

Design Patterns For Fun And Profit

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Agenda

- What
- Evolution
- Benefits
- Problems
- Composite
- Builder

Evolution

Each pattern describes a problem which occurs over and over again in our environment, and then describes the core of the solution to that problem, in such a way that you can use this solution a million times over, without ever doing it the same way twice.

Christopher Alexander - A Pattern language: Towns, Buildings, Construction (1977)



Evolution

5 patterns for designing window-based user interfaces

Kent Beck & Ward Cunningham at OOPSLA (1987)

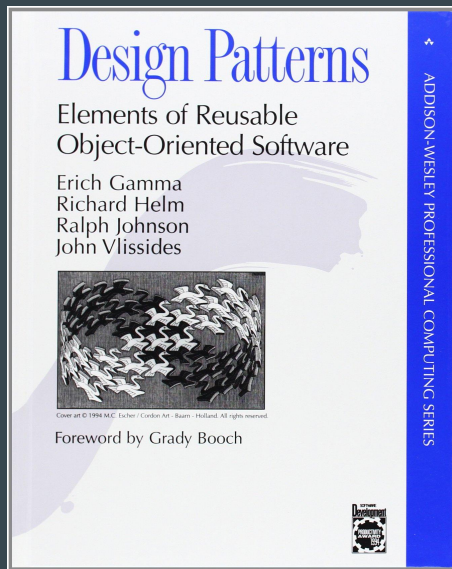
<http://c2.com/doc/oopsla87.html>



Evolution

*Program to an interface, not
an implementation*

*Favor object composition
over class inheritance*



1977

1987

1994

Evolution

Pattern Languages of Programs Conference



Classification

- Point of view changes what is and isn't a pattern
- Choice of programming language is important
- Programming paradigm (Object-Oriented, Functional, Procedural, etc)

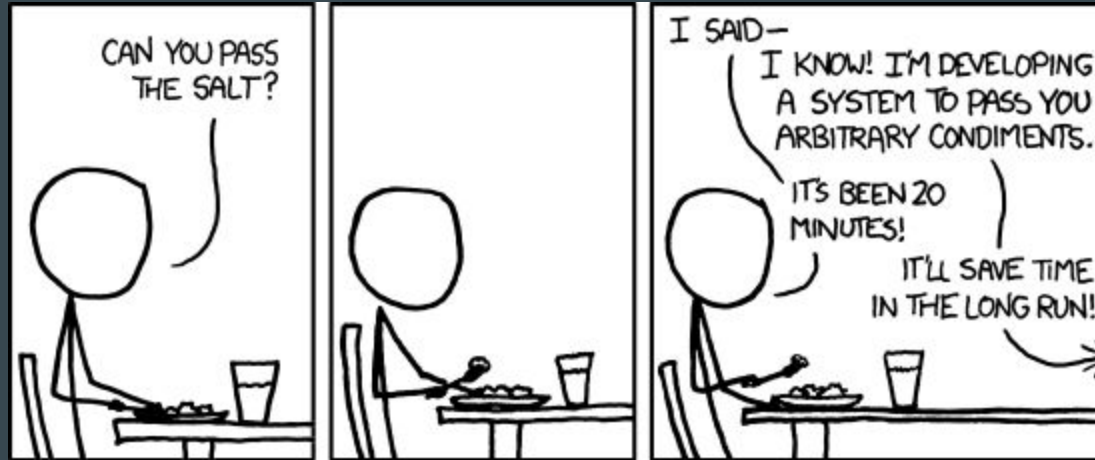
Classification

- Creational
- Structural
- Behavioral
- Security
- Concurrency
- Database/Sql
- User Interface
- Social
- Network
- Distributed

What we Gain?

- Common vocabulary
- Identify less-obvious abstractions and the objects that can capture them
- Easier to understand existing systems ... sometimes
- Increase project code quality ... sometimes

Over-engineer / Patterns Happy



How to use then?

Refactoring

Refactoring is the process of changing a software system in such a way that it does not alter the external behavior of the code yet improves its internal structure.

