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Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)

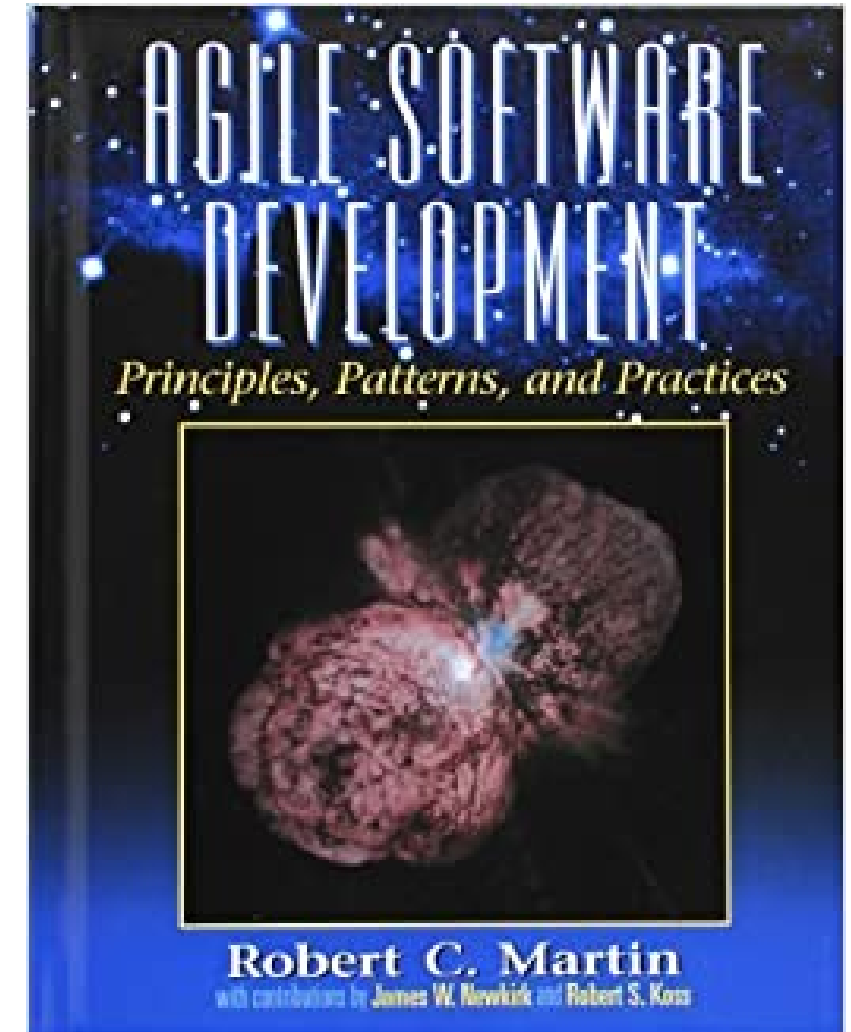
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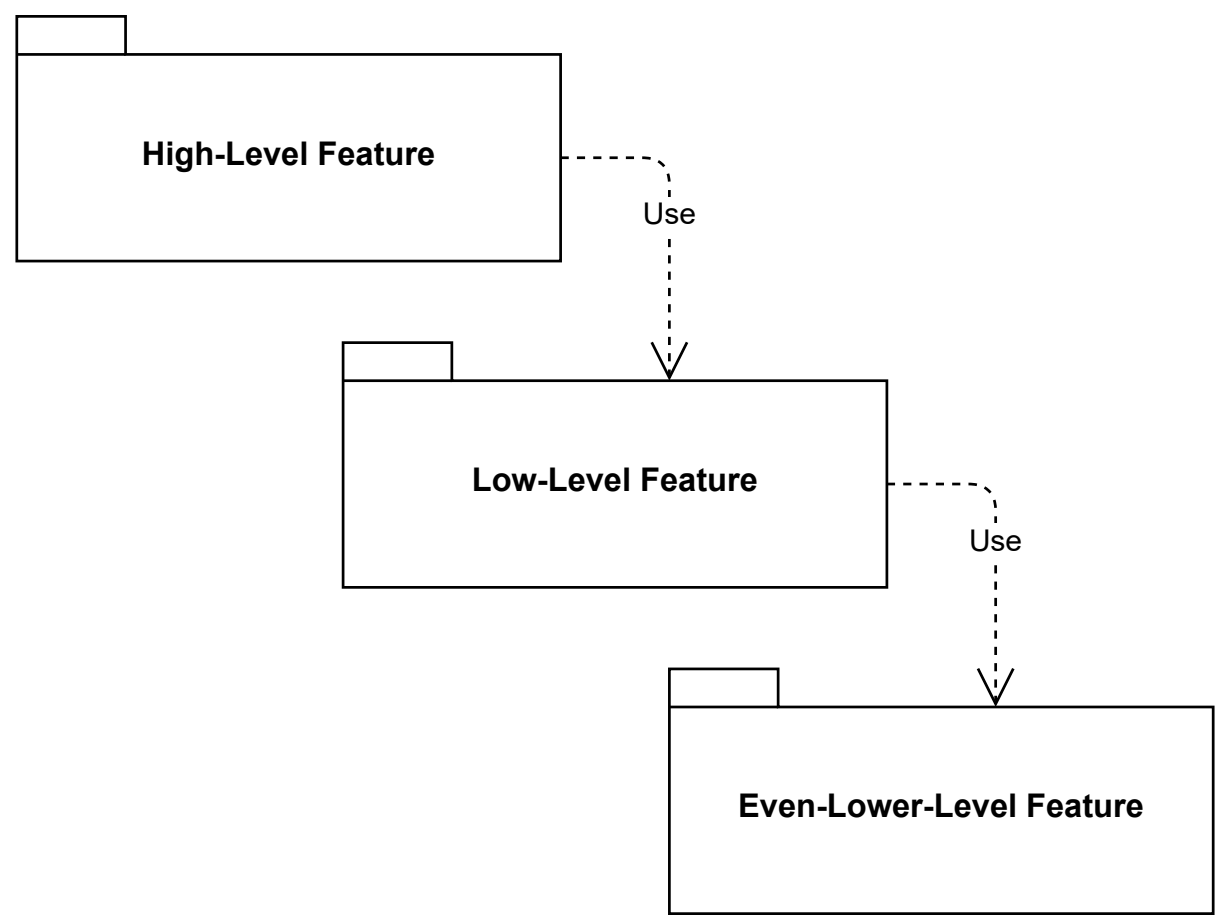
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Why?

