Design Patterns

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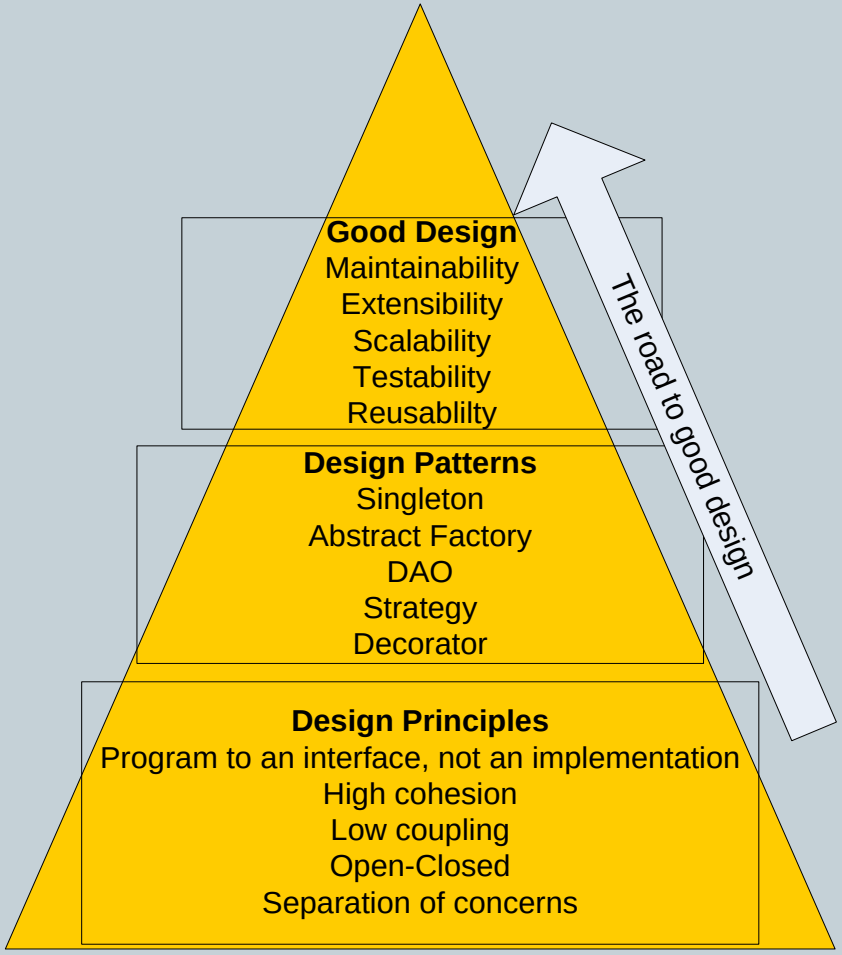
What are Design Patterns?

- What Are Design Patterns?
  - Wikipedia definition
    - “a design pattern is a general repeatable solution to a commonly occurring problem in software design”
  - Quote from Christopher Alexander
    - “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” (GoF,1995)

Why use Design Patterns?



Why use Design Patterns?

- Design Objectives
  - Good Design (the “ilities”)
    - High readability and maintainability
    - High extensibility
    - High scalability
    - High testability
    - High reusability

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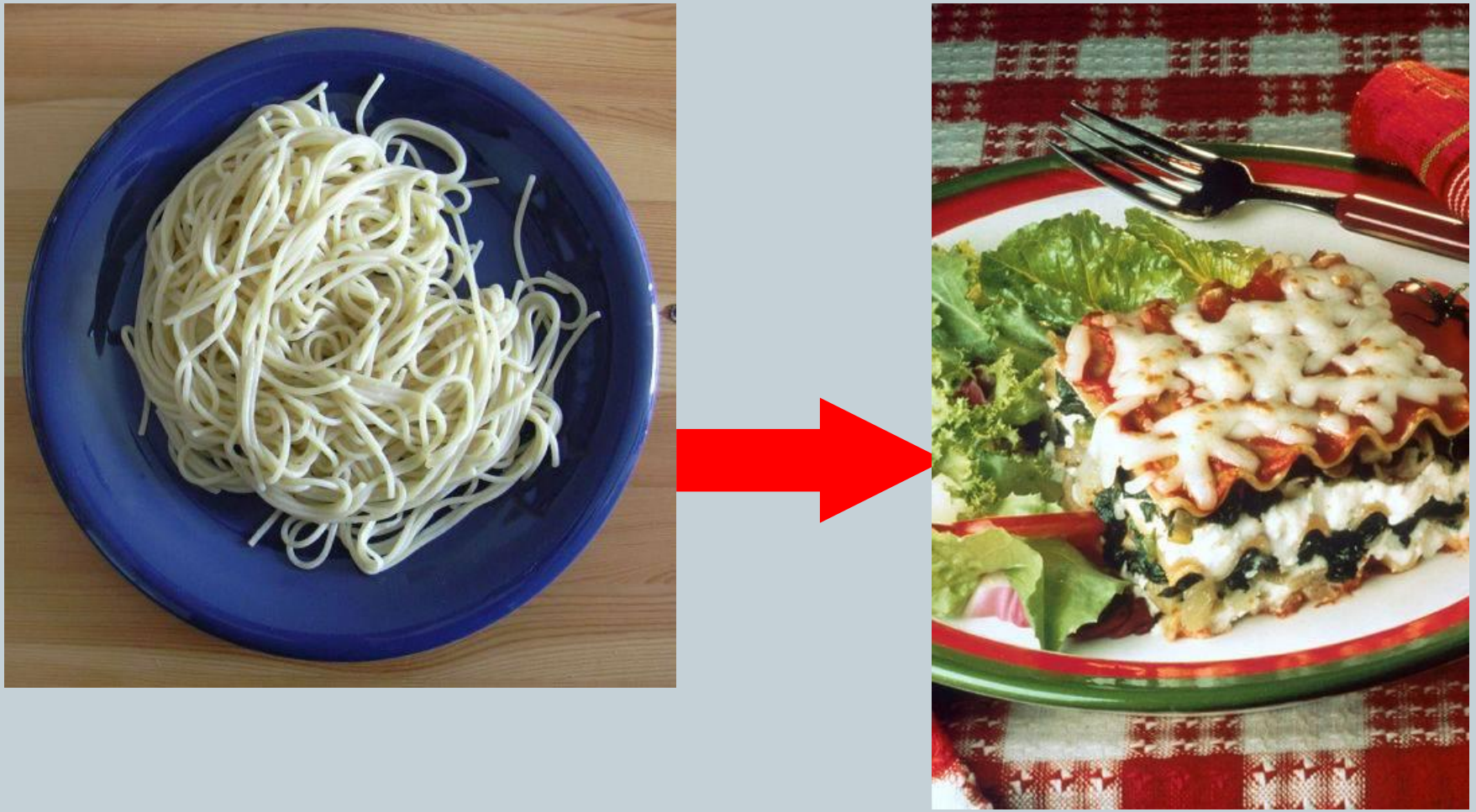

Elements of a Design Pattern

- A pattern has four essential elements (GoF)
  - Name
    - Describes the pattern
    - Adds to common terminology for facilitating communication (i.e. not just sentence enhancers)
  - Problem
    - Describes when to apply the pattern
    - Answers - What is the pattern trying to solve?

Elements of a Design Pattern (cont.)

- Solution
  - Describes elements, relationships, responsibilities, and collaborations which make up the design
- Consequences
  - Results of applying the pattern
  - Benefits and Costs
  - Subjective depending on concrete scenarios

Design Patterns Classification

A Pattern can be classified as

- Creational
- Structural
- Behavioral

Pros/Cons of Design Patterns

- Pros
  - Add **consistency** to designs by solving similar problems the same way, independent of language
  - Add **clarity** to design and design communication by enabling a common vocabulary
  - Improve **time** to solution by providing templates which serve as foundations for good design
  - Improve **reuse** through composition

Pros/Cons of Design Patterns

- Cons
  - Some patterns come with negative consequences (i.e. object proliferation, performance hits, additional layers)
  - Consequences are subjective depending on concrete scenarios
  - Patterns are subject to different interpretations, misinterpretations, and philosophies
  - Patterns can be overused and abused → Anti-Patterns

Popular Design Patterns

- Let's take a look
  - Strategy
  - Observer
  - Singleton
  - Decorator
  - Proxy
  - Façade
  - Adapter

Strategy Definition

Defines a family of algorithms, encapsulates each one, and makes them interchangeable. Strategy lets the algorithm vary independently from clients that use it.

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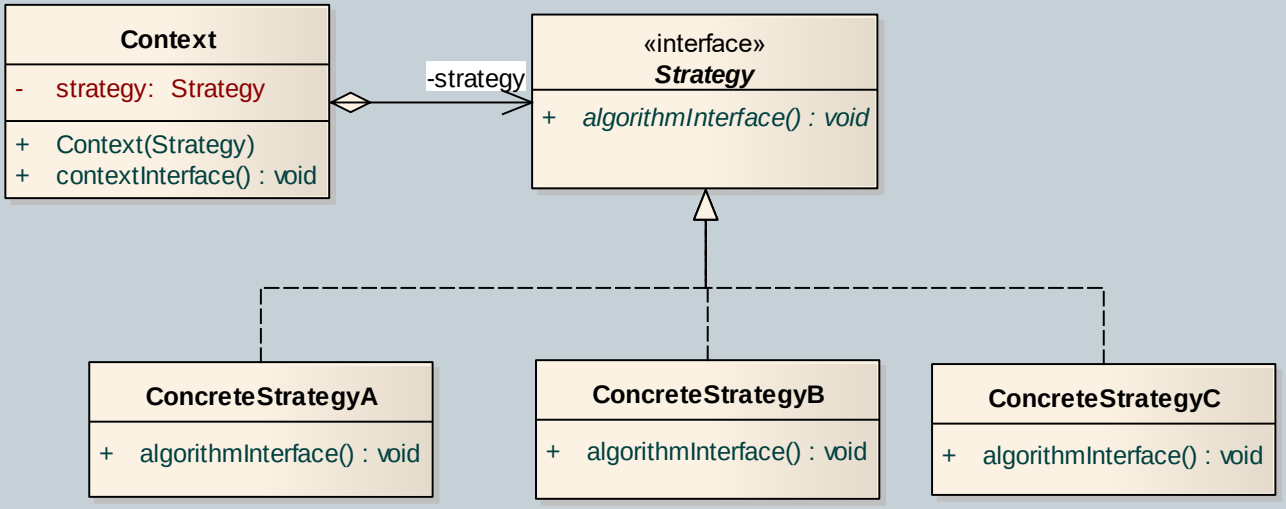
Strategy - Class diagram



