Magritte

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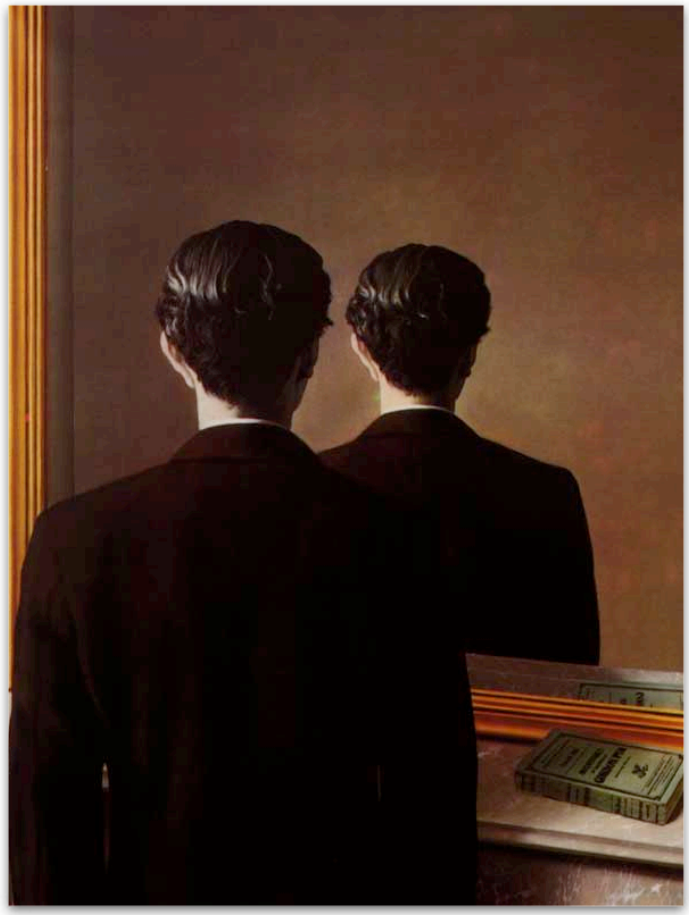

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Introduction

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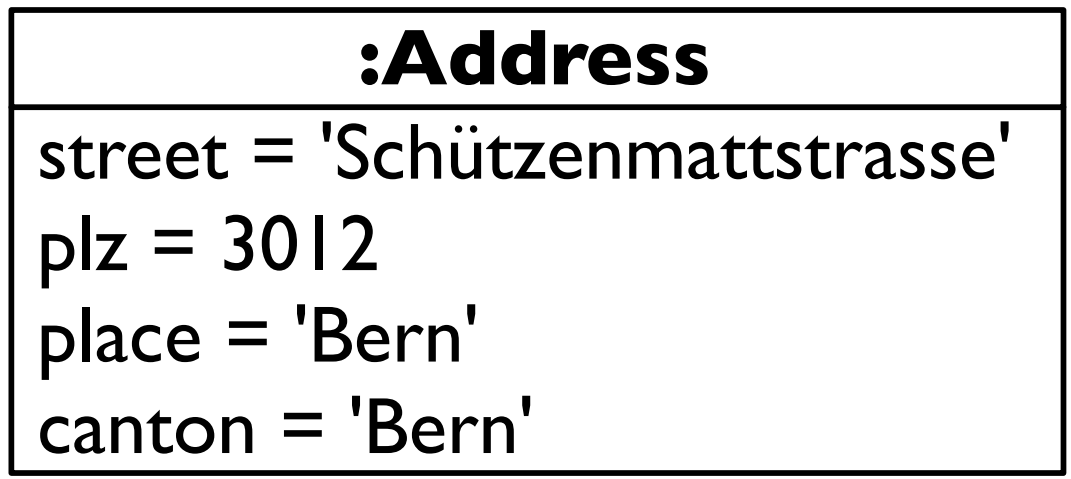
Address Object



