Object Oriented (OO) Design

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Object Oriented (OO) Design

- Compare OO design with structural design
 - Encapsulation (again): information hiding.
- Encapsulation, polymorphism, abstraction.
- Class: exports operations (procedures) to manipulate instance objects
 - often called methods
- Instance objects accessible via references
- Inheritance: class B may specialize class A
 - B inherits from A (B is a subclass of A)
 - A generalizes B (A is a superclass of B)

Objects and classes

- Objects package data and procedures (methods) that operate on the data.
 - Client -> Send a request (message) -> Server performs an operation
 - Request is the **only** way to change object's internal data: encapsulation
- OO Design: decompose into a set of manageable and interacting objects
 - encapsulation, granularity, flexibility, performance, evolution, reusability, and on and on



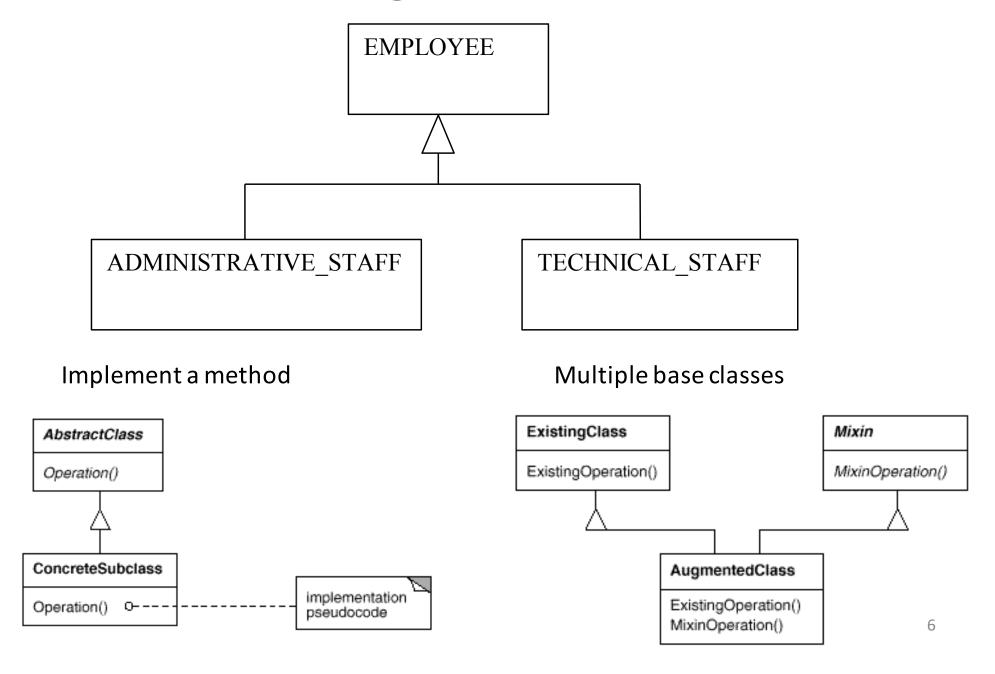
Object Interface

- Signature of operation/method: name, parameters, and return value
- Object interface: the set of all signatures of its operations
- Type: name of an interface
 - Object a has type A $\Leftrightarrow a$ accepts all requests in A
 - One object with multiple types (Java and C++)
 - Widely different objects with same type
 - Subtype: inherit another interface

Inheritance

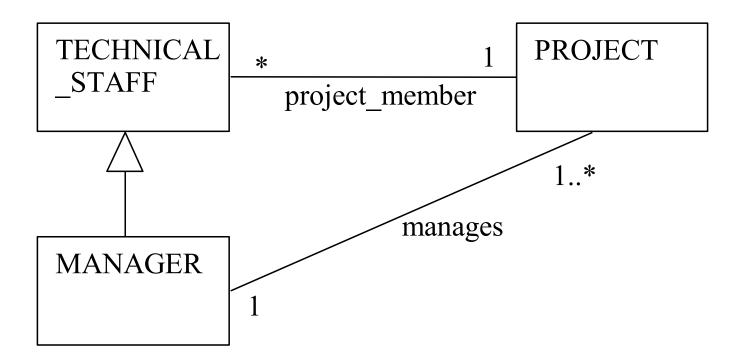
- A way of building software incrementally
- A subclass defines a subtype
 - subtype is substitutable for parent type
- Polymorphism
 - a variable referring to type A can refer to an object of type
 B if B is a subclass of A
- Dynamic binding
 - Which method invoked through a reference?
 - Substitute objects with same interface at run-time
 - Decouple objects, which are variable at run-time
- UML (Unified Modeling Language): a widely adopted standard notation for representing OO designs

