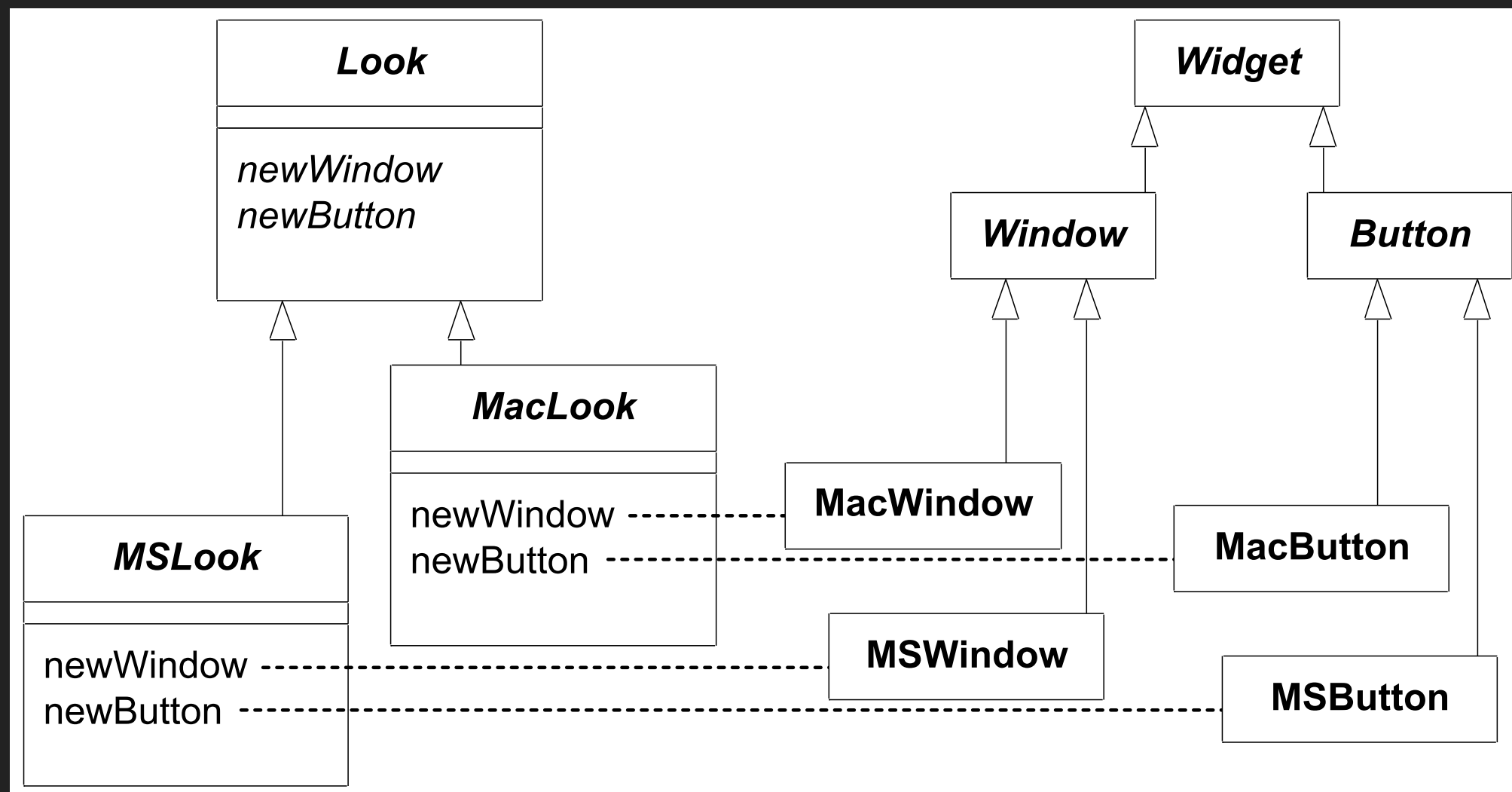
separate behaviour of UI objects from their visualisation



ABSTRACT FACTORY: THE SOLUTION

The *Abstract Factory* design pattern

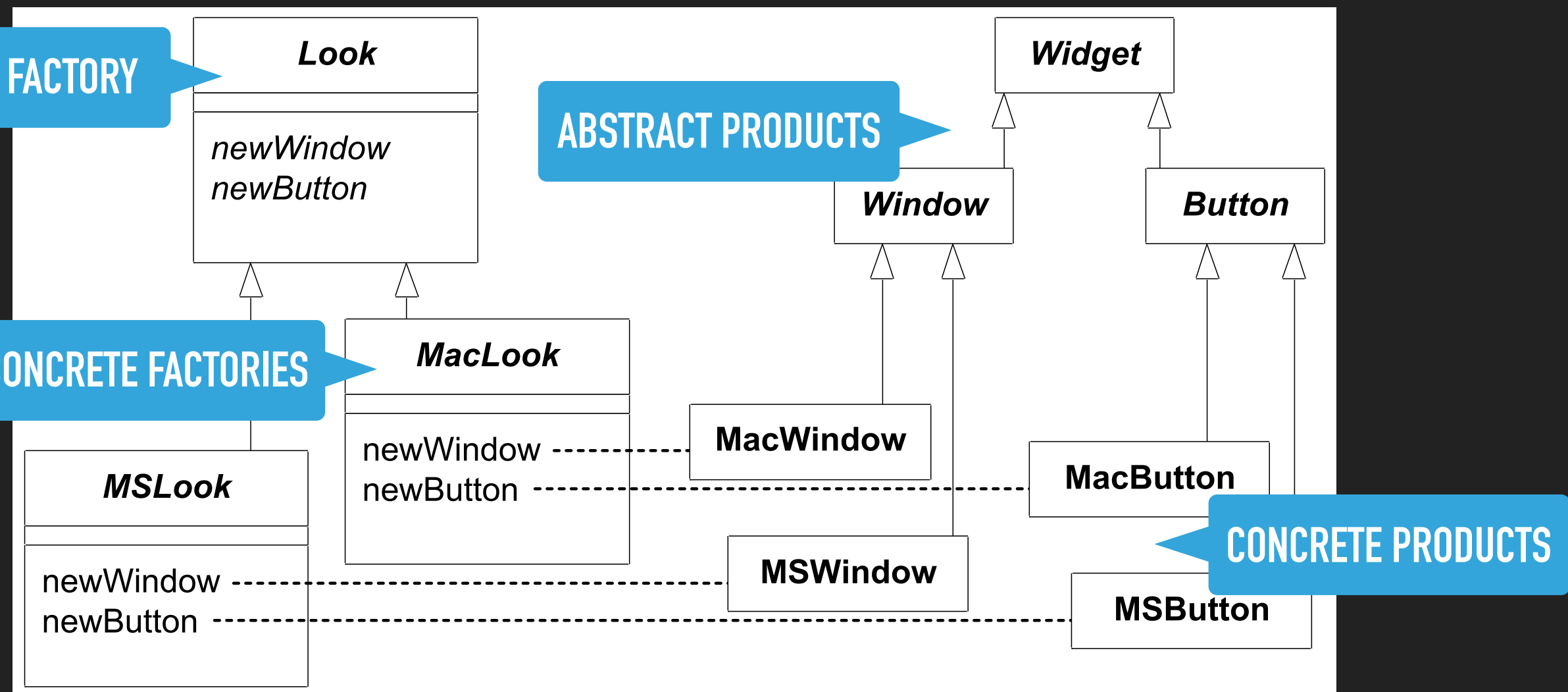
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ABSTRACT FACTORY: PARTICIPANTS

The *Abstract Factory* design pattern

separate behaviour of UI objects from their visualisation



ABSTRACT FACTORY: PARTICIPANTS

AbstractFactory (Look)

declares an interface for operations that create abstract product objects

ConcreteFactory (MSLook, MacLook)

implements the operations to create concrete product objects

AbstractProduct (Window, Button)

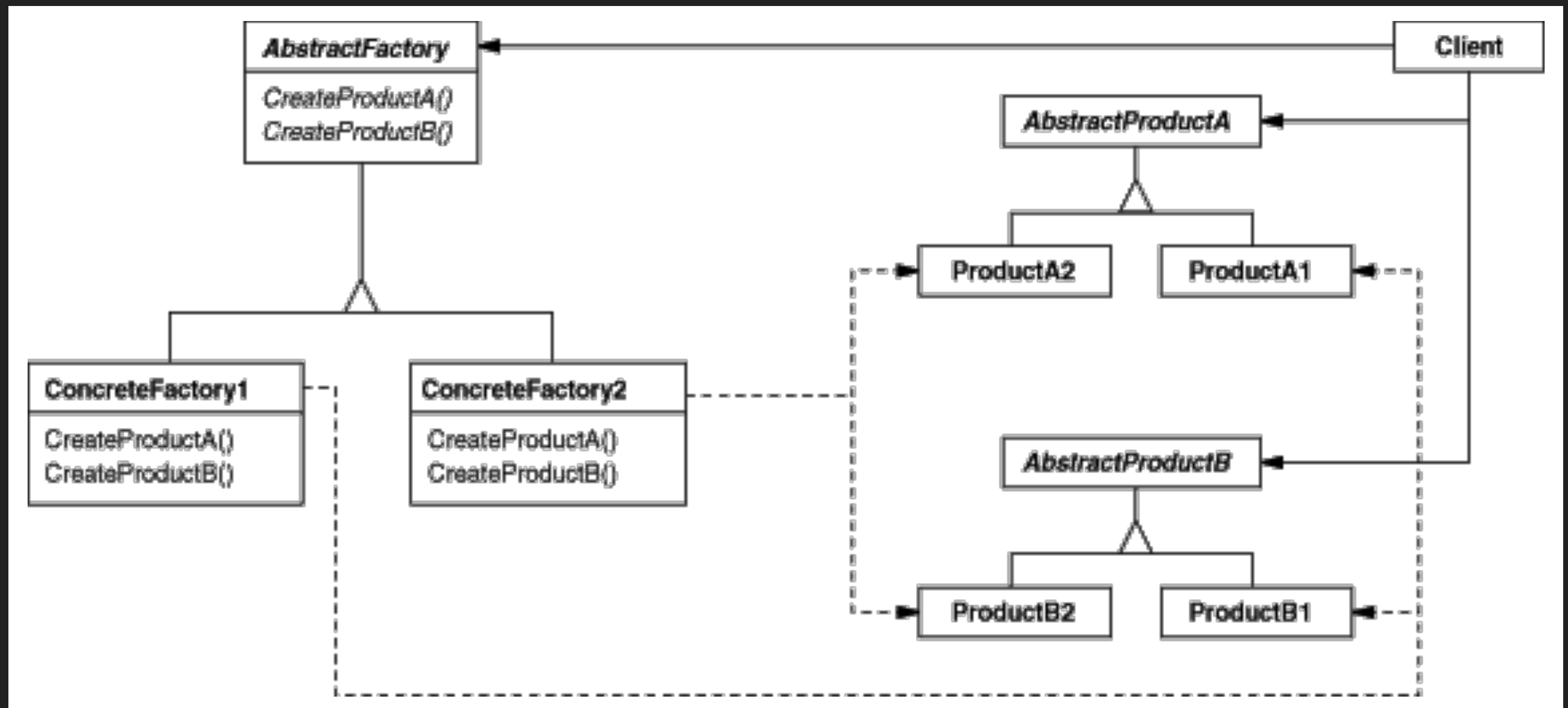
defines a product object to be created by the corresponding concrete factory

ConcreteProduct (MacWindow, MSButton, ...)

implements the AbstractProduct interface

Client uses only interfaces declared by AbstractFactory and AbstractProduct classes

ABSTRACT FACTORY: STRUCTURE



Normally a single instance of **ConcreteFactory** is created at run-time

AbstractFactory defers creation of product objects to its **ConcreteFactory** subclass

^AABSTRACT FACTORY: APPLICABILITY

This solution can be applied in general when

- a system should be independent of how its products are created, composed, and represented