- Increase of Maintainability
- Increase of Reusability
- Decrease of Rigidity



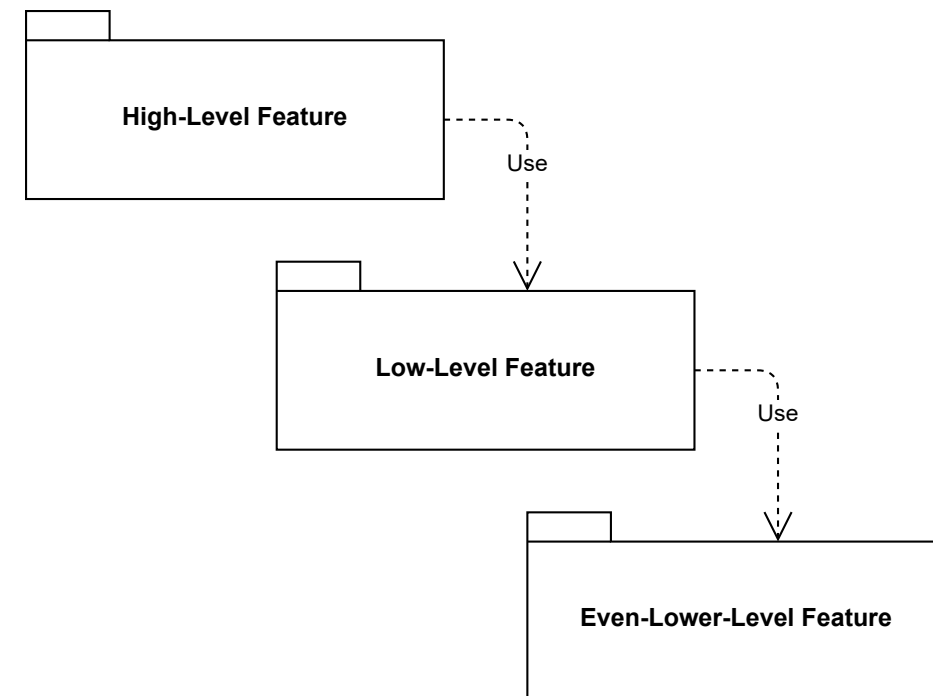
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Program Design follows Call-Hierarchy:

- High-level features depend on low-level features
- Low-level features depend on even-lower-level features
- ...



