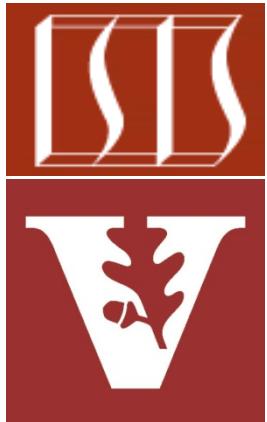


# Patterns & Frameworks for Synchronous Event Handling, Connections, & Service Initialization: Part 1

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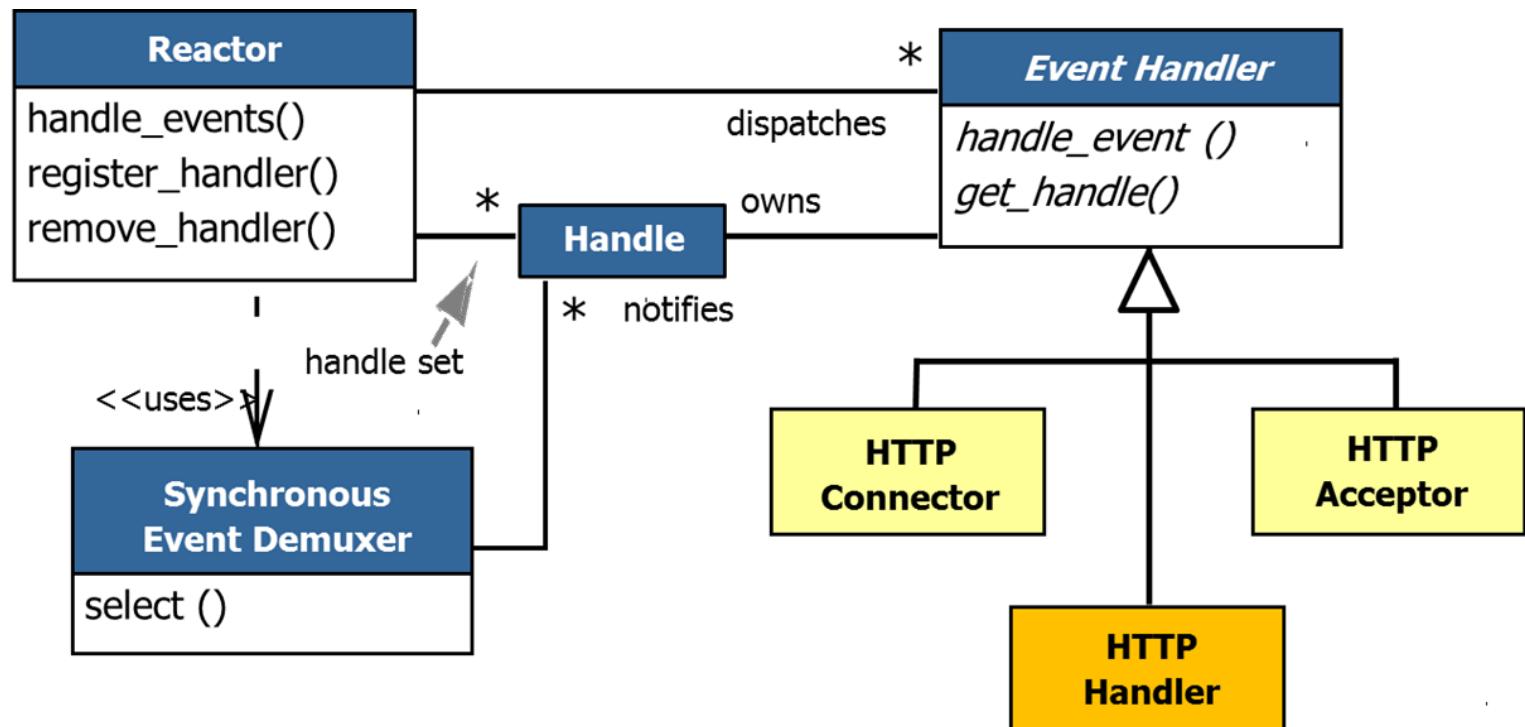
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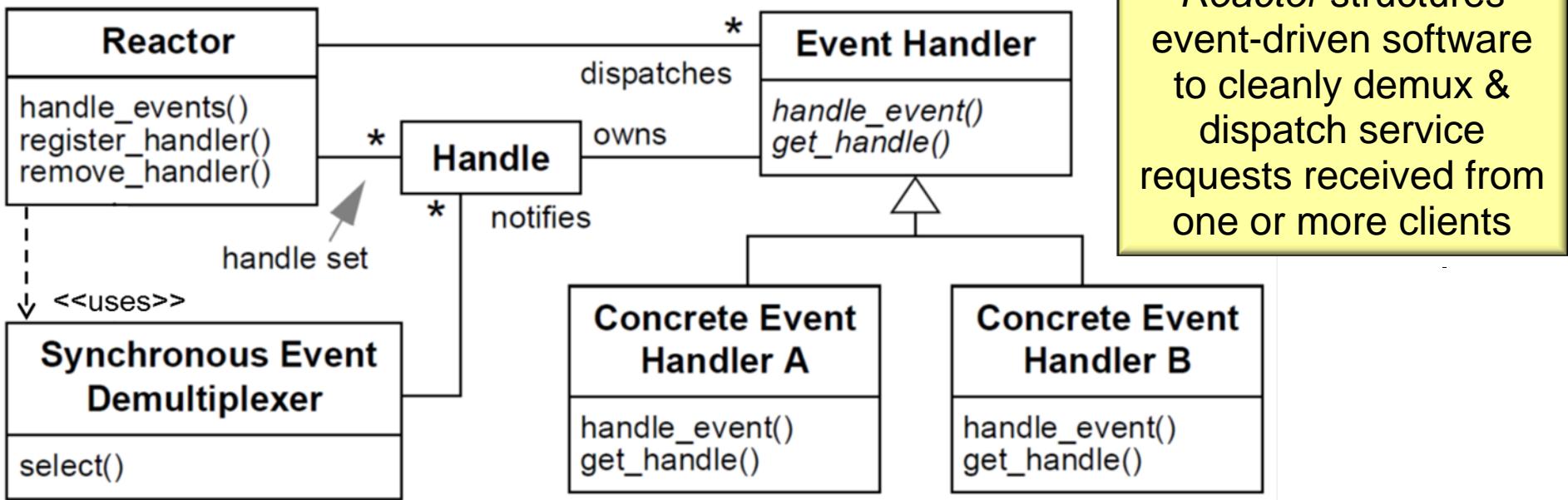
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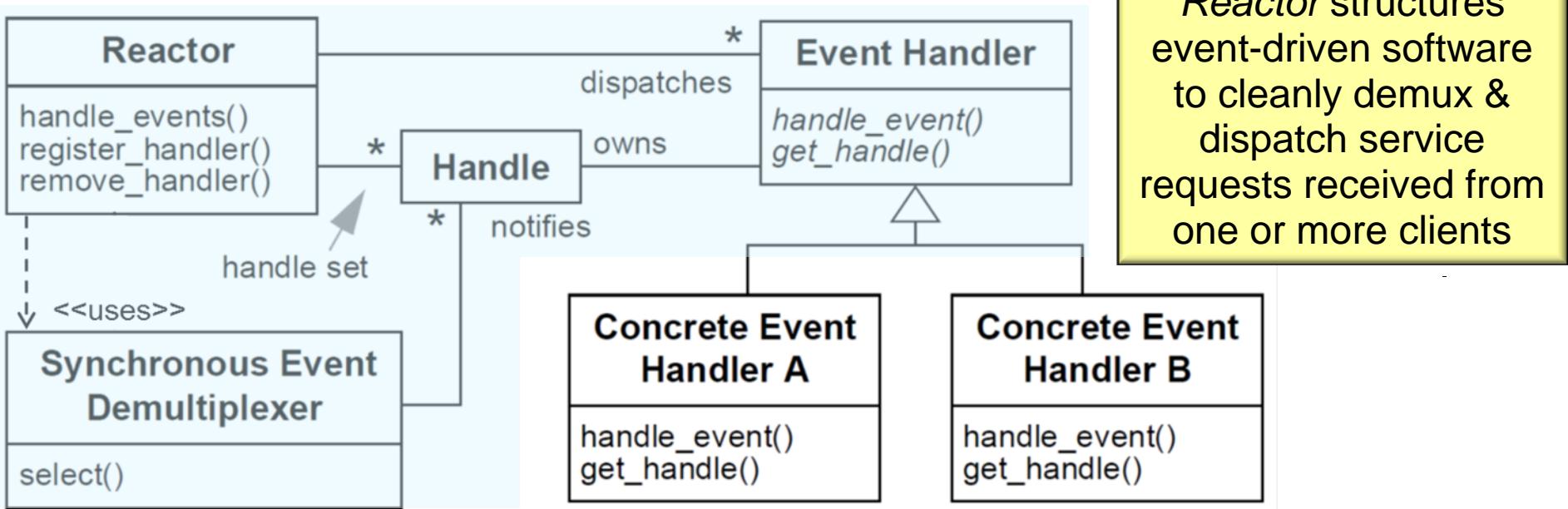
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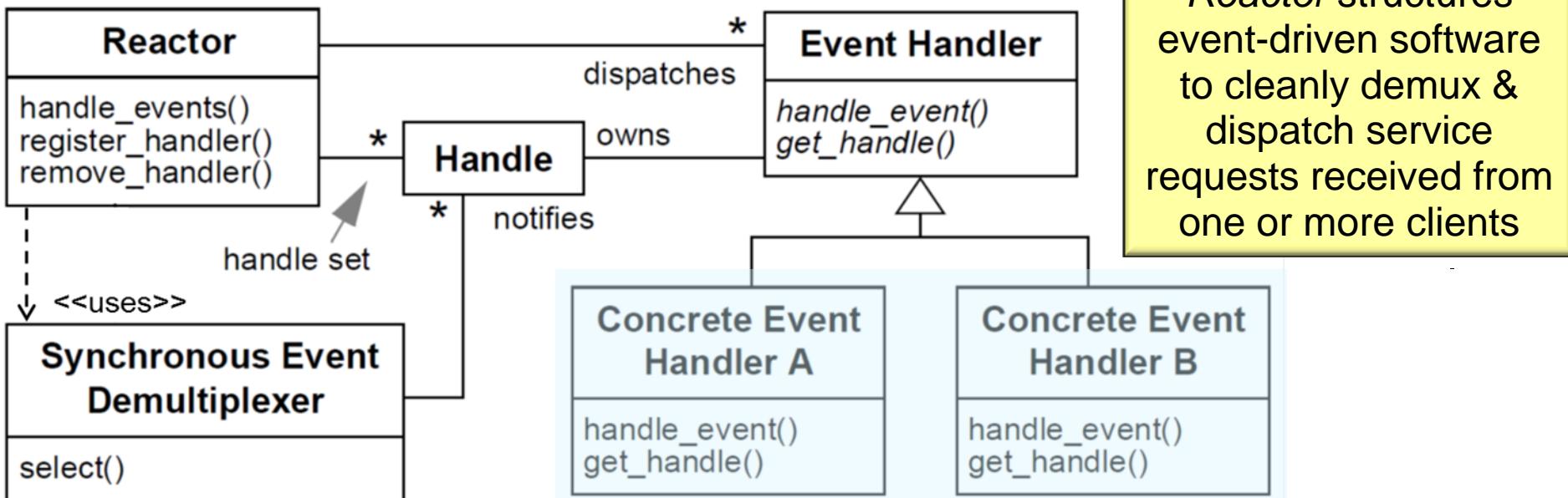
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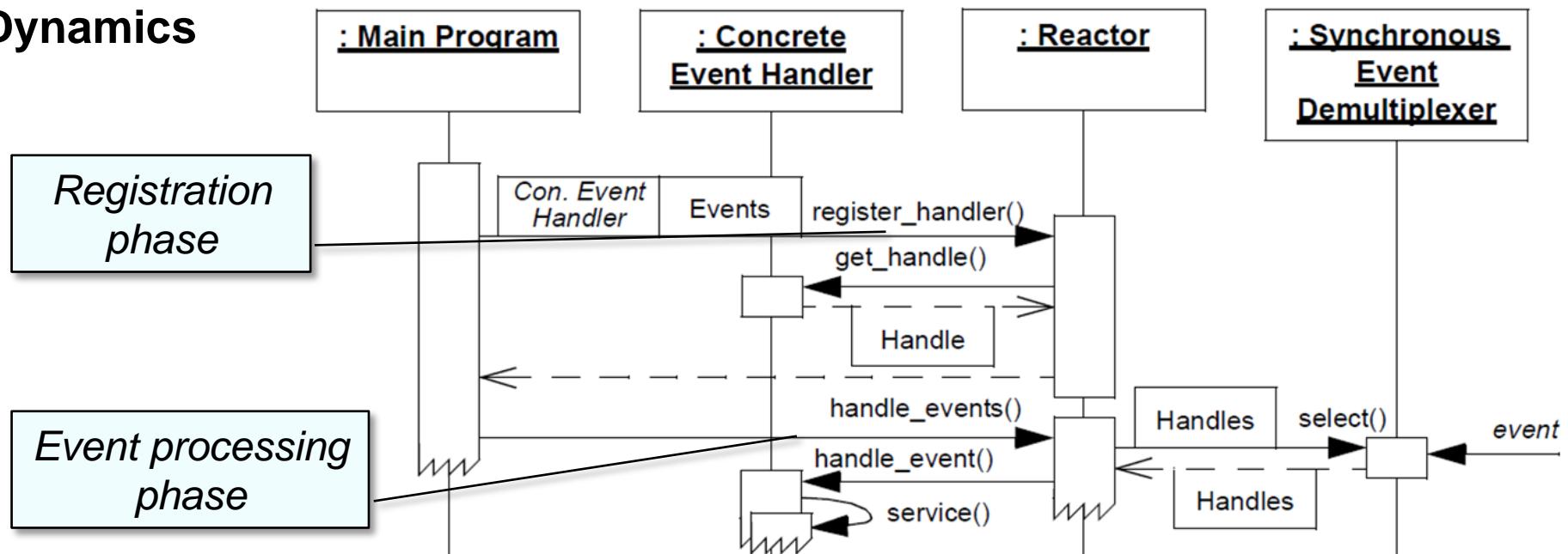
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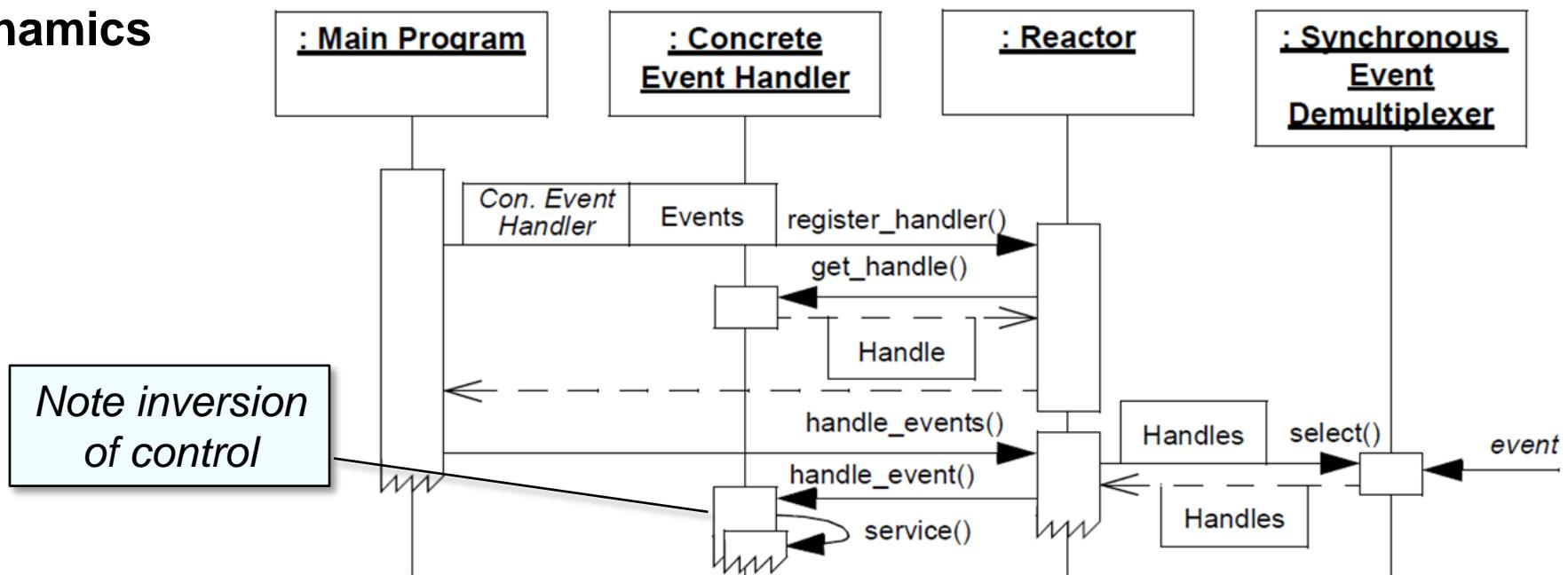
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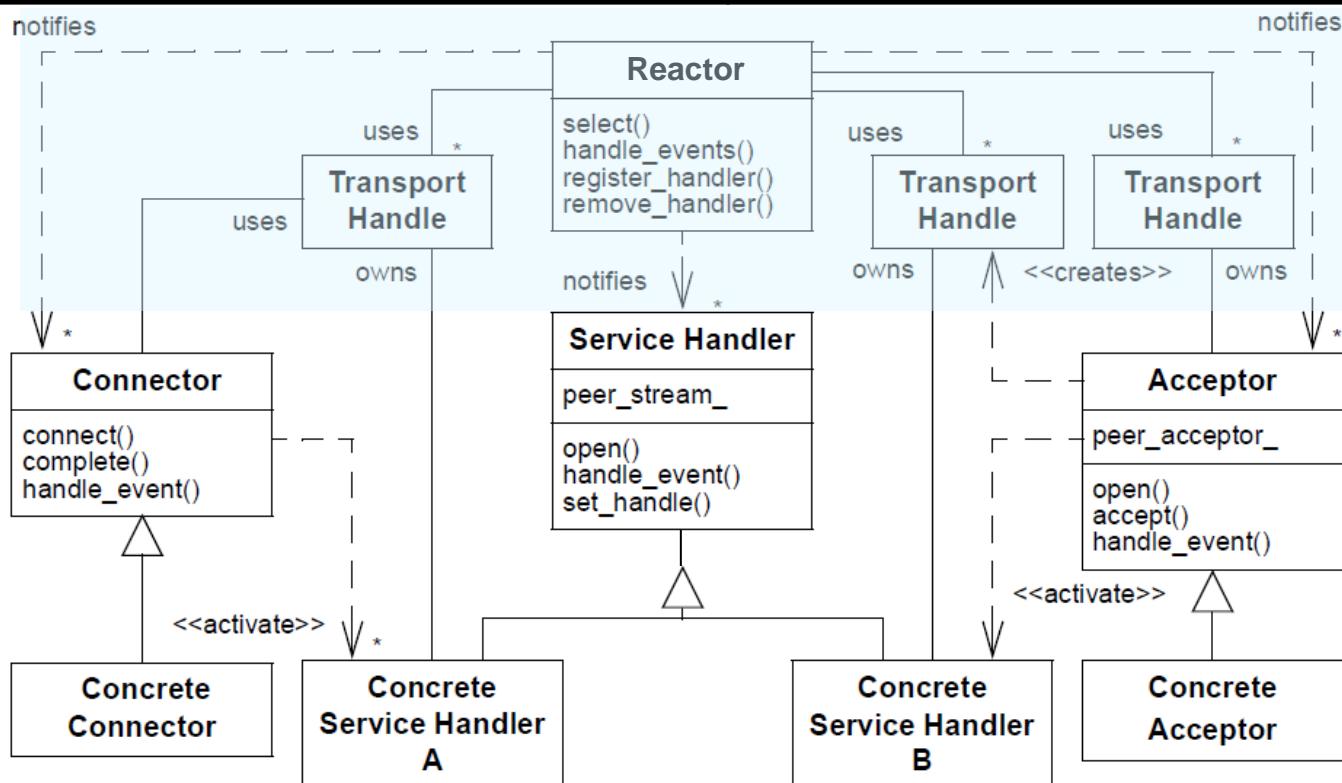


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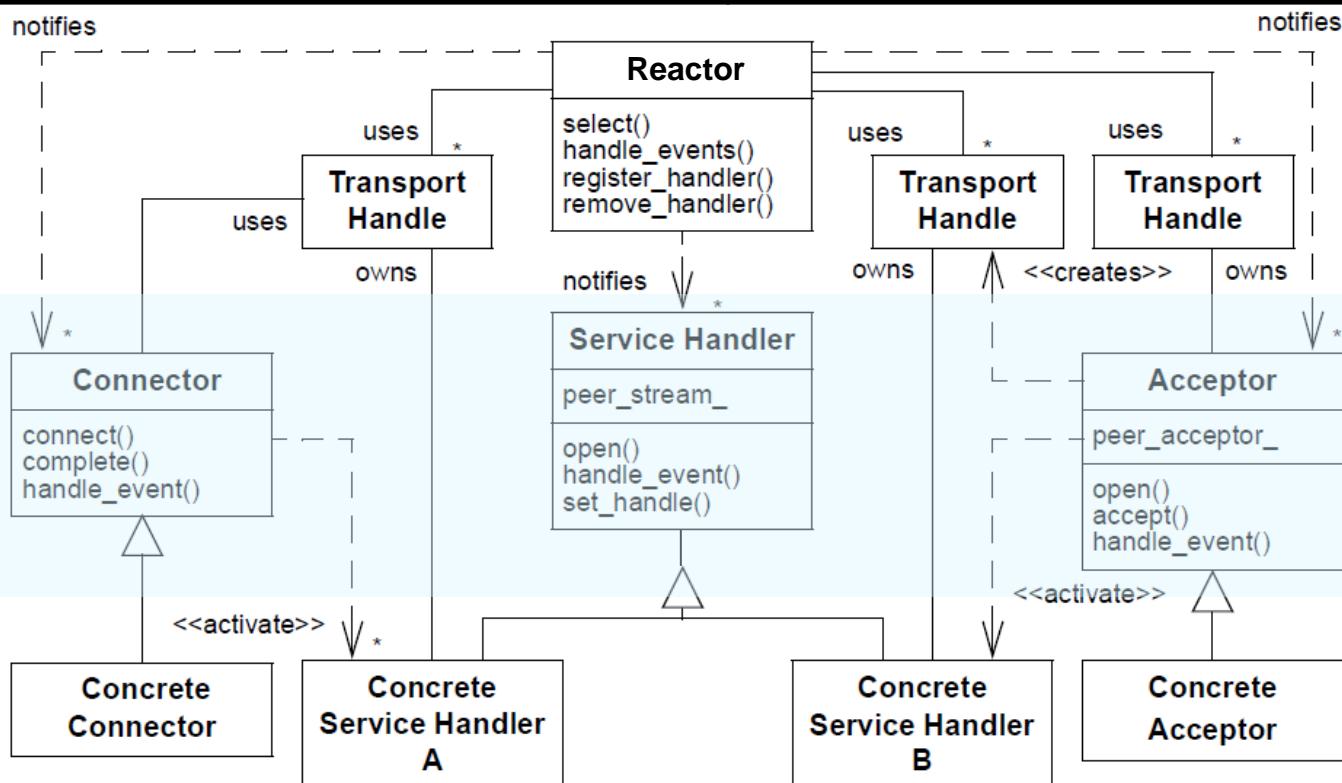


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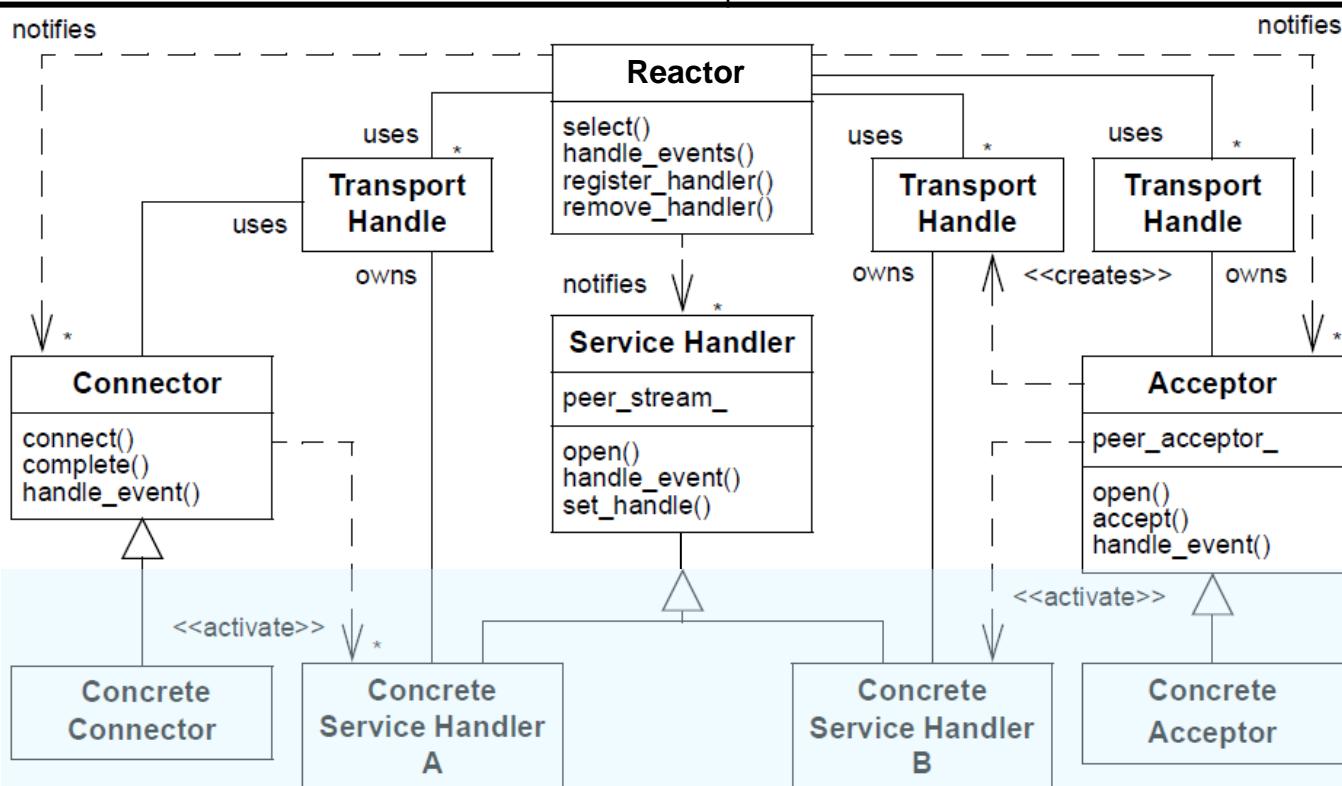


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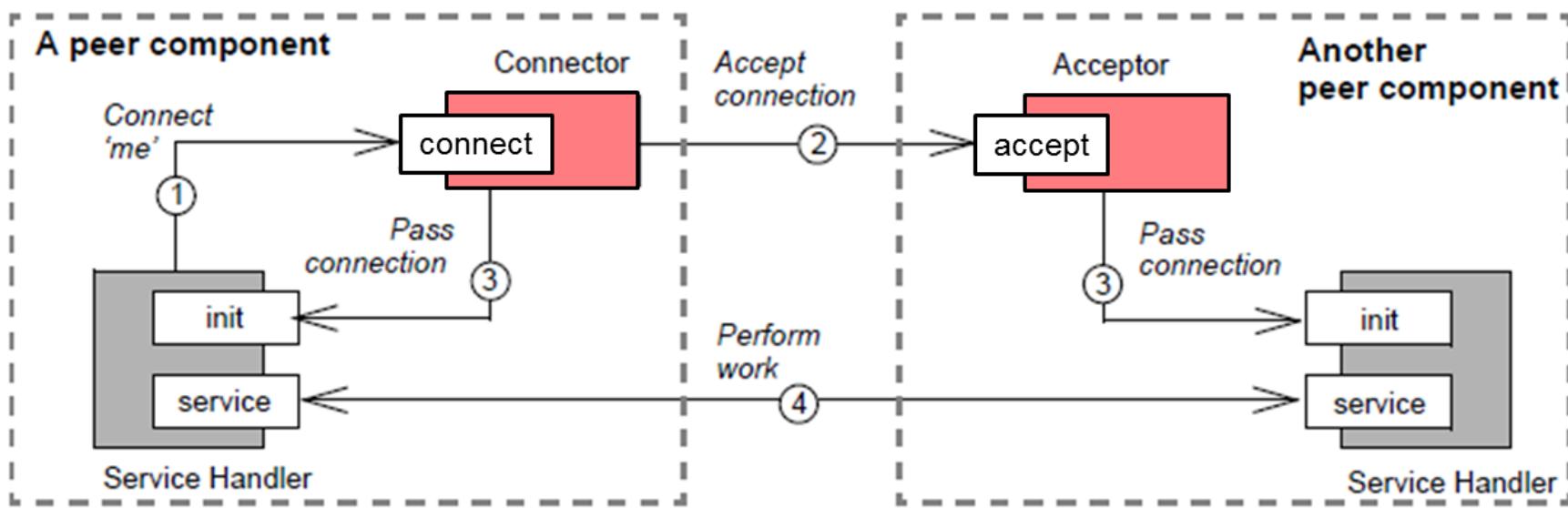
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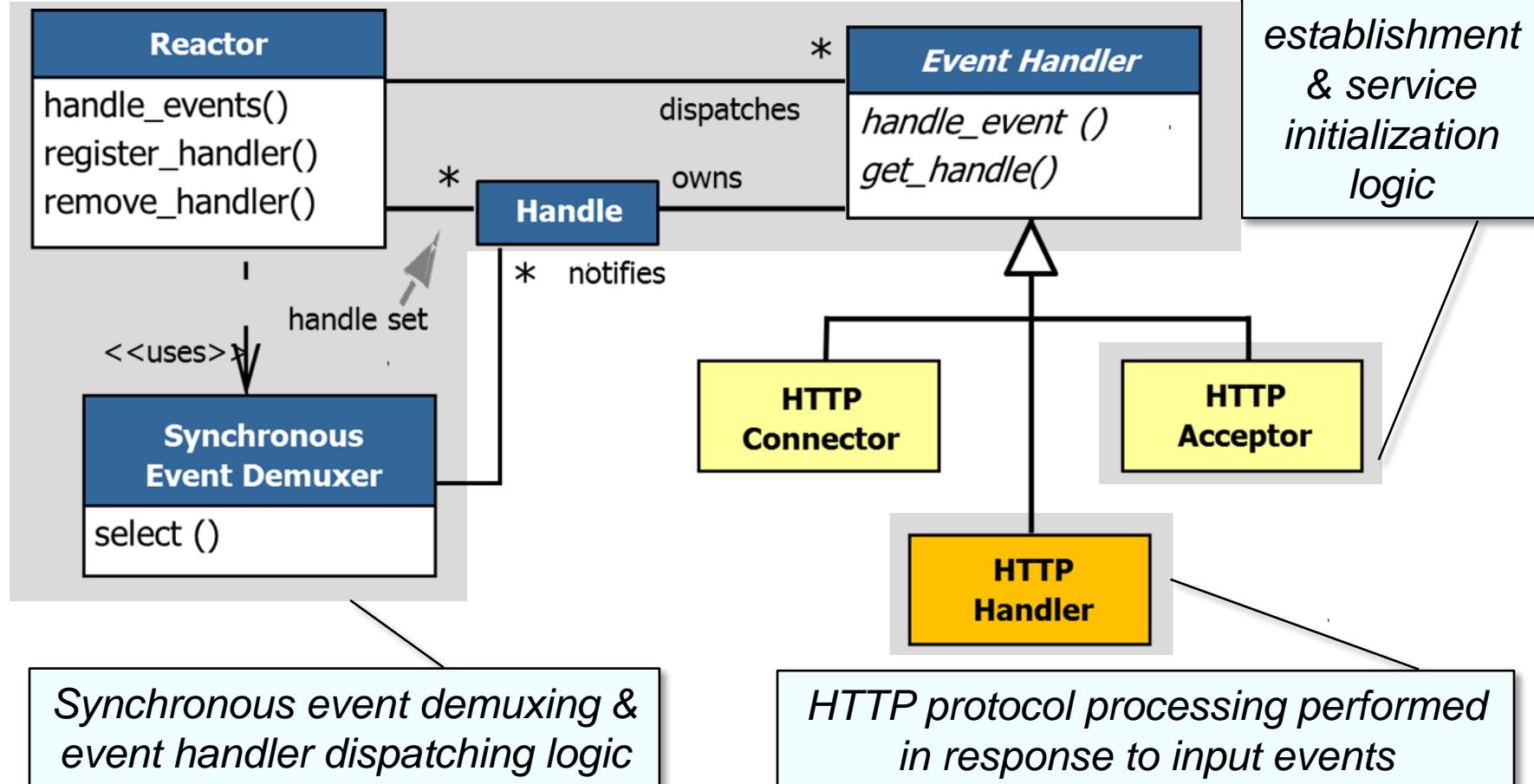
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# Applying the Reactor & Acceptor-Connector Patterns to JAWS

