

Some GoF Design Patterns: Adapter, Factory, Singleton, and Strategy

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Gang of Four

Ralph Johnson, Richard Helm, Erich Gamma,
and John Vlissides (left to right)

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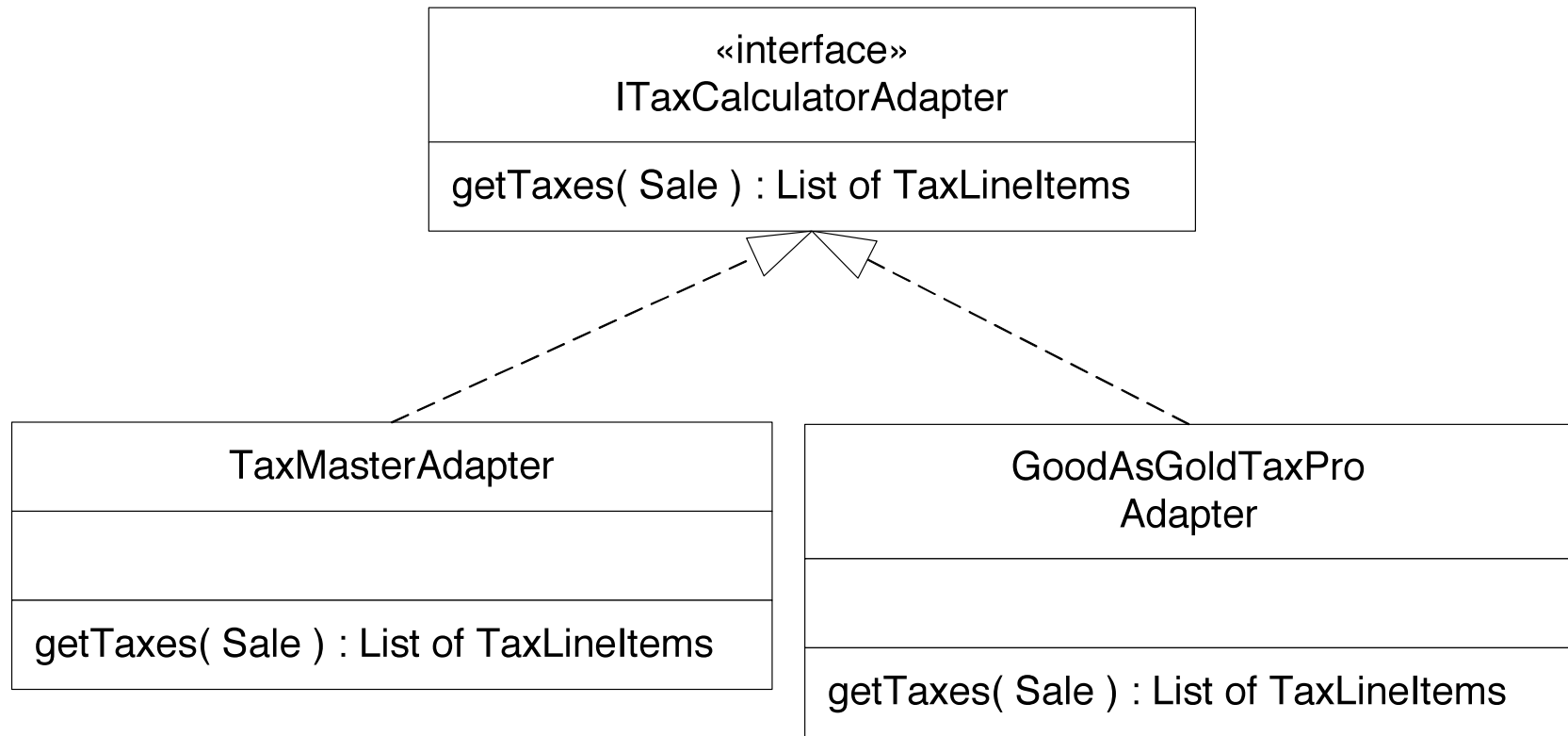
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Adapter Pattern

- **Problem:** How do we provide a single, stable interface to similar components with different interfaces
- **Solution:** Use an intermediate *adapter* object to convert calls to the appropriate interface for each component

Adapter Examples



Adapt
polym
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Guideline: Use pattern names in type names

«interface»
IAccountingAdapter
postReceivable(CreditPayment)
postSale(Sale)

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ICreditAuth
/
requestApproval(CreditPa

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GRASP Principles in Adapter?

- Low coupling?
- High cohesion?
- Information Expert?
- Creator?
- Controller?
- Polymorphism?
- Pure Fabrication?
- Indirection?
- Protected Variations?

