

# Proper Inheritance

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# Abstract

All essential behavior of our software must be documented, and yet there are important advantages, with respect to development, verification and testing, performance, and stability, for leaving the behavior for some combinations of inputs and initial conditions undefined. What is and is not defined behavior should therefore be readily discernible from the contract, especially when creating contracts that must span classes related by inheritance.

In this two-part talk, we begin by reviewing components, interfaces and contracts in general, and the significance of **narrow** versus **wide** contracts. In the second part, we go on to explore three kinds of inheritance: (1) ***Interface Inheritance*** resulting from pure-virtual functions, (2) ***Structural Inheritance*** resulting from non-virtual functions, and (3) ***Implementation Inheritance*** resulting from non-pure virtual functions. Proper contracts involving each of these distinct forms have different criteria that must be addressed. The three kinds of inheritance are compared, and their relative utility is explained. What's more, several common uses of inheritance that are provably improper are summarily debunked.

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- It requires attention to numerous **logical** and **physical** rules that govern sound software design.

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in the context inheritance.

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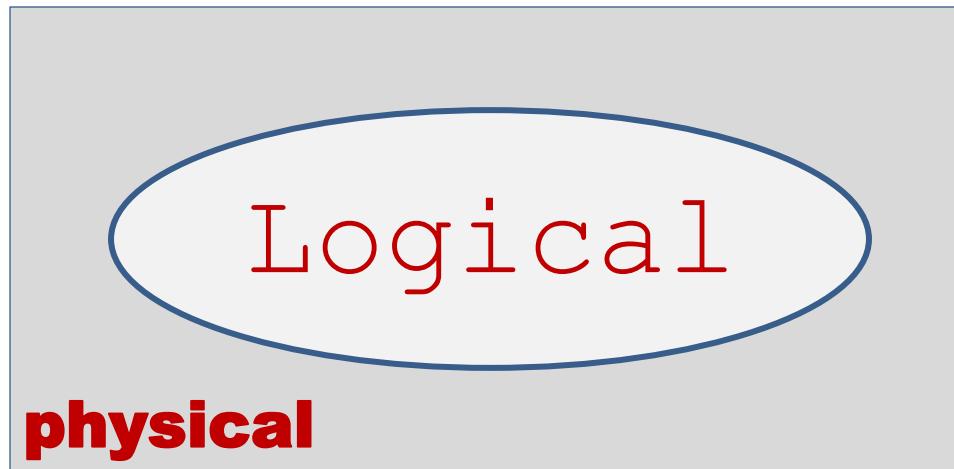
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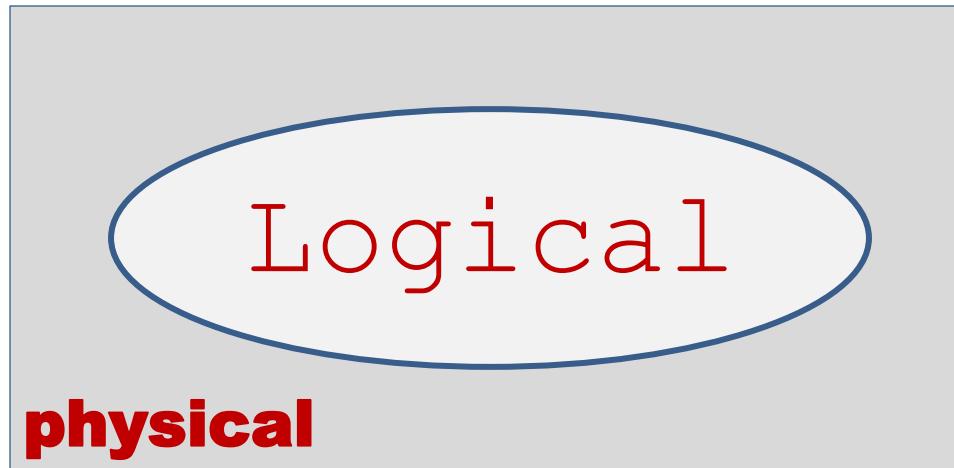
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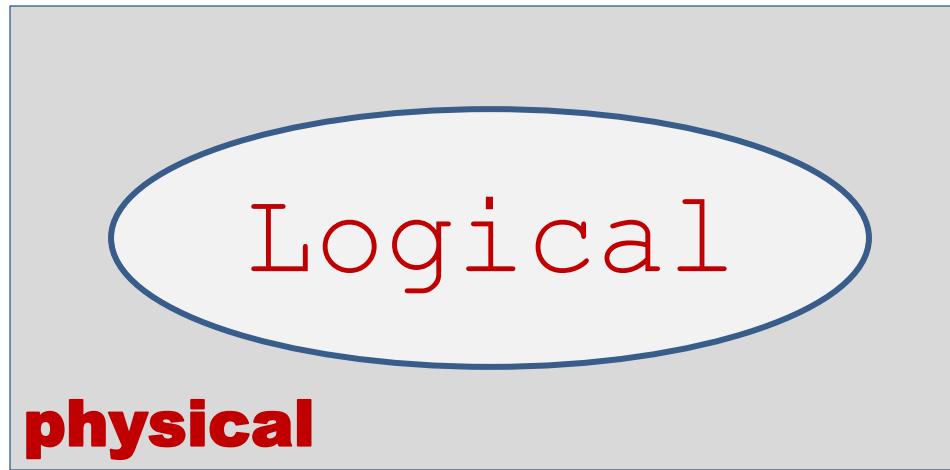


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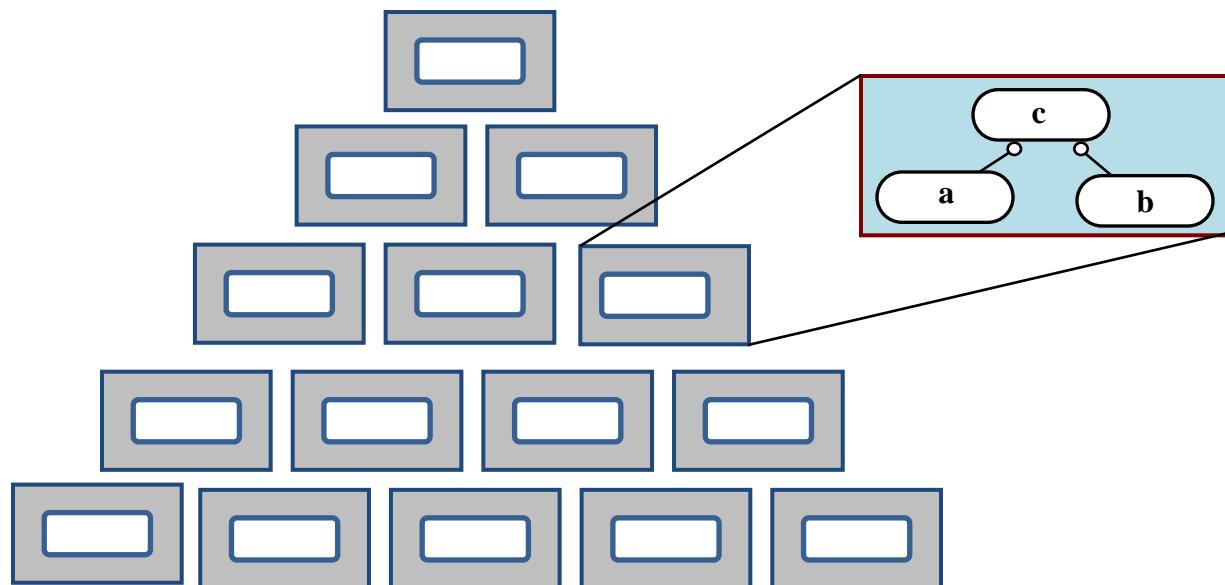
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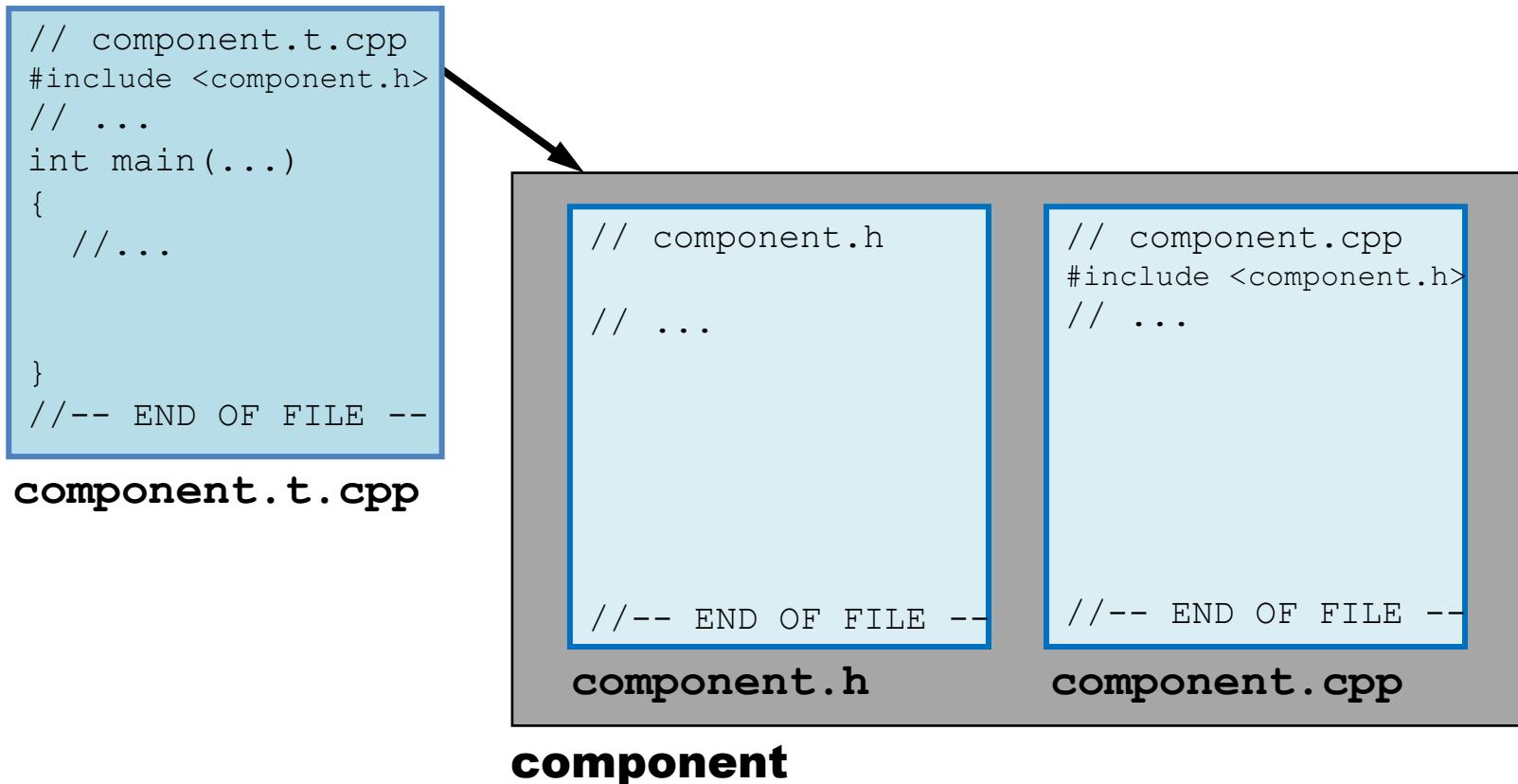
*Logical* content aggregated into a  
*Physical* hierarchy of **components**



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# *Component: Uniform Physical Structure*

## A Component Is Physical



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## Implementation

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// component.t.cpp
#include <component.h>
// ...
int main(...)

{
    //...
}

//-- END OF FILE --
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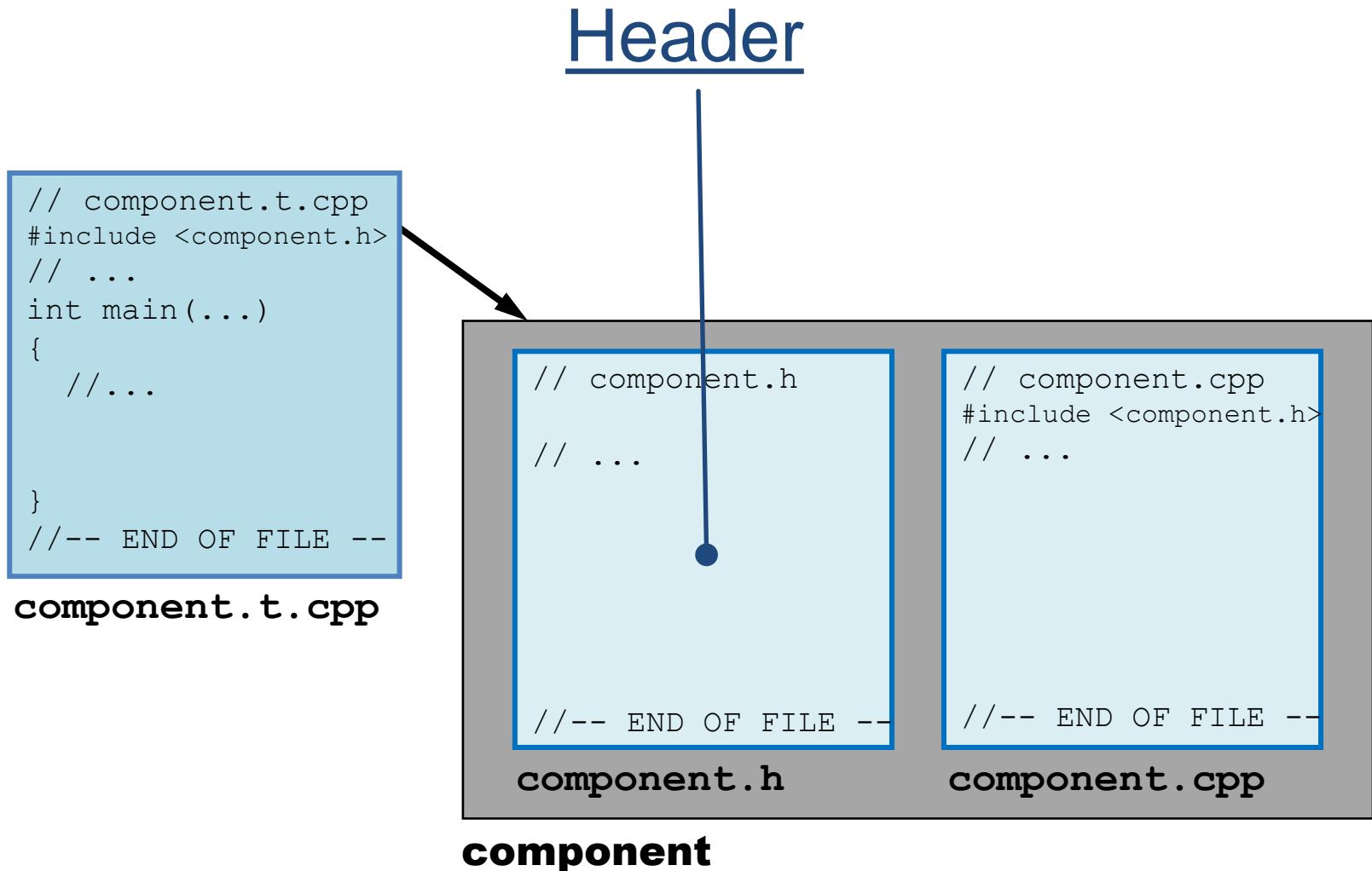
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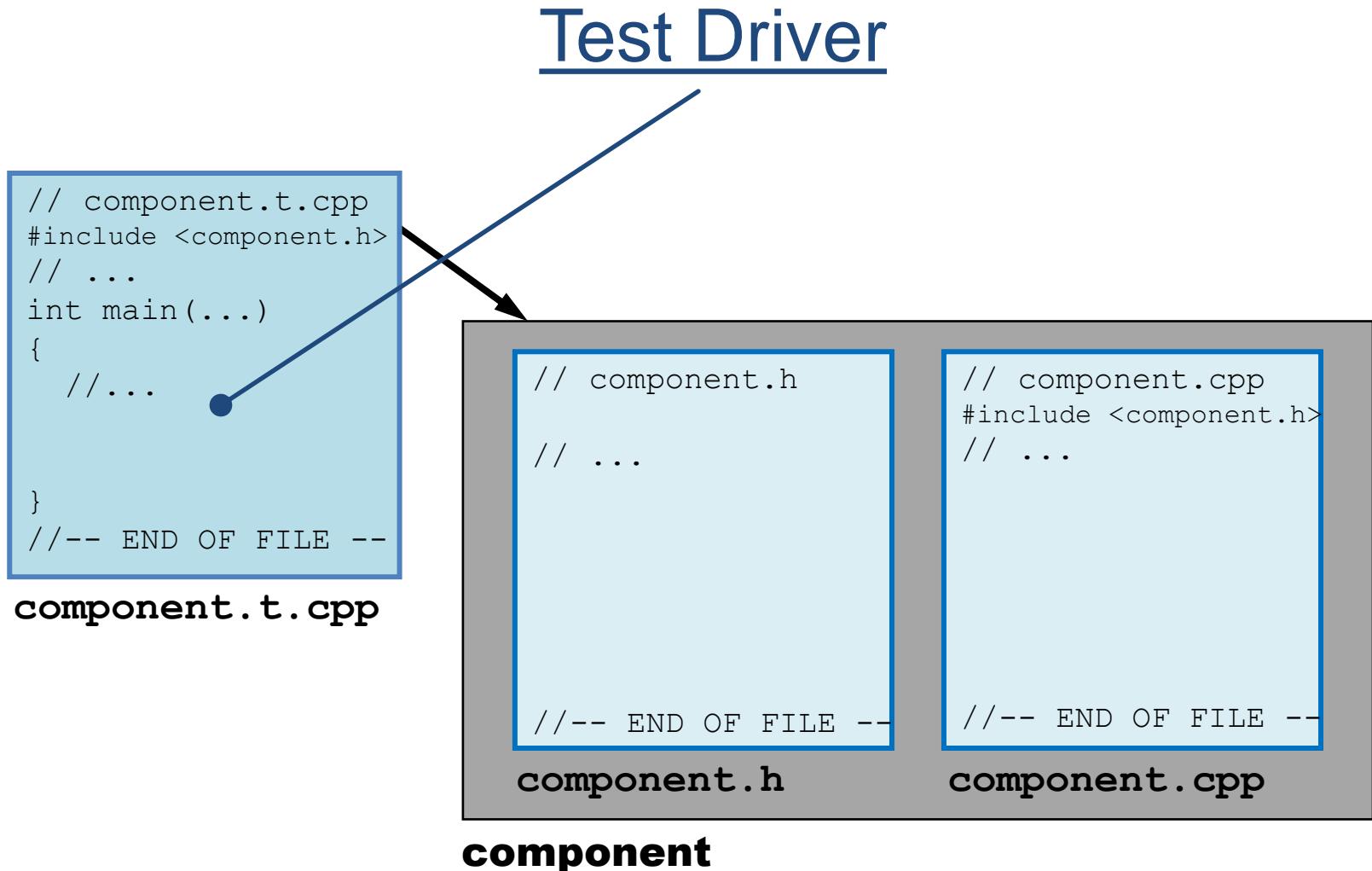
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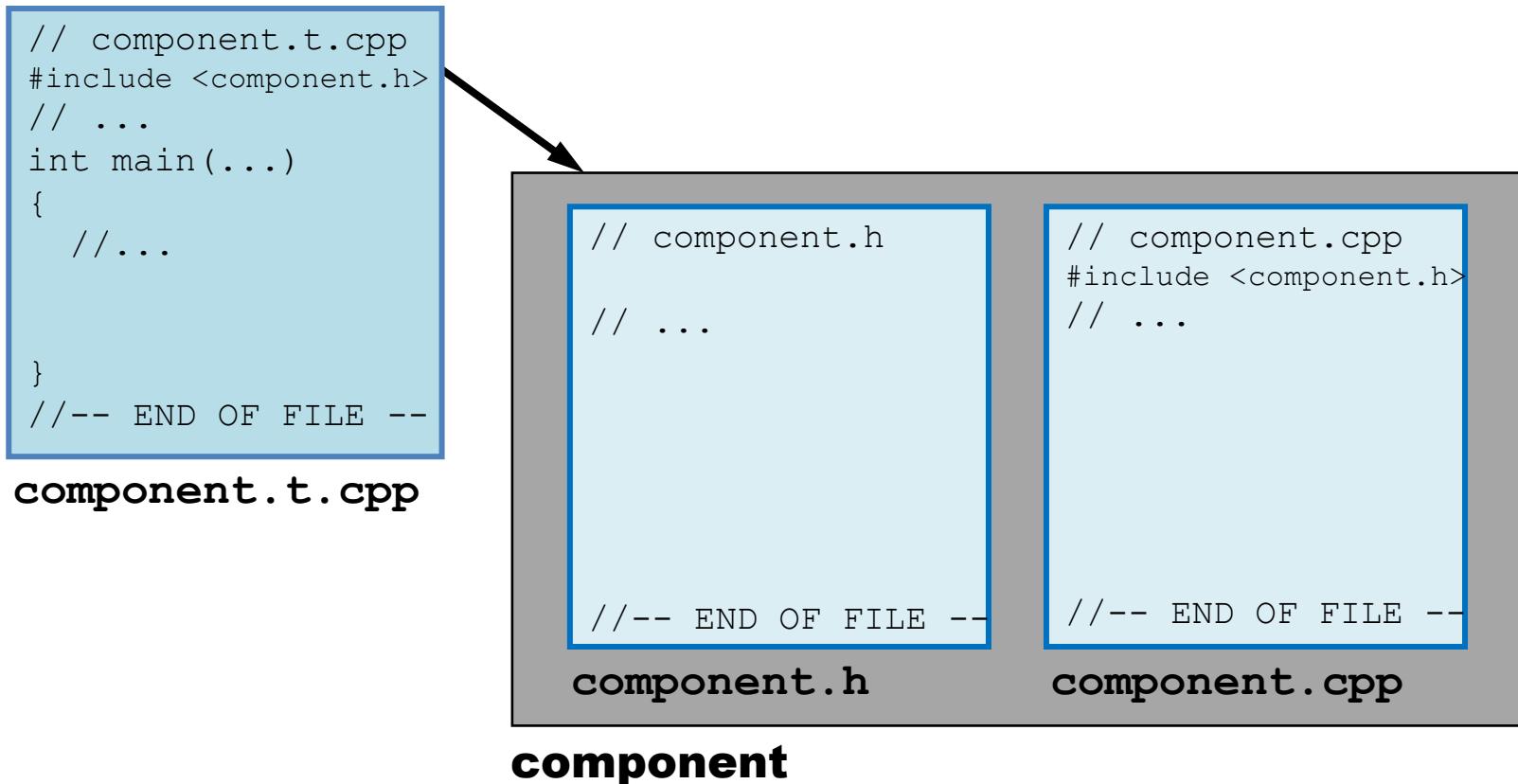
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## The Fundamental Unit of Design



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*Component: Not Just a .h/.cpp Pair*



my::Widget

my\_widget

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**There are four Properties...**

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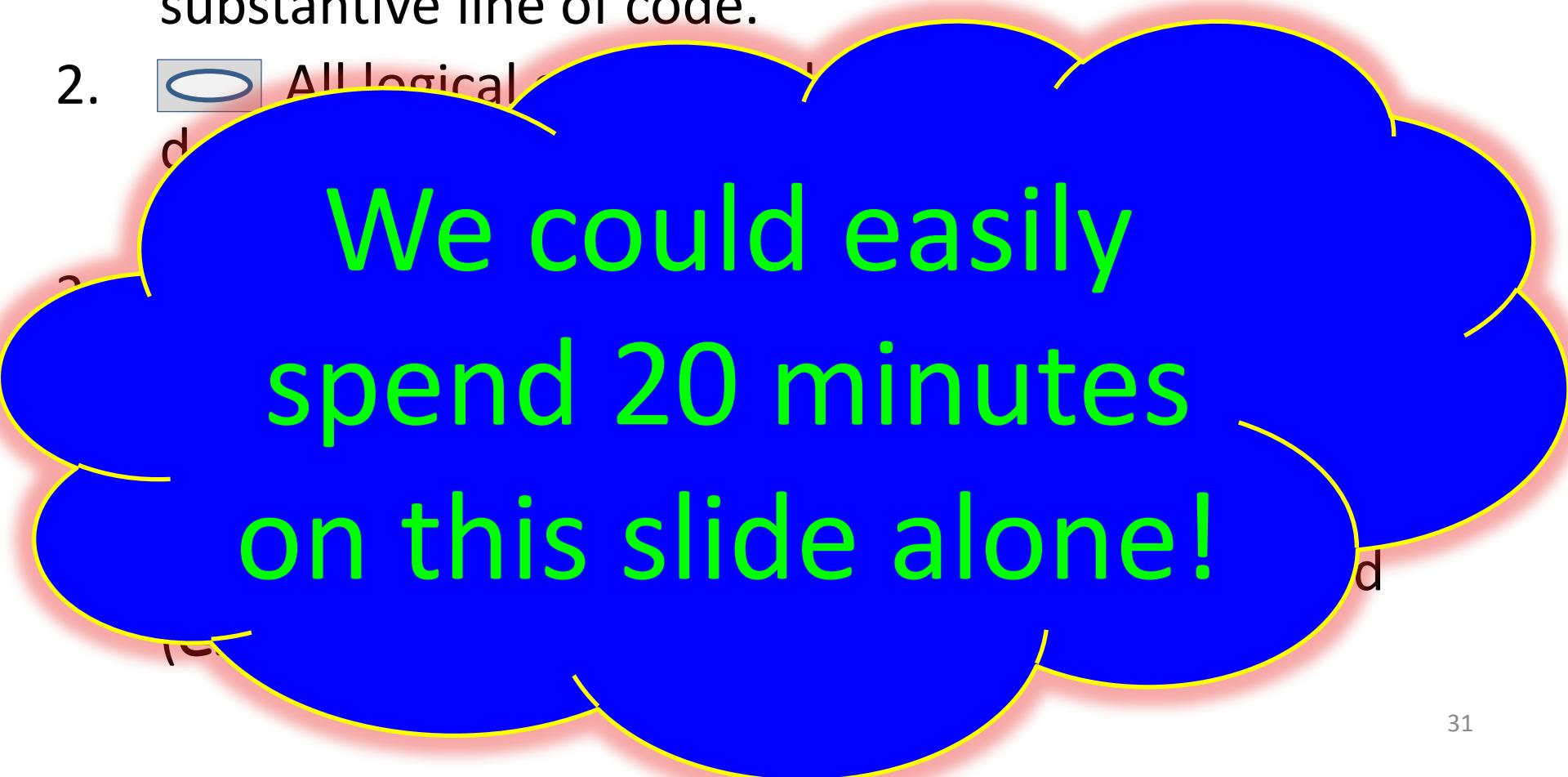
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1.  The ~~class~~ Substitution Rule / The ~~class~~ Substitution Principle

For much more see:

# ADVANCED LEVELIZATION TECHNIQUES

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# Logical Relationships

`PointList`

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Underscore Implies  
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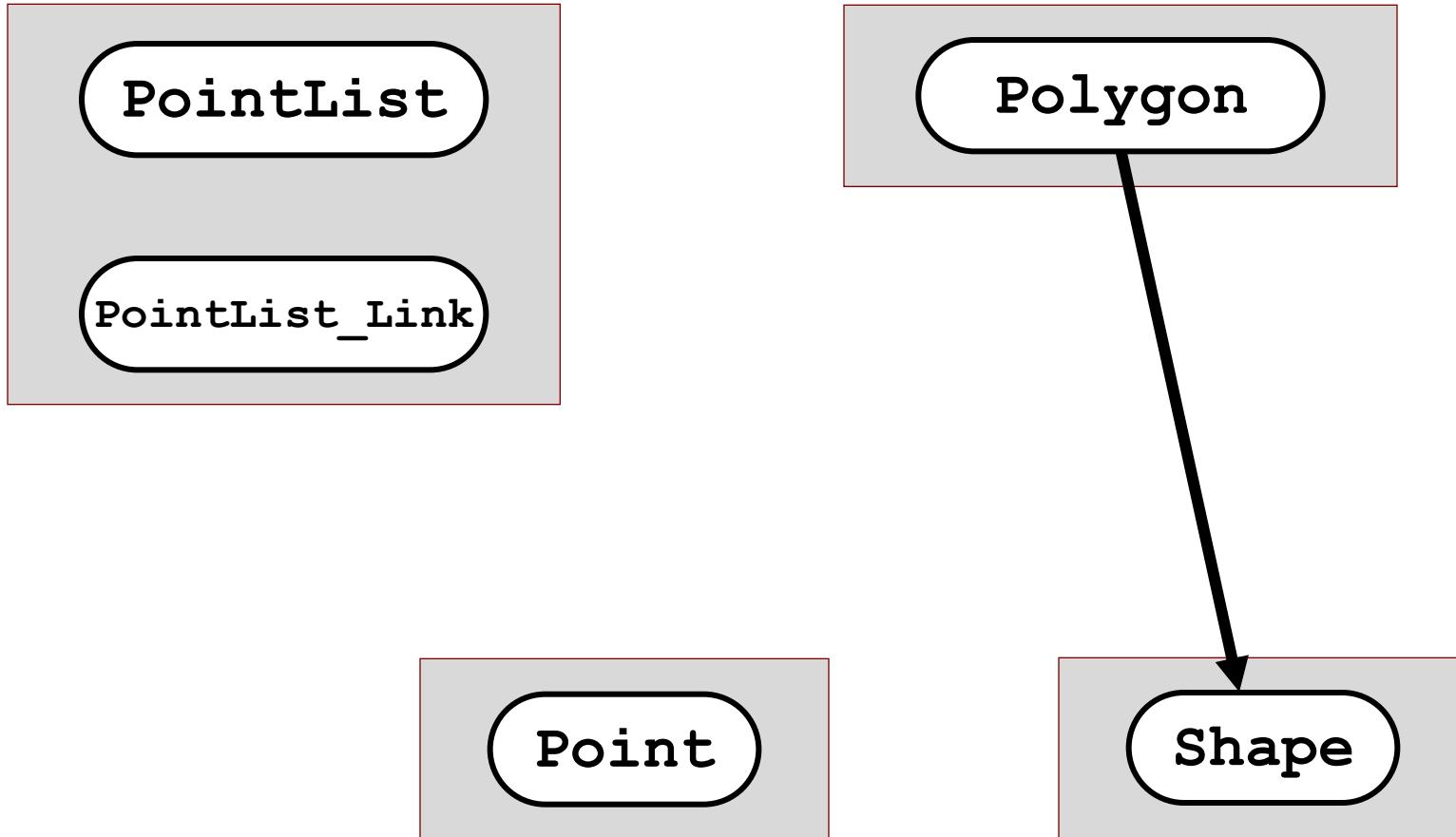
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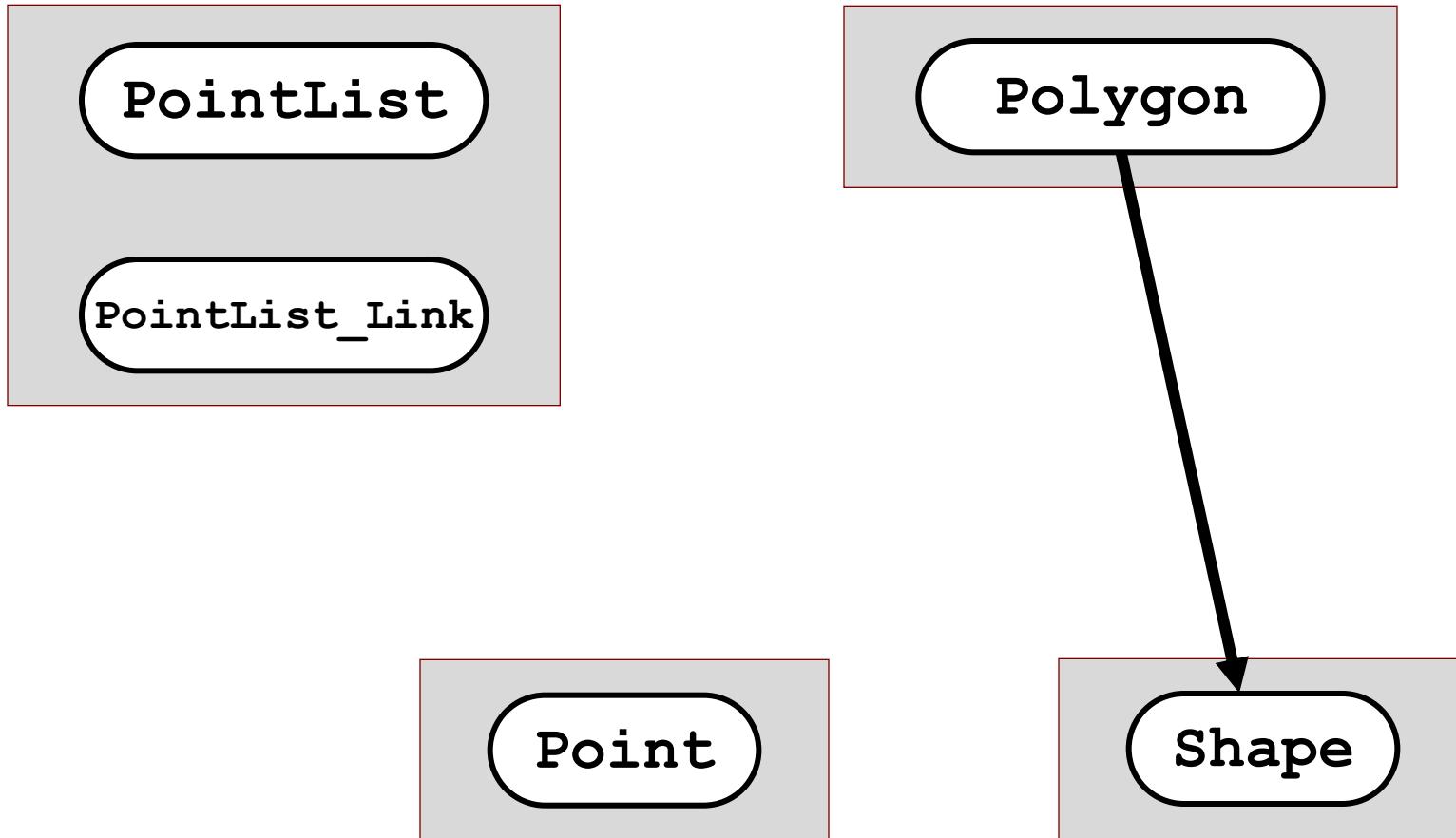
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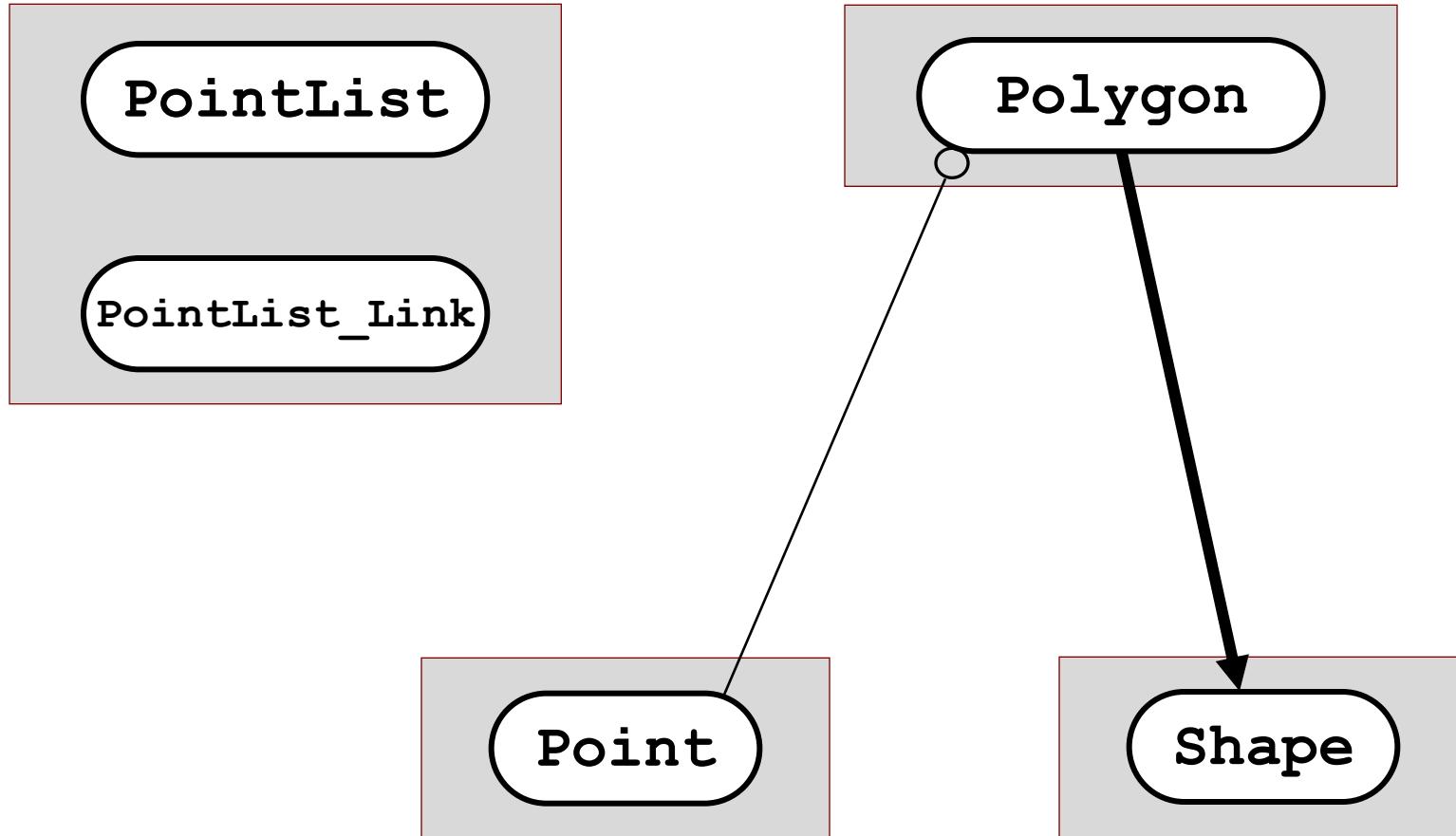
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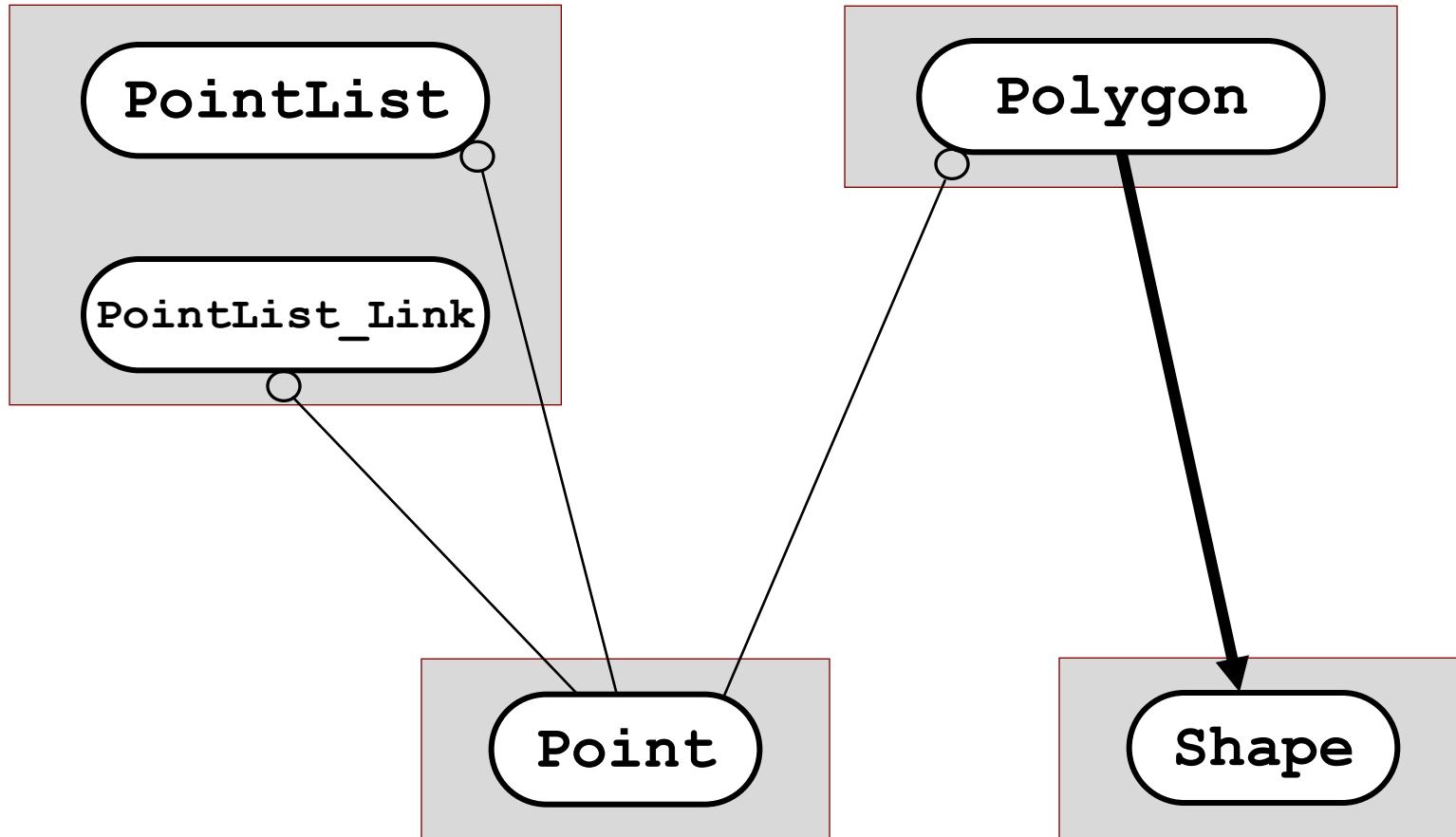
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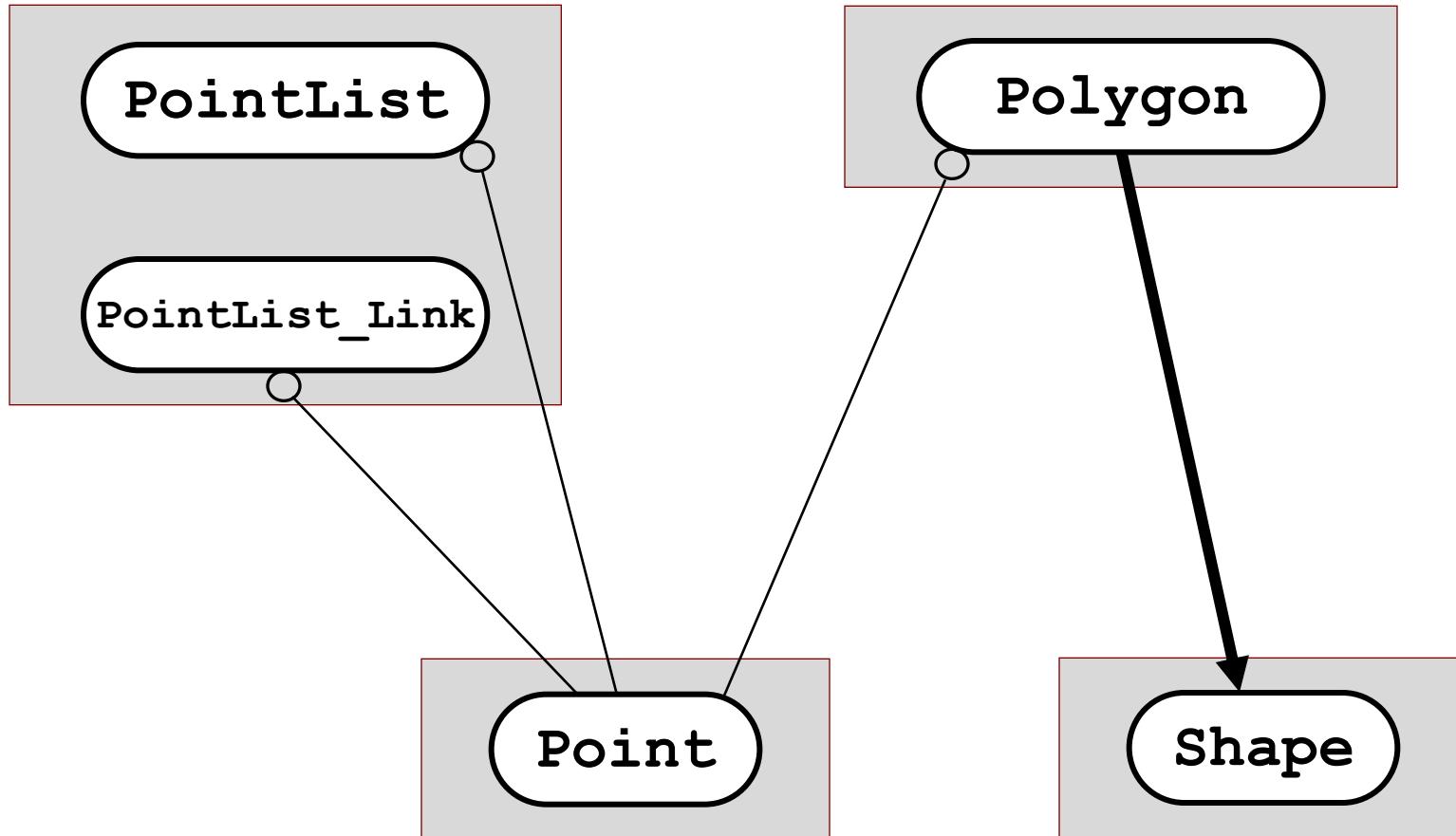
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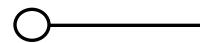
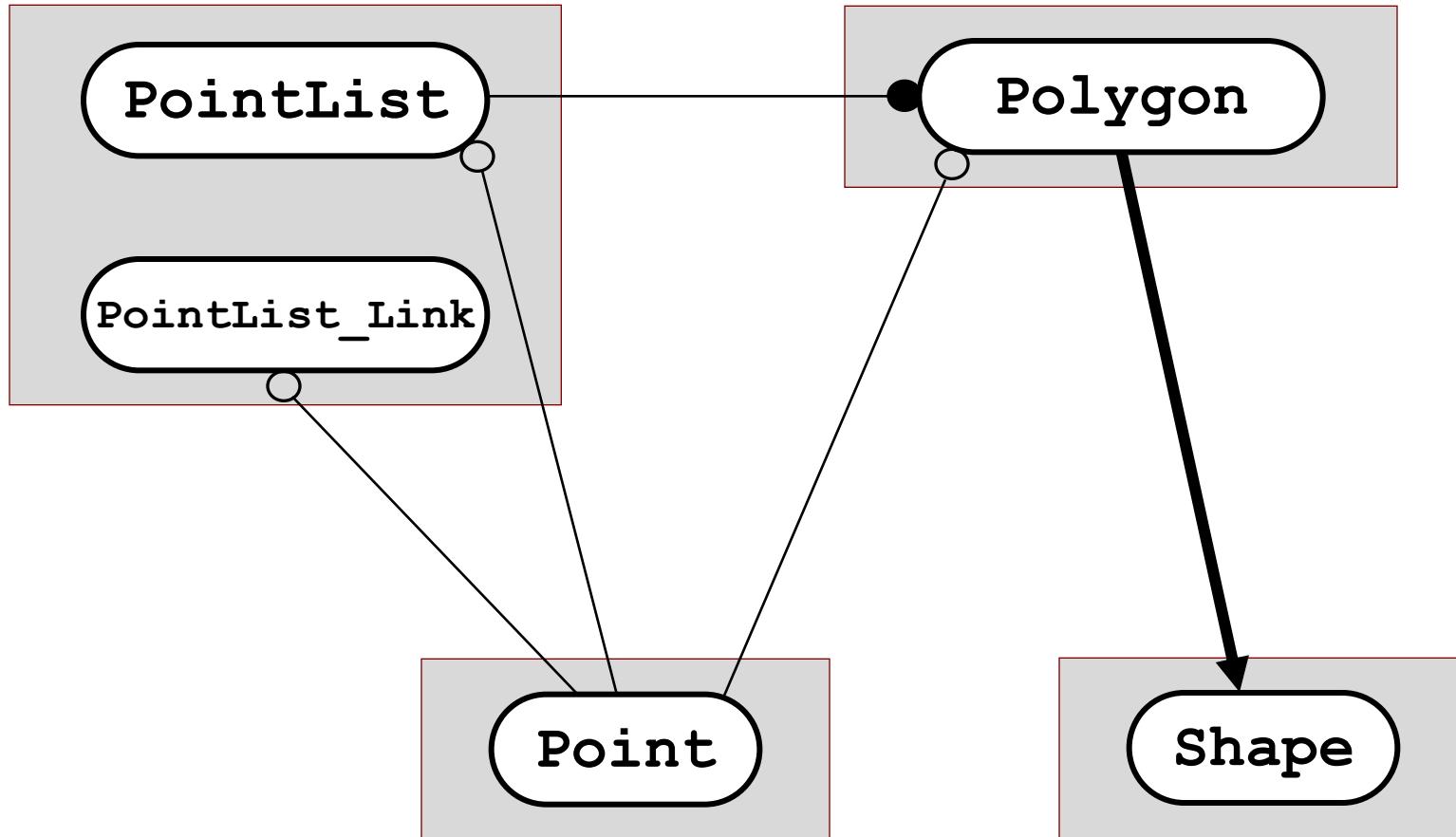


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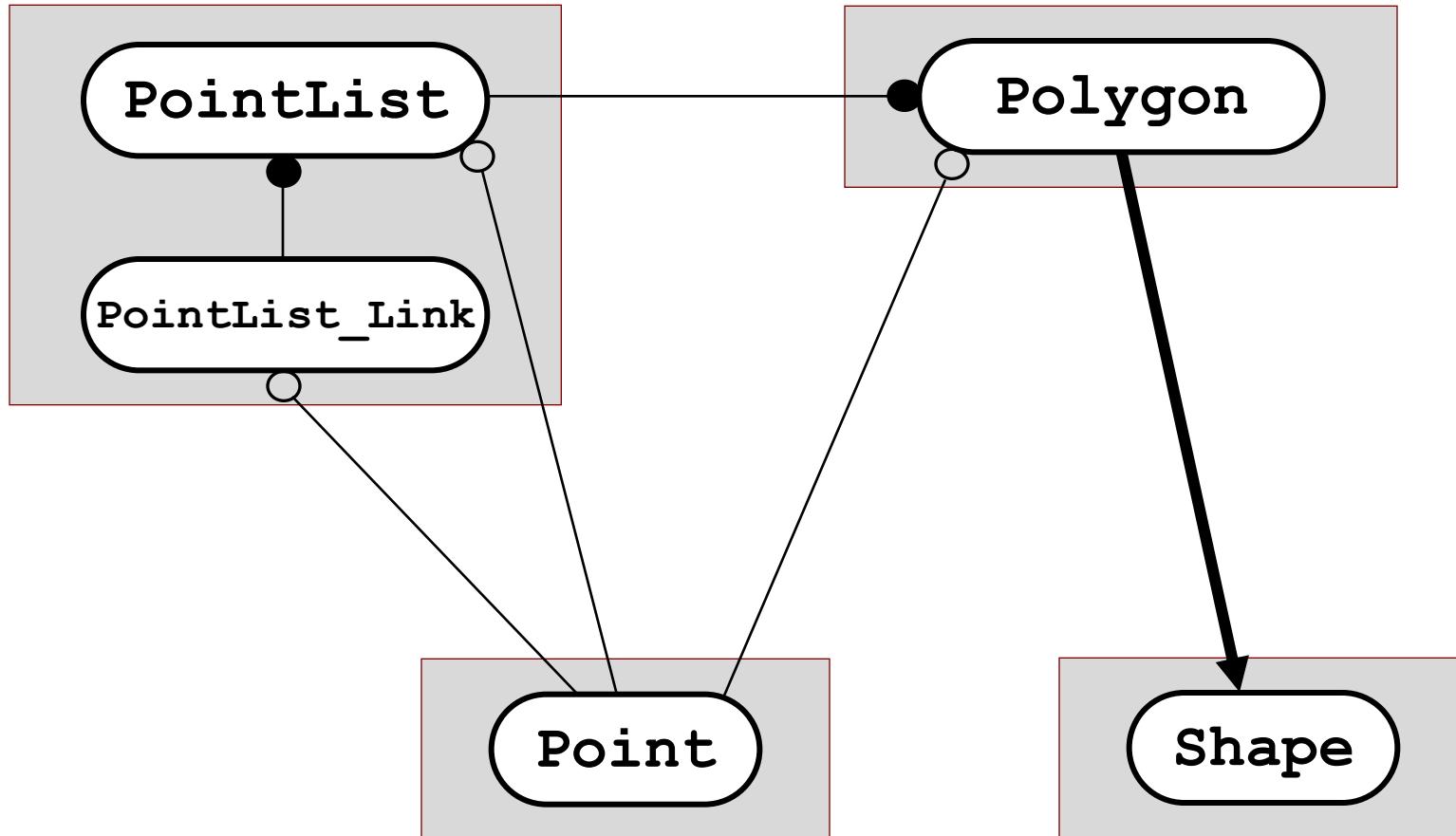
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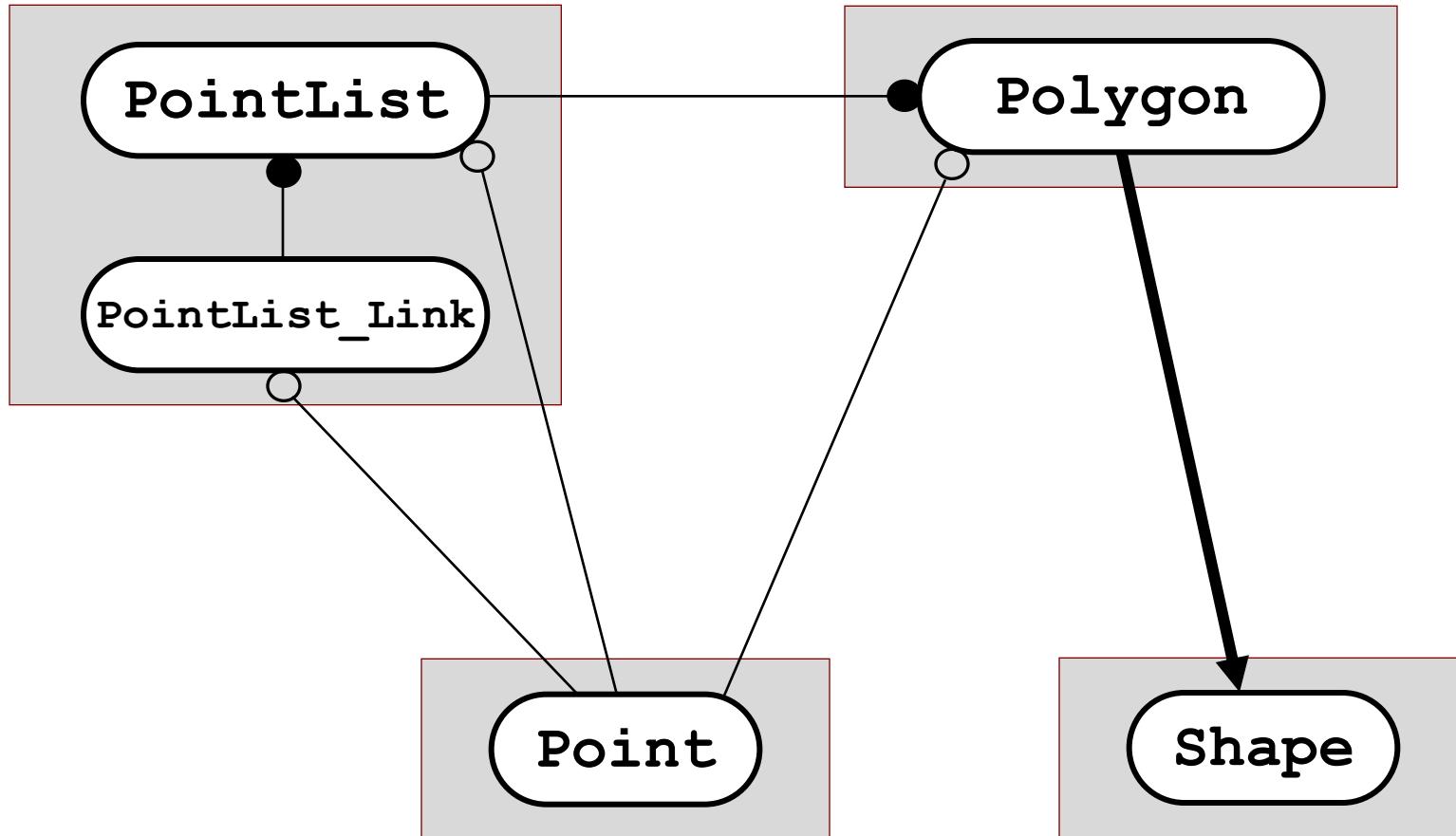
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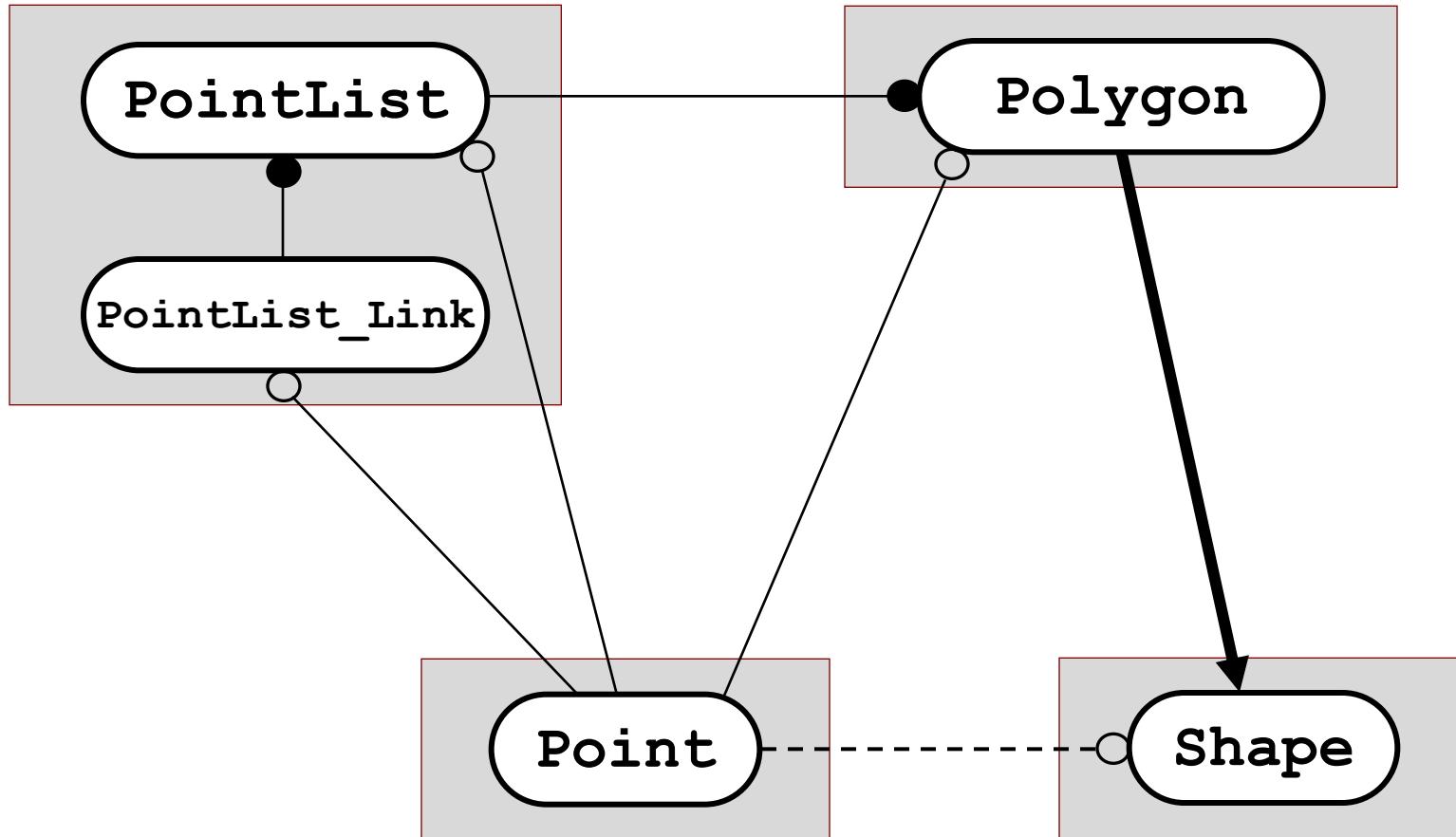
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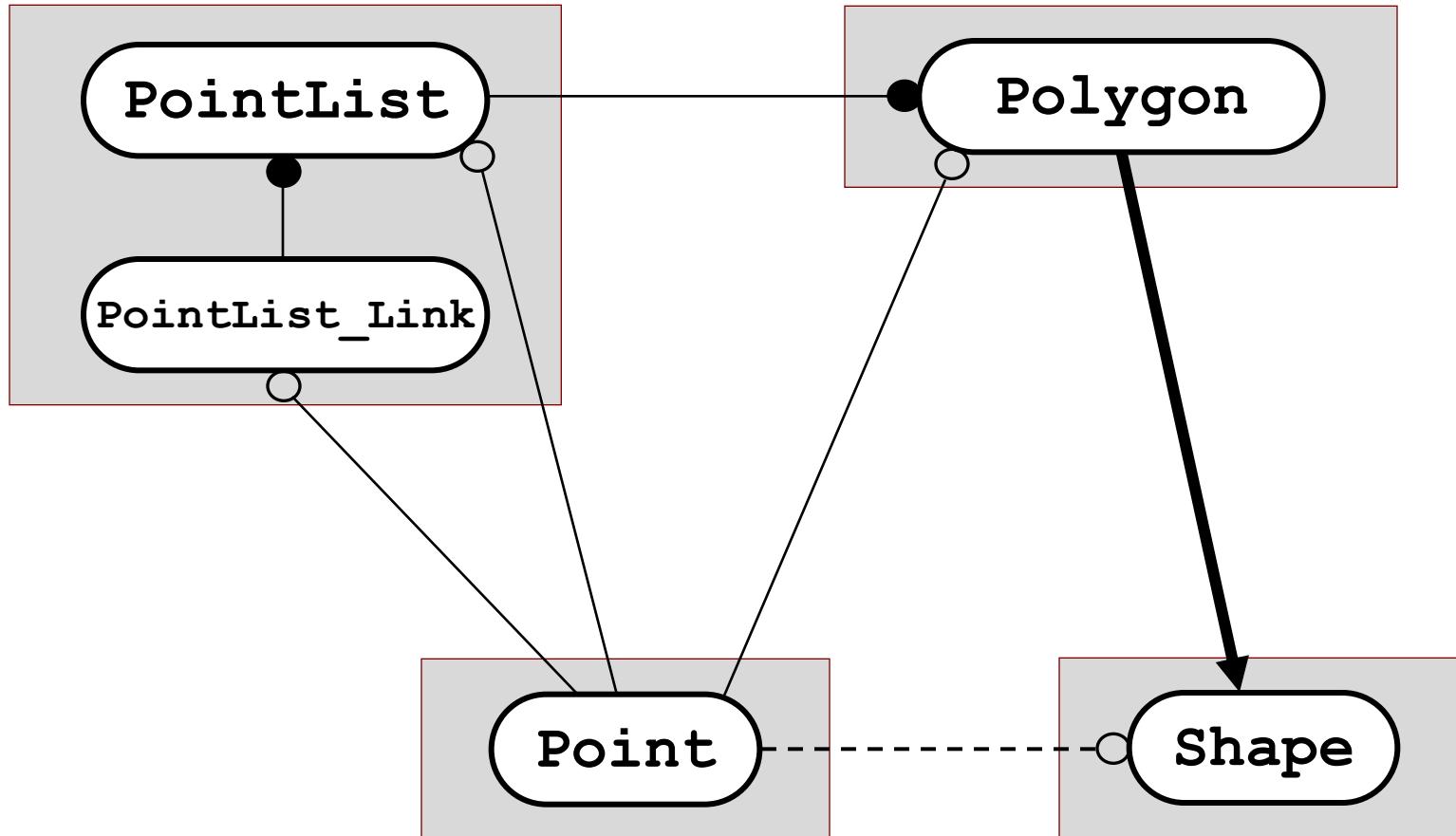


