

CSE 403

Software Engineering

Software architecture and design

Today

- Software design theory
- Software architecture vs. software design

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 identifying concepts for motivating purposes.

Operational principle and misfit

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Operational principle and misfit

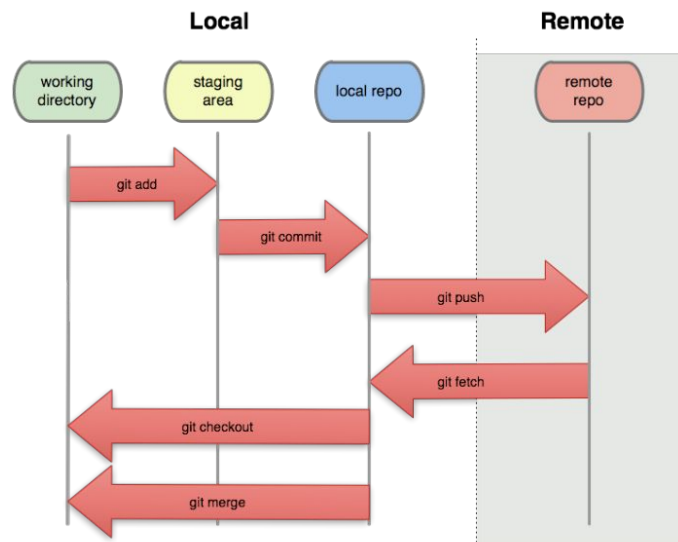
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“A concept may not be entirely fit for purpose. In that case, one or more **operational misfits** are used to explain why. The operational misfit usually does not contradict the operational principle, but presents a different scenario in which the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



Git: another example for concepts and purposes



What concepts can we identify in Git
(and version control systems in general)?

Properties of a good software design

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Why software architecture and design?

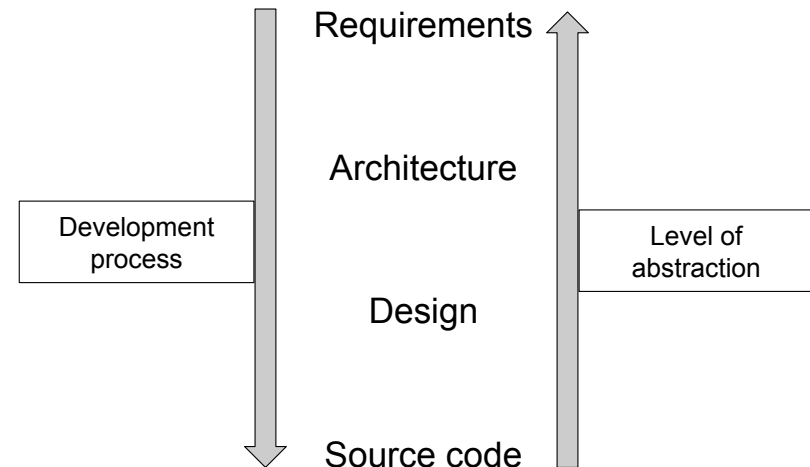
“There are two ways of constructing a software design:

one way is to make it so simple that there are obviously no deficiencies;

the other is to make it so complicated that there are no obvious deficiencies.” [Tony Hoare]

Goals: separation of concerns and modularity.

Architecture vs. design



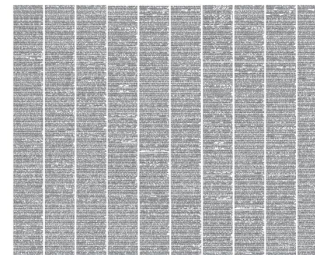
Abstraction

Building an abstract representation of reality

- Ignoring (insignificant) details.
- Focusing on the most important properties.
- Level of abstraction depends on viewpoint and purpose:
 - Communication
 - Component interfaces
 - Verification and validation

Different levels of abstraction

Source code

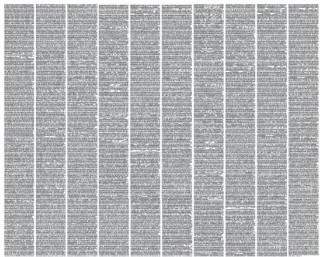


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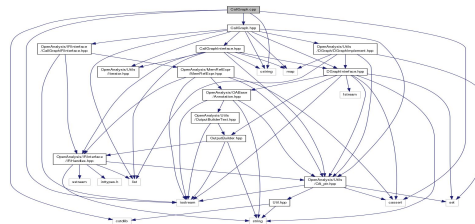
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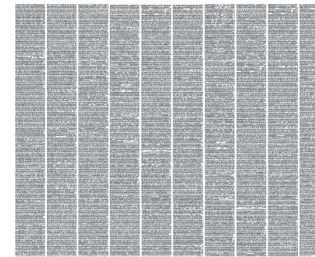


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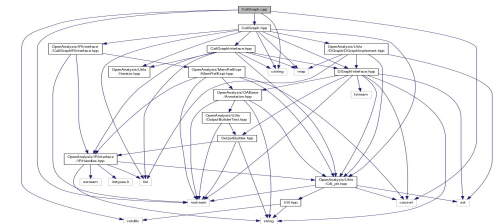
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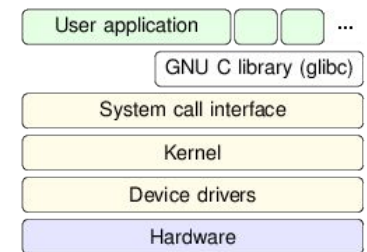
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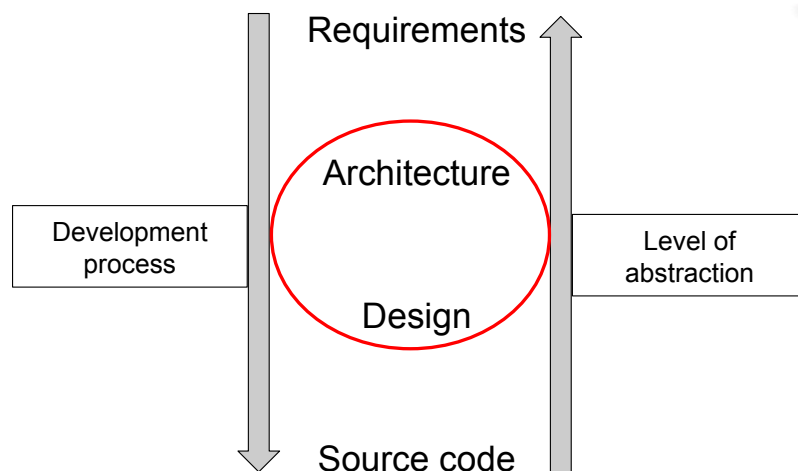
Layer diagram



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Architecture vs. design



What's the difference?

Architecture vs. design

Architecture (what is developed?)

- High-level view of the overall system:
 - What components do exist?
 - What are the protocols between components?
 - What type of storage etc.?

Design (how are the components developed?)

- Considers individual components:
 - Data representation
 - Interfaces, Class hierarchy
 - ...

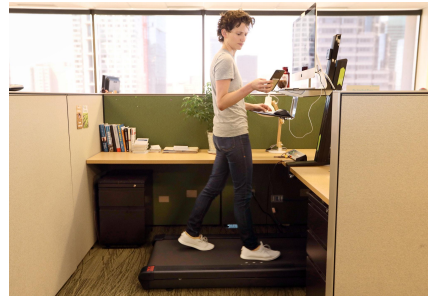
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Architecture



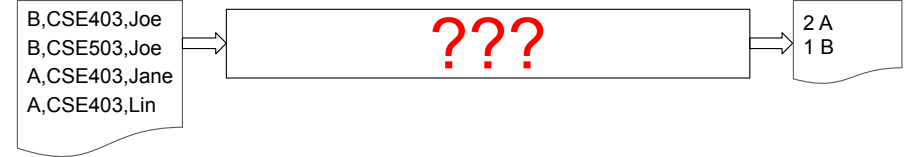
[Gates Center Architecture, LMN]

Design



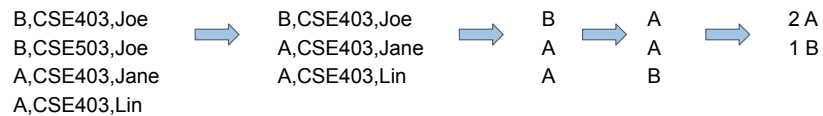
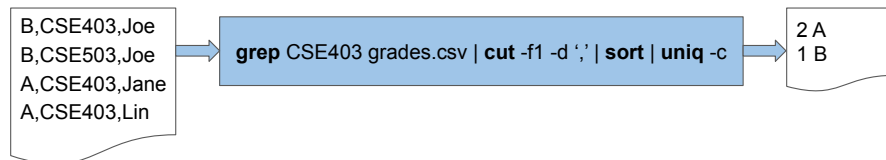
[Office design, New York Times]

A first example

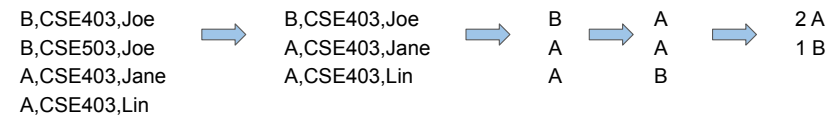
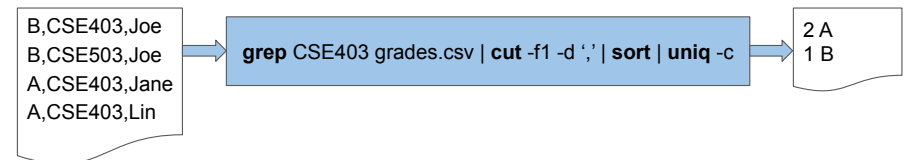


Goal: group and count CSE403 letter grades.

