

Component And Composite Approach to Aspect-Oriented Programming

Applications in Software Product Line Evolution

Software Component

Software component is **unit of composition** with explicitly determined (approval) and required interfaces and dependencies. Similarly, it can be independently deployed and is **subject of composition** performed by third parties. Component has no externally observable state.

Source: SZYPERSKI, Clemens, 2002. Component Software : Beyond Object-Oriented Programming. ISBN 0-201-745572-0.

Unit of modularization exceeding *the size of a single class* that may be **connected with other such units in different contexts.**



Rather composed?

Composition Of Components

SOA

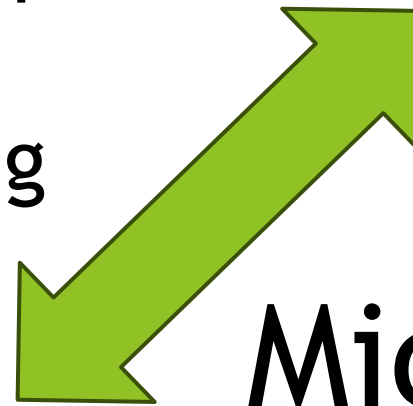
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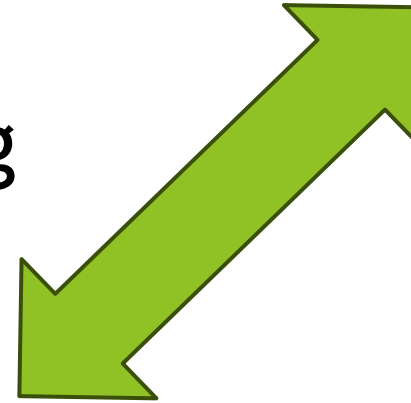
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... how can these respective components be used to effectively handle variability?



Independent Pointcuts On Specific Join Points

As are in Themes/UML approach

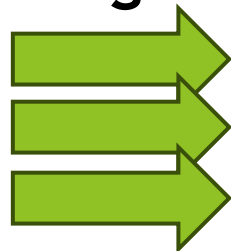
ABSTRACT ASPECTS

Use abstract pointcuts, and specify their behavior later for particular case

To reuse reuse components in different contexts

Managing internal structure on implementational level:

Exceeding exposed implantation of component ... :



Propagating shared roles to particular entities

Preparing shared implementation without implementational details

Independent pointcuts on specific join points

State

Accompanied with the prescription of operations that can be taken

...when sequence of operations without any flag to rely upon is on the input

Where is the state in the code?

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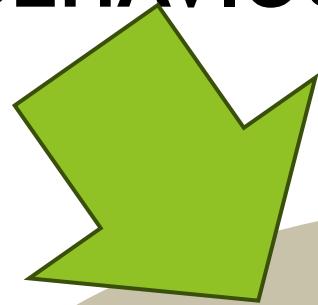
Something like **State machine diagrams**

Stateful Pointcuts in JAsCo

State Dependent Behaviour

SOFTWARE BEHAVIOUR

Highly interactive and state dependent



STATE MACHINES

states

state transitions

*behavior dependencies
on state*

**No explicit
support of their
abstractions in
natural oop**



PROBLEM TO DECOMPOSE THEIR DEFINITION

To Ensure Stability and Consistency

EXPLICIT STRUCTURE TO STATE MACHINES

JAsCo

Java Aspect Composition

- ▶ Research project from Brussels Vrije available online: <http://ssel.vub.ac.be/jasco/>
- ▶ Aspect oriented programming language tailored for component-based use
- ▶ Run time weaver
- ▶ Highly reusable aspects and composition mechanism
- ▶ Capabilities:
 - ▶ Stateful pointcuts - incorporation of state management
 - ▶ Connectors - separation of the way how aspects are connected to specific join points [Adaptive Programming]
- ▶ Unmaintained, academic project
- ▶ Harder learning curve then in AspectJ

Links

- ▶ Source from : <http://ssel.vub.ac.be/jasco/lib/exe/fetch2cc0.pdf?cache=cache&media=taosd05.pdf>
- ▶ Download to run: <http://ssel.vub.ac.be/jasco/kernel.html>
- ▶ Documentation: http://ssel.vub.ac.be/jasco/documentation_main.html

Hooks in JAsCo

Is some kind of **advice** and like **nested class**

Stored/expressed in classes as hooks

Pointcut is defined in constructor of the hook

Defining when hook is active:

method `isApplicable()`

```
class MyClass {
    boolean turnedOn = false;

    hook MyHook {
        MyHook(amethod(..args)) {
            execute(amethod);
        }
        isApplicable() { return global.turnedOn; }
        around() { System.out.println("around"); }
    }
}
```

constructor (points to MyHook constructor)

Method will be specified (points to `amethod(..args)`)

method isApplicable() (points to `isApplicable()`)

Connector in JAsCo

Defining the connector with the hook

Connects aspects with code - without them aspects are not modifying the original program

As a binding in Theme/UML

Example:

```
static connector MyConnector {
    MyClass.MyHook hook0 = new p.MyClass.MyHook(* * *(..));
}
```

Applicable on all methods (points to `* * *(..)`)

Source: Aspekty v analýze a návrhu - Komponentový a kompozičný prístup k aspektovo-orientovanému programovaniu Poznámky k prednáškam z predmetu Aspektovo-orientovaný vývoja softvéru, Valentino Vranič, 2017

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Stateful Pointcuts in JAsCo

Stateful Code - Core

Type of transitions

```
public class MyLogger {  
    hook LogHook {  
        LogHook(startmethod(..a1), logmethod(..a2), stopm(..a3)) {  
            start>p1;  
            p1: execute(startmethod) > p3 || p2;  
            p2: execute(logmethod) > p3 || p2;  
            p3: execute(stopm) > p1;  
        }  
  
        before() {  
            System.out.println(thisJoinPoint.getName());  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Used methods that
should be **executed**

a) Explicit start transition

b) Two possible destination
transitions

c) Two start transitions:

start>p1 || p2;

d) No transition:

p2: **execute**(logmethod)
&& !cflow(stopm);

Connector for Stateful Code

Defining the connector with the hook

Connects aspects with code - without them aspects are not modifying the original program

As a binding in Theme/UML

```
static connector MyLoggerConnector {  
    MyLogger.LogHook hook0 = new MyLogger.LogHook(  
        void mypackage.Main.x(),  
        void mypackage.Main.y(),  
        void mypackage.Main.z()  
    );  
}
```

Example Program With State

Defining the methods and custom program

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] args) {  
        Main m = new Main();  
        m.x();  
        m.x();  
    }  
    public void x() { y(); }  
    public void y() { z(); }  
    public void z() { zzz(); }  
    public void zzz() { System.out.println("out"); }  
}
```

Output:

x
y
z
out
x
y
z
out

Another Example

Method does not move from the initial state

```
public static void main(String[] args) {  
    Main m = new Main();  
    m.z();  
    m.z();  
}
```

Output:

out
out

JAsCo and Adaptive Programming

- ▶ **Law of Demeter** - method can communicate only with arguments, part objects (stored or computed) and newly created objects

```
class ViolatingDemetersLaw {  
    MyClass myClass;  
  
    public void do() {  
        myClass.getVariable1().doSomething(-1);  
    }  
}
```



Resolved with:

```
class DemetersLaw1 {  
    MyClass2 myClass2;  
  
    public void do() {  
        myClass2.do (-1);  
    }  
}
```

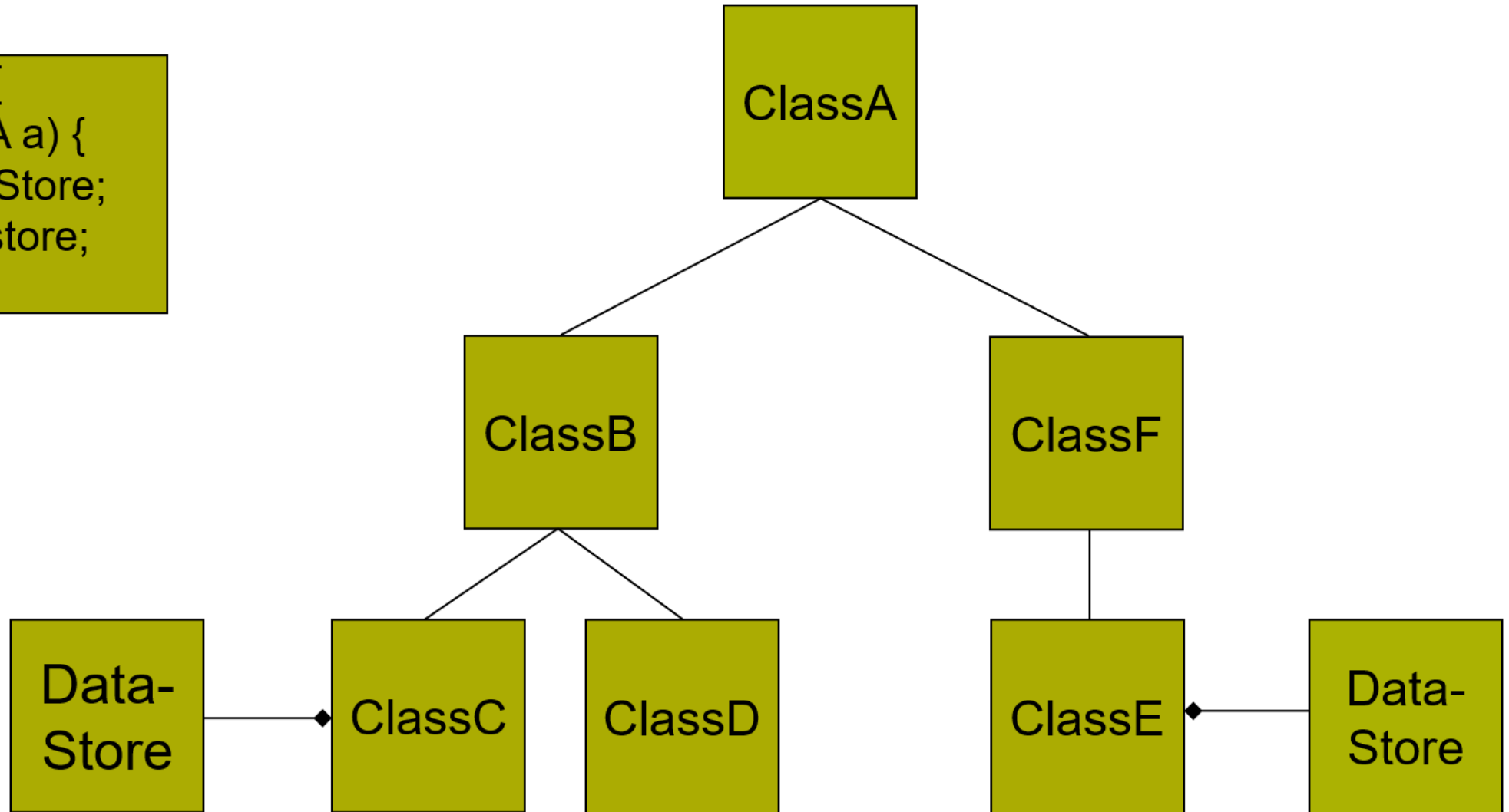
```
class MyClass2 {  
    MyClass3 myClass3;  
  
    public void do(int i) {  
        myClass3.doSomething(i);  
    }  
}
```

