

# Structural

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## General:

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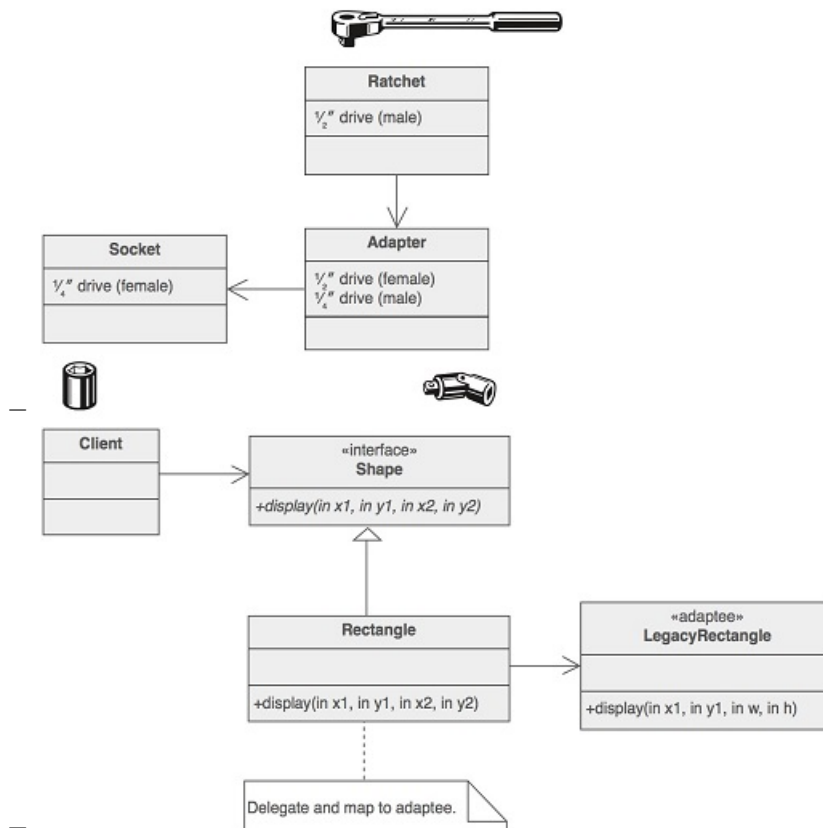
- ease the design by identifying a simple way to realize relationships between entities
- about class and object composition
- use inheritance to compose interfaces
- define ways to compose objects to obtain new functionality

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## Adapter:

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- Definition/Use
  - 'adapts' one interface for a class into one that a client expects
  - used when a client class has to call an incompatible provider class
  - an "off the shelf" component offers compelling functionality but its "view of the world" is not compatible
  - wrap an existing class with a new interface
- Structure



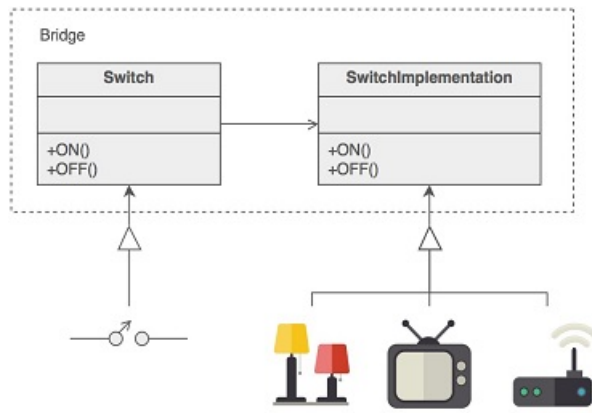
- Notes
  - put the adapter term in the name of the adapter class to indicate the use of the pattern to the other developers

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### Bridge:

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- Definition/Use
  - decouple an abstraction from its implementation so that the two can vary independently
  - useful when a code often changes for an implementation as well as for a use of code
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- Structure



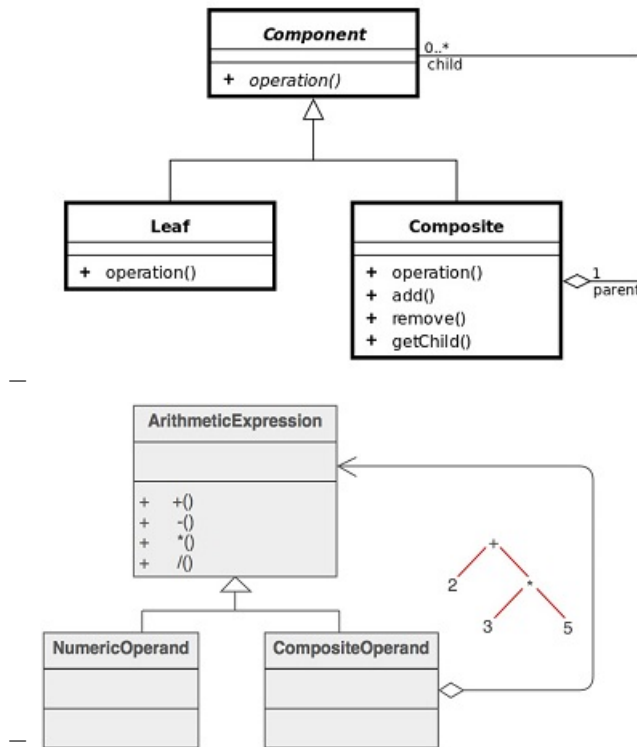
- Notes
  - design the separation of concerns: what does the client want, and what do the platforms provide

