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Advanced Core Java™ 2 Platform, Enterprise Edition (J2EE™) Patterns and Refactoring

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Presentation Goal

Learn what's new in Core J2EE™
Patterns and how to use patterns
and refactorings in building scalable
multi-tier J2EE applications

Speaker's Qualifications

- John Crupi
 - Distinguished Engineer and Chief Java Architect
- Dan Malks
 - Principal Engineer
- Deepak Alur
 - Senior Java Architect
- Co-authors of *Core J2EE Patterns*

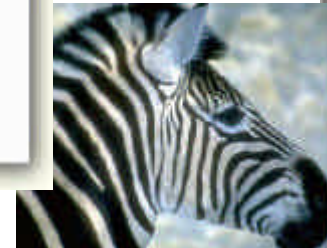
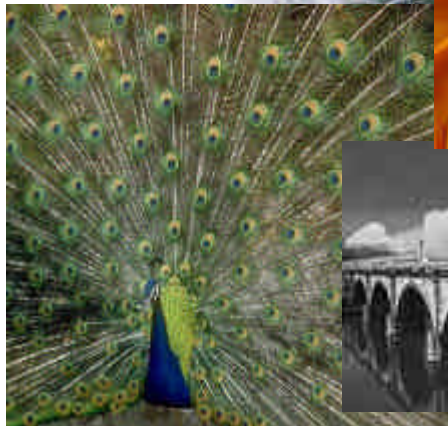
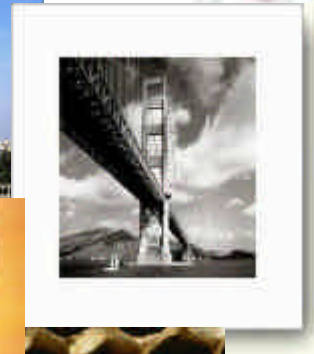
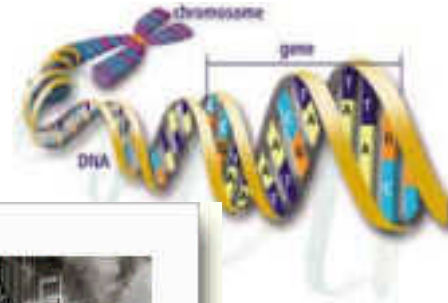
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- Introduction
- Patterns and Core J2EE Patterns
- New Core J2EE Patterns
 - Presentation Tier—Dan
 - Business Tier—Deepak
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Introduction: Field Observations...

- Tremendous value in **design** “reuse”
- Patterns seem to be “sweet spot” of design
- Developers desire:
 - Pattern abstractions
 - Code realizations
- Bad Practices as valuable as good practices
- Refactorings provide clear way to “get to” a pattern
 - *Patterns help put all this together!*

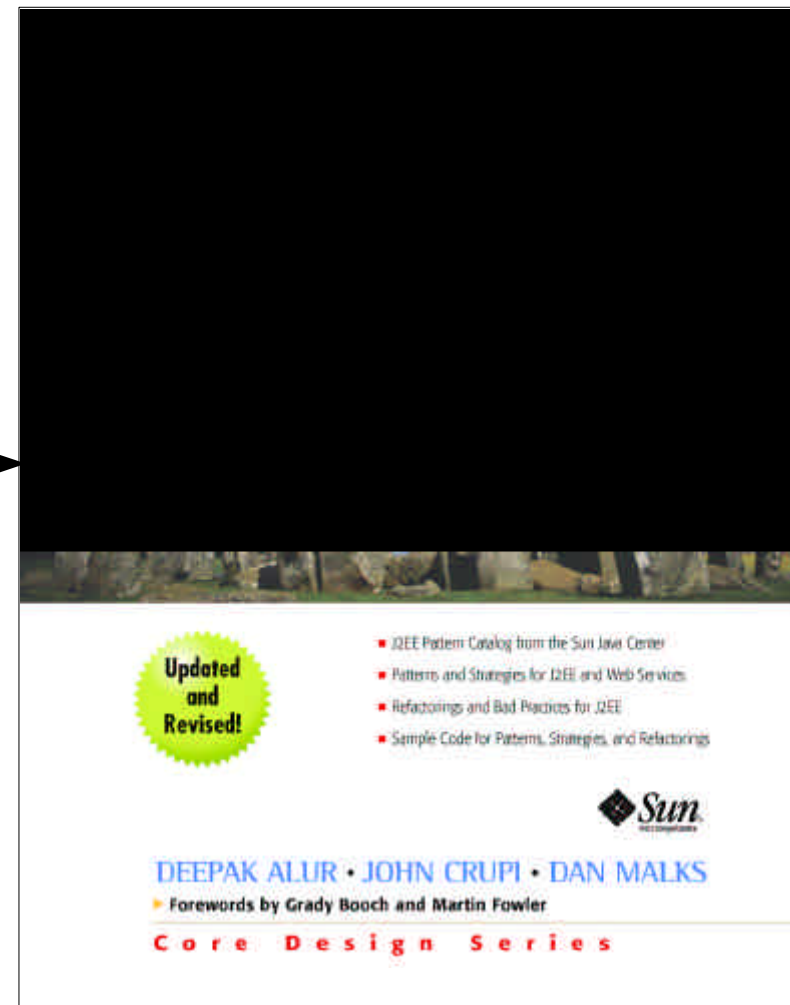
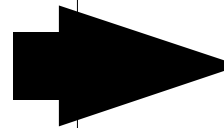
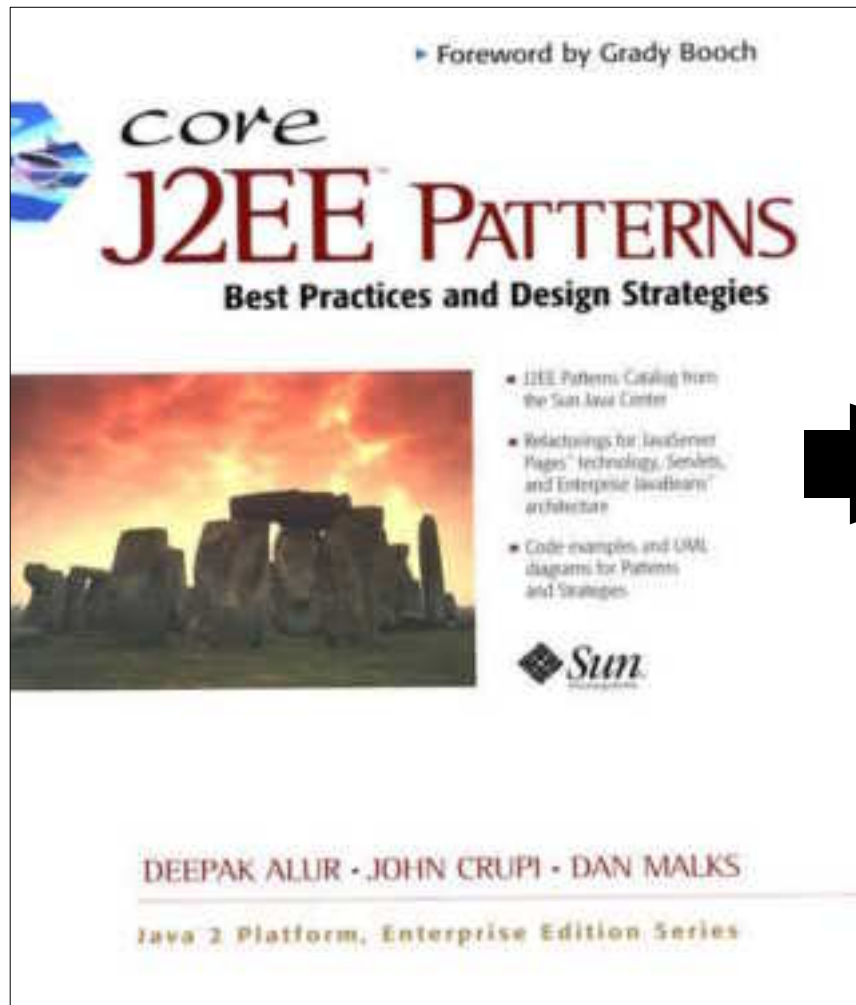
Patterns Everywhere!



