
Abstract Factory Pattern

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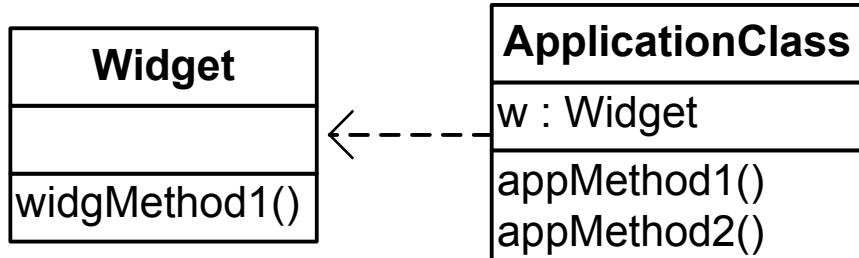
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Motivation



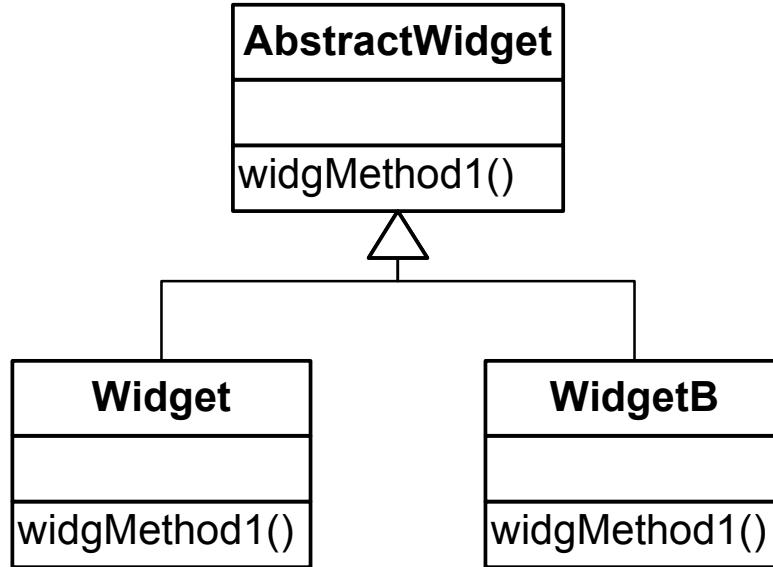
```
class ApplicationClass {  
    widget w;  
  
    public appMethod1() {  
        widget w = new Widget();  
        w.widgMethod1();  
    }  
    ...  
}
```

- ◆ We can modify the internal `widget` code without modifying the `ApplicationClass`
- ◆ What happens when we discover a **new widget** and would like to use it in the `ApplicationClass`?

Problems with Changes

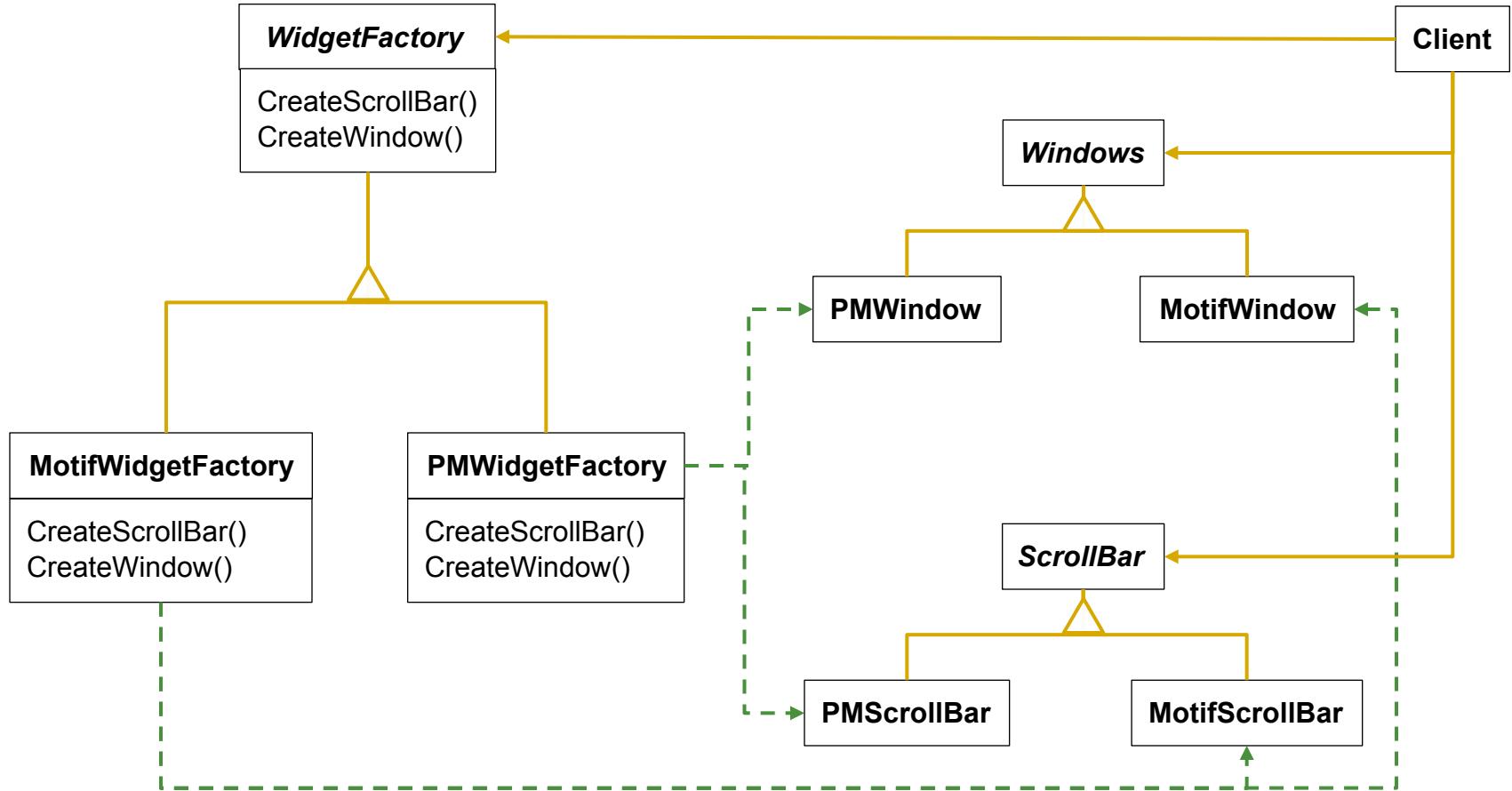
- ◆ Multiple coupling between widget and ApplicationClass
- ◆ ApplicationClass knows the interface of widget
- ◆ ApplicationClass **explicitly uses** the widget type
 - ◆ Hard to change because Widget is a concrete class
- ◆ ApplicationClass **explicitly creates** new Widgets in many places
 - ◆ If we want to use the new widget instead of the initial one, changes are spread all over the code

Apply “Program to an Interface”



- ◆ ApplicationClass depends now on an (abstract) interface
 - ◆ Helps to solve the problem of explicit use
- ◆ But we still have to hard code which widget to create!
 - ◆ Problem of explicit creation not solved

WidgetFactory



Abstract Factory aka Kit

- ◆ Intent
 - ◆ Provide an interface for creating families of related or dependent objects without specifying their concrete classes
- ◆ Motivation
 - ◆ User interface toolkit supports multiple look-and-feel standards (Motif, Presentation Manager)
 - ◆ Different appearances and behaviors for UI widgets
 - ◆ Apps should not hard-code its widgets

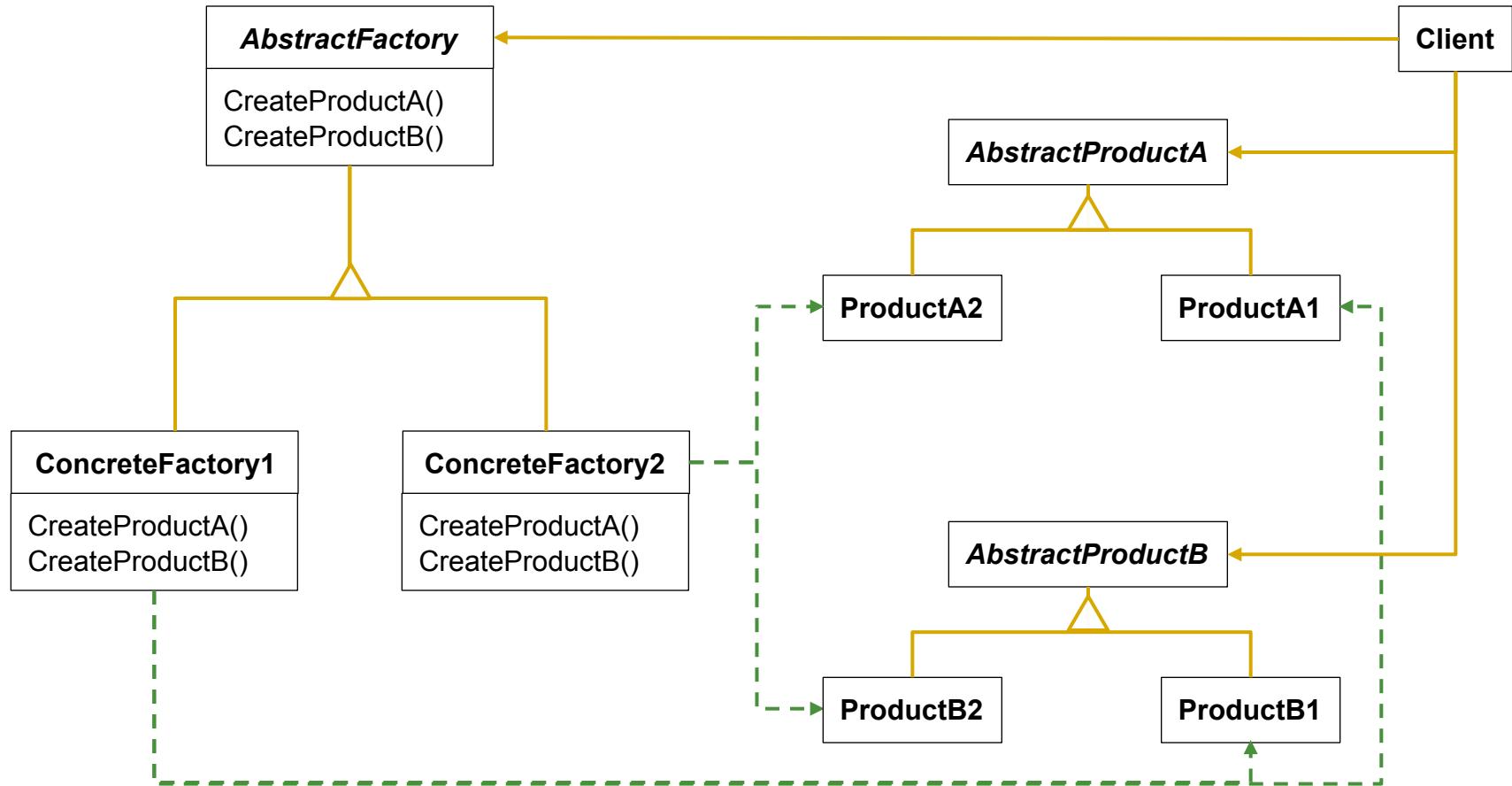
Solution

- ◆ Place *Abstract Factory Class* between application layer and *Concrete Factory Class(es)*
 - ◆ Create an *Abstract WidgetFactory* class from a related set of *Abstract Interfaces* (*Abstract Products*)
 - ◆ e.g., Abstract Interfaces for creating each basic kind of widget
 - ◆ Create *Concrete WidgetFactory* for specific implementations
 - ◆ e.g., classes implement specific look-and-feel, and allow for different look-and-feel