Pipe and filter

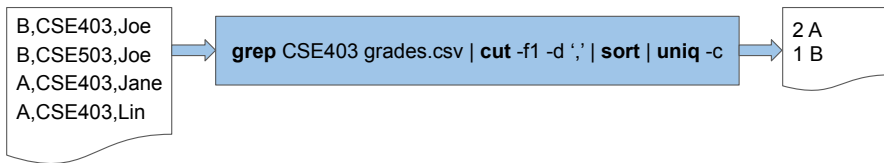


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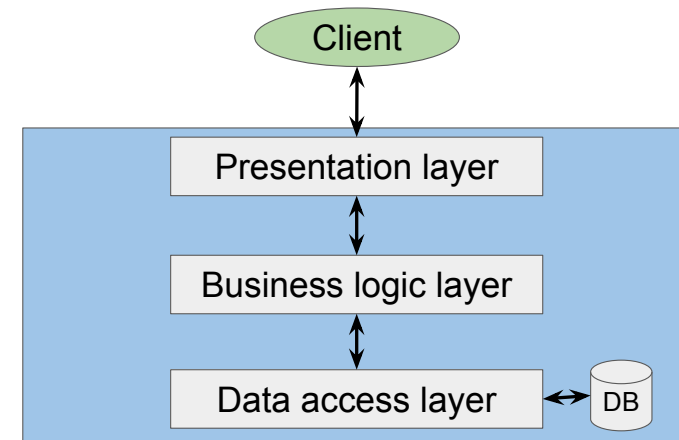
Pipe and filter is an architecture (not a design) pattern, why?

Software architecture: Pipe and Filter



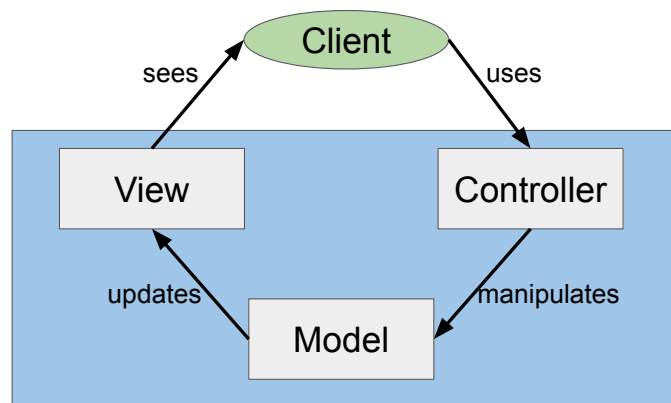
The pipe-and-filter architecture doesn't specify the design or implementation details of the individual components (filters)!

Software architecture: Client-server / n-tier



Simplifies reusability, exchangeability, and distribution.

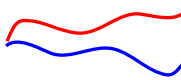
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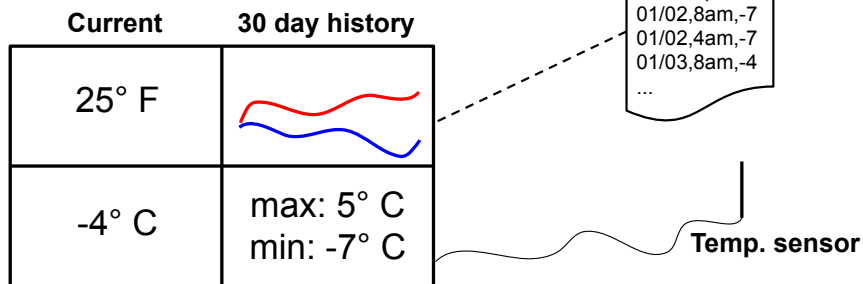
Model View Controller: example

Simple weather station

Current	30 day history
25° F	
-4° C	max: 5° C min: -7° C

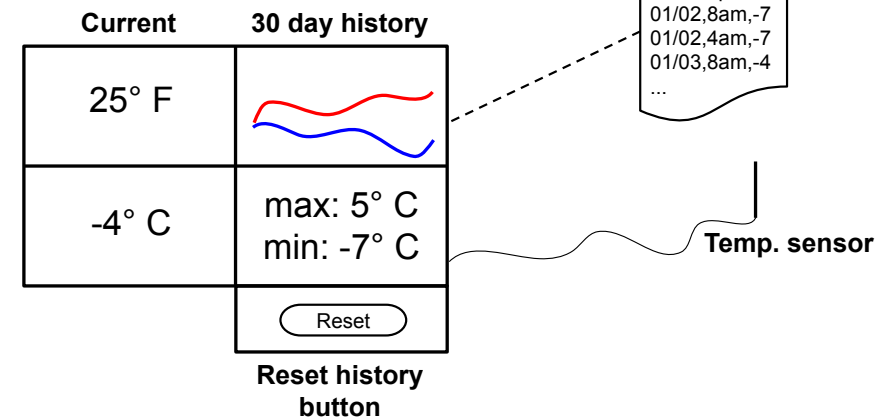
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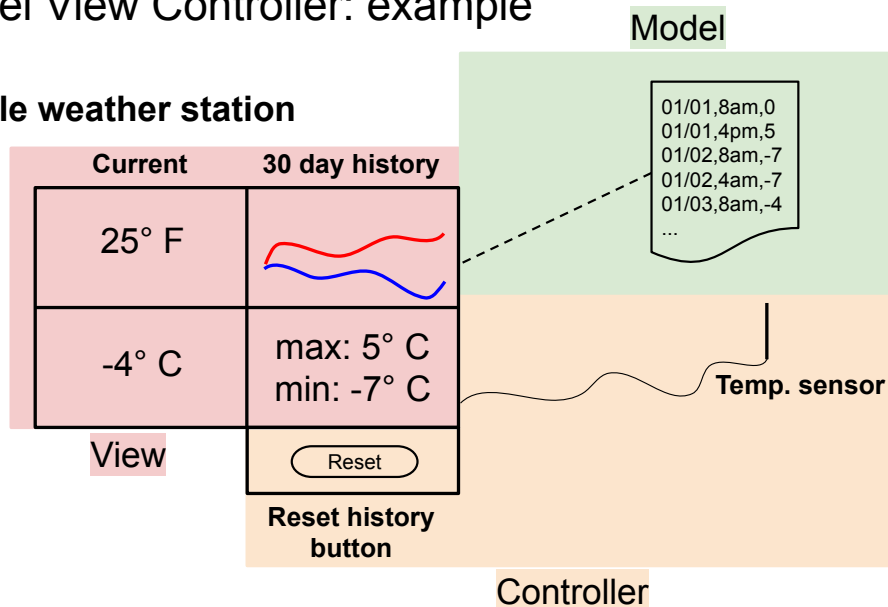
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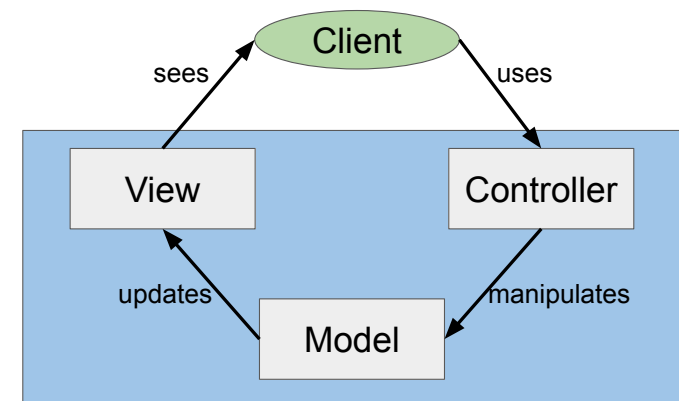
What are the **Model**, **View**, and **Controller** components?

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MVC: another example

Simple stats

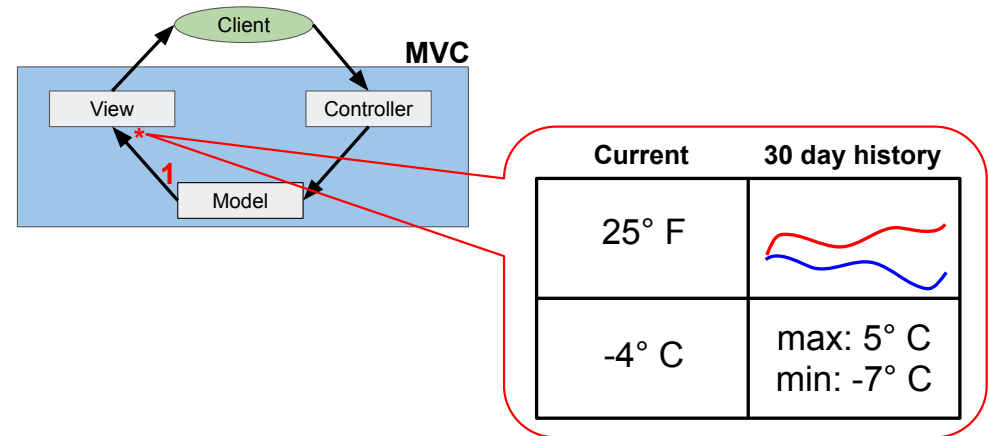
10 Add number Reset

Numbers: 6 Median: 2.0 Mean: 3.0

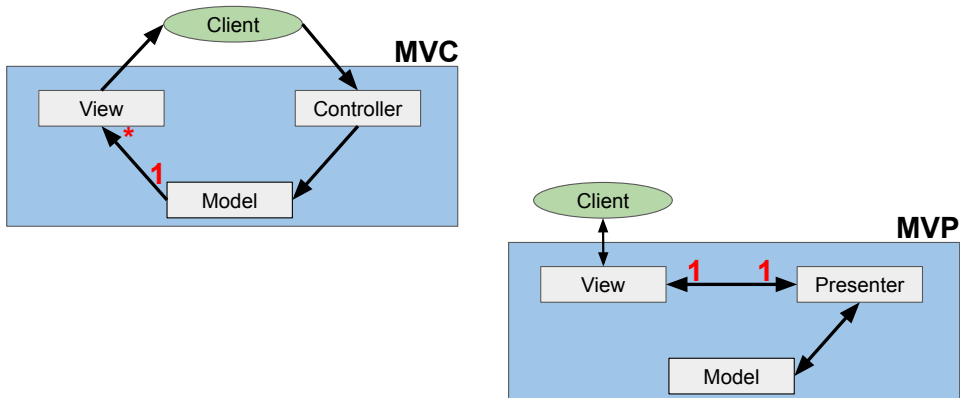
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<https://bitbucket.org/rjust/basic-stats>

