



# Architecture of software systems

Lecture 2: Design patterns

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# Immutable object



- » thread-safe object
- » all fields are **final**  
(and often **private**)
- » no “setters”
- » block changes by finalization of the class
- » block override  
use private constr. and static factories
- » don't need a copy constr.
- » no clone needed
- » hashCode can use lazy initialization and cache
- » no defensive copy when used as a field
- » suitable for map and set elements

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```
final public class ImmutableRGB {  
  
    //Values must be between 0 and 255.  
    final private int red;  
    final private int green;  
    final private int blue;  
    final private String name;  
  
    private void check(int red, int green, int blue) {  
        if (red < 0 || red > 255  
            || green < 0 || green > 255  
            || blue < 0 || blue > 255) {  
            throw new IllegalArgumentException();  
        }  
    }  
  
    public ImmutableRGB(int red, int green, int blue, String name) {  
        check(red, green, blue);  
        this.red = red;  
        this.green = green;  
        this.blue = blue;  
        this.name = name;  
    }  
  
    public int getRGB() {  
        return ((red << 16) | (green << 8) | blue);  
    }  
  
    public String getName() {  
        return name;  
    }  
  
    public ImmutableRGB invert() {  
        return new ImmutableRGB(255 - red, 255 - green, 255 - blue,  
            "Inverse of " + name);  
    }  
}
```



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String c = "c";  
  
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StringBuilder temp = new StringBuilder(a);  
temp.append(b);  
temp.append(c);  
String q = temp.toString();
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- » implies 4 object allocations !!!
- » consider manual usage of **StringBuilder** or **StringBuffer** (thread-safe)



- » concatenation of non-String types:
  - » `String.valueOf({primitives})`
  - » or

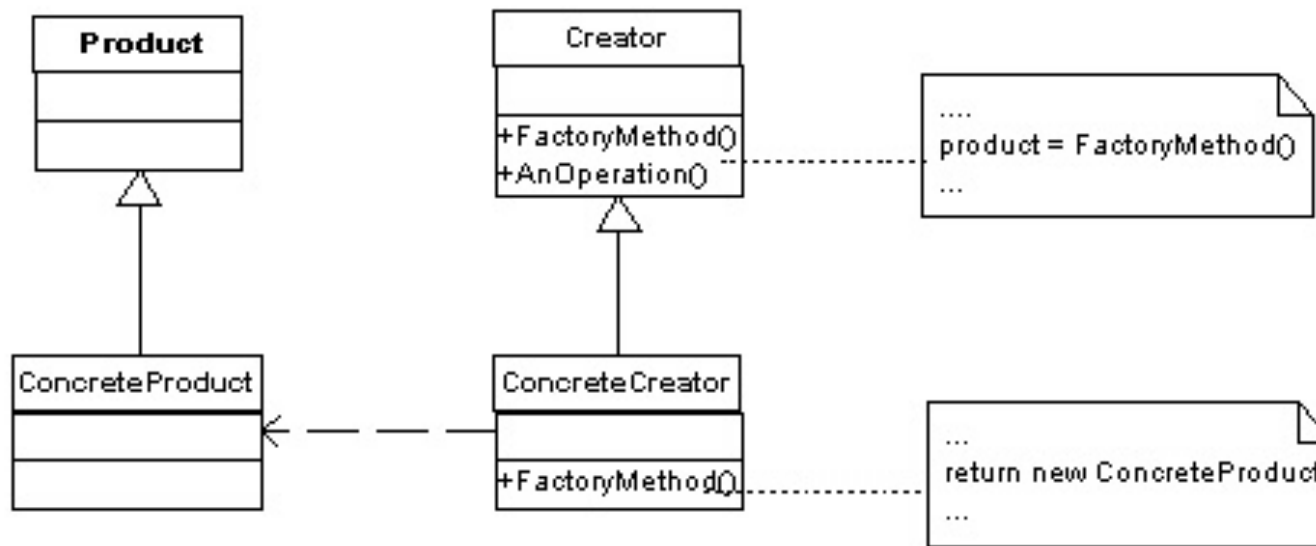
```
public static String valueOf(Object obj) {  
    return (obj == null) ? "null" : obj.toString();  
}
```

- » make collections/list/map/set immutable (`UnsupportedOperationException`):
  - » **`Collections.unmodifiableCollection(...)`**
  - » **`Collections.unmodifiableList(...)`**
  - » **`Collections.unmodifiableMap(...)`**
  - » **`Collections.unmodifiableSet(...)`**
  - » **`Collections.unmodifiableSortedMap(...)`**
  - » **`Collections.unmodifiableSortedSet(...)`**
- » elements are not protected !!! use immutable elements too



- » *creational* design pattern
- » based on the concept of factories
- » define a method for **creating objects in the interface which are subclasses of specific product**
- » implementers can decide which class is instantiated (e.g. based on params)
- » common usage
  - » **toolkits and frameworks**
    - » library code needs to create objects of types which are sub-classed by application using the framework
  - » **test-driven development**
    - » unit tests can use mock objects to simulate operations
- » limitations
  - » if use private constructors -> class cannot be extended
  - » if use protected constructors -> subclass must re-implement all factory methods with exactly the same signatures (static cannot be overridden)

# Factory method



- » Creator can define default implementation returning default factory product
- » Note:
  - » static factory methods – cannot be overridden !
  - » Factory object can be instance



# Factory method – example



## » product interface