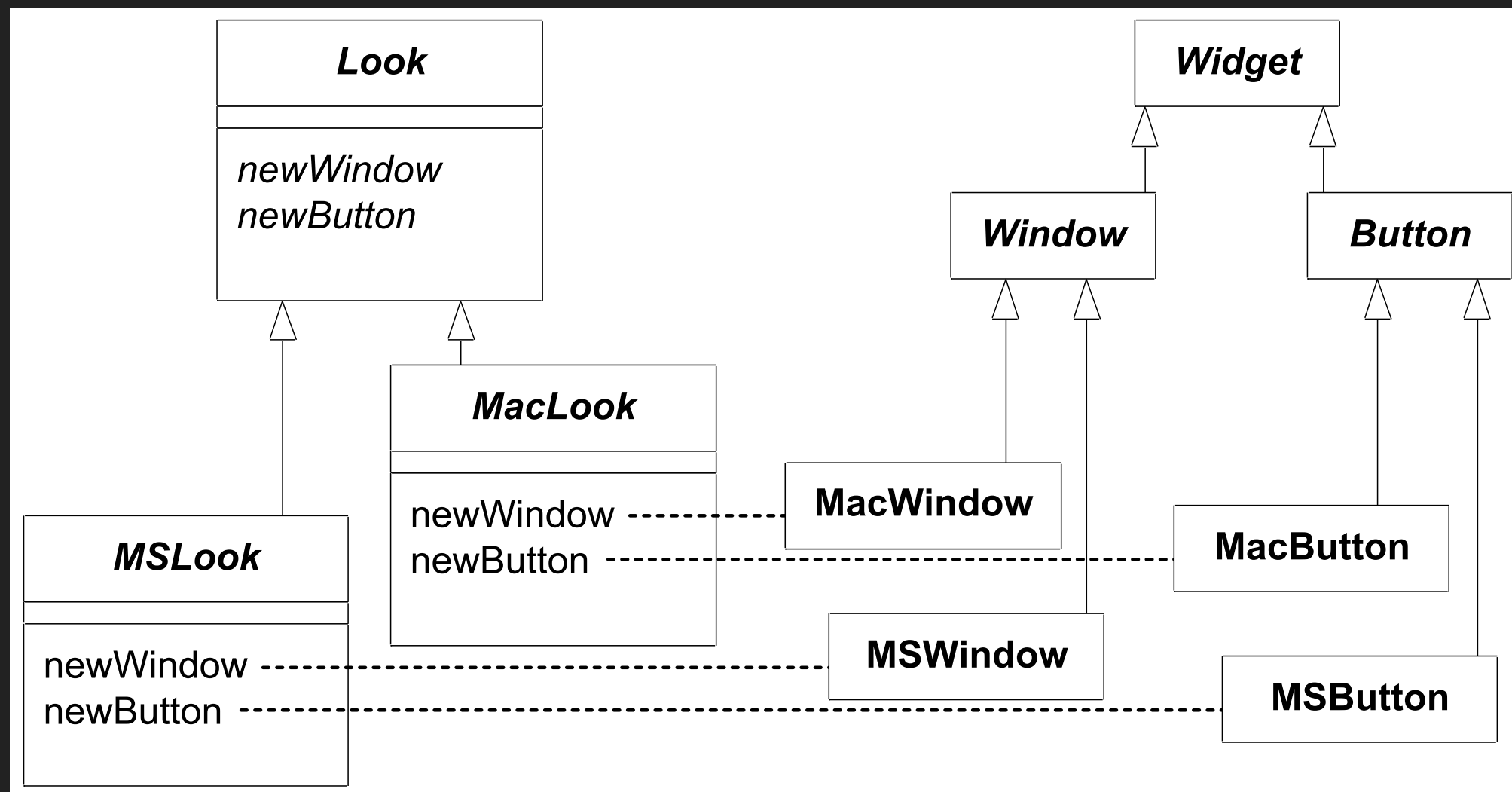
- a system should be configured with families of products

- you want to provide a class library of products, and you want to reveal just their interfaces, not their implementations

- a family of related product objects is designed to be used together, and you need to enforce this constraint

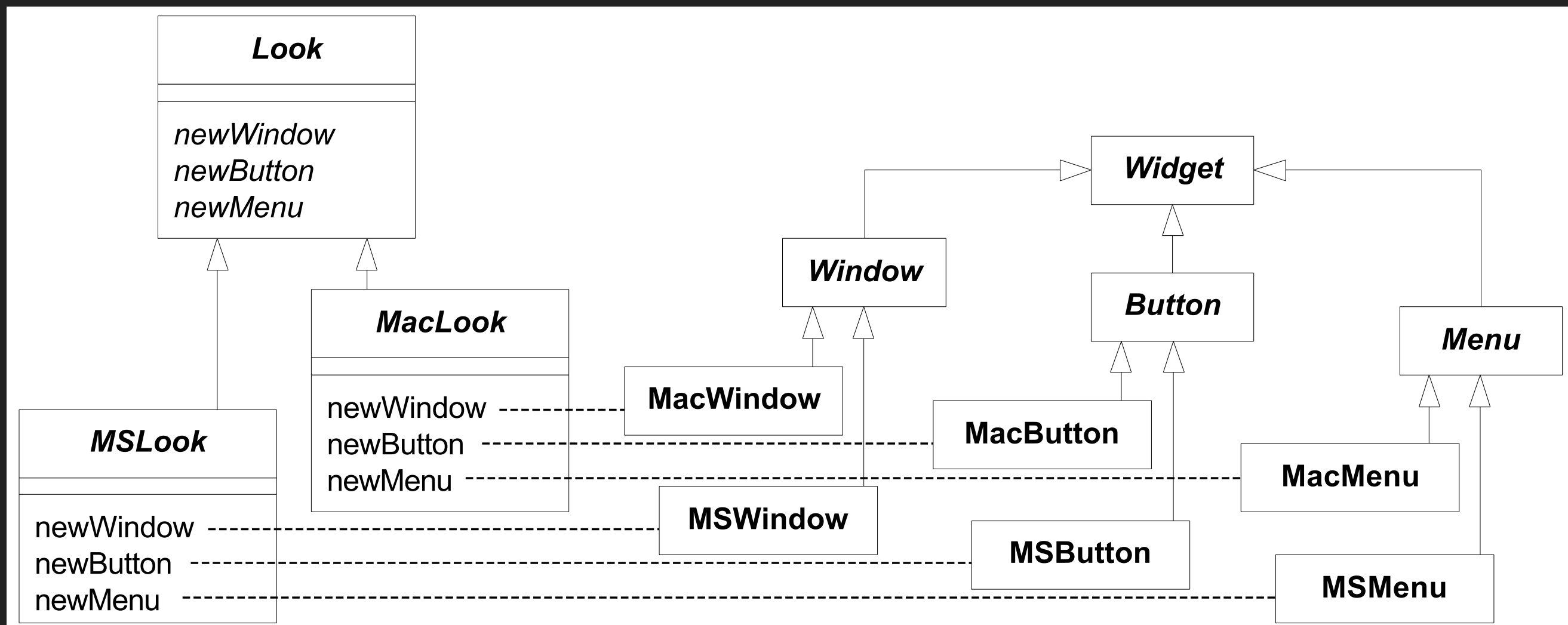
ABSTRACT FACTORY: EVOLVABILITY (1)

