



M6 (b) - Composition

Jin L.C. Guo

Image source: https://cdn.pixabay.com/photo/2017/11/05/21/21/container-2921882_960_720.jpg

Questions from previous lectures

- Static Keyword during import

Imports static members from classes, allowing them to be used without class qualification. [\[REF\]](#)

- Can enum have non static and non final filed?

```
public enum Suit
{
    CLUBS, DIAMONDS, SPADES, HEARTS;
    int size = 0;

    void changeSize(int pSize) {
        size = pSize;
    }
    int getSize(){
        return size;
    }
}
```

```
Suit a = Suit.CLUBS;
Suit b = Suit.CLUBS;
System.out.println(a.getSize()); //0
a.changeSize(3);
System.out.println(b.getSize()); //3
```

You can, but need to have a good reason to use it.

Questions from previous lectures

- Is assertEquals comparing reference equality?

In `AssertUtils.class`, this function is called during `assertEquals`

```
static boolean objectsAreEqual(Object obj1, Object obj2) {  
    if (obj1 == null) {  
        return obj2 == null;  
    } else {  
        return obj1.equals(obj2);  
    }  
}
```

- Are we able to use reflection to modify final field?

If the underlying field is final, the method throws an `IllegalAccessException` unless `setAccessible(true)` has succeeded for this `Field` object and the field is non-static. [\[REF\]](#)

When you have doubt,

Use your debugger and reference the API specification.

Objective

- Design Principle:

Divide and Conquer

- Programming mechanism:

Aggregation and Delegation, Polymorphic Object Cloning

- Design Techniques:

Sequence Diagram

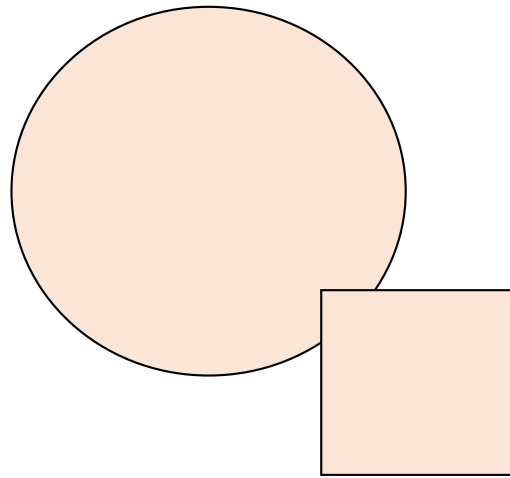
- Patterns and Anti-patterns:

Composite Pattern, Decorator Pattern, Prototype Pattern, God class



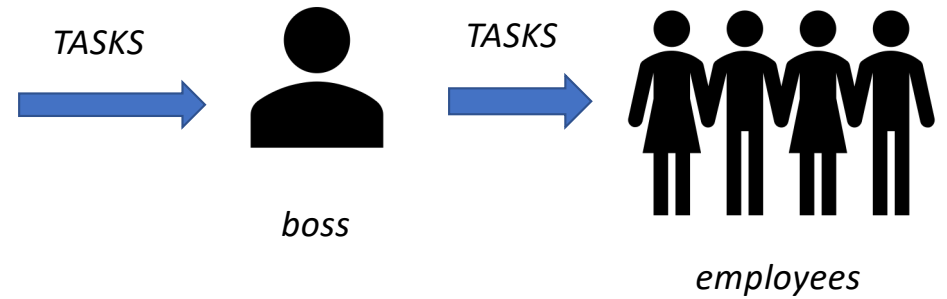
Composition Purpose 1

- Aggregation: Representation of collections



Composition Purpose 2

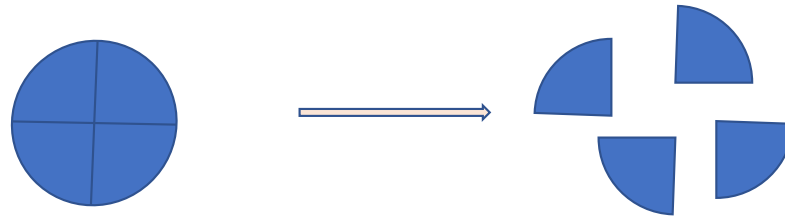
- Delegation: Redirect duties



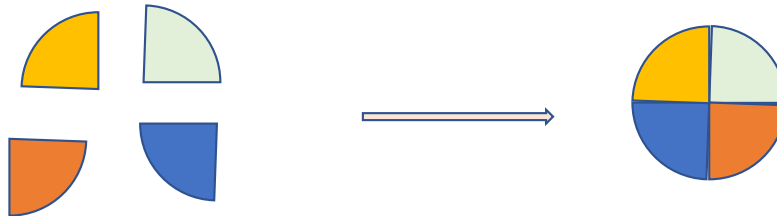
Manage Complexity -- Divide and conquer