```
public interface Trace {  
    // turn on and off debugging  
    public void setDebug( boolean debug );  
    // write out a debug message  
    public void debug( String message );  
    // write out an error message  
    public void error( String message );  
}
```

## » product A

```
public class SystemTrace implements Trace {  
    private boolean debug;  
    public void setDebug( boolean debug ) {  
        this.debug = debug;  
    }  
    public void debug( String message ) {  
        if( debug ) { // only print if debug is true  
            System.out.println( "DEBUG: " + message );  
        }  
    }  
    public void error( String message ) {  
        // always print out errors  
        System.out.println( "ERROR: " + message );  
    }  
}
```



## » product B

```
public class FileTrace implements Trace {

    private java.io.PrintWriter pw;
    private boolean debug;
    public FileTrace() throws java.io.IOException {
        // a real FileTrace would need to obtain the filename somewhere
        // for the example I'll hardcode it
        pw = new java.io.PrintWriter( new java.io.FileWriter( "c:\trace.log" ) );
    }
    public void setDebug( boolean debug ) {
        this.debug = debug;
    }
    public void debug( String message ) {
        if( debug ) { // only print if debug is true
            pw.println( "DEBUG: " + message );
            pw.flush();
        }
    }
    public void error( String message ) {
        // always print out errors
        pw.println( "ERROR: " + message );
        pw.flush();
    }
}
```



- » direct usage
  - » need change all instantiations to modify behavior

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//... some code ...  
SystemTrace log = new SystemTrace();  
//... code ...  
log.debug( "entering loog" );  
// ... etc ...
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//... some code ...  
SystemTrace log = new SystemTrace();  
//... code ...  
log.debug( "entering loog" );  
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```

- » factory method
  - » just one place to modify behavior

```
public class TraceFactory {  
    public static Trace getTrace() {  
        return new SystemTrace();  
    }  
}  
//... some code ...  
Trace log = TraceFactory.getTrace();  
//... code ...  
log.debug( "entering loog" );  
// ... etc ...
```

```
public class TraceFactory {  
    public static Trace getTrace() {  
        try {  
            return new FileTrace();  
        } catch ( java.io.IOException ex ) {  
            Trace t = new SystemTrace();  
            t.error( "could not instantiate FileTrace: " + ex.getMessage() );  
            return t;  
        }  
    }  
}
```



- » *delay operation until the first time it is needed*
  - » **lazy object creation**
  - » **lazy calculation of a value**
  - » **lazy class loading**
  - » **lazy other expensive process**
- » use a flag indicating that the process has taken place
- » if not used -> save memory usage and/or processing time
  
- » **lazy class loading**
  - » classes are loaded only when they are first referenced
  - » *use interfaces or parent classes for field types*

# Lazy initialization – example



```
public class MyFrame extends Frame
{
    private MessageBox mb_ = new MessageBox();
    //private helper used by this class
    private void showMessage(String message)
    {
        //set the message text
        mb_.setMessage( message );
        mb_.pack();
        mb_.show();
    }
}
```

VS

```
public final class MyFrame extends Frame
{
    private MessageBox mb_ ; //null, implicit
    //private helper used by this class
    private void showMessage(String message)
    {
        if(mb_==null)//first call to this method
            mb_=new MessageBox();
        //set the message text
        mb_.setMessage( message );
        mb_.pack();
        mb_.show();
    }
}
```

- » higher importance for complex objects (e.g. Image, DB connection)
- » used often for lazy hash code computation in immutable objects



- » *class has only one instance with a global point of access to it*
- » often used to control access to native resources like database connections or sockets
- » unique repository of state, alternatively can be implemented as static
- » lazy instantiation:

```
public static class MySingleton {
    private static MySingleton _instance;

    private MySingleton() {
        // ...
    }

    public static MySingleton getInstance() {
        if (_instance==null) {
            _instance = new MySingleton();
        }
        return _instance;
    }
    // ...
}
```



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```
public static class MySingleton {
    private static MySingleton _instance;

    private MySingleton() {
        // ...
    }

    public static synchronized MySingleton getInstance() {
        if (_instance==null) {
            _instance = new MySingleton();
        }
        return _instance;
    }
    // ...
}
```

- » how to avoid locking?