**Still, Do() logic pollutes code
- is scattered in several classes**

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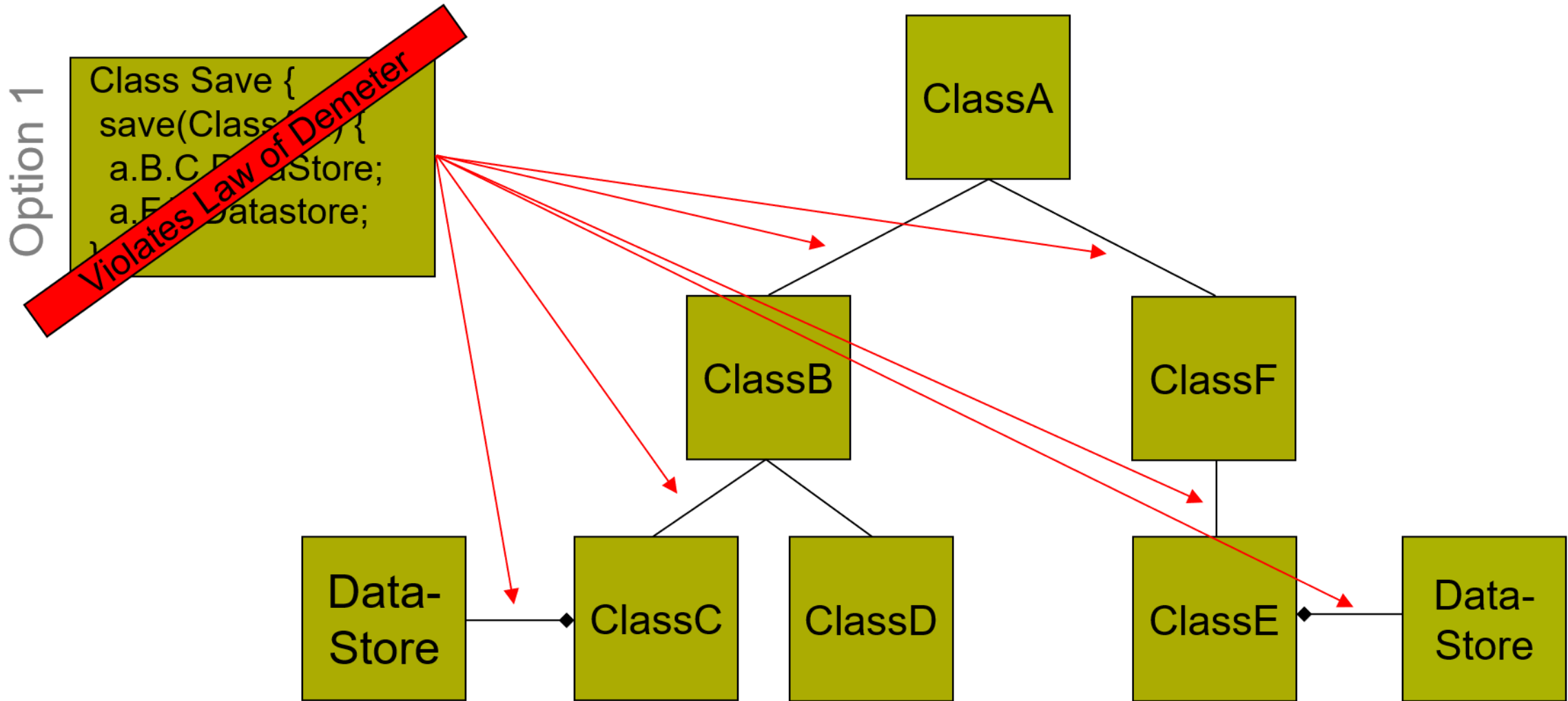
```
Class Save {  
  save(ClassA a) {  
    a.B.C.DataStore;  
    a.F.E.Datastore;  
  }  
}
```



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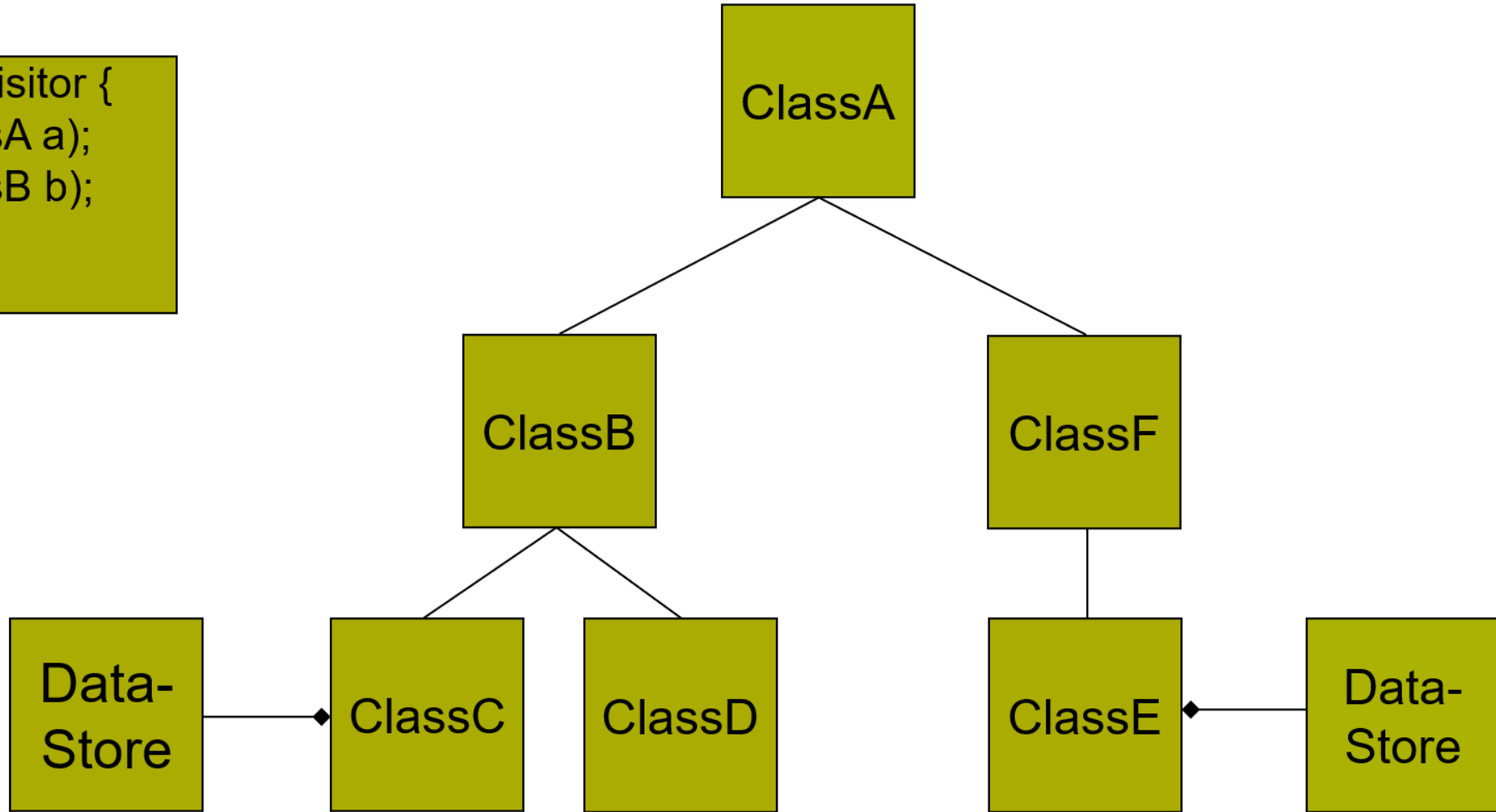
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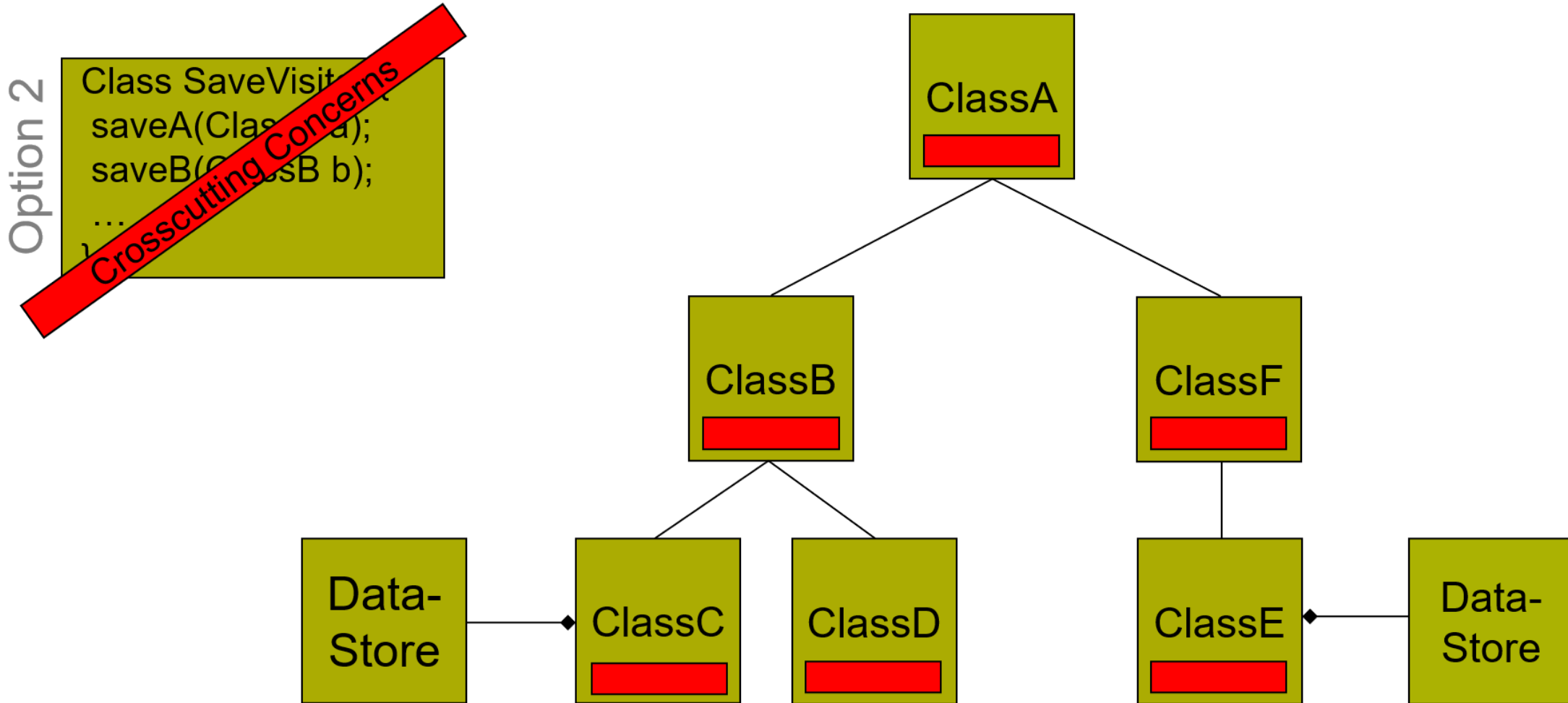
```
Class SaveVisitor {  
  saveA(ClassA a);  
  saveB(ClassB b);  
  ...  
}
```