- Modularization

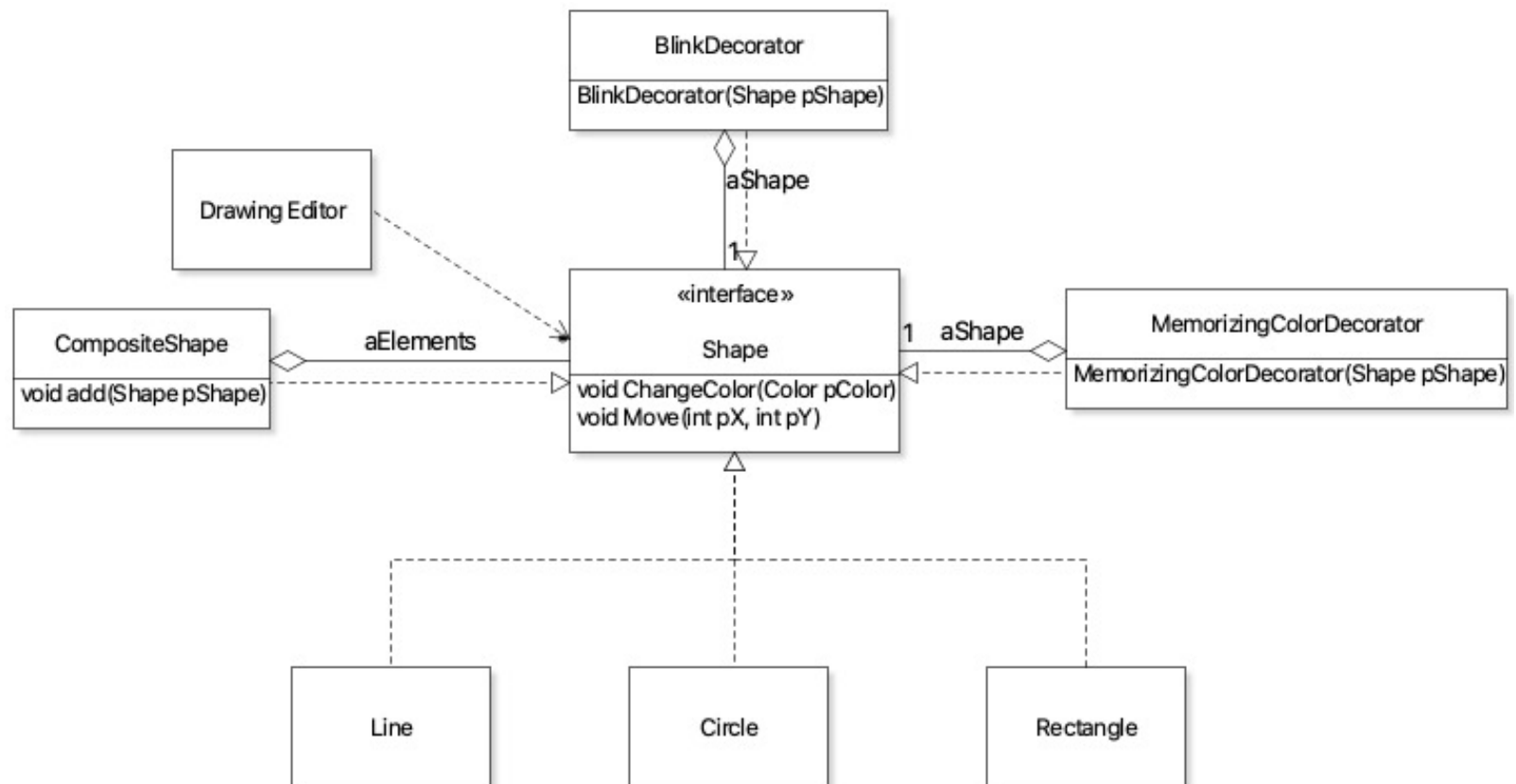
- Decomposable



- Composable



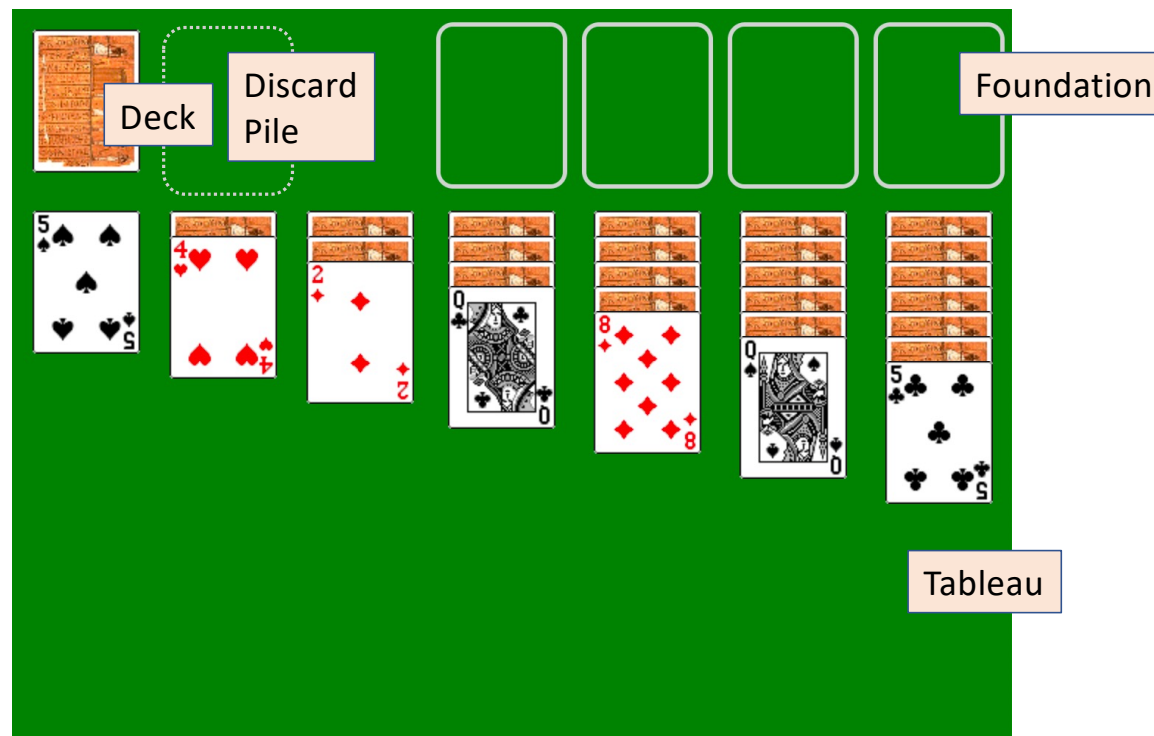
Example: the design of shapes:



Example: GameModel in Solitaire

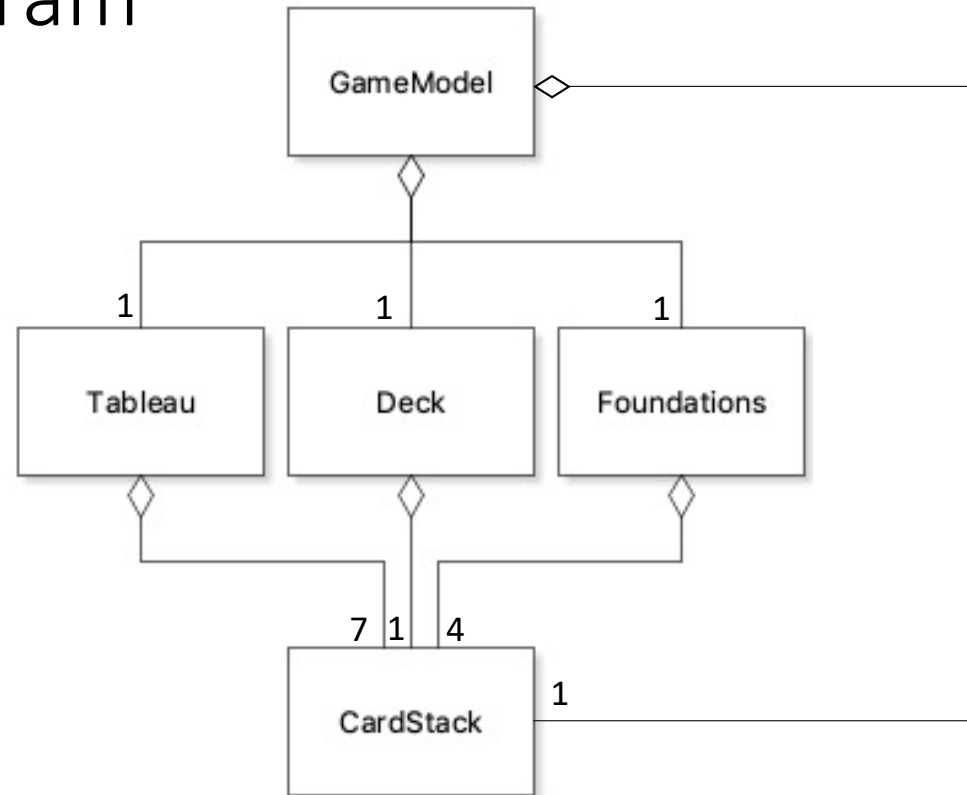
13 piles of cards?

God Class



The elements are the component, and also entities providing services.