UML class diagram for inheritance



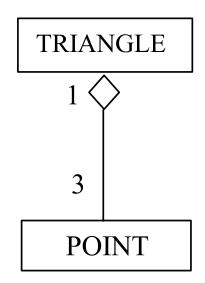
UML association

- Associations are relations that the implementation is required to support
- Can have multiplicity constraints



Aggregation

Defines a PART_OF relation
 Differs from IS_COMPOSED_OF



Question: what is the difference between association and aggregation?

OO Principles

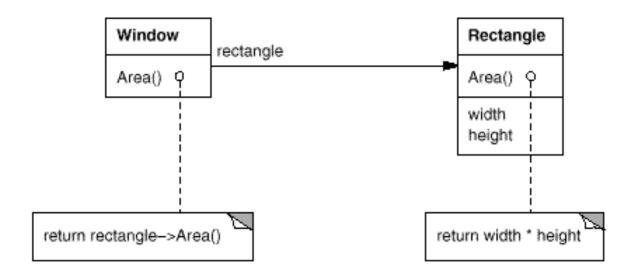
- Class for implementation, type for interface
- Class inheritance (implementation reuse)
 - e.g. Java extends a base class
 - Code sharing and reuse: extending and slightly changing parent class.
- Interface inheritance
 - e.g. Java implements an interface
 - Substitute in place of another object.
 - Client unaware of server's implementation (e.g. which class), only interface matters
- Principle #1: Program to an interface, not implementation!

Reuse: inheritance vs. composition

- Inheritance: white-box reuse
- Composition: assemble objects to get complex functionality. Black-box reuse
- Example: Window and Rectangle
- Discussion: compare inheritance and composition.
- Principle #2: Favor object composition over class inheritance.
 - Think more of composition, while inheritance is still useful.

Delegation

- A receiving object processes a request by calling a delegate.
 - Class inheritance: subclass defers to parent class.
- Pros and cons?



More on OO Design

- Parameterized types or generics (templates):
 Not exactly OO.
 - Another way of reuse.
 - Can not change at run-time.
- Run-time and compile time structures.
- Aggregation and association: hard to differ sometimes statically, may need run-time info.
- Run-time structure: hard to determine.

Design for change

- What can cause re-design?
 - Create an object by specifying a particular class.
 - Specify a particular operation (?)
 - Dependence on hardware/software platform.
 - Dependence on object representation and implementation.
 - Algorithmic dependence.
 - Tight coupling.
 - Subclassing.
 - Inability to alter classes conveniently.

OO Design vs. procedural design

- OO design
 - Pros: flexible, reusable, easier to maintain through decoupling.
 - Cons: more complex, less efficient
- Procedural design: better if software needs little change.
- How to learn OO design? Learn through experience, from expert.
- Now case studies.

Case study: Design of buttoncontrolled table lamp

- Problem: design software for a button controlling a light bulb: push once, turn on, and push it again, turn off.
 - A simple client-server problem
- Now think about an OO design.
 - What classes?
 - How do the classes interact?

Simple client-server design

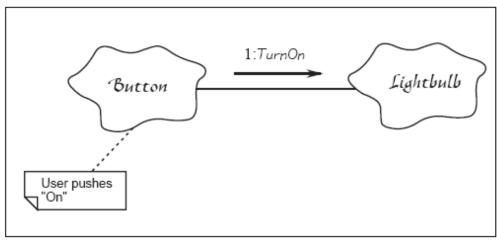


FIGURE 1. User pushes button "on"