Martin Fowler

**Design patterns provide
targets for your
refactorings !!!**

But How?

```
public class OrderSerializer {  
    public String toXML(Order[] orders) {  
        StringBuffer xml = new StringBuffer();  
        xml.append("<orders>");  
        for (Order order : orders) {  
            xml.append("<order id="); xml.append(order.getId()); xml.append(">");  
            for (Product product : order.getProducts()) {  
                xml.append("<product id="); xml.append(product.getId()); xml.append(">");  
                xml.append("<name>"); xml.append(product.getName()); xml.append("</name>");  
                xml.append("</product>");  
            }  
            xml.append("</order>");  
        }  
        xml.append("</orders>");  
        return xml.toString();  
    }  
}
```

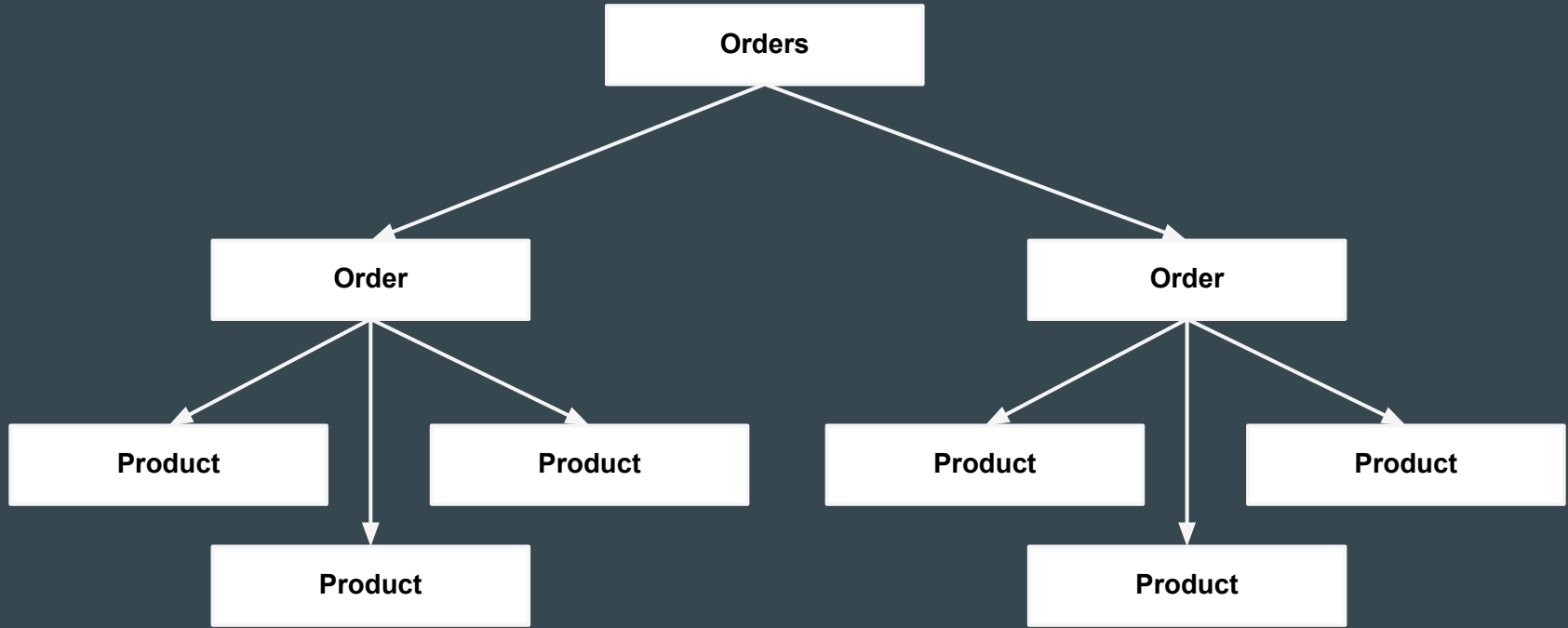
Transform orders to XML

Taken from [Refactoring to Patterns](#)

Problems

- Show 10 more properties of product?
- How about implementing ClientSerializer?
- Difficult to work with
- Similar logic all over the place
- Build & representation coupled together

What do we have here?

