

Android Concurrency: Java Synchronization & Scheduling Example (Part 1)



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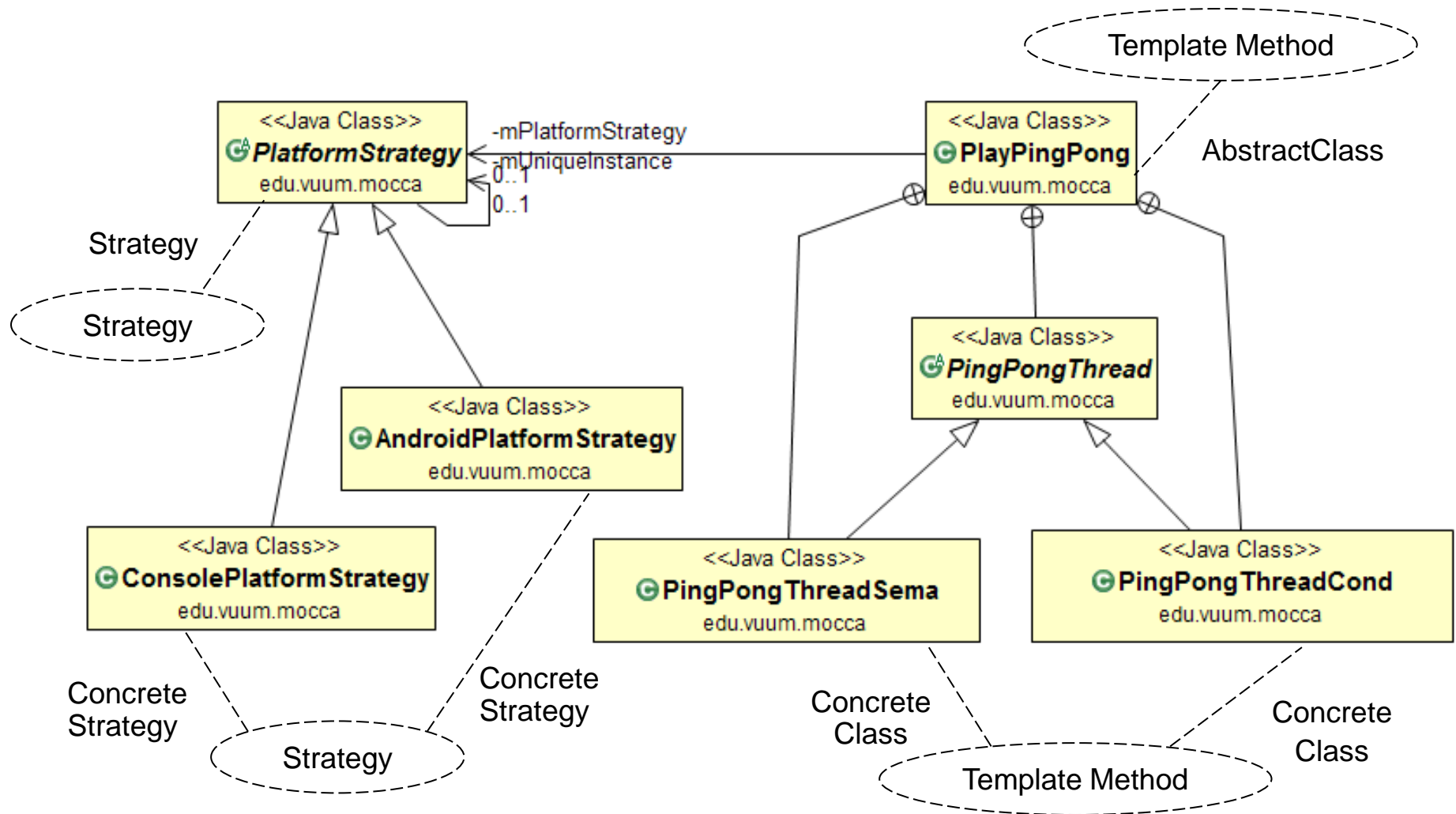
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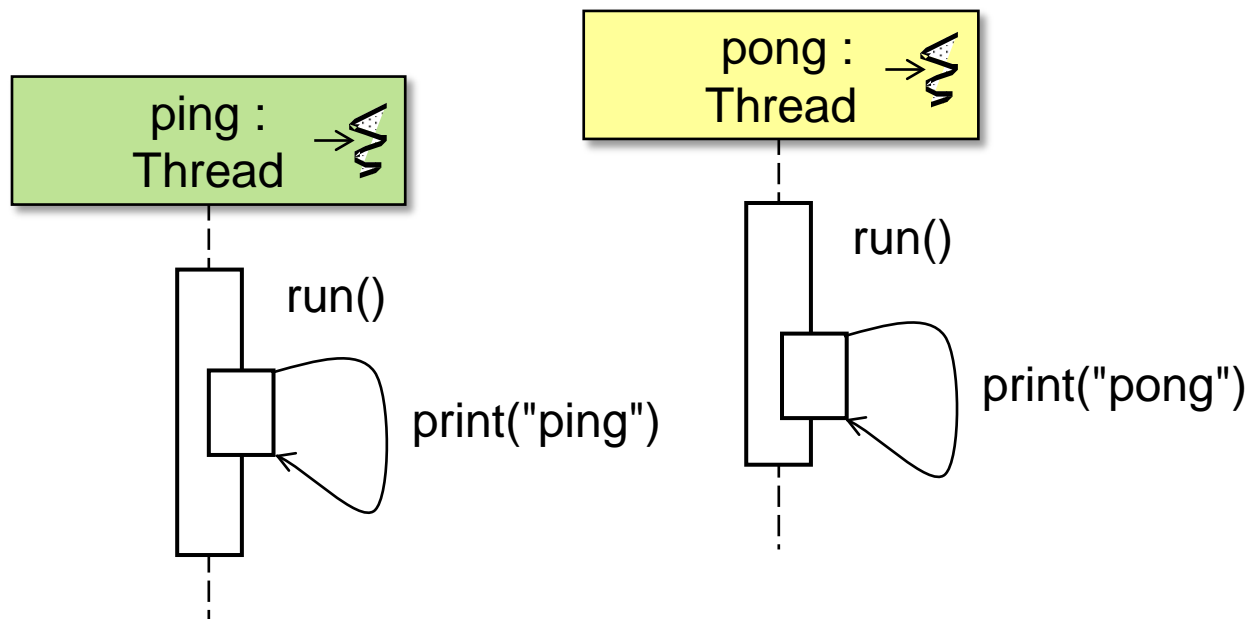
Learning Objectives in this Part of the Module

- Understand the design of a pattern-oriented framework schedules two Java threads that alternate printing "Ping" & "Pong" on the computer console



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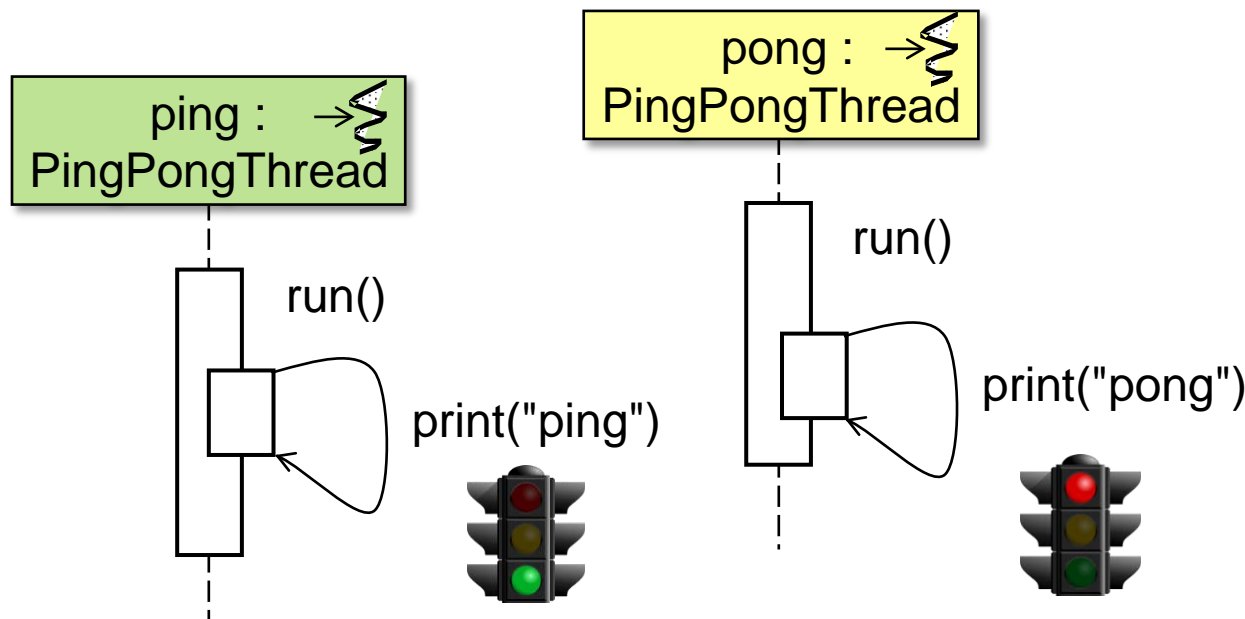
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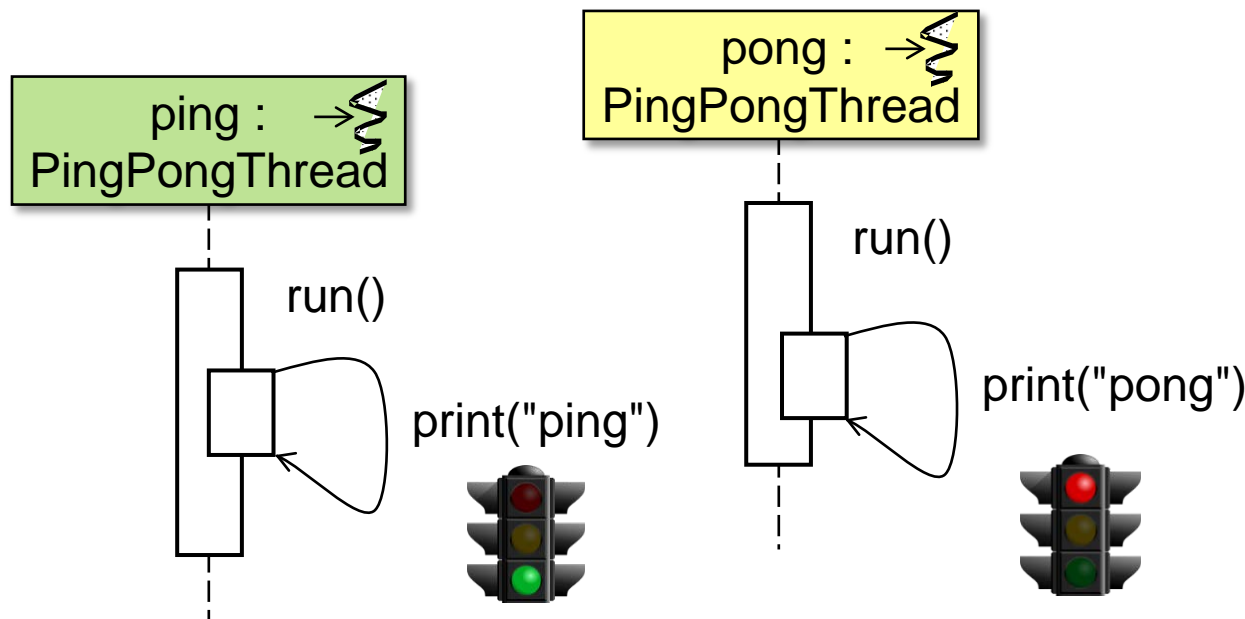
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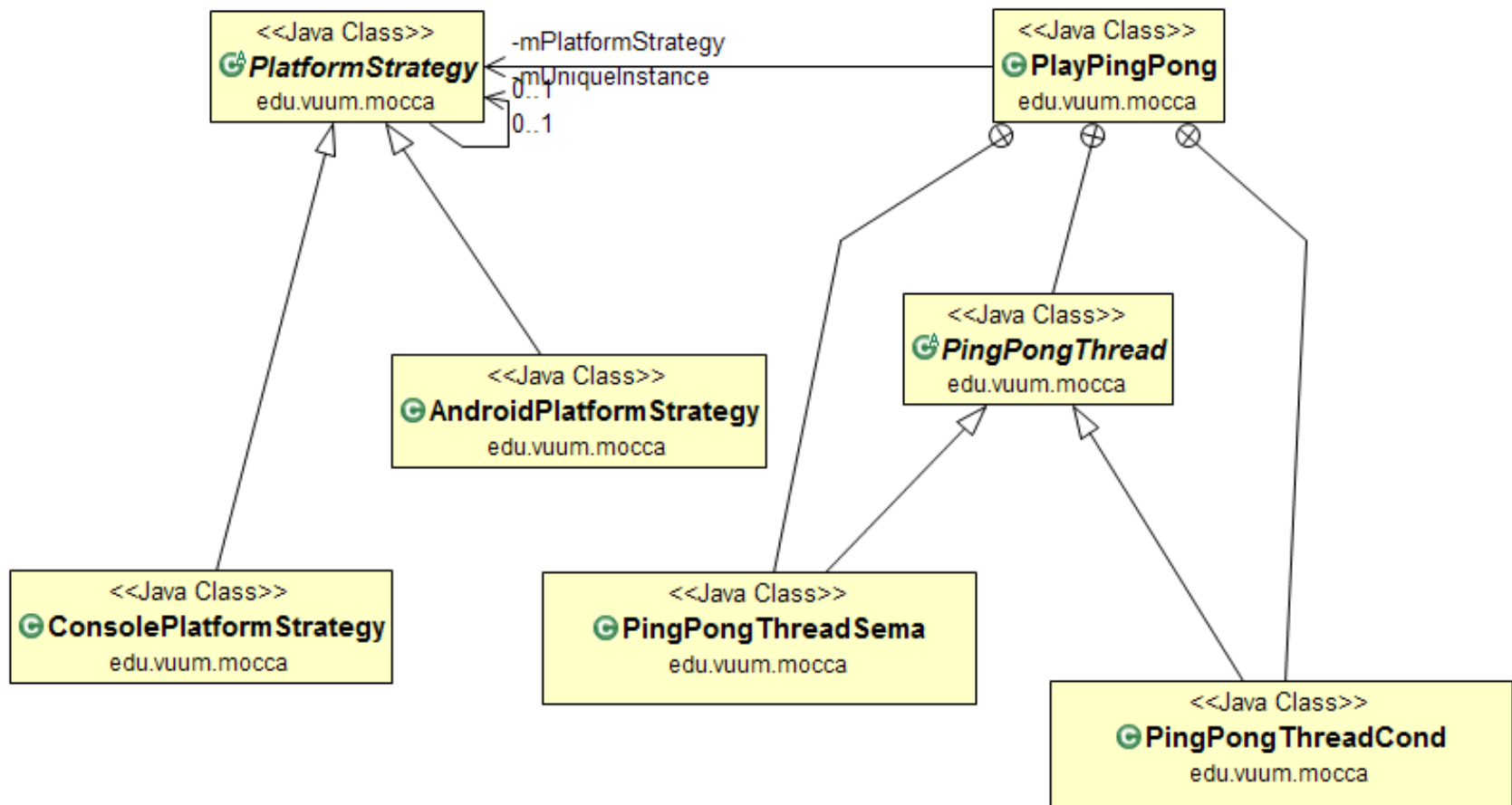
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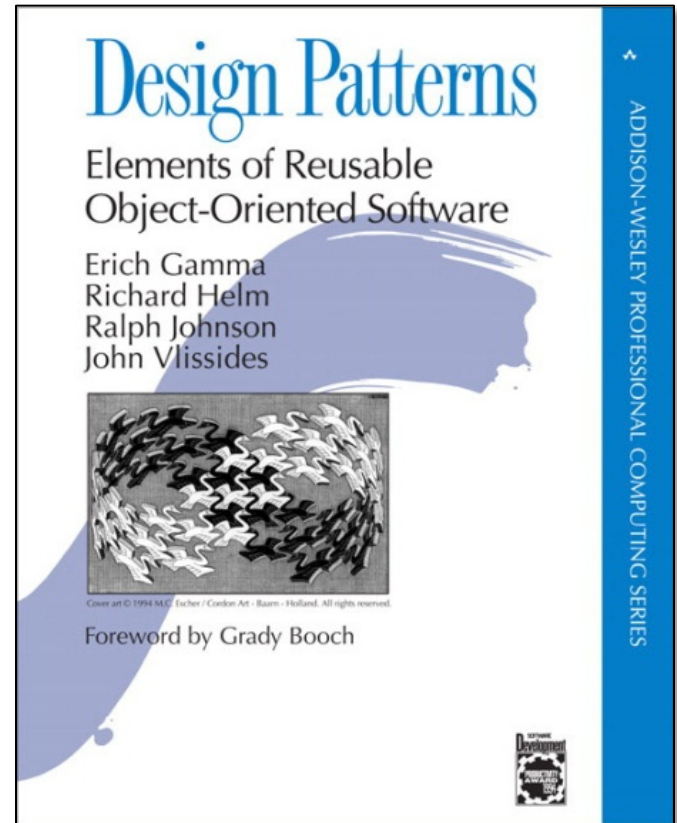
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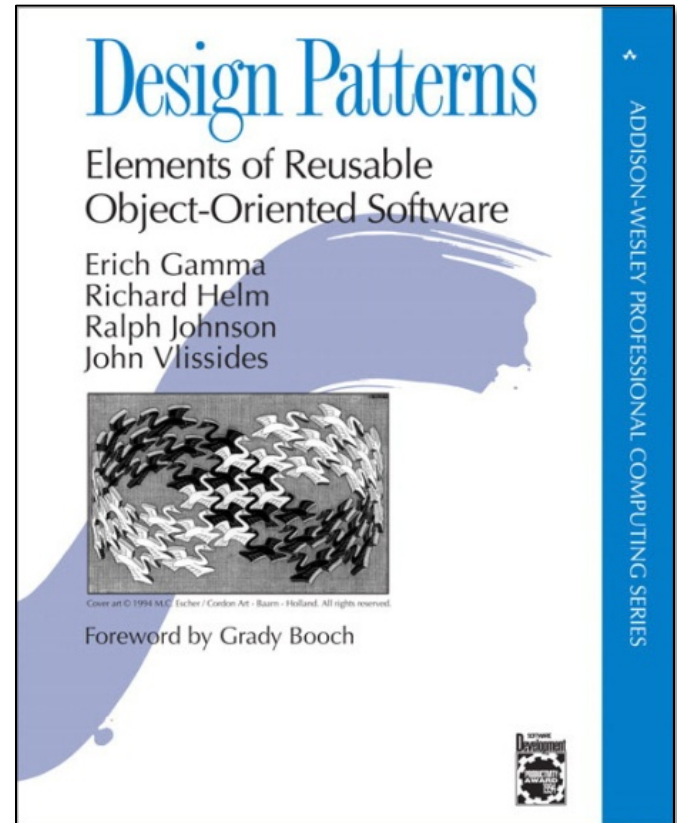
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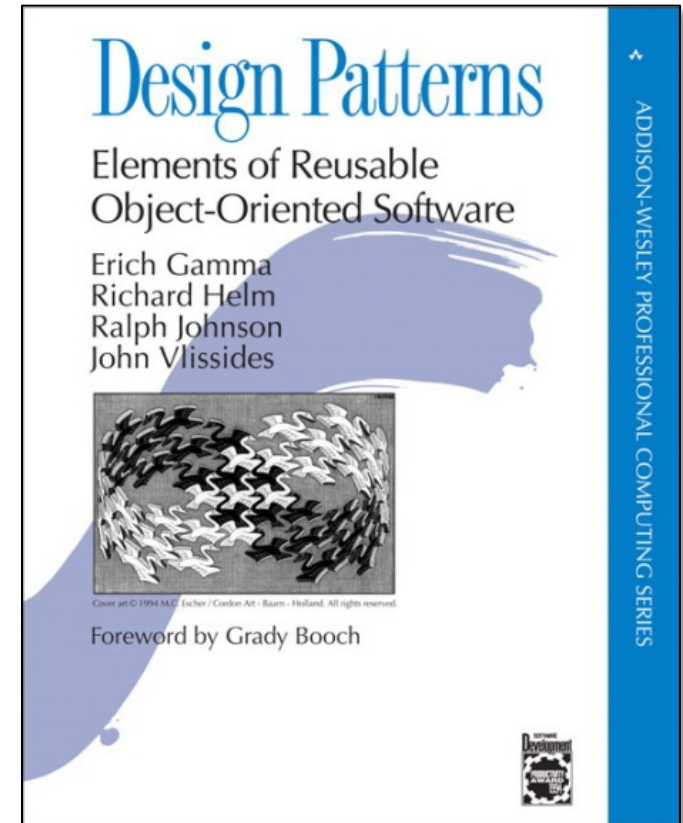
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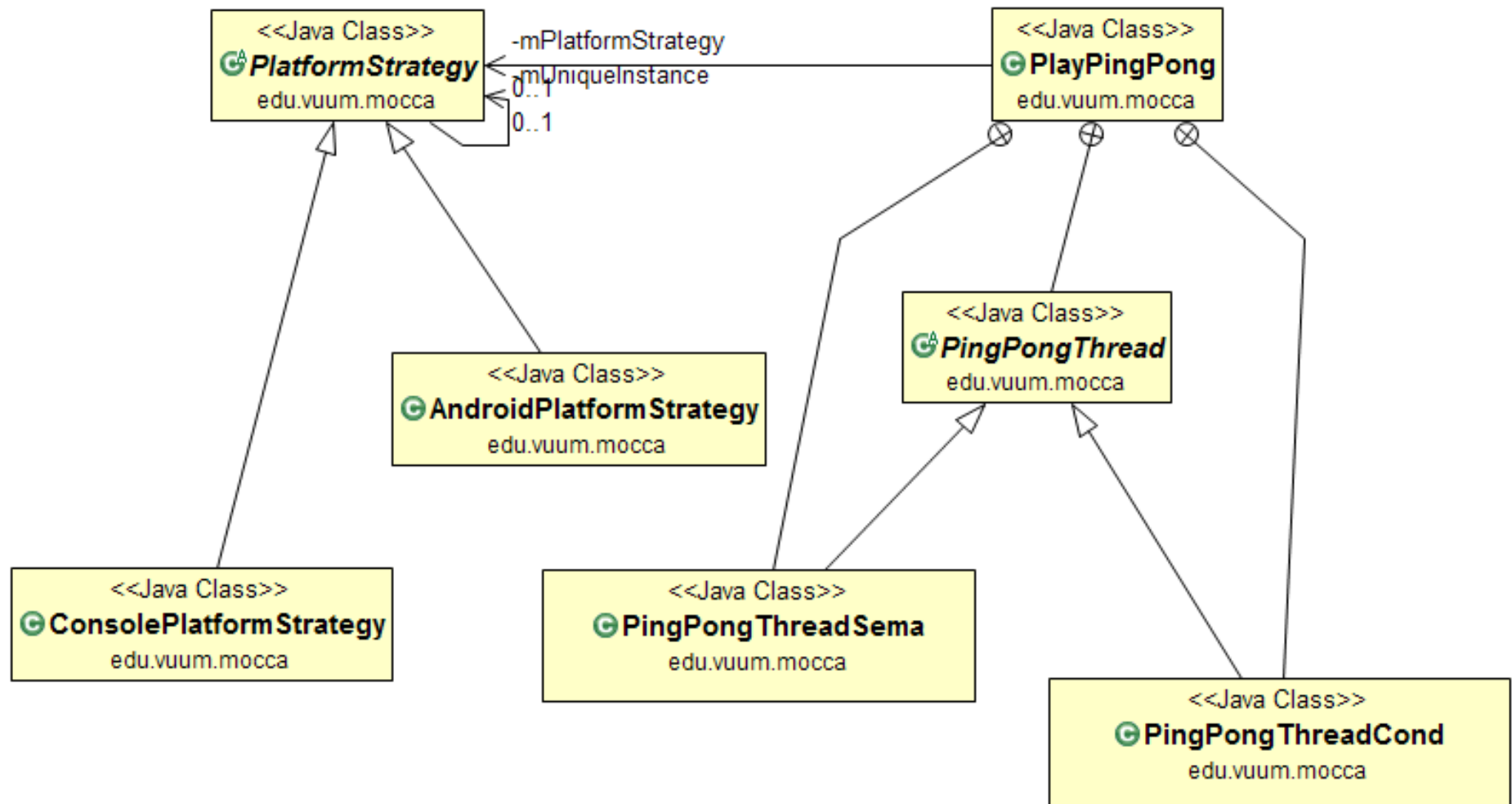
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Object-Oriented Design of the Ping- Pong Program