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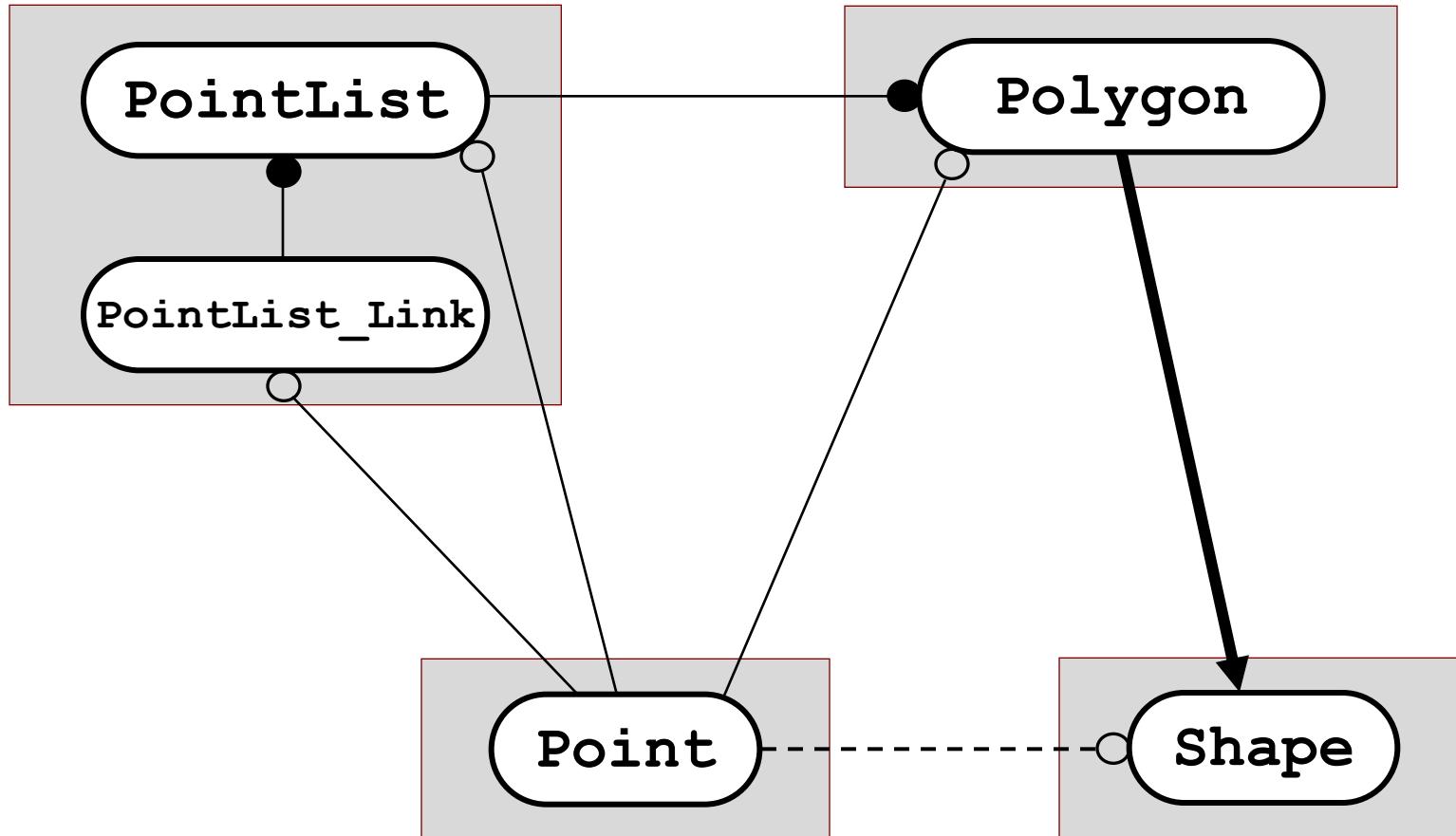


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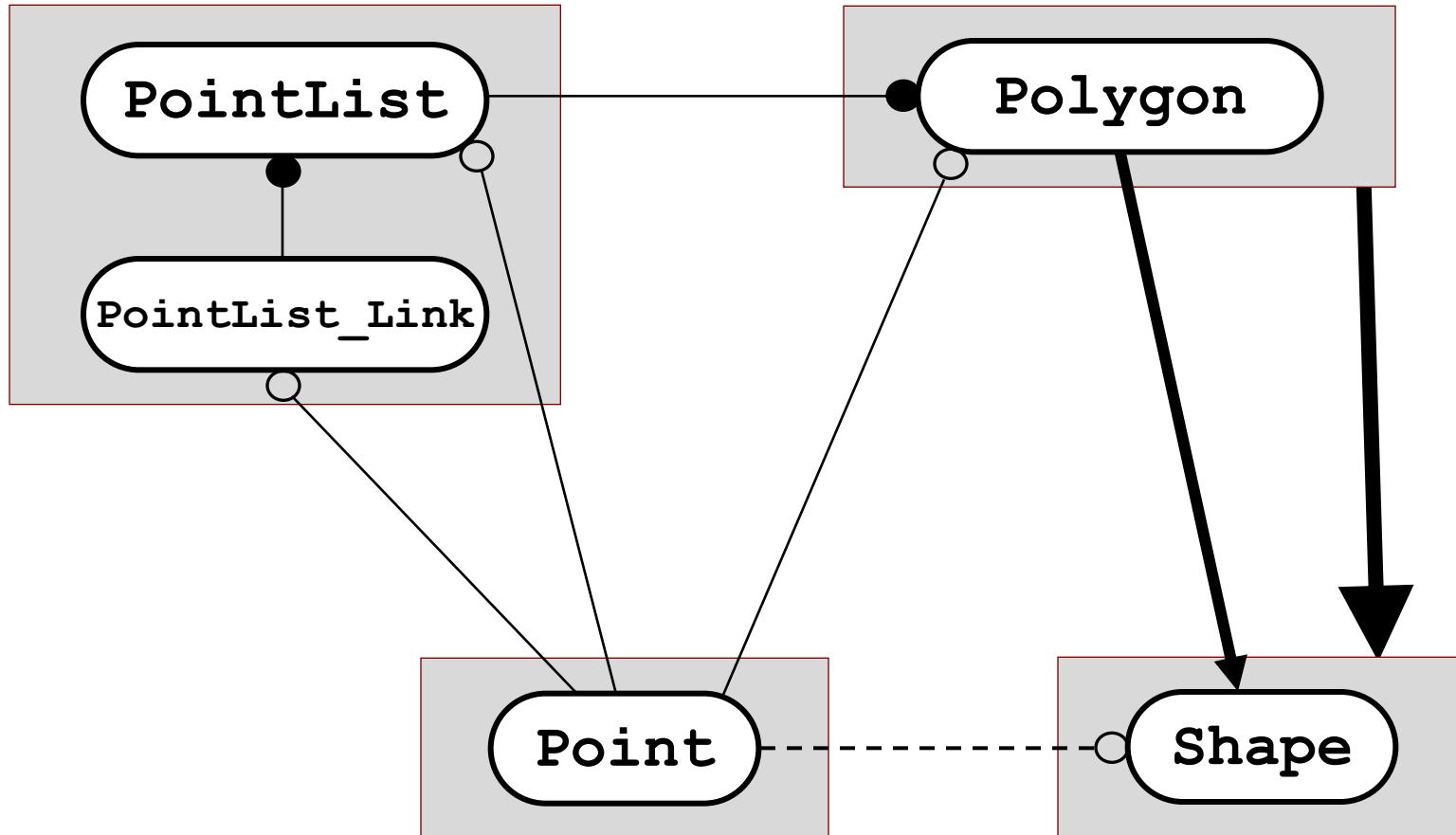


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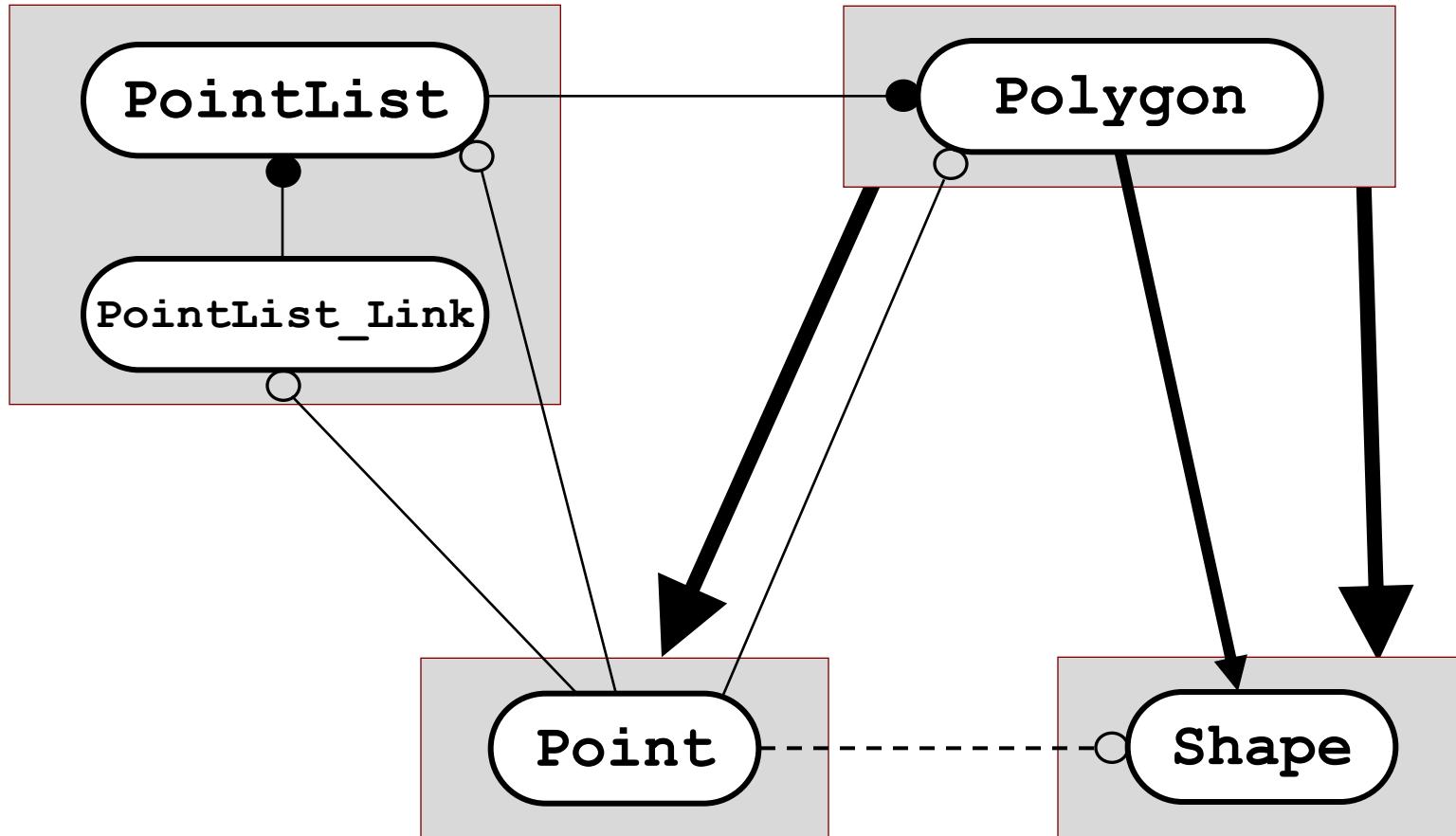


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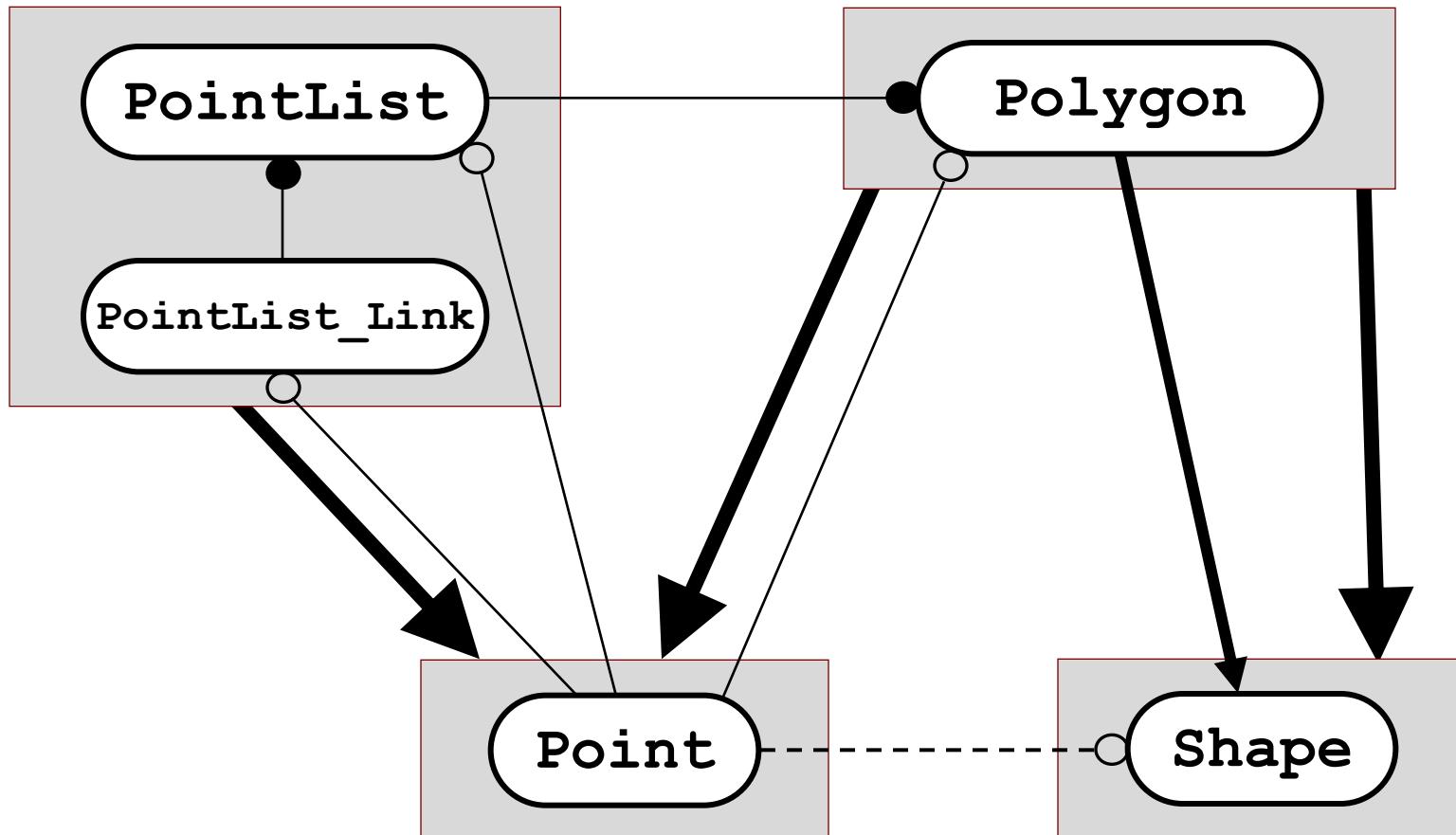


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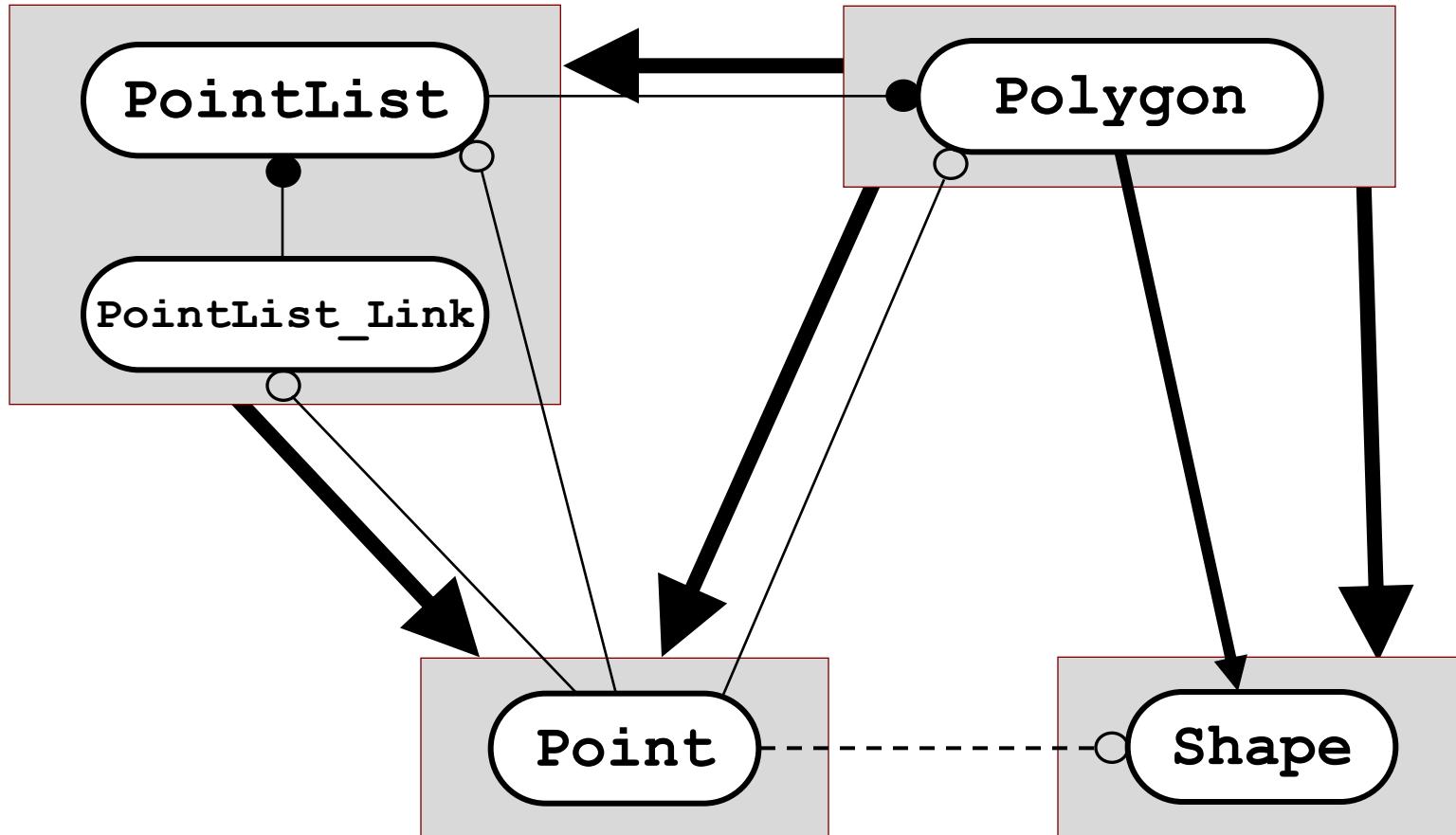


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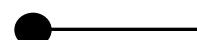
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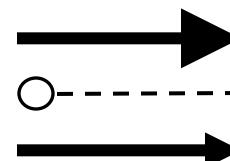
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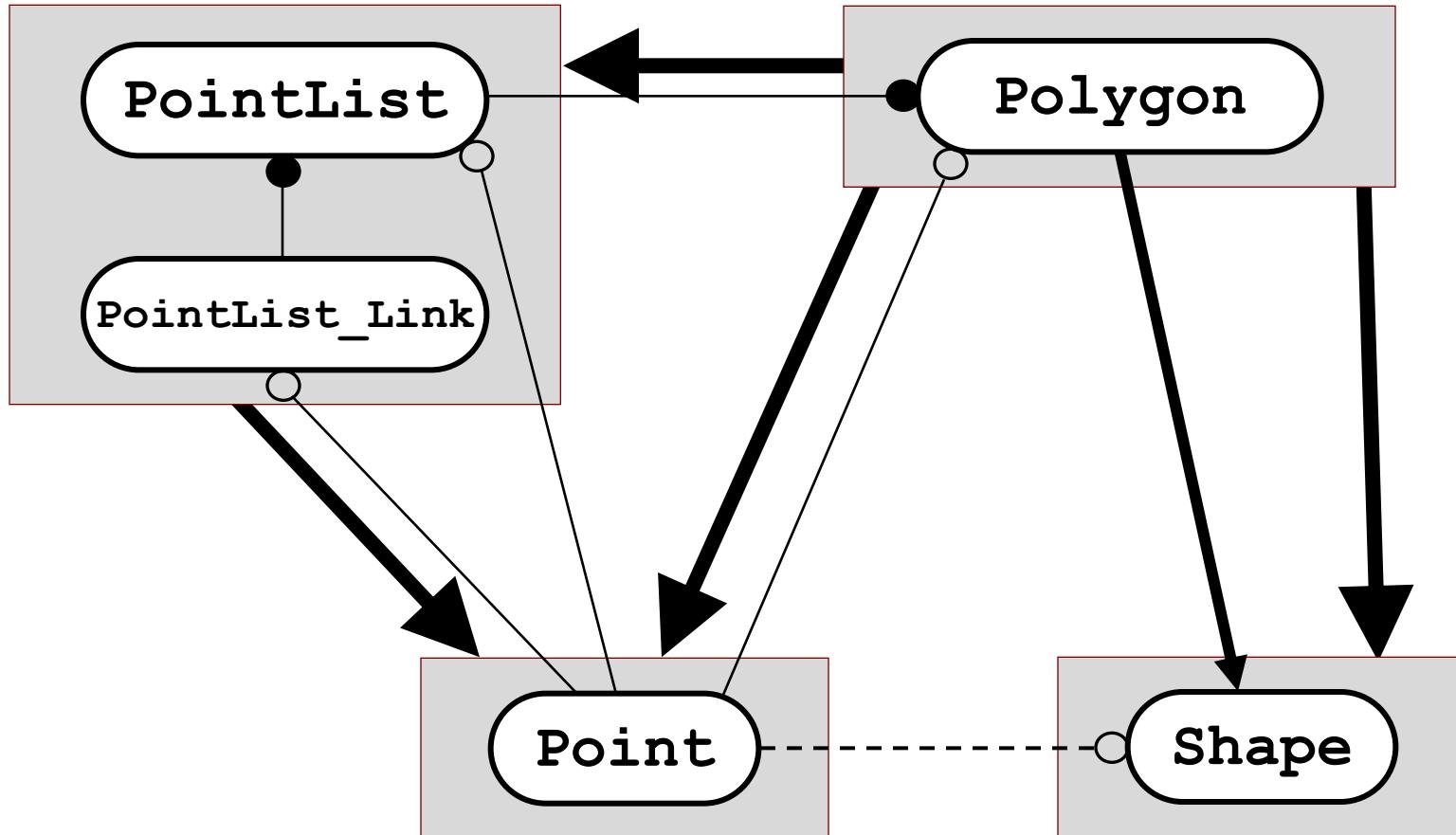


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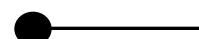
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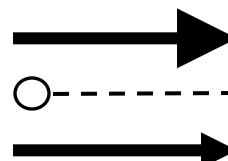
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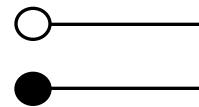
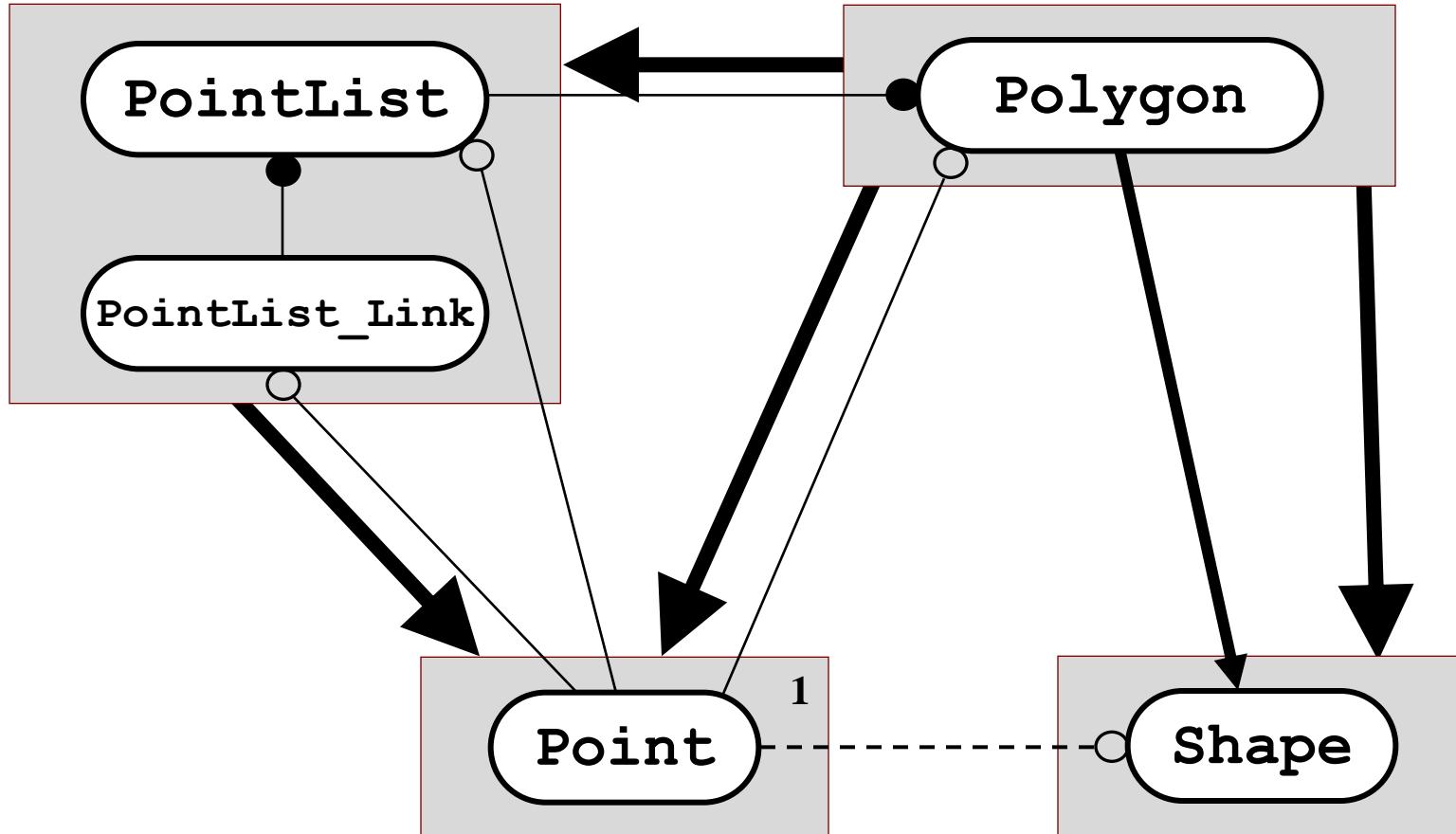


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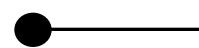
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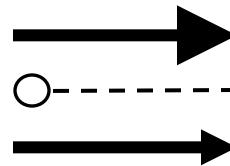
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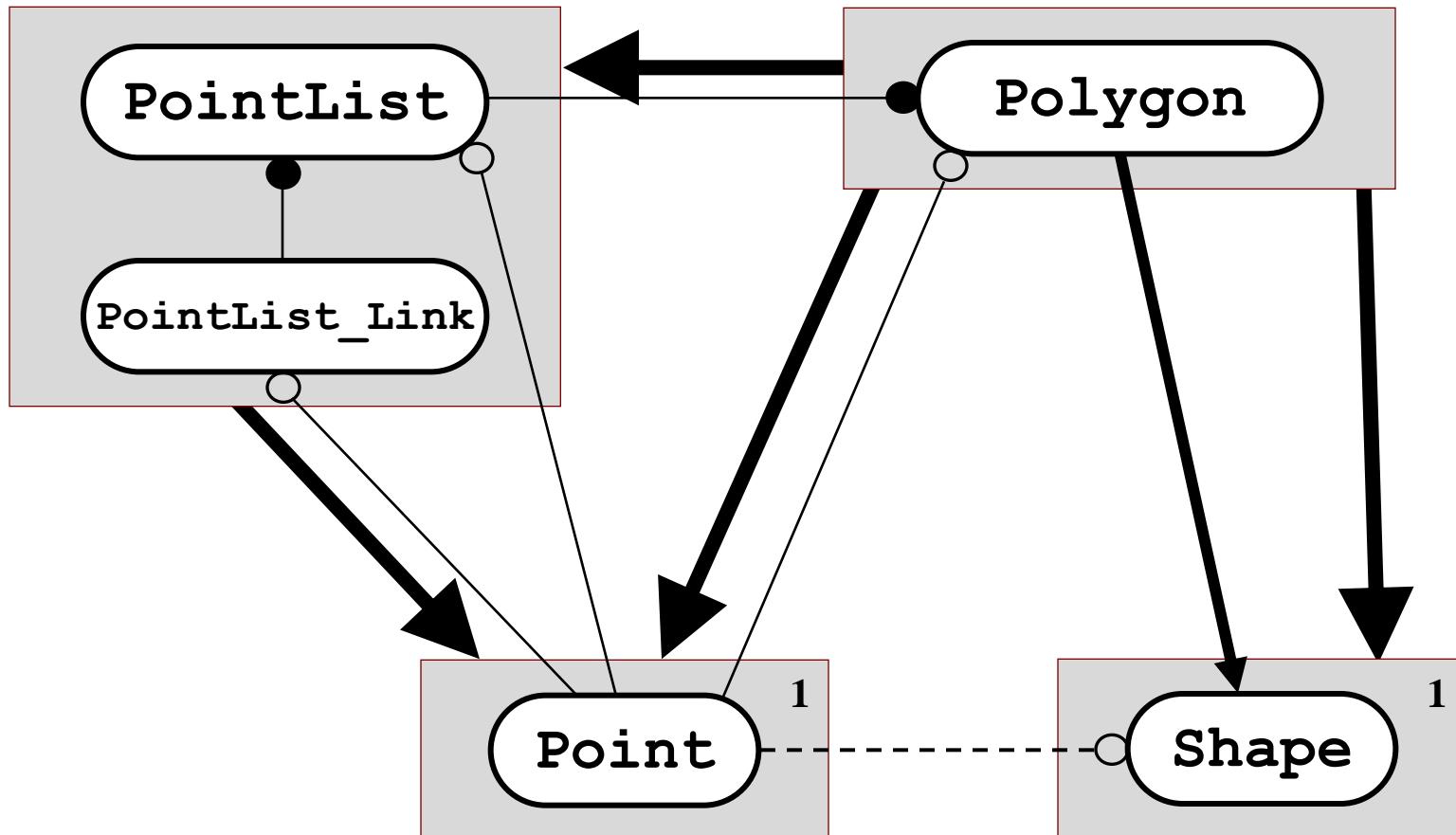


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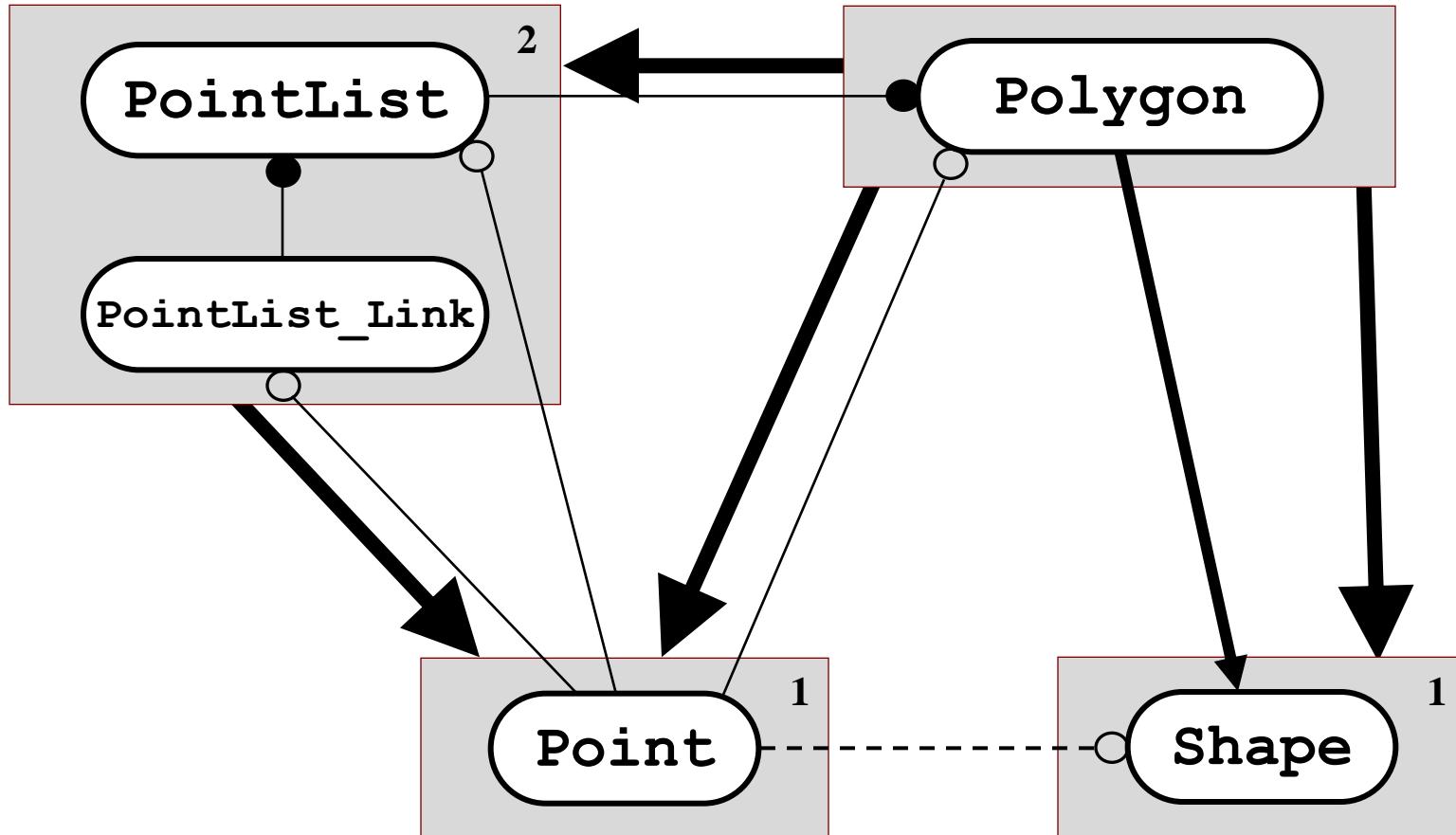


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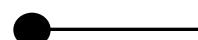
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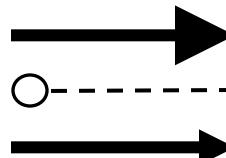
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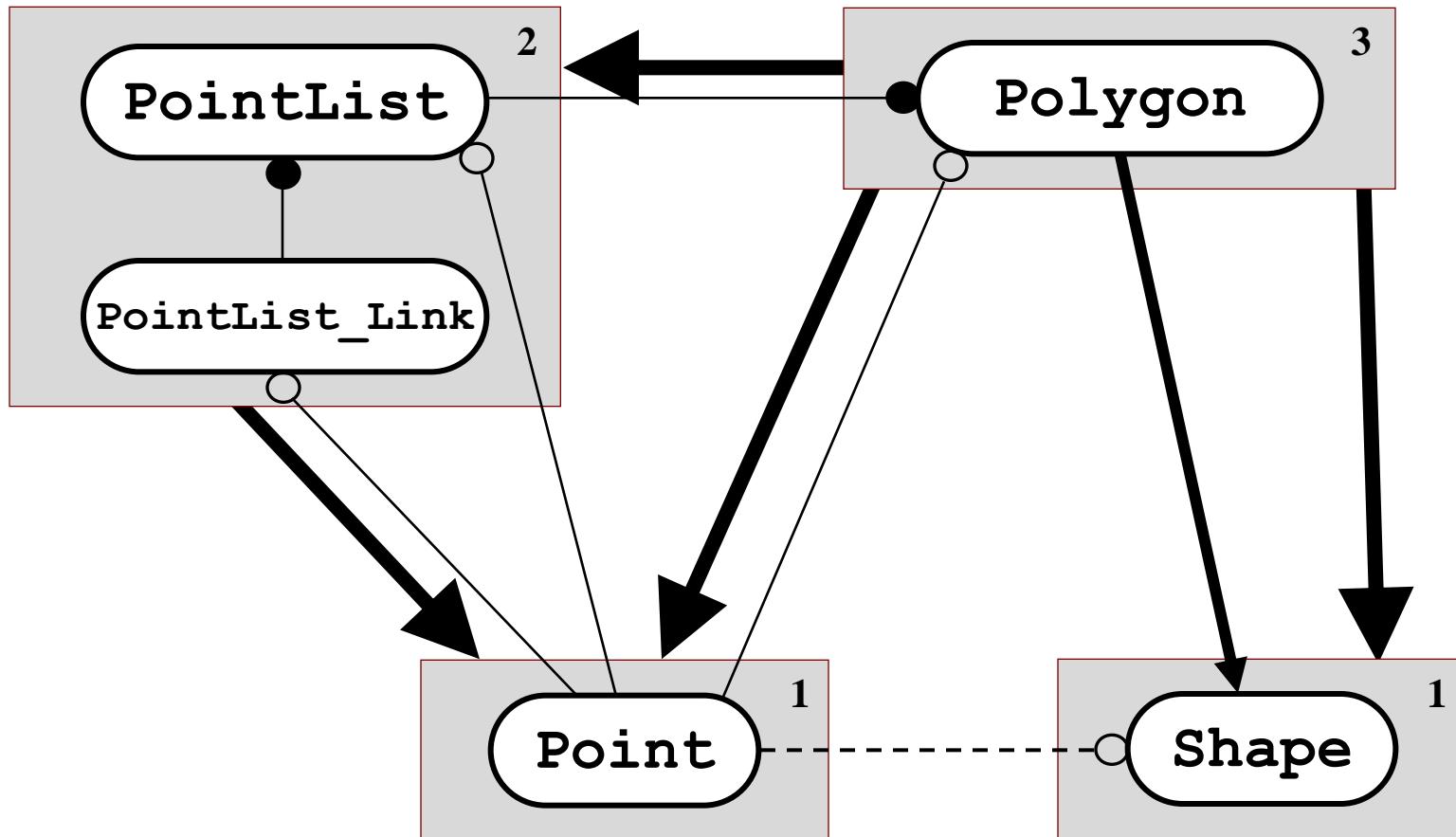


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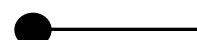
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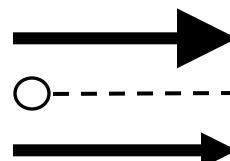
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2. No *Long-Distance*  
Friendships!

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End of Section

Questions?

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# What Questions are we Answering?

- What distinguishes *Logical* and *Physical* Design?
- What is the first of the (four) fundamental properties of a `.h/.cpp` pair that make it a component?
- Which of these fundamental properties helps us extract physical dependencies efficiently? Extra credit: Why? How?
- What are the (four) logical-relationship annotations?
- Which logical relationship does not imply a physical one?
- How do we infer physical relationships (*Depends-On*) from logical ones?
- What do we mean by the term *level number*?
- What are the (two) *quintessential* physical design rules?

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# Interfaces and Contracts

What do we mean by *Interface* versus *Contract* for

- A *Function*?
- A *Class*?
- A *Component*?

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// 'spacesPerLevel', the number of spaces per indentation level for
// this and all of its nested objects. If 'level' is negative,
// suppress indentation of the first line. If 'spacesPerLevel' is
// negative, format the entire output on one line, suppressing all but
// the initial indentation (as governed by 'level'). If 'stream' is
// not valid on entry, this operation has no effect.
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# Class

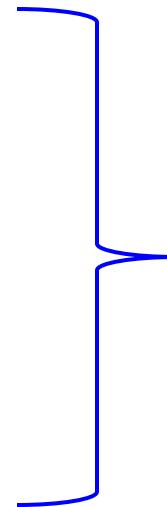
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class Date {  
  
    //...  
  
public:  
    Date(int year, int month, int day);  
  
    Date(const Date& original);  
  
    // ...  
};
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Public  
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## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

# Interfaces and Contracts

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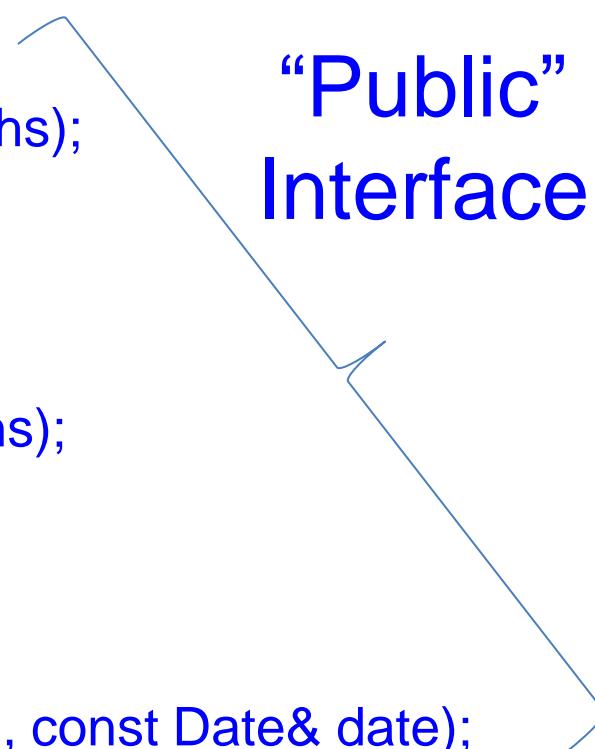
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“Public”  
Interface

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## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

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## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

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## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

# Preconditions and Postconditions

## Object Method

a.k.a.  
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Note that ***Essential Behavior*** refers to a superset of ***Postconditions*** that includes behavioral guarantees, such as runtime complexity.

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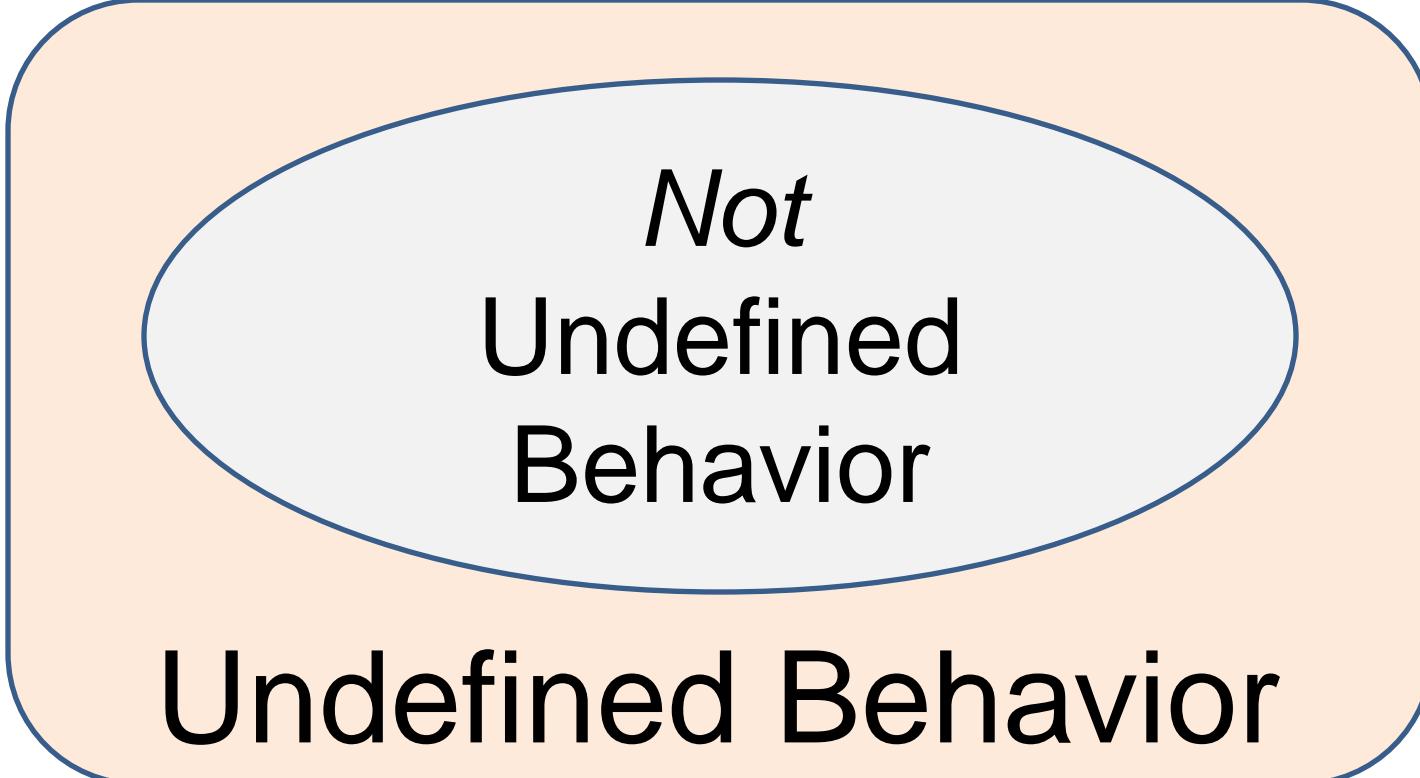
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Observation By  
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## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

# Preconditions and Postconditions

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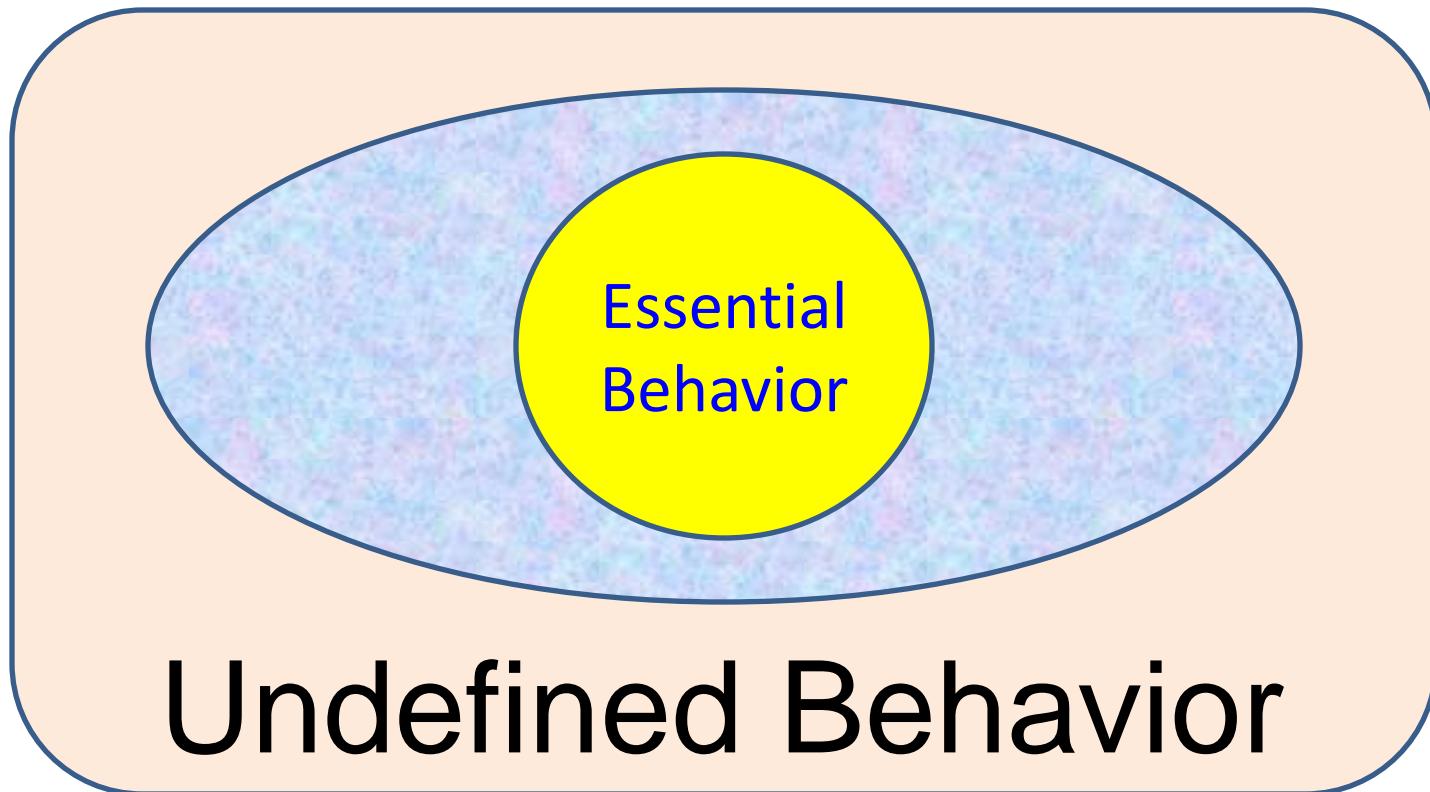


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Undefined Behavior

## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

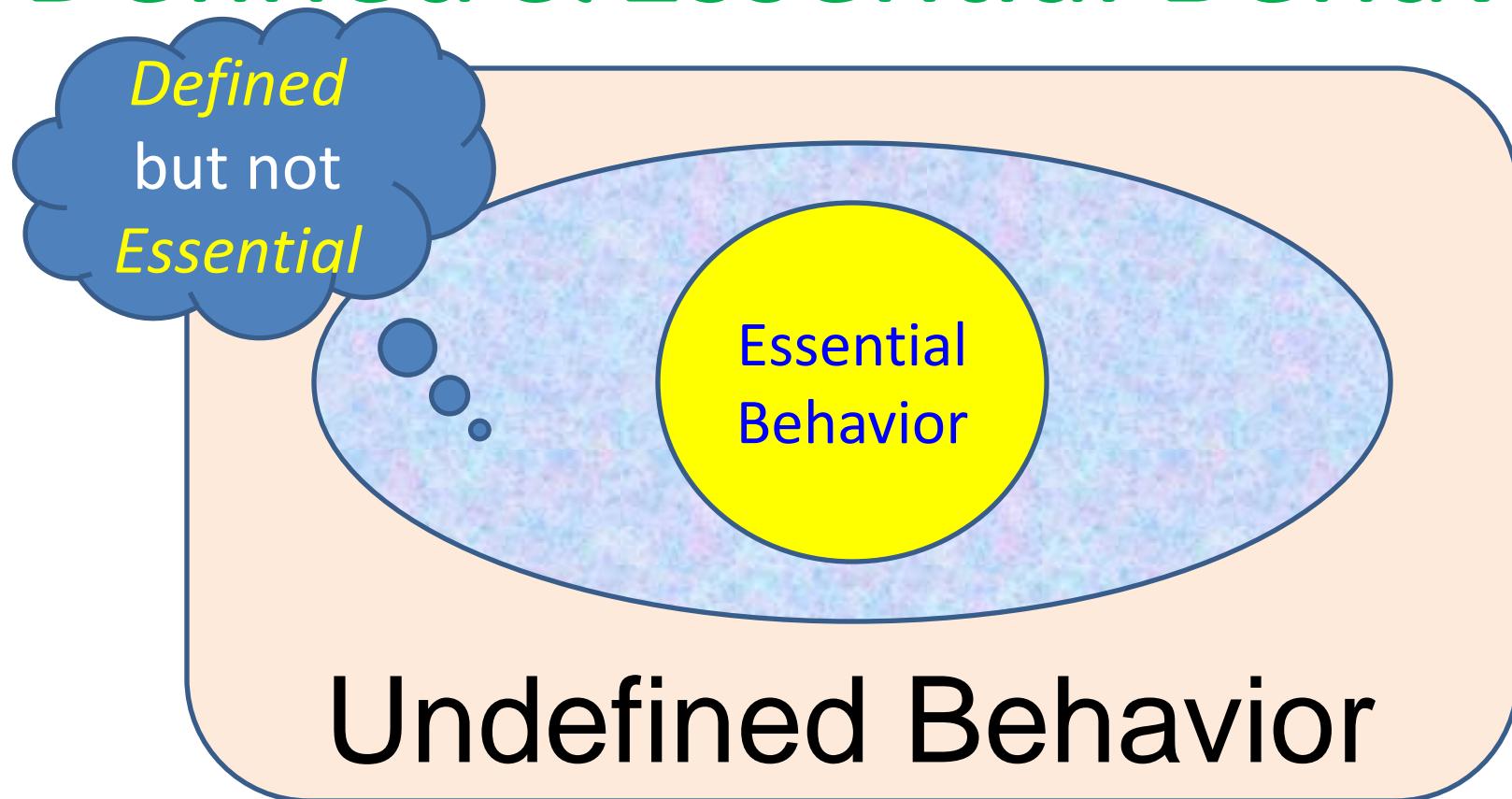
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## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

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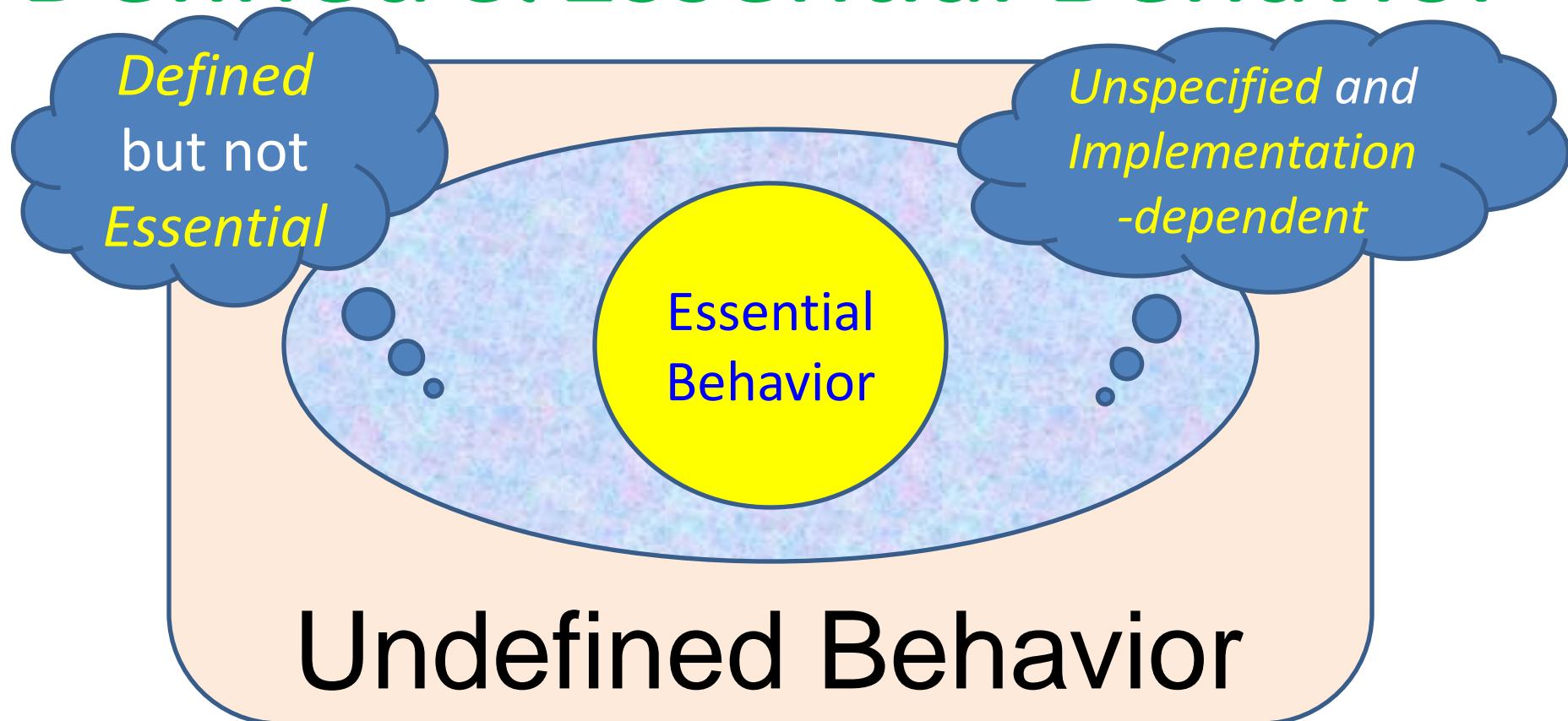
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**Question:** Must the code itself preserve *invariants* even if one or more *preconditions* of the method's contract is violated?

```
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Postconditions  
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## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

# Design by Contract

## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

### Design by Contract

(DbC)

“If you give me valid input\*,  
I will behave as advertised;  
otherwise, all bets are off!”

\*including state

## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

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## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

# Design by Contract

# Verification

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# Design by Contract Verification

➤ **Preconditions:**

## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

# Design by Contract

# Verification

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## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

End of Section

# Questions?

## 2. Interfaces and Contracts (review)

# What Questions are we Answering?

- What do we mean by *Interface* versus *Contract* for a *function*, a *class*, or a *component*?
- What do we mean by *preconditions*, *postconditions*, and *invariants*?
- What do we mean by *essential* & *undefined behavior*?
- Must the code itself preserve invariants even if one or more *preconditions* of the contract are violated?
- What is the idea behind *Design-by-Contract (DbC)*?
- How do we document the contract for a function?
- How can clients ensure that preconditions are satisfied?
- How do we guarantee that postconditions are satisfied?
- How can we test to make sure invariants are preserved?
- What must be true if a client satisfies all preconditions?

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}
```

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// ... Likely to mask a defect
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```

```
{
```

More Code!

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    else { ... } }  
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}
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Not!

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date.setDate(1959, 3, 8);
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**Double Fault!!**

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```
void Date:: setDate(int y,  
                    int m,  
                    int d)  
{  
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    assert(isValid(y,m,d));  
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```
int Date:: setDateIfValid(int y,  
                           int m,  
                           int d)  
{  
    if (!isValid(y, m, d)) {  
        return !0;  
    }  
    d_year = y;  
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**Wide Contract:**  
Checked in  
**Every** Build Mode

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## Wide Contracts

No undefined Behavior:

Shallow contracts  
const TYPE& value);  
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if (idx > length())  
if (idx < -length())  
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**Undefined Behavior**  
To None

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DEFENSIVE  
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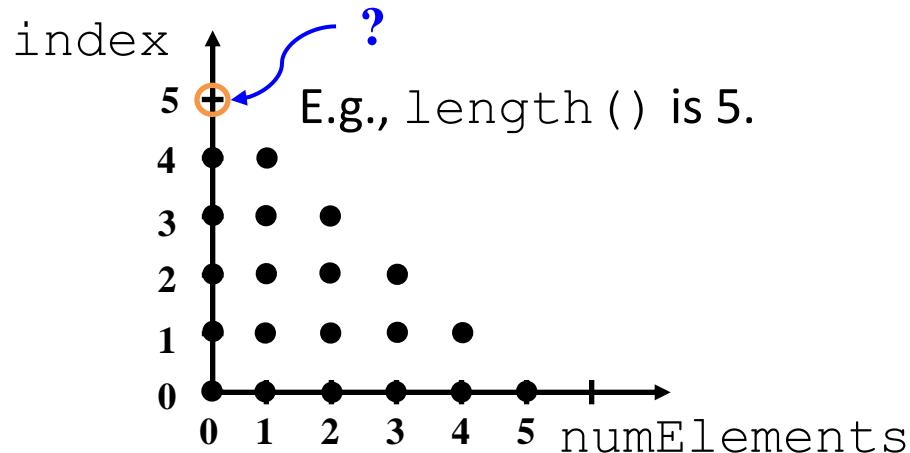
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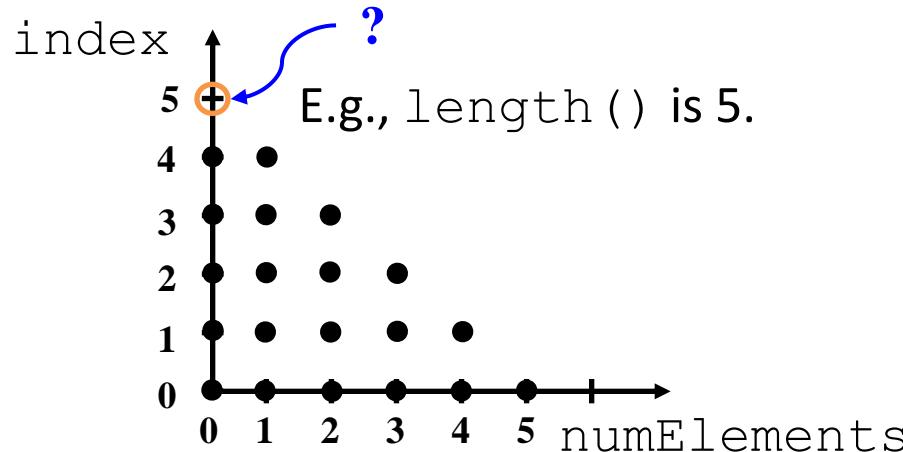
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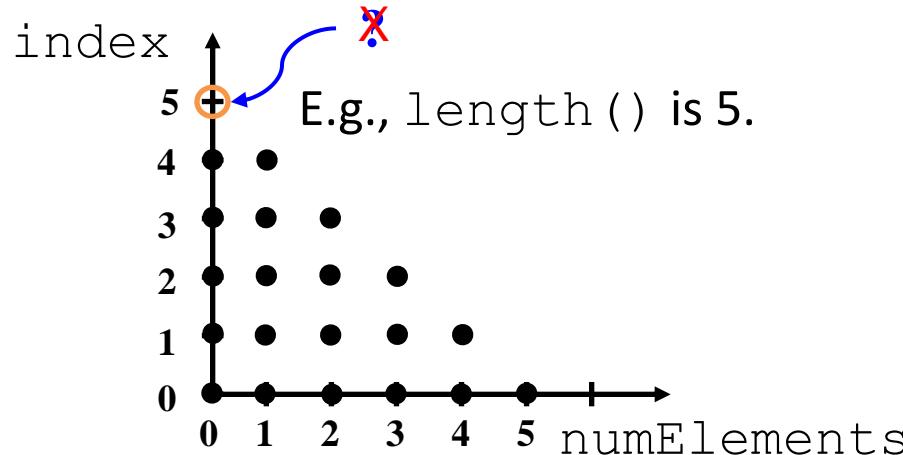
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```
void replace(int index,  
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            int numElements)  
{  
    assert(0 <= index);  
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    // ...  
}
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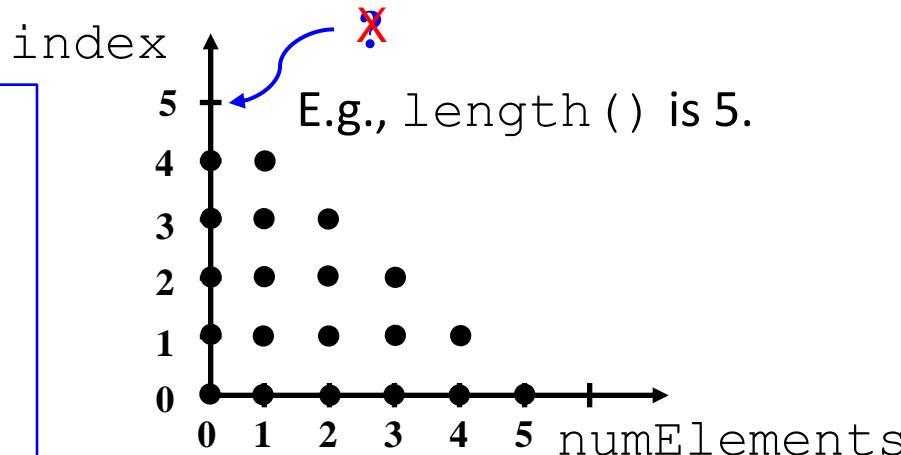


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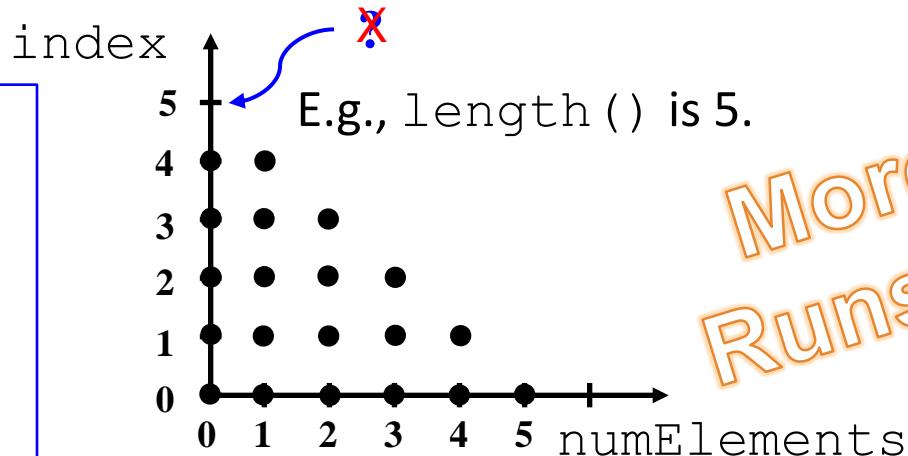


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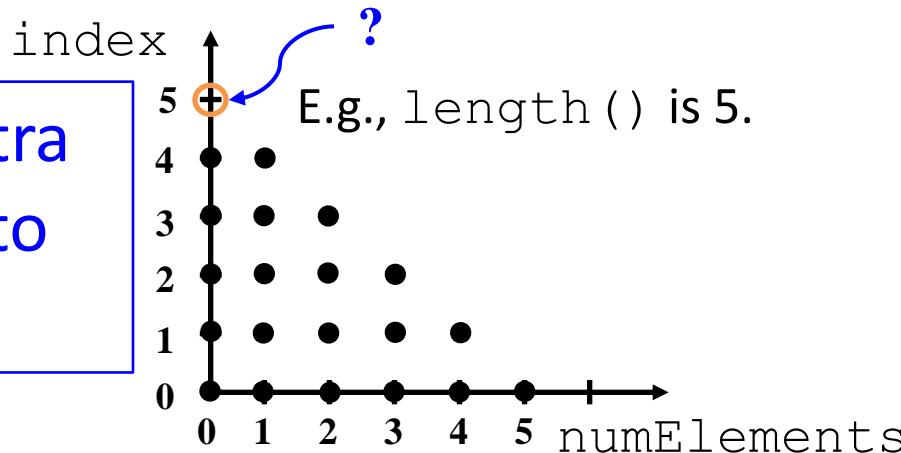
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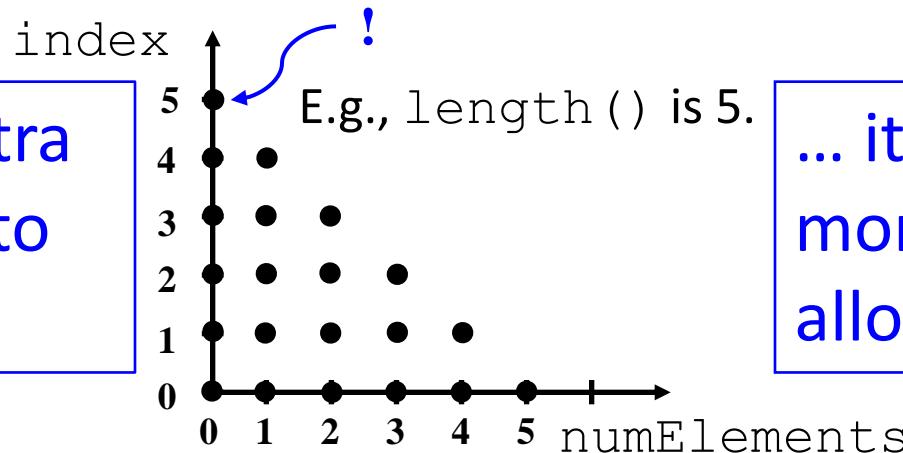


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}
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Assuming no extra code is needed to handle it ...



