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Agenda

- Industrial Use Case
 - Software Engineering Integration for Flexible Automation Systems
- Complex Systems and Complexity Management
- Motivation for Software Patterns
- Software Pattern Categories
- Practical Examples
 - Engineering Service Bus
- Conclusion



Industrial Scenario

- Large-scale engineering project
 - e.g. steel-mill, manufacturing plant engineering, car manufacturing plants, hydro power plants



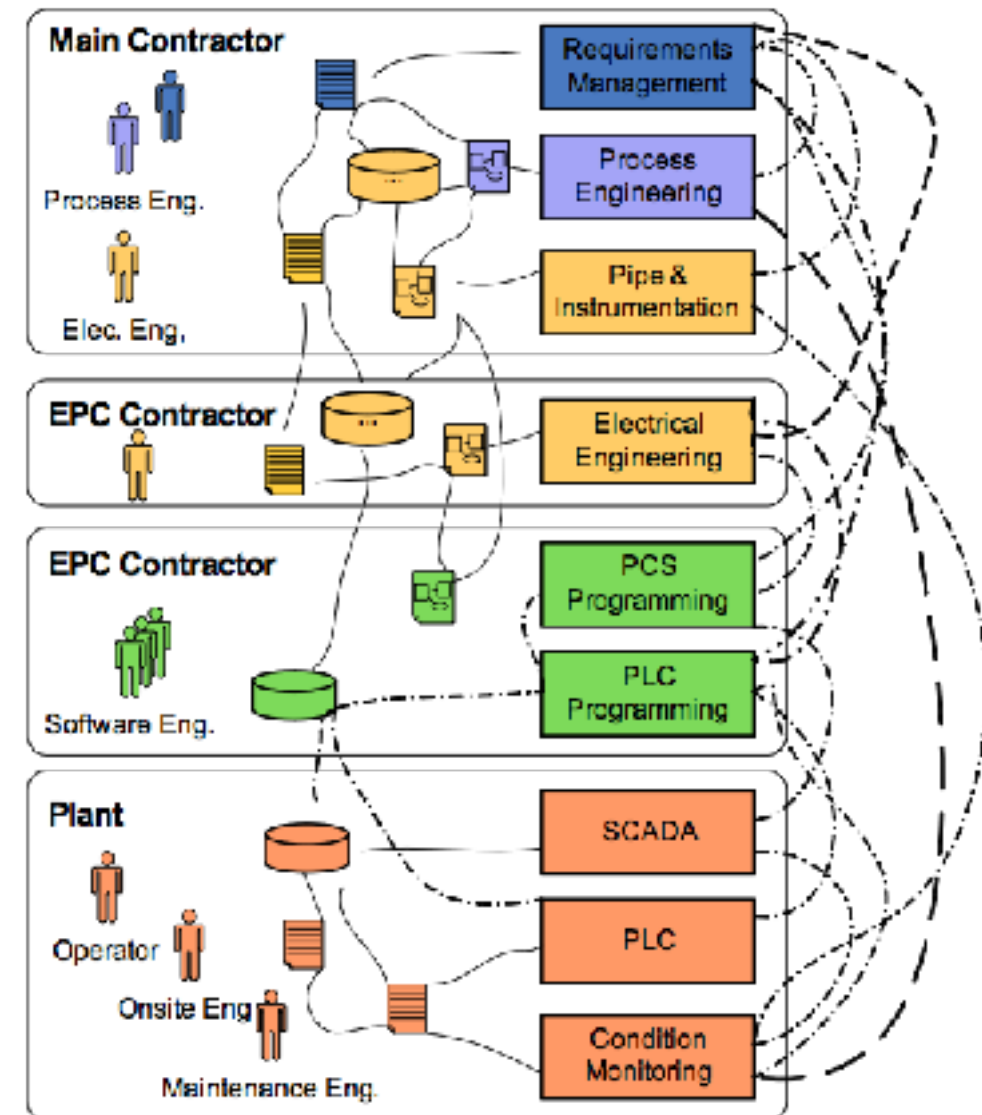
- Cooperation of different engineering disciplines required



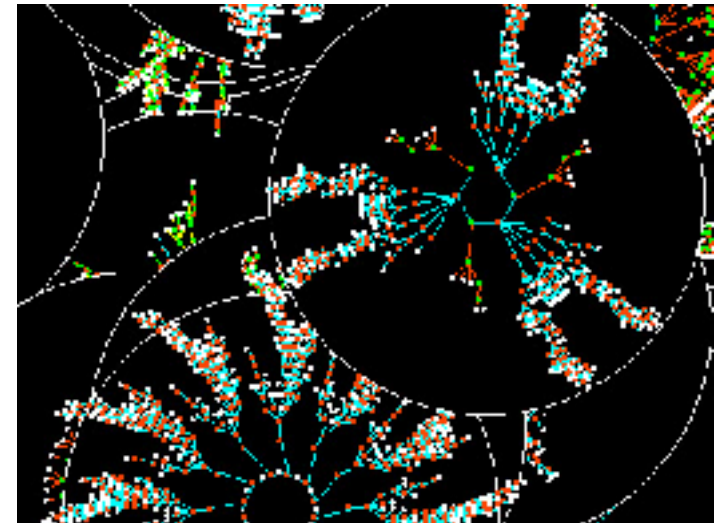
- Disciplines have specific engineering tools

- Manual effort needed at for tool data exchange

- High risks



Complex Systems



- Magnitude
 - Number of Elements in the system
 - Number of possible states of elements
 - Difference between number of possible and usable solutions
- Diversity
 - Magnitude of heterogeneity of elements
- Connectivity, structural complexity
 - Number of potential connections between elements
- Literature defines systems as complex if
 - ... they consists of a large number of interacting components,
 - ... simple linear modelling is insufficient for understanding,
 - but requires sophisticated dynamic approaches (e.g., simulations).

Managing Complexity

- Abstraction
 - simplification of a scenario
- Decoupling
 - identify the separation of system components that should not depend on each other
- Decomposition
 - KISS - Keep It Simple, Stupid
 - components that are easier to understand, manage, or maintain
 - problem of reassembling
- Classification
 - system parts with similar properties

Managing Complexity

- Standardization
 - benefit of a structured and non-dynamic environment
- Modeling
 - generating an abstract and simplified view
- Transformation
 - transformation of the given problem to a domain with proven solution approach
- Experience
 - documented experiences from experienced contributors

Industrial Scenario

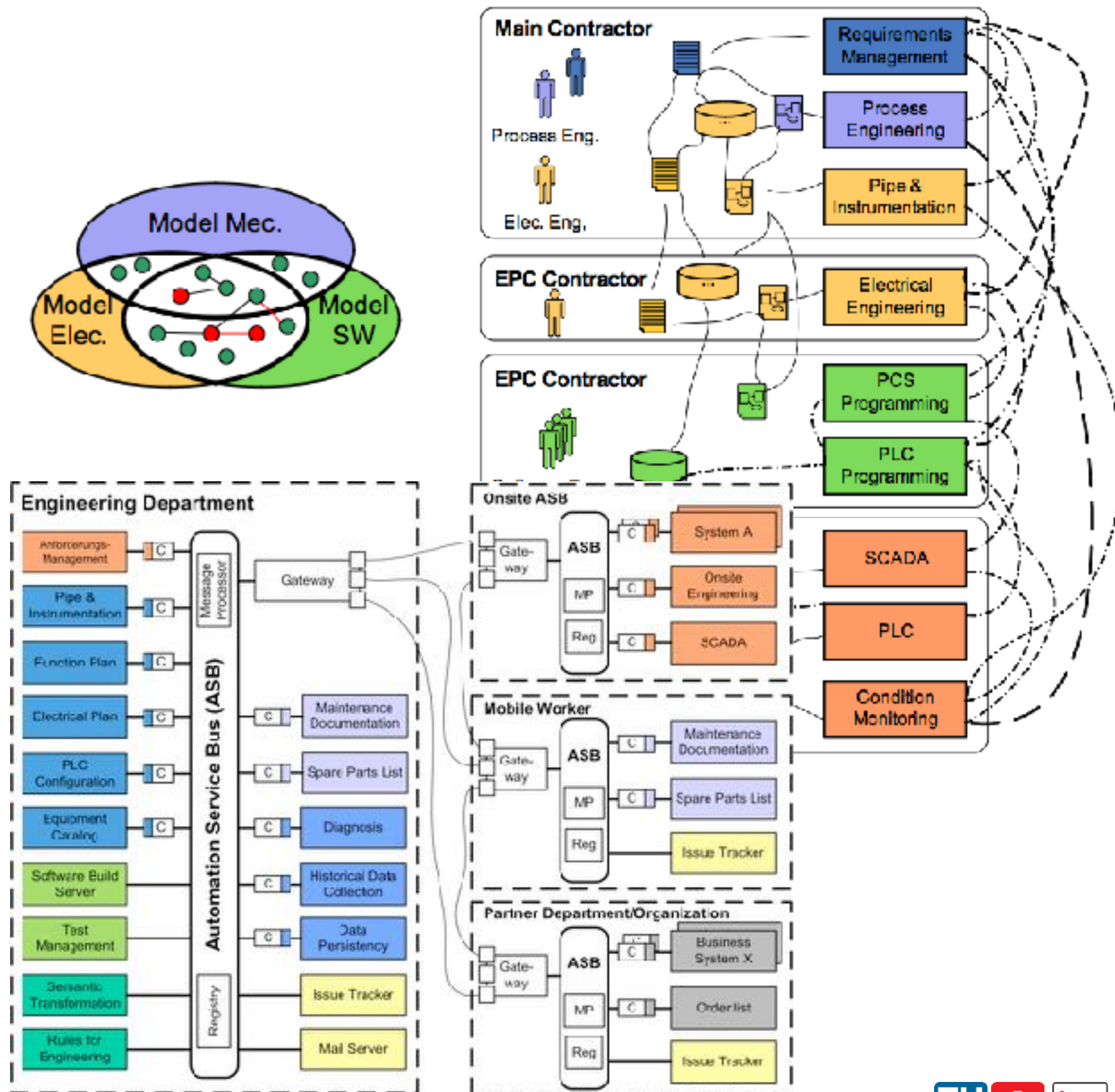
Complexity-drivers

- **Technical heterogeneity**
“Engineering Polynesia”
- **Semantic heterogeneity**
“Engineering Babylon”
- **Process heterogeneity**
“Engineering Chaos”

Engineering Service Bus (<https://github.com/openengsb>)

Operating Numbers

- 184 repositories
- 5508 Issues
- 170k LOC
- 74k LOConf
- 314 Project Dependencies



Pattern Definitions

- *„...a solution to a problem in a context...”*
- *„A pattern is the abstraction from a concrete form which keeps recurring in specific non-arbitrary contexts”*
- *„Pattern“ has been defined as „an idea that has been useful in one practical context and will probably be useful in others.“*

Elements of a Pattern

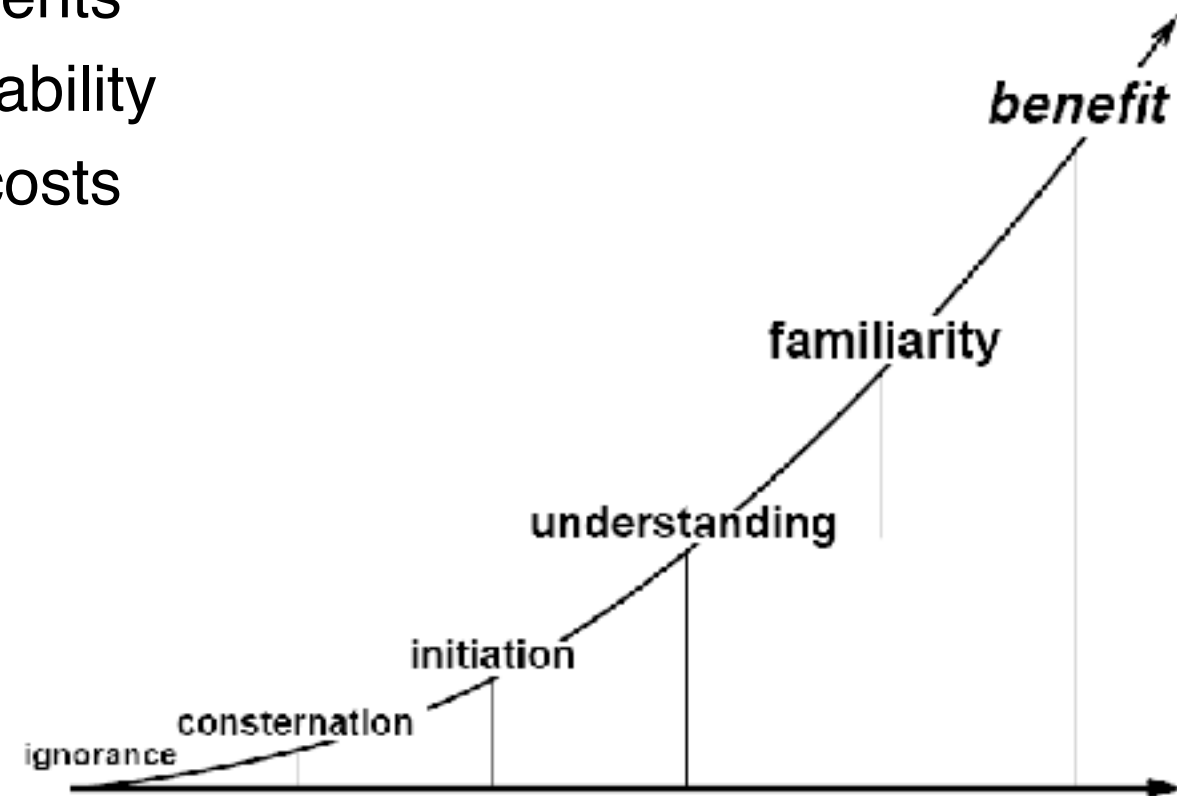
- A meaningful name
 - Aliases, classifications
- Motivation and problem statement
- Context

