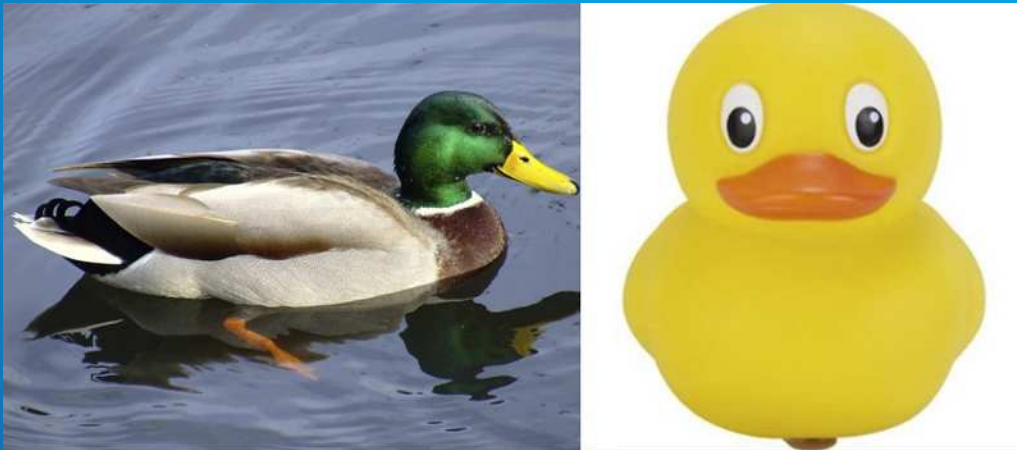


eKogu & the Liskov Substitution Principle

An example of not to do it, and an approach to fix it ...



If it looks like a duck and quacks like a duck but it needs batteries, you probably have the wrong abstraction.