... it is naturally more efficient to allow it.

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    // ...
}
```

### 3. Narrow versus Wide Contracts (review)

End of Section

# Questions?

### 3. Narrow versus Wide Contracts (review)

## What Questions are we Answering?

- What do we mean by a *narrow* versus a *wide* contract?
  - Should `std::strlen(0)` be required to do something reasonable?
  - Should `Date:: setDate(int, int, int)` return a status?
- What should happen when the behavior is undefined?
  - Should what happens be part of the component-level contract?
- What about the behavior for these specific interfaces:
  - Should `operator[](int index)` check to see if `index` is less than zero or greater than `length()`?
    - And what should happen if `index` is out of range?
  - Should `insert(int index, const TYPE& value)` be defined when `index` is greater than `length()` or less than zero?
  - Should `replace(int index, const TYPE& value, int numElements)` be defined when `index` is `length()` and `numElements` is zero?
- What do we mean by *Defensive Programming (DP)*?

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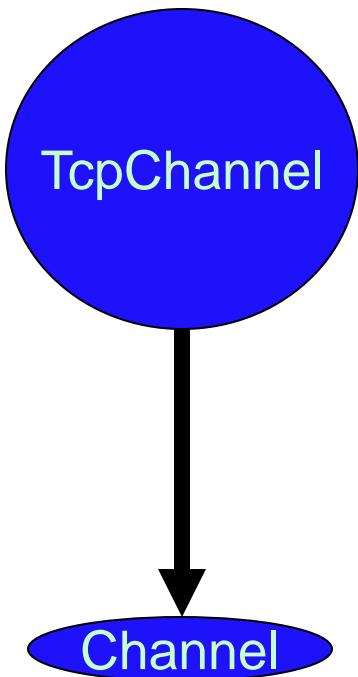
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- Implementation Inheritance:
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# Interface Inheritance

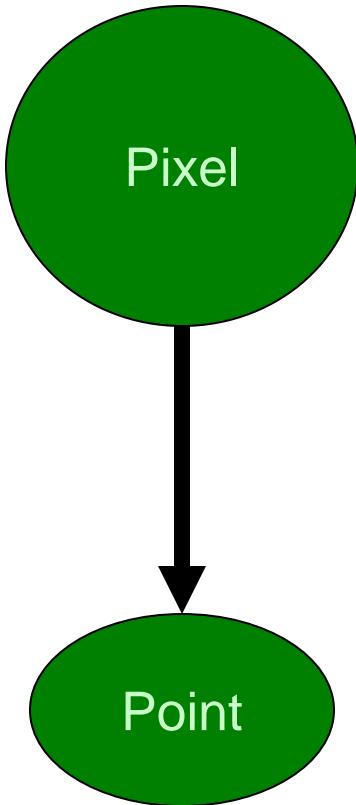


```
class TcpChannel : public Channel {  
    /* ... */  
  
public:  
    // ... (creators)  
  
    virtual int read(char *buffer, int numBytes) {...}  
  
    virtual int write(const char *buffer, int numBytes) {...}  
};
```

```
class Channel {  
public:  
    virtual ~Channel() { }  
  
    virtual int read(char *buffer, int numBytes) = 0;  
  
    virtual int write(const char *buffer, int numBytes) = 0;  
};
```

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# Structural Inheritance

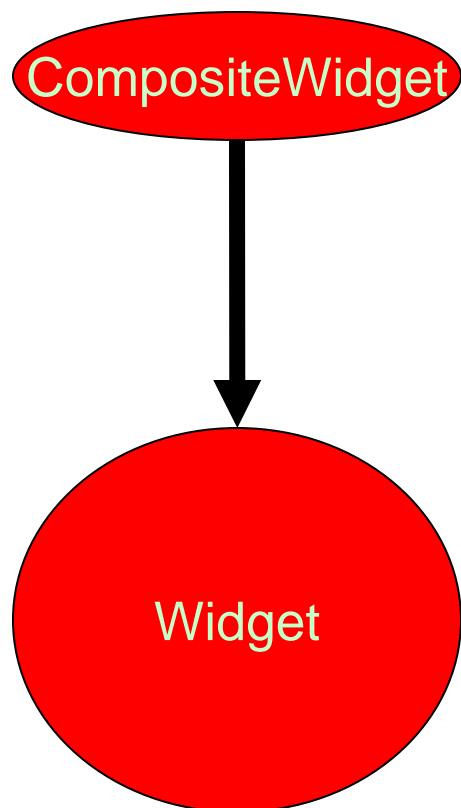


```
class Pixel : public Point {  
public:  
    enum Color { RED, GREEN, BLUE };  
private:  
    Color d_color;  
public:  
    // ... (creators)  
    void setColor(Color color) { /* ... */ }  
    Color color() const { /* ... */ }  
};
```

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class Point {  
int d_x;  
int d_y;  
public:  
    // ... (creators)  
    void setX(int x) { /* ... */ }  
    void setY(int y) { /* ... */ }  
    int x() const { /* ... */ }  
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};
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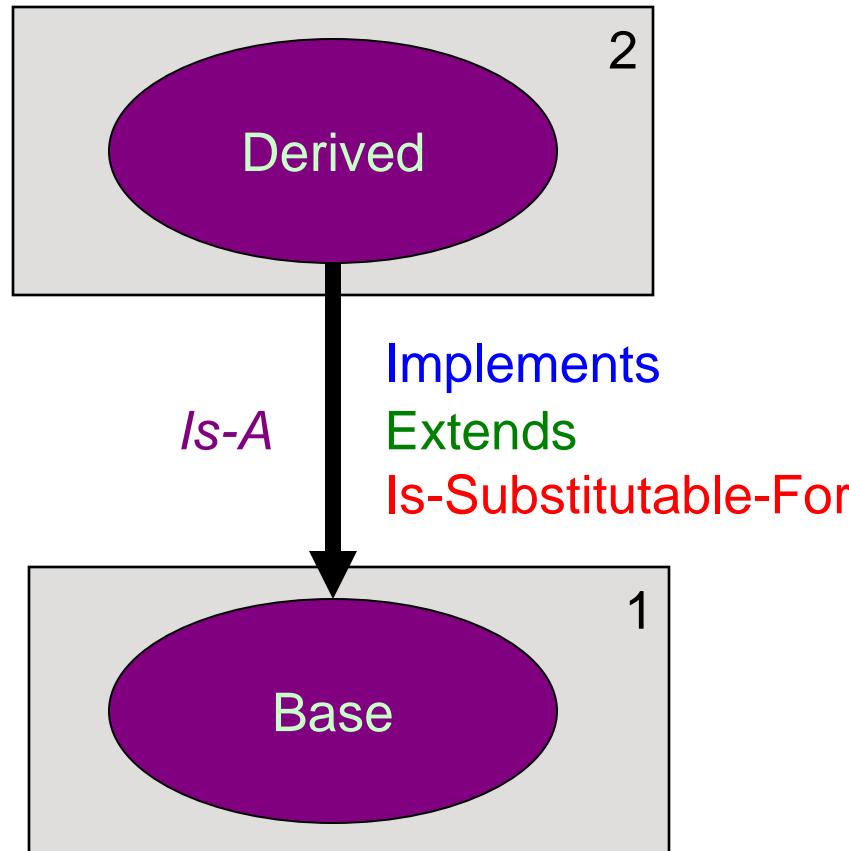


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class CompositeWidget : public Widget {  
    // ...  
public:  
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    virtual const char *widgetCategory() const { return "COMP"; }  
    virtual int numChildren() const { /* ... */ }  
    // ...  
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class Widget {  
    Point d_origin;  
    // ...  
public:  
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    virtual bool isNameable() const { return false; }  
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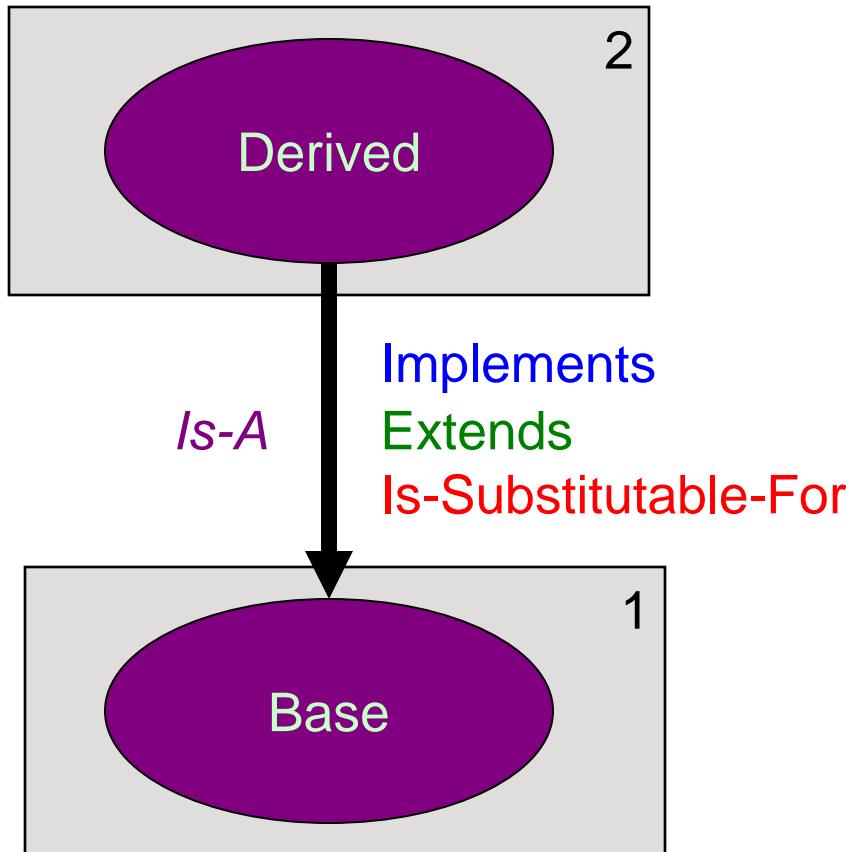
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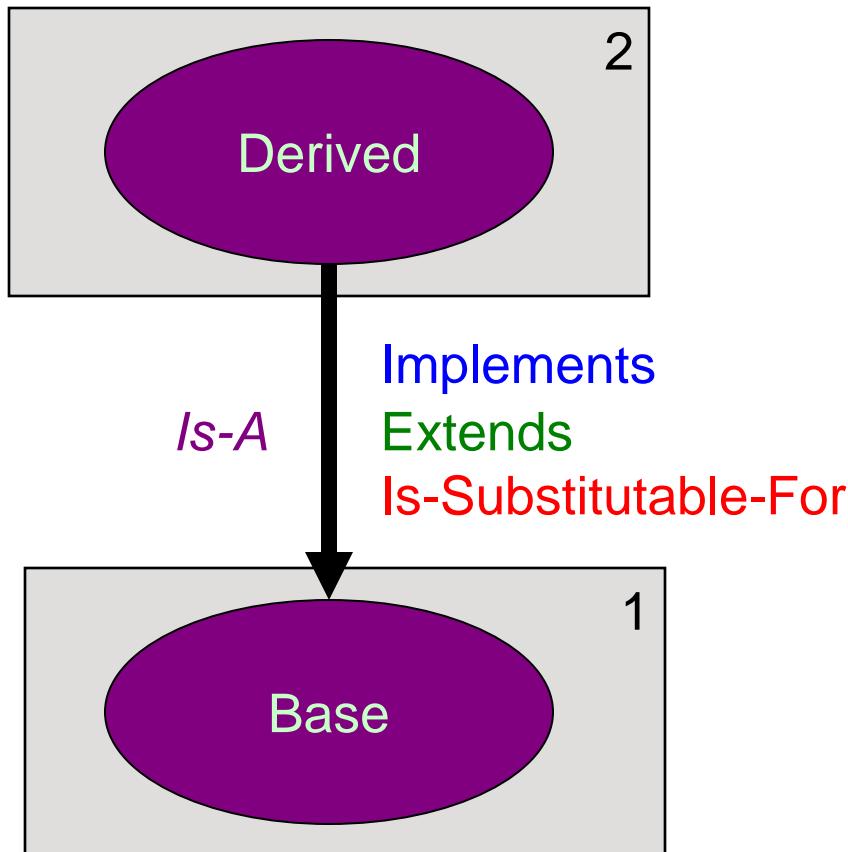
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The implementation of a ***derived*** class **must** satisfy (simultaneously) its own contract, as well as that of “each” ***base*** class.

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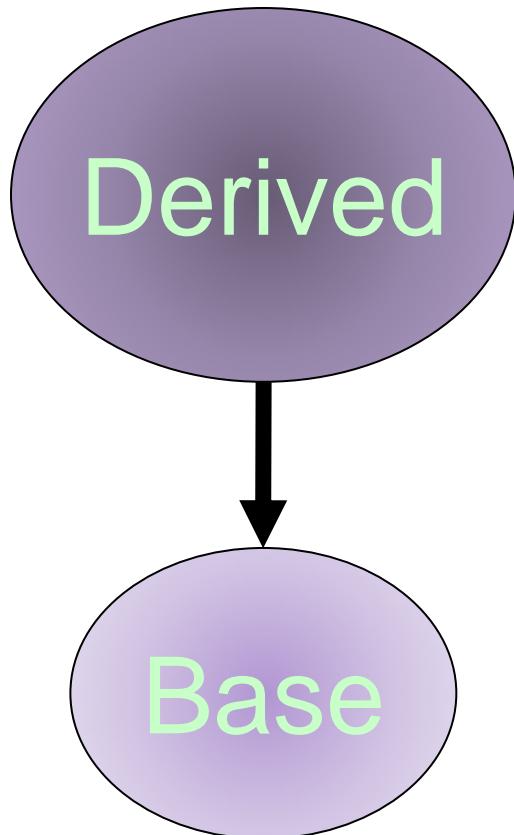
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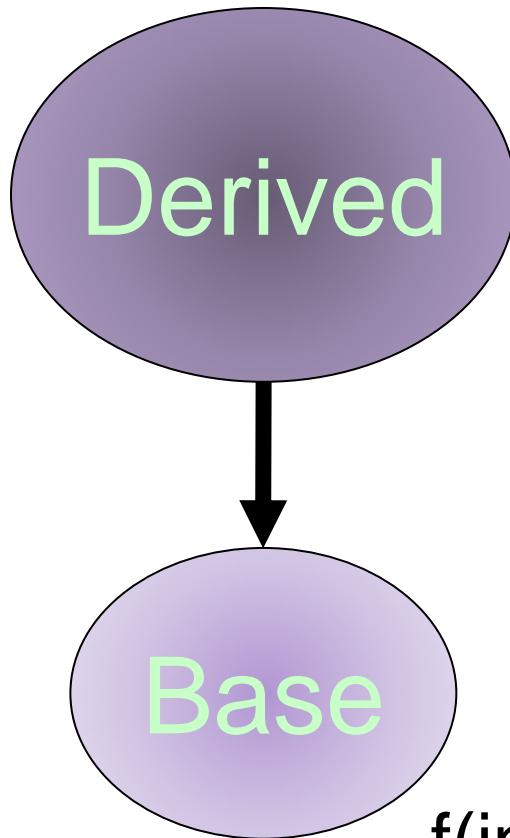
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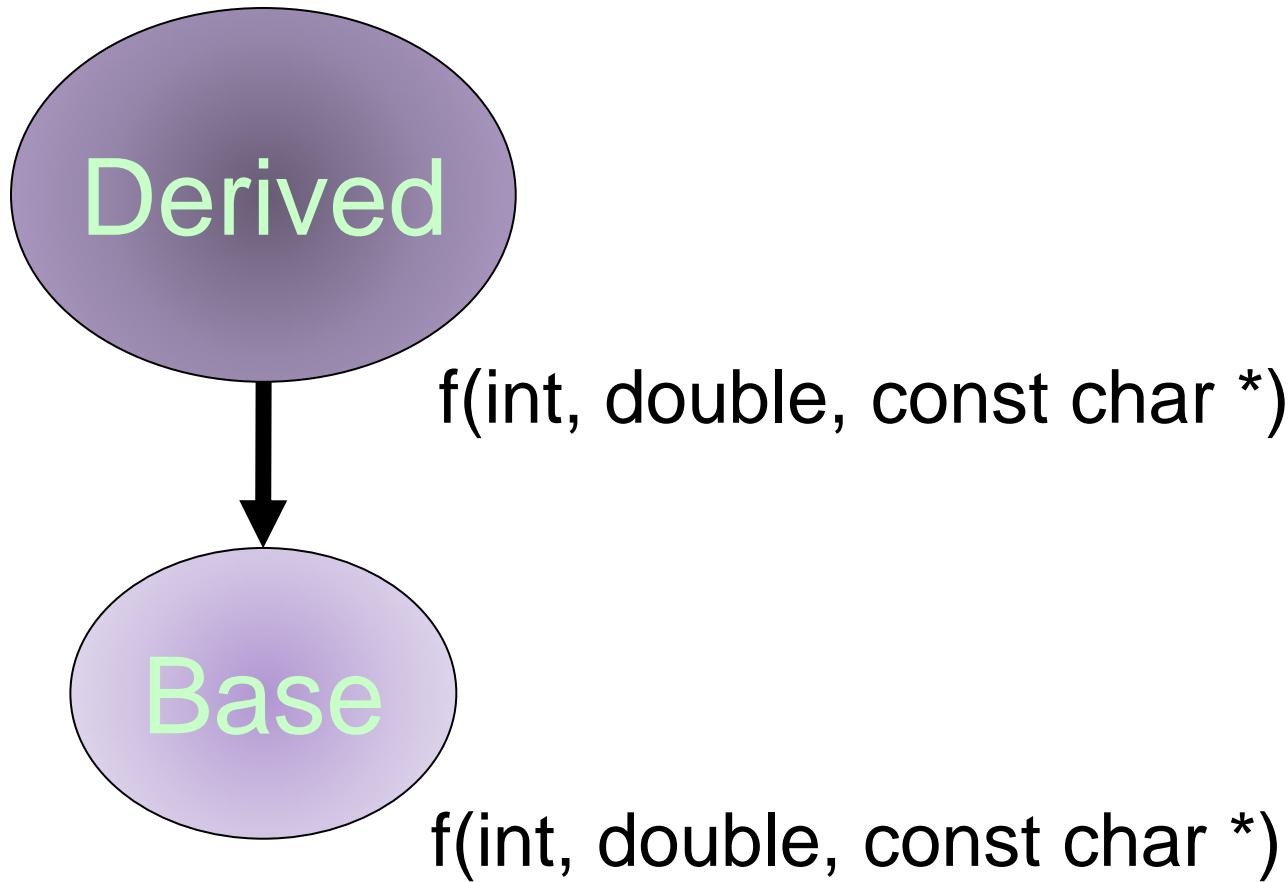
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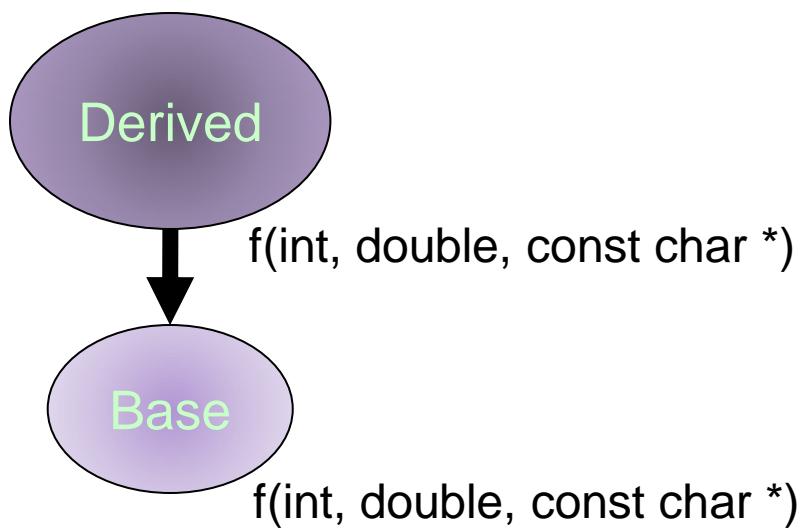
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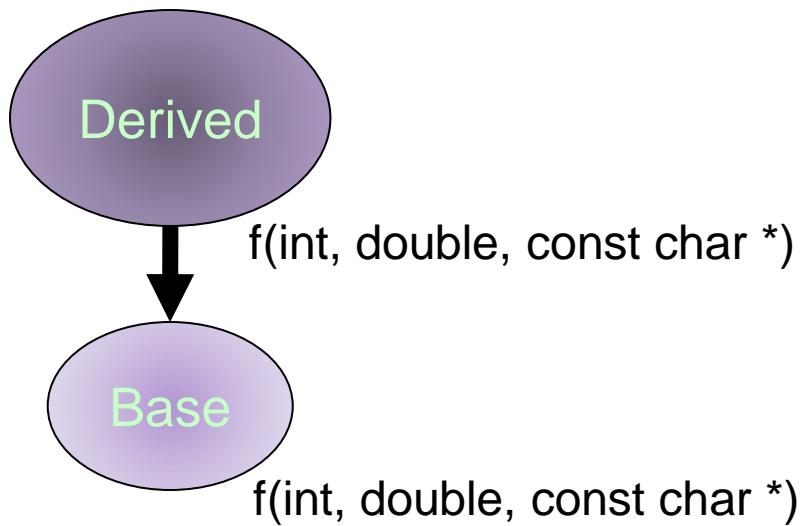
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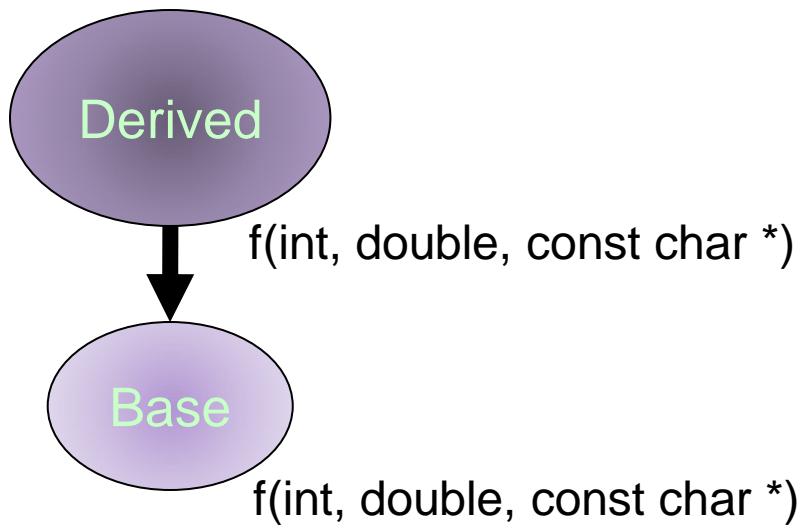
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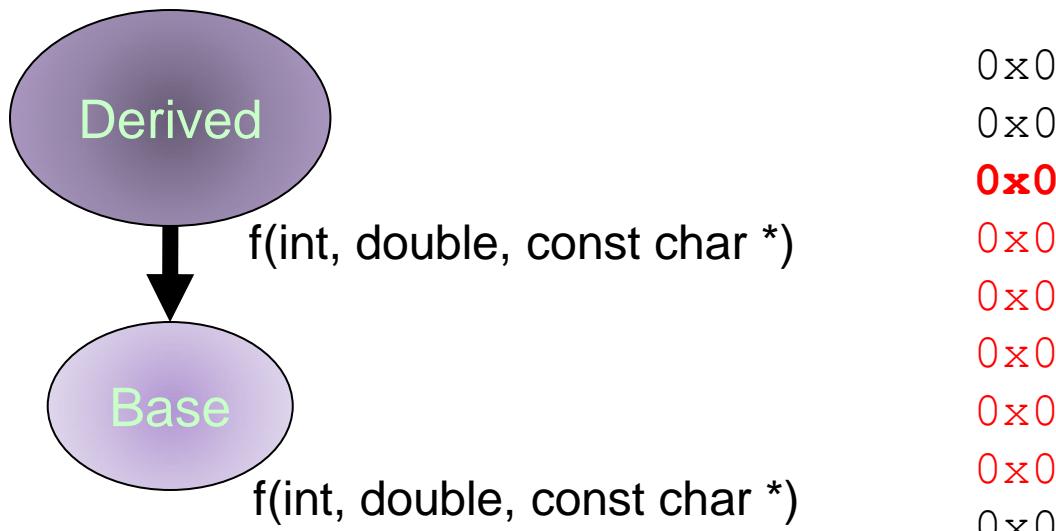


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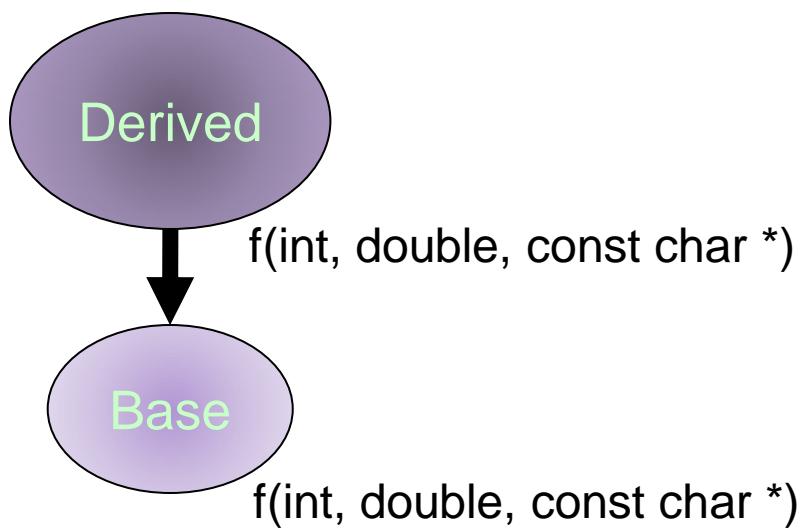


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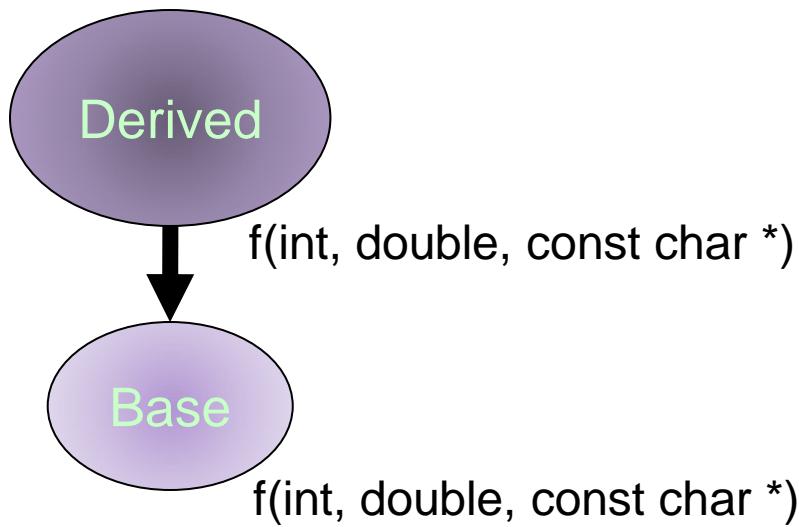
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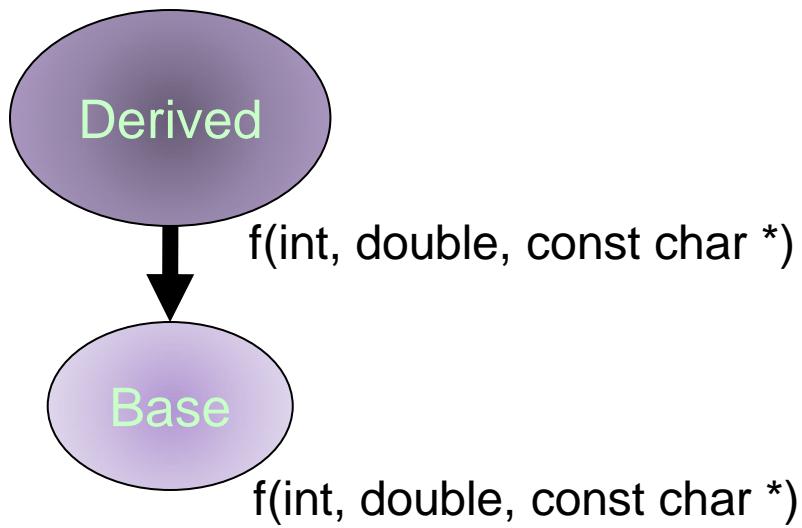
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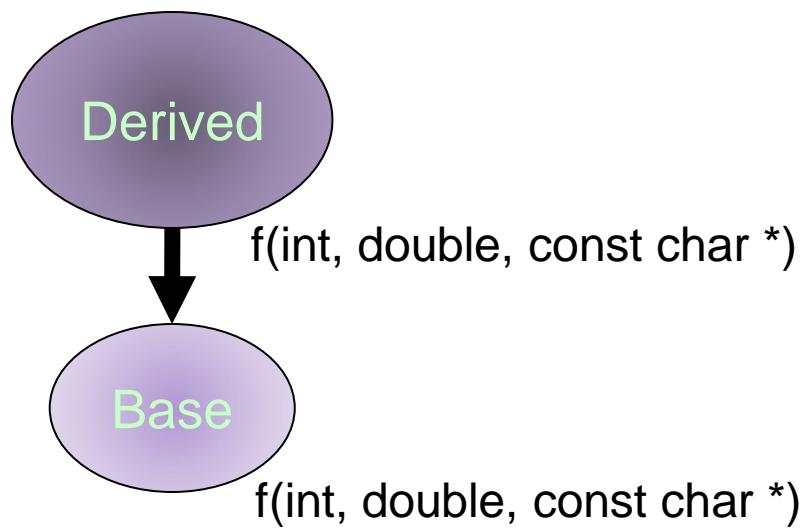
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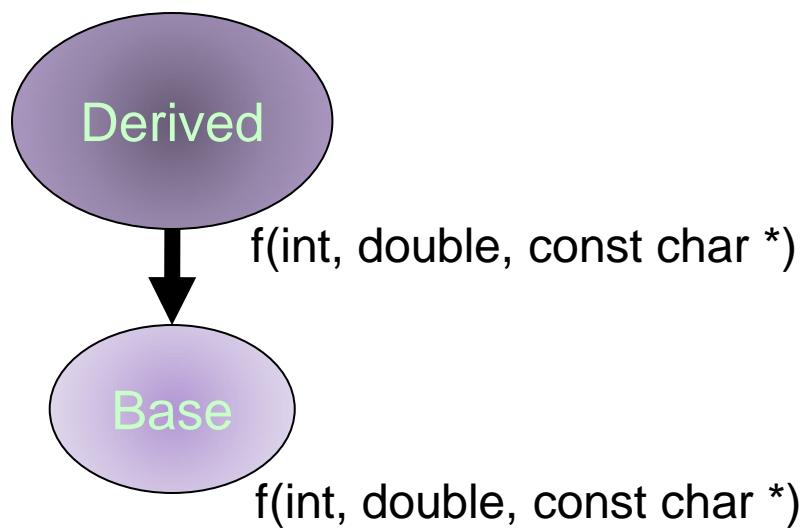
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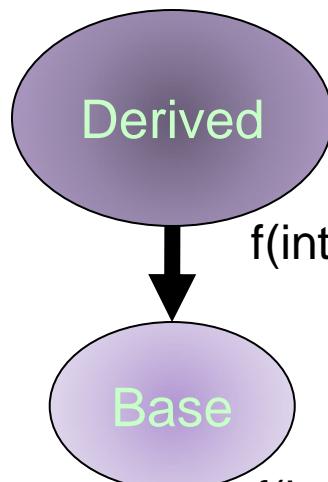
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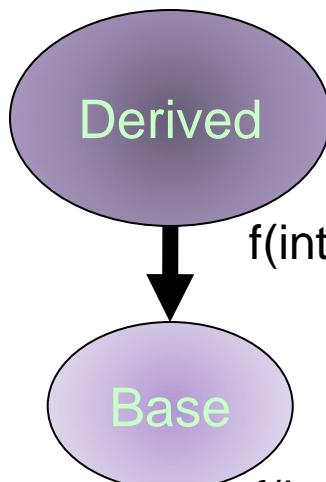
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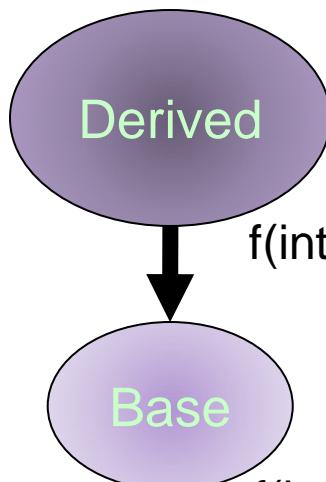
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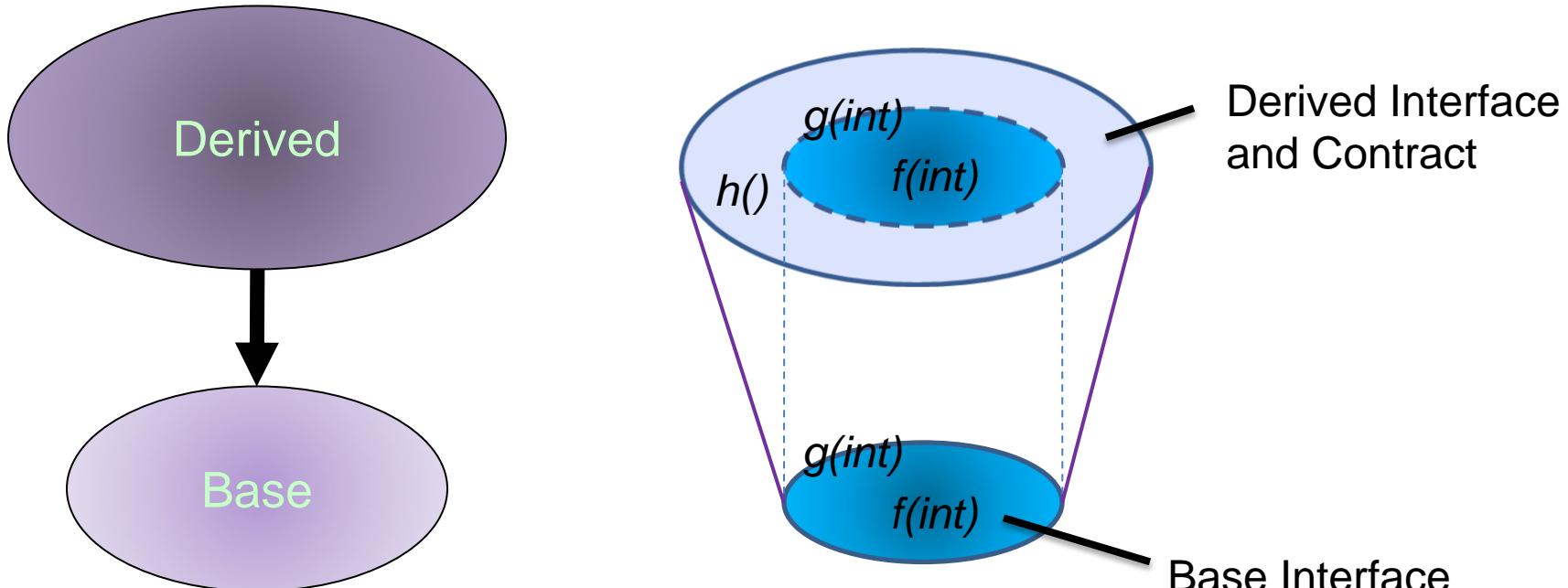
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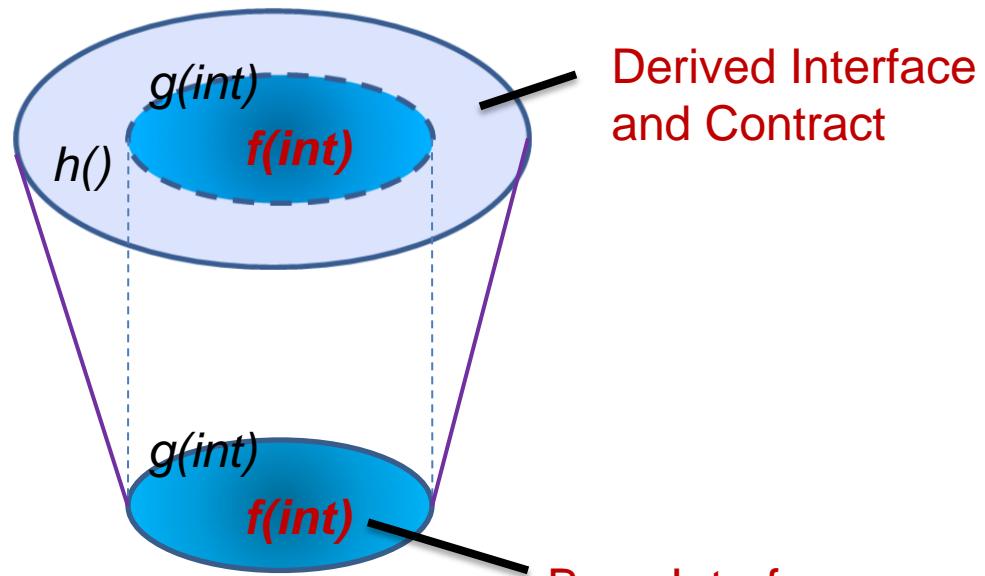
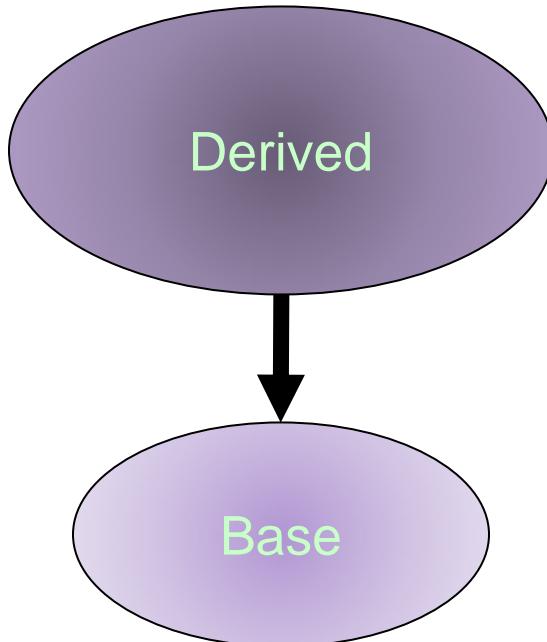
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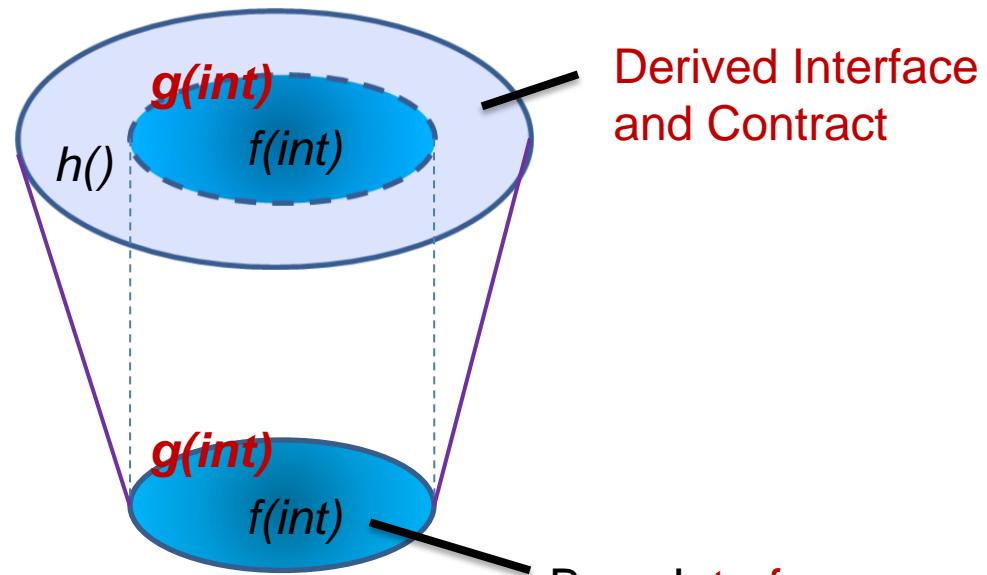
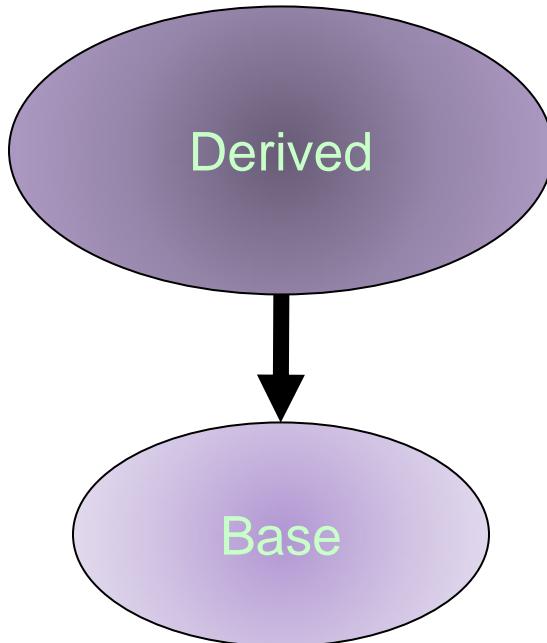
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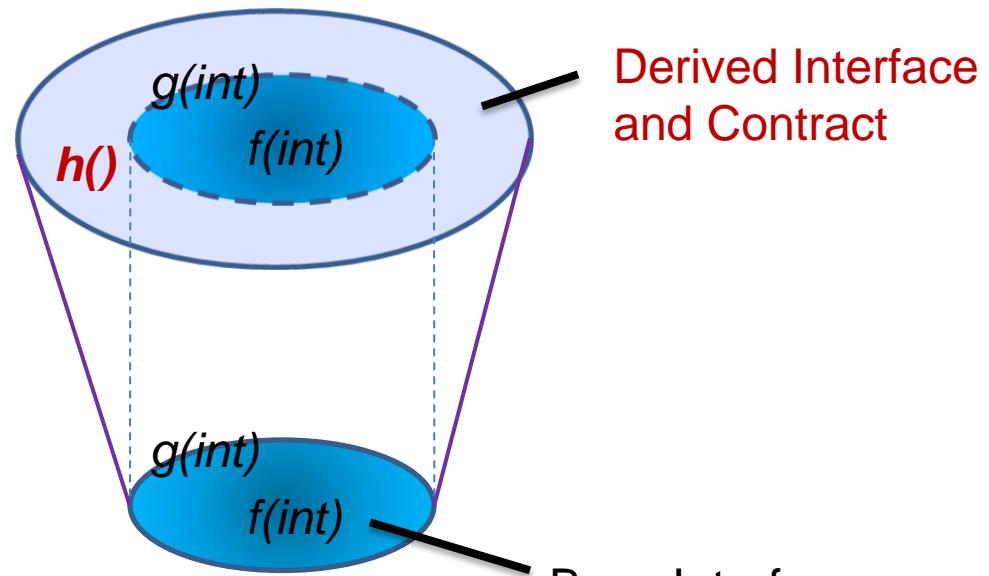
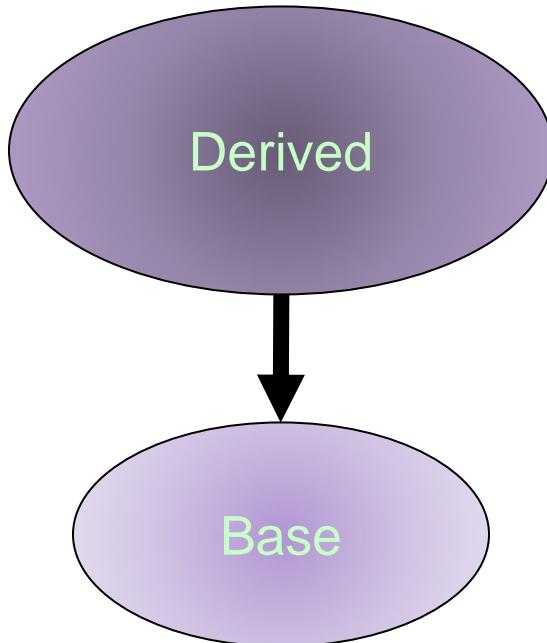


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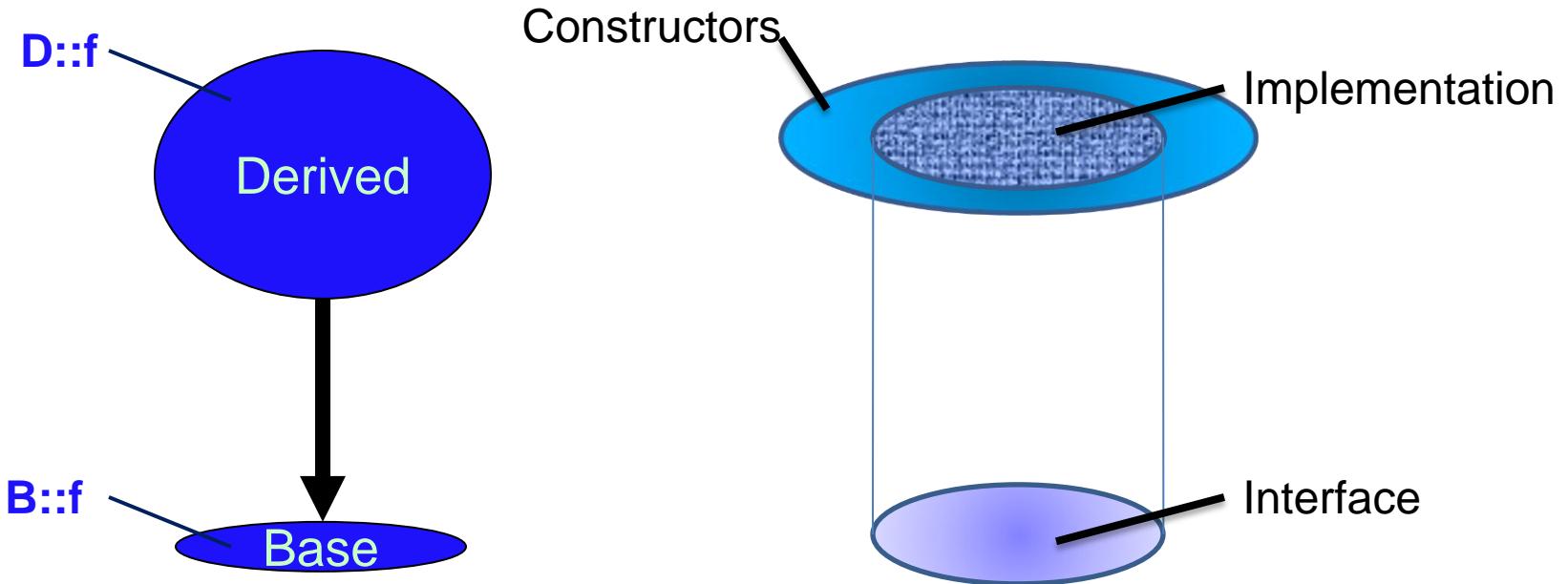
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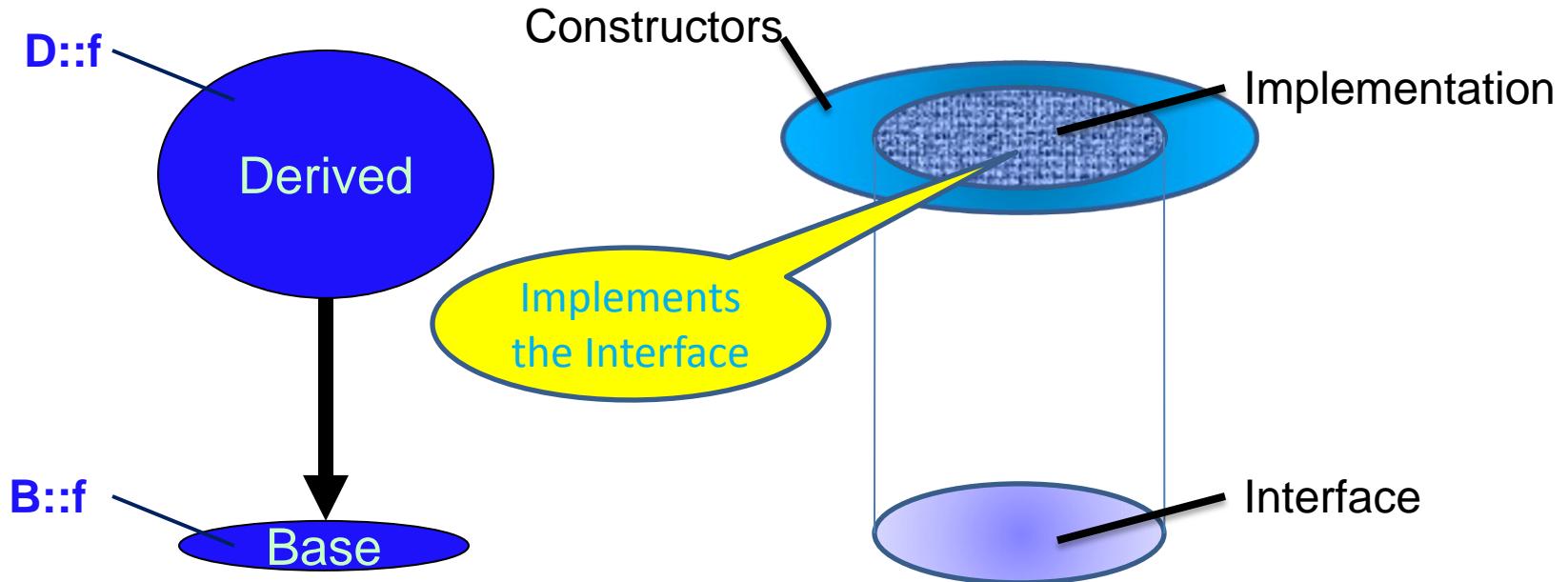
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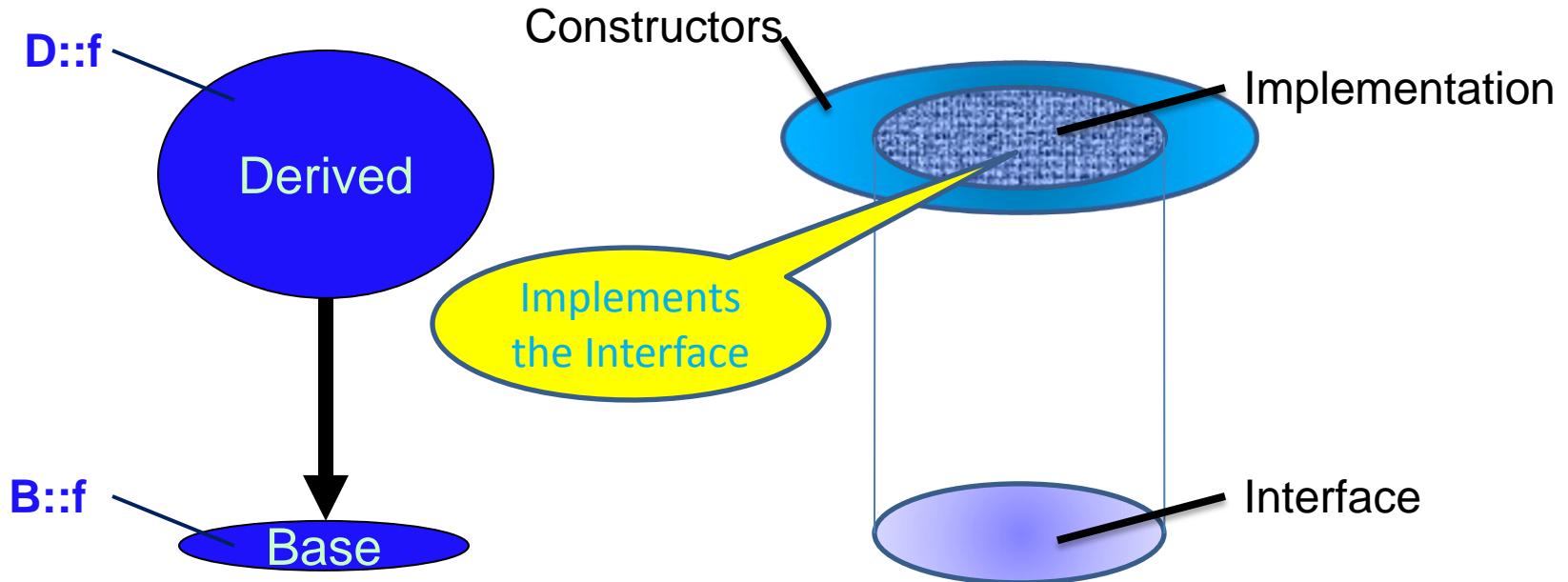
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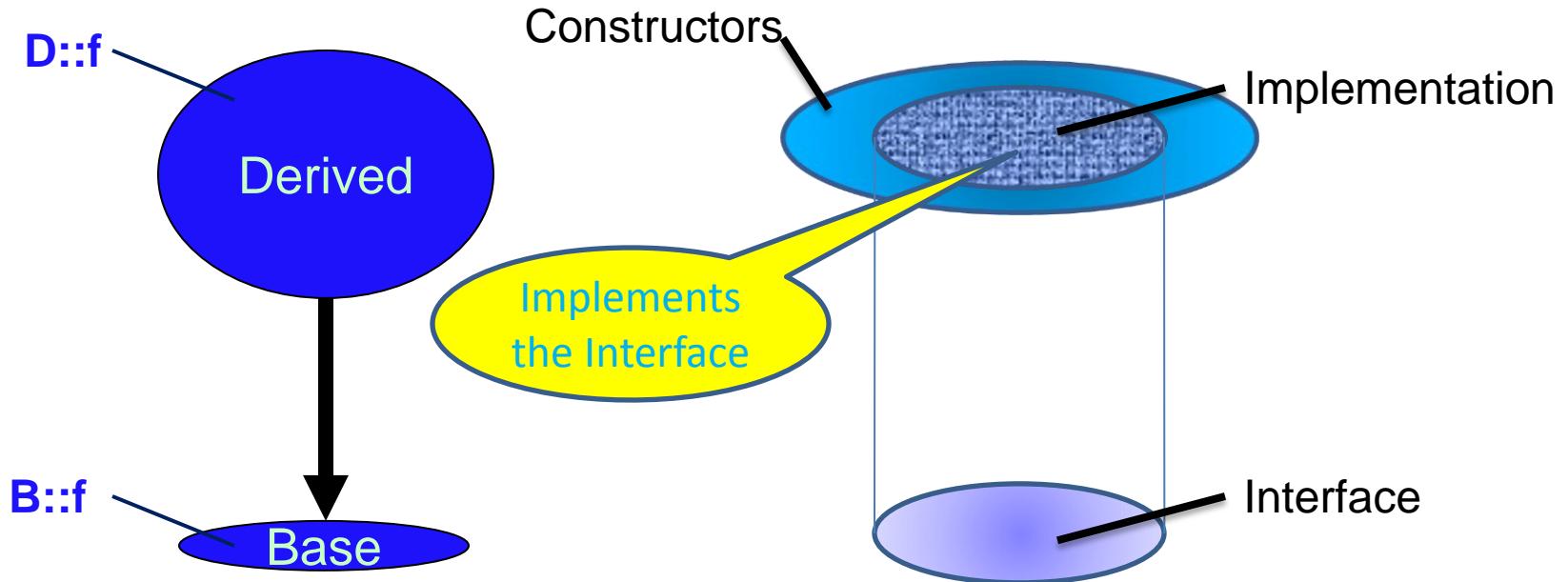
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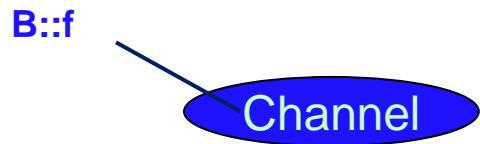
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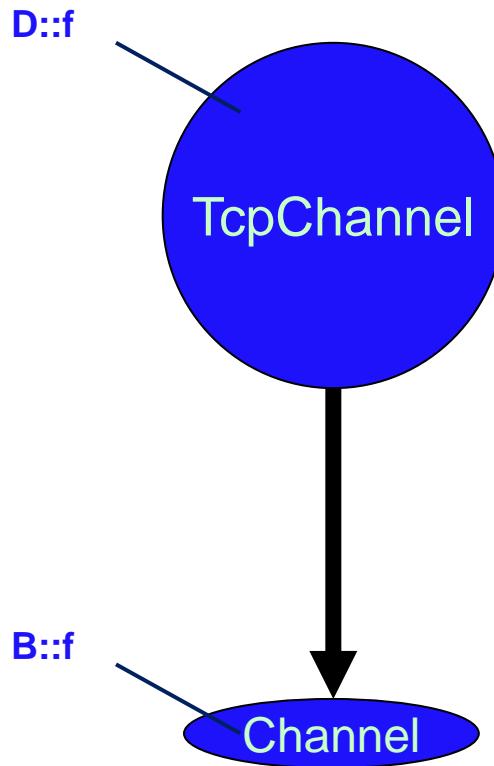
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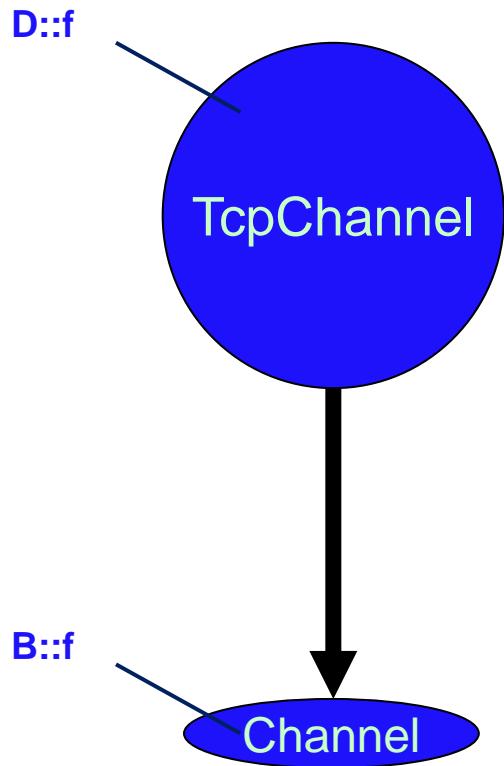
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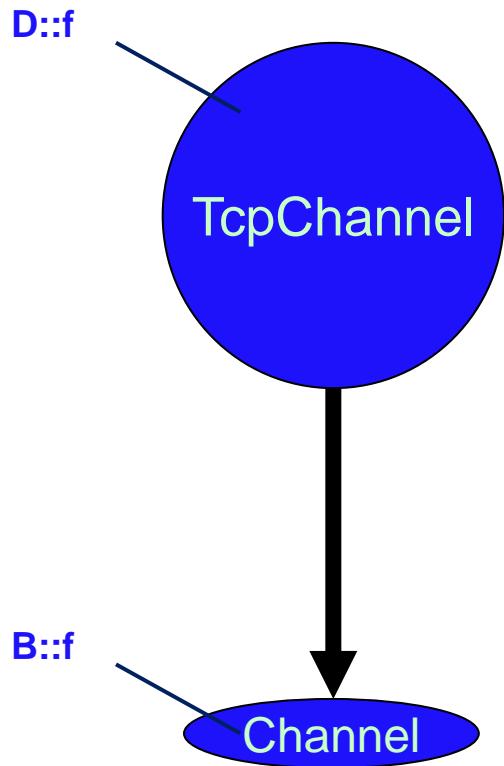


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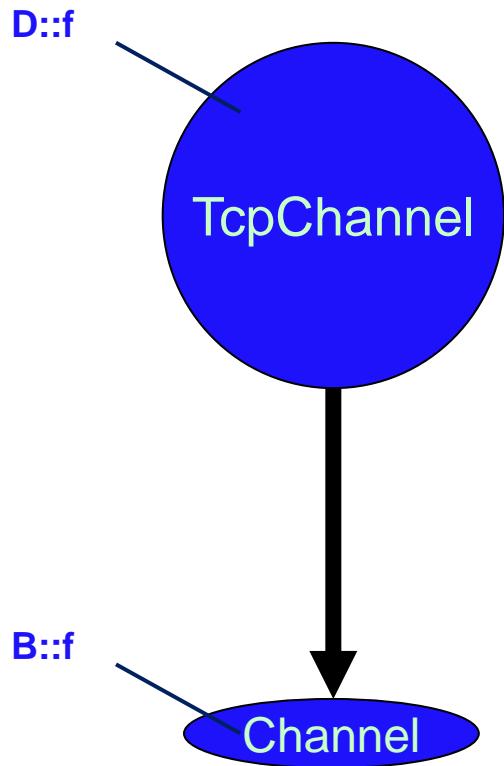


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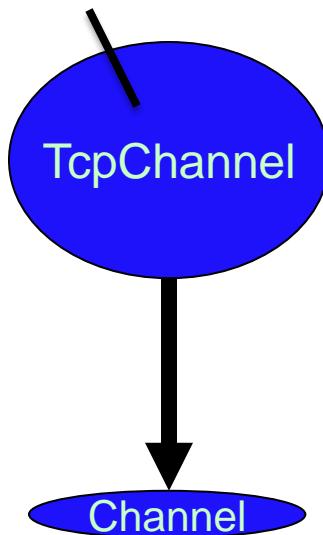
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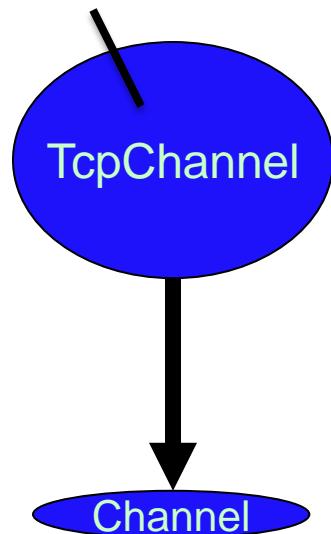
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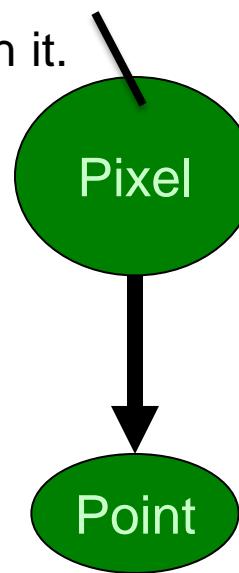
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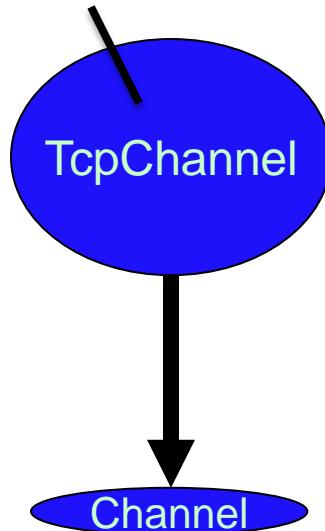
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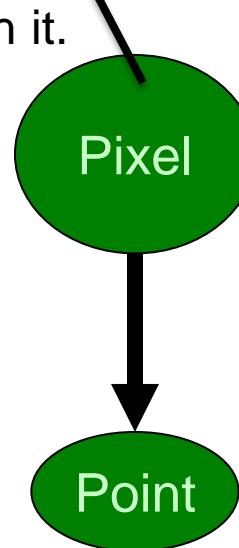
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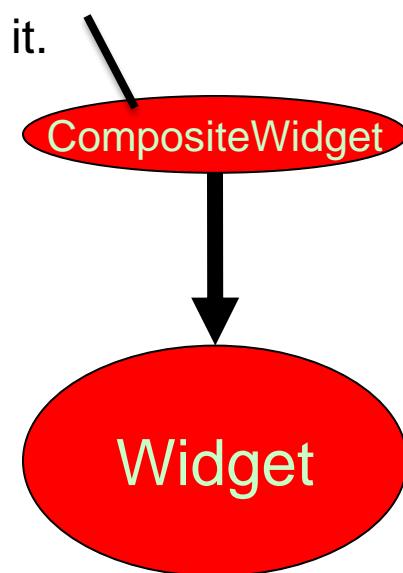
Interface  
Inheritance

Can **do** something  
**more** with it.



Structural  
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Can **create** something  
**else** with it.



Implementation  
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```

