CSE 403

Software Engineering

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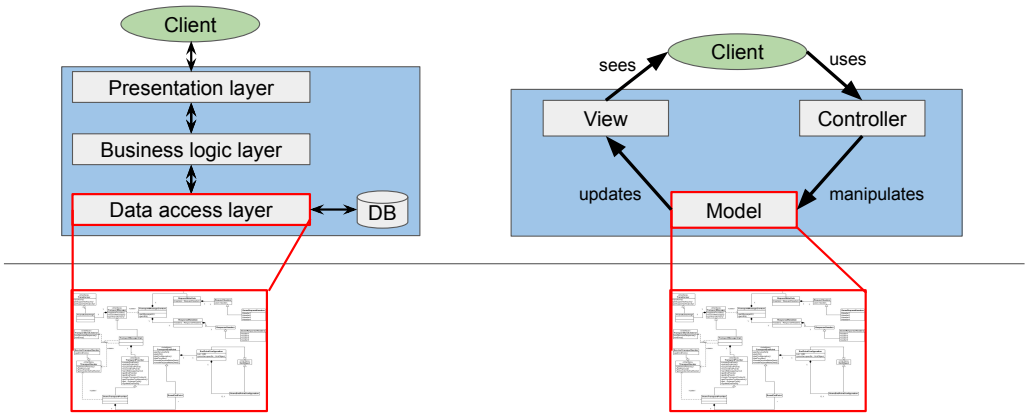
Software design and best practices

Recap: software architecture vs. design



Architecture and design

- Components and interfaces: understand, communicate, reuse
- Manage complexity: modularity and separation of concerns
- Process: allow effort estimation and progress monitoring

Today

- Software design and best practices
- A little quiz on best practices

- Additional material, not covered in class (refresher for 331)
  - UML crash course
  - OO design principles
  - OO design patterns

SW Design: Purposes, Concepts, and Misfits

Purposes, Concepts, Misfits, and a Redesign of Git

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Concept and motivating purpose

"A **concept** is something you need to understand in order to use an application (and also something a developer needs to understand to work effectively with its code) and is invented to solve a particular problem, which is called the **motivating purpose.**"

Use cases are a good starting point
for defining concepts for motivating purposes.

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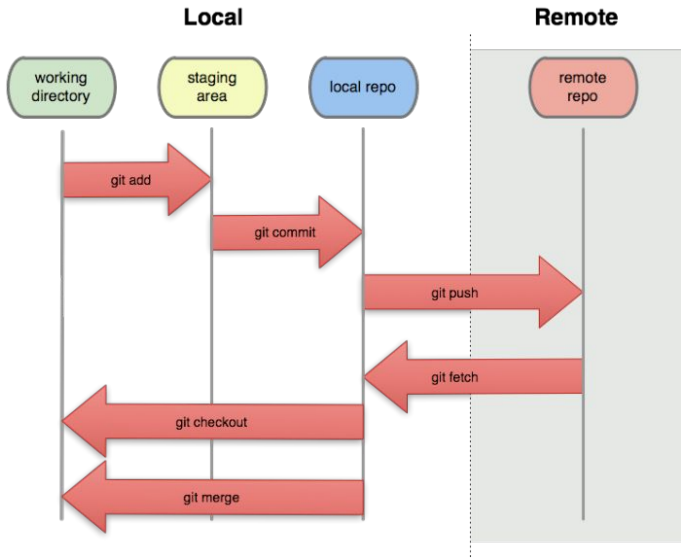
"A concept may not be entirely fit for purpose. In that case, one or more **operational misfits** are used to explain why. The operational misfit usually does not contradict the operational principle, but presents a different scenario in which the prescribed behavior does not meet a desired goal."

Git: another example for concepts and purposes



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- 6 code snippets
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   if (course.equals("CSE403")) {
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Round 2: why is it good or bad?

My take on this

- Snippet 1: bad
- Snippet 2: bad
- Snippet 3: good
- Snippet 4: bad
- Snippet 5: bad
- Snippet 6: good

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Null references...the billion dollar mistake.

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Don't return null; return an empty array instead.

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No diagnostic information.

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Defensive programming: add an assertion (or write the literal first).
Use constants and enums to avoid literal duplication.

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Type safety using an enum; throws an exception for unexpected cases (e.g., future extensions of PaymentType).

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Method parameters should be final;
use local variables to sanitize inputs.

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ArrayList<String> l = new ArrayList<>();
Integer index = Integer.valueOf(1);
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What does the last call return (`l.remove(index)`)?

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Avoid method overloading, which is statically resolved.
Autoboxing/unboxing adds additional confusion.

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Good encapsulation; immutable object.

Additional material, not discussed in class

UML crash course

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The main questions

- What is UML?
- Is it useful, why bother?
- When to (not) use UML?

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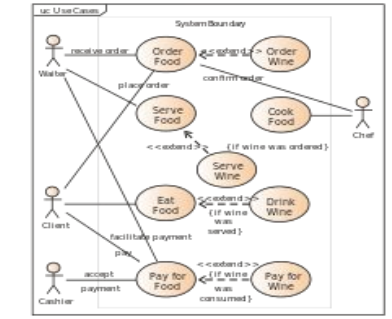

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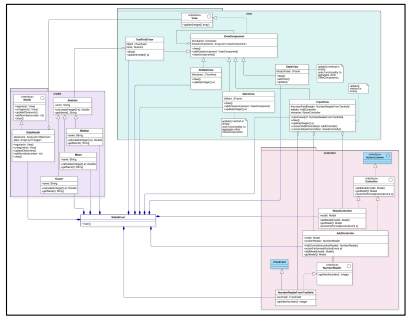

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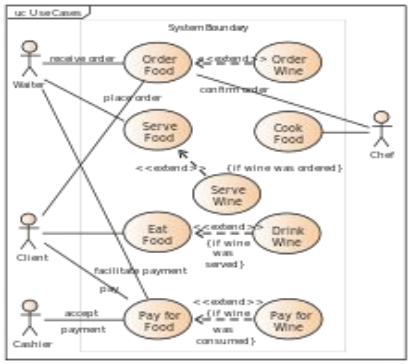

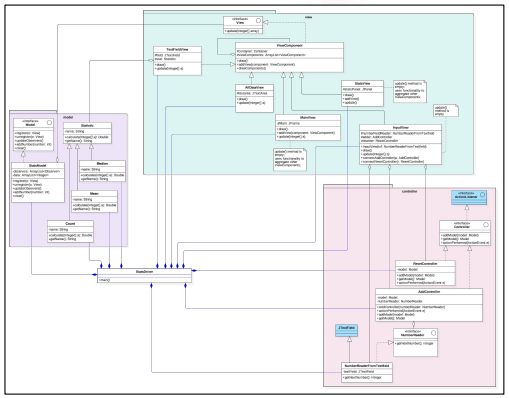

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Communication

- Forward design (before coding)
  - Brainstorm ideas (on whiteboard or paper).
  - Draft and iterate over software design.

Documentation

- Backward design (after coding)
  - Obtain diagram from source code.

In this class, we will use UML class diagrams mainly for visualization and discussion purposes.

Classes vs. objects

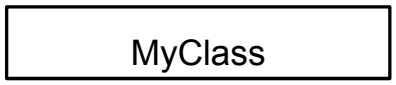
Class

- Grouping of similar objects.
  - Student
  - Car
- Abstraction of common properties and behavior.
  - Student: Name and Student ID
  - Car: Make and Model

Object

- Entity from the real world.
- Instance of a class
  - Student: Joe (4711), Jane (4712), …
  - Car: Audi A6, Honda Civic, ...