Adding a new product **Menu**



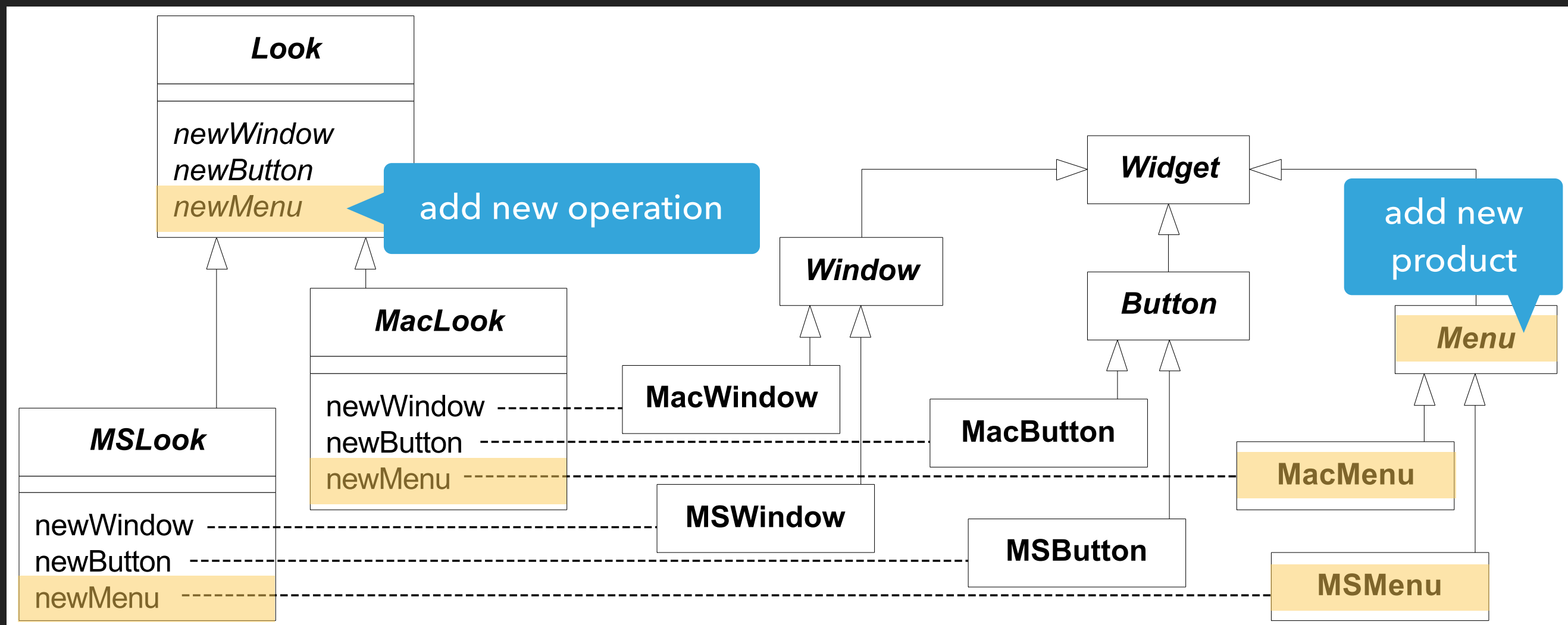
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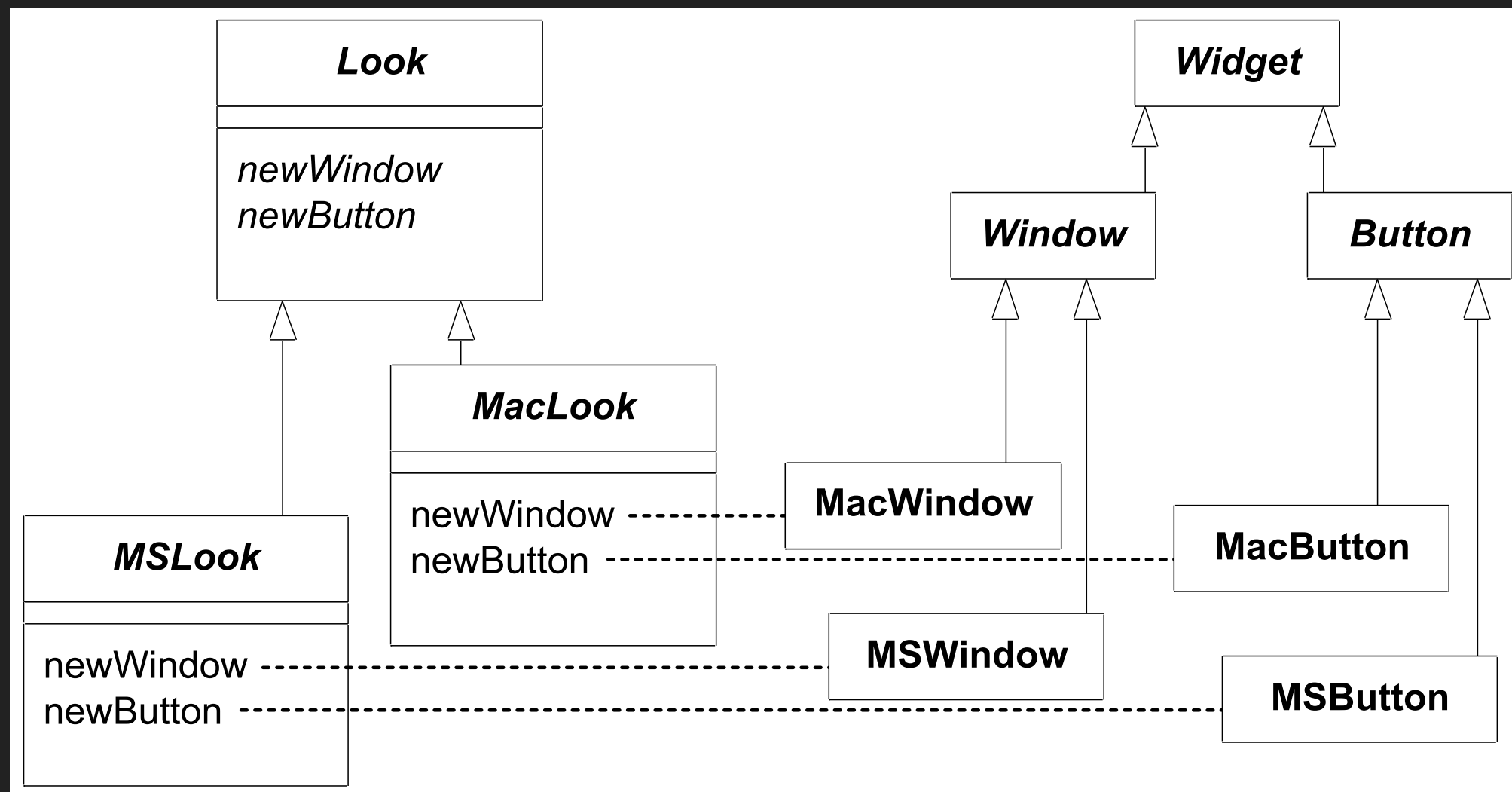
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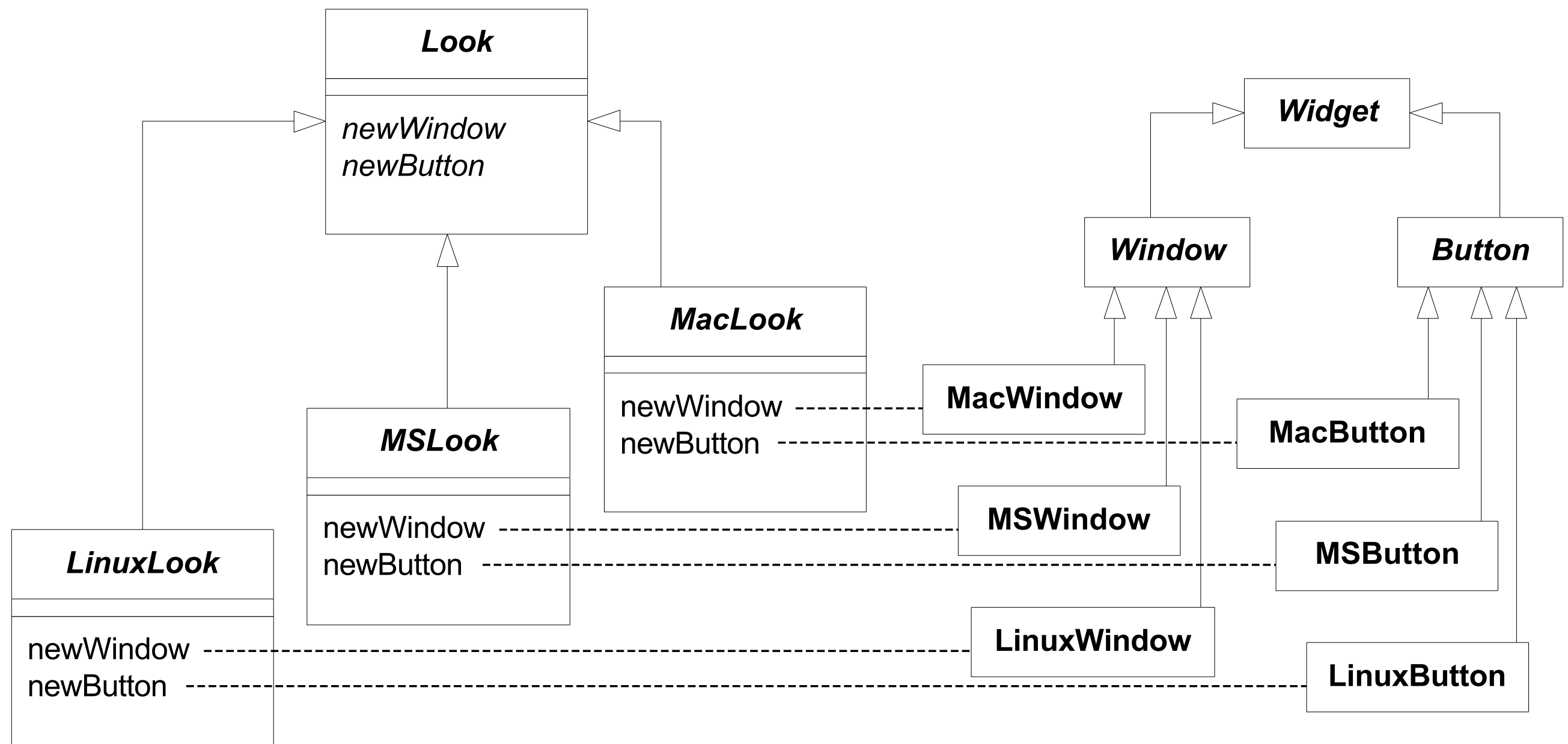
ABSTRACT FACTORY: EVOLVABILITY (2)

Adding a new concrete factory **LinuxLook**



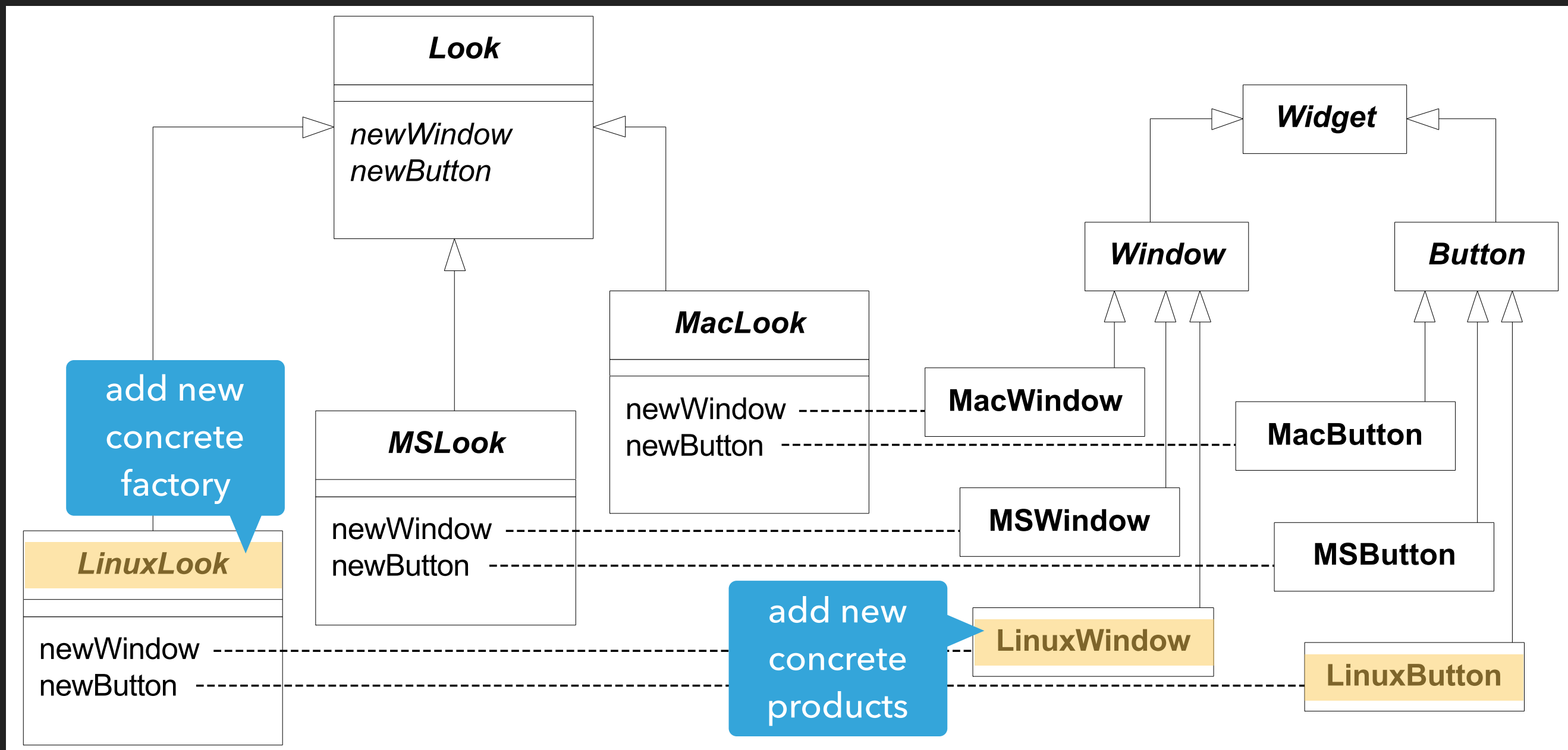
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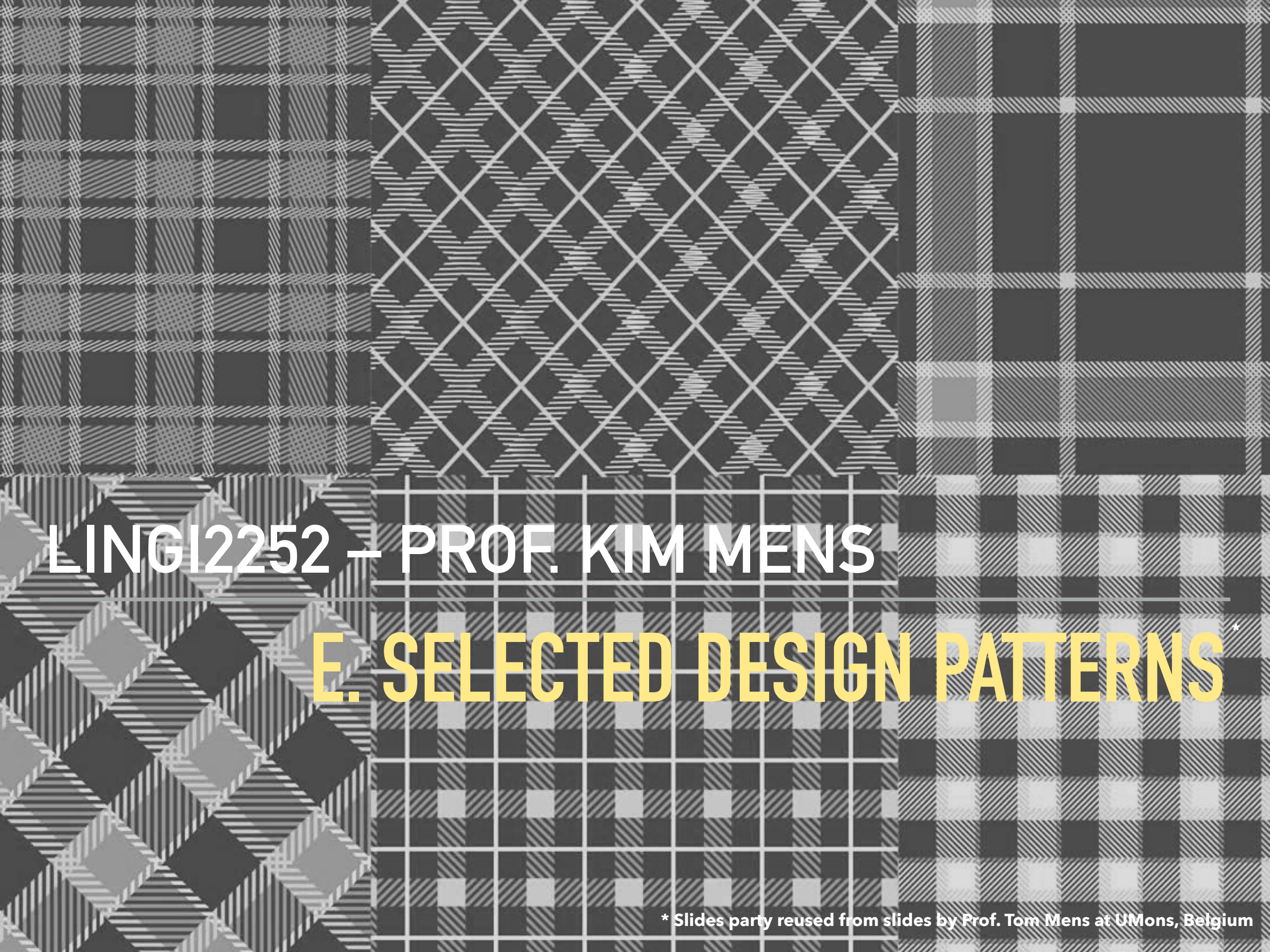
Adding a new concrete factory **LinuxLook**



