

## 3.3 Class Design Principles

- Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)
- Open/Closed Principle (OCP)
- Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)
  - a.k.a. Design by Contract
- Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)
- Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)

# 3.3 Single Responsibility Principle (SRP)

A class should have only one reason to change

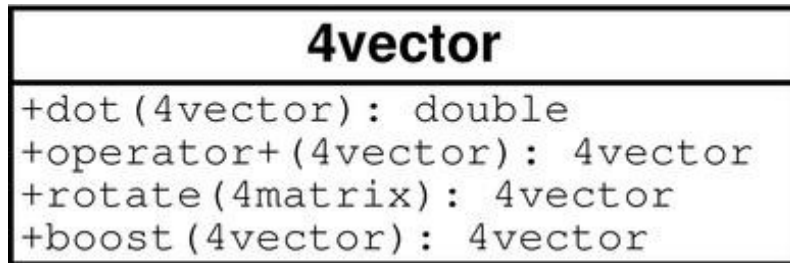
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Related to and derived from *cohesion*, i.e. that elements in a module should be closely related in their function

Responsibility of a class to perform a certain function is also a reason for the class to change

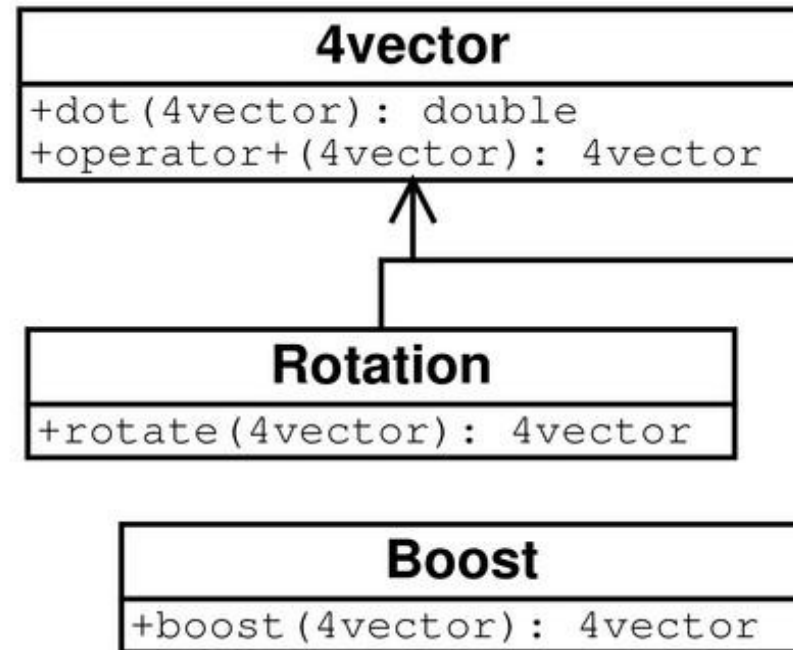
## 3.3 SRP Example

All-in-one wonder



Always changes to 4vector

Separated responsibilities



Changes to rotations or boosts don't impact on 4vector

## 3.3 SRP Summary

- Class should have only one reason to change
  - Cohesion of its functions/responsibilities
- Several responsibilities
  - mean several reasons for changes → more frequent changes
- Sounds simple enough
  - Not so easy in real life
  - Tradeoffs with complexity, repetition, opacity

# 3.3 Open/Closed Principle (OCP)

Modules should be **open** for extension,  
but **closed** for modification

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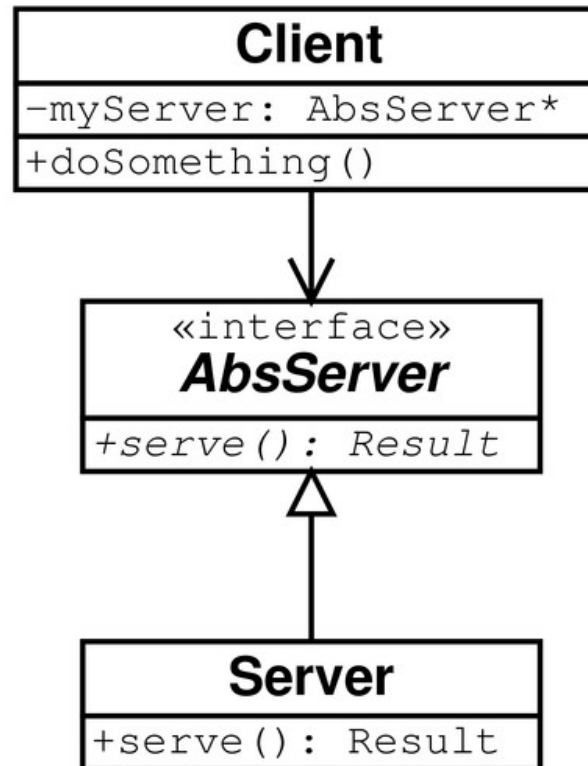
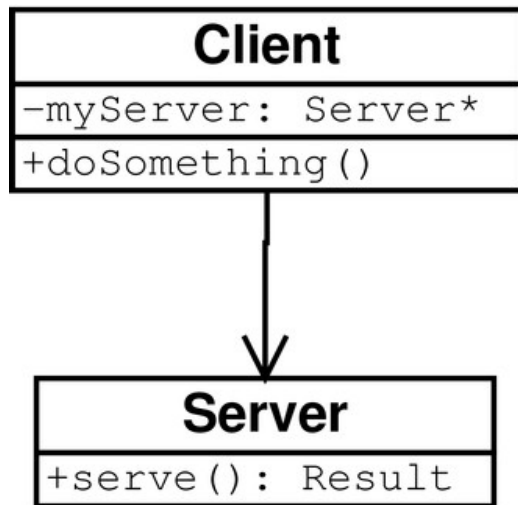
Object Oriented Software Construction