UML class diagram: basic notation



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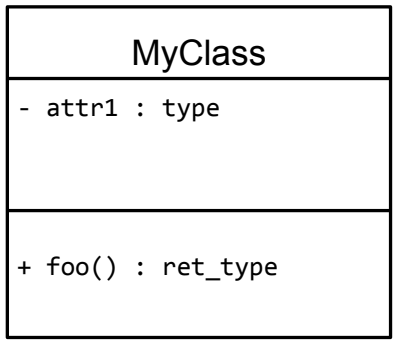

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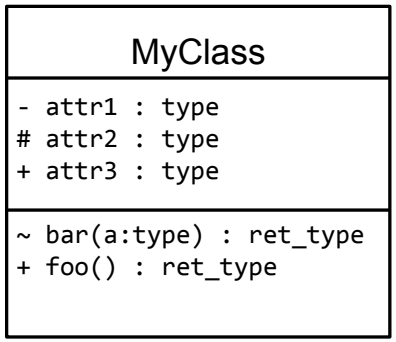

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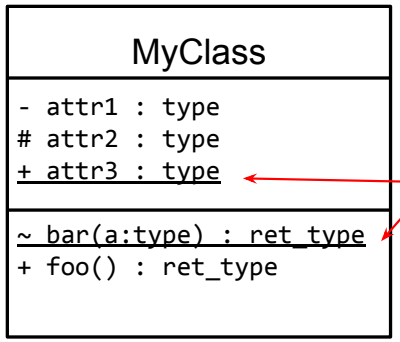

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UML class diagram: concrete example

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public class Person {
  ...
}
```

Person

```
public class Student
    extends Person {
  private int id;
  public Student(String name,
                 int id) {
    ...
  }

  public int getId() {
    return this.id;
  }
}
```

Student

- id : int

+ Student(name:String, id:int)
+ getId() : int

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public class MyClass {

  public void op() {
    ...
  }

  public int op2() {
    ...
  }
}
```

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public abstract class
    MyAbstractClass {

  public abstract void op();


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  }
}
```

```
public interface
    MyInterface {

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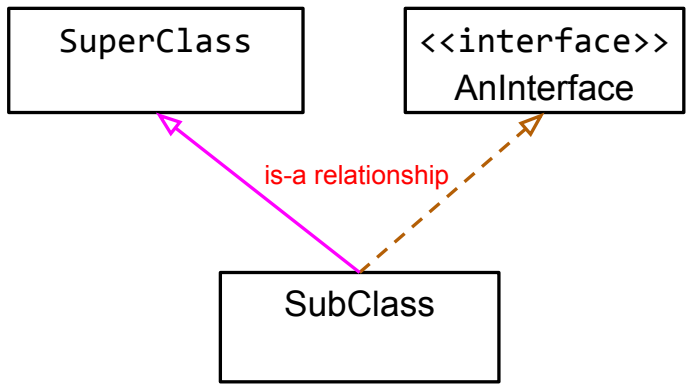
Level of detail in a given class or interface may vary and depends on context and purpose.

UML class diagram: Inheritance

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public class SubClass extends SuperClass implements AnInterface
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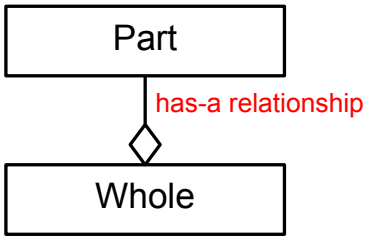
UML class diagram: Aggregation and Composition

Aggregation



- Existence of Part does not depend on the existence of Whole.
- Lifetime of Part does not depend on Whole.
- No single instance of whole is the unique owner of Part (might be shared with other instances of Whole).

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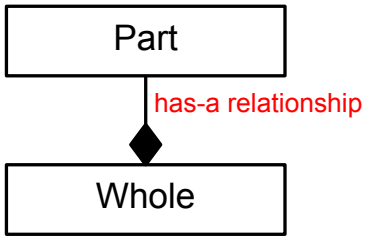

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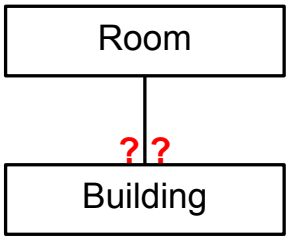

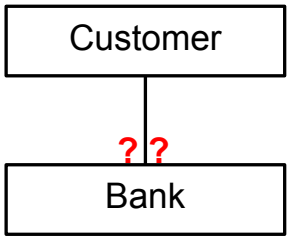

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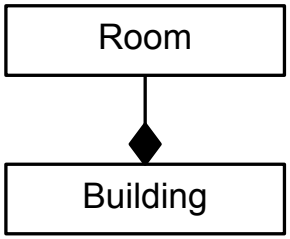

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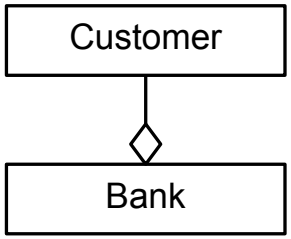
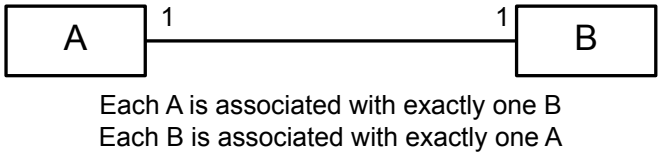


What about class and students or body and body parts?

UML class diagram: multiplicity



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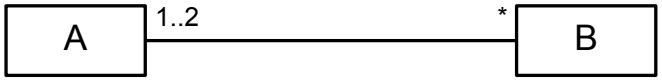

Each A is associated with any number of Bs
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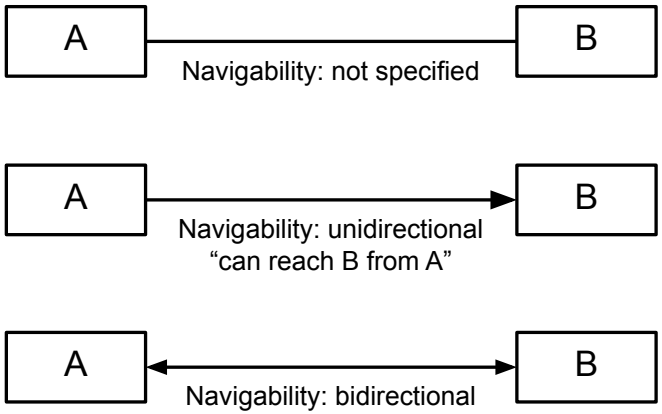
UML class diagram: navigability



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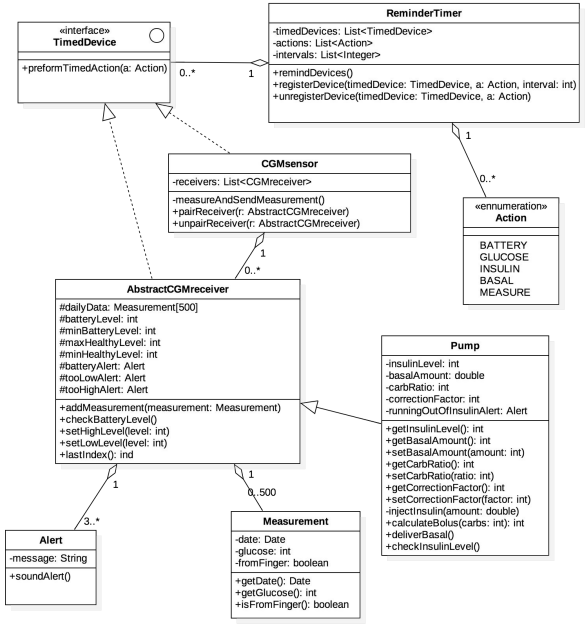

Summary: UML

- Unified notation for modeling OO systems.
- Allows different levels of abstraction.
- Suitable for design discussions and documentation.