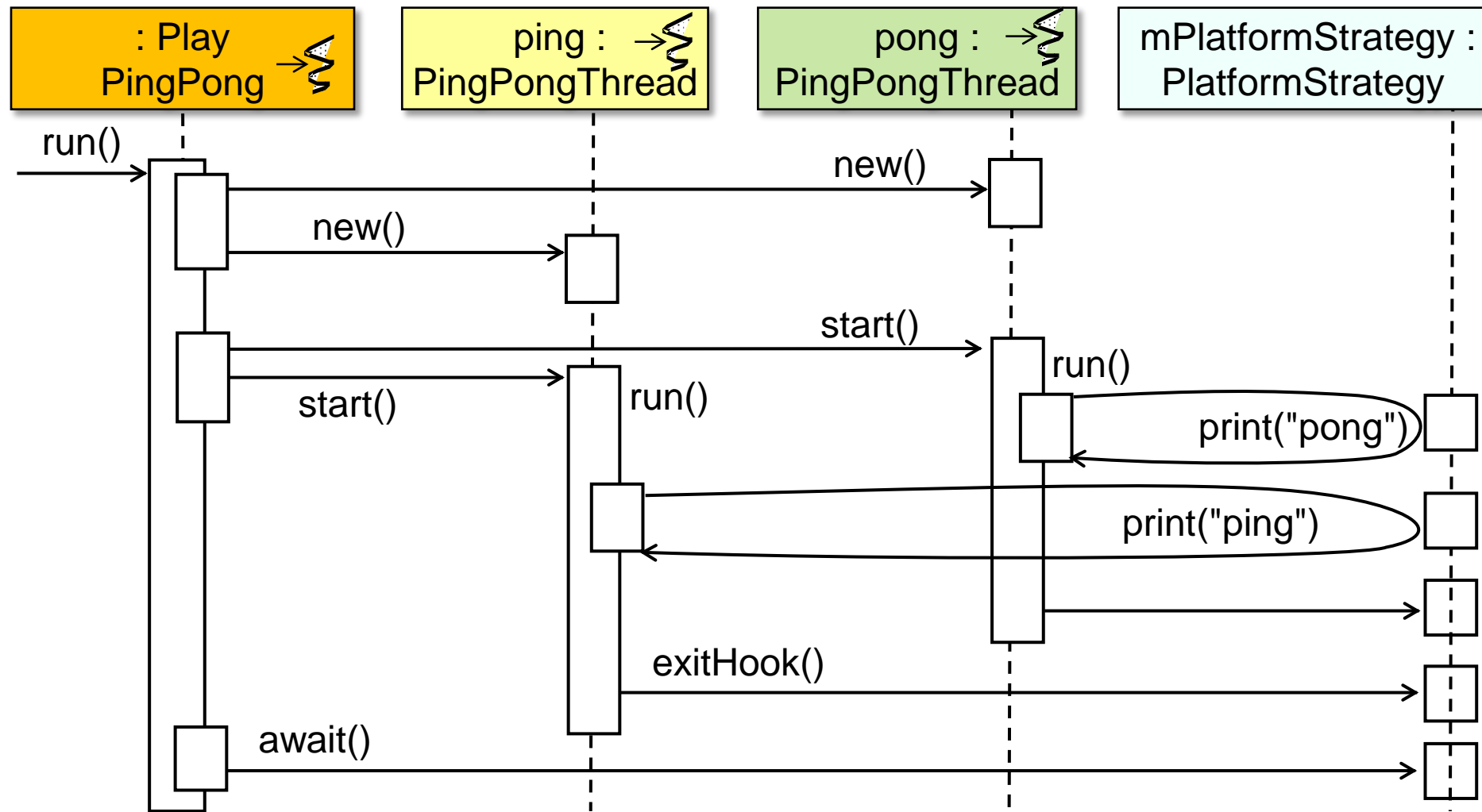
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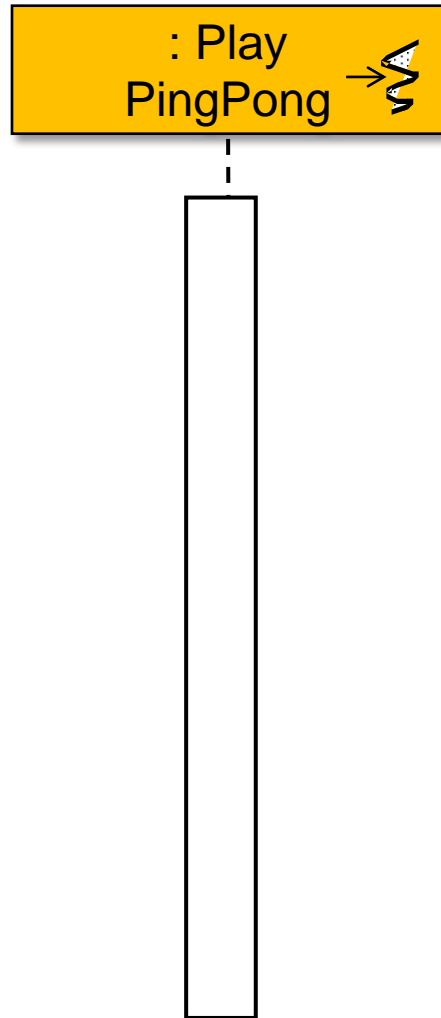
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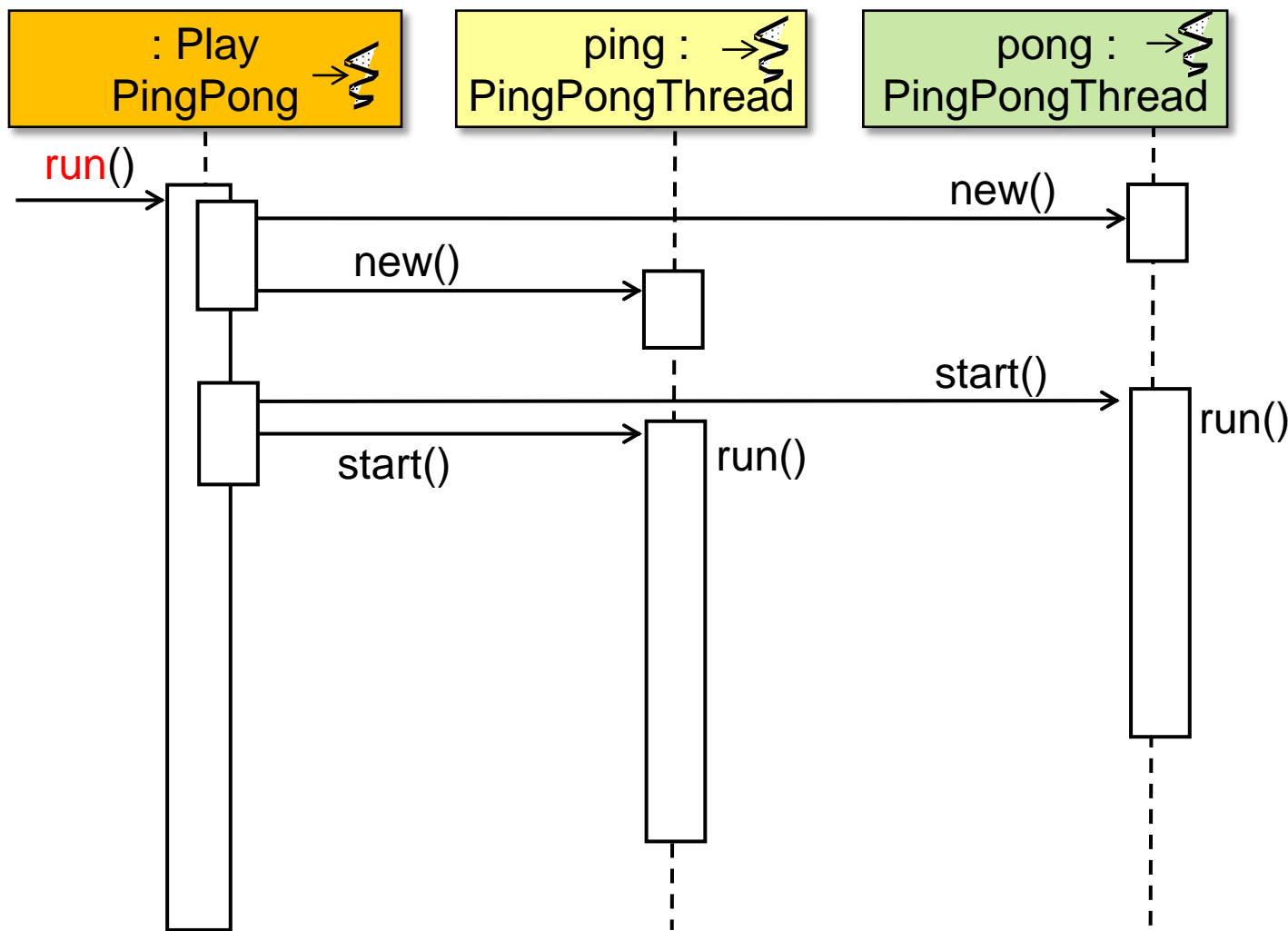
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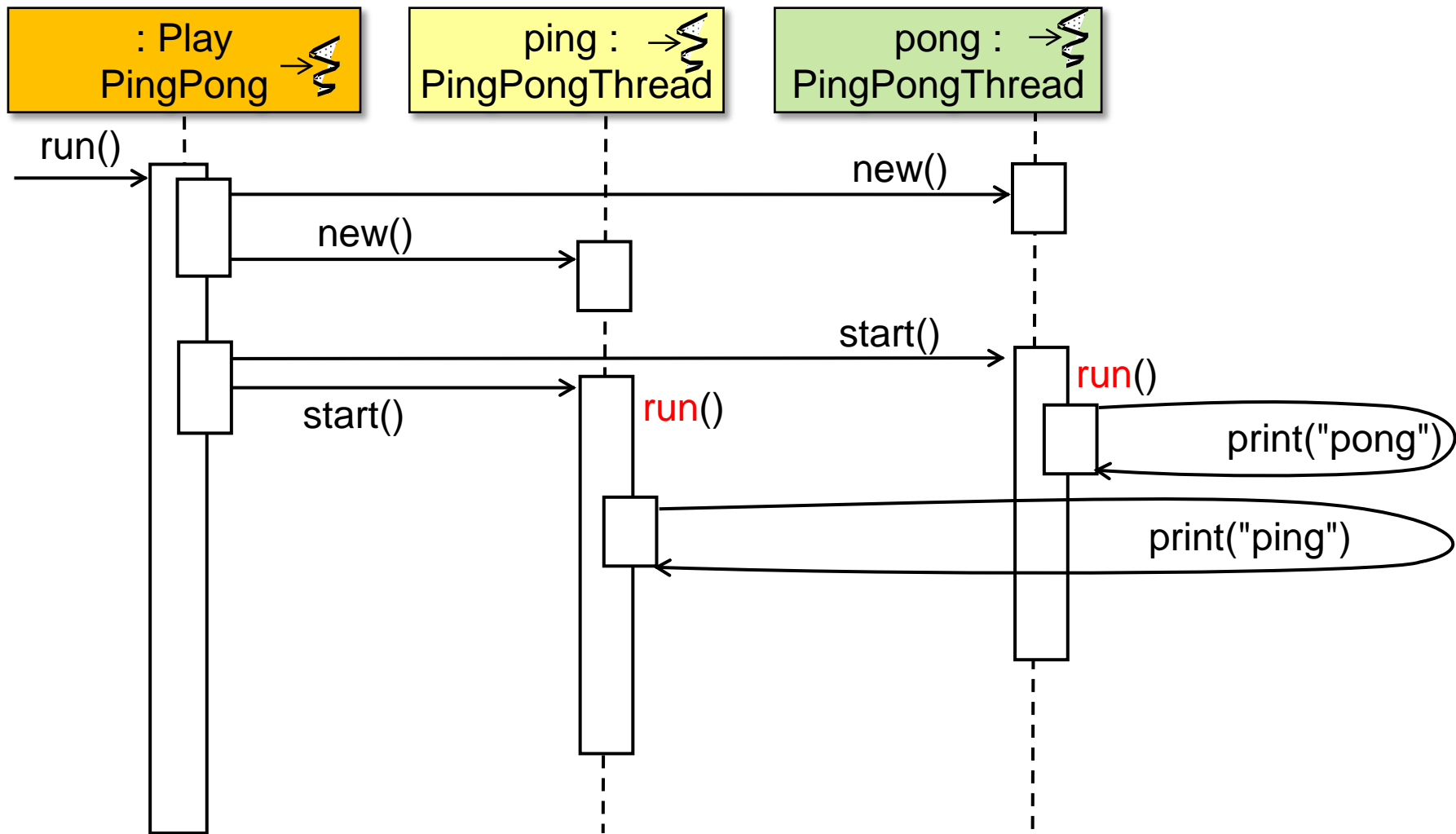
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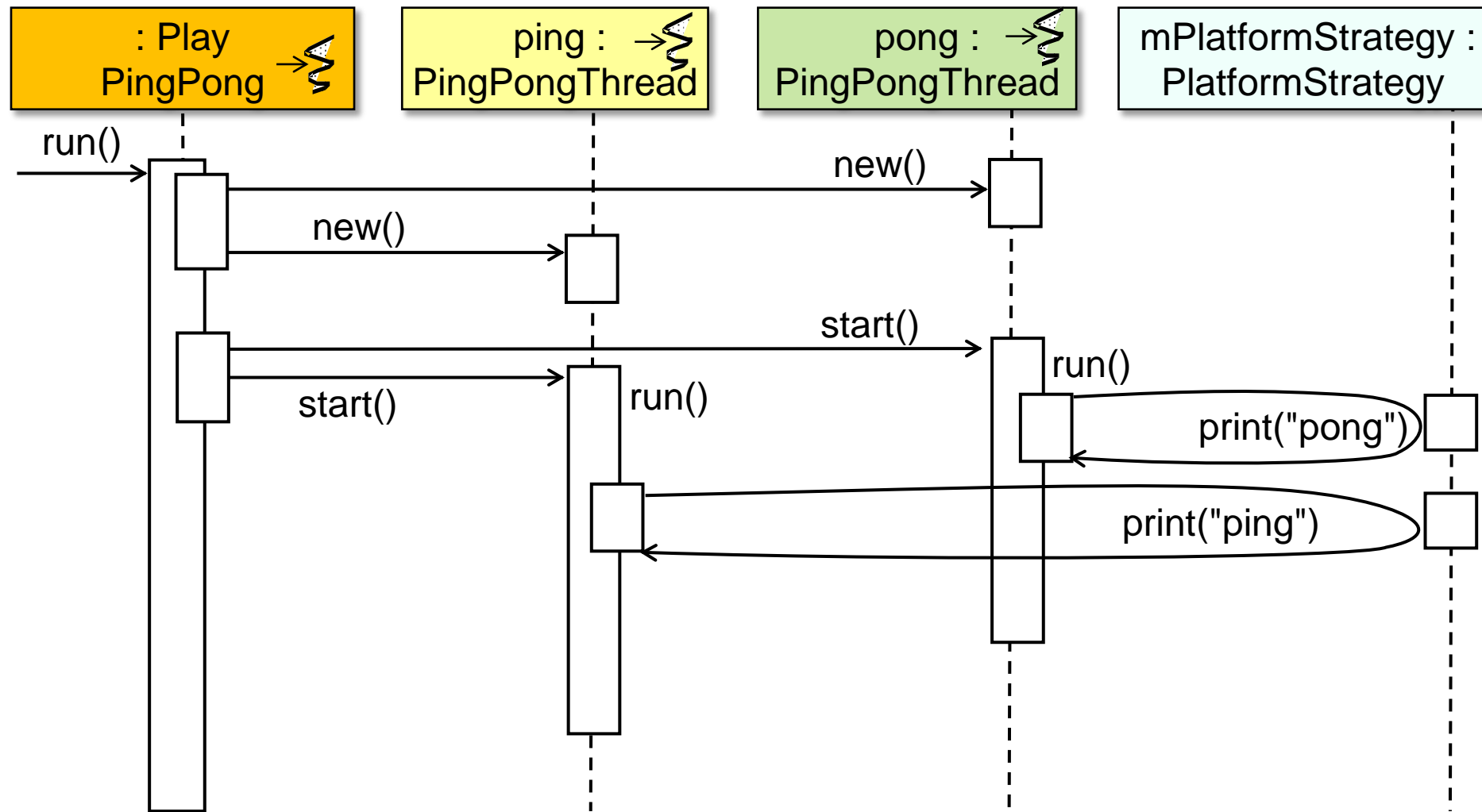
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A pair of synchronizers controls the order in which "ping" & "pong" are called