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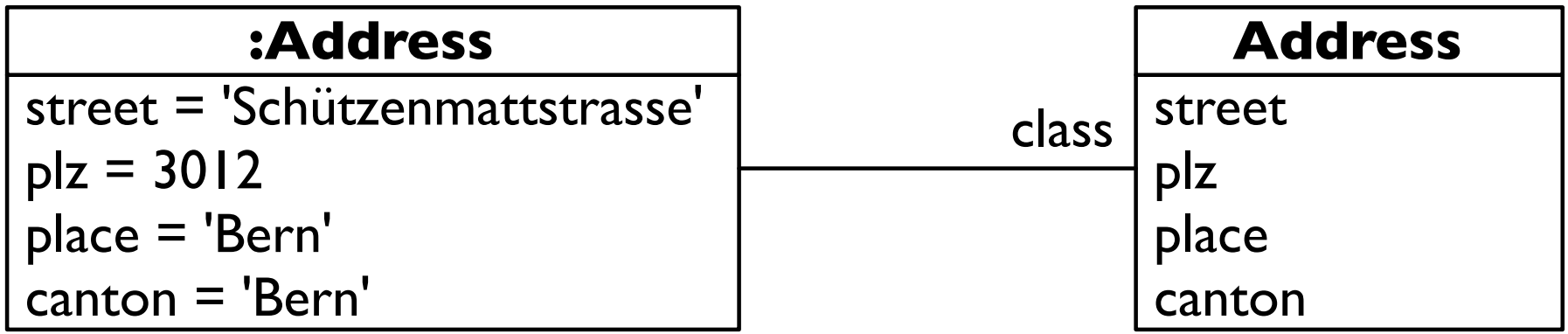

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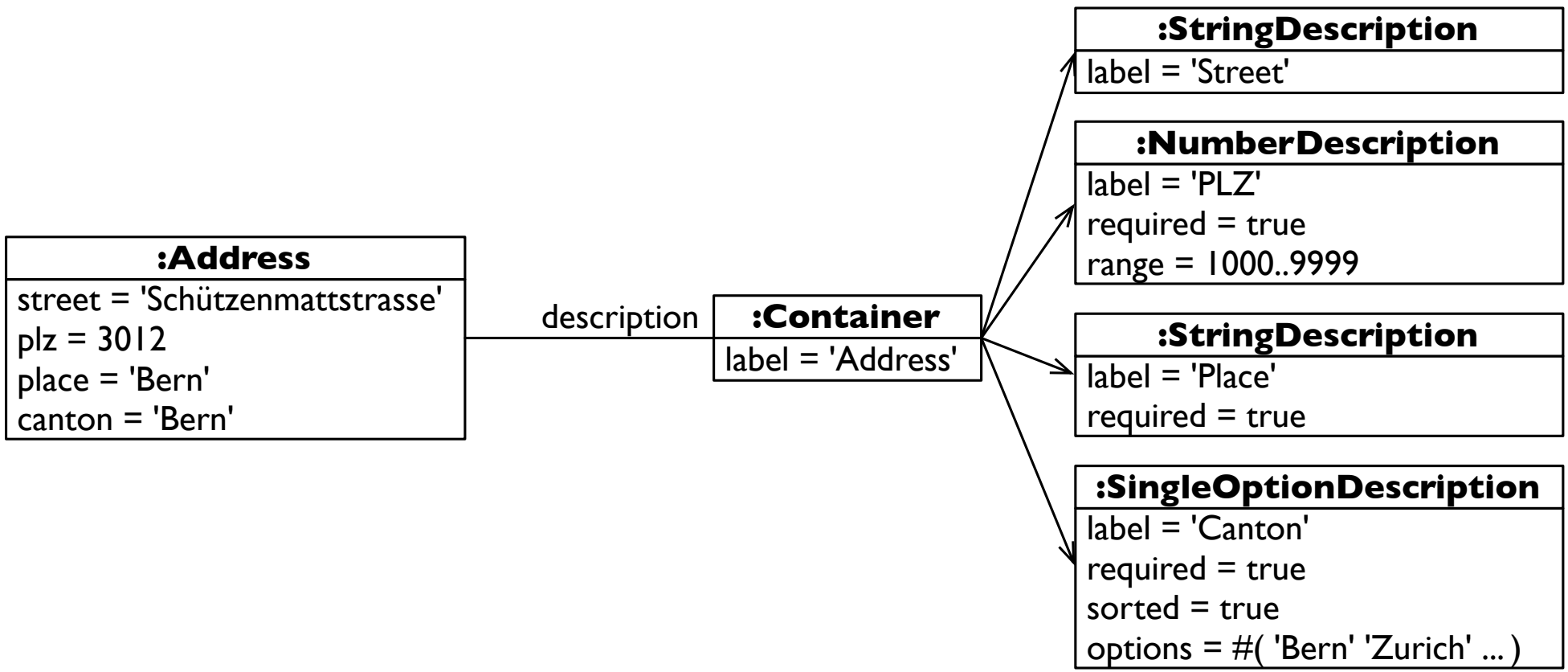