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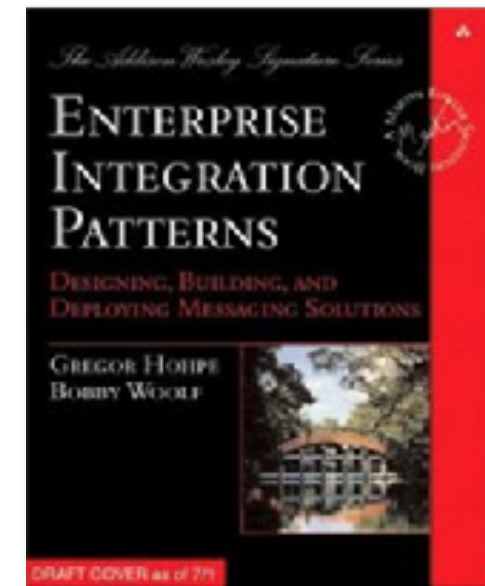
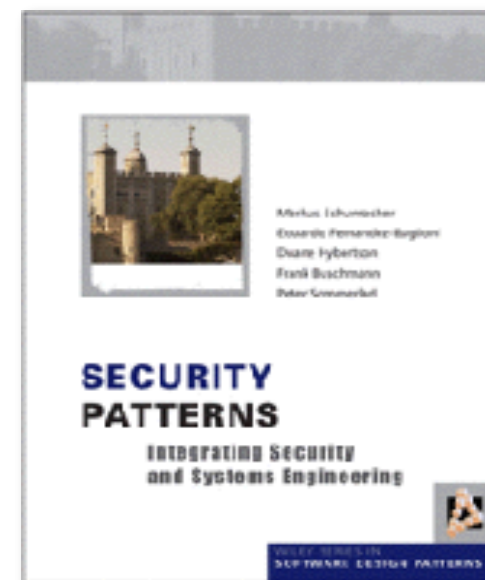
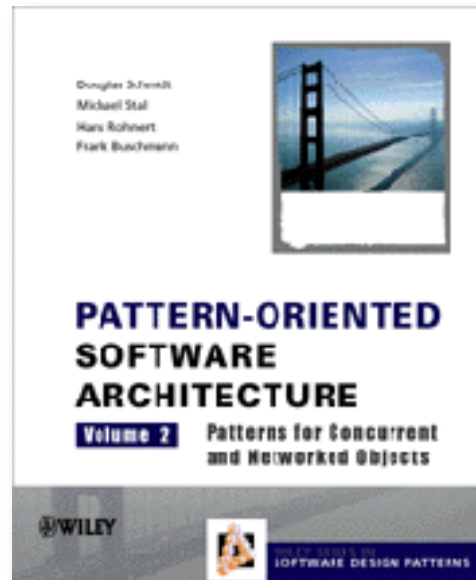
- A meaningful name
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- Motivation and problem statement
- Context
- Solution
 - Structure
 - Participants
 - Collaboration
 - Consequences
 - Implementation
 - Examples

Advantages for Software Development

- Common vocabulary saves discussions
- Help manage complex systems
 - Patterns explicitly capture expert knowledge and design tradeoffs
 - therefore make this expertise more widely available
 - Combination of patterns
- Facilitates non-functional requirements
 - Reusability, adaptability, extendability
- Minimizes development time and costs
- Improves documentation



Experience



Drawbacks of Patterns

- Patterns do not lead to direct code reuse
- Patterns are deceptively simple
- Teams may suffer from pattern overload
- Patterns are validated by experience and discussion
 - rather than by automated testing
 - <http://clean-code-developer.de/>

Classification of Patterns

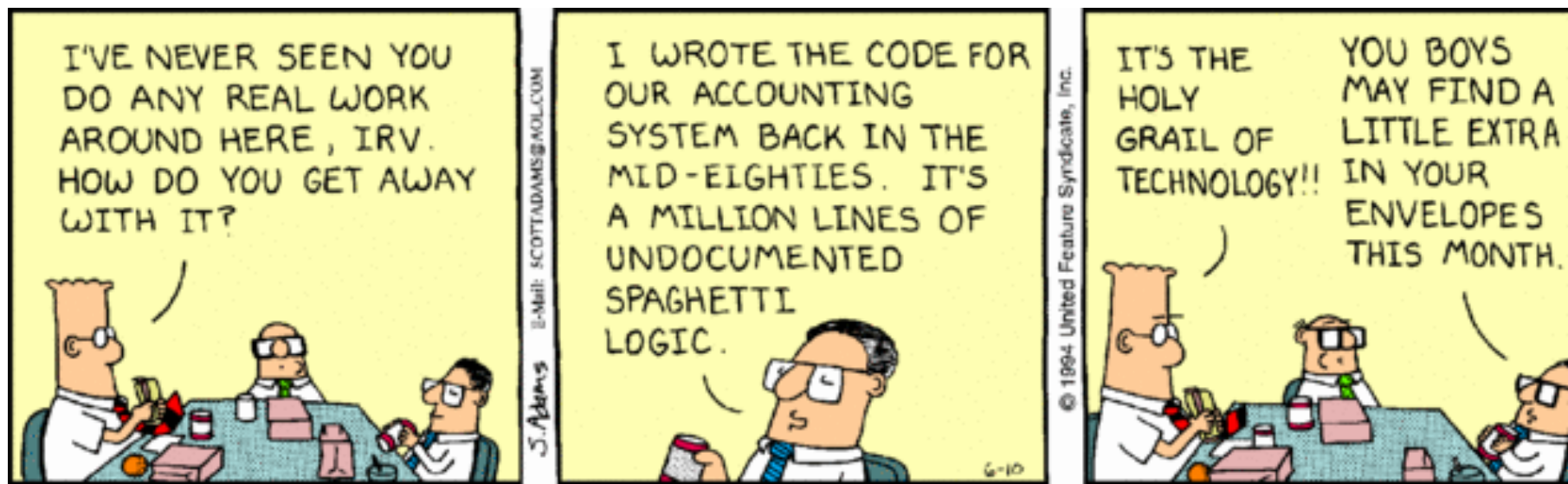
- Architectural Patterns
 - Structure of software systems
 - Subsystems, dependencies, communication
- Design Patterns
 - Describes the structure and relations at the level of classes
- Idioms
 - Focus on low-level details
 - Programming language specific
- Protopatterns
 - Particular case
 - A new, understandable solution to be used in larger scale
- Antipatterns
 - Commonly used but ineffective techniques

When to use Patterns

- Solutions to problems that recur with variations
 - No need for reuse if the problem only arises in one context
- Solutions that require several steps
 - Patterns can be overkill if solution is simple linear set of instructions
- Solutions where the solver is more interested in the existence of the solution than its complete derivation
 - Patterns leave out too much to be useful to someone who really wants to understand

Most popular Patterns

- The most popular design pattern is the Interface pattern
- The second most popular design pattern is Proxy Pattern
- The third most popular design pattern is "Big Ball of Mud"



<http://dilbert.com/strips/comic/1994-06-10/>

Types of Patterns

- Fundamental patterns
 - Deal with essential concepts of software architecture
- Creational patterns
 - Deal with initializing and configuring classes and objects
- Structural patterns
 - Deal with decoupling interface and implementation of classes and objects
- Behavioral patterns
 - Deal with dynamic interactions among objects



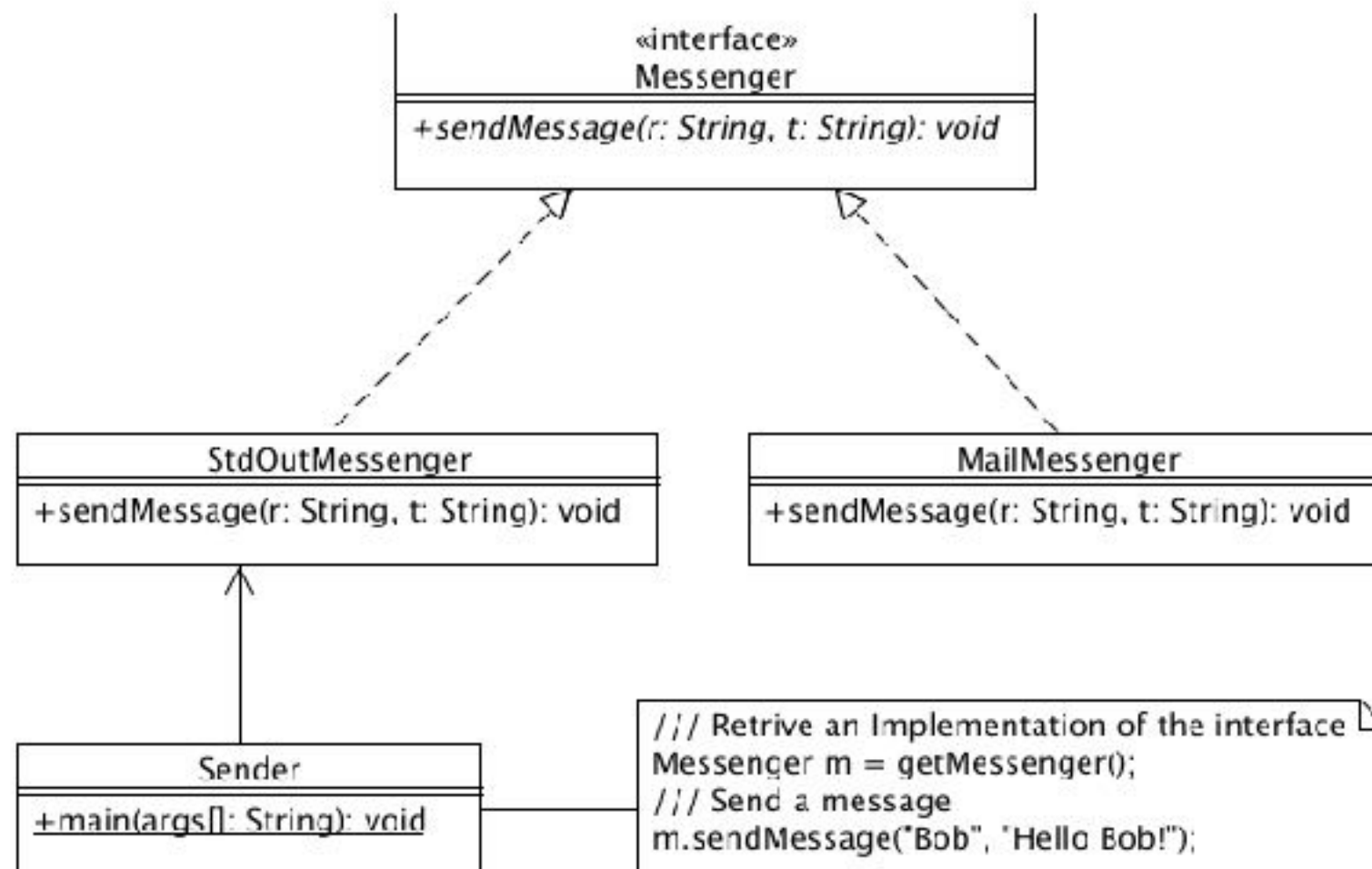
Fundamental Patterns - Overview

- Interface
 - Separation of interface description and implementation
- Delegation
 - Extension of functionality without inheritance
- Immutable
 - Provides unchangeable object after initialization
- Marker / Annotation
 - Enhances objects with metadata

Fundamental Pattern - Interface

Issue: Separate Interface description and concrete implementation

- defines the signature operations of an entity
- should be stable - in comparison to implementation
- implementations can be added / changed easily



Fundamental Pattern - Interface

Code Example

```
17 package org.openengsb.domain.notification;
18
19
20 import org.openengsb.core.api.Domain;
21
22 // @extract-start NotificationDomain
23 public interface NotificationDomain extends Domain {
24
25     void notify(Notification notification);
26
27 }
28 // @extract-end
```

```
public class EmailNotifier extends AbstractOpenEngSBConnectorService implements N

    private static final Logger LOGGER = LoggerFactory.getLogger(EmailNotifier.cl

    private final MailAbstraction mailAbstraction;
    private ServiceRegistration serviceRegistration;
    private MailProperties properties;

    public EmailNotifier(String instanceId, MailAbstraction mailAbstraction) {
        super(instanceId);
        this.mailAbstraction = mailAbstraction;
    }

    @Override
    public void notify(Notification notification) {
        LOGGER.info("notifying {} via email...", notification.getRecipient());
        LOGGER.info("Subject: {}", notification.getSubject());
        LOGGER.info("Message: {}", StringUtils.abbreviate(notification.getMessage(),
            mailAbstraction.send(properties, notification.getSubject(), notification.
                .getRecipient());
        LOGGER.info("mail has been sent.");
    }
```

```
public class FacebookNotifier extends AbstractOpenEngSBConnectorService implements NotificationDomain {
    private static final Logger LOGGER = LoggerFactory.getLogger(FacebookNotifier.class);
    private ServiceRegistration serviceRegistration;
    private FacebookProperties properties;
    private AliveState aliveState = AliveState.DISCONNECTED;

    public FacebookNotifier(String instanceId) {
        super(instanceId);
        properties = new FacebookProperties();
    }

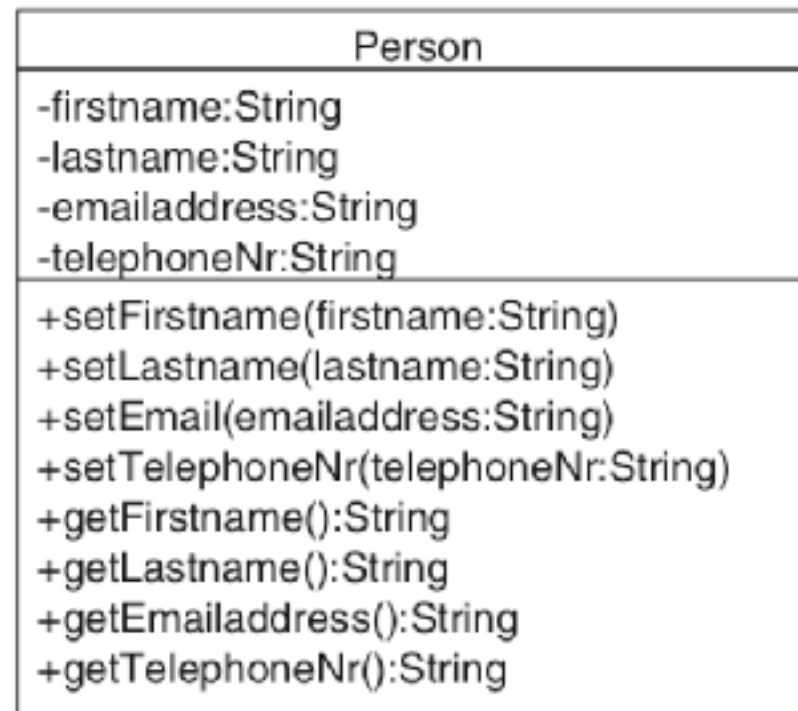
    @Override
    public void notify(Notification notification) {
        LOGGER.info("Message: {}", StringUtils.abbreviate(notification.getMessage(), 200));
        send(notification.getMessage());
        LOGGER.info("facebook message has been sent");
    }

    @Override
    public AliveState getAliveState() {
        return aliveState;
    }

    public void send(String textContent) {
        try {
            aliveState = AliveState.CONNECTING;
            String httpsURL =
                "https://graph.facebook.com/" + properties.getUserID() + "/feed?access_token="
                    + properties.getUserToken();
            String params = "&message=" + textContent;
            String entryId = sendData(httpsURL, params);
            LOGGER.info("created wall entry with the id '{}'", entryId);
            aliveState = AliveState.ONLINE;
        } catch (Exception e) {
            aliveState = AliveState.OFFLINE;
            throw new DomainMethodExecutionException(e);
        }
    }
}
```