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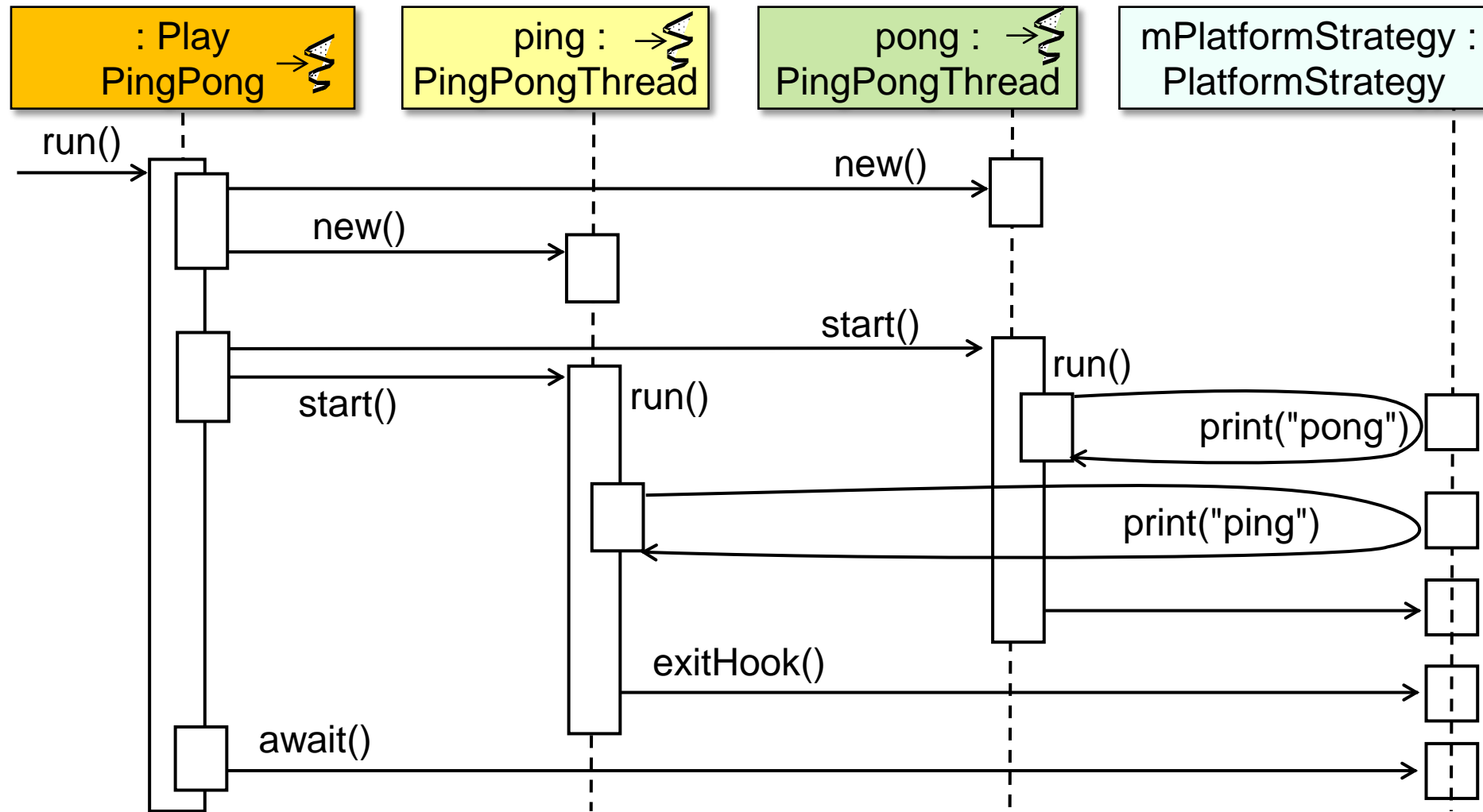
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PlatformStrategy can be configured to support different runtime environments

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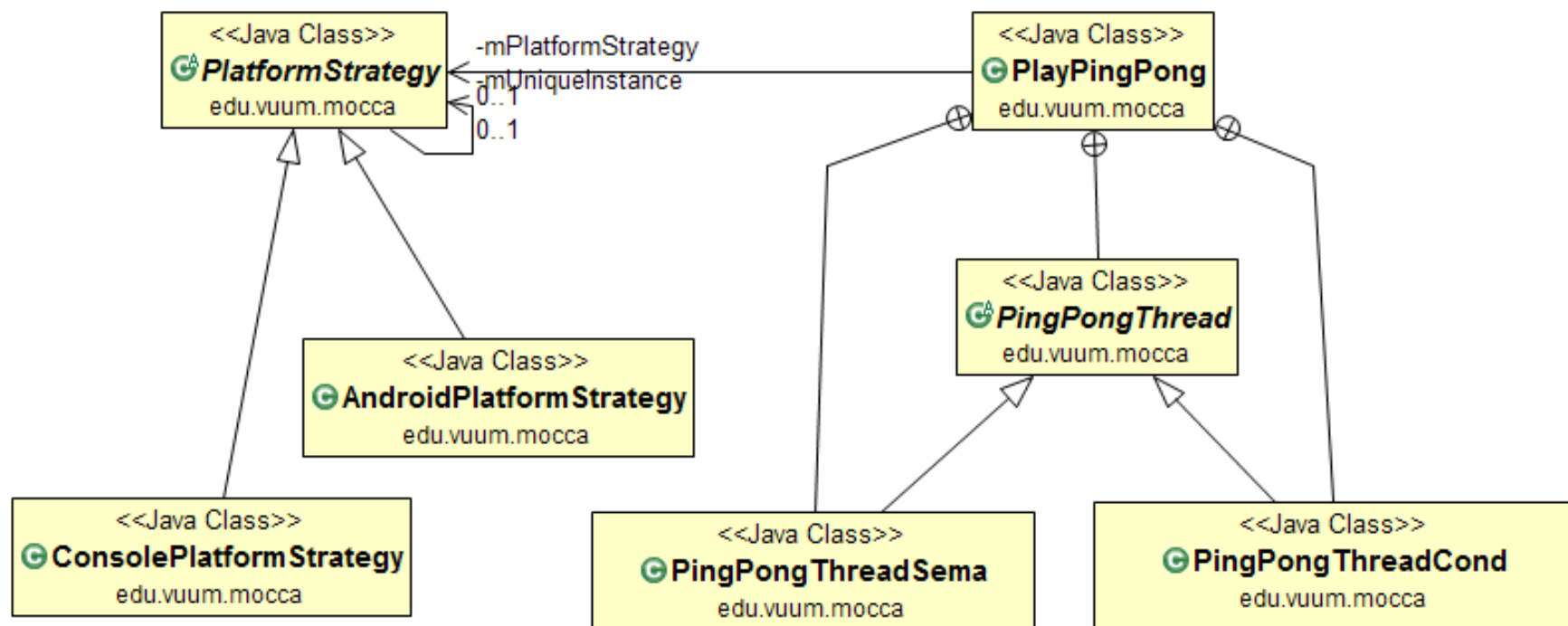


Extending this program is easy since it's pattern-oriented & framework-based

Pattern-Oriented Software Architecture of the Ping-Pong Program

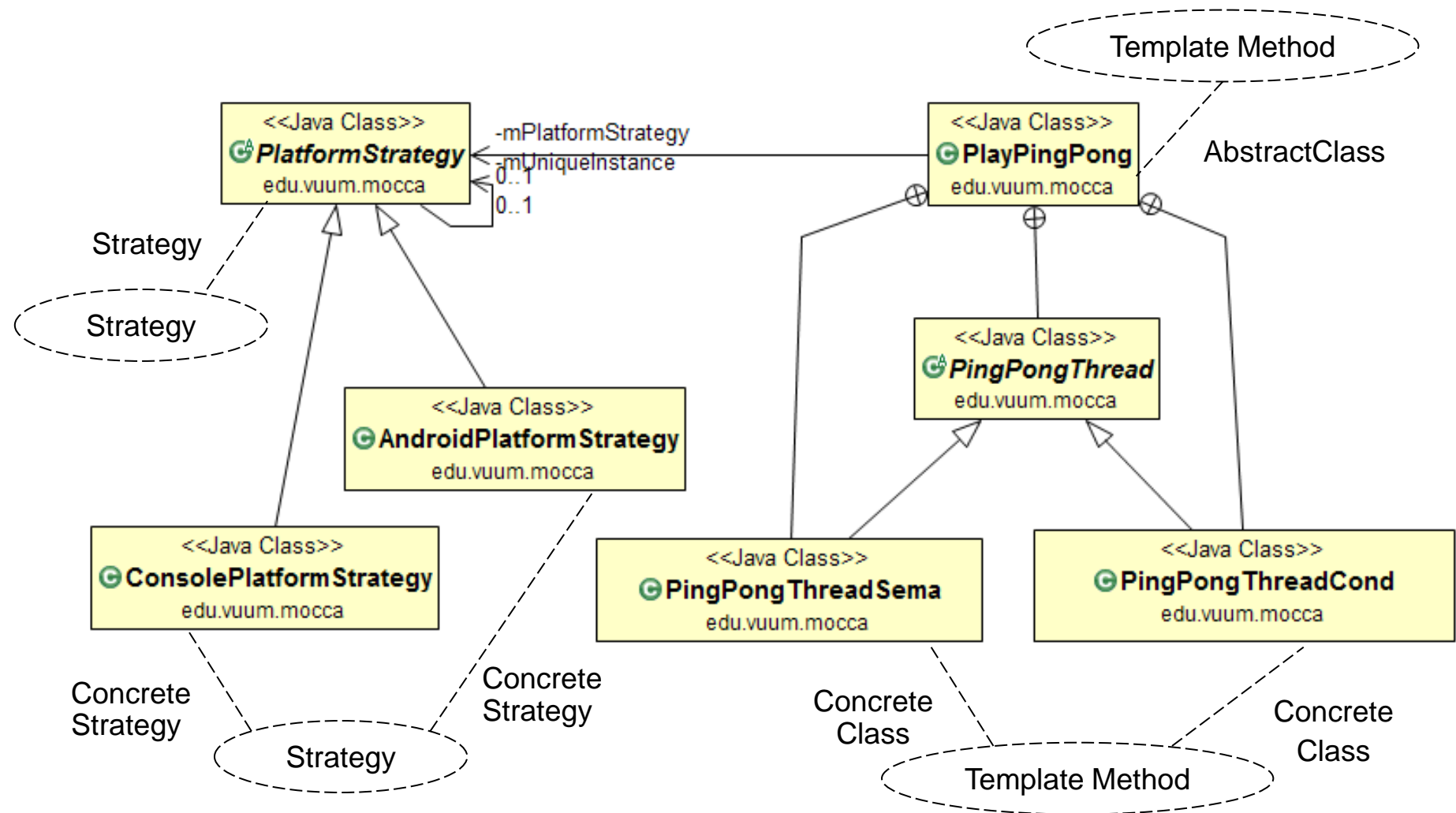
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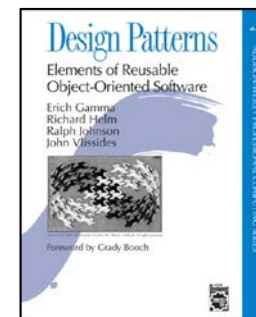
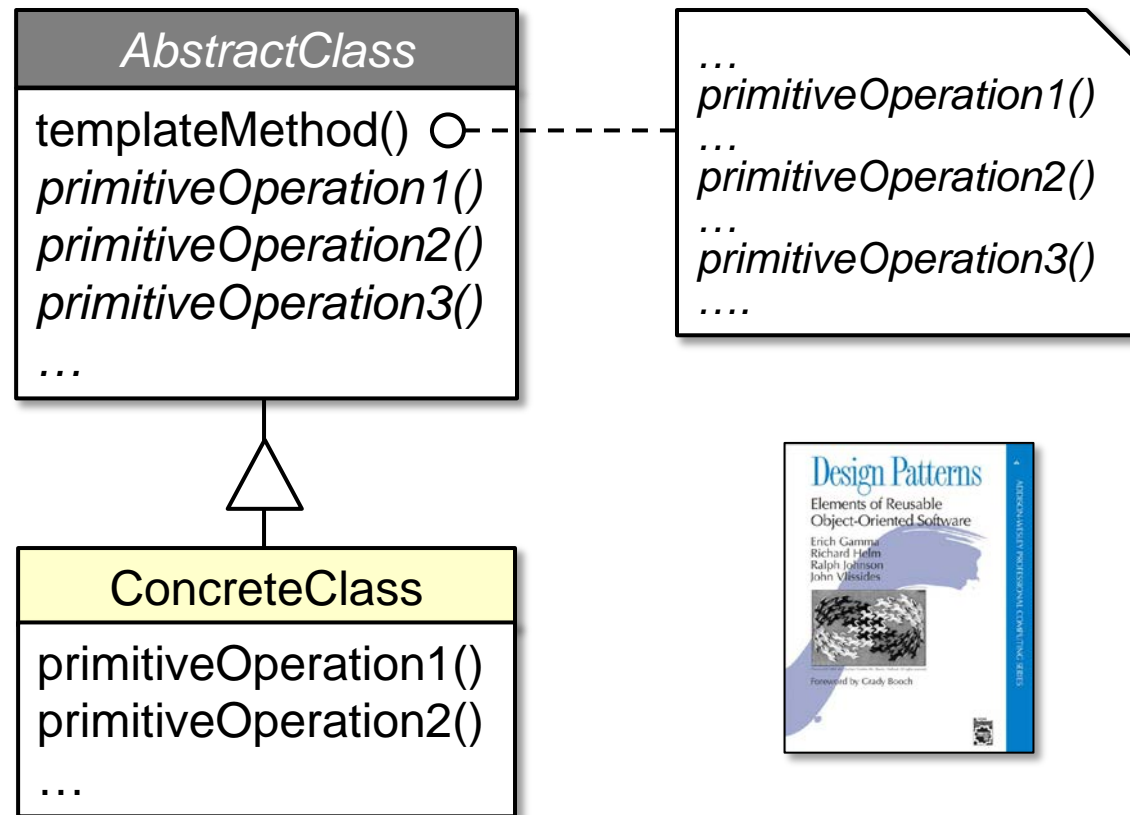
Motivation: Maximize Systematic Reuse

- Systematic reuse is a powerful method of producing quality software
 - Involves creating or acquiring reusable assets & then consistently using & evolving them



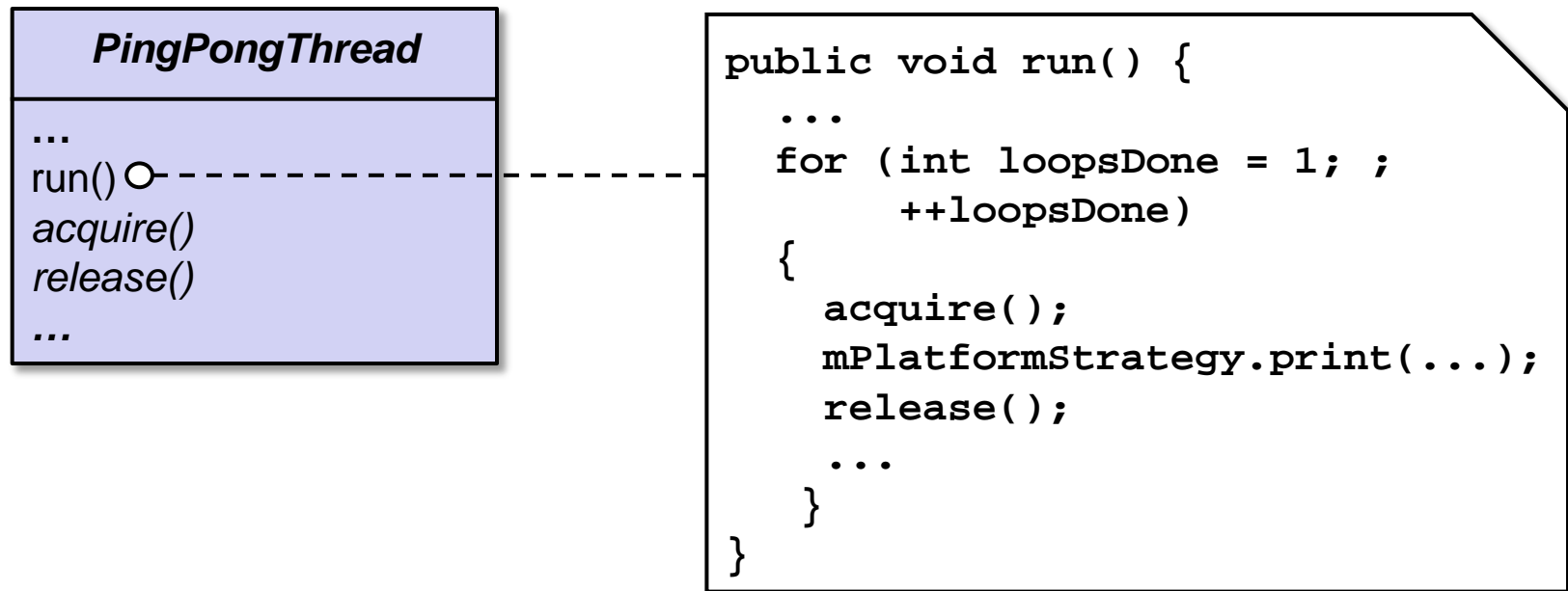
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- *Template Method* provides a skeleton of an algorithm in a method, deferring some steps to subclasses