```
void p(const
```

```
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    // ...  
    p(b0, b1);  
}
```

Necessary,  
but Not  
Sufficient, for  
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(by this definition)  
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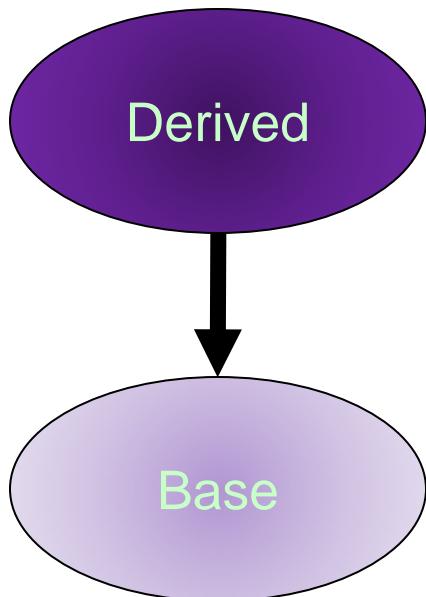
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Recall the following *general property*:

For inheritance to be *proper*, any operation that can be invoked on a derived-class **object** via a base-class pointer (or reference) must behave identically if we replace that base-class pointer (or reference) with a corresponding derived-class one.

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```
void example(Derived *pDerived)
{
    Base *pBase = pDerived;

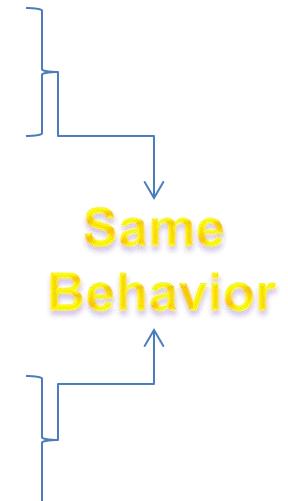
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    pDerived->someMethod(/* ... */);
    int result = someFunction(*pDerived);

#else

    pBase->someMethod(/* ... */);
    int result = someFunction(*pBase);

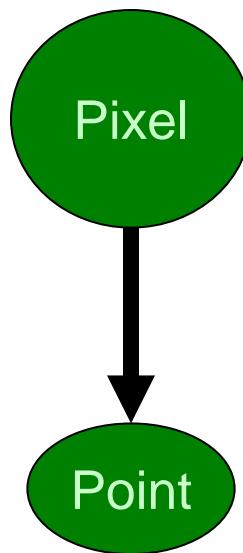
#endif
```



Same  
Behavior

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# Pure Structural Inheritance



```
#ifdef USE_BASE_CLASS_INTERFACE
    typedef Point Type;
#else
    typedef Pixel Type;
#endif

void anyProgram(Type *p);

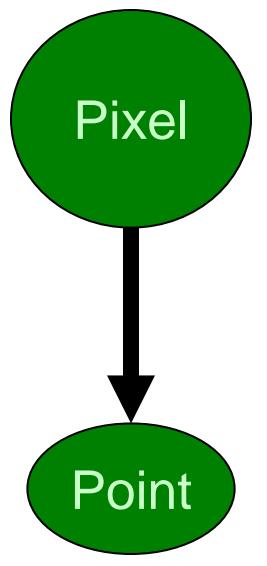
void main()
{
    Pixel pixel(1, 2, Pixel::BLUE);
    anyProgram(&pixel);
}

using std::cout; // (We do this only
using std::endl; // in test drivers.)
```

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```
void anyProgram(Type *p)
{
    cout << p->x() << endl;
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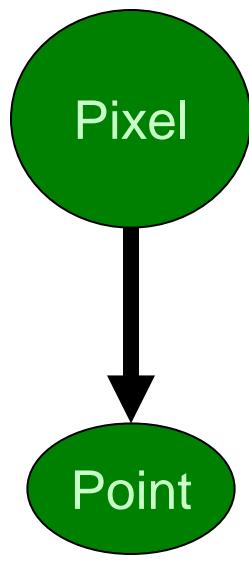


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int Point::x() const
{
    return d_x;
}
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```
void anyProgram(Type *p)
{
    p->setY(10);
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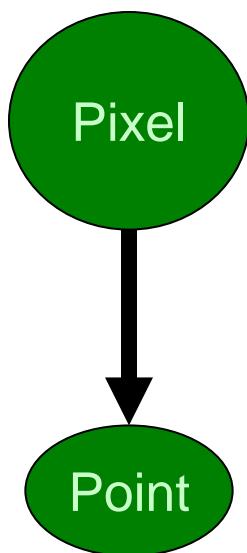
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class Pixel : public Point {  
    // ...  
    Color d_color;  
    // ...  
};
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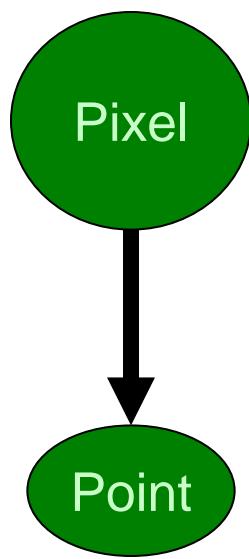


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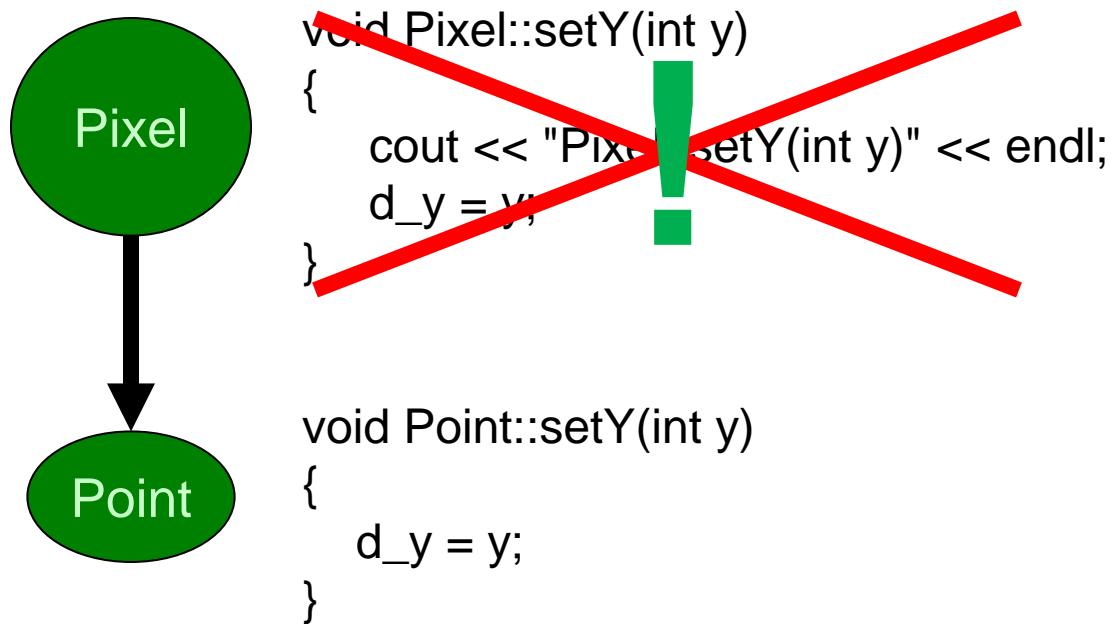
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void Pixel::setY(int y)
{
    cout << "Pixel::setY(int y)" << endl;
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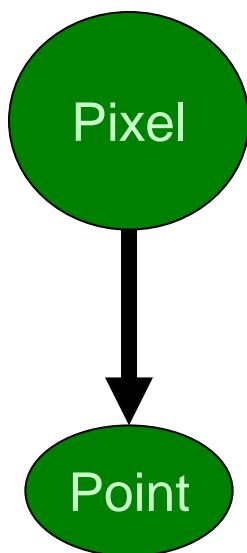


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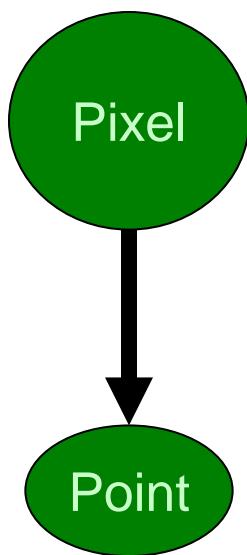
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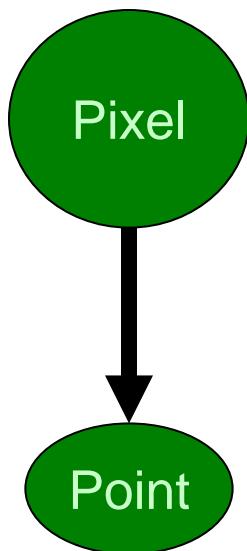


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int Pixel::numSetY() { return s_numSetY; }  
  
void Point::setY(int y)  
{  
    d_y = y;  
}
```

## 4. Proper Inheritance

# Pure Structural Inheritance

```
void anyProgram(Type *p)
{
    p->setY(10);
}
```



```
void Pixel::setY(int y)
    // Set the y-coordinate of this object to the absolute value of the
    // specified 'y'. The behavior is undefined unless 'INT_MIN < y'.
{
    d_y = y < 0 ? -y : y;
}

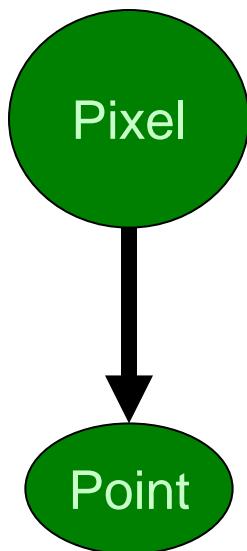
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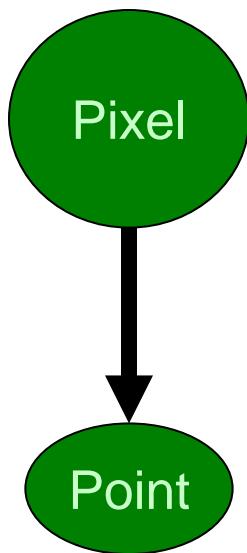
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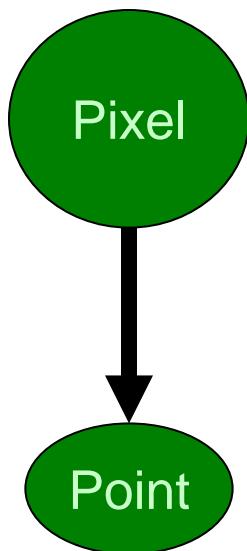
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    if (sizeof p->self() > 8) // sizeof(Point)  
        cout << "It's not a Point!" << endl;  
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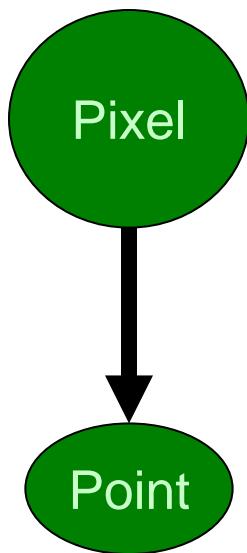
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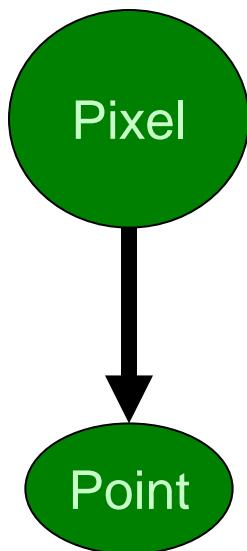
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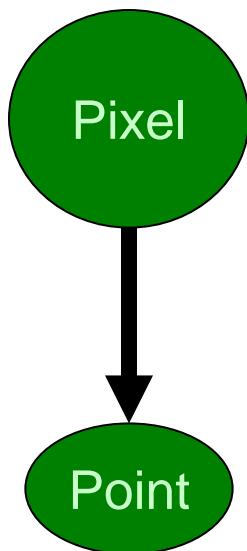
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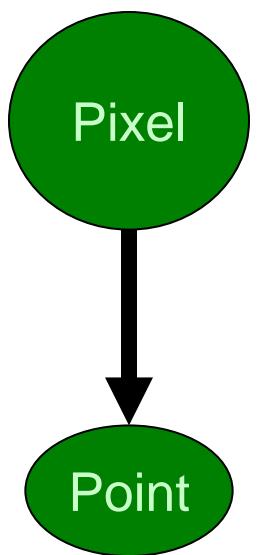
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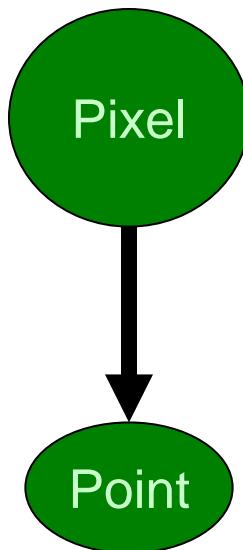
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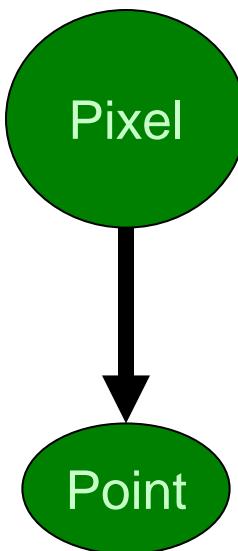


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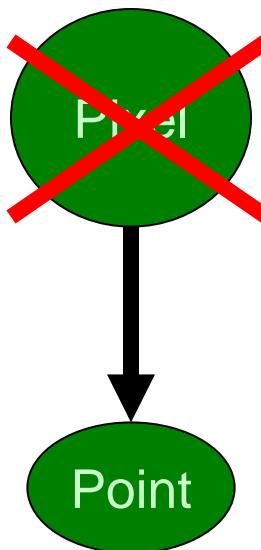


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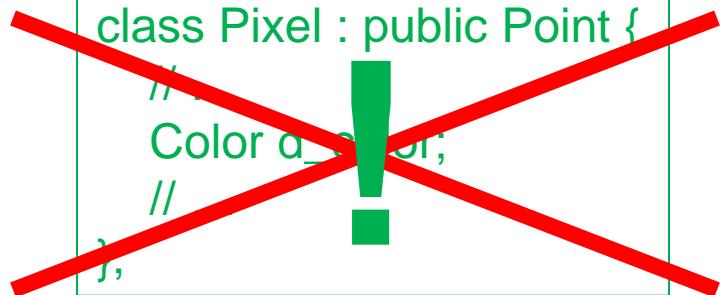
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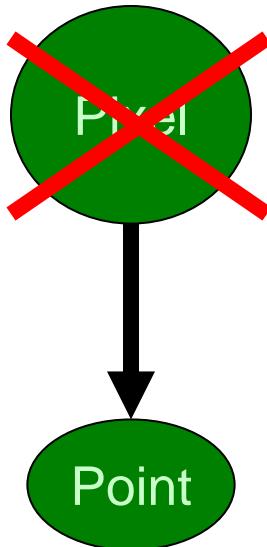
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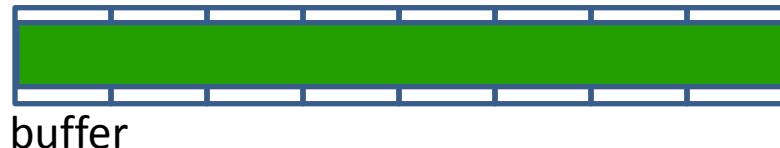
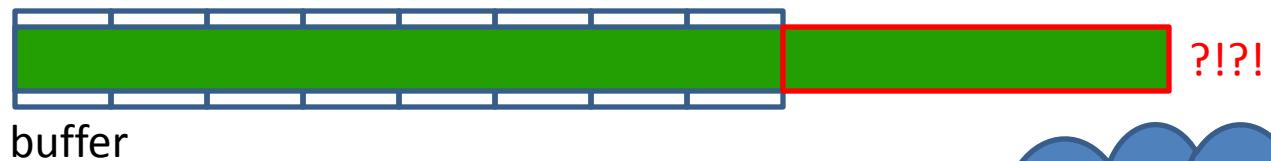
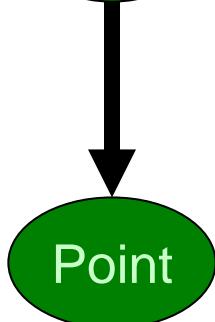
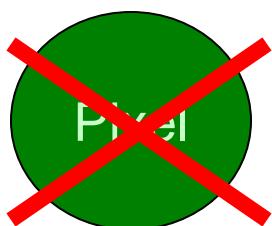
Proper **Structural** Inheritance *extends functionality*, but does **not** extend the object's footprint.

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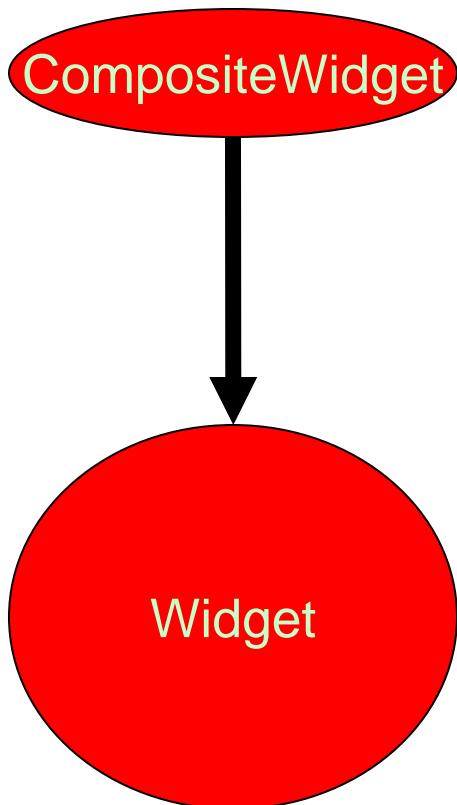
```
void anyProgram(Type *p)  
{  
    double alignmentHack; // Don't do it!  
    char buffer[sizeof(Point)];  
    (Type *)&buffer = *p;  
}
```



The same  
“size” issue  
applies to  
arrays of  
objects!

#### 4. Proper Inheritance

## Implementation Inheritance



**Implementation hierarchies  
are *highly problematic!***

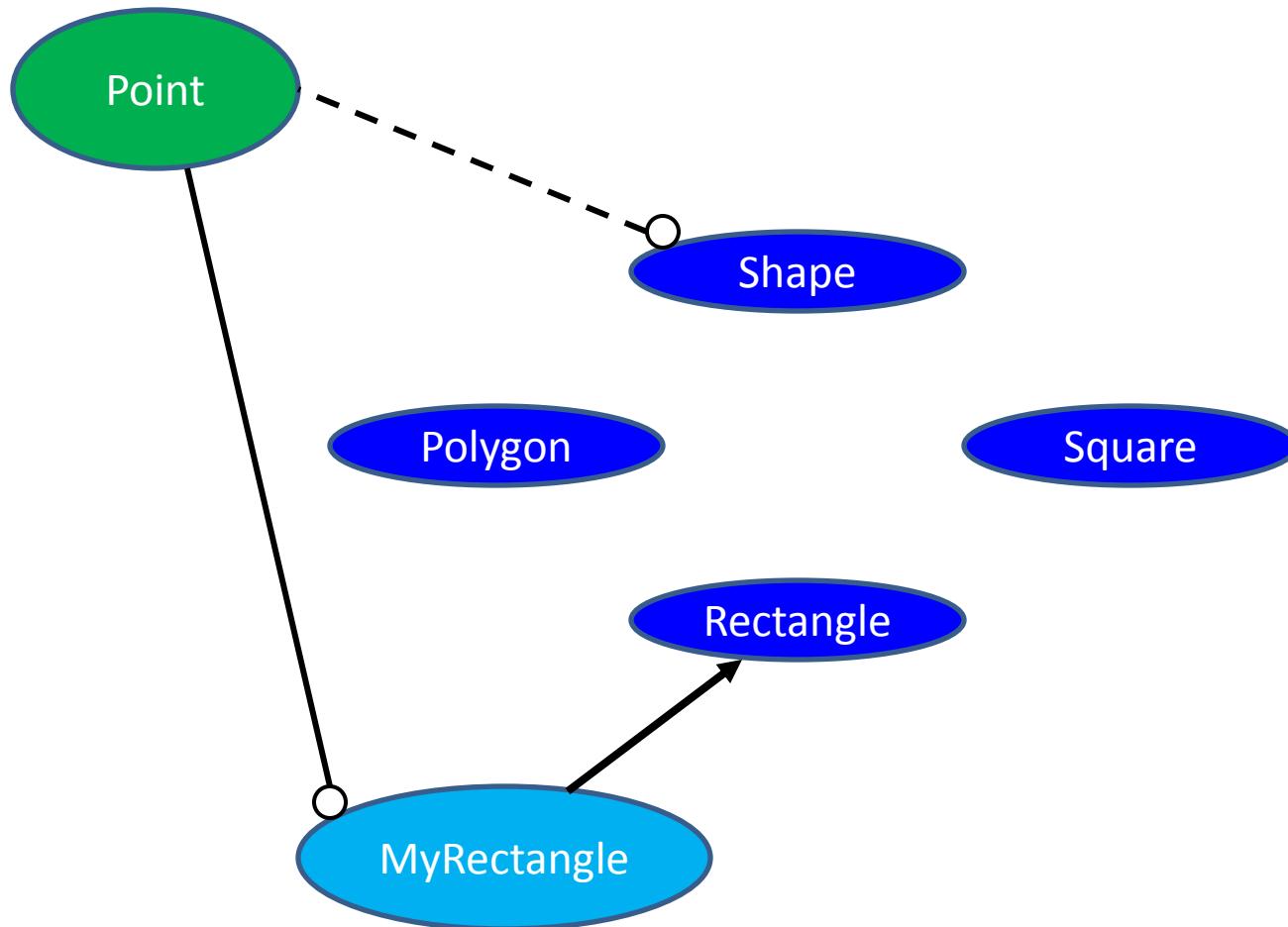
Incorporating implementation with interface inheritance:

- Makes software brittle, inflexible, and hard to maintain.
- Exposes public clients to physical (compile- and link-time) dependencies on the shared implementation.
- Adds nothing that cannot be done with pure interface inheritance and layering.

**Its only value is as a syntactic expedient!**

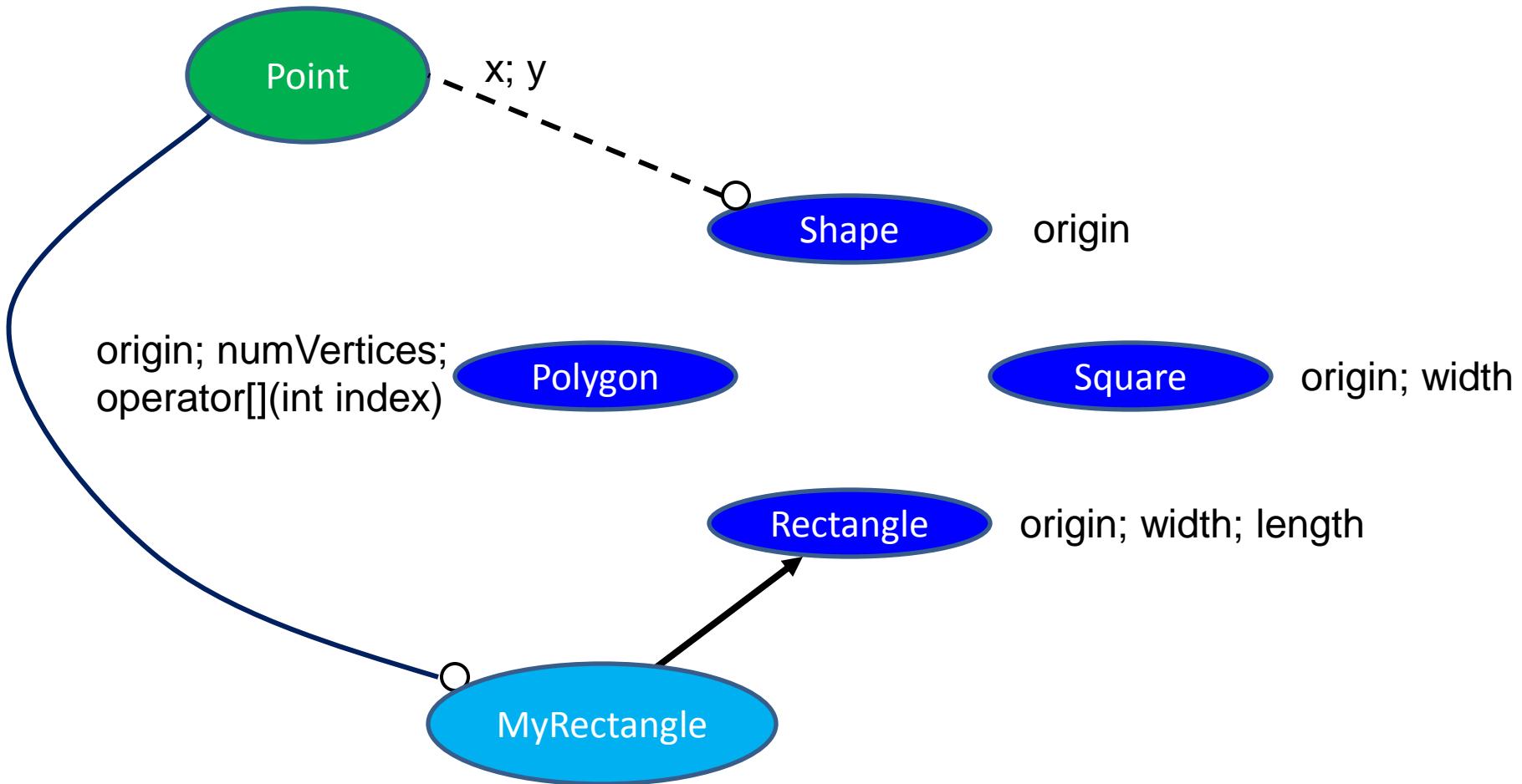
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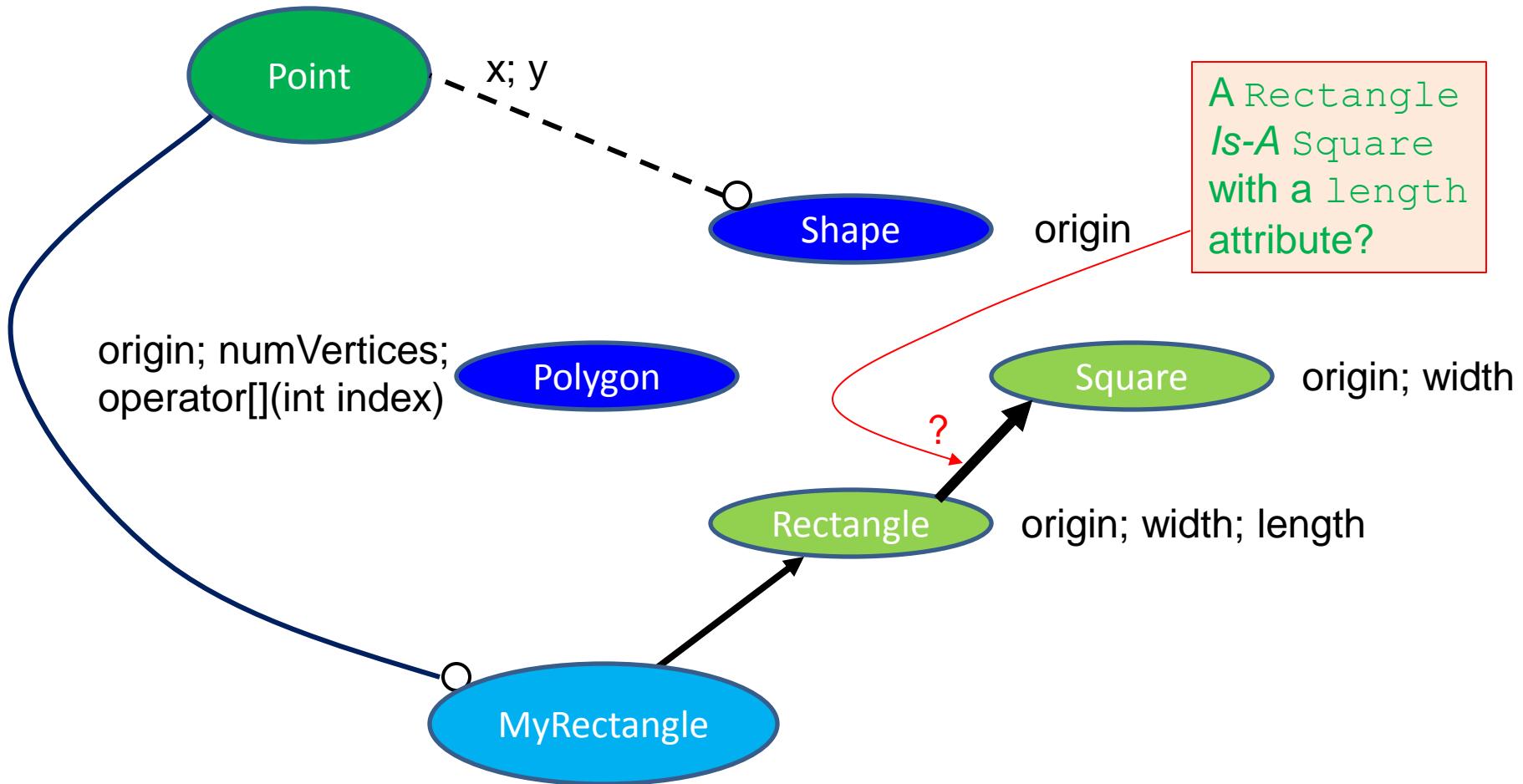
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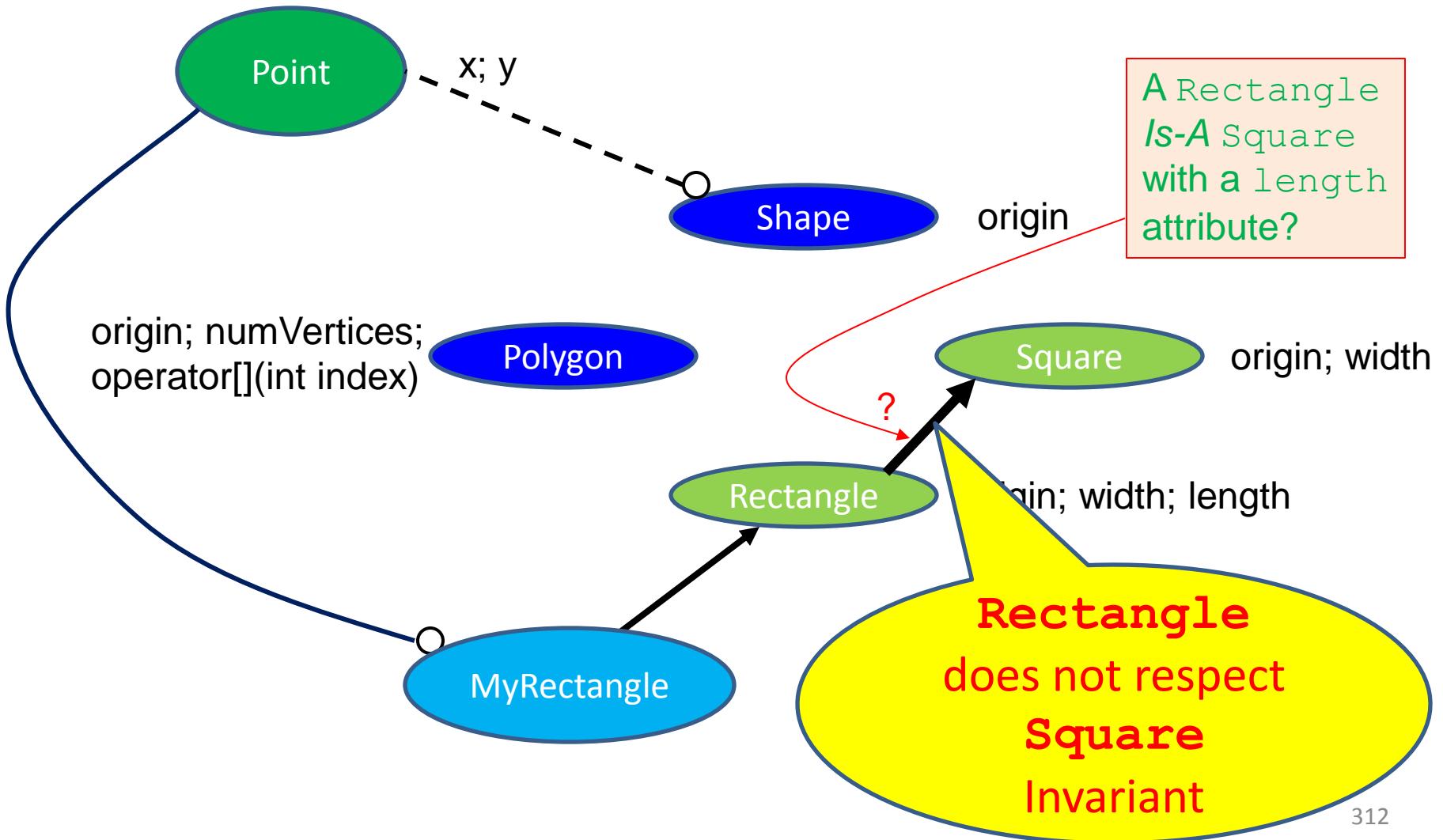
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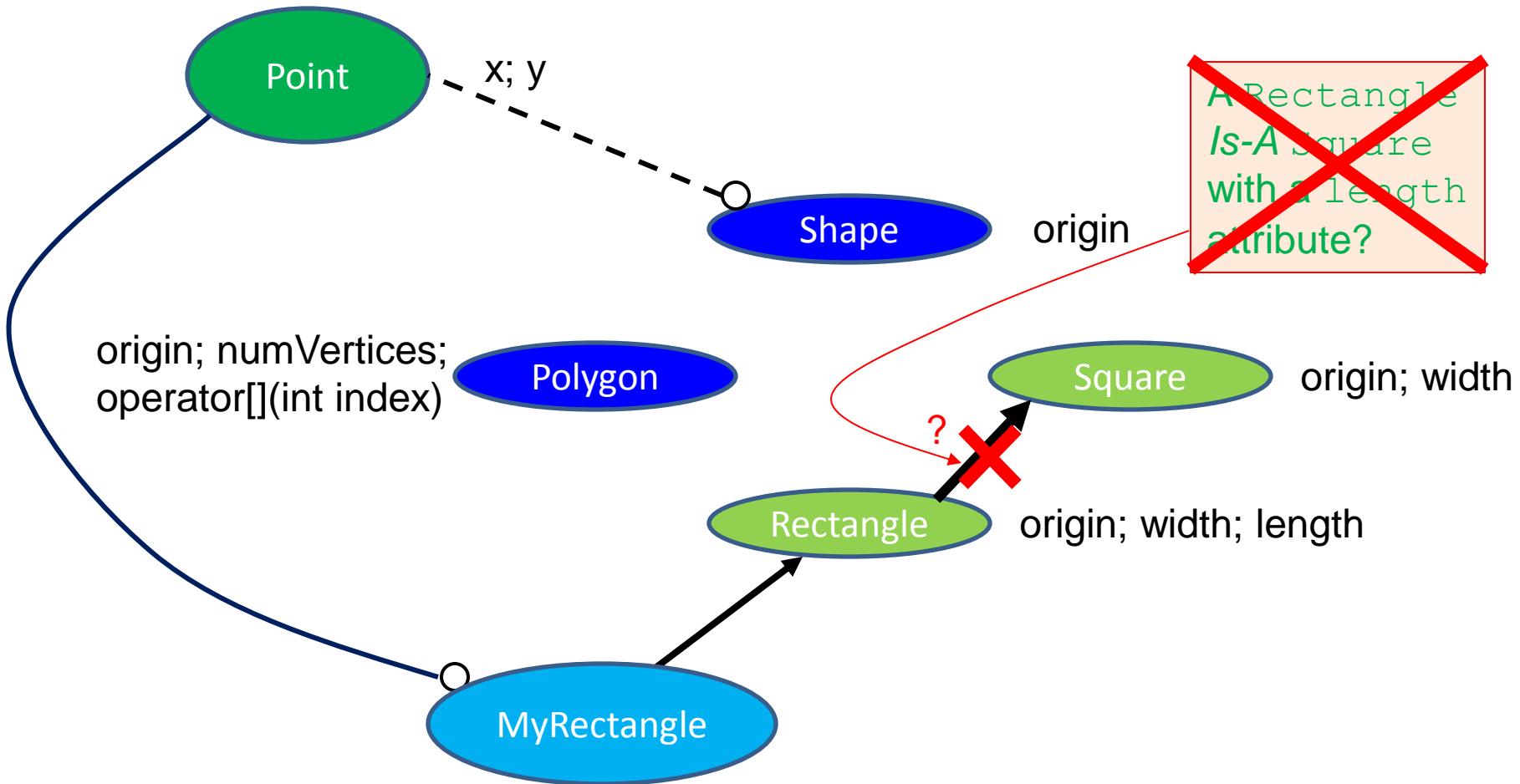
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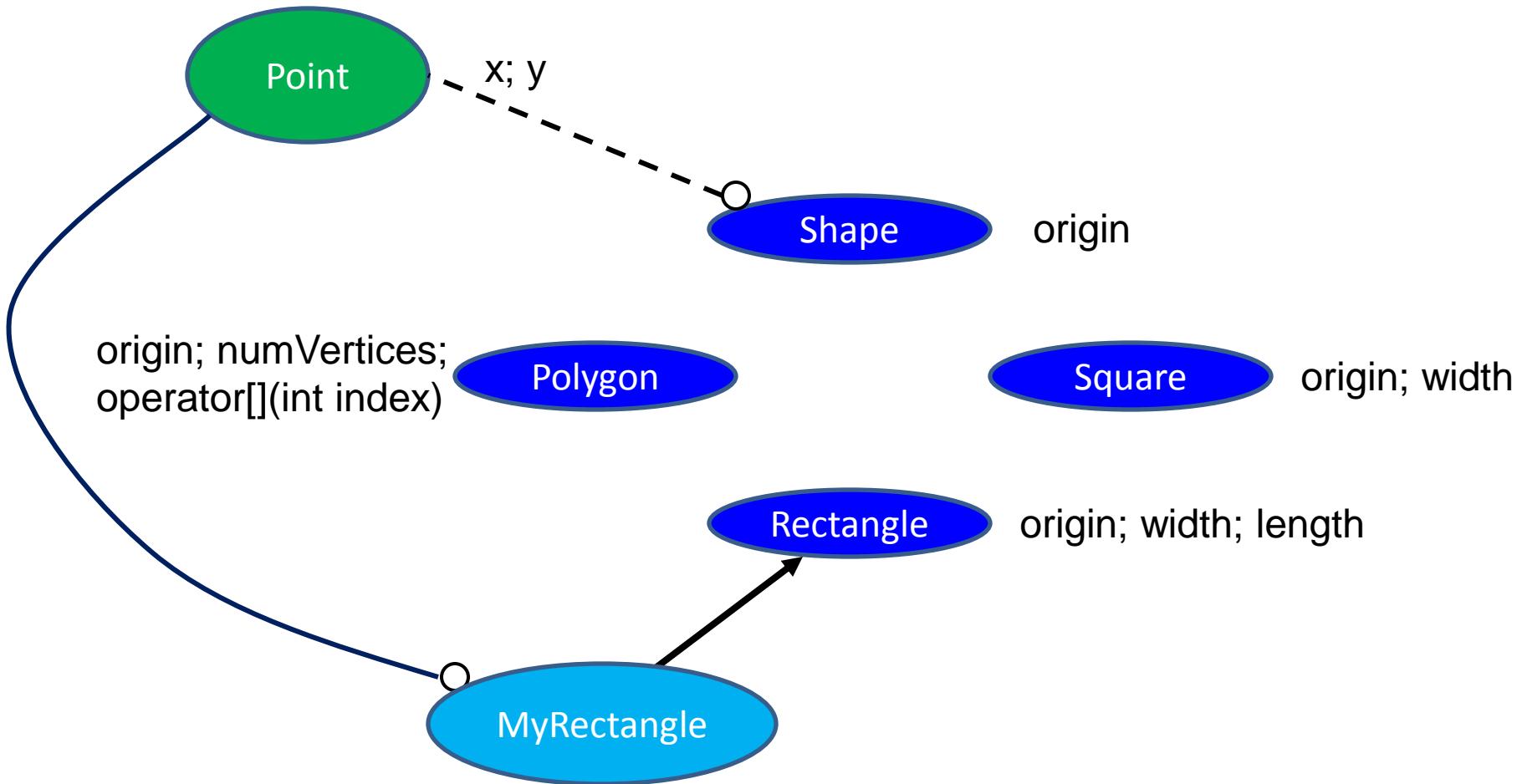
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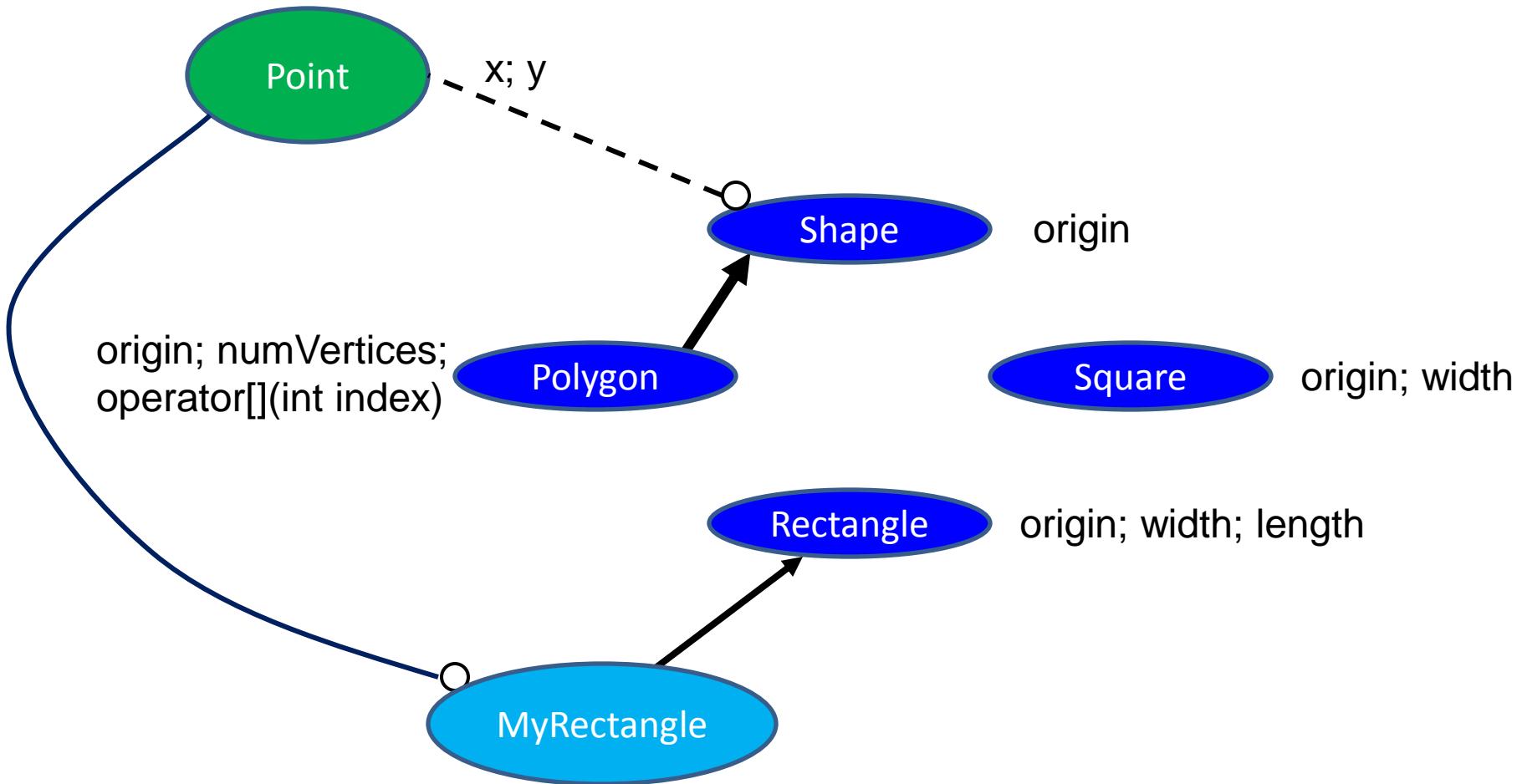
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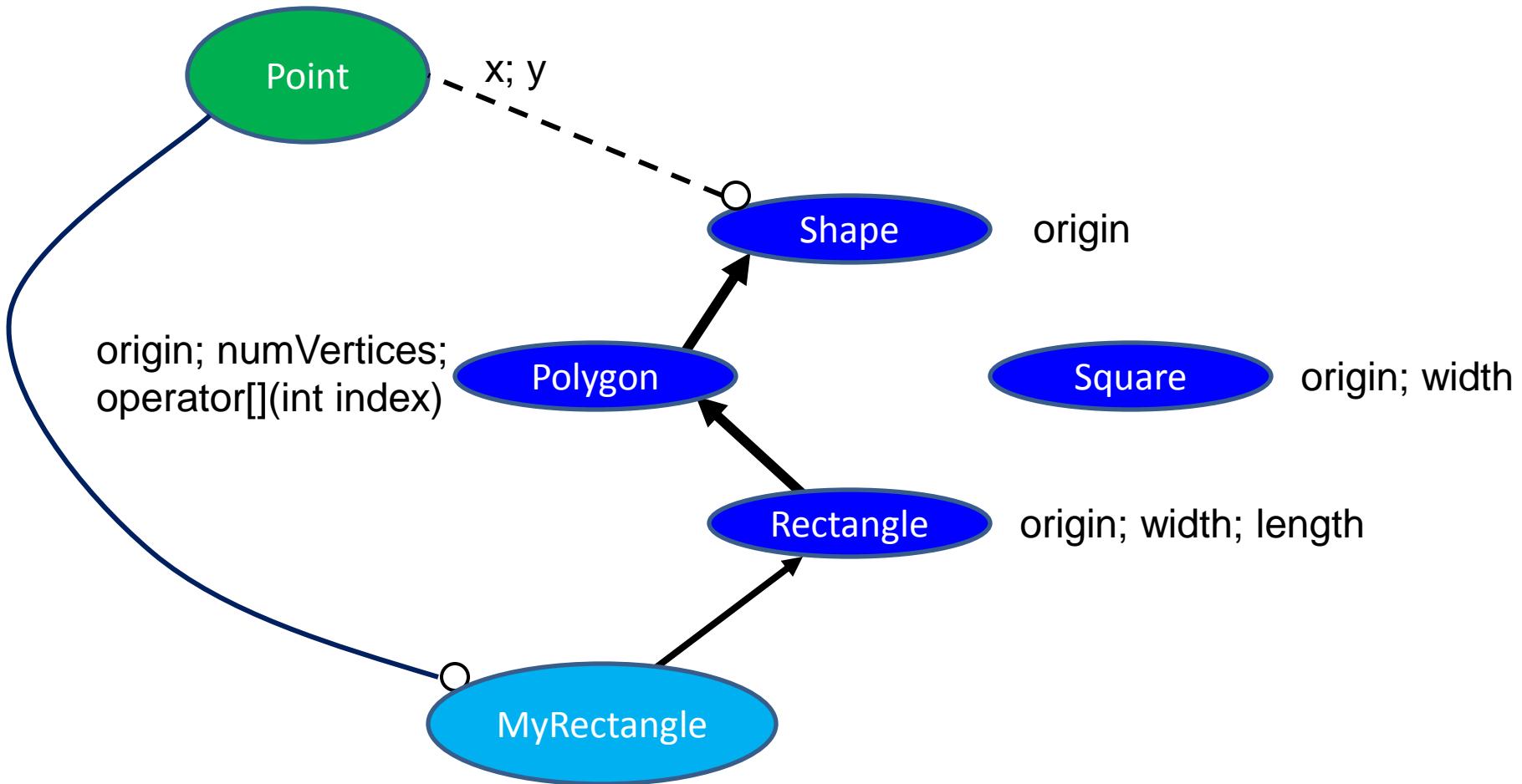
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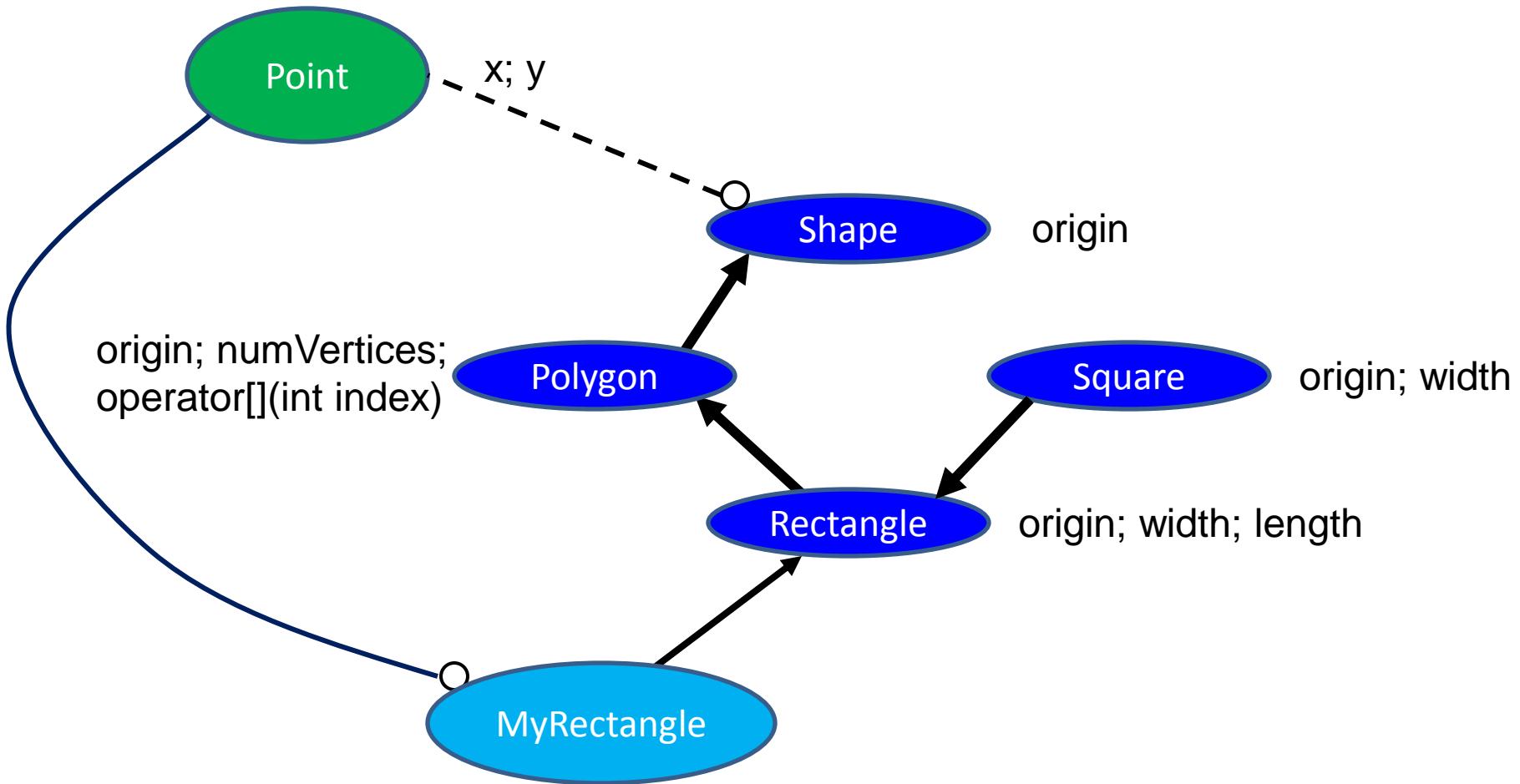
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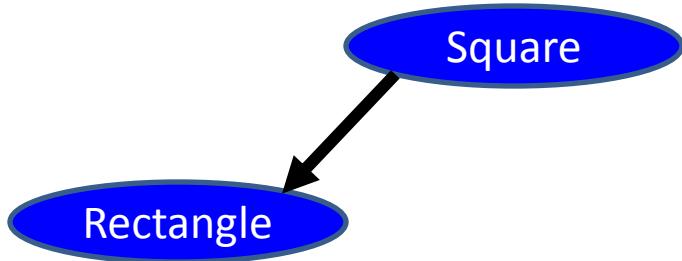
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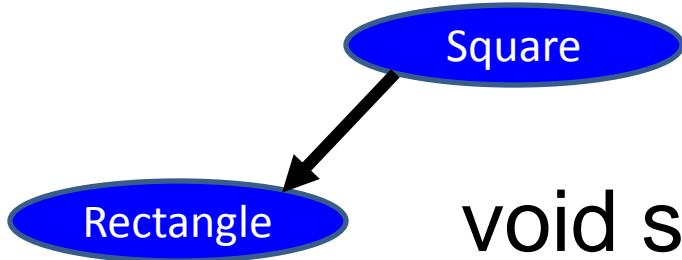
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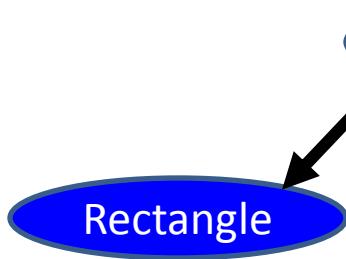


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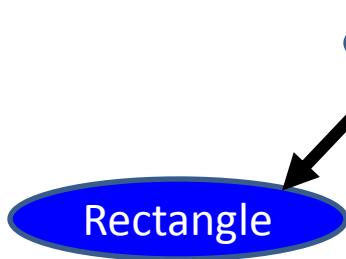


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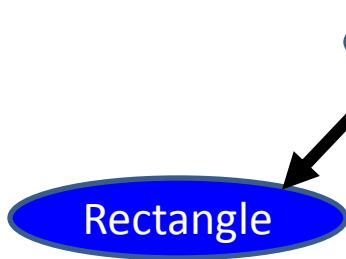


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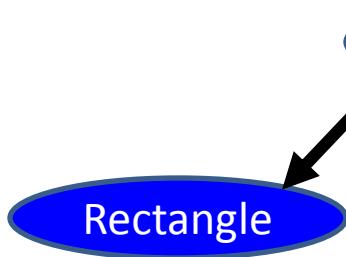


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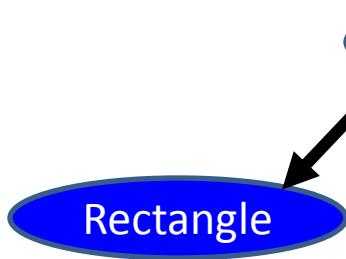


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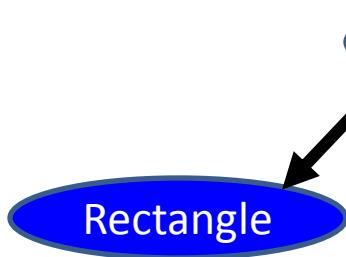
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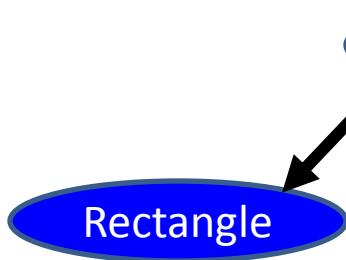
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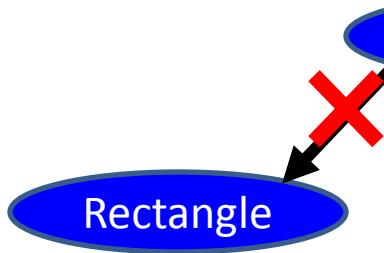


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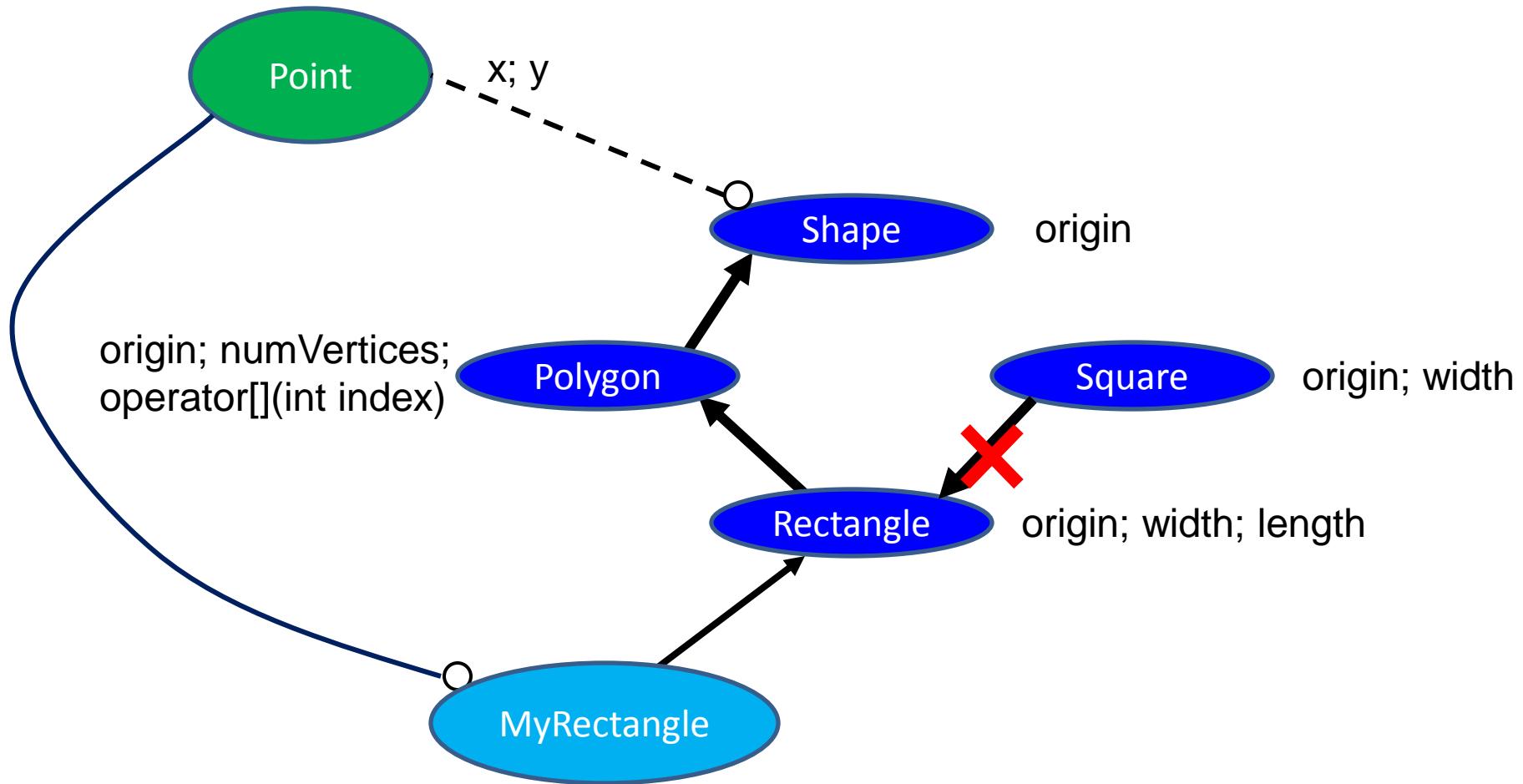