Module: Class, Package, Function

New functionality → new code, existing code remains unchanged

“Abstraction is the key” → cast algorithms in abstract interfaces  
develop concrete implementations  
as needed

## 3.3 Abstraction and OCP



Client is **closed** to changes of Server

Client is **open** for extension through new Server implementations

Without **AbsServer** the Client is **open** to changes in Server

## 3.3 The Shape Example - Procedural

### Shape.h

```
enum ShapeType { isCircle, isSquare };
typedef struct Shape {
    enum ShapeType type
} shape;
```

### Circle.h

```
typedef struct Circle {
    enum ShapeType type;
    double radius;
    Point center;
} circle;
void drawCircle( circle* );
```

### Square.h

```
typedef struct Square {
    enum ShapeType type;
    double side;
    Point topleft;
} square;
void drawSquare( square* );
```

### drawShapes.c

```
#include "Shape.h"
#include "Circle.h"
#include "Square.h"

void drawShapes( shape* list[],
                int n ) {
    int i;
    for( int i=0; i<n; i++ ) {
        shape* s= list[i];
        switch( s->type ) {
            case isSquare:
                drawSquare( (square*)s );
                break;
            case isCircle:
                drawCircle( (circle*)s );
                break;
        }
    }
}
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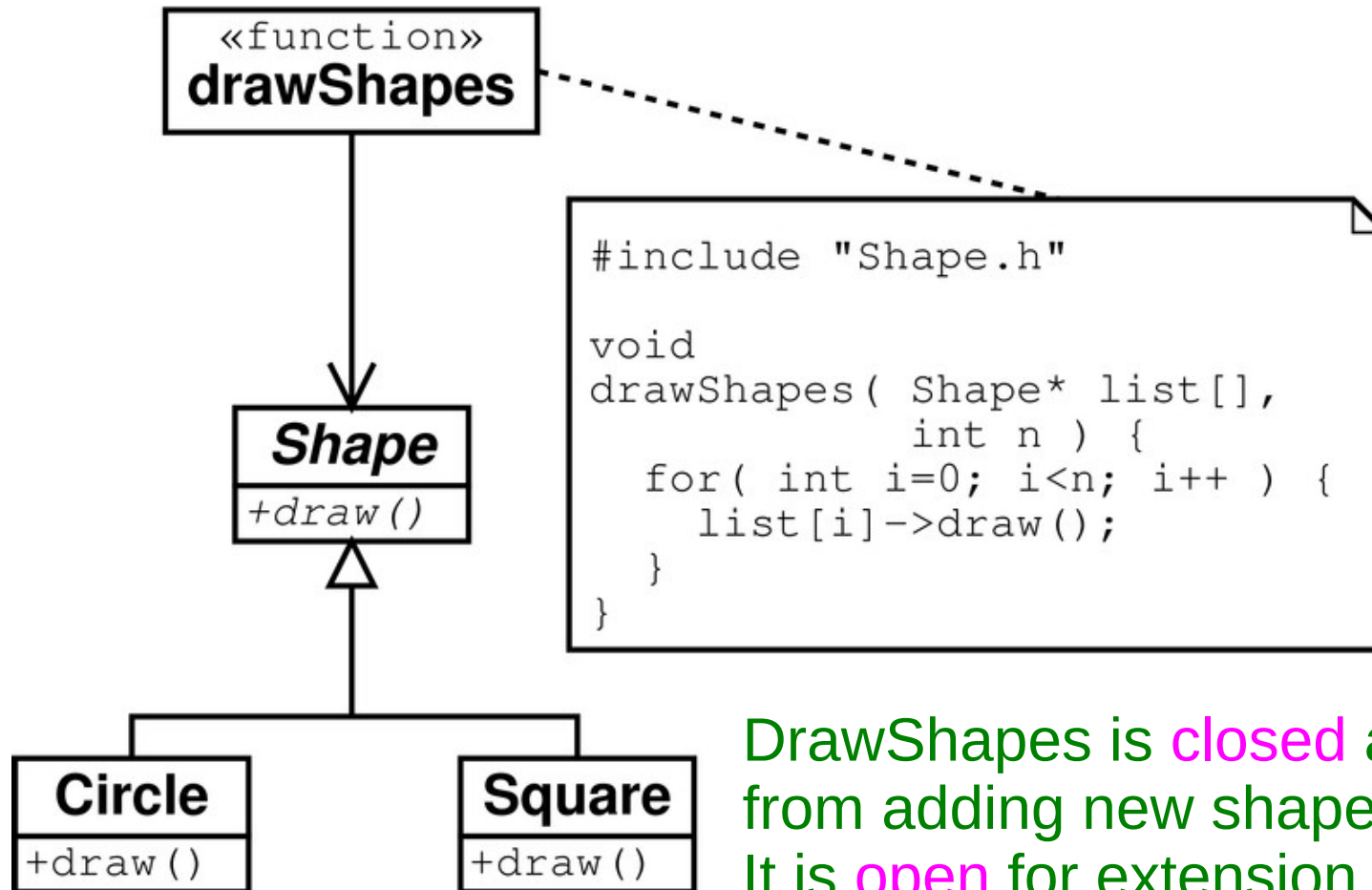
RTTI a la C: Adding a new shape requires many changes

## 3.3 Problems with Procedural Implementation

- drawShapes is not closed
  - switch/case probably needed in several places
  - Adding a shape → modify switch/case
  - There may be many and the logic may be more complicated
  - Extending enum ShapeType → rebuild everything