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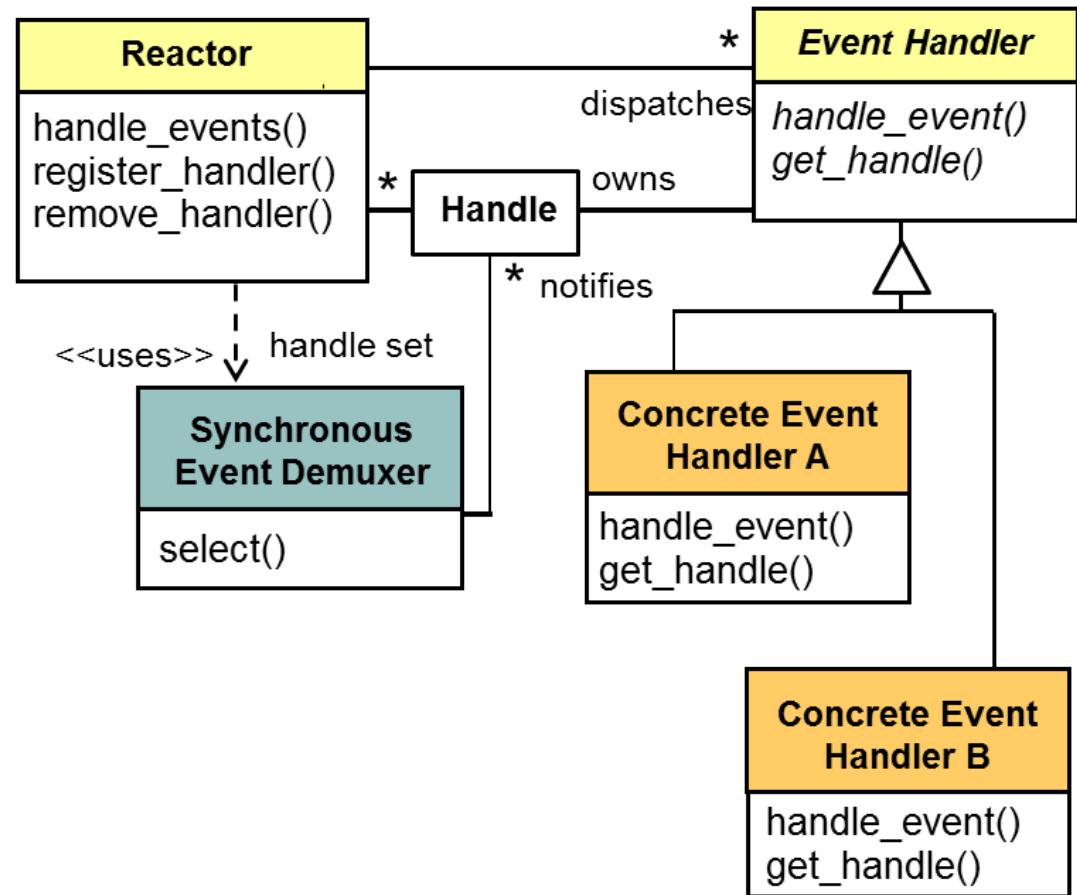
JAWS doesn't use *Connector* portion of the *Acceptor-Connector* pattern