OO design principles

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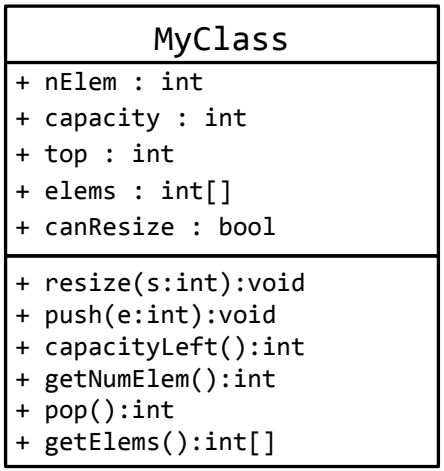
- **Information hiding (and encapsulation)**
- Polymorphism
- Open/closed principle
- Inheritance in Java
- The diamond of death
- Liskov substitution principle
- Composition/aggregation over inheritance

Information hiding

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public class MyClass {
  public int nElem;
  public int capacity;
  public int top;
  public int[] elems;
  public boolean canResize;
  ...
  public void resize(int s){...}
  public void push(int e){...}
  public int capacityLeft(){...}
  public int getNumElem(){...}
  public int pop(){...}
  public int[] getElems(){...}
}
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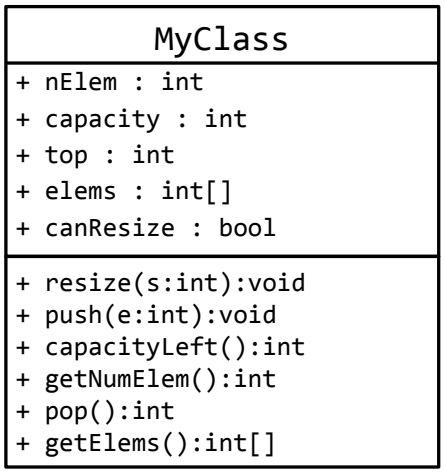


```
public class MyClass {
  public int nElem;
  public int capacity;
  public int top;
  public int[] elems;
  public boolean canResize;
  ...
  public void resize(int s){...}
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What does MyClass do?

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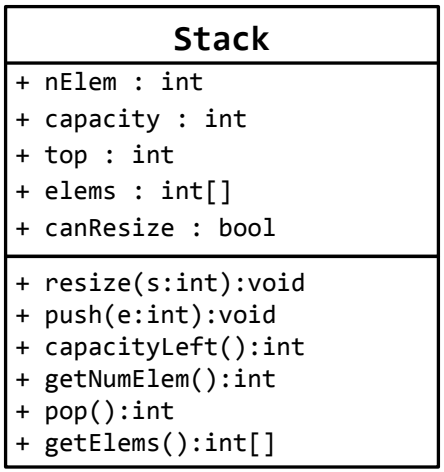


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Anything that could be improved in this implementation?

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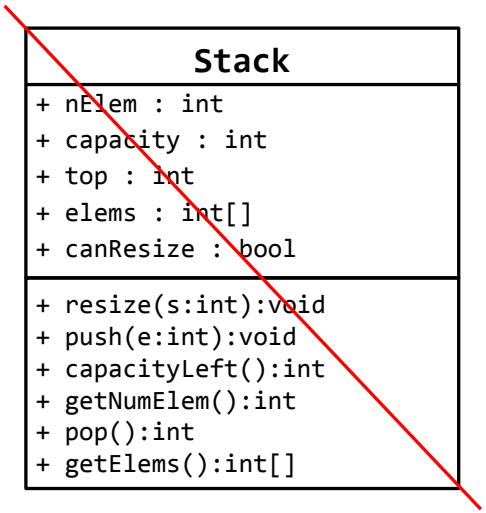
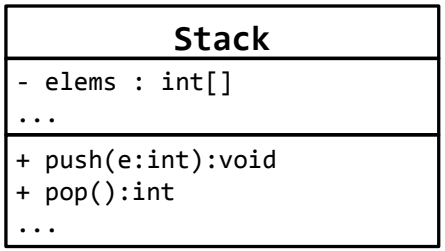
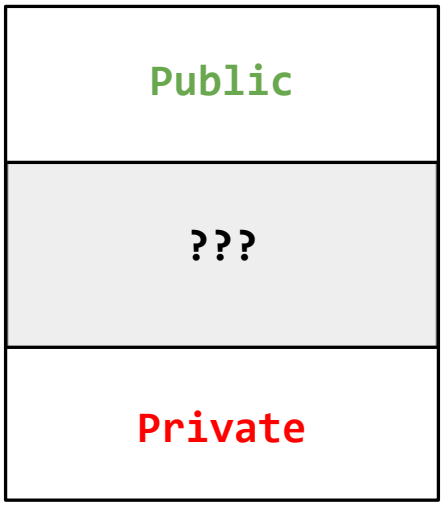




Information hiding:

- Reveal as little information about internals as possible.
- Segregate public interface and implementation details.
- Reduces complexity.

Information hiding vs. visibility



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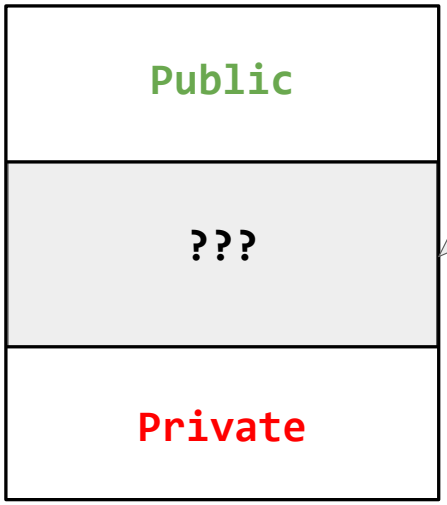

- Protected, package-private, or friend-accessible (C++).
- Not part of the public API.
- Implementation detail that a subclass/friend may rely on.

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- Ad-hoc polymorphism (e.g., operator overloading)
  - `a + b` ⇒ String vs. int, double, etc.
- Subtype polymorphism (e.g., method overriding)
  - `Object obj = ...;` ⇒ toString() can be overridden in subclasses
    `obj.toString();` and therefore provide a different behavior.
- Parametric polymorphism (e.g., Java generics)
  - `class LinkedList<E> {` ⇒ A LinkedList can store elements
    `void add(E) {...}` regardless of their type but still
    `E get(int index) {...}` provide full type safety.

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Subtype polymorphism is essential to many OO design principles.

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Software entities (classes, components, etc.) should be:

- **open** for extensions
- **closed** for modifications