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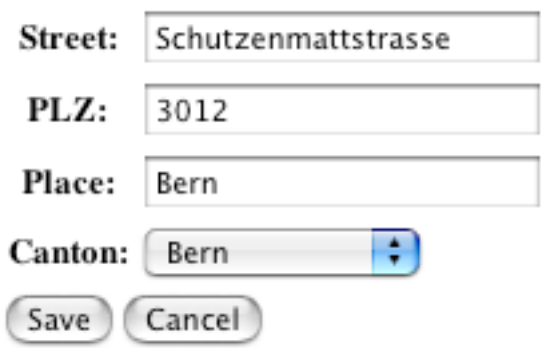
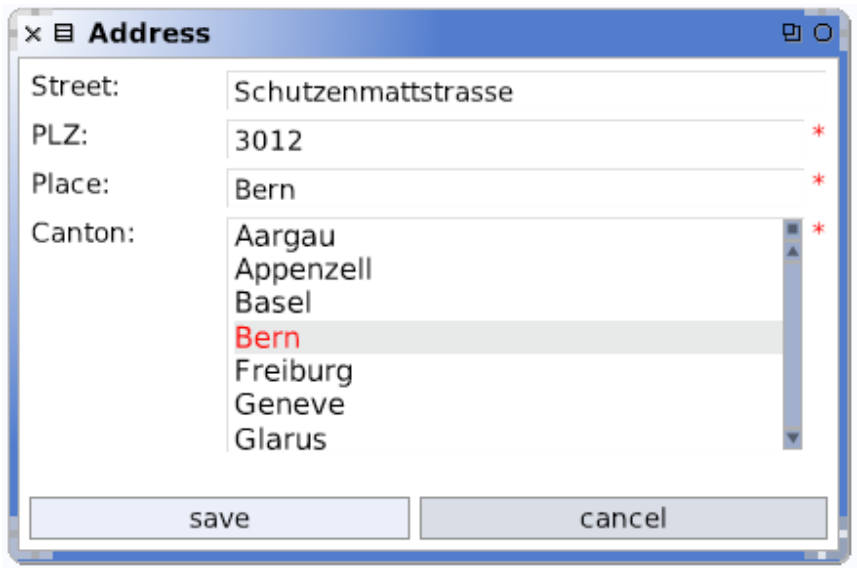


User Interface (2)



Demo

What is it useful for?

- Introspection
- Reflection
- Documentation
- Viewer building
- Editor building
- Report building
- Data validation
- Query processing
- Object persistency
- Object indexing
- Object setup
- Object verification
- Object adaption
- Object customization

and much more

Why is it cool?

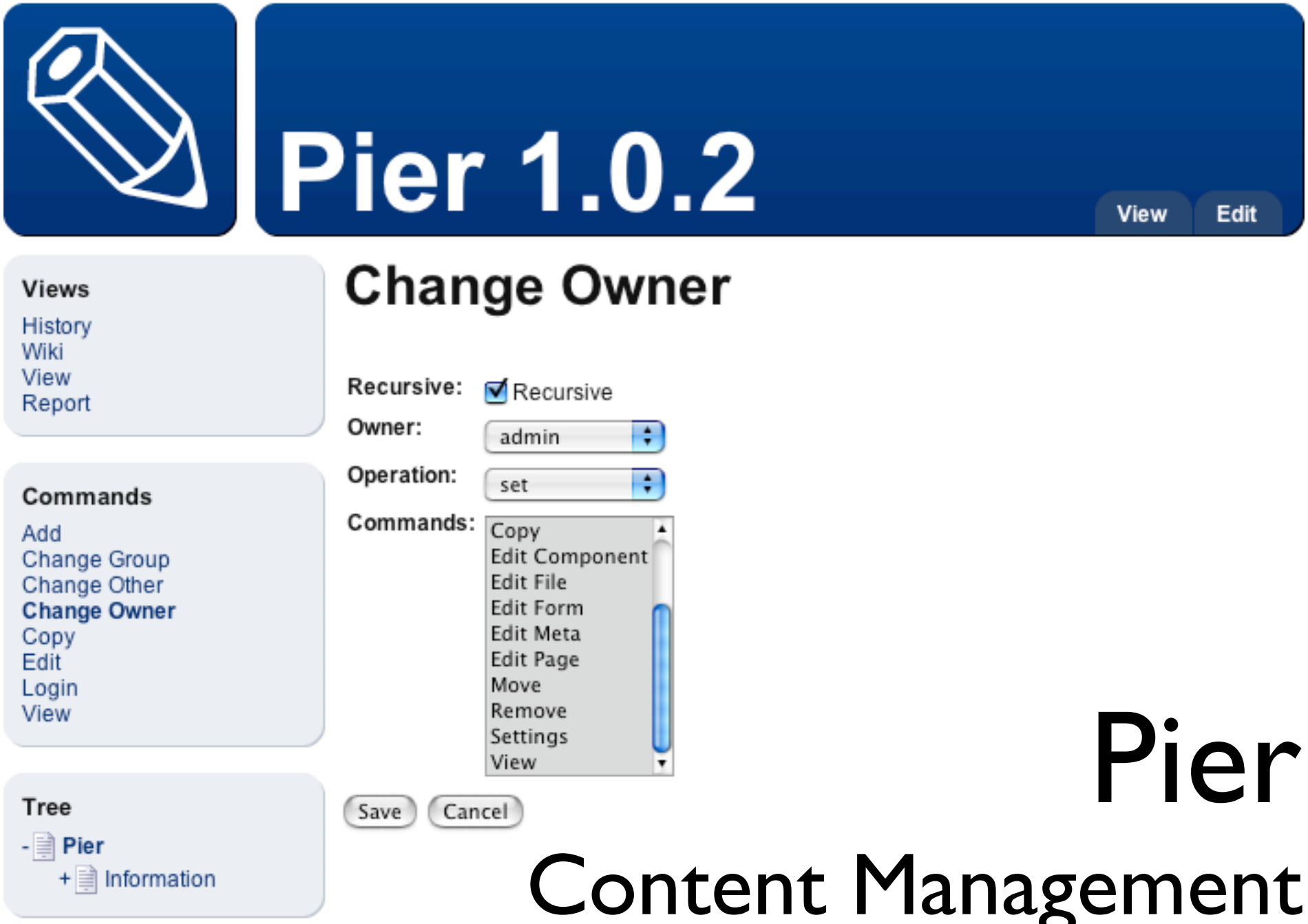
- Describe once, get everywhere.
- Be more productive.
- Lower coupling in software components.
- Do more, with less code.
- Do more, with less hacking.
- It is self-described.