- Rigid, fragile, highly viscous



## 3.3 The Shape Example OO



DrawShapes is **closed** against changes from adding new shapes

It is **open** for extension, e.g. adding new functions to manipulate shapes

Just add new shapes or functions and relink

## 3.3 OCP Summary

- Open for extension
  - Add new code for new functionality, don't modify existing working code
  - Implementations of interfaces somewhere
- Closed for modification
  - Need to anticipate likely modifications to be able to plan ahead in the design
  - e.g. ordering shapes? No closure against this requirement ... but could be added in a design-preserving way (low viscosity)

## 3.3 OCP How-To

- How is the system going to evolve?
- How will its environment change?
- Isolate against kinds of changes, e.g.
  - database schema (data model)
  - hardware changes (sensors, ADCs, TDCs, etc)
  - data store technology (e.g. Objectivity vs ROOT)
- Plan ahead, but don't implement what is not already needed

## 3.3 Liskov Substitution Principle (LSP)

All derived classes must be substitutable  
for their base class

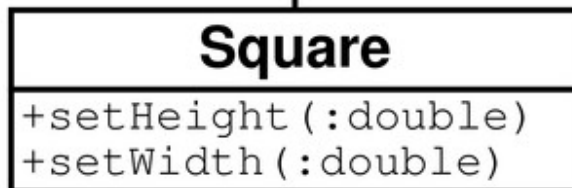
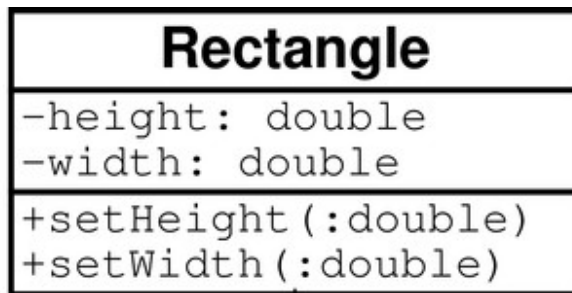
Barbara Liskov, 1988

The “Design-by-Contract” formulation:

All derived classes must honor the contracts  
of their base classes

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# 3.3 The Square-Rectangle Problem



Clients (users) of Rectangle expect that setting height leaves width unchanged (and vice versa)

Square does not fulfill this expectation  
Client algorithms can get confused

Hack: attempt to identify subclasses and use if/switch (RTTI)

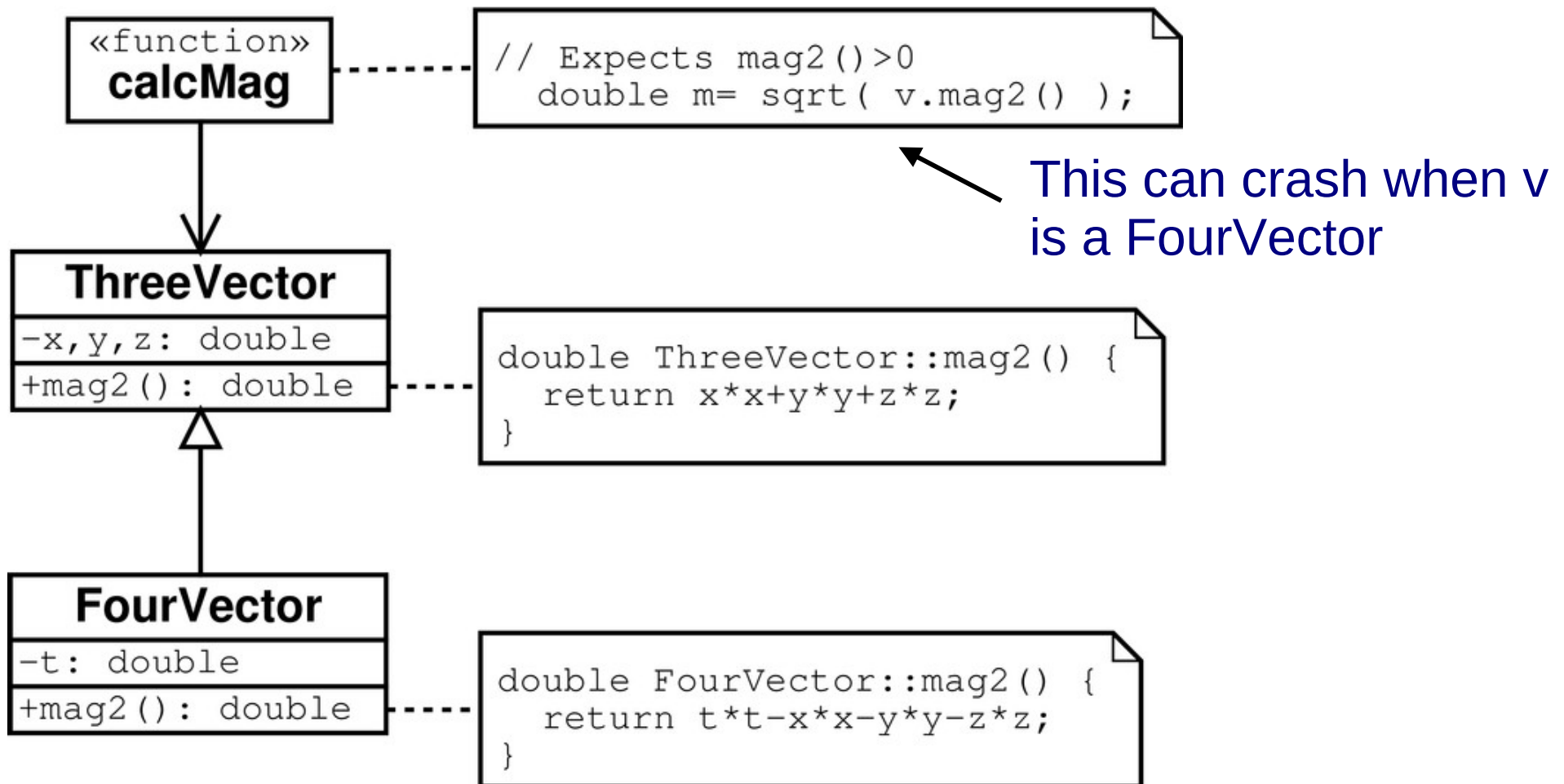
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This is evil!