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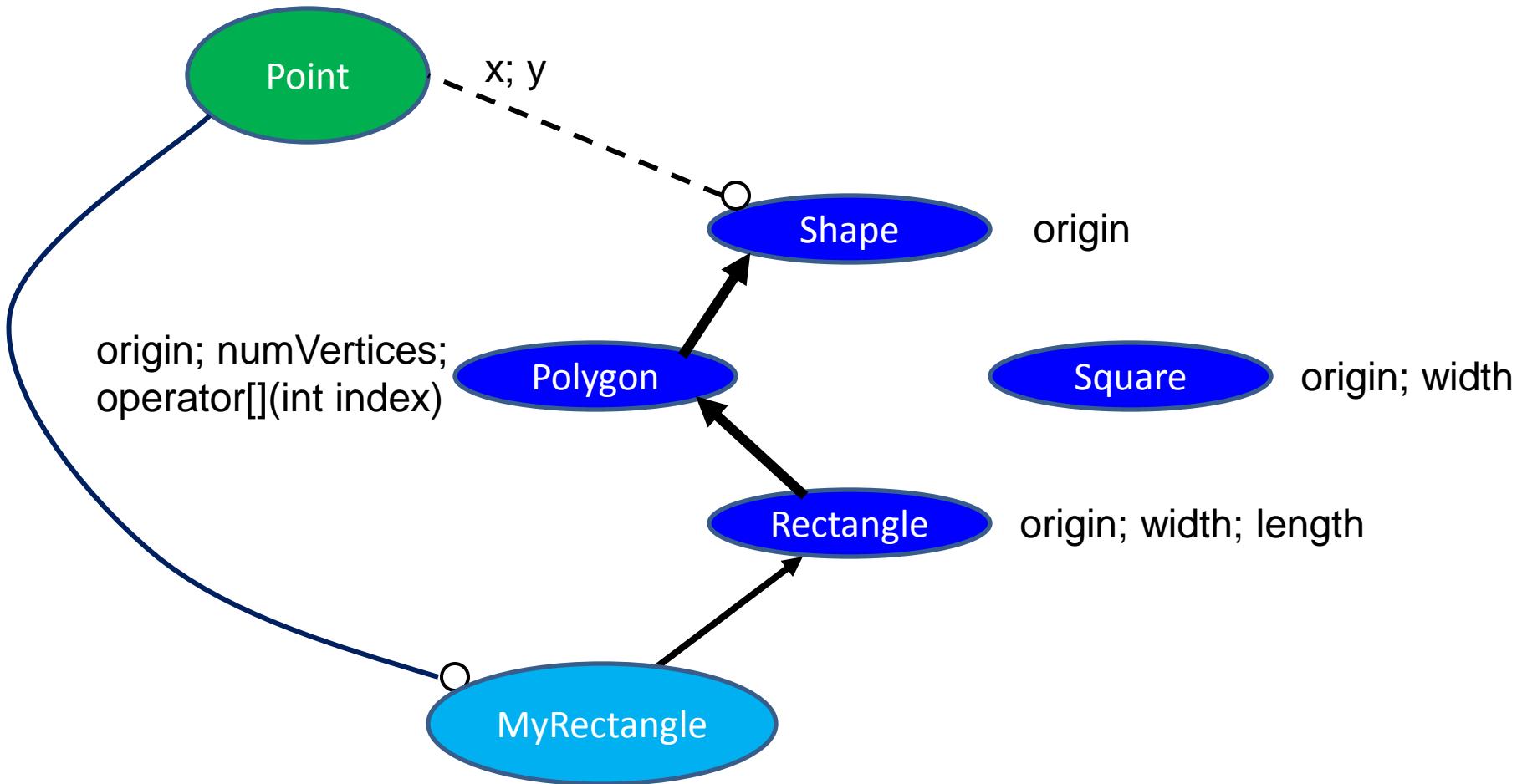
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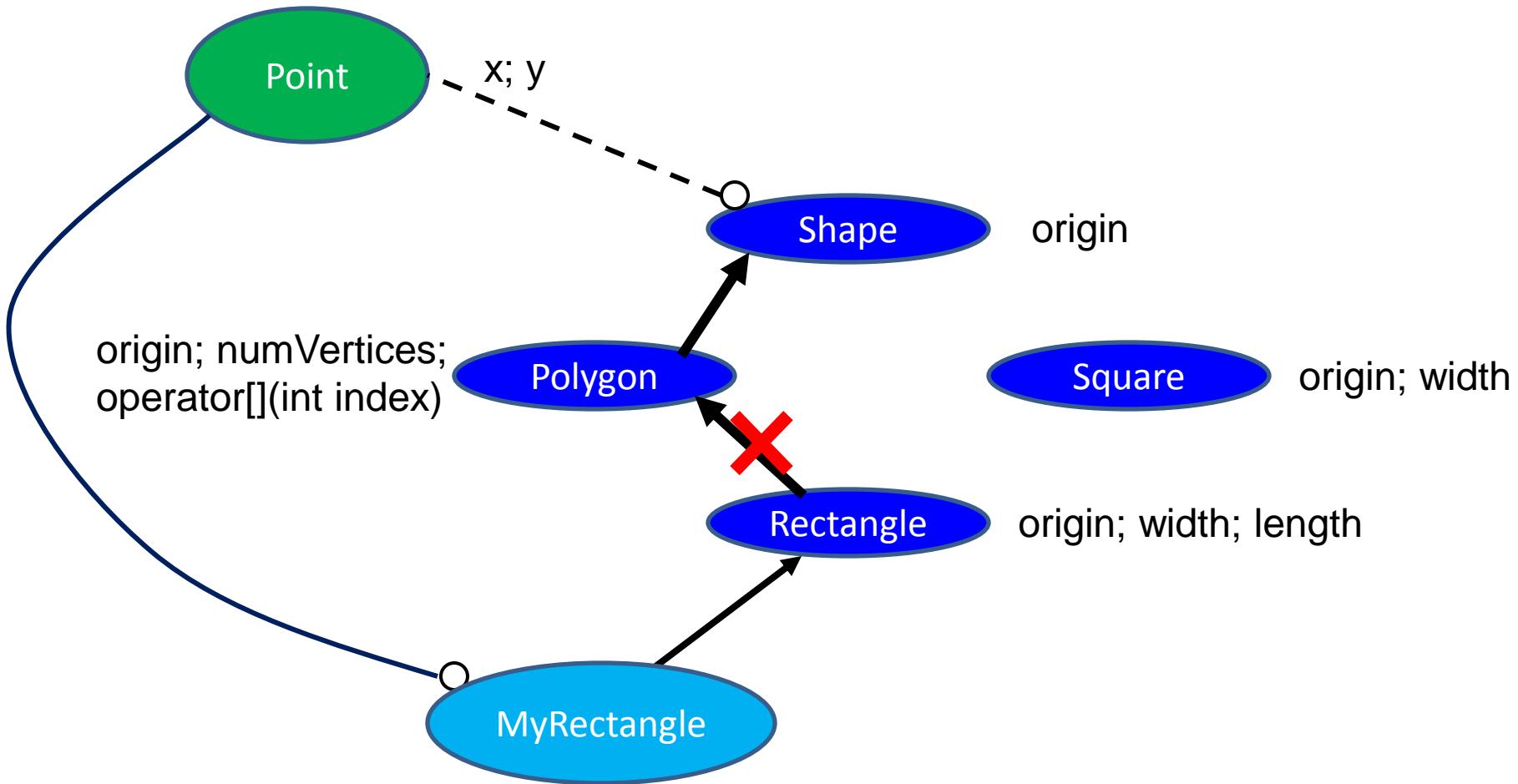
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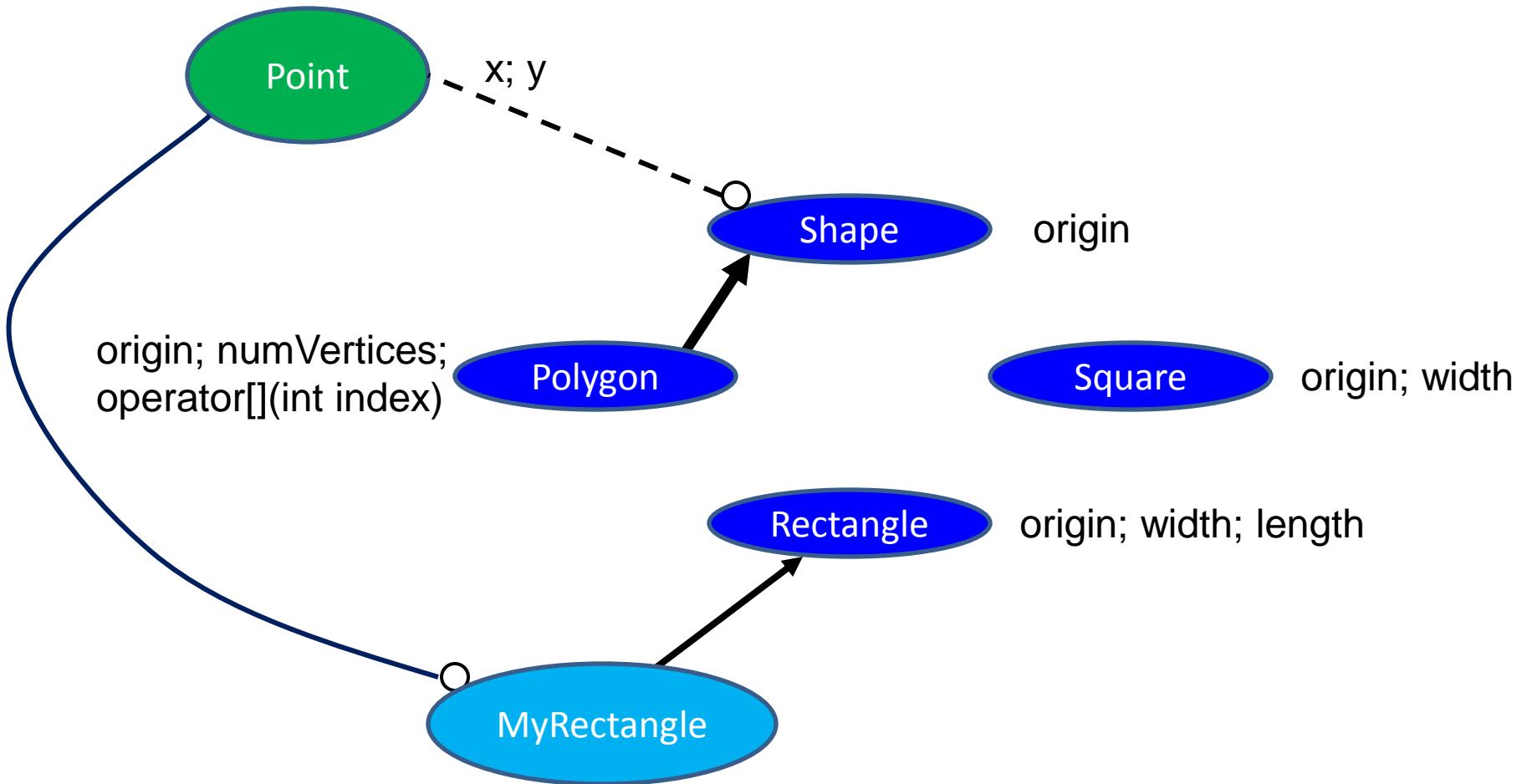
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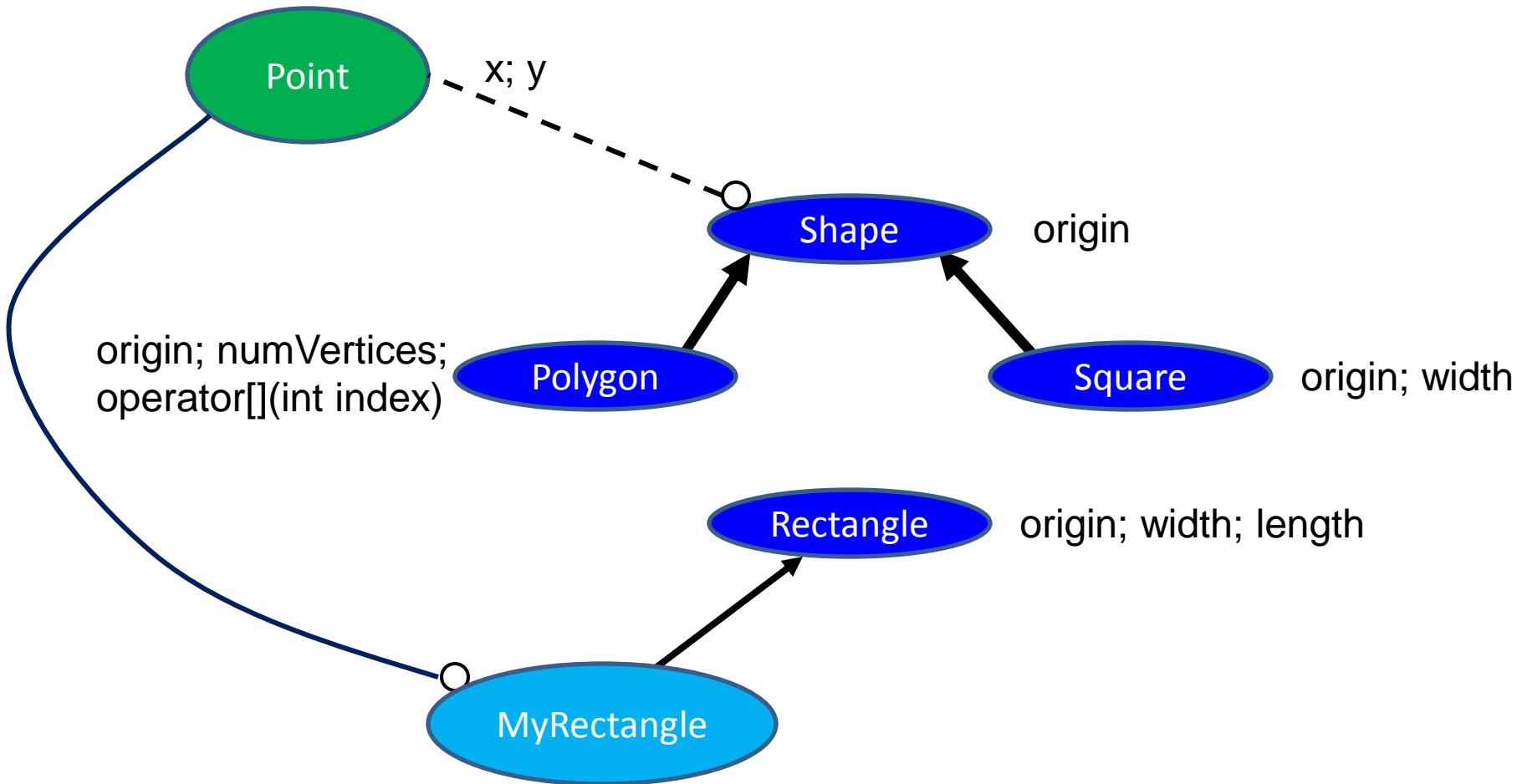
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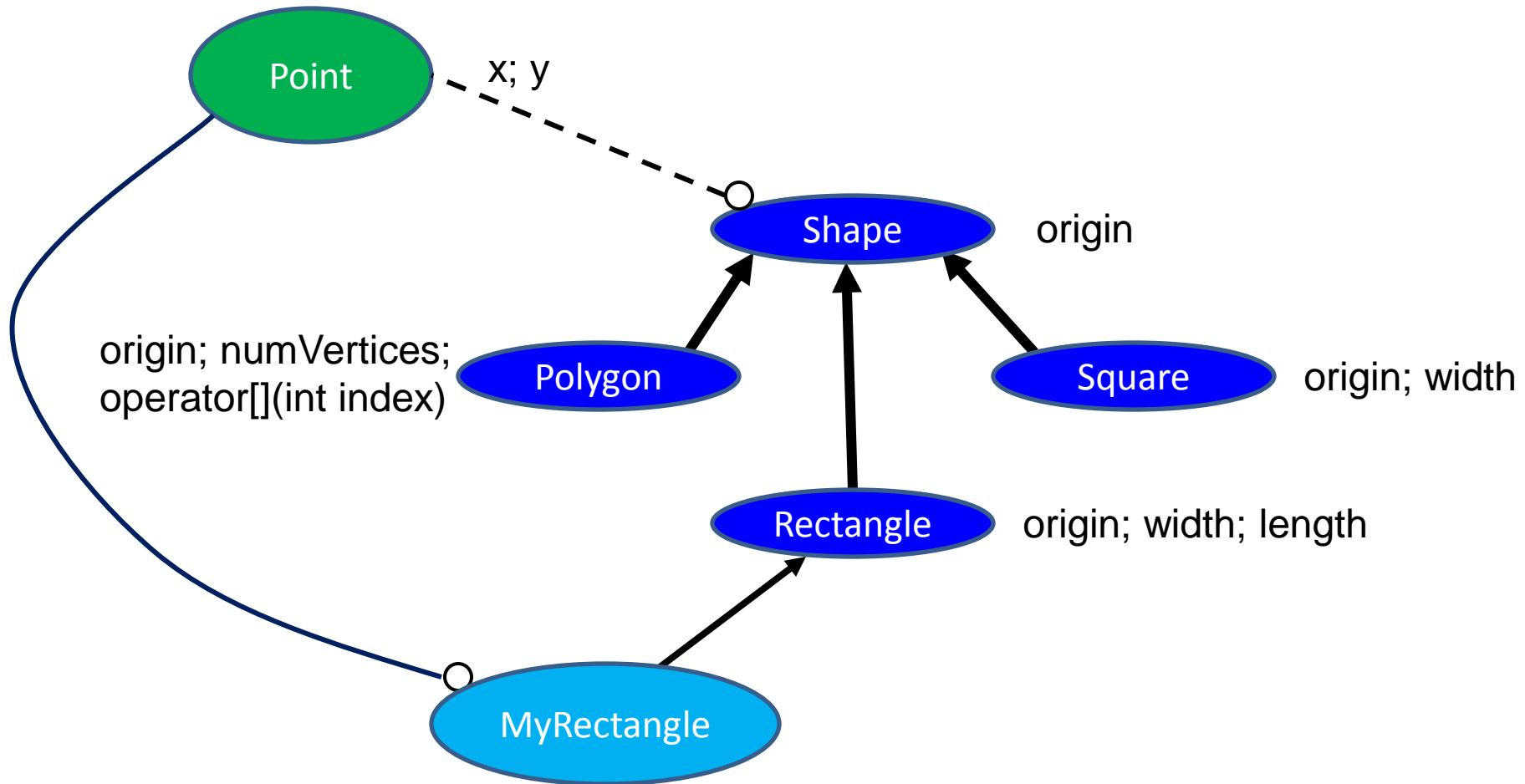
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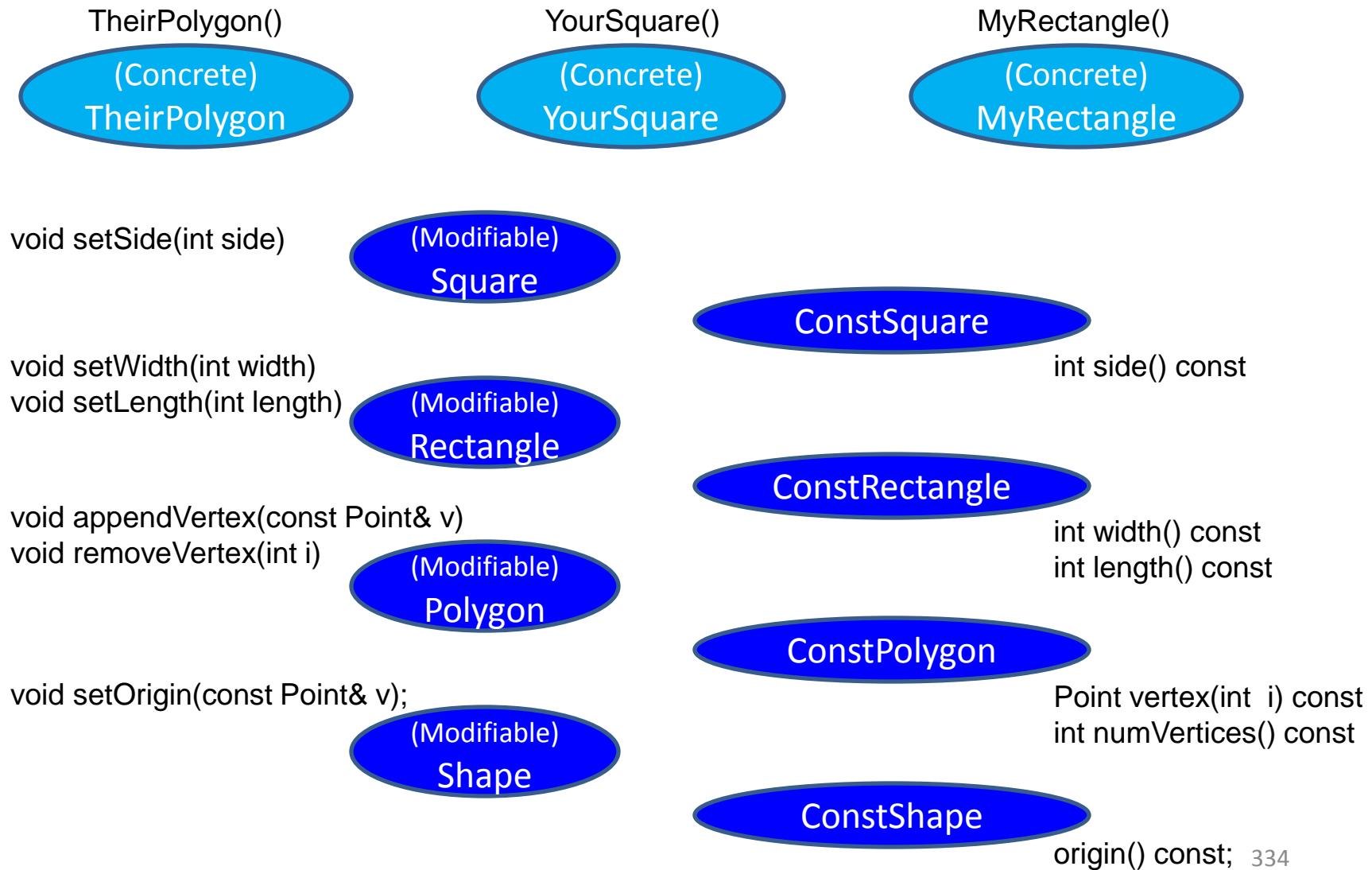
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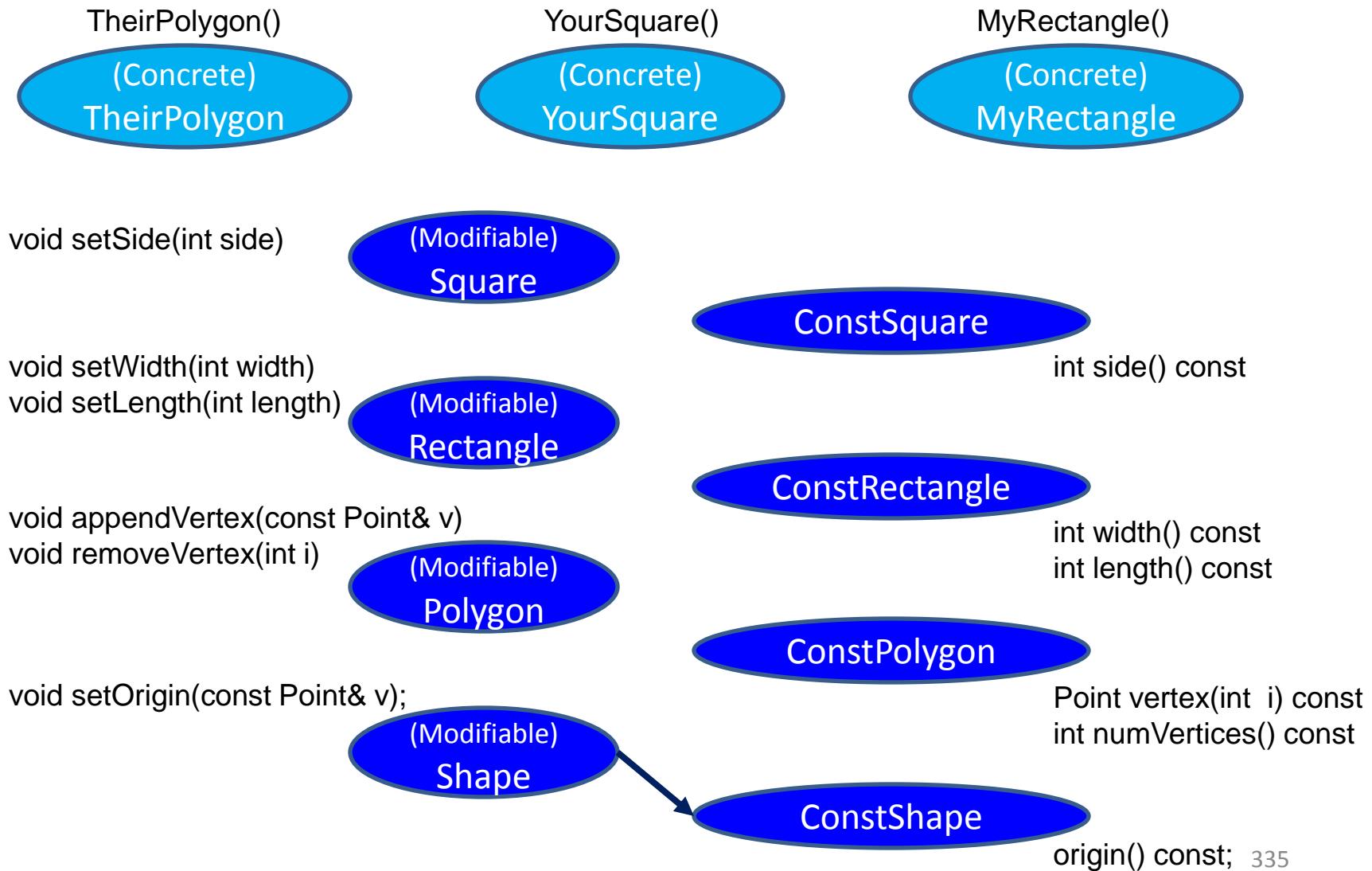
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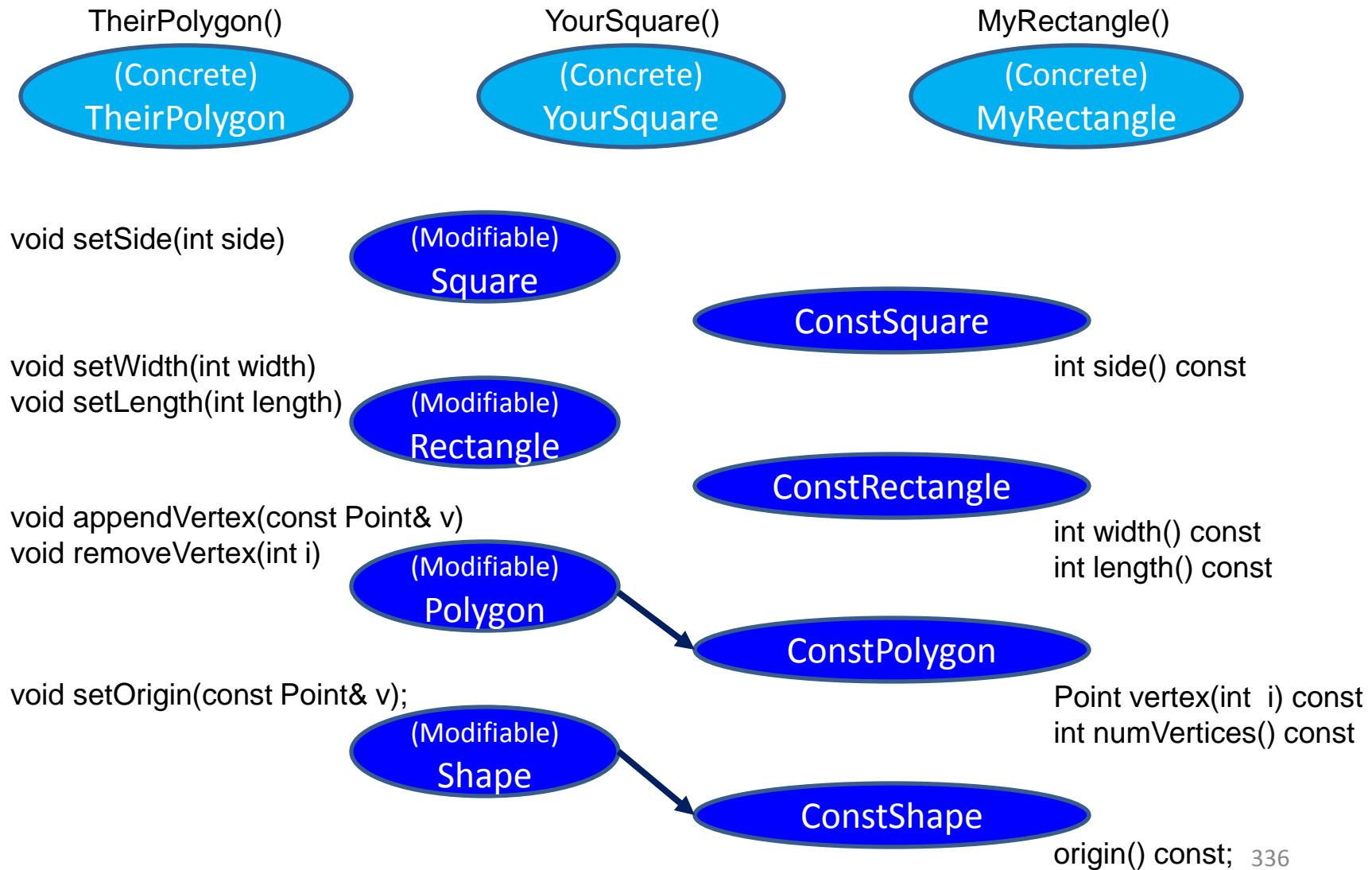
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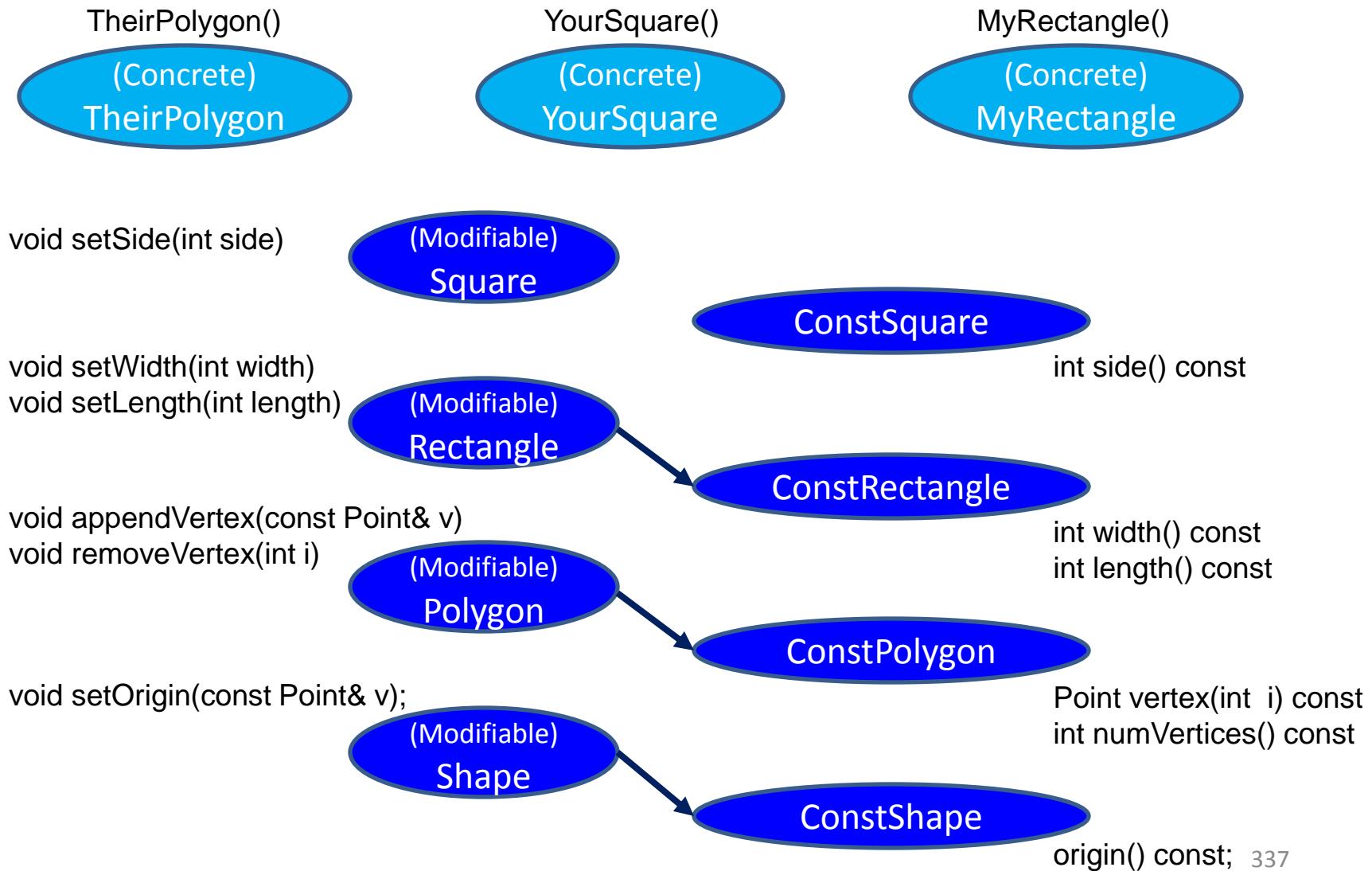
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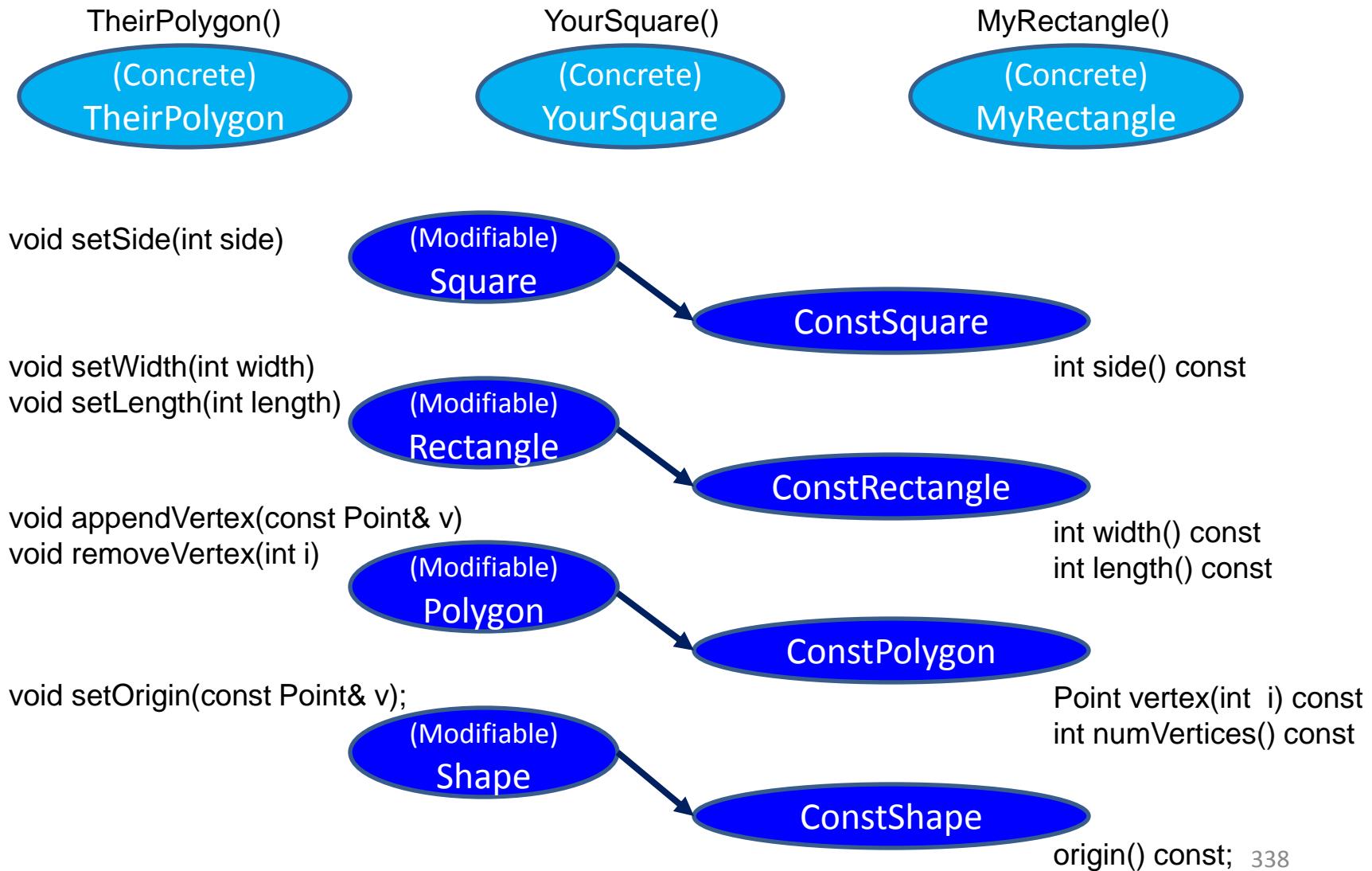
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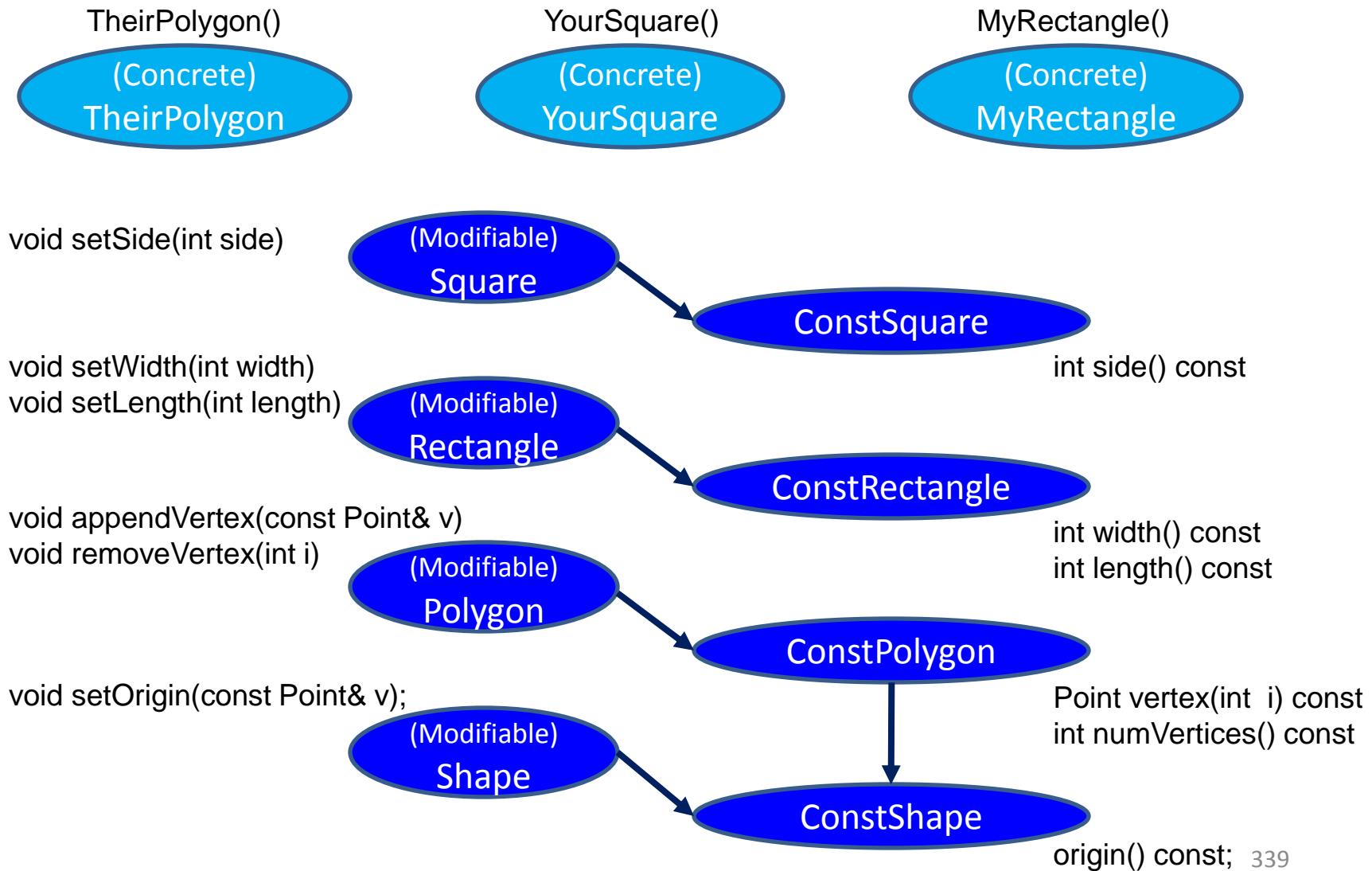
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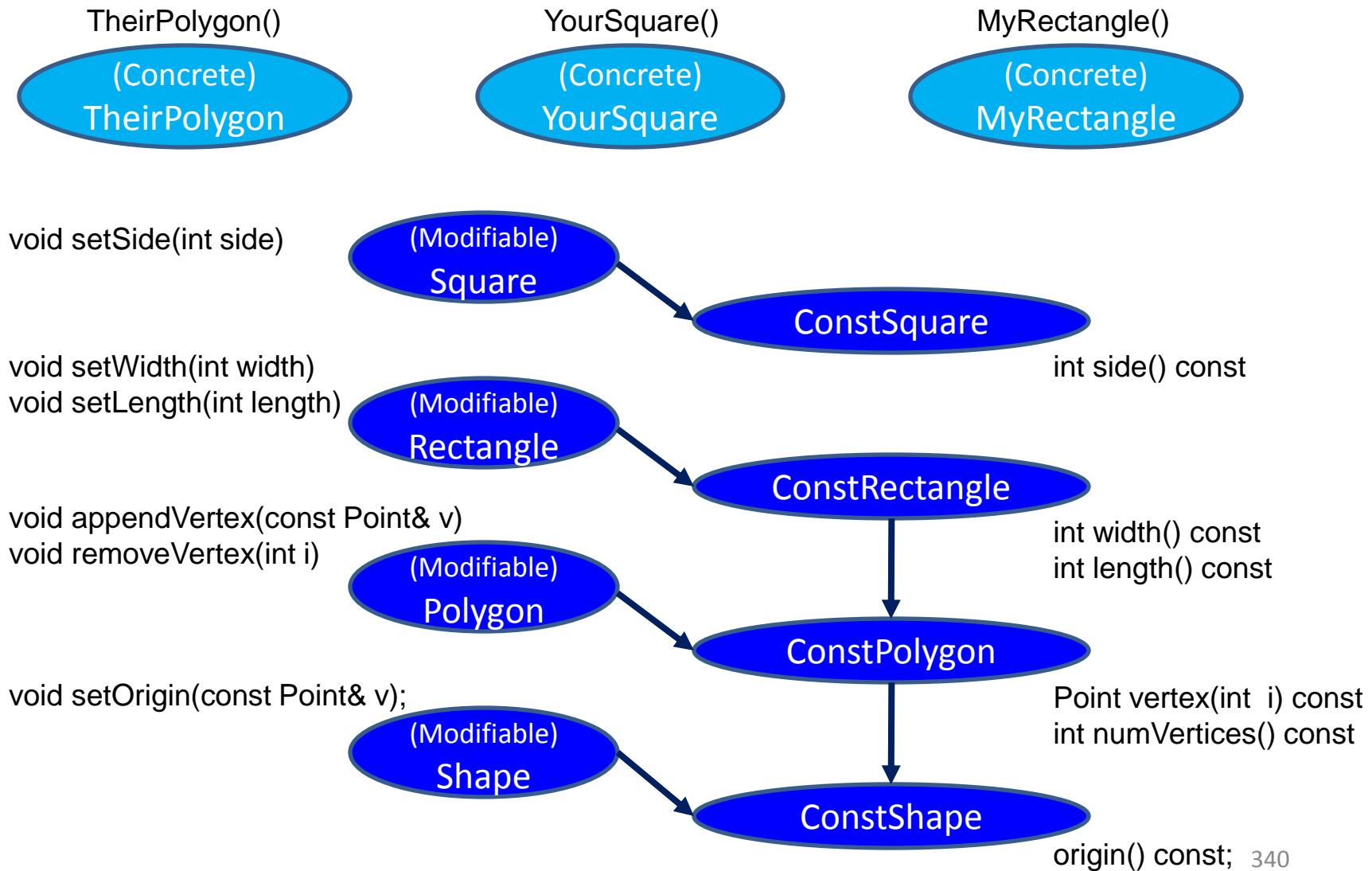
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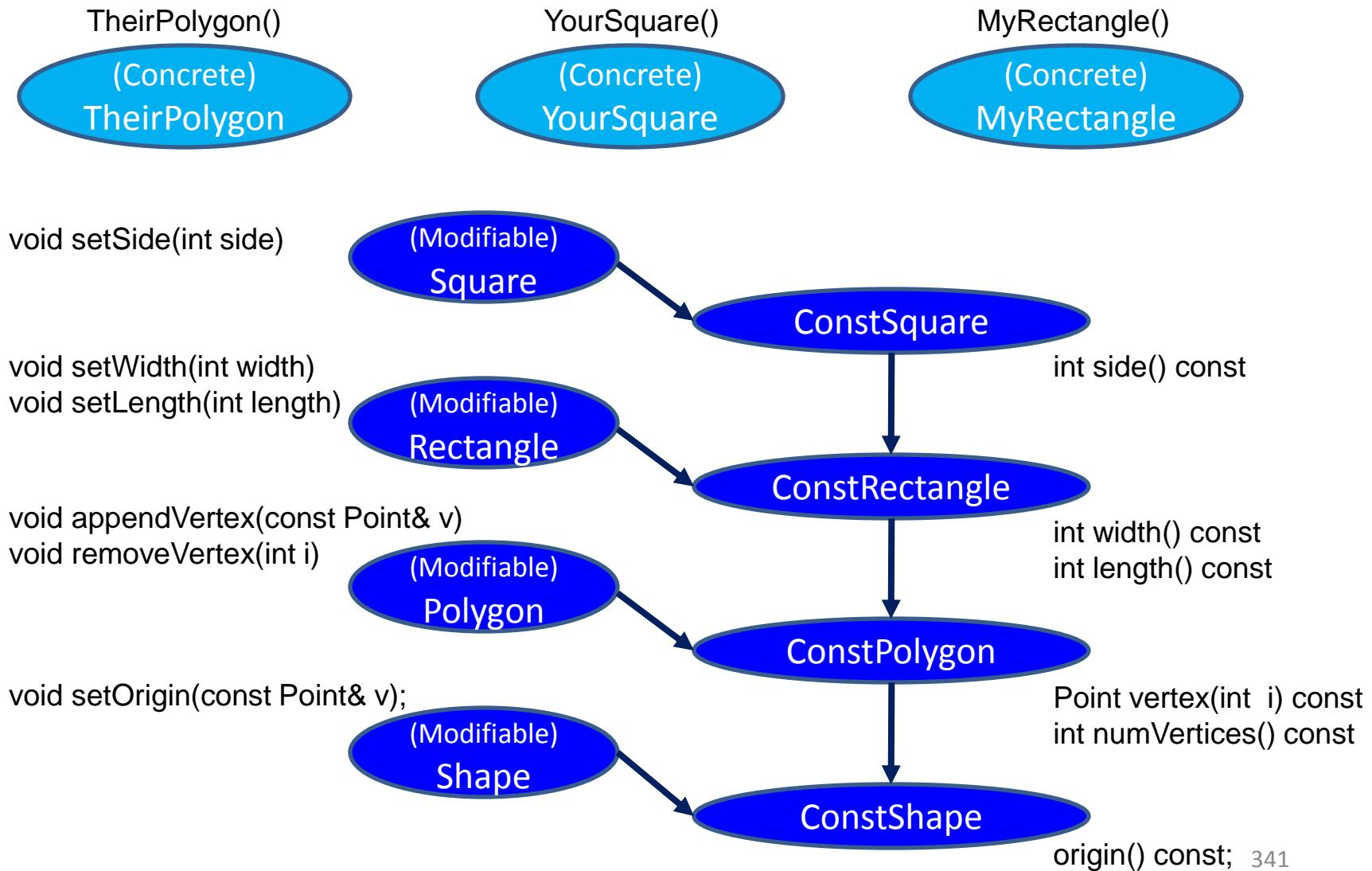
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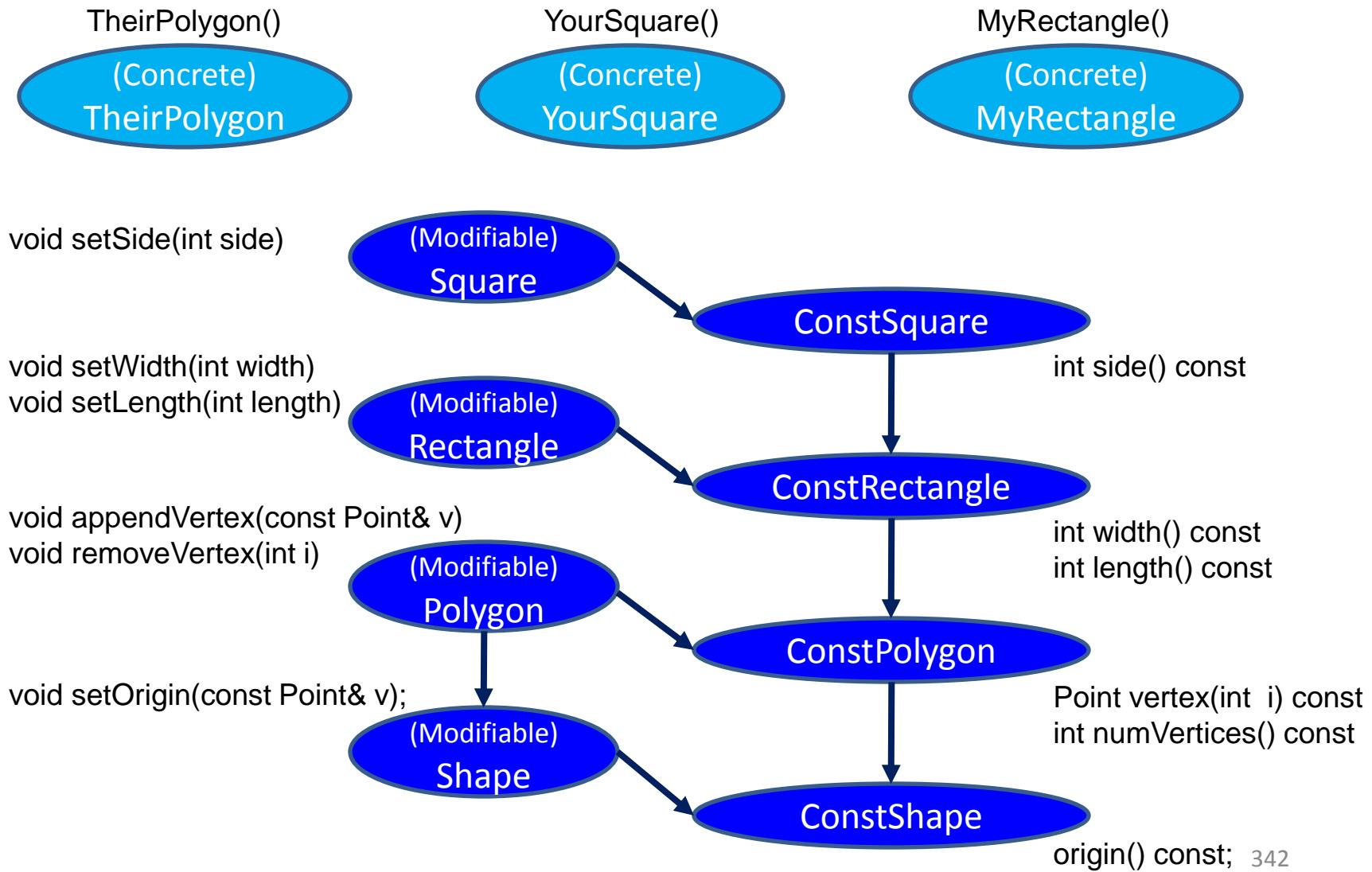
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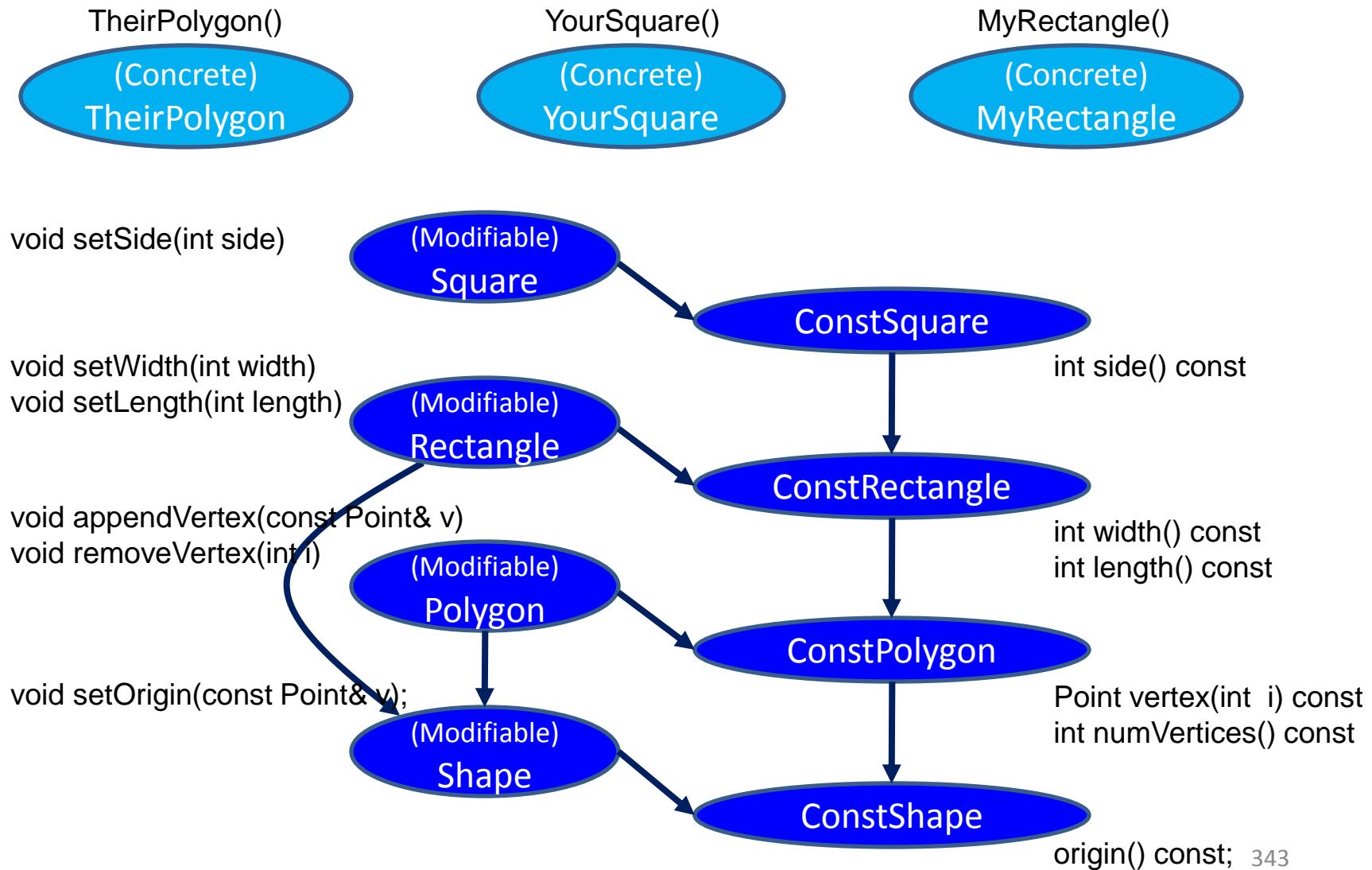
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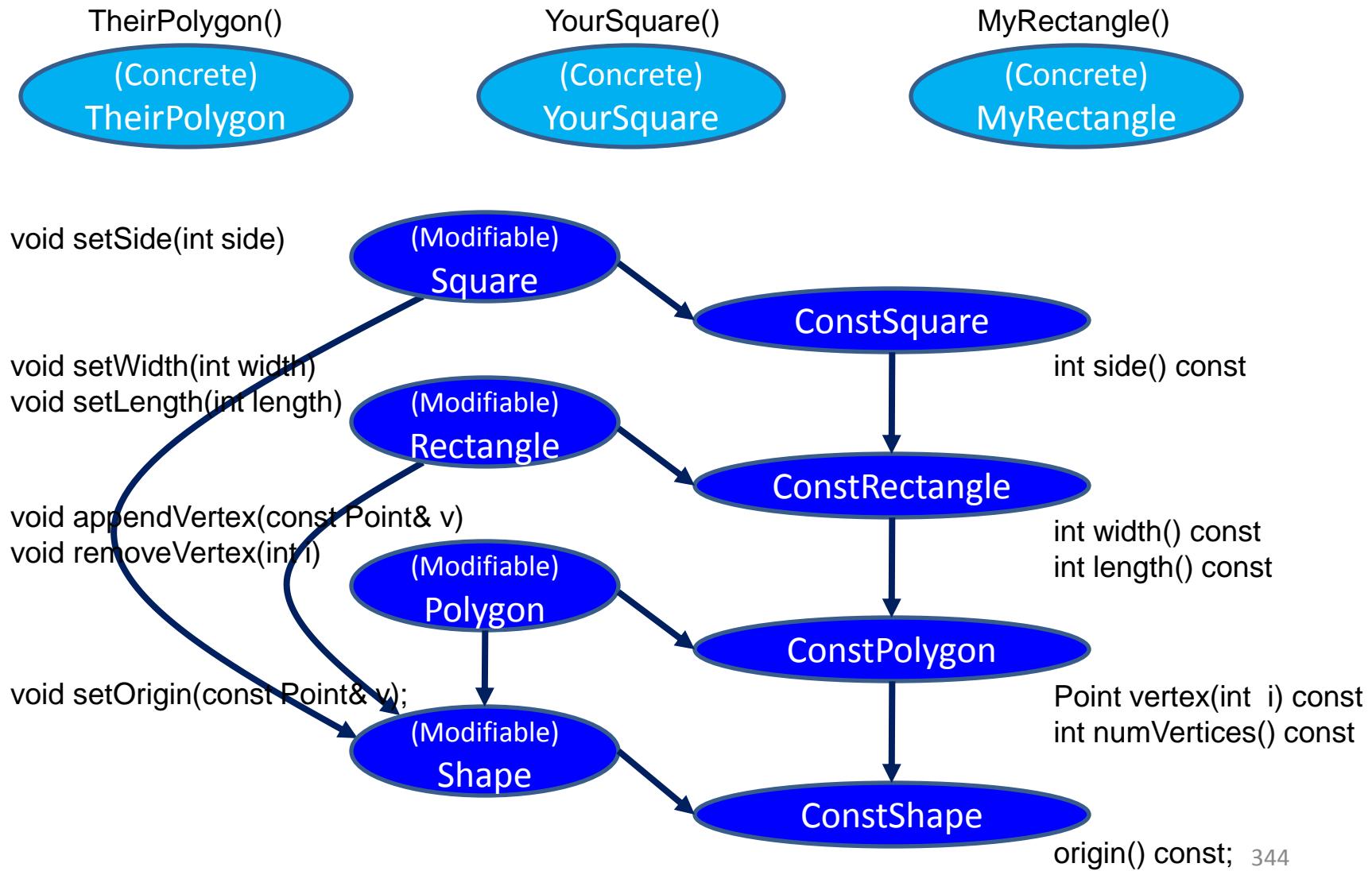
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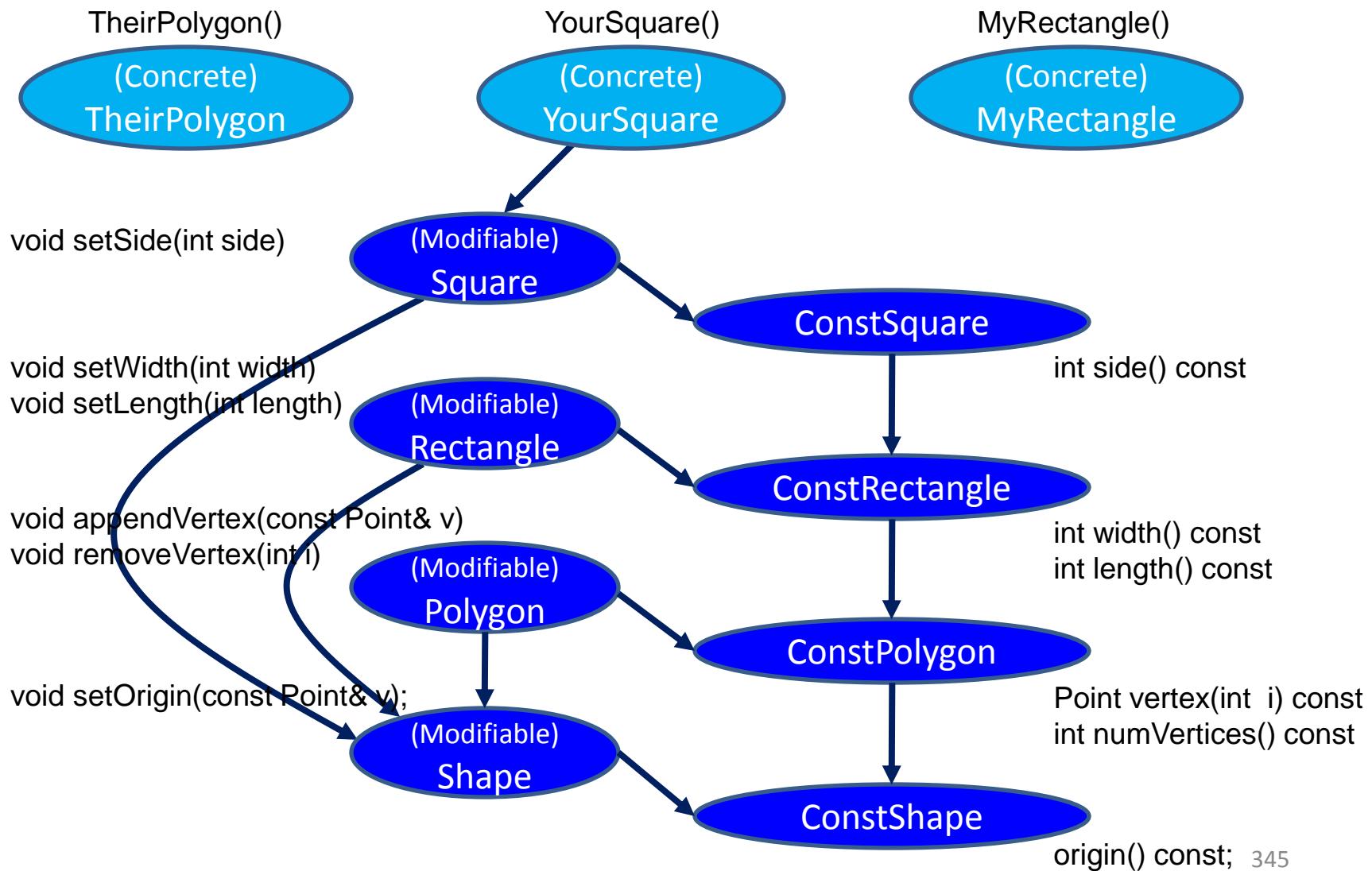
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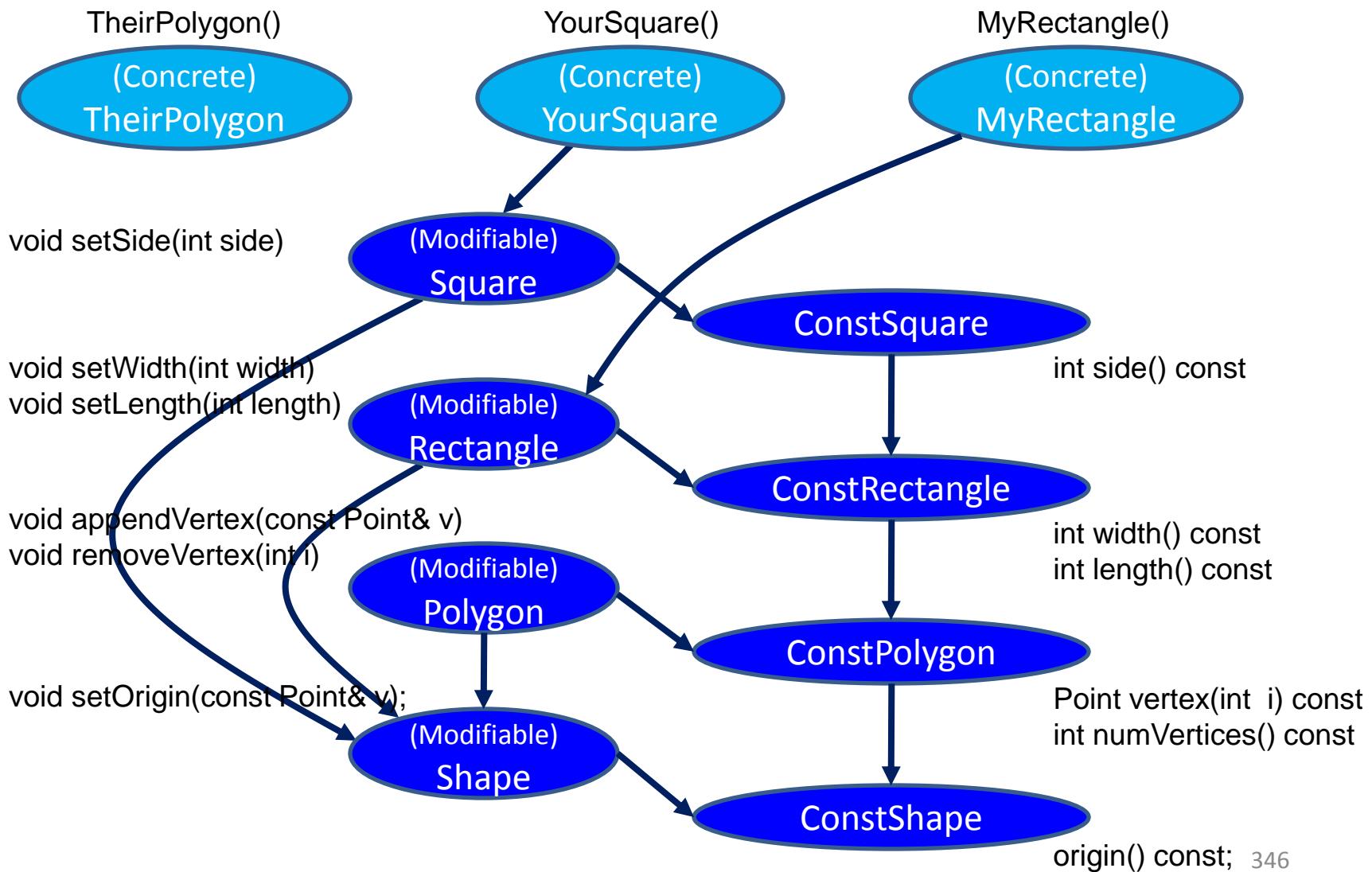
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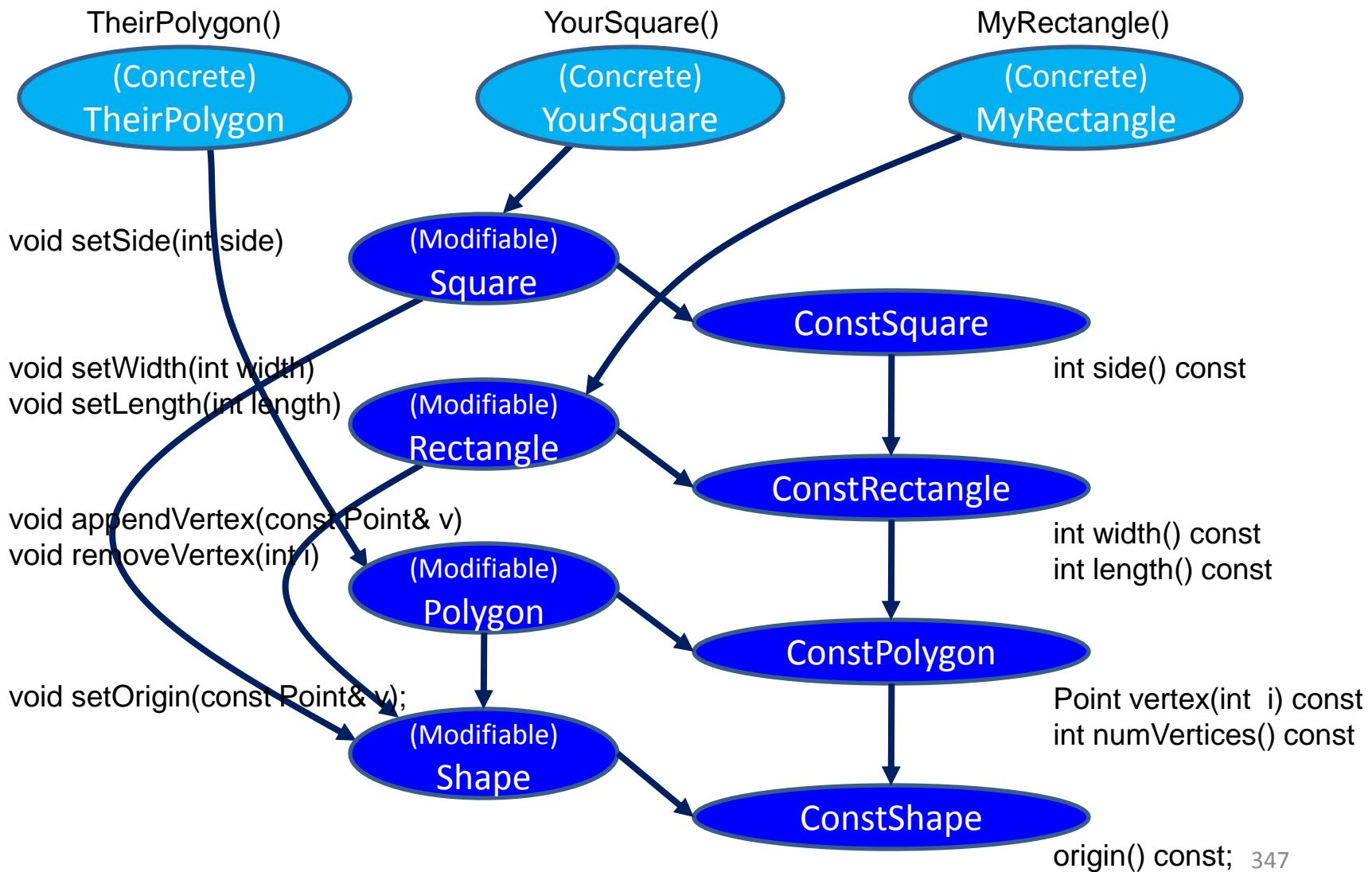
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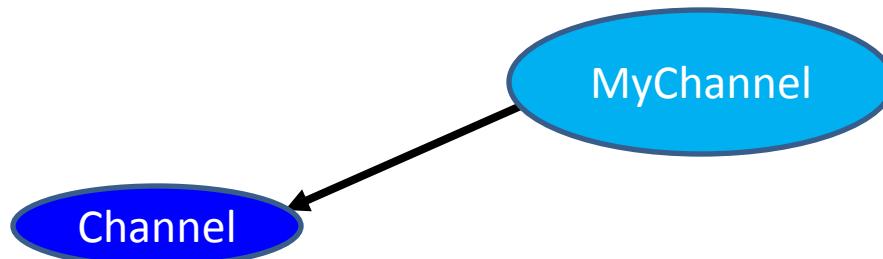
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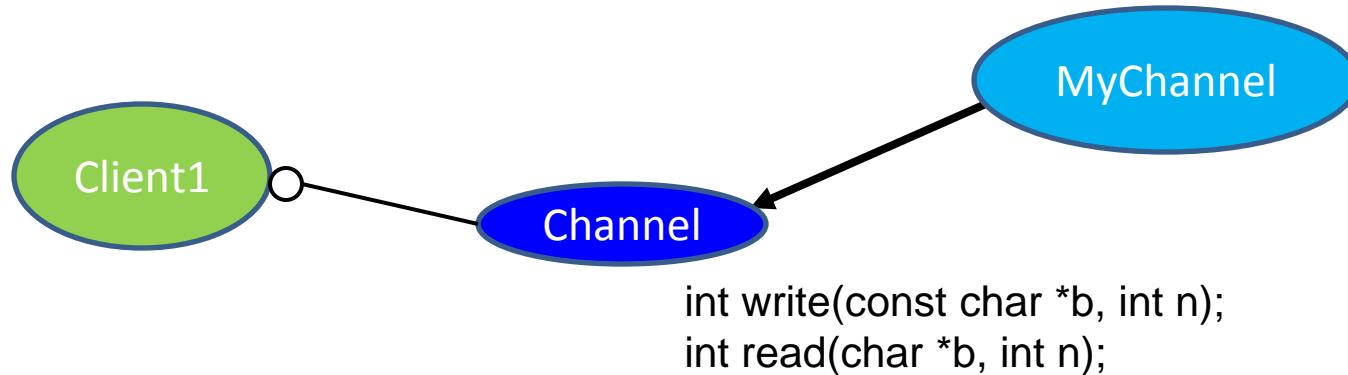
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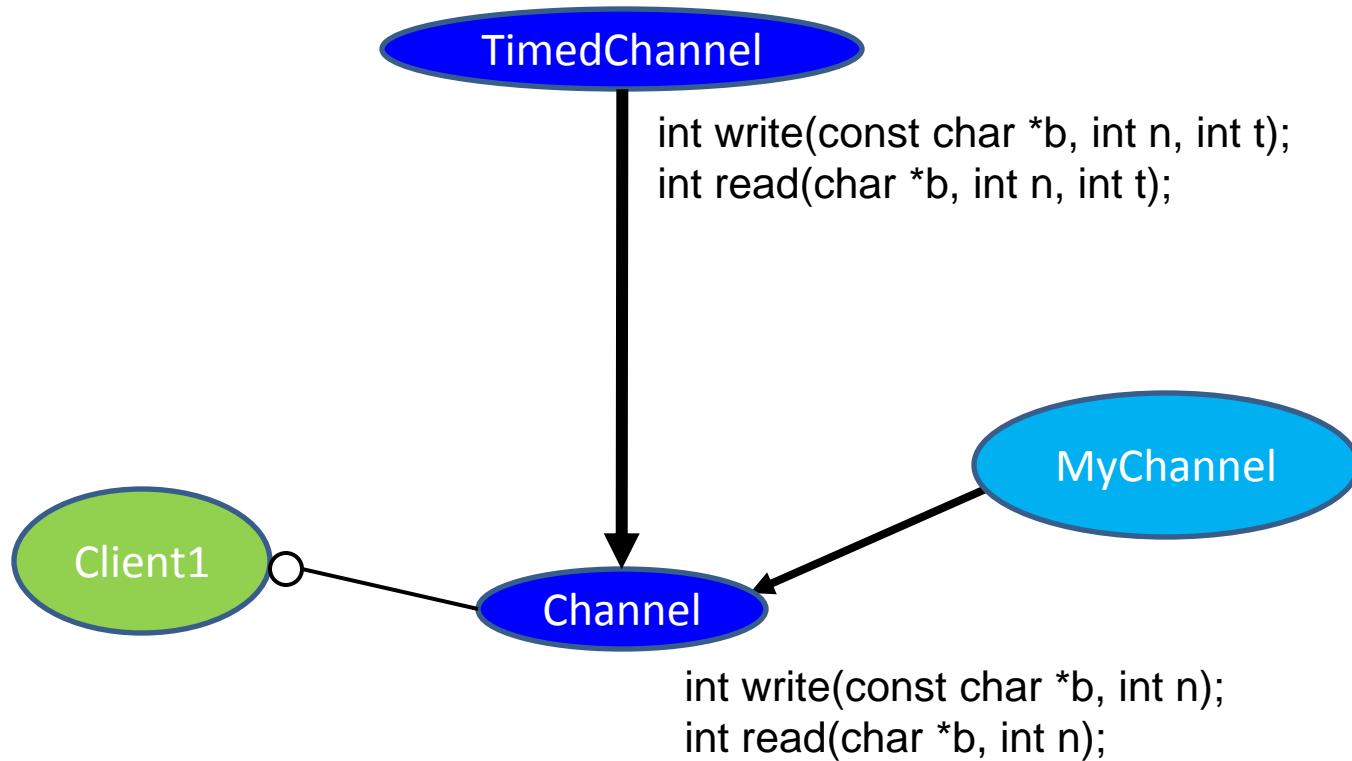
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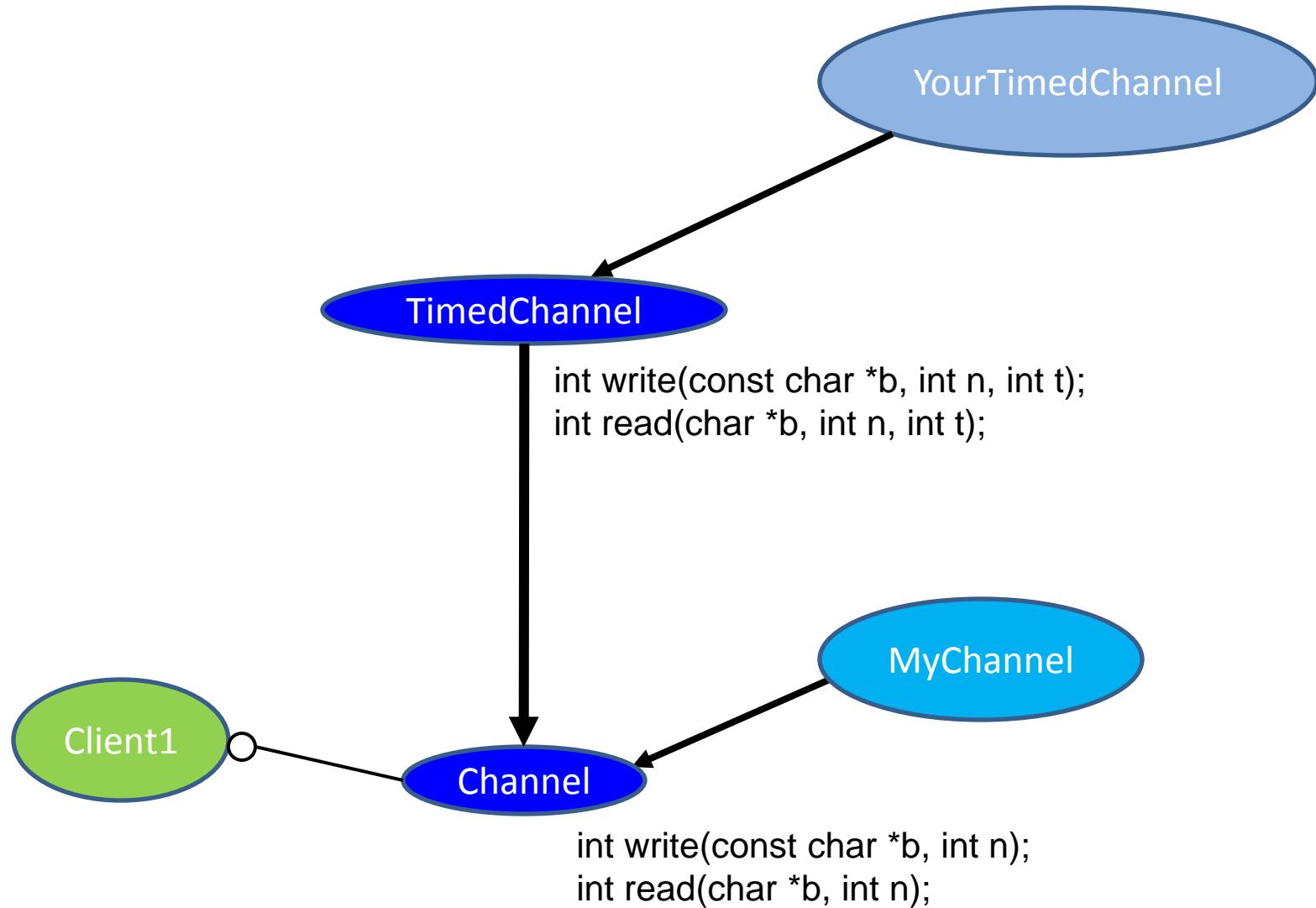
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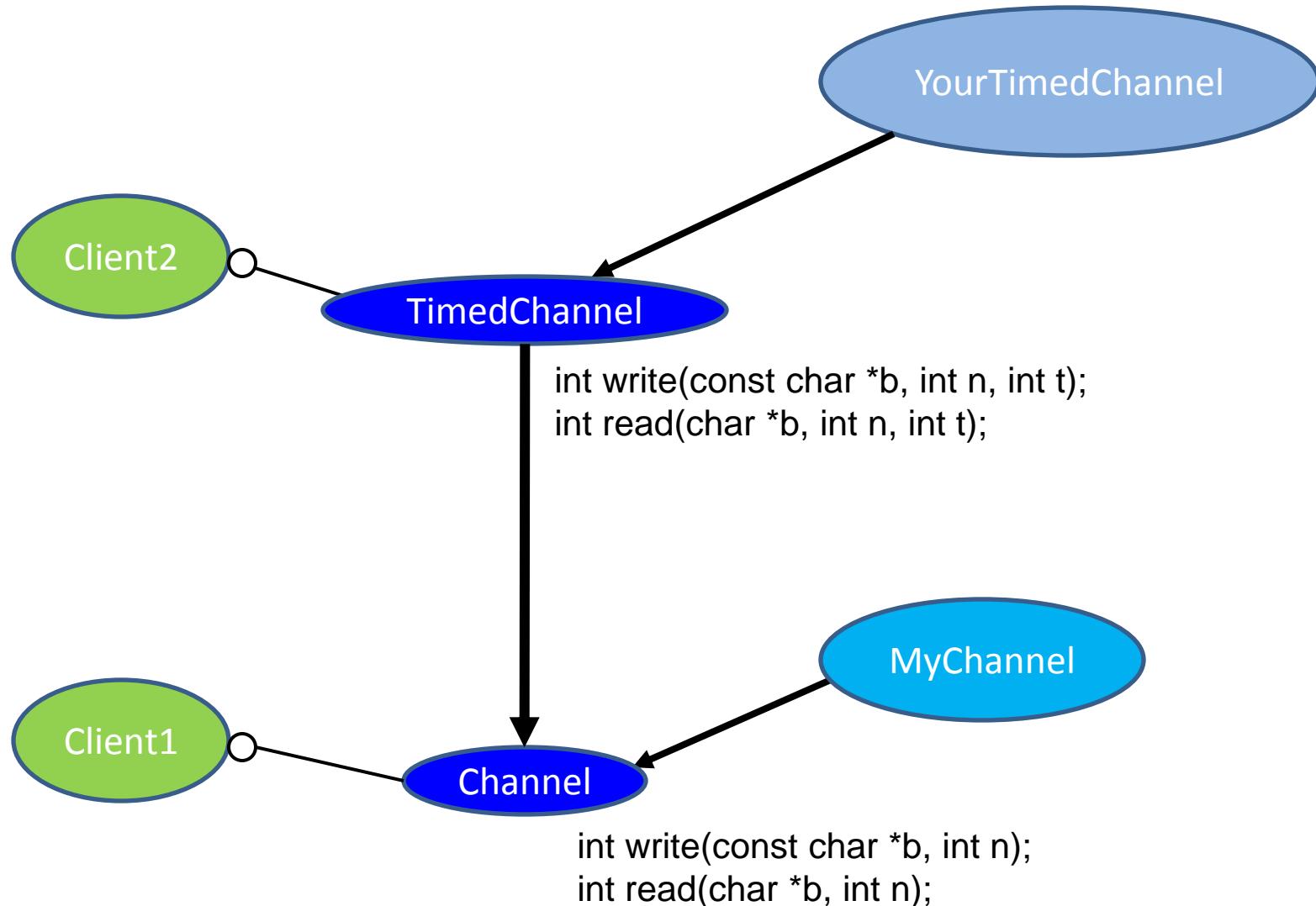
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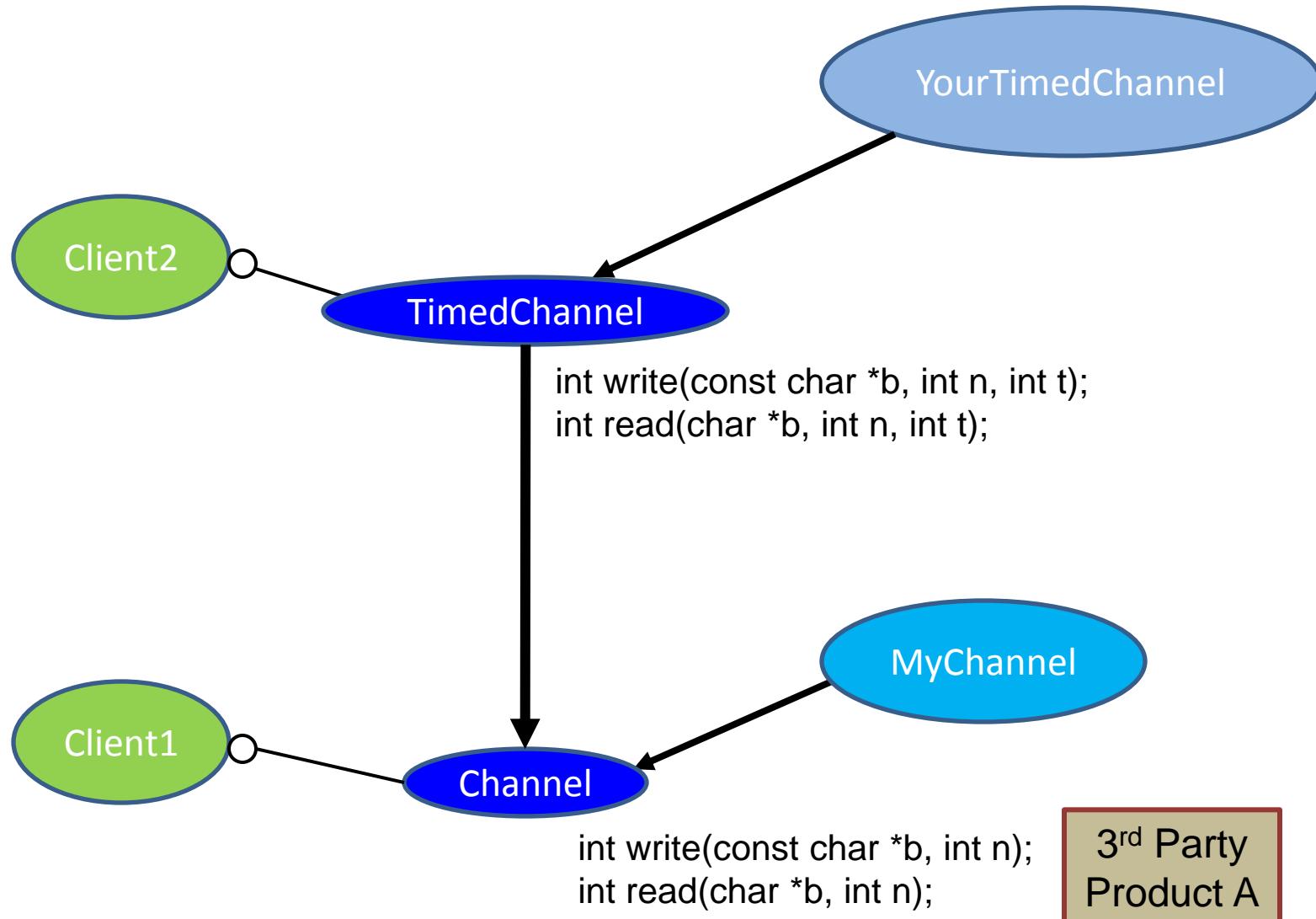
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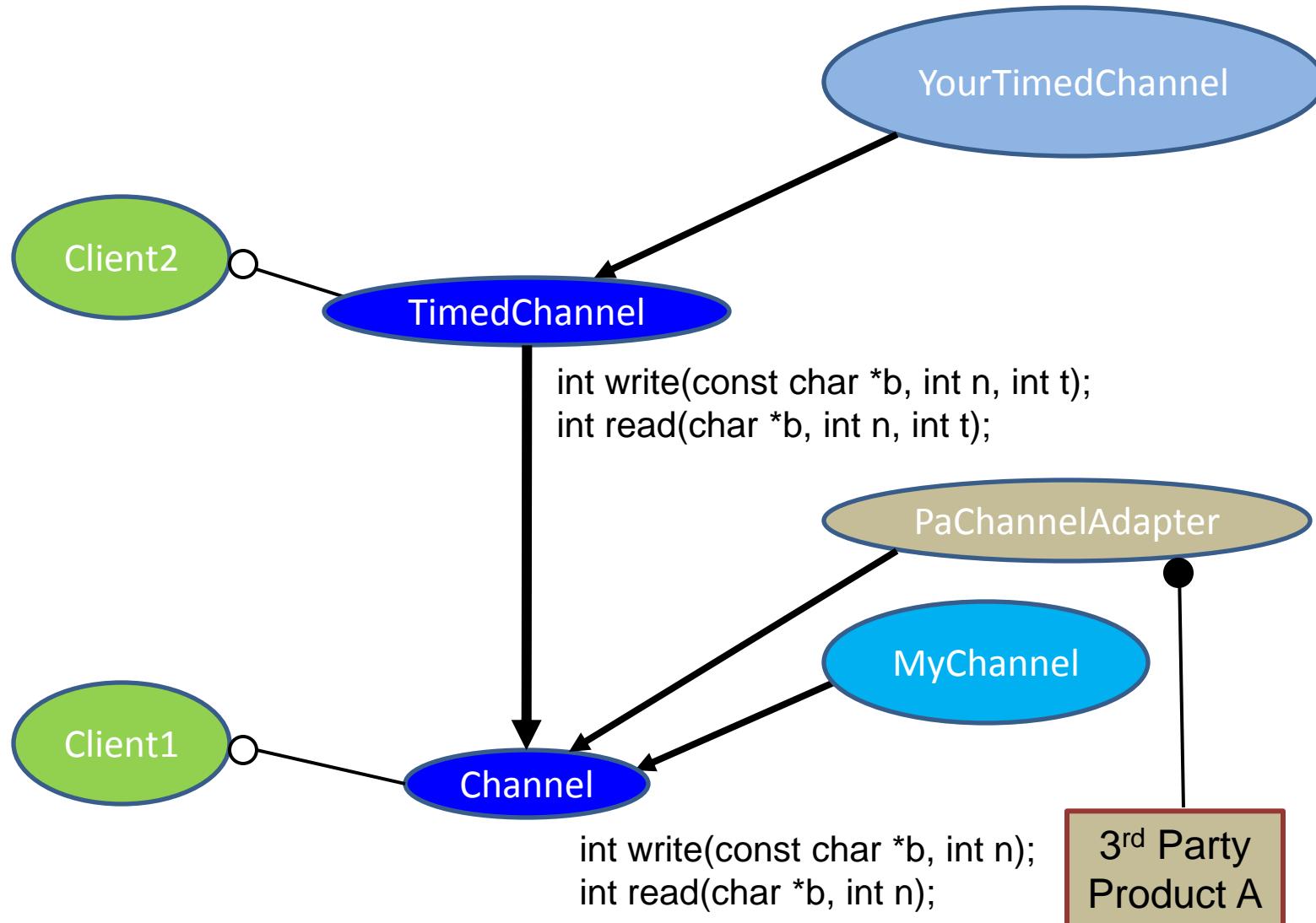
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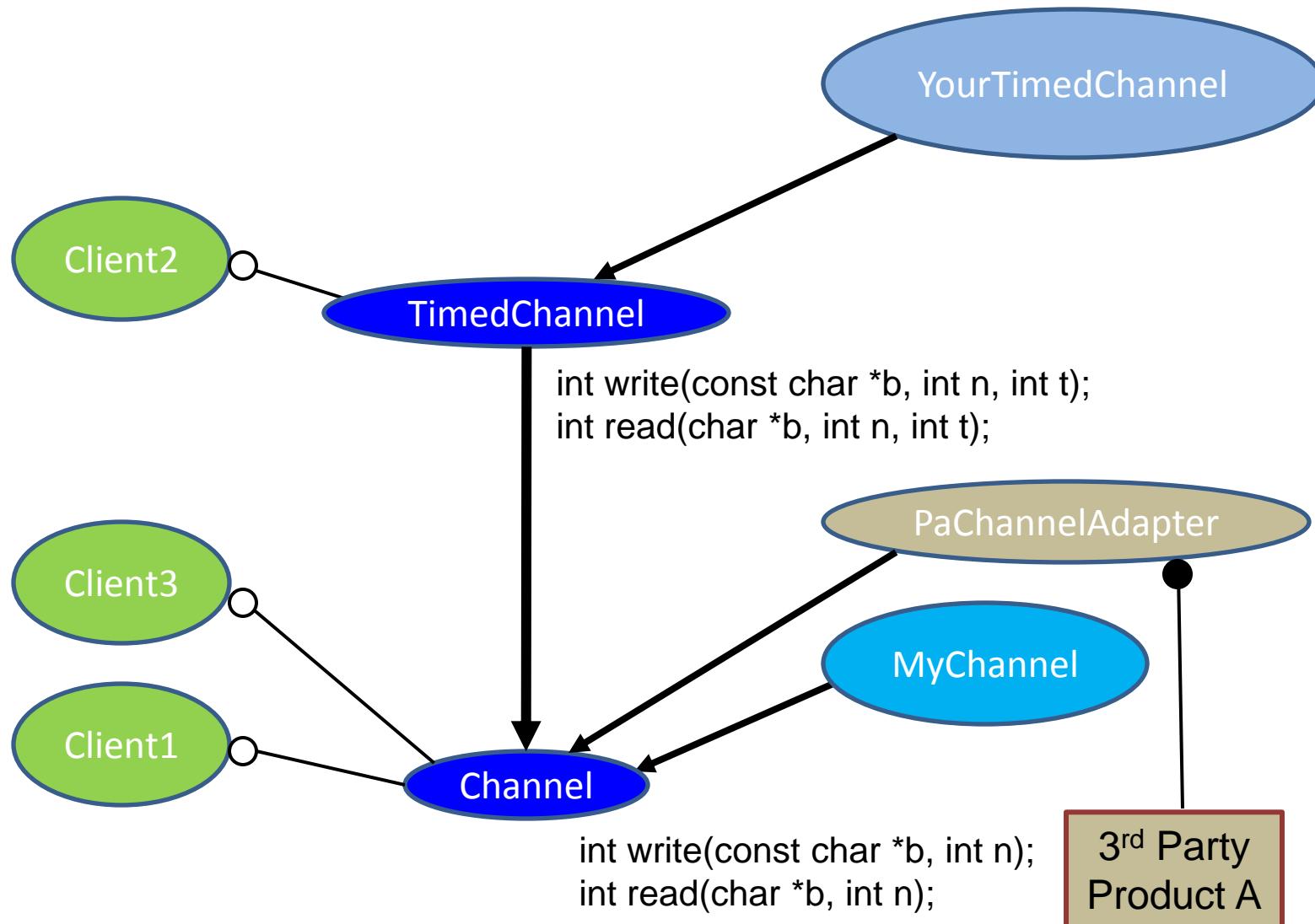
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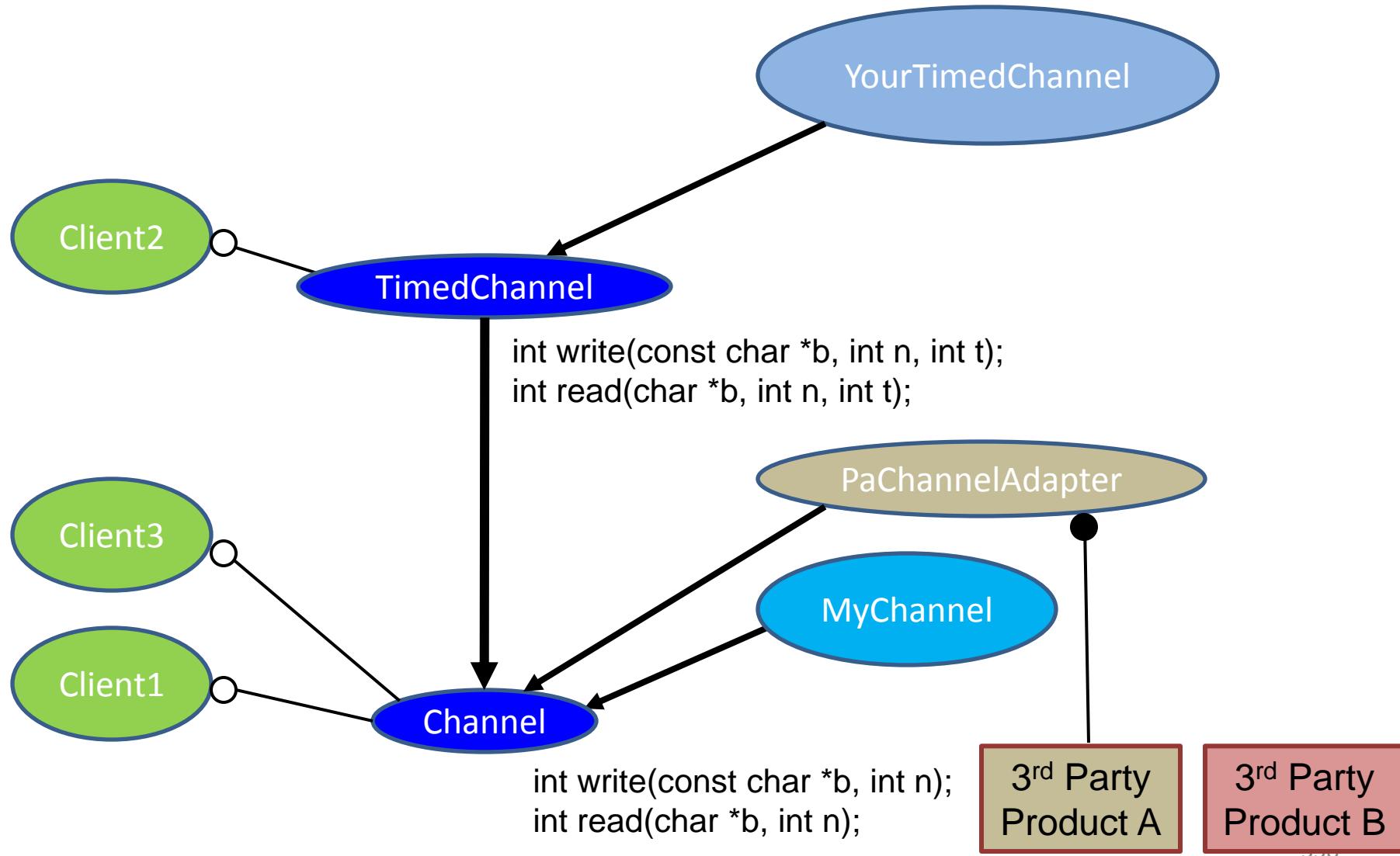
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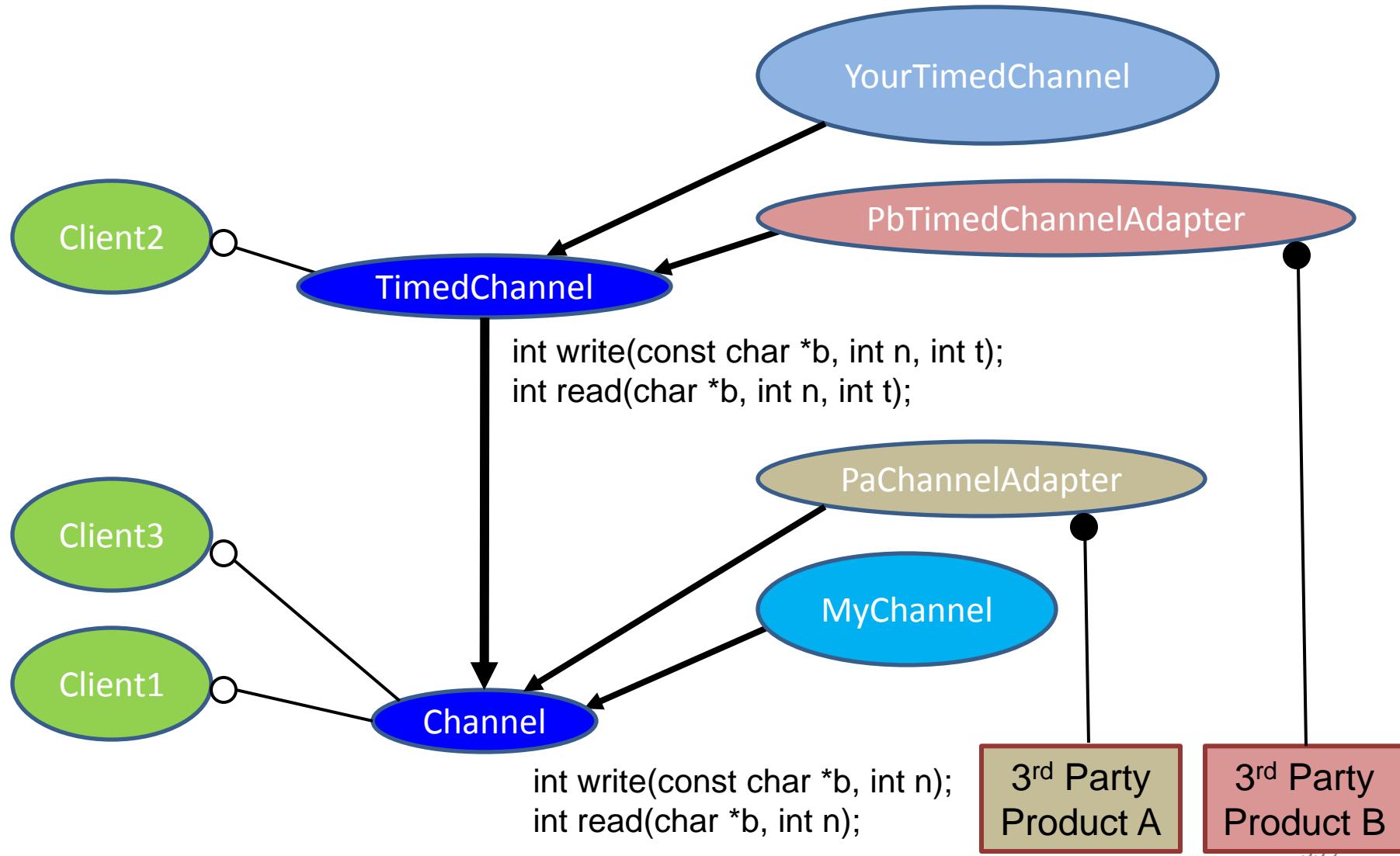
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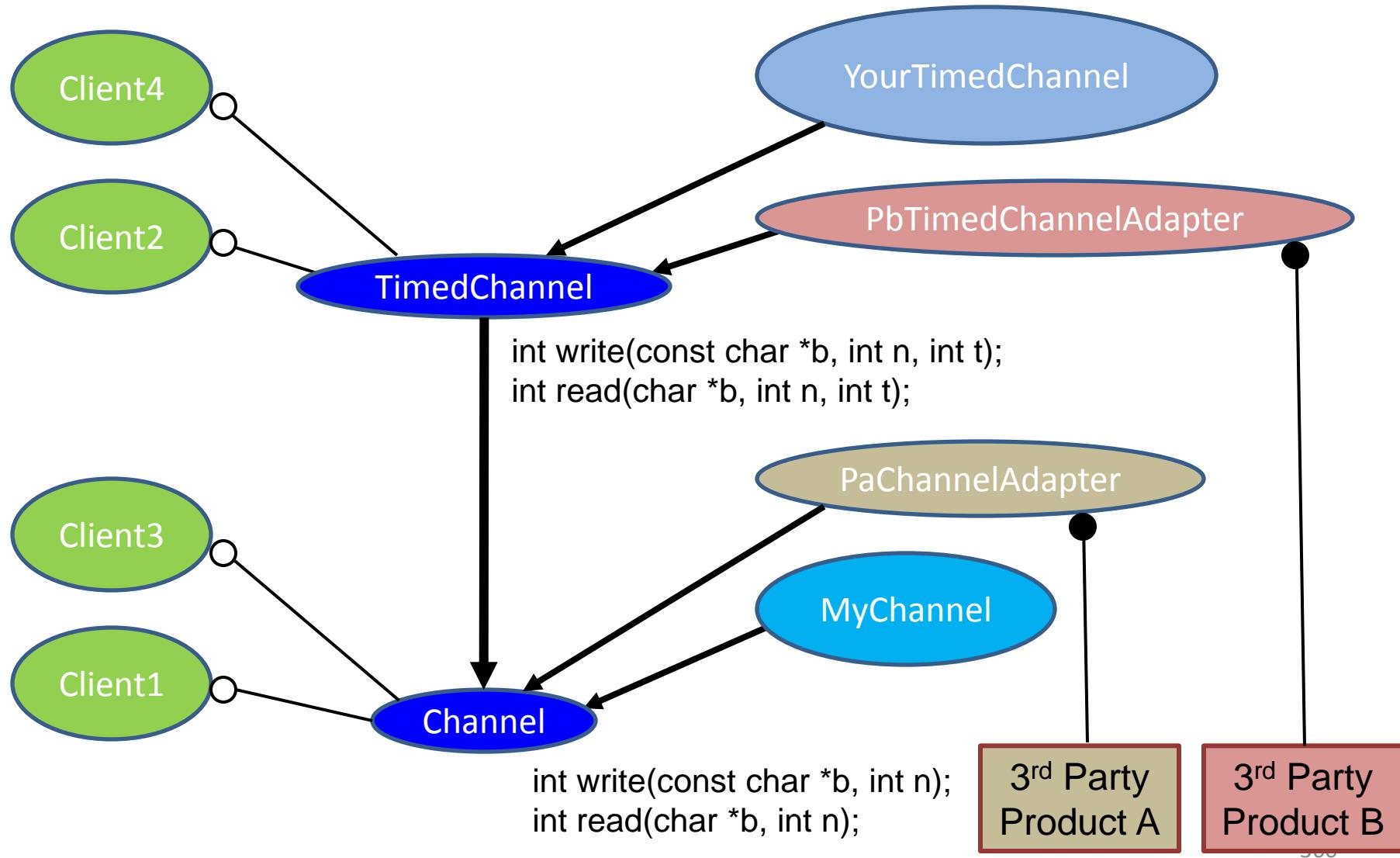
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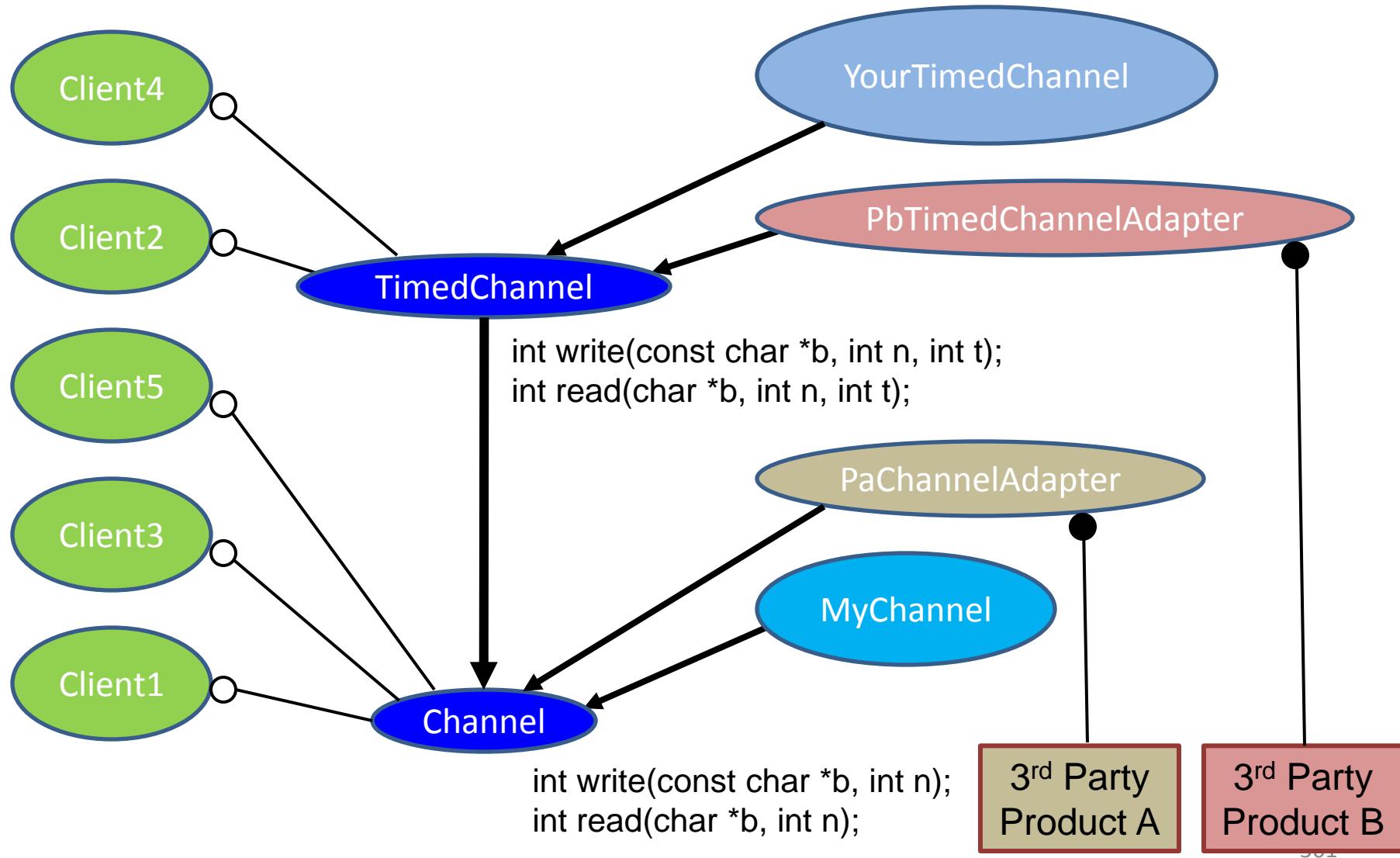
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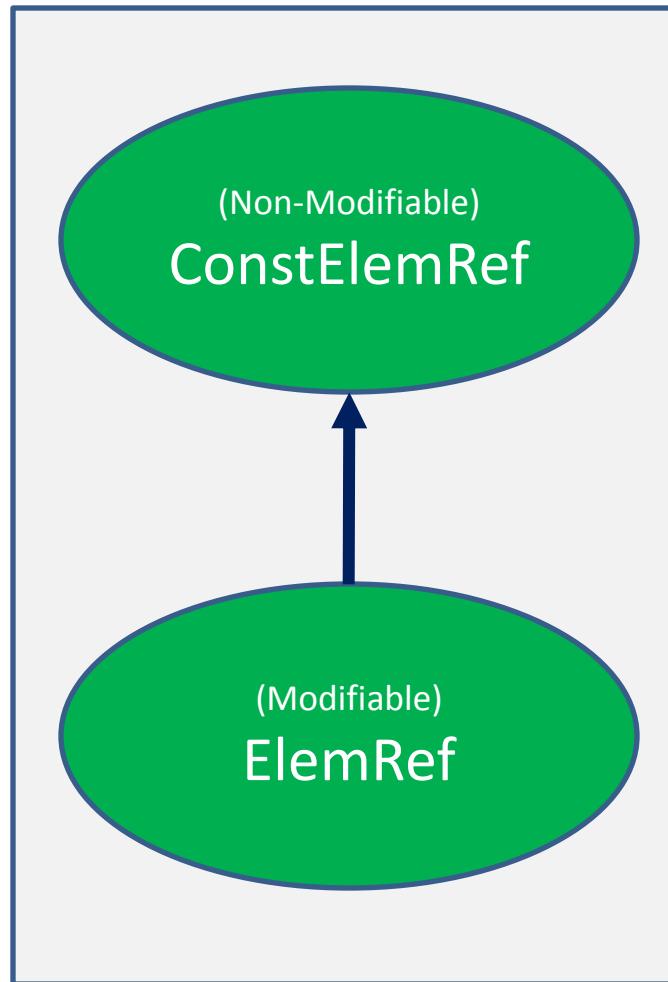
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(Non-Modifiable)  
**ConstElemRef**