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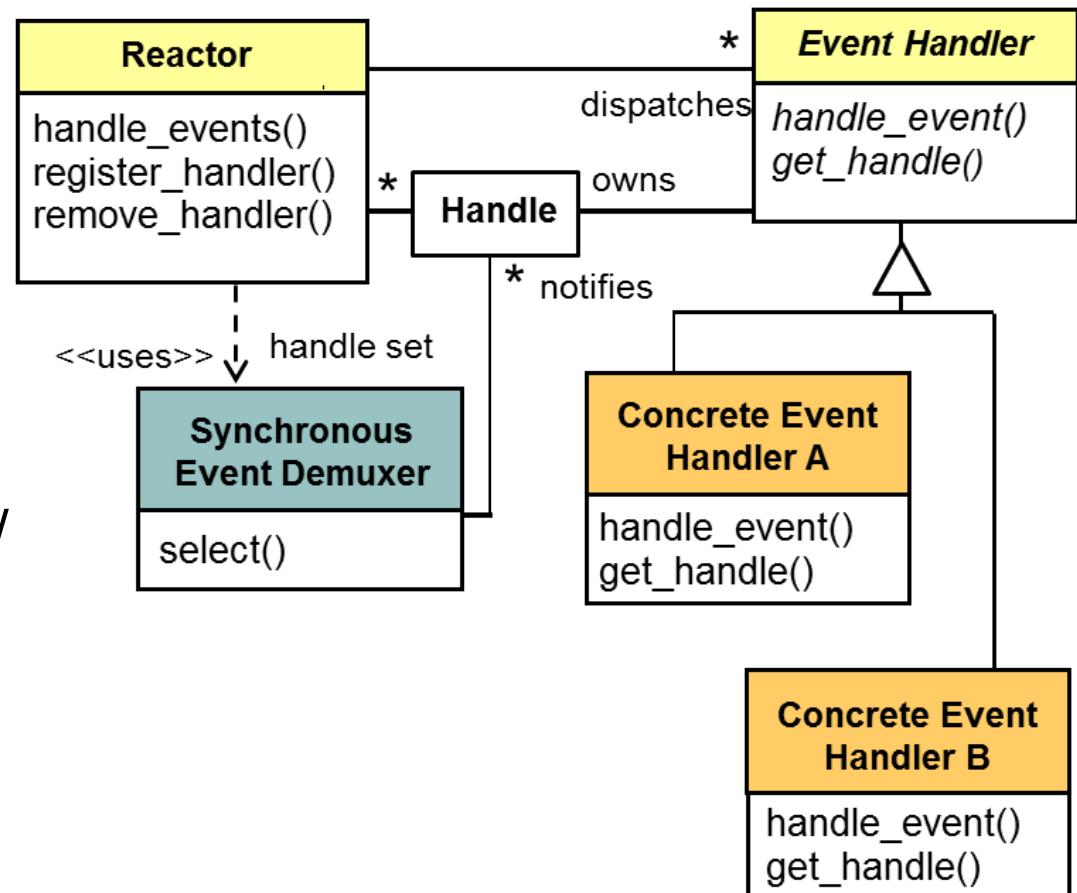
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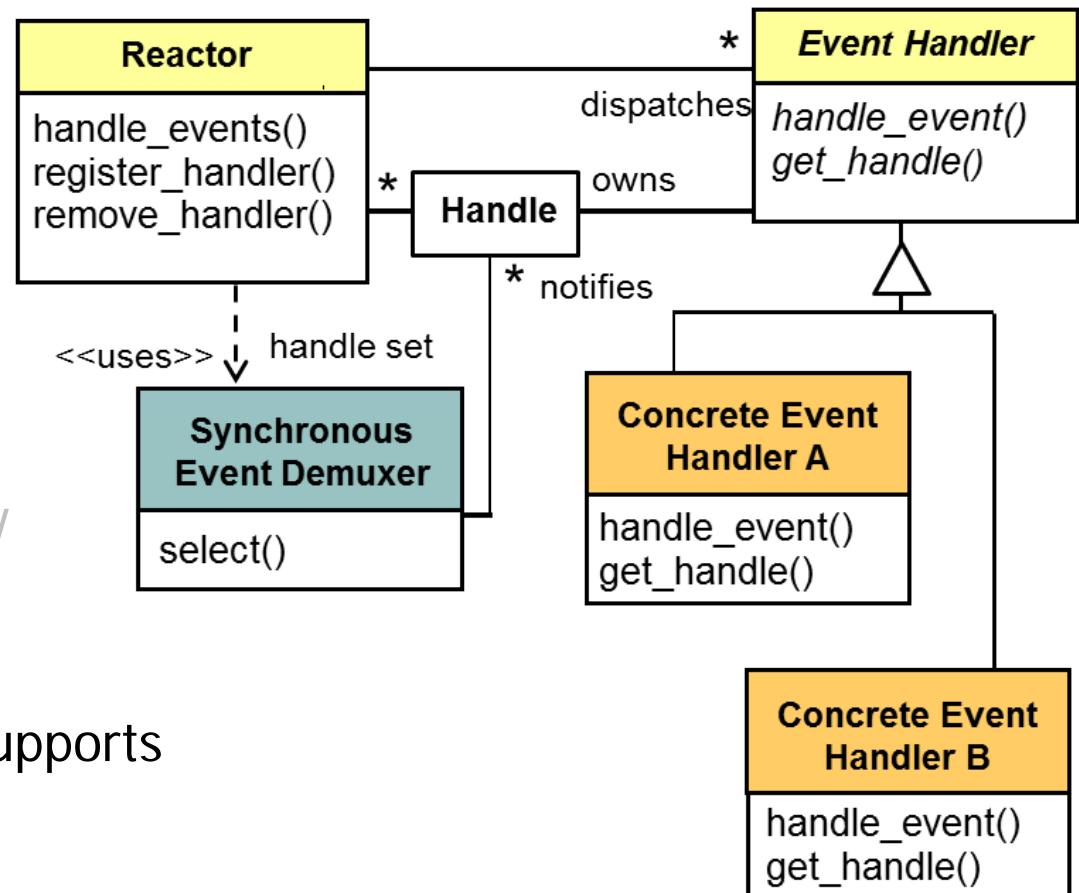
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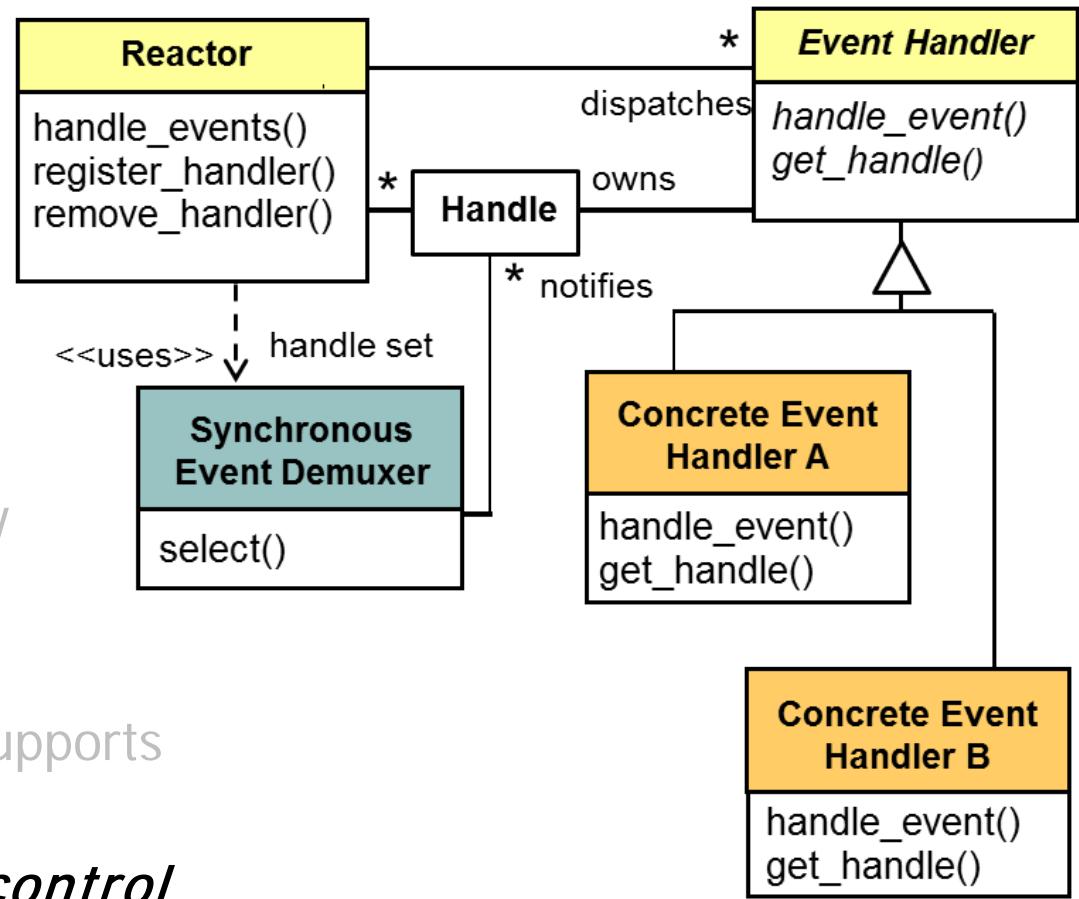
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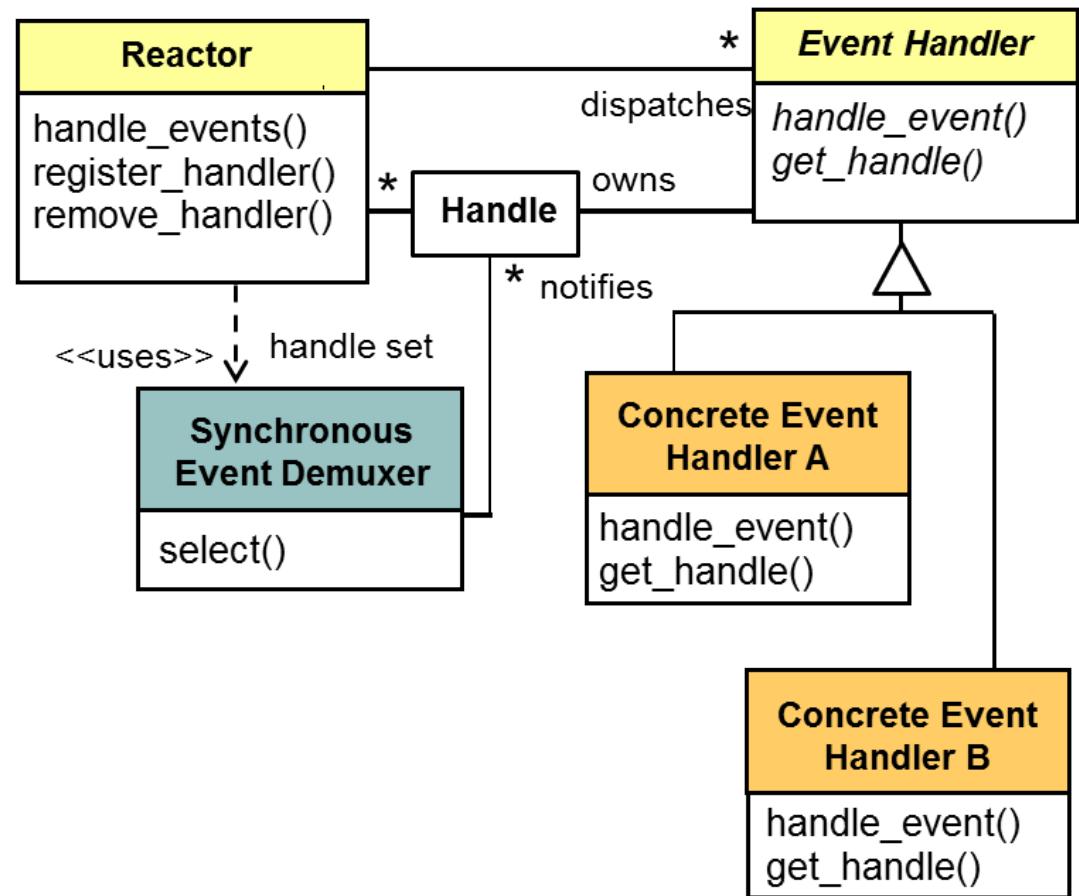
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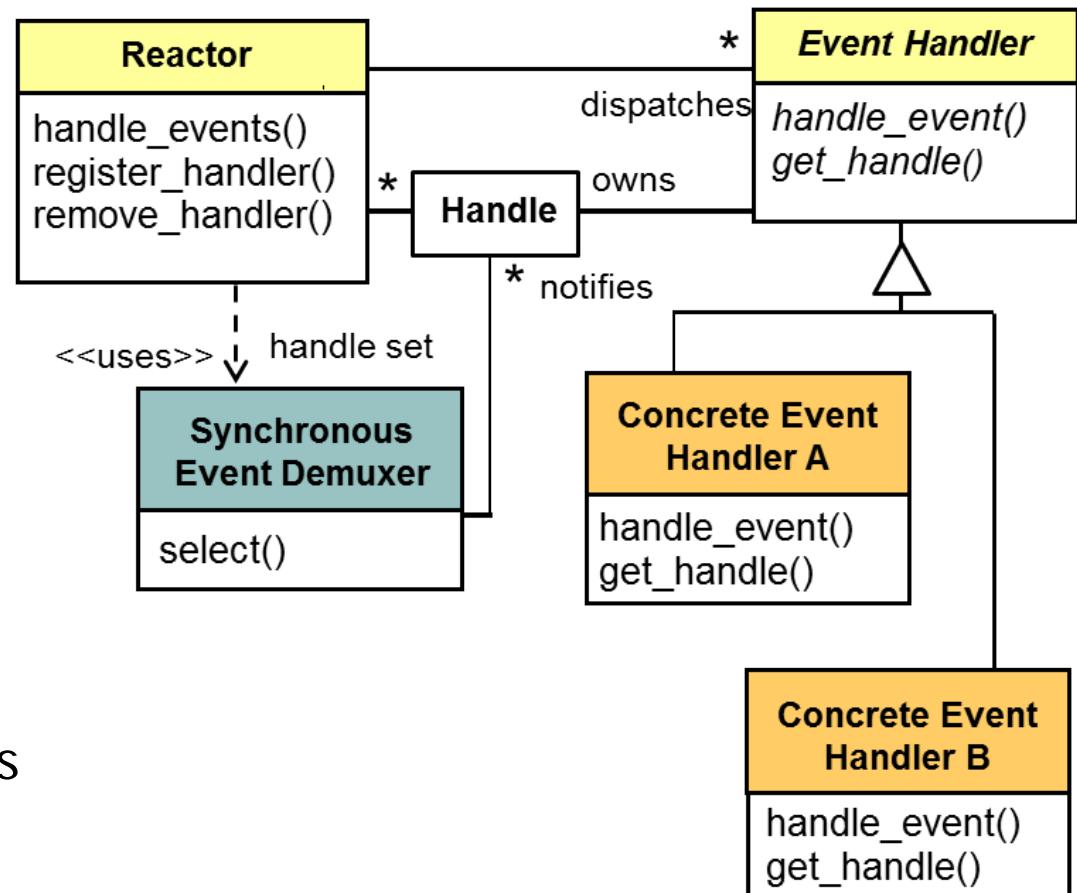
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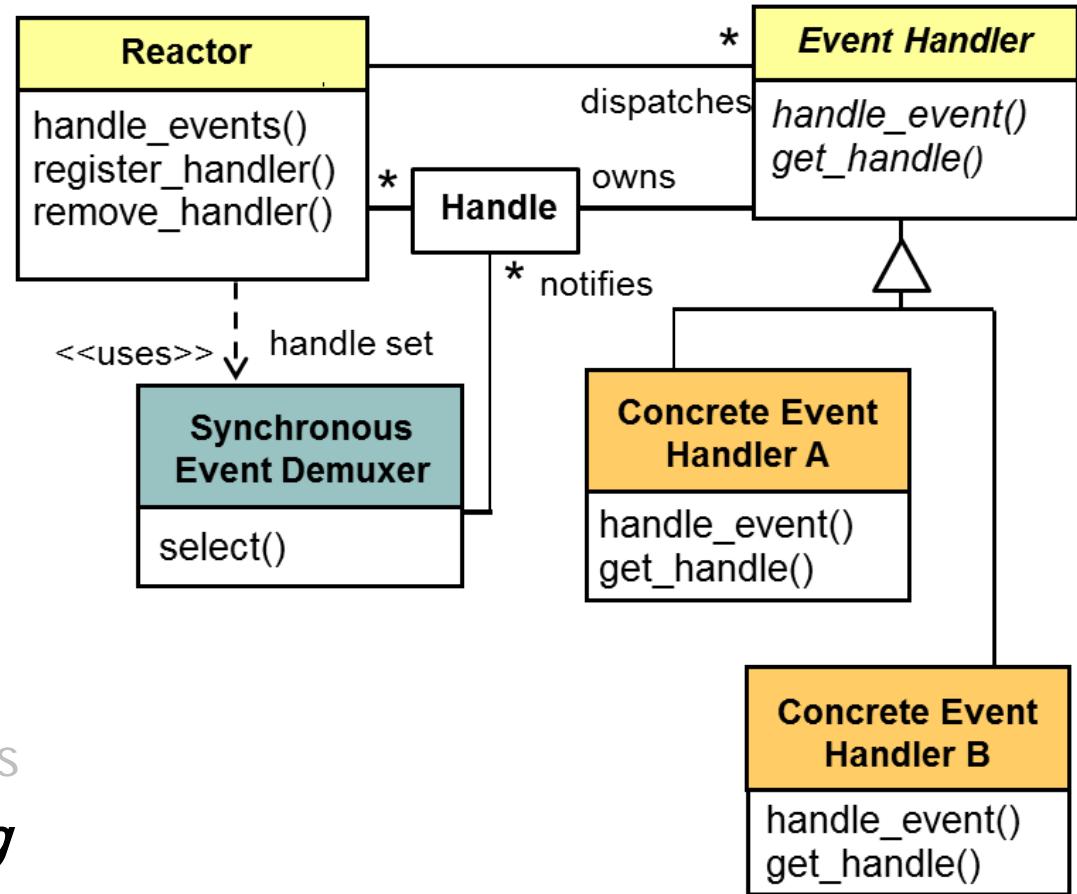
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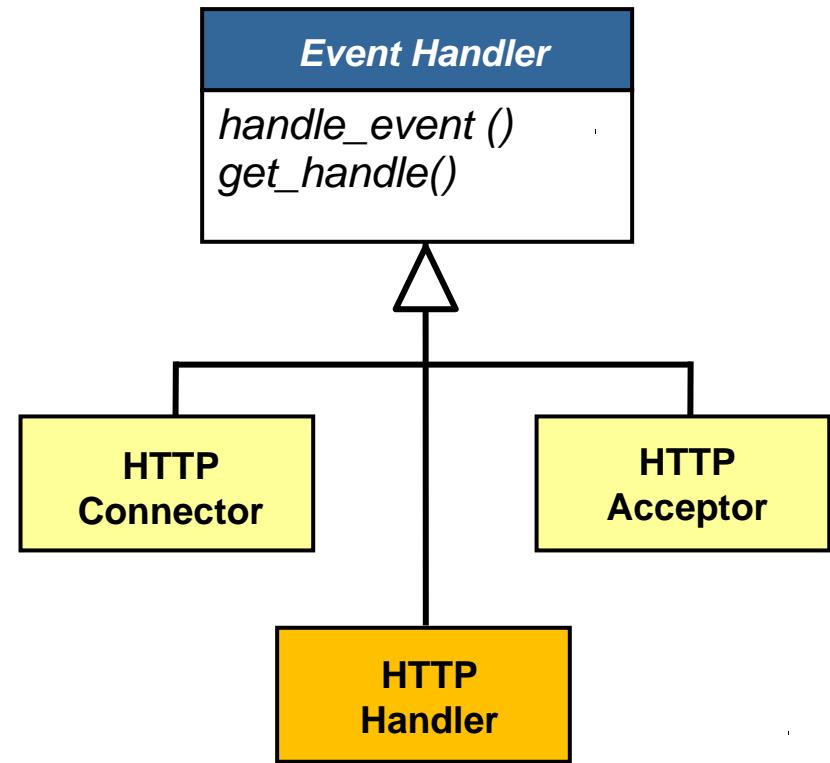
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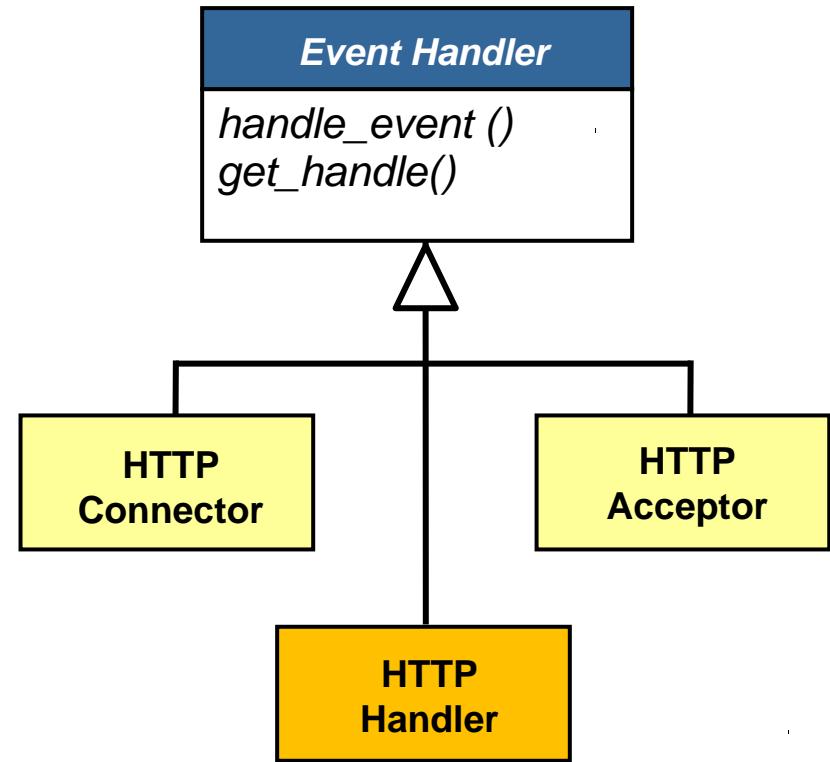
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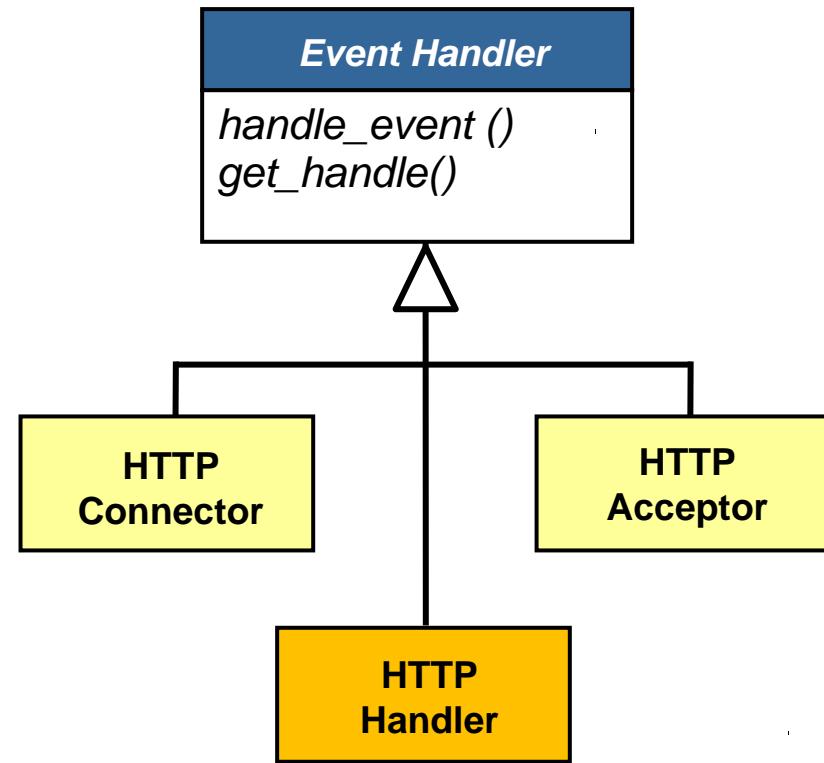
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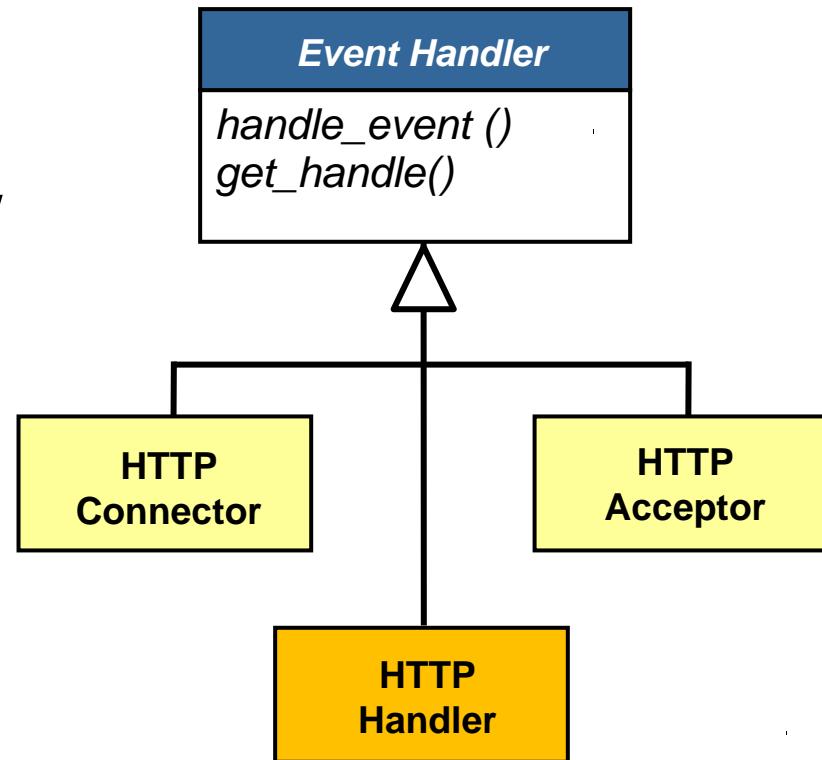
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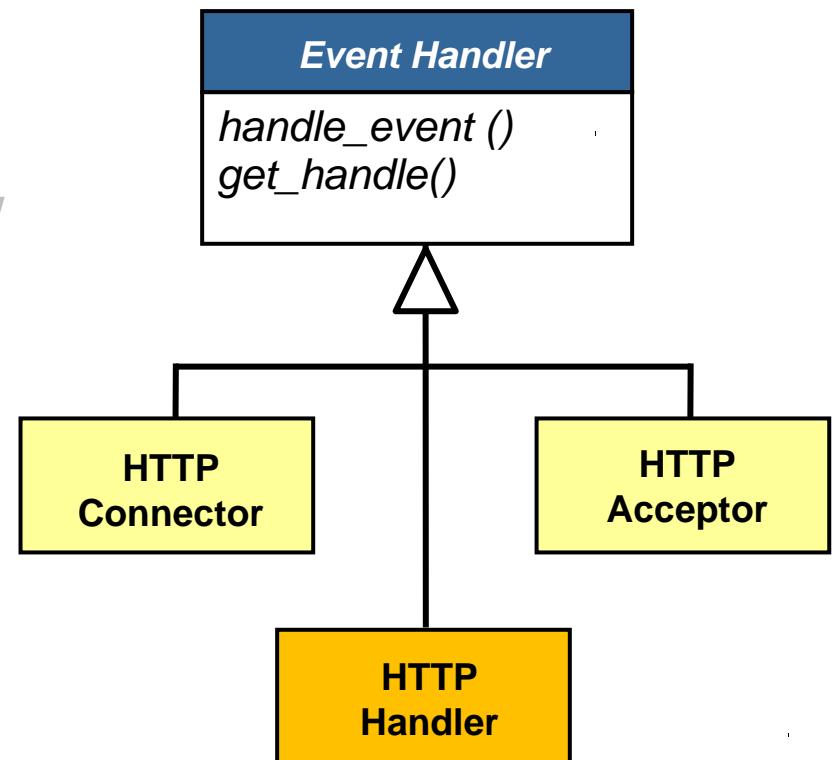
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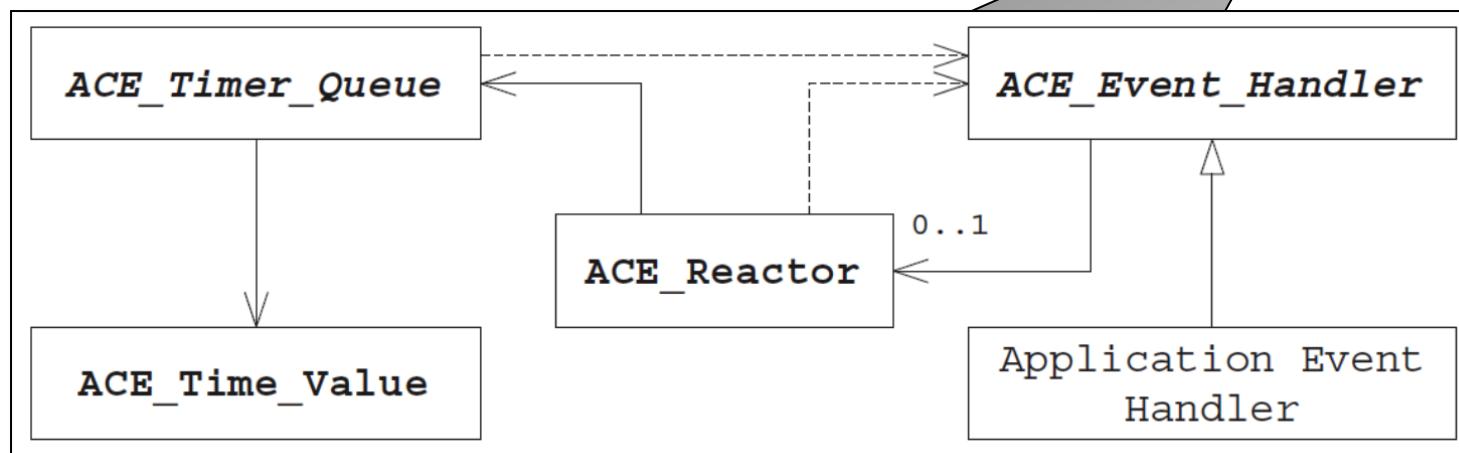
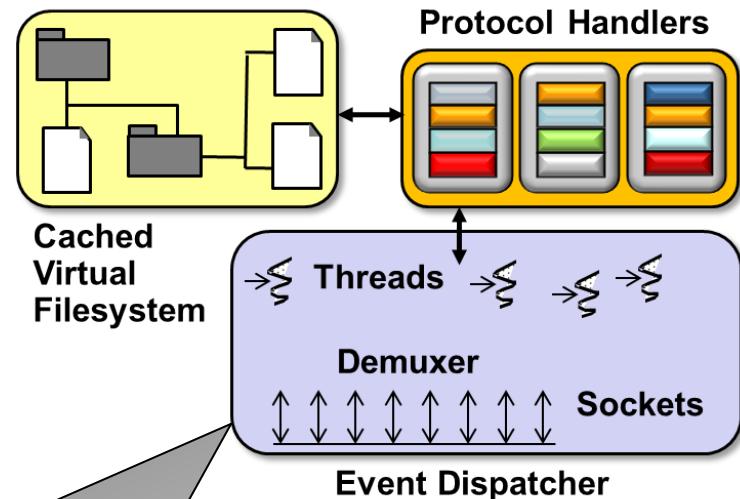
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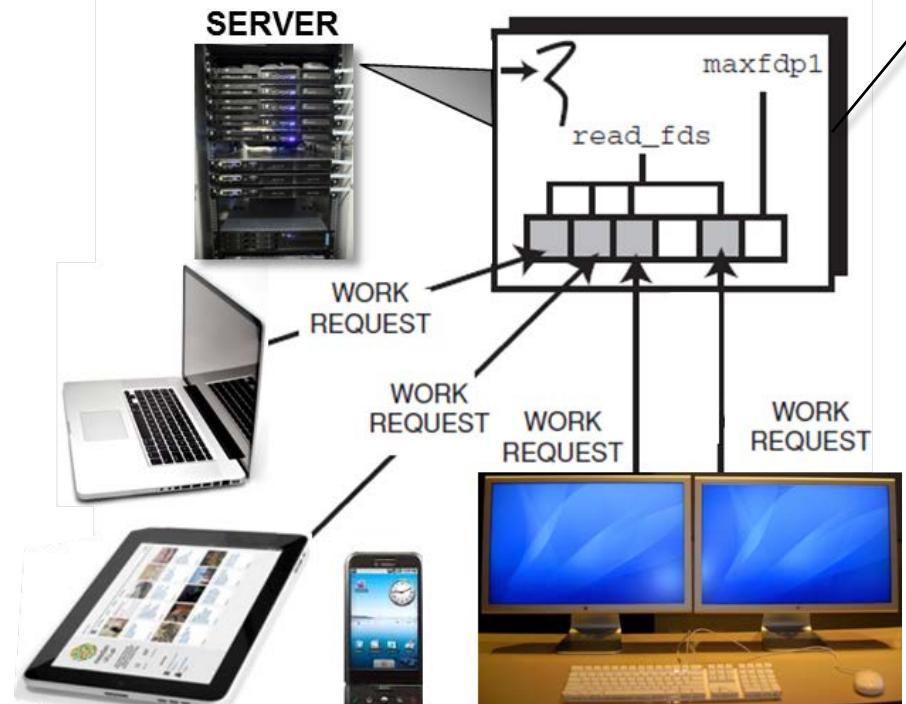
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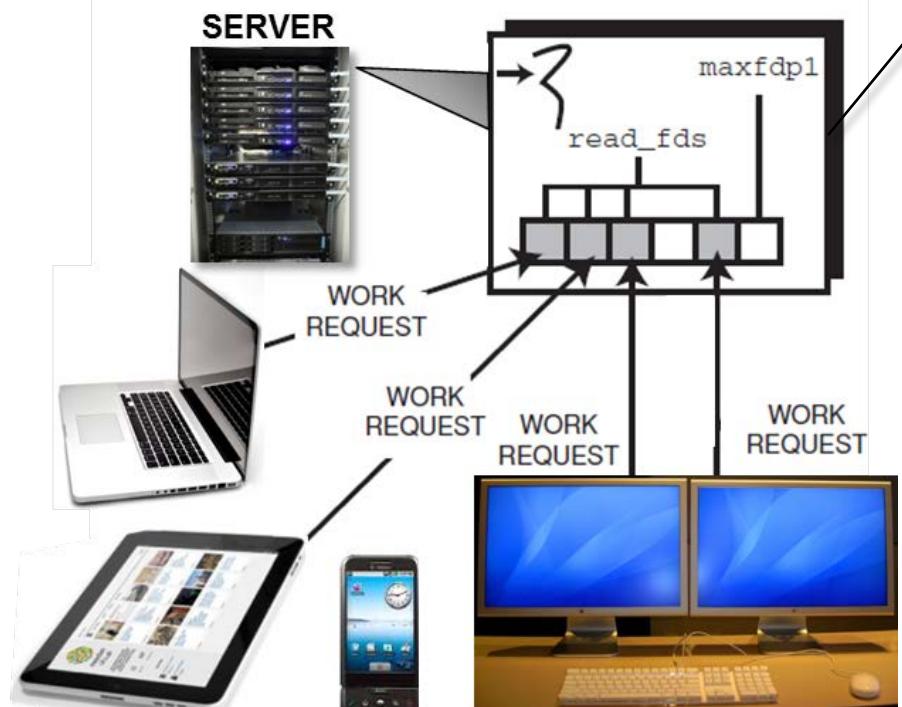
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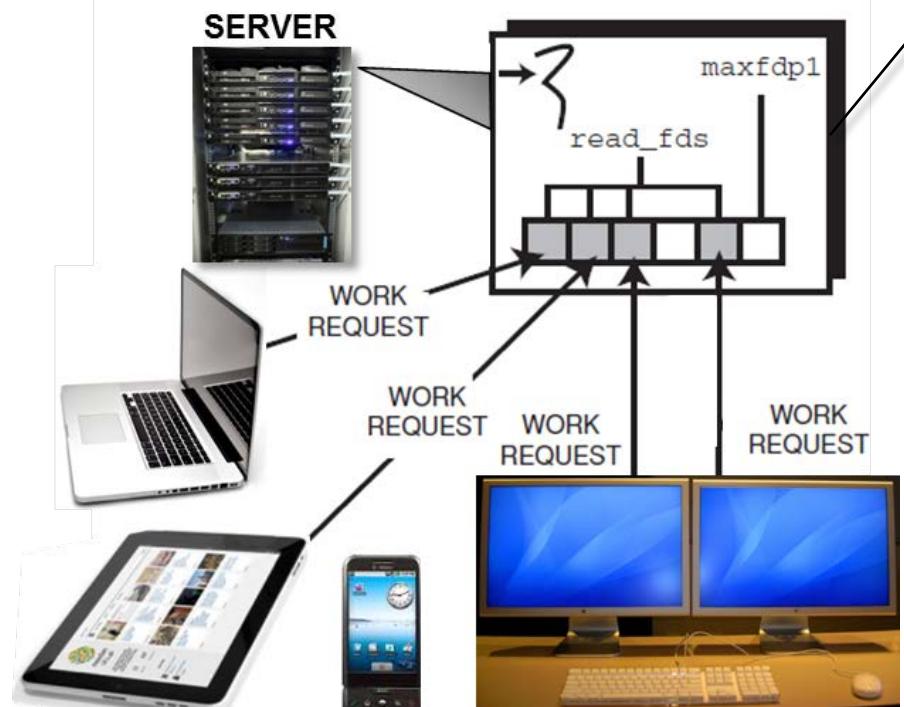
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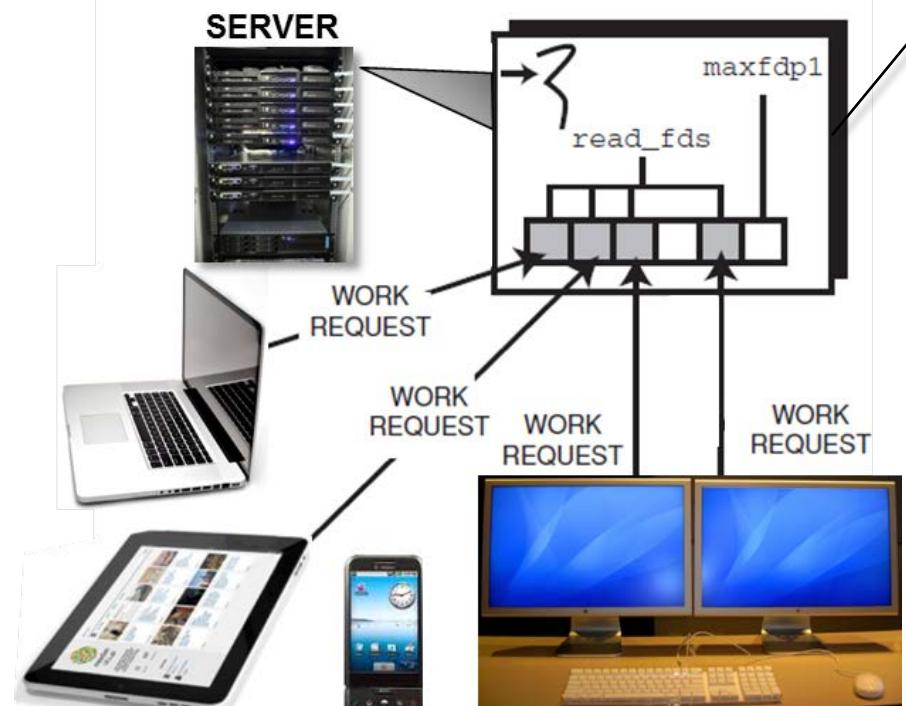
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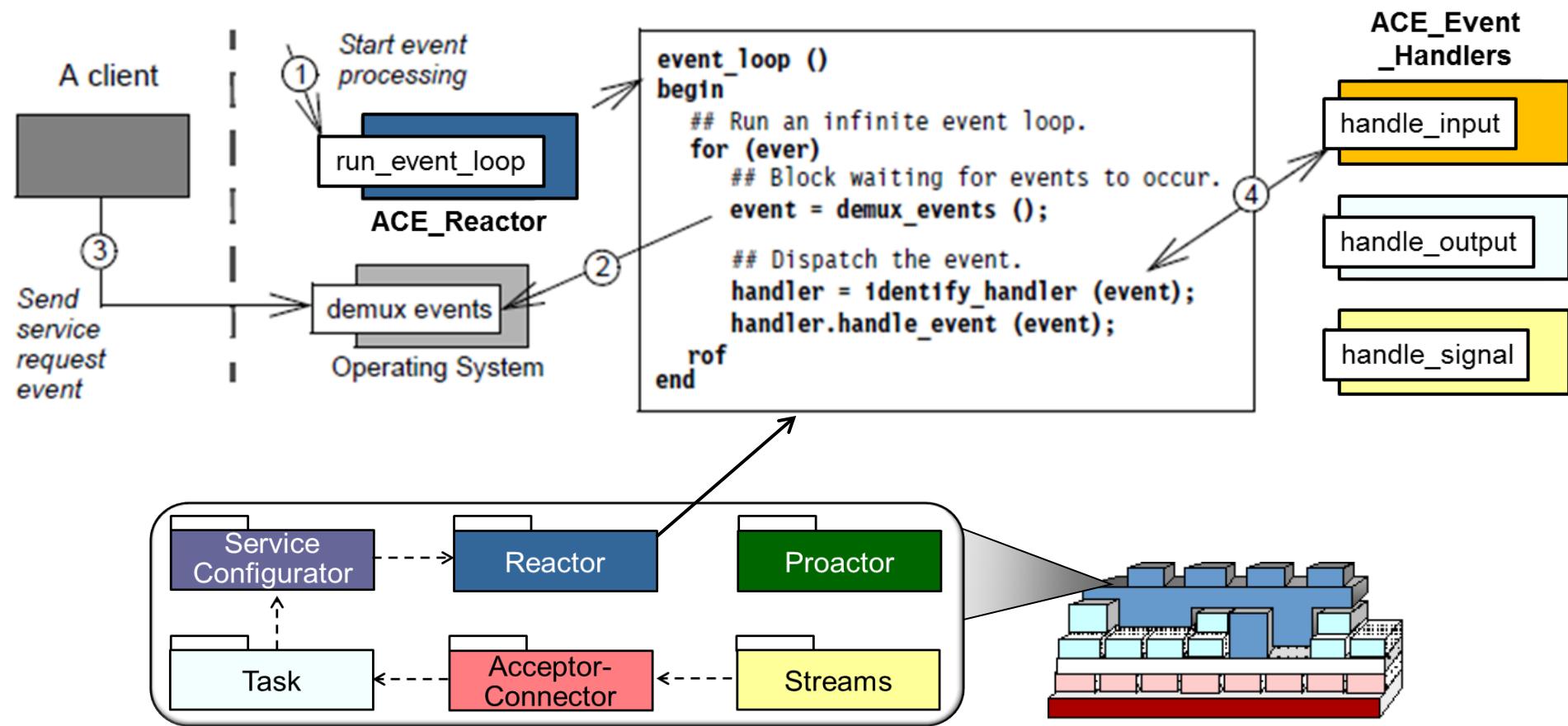
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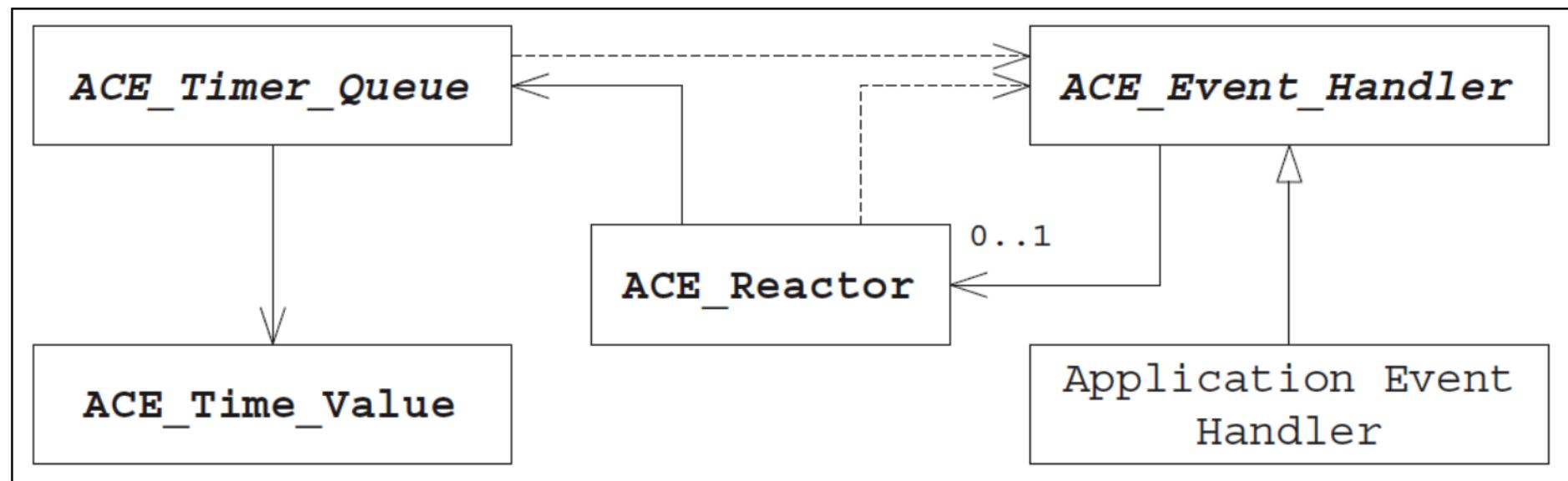
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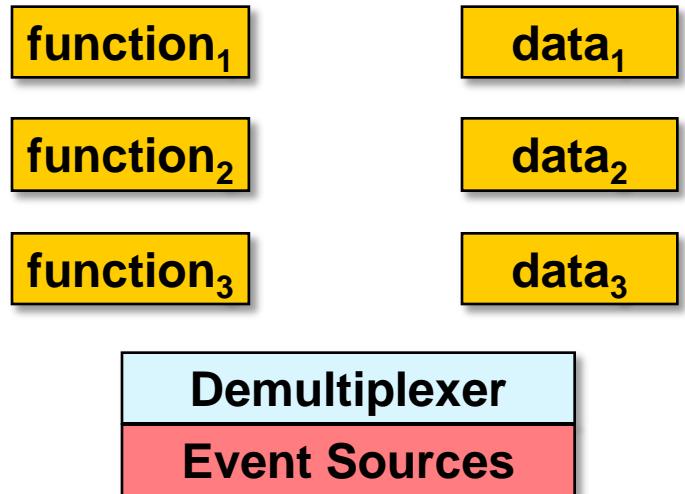
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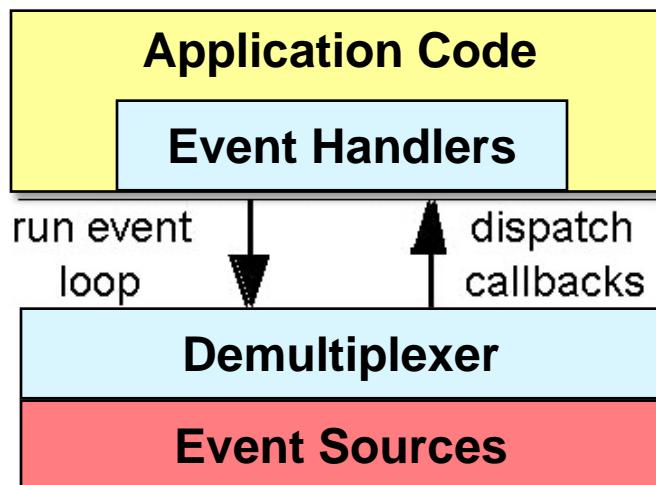
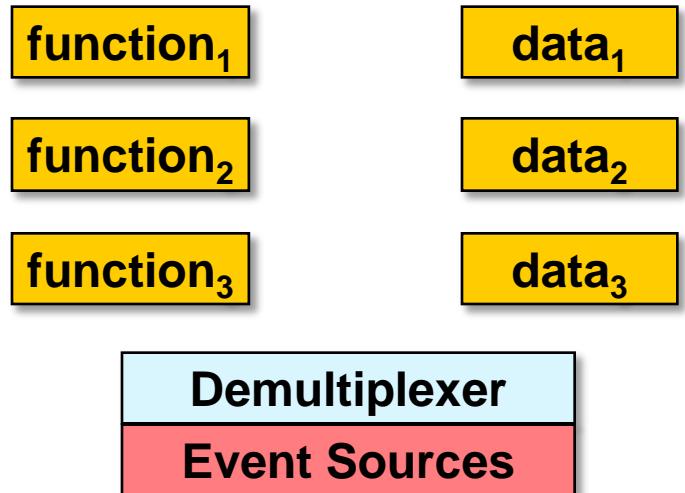
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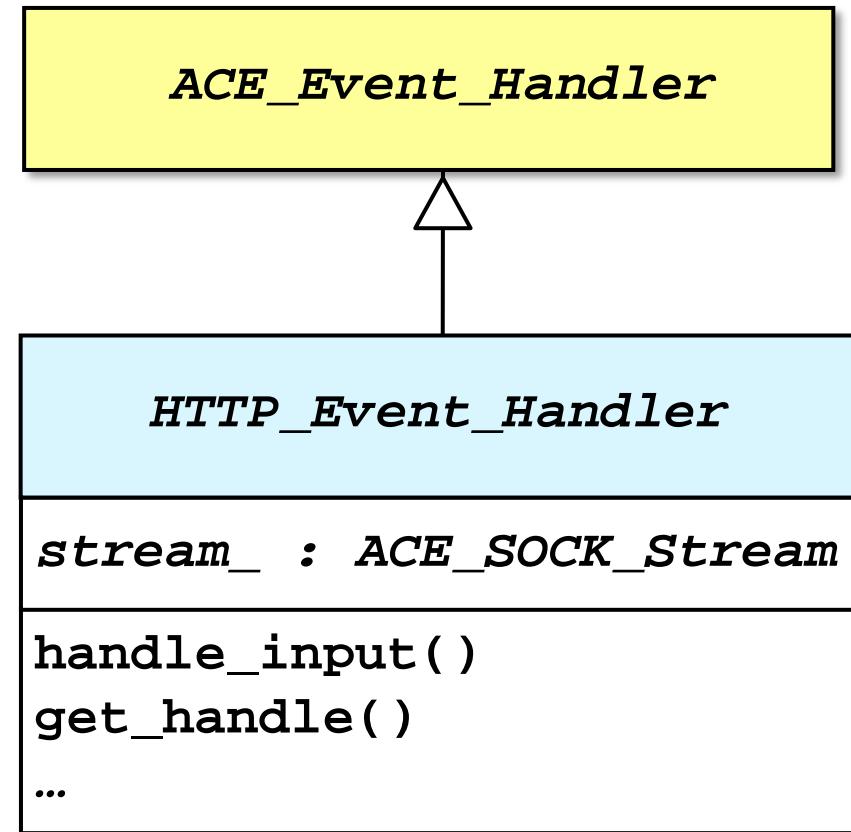
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Called back by reactor when a data event occurs to memory-map requested file & send its contents back to the client



```
int HTTP_Event_Handler::handle_input (ACE_HANDLE) {
    std::string pathname (get.pathname (stream_));