What is it used for? (1)

- Pier – a meta-described collaborative web-application framework.
- Aare – a workflow definition and runtime engine with integrated document management system.
- Conrad – a conference registration and management system.

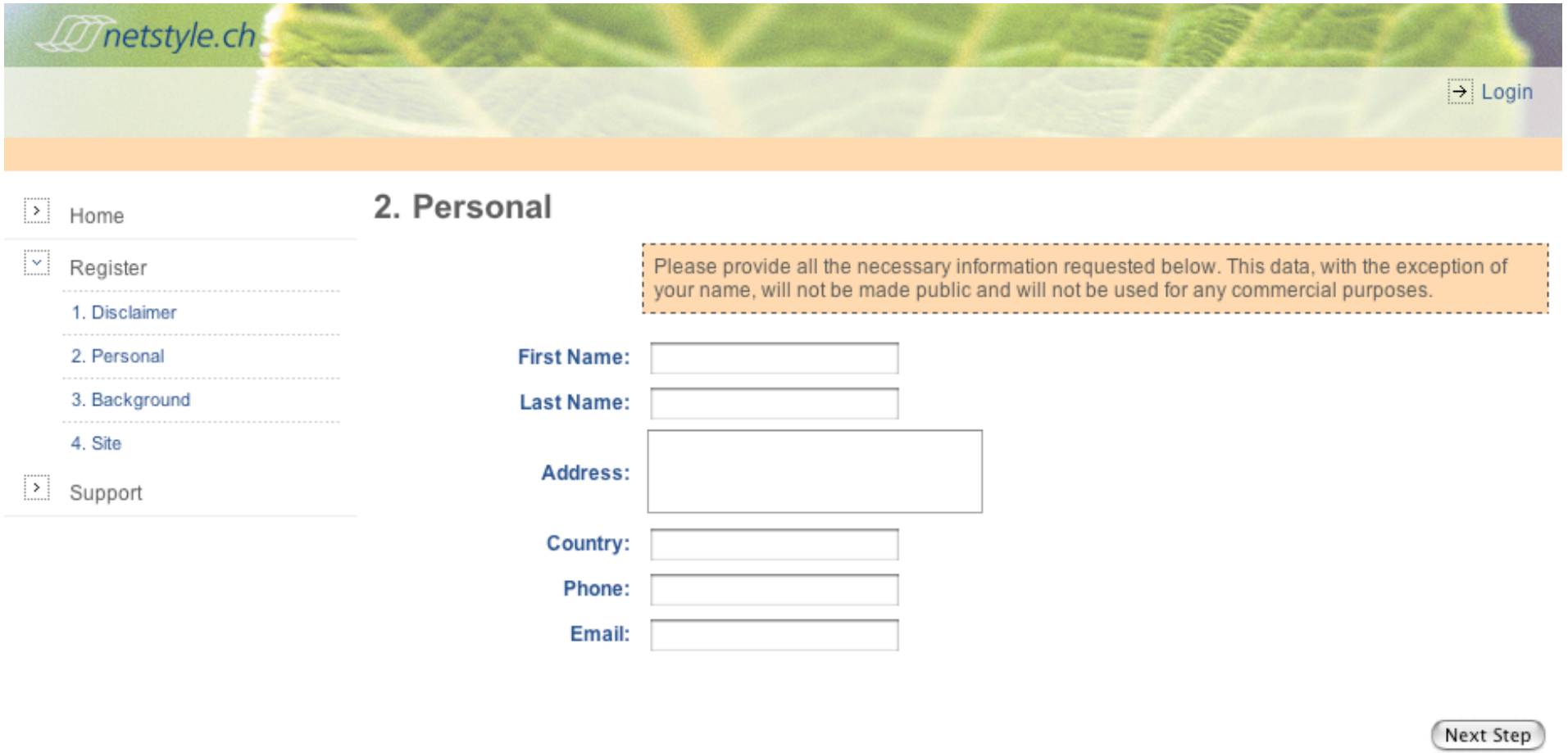
What is it used for? (2)