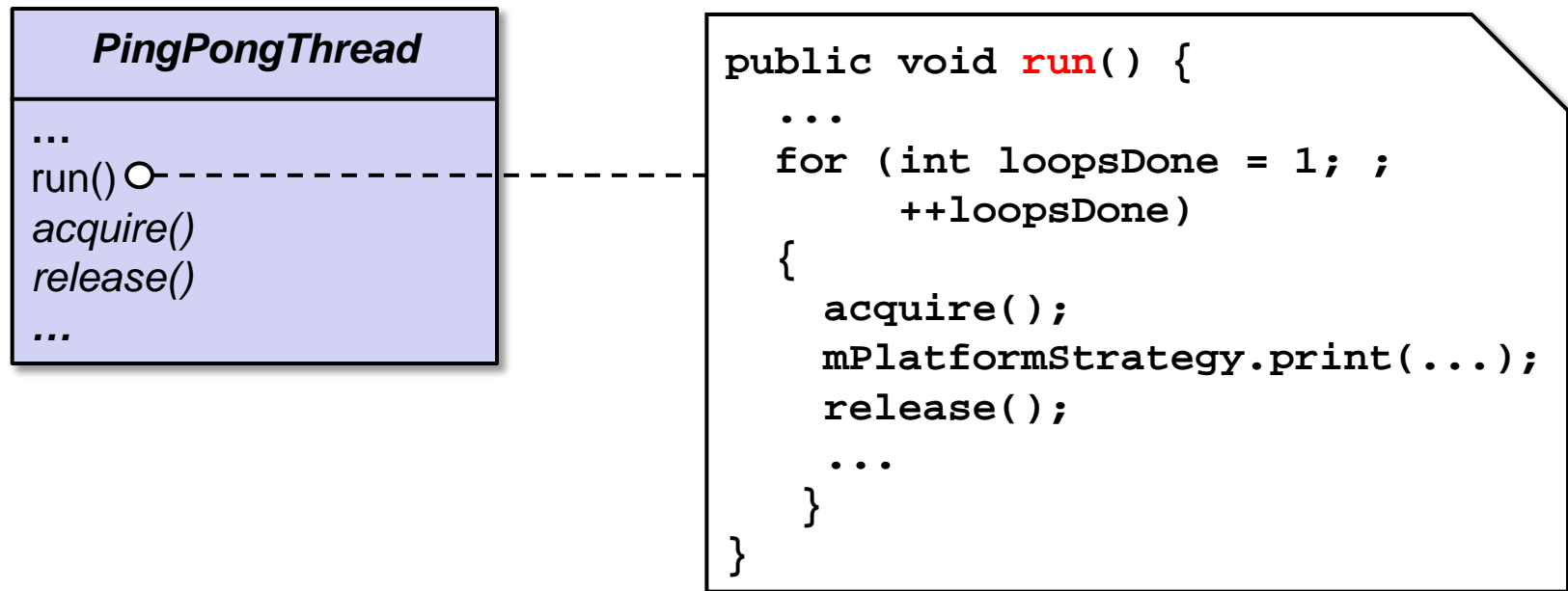
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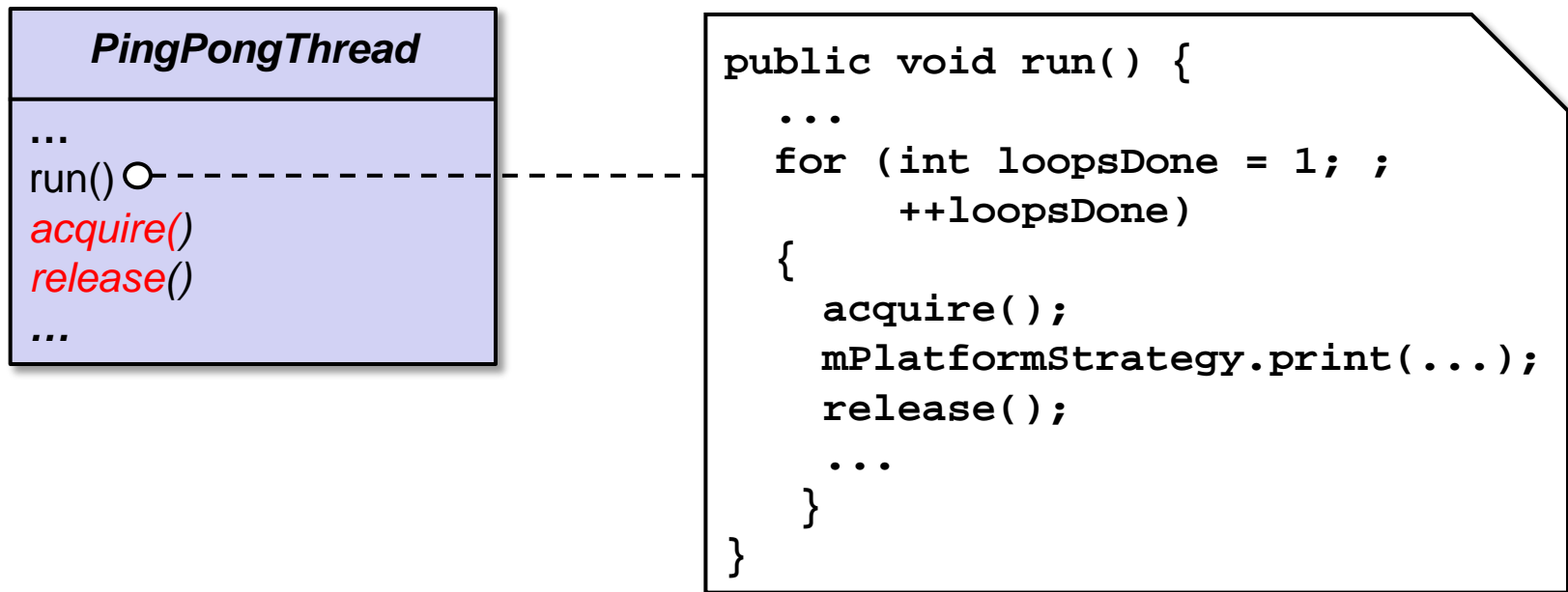
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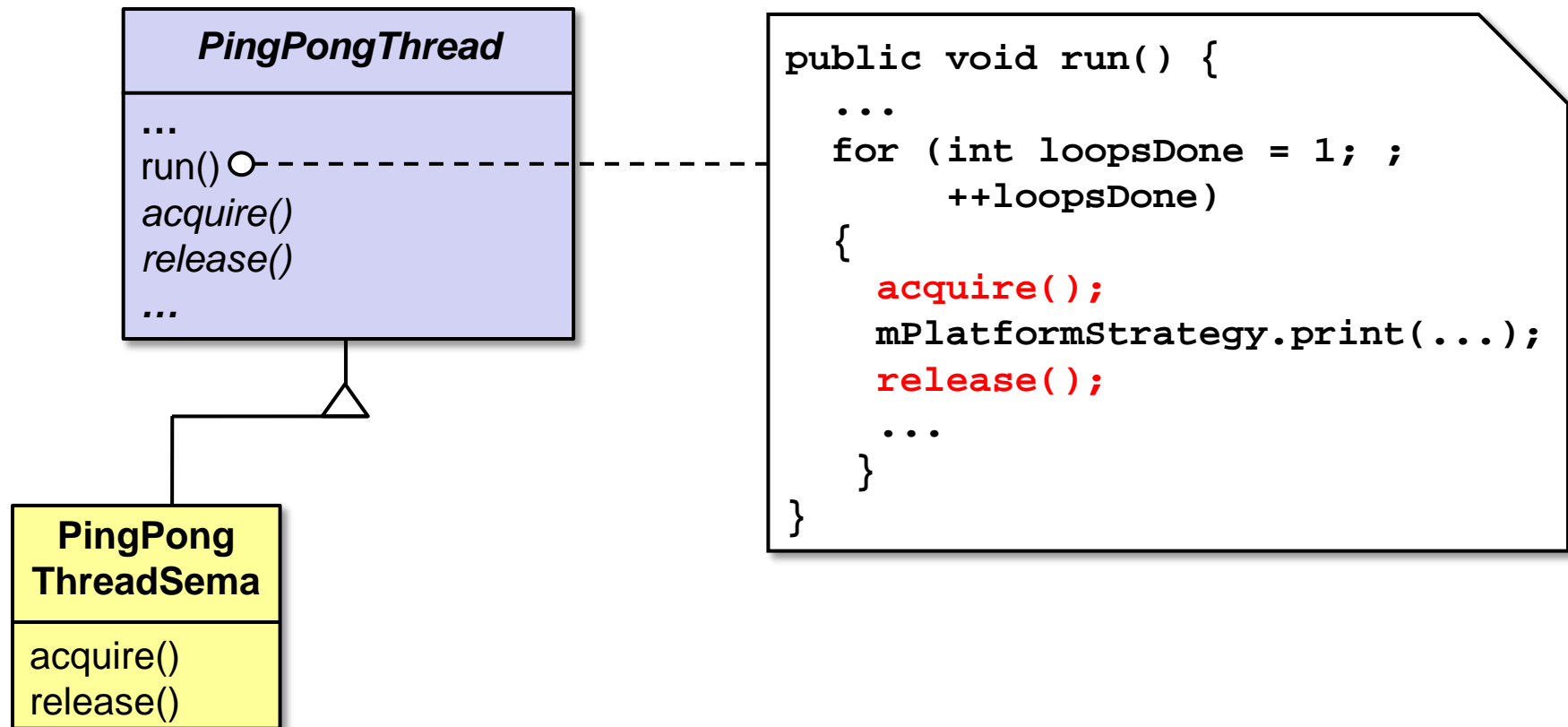
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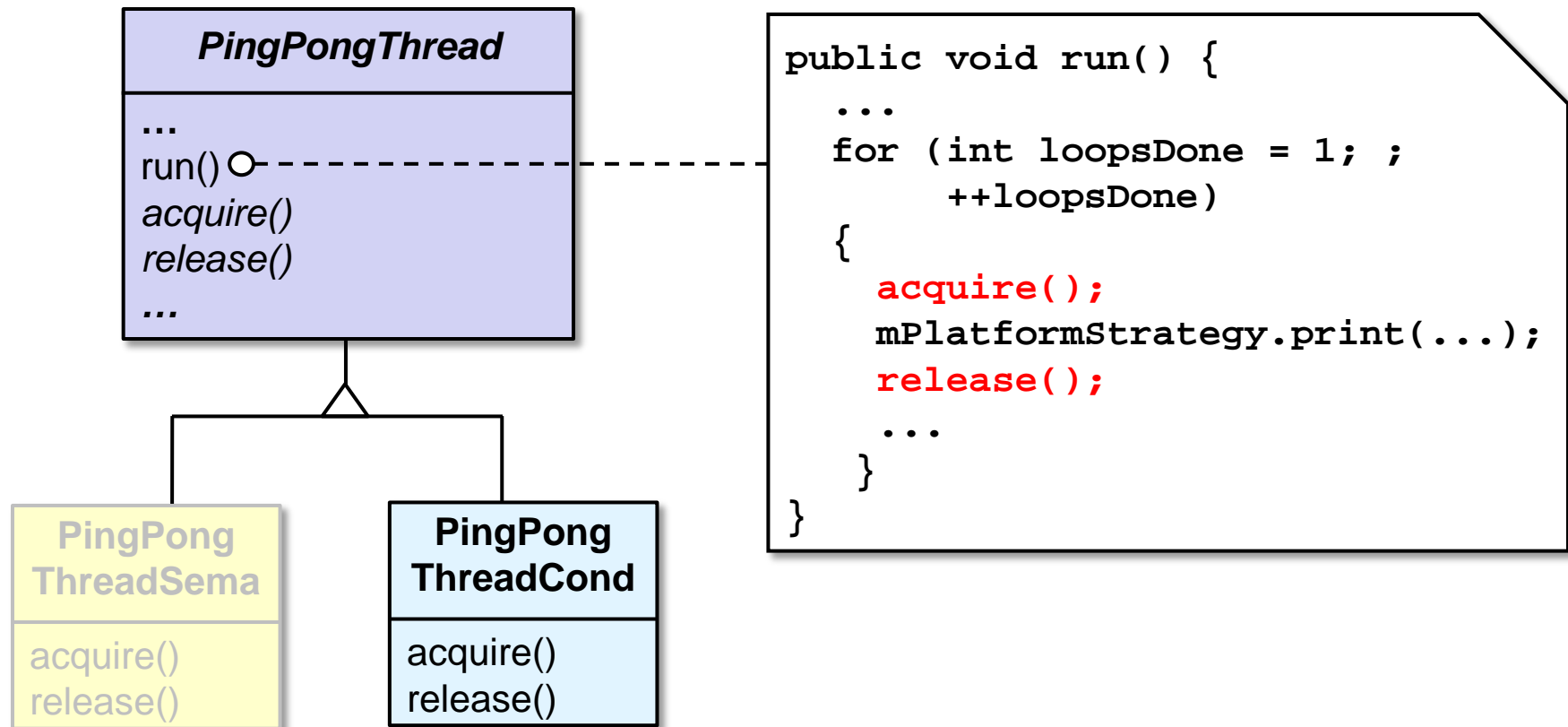
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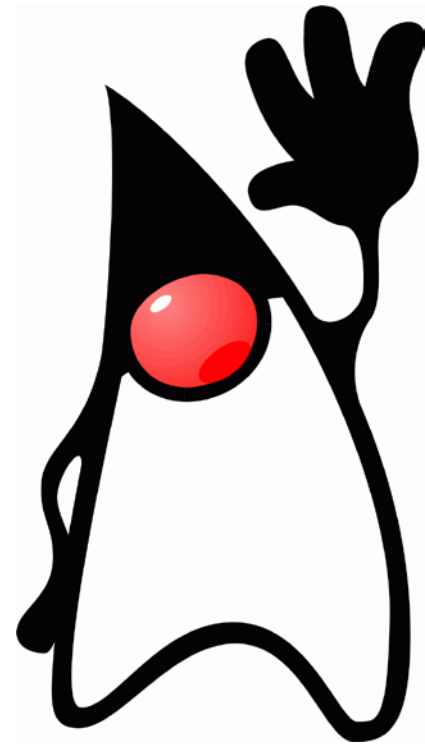
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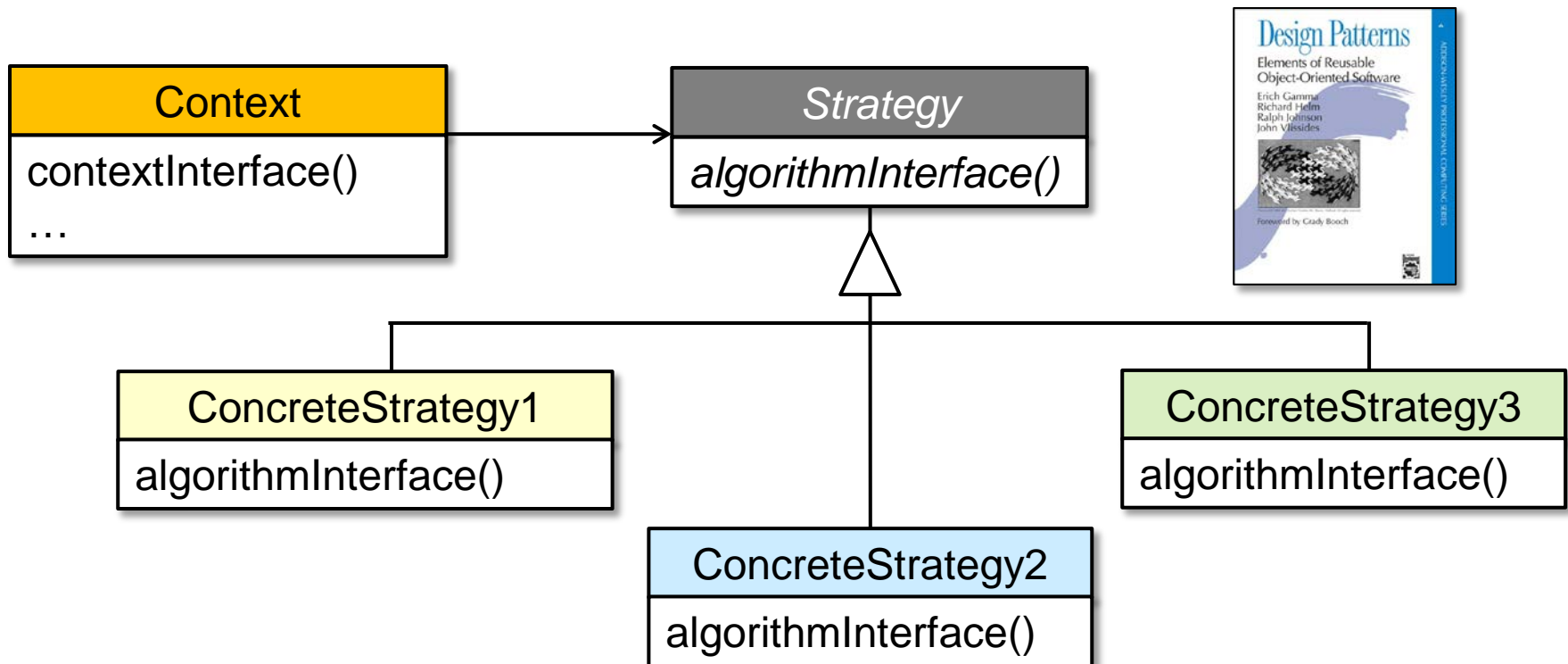
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- Portability enables the same implementation to be applied in different operating environments
- It increases the potential user base & market size



