

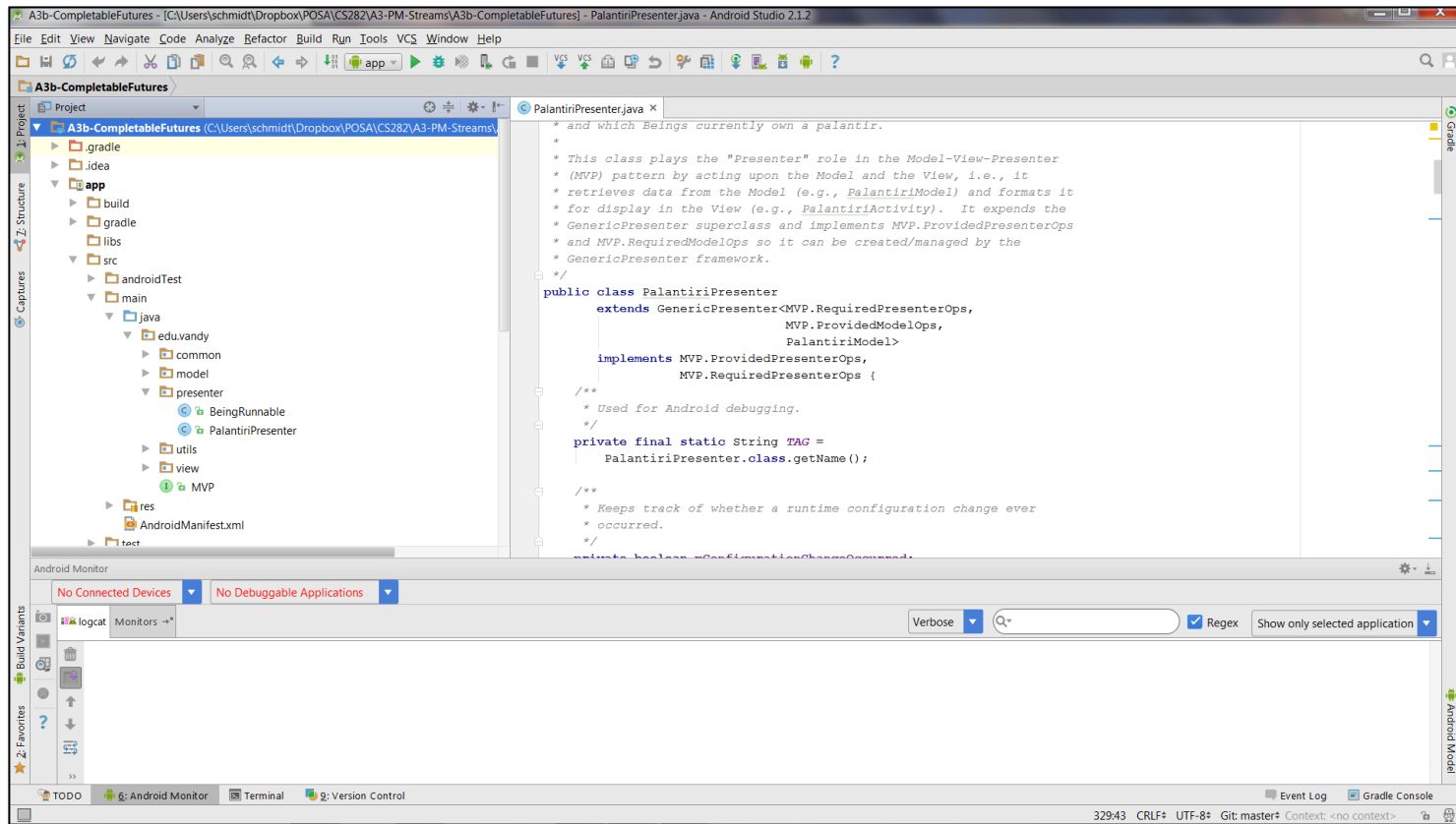
The Composite Pattern

Implementation in C++

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Learning Objectives in This Lesson

- Recognize how the *Composite* pattern can be applied to make the expression tree more uniform & extensible.
- Understand the structure & functionality of the *Composite* pattern.
- Know how to implement the *Composite* pattern in C++.