- » **reduce the overhead** of acquiring a lock by use of **locking criterion**
- » common usage
  - » multi-threaded environment
  - » combination with lazy initialization
- » typical use pattern
  - » check the locking criterion without obtaining the lock
  - » obtain the lock
  - » double-check whether the variable has been already initialized
  - » otherwise, initialize



- » avoid expense of locking

```
public static class MySingleton {
    private static MySingleton _instance;

    private MySingleton() {
        // ...
    }

    public static MySingleton getInstance() {
        if (_instance==null) {
            synchronized (MySingleton.class) {
                _instance = new MySingleton();
            }
        }
        return _instance;
    }
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» avoid expense of locking

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                }
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        }
        return _instance;
    }
    // ...
}
```

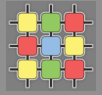


## » avoid expense of locking

```
public static class MySingleton {
    private static volatile MySingleton _instance;

    private MySingleton() {
        // ...
    }

    public static MySingleton getInstance() {
        if (_instance==null) {
            synchronized (MySingleton.class) {
                if (_instance==null) {
                    _instance = new MySingleton();
                }
            }
        }
        return _instance;
    }
    // ...
}
```



# Singleton initialization – eager initialization

```
public static class MySingleton {
    private static MySingleton _instance =
        new MySingleton();

    private MySingleton() {
        // ...
    }

    public static MySingleton getInstance() {
        return _instance;
    }

    // ...
}
```



- » initialization on demand holder idiom

```
class Foo {  
    private static class HelperHolder {  
        public static Helper helper = new Helper();  
    }  
    public static Helper getHelper() {  
        return HelperHolder.helper;  
    }  
}
```

- » inner class are not loaded until they are referenced
- » BUT
  - » if construction fail, it throws **NoClassDefFoundError** during run-time !

# Serializable Singleton - example



```
public static class MySingleton implements Serializable {
    private static MySingleton _instance = new MySingleton();

    private MySingleton() {
        // ...
    }

    public static MySingleton getInstance()
    {
        return _instance;
    }
    // ...
}
```

» is this correct singleton?

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        // ...
    }

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    {
        return _instance;
    }
    // ...
}
```

- » is this correct singleton?
  - » **NO** – due to serialization which will create new instance
  
- » Fix – using read resolve

```
private Object readResolve() {
    return _instance;
}
```



# Serializable Singleton – using ENUM



```
public enum MySingleton {
    INSTANCE;

    private boolean test;

    MySingleton() {
        test = true;
    }

    public void myMethod() {
        // ...
    }
}
```

- » serialization issue is fixed by default
- » creation is thread-safe
- » cannot inherit other enums or classes (only can implement interfaces)
- » no lazy initialization
- » different classloaders is still an issue



- » don't allow subclassing due to static getInstance():
  - factory class with method returning singleton instance (requires non-private constructor)
- » issue with more VMs in distributed system (e.g. RMI) -> singleton should not be used to store state !!!
- » classloaders -> one singleton per each classloader
- » *in older JVMs private static references for non-reachable objects was not enough to keep that instance*



- » *parametric singleton*, single instance with given parameter
- » often in combination with immutable object

```
public static class MyMultiton {
    private static final Map<Object, MyMultiton> instances = new HashMap<Object, MyMultiton>();

    private final Object attribute;

    private MyMultiton(final Object attribute) {
        this.attribute = attribute;
    }

    public static MyMultiton getInstance(Object attribute) {
        synchronized (instances) {
            MyMultiton instance = instances.get(attribute);
            if (instance == null) {
                instance = new MyMultiton(attribute);
                instances.put(attribute, instance);
            }
            return instance;
        }
    }
}
```

- » beware memory consumption !
- » use WeakReference or SoftReference



## » usage of reflection to create instance

```
public static void main(String[] args) throws Exception {
    MySingleton s = MySingleton.getInstance();

    Class<?> c1 = MySingleton.class;

    Constructor<?> cons = c1.getDeclaredConstructor();
    cons.setAccessible(true);

    MySingleton s2 = (MySingleton) cons.newInstance();
}
```

## » Fix 1

```
SecurityManager mgr = new SecurityManager();
System.setSecurityManager(mgr);
```