What Are Patterns?

- Patterns communicate:
“Solution to a recurring Problem in a Context”
- A design which is used by others
- An abstraction which can be realized
- Discovered, proven expert solutions
- Creates a higher level vocabulary
- Combined to solve bigger problem

Core J2EE Patterns: 2nd Edition—Hot Off the Press!



What's New?

- 15 original patterns fully revised
- 6 new patterns
- New coverage on Web Services
- New and Improved sample code
- Completely overhauled UML diagrams
- All patterns show inbound and outbound patterns
- Introducing: *Micro-architecture—Web Worker*

J2EE Pattern Catalog

Presentation Tier

- Intercepting Filter
- Front Controller
- **Context Object**
- **Application Controller**
- View Helper
- Composite View
- Service To Worker
- Dispatcher View

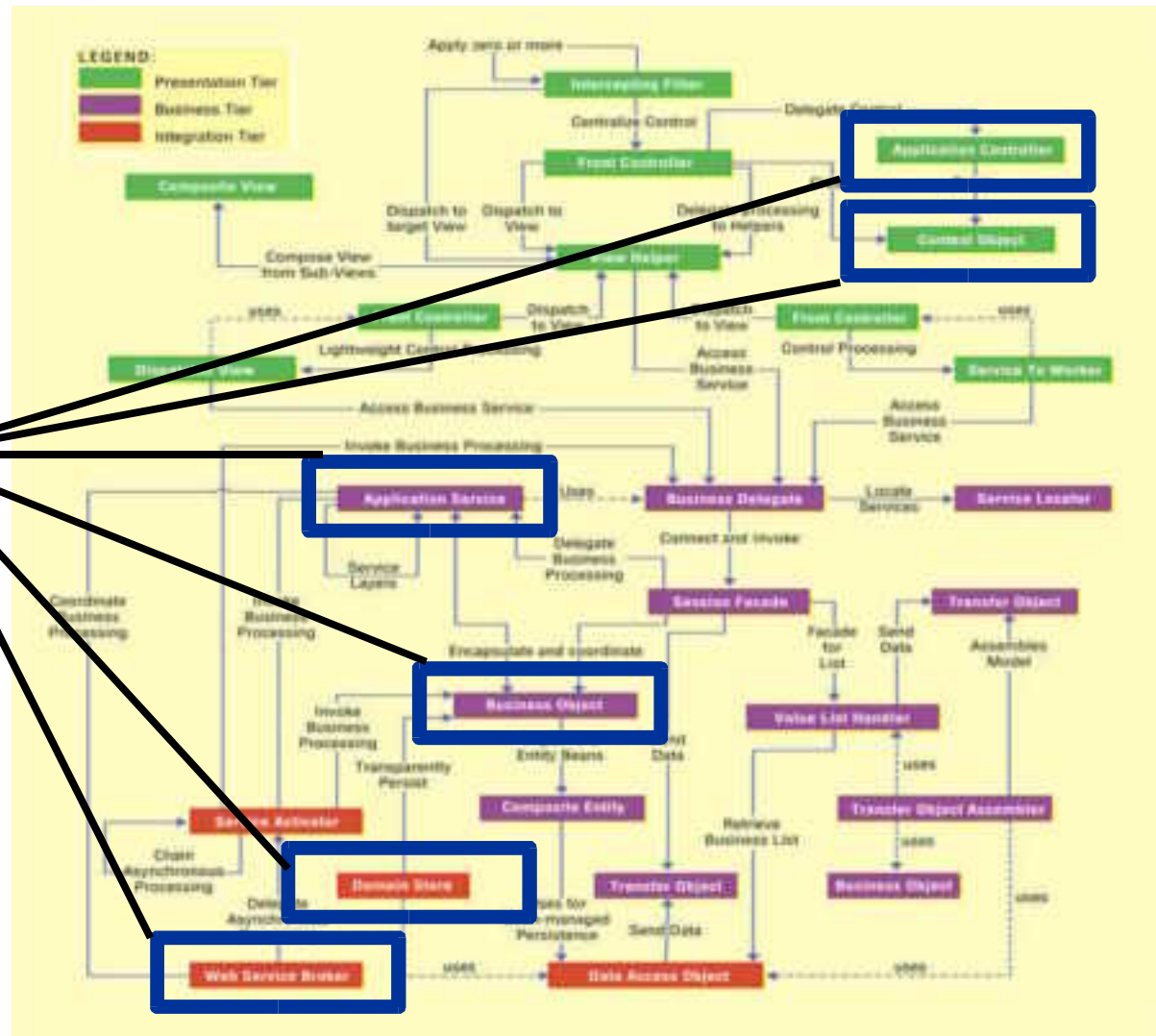
Business Tier

- Business Delegate
- Service Locator
- Session Facade
- **Application Service**
- **Business Object**
- Composite Entity
- Transfer Object
- Transfer Object Assembler
- Value List Handler

Integration Tier

- Data Access Object
- **Domain Store**
- Service Activator
- **Web Service Broker**

Pattern Relationships



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Presentation Tier Patterns

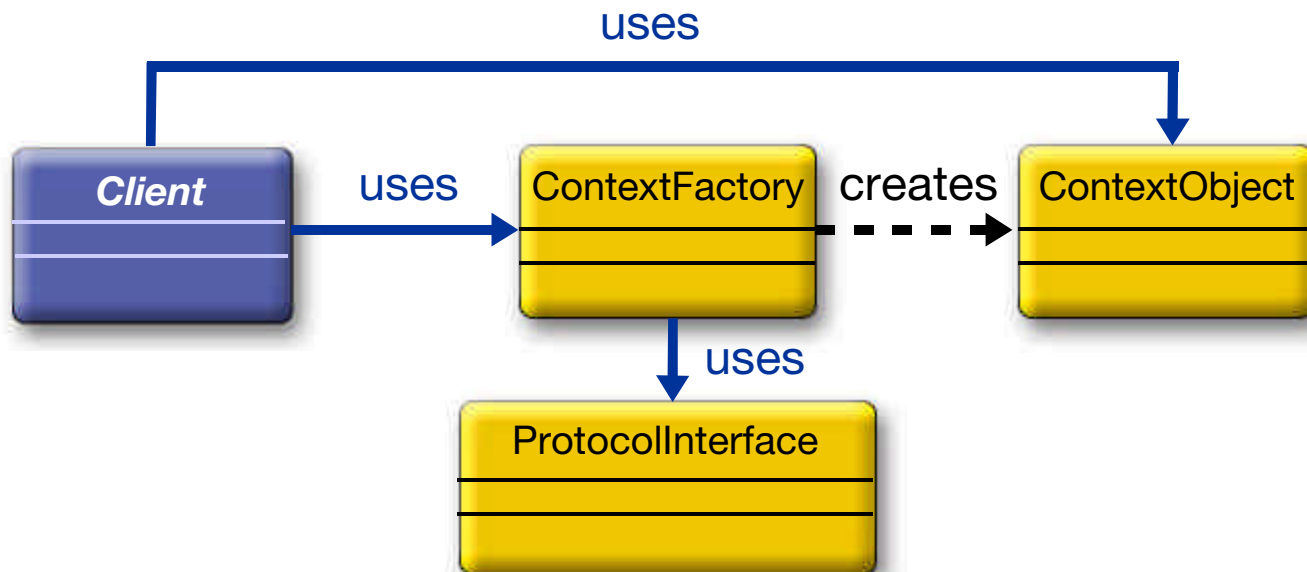
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Context Object