ABSTRACT FACTORY: EVOLVABILITY (2)

Adding a new concrete factory **LinuxLook**





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E. SELECTED DESIGN PATTERNS *

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A SELECTION OF DESIGN PATTERNS

- ▶ Design pattern catalogue
- ▶ Factory Method
- ▶ Template Method
- ▶ Strategy
- ▶ Observer
- ▶ Decorator
- ▶ Visitor
- ▶ Singleton
- ▶ Composite
- ▶ Builder
- ▶ Iterator



DESIGN PATTERN CATALOGUE

DESIGN PATTERN CATALOGUE ...

Design Patterns can be classified based on two criteria:

Purpose

what a pattern *does*

Scope

whether the pattern applies primarily to classes or to objects

DESIGN PATTERN CATALOGUE : PURPOSE [GOF]

Creational design patterns

are concerned with the process of *object creation*

Structural design patterns

are concerned with how to compose classes and objects in larger structures

Behavioural design patterns

are concerned with algorithms and the separation of responsibilities between objects or classes

DESIGN PATTERN CATALOGUE : SCOPE

Class Patterns

- deal with relationships between classes (and their subclasses)

- relationships are static since they are fixed at compile time

Object Patterns

- deal with relationships between objects

- relationships are more dynamic since they can be changed at run-time

DESIGN PATTERN CATALOGUE ...

		Purpose		
		Creational	Structural	Behavioral
Scope	Class	Factory Method	Adapter (Class)	Interpreter Template Method
	Object	Abstract Factory Builder Prototype Singleton	Adapter (Object) Bridge Composite Decorator Façade Flyweight Proxy	Chain of Responsibility Command Iterator Mediator Memento Observer State Strategy Visitor

CREATIONAL PATTERNS

Abstract the instantiation/object creation process

Encapsulates knowledge about which concrete classes to use

Hides how class instances are created and put together

Give a lot of flexibility in *what, who, how* and *when* things get created

A creational class pattern

typically uses inheritance to *vary* the class to be instantiated

and delegates instantiation to another object

STRUCTURAL PATTERNS

How to compose classes and objects to form larger structures

When/how should you use *inheritance*?

When/how should you use *aggregation, association, composition*?

A structural **class** pattern uses *inheritance* to compose interfaces or implementation

Compositions are fixed *at compile time*

A structural **object** pattern describes ways to compose objects to realise new functionality

Added flexibility: ability to change the composition *at run-time*

BEHAVIOURAL PATTERNS

Concerned with algorithms and the assignment of responsibilities between objects

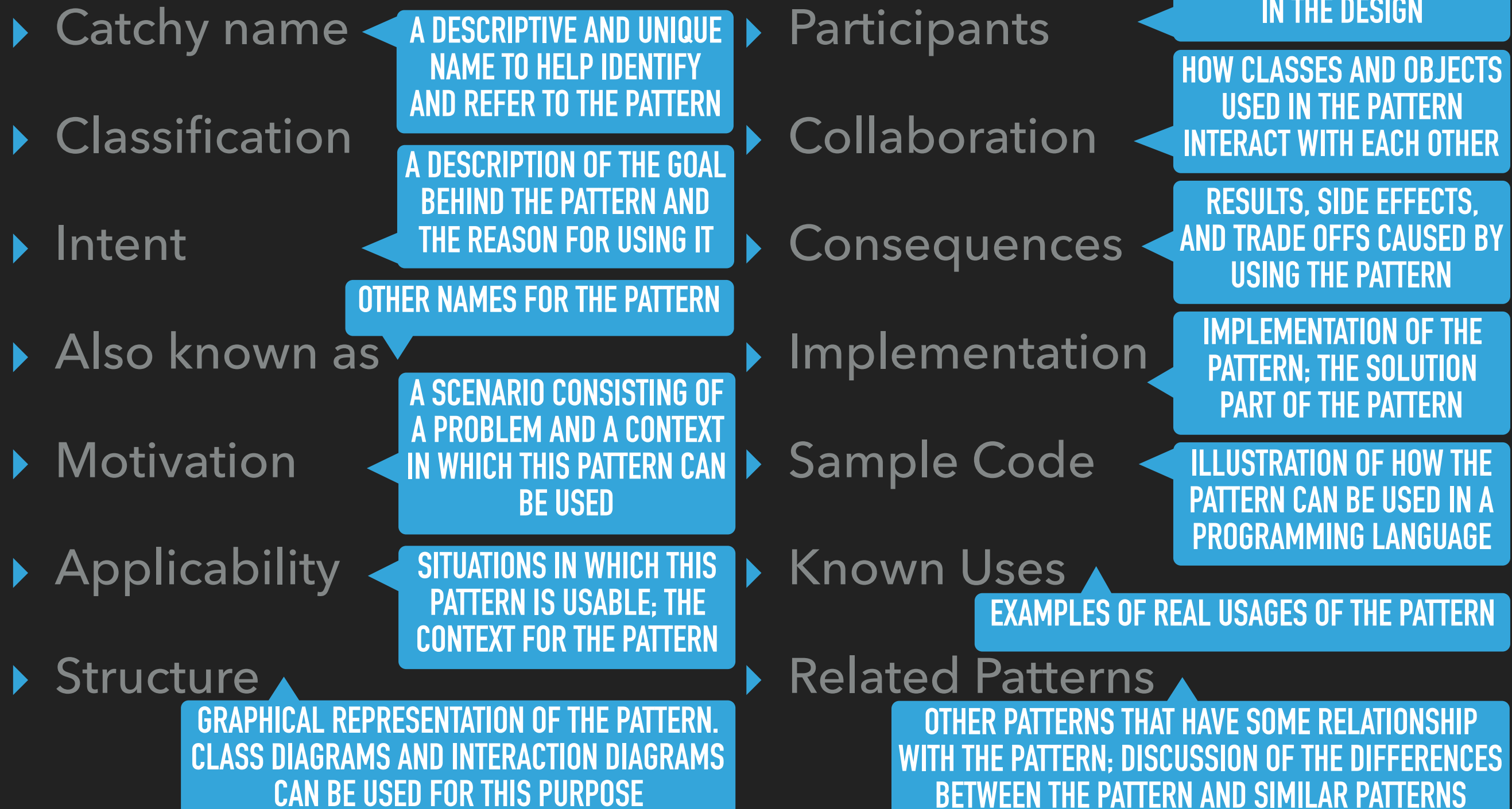
A behavioural **class** pattern uses *inheritance* to distribute behaviour between classes

A behavioural **object** pattern uses object composition rather than inheritance

- describes how groups of objects cooperate to perform tasks no single object could carry out by itself

- is concerned with encapsulating behaviour in an object and delegating requests to it

DESCRIPTION OF A DESIGN PATTERN



HOW TO SELECT A DESIGN PATTERN

Study the *intent* section of the design pattern:
what problem does it solve?

Consider *how* the design patterns solves the problem

Study related patterns of similar purpose

Consider what should be variable in your design

Introduce a pattern to *refactor* the design

HOW TO USE A DESIGN PATTERN

Read pattern overview for its Applicability and Consequences

Study the Structure, Participants and Collaboration sections

Look at the Sample Code

Choose names for the Participants (classes and methods)
meaningful in your context

Define the classes and appropriate interfaces

Implement the operations to carry out the responsibilities and
collaborations in the pattern

WHEN TO USE A DESIGN PATTERN

Avoid overstructuring

Only use design patterns when there is a real *need*.

Introducing design patterns *too early* may be counterproductive.

It makes the design structure unnecessarily complex.

Do *not* waste the effort of introducing a design pattern if you are not sure that it will be needed.

WHEN TO USE A DESIGN PATTERN

Avoid understructuring

If there is a need for design patterns, use them!

Use refactorings to introduce design patterns in existing code.



SELECTED DESIGN PATTERNS

FACTORY METHOD

<http://www.oodesign.com/factory-method-pattern.html>

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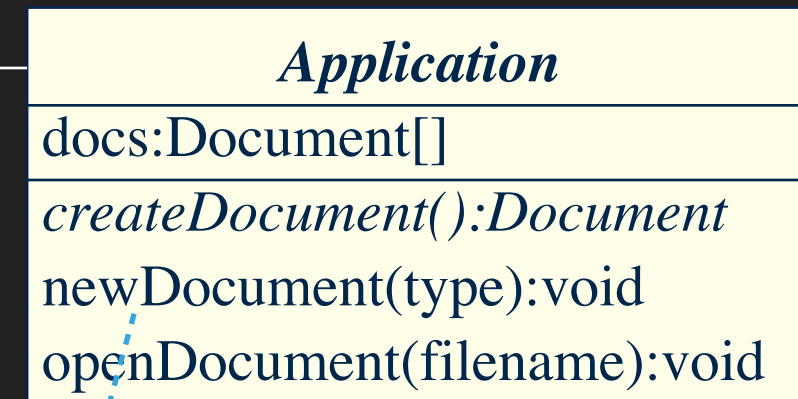
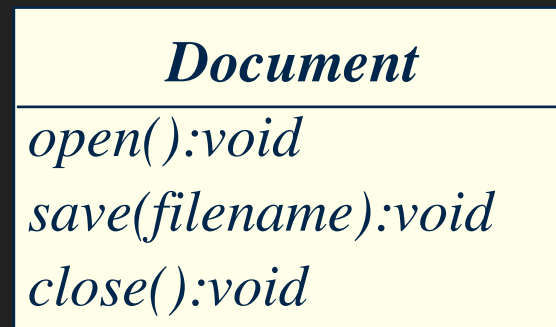
FACTORY METHOD

Classification: Class Creational.

Intent: Define an interface for creating an object, but let subclasses decide which class to instantiate. *Factory Method* lets a class defer instantiation to subclasses.

Motivating example: Application framework for handling documents in a desktop application.

FACTORY METHOD : MOTIVATION



Consider an application framework for creating desktop applications.

Such applications work with documents.

The framework contains basic operations for opening, closing and saving documents.

