

# 12. Finding Components with Metadata in Component Repositories

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1. Searching and Browsing with Faceted Classifications
2. Faceted Metadata
3. UML Components
4. Searching by Conformance to Protocols

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# 12.2 Searching and Browsing with Faceted Classifications

(thanks to Jan Polowinski)

# Faceted Classification for Better Matchmaking

- ▶ A **facet** is a dimension of a classification
  - Facets simplify search: Facet classification has been invented in library science to simplify the description and search for books [Ranganathan].
  - A component (or service) is described in several facets, dimensions, which are orthogonal to each other
- ▶ Matchmaking engines can look up a service by stating the desired properties for all facets.
- ▶ Classifications can be arranged in facets if several partitions of a group of objects exist that are orthogonal
  - In domain modelling, this is often the case
  - Without facets, multiple inheritance hierarchies have to be specified, which are often clumsy and error-prone
- ▶ Idea: use facets for better matchmaking



# Comparison

## Standard Classification

- ▶ **B Birds**
  - B1 Breathing of Birds
  - B2 Breeding of Birds
- ▶ **F Fish**
  - F1 Breathing of Fish
  - F2 Breeding of Fish
- ▶ **M Mammal**
  - M1 Breathing of Mammals
  - M2 Breeding of Mammals
- ▶ **I Insects**
  - I1 Breathing of Insects
  - I2 Breeding of Insects

- **Gills: F1**

## Faceted Classification

- ▶ **Processfacet**
  - P Physiology
    - P1 Breathing
    - P2 Breeding
- ▶ **Animalfacet**
  - 1 Birds
  - 2 Fish
  - 3 Mammals
  - 4 Insects

- **Gills: P1-2**

# Facetted Browsing

- ▶ Here Facet means: an interesting property of an object orthogonal to other properties
- ▶ Incremental refinement of a set of results by restricting values of the data's facets
- ▶ Many application domains



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Brands

1 ☒

- 3 General Mills ☐
- 9 Kellogg's ☒
- 2 Nabisco ☐
- 4 Nestle ☐
- 9 Post ☐
- 12 Quaker Oats ☐
- 10 Ralston ☐

Kellogg's (9)



Snap!



Tony the Tiger



Cornelius



Baby Toucan

Decades

- 1 1930
- 2 1950
- 1 1980
- 1 1990
- 1 2000
- 3 unknown



Mr. Mini-Wheats



C-Rex



Smacks



Broncos Kid

Countries



- 1 Canada
- 1 France
- 1 Great Britain
- 1 Japan
- 5 USA

Forms

- 3 boy
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- 2 19
- 1 19
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[Mr. Mini-Wheats](#)



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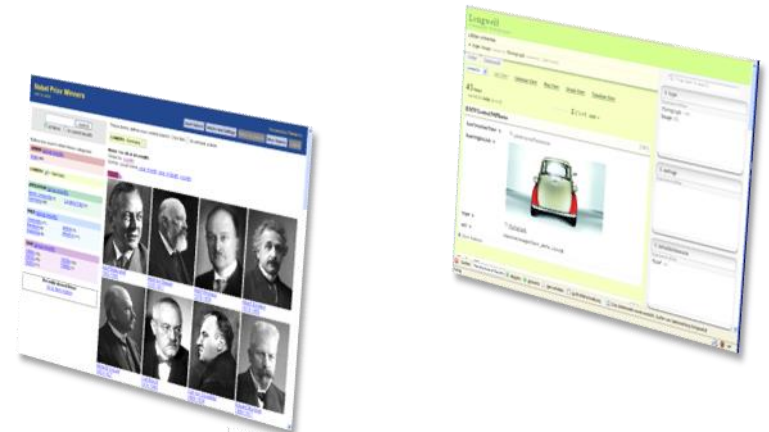
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# More Examples of Facetted Browsers

- ▶ Flamenco
  - FLeXible information Access using MEtadata in NOvel COmbinations
  - University of California, Berkeley