    ACE_Mem_Map mapped_file (pathname.c_str ());
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See next slide for summary of return values

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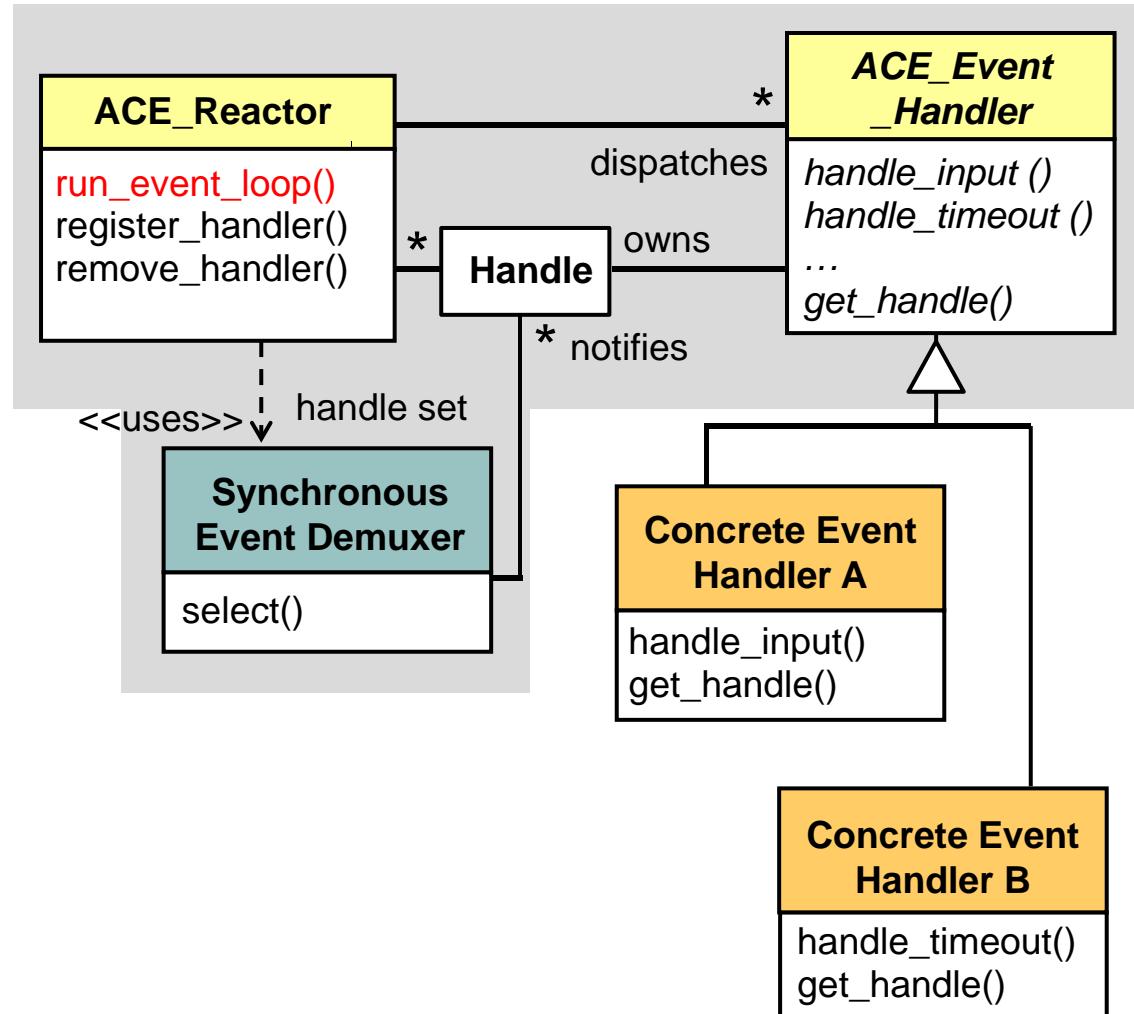
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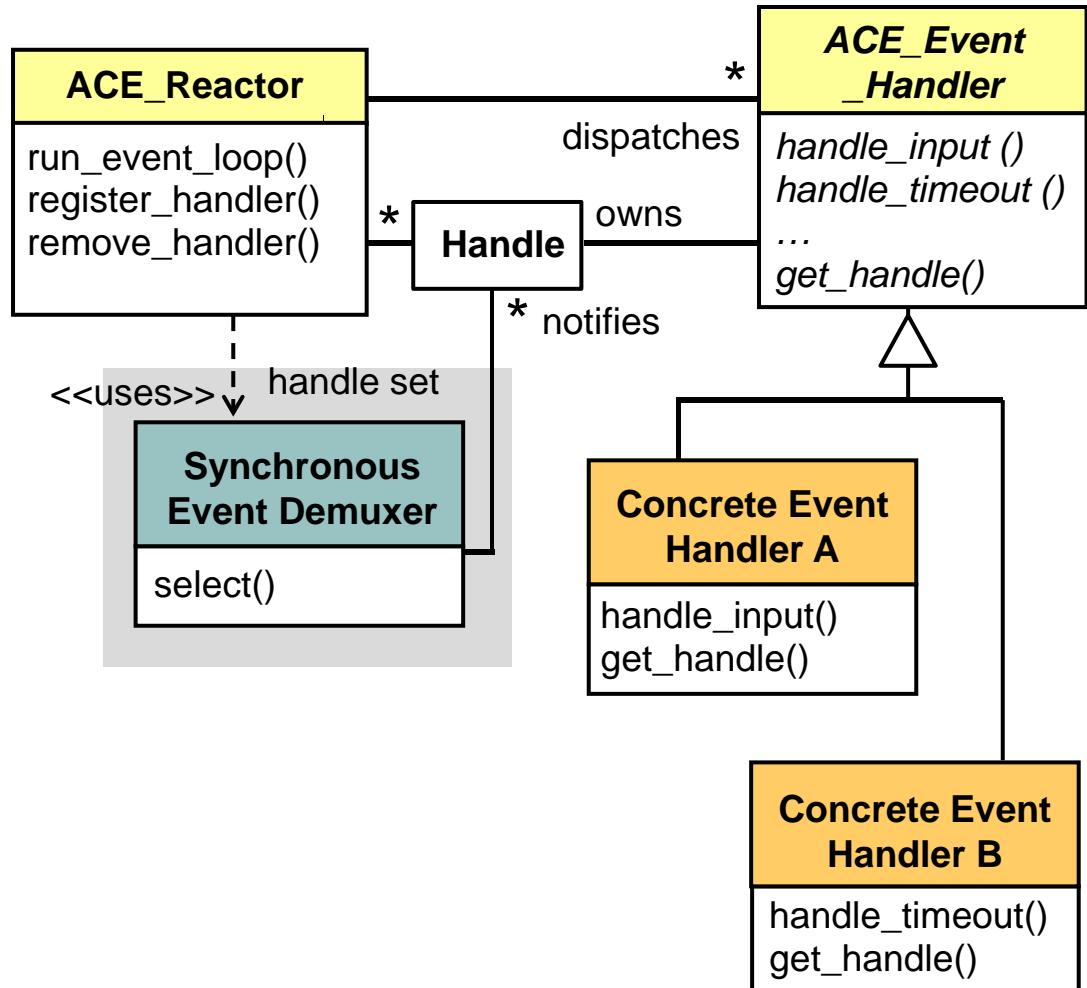
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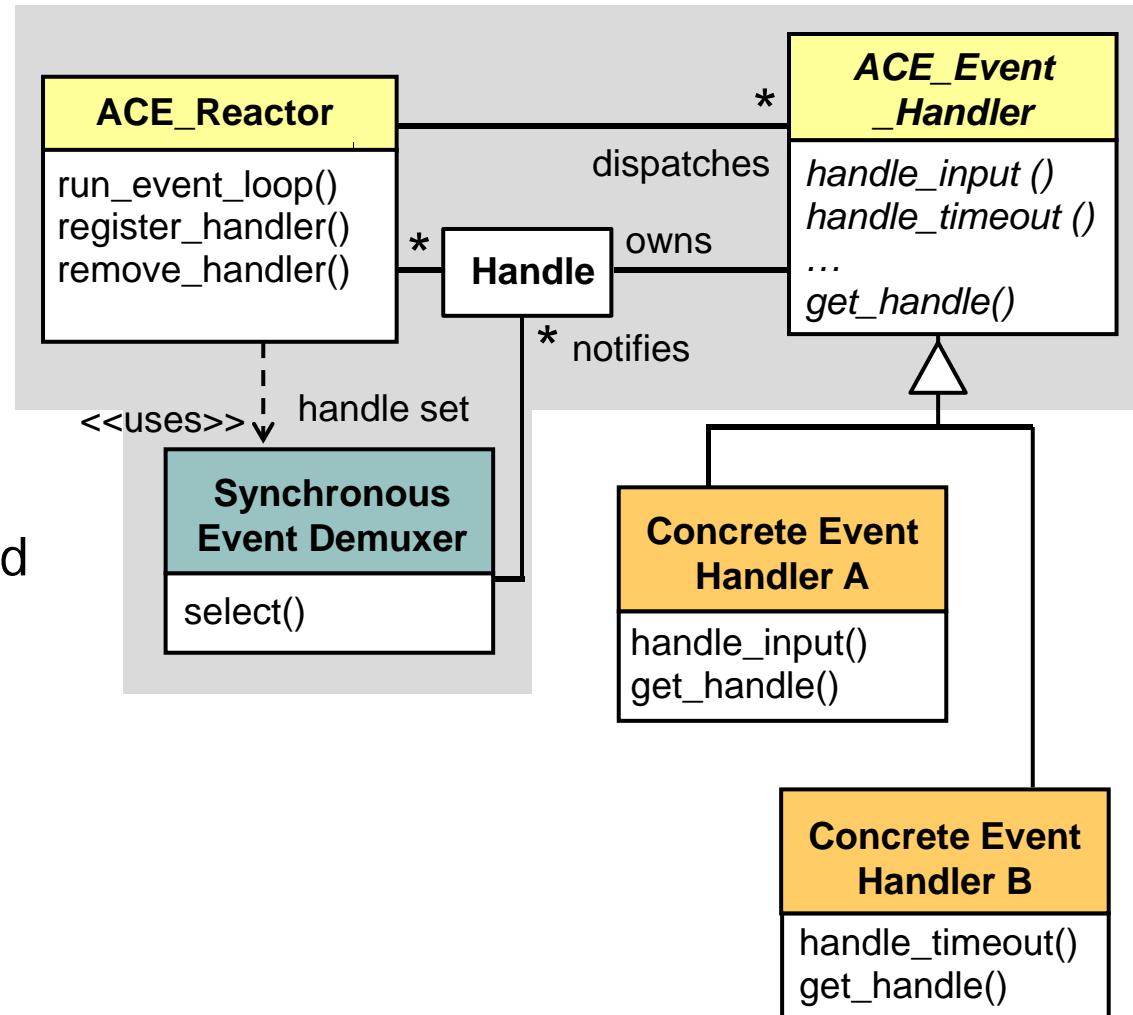
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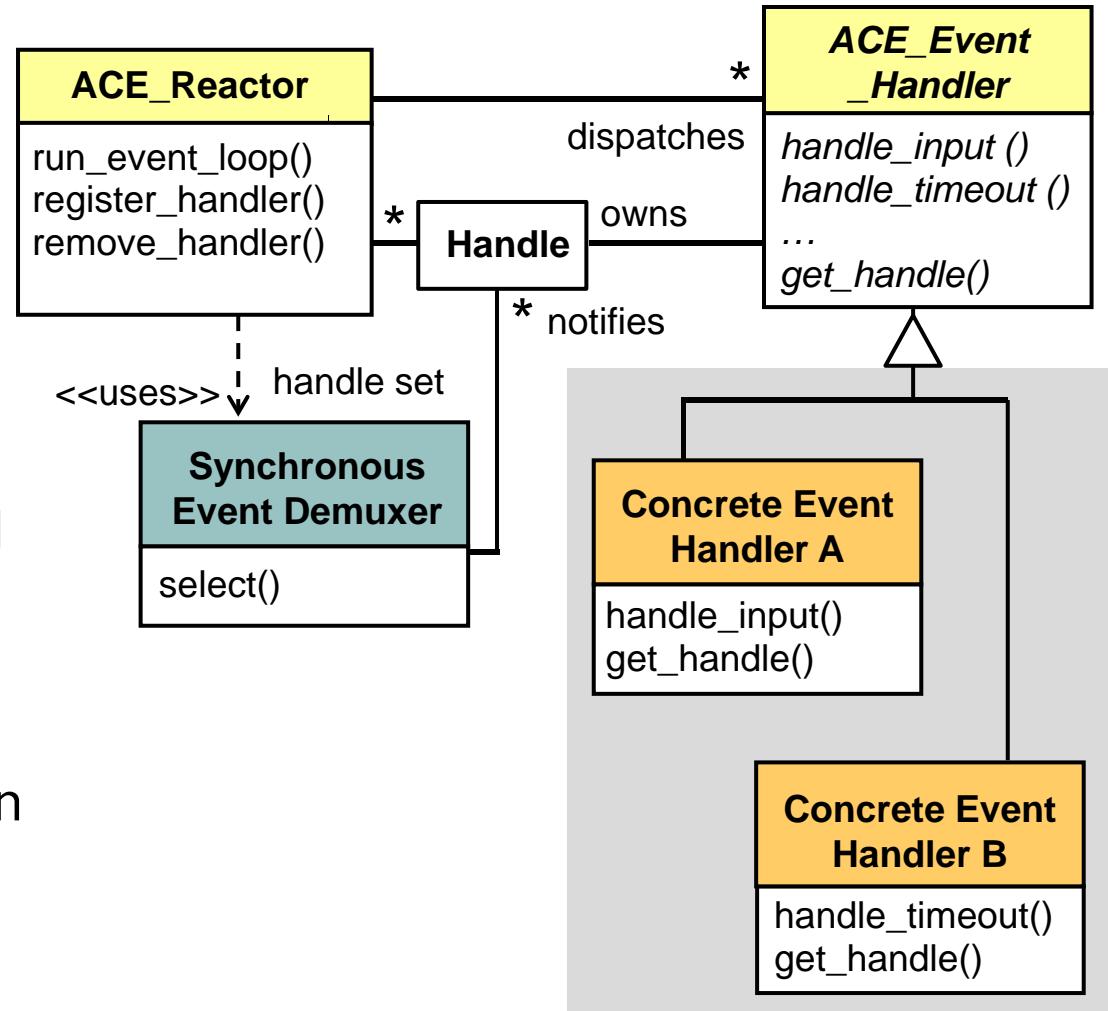
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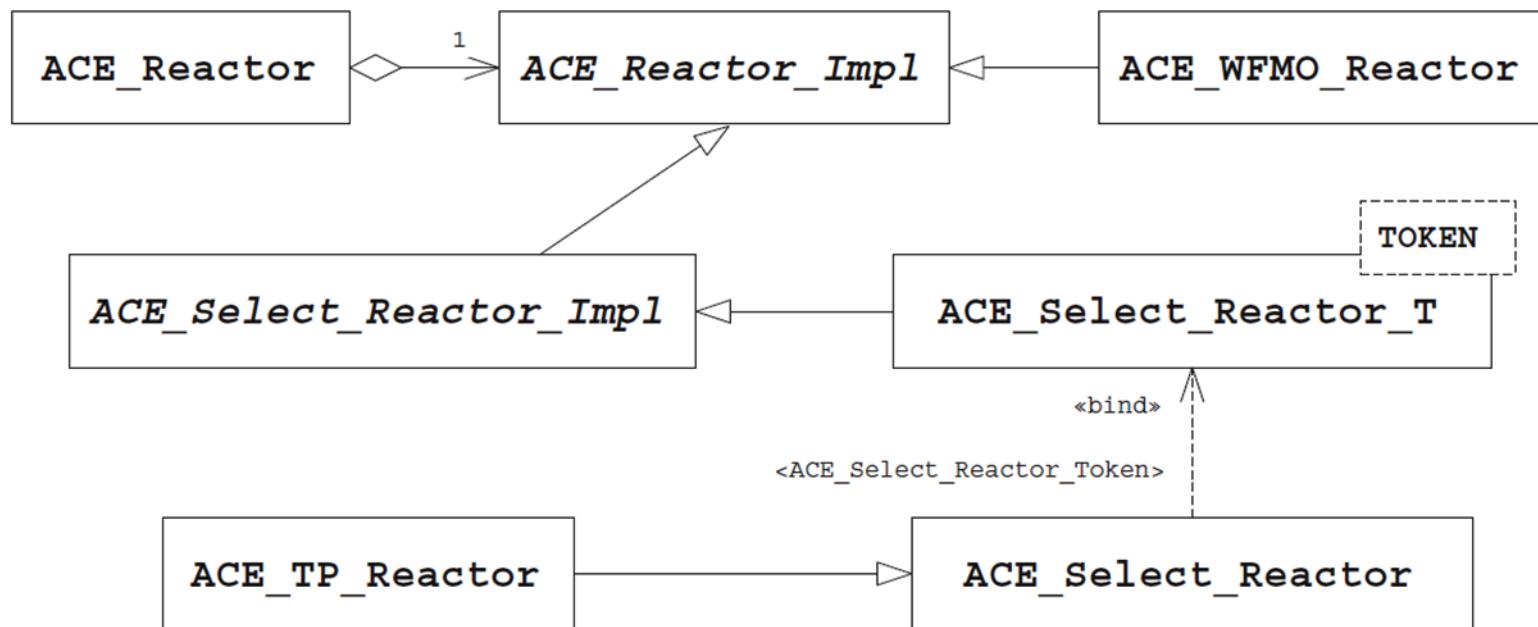
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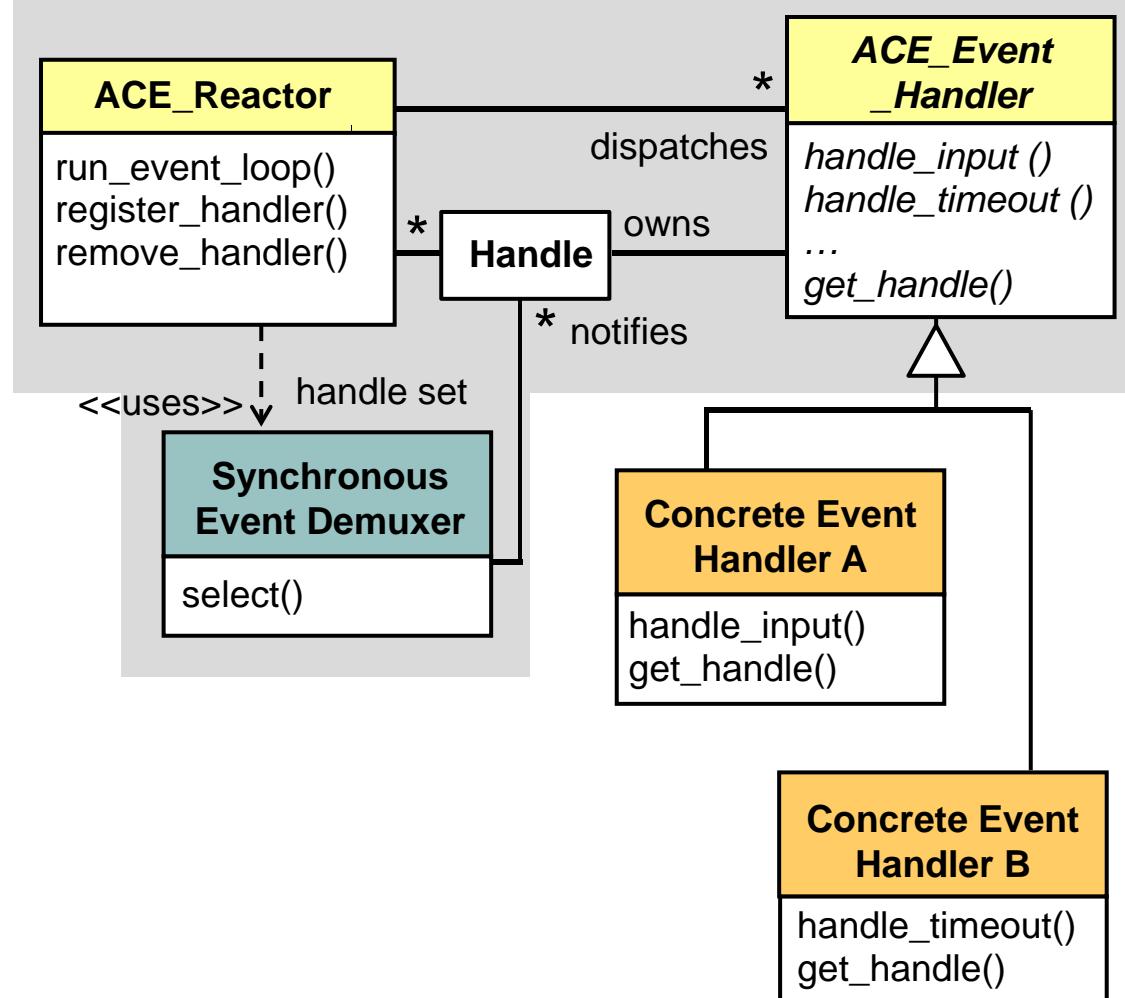
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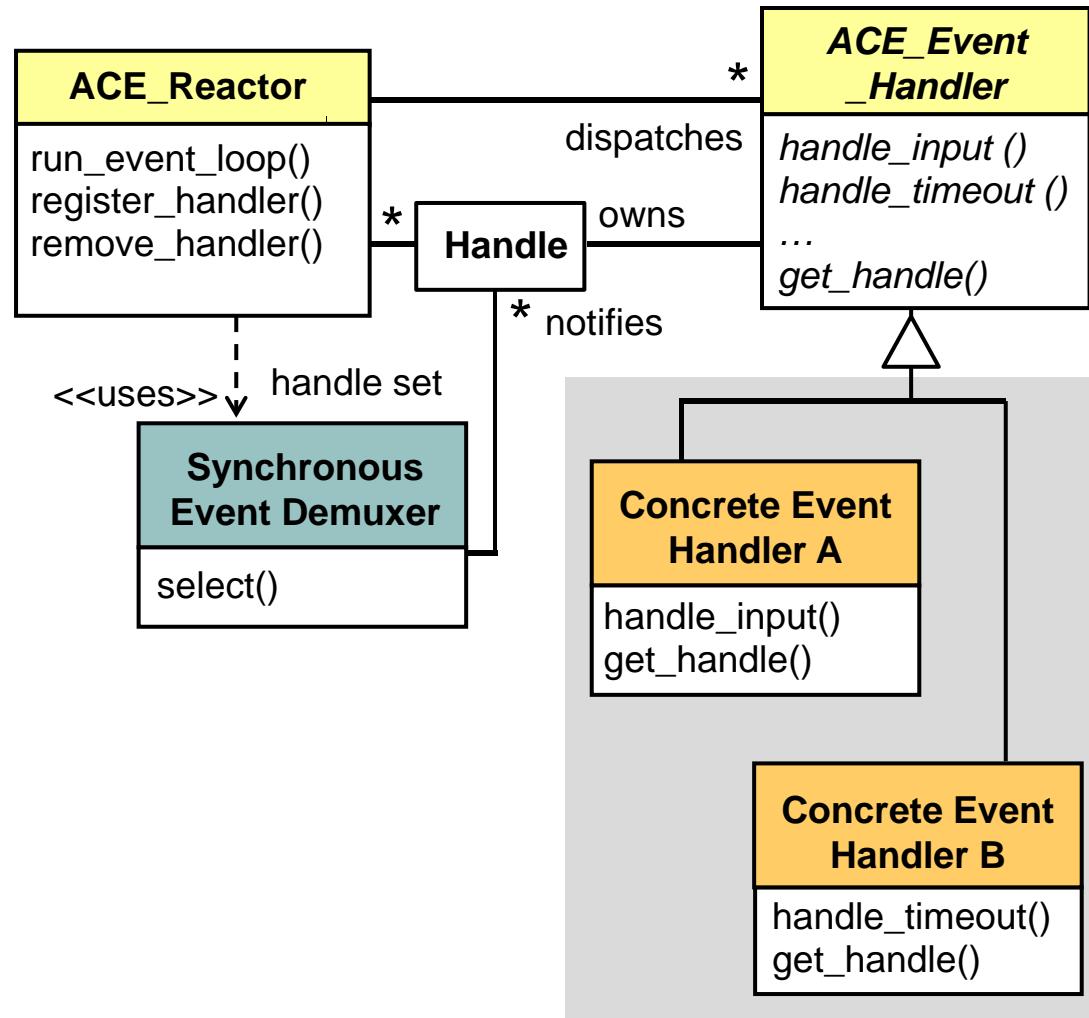
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# Patterns & Frameworks for Synchronous Event Handling, Connections, & Service Initialization: Part 3

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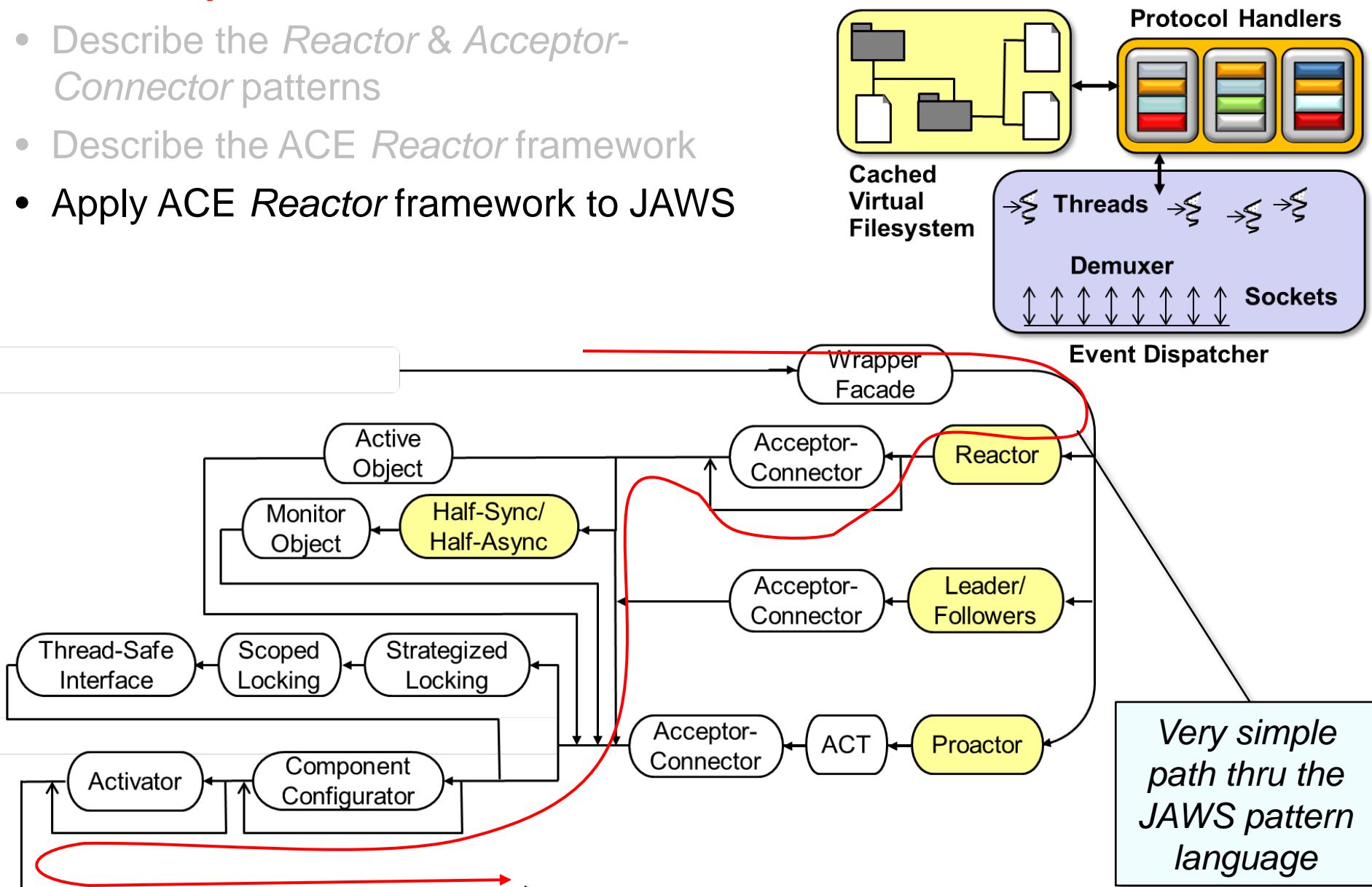
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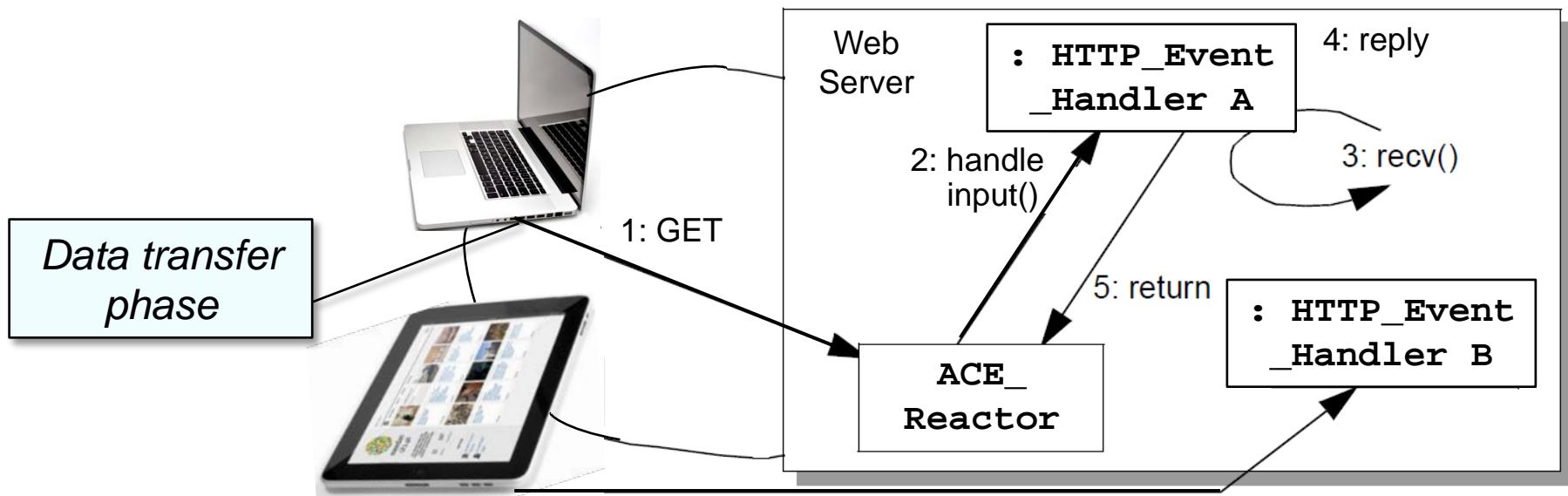
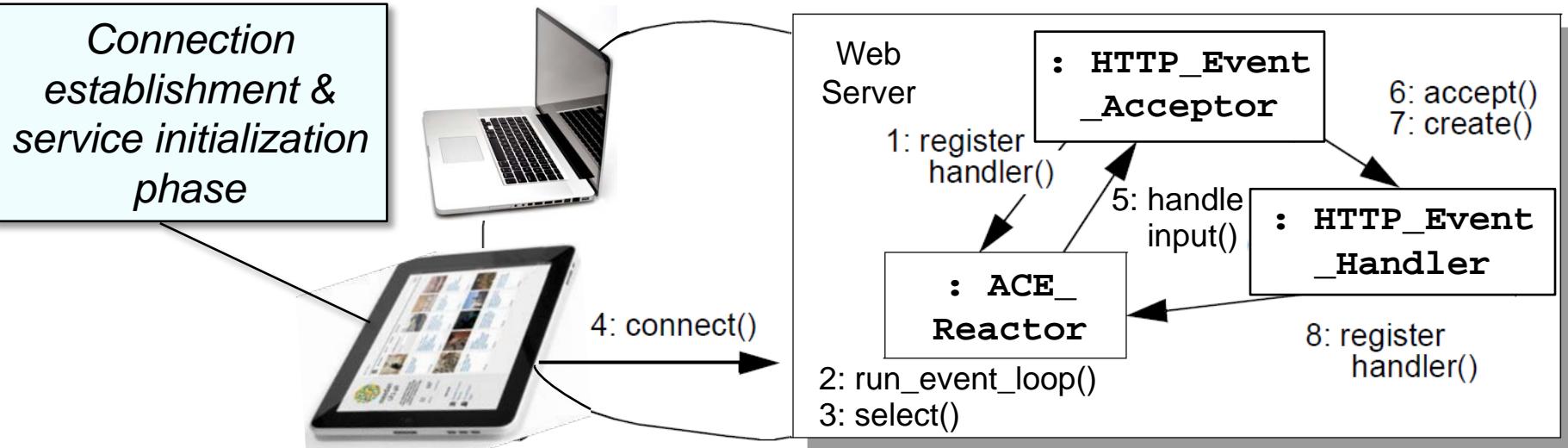


# Topics Covered in this Part of the Module

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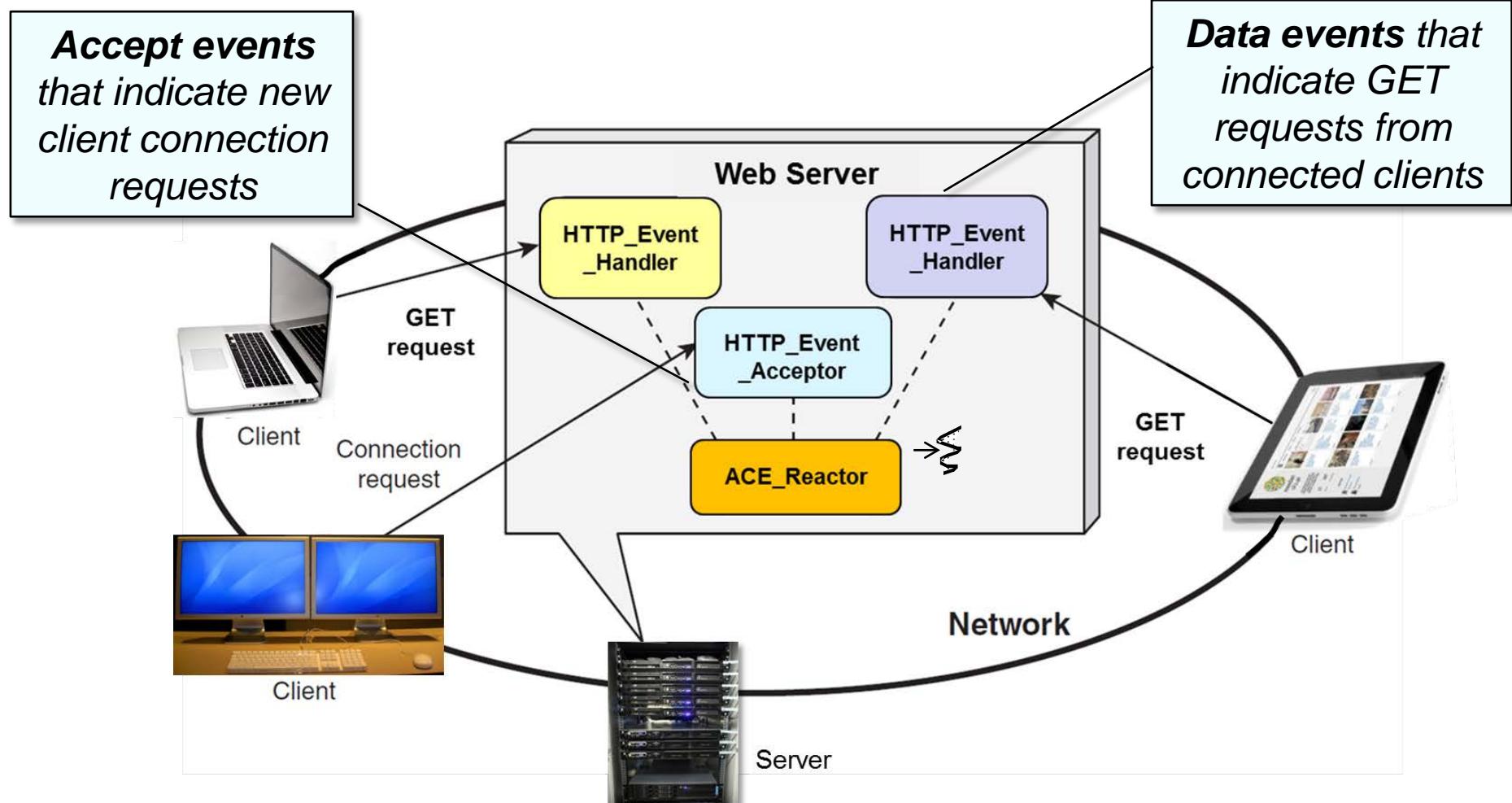


# ACE Reactor Implementation of JAWS



# Using the ACE\_Event\_Handler Class with JAWS

We implement a reactive JAWS web server by inheriting from **ACE\_Event\_Handler** & driving its processing via the reactor's event loop to handle two types of events:



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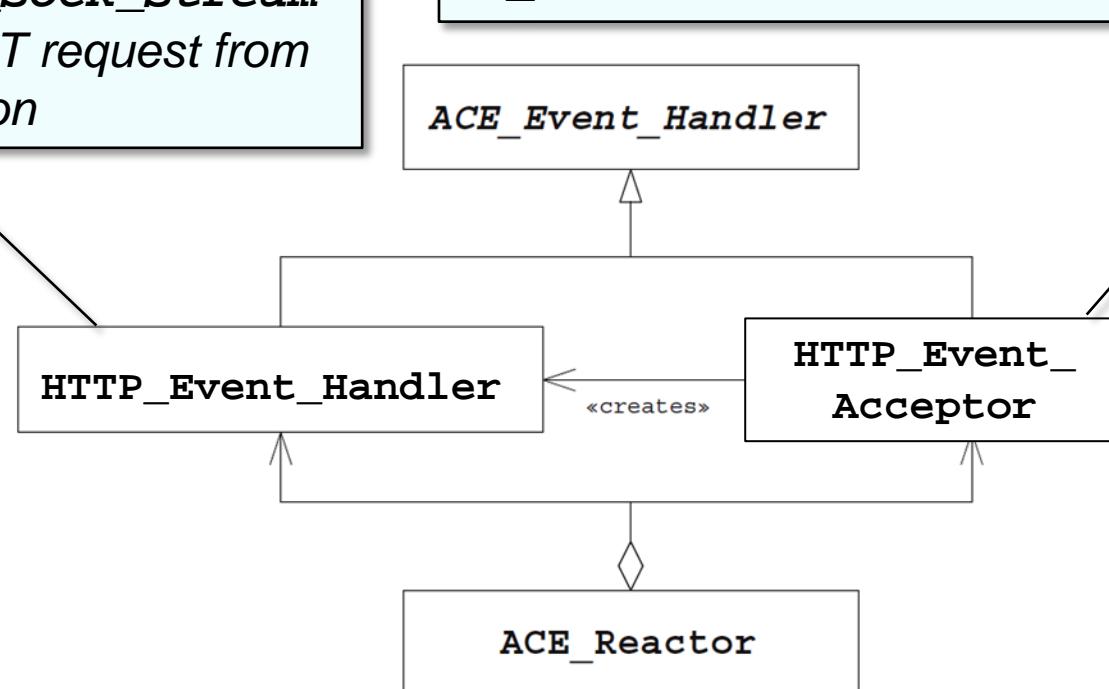
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## ***HTTP\_Event\_Handler***

- Processes *GET* requests received from connected clients
- Uses *ACE\_SOCK\_Stream* to read *GET* request from a connection

## ***HTTP\_Event\_Acceptor***

- Factory that allocates *HTTP\_Event\_Handler* dynamically & initializes it when client connects
- Uses *ACE\_SOCK\_Acceptor* to initialize *ACE\_SOCK\_Stream* contained in *HTTP\_Event\_Handler*



# Using ACE\_Event\_Handler with JAWS

- The **HTTP\_Event\_Acceptor** is a factory that allocates an **HTTP\_Event\_Handler** dynamically & initializes it when a client connects to the web server