```
void Square::setHeight( double h ) {
    Rectangle::setHeight( h );
    Rectangle::setWidth( h );
}
void Square::setWidth( double w ) {
    setHeight( w );
}
```

## 3.3 Contract Violation

- The contract of Rectangle
  - height and width independent; set one while the other is unchanged,  $\text{area} = \text{height} * \text{width}$
- Square breaks this contract
- Derived methods should not expect more and provide no less than the base class methods
  - Preconditions are not stronger
  - Postconditions are not weaker

## 3.3 The FourVector Example



A 4-vector IS-A 3-vector with a time-component? Not in OOP, 4-vector has different algebra → can't fulfill 3-vector contracts

## 3.3 LSP Summary

- Subclass must fully substitute base class
  - Guides design and choice of abstractions
- Good abstractions are not always intuitive
- Violating LSP may break OCP
  - Need RTTI and if/switch Á lost closure
- Inheritance/polymorphism powerful tools
  - Use with care
- IS-A relation really means behaviour



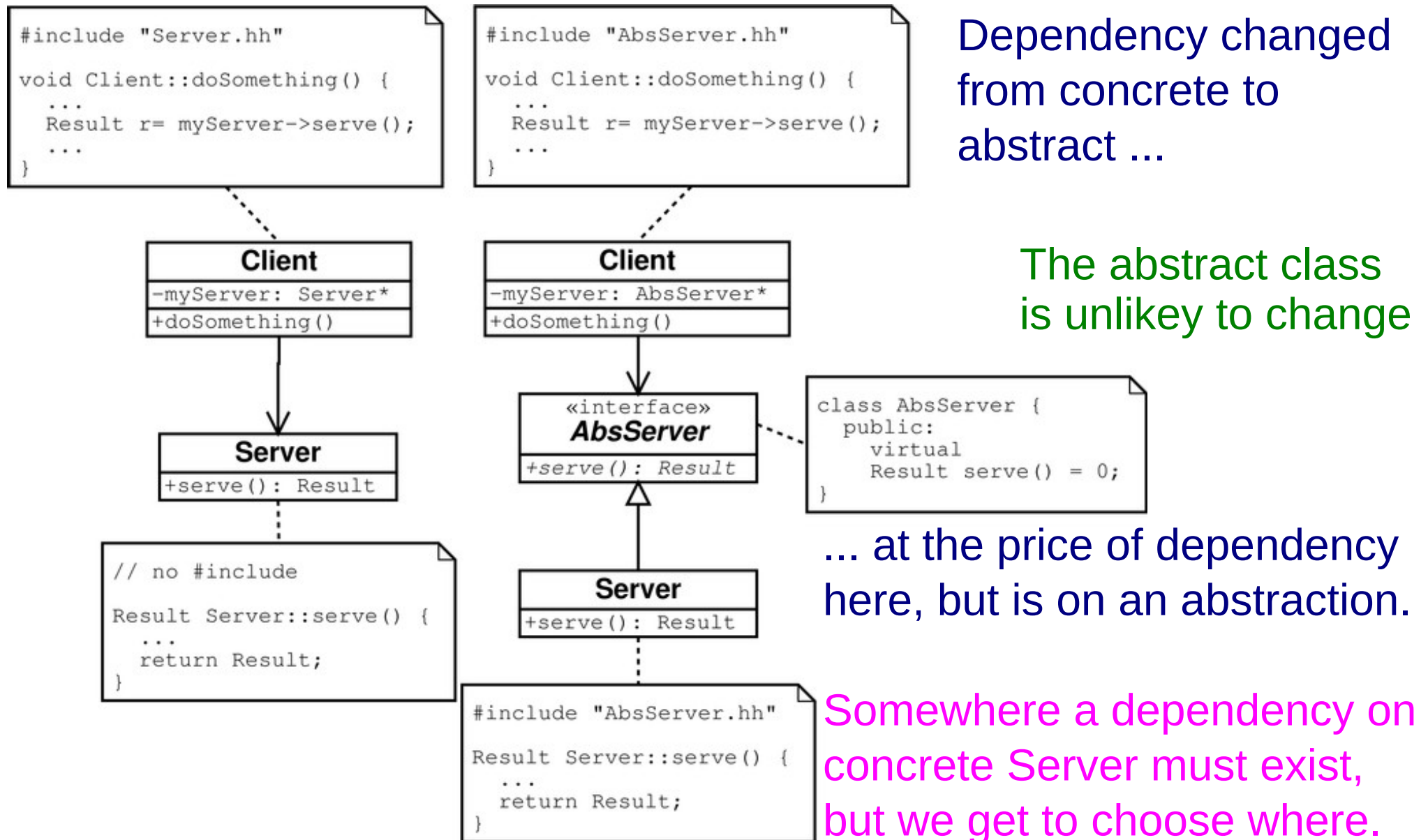
## 3.3 Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)

Details should depend on abstractions.  
Abstractions should not depend on details.

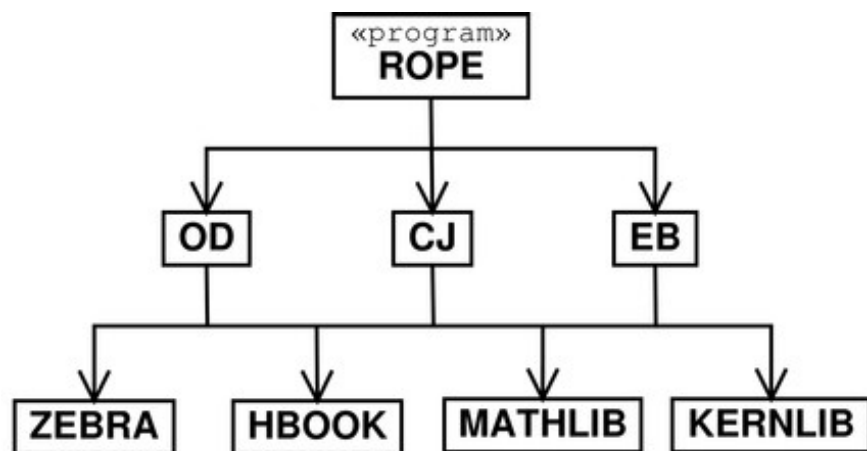
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Why *dependency inversion*? In OOP we have ways to invert the direction of dependencies, i.e. class inheritance and object polymorphism

## 3.3 DIP Example



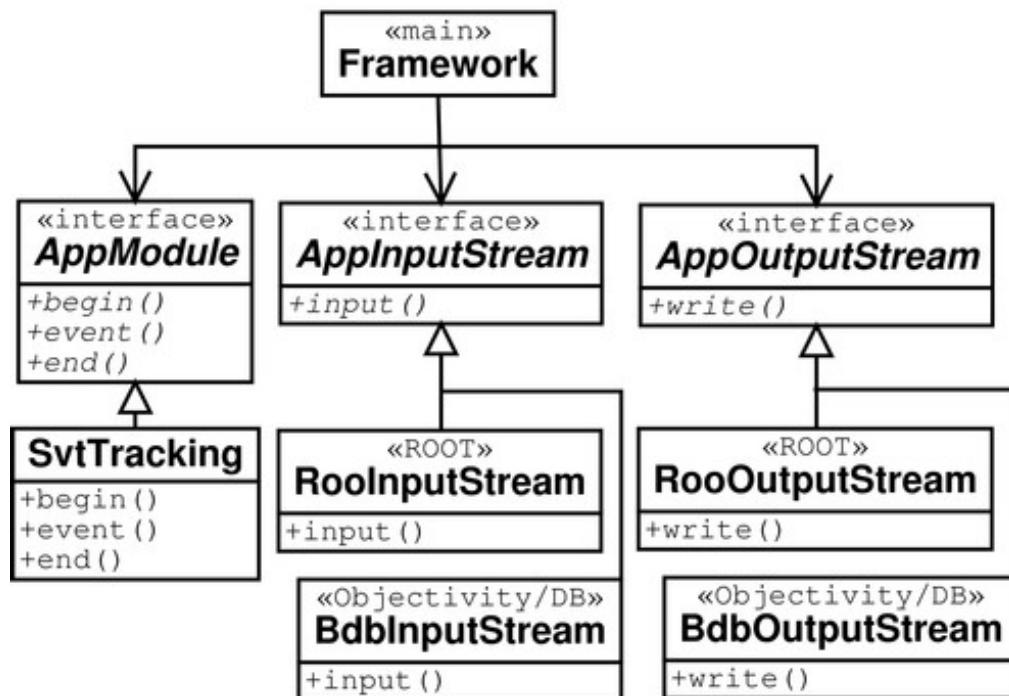
# 3.3 DIP and Procedural Design



Procedural:

Call more concrete routines  
Dependence on (reuseable)  
concrete modules

In reality the dependencies are  
cyclic → need multipass link and  
a “dummy library”



The BaBar Framework classes  
depend on interfaces