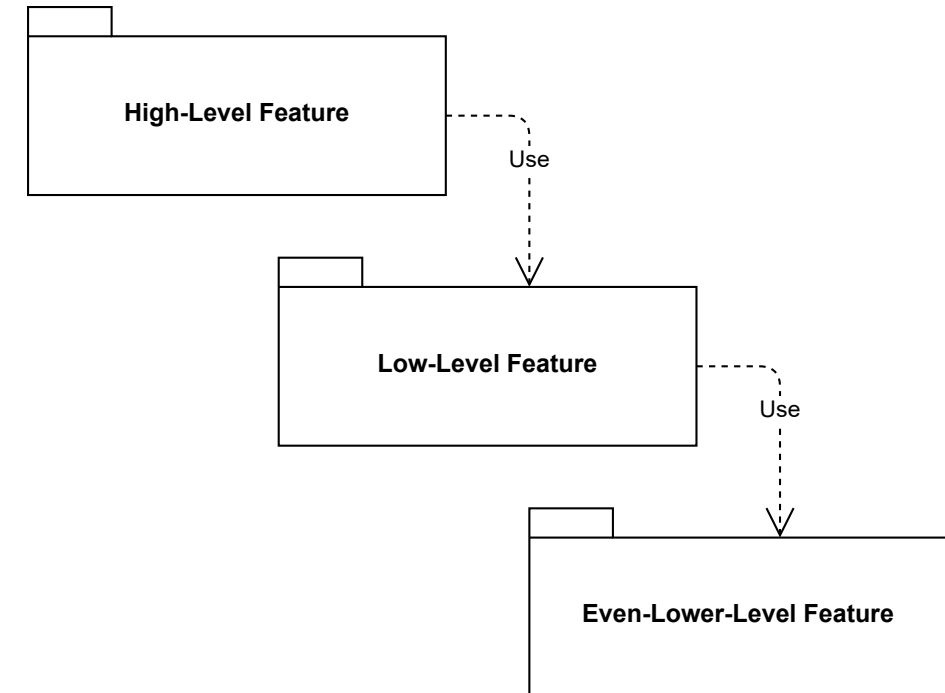
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Possible Risks:

