CS 407 Design Patterns

Design patterns: Strategy cont., Factory, and Iterator

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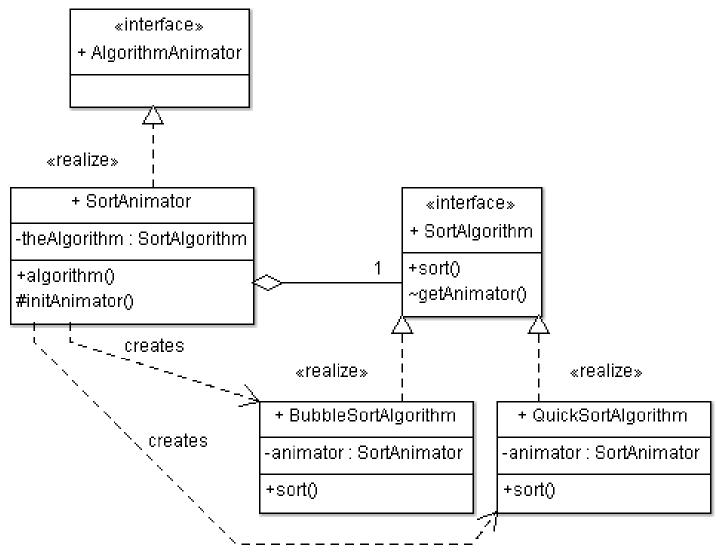
Agenda

- Design pattern: Strategy cont.
- Design pattern: Factory
- Design pattern: Iterator

Strategy example

- Sorting algorithm animation
- Application displays an animation of how the elements within an array change as the algorithm runs
- Should be able to switch algorithms

Encapsulating sorting algorithm



Creating instances of concrete algorithms

```
public class SortAnimator implements
 AlgorithmAnimator{
 protected SortAlgorithm theAlgorithm;
 protected void initAnimator() {
    alqName = "BubbleSort";
    String at = getParameter("alg");
    if (at != null) {
      algName = at;
    if ("BubbleSort".equals(algName)){
      theAlgorithm = new BubbleSortAlgorithm(this);
    }else if("QuickSort".equals(algName)){
      theAlgorithm = new QuickSortAlgorithm(this);
    }else{
      theAlgorithm = new BubbleSortAlgorithm(this);
```

Design analysis

- Algorithms can be switched without impacting animation code
- While majority of code abstracted, tightly coupled in creation of concrete algorithms
 - If new algorithms added, initAnimator code must be changed as well to be used
 - Goal be able to add sorting algorithms without changing code in SortAnimator

Separating creation

- Better alternative is to separate creation of concrete classes
- Factory pattern separates creation and encapsulates concrete classes from other code
- Decoupled code allows concrete classes to be added or changed with single point of code impact

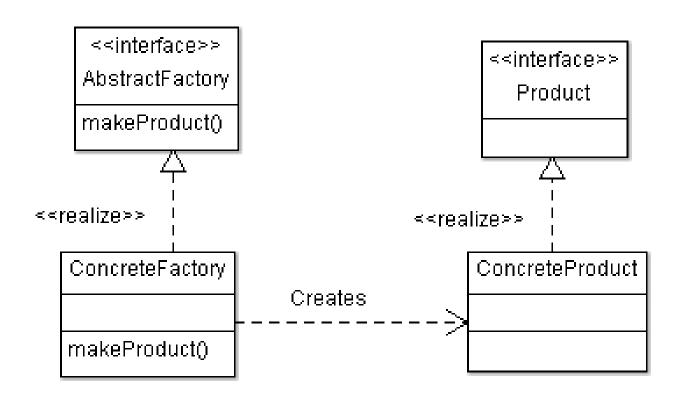
Factory pattern

- Category: Creational design pattern
- **Intent**: Define an interface for creating objects but let subclasses decide which class to instantiate and how
- **Applicability**: Should be used when a system should be independent of how its products are created