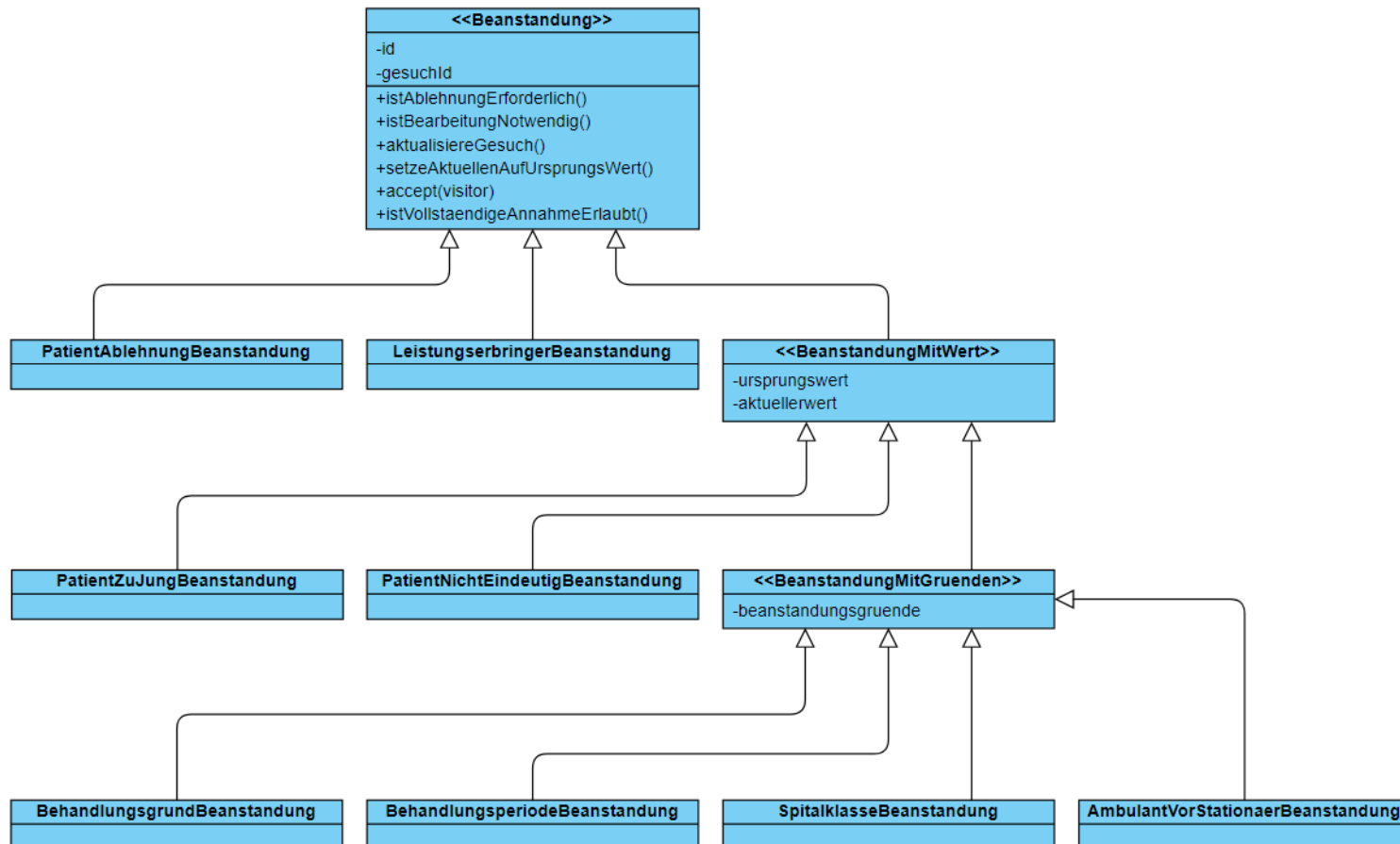
Timetable

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Implementation I

- We have different complaint types



Implementation II

- BeanstandungMitWert

```
public abstract class BeanstandungMitWert<T> extends Beanstandung {  
  
    private final T ursprungswert;  
    private T aktuellerwert;  
  
    public BeanstandungMitWert(BeanstandungMitWertBuilder<? extends BeanstandungMitWertBuilder<?, T>, T> builder) {  
        super(builder);  
        this.ursprungswert = builder.ursprungswert;  
        this.aktuellerwert = builder.aktuellerwert;  
    }  
  
    @Override  
    public final void setzeAktuellenAufUrsprungswert() {  
        aktuellerwert = ursprungswert;  
    }  
}
```

Implementation III

- BeanstandungMitGrunden

```
public abstract class BeanstandungMitGrunden<T> extends BeanstandungMitWert<T> {  
  
    private final List<Beanstandungsgrund> beanstandungsgruende;  
  
    public BeanstandungMitGrunden(BeanstandungMitGrundenBuilder<? extends BeanstandungMitGrundenBuilder<?, T>, T> builder) {  
        super(builder);  
        this.beanstandungsgruende = ImmutableList.copyOf(builder.beanstandungsgruende);  
    }  
}
```

Implementation IV

- We have two visitor interfaces

```
public interface BeanstandungVisitor {
```

```
    void visitLeistungserbringerBeanstandung(LeistungserbringerBeanstandung leistungserbringerBeanstandung);  
    void visitPatientAblehnungBeanstandung(PatientAblehnungBeanstandung patientAblehnungBeanstandung);  
    void visitPatientZuJungBeanstandung(PatientZuJungBeanstandung patientZuJungBeanstandung);  
    void visitPatientNichtEindeutigBeanstandung(PatientNichtEindeutigBeanstandung patientNichtEindeutigBeanstandung);  
    void visitSpitalklasseBeanstandung(SpitalklasseBeanstandung spitalklasseBeanstandung);  
    void visitBehandlungsgrundBeanstandung(BehandlungsgrundBeanstandung behandlungsgrundBeanstandung);  
    void visitBehandlungsperiodeBeanstandung(BehandlungsperiodeBeanstandung behandlungsperiodeBeanstandung);  
    void visitAmbulantVorStationaerBeanstandung(AmbulantVorStationaerBeanstandung ambulantVorStationaerBeanstandung);
```

```
}
```

```
public interface BeanstandungEntityVisitor {
```

```
    void visitLeistungserbringerBeanstandung(LeistungserbringerBeanstandungEntity leistungserbringerBeanstandung);  
    void visitPatientAblehnungBeanstandung(PatientAblehnungBeanstandungEntity patientAblehnungBeanstandung);  
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    void visitAmbulantVorStationaerBeanstandung(AmbulantVorStationaerBeanstandungEntity ambulantVorStationaerBeanstandungEntity);
```

```
}
```

Analysis I

- All needed operations placed on top

```
@NotNull
private final BeanstandungId id;

@NotNull
private final GesuchId gesuchId;

protected Beanstandung(BeanstandungBuilder<? extends BeanstandungBuilder<?>> builder) {
    this.id = builder.id;
    this.gesuchId = builder.gesuchId;
}

public abstract boolean istAblehnungErforderlich();

public abstract boolean istBearbeitungNotwendig();

public abstract <T extends BeanstandungVisitor> T accept(T visitor);

public abstract void aktualisiereGesuch(Gesuch gesuch);

public abstract void setzeAktuellenAufUrsprungsWert();

public boolean istVollstaendigeAnnahmeErlaubt() {
    return false;
}
```

Analysis II

- `istAblehnungErforderlich()` is always false except for `PatientAblehnungBeanstandung` & `LeistungserbringerBeanstandung`
- `istBearbeitungNotwendig()` is always false except for `PatientNichtEindeutigBeanstandung` & `PatientZuJungBeanstandung`
- `istVollstaendigeAnnahmeErlaubt()` is always false except for `PatientNichtEindeutigBeanstandung` & `PatientZuJungBeanstandung`

Analysis III

- `PatientAblehnungBeanstandung` & `LeistungserbringerBeanstandung` throw an Exception whenever `aktualisiereGesuch()` or `setzeAktuellenAufUrsprungsWert()` is called
- `PatientAblehnungBeanstandung` & `LeistungserbringerBeanstandung` each have a method `getAblehnungsgrund()` which is not in the super class
- `AmbulantVorStationaer` has no values, it represents a state whether or not the planned stationary therapy should be ambulant

Analysis IV

- `BeanstandungMitWert` adds only two fields, but no additional logic
- `BeanstandungMitGrunden` adds only a list, but no additional logic

Analysis V

- One database table to store all complaints
- One DTO known to the UI
- But: eight different types of complaints!

