

Bridge Pattern

Allows us to develop a simple yet flexible hierarchy

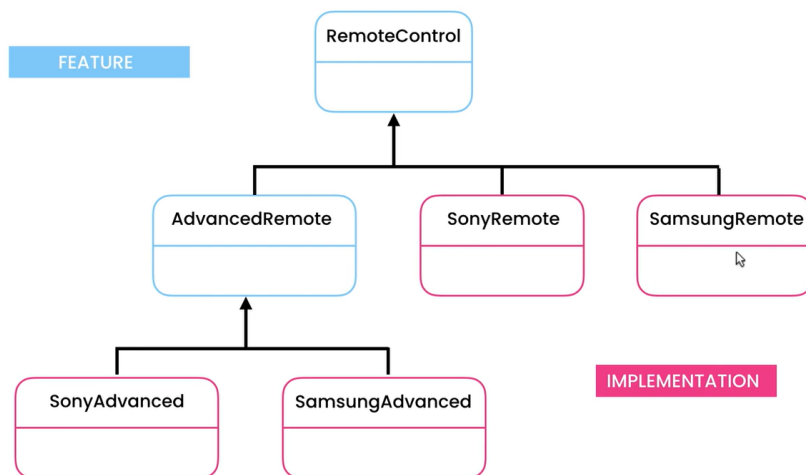
Example Problem - We are developing a Remote Control, we also have an advanced remote control with extra features such as View Guide. Both are abstract classes and the Advanced class extends the Remote Control Class. there are then concrete implementation such as Sony Remote Control and Sony Advanced which utilise the manufacturers own libraries to speak with the hardware. Quickly the hierarchy can become complex as we add concrete implementations and different type of remote controls :

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// RemoteControl
// SonyRemoteControl
// SamsungRemoteControl
// AdvancedRemoteControl
// SonyAdvancedRemoteControl
// SamsungAdvancedRemoteControl
// 2 types of remote controls -> 2 new classes|

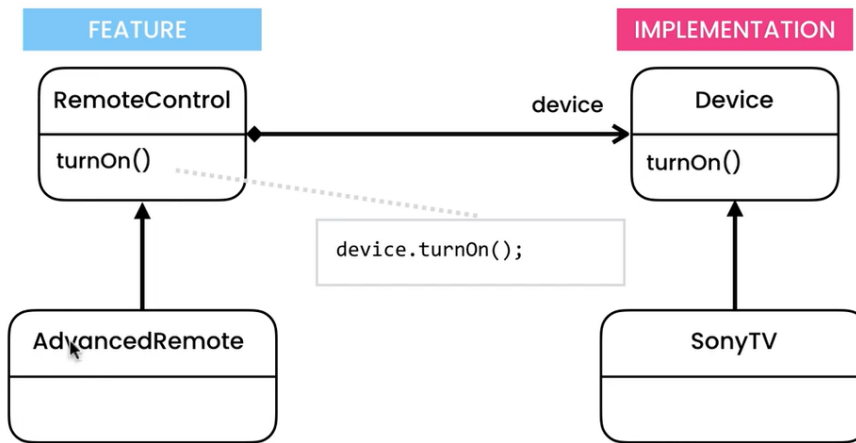
public abstract class RemoteControl {
    public abstract void turnOn();

    public abstract void turnOff();
}
```

The Bridge Pattern helps solve this issue, by splitting the two dimension that our hierarchy is growing along (features and implementations) :



Becomes :



By splitting the dimensions and adding a bridge.

<pre> public class RemoteControl { protected Device device; public RemoteControl(Device device) { this.device = device; } public void turnOn() { device.turnOn(); } public void turnOff() { device.turnOff(); } } </pre>	<pre> public interface Device { void turnOn(); void turnOff(); void setChannel(int number); } </pre>	<pre> public class AdvancedRemoteControl extends RemoteControl { public AdvancedRemoteControl(Device device) { super(device); } public void setChannel(int number) { device.setChannel(number); } } </pre>	<pre> public class SamsungTV implements Device { @Override public void turnOn() { System.out.println("Samsung: turnOn"); } @Override public void turnOff() { System.out.println("Samsung: turnOff"); } @Override public void setChannel(int number) { System.out.println("Samsung: setChannel"); } } </pre>
<pre> public class SonyTV implements Device { @Override public void turnOn() { System.out.println("Sony: turnOn"); } @Override public void turnOff() { System.out.println("Sony: turnOff"); } @Override public void setChannel(int number) { System.out.println("Sony: setChannel"); } } </pre>	<pre> public class Main { public static void main(String[] args) { var remoteControl = new AdvancedRemoteControl(new SonyTV()); } } </pre>		