Fundamental Pattern - Delegation

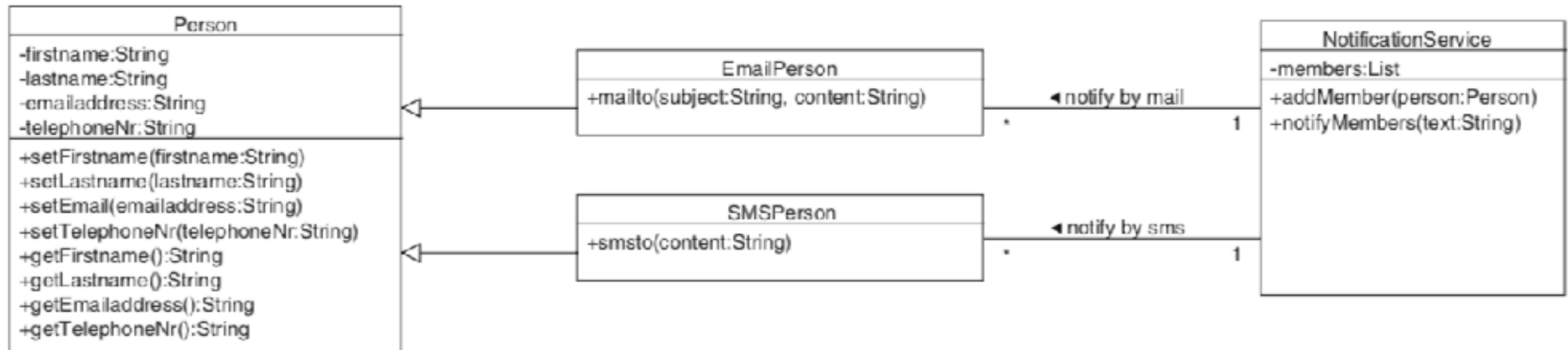
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Fundamental Pattern - Delegation

Issue: Class needs additional functionality

Inheritance

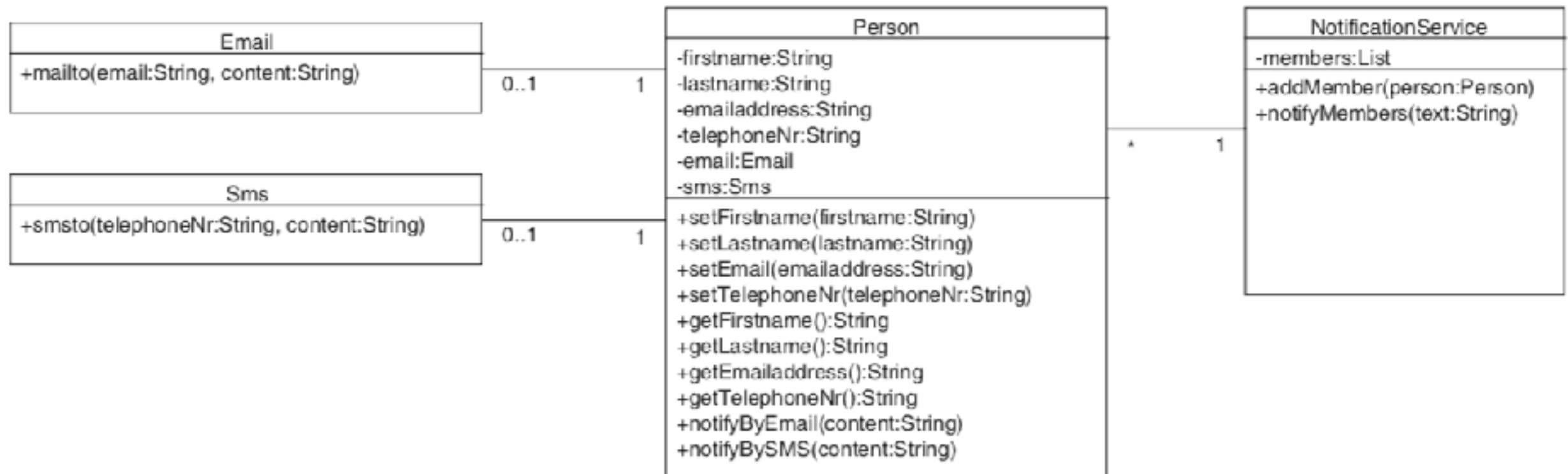


Fundamental Pattern - Delegation

Issue: Class needs additional functionality

Delegation

Outsource functionality into third class and use its instance via delegation



Fundamental Pattern - Delegation

Code Example

```
37     }
38
39     @Override
40     public Object handleInvoke(Object proxy, Method method, Object[] args) throws IllegalAccessException,
41         InvocationTargetException {
42         checkMethod(method);
43         forwardEvent((Event) args[0]);
44         return null;
45     }
46
47     private void forwardEvent(Event event) throws InvocationTargetException {
48         LOGGER.info("Forwarding event to workflow service");
49         try {
50             workflowService.processEvent(event);
51         } catch (WorkflowException e) {
52             throw new InvocationTargetException(e);
53         }
54     }
55
56     private void checkMethod(Method method) {
57         if (method.getParameterTypes().length != 1) {
58             throw new EventProxyException(
59                 "Event proxy can only handle methods named raiseEvent where the first parameter is of type Event, "
60                 + "but encountered invocation of method raiseEvent without parameter. Method: " + method);
61         } else if (!Event.class.isAssignableFrom(method.getParameterTypes()[0])) {
62             throw new EventProxyException(
63                 "Event proxy can only handle methods named raiseEvent where the first parameter is of type Event, "
64                 + "but encountered invocation of method raiseEvent where first parameter is no Event. Method: "
65                 + method);
66         }
67     }
68 }
```

Fundamental Pattern - Immutable

Issue: Object instance should be immutable

- Several threads accessing same object
- Configuration object properties

Immutable Object

- Initialize variables in constructor
- Provide readable only access via Getter-Methods

Fundamental Pattern - Immutable

Code Example

```
package org.openengsb.core.ekb.internal;

/**
 * Helper class for easier working with the informations that define a connector: domainId, connectorId and instanceId.
 */
public class ConnectorInformation {
    private String domainId;
    private String connectorId;
    private String instanceId;

    public ConnectorInformation(String domainId, String connectorId, String instanceId) {
        this.domainId = domainId;
        this.connectorId = connectorId;
        this.instanceId = instanceId;
    }

    public String getDomainId() {
        return domainId;
    }

    public String getConnectorId() {
        return connectorId;
    }

    public String getInstanceId() {
        return instanceId;
    }
}
```


Creational Patterns - Overview

- Singleton
 - Provision of a single instance only
- Factory
 - Method in a derived class creates associates
- Abstract Factory
 - Factory for building related objects without specifying their concrete classes
- Builder
 - Factory for building complex objects in different variants
- Prototype
 - Factory for cloning new instances from a prototypical instance

Creational Pattern - Singleton

Issue: Only one object instance should exist

- Database access
- Id generator
- Logger
- Communication with hardware

Creational Pattern - Singleton

Issue: Only one object instance should exist

Singelton

```
public class NoficationManagerService {  
    private NoficationManagerService() {  
    }  
  
    private static NoficationManagerService  
        notmanservice = null;  
  
    public static NoficationManagerService  
        getInstance() {  
        if (notmanservice == null) {  
            notmanservice = new NoficationManagerService();  
        }  
        return notmanservice;  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

Threadsafe??

Creational Pattern - Singleton

Code Example

```
package org.openengsb.core.api.context;

/**
 * Singleton Class, that provides access to thread-local context-attributes
 */
public final class ContextHolder {

    private static ContextHolder instance = new ContextHolder();

    private ThreadLocal<String> currentContextId = new InheritableThreadLocal<String>();

    /**
     * returns the singleton instance
     */
    public static ContextHolder get() {
        return instance;
    }

    /**
     * set the current Threads context Id (it is inherited by threads spawned by the current process)
     */
    public void setCurrentContextId(String value) {
        currentContextId.set(value);
    }

    /**
     * get the current Threads context id
     */
    public String getCurrentContextId() {
        return currentContextId.get();
    }

    private ContextHolder() {
    }

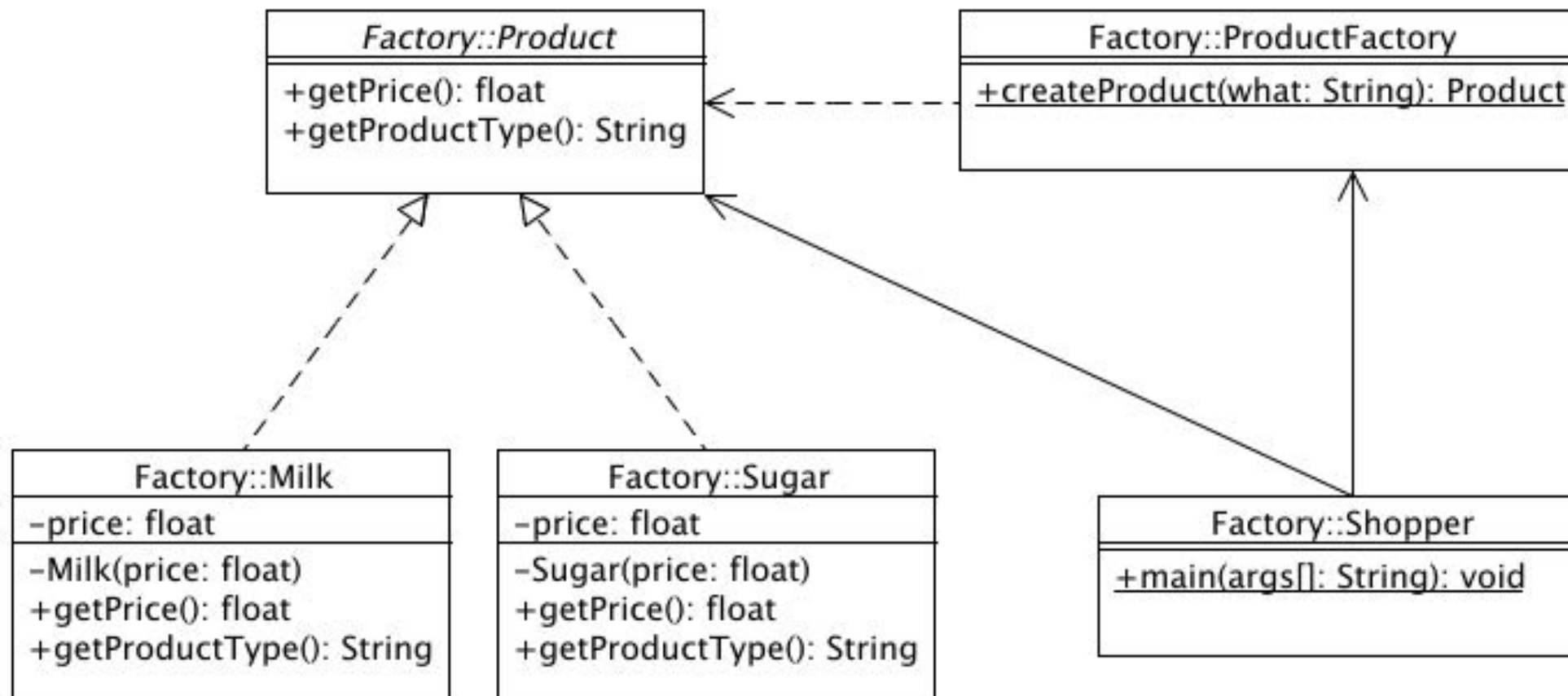
}
```

Creational Pattern - Factory

Issue: Object creation depends on complex requirements

- Initialization of additional sub-instances required
- Complex configuration process steps

Helps decoupling as only interface is known!



Creational Pattern - Factory

Code Example