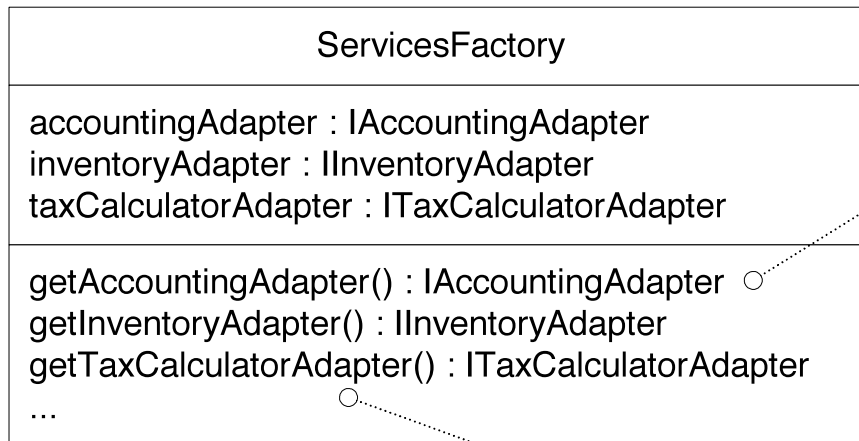
So why bother learning patterns?

Factory

- ✦ **Problem:** Who should be responsible for creating objects when there are special considerations like:
 - ✦ Complex creation logic
 - ✦ Separating creation to improve cohesion
 - ✦ A need for caching
- ✦ **Solution:** Create a Pure Fabrication called a Factory to handle the creation

Also known as Simple Factory
or Concrete Factory

Factory Example



note that the factory methods return objects typed to an interface rather than a class, so that the factory can return any implementation of the interface

```
if ( taxCalculatorAdapter == null )
{
    // a reflective or data-driven approach to finding the right class: read it from an
    // external property

    String className = System.getProperty( "taxcalculator.class.name" );
    taxCalculatorAdapter = (ITaxCalculatorAdapter) Class.forName( className ).newInstance();
}
return taxCalculatorAdapter;
```

Another Factory Example

javax.sql

Interface DataSource

From JDK 1.4...

All Superinterfaces:

[CommonDataSource](#), [Wrapper](#)

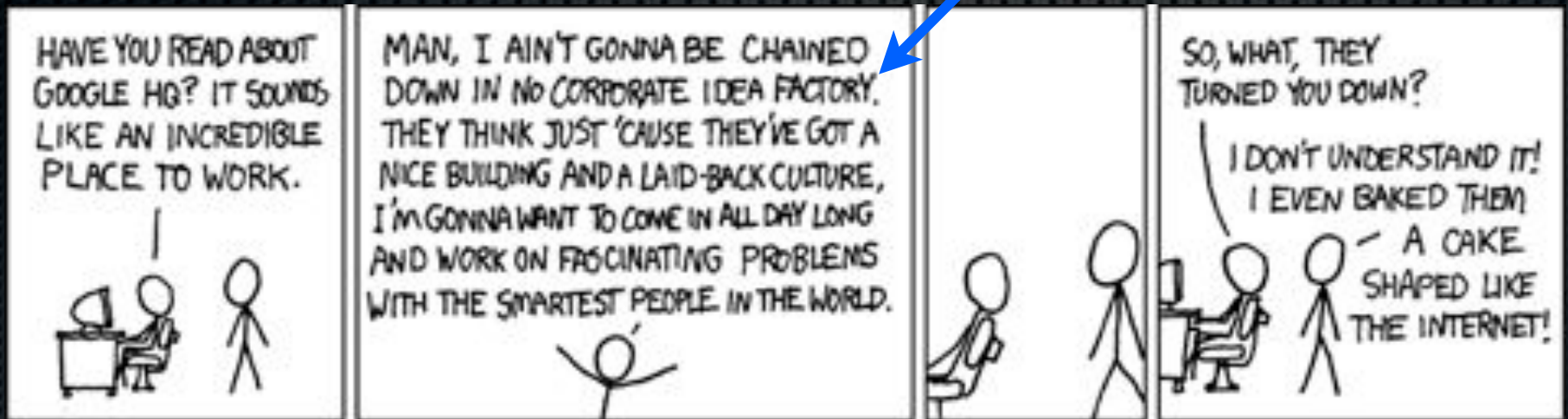
```
public interface DataSource
extends CommonDataSource, Wrapper
```

A **factory** for connections to the physical data source that this DataSource object represents. DataSource object is the preferred means of getting a connection. An object that implements this interface with a naming service based on the Java™ Naming and Directory (JNDI) API.