Applicability

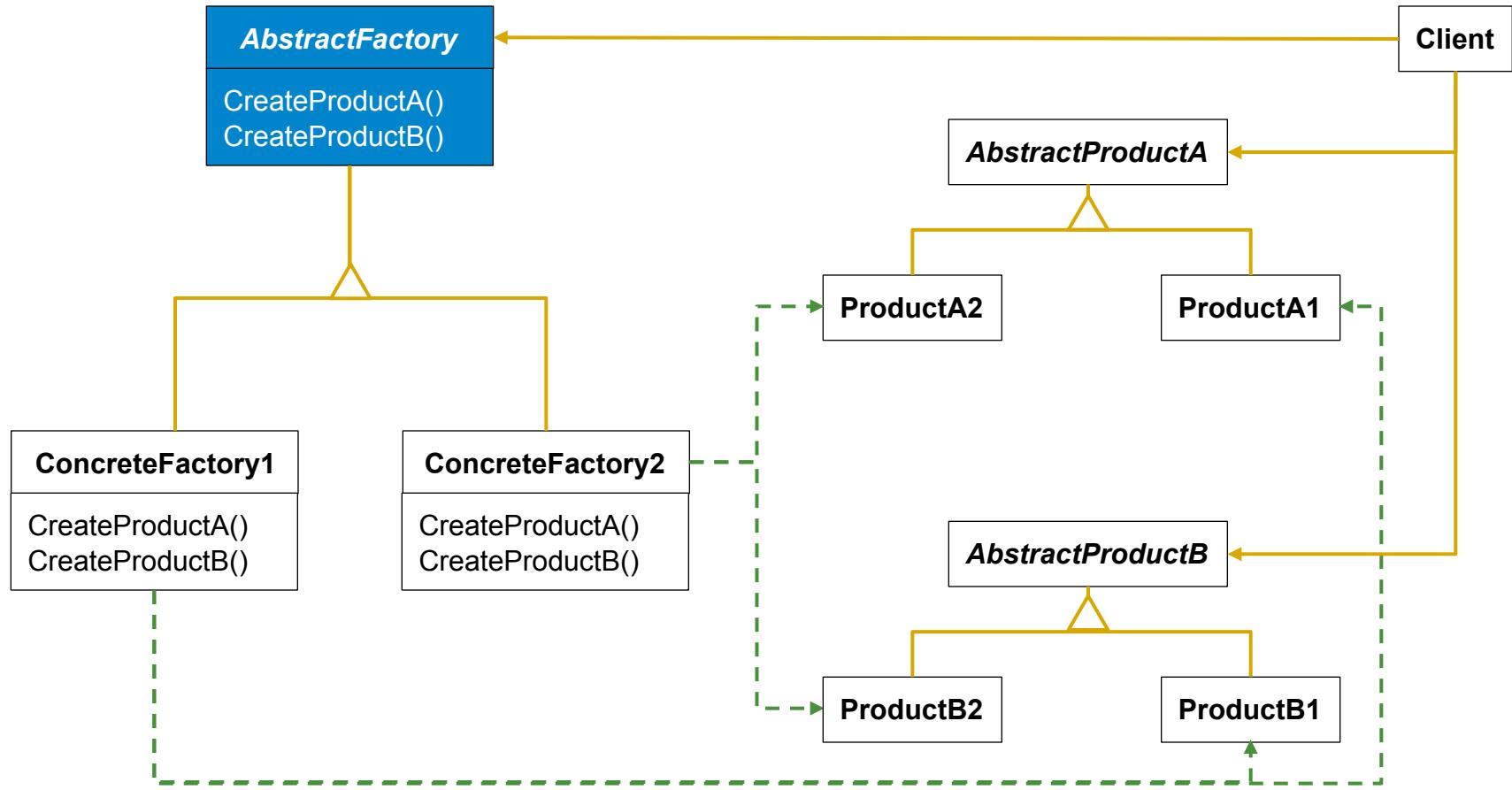
- ◆ Use the Abstract Factory pattern when
 - ◆ A system should be independent of how its products are created, composed, and represented
 - ◆ A system should be configured with one of multiple families of products
 - ◆ A family of related product objects is designed to be used together, and you need to enforce this constraint
 - ◆ You want to provide a class library of products, and **you want to reveal just their interfaces, not their implementations**