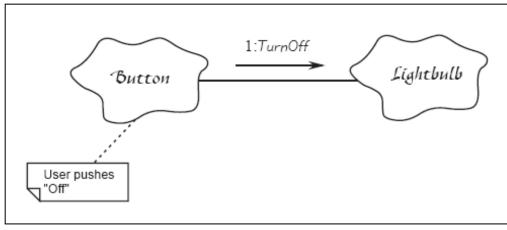
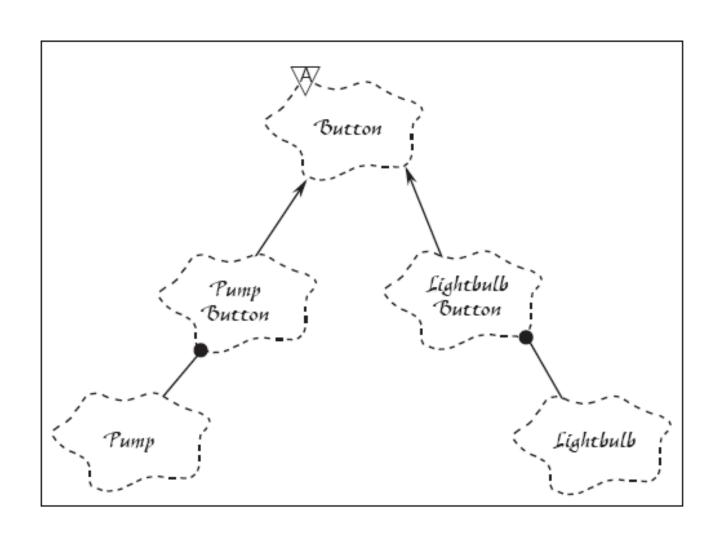
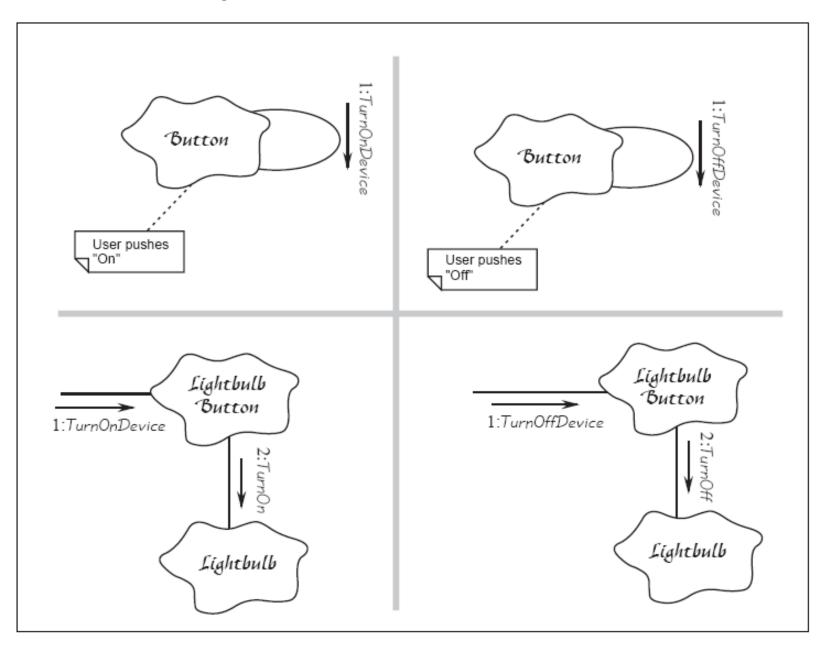


FIGURE 2. User Pushes Button "Off"

