



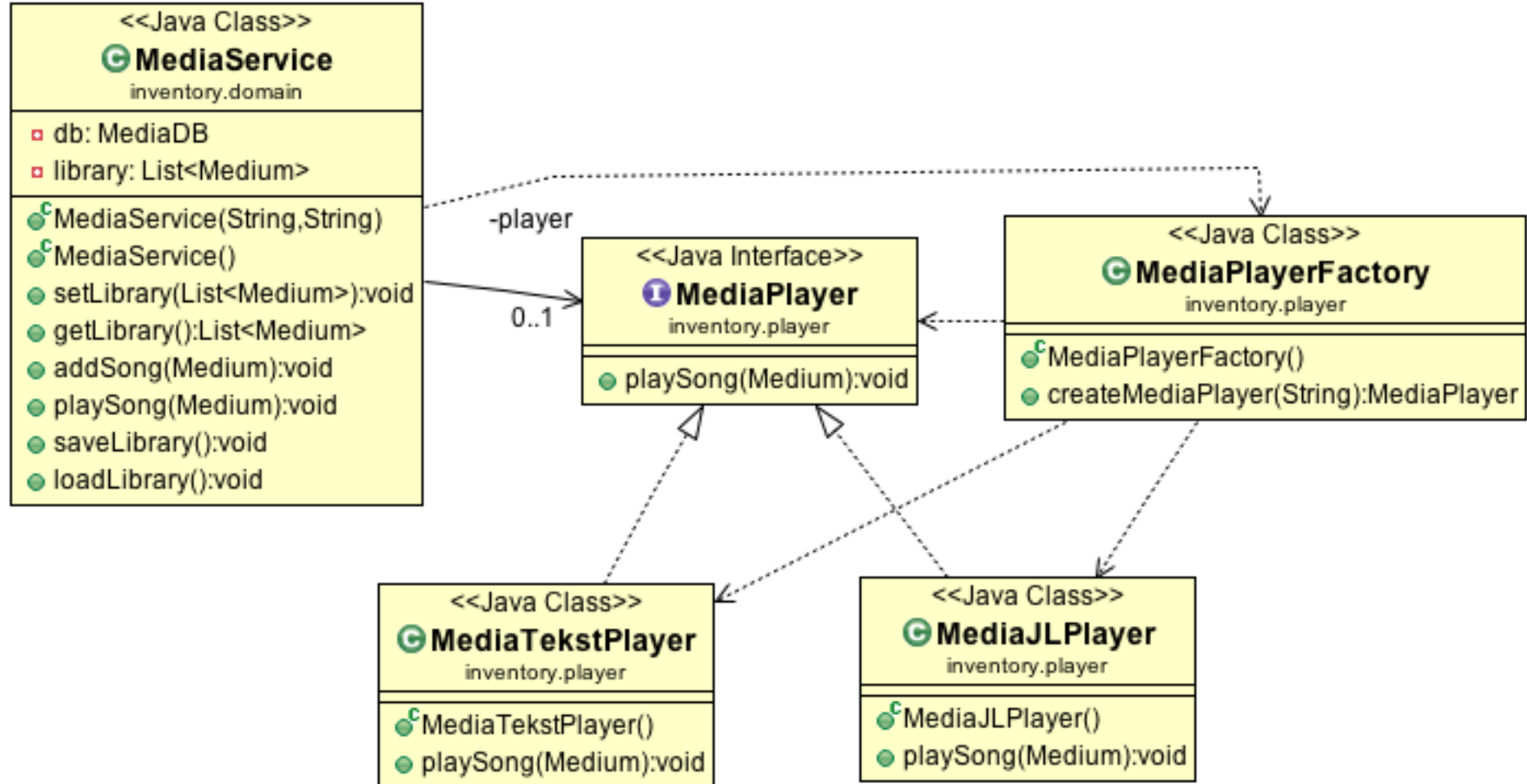
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**Class**



# Playing music...



# OCP?

```
public class MediaPlayerFactory {  
  
    public MediaPlayer createMediaPlayer(String type){  
        MediaPlayer mediaPlayer = null;  
        if(type != null && type.equals("text")){  
            mediaPlayer = new MediaTekstPlayer();  
        } else if(type != null && type.equals("jlplayer")){  
            mediaPlayer = new MediaJLPlayer();  
        }  
        return mediaPlayer;  
    }  
}
```



# Reflection

Is the ability of a computer program ...

