

Principles of Software Construction: Objects, Design, and Concurrency

Libraries and Frameworks

(Design for large-scale reuse)

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Midterm is next Thursday, we will release sample questions this week.

HW5:

- Decoupling game from god cards
 - Specific requirement: base game must not depend on god cards
 - General expectation: keep coupling low (*something* in the back end will have to select & set up god cards)
 - Think: What patterns can you use?
- Picking god cards
 - Should be a way to play without god cards
 - Should be a way to assign them – doesn't have to exactly follow Santorini rules (but it's nice!), random is OK.

Earlier in this course: Class-level reuse

Language mechanisms supporting reuse

- Inheritance
- Subtype polymorphism (dynamic dispatch)
- Parametric polymorphism (generics)*

Design principles supporting reuse

- Small interfaces
- Information hiding
- Low coupling
- High cohesion

Design patterns supporting reuse

- Template method, decorator, strategy, composite, adapter, ...

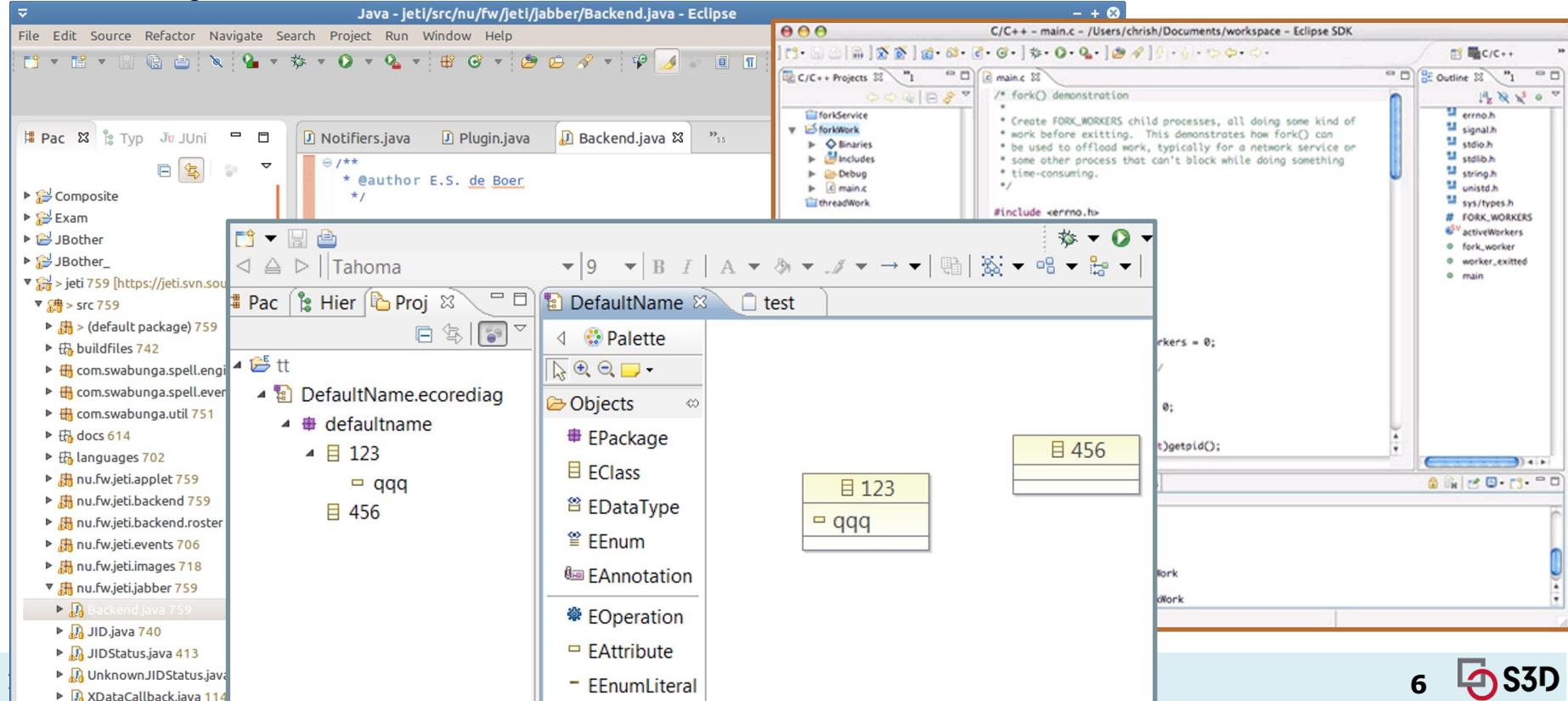
* Effective Java items 26, 29, 30, and 31

Where Does That Get Us?