```
public interface ConnectorInstanceFactory {

    /**
     * validates the attribute combination. This is used for validating attributes before creating a new service.
     * Therefore the supplied map contains all attributes
     *
     * returns a Collection of error-messages. should return an empty map if there are no errors
     */
    Map<String, String> getValidationErrors(Map<String, String> attributes);

    /**
     * validates the attribute combination. This is used for validating attributes before updating new service.
     * Therefore the supplied map contains only the attributes that should be changed. Other attributes must be
     * retrieved from the instance directly.
     *
     * returns a Collection of error-messages. should return an empty map if there are no errors
     */
    Map<String, String> getValidationErrors(Connector instance, Map<String, String> attributes);

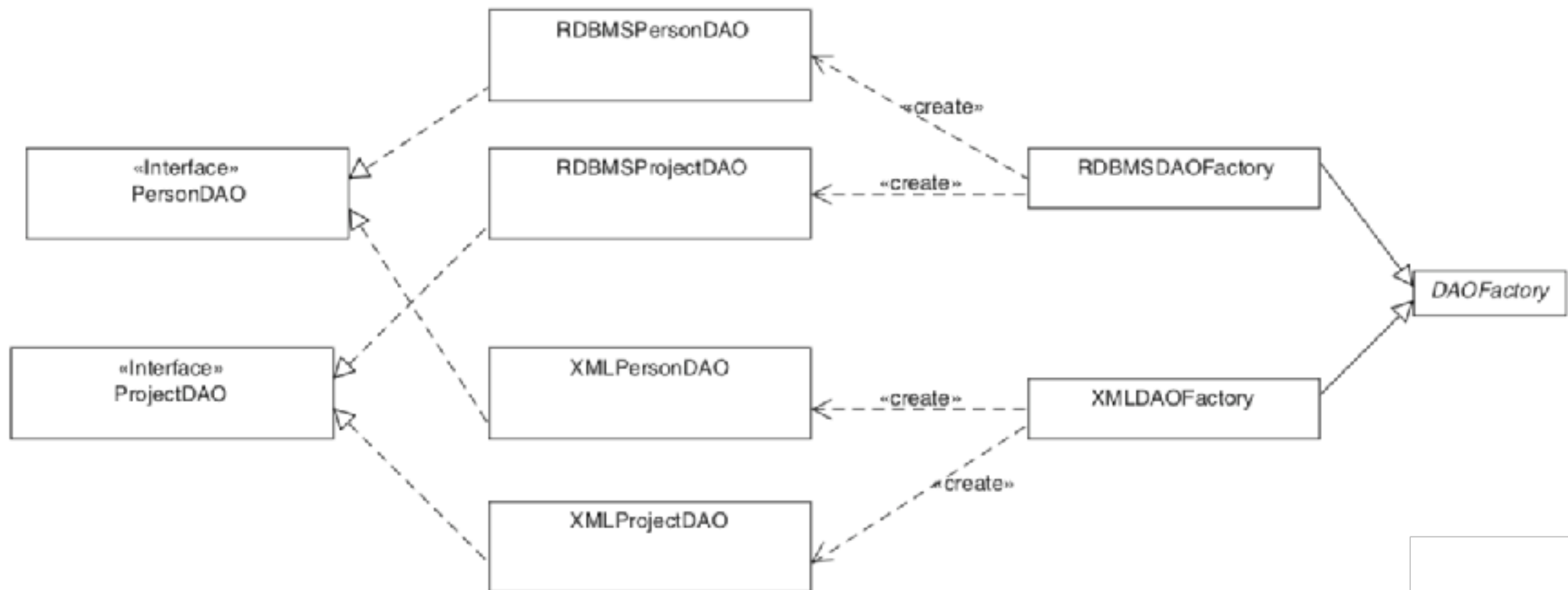
    /**
     * creates a new instance with the given service-id. The serviceId should then be the the same as returned by
     * {@link OpenEngSBService#getInstanceId()}
     *
     * The created instance only contains default-values that are changed later.
     */
    Connector createNewInstance(String id);

    /**
     * This method is used for filling in the attributes of a service. It can be assumed that the attributes have been
     * validated before.
     *
     */
    void applyAttributes(Connector instance, Map<String, String> attributes);
}
```


Creational Pattern – Abstract Factory

Issue: Achieving higher abstraction by grouping individual factories with a common theme

- Abstract Factory
 - a group of individual factories that have a common theme
- Two hierarchies
 - various abstractions client is interested in
 - abstract AbstractFactory class provides interface
 - for each class that is responsible for creating the members of a particular family
- Client only knows abstract interface
 - Family may grow independently of the client



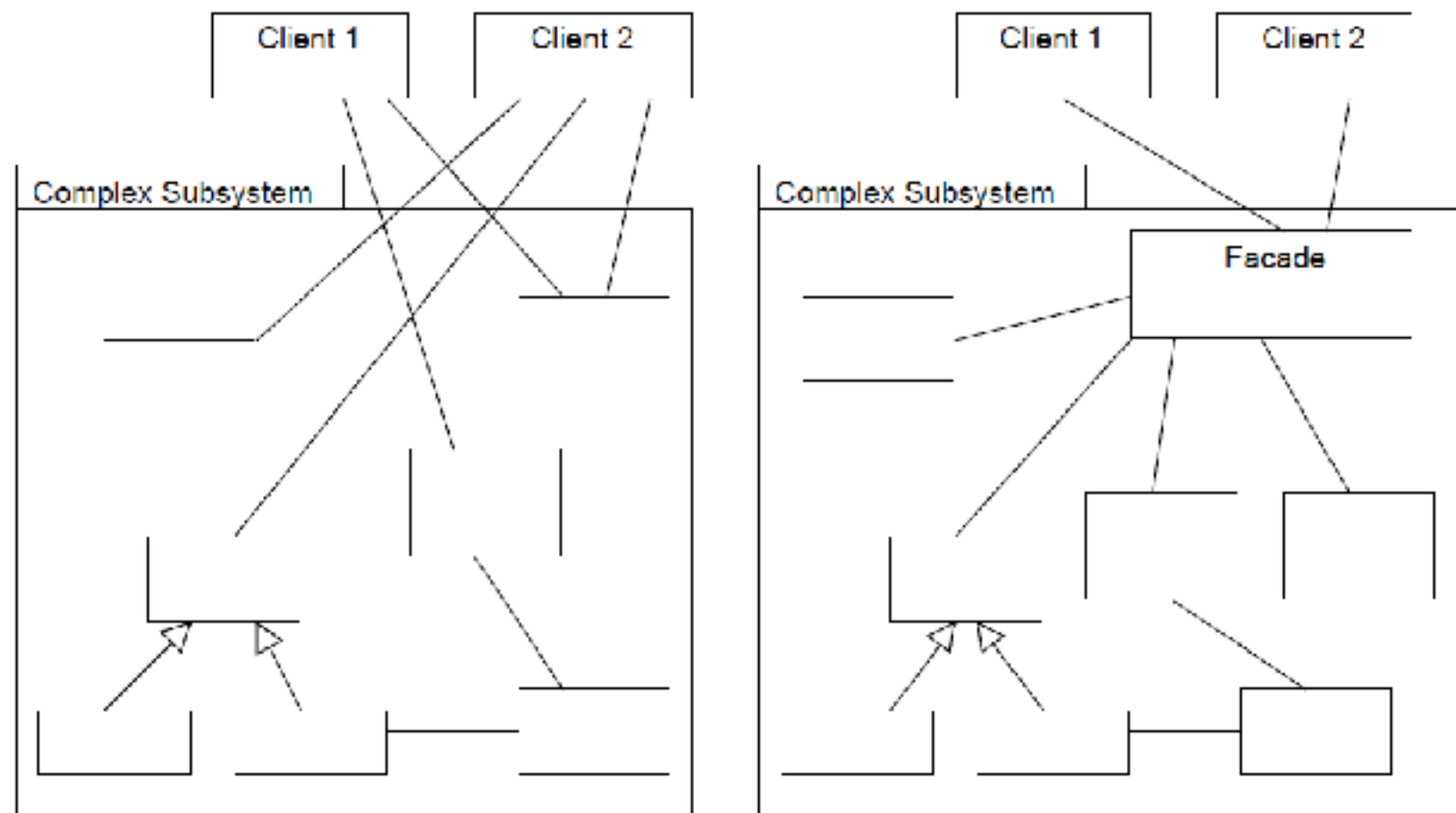
Structural Patterns - Overview

- Facade
 - Facade simplifies the interface for a subsystem
- Adapter
 - Translator adapts a server interface for a client
- Proxy
 - One object approximates another
- Bridge
 - Abstraction for binding one of many implementations
- Composite
 - Treats individual objects and compositions uniformly
- Flyweight
 - Many fine-grained objects shared efficiently

Structural Pattern - Facet

Issue: Need simplified access to a complex subsystem

- Provides a simplified, higher-level interface of a subsystem
 - easier to use, understand, and test subsystem
 - balance between simple but restricted and rich but complex
- May help creating a layered architecture



Structural Pattern - Facet

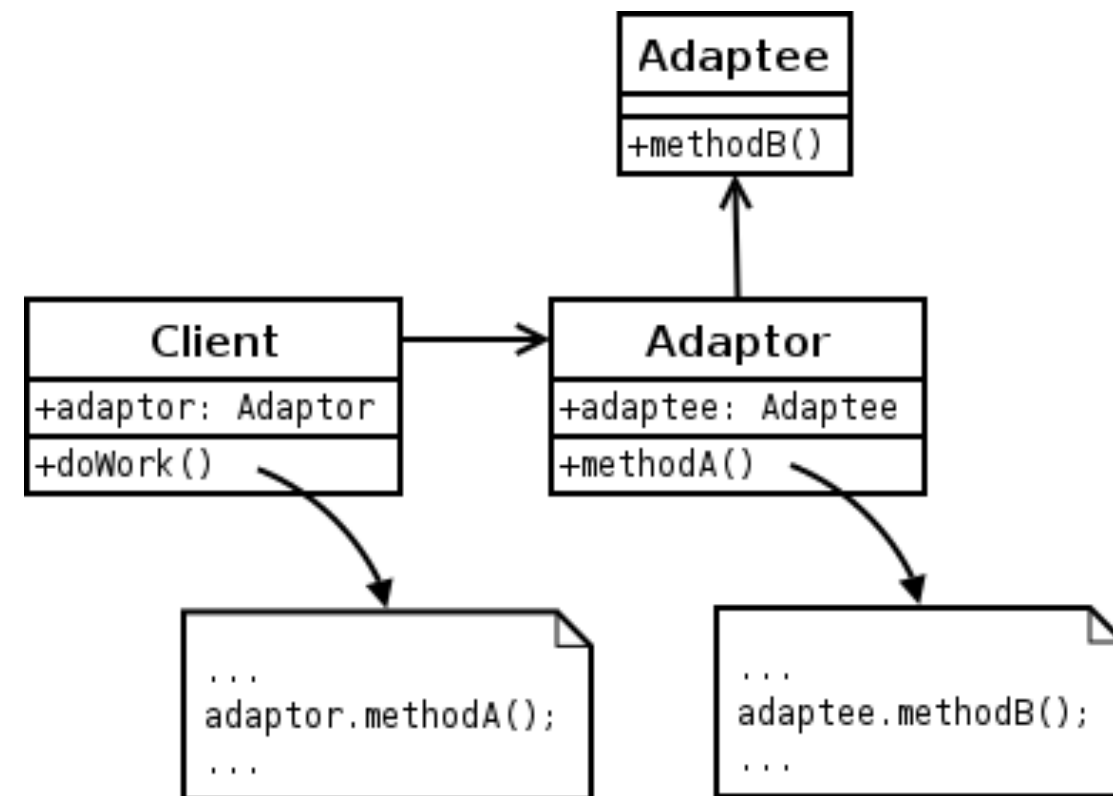
Code Example