- ▶ mSpace
  - <http://mspace.fm>
  - University of Southampton

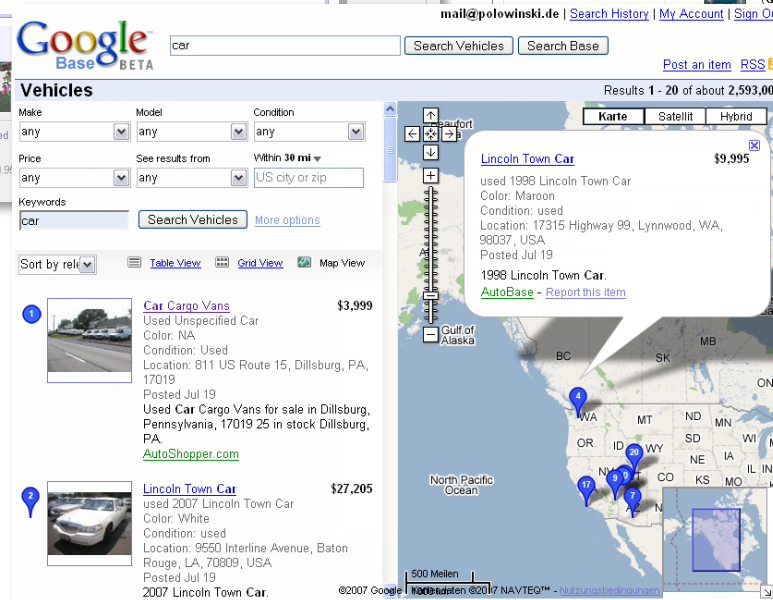
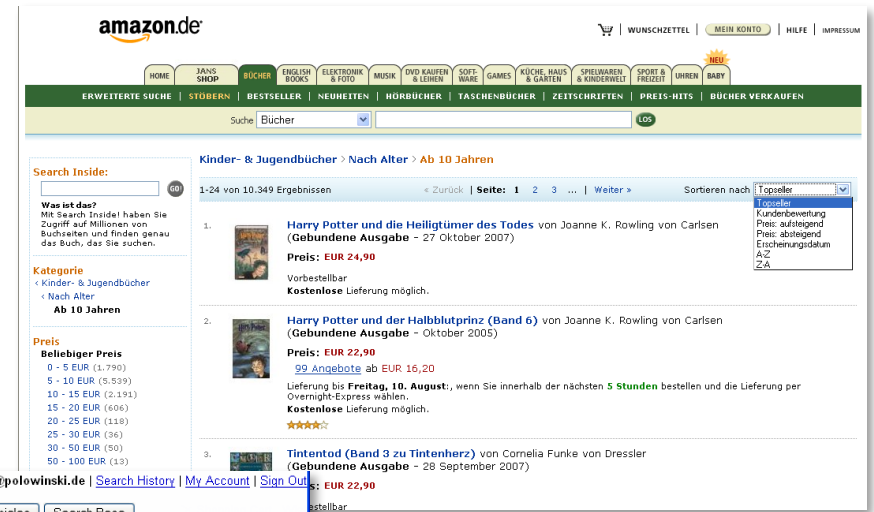
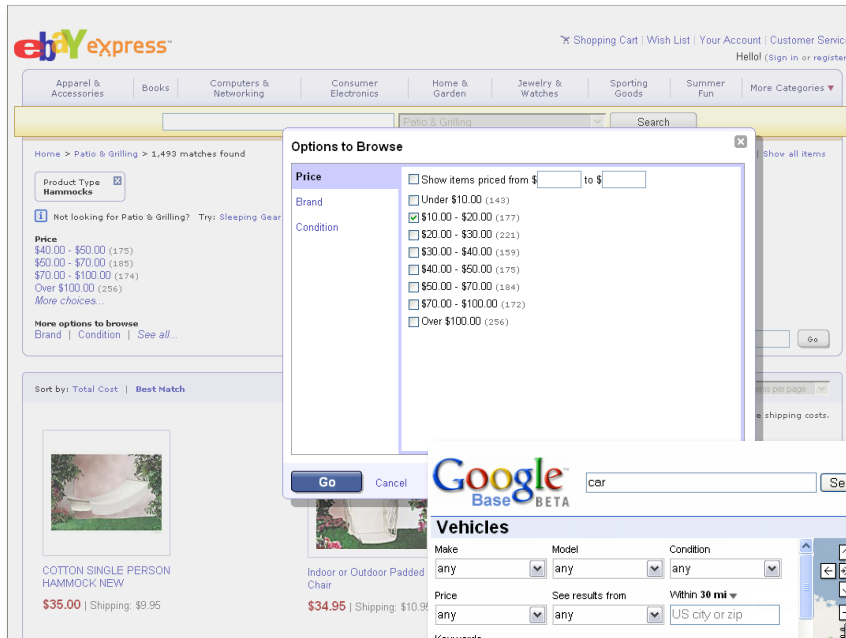


- ▶ FacetMap
  - Microsoft Research



# Facetted Browsing in e-Commerce

## 14 Component-Based Software Engineering (CBSE)



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Suche

PageRank

Rechtschreibprüfung

Optionen

mSpace

BETA

mSpace Classical Music Explorer

15 Browser

Search keywords...

Columns: Album Arrangement Recording Artist Composer Death Date Composer Birth Date Form

< Era >

Renaissance

Baroque

Classical

Romantic

Modern

Contemporary

< Composer >

Bach, Johann Sebastian (1685-1750)

Biber, Heinrich Ignaz Franz von (1644-1704)

de Araujo, Pedro (1662 - 1705)

Gibbons, Orlando (1583 - 1625)

Maier, Michael (1568 - 1622)

Pachelbel, Johann (1653 - 1706)

Purcell, Henry (1659 - 1695)

Reusner, Esaias Jr. (1636-1679)

Sweelinck, Jan Pieterszoon. (1562 - 1621)

Vivaldi, Antonio (1678 - 1741)

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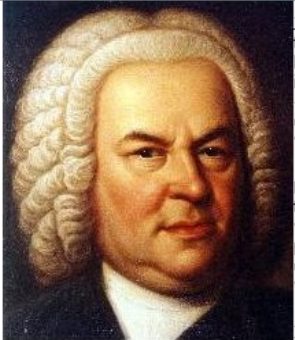
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Information



Johann Sebastian Bach was music's most sublime creative genius. With the notable exception of opera, he composed towering masterpieces in every major Baroque genre: sonatas, concertos, suites and cantatas, as well as innumerable keyboard, organ and choral works. Yet despite the sheer vastness of his output, Bach sustained a rarefied level of musical inspiration that continues to amaze his most gifted successors. Even those who find Bach's music somewhat overwrought - or just plain dull - concede that at a purely technical level he is in a league of his own. Yet during his lifetime his awesome creative talent went largely unrecognised and by the time of his death he was viewed as something of a musical dinosaur who had stubbornly refused to move with the times.

Difficult though it is to believe, in Bach's day musical works were as ephemeral as today's pop songs. Here one day, gone the next. As the tide of taste and fashion rolled inexorably by, so new pieces were required on almost a daily basis for a wide variety of purposes. The notion of rows of music-lovers gathering to listen in hallowed silence to music composed the previous year, let alone centuries before, was practically unheard of. The concert-going experience that Pierre Boulez despairingly referred to as "museum culture" was a concept that lay 100 years ahead. In his lifetime, Bach's reputation was first and foremost as Germany's leading organist - not as a composer.

In his later years Bach faced harsh criticism. During the 1720s and 1730s when he was composing his most important works - the Passions and Goldberg Variations among them - a new Italian style invaded Germany, making his work appear outdated. The composer-critic Adolph Scheibe (1708-1776) attacked Bach's style as "turgid and confused".

It is a common misconception, however, that following his death, Bach's name fell into total obscurity. In fact, his son Carl Philipp Emanuel did much to ensure that the details of his father's life and achievements were recorded for posterity. He published an important biographical obituary in 1754 and, in 1766, he published a collection of his father's works for the Berlin Academy.