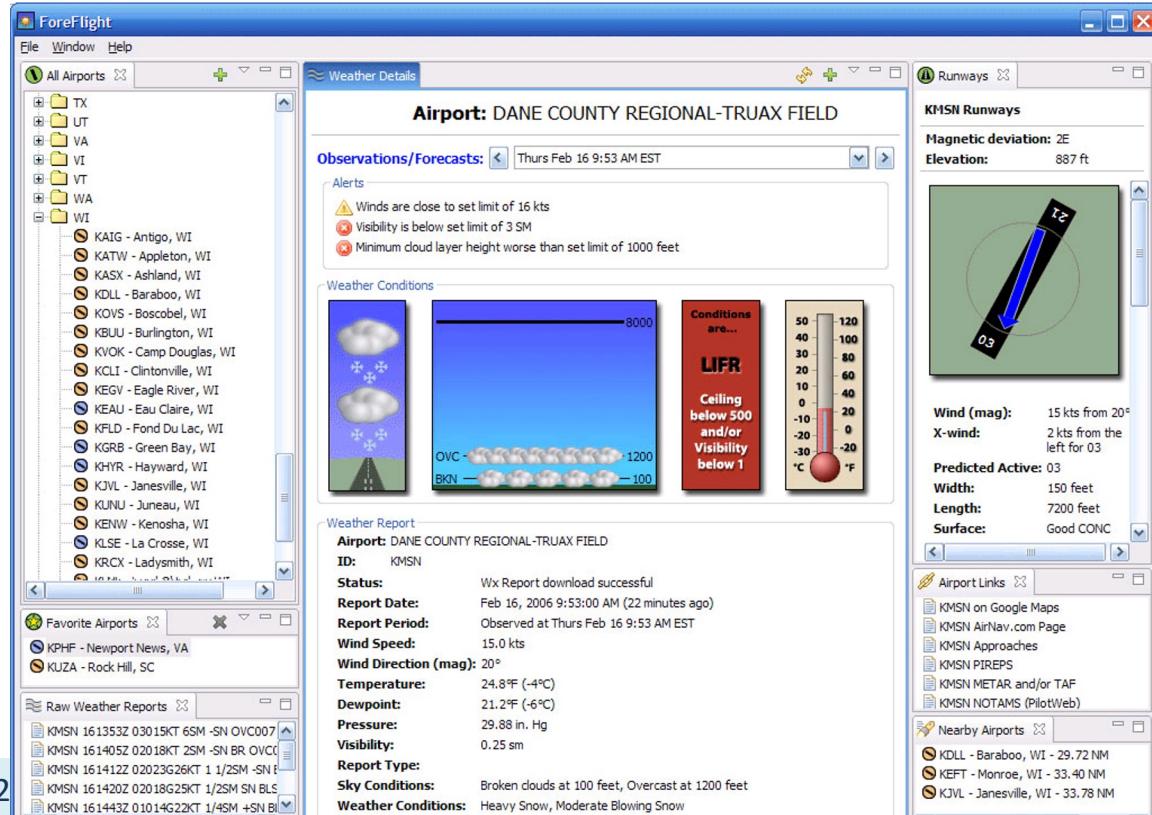
	<i>Small scale:</i> One/few objects	<i>Mid scale:</i> Many objects	<i>Large scale:</i> Subsystems
<i>Design for understanding change/ext. reuse robustness ...</i>	Subtype Polymorphism ✓ Information Hiding, Contracts ✓ Immutability ✓ Types ✓ Unit Testing ✓	Domain Analysis ✓ Inheritance & Del. ✓ Responsibility Assignment, Design Patterns, Antipattern ✓ Promises/ Reactive P. ✓ Integration Testing ✓	GUI vs Core ✓ Frameworks and Libraries , APIs Module systems, microservices ✓ (Testing for) Robustness CI ✓, DevOps, Teams

Reuse and variation:

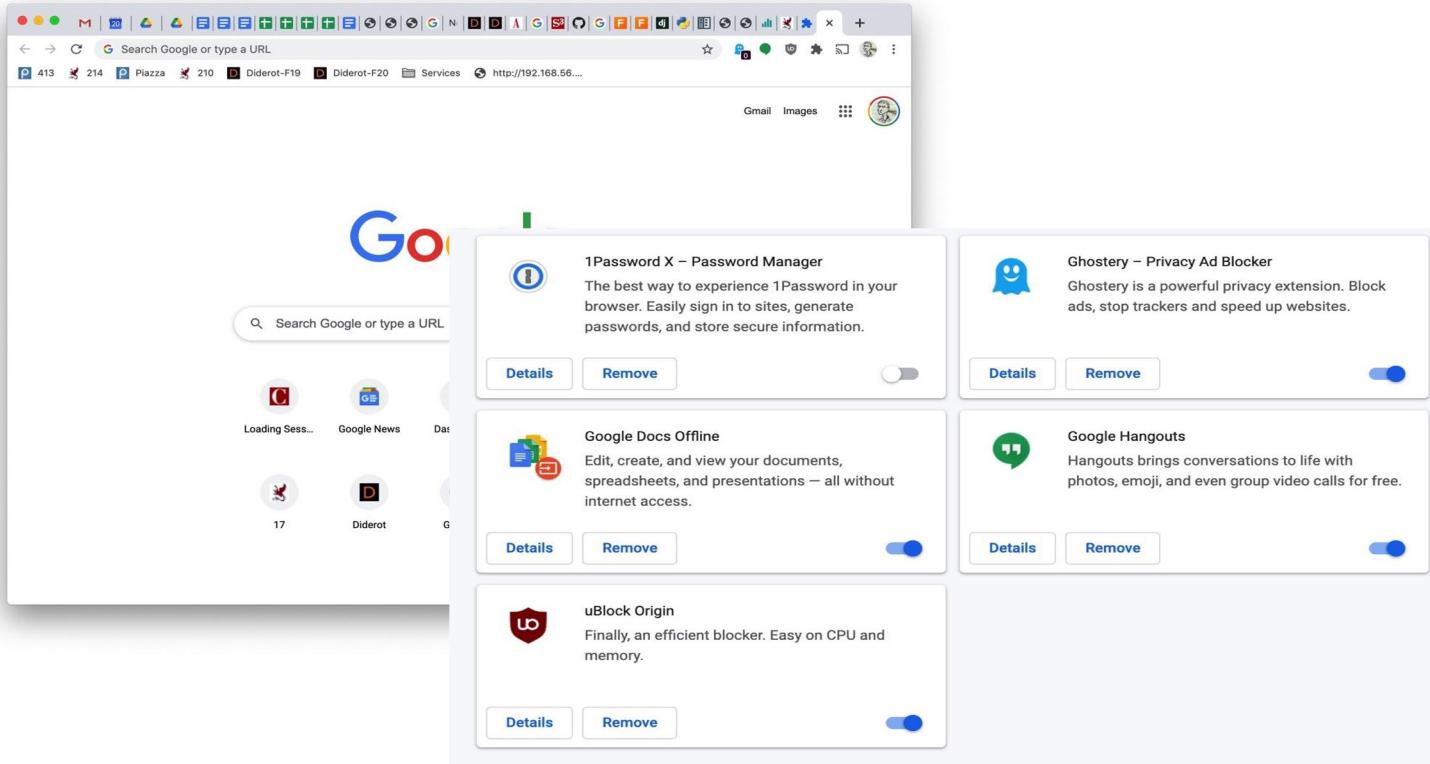
Family of development tools



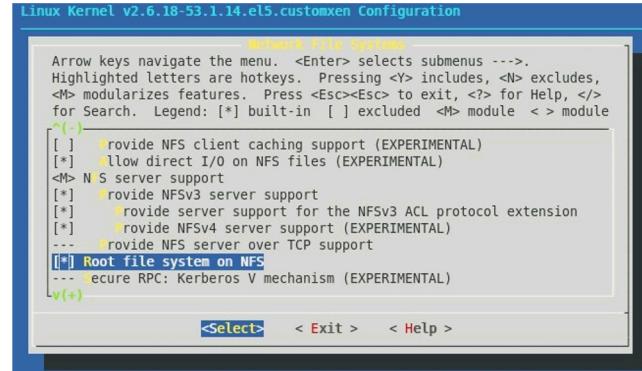
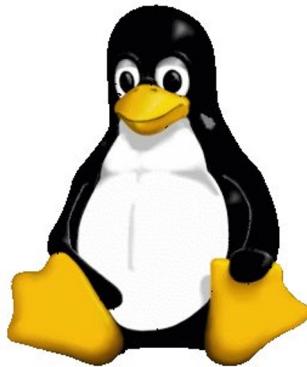
Reuse and variation: Eclipse Rich Client Platform



Reuse and variation: Web browser extensions



Reuse and variation: Flavors of Linux



Reuse and variation: Product lines



Today: Reuse at scale

- Examples, terminology
- Whitebox and blackbox frameworks
- Design considerations
- Implementation details
 - Responsibility for running the framework
 - Loading plugins

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Terminology: Library



- *Library*: A set of classes and methods that provide reusable functionality
- Client calls library; library executes and returns data
- Client controls
 - Program structure
 - Control flow

```
public MyWidget extends JPanel {  
    public MyWidget(int param) {  
        // setup internals, without rendering  
    }  
  
    // render component on first view and resizing  
    protected void paintComponent(Graphics g) {  
        draw a red box on his component  
        Dimension d = getSize();  
        g.setColor(Color.red);  
        g.drawRect(0, 0, d.getWidth(), d.getHeight());  
    }  
}
```

your code



Library

- E.g.: Math, Collections, I/O, command line parsing

Terminology: Frameworks



- **Framework**: Reusable skeleton code that can be customized into an application
- Framework calls back into client code
 - The Hollywood principle: “Don’t call us. We’ll call you.”
- Framework controls
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Library

- E.g.: VSCode, Firefox, IntelliJ, NanoHttpd, Express, Android, React?

A calculator example (without a framework)

```
public class Calc extends JFrame {  
    private JTextField textField;  
    public Calc() {  
        JPanel contentPane = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());  
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        JButton button = new JButton();  
        button.setText("calculate");  
        contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.EAST);  
        textField = new JTextField("");  
        textField.setText("10 / 2 + 6");  
        textField.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200, 20));  
        contentPane.add(textField, BorderLayout.WEST);  
        button.addActionListener(/* calculation code */);  
        this.setContentPane(contentPane);  
        this.pack();  
        this.setLocation(100, 100);  
        this.setTitle("My Great Calculator");  
        ...  
    }  
}
```



A simple example framework

- Consider a family of programs consisting of a button and text field only:



- What source code might be shared?

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```



A simple example framework

```
public abstract class Application extends JFrame {  
    protected String getApplicationTitle() { return ""; }  
    protected String getButtonText() { return ""; }  
    protected String getInitialText() { return ""; }  
    protected void buttonClicked() {}  
    private JTextField textField;  
    public Application() {  
        JPanel contentPane = new JPanel(new BorderLayout());  
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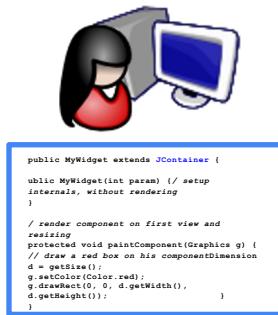
Using the example framework

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    protected String getButtonText() { return ""; }  
    protected String getInitialText() { return ""; }  
  
    public class Calculator extends Application {  
        protected String getApplicationTitle() { return "My Great Calculator"; }  
        protected String getButtonText() { return "calculate"; }  
        protected String getInitialText() { return "(10 - 3) * 6"; }  
        protected void buttonClicked() {  
            JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(this, "The result of " + getInput() +  
                " is " + calculate(getInput()));  
        }  
        private String calculate(String text) { ... }  
    }  
    textField.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200, 20));  
    contentPane.add(textField, BorderLayout.WEST);  
    button.addActionListener((e) -> { buttonClicked(); });  
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Using the example framework again

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        protected void buttonClicked() {  
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                " is " + calculate(getInput()));  
        }  
        private String calculate(String text) { ... }  
    }  
  
    public class Ping extends Application {  
        protected String getApplicationTitle() { return "Ping"; }  
        protected String getButtonText() { return "ping"; }  
        protected String getInitialText() { return "127.0.0.1": }  
    }  
}
```