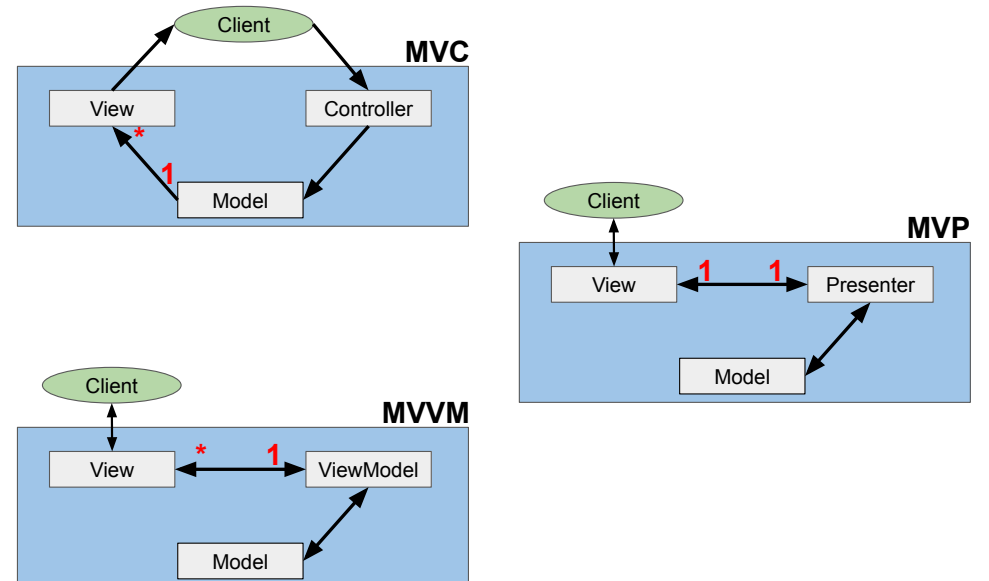
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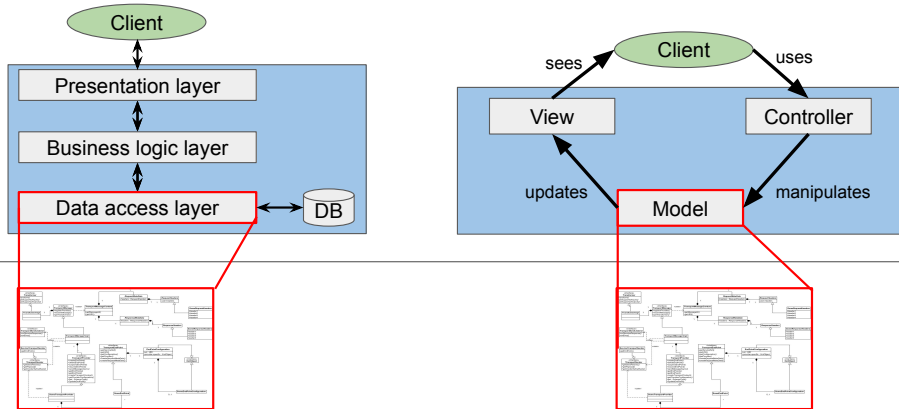
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Software architecture vs. design: summary



Additional material, not discussed in class

Architecture and design

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

UML crash course

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The main questions

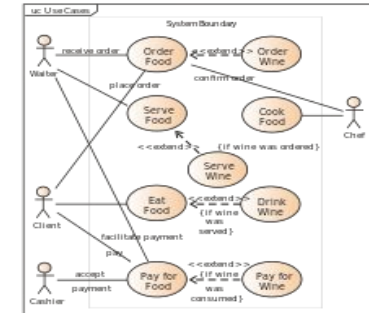
- What is UML?
- Is it useful, why bother?
- When to (not) use UML?

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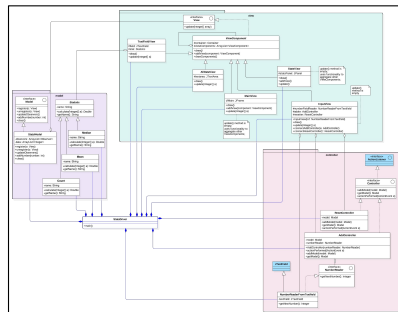
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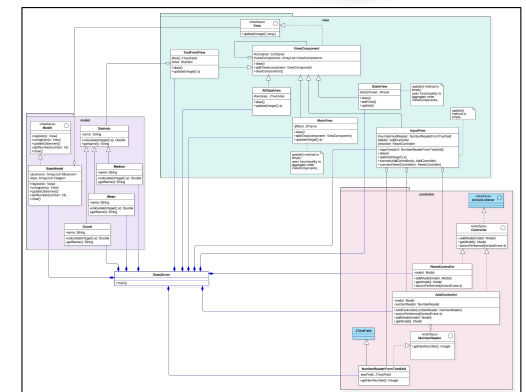
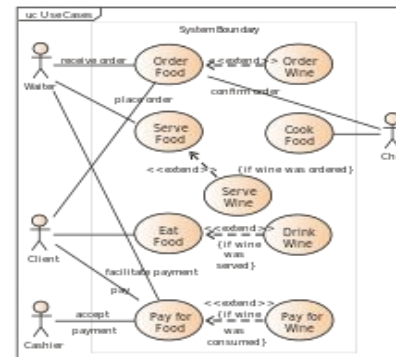


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Communication

- 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

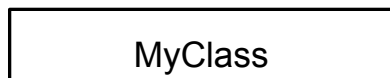
Class

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

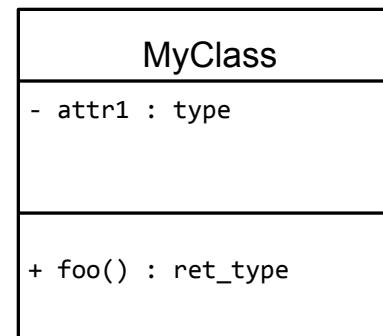
Object

- 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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Name