Preview

Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra in D major, I. Adagio

Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra in D major, II. Allegro

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Anton Marsalis - Concerto for Trumpet and C

mSpace Classical Music Explorer. Part of the mSpace network.

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Sort by: usual name, [year of birth](#), [year of death](#), [country](#)

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[Adolf Butenandt](#)  
1903-1995



[Adolf von Baeyer](#)  
1835-1917



[Adolf Windaus](#)  
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[literature](#) (5)

[physics](#) (11)

[medicine](#) (8)

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## **12.3 Faceted Metadata for Search in Component Repositories**

# Example: Service Facets in a UNIX System

- ▶ To describe the services of a UNIX system, [Prieto-Diaz] employed a 4-faceted scheme
  - function
  - logical object
  - implementation object
  - tool
- ▶ UNIX services can be described with appropriate facet values and looked up in a repository
- ▶ Example: “append a line to a file with a text editor”
  - (function = append, logical class = line, implementation class = file, tool = text editor):



# Example: Services in a UNIX System

- ▶ [Prieto-Diaz] already suggested to use *controlled vocabulary (domain ontologies)* to improve the effectiveness of the search:
  - If every facet is described by an ontology, the service descriptions are standardized for a user group and improve understanding of service semantics.
- ▶ Facets simplified the description of the components, improved the understanding of their domain, and facilitated the search in component libraries.



## 5 Components

sortiert nach: Name und Version; sowie nach... • ☒ Gruppierung wie Sortierung

### ColorChooser (release, Versions: 1.1)

*Last Update on Mo, Jan 1, 2007, 02:00 am (53 days ago). Author: Schmidt*

- ◊ Information Hiding: BlackBox
- ◊ Purpose: Editing
- ◊ Layer: GUI
- ◊ License: Free
- ◊ LOC: 2500
- ◊ Language: Java

1.

### ColorSelector (, Versions: 1.0 und 1.1)

*Last Update on Di, Jan 2, 2007, 02:00 am und Mi, Jan 2, 2008, 02:00 am ( days ago). Author: Polowinski*

- ◊ Information Hiding: BlackBox
- ◊ Purpose: Editing
- ◊ Layer: GUI
- ◊ License:

#### License

- 2 (Feld fehlt)
- 1 Free
- 1 GNU-GPL

#### Price

- 2 (Feld fehlt)
- 1 200
- 1 250

#### Maturity

- 2 (Feld fehlt)
- 1 alpha
- 1 beta

#### Version

- 1 (Feld fehlt)
- 1 1.0
- 2 1.1

#### Last Edited

- 1 (Feld fehlt)
- 1 2001-06-03T00:00:00+00:00
- 1 2007-01-01T00:00:00+00:00

#### Name

- 1 ColorChooser
- 1 ColorSelector
- 1 ColorUtils

#### Information Hiding

- 2 BlackBox
- 1 GreyBox
- 1 WhiteBox

#### Purpose of the Component

- 1 (Feld fehlt)
- 2 Editing
- 1 Managing

#### belongs to Layer

- 1 (Feld fehlt)
- 1 CORE
- 2 GUI

#### Language

- 1 (Feld fehlt)
- 1 C#
- 1 C++

**Name**

1 PersistenceComponent

**Information Hiding**

1
☒

2 BlackBox ☐
1 GreyBox ☒
1 WhiteBox ☐

**Purpose of the Component**

1 Persistence

**belongs to Layer**

1 PersistenceLayer

**Language**

1 C++

1 Component gefiltert von ursprünglich 5 (Alle Filter zurücksetzen)

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## PersistenceComponent (alpha, Versions: 1.6)

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- ◇ Information Hiding: GreyBox
- ◇ Purpose: Persistence
- ◇ Layer: PersistenceLayer
- ◇ License: GNU-GPL
- ◇ LOC: 155455
- ◇ Language: C++

1. *Buy for 3000 €*

### License

1 GNU-GPL

### Price

1 3000

### Maturity

1 alpha

### Version

1 1.6

### Last Edited

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# Other Advantages

- ▶ The facet classification is rather immune to extensions
  - Extending one facet leaves all others invariant
  - Example: If Europe is extended with a new member state, the matchmaking algorithm can deliver new courses from the new member state, without affecting the rest of the semantic specifications at all
- ▶ The accuracy can be improved by synonym lists (thesauri)
  - Synonyms increase the chances for a match
  - They permit to search not only for keywords, but also for their *synonyms* (assembled in a *thesaurus*)
  - Beyond synonyms other refinement relations of concepts can be used to improve the search
  - **Example:** Great Britain is used as a synonym for England, Scotland, and Wales. Synonyms allows for matchmaking on any of the keywords, so that students looking for a course need not bother about geographic and political details.