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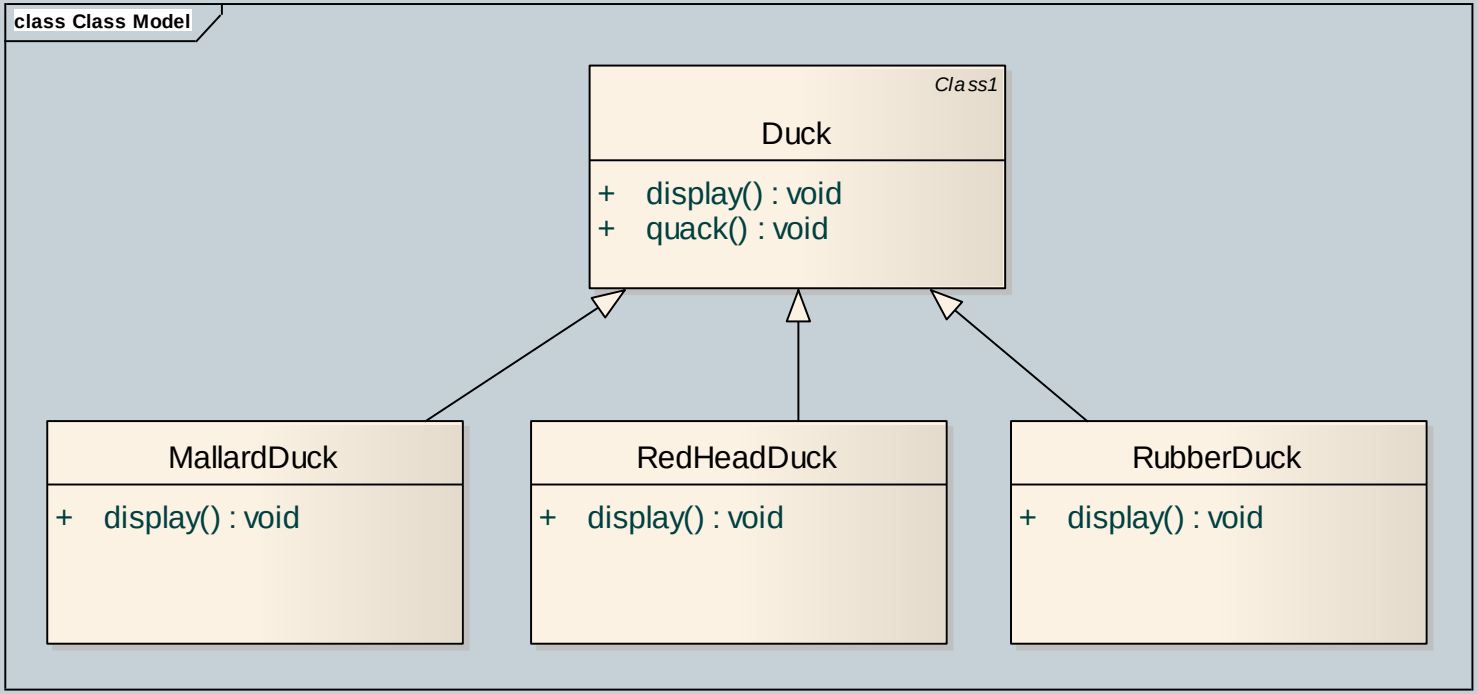

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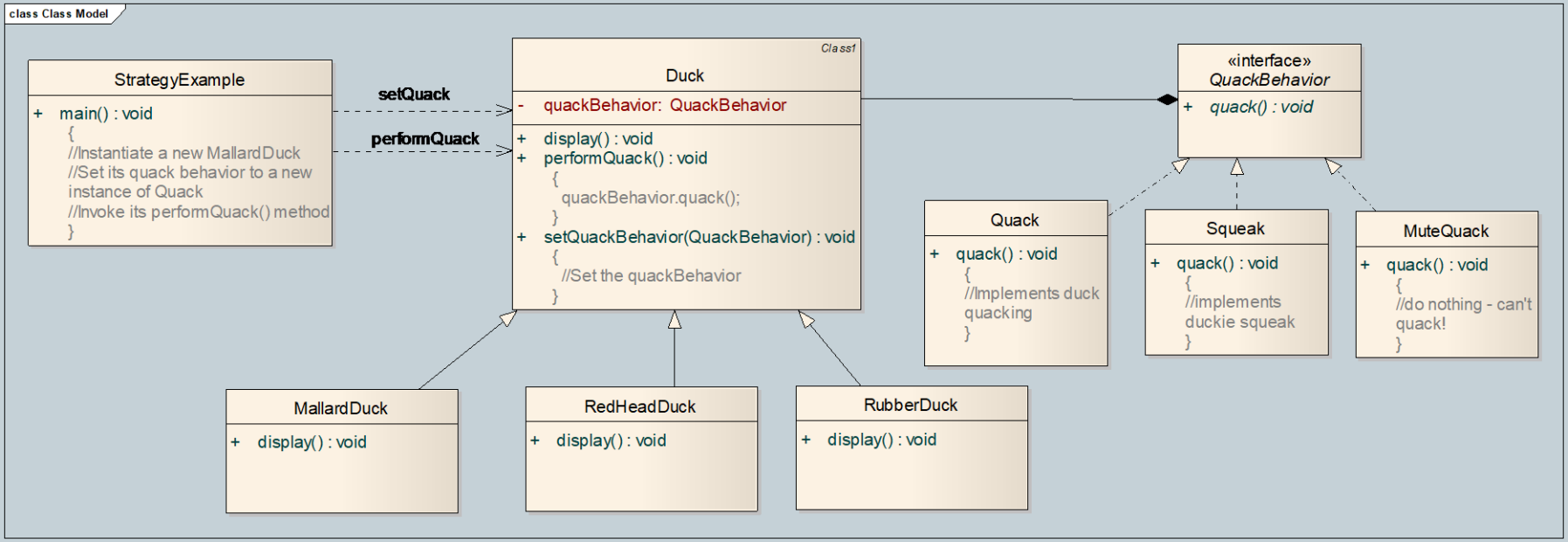

Strategy

- Pros
  - Provides encapsulation
  - Hides implementation
  - Allows behavior change at runtime
- Cons
  - Results in complex, hard to understand code if overused

Observer Definition

Defines a one-to-many dependency between objects so that when one object changes state, all of its dependents are notified and updated automatically.

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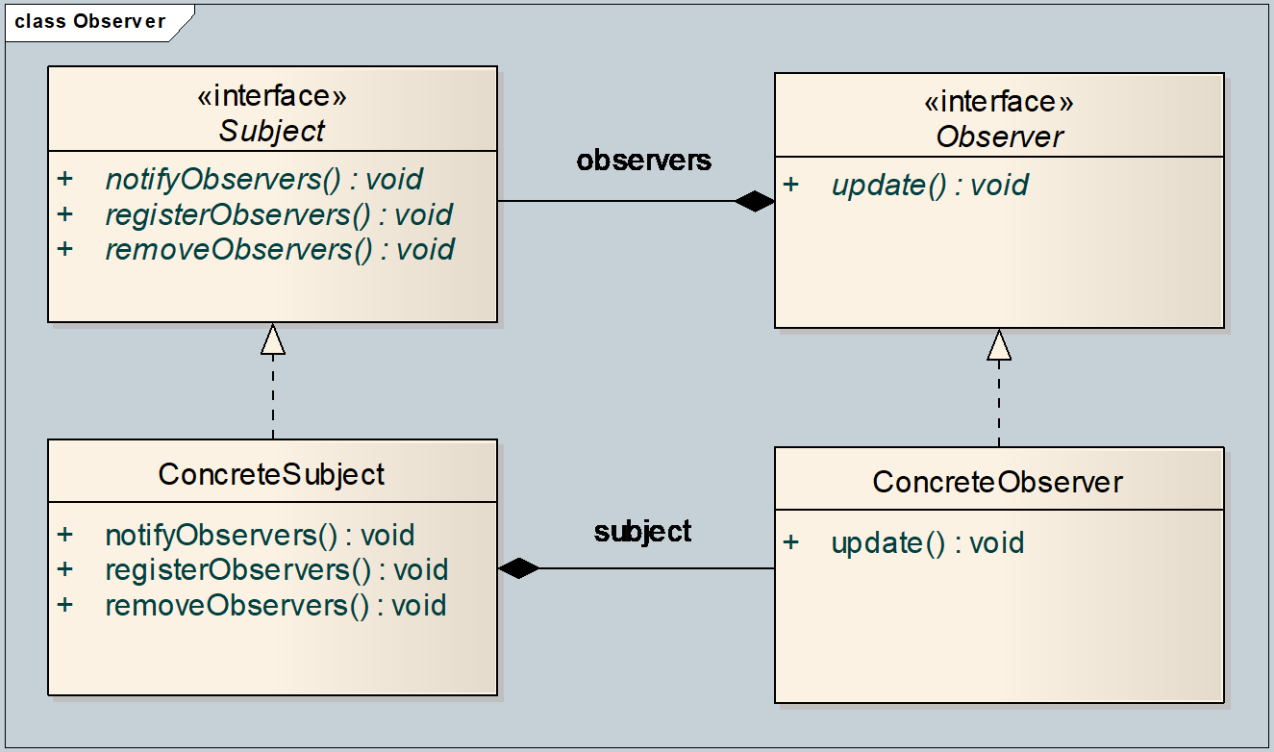