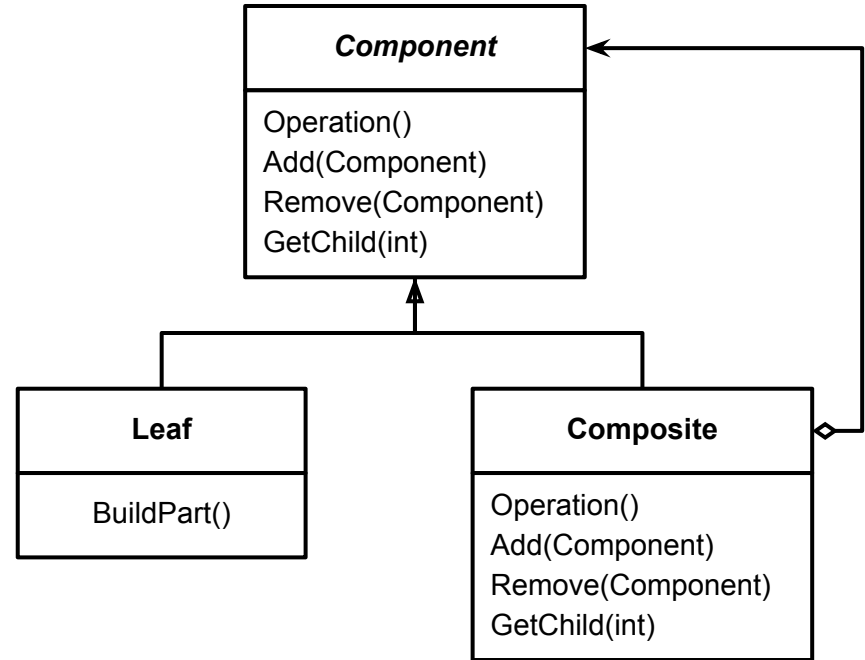


A Tree!

Composite

Composite

- Structural pattern
- Represent part-whole hierarchies
- Treat these objects uniformly



```

public class TagNode {
    /* private vars */
    public TagNode(String name) { /* ... */ }
    public void addValue(String value) { this.value = value; }
    public void addAttribute(String attribute, String value) {
        this.attributes.append(" "); this.attributes.append(attribute);
        this.attributes.append("="); this.attributes.append(value); this.attributes.append("");
    }
    public String getName() { /* ... */ }
    public void setParent(TagNode parent) { /* ... */ }
    public TagNode getParent() { /* ... */ }

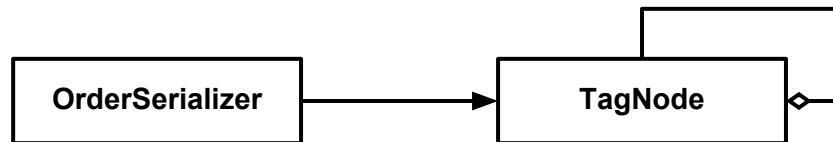
    public void add(TagNode node) { /* ... */ }
    public String toString() {
        String result; result = "<" + name + attributes + ">";
        for (Object childNode : this.children) {
            TagNode node = (TagNode) childNode; result += node.toString();
        }
        result += value; result += "</" + name + ">";
        return result;
    }
}

```

```
public class OrderSerializer {  
    public String toXML(Order[] orders) {  
        TagNode ordersTag = new TagNode("orders");  
  
        for (Order order : orders) {  
            TagNode orderTag = new TagNode("order");  
            orderTag.addAttribute("id", String.valueOf(order.getId()));  
  
            for (Product product : order.getProducts()) {  
                TagNode nameTag = new TagNode("name");  
                nameTag.addValue(product.getName());  
                TagNode productTag = new TagNode("product");  
                productTag.addAttribute("id", String.valueOf(product.getId()));  
                productTag.add(nameTag);  
                orderTag.add(productTag);  
            }  
            ordersTag.add(orderTag);  
        }  
        return ordersTag.toString();  
    }  
}
```