General distinction: Library vs. framework



your code



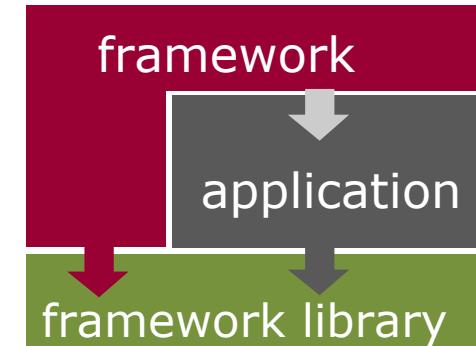
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interacts



Libraries and frameworks in practice

- Defines key abstractions and their interfaces
- Defines object interactions and invariants
- Defines flow of control
- Provides architectural guidance
- Provides defaults



credit: Erich Gamma



Express/NanoHttpd: Framework or Library? (include rationale, andrewID)

- ① Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.



Handlebars: Framework, or Library? (include rationale, andrewID)

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Is Santorini a Framework?



More terms

- ***API***: Application Programming Interface, the interface of a library or framework
 - Also used for the interface of a network service
- ***Client***: The code that uses an API
- ***Plugin***: Client code that customizes a framework
- ***Extension point***: A place where a framework supports extension with a plugin

More terms

- ***Protocol***: The expected sequence of interactions between the API and the client
- ***Callback***: A plugin method that the framework will call to access customized functionality
- ***Lifecycle method***: A callback method that gets called in a sequence according to the protocol and the state of the plugin

Today: Libraries and frameworks for reuse

- Terminology and examples
- **Whitebox and blackbox frameworks**
- Designing a framework
- Implementation details

WHITE-BOX VS BLACK-BOX*

FRAMEWORKS

* outdated terms, not aware of common replacements; maybe Inheritance-Based vs Delegation-Based Frameworks

Whitebox (inheritance-based) frameworks

- Extension via subclassing and overriding methods
- Common design pattern(s):
 - Template method
- Subclass has main method but gives control to framework

Blackbox (delegation-based) frameworks

- Extension via implementing a plugin interface
- Common design pattern(s):
 - Strategy
 - Command
 - Observer
- Plugin-loading mechanism loads plugins and gives control to the framework

Is this a whitebox or blackbox framework?

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        protected String getInitialText() { return "(10 - 3) * 6"; }  
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                " is " + calculate(getInput()));  
        }  
  
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        protected String getButtonText() { return "ping"; }  
        protected String getInitialText() { return "127.0.0.1"; }  
        protected void buttonClicked() { ... }  
    }  
}
```

An example blackbox framework

```
public class Application extends JFrame {  
    private JTextField textField;  
    private Plugin plugin;  
    public Application() { }  
    protected void init(Plugin p) {  
        p.setApplication(this);  
        this.plugin = p;  
        JPanel contentPane = new JPanel();  
        contentPane.setBorder(new BevelBorder(BevelBorder.LOWERED));  
        JButton button = new JButton();  
        button.setText(plugin != null ? plugin.getButtonText() : "ok");  
        contentPane.add(button, BorderLayout.EAST);  
        textField = new JTextField("");  
        if (plugin != null) textField.setText(plugin.getInitialText());  
        textField.setPreferredSize(new Dimension(200, 20));  
        contentPane.add(textField, BorderLayout.WEST);  
        if (plugin != null)  
            button.addActionListener((e) -> { plugin.buttonClicked(); } );  
        this.setContentPane(contentPane);  
    }  
  
    public interface Plugin {  
        String getApplicationTitle();  
        String getButtonText();  
        String getInitialText();  
        void buttonClicked();  
        void setApplication(Application app);  
    }  
}
```

Which version do you prefer? Why?

- Blackbox or whitebox?

An example blackbox framework

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        p.setApplication(this);  
        this.plugin = p;  
    }  
  
    public interface Plugin {  
        String getApplicationTitle();  
        String getButtonText();  
        String getInititalText();  
        void buttonClicked();  
        void setApplication(Application app);  
    }  
  
    public class CalcPlugin implements Plugin {  
        private Application app;  
        public void setApplication(Application app) { this.app = app; }  
        public String getButtonText() { return "calculate"; }  
        public String getInititalText() { return "10 / 2 + 6"; }  
        public void buttonClicked() {  
            JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The result of "  
                + app.getInput() + " is "  
                + calculate(app.getInput()));  
        }  
        public String getApplicationTitle() { return "My Great Calculator"; }  
    }  
}
```