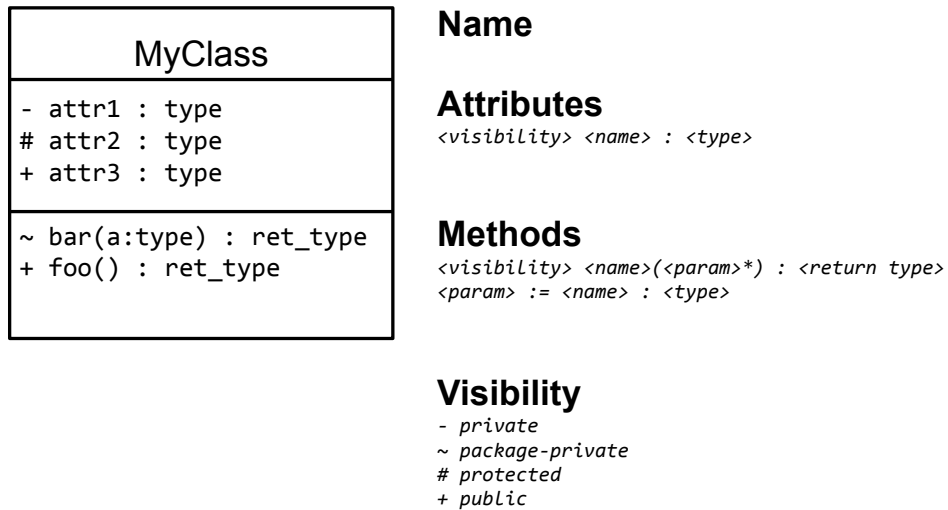
Attributes

<visibility> <name> : <type>

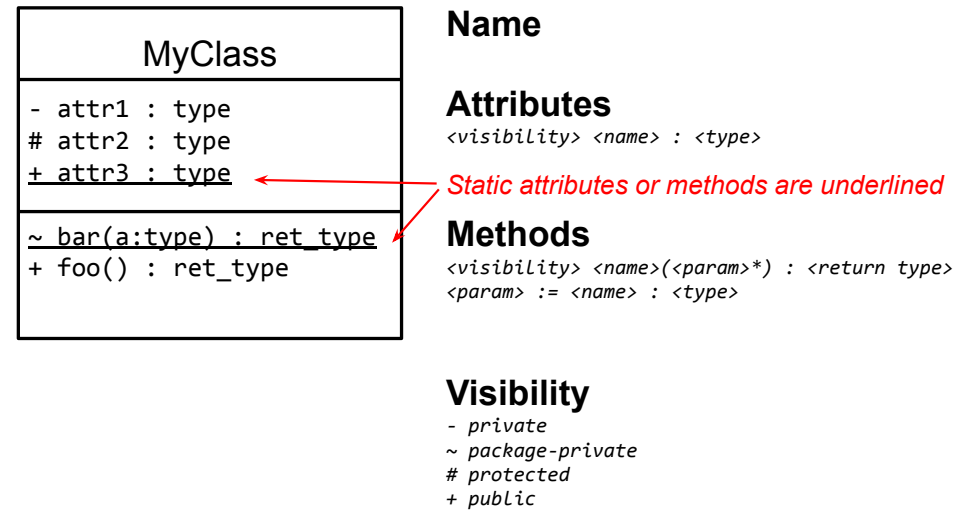
Methods

<visibility> <name>(<param>) : <return type>
<param> := <name> : <type>*

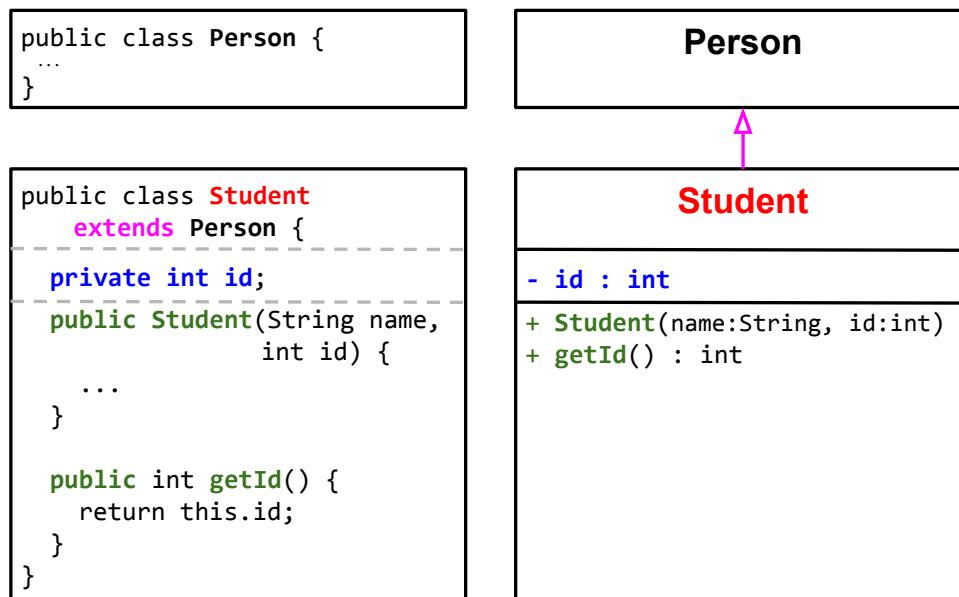
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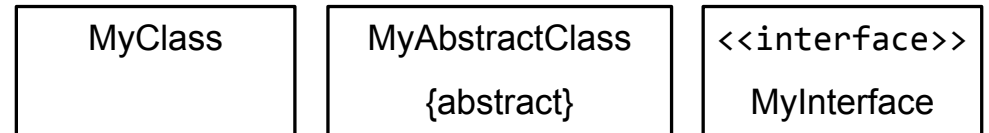
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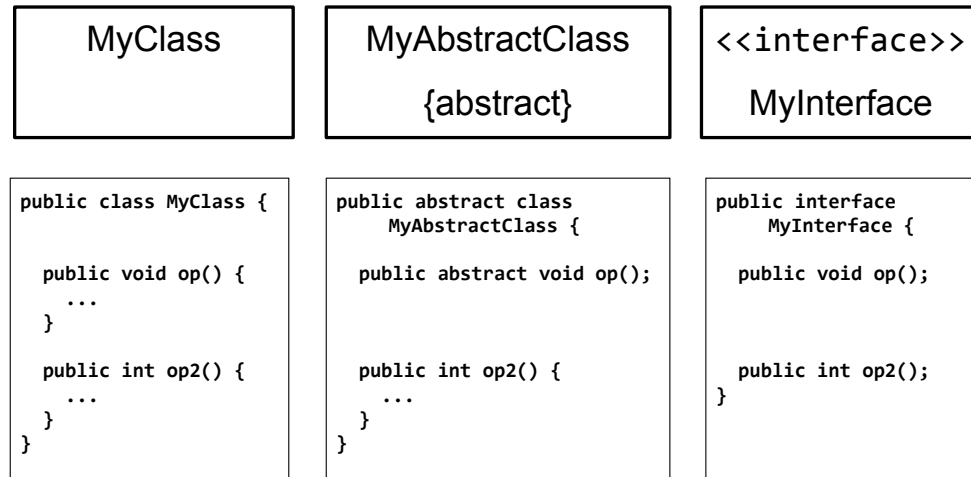
UML class diagram: concrete example



Classes, abstract classes, and interfaces

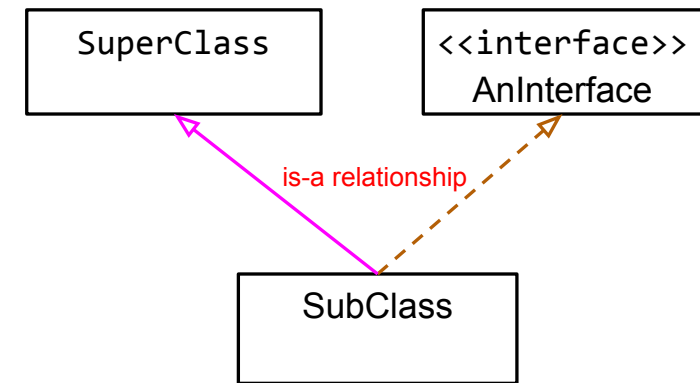


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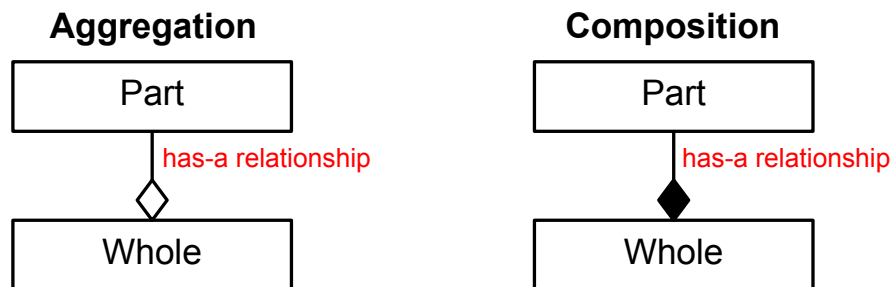
Level of detail in a given class or interface may vary and depends on context and purpose.

UML class diagram: Inheritance



public class SubClass **extends** SuperClass **implements** AnInterface

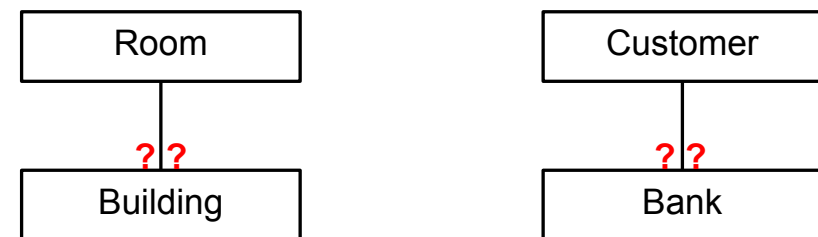
UML class diagram: Aggregation and Composition



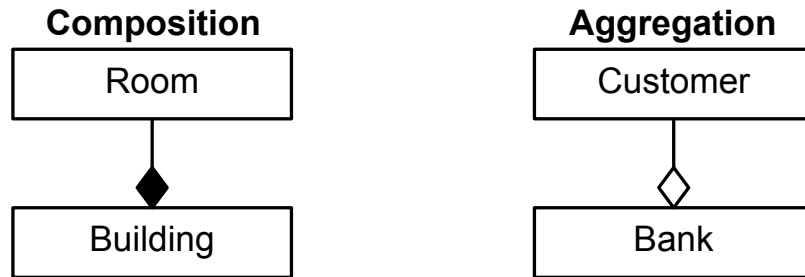
- Existence of Part does not depend on the existence of Whole.
- Lifetime of Part does not depend on Whole.
- No single instance of whole is the unique owner of Part (might be shared with other instances of Whole).

- Part cannot exist without Whole.
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- One instance of Whole is the single owner of Part.

Aggregation or Composition?

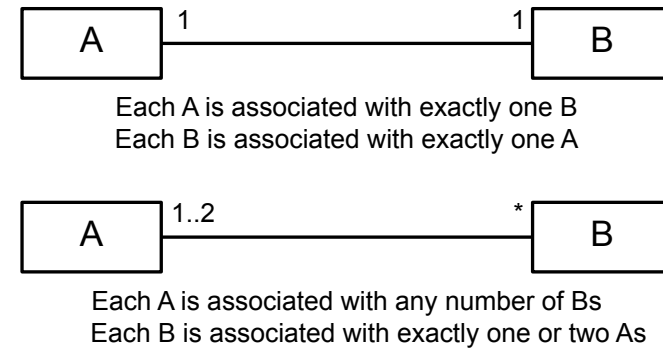


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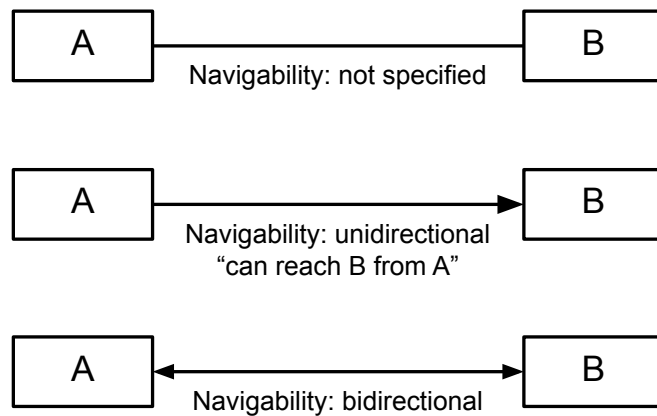


What about class and students or body and body parts?

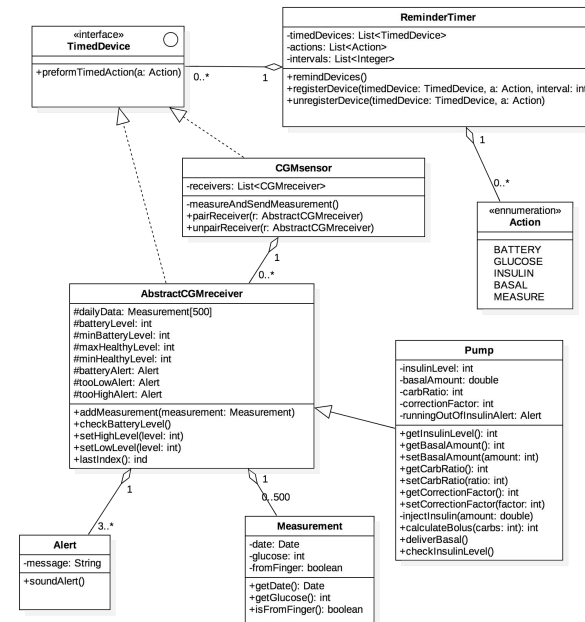
UML class diagram: multiplicity



UML class diagram: navigability



UML class diagram: example



Summary: UML

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

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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

MyClass
+ nElem : int + capacity : int + top : int + elems : int[] + canResize : bool
+ resize(s:int):void + push(e:int):void + capacityLeft():int + getNumElem():int + pop():int + getElems():int[]

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public class MyClass {  
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    public int capacity;  
    public int top;  
    public int[] elems;  
    public boolean canResize;  
  
    ...  
  
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What does MyClass do?

Information hiding

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Anything that could be improved in this implementation?