Class Diagram



Objective

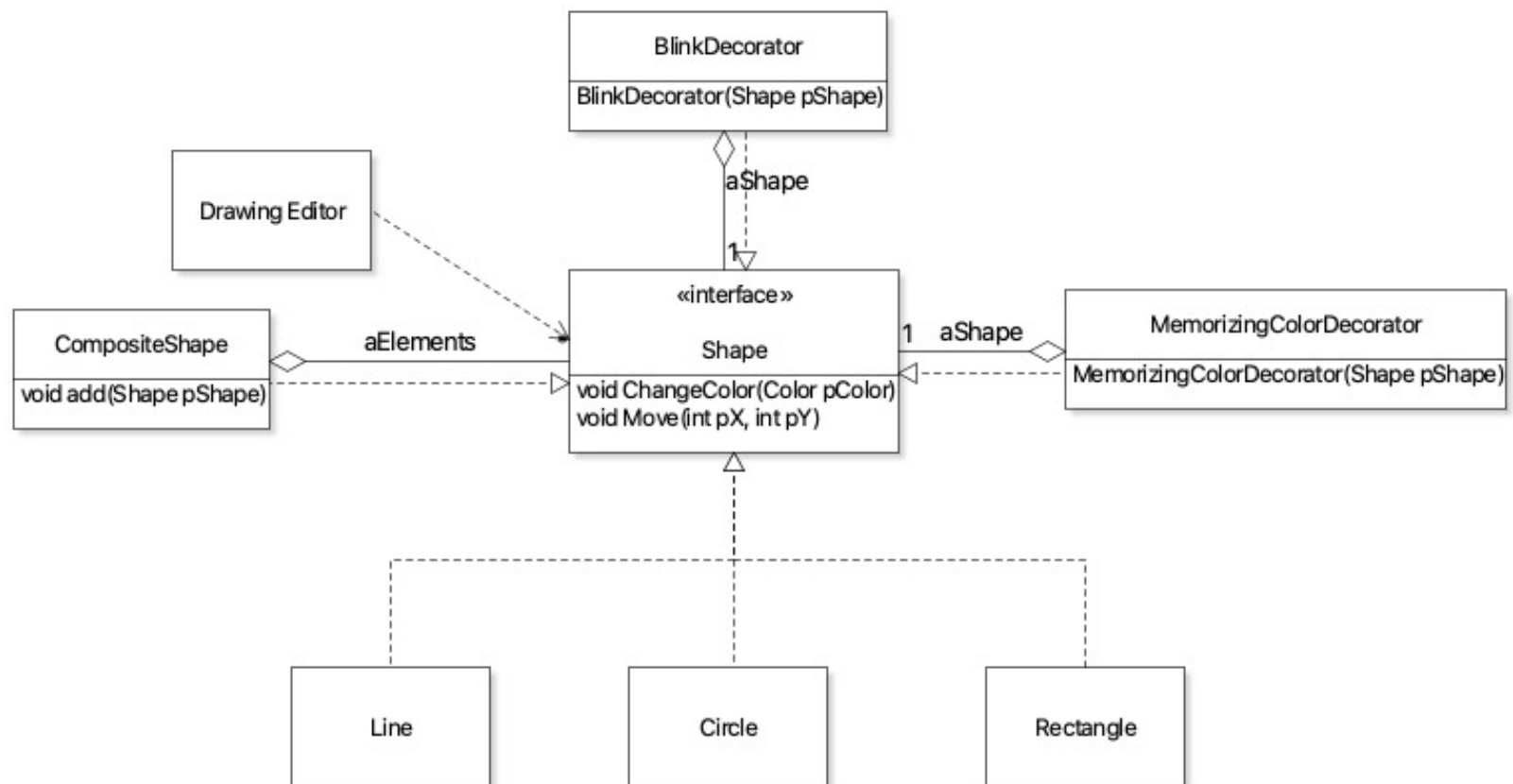
- Design Principle:
Divide and Conquer

- Programming mechanism:
Aggregation and Delegation, Polymorphic Object Cloning

- Design Techniques:
Sequence Diagram

- Patterns and Anti-patterns:
Composite Pattern, Decorator Pattern, Prototype Pattern, God class 

So far, our design of shapes:



```
/**
 * Aggregate a collection of shapes.
 * The client can get shapes and
 * add new shape on demand
 */
public class ShapeManager
{
    private final List<Shape> aShapes = new ArrayList<>();

    public List<Shape> getShapes()
    {
        // return a copy of aShapes;
    }

    public void addShape(Shape pShape)
    {
        // add a copy of pShape;
    }
}
```

Activity1: How to design the function of making a copy of a Shape object?

Object Copying

- Copy Constructor

```
public Line(Line pLine) {  
    this.x_start = pLine.x_start;  
    this.y_start = pLine.y_start;  
    this.x_end = pLine.x_end;  
    this.y_end = pLine.y_end;  
}
```