An aside: Plugins could be reusable too...

```
public class Application extends JFrame implements InputProvider {  
    private JTextField textField;  
    private Plugin plugin;  
    public Application() { }  
    protected void init(Plugin p) {  
        p.setApplication(this);  
        this.plugin = p;  
    }  
}
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    String getInititalText();  
    void buttonClicked();  
    void setApplication(InputProvider app);
```

```
public class CalcPlugin implements Plugin {  
    private InputProvider app;  
    public void setApplication(InputProvider app)  
    public String getButtonText() { return "calculate"; }  
    public String getInititalText() { return "10 / 2 + 6"; }  
    public void buttonClicked() {  
        JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The result of "  
            + app.getInput() + " is "  
            + calculate(app.getInput()));  
    }  
    public String getApplicationTitle() { return "My Great Calculator"; }
```

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    String getInput();  
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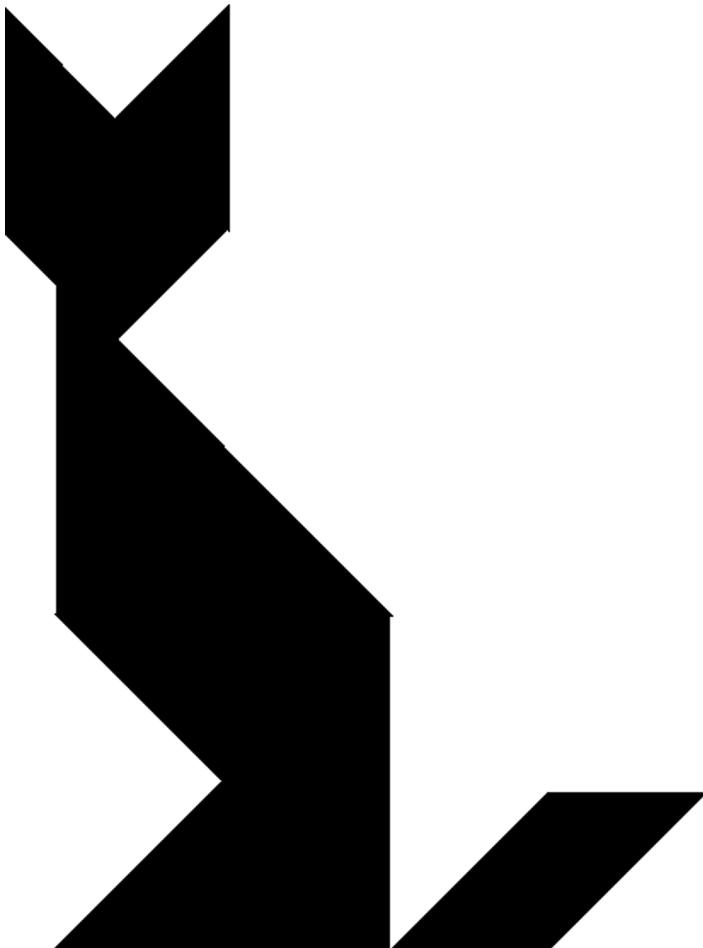
Frameworks summary

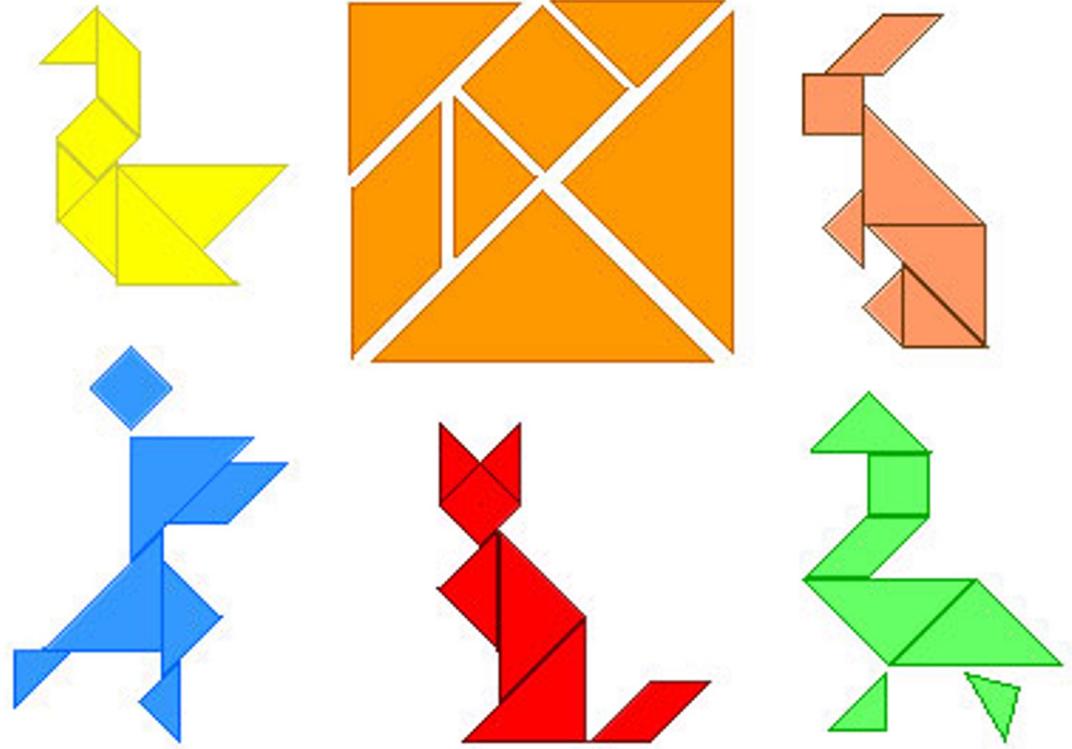
- Whitebox frameworks use subclassing
 - Allows extension of every nonprivate method
 - Need to understand implementation of superclass
 - Only one extension at a time
 - Easily supports recursive references (framework to plugin and vice versa)
 - Often so-called developer frameworks
- Blackbox frameworks use composition
 - Allows extension of functionality exposed in interface
 - Only need to understand the interface
 - Multiple plugins
 - Often provides more modularity
 - Often so-called end-user frameworks, platforms