- Seaside-Hosting – free hosting service for non-commercial Seaside applications.
- DigiSens – a monitoring system for high precision sensors.
- cmsbox – the next generation of a content management system.



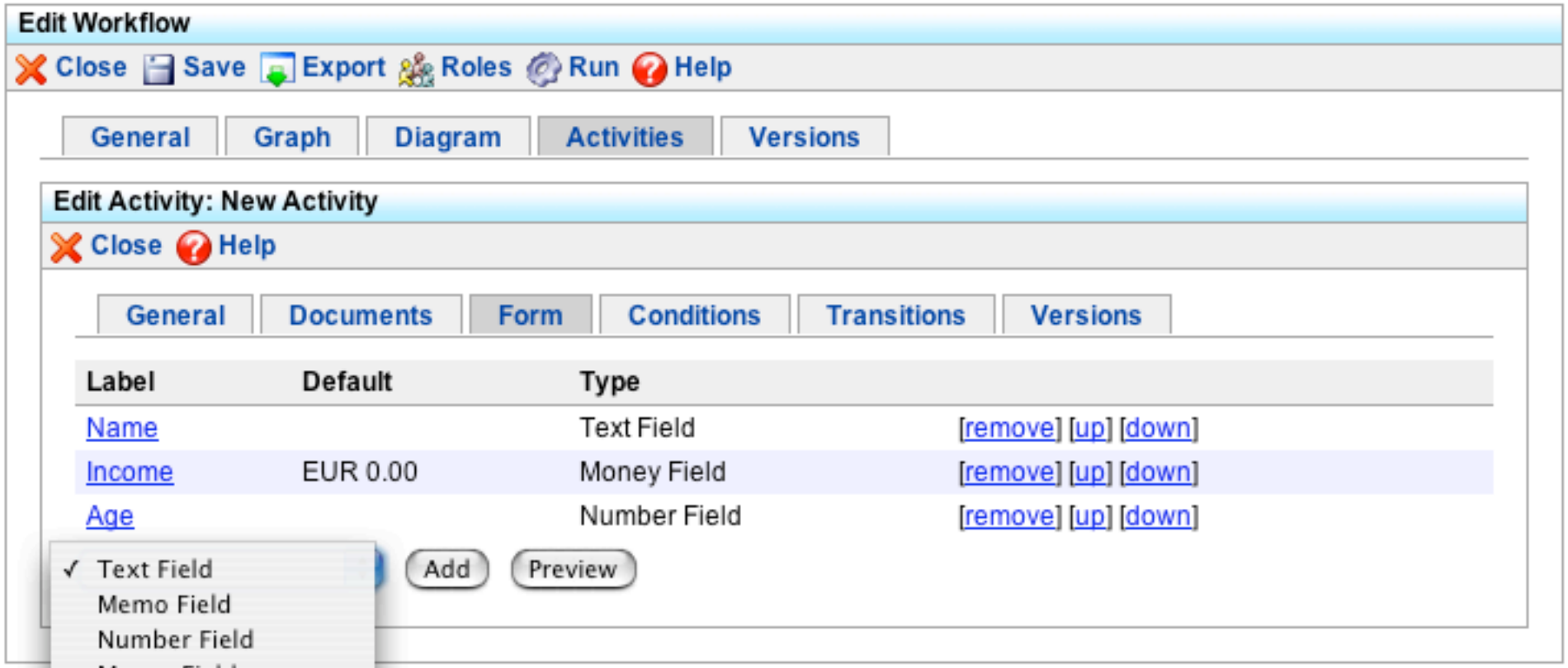
Pier

Content Management



Seaside-Hosting

Hosting Application



Aare

Workflow System

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Implementation

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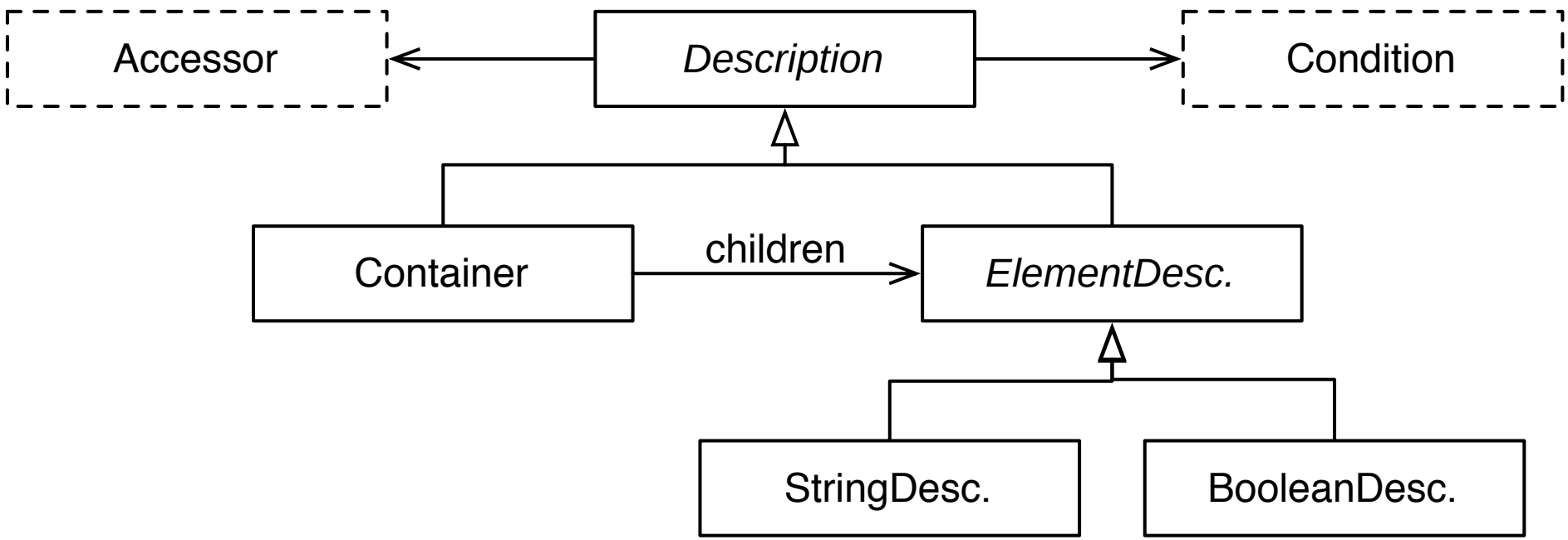
Descriptions