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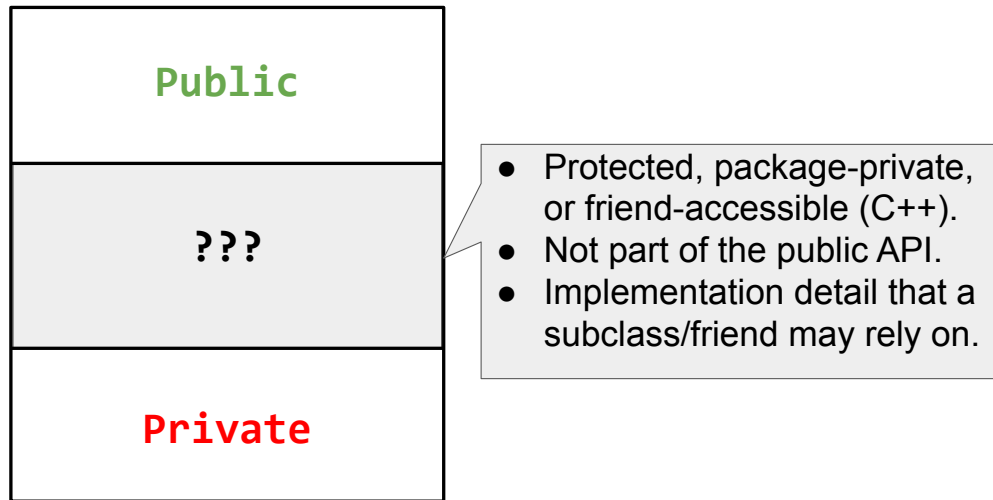
Information hiding:

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

Information hiding vs. visibility

Public
???
Private

Information hiding vs. visibility



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An object's ability to provide different behaviors.

Types of polymorphism

- 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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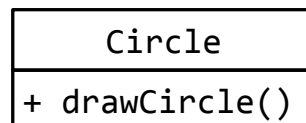
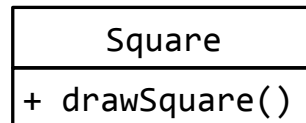
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        drawSquare((Square) o)  
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    } else {  
        ...  
    }  
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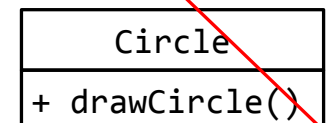
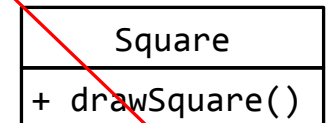
Good or bad design?

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Violates the open/closed principle!

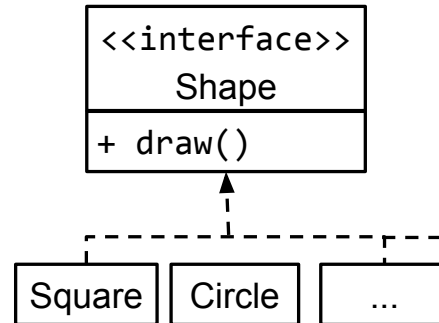
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Software entities (classes, components, etc.) should be:

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

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public static void draw(Object s) {  
    if (s instanceof Shape) {  
        s.draw();  
    } else {  
        ...  
    }  
}
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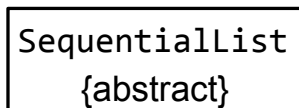
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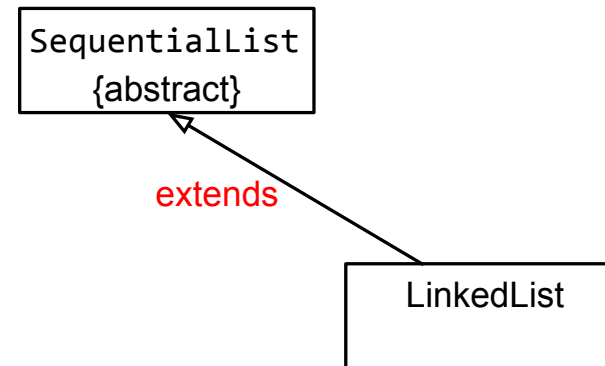
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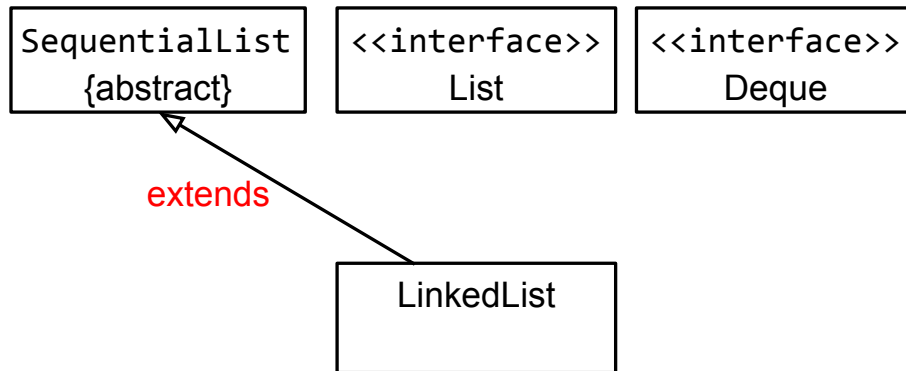
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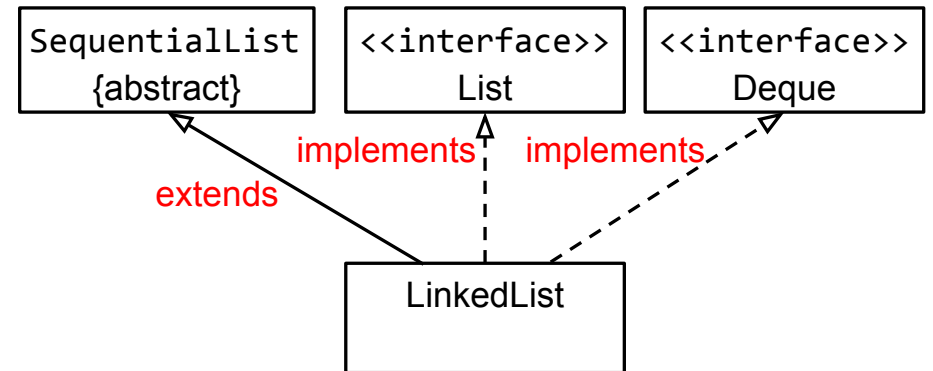
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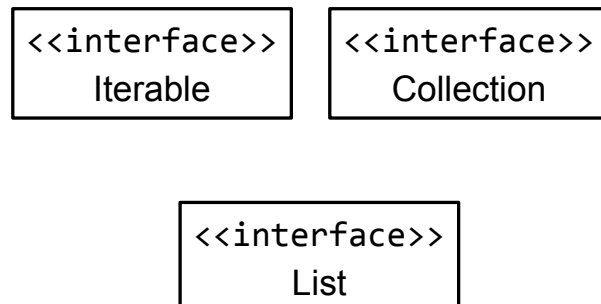


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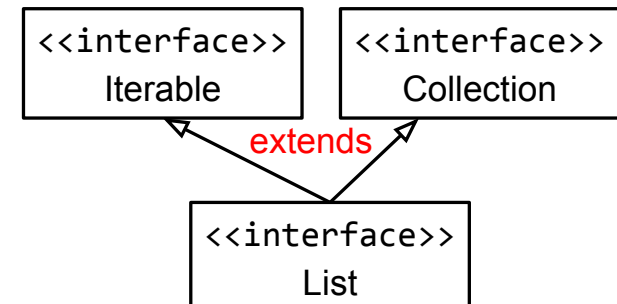
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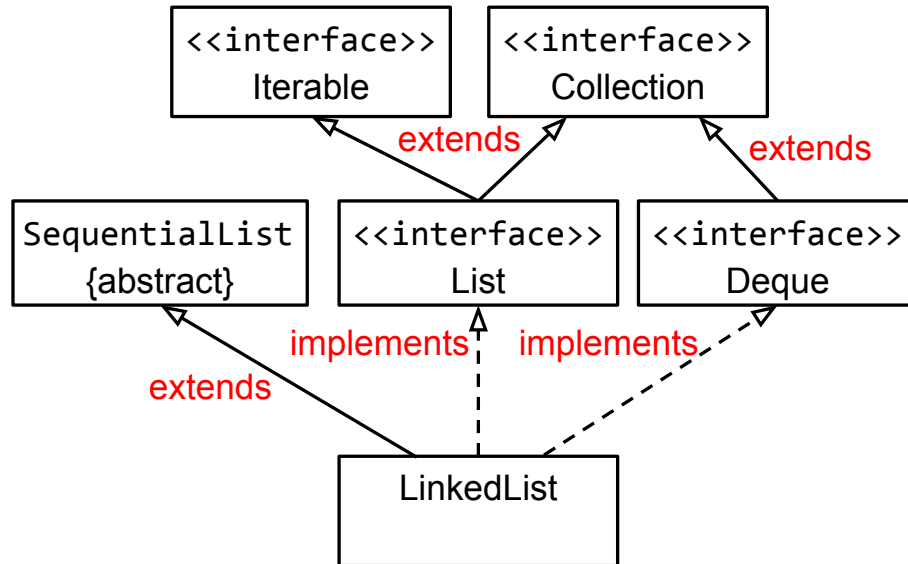


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List extends Iterable, Collection

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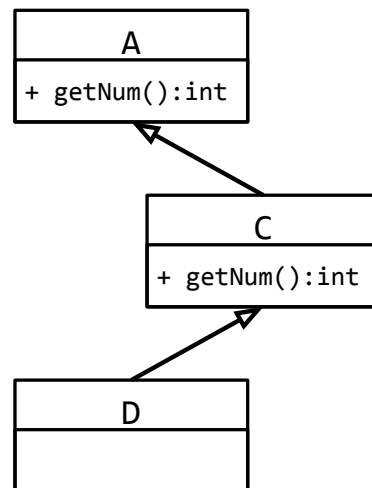