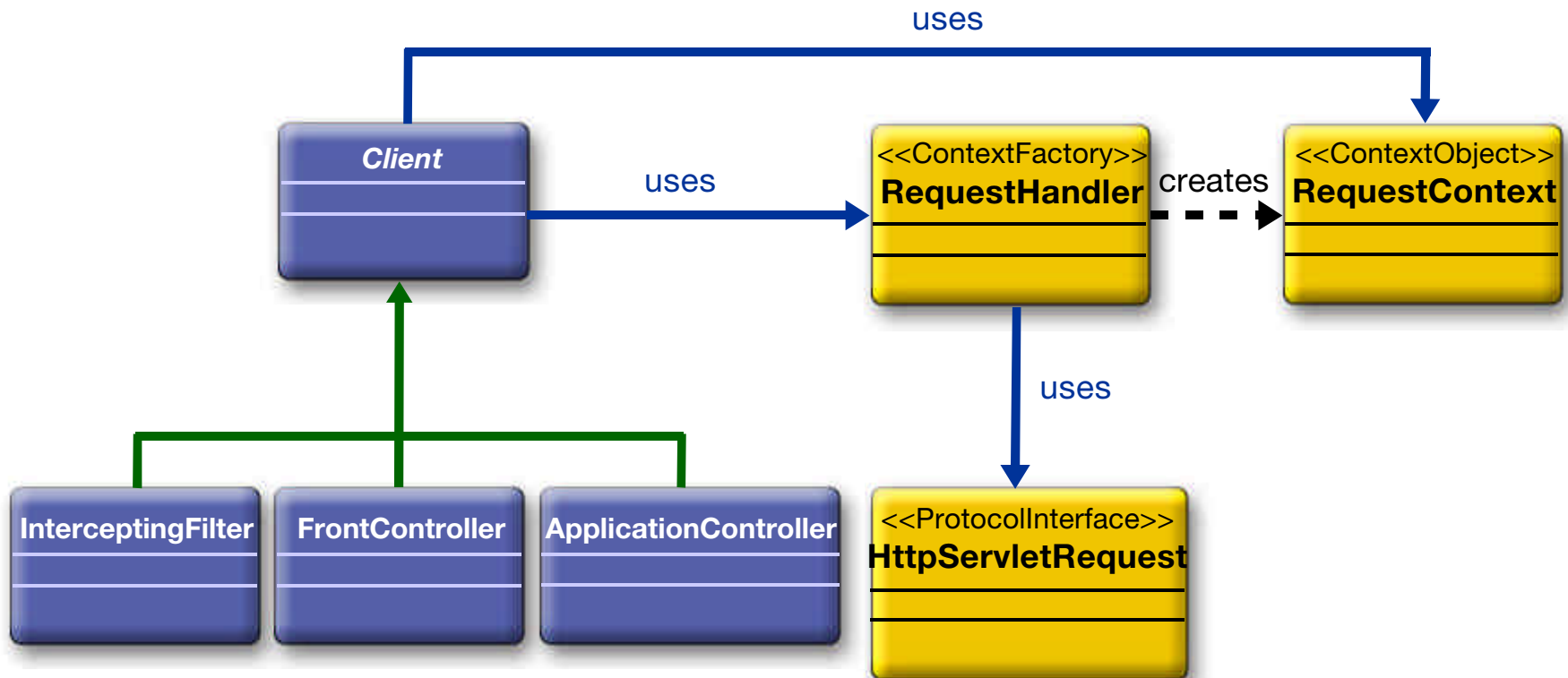
- Problem:
 - Avoid using protocol-specific system information outside of its relevant context
- Forces:
 - Components and services need access to system information
 - Decouple application components and services from the protocol specifics of system information
 - Expose only the relevant APIs within a context

Context Object

- Solution:
 - Use a Context Object to encapsulate state in a protocol-independent way to be shared throughout your application



Context Object: Request Context Strategy



Context Object: Strategies

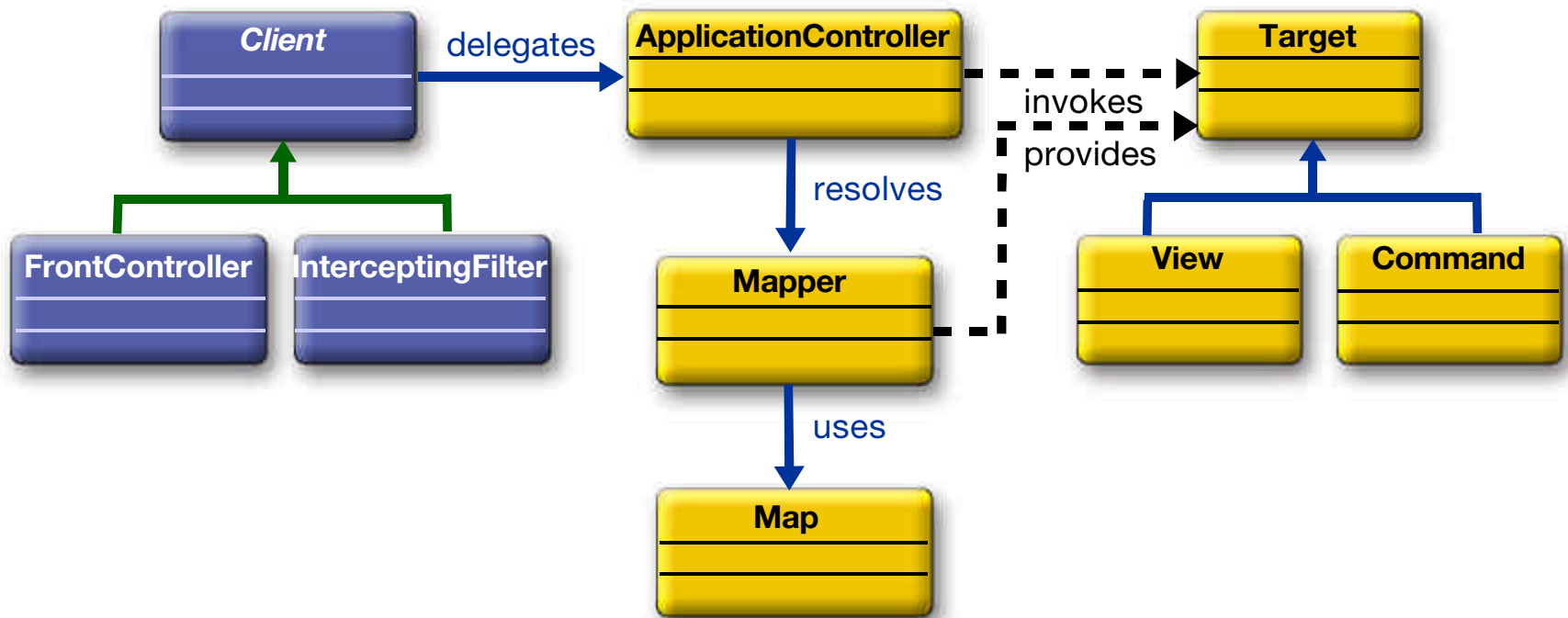
- Request Context Strategies
 - Request Context Map Strategy
 - Request Context POJO Strategy
 - Request Context Validation Strategy
- Configuration Context Strategies
 - JSTL Configuration Strategy
- Security Context Strategy
- General Context Object Strategies
 - Context Object Factory Strategy
 - Context Object Auto-population Strategy