- Static factory method

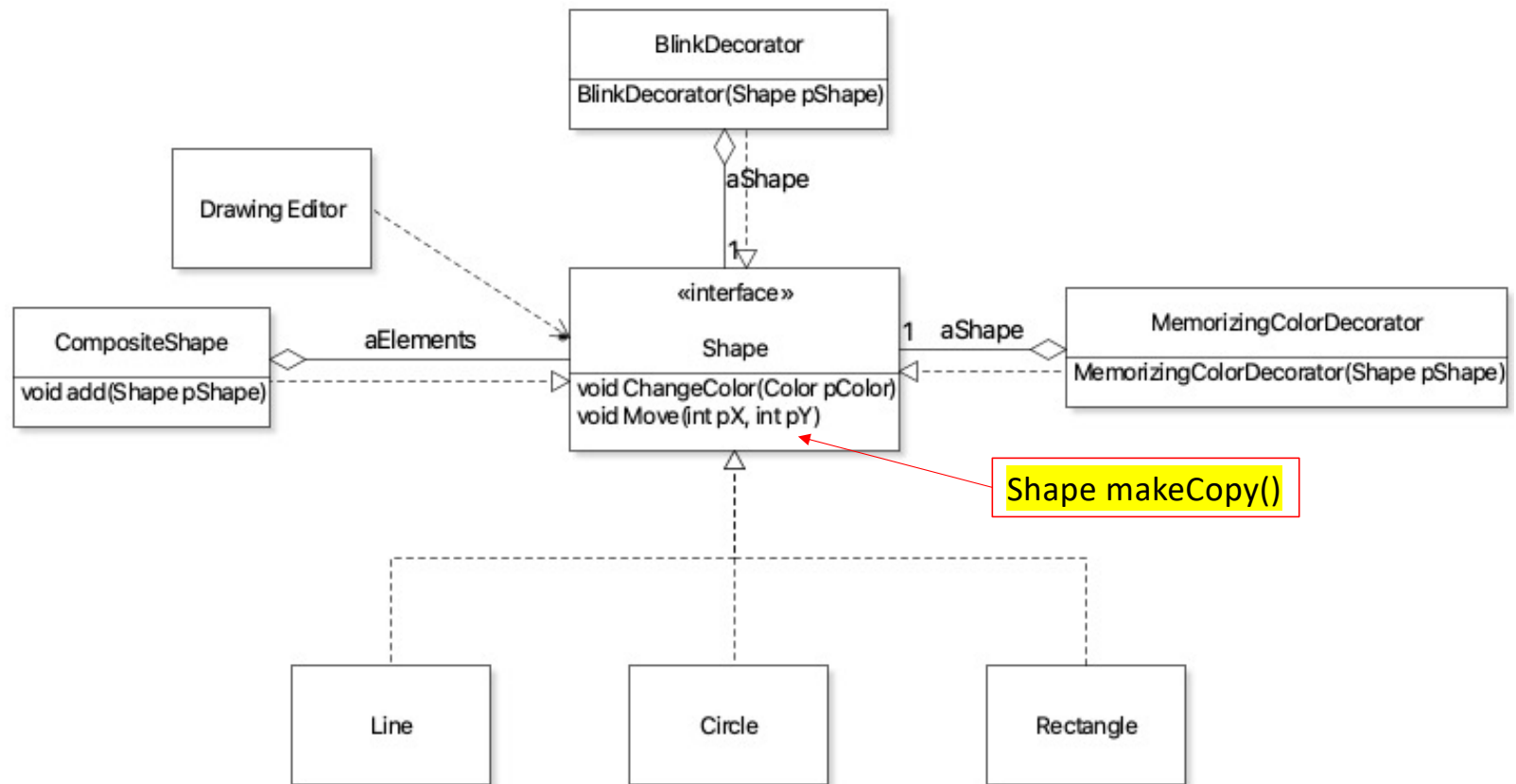
```
public static Line newInstance(Line pLine)  
{  
    return new Line(pLine);  
}
```

```

public List<Shape> getShapess()
{
    // return a copy of aShapes;
    List<Shape> shapesCopy = new ArrayList<>();
    for(Shape sp:aShapes)
    {
        if (sp instanceof Line)
        {
            shapesCopy.add(new Line(sp));
        }
        else if (sp instanceof Circle)
        {
            shapesCopy.add(new Circle(sp));
        }
        else if (sp instanceof CompositeShape)
        {
            .....
        }
        .....
    }
    return shapesCopy;
}

```

How to achieve polymorphic
object copying?



```

public List<Shape> getShapess()
{
    // return a copy of aShapes;
    List<Shape> shapesCopy = new ArrayList<>();
    for(Shape sp:aShapes)
    {
        if (sp instanceof Line)
        {
            shapesCopy.add(new Line(sp));
        }
        else if (sp instanceof Circle)
        {
            shapesCopy.add(new Circle(sp));
        }
        else if (sp instanceof CompositeShape)
        {
            .....
        }
        .....
    }
    return shapesCopy;
}

```

```
public List<Shape> getShapess()  
{  
    // return a copy of aShapes;  
    List<Shape> shapesCopy = new ArrayList<>();  
    for(Shape sp:aShapes)  
    {
```

```
        shapesCopy.add(sp.makeCopy());
```

```
    }  
    return shapesCopy;  
}
```