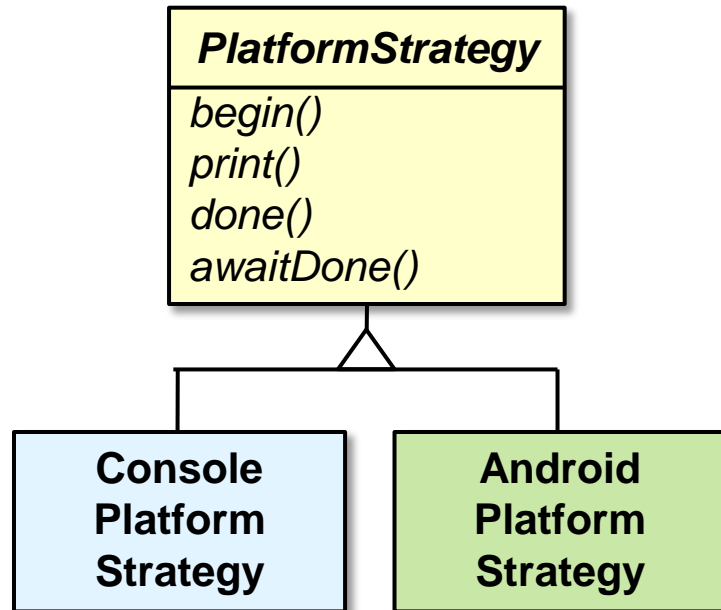
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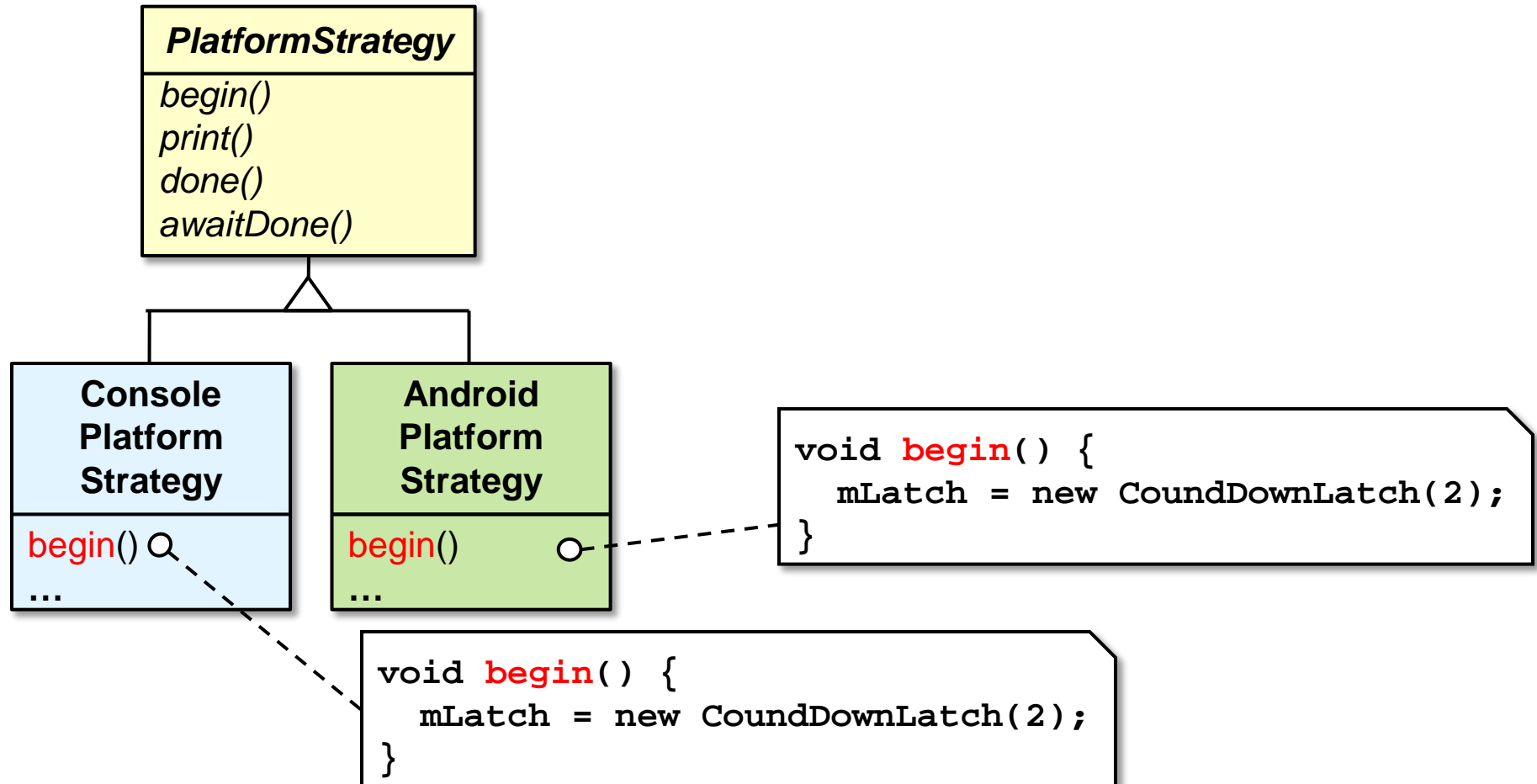
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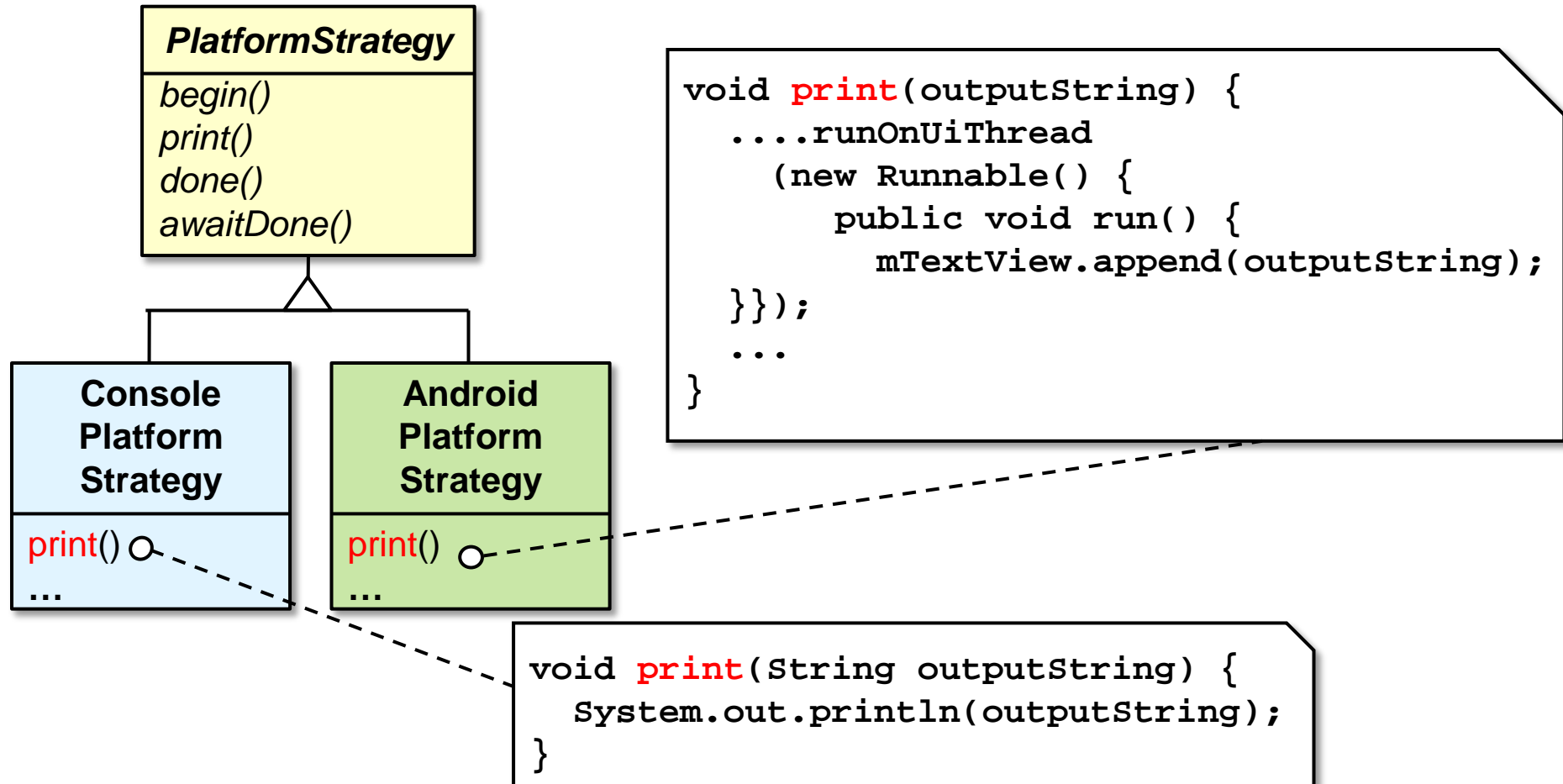
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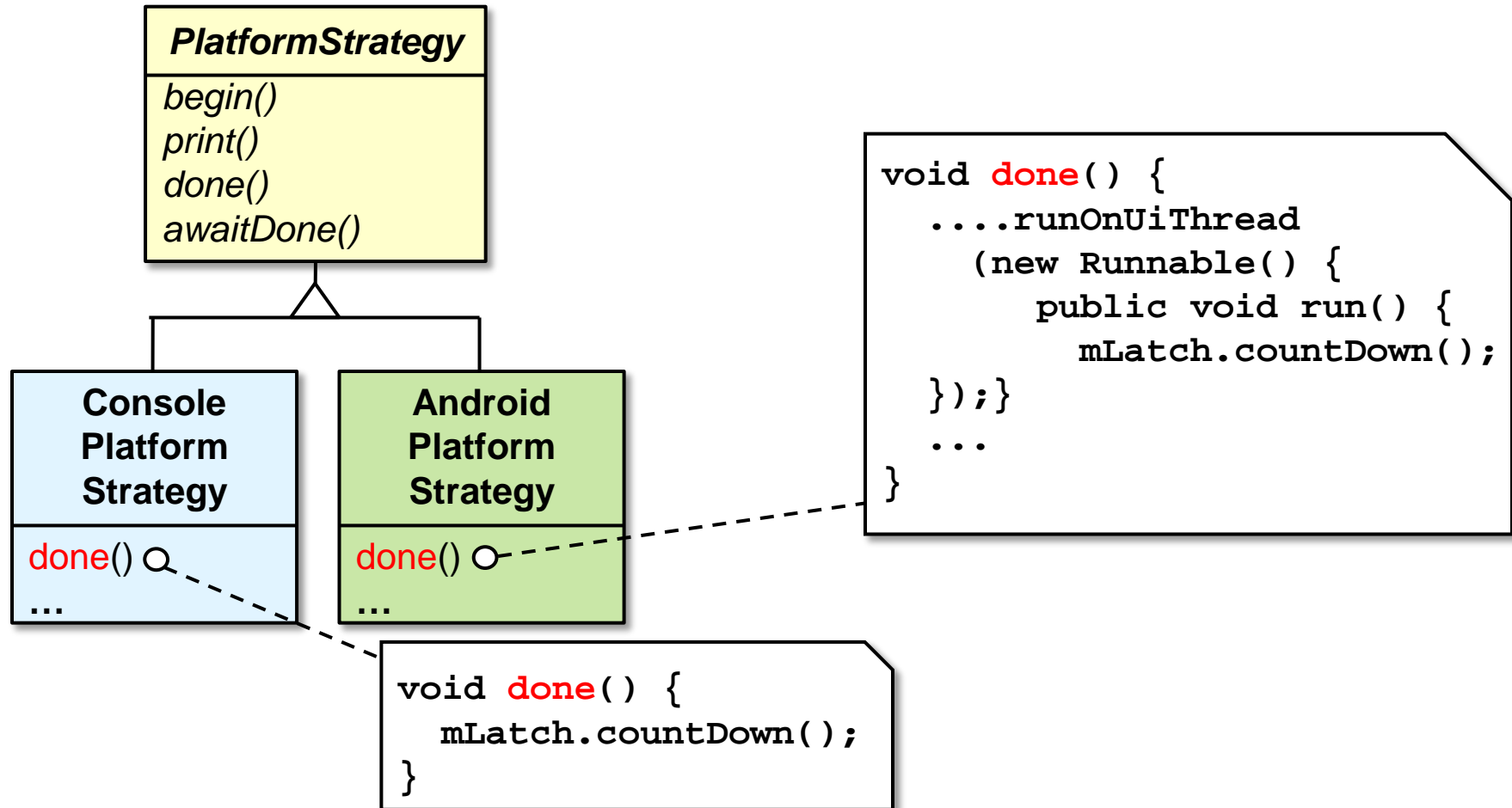
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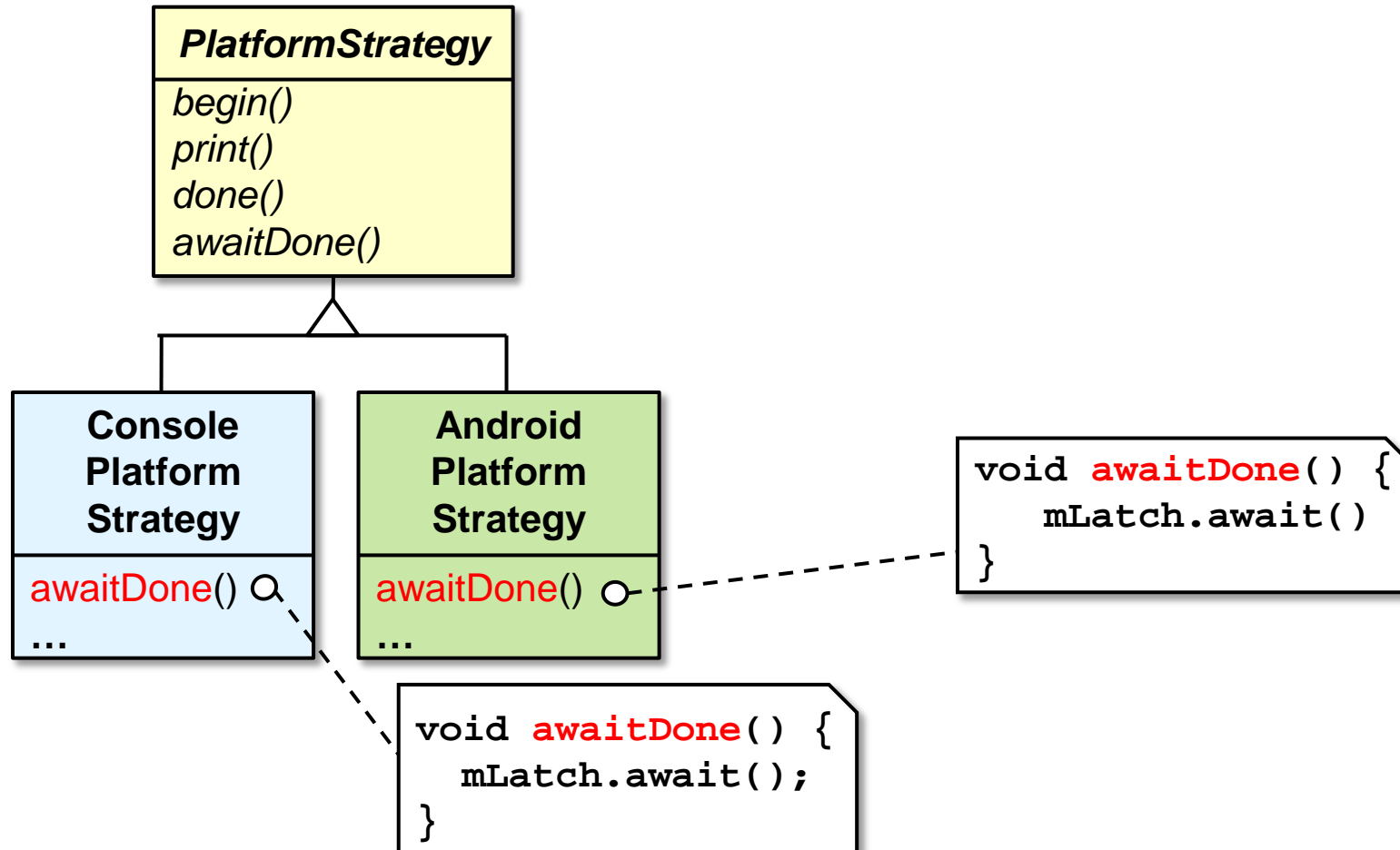
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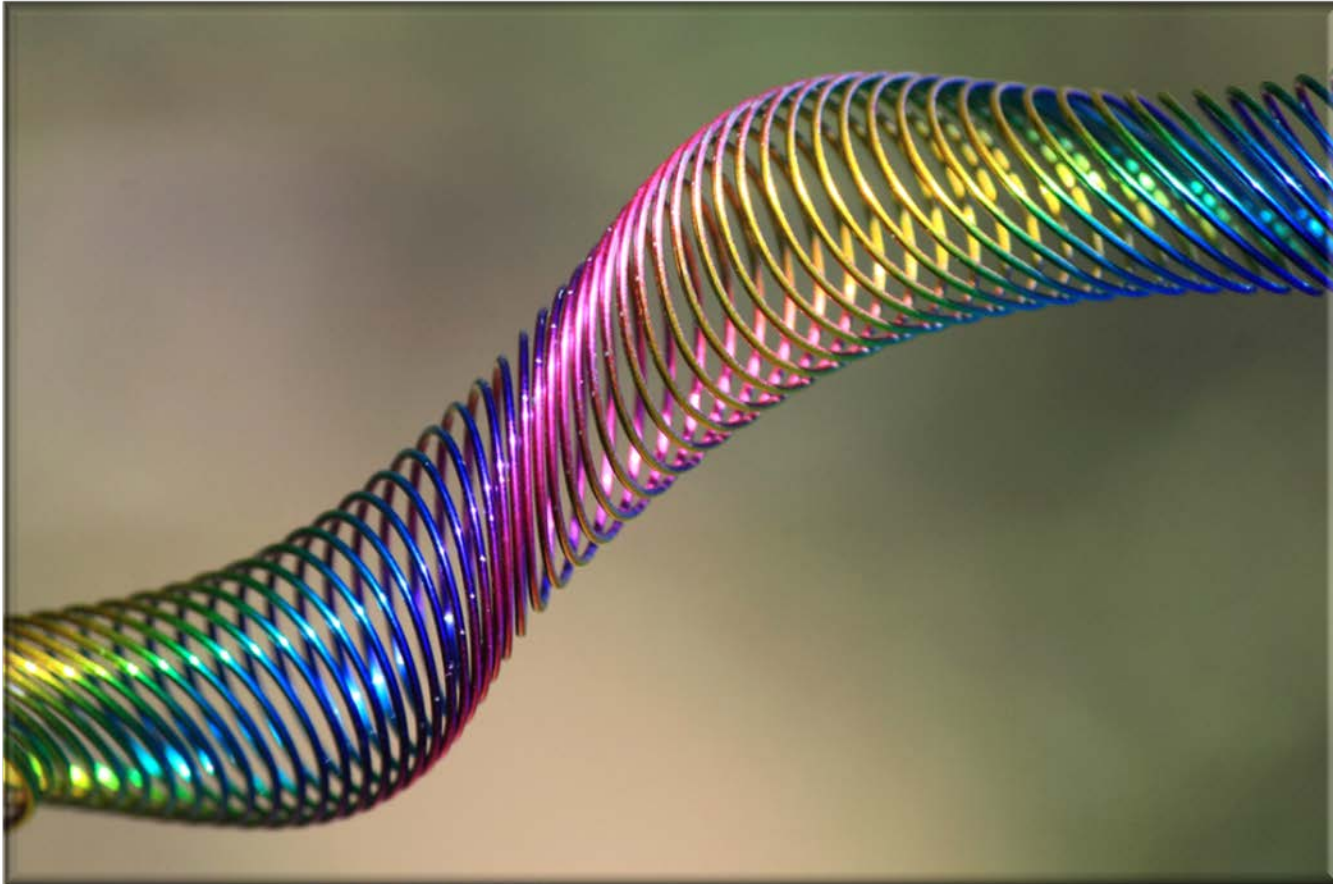


See earlier part on “Java CountdownLatch”