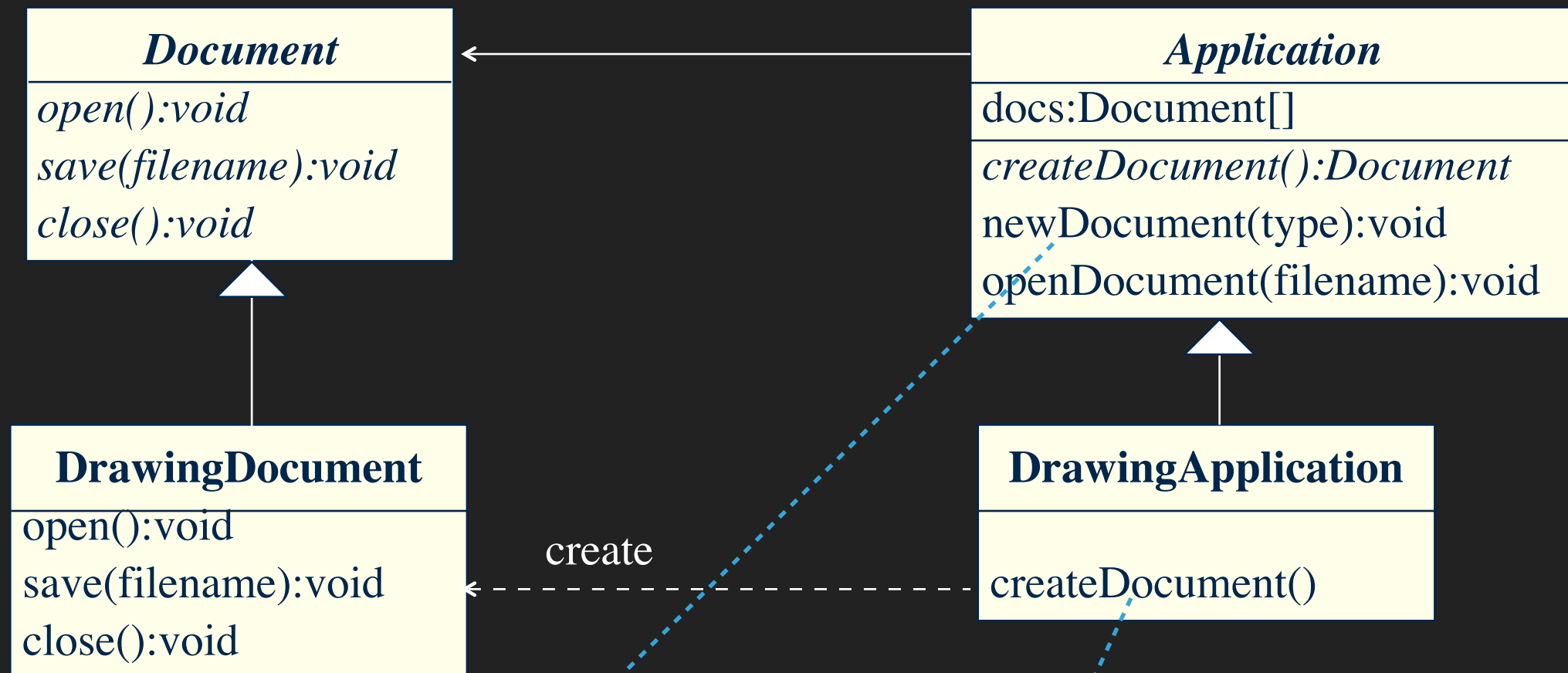
Specific applications (e.g., subclasses of Application) can create their own kinds of documents (subclasses of Document)

For example, a DrawingApplication creates DrawingDocuments.

To create application-specific documents, the abstract Application class needs to delegate to its subclasses.

```
public void newDocument(String type) {  
    Document doc = this.createDocument(type);  
    docs.add(doc);  
    doc.open();  
}
```


FACTORY METHOD : MOTIVATION



```
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```
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    return new DrawingDocument()  
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FACTORY METHOD : APPLICABILITY

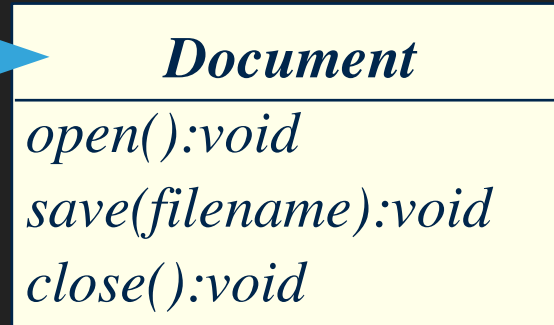
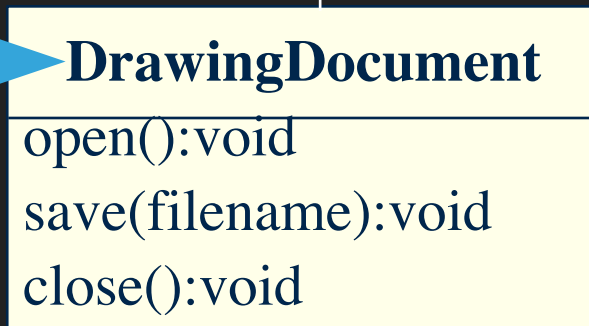
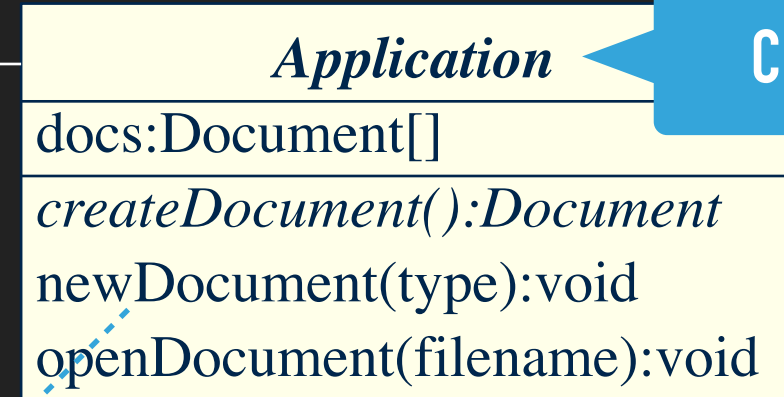
Use the Factory Method design pattern when:

- A class can't anticipate the class of objects it must create

- A class wants its subclasses to specify the objects it creates

- Classes delegate responsibility to one of several helper subclasses, and you want to localise the knowledge of which helper classes to use

FACTORY METHOD : PARTICIPANTS

PRODUCT**CONCRETE PRODUCT****CREATOR****CONCRETE CREATOR**

```
public void newDocument(String type) {  
    Document doc = this.createDocument(type);  
    docs.add(doc);  
    doc.open();  
}
```

```
public Document createDocument() {  
    return new DrawingDocument();  
}
```

create

FACTORY METHOD : PARTICIPANTS

Product (Document)

Defines the interface of objects the factory method creates

ConcreteProduct (DrawingDocument)

Implements the Product interface

Creator (Application)

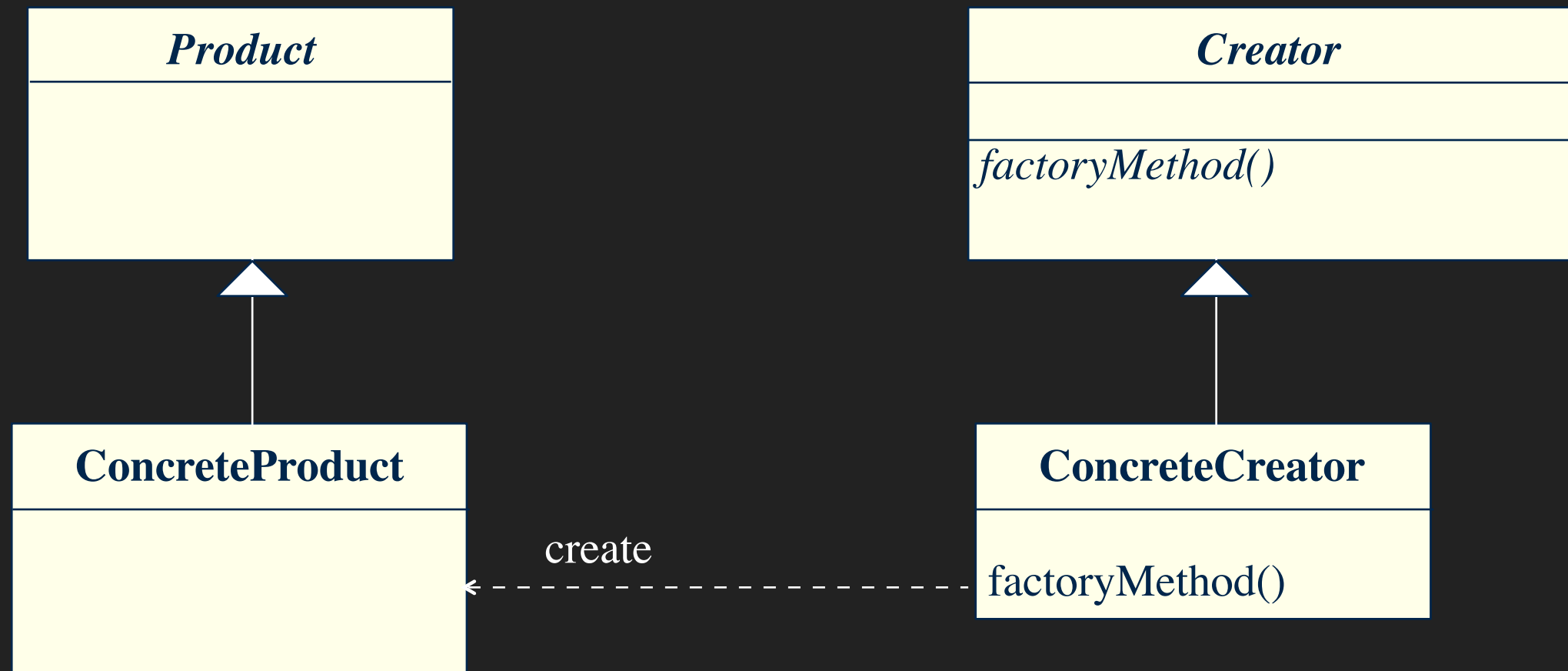
Declares the abstract factory method (createDocument)

May call the factory method to create a Product object

ConcreteCreator (DrawingApplication)

Overrides factory method with a concrete one to return a ConcreteProduct instance

FACTORY METHOD : STRUCTURE



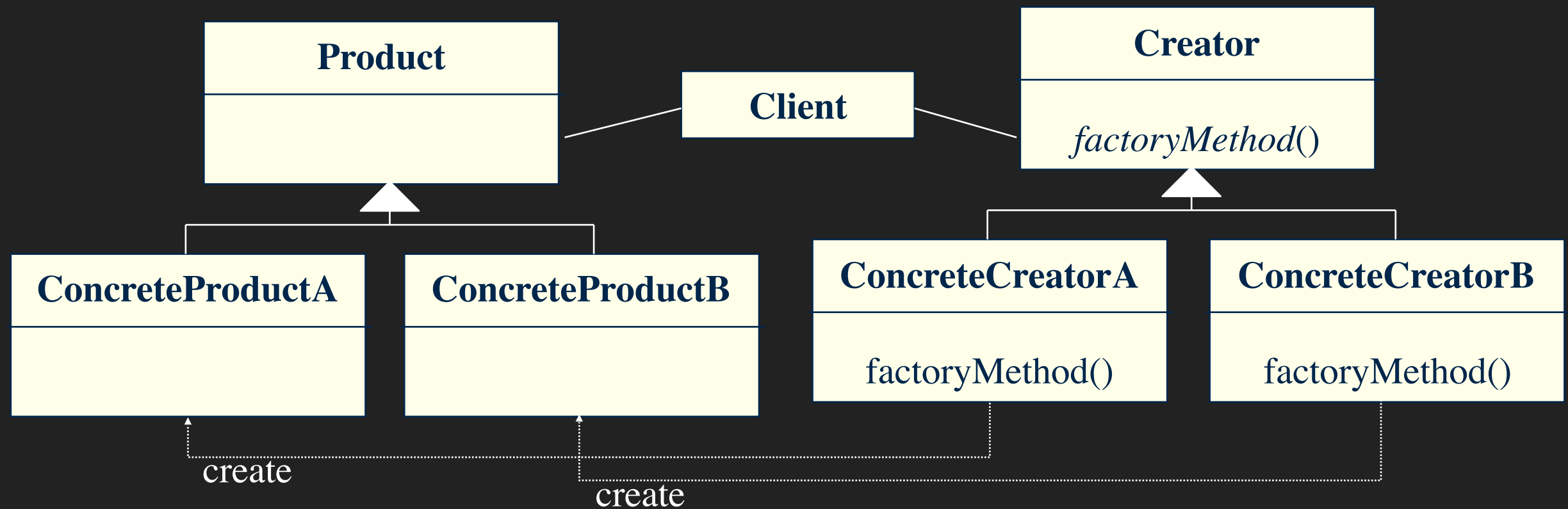
FACTORY METHOD : COLLABORATIONS

Creator relies on its ConcreteCreator subclasses to specify the concrete factory method so that it returns an instance of the appropriate ConcreteProduct

FACTORY METHOD: CONSEQUENCES

More reusable than creating objects directly

Connects parallel class hierarchies



FACTORY METHOD: IMPLEMENTATION

Variation 1:

Some factory methods can provide a *default*. In that case the factory method is not abstract.

Application