Application Controller

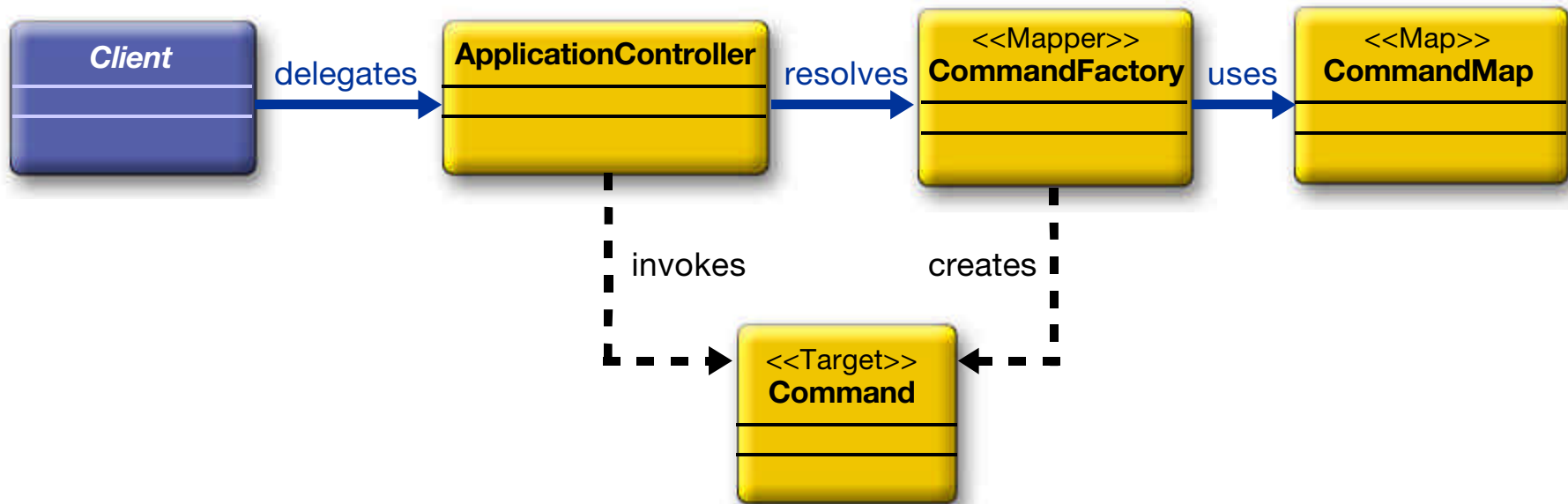
- Problem:
 - Centralize and modularize action and view management
- Forces:
 - Reuse action-management and view-management code
 - Improve code modularity and maintainability

Application Controller

- Solution:
 - Use an Application Controller to centralize retrieval and invocation of request-processing components



Application Controller: Command Handler Strategy



Bad Practice: Using Helpers as Scriptlets

- Problem Summary:
 - Helpers are introduced but continue to expose the same implementation details of the original scriptlet code
- Solution:
 - Use JSTL Helpers
 - Use Custom Tags
 - Use Tag Files

Bad Practice: Using Helpers as Scriptlets

Most Credit-Risk Members

Name	Phone	Email	City	Balance
Deepak Alur	555-342-3647	deepak.alur@cjp.com	Santa Clara	6400.0
John Crupi	555-876-4567	john.crupi@cjp.com	Washington DC	5400.0
Dan Malks	555-409-2379	dan.malks@cjp.com	Washington DC	9400.0

Problem: Scriptlets in View

```
9 <table border="1" >
10 <tr><th> Name </th> <th> Phone </th>
...
16 </tr>
17 <%
18 Iterator members = memberlist.listIterator();
19 int maxrows = 0;
20 while ( members.hasNext()) {
21     MemberTO member = (MemberTO)members.next();
22     // Biz Rule: Do not include Platinum members in this report
23     if ( ( member.getPrivilege().equalsIgnoreCase("Gold") ||
24         member.getPrivilege().equalsIgnoreCase("Silver")) &&
25         (member.getCreditBalance() > 5000) && (maxrows < 10)) {
26 %>
27     <tr>
28     <td><%= member.getName()%></td>
29     <td><%= member.getPhone()%></td>
...
33     </tr>
34 <%
35     maxrows++;
36     }
37 }
38 %>
39 </table>
```


Solution: Use Helpers / JSTL

```
11 <table border="1" >
12 <tr>
13 <th> Name </th>
14 <th> Phone </th>
```

```
...
```

```
18 </tr>
19 <c:set value="0" var="RowCount"/>
20 <c:forEach var="member" items="{memberlist}">
21 <c:if test="{(member.privilege == 'Gold' or
                member.privilege=='Silver')
22   and (member.creditBalance > 5000) and (RowCount < 10 )}
">
23 <tr>
24 <td><B><c:out value="{member.name}"/></B></td>
25 <td><c:out value="{member.phone}"/></td>
```

```
...
```

```
29 </tr>
30 <c:set value="{RowCount+1}" var="RowCount"/>
31 </c:if>
```

Refactor: Use Custom Tag

```
1 <%@ taglib uri='/WEB-INF/corej2eetaglibrary.tld' prefix='cjp' %>
2
3 <html>
4 <head><title>Member Ratings</title></head>
5 <body>
6
7 <jsp:useBean id="memberlist" type="java.util.List"
  scope="request"/>
8
9 <div align="center">
10 <h3>Most Credit-Risk Members</h3>
11 <cjp:buildMemberTable privilege="Gold,Silver" credit="5000"
  rows="10"/>
12 </div>
13 </body>
14 </html>
```

Refactor: Use Tag File

CreditRiskMembers.jsp

```
...  
10 <tags:bldmemberTable privilege="Gold" credit="5000" rows="10">  
11 <jsp:attribute name="nameStyle">  
12 <font color="red"><B>${name}</B></font>  
13 </jsp:attribute>  
14 </tags:memberList>
```

CreditRiskMembers.tag

```
...  
4 <%@ attribute name="nameStyle" fragment="true" %>  
  
...  
22 <c:forEach var="member" items="${memberlist}">  
23 <c:if test="${(member.privilege == privilege)  
24 and (member.creditBalance > credit) and (RowCount < rows )}">  
25 <tr>  
26 <td>  
27 <c:set var="name" value="${member.name}"/>  
28 <jsp:invoke fragment="nameStyle"/>  
29 </td>
```

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Business Tier

- New Patterns:
 - Application Service
 - Business Object
- Design Considerations:
 - Service facade and Entity facade
- Refactoring Scenarios

Business Tier Patterns

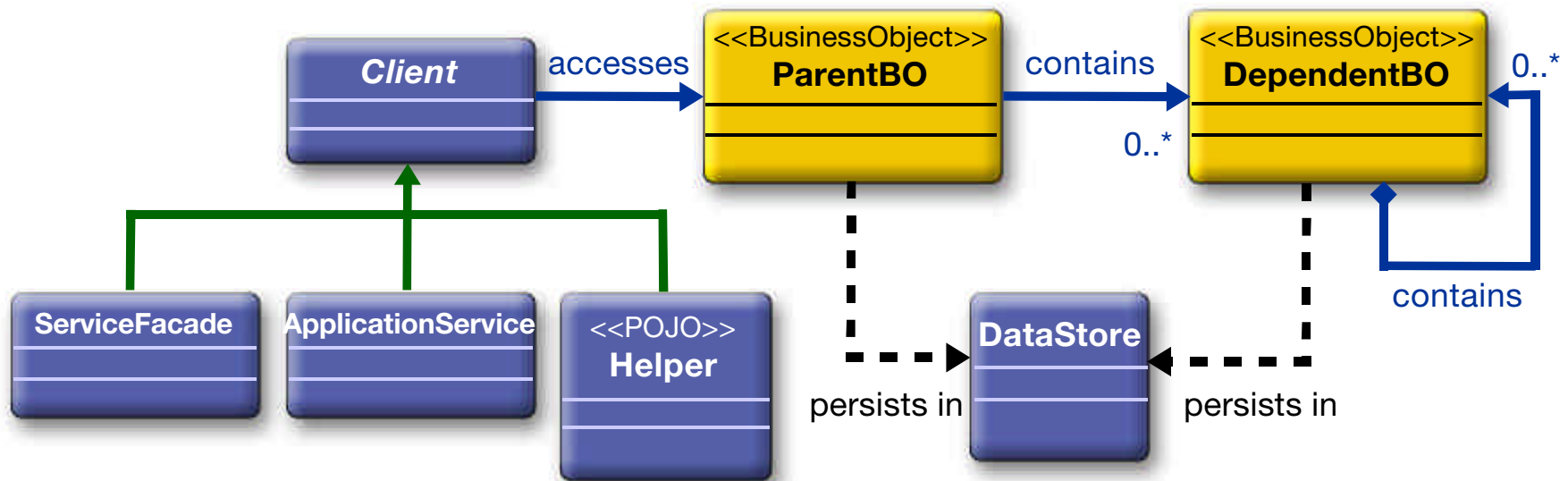
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Business Object