Structure



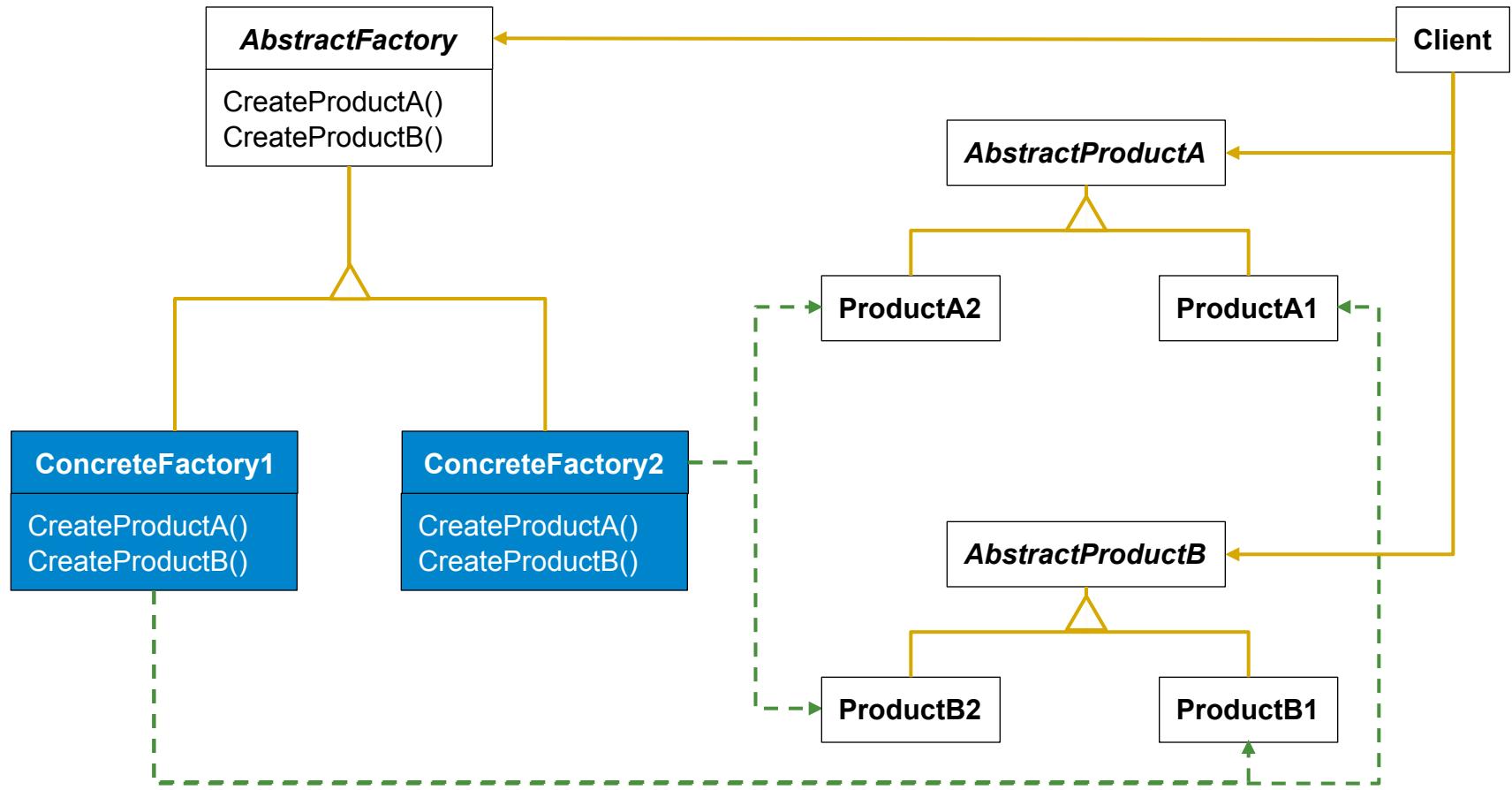
AbstractFactory

- ◆ Declares interface for operations that create abstract product objects



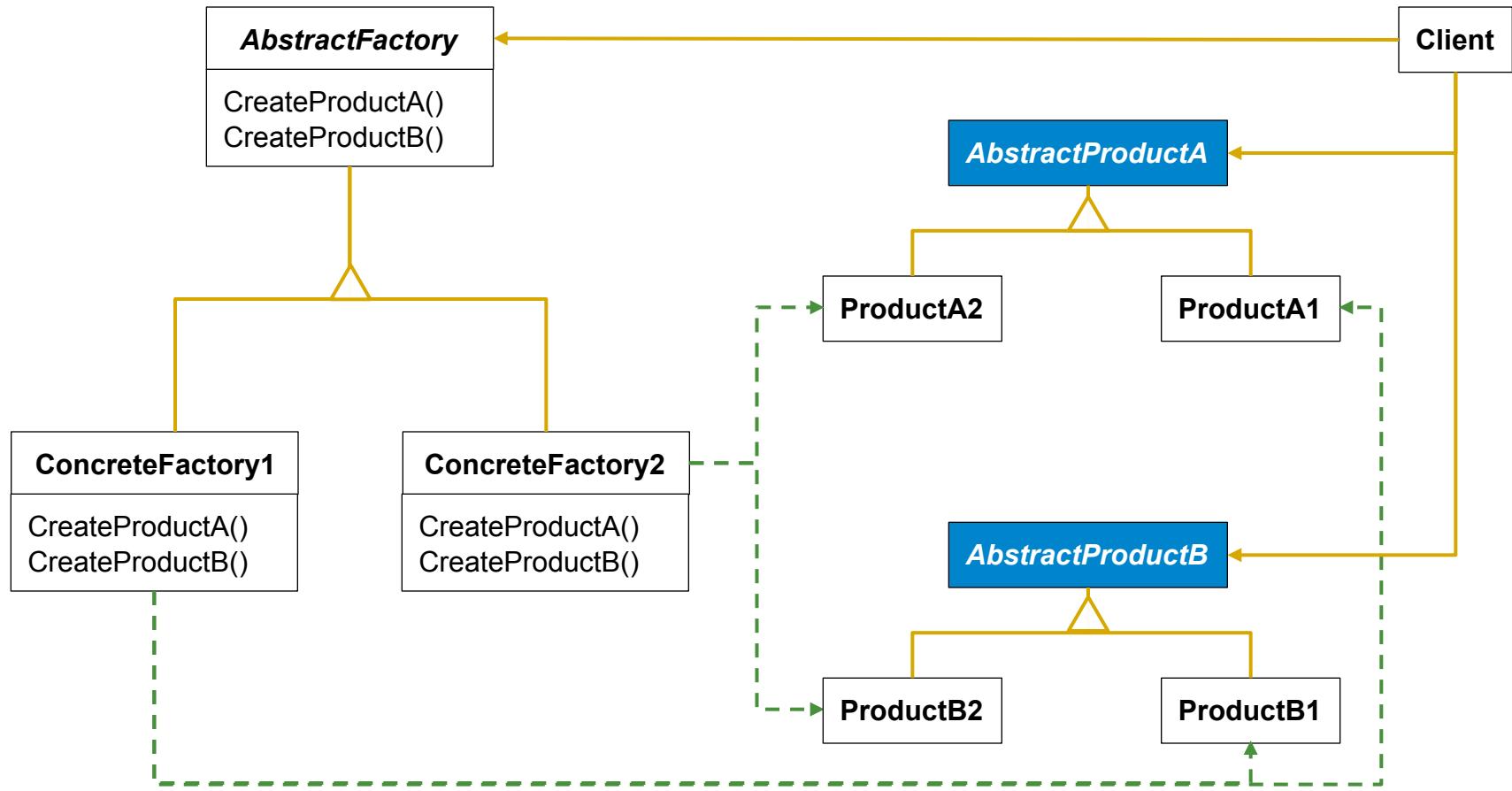
ConcreteFactory

- ◆ Implements operations to create concrete product object



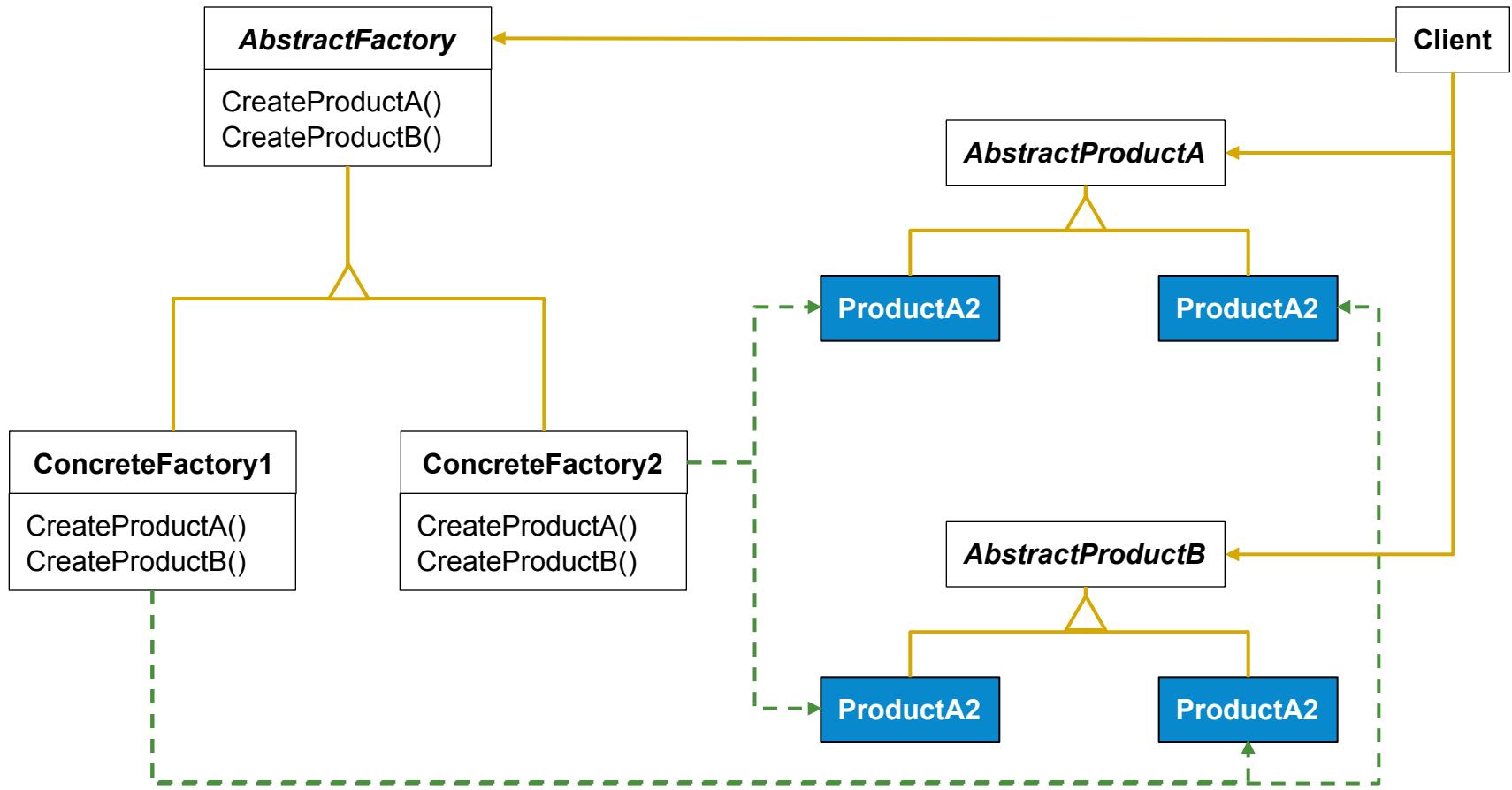
AbstractProduct

- ◆ Declares an interface for a type of product object



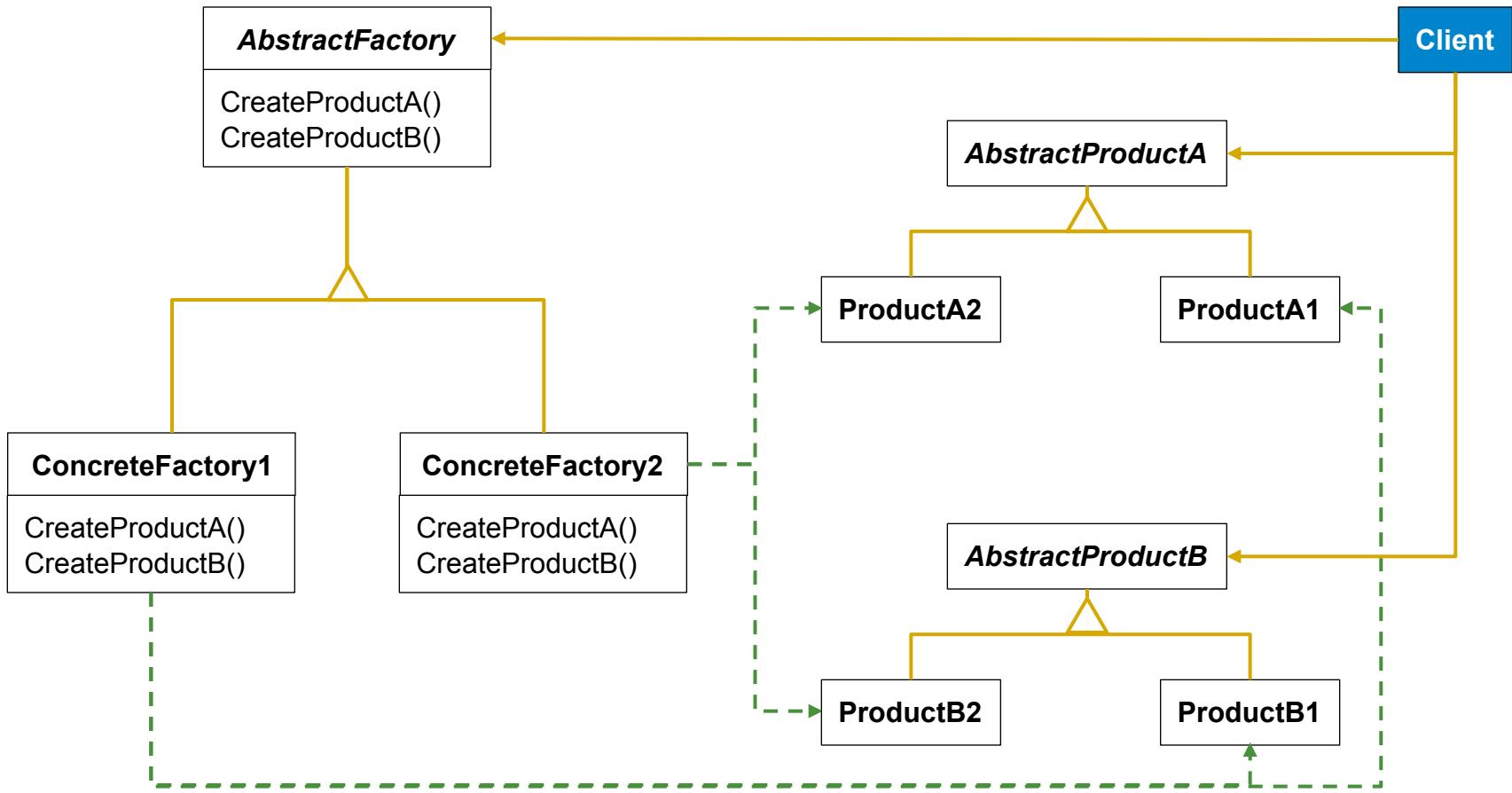
ConcreteProduct

- ◆ Defines a product object to be created by concrete factory
- ◆ Implements the abstract product interface



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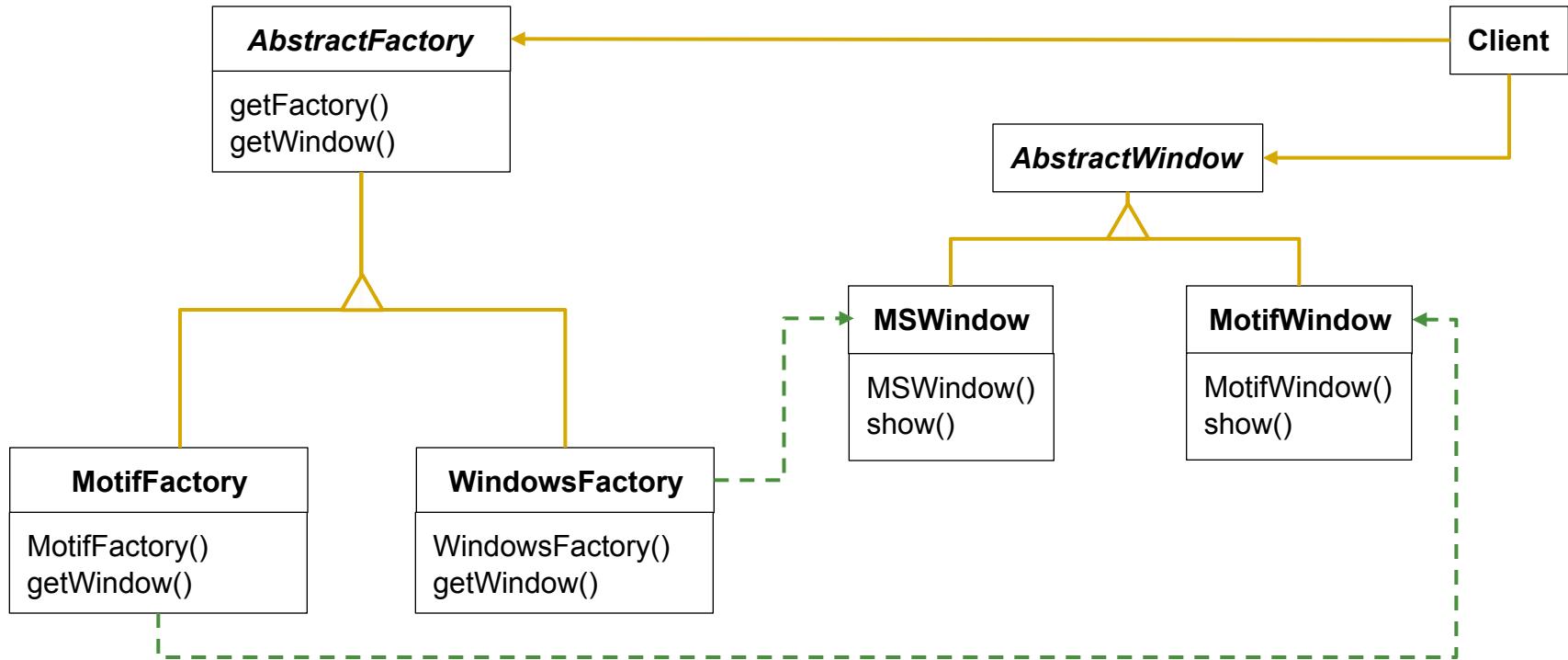
- ◆ Uses only interfaces declared by `AbstractFactory` and `AbstractProduct` classes



Consequences

- ◆ Explicit creation of widget objects **is not anymore dispersed**; hence, is easier to change
- ◆ Functional methods in ApplicationClass are **decoupled** from various concrete implementations of widgets
 - ◆ Product class names do not appear in client code
- ◆ Use of Factories **forces adherence to interfaces** and **encapsulates** both interface definitions and implementations
- ◆ Supporting **new kinds of products** is difficult
 - ◆ AbstractFactory and all its subclasses need to be changed

Example – Windows



Code for Class Client

```
public class Client {  
    public Client(String factoryName) {  
        AbstractFactory factory =  
            AbstractFactory.getFactory(factoryName);  
        AbstractWindow window = factory.getWindow();  
        window.show();  
    }  
  
    public static void main(String [] args) {  
        //args[0] contains the name of the family of widgets  
        //to be used by the client class (Motif or Windows)  
        new Client(args[0]);  
    }  
}
```