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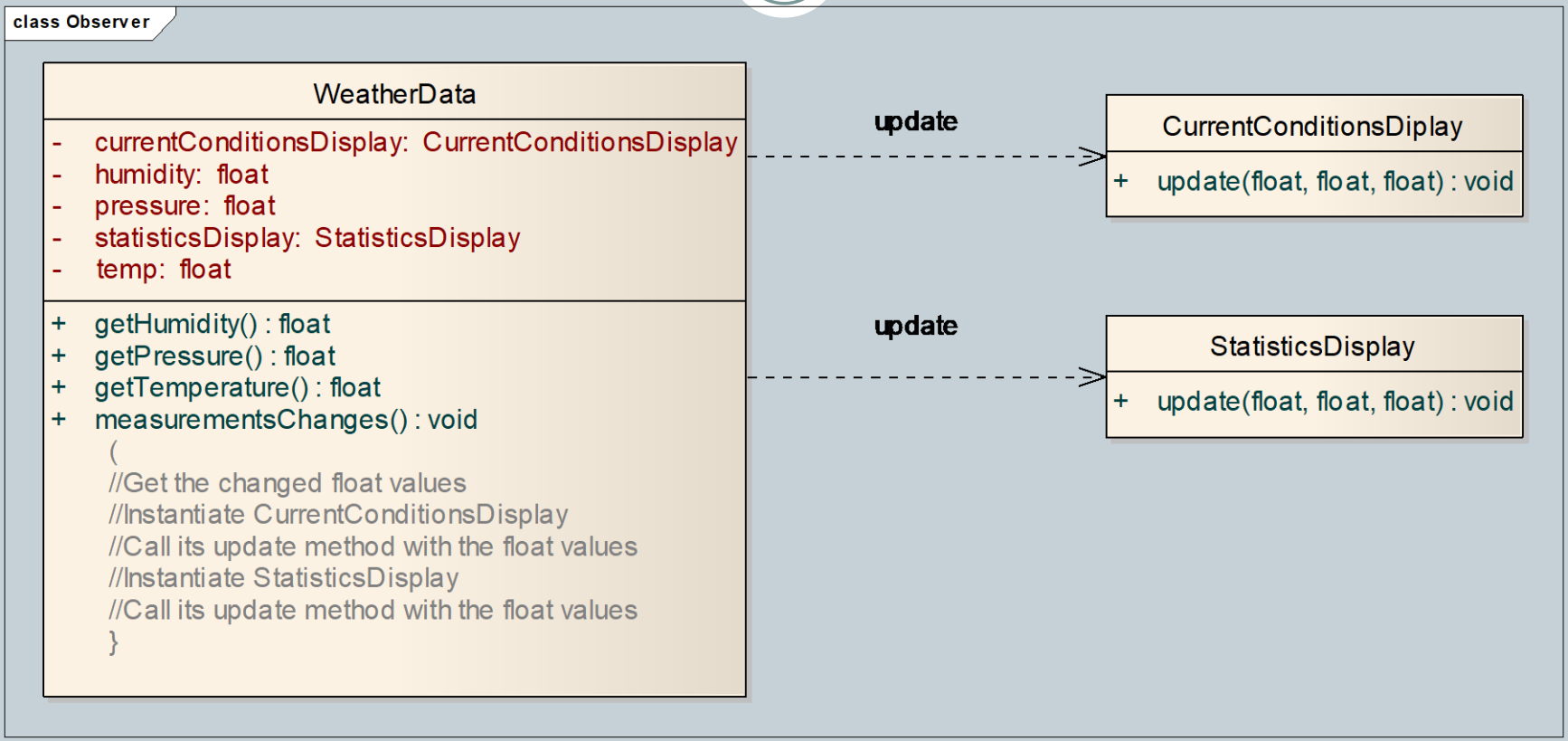

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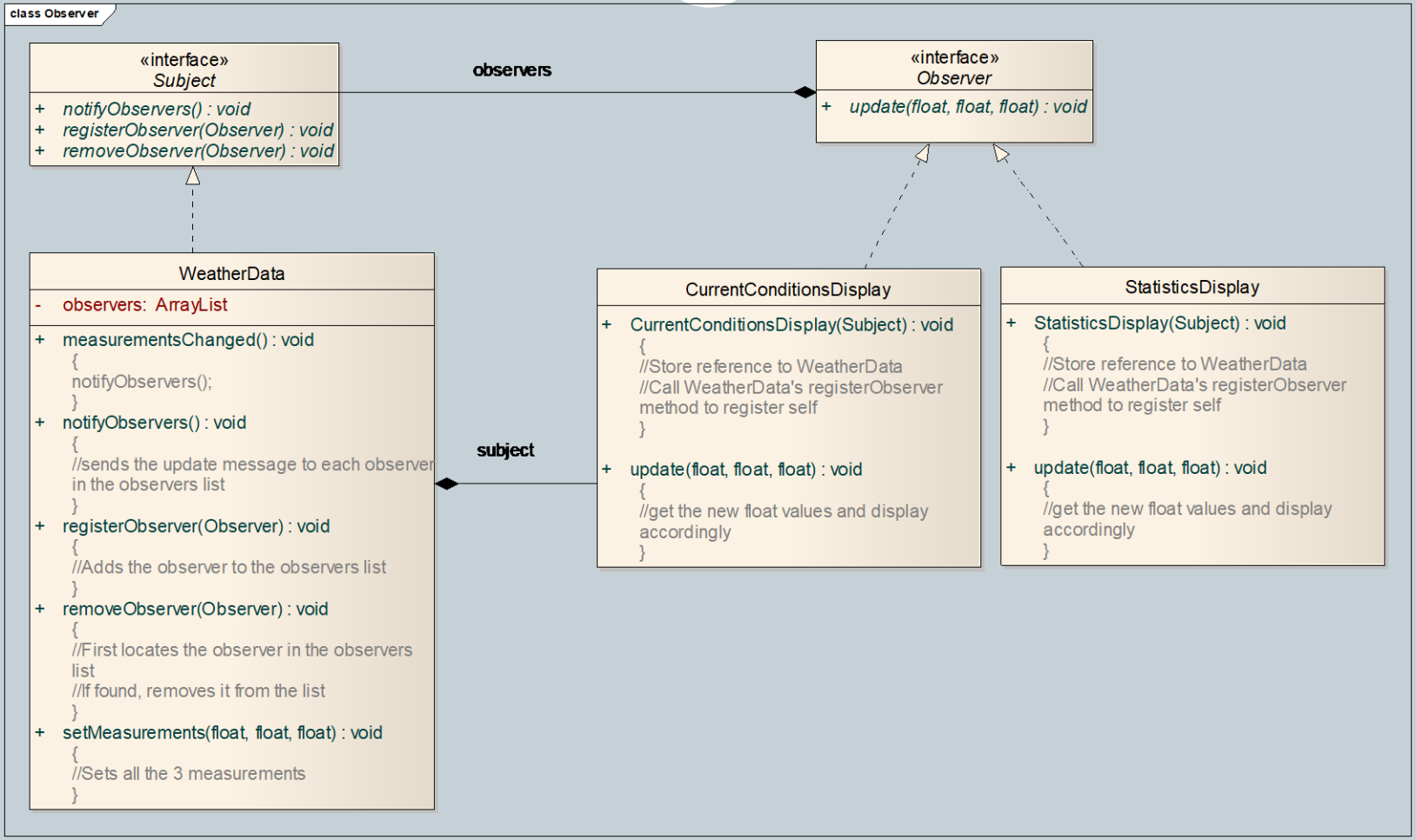

Observer

- Pros
  - Abstracts coupling between Subject and Observer
  - Supports broadcast communication
  - Supports unexpected updates
  - Enables reusability of subjects and observers independently of each other
- Cons
  - Exposes the Observer to the Subject (with push)
  - Exposes the Subject to the Observer (with pull)

Singleton Definition

Ensure a class only has one instance and provide a global point of access to it.

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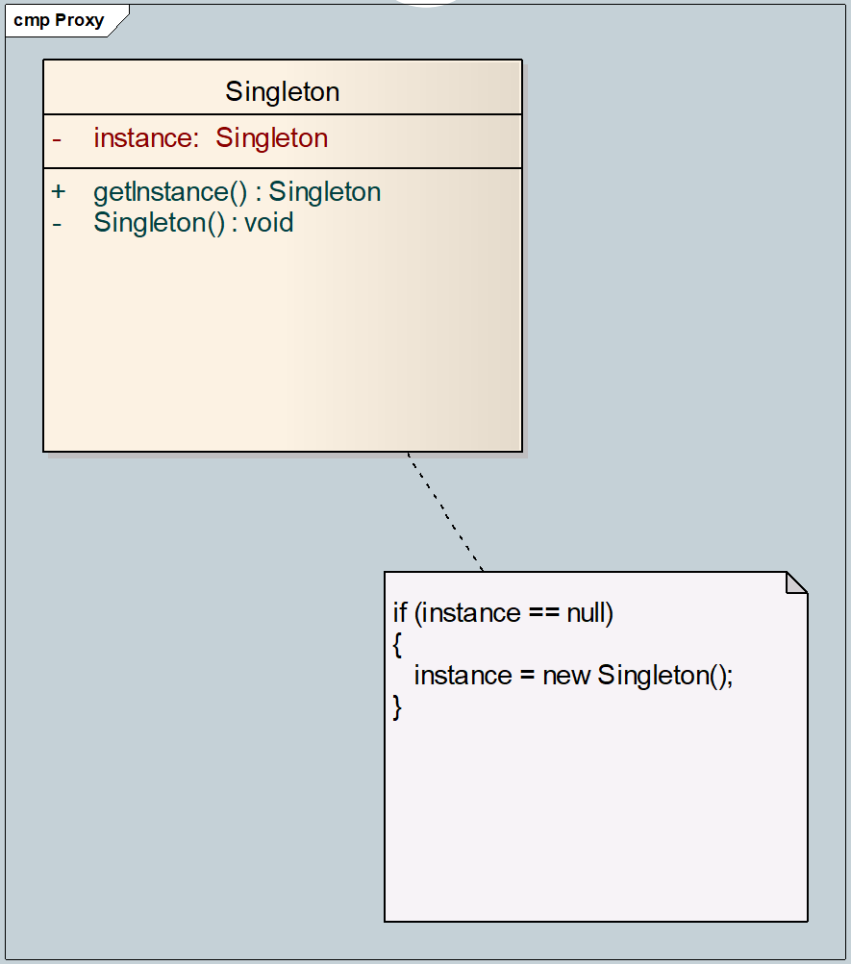

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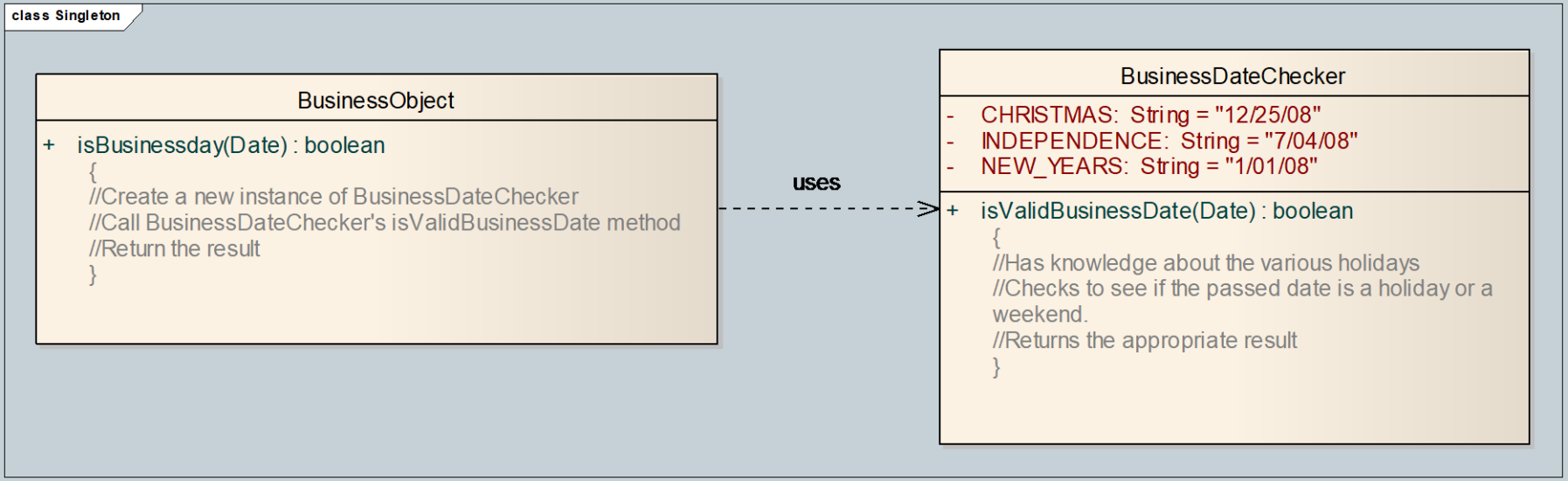