```
docs:Document[]  
createDocument():Document  
newDocument(type):void  
openDocument(filename):void
```

```
public Document createDocument(String type){  
    if (type.isEqual("drawing"))  
        return new DrawingDocument();  
    ...  
}
```


FACTORY METHOD: IMPLEMENTATION

Variation 2:

Factory methods can be *parameterised* to return multiple kinds of products.

e.g. pass an extra parameter to `createDocument` to specify the kind of Document to create.



SELECTED DESIGN
PATTERNS

TEMPLATE
METHOD

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WILL BE DISCUSSED LATER
WHEN TALKING ABOUT
APPLICATION FRAMEWORKS



SELECTED DESIGN
PATTERNS

STRATEGY

A SELECTION OF DESIGN PATTERNS

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STRATEGY

Classification: Object Behavioural.

Intent: Define a family of algorithms, encapsulate each one, and make them interchangeable. *Strategy* lets the algorithm vary independently from clients that use it.

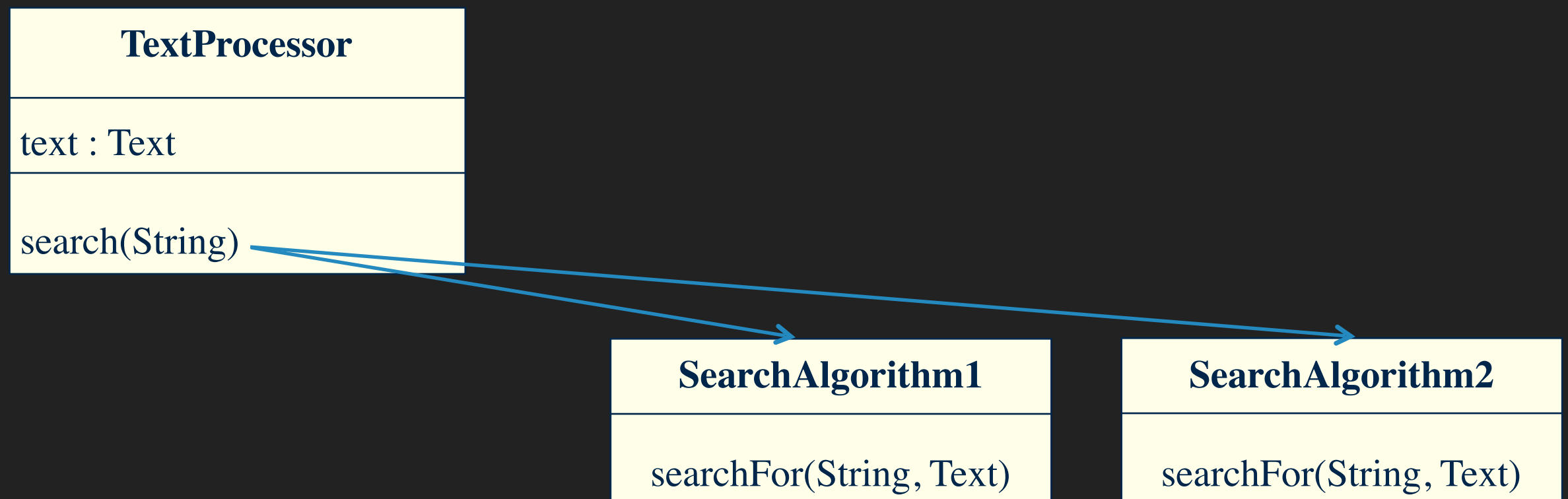
Motivating example:

- Different sorting algorithms

- String search in a text processor

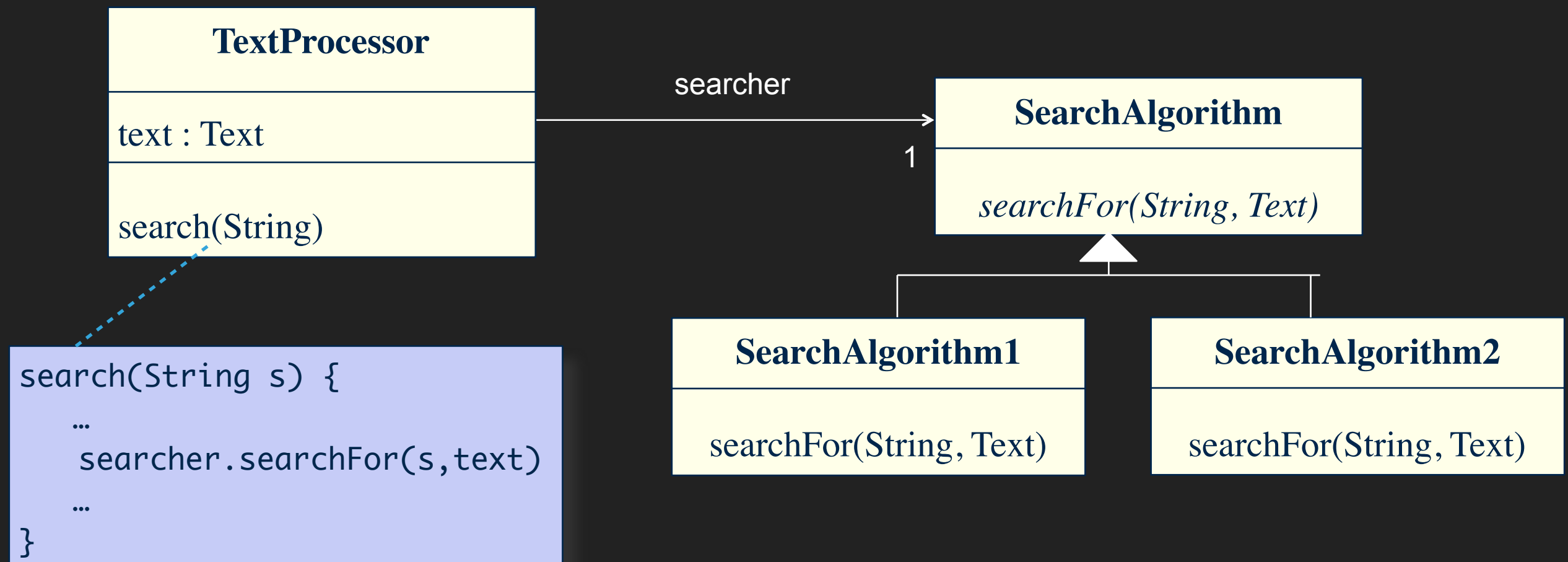
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STRATEGY: APPLICABILITY

Use the **Strategy** design pattern when

- Many related classes that differ only in their behaviour

- You need different variants of an algorithm

- An algorithm uses data that clients should not know about

- A class defines many behaviours

STRATEGY: PARTICIPANTS

Strategy (SearchAlgorithm)

Declares an interface common to all supported algorithms. **Context** uses this interface to call the algorithm defined by a **ConcreteStrategy**

ConcreteStrategy (SearchAlgorithm1, SearchAlgorithm2)

Implements the algorithm using the **Strategy** interface

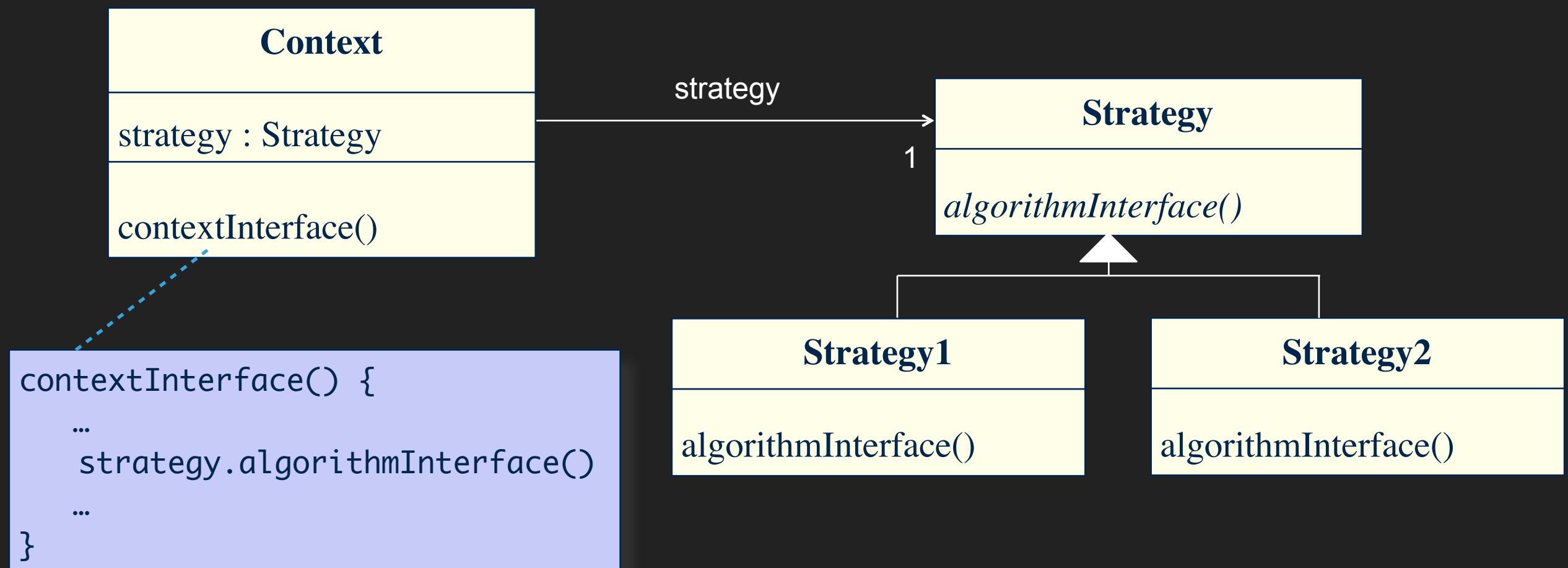
Context (TextProcessor)

Is configured with a **ConcreteStrategy** object

Maintains a reference to a **Strategy** object

May define an interface that lets **Strategy** access its data

STRATEGY: STRUCTURE



STRATEGY: COLLABORATIONS

Strategy and Context interact to implement the chosen algorithm

- Context may pass all data required by the algorithm to the strategy when the algorithm is called

- Context can pass itself as an argument to Strategy operations

A Context forwards requests from its clients to its strategy

- Clients usually create and pass a ConcreteStrategy object to the Context. From then on, they interact with the Context exclusively.

STRATEGY: CONSEQUENCES

Families of related algorithms

An alternative to subclassing

Strategies eliminate conditionals

Provide a choice of implementation

- allow for different implementations of same behaviour

Overhead involved

- Communication between Context and Strategy

- Increased number of objects

STRATEGY: IMPLEMENTATION

The Strategy interface must provide enough information to ConcreteStrategy

Default behaviour can be incorporated in the Context object. If no strategy object is present, this default behaviour can be used.



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DECORATOR

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DECORATOR

Classification: Object Structural.

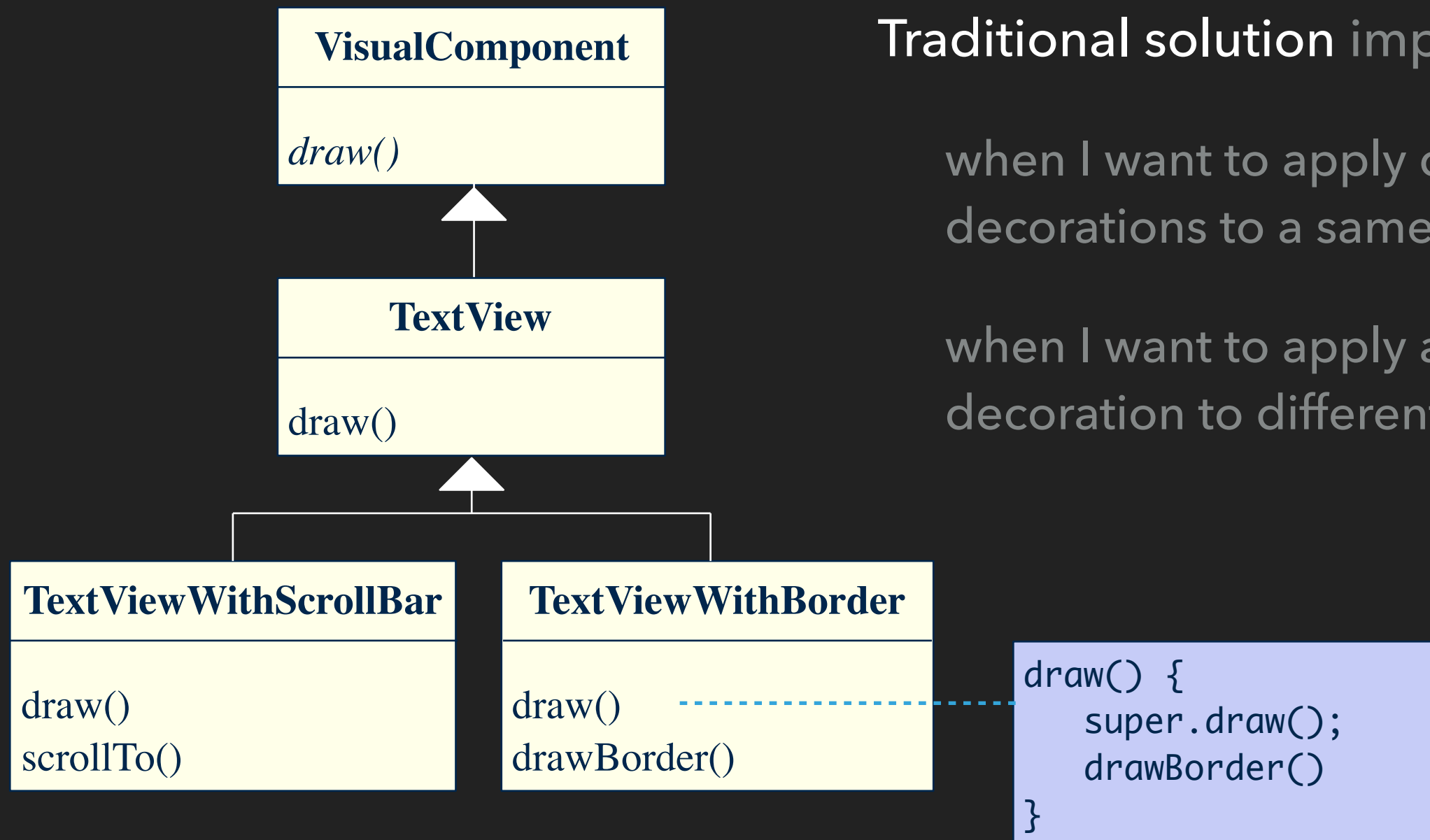
Intent:

Attach additional responsibilities to an object dynamically.
Decorators provide a dynamic alternative for subclassing.

Motivating example:

Adding borders/scrollbars/... to a visual component

DECORATOR: MOTIVATION