```
public static void draw(Object o) {
  if (o instanceof Square) {
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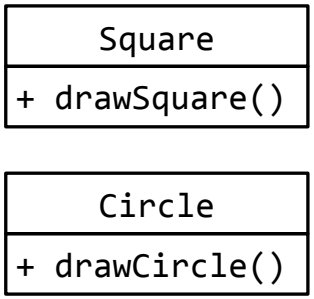
  } else if (o instanceof Circle) {
    drawCircle((Circle) o);
  } else {
    ...
  }
}
```



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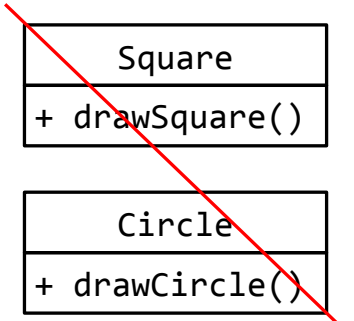

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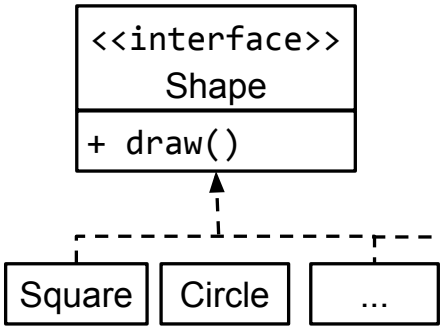

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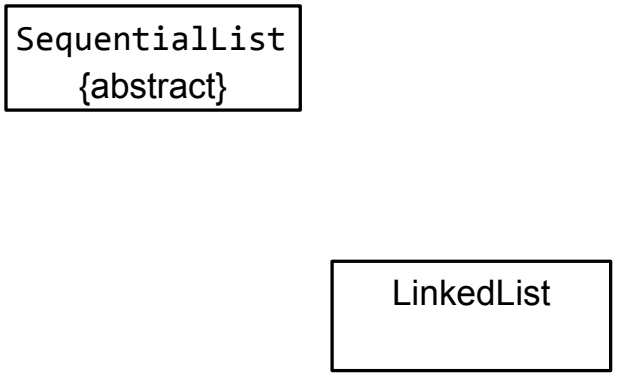

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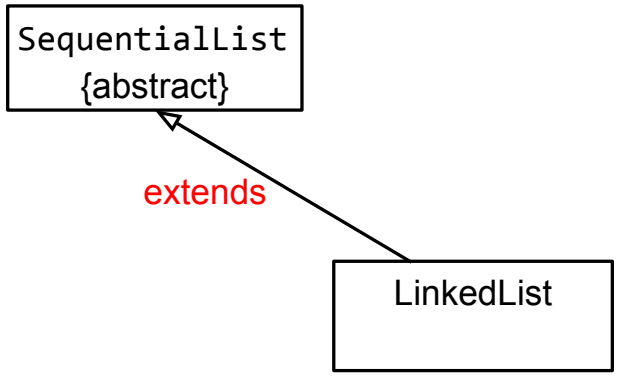

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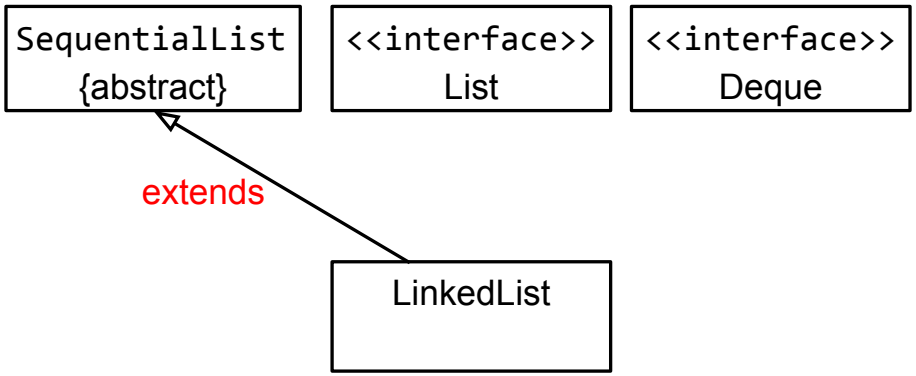

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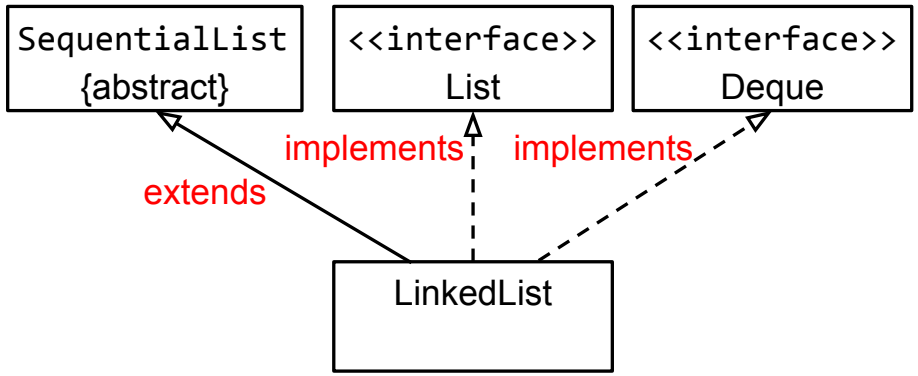

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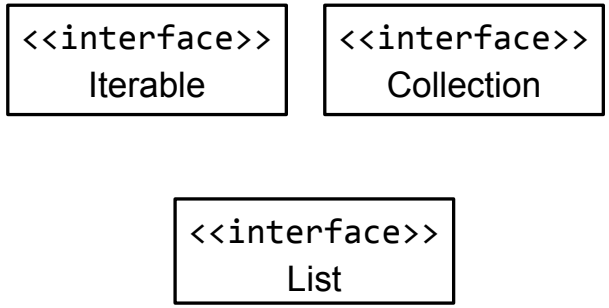

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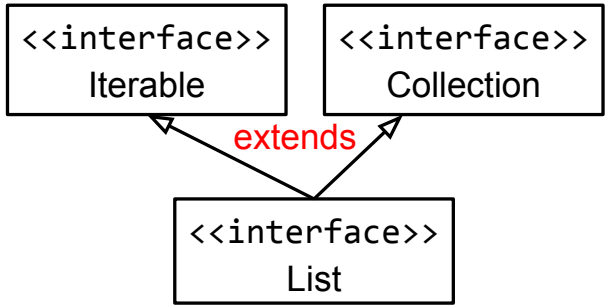

List extends Iterable, Collection

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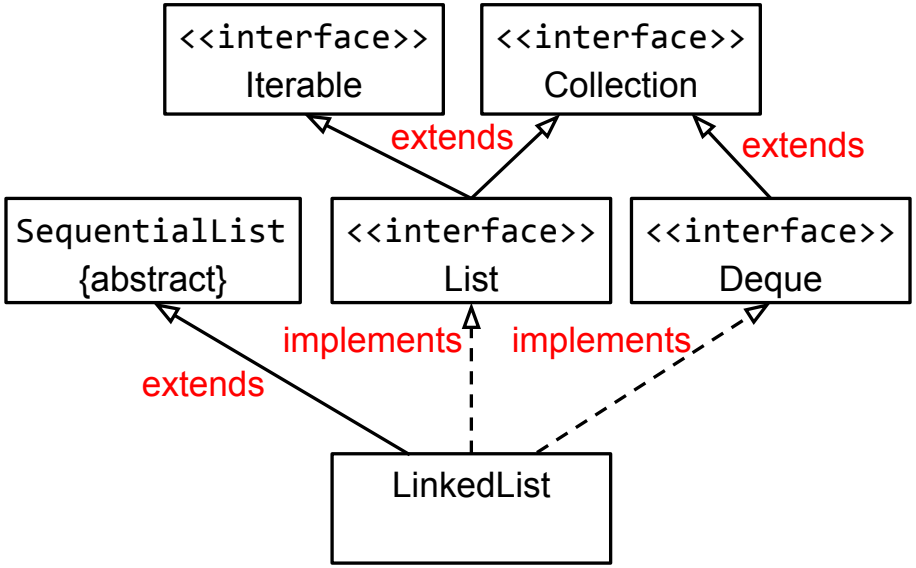

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```
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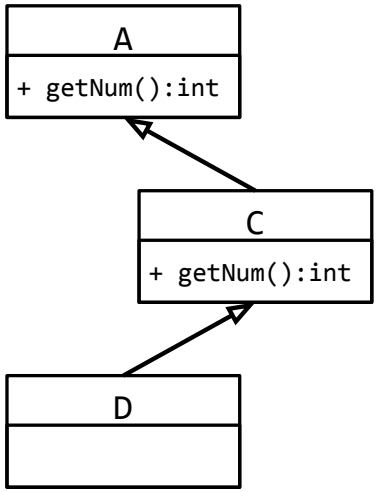
...
```