- Trying to avoid `instanceof` by using the visitor pattern
 - Is there a better way to do it?

Problem

- Trying to unite all complaints under one roof
- But we have different types:
 - Invalid patient and/or care provider
 - Patient identification
 - Wrong information within the request
- Not all complaints need and support everything
 - LSP violation
 - Is it an Open/Close Principle violation as well?

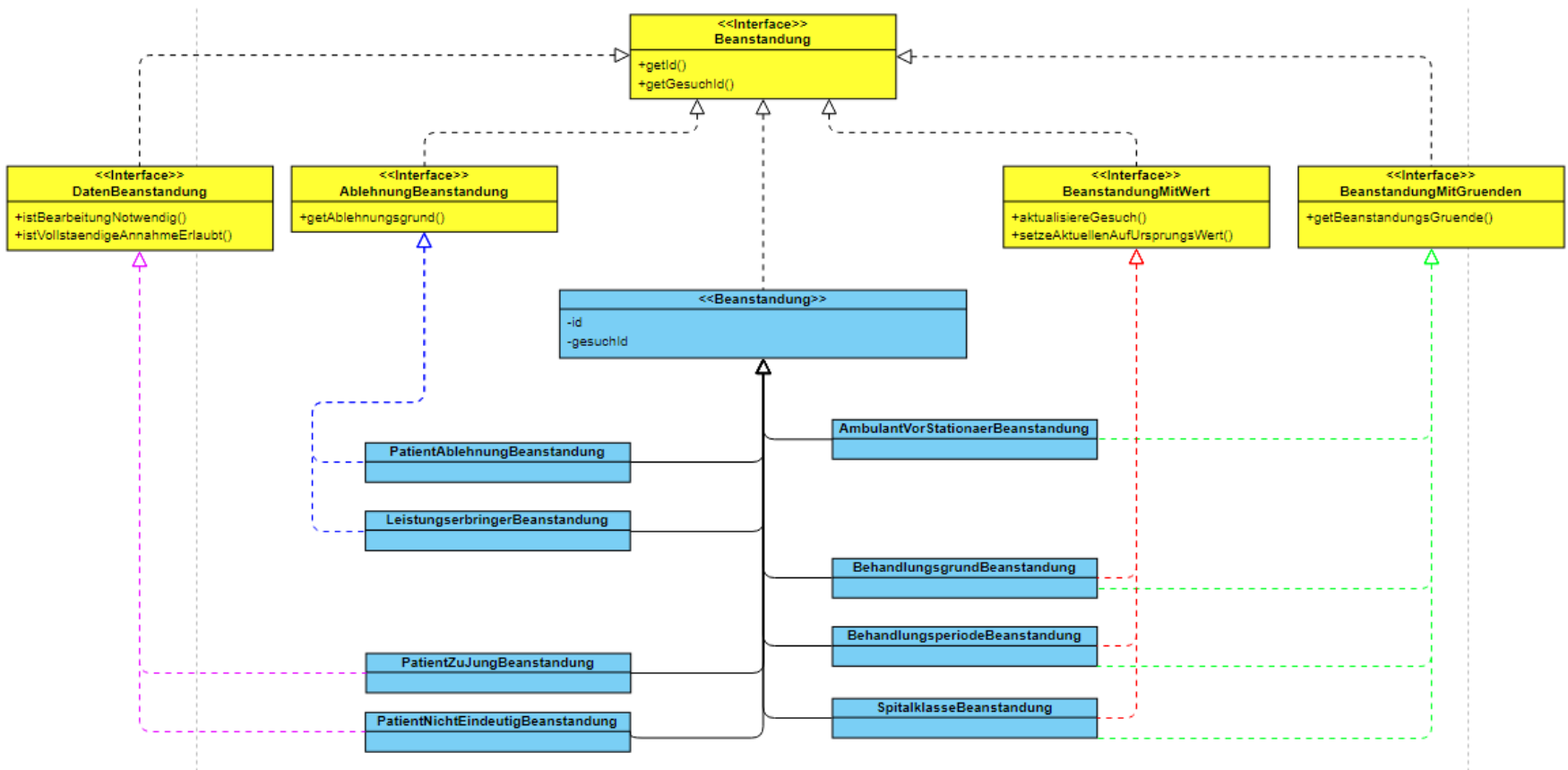
Redesign

Find the «right» abstraction...

- Introduce interfaces to build groups
- Flatten hierarchy
- Inherit only what you need and support

Result

- It looks promising, but it's only the beginning...



Conclusion

- Solution is not «finalized» since it's only theoretical
- Getting rid of unnecessary extensions
- Getting rid of the visitor pattern by having interfaces
- Helper classes should not be in the hierarchy

Thank you!

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