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Use of Adaptive Programming to Solve Following Dilemma

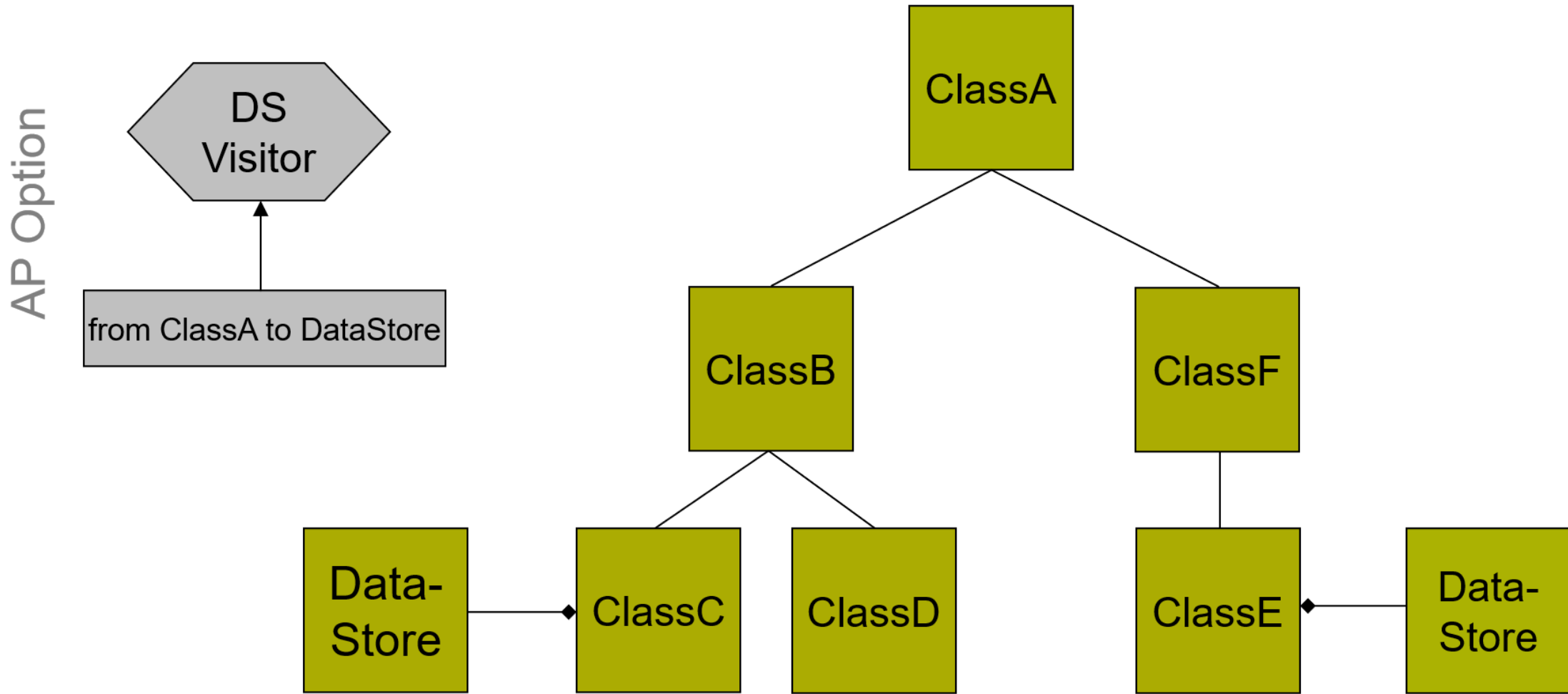
Dilemma:

- Crosscutting concerns (if follow) or
- Unmaintainable code (if not follow)

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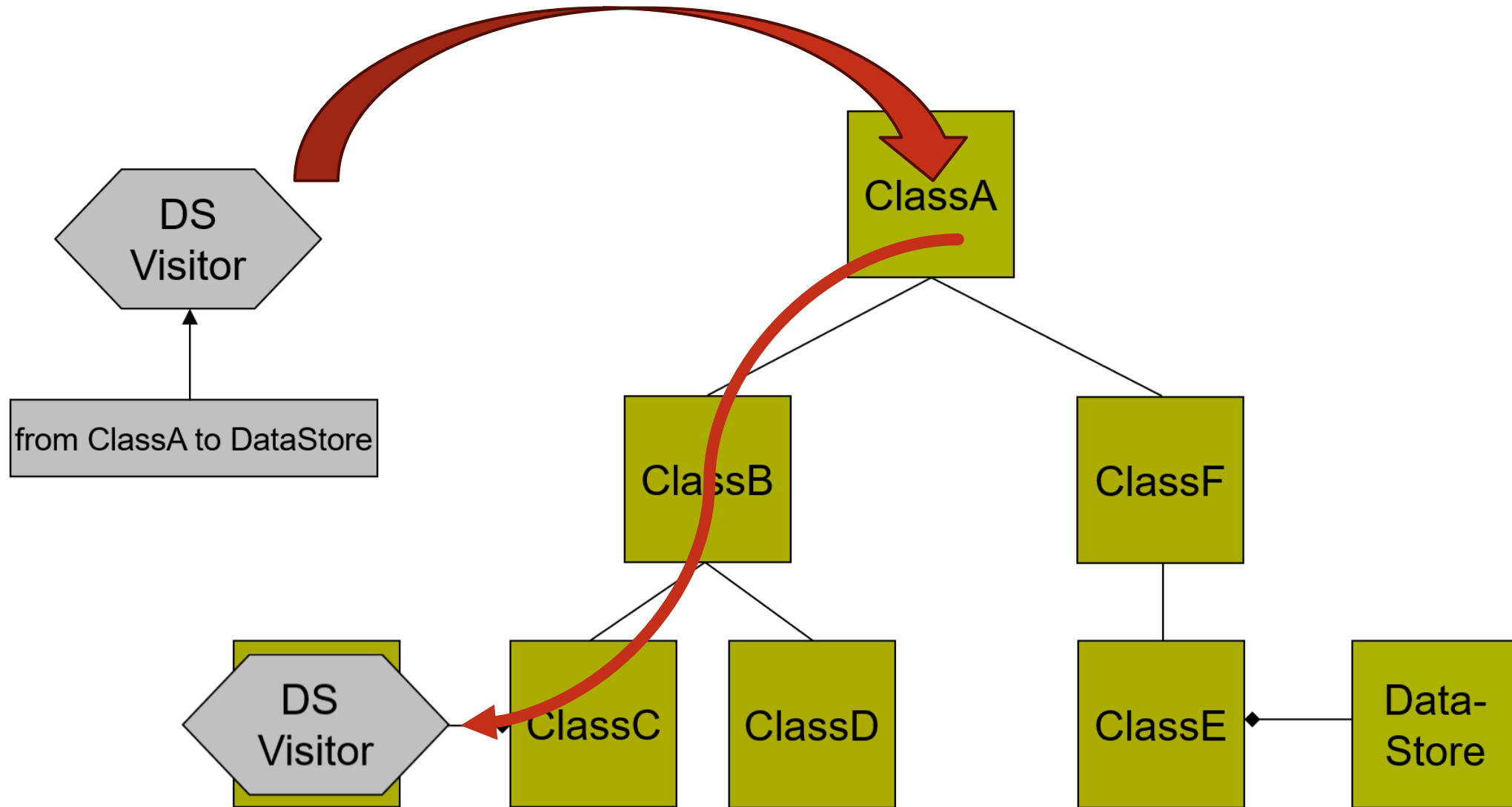


