Structural Pattern: Bridge

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Describing the bridge pattern

Implementation:

- Restaurant cash register

Structure of the bridge pattern

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Use cases for this pattern

Pattern consequences

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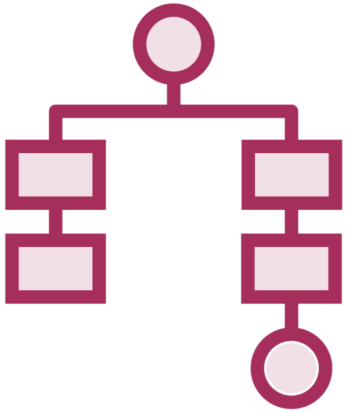

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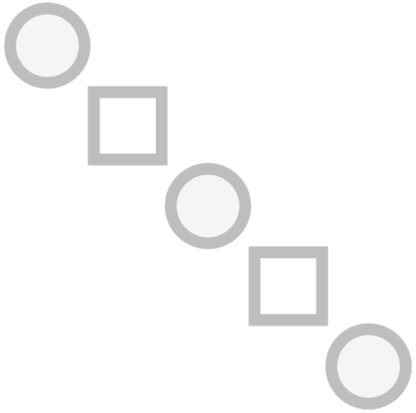

Behavioral

Bridge

The intent of this pattern is to decouple an abstraction from its implementation so the two can vary independently

Describing the Bridge Pattern

Separate abstraction from implementation

- A means to replace an implementation with another implementation without modifying the abstraction

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Think of an “abstraction” as “a way to simplify something complex”

- Abstractions handle complexity by hiding the parts we don’t need to know about

```
public class VegetarianMenu {
    public int CalculatePrice() { … } }

public class MeatBasedMenu {
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```
public abstract class Menu {
    public abstract int CalculatePrice(); }

public class VegetarianMenu : Menu {
    public override int CalculatePrice() { … } }

public class MeatBasedMenu : Menu {
    public override int CalculatePrice() { … } }
```