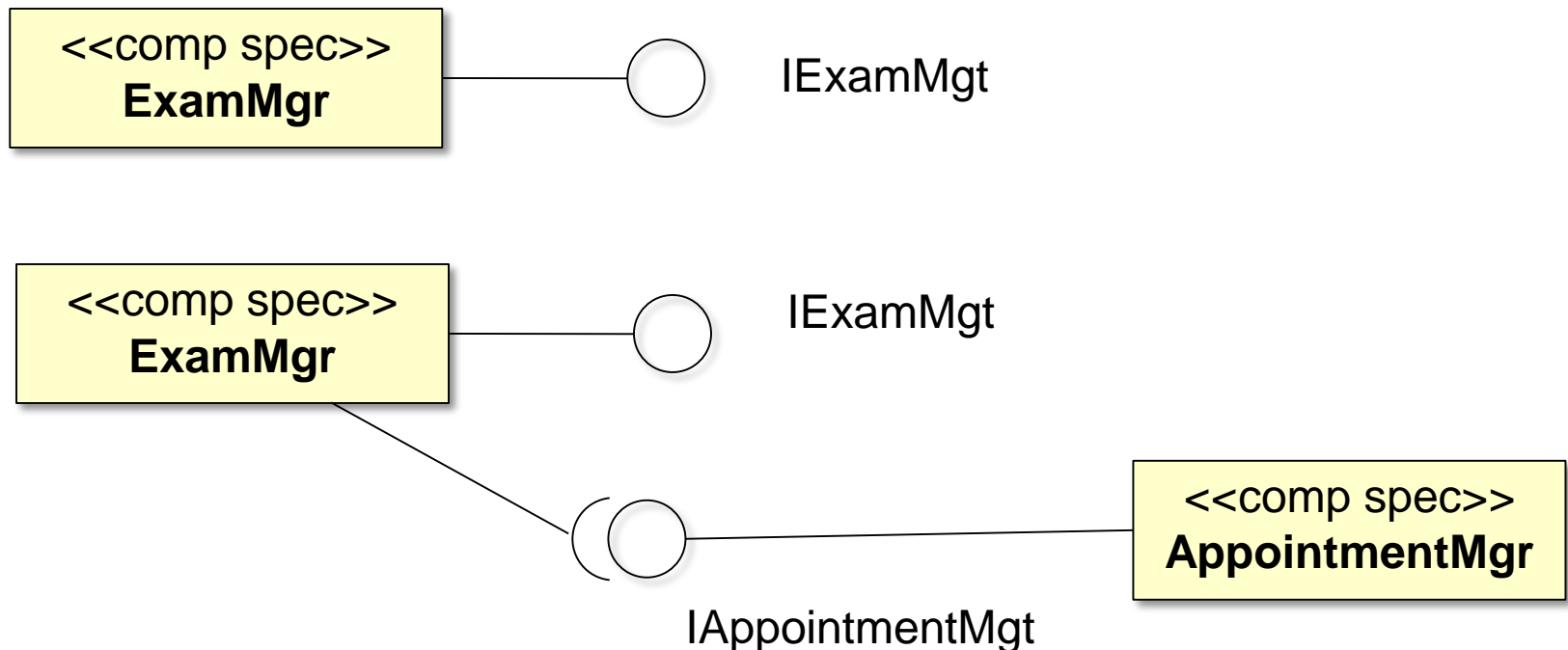
# The Use of Ontologies in Faceted Matchmaking

- ▶ Ontologies simplify matchmaking by standardization
  - Since they provide standardized terminology and standardized ontological relations between the terms, queries can specify
    - keywords with a precise, shared, and standardized meaning (semantic search),
    - contextual information for search in context, where the context is defined by the ontological relations of the terms.
- ▶ Example:
  - A web course on IT basics can be queried by the standardized word IT-basics (being semantic search)
  - also in context, by relating it to courses such as IT-advanced or IT-preparatory (contextual search)
    - “find me an IT basics course, which has a preceding preparatory IT course and has a follow-up advanced IT course”

# 12.4 UML Components

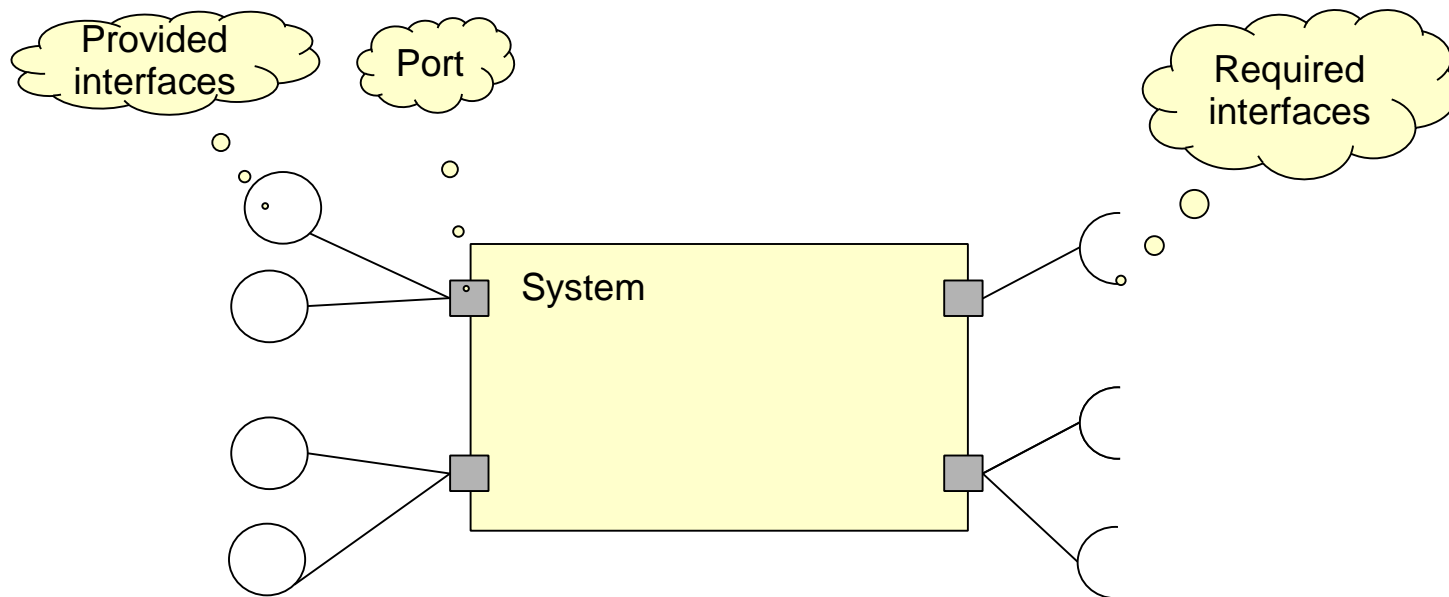
# Component Specification with UML Components

- A **UML component** is a hierarchical class for big objects with *provided* and *required* interfaces (roles)
  - Provided interfaces (provided roles) use „lollipop“ notation
  - Required interfaces (required roles) use „plug“ notation
- Some components are required to use specific other interfaces