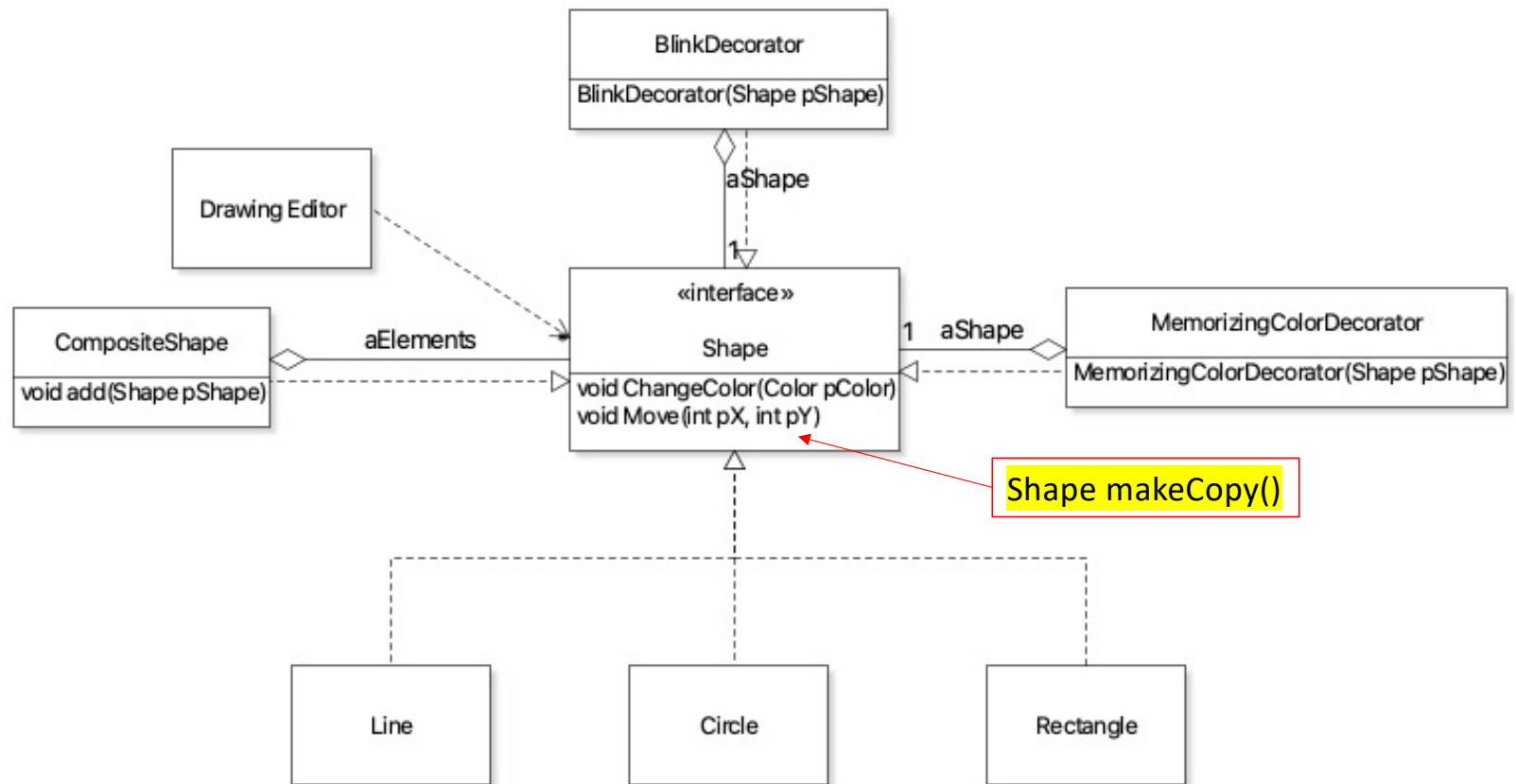
```
/**
 * Aggregate a collection of shapes.
 * The client can get shapes and
 * add new shape on demand
 *
 */
public class ShapeManager
{
    private final List<Shape> aShapes = new ArrayList<>();

    public List<Shape> getShapes()
    {
        // return a copy of aShapes;
    }

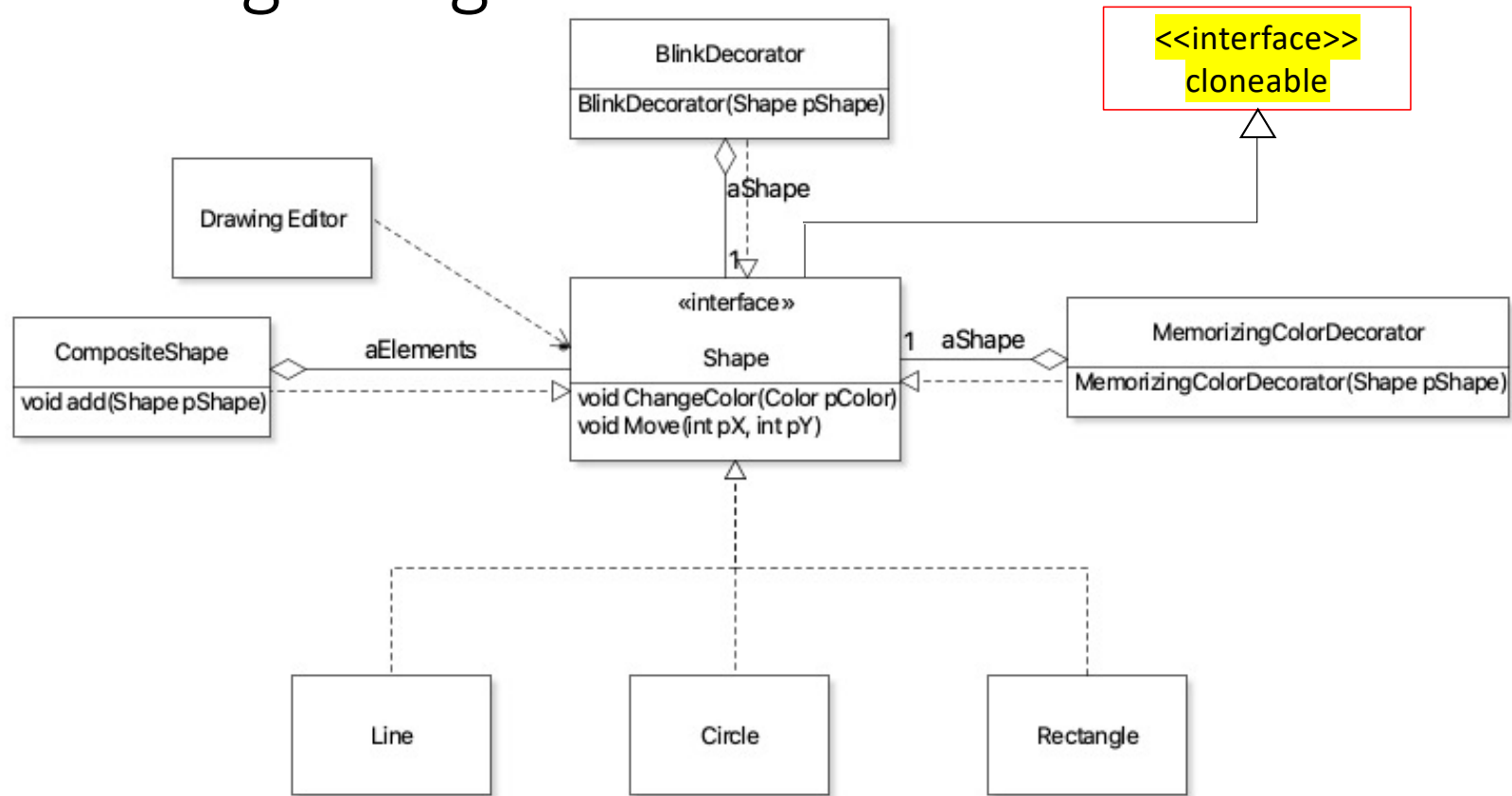
    public void addShape(Shape pShape)
    {
        aShapes.add(pShape.makeCopy());
    }
}
```

```
public class Line implements Shape
{
    ...

    @Override
    public Line makeCopy()
    {
        return new Line(this);
    }
}
```