```
class HTTP_Event_Acceptor : public ACE_Event_Handler {  
private:  
    ACE_SOCK_Acceptor acceptor_;
```

Factory that passively connects  
ACE\_SOCK\_Streams

```
public:  
    HTTP_Event_Acceptor (ACE_Reactor *r = ACE_Reactor::instance())  
        : ACE_Event_Handler (r) {}
```

Note default use of  
reactor singleton

Initialization forwards  
to ACE\_SOCK\_Acceptor

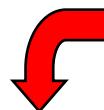
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virtual int open (const ACE_INET_Addr &local_addr) {  
    acceptor_.open (local_addr);  
    return reactor ()->register_handler  
        (this, ACE_Event_Handler::ACCEPT_MASK);  
}
```

Register this object with the reactor for accept events

Some error checking has been omitted to reduce clutter



# Using ACE\_Event\_Handler with JAWS



Hook method called when object removed from reactor

```
virtual int handle_close (ACE_HANDLE, ACE_Reactor_Mask) {  
    acceptor_.close ();  
    delete this; ← It's ok to "delete this" when the  
    return 0;          event handler is destroyed!  
}
```

```
virtual ACE_HANDLE get_handle () const  
{ return acceptor_.get_handle (); }
```



Return passive-mode  
socket's I/O handle

```
virtual int handle_input (ACE_HANDLE);  
};
```



Key hook method dispatched by reactor when there's a  
new connection to accept (implementation shown shortly)



# Using ACE\_Event\_Handler with JAWS

- The `HTTP_Event_Handler` processes GET request from connected client

```
class HTTP_Event_Handler : public ACE_Event_Handler {  
protected:  
    ACE_SOCK_Stream stream_; ← Connection to remote peer  
  
public:  
    HTTP_Event_Handler (ACE_Reactor *r): ACE_Event_Handler (r) {}  
  
    virtual int open (); ← Activation hook method  
  
    ACE_SOCK_Stream &peer () { return stream_; };  
    ↑ Get reference to contained ACE_SOCK_Stream  
    virtual int handle_input (ACE_HANDLE);  
    ↑ Key hook method dispatched by  
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};  
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# Using ACE\_Event\_Handler with JAWS

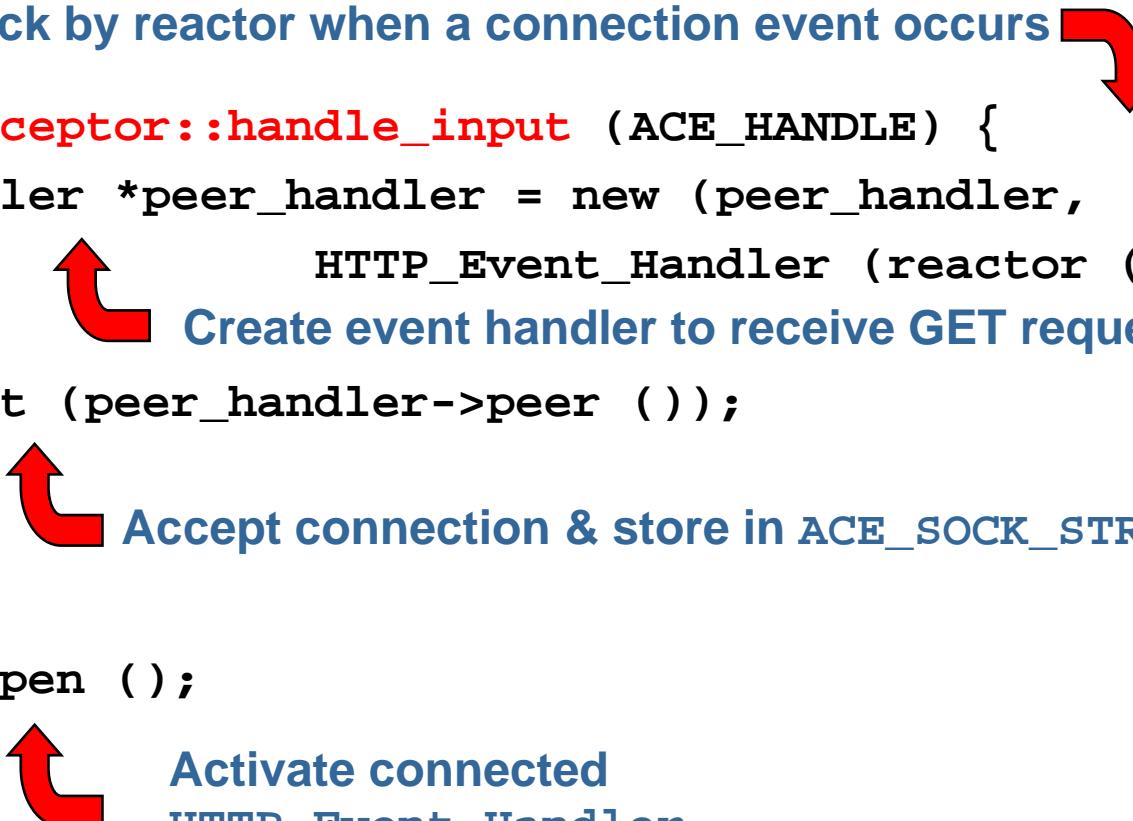
Factory method called back by reactor when a connection event occurs

```
1 int HTTP_Event_Acceptor::handle_input (ACE_HANDLE) {  
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3                                         HTTP_Event_Handler (reactor ()));  
4     acceptor_.accept (peer_handler->peer ());  
5     peer_handler->open ();  
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Create event handler to receive GET requests

Accept connection & store in ACE\_SOCK\_STREAM

Activate connected  
HTTP\_Event\_Handler



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Called back by the reactor when a data event occurs

```
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    std::string pathname (get.pathname (stream_));  
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    if (peer ().send_n (mapped_file.addr (),  
                        mapped_file.size ()) == -1) return -1;  
    peer ().close ();  
    return 0;  
}
```

Memory map the requested content

```
int HTTP_Event_Handler::handle_close (ACE_HANDLE,  
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```

```
    stream_.close ();  
    delete this;  
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Transmits content back to client

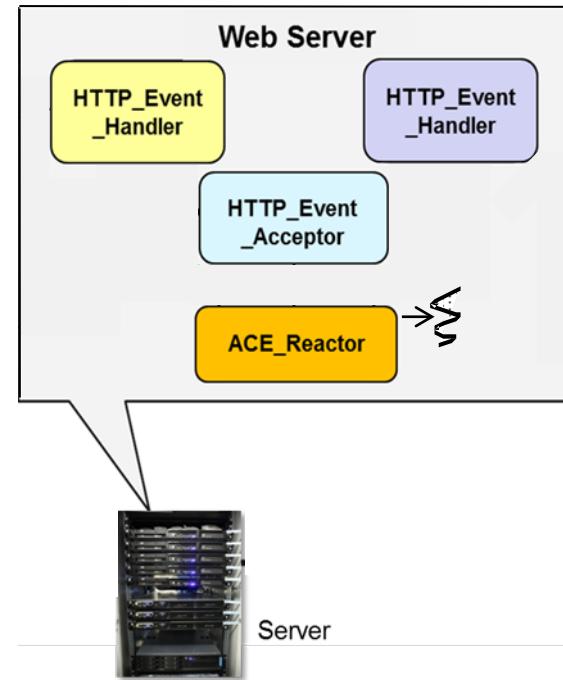
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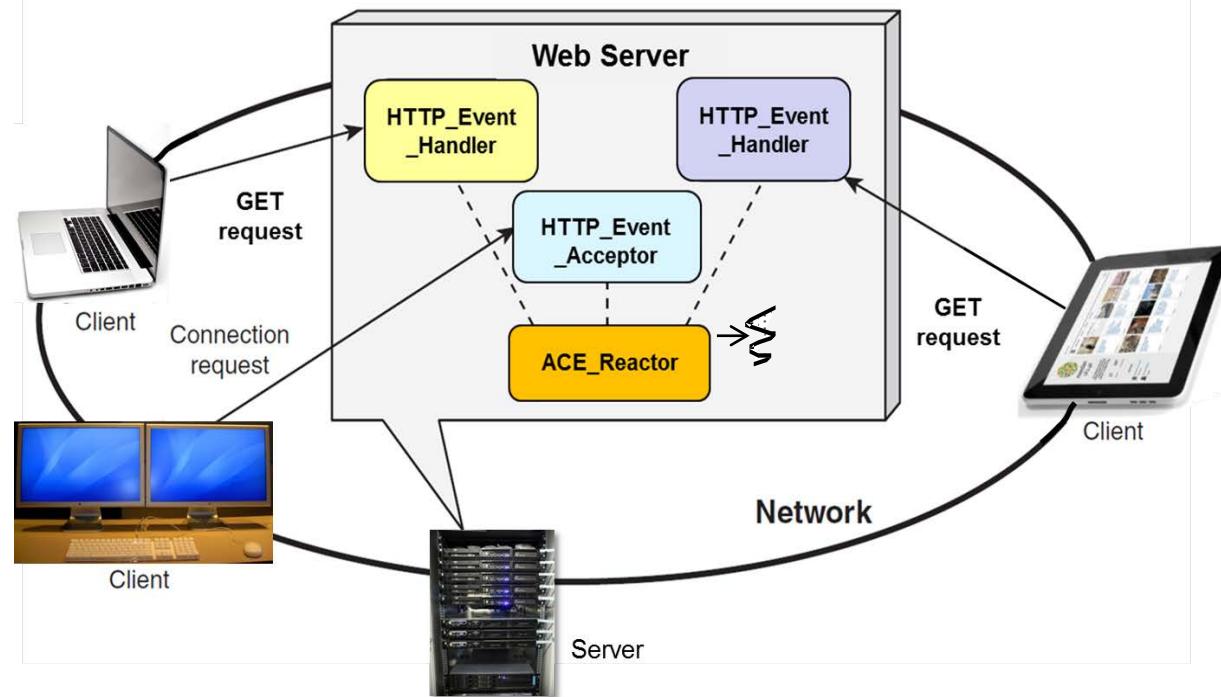
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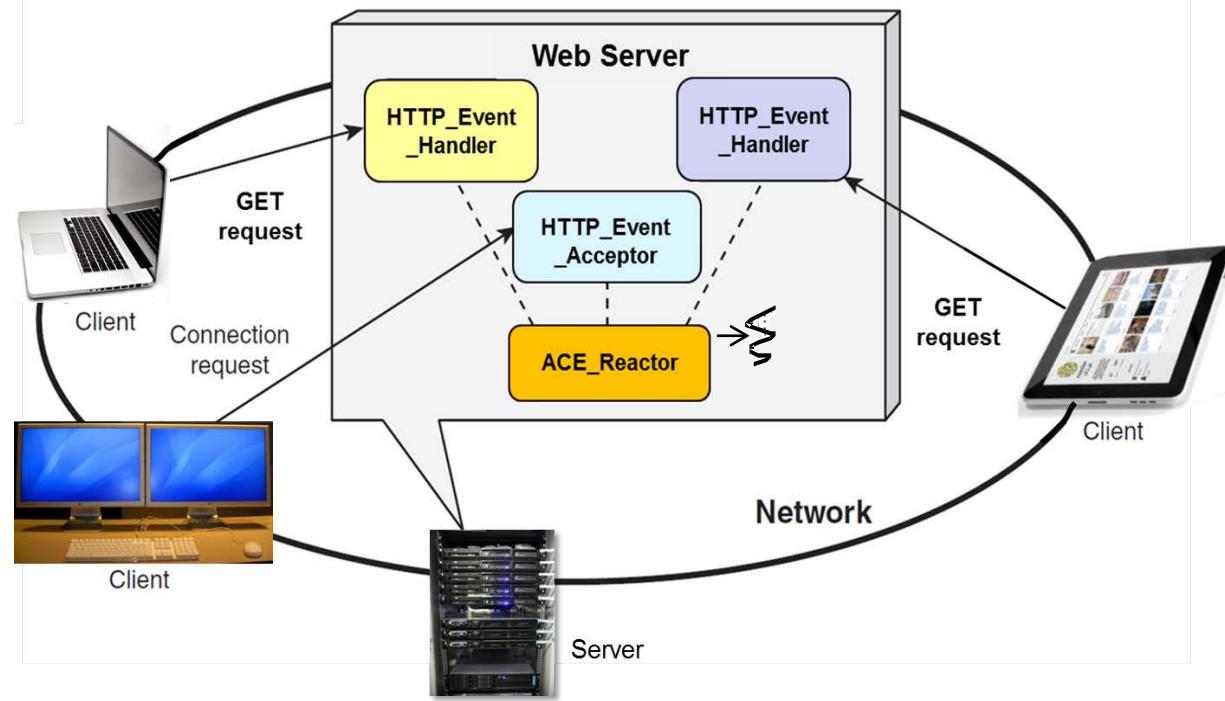
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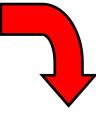
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# Using ACE\_Reactor with JAWS

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1 template <typename ACCEPTOR>
2 Reactor_HTTP_Server<ACCEPTOR>::Reactor_HTTP_Server
3   (int argc, char *argv[], ACE_Reactor *reactor)
4   : ACCEPTOR (reactor) {
    
    Initialize ACCEPTOR base class with reactor pointer
5     u_short HTTP_port = argc > 1 ? atoi (argv[1]) : 80;
6     typename ACCEPTOR::PEER_ADDR server_addr
          (HTTP_port, INADDR_ANY);
    
    Begin listening
    for connections
    
    Socket address to
    listen on for connections
7     if (ACCEPTOR::open (addr) == -1)
8       reactor->end_reactor_event_loop ();
9 }
```

Shutdown reactor's event  
loop if an error occurs 



# Using ACE\_Reactor with JAWS

```
1 typedef Reactor_HTTP_Server<HTTP_Event_Acceptor>
2     HTTP_Server_Daemon;           ↗ Instantiate template with
3 int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
4     ACE_Reactor reactor;
5     new HTTP_Server_Daemon (argc, argv, &reactor);
6
7     reactor.run_reactor_event_loop ();
8     ...
9 }
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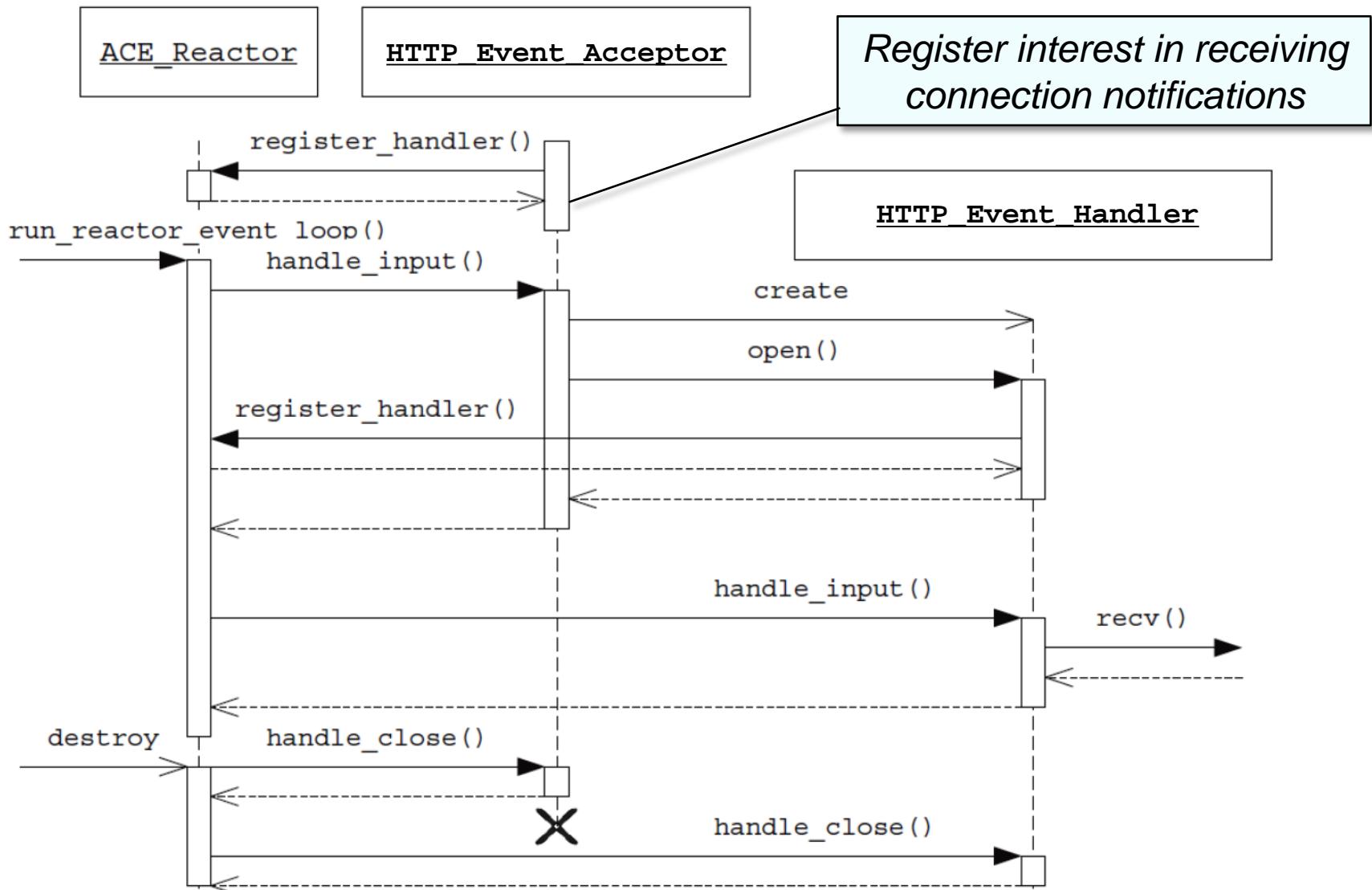
Event loop controller object