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Abstract base class could also be an interface (eg: IMenu)

```
public class VegetarianMenu : Menu {
    public override int CalculatePrice() { … } }

public class VegetarianMenuWithOneEuroCoupon : VegetarianMenu { … }

public class VegetarianMenuWithTwoEuroCoupon : VegetarianMenu { … }

public class MeatBasedMenu : Menu {
    public override int CalculatePrice() { … } }

public class MeatBasedMenuWithOneEuroCoupon : MeatBasedMenu { … }

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Subclassing is one way to add functionality
Subclassing tends to add avoidable complexity

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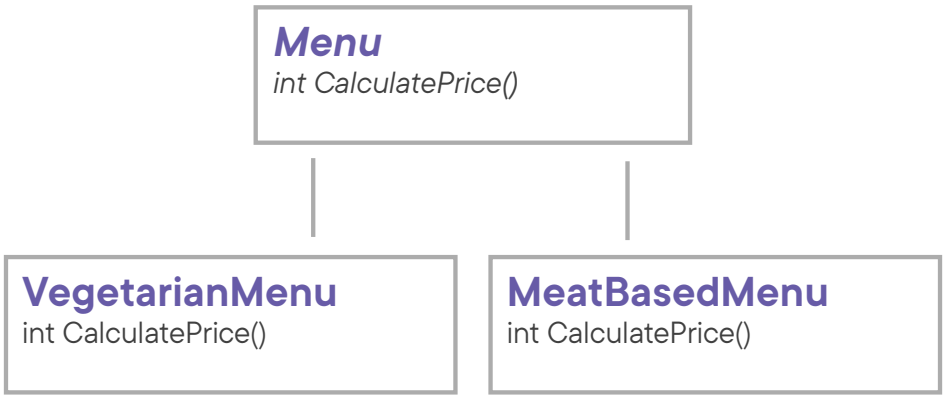