a composite pattern
to describe model-classes/-instances



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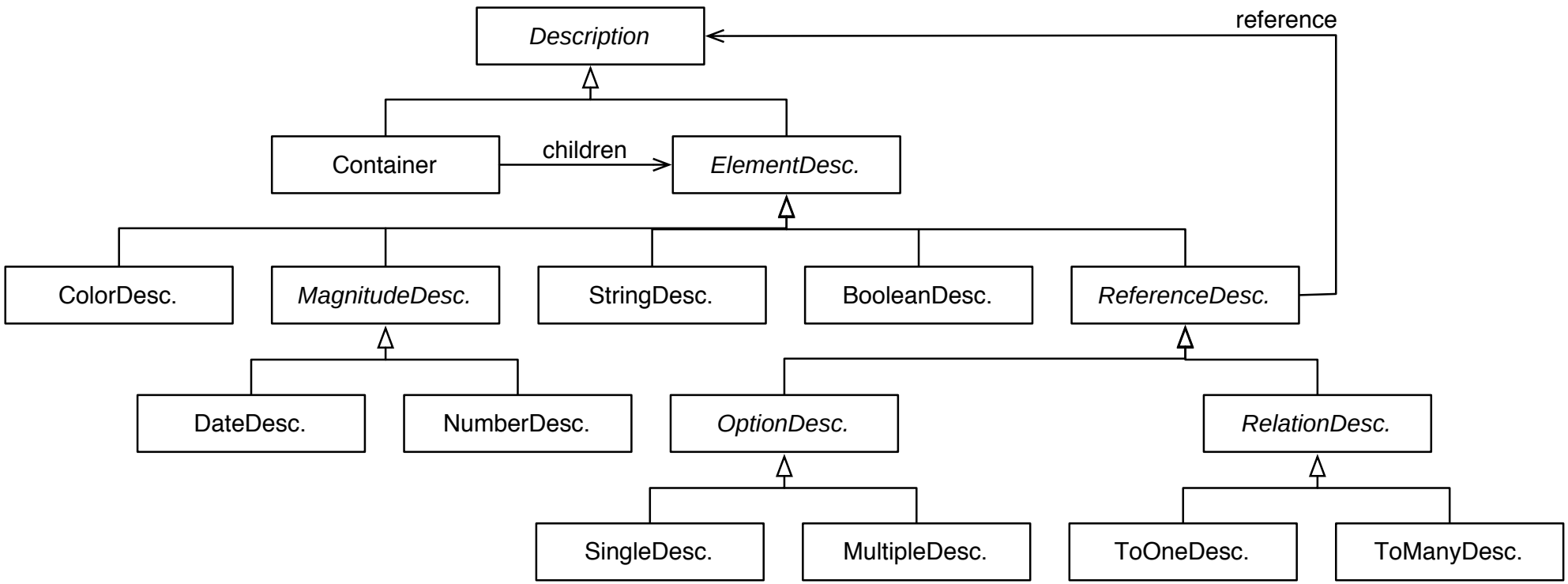