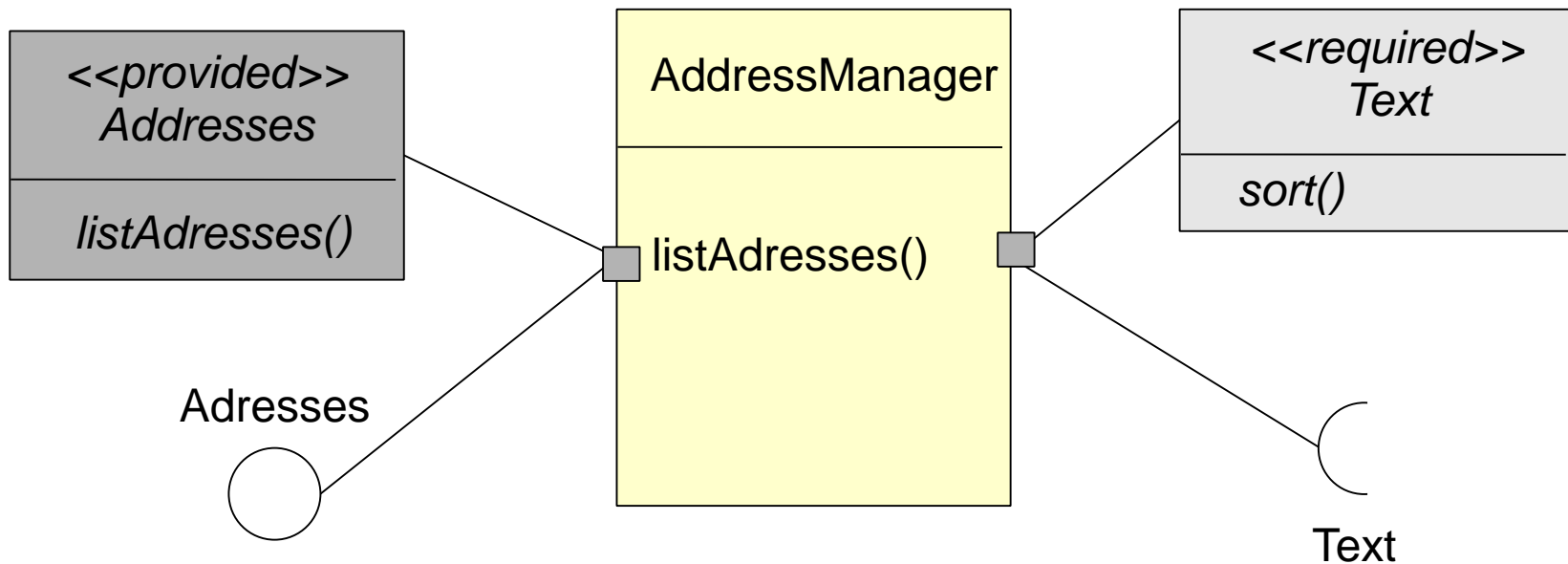
# Ports of UML Components

- A **port** is a connection point of a UML component.
  - A port has a set of roles (interfaces)
  - It may be represented by a **port object (gate)**



# Lollipops und Plugs (Balls and Sockets)

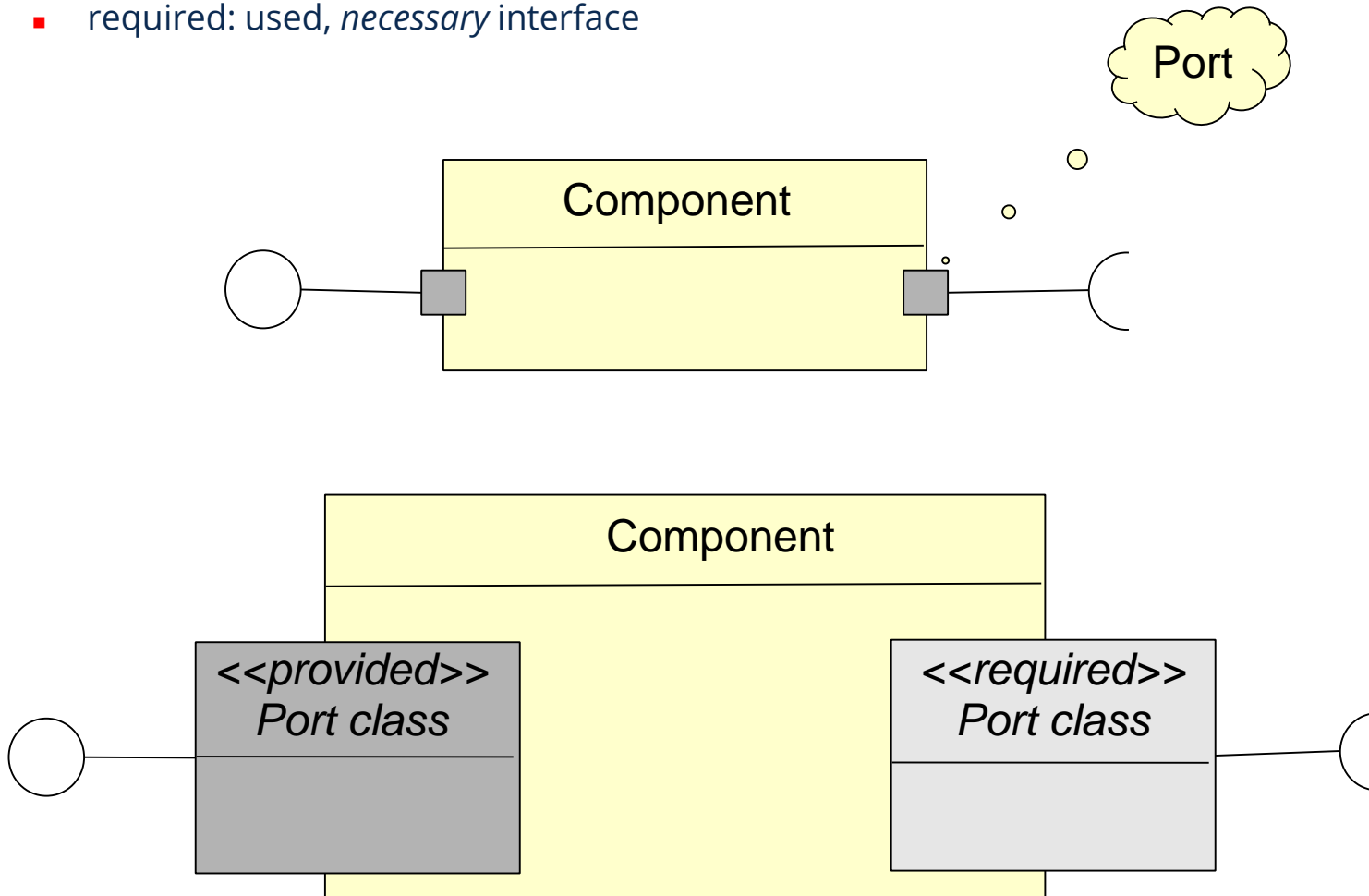
- ▶ For a UML component, *provided* and *required* interfaces can be distinguished
  - A required interface specifies what the current class needs to execute.