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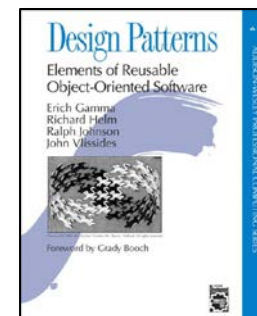
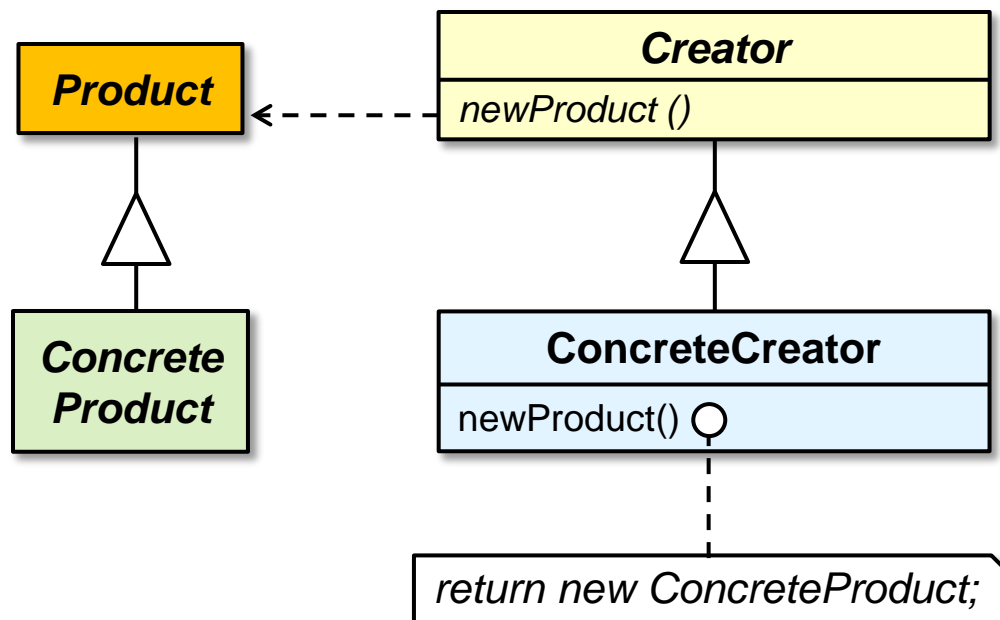
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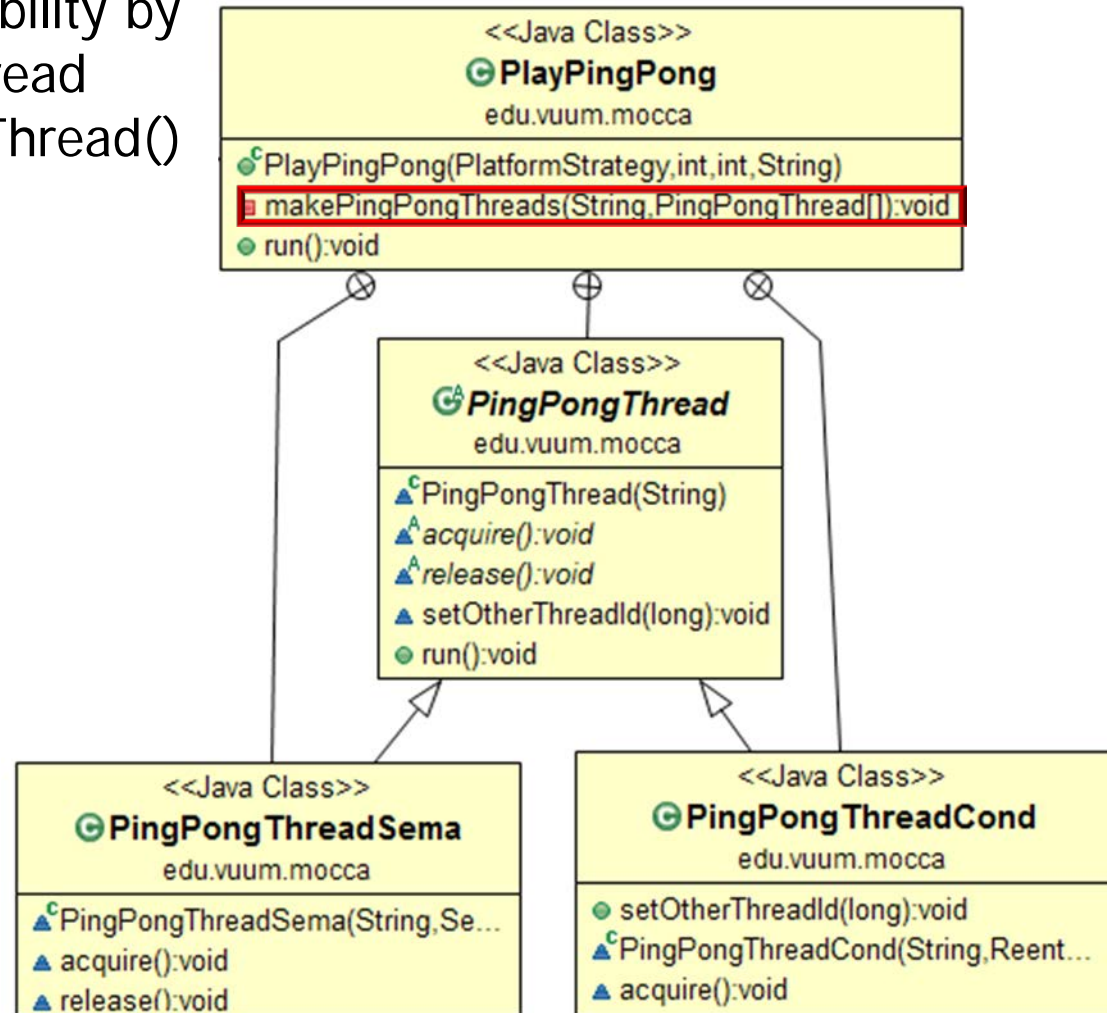
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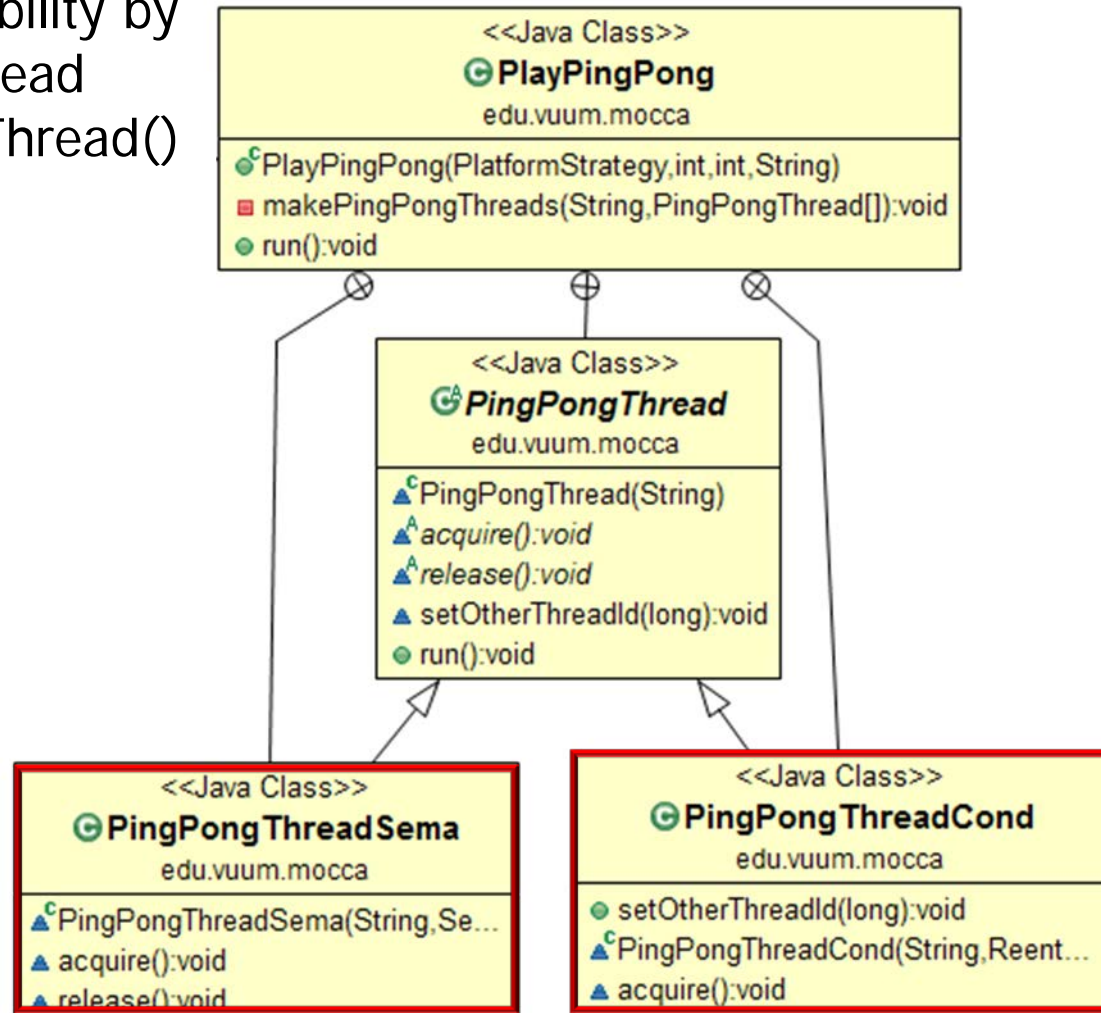
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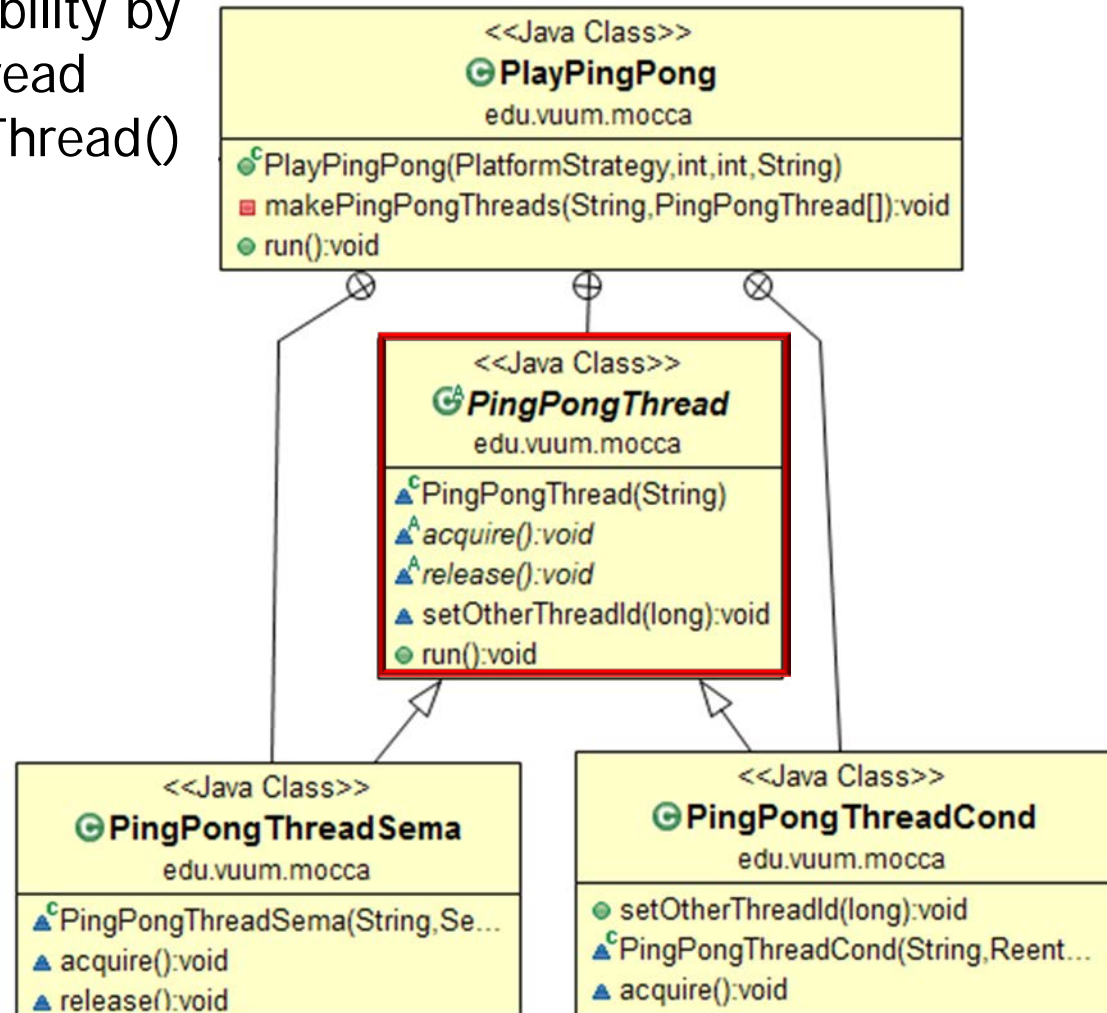
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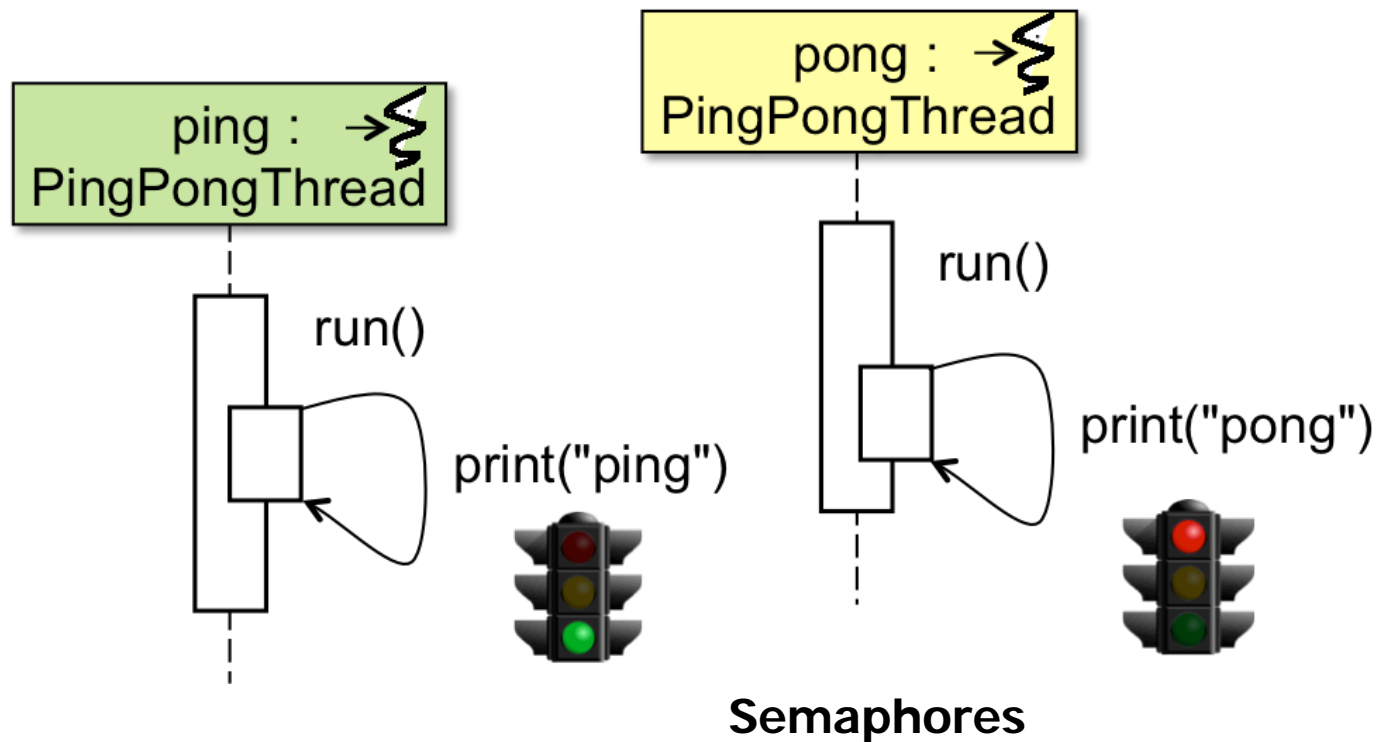
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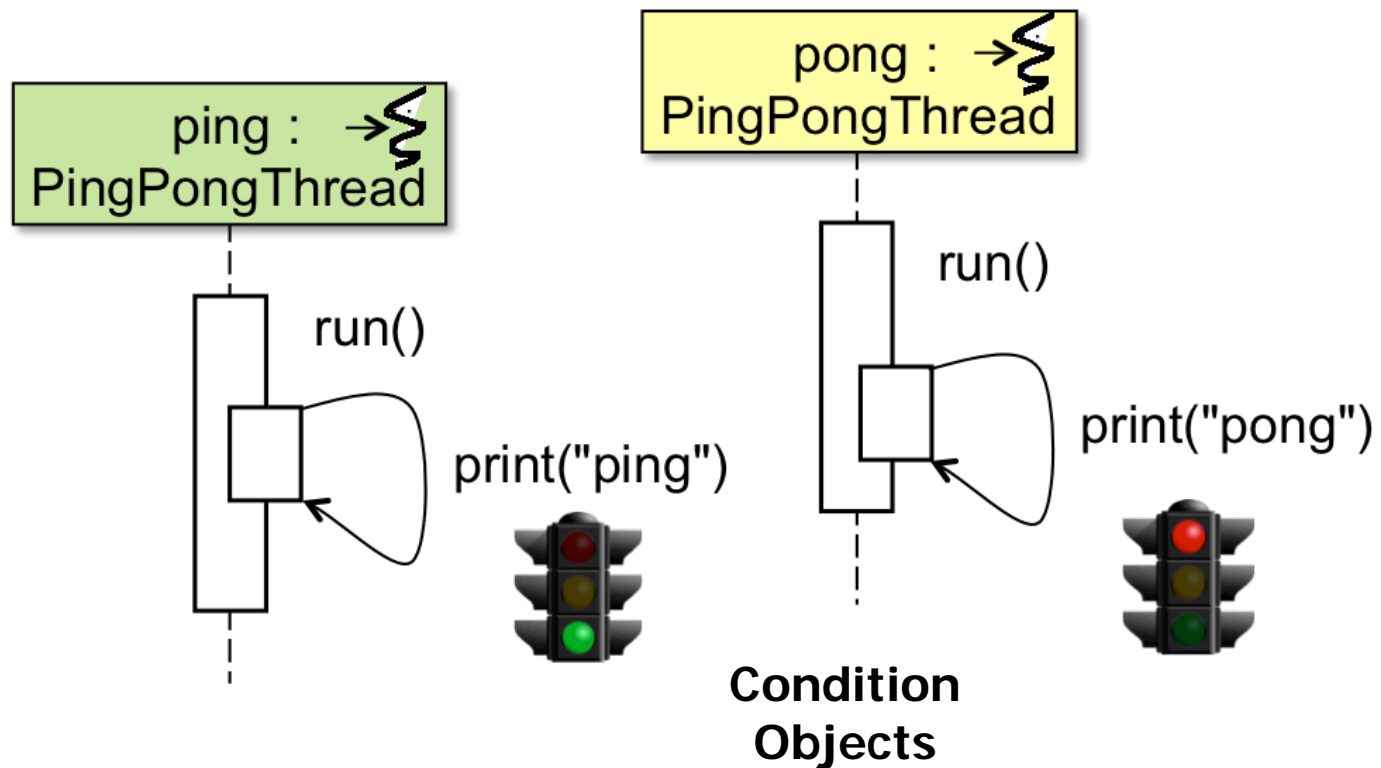
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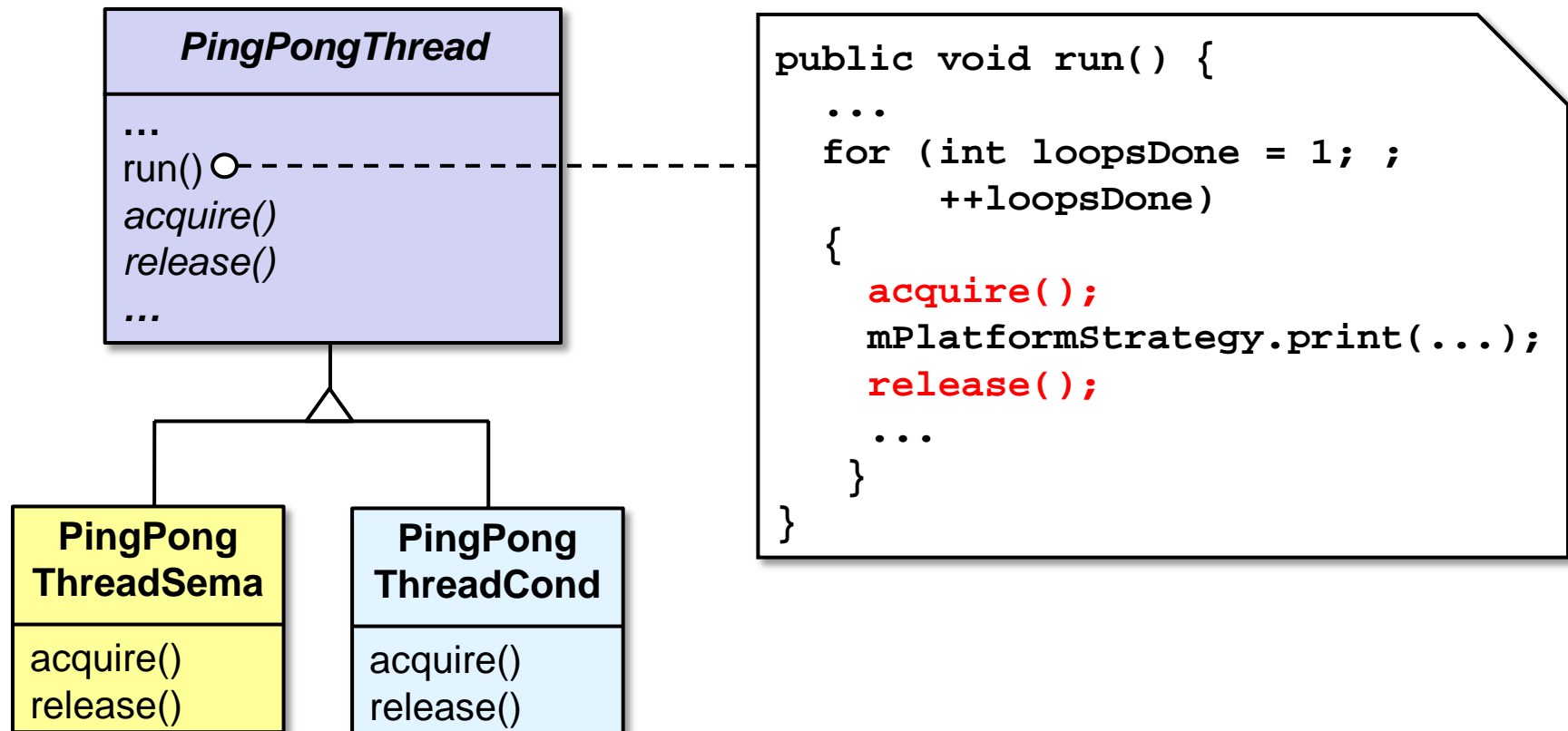