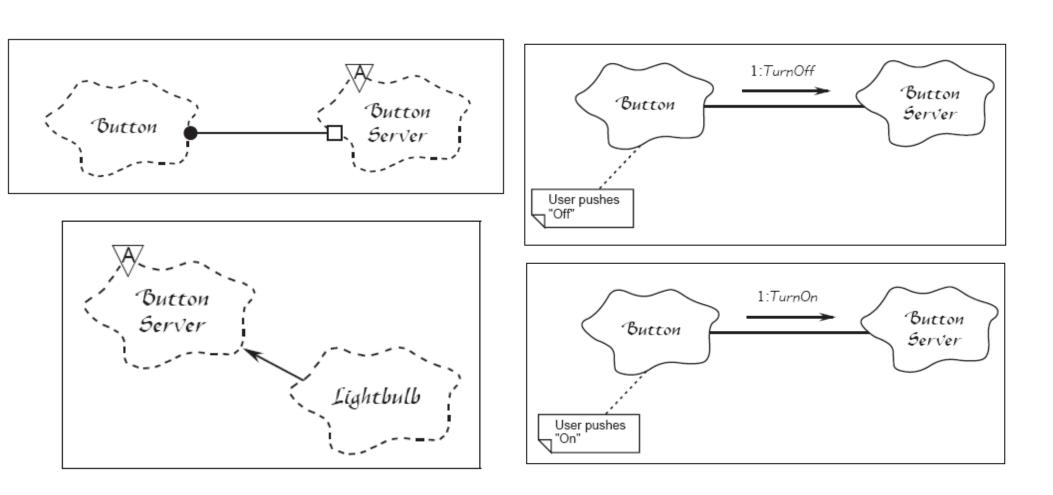
Decoupling button and light bulb



Dynamic Behavior

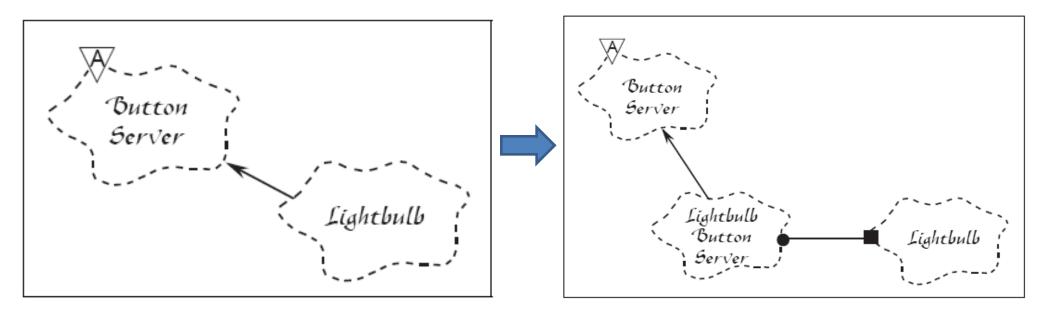


Another decoupling way



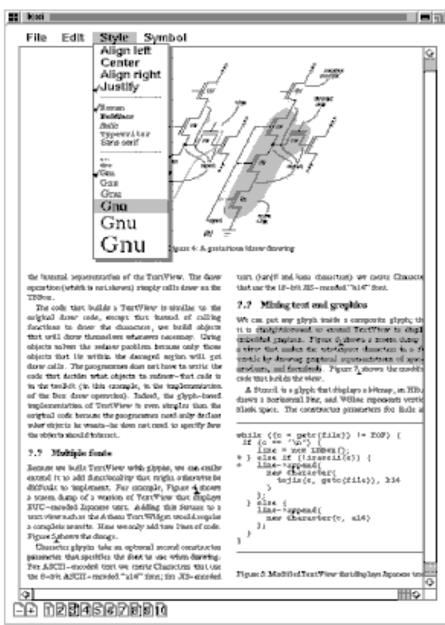
Any issue with this design? Can this be further improved?

Improvement



- What is the motivation of this design?
- Comparing the two different approaches.
- Is this really practical? Is this overkill?

A more complex case study: Design a WYSIWYG document editor



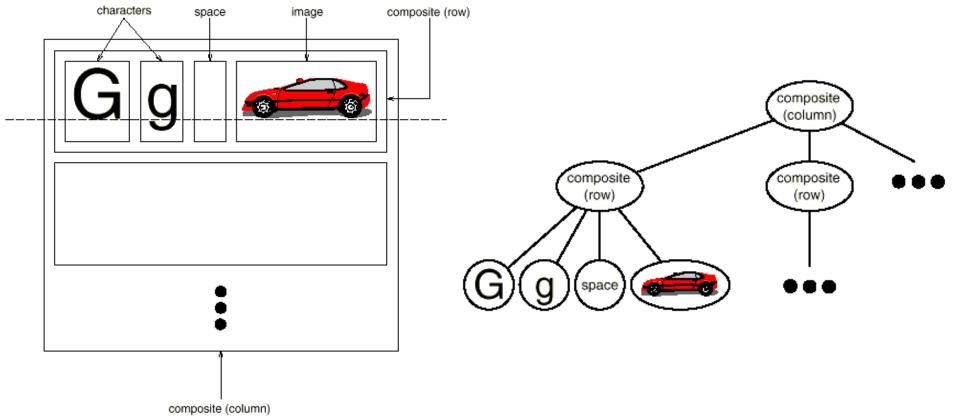
Design considerations

- Document structure
- Formatting
- Embellishing UI
- Multiple look-and-feel
- User operations (buttons, menus)
- More...