# Ports

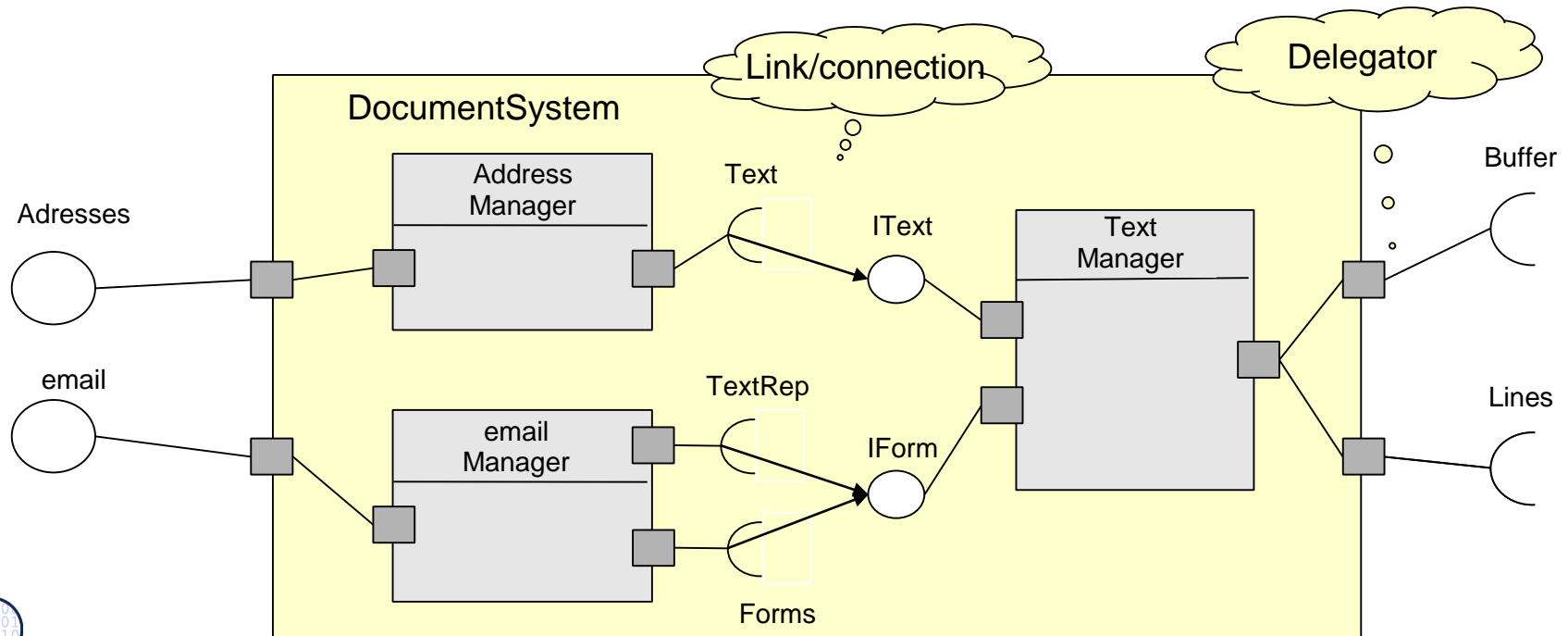
- ▶ Ports consist of **port classes** with interfaces and behavior in form of **interface automata**