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AP Option



Implementation in JAsCo

Transversal strategy

Traversal that is followed

Example: from ClassA to DataStore

Adaptive visitor

- traverses the specified path
- contains implementation of behaviour

JAsCo Code for Adaptive Programming

```
class DataStorePersistence extends Visitor {
```

```
    public void before(DataStore store) {  
        if(changedPV(store)) {  
            Writer writer = ...  
            writer.writeObject(store.getData());  
        }  
    }
```

```
    public boolean changedPV(DataStore s) {  
        \\ true if changed since last visit  
    }  
}
```

```
void backup(ClassA a) {  
    ClassGraph cg = new ClassGraph("a");  
    Strategy sg = new Strategy("from ClassA to DataStore");  
    TraversalGraph tg = new TraversalGraph(sg, cg);  
    tg.traverse(a, new DataStorePersistence());  
}
```

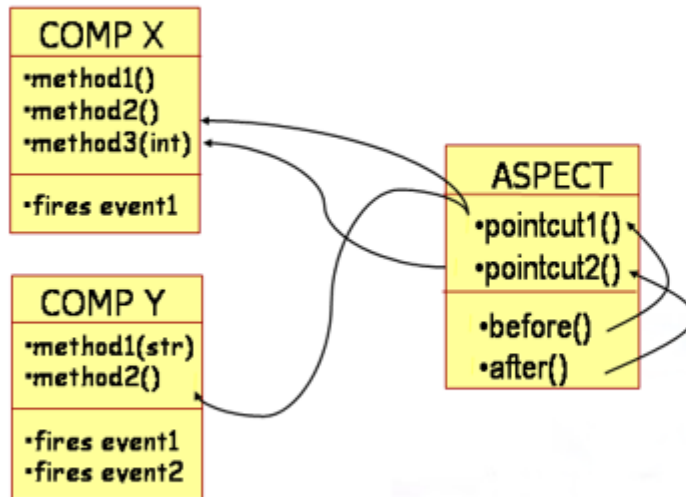
JAsCo Code for Adaptive Programming

```
class DataPersistence {  
  
    hook Backup {  
  
        Backup(triggeringmethod(..args)) {  
            execution(triggeringmethod); }  
  
        isApplicable() {  
            // true when changed since last visit }  
  
        before() {  
            Writer writer = ...  
            writer.writeObject(getDataMethod());  
        }  
  
        refinable Object getDataMethod();  
  
    }  
}
```

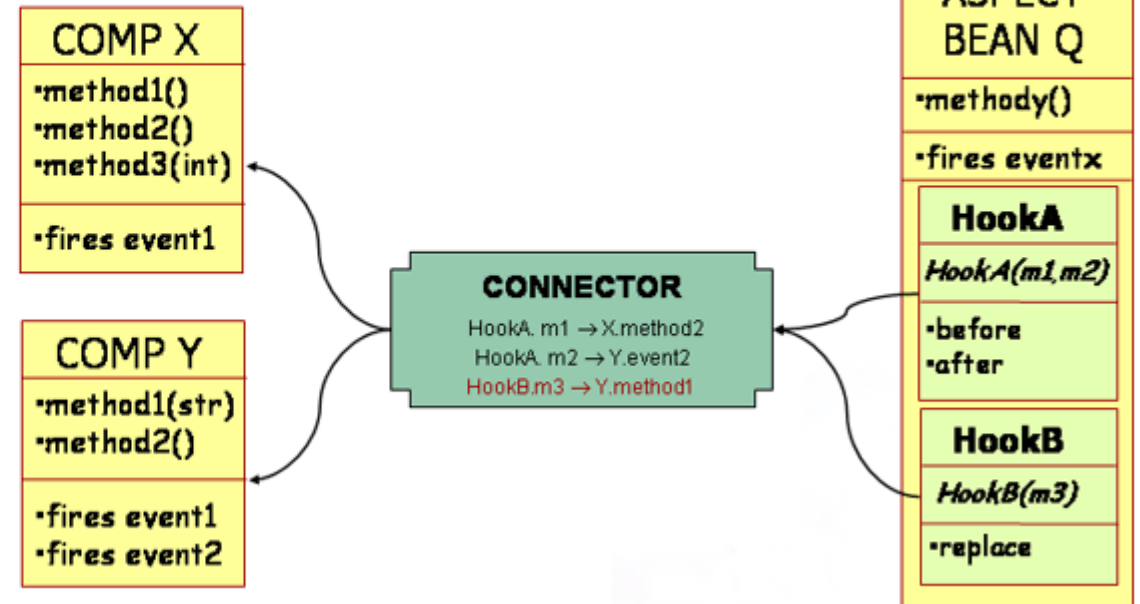
```
connector PersistenceConnector {  
    DataPersistence.Backup hook = new  
        DataPersistence.Backup(  
            * DataStore.set*(*));  
}  
  
refining DataPersistence.Backup  
    for DataStore {  
        public Object getDataMethod() {  
            DataStore d = thisJoinPointObject;  
            return d.getData();  
        }  
    }  
}
```

Comparison With AspectJ

AspectJ

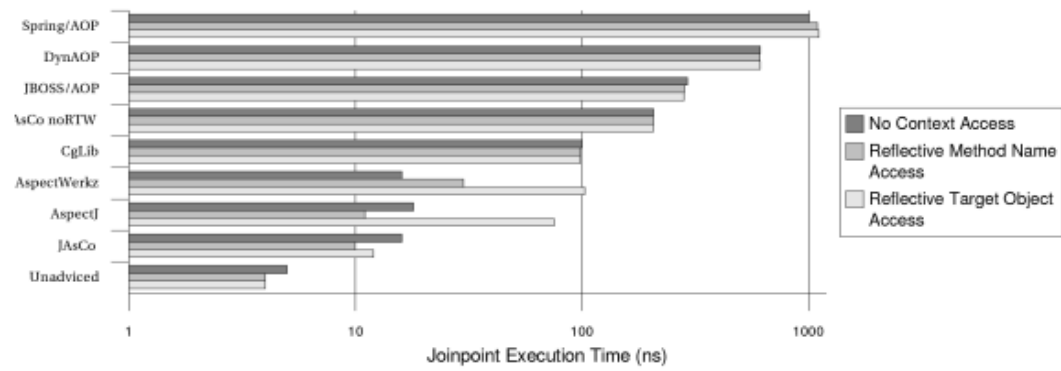


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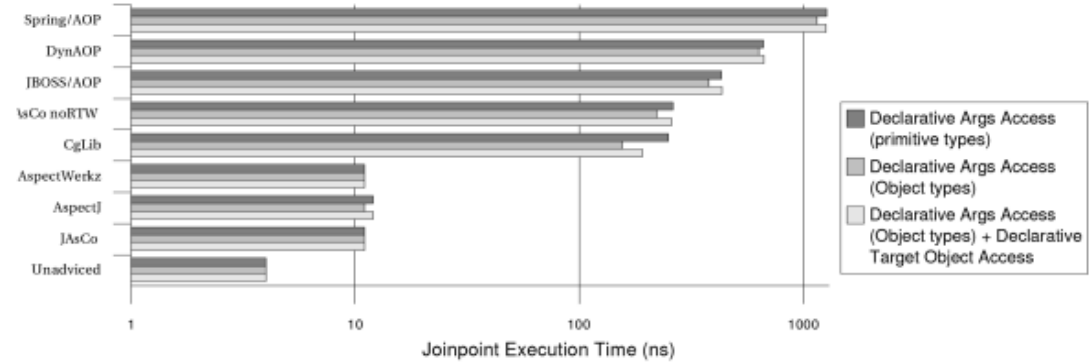