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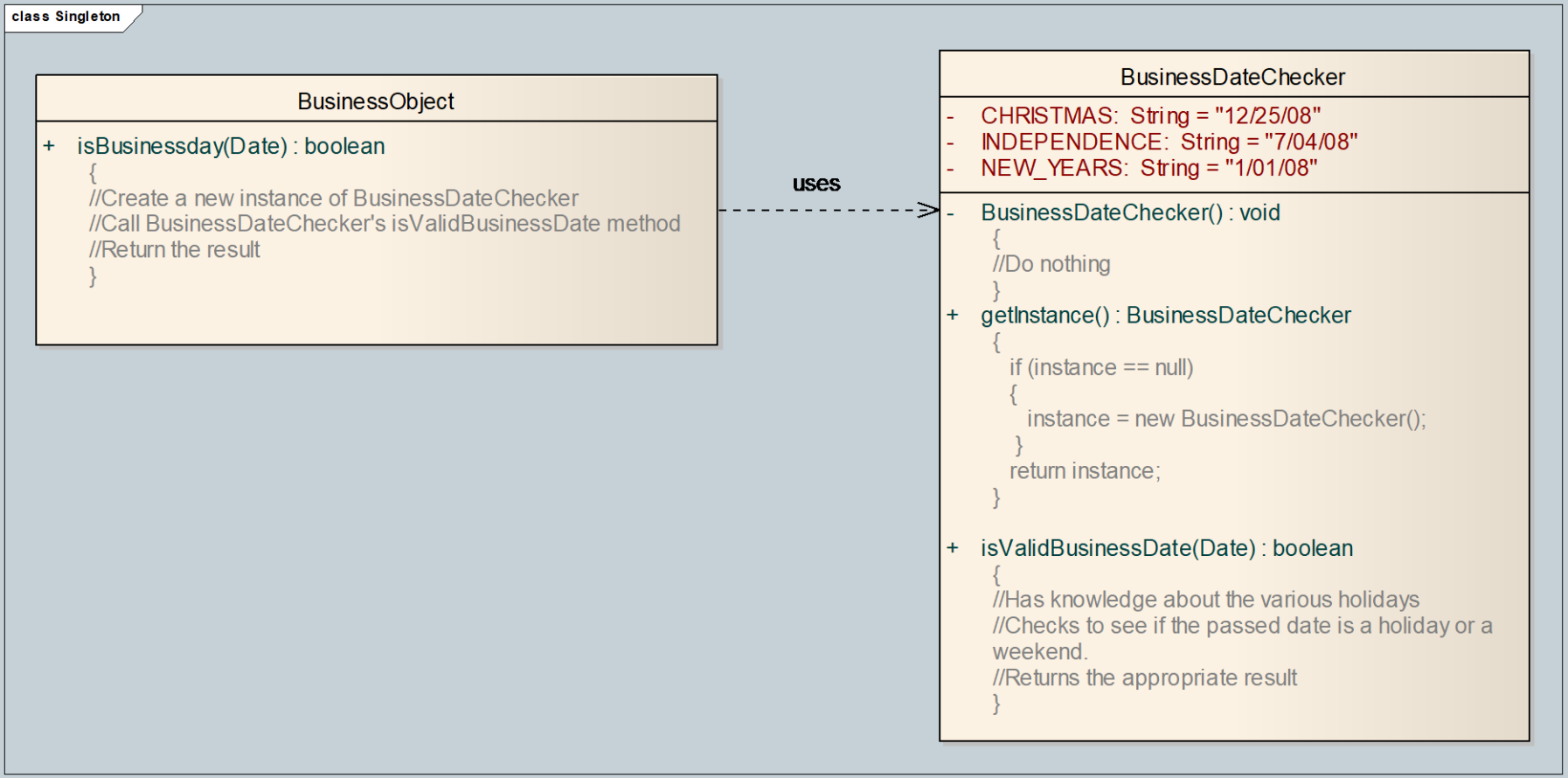

Singleton

cmp Proxy

```
public class Singleton {
       private static Singleton instance = null;
       protected Singleton() {
          //Exists only to defeat instantiation.
       }

       public static Singleton getInstance() {
          if(instance == null) {
            instance = new Singleton();
          }

          return instance;
}
```

```
public class SingletonInstantiator {
    public SingletonInstantiator() {
      Singleton instance = Singleton.getInstance();
      Singleton anotherInstance = new Singleton();
      ......
 }
```

Singleton

- Pros
  - Increases performance
  - Prevents memory wastage
  - Increases global data sharing
- Cons
  - Results in multithreading issues

Patterns & Definitions - Group 1

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- Observer
- Singleton

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Decorator Definition

Attaches additional responsibilities to an object dynamically. Decorators provide a flexible alternative to sub-classing for extending functionality.

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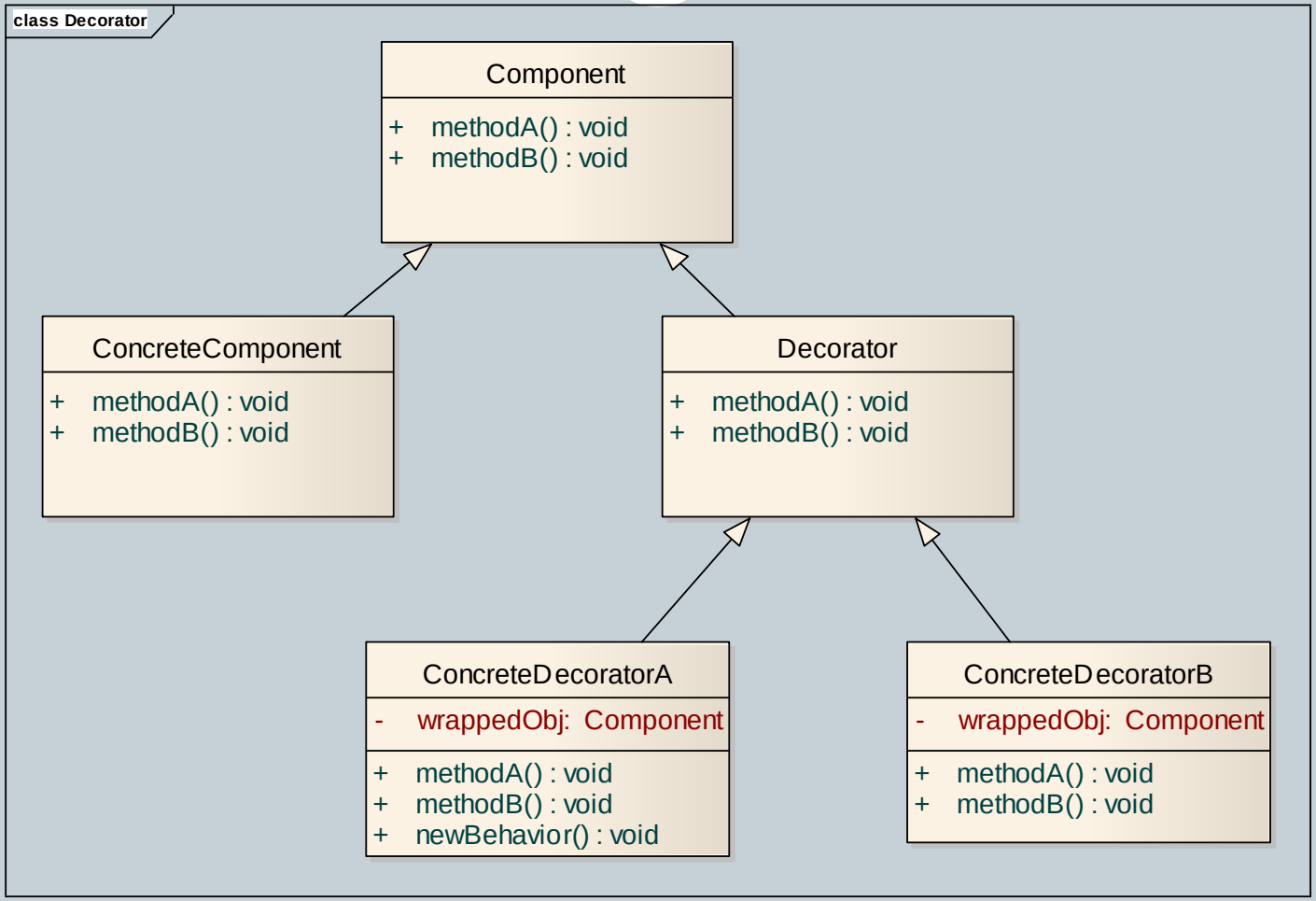
Decorator – Class diagram