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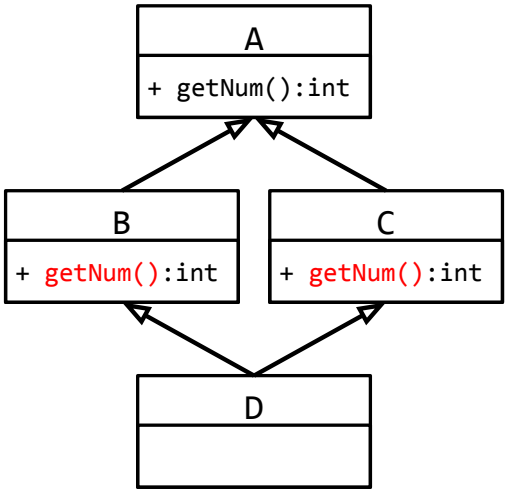
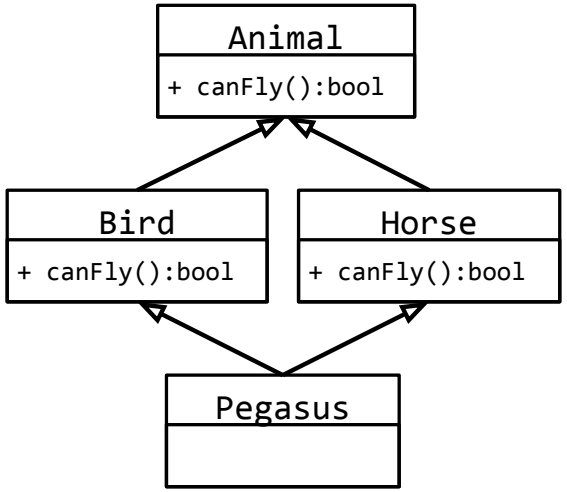
Which getNum() method should be called?



The “diamond of death”: concrete example



Can this happen in Java? Yes, with default methods in Java 8.

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Motivating example

We know that a square is a special kind of a rectangle. So, which of the following OO designs makes sense?

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Is the subtype requirement fulfilled?

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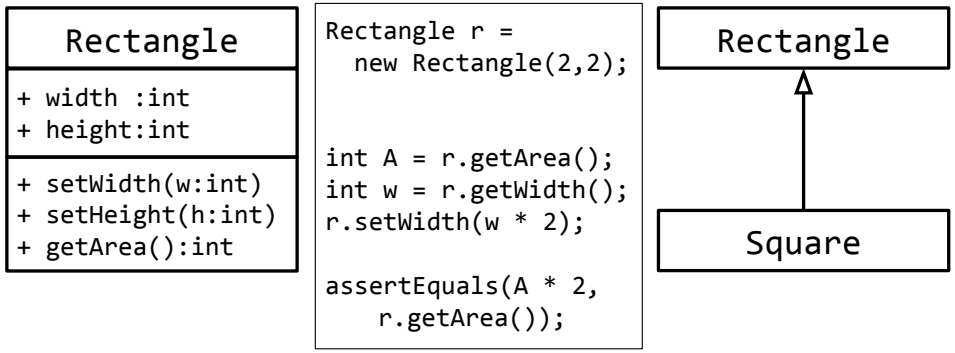

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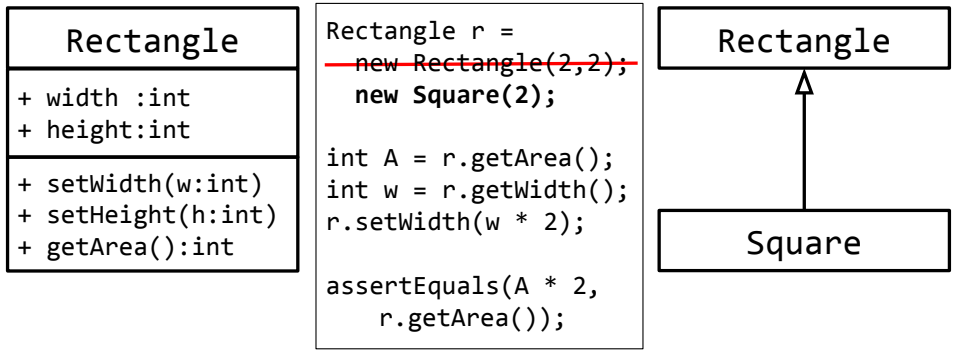

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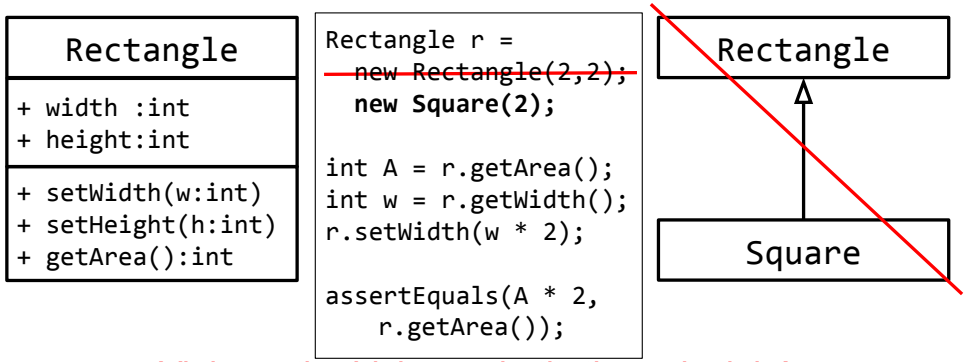

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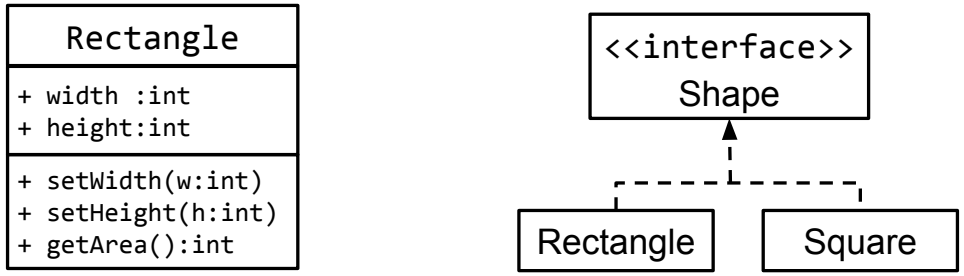