- provided: normal, *offered* interface
- required: used, *necessary* interface



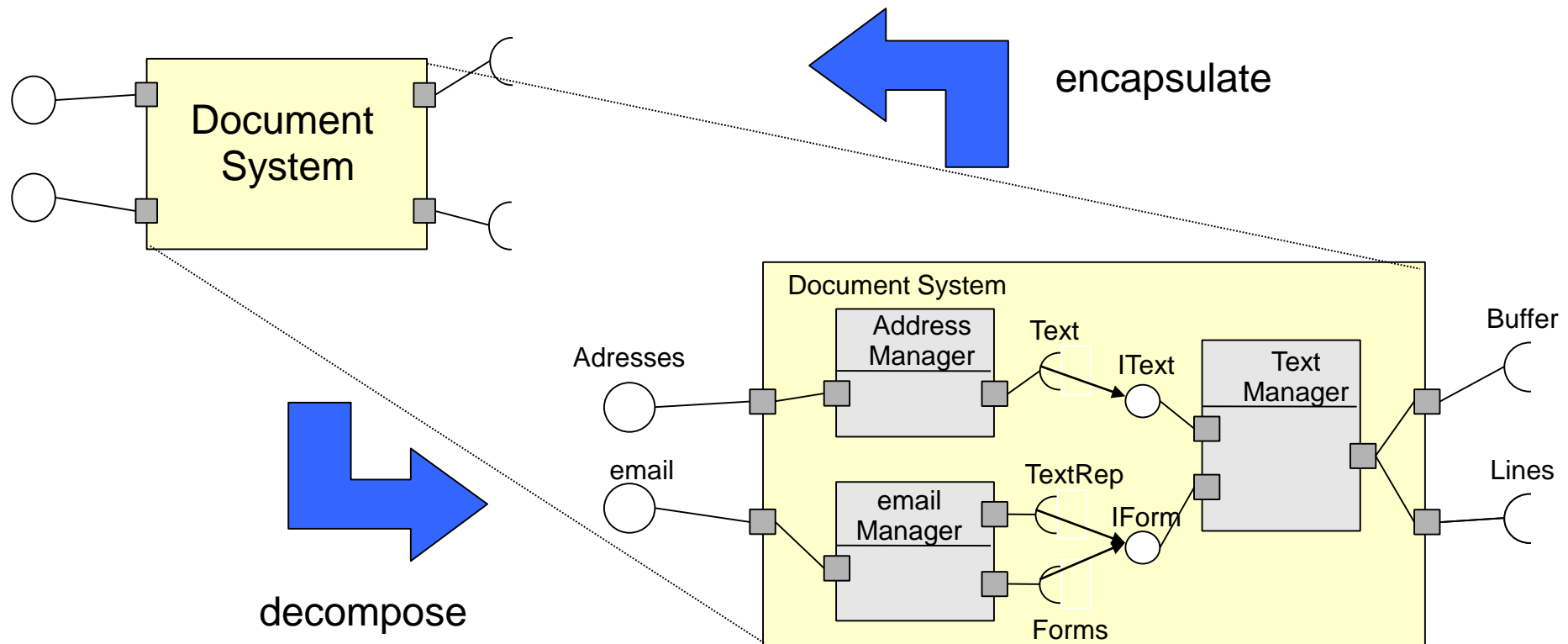
# Nesting of UML Components

- ▶ UML components
  - Ports are connected by *links (connections)*
  - *Delegation link*: links outer and inner port



# Refinement of UML Components

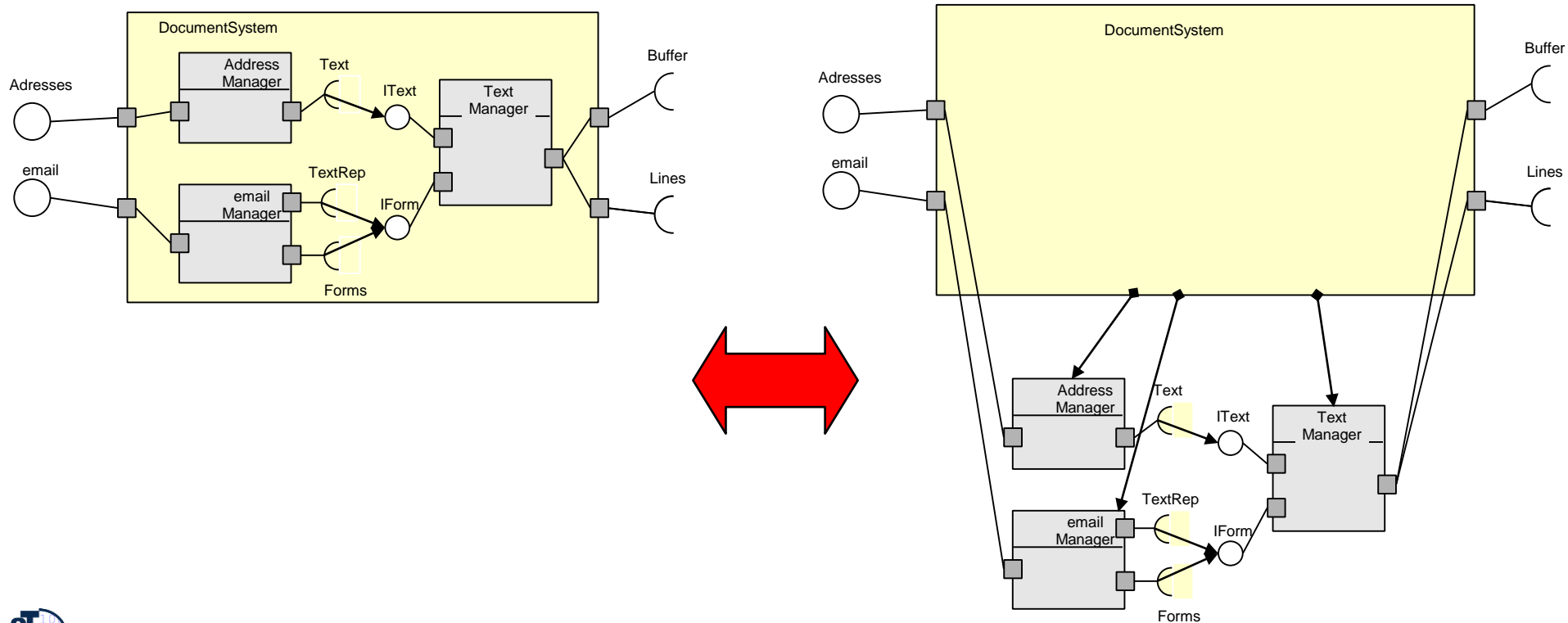
- ▶ UML components can be nested.
- ▶ Nesting is indicated by *aggregation* and *part-of relationship*.
- ▶ Nesting is introduced by an encapsulation operator.