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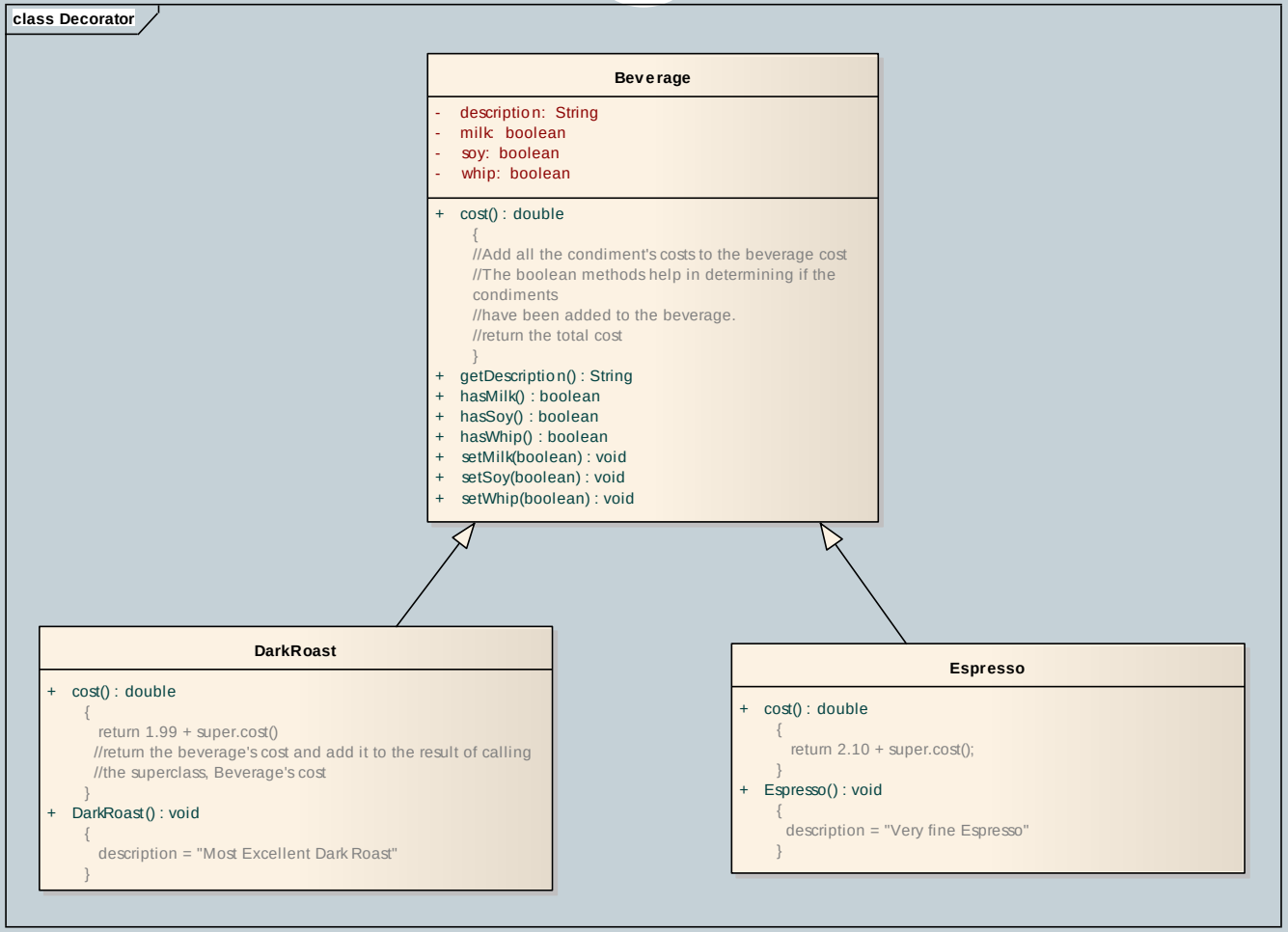

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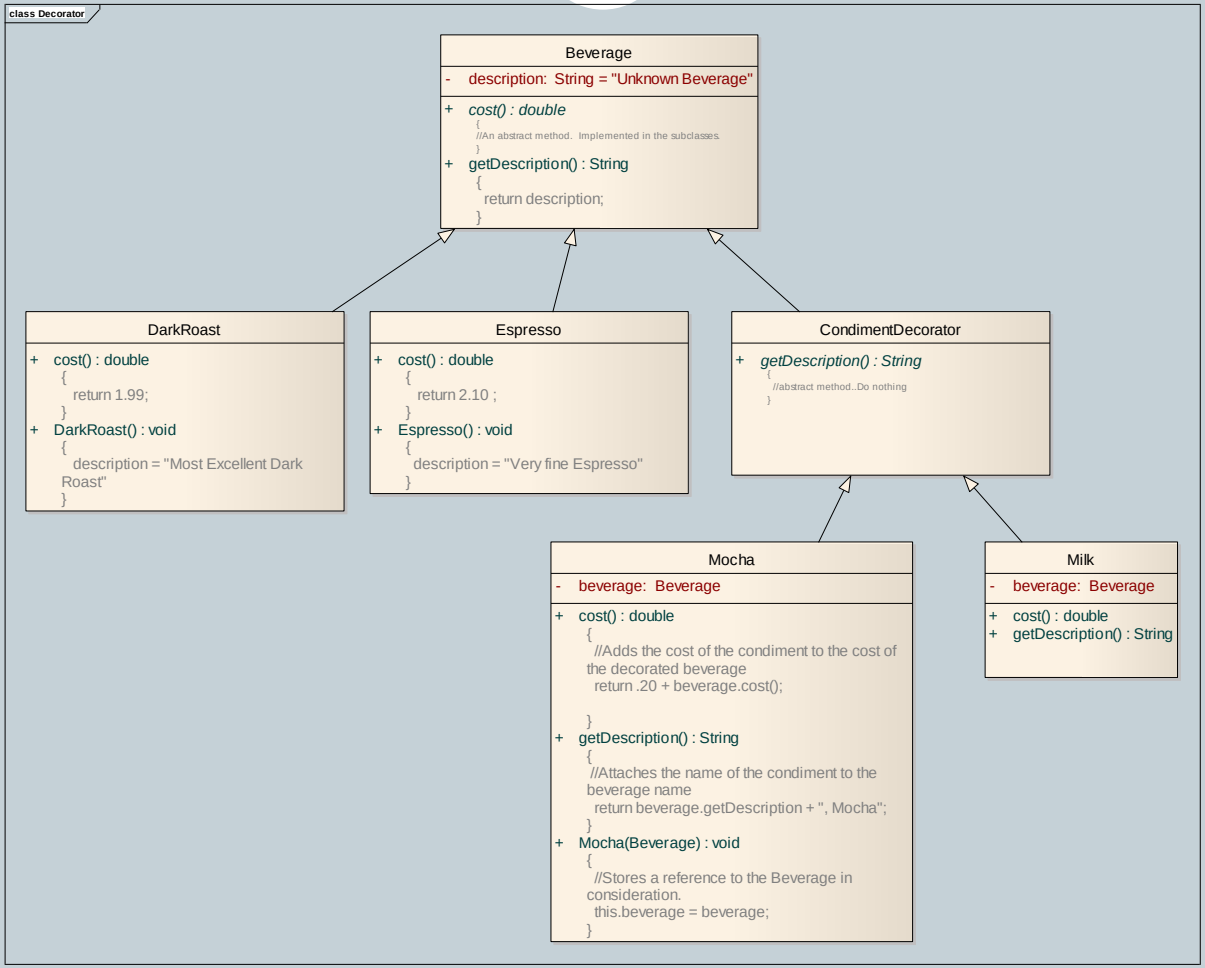


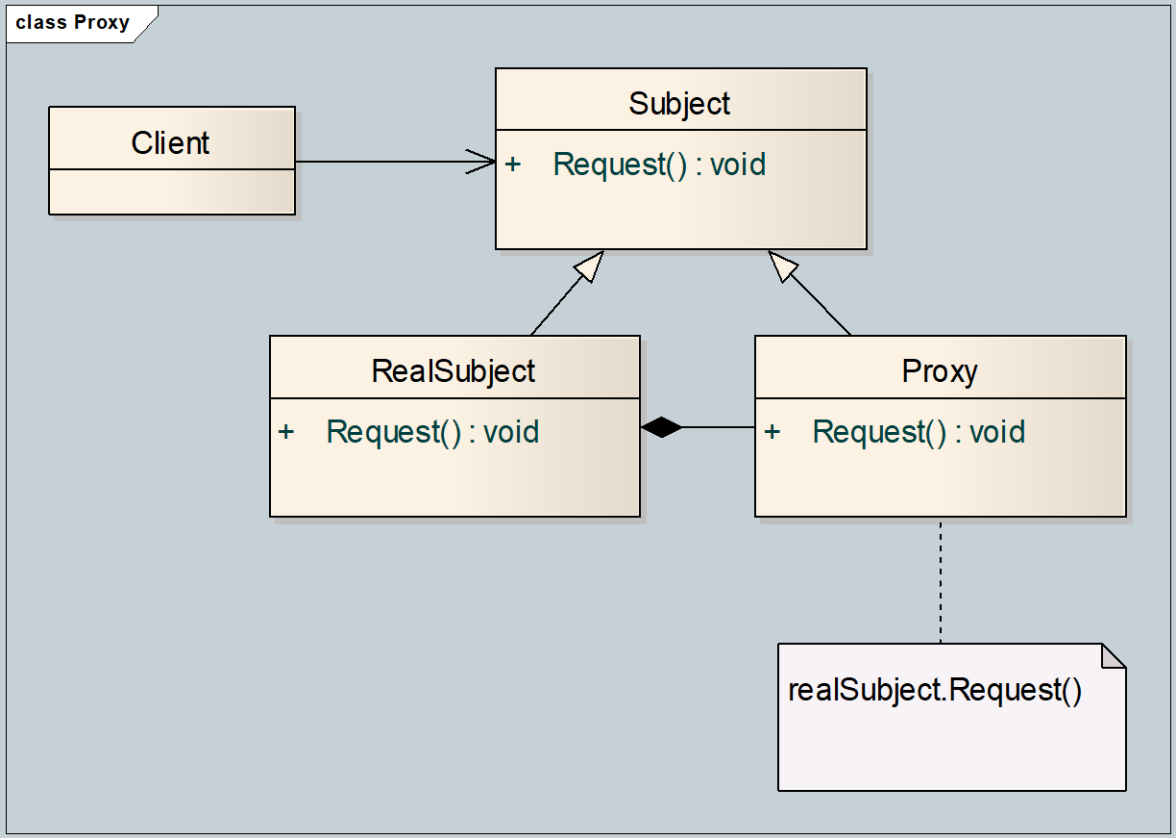
Decorator

- Pros
  - Extends class functionality at runtime
  - Helps in building flexible systems
  - Works great if coded against the abstract component type
- Cons
  - Results in problems if there is code that relies on the concrete component's type