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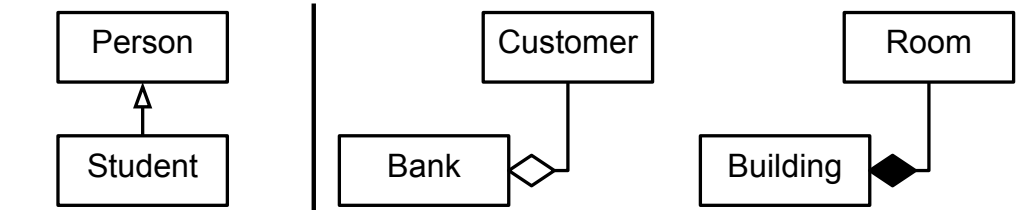
Inheritance vs. (Aggregation vs. *Composition*)




```
public class Student
    extends Person{
 public Student(){
 }
 ...
}
```

```
public class Bank {
 Customer c;
 public Bank(Customer c){
  this.c = c;
 }
 ...
}
```

```
public class Building {
 Room r;
 public Building(){
  this.r = new Room();
 }
 ...
}
```

is-a relationship

has-a relationship

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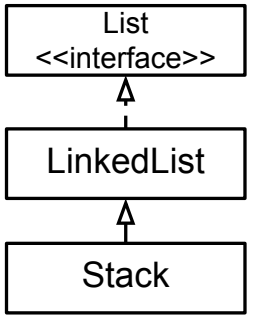
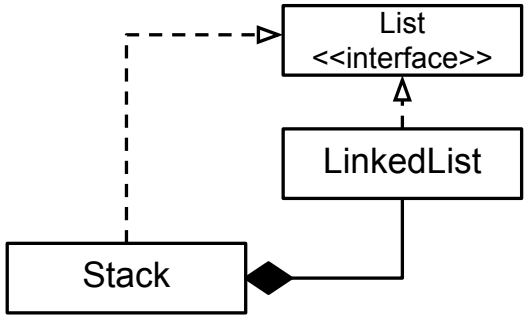



```
public class Stack<E>
     extends LinkedList<E> {
  ...
}
```




```
public class Stack<E> implements List<E> {
  private List<E> l = new LinkedList<>();
  ...
}
```

Hmm, both designs seem valid -- what are pros and cons?

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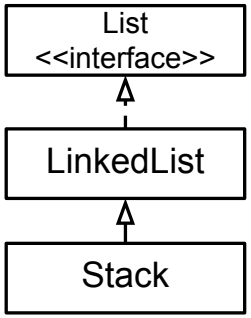
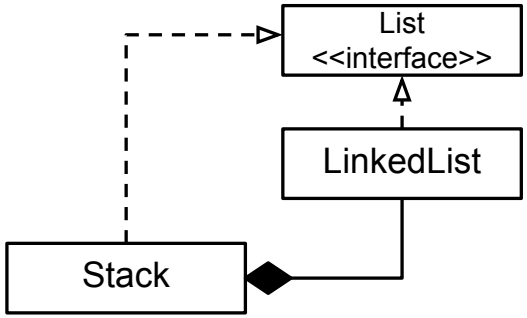


Pros

- No delegation methods required.
- Reuse of common state and behavior.

Cons

- Exposure of all inherited methods (a client might rely on this particular superclass -> can't change it later).
- Changes in superclass are likely to break subclasses.



Pros

- Highly flexible and configurable: no additional subclasses required for different compositions.

Cons

- All interface methods need to be implemented -> delegation methods required, even for code reuse.

Composition/aggregation over inheritance allows more flexibility.

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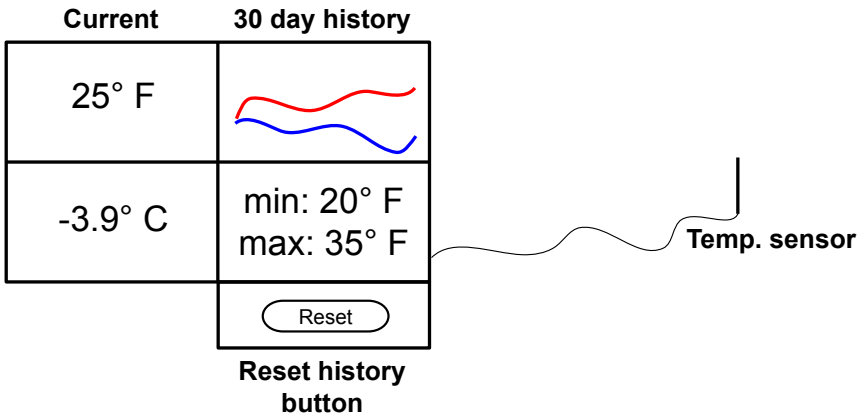
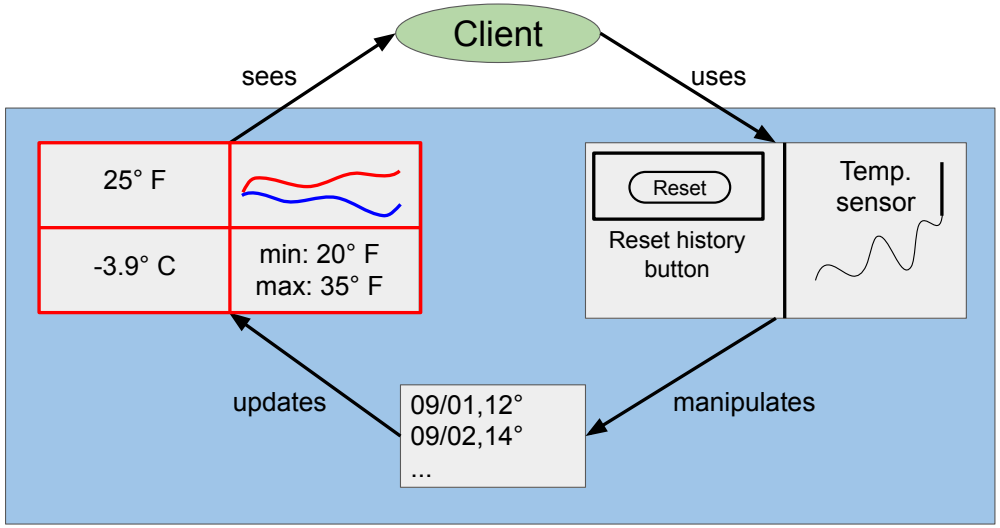
OO design patterns

A first design problem

Weather station revisited



What's a good design for the view component?



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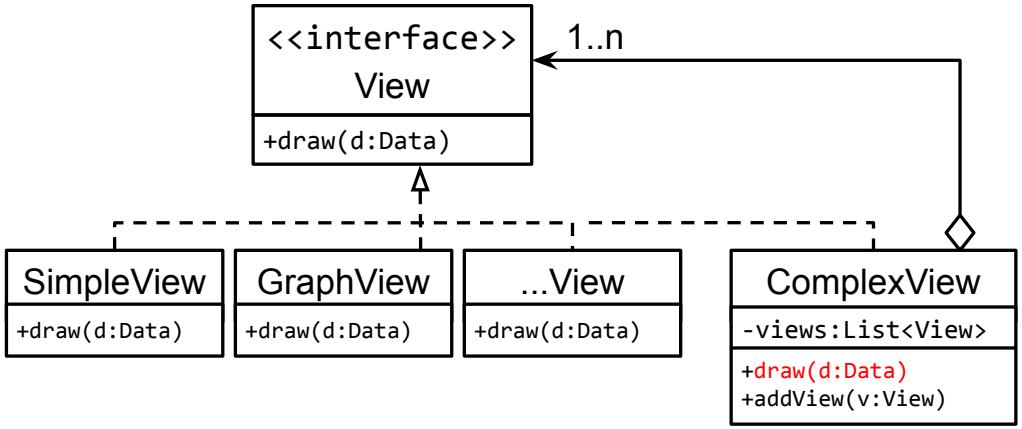

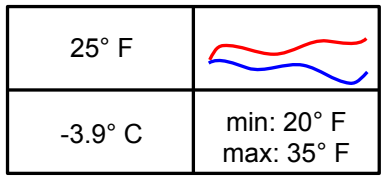

How do we need to implement draw(d:Data)?