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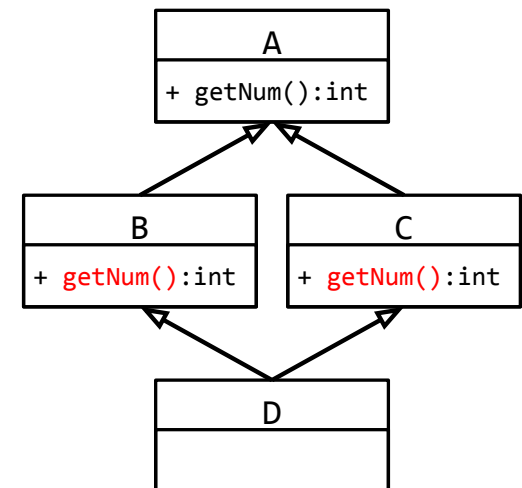
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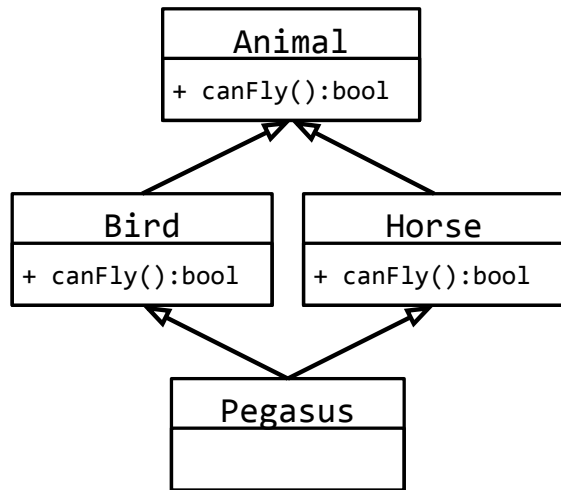
The “diamond of death”: the problem

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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

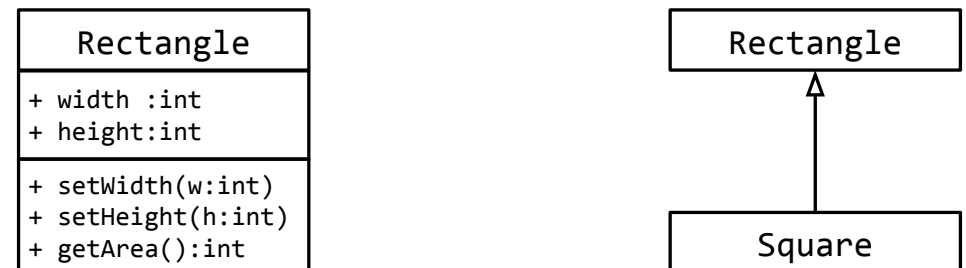
We know that a square is a special kind of a rectangle. So, which of the following OO designs makes sense?



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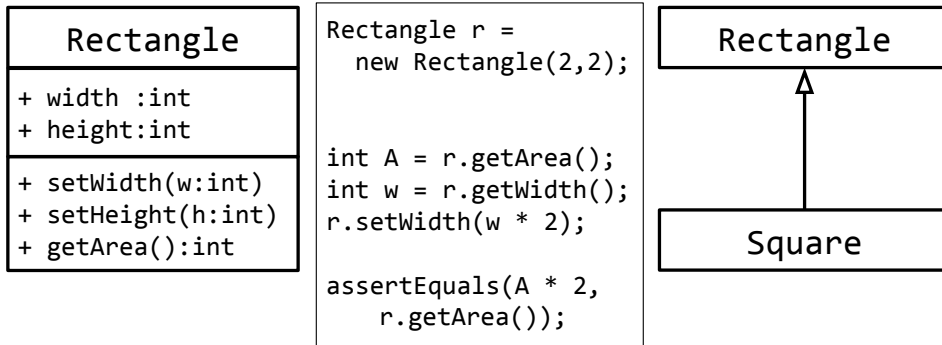


Is the subtype requirement fulfilled?

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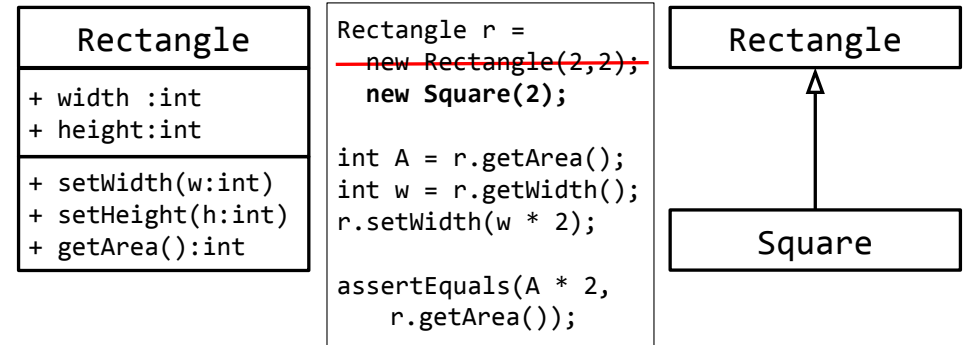
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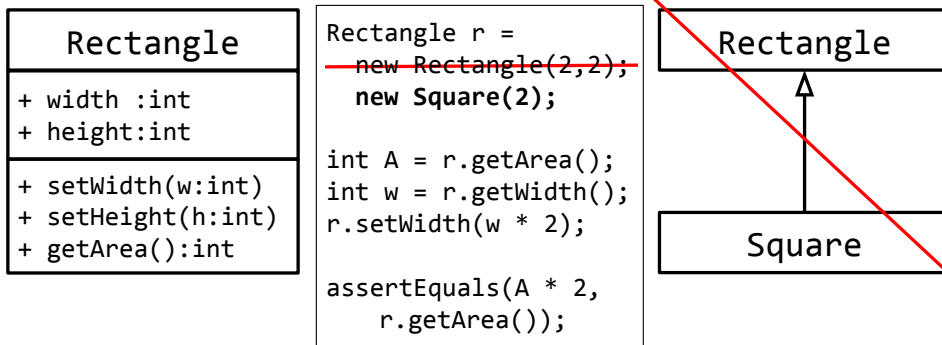
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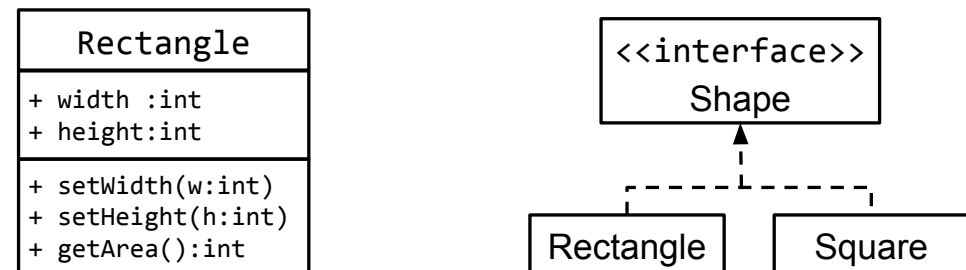


Violates the Liskov substitution principle!

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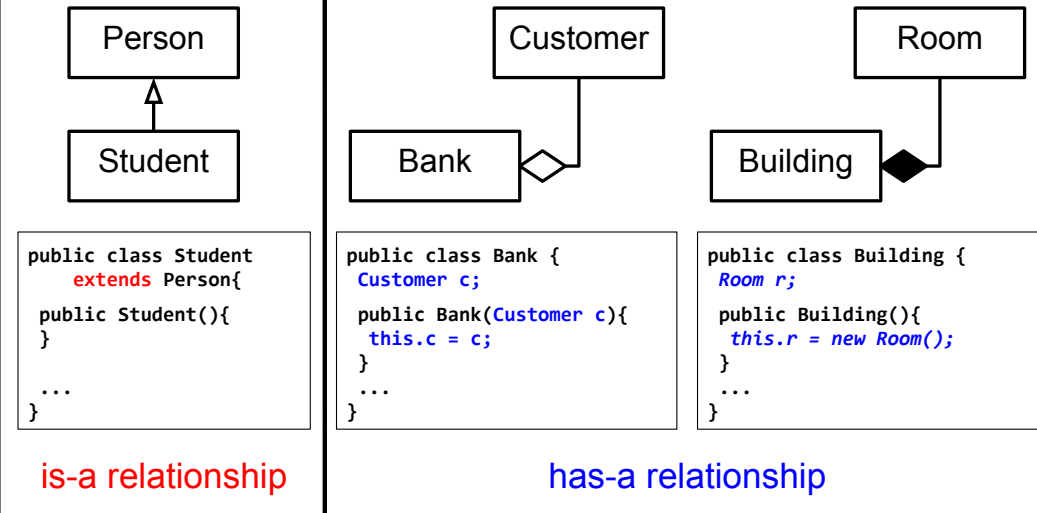
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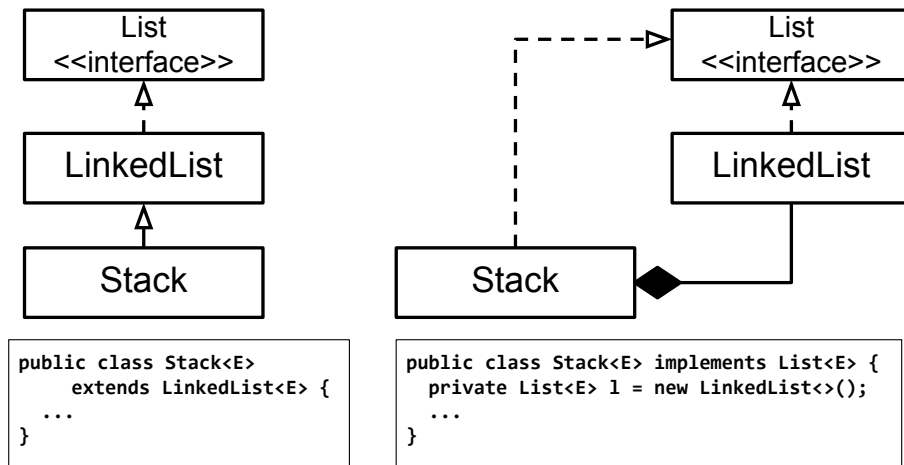
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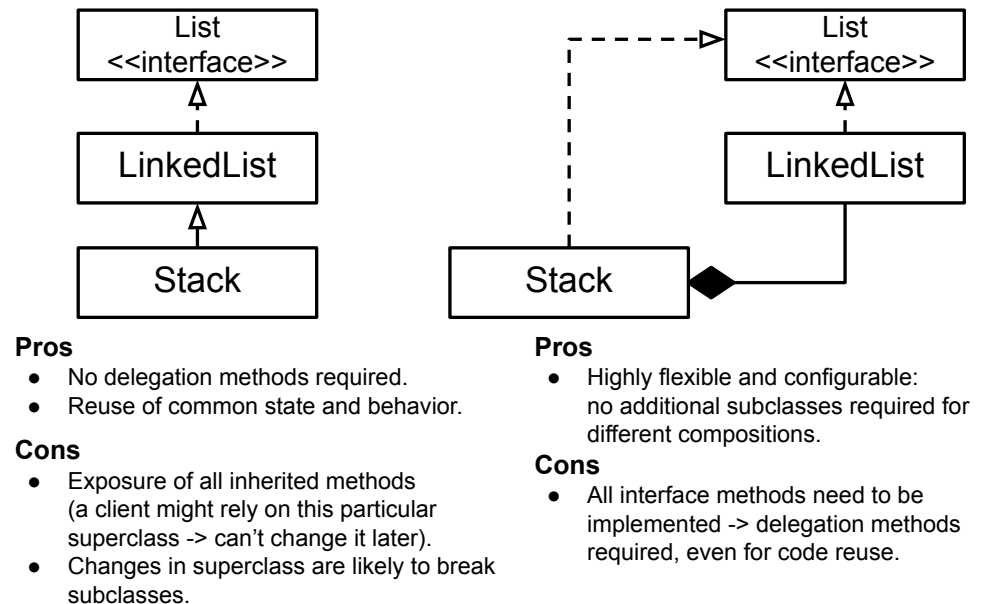


Design choice: inheritance or composition?



