

Practical Object oriented design (Template method and State patterns)

Solve the following problems.

Problem1: Relational Database querying

In the process of writing a database application, suppose you get a new requirement to support both Oracle and SQL Server databases. Both of these systems are based on SQL, the common standard that makes it easier to use databases. We know that in general, when executing queries on these databases, we will use the following steps:

1. Format the CONNECT command.
2. Send the database the CONNECT command.
3. Format the SELECT command.
4. Send the database the SELECT command.
5. Return the selected dataset.

Yet, even though SQL is a common standard at the general level, there are still differences in the details when you will need to use it for supporting the Oracle or the SQL Server database. The specific implementations of the databases differ, however, requiring slightly different formatting procedures for the CONNECT and SELECT commands depending on the type of the database. Do the following:

- a. Design classes for OracleDatabaseQuery and SQLServerDatabaseQuery which supports method called queryDB.
- b. Improve the design by reusing the common functionality of both classes.
- c. Improve the design further by reusing queryDB method with the help of template method pattern.

Problem2: Frequent Flyer Program in Emirates Airlines

Consider a frequent flyer program run by an airline. A traveler starts out at, say, Basic level; then, as miles are accumulated by flying, she moves up to Silver or Gold level. At these levels, travelers can access lounges, get an extra baggage allowance, and also earn miles at a faster rate. For example, at the Silver tier, for every 1000 miles flown, a credit for 1250 miles is earned; at the Gold level, the credit is for 1500 miles. Other benefits also apply, as shown in the sample from Emirates Airlines in the table below:

Services	Emirates Basic	Emirates Silver	Emirates Gold
Access to News Letter	X	X	X
Car Rental Discount	X	X	X
Business Check-In		X	X
Dedicated Call Centre		X	X
Lounge Access			X
Extra Luggage			X

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Preferential Seating			X
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A frequent flyer program works in annual cycles: at the end of each year, a member's activity is calculated for the year and she is assigned to a tier. In the case of our hypothetical program, one of the requirements is to fly 25,000 miles in one year to attain Silver status and keep it for the next year; for Gold status a member must fly 50,000 miles.

- Design the class for the capturing the complex behavior of FrequentFlyer Object. How do you accommodate the new platinum state introduced by Emirates Airlines in your design?
- Re-design the above class using state pattern such that new states can be introduced easily.