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Code for Class AbstractFactory



```
public abstract class AbstractFactory {
    public static final String MOTIF_WIDGET_NAME = "Motif";
    public static final String WINDOWS_WIDGET_NAME = "MSWindows";

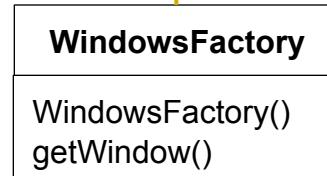
    public static AbstractFactory getFactory(String name) {
        if (name.equals(MOTIF_WIDGET_NAME))
            return new MotifFactory();
        else if (name.equals(WINDOWS_WIDGET_NAME))
            return new WindowsFactory();
        return null;
    }

    public abstract Abstractwindow getWindow();
}
```

MotifFactory
getWidgetName()

Code for Class MotifFactory

```
public class MotifFactory extends AbstractFactory {  
    public MotifFactory() { }  
  
    public Abstractwindow getWindow() {  
        return new Motifwindow();  
    }  
}
```



IMSWindow()
show()

IMotifWindow()
show()

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Code for Class WindowsFactory

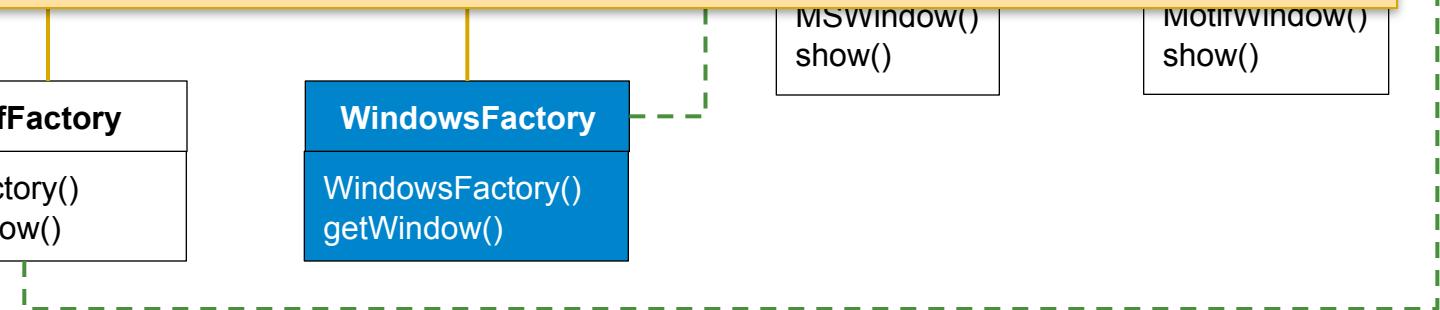
```
public class WindowsFactory extends AbstractFactory {  
    public WindowsFactory() { }  
  
    public AbstractWindow getWindow() {  
        return new MSWindow();  
    }  
}
```

Client

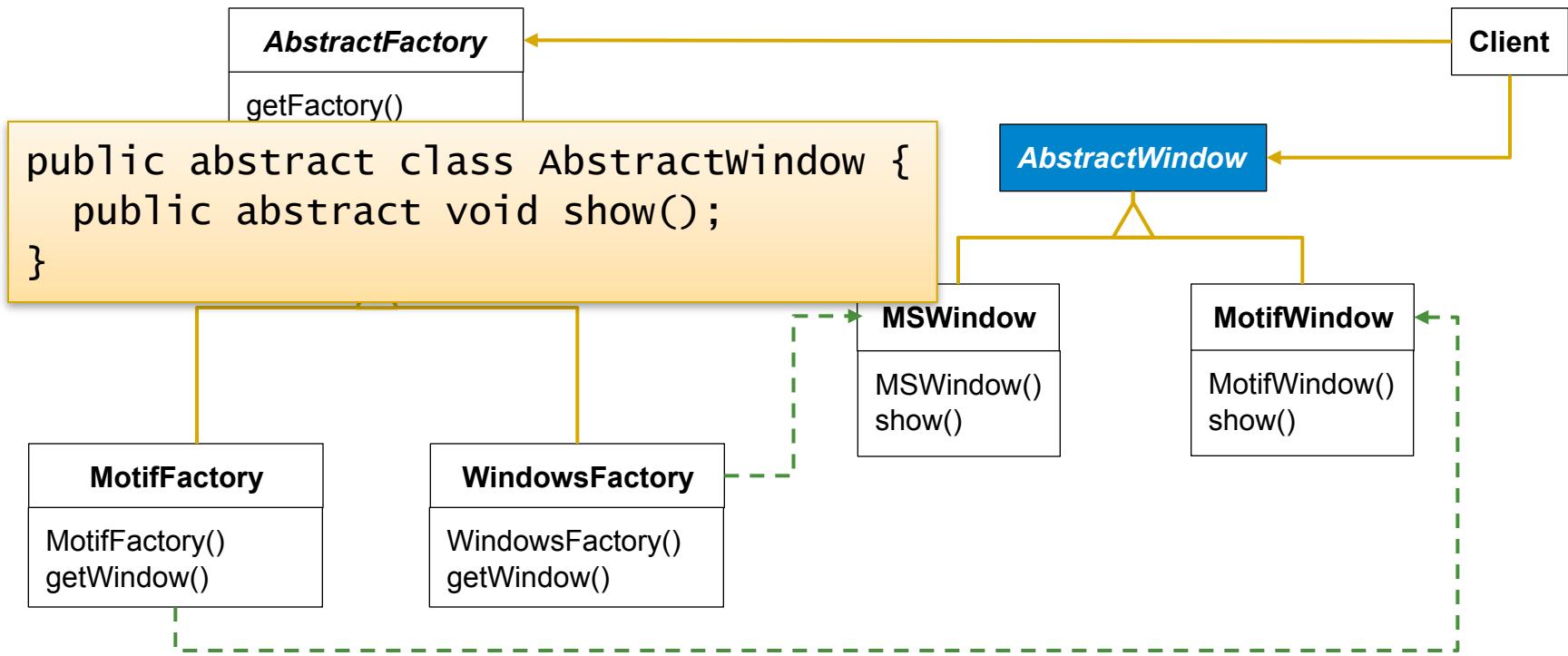


MSWindow()
show()

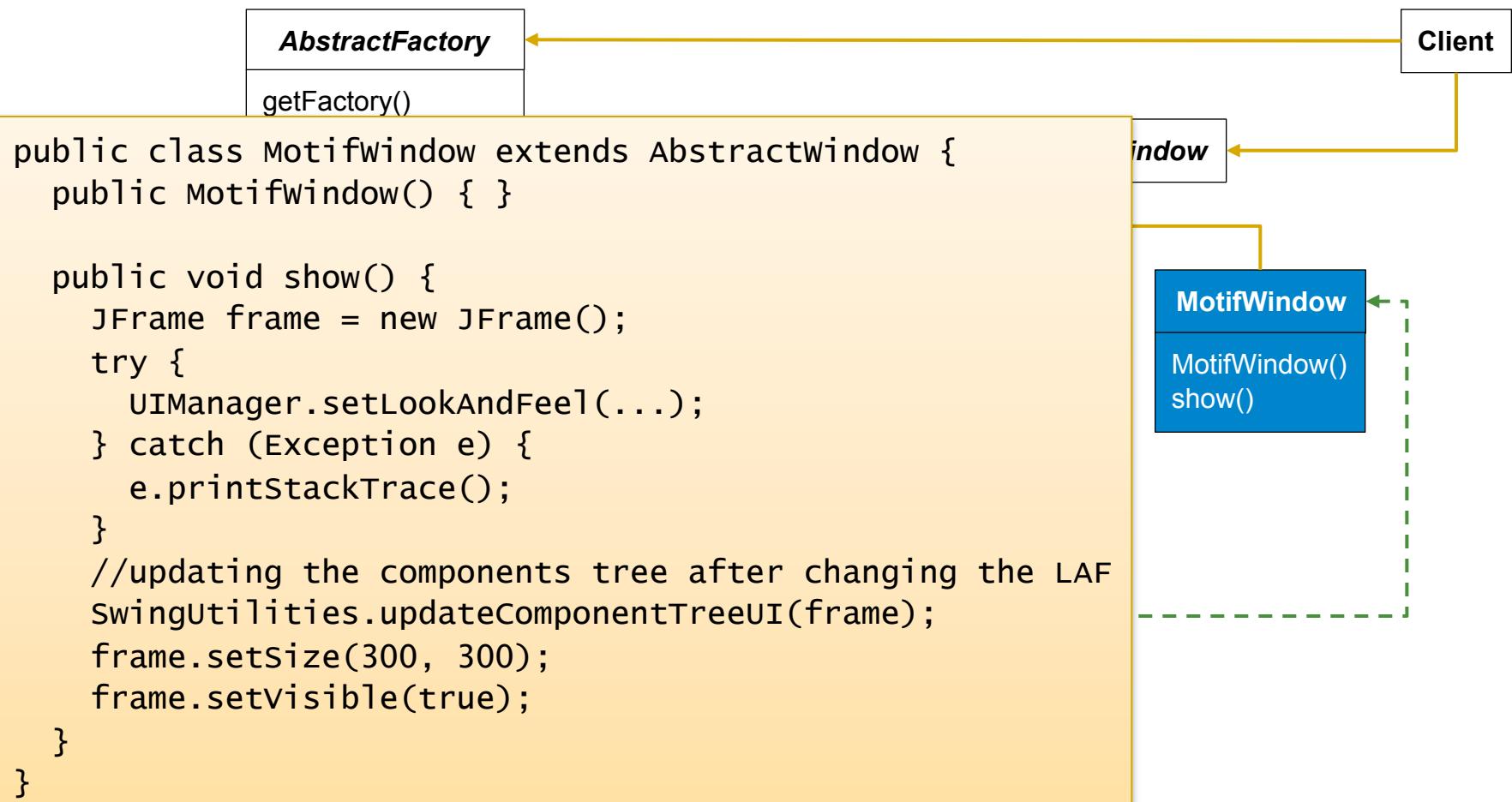
MotifWindow()
show()