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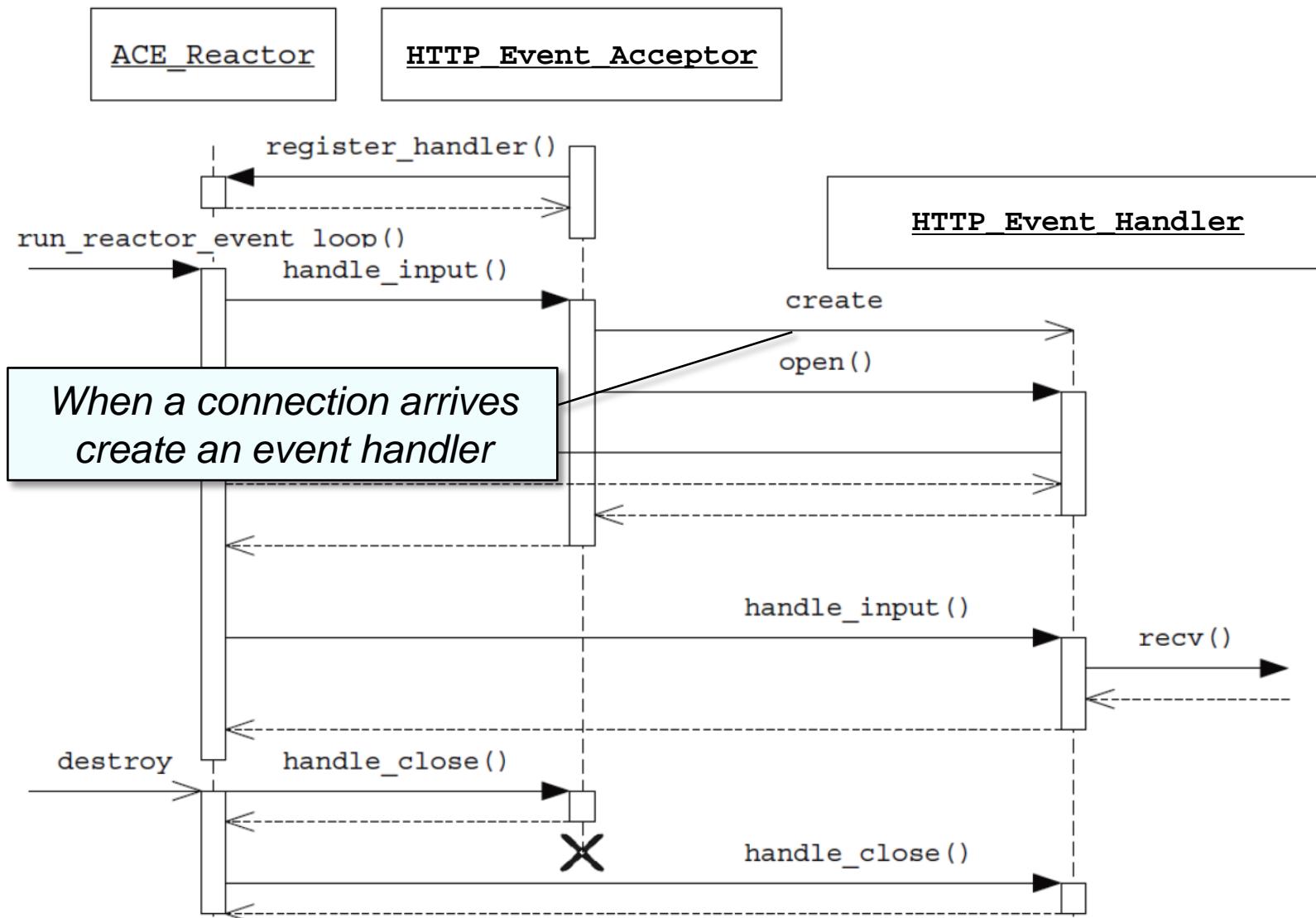
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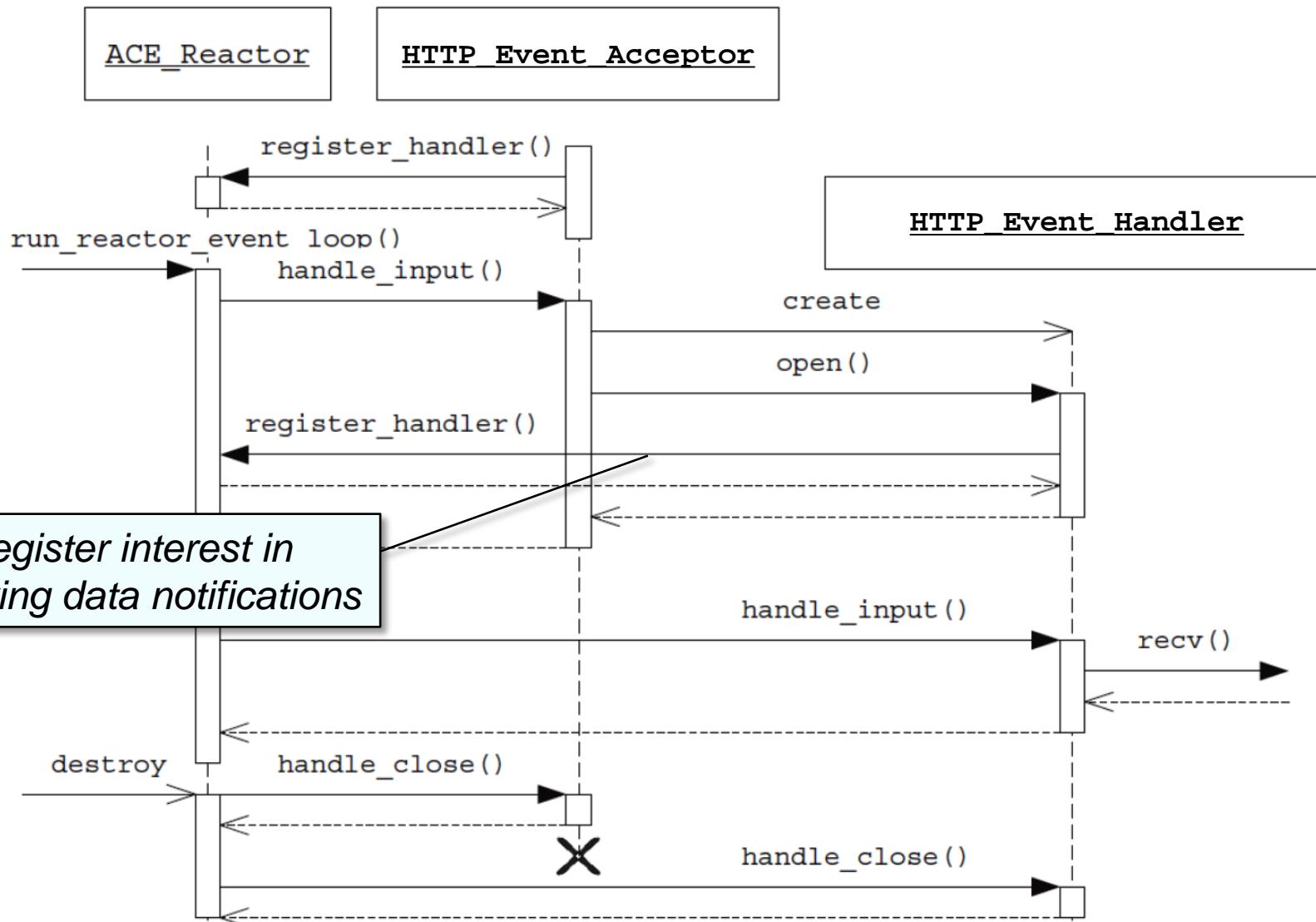
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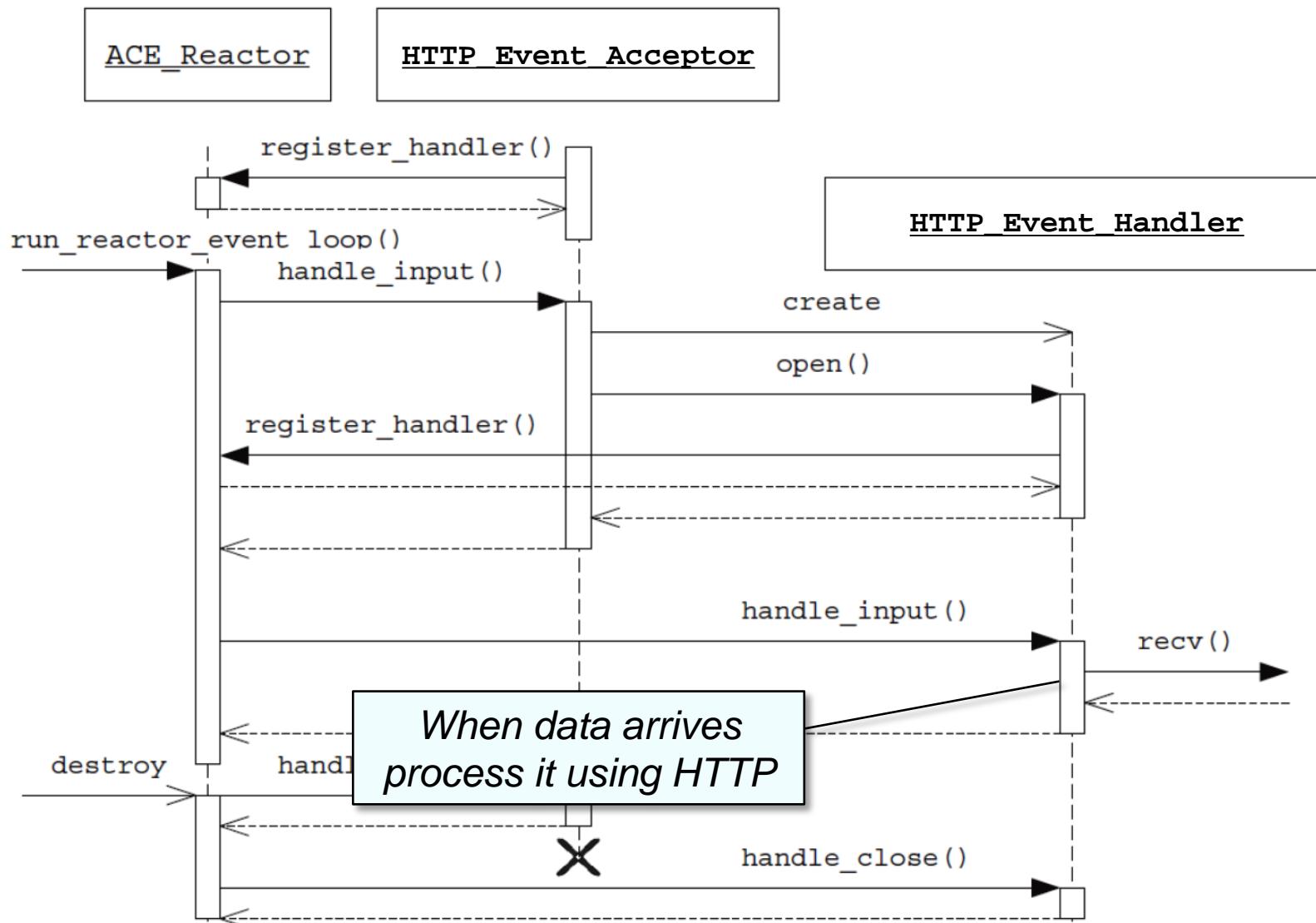
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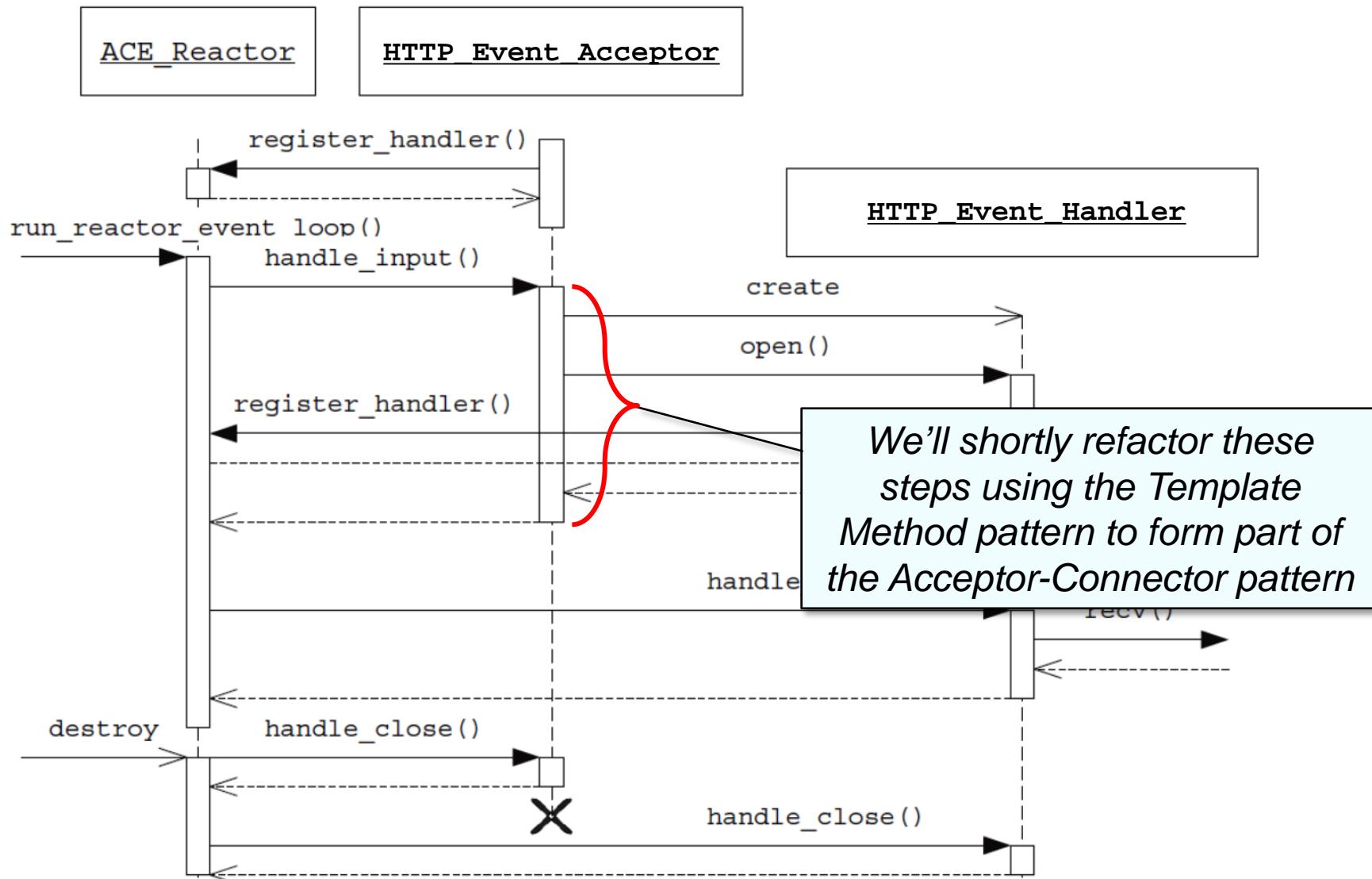
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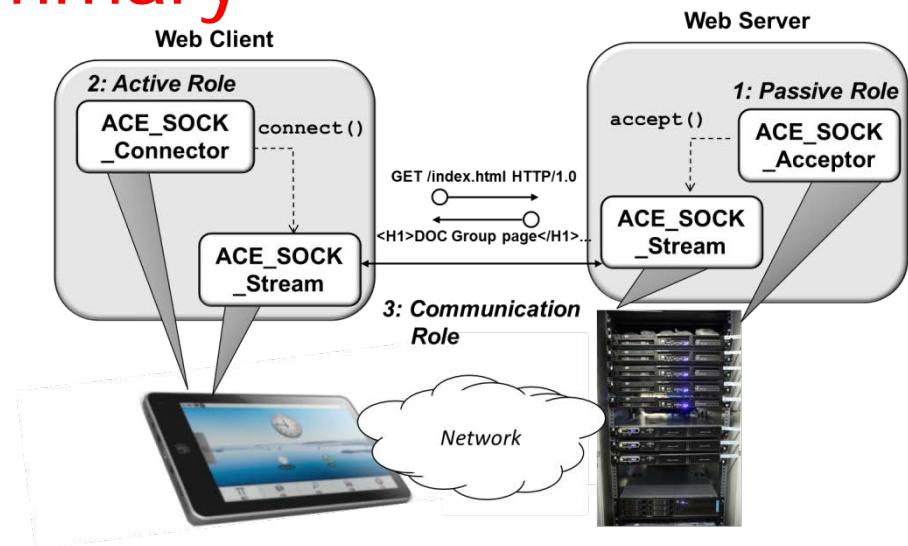
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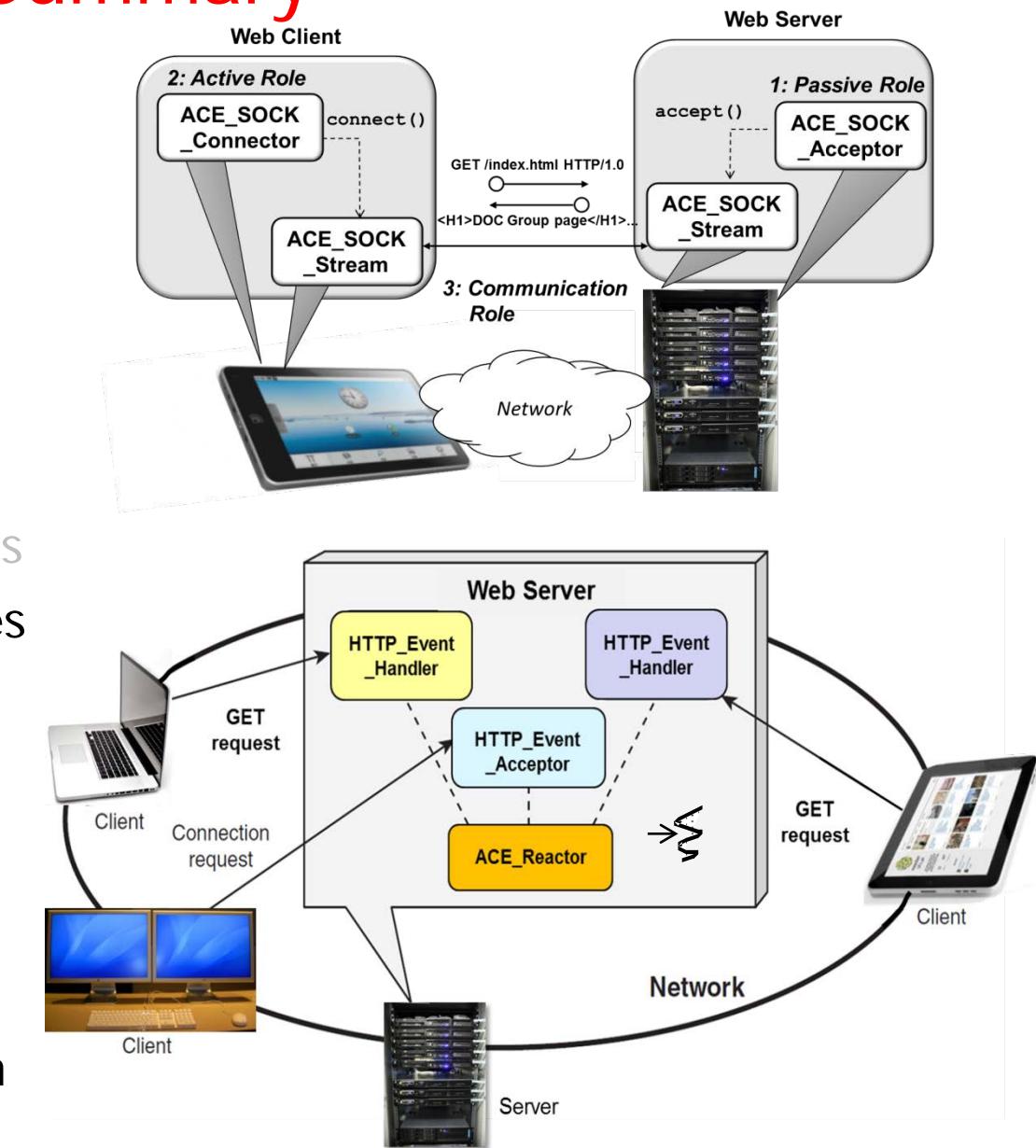
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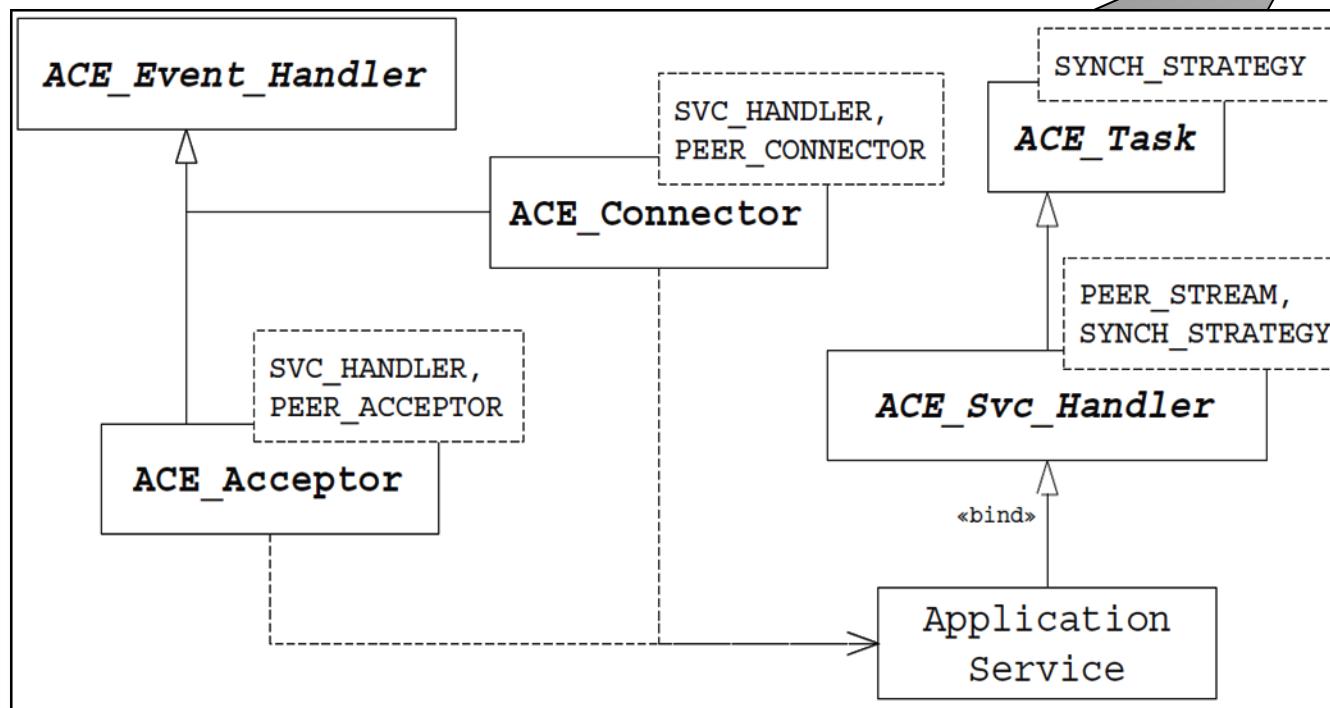
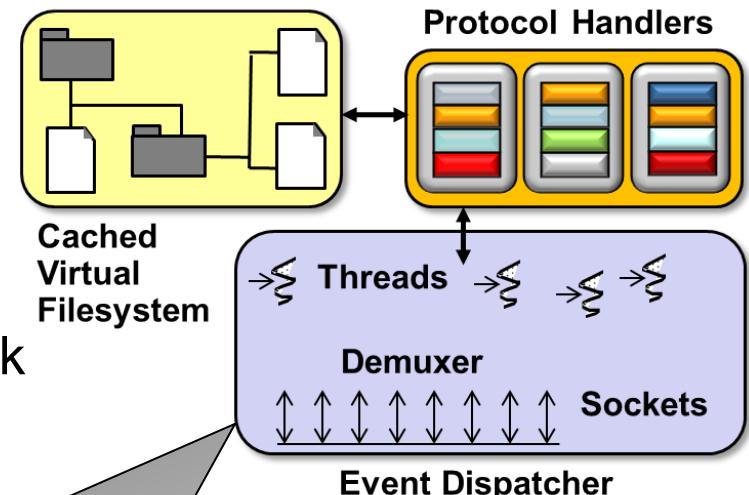
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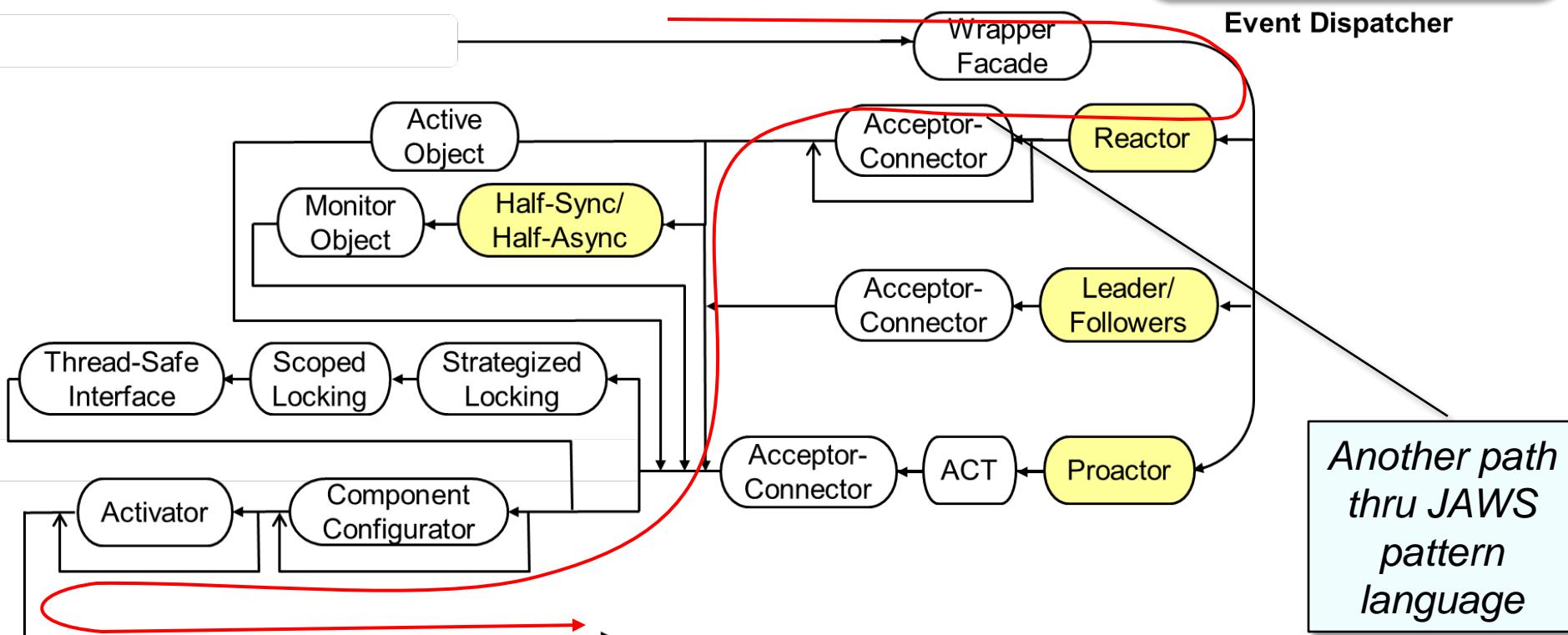
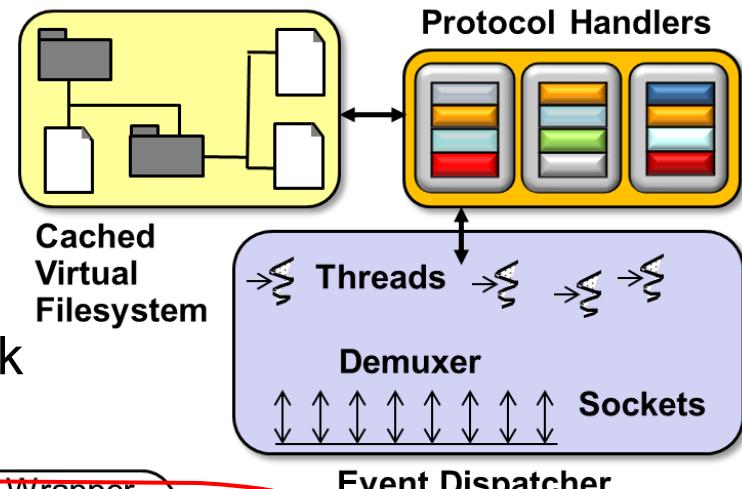
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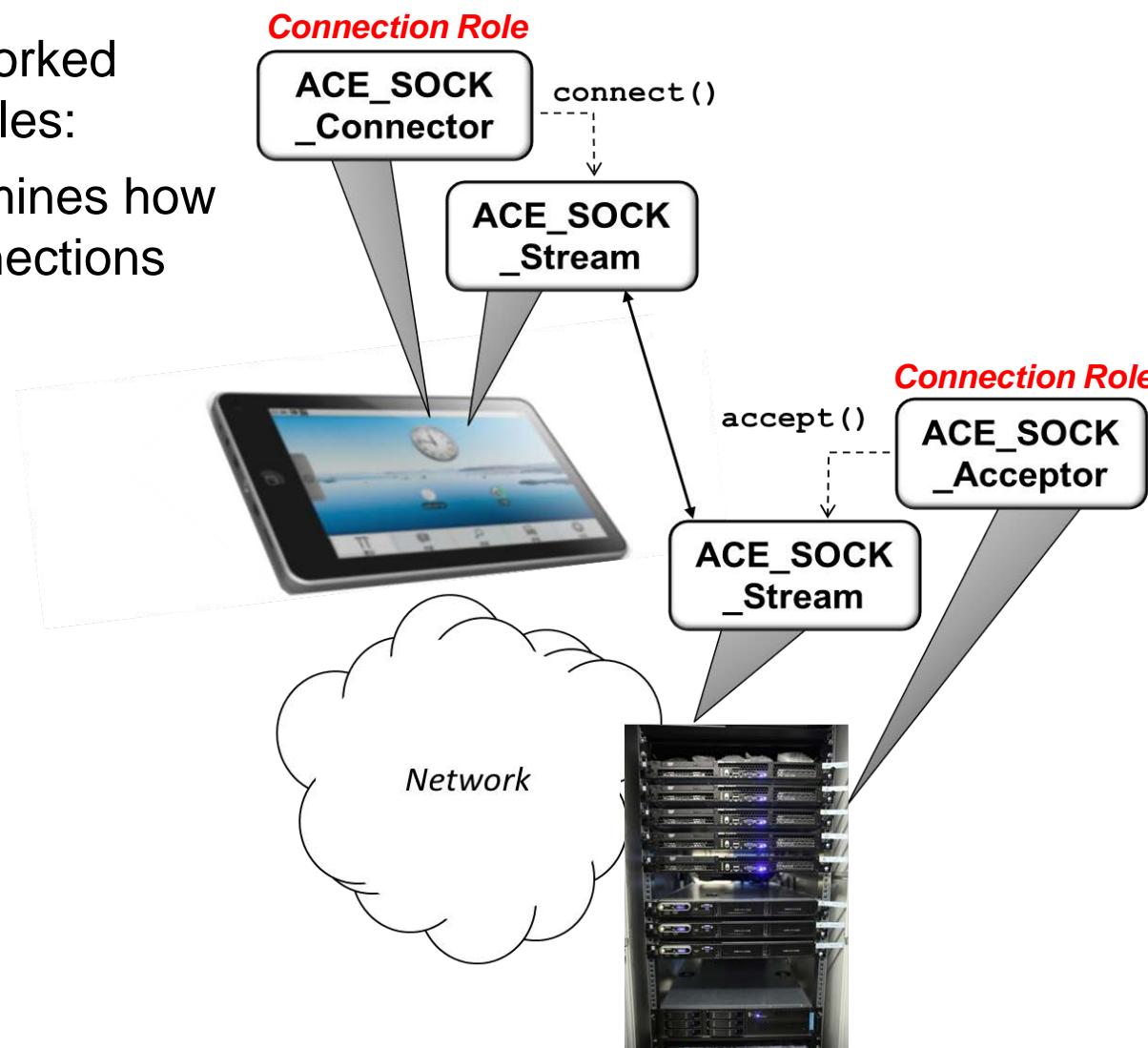
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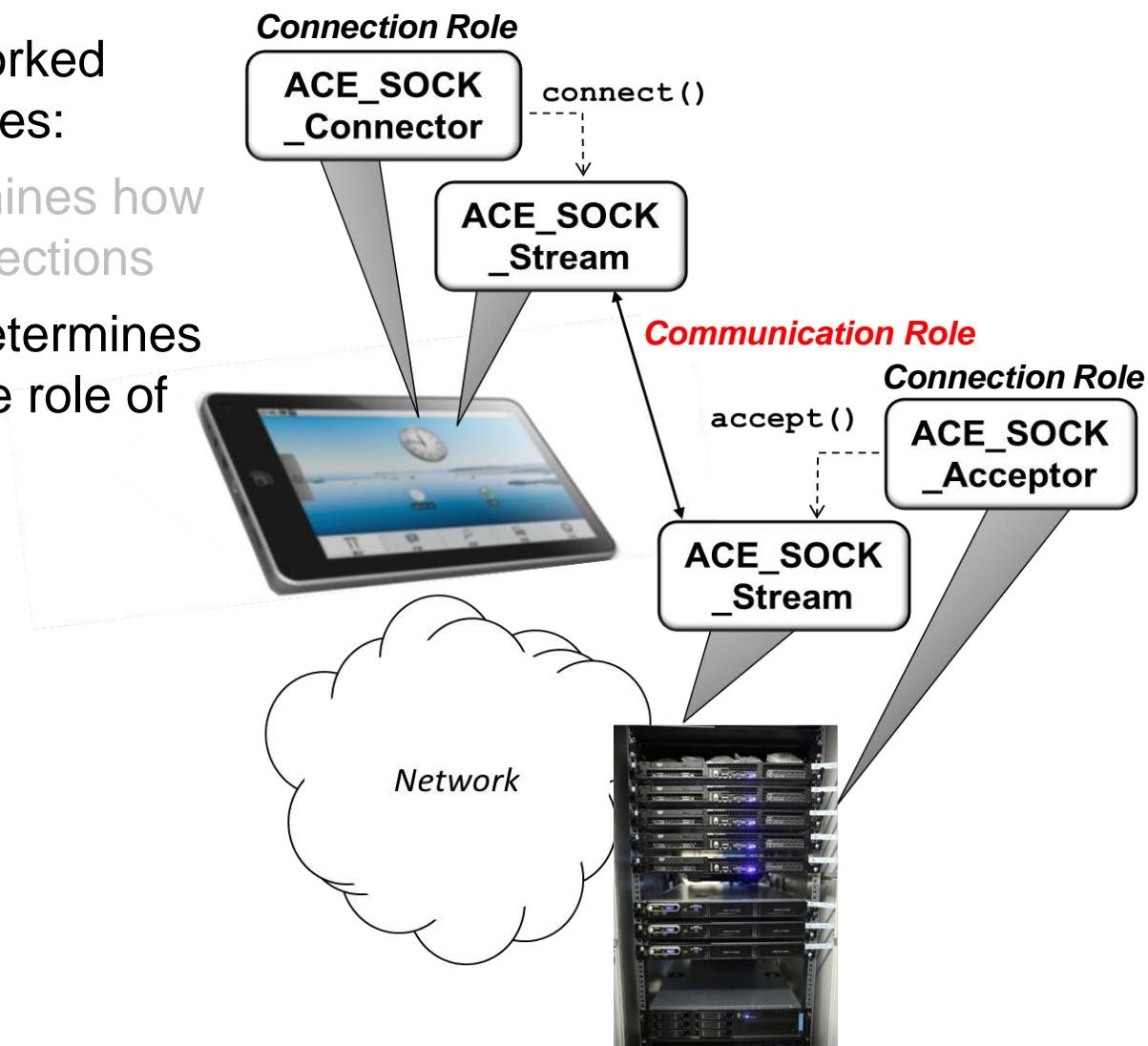
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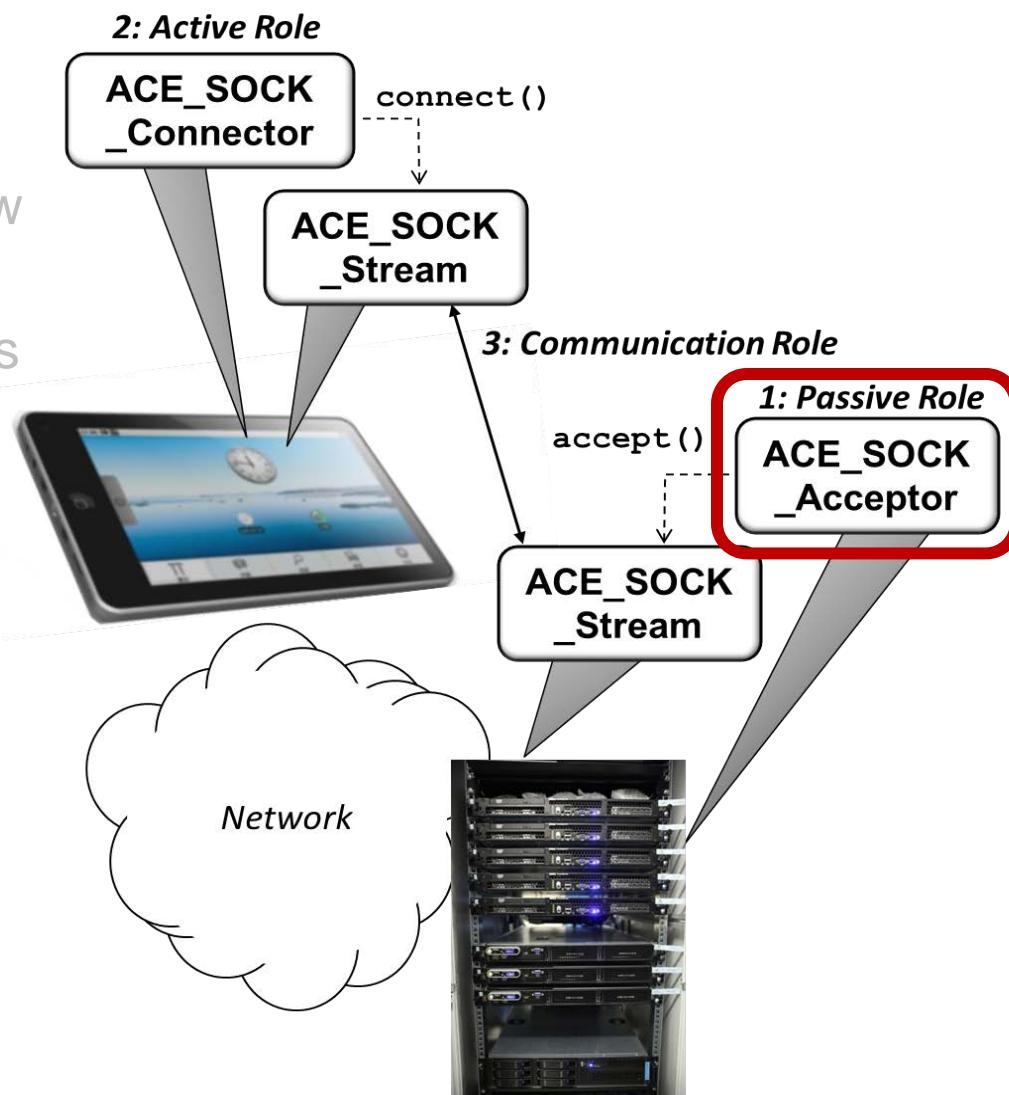
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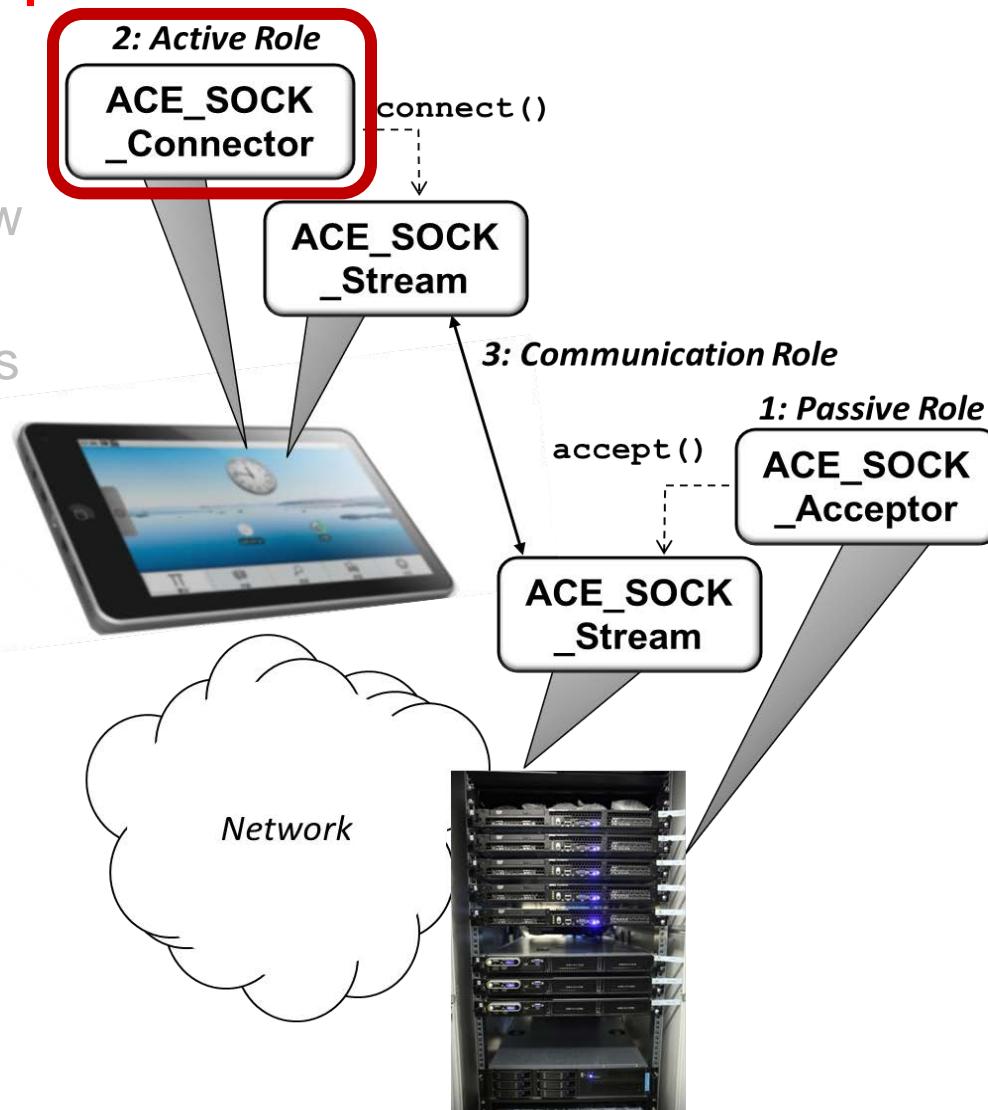
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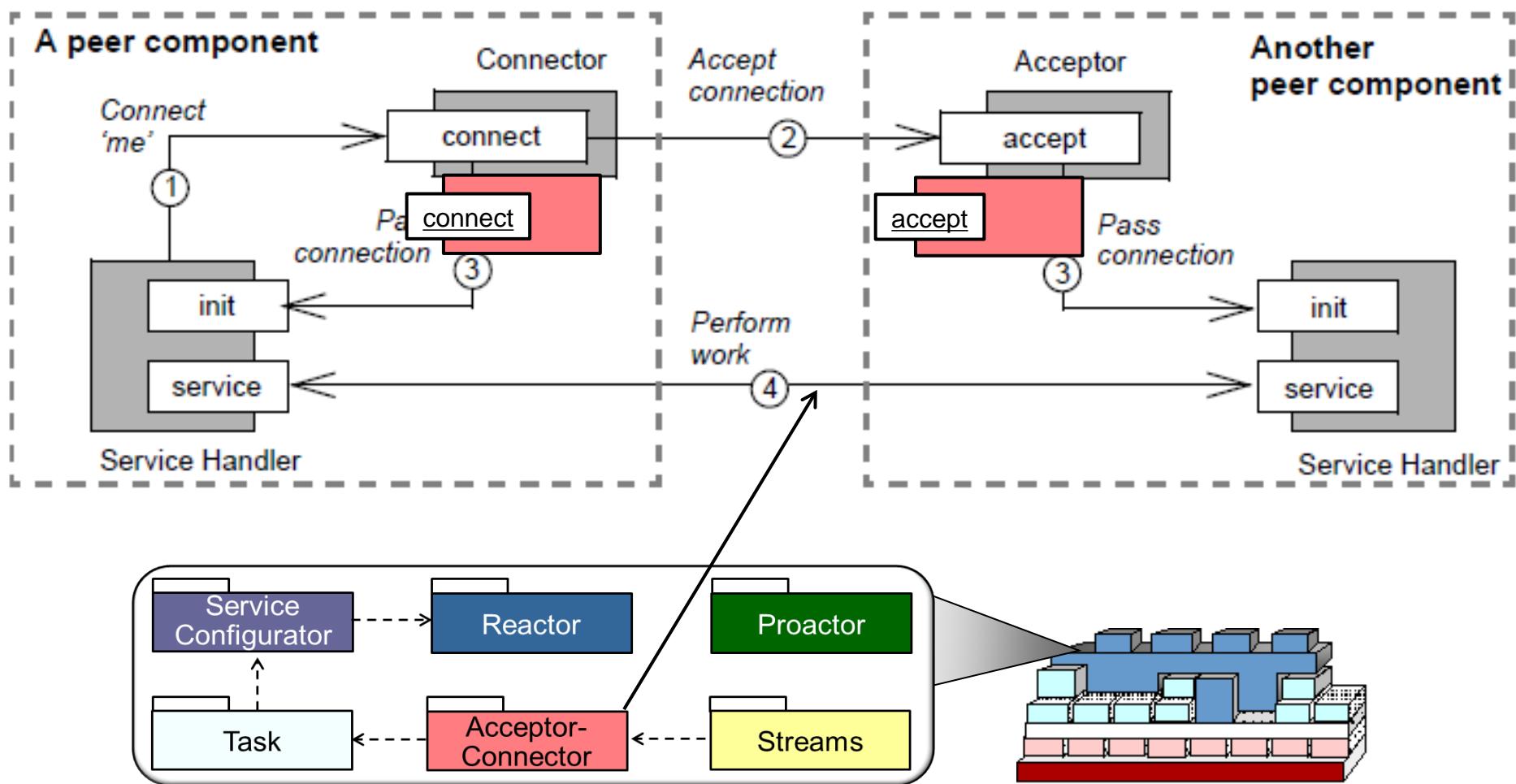
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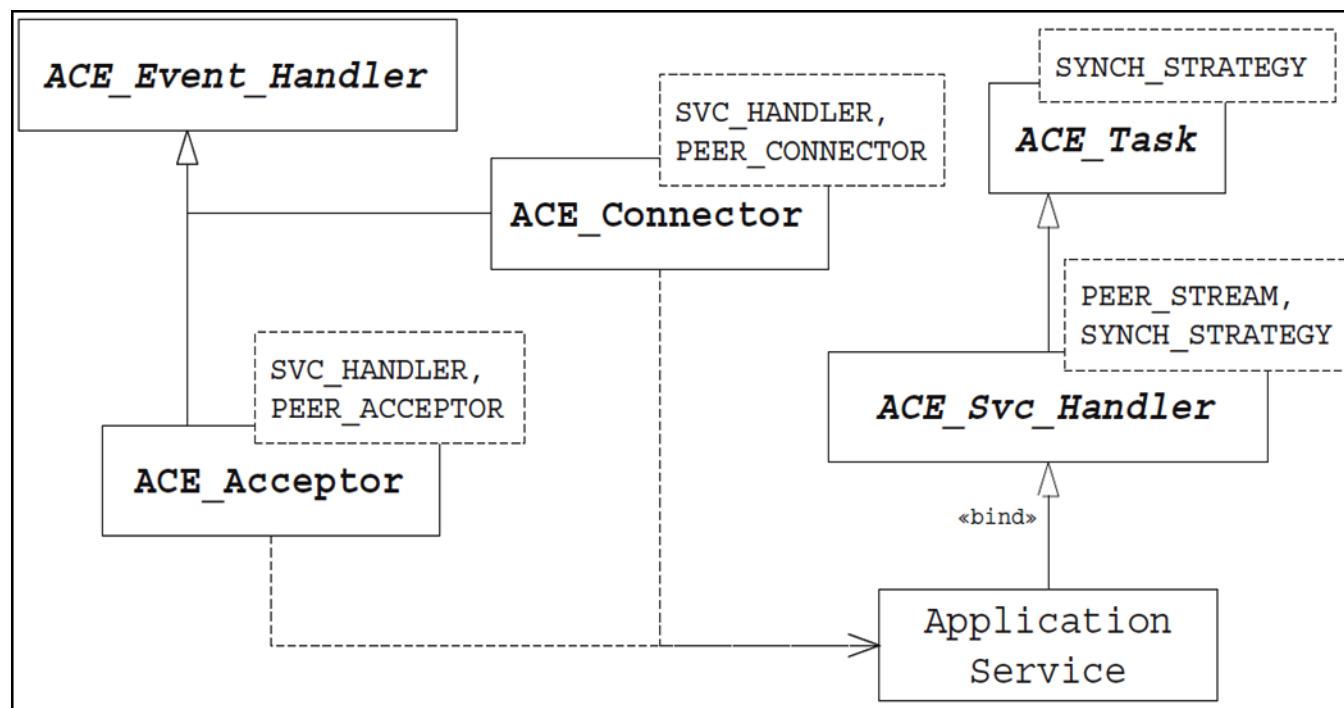
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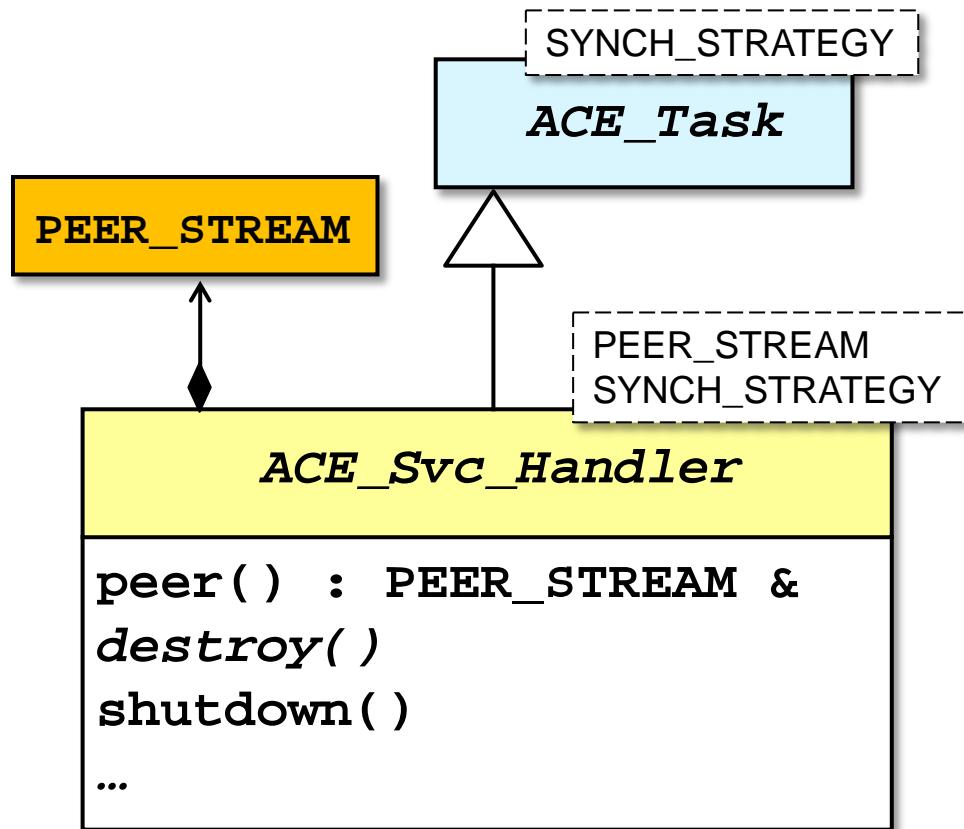
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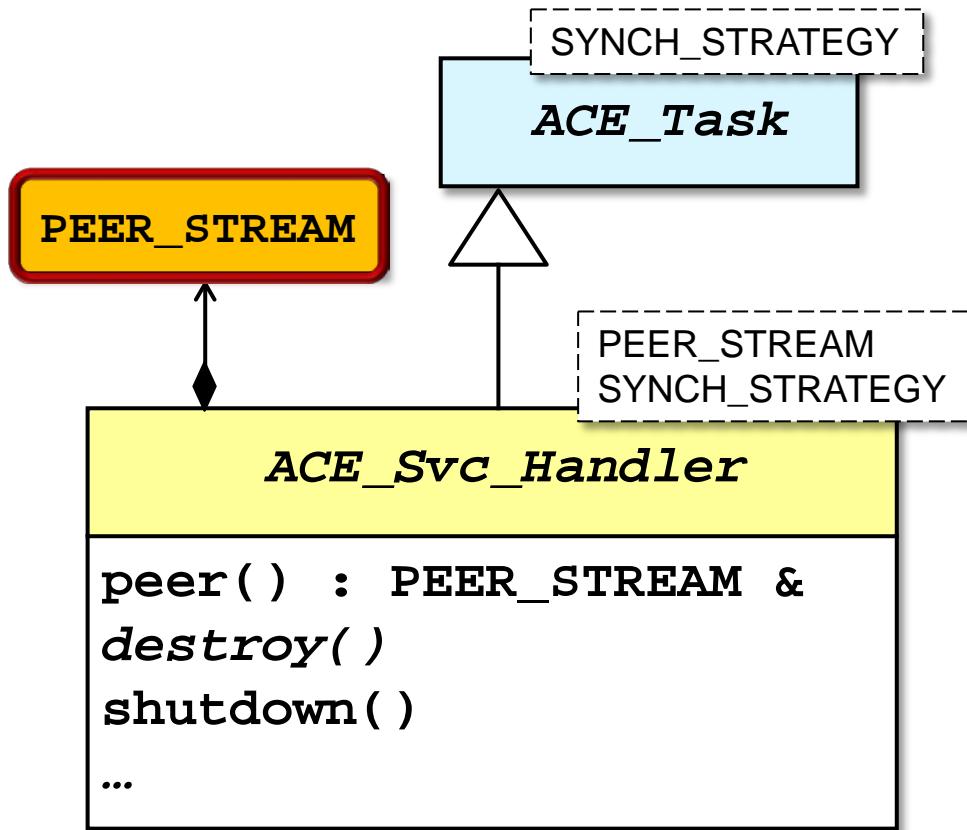
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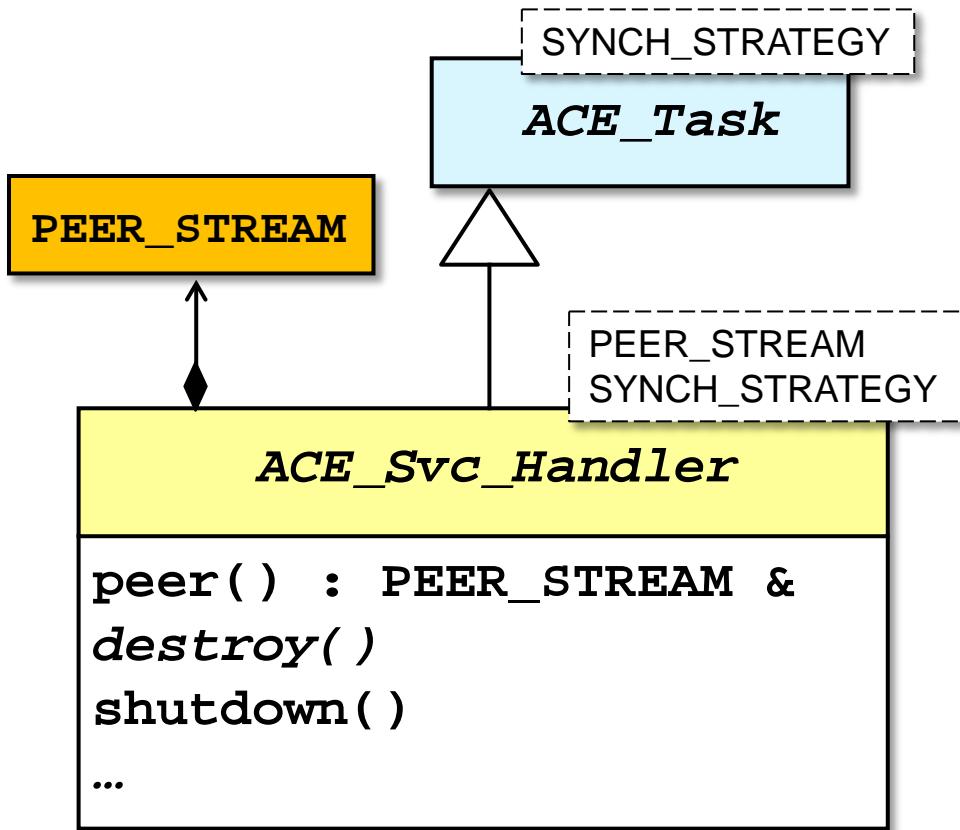
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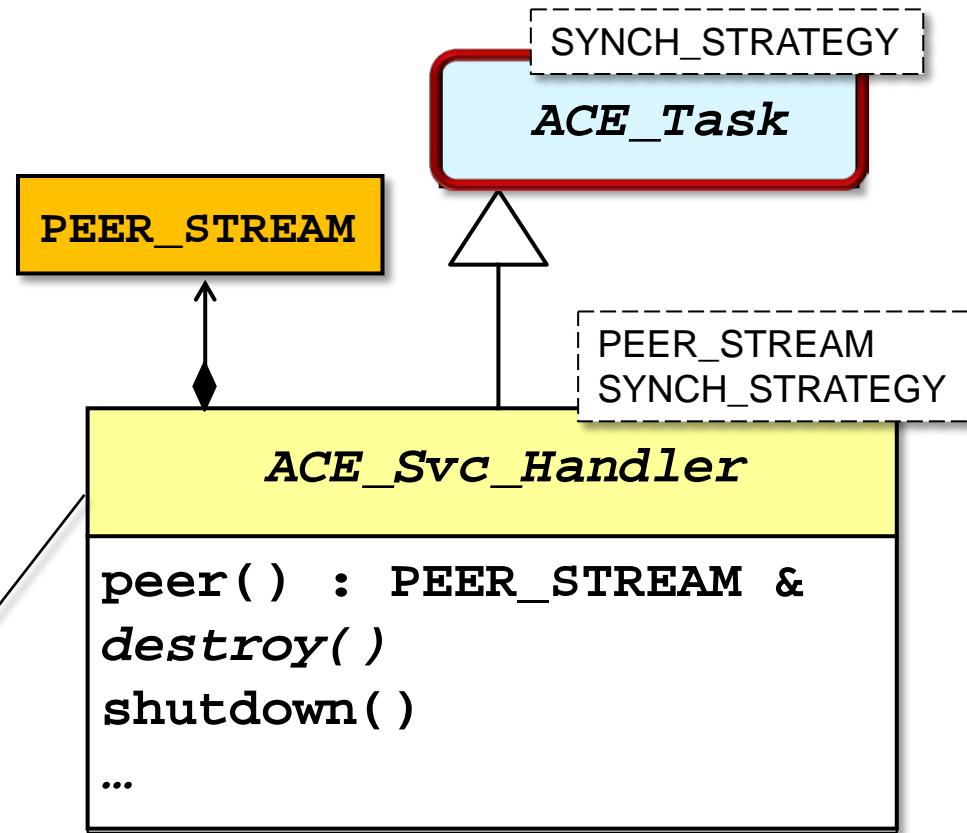
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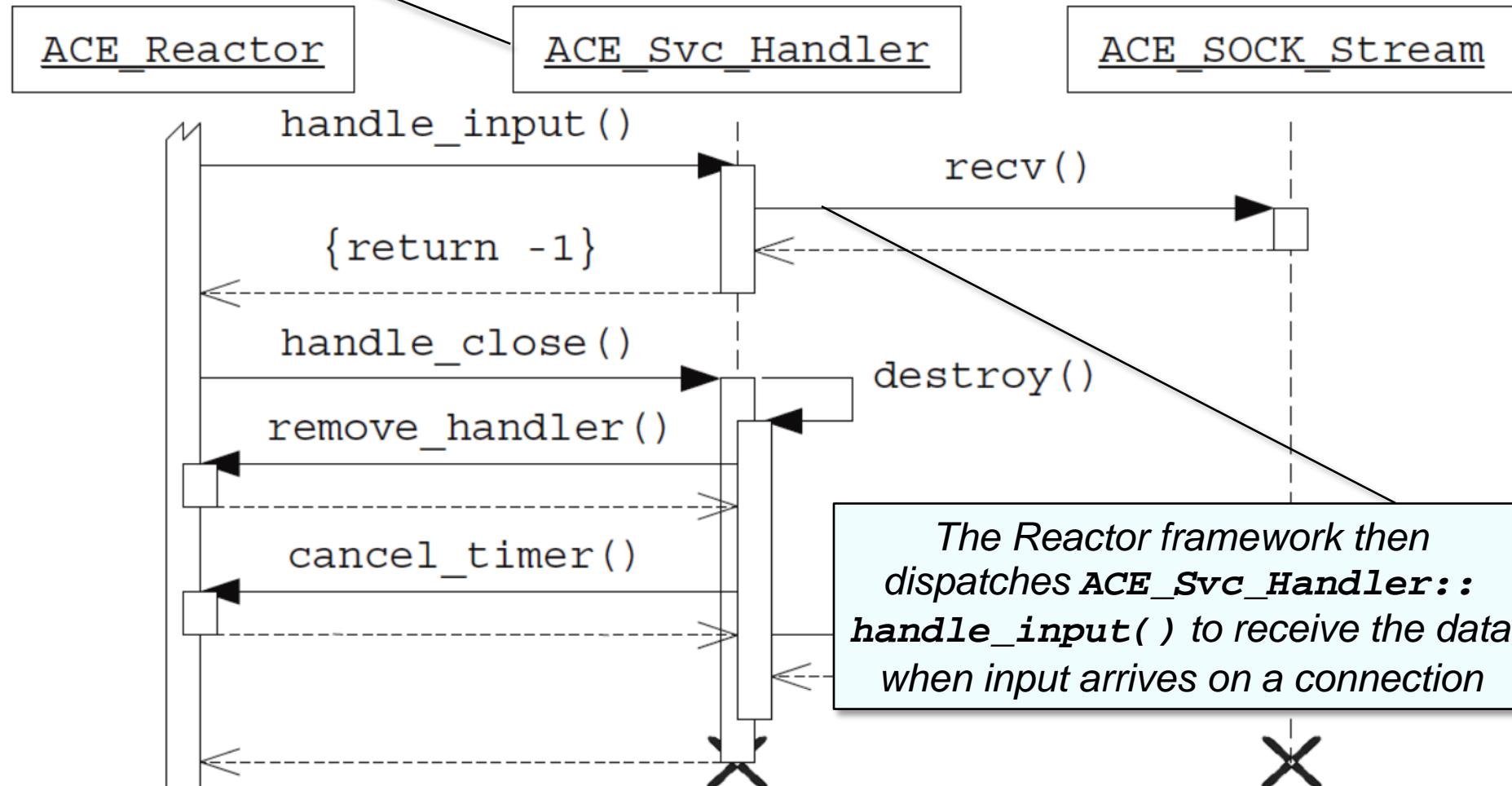