Consequences

- + Hide repetitive instructions
- + Generalized way to handle similar logic
- + Removes responsibilities from client
- Complicate design



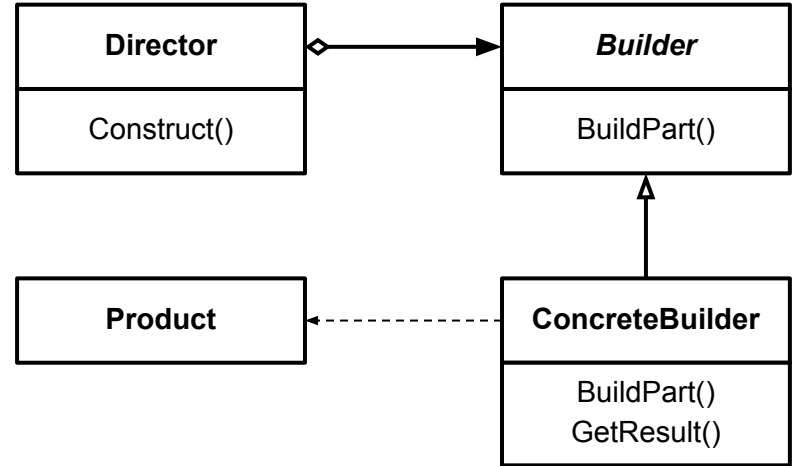
New Problems

- Knowledge how a complex object is constructed
- Client coupled with composite
- Difficult if we need to swap TagNode with something else in the future

Builder

Builder

- Creational pattern
- Separate construction of a complex object from its internal representation
- Able to create different representations with the same construction process

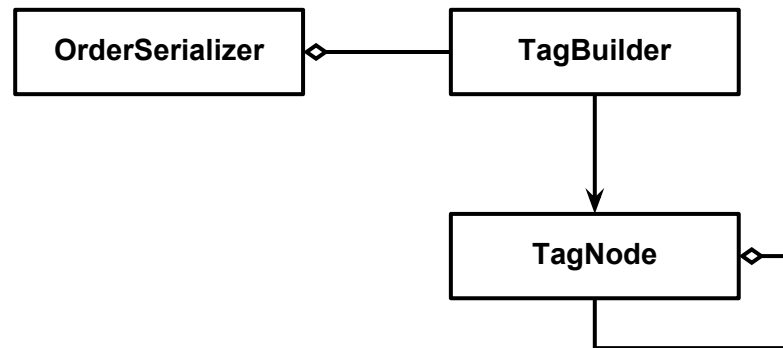


```
class TagBuilder {  
    private final TagNode root;  
    /* other private members */  
  
    public TagBuilder(String name) {  
        root = new TagNode(name);  
    }  
  
    public String toXml() {  
        return root.toString();  
    }  
  
    public void addToParent(String parentName, String childName) { /* ... */ }  
    public void addChild(String name) { /* ... */ }  
    public void addSibling(String name) { /* ... */ }  
    public void addAttribute(String attribute, String value) { /* ... */ }  
    public void addValue(String value) { /* ... */ }  
}
```

```
public class OrderSerializer {  
    public String toXML(Order[] orders) {  
        TagBuilder builder = new TagBuilder("orders");  
        for (Order order : orders) {  
            builder.addToParent("orders", "order");  
            builder.addAttribute("id", "1");  
            for (Product product : order.getProducts()) {  
                builder.addToParent("order", "product");  
                builder.addAttribute("id", String.valueOf(product.getId()));  
                builder.addChild("name");  
                builder.addValue(product.getName());  
            }  
        }  
        return builder.toXml();  
    }  
}
```

Consequences

- + Simplify client construction code
- + Reduces repetitive and error-prone creation process
- + Client is not aware of the composite
- + We are free to change composite whenever we want
- Complicate design



What to Read?

- [Head First Design Patterns](#)
- [Design Patterns, Elements of Reusable Object-Oriented Software](#)
- [Refactoring to Patterns](#)
- [Patterns of Enterprise Application Architecture](#)

Questions?