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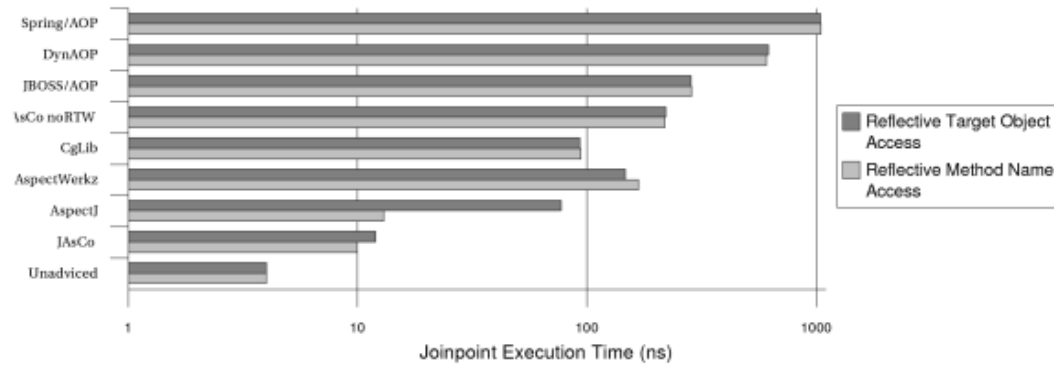
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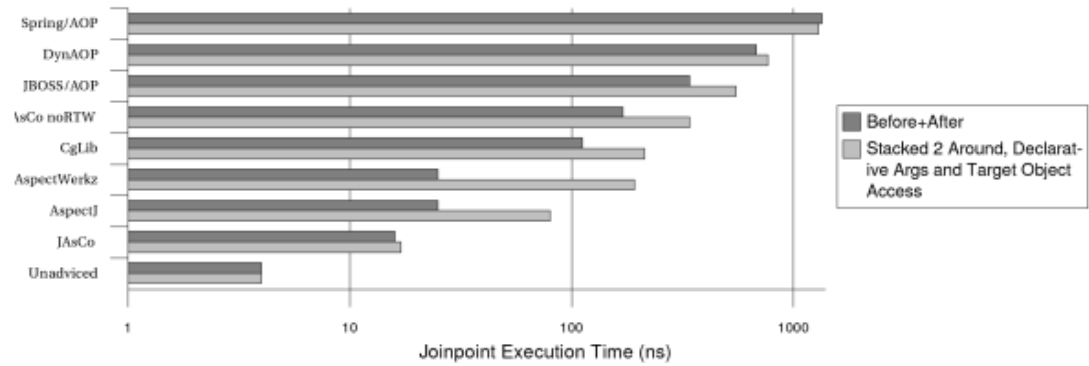
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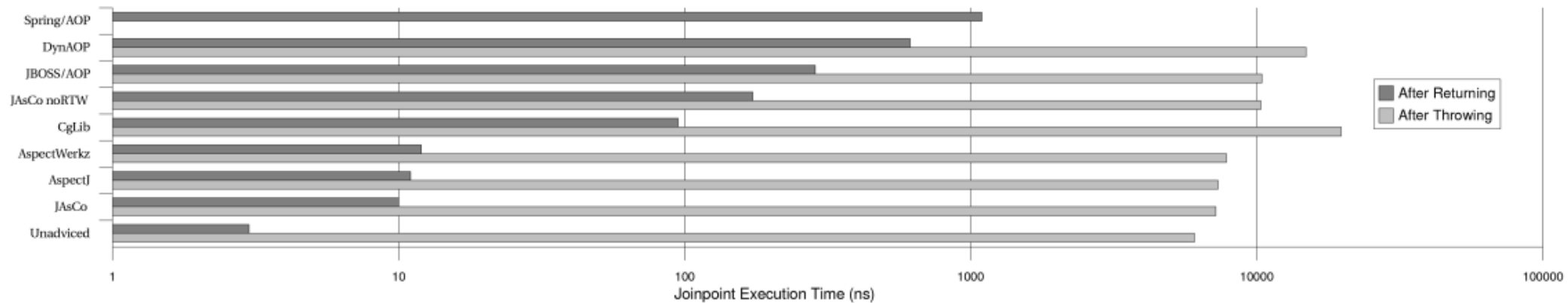
Around Advice



Combining Advice



After Returning/Throwing



New Dimension in Software: Variability

Software product lines as complex software intensive systems

Increased complexity:

- evolution of common assets
- independent evolution of products and their instantiation

Independent on structure, behaviour, and its state



- problem with modularization

Modularizing different kinds of variability

**Preserving encapsulation and
communication over explicit interfaced**

Feature-Oriented Decomposition

Analysis only of those modules of the features that are available in product

Design benefits

- *Independent evolution of product line features*
- *Modular introduction of new features*
- *Does not always reflect on technical commonalities between features*

Does not rely on one-to-one correspondence of features from feature model and features describing variations in software product line and implementation modules

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Modularization And Components Applied in Software Product Lines: *Creation of houses with rooms and floors*

In OOP world / In AOP world

ECaesarJ

Application to evolution of software product lines

- ▶ Type-safe
- ▶ Stable decomposition of majority of software abstractions:
 - ▶ Classes
 - ▶ Methods
 - ▶ Events
 - ▶ State
 - ▶ Binding
 - ▶ Mixin Composition

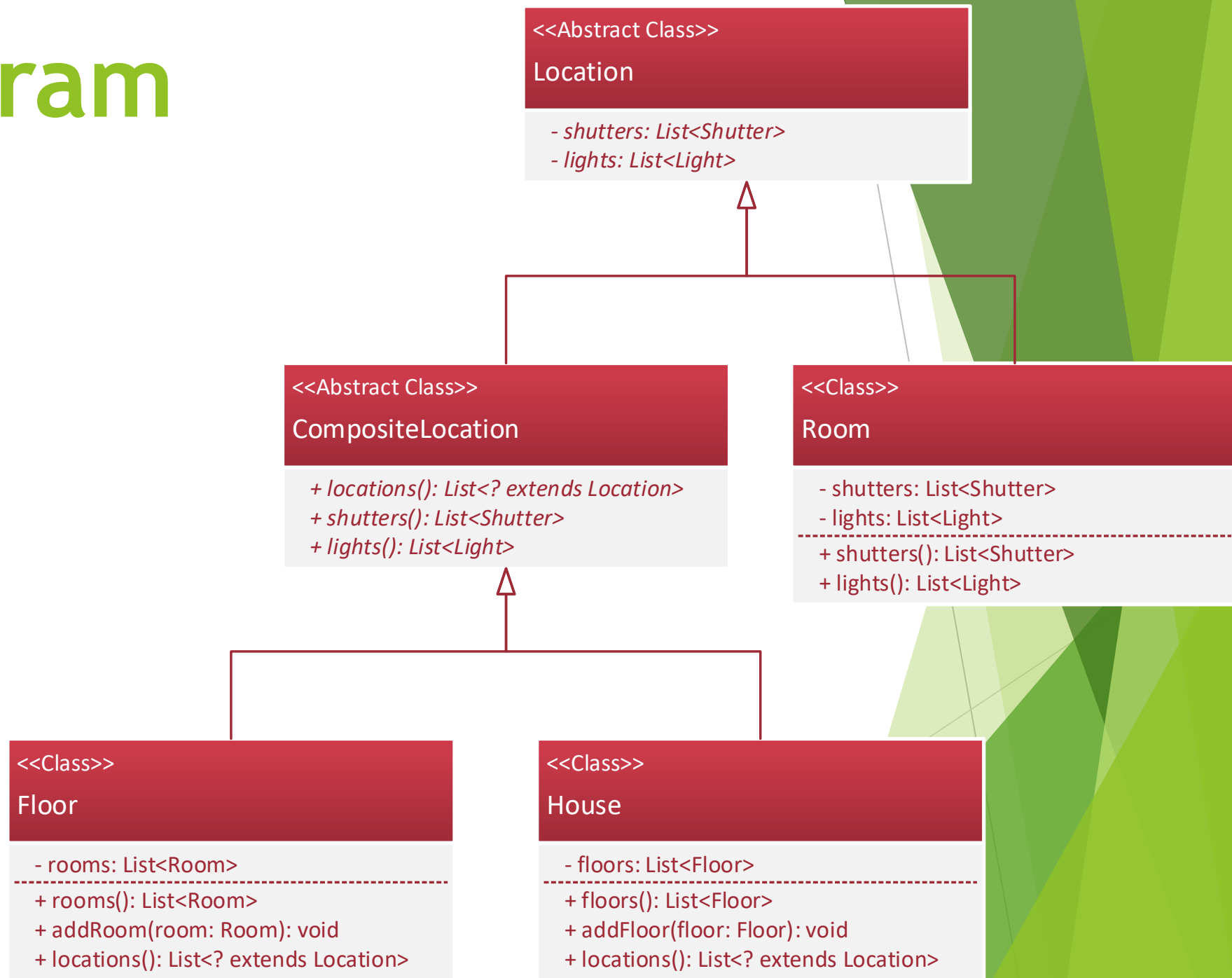
Object-Oriented Solution

```
1 abstract class Location {
2     abstract List<Shutter> shutters();
3     abstract List<Light> lights();
4     ...
5 }
6
7 abstract class CompositeLocation extends Location {
8     abstract List<? extends Location> locations();
9     List<Shutter> shutters() {
10         List<Shutter> shutters = new ArrayList<Shutter>();
11         for (Location child : locations()) {
12             shutters.addAll(child.shutters())
13         }
14         return shutters;
15     }
16     List<Light> lights() { ... }
17     ...
18 }
19
20 class Room extends Location {
21     List<Shutter> shutters;
22     List<Light> lights;
23     List<Shutter> shutters() { return shutters; }
24     List<Light> lights() { return lights; }
25     ...
26 }
```

```
27
28 class Floor extends CompositeLocation {
29     List<Room> rooms;
30     List<Room> rooms() { return rooms; }
31     void addRoom(Room r) { rooms.add(r); }
32     List<? extends Location> locations() { return rooms(); }
33 }
34
35 class House extends CompositeLocation {
36     List<Floor> floors;
37     List<Floor> floors() { return floors; }
38     void addFloor(Floor r) { floors.add(r); }
39     List<? extends Location> locations() { return floors(); }
40
41     static House house = new House();
42     static House houseInstance() { return house; }
43 }
```

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Class diagram



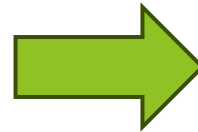
Attempt to extend original structure with heaters

to support heating features

Extended only individually.