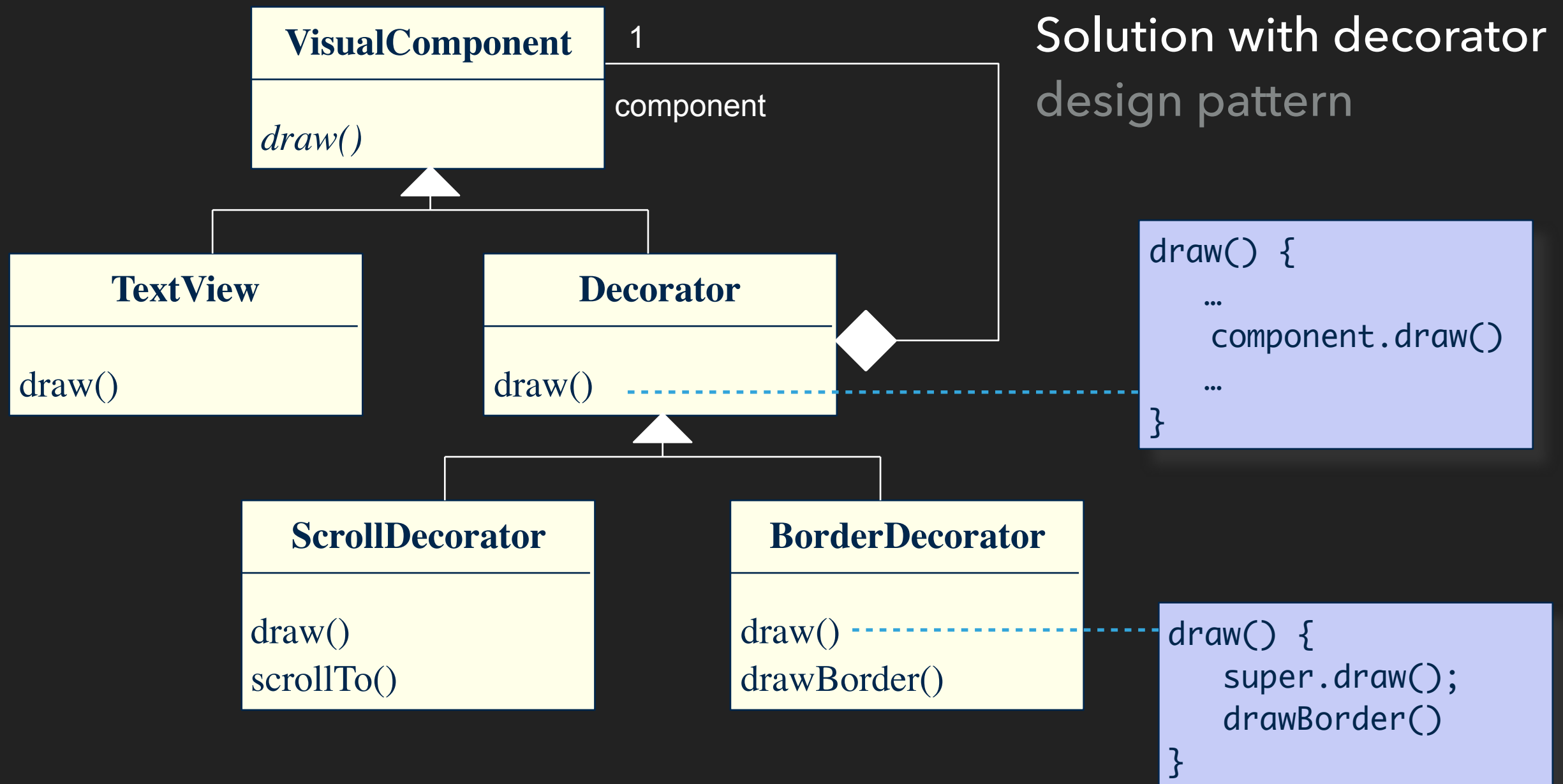


Traditional solution impractical

when I want to apply different decorations to a same component

when I want to apply a same decoration to different components

DECORATOR: MOTIVATION



DECORATOR: APPLICABILITY

Use the Decorator design pattern

To add responsibilities to individual objects dynamically and transparently without affecting other objects

For responsibilities that can be withdrawn

When extending by subclassing is impractical

DECORATOR: PARTICIPANTS

Component (VisualComponent)

Defines the interface for objects that can have responsibilities added to them dynamically

ConcreteComponent (TextView)

Defines an object to which we want to attach additional responsibilities

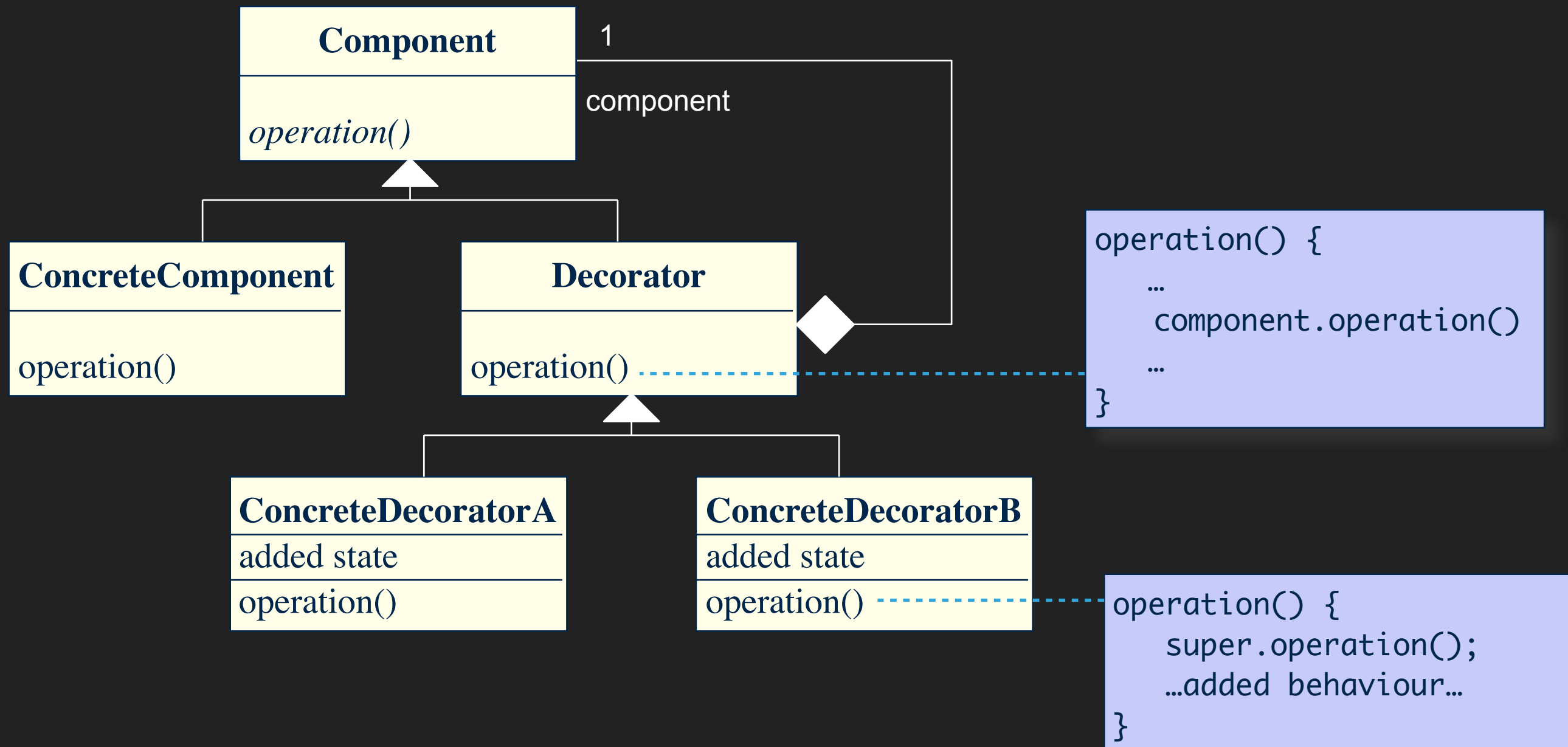
Decorator (Decorator)

Maintains a reference to a Component object and defines an interface that conforms to the Components interface

ConcreteDecorator (BorderDecorator)

Adds responsibilities to the component

DECORATOR: MOTIVATION



DECORATOR: COLLABORATIONS

Decorator forwards requests to the Component object. It may optionally perform additional behaviour before and after forwarding the request

DECORATOR: CONSEQUENCES

More flexible than static inheritance

Possible to dynamically add or withdraw responsibilities

Avoids classes with a lot of features

Lots of little objects

DECORATOR: IMPLEMENTATION

Object identity can be a problem

a decorated component is not identical to the object itself



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F. ANTIPATTERNS*

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KEY REFERENCE

Anti Patterns

*Refactoring Software, Architectures
and Projects in Crisis*

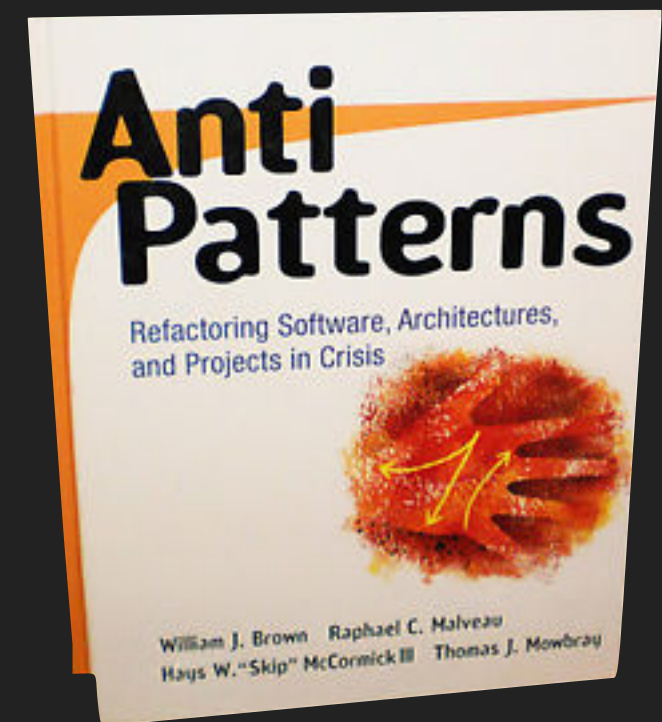
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WHAT ARE ANTIPATTERNS?

Design patterns identify *good working practices*

Anti patterns identify *common mistakes* and how these mistakes can be overcome in *refactored* solutions.

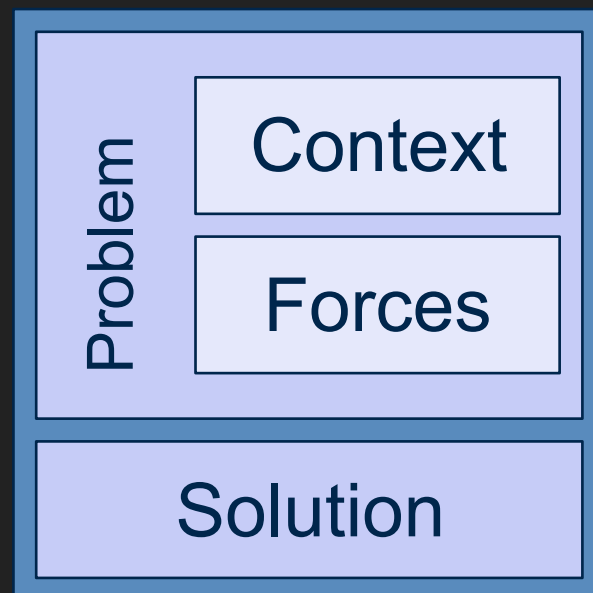
An AntiPattern is

"a commonly used solution to a problem that generates decidedly negative consequences"

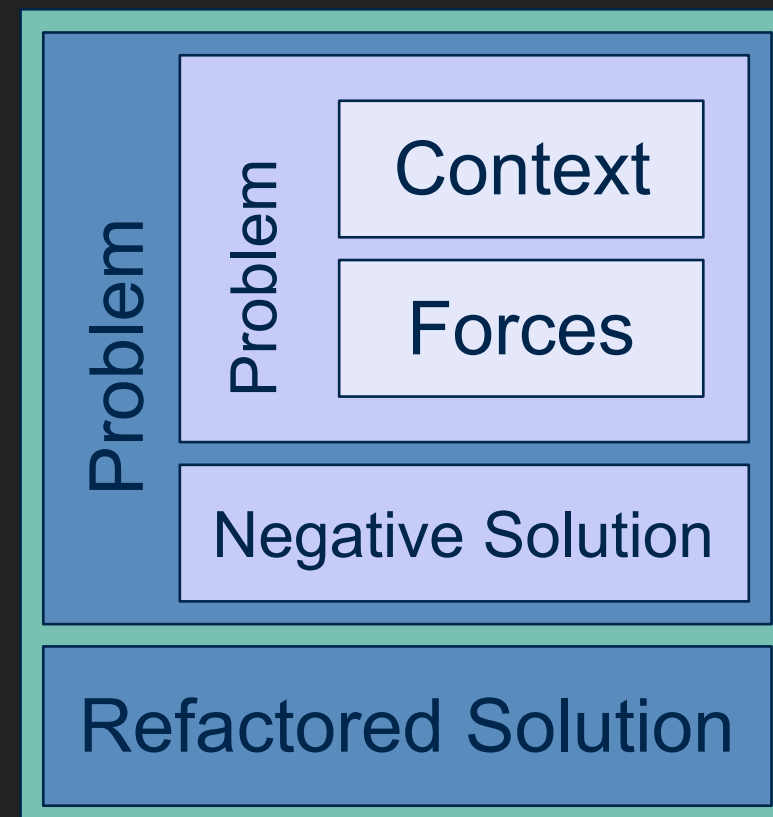
WHAT ARE ANTIPATTERNS?

An AntiPattern is a special (negative) design pattern which features an extra refactored solution to the problem.

Pattern



AntiPattern



7 DEADLY SINS

1. **Haste** : Hasty decisions lead to compromises in software quality. Especially testing is a victim.

"Just clean up the code, we ship tomorrow..."

2. **Apathy** : Not caring about solving known problems

"Reuse? Who's ever gonna reuse this crappy code?"

3. **Narrow-mindedness** : Refusal to practice solutions that are widely known to be effective.

"I don't need to know, and... I don't care to know"

7 DEADLY SINS

4. **Sloth** (lazyness) : Making poor decisions based upon easy answers (lazy developers)
5. **Avarice** (greed) : The modeling of excessive details, resulting in overcomplexity due to insufficient abstraction

"I'm impressed ! The most complex model ever done !"

6. **Ignorance** : Failing to seek understanding

"100 pages... let's find a one page summary on the net"

7. **Pride** : Reinventing designs instead of reusing them.

CATEGORIES OF ANTIPATTERNS

Development AntiPatterns

technical problems/solutions encountered by programmers

Architectural AntiPatterns

identification of common problems in system structures

Managerial AntiPatterns