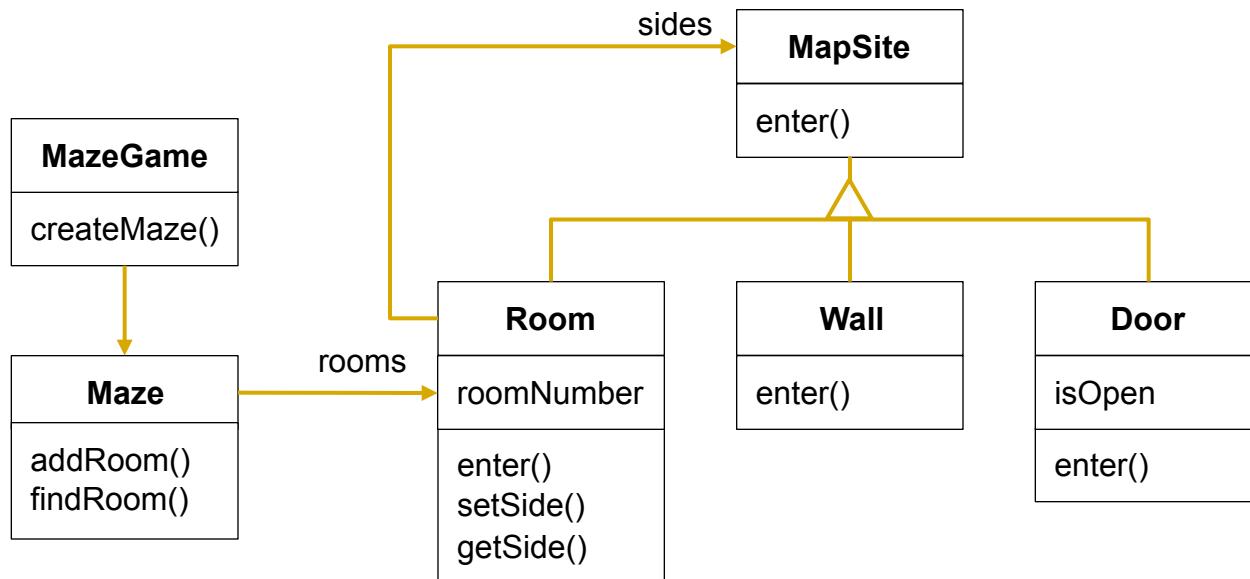
Code for Class AbstractWindow



Code for Class MotifWindow

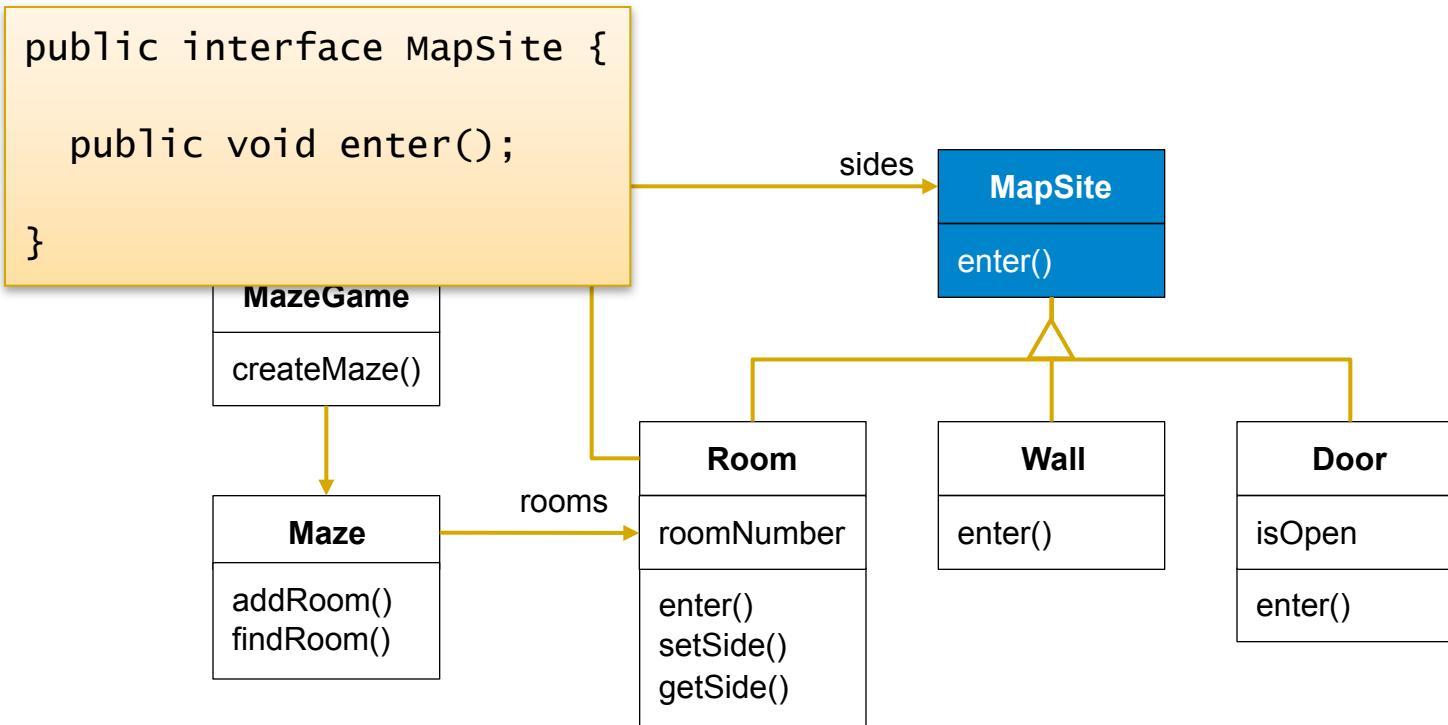


Example – Maze Game



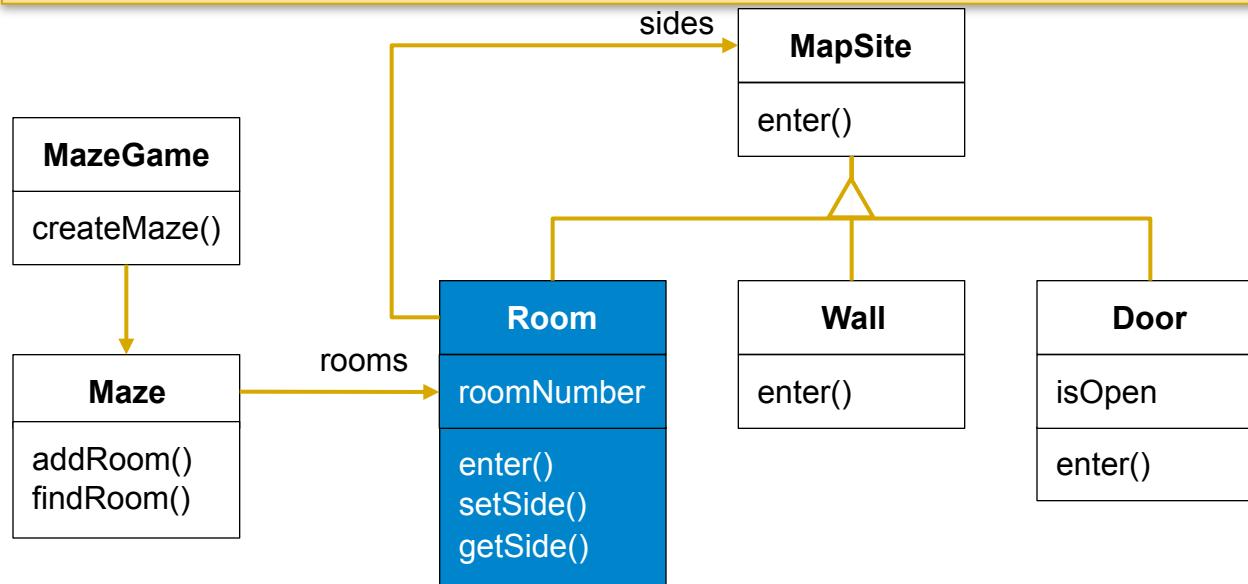
Class Mapsite

- ◆ Meaning of enter() depends on what you are entering
- ◆ room → location changes
- ◆ door → if door is open go in; else hurt your nose ;)
- ◆ wall → ouch



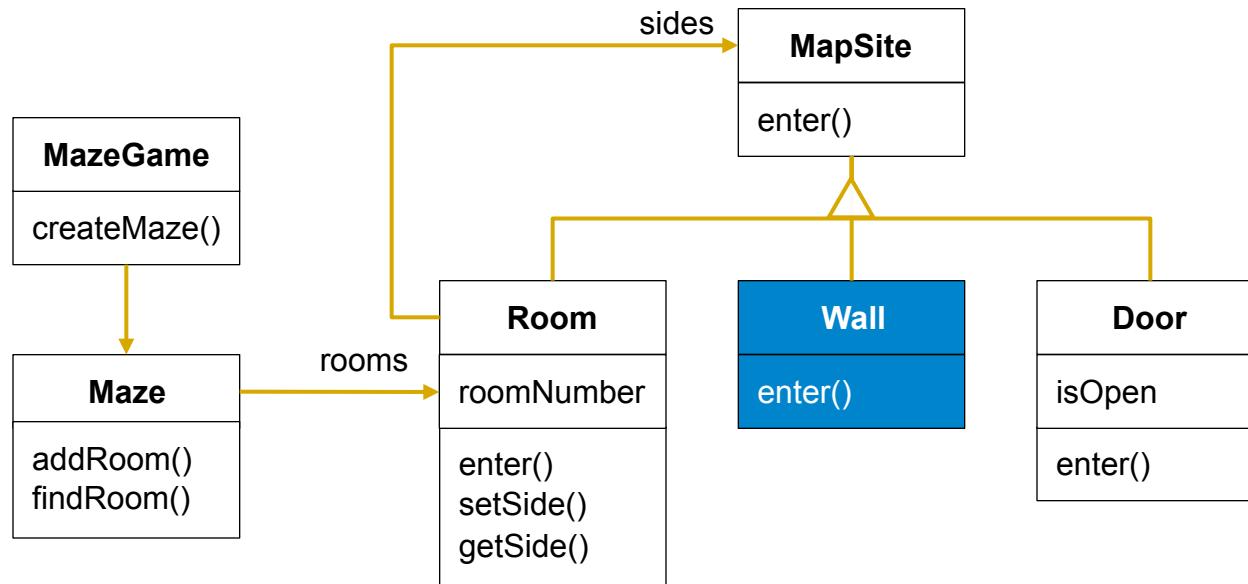
Class Room

```
public class Room implements MapSite {  
  
    public Room(int roomNumber) {...}  
  
    public MapSite getSide(Direction dir) {...}  
  
    public void setSide(Direction dir, MapSite site) {...}  
  
    public void enter() {...}  
  
    protected int roomNumber = 0;  
    protected MapSite[] sides = new MapSite[4];  
}
```



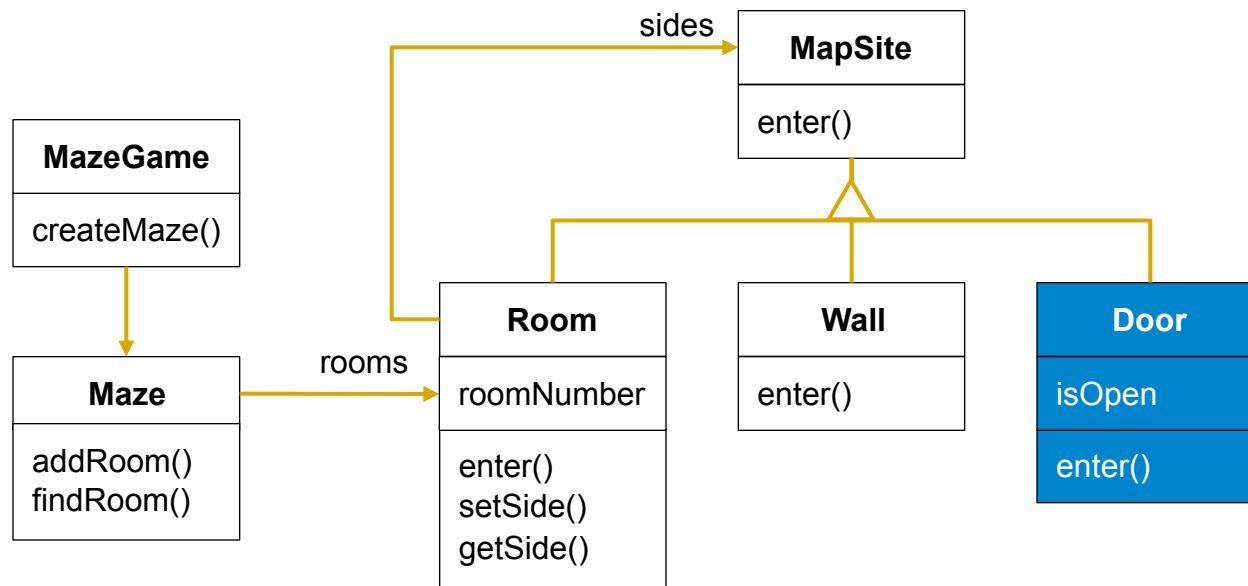
Class Wall

```
public class wall implements MapSite {  
    public void enter() {...}  
}
```