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Adaptive Model

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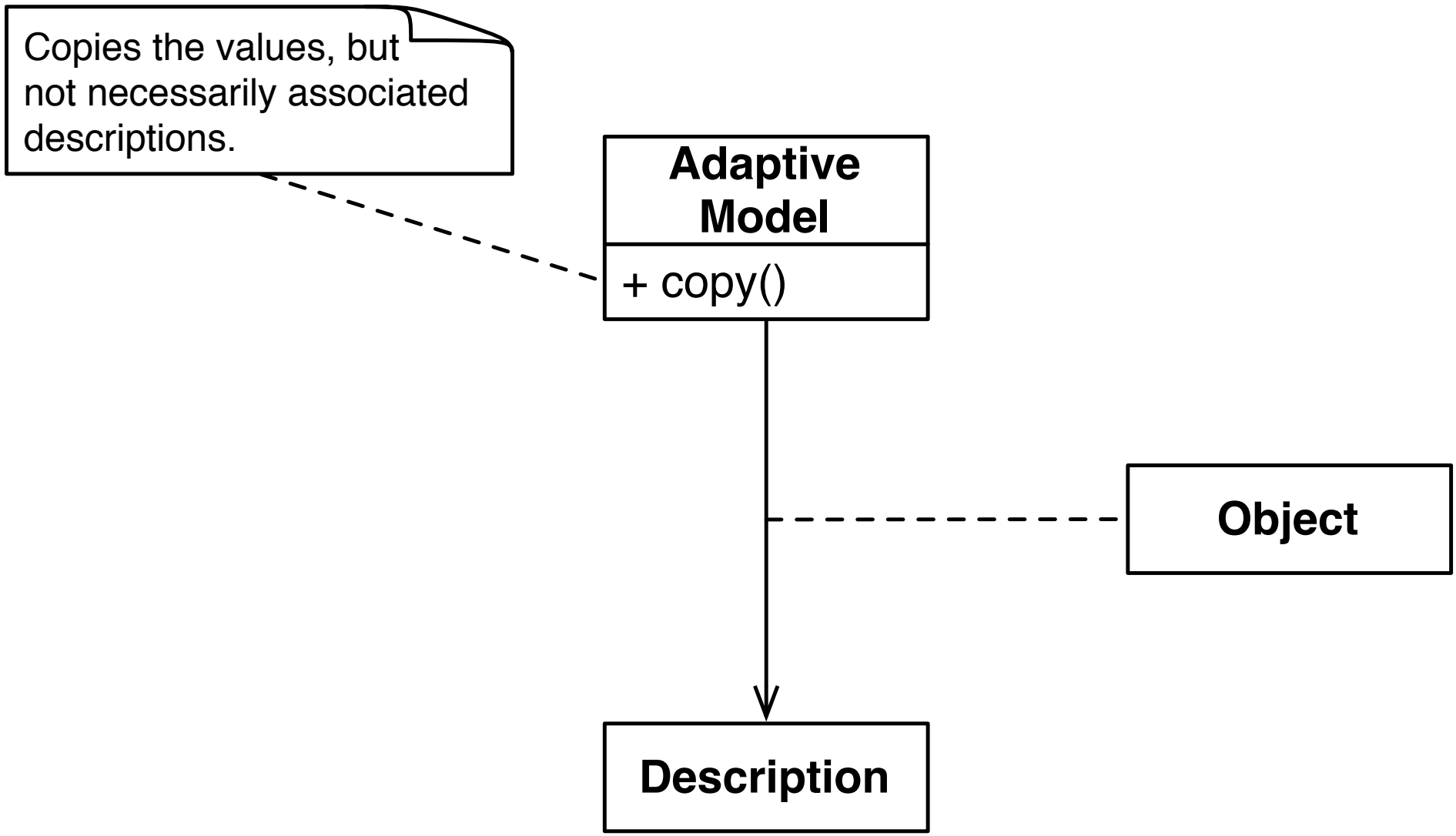
Adaptive Model