addresses common problems in software processes and development organisations

DEVELOPMENT ANTIPATTERNS

The Blob

Golden Hammer

Continuous Obsolescence

Boat Anchor

Lava Flow

Dead End

Ambiguous Viewpoint

Spaghetti Code

Functional Decomposition

Minefield Walking

Poltergeists

Cut-and-Paste

EXAMPLE: THE BLOB

Category : Software Development

Also Known As : The God Class

Scale : Application

Refactored Solution Name : Refactoring of Responsibilities

Root Causes : Sloth, Haste



THE BLOB: GENERAL FORM

Designs where one class monopolises the processing, and other classes primarily encapsulate data

Key problem: majority of responsibilities allocated to a single class.

In general it is a kind of procedural design

conflicts with OO paradigm

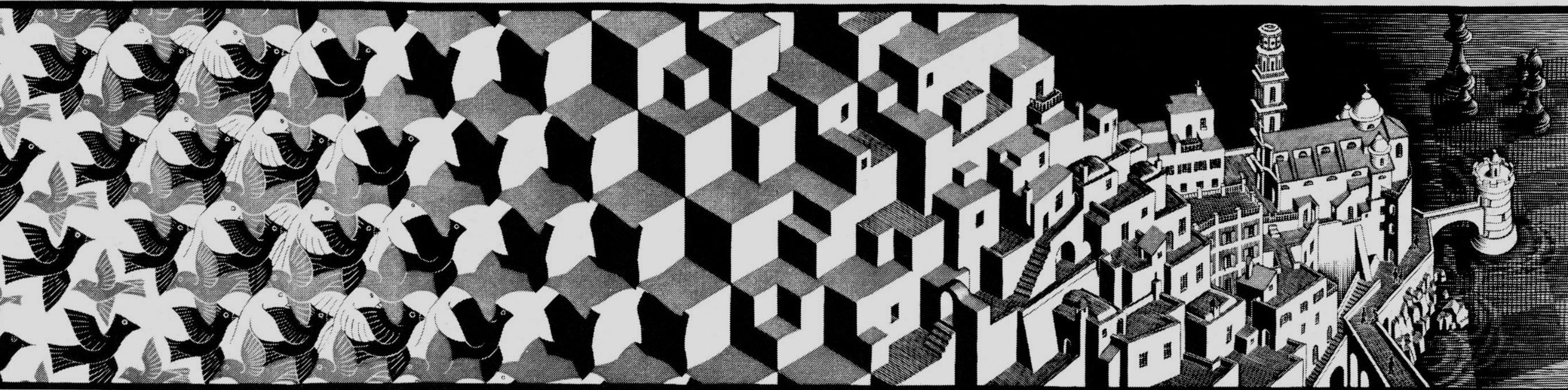
THE BLOB: REFACTORED SOLUTION

Identify or categorise related attributes and operations

Look for 'natural homes' for these collections of functionality

Apply OO design techniques (e.g., inheritance, ...)

Apply refactorings to bring code back in shape



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G. CONCLUSION

SOFTWARE PATTERNS ...

capture successful solutions to recurring problems that arise during software construction

define a common vocabulary amongst software developers

increase reuse of design as opposed to reuse of implementation

help to improve software quality

can be introduced by refactoring

should be used with care! (anti patterns)

ARCHITECTURAL AND DESIGN PATTERNS ARE

Smart

provide elegant solutions that a novice would not think of

Generic

independent of a specific system or programming language

Well-proven

successfully tested and applied in several real-world applications

A black and white photograph of Albert Einstein, looking towards the camera with a surprised expression, his hand raised as if pointing at a chalkboard. The chalkboard contains handwritten text about learning objectives.

Learning objectives :

- Definition and difference between maintenance, evolution, reuse
- Different types of maintenance
- Causes for maintenance and change
- Techniques
- Differences of evolution
re evolution



POSSIBLE QUESTIONS (1)

- ▶ What do Christopher Alexander's (building) architectural patterns and (software) design patterns have in common? Explain with a concrete example.
- ▶ Give a definition of the notion of "design pattern".
- ▶ What are design patterns good for and why? Why cannot you say "I have invented a design pattern"?
- ▶ Explain the different parts of which a design pattern description typically exists.
 - ▶ (Catchy name, Classification, Intent, Also known as, Motivation, Applicability, Structure, Participants, Collaboration, Consequences, Implementation, Sample Code, Known Uses, Related Patterns)



POSSIBLE QUESTIONS (2)

- ▶ Explain and illustrate the **Abstract Factory** design pattern in detail. Clearly mention its problem, solution, participants, structure and applicability.
- ▶ Explain the **Factory Method** design pattern in detail. Clearly mention its Intent, Motivation, Applicability, Participants, Collaboration, Consequences and Implementation.
- ▶ Same question for the **Strategy** and **Decorator** design patterns.
- ▶ What is an **antipattern** and how does it compare to a design pattern? What purpose does it serve?
- ▶ Explain at least 4 of the 7 deadly sins related to antipatterns.
- ▶ Explain **The Blob** antipattern.

CLASS... IS... DISMISSED.