```
class SimpleMail {  
    public static void sendMail(String address,  
                                String subject,  
                                String body) {  
        // hier wird der Zugriff auf die JavaMail API  
        // implementiert und mit verschiedenen  
        // Klassen dieser API interagiert.  
    }  
}
```

Structural Pattern - Adapter

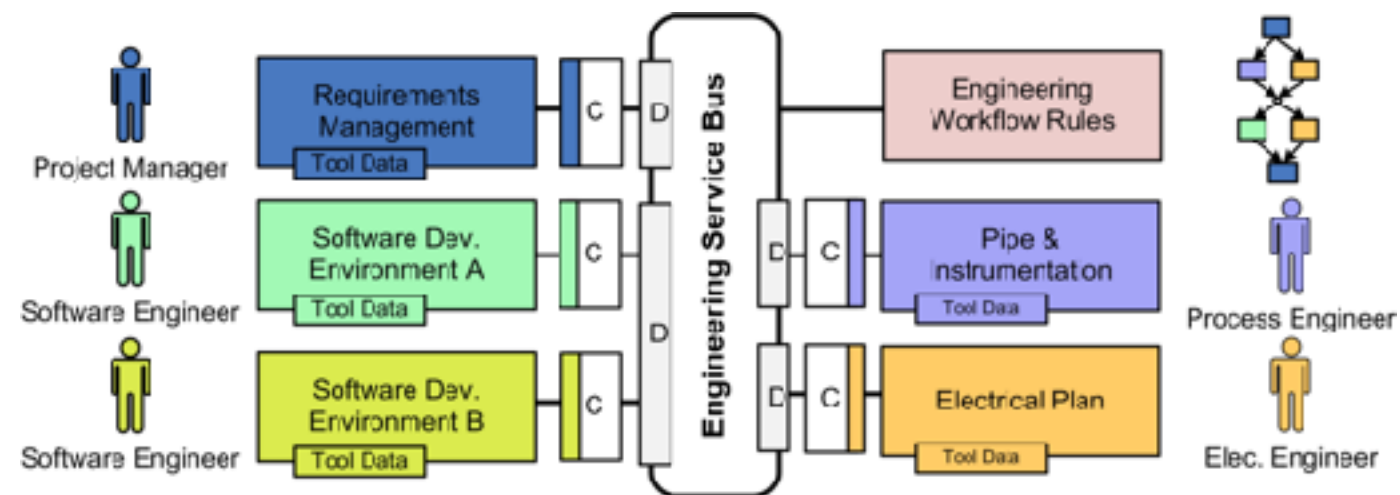
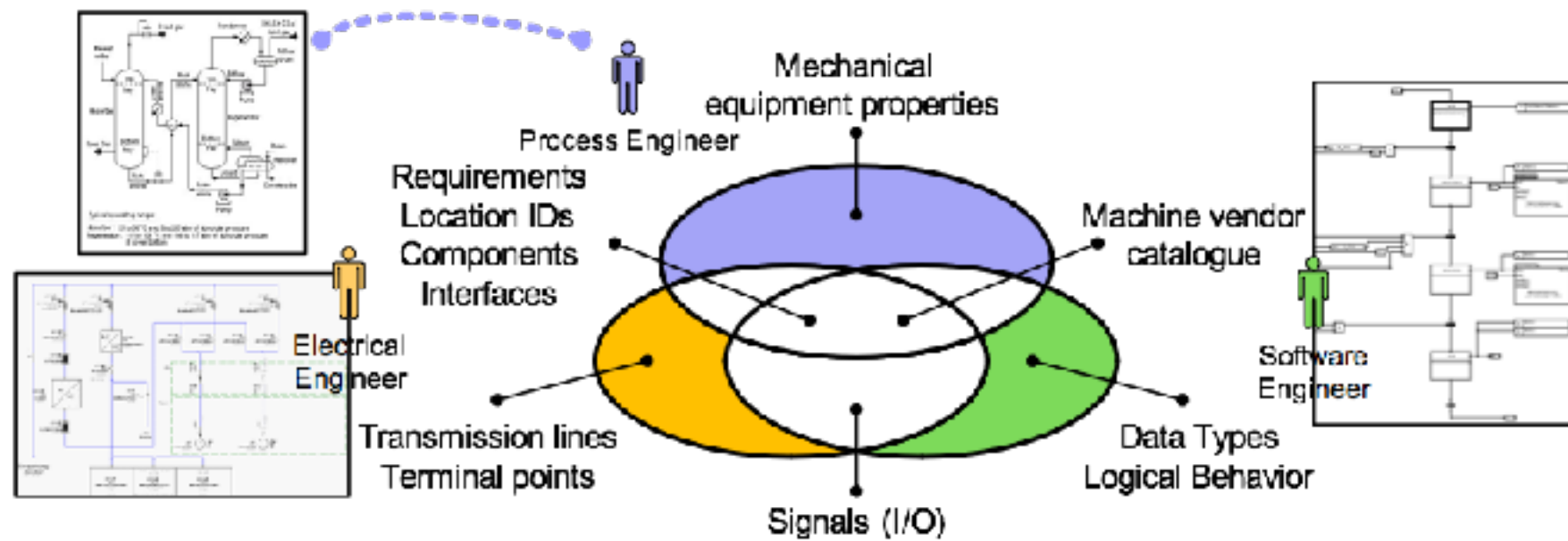
Issue: Need to integrate incompatible external functionality

- wrapper pattern or simply a wrapper
- provides access to external functionality
 - e.g., access to external libraries, (proprietary) systems
 - typically no direct access because of incompatible interfaces
- translates an external interface into a compatible interface
 - Perform data transformations into appropriate forms



Structural Pattern - Adapter

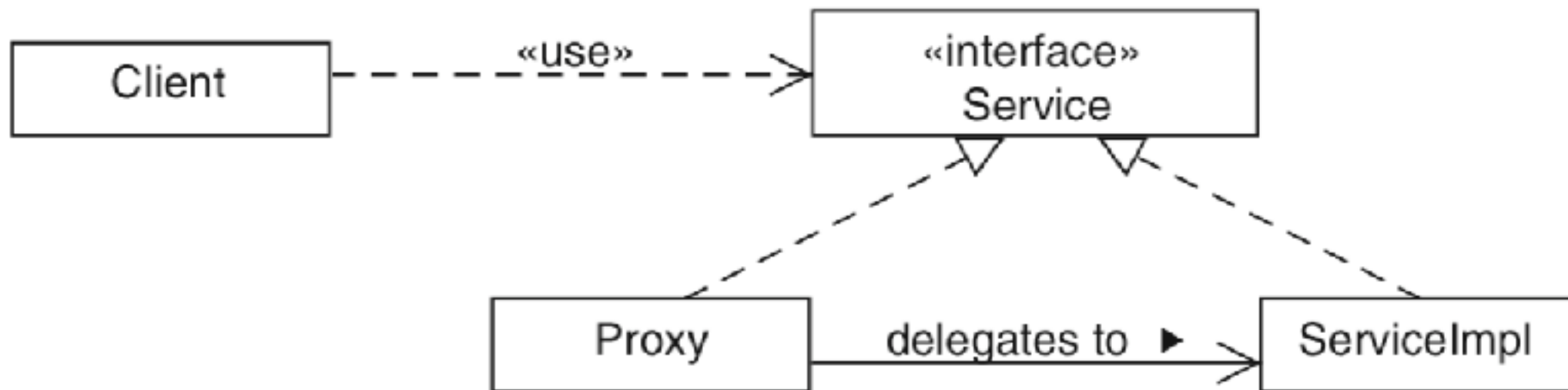
OESB Example



Structural Pattern - Proxy

Issue: Need to integrate further actions before intended method call

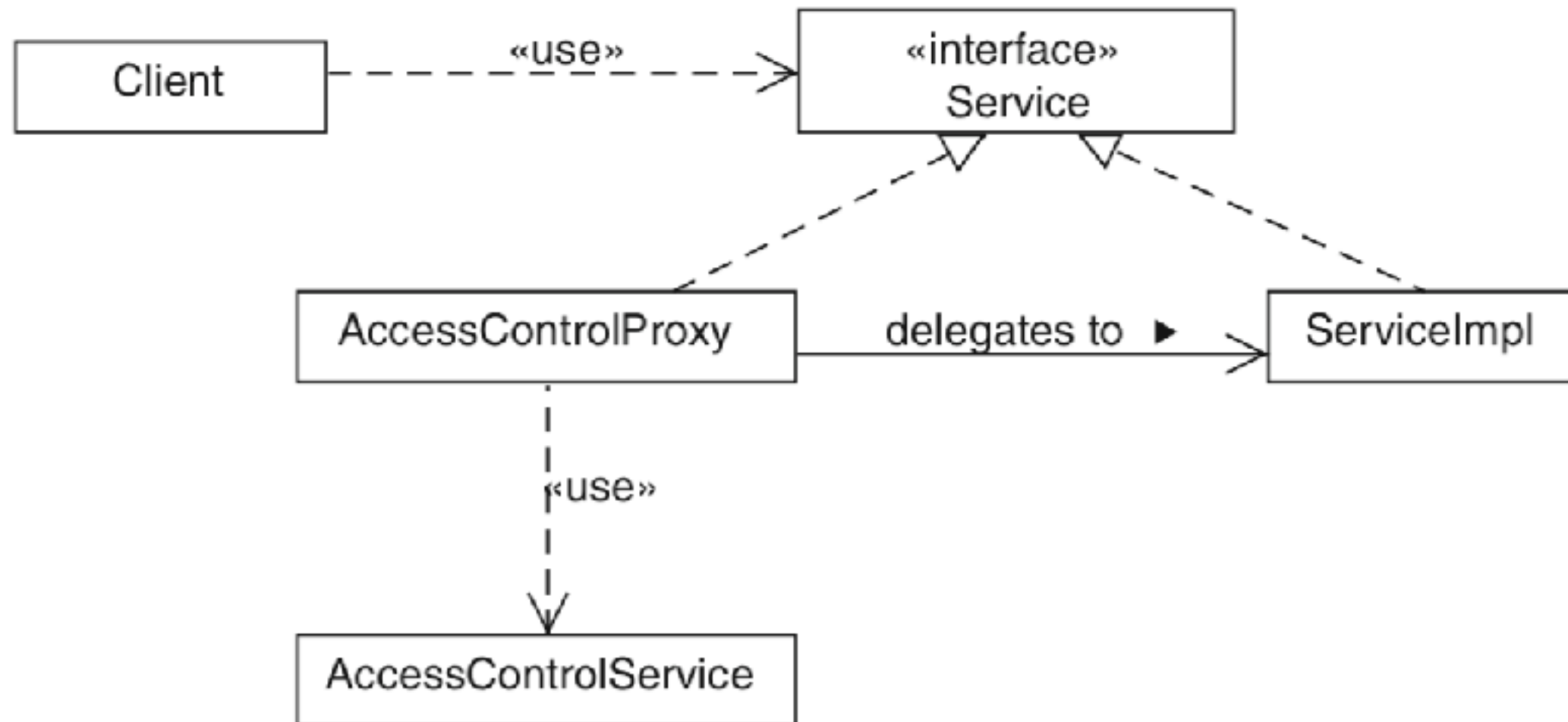
- Extends concept of the delegation pattern
- Enriches interface functionality
 - Implements interface and acts as a representative of the „original“ implementation
- Cascading Proxies
- Use cases
 - security
 - logging
 - caching



Structural Pattern - Proxy

Issue: Need to integrate further actions before intended method call

Use case: **Access control**



Remote Connectors

Code Example

```
@Override
public Object doInvoke(Object proxy, Method method, Object[] args) throws Throwable {
    List<String> paramTypeNames = getParameterTypesAsStrings(method);

    MethodCall methodCall = new MethodCall(method.getName(), args, metadata, paramTypeNames);
    MethodResult callResult = portService.sendMethodCallWithResult(portId, destination, methodCall);