Class Door

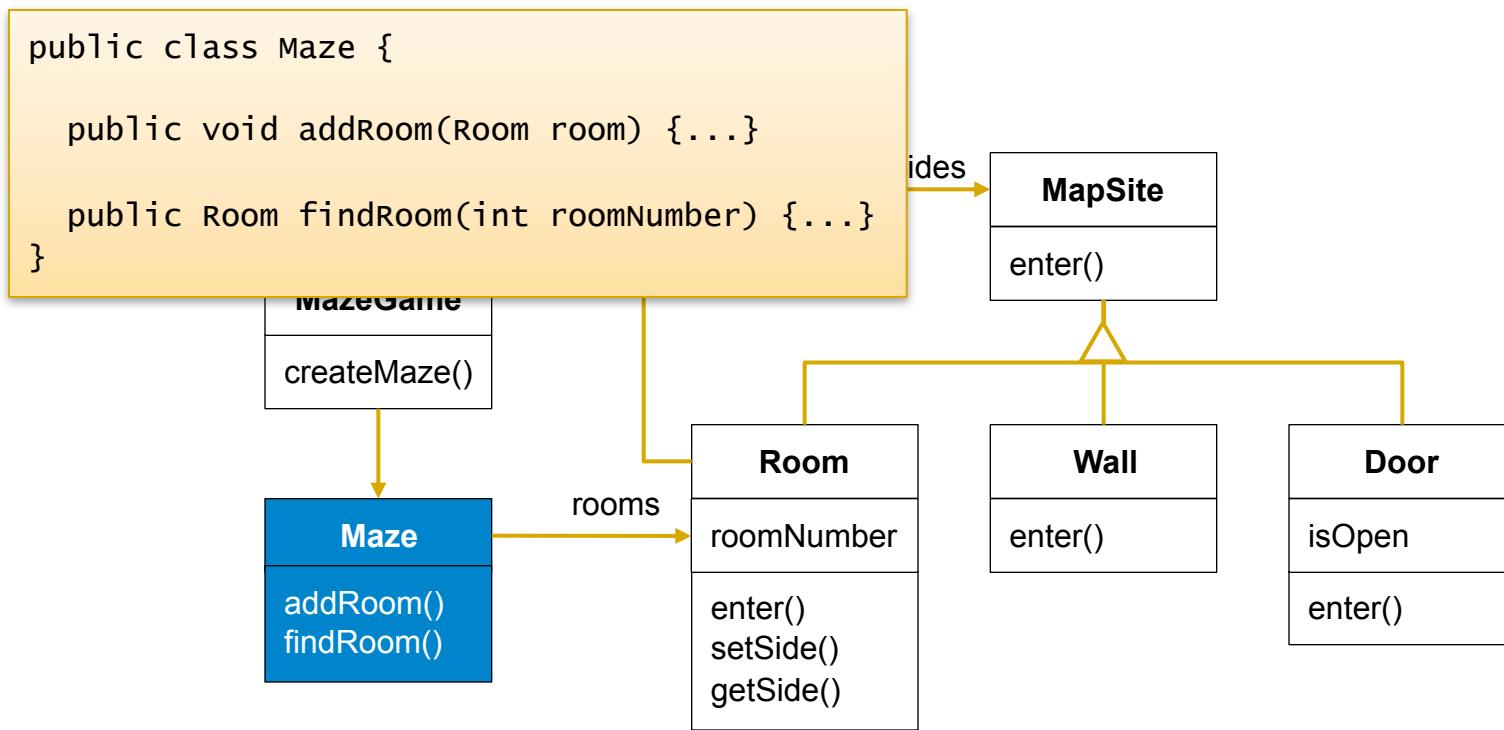
```
public class Door implements MapSite {  
  
    public Door(Room room1, Room room2) {...}  
  
    public Room otherSideFrom(Room room) {...}  
  
    public void enter() {...}  
  
    protected Room room1;  
    protected Room room2;  
    protected boolean open;  
}
```



Class Maze

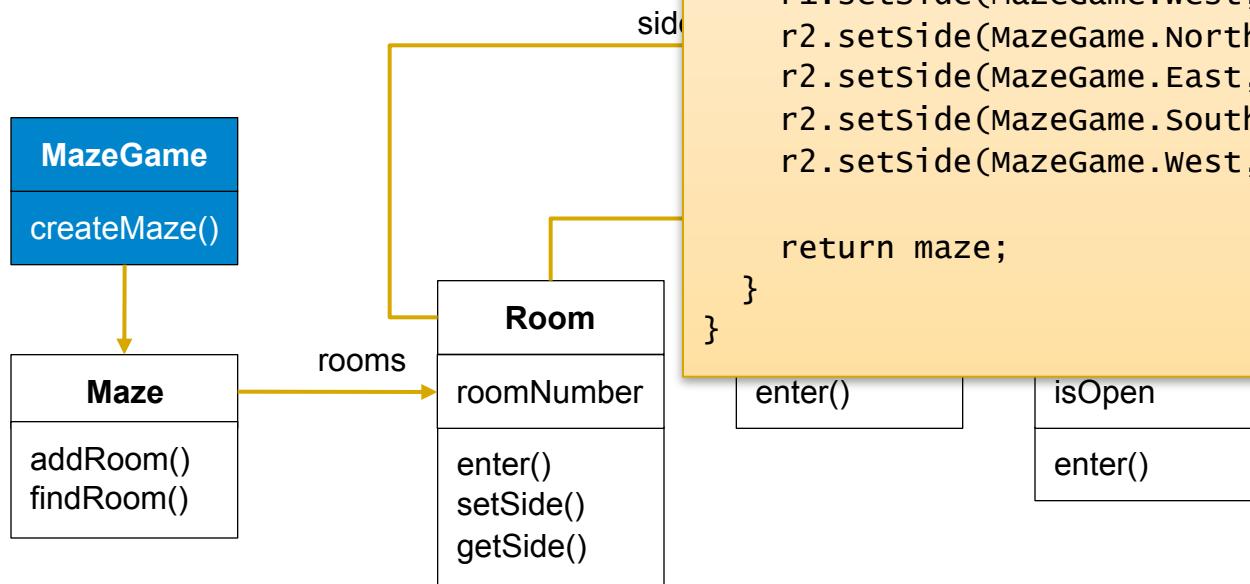
- ◆ A maze is a collection of rooms
- ◆ Maze can find a particular room given the room number
- ◆ `findRoom()` could do a lookup using a linear search or a hash table or a simple array

```
public class Maze {  
  
    public void addRoom(Room room) {...}  
  
    public Room findRoom(int roomNumber) {...}  
}
```



Creating the Maze

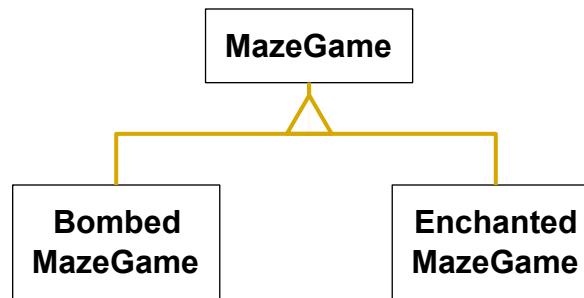
- ◆ The problem is inflexibility
 - ◆ Hard-coding of maze layout



```
public class MazeGame {  
    public Maze createMaze() {  
        Maze maze = new Maze();  
  
        Room r1 = new Room(1);  
        Room r2 = new Room(2);  
        Door door = new Door(r1, r2);  
        maze.addRoom(r1); maze.addRoom(r2);  
  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.North, new wall());  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.East, door);  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.South, new wall());  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.West, new wall());  
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.North, new wall());  
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.East, new wall());  
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.South, new wall());  
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.West, door);  
  
        return maze;  
    }  
}
```

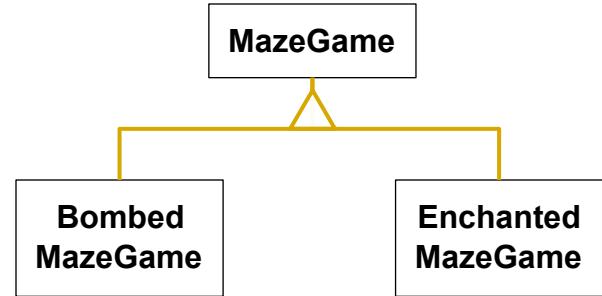
We Want Flexibility in Maze Creation

- ◆ Be able to vary the kinds of mazes
 - ◆ Rooms with bombs
 - ◆ Walls that have been bombed
 - ◆ Enchanted rooms
 - ◆ Need a password to enter the door!



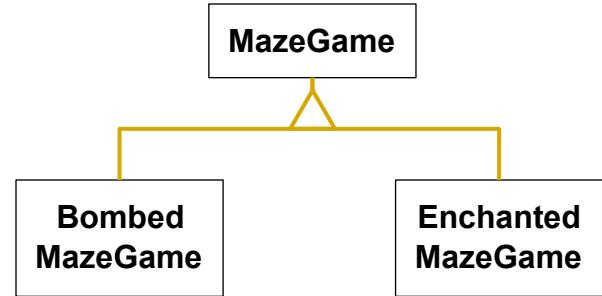
Idea I: Subclass BombedMazeGame

```
public class BombedMazeGame extends MazeGame {  
    public Maze createMaze() {  
        Maze maze = new Maze();  
  
        Room r1 = new RoomwithABomb(1);  
        Room r2 = new RoomwithABomb(2);  
        Door door = new Door(r1, r2);  
  
        maze.addRoom(r1); maze.addRoom(r2);  
  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.North, new Bombedwall());  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.East, door);  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.South, new Bombedwall());  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.West, new Bombedwall());  
        ...  
    }  
}
```



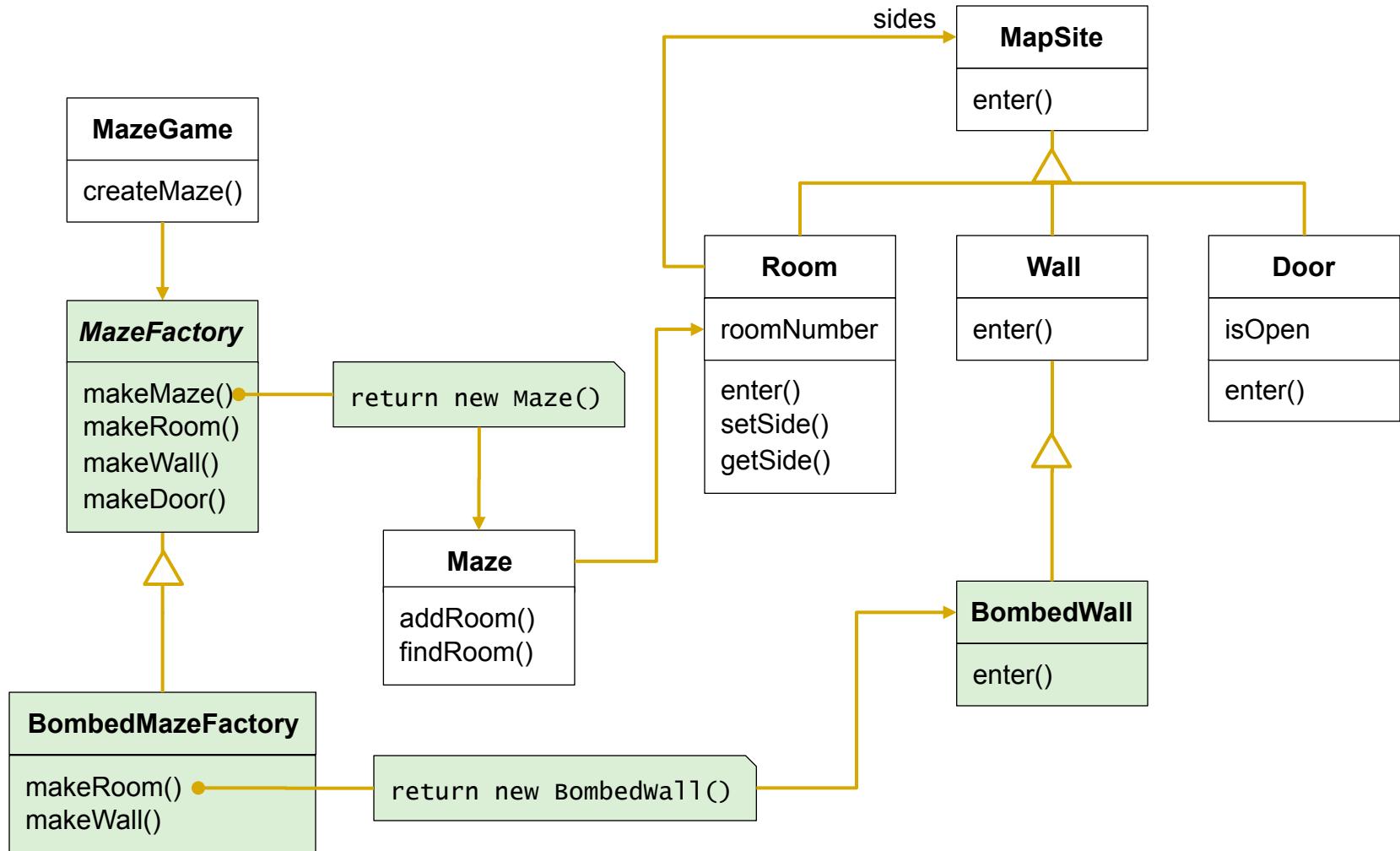
Subclass EnchantedMazeGame

```
public class EnchantedMazeGame extends MazeGame {  
    public Maze createMaze() {  
        Maze maze = new Maze();  
  
        Room r1 = new EnchantedRoom(1);  
        Room r2 = new EnchantedRoom(2);  
        Door door = new DoorNeedingSpell(r1, r2);  
  
        maze.addRoom(r1); maze.addRoom(r2);  
  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.North, new wall());  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.East, door);  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.South, new wall());  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.West, new wall());  
        ...  
    }  
}
```