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

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Composition/aggregation over inheritance allows more flexibility.

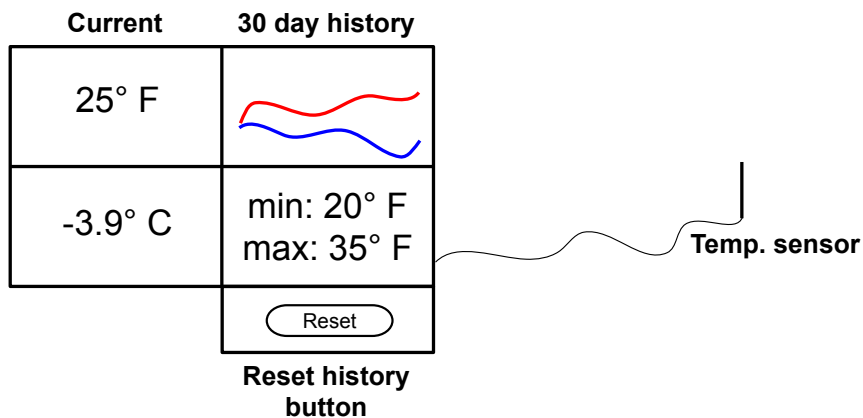
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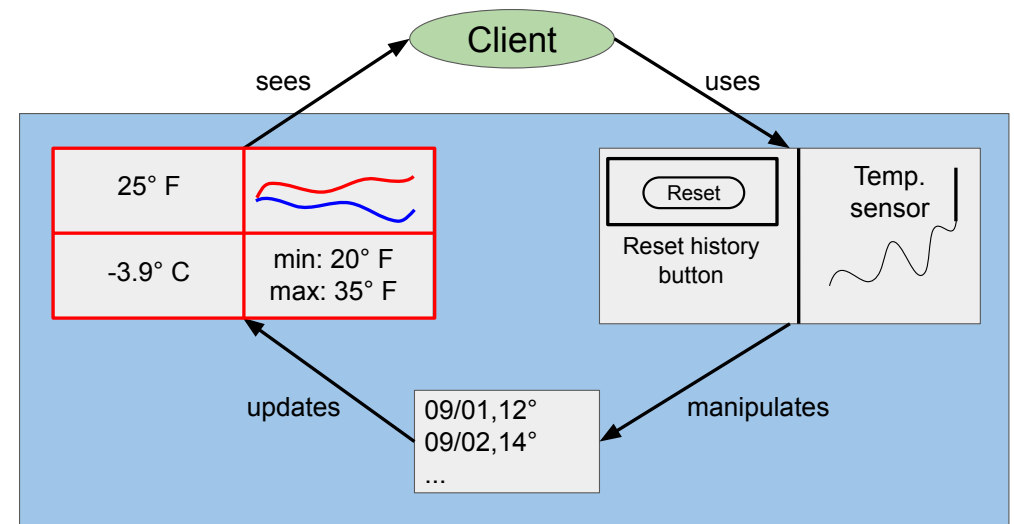
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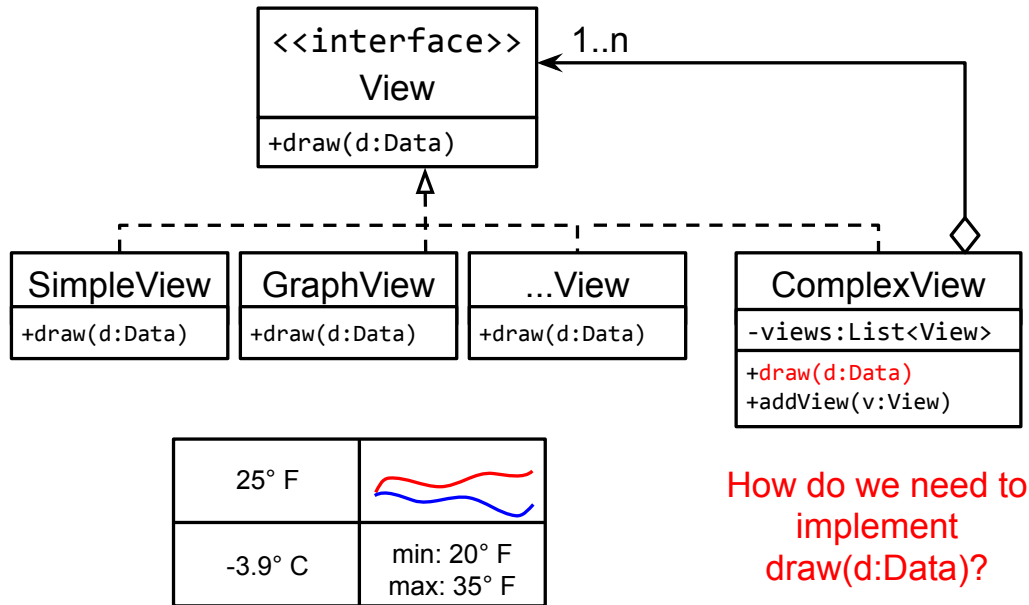
Weather station revisited



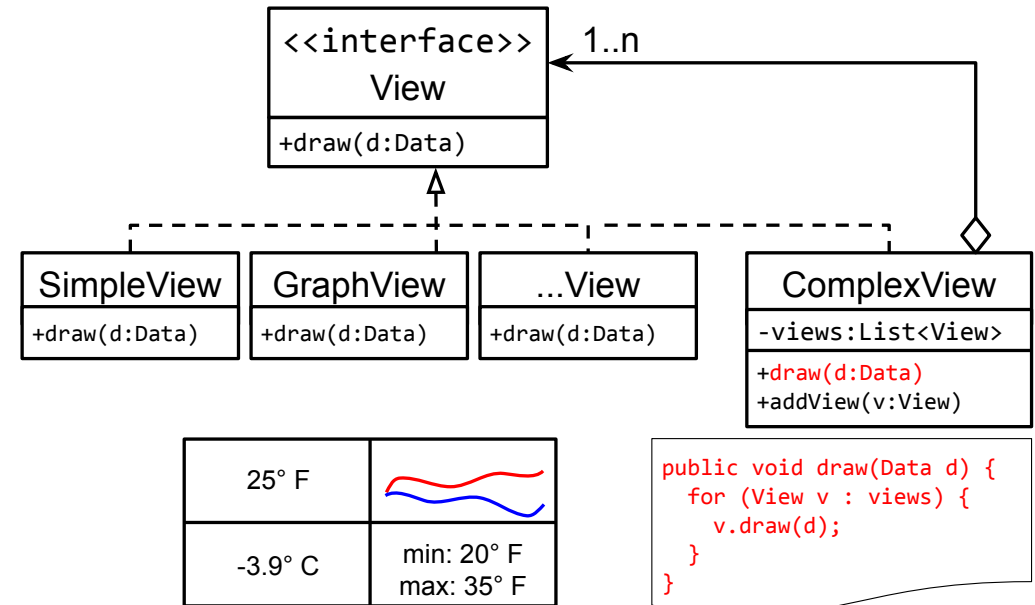
What's a good design for the view component?



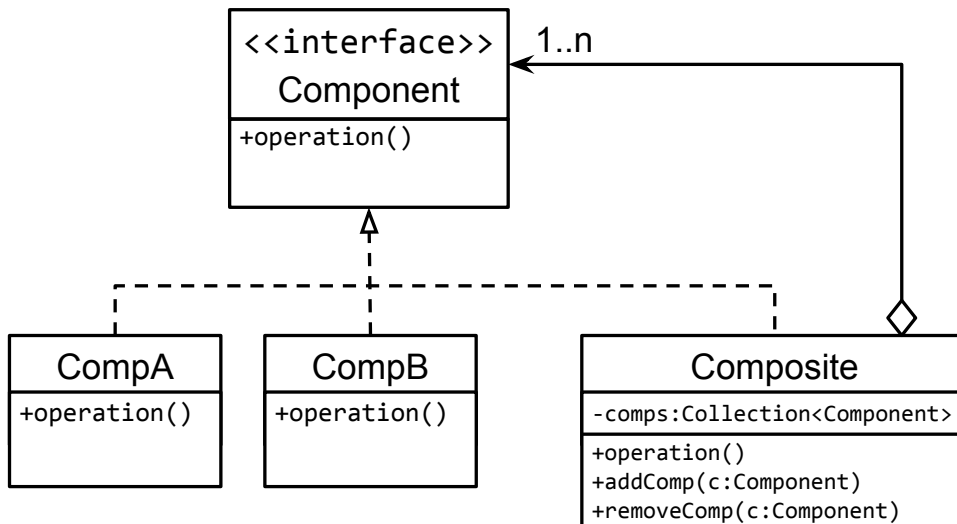
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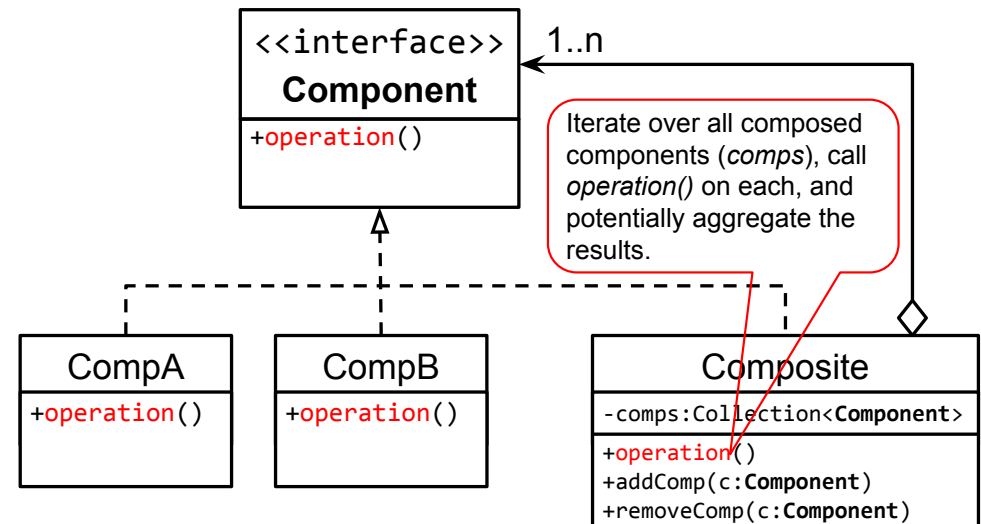
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Pros