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### Composite:

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- Definition/Use
  - a tree structure of objects where every object has the same interface
  - application needs to manipulate a hierarchical collection of "primitive"(leaf) and "composite" objects
- Structure



- Examples

- GUI, widgets organized in a tree and operations (resize, repainting) on all widgets processed using pattern

- Notes

- consider the heuristic, "containers that contain containees, each of which could be a container"

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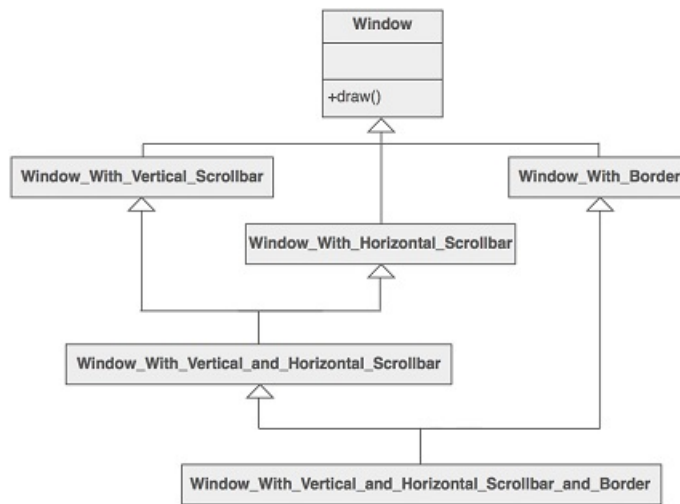
## Decorator (Wrapper):

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- Definition/Use

- add additional functionality to a class at runtime where subclassing would result in an exponential rise of new classes
- client-specified embellishment of a core object by recursively wrapping it

- Structure



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*
Widget* aWidget = new BorderDecorator(
    new HorizontalScrollBarDecorator(
        new VerticalScrollBarDecorator(
            new Window( 80, 24 ))));
aWidget->draw();
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- Notes

- ensure the context is: a single core (or non-optional) component, several optional embellishments or wrappers, and an interface that is common to all

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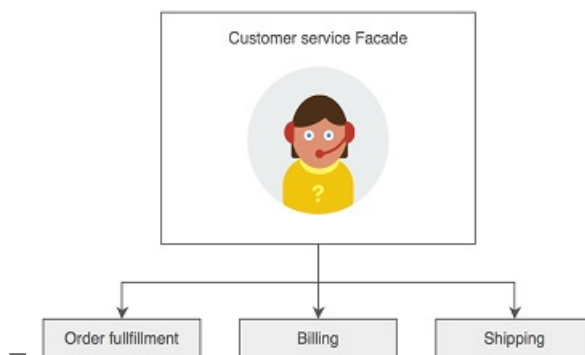
## Facade:

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- Definition/Use

- create a simplified interface of an existing interface to ease usage for common tasks
- hides the complexities of the system and provides an interface to the client from where the client can access the system

- Structure



- Notes
  - often singletons because only one facade object is required
  - client uses (is coupled to) the facade only

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## Flyweight:

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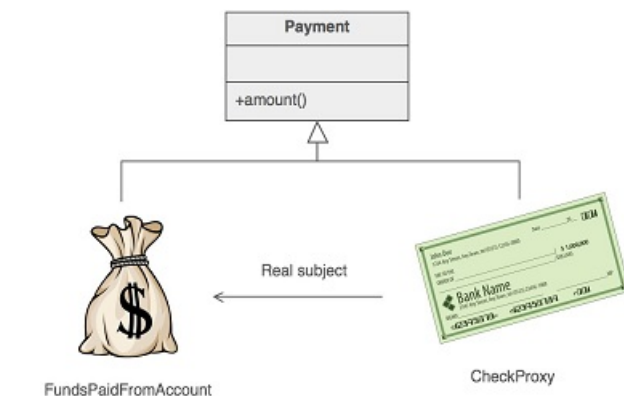
- Definition/Use
  - a large quantity of objects share a common properties object to save space
  - each "flyweight" object is divided into two pieces
    - \* the state-dependent (extrinsic) part: stored or computed by client objects, and passed to the Flyweight when its operations are invoked
    - \* the state-independent (intrinsic) part: stored (shared) in the Flyweight object
- Example
  - in video games, it is usual that you have to display the same sprite (i.e. an image of an item of the game) several times
    - \* it would highly use the CPU and the memory if each sprite was a different object
    - \* so the sprite is created once and then is rendered at different locations in the screen
    - \* this problem can be solved using the flyweight pattern
    - \* the object that renders the sprite is a flyweight

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## Proxy:

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- Definition/Use
  - a class functioning as an interface to another thing
  - provide a surrogate or placeholder for another object to control access to it
- Structure



- Example
  - ProxyImage and RealImage

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### Comparison:

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- adapter makes things work after they're designed, bridge makes them work before they are
- composite and decorator have similar structure diagrams, reflecting the fact that both rely on recursive composition to organize an open-ended number of objects
- decorator and proxy have different purposes but similar structures