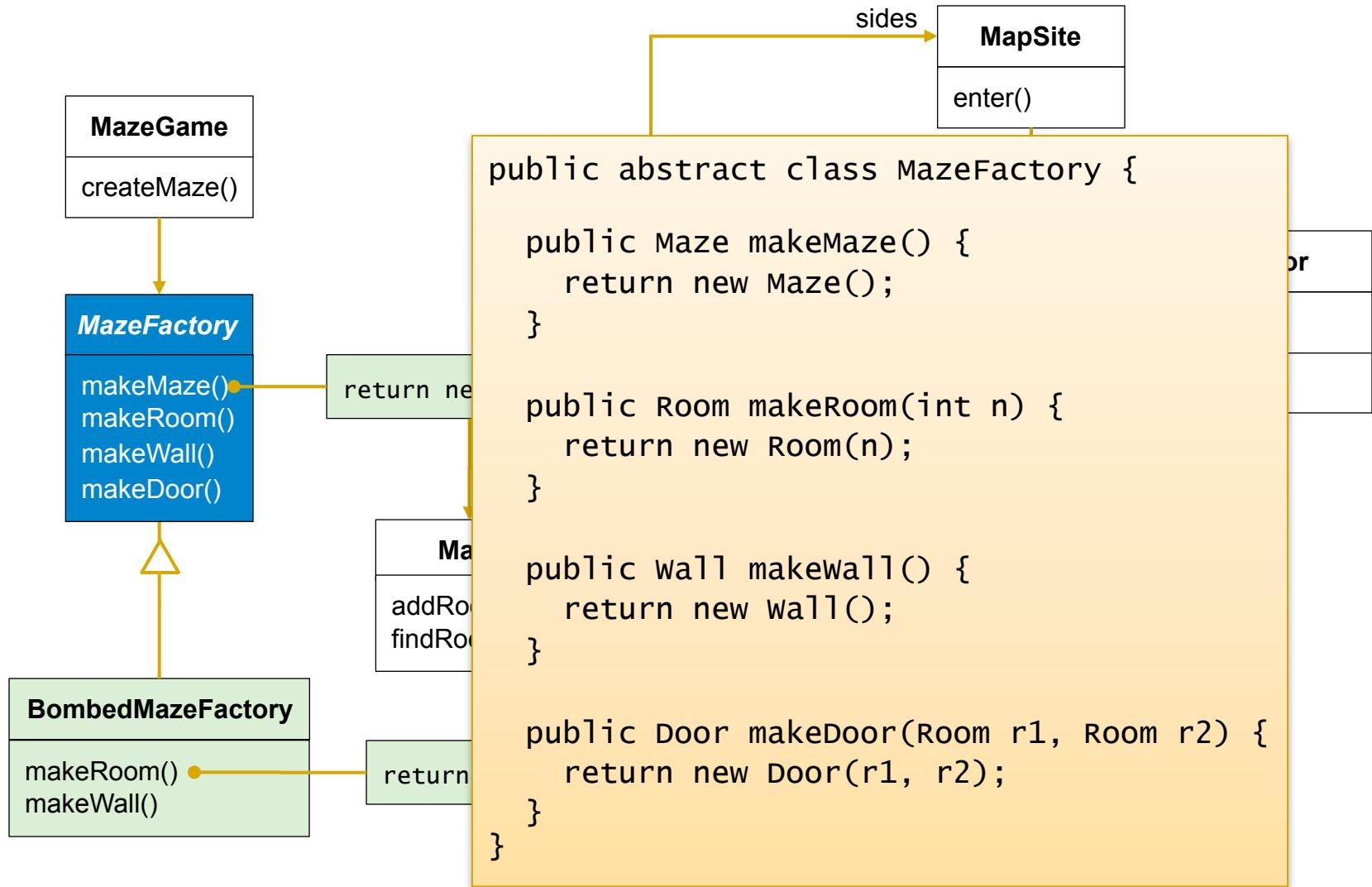


- ◆ Lots of code duplication for each type of maze... :((

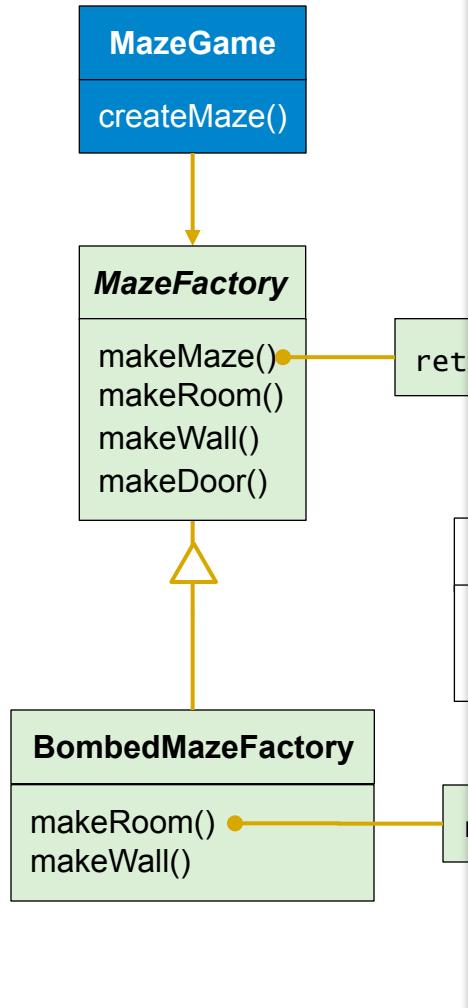
Idea 2: Use Abstract Factory



MazeFactory Abstract Class



Modified Method `createMaze`



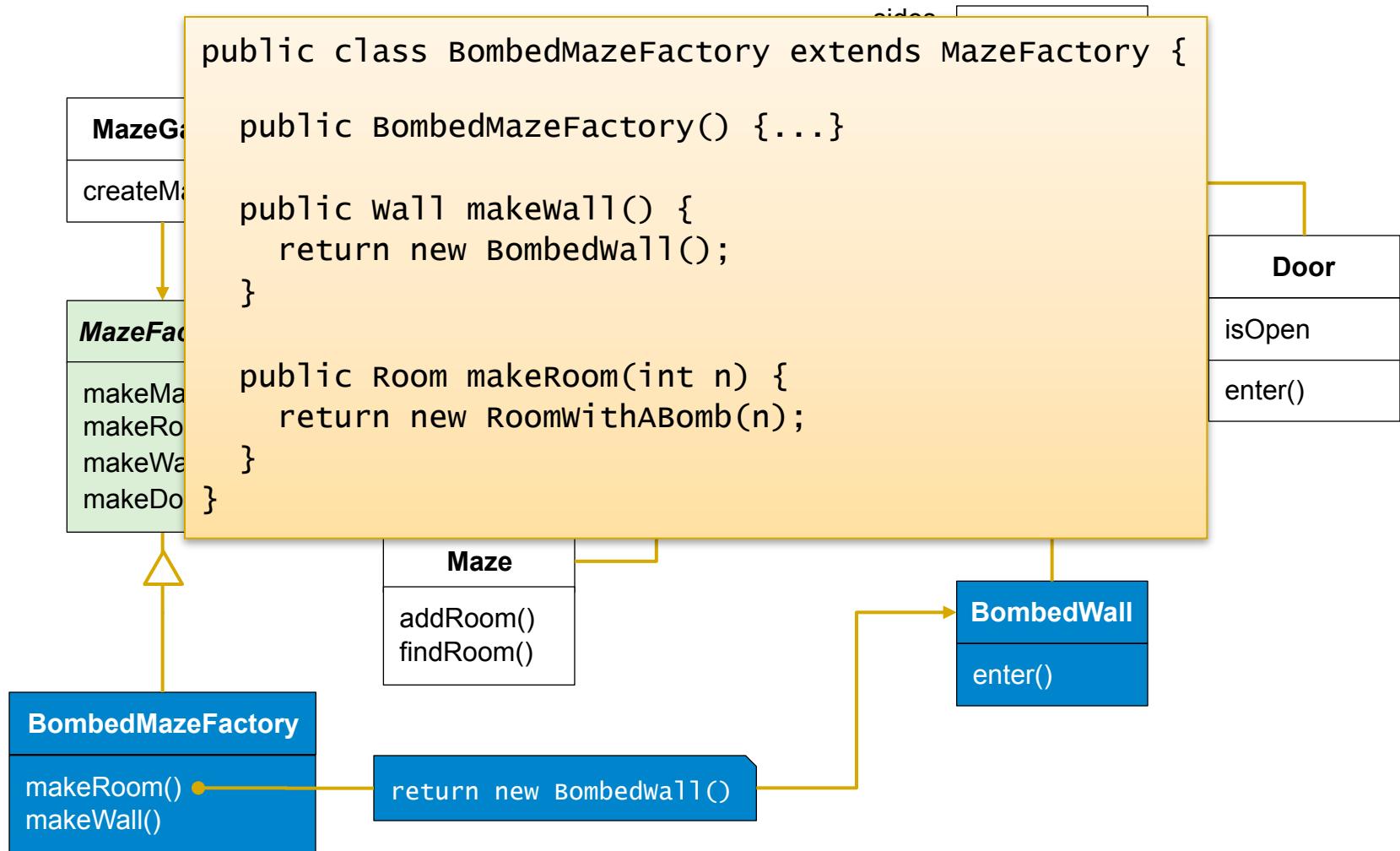
```
public class MazeGame {
    public Maze createMaze(MazeFactory factory) {
        Maze maze = factory.makeMaze();

        Room r1 = factory.makeRoom(1);
        Room r2 = factory.makeRoom(2);
        Door door = factory.makeDoor(r1, r2);
        maze.addRoom(r1); maze.addRoom(r2);

        r1.setSide(MazeGame.North, factory.makeWall());
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.East, door);
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.South, factory.makeWall());
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.West, factory.makeWall());
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.North, factory.makeWall());
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.East, factory.makeWall());
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.South, factory.makeWall());
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.West, door);

        return maze;
    }
}
```

Subclass BombedMazeFactory



Subclass Enchanted Factory

```
public class EnchantedMazeFactory extends MazeFactory {  
  
    public EnchantedMazeFactory() {...}  
  
    public Room makeRoom(int n) {  
        return new EnchantedRoom(n, new Spell());  
    }  
  
    public Door makeDoor(Room r1, Room r2) {  
        return new DoorNeedingSpell(r1, r2);  
    }  
}
```