    switch (callResult.getType()) {
        case Object:
            return callResult.getArg();
        case Void:
            return null;
        case Exception:
            throw new RuntimeException(callResult.getArg().toString());
        default:
            throw new IllegalStateException("Return Type has to be either Void, Object or Exception");
    }
}
```

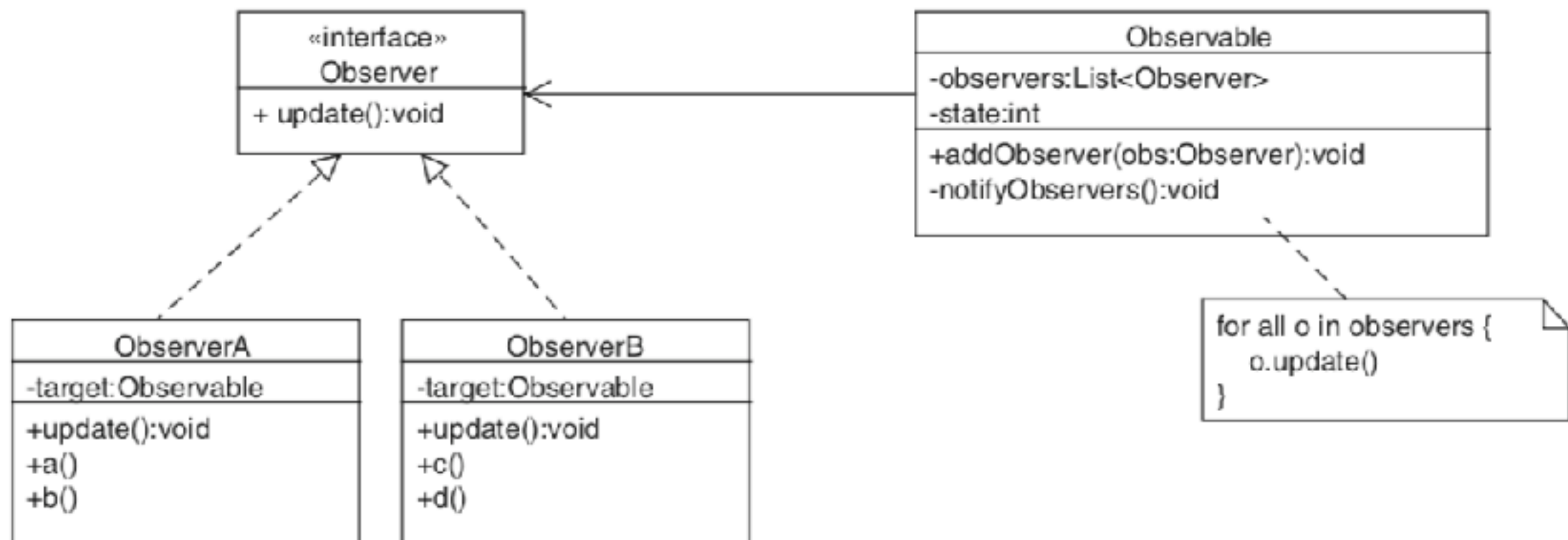
Behavioral Patterns - Overview

- Observer
 - Dependents update automatically when a subject changes
- Decorator
 - Decorator extends an object transparently
- State
 - Object whose behavior depends on its state
- Strategy
 - Vary algorithms independently
- Chain of Responsibility
 - Request delegated to the responsible service provider
- Iterator
 - Aggregate elements are accessed sequentially
- Command
 - Object represents all the information needed to call a method at a later time
- Mediator
 - Mediator coordinates interactions between its associates
- Memento
 - Snapshot captures and restores object states

Behavioral Pattern - Observer

Issue: Need to react to object state changes

- in case of changes of the instance's state execute specific action(s)
 - e.g., notification of instances interested in change
 - one-to-many dependency



Behavioral Pattern - Decorator

Issue: Need to extend object functionality during runtime

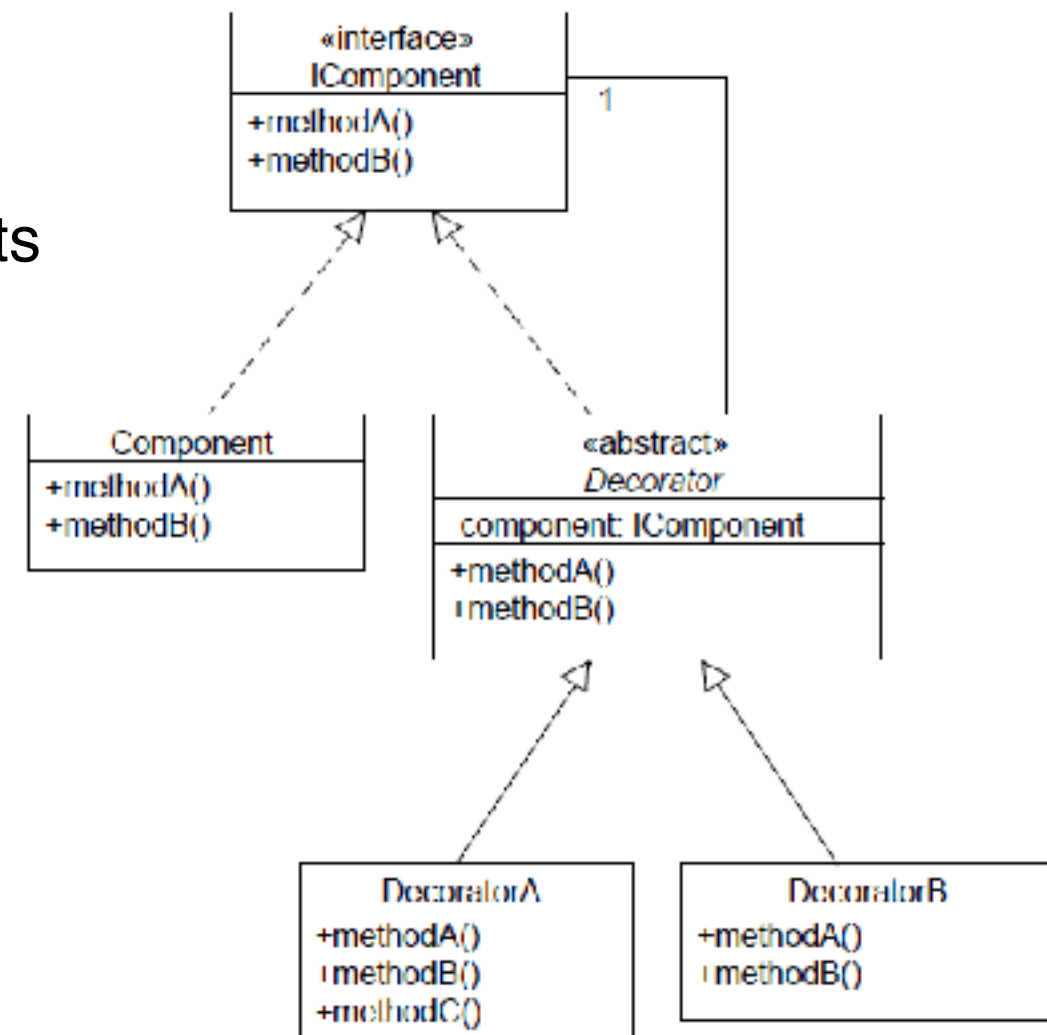
- Dynamically add new functionality to an existing object
 - Some basic work still has to be done at design time

- Elements

- Interface Component
- Implemented by concrete components
 - Implements interface
 - and keeps reference to interface to forward functionality
- Abstract decorator class
 - Implements interface
 - and keeps reference to interface to forward functionality
- Concrete decorator implementations

- Drawback

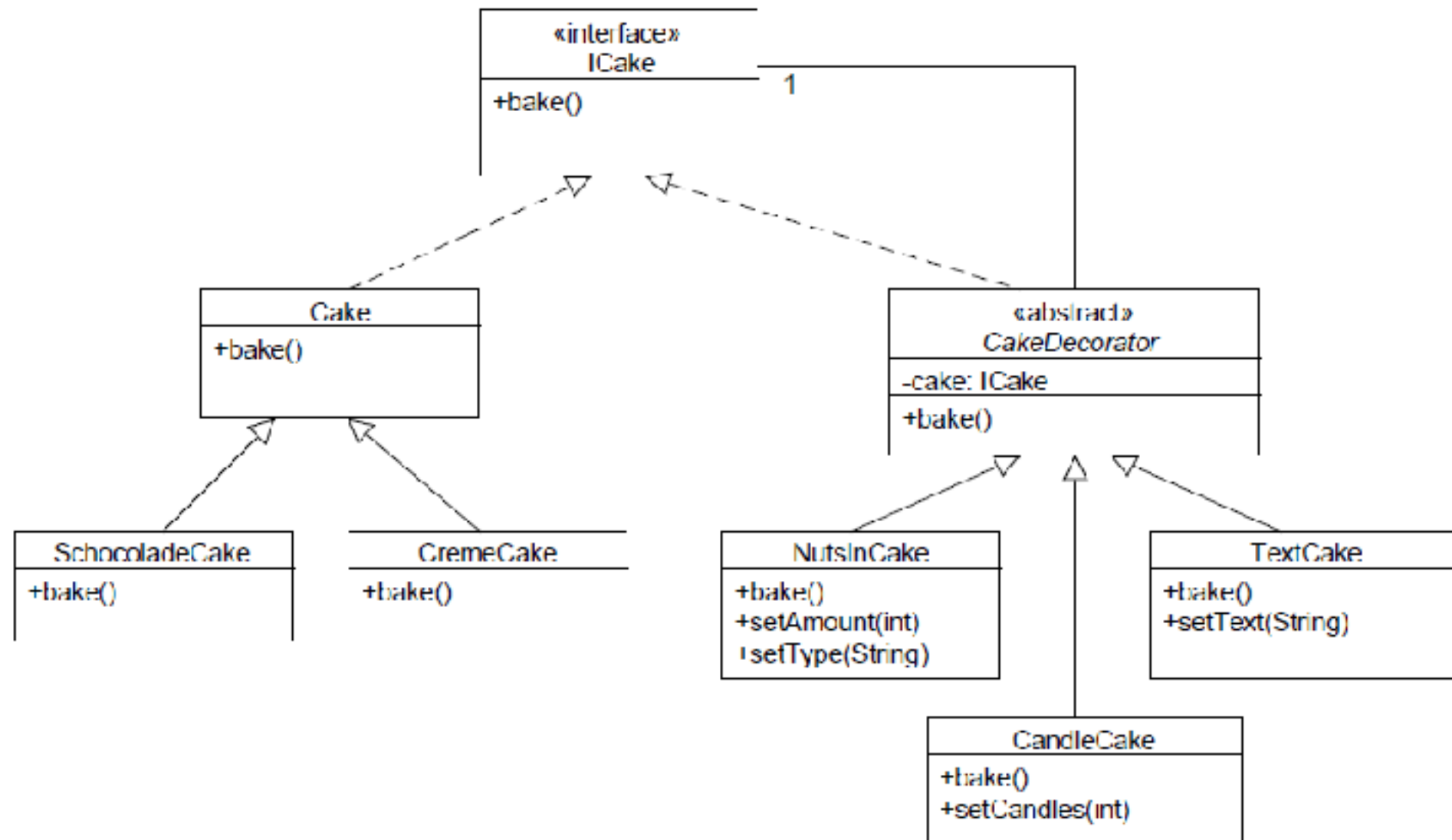
- Testing
- proxy



Behavioral Pattern - Decorator

Issue: Need to extend object functionality during runtime

Example: **Cake**

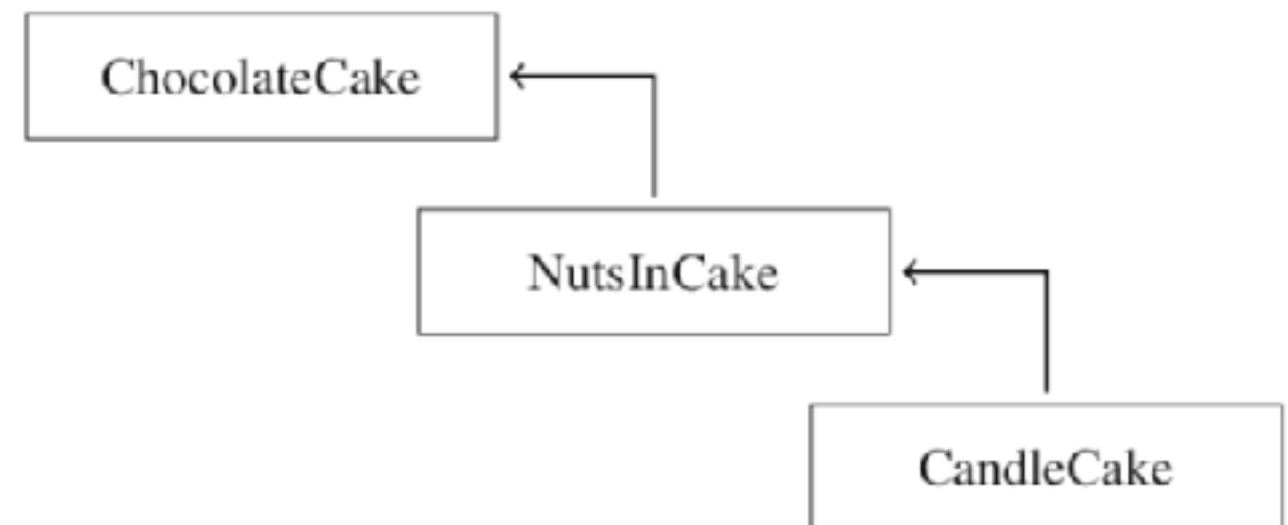


Behavioral Pattern - Decorator

Issue: Need to extend object functionality during runtime

Example: **Cake**

```
Cake cake = new ChocolateCake();  
  
NutsInCake nic = new NutsInCake(cake);  
nic.setAmount(15);  
nic.setType("hazelnut");  
CandleCake cc = new CandleCake(nic);  
cc.setCandles(13);  
cake = (Cake) cc;  
  
cake.bake();
```



Behavioral Pattern - Decorator

Issue: Need to extend object functionality during runtime

Example: **GUI toolkit**

```
VisualComponent vc = new ScrollBar(  
    new Border( new TextEditor() ) );  
vc.draw();
```

Behavioral Pattern - Decorator

Issue: Need to extend object functionality during runtime

Example: **Stream**

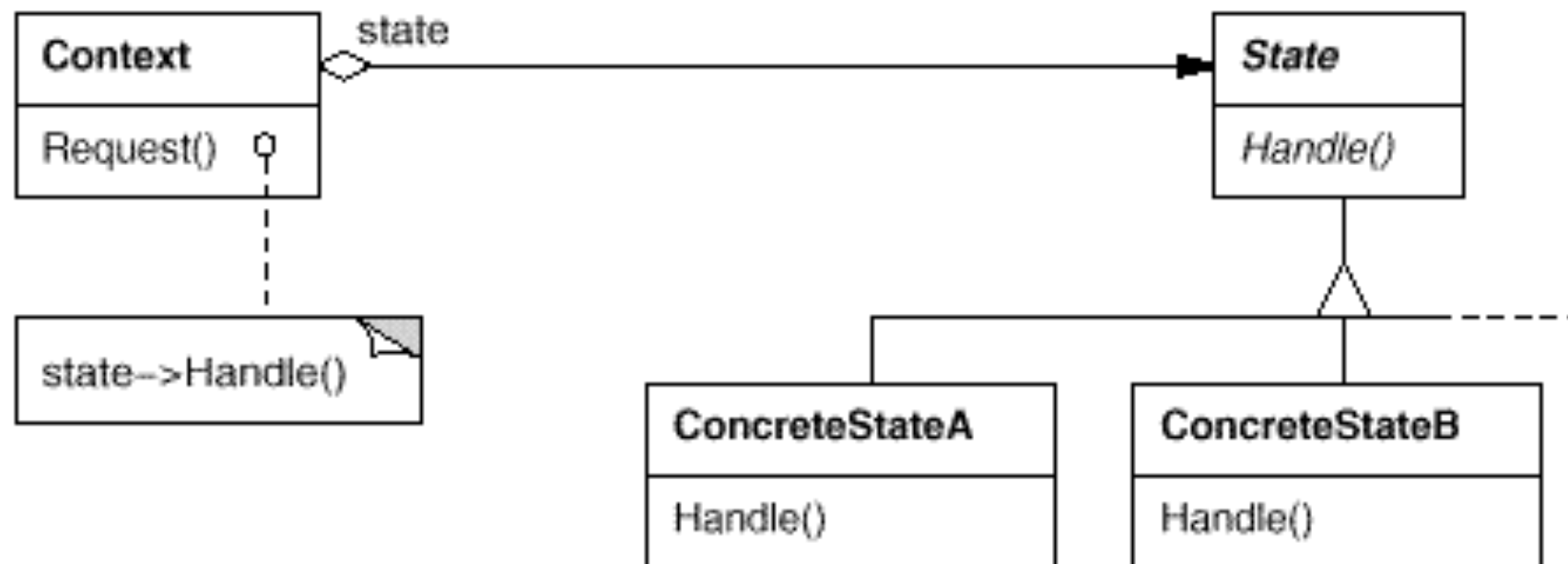
```
1 | Stream s = new FileStream(filename);
```