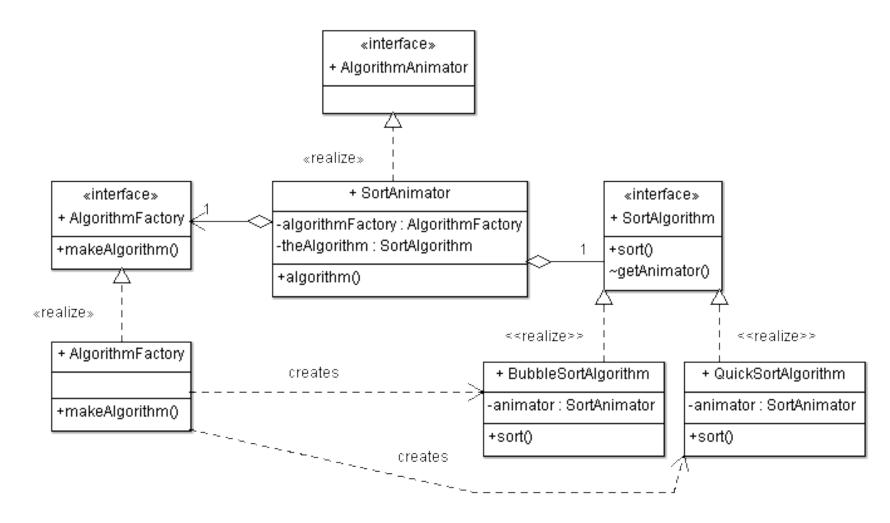
Factory pattern participants

- Product Defines an interface of objects the factory will create
- ConcreteProduct Implements the Product interface
- AbstractFactory Defines a factory method that returns an object of type Product
- ConcreteFactory Overrides the factory method to return an instance of ConcreteProduct

Factory UML



Example UML



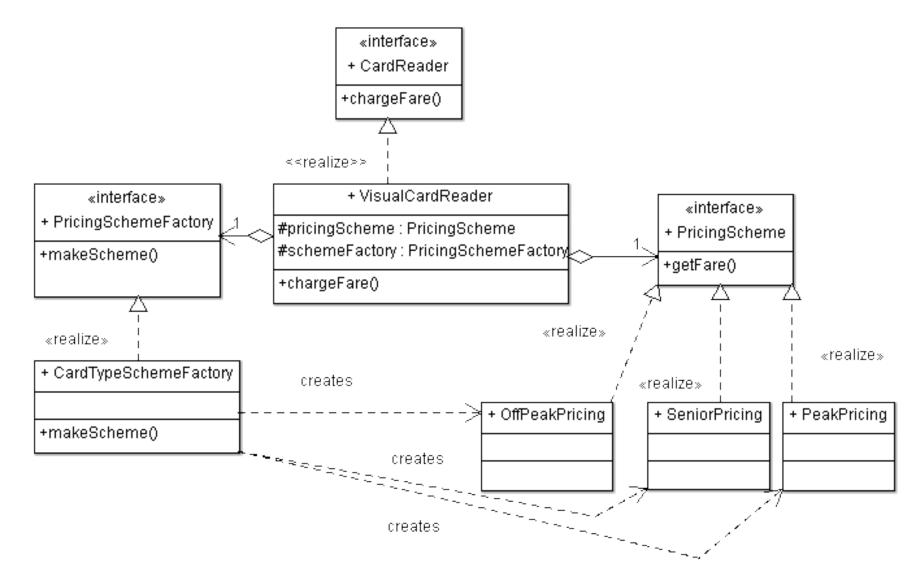
Revised SortAnimator

```
public class SortAnimator implements AlgorithmAnimator{
   private SortAlgorithm theAlgorithm;
   private SortAlgorithmFactory algorithmFactory;
   protected void initAnimator() {
      String at = getParameter("alg");
      algorithmFactory = new SortAlgorithmFactory();
      theAlgorithm = algorithmFactory.makeAlgorithm(at);
   }
}
```

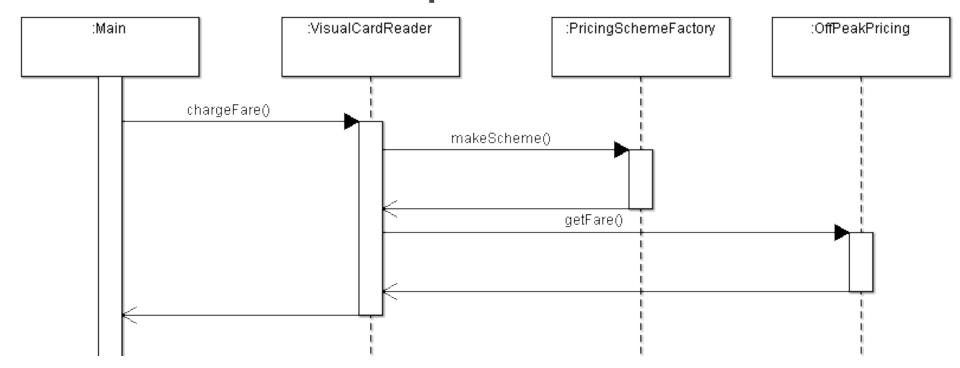
Card reader problem

Chicago is creating a new mass transit fare system. The system requires users to have an fare card that can be read by multiple types of systems (such as swiped, visual, etc). For one of these types, visual, they want the system to provide visual traits of the card and determine the fare pricing scheme (Off peak, peak, senior) that should be used for that card for the specified request. Note they want the flexibility to have the look of fare cards to change and add additional pricing schemes in the future. Draw the class diagram and sample sequence from a class Main.