Advantages of Factory

- ✦ Puts responsibility of creation logic into a separate, cohesive class—*separation of concerns*
- ✦ Hides complex creation logic
- ✦ Allows performance enhancements:
 - ✦ Object caching
 - ✦ Recycling

Working for Google



<http://xkcd.com/192/>

I hear once you've worked there for 256 days they teach you the secret of levitation.

Singleton

Who creates the Factory?

- Several classes need to access Factory methods

- Options:

- Pass instance of Factory to classes that need it
- Provide global visibility to a Factory instance

Dependency Injection

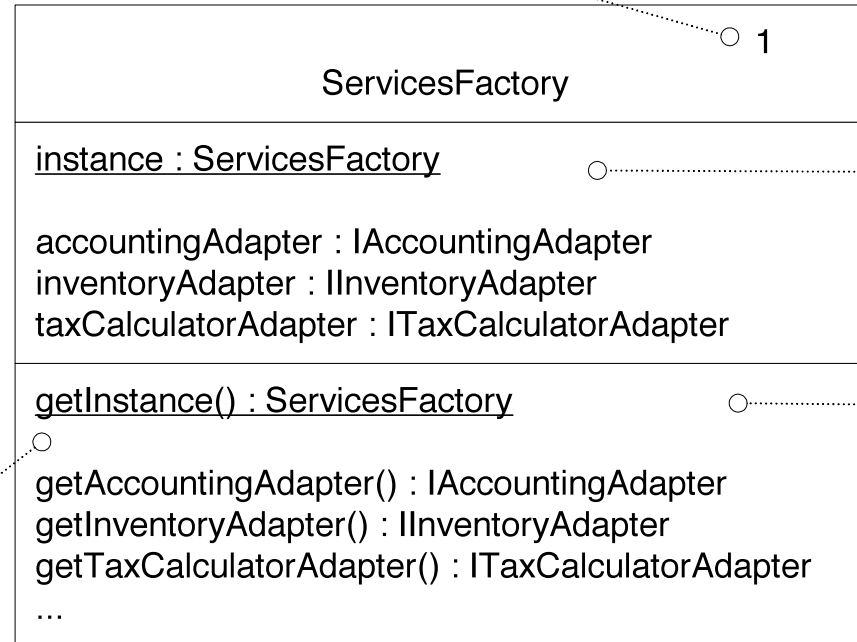
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- ✦ **Problem:** How do we ensure that exactly one instance of a class is created and is globally accessible?
- ✦ **Solution:** Define a static method in the class that returns the *singleton* instance

UML notation: this '1' can optionally be used to indicate that only one instance will be created (a singleton)

UML notation: in a class box, an underlined attribute or method indicates a static (class level) member, rather than an instance member



singleton static attribute

singleton static method

```
// static method
public static synchronized ServicesFactory getInstance()
{
    if ( instance == null )
        instance = new ServicesFactory()
    return instance
}
```


Lazy vs. Eager Initialization

- Lazy:

- ```
private static ServicesFactory instance;
public static synchronized Services Factory getInstance() {
 if (instance == null)
 instance = new ServicesFactory();
 return instance;
}
```

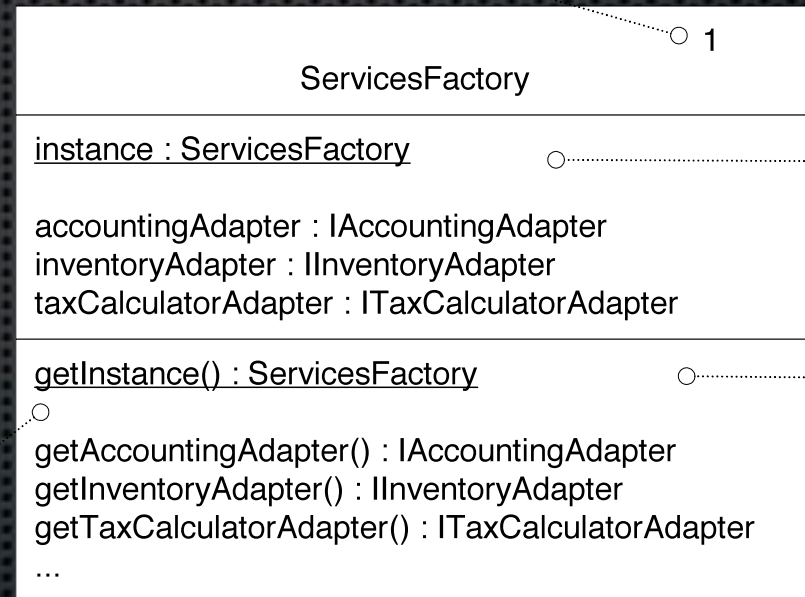
- Eager:

- ```
private static ServicesFactory instance = new ServicesFactory();
public static Services Factory getInstance() {
    return instance;
}
```

Pros and cons?