Framework design considerations

- Once designed there is little opportunity for change
- Key decision: Separating common parts from variable parts
 - What problems do you want to solve?
- Possible problems:
 - Too few extension points: Limited to a narrow class of users
 - Too many extension points: Hard to learn, slow to extend
 - Too generic: Little reuse value

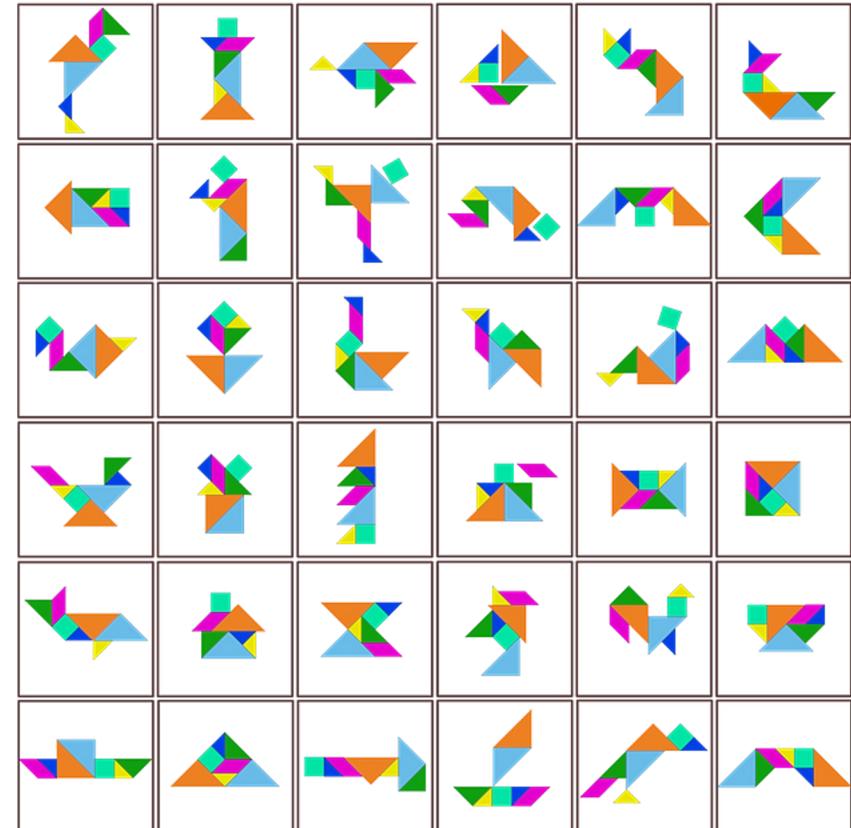
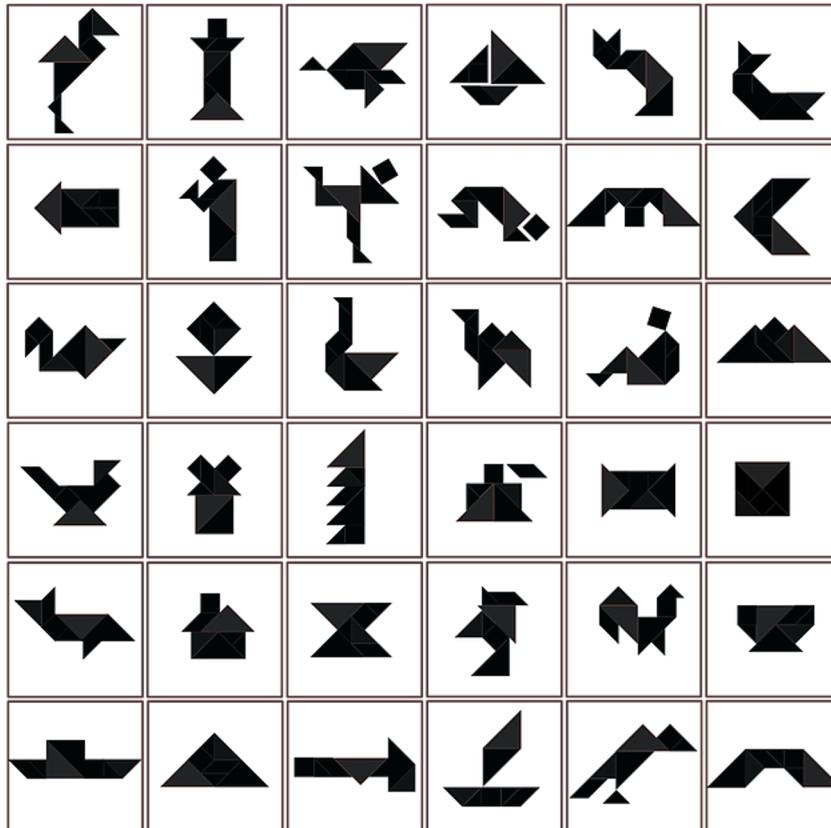
USE VS REUSE: DOMAIN ENGINEERING





(one modularization: tangrams)

Tangrams



The use vs. reuse dilemma

- Large rich components are very useful, but rarely fit a specific need
- Small or extremely generic components often fit a specific need, but provide little benefit

“maximizing reuse minimizes use”

C. Szyperski

Domain engineering

- Understand users/customers in your domain: What might they need? What extensions are likely?
- Collect example applications before designing a framework
- Make a conscious decision what to support (*scoping*)
- e.g., the Eclipse policy:
 - Plugin interfaces are internal at first
 - Unsupported, may change
 - Public stable extension points created when there are at least two distinct customers

Discussion question

- How would you redesign your Santorini program to make it into a framework?