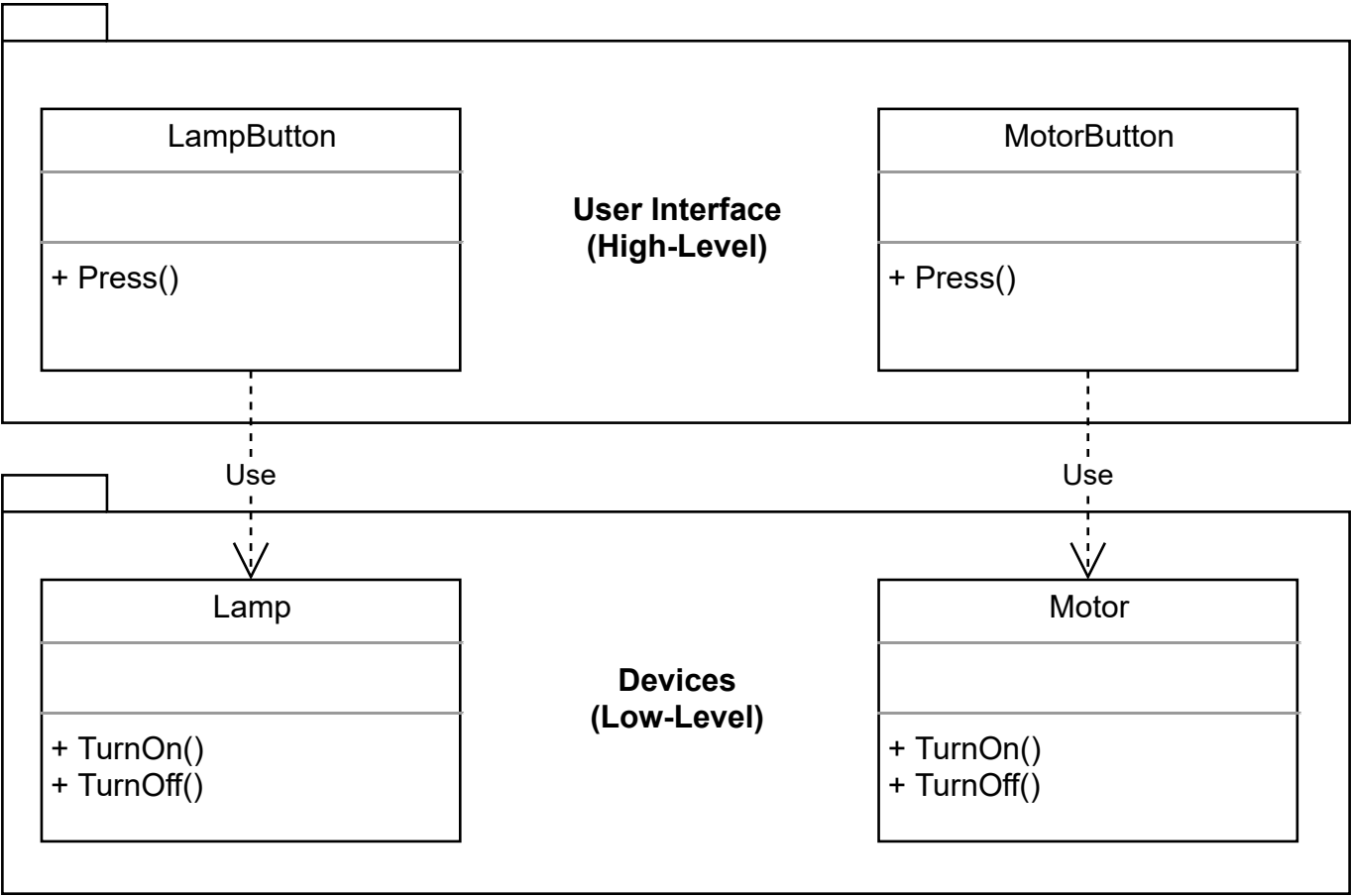
1. Changes on lower-level features are propagated to higher-level features

E.g. Adding a parameter to a lower-level method requires higher-level features to provide a suitable argument.

Also, reuse of higher-level features is impossible, because of *hard* dependencies.



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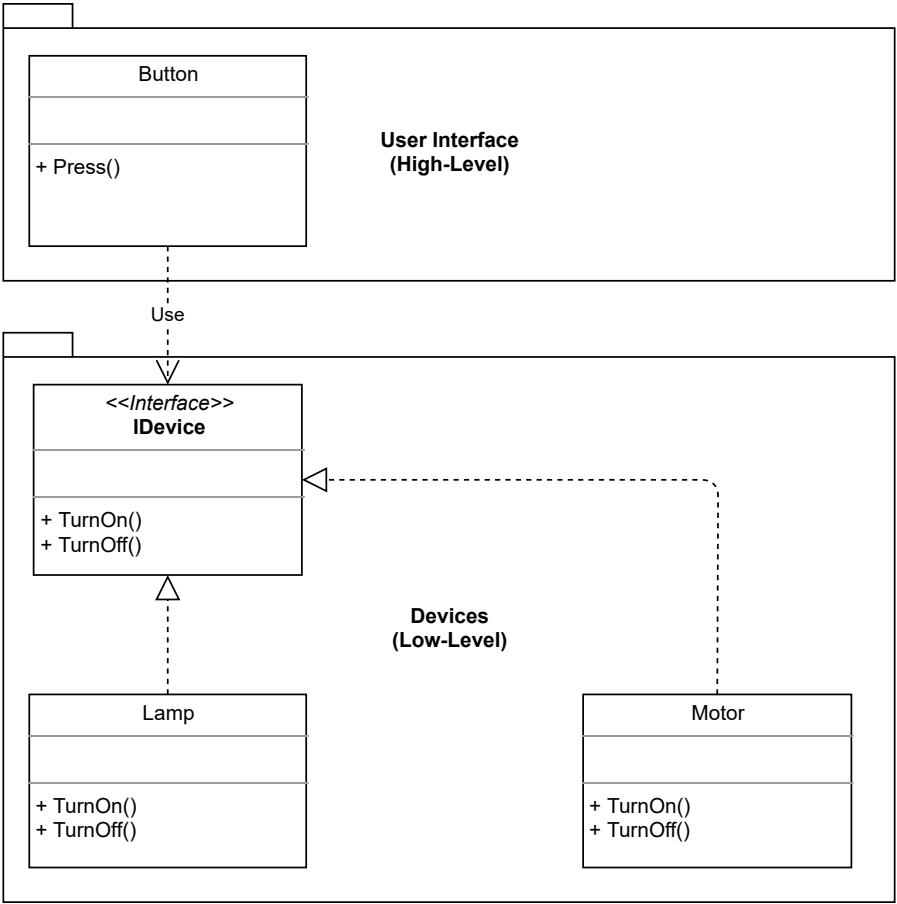
- ☒ **LampButton/MotorButton** (high-level) depends on **Lamp/Motor** (low-level). :-(
- ☒ No abstractions are present. :-(