- Problem:
 - Conceptual domain model with business logic and relationships
- Forces:
 - Structured, interrelated composite objects
 - Complex business logic, validation, and rules
 - Centralize business logic and state
 - Increase reusability of business logic and avoid duplication of code

Business Object

- Solution:
 - Use Business Objects to separate business data and logic using an object model

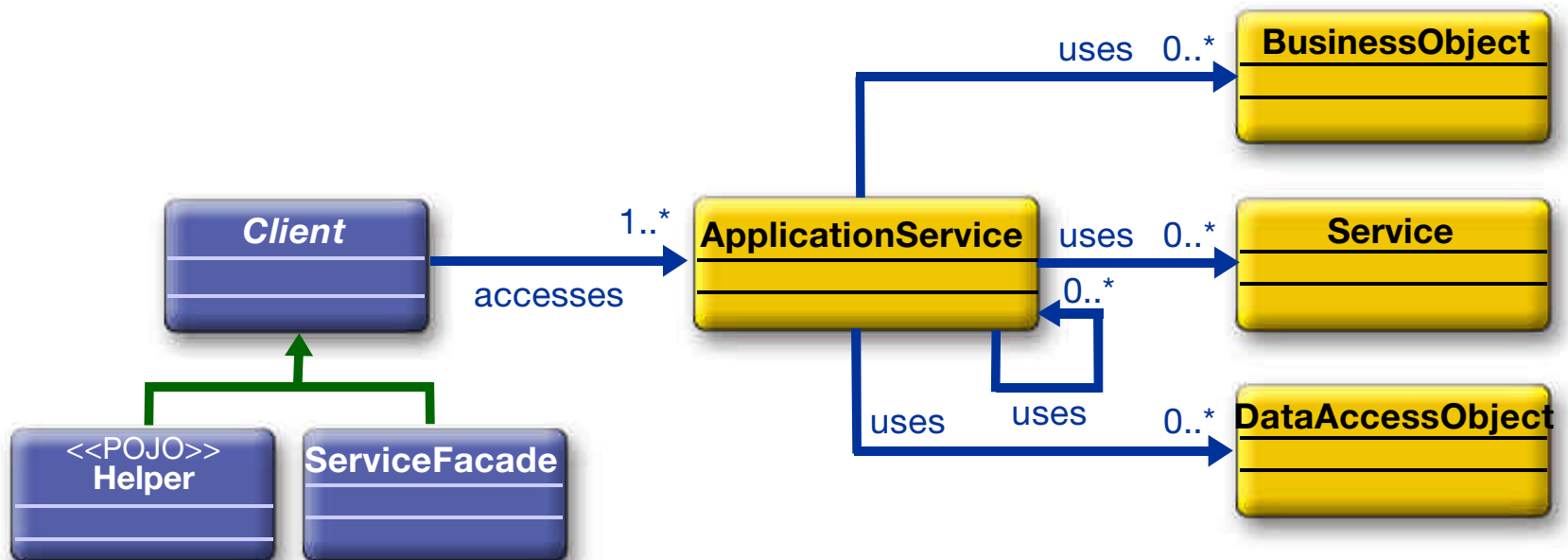


Application Service

- Problem:
 - Centralize business logic across several business-tier components and services
- Forces:
 - Minimize business logic in service facades
 - Business logic acting on multiple Business Objects or services
 - Provide a coarser-grained service API
 - Encapsulate use case-specific logic outside individual Business Objects

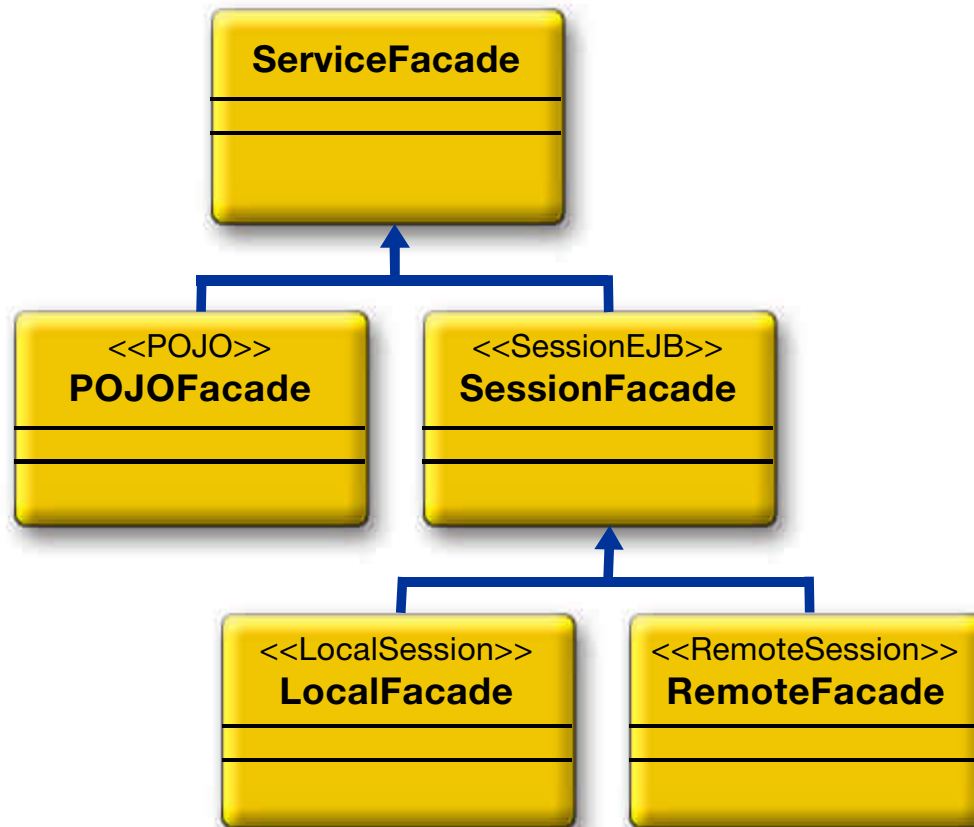
Application Service

- Solution:
 - Use an Application Service to centralize and aggregate behavior to provide a uniform service layer