The cost of changing a framework

```
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                public void setApplication(Application app) { this.application = app; }  
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                public String getInitialText() { return "10 / 2 + 6"; }  
                public void buttonClicked() {  
                    JOptionPane.showMessageDialog(null, "The result of "  
                        + application.getText());  
                }  
                String getApplicationTitle() { return "My Great Calculator"; }  
            }  
        textfield = new JTextField(button.getText());  
        if (plugin != null)  
            textfield.setText(plugin.getInitialText());  
        else  
            textfield.setText("10 / 2 + 6");  
        contentPane.add(button, "Center");  
        contentPane.add(textfield, "South");  
        this.setContentPane(contentPane);  
        this.setVisible(true);  
    }  
}  
  
public interface Plugin {  
    String getApplicationTitle();  
    String getButtonText();  
    String getInitialText();  
    void buttonClicked();  
    void setApplication(Application app);  
}  
  
class CalcStarter { public static void main(String[] args) {  
    new Application(new CalcPlugin()).setVisible(true); } }
```

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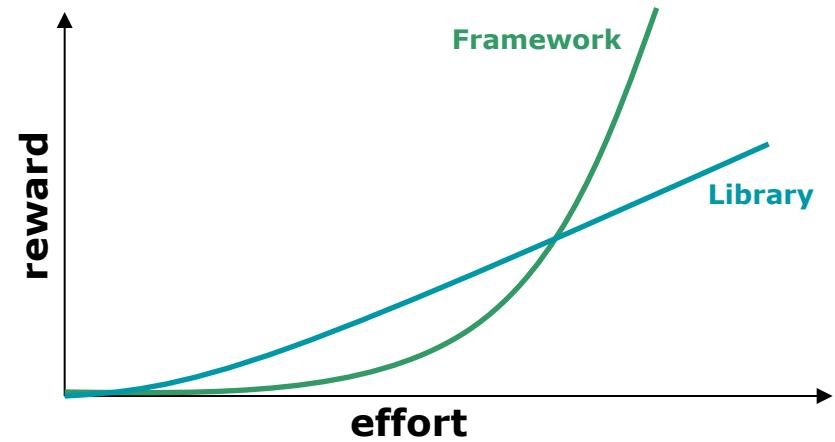
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                        + application.getText());  
                }  
            }  
        textfield = new JTextField(application.getInitialText());  
        textfield.addActionListener(button);  
        contentPane.add(textfield, "North");  
        contentPane.add(button, "Center");  
        setContentPane(contentPane);  
    }  
}  
  
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this. }
```

Consider adding an extra method.
Requires changes to *all* plugins!

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Learning a framework

- Documentation
- Tutorials, wizards, and examples
- Communities, email lists and forums
- Other client applications and plugins



Typical framework design and implementation

Define your domain

- Identify potential common parts and variable parts

- Design and write sample plugins/applications

- Factor out & implement common parts as framework

- Provide plugin interface & callback mechanisms for variable parts

- Use well-known design principles and patterns where appropriate...

Get lots of feedback, and iterate

FRAMEWORK MECHANICS

Running a framework

- Some frameworks are runnable by themselves
 - e.g. Eclipse, VSCode, IntelliJ
- Other frameworks must be extended to be run
 - MapReduce, Swing, JUnit, NanoHttpd, Express

Methods to load plugins

1. Client writes main function, creates a plugin object, and passes it to framework
(see blackbox example above)
2. Framework has main function, client passes name of plugin as a command line argument or environment variable
(see next slide)
3. Framework looks in a magic location
Config files or .jar/.js files in a plugins/ directory are automatically loaded and processed
4. GUI for plugin management
E.g., web browser extensions

An example plugin loader using Java Reflection

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    if (args.length != 1)
        System.out.println("Plugin name not specified");
    else {
        String pluginName = args[0];
        try {
            Class<?> pluginClass = Class.forName(pluginName);
            new Application((Plugin)
pluginClass.newInstance()).setVisible(true);
        } catch (Exception e) {
            System.out.println("Cannot load plugin " + pluginName
                + ", reason: " + e);
        }
    }
}
```