Constraint B

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- ☒ **UI/Button** (high-level) depends on **Devices/IDevice** (low-level). :-(
- ☑ **UI/Button** and **Devices/Lamp/Motor** depend on **Devices/IDevice** (abstraction). :-)

Constraint B

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- ☒ **UI/Button** (abstraction) depends on **Devices/IDevice** (details). :-(
- ☒ **Devices** (details) does not depend on **UI** (abstraction). :-(

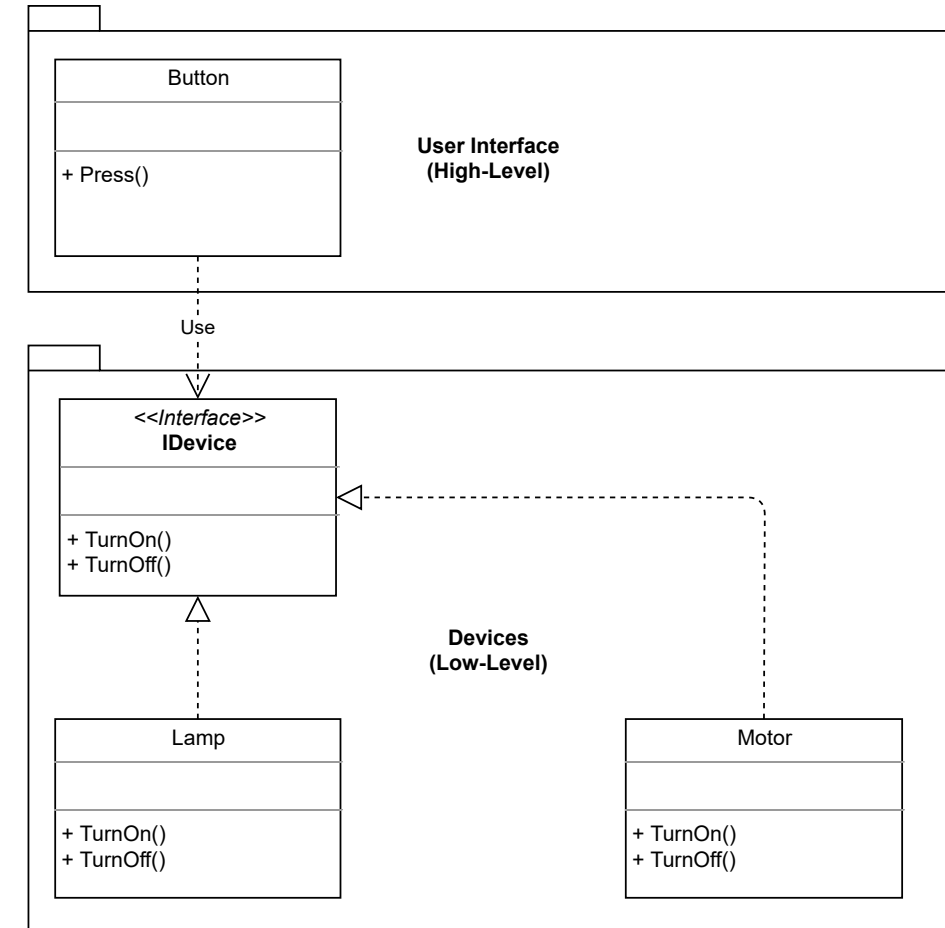
Example with *Naïve* Dependency Inversion

Why is it *Naïve*?