Not replaced by their extensions
(extended code) in their relation
with other classes

Example: Not all type of
rooms will have heaters
after extension is applied

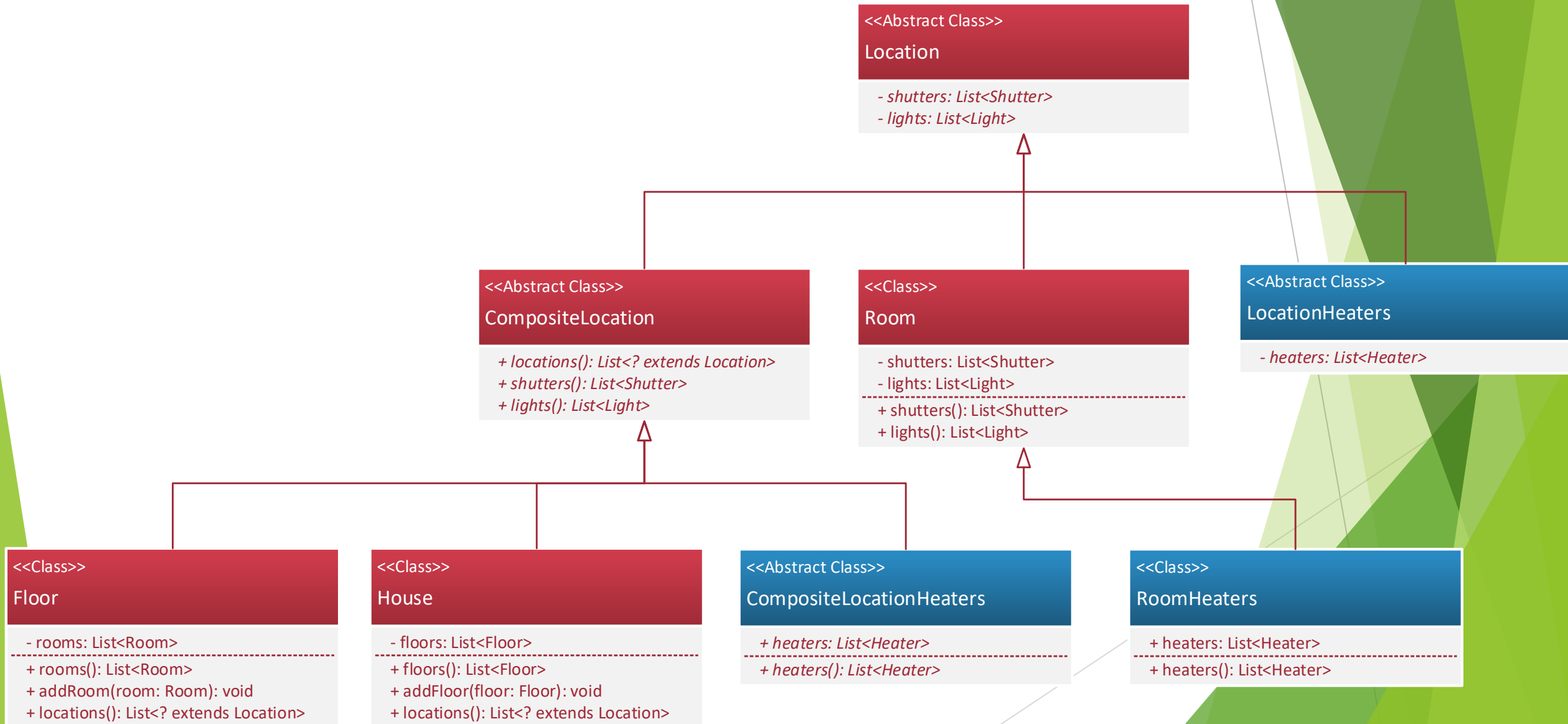


```
1 abstract class LocationHeaters extends Location {
2     abstract List<Heater> heaters();
3     ...
4 }
5
6 abstract class CompositeLocationHeaters extends CompositeLocation {
7     List<Heater> heaters() {
8         List<Heater> heaters = new ArrayList<Heater>();
9         for (Location child : locations()) {
10             heaters.addAll(child.heaters())
11         }
12         return heaters;
13     }
14 }
15
16 class RoomHeaters extends Room {
17     List<Heater> heaters;
18     List<Heater> heaters() { return heaters; }
19 }
```

Figure 6.2 An attempt to extend the house structure with heaters.

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Extended class diagram



Modularization of Static Structures

1. No replacement of classes in inheritance relationship.

- redeclaration of inheritance relationship between classes

MULTIPLE INHERITANCE Impossible in Java

- *introduction of additional glue code (for example in C++)*

2. Incorporation of planned functionality (domain knowledge)

INVASIVE CHANGES OTHERWISE

- *If open-closed principle cannot be used = implementation of core features has to be changed during introduction of product-specific feature*

3. Instantiation of extended classes instead of original ones

REDEFINITION IN ALL PLACES WHERE

EXTENDED CLASS IS INSTANTIATED

Here:

```
40  
41 static House house = new House();
```

Implicit Events

-integrates the pointcuts of AspectJ

Not explicitly triggered

-occur as result of other event occurrences

Define events in declarative way

As expressions over other events:

TYPES

- possibly to specialize based on introduced conditions on parameters exposed by events
- on values computed in the scope of enclosing class
- as composition of other events using logic operators

```
1 abstract cclass ILightSensorFeature {
2     abstract cclass ILightSensor {
3         abstract event intensityChanged();
4         abstract int getIntensity();
5     }
6 }
7
8 cclass LightSensorFeature extends ILightSensorFeature requires IDeviceUpdate {
9     cclass DefaultLightSensor extends ILightSensor {
10         int intensity;
11         event intensityChanged();
12         int getIntensity() { return intensity; }
13
14         update() => {
15             int oldIntensity = intensity;
16             scanLightIntensity();
17             if (oldIntensity != intensity) {
18                 intensityChanged();
19             }
20         }
21         ...
22     }
23 }
```

Definition of event as class member

Definition of event as class members

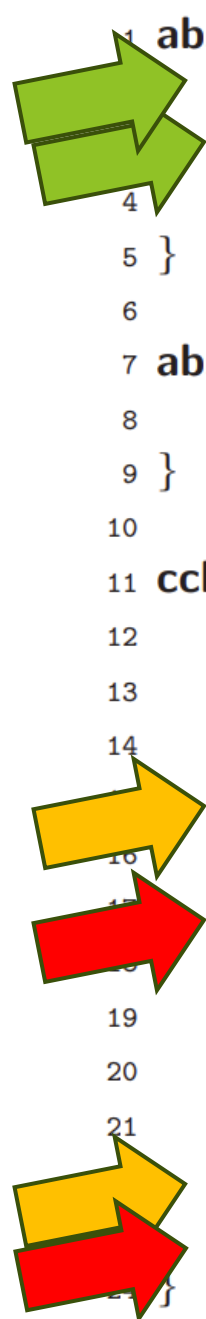
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Figure 6.11 An implementation of a light sensor device driver.

Implicit Events

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**DECOUPLED
EVENT
FROM ITS
EVENT
DEFINITION**



```
1 abstract cclass IDaytimeFeature {
2     abstract event void sunrise();
3     abstract event void sunset();
4     abstract boolean isDaytime();
5 }
6
7 abstract cclass ILightSensorLocatorFeature requires ILightSensorFeature {
8     abstract ILightSensor lightSensor();
9 }
10
11 cclass SensorDaytimeFeature extends IDaytimeFeature requires ILightSensorFeature {
12     final int THRESHOLD = 80;
13     protected boolean daytime;
14
15     event sunrise() = lightSensor().intensityChanged()
16         && if(!daytime && lightSensor().getIntensity() > THRESHOLD);
17     event sunset() = lightSensor().intensityChanged()
18         && if(daytime && lightSensor().getIntensity() < THRESHOLD);
19
20     public boolean isDaytime() { return daytime; }
21
22     sunrise() => { daytime = true; }
23     sunset() => { daytime = false; }
```

-[expr.]eventName(formalArgs) => body

Figure 6.12 Two alternative implementations of daytime events.

```
1 abstract cclass IActivityDetection {  
2     abstract event activityDetected();  
3 }  
4  
5 cclass AlarmControl requires IActivityDetection {  
6     event intrusion() = activityDetected() && if(isArmed());  
7     intrusion() => {  
8         fireAlarm();  
9     }  
10    ...  
11 }
```

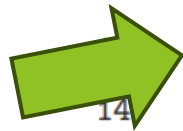
Figure 6.15 Alarm control using detection of activity in the house.

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Mixin Composition Of Events

To mark conflicting situations
to resolve them automatically
- use of mixin keyword

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```
1 cclass DefaultActivityDetection extends IActivityDetection {  
2     event activityDetected() = empty;  
3 }  
4  
5 cclass MotionActivityDetection extends DefaultActivityDetection  
6     requires IHouseMotionSensors {  
7     mixin event activityDetected() = super.activityDetected() ||  
8         some(house().motionSensors()).motionDetected();  
9 }  
10  
11 cclass LightActivityDetection extends DefaultActivityDetection  
12     requires IHouseLights {  
13     mixin event activityDetected() = super.activityDetected() ||  
14         some(house().lights()).turnOn() ||  
15         some(house().lights()).turnOff();  
16 }  
17  
18 ...  
19  
20 cclass ActivityDetectionInMyHouse extends MotionActivityDetection  
21     & DoorActivityDetection & LightActivityDetection { }
```

Figure 6.16 Variations of activity detection.

Handling Event Using Observer Design Pattern

Modularization of behaviour

1. Much glue code - registration and notification of observers

2. Incorporation of planned functionality (domain knowledge)

INVASIVE CHANGES OTHERWISE

- *If open-closed principle cannot be used = implementation of core features has to be changed during introduction of product-specific feature*

3. No support of declarative definition of events

- *Difficult to reuse for defining other kind of events*

EXPLICIT TRIGGERING IS NECESSARY

Use of ECaesarJ

Why?

Insufficient mechanisms in OOP for modularizing the features

Only for individual objects/classes



Multiple affected objects/classes by Features

Large-scale extension mechanism

PROVIDES LARGE-SCALE SELECTION AND COMPOSITION MECHANISMS



VIRTUAL CLASSES

- inner classes
- late-bound instantiation
- can be refined in subclasses of enclosing class
- as family members
 - members of instances of the enclosing class [family objects/classes]



PROPAGATING THE MIXIN COMPOSITION

Composition propagates into virtual classes

ALL INHERITED DECLARATIONS OF VIRTUAL CLASSES WITH THE SAME NAME ARE MERGED AUTOMATICALLY

Virtual Class in ECaesarJ/CaesarJ

FURTHERBINDING

-a refinement of virtual class

-implicit inheritance from refined class

- ▶ Adding new functionality
 - ▶ Overriding existing functionality
- } Methods, fields, and inheritance relationships

-references to virtual class are bounded to its the most specific refinement

-in family class

REFINEMENT OF VIRTUAL CLASSES

Extending functionality between features:
in subclasses -in inheritance of these virtual classes

REACHING:

Consistent extension of group of classes

defining



Features as extension of other features

modeling



Feature



Domain objects

In family class

In virtual classes

Implementation in ECaesarJ

*feature-oriented
modularization of
software product lines*

Feature
In family class

**Domain
objects**
*In virtual
classes*