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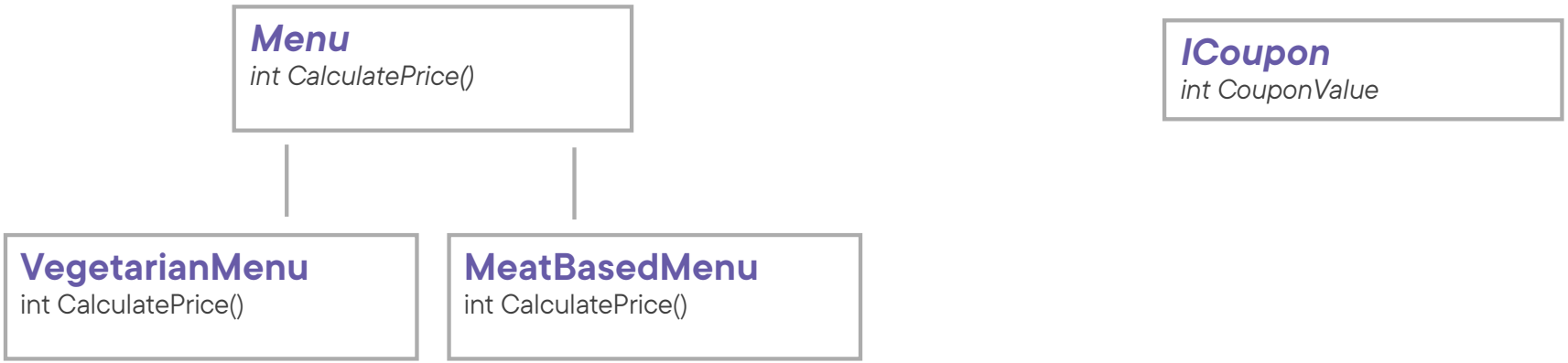

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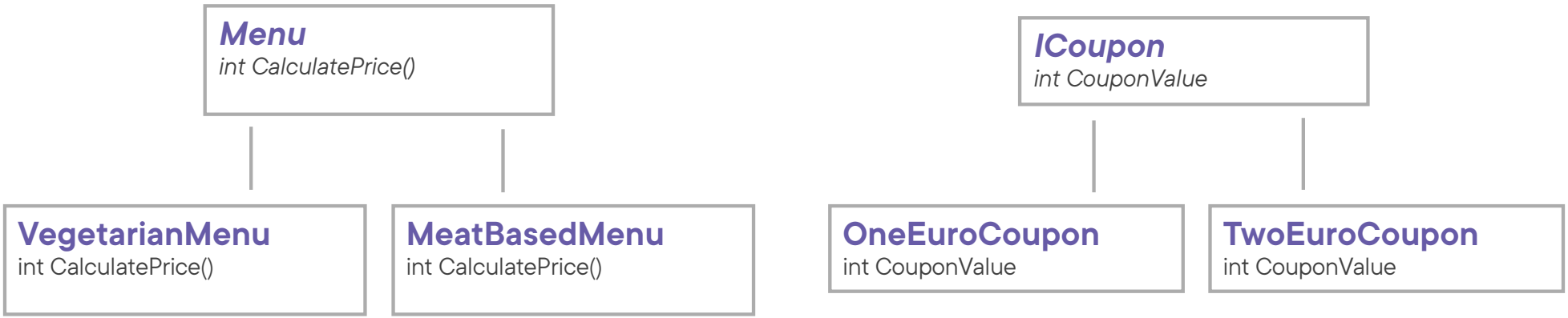

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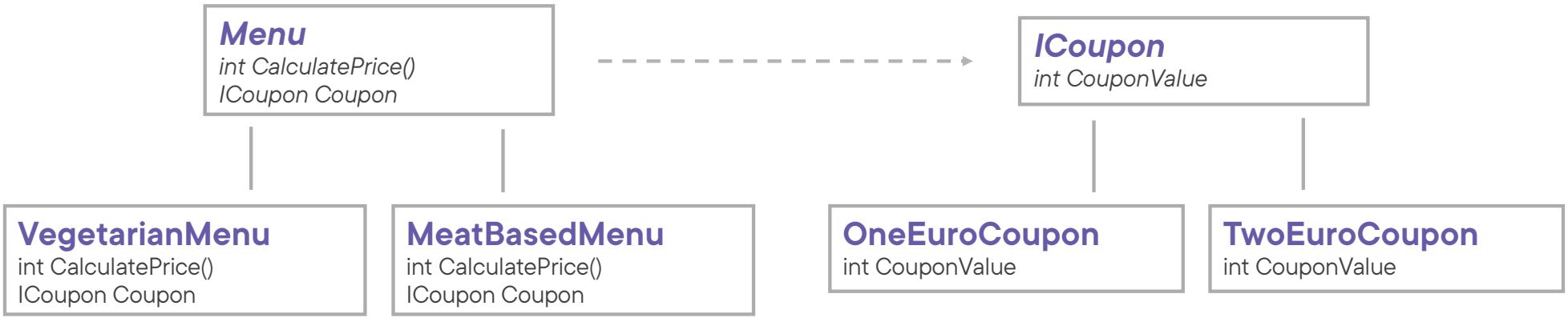

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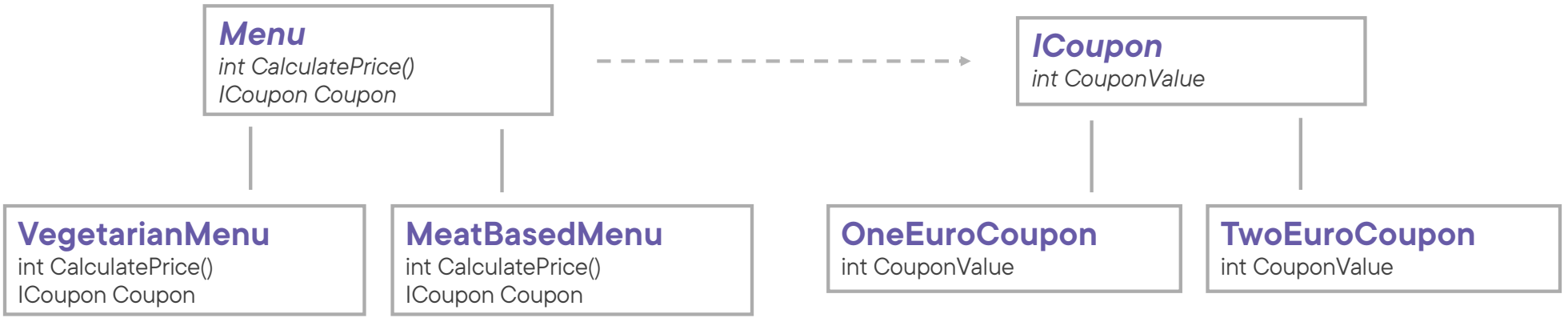

Abstraction defines the abstraction's interface and holds a reference to the **Implementor**

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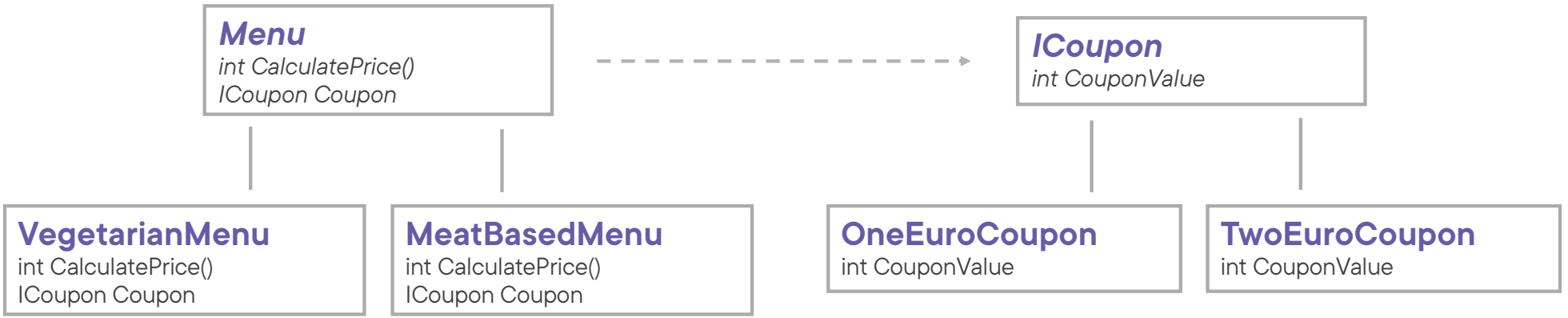

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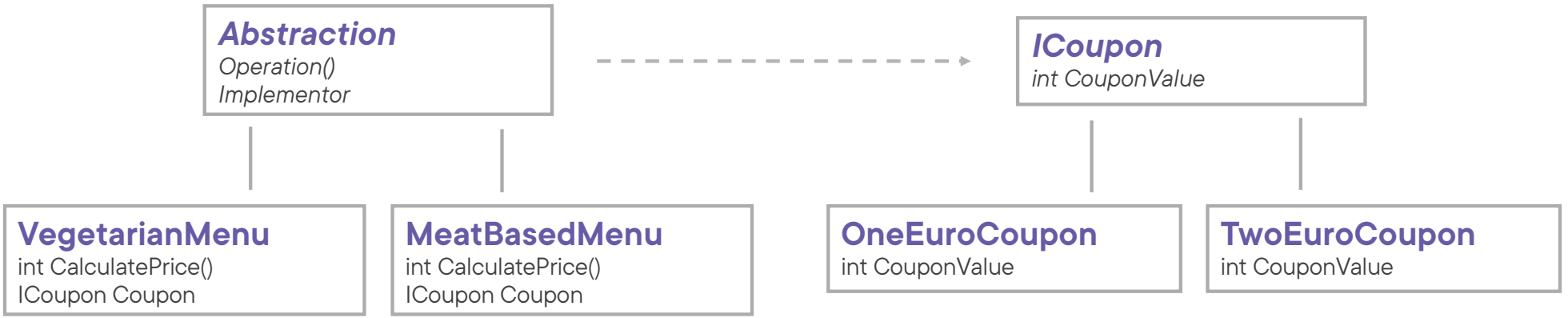

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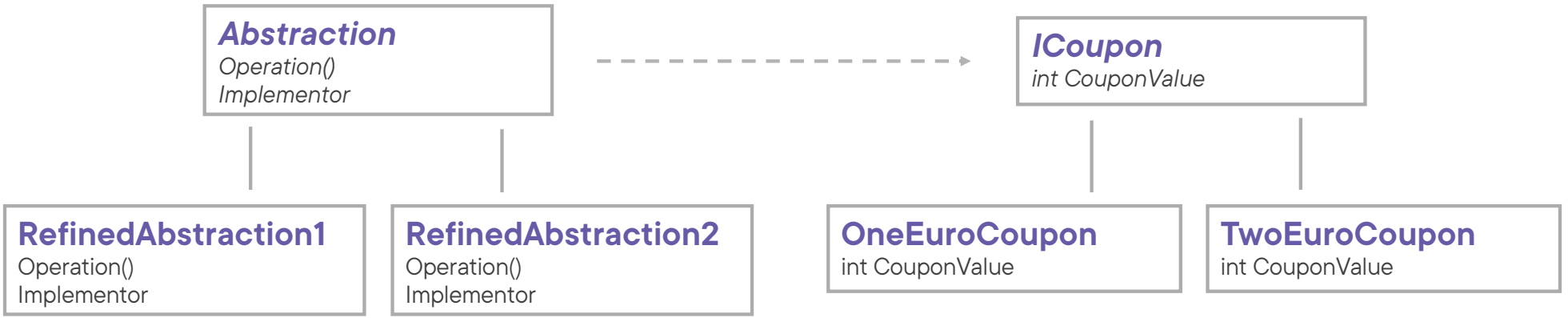