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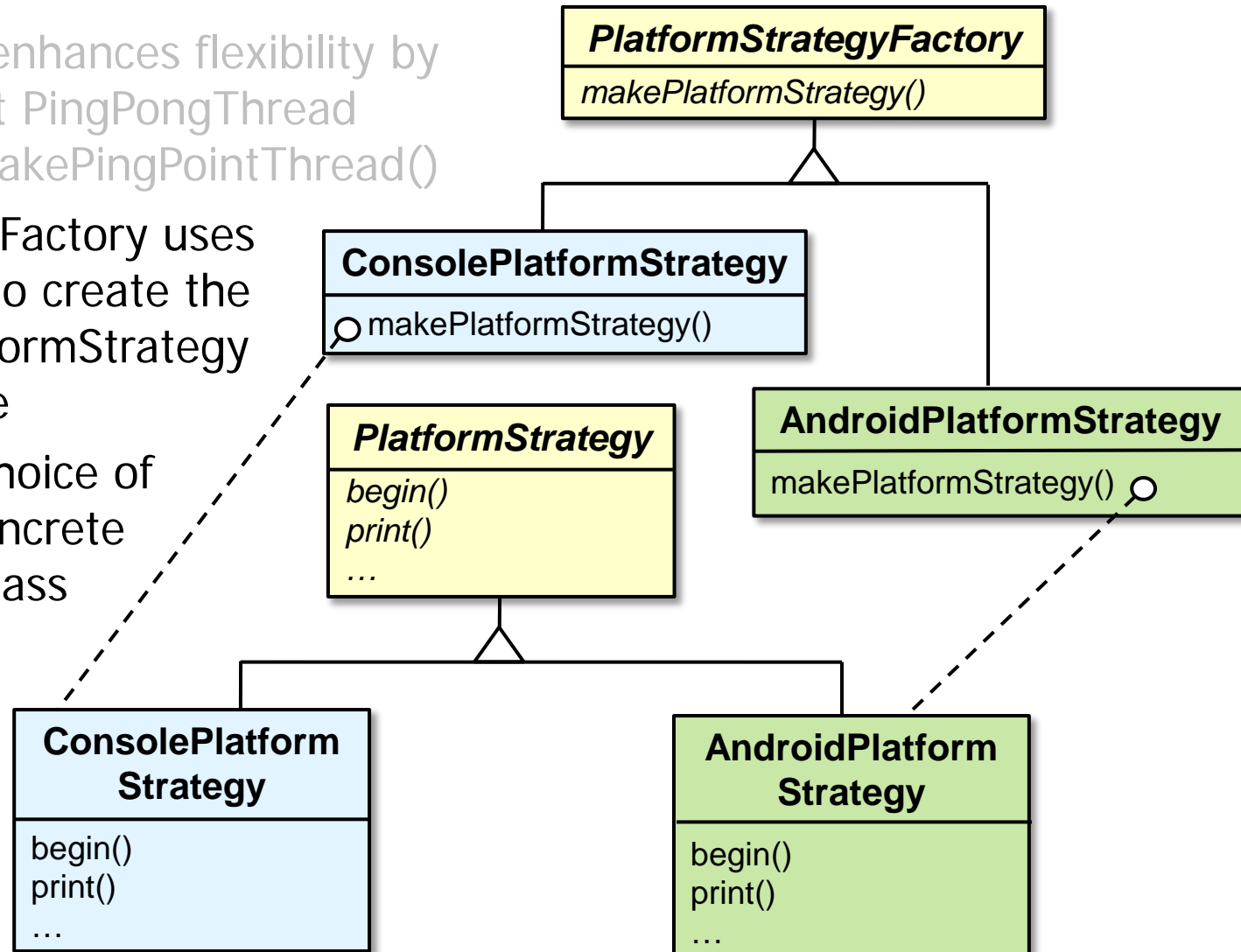
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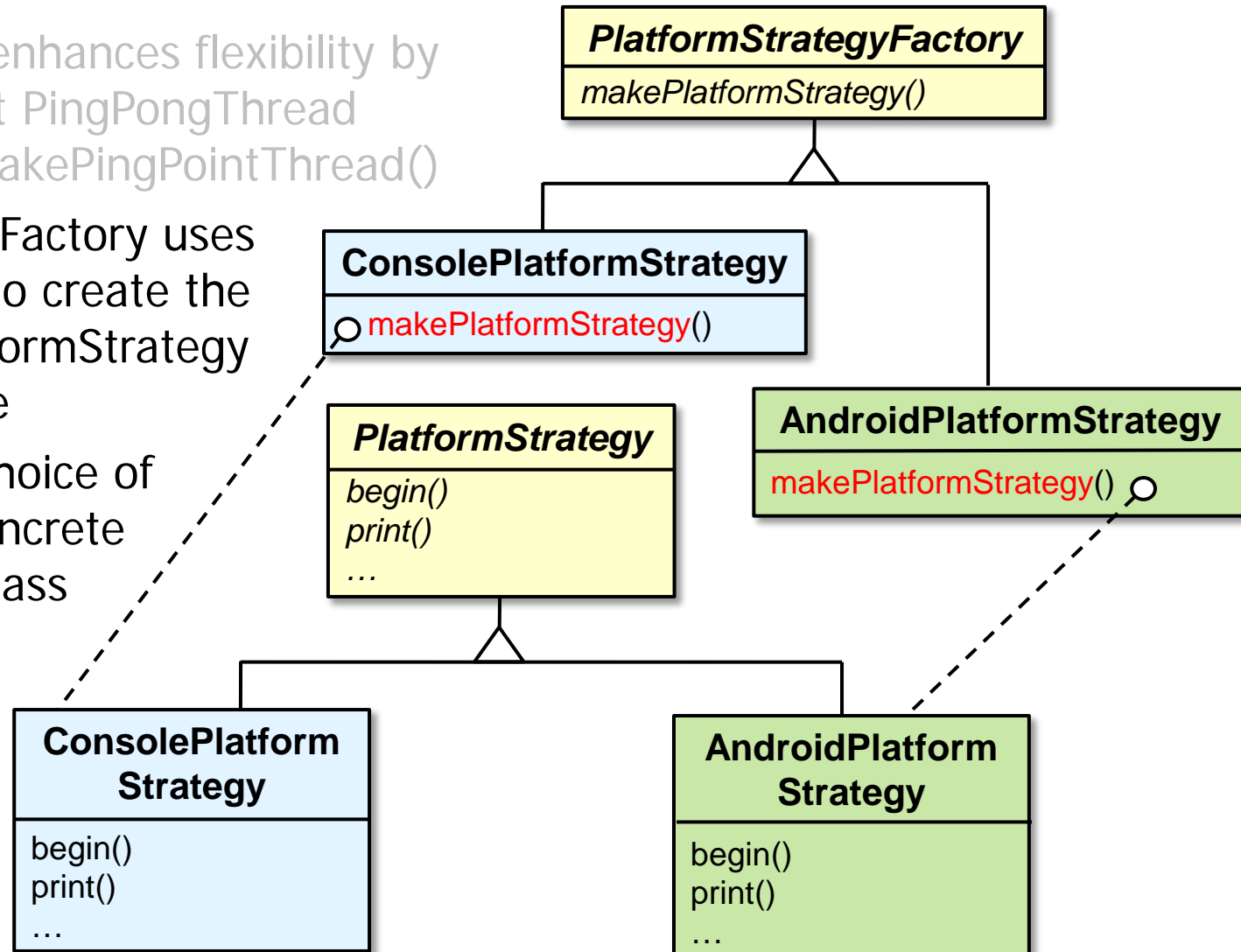
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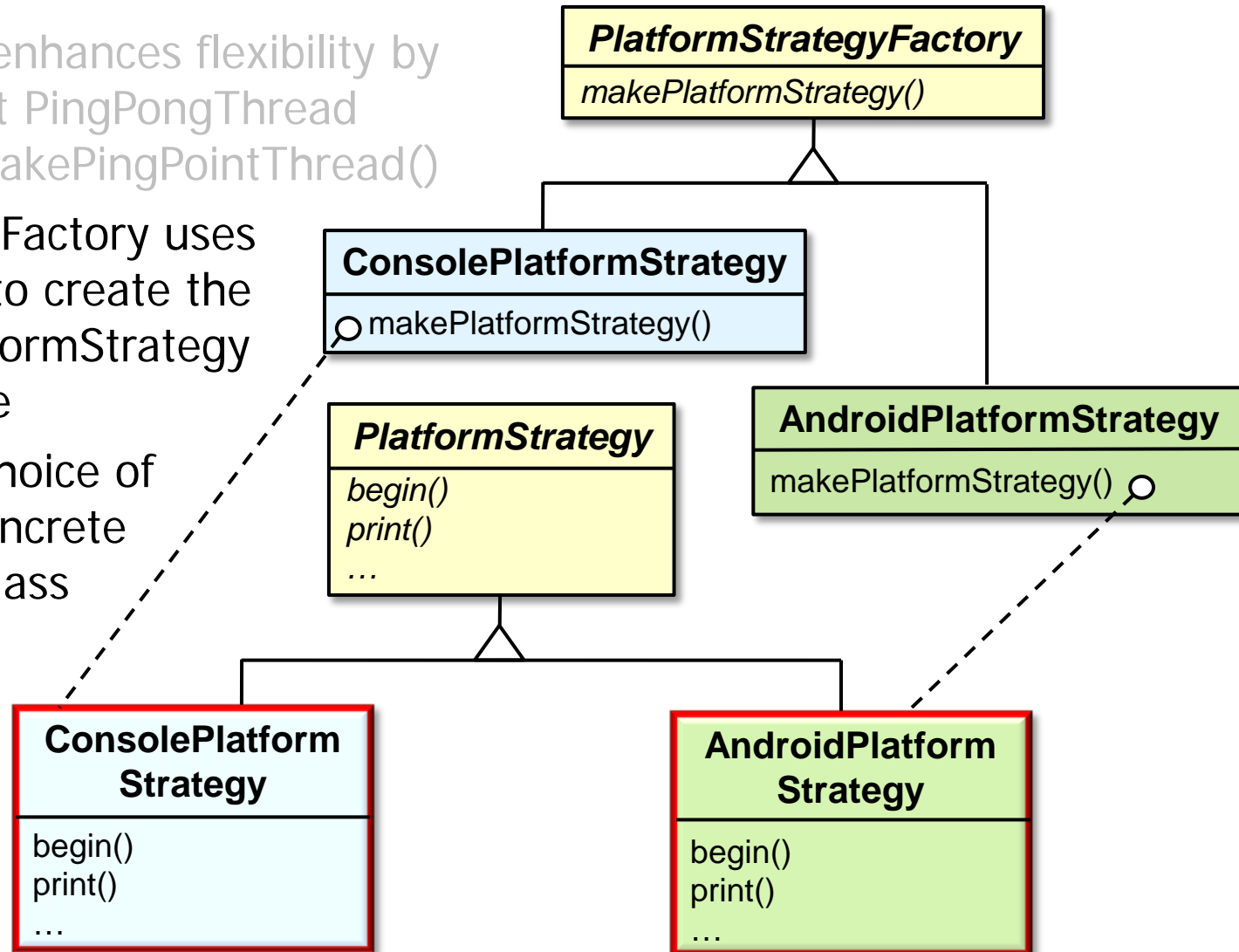
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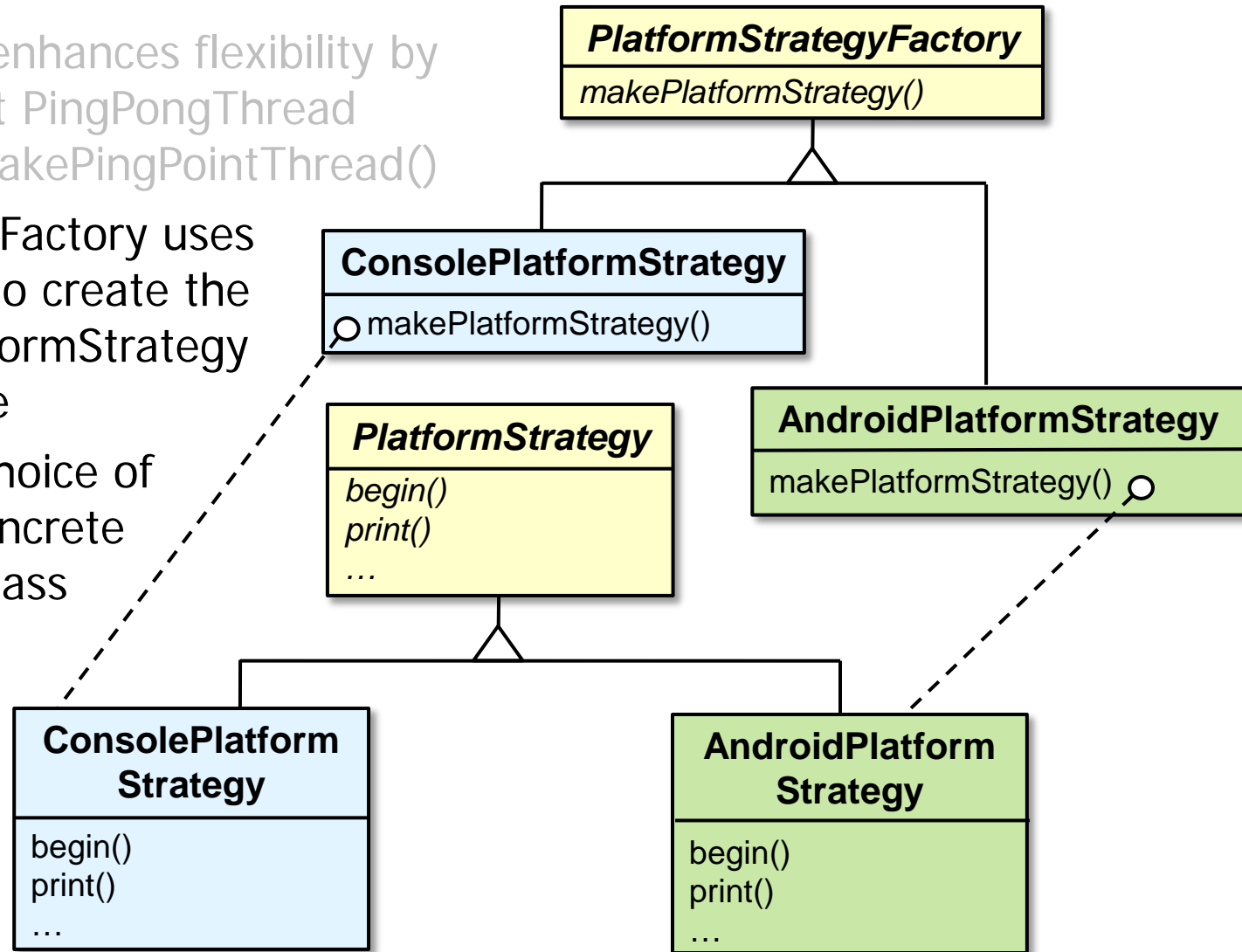
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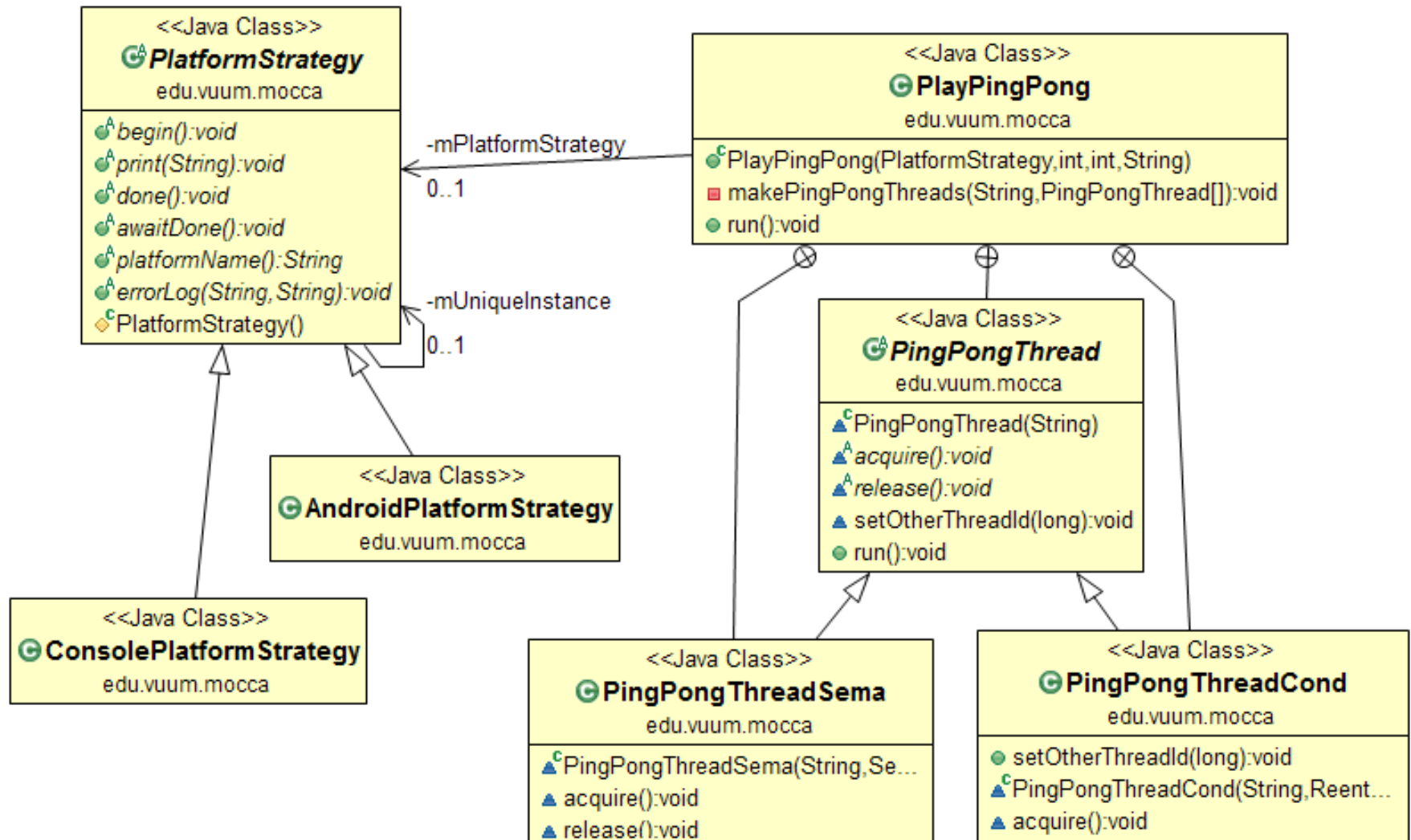
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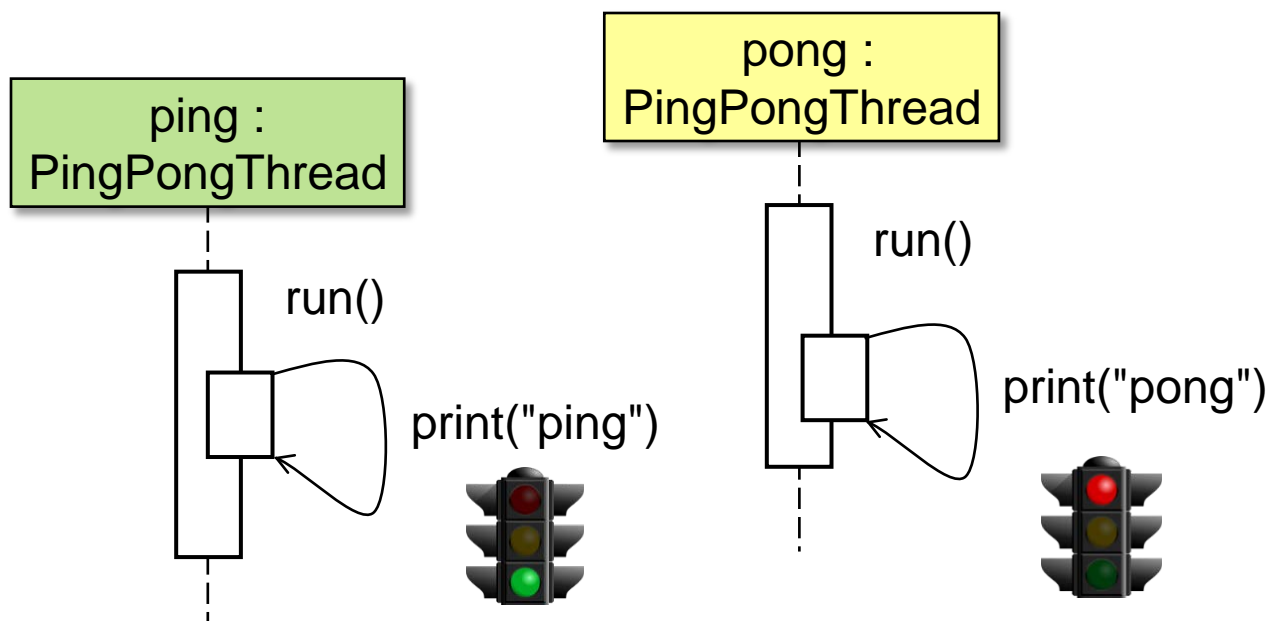
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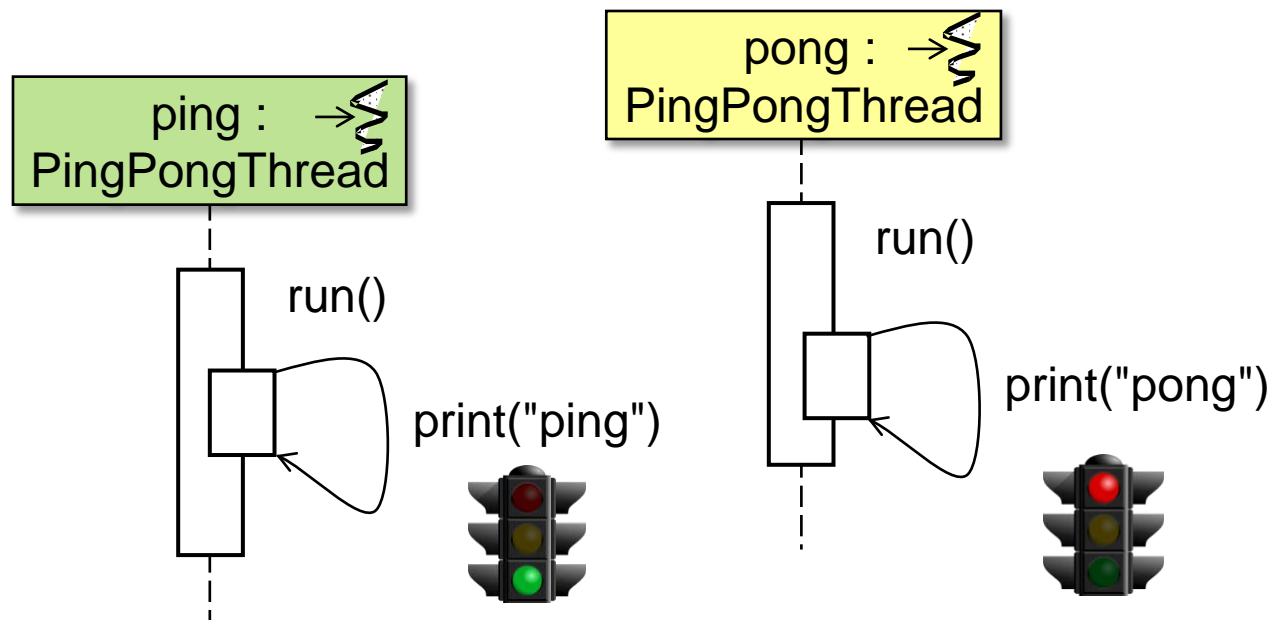