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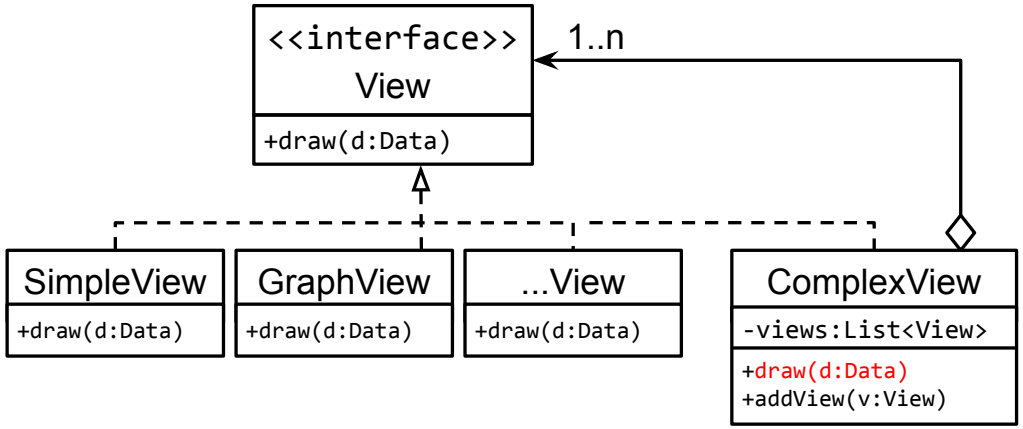

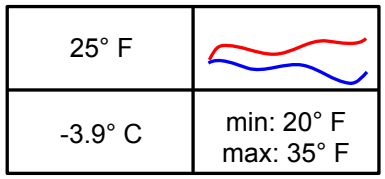


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public void draw(Data d) {
  for (View v : views) {
    v.draw(d);
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```

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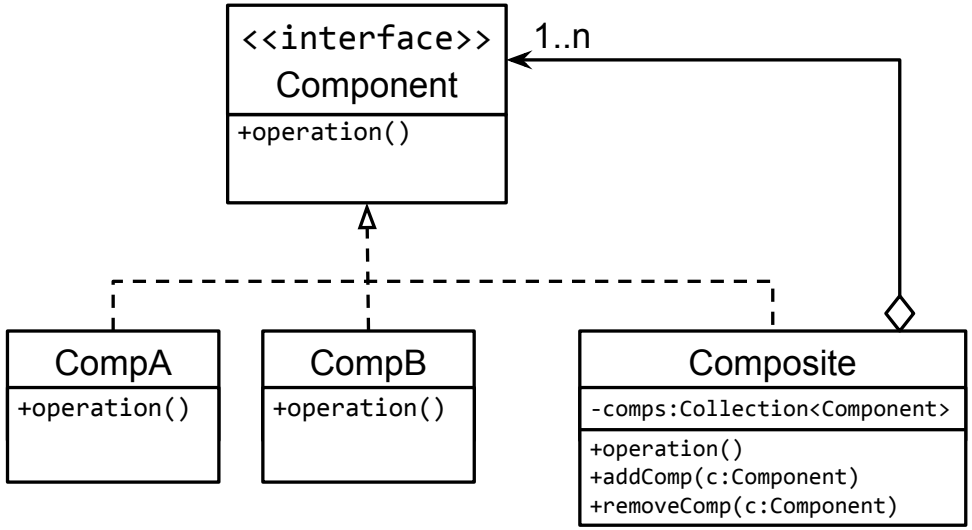

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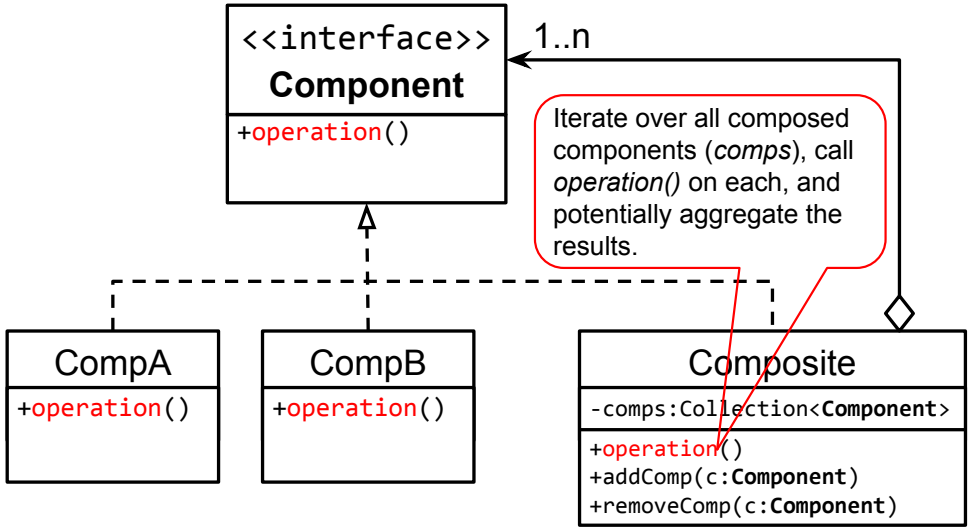

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Pros

- Improves communication and documentation.
- “Toolbox” for novice developers.

Cons

- Risk of over-engineering.
- Potential impact on system performance.

More than just a name for common sense and best practices.

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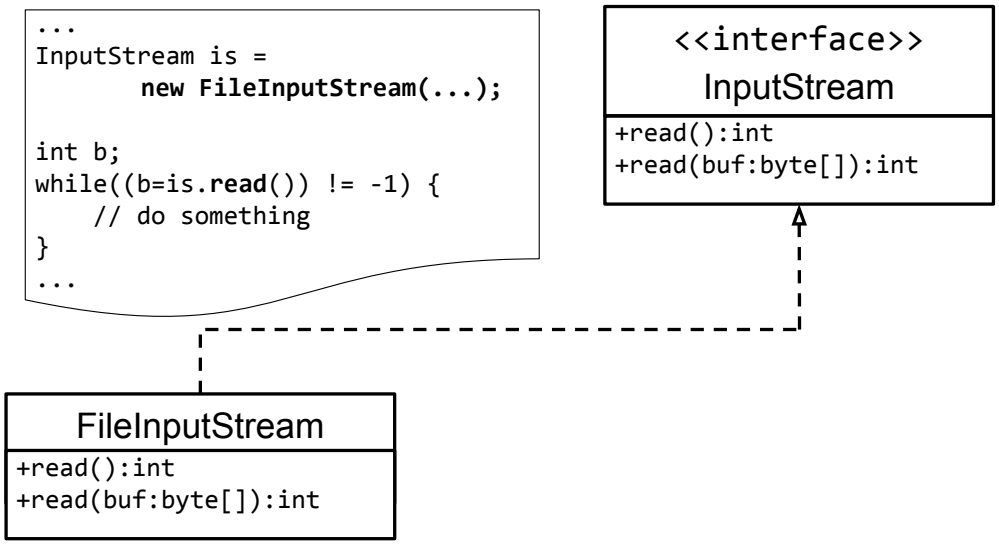