- Magritte is self-described.
- Enable quick changes in software.
- Enable end users to customize the software.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Adaptive Model
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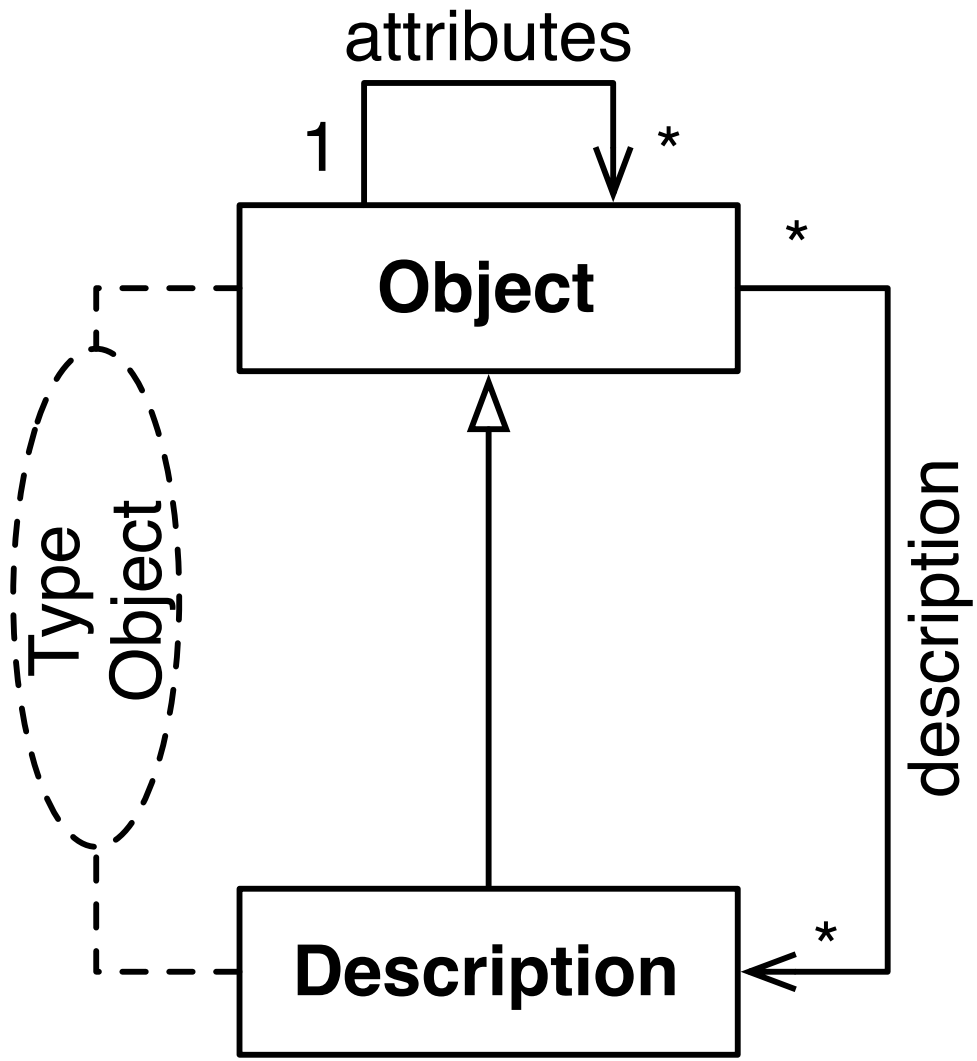
Object
Description



(b) Magritte

Demo

Conclusion

- Describe once, get everywhere.
- Ensure extensibility and maintainability.
- Automate boring tasks, like building and validating GUIs.
- Be adaptive.