```
Exception in thread "main" java.security.AccessControlException: access denied (java.lang.ref
lect.ReflectPermission suppressAccessChecks)
    at java.security.AccessControlContext.checkPermission(AccessControlContext.java:323)
    at java.security.AccessController.checkPermission(AccessController.java:546)
    at java.lang.SecurityManager.checkPermission(SecurityManager.java:532)
    at java.lang.reflect.AccessibleObject.setAccessible(AccessibleObject.java:107)
```



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## » Fix 2

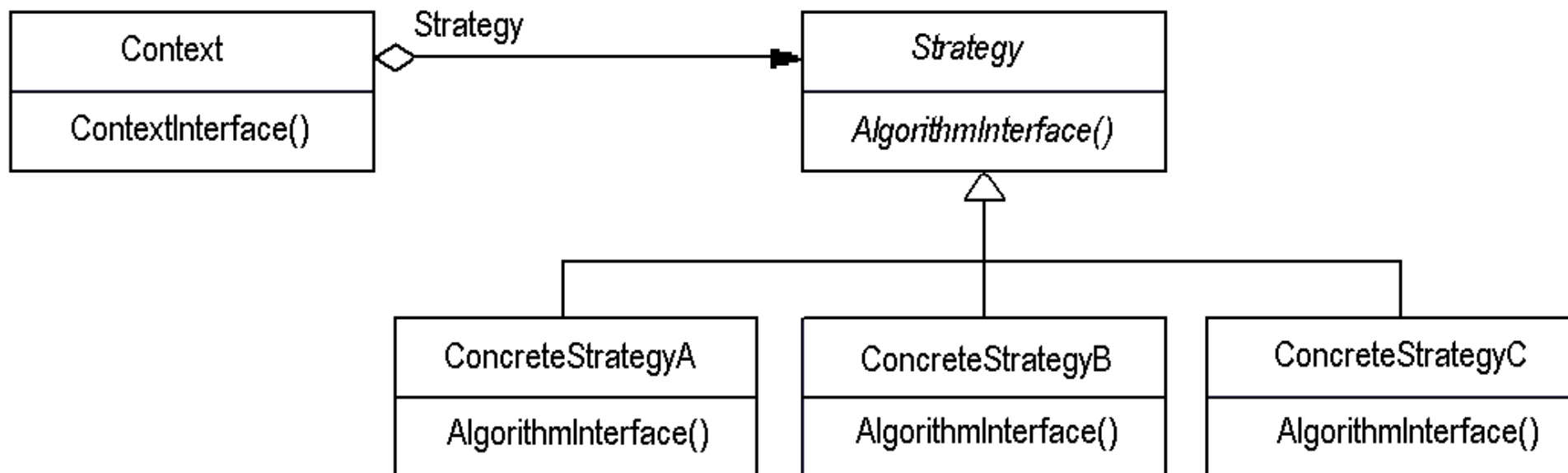
```
public static class MySingleton {
    private static MySingleton _instance = new MySingleton();

    private MySingleton() {
        if (_instance != null) {
            throw new IllegalStateException("Singleton instance already created")
        }
        // ...
    }

    public static MySingleton getInstance()
    {
        return _instance;
    }
    // ...
}
```



- » *behavioral* design pattern
- » **selection of algorithm in runtime**
- » define common interface for family of algorithms
- » make different implementations interchangeable
- » usually strategy is selected independently from clients that use it





## » Strategy

```
public interface SortInterface {  
    public void sort(double[] list);  
}
```

## » Context

```
public class SortingContext {  
    private SortInterface sorter = null;  
  