```
1 cclass HouseStructure {  
2     abstract cclass Location { }  
3  
4     abstract cclass CompositeLocation extends Location {  
5         abstract List<? extends Location> locations();  
6     }  
7  
8     cclass Room extends Location { }  
9  
10    cclass Floor extends CompositeLocation {  
11        List<Room> rooms;  
12        List<Room> rooms() { return rooms; }  
13        void addRoom(Room r) { rooms.add(r); }  
14        List<? extends Location> locations() { return rooms(); }  
15    }  
16  
17    cclass House extends CompositeLocation {  
18        List<Floor> floors;  
19        List<Floor> floors() { return floors; }  
20        void addFloor(Floor r) { floors.add(r); }  
21        List<? extends Location> locations() { return floors(); }  
22    }  
23  
24    House house = new House();  
25    House house() { return house; }  
26 }
```

To not confuse this with Java class
-to use it as extension of Java

cclass

New CaesarJ dat structure

Taken from: Rashid, A., Royer, J.C., Rummler, A. (eds.):
*Aspect-Oriented, Model-Driven Software Product Lines:
The AMPLE Way (09 2011)*

Figure 6.3 Implementation of a house structure as a family class.

Furtherbinding

-extending features in consistent way

```
1 cclass HouseShutters extends HouseStructure {
2   abstract cclass Location {
3     abstract List<Shutter> shutters();
4   }
5
6   abstract cclass CompositeLocation {
7     List<Shutter> shutters() {
8       List<Shutter> shutters = new ArrayList<Shutter>();
9       for (Location child : locations()) {
10        shutters.addAll(child.shutters())
11      }
12      return shutters;
13    }
14  }
15
16  cclass Room {
17    List<Shutter> shutters;
18    List<Shutter> shutters() { return shutters; }
19  }
20 }
```

House structure is extended with shutters

HouseShutters inherits all virtual classes from HouseStructure and can selectively extend them further

Access in
type-safe way

-references to virtual classes are always relative to enclosing object

Automatically updated to refer to the new definitions of these classes in family class

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Figure 6.4 Extension of house structure with shutter devices.

Type-safety of type refinements

- ▶ In consideration are only classes from the same family objects = compatibility
 - the types of nested virtual classes belong to their parent this object

Mixins compositions

ORTHOGONAL EXTENSIONS

- contains not overlapping methods - with different name
- no conflicts during their composition**

```
1 cclass HouseLights extends HouseStructure {
2     abstract cclass Location {
3         abstract List<Light> lights();
4     }
5
6     abstract cclass CompositeLocation {
7         List<Light> lights() { ... }
8     }
9
10    cclass Room {
11        List<Light> lights;
12        List<Light> lights() { return lights; }
13    }
14 }
```

Figure 6.5 Extension with house structure with light devices.

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The AMPLE Way* (09 2011)

```
1 cclass HouseShutters extends HouseStructure {
2     abstract cclass Location {
3         abstract List<Shutter> shutters();
4     }
5
6     abstract cclass CompositeLocation {
7         List<Shutter> shutters() {
8             List<Shutter> shutters = new ArrayList<Shutter>();
9             for (Location child : locations()) {
10                 shutters.addAll(child.shutters())
11             }
12             return shutters;
13         }
14     }
15
16    cclass Room {
17        List<Shutter> shutters;
18        List<Shutter> shutters() { return shutters; }
19    }
20 }
```

Figure 6.4 Extension of house structure with shutter devices.

Composing Features in CaesarJ/ECaesarJ

Propagating form of mixin compositions

For automated resolution methods should be **explicitly** annotated with keyword *mixin*

RESOLVING THEIR PRECEDENCE

Linearisation order of composed classes

For complete composition:

```
1 complete cclass MyHouse extends LargeHouseStructure
2 & HouseShutters & ShutterEmulator { }
```



Conflicts are manually resolved by developers

Composition propagates into virtual classes

ALL INHERITED DECLARATIONS OF VIRTUAL CLASSES WITH THE SAME NAME

All inherited members

Automatically merged: Virtual classes with the same name

-each will contain all unique methods amongst supertypes

Figure 6.10 An example of a complete feature composition.

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Composition of Virtual Classes

cclass Composition **extends**
Layer3 & Layer2 & Layer1 { }

Realization from right to left

<higher> → <lower> Priority

COMPOSITION STEP 1:

cclass Composition **extends**
Layer3 & Layer2 & Layer1 { }

(Layer2 & Layer1)

overwrites

COMPOSITION STEP 2:

cclass Composition **extends**
Layer3 & Layer2 & Layer1 { }

cclass Composition **extends**
[Layer3 & (Layer2 & Layer1)] { }

overwrites

Decoupling features further:

Abstract family classes

CANNOT BE INSTANTIATED!!!

Describes common abstractions
of multiple features
and interfaces between them

CAN BE USED AS INTERFACES

DESCRIBES ABSTRACTIONS OF OBJECT
FAMILIES NOT ONLY OF INDIVIDUAL OBJECTS

Possibly contains:

- ▶ Abstract methods
- ▶ Incomplete implemented virtual classes

BENEFITS IN INCORPORATION OF ABSTRACTIONS:

- to hide implementation details of features
- to abstract from alternative variations

On example: Hiding variations of House structure

THREE LEVELS OF ABSTRACTIONS over House entity:

```
1 abstract cclass IHouseLocations {  
2     abstract cclass Location { }  
3     abstract cclass CompositeLocation extends Location { }  
4     cclass Room extends Location { }  
5     cclass House extends CompositeLocation { }  
6 }  
7  
8 abstract cclass IHouseStructure extends IHouseLocations {  
9     abstract cclass CompositeLocation extends Location {  
10         abstract List<? extends Location> locations();  
11     }  
12     abstract House house();  
13 }  
14  
15 abstract cclass AbstractHouseStructure extends IHouseLocations {  
16     House house = new House();  
17     House house() { return house; }  
18 }
```

Figure 6.6 House structure abstractions.

Extending abstract family classes

```
1 cclass LargeHouseStructure extends AbstractHouseStructure {
2   cclass House {
3     List<Floor> floors;
4     List<Room> floors() { return floors; }
5     List<? extends Location> locations() { return floors(); }
6   }
7
8   cclass Floor extends CompositeLocation {
9     List<Room> rooms;
10    List<Room> rooms() { return rooms; }
11    List<? extends Location> locations() { return rooms(); }
12  }
13 }
```

Figure 6.7 Large house structure.

```
1 cclass SmallHouseStructure extends AbstractHouseStructure {
2   cclass House {
3     List<Room> rooms;
4     List<Room> rooms() { return rooms; }
5     void addRoom(Room r) { rooms.add(r); }
6     List<? extends Location> locations() { return rooms(); }
7   }
8 }
```

Figure 6.8 Small house structure.

→ LARGE HOUSES



Covers following
variations

→ SMALL HOUSES

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Interfaces in ECaesarJ

Keyword *required*:

- To implement the interface

Redesign to explicit interfaces:

```
1 abstract cclass IShutterDevices { ... }
2 cclass ShutterEmulator extends IShutterDevices { ... }
3
4 abstract cclass IHouseShutters extends IHouseLocations requires IShutterDevices {
5     abstract cclass Location {
6         abstract List<Shutter> shutters();
7     }
8
9     abstract cclass CompositeLocation {
10         provided List<Shutter> shutters();
11     }
12 }
13
14 cclass HouseShutters extends IHouseShutters requires IHouseStructure {
15     abstract cclass CompositeLocation {
16         List<Shutter> shutters() {
17             ... locations() ...
18         }
19     }
20
21     cclass Room {
22         List<Shutter> shutters;
23         List<Shutter> shutters() { return shutters; }
24     }
25 }
```

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Figure 6.9 Explicit interfaces for HouseShutters.