Proxy Definition

Provides a surrogate or placeholder for another object to control access to it

Proxy - Class diagram



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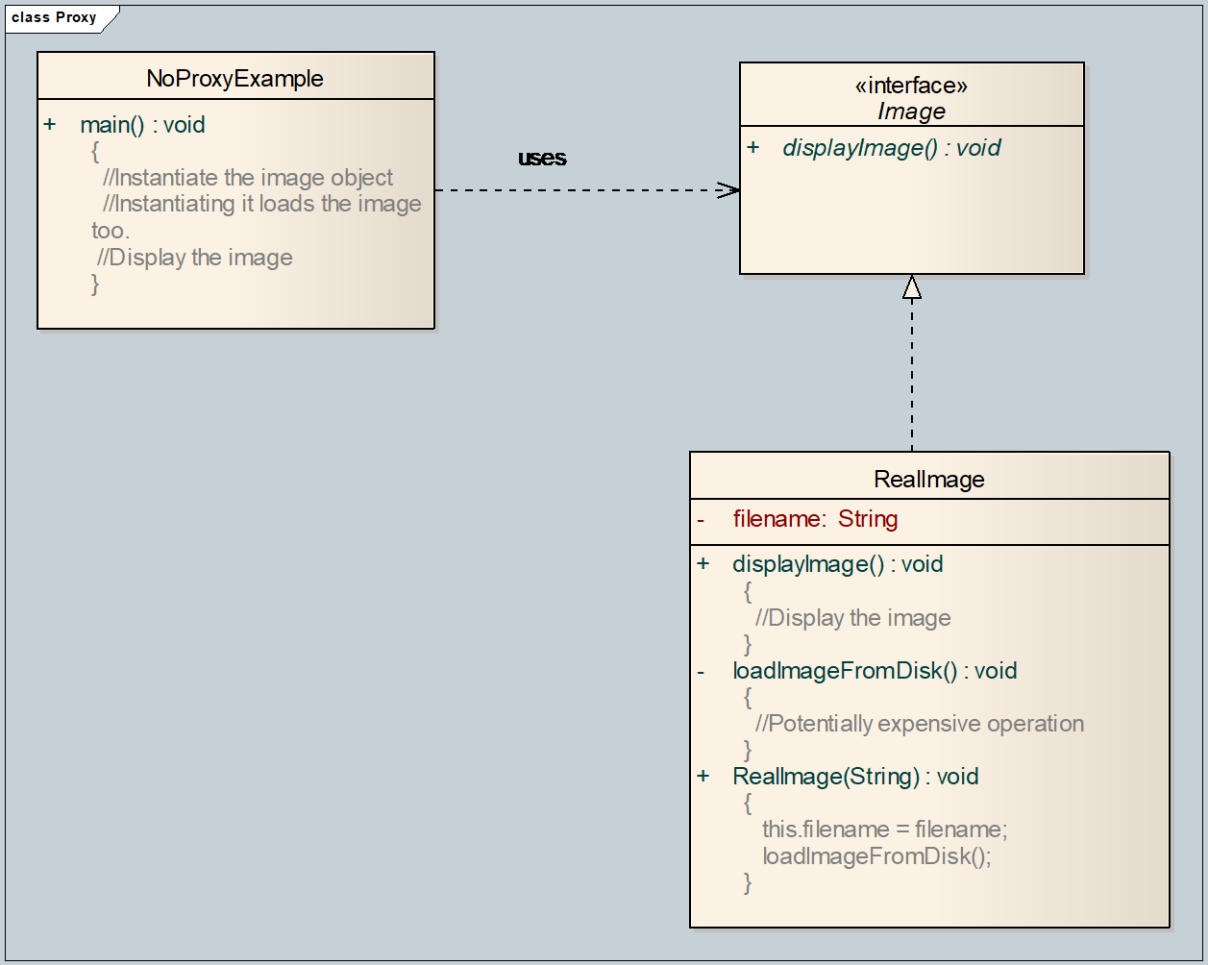

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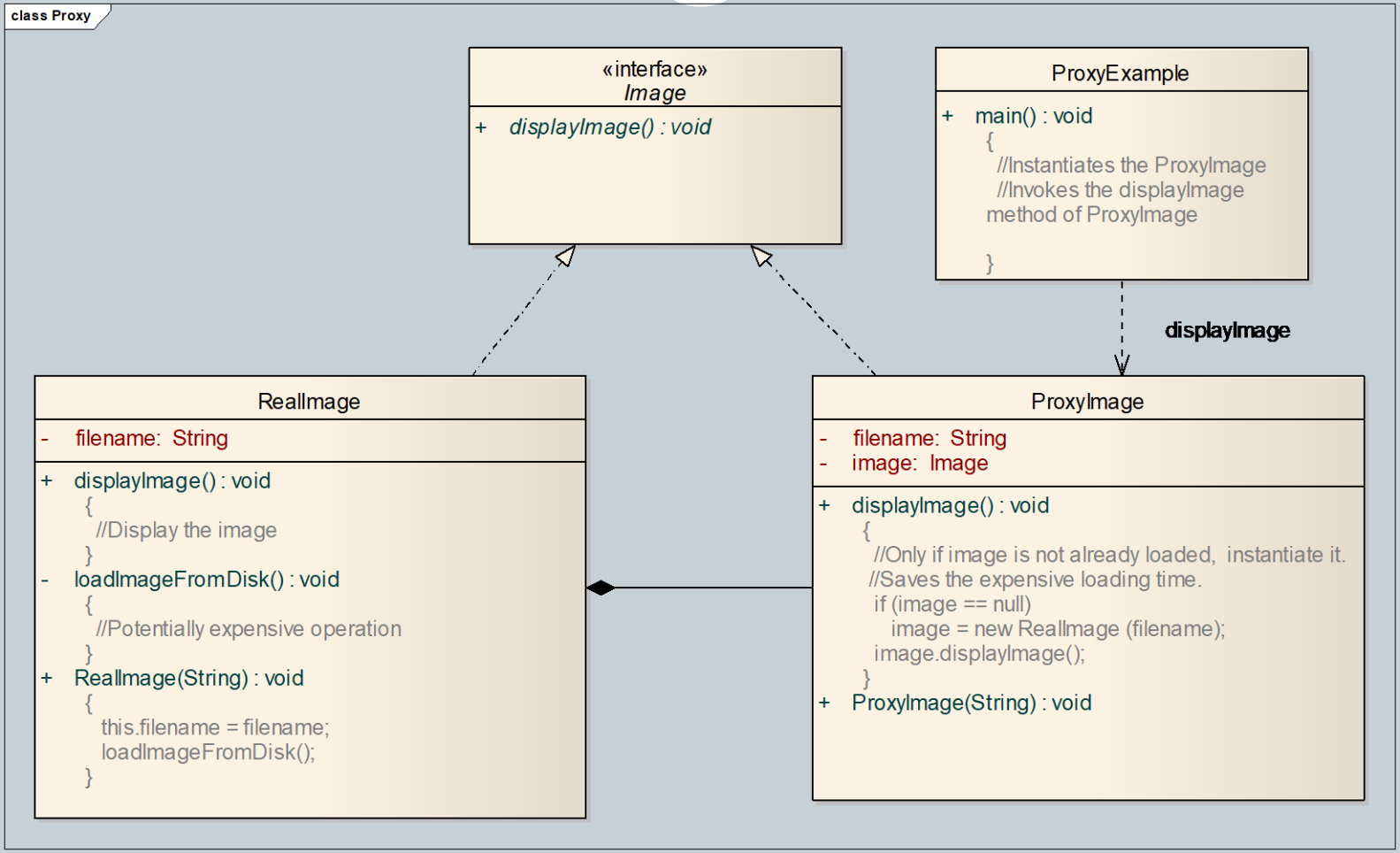

Proxy

- Pros
  - Prevents memory wastage
  - Creates expensive objects on demand
- Cons
  - Adds complexity when trying to ensure freshness

Facade Definition

Provides a unified interface to a set of interfaces in a subsystem. Façade defines a higher level interface that makes the subsystem easier to use.

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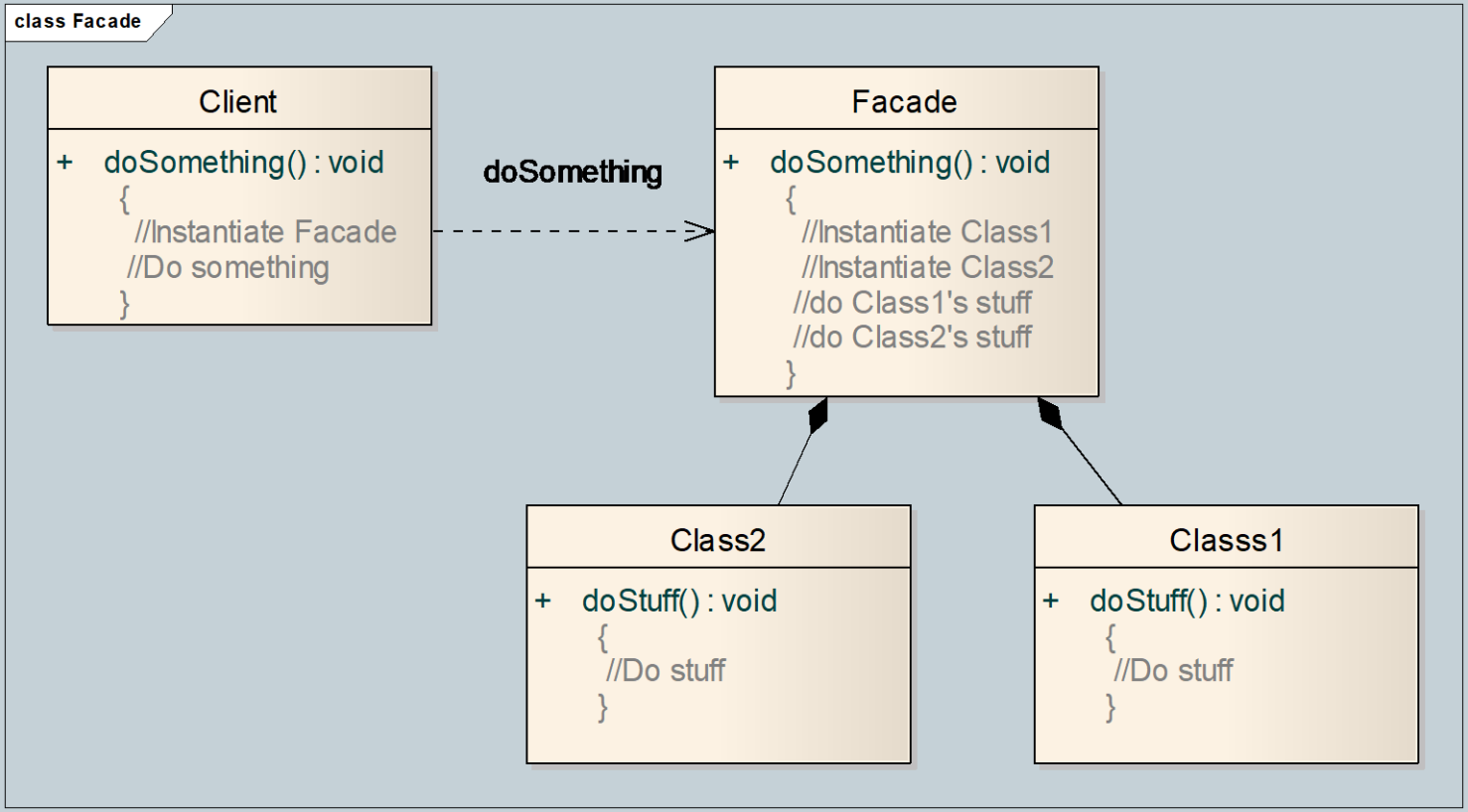
Façade - Class diagram