    public void sortDouble(double[] list) {  
        sorter.sort(list);  
    }  
  
    public SortInterface getSorter() {  
        return sorter;  
    }  
  
    public void setSorter(SortInterface sorter) {  
        this.sorter = sorter;  
    }  
}
```

## » Initialization

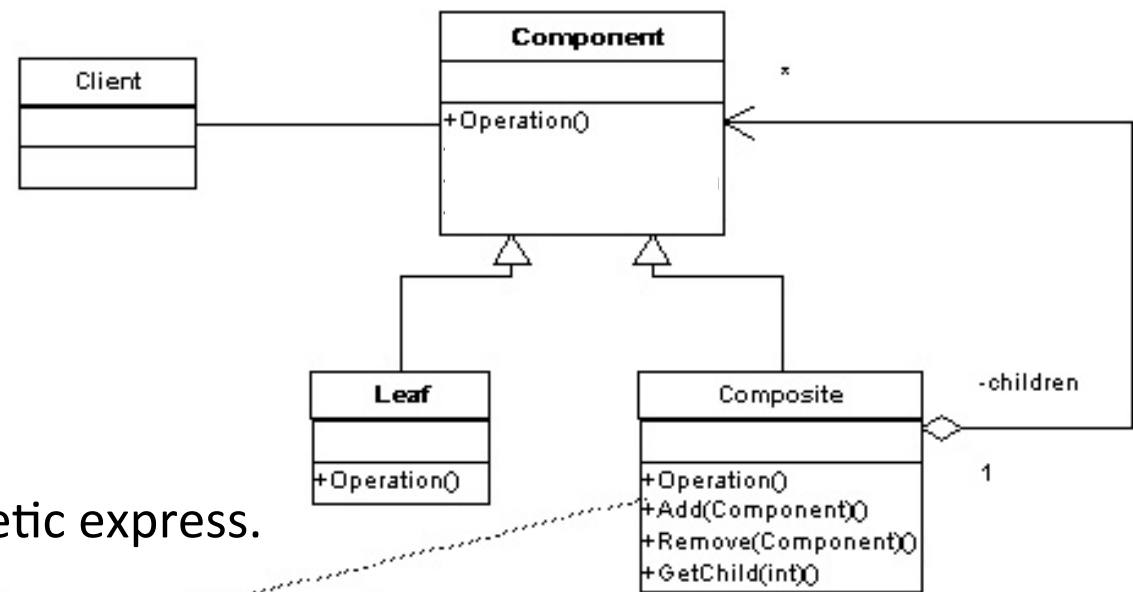
```
public class SortingClient {  
    public class SortingClient {  
        public static void main(String[] args) {  
            double[] list = {1,2.4,7.9,3.2,1.2,0.2,10.2,22.5,19.6,14,12,16,17};  
            SortingContext context = new SortingContext();  
            context.setSorter(new BubbleSort());  
            context.sortDouble(list);  
            for(int i =0; i< list.length; i++) {  
                System.out.println(list[i]);  
            }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Composite



- » *structural* design pattern
- » **compose objects into tree structures**
- » group of objects are treated as a single instance of an object
- » clients do not need to use difference between compositions and individuals

- » component – interface
- » leaf – behavior for primitive objects, no children
- » composite – stores child components
- » client – manipulates objects using component



- » Example – Graphics, arithmetic express.

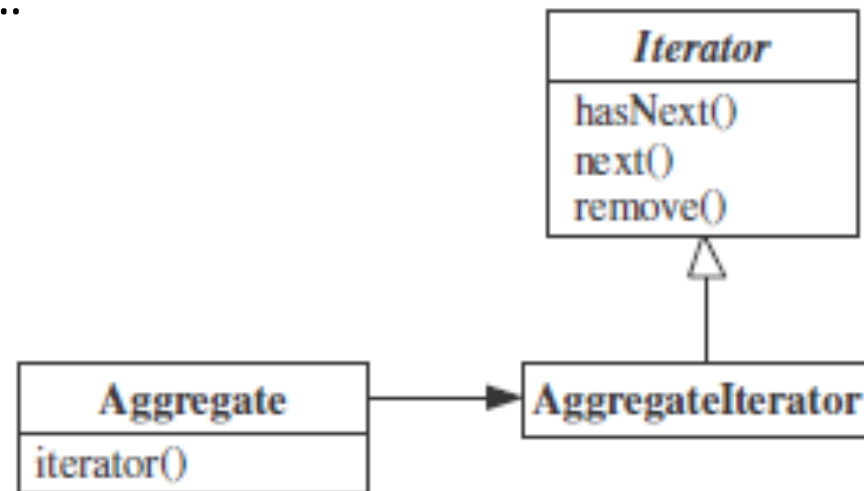
for all c in children c->Operation()





- » *behavioral* design pattern
- » iterator is used to **access elements of an aggregate object** (Collection)
- » sequential without exposing underlying implementation
- » very common in Java libraries (Aggregate – Iterable)
  - » List, HashSet, HashMap, Tree, ...

```
Set items = new TreeSet();  
...  
Iterator seq = items.iterator();  
while (seq.hasNext())  
{  
    Item item = (Item) seq.next();  
    ...  
    if (...) seq.remove();  
}
```



- » Collection can be changed only through iterator -> if changed throws ConcurrentModificationException

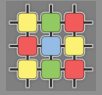


- » ListIterator - List.listIterator()
  - » hasPrevious(), previous()
  - » nextIndex(), previousIndex()
  - » add(...), set(...)

- » since Java 1.5

```
Set<Item> items = new TreeSet<Item> ();  
...  
for (Item item : items)  
{ ...  
}
```