Achieving using Java API



Implements Cloneable

“Tough the specification doesn’t say it, in practice, a class implementing Cloneable is expected to provide a properly Functioning public clone Method.

In order to achieve this, the class and all of its super classes must obey a complex, unenforceable, thinly documented protocol. The resulting mechanism is fragile, dangerous, and extralinguistic: it creates object without calling a constructor.”

Implements Cloneable

- java.lang.Cloneable

this interface does *not* contain the clone method.

implement this interface should override `Object.clone` with a public method.

A class implements the Cloneable interface to indicate to the [`Object.clone\(\)`](#) method that it is legal for that method to make a field-for-field copy of instances of that class.

Invoking `Object`'s clone method on an instance that does not implement the Cloneable interface results in the exception `CloneNotSupportedException` being thrown.

Override Object.clone()

protected [Object](#) clone()
throws [CloneNotSupportedException](#)

Creates and returns a copy of this object.

`x.clone() != x`

`x.clone().getClass() == x.getClass()`

`x.clone().equals(x)`

object should be obtained by calling `super.clone`

the object returned by this method should be independent of this object

```
public class CompositeShape implements Shape
{
```

```
    private List<Shape> aElements = new ArrayList<>();
```

```
    @Override
```

```
    public CompositeShape clone()
    {
```

```
        try
```

```
        {
```

```
            CompositeShape clone = (CompositeShape) super.clone();
```

```
            clone.aElements = new ArrayList< Shape>();
```

```
            for (Shape sp:aElements)
```

```
            {
```

```
                clone.aElements.add(sp.clone());
```

```
            }
```

```
            return clone;
```

```
        }
```

```
        catch (CloneNotSupportedException e)
```

```
        {
```

```
            assert false;
```

```
            return null;
```

```
        }
```

```
    }
```

```
}
```