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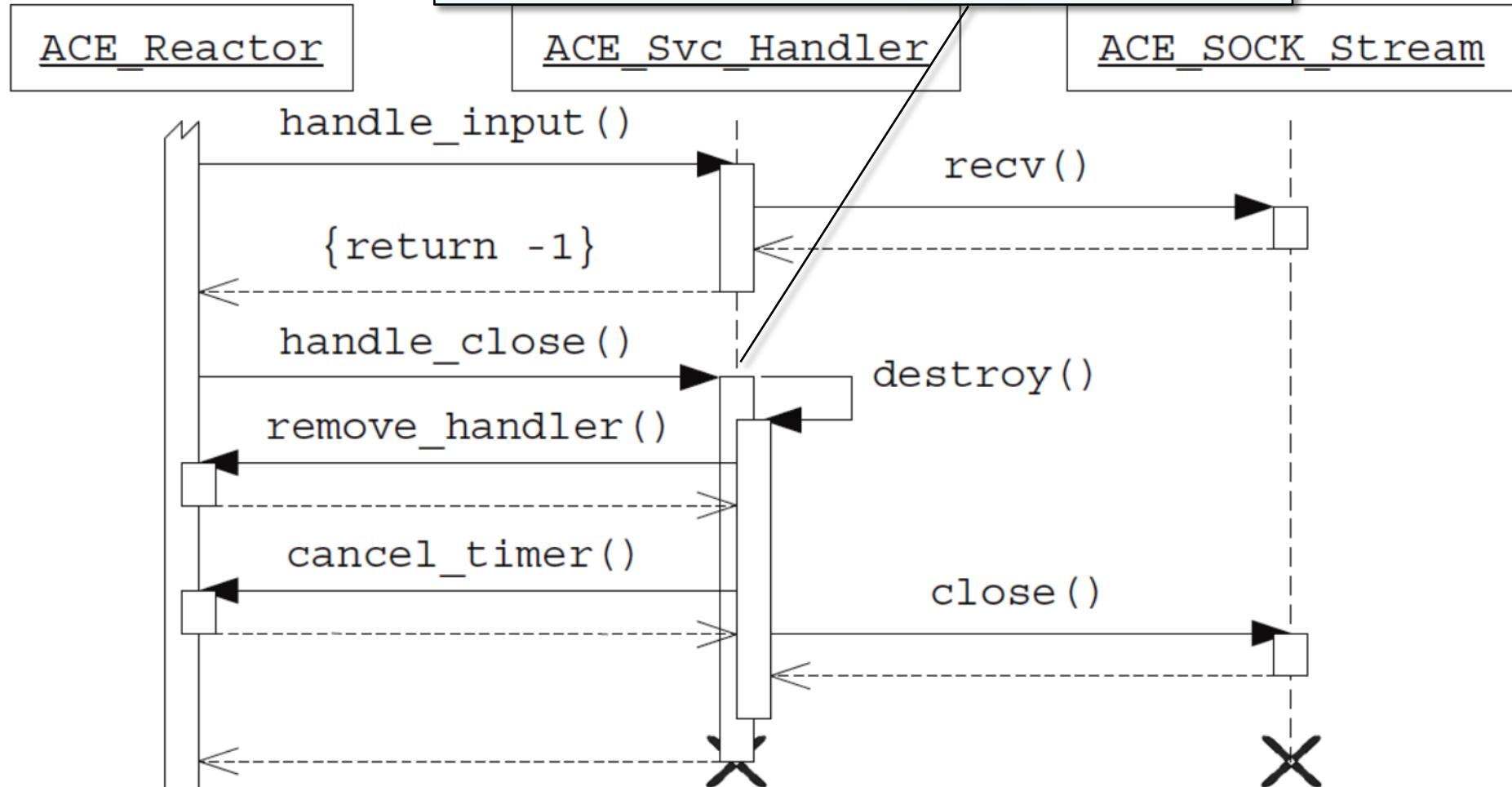
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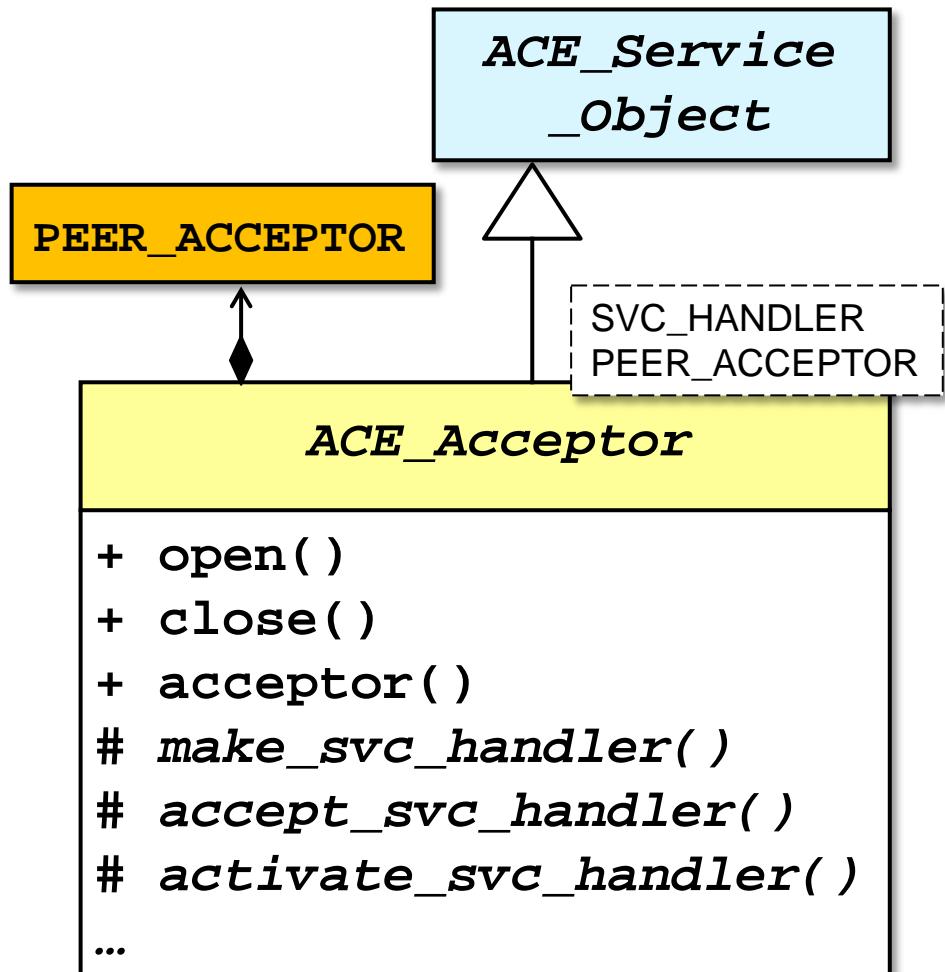
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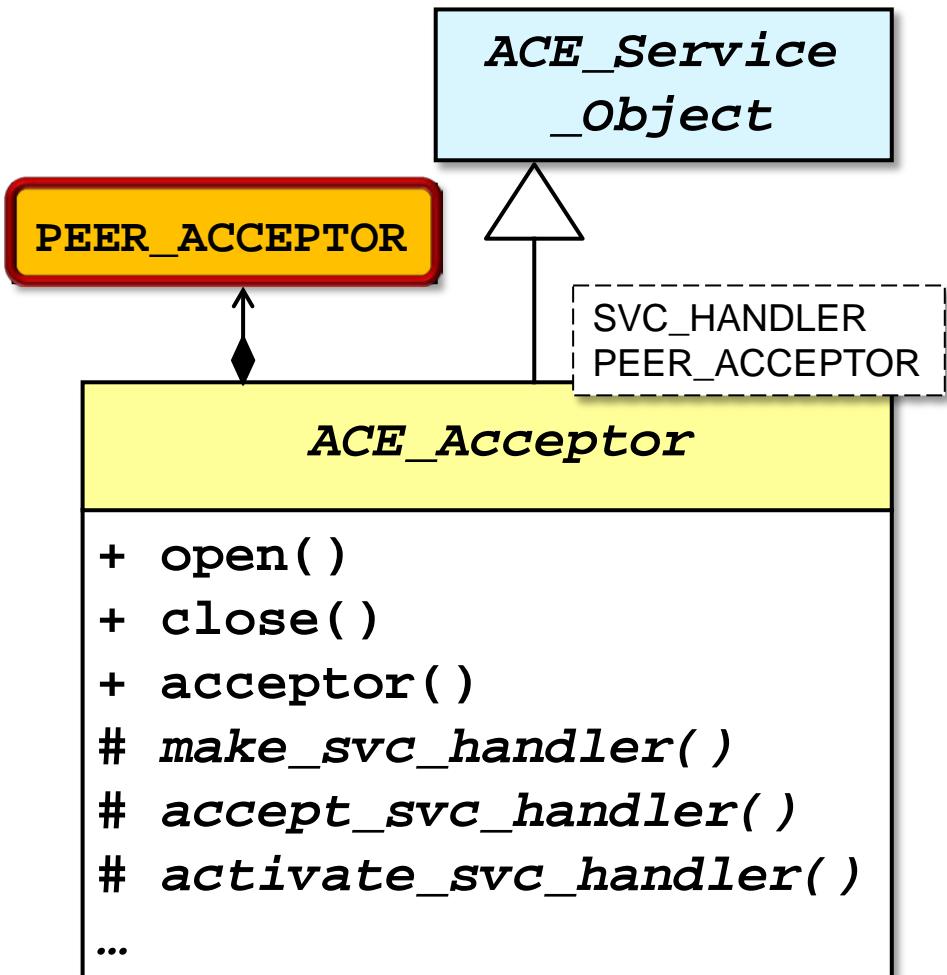
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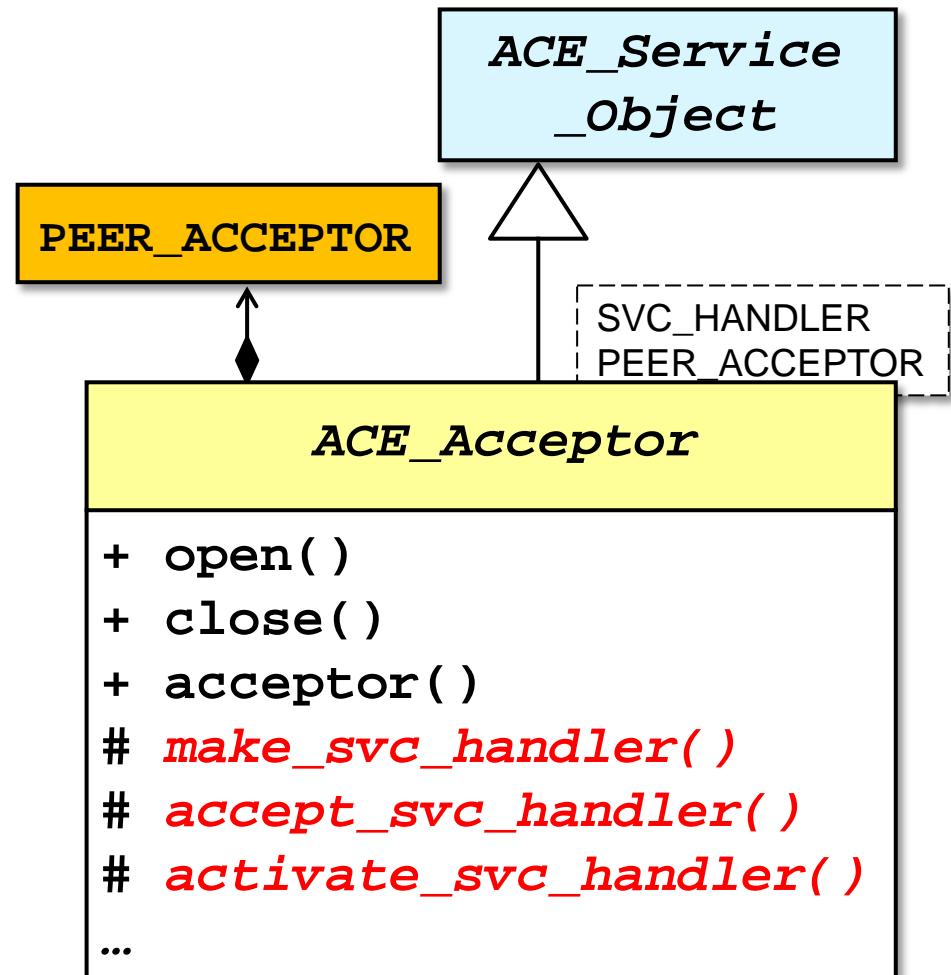
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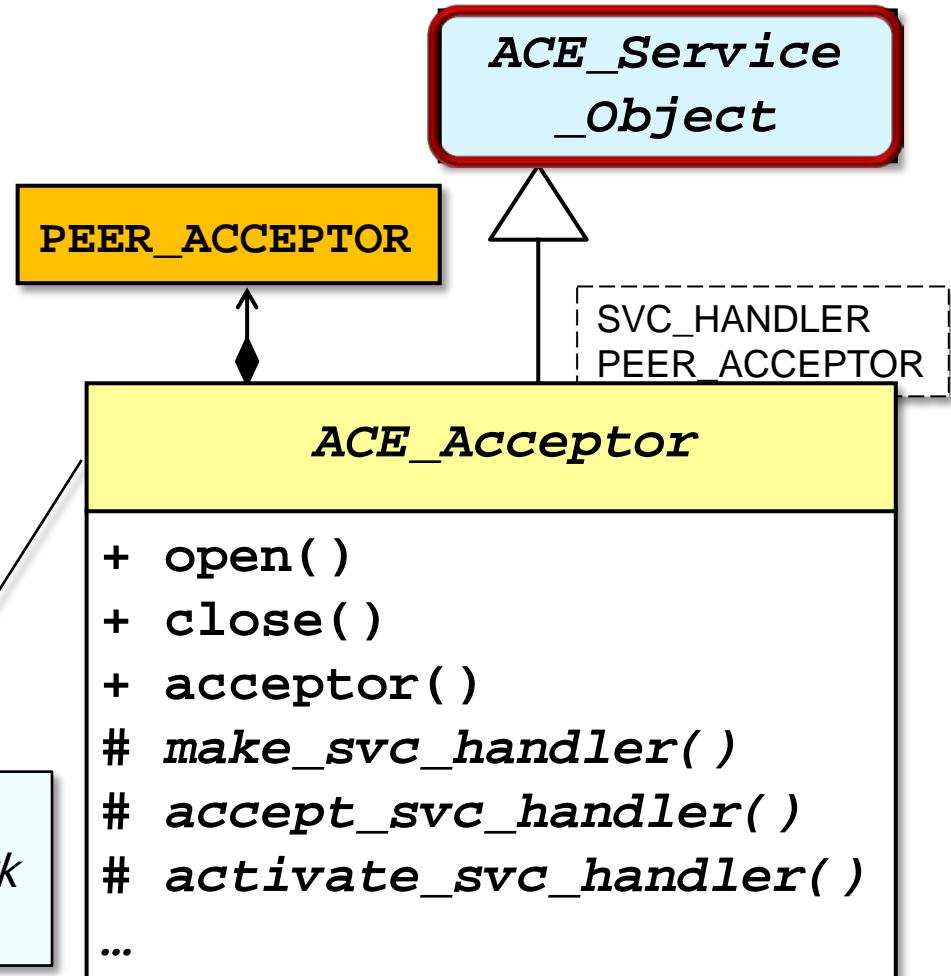