Why don't we just make all the methods static?

- Instance methods permit subclassing
- Instance method allow easier migration to “multi-ton” status



Singleton Considered Harmful?

Favor Dependency Injection



- Hides dependencies by introducing global visibility
- Hard to test since it introduces global state (also leaks resources)
- A singleton today is a multi-ton tomorrow
- Low cohesion — class is responsible for domain duties *and* for limiting number of instances

Instead, use Factory to control instance creation



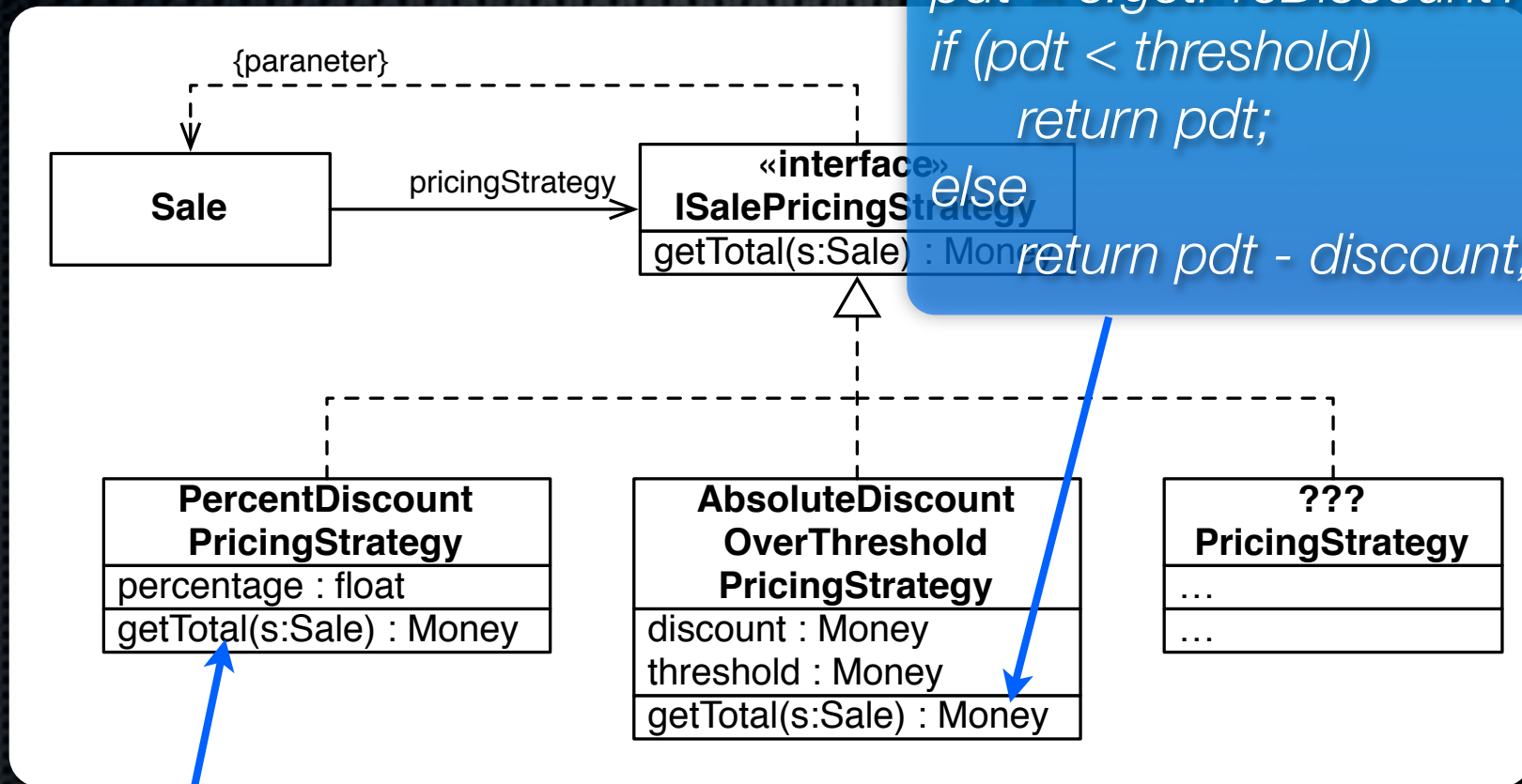
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Strategy

- ✦ **Problem:** How do we design for varying, but related, algorithms or policies?
- ✦ **Solution:** Define each algorithm or policy in a separate class with a common interface.