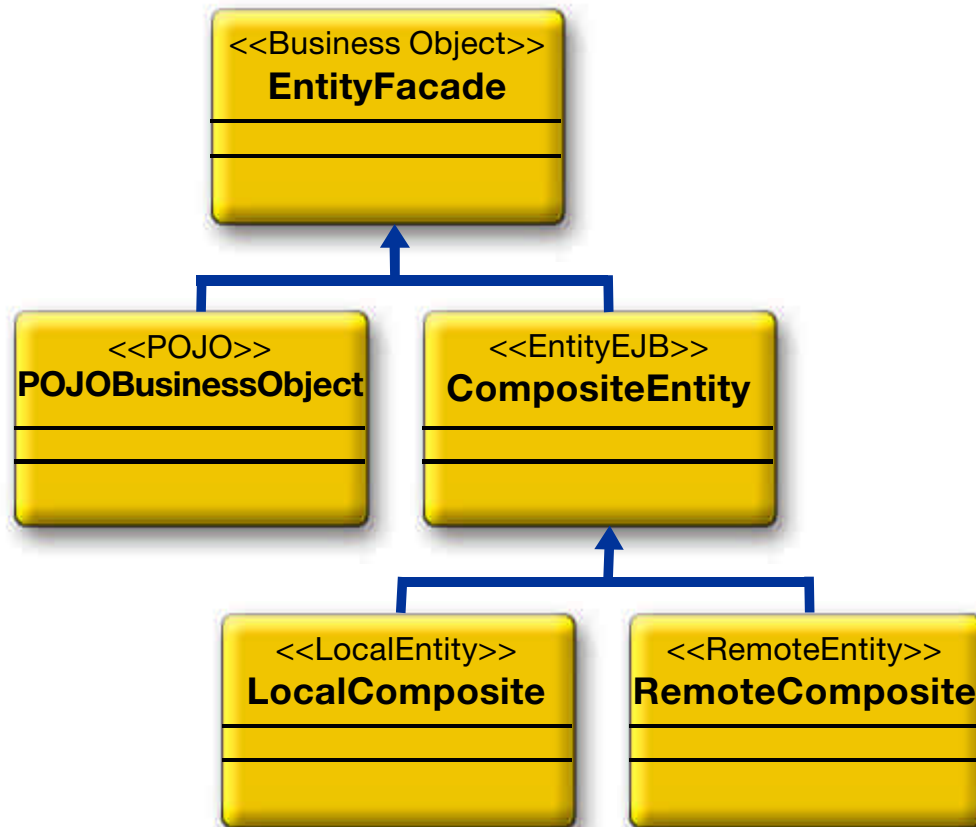
Design Idea: Service Facades

- Remote and non-Remote business tier



Design Idea: Entity Facades

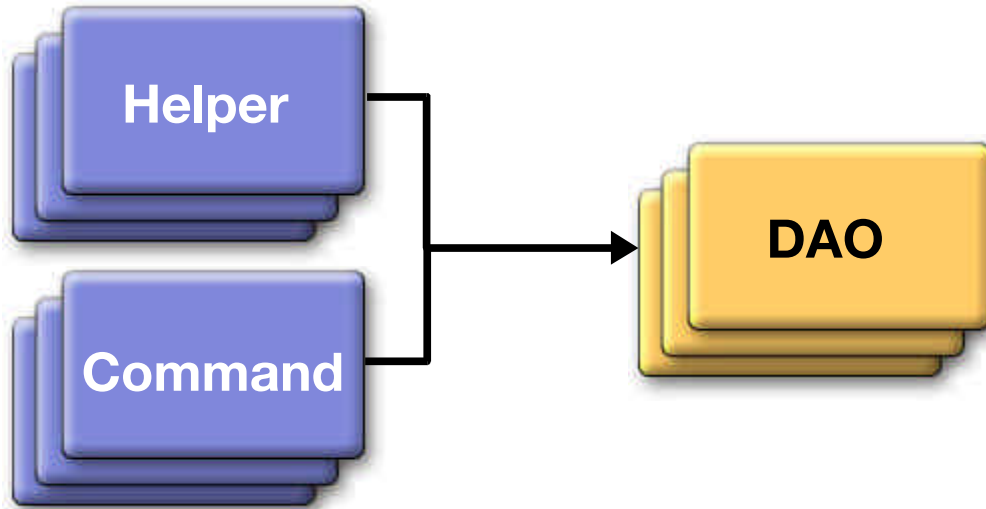
- Remote and non-Remote business tier



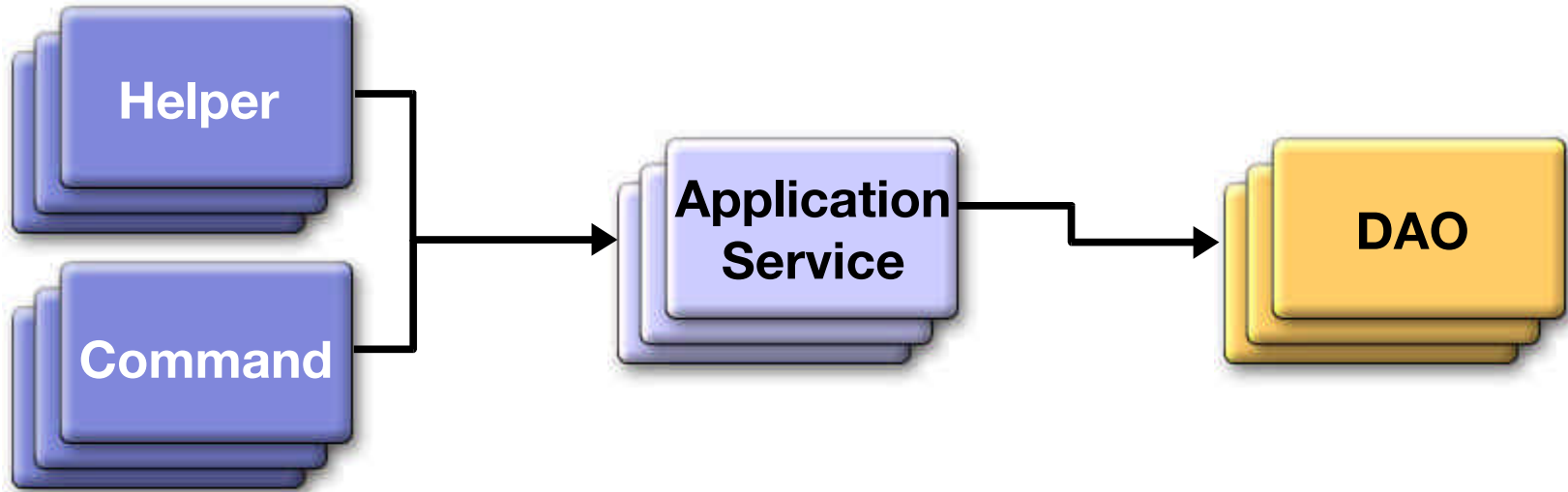
Refactoring Scenarios

- Direct Access
- Use Application Service
- Encapsulate With Session Facade
- Introduce Application Service
- Use Business Objects

