What is a “facade”?

From Merriam-Webster Online
- 1: the front of a building; also: any face of a building given special architectural treatment (a museum's east facade)
- 2: a false, superficial, or artificial appearance or effect

The Facade pattern provides a simplified interface to a subsystem.

Given
- A complex subsystem of objects

Desire
- A higher-level interface to the subsystem
- Hide ugly effects of legacy subsystem
- Reduce coupling to this subsystem

Solution
- Shield clients with a Facade object or "cover functions"