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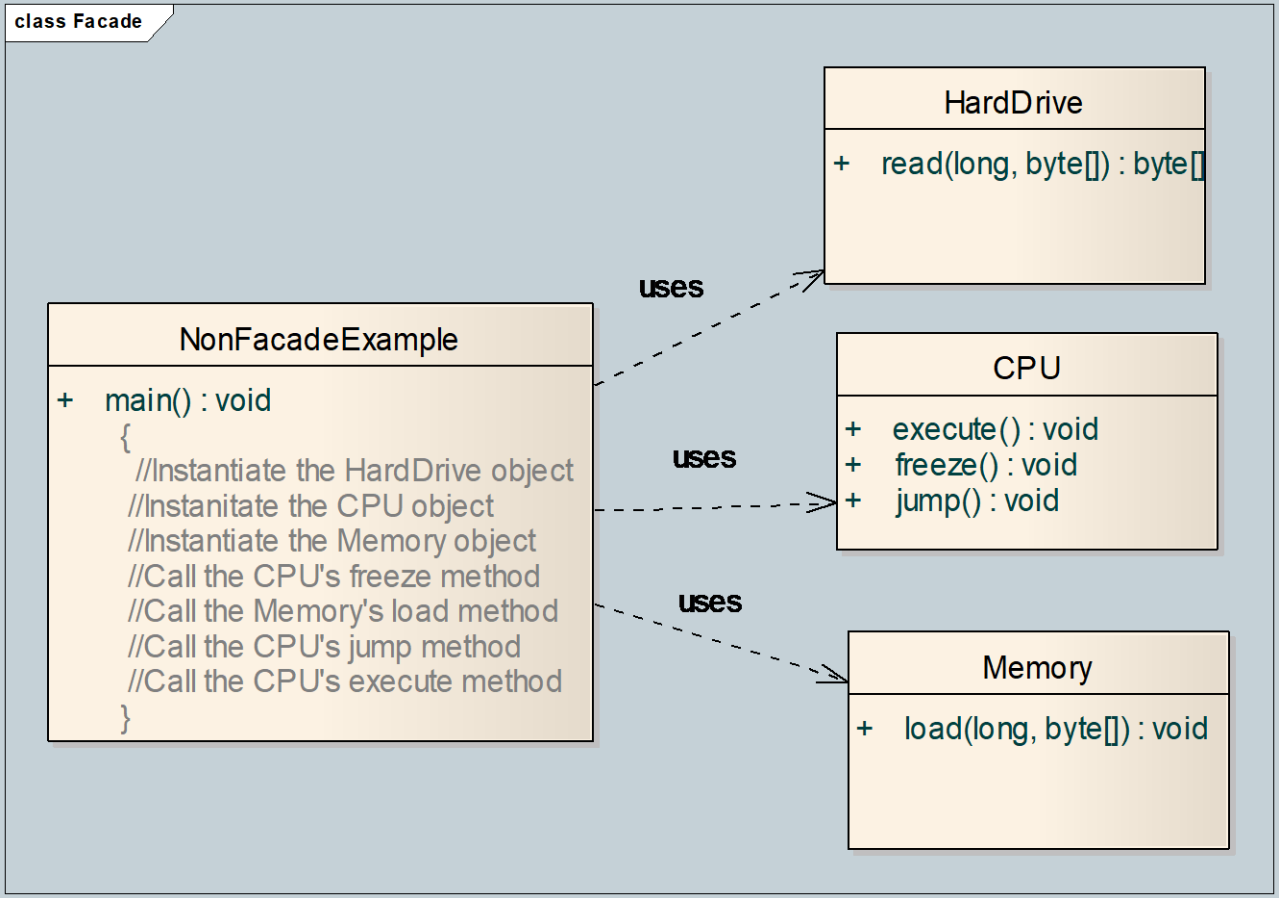

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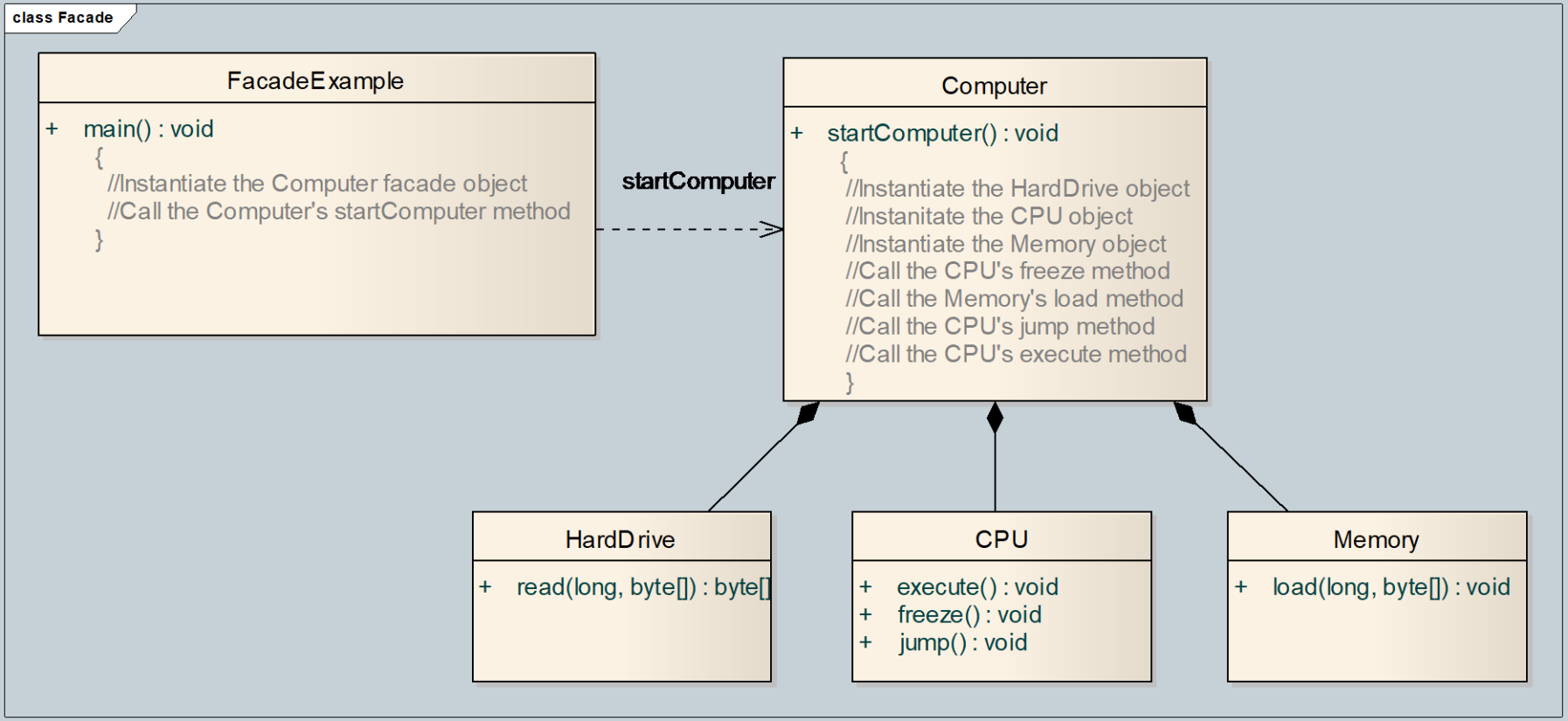


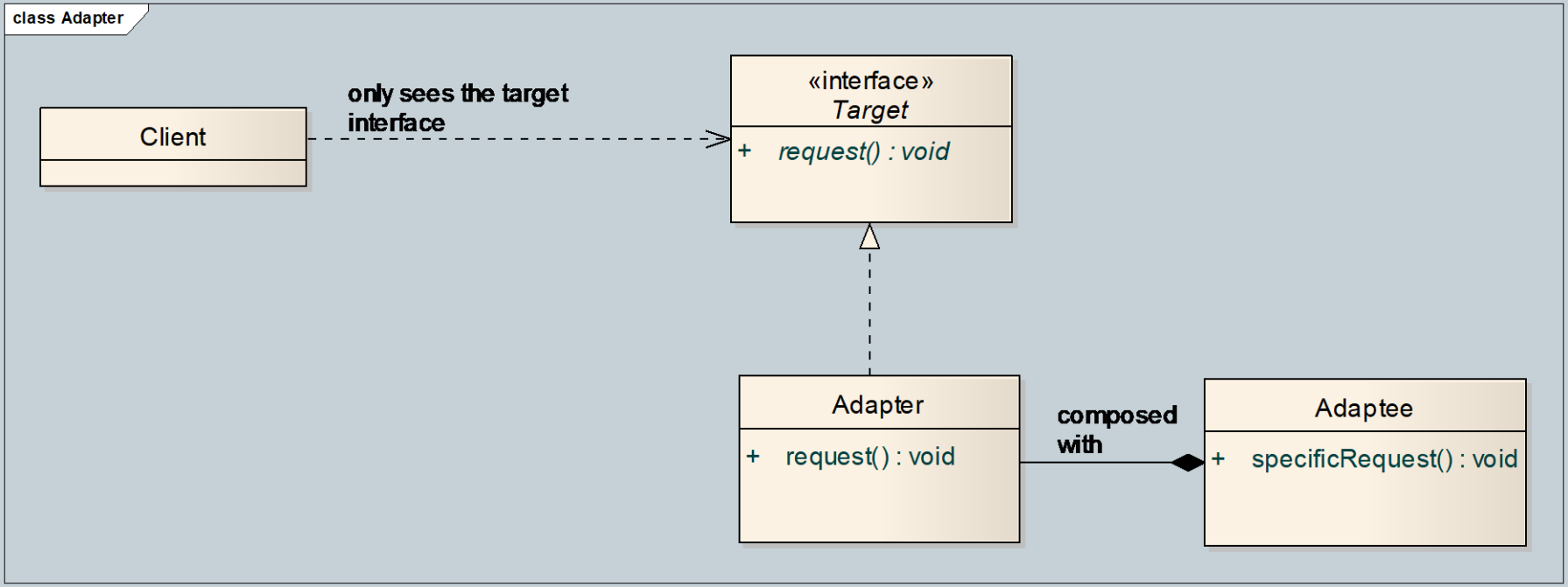
Facade

- Pros
  - Makes code easier to use and understand
  - Reduces dependencies on classes
  - Decouples a client from a complex system
- Cons
  - Results in more rework for improperly designed Façade class
  - Increases complexity and decreases runtime performance for large number of Façade classes

Adapter Definition

Converts the interface of a class into another interface the clients expect. Adapter lets classes work together that couldn't otherwise because of incompatible interfaces.