Can e.g. change data store  
technology without disturbing  
the Framework classes

## 3.3 DIP Summary

- Use DI to avoid
  - deriving from concrete classes
  - associating to or aggregating concrete classes
  - dependency on concrete components
- Encapsulate invariants: generic algorithms
  - Abstract interfaces don't change
  - Concrete classes implement interfaces
  - Concrete classes easy to replace
- Foundation classes (STL, CLHEP, MFC)?

## 3.3 Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)

Many client specific interfaces are better than one general purpose interface. Clients should not be forced to depend upon interfaces they don't use.

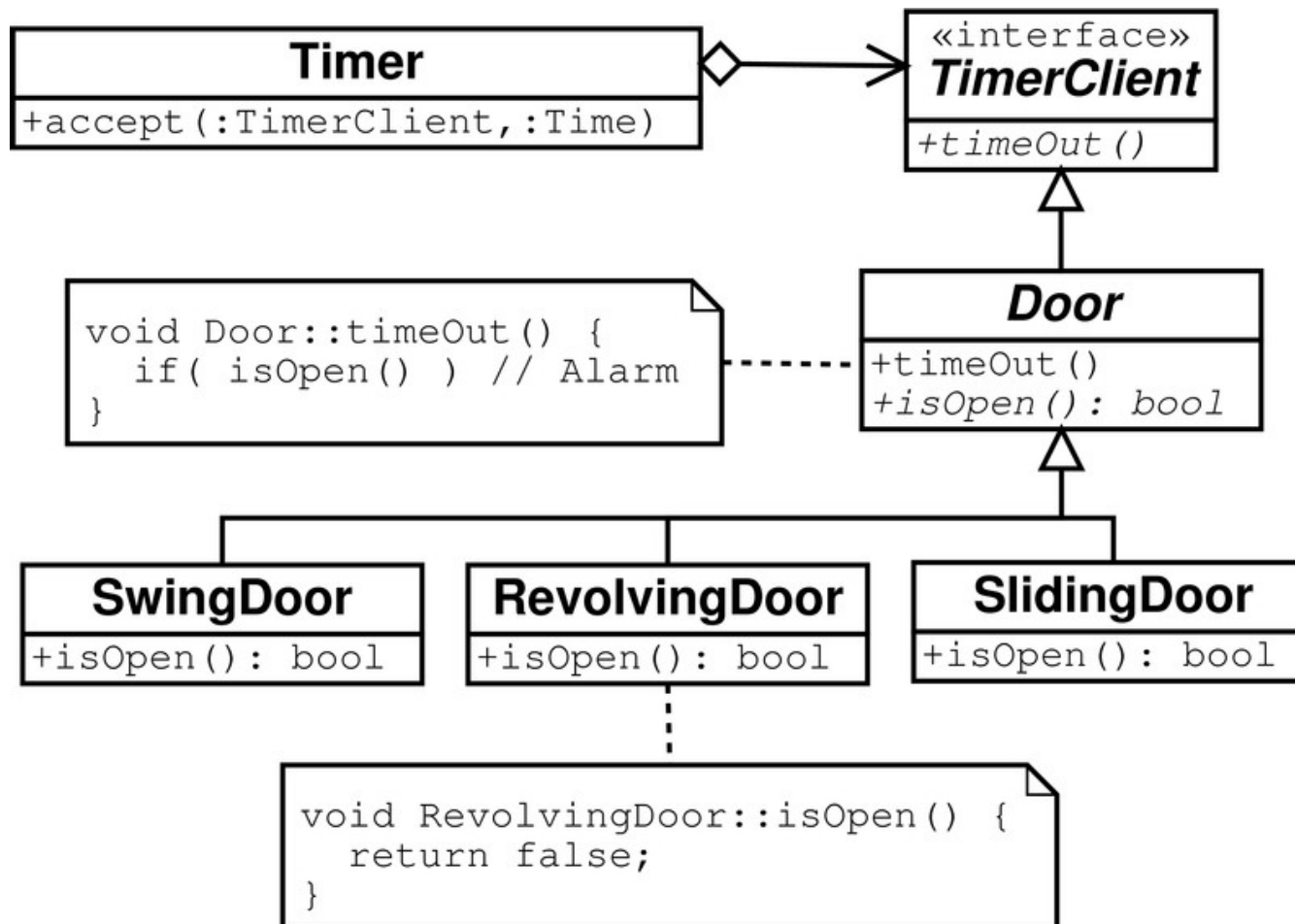
- 1) High level modules should not depend on low level modules. Both should depend upon abstractions (interfaces)
- 2) Abstractions should not depend upon details. Details should depend on abstractions.