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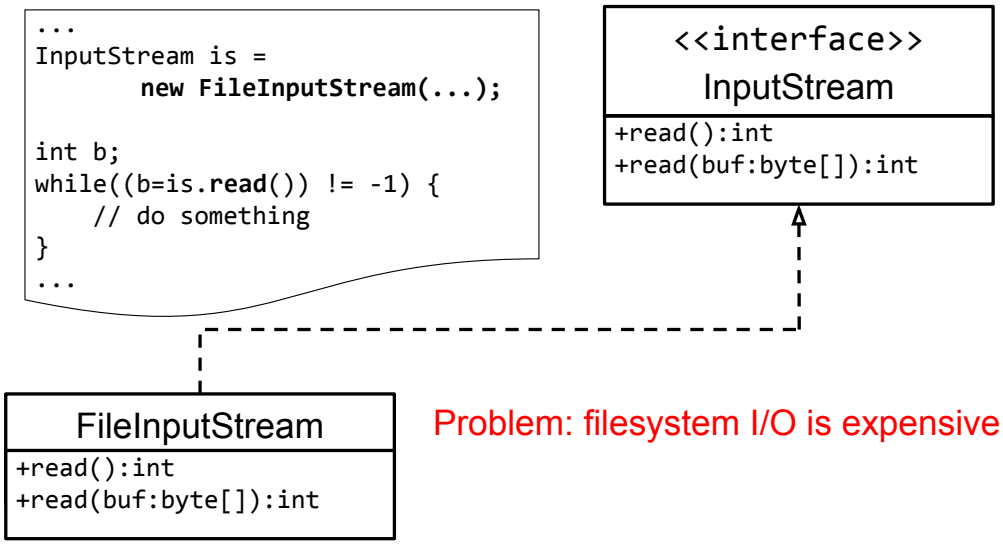

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InputStream is =
        new FileInputStream(...);

int b;
while((b=is.read()) != -1) {
    // do something
}
...
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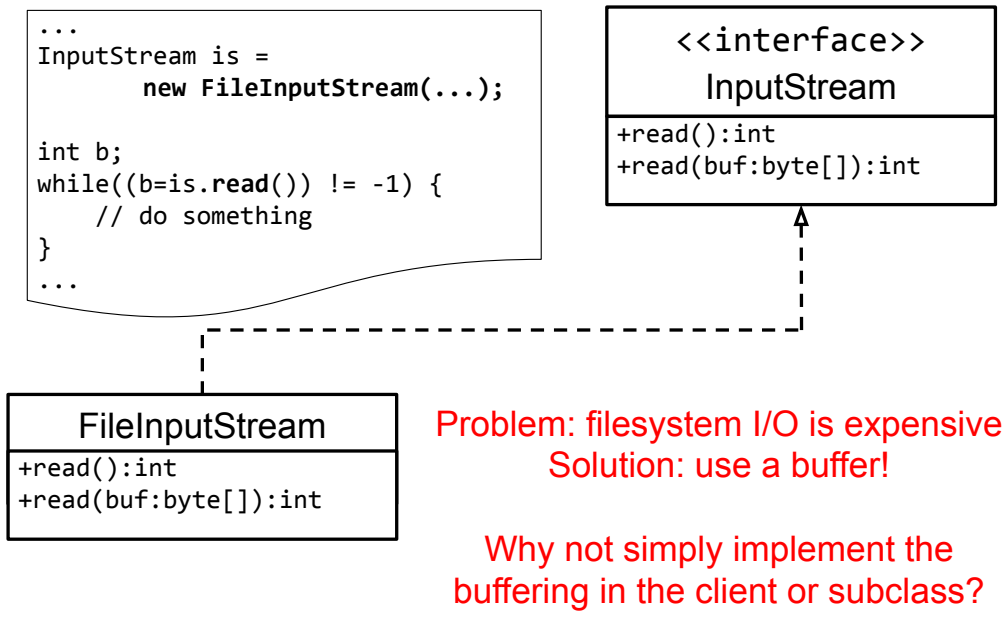

Problem: filesystem I/O is expensive
Solution: use a buffer!

Why not simply implement the buffering in the client or subclass?

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```
...
InputStream is =
    new BufferedInputStream(
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int b;
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    // do something
}
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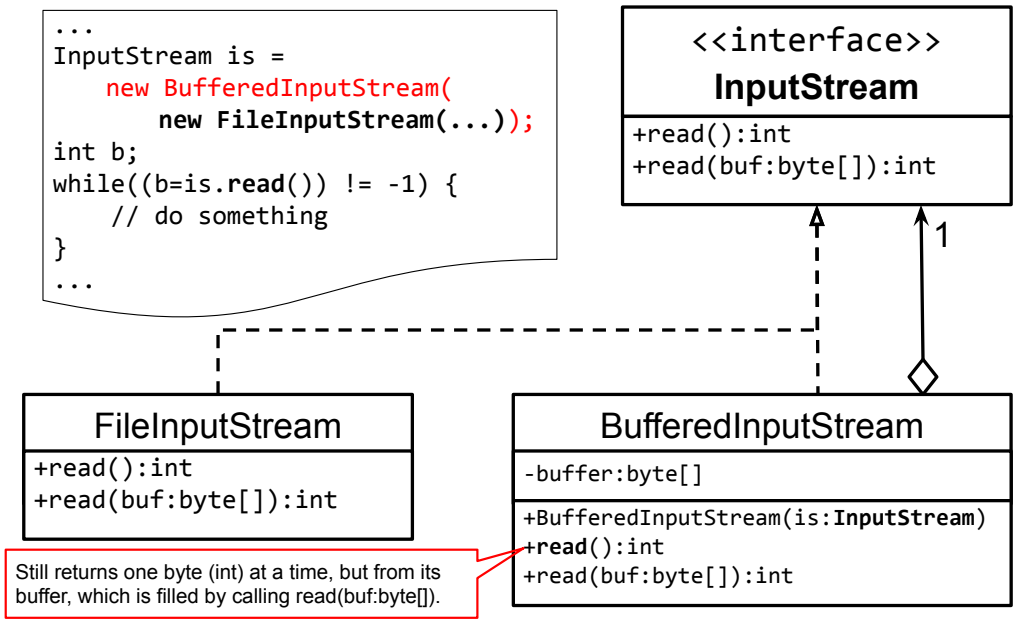

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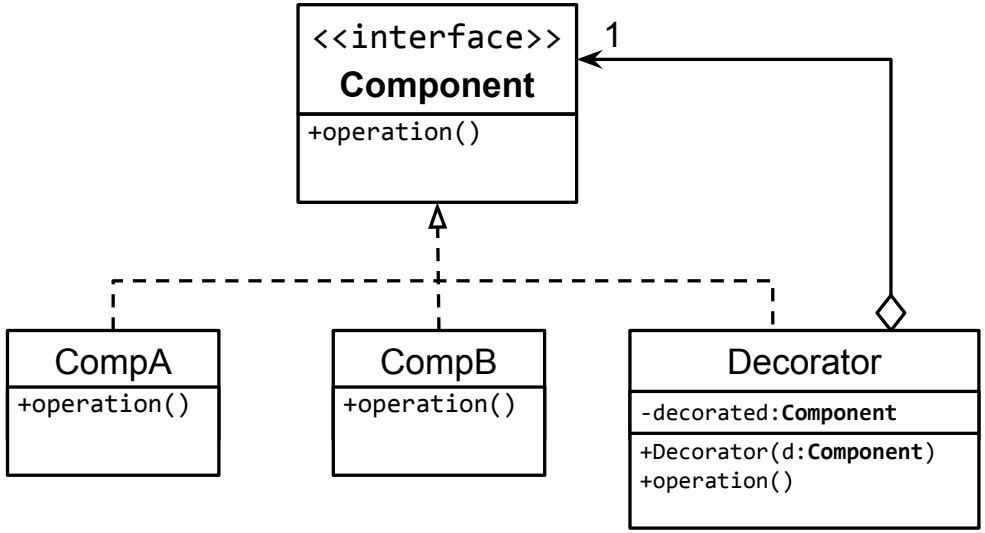

Composite vs. Decorator