Module 08:
"Bridge"

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Agenda

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Introductory Example: Printing Reservations

```
abstract class Reservation
{
    public DateTime When { get; set; }
}
```

```
class EventTicket : Reservation
{
    ...
    public override string ToString() =>
        EventName + Environment.NewLine +
        $"Venue:\t{Venue}" + Environment.NewLine +
        When + Environment.NewLine +
        $"Seat:\t{Seat}";
}
```

Challenges

- How do we add more reservation types and more reservation formatting independently?

- What if we need to select a format for a specified reservation at runtime?
  - Compile-time binding between the two is then a bad idea!

Pattern: Bridge

- *Decouple an abstraction from its implementation so that the two can vary independently.*

- Outline
  - Separate abstraction and its implementation
    - avoid "combinatorial explosion" of classes
  - Implement the abstraction by delegating to an Implementor object
  - Prefer Composition over Inheritance…!

- Origin: Gang of Four

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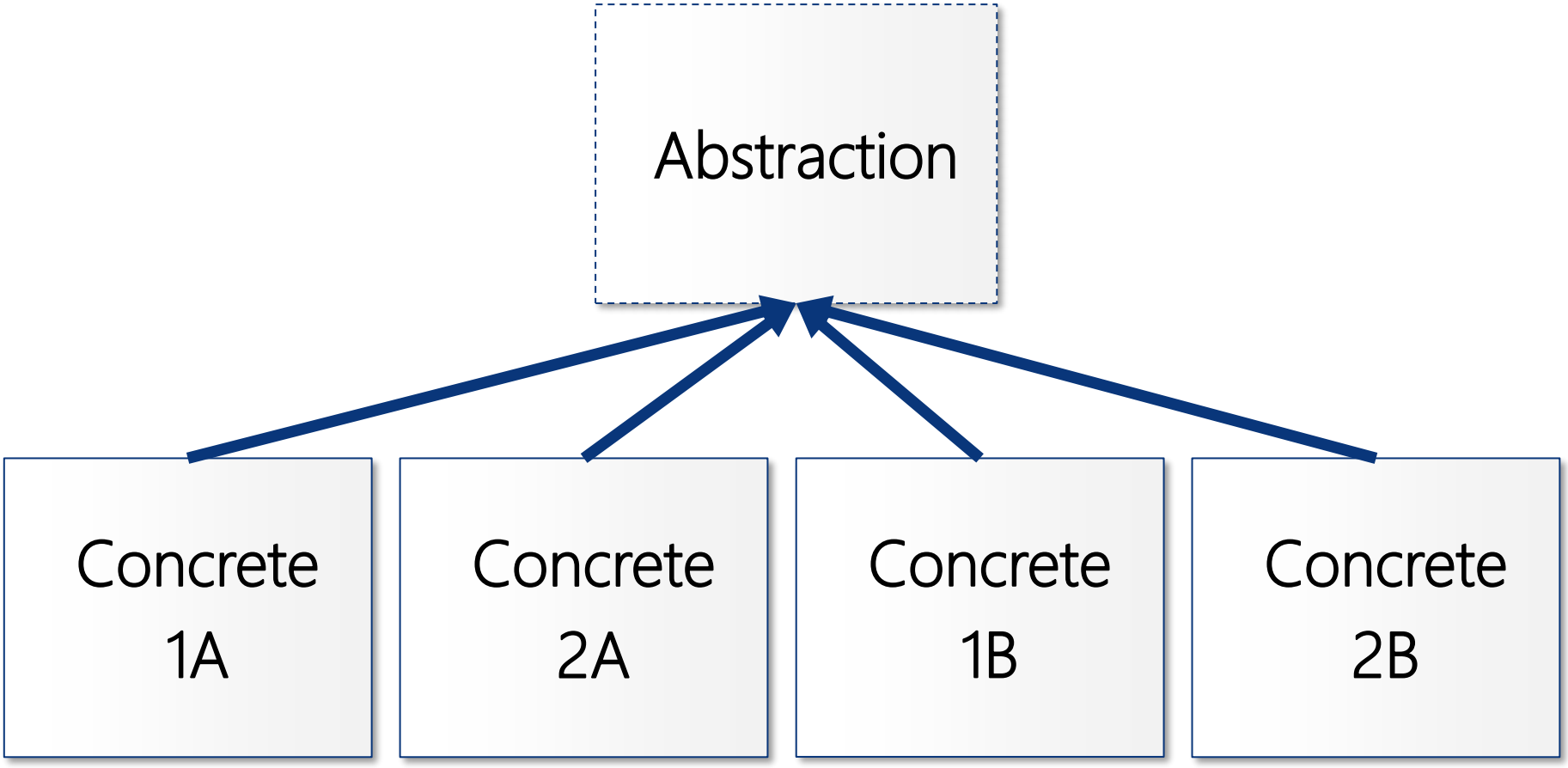
Without the Bridge Pattern