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Implementing the Composite Pattern in C++

Composite example in C++

- Build an expression tree based on recursively composed objects.

```
Component_Node *11 =
```

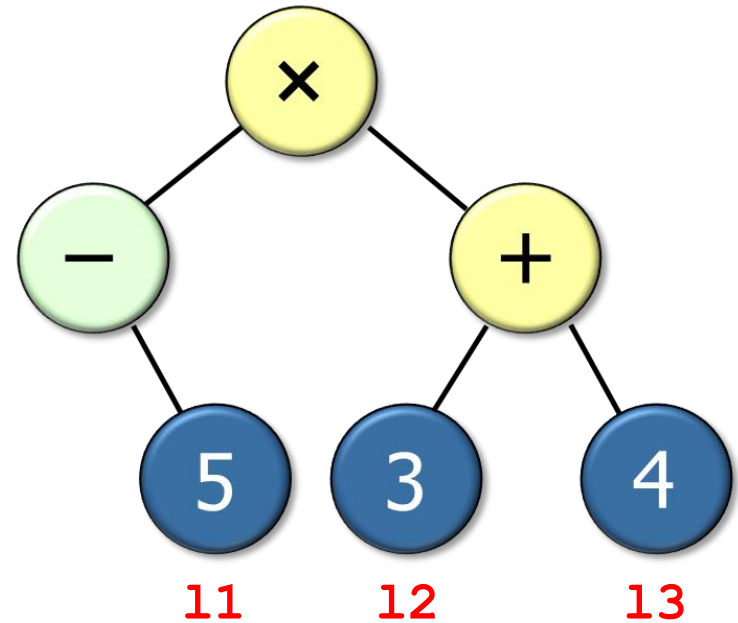
```
    new Leaf_Node (5) ;
```

```
Component_Node *12 =
```

```
    new Leaf_Node (3) ;
```

```
Component_Node *13 =
```

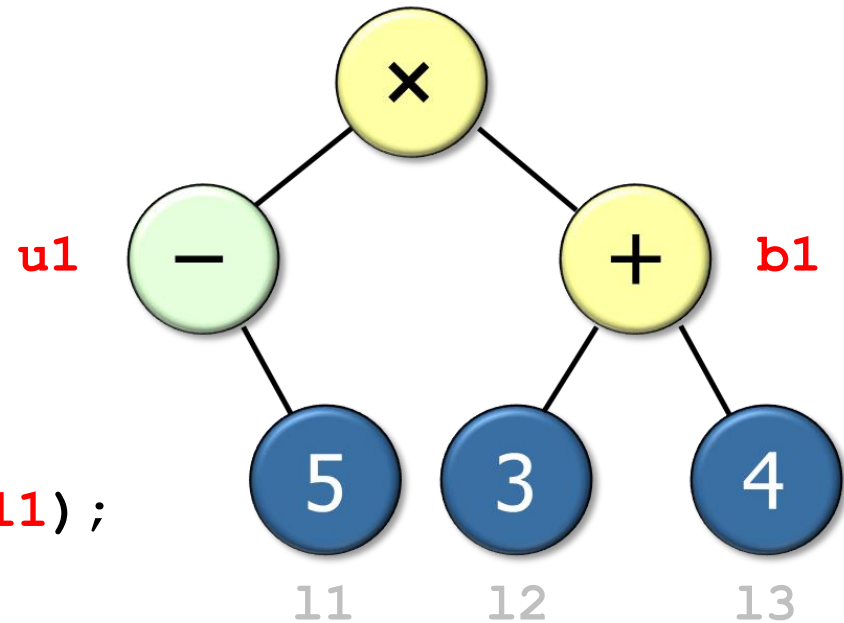
```
    new Leaf_Node (4) ;
```



Composite example in C++

- Build an expression tree based on recursively composed objects.

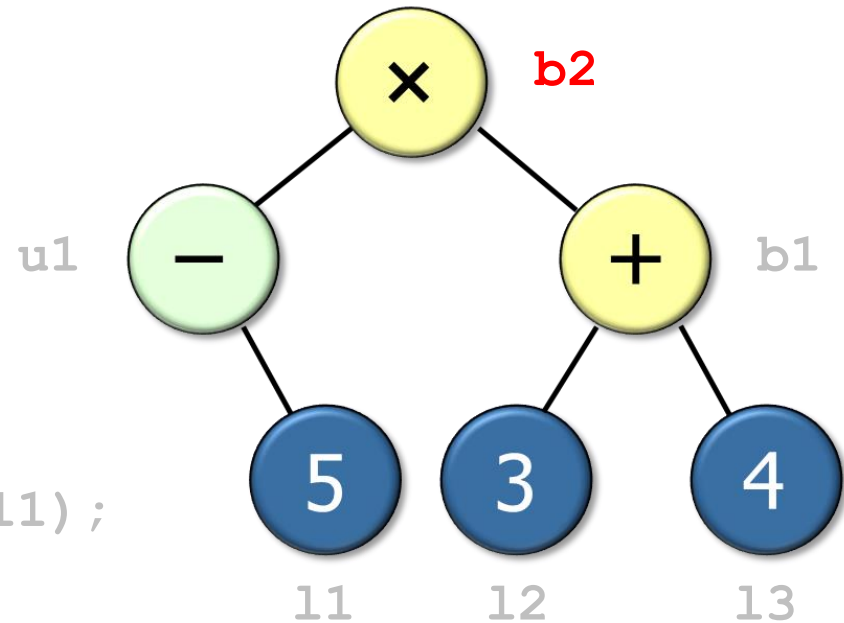
```
Component_Node *l1 =  
    new Leaf_Node(5);  
Component_Node *l2 =  
    new Leaf_Node(3);  
Component_Node *l3 =  
    new Leaf_Node(4);  
Component_Node *u1 =  
    new Composite_Negate_Node(l1);  
Component_Node *b1 =  
    new Composite_Add_Node(l2, l3);
```