elem();

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    friend class ElemRef<TYPE>; // ← Note friendship

private: // Not Implemented. TBD
    ConstElemRef& operator=(Const ConstElemRef&);

public:
    // CREATORS
    ConstElemRef(const TYPE *elem);
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Single Pointer  
Data Member

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Derived Class  
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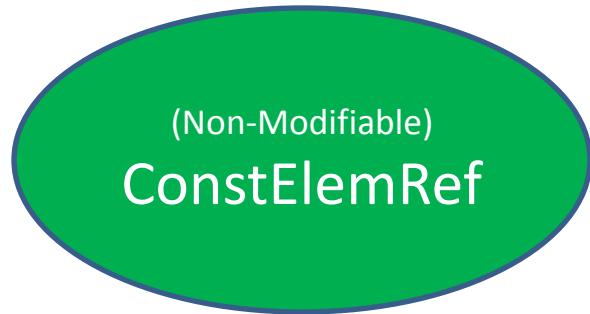
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**Copy Assignment  
Not Implemented**

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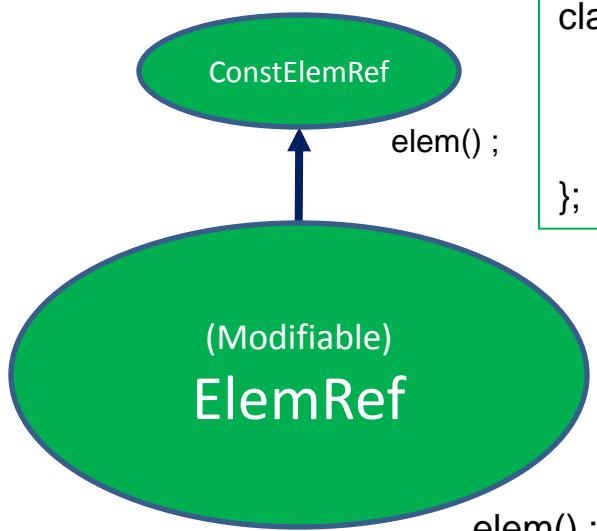
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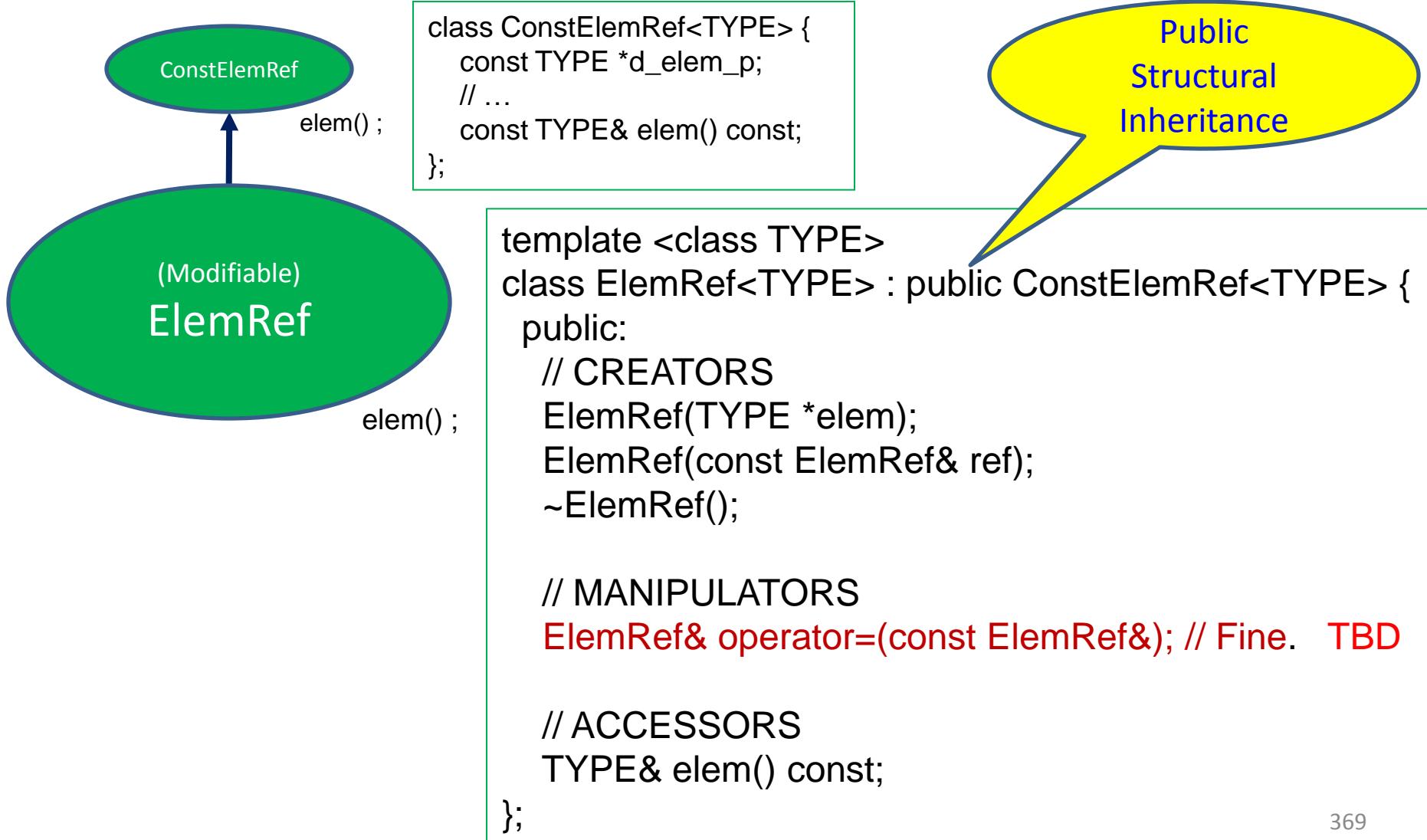
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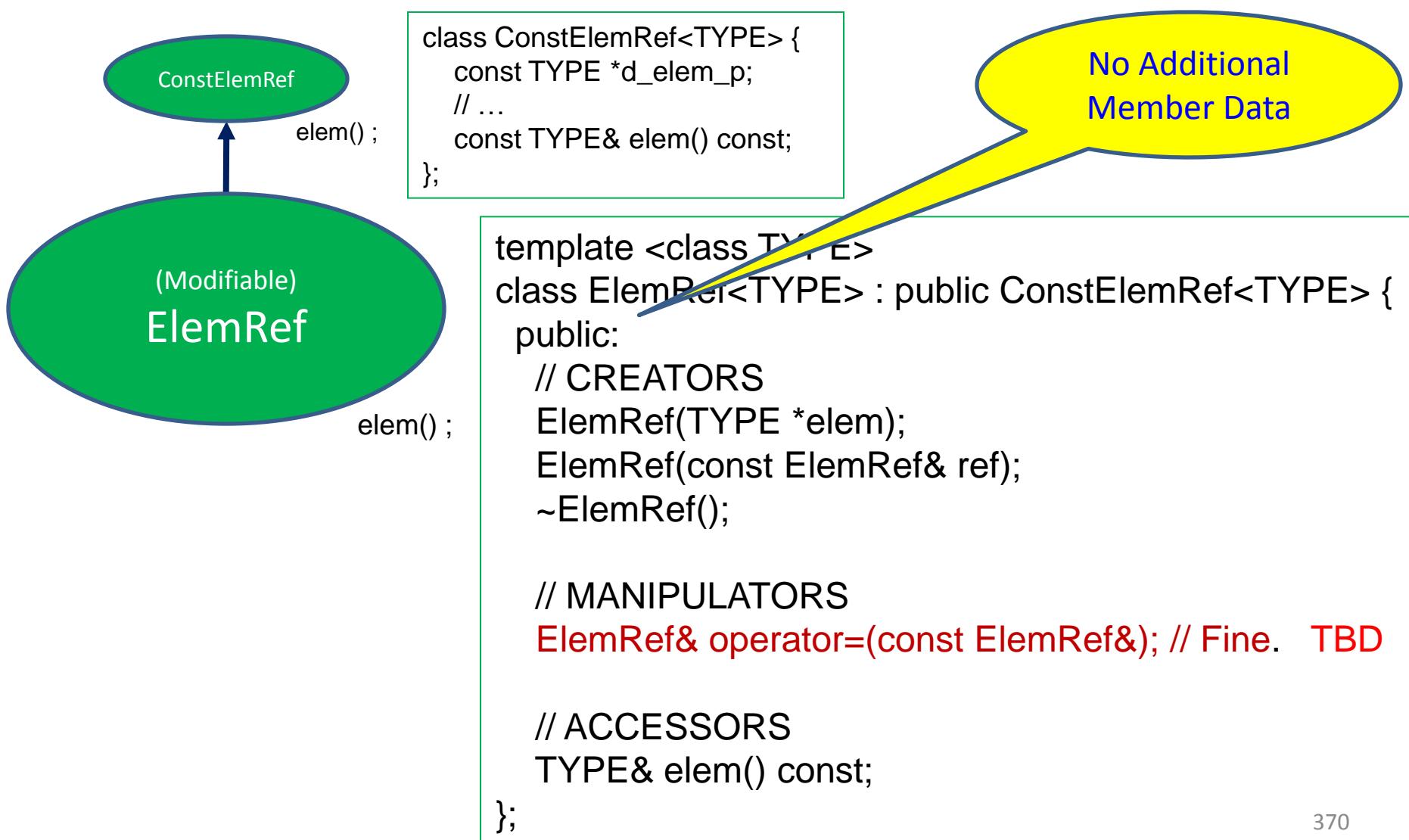
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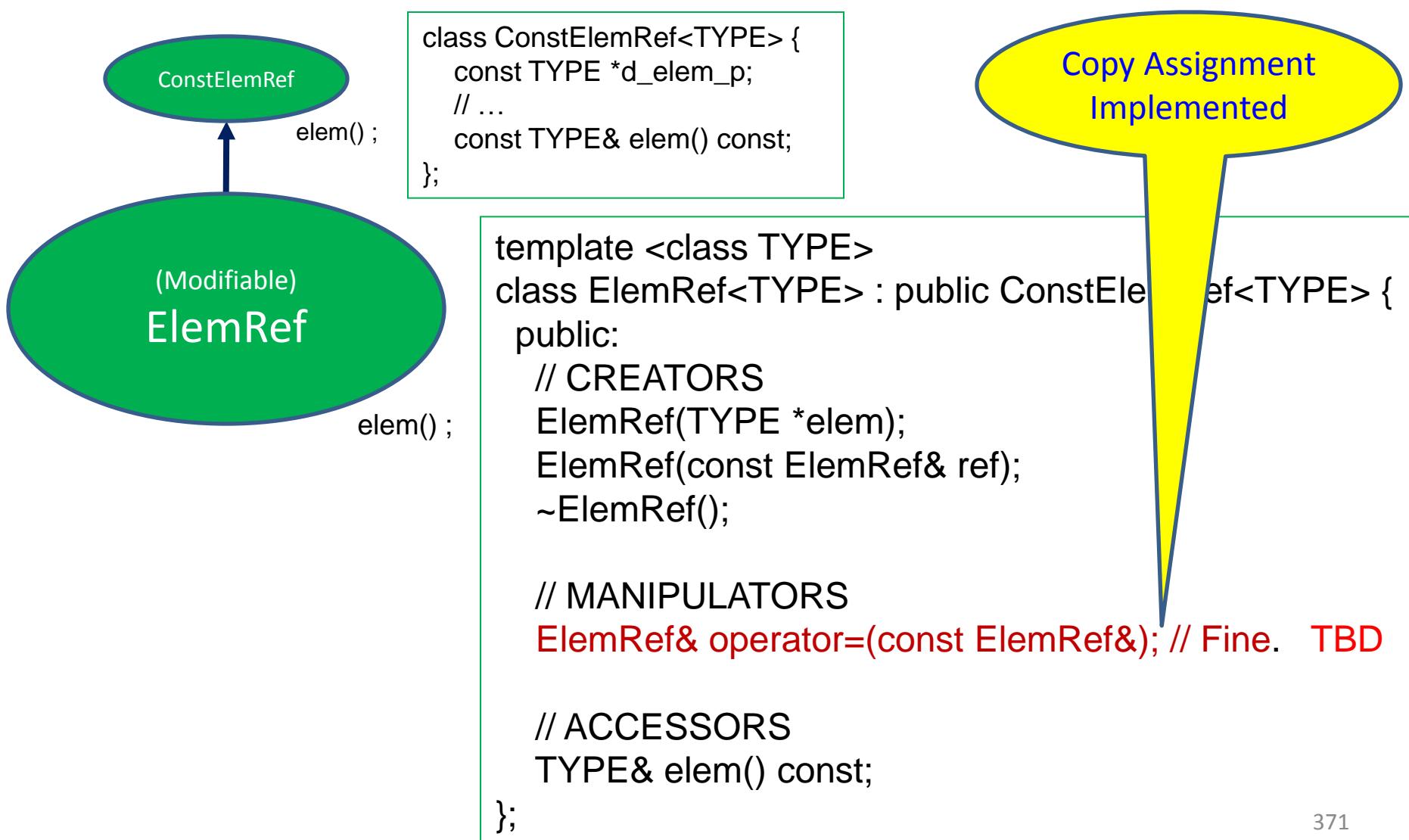
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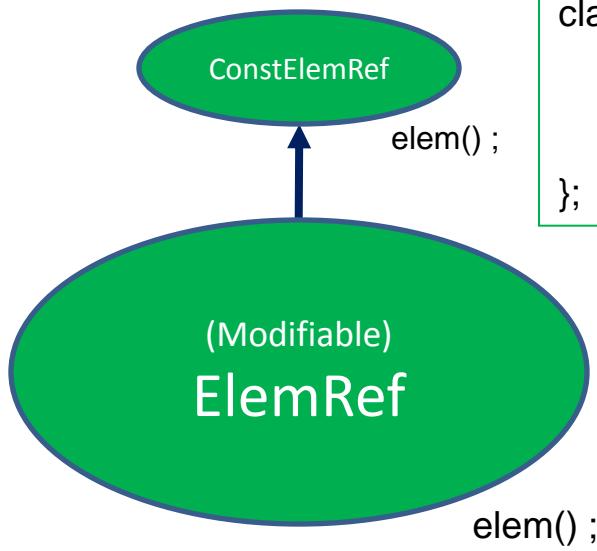
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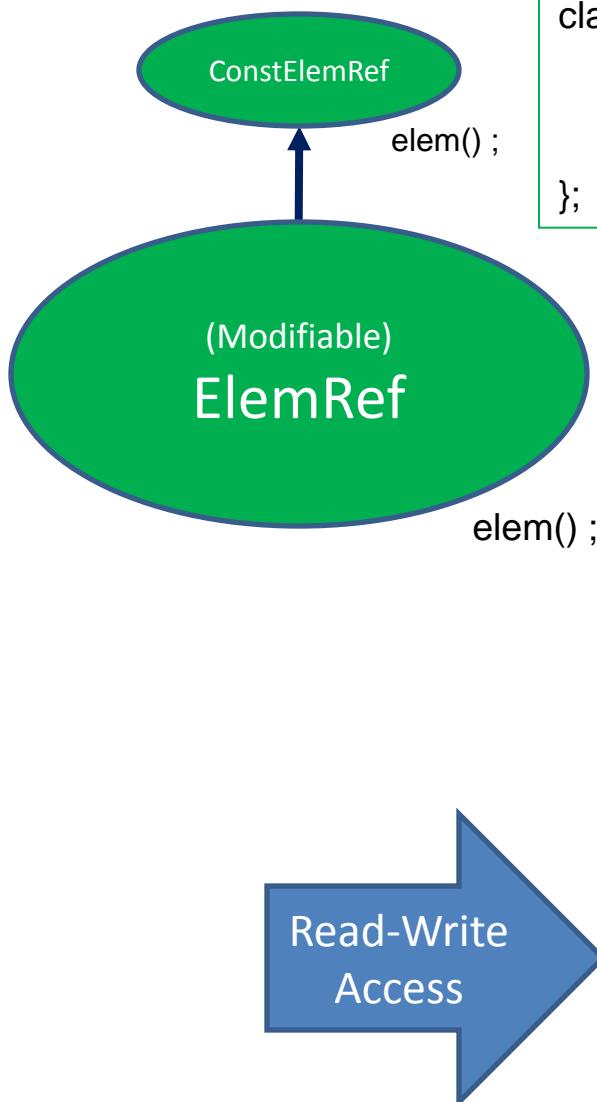
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Read-Write  
Access

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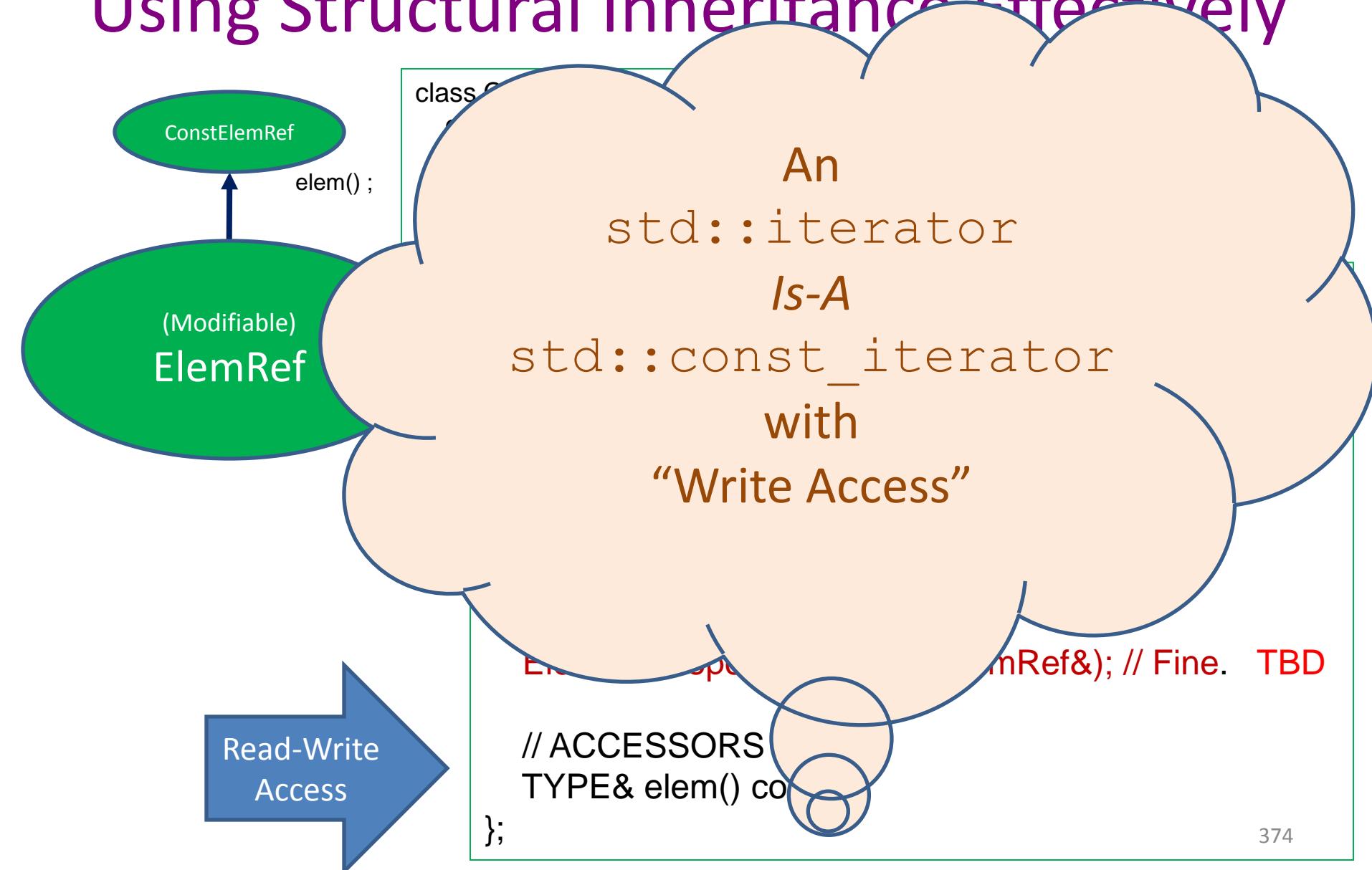
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    TYPE& elem();
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An  
ElemRef  
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“Write Access”

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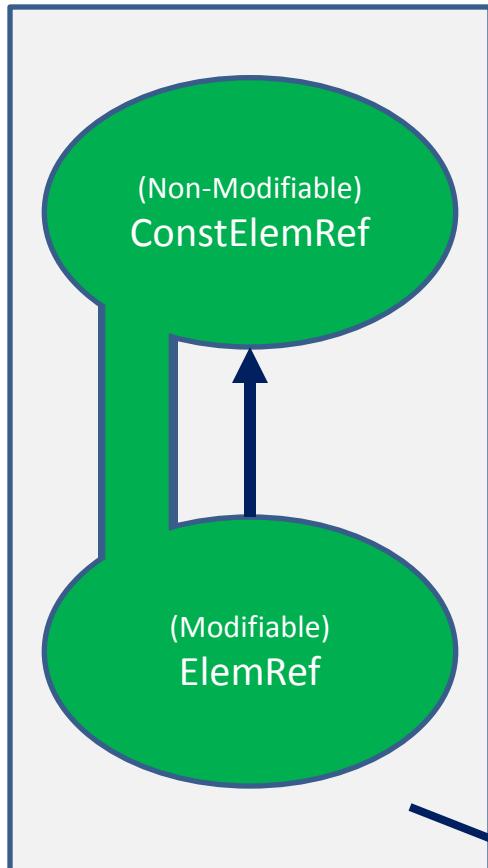
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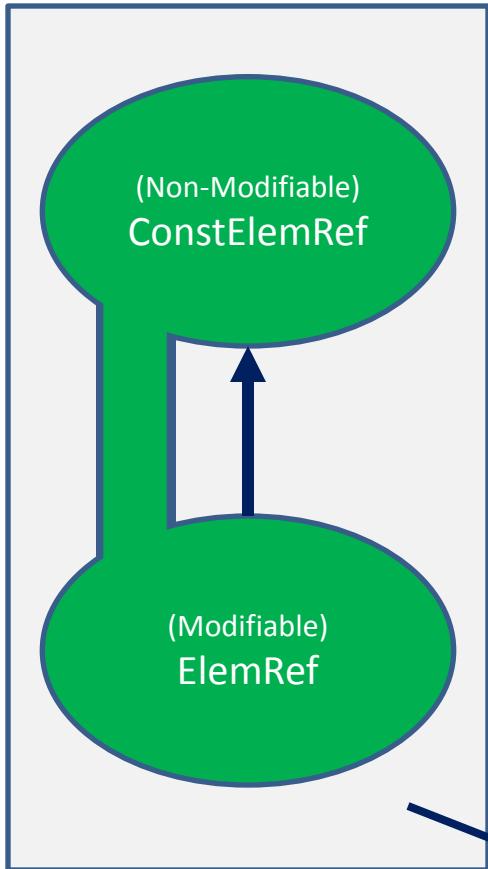
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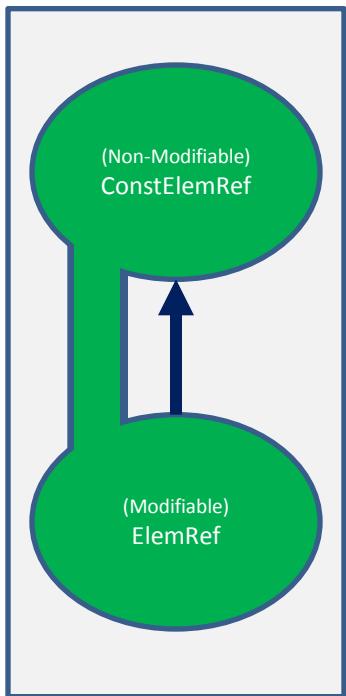
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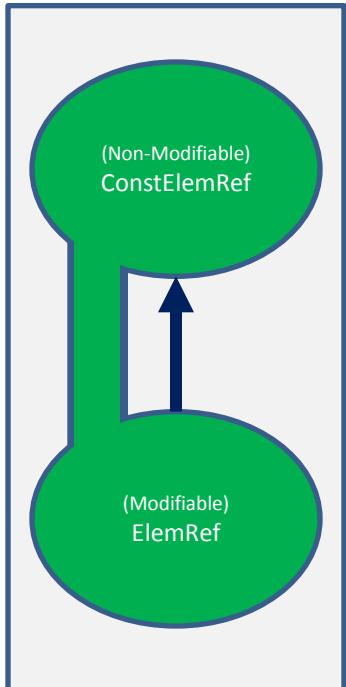


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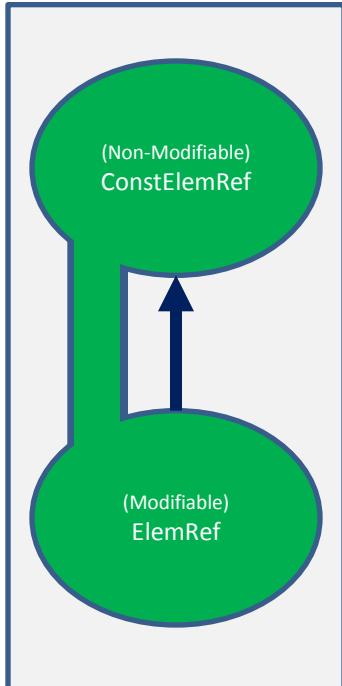