Adapter - Class diagram



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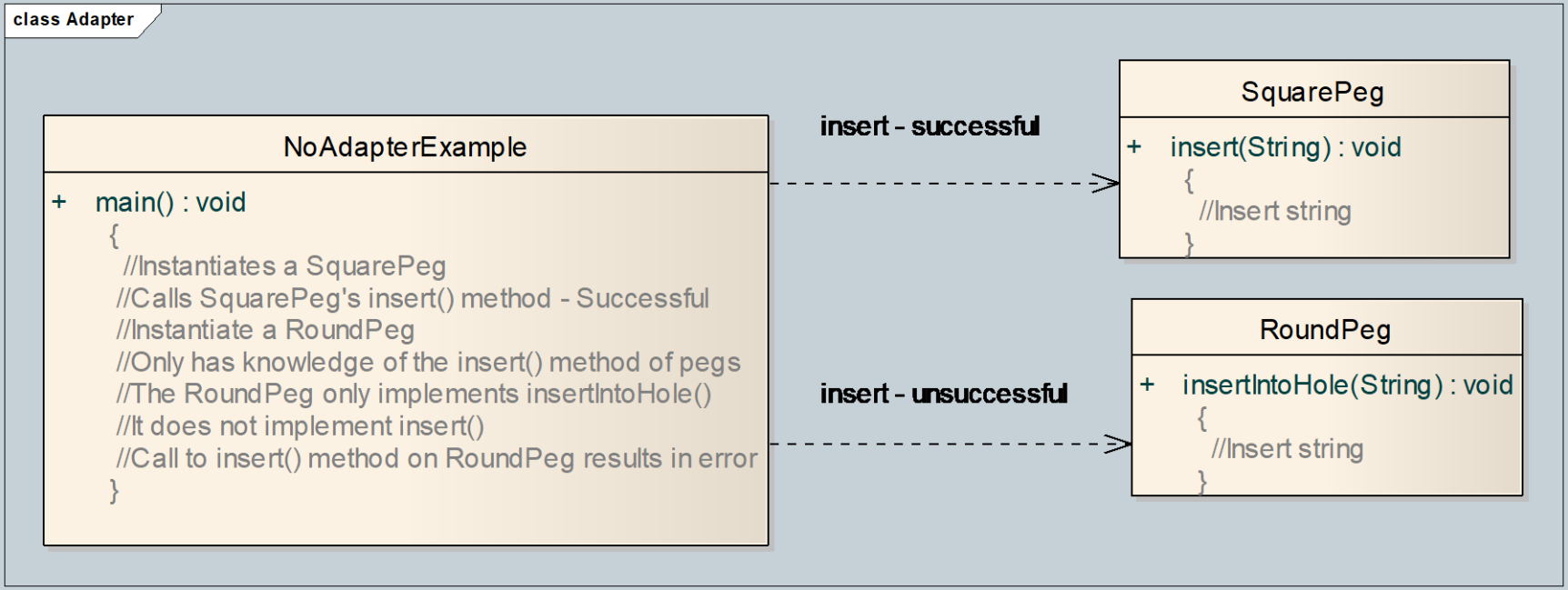

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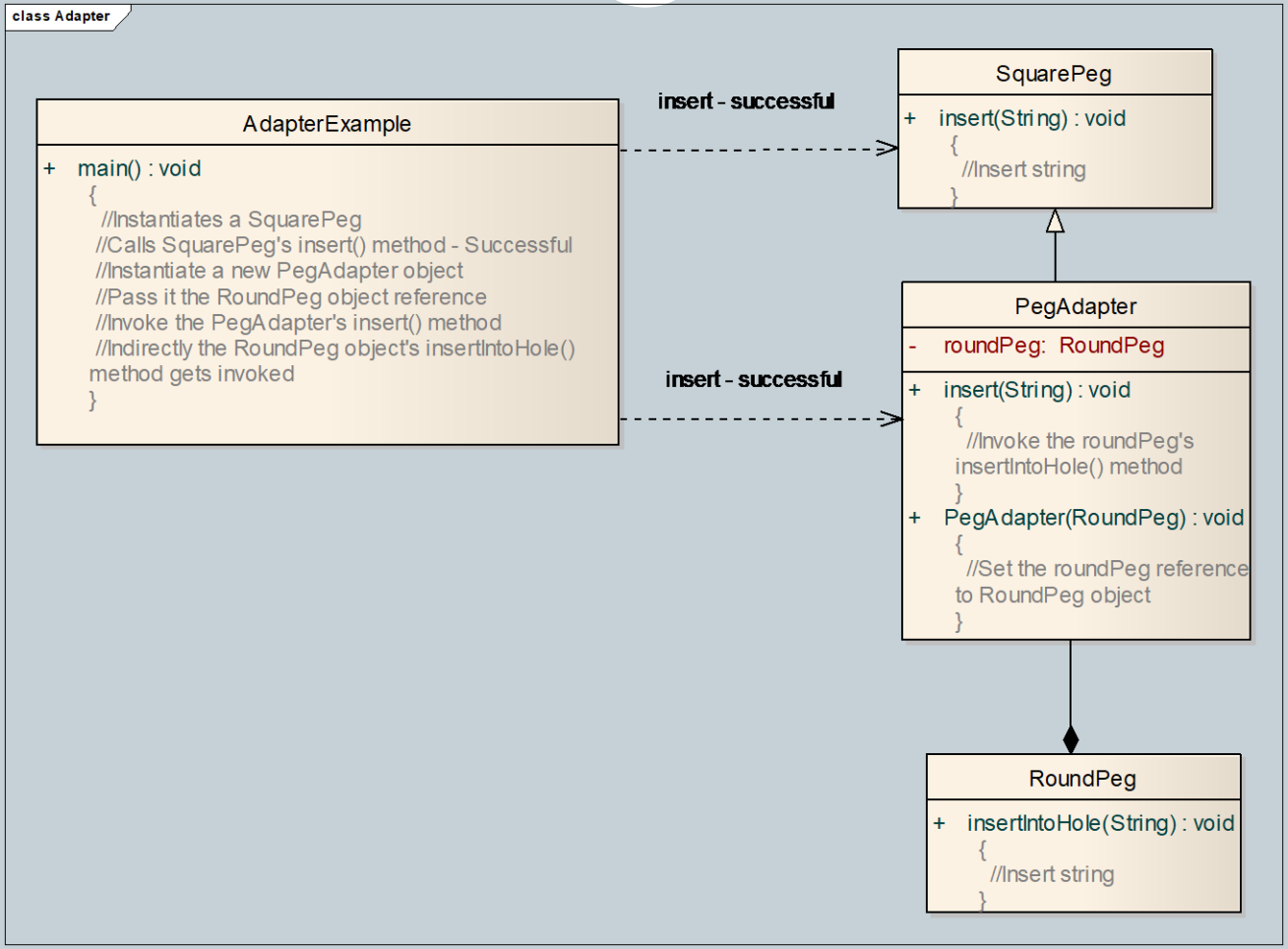

Adapter

- Pros
  - Increases code reuse
  - Encapsulates the interface change
  - Handles legacy code
- Cons
  - Increases complexity for large number of changes

Patterns & Definitions - Group 2

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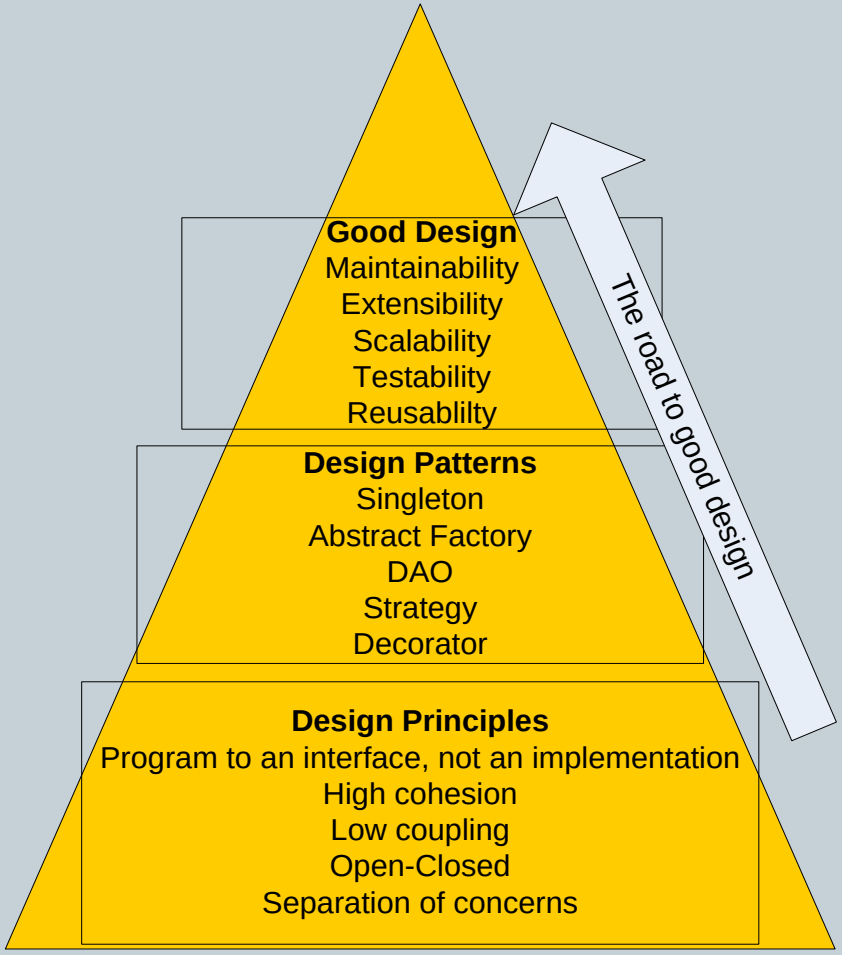
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Open-Closed
Separation of concerns
The road to good design

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