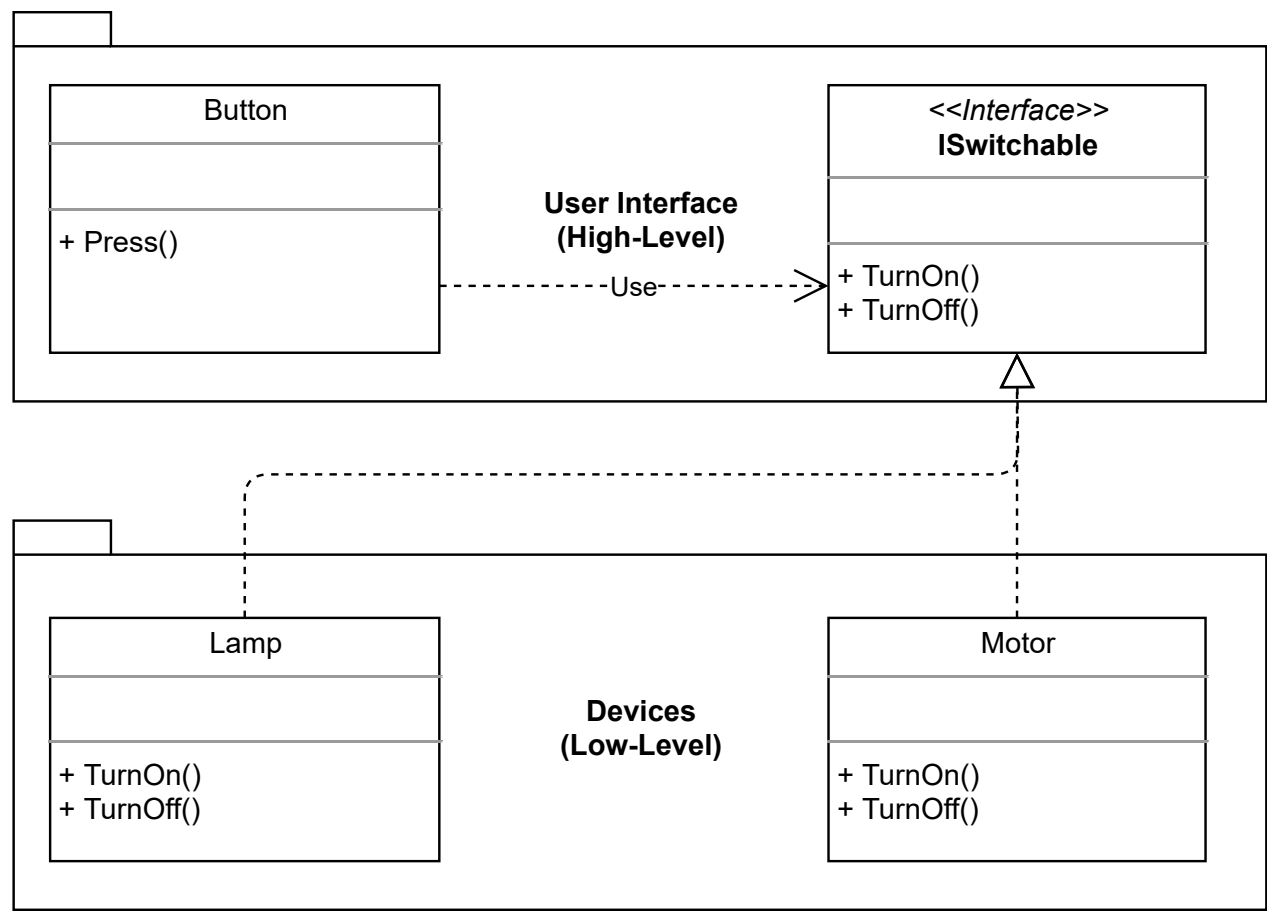
- **Package dependency is not inverted.**

Changes can still propagate from lower-level features to higher-level features.