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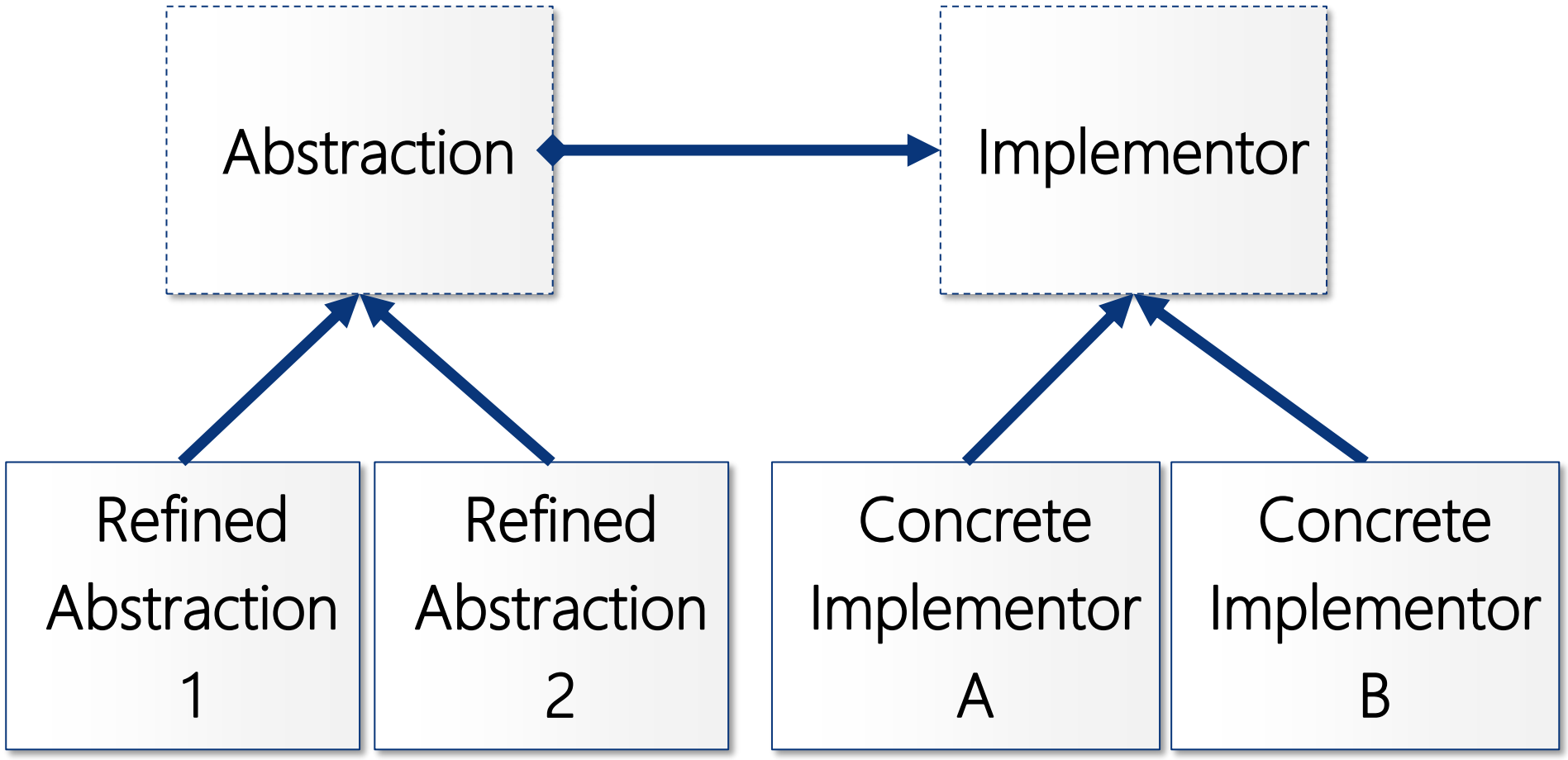
Overview of Bridge Pattern



Overview of the Bridge Pattern

- Abstraction
  - Interface or abstract class for primary class hierarchy
  - Holds reference to Implementor
- Refined Abstraction
  - Concrete class of primary class hierarchy
  - Provides primary state and behavior
- Implementor
  - Interface or abstract class for secondary functionality
- Concrete Implementor
  - Implements Implementor interface
  - Concrete class providing secondary functionality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