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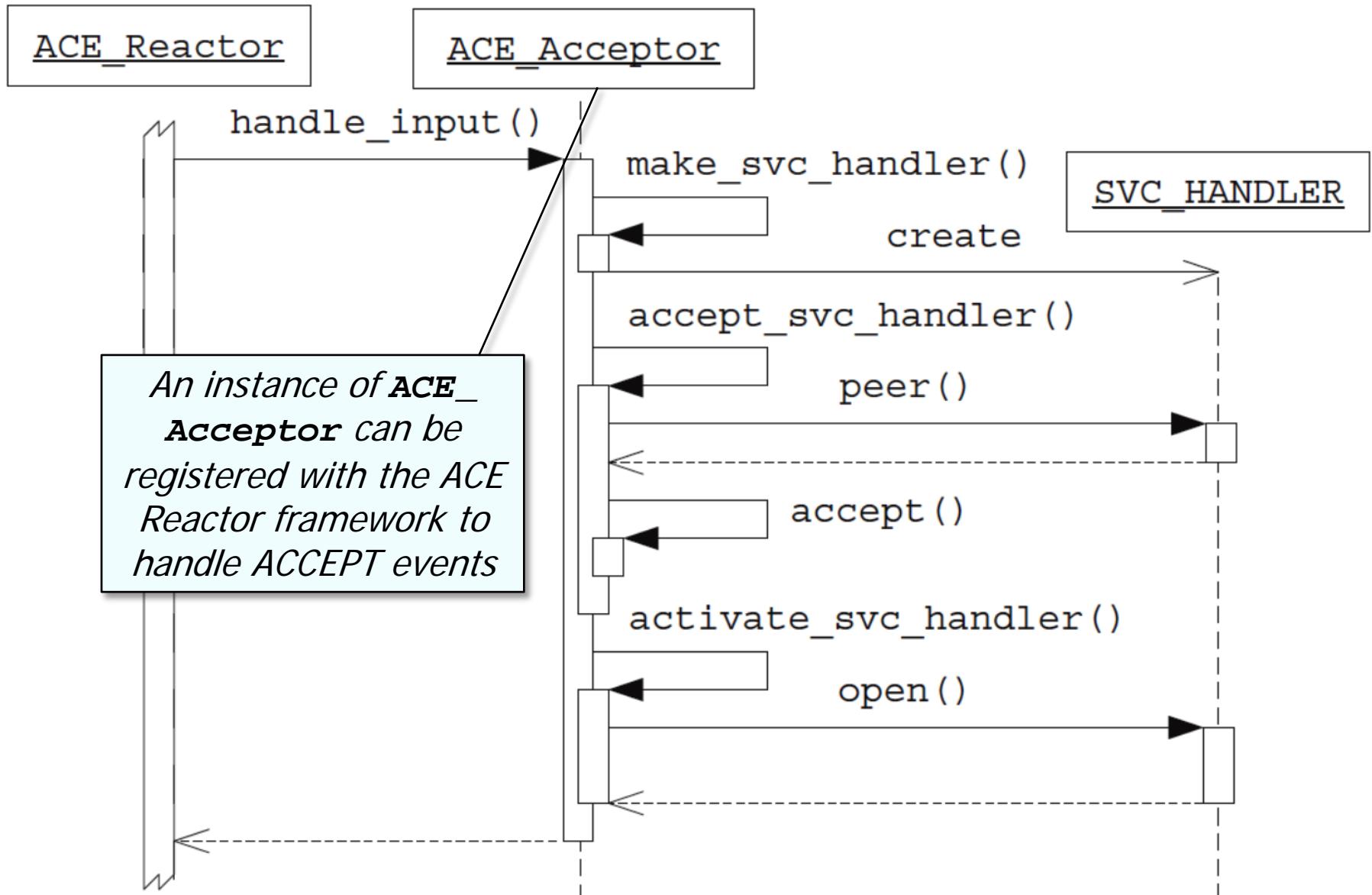
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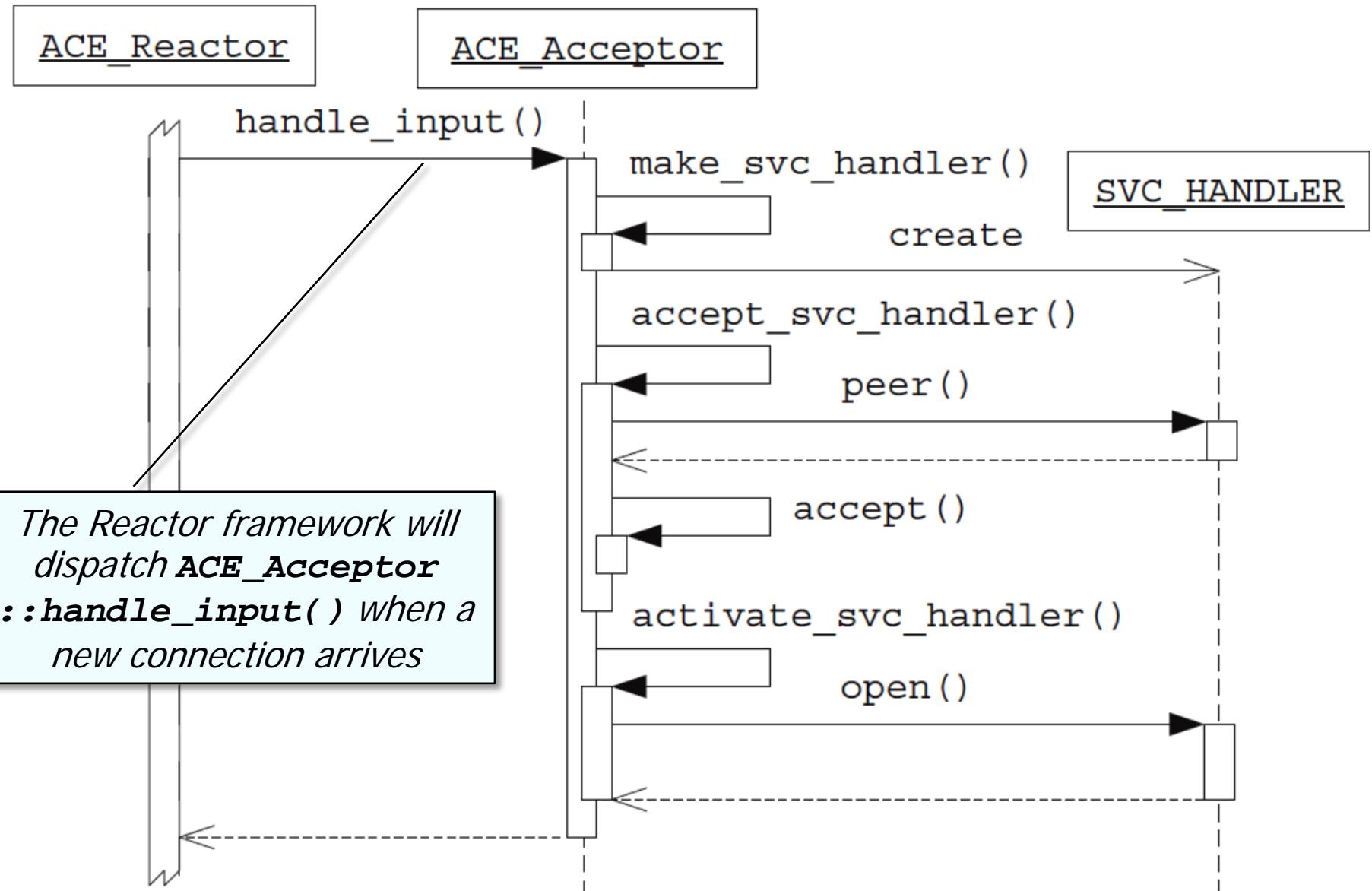


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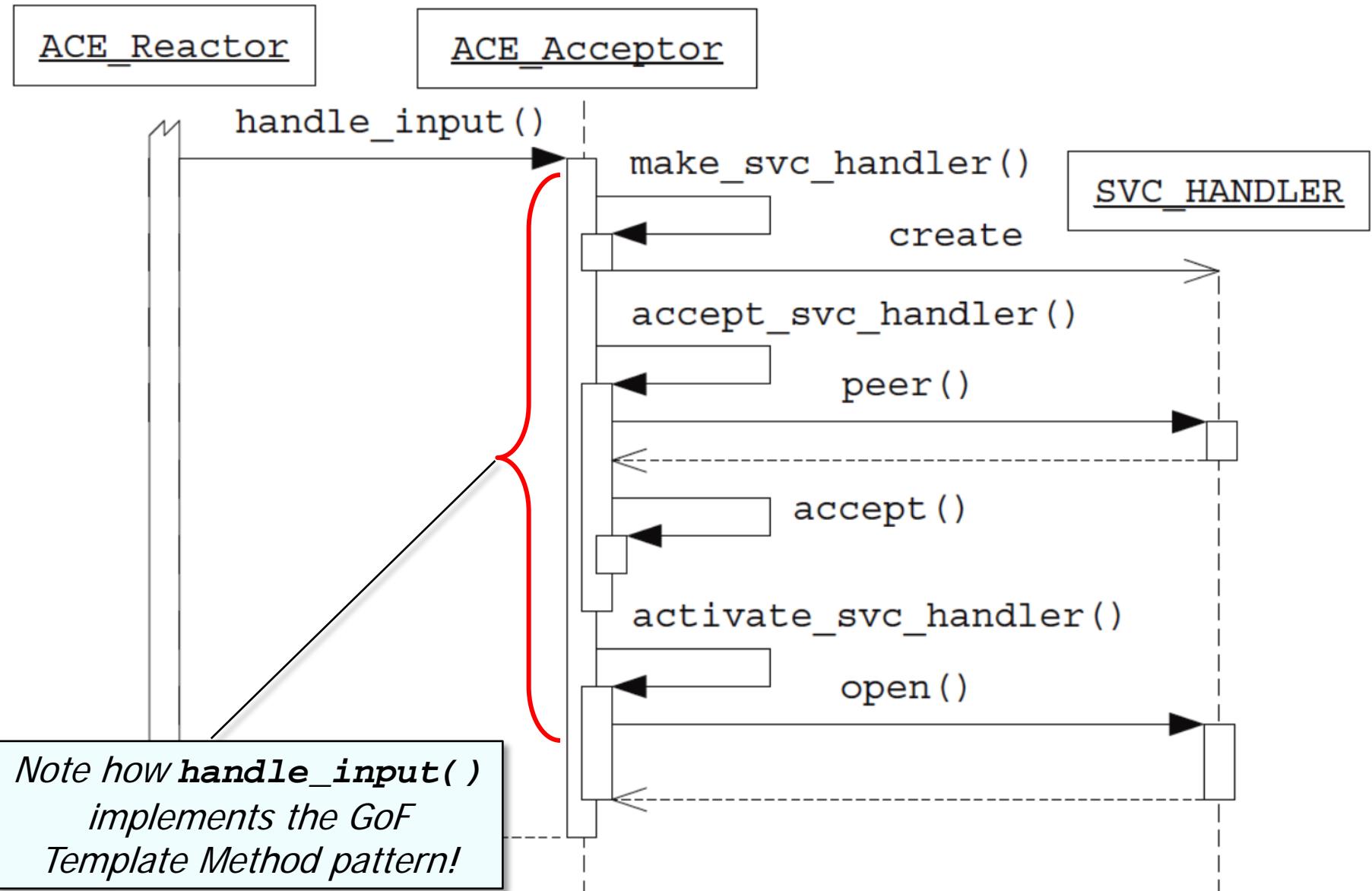
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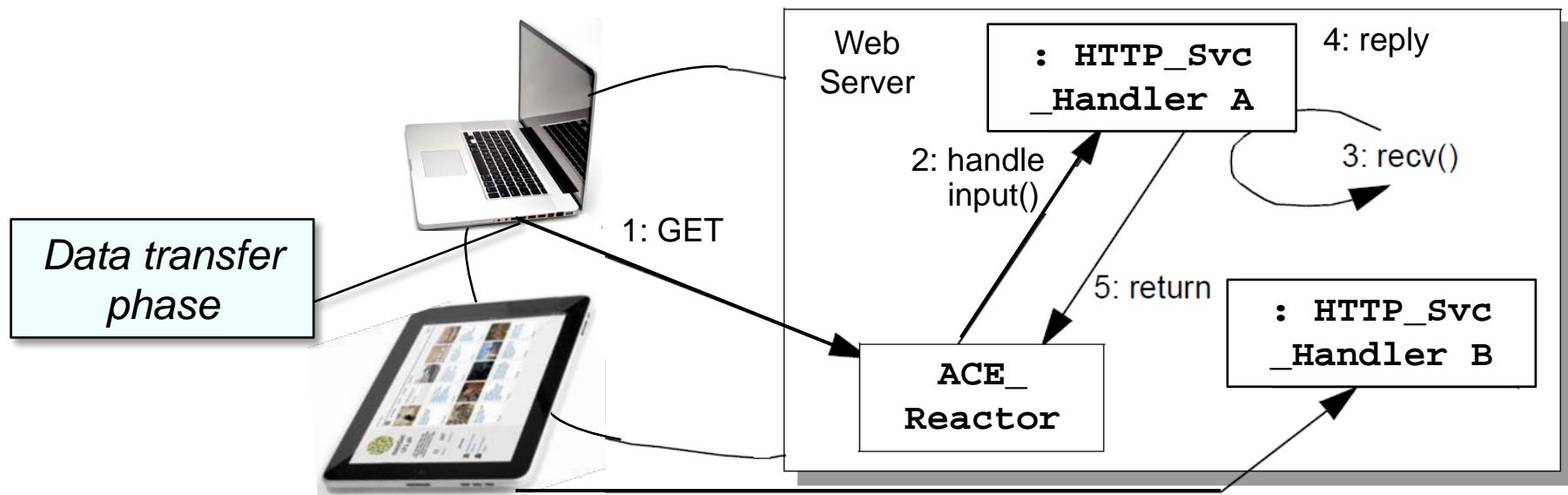
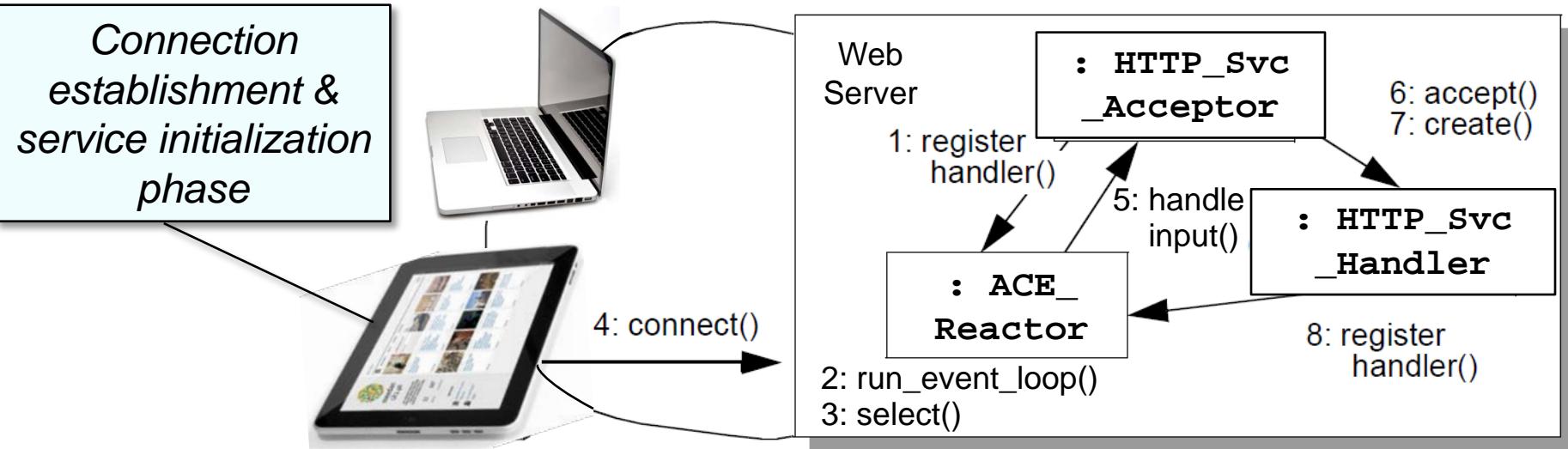
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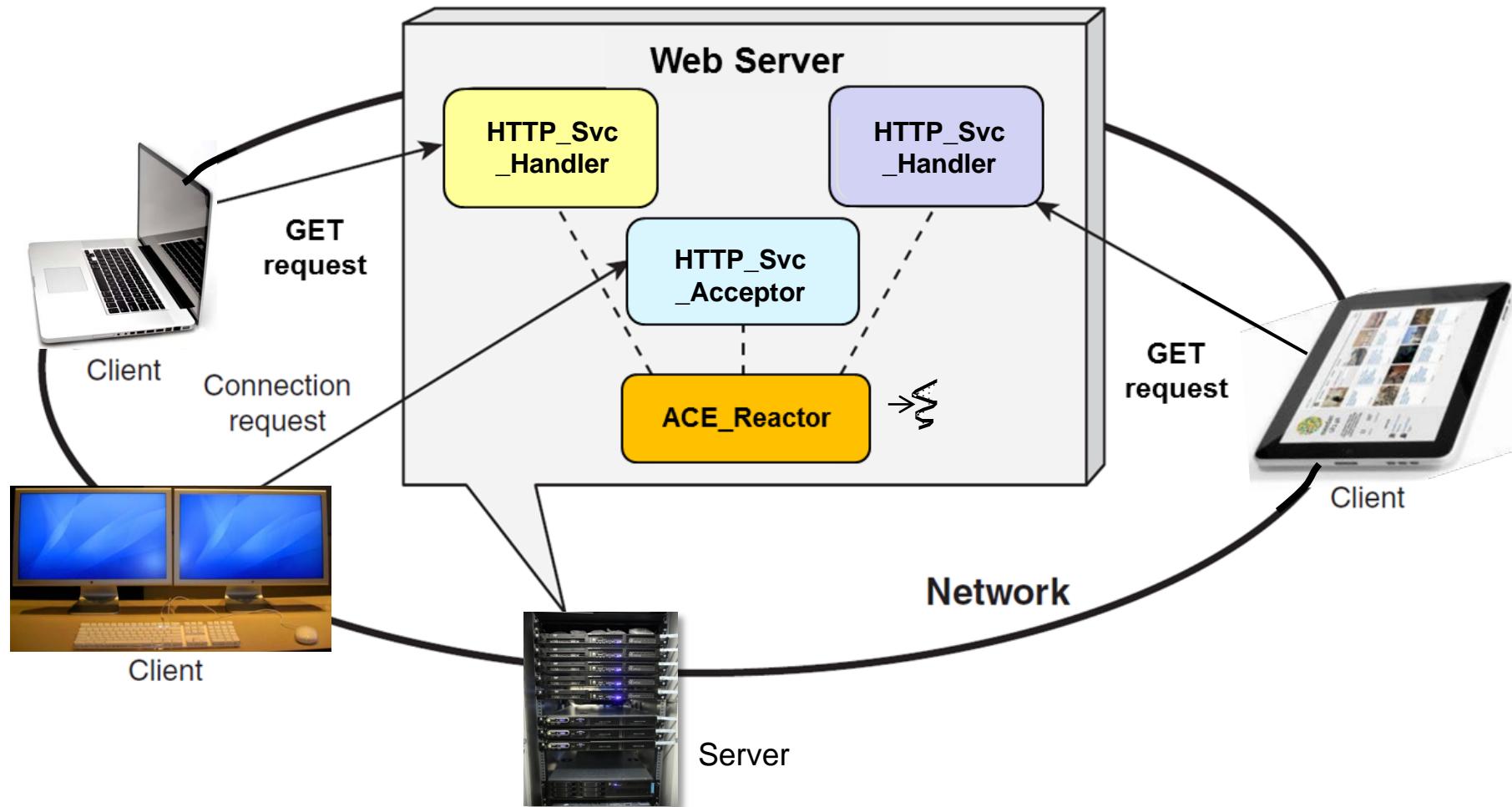


# ACE Acceptor-Connector Implementation of JAWS



# Reactive Event Handling with ACE\_Acceptor

This example shows how to use **ACE\_Acceptor** & **ACE\_Svc\_Handler** to implement a reactive web server



There's very little app code since the ACE frameworks do much of the work!

# Reactive Event Handling with ACE\_Svc\_Handler

```
class HTTP_Svc_Handler
  : public ACE_Svc_Handler<ACE_SOCK_Stream, ACE_NULL_SYNCH> {
public:
    ...
    virtual int handle_input(ACE_HANDLE) {
        std::string pathname (get.pathname (peer ()));
        ACE_Mem_Map mapped_file (pathname.c_str ());
        return peer.send_n (mapped_file.addr (),
                            mapped_file.size ());
    }
    ...
}
```

Be a service handler that uses ACE\_SOCK\_Stream to communicate with clients

Called back by reactor when a GET request arrives

Extract path from GET request

Memory map the requested content

Transmits content back to client

This “business logic” is the main piece of code you need to write!



# Reactive Event Handling with ACE\_Acceptor

```
1 typedef ACE_Acceptor<HTTP_Svc_Handler, ACE_SOCK_Acceptor>
2     HTTP_Svc_Acceptor;
3 typedef Reactor_HTTP_Server<HTTP_Svc_Acceptor>
4     HTTP_Server_Daemon;
5 int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
6     ACE_Reactor reactor;           ← Event loop controller object
7     new HTTP_Server_Daemon (argc, argv, &reactor);
8
9     reactor.run_reactor_event_loop ();
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Reuse our earlier template driver & Instantiate it with the HTTP\_Svc\_Acceptor

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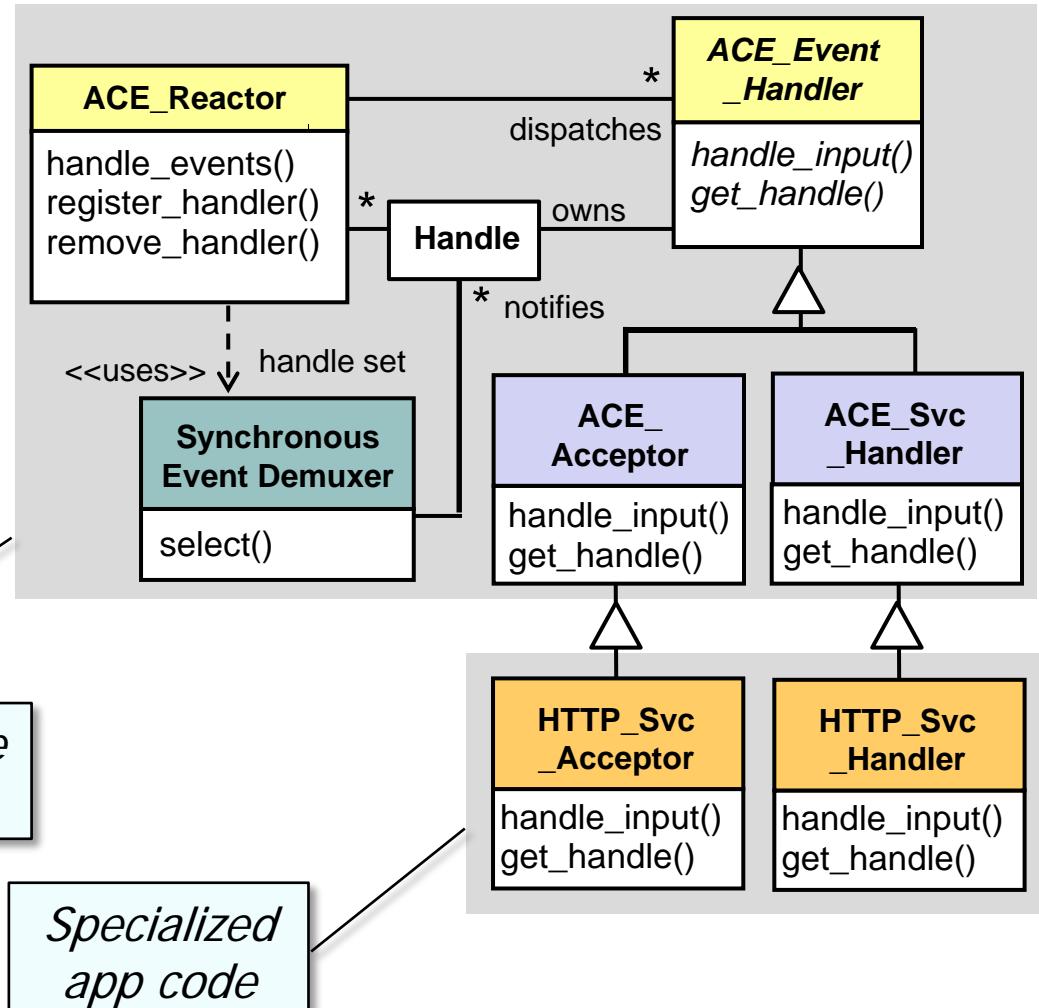
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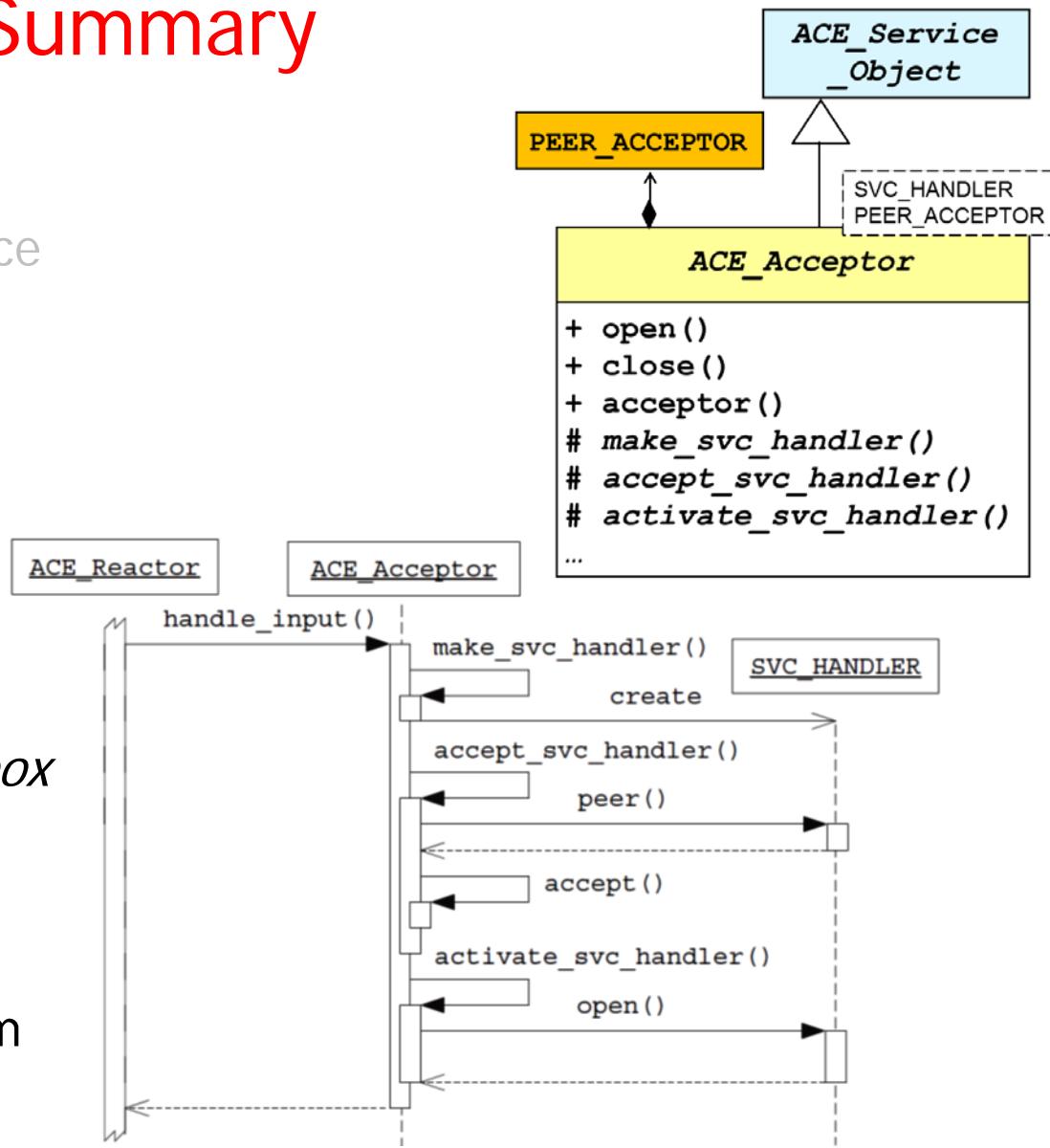
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