Localizing Change in One Place: the Instantiation

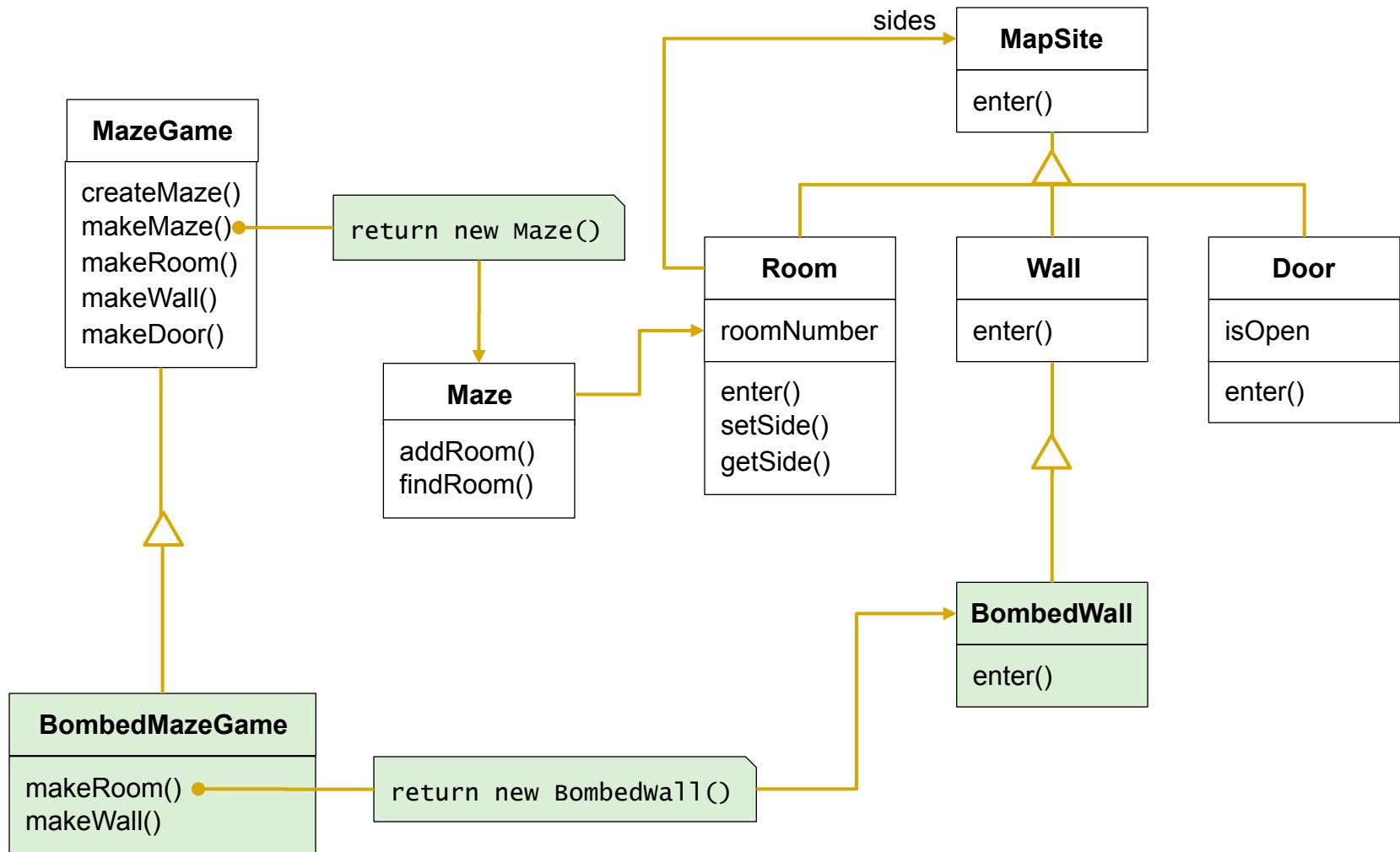
- ◆ To build an Enchanted Maze

```
MazeFactory factory = new EnchantedMazeFactory();  
aMaze = game.createMaze(factory);
```

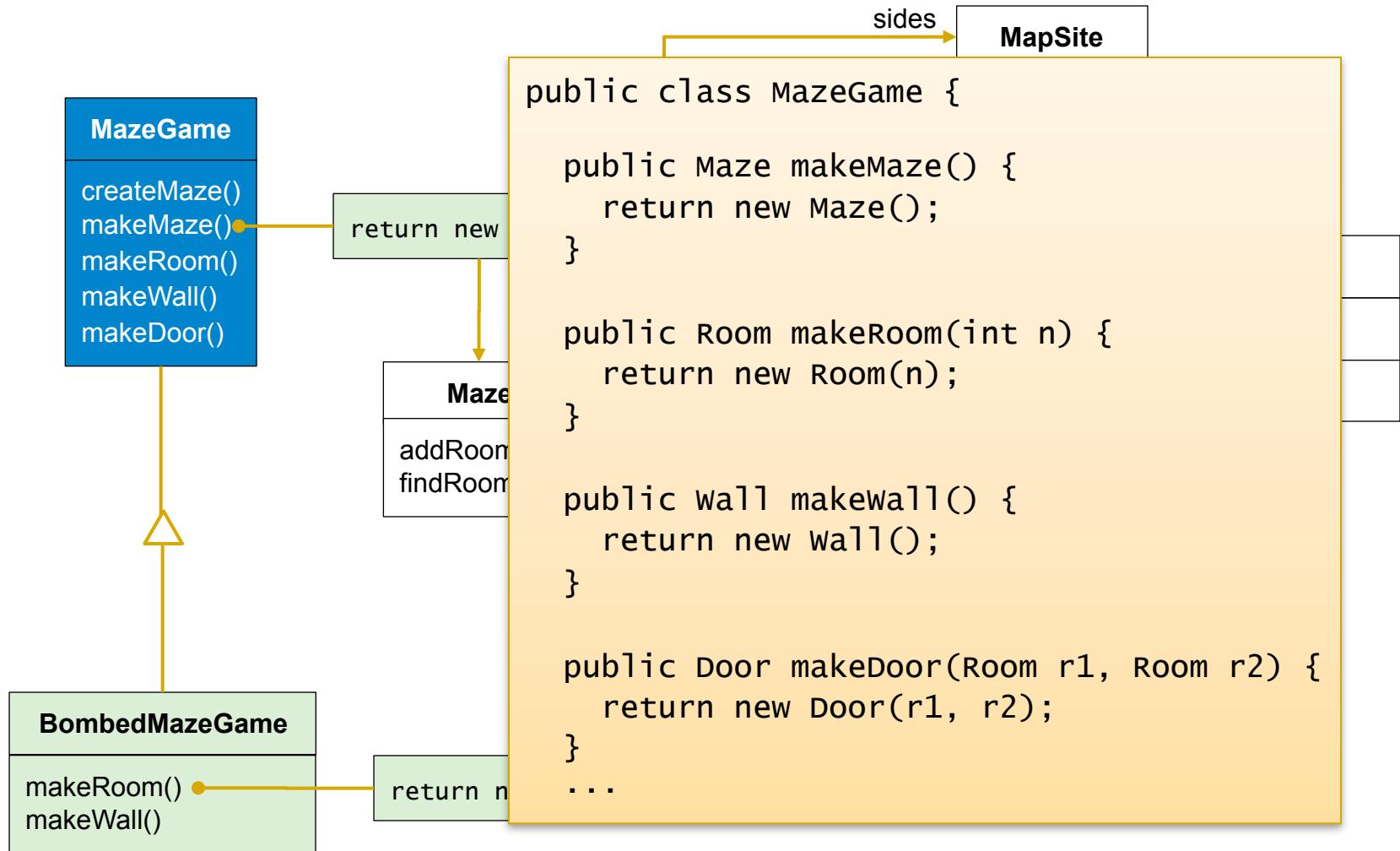
- ◆ To build a Bombed Maze

```
MazeFactory factory = new BombedMazeFactory();  
maze = game.createMaze(factory);
```

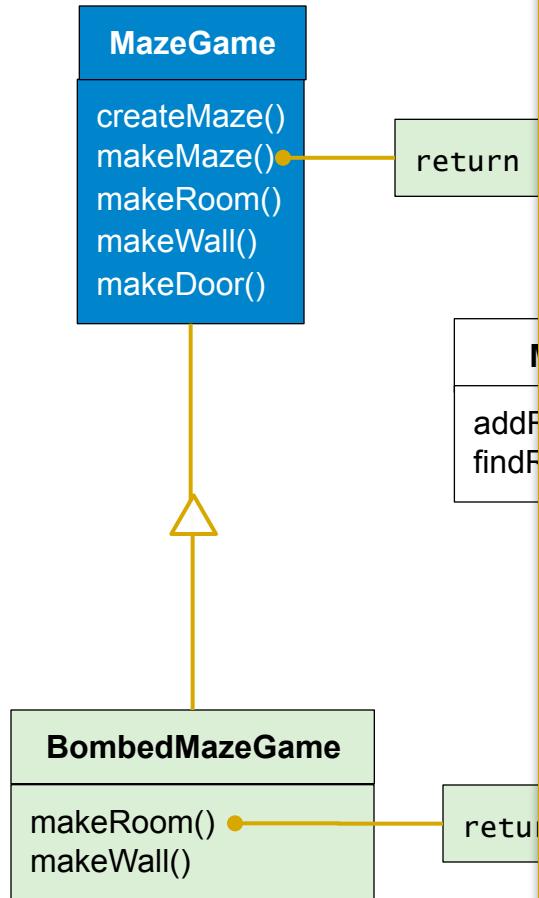
Idea 3: Use Factory Method



Factory Methods in MazeGame



Modified Method `createMaze`

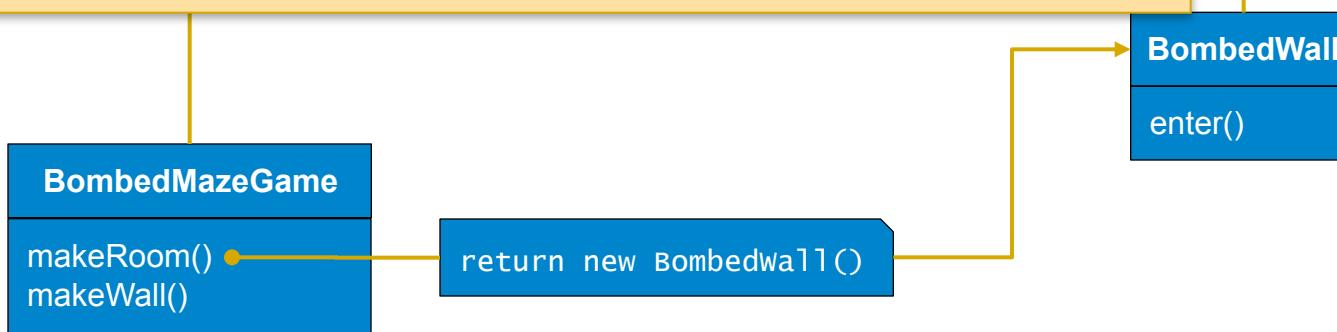
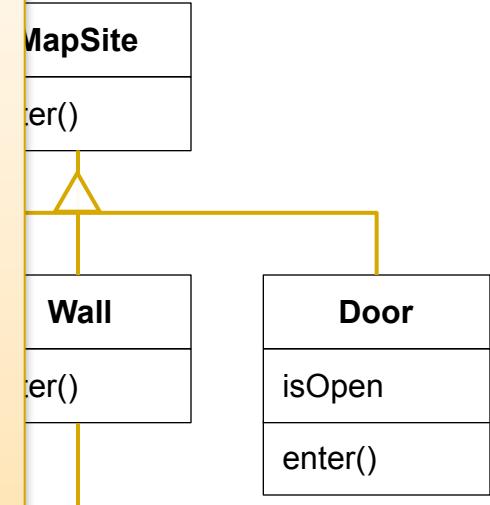


```
public class MazeGame {  
    public Maze createMaze() {  
        Maze maze = makeMaze();  
  
        Room r1 = makeRoom(1);  
        Room r2 = makeRoom(2);  
        Door door = makeDoor(r1, r2);  
        maze.addRoom(r1); maze.addRoom(r2);  
  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.North, makewall());  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.East, door);  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.South, makewall());  
        r1.setSide(MazeGame.West, makewall());  
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.North, makewall());  
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.East, makewall());  
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.South, makewall());  
        r2.setSide(MazeGame.West, door);  
  
        return maze;  
    }  
}
```

or
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or

Subclass BombedMazeGame

```
public class BombedMazeGame extends MazeGame {  
  
    public BombedMazeGame() {...}  
  
    public Wall makeWall() {  
        return new Bombedwall();  
    }  
  
    public Room makeRoom(int n) {  
        return new RoomwithABomb(n);  
    }  
}
```



Abstract Factory vs. Factory Method

- ◆ In Abstract Factory, a class **delegates** the responsibility of object instantiation to another one via **composition**
- ◆ The Factory Method pattern uses **inheritance** to handle the desired object instantiation