

Bridge Pattern



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Concepts

- Decouple Abstraction and implementation
- Encapsulation, Composition, Inheritance
- Changes in Abstraction won't affect client
- Details won't be right
- Examples:
 - Driver
 - JDBC



Design



Interfaces and Abstract classes

Composition over Inheritance

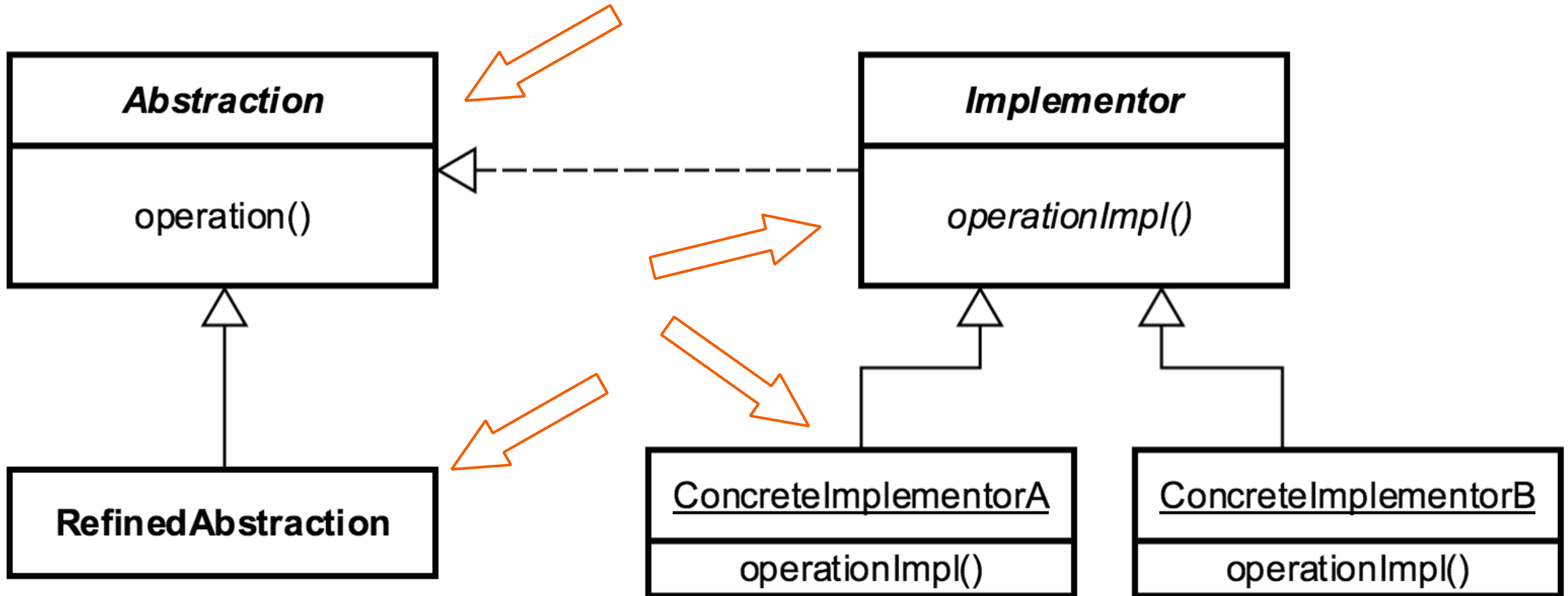
More than Composition

Expect change from both sides

Abstraction, Implementor, Refined

Abstraction, Concrete Implementor

UML



Everyday Example - JDBC

```
DriverManager.registerDriver(new org.apache.derby.jdbc.EmbeddedDriver());  
  
String dbUrl = "jdbc:derby:memory:codejava/webdb;create=true";  
  
Connection conn = DriverManager.getConnection(dbUrl);  
  
Statement sta = conn.createStatement();
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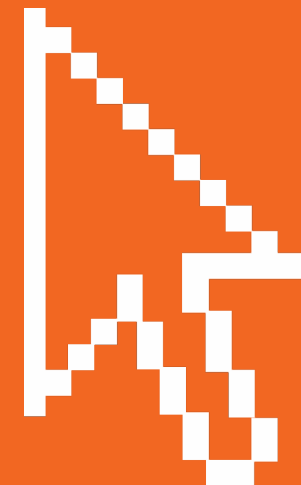
Exercise Adapter

Color and Shape

Color and Shape Bridge

Create Bridge

Another Bridge



Pitfalls

- Increases complexity
- Conceptually difficult to plan
- More than just OO
- What goes where



Contrast

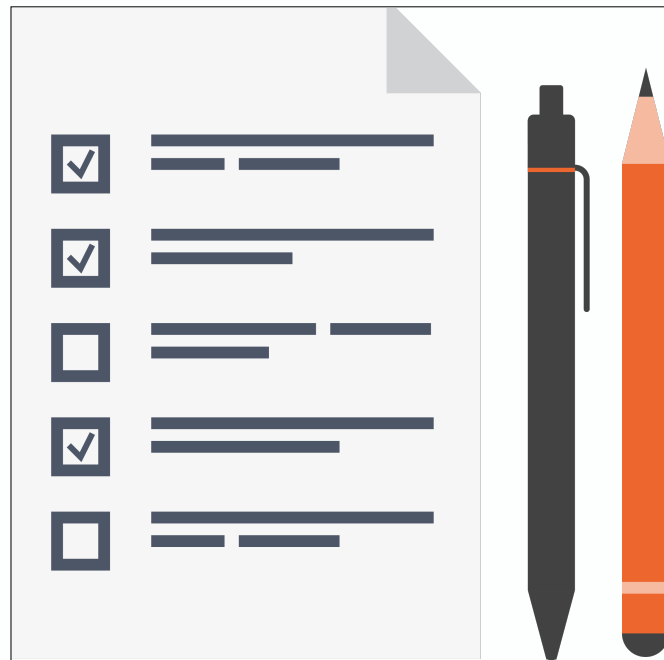
Bridge

- Designed upfront
- Abstraction and implementation vary
- Built in advance
- Complex

Adapter

- Works after code is designed
- Legacy
- Retrofitted
- Provides different interface

Bridge Summary



- Design for uncertainty
- Can be complex
- Provides flexibility
- More than composition