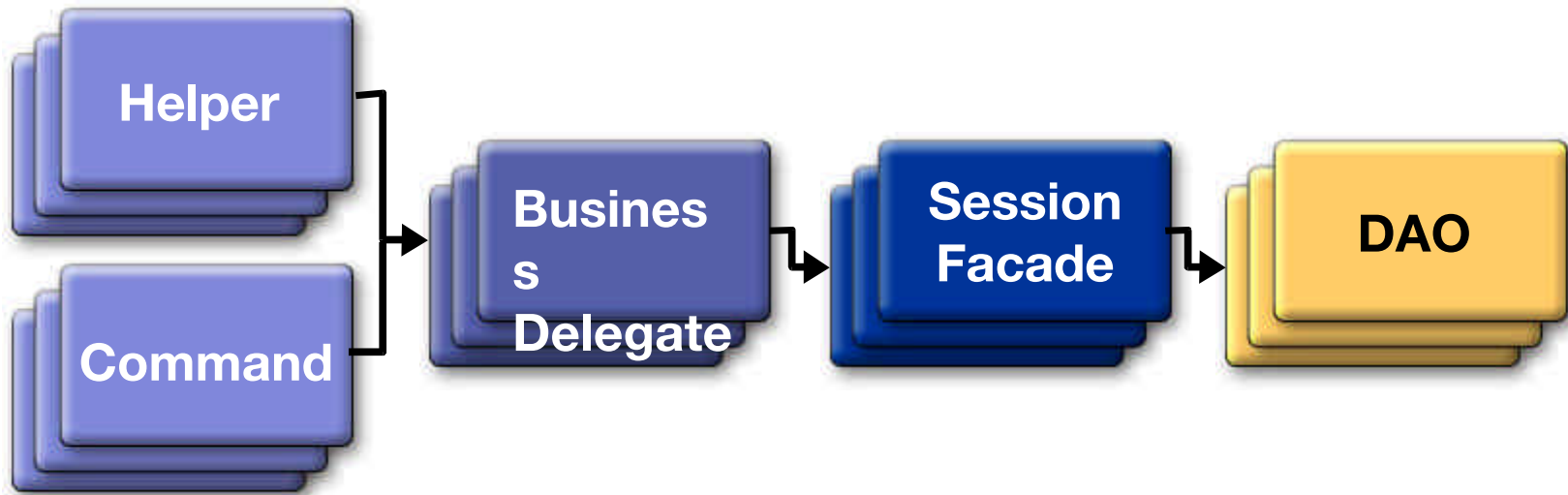
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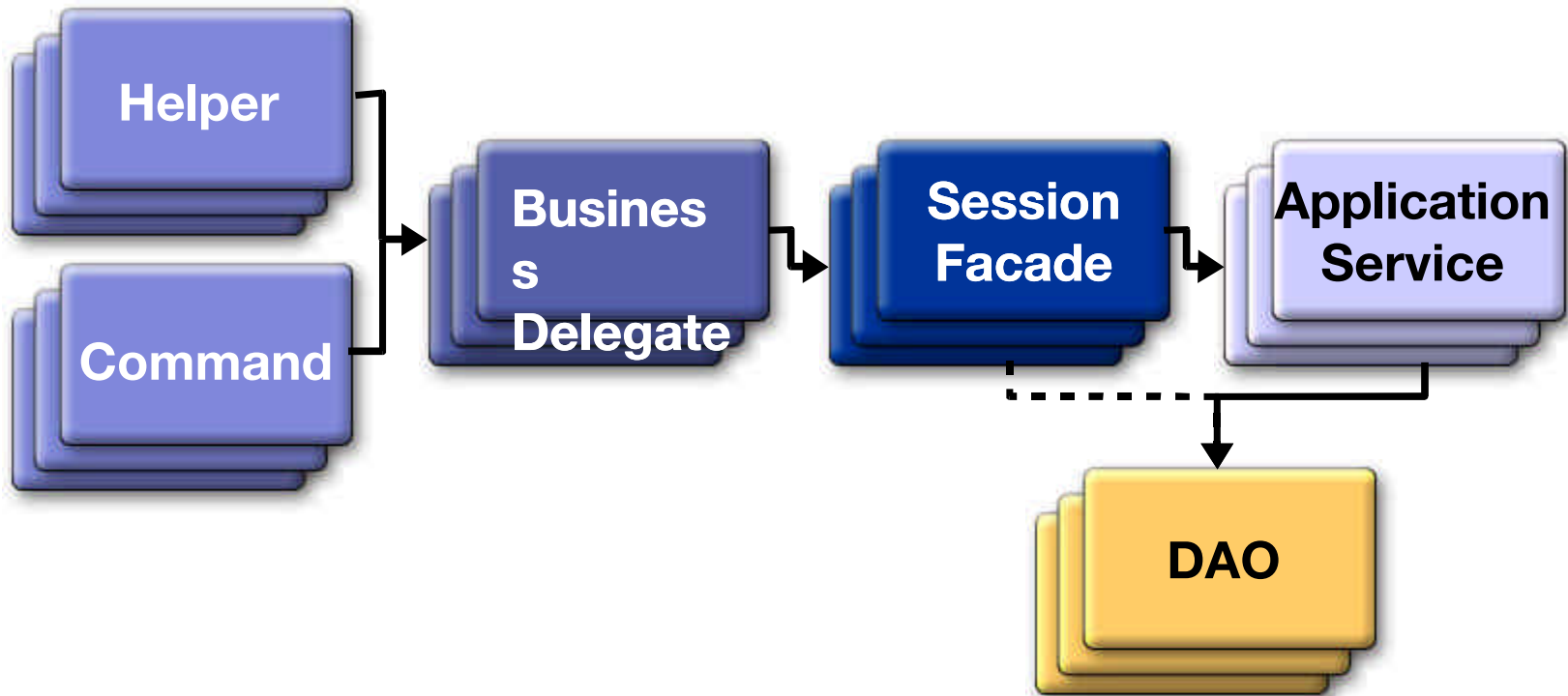
Use Application Service