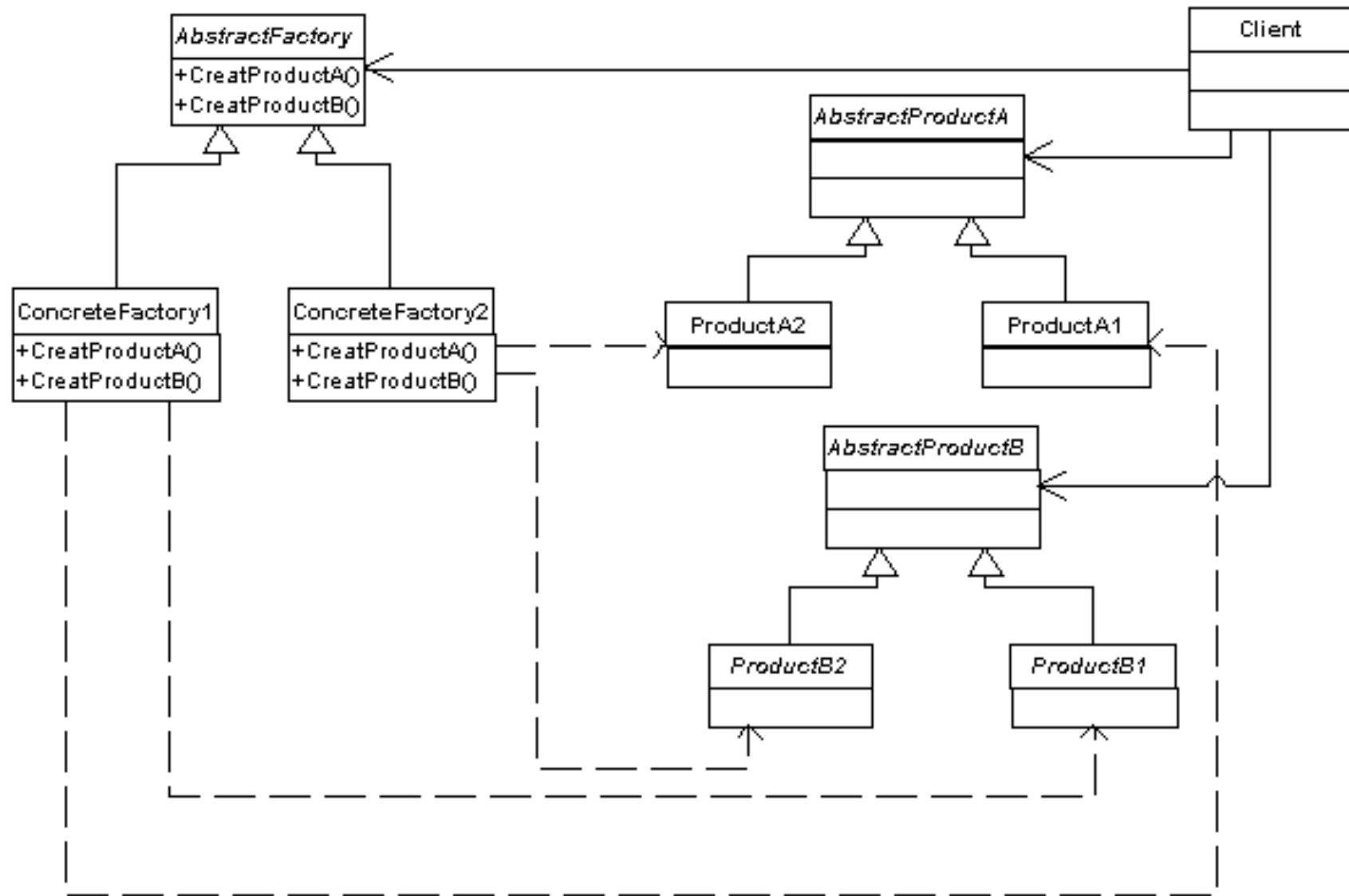
- » works on arrays, anything implements Iterable



# Abstract Factory

- » *creational* design pattern
- » extension of Factory pattern
- » encapsulate a **group of individual factories having common theme**
  - » multiple **factory methods**
- » user creates concrete implementation of abstract factory and then uses generic interface to create concrete objects

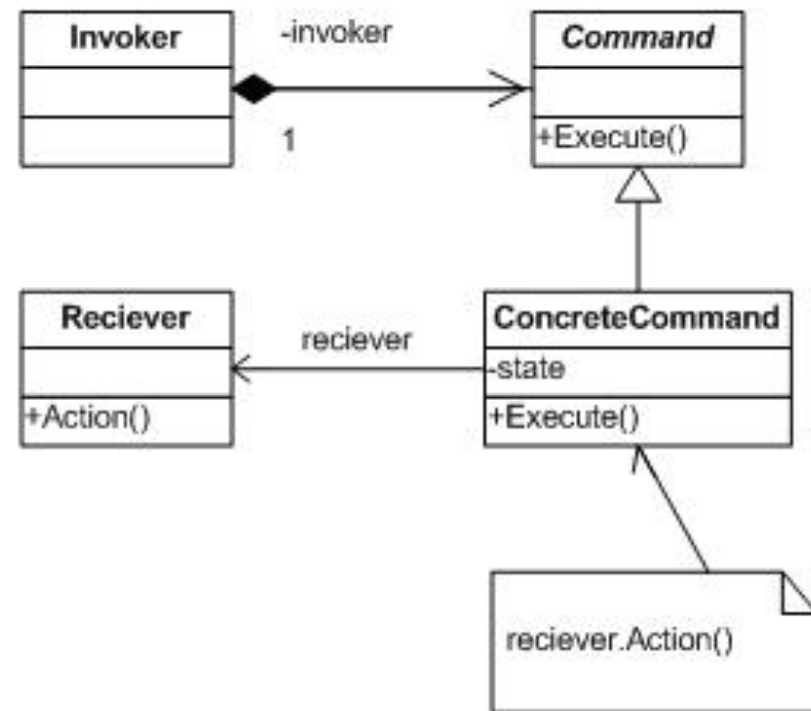
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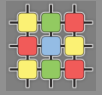