Composite example in C++

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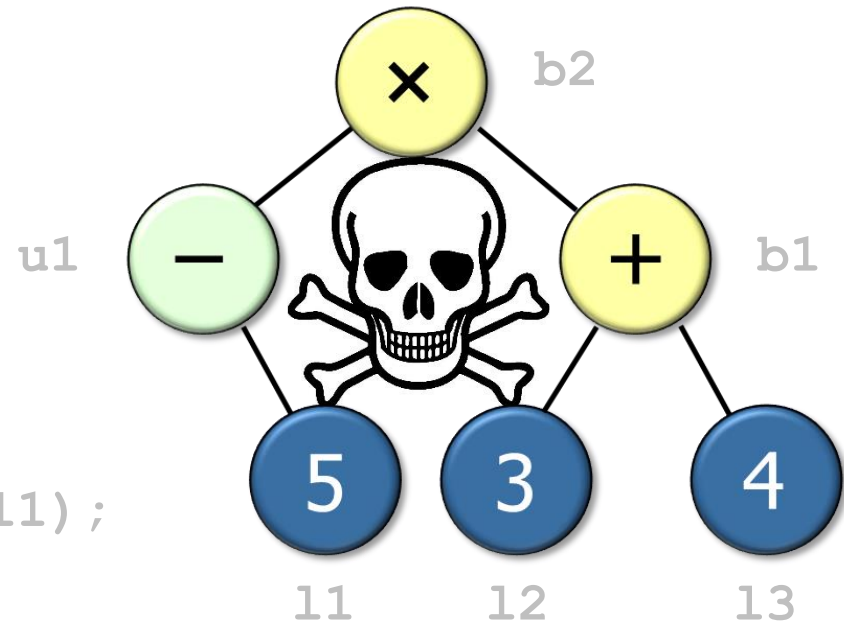
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Component_Node *b2 =  
    new Composite_Multiply_Node(u1, b1);
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Composite example in C++

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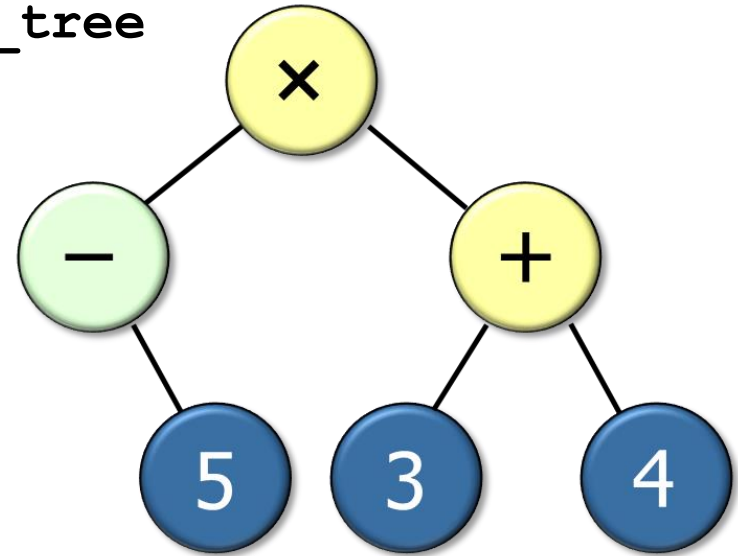


C++ lacks garbage collector, so this implementation requires intentional de-allocation of memory (e.g., via reference counting) when it's no longer needed.

Composite example in C++

- Build an expression tree based on recursively composed objects.

```
unique_ptr<Component_Node> expr_tree  
= make_expression_tree  
  ("-5 * (3 + 4)");
```



A better way to build an expression tree is to apply a Creational pattern that shields client programs from the details of how the composite expression tree is implemented