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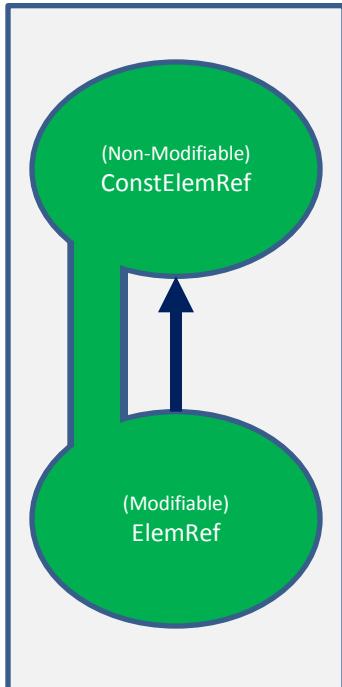
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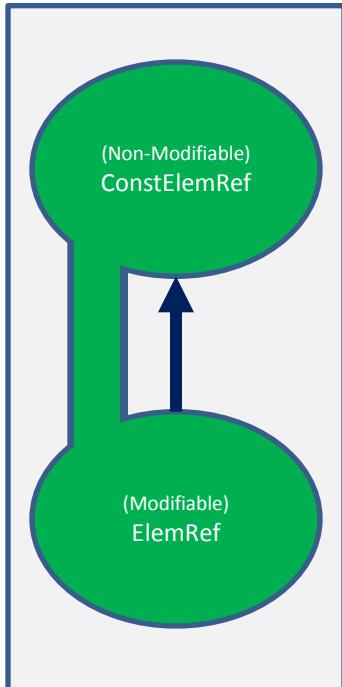
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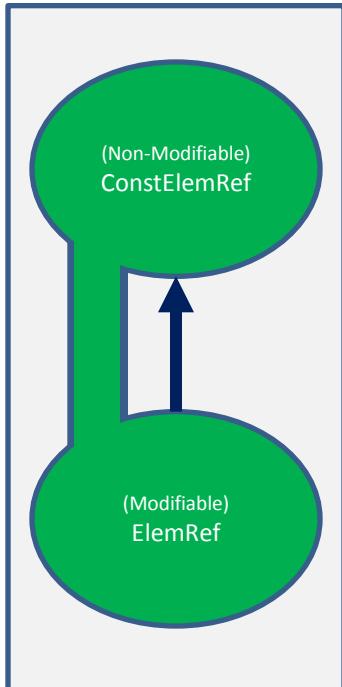
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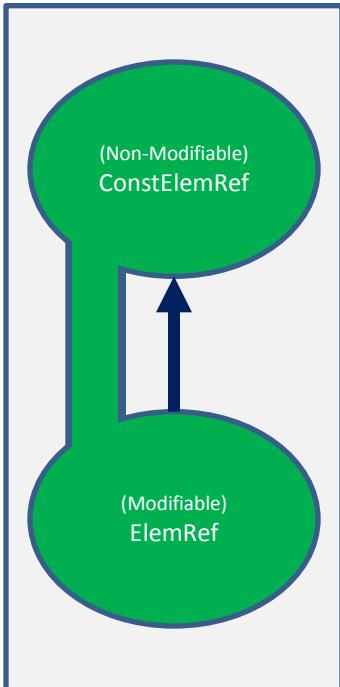
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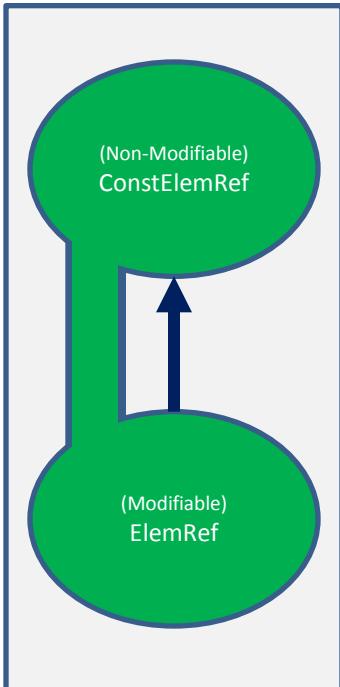
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    g(&er, cer); // Rebind (modifiable) 'ElemRef' 'er'.
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    g(&er, cer); // Rebind (modifiable) 'ElemRef' 'er'.
    er.elem() = TYPE(); // Clobber 'constElem'.
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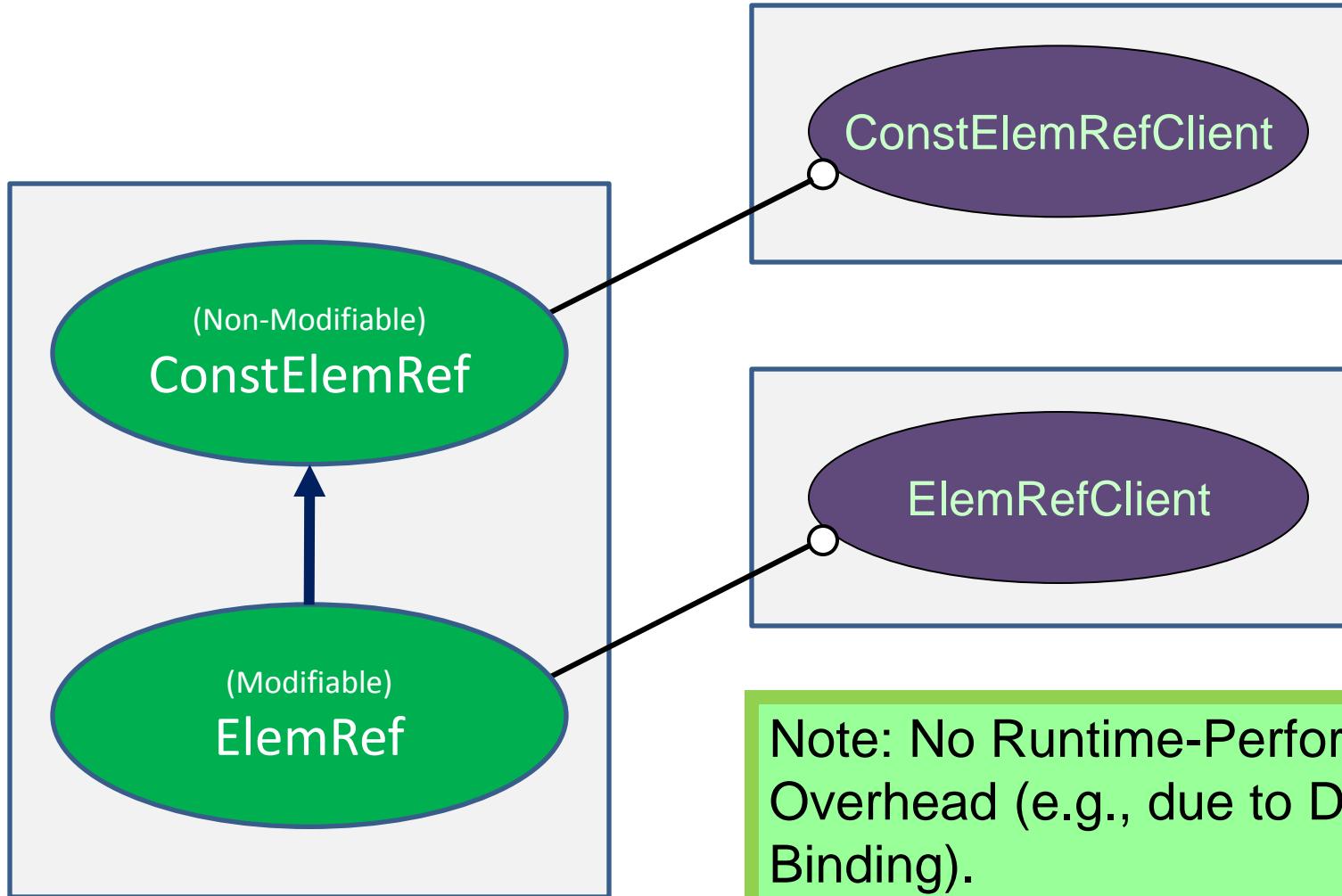
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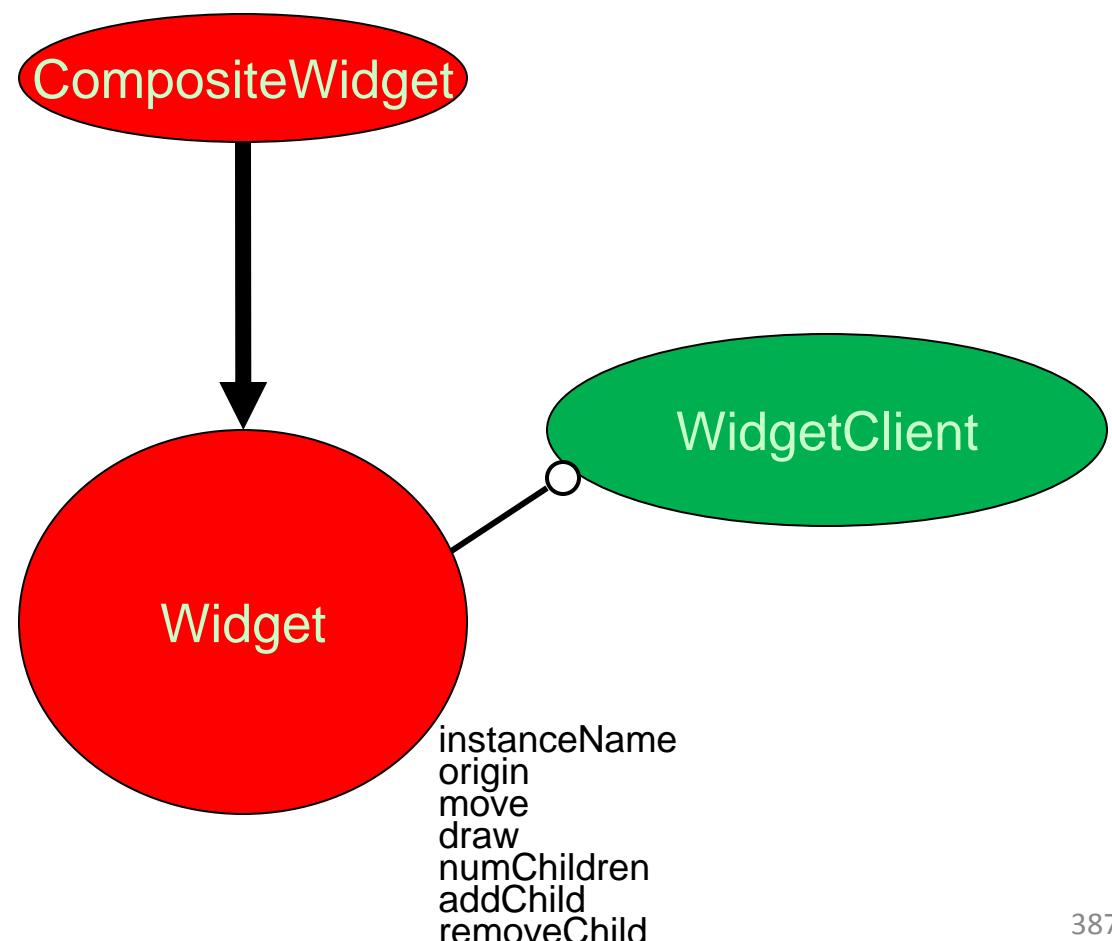
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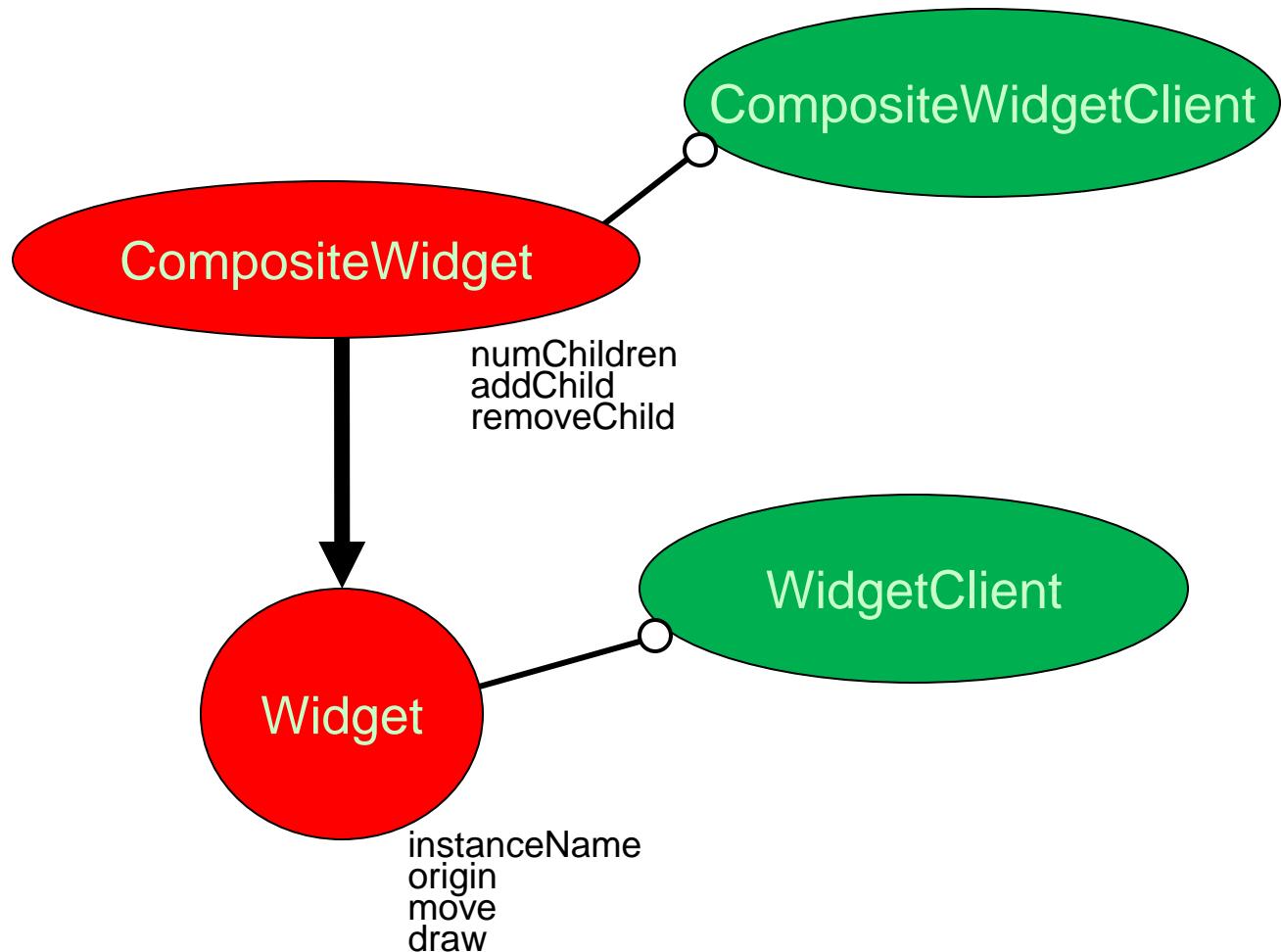
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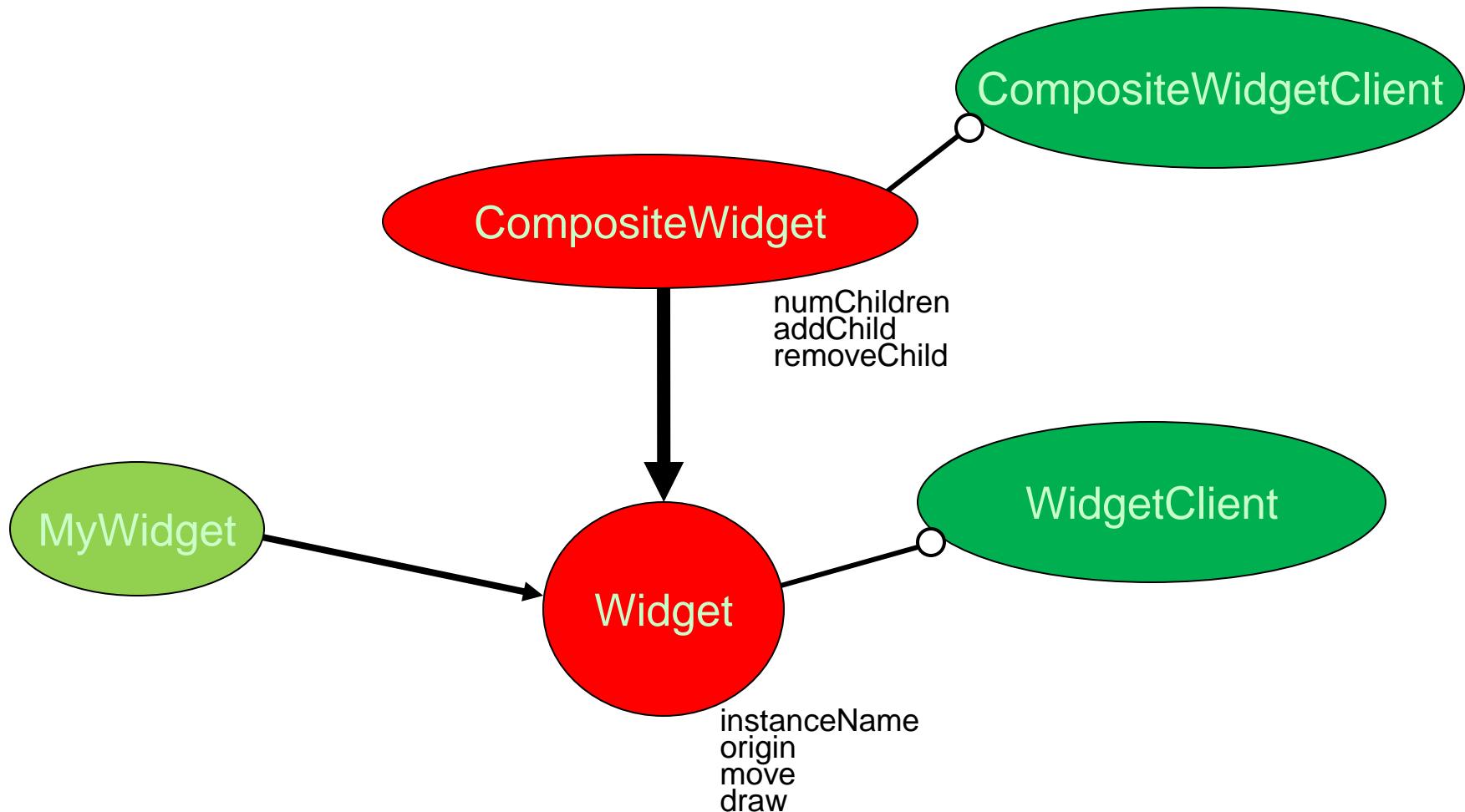
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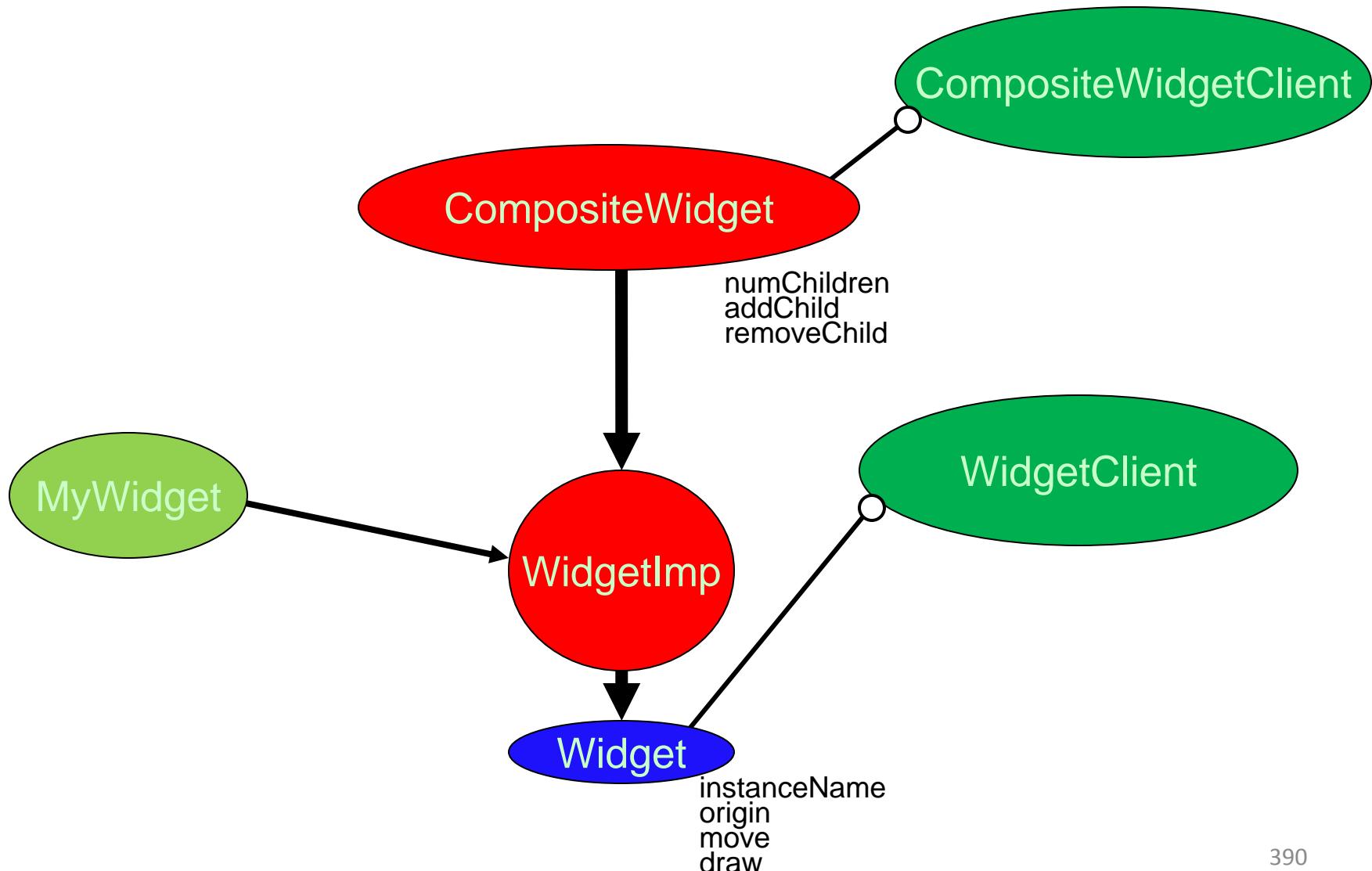
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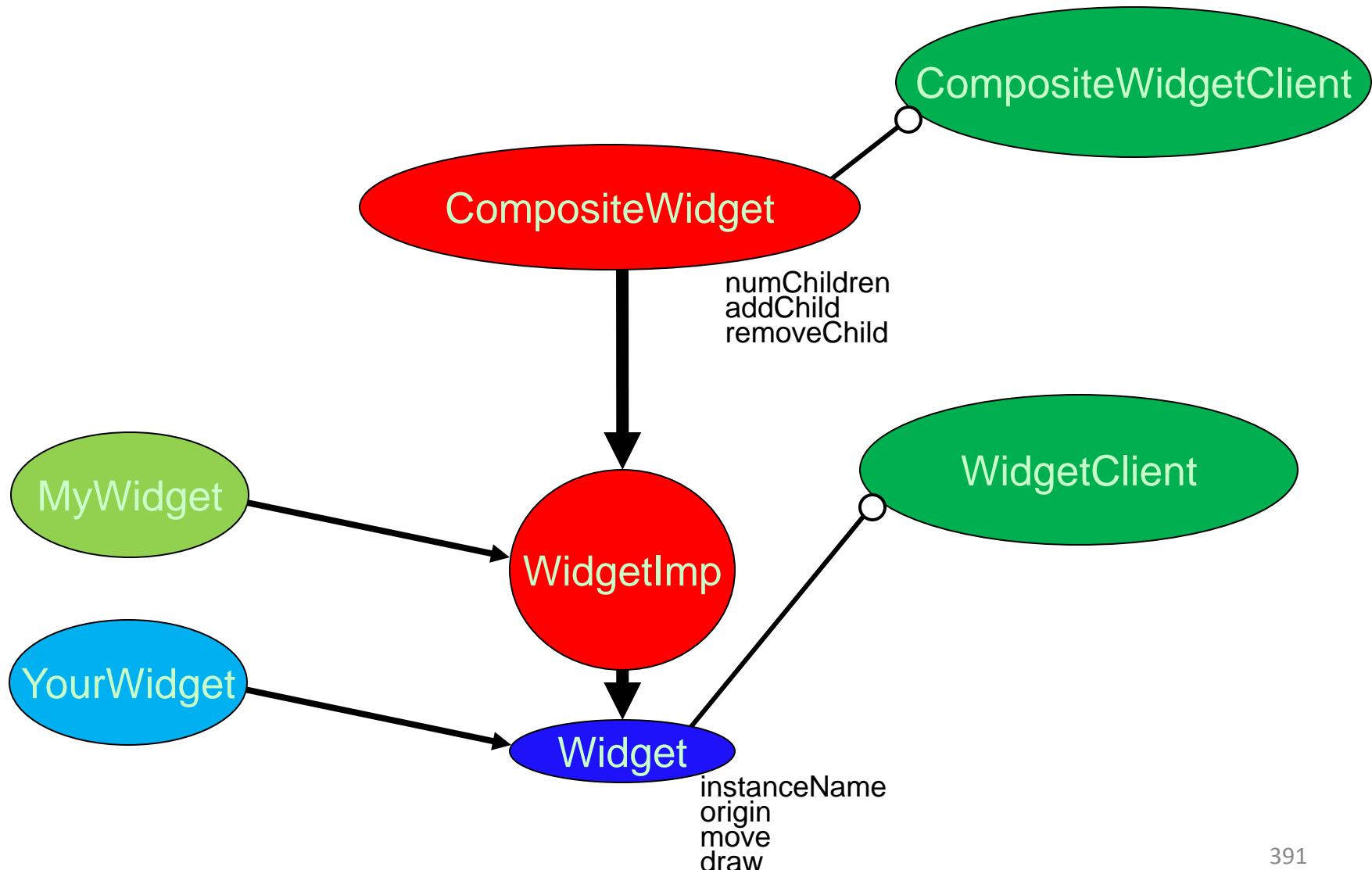
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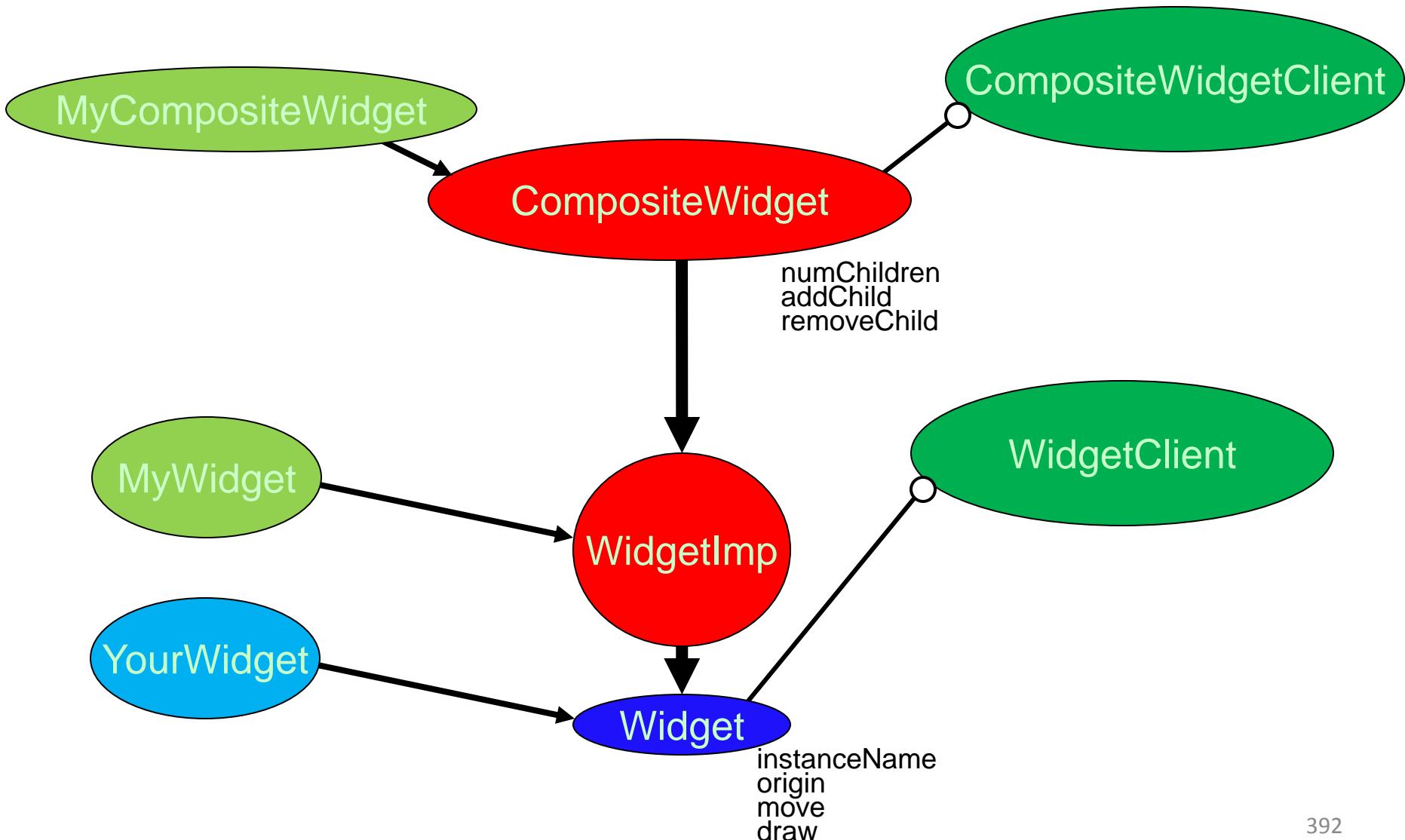
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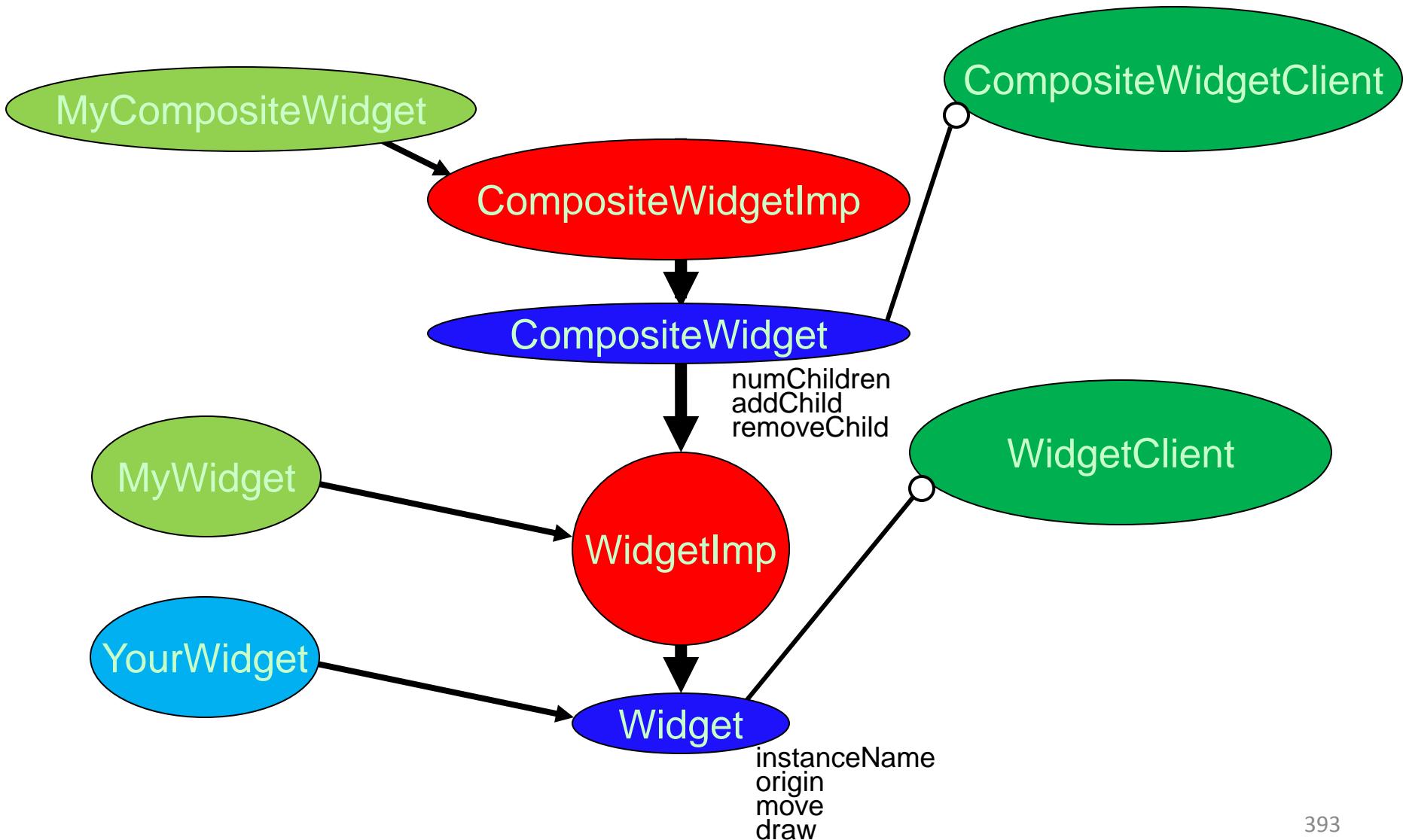
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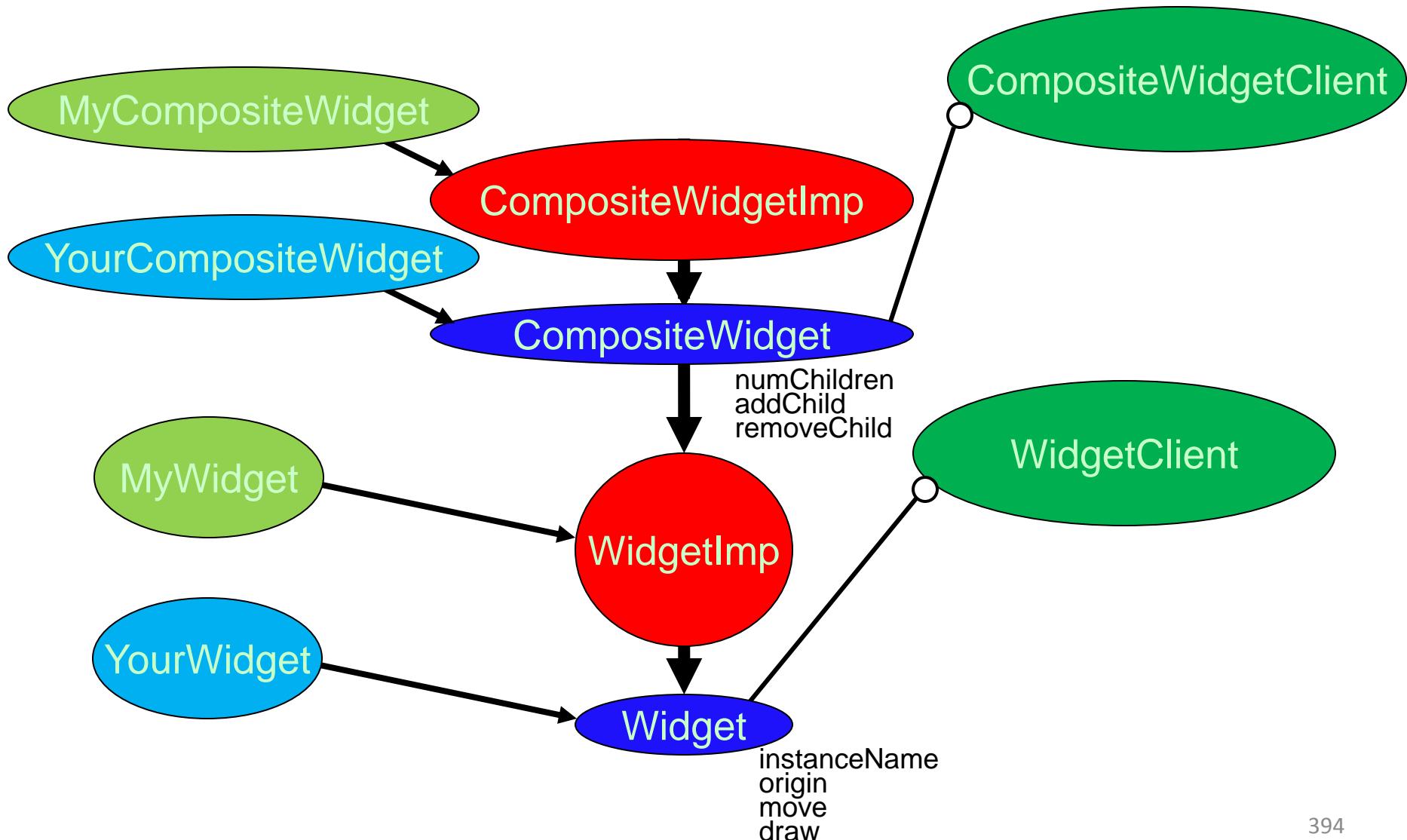
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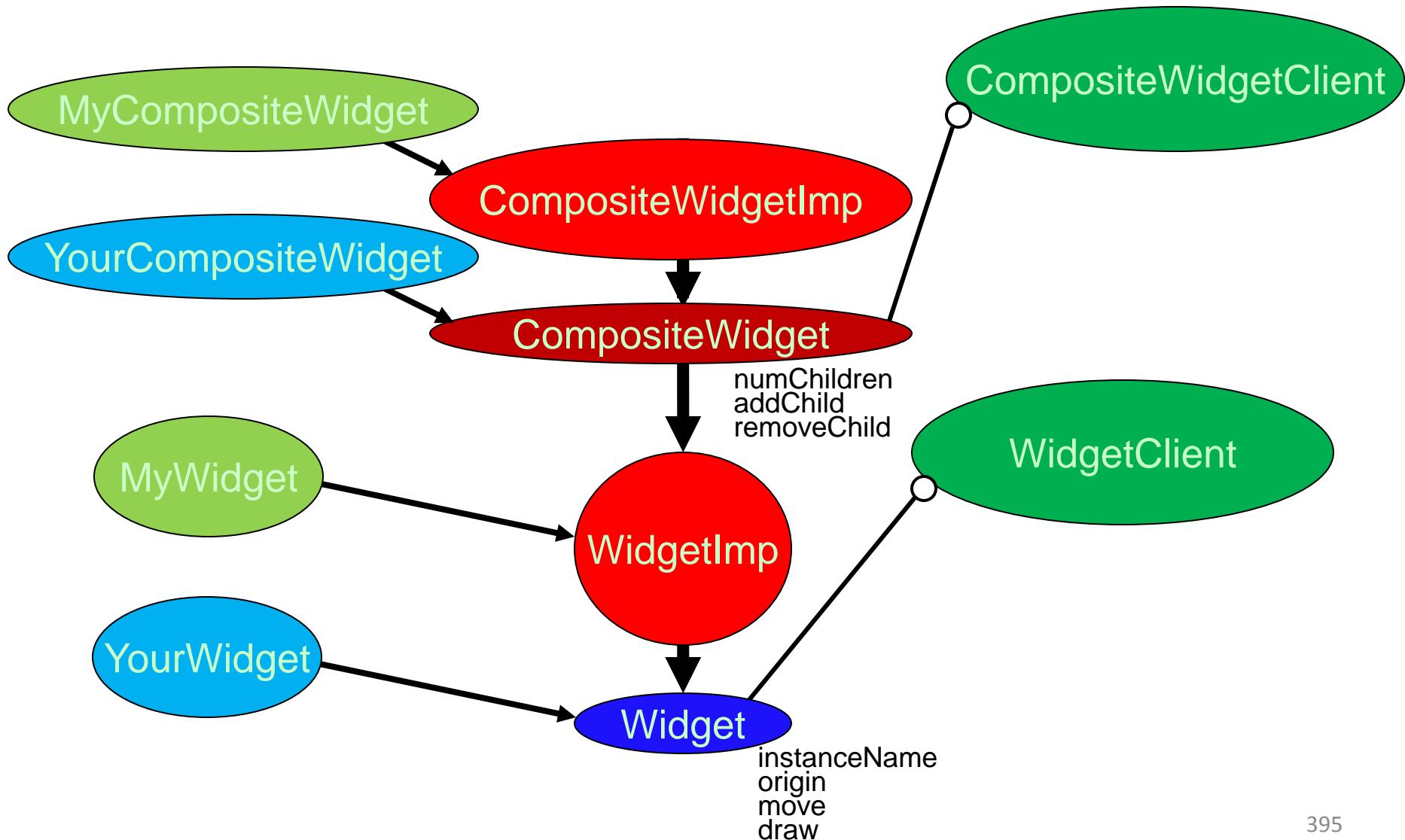
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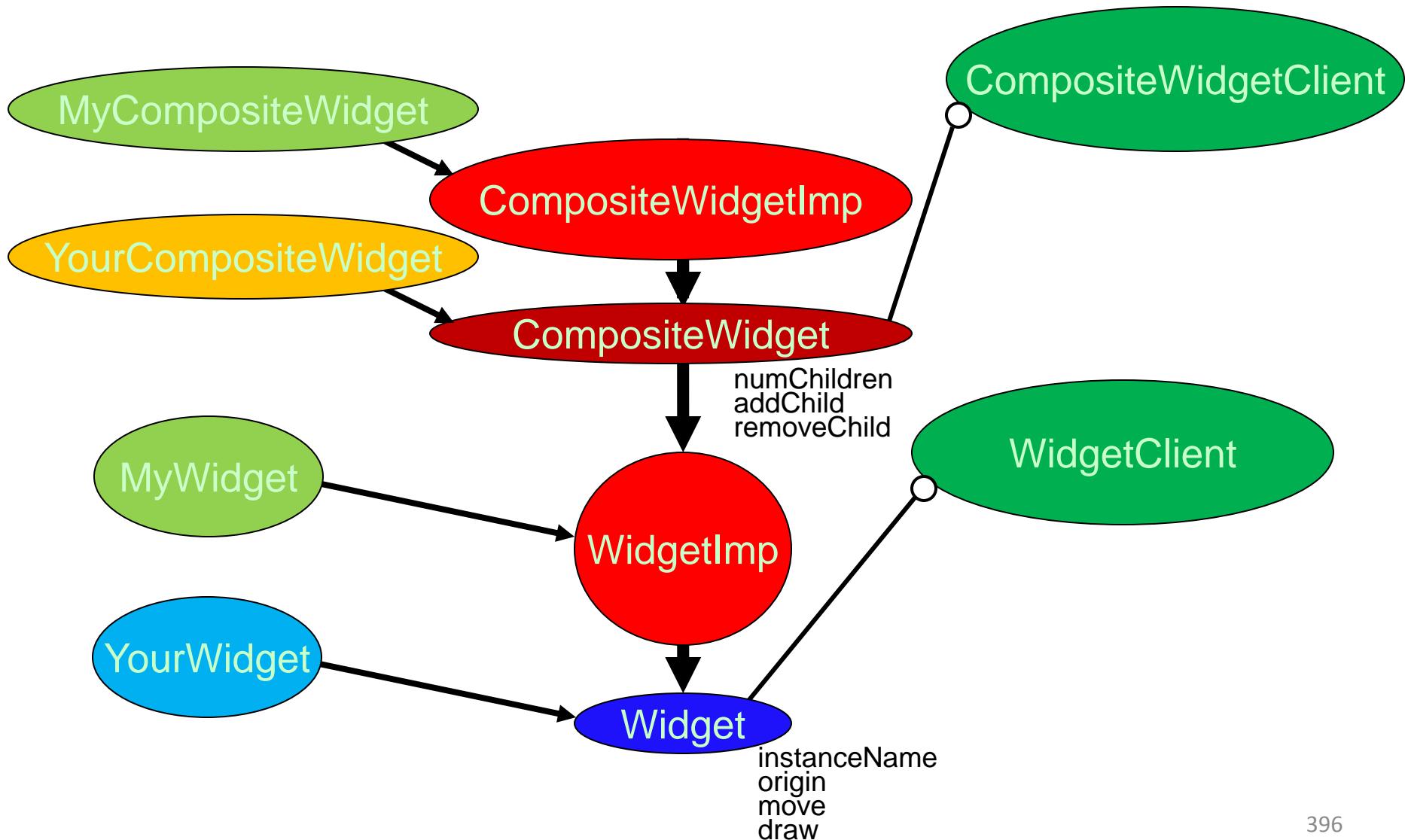
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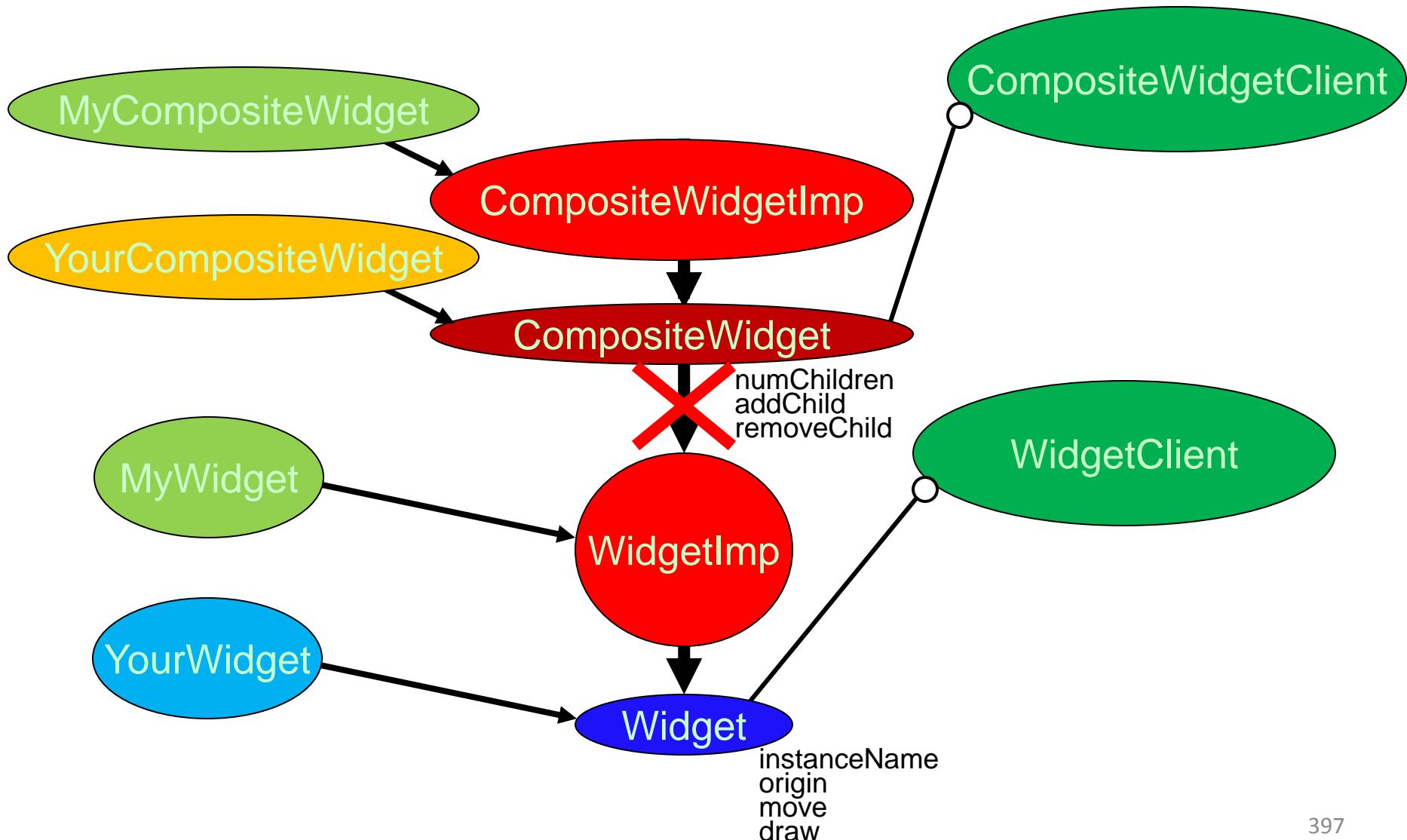
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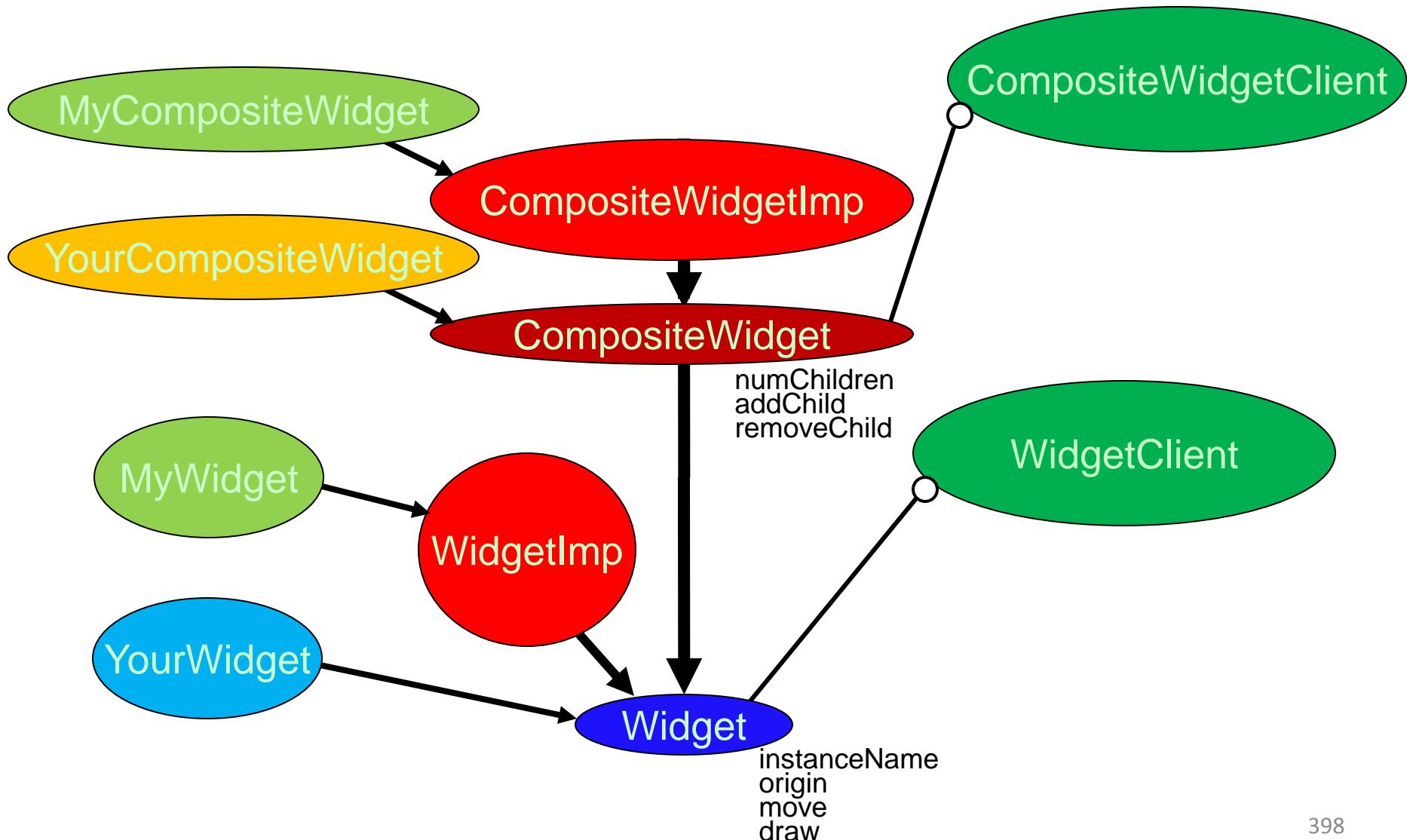
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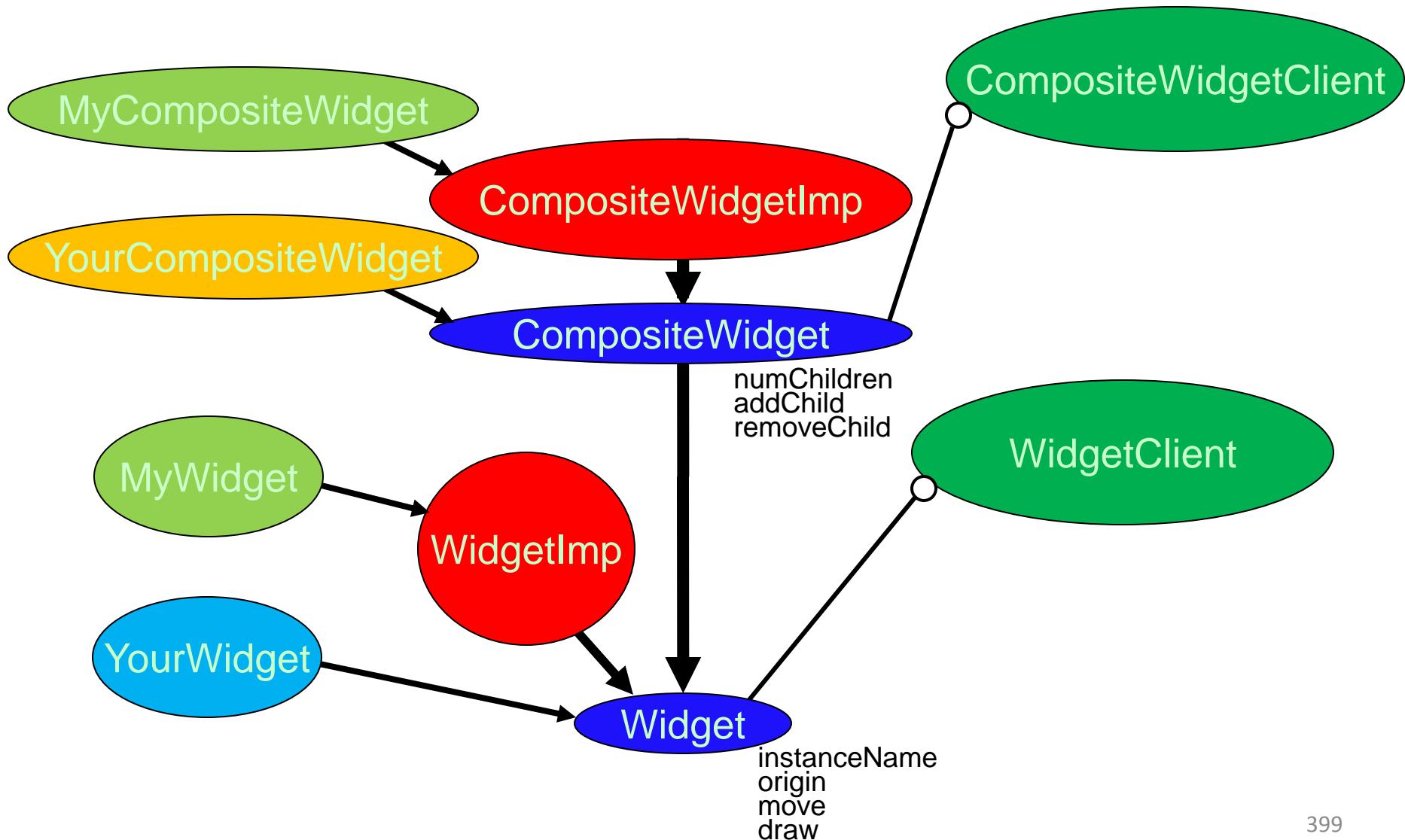
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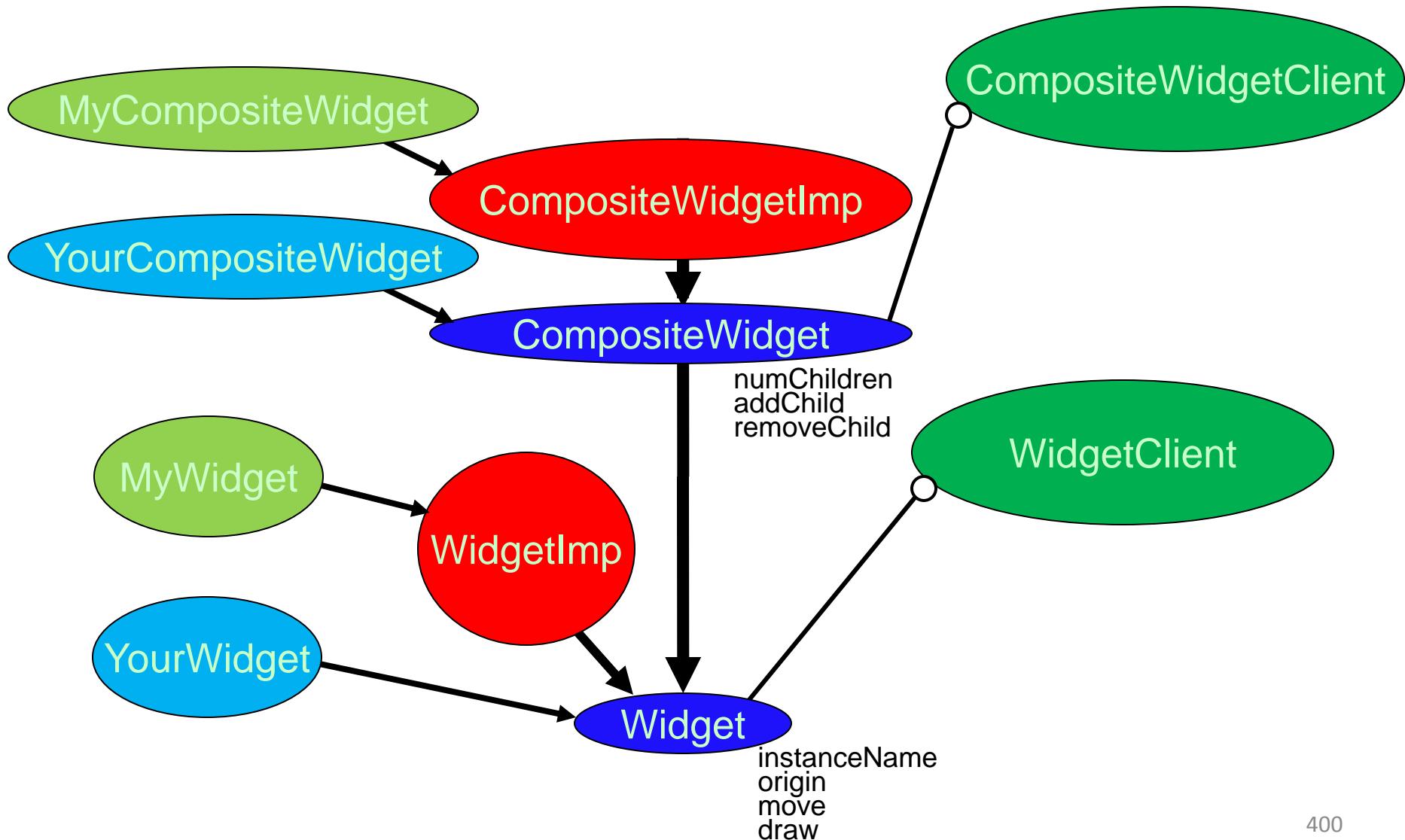
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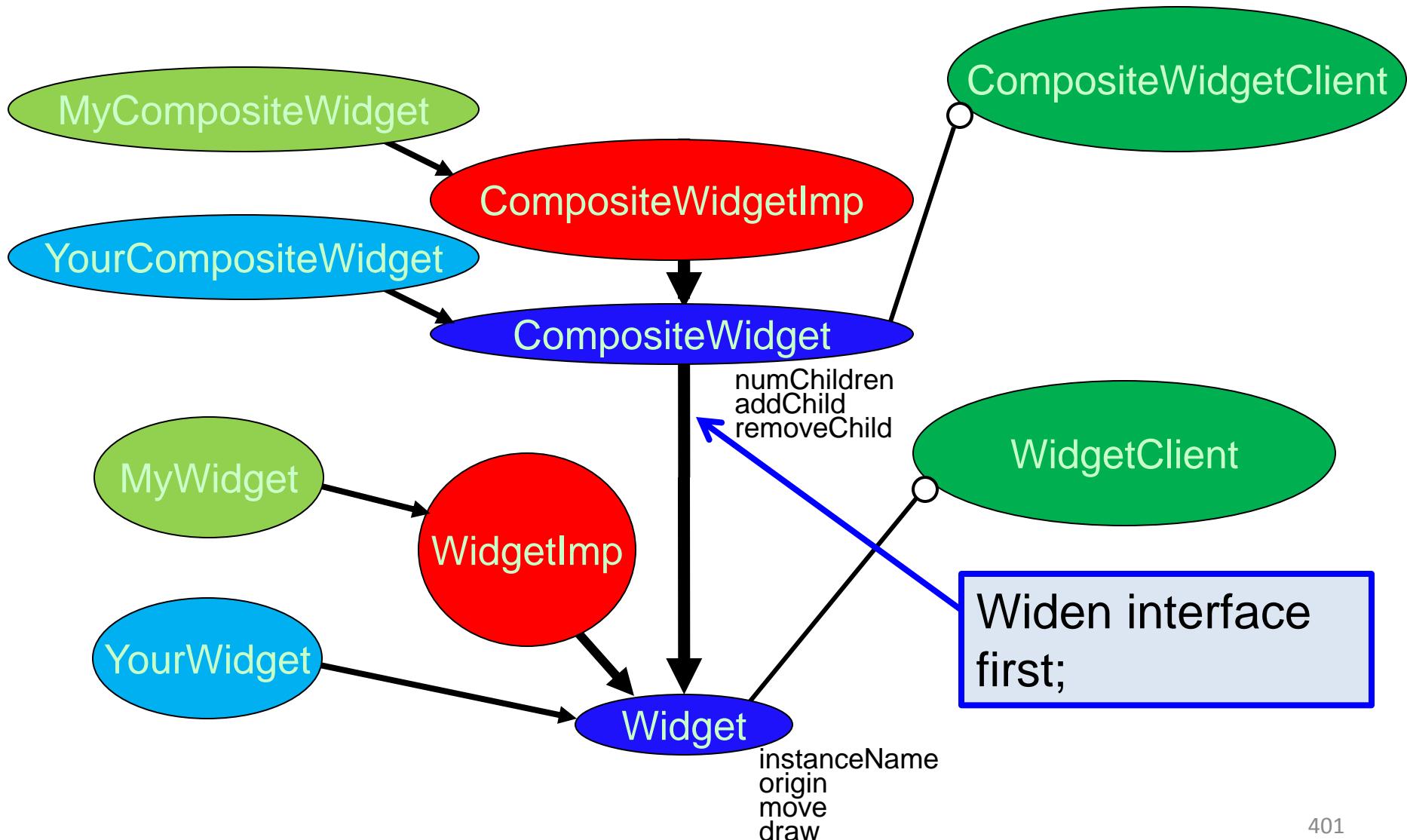
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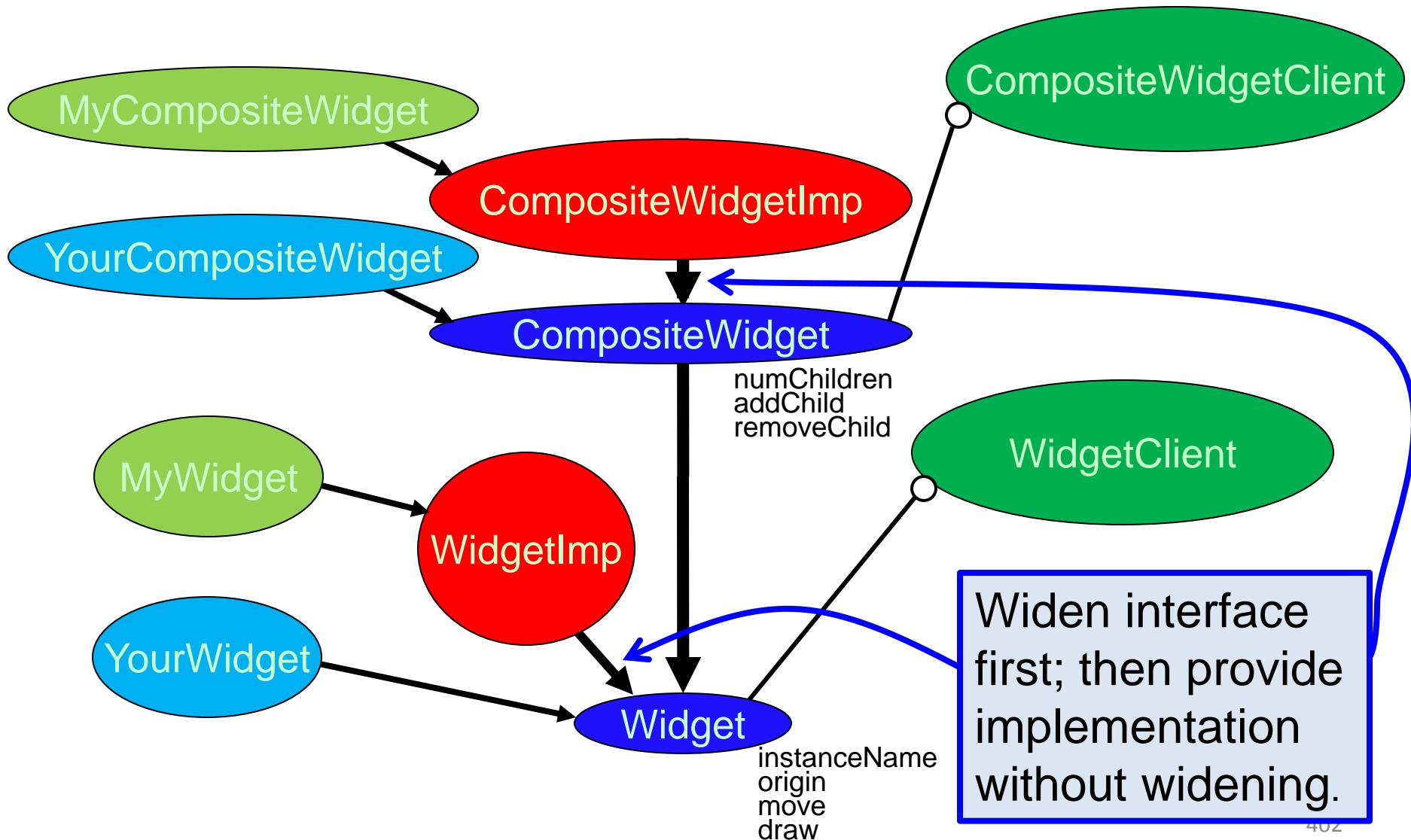
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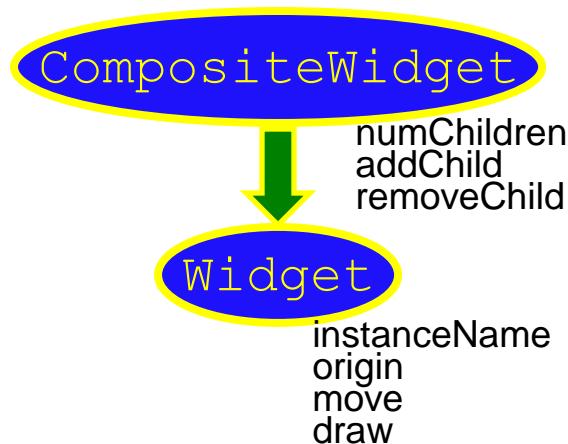
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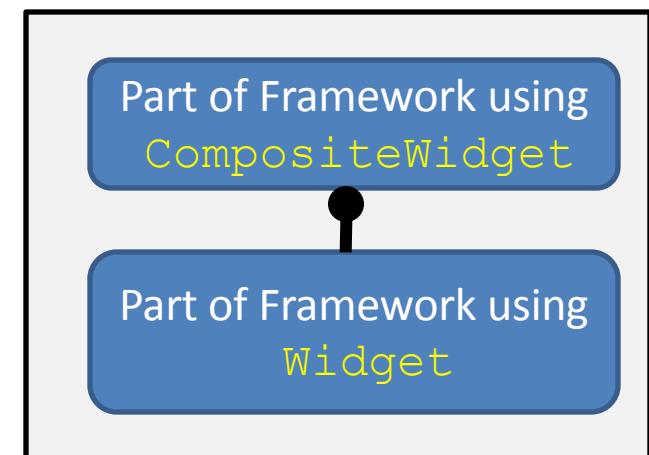
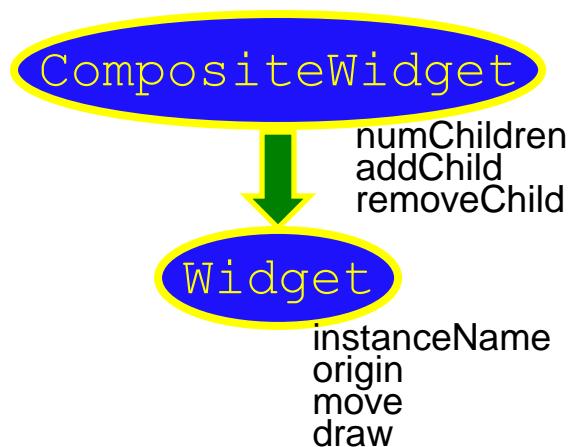
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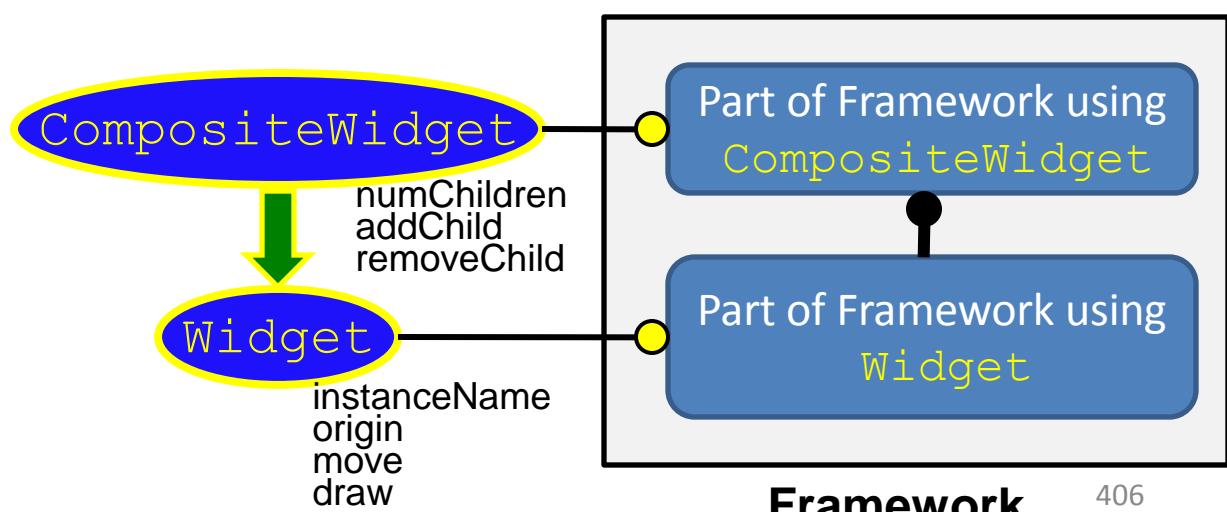
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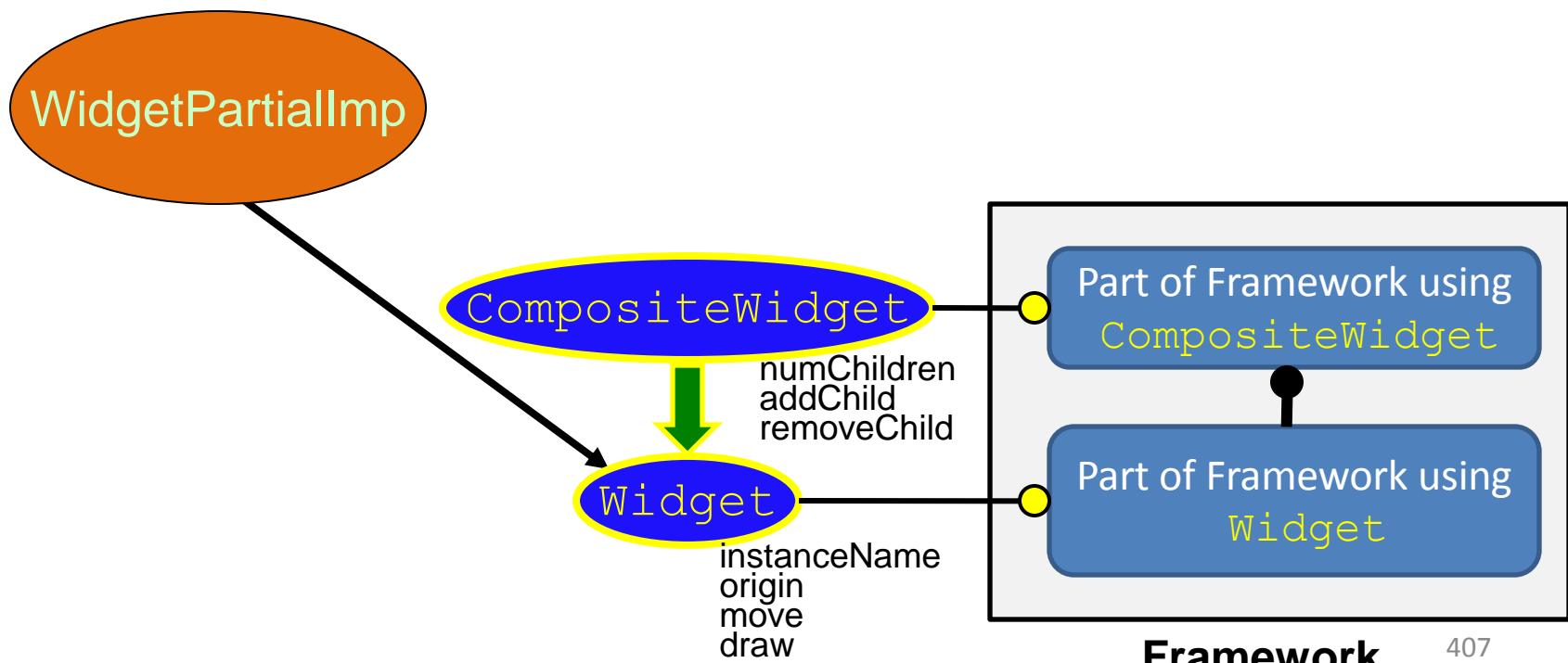
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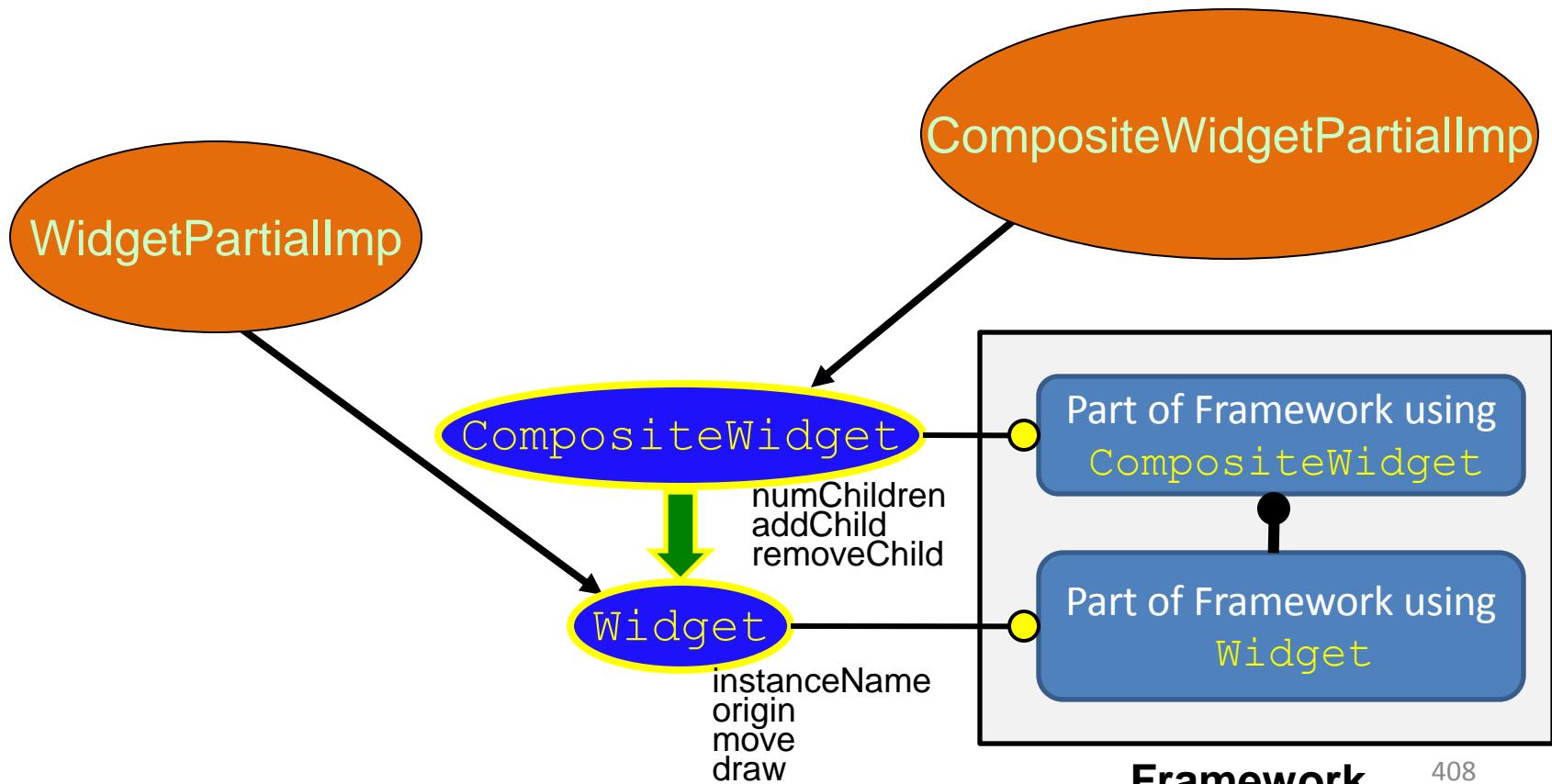
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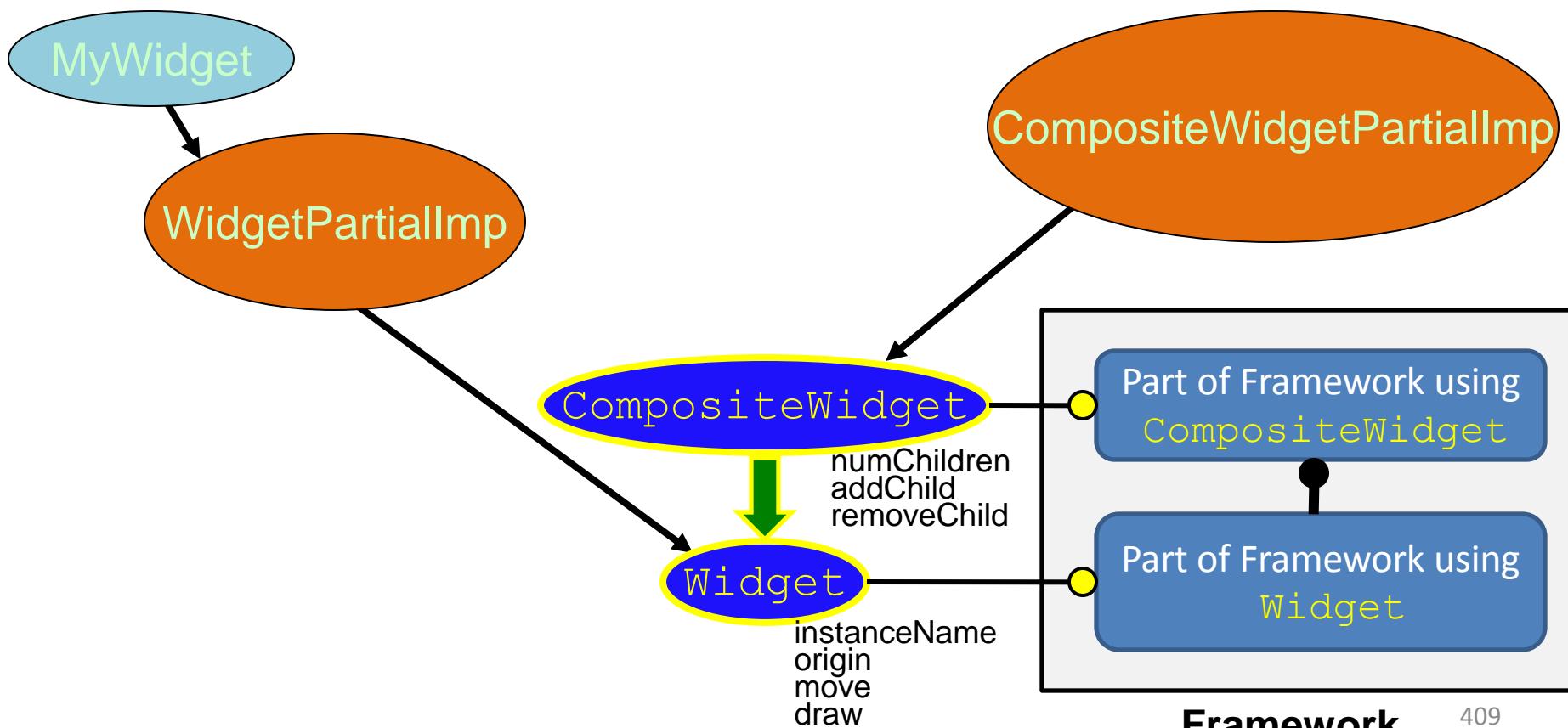
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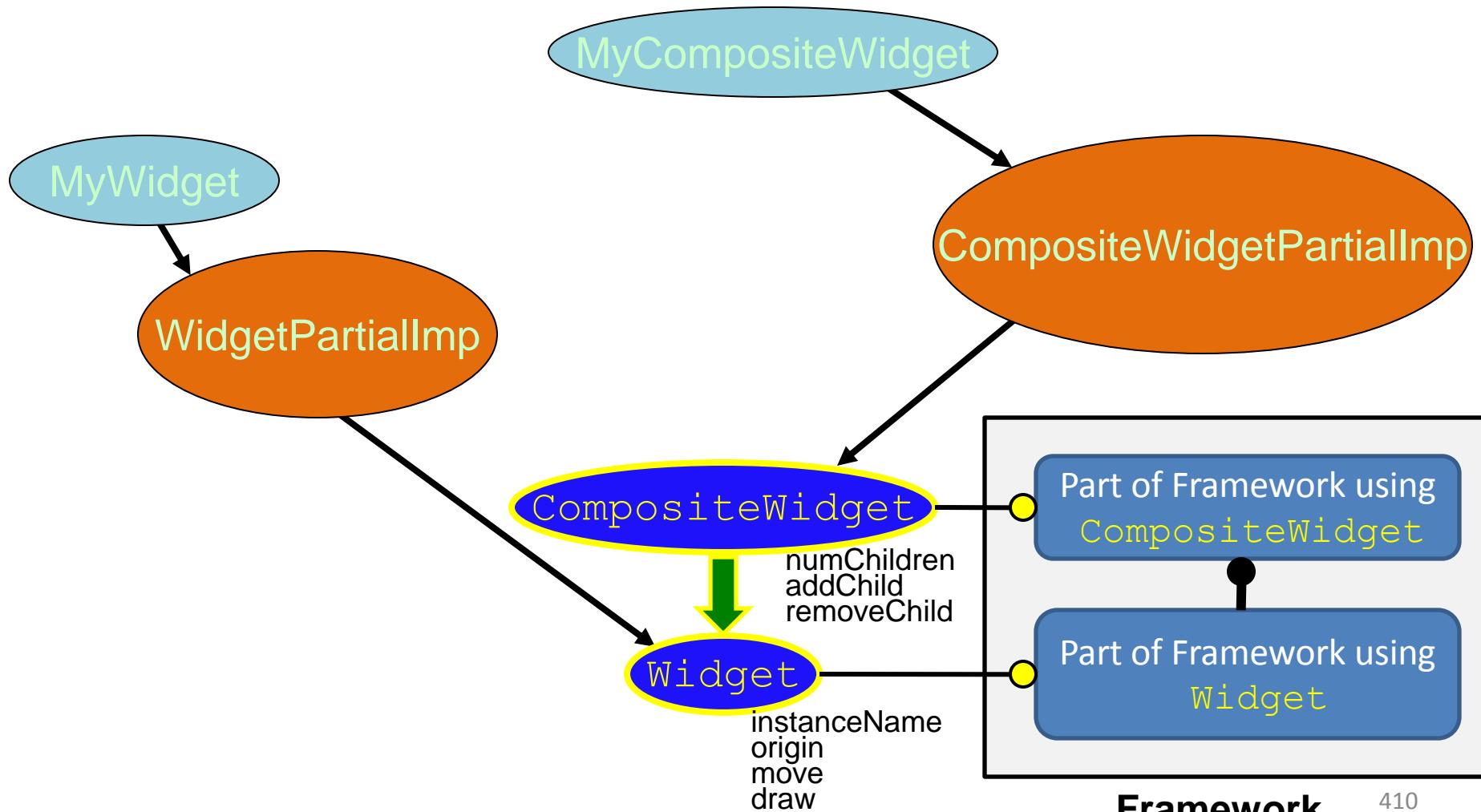
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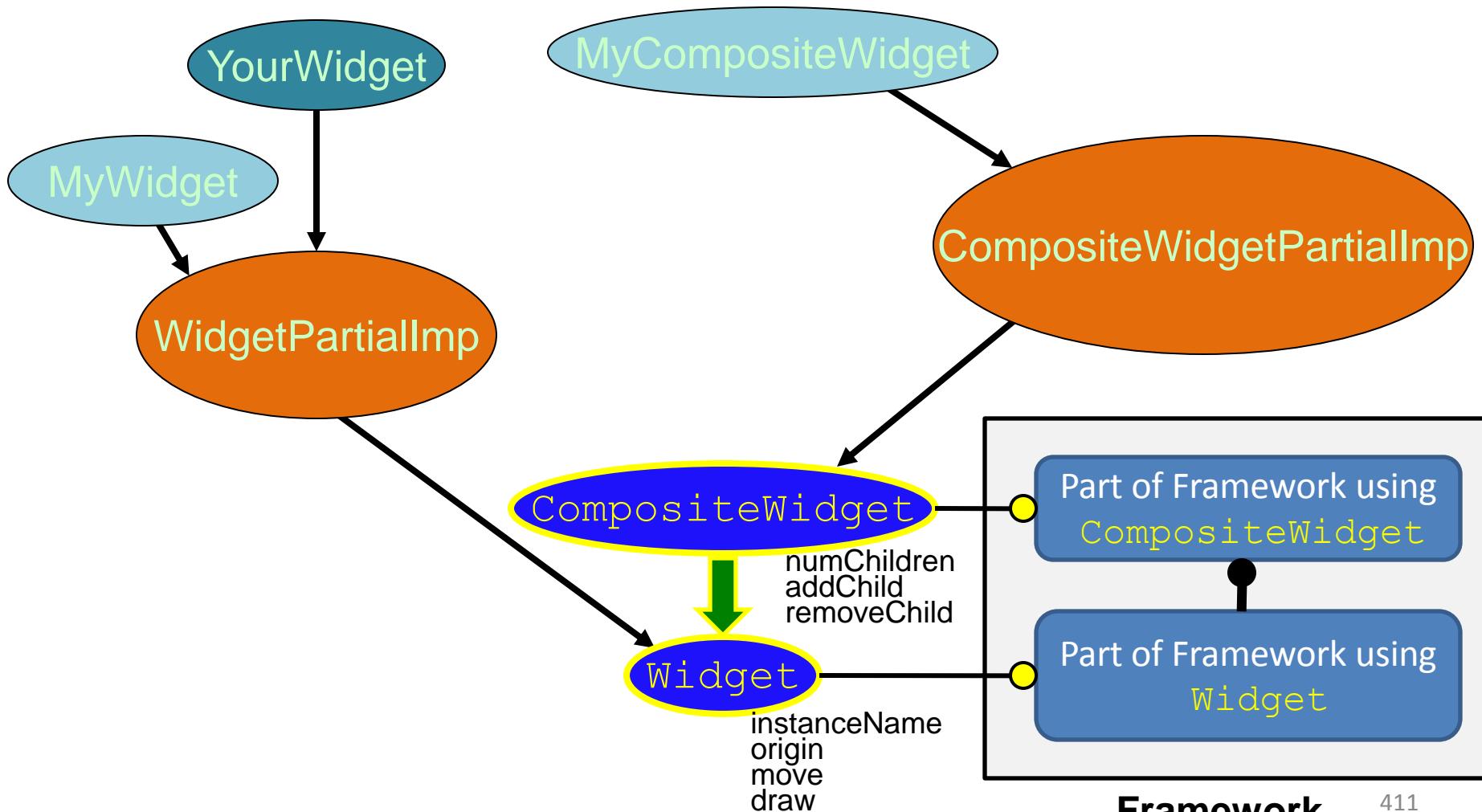
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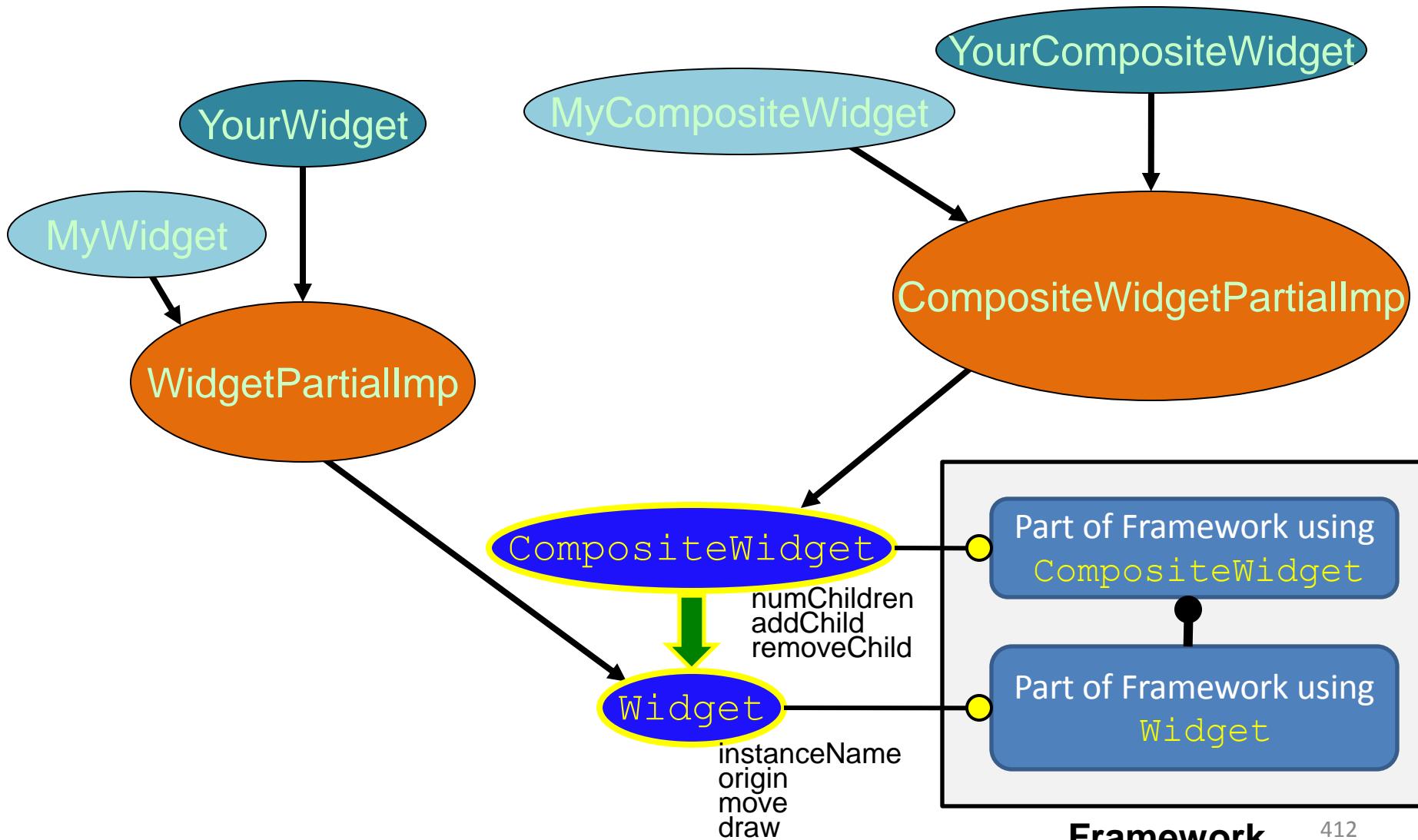
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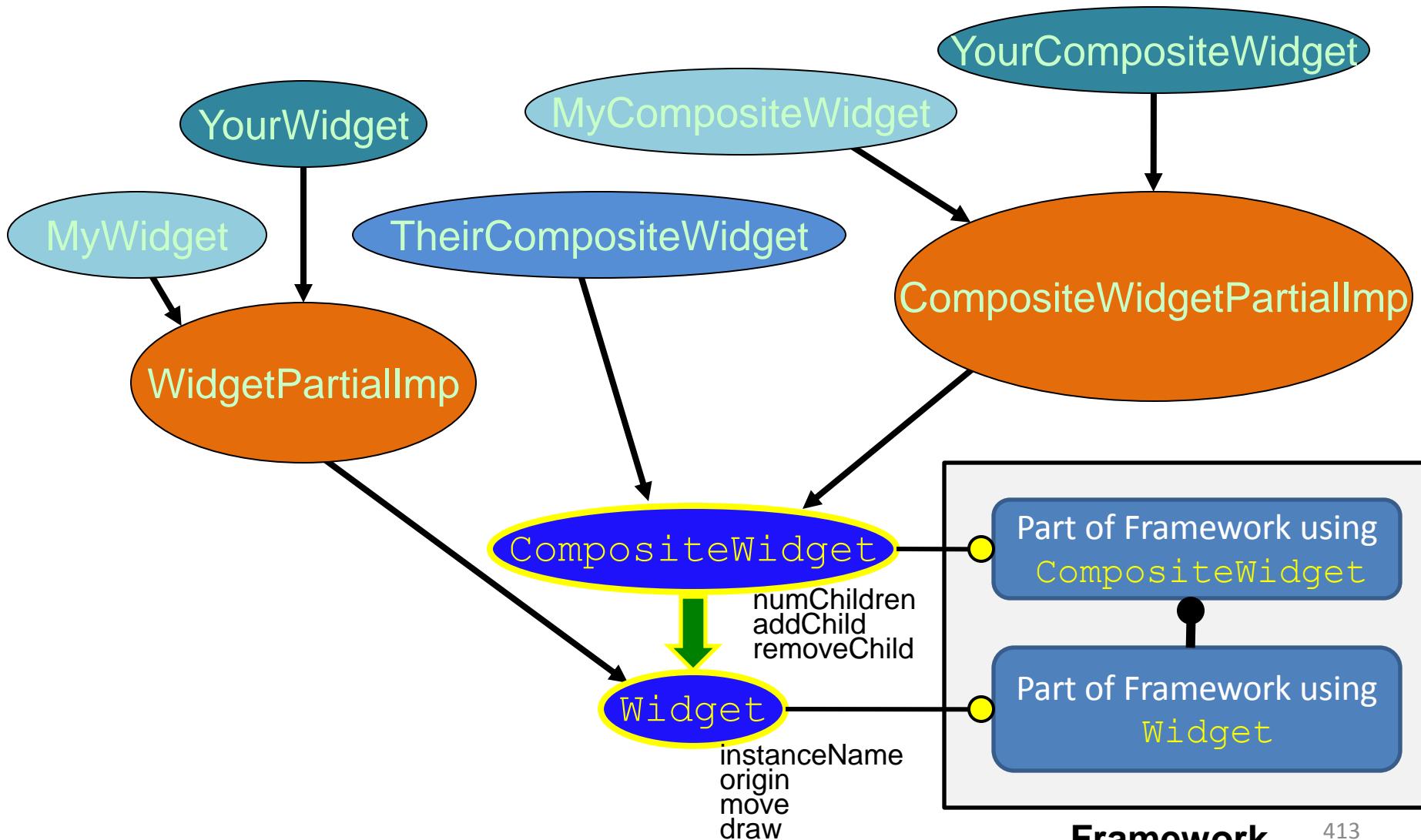
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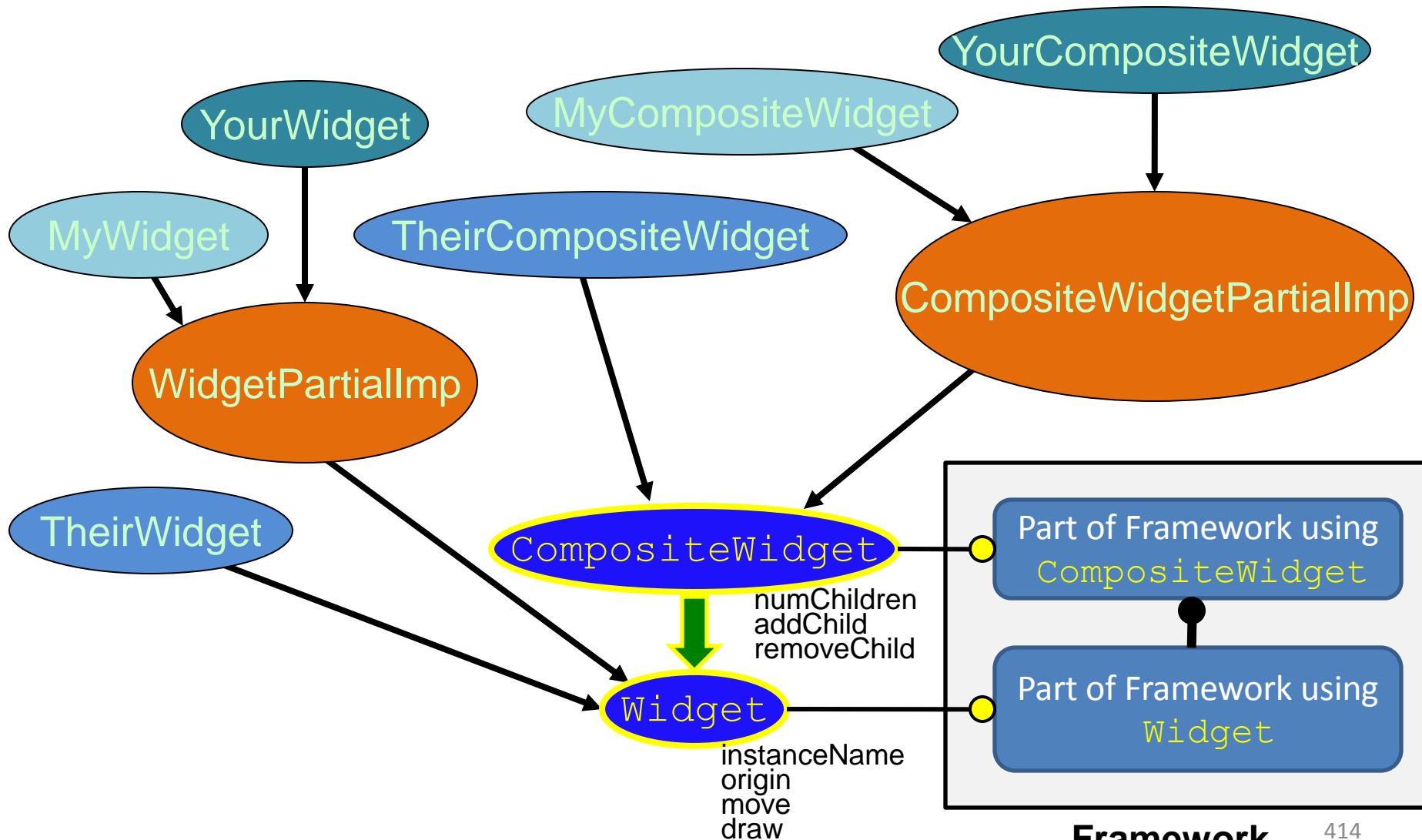
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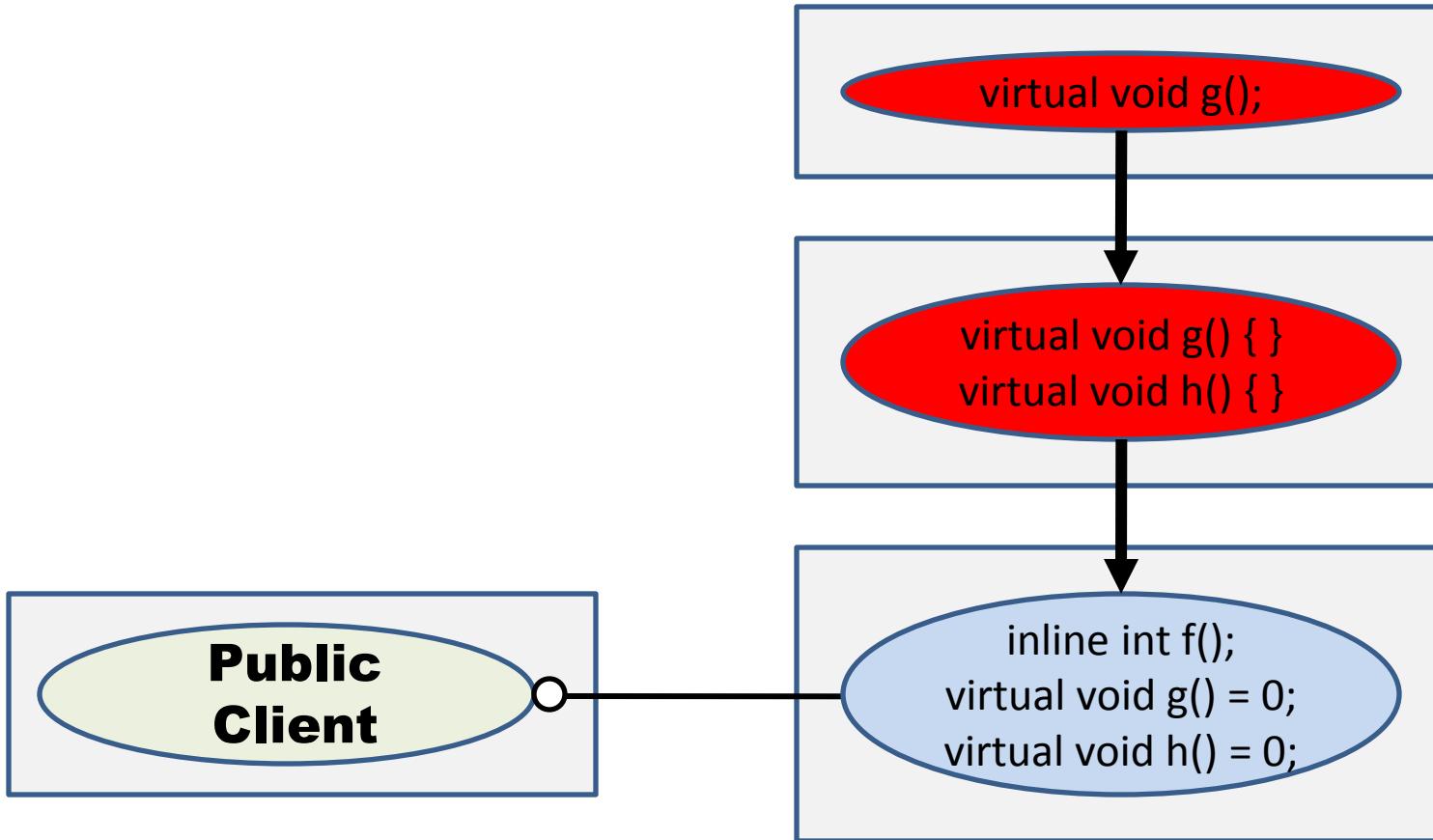
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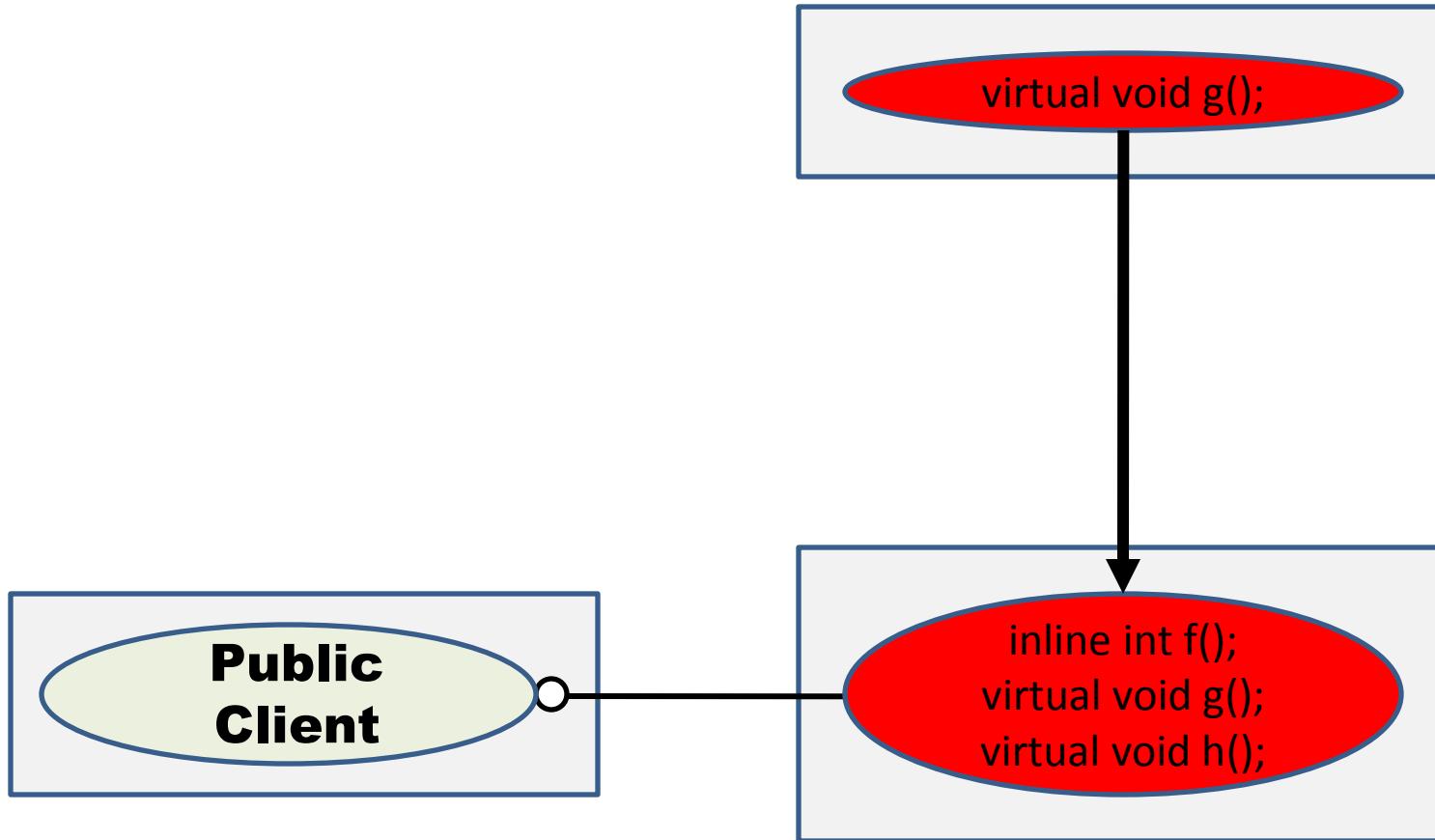
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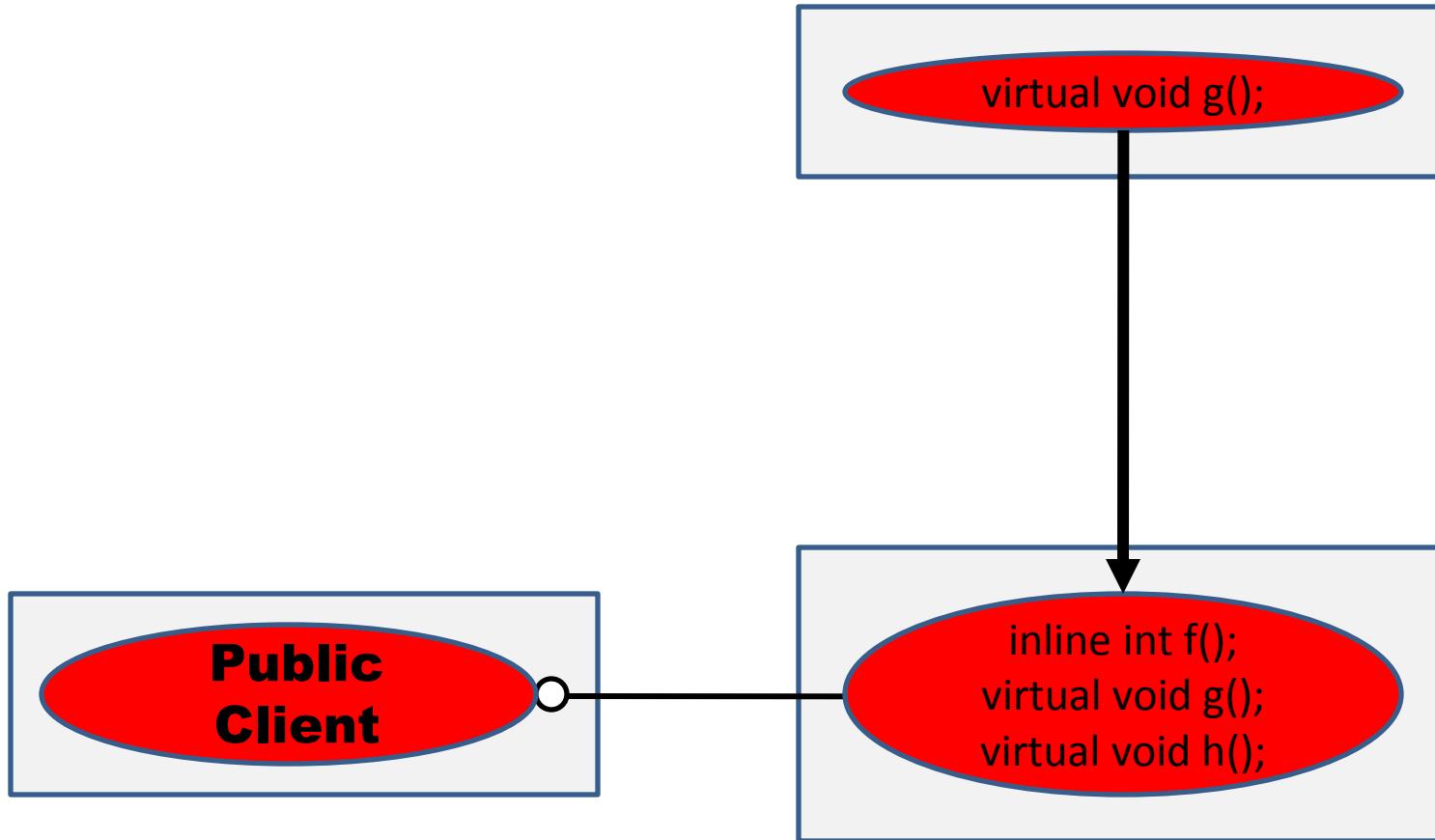
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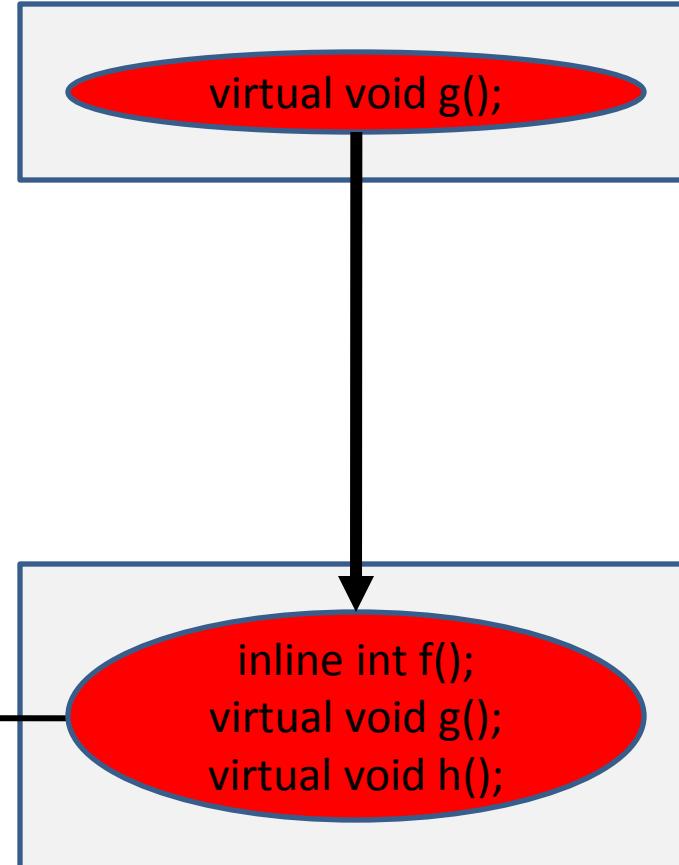
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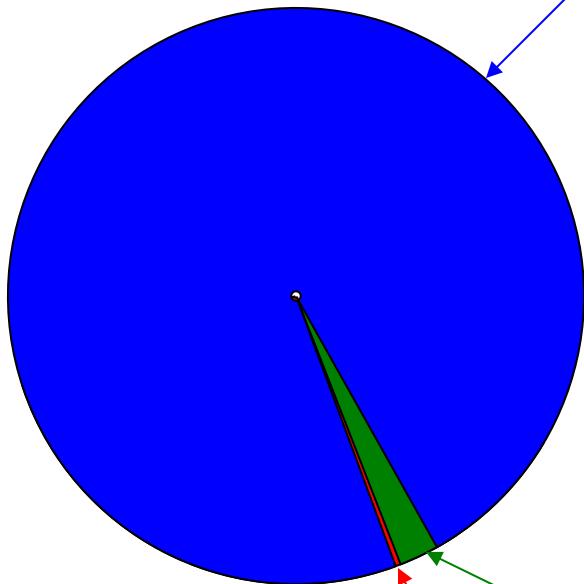
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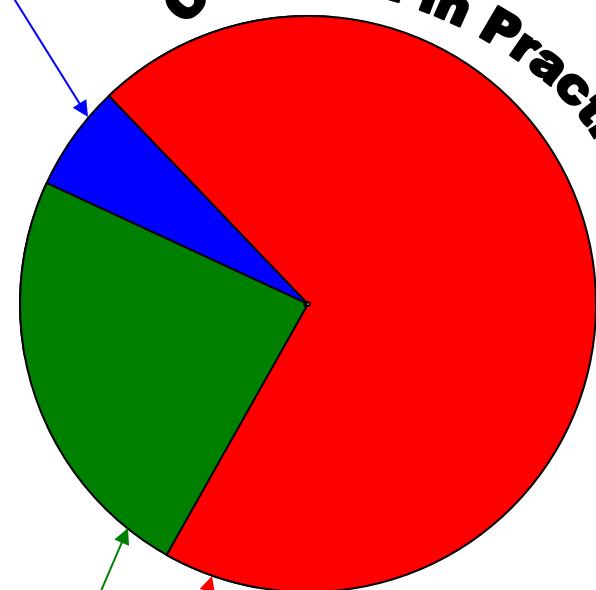
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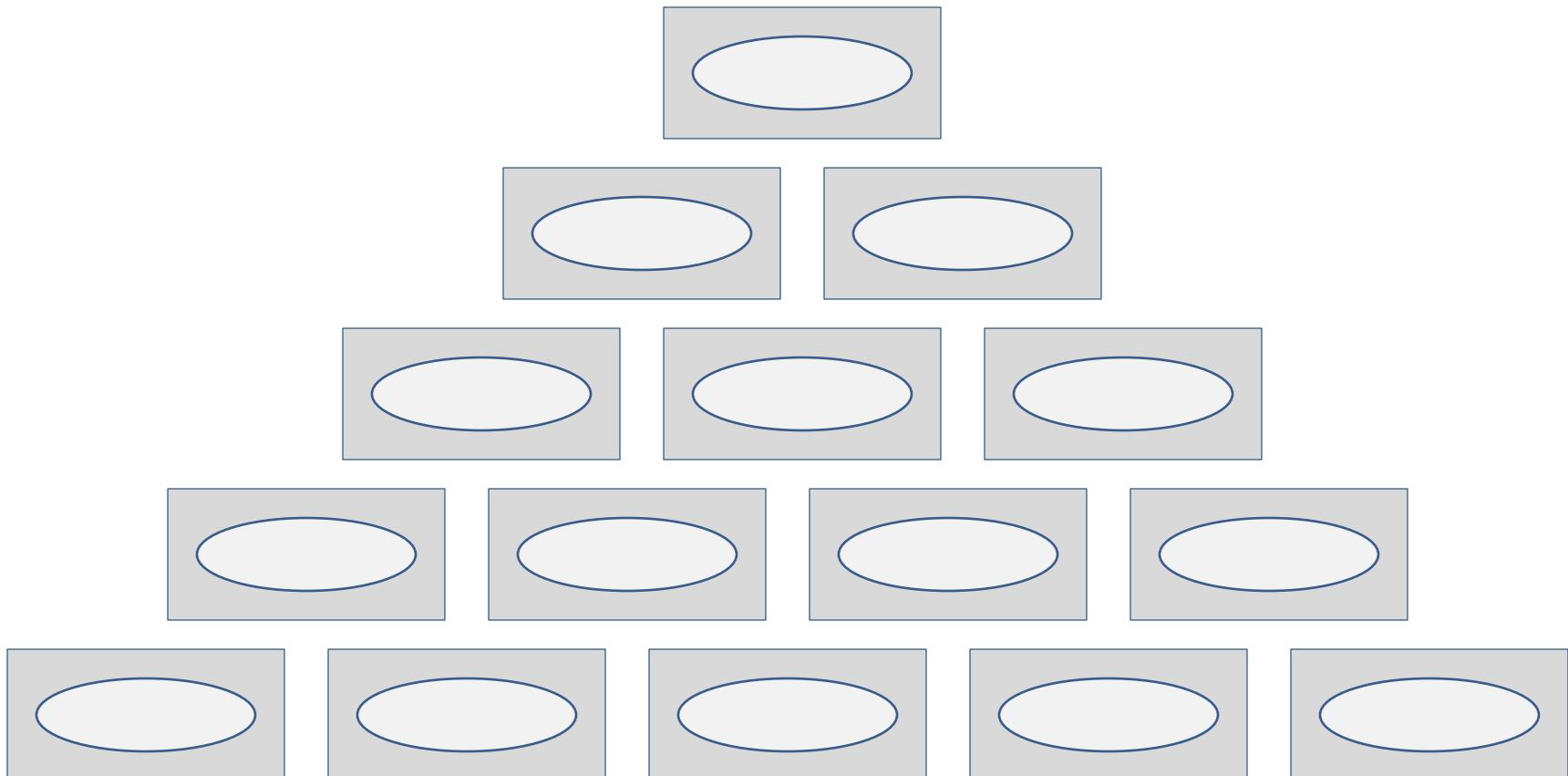