RefinedAbstraction extends the interface defined by **Abstraction**

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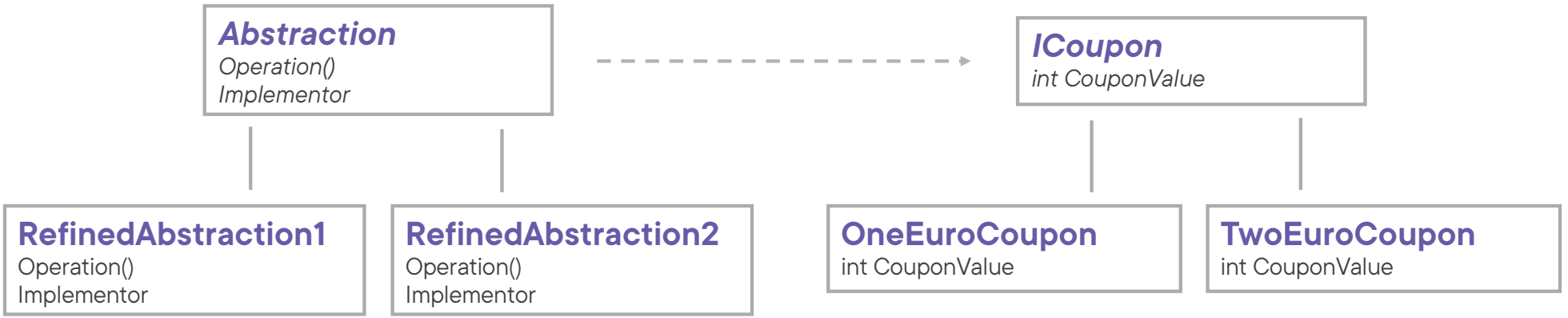

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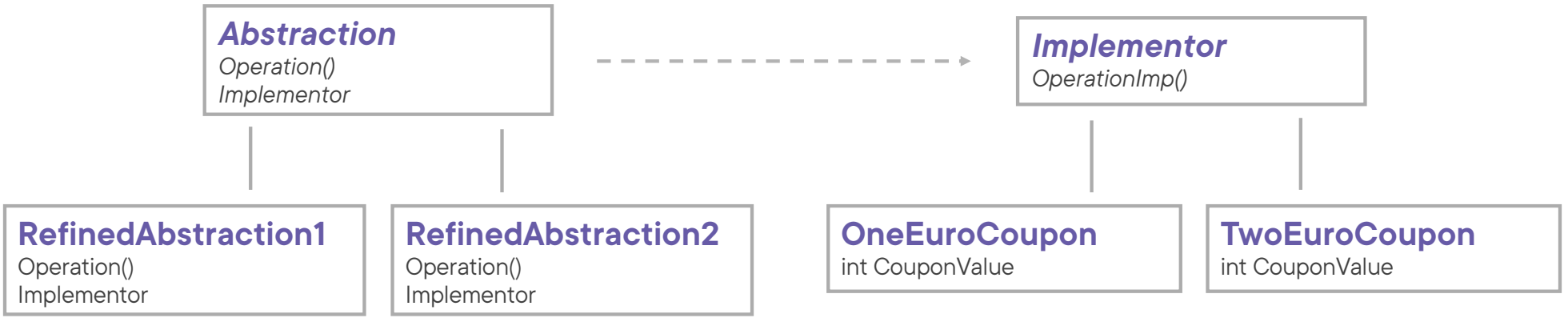

Implementor defines the interface for implementation classes

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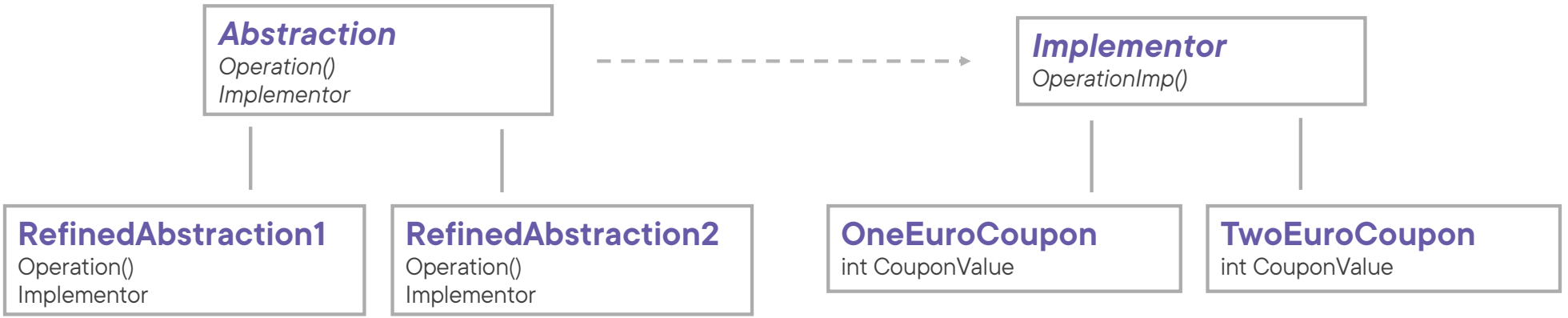

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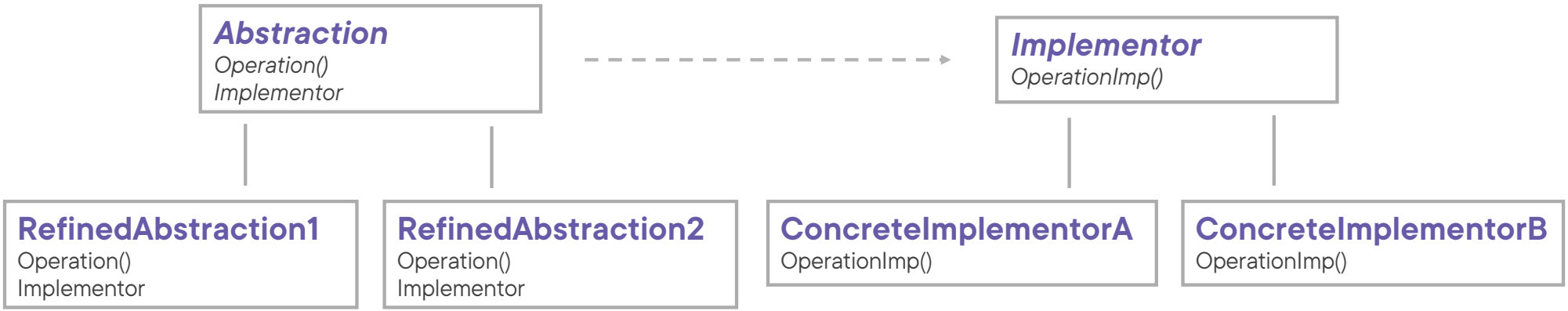

ConcreteImplementor implements the **Implementor** interface and defines its concrete implementation

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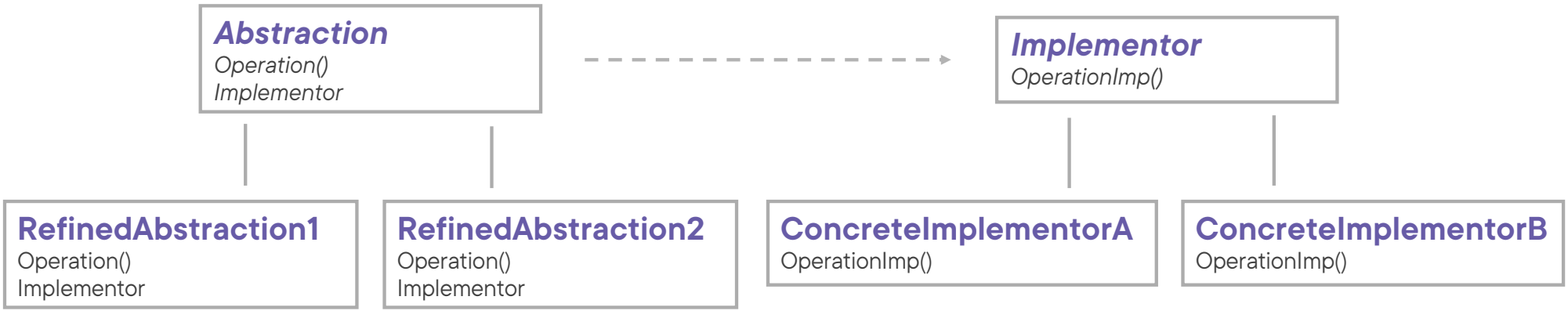