» Example: multiple look-and-feels in GUIs (e.g. Linux vs. Windows)



- » *behavioral* design pattern
- » **encapsulate all information needed to call a method at a later time**
- » client
  - » instantiates the command
  - » provides information required
- » invoker
  - » decides when to call the method
- » receiver
  - » contains method's code
- » Example
  - » Thread pools (java.lang.Runnable)
  - » GUI Action





# Java virtual machine – start-up

- » create initial class
  - » must be present in bootstrap class loader
  
- » links the initial class
  - » cause loading, linking and invocation of other classes
  
- » initialize class (class vs. instance initialization !)
  
- » start public void main (String[])



## » **Loading**

- » finding binary form of class or interface (e.g. computing on the fly)
- » form **Class**
- » implemented by **ClassLoader**
  - » can cache binary representations (can decrypt, verify dig. signature)
  - » prefetch them based on expected usage
  - » load group of related classes together

## » **Linking**

- » binary form into run-time state in JVM
- » verification – structural check (correct opcodes, branches, ...)
- » preparation
  - » create static fields, fill default values (no initializers !)
  - » precompute additional data structures (e.g. method table)
- » resolution of symbolic references – validation, direct reference



- » class is being initialized in the following cases:
  - » instance of class has to be created
  - » static method of class is invoked
  - » non-constant static field of class is used
  - » sub-class is initialized
  - » invocation of reflective methods over class
  - » it is initial class for start-up
- » class is not initialized
  - » when static final field is initialized with compile-time constant
- » **class initialization sequence**
  - » super class initialization
  - » initialization in declaration order (you cannot use values after, compiled into "<clinit>:()V") :
    - » user class static initializers
    - » initializers static fields (class + interfaces – by default public static final)



# Class initialization vs. Class instance initialization



- » requires careful synchronization (synchronized on class object)
- » **Class object state**
  - » verified and prepared
  - » being initialized by some thread
  - » fully initialized and ready for use
  - » in error state – verification failed, initialization failed  
(throws `NoClassDefFoundError`)
- » **Class instance initialization**
  - » memory allocation (fields in class + superclasses) -> `OutOfMemoryError`
  - » all variables are set to default values (0, false, null)
  - » prepare args for other/super constructor invocation (follow `this(...)` and follow `super(...)`)
  - » execute instance initializers + field initializers in declaration order (compiled into "`<init>:()V`")
  - » execute the rest of the body of constructor



- » protected void finalize() throw Throwable
  - » called before object space is reclaimed by GC
  - » you shall call super.finalize() !!!
  - » do not call method explicitly !!!
  
- » class/interface unloading
  - » if its class loader is unreachable
  - » bootstrap class loader is always reachable -> system classes are never unloaded !

# Initializer block



```
public static class InitializerBlocks {  
  
    public InitializerBlocks () {  
        System.out.println("1");  
    }  
  
    {  
        System.out.println("2");  
    }  
  
    {  
        System.out.println("3");  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        new InitializerBlocks ();  
    }  
}
```

» what is the output?

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    }  
  
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        new InitializerBlocks ();  
    }  
}
```

» what is the output?

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# Initializer block - alternative



```
public static class InitializerBlocks {
    private boolean boolField = privInstance();

    private final boolean privInstance() {
        System.out.println("2");
        return true;
    }

    public InitializerBlocks(){
        System.out.println("1");
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        new InitializerBlocks();
    }
}
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        System.out.println("1");
    }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        new InitializerBlocks();
    }
}
```

» what is the output?

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# Initializer block – static variant



```
public static class InitializerBlocks {  
    private static final boolean boolField;  
  
    static {  
        // compute value for boolField ...  
        boolField = true;  
    }  
}
```

# Initializer block – static example



```
public static class A {
    public static final A A = new A();
    private A() { }

    private static final Boolean BOOL = true;

    private final Boolean bool = BOOL;

    public final Boolean bool() { return bool; }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println(A.bool() ?
            "yes" : "no");
    }
}
```

» what is the output?



# Initializer block – static example