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## 3.3 ISP Explained

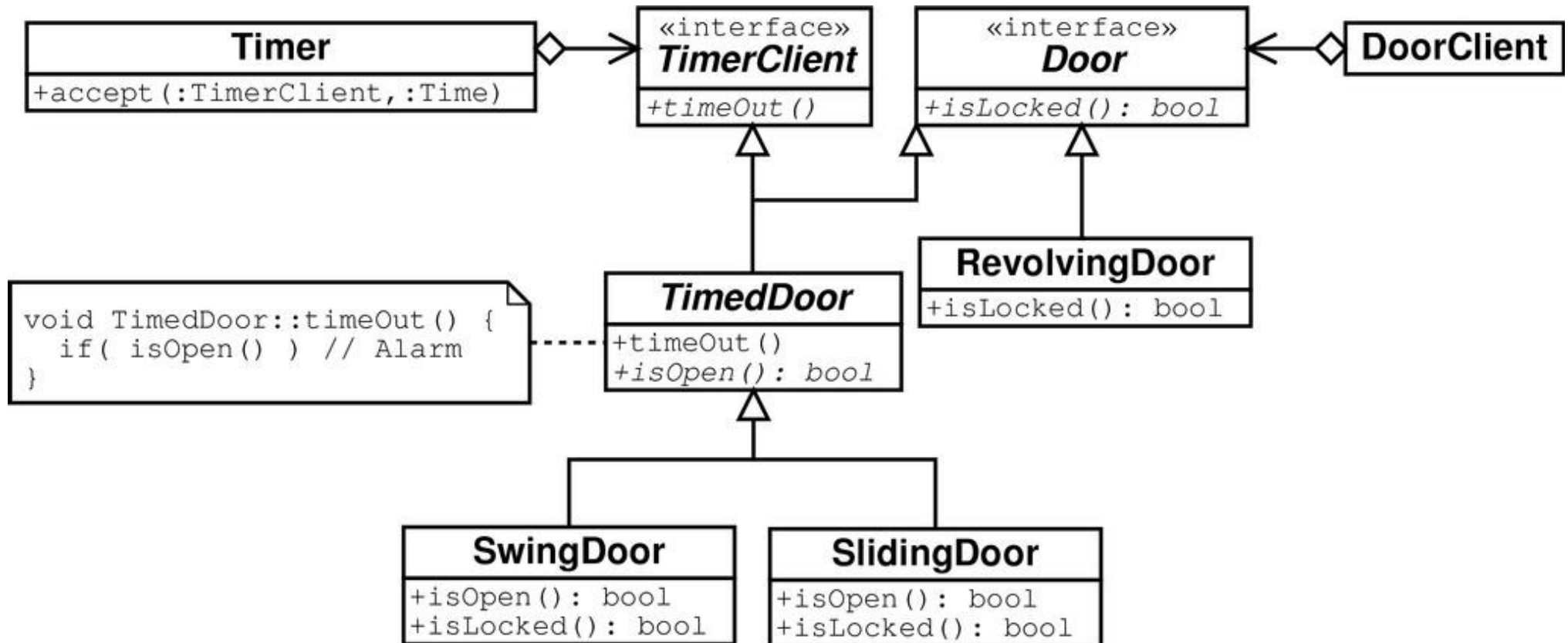
- Multipurpose classes
  - Methods fall in different groups
  - Not all users use all methods
- Can lead to unwanted dependencies
  - Clients using one aspect of a class also depend indirectly on the dependencies of the other aspects
- ISP helps to solve the problem
  - Use several client-specific interfaces

## 3.3 ISP Example: Timed Door



There may be derived classes of Door which don't need the **TimerClient** interface. They suffer from depending on it anyway.

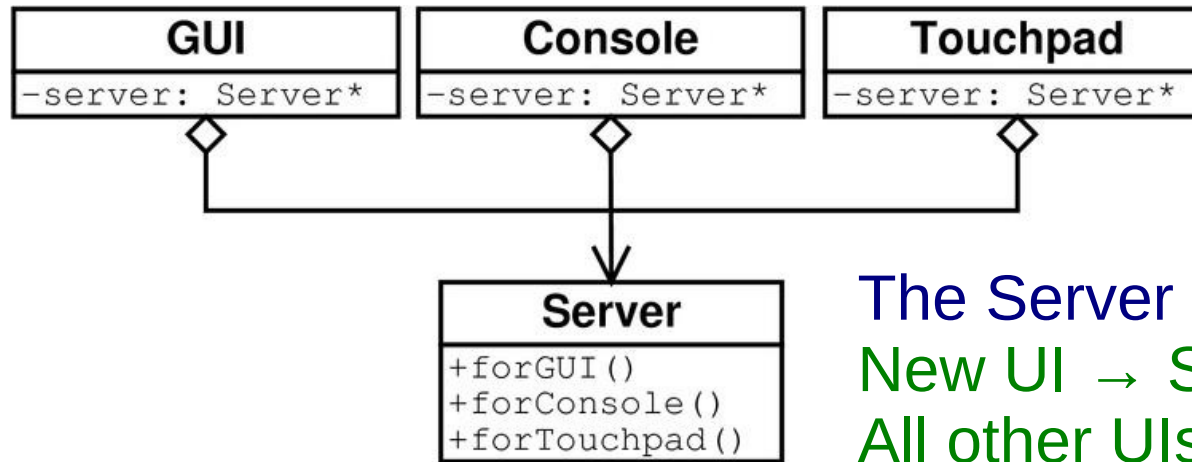
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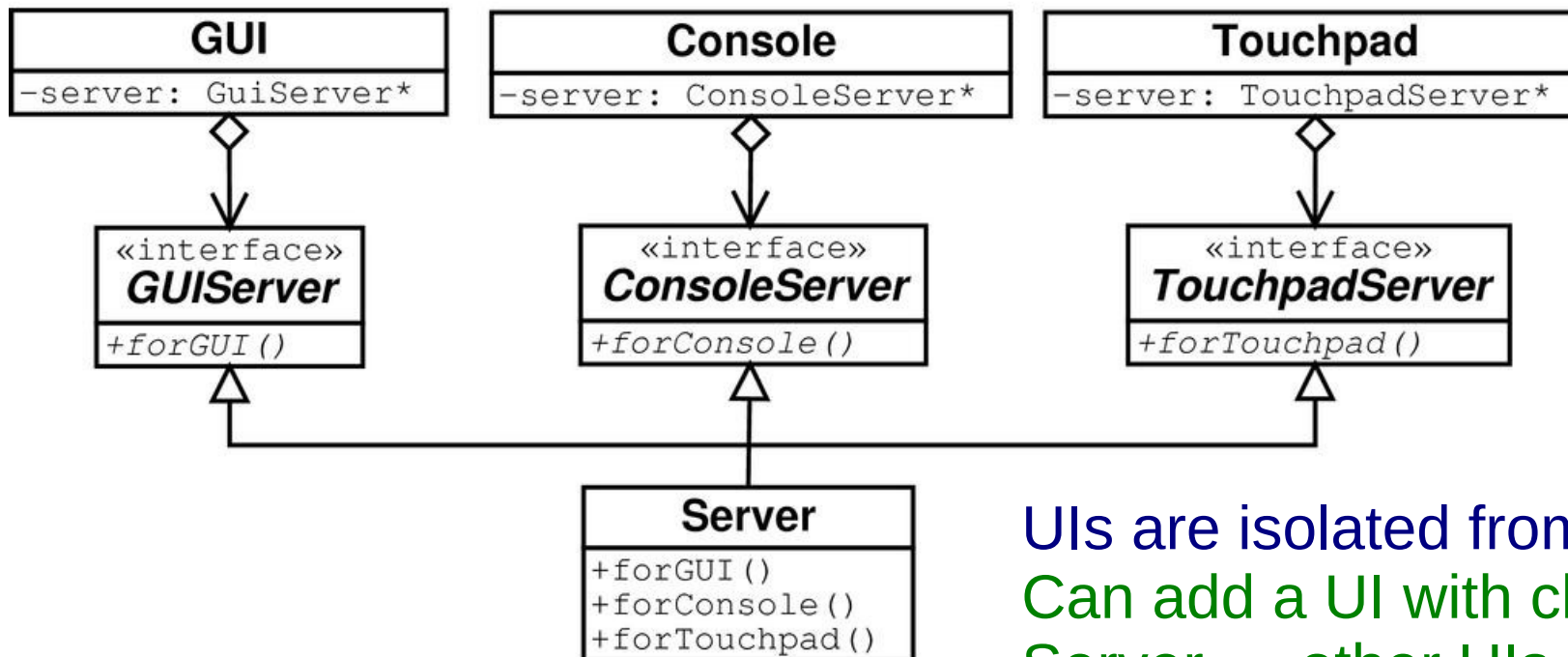
RevolvingDoor does not depend needlessly on TimerClient  
SwingDoor and SlidingDoor really are timed doors



## 3.3 ISP Example: UIs



The Server “collects” interfaces  
New UI → Server interface changes  
All other UIs recompile



UIs are isolated from each other  
Can add a UI with changes in  
Server → other UIs not affected

## 3.3 ISP Summary

- Class (Server) collects interfaces for various purposes (Clients) → fat interface
  - Use separate interfaces to hide parts of the Server interface for Clients
  - Similar to data hiding
  - Or split the Server in several parts
- Be careful with vertical multiple inheritance
  - You might drag in dependencies you don't want/need/like

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  - Extend functionality with new code
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  - Derived classes fully substitute their bases
- Dependency Inversion Principle (DIP)
  - Depend on abstractions, not details
- Interface Segregation Principle (ISP)
  - Split interfaces to control dependencies