# Encapsulation means Aggregation

► *Nesting means Aggregation*

- A UML component is a package and a facade for all subcomponents

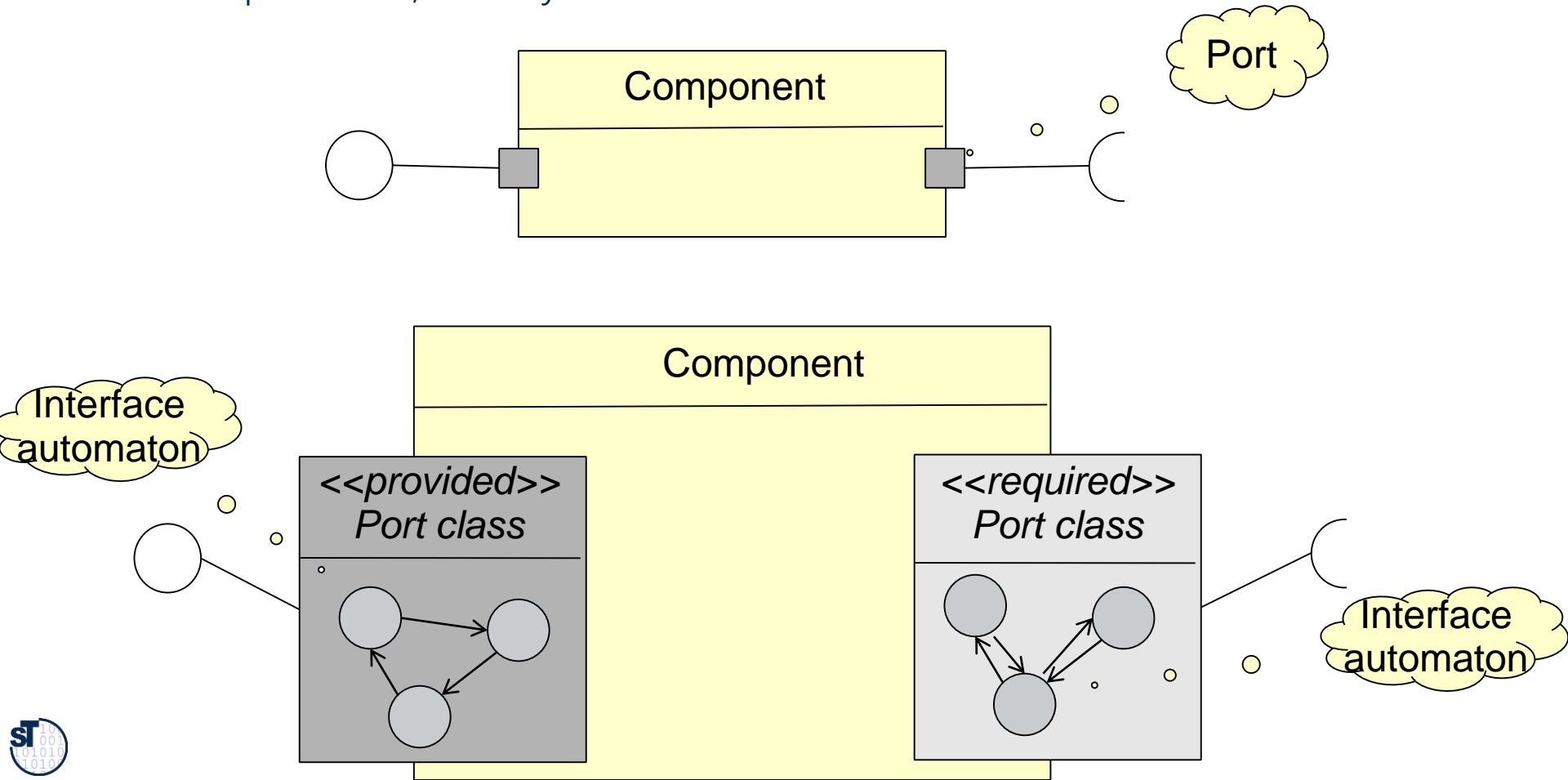


## **12.5 Searching in Component Repositories by Contract Conformance**

- Contract Conformance means semantic substitutability

# Ports can be Equipped with Interface Automata Contracts

- ▶ Ports consist of **port classes** with interfaces and behavior in form of **interface automata (port automata, protocol automata)**
  - provided: normal, *offered* interface
  - required: used, *necessary* interface



# Component Protocols with Operational Contracts

- The port protocol automata can be composed to a **component protocol automaton**
- Components may have a **protocol automaton** in which their ports, services, procedures should be called, invoked, or signalled
  - The **provided protocol** specifies in which order the services can be invoked (given by a provided interface automaton)
  - The **required protocol** specifies in which order the services can be invoked (given by a required interface automaton)
- **The order of component invocation can be specified by a language over the alphabet of the ports, services, procedures (state-based protocol contract, operational contract)**
  - Language contains **sets of paths over the alphabet**
  - Finite state automaton (regular language) specify regular sets of paths
    - UML state chart (Hierarchical finite state machine, *protocol machines*)
    - Data flow diagram
  - Stack machine (context-free language)
  - Petri net (regular dialects, context-free and context-sensitive dialects)
- The contract provides an *abstraction* of the implementation of the component
  - Implementations must be proven to be **conformant** to the protocol
- The **conformance checking** is decidable if the protocol language is decidable
- Sets of paths over states (words over state and edge alphabet)



# The Golden Rules of Substitutability

- Component A can replace component B if it **offers more** and **requires less**
- Two conditions:
  - A's provided protocol must be **stronger (richer, larger)** than B's – it must guarantee **more**
  - A's required protocol must be **weaker (smaller)** than B's – it must assume **less**
- If those conditions hold for all component instances of two component types AT and BT, we say that AT can substitute BT in a program.



# Searching by Protocol

- A component  $C$  can be **found** in a repository, if a query protocol  $Q$  is given with  $Q \leq P(C)$
- Search consists of subsumption checking with all component protocols in the repository
- Query protocols can be:
  - Metadata about the component
  - Provided protocols
  - Required protocols
  - Provided **and** required protocols



# Declarative Protocols

- A protocol can also be specified as predicates over the states of a component (**declarative contract**)
  - Preconditions (assumptions)
  - Postconditions (guarantees)
  - Invariants
- Then, the protocol consists of logic expressions. The logic should be decidable
  - OCL
  - Description logic
  - Datalog
  - Temporal logic (propositional logic with temporal quantifiers, such as LTL and CTL)
- Subsumption checking of protocols and conformance can be done by reasoning
  - E.g., by subsumption checking of an OWL class hierarchy



# The End - Acknowledgements

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