First question: how to organize document structure?

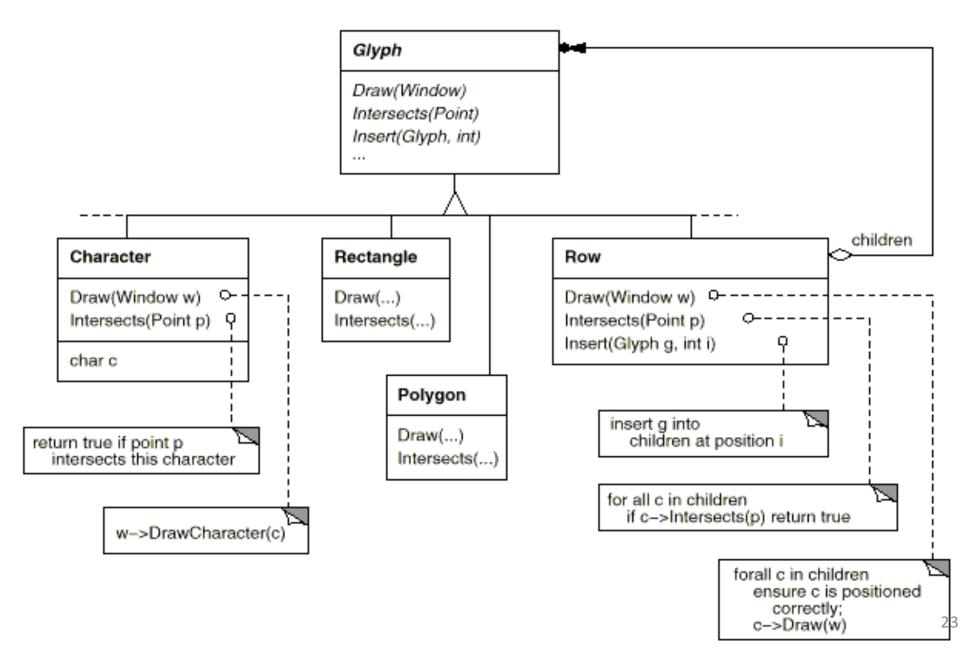
- Characters, images, and maybe other type of graphic features
- What are objects? How do these objects related to each other? How about rows and columns?

Document structure: Recursive composition



- Key: uniform interface for visibles (e.g. chars, images) and invisibles (e.g. rows, columns).
- Build complex structures (e.g. rows) from simpler components (chars, images)

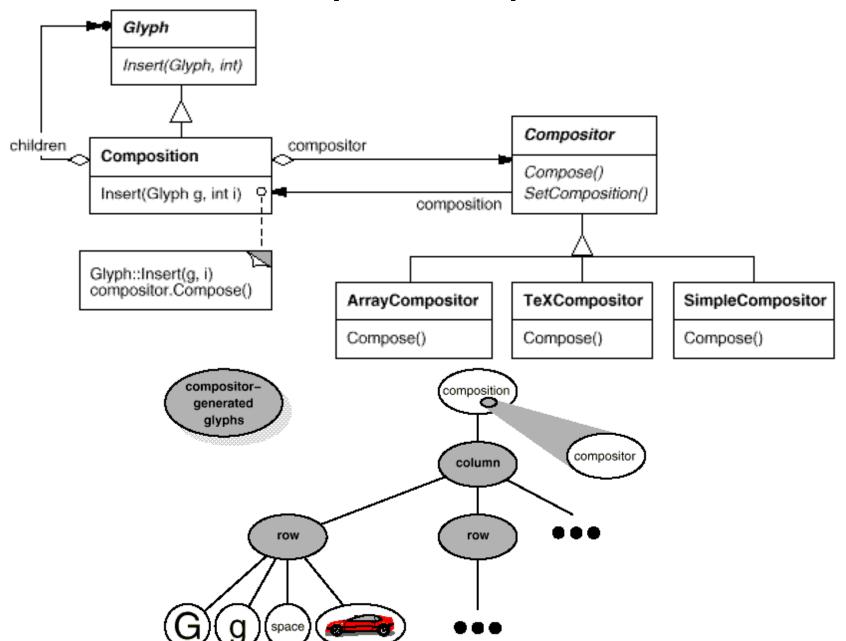
Glyph class (Composite pattern)



Formatting

- How to create document structure in the first place? Called line-breaking.
- What we want about formatting?
 - Decouple formatting algorithm with glyph classes.
 - Can change formatting algorithm at least at compile time.
- Idea: create an object to encapsulate formatting algorithm. Common interface, subclass for a particular algorithm.