```
public static class A {
    public static final A A = new A();
    private A() { }

    private static final Boolean BOOL = true;

    private final Boolean bool = BOOL;

    public final Boolean bool() { return bool; }

    public static void main(String[] args) {
        System.out.println(A.bool() ?
            "yes" : "no");
    }
}
```

» what is the output?

» throws NullPointerException – due to recursive class initialization, and auto-unboxing

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» correct:



- » classloader types:
  - » **bootstrap class loader**
    - » system class loader – searches runtime, inst. extension, class path
  - » **user-defined class loader**
    - » extraction from encrypted file, verify digital signature
    - » loading from non-standard sources (e.g. network)
    - » generate on the fly
- » each class has
  - » defining class loader – finally define Class
  - » initiating class loader – initiate class loading (e.g. through other CL)
- » class is uniquely identified by pair !
  - » fully qualified name
  - » defining class loader



- » referenced classes from X are loaded by its defining CL
- » each class is loaded only once if it is not previously unloaded
- » method **Class loadClass(String)** - qualified name
  - » a cache implemented by **Class findLoadedClass(String)**
  - » get raw bytes from class from somewhere
  - » if ok, define class from array of bytes using **Class defineClass(...)**
  - » if failed, delegate loading to other class loader
    - » e.g. **Class findSystemClass(String)**
    - » e.g. **getParent().loadClass(String)** – CL which creates the current one
  - » if still no class, throw **ClassNotFoundException**
  - » if resolve is required call **void resolveClass(Class)** to link class
- » **Class Class.forName(String), Class.getSystemClassLoader().loadClass(String)**
- » **cl.loadClass(String), c.newInstance(), constructor.newInstance(...)**



- » can examine or modify the run-time behavior
  - » create external classes by qualified name (through Class loaders) – do not need to have class during compilation
  - » class browser – enumerate members
  - » debugger – examine private members
  
- » BUT
  - » performance overhead – dynamic resolution, slower
  - » security restrictions – security context, e.g. Applet
  - » unexpected side-effects – access private fields and methods



- » retrieve Class object
  - » **Class getClass()** – returns instance Class representation
  - » **XXX.class** – from type, no instance
    - » e.g. “aa”.class
  - » **Class.forName(String), CL.loadClass(String)**
  - » **Class.getSuperClass(), Class.getClasses(), Class.getDeclaredClasses(), Class.getEnclosingClass(), {Field | Method | Constructor}.getDeclaringClass()**
- » examine class modifiers and types
  - » **Class.getModifiers()**
  - » **Class.getTypeParameters()** – get Generic types
  - » **Class.getGenericInterfaces()**
  - » **Class.getSuperclass()**
  - » **Class.getAnnotations()**



» discovering class members

Member	<u>Class API</u>	List of members?	Inherited members?	Private members?
<u>Field</u>	<a href="#"><u>getDeclaredField()</u></a>	no	no	yes
	<a href="#"><u>getField()</u></a>	no	yes	no
	<a href="#"><u>getDeclaredFields()</u></a>	yes	no	yes
	<a href="#"><u>getFields()</u></a>	yes	yes	no
<u>Method</u>	<a href="#"><u>getDeclaredMethod()</u></a>	no	no	yes
	<a href="#"><u>getMethod()</u></a>	no	yes	no
	<a href="#"><u>getDeclaredMethods()</u></a>	yes	no	yes
	<a href="#"><u>getMethods()</u></a>	yes	yes	no
<u>Constructor</u>	<a href="#"><u>getDeclaredConstructor()</u></a>	no	N/A <sup>1</sup>	yes
	<a href="#"><u>getConstructor()</u></a>	no	N/A <sup>1</sup>	no
	<a href="#"><u>getDeclaredConstructors()</u></a>	yes	N/A <sup>1</sup>	yes
	<a href="#"><u>getConstructors()</u></a>	yes	N/A <sup>1</sup>	no



- » Fields
  - » get field types, generic types
  - » get field modifiers
  - » get and set field value (private if no security manager)
- » Methods
  - » get method types including attributes
  - » get method modifiers
  - » invoke method
- » Constructors
  - » find constructor with specific parameters
  - » get constructor modifiers
  - » create new class instance
- » Arrays (through `java.lang.reflect.Array`)
  - » get array types
  - » create new array
  - » get/set array components



» Method call example:

```
Class<T> c = Class.forName("MyClass"); // Class<T> c = MyClass.class;  
Method m = c.getMethod("myMethod");  
Object retVal = m.invoke(object, ...);
```

» Field usage example:

```
Class<T> c = MyClass.class;  
Field f = c.getField("myField");  
Object value = f.get(object);
```