```
1 | Stream s = new CompressingStream(  
2 |     new BufferedStream(  
3 |         new FileStream(filename)  
4 |     )  
5 | );
```


Behavioral Pattern - State

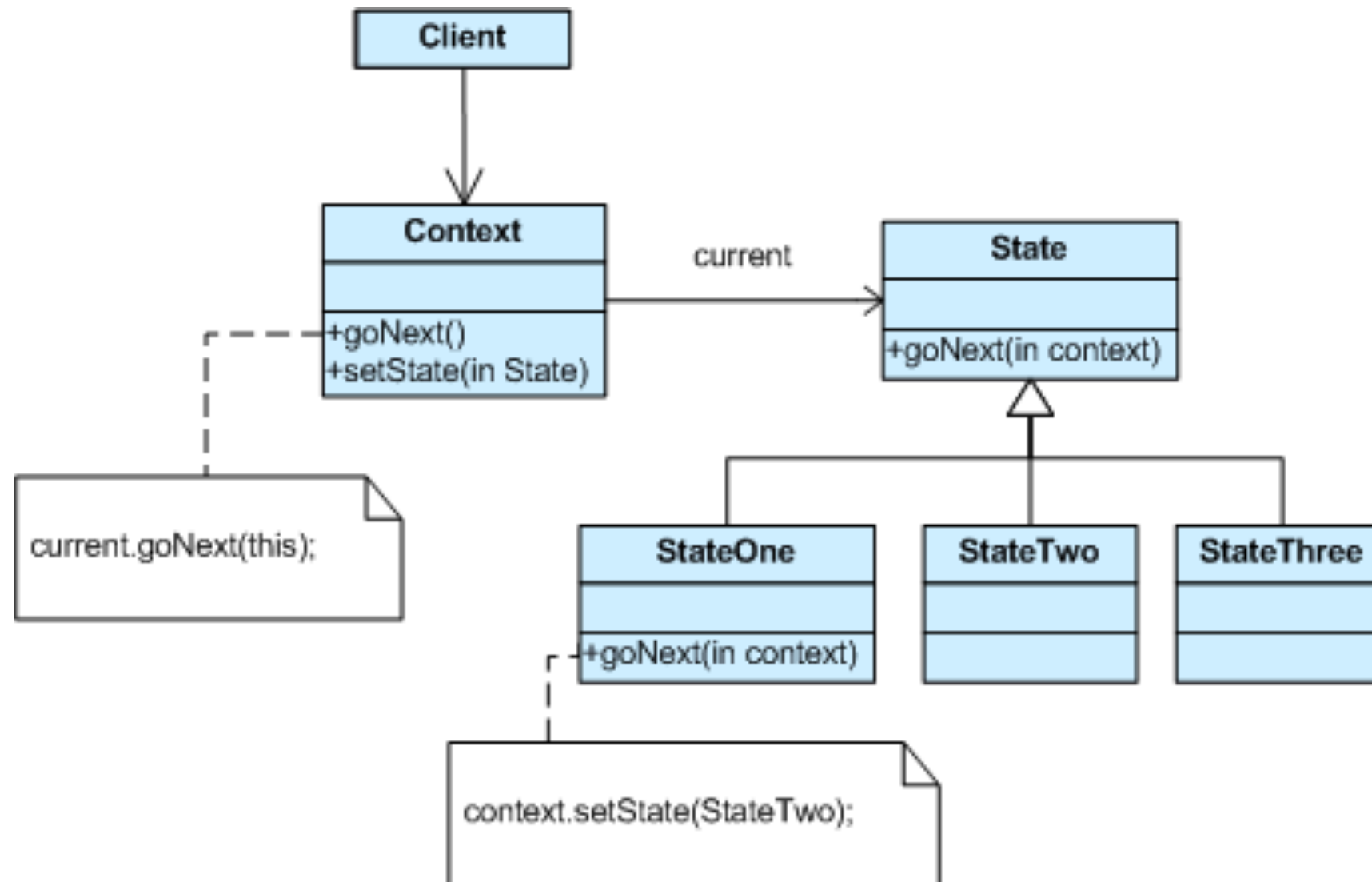
Issue: Need to change object behavior based on current state

- Allow an object to update its behavior when its internal state changes
 - Makes state transitions explicit
 - May result in lots of subclasses



Behavioral Pattern - State

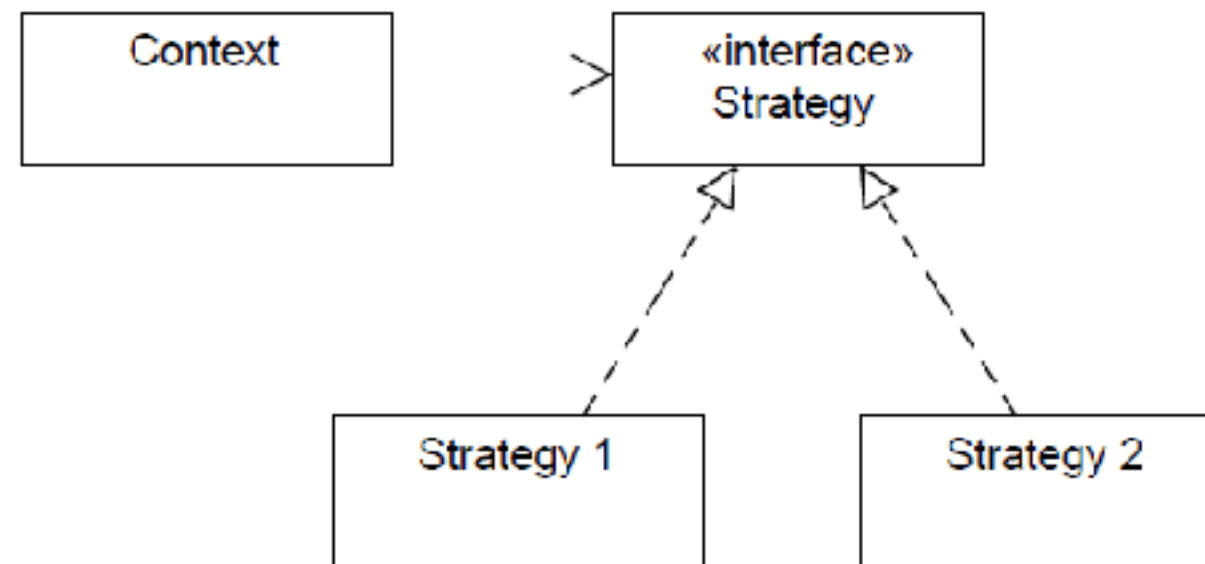
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Behavioral Pattern - Strategy

Issue: Need to extend strategies at runtime

- Dynamically add new algorithms
 - context choose algorithm to use

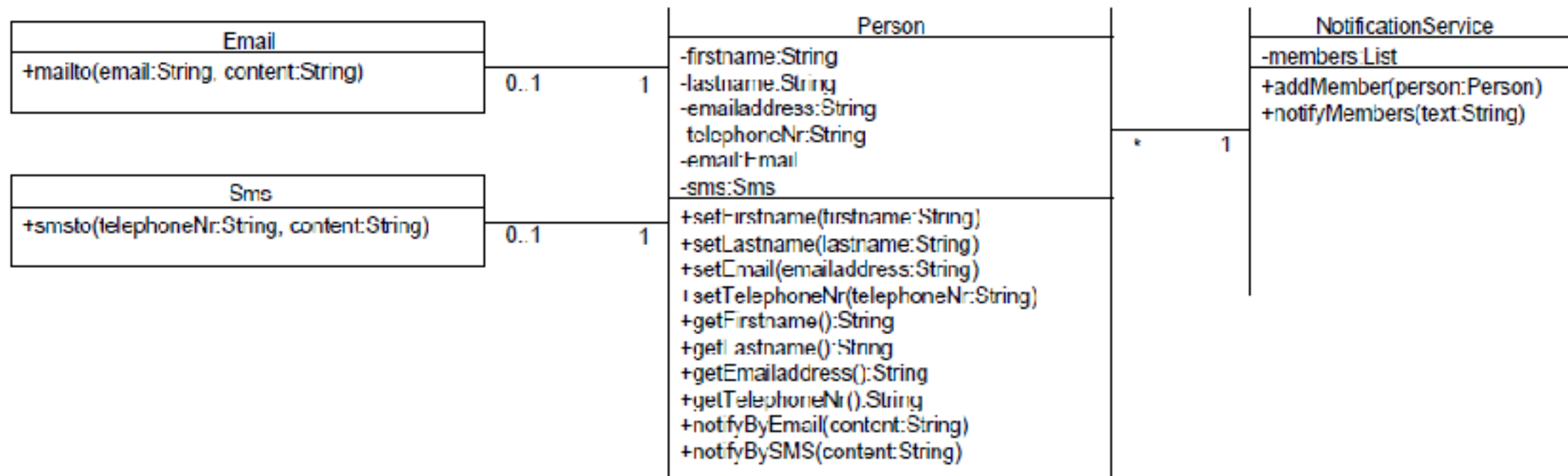


Behavioral Pattern - Strategy

Issue: Need to extend strategies at runtime

Example: **Notification strategy**

- Currently close binding between person and email/sms
 - no use of additional communication technique without changing code
 - Notification service decides technique of communication

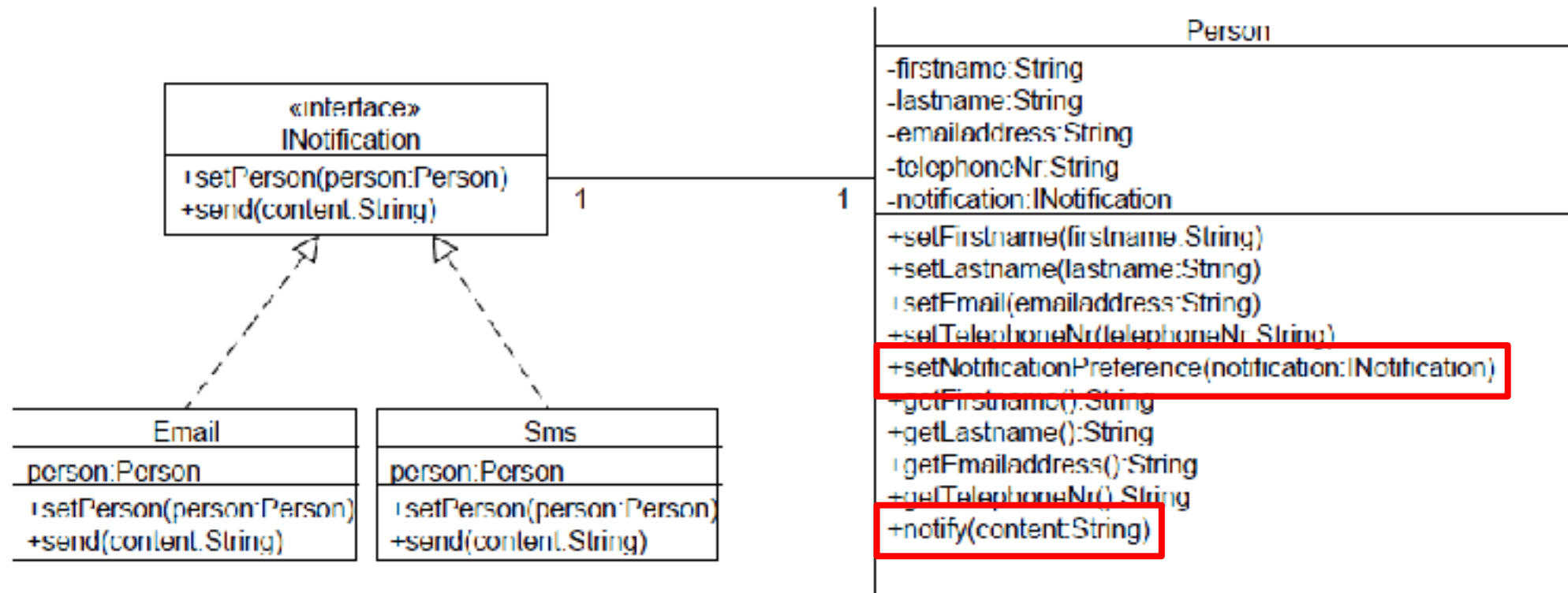


Behavioral Pattern - Strategy

Issue: Need to extend strategies at runtime

Example: **Notification strategy**

- Context object decides which strategy to use



Behavioral Pattern - Strategy

Code Example

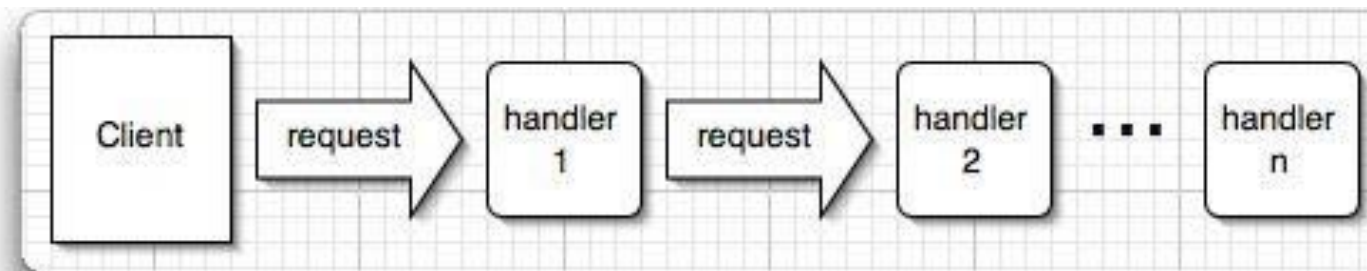
```
class NotificationManager {
    public enum NotificationMethod {SMS, EMAIL};
    private List<Person> members;
    ...
    public void addMember(Person person,
        NotificationMethod notificationPref) {
        members.add(person);
        INotification notification;
        if (notificationPref == NotificationMethod.SMS)
        {
            notification = new Sms();
        } else {
            notification = new Email();
        }
        notification.setPerson(person);
        person.setNotificationPreference(notification);
    }