- to *examine*
- and *modify* the structure and behavior
- of the program at *runtime*

# Example

- Class Class
- <https://docs.oracle.com/javase/8/docs/api/java/lang/Class.html>

# Class

String playerType = "MediaJLPlayer";

...

Class dbClass = Class.forName(playerType);

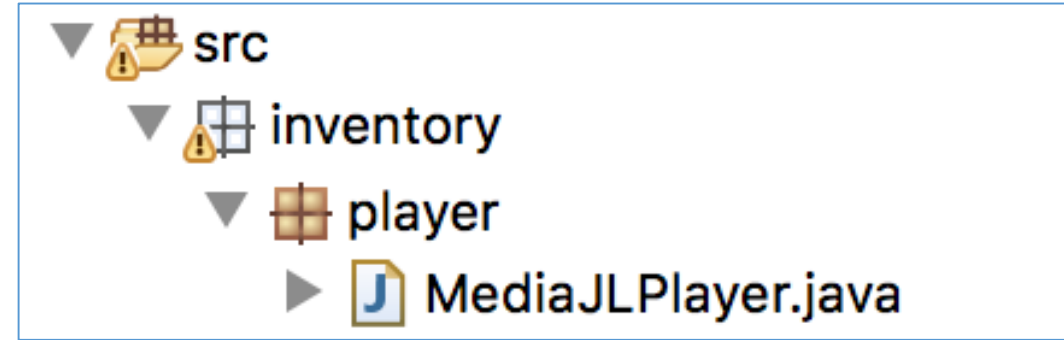
Object dbObject = dbClass.newInstance();

MediaPlayer player = (MediaPlayer) dbObject;



MediaJLPlayer

# Watch out!



```
String playerFullName = "inventory.player." + playerType;
```

```
Class dbClass = Class.forName(playerFullName );
```

Fully qualified name !

# Watch out!

```
String dbType = "MediaFileDb";  
Class dbClass = Class.forName(dbType);  
Object dbObject = dbClass.newInstance();
```

Uses default constructor!

```
public class MediaSQLDB implements MediaDB {  
    public MediaSQLDB () {...}  
    ...
```

```
public class MediaFileDb implements MediaDB {  
    public MediaFileDb(String fileName) {...}  
    ...
```





# Solution: init method

```
public class MediaFileDb implements MediaDb {  
    private String fileName = "media.txt";  
  
    public MediaFileDb() {  
    }  
  
    public void init(String fileName) {  
        setFileName(fileName);  
    }  
  
    ...  
}
```

Call this after object is created

# Solution: reflection again

```
Class<?> theClass = Class.forName("com.foo.MyClass");
```

Look for constructor with 2  
parameters: String and int

```
Constructor<?> constructor =  
    theClass.getConstructor(String.class, Integer.class);
```

```
Object instance = constructor.newInstance("stringparam", 42);
```

Use this constructor

# BUT

- Be careful
- Do not overuse

## Six Java features to stay away from

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I have spent countless hours troubleshooting different applications. From the experience I can draw a conclusion about several Java SE features/APIs which most of the developers should just stay away from. When I refer to most of the developers, I have in mind regular Java EE developers, not the library designers / infrastructure engineers.

Full disclosure: I do honestly think that, in the long run, most of the teams are better off staying away from the following features. But as always there are exceptions. If you have a strong team and are fully aware of what you are doing, go ahead. In most cases though, if you start including following tools to your arsenal, you will regret it in the long run:

- Reflection
- Bytecode manipulation
- Threading

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