Composition and compositor (Strategy pattern)



Embellishing User Interface

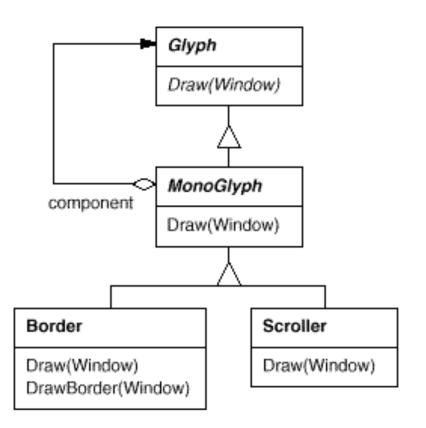
- How can we add (or remove) a scroll bar on the side or a border around the view at run-time?
- - → ScrollbarComposition. But what if more embellishment? What if we need to border and scroll bar at the same time?

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DEF			
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Embellishing via object composition

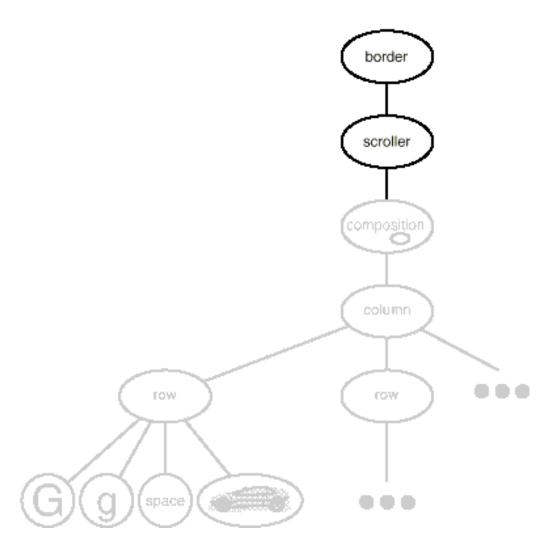
- What type is border anyway? A glyph!
- Border and an existing glyph: which contains which? The consequence of letting border being part of the glyph?
- Now border contains glyph, called transparent enclosure.



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Public class MonoGlyph implements Glyph {
Public void Draw (Window w) {
    __component.Draw(w);
}.. }

Public class Border extends MonoGlyph {
Public void Draw (Window w) {
        super.Draw(w);
        DrawBorder(w);
} ... }
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Embellishing UI: Decorator pattern



- Scrollbar contains the composition, and then border contains scrollbar.
- When rendering, border first renders its component (scrollbar). In turn, scrollbar first renders the composition.

Multiple look-and-feel

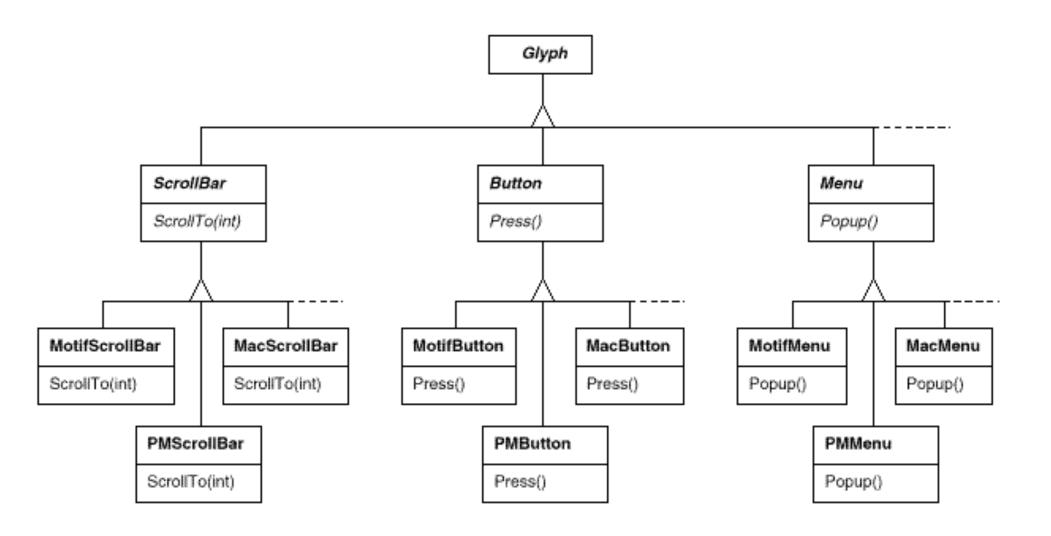
- How to ensure portability across hardware and software platforms?
 - Consider, e.g. UI components are different on different GUI platform
- It is not desirable to commit to a single type of object like:

ScrollBar sb = new MotifScrollBar;

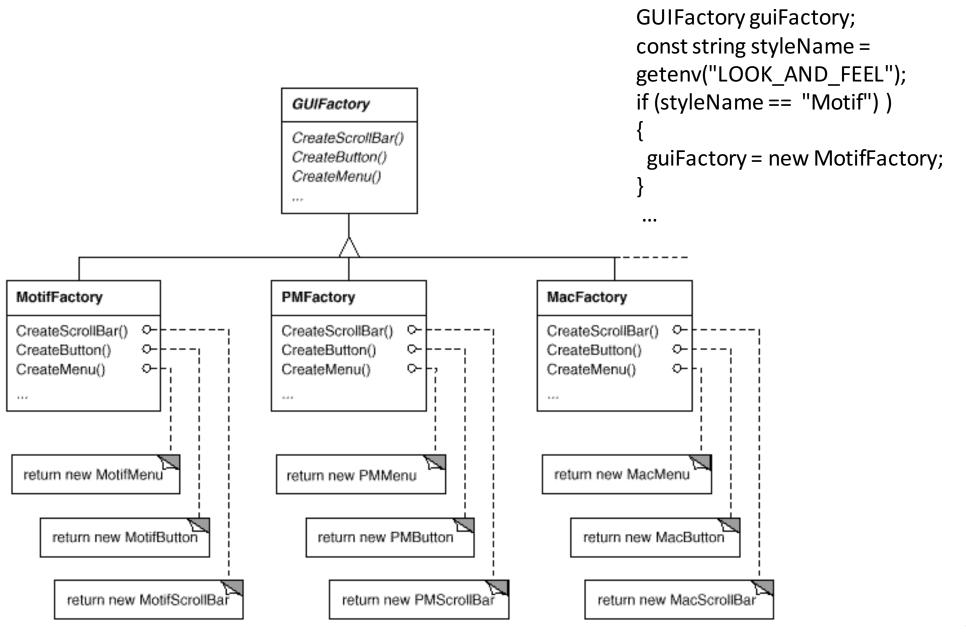
A better way is:

ScrollBar sb = guiFactory.CreateScrollBar();

GUI factory class hierarchy (Abstract Factory Pattern)



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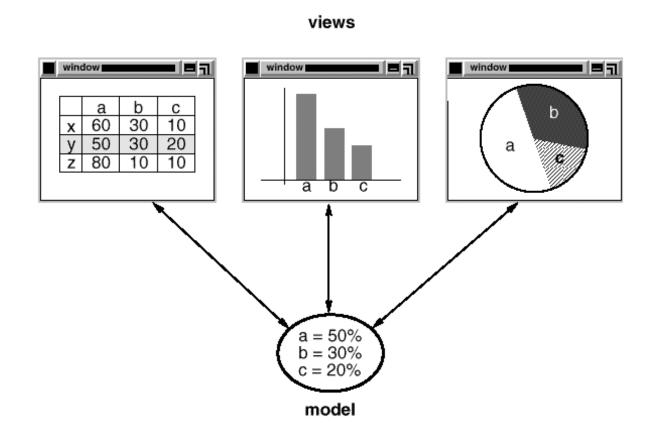


Design patterns

- A number of very popular design patterns in previous case study
- Now we will study them closely
 - Focus on concepts and real application to, say Java JDK framework.
- What is design pattern?
- Why design pattern?
- Example: Model-View-Controller.

MVC Pattern

- One class solution vs. three classes solution
- Subscribe-notify protocol: why is a good design?
- View-controller: allow change of user input response.



Conclusion

- This lecture: OO-design basics and case studies.
- Now, design patterns in details, with three types
 - Creational
 - Structural
 - Behavioral