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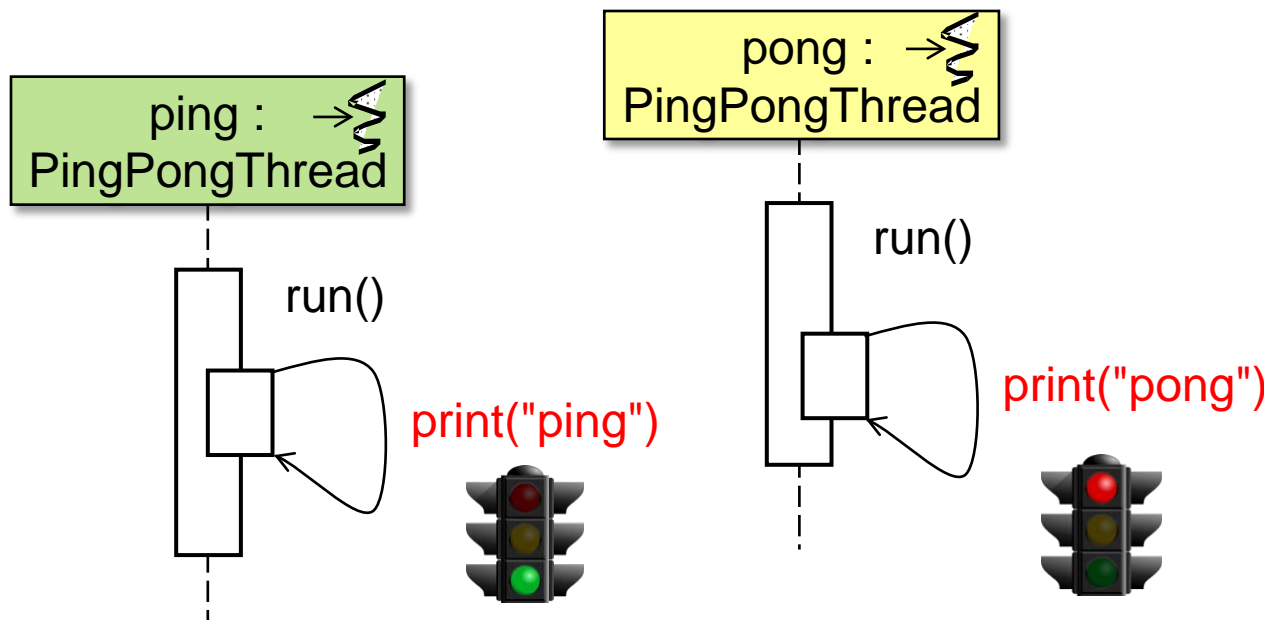
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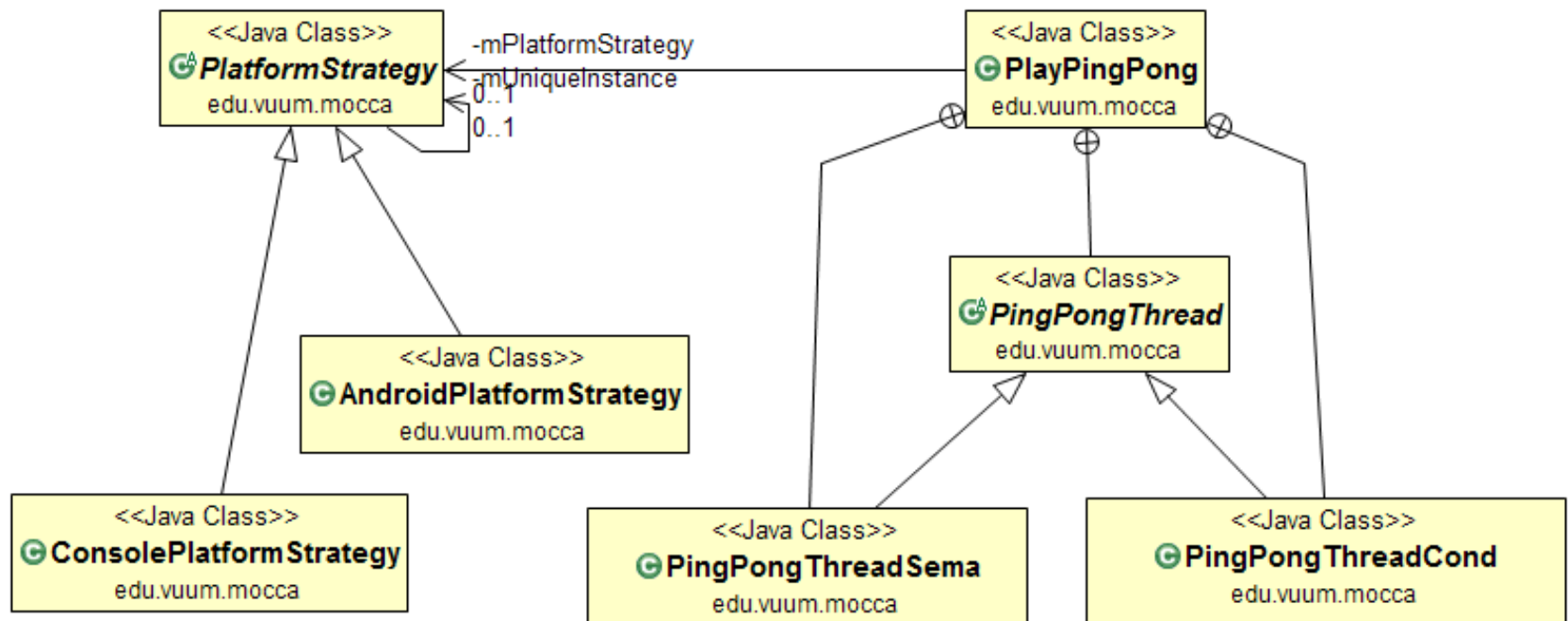
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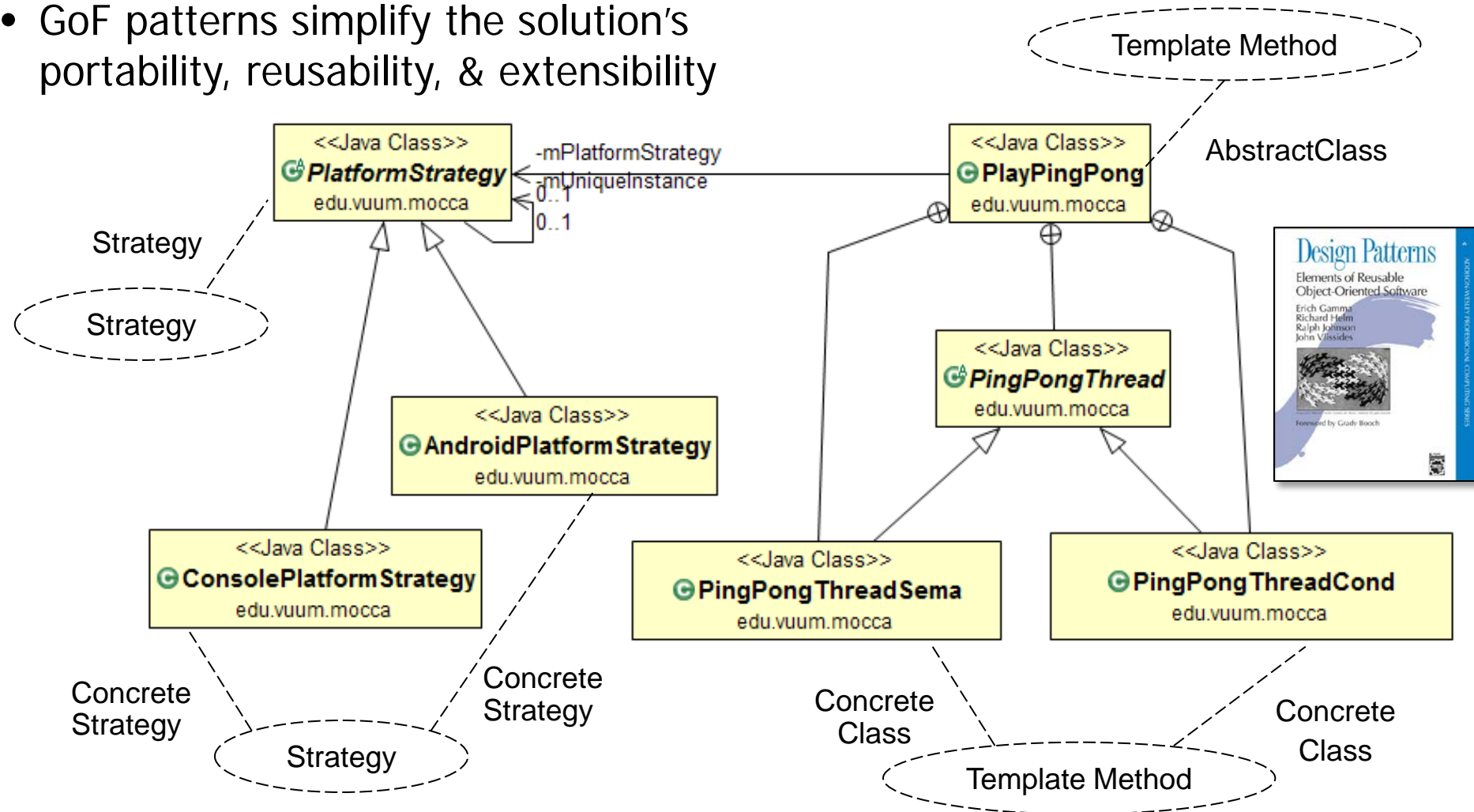
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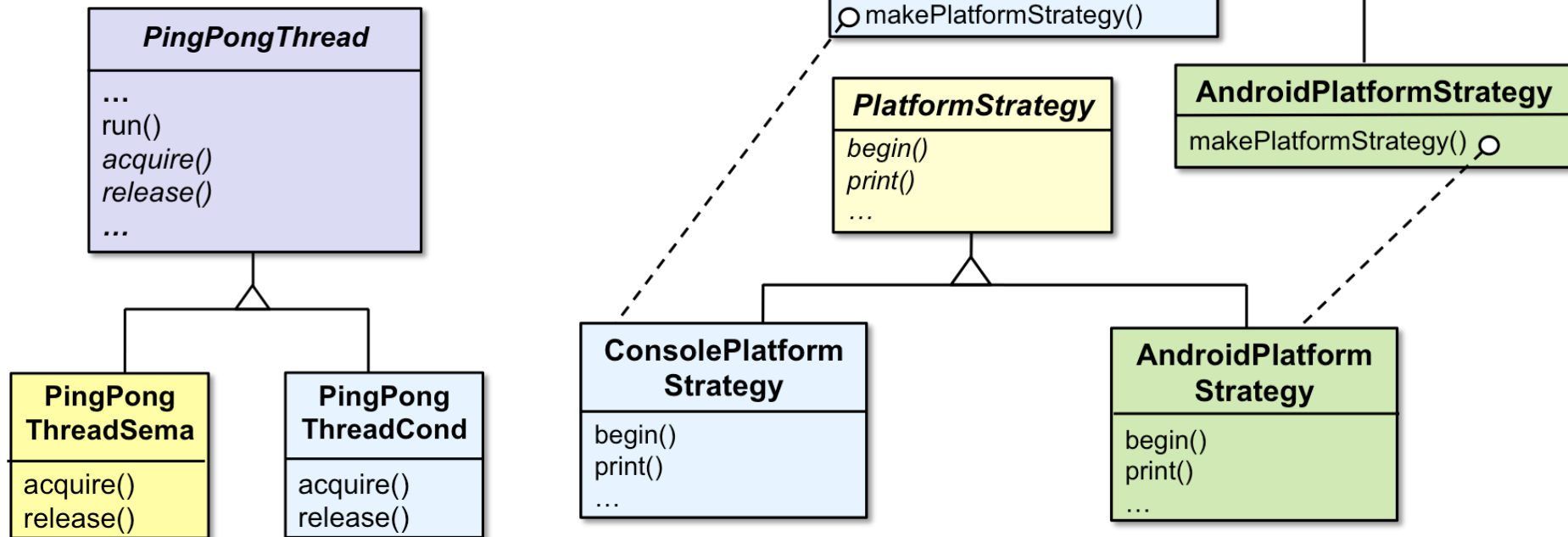
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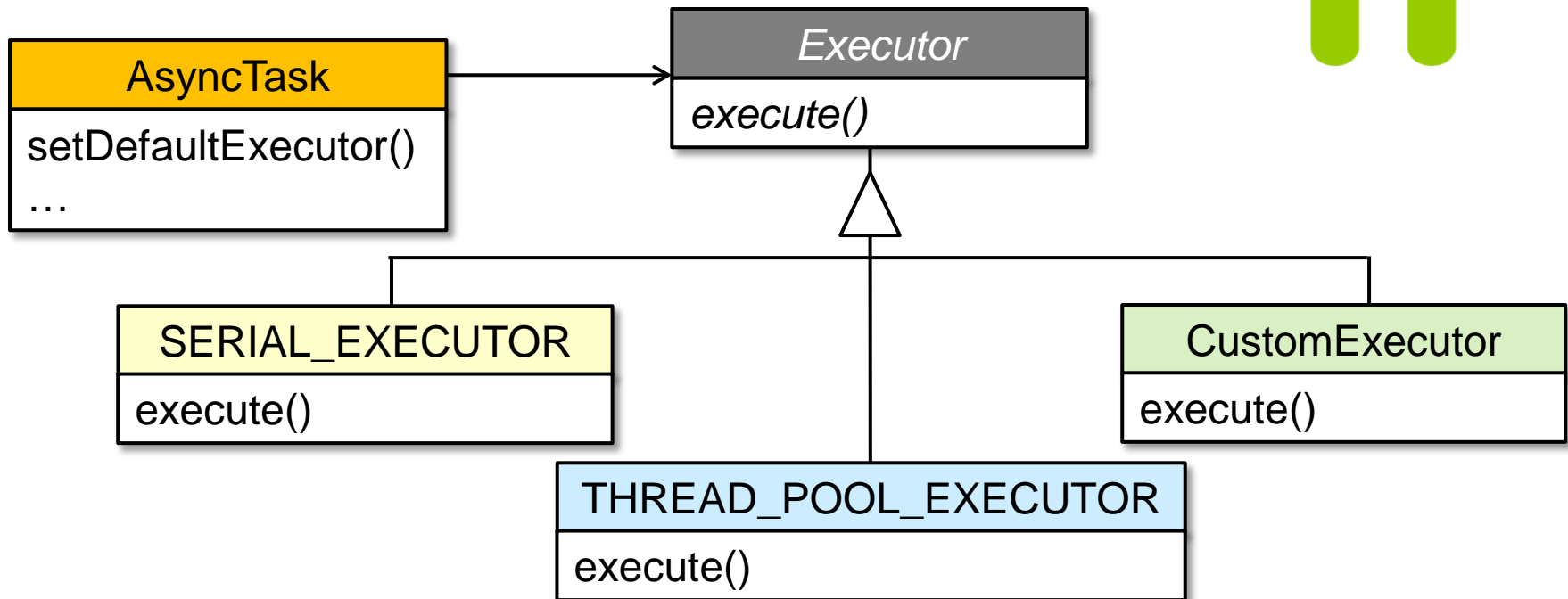
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These patterns are broadly applicable to concurrent & non-concurrent software

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