    public void sendNotifications(String message) {
        for (Person p : members) {
            p.sendMessage(message);
        }
    }
    ...
}
```

Behavioral Pattern - Chain of Responsibility

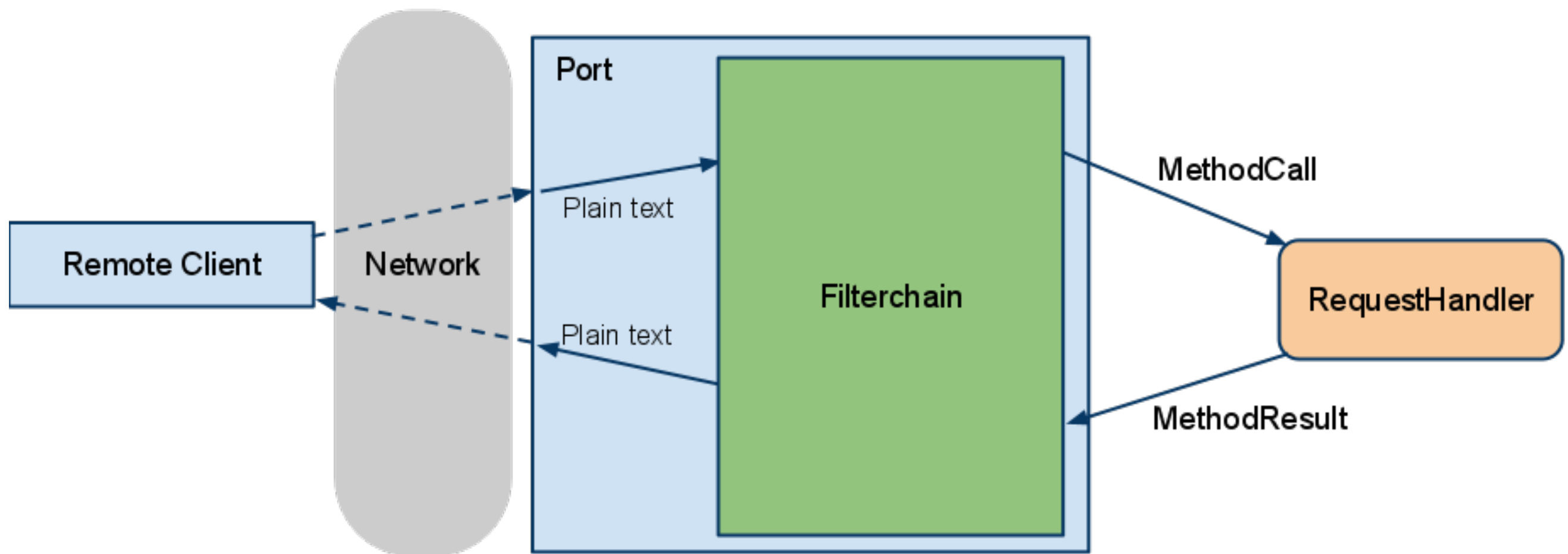
Issue: Improve loose coupling between a series of processing logic

- Chain of Objects
 - a source of command objects
 - a series of processing objects with logic capable of handling specific command objects



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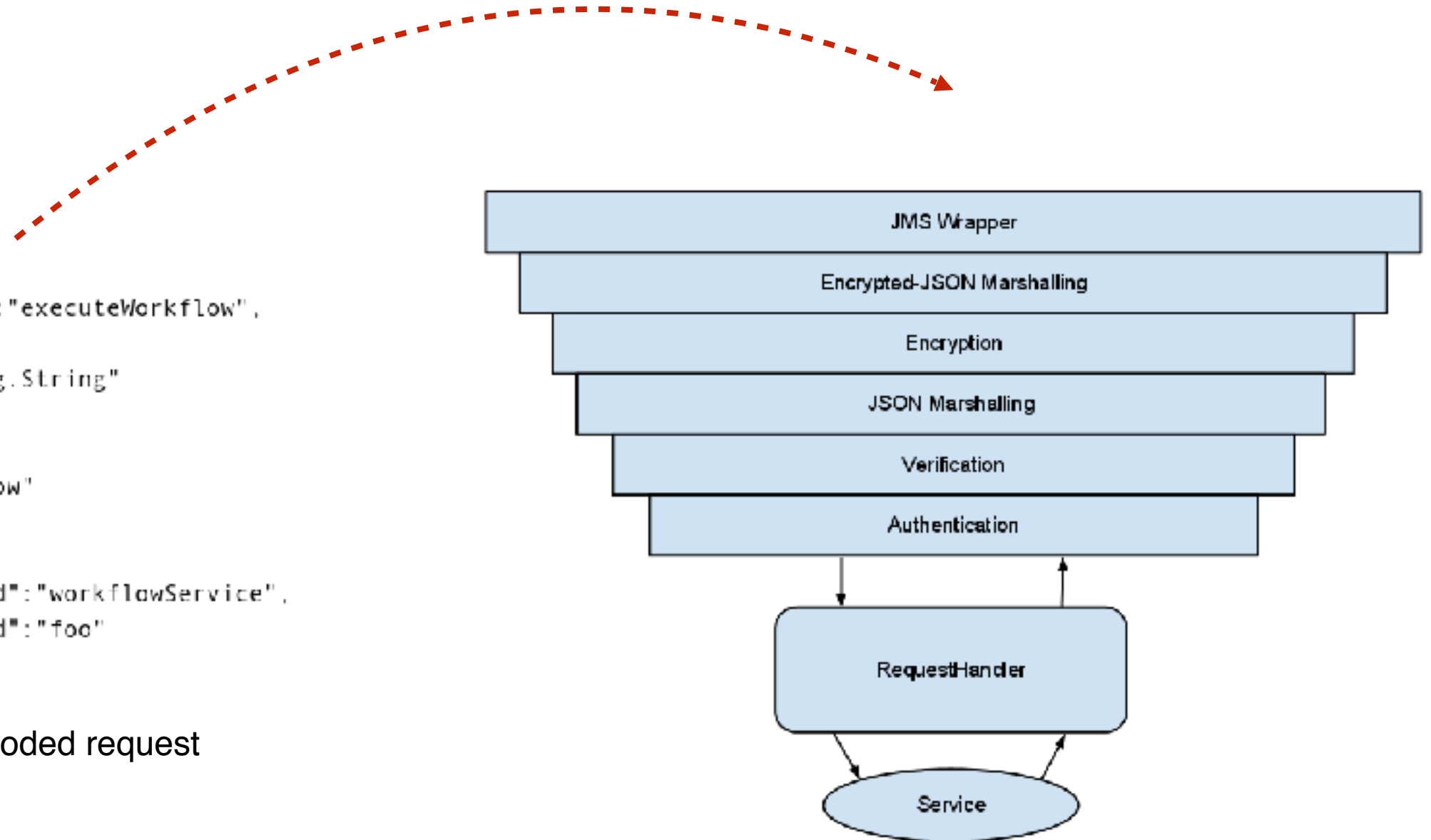


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Example: **Remote service request**

```
{  
  "methodName": "executeWorkflow",  
  "classes": [  
    "java.lang.String"  
  ],  
  "args": [  
    "simpleFlow"  
  ],  
  "metaData": {  
    "serviceId": "workflowService",  
    "contextId": "foo"  
  }  
}
```

Json encoded request



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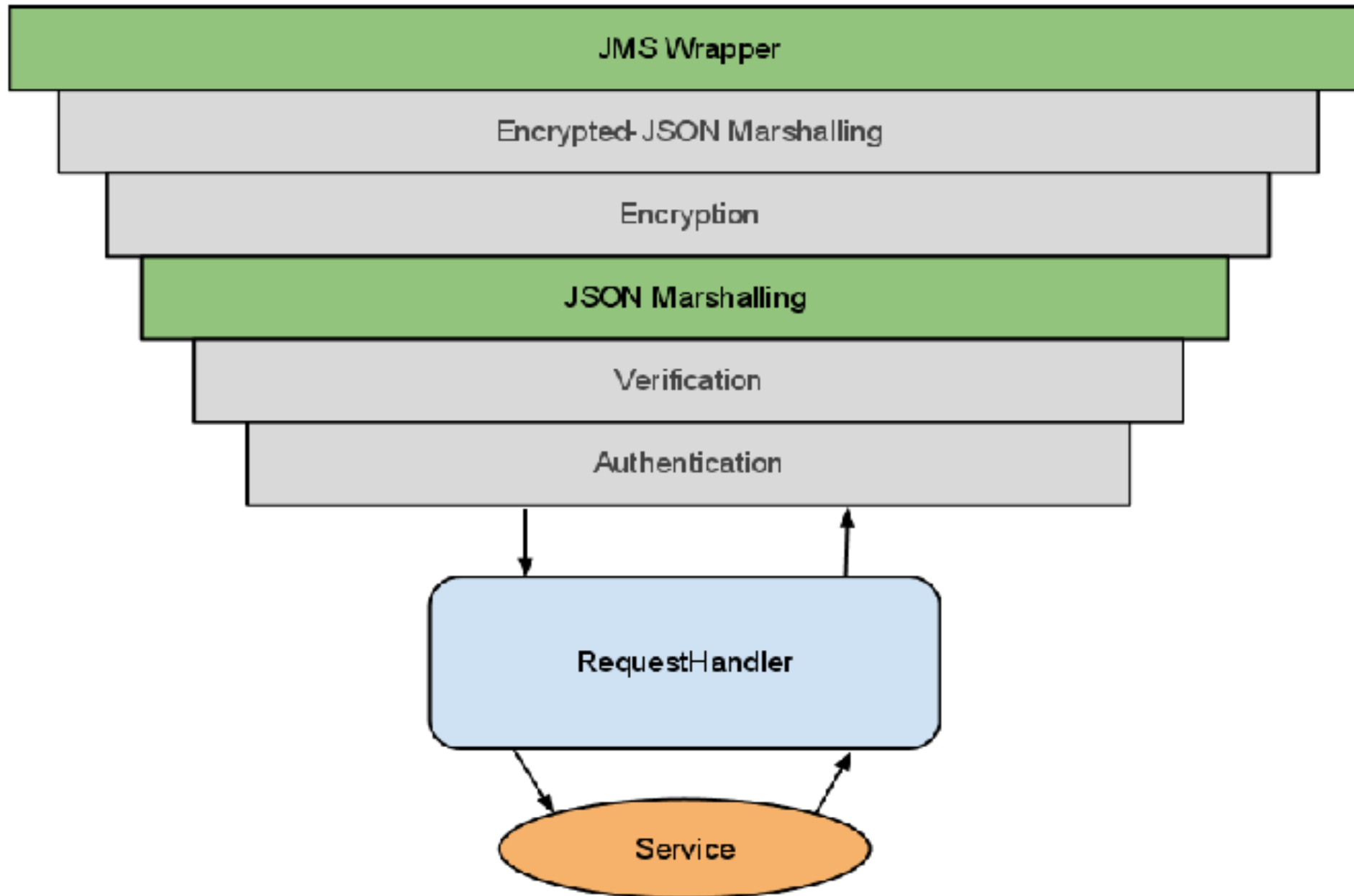
```
*/
public class JsonMethodCallMarshalFilter extends AbstractFilterChainElement<String, String> {

    private FilterAction next;

    @Override
    public String doFilter(String input, Map<String, Object> metadata) throws FilterException {
        ObjectMapper objectMapper = JsonUtils.createObjectMapperWithIntroSpectors();
        MethodCallRequest call;
        try {
            call = objectMapper.readValue(input, MethodCallRequest.class);
            JsonUtils.convertAllArgs(call);
            MethodResultMessage returnValue = (MethodResultMessage) next.filter(call, metadata);
            return objectMapper.writeValueAsString(returnValue);
        } catch (IOException e) {
            throw new FilterException(e);
        }
    }

    @Override
    public void setNext(FilterAction next) throws FilterConfigurationException {
        checkNextInputAndOutputTypes(next, MethodCallRequest.class, MethodResultMessage.class);
        this.next = next;
    }
}
```

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Summary

- Industrial Use Case
- Engineering Service Bus
- Design patterns provide a structure in which problems can be solved.
 - Review different applications of one pattern
 - Gain experience
 - "code smells"
- Offering Topics
 - <http://qse.ifs.tuwien.ac.at/topics.htm>
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How to gain experience

- Participate in open source projects, e.g.
 - OPS4J <https://github.com/ops4j>
 - Apache Projects <https://projects.apache.org/projects.html>
 - Google Summer of Code <https://developers.google.com/open-source/gsoc/>
 - ...

- Build up your own technology radar
 - Martin Fowler: Catalog of Patterns of Enterprise Application Architecture <https://martinfowler.com/eaCatalog/>
 - study Stack Overflow design pattern topics <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/tagged/design-patterns>

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EngSB - Patterns

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 - email: <https://github.com/openengsb/openengsb-connector-email/blob/master/src/main/java/org/openengsb/connector/email/internal/EmailNotifier.java>
 - facebook: <https://github.com/openengsb/openengsb-connector-facebook/blob/master/src/main/java/org/openengsb/connector/facebook/internal/FacebookNotifier.java>
- Delegation pattern: <https://github.com/openengsb/openengsb-framework/blob/master/components/common/src/main/java/org/openengsb/core/common/events/ForwardHandler.java>
- Immutable pattern: <https://github.com/openengsb/openengsb-framework/blob/master/components/ekb/src/main/java/org/openengsb/core/ekb/internal/ConnectorInformation.java>

EngSB - Patterns

- Singleton pattern: <https://github.com/openengsb/openengsb-framework/blob/master/components/api/src/main/java/org/openengsb/core/api/context/ContextHolder.java>
- Factory pattern: <https://github.com/openengsb/openengsb-framework/blob/master/components/api/src/main/java/org/openengsb/core/api/ConnectorInstanceFactory.java>
- Proxy pattern:
 - <https://github.com/openengsb/openengsb-framework/blob/master/components/services/src/main/java/org/openengsb/core/services/internal/virtual/ProxyConnector.java>
 - <https://github.com/openengsb/openengsb-framework/blob/master/components/common/src/main/java/org/openengsb/core/common/virtual/InvokeAllIgnoreResultStrategy.java>
- Chain of responsibility pattern: <https://github.com/openengsb/openengsb-framework/blob/master/components/common/src/main/java/org/openengsb/core/common/remote/>