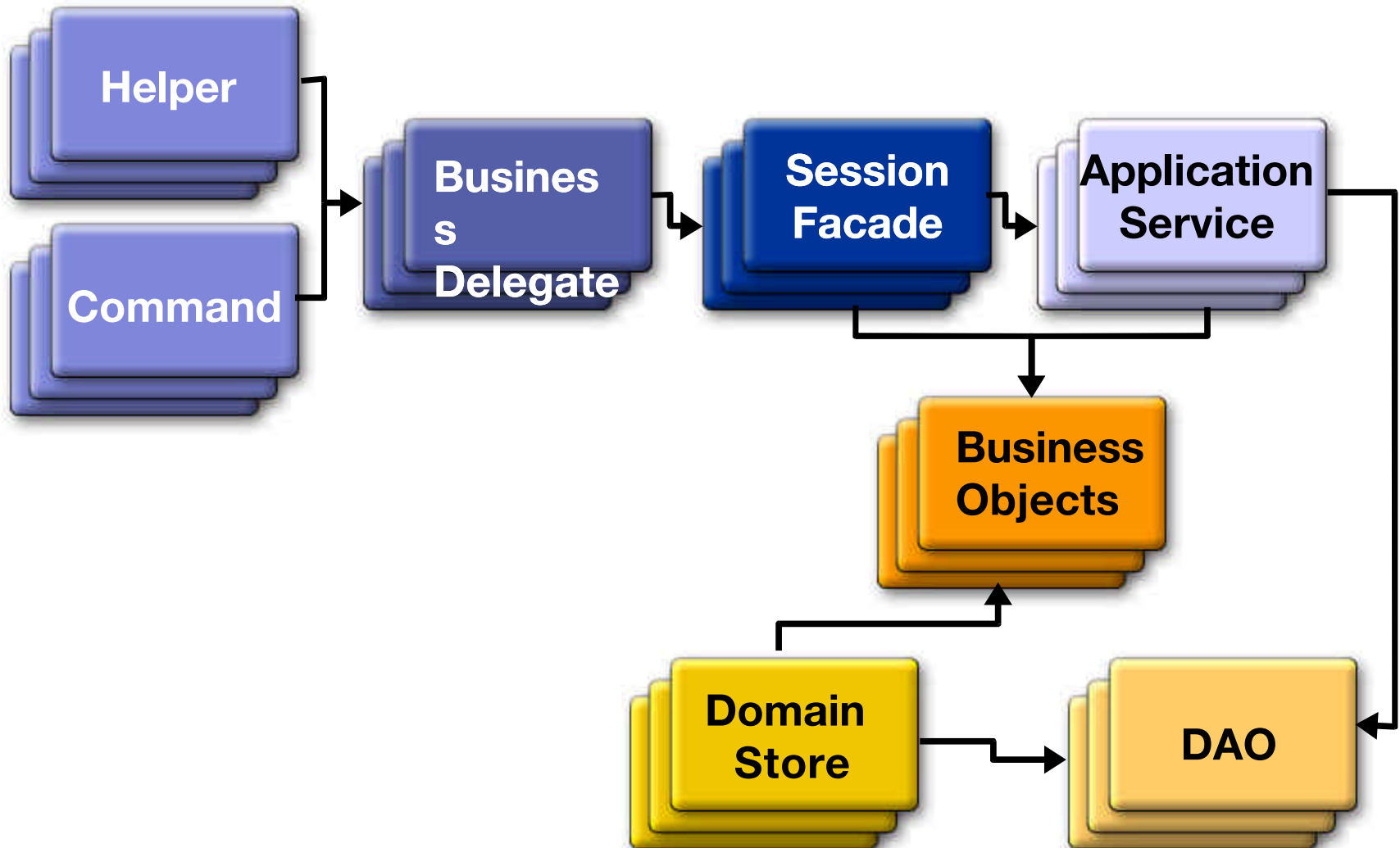
Encapsulate With Session Facade



Introduce Application Service



Use Business Objects



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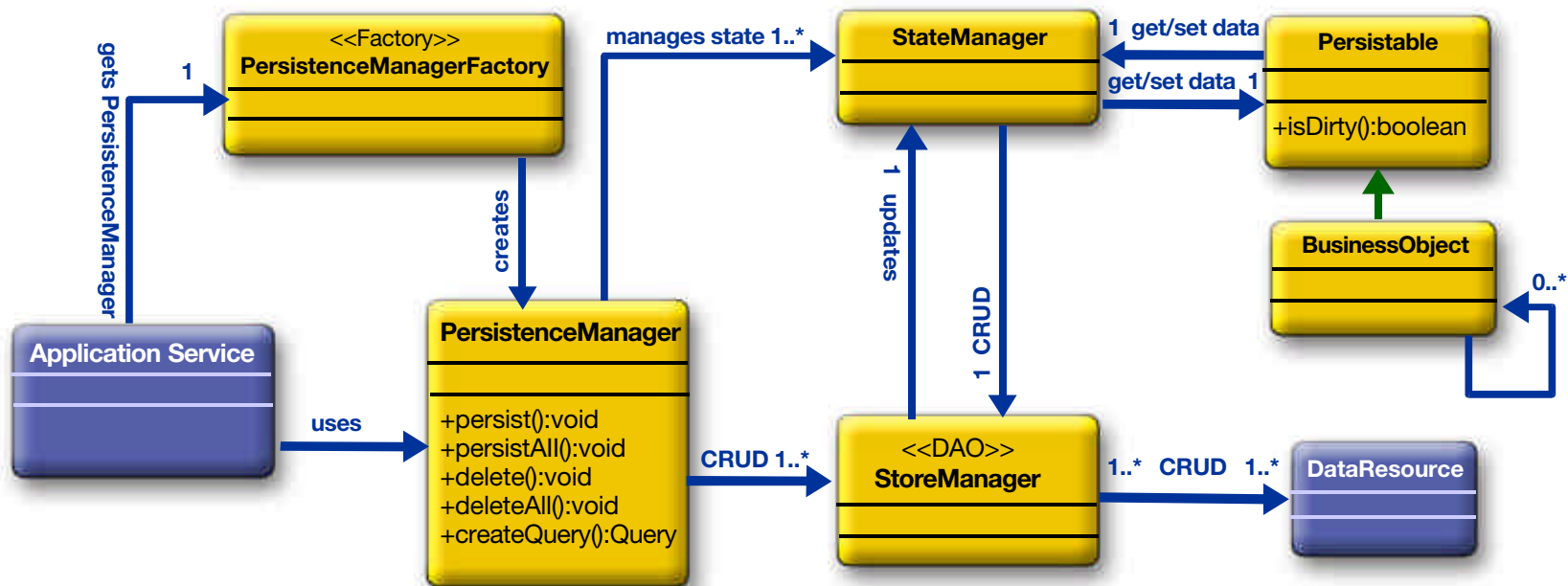
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Integration Tier Patterns

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Domain Store

- Problem:
 - Separate persistence from your object model

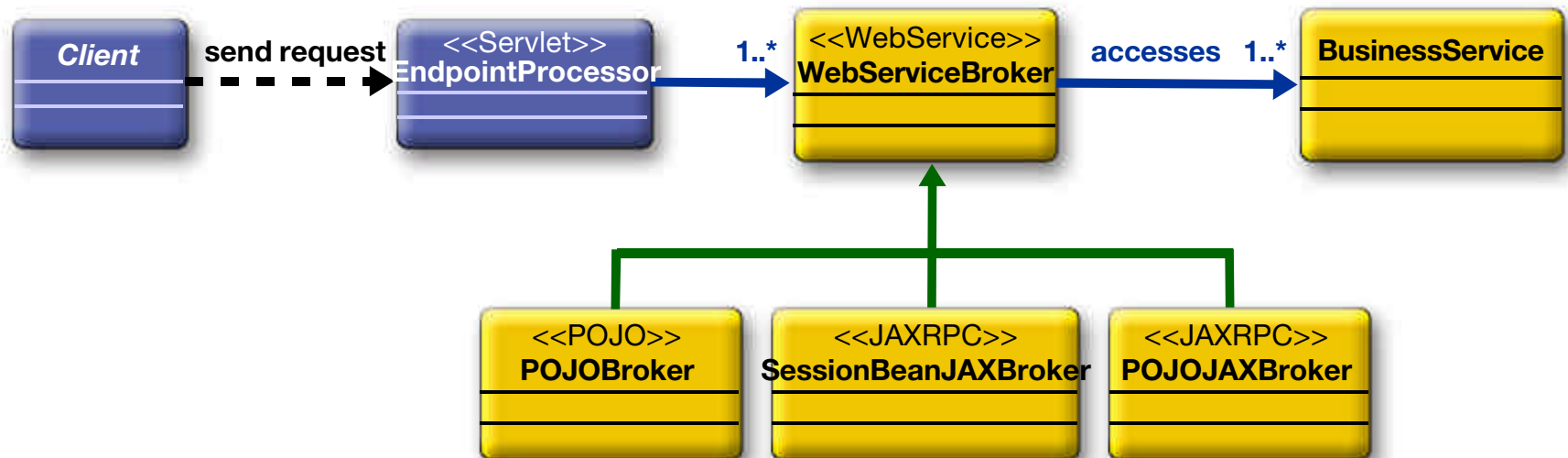


Web Service Broker

- Problem:
 - Provide access to one or more services using XML and web protocols
- Forces:
 - Reuse and expose existing services to clients
 - Monitor and potentially limit the usage of exposed services
 - Expose services using open standards

Web Service Broker

- Solution:
 - Use a Web Service Broker to expose and broker one or more services using XML and web protocols



Web Service Broker: Strategies

- Custom XML Messaging Strategy
- Java™ Technology Binding Strategy
- JAX-RPC Strategy

Support/Adoption

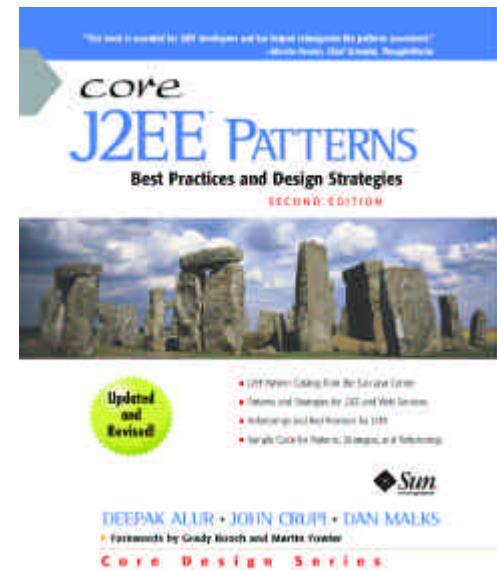
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 - Rational
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Summary

- Patterns are great! Use them
- Reduce re-inventing the wheel
- Promote design re-use
- Increase developer productivity, communication
- Large community around patterns
- ISV support growing

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