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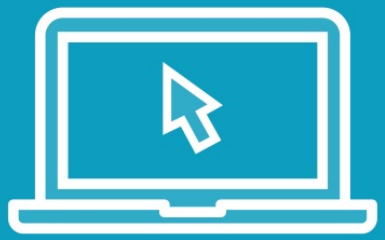


Implementing the bridge pattern

Use Cases for the Bridge Pattern

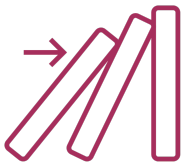
When you want to avoid a permanent binding between an abstraction and its implementation (to enable switching implementations at runtime)

When abstraction and implementations should be extensible by subclassing

When you don't want changes in the implementation of an abstraction have an impact on the client

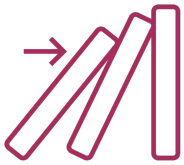
Pattern Consequences

Decoupling: the implementation isn't permanently bound to the abstraction



As the abstraction and implementation hierarchies can evolve independently, new ones can be introduced as such: open/closed principle

You can hide implementation details away from clients



You can focus on high-level logic in the abstraction, and on the details in the implementation: single responsibility principle

Related Patterns

Abstract factory
Factory can create and configure a bridge

Adapter
Adapter lets unrelated classes work together, bridge lets abstractions and implementations vary independently

Strategy
Based on composition, like bridge

State
Based on composition, like bridge

Summary

Intent of the bridge pattern:

- Decouple an abstraction from its implementation so the two can vary independently

Summary

Main consequences:

- Decoupling
- Improved extensibility
- Hidden implementation details

Up Next:
Structural Pattern: Decorator