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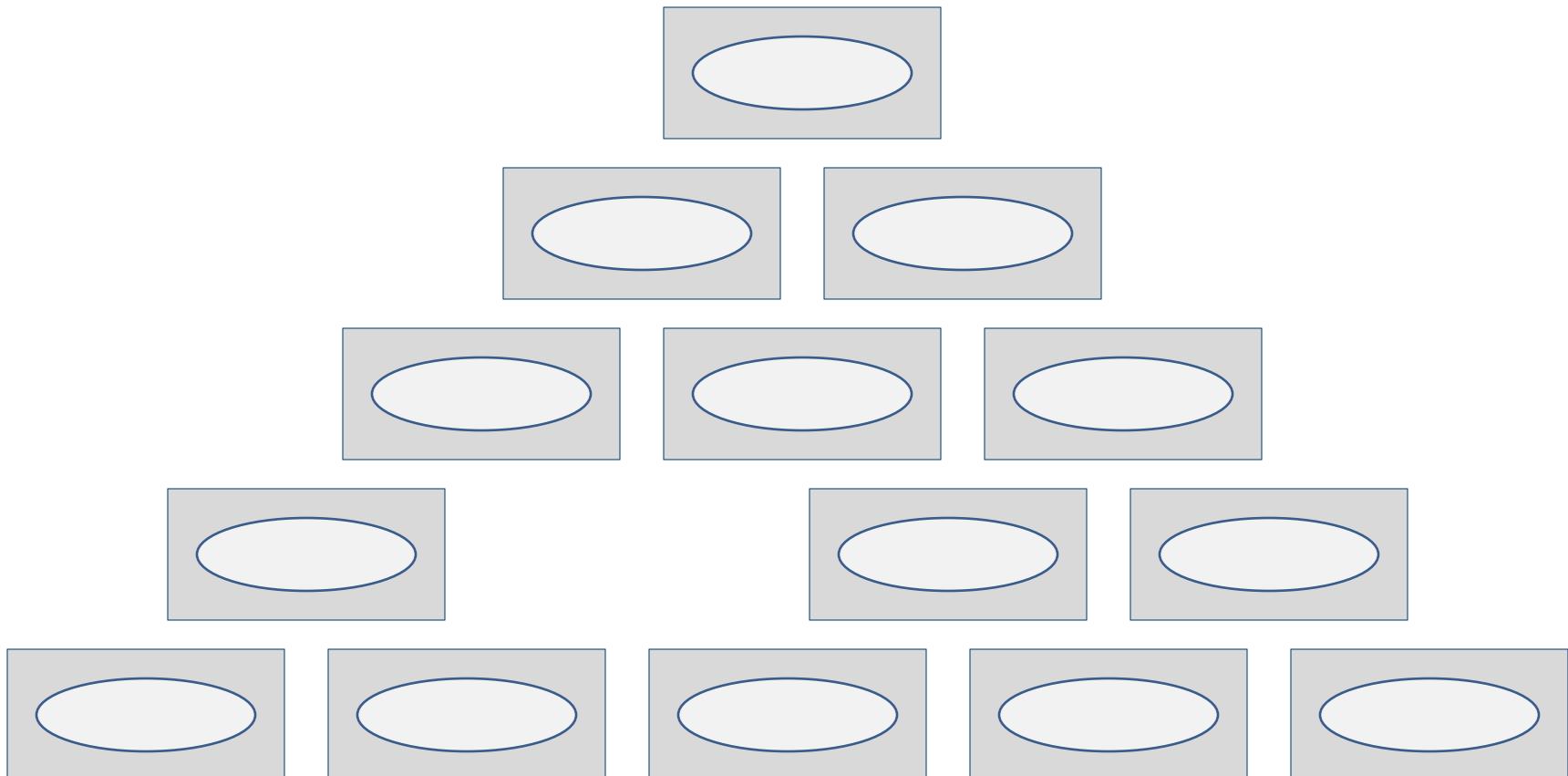
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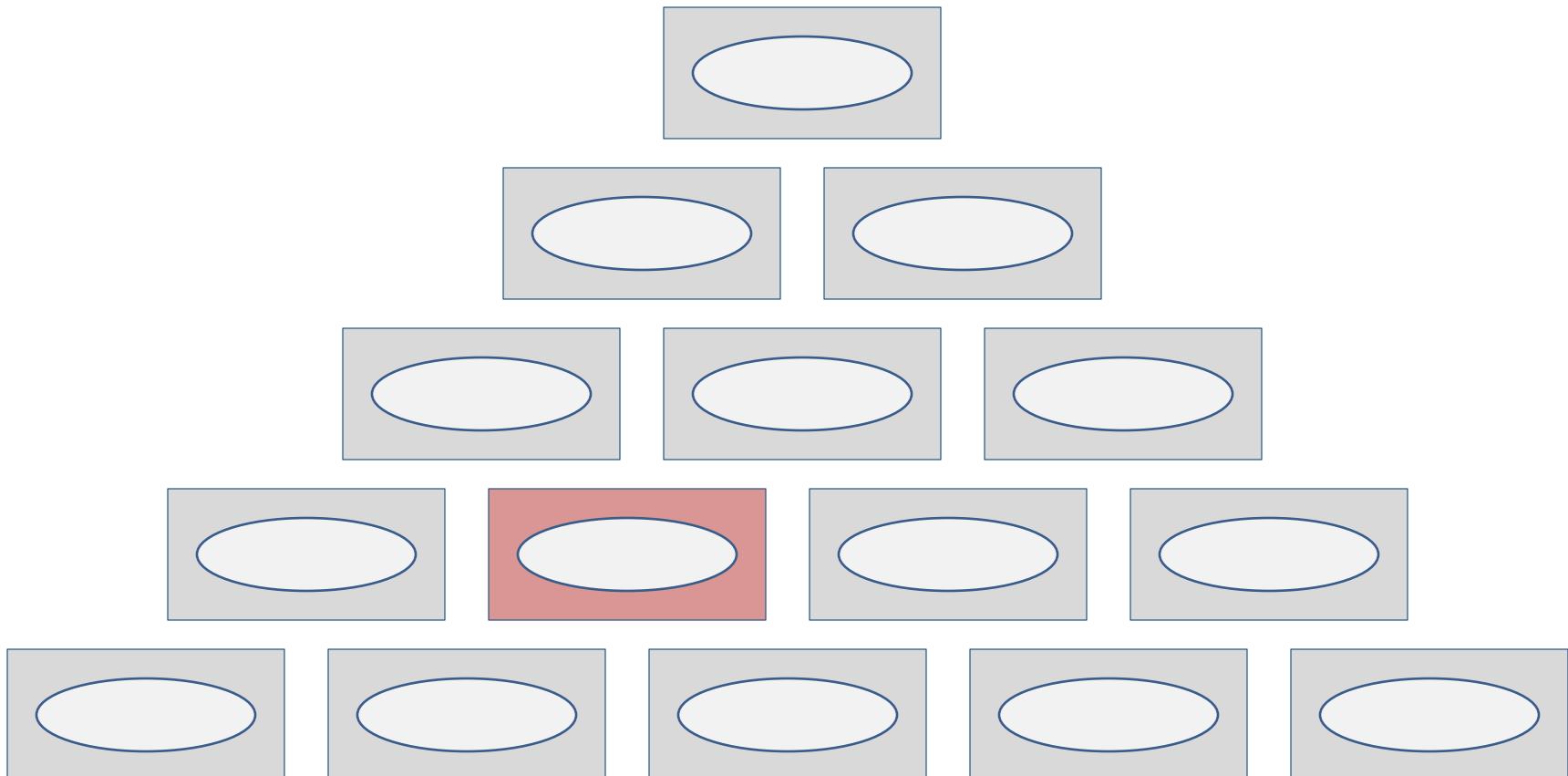
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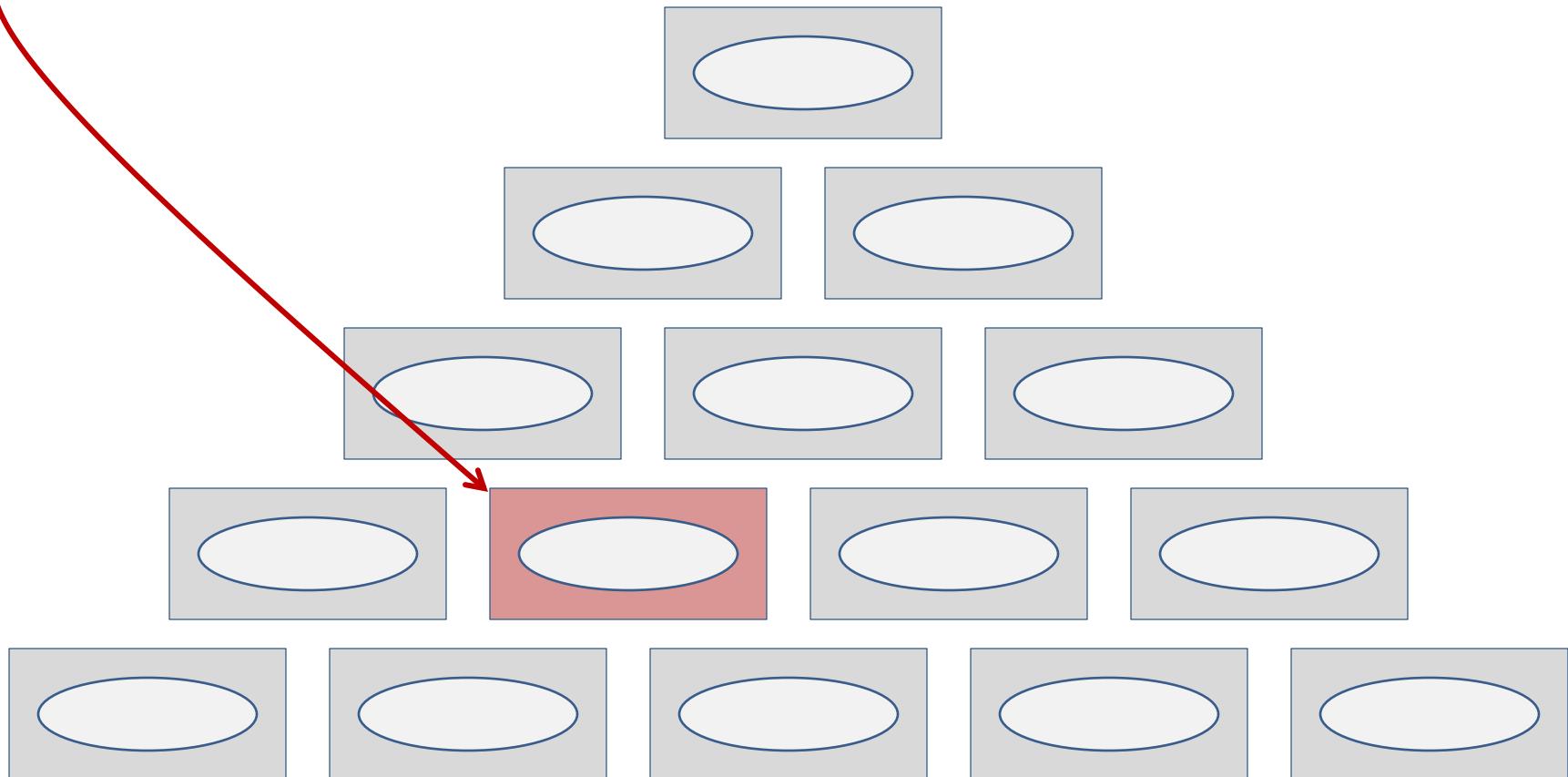
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