Card reader solution



Card reader sequence



Group work

For a new ATM that can use either a specific fingerprint (i.e. each finger specifies a different account) or old fashion enter an account number. Once they have provided their info to specify the account and an instance of the Account of type Checking or Credit is returned where the type of account is determined based on the account number/fingerprint. Design for future flexibility in account selection method and account types. Draw the class diagram and a sample sequence assuming the ATM class has chosen fingerprint access.

Design guideline

- Program to an interface, not an implementation
 - Separate interface from implementation
 - Clients access functionalities via interface not directly on class
 - Implementation hidden from clients
- Programming to a class → context-specific, inflexible solutions
- Programming to an interface → general, extensible, reusable solutions

Enumerating elements

- Scenario Given a group of Objects
- Operation Loop through elements
- Common operation common to many different data structures
- ➤ Multiple implementations possible, used in multiple contexts making it a prime candidate for generalization

Solution 1 - direct access

- Solution works for LinkedList but tightly coupled to implementation breaking encapsulation
- Also would have to completely recode if a different data structure was wanted

Solution 2 - Iterate via Method invocation

```
public class IterList extends LinkedList{
  public void reset() { cur = head; }
  public Object next() {
    Object obj = null;
    if (cur != null) {
      obj = cur.element;
      cur = cur.next;
    return obj;
  public boolean hasNext() {
    return (cur != null);
  protected Node cur;
```

 Encapsulates implementation but still strongly tied to context of implementation (ex. Looping within a loop)

Solution 3 - Separate iterator from List

```
public class LinkedListIterator{
  public LinkedListIterator(LinkedList list) {
    this.list = list;
    cur = list.head;
  public Object next() {
    Object obj = null;
    if (cur != null) {
      obj = cur.element;
      cur = cur.next;
    return obj;
  public boolean hasNext() {
    return (cur != null);
  protected LinkedList.Node cur;
  protected LinkedList list;
```

 Fixes the multiple iterator problem but iterator is still tightly coupled with LinkedList

Solution 4: Generalization through abstract coupling

```
interface Iterator{
  Object next();
  boolean hasNext();
  void remove();
}
```

 Now concrete iterators such as a LinkedListIterator or a Treelterator can implement the Iterator interface and the client doesn't have to change its code despite change in implementation

Solution 4 cont.

```
public interface List{
   public Iterator iterator();
   ...
}
public class LinkedList implements List{
   public Iterator iterator() {
      return new LinkedListIterator();
   }
   private class LinkedListIterator implements Iterator{
   }
}
```

 Now any number of structures that support List interface can also return a way to iterate through them without clients being able to access internals at all

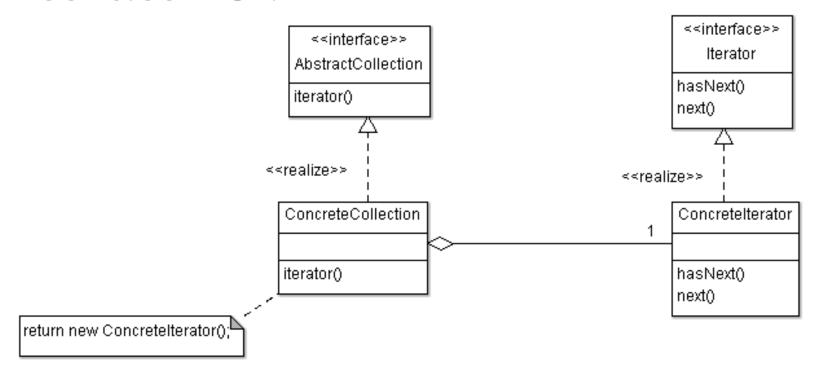
Design pattern: Iterator

- Category Behavioral design pattern
- **Intent** Provide a way to access the elements of a collection sequentially
- **Applicability** Should be used if...
 - To access contents of a collection without exposing its internal representation
 - Support multiple traversals of a collection (with Trees preOrder(),postOrder())
 - Provide uniform interface for traversing different collections (polymorphic iteration)

Iterator participant descriptions

- Iterator defines interface for accessing and traversing the elements
- ConcreteIterator implements iterator interface and keeps track of current position in traversal
- AbstractCollection defines interface for creating a concrete iterator
- ConcreteIterator implements the iterator method and returns an instance of the proper ConcreteIterator

Iterator UML



Tree example

- Create UML class diagram extension for an tree data structure support of the iterator pattern.
- Write pseudo code to support iterator pattern for a tree data structure

Group work

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