```

1 cclass HouseShutters extends HouseStructure {
2   abstract cclass Location {
3     abstract List<Shutter> shutters();
4   }
5
6   abstract cclass CompositeLocation {
7     List<Shutter> shutters() {
8       List<Shutter> shutters = new ArrayList<Shutter>();
9       for (Location child : locations()) {
10        shutters.addAll(child.shutters())
11      }
12      return shutters;
13    }
14  }
15
16  cclass Room {
17    List<Shutter> shutters;
18    List<Shutter> shutters() { return shutters; }
19  }
20 }

```



```

1 abstract cclass IShutterDevices { ... }
2 cclass ShutterEmulator extends IShutterDevices { ... }
3
4 abstract cclass IHouseShutters extends IHouseLocations requires IShutterDevices {
5   abstract cclass Location {
6     abstract List<Shutter> shutters();
7   }
8
9   abstract cclass CompositeLocation {
10    provided List<Shutter> shutters();
11  }
12 }
13
14 cclass HouseShutters extends IHouseShutters requires IHouseStructure {
15   abstract cclass CompositeLocation {
16     List<Shutter> shutters() {
17       ... locations() ...
18     }
19   }
20
21   cclass Room {
22     List<Shutter> shutters;
23     List<Shutter> shutters() { return shutters; }
24   }
25 }

```

Figure 6.9 Explicit interfaces for HouseShutters.

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Figure 6.4 Extension of house structure with shutter devices.

CaesarJ

- ▶ Aspect oriented programming language based on Java
- ▶ Developed in Darmstadt and available in <http://www.caesarj.org/>

Composition Mechanism in CaesarJ



Binding

- such as intertype declaration in AspectJ
- between two classes
- one is wrapper and second one is wrappee
- keyword **wraps**



Composition of Virtual Classes

- such as inheritance of virtual classes
- composed using **&** operator

```
cclass Composition extends  
    Layer3 & Layer2 & Layer1 { }
```



Realization from right to left



<higher> → <lower> **Priority**



Pointcuts and Advices

- in Caesar classes

```
public cclass AnAspect {  
    public pointcut APointcut(): .... ;  
    public around() : APointcut() {  
        // code to insert  
    }  
}
```


Representing Grafts using CaesarJ

```
public cclass Graph {  
    public cclass Edge { Node start, end; }  
    public cclass UEdge extends Edge {...}  
    public cclass Node {...}  
}
```

```
public cclass WeightedGraph extends Graph {  
    public cclass Edge {  
        float cost;  
    }  
    public cclass Node {  
        float cost;  
    }  
}
```

Source: <http://www2.fiit.stuba.sk/~vranic/aosd/poznamky/komp.pdf>

Preparing for Electrical Model Scheme Specialization

```
public class Wire {  
    public Pin getStartPin() { ... }  
    public Pin getEndPin() { ... }  
    ...  
}
```

```
public class Component {  
    public int getPinCount() { ... }  
    public Pin getPinByNr(int nr) { ... }  
    ...  
}
```

```
public class Pin {  
    public Component getOwner() { ... }  
    public Iterator getAttachedWires() { ... }  
    ...  
}
```

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Graph Representation Using Caesar Classes

```
public cclass Graph {  
    . . .  
    public cclass Edge {  
        public Node getStartNode() { ... }  
        public Node getEndNode() { ... }  
    }  
    public cclass Node {  
        public Iterator getEdges() { ... }  
    }  
}
```

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Binding Creation

```
cclass ElectricGraph extends Graph {
```



WRAPPING/BINDING

```
cclass Edge wraps Wire {
```

```
  public Node getStartNode() {
```

```
    return Node(wrappee.getStartPin().getOwner());
```

```
  }
```

```
  ...
```

```
}
```

```
...
```

```
}
```

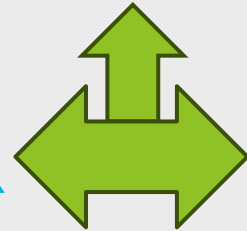


Returns the wrapper of Pin (Node)

ACCESSING THE INSTANCE OF **THE WRAPPEE CLASS (WIRE)**

```
cclass ElectricGraph extends Graph {  
  cclass Edge wraps Wire { ... }  
  cclass Node wraps Component { ... }  
}
```

WRAPPER



WRAPPEE

Expression
returning CeasarJ
class object

where is wrapper
defined (**this**
in this case)

Creating Instances of Wrapped Classes

Reference to subtype of
wrapper class

(wrappee.getStartPin()
.getOwner())

wrapper
class
(Node)

this.Node(wrappee.getStartPin().getOwner())

Node(wrappee.getStartPin().getOwner())

Composition of COMPOSITION STEP 1:

cclass Composition **extends**
Layer3 & Layer2 & Layer1 { }

Realization from right to left

<higher> → <lower> Priority

COMPOSITION STEP 2:

cclass Composition **extends**
Layer3 & Layer2 & Layer1 { }

(Layer2 & Layer1)

overwrites

cclass Composition **extends**
Layer3 & Layer2 & Layer1 { }

cclass Composition **extends**
[Layer3 & (Layer2 & Layer1)] { }

overwrites

Cuckoo's Egg In CaesarJ

Symmetrically
using Composition

EMPTY IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL CAESAR CLASS:

```
public cclass GeneralEgg {  
    public cclass Egg { }  
}
```

```
public cclass UncompromisedNest extends GeneralEgg {  
    public cclass Egg {  
        public void exec() {  
            System.out.println("a real egg.");  
        }  
    }  
    public cclass Nest {  
        public Nest() { }  
        public void exec() {  
            System.out.print("The nest contains ");  
            new Egg().exec();  
        }  
    }  
    public void app() {  
        new Nest().exec();  
    }  
}
```



Overriden method
during composition



Overriden method
during composition

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Composition Mechanism:

Cuckoo's Egg:

```
public cclass CuckoosEgg extends GeneralEgg {  
    public cclass Egg {  
        public void exec() {  
            System.out.println("a cuckoo's egg.");  
        }  
    };  
};
```

```
public cclass CuckoosNest  
    extends CuckoosEgg & UncompromisedNest {}
```

Overwrites **UncompromisedNest** during composition

PRECEDENCE TO THIS METHOD during overriding

Eggs instantiation:

```
public class Main {  
    public static void main(String[] s) {  
        new UncompromisedNest().app();  
        new CuckoosNest().app();  
    }
```

The nest contains a real egg.

The nest contains a cuckoo's egg.

Abstract Observer Pattern in CaesarJ

Declaring Subject and Observer roles

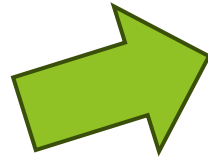
-with all their supported methods

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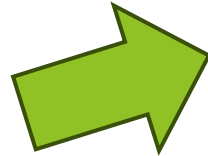
```
abstract public cclass ObserverProtocol {  
    abstract public cclass Subject {  
        abstract public void addObserver(Observer o);  
        abstract public void removeObserver(Observer o);  
        abstract public void changed();  
        abstract public String getState();  
    }  
    abstract public cclass Observer {  
        abstract public void notify(Subject s);  
    }  
}
```

Observer in CaesarJ

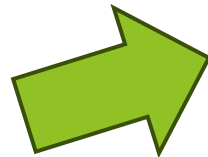
Adding observer



Removing
observer



Notifying
observers when
state changes



*List of
observers*

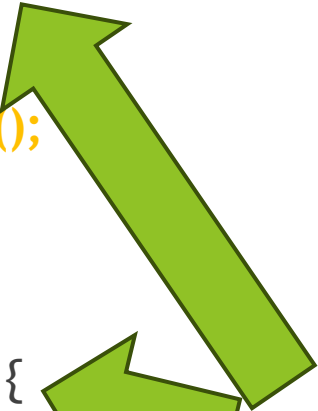


```
public cclass ObserverProtocolImpl extends ObserverProtocol {  
    abstract public cclass Subject {  
        private List observers = new LinkedList();  
        public void addObserver(Observer o) {  
            observers.add(o);  
        }  
        public void removeObserver(Observer o) {  
            observers.remove(o);  
        }  
        public void changed() {  
            Iterator it = observers.iterator();  
            while (it.hasNext()) { ((Observer) it.next()).notify(this); }  
        }  
    }  
}
```

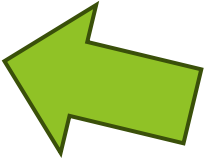
Implementing
abstract
subject role

Specializing Observer in CaesarJ

```
abstract public cclass ColorObserver extends ObserverProtocol {  
    public cclass PointSubject extends Subject wraps Point {  
        public String getState() {  
            return "Point colored " + wrappee.getColor();  
        }  
    }  
}  
  
public cclass LineSubject extends Subject wraps Line {  
    public String getState() {  
        return "Line colored " + wrappee.getColor();  
    }  
}  
  
public cclass ScreenObserver extends Observer wraps Screen {  
    public void notify(Subject s) {  
        wrappee.display("Color changed: " + s.getState());  
    }  
}
```



Binding **Subject Role** with its Implementation on **Line** and **Point**

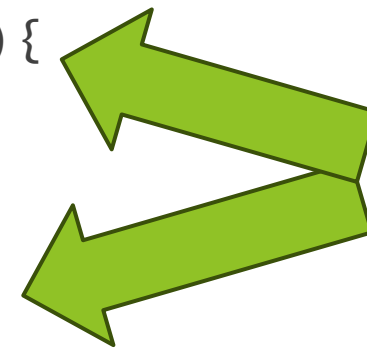


Binding **Observer Role** with its Implementation on **Screen**

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```
after(Point p): (call(void Point.setColor(Color)) && target(p)) {
    PointSubject(p).changed();
}
```

```
after(Line l): (call(void Line.setColor(Color)) && target(l)) {
    LineSubject(l).changed();
}
```



Implementing change
when color is set

Defining observed
event + its processing

Instantiation:

```
public cclass Test {
    private deployed static final CO co = new ColorObserverImpl();
    public void test() {
        Line l = new Line();
        Point p = new Point();
        Screen s1 = new Screen();
        Screen s2 = new Screen();
        co.LineSubject(l).addObserver(co.ScreenObserver(s1));
        co.PointSubject(p).addObserver(co.ScreenObserver(s1));
        co.LineSubject(l).addObserver(co.ScreenObserver(s2));
        l.setColor(new Color("red"));
        p.setColor(new Color("blue"));
    }
}
```

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Composition:

```
public cclass ColorObserverImpl extends
    ObserverProtocolImpl & ColorObserver { }
```



Abstract pattern
implementation



Specific
implementation
/application

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