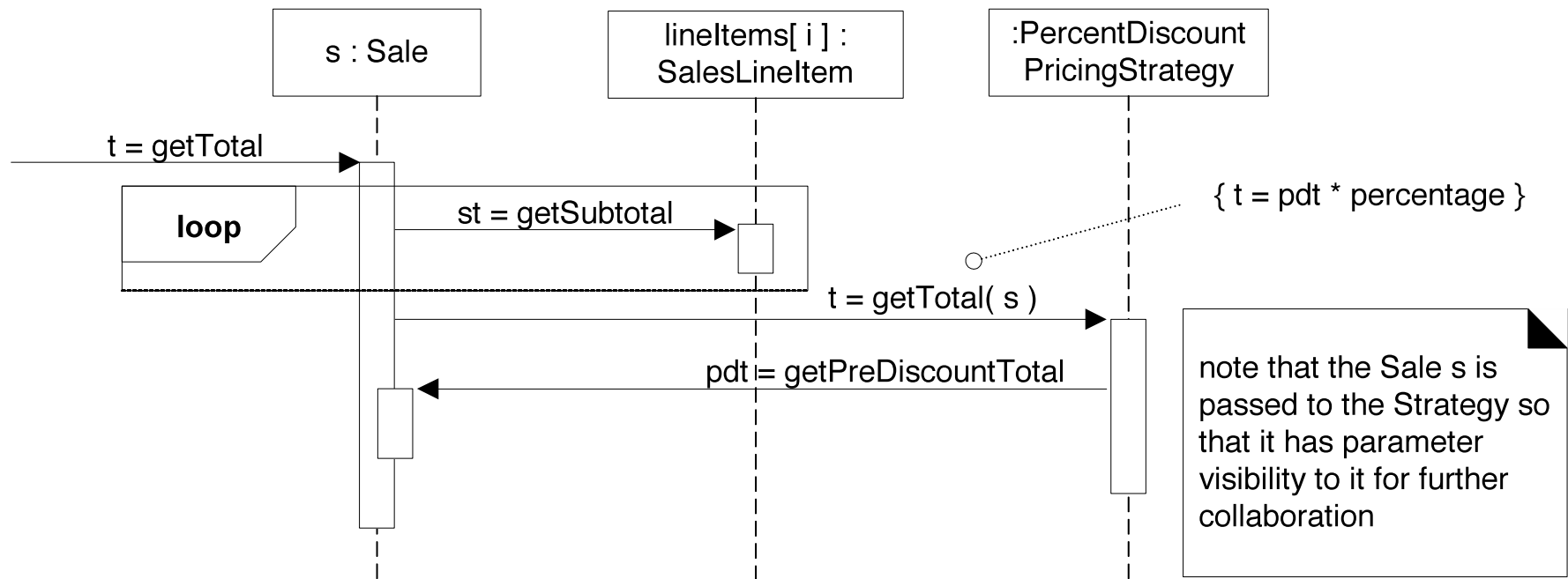
Strategy Example



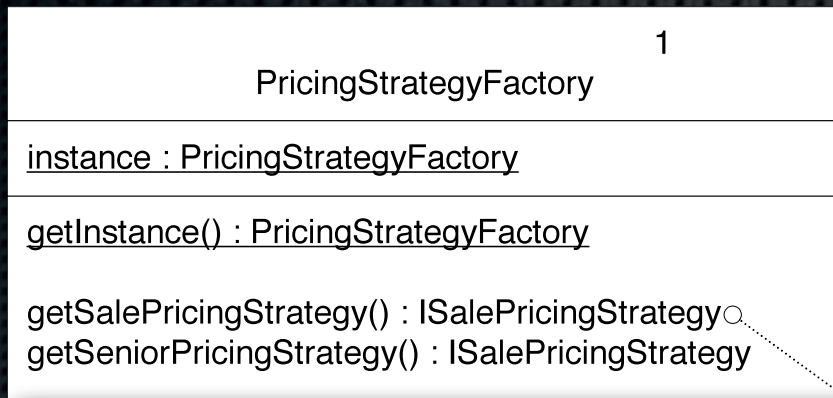
```
pdt = s.getPreDiscountTotal();
if (pdt < threshold)
    return pdt;
else
    return pdt - discount;
```

```
return s.getPreDiscountTotal() * percentage;
```

Strategy Example (cont.)



Where does the *PricingStrategy* come from?



What about with Dependency Injection?