The client of the interface does not "own" it. This still allows changes to originate in lower-level features when changes are triggered bottom-up, i.e. not triggered by usages.



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- ✓ **UI/Button** (high-level) does not depend **Devices/Lamp/Motor** (low-level). :-)
- ✓ **UI/Button** and **Devices/Lamp/Motor** depend on **UI/ISwitchable** (abstraction). :-)

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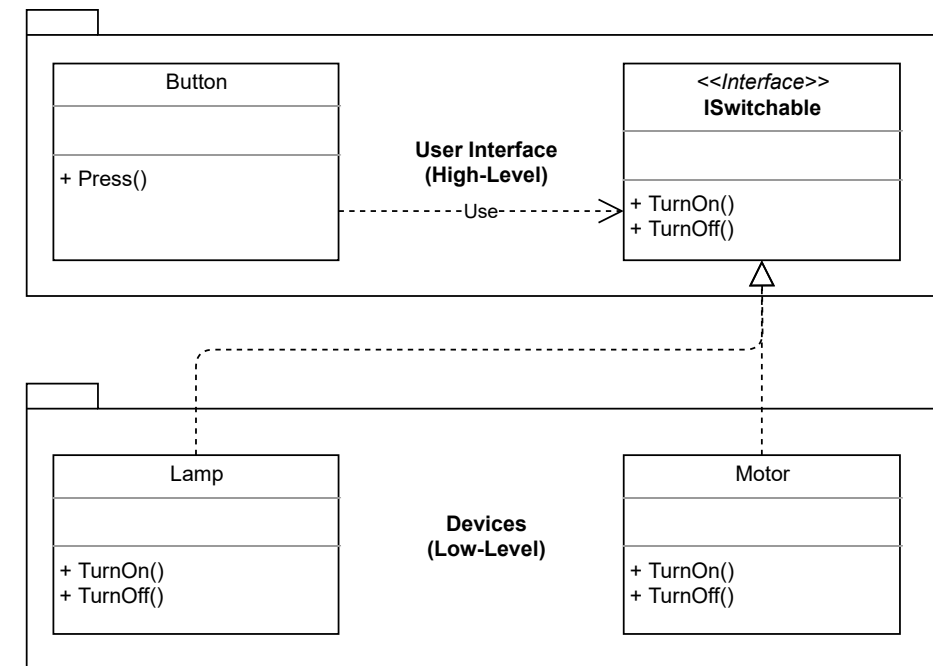
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- ✓ **Devices/Lamp/Motor** (details) depends on **UI/ISwitchable** (abstraction). :-)

Example with Dependency Inversion

Package Dependency is inverted!

Low-level devices must do some work in order to work with the high-level UI feature.

High-level features like Button can be reused.



Where is the Inversion?

Without DIP: UI *using* Devices

```
using Devices;

class LampButton
{
    private Lamp _lamp;
    public void Press() { _lamp.TurnOn(); }
}

class MotorButton : ISwitchable
{
    private Motor _motor;
    public void Press() { _motor.TurnOn(); }
}
```

```
class Lamp { ... }

class Motor { ... }
```

Where is the Inversion?

With Naive DIP: UI still *using* Devices

```
using Devices;

class Button
{
    private IDevice _device;
    public void Press() { _device.TurnOn(); }
}
```

```
interface IDevice { ... }

class Lamp : IDevice { ... }

class Motor : IDevice { ... }
```

Where is the Inversion?

With DIP: Devices *using* UI

```
interface ISwitchable { ... }  
  
class Button  
{  
    private ISwitchable _switchable;  
    public void Press() { _switchable.TurnOn(); }  
}
```

```
using UI;  
  
class Lamp : ISwitchable { ... }  
  
class Motor : ISwitchable { ... }
```


Dependency Inversion

Don't call us, we'll call you!

Why does nobody mention Dependency Injection?

Because it has **nothing** to do with Dependency *Inversion*!

- Dependency **Inversion**
is about module/package/class design
- Dependency **Injection**
is about instantiating classes

Thanks!