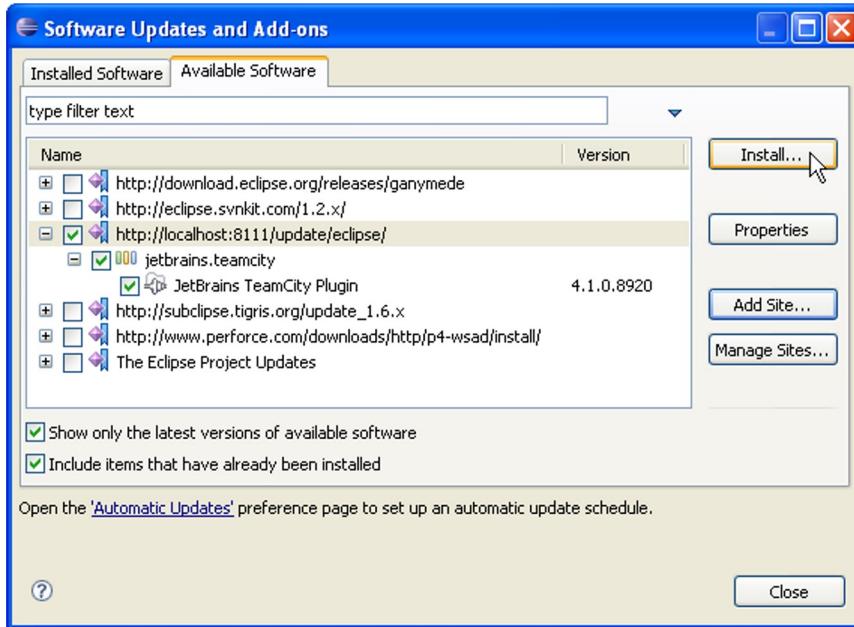
An example plugin loader in Node.js

```
const args = process.argv
if (args.length < 3)
    console.log("Plugin name not specified");
else {
    const plugin = require("plugins/"+args[2]+".js")()
    startApplication(plugin)
}
```

Another plugin loader using Java Reflection

```
public static void main(String[] args) {
    File config = new File(".config");
    BufferedReader reader = new BufferedReader(new FileReader(config));
    Application = new Application();
    Line line = null;
    while ((line = reader.readLine()) != null) {
        try {
            Class<?> pluginClass = Class.forName(line);
            application.addPlugin((Plugin) pluginClass.newInstance());
        } catch (Exception e) {
            System.out.println("Cannot load plugin " + line
                + ", reason: " + e);
        }
    }
    reader.close();
    application.setVisible(true);
}
```

GUI-based plugin management



Supporting multiple plugins

- Observer design pattern is commonly used
- Load and initialize multiple plugins
- Plugins can register for events
- Multiple plugins can react to same events
- Different interfaces for different events possible

```
public class Application {  
    private List<Plugin> plugins;  
    public Application(List<Plugin> plugins) {  
        this.plugins=plugins;  
        for (Plugin plugin: plugins)  
            plugin.setApplication(this);  
    }  
    public Message processMsg (Message msg) {  
        for (Plugin plugin: plugins)  
            msg = plugin.process(msg);  
        ...  
        return msg;  
    }  
}
```

Example: An Eclipse plugin

- A popular Java IDE
- More generally, a framework for tools that facilitate “building, deploying and managing software across the lifecycle.”
- Plugin framework based on OSGI standard
- Starting point: Manifest file
 - Plugin name
 - Activator class
 - Meta-data

```
Manifest-Version: 1.0
Bundle-ManifestVersion: 2
Bundle-Name: MyEditor Plug-in
Bundle-SymbolicName: MyEditor;
singleton:=true
Bundle-Version: 1.0.0
Bundle-Activator:
myeditor.Activator
Require-Bundle:
org.eclipse.ui,
org.eclipse.core.runtime,
org.eclipse.jface.text,
org.eclipse.ui.editors
Bundle-ActivationPolicy: lazy
Bundle-RequiredExecutionEnvironment:
JavaSE-1.6
```

Example: An Eclipse plugin

- plugin.xml
 - Main configuration file
 - XML format
 - Lists extension points
- Editor extension
 - extension point: org.eclipse.ui.editors
 - file extension
 - icon used in corner of editor
 - class name
 - unique id
 - refer to this editor
 - other plugins can extend with new menu items, etc.!

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="UTF-8"?>
<?eclipse version="3.2"?>
<plugin>

<extension
    point="org.eclipse.ui.editors">
    <editor
        name="Sample XML Editor"
        extensions="xml"
        icon="icons/sample.gif"
        contributorClass="org.eclipse.ui.texteditor.BasicText
        EditorActionContributor"
        class="myeditor.editors.XMLEditor"
        id="myeditor.editors.XMLEditor">
        </editor>
    </extension>

</plugin>
```

Example: An Eclipse plugin

- At last, code!
- XMLEditor.java
 - Inherits TextEditor behavior
 - open, close, save, display, select, cut/copy/paste, search/replace, ...
 - REALLY NICE not to have to implement this
 - But could have used ITextEditor interface if we wanted to
 - Extends with syntax highlighting
 - XMLDocumentProvider partitions into tags and comments
 - XMLConfiguration shows how to color partitions

```
package myeditor.editors;

import org.eclipse.ui.editors.text.TextEditor;

public class XMLEditor extends TextEditor {
    private ColorManager colorManager;

    public XMLEditor() {
        super();
        colorManager = new
            ColorManager();
        setSourceViewerConfiguration(
            new
        XMLConfiguration(colorManager));
        setDocumentProvider(
            new
        XMLDocumentProvider());
    }

    public void dispose() {
        colorManager.dispose();
        super.dispose();
    }
}
```

Example: A JUnit Plugin

```
public class SampleTest {  
    private List<String> emptyList;  
  
    @Before  
    public void setUp() {  
        emptyList = new ArrayList<String>();  
    }  
  
    @After  
    public void tearDown() {  
        emptyList = null;  
    }  
  
    @Test  
    public void testEmptyList() {  
        assertEquals("Empty list should have 0 elements",  
                    0, emptyList.size());  
    }  
}
```

Here the important plugin mechanism is Java annotations

Summary

- Reuse and variation essential
 - Libraries and frameworks
- Whitebox frameworks vs. blackbox frameworks
- Design for reuse with domain analysis
 - Find common and variable parts
 - Write client applications to find common parts