- 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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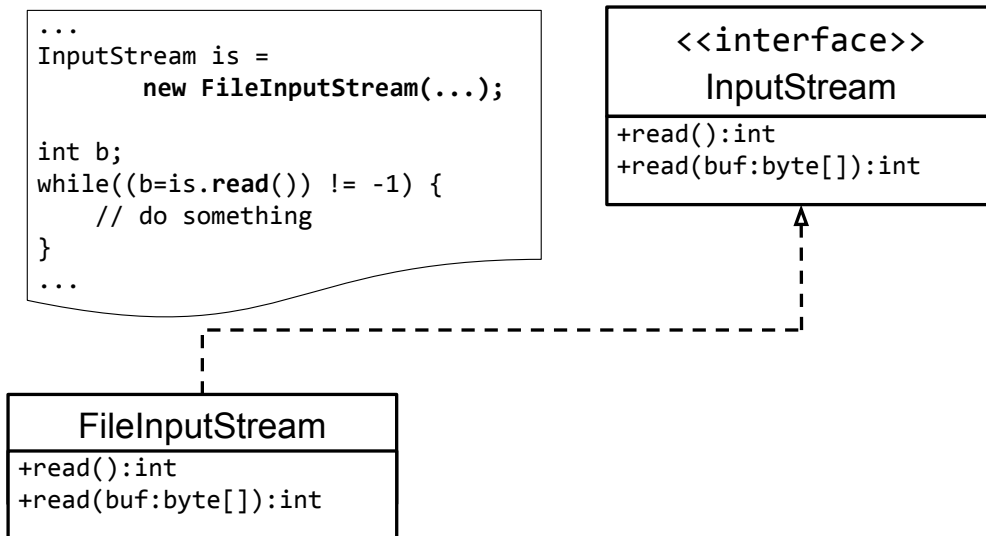
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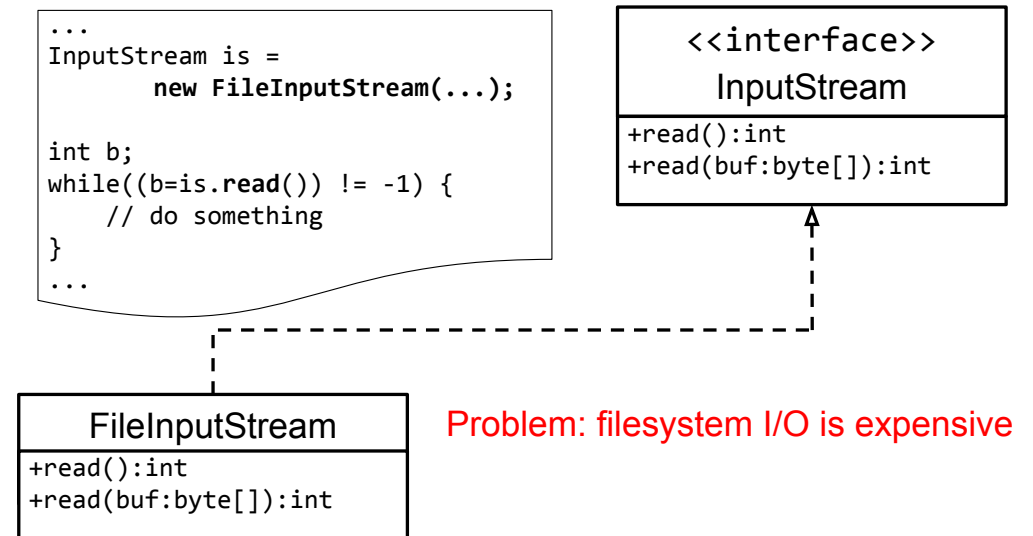
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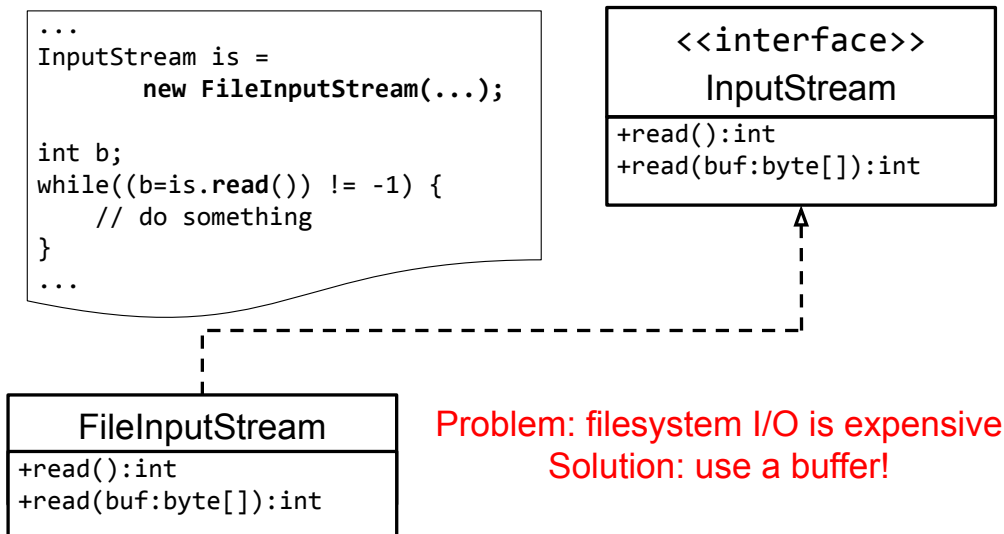
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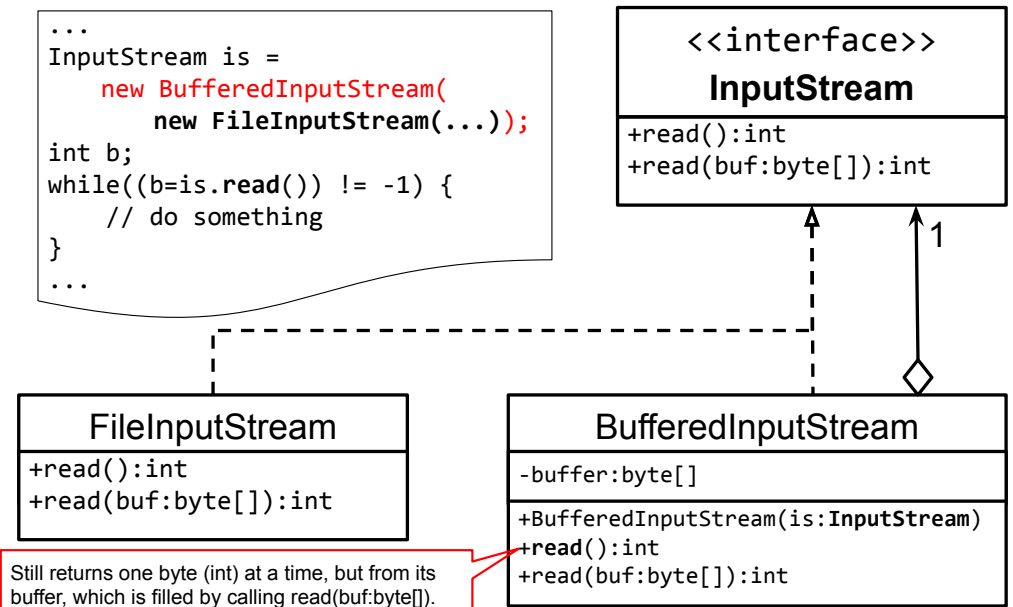


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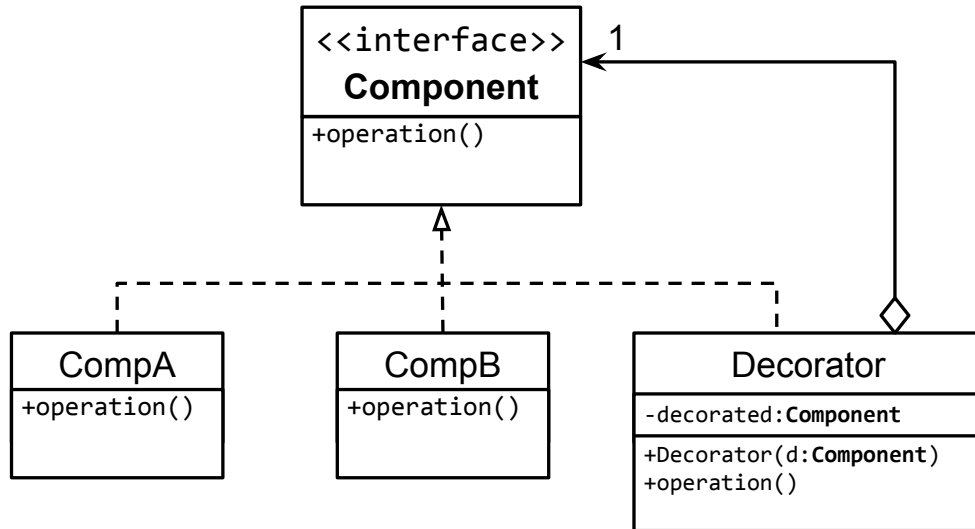


Why not simply implement the buffering in the client or subclass?

Another design problem: I/O streams



The general solution: Decorator pattern



Composite vs. Decorator