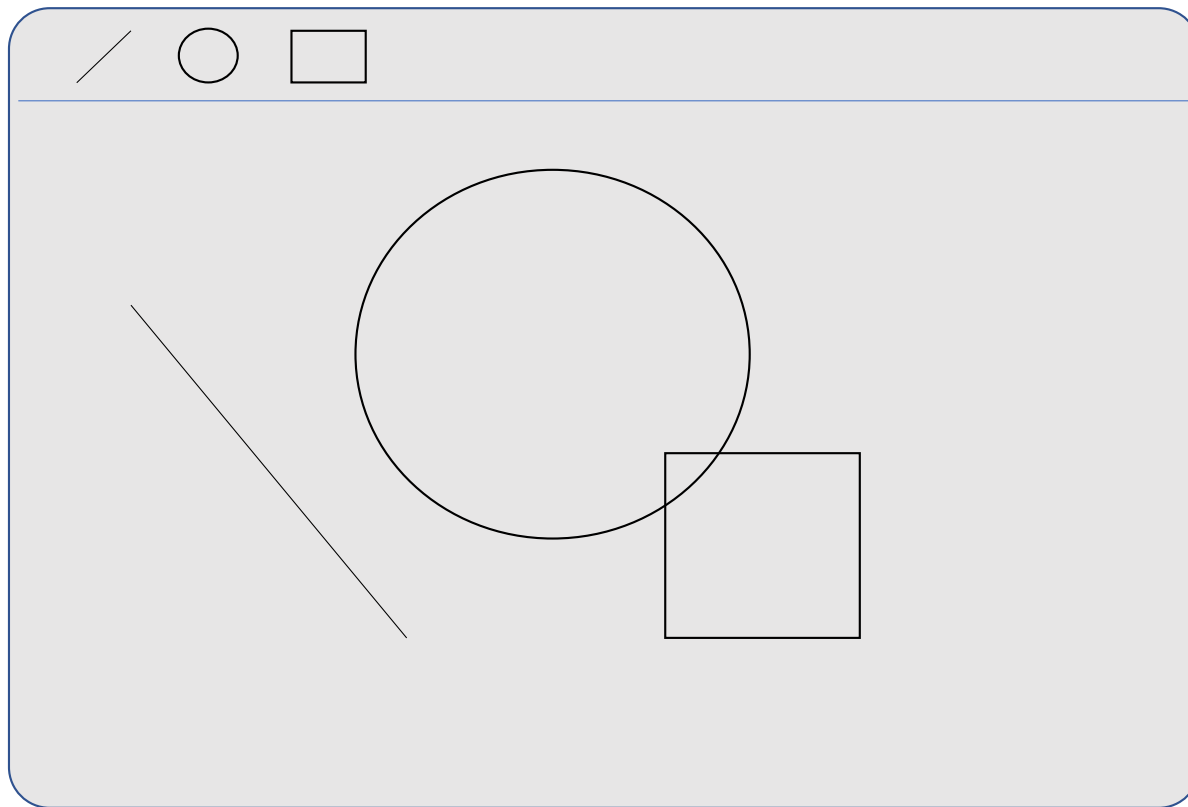
Making a shallow copy

Objective

- Design Principle:
Divide and Conquer
- Programming mechanism:
Aggregation and Delegation, Polymorphic Object Cloning
- Design Techniques:
Sequence Diagram
- Patterns and Anti-patterns:
Composite Pattern, Decorator Pattern, **Prototype Pattern**, God class 🙅

Design Problem

Allow the user to add shortcut to create predefined (any) shape, e.g., a red circle on top of a green rectangle what blinks twice.



```
/**
 * Aggregate a collection of shapes.
 * The client can get shapes and
 * add new shape on demand
 *
 */
public class ShapeManager
{
    private final List<Shape> aShapes = new ArrayList<>();
    private Shape aPrototype;

    public List<Shape> getShapes()
    {
        // return a copy of aShapes;
    }

    public void addShape(Shape pShape)
    {
        // add a copy of pShape;
    }
}
```

```
/**
 * Aggregate a collection of shapes.
 * The client can get shapes and
 * add new shape on demand
 *
 */
public class ShapeManager
{
    private final List<Shape> aShapes = new ArrayList<>();
    private Shape aPrototype;


    public List<Shape> getShapes()
    {
        // return a copy of aShapes;
    }

    public void setProptypeShape(Shape pShape)
    {
        aPrototype = pShape.clone();
    }

    public void addShape()
    {
        aShapes.add(aPrototype.clone());
    }
}
```

Prototype

- Intent
 - Specify the kinds of objects to create using a prototypical instance, and create new objects by copying this prototype.
- Participants
 - Prototype
 - declares an interface for cloning itself.*
 - Product (Concrete Prototype)
 - implements an operation for cloning itself.*
 - Client
 - creates a new object by asking a prototype to clone itself.*



Activity 2: Consider what are the benefits and drawbacks of using Prototype Pattern?

Potential benefit:

- Concrete objects (e.g., objects of Line, Circle, Composite Shape, etc.) is going to be hidden from the clients, so that it reduces the classes the clients need to know about;
- You have the flexibility of adding or removing classes without affecting the client's code;
- The client can build complex object by updating fields of prototype.

Potential drawback:

- You need to override the clone method for all the subclasses of the prototype which might not be easy to achieve.